

Latest Developments in fMRI

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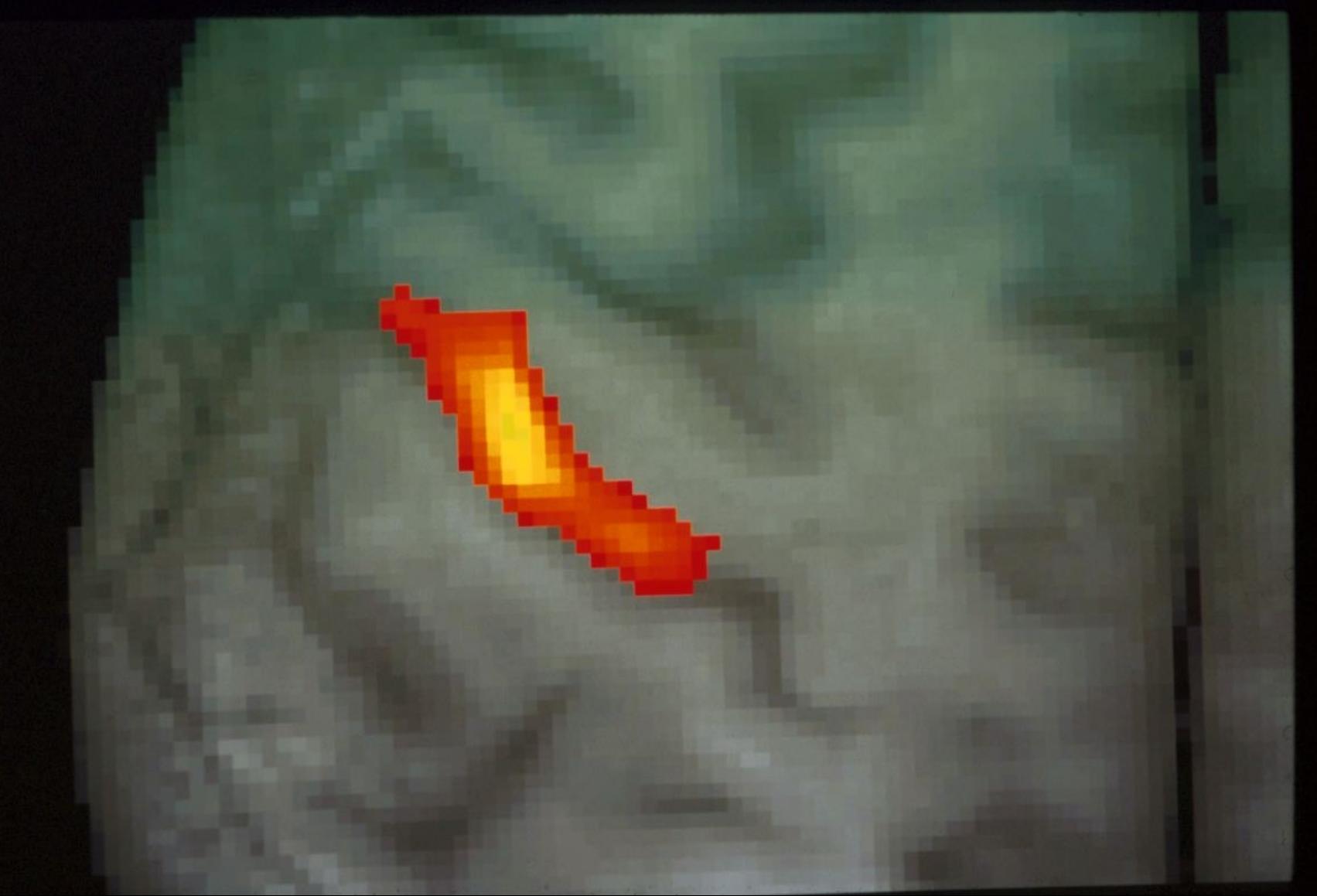
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Alternating Left and Right Finger Tapping

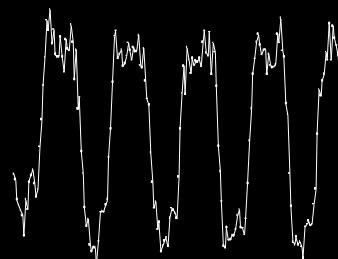
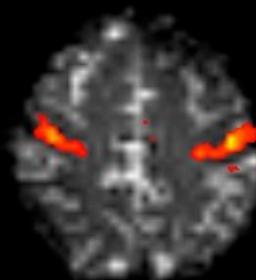


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The use of fMRI for the Investigation of Brain Function and Physiology

- Where?



- When?

- How much?

- How to get the brain to do what we want it to do in the context of an fMRI experiment?

(limitations: limited time and signal to noise, motion, acoustic noise)

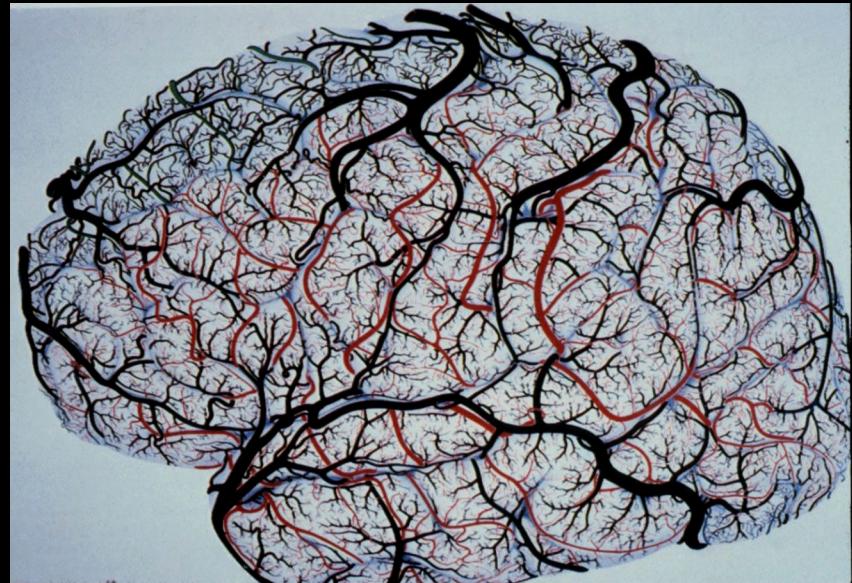
- How much more information can we obtain?

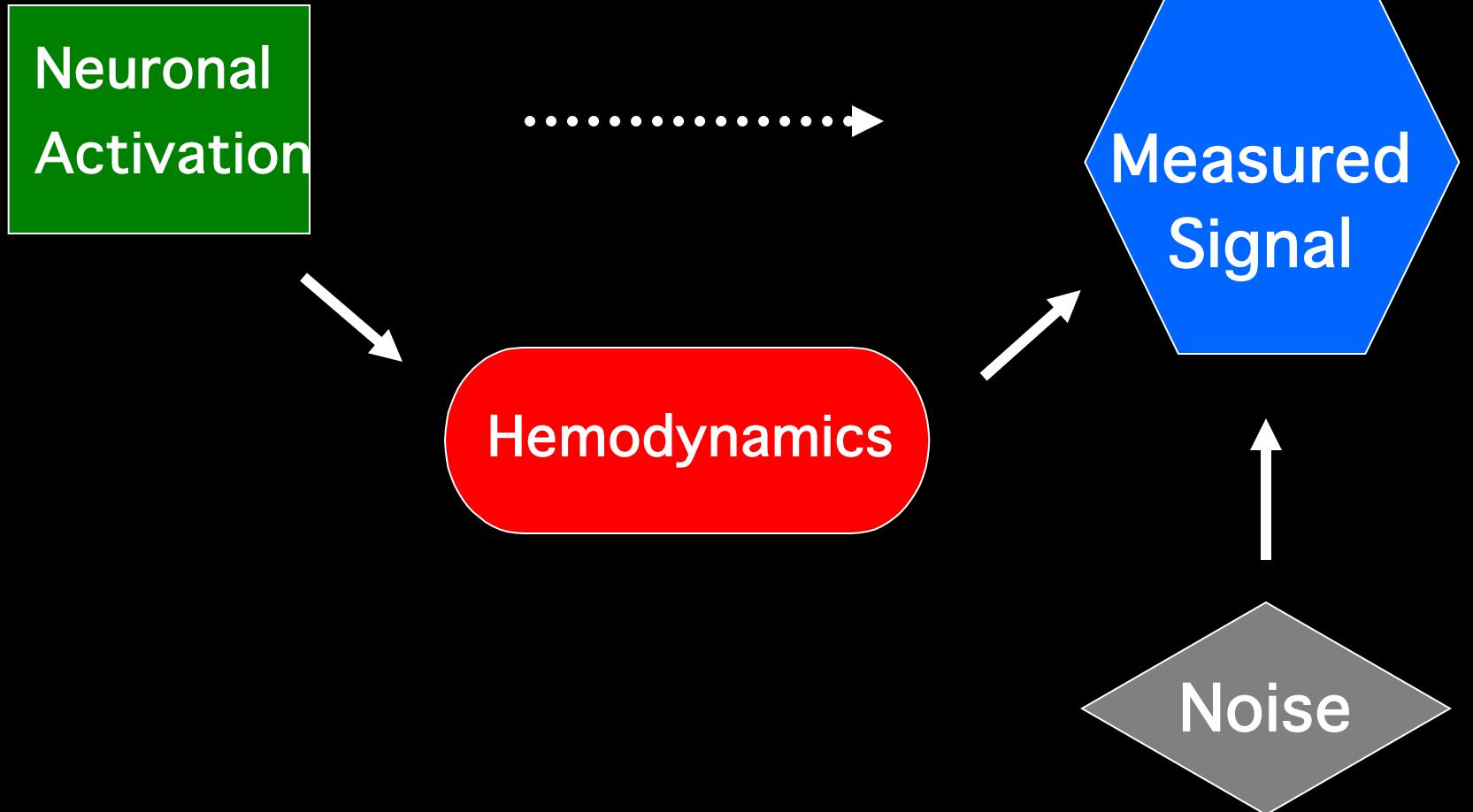
A Primary Challenge for Observing Brain Activation:

...to make progressively more precise inferences without making too many assumptions about non-neuronal physiologic factors.



FIG. 43. Middle temporal gyrus. Female, 60 years. (1) Principal intracortical vein. The branches length regularly decreases from deep towards superficial cortical regions, thus the vascular territory of the principal vein has a conical appearance (dotted line) ($\times 28$).





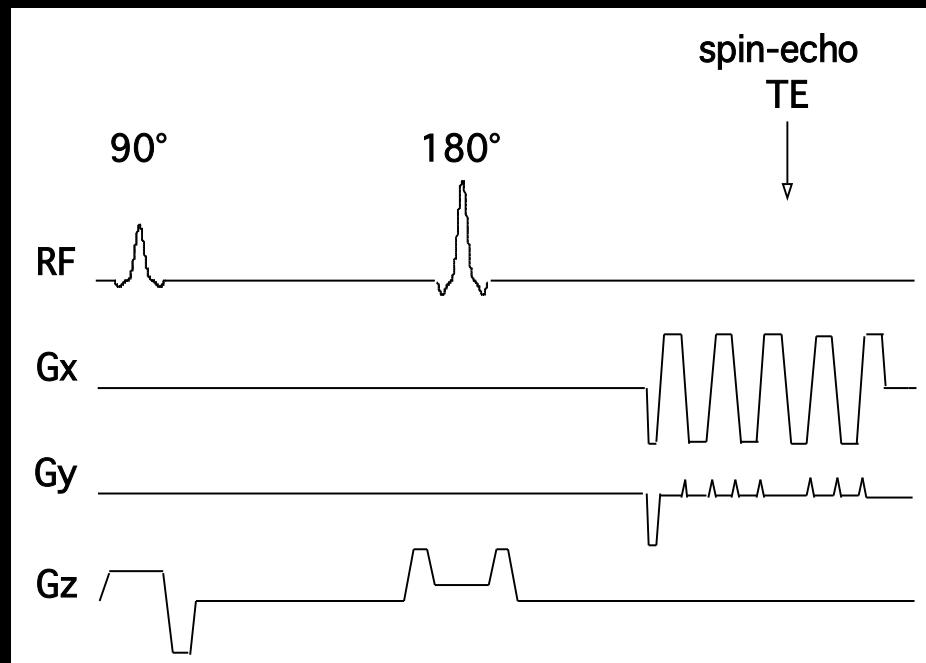
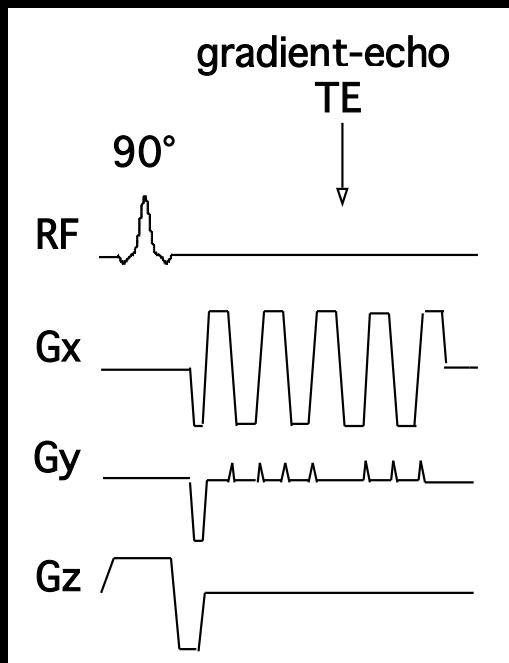
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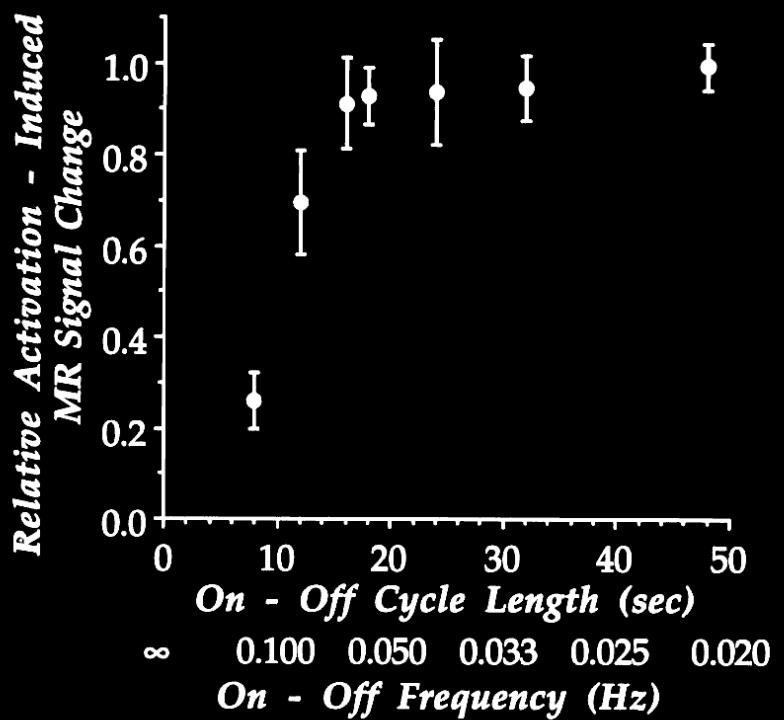
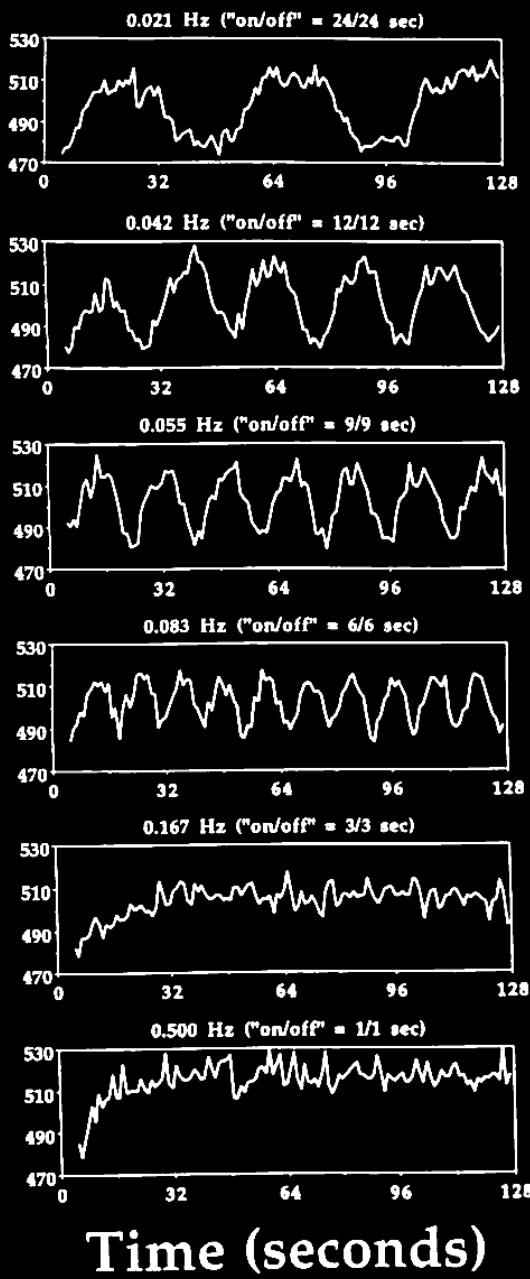
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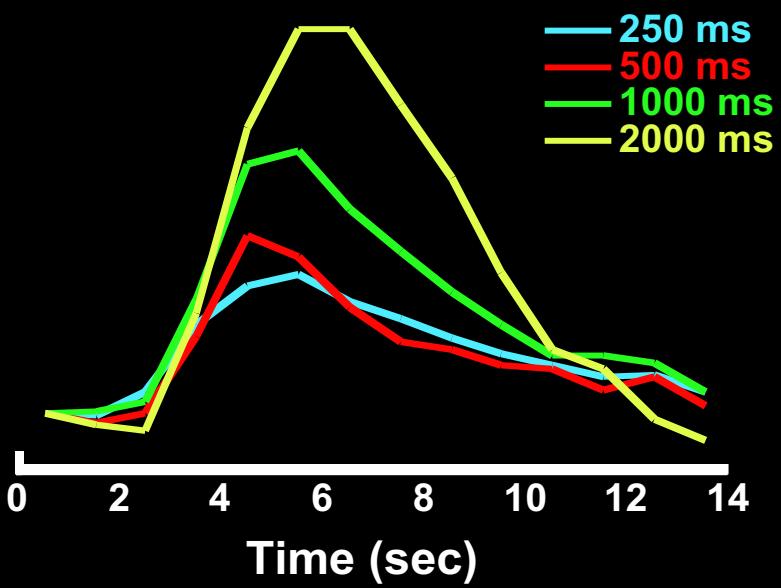
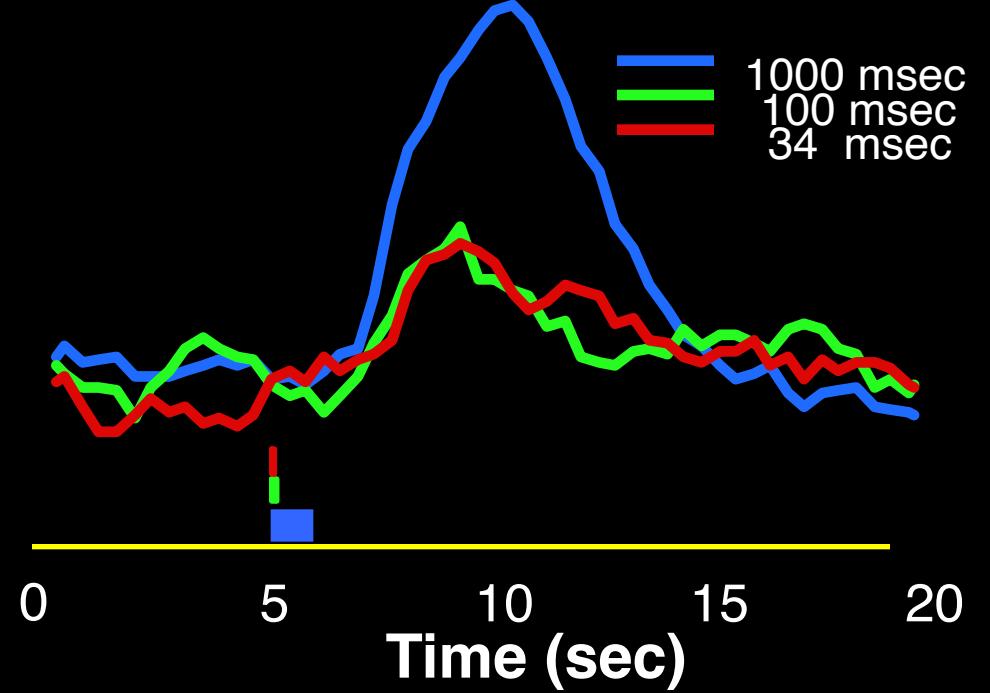
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Echo-Planar Imaging

