Data from: Neural circuits in the mouse retina support color vision in the upper visual field

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Abstract

Color vision is essential for an animal's survival. It starts in the retina, where signals from different photoreceptor types are locally compared by neural circuits. Mice, like most mammals, are dichromatic with two cone types. They can discriminate colors only in their upper visual field. In the corresponding ventral retina, however, most cones display the same spectral preference, thereby presumably impairing spectral comparisons. In this study, we systematically investigated the retinal circuits underlying mouse color vision by recording light responses from cones, bipolar and ganglion cells. Surprisingly, most color-opponent cells are located in the ventral retina, with rod photoreceptors likely being involved. Here, the complexity of chromatic processing increases from cones towards the retinal output, where non-linear center-surround interactions create specific color-opponent output channels to the brain. This suggests that neural circuits in the mouse retina are tuned to extract color from the upper visual field, aiding robust detection of predators and ensuring the animal's survival.

Files

"Data_Cones": This dataset contains data acquired using 2-photon imaging with iGluSnFR (Marvin et al., Nat Methods 2013) of mouse cone photoreceptors using a set of chromatic stimuli.

| Variable name | Dim 1 | Dim 2 | Dim 3 | Remarks |
|---------------|----------|-------|--------|---|
| BGW_Quality | #ROIs | | | Quality index of blue/green/white full-field responses as defined in paper |
| BGW_Traces | #samples | #ROIs | | Mean of all repeats of blue/green/white full-field responses |
| BG_CS_Quality | #ROIs | | | Quality index of blue/green center/surround responses as defined in paper |
| BG_CS_Traces | #samples | #ROIs | | Mean of all repeats of blue/green center/surround responses |
| RoiInfo | #ROIs | | | Date, retina id (0: right, 1:left), scan field id, ROI id, ROI center in x dimension, ROI center in y dimension, zoom factor (72 µm for zoom factor of 1.0) |
| RoiMasks | 128 | 128 | #scans | ROIs used for each scan field, ordered like in RoiInfo |

"Data_BipolarCells": This dataset contains data acquired using 2-photon imaging with iGluSnFR of mouse bipolar cells using a set of chromatic stimuli and a standardized set of achromatic stimuli used for functional clustering (Franke, Berens et al., Nature 2017).

| Variable name | Dim 1 | Dim 2 | Dim 3 | Remarks |
|-------------------|----------|-------|--------|---|
| ChirpQI | #ROIs | | | Quality index of full-field chirp responses as defined in paper |
| Chirp_Traces | #samples | #ROIs | | Mean of all repeats of full-field chirp responses |
| LocalChirpQI | #ROIs | | | Quality index of local chirp response as defined in paper |
| LocalChirp_Traces | #samples | #ROIs | | Mean of all repeats of local chirp responses |
| CS_Kernels | #samples | 4 | #ROIs | Event triggered stimulus kernels as described in paper; column 0 and 2: UV and green center, respectively; column 1 and 3: UV and green surround, respectively |
| CS_Events | #samples | 6 | #ROIs | Stimulus triggered event kernels as described in paper; column 0 and 3: UV and green center, respectively; column 1 and 4: UV and green surround, respectively; column 2 and 5: UV and green full-field, respectively |
| SineQI | #ROIs | | | Quality index of sine responses as defined in paper; column 0/2: UV/green center, column 1/3: UV/green surround |
| Sine_Traces | #samples | #ROIs | | Mean of all repeats of sine responses |
| RoiInfo | #ROIs | | | Date, retina id (0: right, 1:left), scan field id, ROI id, ROI center in x dimension, ROI center in y dimension, zoom factor x dimension (72 μ m for zoom factor of 1.0), zoom factor z dimension (84 μ m for zoom factor 1.0), distance from optic nerve nasal-temporal axis in μ m, distance from optic nerve ventral-dorsal axis on μ m, IPL depth |
| RoiMasks | 64 | 56 | #scans | ROIs used for each scan field, ordered like in RoiInfo |

"Data_RetinalGanglionCells": This dataset contains data acquired using 2-photon imaging with OGB-1 of mouse retinal ganglion cells using a set of chromatic stimuli and a standardized set of achromatic stimuli used for functional clustering (Baden, Berens, Franke et al., Nature 2016).

| Variable name | Dim 1 | Dim 2 | Dim 3 | Remarks |
|---------------|----------|-------------|--------|--|
| ChirpQI | #ROIs | | | Quality index of full-field chirp responses as defined in paper |
| Chirp_Traces | #samples | #ROIs | | Mean of all repeats of full-field chirp responses |
| BarsQI | #ROIs | | | Quality index of moving bar responses as defined in paper |
| Bars_Traces | #samples | #directions | #ROIs | Mean of all repeats of moving bar responses |
| Bars_pValues | #ROIs | | | Direction tuning p value as defined in paper |
| CS_Kernels | #samples | 4 | #ROIs | Event triggered stimulus kernels as described in paper; column 0 and 2: UV and green center, respectively; column 1 and 3: UV and green surround, respectively |
| CS_Events | #samples | 6 | #ROIs | Stimulus triggered event kernels as described in paper; column 0 and 3: UV and green center, respectively; column 1 and 4: UV and green surround, respectively; column 2 and 5: UV and green full-field, respectively |
| Group_Assign | #ROIs | | | Group numbers as in Baden, Berens, Franke et al., Nature 2016: 1-28 retinal ganglion cells, 29-32 uncertain, 33-46 amacrine cells |
| RoiInfo | #ROIs | | | Date, retina id (0: right, 1:left), mouse id, scan field id, ROI id, ROI center in x dimension, ROI center in y dimension, zoom factor x dimension (72 μ m for zoom factor of 1.0), distance from optic nerve nasal-temporal axis in μ m, distance from optic nerve ventral-dorsal axis on μ m |
| RoiMasks | 64 | 64 | #scans | ROIs used for each scan field, ordered like in RoiInfo |