

# Recognizing Brain States Using Deep Sparse Recurrent Neural Network

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# Background

- Characterize and analyze the brain activity
- However the approaches were under the assumption of temporally stationary;
- Brain activities are under dramatic temporal changes at various time scales;
- For time series data: sliding windows; change point detection methods; Hidden Markov Model (HMM);
- RNNs can inherently acquire the temporal dependence of the sequential data, and is proposed here to model and recognize brain states in task fMRI data.

# Dataset

Table 1. Properties of HCP task-fMRI datasets

Task Parameters	Working Memory	Gambling	Motor	Language	Social	Relational	Emotion
# of Frames	405	253	284	316	274	232	176
Duration (Min)	5:01	3:12	3:34	3:57	3:27	2:56	2:16
# of Task Blocks	8	4	10	8	5	6	6
# of Block Labels	3	3	6	3	5	3	3
Duration of Blocks(s)	25	28	12	See Text	23	16	18

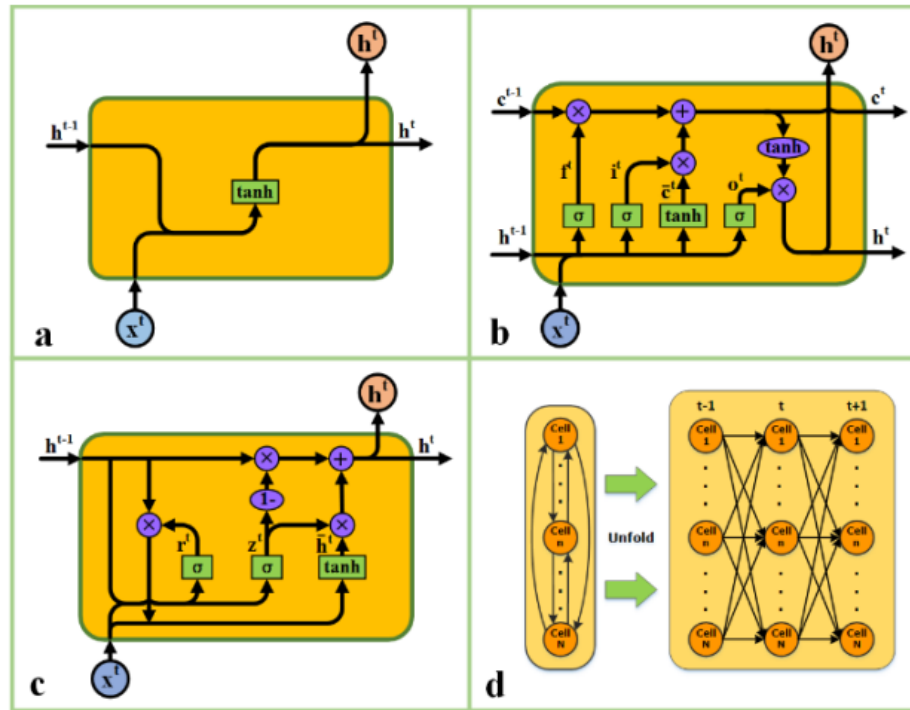
Data acquisition parameters:

220 mm FOV, in-plane FOV: 208×180 mm<sup>2</sup>,  
flipangle=52, BW=2290 Hz/Px, 2×2×2 mm<sup>3</sup>  
spatial resolution, 90×104 matrix, 72 slices,  
TR=0.72s, TE=33.1ms.

Preprocessing:

- Skull removal;
- Motion correction;
- Slice time correction;
- Spatial smoothing;
- Global drift removal;
- 4X4X4 mm<sup>3</sup> down sampling.

# Model



Basic recurrent cell unit (a):

$$h^t = \tanh(Uh^{t-1} + Wx^t + b)$$

LSTM (b):

