

Supplementary Figure 1: Transgenic line-based sampling strategy. Based on FACS data contained in Tasic et. al¹, expression pattern of different transgenic lines. Numbers in the figure are the number of cells from that study. Transgenic lines are shown that were both used in this study and also had at least 10 FACS cells classified in either excitatory or inhibitory classes. Transgenic lines were considered to be consistent with a given transcriptomic subclass (colored bars) if at least 5% of FACS cells (dotted vertical lines) were in that subclass. (a) Expression patterns across excitatory transcriptomic subclasses for transgenic lines used in this study. Excitatory-dominant lines tended to be more selective and were enriched in specific cortical layers. IT: intratelencephalic, CF: corticofugal, NP: near-projecting, CT: corticothalamic. (b) Expression patterns across inhibitory transcriptomic subclasses for transgenic lines used in this study. Broad lines (e.g. *Htr3a-Cre_NO152, Sst-IRES-Cre, Pvalb-IRES-Cre*) were chosen to cover the majority of inhibitory transcriptomic types in VISp. Additional lines were chosen to fill in missing types and to label specific types more selectively.



b. Cre lines with mixed expression, Unlabeled cells



c. Excitatory Cre line sampling



Reconstructed? N Y

N Y

d. Additional lines

	mice	Cells	Reconstructions
Gad2-IRES-Cre	9	19	3
Gng7-Cre_KH71	1	1	0
PhiC31-neo;Esr2-IRES2-Cre	2	4	1
Pvalb-T2A-CreERT2	2	3	0
Pvalb-T2A-Dre;Htr3a-Cre_NO152	5	10	3
Pvalb-T2A-FlpO;Vipr2-IRES2-Cre	1	2	2
Slc17a6-IRES2-FlpO;Penk-IRES2-Cre-neo	2	2	2
Slc17a6-IRES-Cre	1	3	2
SIc17a8-IRES2-Cre	1	1	0

Supplementary Figure 2: Sampling results per transgenic line. (a), (b), and (c) A summary of the layer distribution of cells recorded from each inhibitory (a), mixed (b), and excitatory (c) transgenic line. For each transgenic line: *Left,* 2-photon composite image of coronal slice of VISp showing distribution of fluorescent neurons. Images were obtained and processed as described in Oh et al.² *Column 2,* Stacked histogram of spiny (green) and aspiny (brown) cells sampled. Darker bars indicate those cells that were also morphologically reconstructed. Total number of mice used per line indicated below. (d) Table of mice, cells, and reconstructions from additional lines that contributed small amounts of data to the study.

a. Cell – level QC

Voltage clamp experiment metadata 'Test Pulses'



b. Sweep – level QC



GIGA

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- Electrode must be 'zeroed' before recording
- A GΩ seal must have been reached prior to
- break-in. Initial access resistance must be < 20 MΩ and <15% of the R_{input}.
- Electrode drift: The final voltage recording must be within 1 mV of the original voltage for every 10 minutes of data recording.



c. A typical electrophysiology experiment

- Current clamp stimuli and responses from specimen 557252022 (same cell featured in Fig1).
- Full dataset (including a .nwb raw electrophysiology file detailing the comprehensive stimuli and responses for each cell) is publicly available at: http://celltypes.brain-map.org/experiment/electrophysiology/557252022
- Additional methods details available in the form of technical white papers can also be found under 'Documentation' at http://celltypes.brain-map.org



much slower than neuron's time constant. Details: Ramp of 25 pA per 1 second, terminated after a series of APs are acquired. Typical order: First Repeats: 3





Long Square Stimulus

Square pulse of a duration to allow the neuron to come to steady-state. Details: 1 s current injections from -110 pA to rheobase + 160 pA, in 20 pA increments. Typical order: Third

Repeats: Single sweep for each sub / suprathreshold pulse, >= 3 sweeps at rheobase



Additional stimuli (not used in ephys type clustering)

The cell is stimulated with additional pulses to support single cell modeling studies. See Teeter et al., Nat Commun. 2018 Feb 19;9(1):709 and Gouwens et al., Nat Commun. 2018 Feb 19;9(1):710

Short Square Stimulus

Square pulse brief enough to elicit a single action potential. Details: 3 ms current injections used to find the action potential threshold within 10 pA. Typical order: Second Repeats: >= 3 sweeps at threshold

Supplementary Figure 3: Electrophysiology quality control and stimuli. (a) Metadata voltage clamp test pulses were delivered at specific points during the experiment to assist in evaluating data quality. Each cell was subject to a number of gates to insure stable quality recordings. (b) Sweeps were manually inspected for artifacts and for correct bridge balance settings using a short standard test pulse preceding the stimulus. In addition, poor quality sweeps were automatically rejected from analysis using a series of criteria before and after the stimulus. (c) The electrophysiology properties of each cell were probed using standard stimuli: long and short square steps, as well as a ramp current injection.



Supplementary Figure 4: Electrophysiology dimensionality reduction. (a) Example action potential waveforms of an example cell evoked by a short (3 ms) current pulse, a long square (one second) current step, and a slow current ramp (25 pA/s). (b) Heat map of all action potential waveforms from inhibitory cells (n = 1,010 cells). (c) Sparse principal component weights of the data in (b). Time scale is the same in (a-c). (d) Adjusted explained variances of sparse principal components shown in (c). (e) Sparse principal component values collected from each data type, indicated by labels at the bottom. For example, the seven sparse principal components obtained from the action potential waveforms populate the first seven columns of the matrix in (d). Component values were transformed into a z-score. Rows are sorted into clusters indicated by left tick marks (Methods).



Supplementary Figure 5: Merging GMM components and cluster stability. (a-b) Bayesian information criteria (BIC) values (normalized to the minimum) for Gaussian mixture models fit using the excitatory (a) and inhibitory (b) neuron data with different numbers of components. The model with the lowest BIC (K = 12 components in (a), K = 17 components in (b)) was selected as the best representation of the data. (c-d) Entropy as Gaussian mixture model components were merged, plotted against the cumulative number of samples merged. Merging was stopped when the rate of entropy decrease slowed (excitatory: N = 9 clusters in (c); inhibitory: N = 15 clusters in (d)), determined by the first change point of a three-part piecewise linear fit (Methods). (e-f) Average Jaccard similarities determined by repeating the clustering procedure on 100 90% subsamples for excitatory (e) and inhibitory (f) cells. Clusters with similarities below 0.5 (dotted line) were deemed unstable (gray) and merged into other clusters (blue). (g-h) Pairwise co-clustering results for excitatory (e) and inhibitory (f) cells. 100 random subsamples containing 90% of the data were generated and clustered by GMM fit, merging, and stability analysis. Heatmap shows the fraction of times a given pair of cells were in the same cluster. Cells are ordered by e-types determined from the full data set, indicated by row and column colors. (i-j) Number of clusters resulting from the described procedure performed on subsamples of 20%, 40%, 60%, and 80% of the data (10 repeats each, open circles) for excitatory (i) and inhibitory (j) cells. Average cluster numbers indicated by the connected line. Note that only discrete integer cluster numbers are possible for individual runs, so points are partially transparent to indicate when they are overplotted.