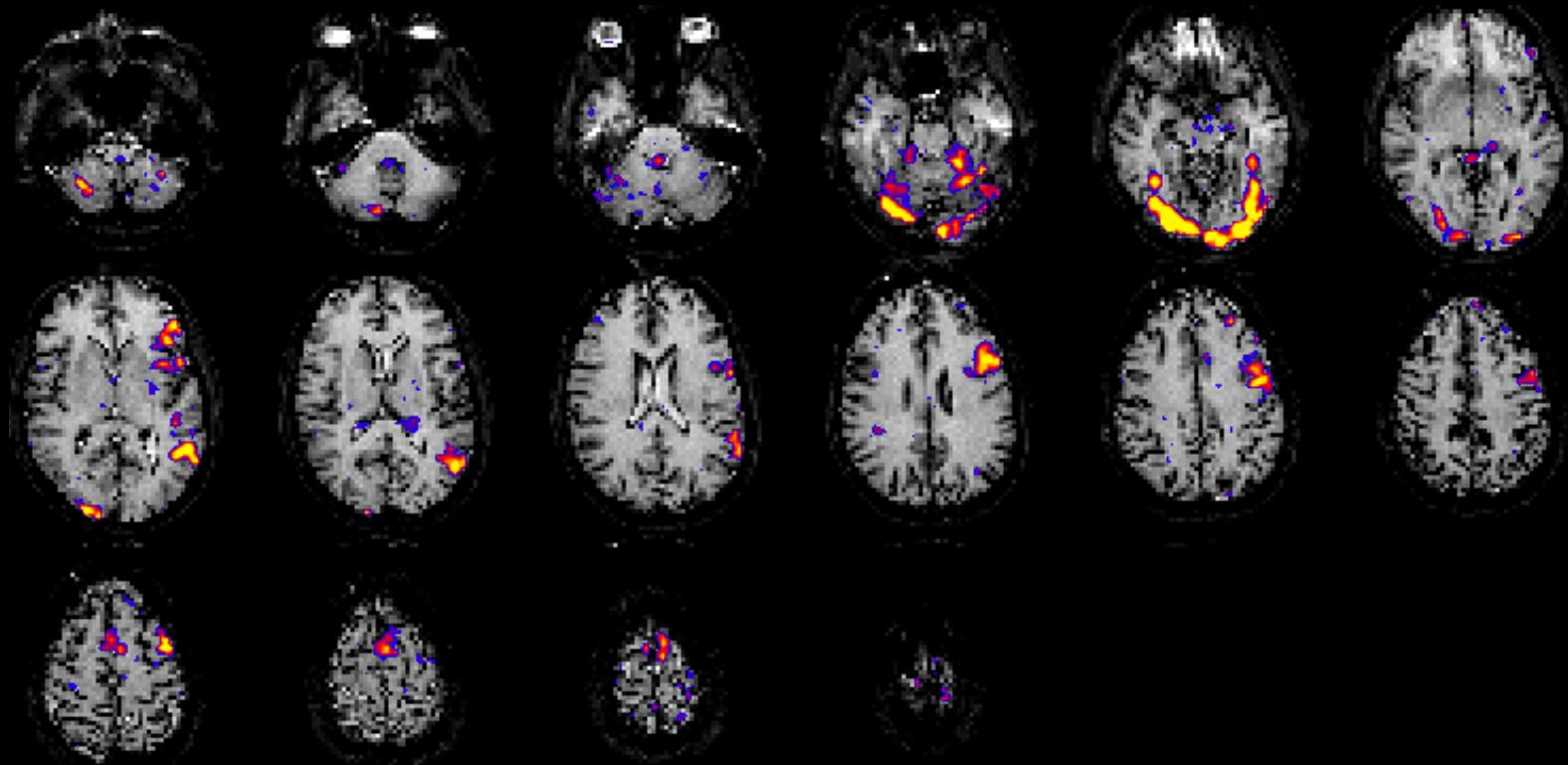


MRI Signal

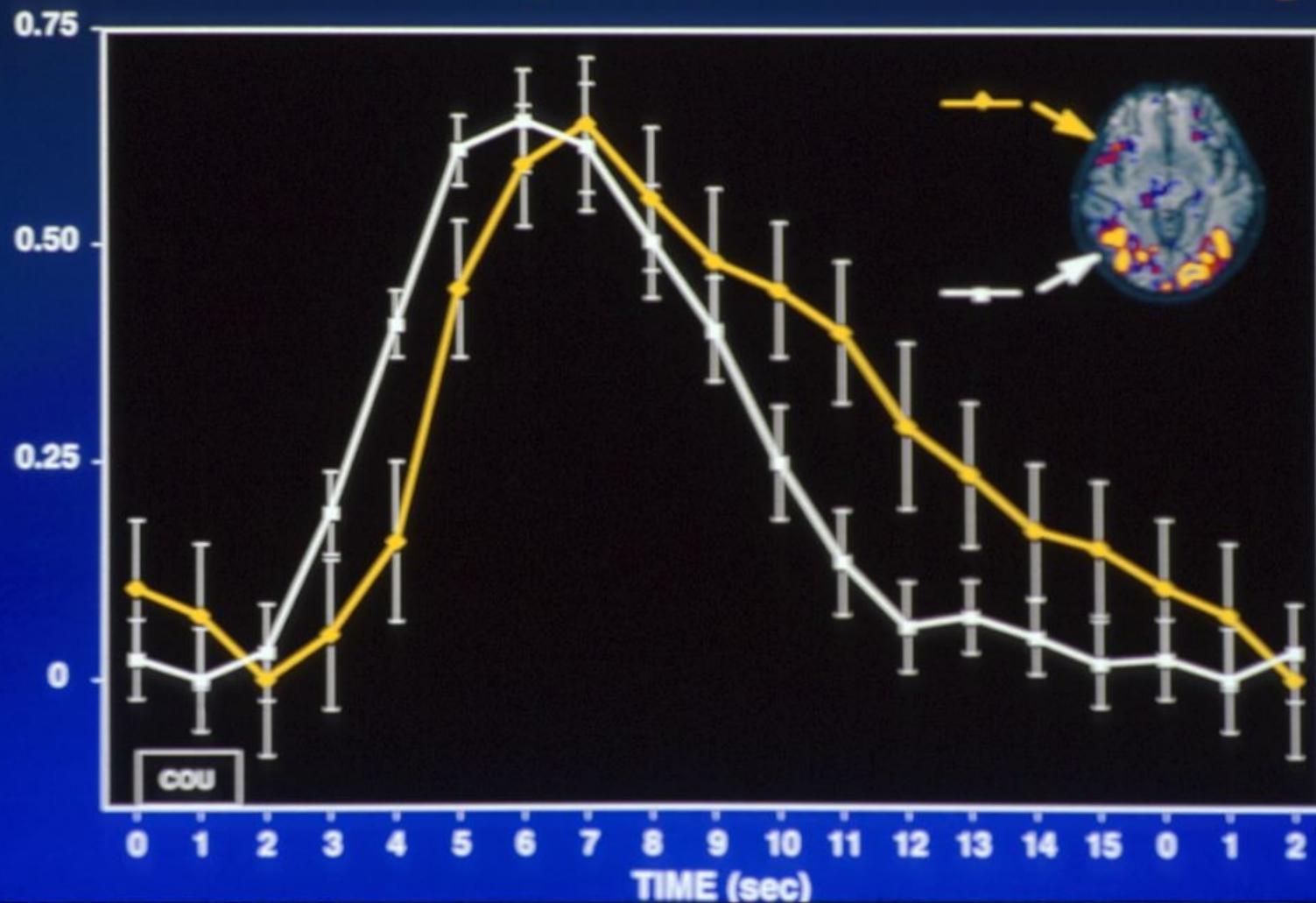




Word stem completion

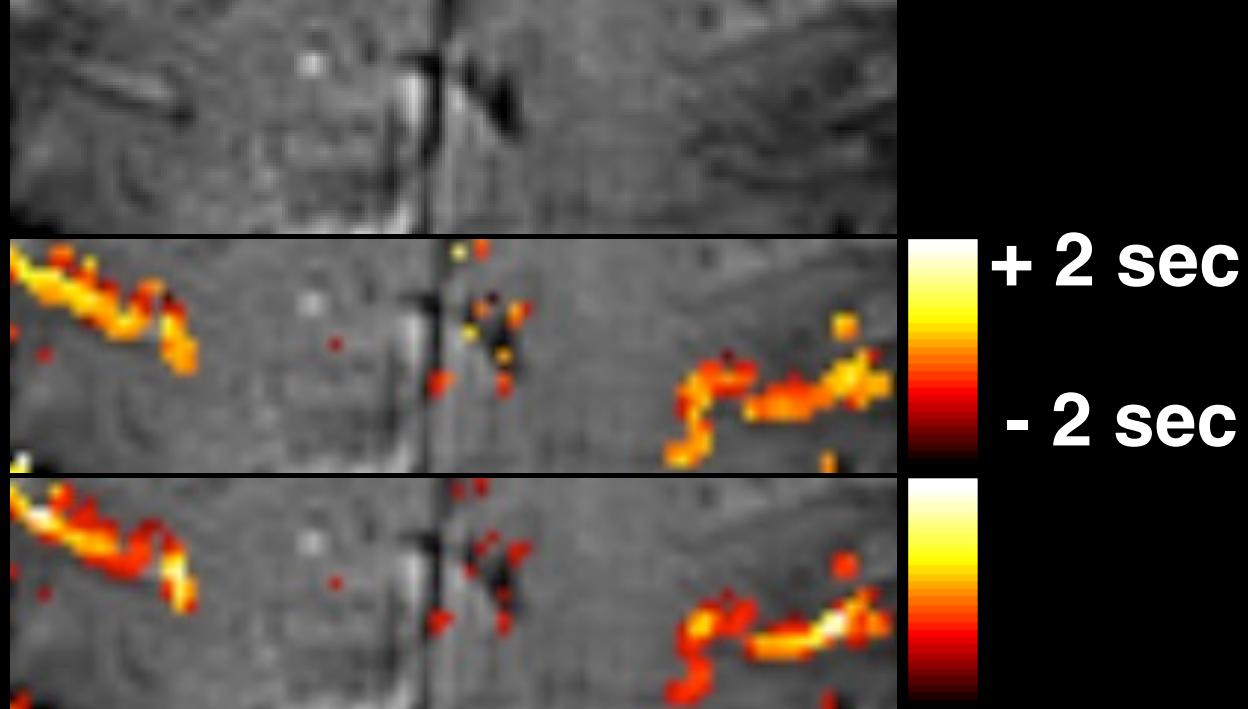


Time Course Comparison Across Brain Regions

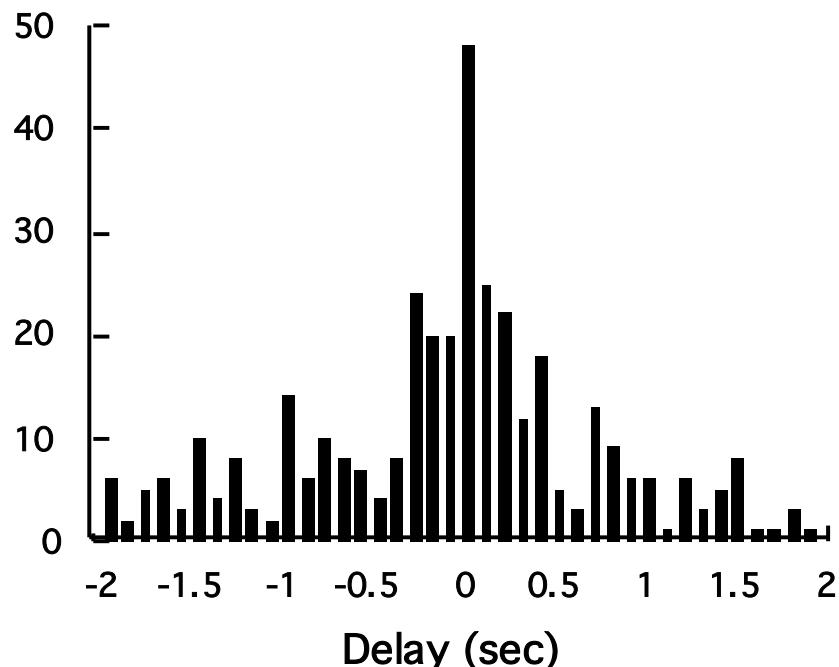
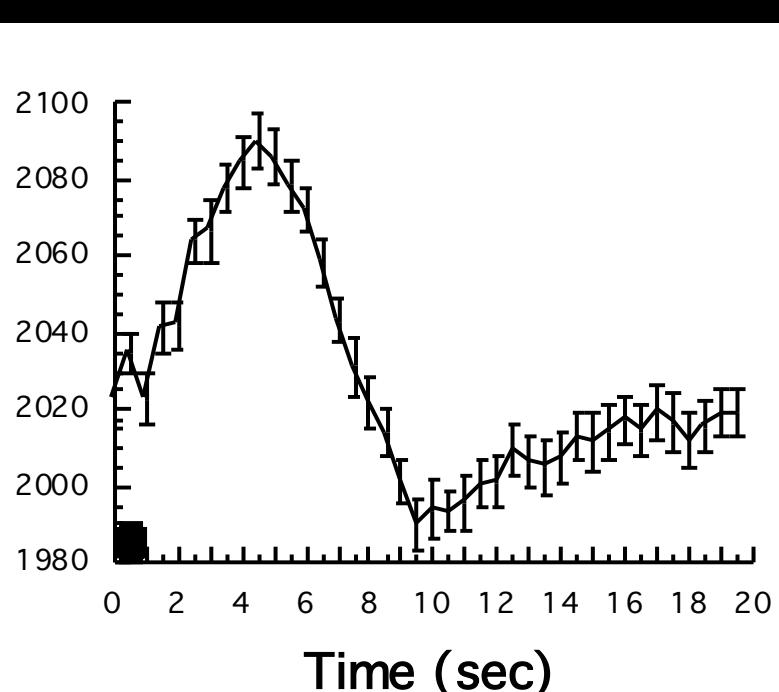


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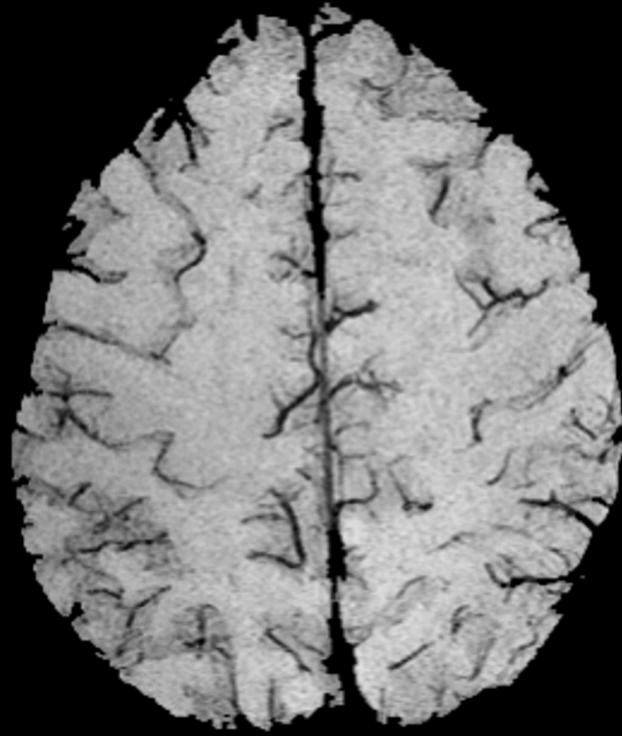
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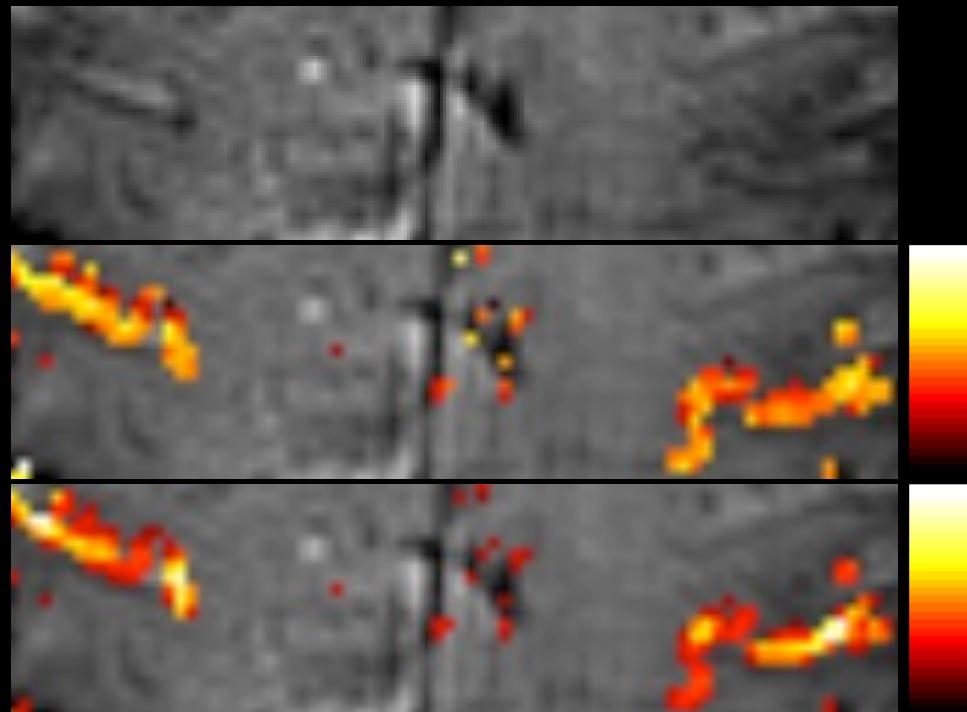