$$h^t = o^t \odot \tanh(c^t)$$

$$o^t = \sigma(U_o h^{t-1} + W_o x^t + b_o)$$

$$c^t = f^t \odot c^{t-1} + i^t \odot \tilde{c}^t$$

$$f^t = \sigma(U_f h^{t-1} + W_f x^t + b_f)$$

$$i^t = \sigma(U_i h^{t-1} + W_i x^t + b_i)$$

$$\tilde{c}^t = \tanh(U_c h^{t-1} + W_c x^t + b_c)$$

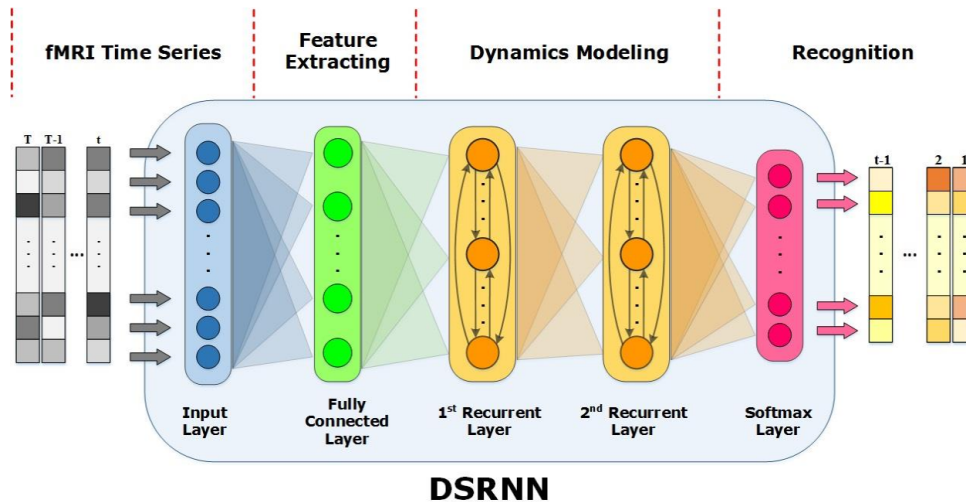
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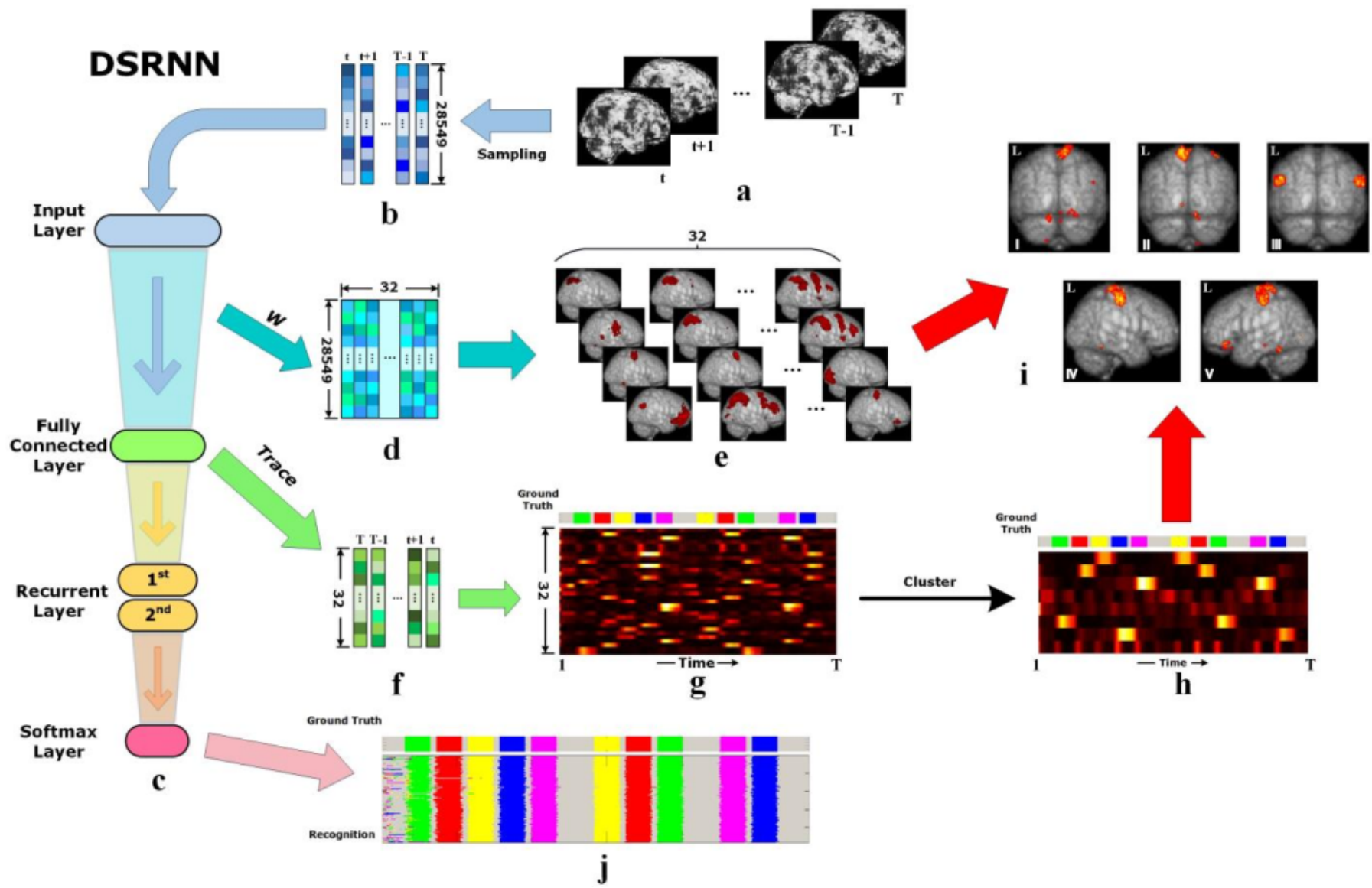
$$c^t = f^t \odot c^{t-1} + i^t \odot \tilde{c}^t$$