Supplementary Figure 6: Comparison of separate and combined electrophysiology clustering analyses. (a) t-SNE projection of electrophysiological data from only excitatory (spiny) neurons (n = 928 cells). Colors indicate excitatory e-types (see Fig. 2). (b) t-SNE projection of electrophysiological data from only inhibitory (aspiny) neurons (n = 1,010 cells). Colors indicate inhibitory e-types obtained by separate analyses of excitatory and inhibitory neurons (rows) and a combined analysis of all cells together (columns).

Supplementary Figure 7





Slc32a1-T2A-FlpO; Vipr2-IRES2-Cre



Sst-IRES-Cre







Vip-IRES-Cre



AL E

Vipr2-IRES2-Cre



Supplementary Figure 7: Transgenic lines on the electrophysiological projection.

Electrophysiology-based t-SNE plots (n = 1,938 cells) with cells from different transgenic lines highlighted. Colors indicate electrophysiological cluster labels (see Fig. 2). Cells that were fluorescent-reporter positive with a given transgenic driver are indicated with black circles.



Supplementary Figure 8: Latency to first action potential. Each row presents information from a different electrophysiological cluster. Dendrogram on left based on distances between cluster centroids (see Fig. 2). Histogram shows the maximum latency to the first spike observed per cell across six long square current steps (from rheobase to rheobase + 100 pA). Gray histogram is all cells, colored histograms are cells of that cluster. Histograms are normalized to their maximum values. On the right, cells in each cluster have been divided into groups based on their maximum latency: 0 s to 0.2 s, 0.2 s to 0.5 s, and 0.5 to 1 s (indicated by shaded regions on line plots and upper example traces). Line plots show how the latency per sweep changes as the stimulus amplitude is varied. Example traces show a representative cell for each cluster/category combination; upper trace is the one with the longest latency from a cell, lower trace is the next longest from the same cell. Selected examples are indicated on the line plots by thicker lines and circles.

Supplementary Figure 9



Supplementary Figure 9: Bursting firing patterns. Each row presents information from a different electrophysiological cluster. Dendrogram on left based on distances between cluster centroids (see Fig. 2). Histogram shows the maximum burst ratio observed per cell across six long square current steps (from rheobase to rheobase + 100 pA). The burst ratio is defined as the firing rate of the fastest segment divided by the firing rate of the segment(s) with the most action potentials (Methods); the median across segments was used for the latter in the case of ties. Gray histogram is all cells, colored histograms are cells of that cluster. Histograms are normalized to their maximum burst ratio: 1 to 2, 2 to 5, and 5 or more (indicated by shaded regions on line plots). Line plots show how the maximum burst ratio per sweep changes as the stimulus amplitude is varied. Example traces show a representative cell for each cluster/category combination; upper trace is the one with the highest burst ratio, lower trace is the next highest from the same cell. Lines underneath the traces indicate the segment with highest firing rate (black) and the segment(s) with the most action potentials (gray). Selected examples are indicated on the line plots by thicker lines and circles.

Supplementary Figure 10



Supplementary Figure 10: Pausing firing patterns. Each row presents information from a different electrophysiological cluster. Dendrogram on left based on distances between cluster centroids (see Fig. 2). Histogram shows the maximum pause ratio observed per cell across six long square current steps (from rheobase to rheobase + 100 pA). The pause ratio is defined as the average interspike interval duration of the segment with the slowest firing divided by the average interspike interval of the segment(s) with the most action potentials (Methods); the median across segments was used for the latter in the case of ties. Gray histogram is all cells, colored histograms are cells of that cluster. Histograms are normalized to their maximum values. On the right, cells in each cluster have been divided into groups based on their maximum pause ratio: 1 to 3, 3 to 10, and 10 or more (indicated by shaded regions on line plots). Line plots show how the maximum pause ratio per sweep changes as the stimulus amplitude is varied. Example traces show a representative cell for each cluster/category combination; upper trace is the one with the highest pause ratio, lower trace is the next highest from the same cell. Lines underneath the traces indicate the segment with highest firing rate (black) and the segment(s) with the most action potentials (gray). Selected examples are indicated on the line plots by thicker lines and circles.



Supplementary Figure 11: Firing frequency adaptation. Each row presents information from a different electrophysiological cluster. Dendrogram on left based on distances between cluster centroids (see Fig. 2). Histogram shows the median adaptation index observed per cell across six long square current steps (from rheobase to rheobase + 100 pA). Center plots show the firing rates (calculated in 20 ms bins) from the sweep at the median adaptation index, normalized to the highest firing rate of the sweep. All cells from the cluster are shown as gray lines, the cluster medians are shown as the thick colored lines, and the grand median across all cells is shown as a dotted line. Note that the non-monotonic median of Inh_4 is due to many cells in that cluster exhibiting pauses in firing (where the instantaneous firing rate falls to zero) toward the start of the stimulus period. Right plots show how the adaptation index varied across six long square current steps (from rheobase to zero) pays the start of the stimulus period. Right plots show how the adaptation index varied across six long square current steps (from rheobase to rheobase + 100 pA).



Supplementary Figure 12: Transgenic lines and e-types. Fraction of cells from each transgenic line examined (rows) that fall into each e-type (columns). Dot size indicates the fraction of the row falling into a given column, and color indicates e-type.



Supplementary Figure 13: Cortical layer distribution of e-types. Distribution of cells from each e-type across the cortical layers.



Supplementary Figure 14: Electrophysiology feature importance. (a) Relative feature importances of electrophysiological features as determined by a random-forest classifier. Gray dots are importances of individual components from each feature set, and blue circles are averages. Importances are scaled to the highest value across all components. (b-f) t-SNE projections (n = 1,938 cells) based on the full electrophysiological feature matrix (b) and subsets of that matrix as additional features are removed. Removing the feature sets with highest average importance in (a) (AP width and upstroke/downstroke ratio) had relatively little effect on the projection (c), and removing additional features first mixed various fast-spiking e-types (d), then the e-types associated with *Vip* and *Sst* cells, as well as excitatory cells (e). The overall structure, though, was maintained until most features were removed (f).



