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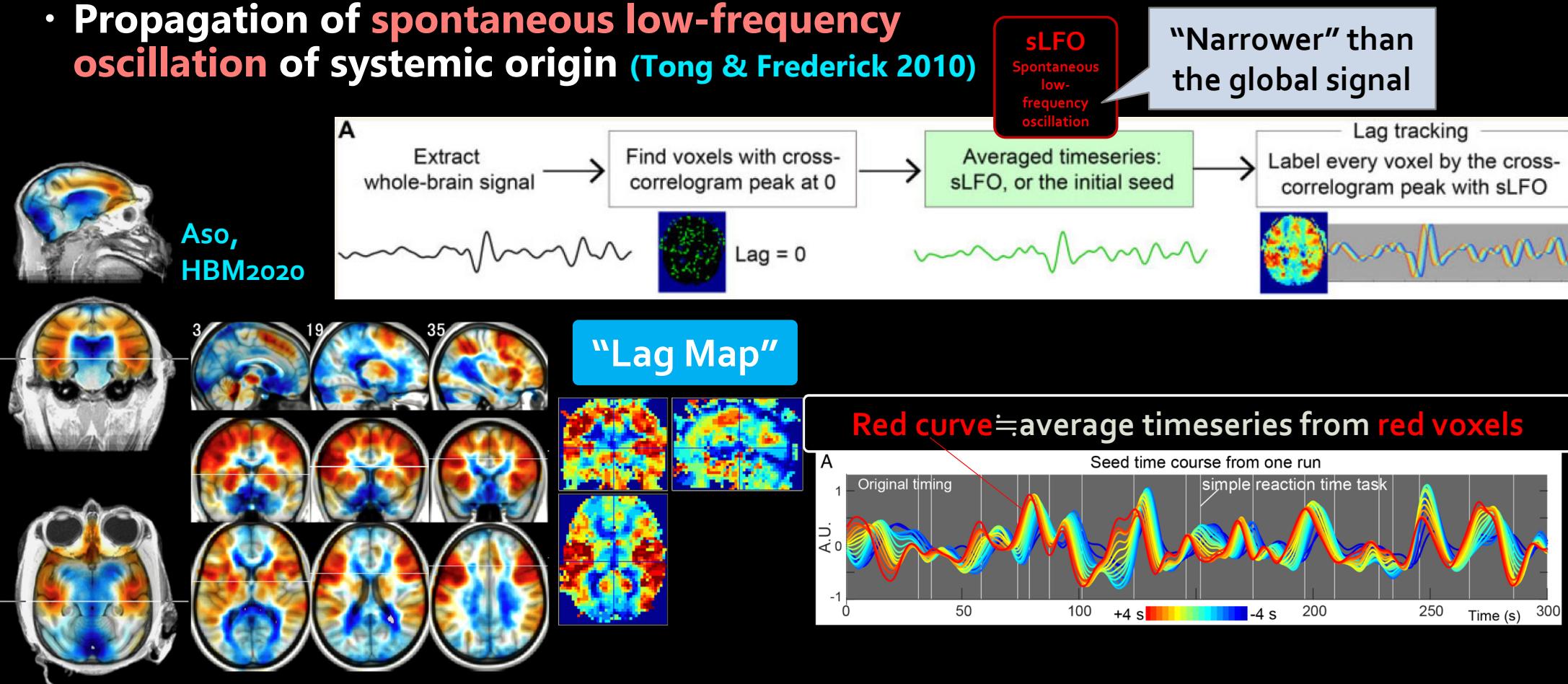
Seed-based Correlation Analysis on Isolated Perfusion Lag Structure in the Resting-state fMRI Signal

