

# 1 Posteromedial cortical networks encode visuomotor prediction errors

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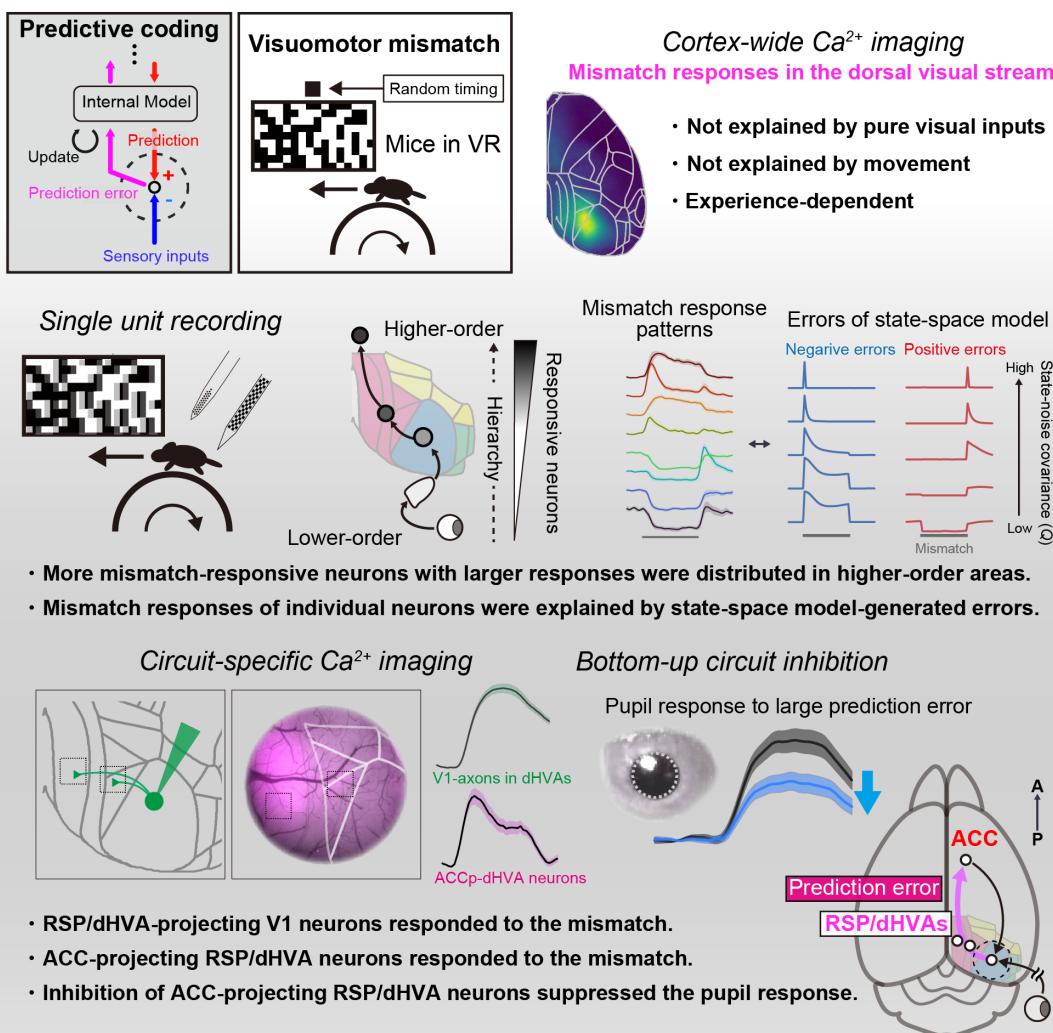
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## 30 **Summary**

31 Predicting future events based on internal models is essential for animal survival. Predictive coding  
32 postulates that errors between prediction and observation in lower-order areas update predictions in  
33 higher-order areas through the hierarchy. However, it is unclear how predictive coding is implemented  
34 in the hierarchy of the brain. Herein, we report the neural mechanism of the hierarchical processing and  
35 transmission of bottom-up prediction error signals in the mouse cortex.  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  imaging and  
36 electrophysiological recording in virtual reality revealed responses to visuomotor mismatches in the  
37 retrosplenial, dorsal visual, and anterior cingulate cortex. These mismatch responses were attenuated  
38 when mismatches became predictable through experience. Optogenetic inhibition of bottom-up signals  
39 reduced a behavioral indicator for prediction errors. Moreover, cellular-level mismatch responses were  
40 modeled by Bayesian inference using a state-space model. This study demonstrates hierarchical circuit  
41 organization underlying prediction error propagation, advancing the understanding of predictive coding  
42 in sensory perception and learning in the brain.

How are prediction errors processed in hierarchical circuits in the cortex?



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45 **Introduction**

46 Animals can flexibly adapt to dynamic environments. The brain detects unexpected changes in sensory  
47 input, identifies them as prediction errors by comparing predicted sensory inputs to real-world  
48 observations, and updates an internal model of the environment<sup>1-3</sup>. According to the predictive coding  
49 hypothesis, top-down signals from higher-order brain areas convey sensory input predictions, whereas  
50 bottom-up signals from lower areas transmit prediction errors — the deviations between expected and  
51 observed sensory inputs<sup>4,5</sup>. In turn, the internal model encoded by higher-order circuits generates updated  
52 predictions to minimize future prediction errors. However, there is limited experimental evidence on how  
53 predictive coding is implemented within hierarchical neural circuits in the cerebral cortex.

54 Previous studies have demonstrated that top-down signals transmitted from movement-related areas  
55 are integrated with sensory inputs in lower-level sensory areas<sup>3,6-10</sup>. Among the higher-order areas in the  
56 brain, the anterior cingulate cortex (ACC) is a candidate for the areas that provide top-down, movement-  
57 related predictive signals to sensory areas<sup>7,11</sup>. The ACC is reciprocally connected with multiple sensory  
58 systems, such as higher-order visual and auditory cortex, and transforms sensory signals into goal-  
59 directed action signals to downstream areas<sup>12-14</sup>. Inactivation of the ACC impaired the error signal in the  
60 primary visual cortex (V1), suggesting that neurons in the V1 are capable of computing visuomotor  
61 prediction errors by utilizing top-down, movement-related signals provided by ACC<sup>7</sup>. However, little is  
62 known about how prediction error signals computed in lower-order areas propagate along the cortical  
63 hierarchy to the higher-order area and update the internal model. For instance, it is still uncertain how  
64 visuomotor prediction errors are processed at different levels of the cortical hierarchy and which regions  
65 outside V1 mediate prediction error propagation.

66 In this study, we aimed to determine how prediction error signals are hierarchically computed in the  
67 cerebral cortex, focusing on the visuomotor system. We utilized a virtual reality (VR) system to induce  
68 visuomotor prediction errors in animals by producing deviation between visual inputs and self-movement

69 of animals<sup>15</sup>. Macroscopic Ca<sup>2+</sup> imaging revealed that prediction error signals are processed by medial  
70 higher-order visual-related areas in retrosplenial (RSP), posteromedial (PM), and anteromedial (AM)  
71 visual cortex. Granger causality analysis results, prior neuroanatomical findings<sup>16–18</sup>, and theoretical  
72 considerations<sup>4,5,19</sup> further suggested that prediction error signals are processed in hierarchical circuits  
73 along the dorso-dorsal cortical stream. Indeed, circuit-specific imaging and targeted optogenetic  
74 inhibition provided direct evidence for the flow of prediction error signals along the dorso-dorsal cortical  
75 stream. Prediction error responses in areas along this stream were hierarchical even at the cellular level,  
76 and the diverse neural response patterns were explained by a dynamic Bayesian inference computational  
77 model. Thus, we demonstrate that hierarchical circuits along the dorsal cortical stream process prediction  
78 errors, thereby revealing the neural implementation of predictive coding in the cerebral cortex.

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## 80 **Results**

### 81 **Regional encoding of prediction error signals in the medial cortex**

82 To study prediction error signals in the cerebral cortex, we labeled neurons across cortical areas with the  
83 genetically encoded Ca<sup>2+</sup> indicator jGCaMP7f and performed wide-field Ca<sup>2+</sup> imaging in head-fixed mice  
84 running on a treadmill under a VR environment. An intravenous injection of a blood–brain barrier-  
85 permeable adeno-associated virus vector (AAV-PHP.eB) expressing jGCaMP7f under control of the  
86 neuron-specific human synapsin promoter into the mouse retro-orbital sinus introduced jGCaMP7f into  
87 neurons throughout the brain, including cortex, striatum, hippocampus, and cerebellum (Fig. 1A, B, Fig.  
88 S1). Histological analysis showed that only a small proportion of the jGCaMP7f-expressing cells in V1  
89 and PM were immunopositive for the inhibitory neuron subtype markers parvalbumin (5.9% in V1, 8.1%  
90 in PM), somatostatin (1.1% in V1, 0.8% in PM), or vasoactive intestinal peptide (0.0% in V1, 0.5% in  
91 PM), indicating biased labeling of excitatory neurons, consistent with the previous report<sup>20</sup>.

92        The VR system allows for precise manipulation of the relationship between locomotion and resulting  
93        visual feedback for selective delivery of sensorimotor mismatches (prediction errors) after habituation  
94        of mice in VR (Fig. 1C). To determine how mice respond to visuomotor prediction errors, we presented  
95        unexpected visual feedback perturbations of the closed-loop relationship between visual flow and  
96        locomotion by randomly stopping the visual flow for 1.5 s while mice running on the treadmill (referred  
97        to as mismatches)<sup>15</sup>. During the mismatch event, pupil dilation occurred reliably in response to these  
98        mismatches (Fig. 1C-D), consistent with previous studies showing that pupil dilation responses reflect  
99        arousal or surprise due to visuomotor mismatches<sup>15,21,22</sup>. To filter the calcium-independent signal from  
100        neural activity, we performed wide-field  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  imaging with a fluorescence normalization scheme on the  
101        basis of wavelength multiplexing (Fig. S2, See methods)<sup>23,24</sup>. We computed a visual field sign map,  
102        resting-state connectivity map, and principal component analysis map as references for registering the  
103        brain activity map of individual animals to that in the Allen Common Coordinate Frameworks (ACCF,  
104        Fig. 1E and S3, Supplementary Videos 1 and 2)<sup>25</sup>. We defined 10 regions of interest (ROIs) based on the  
105        ACCF (Fig. 1F). Of these, RSP was subdivided into anterior and posterior portions (RSPa and RSPp)  
106        based on anatomical differences in neural circuit inputs and outputs, as determined by tracer injection  
107        (Fig. S4)<sup>26</sup>.

108        Wide-field  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  imaging revealed that visuomotor mismatches evoked widespread and sequential  
109        cortical activities (Fig. 1G, Supplementary Video 3). Distinct changes in the jGCaMP7f signal were  
110        detected in medial visual areas, including V1, PM, AM, and RSPp. In contrast, the rostralateral (RL) and  
111        lateral visual areas did not exhibit distinct positive peak  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  responses (Fig. 1H, I). As a negative control,  
112        fluorescent signals of green fluorescent protein (GFP)-expressing neurons were also measured, and no  
113        such changes in fluorescence during mismatch were detected (Fig. S5). We then investigated whether  
114        these signals encode the magnitude of prediction errors by calculating the correlation between mismatch  
115        response magnitude and prediction error magnitude<sup>15</sup>. For this analysis, the magnitude of the prediction

116 error was measured as the locomotion speed at mismatch onset (mean speed from -250 to 250 ms,  
117 threshold = 0.02 cm/s). The mismatch response magnitudes in medial higher-order visual areas, such as  
118 PM and AM, were significantly correlated with locomotion speed (Fig. 1J, K). Notably, the RSPp also  
119 exhibited a larger correlation between mismatch response magnitude and locomotion speed than RSPA  
120 (Fig. 1K, RSPp:  $r = 0.219$ , RSPA:  $r = 0.103$ ). In contrast, such correlations were not observed in parietal  
121 association areas, such as the RL and anterior visual area. Furthermore, correlations with movement-  
122 related variables during the mismatch event, such as changes in locomotor speed and facial motion<sup>24,27</sup>,  
123 were much weaker and could not account for the variability in mismatch responses compared to  
124 locomotor speed at mismatch onset (Fig. S6). From these results, we conclude that medial higher-order  
125 areas, such as PM, AM, and RSPp, encode the occurrence and magnitude of visuomotor prediction errors.

126 The mismatch event not only includes a prediction error (difference between expected and actual  
127 sensory input based on locomotion) but also a visual flow speed change. Prior studies have highlighted  
128 both the slower speed preference of visual flow in PM and the amplification effect of locomotion on  
129 sensory responses in visual areas<sup>9,28,29</sup>. In addition, we observed that dorsal cortex activity increased at  
130 the onset of running, in the absence of visual feedback (Fig. S7). Therefore, the mismatch responses may  
131 be explained by amplification of responses to the visual flow velocity change due to animal locomotion  
132 rather than the prediction error *per se*<sup>9,30</sup>. To rule out this possibility, we conducted wide-field  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$   
133 imaging on mice under both the closed-loop mismatch condition and an open-loop condition in which  
134 mice were presented with playback-mismatch visual stimuli that were not coupled to locomotion speed  
135 (Fig. 1L). Consistent with previous reports in V1 neurons<sup>15</sup>, all mismatch-responding areas showed  
136 smaller response magnitudes to playback-halt (playback of mismatch event) stimuli than mismatch  
137 stimuli, regardless of the locomotion speed (Fig. 1L–N). The difference in playback responses between  
138 running and stationary conditions was relatively small ( $p > 0.05$  in all ROIs). Thus, it is unlikely that the

139 visual flow alone or modulation by locomotion accounts for the mismatch response under the closed-  
140 loop condition.

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142 **Neural and behavioral mismatch responses are experience-dependent**

143 To examine whether pupil and neural mismatch responses are modulated by prediction formed by prior  
144 experience, we compared neural responses to “predictable” and “unpredictable” visuomotor mismatches  
145 while maintaining identical locomotion speeds. If neural activity associated with the mismatch response  
146 reflects prediction error, then this response should be attenuated when the mismatch event is highly  
147 predictable. To test this notion, we established a semi-closed-loop VR (SCL-VR) condition in which the  
148 perturbation of visual flow feedback occurred only when the locomotion speed exceeded a threshold of  
149 12.0 cm/s, thereby triggering a self-induced mismatch (Fig. 2A). In contrast to the random timing of  
150 mismatches in our initial experiments (Fig. 1), the timing of these self-induced mismatches is predictable  
151 for a mismatch-experienced (ME) group trained in the SCL-VR. However, for the normal VR-  
152 experienced (NE) group trained in the regular closed-loop VR (the control group in this experiment), the  
153 timing of the self-induced mismatch in the SCL-VR is unpredictable (Fig. 2B). In both groups, the  
154 visuomotor mismatch responses were mainly attributed to predictions based on prior experience during  
155 five habituation sessions, and consequently the mismatch response magnitude was expected to be smaller  
156 in the ME group than the NE group (Fig. 2C).

157 During recording sessions, the average locomotion speed in the early phase of the mismatch period  
158 (0.0 to 1.2 s) did not differ significantly between NE and ME groups (Fig. 2D). In the late phase of the  
159 mismatch periods ( $>1.2$  s), however, the NE group exhibited significantly slower locomotion speed and  
160 larger pupil dilation than the ME group (Fig. 2D, E and S8A). These results suggest that the ME group  
161 acquired prior information based on experience in the SCL-VR, resulting in reduced prediction errors to  
162 self-induced mismatch events compared to the inexperienced NE group.

163 To examine if these effects are associated with neural response magnitude in specific cortical regions,  
164 we compared the neural responses to the self-induced mismatches between the NE and ME groups using  
165 wide-field  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  imaging (Fig. 2F). While positive mismatch responses were observed in both groups  
166 across wide regions of dorsal cortex, such as medial secondary motor cortex (M2m), RSPp, AM, and PM  
167 (Fig. 2F, G), response magnitudes were uniformly significantly smaller in the ME group during the early  
168 period of the mismatch (0.0 to 0.75 s) (Fig. 2H, S8B and C). To further examine the effect of experience  
169 on mismatch responses, we performed additional recordings in NE mice following each of four additional  
170 training sessions in the SCL-VR. In the recording second session, NE mice showed reduced behavioral  
171 responses in locomotion speed and pupil dilation compared to the first session (Fig. S9A–C) as well as  
172 reduced neural activity in the V1, PM, AM, and RSPp (Fig. S9), indicating that mismatch responses  
173 observed in the medial higher-order cortical areas are contingent on the predictability of mismatch events.  
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175 **Mismatch responses of individual neurons are explained by the visuomotor prediction  
176 model.**

177 Our wide-field  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  imaging results (Fig. 1 and 2) and previous anatomical and physiological findings  
178 on the cortical visual system<sup>16–18,31</sup> led us to reason that visuomotor prediction errors are hierarchically  
179 processed in a dorsal cortical pathway (Fig. 3A and B). To assess regional differences in mismatch  
180 responses at the single-neuron level, we performed extracellular recordings from cortical areas exhibiting  
181 robust mismatch responses by wide-field imaging (V1, PM, RSPp, and ACC, including 338 single units  
182 in total from  $n = 9$  mice, Fig. 3A, B and Fig. S10) as well as from potentially relevant subcortical areas  
183 dorsal lateral geniculate nucleus (dLGN) and dorsal or ventral hippocampal region (dHIP, vHIP), 501  
184 single units in total from  $n = 4$  mice, Fig. S10). These recordings were performed from mice in two or  
185 three types of VR tracks after the session for area identification with intrinsic signal optical imaging<sup>32,33</sup>  
186 (Fig. 3C). Track 1 presented a corridor with landmarks, Track 2 a corridor without landmarks, and Track

187 3 a dark environment. Remarkably, recorded neurons showed highly stable mismatch responses across  
188 trials, and there were no significant magnitude differences in V1, PM, RSPp, and ACC between Track 1  
189 and Track2 conditions (all  $p > 0.05$  by two-sided Sign-rank test), indicating that the mismatch responses  
190 are not largely affected by spatial prediction. Next, we examined whether mismatch response patterns  
191 change along the dorsal visual pathway. In the dLGN, the earliest visual processing stage in the brain,  
192 15.5% of units showed a significant positive response to mismatch; in V1, 30.0 % of units showed a  
193 significant positive response to mismatch (Fig. 3I). Further, the proportion of responsive neurons  
194 gradually increased along the cortical hierarchy, as mean responses were greatest in PM and RSPp,  
195 lowest for dLGN, and of intermediate magnitude in V1 and ACC (Fig. 3J). The response magnitudes in  
196 V1, PM, and RSPp were also significantly larger than that in dLGN ( $p < 0.01$ , Dunnett's test). These  
197 results suggest that areas at the higher level of the hierarchy may be more engaged in predictive  
198 processing.

199 Notably, the pattern of neuronal mismatch responses was more diverse than presented in previous  
200 studies<sup>15,34</sup>. We next classified the mismatch response patterns of individual units using an unsupervised  
201 learning scheme (time series K-means clustering). This analysis revealed eight distinct clusters (Fig. 4A  
202 and B). Moreover, mismatch responses of individual neurons were not solely limited to simple increases  
203 and decreases in neural activity. This response complexity suggests that the neural circuits encoding of  
204 prediction errors do not merely perform simple arithmetic operations.

