

**Tradeoffs and Limits in:  
Spatial Resolution, Temporal Resolution,  
Sensitivity, and Interpretability**

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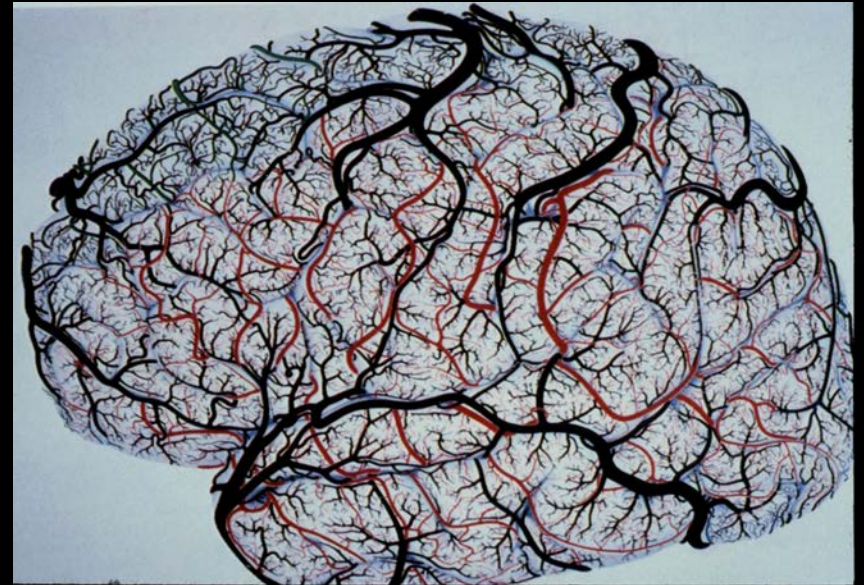
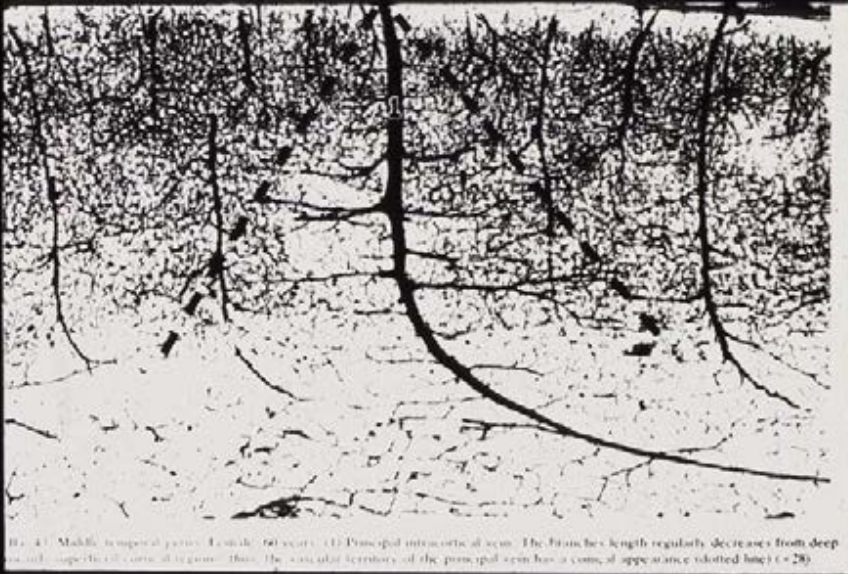
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- Sensitivity
- Speed
- Resolution
- Image quality

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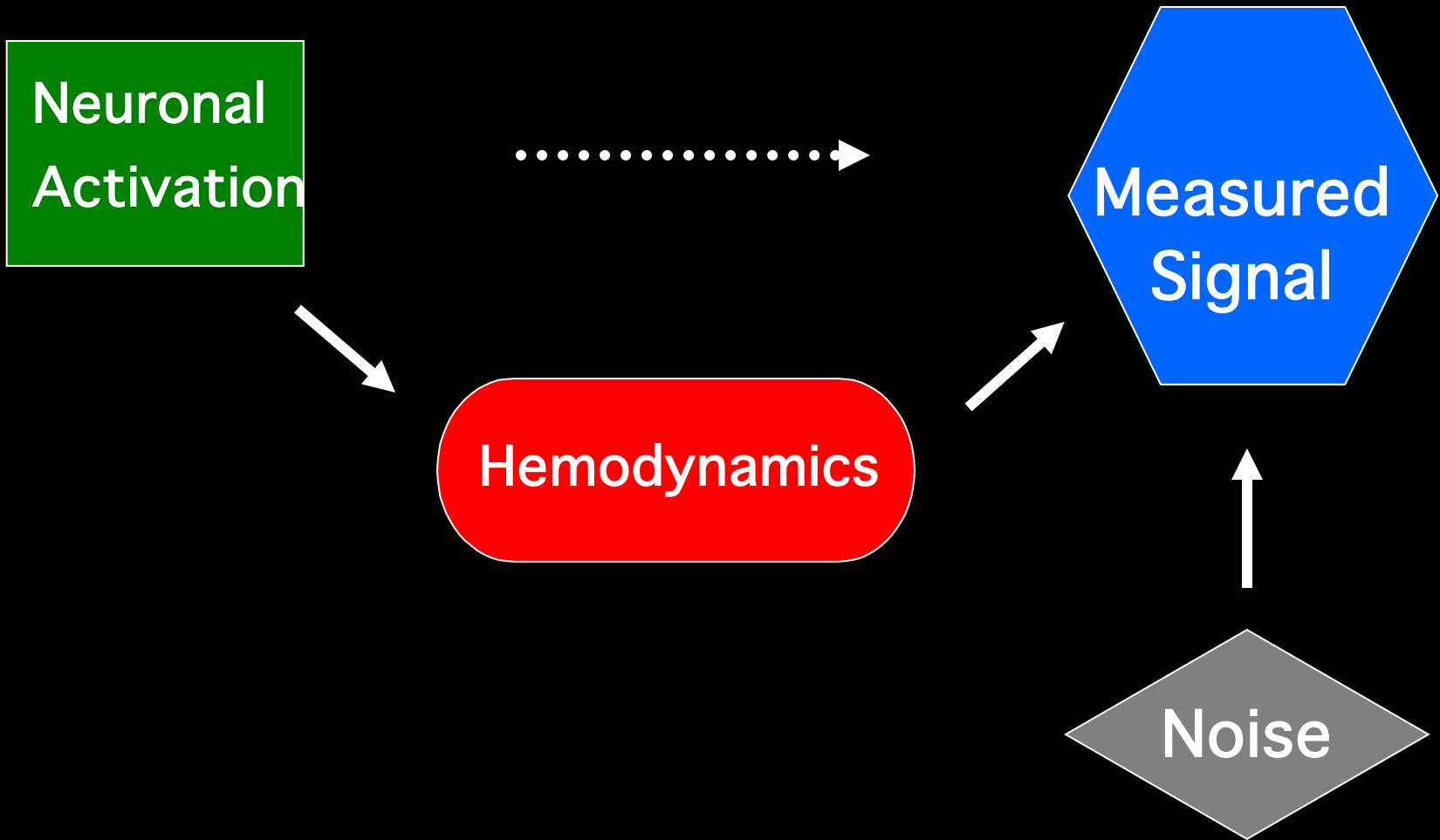
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# A Primary Challenge:

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







# Contrast in Functional MRI

- **Blood Volume**

- Contrast agent injection and time series collection of T2\* or T2 - weighted images

- **BOLD**

- Time series collection of T2\* or T2 - weighted images

- **Perfusion**

- T1 weighting
- Arterial spin labeling

- **CMRO<sub>2</sub>**

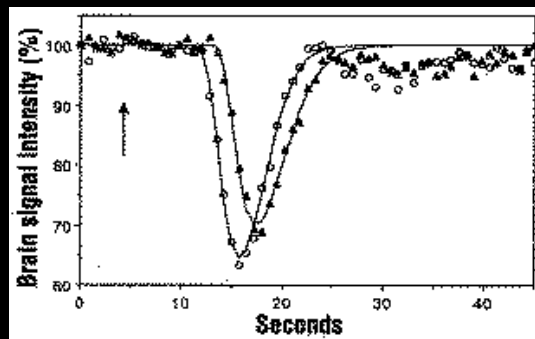
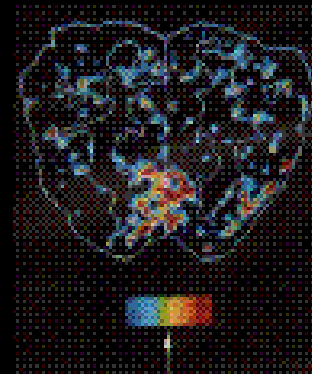
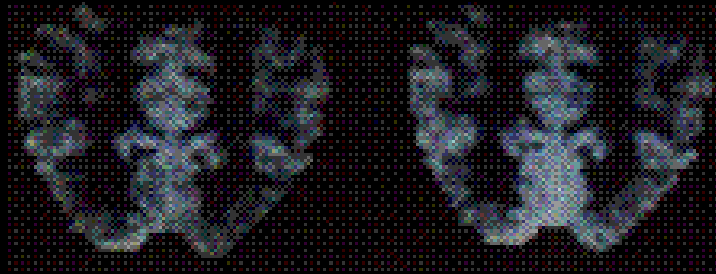
- BOLD and Perfusion w/  
Normalization to Global Perfusion Change

# Blood Volume

Contrast agent injection and time series collection of T2\* or T2 - weighted images

Resting

Active

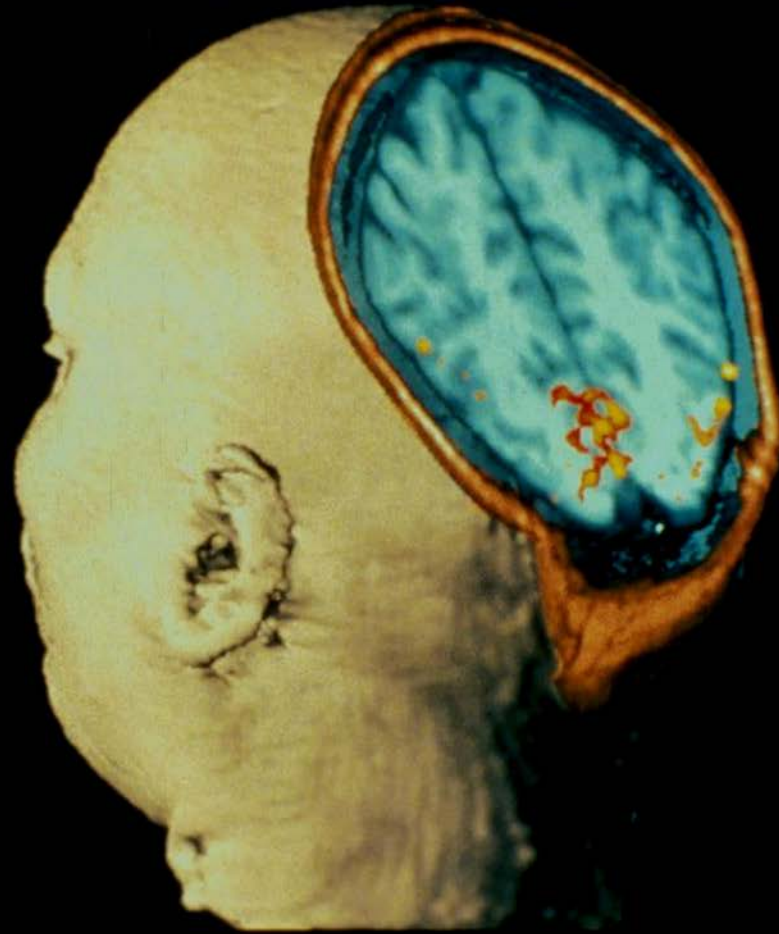


# Blood Volume

**Photic  
Stimulation**

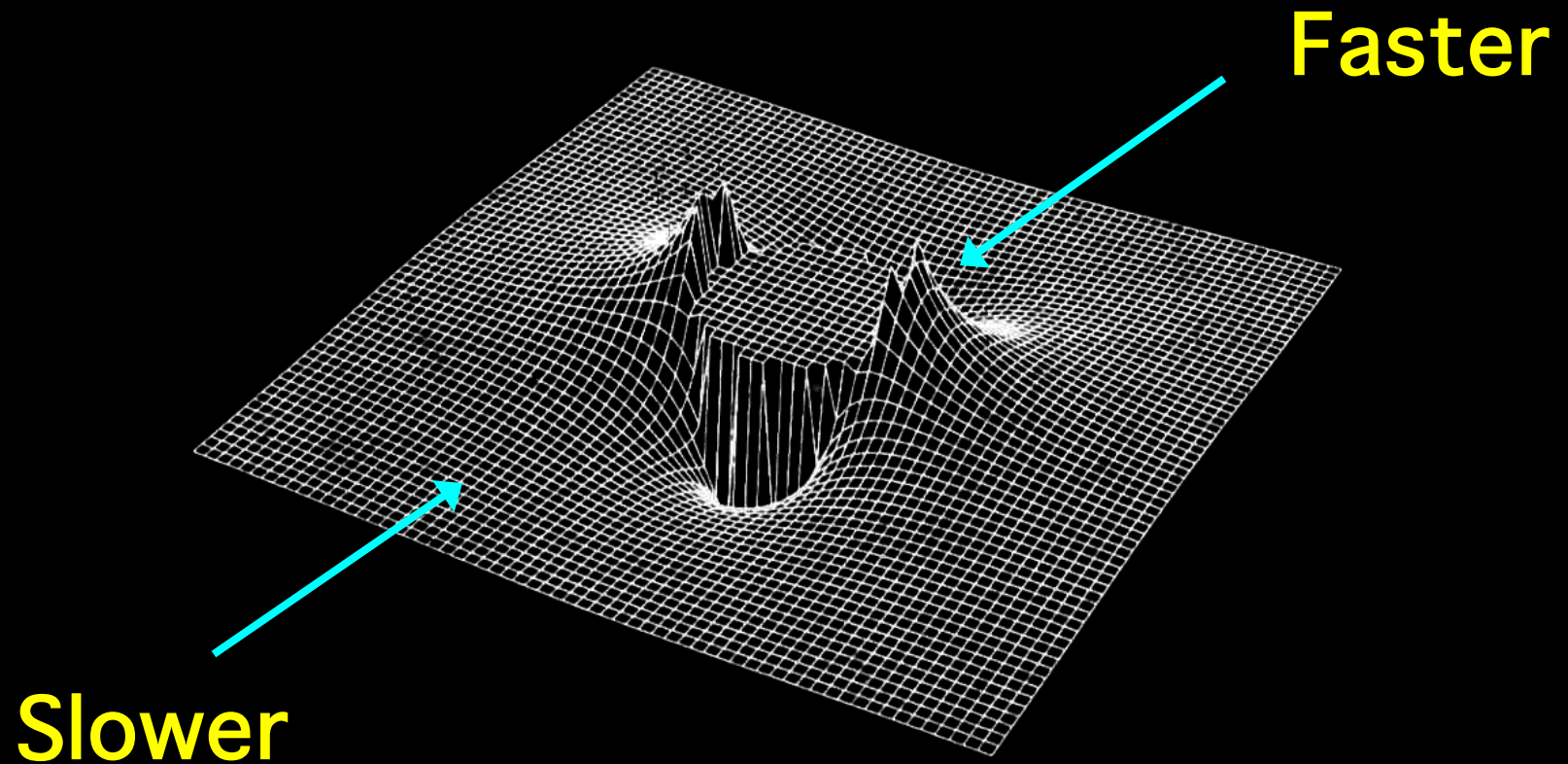
**MRI Image showing  
activation of the  
Visual Cortex**

**From Belliveau, et al.  
Science Nov 1991**



# Susceptibility Contrast

Susceptibility-Induced Field Distortion in the Vicinity of a Microvessel  $\perp$  to  $B_0$ .

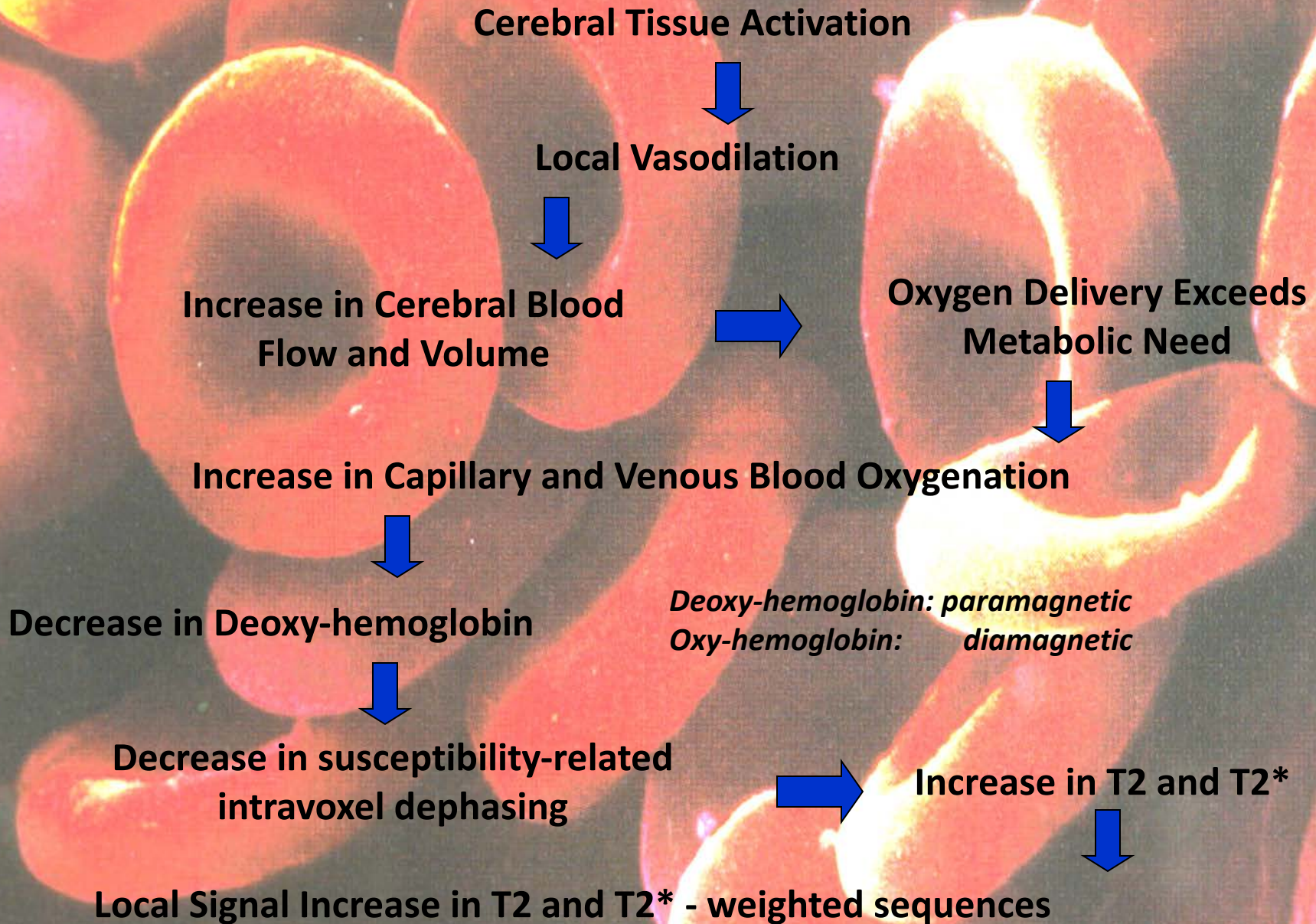


# Blood Oxygenation





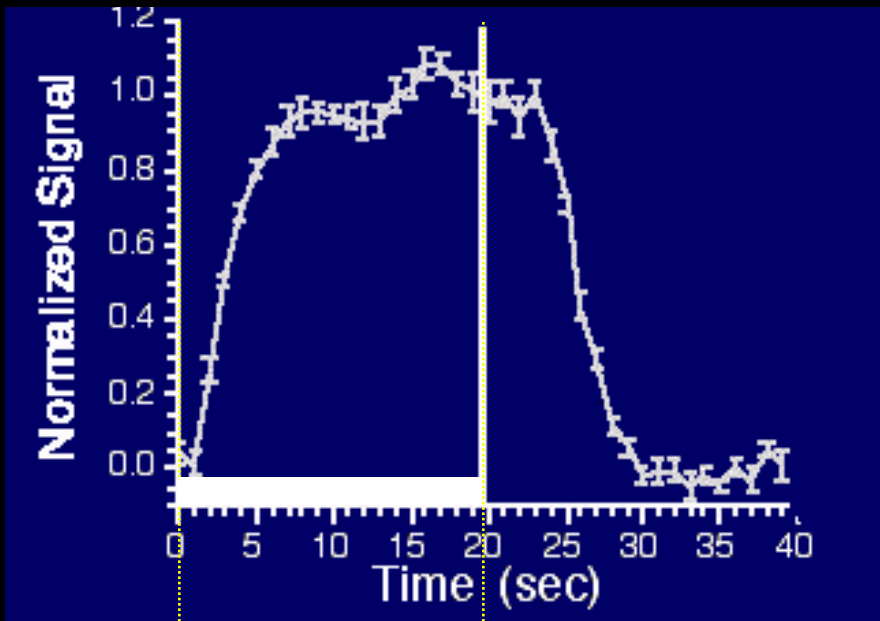
# BOLD Contrast in the Detection of Neuronal Activity



