

# What more information can we extract from the fMRI time series?

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# **BOLD Contrast**



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# Technology

MRI	EPI	1.5T,3T, 4T	EPI on Clin. Syst. Nav. pulses	Diff. tensor	Mg <sup>+</sup>	Venography Z-shim	7T	>8 channels
		Local Human Head Gradient Coils		Real time fMRI			SENSE	"vaso"
		ASL		Quant. ASL			Baseline Susceptibility	
		BOLD		Dynamic IV volume				
				Multi-shot fMRI			Simultaneous ASL and BOLD	Current Imaging?

# Methodology

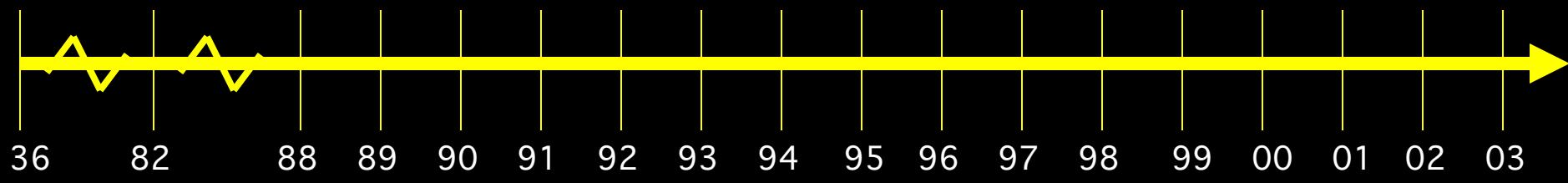
IVIM	Baseline Volume	Correlation Analysis		CO <sub>2</sub> Calibration				
		Motion Correction					Latency and Width Mod	
		Parametric Design					Multi-Modal Mapping	
		Surface Mapping						
		Phase Mapping		ICA			Free-behavior Designs	
		Linear Regression					Mental Chronometry	Multi-variate Mapping
		Event-related		Deconvolution				Fuzzy Clustering

# Interpretation

Blood T2	BOLD models	PET correlation						
	B <sub>0</sub> dep.	IV vs EV	ASL vs. BOLD				Layer spec. latency	
		Pre-undershoot	PSF of BOLD					
	TE dep	Resolution Dep.		Extended Stim.			Excite and Inhibit	
		Post-undershoot						
	SE vs. GE	CO <sub>2</sub> effect		Linearity			Metab. Correlation	
	NIRS Correlation		Fluctuations	Optical Im. Correlation				
	Veins	Inflow	Balloon Model				Electophys. correlation	

# Applications

Volume - Stroke	△ Volume-V1	Complex motor						
		Language	Imagery	Memory			Emotion	
		Motor learning	Children	Tumor vasc.	Drug effects			
		Presurgical	Attention	Ocular Dominance			Mirror neurons	
		V1, V2..mapping	Priming/Learning	Clinical Populations				
			Plasticity	Face recognition			Performance prediction	



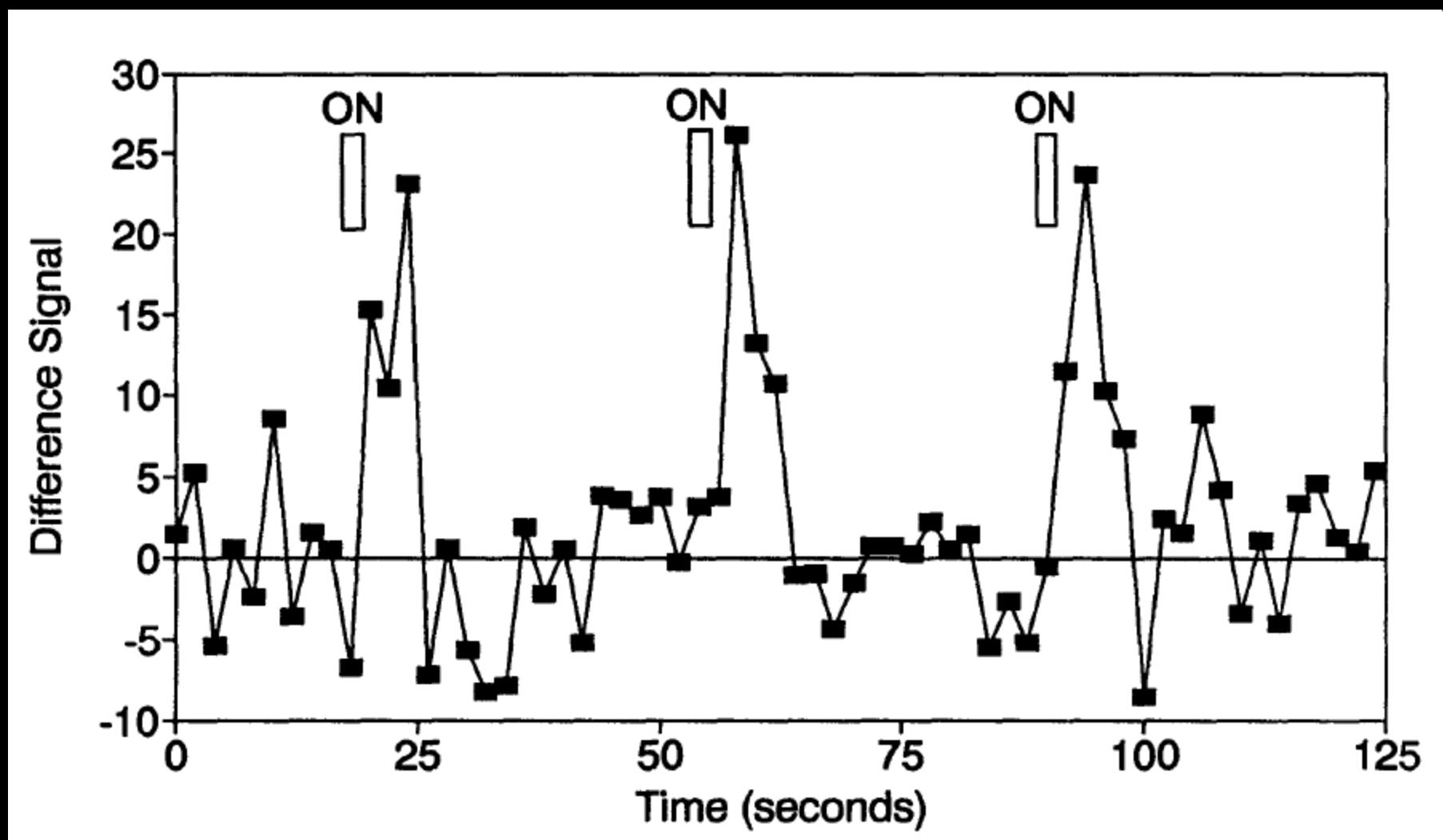
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# First Event-related fMRI Results

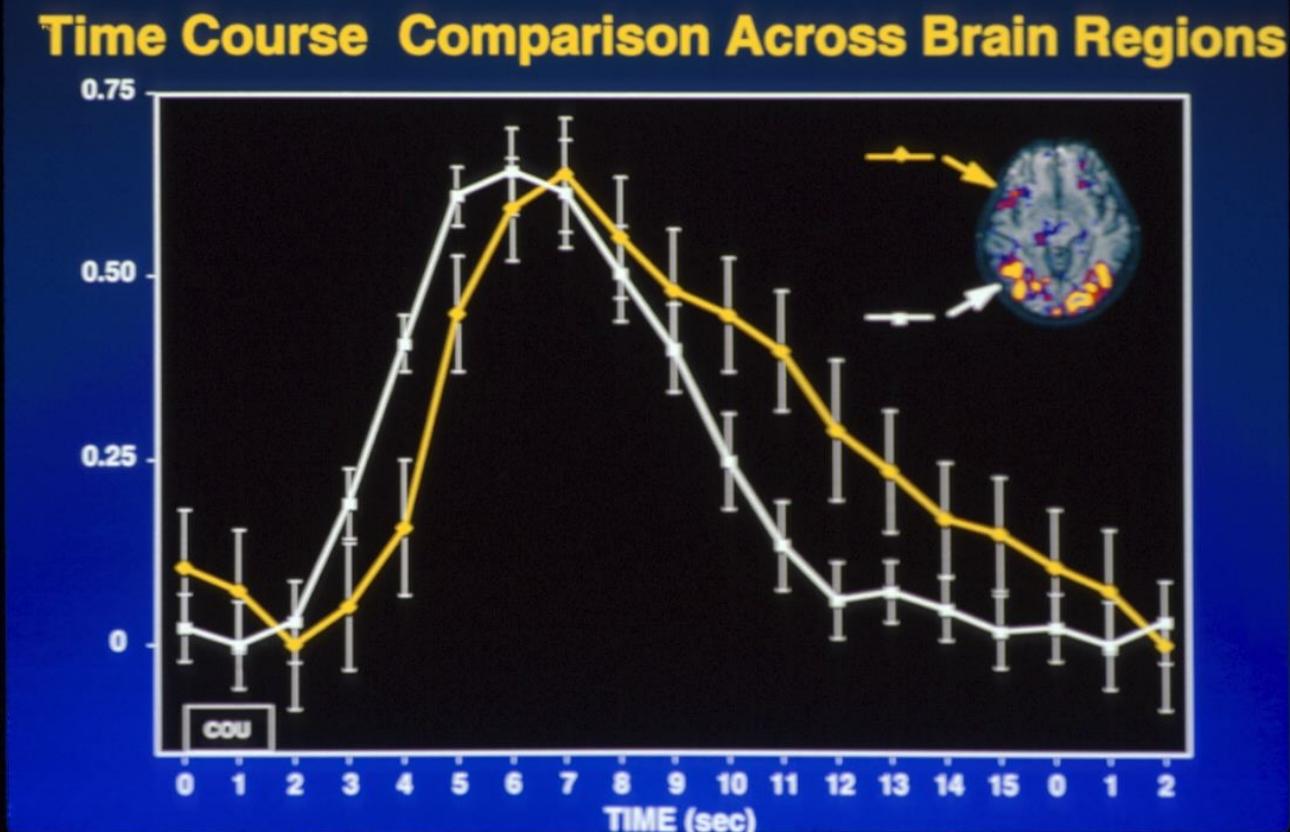


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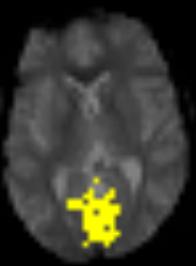
## Detection of cortical activation during averaged single trials of a cognitive task using functional magnetic resonance imaging

(neuroimaging/single trial/language/prefrontal)

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# Visual Cortex



ISI, SD

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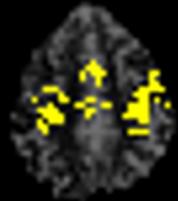
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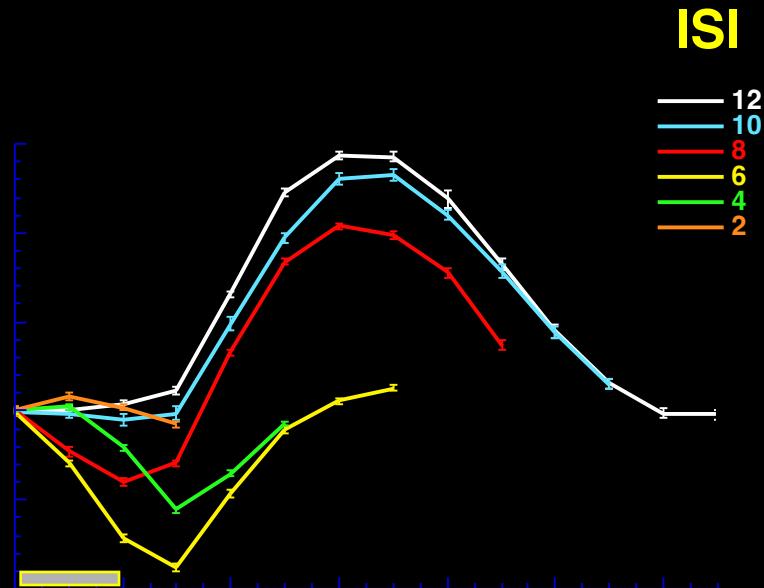
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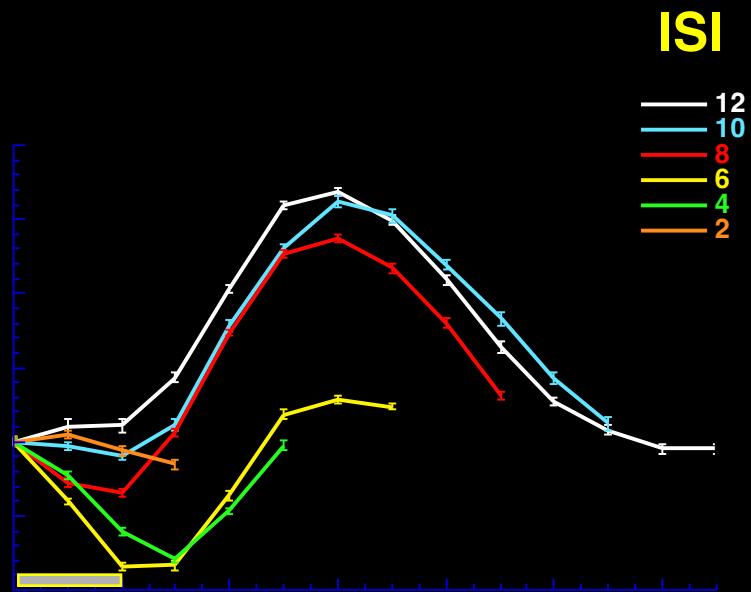
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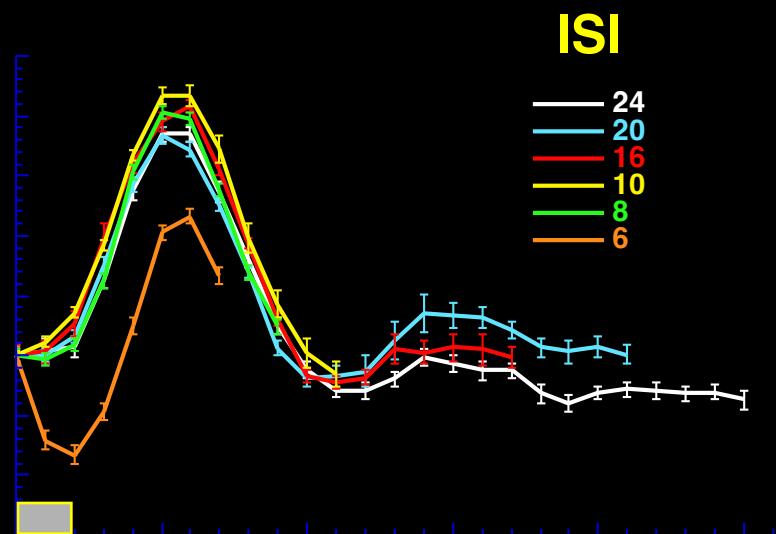
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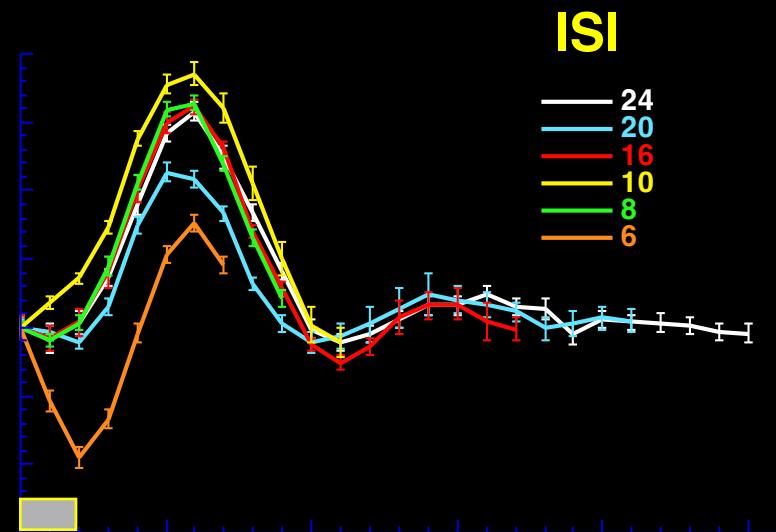
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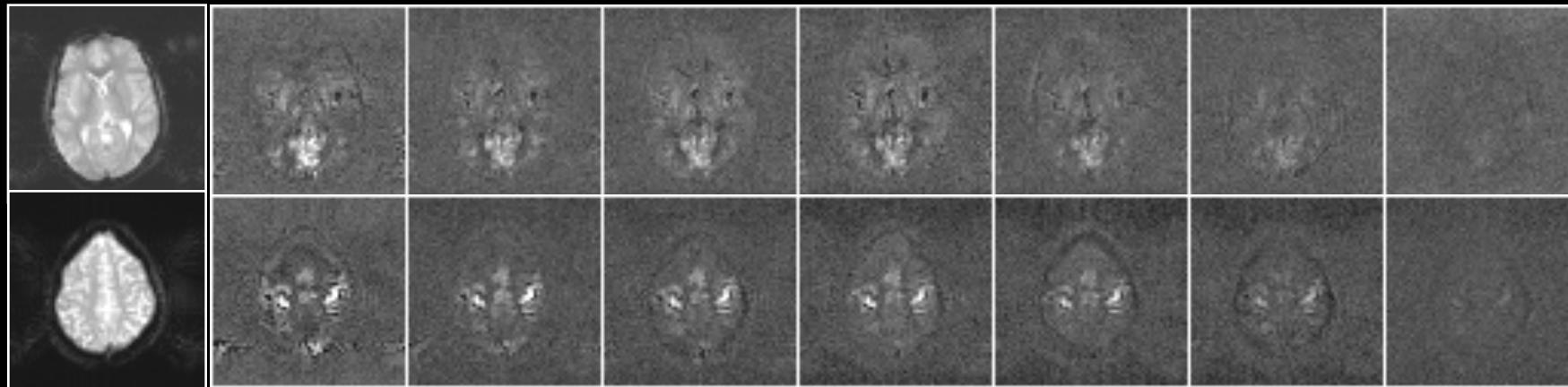


# Contrast to Noise Images

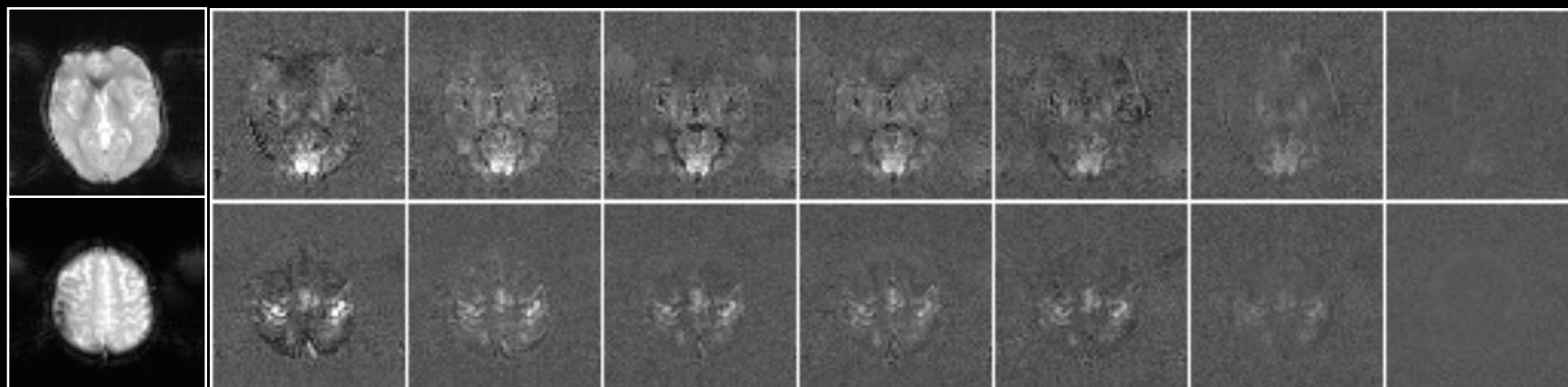
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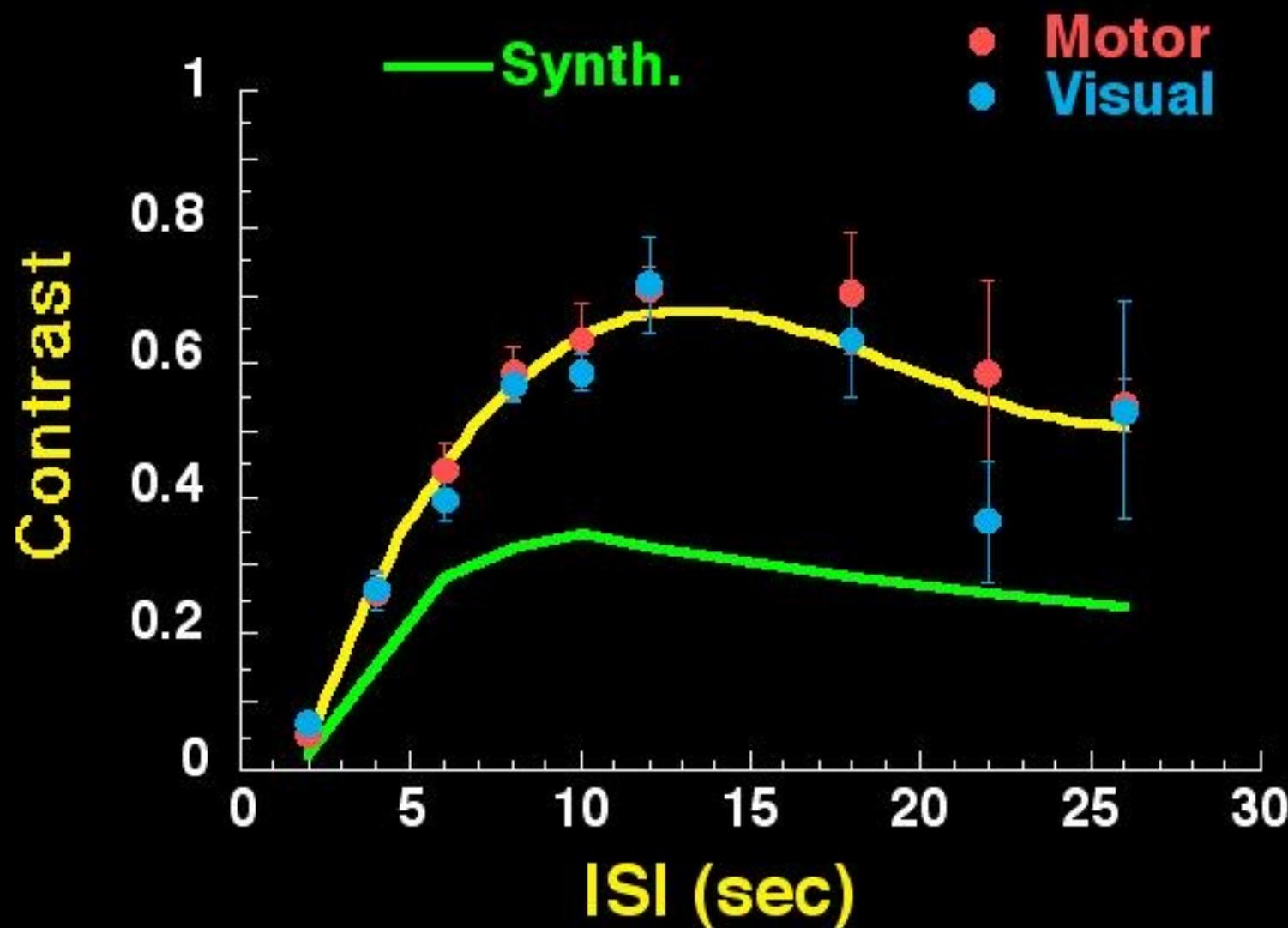
S1



S2



# Functional Contrast

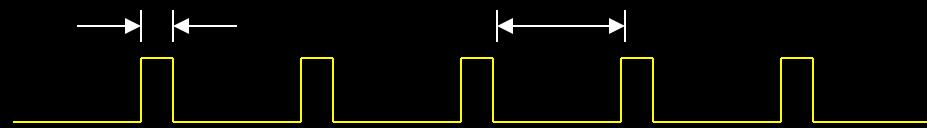


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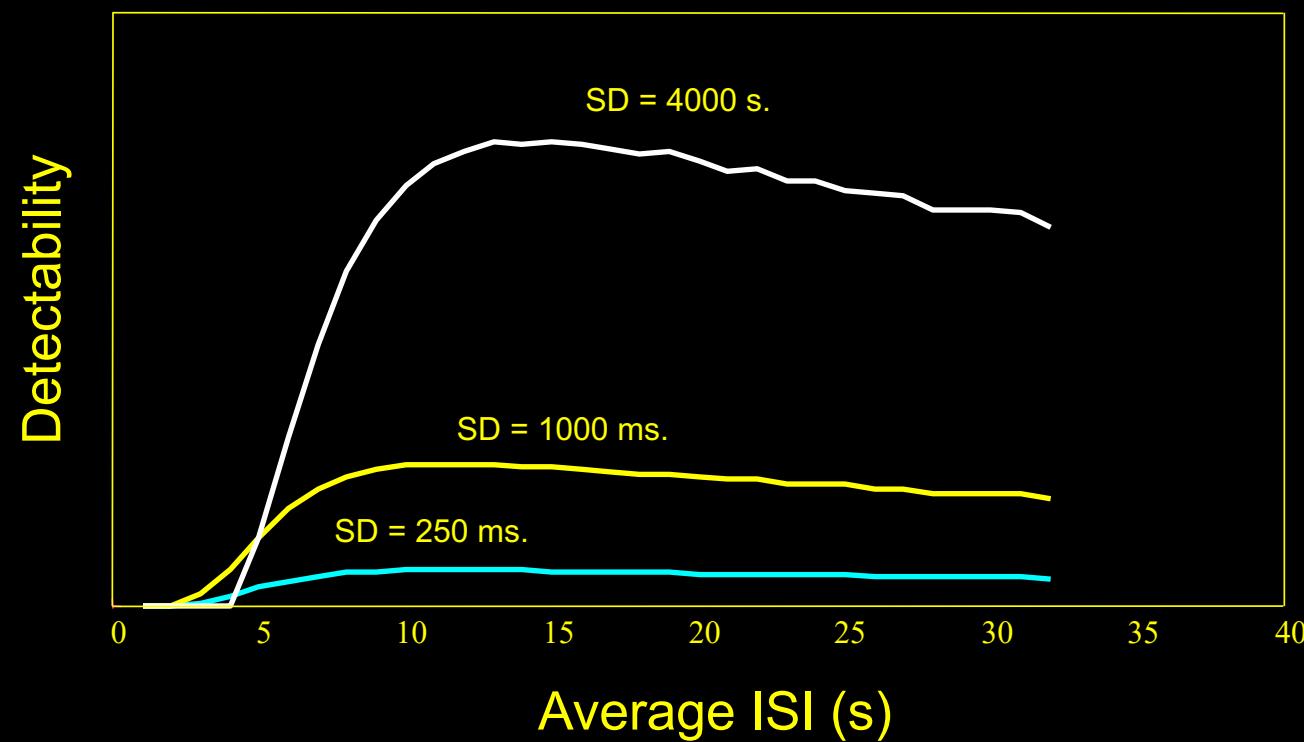
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# Detectability: constant ISI

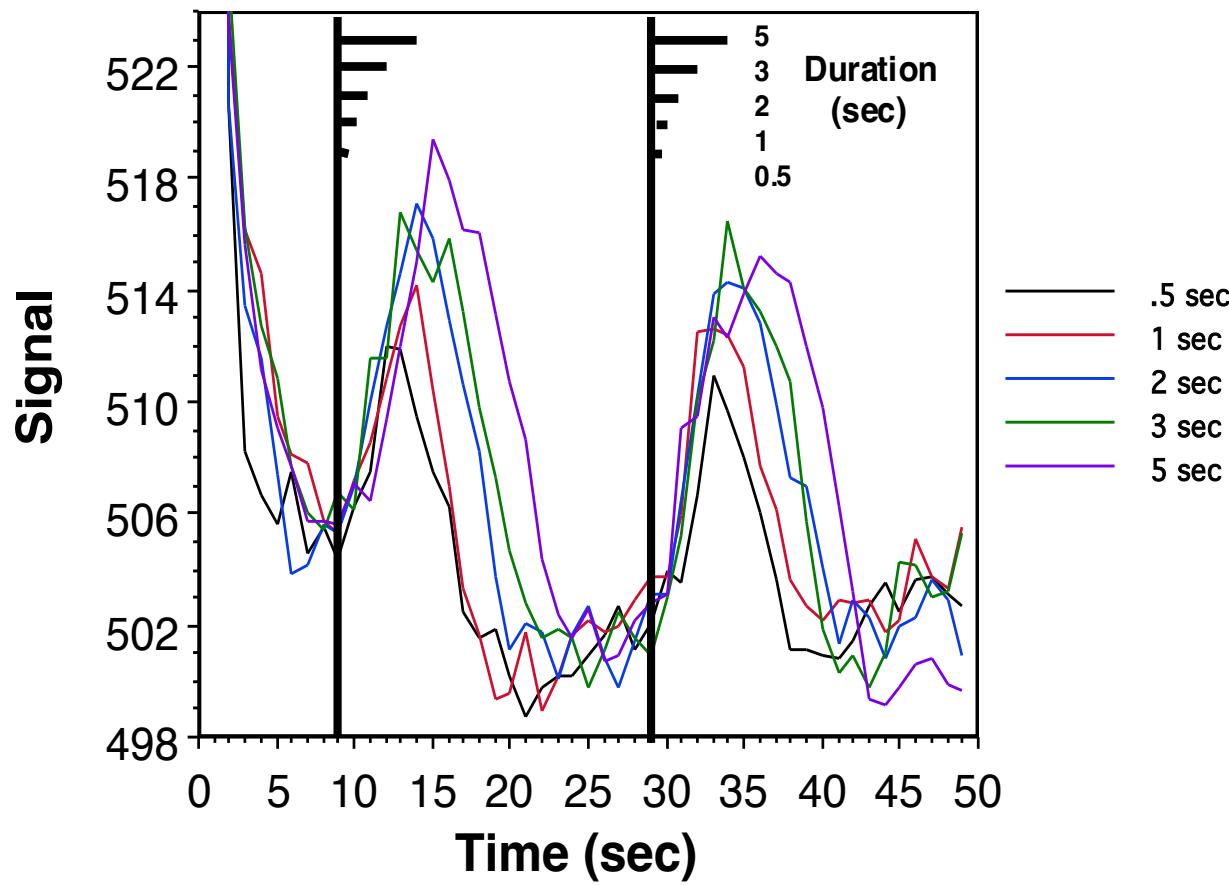
SD – stimulus duration



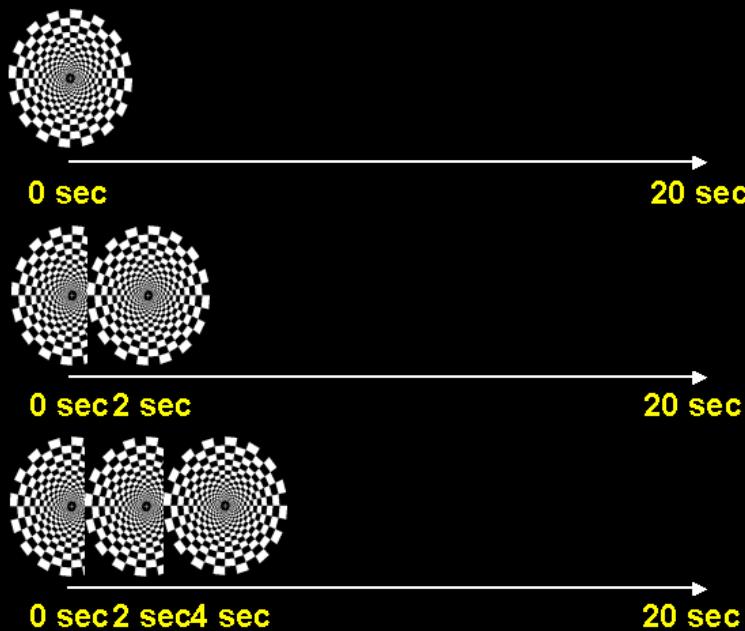
ISI – inter-stimulus interval



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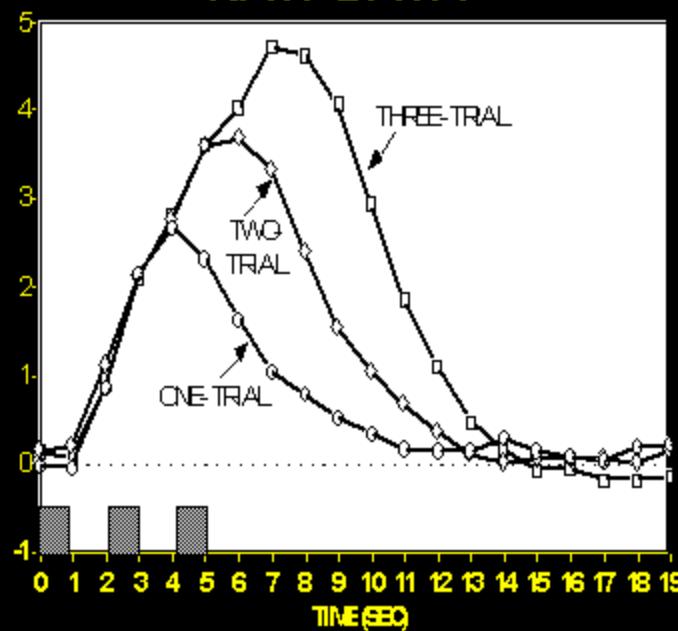


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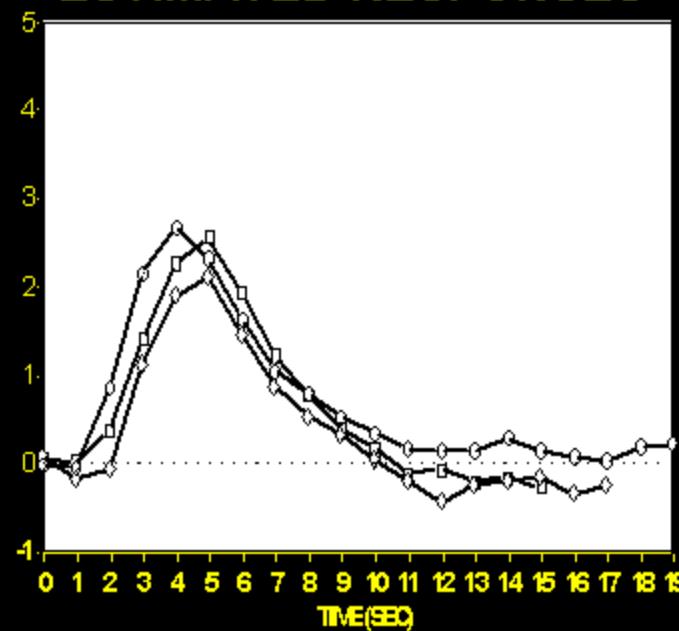
## Selective Averaging of Rapidly Presented Individual Trials Using fMRI