205 To test further examine if response patterns of individual neurons are consistent with predictive  
206 coding scheme, we compared neural mismatch response to visuomotor prediction errors estimated by a  
207 state-space model (SSM)<sup>1</sup> that predicts visual flow speed from locomotion speed and visual flow histories  
208 of mice (Fig. 4C). During closed-loop periods, this SSM model accurately predicted the incoming visual  
209 flow speed, while during the mismatch periods, the model detected the visuomotor prediction errors and  
210 updated its state accordingly. Visual flow speed prediction in the SSM involves estimating the latent state

211 variable  $gt$  parameterized by the state noise covariance ( $Q$ ). In this model, the value  $Q$  acts as a  
212 hyperparameter that determines the sensitivity of the prediction error in the SSM, with larger values  
213 indicating that the model can quickly adapt to large variations in the state transition (Fig. 4C, see Methods  
214 for details). This model successfully computed the visuomotor prediction error as the mismatch between  
215 the observed and the expected visual flow based on the locomotion speed during the recording session  
216 (Fig. S11). The error between predicted and actual visual flows varied depending on  $Q$ ; that is, various  
217 patterns of visuomotor prediction errors in SSM can be produced by this hyperparameter. This finding  
218 further implies that the variable  $Q$  in SSM can be considered a control parameter that determines how  
219 much the state is updated using the received information. Notably, the model generated not only simple  
220 positive and negative response patterns, but also transient and persistent response patterns to mismatches  
221 depending on different hyperparameters (Fig. 4C). Furthermore, these model-generated patterns  
222 recapitulated the distinct spiking response patterns in neural activity of individual neurons to mismatch  
223 (Fig. 4A and B).

224 To test whether the visuomotor prediction errors estimated by the SSM can explain neuronal  
225 responses, we employed a generalized linear model (GLM) designed to evaluate the contribution of SSM-  
226 generated prediction error information to actual neural responses of individual cells. The GLM used  
227 variables associated with mouse behaviors and sensory inputs such as visual flow and landmarks in the  
228 VR, in addition to the prediction error information generated by the SSM (Fig. 4D). To assess relative  
229 contribution of each behavioral variable to the GLM performance for individual neurons in V1, PM,  
230 RSPp, and ACC, we evaluated the effects of omitting a single feature (SSM-generated errors) from the  
231 full model and evaluated the GLM performance by comparing the partial model with the full model (Fig.  
232 4E–G). The omission of SSM-generated prediction errors decreased GLM performance across all four  
233 brain regions (Fig. 4 F and G), indicating that prediction errors are crucial for explaining neural activities  
234 in V1 and higher-order areas PM, RSPp, and ACC. This finding suggests that the neural mismatch

235 response does not merely represent sensory inputs, self-movements, or the difference between the  
236 efference copy and the observation, but rather the difference between prediction and observation, with  
237 the prediction being dynamically updated based on past errors. Notably, while the contribution of SSM  
238 errors to neuronal responses was significant in V1, it was even more pronounced in higher-order areas  
239 (PM, RSPp, and ACC, Fig. 4G), supporting our hypothesis that prediction errors are hierarchically  
240 processed along the cortical hierarchy.

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#### 242 **Hierarchical propagation of bottom-up error signals along the dorso-dorsal visual stream**

243 We then investigated the transmission route of error signals among across dorsal cortical areas by  
244 applying correlation analysis between cortical areas where neural activity was simultaneously measured  
245 with wide-field  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  imaging. There were significant differences in large-scale correlations between  
246 cortical areas under conditions with distinct behavioral states and sensory inputs (Fig. 5A). While the  
247 overall magnitudes of the correlations decreased when mice were running in the VR environment and  
248 the pattern was roughly preserved between during the closed-loop and mismatch periods, individual areal  
249 correlation coefficients increased across visual cortical areas during mismatches (Fig. 5A, B). To  
250 quantify the direction and degree of information flow between areas, we computed Granger causality  
251 during mismatch and closed-loop periods<sup>35,36</sup>. Despite dynamic changes in visual flow speed during  
252 closed-loop periods, Granger causality from V1 to PM remained lower than during mismatch periods  
253 (Fig. 5C and Fig. S12A). We also applied Granger causality analysis to the self-induced mismatch  
254 responses of NE and ME group mice in the SCL-VR under similar locomotion speeds and visual flow  
255 feedback conditions (Fig. 2) and found reduced Granger causality from V1 to higher-order visual areas  
256 in ME mice (Fig. S12B). These results suggest the existence of bottom-up error signal flow from V1 to  
257 higher areas during the mismatch periods.

258 To directly examine this functional connectivity at the circuit level, we performed two-photon  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$   
259 imaging of axonal boutons from V1 neurons in the RSP and PM following antero-grade labeling with  
260 axon-GCaMP6s (Fig. 5D and E). Injection sites and recording sites were identified by intrinsic signal  
261 optical imaging and post-hoc anatomical validation. Figure 5F–G shows examples of mismatch response  
262 time courses. The  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  signal time courses of representative boutons clearly revealed positive and  
263 negative responses to mismatch events (Fig. 5G). ROIs were then defined to quantify mismatch response  
264 of axons in RSP and PM ( $n = 1158$  and 1324 ROIs from  $n = 3$  and 3 mice, respectively, Fig. 5H). A  
265 significant proportion of axonal boutons in PM and RSP responded to mismatch events (Fig. 5H; 34.5%  
266 in RSP, 43.7% in PM,  $p < 0.05$ ). To investigate the relationship between mismatch responses and visual  
267 response properties, we additionally measured the visual responses to drifting grating stimuli in a subset  
268 of recording sessions (Fig. 5I,  $n = 1174$ , 1121 ROIs, respectively). Notably, the distribution of neuronal  
269 response properties projected onto grating and mismatch response axes were nearly orthogonal (Fig. 5J).  
270 Furthermore, we examined whether the population neuronal dynamics for mismatch responses were  
271 separable from those for visual responses to various grating stimuli, using a principal component analysis  
272 (PCA) to decompose the high-dimensional neural dynamics, and demonstrated that the neuronal  
273 population dynamics of mismatch responses were clearly separable from those of visual responses to  
274 grating stimuli (Fig. 5K). These axon imaging analyses, together with the macroscopic level results,  
275 indicate that these error-responsive V1 neurons transmit prediction error signals to higher-order areas,  
276 and are distinguishable from neurons sending bottom-up visual information.

277 Finally, we examined the feedforward propagation of visuomotor prediction error signals from PM  
278 and RSP to motor-related areas, as such signals are considered necessary for updating the internal model  
279 and refining future predictions<sup>4</sup>. For this purpose, we retrogradely labeled ACC-projecting neurons with  
280 AAV2retro-tdTomato in Thy-1-GCaMP6f transgenic mice<sup>37</sup> and then performed two-photon  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$   
281 imaging from the RSP and medial higher visual areas (PM and AM). Recording sites were determined

282 by retinotopic mapping (Fig. 6B)<sup>32</sup>. A considerable number of ACC-projecting RSP and PM/AM neurons  
283 (tdTomato<sup>+</sup>) in layer 2/3 exhibited a significant positive response (24.2% and 31.1%, respectively) to  
284 mismatch events (Fig. 6D-F). Further, the mismatch response magnitude of the tdTomato<sup>+</sup> neurons was  
285 positively correlated with locomotion speed (Fig. 6G), and the spatial tuning profile and playback-halt  
286 response of these neurons did not account for the mismatch response magnitudes (Fig. S13 and S14).  
287 These results indicate that ACC-projection neurons in RSP and PM/AM directly transmit the prediction  
288 error signals to ACC.

289 Next, to investigate whether these bottom-up circuits mediate the perception of prediction error, we  
290 performed loss-of-function analysis on pathways from posteromedial cortical areas, including the PM,  
291 AM, and RSP, to the ACC by optogenetic inactivation. We expressed the light-gated chloride channel  
292 GtACR2 in ACC-projecting neurons of the PM/AM and RSP by injecting retrograde Cre-expressing  
293 AAV (AAV2retro-hSyn-iCre) into the ACC and Cre-dependent AAV expressing GtACR2 (AAV9-  
294 CAG-DIO-GtACR2-FusionRed-Kv2.1) into the PM/AM and RSP (Fig. 6H and S15). Optogenetic  
295 inactivation of the ACC-projecting neurons in posteromedial cortical areas (PM, AM, and RSP) during  
296 mismatch periods significantly reduced the pupil dilation response to mismatch events in trials with large  
297 prediction errors (Fig. 6I, J). As a control, optical stimulation alone without visuomotor mismatch elicited  
298 only a slight and insignificant pupil dilation (Fig. 6I). These effects were consistent across individual  
299 animals (Fig. S16). Taken together, our results indicate that dorsal posterior-frontal cortical circuits  
300 propagate visuomotor prediction errors, supporting the theory of hierarchical predictive coding in the  
301 brain (Fig. 6K).

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303 **Discussion**

304 In this study, we elucidated the functional dynamics and neural circuit structure of prediction error  
305 encoding and propagation from lower- to higher-order areas through a cortical hierarchy. Multiscale  
306 recording and neural manipulation approaches combined with the visuomotor mismatch paradigm using  
307 VR revealed hierarchical encoding of experience-dependent visuomotor error signals along the dorso-  
308 dorsal visual pathway to the frontal cortex. Prediction error responses at the cellular level varied  
309 markedly among neurons and their statistical modeling further suggests that the mismatch response  
310 diversity results from prediction error computations according to complex probabilistic neural processing  
311 rather than simple arithmetic comparisons between sensory and internal model prediction signals.  
312 Inhibition of bottom-up signals from the medial higher-order regions RSP, PM, and AM to the ACC  
313 reduced the mismatch-induced pupil dilation response, a possible behavioral indicator of large prediction  
314 errors, suggesting that bottom-up signals within the cortical hierarchy are required for error detection.  
315 We conclude that the hierarchical processing of prediction error signals from V1 through medial higher-  
316 order posterior areas to the frontal motor area, a primary source of predictions, is critical for updating  
317 internal models and generating future predictions in the brain.

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319 **Hierarchical propagation of bottom-up prediction error signals**

320 Our results are consistent with the principles of both hierarchical predictive coding and the well-  
321 established hierarchical properties of visual processing<sup>16,18,38–40</sup>. Axonal imaging demonstrated that the  
322 population representations of basic visual inputs and prediction error information are nearly orthogonal  
323 in low-dimensional space, suggesting that the neurons conveying these two types of information are  
324 segregated, allowing downstream neurons to distinguish between visual feature information and  
325 prediction error signals (Fig. 5). Future investigations are warranted to link mismatch-responsive neurons  
326 (function) to molecularly defined cell types (molecular profiles) and projection targets (connectivity) to

327 understand circuit interactions of functionally distinct pathways<sup>34,41,42</sup>. Further, elucidating the  
328 interactions among parallel and hierarchical pathways is essential for a general understanding of  
329 predictive processing in the brain.

330 Detecting unexpected visual input during movement is crucial for visually guided motor control,  
331 perception, navigation, and learning. Studies in primates and rodents have indicated that visuomotor error  
332 signals in motor cortices play a pivotal role in driving adaptive motor learning<sup>43,44</sup>. Clinical and disease  
333 model studies have shown that impairments in medial higher cortical areas, including the dorsal higher-  
334 order visual areas and RSP, can lead to deficits in sensory-guided actions, such as reaching, eye  
335 movements for object tracking, and spatial navigation<sup>45–48</sup>. These findings further suggest the existence  
336 of neural circuits dedicated to transmitting sensorimotor error signals to the motor system. Although  
337 previous research has in fact identified circuits for computing prediction errors in the early sensory  
338 cortex<sup>7,8,49</sup>, understanding how error signals from V1 update predictions in frontal motor areas has been  
339 challenging due to the sparse axonal outputs from V1 to the frontal cortex (Fig. S17). By analyzing large-  
340 scale connectome data<sup>50,51</sup>, we found that axonal projections to the ACC from posterior higher-order  
341 areas (PM, AM, and RSP) were denser than projection from V1 and from both lateromedial (LM) and  
342 anterolateral (AL) visual areas to the ACC (Fig. S17). Our results from the electrophysiological and  
343 anatomical analyses suggest that these cortical circuits underlie the hierarchical transmission of  
344 prediction error signals from the PM, AM, and RSP to the ACC. Furthermore, axonal projections from  
345 the ACC to the posterior medial areas (PM, AM, and RSP) were also denser than those from the ACC to  
346 V1 and lateral higher-order visual areas (LM and AL) (Fig. S18). Notably, we also observed that  
347 visuomotor mismatch responses in PM and AM differed substantially from those in RL and AL,  
348 suggesting that anatomical pathway(s) from the ACC to PM, AM, and RSP convey top-down prediction  
349 signals, consistent with functional and anatomical investigations indicating the presence of two  
350 substreams in the dorsal visual pathway: a dorso–dorsal stream and a ventro–dorsal stream<sup>17</sup>. Collectively,

351 these observed patterns of bidirectional anatomical connections provide additional support for the  
352 validity of hierarchical predictive coding in the cortex<sup>2,5,19,52</sup>.

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354 **Dynamic Bayesian inference by prediction error signal**

355 In sensory processing, it is essential to identify the source of sensory inputs. However, sensory signals  
356 processed in cortical circuits inherently contain noise introduced by transduction in the sensory organs  
357 and subsequent processing by neural circuits. In addition, the same physical information at the level of  
358 the sensory organs can convey different meanings depending on the context of the self and the  
359 environment. Consequently, the ability of the brain to “filter” and interpret sensory signals using dynamic,  
360 internally generated models is essential for producing a stable representation of the external environment<sup>3</sup>.

361 In this study, we describe a SSM that generates error signals closely resembling those measured in  
362 mouse cortical neurons. Single-unit recordings revealed that the mismatch response patterns of individual  
363 neurons are more diverse than previously reported using  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  imaging, in part due to greater temporal  
364 resolution. To characterize neuronal responses to mismatches, we focused on a parameter denoted  $Q$   
365 representing state noise that provides a measure of adaptability to prediction errors in individual neurons.  
366 Previous models have included arithmetic subtraction scheme in which the observed visual flow is  
367 subtracted from the efference copy of locomotion-related signals to encode visuomotor prediction  
368 errors<sup>19,34</sup>. However, our analysis, which adapted the SSM to spiking activity, suggests that the neural  
369 response patterns to sensorimotor mismatch events may be better explained by a sequential probabilistic  
370 inference framework, such as the dynamic Bayesian inference framework<sup>1,53,54</sup>, where perception  
371 (defined as a posterior probability) is formed by updating predictions (defined as a prior probability) with  
372 observations. These findings highlight the possibility that flexible computation based on Bayesian  
373 inference allows animals to respond rapidly and precisely to dynamic environments by processing  
374 prediction errors.

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376 Evaluation of prediction error signals by response to mismatch events

377 Neural responses to visuomotor mismatch can be influenced by numerous factors, including visual  
378 features, concomitant motor activity, and prediction errors. Previous studies have shown that mismatch  
379 responses cannot be explained by motor or visual components alone, by using visual stimuli with  
380 matched visual input components (open-loop playback halt) to assess response properties, or by  
381 restricting postnatal visual experience to prevent the formation of visuomotor predictions in mice<sup>49</sup>. The  
382 present study was also designed to exclude potential confounding factors associated with visuomotor  
383 mismatch stimuli. Like previous studies, open-loop playback of visual flow cessation did not evoke large  
384 mismatch responses in the cortex (Fig. 1)<sup>31,49</sup>. However, while the playback paradigm can reproduce the  
385 visual inputs in closed-loop mismatch events, possible effects caused by differences in locomotion-  
386 dependent signals remain. The semi-closed-loop paradigm (SCL-VR) developed in the present study  
387 allowed us to assess the predictability dependence of mismatch responses under nearly identical visual  
388 inputs and locomotion states (Fig. 2). Notably, predictability established by prior experience to self-  
389 induced mismatch events affected both neural and pupil responses (Fig. 2). Pupil dilation, which  
390 regulates light input to the retina, occurred ~0.25 s after the neural population mismatch response. Thus,  
391 it is plausible that the pupil dilation reflects the mouse's perception or surprise to prediction errors rather  
392 than the cause of the mismatch responses. Other factors, such as locomotion, facial movements, eye  
393 movements, blinking, and the position and scene of the mouse in the VR, are ineffective explanatory  
394 variables for predicting the mismatch response. Rather, visuomotor prediction errors computed by our  
395 proposed SSM were a more plausible variable for explaining the neuronal responses (Fig. 4). These  
396 results support the notion that mismatch responses are caused by prediction errors<sup>55</sup>.

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398 Limitations of this study

399 The present study reveals a hierarchical processing stream of visuomotor prediction errors in the dorsal  
400 visual stream. Despite the use of wide-field imaging, however, these findings do not exclude the  
401 existence of other pathways transmitting sensory prediction errors, including subcortical streams.  
402 Neurons in dorso-dorsal visual areas, such as the PM, project axons not only to the ACC but also to the  
403 secondary motor cortex, RSP, lateral posterior nucleus, and striatum<sup>18</sup>. These regions are involved in  
404 visual information processing, motor execution, and learning, suggesting that prediction errors may also  
405 be transmitted to these regions. Moreover, previous studies have indicated that subcortical areas, such as  
406 the lateral posterior nucleus and superior colliculus, modulate sensory processing in the visual cortex  
407 during movement and thus likely receive error signals<sup>56,57</sup>. Depending on the nature of the internal or  
408 environmental context, error signals can be routed to brain regions that generate prediction signals.  
409 Elucidating the interaction between these cortico-subcortical and cortico-cortical circuit mechanisms will  
410 provide deeper insights into the neural basis of integrating sensory inputs with motor outputs for adaptive  
411 sensory perception and actions.