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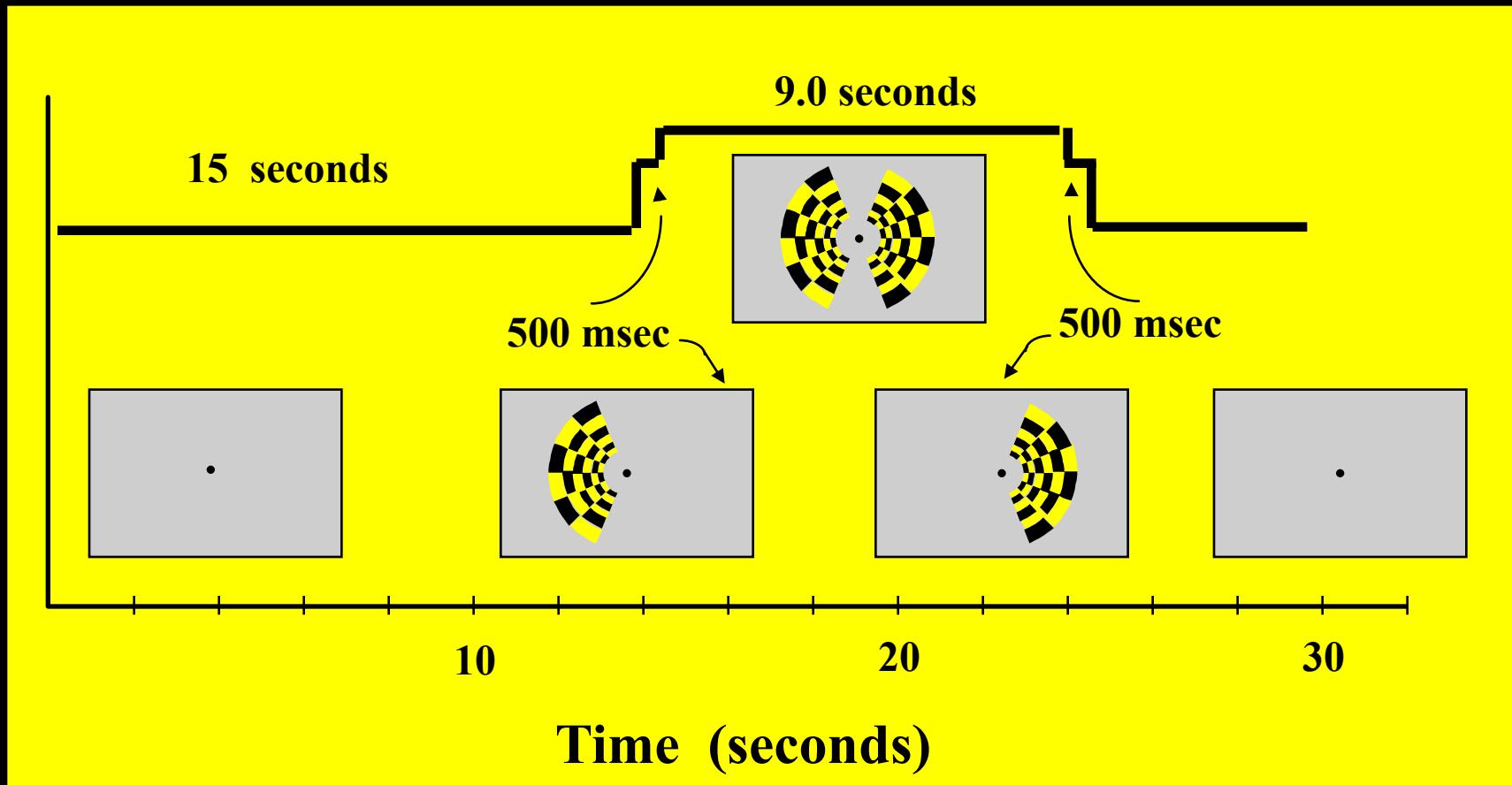
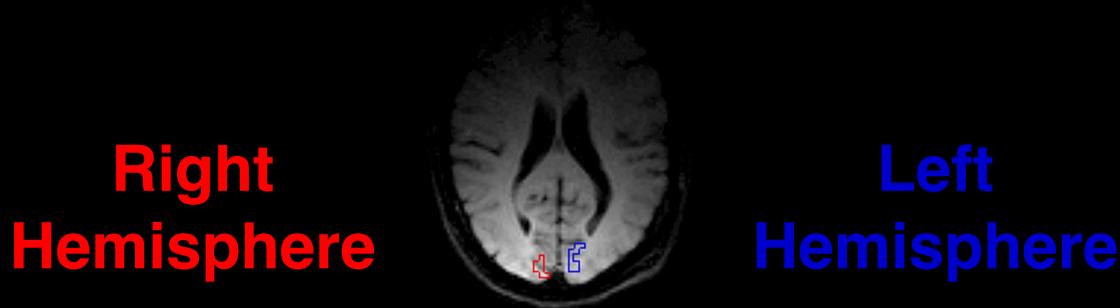


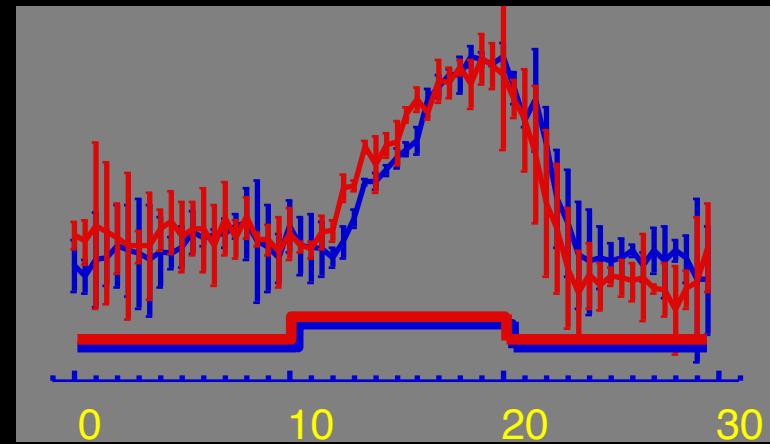
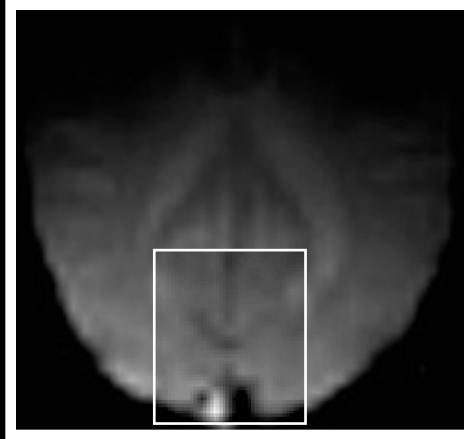






Hemi-Field Experiment





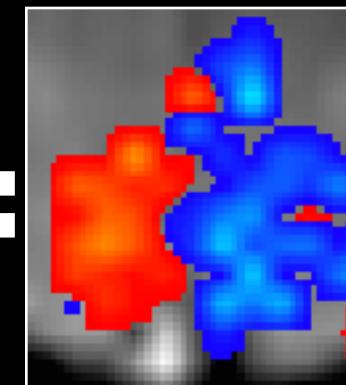
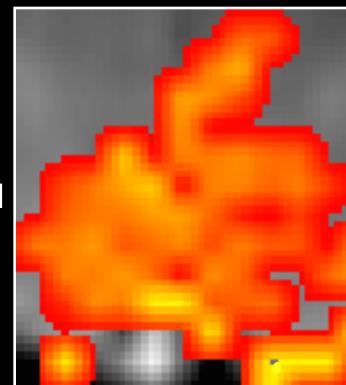
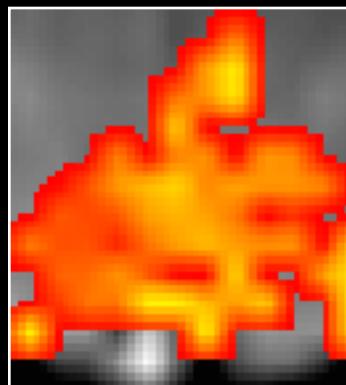
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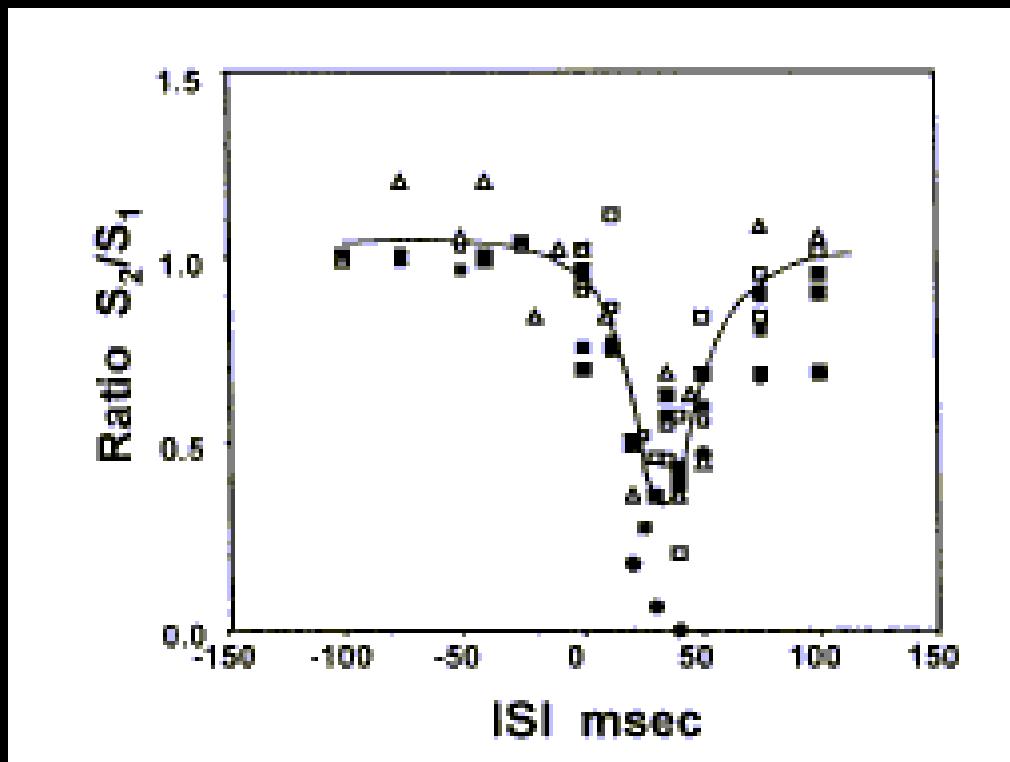
Right Hemifield
Left Hemifield



An approach to probe some neural systems interaction by functional MRI at neural time scale down to milliseconds

Selji Ogawa¹, Tso-Ming Lee¹, Ray Stepnoski¹, Wei Chen², Xiao-Hong Zhu², and Kamil Ugurbil²

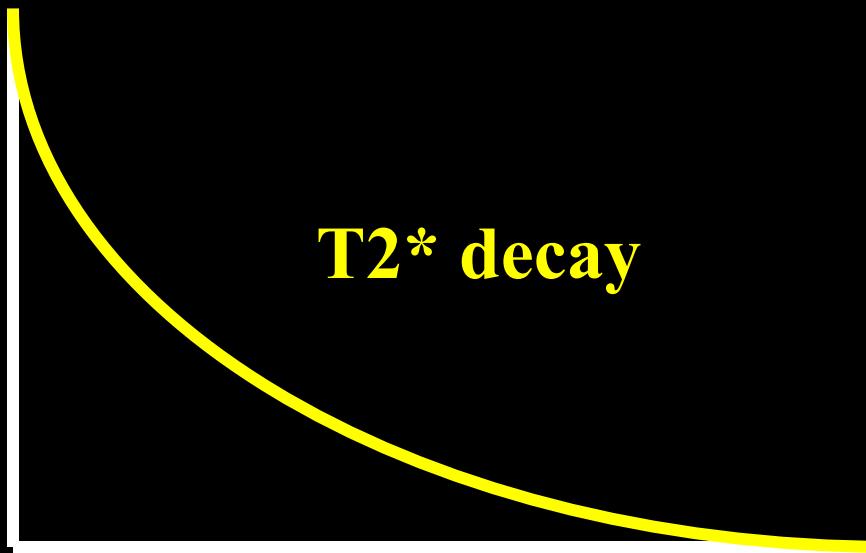
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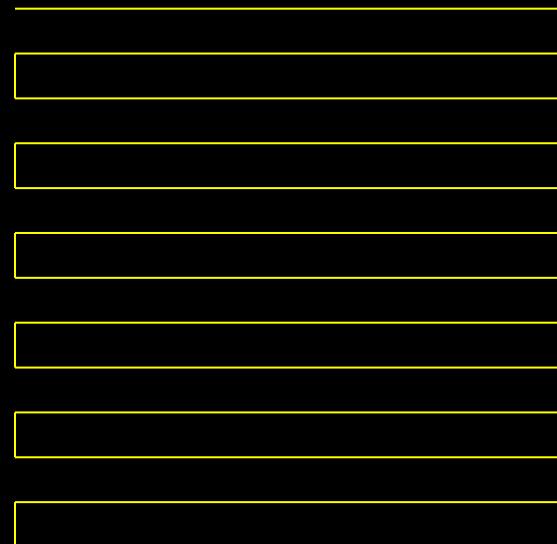
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Single Shot Imaging