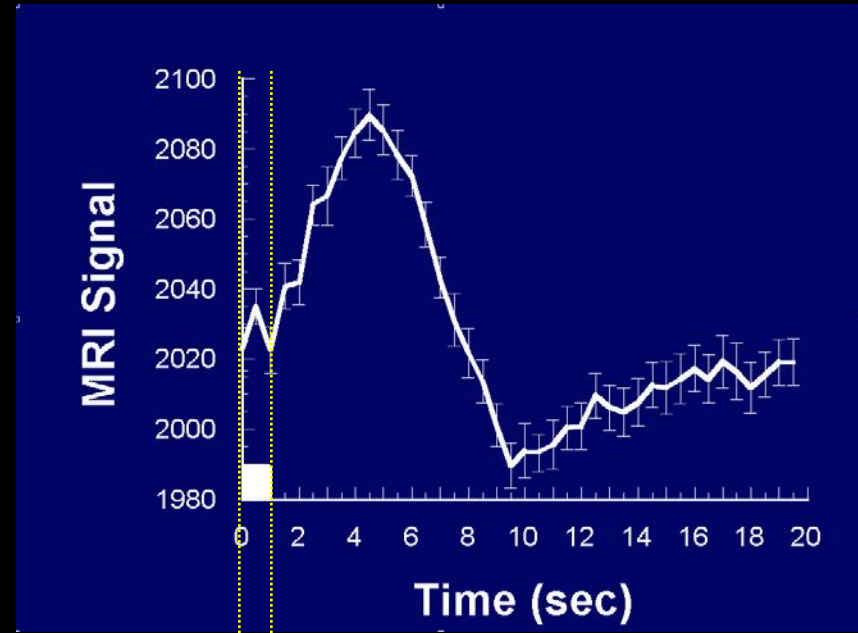


# The BOLD Signal

Blood Oxygenation Level Dependent (BOLD) signal changes



task



task

# Alternating Left and Right Finger Tapping

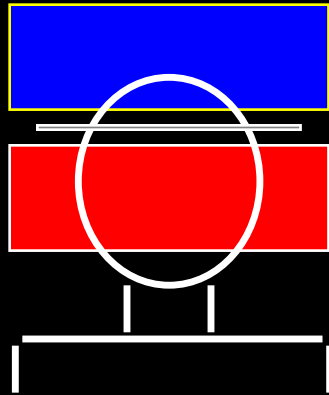


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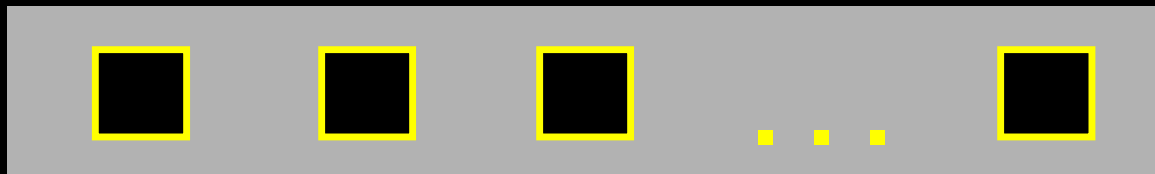
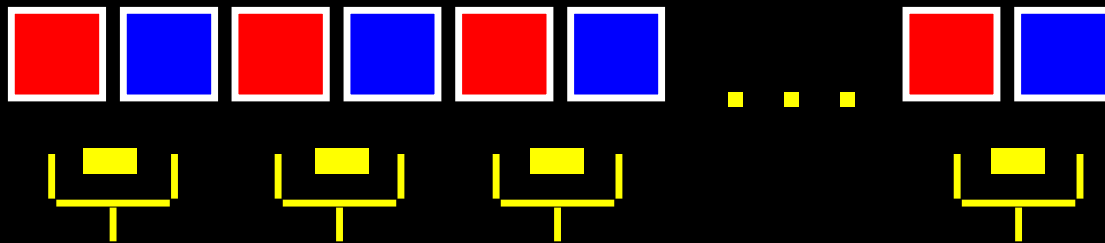
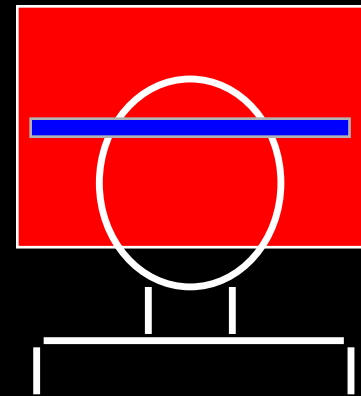


# Blood Perfusion

**EPISTAR**



**FAIR**



**Perfusion  
Time Series**

TI (ms)

**FAIR**

**EPISTAR**

200

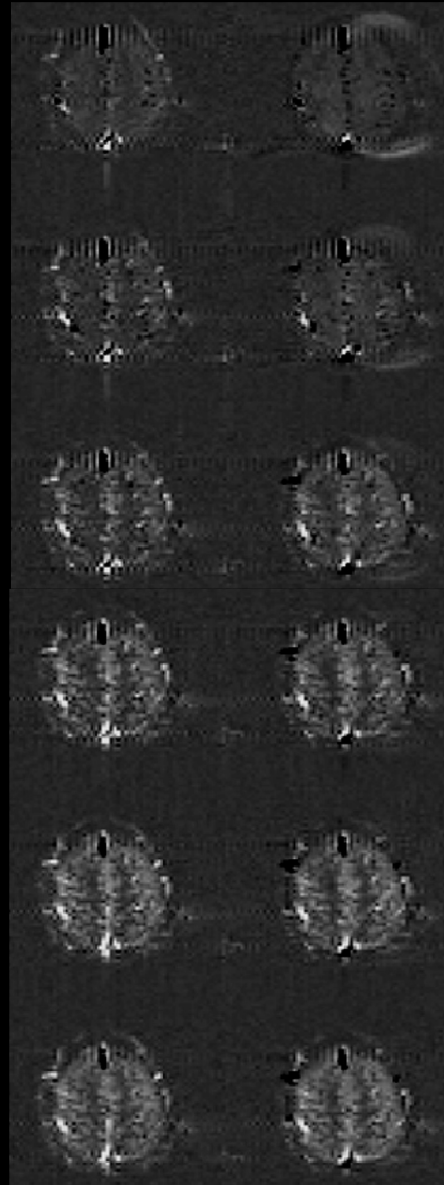
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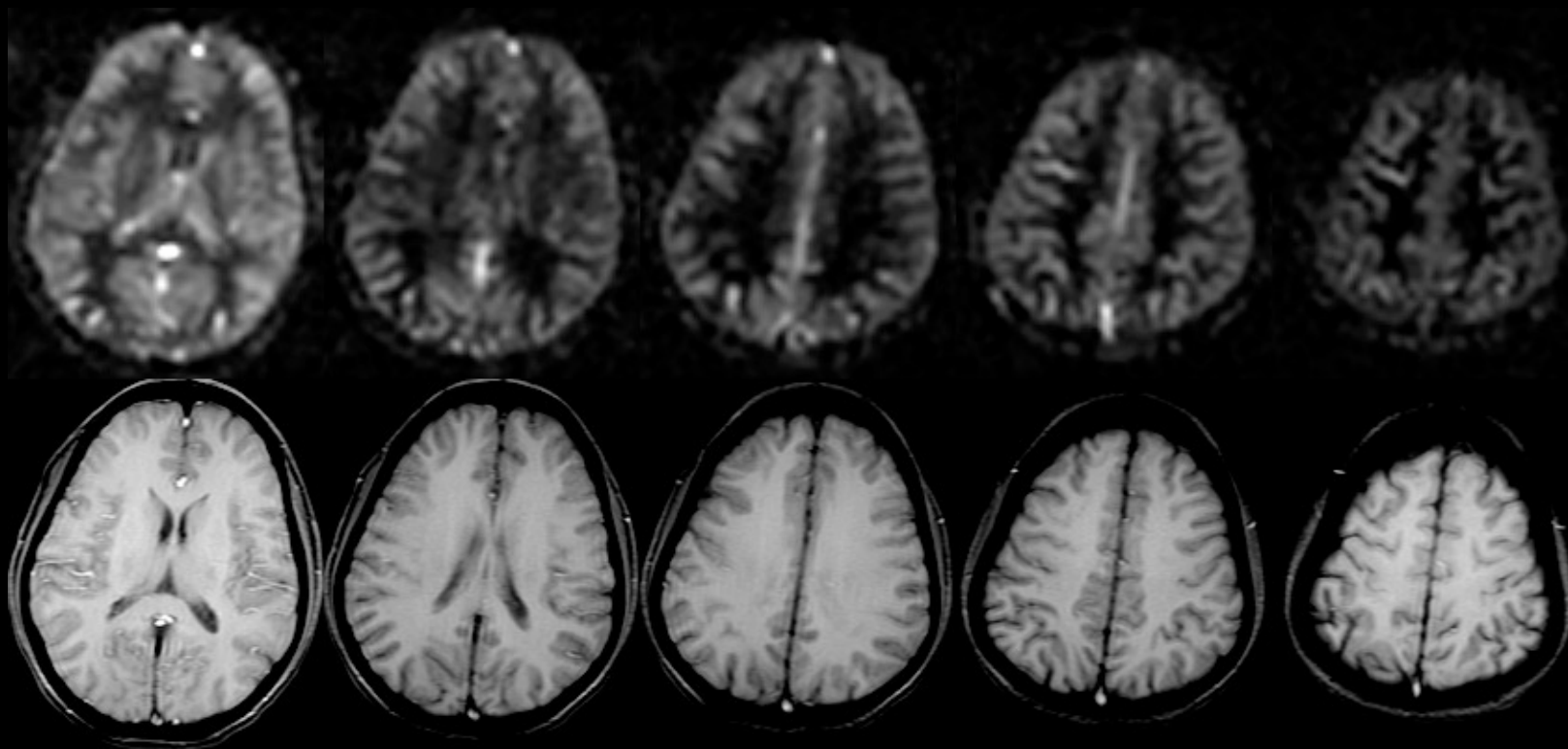
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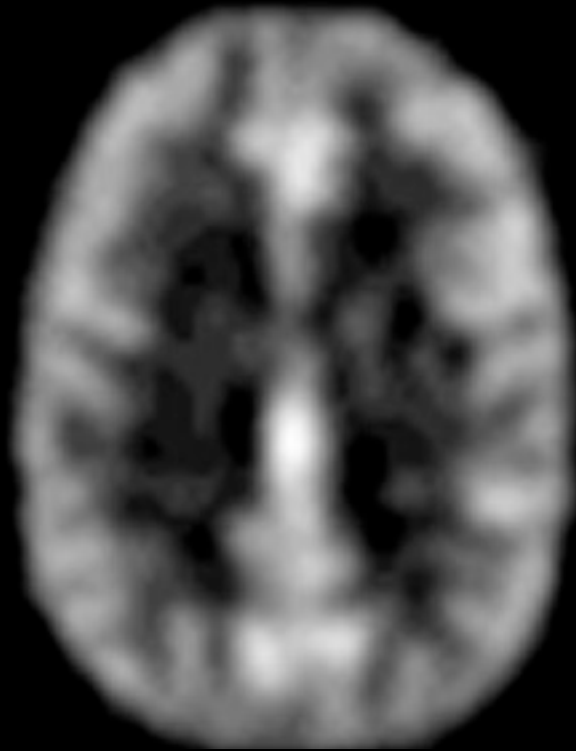


# Resting ASL Signal

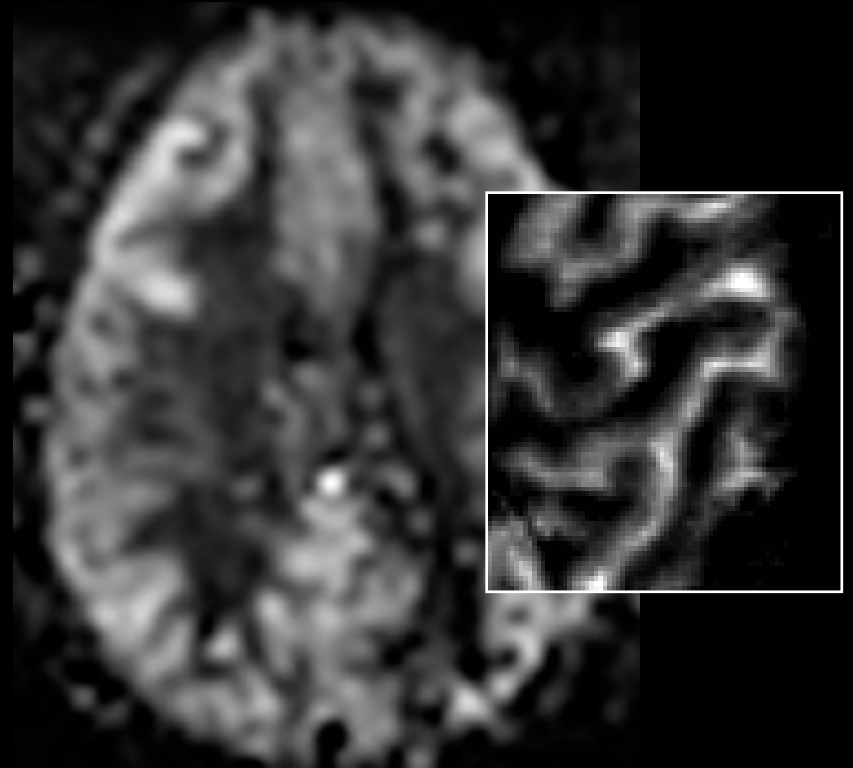
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# Comparison with Positron Emission Tomography



PET:  $\text{H}_2^{15}\text{O}$



MRI: ASL

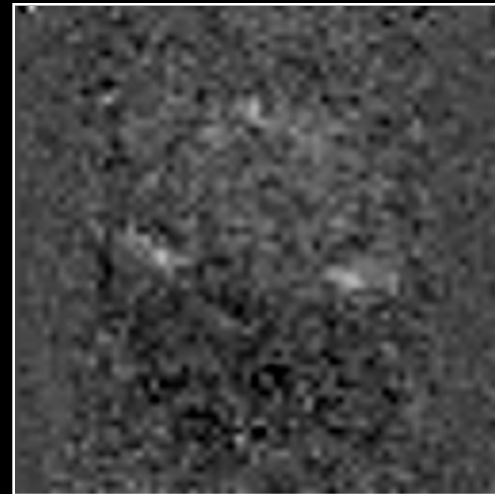
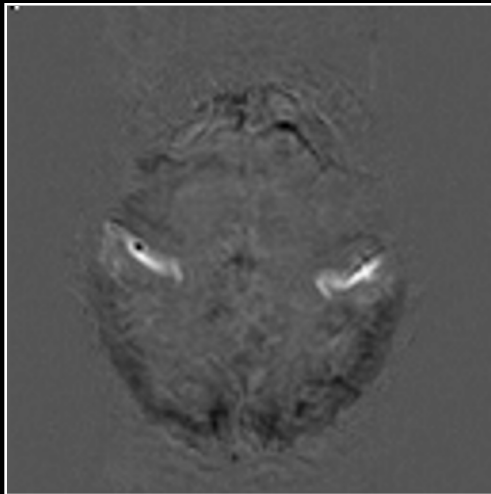
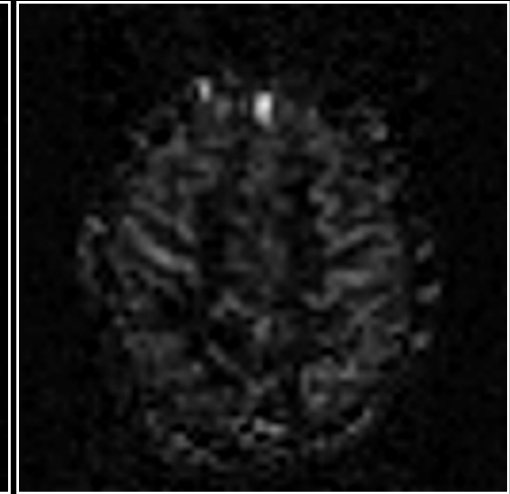
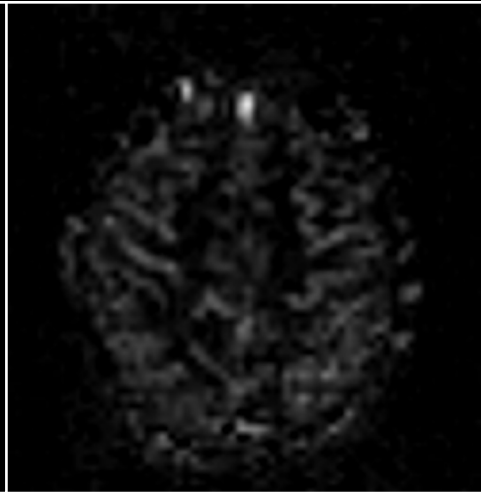
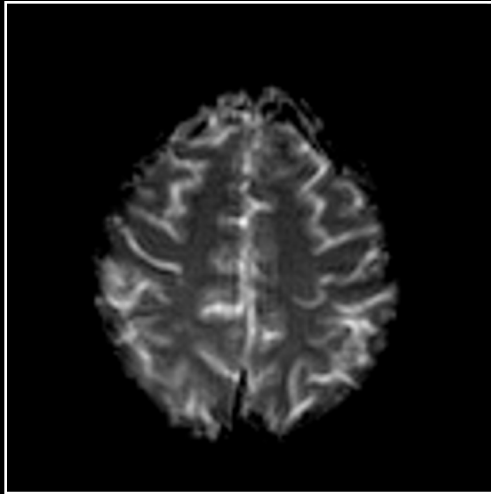


# Perfusion

**BOLD**

*Rest*

*Activation*



**Anatomy**



**BOLD**



**Perfusion**



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## Volume

- unique information
- baseline information
- multislice trivial

- invasive
- low C / N for func.

## BOLD

- highest C / N
- easy to implement
- multislice trivial
- non invasive
- highest temp. res.