Supplementary Figure 15: Spiny feature heatmap and dendrogram. Dendrogram generated by hierarchical clustering with Ward's agglomeration method using Euclidean distances in the high-dimensional feature space. 19 spiny m-types are indicated by the m-type-specific color bar. Layer is also indicated by the gray-scale color bar. Heatmap shows values for 39 morphological features by m-type. Features were first converted to z-scores for the analysis.



Supplementary Figure 16: Aspiny feature heatmap and dendrogram. Dendrogram generated by hierarchical clustering with Ward's agglomeration method using Euclidean distances in the high-dimensional feature space. 19 aspiny m-types are indicated by the m-type-specific color bar. Layer is also indicated by the gray-scale color bar. Heatmap shows values for 45 features by m-type. Features were first converted to z-scores for the analysis.

Supplementary Figure 17



Clustered defined through bootstrapping

Supplementary Figure 17: Morphology clustering schematic. (a) Neurons were reconstructed as described (methods) and feature calculation was performed. Features with low variance (coefficient of variance < 0.25) were removed and a representative feature was chosen among highly correlated features (correlation > 0.95). These features were scaled by z-transform to form a feature set on which a standard hierarchical clustering with Ward's agglomeration method using Euclidean distance was applied. The initial cluster assignment was made by cutting this hierarchical tree using the cutreehybrid() function in R package WGCNA³, which determined the number of clusters by maximizing between-cluster variation and minimizing within-cluster variation while considering branching structures of the dendrogram. In order to identify robust clusters, a co-clustering analysis was done⁴. This clustering step was run 1000 times with a randomly subsampled 90% of the data in a 10 fold manner and the proportion of all runs that every pair were grouped in the same cluster was recorded in the co-clustering diagram (Figs. 3a and 4a and Fig. 17a). Consensus clusters were found by building a Ward linkage hierarchical tree and cutting the tree by the same cutreehybrid() function. If the size of cluster is $n \leq 3$, individual samples were assigned to the highest correlated cluster. If any pair of clusters did not have features significantly different (adjusted t-test pvalue <0.01 & fold change > 1.25) between the two, these two clusters were merged. The same co-clustering analysis was run with bootstrapping 90% of samples with replacement for spiny data set. The two coclustering results demonstrated strong correspondences among highly predictable clusters. (b) Nineteen clusters were found with the subsampling method and 21 clusters were found with the bootstrapping method. A confusion matrix was generated and the Adjusted Rand index was calculated (RI = 0.75) to show the correspondence between the two. There were very strong one-to-one correspondences between these two sets of clusters with a few exceptions. For example, boot-strapping-defined cluster 9 and 20 both mapped to Spiny_14 (Thick Tufted L5 2). Highly related types defined through sub-sampling (Spiny 3, Tufted L4 and Spiny 7, Sparse Tufted L4; Spiny 9, Tufted, L4, 51 and Spiny 12, Tufted, L5,4) had smaller groups of cells that clustered together into a third group when bootstrapping was used (cluster 17; cluster 7). The poor correspondence of Spiny_6 and cluster 7 was understandable with their low predictability. With additional samples, each cluster's predictability would improve.

Supplementary Figure 18 (1)







ME_Exc_18



ME_Exc_19



ME_Exc_20







Supplementary Figure 18 (3)































Supplementary Figure 18: Spiny neuron morphologies. 3D reconstructions used in our quantitative analysis are displayed in their approximate laminar location with respect to average cortical layers. Two views of each reconstruction are shown. For each cell, the XY dimension view is on the left and the YZ dimension view is on the right and has an arrow indicating the Z-dimension (in this case, Z is into the depth of the coronal slice). Reconstructions are grouped by me-type and displayed in me-type-specific colors (see Fig. 6). The m-types for each neuron are also shown. Apical dendrites appear in the lighter hue and basal dendrites in the darker hue. We reconstructed neurons with intact, apical dendrites and healthy, relatively intact basal dendrites. Scale bar: 100 μm.



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apical max path distance µm



basal max branch order



apical max euclidean distance µm






apical mean bifurcation distance

apical num branches







basal max path distance

μm



basal num branches



apical num outer bifurcations



basal num stems

basal pct above apical





apical pct above basal



basal pct below apical



apical pct below basal



basal pct intersect apical



soma relative depth

apical pct intersect basal



basal soma percentile x



apical soma percentile x



basal soma percentile y

apical std bifurcation distance



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Supplementary Figure 19: Spiny neuron morphology features by m-type. Based on 3D reconstructions of the apical and basal dendrites, we extracted 38 morphological features from each neuron. Population histograms of each of feature are shown. Many of the features vary substantially across m-types (n = 253 cells).







ME_Inh_25



ME_Inh_26



ME_Inh_6

Aspiny_4 Aspiny_4 Aspiny_4 Aspiny_4 Aspiny_4 Aspiny_4 Aspiny_19



ME_Inh_7



ME_Inh_8





Supplementary Figure 20 (4)





Aspiny_4 Aspiny_19 Aspiny_19 Aspiny_19 Aspiny_19 Aspiny_19 Aspiny_19



ME_Inh_19



ME_Inh_20



ME_inh_20



ME_Inh_1



ME_Inh_2



ME_Inh_3



Supplementary Figure 20 (6)

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ME_Inh_3



ME_Inh_4



ME_Inh_5





Supplementary Figure 20: Aspiny and sparsely-spiny neuron morphologies. 3D reconstructions used in our quantitative analysis are displayed in their approximate laminar location with respect to average cortical layers. Two views of each reconstruction are shown. For each cell, the XY dimension view is on the left and the YZ dimension view is on the right and has an arrow indicating the Z dimension (in this case, Z is into the depth of the coronal slice). Reconstructions are grouped by me-type and displayed in me-type-specific colors (see Fig. 6). Dendrites are displayed in the darker hue and axon in the lighter hue. We reconstructed neurons with healthy, relatively intact dendrites and extensive local axon. Neurons were sampled from all cortical layers and across the major genetically and/or morphologically defined classes in mouse VISp.



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axon soma distance μm



axon soma percentile x



axon soma percentile y













dendrite pct above axon

dendrite pct below axon











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dendrite stem exit down



dendrite pct intersect axon

dendrite soma percentile x



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dendrite stem exit side less



dendrite stem exit side more



dendrite stem exit up



dendrite total length µm



soma relative depth µm

Aspiny_1
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 Aspiny_3
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 Aspiny_5
 Aspiny 6
 Aspiny_7
Aspiny_8
 Aspiny_9
 Aspiny_10
Aspiny_11
 Aspiny_12
 Aspiny_13
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 Aspiny_15
 Aspiny_16
 Aspiny_17
 Aspiny_18
Aspiny 19



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Supplementary Figure 21: Aspiny and sparsely-spiny neuron morphological features by m-

type. Based on 3D reconstructions of the basal dendrites and local axon, we extracted numerous morphological features from each neuron. Population histograms of 34 representative features are shown. Many of the features vary substantially across m-types (n = 207 cells).