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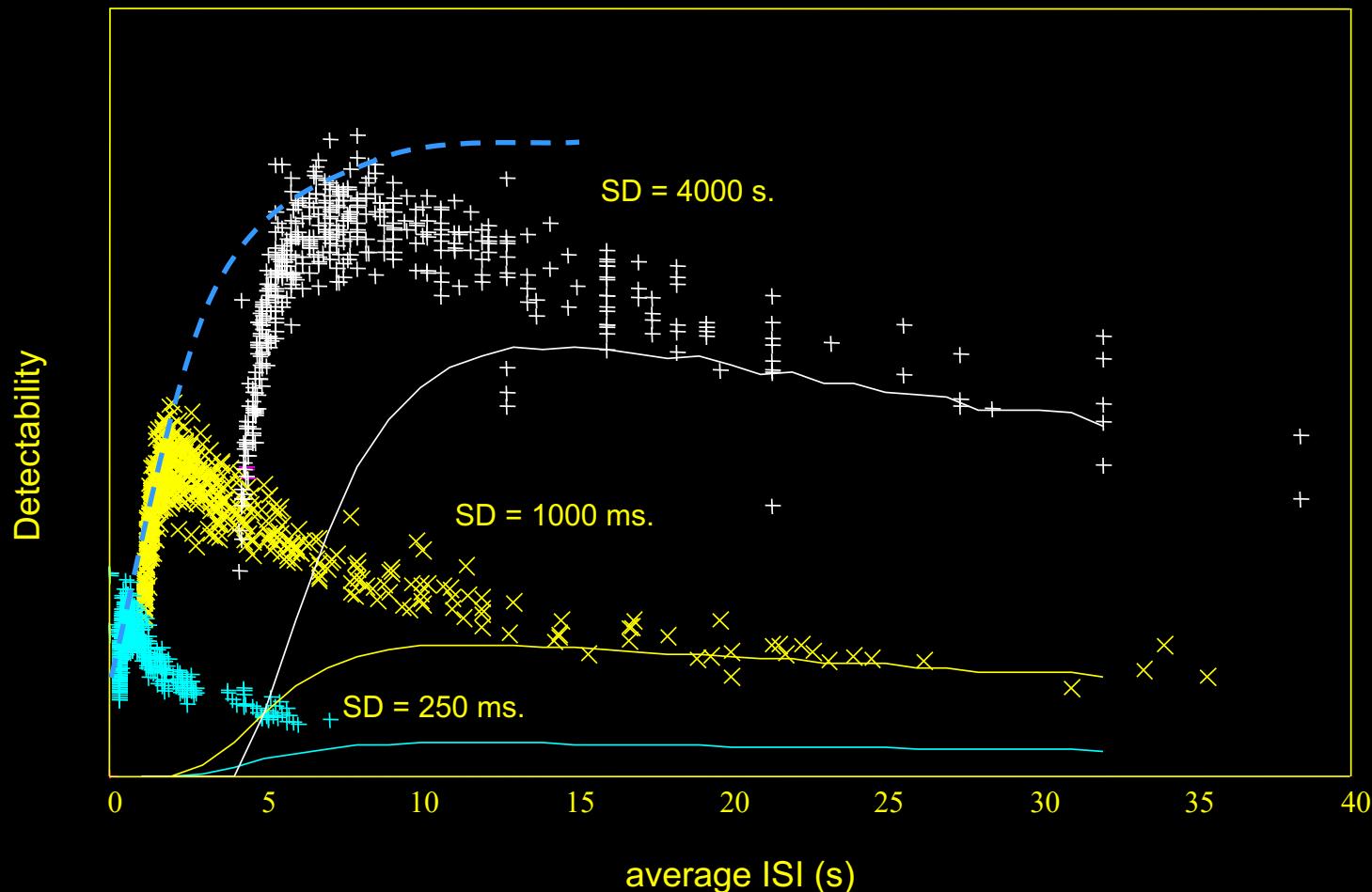
### RAW DATA



### ESTIMATED RESPONSES

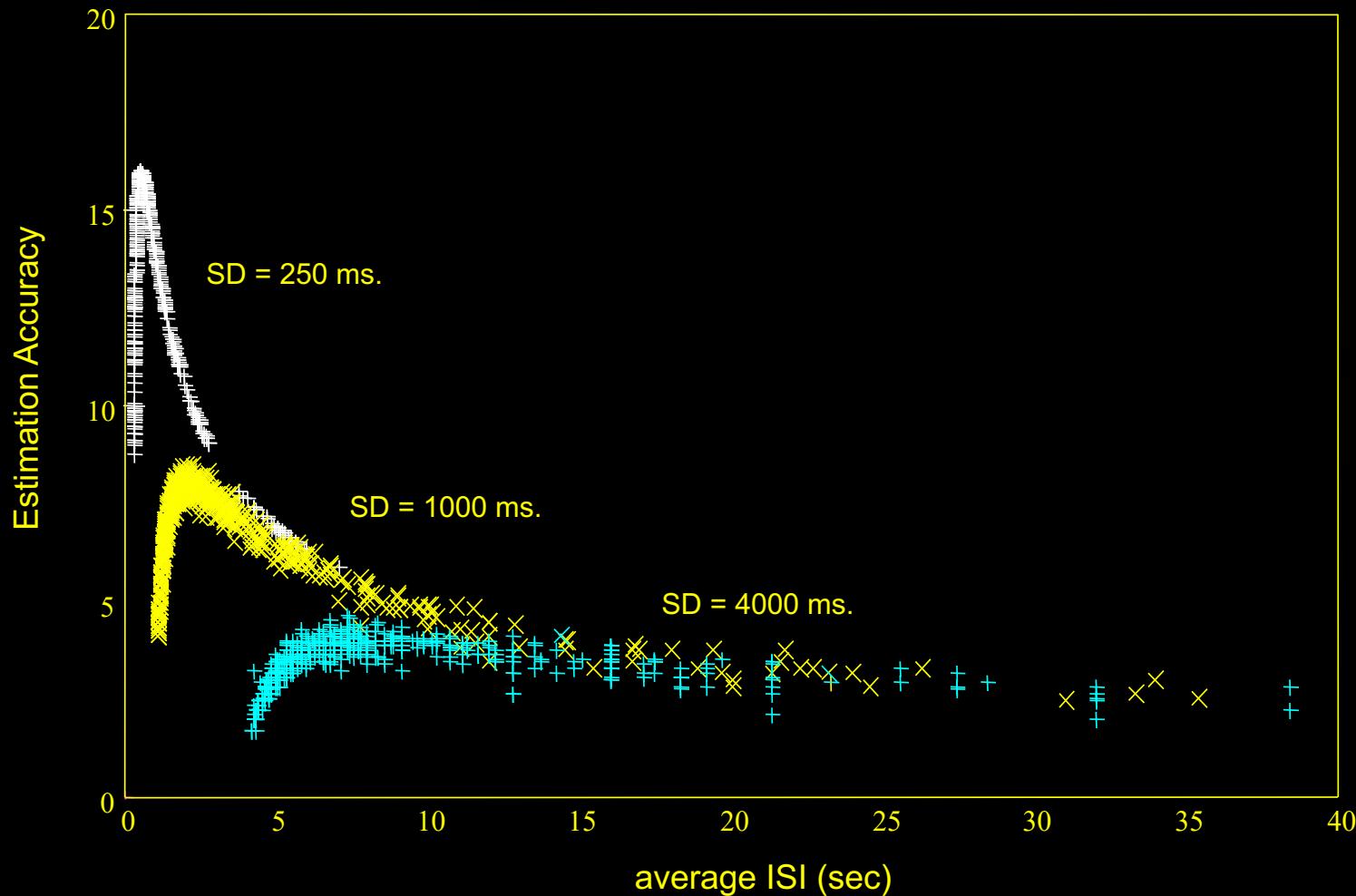


# Detectability vs. Average ISI



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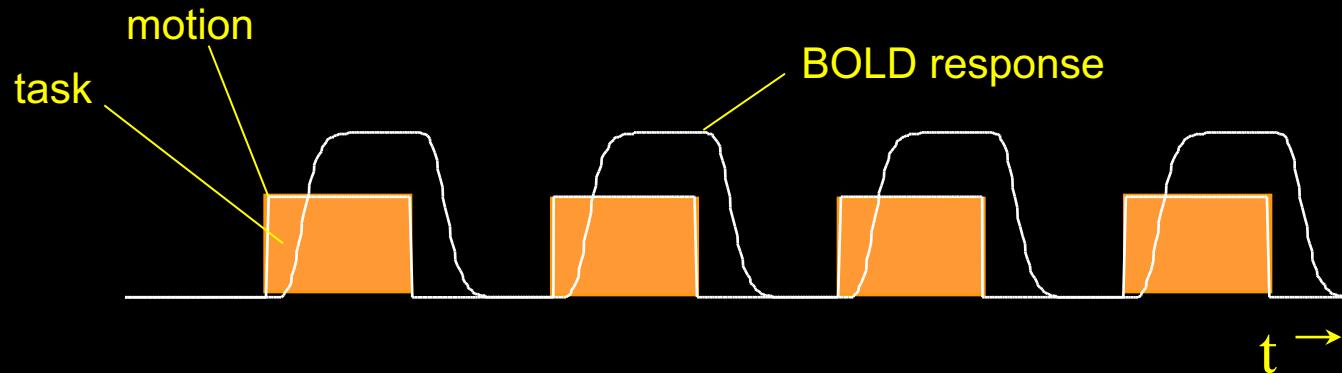
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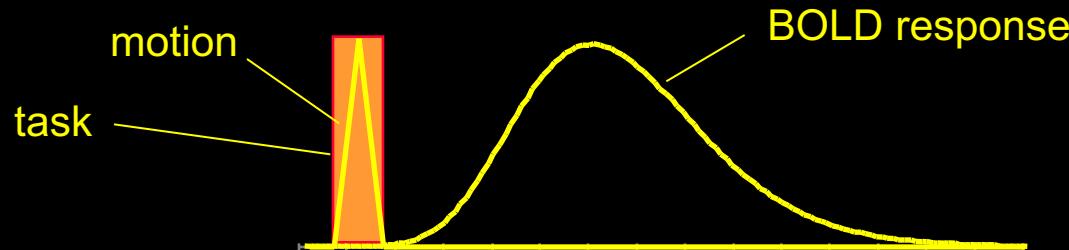
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# fMRI during tasks that involve brief motion

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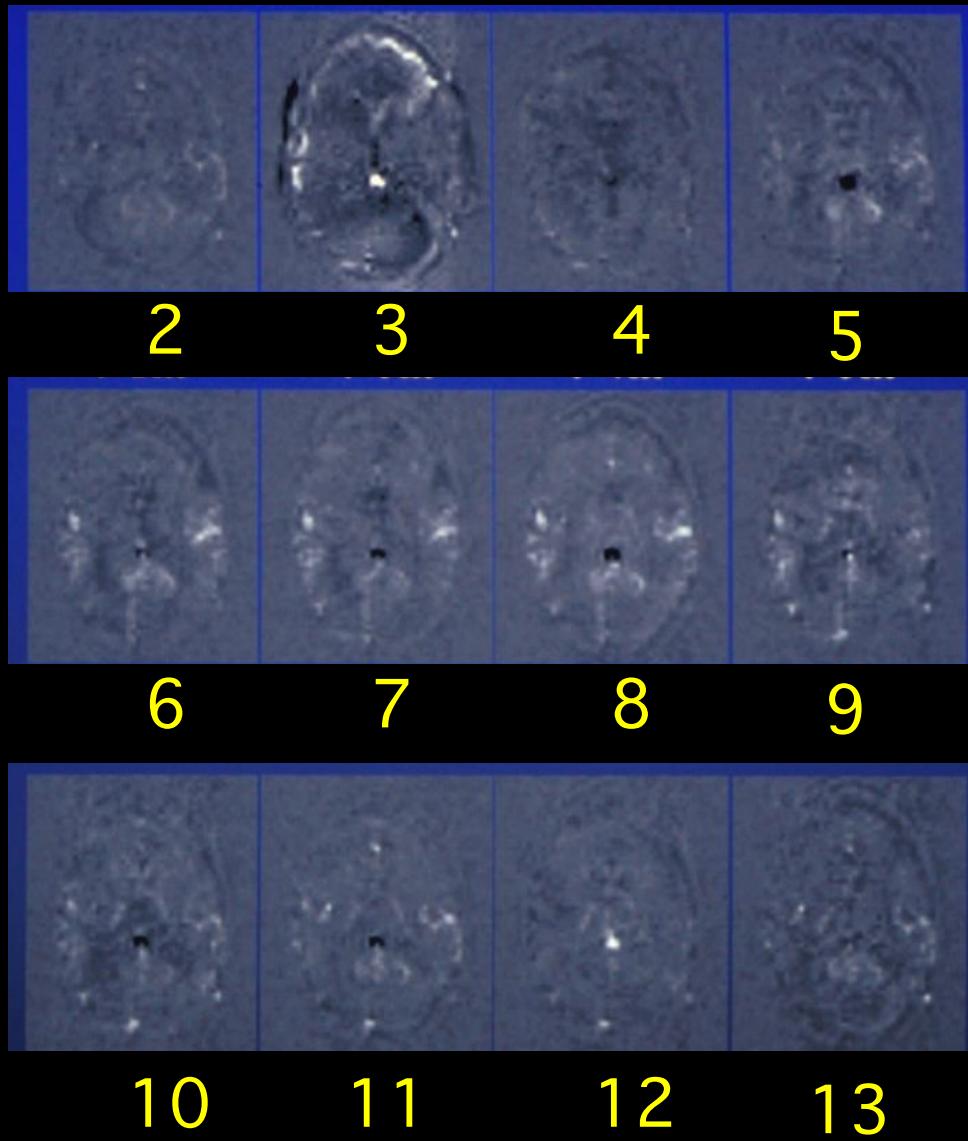


## Event-Related Design



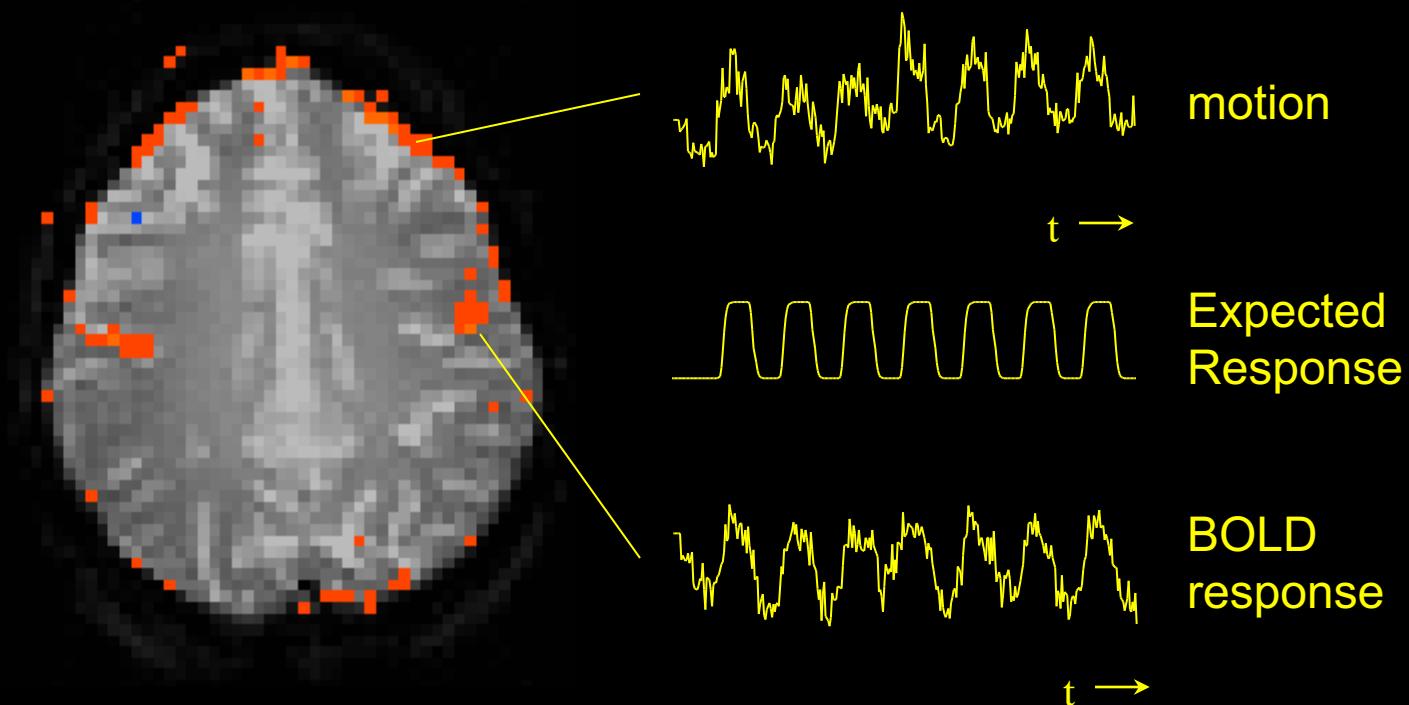
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# Overt Word Production



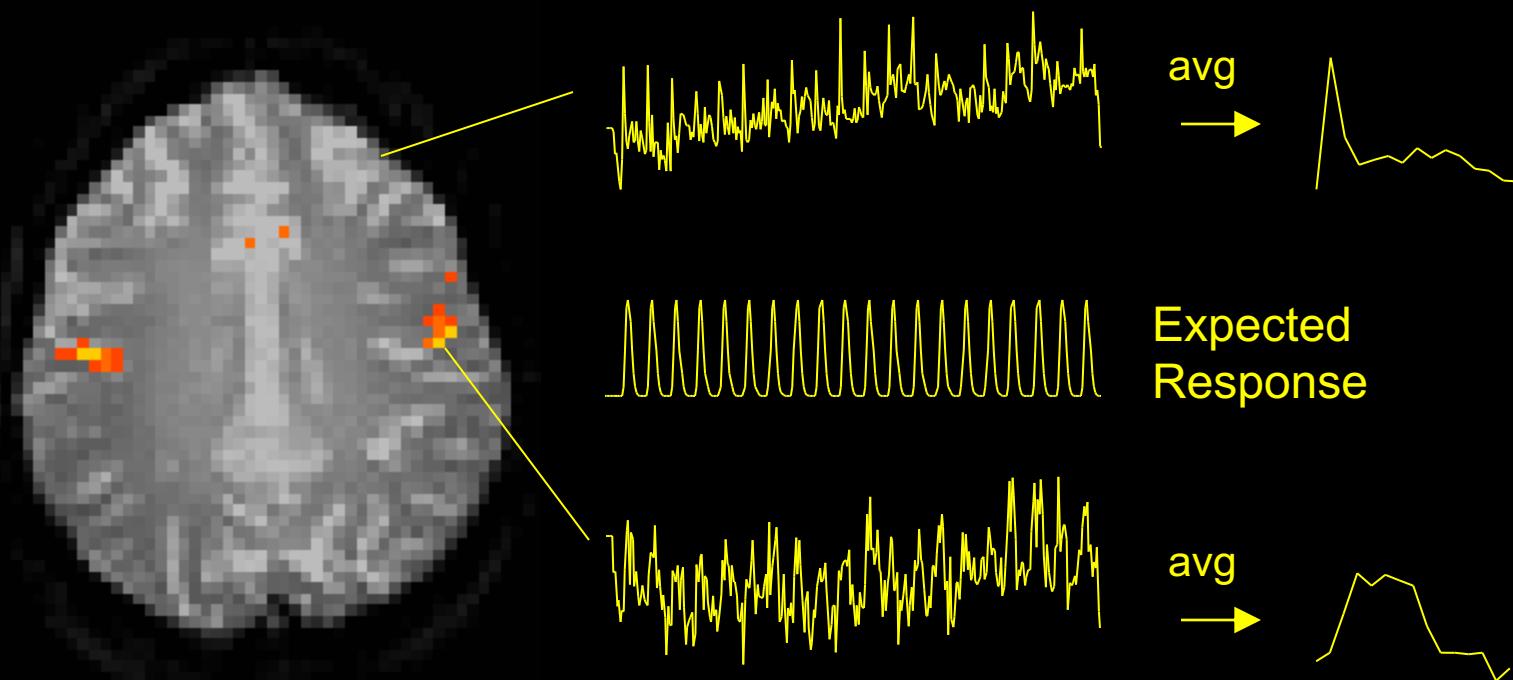
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# Speaking - Blocked Trial



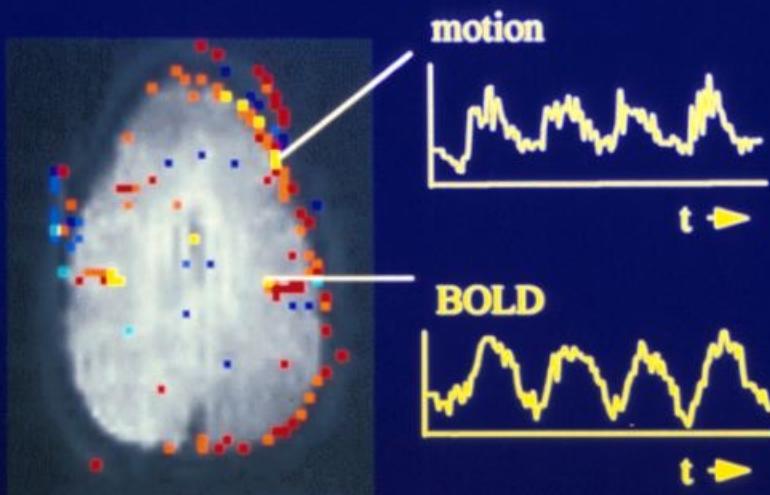
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# Speaking - ER-fMRI



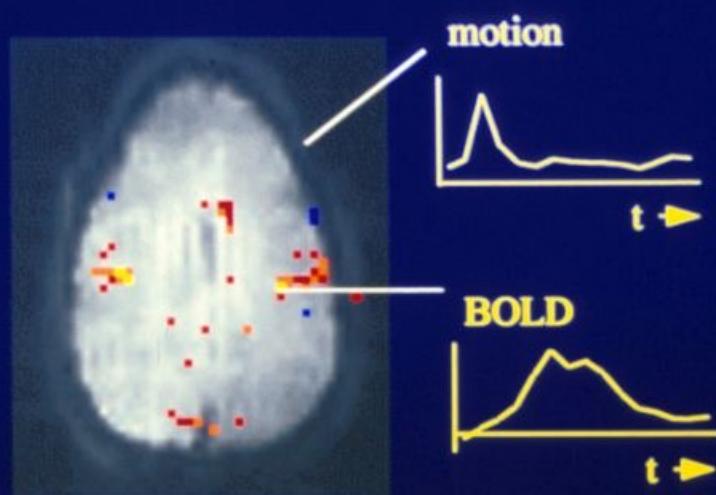
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## Motion-Decoupled fMRI: Functional MRI during overt word production



### "block-trial" paradigm

Motion induced signal changes resemble functional (BOLD) signal changes

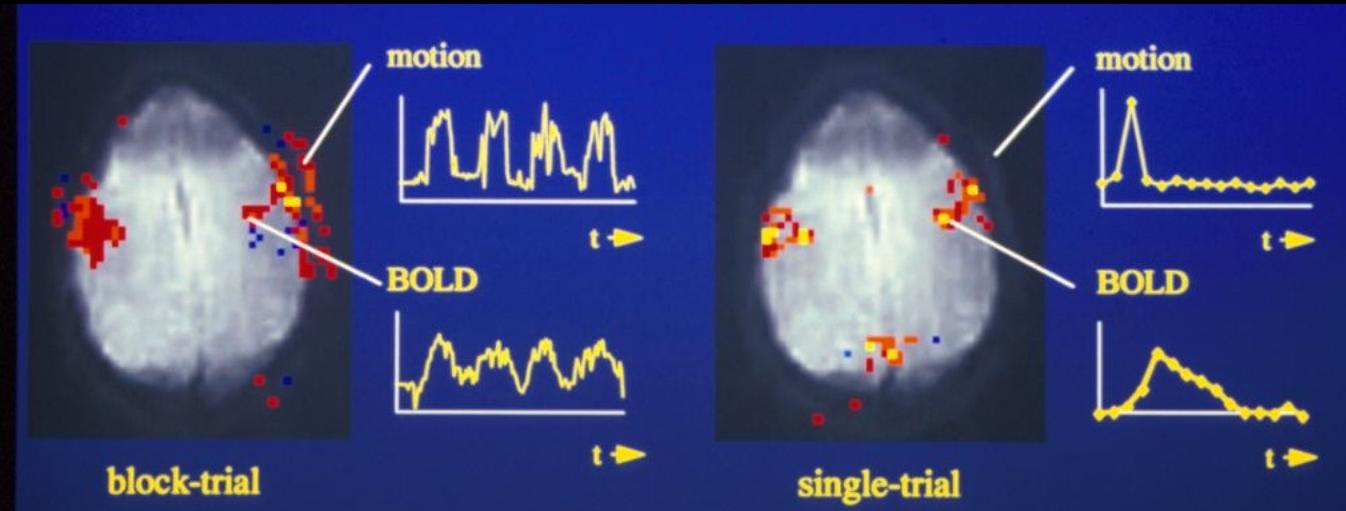


### "single-trial" paradigm

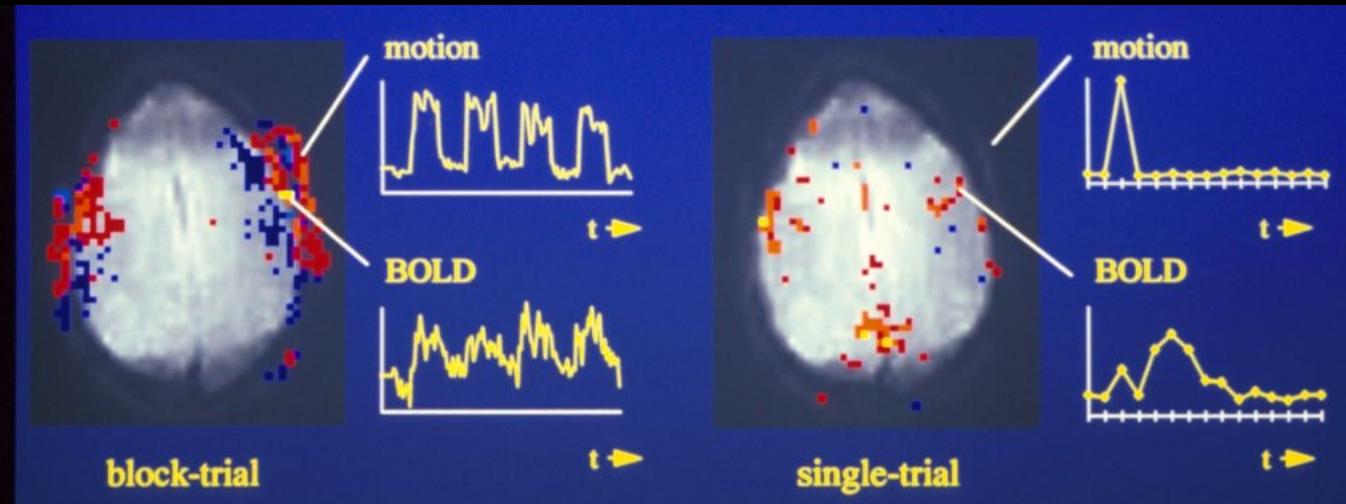
Motion induced and BOLD signal changes are separated in time

R.M. Birn, et al.

# Tongue Movement



# Jaw Clenching



Motion-induced signal change

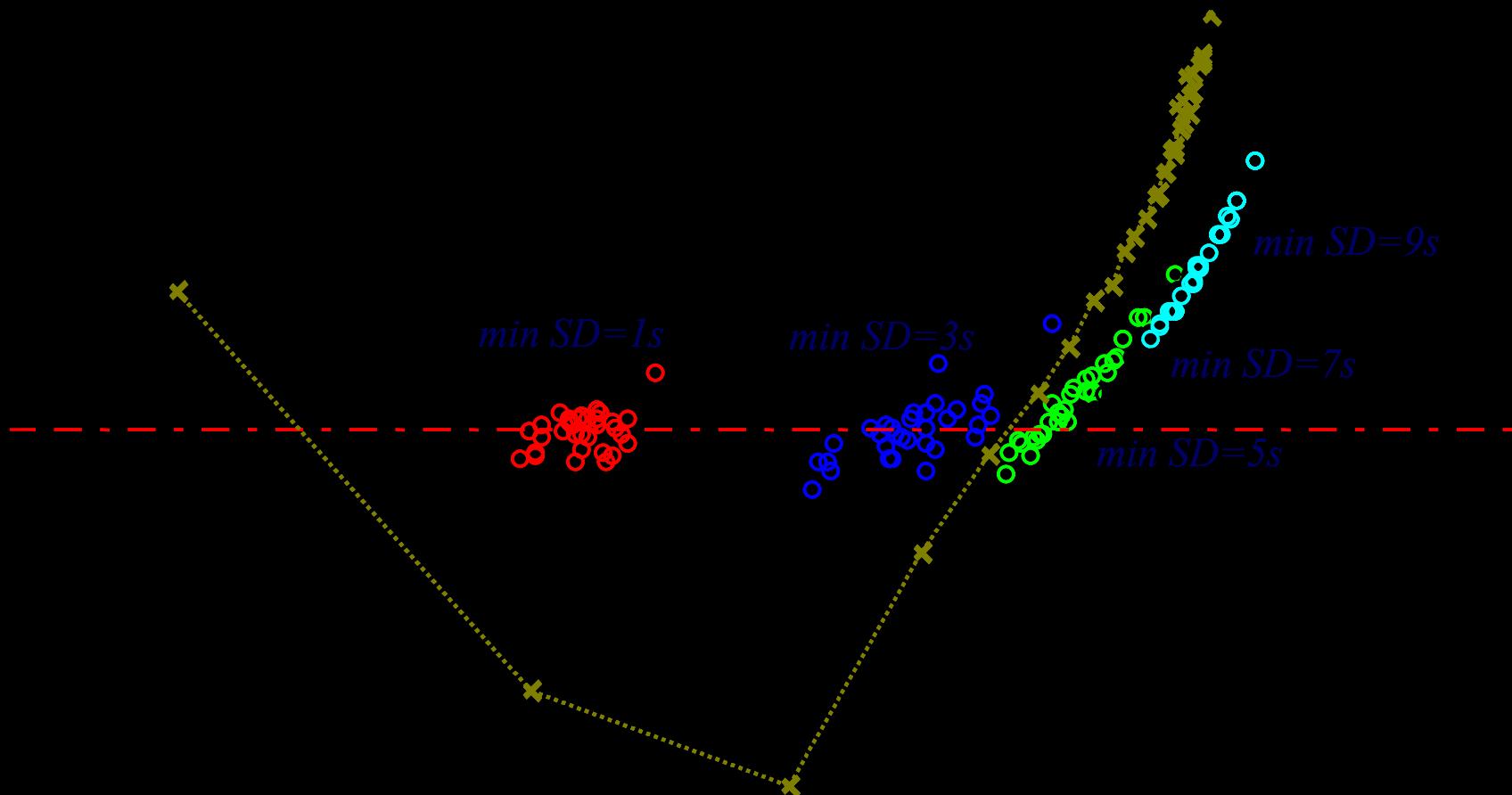
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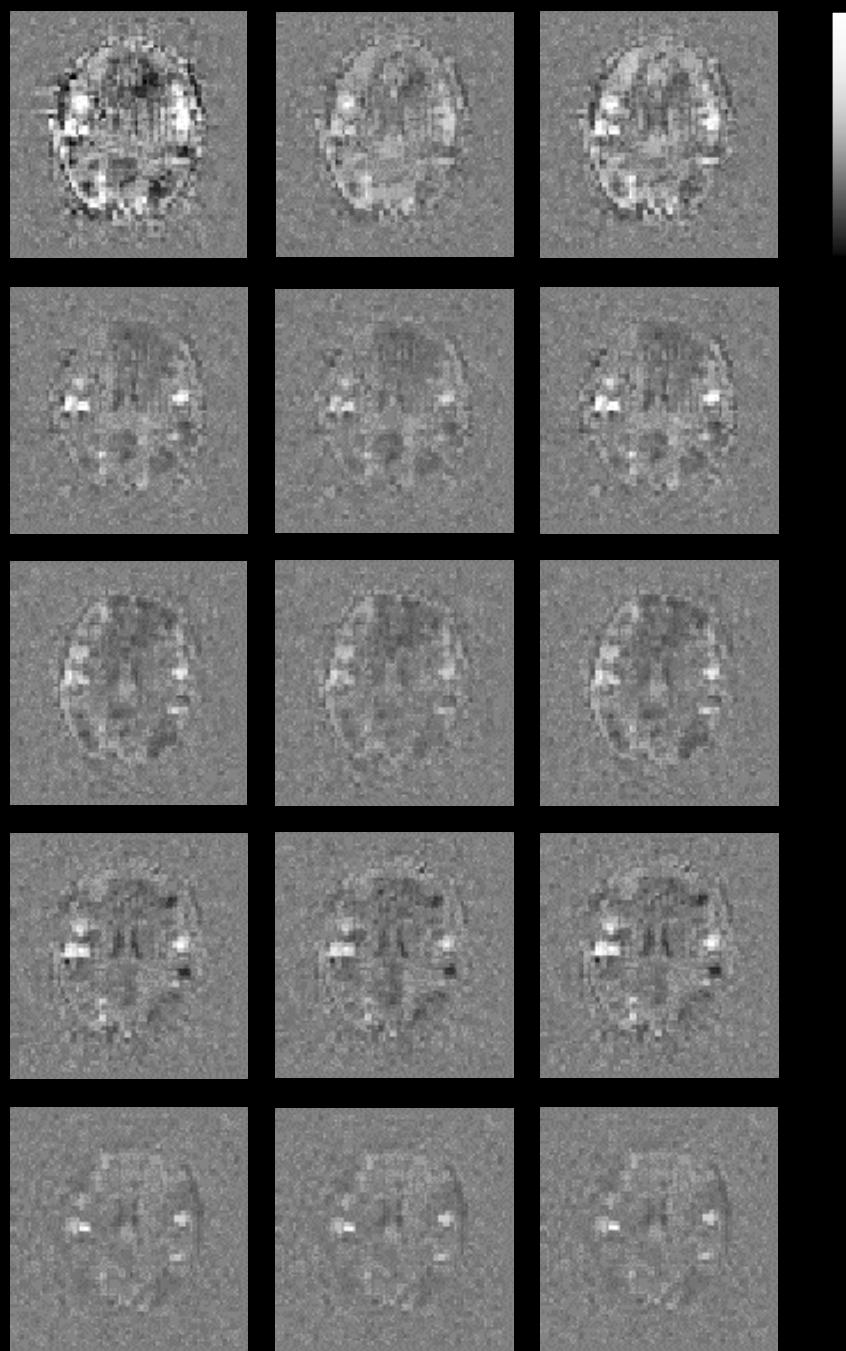
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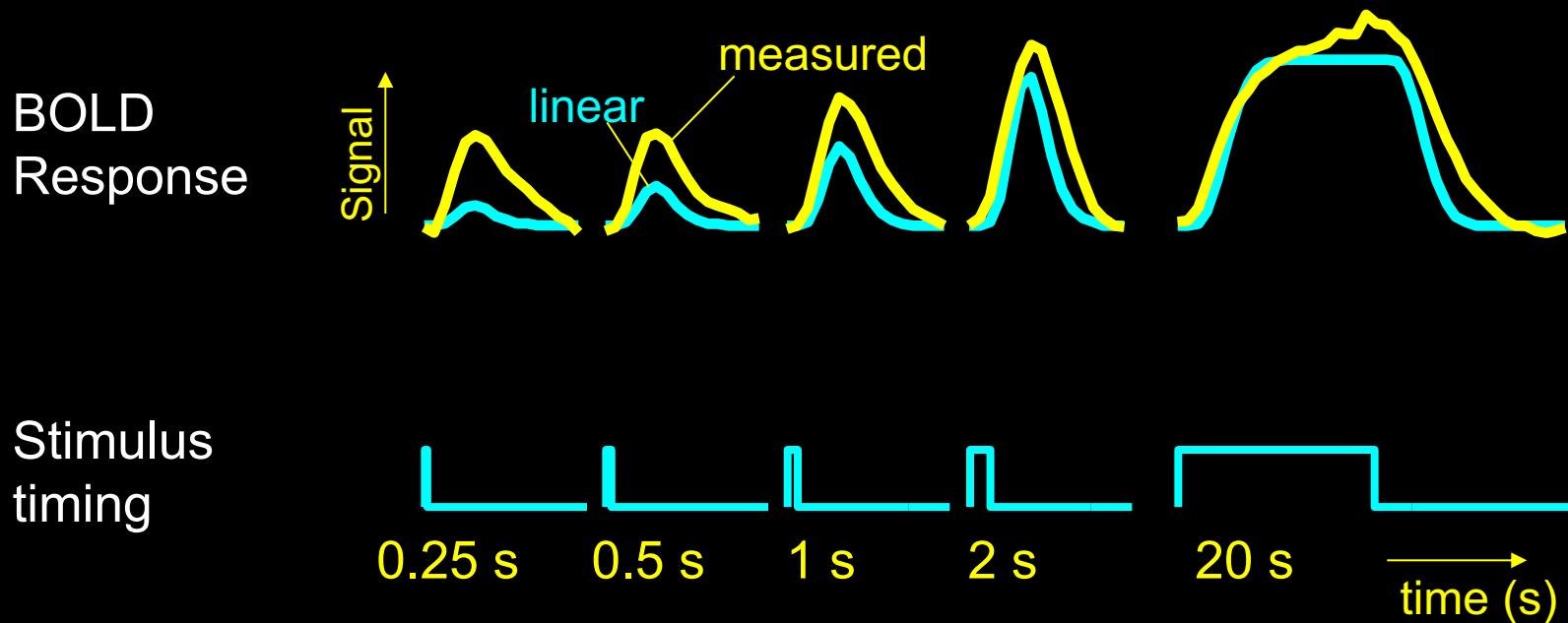