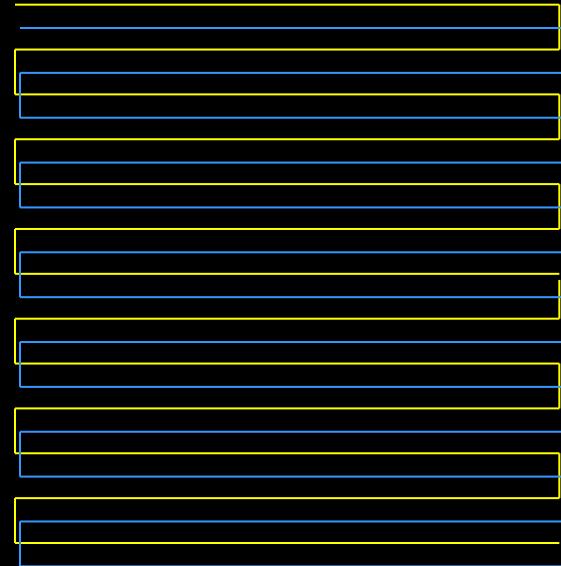


EPI Readout Window

≈ 20 to 40 ms



Multishot Imaging



Multi Shot EPI

Excitations

1

Matrix Size

64 x 64

2

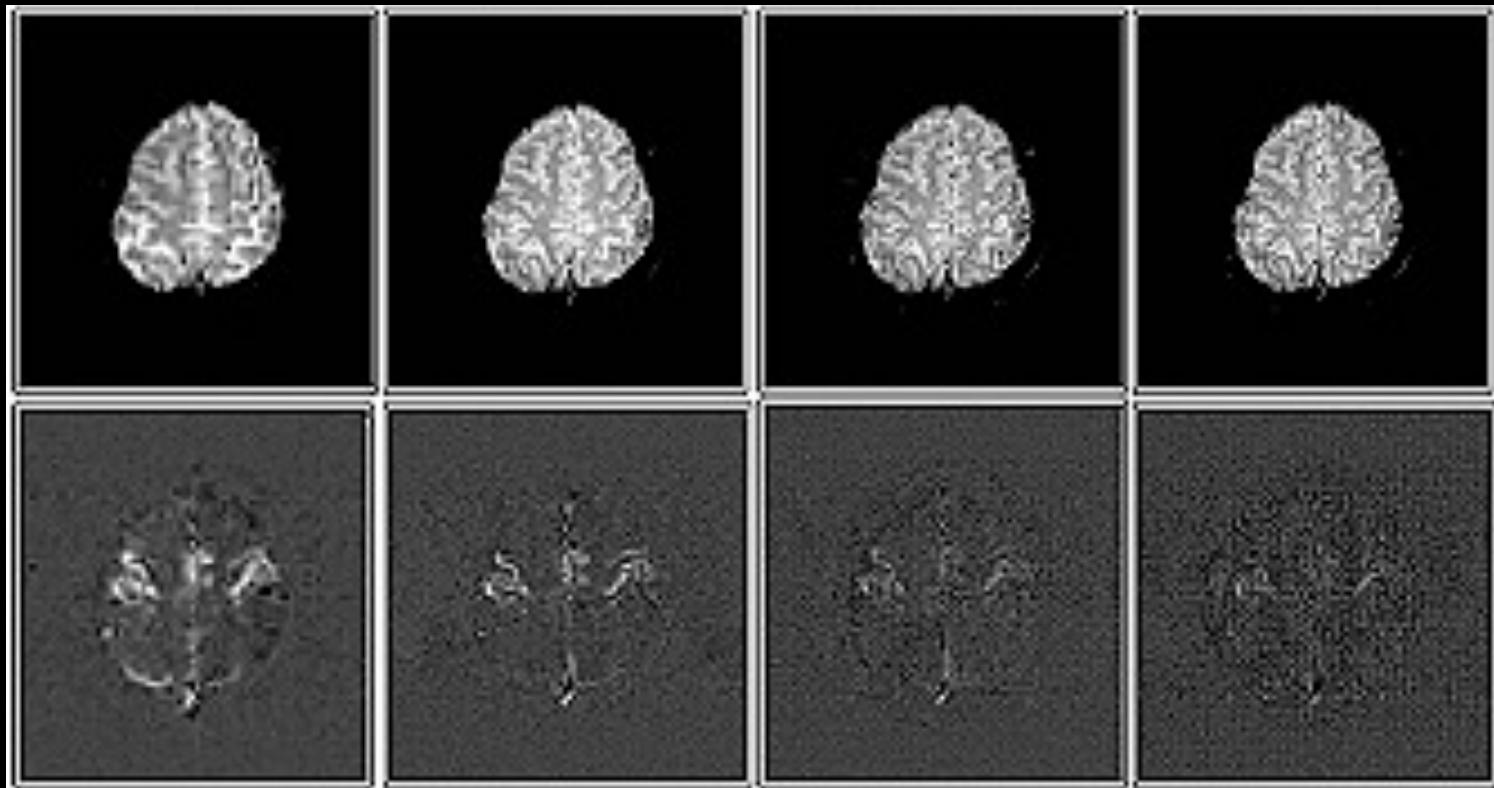
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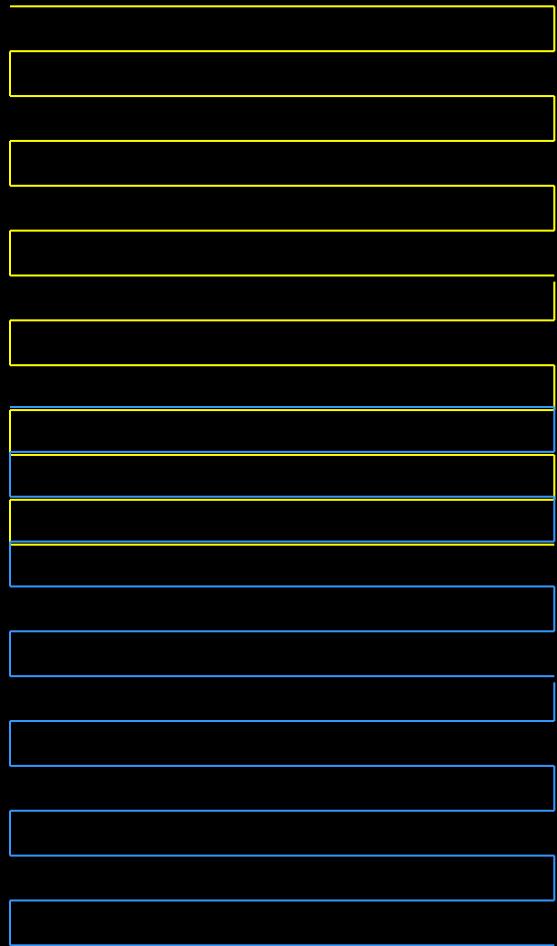
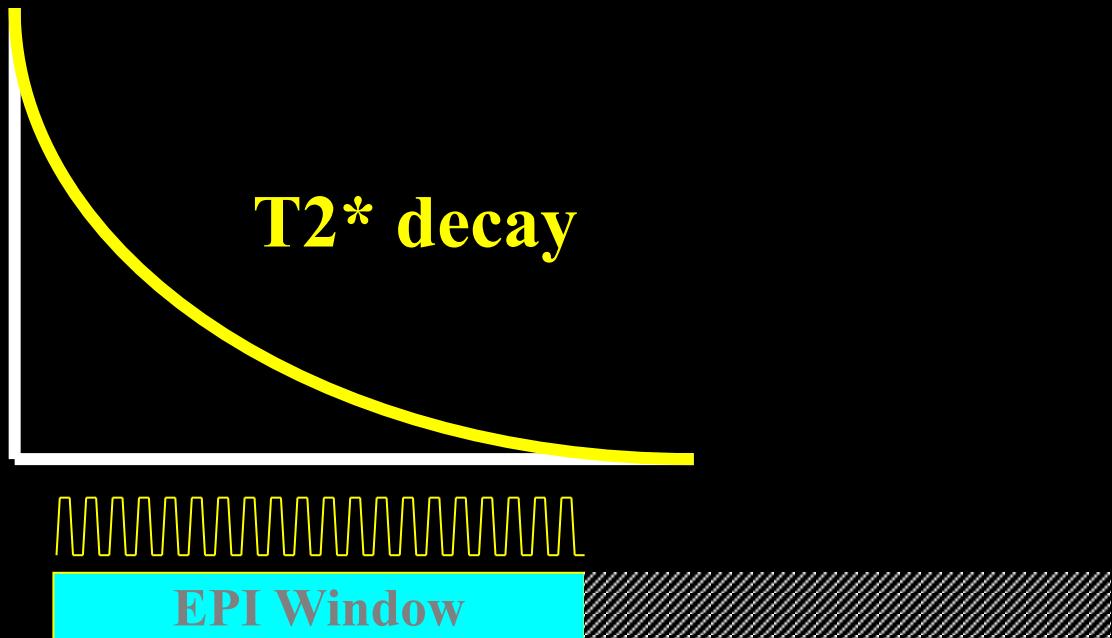
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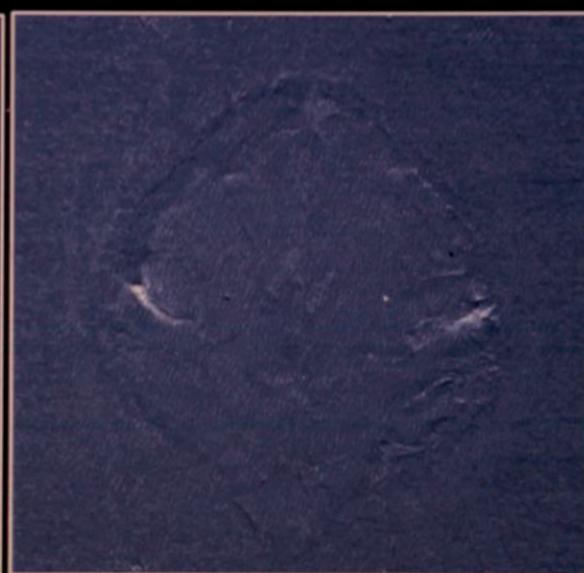
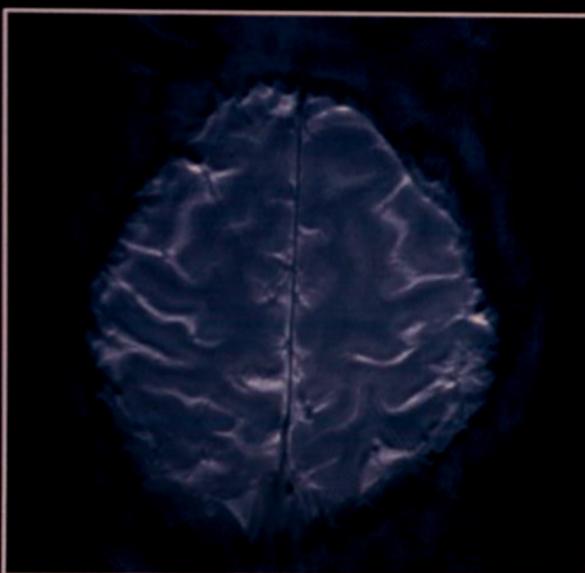
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Partial k-space imaging

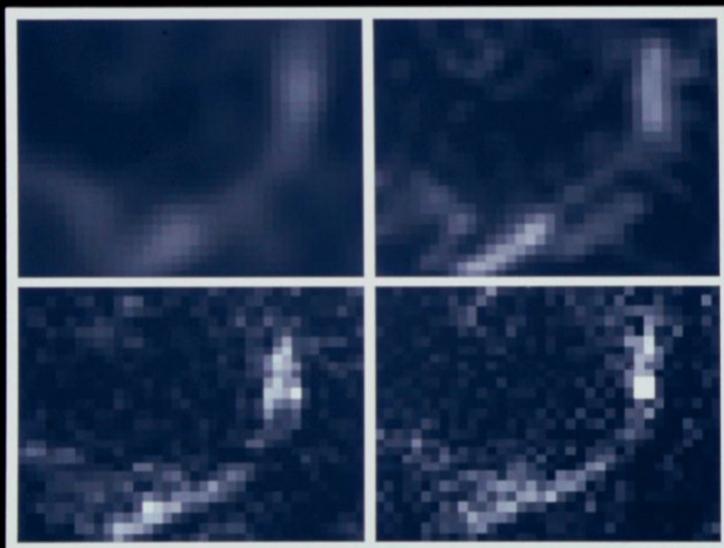


**Single - Shot EPI at 3T:
Half NEX, 256 x 256, 16 cm FOV**



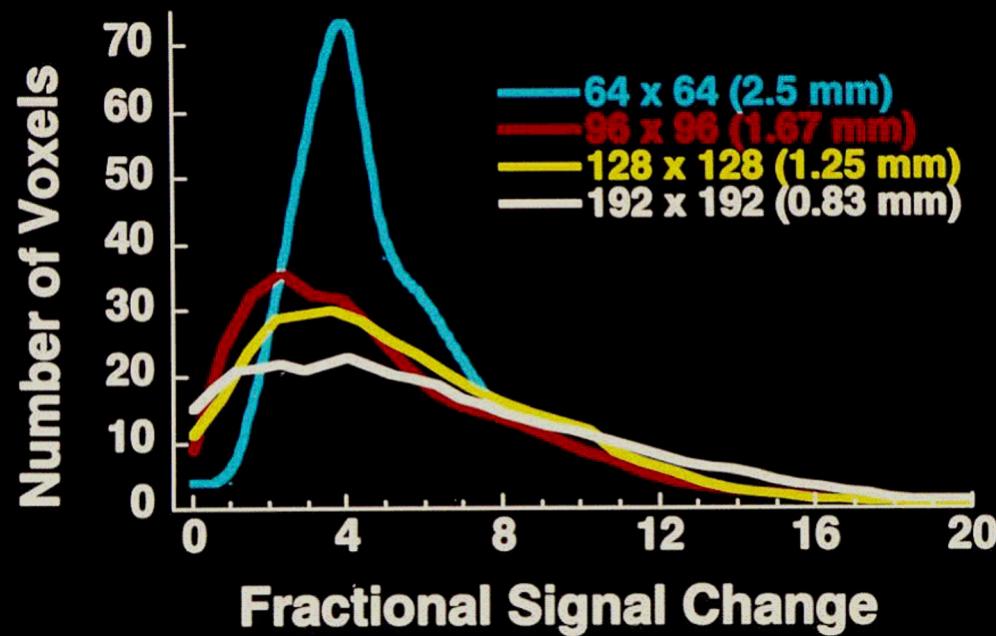
Fractional Signal Change

2.5 mm^2



1.25 mm^2

0.62 mm^2

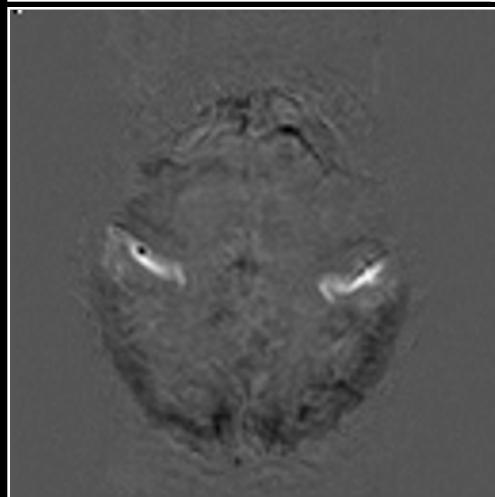
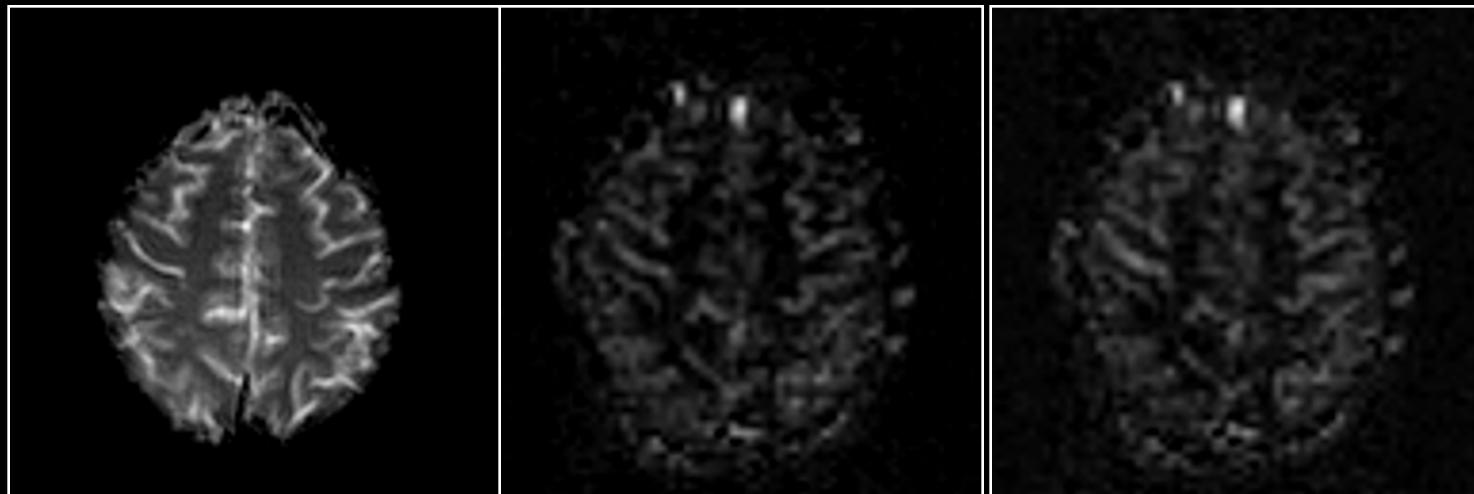


Perfusion

BOLD

Rest

Activation



Anatomy



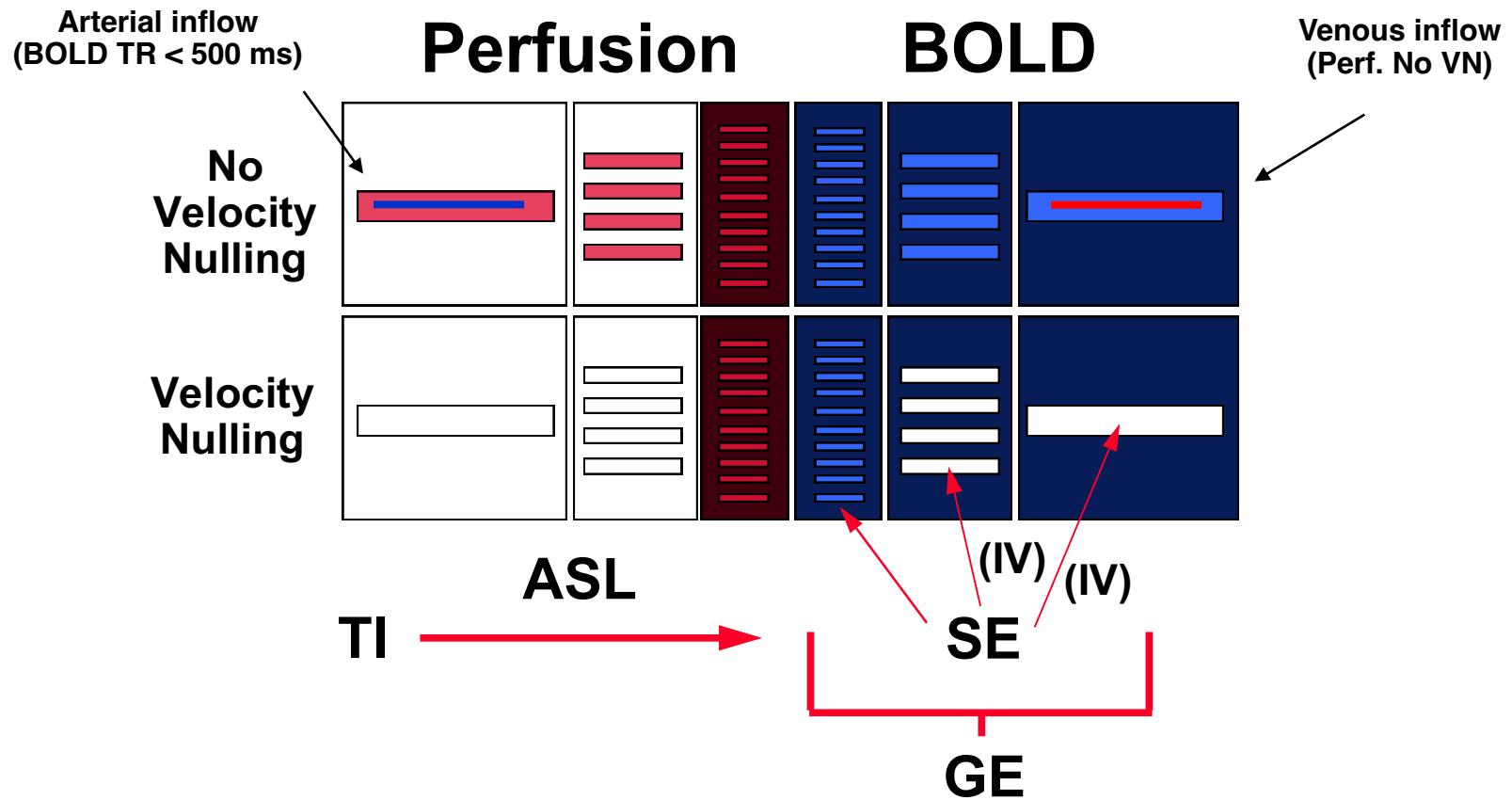
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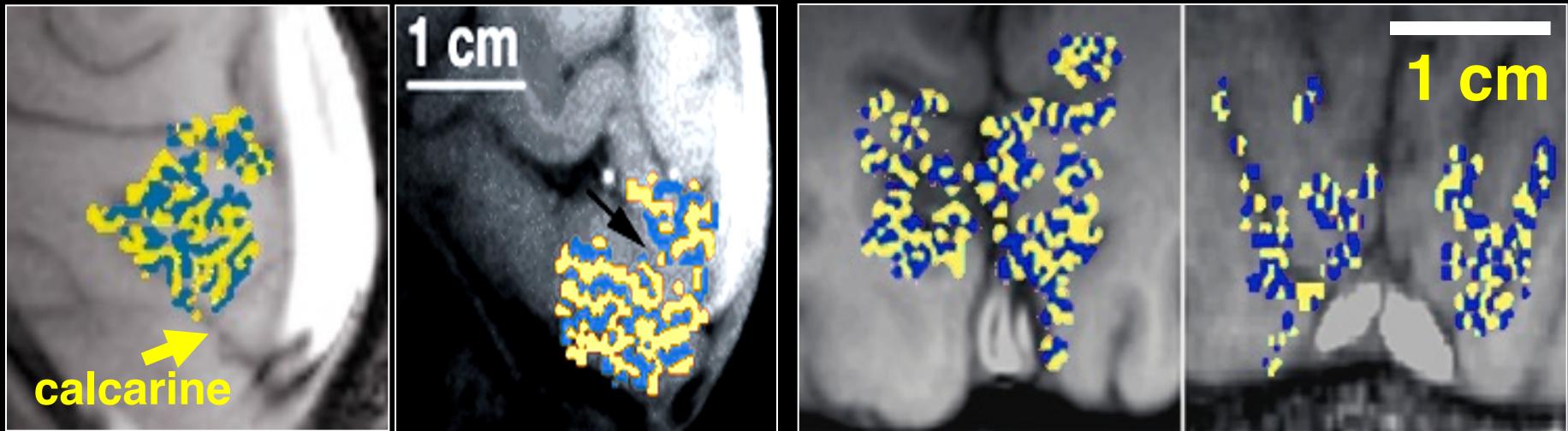
Perfusion



Hemodynamic Specificity



ODC Maps using fMRI



- Identical in size, orientation, and appearance to those obtained by optical imaging¹ and histology^{3,4}.