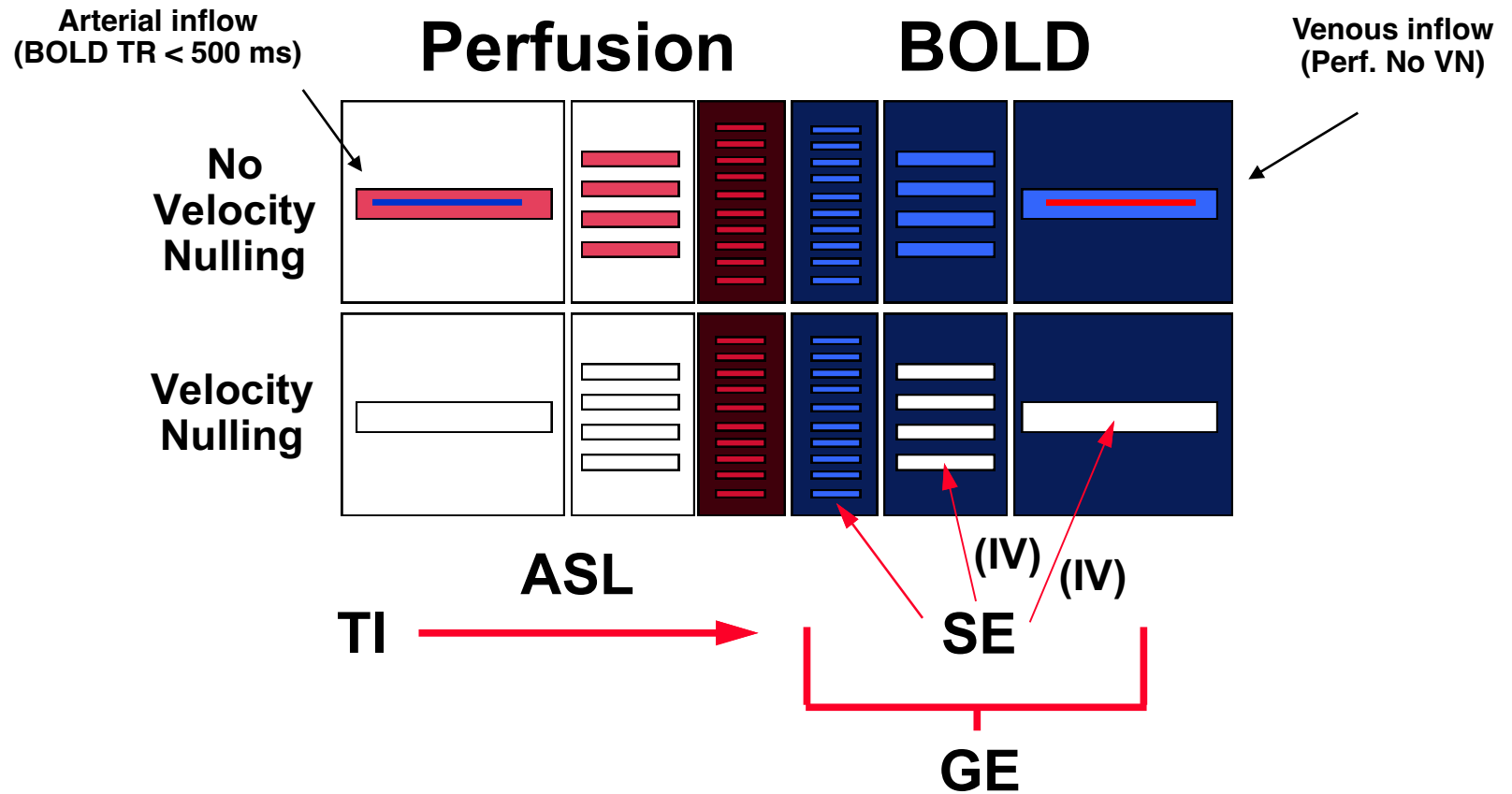
- complicated signal
- no baseline info.

## Perfusion

- unique information
- control over ves. size
- baseline information
- non invasive

- multislice non trivial
- lower temp. res.
- low C / N

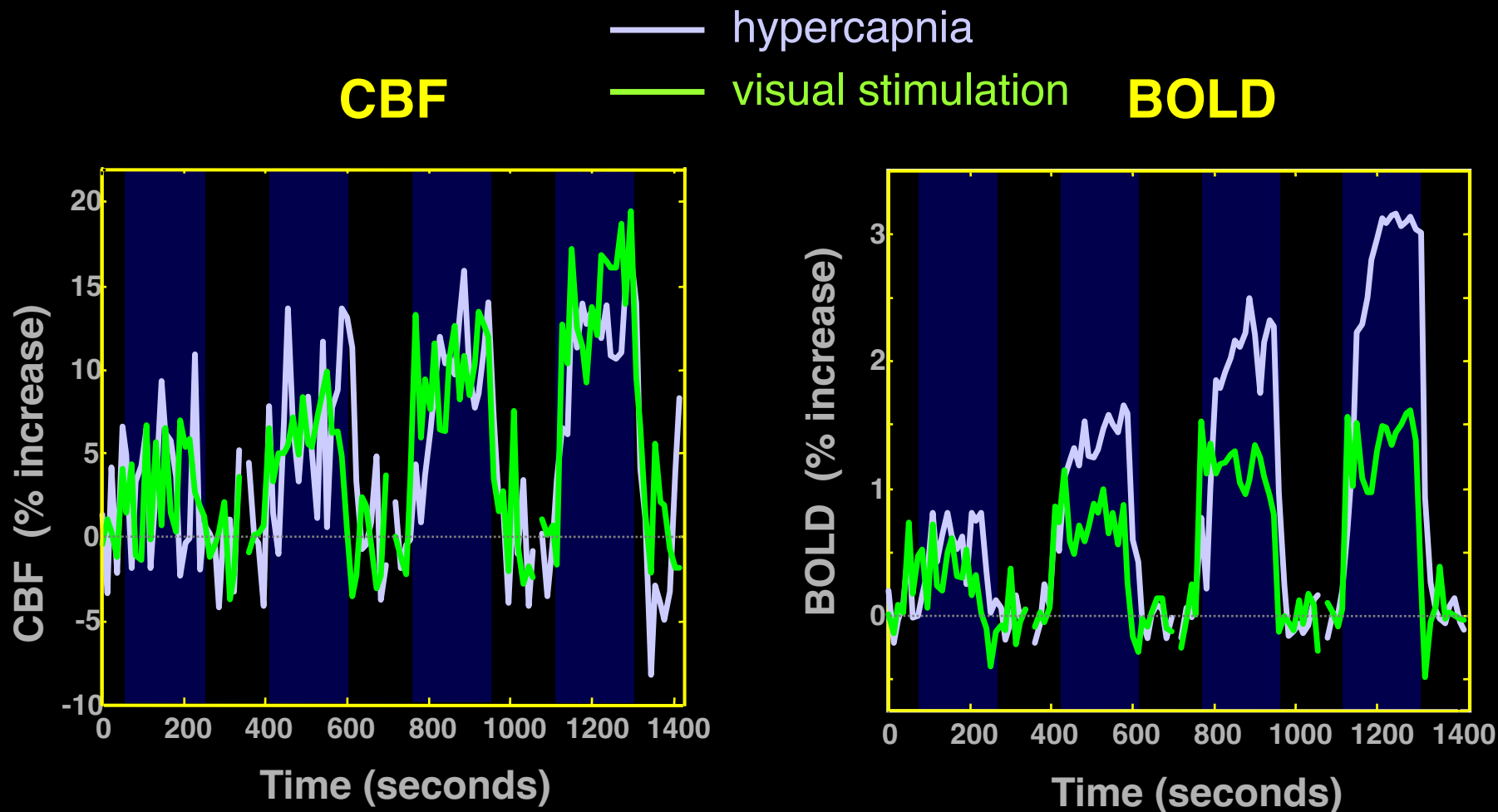
# Hemodynamic Specificity



# Mapping of CMRO<sub>2</sub>

Activation:	Flow	↑↑
	CMRO <sub>2</sub>	↑
	Blood Oxygenation	↑
CO <sub>2</sub> stress:	Flow	↑↑
	CMRO <sub>2</sub>	→
	Blood Oxygenation	↑↑

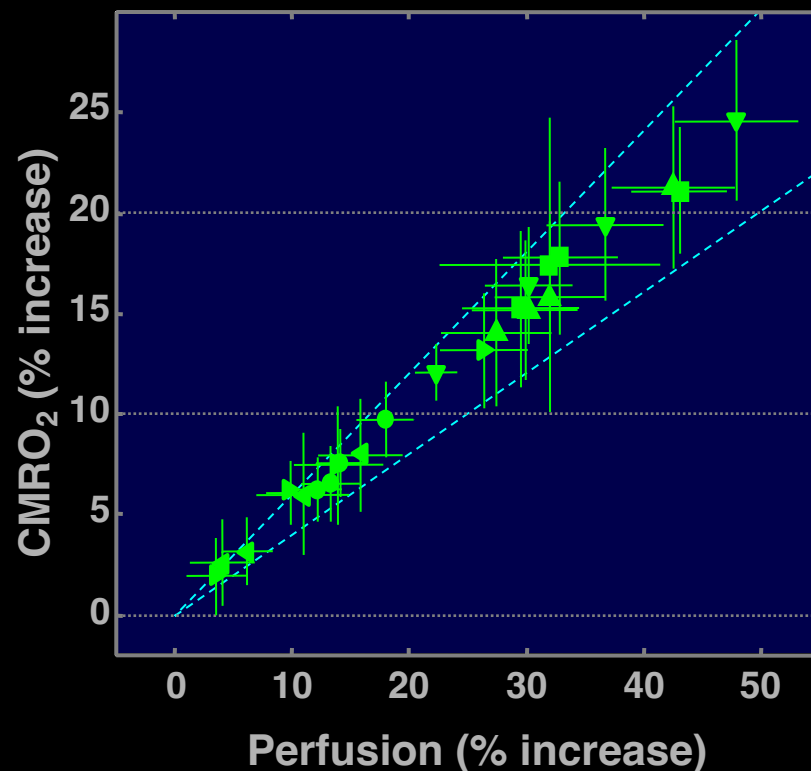
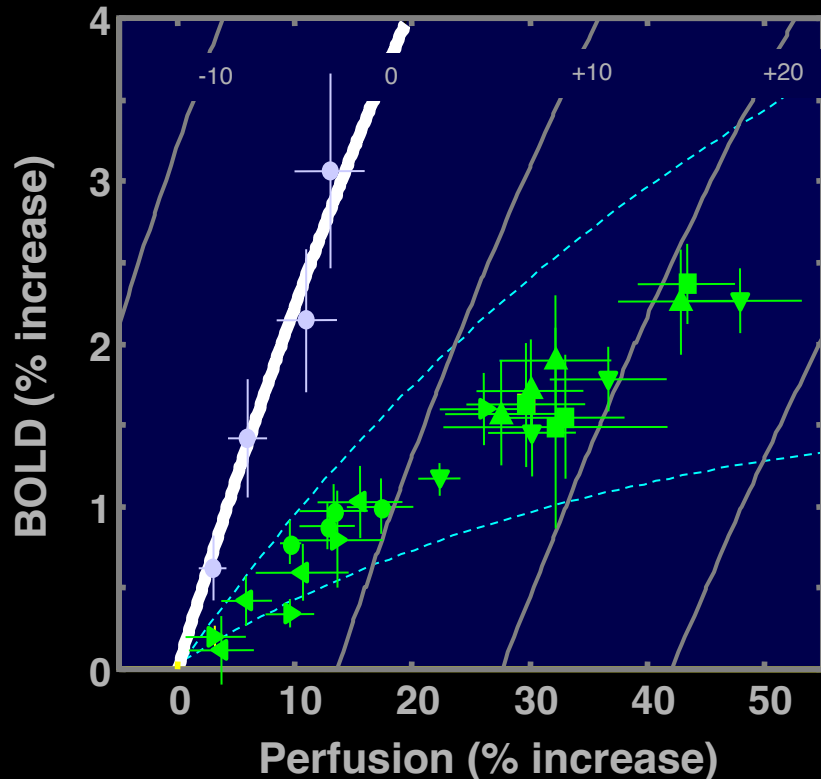
# CMRO<sub>2</sub>-related BOLD signal deficit:



Simultaneous Perfusion and BOLD imaging during graded visual activation and hypercapnia

# CBF-CMRO<sub>2</sub> coupling

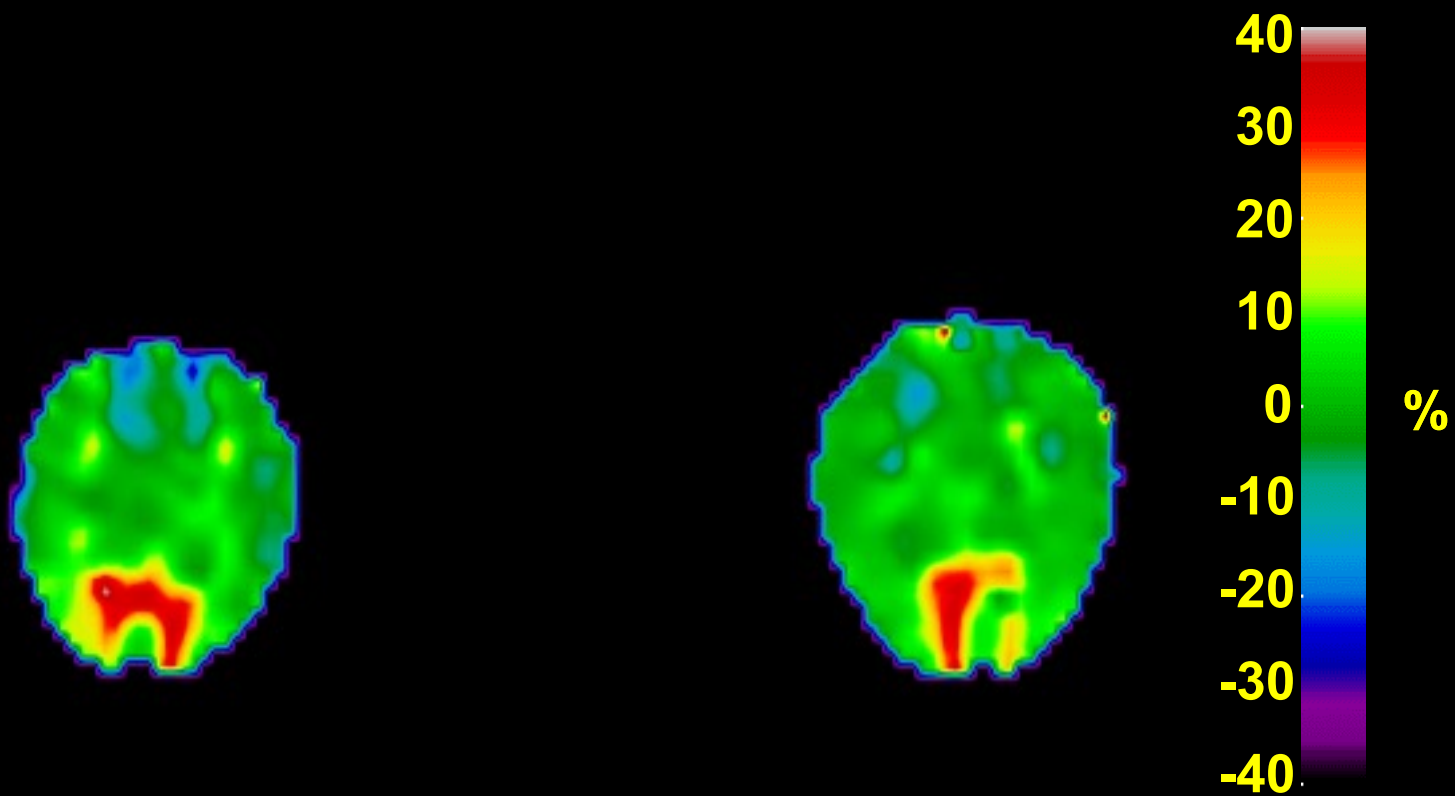
*Hoge, et al.*



**Characterizing Activation-induced CMRO<sub>2</sub> changes using calibration with hypercapnia**



# Computed CMRO<sub>2</sub> Changes



**Subject 1**

**Subject 2**

# Quantitative Measurements of Cerebral Metabolic Rate of Oxygen (CMRO<sub>2</sub>) Using MRI: A Volunteer Study

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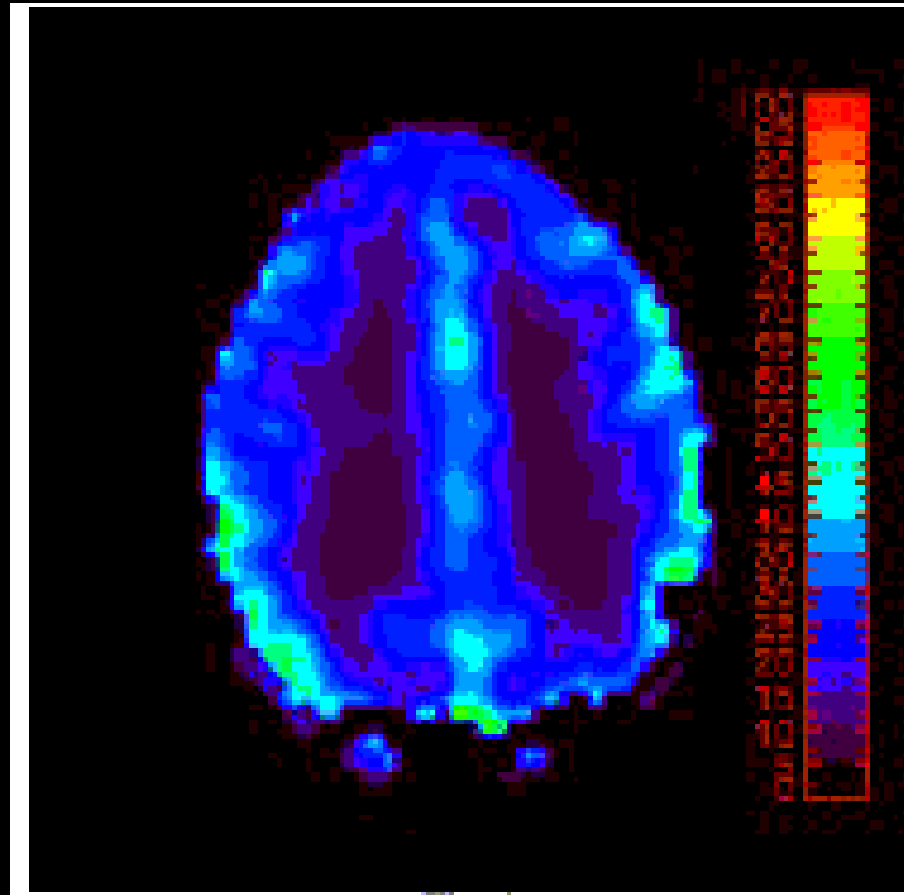
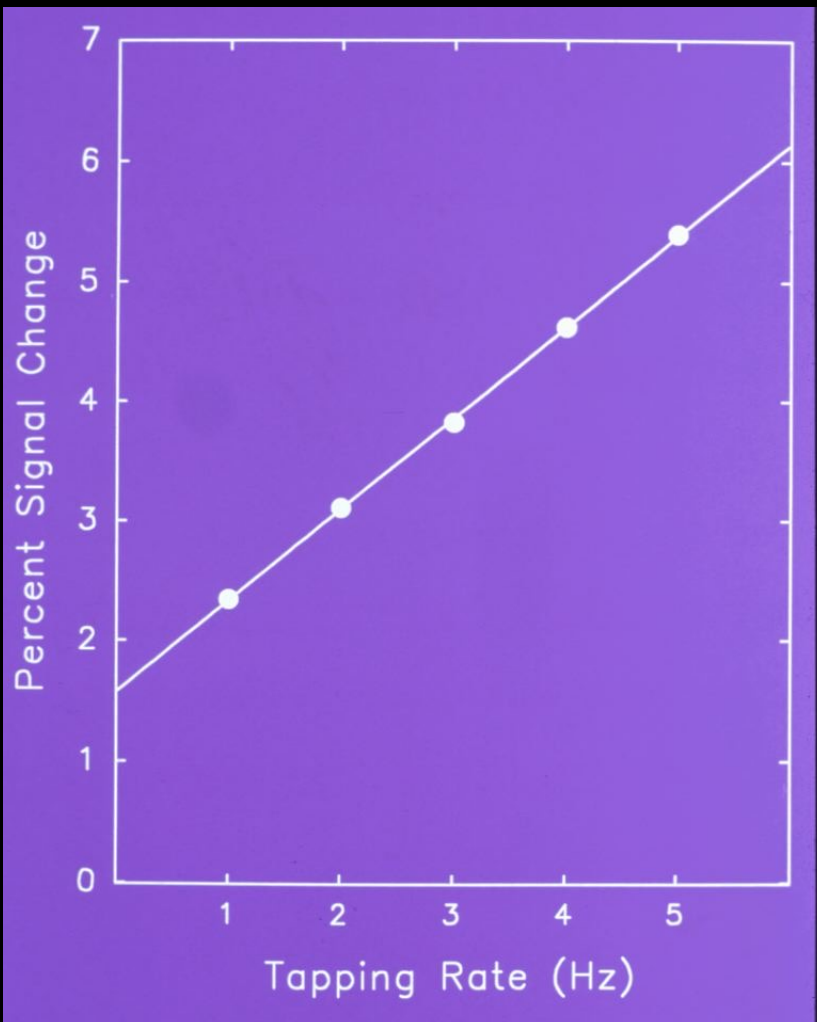
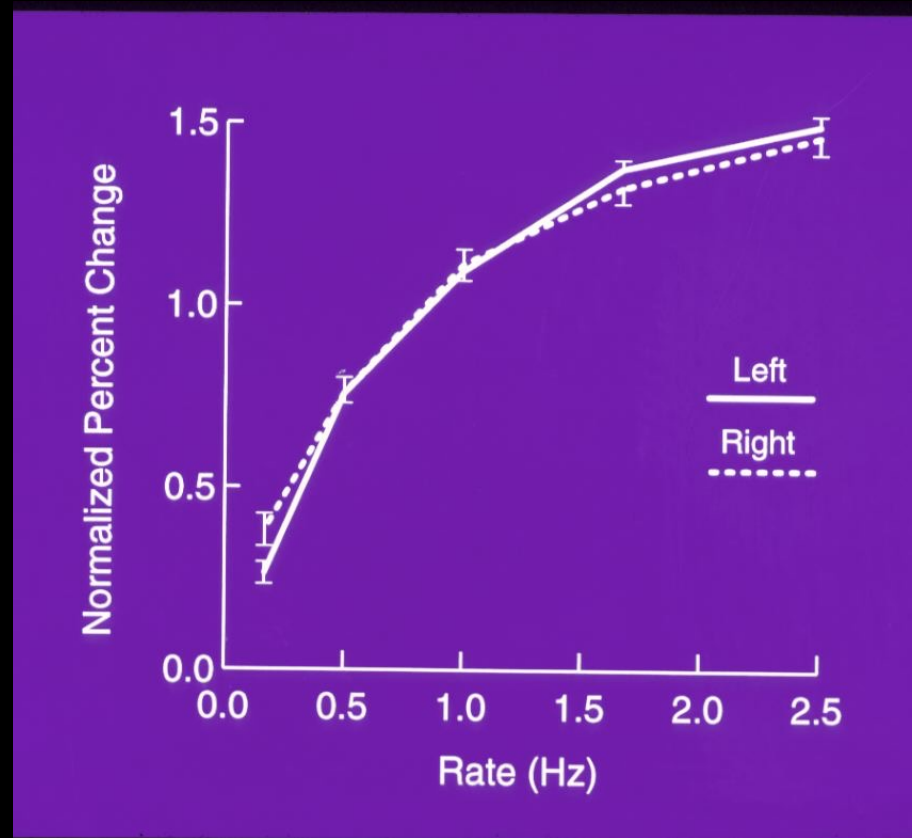


