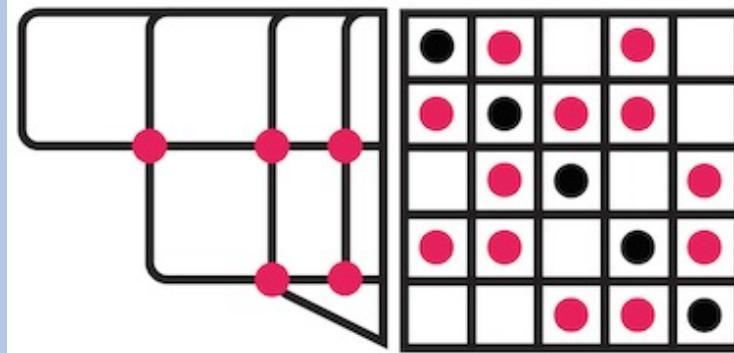


How the ideas of connectivity have evolved



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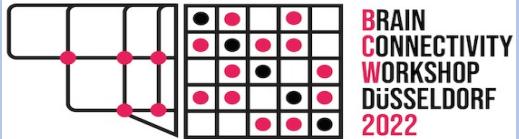
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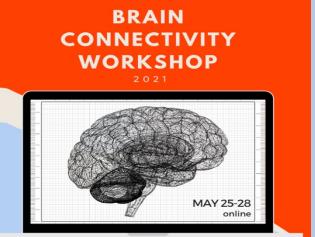
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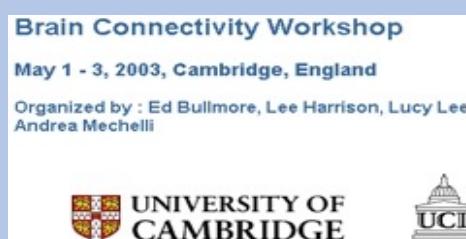
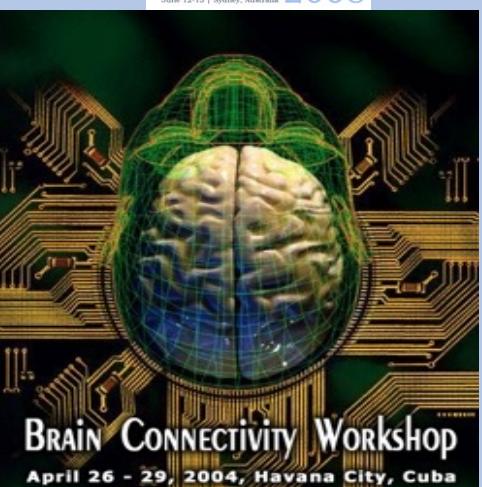
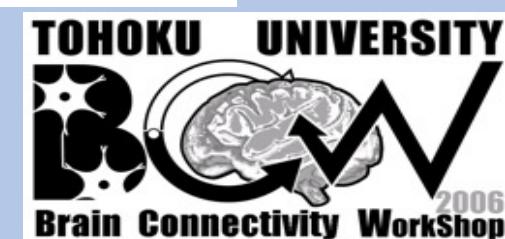
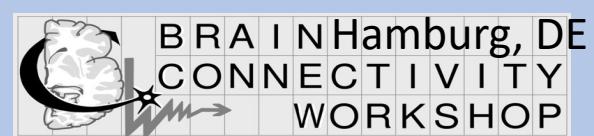
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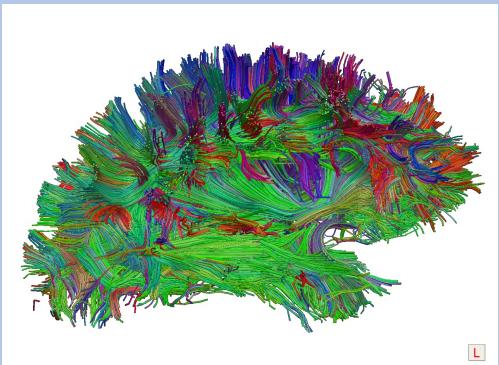
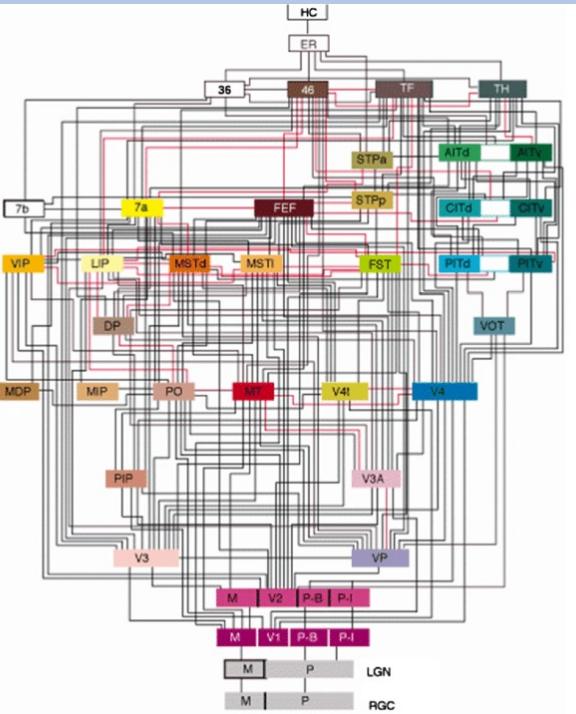


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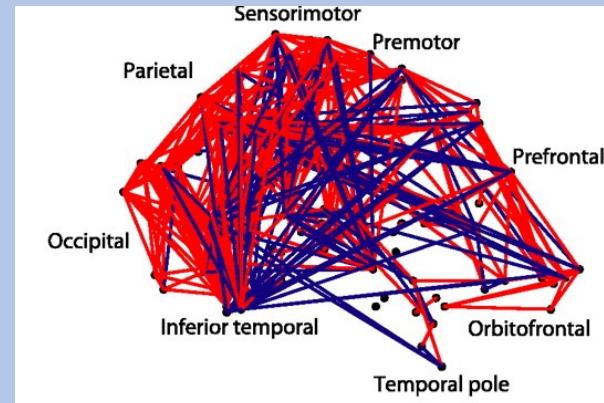
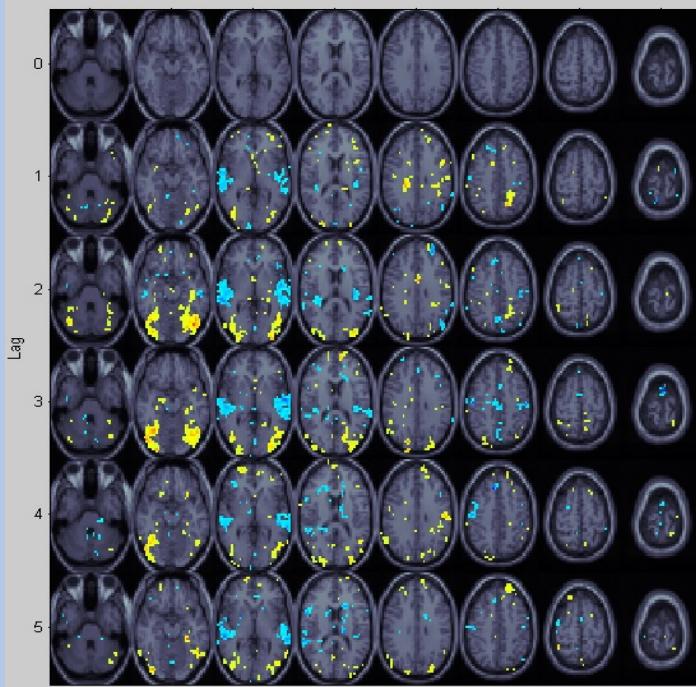


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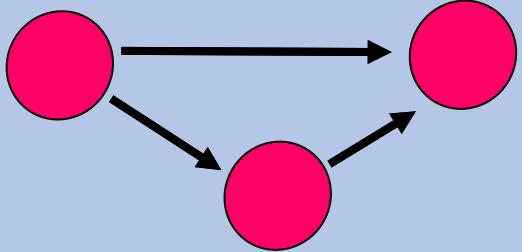


Anatomy *conduit*



Function/dynamics *communication*

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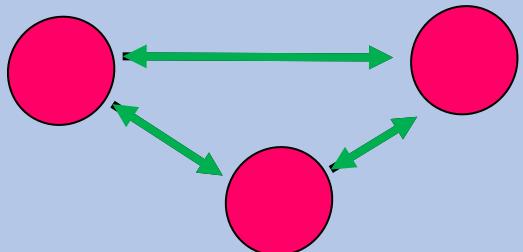
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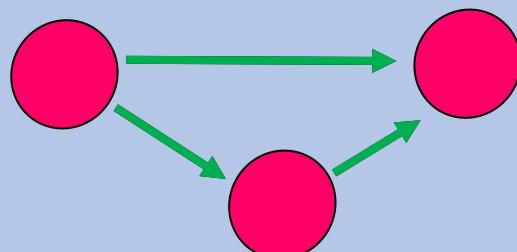
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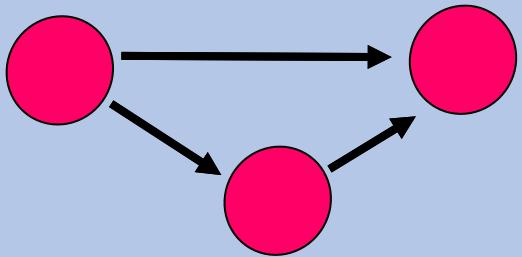
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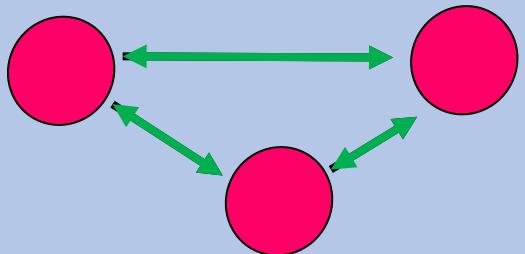
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"Anatomy is destiny." Tononi, BCW2021



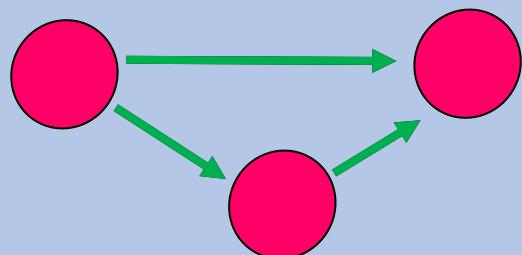
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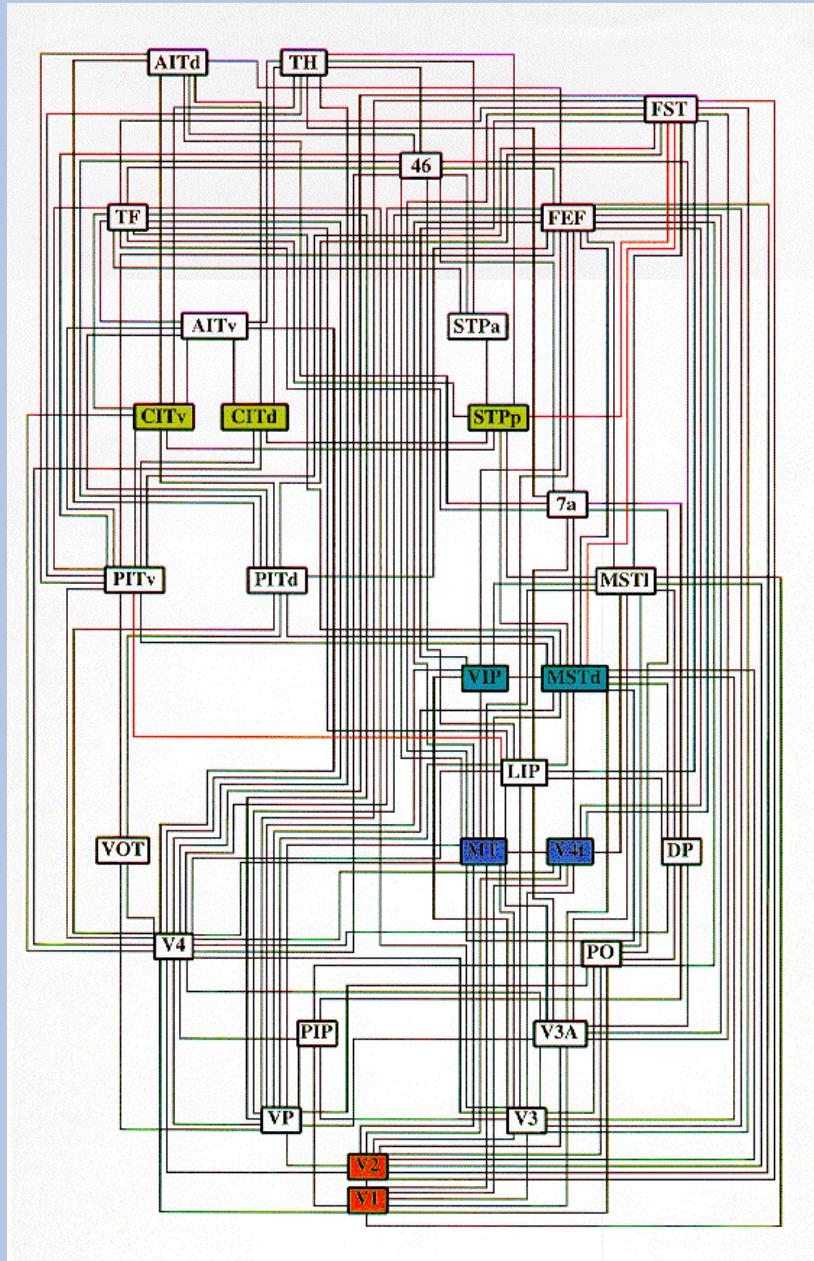
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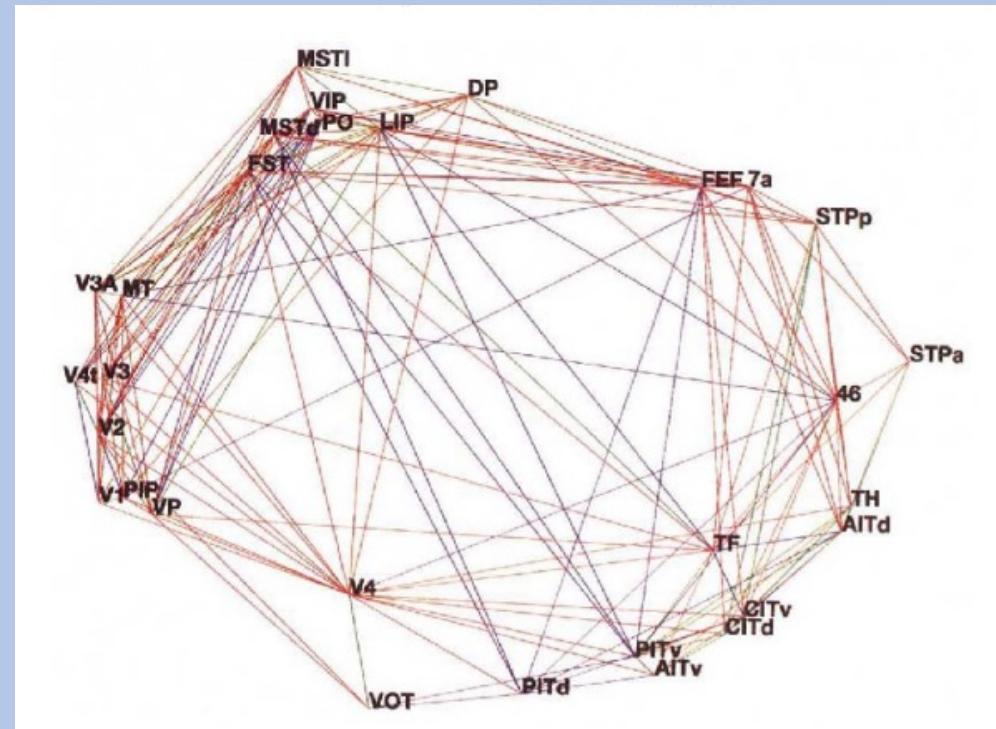