Supplementary Figure 22: Transgenic lines and m-types. Fraction of cells from each transgenic line examined (rows) that fall into each m-type (columns). Dot size indicates the fraction of the row falling into a given column, and color indicates m-type.

Supplementary Figure 23



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Supplementary Figure 23: Locations of m-types on the electrophysiological projection.

Electrophysiology-based t-SNE plots (n = 1,938 cells) with cells from different m-types highlighted. Colors indicate e-type labels (see Fig. 2). Cells with the indicated m-type are indicated with black circles.



BBP expert-identified spiny 14 m-types

Supplementary Figure 24: Morphological classification of spiny/excitatory juvenile rat somatosensory cortex neurons and mapping to adult mouse visual cortex neurons. Using the morphologies available through the Neocortical Microcircuit Collaboration Portal (http://microcircuits.epfl.ch/#/main), we tested our ability to use our unsupervised, morphological classification system to objectively identify m-types in neurons from a different age, species and cortical brain region (juvenile, rat, primary somatosensory neurons). Unfortunately, this dataset lacks information about cortical context (e.g., relative soma depth, axon layer distribution), so it was necessary to exclude the context-dependent features that were used in our classification of mouse VIS neurons. Instead, we did a separate clustering analysis on neurons from layers 2/3-6. We found reasonable agreement (Adjusted Rand index = 0.27) between our quantitatively-defined types and the expert-identified neurons in this dataset, with some additional diversity.



Supplementary Figure 25: Morphological classification of aspiny/inhibitory juvenile rat somatosensory cortex neurons and mapping to adult mouse visual cortex neurons. Using the morphologies available through the Neocortical Microcircuit Collaboration Portal (http://microcircuits.epfl.ch/#/main), we tested our ability to use our unsupervised, morphological classification system to objectively identify m-types in neurons from a different age, species and cortical brain region (juvenile, rat, primary somatosensory neurons). Unfortunately, this dataset lacks information about cortical context (e.g., relative soma depth, axon layer distribution), so it was necessary to exclude the context-dependent features that were used in our classification of mouse VIS neurons. Instead, we did a separate clustering analysis on neurons from layers 1-6. We found reasonable agreement (adjusted Rand index = 0.23) between our quantitatively-defined types and the expert-identified neurons in this dataset, with some additional diversity.





Supplementary Figure 26: Applicability of morphology features in Supp. Table 3 for morphology analysis of juvenile rat somatosensory neurons. The same morphology features used for mouse visual cortex neurons were calculated for juvenile rat somatosensory neurons. A random forest (RF) classifier was designed using these features to predict the expert-specified m-types where n>3 neurons,24 aspiny m-types and 13 spiny m-types. RF classifier's out-of-bag prediction accuracy for spiny/aspiny m-types was 69/62%, which was comparable with the prediction accuracy reported in Markram et al., 20156, around 70% for 43 m-types with 15 features selected for each layer and types. The individual m-type's prediction accuracies are in (a) for 24 m-types in aspiny/inhibitory neurons and (b) for 13 m-types in spiny/excitatory neurons.



Supplementary Figure 27: Transgenic lines and me-types. Fraction of cells from each transgenic line examined (rows) that fall into each me-type (columns). Dot size indicates the fraction of the row falling into a given column, and color indicates me-type.



Supplementary Figure 28: Cortical layer distribution of me-types. Distribution of cells from each me-type across the cortical layers.



Supplementary Figure 29: Comparison of e-types and m-types. Fraction of cells from each m-type (rows) that fall into each e-type (columns). Dot size indicates the fraction of the row falling into a given column, and color indicates e-type.



Supplementary Figure 30: Prediction of me-types by electrophysiological and morphological features. (a-f) Left: The top 10 features for predicting excitatory (**a-c**) and inhibitory (**d-f**) me-types as ranked by relative feature importance determined by a random forest classifier trained on all the features (**a**, **d**), only electrophysiological features (**b**, **e**), and only morphological features (**c**, **f**). Middle: Confusion matrix of actual me-types (rows) vs out-of-bag predictions (columns), grouped by putative transcriptomic subclass (see Fig. 6). Comparison of the classification errors reveals that different subclasses have me-types that are more distinguished by electrophysiological features vs morphological, and vice versa. Right: Prediction error rates between subclasses (filled bars) and within subclasses (hollow bars); note that subclasses with a single associated me-type (L2/3 IT, L5 CF, NP, L6b) do not have a value for within-subclass error rate. Overall, error rates were lower between subclasses vs within subclasses, though between-subclass rates were notably high when predicting excitatory me-types from electrophysiological features. IT: intratelencephalic, CF: corticofugal, NP: near-projecting, CT: corticothalamic.



Supplementary Figure 31: Locations of me-types on the electrophysiological projection.

Electrophysiology-based t-SNE plots (n = 1,938 cells) with cells from different me-types highlighted. Colors indicate e-type labels (see Fig. 2). Cells with the indicated me-type are indicated with black circles.

a. All spiny neurons



b. Spiny neurons by Cre line



Supplementary Figure 32: Effect of apical dendrite truncation on spiny neuron

electrophysiology classification. (a) Electrophysiology-based t-SNE plots (n = 1,938 total cells, 928 excitatory cells highlighted) show distribution of electrophysiology types (left, green), and cells with their apical dendrite status indicated (center, truncated: dark red, intact: pink). The right shows the proportion of total spiny cells in each electrophysiology type (outer ring, green), as well as the fraction of each of those types that are made up of intact and truncated neurons (inner ring, red). Exc_4 has the smallest fraction of truncated neurons (10%) vs 32%, 24%, and 25% for Exc_1, Exc_2, and Exc_3 respectively. Also, the region of the t-SNE projection where Exc_4 is primarily represented (top left), appears to have fewer truncated neurons than the rest of the electrophysiology space. **(b)** Electrophysiology-based t-SNE plots (n = 1,938 cells) and electrophysiology and truncation proportions represented by each major spiny neuron transgenic line.