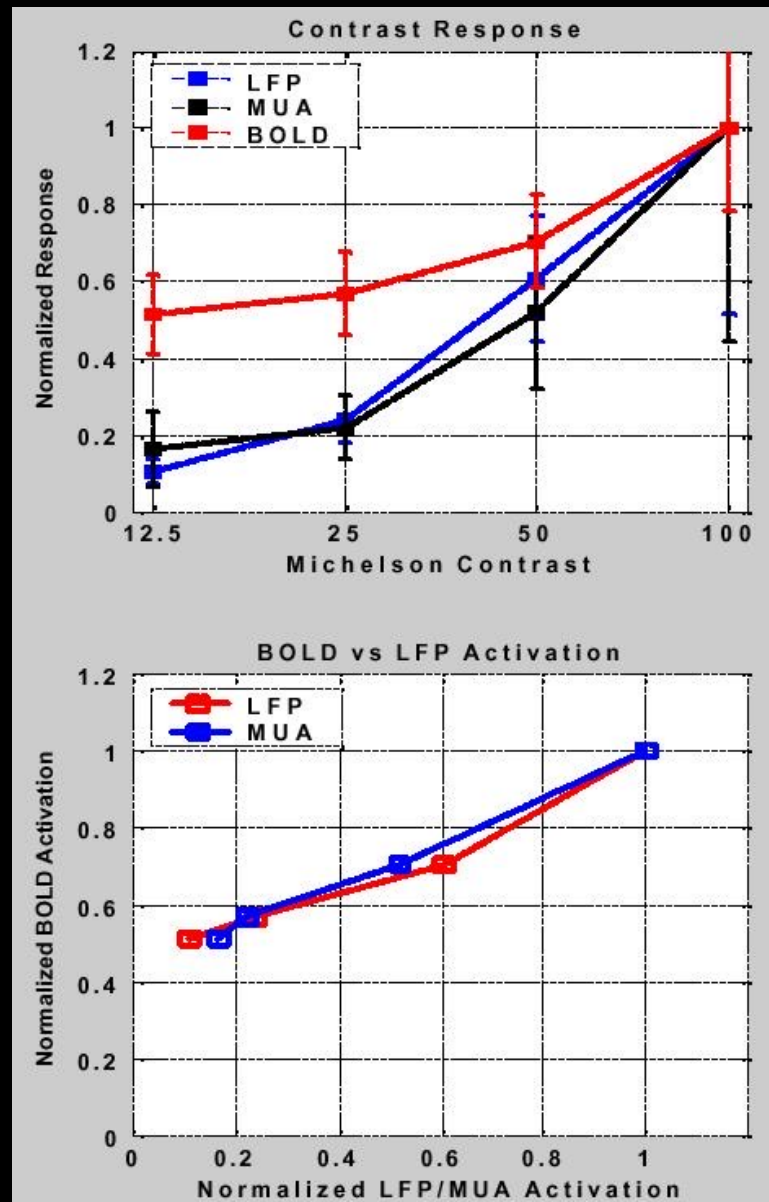
Figure 1

# Motor Cortex



# Auditory Cortex





Logothetis et al. Nature, 412, 150-157

# Variables to Optimize

- Information Content
- Sensitivity
- Speed
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- Image quality

# Sensitivity

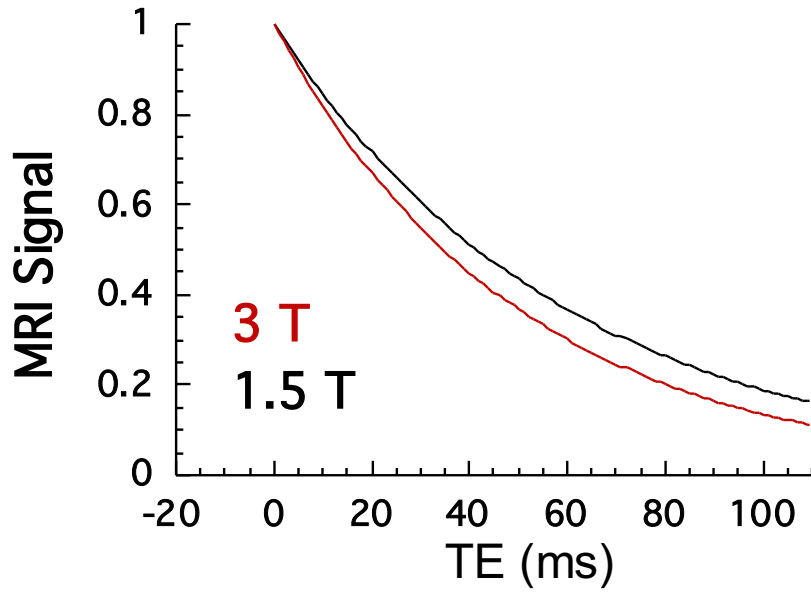
- **Optimizing fMRI Contrast**
- **Maximizing Signal**
- **Reducing Physiologic Fluctuations**
- **Minimizing Temporal Artifacts**

# Optimizing fMRI Contrast

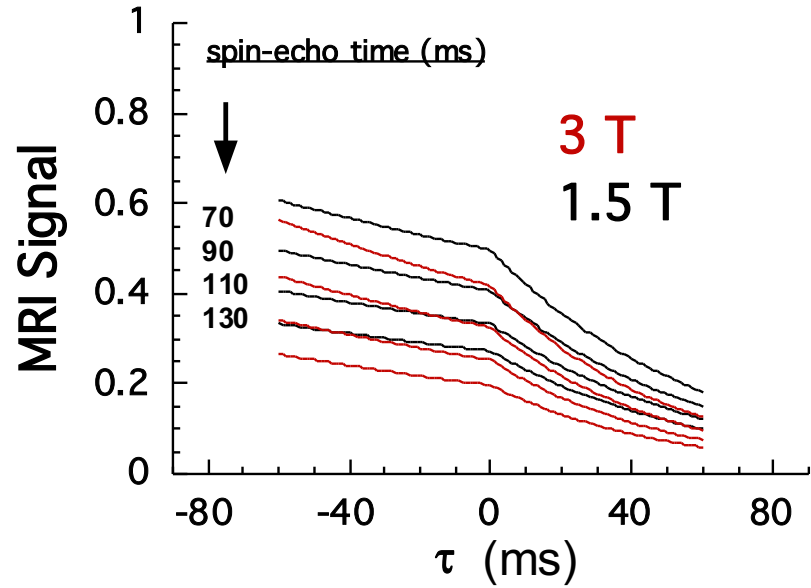
- Increase field strength
- Choose the right pulse sequence
- Adjust pulse sequence timing ( $TE \approx T2^*$ )
- Adjust voxel volume ( $\approx$  activation volume)



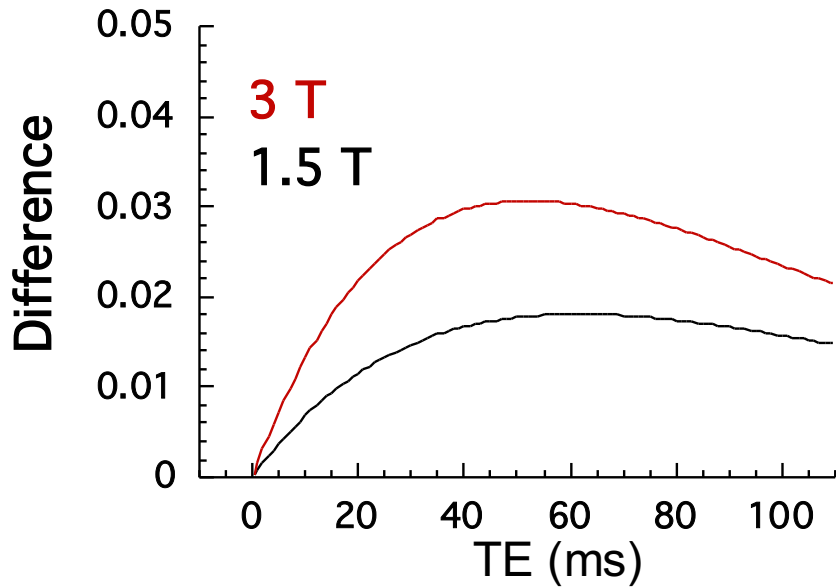
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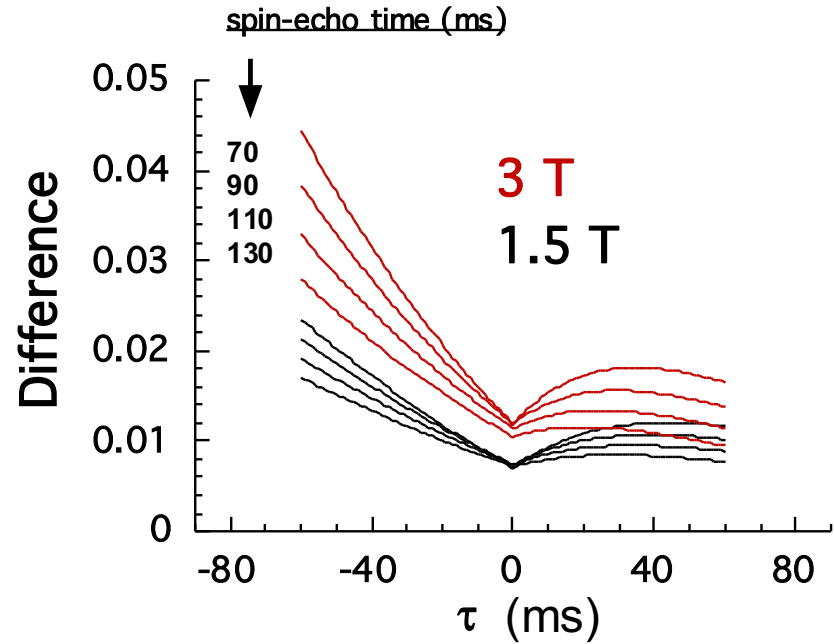
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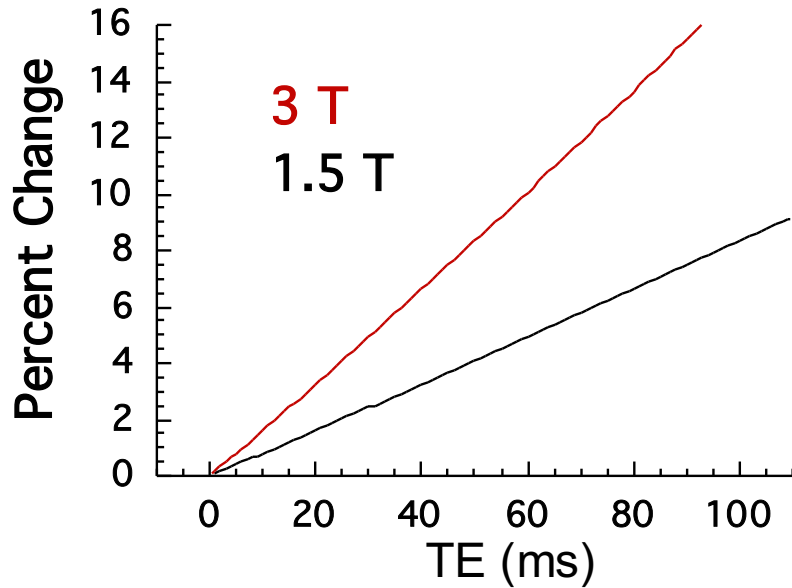
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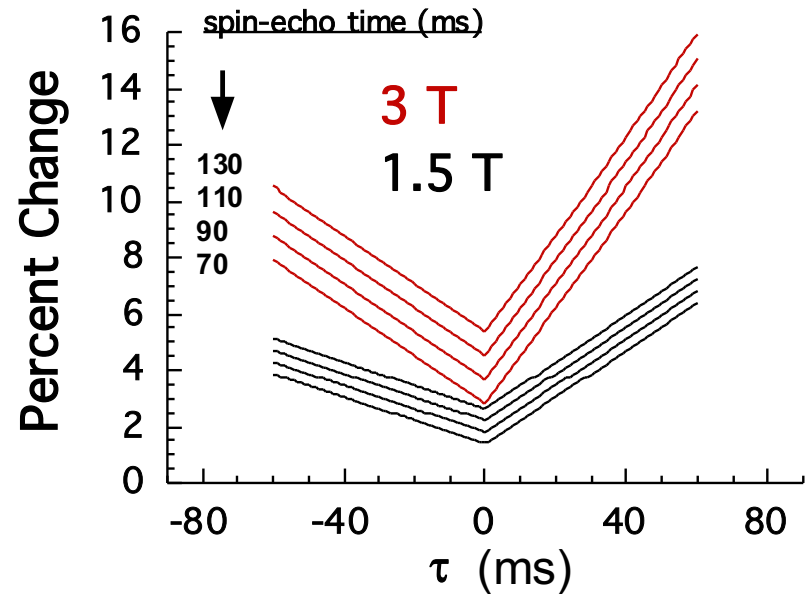
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# Gradient - Echo



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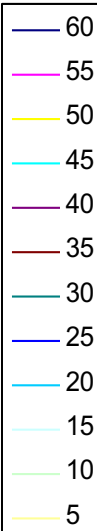
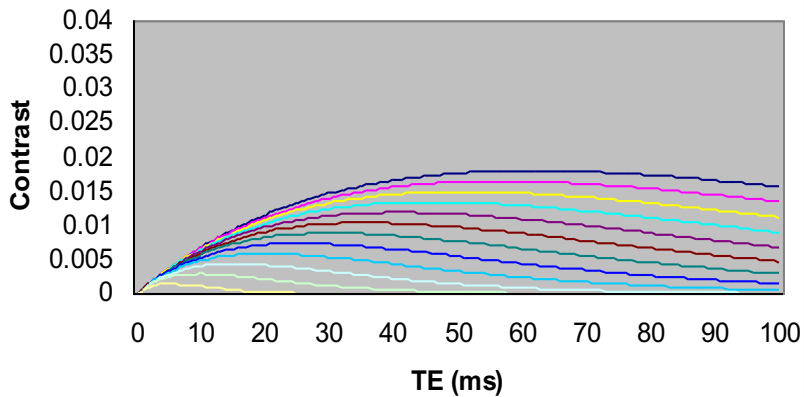


# Contrast depends on: activation-induced changes in $T2^*$ *and* resting $T2^*$

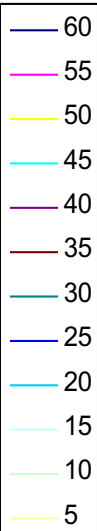
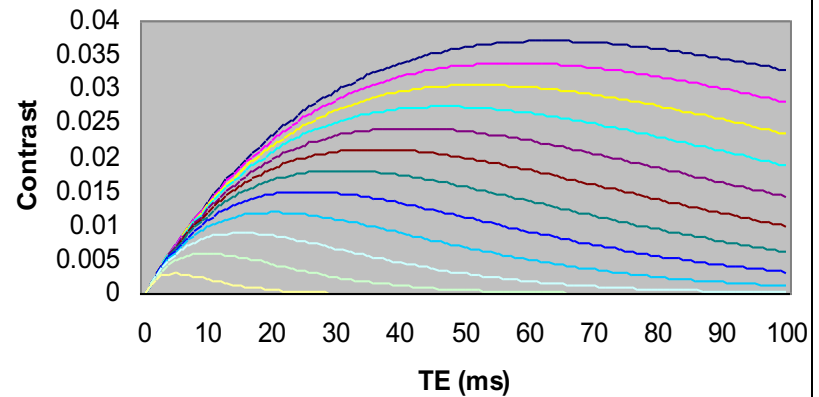
$T2^*$

$T2^*$

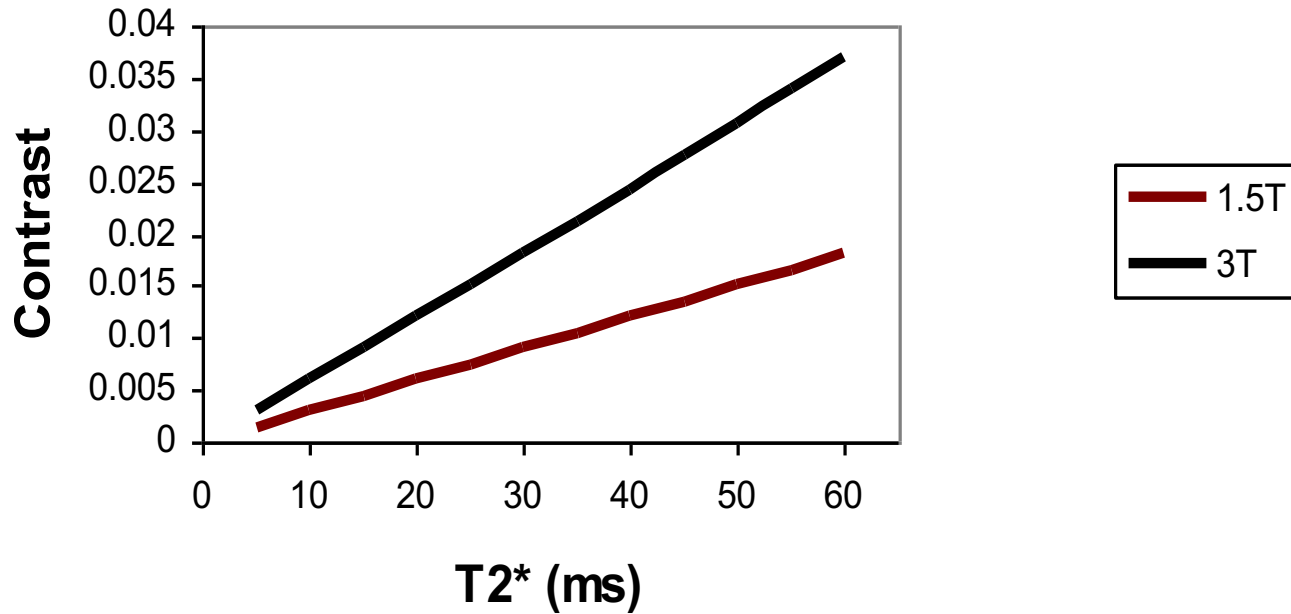
Contrast at 1.5T ( $dR2^* = -.8$  1/s)