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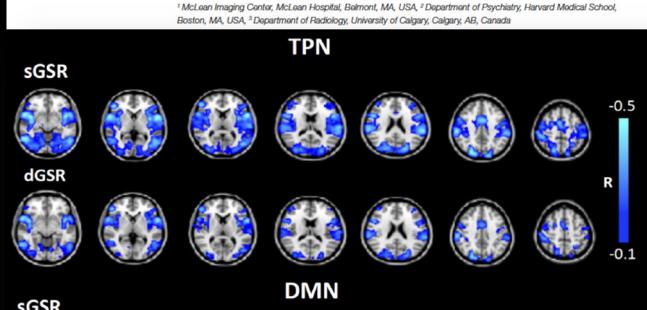
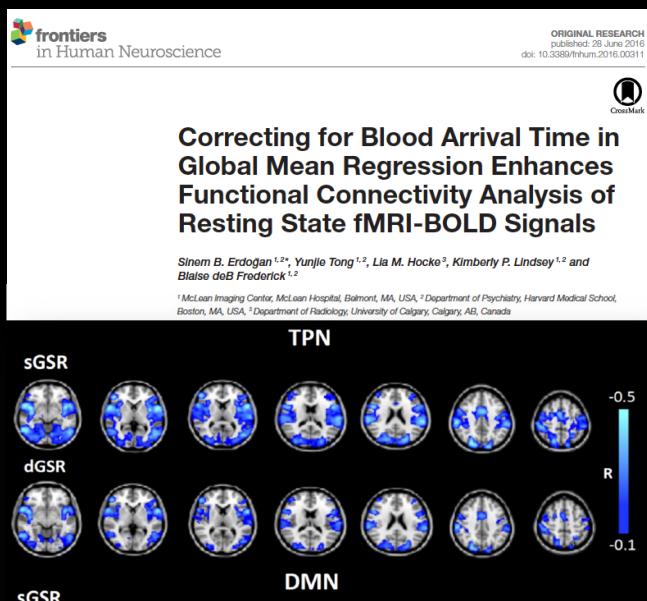
There is a lag structure in fMRI data

- Propagation of spontaneous low-frequency oscillation of systemic origin (Tong & Frederick 2010)



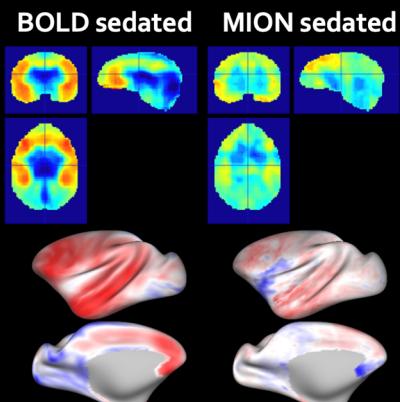
Lag structure is a global noise for fMRI

- >30% of total variance (in the low-frequency range)
- Not eliminated by global signal regression



sLFO = variation of deoxy-Hgb density

- Hypothesis: sLFO is largely a **non-vascular phenomenon**
- Deoxy-Hgb fluctuates with **oxygen saturation, hematocrit, CO₂, etc.**
- It's in the blood! (at least partly)



No sLFO / lag structure
in CBV-fMRI (USPIO)