Supplementary Figure 33: Effect of slice angle and shrinkage on morphological classification. (a) Parasaggital schematic illustrating how slicing visual cortex leads to a variety of tilt angles between the cut surface of the slice (dashed lines) and the shortest paths between pia and white matter (green solid lines). Rostral direction is to the left. Cutting coronal sections (blue dashed lines) leads to small tilt angles at the rostral end of VISp (green shaded region) but larger ones toward the caudal end. Other slice angles were used (example of 107° shown by orange dashed lines) to reduce the tilt angle in slices toward the caudal end. (b) Distribution across reconstructed cells of tilt angles estimated by comparing the images of the slice to the Common Coordinate Framework reference, then calculating the angle between the cut surface and the path connecting pia to white matter at that location. Most cells were recorded from the rostral side of the slice; however, if a cell was recorded from the caudal side, the tilt angle was reversed for that cell. (c) Distribution across reconstructed cells of shrinkage in the zdirection (i.e., perpendicular to the cut plane) estimated by either comparing the depth of the soma from the cut surface during recording and after fixation and reconstruction, or by comparing the original slice thickness (350 µm) to the z-extent measured by imaging after fixation. (d) Distributions (dots) and averages (gray bars) of tilt angles (left) and shrinkage estimates (right) for each spiny m-type. (e) Same as (d) but for aspiny m-types. (f) Example spiny neuron reconstructions in the original state based directly on the imaged cell (left) and after adjusting the reconstructions for shrinkage and tilt angle (right). Three perspectives are shown to illustrate how the neurons become more radially symmetric after adjustment. Note (particularly in the z-y view) that there are processes cut off by slicing, and the cut is frequently not parallel to the pia-white matter direction. (g) Comparison of original spiny m-type classification (rows) and re-classification after adjusting for shrinkage and tilt (columns). (h) Same as (g) but for aspiny m-types.





Supplementary Figure 34: Prediction of m-type by morphology features. Two kinds of classifiers, random Forest (RF) and support vector machine (SVM), were built based on all morphology features. SVM classification gave 89/79% prediction accuracy in leave-one-out cross validation for spiny/aspiny neurons, respectively. RF classification provided 79/70% out-of-bag prediction accuracy. The accuracy for individual m-types is reported for (a) 19 aspiny/inhibitory types and (b) 19 spiny/excitatory types. 3 out of 4 neurons in the Aspiny_6 cluster were predicted to be neighboring Aspiny_5 m-type; both m-types contain chandelier cells.

Name	Description	Туре	Sparse principal components used (exc. / inh. / all)
 AP V _m	Vm of first AP from short pulse, long step, and ramp; includes 3 ms after AP threshold	Waveform	7/6/6
AP dV/dt	Time derivative of (1)	Waveform	8/8/8
ISI shape	Average of ISI voltage trajectories, aligned to the threshold of the initial AP and normalized in duration	Waveform	3/3/3
Subthr. (abs.)	Concatenated responses to hyperpolarizing current steps (from -10 pA to -90 pA)	Waveform; steps from -90 pA to -10 pA	2/2/2
Subthr. (norm.)	Response to largest amplitude hyperpolarizing current step, aligned to baseline membrane potential and normalized by maximum voltage deflection	Waveform	4 / 5 / 4
PSTH	AP counts in 50 ms bins, divided by bin width	Binned (50 ms); steps from rheobase to rheobase + 100 pA	6/6/6
Inst. firing rate	Instantaneous firing rate across long steps	Binned (20 ms); steps from rheobase to rheobase + 100 pA	6/5/5
Up/down	Upstroke/downstroke ratio across long steps	Binned (20 ms); steps from rheobase to rheobase + 100 pA	2/2/2
AP peak	AP peak across long steps	Binned (20 ms); steps from rheobase to rheobase + 100 pA	2/2/2
AP fast tr.	AP fast trough across long steps	Binned (20 ms); steps from rheobase to rheobase + 100 pA	2/2/2

Supplementary Table 1. Electrophysiological data sets.
AP thresh.	AP threshold across long steps	Binned (20 ms); steps from rheobase to rheobase + 100 pA	2/5/4
AP width	Width at half-height across long steps	Binned (20 ms); steps from rheobase to rheobase + 100 pA	3/2/2
Inst. freq. (norm.)	Instantaneous firing rate across long steps, normalized to maximum rate for each step	Binned (20 ms); steps from rheobase to rheobase + 100 pA	7/8/8

Supplementary Table 2: Description of morphological features

Note that here "y" is in the pia-to-white-matter direction, "x" is across the face of the slice, and "z" is into the slice. Units are indicated with parentheses; other features are unitless.

Feature Name	Feature Description

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Branching	g Pattern Featur	es (calculated f	for all comp	partment ty	pes excep	ot where noted)

Height	Total extent in the v-direction (um)
Width	Total extent in the x-direction (μ m)
{x, y}-bias	Difference in extent in x or y in one direction from the soma and the other. Values are signed for y-bias and unsigned for x-bias (um)
Max. branch order	The maximum number of bifurcations encountered between the soma and all neurite tips
Max. Euclidean distance	The direct-line distance from the soma to the most distal node (μ m)
Max. path distance	The path distance from the soma to the furthest neurite tip (μ m)
Mean contraction	The average of the ratios of the summed euclidean distance between bifurcations, and between bifurcations and tips, to the summed path distance between same
Number of branches	The number of individual branches in the morphology
Number of outer bifurcations	The number of bifurcations found in the outer region of a tree, defined as outside a sphere with a radius of 50% the max. Euclidean distance. This feature was shifted by one and log-scaled for analysis. <i>Apical only</i>
Mean bifurcation distance	Average relative position of bifurcations projected to a line connecting the soma to the furthest node. <i>Apical only</i>
St. dev. bifurcation distance	Standard deviation of relative positions of bifurcations projected to a line connecting the soma to the furthest node. <i>Apical only</i>
Early branch	Ratio of the maximum length of all the "shorter" branches to the maximum path length. "Shorter" branches are defined as those with the smaller path length at each bifurcation. <i>Apical only</i>
Total length	The combined length of all branches (μm)

Stem Features	
Axon-soma distance	The path distance from the axon root to the
	soma surface (μm). <i>Axon only</i>
Axon-soma theta	The relative radial position of the point where
	the neurite from which the axon derives exits
	the soma. Axon only
Number of stems	The number of stems sprouting from the soma.
	Basal only
Stem exit histogram (up/down/sides)	Normalized histogram of stem exit directions
	(defined by four quadrants). The side with more
	stems were aligned for each neuron to prevent
	"handedness." Inhibitory basal only
Quarter (Concretion Factures	
% above/overlap/below	% of nodes of a given compartment type
	above/overlapping/below the full y-extent of
	another compartment type
EMD	Earth mover's distance metric calculated
	between the normalized and aligned depth
	profile histograms of one compartment type
Location Factures	and another
Location Features	Distance between the ris and the same
Relative soma depth	Distance between the pla and the soma,
	white matter
	white matter
Profile Features	
Aligned histogram principal components	Components that exceed 5% explained variance
(PCs)	from PCA performed on a depth-wise
	compartment histogram where the depth of
	each layer has been aligned to the overall
	average (5 μm bins). <i>Apical (5 components) and</i>
	axon (6 components) only
Soma {x, y}-percentile	Percentile location of the x- or y-coordinate of
	the soma within the distribution of all x- or y-
	coordinates of the compartment nodes. For x-
	percentiles, the results were symmeterized
	(ranging only from 0 to 0.5) to prevent
	"handedness"

Supplementary Table 3: Comparison between me-types and existing literature.