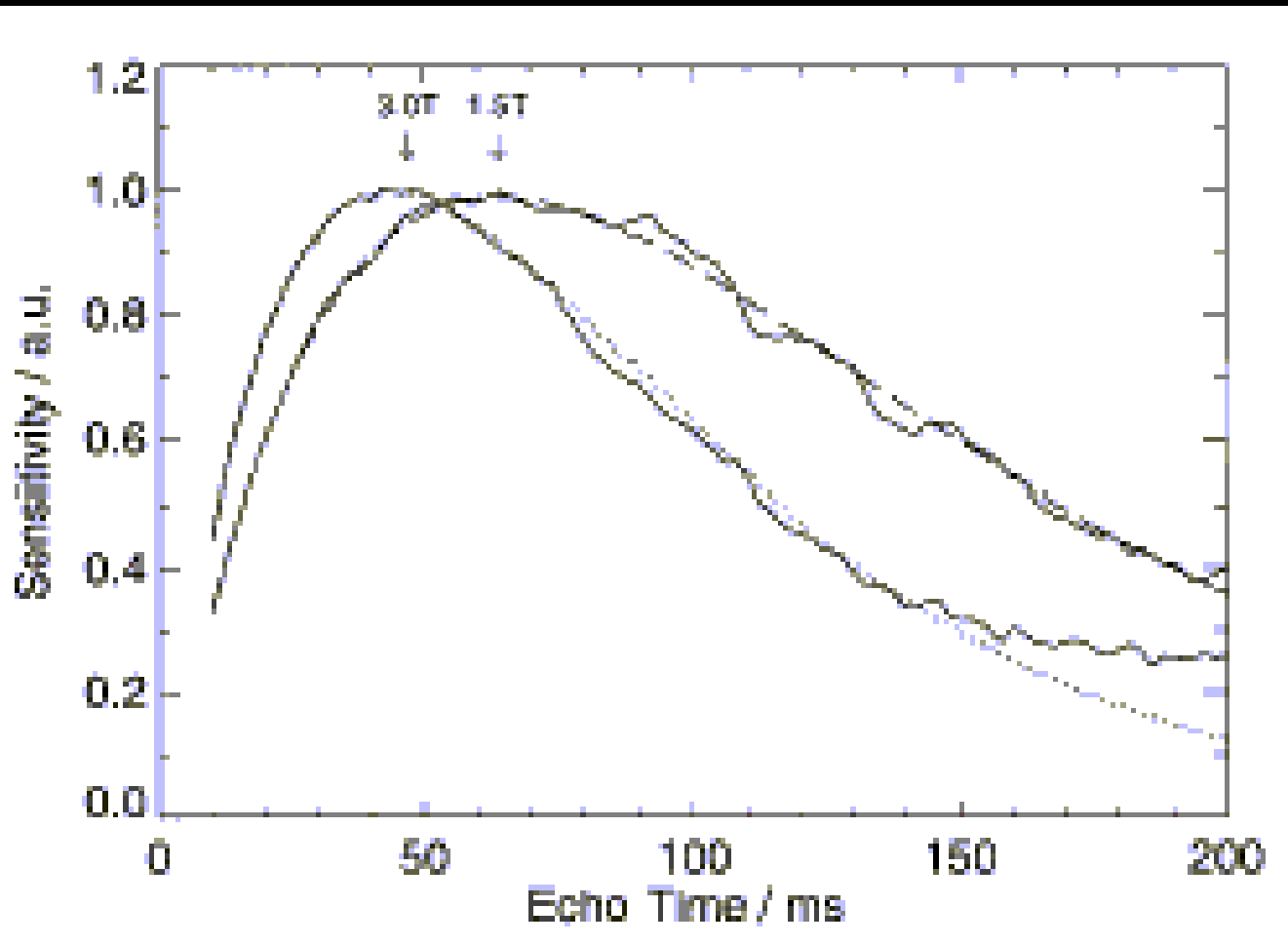


Contrast at 3T ( $dR2^* = -1.6$  1/s)



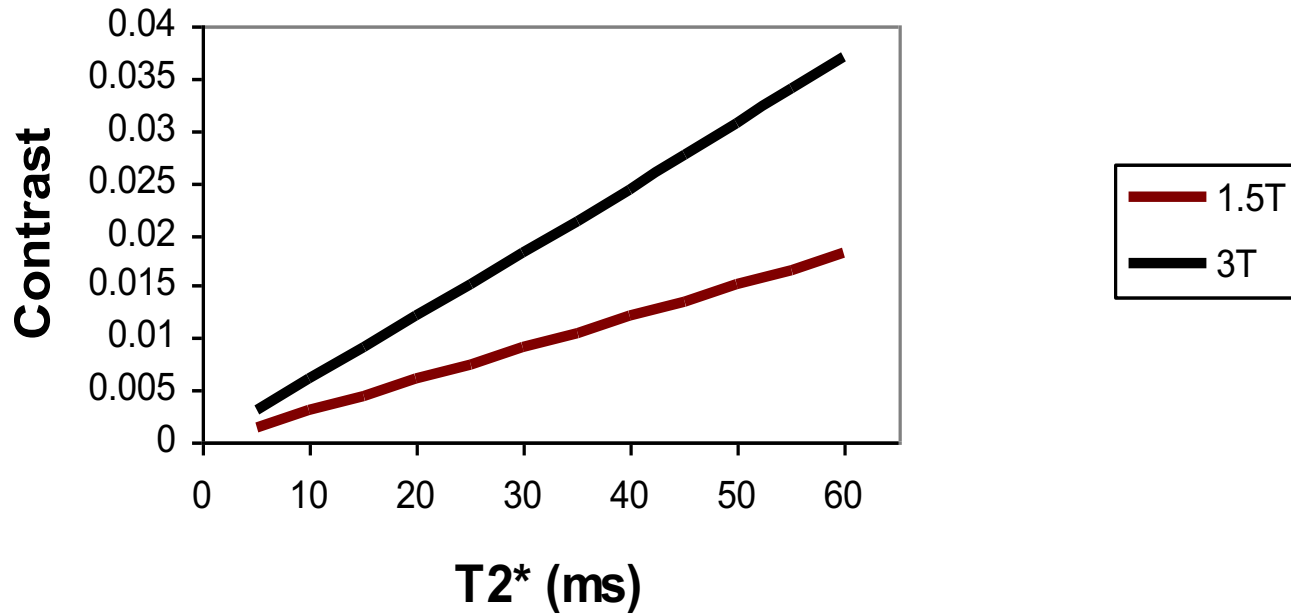
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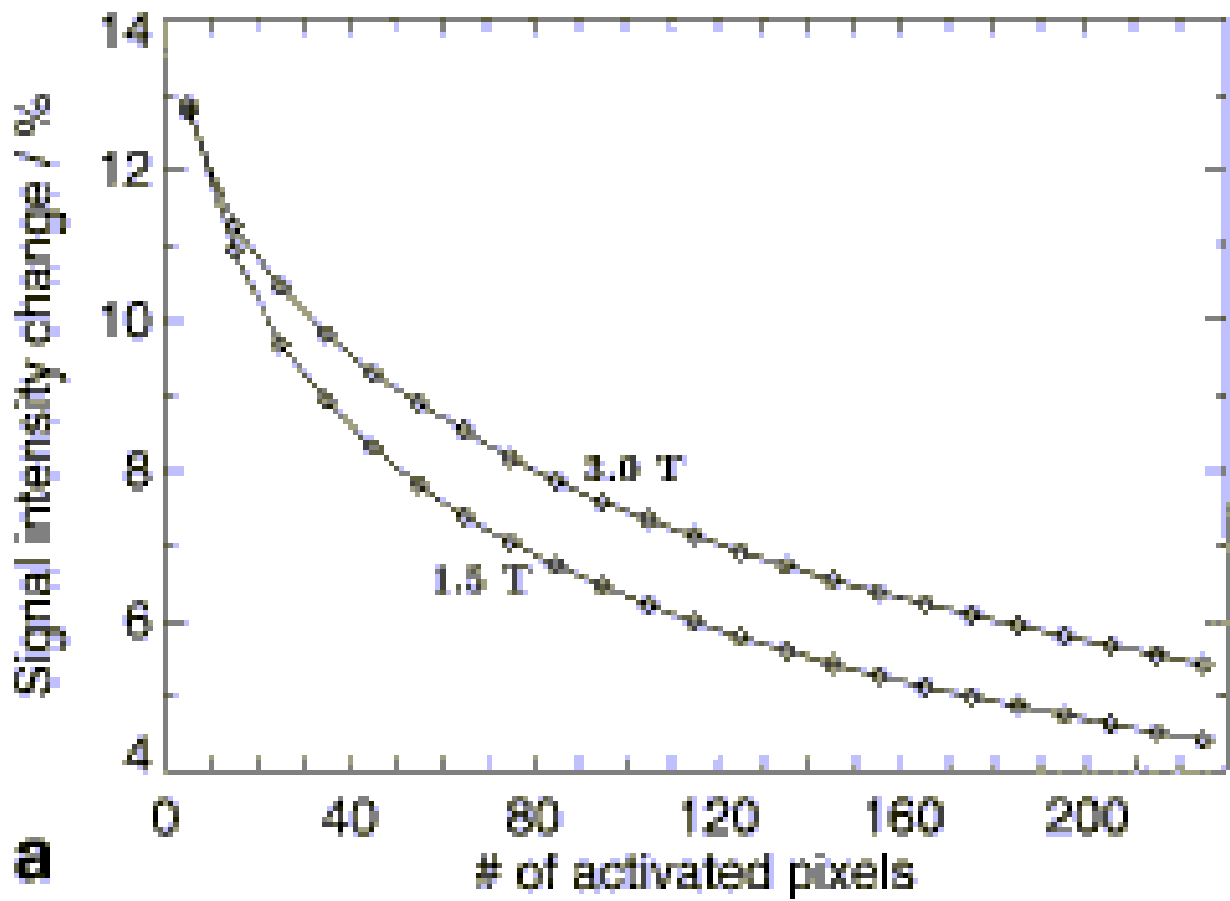




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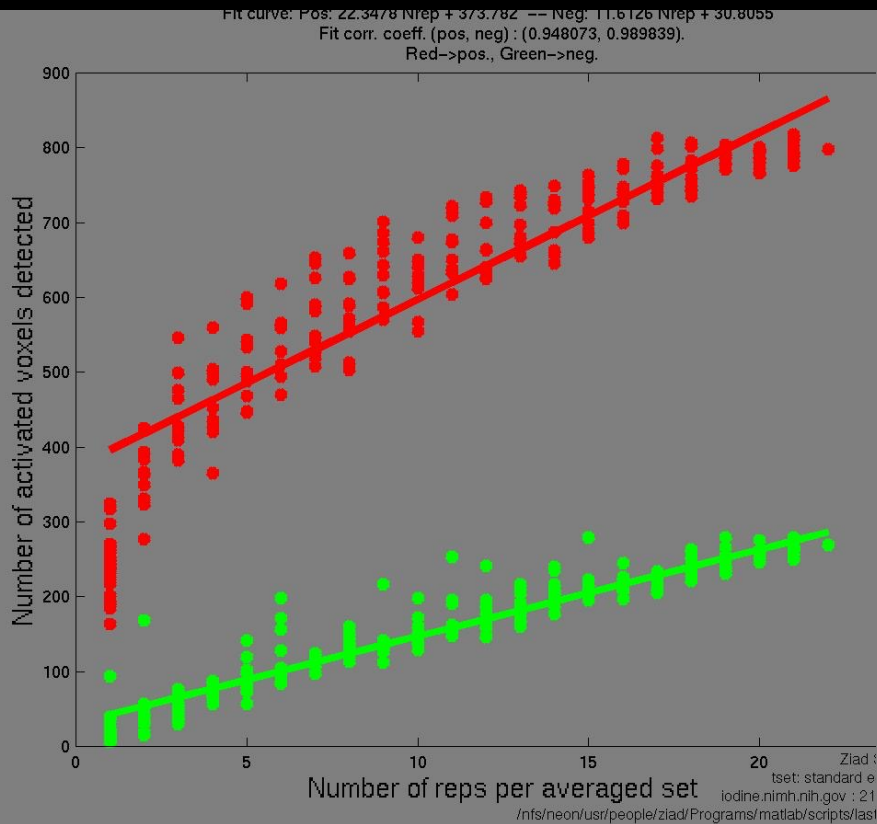
### Functional Contrast at Optimal TE