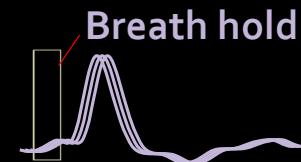
Aso, ISMRM2020



Neuro-
vascular
coupling

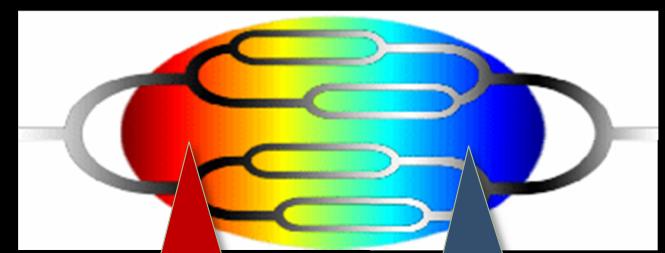


Auto-
regulatory
response



CBF↑CBV↑

sLFO
Spontaneous
low-frequency
oscillation

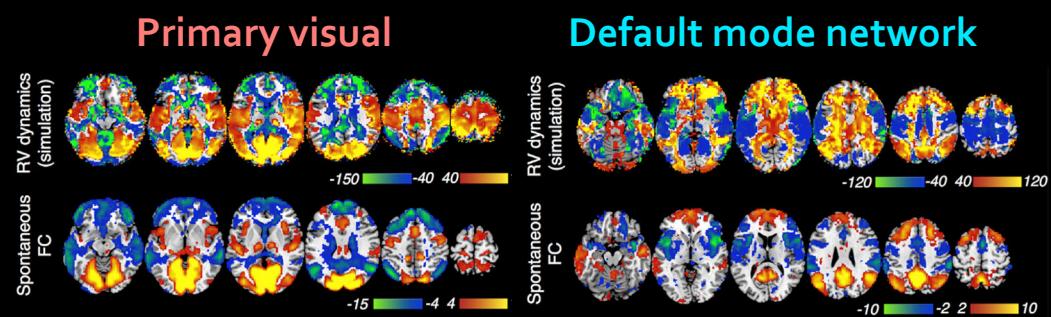
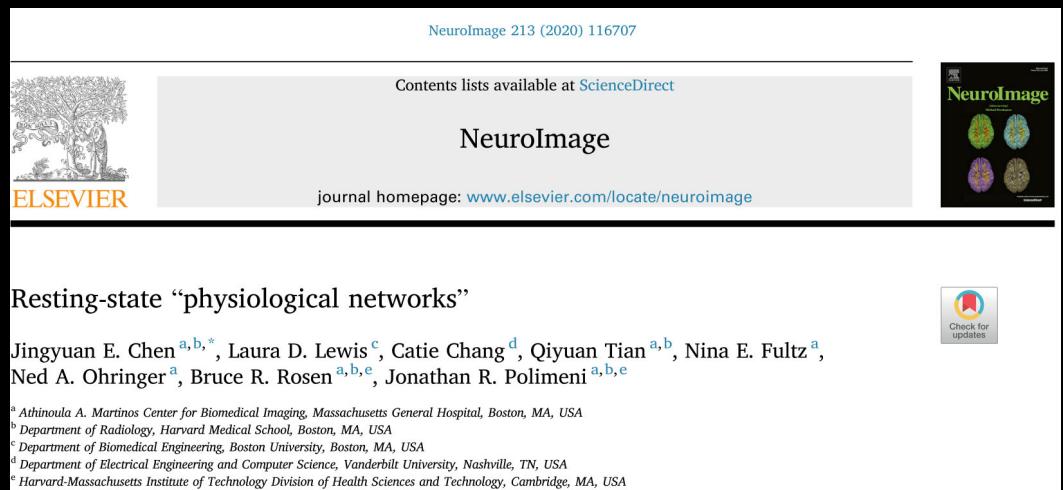
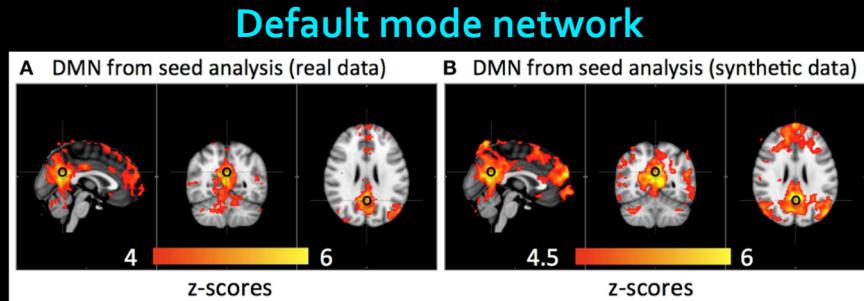