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Objective analysis of the topological organization of the primate cortical visual system

Malcolm P. Young

Nature 358, 152–155 (1992) | [Cite this article](#)



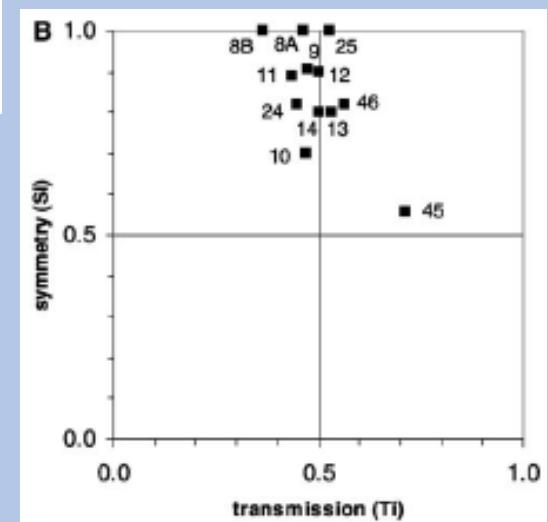
Used adjacency matrix from anatomical connectivity and expressed as “distances” using non-metric multidimensional scaling

Network participation indices: characterizing component roles for information processing in neural networks

Rolf Kötter^{a,*}, Klaas E. Stephan^{b,c}



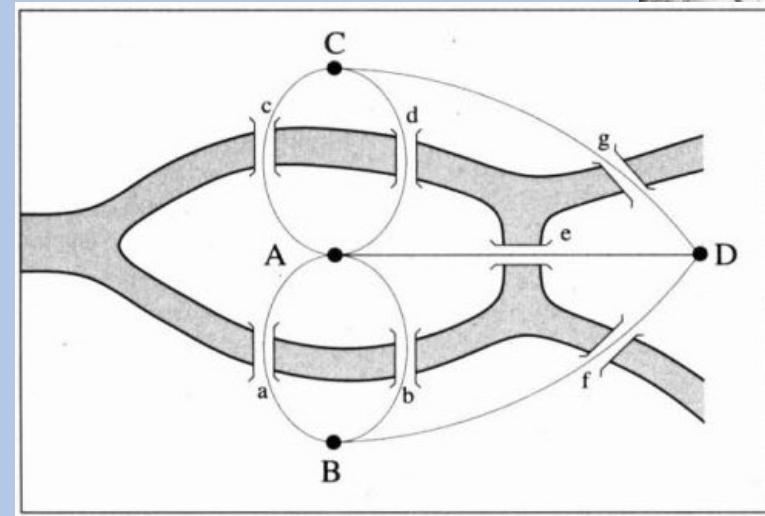
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Network Architectures and Metrics

Historical Origins of Graph Theory

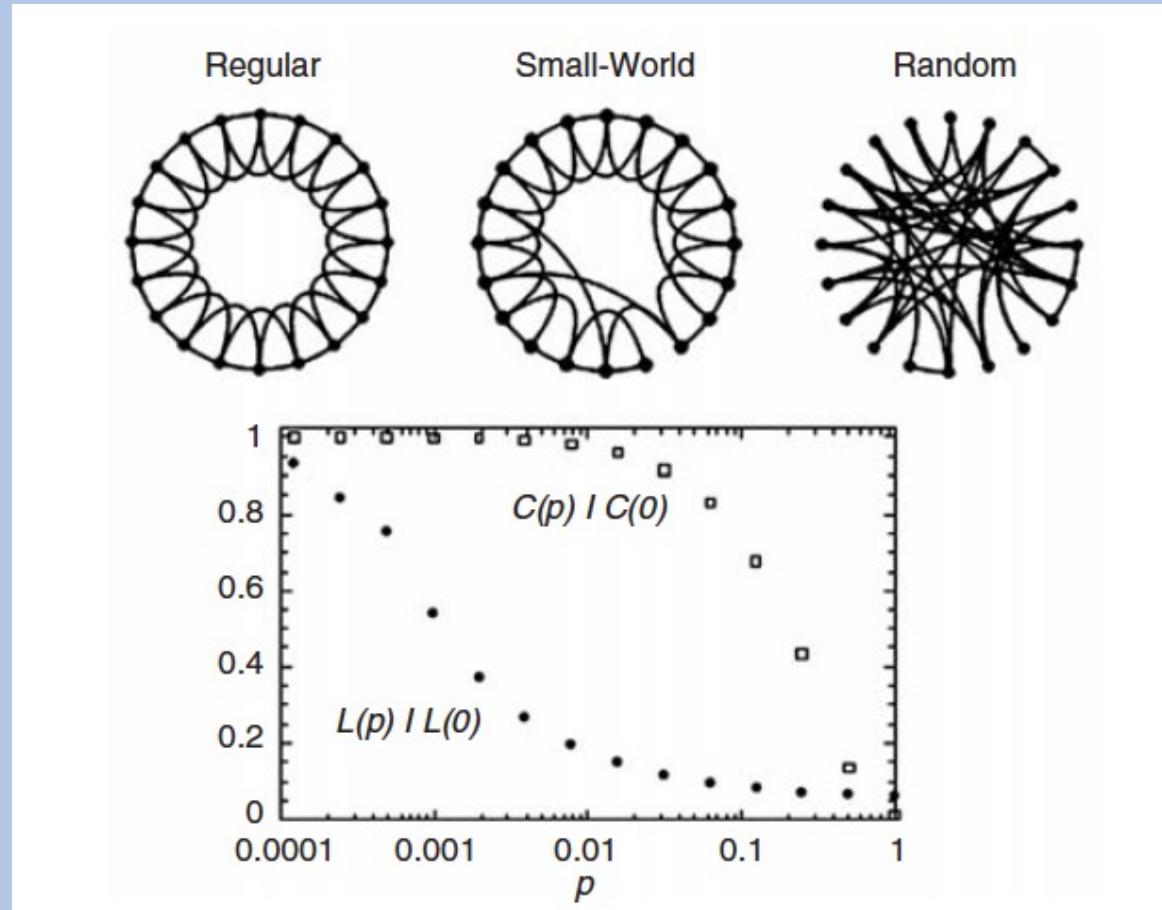
Leonhard Euler's 1736 publication on the bridges of Königsberg (Kalininograd) is the origin of graph theory.



19th century graph theory was developed further by Kirchhoff (electrical networks) and Sylvester (chemical isomers).

Graph theory is now widely applied across all fields of science.

Graph Theory and Network Architectures

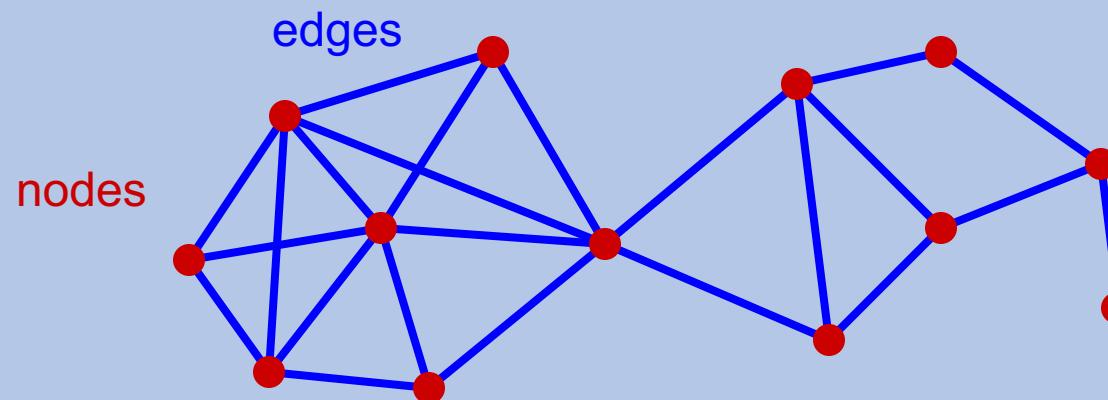


Optimal balance of clustering and path length in Small-World Networks

Watts & Strogatz, 1998, Nature

Network Architectures and Metrics

Graphs: Basic Definitions



Graphs (networks) consist of **nodes** and **edges**, and can be directed or undirected, weighted or binary.

Graph metrics differ in their mathematical definition and calculation depending on the type of network.

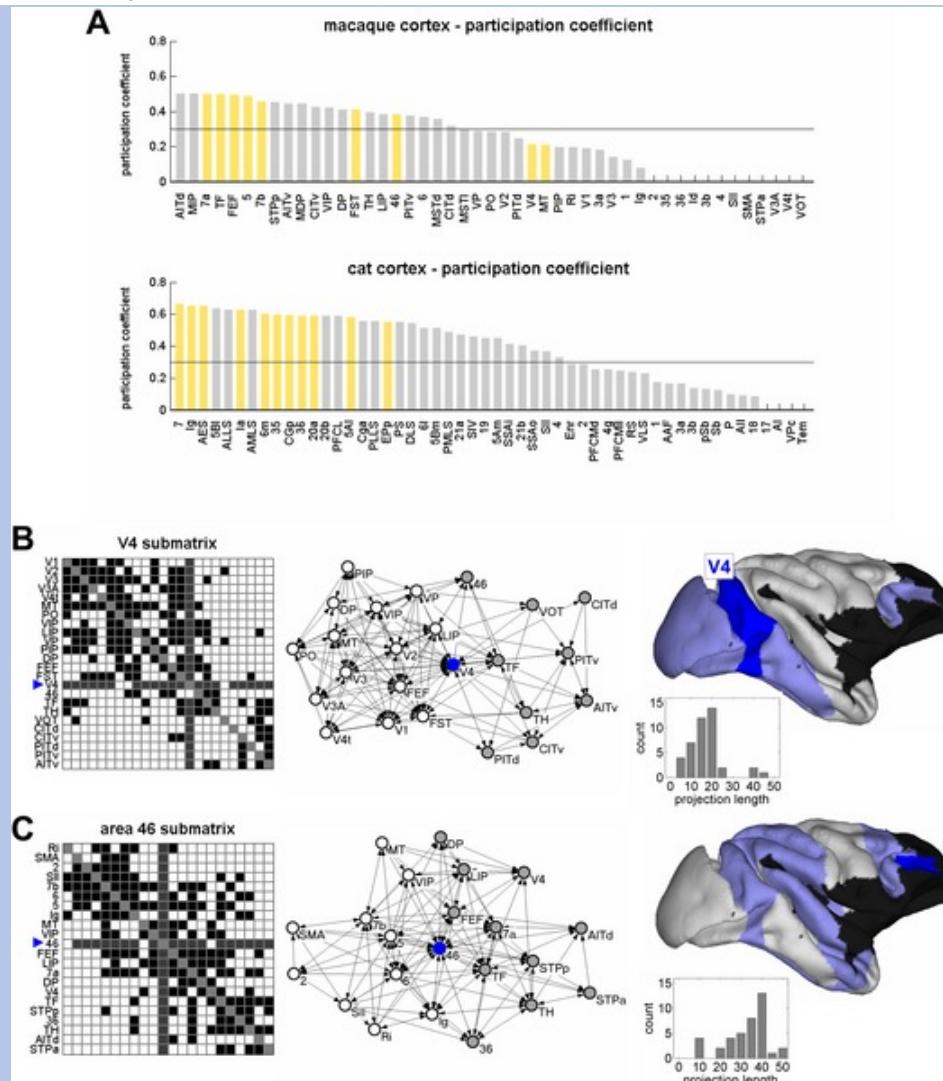
Graphs may be converted from weighted to binary by **thresholding** – often across a range of thresholds or “costs”