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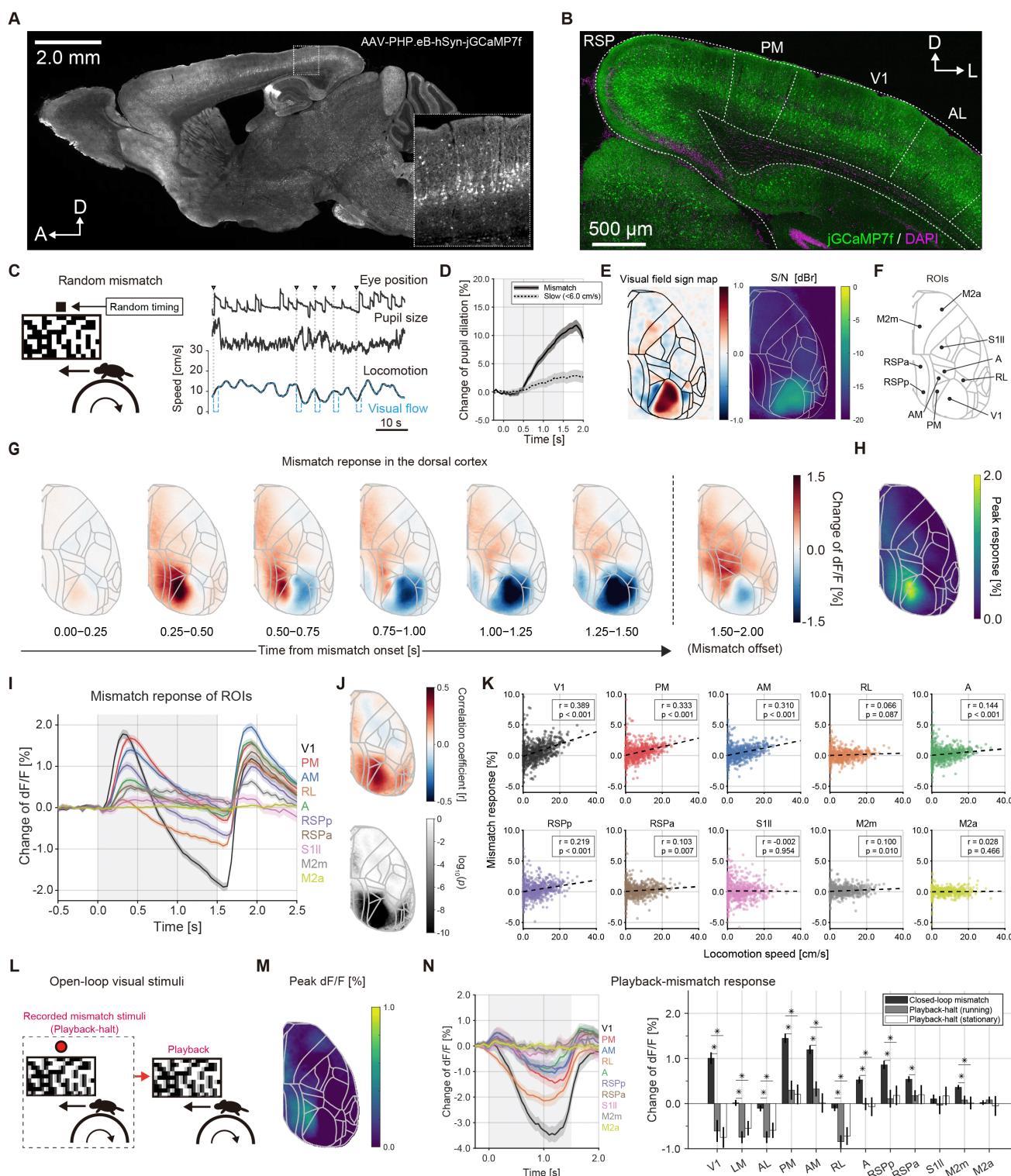
413 Conclusion

414 This study provides experimental evidence for hierarchical cortico-cortical interactions underlying  
415 predictive coding. We demonstrated hierarchical propagation of bottom-up visuomotor prediction error  
416 signals from V1 to medial higher-order cortical areas, and to the frontal cortex, a potential source of  
417 predictions. This sensorimotor prediction error circuit can serve as a mechanism for updating the internal  
418 model for sensory perception and sensorimotor integration. Predictive coding is a computational  
419 framework that explains sensory perception and sensorimotor integration but is also applicable to  
420 understanding psychiatric and neurological disorders as an imbalance between predictions and actual

421 inputs<sup>58</sup>. Understanding predictive processing at the cellular and circuit levels, in addition to the  
422 theoretical level, could contribute to the development of diagnostics and treatments for such disorders.  
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## 424 Figure Legends

Fig. 1: Visuomotor mismatch responses in dorsal cortical areas.



426 **Figure 1. Visuomotor mismatch responses in dorsal cortical areas.**

427 (A). Sagittal section of mouse brain showing widespread cortical and subcortical expression of the  
428 genetically encoded  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  indicator jGCaMP7f in the AAV-PHP.eB-infected brain. Inset: Magnified  
429 view of jGCaMP7f-expressing neurons in primary visual cortex (V1). Arrows indicate anterior (A)  
430 and dorsal (D) axes.

431 (B). Coronal section from the jGCaMP7f-expressing brain. Arrows indicate dorsal (D) and lateral (L) axes.

432 (C). Left: Schematic of the virtual reality (VR)-based visuomotor mismatch paradigm. Right: Example  
433 time series of mismatch and extracted behavioral parameters. Arrowheads indicate the timing of  
434 mismatch onset.

435 (D). Time course of the pupil dilation response: Solid line represents the trial-averaged response to  
436 mismatch events, and dashed line illustrates the trial-averaged response when mice exhibited minimal  
437 locomotion (<6.0 cm/s) at the mismatch onset. Shaded areas: SEM.

438 (E). Left: Averaged visual field sign map. Right: A signal-to-noise ratio (S/N) map ( $n = 6$  mice) during  
439 visual stimulation with a moving and flickering checkerboard pattern.

440 (F). Locations of 10 region of interest (ROIs) on the top view of the ACCF atlas.

441 (G). The trial-averaged response to visuomotor mismatch events (326 trials from nine mice).

442 (H). Response magnitude map during the mismatch period (0.0–1.5 s).

443 (I). Averaged response traces from the 10 identified cortical areas. Shaded region indicates the mismatch  
444 periods (0.0–1.5 s). Line traces represent means  $\pm$  standard error of the mean (SEM).

445 (J). Top: Pseudocolor map of Pearson's correlation coefficient between locomotion speed at the mismatch  
446 onset (mean of  $-0.25$ – $0.25$  s) and the neural response magnitude at all pixels in the ACCF. Bottom:  
447 Grayscale map of corresponding  $p$ -values.

448 (K). Scatter plot of locomotion speed and mismatch responses in the 10 cortical areas.

449 (L). Schematic of open-loop stimulus presentation.

450 (M). Peak response map to playback-mismatch events ( $n = 4$  mice, locomotion speed  $> 6.0$  cm/s).

451 (N). Left: Averaged response traces from the 10 cortical ROIs. The shaded region indicates the mismatch

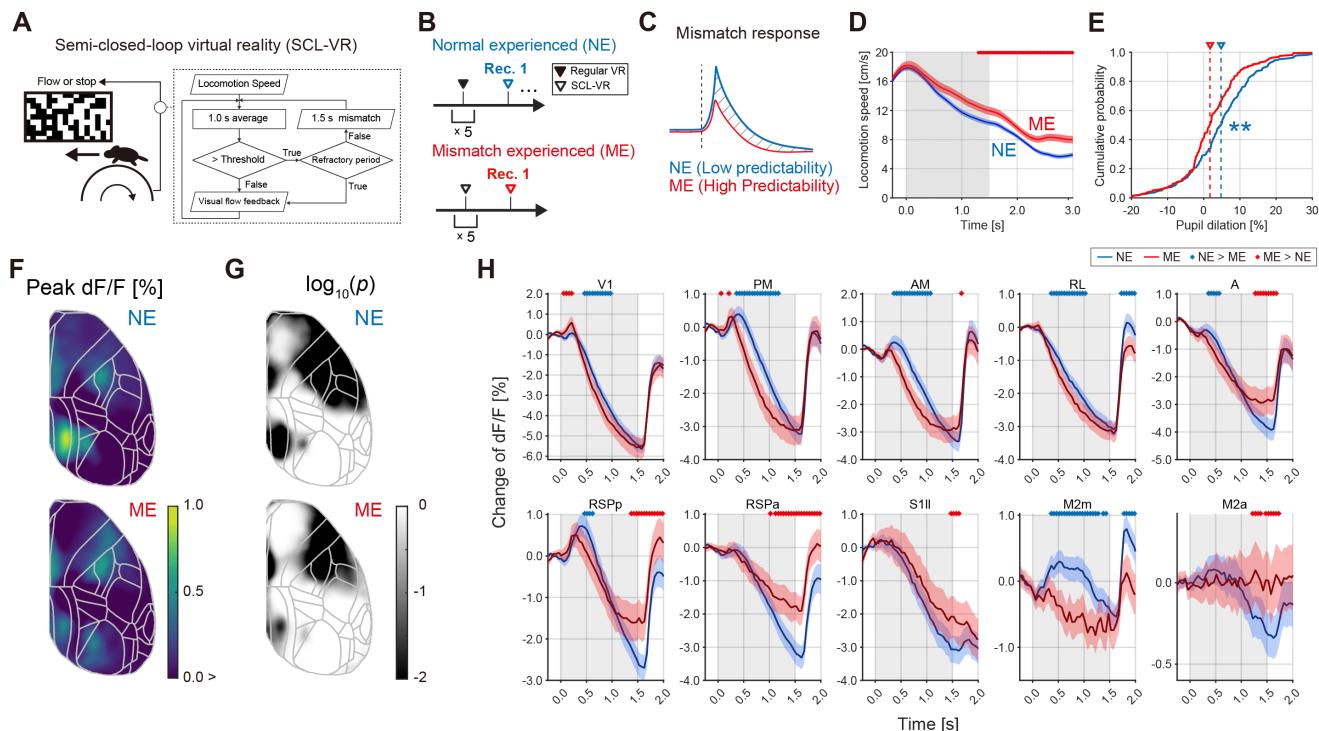
452 period (0.0–1.5 s). Line traces represent means  $\pm$  SEM. Right: Comparison of responses to closed-

453 loop mismatch, playback-halt during locomotion, and stationary state conditions. Asterisks show

454 statistical significance in each area ( $p < 0.01$ , by Mann–Whitney U test).

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Fig. 2: Experience-dependent change of self-induced visuomotor mismatch responses



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457 **Figure 2. Experience-dependent changes in self-induced visuomotor mismatch**  
458 **responses**

459 (A). Schematic of semi-closed-loop virtual reality (SCL-VR), with inset showing the logic flow of visual  
460 feedback.

461 (B). Habituation history of two groups of mice differing in mismatch experience, the normal experienced  
462 (NE) group and mismatch experienced (ME) group.

463 (C). Hypothetical neural responses to mismatch events by NE and ME mice.

464 (D). Locomotion speed of mice during self-induced mismatch events. Shaded region indicates the  
465 mismatch period (0.0–1.5 s). Line traces represent means  $\pm$  SEM. Dots show time bins with statistical  
466 significance ( $p < 0.01$ , by one-tailed unpaired  $t$ -test).

467 (E). Distribution of pupil response magnitudes on each trial ( $p < 0.01$ , by Mann–Whitney U test).

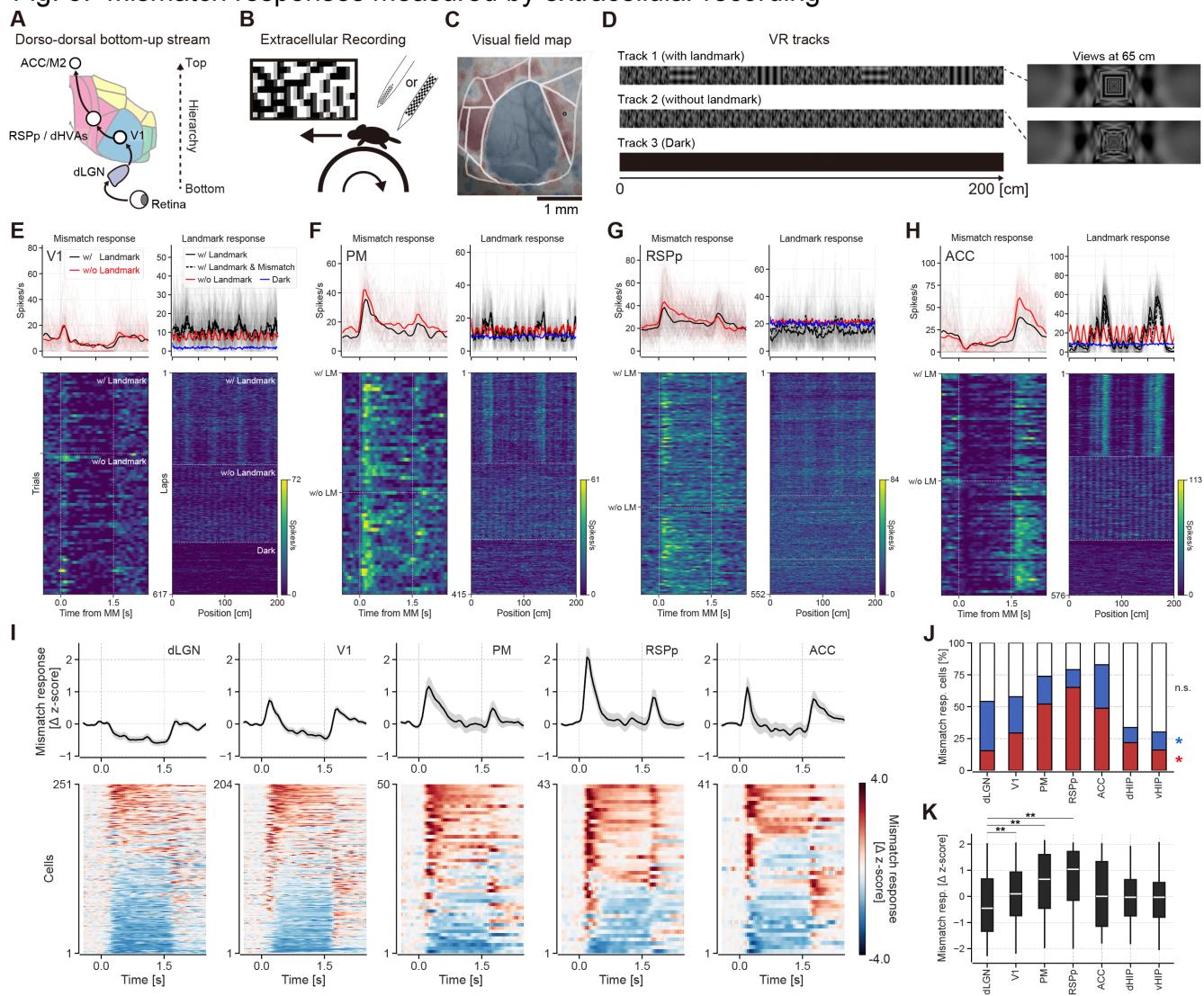
468 (F). Response peak magnitude maps during the mismatch period (0.0–1.5 s).

469 (G). Statistical significance of self-induced mismatch response between NE and ME group mice (average  
470 of 0.0–0.5 s vs. –0.5–0.0 s,  $p < 0.05$ , by one-tailed Signed–Rank test).

471 (H). Trial-averaged response traces from 10 ROIs. Shaded region indicates the mismatch period (0.0–1.5  
472 s). Blue plots show the data from NE mice and red plots the data from ME mice. Each plot is shown  
473 as a mean  $\pm$  95% confidence interval. Dots indicate time bins with significant difference ( $p < 0.05$ , by  
474 bootstrap test). Dot color indicates the alternative conditions (blue: NE > ME; red: ME > NE).

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**Fig. 3: Mismatch responses measured by extracellular recording**



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477 **Figure 3. Mismatch responses measured by extracellular recording**

478 (A). Hypothetical visuomotor error processing along the hierarchical structure in the dorsal cortex.

479 (B). Schematic illustration of single-unit electrophysiological recording from mice under VR.

480 (C). Visual field map for identification of recording sites.

481 (D). VR tracks presented during recordings.

482 (E). Top left: Trial-averaged mismatch response of a representative V1 neuron. Bottom left: Mismatch

483 response on each trial, sorted by VR track and locomotion speed. Top right: Firing rate traces across

484 positions in the virtual track. Bottom right: Lap-by-lap firing rate. The dashed line in the matrix  
485 indicates the switching of VR track (Track 1, Track 2, Track 3, respectively).

486 (F). Same as in (E) for a representative PM neuron.

487 (G). Same as in (E) for a representative RSP neuron.

488 (H). Same as in (E) for a representative ACC neuron.

489 (I). Mismatch responses of neurons in the dLGN, V1, PM, RSPp, and ACC (in Track 1 and Track 2). Top:  
490 Population average of mismatch response. Shaded region indicates the SEM. Bottom: Mismatch  
491 response of individual neurons in each area. Neurons were sorted by mismatch response magnitude.

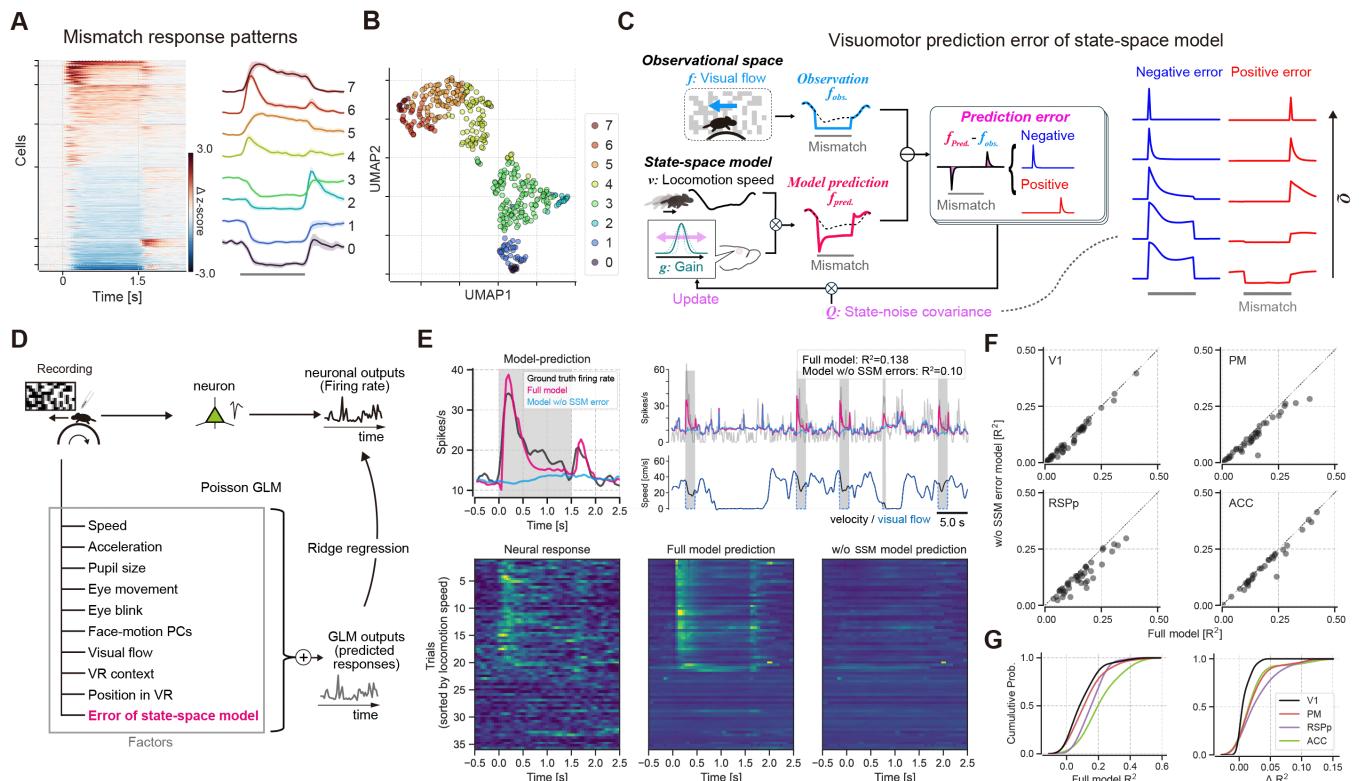
492 (J). Bar charts of mismatch responsive neurons in the dLGN, V1, PM, RSPp, ACC, dorsal hippocampus  
493 (dHIP), and ventral hippocampus (vHIP). Cells were classified according to one-sided sign rank test  
494 ( $p < 0.05$ ). The red area indicates positive responsive cells. The blue area indicates negative responsive  
495 cells.

496 (K). Mismatch response magnitudes across the dLGN, V1, PM, RSPp, ACC, dHIP, and vHIP. Each dot  
497 indicates an individual neuron. Asterisks indicate statistically significant differences (\*\*  $p < 0.01$ , vs  
498 dLGN, by Dunnett's test).

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Fig. 4: Errors by the visuomotor predictive model explain neural mismatch responses



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**Figure 4. Errors by the visuomotor prediction model explain neural mismatch responses**

502 (A). Variable mismatch response patterns in the dLGN, V1, PM, RSP, ACC, dHIP, and vHIP. Left:  
 503 Response patterns of mismatch-responsive cells (sorted by time-series K-means clustering). Right:  
 504 Mean mismatch response of each cluster. Shaded areas indicate SEM. Gray bar indicates the mismatch  
 505 periods.