The me-types are ordered first by inferred transcriptomic subclass, then by number. IT: intratelencephalic, CF: corticofugal, NP: near-projecting, CT: corticothalamic, RS: regular spiking, FS: fast-spiking, AP: action potential, PC: principal cell, R_i : input resistance, τ_m : membrane time constant.

	me-type	Inferred subclass	Description	Relationship to previously described types
1	ME_Exc_7	L2/3 IT	Wide, short L2/3; RS adapting	Pyramid-L2/3 ^{5,6} , pyramid L2/3 type I and type II ⁷
2	ME_Exc_14	L4	Tufted (sparse) L4; RS adapting	Simple tufted ⁷
3	ME_Exc_15	L4	Tufted (sparse) L4; RS adapting	Simple tufted ⁷
4	ME_Exc_16	L4	Tufted & tufted (sparse) L4; RS adapting	Simple tufted ⁷ , slender tuft ⁸ , tall- simple ⁷ , L4 pyramidal cell ⁵
5	ME_Exc_17	L4	Tufted (very sparse) L4; RS adapting	Simple tufted ⁷ ; pyramid ⁹
6	ME_Exc_18	L4	Non-tufted L4; RS adapting	Star pyramid ⁹
7	ME_Exc_19	L4	Stellate L4, L6 & non-tufted L4; RS adapting	Spiny stellate ⁹ , star pyramid ⁹
8	ME_Exc_20	L4	Non-tufted L4; RS adapting & RS transient	Star pyramid ⁹
9	ME_Exc_5	L5 IT	Tufted & non-tufted L5; RS adapting	Simple tufted ⁷ , slender tuft ^{5,8} , tall- simple ⁷ , tufted pyramid ⁵ , untufted pyramid ⁵
10	ME_Exc_12	L5 IT	Tufted & tufted (large basal) L5; RS adapting	Simple tufted ⁷ , slender tuft ⁸ , tall- simple ⁷ , tufted pyramid ⁵
11	ME_Exc_13	L5 IT	Tufted L5; RS adapting	Simple tufted ⁷ ; pyramid ⁹
12	ME_Exc_1	L5 CF	Thick-tufted L5; RS low R _i , sharp sag	Thick tufted ^{5,6,10–12} ; tall-tufted ⁷
13	ME_Exc_8	NP	Tufted (sparse basal) L5; RS adapting (large sag)	L5 corticocortical, non- striatal/local pyramid ¹³
14	ME_Exc_6	L6 IT	Wide, short L6a & tufted (large basal) L5; RS adapting	L6 corticocortical ¹⁴
15	ME_Exc_10	L6 IT	Inverted L6a,b; RS adapting	Inverted pyramid ^{5,14}
16	ME_Exc_11	L6 IT	Inverted L6a,b; RS adapting	Inverted pyramid ^{5,14}
17	ME_Exc_2	L6 CT	Narrow L6a; RS adapting	L6 corticothalamic ^{6,14,15}
18	ME_Exc_3	L6 CT	Narrow L6a; RS transient/adapting	L6 corticothalamic ^{6,14,15}
19	ME_Exc_4	L6 CT	Narrow L6a; RS transient	L6 corticothalamic ^{6,14,15}

20	ME_Exc_9	L6b	Subplate L6b	Subplate ^{14,16}
21	ME_Inh_15	Sst	L1-innervating ascending axon L2/3, L4; mid-width AP adapting & FS pausing	Martinotti cells ^{5,17–22}
22	ME_Inh_22	Sst	Small axon, large dendrites L5, L6; irregular/adapting, long τ_m	Non-Martinotti cells (long-range projecting) ²³
23	ME_Inh_23	Sst	Wide axon, large dendrites L5, L6; irregular/adapting, long τ_m	Non-Martinotti cells (long-range projecting) ²³
24	ME_Inh_24	Sst	Large ascending axon L5, L6; mid-width AP adapting & transient	Martinotti cells ^{5,17–22,24}
25	ME_Inh_25	Sst	L1-innervating ascending axon L2/3, L4 & ascending large axon L5; mid-width AP adapting	Martinotti cells ^{5,17–22,24}
26	ME_Inh_26	Sst	Ascending small axon L5, L4; mid-width AP transient/irregular	Martinotti and non-Martinotti cells ^{5,17–22,24}
27	ME_Inh_6	Pvalb	Wide axon, large dendrites L6; FS transient & sustained	Basket cells ^{5,20,23,25}
28	ME_Inh_7	Pvalb	Wide axon, large dendrites L6; FS transient	Basket cells ^{5,20,23,25}
29	ME_Inh_8	Pvalb	Dense axon, intersecting dendrites L5, L4; FS transient	Basket cells ^{5,20,23,25}
30	ME_Inh_9	Pvalb	Ascending axon L5, L6; FS transient & pausing	Basket cells ^{5,20,23,25,26}
31	ME_Inh_10	Pvalb	Ascending axon; FS delayed & sustained	Basket cells ^{5,20,23,25}
32	ME_Inh_11	Pvalb	Ascending axon L5, L6; FS delayed/pausing	Basket cells ^{5,20,23,25,26}
33	ME_Inh_12	Pvalb	Small axon, intersecting dendrites; FS delayed/pausing	Basket cells ^{5,20,23,25}
34	ME_Inh_13	Pvalb	Ascending small axon L5, L4; FS transient & sustained	Basket cells ^{5,20,23,25}
35	ME_Inh_14	Pvalb	Dense axon, intersecting dendrites L4, L2/3; FS	Basket cells ^{5,20,23,25}