Brain Connectivity Toolbox
www.brain-connectivity-toolbox.net

Rubinov & Sporns (2010)
NeuroImage 52, 1059

Identification and Classification of Hubs in Brain Networks

Olaf Sporns^{1*}, Christopher J. Honey¹, Rolf Kötter^{2,3}



The Human Connectome: A Structural Description of the Human Brain

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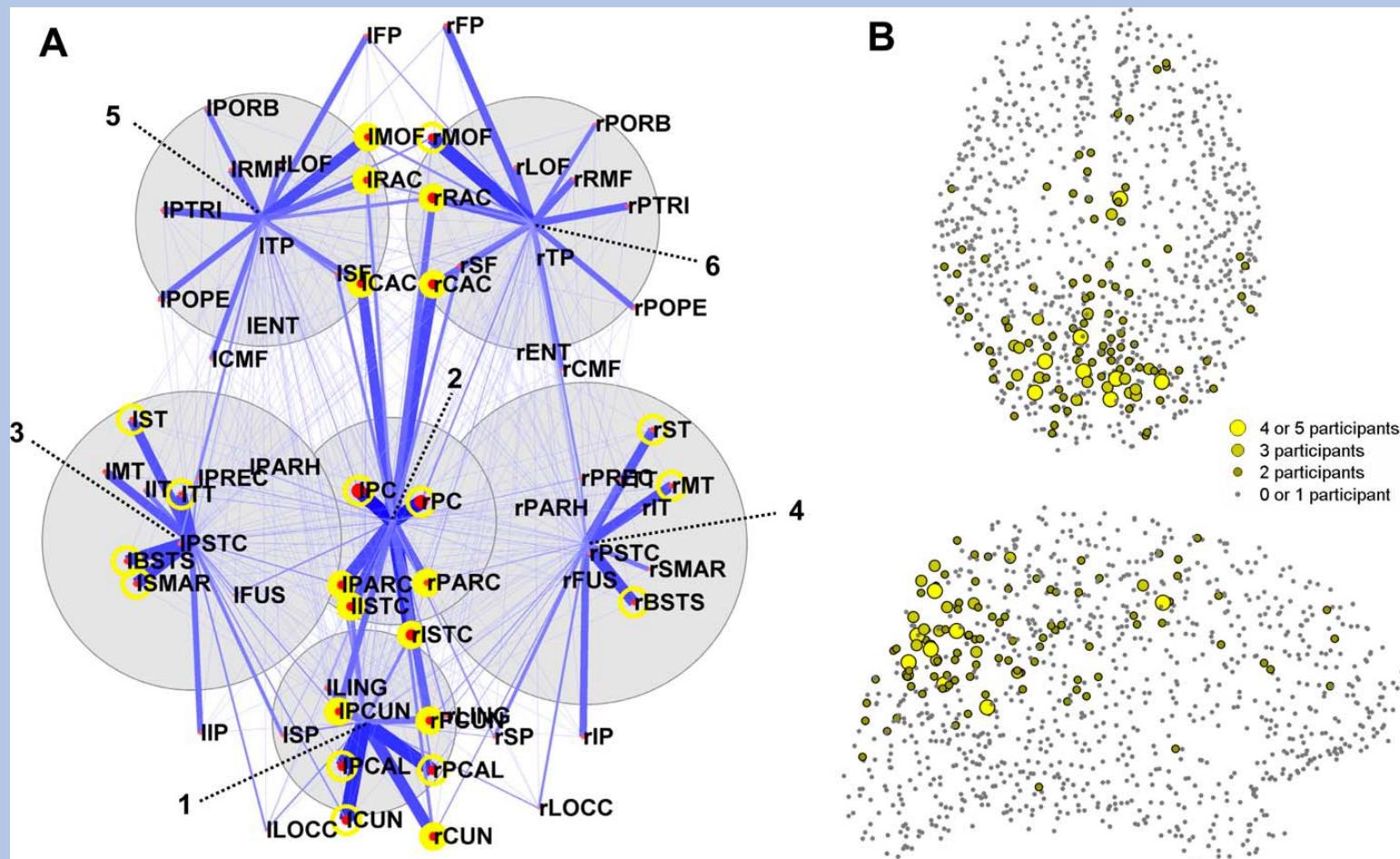
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The connection matrix of the human brain (the human “connectome”) represents an indispensable foundation for basic and applied neurobiological research. However, the network of anatomical connections linking the neuronal elements of the human brain is still largely unknown. While some databases or collations of large-scale anatomical connection patterns exist for other mammalian species, there is currently no connection matrix of the human brain, nor is there a coordinated research effort to collect, archive, and disseminate this important information. We propose a research strategy to achieve this goal, and discuss its potential impact.

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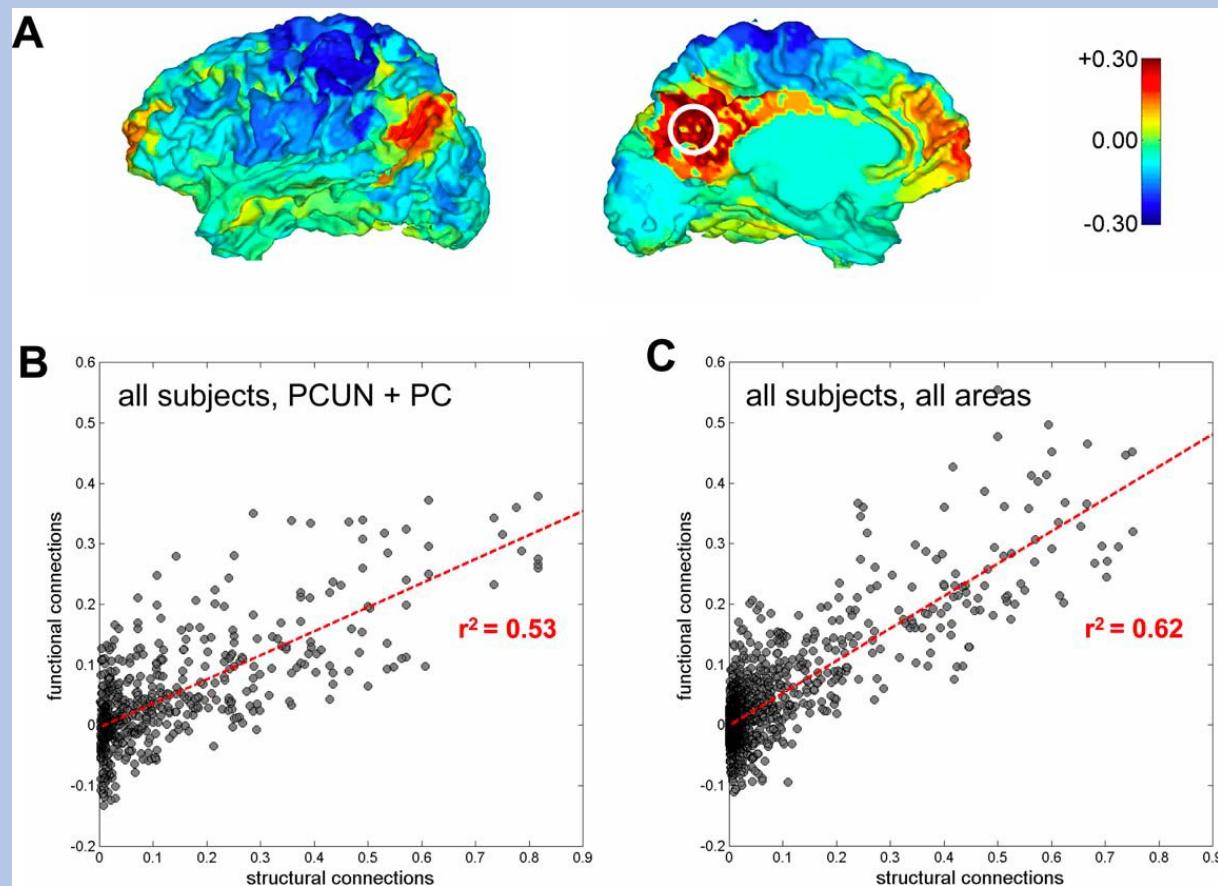
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Structure and function are correlated,
but not perfectly...

Cautions on DTI & structural connectivity

The challenge of mapping the human connectome based on diffusion tractography

Klaus H. Maier-Hein , Peter F. Neher, ... Maxime Descoteaux 

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Anatomical accuracy of brain connections derived from diffusion MRI tractography is inherently limited

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Exploring the limits of network topology estimation using diffusion-based tractography and tracer studies in the macaque cortex

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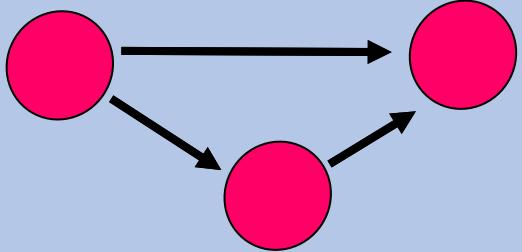
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Limitations of estimation of structural connectivity from tractography

- false positive/negative depends on estimation type
- resolution cannot resolve endpoints (cf. tracers)
- bidirectional
- imaging artifacts can vary across groups (e.g., aging) confounding group comparisons

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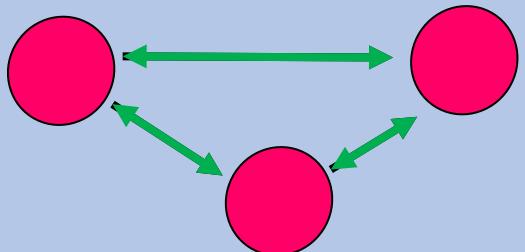
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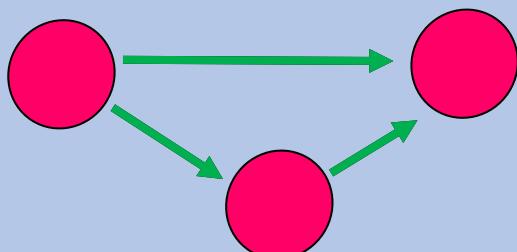
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Why would we want to estimate functional or effective connectivity?

- Only way to explicitly measure “networks”
 - *activation does not mean covariation*
- Anatomy of nervous systems guarantees that if activity changes, then neural interactions will have changed
 - *may be the case that neural interaction changes precede activity changes (e.g., Ahissar, et al, Science, 1992)*

Functional Connectivity

When did it start?

THE BRAIN'S RECORD OF AUDITORY AND VISUAL
EXPERIENCE¹

A FINAL SUMMARY AND DISCUSSION

BY

WILDER PENFIELD AND PHANOR PEROT

We have argued before, that since excision of these areas does not abolish memory, they do not contain the actual record of the past. They are, however, functionally connected with that neuronal record (Penfield, 1958*b*). Since stimulation produces at times detailed recall of past experience in these areas and nowhere else, and since, at other times, it produces a sudden alteration in the patient's present interpretation of things heard or seen, it seems likely that these areas play in adult life some role in the subconscious recall of past experience making it available for present interpretation. This recall makes possible that sudden flash of awareness that things have been seen or heard or experienced before, or that they are dangerous, coming near, or changing pace.

Brain, 1963

Voxel-wise methods

- Simple correlation
 - Horwitz, 1984
- Linear regression approaches
 - “Psychophysiological interactions” (PPI, Friston et al, 1997)
- Sometimes functional connectivity is enough

Intercorrelations of Glucose Metabolic Rates between Brain Regions: Application to Healthy Males in a State of Reduced Sensory Input

Barry Horwitz, Ranjan Duara, Stanley I. Rapoport

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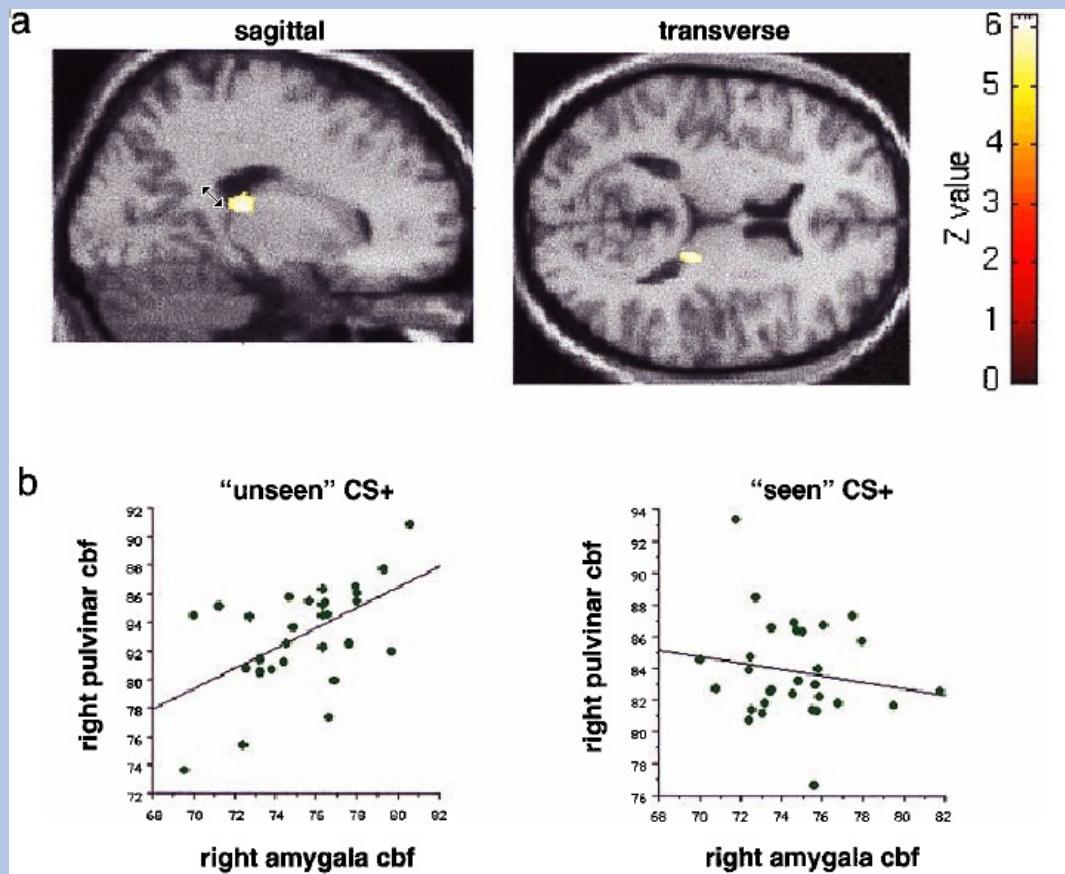
Abstract

We use a correlational analysis of regional metabolic rates to characterize relations among different brain regions. Starting with rates of local glucose metabolism (rCMRglc) obtained by positron emission tomography using [¹⁸F]fluorodeoxyglucose, we propose that pairs of brain regions whose rCMRglc values are significantly correlated are functionally associated, and that the strength of the association is proportional to the magnitude of the correlation coefficient. Partial correlation coefficients, controlling for whole brain glucose metabolism, are used in the analysis. We also introduce a graphical technique to display simultaneously all the correlations, allowing us to examine patterns of relations among them. The method was applied to 40 very healthy males under conditions of reduced auditory and visual inputs (the “resting state”). Dividing the brain into 59 regions, and keeping only those partial correlation coefficients significant to $p < 0.01$, we found the following: (a) All regions were significantly correlated with their contralateral homologues. For the most part, the largest partial correlation coefficients were between homologous brain regions. (b) Generally, the pattern of significant correlations between any two lobes in the left hemisphere did not differ statistically from the corresponding pattern in the right hemisphere. (c) Strong correlations were observed between primary somatosensory areas and premotor association areas. Correlations between these association areas and primary visual and auditory regions were not statistically significant. (d) Significant correlations between inferior occipital and temporal areas were found. Metabolic rates in the superior part of the occipital lobe were not correlated significantly with metabolic rates in regions of the temporal lobe, nor with metabolism in the parietal lobe. (e) As a whole, there were numerous correlations among frontal and parietal lobe regions, on the one hand, and among temporal and occipital lobe regions, on the other, but few statistically significant correlations between these two domains. We relate our results to various aspects of known brain anatomy, physiology, and cognitive functioning.