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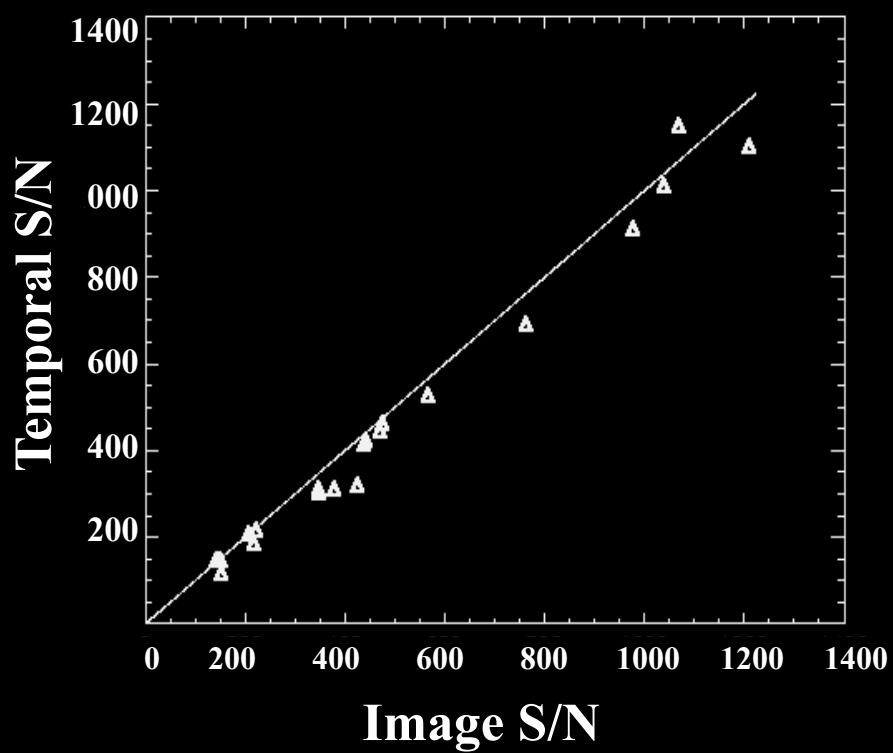
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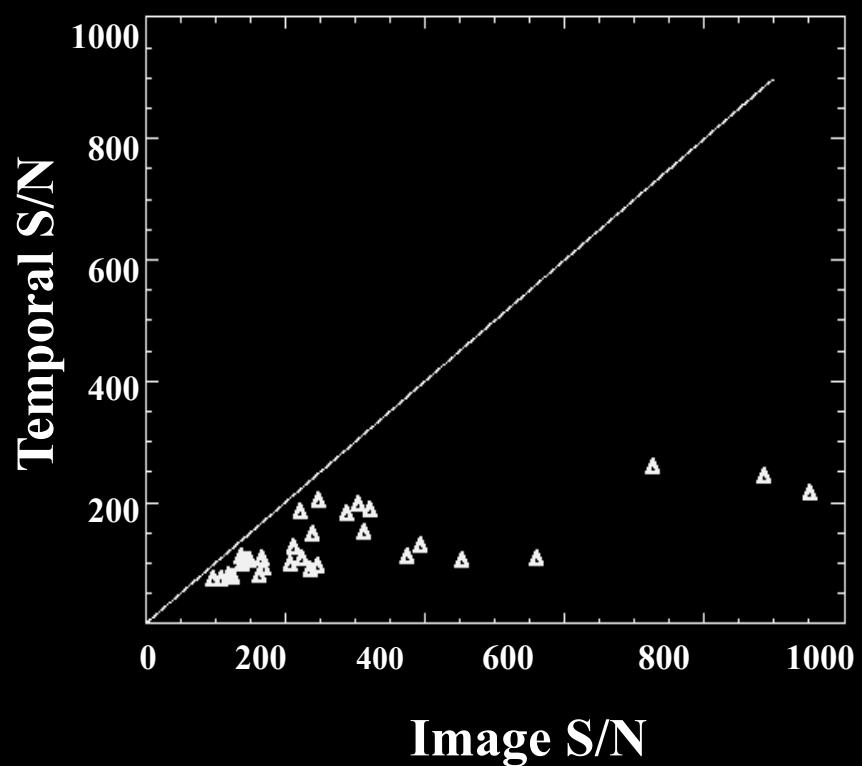
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Temporal S/N vs. Image S/N

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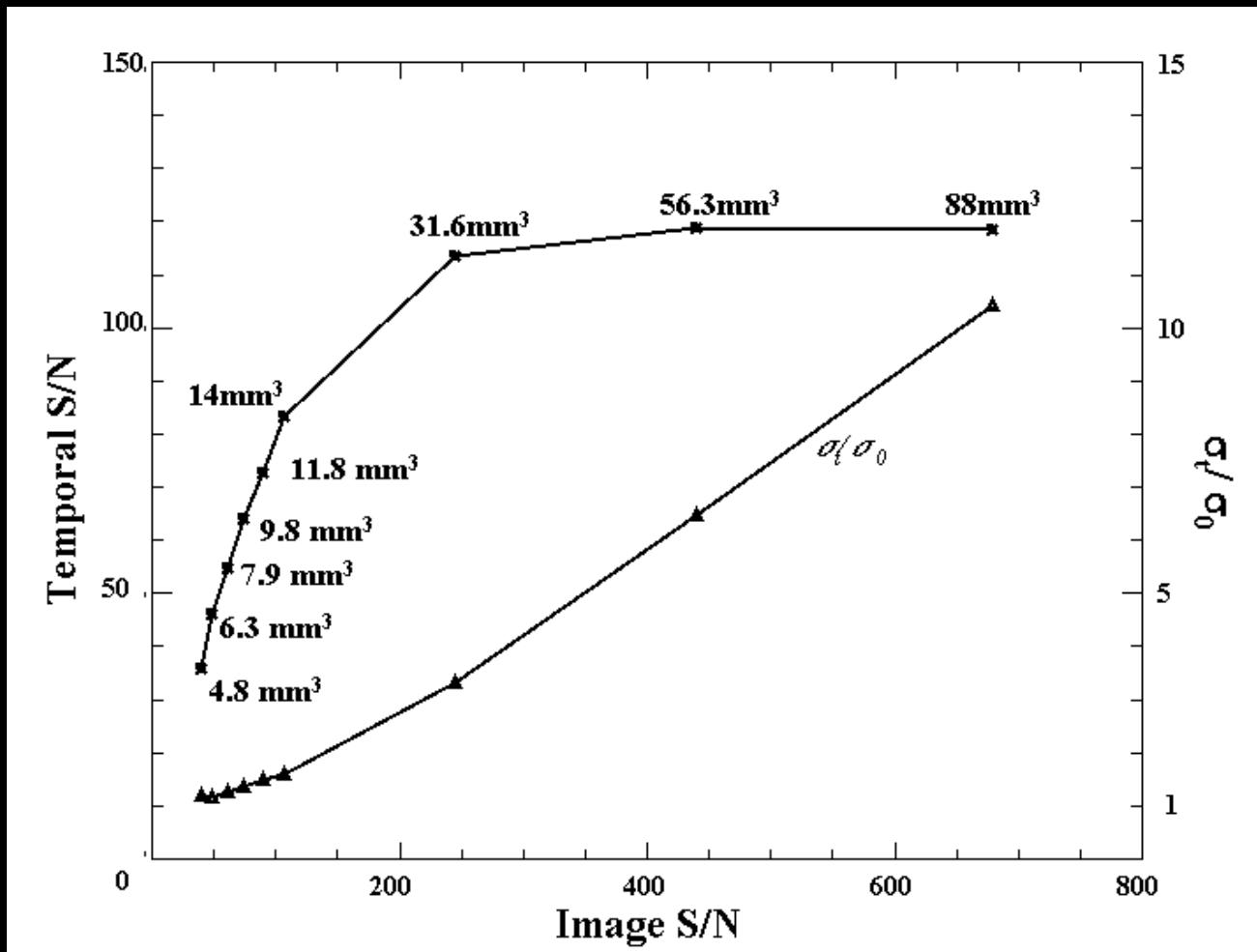


SUBJECTS



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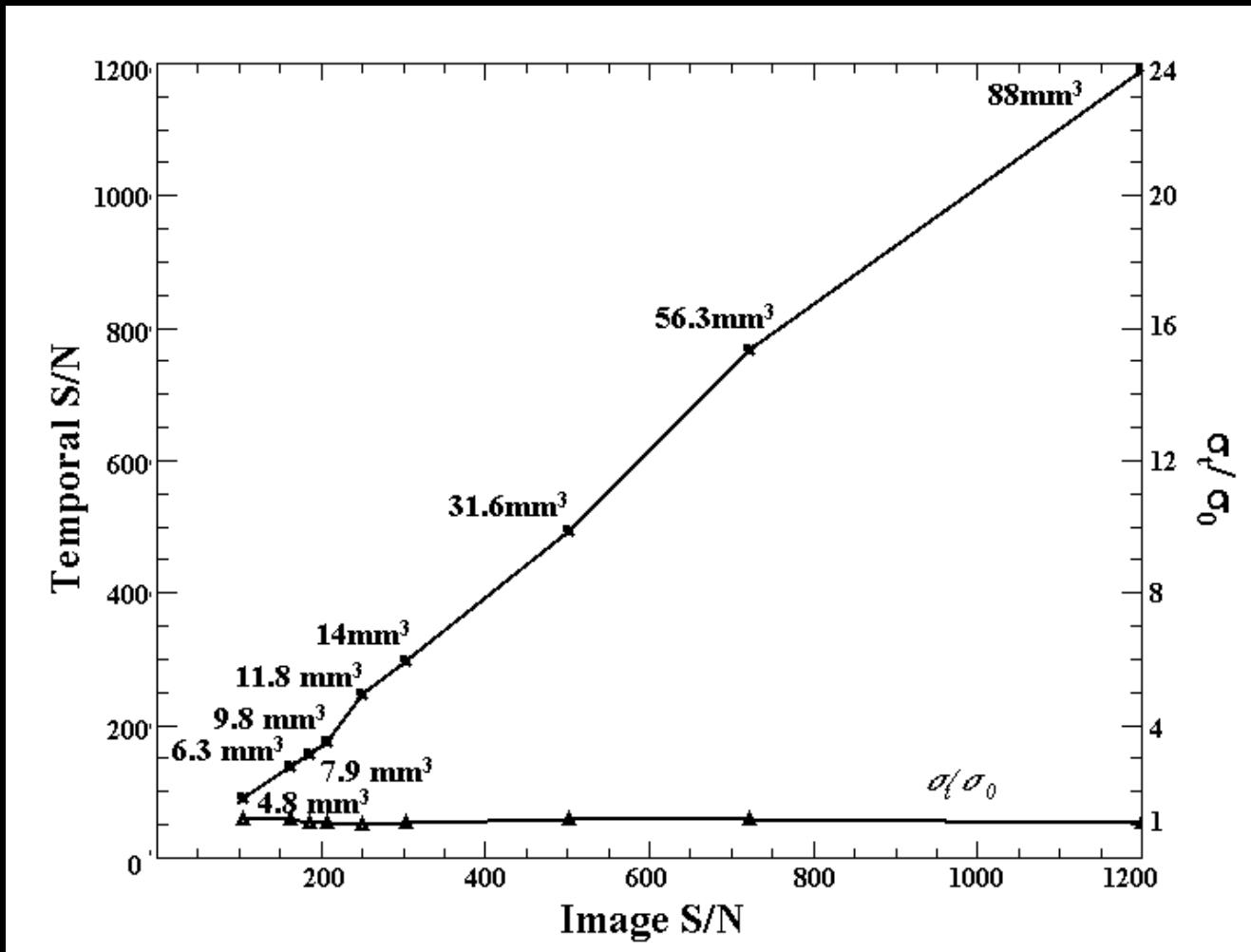
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Human data

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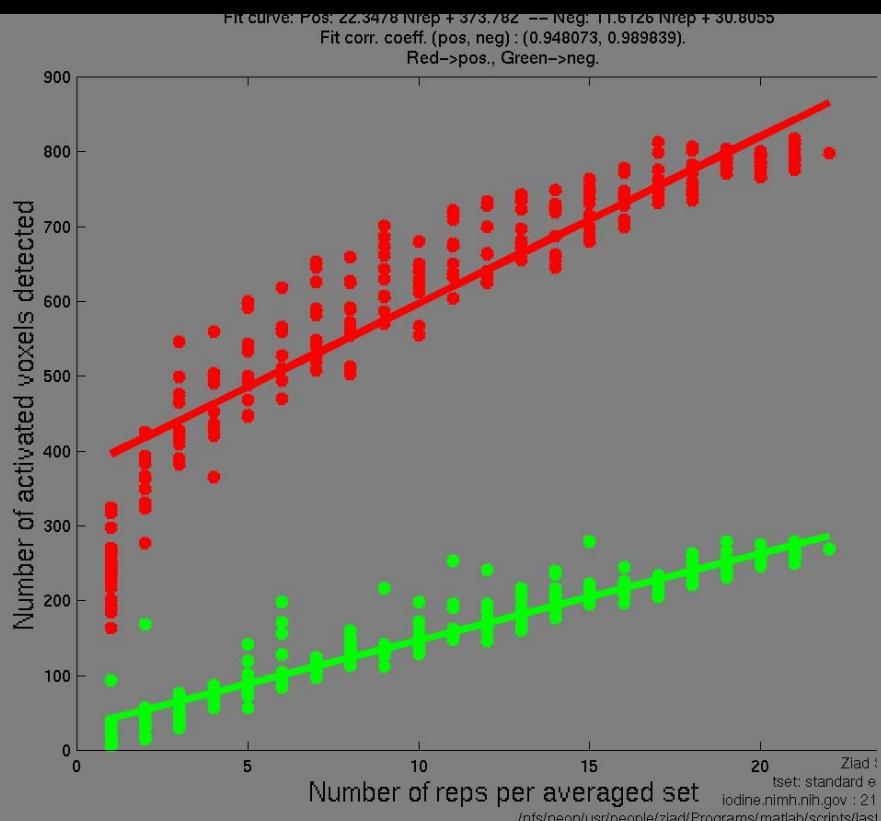
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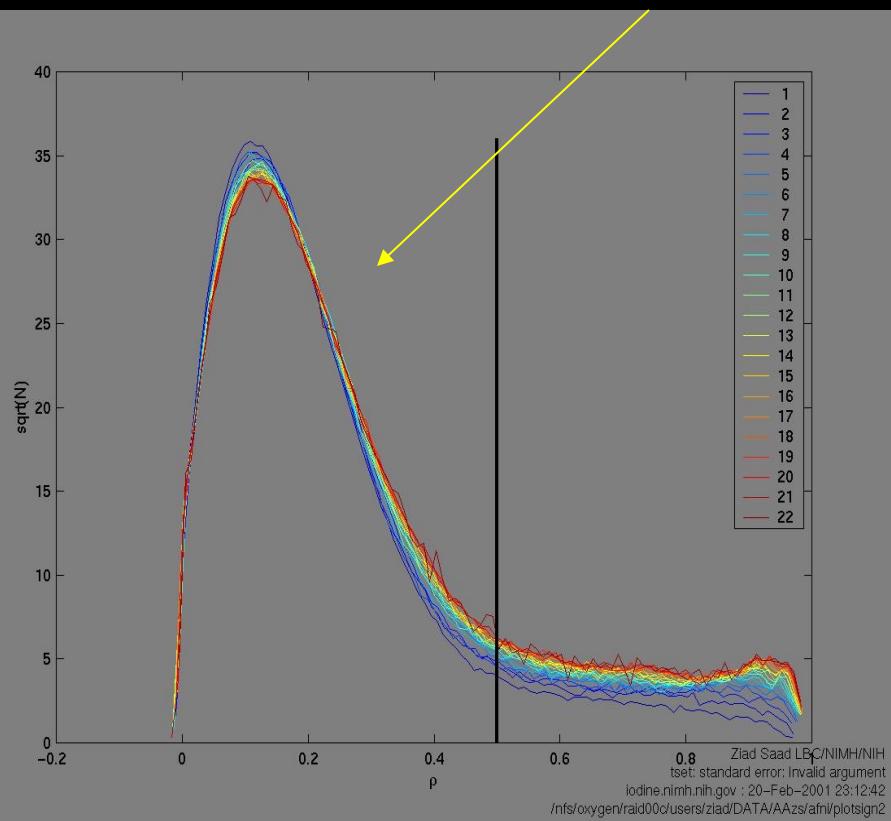
Phantom data

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Continuously Growing Activation Area