506 (B). UMAP projection embedding the mismatch response pattern of individual neurons. Cluster labels (0-  
 507 7) correspond to those in (A).

508 (C). Schematic of the visuomotor predictive state-space model (SSM). Gray bar indicates the mismatch  
 509 period.

510 (D). Schematic of Poisson generalized linear model (GLM) analysis.

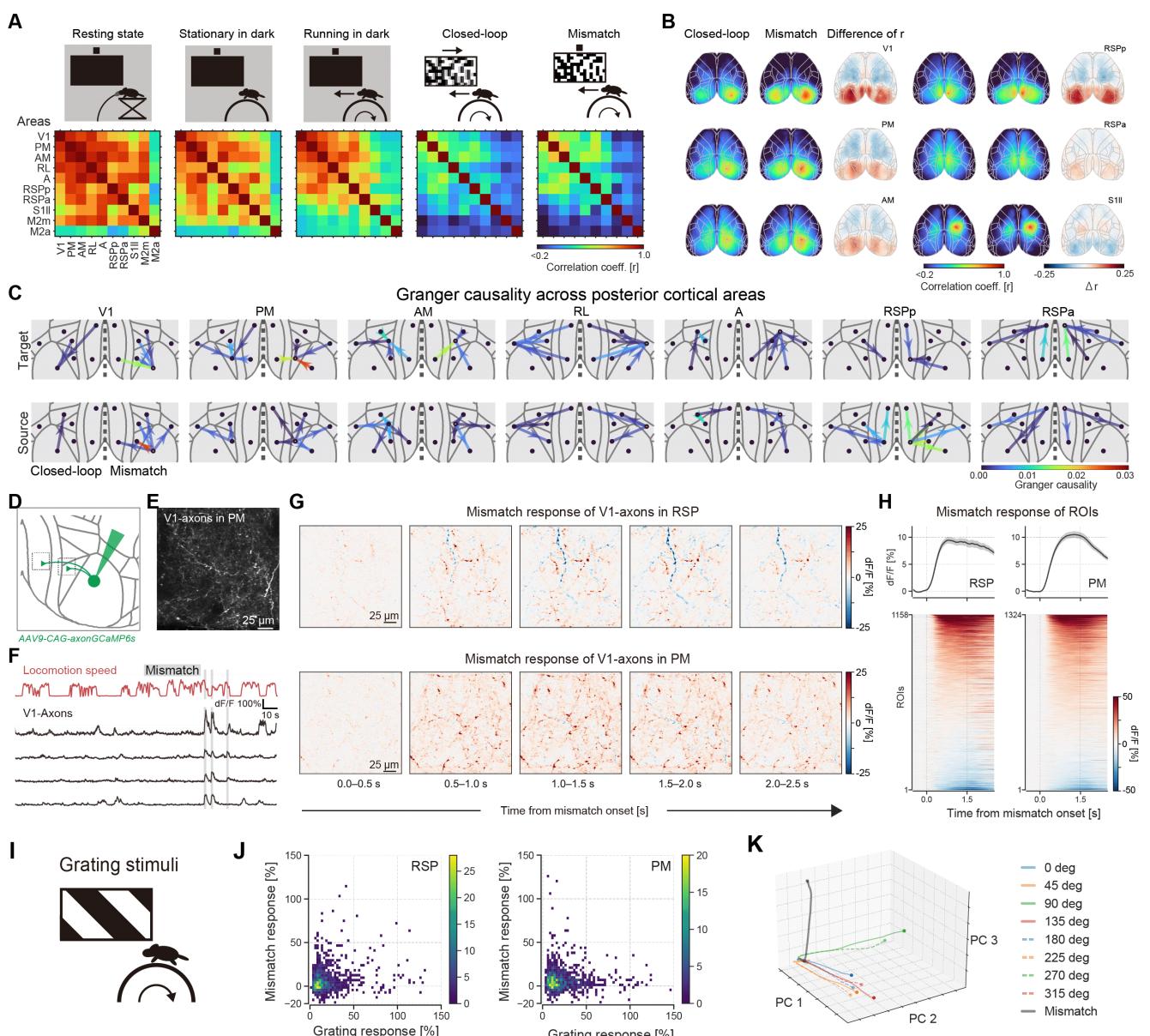
512 (E). Model fitting results for an example PM neuron. Top left: Averaged mismatch response of the PM  
513 neuron (gray line), Full model prediction (blue line), and prediction of the model without visuomotor  
514 prediction errors calculated by the SSM (red line). Gray shaded region indicates the mismatch periods.  
515 Top Right: example time course of actual firing and fitting result. Bottom: Mismatch response pattern  
516 matrix of neural responses and the predictions of each model.

517 (F). Comparison of fits for the full model and the partial model without SSM variables. Dots indicate  
518 individual cells in V1, PM, RSPp, and ACC.

519 (G). Left: GLM fit quality, measured as the R-squared value ( $R^2$ ). Right: Distribution of  $\Delta R^2$  ( $R^2_{\text{Full model}} -$   
520  $R^2_{\text{w/o SSM model}}$ ) for each recording site.

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Fig. 5: Error signal flow across dorsal cortical areas



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523 **Figure 5. Error signal flow across dorsal cortical areas**

524 (A). Schematic of five distinct behavioral and environmental contexts. Corresponding matrices show pairwise

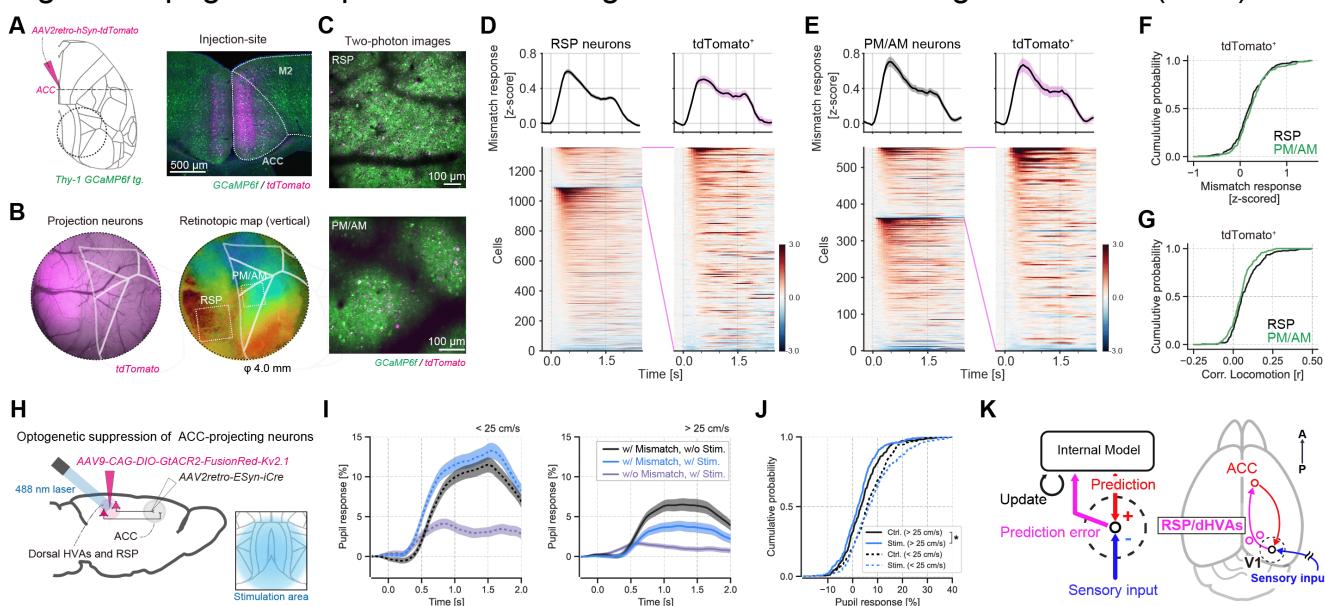
525 linear correlation coefficients of activity among the 10 defined ROIs.

526 (B). Seed-based correlation maps of V1, PM, AM, RSPp, RSPa, and S1ll activity in the closed-loop and

527 mismatch periods, and the differences in correlation coefficient between conditions.

528 (C). Granger causality between posterior cortical areas during closed-loop and mismatch periods. Closed-  
529 loop results are visualized in the left hemisphere and mismatch results in the right hemisphere.  
530 Statistically significant flow edges are shown ( $p < 0.01$ ). Open circle indicates seed-ROI.  
531 (D). Schematic of labeling and imaging of V1 axons.  
532 (E). Example *in vivo* two-photon image of GCaMP6s-labeled V1 axons in PM  
533 (F). Example time course of locomotion speed, mismatch events and dF/F of ROIs in PM.  
534 (G). Pixel-based trial-averaged mismatch responses of V1 axonal boutons in example recording sites in RSP  
535 and PM  
536 (H). Trial-averaged mismatch responses from ROIs in RSP and PM. ROIs were sorted by mismatch response  
537 magnitudes.  
538 (I). Schematic of visual stimulation (drifting rectangular grating).  
539 (J). Relationship between grating response (preferred direction) and mismatch response amplitude visualized  
540 by density plot. Colors indicate the counts of ROIs in each bin.  
541 (K). Projection of the population responses to visual stimuli and mismatch events into 3-dimensional PCA  
542 space. Trajectories indicate population dynamics during stimulus presentation (0.0-1.5 s). Circles  
543 indicate offset of stimulus.

Fig. 6: Propagation of prediction error signals to the anterior cingulate cortex (ACC)



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**Figure 6. Propagation of prediction error signals to the anterior cingulate cortex (ACC)**

546 (A). Labeling of ACC-projecting neurons by AAV into the ACC of Thy1-GCaMP6f transgenic mice (left)  
547 and a confocal image of the injection site (right). The circle represents a typical glass window position  
548 for *in vivo* two-photon imaging.

549 (B). Fluorescent images of recording sites (left) overlaid with the retinotopic mapping result (right). The  
550 real boundary of the dorsal visual areas is outlined. Boxes indicate the example imaging site in (A).

551 (C). *In vivo* two-photon images of the RSP and PM/AM.

552 (D). Trial-averaged mismatch response from the RSP. Left: Averaged response of all recorded neurons in  
553 the RSP (n = 1092 tdTomato<sup>-</sup> cells, n = 265 tdTomato<sup>+</sup> cells from 4 mice). Right: Averaged response  
554 in ACC-projecting RSP neurons.

555 (E). As in (D) for PM/AM neurons (n = 361 tdTomato<sup>-</sup> cells, n = 193 tdTomato<sup>+</sup> cells from 4 mice).

556 (F). Mismatch response magnitude (mean of 0.0-1.5 s) distribution of ACC-projecting neurons.

557 (G). Correlation coefficient between locomotion speed and neural activity of ACC-projecting neurons  
558 under the darkness.

559 (H). Optogenetic silencing of ACC-projection feedforward circuits. Inset shows laser-illuminated area.

560 (I). Time course of pupil dilation response to mismatch events for relatively slower trials (left) and faster  
561 trials (right). Shaded regions indicate the SEM.

562 (J). Distribution of pupil response magnitude (Ctrl. vs. Stim.:  $p = 0.227$  in  $<25\text{cm/s}$  trials;  $p = 0.010$  in  
563  $>25\text{cm/s}$  trials, by Mann–Whitney U-test).

564 (K). Schematic of the hierarchical predictive coding process of visuomotor signals.

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729 **Methods**

730 **Animals**

731 All animal procedures were conducted according to institutional and national guidelines, and were  
732 approved by the Animal Care and Use Committee of Nagoya University. All efforts were made to reduce  
733 the number of mice used and minimize their suffering and pain. C57BL/6J mice were purchased from  
734 Nihon SLC. Thy1-GCaMP6f (GP5.17) mice were purchased from the Jackson Laboratory  
735 (JAX025393)<sup>37</sup>. Mice were maintained in a temperature-controlled room (24 °C ± 1 °C) under a 12 h  
736 light/dark cycle with *ad libitum* access to food and water. Mice aged 11–28 weeks were used for the  
737 virtual reality (VR) experiments because of the body size needed for adaptation to head-fixed VR. All  
738 mice were reared under the normal light/dark cycle to evaluate the effect of their experiences in the VR.

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740 **AAV production**

741 All plasmids were constructed as previously described<sup>59–61</sup>, sequence-verified, and tested by transient  
742 expression in HEK293T cells before virus production. The AAVs were generated in HEK293T cells and  
743 purified by density gradient centrifugation, as previously described<sup>60,61</sup>. Genome titers of the AAVs were  
744 quantified by qPCR for the WPRE sequence. The titers of AAV-PHP.eB-hSyn-jGCaMP7f and AAV-  
745 PHP.eB-hSyn-GFP were  $3.25 \times 10^{13}$  and  $2.96 \times 10^{13}$  vg/mL, respectively. The AAV9-CAG-DIO-  
746 GtACR2-FusionRed-Kv2.1, AAV2retro-ESyn-iCre, and AAV2retro-hSyn-tdTomato were  $1.10 \times 10^{13}$ ,  
747  $1.42 \times 10^{13}$ , and  $1.02 \times 10^{10}$  vg/mL, respectively. Virus aliquots were stored at –80 °C until use.

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749 **G-deleted rabies virus production**

750 A G-deleted rabies viral vector encoding green fluorescent protein (RVΔG-GFP) was produced as  
751 previously described<sup>59–62</sup>. In brief, RVΔG-GFP was recovered by transfection of B7GG cells with the  
752 rabies viral genome vector pSAD-B19ΔG-GFP, pcDNA-SAD-B19N, pcDNA-SAD-B19P, pcDNA-

753 SAD-B19L, and pcDNA-SAD-B19G. For *in vivo* injection, RVΔG-GFP was amplified in ten 15-cm  
754 dishes in 3% CO<sub>2</sub> at 35 °C, filtered using a 0.45-μm filter, concentrated by two rounds of  
755 ultracentrifugation, and titrated with HEK-293T cells. The titer of RVΔG-GFP was 1.0 – 1.2 × 10<sup>9</sup>  
756 infectious units/mL. Virus aliquots were stored at –80 °C until use.

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758 **Retro-orbital virus injection and surgery**

759 The AAV-PHP.eB-hSyn-jGCaMP7f was injected at 100 μL into the retro-orbital sinus of mice using a  
760 30-gauge needle under deep anesthesia with a mixture of medetomidine hydrochloride (0.75 mg/kg;  
761 Nihon Zenyaku), midazolam (4 mg/kg; Sandoz), and butorphanol tartrate (5 mg/kg; Meiji Seika). Skull  
762 skin and membrane tissue on the skull were carefully removed, and the skull surface was covered with  
763 clear dental cement (204610402CL, Sun Medical) 14–20 days after virus injection. A custom-made metal  
764 head-plate was implanted onto the skull for stable head fixation. The visibility of GCaMP- or GFP-  
765 derived green fluorescence was verified under a fluorescent microscope (M165FC, Leica). During  
766 surgery, the eyes were covered with ofloxacin ointment (0.3%) to prevent dry eye and unexpected injuries,  
767 and body temperature was maintained with a heating pad. After surgery, mice were injected with  
768 atipamezole hydrochloride solution (0.75 mg/kg; Meiji Seika) for rapid recovery from the effect of  
769 medetomidine hydrochloride.

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771 **Virus injection for retrograde or anterograde labelling**

772 Viral solution was injected stereotactically into the mouse brain, as described previously<sup>62</sup>. Briefly, 8-  
773 week-old mice were anesthetized using the same procedure as that for retro-orbital injection. Mice were  
774 head-fixed on a stereotaxic apparatus (David Kopf Instruments). RVΔG-GFP (400 nL for each location)  
775 was injected into RSPa (AP: –1.5 mm, ML: 0.2–0.3 mm, depth: 0.3 and 0.6 mm from bregma) or RSPp  
776 (AP: –3.0 mm, ML: –0.5 mm, depth: 0.5 and 1.0 mm from bregma) at 100 nL/min with pulsed air

777 pressure. AAV2retro-hSyn-tdTomato (400 nL) was injected into the ACC region (AP: -0.4 mm, ML: 0.5  
778 mm, depth: 1.0 mm) according to the same surgical procedure of RVΔG injection. Injection sites of  
779 AAV9-CAG-axonGCaMP6s (200–300 nL) were determined by with intrinsic signal optical imaging in  
780 two of the four mice per treatment group, while injection sites in the other two mice per group were  
781 defined by distance from their bregma.

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783 **Immunostaining**

784 Mice were anesthetized and transcardially perfused with 50 mL of phosphate buffered saline (PBS)  
785 followed by 50 mL of 4% paraformaldehyde (PFA, Nacalai) in PBS. Brains were post-fixed with 4%  
786 PFA in PBS, 15% sucrose in PBS overnight, and then with 30% sucrose in PBS. The brains were  
787 subjected to histological analysis as described previously<sup>60,62</sup>. Cryoprotected samples were sectioned at  
788 a thickness of 40 µm on a freezing microtome (REM-710, Yamato Kohki). The sections were rinsed with  
789 PBS, blocked for 1–2 h in blocking solution (50% Blocking One (Nacalai, 03953-95) in 0.1% Triton X-  
790 100/PBS (PBST)), and then incubated overnight at 4°C with primary antibodies: rabbit anti-GFP (1:3000,  
791 Abcam, ab6556), rat anti-GFP (1:1000, Nacalai, 04404-84), chicken anti-GFP (1:2000, Abcam,  
792 ab13970), rabbit anti-DsRed (1:1000, Clontech, 632496), goat anti-parvalbumin(1:500, Swant, PVG-  
793 213), rat anti-somatostatin (1:500, Millipore, MAB354), and rabbit anti- vasoactive intestinal peptide  
794 (1:400, ImmunoStar, 20077) in 5% Blocking One/0.1% PBST. After three washes with 0.01% PBST,  
795 the sections were incubated with Alexa Fluor 488-, 594-, 647-labelled donkey anti-rabbit IgG, anti-rat  
796 IgG, anti-goat (all 1:1000, Jackson, 711-545-152, 711-585-152, 711-605-152, 712-585-153, 712-605-  
797 153, 705-605-147) and DAPI (1:800, 1.25 µg/ml; Wako).

798 Images of immunofluorescence staining were acquired using a laser scanning confocal microscope  
799 (Zeiss, LSM800) with a Plan Apo 10× (Zeiss, NA 0.45) or Plan Apo 20× (Zeiss, NA 0.75) objective.  
800 The specificity of the primary antibodies was confirmed by typical staining patterns. None of the

801 observed labeling was owing to nonspecific binding of secondary antibodies or autofluorescence in the  
802 fixed tissue because sections treated with secondary antibodies alone had no detectable signals. The  
803 acquired data were processed using ImageJ/Fiji for visualization.