Keywords

Correlation matrix, [¹⁸F]Fluorodeoxyglucose, Hemispheric symmetry, Positron emission tomography, Regional cerebral metabolic rate for glucose, Resting state

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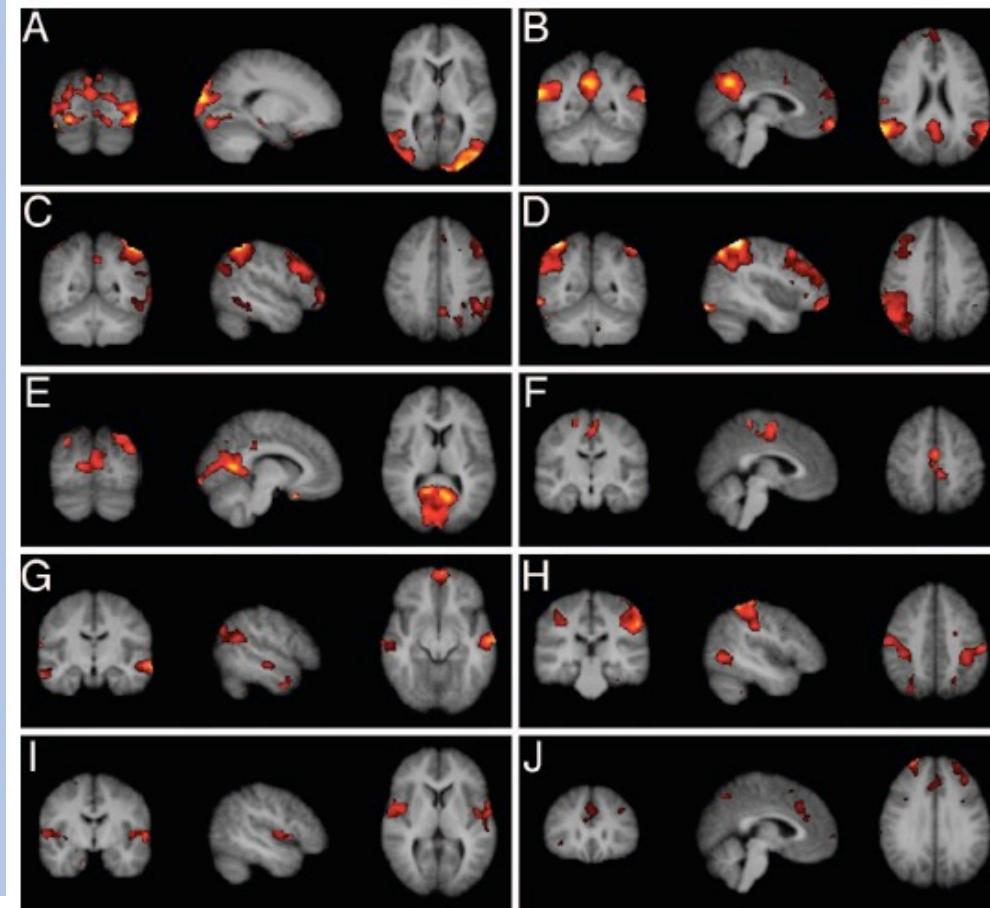


Morris, et al, 1999, PNAS

Independent Components Analysis

- Many variations
 - EEGLAB/FMRILAB (Makeig)
 - MELODIC (Beckman, FSL)
 - GIFT (Calhoun)
- Like PCA, decomposes the entire data matrix into spatial or temporal modes that capture some dynamics of the data
 - Not always obvious what the dynamics are...
- Excellent for eliminating artifact that are not captured by motion correction
 - Be careful of nonlinear/super-Gaussian artifacts

Resting State Networks & ICA

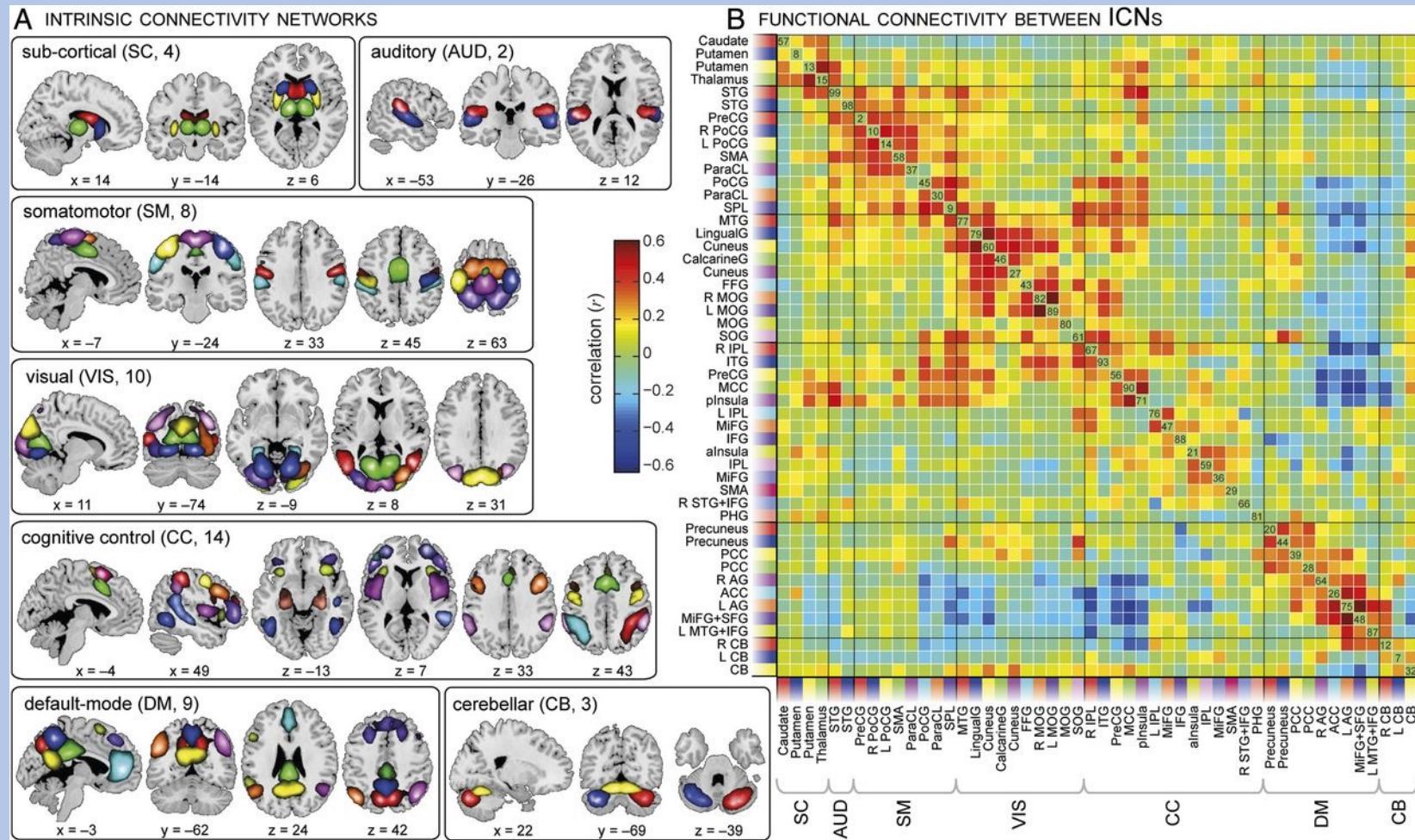


**Consistent resting-state networks
across healthy subjects**

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Proc Nat Acad Sci, USA, 2006

Independent Component Networks and the stationary Functional Connectivity between them



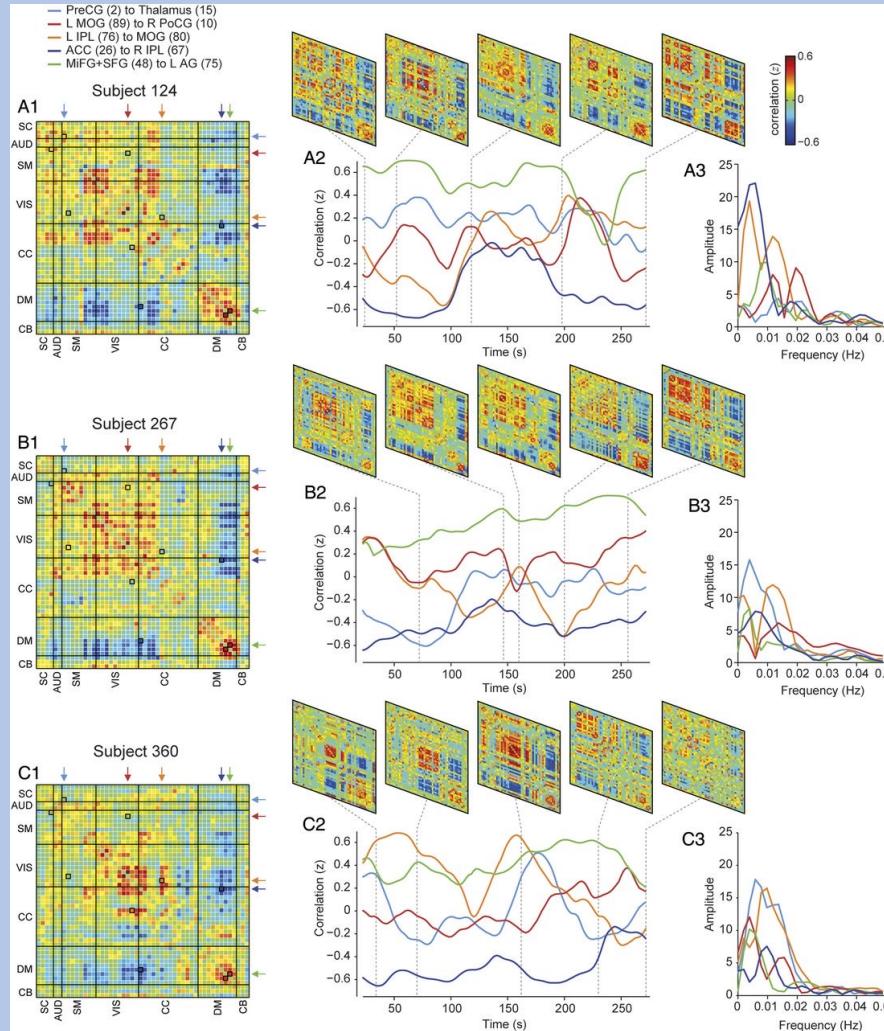
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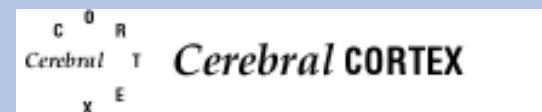
Examples of Functional Connectivity dynamics.

- Patterns of functional connectivity can change across time
- Network affiliations can also change
- The nature of these transitions may provide more insight into cognitive dynamics