			sustained & delayed/pausing	
36	ME_Inh_16	Pvalb	Descending dense, wide axon L2/3; FS delayed/pausing	Basket cells ^{5,20,23,25}
37	ME_Inh_21	Pvalb	Descending axon, small juxtaposed dendrites L2/3; FS transient, sustained, & delayed/pausing	Chandelier cells, axo-axonic cells ^{5,18,20,23,25,27,28}
38	ME_Inh_17	Lamp5	Dense axon, small dendrites L1; RS non- adapting, delayed	Neurogliaform cell ^{5,20,29,30}
39	ME_Inh_18	Lamp5	Dense axon, large dendrites L1; irregular	Neurogliaform cell ^{5,20,29,30}
40	ME_Inh_19	Lamp5	Dense axon, small dendrites L6; RS non- adapting, delayed	Neurogliaform cell ^{5,20,29,30}
41	ME_Inh_20	Lamp5	Dense axon, small dendrites L2/3, L4; RS non- adapting, delayed	Neurogliaform cell ^{5,20,29,30}
42	ME_Inh_1	Vip	Descending axon, bidirectional dendrites L2/3, L4; irregular/sustained	Bipolar cell, bitufted cell, double bouquet cell, horsetail cell ^{5,19–} 21,31,32
43	ME_Inh_2	Vip	Descending axon, bidirectional dendrites L2/3; transient & irregular, sharp sag	Bipolar cell, bitufted cell, double bouquet cell ^{5,19–21,31,32}
44	ME_Inh_3	Vip	Descending axon, bidirectional dendrites; irregular	Bipolar cell, bitufted cell, double bouquet cell ^{5,19–21,31,32}
45	ME_Inh_4	Vip	Descending axon, bidirectional dendrites L2/3, L4; transient	Bipolar cell, bitufted cell, double bouquet cell ^{5,19–21,31,32}
46	ME_Inh_5	Vip	Descending axon, bidirectional dendrites L2/3; irregular	Bipolar cell, bitufted cell, double bouquet cell ^{5,19–21,31,32}

a. Aspiny m-types

feature name	Gini index
soma relative depth	12.36
axon hist pc 1	11.54
axon hist pc 0	9.71
axon bias y	8.24
axon emd with dendrite	8.17
axon hist pc 2	6.81
axon soma percentile y	6.22
dendrite bias y	6.09
axon hist pc 3	6.02
axon hist pc 4	5.93
axon pct above dendrite	5.36
axon pct intersect dendrite	5.2
dendrite pct above axon	4.95
dendrite extent y	4.89
dendrite pct intersect axon	4.85
axon num branches	4.74
axon max euclidean distance	4.63
dendrite max euclidean distance	4.6
axon total length	4.57
axon extent x	4.52
axon hist pc 5	4.41
axon pct below dendrite	4.03
axon extent y	3.99
dendrite soma percentile y	3.48
dendrite extent x	3.46
dendrite num stems	3.03
axon contraction	2.96
axon soma theta	2.96
dendrite contraction	2.94
axon max path distance	2.86
dendrite bias x	2.69
dendrite stem exit side more	2.69
dendrite total length	2.41
axon soma percentile x	2.38
dendrite stem exit up	2.37
axon max branch order	2.36
dendrite pct below axon	2.33
dendrite num branches	2.16
axon soma distance	2.15
axon bias x	1.91
dendrite soma percentile x	1.88
dendrite stem exit down	1.86
dendrite stem exit side less	1.33
dendrite max branch order	1.28

b. Spiny m-types

feature name	Gini index
soma relative depth	19.32
apical dendrite bias y	14.36
apical dendrite extent y	14.18
apical dendrite total length	12.48
apical dendrite std bifurcation distance	11.38
apical dendrite hist pc 0	10.81
dendrite emd with apical dendrite	10.03
apical dendrite hist pc 1	9.65
apical dendrite mean bifurcation distance	9.35
apical dendrite pct above dendrite	8.77
apical dendrite num branches	7.78
dendrite pct below apical dendrite	7.55
apical dendrite early branch	7.46
dendrite pct intersect apical dendrite	6.99
apical dendrite num outer bifurcations	6.93
dendrite num branches	6.34
apical dendrite pct intersect dendrite	6.25
apical dendrite hist pc 4	6.04
dendrite total length	5.38
apical dendrite max branch order	5.3
apical dendrite soma percentile y	5.19
apical dendrite hist pc 2	4.95
apical dendrite hist pc 3	4.51
dendrite max euclidean distance	4.22
dendrite extent y	3.55
dendrite extent x	2.86
apical dendrite extent x	2.78
apical dendrite bias x	2.77
dendrite contraction	2.76
dendrite soma percentile y	2.56
apical dendrite pct below dendrite	2.37
apical dendrite contraction	2.26
dendrite bias y	2.23
apical dendrite soma percentile x	2.06
dendrite bias x	1.79
dendrite num stems	1.59
dendrite soma percentile x	1.36
dendrite pct above apical dendrite	1.13
dendrite max branch order	0.64

Supplementary Table 4: Feature importance for m-type prediction. The importance of each morphological feature was assessed by training a random forest classifier to predict m-types. The feature importance is characterized in terms of Gini index (higher values have greater importance).

Supplementary Note Description of morpho-electrical (me) types and comparison with prior cell type studies

Excitatory neuron me-types

We assessed the electrophysiological and morphological properties of the me-types derived from our study and correlated them with prior cell type knowledge (Supplementary Table 4). For excitatory me-types, the majority of neurons had similar electrophysiological properties (see Exc_3 "RS adapt.," Fig. 2) with distinct morphological properties across the cortical layers. We identified a single L2/3 me-type (ME_Exc_7), which had a short, widely branching apical dendrite (m-types Spiny_1,2, Fig. 3). Similar neurons have been described as Type I and II neurons in rat somatosensory cortex⁷.

Seven L4 me-types were identified in this study; we note that we heavily sampled L4 (34.3% of reconstructed spiny neurons) as this layer had previously received relatively little attention in mouse VISp. The me-types ME_Exc_14 to 17 had apical dendrites that were relatively unbranched in L2/3 and ended with a tuft of dendritic branches in L1; they were distinguished between each other by varying degrees of apical tuftedness (m-types 3,4,7,8, Fig. 3). ME_Exc_18 and 20 neurons had a star pyramid morphology^{5,6,33,34} characterized by the absence of a L1 tuft (m-type Spiny_5). ME_Exc_19 neurons lacked a pronounced apical dendrite and most closely resembled spiny stellates, which have profuse spines and a very short apical dendrite. Spiny stellates are found in abundance in primary visual cortex in the cat and primate ^{35,36}, and primary somatosensory cortex in rat where they are the main L4 excitatory m-type³⁷. However, we found only a small number of them in mouse VISp, which agrees with previous findings in mouse and rat visual cortex^{34,38}. These cells were primarily in L4, but examples were also found in L2/3 and 6 (Supplementary Fig. 28).