CC Histogram Inflection Point

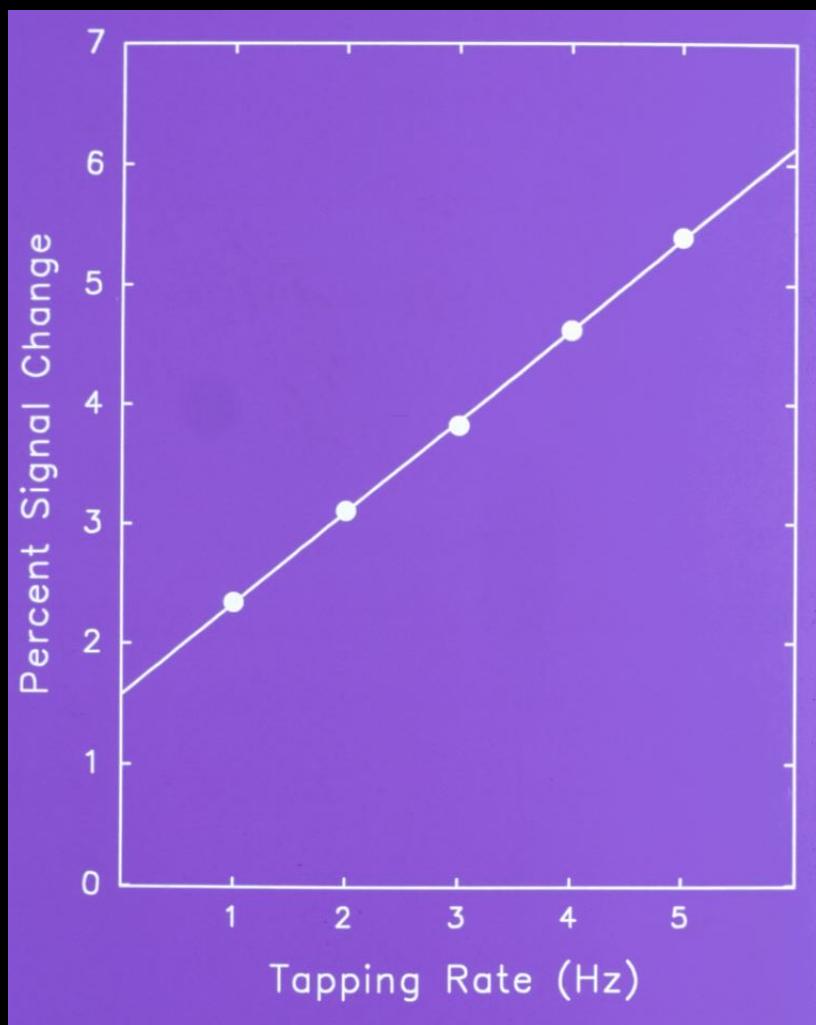


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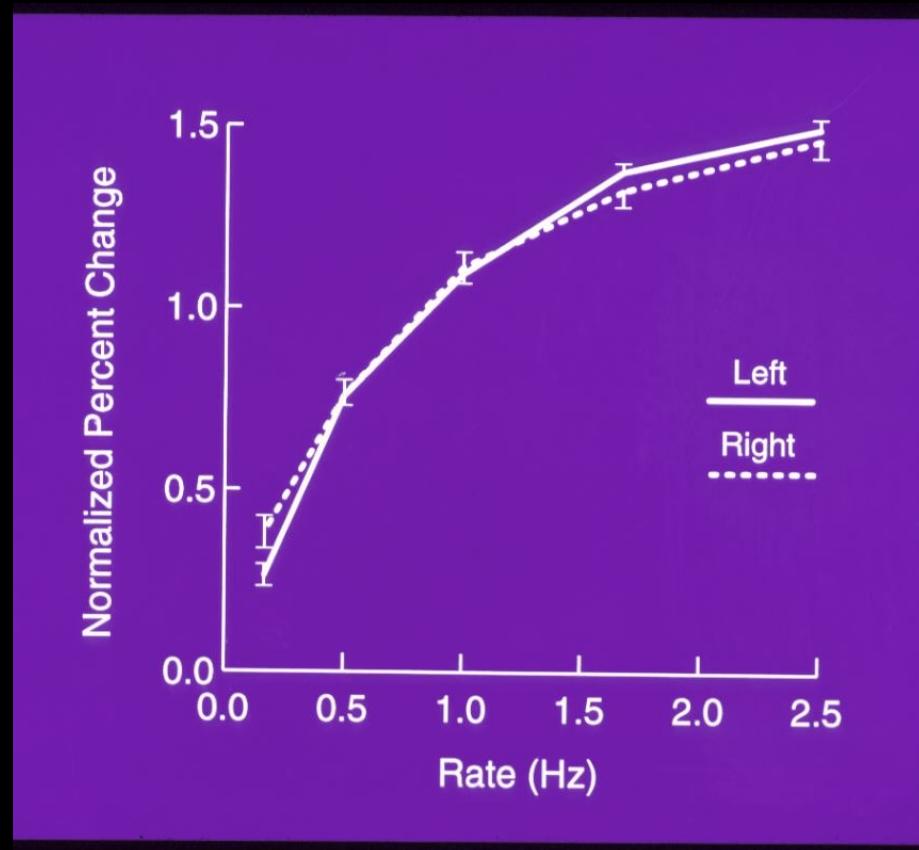
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Motor Cortex

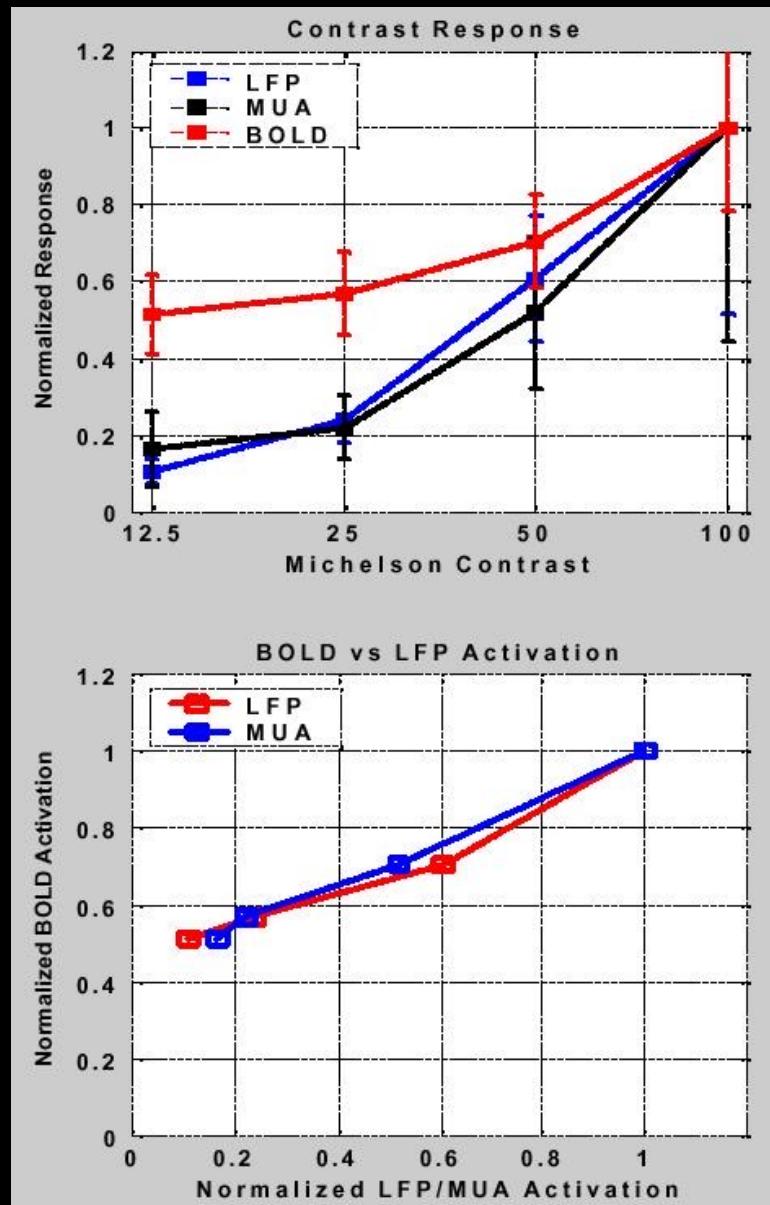


Auditory Cortex



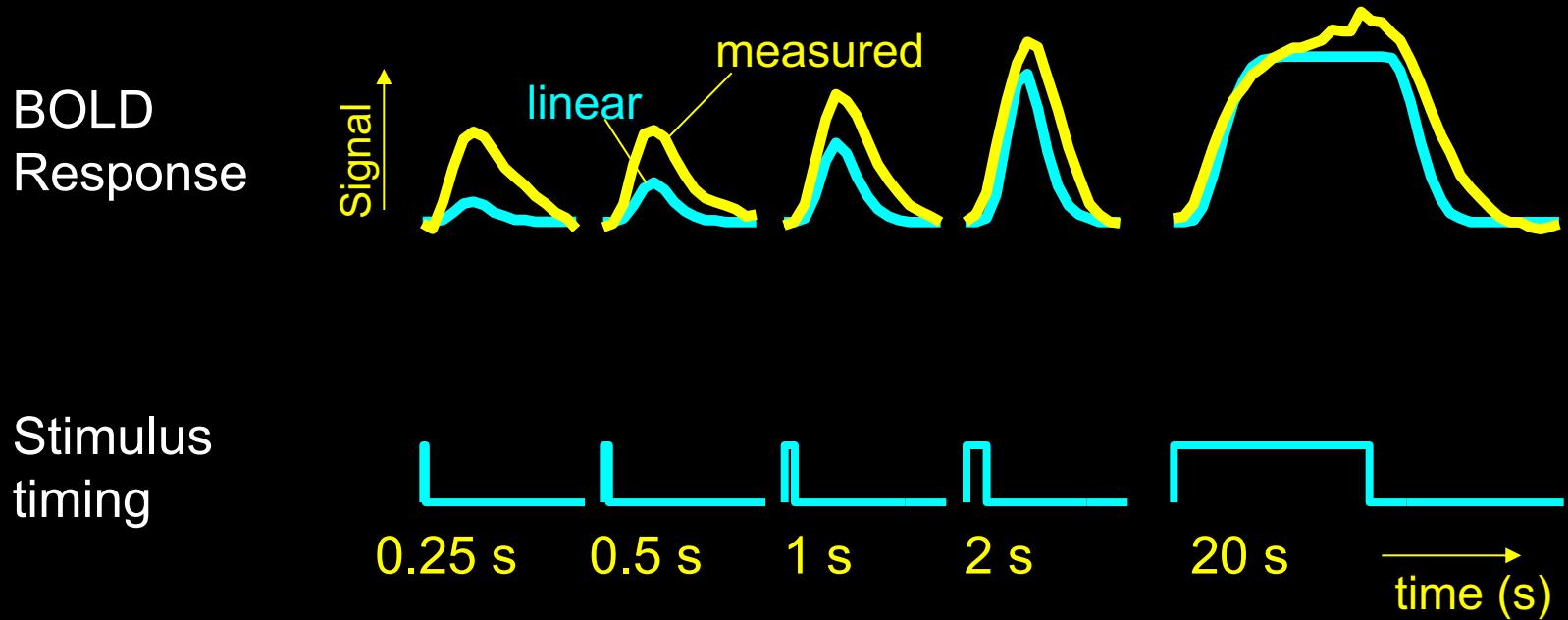
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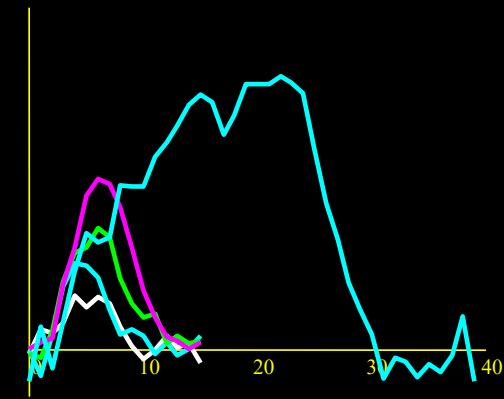
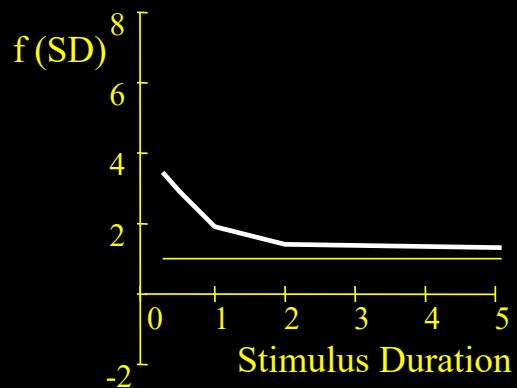
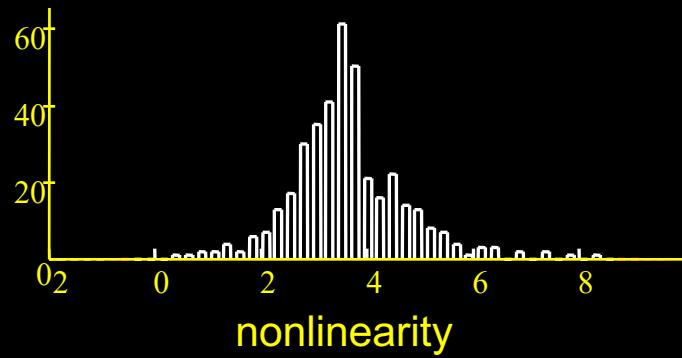
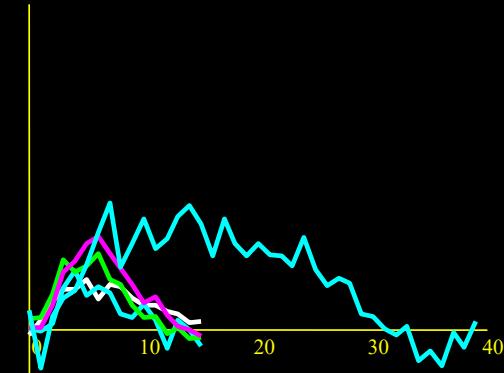
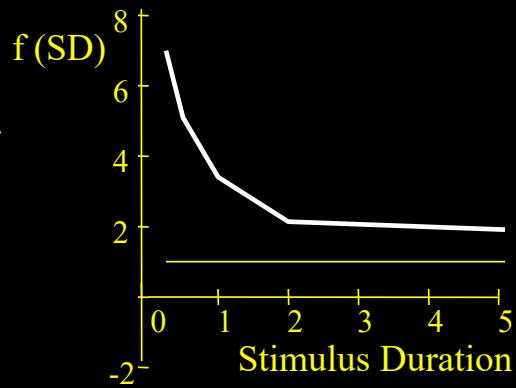
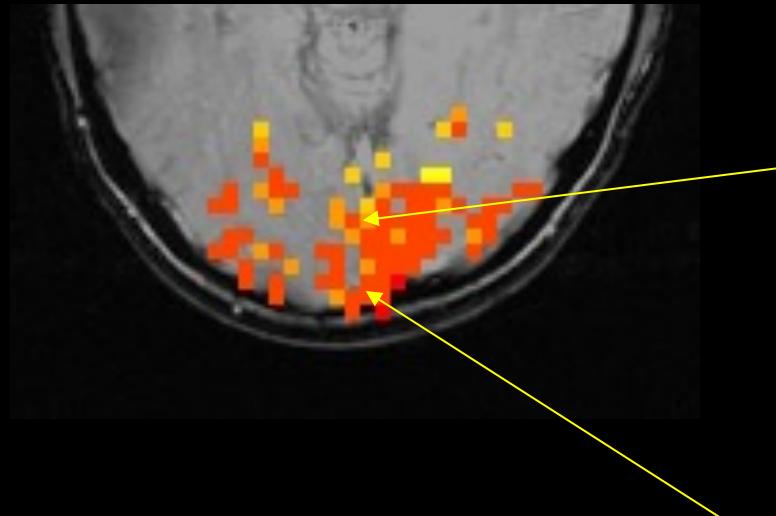
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Different stimulus “ON” periods



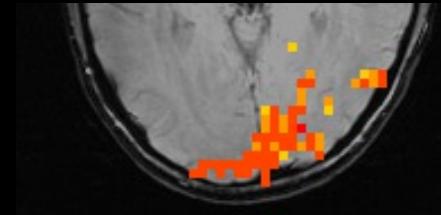
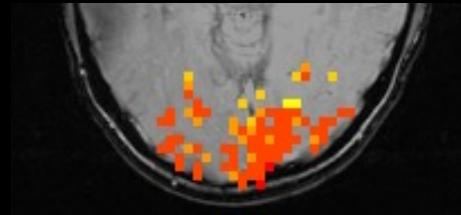
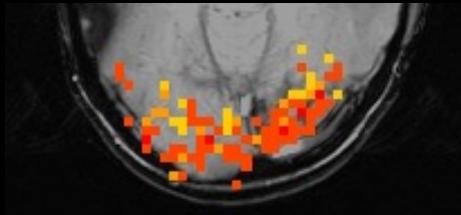
Brief stimuli produce larger responses than expected

Results – visual task

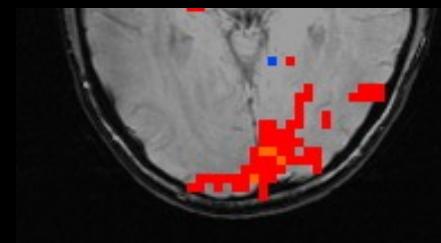
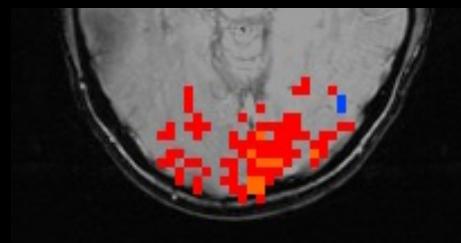
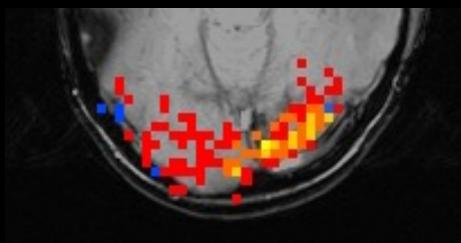


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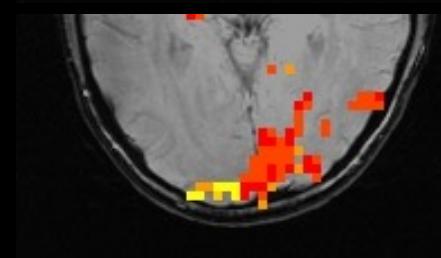
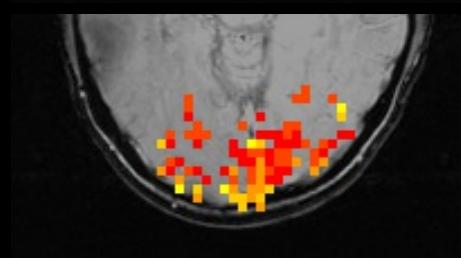
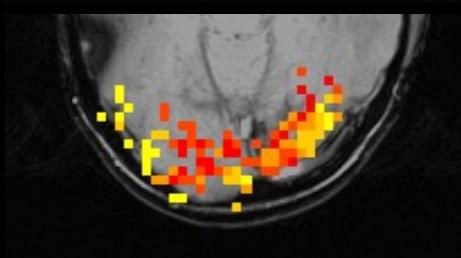
Nonlinearity