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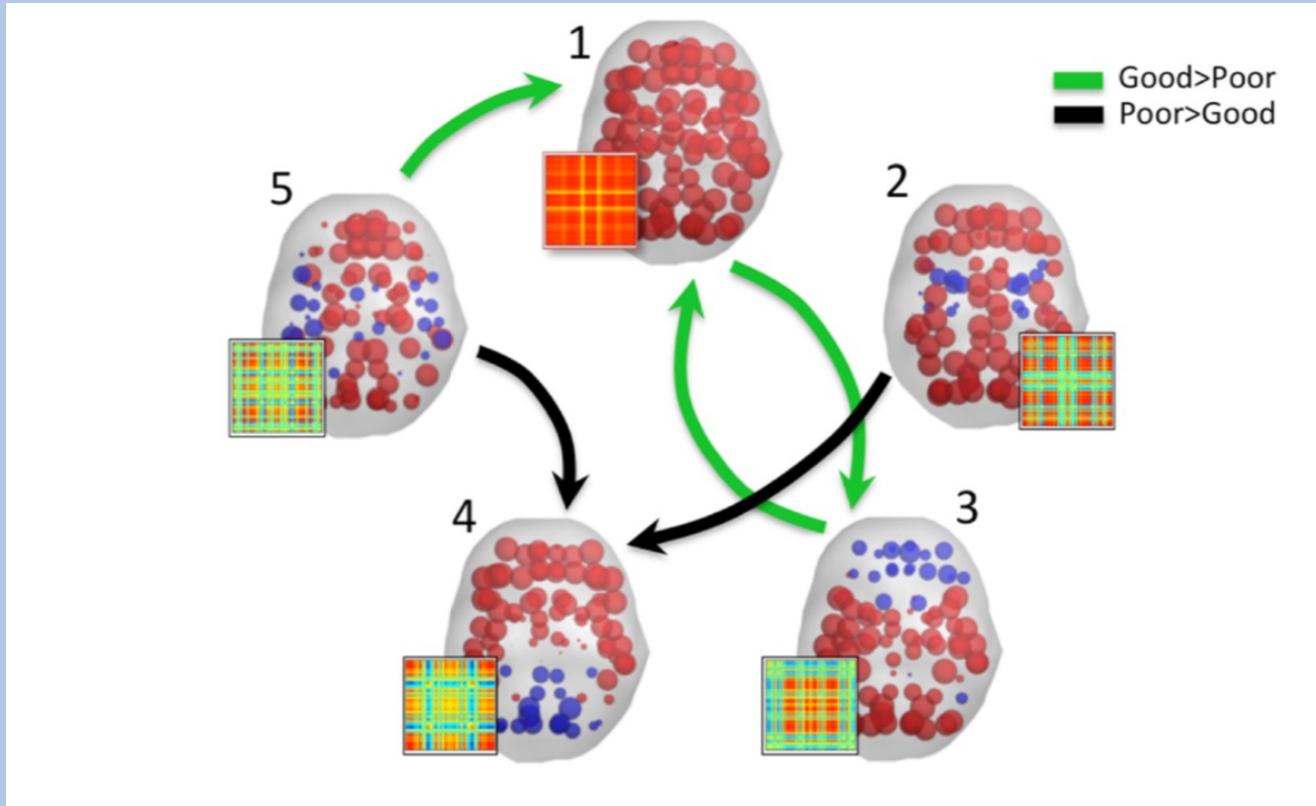
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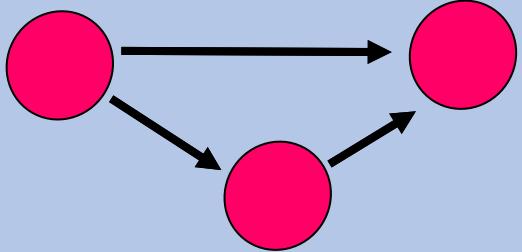
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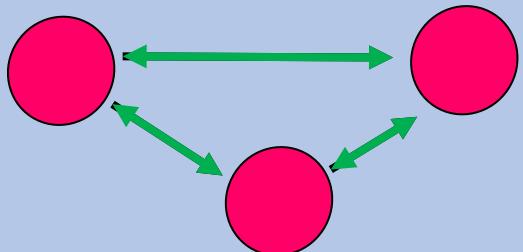
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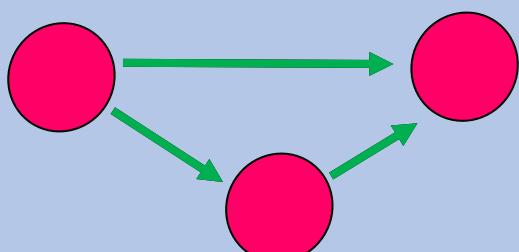
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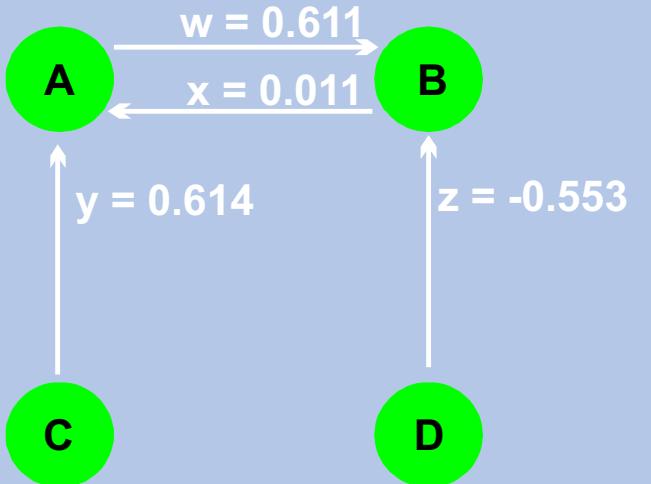
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Structural Equation Modeling

(McIntosh & Gonzalez-Lima, 1991, McIntosh et al, 1994, Buchel & Friston, 1997)



	A	B	C	D
A	1.00			
B	0.48	1.00		
C	0.62	0.16	1.00	
D	0.24	-0.41	0.06	1.00

Structural Equations

$$A = xB + yC + \psi_A$$

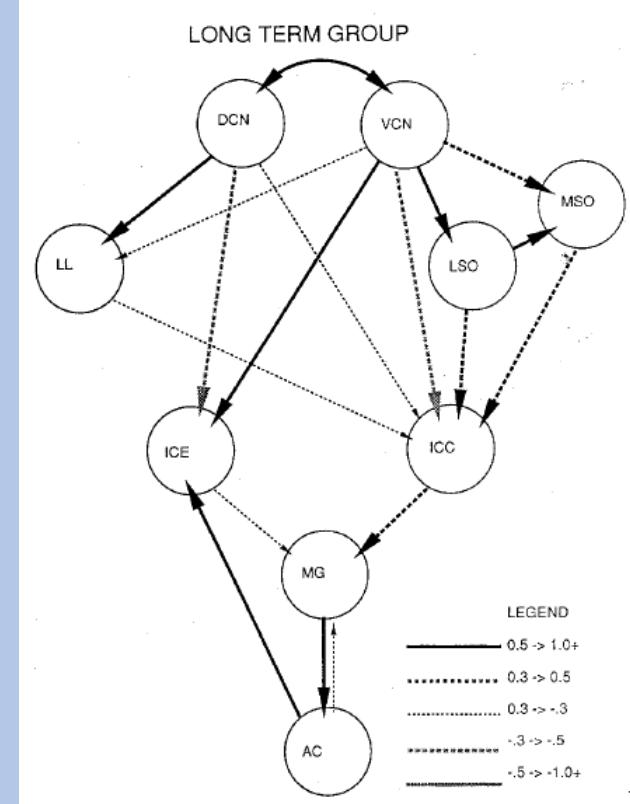
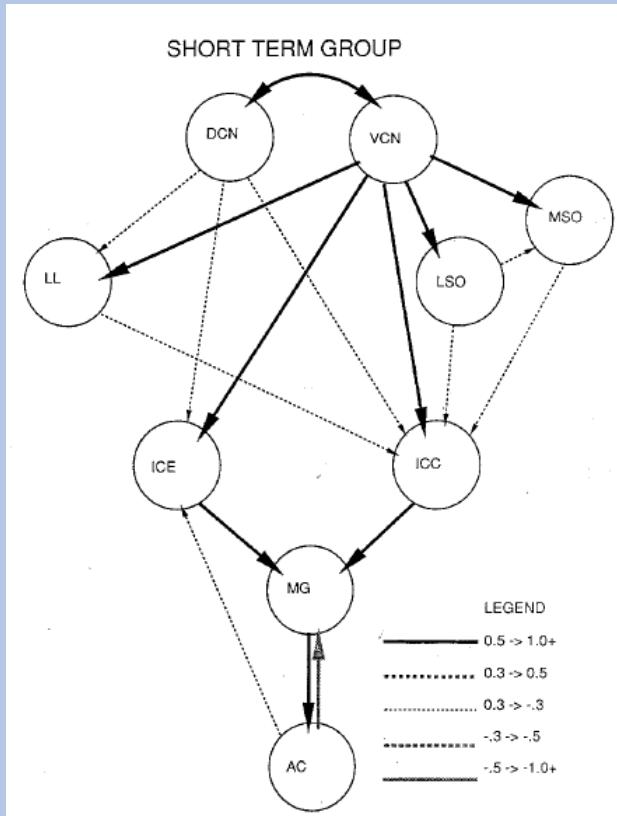
$$B = wA + zD + \psi_B$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \\ C \\ D \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & x & y & 0 \\ w & 0 & 0 & z \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} * \begin{pmatrix} A \\ B \\ C \\ D \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \psi_A & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \psi_B & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \psi_C & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \psi_D \end{pmatrix}$$
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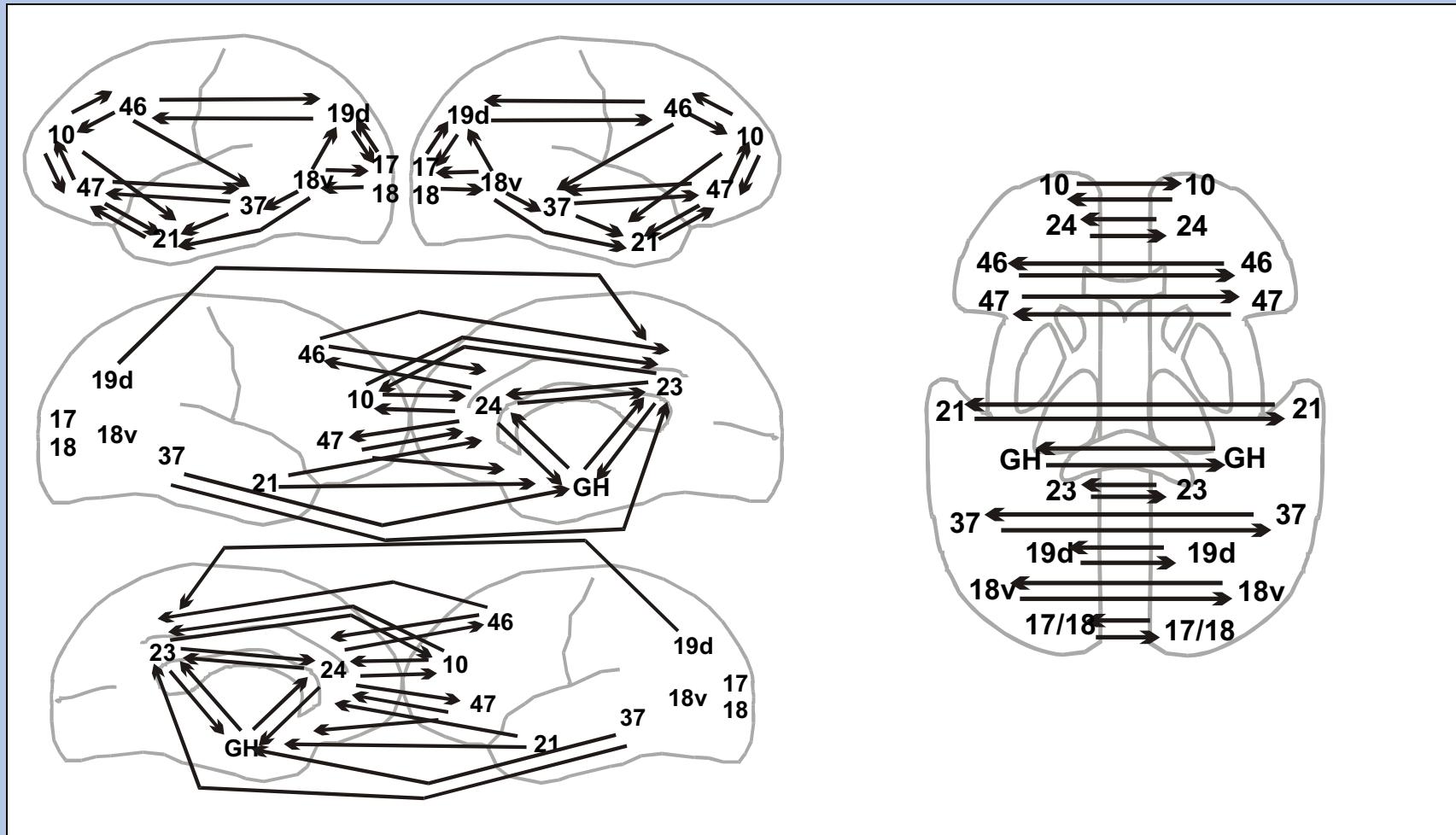
Structural modeling of functional neural pathways mapped with 2-deoxyglucose: effects of acoustic startle habituation on the auditory system

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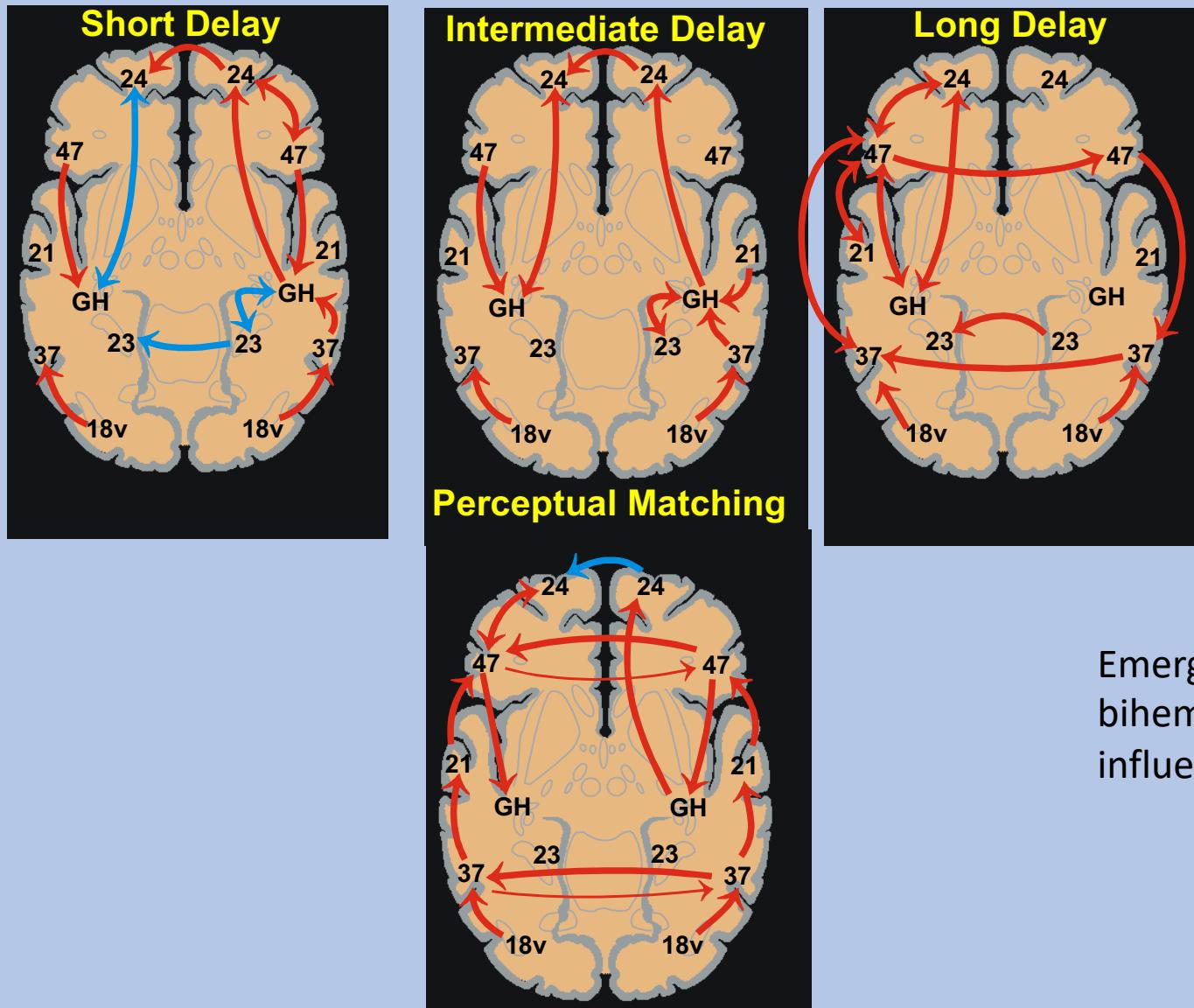