$$f^t = \sigma(U_f h^{t-1} + W_f x^t + b_f)$$

$$i^t = \sigma(U_i h^{t-1} + W_i x^t + b_i)$$

$$\tilde{c}^t = \tanh(U_c h^{t-1} + W_c x^t + b_c)$$





Task	Train	Test
WM	240	240
GAMBLING	320	320
MOTOR	320	320
LANGUAGE	300	300
SOCIAL	320	320
RELATIONAL	320	320
EMOTION	400	360

Loss function:

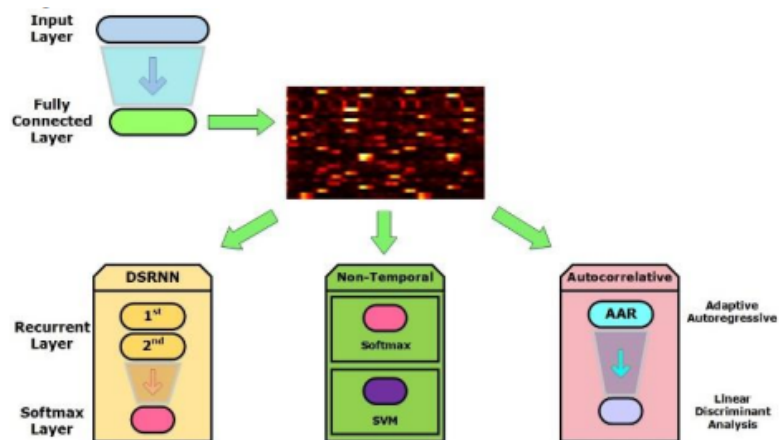
$$J(W, b) = CE(y || \hat{y}) + \beta \|O_{Full}\| + \lambda \|W_{Full}\|$$

sparse

$$Accuracy = \frac{N(Labels_{Rec} == Labels_{GT})}{Sequence Length}$$



# Results



$$\text{AAR: } y_t = a_{1,t}y_{t-1} + a_{2,t}y_{t-2} + \dots + a_{p,t}y_{t-p} + x_t,$$