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805 **VR environment**

806 Mice were head-fixed but free to run forward or backward on a treadmill. Three frameless 3/4-inch  
807 monitors (LP097QX1, LG) covered with antireflective film (TB-A18MFLKB, ELECOM) were used for  
808 visual stimulation. A 120-mm diameter urethane sponge was used as a treadmill stage. For two-photon  
809  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  imaging, backlight flickering was synchronized to the X-axis scan of the microscope to reduce light  
810 contamination. The renderings displayed on these monitors were precisely synchronized to a “Mosaic”  
811 function provided by the graphics card (Quadro P4000 or RTX-A2000, NVIDIA). Speed of the subject's  
812 locomotion was monitored at the rotary encoder (360 pulses/cycle) connected to a microcontroller  
813 (Arduino Uno or Nano every, Arduino CC). The time series data of running speed were smoothed offline  
814 using a Savitzky–Golay filter (order = 3, frame length = 21). Visual feedback was provided by custom-  
815 written software using Open-GL API in MATLAB (MATLAB 2020a, MathWorks) or Python.  
816 MATLAB-based software was used in the wide-field imaging experiments. Python-based software was  
817 used in the two-photon imaging, optogenetic, and electrophysiological recording experiments. The  
818 latency of visual feedback was typically <50 ms (corresponding to <3 frames). The timing trigger for  
819 mismatch events was sent by the data acquisition board on the master PC (USB-6343, National  
820 Instruments) and received by the data acquisition board on the stimulus PC (USB-6002, National  
821 Instruments). For two-photon imaging experiments, the backlight LED of the monitors were  
822 synchronized to the resonant scanner turnaround points to prevent light contamination from fluorescence  
823 and visual feedback monitors. The TTL pulse for synchronization was generated by FPGA-based board  
824 (Analog discovery 2, Digilent)

825 For wide-field imaging data (Figs. 1, 2 and 5), the virtual environment simulated an infinite corridor  
826 with blurred random dot patterns. The patterns on the left and right walls were symmetrical, with no  
827 distinct landmarks. For cellular or axonal imaging, extracellular recording, and optogenetic experiments,  
828 mice were located on a virtual linear track with landmarks (200 cm/lap, four landmarks, Fig. 3). Visual  
829 flow stimuli were presented within the same VR environment. The flow speed corresponded to 31 cm/s  
830 locomotion for the 1.5 sec/trial. The rotary encoder speed, LED power, exposure timing, and mismatch  
831 or forced visual flow timing were recorded by the data acquisition interface of the master PC using a  
832 custom-written MATLAB application at a 20-kHz sampling rate. Mouse eye position, pupil size, and  
833 face were monitored by a machine vision camera equipped with an array of 940 nm IR-LEDs (AE-  
834 LED56V2, Akizuki-denshi), and a triacetate long-pass filter (cutoff wavelength = 820 nm, IR-82,  
835 Fujifilm). Room lights were off during the training and imaging sessions.

836 In the closed-loop VR condition, mismatches were triggered by a random timing generator program.  
837 Mice were habituated under the head-fixed VR condition for 1–2 h sessions for 3–5 days (Fig. 1) or 5–  
838 9 days (Fig. 3–7) until they showed regular locomotion in the VR setup. Each imaging session under  
839 closed-loop VR also began with a habituation period of 15–30 min. For smooth head fixation, light  
840 anesthetization with (1.0%–1.5% isoflurane) was used at the beginning of the first habituation session.

841 In the semi-closed-loop VR (SCL-VR) condition, mismatch events were triggered by the stimulus  
842 PC in real-time when mouse locomotion speed exceeded a defined threshold (>12.0 cm/s, refractory  
843 period = 4.0 s). The logic flow of visual feedback in the SCL-VR is represented in Figure 2A. Six mice  
844 were habituated for 5 consecutive days (Fig. 2), and three of these were subsequently trained under the  
845 SCL-VR condition to experience predictable visuomotor mismatches (ME group), while the remaining  
846 three were trained under the regular closed-loop VR condition as predictable mismatch-inexperienced  
847 mice (NE group). The NE group mice were also habituated under the SCL-VR for an additional four  
848 days before the second imaging session (Fig. S9). The duration of habituation was 0.5 h for the first day

849 and 1.5 h for days 2–5. On the first day of the habituation session, mice were habituated to darkness and  
850 treadmill running with head fixation.

851 Drifting grating stimuli and open-loop playback stimuli were presented on the same monitor as the  
852 VR using psychopy. Eight-direction rectangular gratings were presented 10 times for each direction  
853 (duration = 1.5 s, intertrial interval = 2.0 s). For open loop playback (playback-halt stimuli), screen  
854 captured video (captured in closed-loop mismatch imaging block) were presented using the “Movie stim”  
855 method of psychopy.

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857 **Wide-field  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  imaging**

858 Calcium-dependent fluorescent signals from jGCaMP7f were acquired using a customized macroscope  
859 (THT, Brainvision) with a tandem lens design (a pair of Plan Apo 1 $\times$ , WD = 61.5 mm, Leica) and epi-  
860 illumination system (see Fig. S2). An alternating excitation method was used to filter the calcium-  
861 independent fluctuation from the  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  signal. Alternating blue (M470L4, Thorlabs) and violet (M405L3,  
862 Thorlabs) LEDs provided the excitation, which was filtered by additional band-pass filters (blue: #86-  
863 352, Edmund; violet: FBH400-40, Thorlabs). The excitation light was spatially equalized in the imaging  
864 area by a glass diffusion filter (DGUV10-600, Thorlabs). The average excitation LED power delivered  
865 to the surface was <5.0 mW. Fluorescent emission was passed through a dichroic mirror (FF495-Di03,  
866 Semrock) and a combination of long- and short-pass filters (FEL0500 and FESH0650, Thorlabs) to an  
867 sCMOS camera (ORCA-Fusion, Hamamatsu Photonics). The timing of the excitation light was  
868 controlled by a global exposure timing signal from the camera. The timing signal to switch the LED was  
869 processed with an FPGA-based logic circuit (Analog Discovery 2) and binary-counter IC (TC4520BP,  
870 Toshiba) in real time. In addition, the timing and power of the light source were monitored by a high-  
871 sensitivity photodetector (PDA10A2, Thorlabs).

872 All fluorescent emission images were recorded using HCImage Live software (Hamamatsu  
873 Photonics). Time-lapse images were acquired at  $576 \times 576$  pixels ( $4 \times 4$  pixels binning). Single-shot  
874 high-resolution images ( $2304 \times 2304$  pixels) were also acquired to identify anatomical landmarks at the  
875 end of the imaging session. The sampling rate of each wavelength image was 20.0 Hz, and the practical  
876 exposure time (the duration of LED illumination per single frame) was 13.5 ms. The field of view was  
877 blocked from the light of the VR monitor by custom 3D-printed poly-lactic acid parts painted with matt  
878 black lacquer composition to prevent the contamination of the fluorescent signal and visual stimuli. All  
879 imaging sessions were shorter than 2.5 h. The surface of the coated skull was covered with a silicone  
880 material after the imaging session to maintain the visibility of the fluorescence. Only mice that showed  
881 regular locomotion on the treadmill were tested in further experiments.

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### 883 **Extracellular recording**

884 All extracellular recordings were performed with 32-channel silicon probes (A1x32-Poly2-10mm-50s-  
885 177 or A1x32-Poly3-5mm-25s-177, NeuroNexus) and an Open-Ephys Acquisition Board or a 384-  
886 channel Neuropixels 1.0 probe connected to a PXI-based system. Open-Ephys GUI was used for  
887 acquisition software<sup>63</sup>. Recorded signals were further processed using a spike-interface package (filtered  
888 at 600–6000 Hz for NeuroNexus data or 300–10000 Hz for Neuropixels data), and a common median  
889 reference was used for removing artifacts. The Neuropixels probe was inserted 3.2–3.85 mm beneath the  
890 cortical surface to measure responses in the LGN and V1 (Fig. S10); the hippocampus traversed by the  
891 probe were likewise recorded. Spike sorting was performed using Kilosort (version 2.0 for 32-channel  
892 NeuroNexus probe, version 2.5 for the Neuropixels probe)<sup>64</sup>. Intrinsic signal optical imaging was  
893 performed for all subjects to identify insertion points for V1 and PM. Insertion trajectory planning for  
894 the Neuropixels probe was based on Allen CCFv3. Accurate targeting was confirmed by post-hoc  
895 validation with DiI staining all mice. Detected clusters were manually inspected and curated using the

896 Phy package. Mice were trained for at least one session in the dark in a head-fixed position (Track 3, Fig.  
897 3), and five sessions in the closed-loop VR (Track1, Fig. 3). Two to four recordings were performed per  
898 mouse. Mice were settled in at least two re-habituation sessions (at Track 1) after each recording session.  
899 Five mice (recorded by the NeuroNexus probe) were recorded in Track 1–3. Four mice (recorded by the  
900 Neuropixels 1.0 probe) were recorded in Track 1 and 3.

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902 **Two-photon Ca<sup>2+</sup> imaging**

903 Two-photon Ca<sup>2+</sup> imaging experiments were performed as previously described<sup>65</sup> with modifications  
904 using a dual-plane imaging microscope. The water-immersion objective lens (CFI75 LWD 16× W, Nikon,  
905 NA0.8) and femtosecond laser (Insight DeepSee+, Spectra-Physics) were equipped for two-photon  
906 imaging. To monitor the neural activity without animal tilting, the objective was mounted on a custom-  
907 built extension and rotation adapter. A spatial light modulator and electrically tunable lens were used to  
908 image two planes at 30.1 Hz total frame rate (~15.05 Hz per plane) using 920 nm excitation. A head plate  
909 was implanted on Thy-1 GCaMP6f mice in the same manner as for the wide-field imaging. AAV2retro-  
910 hSyn-tdTomato was injected into the ACC to label ACC-projecting neurons. A layered glass imaging  
911 window was implanted after virus injection surgery. One to three recording sessions were performed per  
912 mouse (at Track-1 in Fig. 3). At least two re-habituation sessions in the complete closed-loop VR  
913 environment were performed between each recording session.

914 Axon bouton imaging was performed by single plane with faster frame rate (~30.14 Hz). Non-rigid  
915 image registration and preprocessing were performed using suite2p<sup>66</sup>. Detected ROIs were manually  
916 selected to reject false positive ROIs. ROIs that have highly correlated activity during an imaging session  
917 (Pearson's  $r > 0.85$ ) were merged to prevent overcounting of boutons from the same neurons.

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919 **Pathway-specific inhibition**

920 Pathway-specific inhibition during mismatch periods was performed by optogenetics using GtACR2  
921 with 488-nm stimulation (Coherent, OBIS 488). The total stimulation laser power was set at 40 mW  
922 (~1.45 mW/mm<sup>2</sup>). Following training in the VR, AAV2retro-ESyn-iCre (300 nL) was injected into the  
923 bilateral ACC (0.3–0.5 mm lateral and 0.4–0.5 mm posterior from bregma), and AAV9-CAG-DIO-  
924 GtACR2-FusionRed (500 nL) was injected into the anteromedial part of the bilateral PM (1.8 mm lateral  
925 and 3.0 mm posterior from bregma). Behavioral tests were conducted 3–4 weeks post-injection, followed  
926 by two recording sessions. In the first session, visuomotor mismatches were presented at random timing  
927 (10% probability per second) with laser stimulation on 50% of mismatch trials). In the second session,  
928 no visuomotor mismatch events were presented, but laser stimulation was delivered with random timing.  
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930 **Processing of wide-field imaging data**

931 Acquired images were compressed to 288 × 288 pixels, and then motion correction was performed with  
932 the 405-nm excited images using efficient subpixel image registration algorithms. A single template  
933 image for registration was used for the motion correction procedure in each imaging session. Each pixel  
934 signal was processed by the linear regression method. The 405-nm channel was resampled at 40.0 Hz  
935 using the interpolation method, and then interpolated values were used for signal correction of the 470-  
936 nm channel. The processed signal was smoothed using a moving average filter (width: 50 ms). Thereafter,  
937 all frames were registered to the top-view image of ACCF (330 × 285 pixels, corresponding to 13.2 ×  
938 11.4 mm in the ACCF) using two anatomical landmarks along the midline (the center of the olfactory  
939 bulb and base of the RSP) according to a previous study with modifications (Fig. S3)<sup>65</sup>. The scale bar is  
940 absent in the registered images because of image transformation from the raw recorded image.  
941 Registration to the ACCF was confirmed for every mouse using both resting-state connectivity and

942 retinotopic maps (Fig.1 and S3). A two-dimensional Gaussian filter was applied for pixel-based  
943 presentation of results (sigma = 2 pixels).

944 To quantify the change in dF/F of the mismatch, visual feedback, and locomotion onset events, we  
945 defined the baseline frame for each event trial. The baseline frame of each trial was the average of the  
946 frames during 0.50 s for random mismatch (Fig. 1 and 2), and 0.25 s for semi-closed-loop VR before  
947 event onset. Since visual flow speed and wall texture were symmetric, the images or dF/Fs of the left and  
948 right hemispheres were computed independently, then data from the same trials were averaged (the image  
949 of the left hemisphere was mirrored) in all experiments except for the pixel-based correlation analysis.  
950 For the ROI-based analysis, the size of the ROI was  $4 \times 4$  pixels. Maps of *p*-values were calculated from  
951 one-sided Mann–Whitney U tests.

952 A bootstrap test was used to compare results from different groups or sessions. For the NE vs. ME  
953 group comparison (Fig. 2 and S8), the trial data from each group were resampled with a bootstrap  
954 procedure and two pseudo-distributions produced from trial-averaged responses. The *p*-value was then  
955 calculated by computing the X/N overlap ratio, where X indicates the overlapping samples between the  
956 two distributions, and N indicates the number of iterations (1000 times resampling performed). For the  
957 comparison across sessions with same mouse, a pseudo-distribution was produced by subtracting the data  
958 recorded from Rec.1 and Rec. 2, and then the ratio of trials in the distribution was used to calculate *p*-  
959 values. Results of the one-sided test for each timepoint and ROI are presented in Figure S9.

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## 961 **Visuomotor state-space model**

962 To investigate neural encoding of prediction error, we conducted the following two-step analysis: (1)  
963 model-based estimation of the visuomotor prediction error based on the observed behavioral data, and  
964 (2) encoding model-based identification of the relationship between the estimated prediction error signal  
965 and neural activities.

966 In the first step, we formulated the following state-space model (SSM) to reconstruct the  
967 unobservable prediction error from observed behavioral data.

968 State equation:

969 
$$g_{t+1} = g_t + \xi_t \text{ with } g_t \sim \mathcal{N}(g_t, P_t) \text{ and } \xi_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, Q) \quad (1)$$

970 observation equation:

971 
$$f_t = g_t \cdot v_t + w_t \text{ with } f_t \sim \mathcal{N}(g_t \cdot v_t, R) \text{ and } w_t \sim \mathcal{N}(0, R) \quad (2)$$

972 where,  $f_t$ ,  $v_t$ , and  $g_t$  stand for the observed visual flow speed, observed locomotion speed, and latent  
973 gain factor at time  $t$ , respectively. In this model, the state (i.e., latent gain factor)  $g_t$  and the observation  
974  $f_t$  follow the Gaussian distribution  $\mathcal{N}(g_t, P_t)$  and  $\mathcal{N}(g_t \cdot v_t, R)$ . Note that  $P_t$  is the covariance matrix  
975 of the state value's distribution. The  $\xi_t$  and  $w_t$  indicate the state and observation noise parameters, that  
976 follow the Gaussian distributions  $\mathcal{N}(0, Q)$  and  $\mathcal{N}(0, R)$ , respectively. The  $Q$  and  $R$  are the fixed  
977 covariance parameters for the state and observation noise, respectively. As described in the experimental  
978 settings, we used mice that had learned that their locomotion speed on the treadmill is coupled to the  
979 speed of visual feedback flow in the VR environment. Therefore, we can assume that mice perform the  
980 locomotion task in the VR environment to satisfy that the visual flow  $f_t$  matches the intended locomotion  
981 speed  $v_t$  by adjusting the latent gain parameter  $g_t$  generated as a motor command signal. Based on this  
982 assumption, we can predict the visual feedback speed  $f_t$  based on the observed behavioral data (i.e.,  
983 locomotion speed  $v_t$ ) by applying the above SSM. Thus, the extent of visuomotor mismatches caused by  
984 sudden changes in the actual visual feedback  $f_{obs,t}$  can be quantified by calculating the prediction error  
985  $e_t$  between the exact and model-predicted speed of the visual flow feedback (i.e.,  $e_t = f_{obs,t} - f_t$ ). To  
986 calculate such a prediction error, the unknown value of latent gain parameter  $g_t$  should be estimated.  
987 Therefore, the following recursive Bayesian theorem was used to estimate the parameter  $g_t$  based on  
988 given observational data  $f_t$  and  $v_t$ .

989 
$$p(g_t | f_{1:T}) = \frac{p(f_t | g_t, v_t) \cdot p(g_t | f_{1:t-1})}{p(f_t | f_{1:t-1})} \quad (3)$$

990 where,  $f_{1:T}$  stands for the observation set  $f_{1:T} = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_T\}$ . The  $v_t$  indicates the observed value of  
 991 the locomotion speed at time  $t$ , which is given as a known parameter in our proposed SSM. As mentioned  
 992 above, because variables  $g_t$  and  $f_t$  both explain as a linear model following the Gaussian distributions  
 993  $g_t \sim \mathcal{N}(g_t, P_t)$  and  $f_t \sim \mathcal{N}(g_t \cdot v_t, R)$ , the above recursive Bayesian theorem can be solved by a linear  
 994 Gaussian Filtering scheme (i.e., Kalman Filter; KF). By applying the KF, the recursive estimation rule  
 995 of the parameter  $g_t \sim \mathcal{N}(g_t, P_t)$ , where the  $g_t$  and  $P_t$  stand for the mean and covariance of the Gaussian  
 996 distribution, is given as the following two calculation steps:

997 [Prediction step]:

998 
$$g_t = g_{t-1} \quad (4)$$

999 
$$P_t = P_{t-1} + Q \quad (5)$$

1000 [Update step]:

1001 
$$f_t = g_t \cdot v_t \quad (6)$$

1002 
$$K = P_t v_t^T (v_t P_t v_t^T + R)^{-1} \quad (7)$$

1003 
$$g_{t+1} = g_t + K(f_{obs,t} - f_t) \quad (8)$$

1004 
$$P_{t+1} = P_t - K v_t P_t \quad (9)$$

1005 where,  $f_{obs,t}$  and  $f_t$  indicate the exact observation and model predicted value of visual flow speed at time  
 1006  $t$ , respectively. The  $v_t$  is locomotion speed that is given observed value. The  $g_t$  is the latent gain factor  
 1007 at time  $t$ , which follows the Gaussian distributions  $\mathcal{N}(g_t, P_t)$ .  $P_t$  is covariance of the variable  $g_t$ .  $K$   
 1008 stands for the Kalman gain.

1009 Using the SSM and the KF-based estimation scheme, temporal changes in the visuomotor prediction  
 1010 error signal can be estimated from observations (in both  $f_{obs,t}$  and  $v_t$ ). Here, the visuomotor prediction  
 1011 error is evaluated as:  $e_t = f_{obs,t} - f_t$ . According to equation (8), the prediction accuracy of visual flow

1012  $f_t$  and resulting prediction error  $e_t$  would be affected by the estimation of latent gain  $g_t$ , which is  
1013 parameterized by the extent of the state covariance  $Q$ . Therefore, when computing the visuomotor  
1014 prediction error  $e_t$ , the various predictions of  $f_{obs,t}$  were evaluated under consideration with some  
1015 different parameter settings for  $Q$ . In the following neural encoding model analysis, the neural response  
1016 obtained from *in vivo* mouse brains was compared to the estimated prediction error  $e_t$  with each condition  
1017 of  $Q$ .

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1019 **Generalized linear model analysis**

1020 A generalized linear model (GLM) was used to estimate the time-dependent effects of experimentally  
1021 measured variables. This GLM analysis was performed on data from mice that experienced all VR  
1022 condition (Tracks 1–3). As explanatory variables, we used the mouse motion values (running speed,  
1023 acceleration, facial movements, blinks, eye movements, and pupil diameter), VR-related values (position,  
1024 visual flow speed, mismatch event timing, and track), and the SSM value described below. Data were  
1025 further split by VR-laps, with odd laps forming the training set and even laps the test set. We used the  
1026 “TweedieRegressor” class from the scikit-learn library for model fitting. The target distribution was set  
1027 to “Poisson”, and the GLM link function was configured as "log". To avoid overfitting, a weight vector  
1028 was estimated by solving the penalized residual sum of squares using L2 regularization. Regression  
1029 model hyperparameters were estimated through a grid-search of the training dataset.