Parenchyma near
arterial trunks

Parenchyma near
major veins

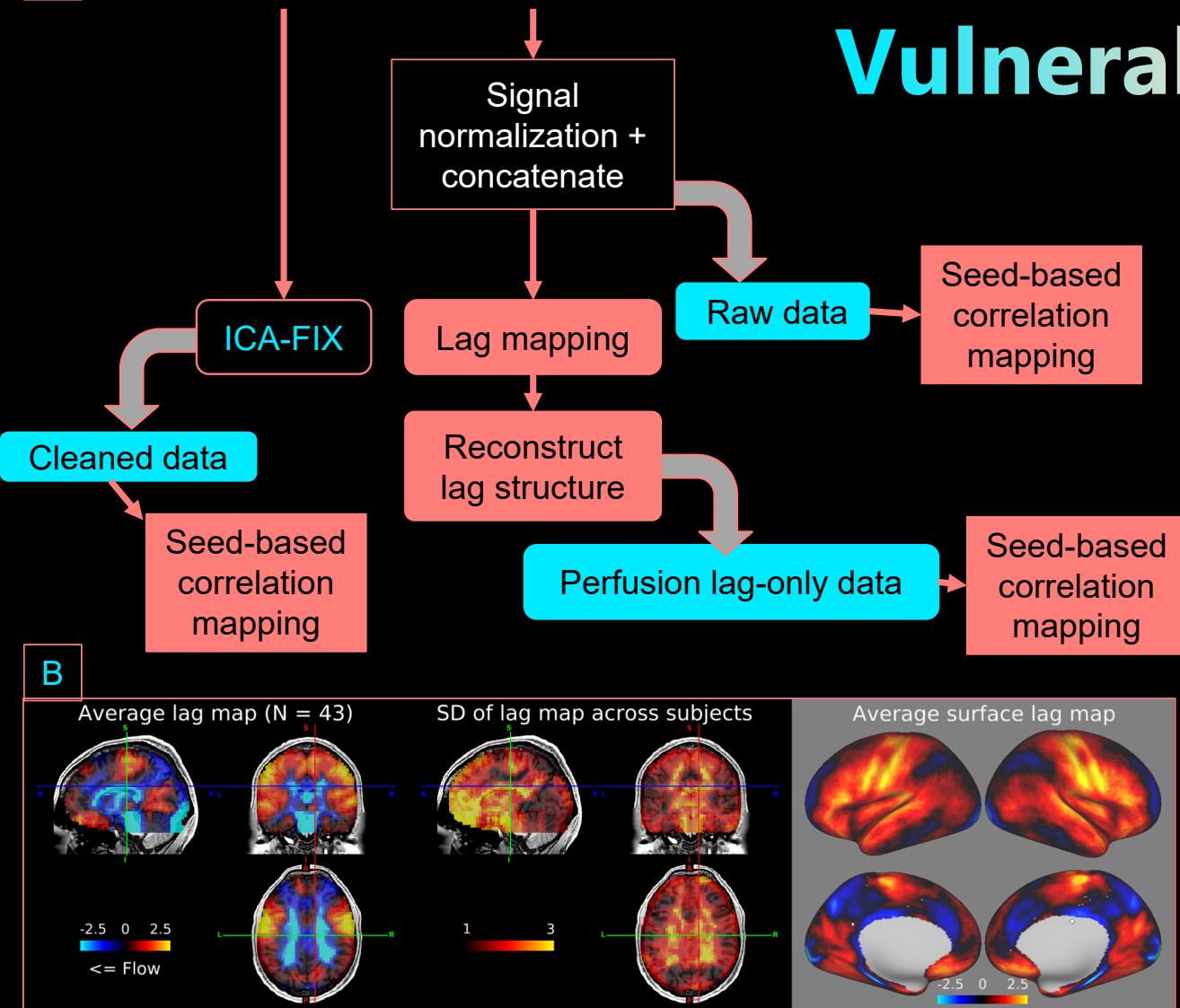
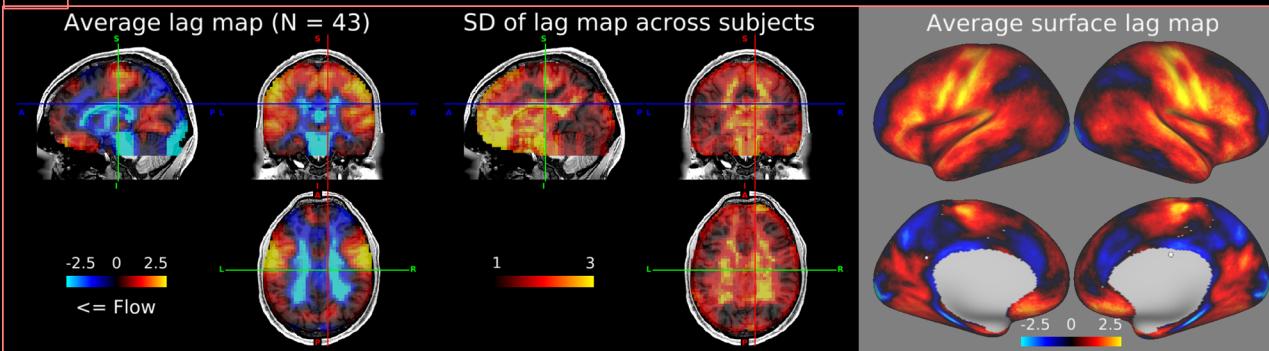
How does it affect fcMRI?