Five L5 me-types were identified and associated with three transcriptomic subclasses. The L5 IT me-types ME Exc 5, 12, and 13 resemble what has been previously described as layer 5 subgroup 1B neurons in mouse visual cortex¹¹ and tall-simple⁷ and slender tufted^{5,6} neurons in mouse and rat somatosensory cortex, respectively (m-types Spiny 9 and 12, Fig. 3). The L5 CF me-type (ME_Exc_1) had electrophysiological and morphological properties distinct from the L5 IT me-types. ME Exc 1 was closely associated with the Exc 4 e-type (see Fig. 5c), which had low input resistance, sharp sag, and displayed the most prominent bursting behavior (Supplementary Fig. 9) among excitatory e-types. These neurons had a larger number of branches and increased apical tuft width, often described as thick tufted neurons^{5–7,11,12} (mtypes Spiny 13, 14). The L5 NP me-type (ME Exc 8) was distinguished from other tufted L5 metypes by long, sparse basal dendrites. These neurons, labeled in the Slc17a8-Cre line, are likely the recently described local, non-striatal projecting neurons¹³. These neurons have not been described in other large-scale studies of excitatory cortical diversity in rat^{5,6} and may be a unique cell type in mouse cortex. Although they were not associated with a unique e-type, ME Exc 8 cells were found near each other on an island in the electrophysiology-based t-SNE projection (Fig. 6e, Supplementary Fig. 31), indicating high consistency within this type and some distinctiveness compared to other excitatory cells.

In L6, we identified seven me-types. The three L6 CT-associated me-types (ME_Exc_2, 3, and 4), were often labeled by Ntsr1-Cre (Supplementary Fig. 27) and found predominantly in

L6a. The three types were each associated with a different e-type (see Fig. 5c); ME_Exc_3 and 4 had majorities of cells from e-types Exc_2 and 1, respectively, which had transient or strongly adapting firing (Supplementary Fig. 11). Neurons in these three me-types had narrow dendritic profiles that ended in L1 (ME_Exc_2 and 3) or L2/3 (ME_Exc_4). This dendritic phenotype (m-type Spiny_18, Fig. 3) matched that described for Ntsr1+ neurons that project to the thalamus^{14,26}. The L6 IT-associated types (ME_Exc_6, 10, and 11) had relatively short apical dendrites with a large width-to-height ratio. ME_Exc_6 had apical dendrites oriented to the pia (m-type Spiny 17). ME_Exc_10 and 11 neurons had apical dendrites oriented toward the white matter, often called inverted pyramids^{5,14}. These me-types were enriched in the Penk-Cre line (Supplementary Fig. 27) and resembled the short, wide branching cortico-cortical projecting neurons¹⁴ (m-type Spiny_15, Fig. 3). There was one L6b me-type (ME_Exc_9). These neurons, frequently labeled by the Ctgf line (Supplementary Fig. 27) have been previously described as "subplate" neurons with short, irregularly oriented apical dendrites¹⁶ (m-type Spiny_19, Fig. 3).

Inhibitory neuron me-types

Among the inhibitory me-types, we found six types associated with the Sst transcriptomic subclass (ME_Inh_15, 22 to 26). Four of these (ME_inh_15, ME_Inh_24 to 26) had ascending axons that frequently innervated L1, characteristic of Martinotti cells^{21,22,24}, and were found in L2/3 to L6. These neurons had adapting, transient, or irregular firing and had APs wider than Pvalb-associated types but narrower than other interneurons. ME_Inh_24 contained more T-shaped Martinotti and non-Martinotti cells, while ME_Inh_25 had more "fanning out" morphologies, which have been proposed to have different roles in sensory processing¹⁷. ME_Inh_22 and 23 were primarily found in L5-L6 (Supplementary Fig. 28) and had non-Martinotti morphologies. They exhibited adapting or irregular firing with long membrane time constants and little sag (see Inh_4, Fig. 2) and had wider APs than other Sst me-types. These cells were mostly labeled by an Sst/Nos1 intersectional strategy, which suggests they are likely long-range projecting GABAergic interneurons^{1,18,39,40} (see also Fig. 7h).

All eleven me-types associated with the Pvalb subclass (ME_Inh_6 to 14, 16, and 21) exhibited fast-spiking (FS) firing characteristics, with narrow APs, steep f-I curves, and little firing-rate adaptation. With their large boutons and unique cartridge-like axon structure, chandelier cells (ChCs) are some of the most reliably expert-identified inhibitory neurons¹⁹, and the ME_Inh_21 can be clearly identified as ChCs here with minimally branched, L1-restricted dendrites and highly branched, L2/3-restricted axons. ChCs with a single axon branch that traveled beyond the main axon bundle down to layer 4/5 were found in this type as well; though this morphology has been observed before^{25,27}, it has not been described for mouse visual cortex. Many of the other Pvalb me-types had basket-cell-like morphologies (multipolar dendrites overlapping with a relatively small axon cluster) with laminar biases across the me-types (Supplementary Fig. 28). We also noted that transient firing at lower stimulus amplitudes appeared more common in me-types biased toward deeper layers. Some of the deeper me-types (e.g., ME_Inh_9) contained neurons with a larger ascending axon spanning multiple layers, resembling fast-spiking translaminar cells described previously in mouse visual cortex²⁶.

The four Lamp5-associated me-types (ME_Inh_17 to 20) exhibited small, dense multipolar dendrites and highly branched axons, described previously as neurogliaform cells (NGCs)^{20,23,29,32}. They were strongly tied to specific cortical layers, with ME_Inh_17 and 18 in L1,

ME_Inh_20 in L2/3, and ME_Inh_19 in L6. The two L1 me-types had different electrophysiological properties. While cells in ME_Inh_17 all had the Inh_1 e-type, with long delays in firing at amplitudes near rheobase (Supplementary Fig. 8) and little firing-rate adaptation (Supplementary Fig. 11), ME_Inh_18 cells had the Inh_3 e-type (shared with Vip cells) with less regular firing. ME_Inh_19 and 20 neurons also primarily had the Inh_1 e-type (see Fig. 5d).

There were five me-types linked to the Vip subclass (ME_Inh_1 to 5). These neurons most closely resembled neurons previously described as bipolar, bitufted, small basket or double bouquet cells^{20,31,32} due to a small number of bidirectionally-oriented primary dendrites and a sparse, mainly descending, axon. Most cells were found in L1 through L4 (Supplementary Fig. 28). We note that single bouquet cells were not observed in L1 for this study, though they had been previously described in mouse VISp²⁰. ME_Inh_3 appeared to be enriched for small basket cell-like Vip+ neurons with wider axons and multipolar dendrites, while ME_Inh_5 was enriched for cells with a narrow axon profile more similar to bipolar cells, though the neurons often had more than two primary dendrites¹⁸. Neurons in these me-types had relatively wide APs compared to other interneurons and fired transiently or irregularly. ME_Inh_2 and 4 had higher proportions of transient cells than the other three, and the former had more pronounced sag during hyperpolarizing steps than the latter.

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