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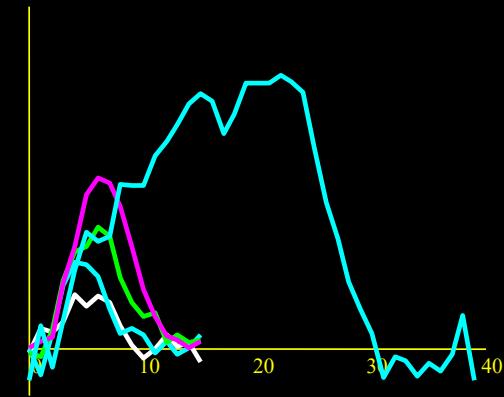
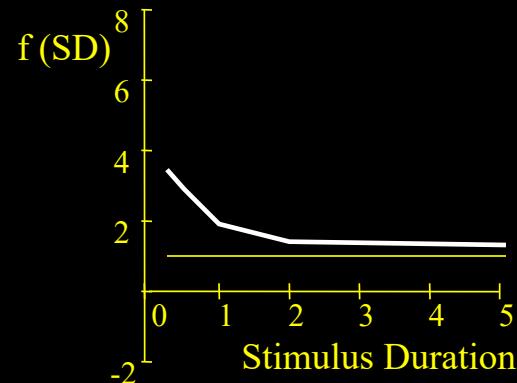
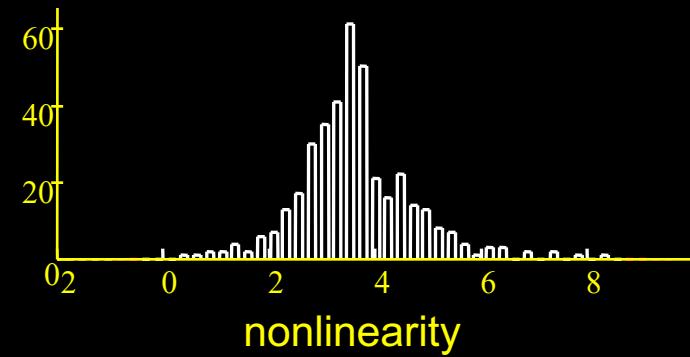
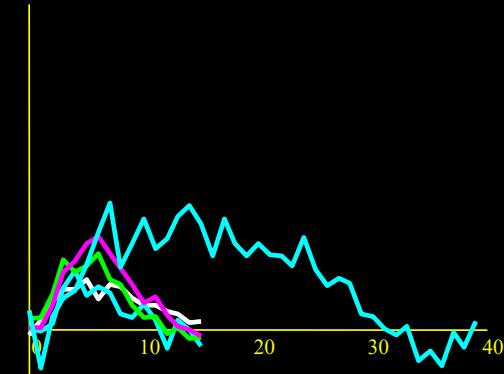
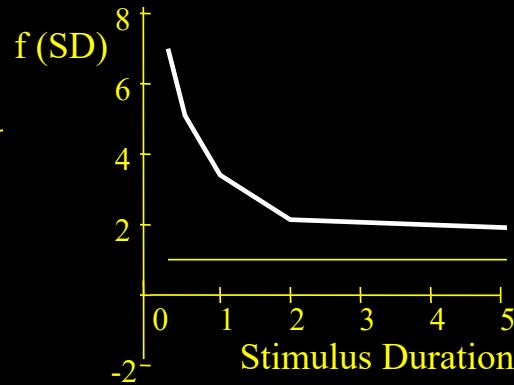
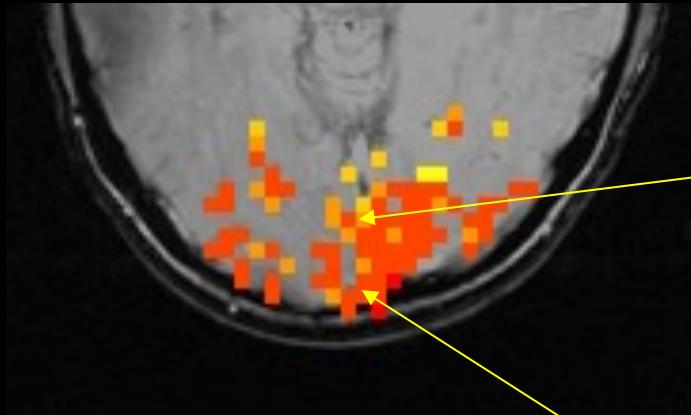
# Dynamic Nonlinearity Assessment

Different stimulus “ON” periods



*Brief stimuli produce larger responses than expected*

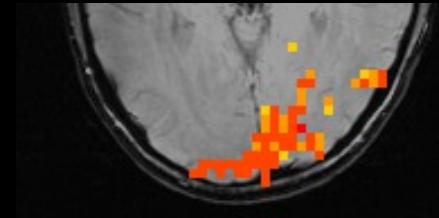
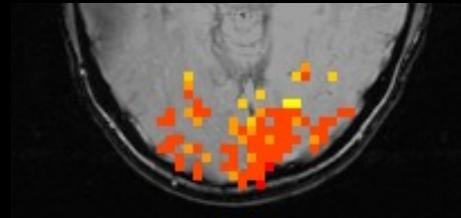
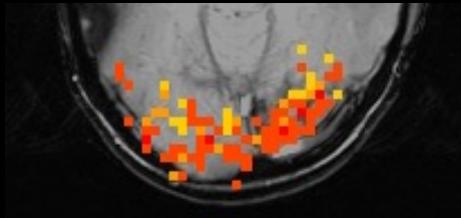
# Spatial Heterogeneity of BOLD Nonlinearity



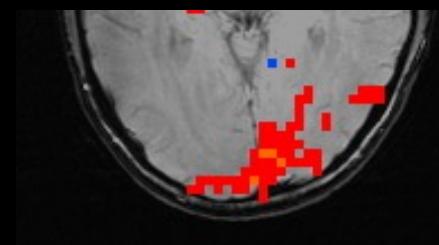
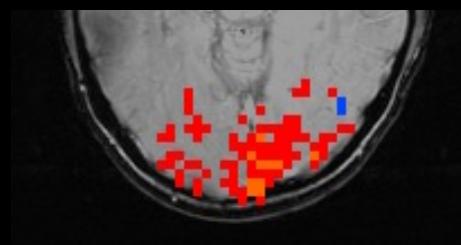
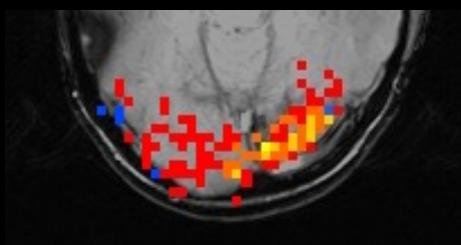
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# Results – visual task

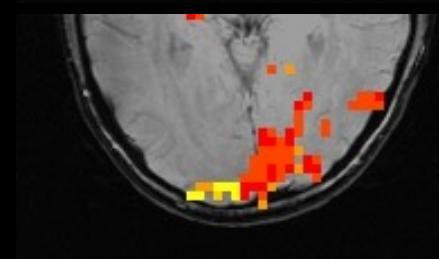
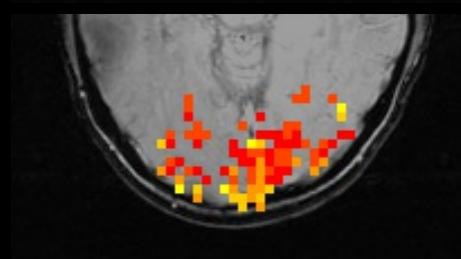
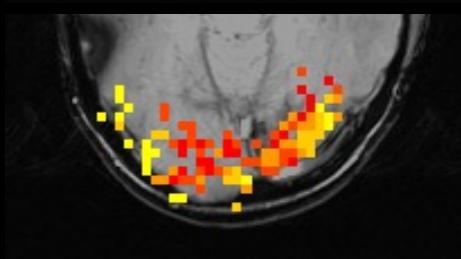
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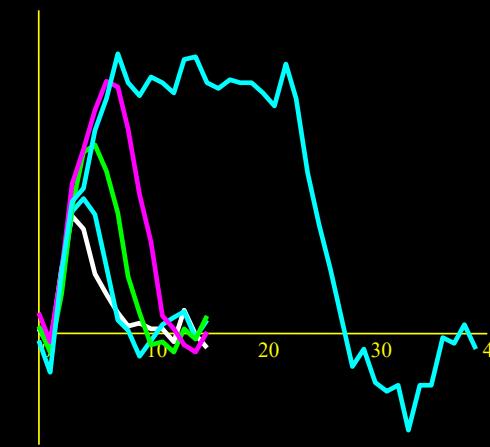
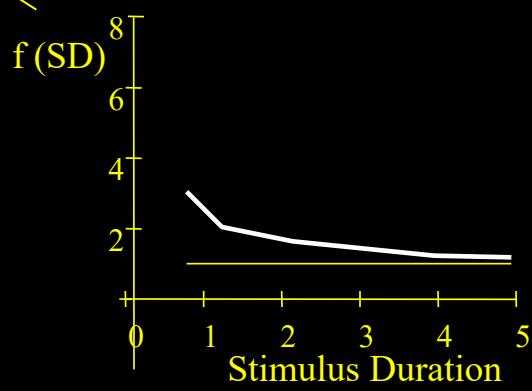
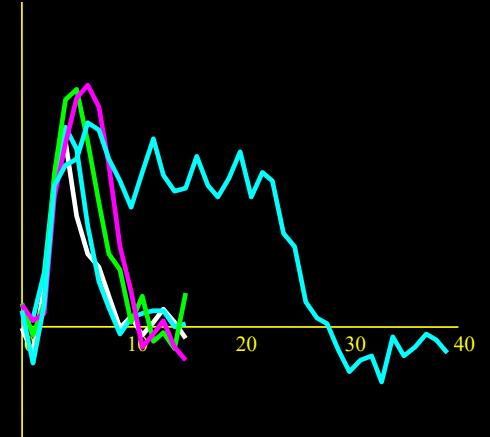
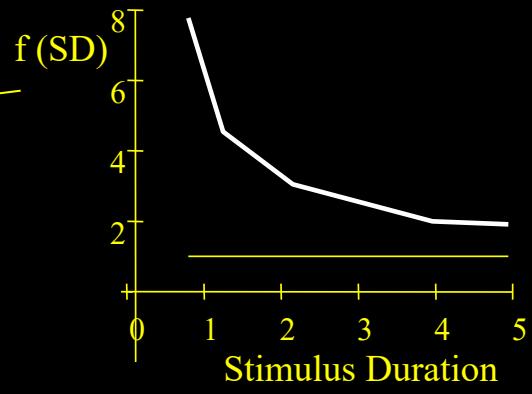
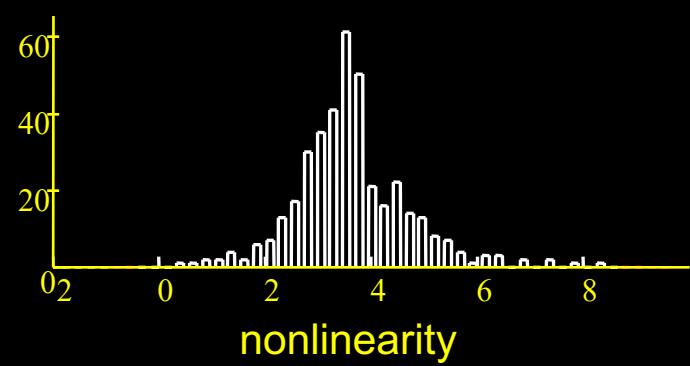
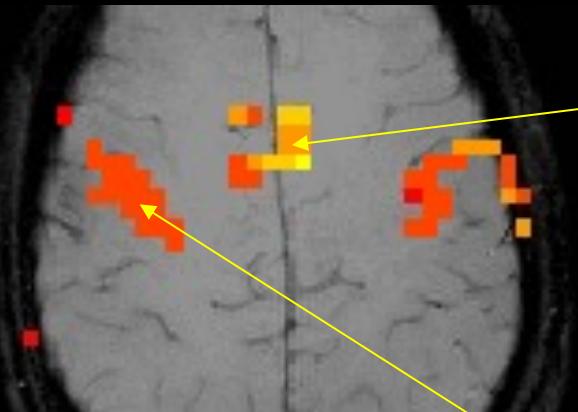
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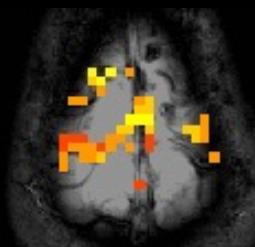
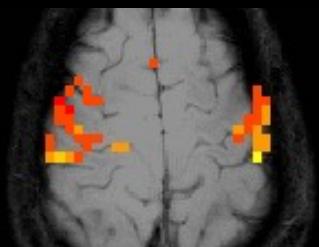
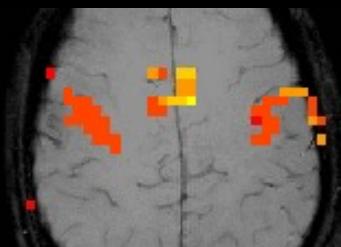


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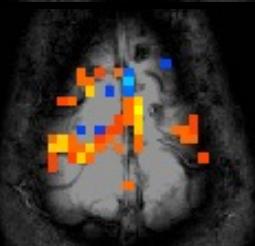
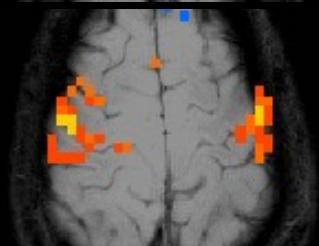
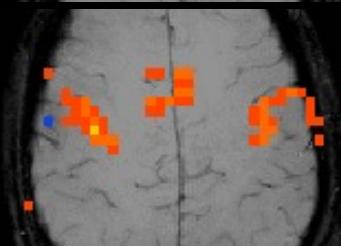


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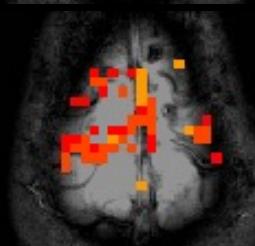
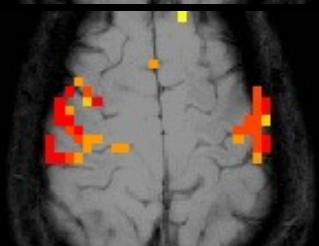
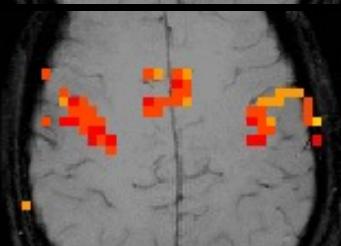
Nonlinearity



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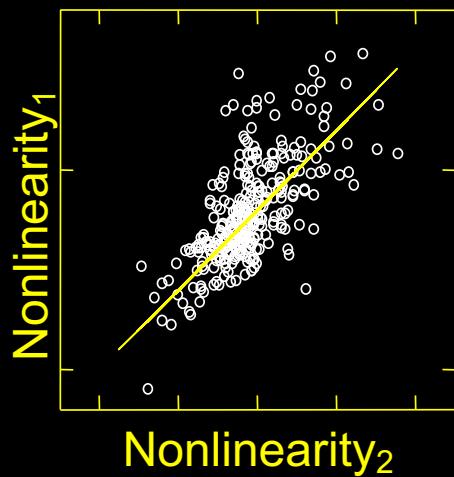


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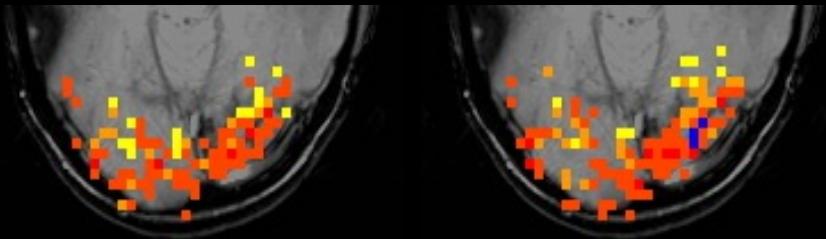
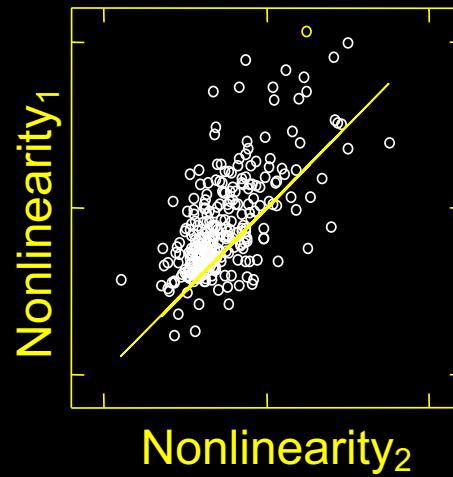


# Reproducibility

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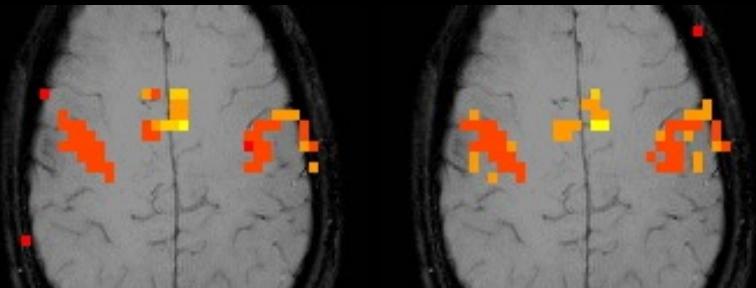


*Motor task*



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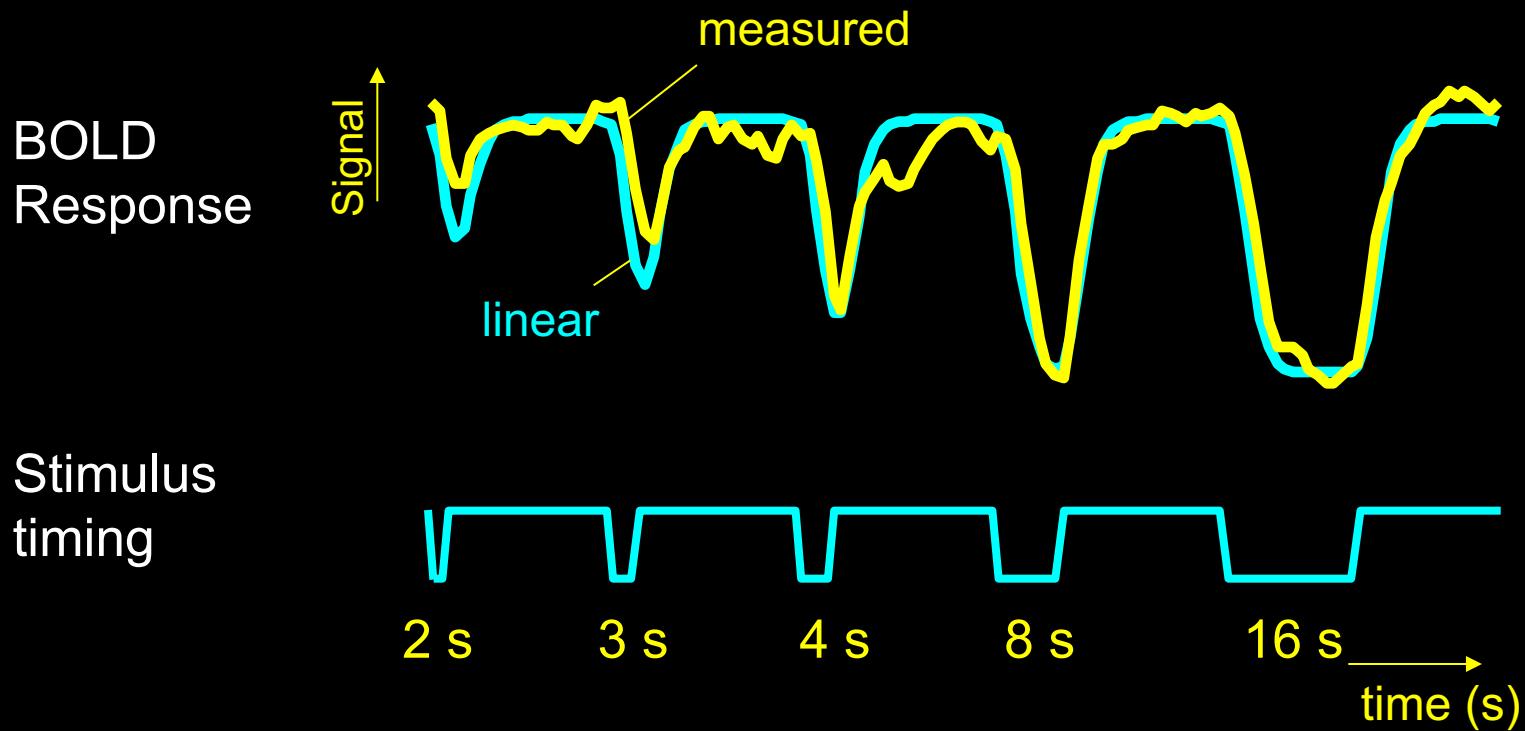
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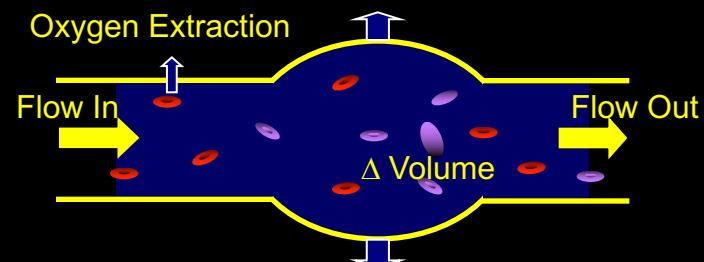
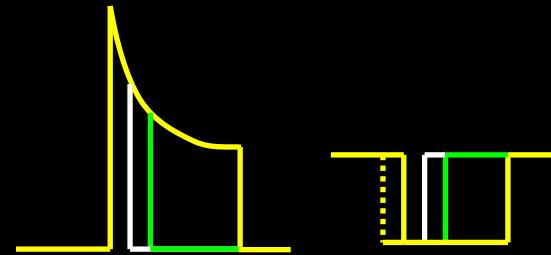
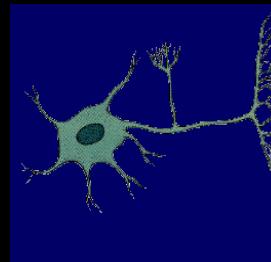
# Different stimulus “ON” periods



*Brief stimulus OFF periods produce smaller decreases than expected*

# Sources of this Nonlinearity

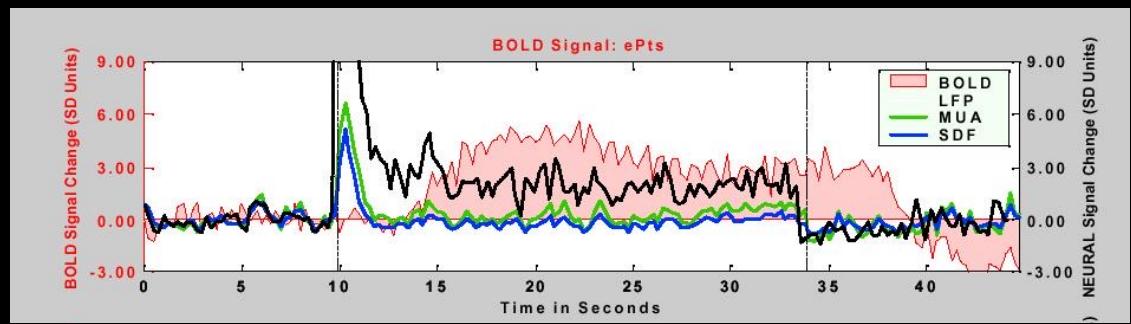
- Neuronal
- Hemodynamic
  - Oxygen extraction
  - Blood volume dynamics



# BOLD Correlation with Neuronal Activity

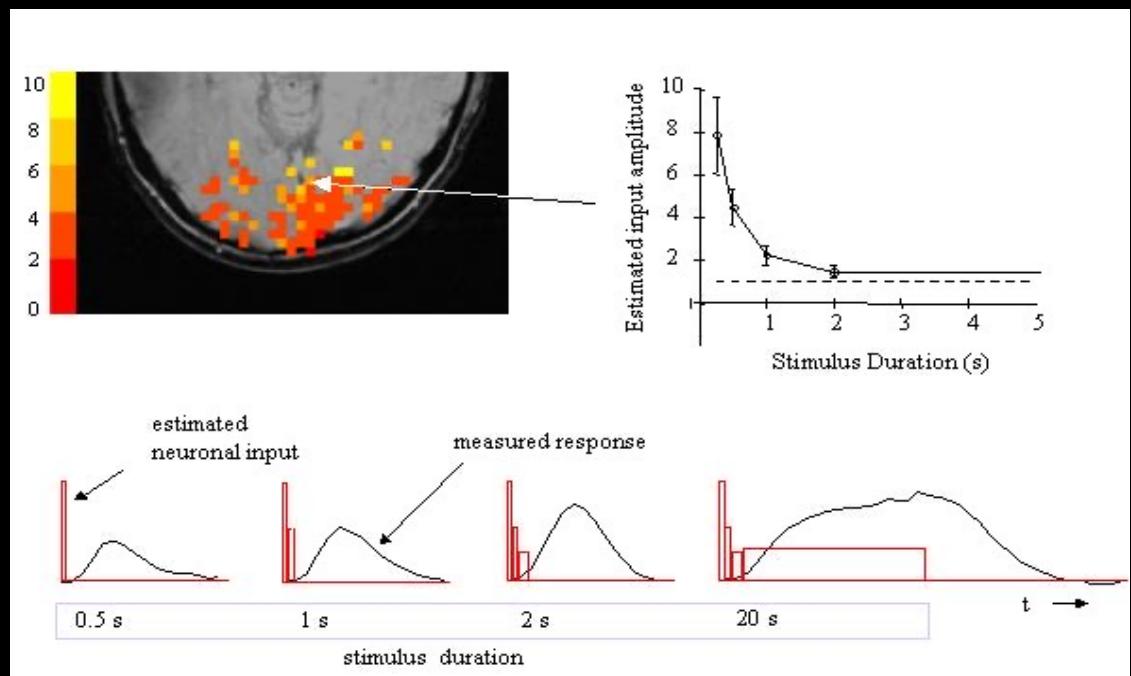
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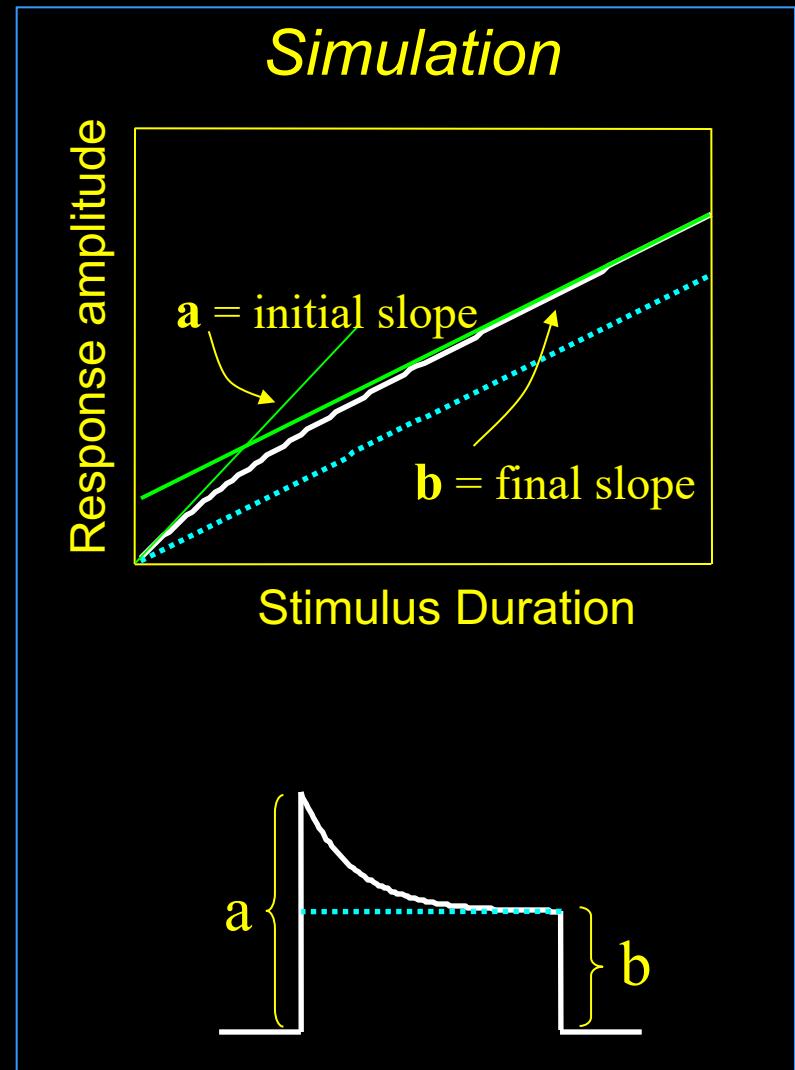
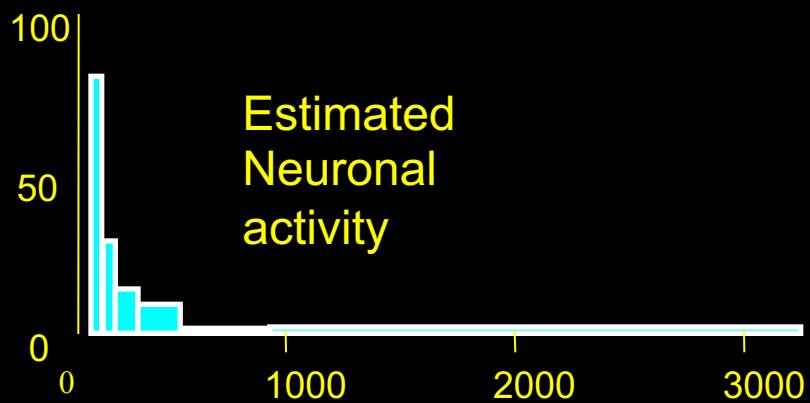
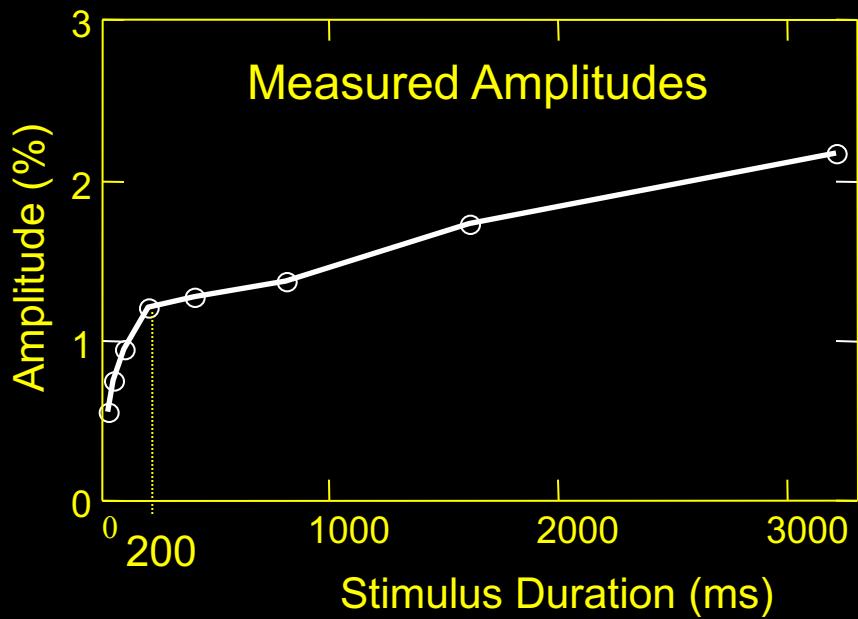


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Nature Neuroscience, 4: 864-866.