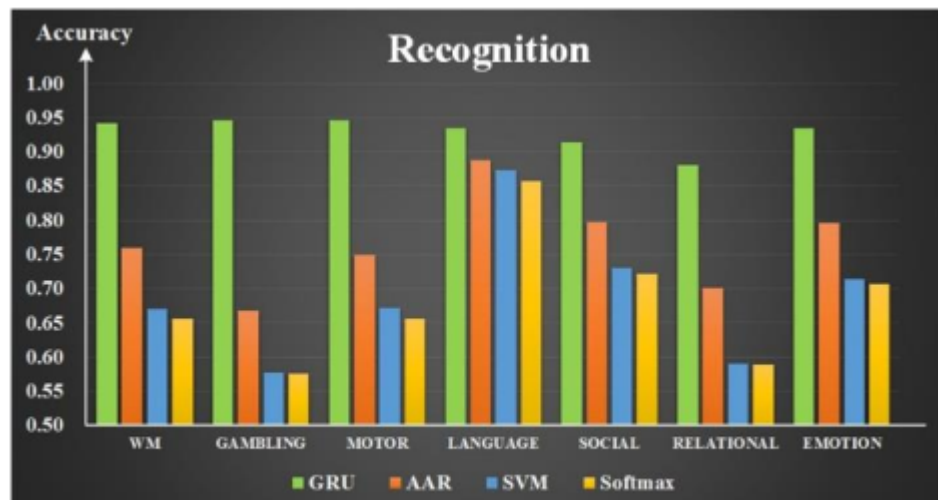


Fig. 5. Brain state recognition accuracies of seven tasks.