Anatomical Network Working Memory



McIntosh et al, *Cerebral Cortex*, 1996

Functional Networks in Working Memory for Faces

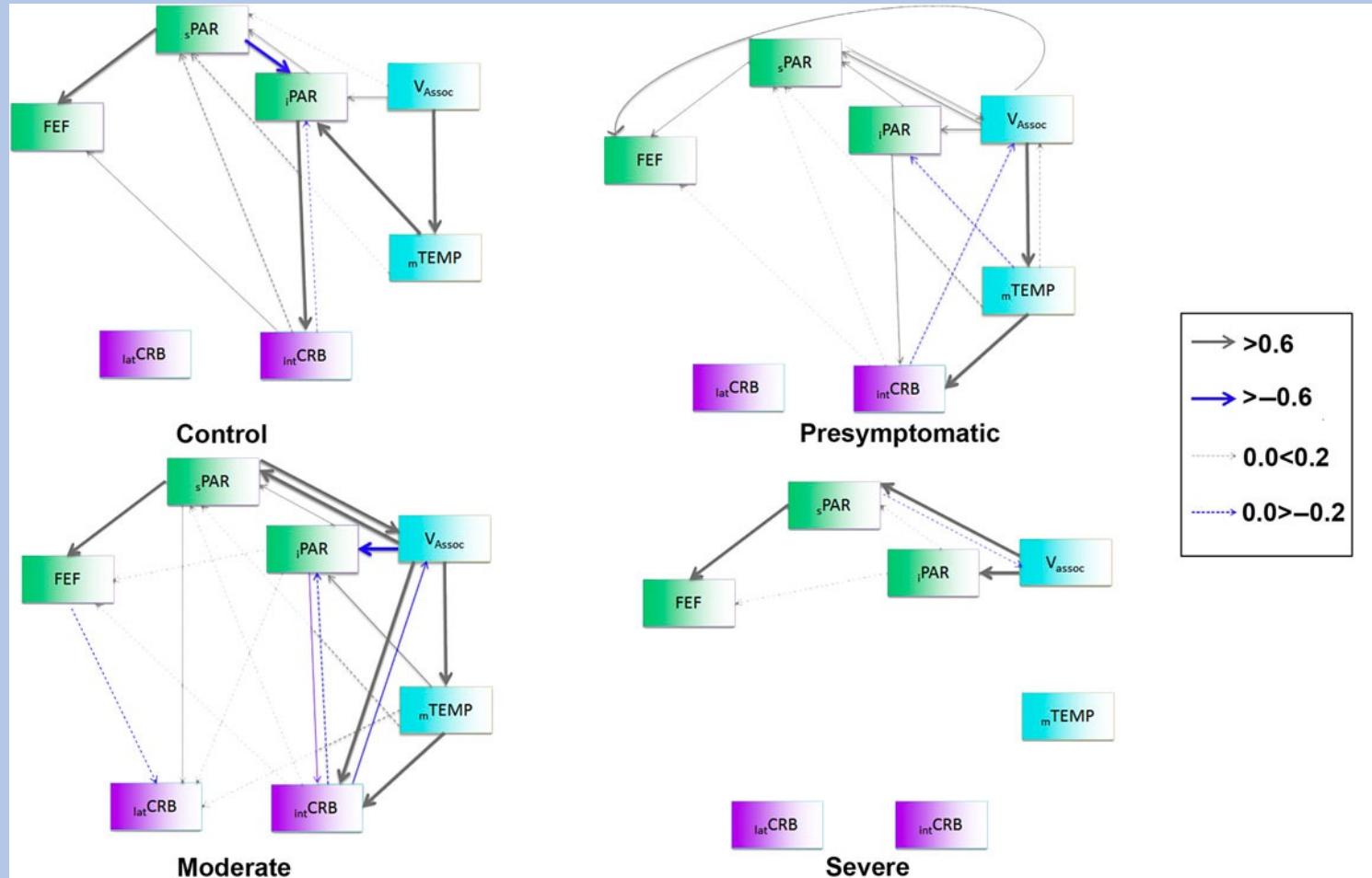


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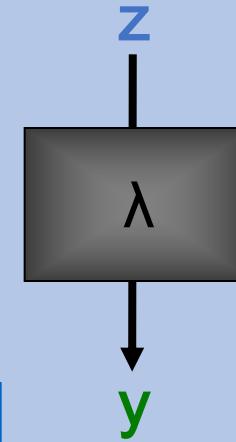
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Rise and fall of effective connections in patients with increasing severity

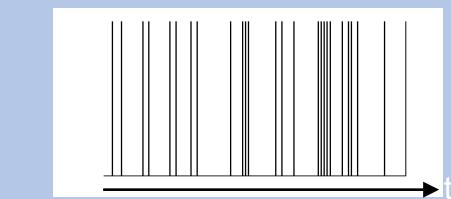
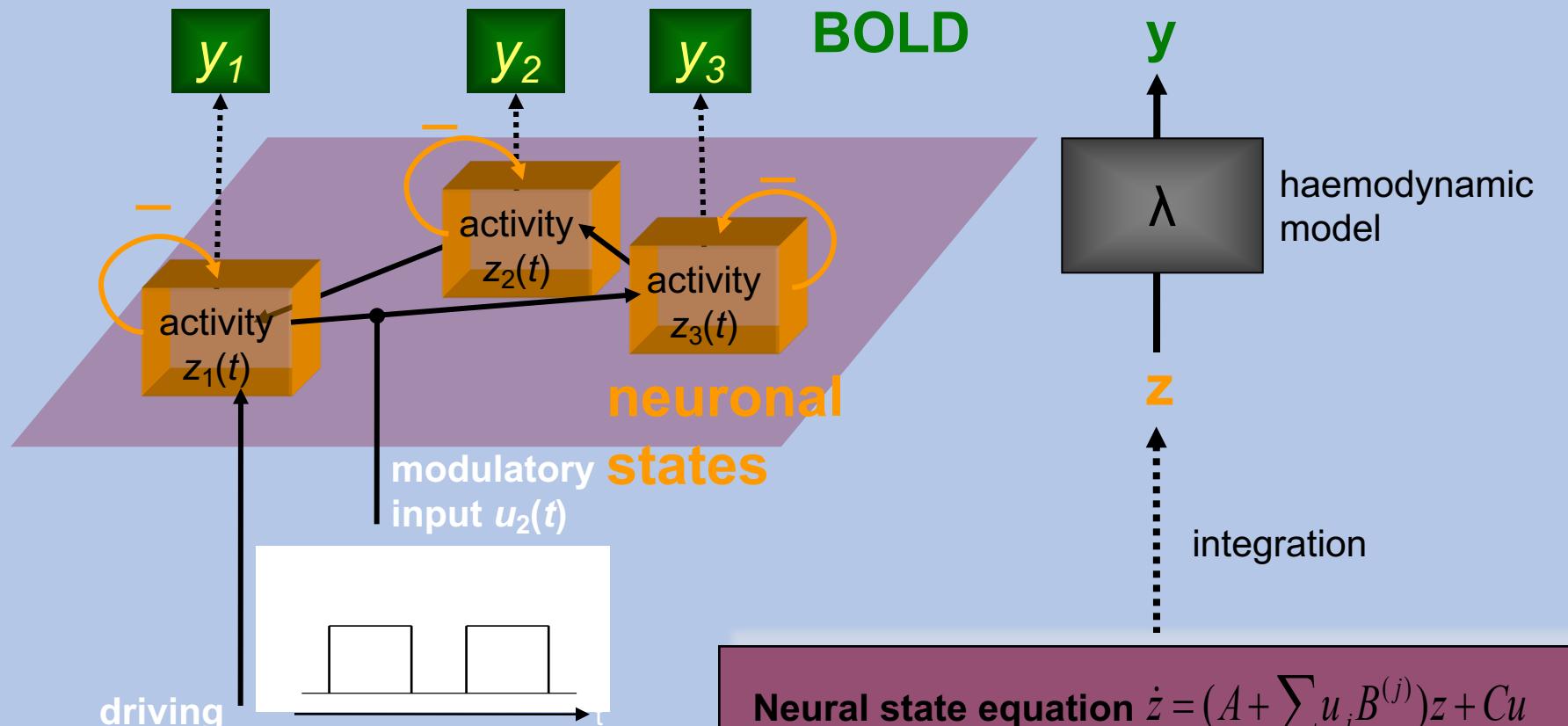


Dynamic Causal Modeling for fMRI

- Using a bilinear state equation, a putative cognitive system is modelled at its underlying neuronal level (which is not directly accessible for fMRI).
- The modelled neuronal dynamics (z) is transformed into area-specific BOLD signals (y) by a hemodynamic forward model (λ).



The aim of DCM is to estimate parameters at the neuronal level such that the modelled BOLD signals are maximally similar to the experimentally measured BOLD signals.



Stephan & Friston 2007,
Handbook of Brain Connectivity
(Eds. Jirsa & McIntosh)

$$\text{Neural state equation } \dot{z} = (A + \sum u_j B^{(j)})z + Cu$$

intrinsic connectivity $\longrightarrow A = \frac{\partial \dot{z}}{\partial z}$

modulation of connectivity $\longrightarrow B^{(j)} = \frac{\partial}{\partial u_j} \frac{\partial \dot{z}}{\partial z}$

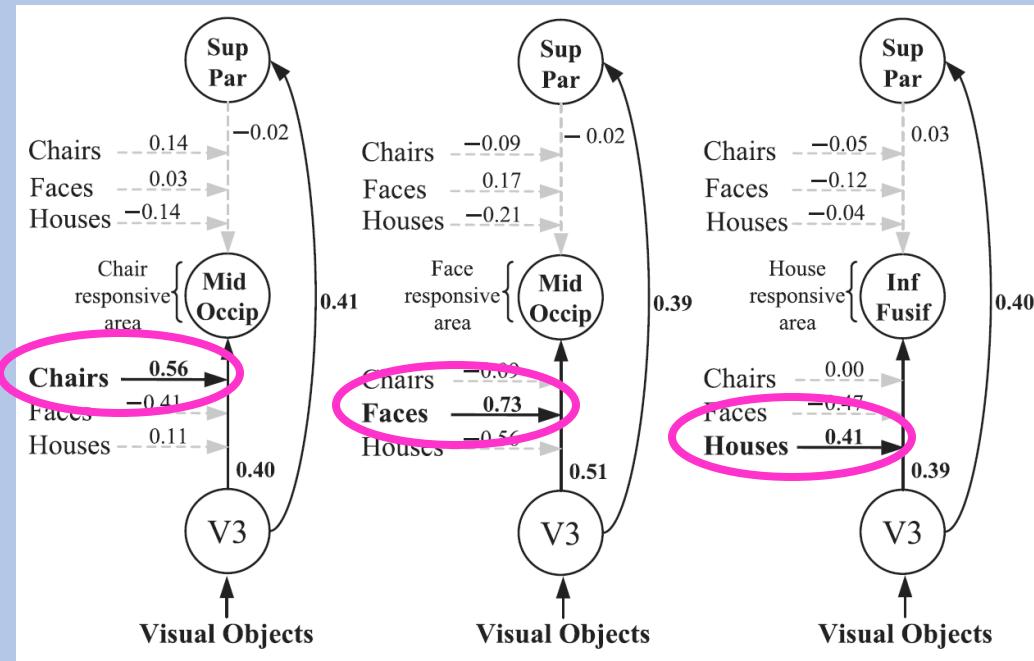
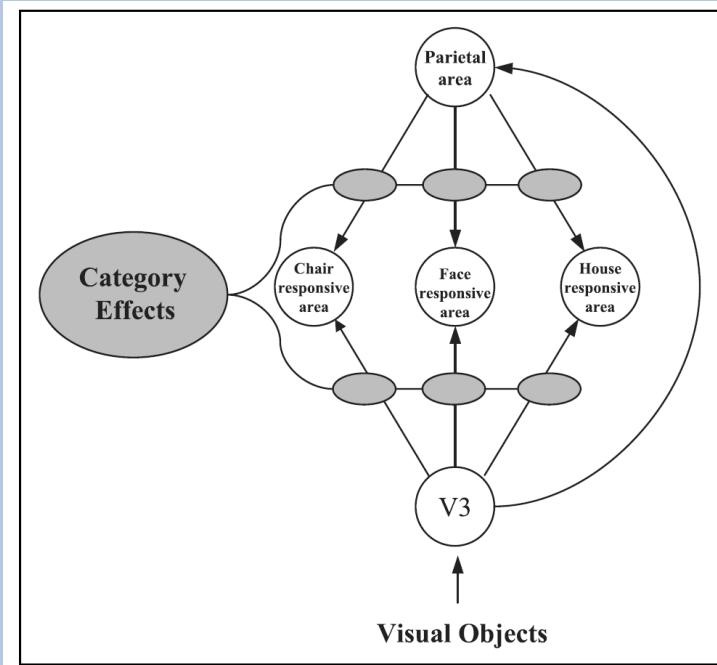
direct inputs $\longrightarrow C = \frac{\partial \dot{z}}{\partial u}$

Hypothesis Testing with DCM

A Dynamic Causal Modeling Study on Category Effects: Bottom-Up or Top-Down Mediation?