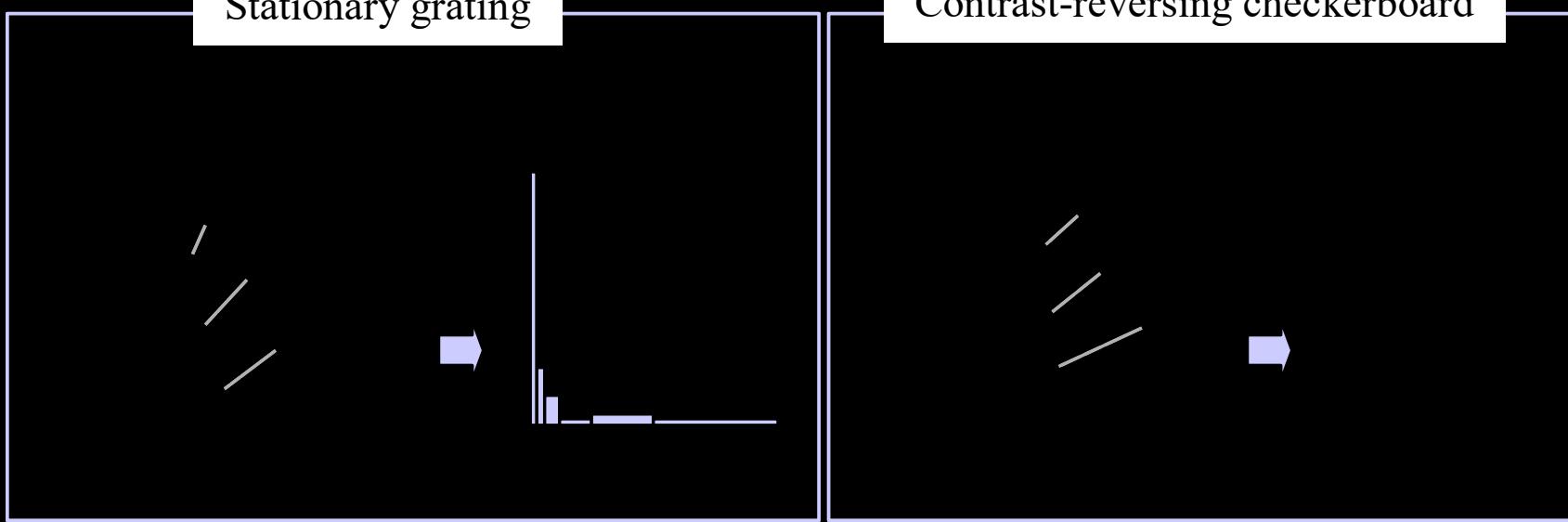


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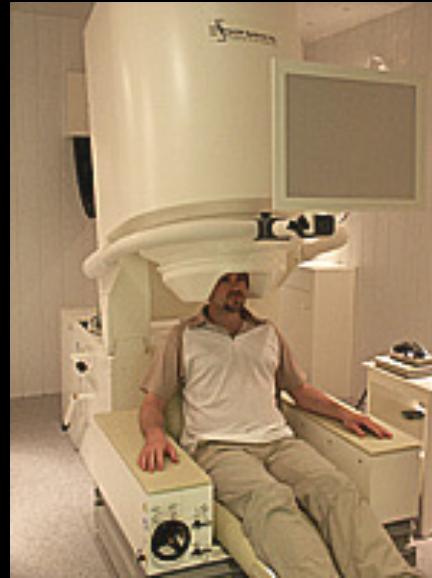
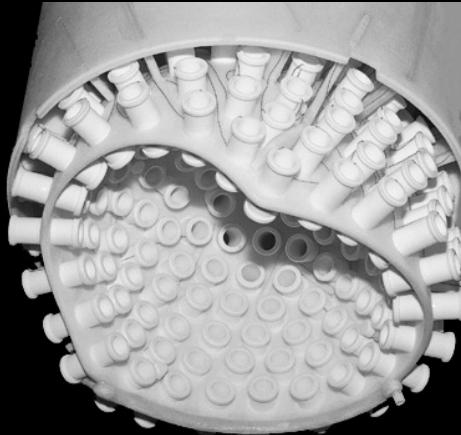
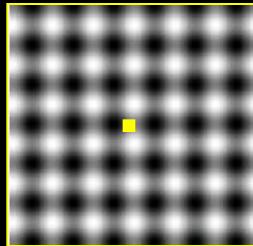
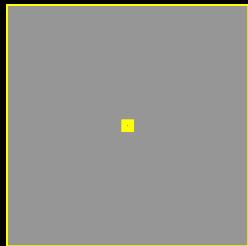
Stationary grating

Contrast-reversing checkerboard

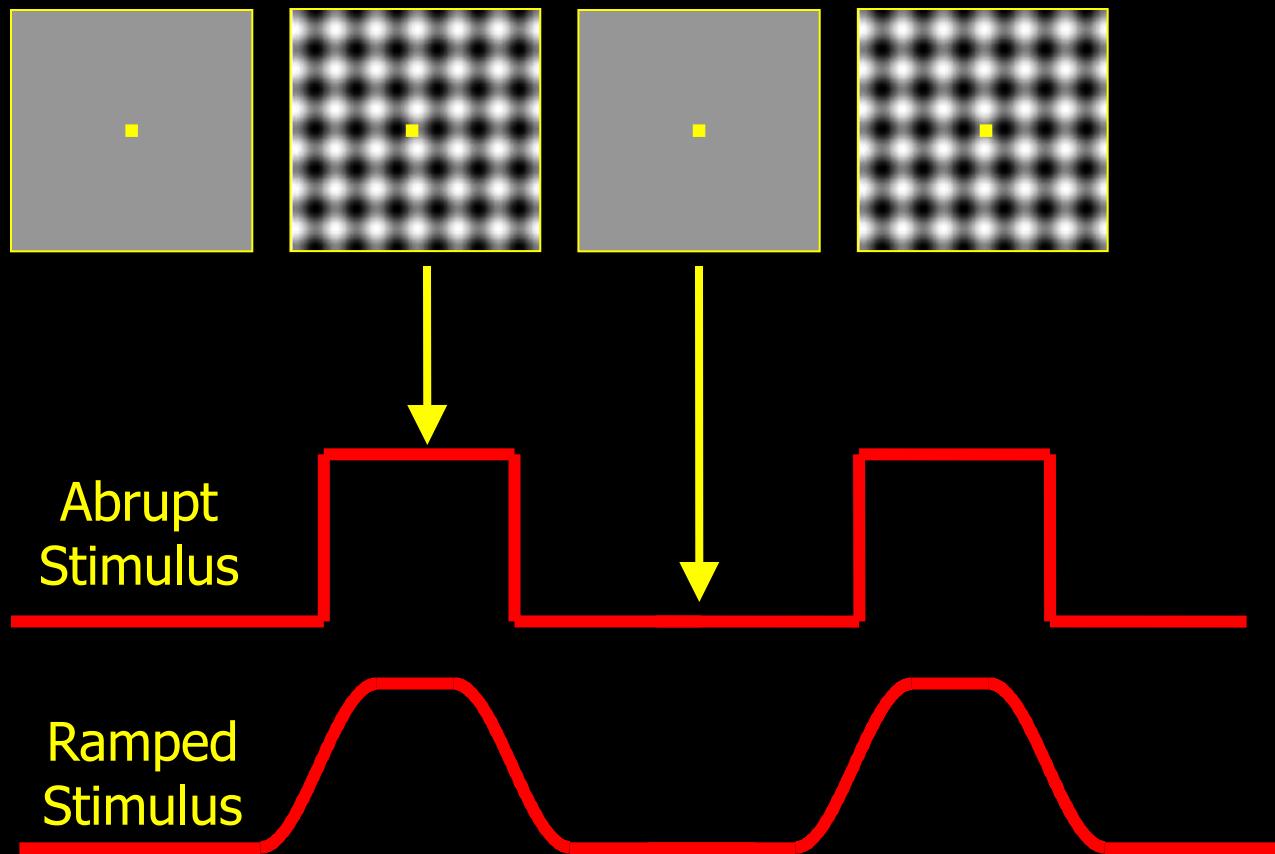


# MEG and Ramped Stimulus

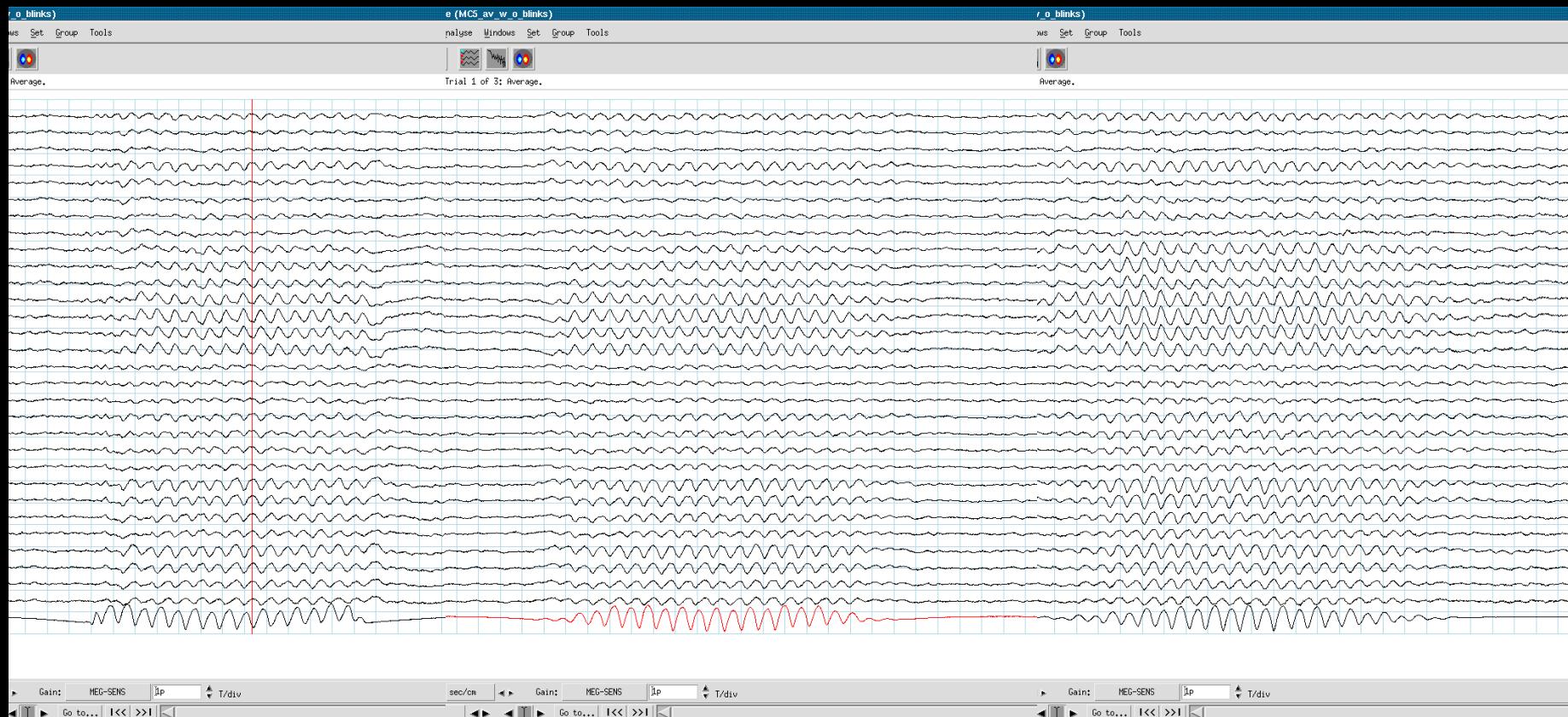
- 6 subjects
- SD: 1 or 2 seconds
- Ramp: 0, 0.5, 1 second
- 8 Hz Counterphase-modulated checkerboards
- Fixation without task
  - No blinking point
- 45 repeats
- 3 sec ISI
- 275 channels
- 600 Hz



# MEG – Ramped stimuli



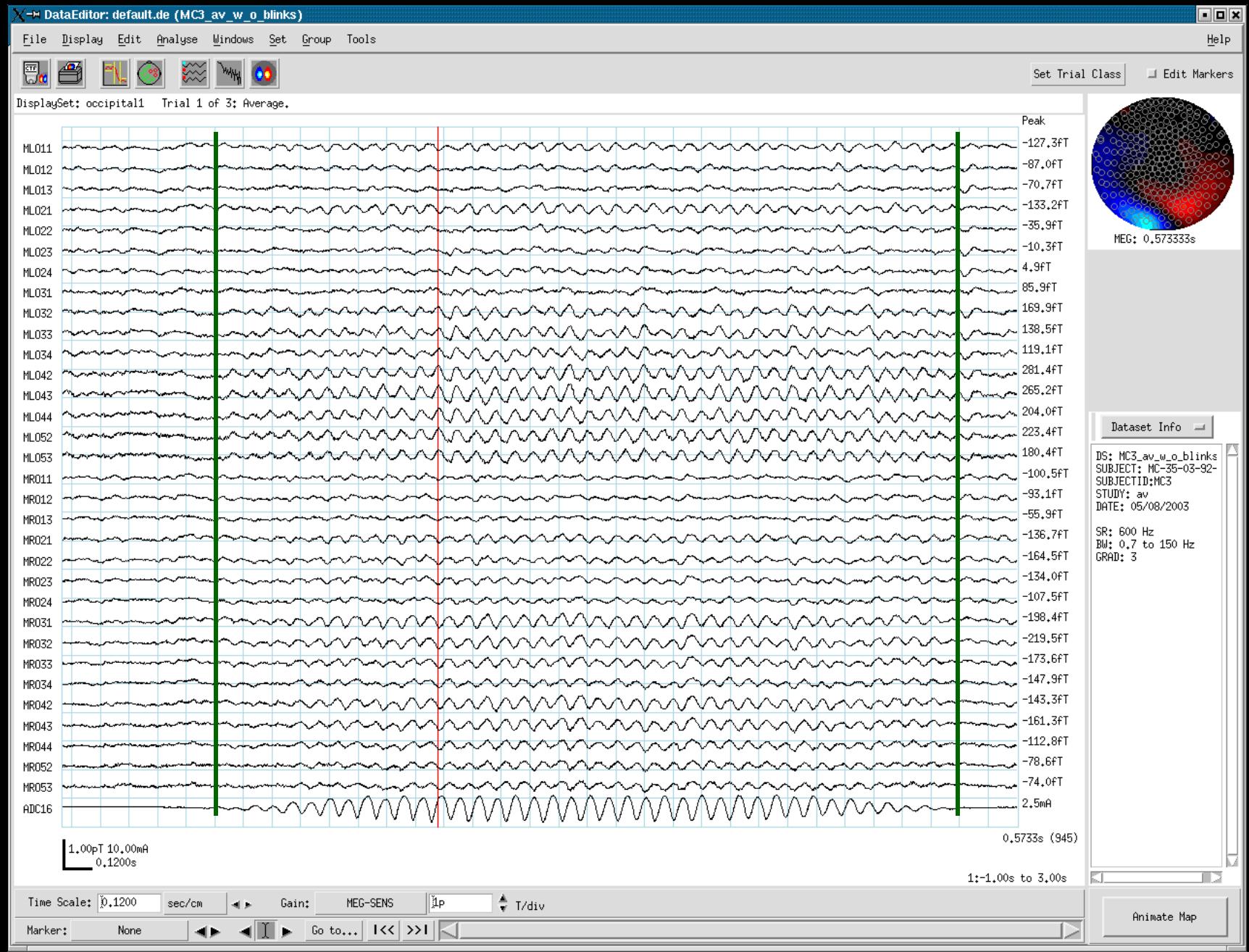
# Composite – 1 second Stimulus Duration



No Ramp

0.5 second Ramp

1 second Ramp

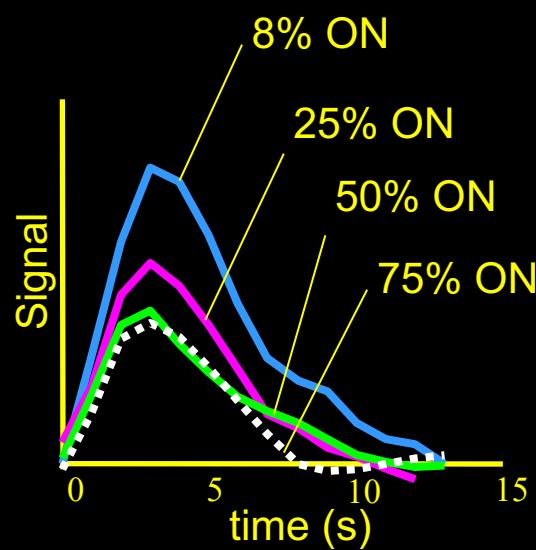


# Duty cycle effect....

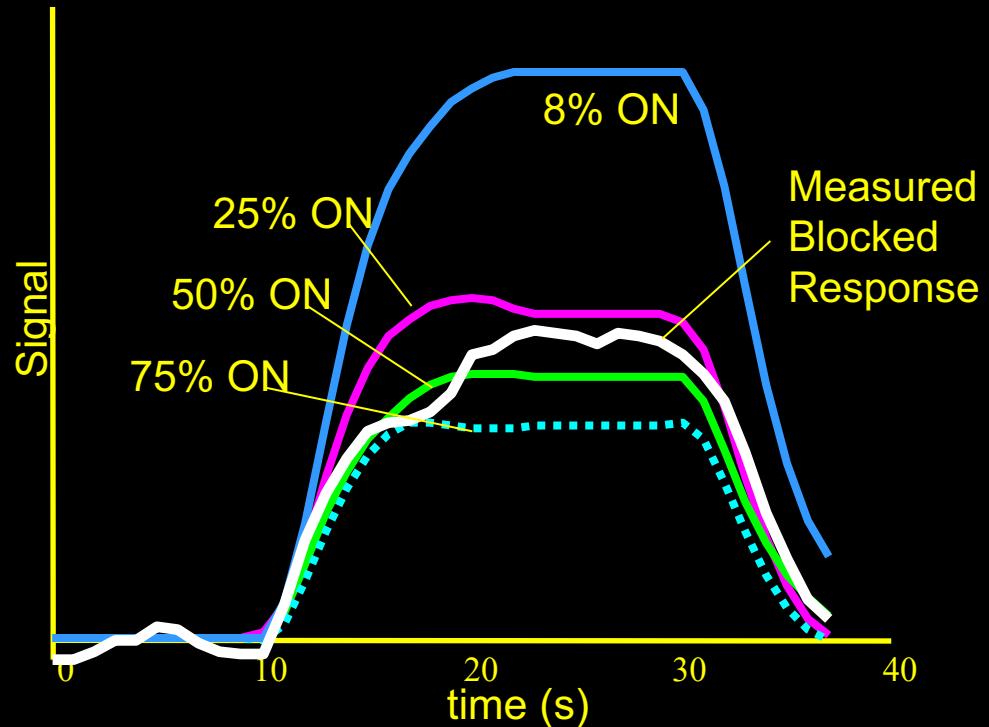
*Rapid event-related design with varying ISI*



*Estimated  
Impulse Response*



*Predicted Responses  
to 20 s stimulation*

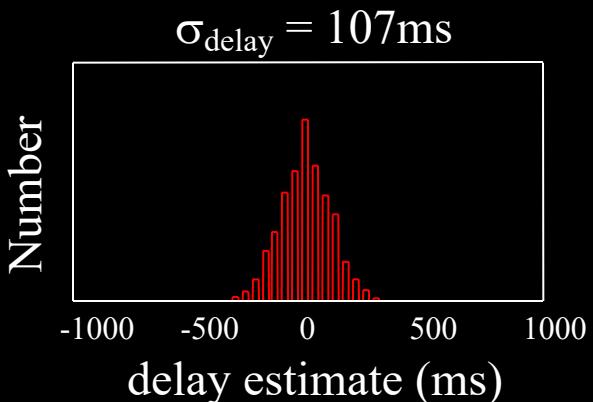
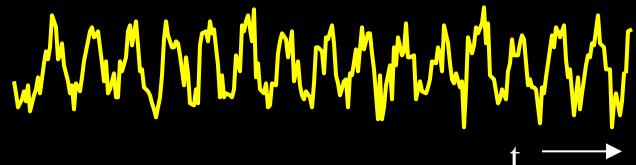


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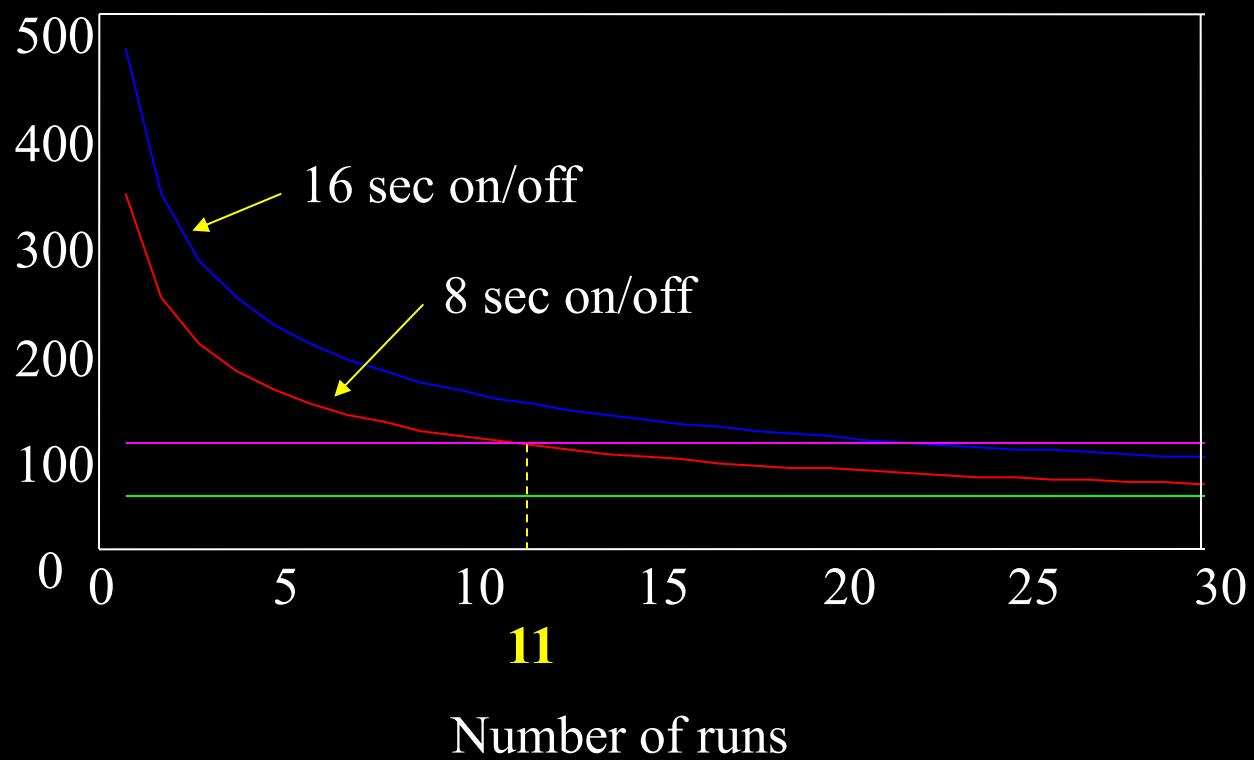
- Event-related developments
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1 run:

1% Noise  
4% BOLD  
256 time pts /run  
1 second TR

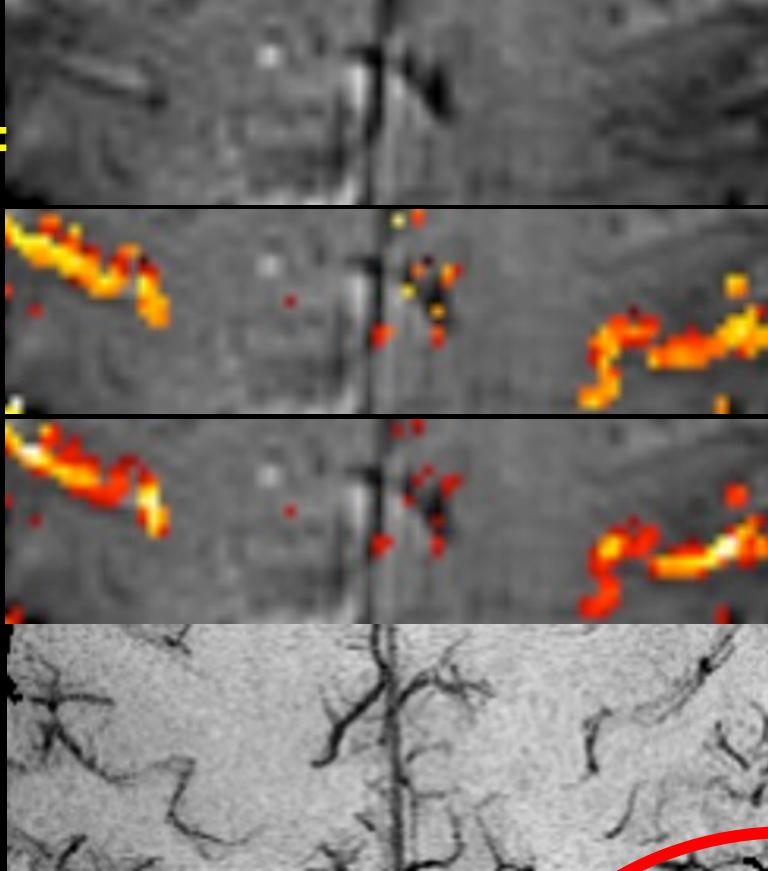


Smallest latency  
Variation Detectable  
(ms) ( $p < 0.001$ )



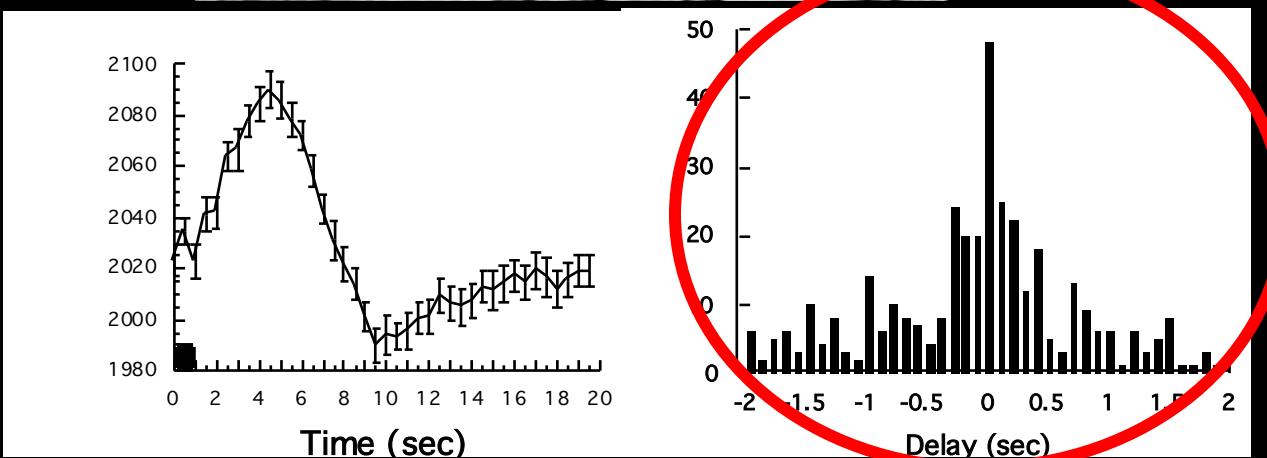
The major obstacle in BOLD contrast temporal resolution:

Latency

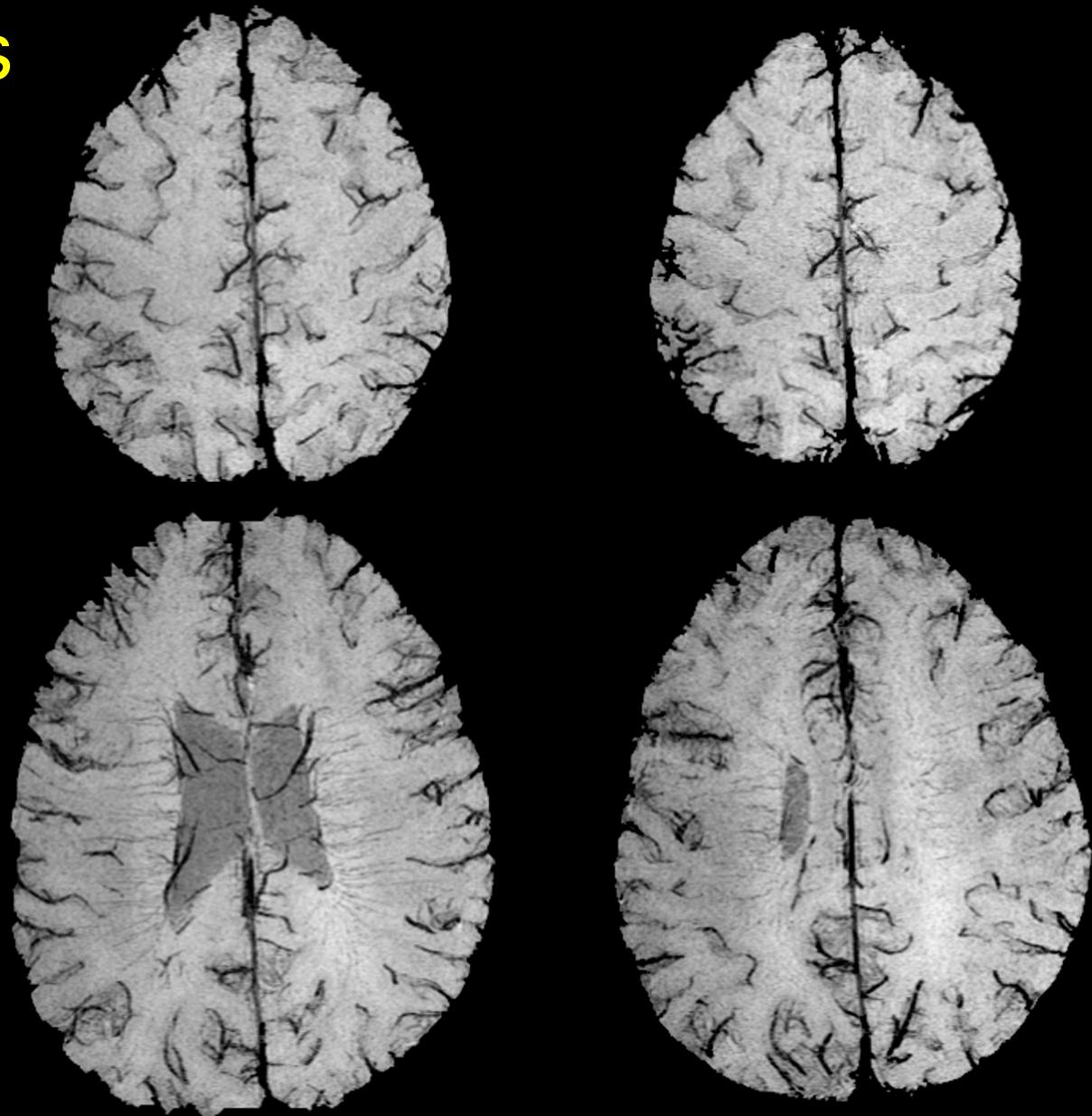


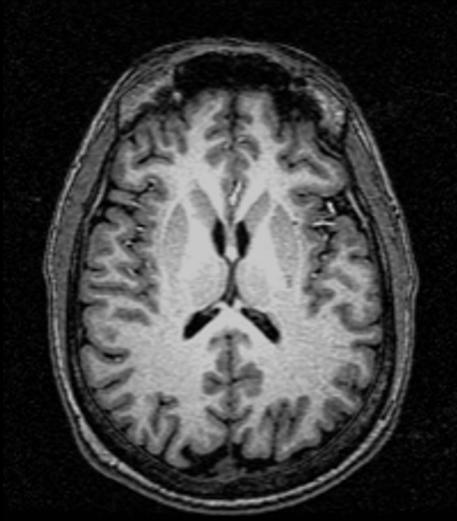
+ 2 sec  
- 2 sec

Venogram



# A tangent into venograms (3 Tesla)

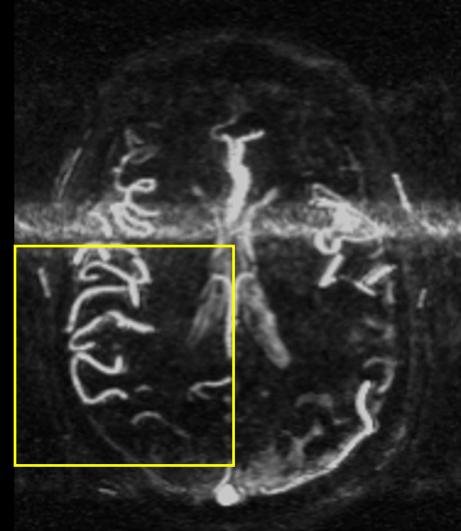




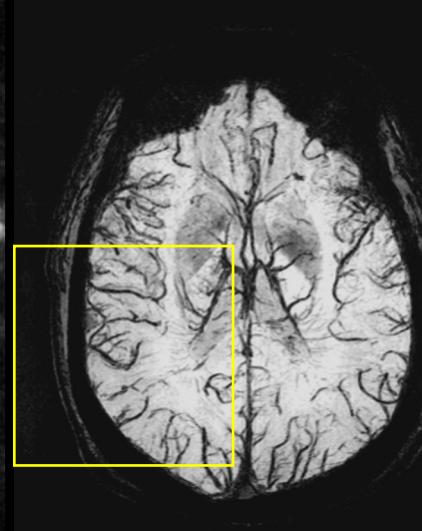
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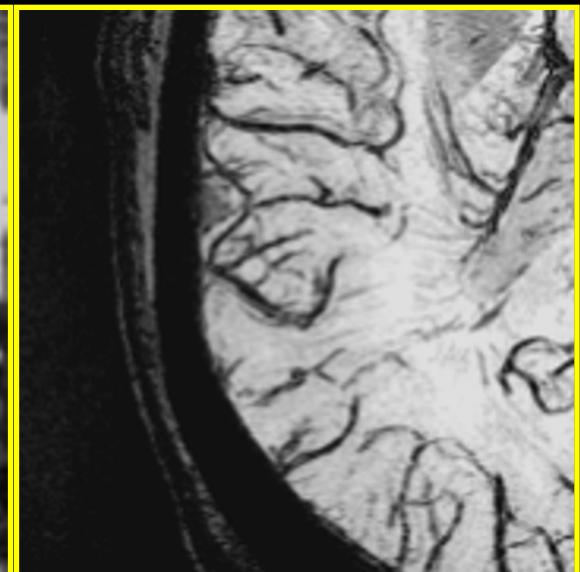
**3D T-O-F MRA**



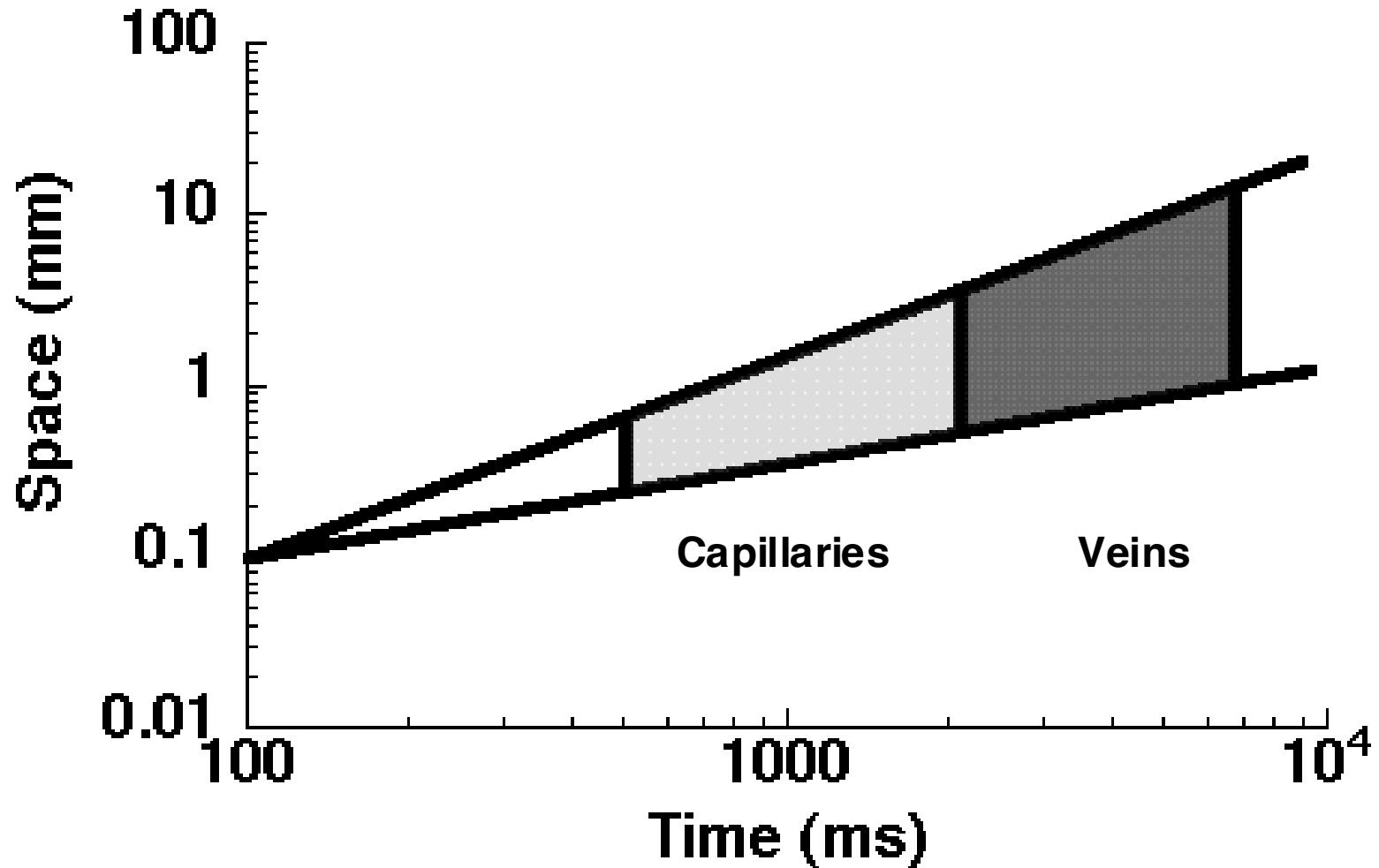
**3D Venous PC**



**MR Venogram**



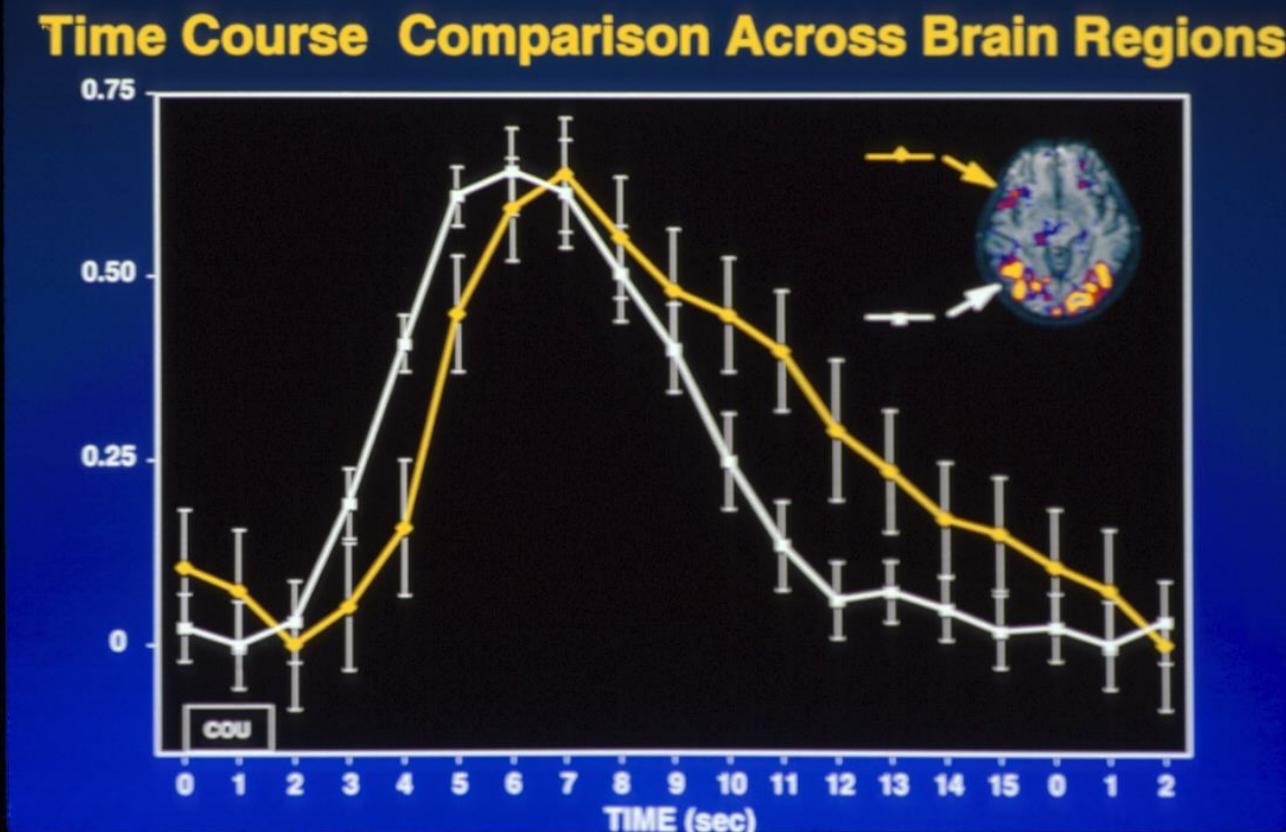
## Hemodynamic Latency and Variability Following Neuronal Activation