1030 Using the GLM, we evaluated the relationship between neural activities and the prediction error ( $e_t$ )  
1031 estimated by the above-mentioned SSM modelling scheme. For quantification of the individual neuronal  
1032 sensitivity to prediction error information, two models for individual neurons were constructed: one fitted  
1033 by a predictor matrix with full kernels (full model) and the other fitted by a matrix without a prediction  
1034 error kernel (w/o SSM model). We then fit the models with each design matrix to predict the firing rates  
1035 of individual neurons and calculated the explained variance ( $R^2_{\text{Full}}$ ,  $R^2_{\text{w/o SSM}}$ ) of the full and partial

1036 models (Fig. 4). Finally, the neural encoding weight for prediction error was calculated as the difference  
1037 in explained variance ( $\Delta R^2 = R^2_{\text{Full}} - R^2_{\text{w/o SSM}}$ ).

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1039 **Correlation map and GC analysis**

1040 To examine the information flow of the mismatch responses among cortical areas, pairwise correlations  
1041 and Granger causality (GC) were computed between the activities of each ROI. GC analysis was  
1042 conducted using the multivariate GC toolbox (pairwise conditional GC is termed “GC”). Neural signals  
1043 before the mismatch onset (-1.5-0.0 s) were used to calculate the correlation map and GC magnitudes  
1044 for closed-loop periods. The hyperparameter of GC estimation (autoregressive model order) was selected  
1045 by AIC. Similarly, neural signals acquired during mismatch (0.0-1.5 s) were used to compute the  
1046 correlation maps and the GC magnitudes for mismatch periods. The correlation coefficient was computed  
1047 from the z-scored signal for each animal and the statistical significance of the correlation map was  
1048 derived using the z-statistic value per pixel. Locomotion speed was used as a threshold to distinguish the  
1049 time windows during which the subject was stationary or running in the dark (running, >6.0 cm/s;  
1050 stationary, < 0.02 cm/s), while the speed range between these two thresholds was excluded.

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1052 **Face video analysis**

1053 A single CMOS camera (DMK33UX174 or DMK33UX273, The Imaging Source) affixed to the  
1054 basement of VR system (MB3030D/M, Thorlabs) by a flexible arm to monitor facial and eye movements  
1055 during experiments. The sampling rate of the video was approximately 20 Hz. All acquired frames were  
1056 cropped to a resolution of  $640 \times 480$  or  $720 \times 480$  pixels to reduce post-processing. To evaluate the  
1057 effects of face and eye movement, the positions of facial landmarks were extracted using DeepLabCut<sup>67</sup>.  
1058 We defined the position of the eyelid (edges of the dorsal and ventral margins), pupil edge (dorsal, ventral,  
1059 anterior, and posterior margins), and nose. The “resnet\_50” configuration was used for the training of

1060 the pose estimation model. The error of extracting position was within ~3 pixels. Blinking was detected  
1061 by the rate of change in the distance between the upper and lower eyelids. Changes of > 25% of the  
1062 distance during the mismatch period was defined as a blinking trial. Grooming and irregular behaviors  
1063 were manually detected by the experimenter (R.F.T.). To extract the time series of motion energy in the  
1064 face, pymoten<sup>68</sup> was employed for the aforementioned movie data. Ten principal components calculated  
1065 by PCA were used to reduce the dimensionality of the extracted signal.

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1067 **Dorsal cortex-wide imaging under the anesthetized condition**

1068 Functional mapping of cortical areas was performed after the recovery period (4–7 days) from head-plate  
1069 implantation (see resting-state connectivity mapping and retinotopic mapping, below) and following the  
1070 training and wide-field imaging sessions under VR. Briefly, mice were lightly anesthetized by isoflurane  
1071 inhalation (1.0%–1.5%) during imaging. Body temperature was maintained with a heating pad. During  
1072 the VR-imaging session, the face was recorded with a CMOS camera under infrared illumination to  
1073 monitor mouse arousal. Sessions where the mouse showed distinct body movements were manually  
1074 identified and excluded from the analysis. The isoflurane concentration was manually controlled based  
1075 on body and facial movements as monitored by the facial camera. Visual stimuli were presented on the  
1076 same display used for VR, and the treadmill setup was replaced by a stage with a heating pad and  
1077 laboratory scissor jack.

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1079 **Resting-state connectivity mapping**

1080 Resting-state cortical  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  dynamics were recorded from mice under light isoflurane inhalation (1.0%–  
1081 1.5%) without artificial sensory stimulation. Mice received retro-orbital injections of AAV-PHP.eB-  
1082 hSyn-jGCaMP7f. The seed-based Pearson's correlation map for each ROI was then calculated. R-  
1083 squared values are used for visualization.

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1085 **Retinotopic mapping**

1086 Retinotopic mapping was performed to identify visual areas. Fluorescent signals were measured using  
1087 macroscopic imaging through the skull or two-photon imaging through a glass-implanted window (Fig.  
1088 5 and 6). Drifting checkerboard stimuli flickering at 6 Hz were presented in four directions (0, 90, 180,  
1089 and 270 degrees, T = 5 or 15 s). Typically, 30 cycles (for T = 5 s) or 19 cycles (for T = 15 s) of the stimuli  
1090 were presented to mice. Acquired images were processed by phase-encoding methods to visualize the  
1091 retinotopic map of the cortex.

1092 Intrinsic signal optical imaging was also performed for retinotopic mapping. Injection sites for axon  
1093 imaging or recording sites for extracellular electrophysiology were determined based on the identified  
1094 visual areas. Imaging experiments were performed as previously described<sup>62,69</sup>. Mice were lightly  
1095 anesthetized with isoflurane inhalation (0.8%–1.2%) in pure oxygen. Intrinsic signals from the cortex  
1096 were acquired through the resin-coated skull using a CMOS camera under 625-nm LED illumination  
1097 (M625L3, Thorlabs). The 5-Hz flickering and moving checkerboard horizontal or vertical stimuli were  
1098 presented to mice. Phase-encoding analysis was performed for acquired images, and the visual field sign  
1099 map was calculated.

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1101 **Connectivity analysis of the anatomical database**

1102 The Allen Mouse Brain Connectivity Atlas was used to quantify the anatomical connectivity among  
1103 the dorsal cortex. The atlas consists of high-resolution images of axonal projections labelled with AAV  
1104 injections into various locations. The normalized projection volume from 36 pooled experiments (RSPa-  
1105 IDs: 100140949, 166458363, 516838033, 292172100, 272735744, 267661018, 177907082, 159097209,  
1106 526502961, 166271142, 182338356, 288264753, 100148142, 166269090, 159832064, 292124058,  
1107 267658040, 308721884, 184168193, 278179794, 591535205, 287601100, 166325321, 308027576;

1108 RSPP-IDs: 157711043, 298720191, 181860879, 538078619, 584895127, 298275548, 521264566,  
1109 592540591, 166054929, 272916915, 112424813, and 182467736) was used to quantify RSPa and RSPP  
1110 output. For ease of interpretation, experiments using a combination of the Ai75 line and the CAV2-Cre  
1111 virus vector were excluded from the analysis. Multiple experimental datasets were also aggregated for  
1112 analysis of ACC input. The experiments considered relevant were identified based on their horizontal  
1113 (AP and ML axis) distance from the defined ROI in macroscopic imaging data, specifically within a  
1114 range of less than 500  $\mu$ m from the center of the ROI (Fig. S17). For ACC output analysis, all experiments  
1115 where the primary injection sites were identified as ACCd/ACCv were included (Fig. S18). These  
1116 analyses were conducted using the Allen Software Development Kit within the Google Colaboratory  
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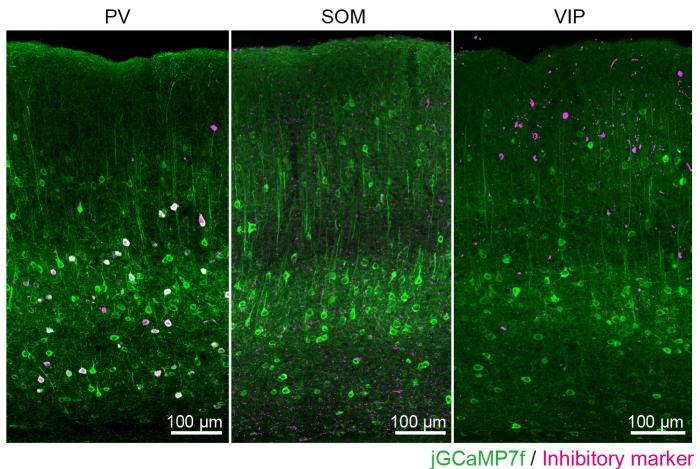
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1147 **Extended data figures:**

Fig. S1, Excitatory neuron-biased expression of GCaMP



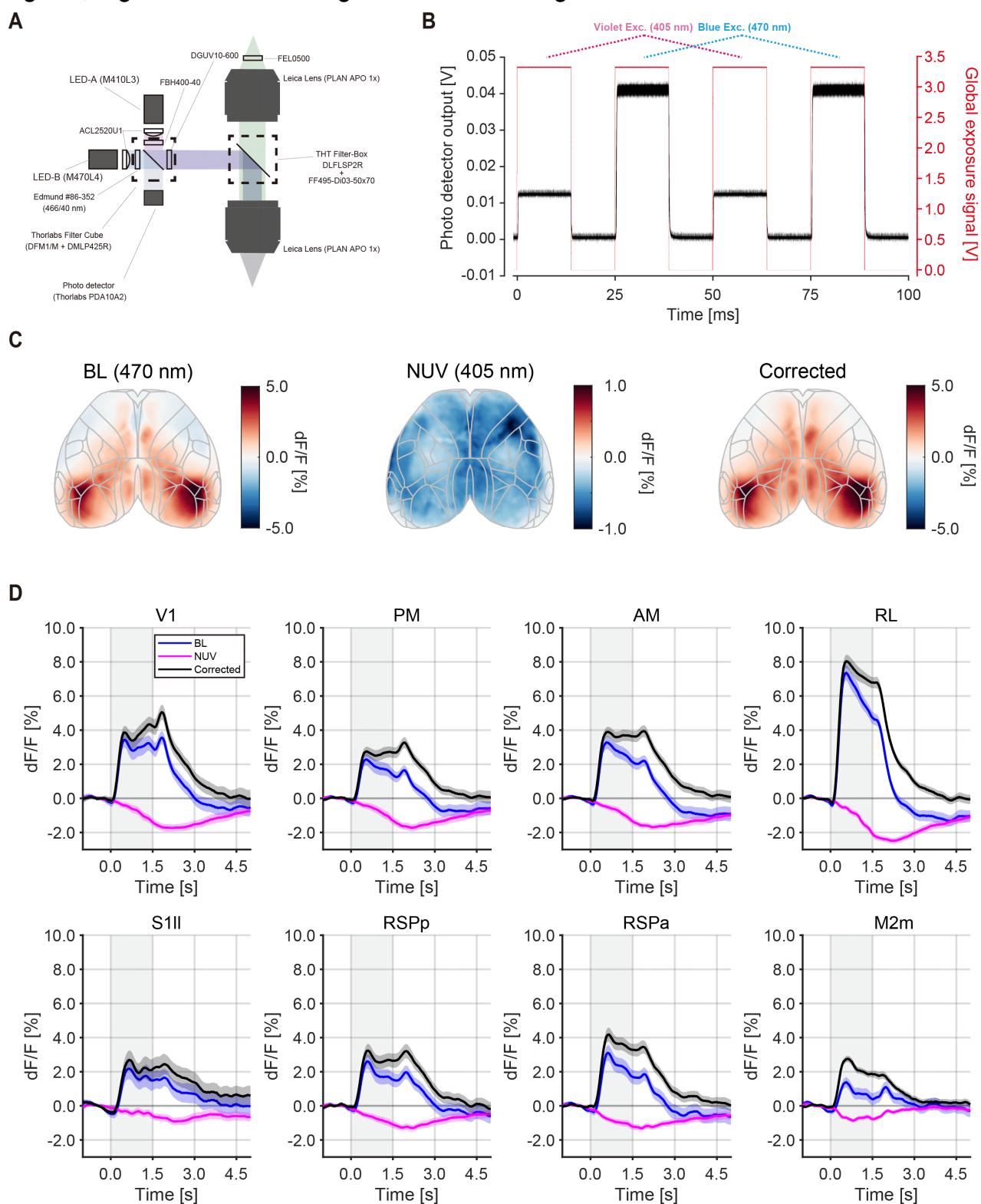
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1149 **Figure S1. Excitatory neuron-biased expression of GCaMP, related to Figure 1**

1150 Confocal images of brain sections from AAV-PHP.eB-hSyn-jGCaMP7f-infected mice immunostained for  
1151 the inhibitory neuron subtype markers parvalbumin (PV), somatostatin (SOM), and vasoactive intestinal  
1152 peptide (VIP). Most jGCaMP7f-expressing neurons in the cortex showed typical morphological features  
1153 of pyramidal cells and were distributed from superficial to deep layers. Only a few cells were positive for  
1154 both jGCaMP7f and an inhibitory neuron marker.

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Fig. S2, Signal-correction using Near ultra-violet light



1157 **Figure S2. Signal-correction using near ultra-violet light, related to Figure 1**

1158 (A) Schematic of the optical fluorescent imaging system.

1159 (B) Latency of the global exposure strobe signal from the camera to the LED illumination at 405 nm and

1160 470 nm.

1161 (C) Signal correction of neural response maps at 405 nm and 470 nm. Maps were generated by averaging

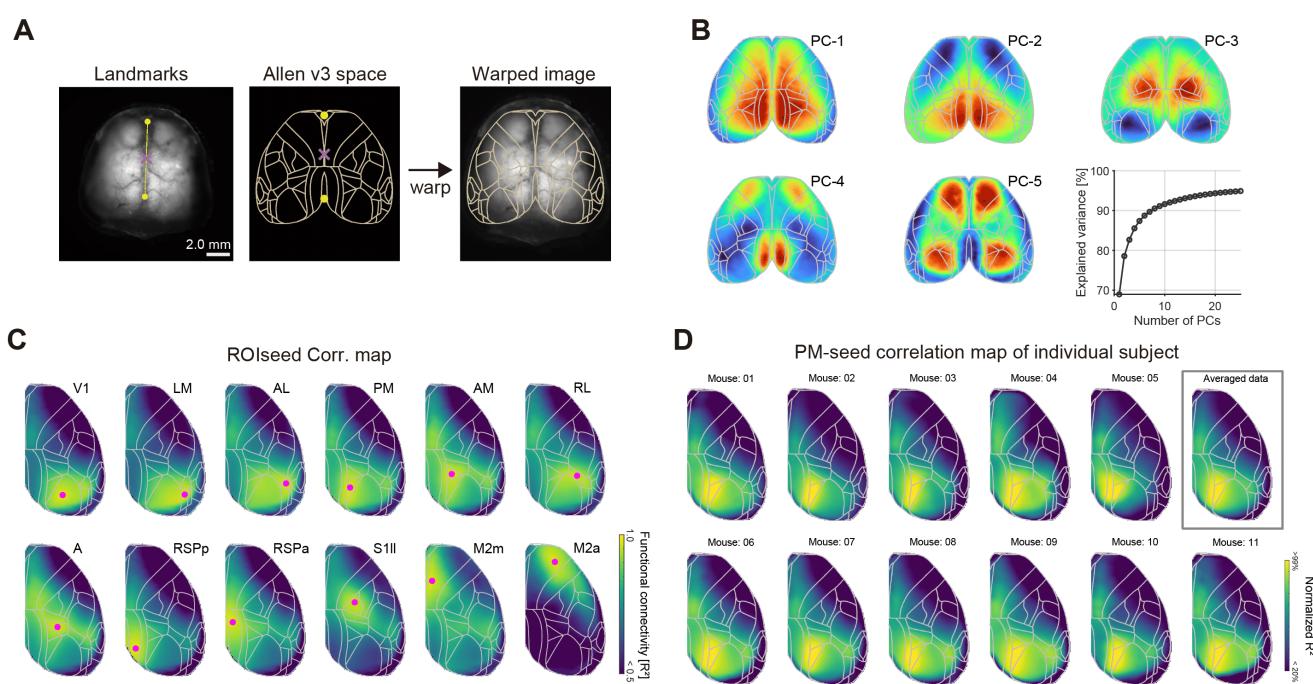
1162 the flow onset periods (0.0–1.0 s).

1163 (D) Neural responses of eight ROIs. Shaded regions represent the SEM. Gray shaded lines indicate visual

1164 flow periods.

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Fig. S3, Registration of an individual animal brain image to the Allen common coordinate framework (ACCF)



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1167 **Figure S3. Registration of an individual brain image to the Allen common coordinate**  
1168 **framework (ACCF), related to Figure 1**

1169 (A) Registration process from the acquired brain image to ACCF space. Left: Manually mapped  
1170 landmarks on the preregistration fluorescence image of the living mouse brain (illuminated by 470  
1171 nm) and the areal boundary of the ACCF space. Right: Post-registration image overlaid with an area  
1172 boundary. Gray outlines area parcellation from the ACCF. Yellow dots indicate two control points,  
1173 the center of the olfactory bulb and the base of the retrosplenial cortex (RSP). Magenta crosses  
1174 indicate the bregma.

1175 (B) Principal component analysis (PCA) of resting-state cortical activity. Weight maps of PCA  
1176 (Component 1–5) derived from six mice. Right bottom: Cumulative explained variance by PCs.

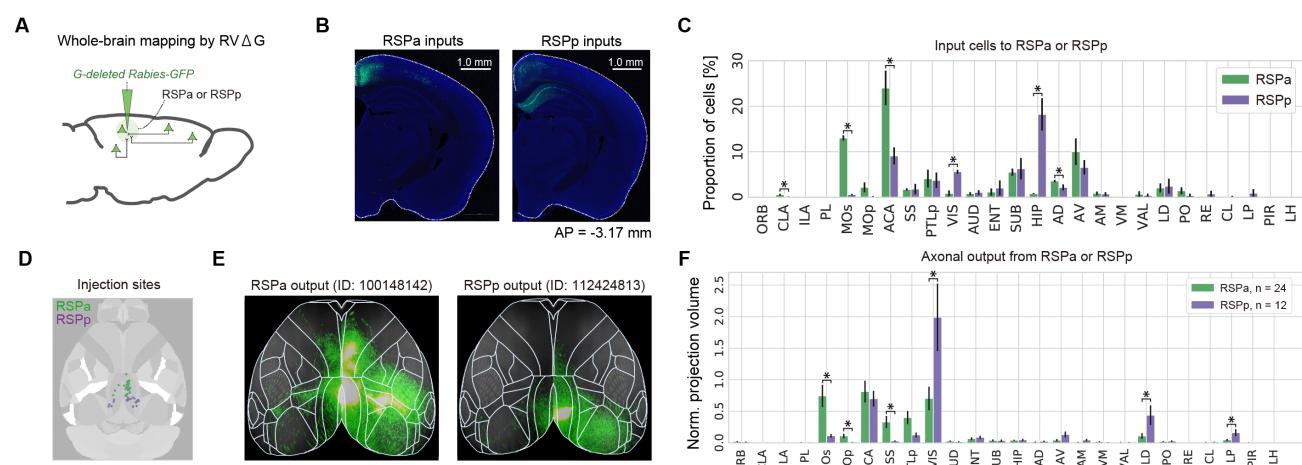
1177 (C) Functional connectivity maps of the animals shown in Figure 1. Magenta dots indicate the center of  
1178 the ROI for the seed-based correlation map. Maps are the average of the right and left hemispheres.  
1179 V1, primary visual area; LM, lateromedial visual area; AL, anterolateral visual area; PM,

1180 posteromedial visual area; AM, anteromedial visual area; RL, rostralateral visual area; S1ll, primary  
1181 somatosensory area, lower limb; RSPp, posterior part of RSP; RSPa, anterior part of RSP; M2m,  
1182 medial part of secondary motor area.