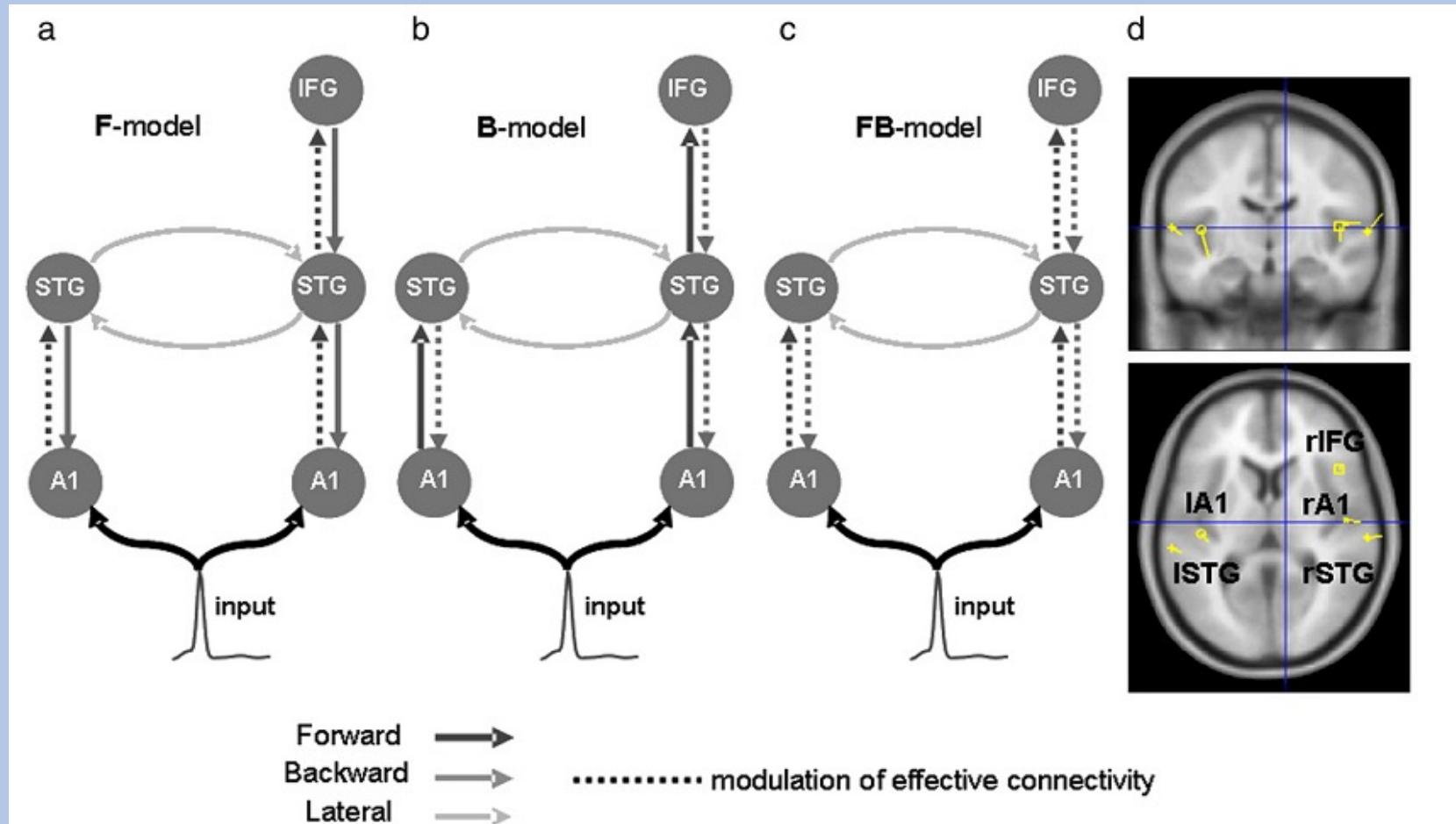
Andrea Mechelli, Cathy J. Price, Uta Noppeney, and Karl J. Friston

Category effects may be bottom-up!



J Cognitive Neurosci, 2003

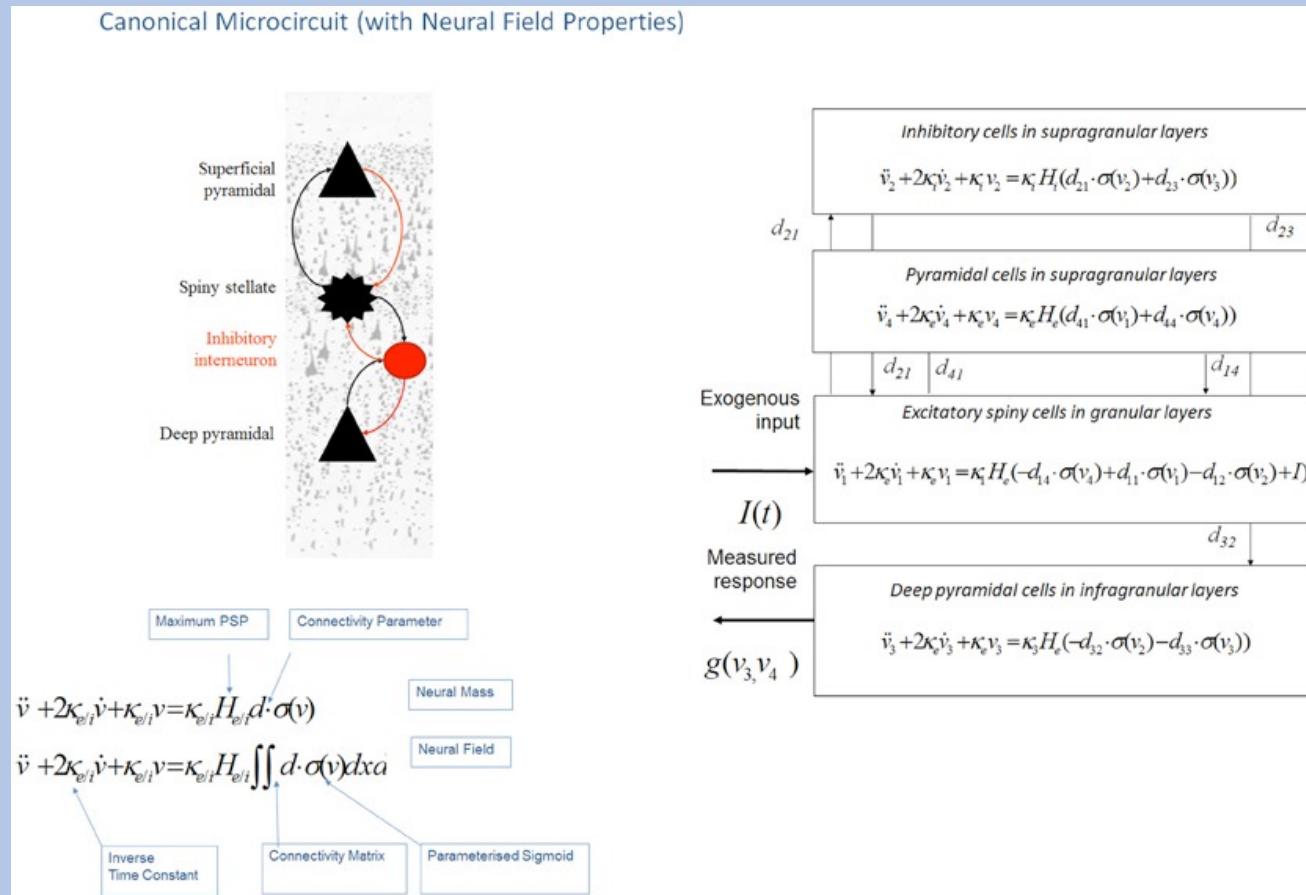
DCM for EEG/MEG Hierarchical Neural Mass Model



Garrido, et al, Neuroimage, 2008

Neural masses and fields in dynamic causal modeling

Rosalyn Moran^{1,2,3*}, Dimitris A. Pinotsis^{1†} and Karl Friston¹

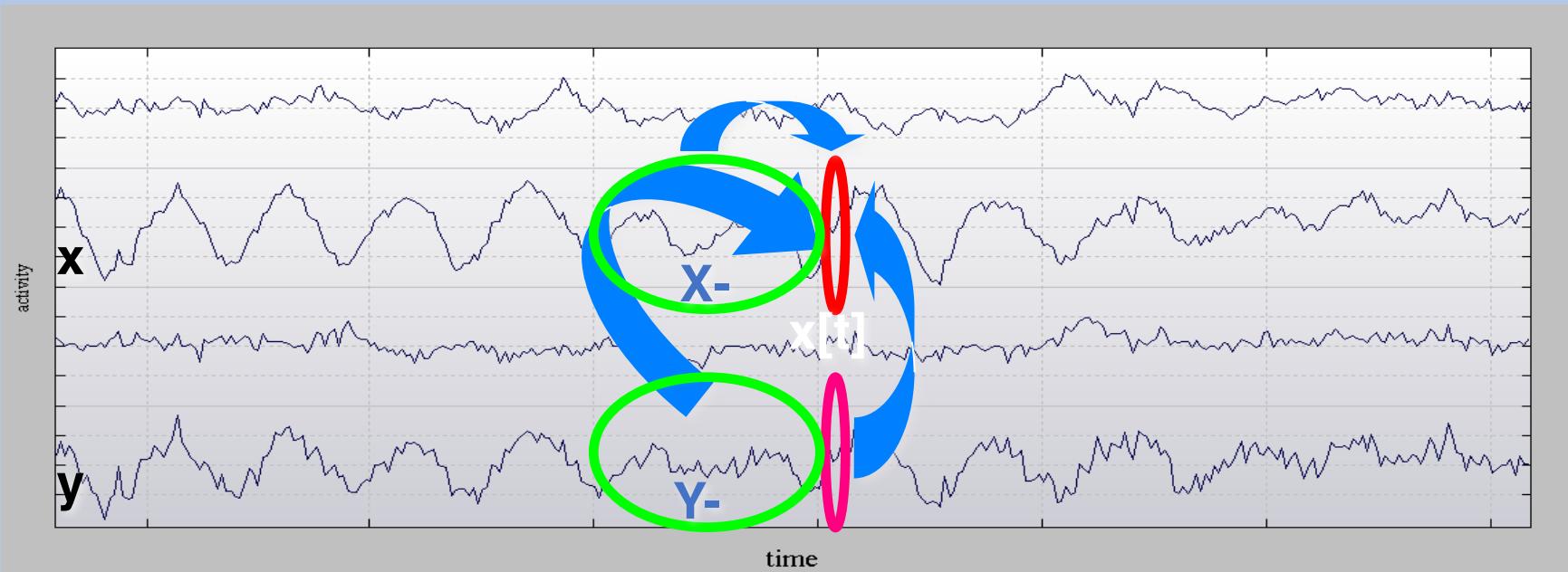


Emphasizes the generative model feature of DCM where inferences are focused at the biophysical level about those causes that generate the observed data

Effective Connectivity Estimation Using Granger Causality

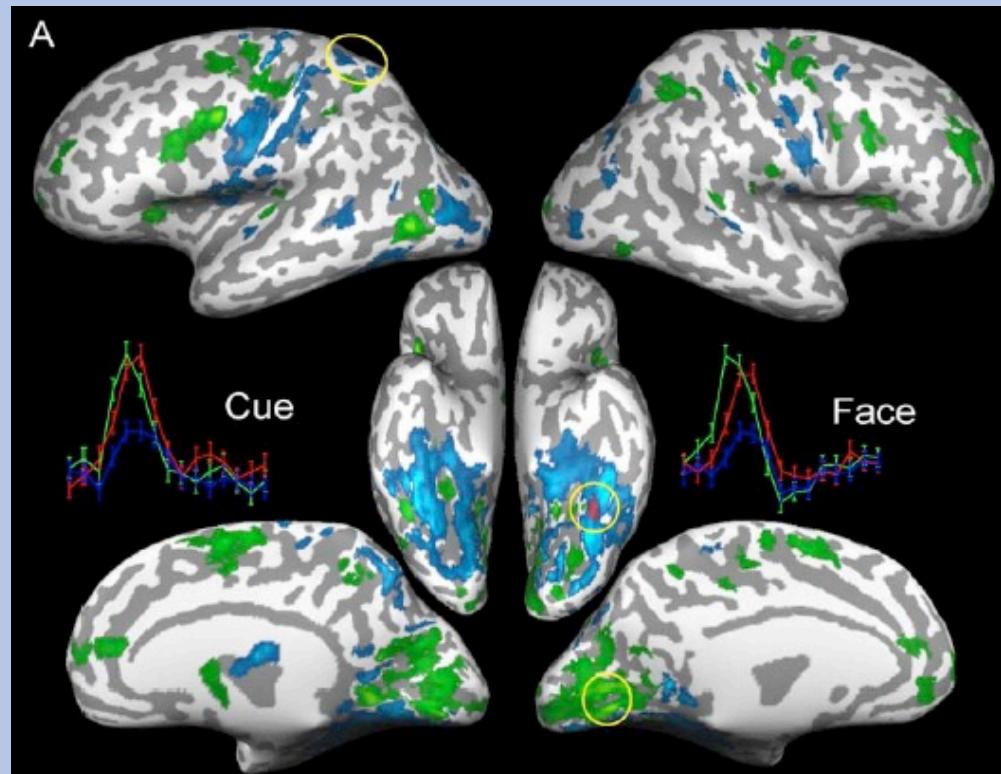
- Explicit use of time series information
- How well does variation in time series "Y" predict variation in time series "X"?
- Previously applied to neuro-physiological data to detect neuronal interactions:
 - Bernasconi & König (1999), LFP-data.
 - Freiwald et al., (1999), LFP-data.
 - Kaminski et al., (2001), Directed Transfer Function.
- fMRI
 - Goebel et al., (2003), *Magnetic Resonance Imaging*, **21**, 1251-1261.
 - Goebel et al., (2004), *Attention & Performance XX*, 439-462.
 - Roebroeck, Formisano & Goebel (2005), *NeuroImage*, **25**, 230-242.

Granger Causality - *Predictability*



- ★ **Effective connectivity:** If we can predict $x[t]$ better using $\{X-, Y-\}$ than using $\{X-\}$ alone, then we say that y *Granger causes x*.
- ★ **Functional connectivity:** If we can predict $x[t]$ better using $\{X-, Y-, y[t]\}$ than using $\{X-, Y-\}$, then we say that there is *instantaneous causality* between y and x .