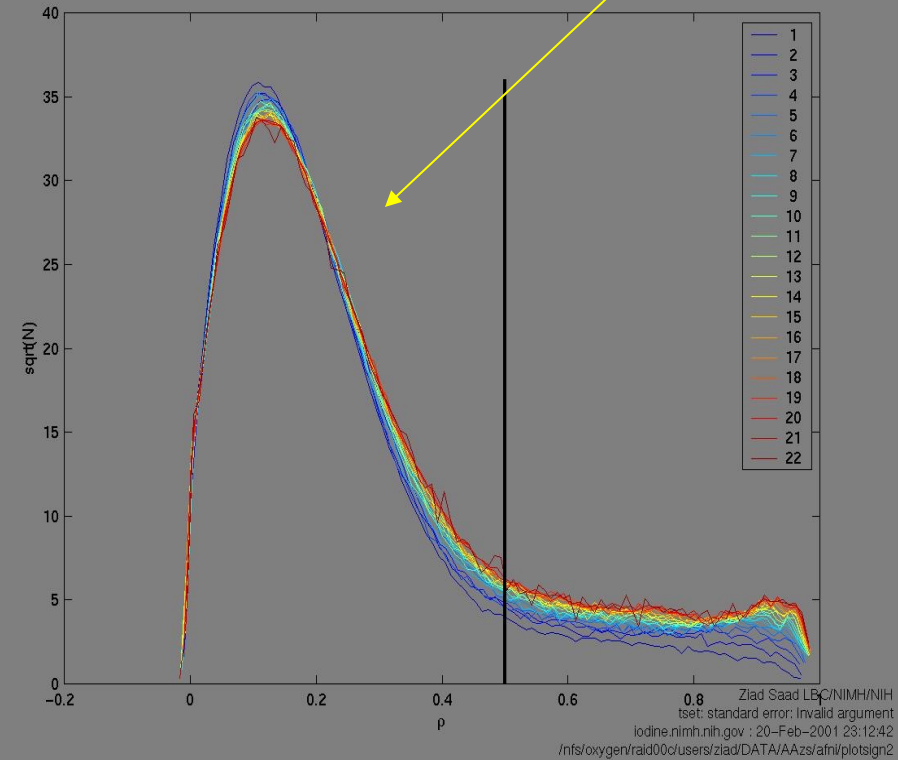


# Continuously Growing Activation Area

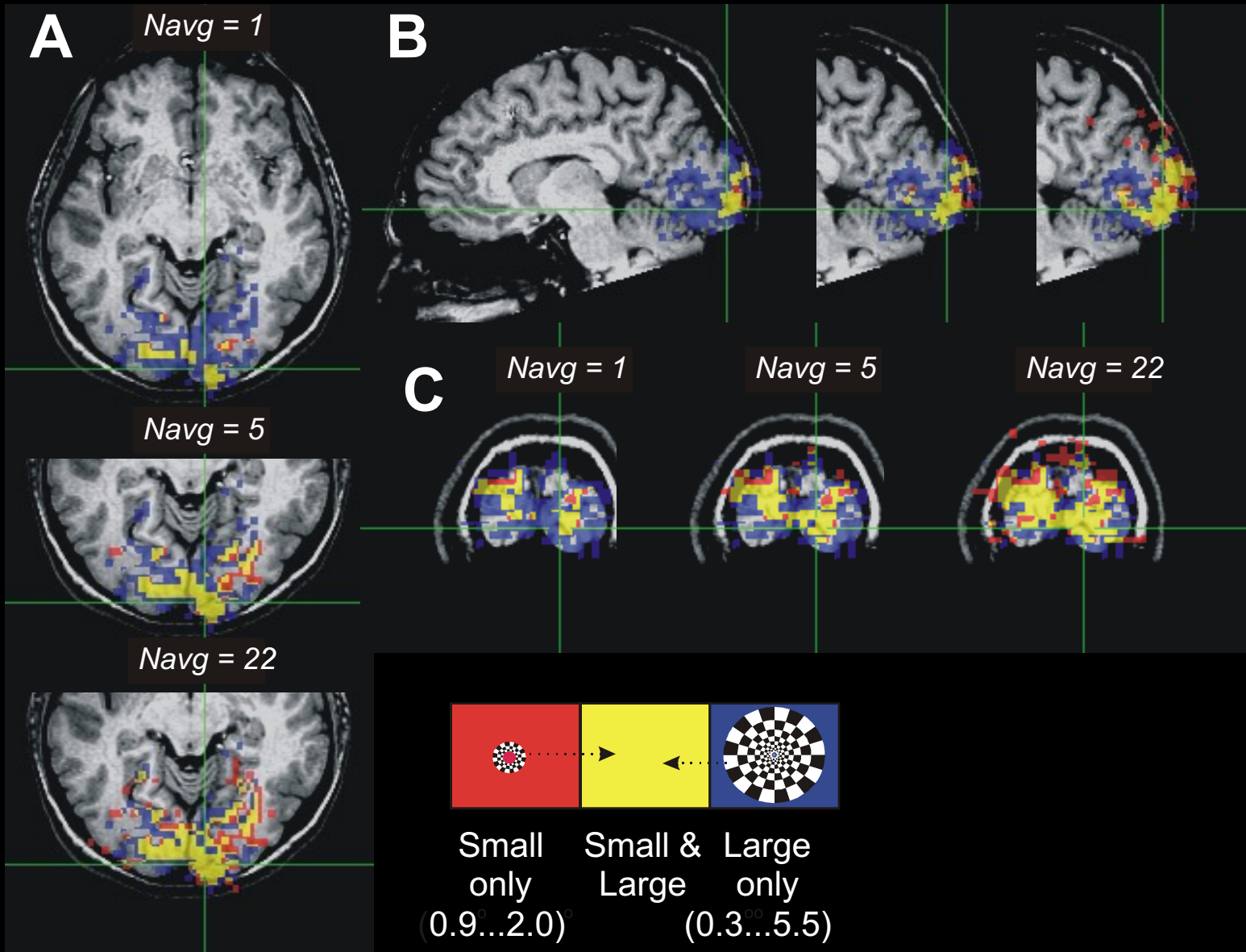


# CC Histogram

Inflection Point



Ziad Saad, et al



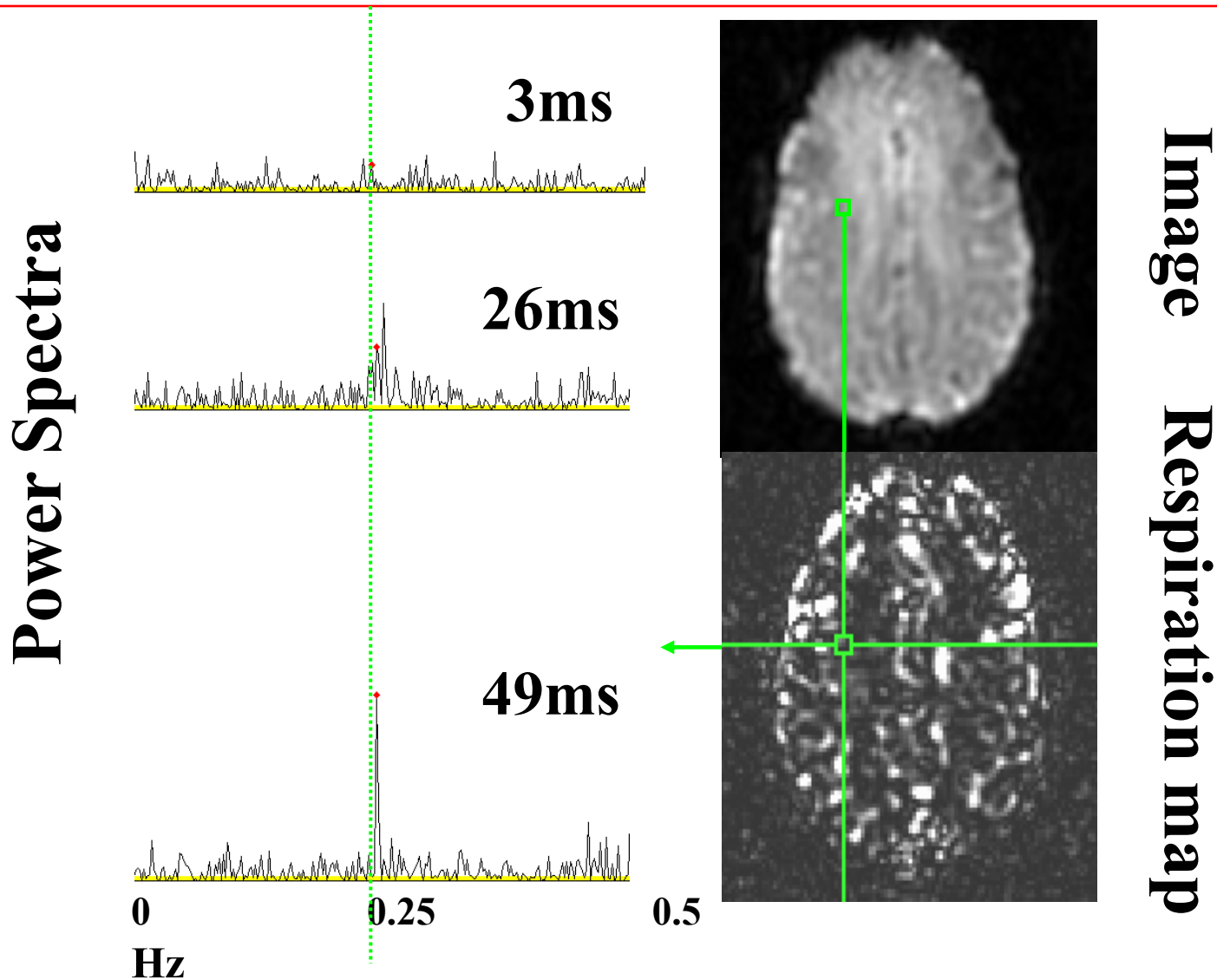
# Maximizing Signal

- Higher Bo Field
  - 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)
    - $\text{min TR} = (\text{time/slice}) \times \text{number of slices in volume}$
  - 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

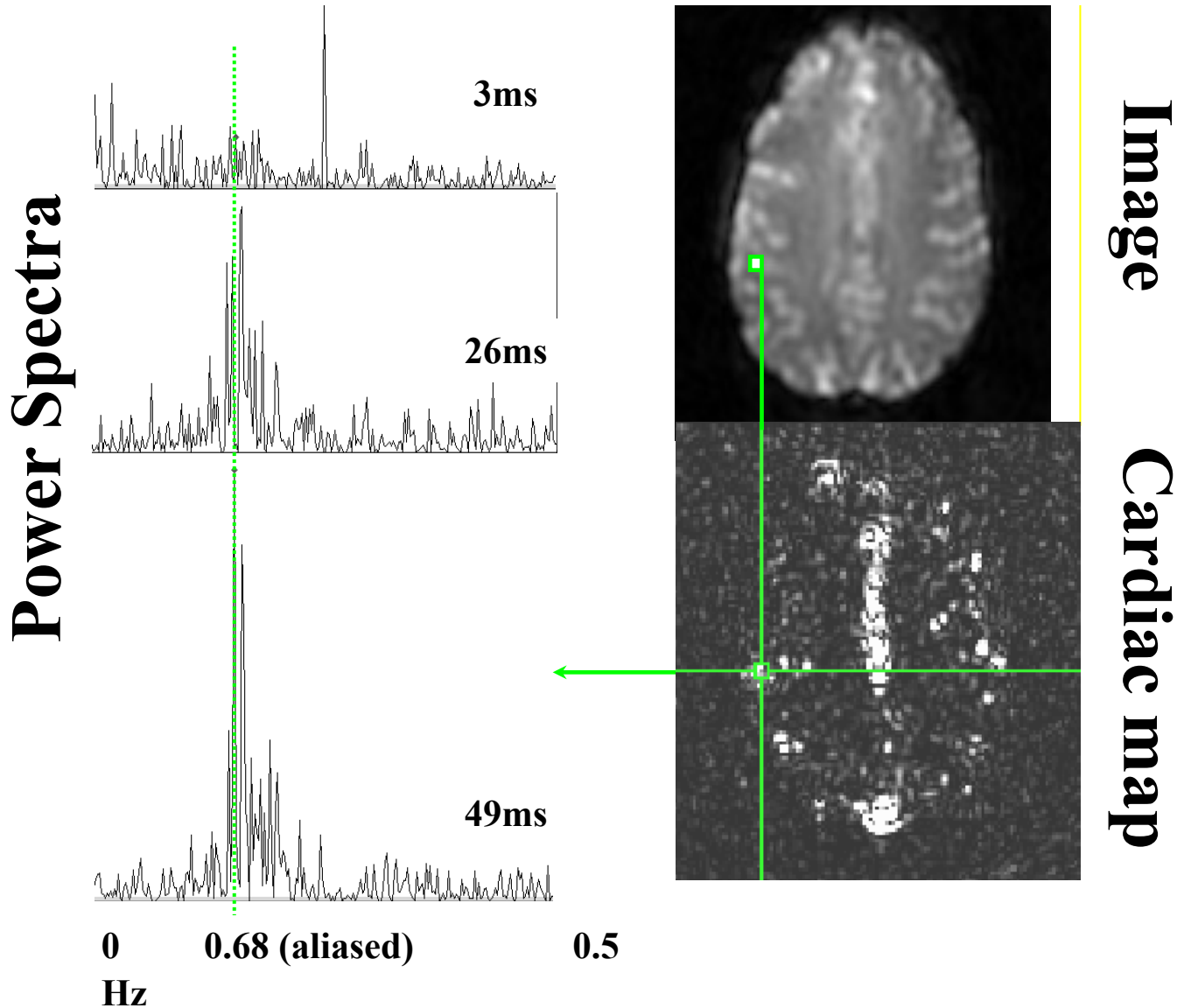
# Physiologic Fluctuations

Cardiac	0.6 to 1.2 Hz
Respiratory	0.1 to 0.2 Hz
Low Frequency	0.0 to 0.1 Hz

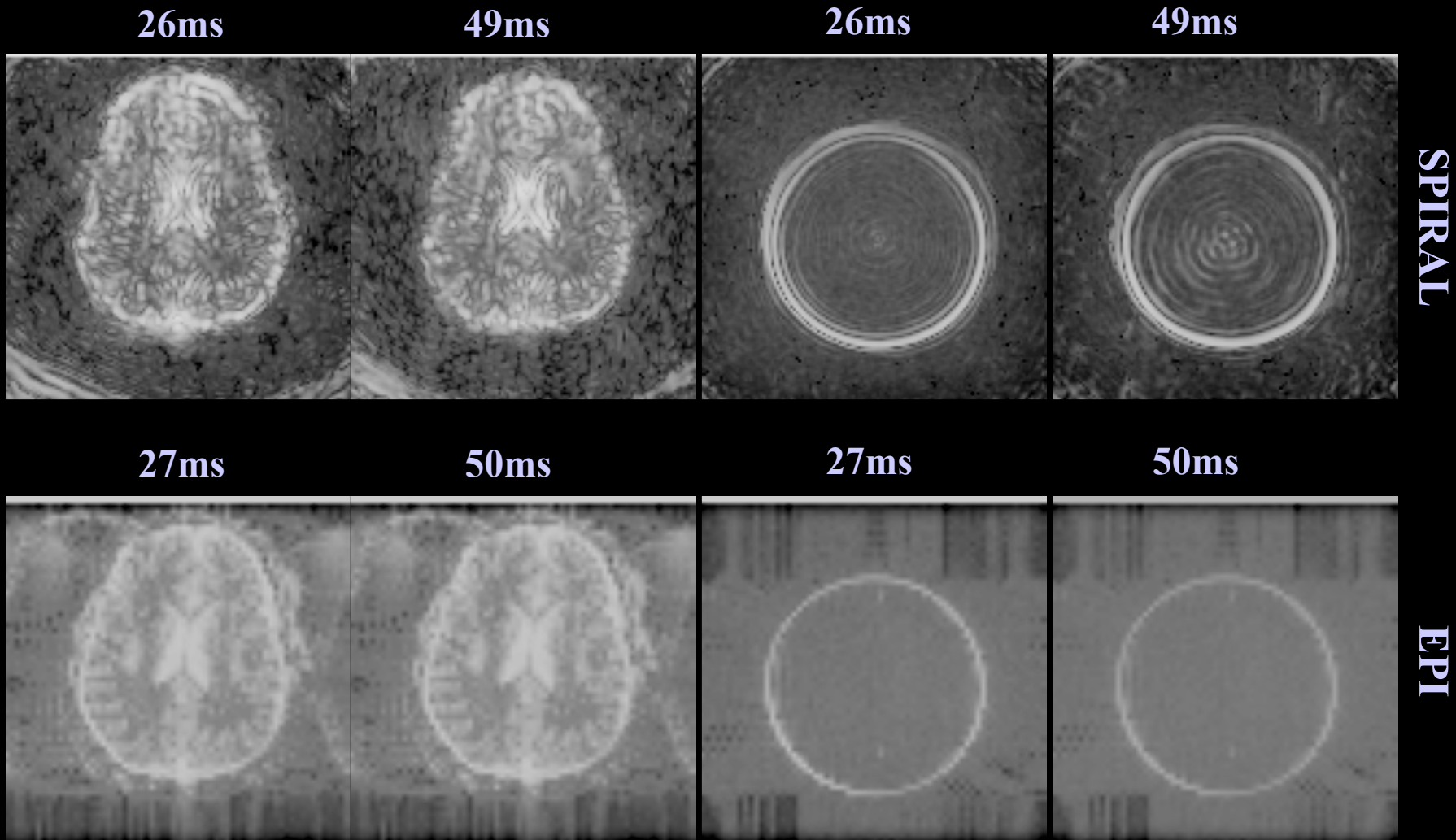
# 0.25 Hz Breathing at 1.5T



# 0.68 Hz Cardiac rate at 3T

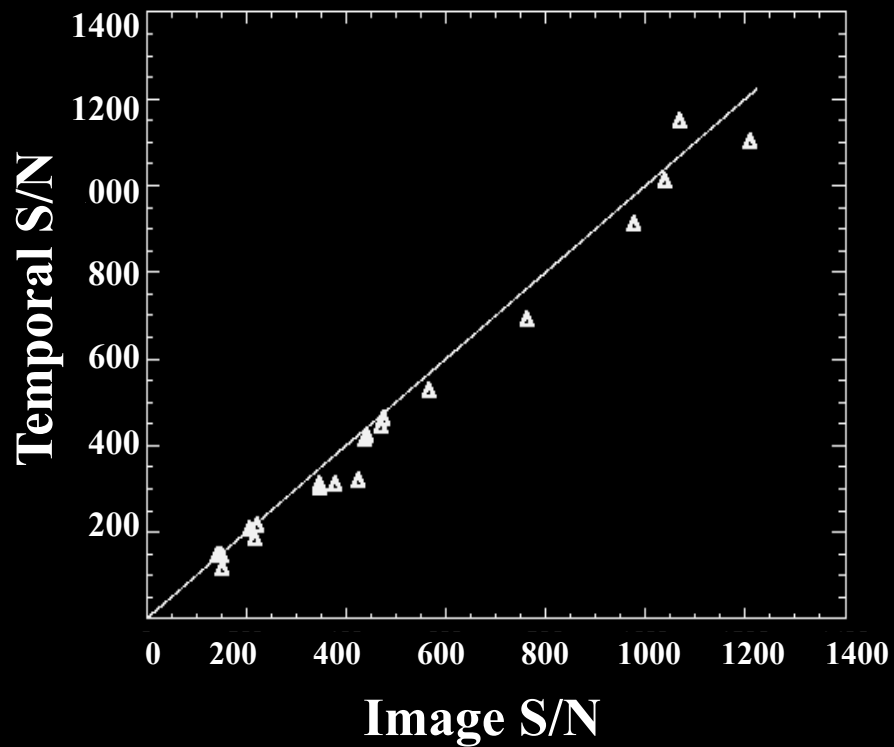


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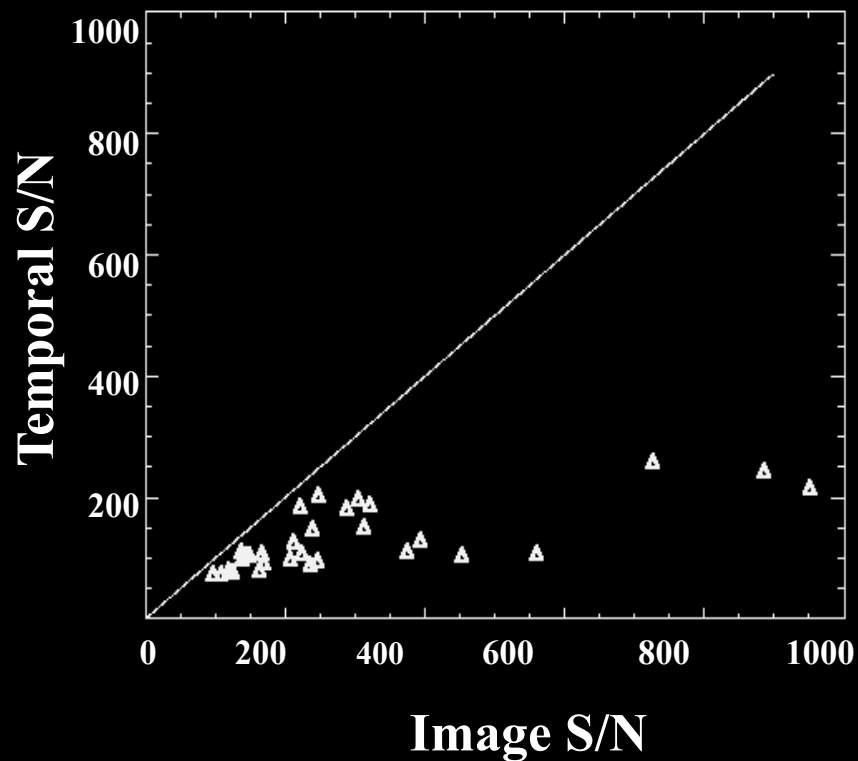


# Temporal S/N vs. Image S/N

## PHANTOMS

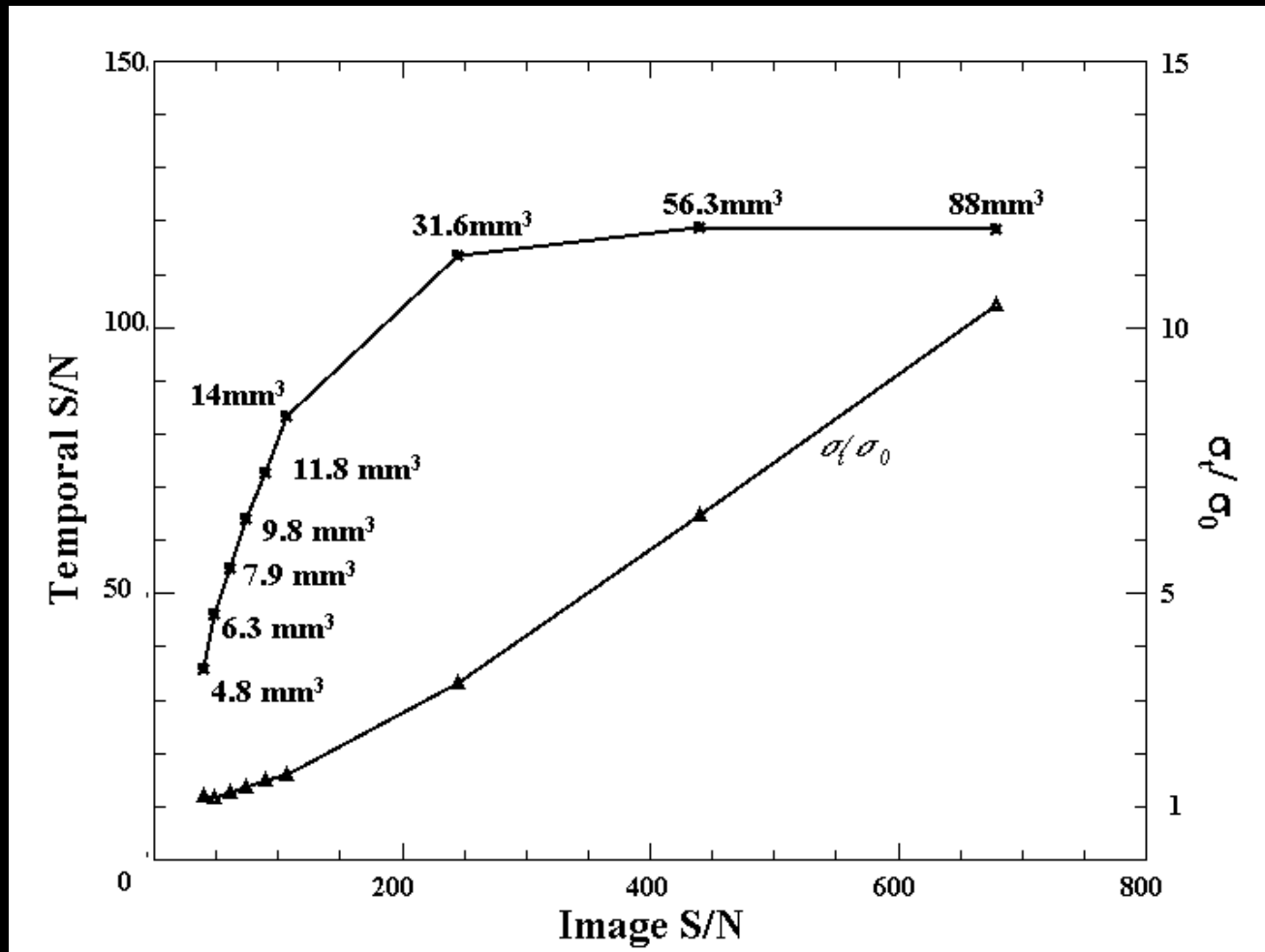


## SUBJECTS





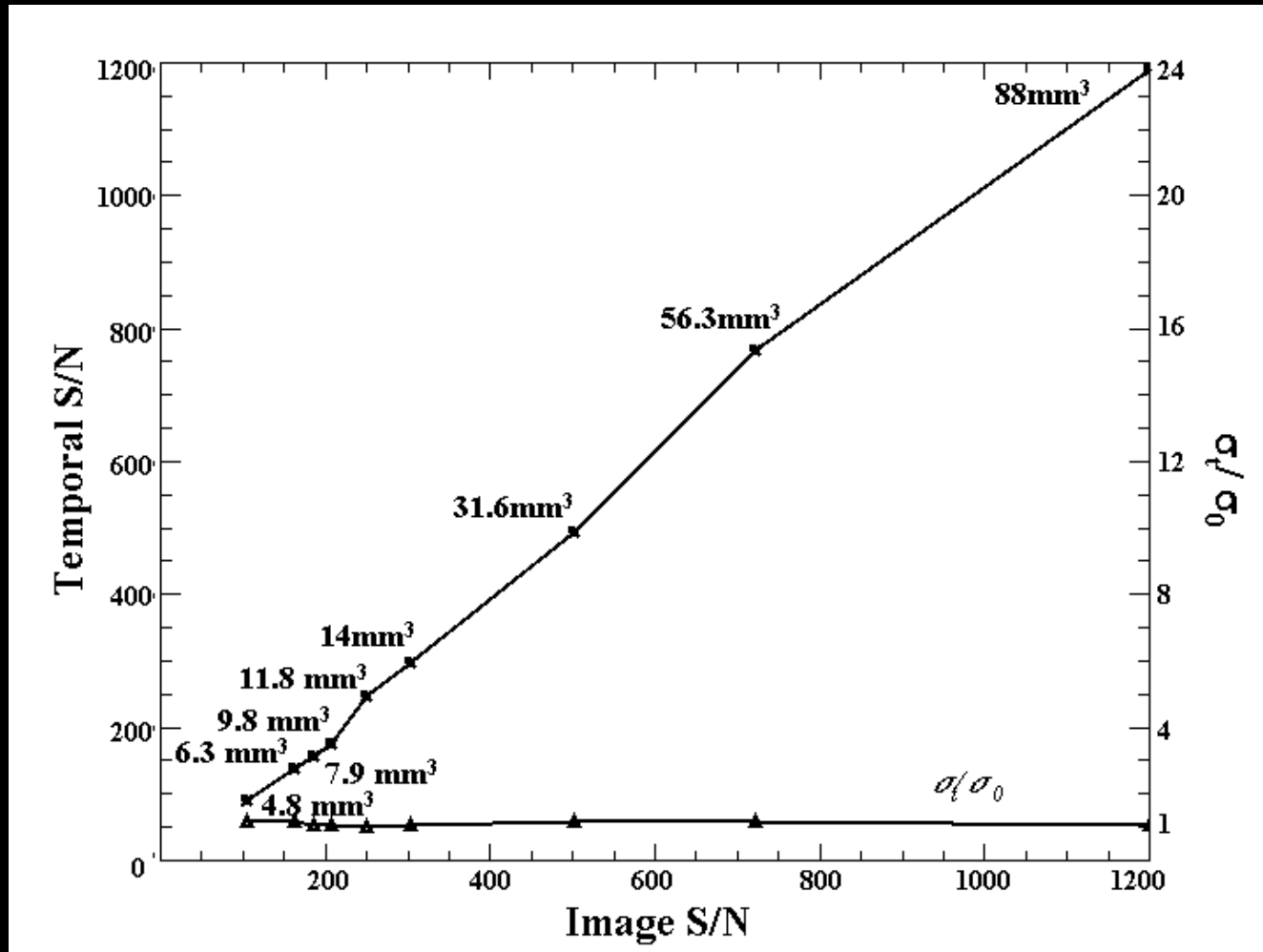
# Temporal vs. Image S/N Optimal Resolution Study