1183 (D) Seed-based (PM) correlation maps from mice used in Figure 1 and 2.

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Fig. S4. Anatomical differences in RSP Inputs and outputs across the anterior-posterior axis



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1186 **Figure S4. Anatomical differences in RSP inputs and outputs across the anterior-posterior**  
1187 **axis, related to Figure 1**

1188 (A) Schematic of retrograde tracing from RSPa or RSPp.

1189 (B) Example images of cells retrogradely labelled with RV $\Delta$ GFP.

1190 (C) Summary of inputs to RSPa or RSPp neurons. Asterisks show significant differences ( $p < 0.05$ , by  
1191 Mann–Whitney U-test).

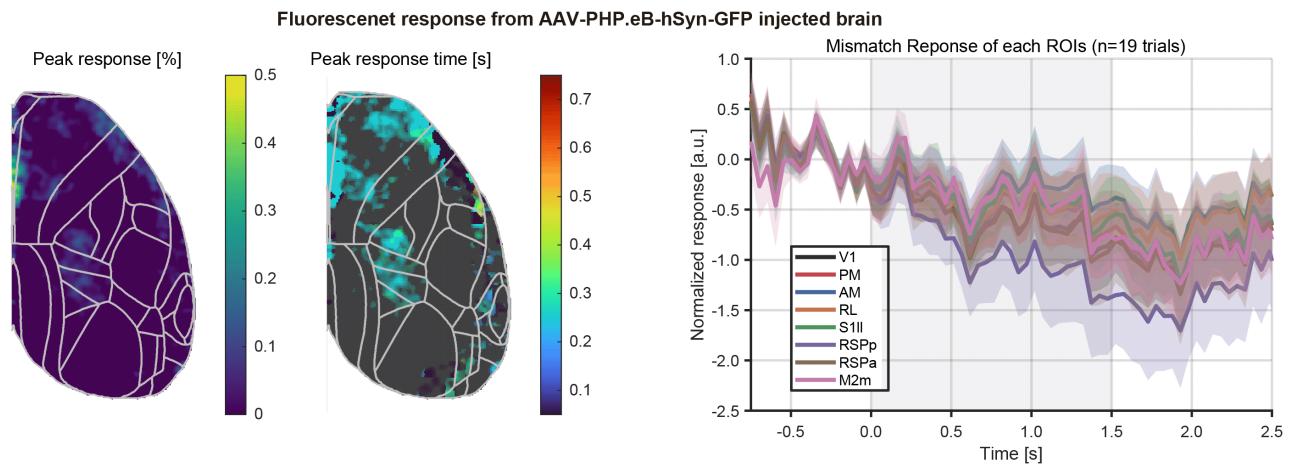
1192 (D) Anterograde injection sites from the Allen mouse brain connectivity atlas.

1193 (E) Top view of axonal cortical output for example injection experiments (adapted from the Allen mouse  
1194 brain connectivity atlas). Experiment IDs are indicated on the top.

1195 (F) Summary of inputs to RSPa or RSPp neurons. Normalized projection volume was used for the  
1196 quantification (mean  $\pm$  SEM). Asterisks show significant differences ( $p < 0.05$  by Mann–Whitney U-  
1197 test).

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Fig. S5,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  dependency of macroscopic mismatch responses

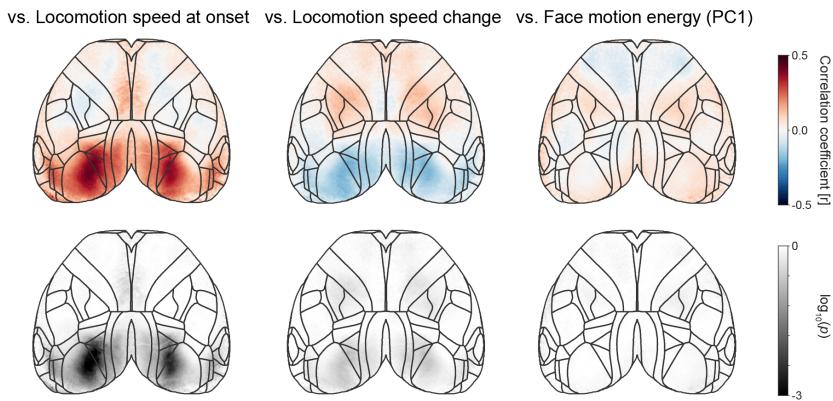


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1200 **Figure S5.  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  dependency of macroscopic mismatch responses, related to Figure 1**  
1201 Left: Peak response amplitude map during mismatch periods (0.0–1.5 s from mismatch onset); Middle:  
1202 Peak response time map during mismatch periods (0.0–1.5 s from mismatch onset); Right: Time course  
1203 of mismatch responses in each ROI.

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Fig. S6, Explained trial variance of mismatch responses

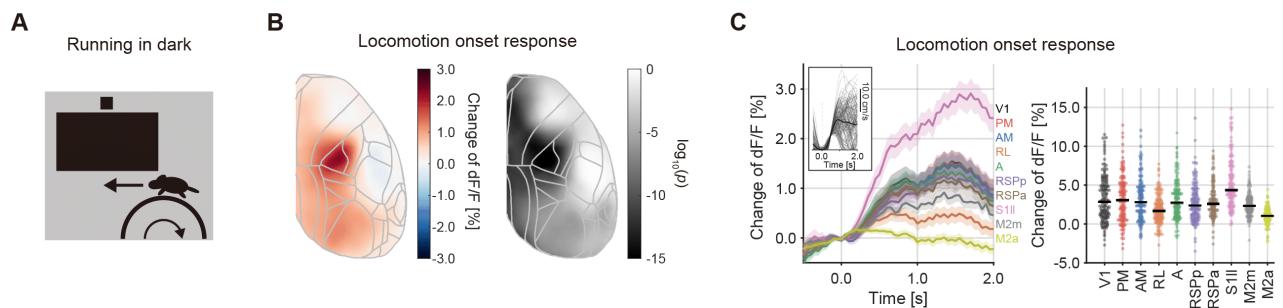


**Figure S6. Explained trial variance of mismatch responses, related to Figure 1**

Left: Pseudocolor map of Pearson's linear correlation coefficient between locomotion speed at mismatch onset and neural response magnitude. Pearson's correlation coefficient value (top) and  $p$ -value (bottom).  
Middle: Pseudocolor map of Pearson's linear correlation coefficient between change in locomotion between pre- and post-mismatch onset and neural response magnitude. Pearson's correlation coefficient value (top) and  $p$ -value (bottom).  
Right: Pseudocolor map of Pearson's linear correlation coefficient between change in the first principal component (PC1) of the motion energy between pre- and post-mismatch onset and neural response magnitude. Pearson's correlation coefficient value (top) and  $p$ -value (bottom). All results were computed from pooled data from nine mice.

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Fig. S7, Macroscopic cortical activity evoked by locomotion



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1219 **Figure S7. Macroscopic cortical activity evoked by locomotion, related to Figure 1**

1220 (A). Schematic of the experiments.

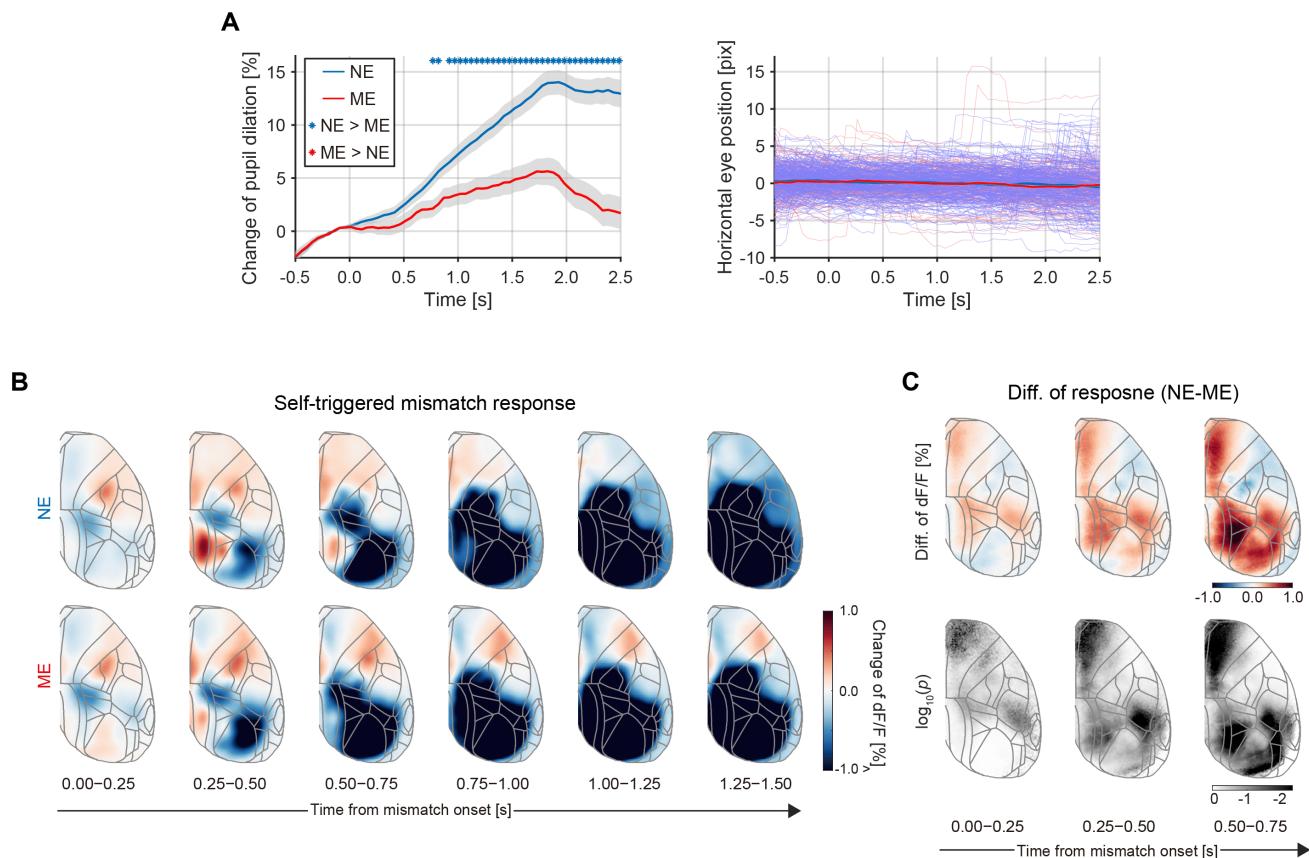
1221 (B). Locomotion onset response map. Left: Locomotion onset responses across the dorsal cortex (n = 5  
1222 mice). Right: Peak responses during the time window 0.0–1.0 s after the onset were quantified.

1223 (C). Quantification of locomotion onset responses in 10 cortical areas. Left: Locomotion onset responses  
1224 in 10 cortical areas (n = 5 mice). Inset: Running speed of each trial. Right: Peak responses during the  
1225 0.0–1.0 s time window in each area.

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Fig. S8, Time series of self-induced mismatch responses



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1229 **Figure S8. Time series of self-induced mismatch responses, related to Figure 2**

1230 (A). Time courses of pupil response and horizontal eye movements to mismatch events.

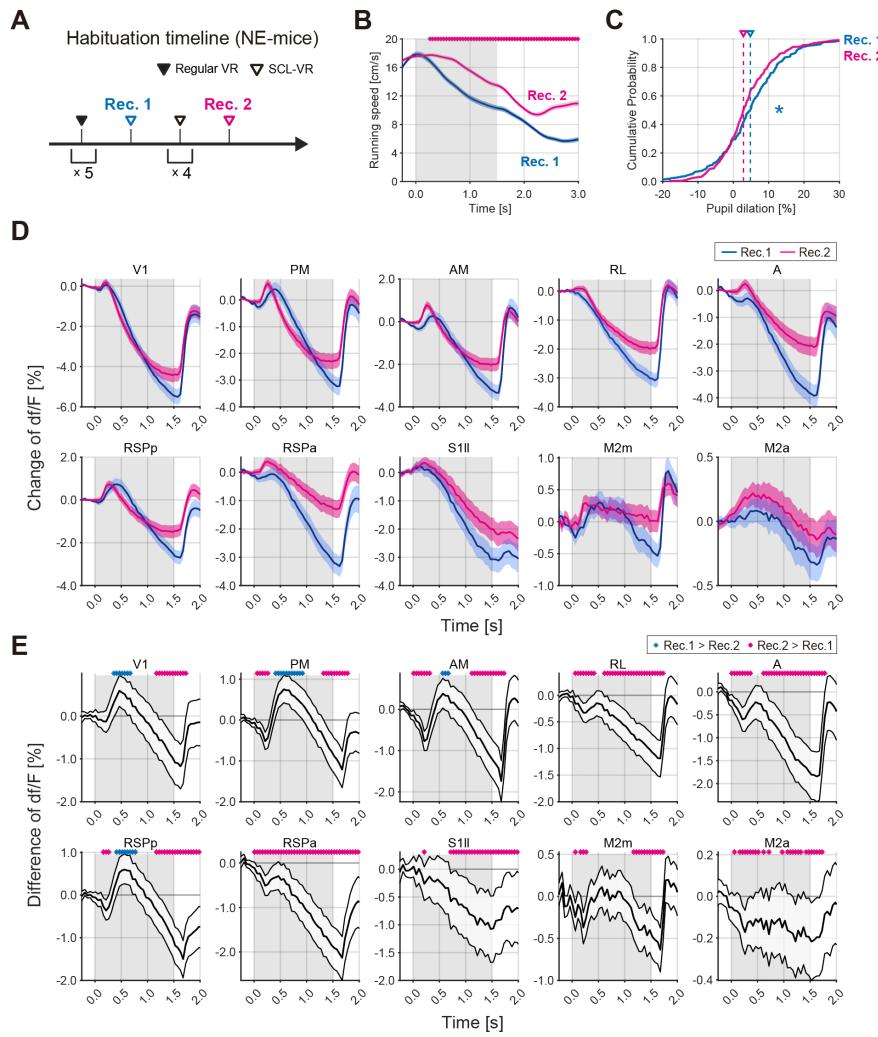
1231 (B). Trial-averaged neural responses to mismatch events (NE group: n = 268 trials from 3 mice; ME group:

1232 n = 156 trials from 3 mice).

1233 (C). Top: Difference in self-induced mismatch responses (NE minus ME). Bottom: Significant difference  
1234 between NE and ME groups by one-sided Mann-Whitney U test.

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Fig. S9, Reduction of mismatch responses by repeated exposure to self-induced mismatch VR



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1237 **Figure S9. Reduction of mismatch responses by repeated exposure to self-induced**  
 1238 **mismatch, related to Figure 2**

1239 (A). Habituation history of NE mice (as in Fig. 2).

1240 (B). Locomotion speed of NE mice during self-induced mismatch events. The shaded region indicates the  
 1241 mismatch period (0.0–1.5 s). Line traces represent means  $\pm$  SEM (blue: first recording session,  
 1242 magenta: second recording session). Dots show time bins with significant differences ( $p < 0.01$  by  
 1243 one-tailed unpaired  $t$ -test).

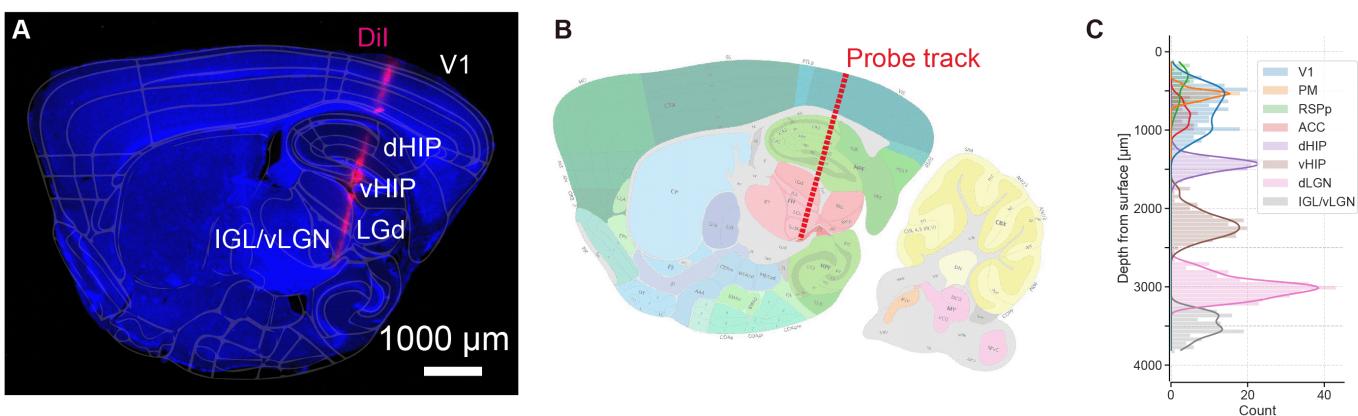
1244 (C). Cumulative distribution plot of pupil dilation responses during mismatch onset trials (0.0–1.0 s  
1245 average). Dashed line indicates the median value for each group. The asterisk indicates a significant  
1246 difference ( $p < 0.05$  by Mann–Whitney U-test).

1247 (D). Trial-averaged response traces from 10 cortical areas (ROIs). The shaded region indicates the  
1248 mismatch period (0.0–1.5 s). Blue plots area results from the first recording session. Magenta plots  
1249 are from the second recording session. Each plot is shown as a mean  $\pm$  95% confidence interval.

1250 (E). Difference in mismatch responses between recordings Rec. 1 and Rec. 2 for the same animal  
1251 (subtraction was applied between the same animal's data). Each plot is shown as a mean  $\pm$  95%  
1252 confidence interval. Dots indicate time bins with statistical significance ( $p < 0.05$  by one-tailed  
1253 bootstrap test). Dot color indicates the alternative hypothesis (blue: Rec. 1 > Rec. 2; magenta: Rec. 2  
1254 > Rec. 1).