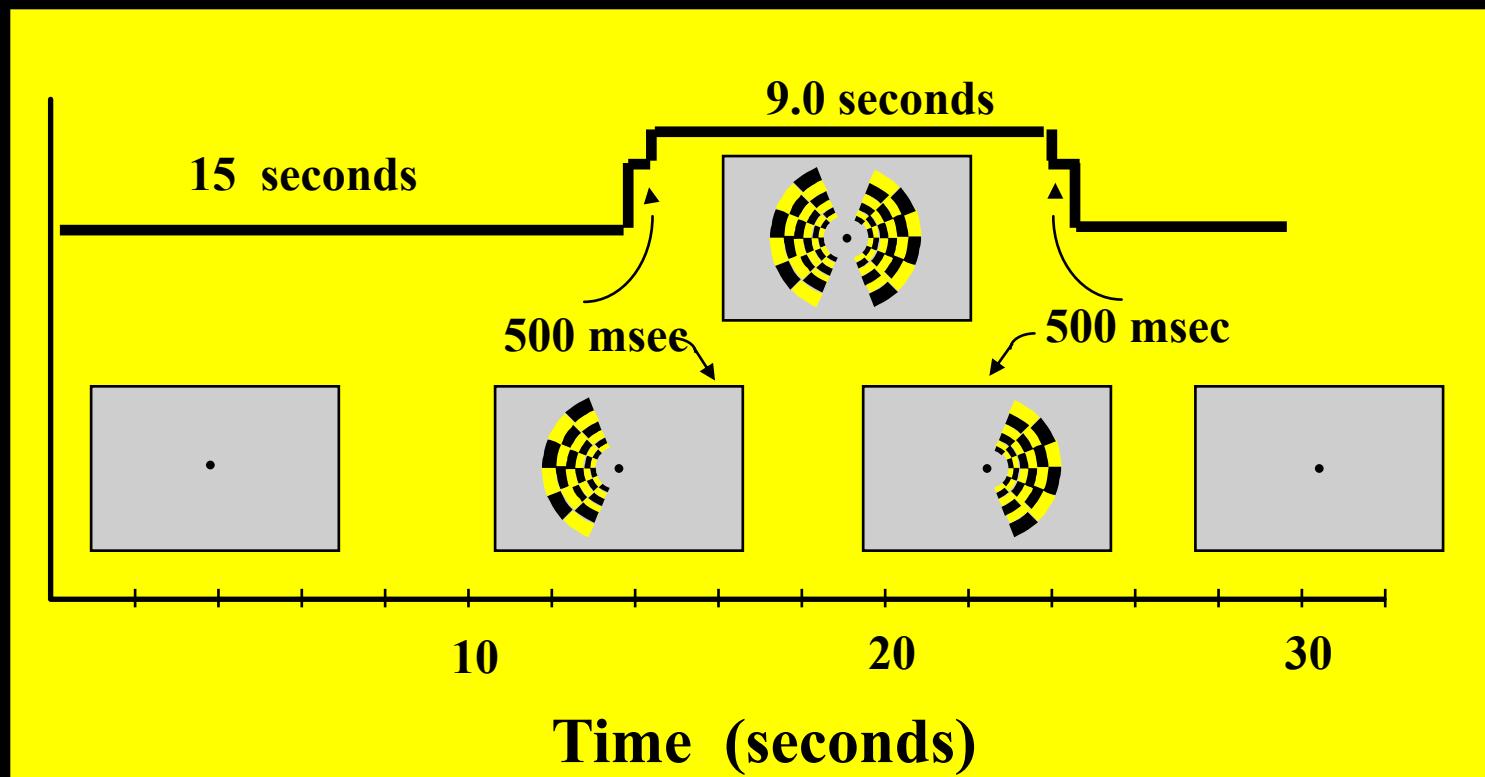
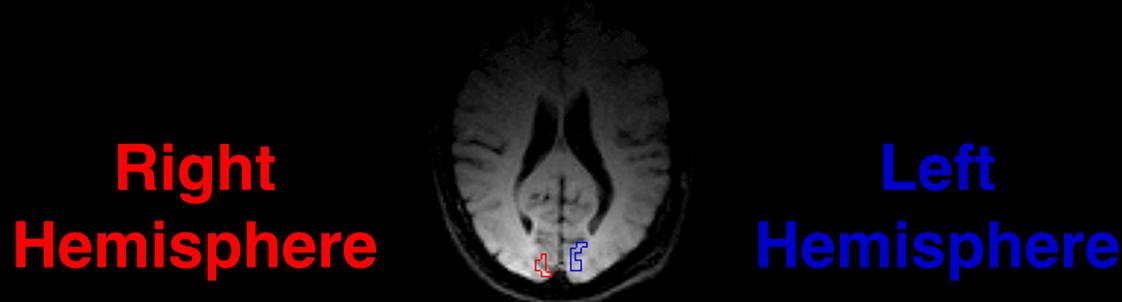
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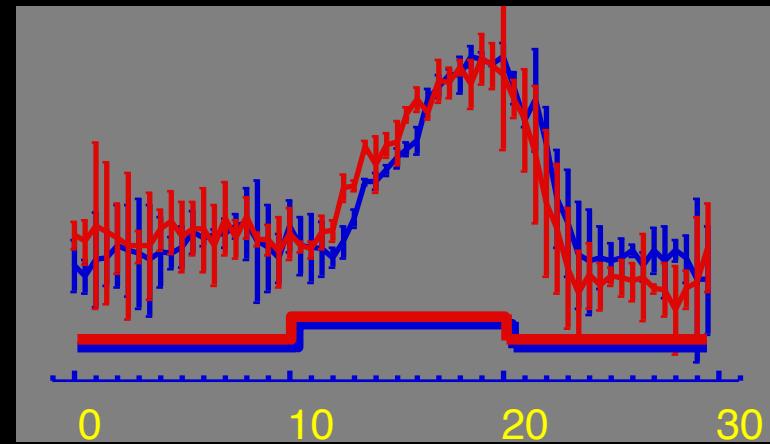
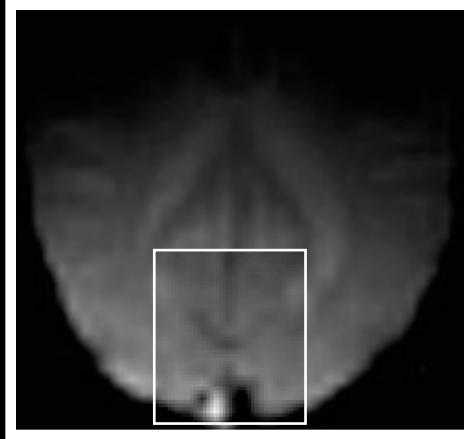
(neuroimaging/single trial/language/prefrontal)

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# Hemi-Field Experiment





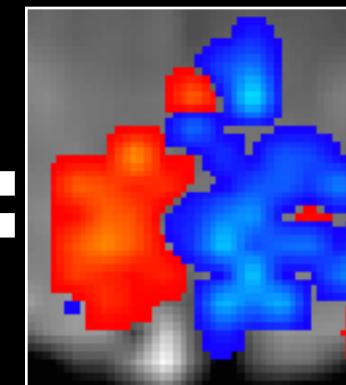
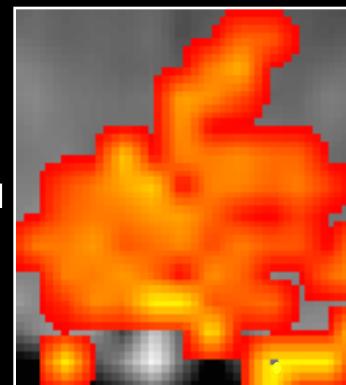
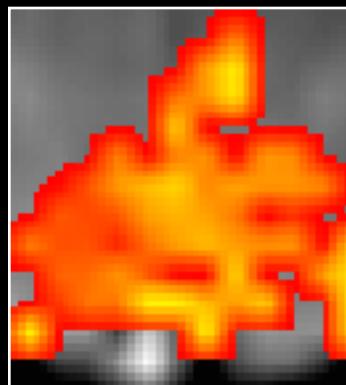
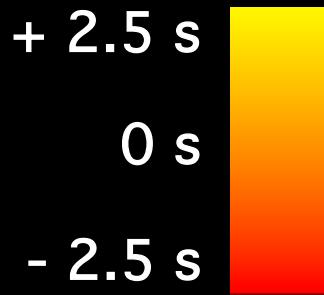
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II



500 ms  
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Right Hemifield  
Left Hemifield



# Cognitive Neuroscience Application:

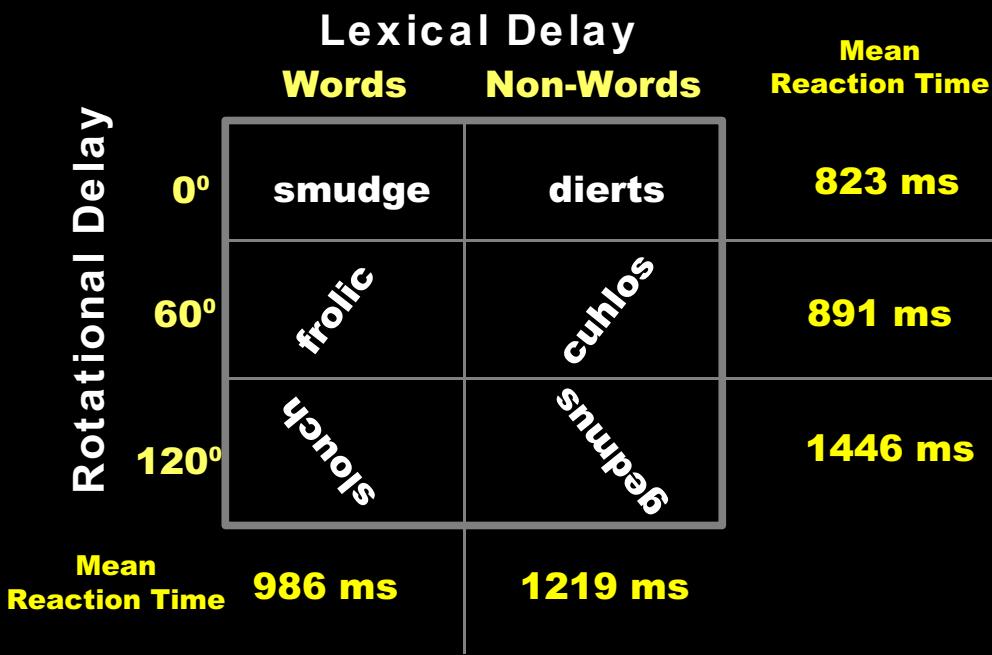
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PNAS

P. S. F. Bellgowan\*,†, Z. S. Saad‡, and P. A. Bandettini\*

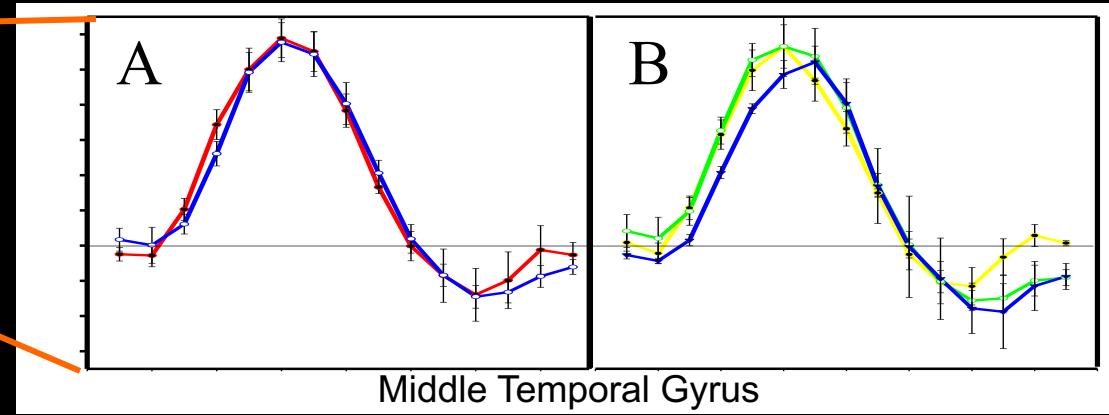
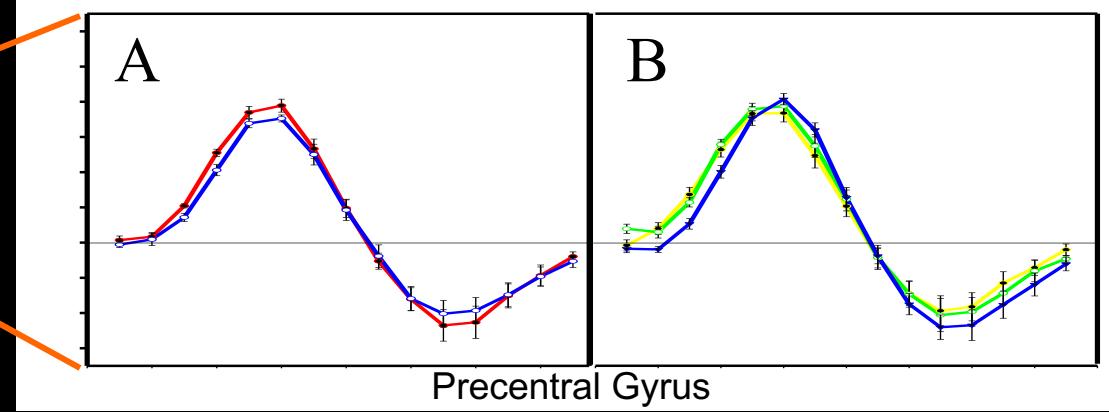
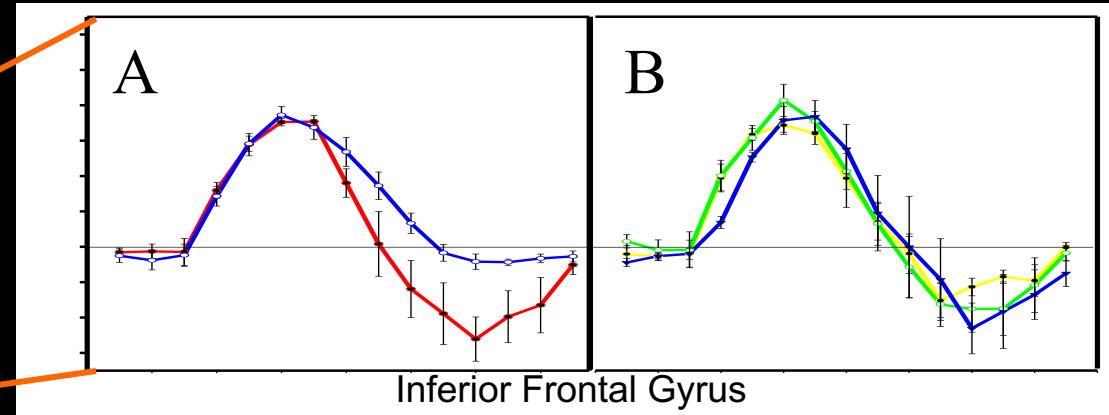
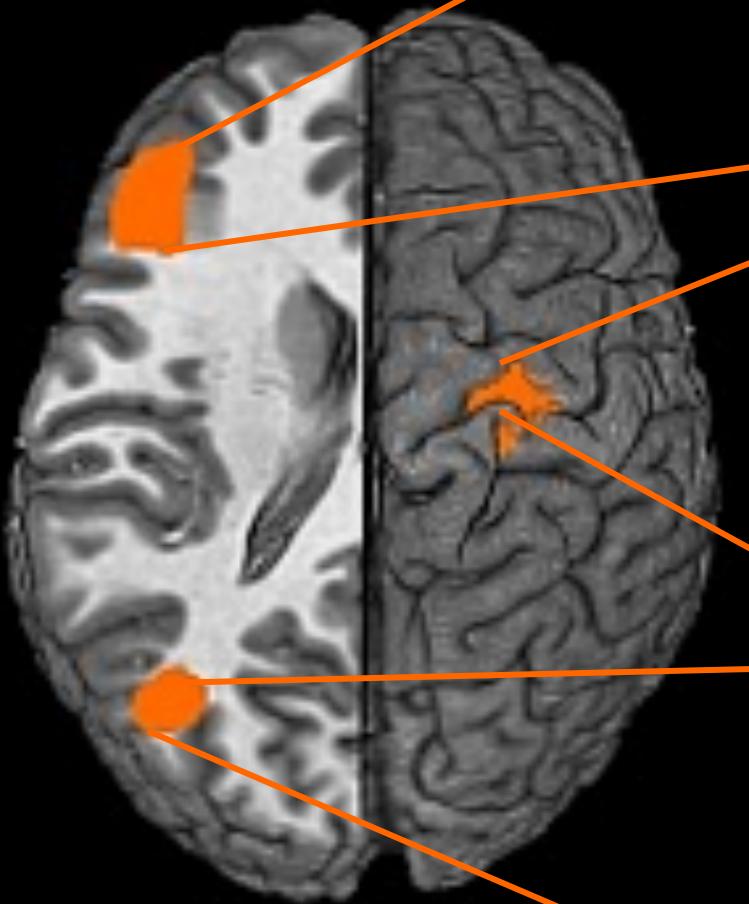
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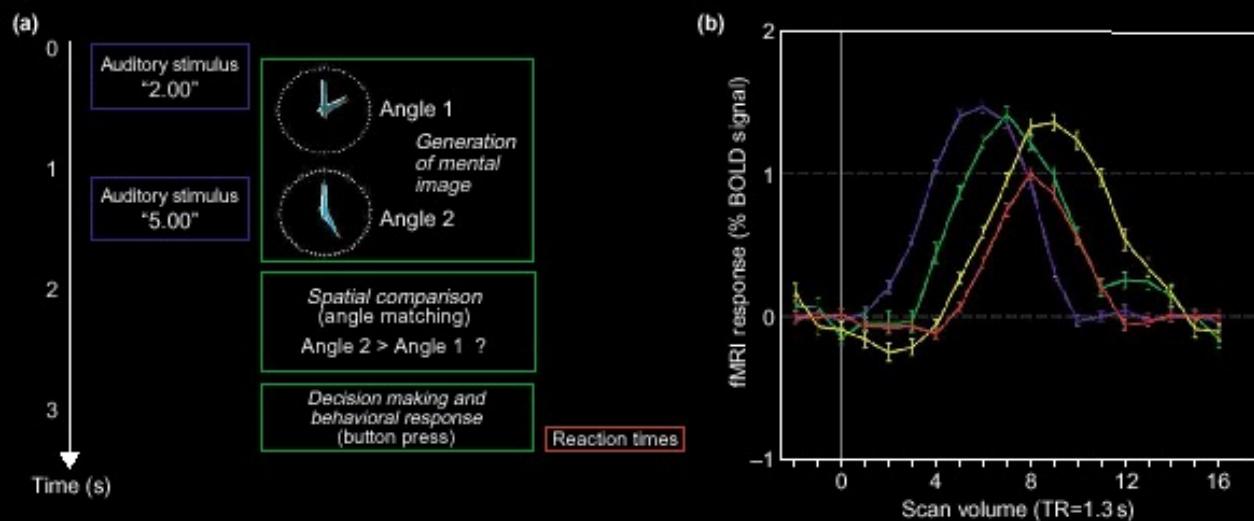
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**Word vs. Non-word    0°, 60°, 120° Rotation**

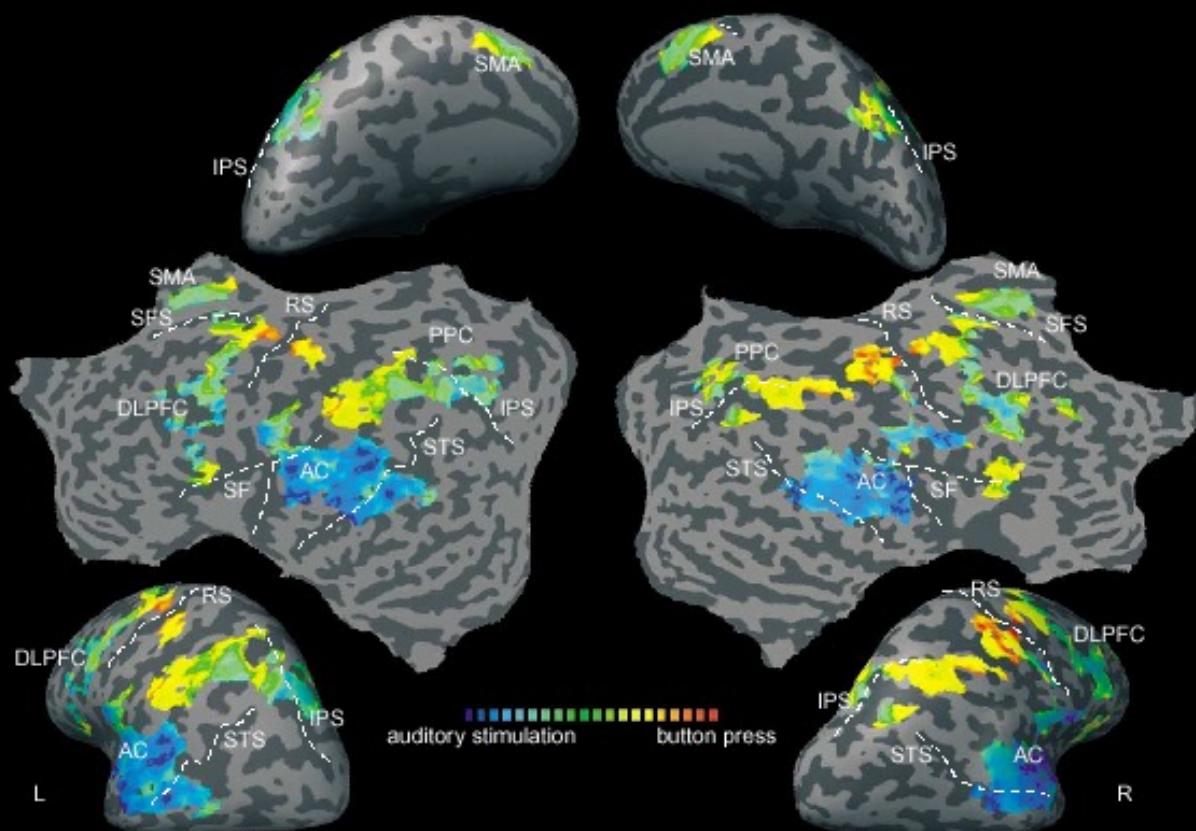
**Regions of Interest**





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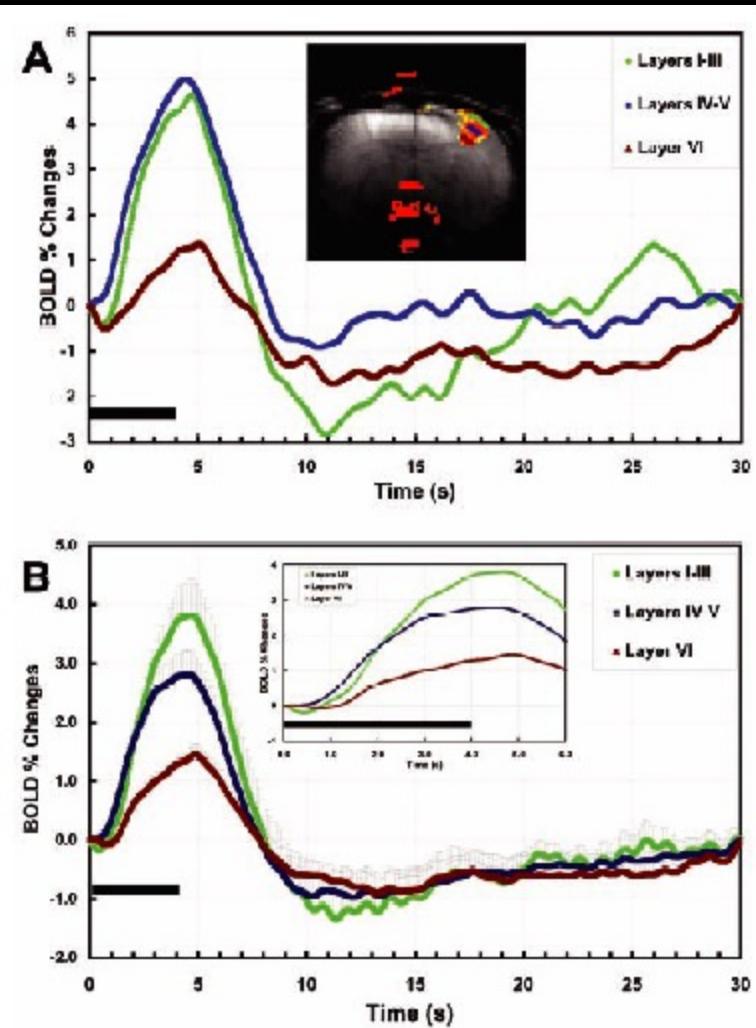
# Laminar specificity of functional MRI onset times during somatosensory stimulation in rat

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Laboratory of Functional and Molecular Imaging, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, Bethesda, MD 20892

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11.7 T

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# The spatial extent of the BOLD response

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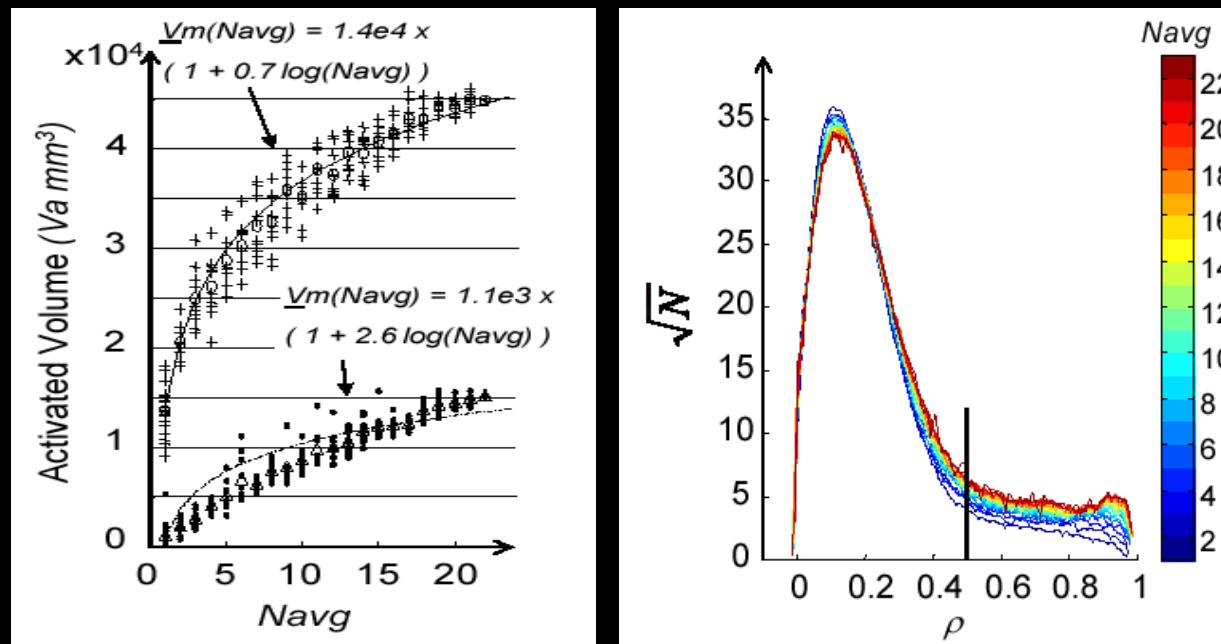
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# • Higher Bo Field

# Maximizing Signal

- Linear or greater increase in S/N
- Tradeoff in susceptibility artifacts

# • Radio frequency Coils

- Smaller the coil the higher the S/N
- Tradeoff in coverage

# • Choice of repetition time (TR)

- Faster is better (more data points to average)
- Tradeoff in coverage (10 slices/sec)
  - $\min TR = (\text{time/slice}) \times \text{number of slices in volume}$
- Diminishing returns because of noise correlation

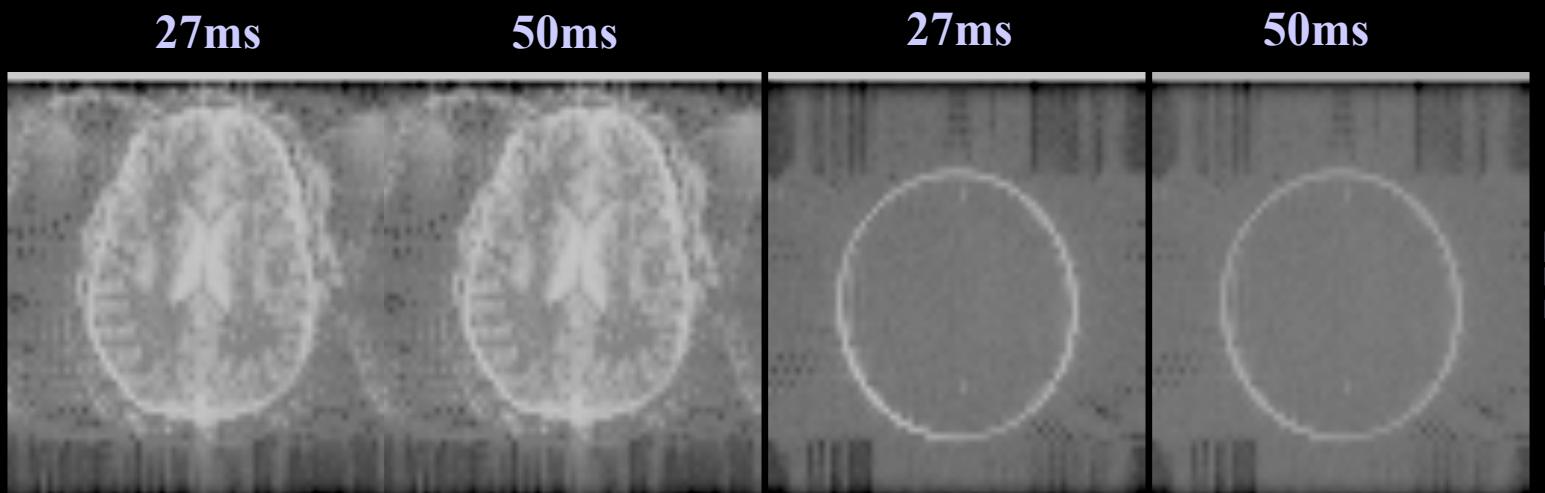
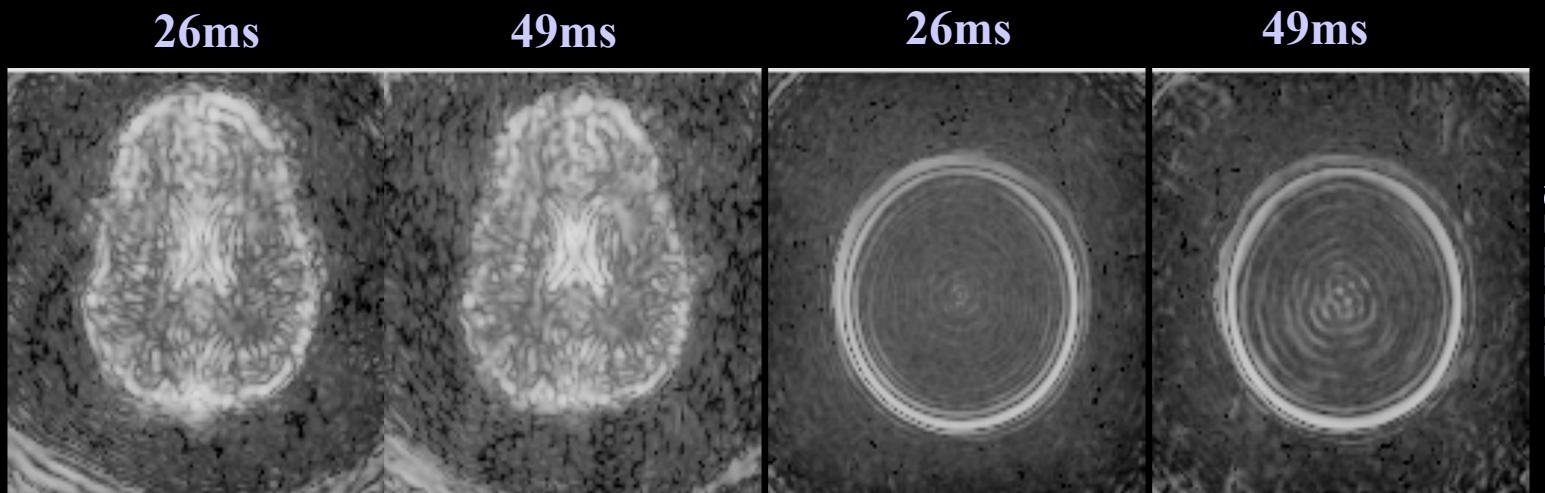
# • Voxel volume

- Linear relationship between S/N and voxel volume
- Larger voxels increase partial volume averaging -> reduction of functional signal

# • Averaging

- Increase in sensitivity by  $\sqrt{N}$
- System and subject instabilities increase with longer time