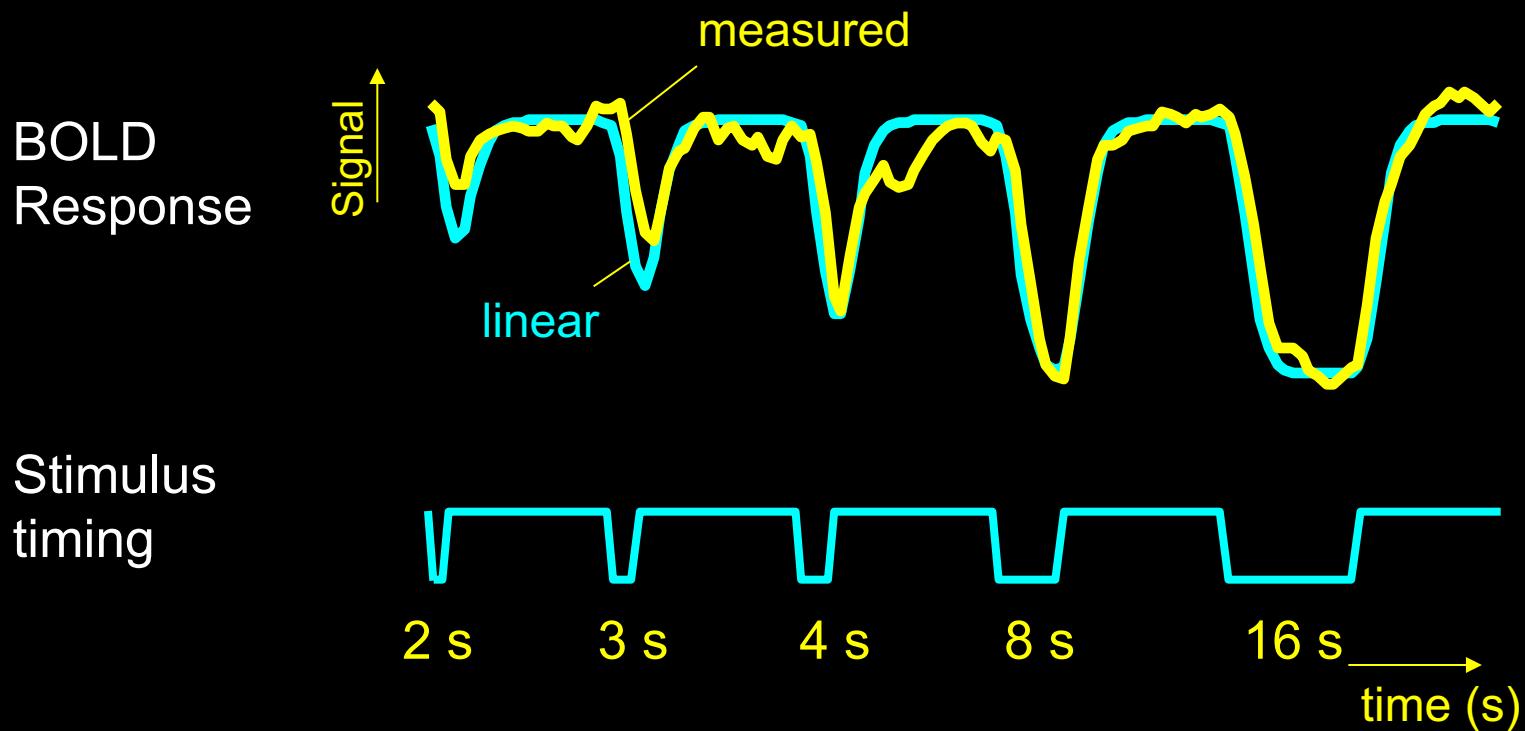
Magnitude



Latency



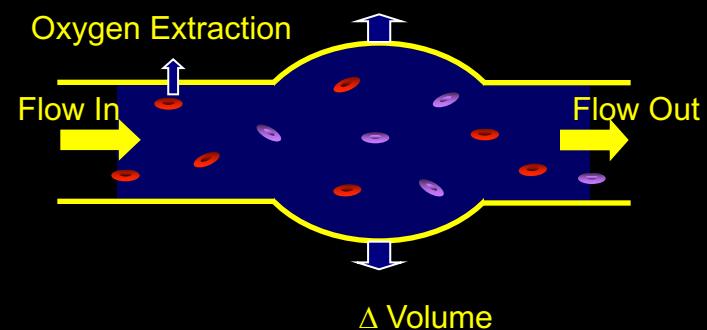
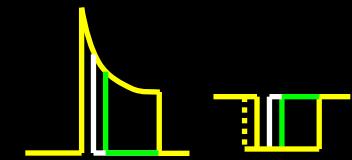
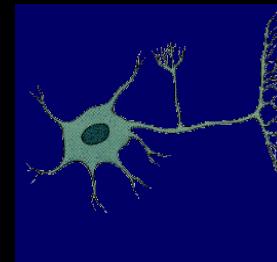
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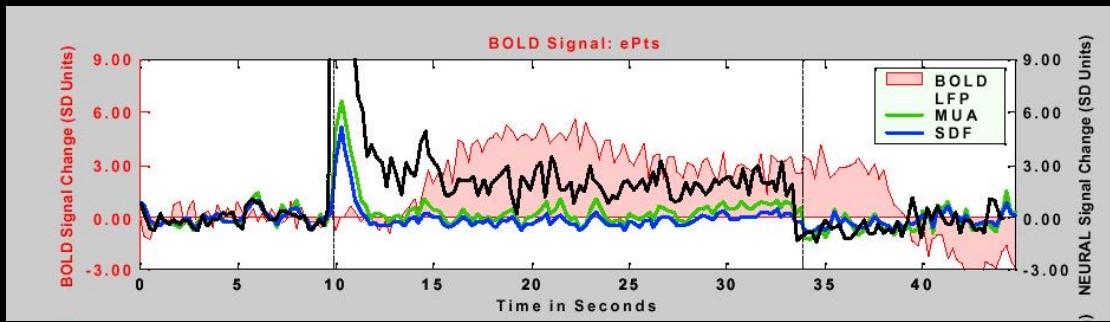
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Sources of this Nonlinearity

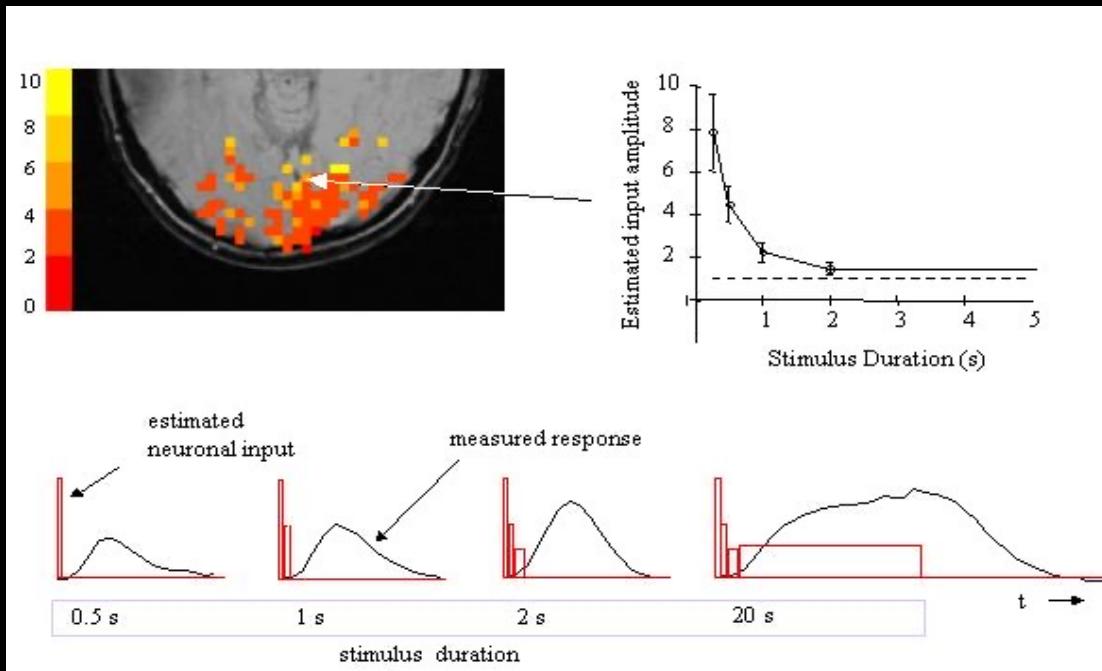
- Neuronal
- Hemodynamic
 - Oxygen extraction
 - Blood volume dynamics



BOLD Correlation with Neuronal Activity



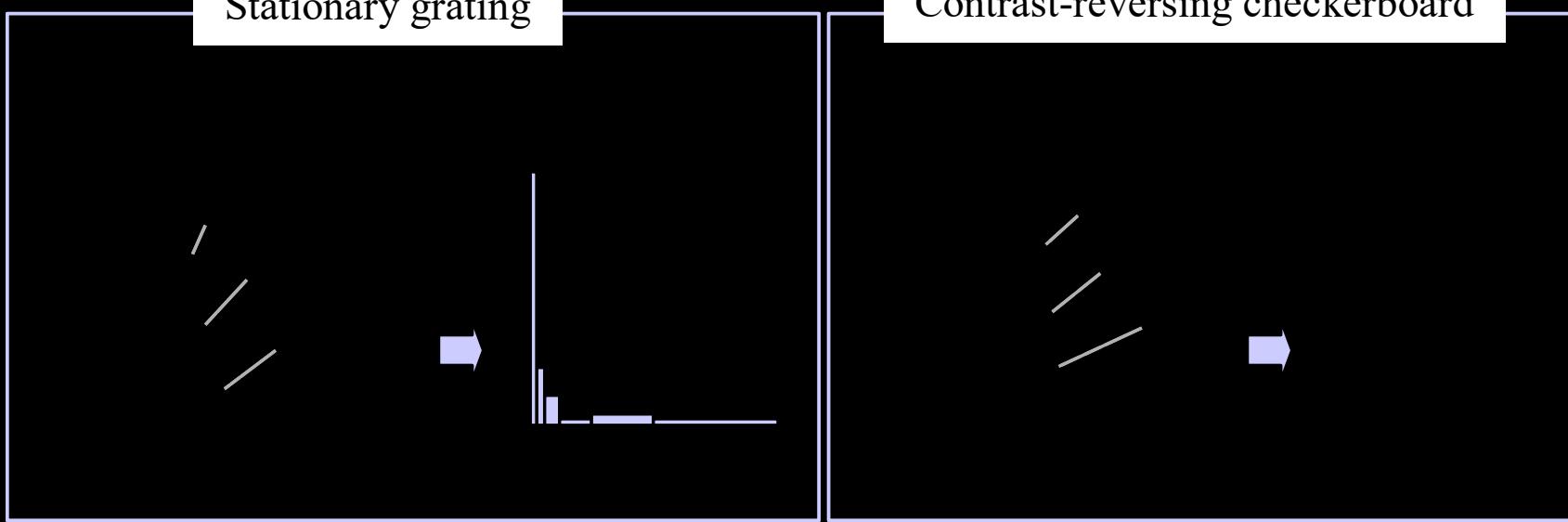
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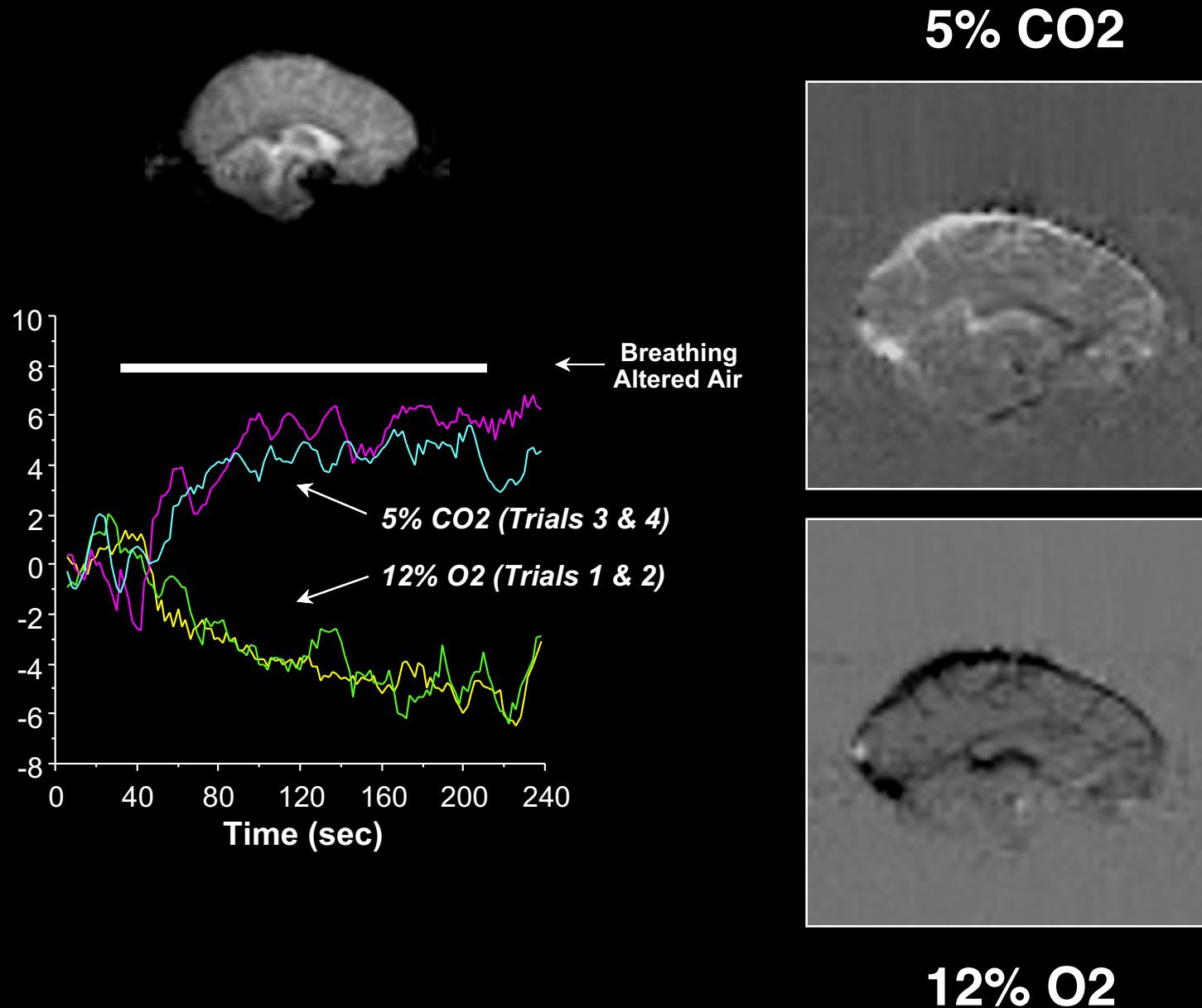
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Stationary grating

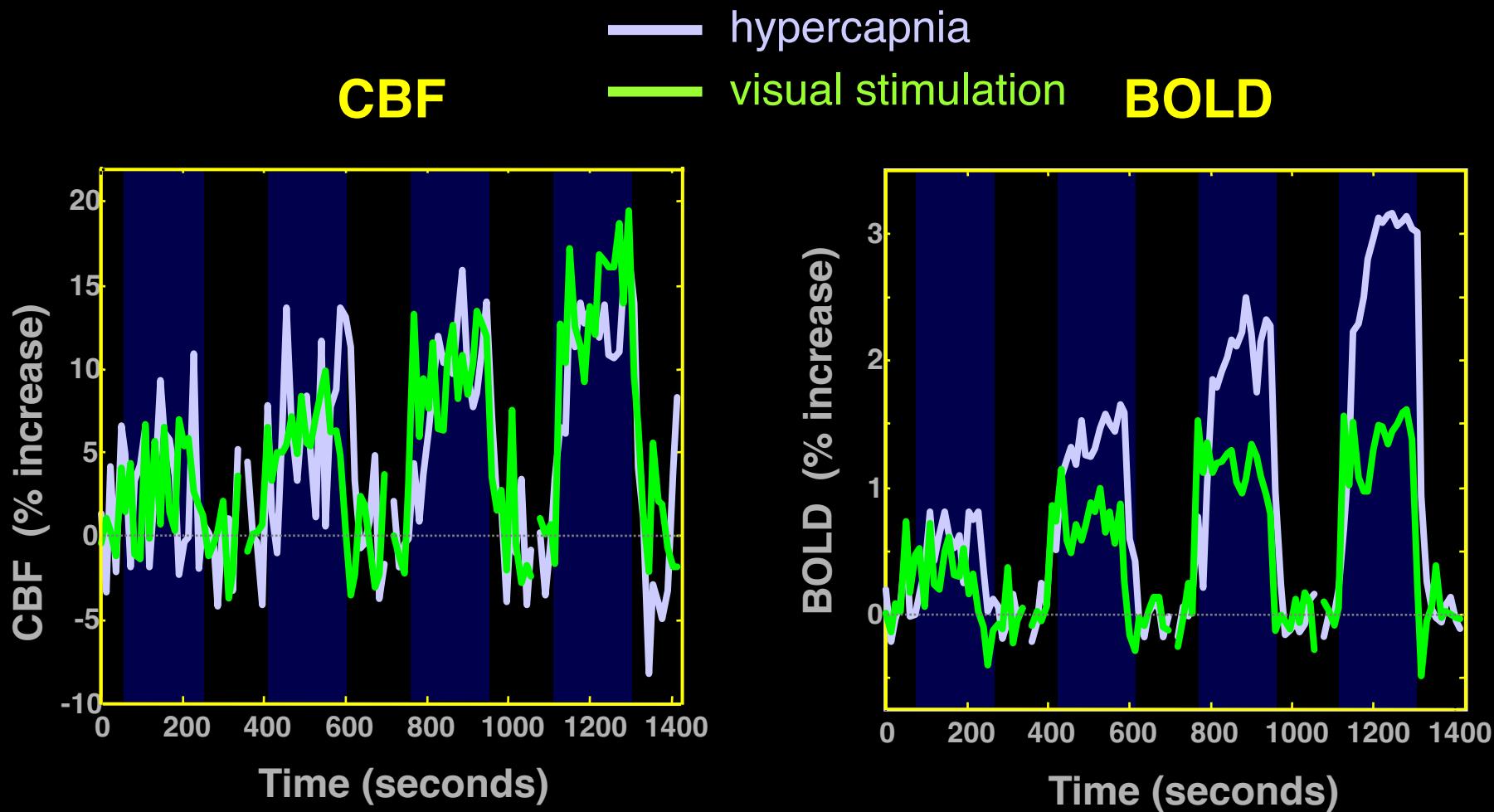
Contrast-reversing checkerboard



Hemodynamic Stress Calibration



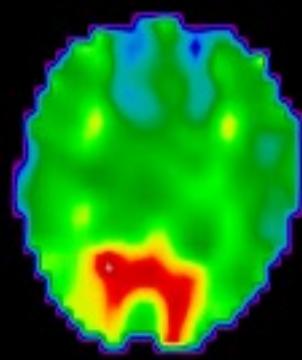
CMRO₂-related BOLD signal deficit:



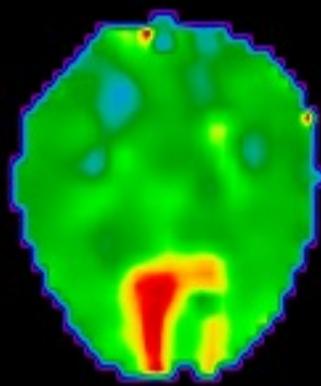
Simultaneous Perfusion and BOLD imaging
during graded visual activation and hypercapnia

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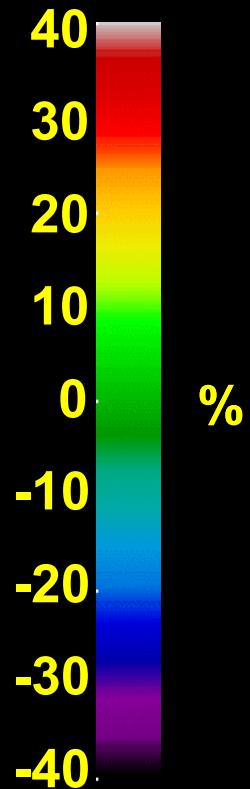
Computed CMRO₂ changes