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Fig. S10: Recording site identification of extracellular recording



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1257 **Figure S10. Recording site identification of extracellular recording, related to Figure 3**

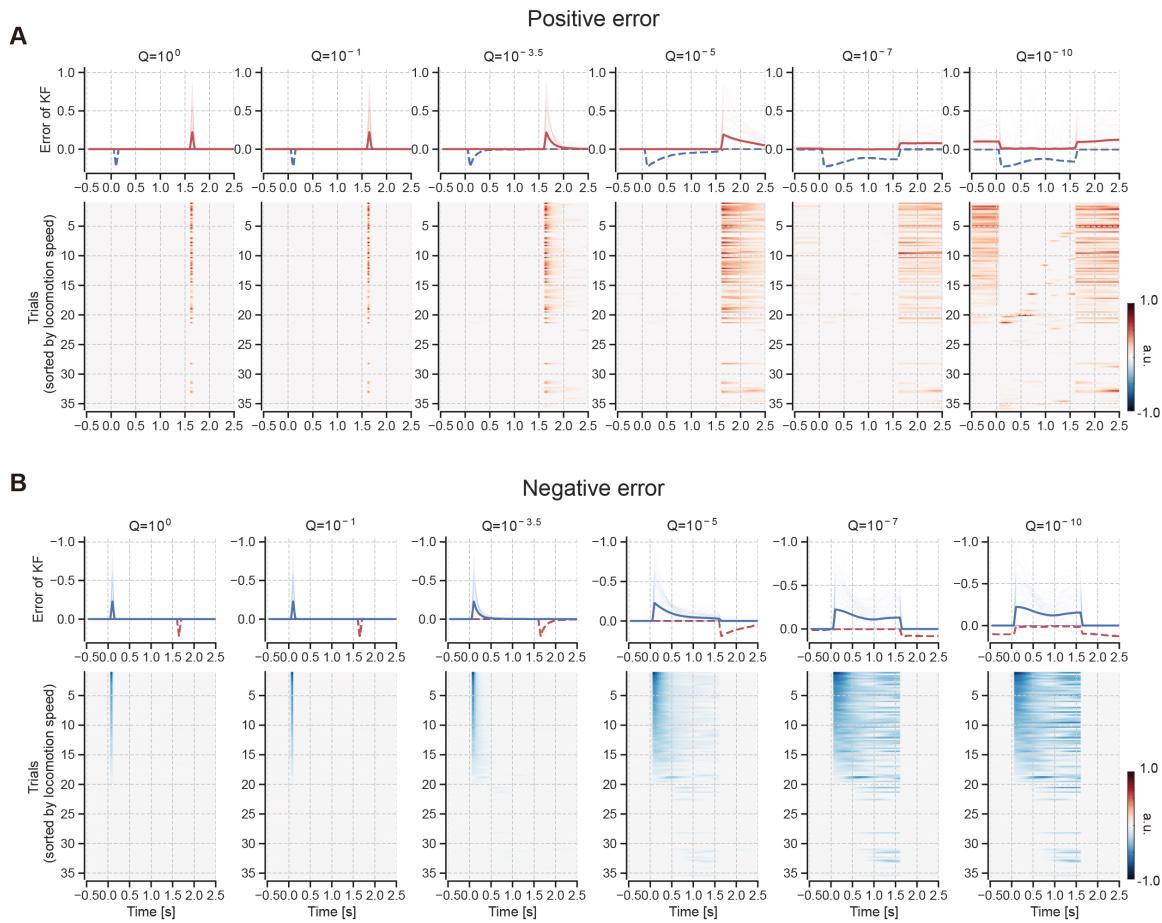
1258 (A). Sagittal image of a mouse brain stained with DAPI (blue). The probe track was visualized with Dil  
1259 (red). Areal boundaries estimated from the Allen brain atlas are overlaid.

1260 (B). Inferred probe track in the Allen CCFv3 atlas.

1261 (C). Distribution of isolated single units from the brain surface (pooled from 20 recordings).

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Fig. S11, Visuomotor prediction error computed by state-space model (SSM) variation



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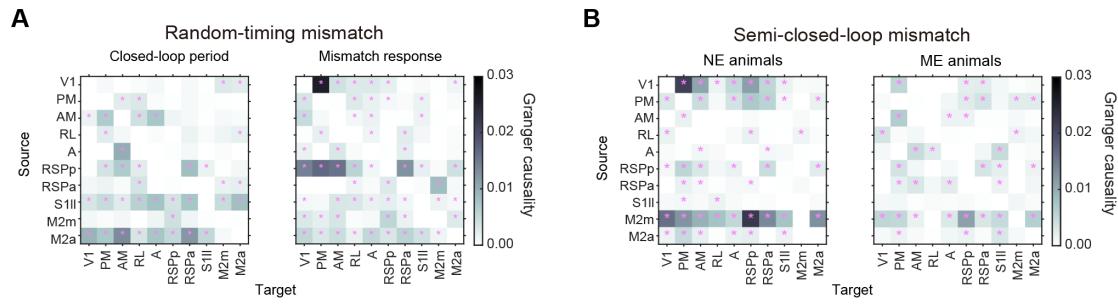
1264 **Figure S11. Visuomotor prediction error computed by state-space model (SSM) variation,**  
1265 **related to Figure 4**

1266 (A) The SSM calculated the positive visuomotor prediction errors using actual experimental data obtained  
1267 from an example session for input signals (locomotion speed and visual flow). Each column shows  
1268 the distinct patterns of prediction errors generated by the SSM using distinct Q values. Bold line  
1269 represents the trial-averaged calculated visuomotor prediction errors, while the thin red lines show the  
1270 errors from each individual trial. The dashed blue line indicates negative error outputs from the  
1271 corresponding Q models.

1272 (B) Same as in (a) but for negative error cases.

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Fig. S12: Granger causality results across dorsal cortical areas



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1275 **Figure S12. Granger causality results across dorsal cortical areas, related to Figure 5**

1276 (A). Granger causality between dorsal cortical areas during closed-loop and mismatch periods. Magenta

1277 dots represent statistical significance ( $p < 0.01$  by permutation test).

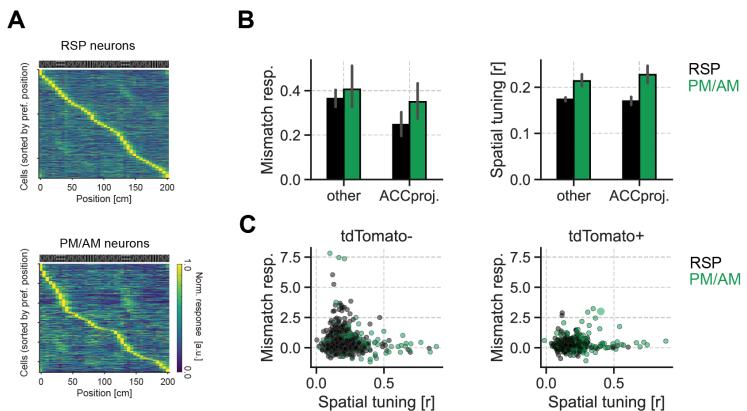
1278 (B). Granger causality between dorsal cortical areas during semi-closed-loop mismatch periods for NE

1279 and ME groups.

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Fig. S13, Tuning profiles of tdTomato +/- neurons in RSP and PM/AM



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1283 **Figure S13. Tuning profiles of tdTomato<sup>+/−</sup> neurons in RSP and PM/AM , related to Figure**  
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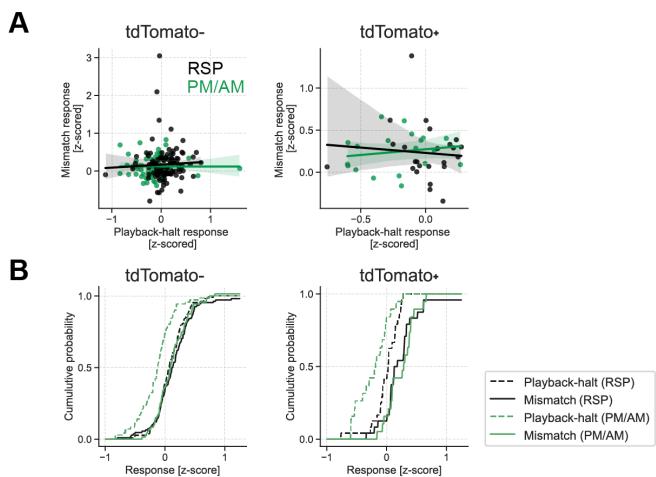
1285 (A) Sorted, trial-averaged position activity maps for all RSP and PM/AM cells.

1286 (B) Distributions of mismatch response magnitude (left) and spatial tuning (right). Error bars represent  
1287 SEM.

1288 (C) Relationship between spatial tuning strength and mismatch response magnitude in tdTomato<sup>−</sup> cells  
1289 and tdTomato<sup>+</sup> cells. Pearson's correlation coefficients are all insignificant ( $p > 0.05$ ).

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Fig. S14, Mismatch response of RSP and PM/AM neurons were not explained by visual flow halt response



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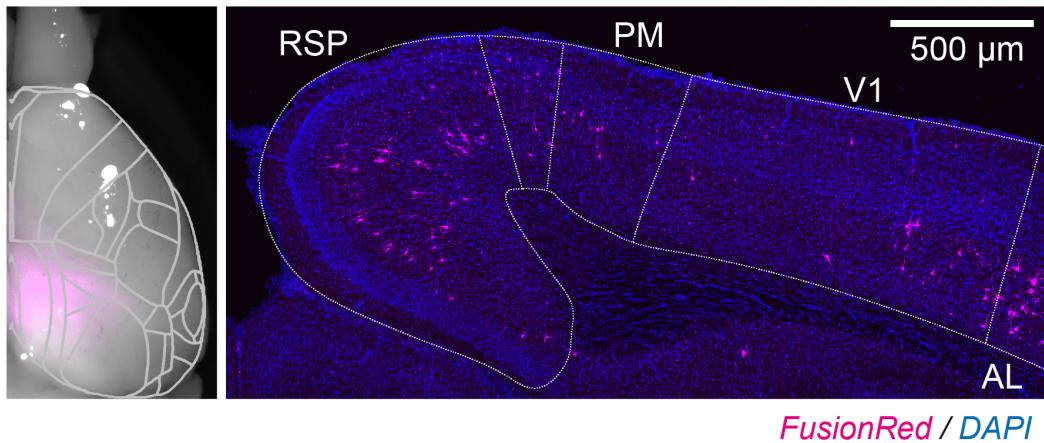
1292 **Figure S14. Mismatch responses of RSP and PM/AM neurons were not explained by visual**  
1293 **flow halt responses, related to Figure 6.**

1294 (A) Relationship between playback-halt responses and mismatch responses of individual neurons (a  
1295 subset of neurons from Fig. 4). Solid lines and shaded regions represent linear regression lines and  
1296 95% CI. The magnitude of the playback-halt responses was not significantly correlated with mismatch  
1297 response in any case (Pearson's correlation coefficient: tdTomato<sup>-</sup> RSP neurons,  $p = 0.625$ ; tdTomato<sup>-</sup>  
1298 PM/AM neurons,  $p = 0.976$ ; tdTomato<sup>+</sup> RSP neurons,  $p = 0.702$ ; tdTomato<sup>+</sup> PM/AM neurons,  $p =$   
1299 0.515).

1300 (B) Distributions of playback-halt and the mismatch response magnitudes.

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Fig. S15, Cre-dependent expression of GtACR2 in the posterior cortex



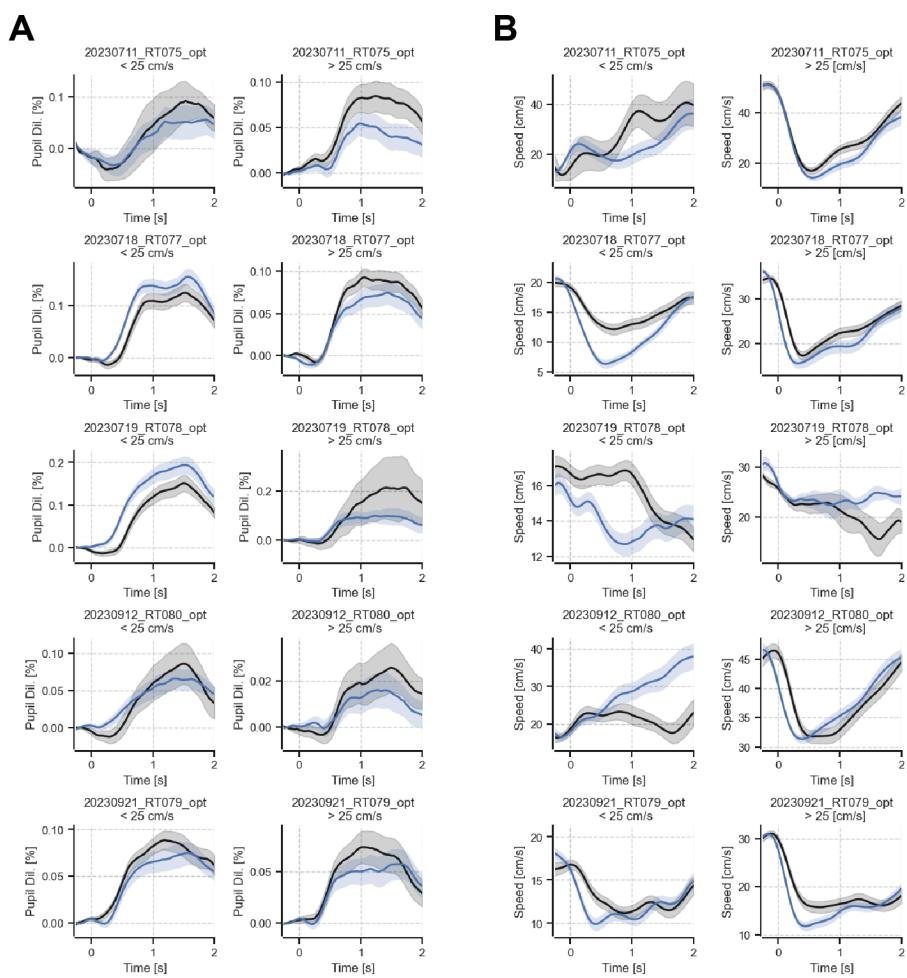
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1303 **Figure S15. Cre-dependent expression of GtACR2 in the posterior cortex, related to Figure**  
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1305 Left: Fluorescence image of FusionRed (magenta) overlaid on a bright-field image (grayscale) with the  
1306 ACCF; Right: Confocal image of FusionRed expression in the posterior medial cortex

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## Fig. S16, Effect of optogenetic manipulation in individual mice



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### Figure S16. Effect of optogenetic manipulation in individual mice, related to Figure 6.

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(A). Effect of optogenetic silencing of ACC-projecting neurons in PM/AM and RSP on pupil responses in individual animals. Black lines indicate control trials. Blue lines indicate suppression trials. Shaded areas indicate SEM.

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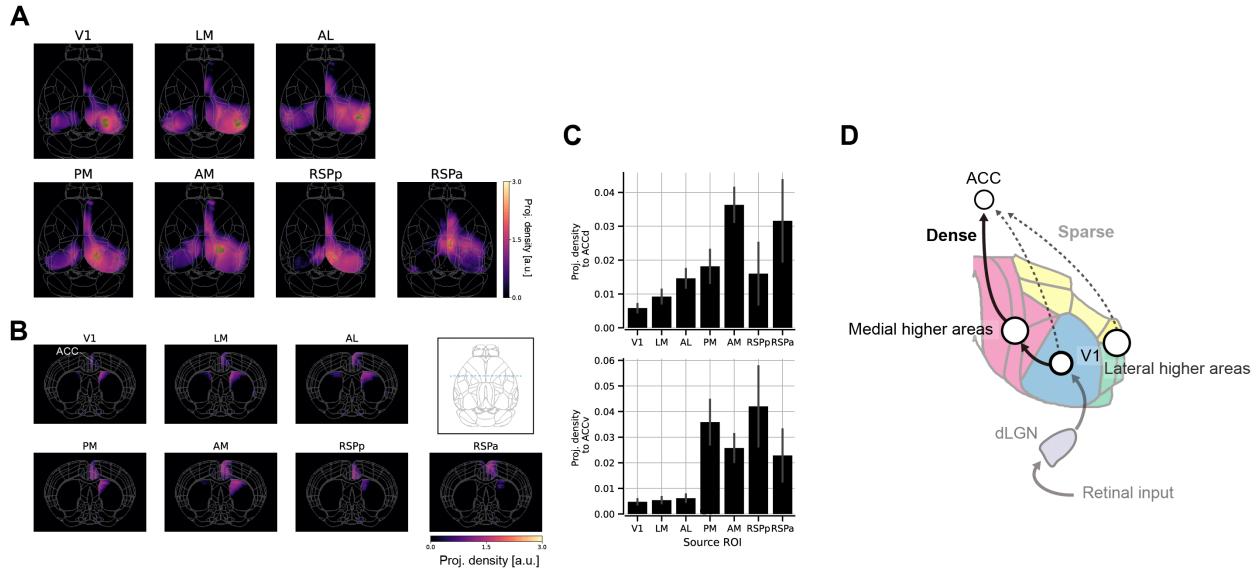
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1313 (B). Effect of optogenetic silencing of ACC-projecting neurons in PM/AM and RSP on running speed in individual animals. Black lines indicate control trials. Blue lines indicate suppression trials. Shaded areas indicate SEM.

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Fig. S17, Axonal projections from posterior cortical area to the ACC



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1317 **Figure S17. Axonal projections from posterior cortical areas to the ACC, related to Figure**  
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1319 (A). Top views of the ROI-seed axonal projection map in the Allen CCF. Green dots represent injection  
1320 sites included in the analysis.

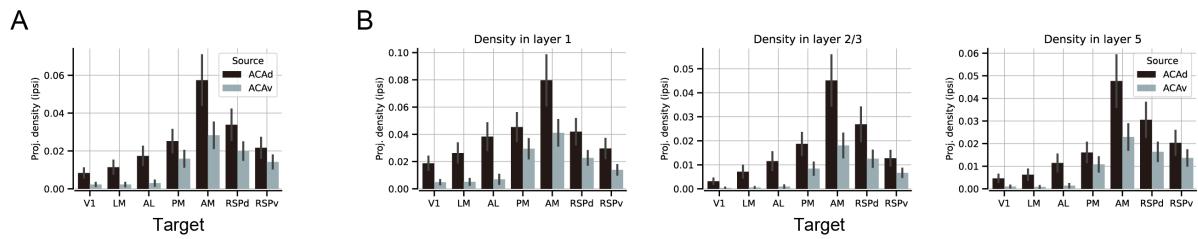
1321 (B). Coronal views of the ROI-seed axonal projection map. The inset shows the top view of the coronal  
1322 coordinate (blue dashed line).

1323 (C). Axonal density in dorsal or ventral portions of ACC (ACCd or ACCv) for each experimental set. The  
1324 error bar shows the SEM.

1325 (D). Summary of axonal projection from visual cortex and RSP to ACC.

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Fig. S18, Axonal projection from ACCd/ACCV to posterior cortical areas



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1328 **Figure S18. Axonal projections from ACC to posterior cortical areas, related to Figure 6.**

1329 (A) Projection density from dorsal or ventral portions of ACC (ACCd/ACCV) to each cortical area.

1330 (B) Same as (A) but specifically for layer 1, layer 2/3, and layer 5 of each area.

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1332 **Supplementary Video 1. Resting-state activity across the cortex, related to Figure 1**  
1333 Wide-field imaging of a resting-state mouse. Top left: Timelapse of  $\Delta F/F$  processed from raw  
1334 fluorescence signals. Gaussian filtering was not performed. Top right: Face movie of an anesthetized  
1335 mouse. Bottom left: Raw fluorescence movie acquired at 470-nm excitation. Bottom right: Raw  
1336 fluorescence movie acquired at 405-nm excitation.

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1338 **Supplementary Video 2. Cortex-wide activity under closed-loop conditions, related to**  
1339 **Figure 1**  
1340 Mouse running under the closed-loop condition. Brain activity, facial image, eye cropped image, pupil  
1341 size, eye position, and running speed were displayed. Magenta arrows indicate the mismatch onset.

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1343 **Supplementary Video 3. Visuomotor mismatch responses across the cortex, related to**  
1344 **Figure 1**  
1345 Trial-averaged movie of mismatch activities across cortical areas.