Human data

Petridou et al

# Temporal vs. Image S/N Optimal Resolution Study



Phantom data

# Reducing Physiologic Fluctuations

- Filtering
- Pulse sequence
  - single vs. multishot
  - strategies for multishot
- Gating with correction for variable TR

# Temporal Artifacts

- System instabilities
- Motion
  - Drift
  - Stimulus correlated
  - Stimulus uncorrelated

# Minimizing Temporal Artifacts

## Recognize?

- Edge effects
- Shorter signal change latencies
- Unusually high signal changes
- External measuring devices

## Correct?

- Image registration algorithms
- Orthogonalize to motion-related function (*cardiac, respiration, movement*)
- Navigator echo for k-space alignment  
(*for multishot techniques*)
- Re-do scan

## Bypass?

- Paradigm timing strategies..
- Gating (with T1-correction)

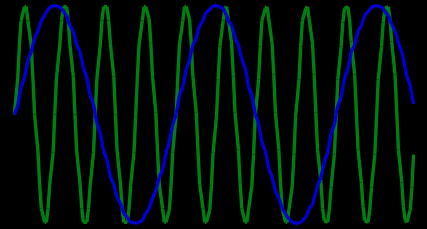
## Suppress?

- Flatten image contrast
- Physical restraint
- Averaging, smoothing

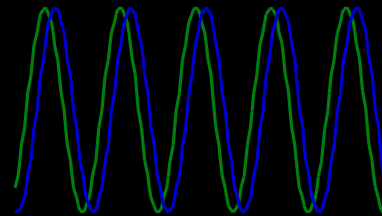
# Neuronal Activation Input Strategies

1. Block Design

2. Frequency Encoding

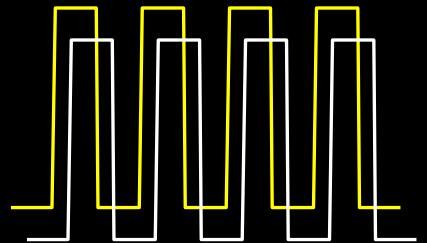


3. Phase Encoding



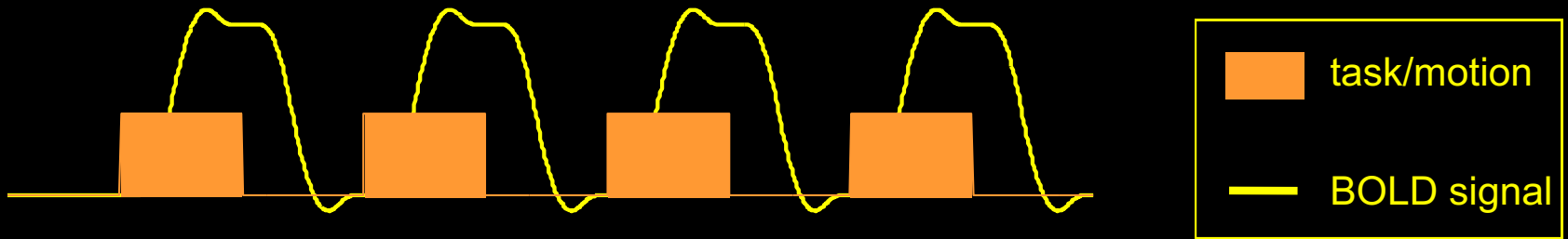
4. Event Related

5. Orthogonal Block Design

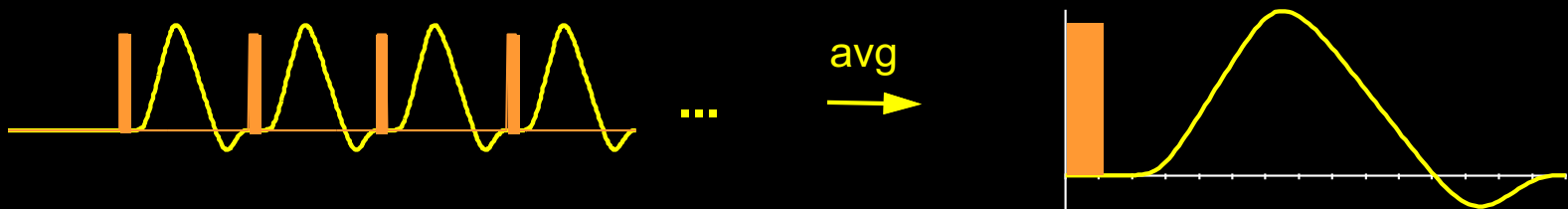


6. Free behavior Design.

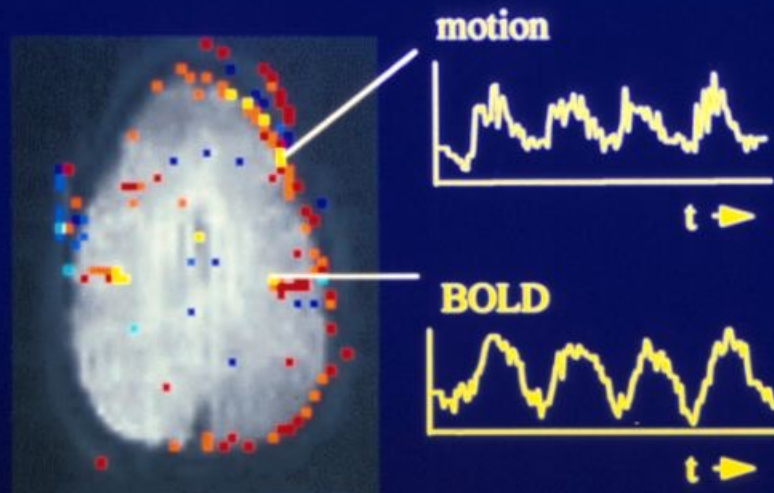
## Block-trial



## Single-trial (brief stimulus)

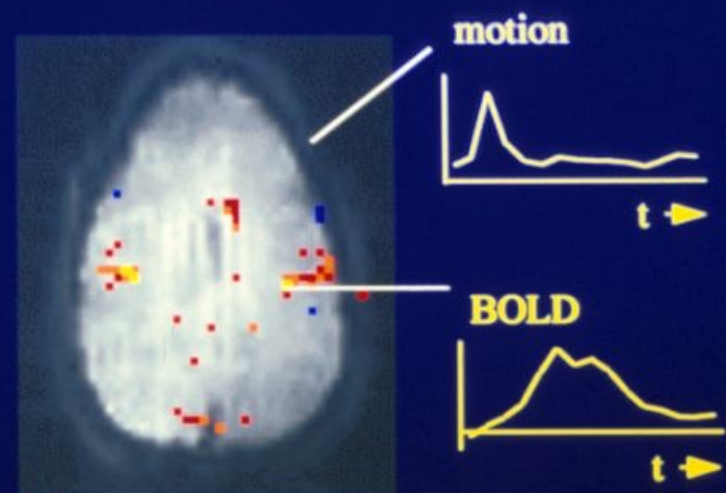


## Motion-Decoupled fMRI: Functional MRI during of overt word production



### “block-trial” paradigm

Motion induced signal changes resemble functional (BOLD) signal changes



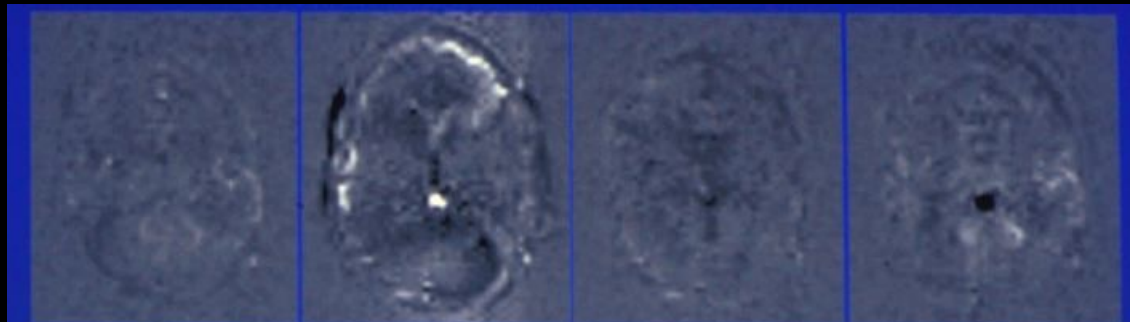
### “single-trial” paradigm

Motion induced and BOLD signal changes are separated in time

*R.M. Birn, et al.*



# Overt Word Production



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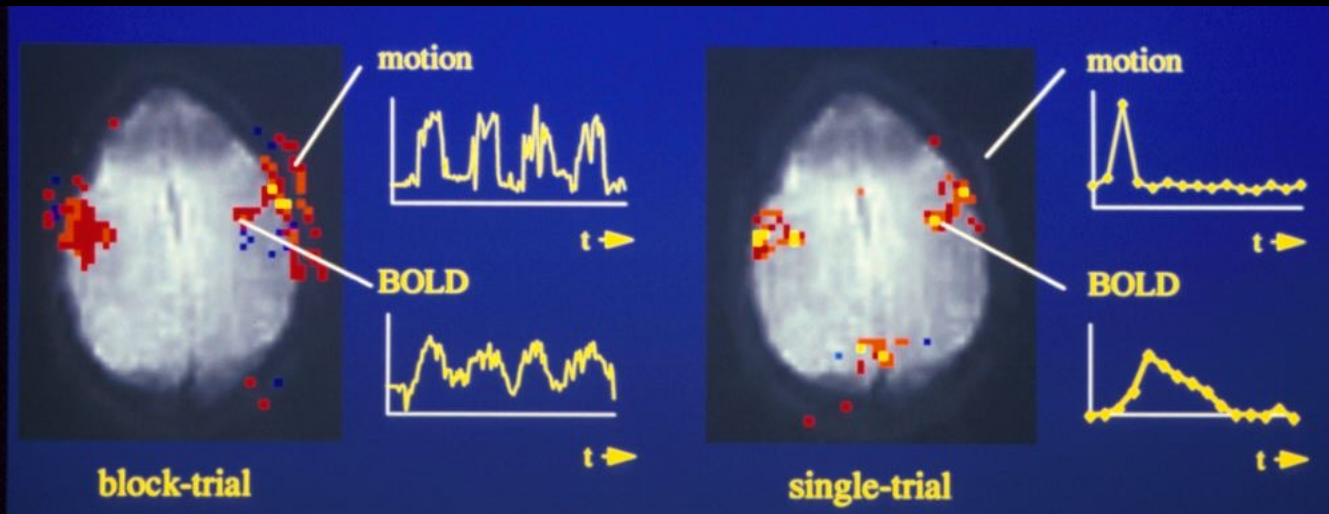
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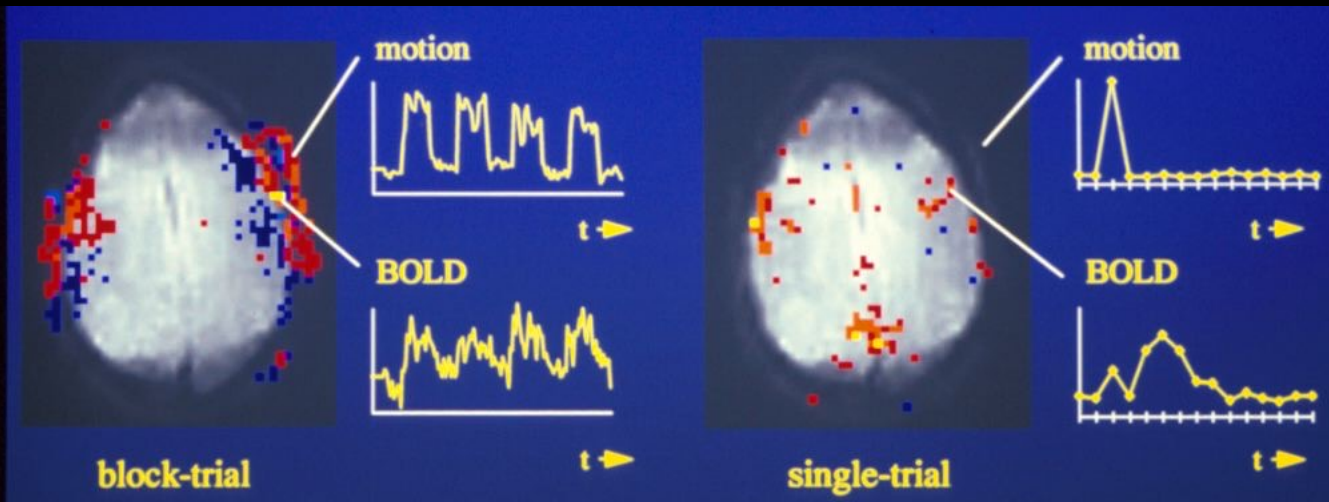
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# Tongue Movement



# Jaw Clenching



# Visual Cortex



**ISI, SD**

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**20, 20**

**8, 2**

**12, 2**

**6, 2**

**10, 2**

**4, 2**

**2, 2**

# Motor Cortex



**ISI, SD**

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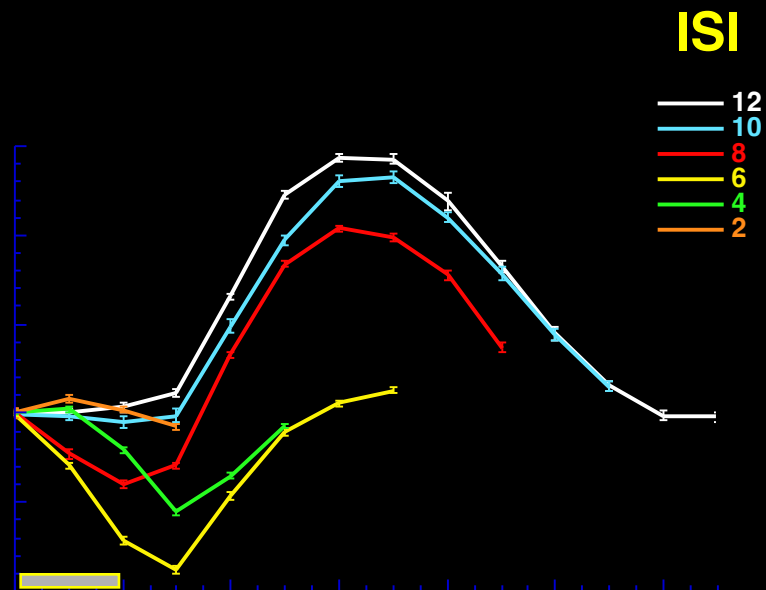
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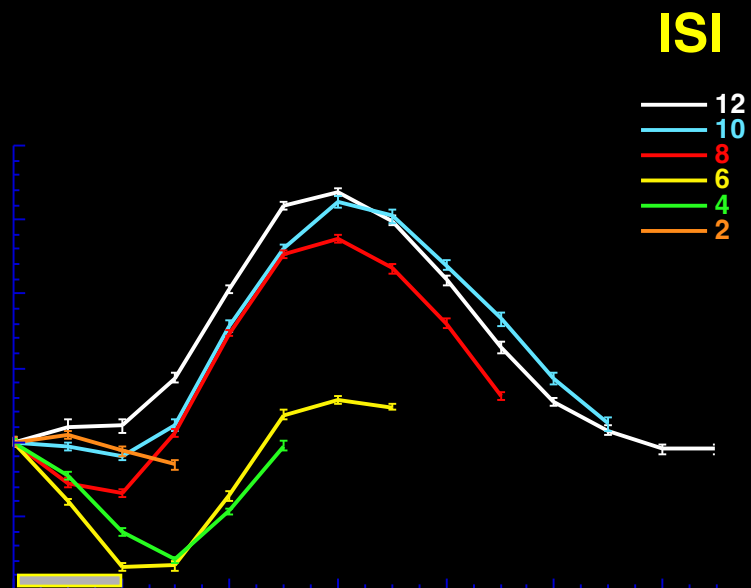
**4, 2**