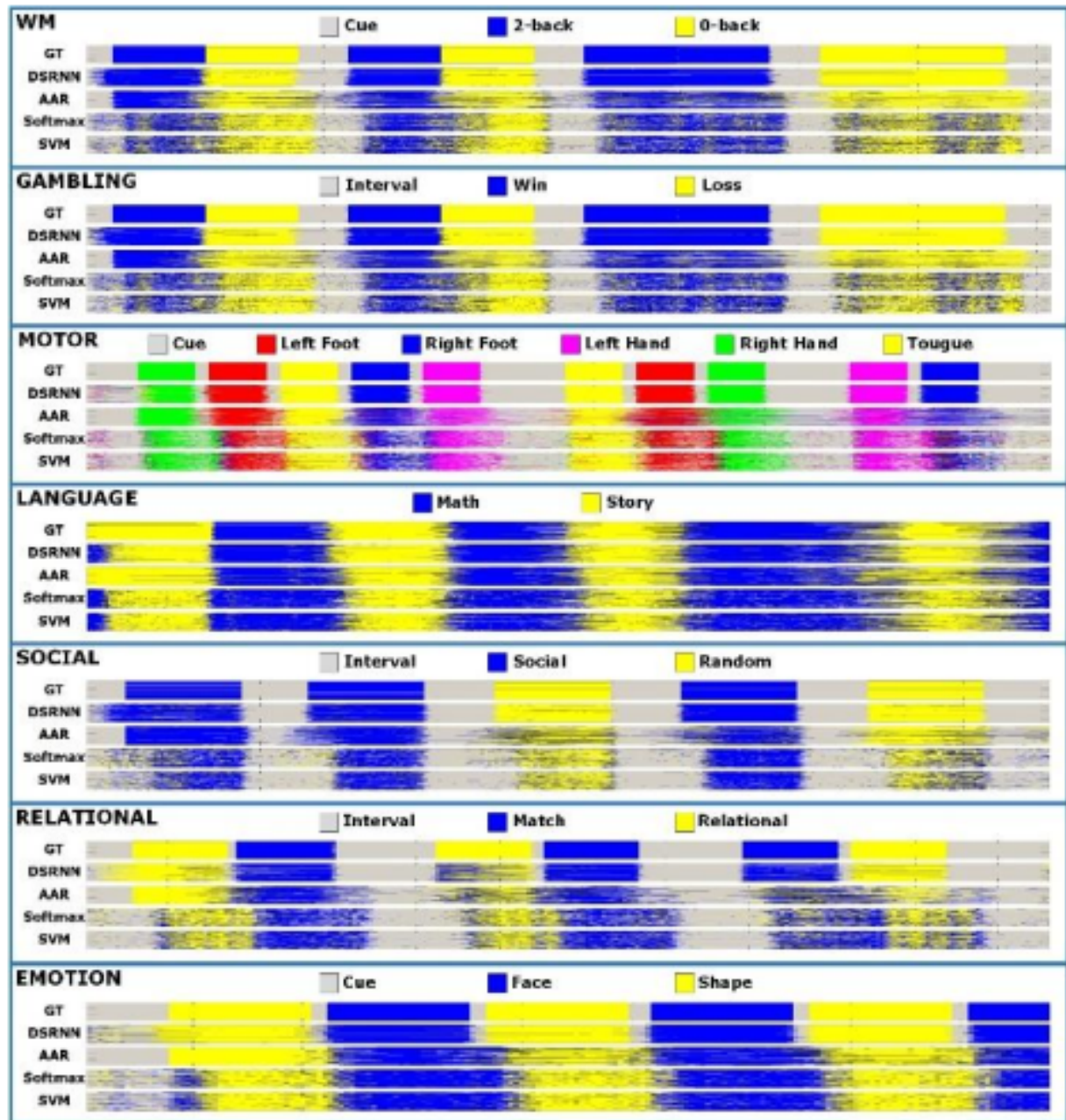


Fig. 6. Brain state series of seven tasks. In each subgraph, five state series

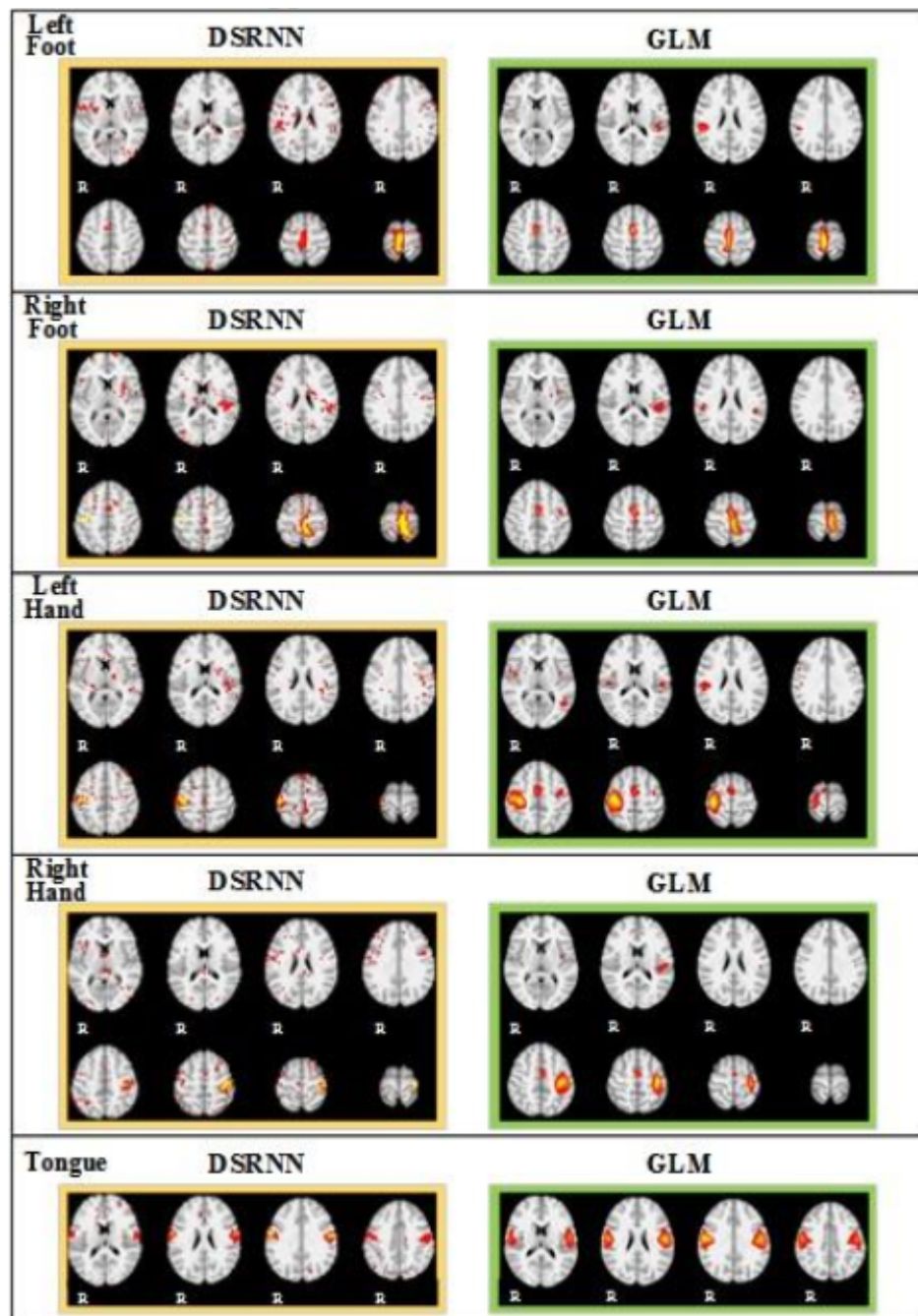


Fig. 7. Activation maps of motor task.