# Temporal vs. Spatial SNR- 3T



SPIRAL

EPI

# Physiologic Fluctuations

Cardiac            0.6 to 1.2 Hz

Respiratory        0.1 to 0.2 Hz

Low Frequency    0.0 to 0.1 Hz

# 0.68 Hz Cardiac rate at 3T

## Power Spectra

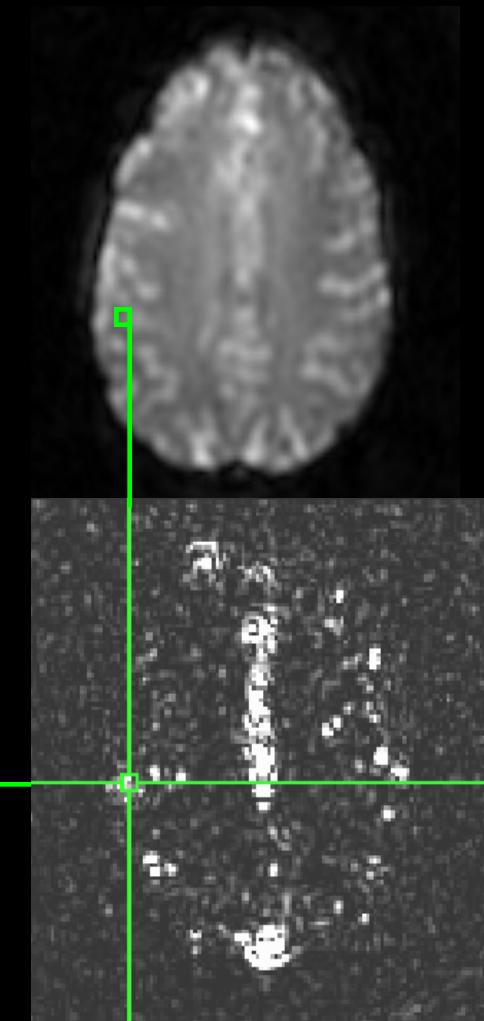
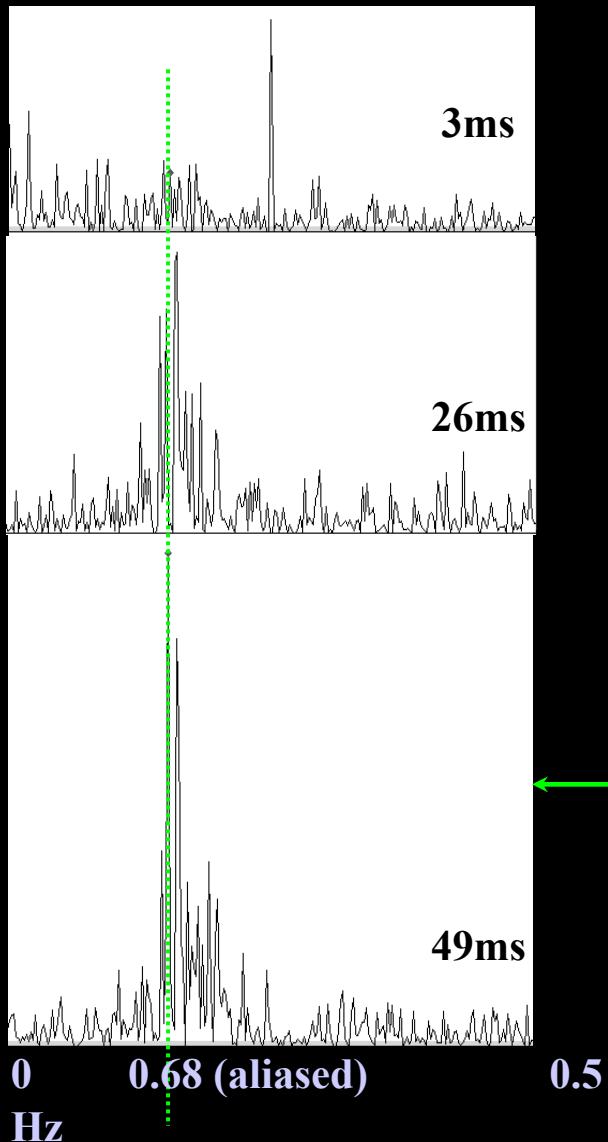
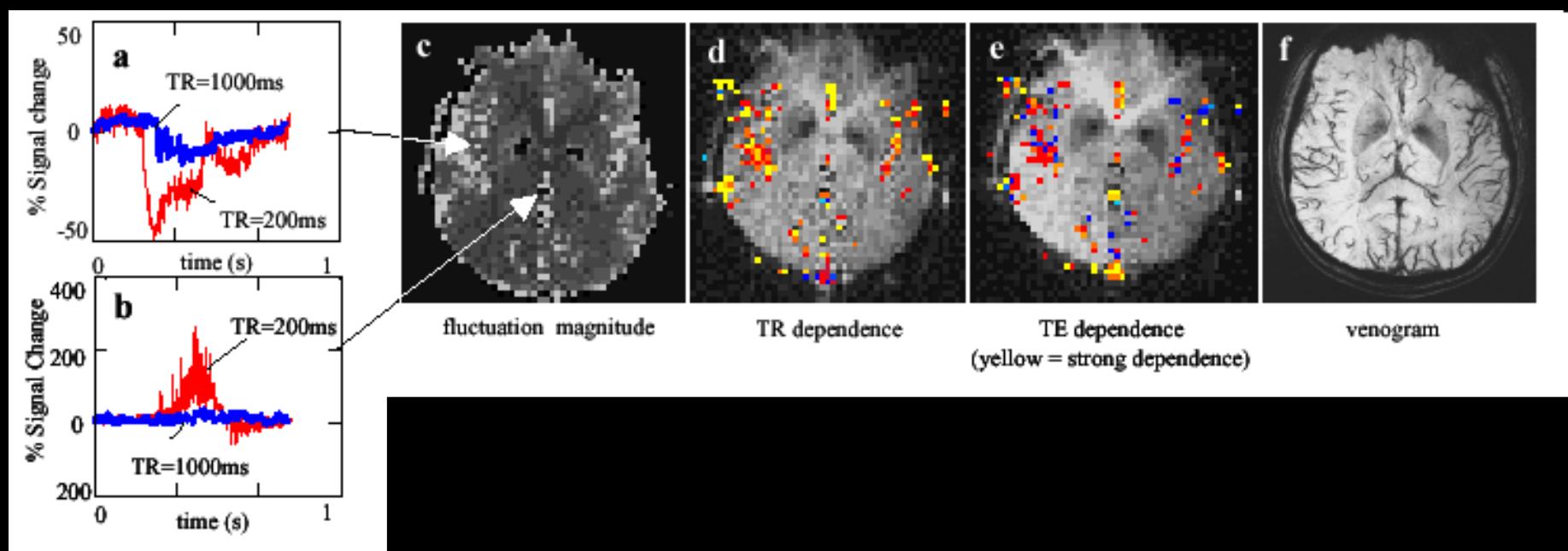
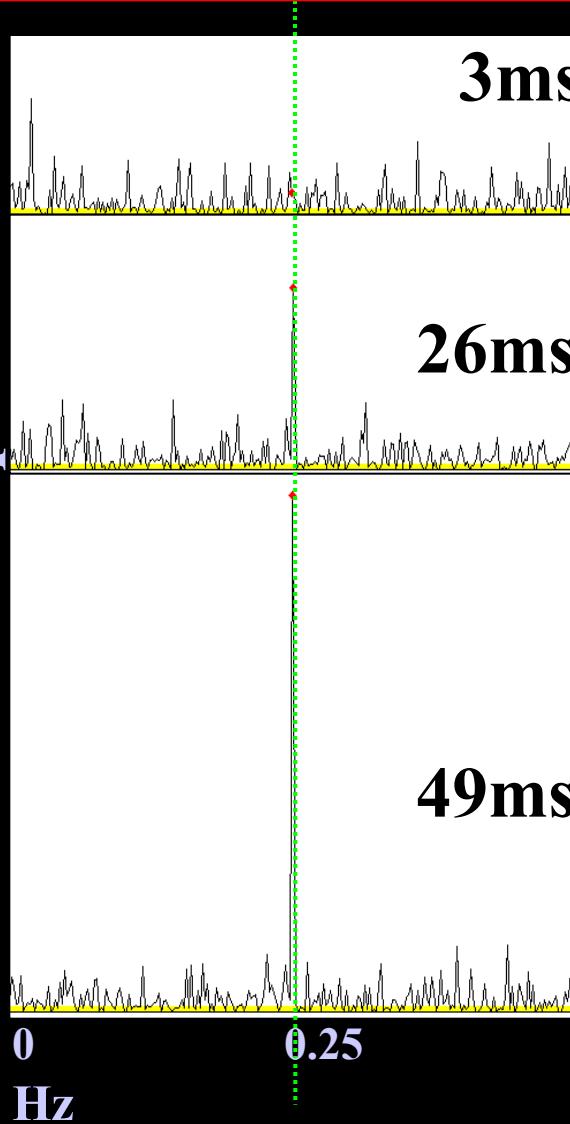


Image  
Cardiac map



# 0.25 Hz Breathing at 3T

Power Spectra



0.5

Hz

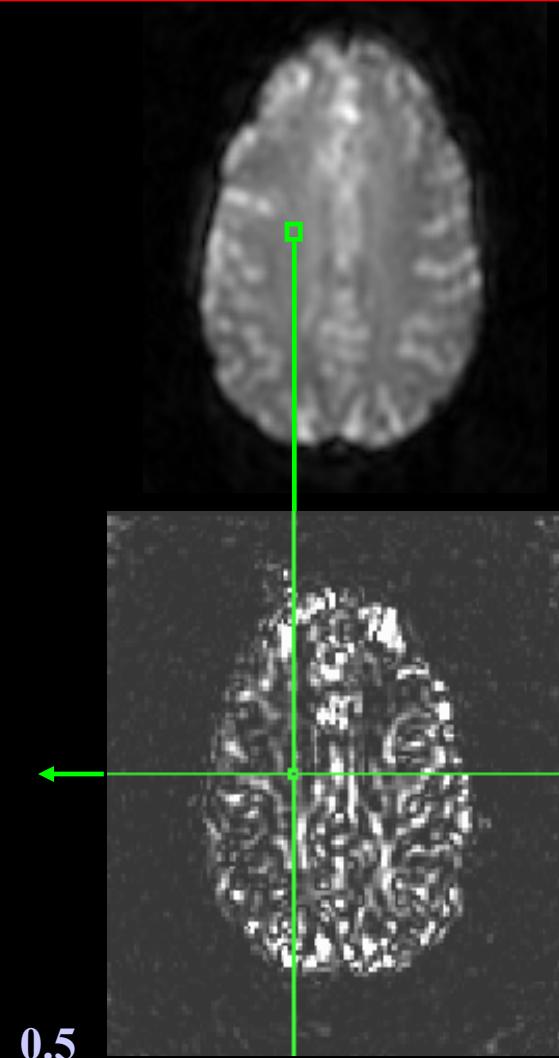
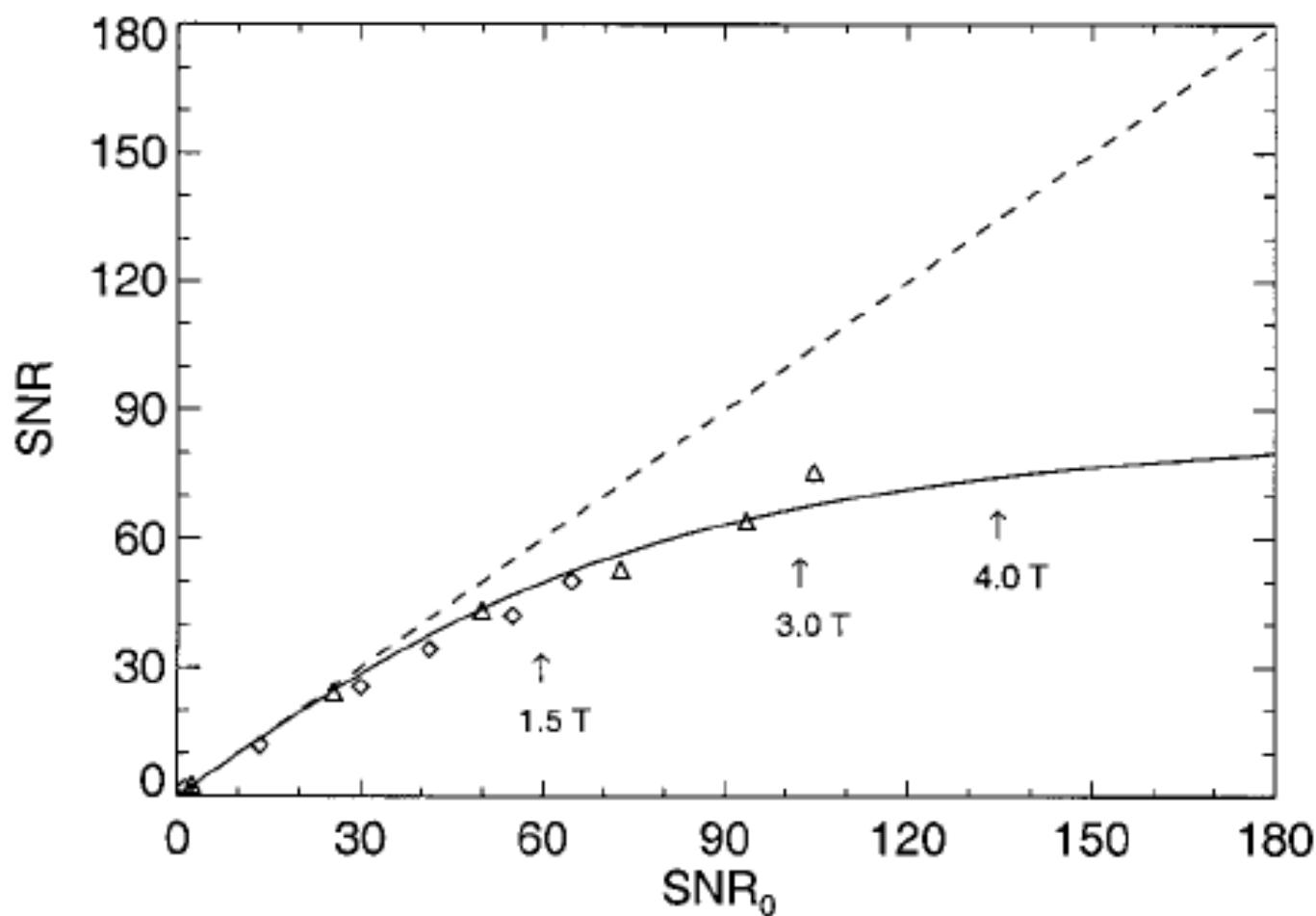


Image  
Respiration map

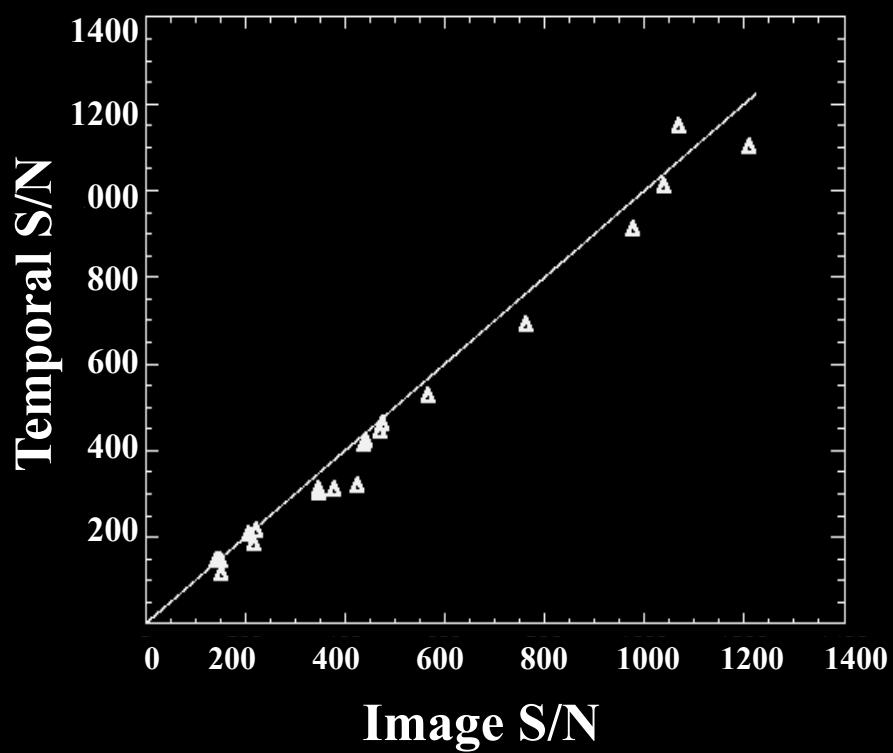
## Neuroimaging at 1.5 T and 3.0 T: Comparison of Oxygenation-Sensitive Magnetic Resonance Imaging

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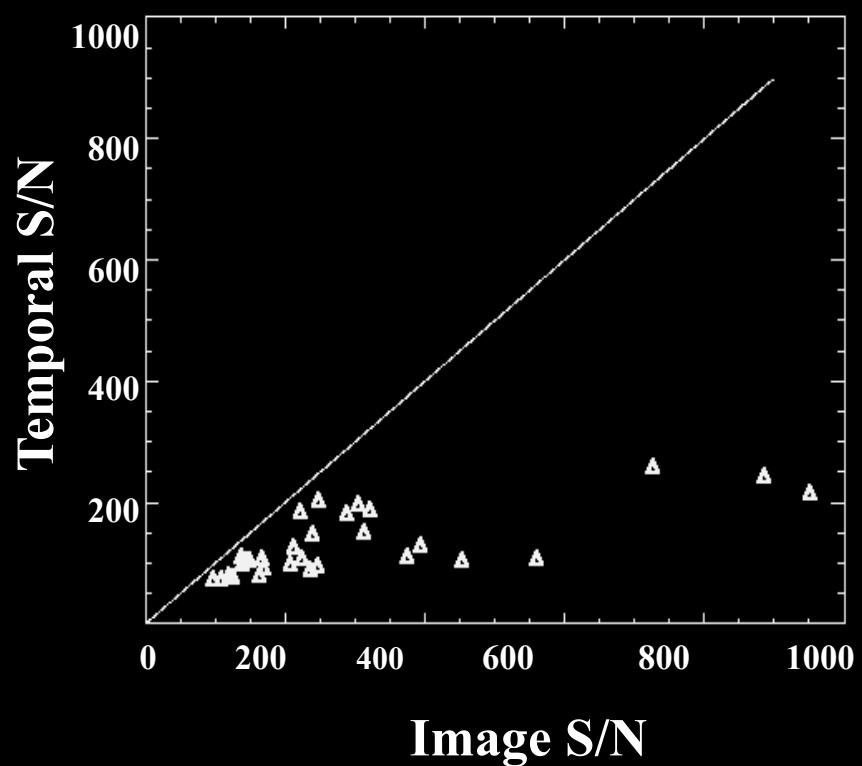


# Temporal S/N vs. Image S/N

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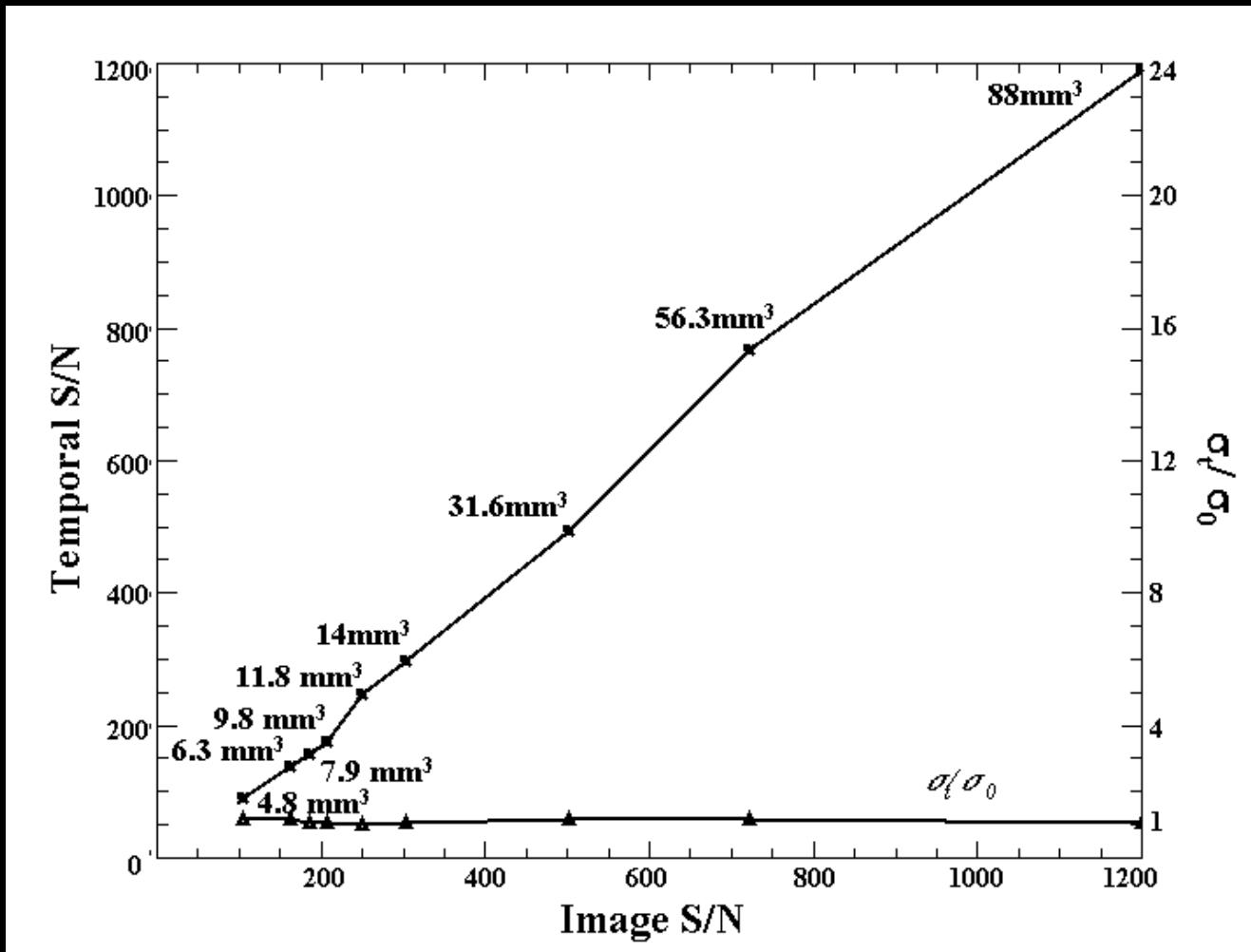


SUBJECTS



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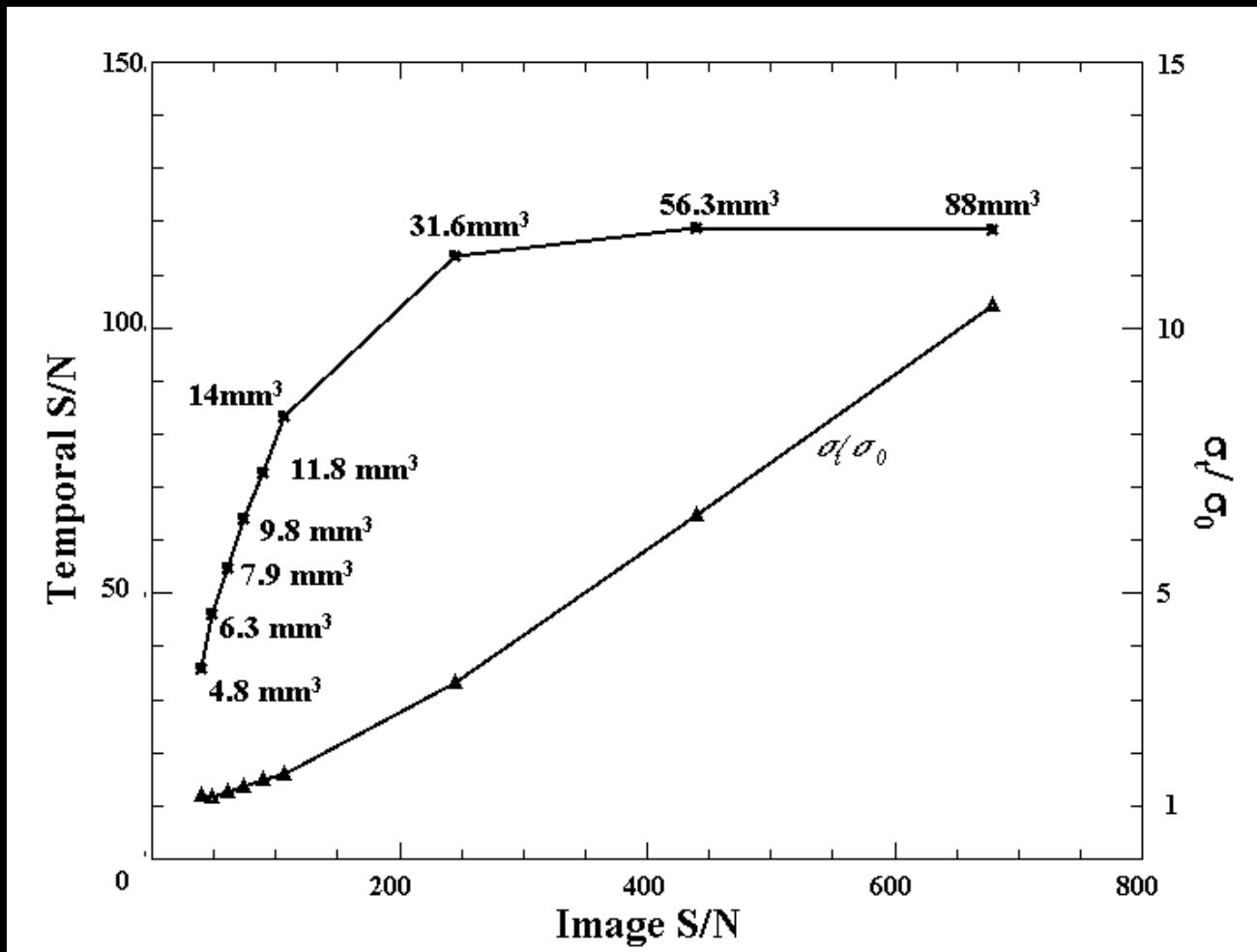
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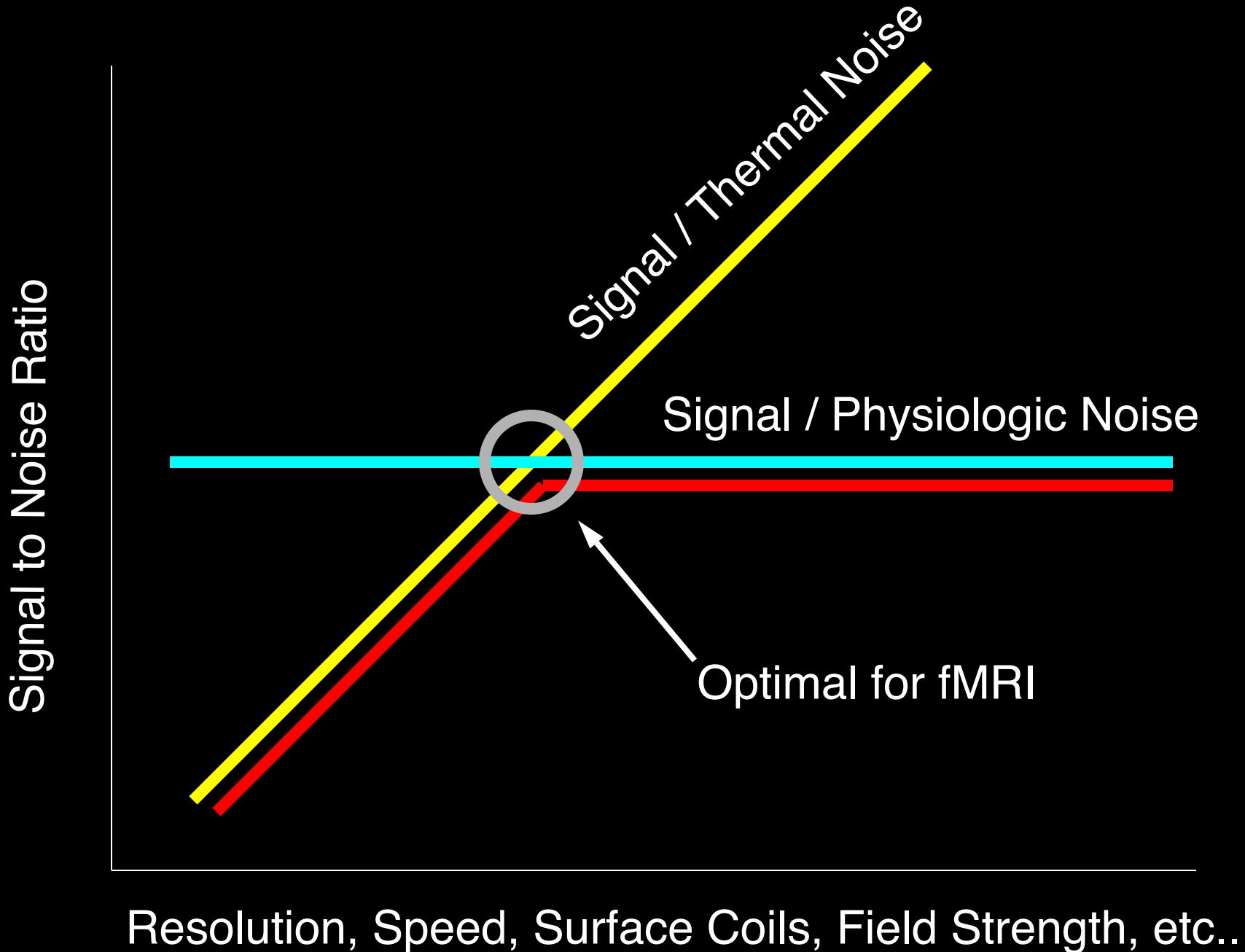
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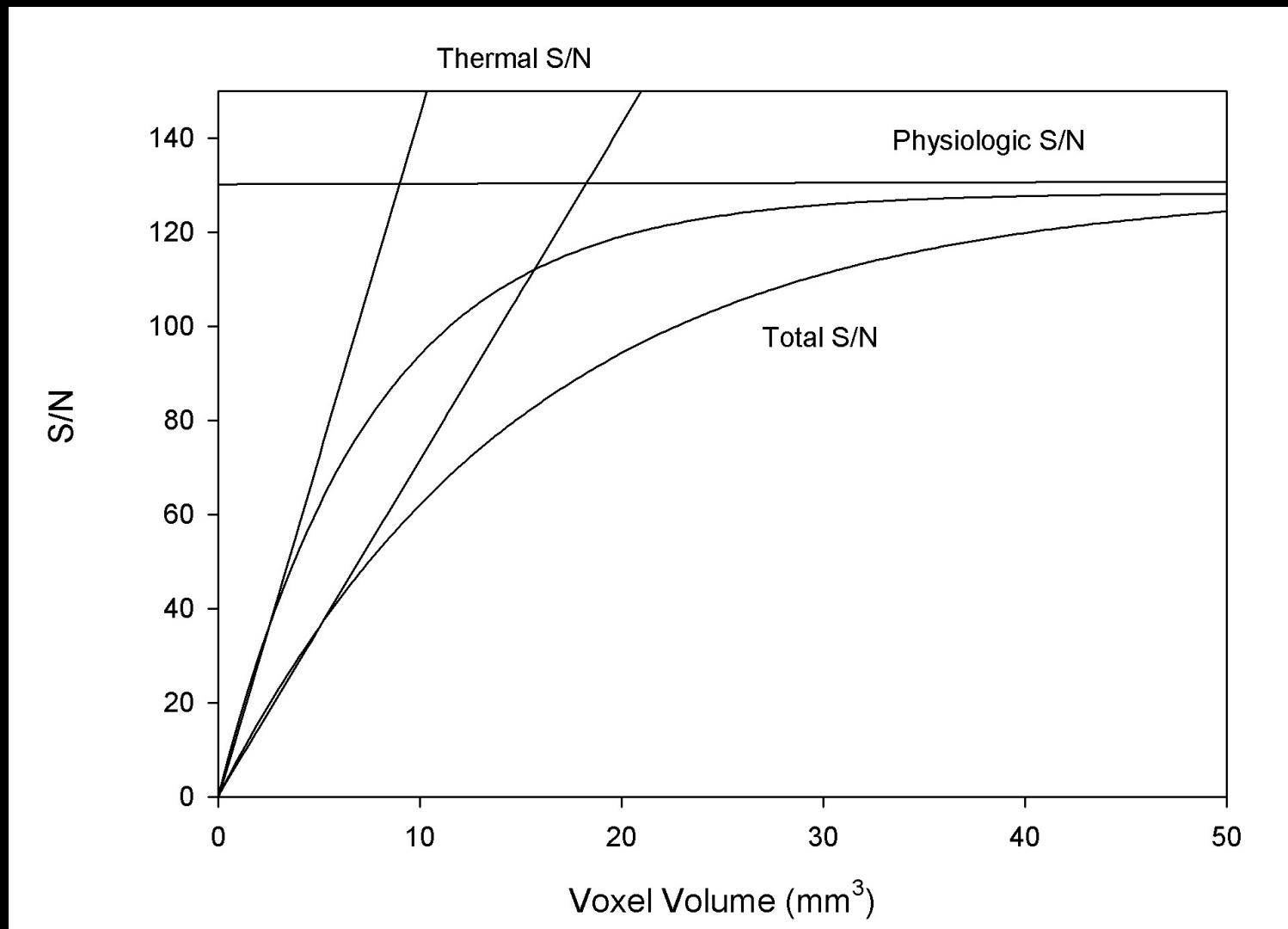


Human data

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## Doubling Sensitivity with RF coils



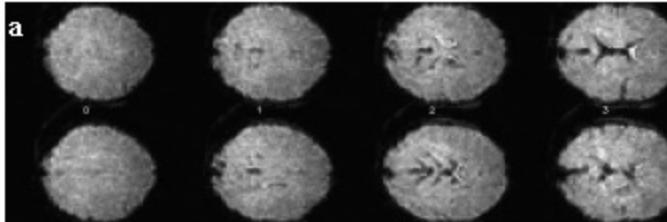
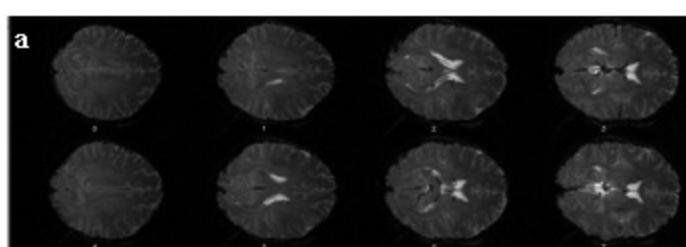
**Single shot full k-space echo-planar-imaging with an eight-channel phase array coil at 3T.**

Jerzy Bodurka<sup>1</sup>, Peter van Gelderen<sup>2</sup>, Patrick Ledden<sup>3</sup>, Peter Bandettini<sup>1</sup>, Jeff Duyn<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Functional MRI Facility NIMH/NIH, <sup>2</sup>Advance MRI NINDS/NIH, <sup>3</sup>Nova Medical Inc.