- By creating non-neural correlation



A

HCP test-retest (N=43), multi-run rs-fmri data

**B**

Vulnerable connectivity?

Evaluation in HCP-style surface parcellation

Methods

A, Analysis workflow

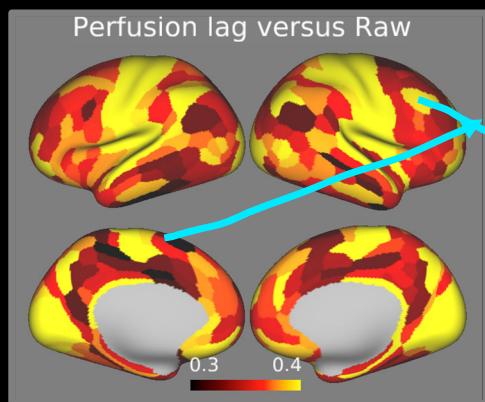
B, Mean and standard deviation of the lag map across individuals.

Warm colors indicate earlier arrival in the proximities of large arteries such as the middle cerebral artery. Cool colors are in the vicinities of major veins.

The surface version was created by pooling individual surface lag maps based on MSMAll alignment.

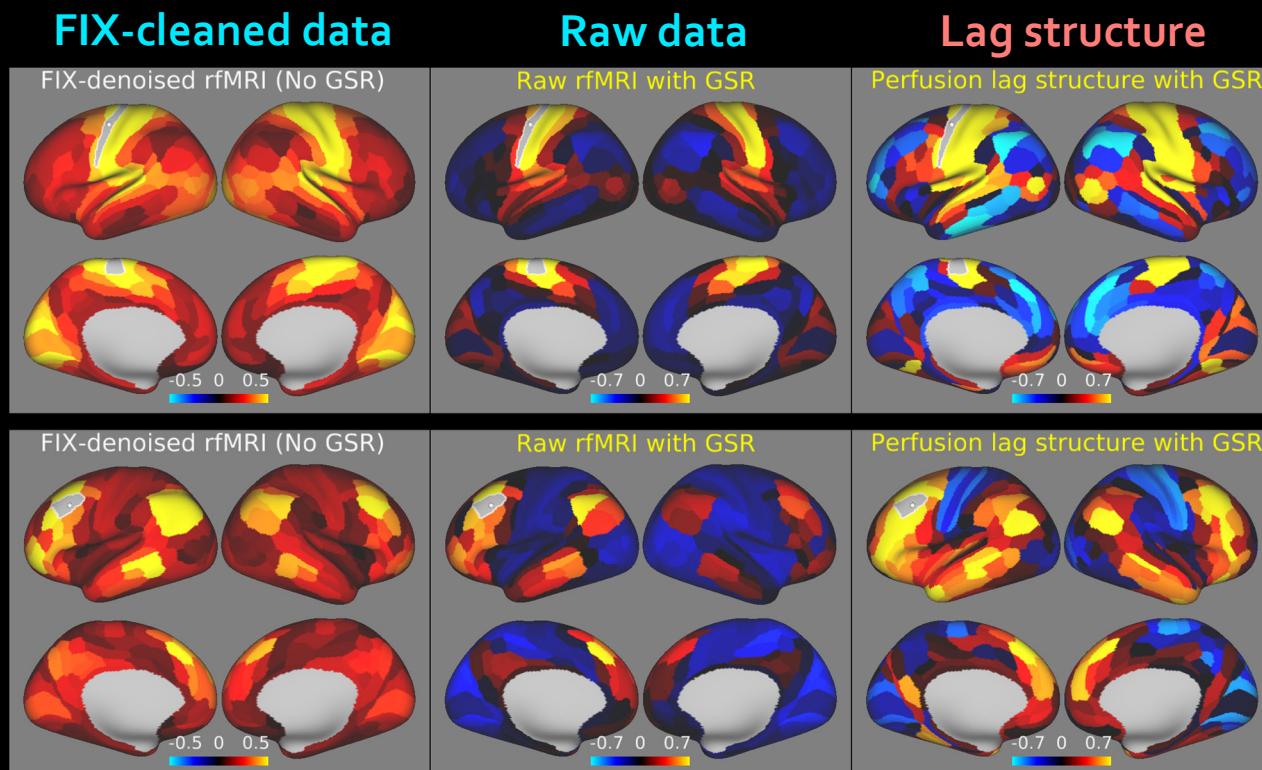
Correlations likely to be contaminated

Similarity of correlation map for each seed (Z) (Lag versus Raw)



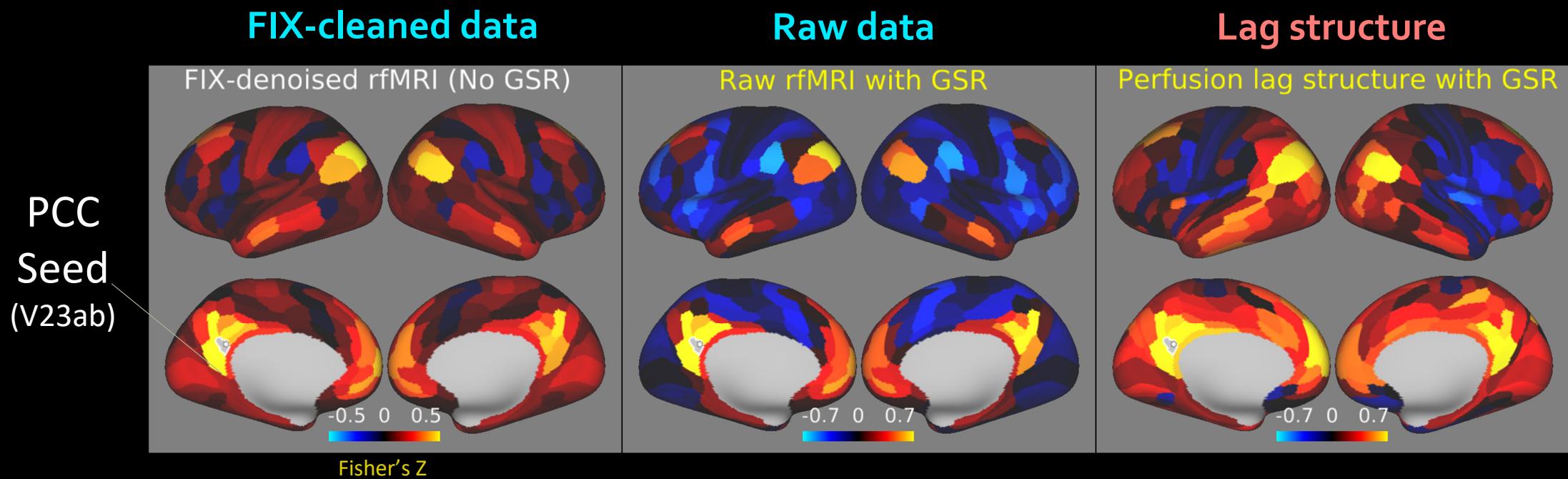
Primary-motor area seed

BA8c seed - frontoparietal network

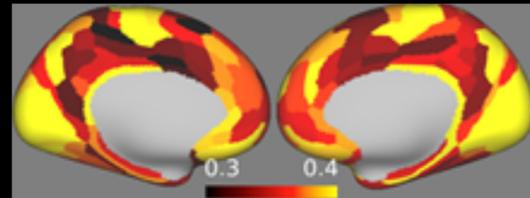


- Be careful with symmetric connectivities!

