Primate Brains



Cogs 143 * UCSD

Primate brains larger than similar-sized mammal



Brain differences within Primates



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Folliovore

(More omnivorous) Frugivore

Human brains the largest of any primate



Human

Other ape

Human neo-cortex particularly expanded





Human

Chimpanzee

Sensori-Motor Integration



How are sensory inputs processed and integrated with other modalities?

Audition









Inputs to first (Cochlear Nucleus) hindbrain site are Monaural



The rest of the path way is **Binaural**



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Primary Projection Area (A1) in Cortex

Auditor cortex

Left ea

Medial geniculate nucleus Inferior colliculus

- Superior olivary nucleus - Cochlear nucleus



Tonotopic (Frequency & Amplitude) Map in A1



Monkey Auditory Cortex



"Higher" Auditory cortex in Humans includes Wernicke's Area for Speech



Vision



Vision

Most connections direct to Forebrain



Retina Mapped in V1



Fovea greatly "magnified" in cortical map

Cross-Over in Visual System

Right visual field Left visual field Temporal Nasal Temporal Optic chiasm Pulvinar nucleus Midbrain's Lateral geniculate division of field Superior colliculus helps orient to center Optic radiation Primary visual cortex

Right Visual Field crosses to Left Brain – Left Visual Field crosses to Right Brain

Two Major Visual Pathways





(Adapted from Zeki, S. M. Journal of Physiology, 1978, 277, 227-244.)

Dorsal ("Where/How") Pathway – For Motion & Depth



Dorsal Pathway – "How"



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Dorsal Pathway – "How"











Responses of a neuron in a monkey's area IT to various stimuli. This neuron responds best to a full face, as shown by its response to monkey and human faces in the top two records. Removing the eyes or presenting a caricature of a face reduces the response. This neuron does not respond to a random arrangement of lines. (From Bruce, Desimone, & Gross, 1981.)



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Superior Temporal Sulcus (STS) – Biological Motion



Somatosensory



Tactile Sensitivity, esp Face & Hands



Topological Map w/Magnification



Frontal (Motor) Cortex



Pre-Central Gyrus

Primary Motor Cortex



Mirror Cell System



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In both Parietal (PF) and Premotor (F5) areas

Mirror Cell System – Observational Learning?



Some areas mediating social cognition...



Limbic System



limbus) around the brainstem

Limbic System – The "Nose Brain"



Some areas implicated in "Theory of Mind"



Figure 4.10 The limbic system is a set of subcortical structures that form a border (or limbus) around the brain stem

Frontal Insula



Von Economo Cells



Typical Pyramidal Cell



In primates, <u>only</u> in the (large brained) Apes & Humans

Von Economo or "Spindle" Cell



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Stay tuned...