**Quadrature Head Coil**

128 x 96



64 x 48

128 x 96

**8 Channel Array**

Figure 1

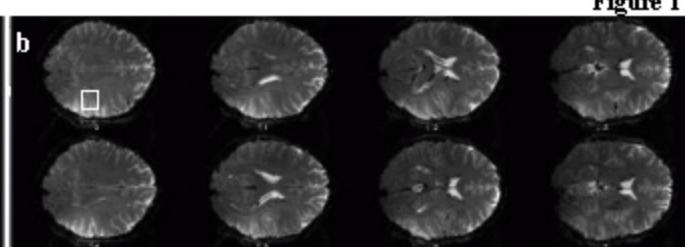
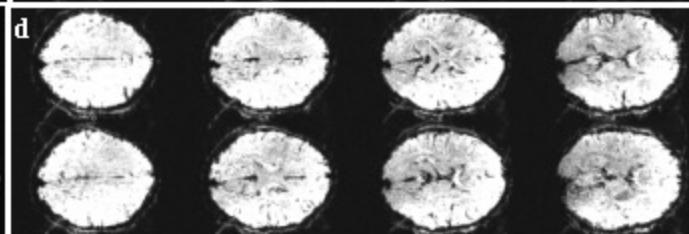
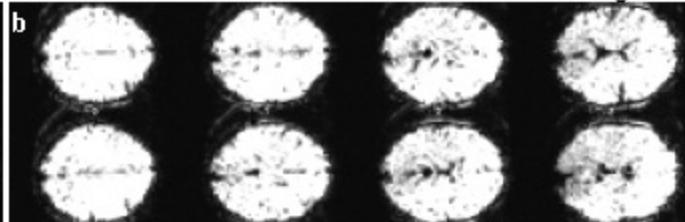


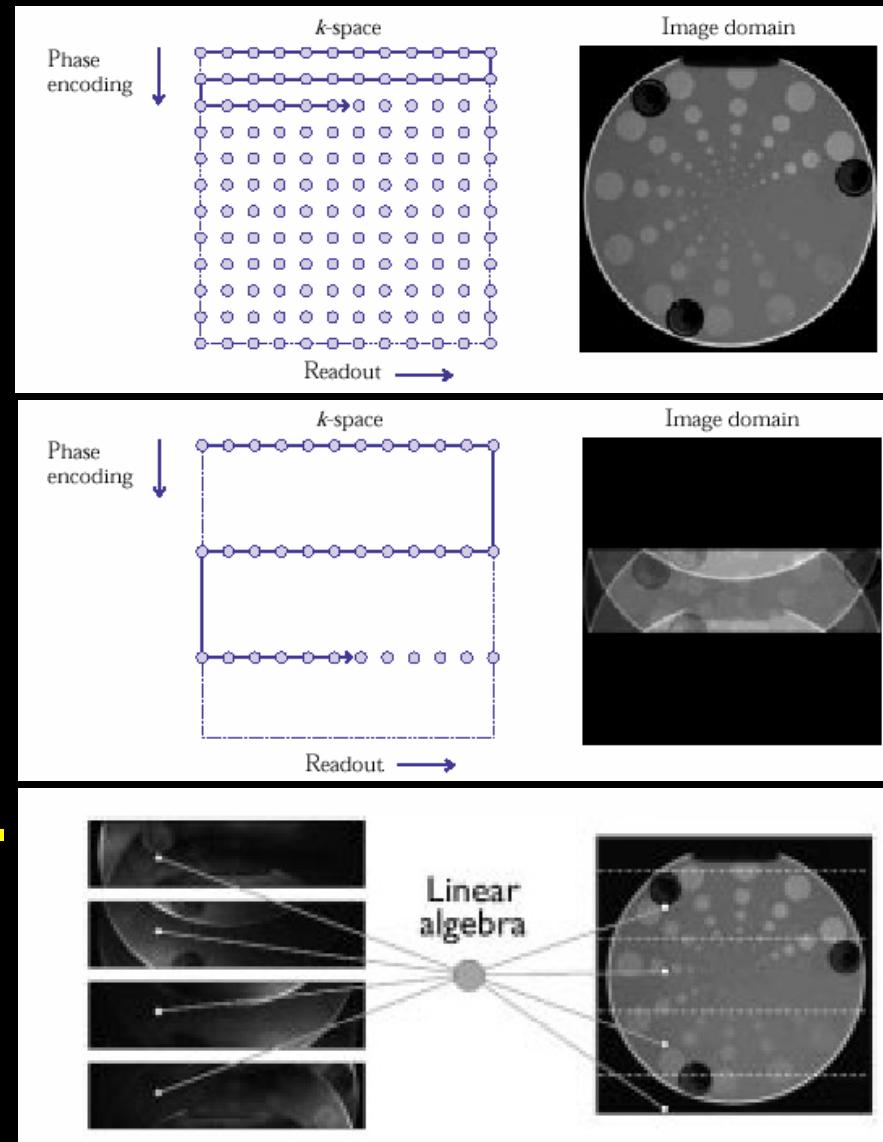
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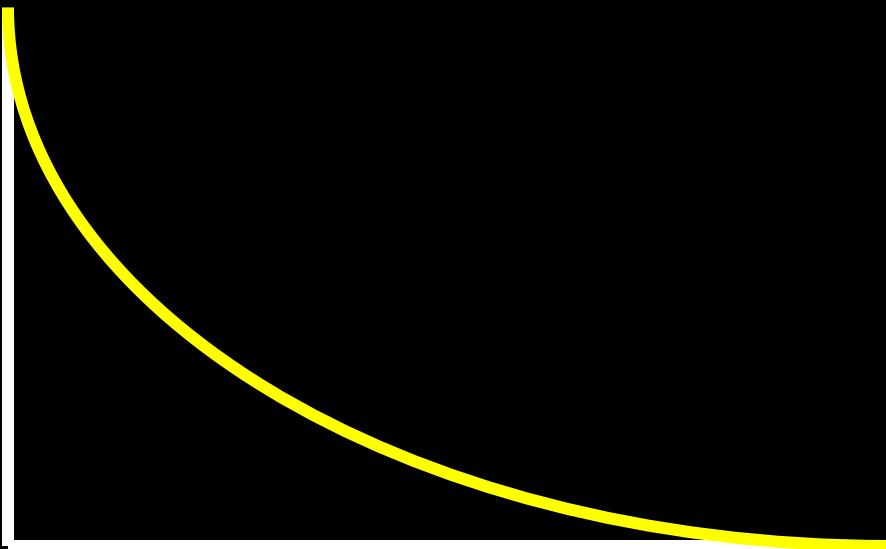
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**TSNR**

# SENSE Imaging



$\approx 5$  to  $30$  ms

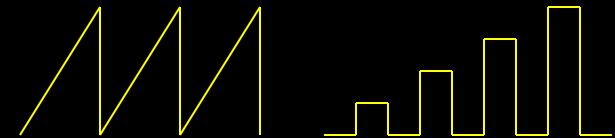


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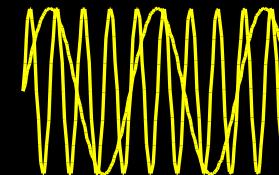
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# Neuronal Activation Input Strategies

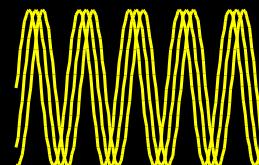
1. Block Design



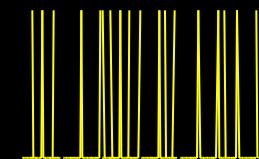
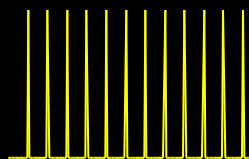
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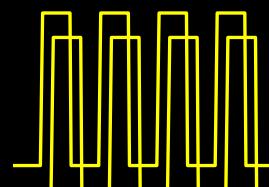
3. Frequency Encoding



4. Phase Encoding



5. Event Related



6. Orthogonal Design

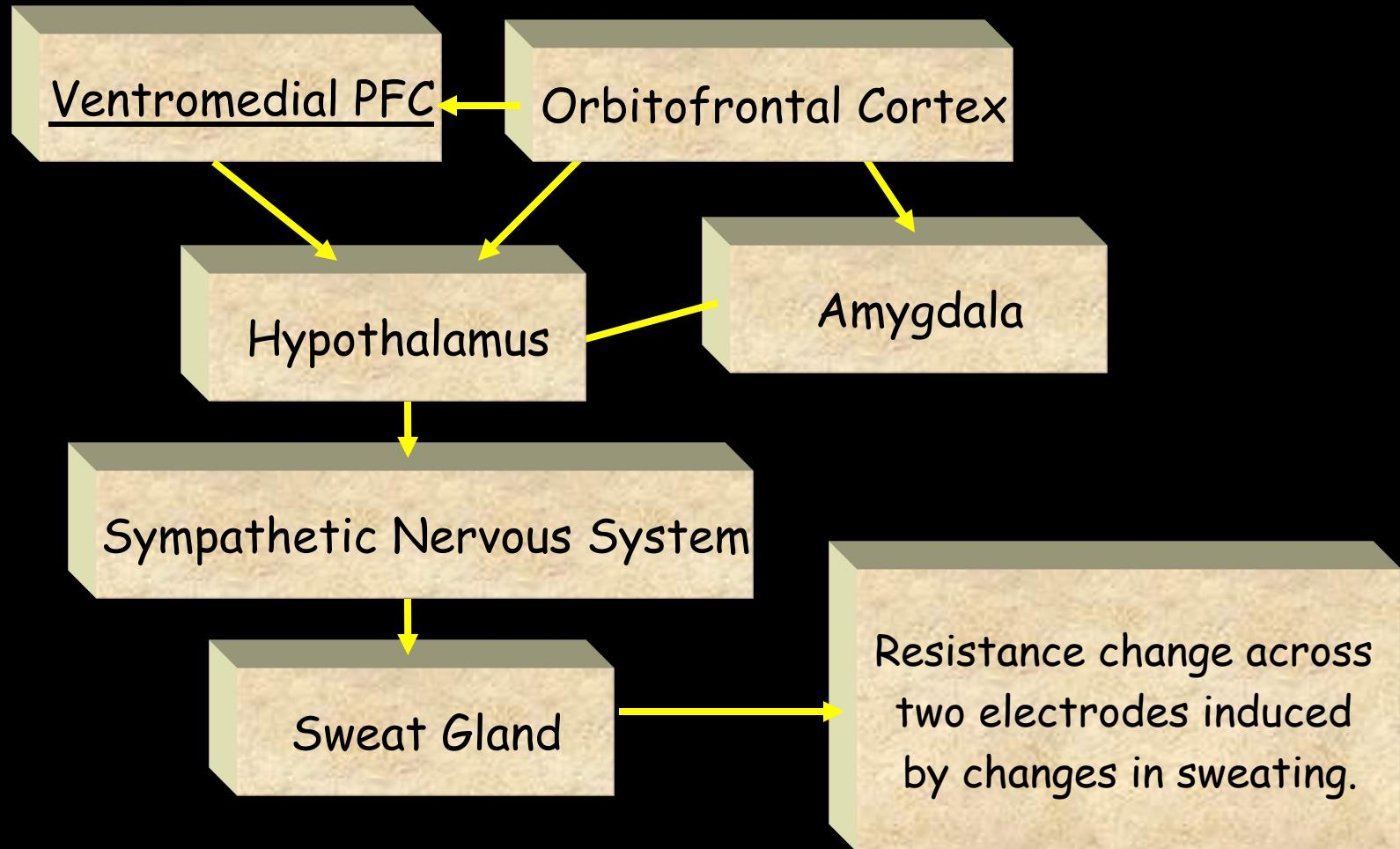
7. Free Behavior Design

# Free Behavior Design

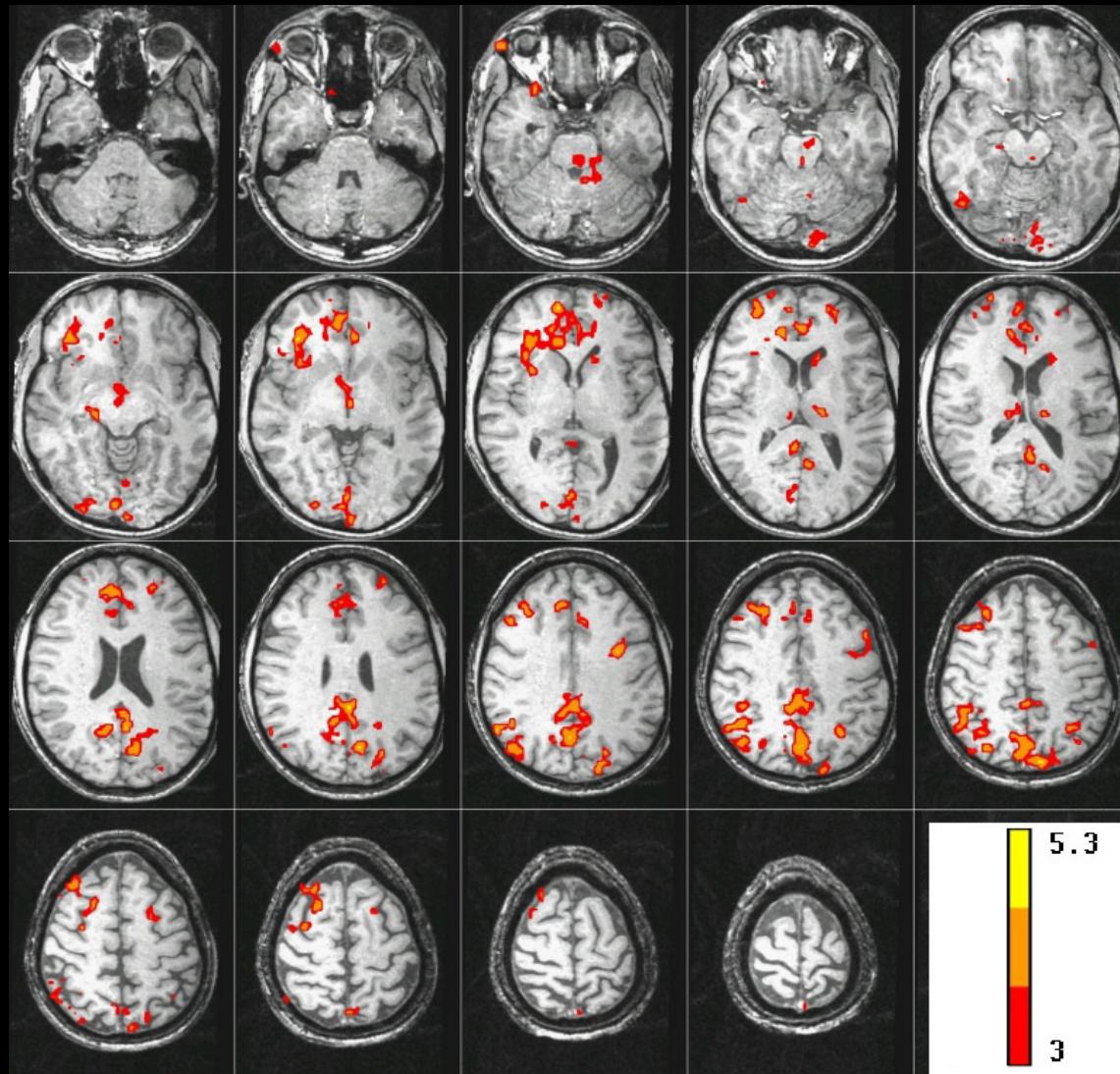
Use a continuous measure as a reference function:

- Task performance
- Skin Conductance
- Heart, respiration rate..
- Eye position
- EEG

# The Skin Conductance Response (SCR)



# Brain activity correlated with SCR during “Rest”



J. C. Patterson II, L. G. Ungerleider, and P. A. Bandettini, Task - independent functional brain activity correlation with skin conductance changes: an fMRI study. *NeuroImage* 17: 1787-1806, (2002).

## Simultaneous EEG and fMRI of the alpha rhythm

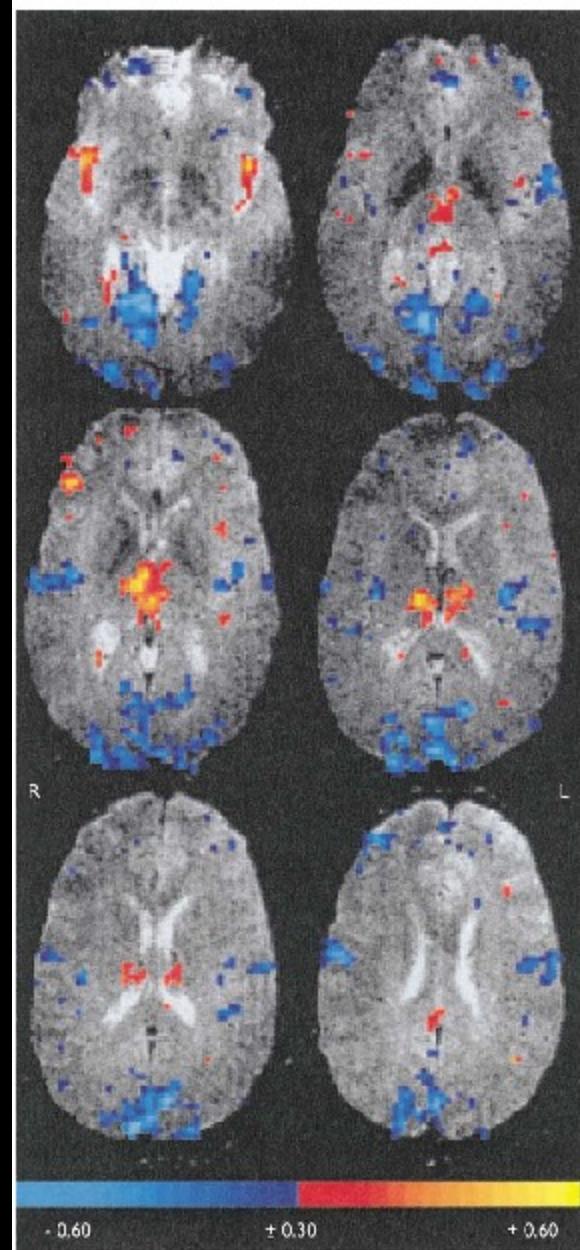
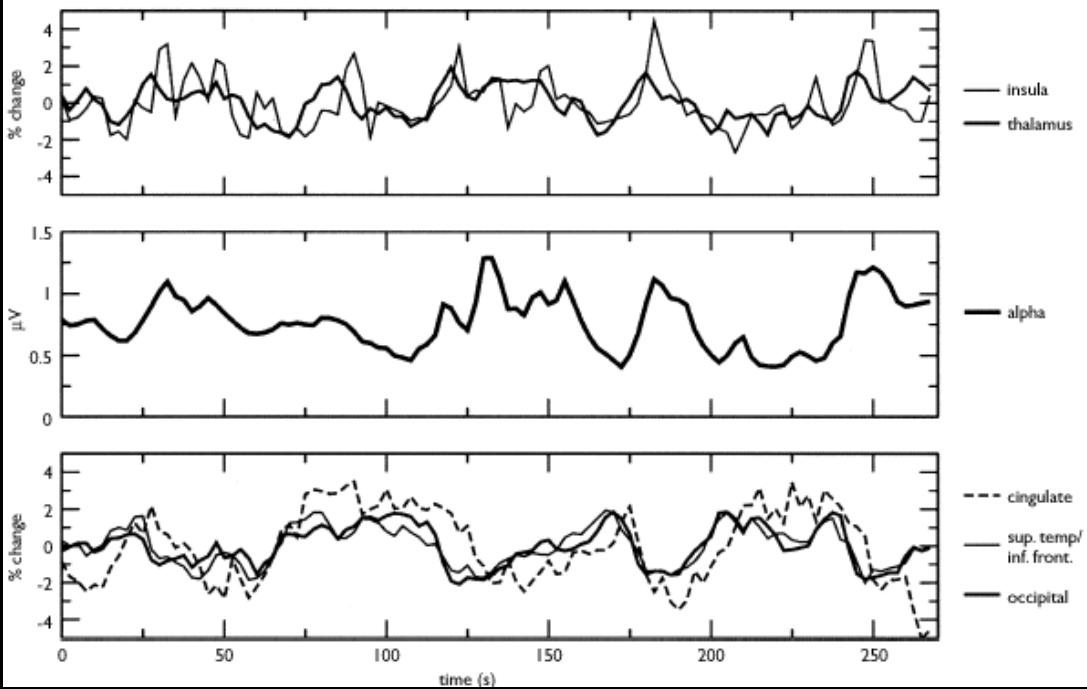
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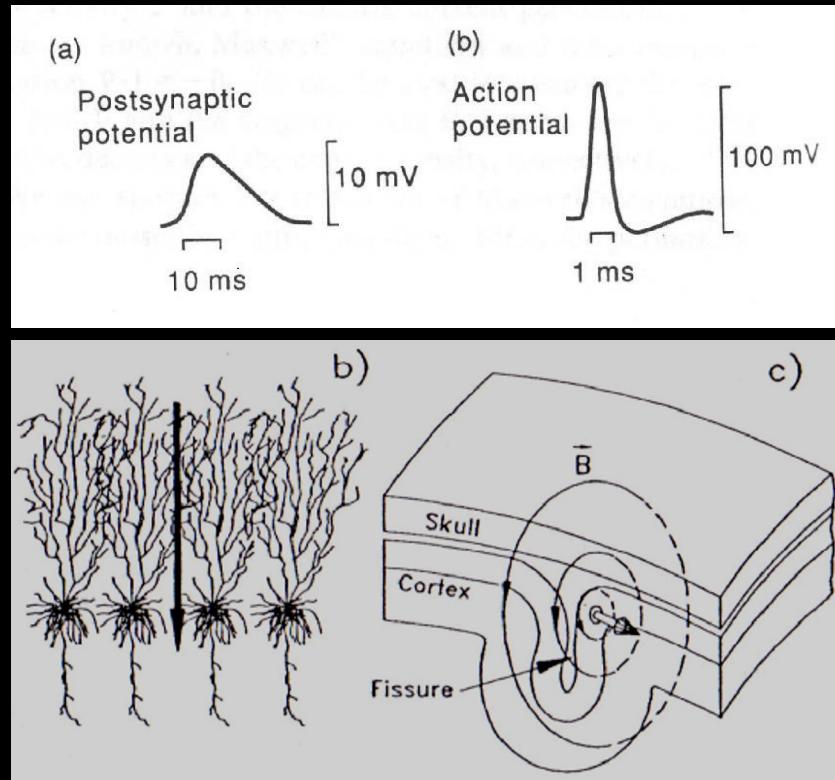
# What more information can we extract from the fMRI time series?

- Event-related developments
- Linearity (Neuronal and/or Hemodynamic?)
- Hemodynamic Latency
- Sensitivity and “Noise”
- Design and analysis innovations
- Neuronal current imaging

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Natalia Petridou  
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Rasmus Birn**

# The Basic Idea...



100 fT at on surface of skull

J.P. Wikswo Jr et al. *J Clin Neurophys* 8(2): 170-188, 1991

# Derivation of B field generated in an MRI voxel by a current dipole

Single dendritic tree having a diameter d, and length L behaves like a conductor with conductivity  $\sigma$ . Resistance is  $R=V/I$ , where  $R=4L/(\pi d^2 \sigma)$ . From Biot-Savart:

$$B = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{Q}{r^2} = \frac{\mu_0}{16} \frac{d^2 \sigma V}{r^2}$$

by substituting  $d = 4\mu\text{m}$ ,  $\sigma \approx 0.25 \Omega^{-1} \text{ m}^{-1}$ ,  $V = 10\text{mV}$  and

$r = 4\text{cm}$  (measurement distance when using MEG) the resulting value is:  **$B \approx 0.002 \text{ fT}$**

Because  **$B_{MEG}=100\text{fT}$**  is measured by MEG on the scalp,  $(0.002 \text{ fT} \times 50,000 = 100 \text{ fT})$ , must coherently act to generate such field. These bundles of neurons produce, within a typical voxel,  $1 \text{ mm} \times 1 \text{ mm} \times 1 \text{ mm}$ , a field of order:

$$B_{MRI} = B_{MEG} \left( \frac{r_{MEG}}{r_{MRI}} \right)^2 = B_{MEG} \left( \frac{4 \text{ cm}}{0.1 \text{ cm}} \right)^2 = 1600 B_{MEG}$$

**$B_{MRI} \approx 0.2 \text{nT}$**

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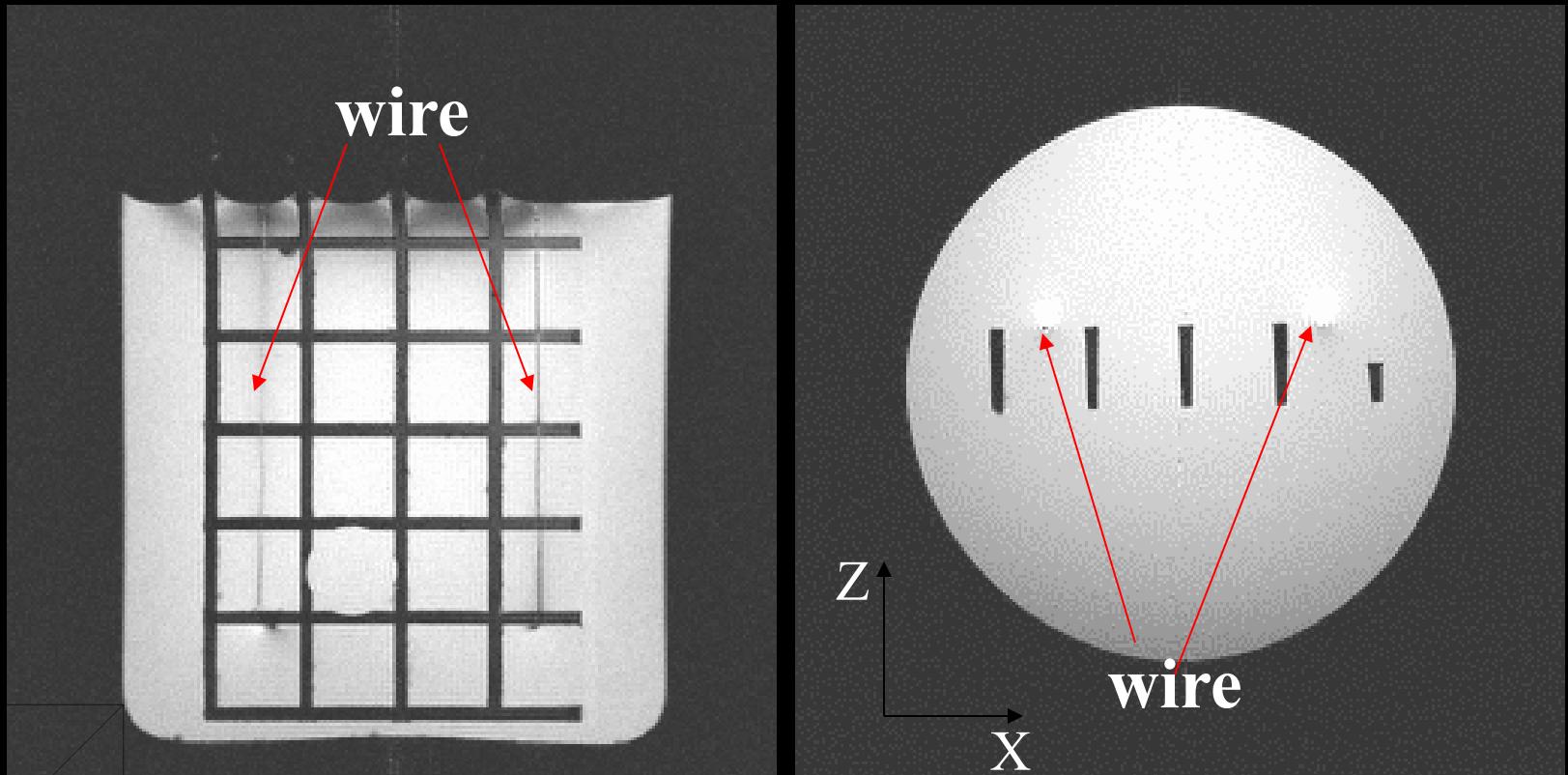
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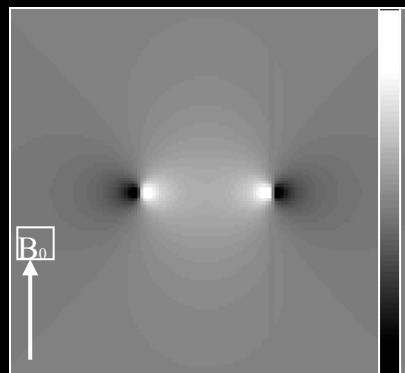
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**J. Xiong, P. T. Fox, J.-H. Gao**, *Direct MRI Mapping of neuronal activity*. **Human Brain Mapping**, **20**: 41-49, (2003)

# Current Phantom Experiment

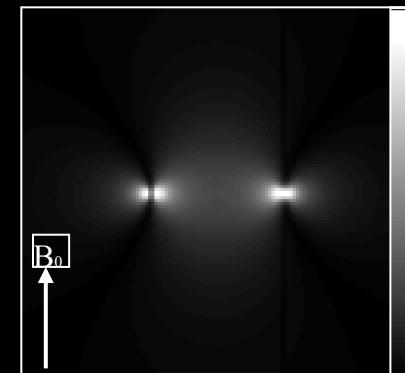


calculated  $B_c \parallel B_0$

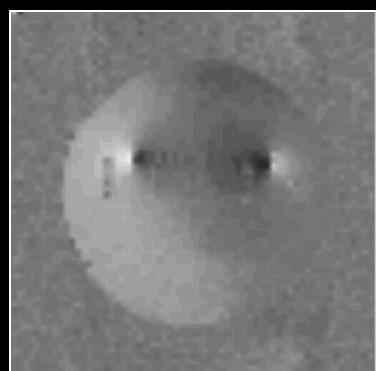


Simulation

calculated  $|\Delta B_c| \parallel B_0$



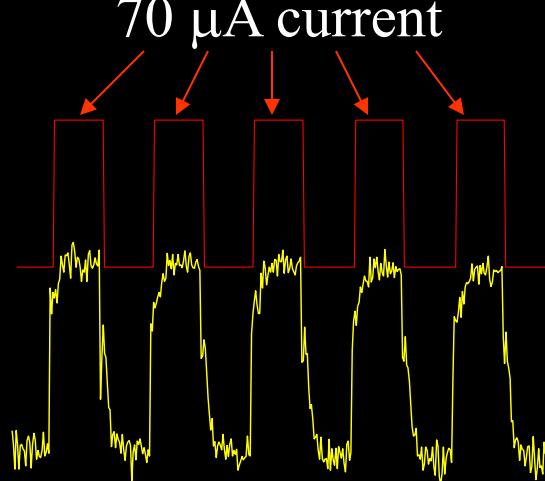
$$\Delta\phi \approx 20^\circ$$



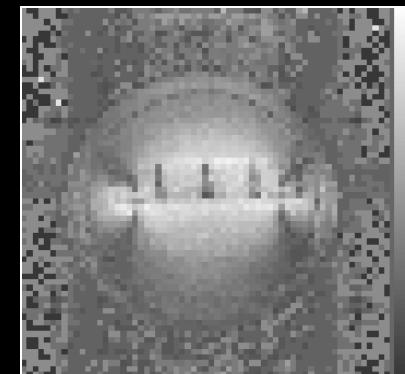
Correlation image

Measurement

70  $\mu$ A current



Single shot GE EPI



Spectral image

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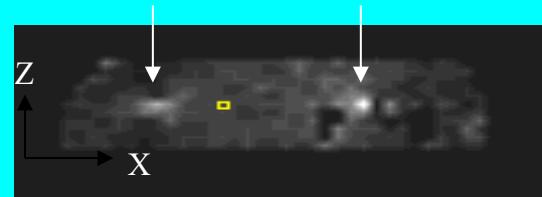
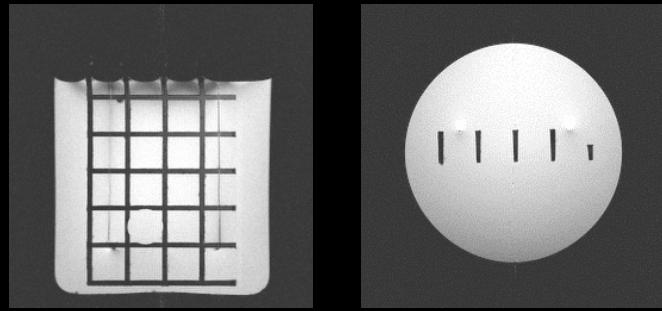
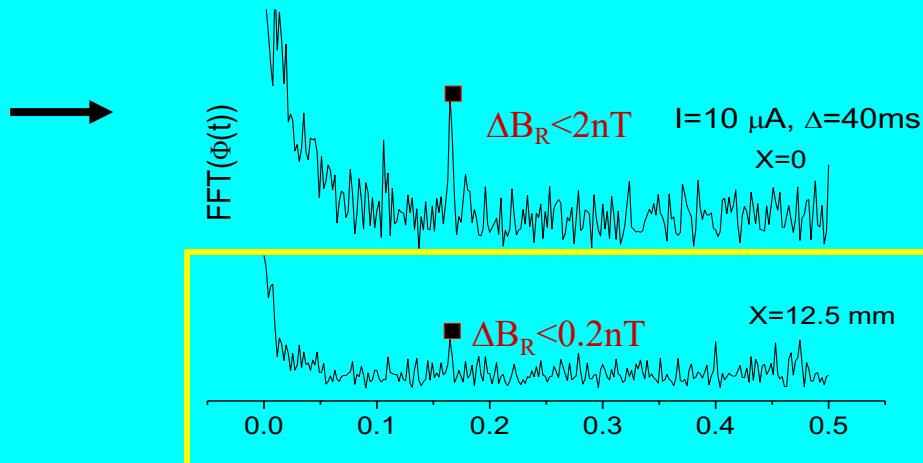
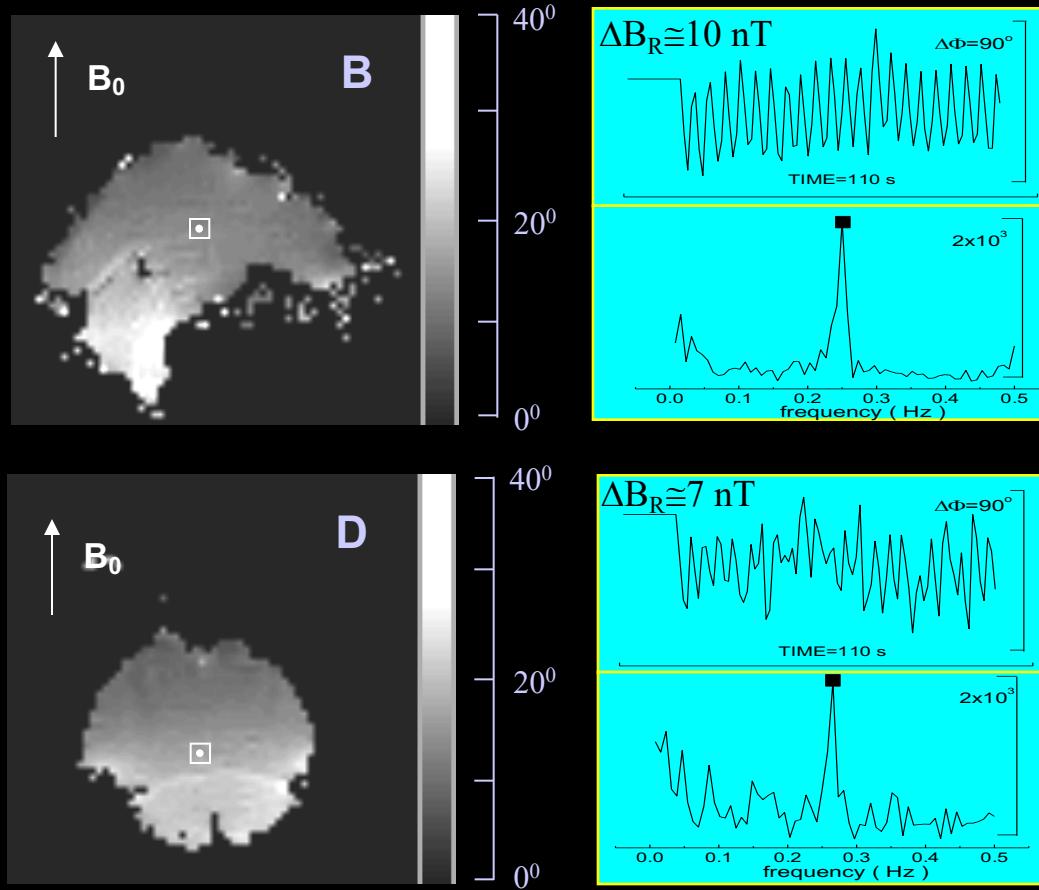