DMN: moderate contamination

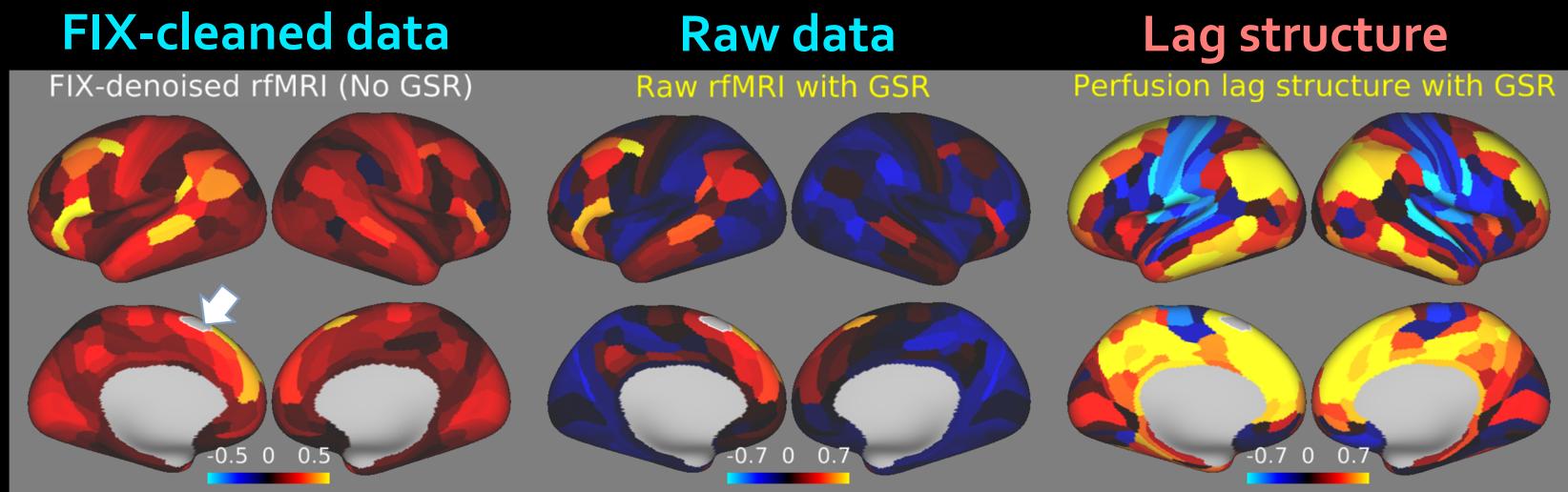


- Also depends on the seed selection



(Seemingly) less affected correlation

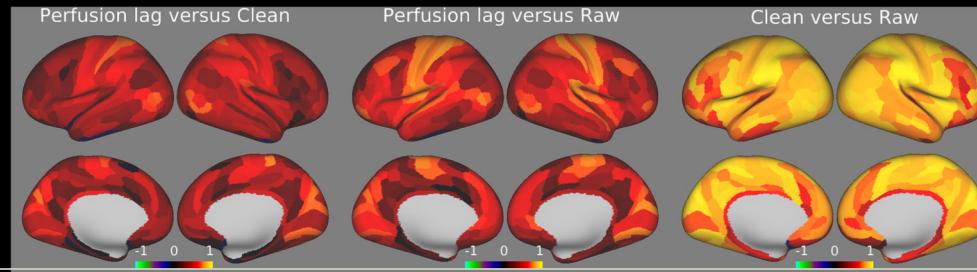
Superior frontal
language-area
seed
(Glasser, 2016)



- Bias from the lag structure may still affect the connectivity

Summary

- Correlations within the pure perfusion component (lag structure) can show similar patterns with the known FC
- The similarity varied across seeds
 - Relationship with the gross vascular structure seemed important
 - Underlying neuro-BOLD coupling may be poor for some networks
- Removal of the lag structure may help
- Evaluation of the subcortical structures is warranted



Similarity of the seed-based correlation map