Subject 1



Subject 2



Neuronal Activation Input Strategies

1. Block Design

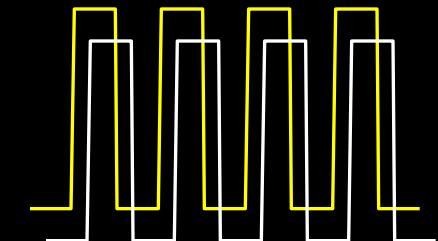
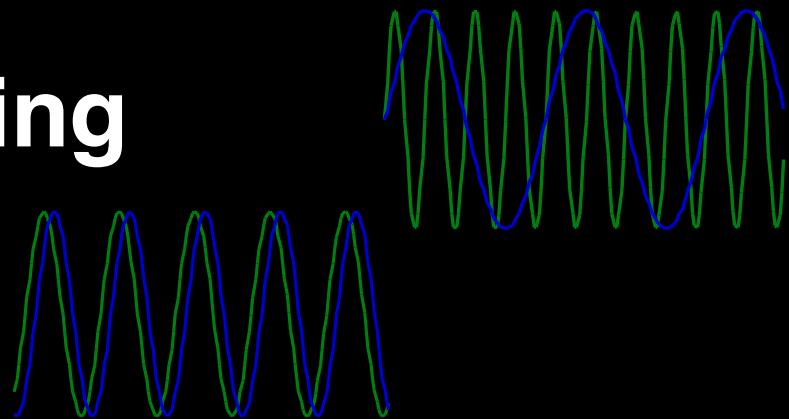
2. Frequency Encoding

3. Phase Encoding

4. Single Event

5. Orthogonal Block Design

6. Free Behavior Design.

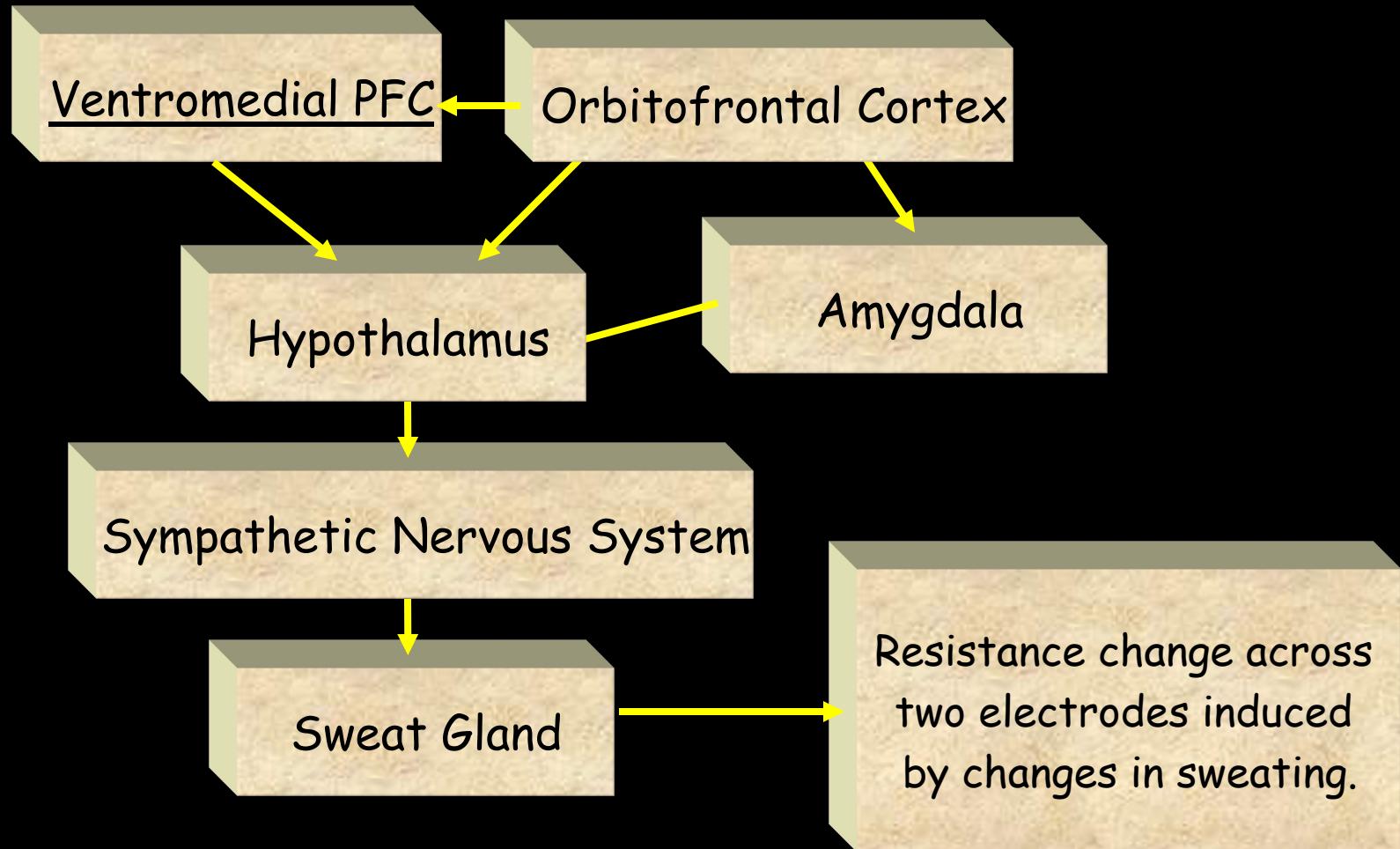


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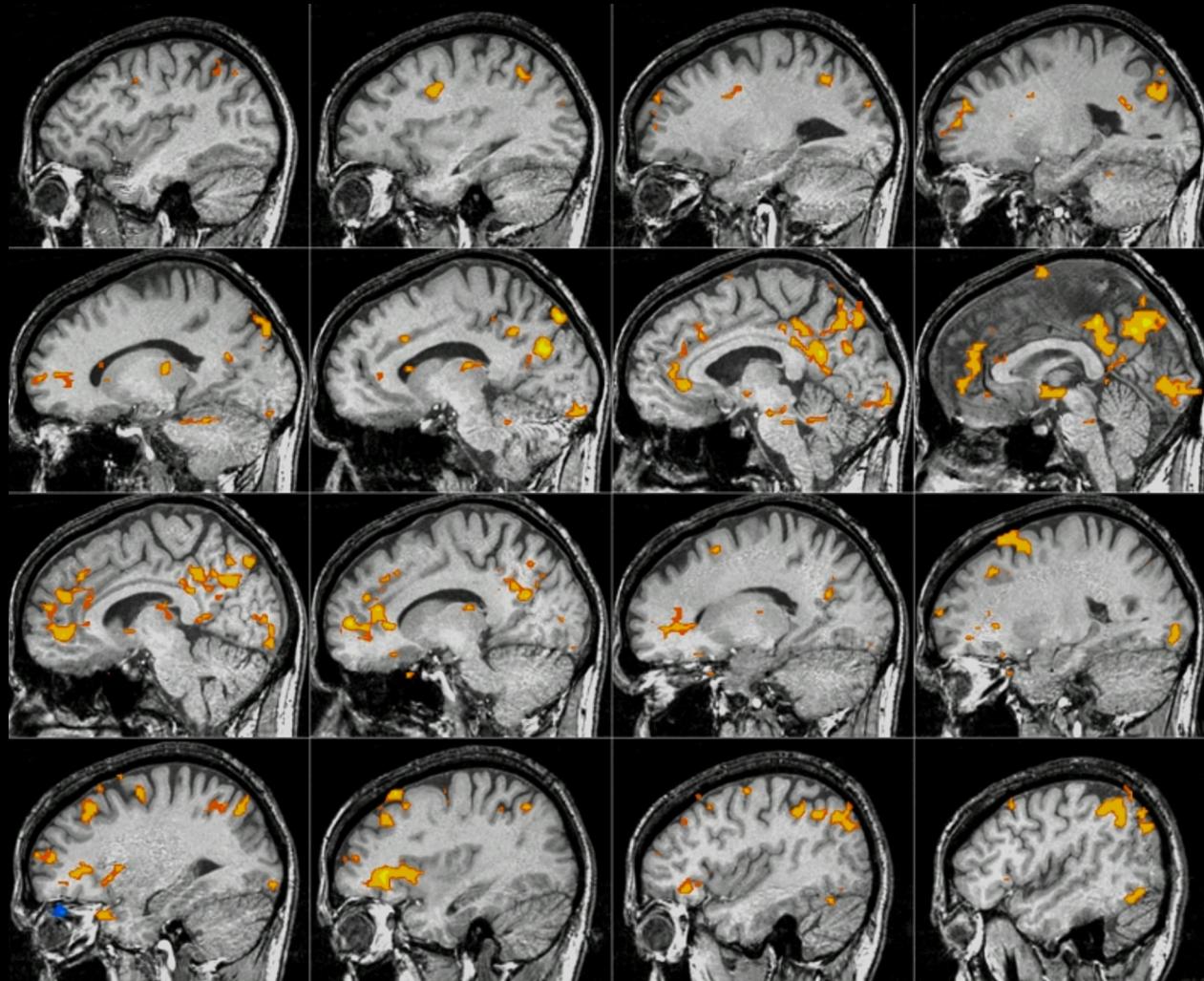
Use a continuous measure as a reference function:

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

The Skin Conductance Response (SCR)

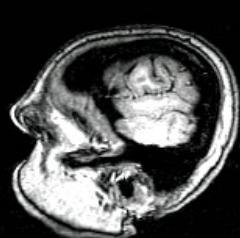
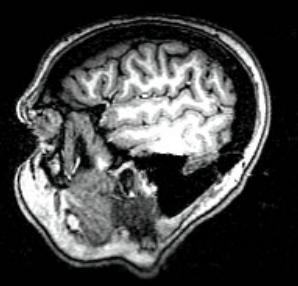
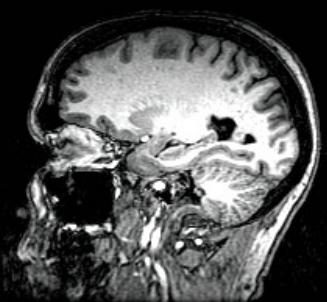
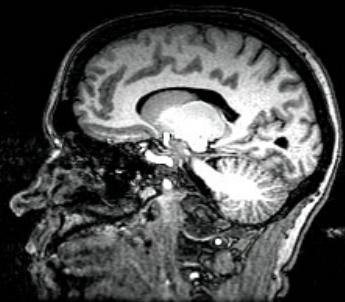
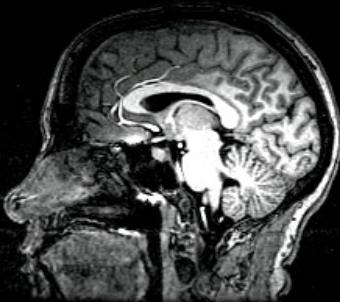
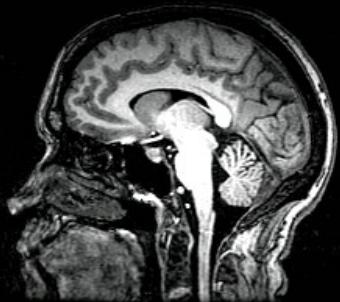
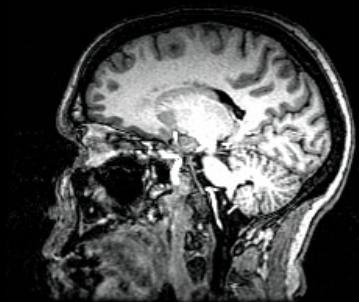


Brain activity correlated with SCR during “Rest”

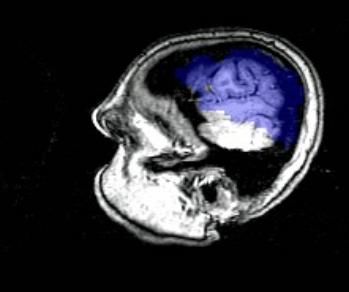
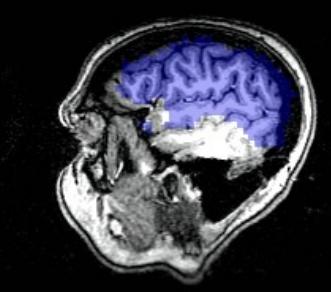
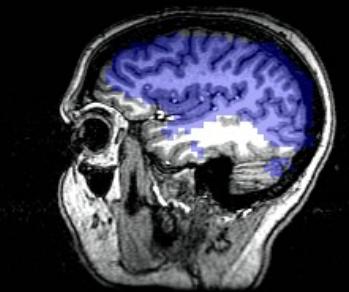
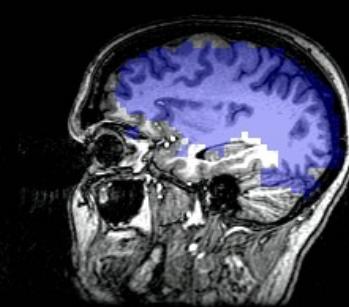
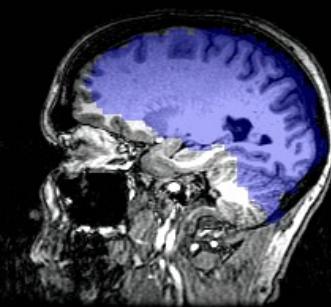
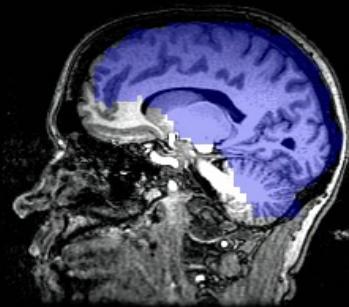
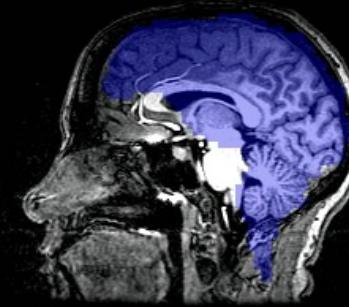
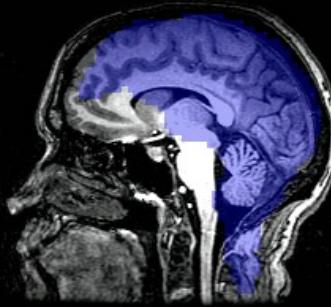
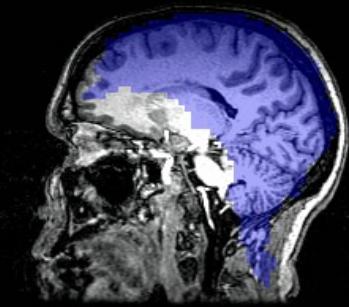


Latest Developments...

1. Temporal Resolution
2. Spatial Resolution
3. Sensitivity and Noise
4. Information Content
5. Implementation

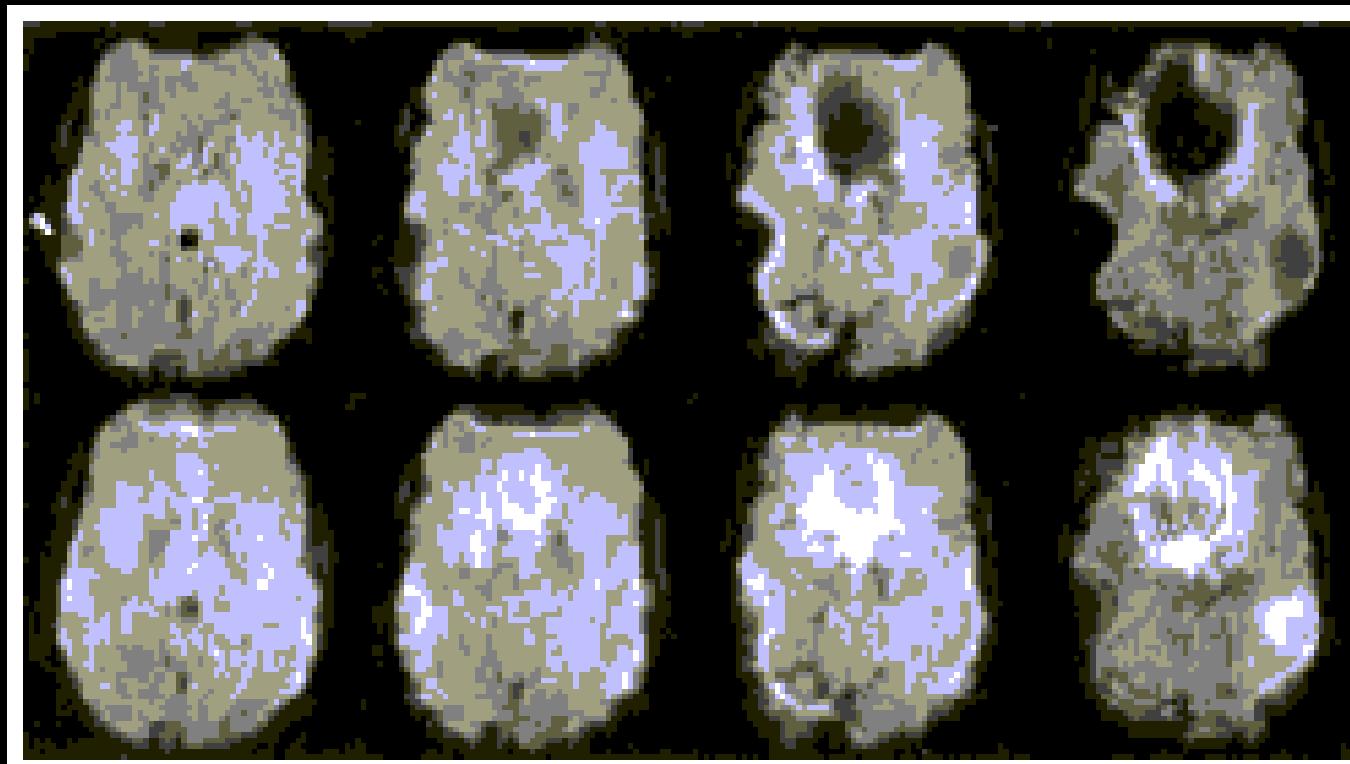






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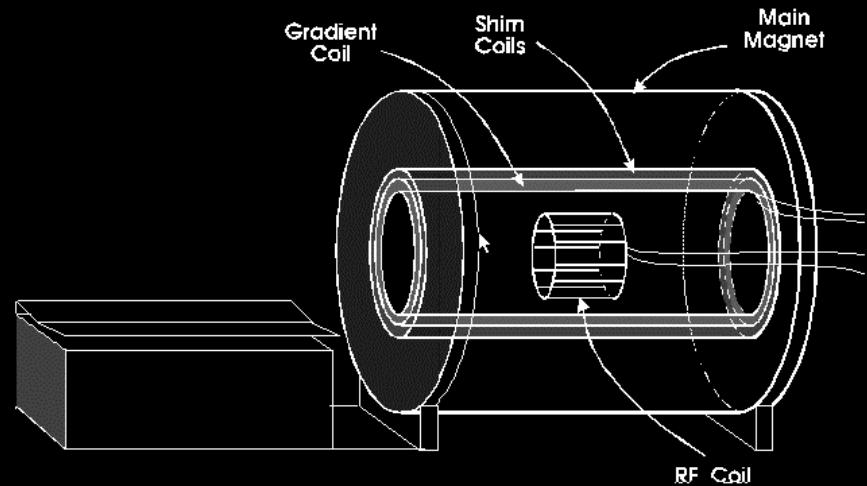
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4 G/cm, 150 T/m/s



10 G/cm, 1000 T/m/s



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