Granger Causal Maps



Mapping directed influence over the brain using Granger causality and fMRI

Alard Roebroeck,* Elia Formisano, and Rainer Goebel

Neuroimage, 2005

Generative vs Discriminative Models

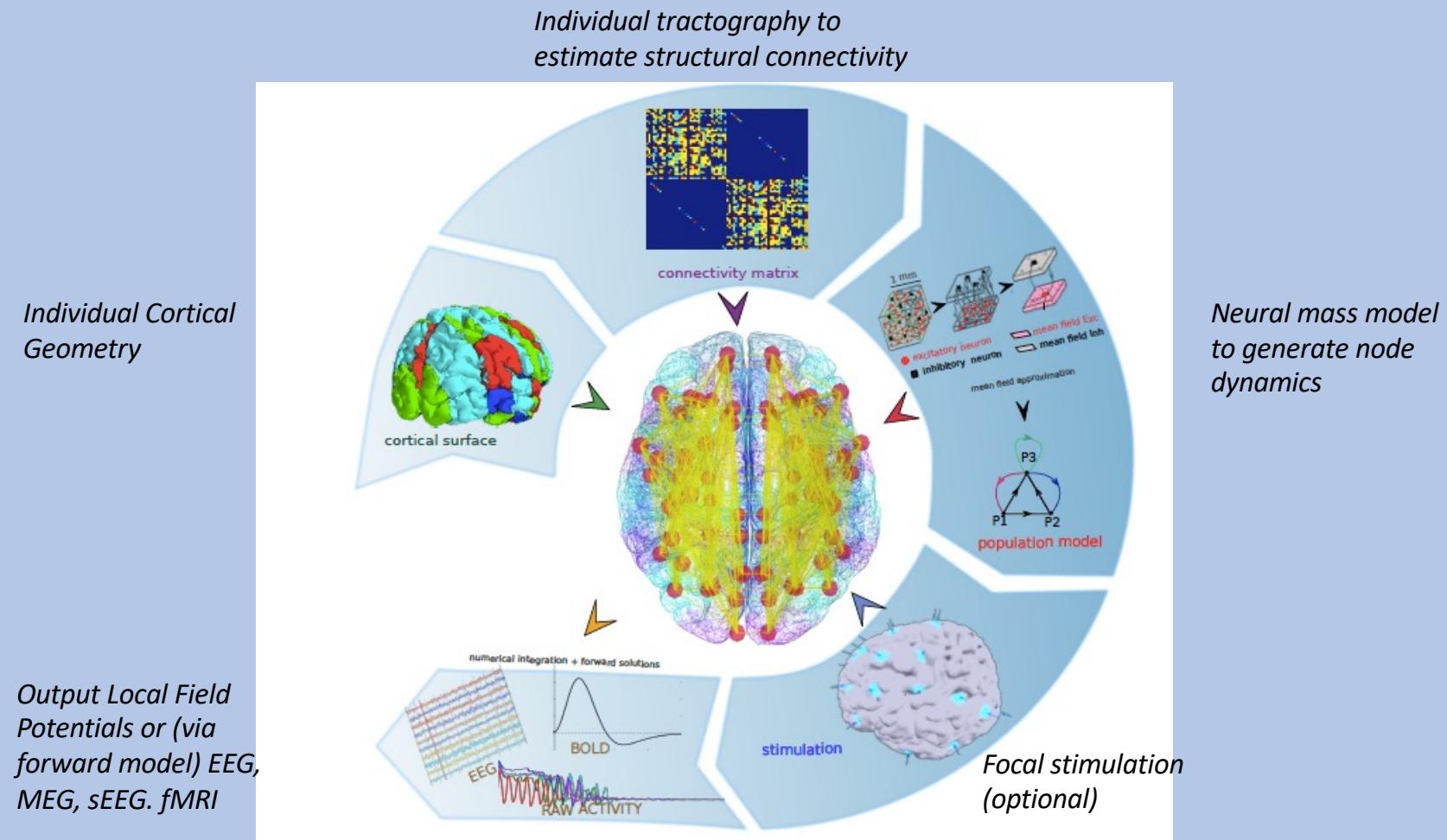
GENERATIVE

- Simulation,
 - TheVirtualBrain
 - Dynamic Causal Modeling
 - Nengo (Spaun)
- Tests hypotheses of how data were generated.
- Need to identify the key elements

DISCRIMINATIVE/PREDICTIVE

- Machine Learning & Classic Statistics
- Identify data features to maximally differentiate classes
- Cannot inform on mechanisms

Integration of data using TheVirtualBrain



Sanz Leon et al *Front Neuroinformatics* 2013
Ritter et al, *Brain Connectivity*, 2013



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- Linking molecular pathways and large-scale computational modeling to assess candidate disease mechanisms and pharmacodynamics in Alzheimer's disease *Frontiers Computational Neuroscience*

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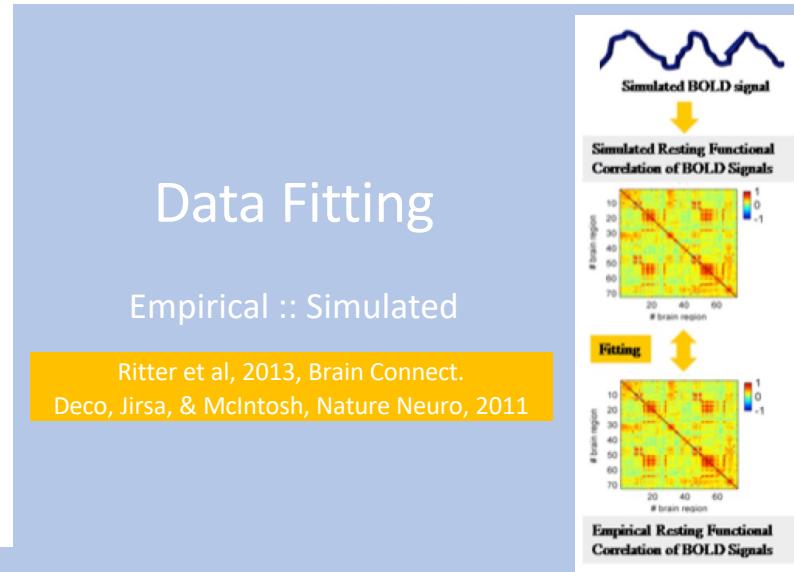
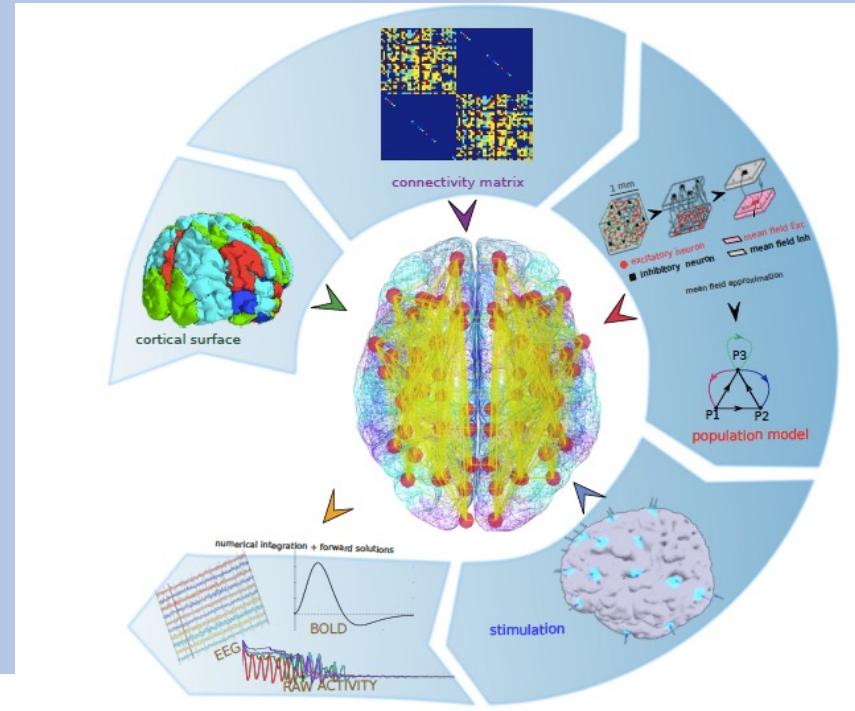
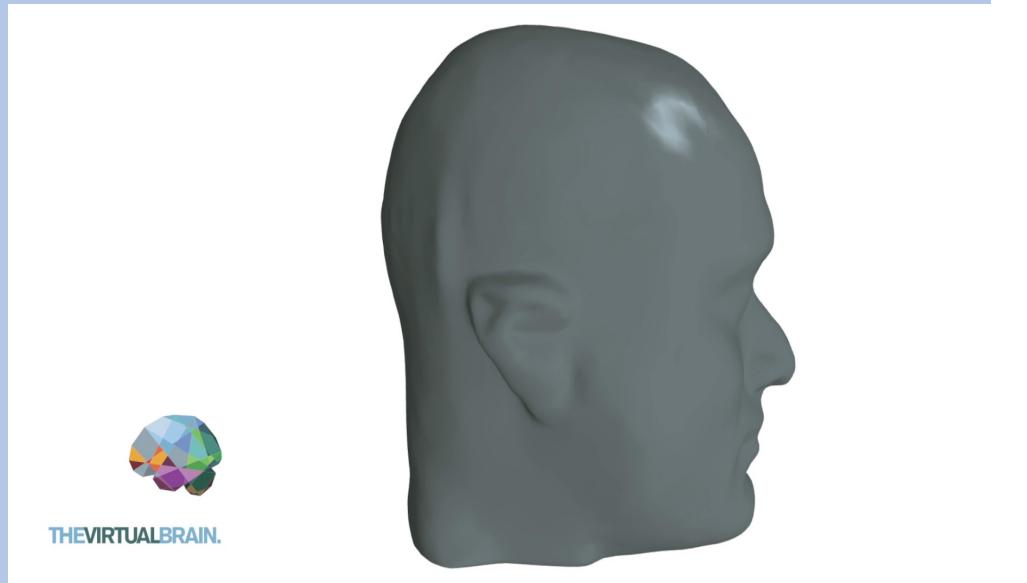
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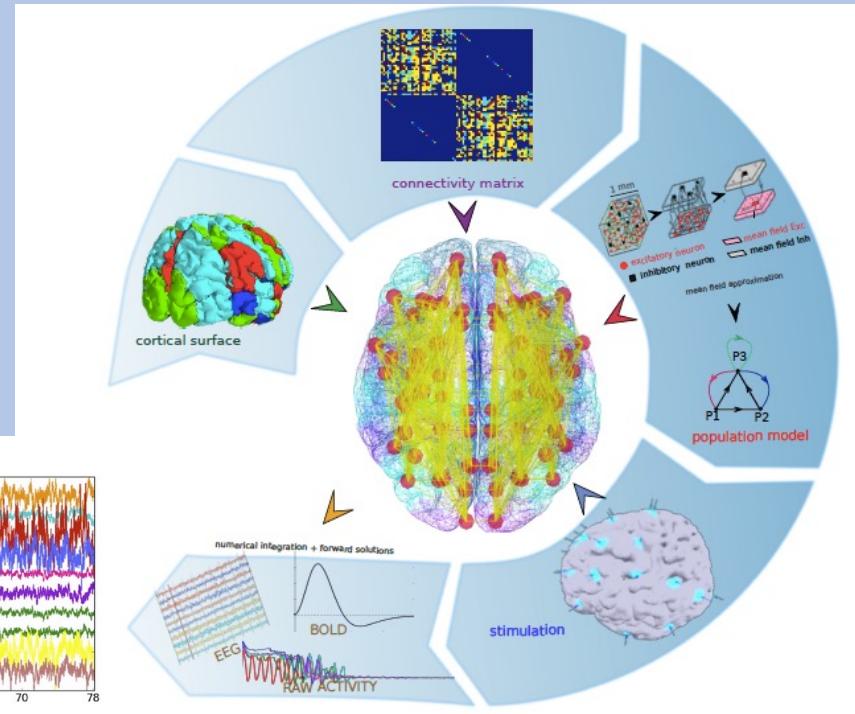
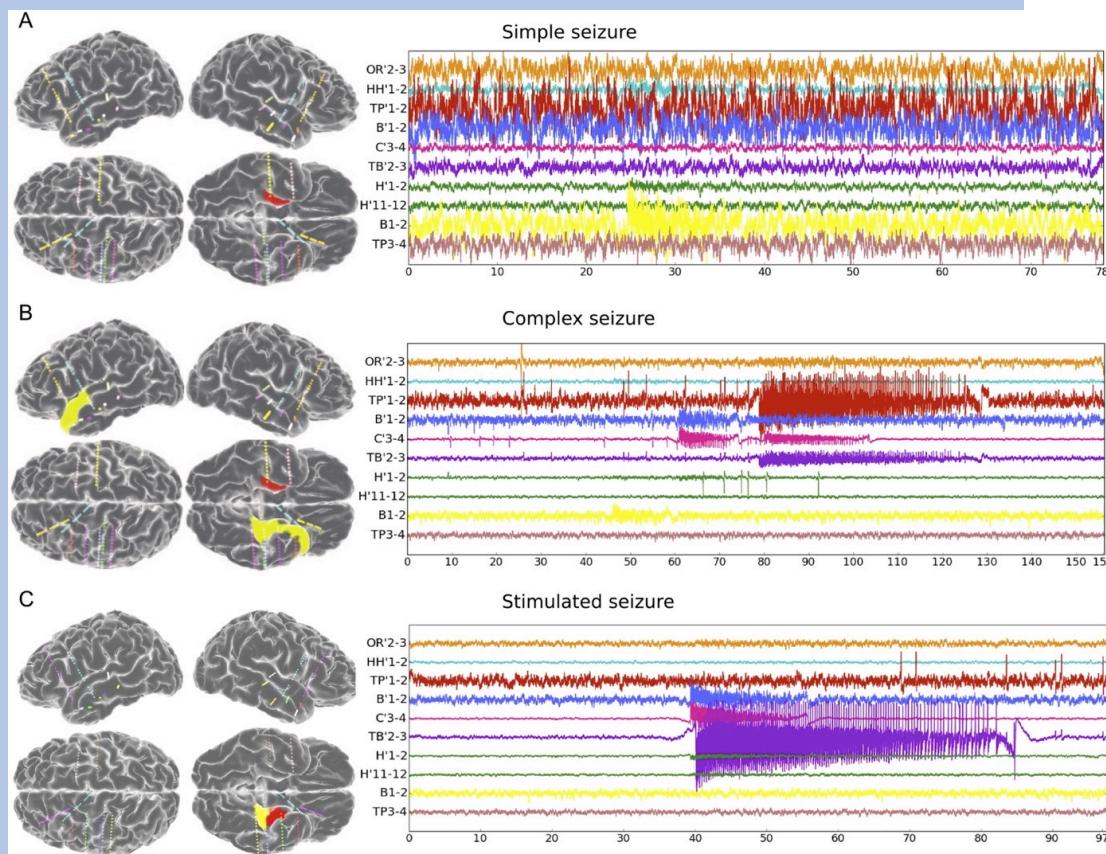
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