Figure 1

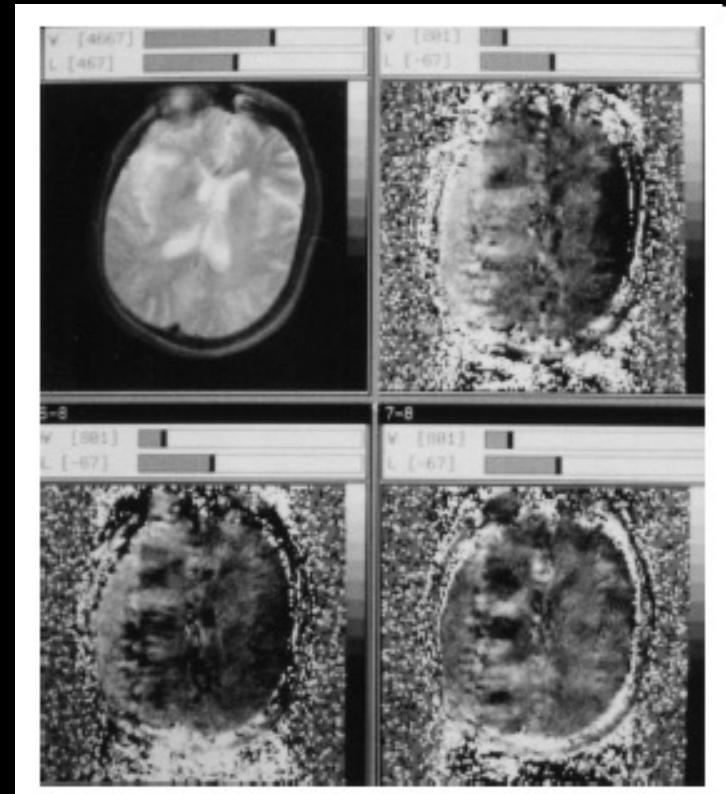
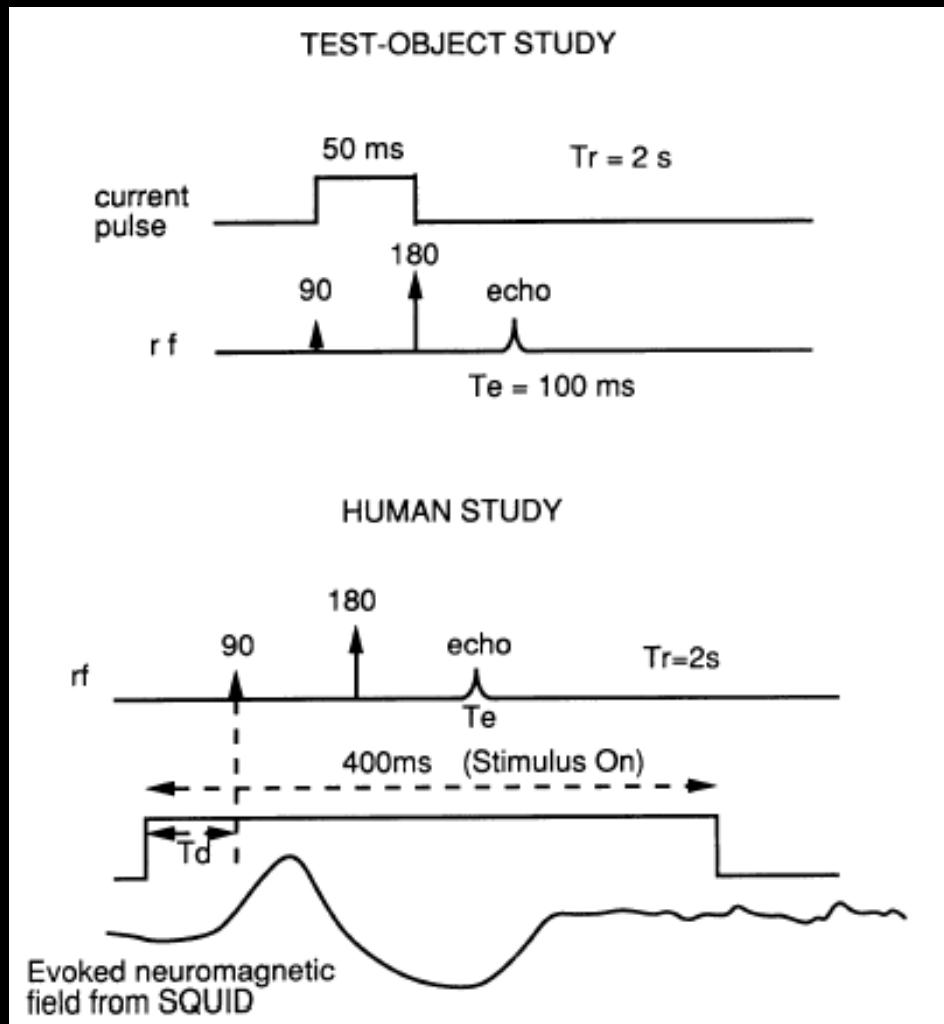


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# Human Respiration

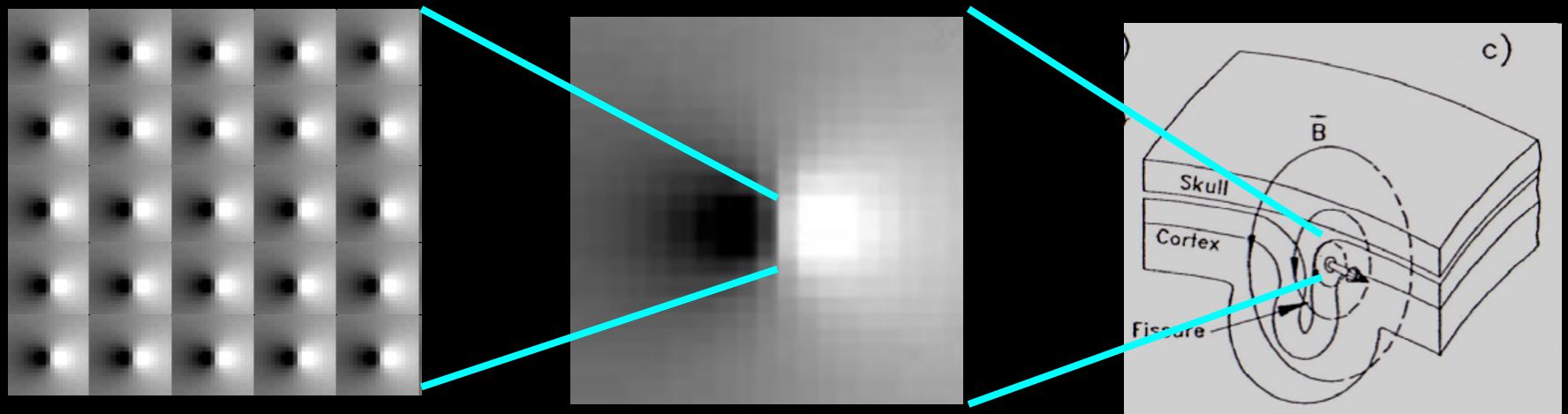


## The use of spin-echo to “tune” to transients..

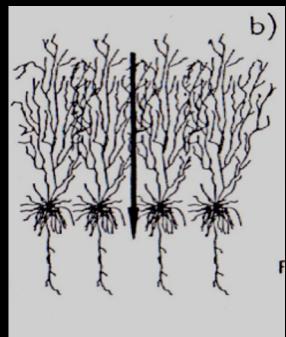


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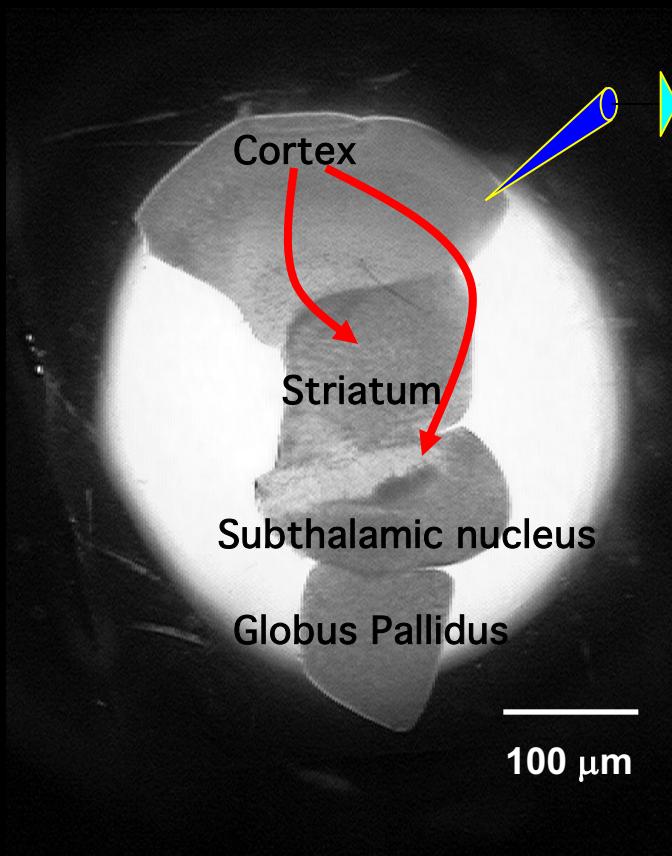
# Phase vs. Magnitude...



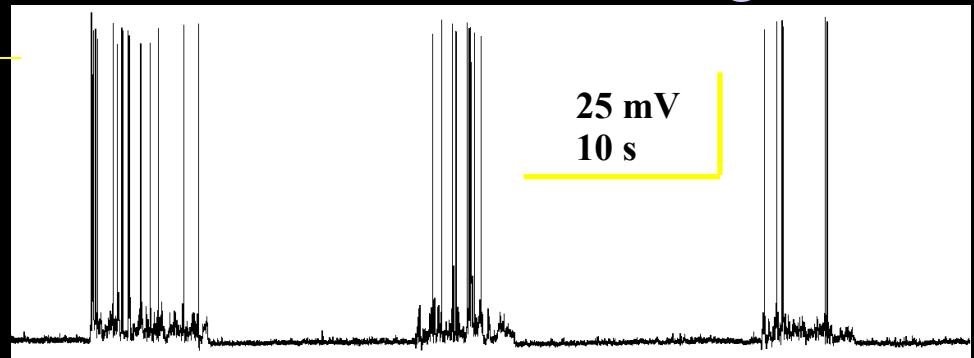
0.1 to 0.3 Deg.



# in vitro model



Patch electrode recording



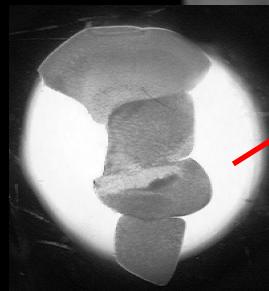
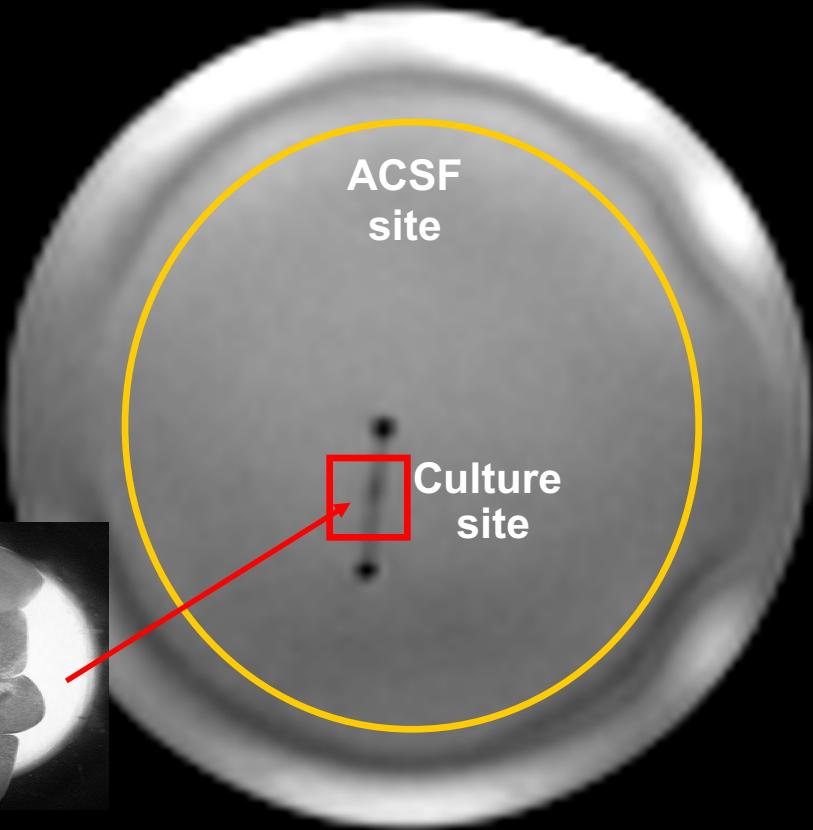
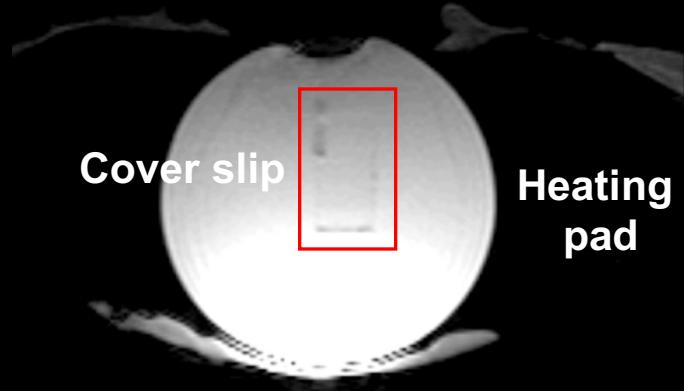
- coronal sections of newborn-rat brains ; in-plane:  $\sim 1\text{mm}^2$ , thickness:  $\sim 60\text{-}100\text{ }\mu\text{m}$

Neuronal Population: 10,000-50,000

- Spontaneous synchronized activity ; current:  $\sim 180\text{nA}\text{-}2\mu\text{A}$ ,  $\Delta B: \sim 60\text{pT}\text{-}0.5\text{nT}$

## methods - *imaging*

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### *Imaging*

- 3T, Surface coil receive
- FSE structural images (256x256)
- SE EPI single shot, TE: 60ms, TR:1s, flip angle: 90<sup>0</sup>,  
FOV: 18cm, matrix: 64x64, 4 slices (3mm)

## methods - *imaging*

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### Six Experiments

two conditions per experiment

Active

600 images

neuronal activity present

Inactive

600 images

neuronal activity terminated  
via TTX administration

## methods - *analysis*

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### *Phase images*

- Spectrum for each voxel
- Two voxel groups (all slices)

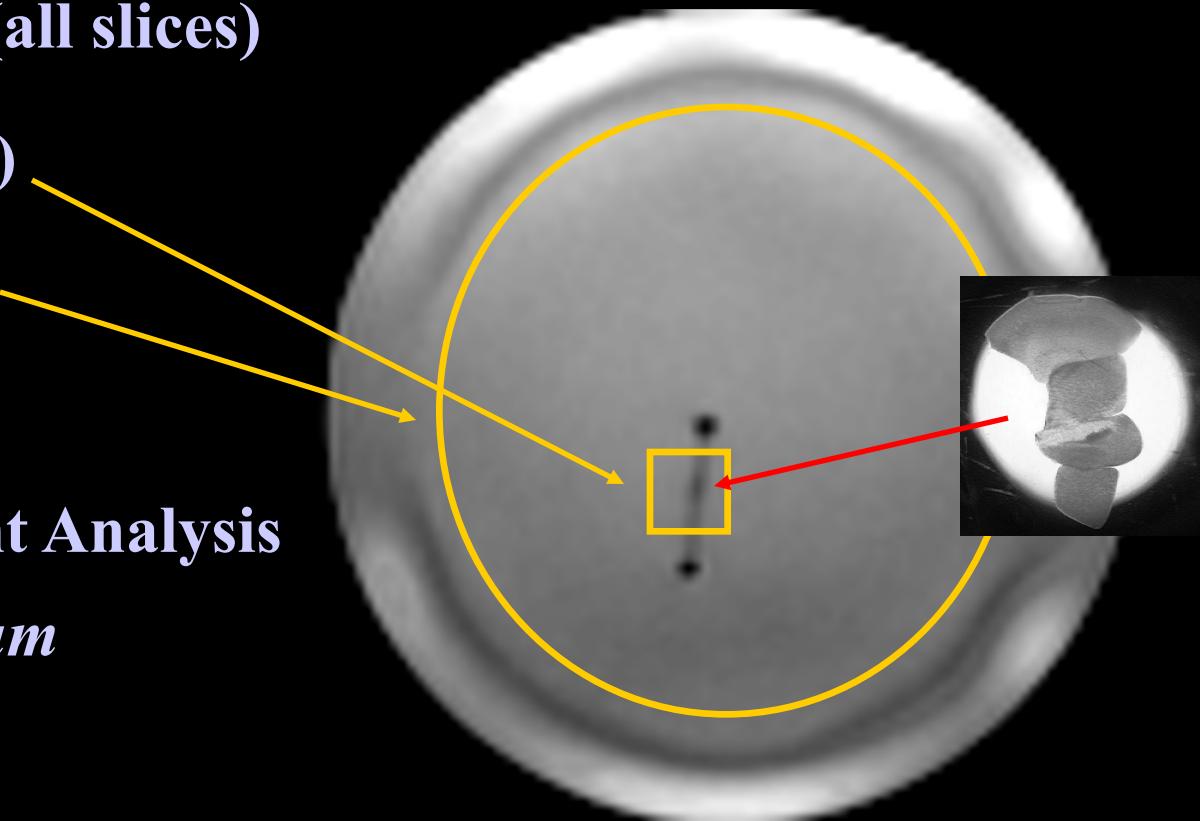
Culture (~9 voxels)

CSF (~420 voxels)

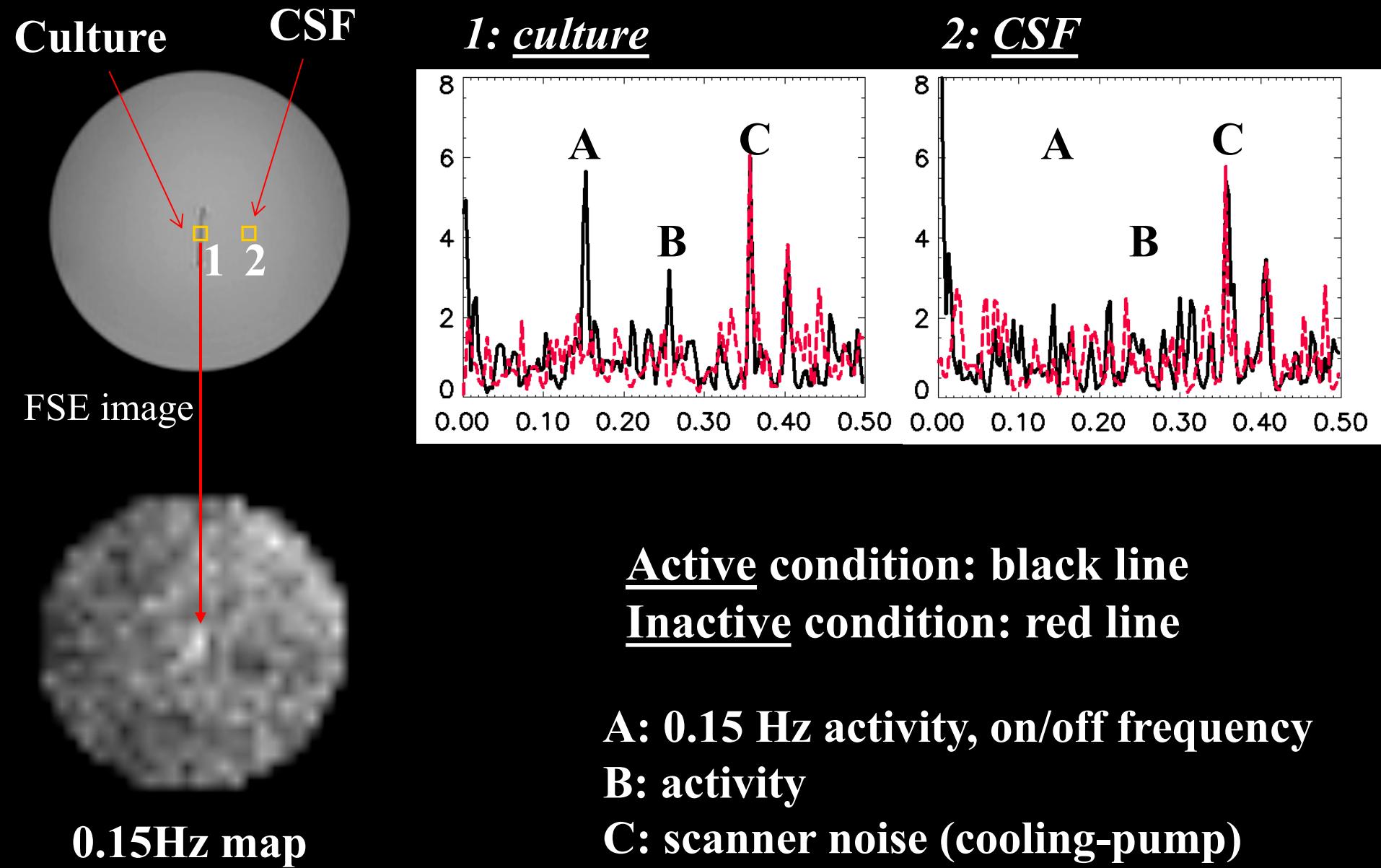
Principal Component Analysis

*of the Spectrum*

*per group*



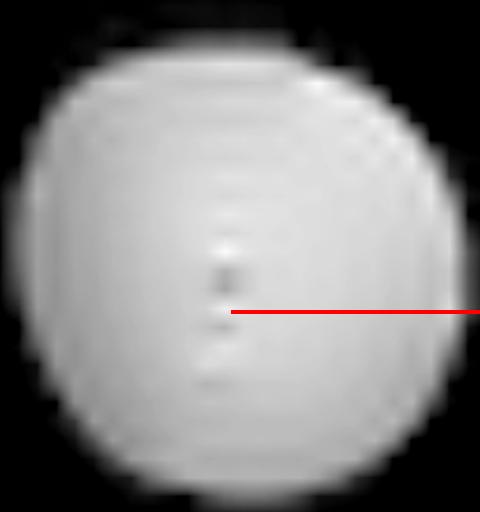
# results



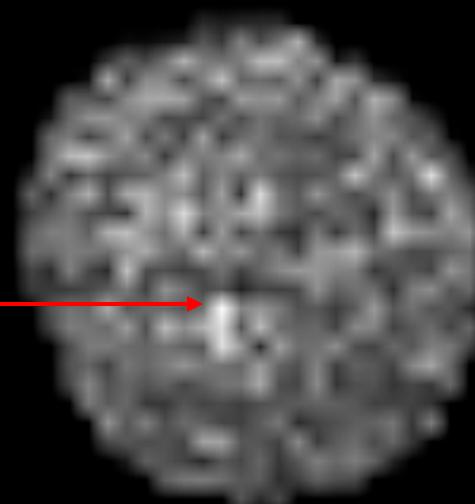
# results

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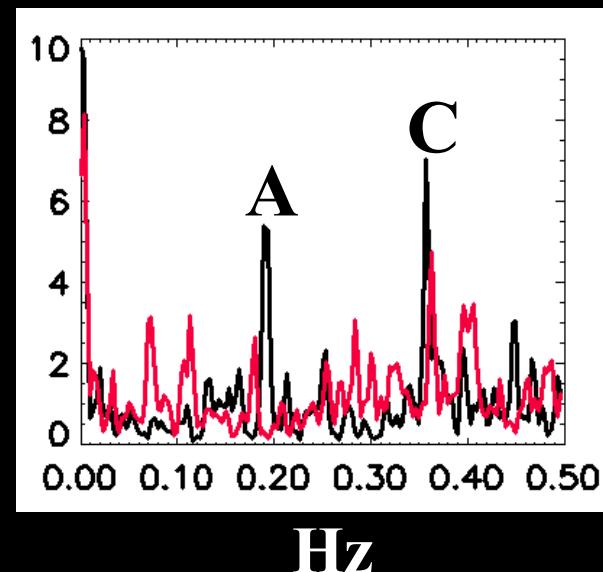
Echo Planar Image



0.19Hz map



Culture



A: 0.19 Hz activity

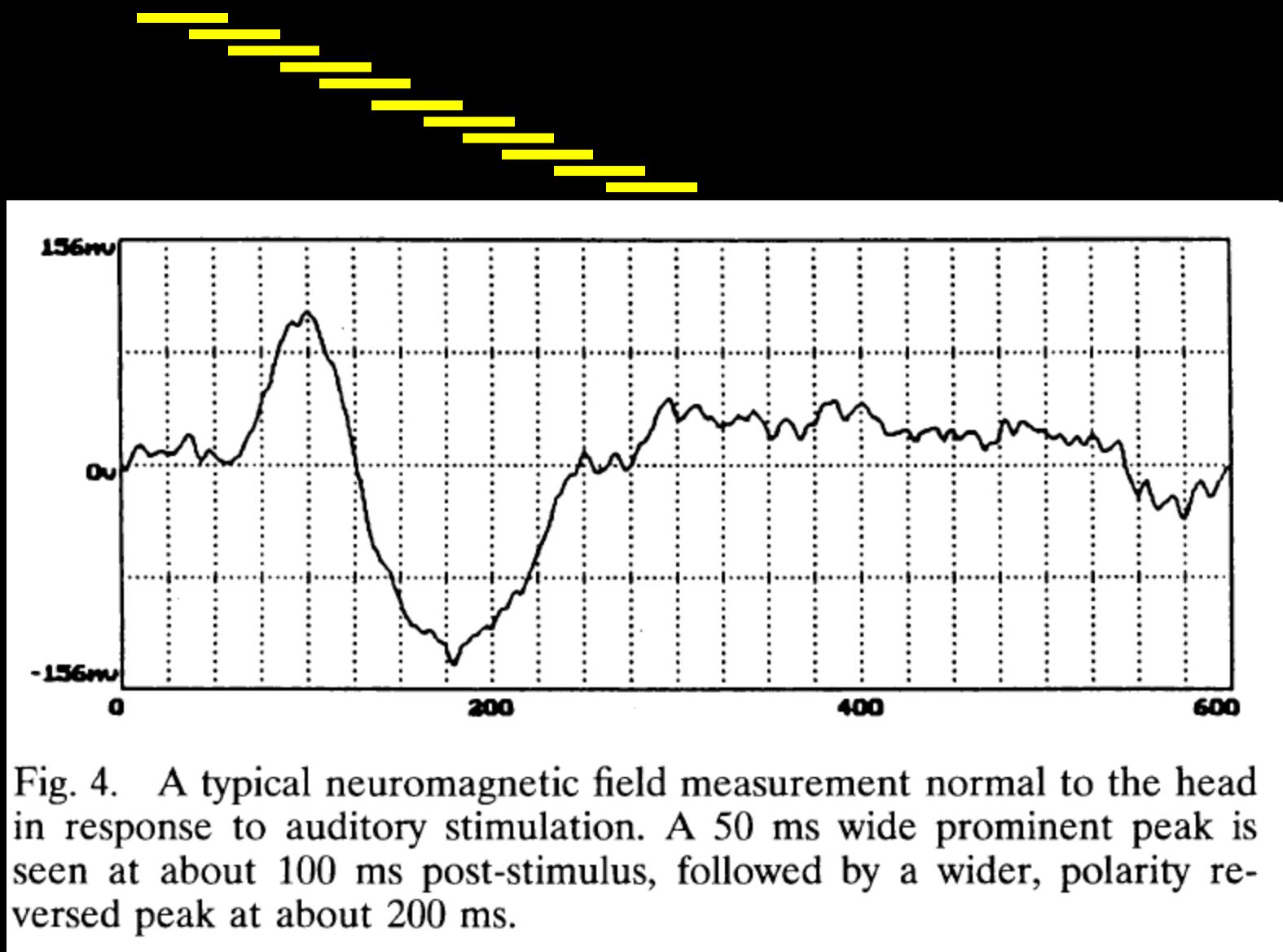
C: scanner cooling-pump

Active condition: black line  
Inactive condition: red line

# Strategies for Detection

- Time shifted sampling
- Under sampling

## Time shifted sampling



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8 Hz alternating  
checkerboard

# Undersampling

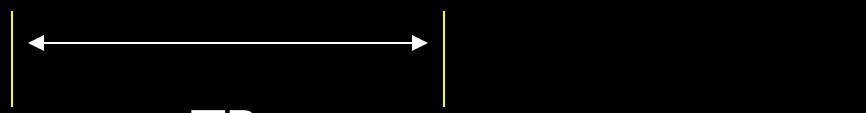
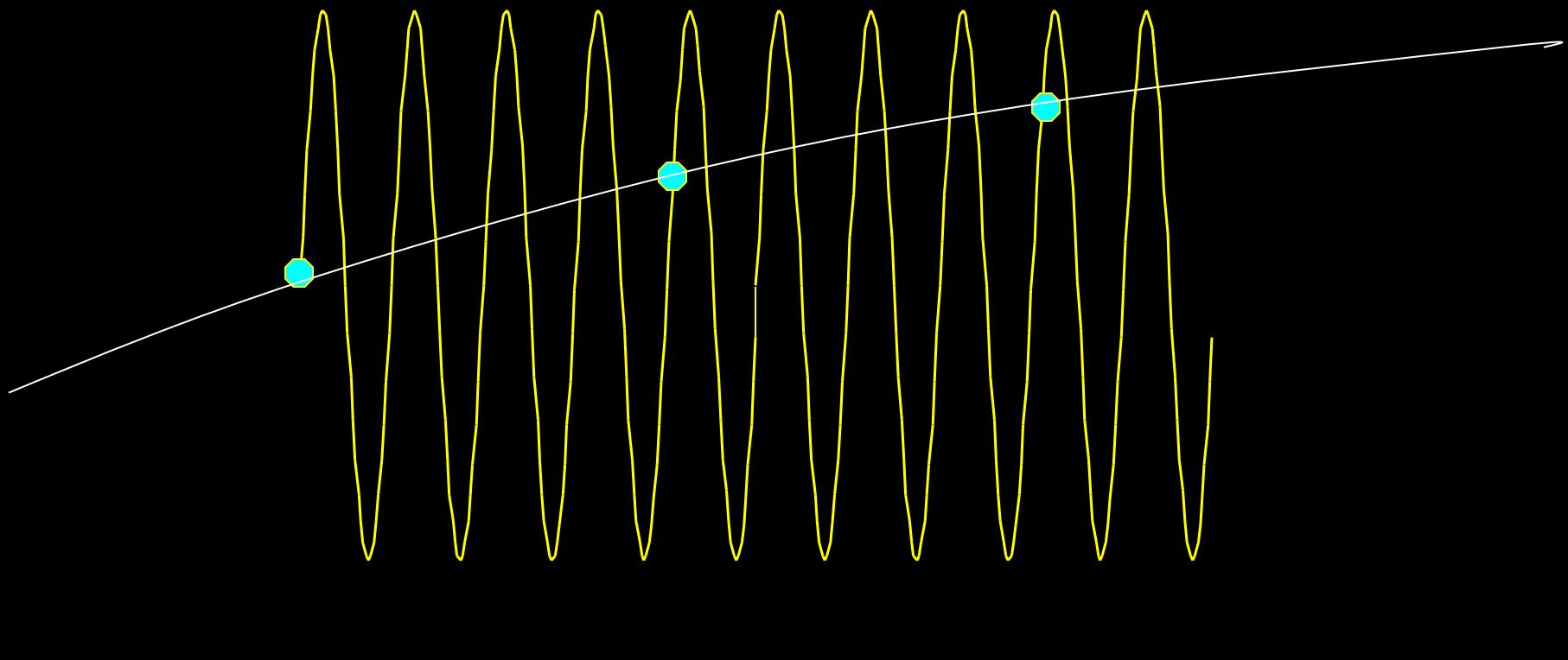
MEG

Photodiode

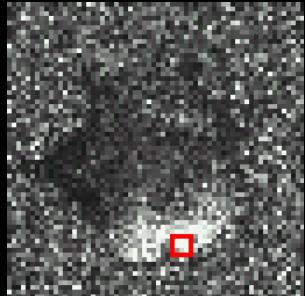


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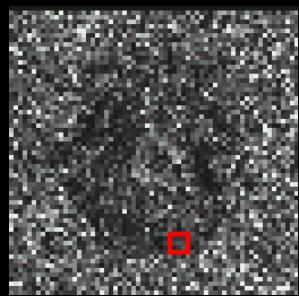
Alternating Checkerboard Frequency



Closed

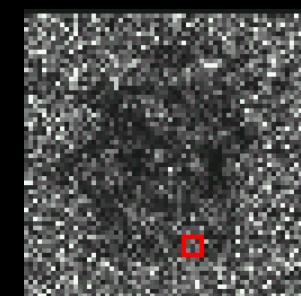
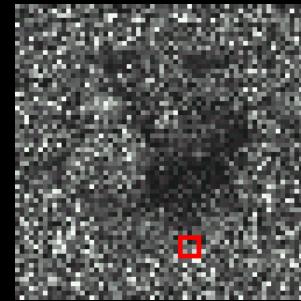


Phase 0.12Hz



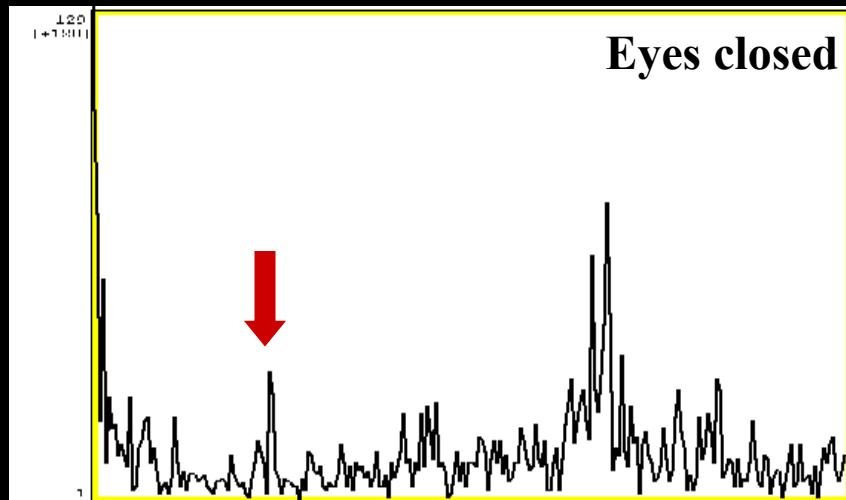
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Open



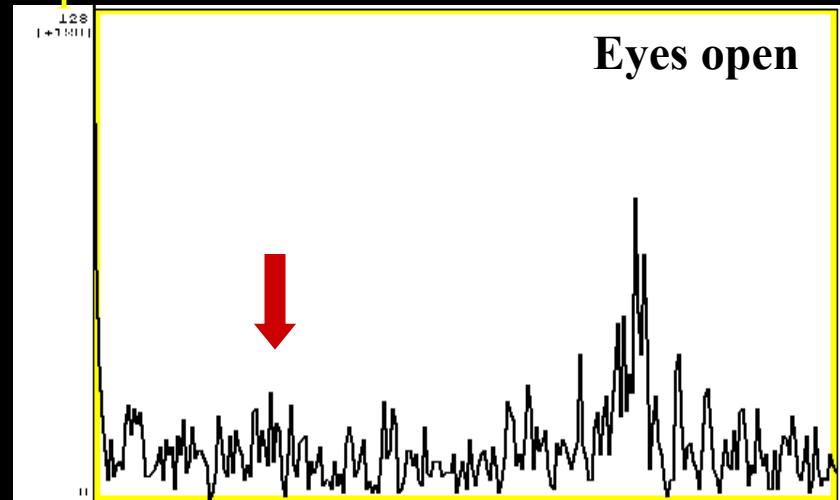
Power spectra

Eyes closed



0.5 Hz

Eyes open



0.5 Hz

# Caution, Despair, Hope...

- Need to rule out BOLD or other mechanisms
- Noise is larger than effect
- MR sampling rate is slow
- Neuronal activation timing is variable and unspecified
- Models describing spatial distribution and locally induced magnetic fields remain relatively uncharacterized...therefore could be off by up to an order of magnitude.
- Well characterized stimuli
- “Transient-tuned” pulse sequences (spin-echo, multi-echo)
- Sensitivity and/or resolution improvements
- Simultaneous electrophysiology – animal models?
- Synchronization improvements.

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