**2, 2**

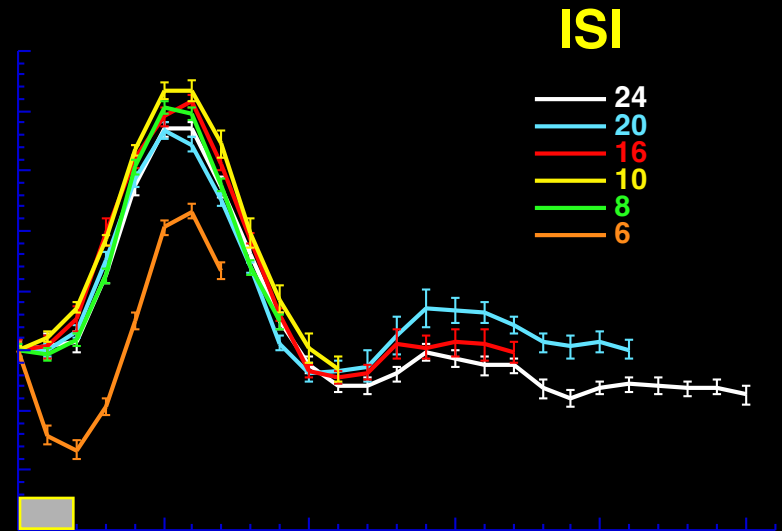
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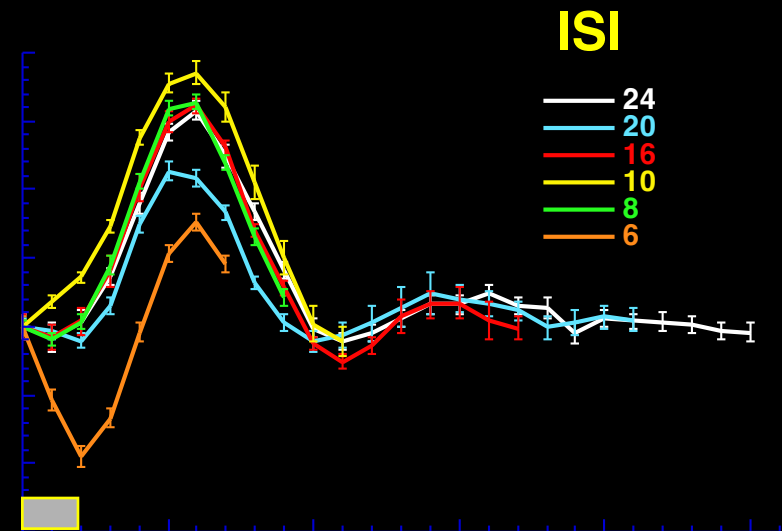
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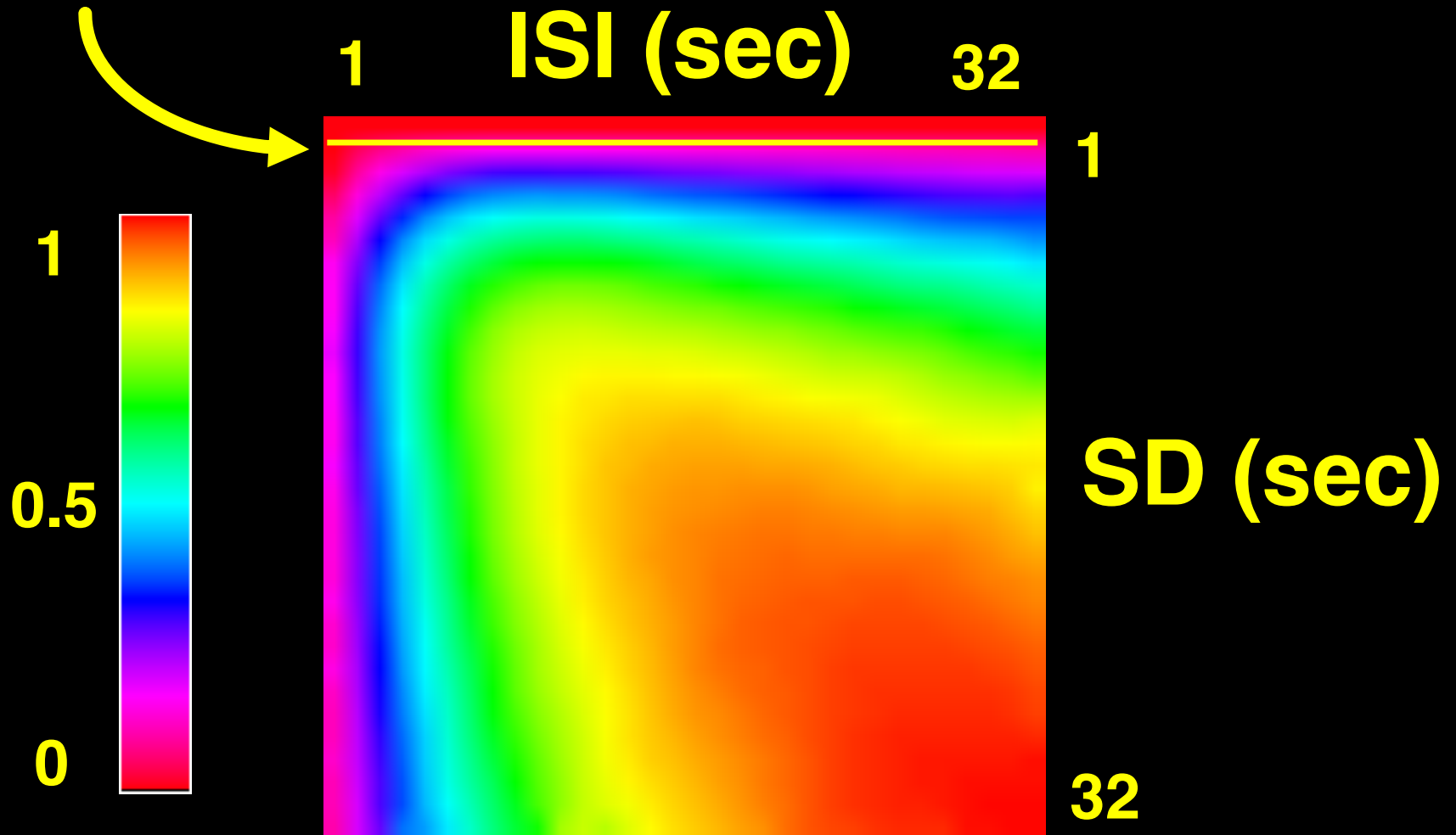
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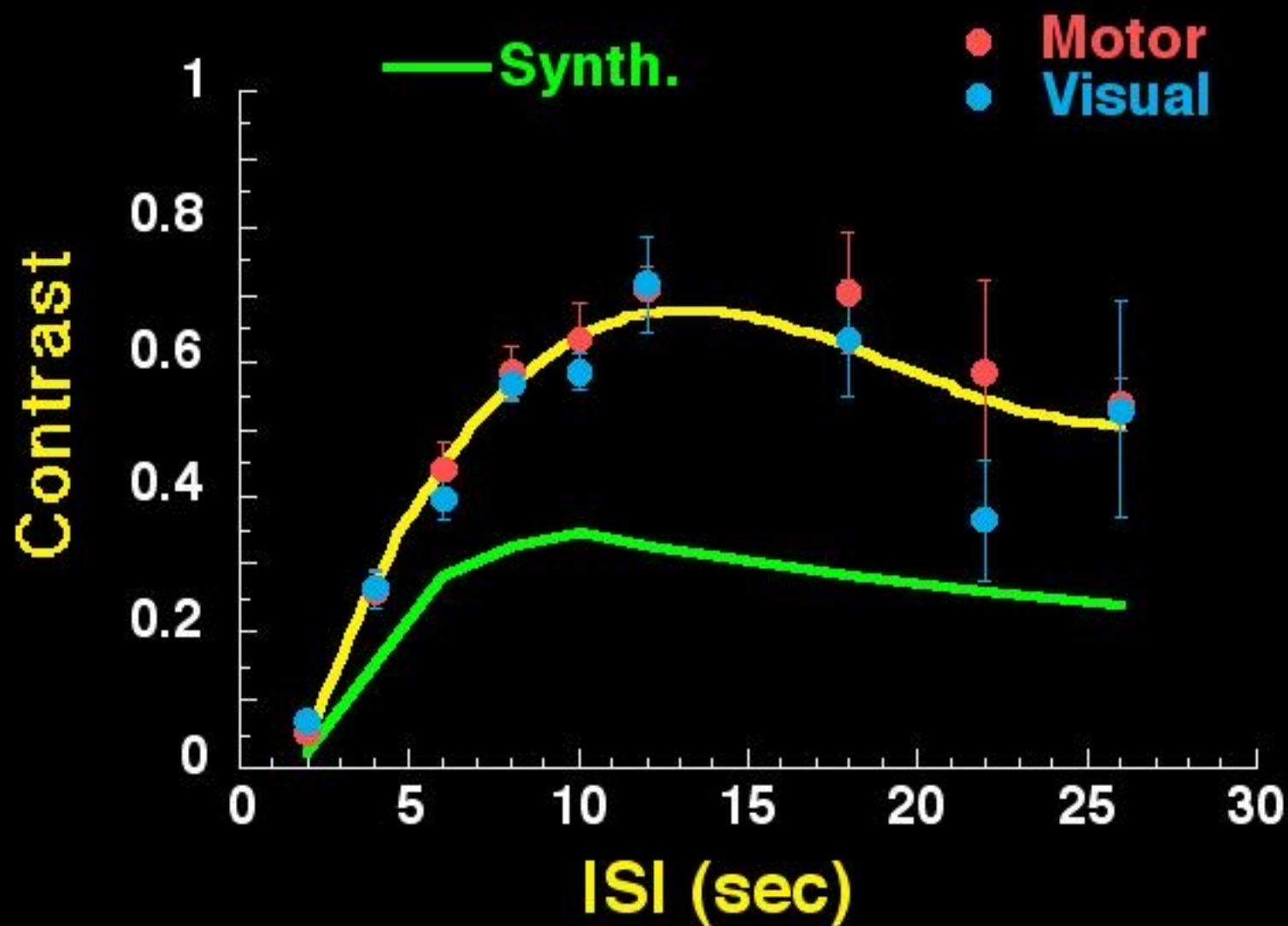
# Visual Cortex



# Functional Contrast



# Functional Contrast



( Block design = 1 )



# Contrast to Noise Images

( ISI, SD )

20, 20

12, 2

10, 2

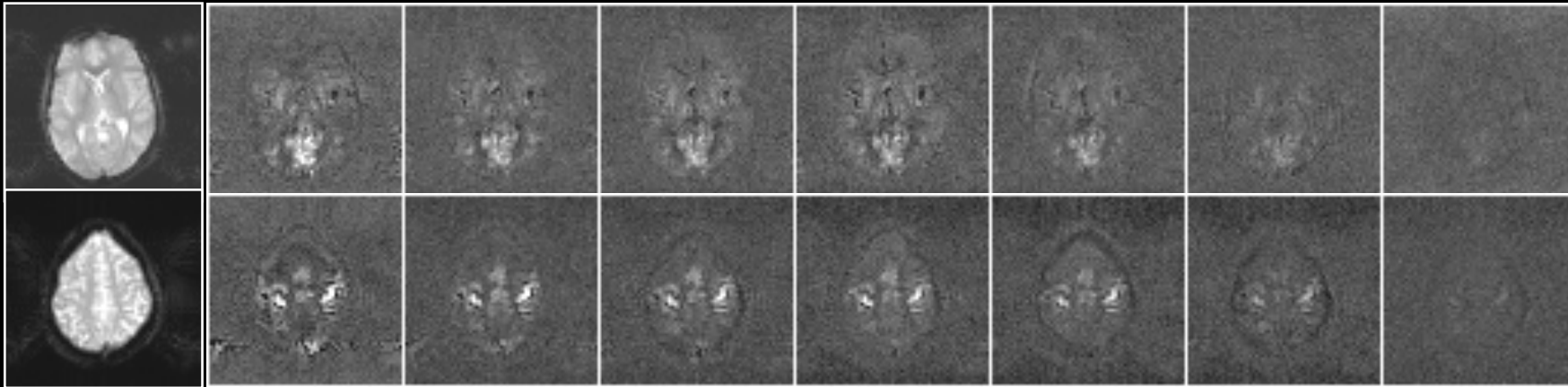
8, 2

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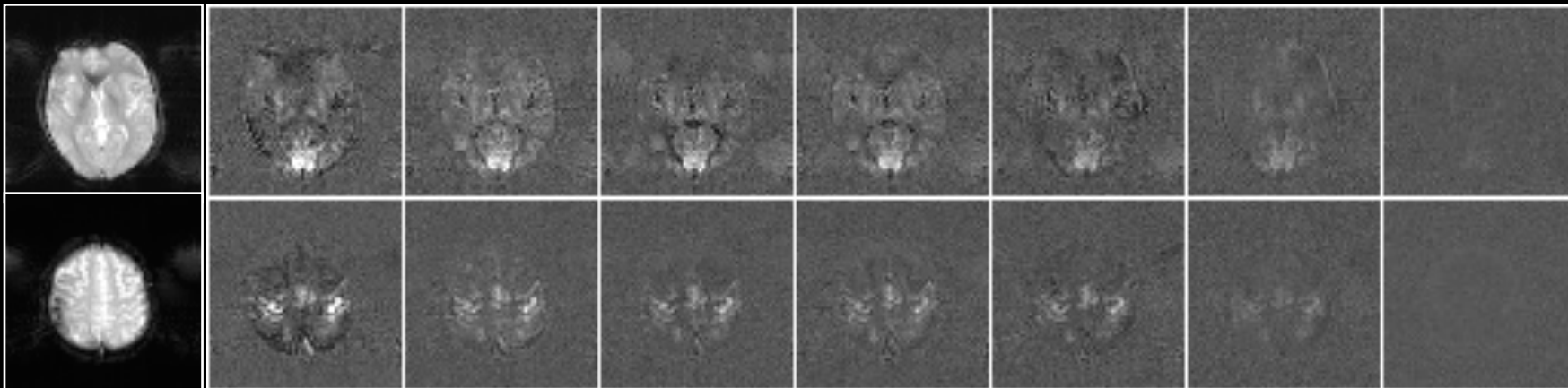
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S1



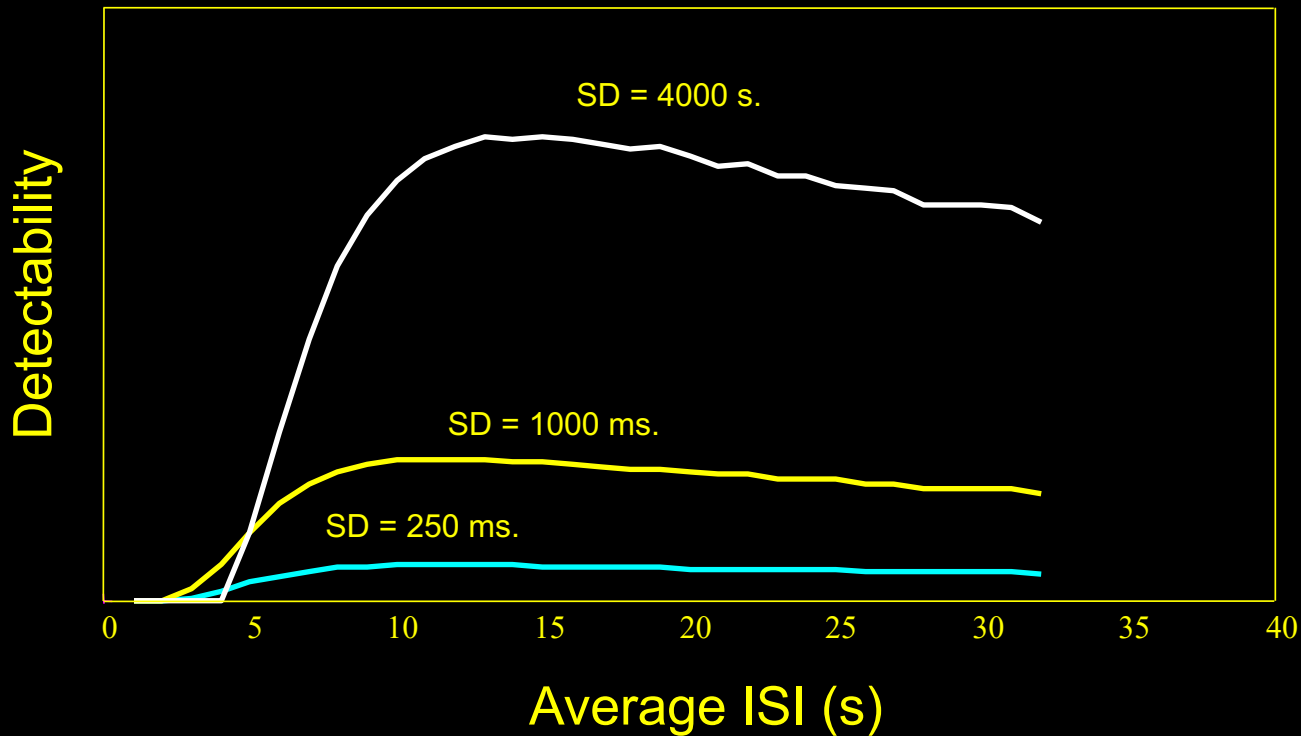
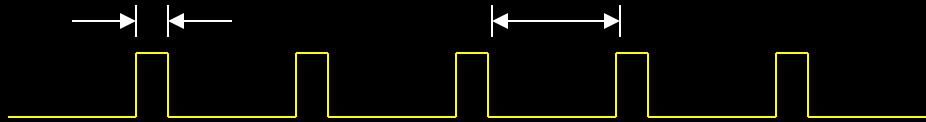
S2



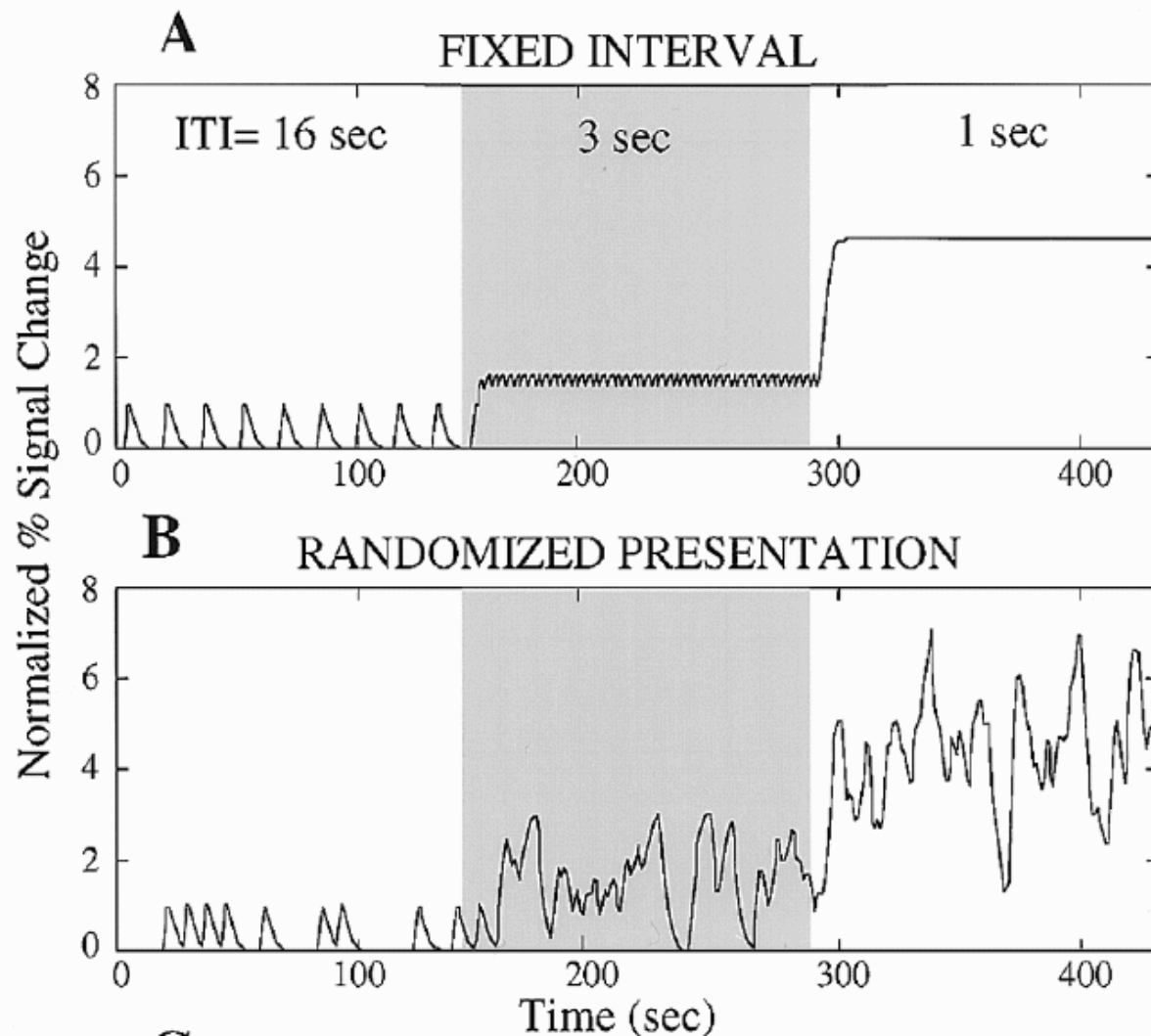
# Detectability – constant ISI

SD – stimulus duration

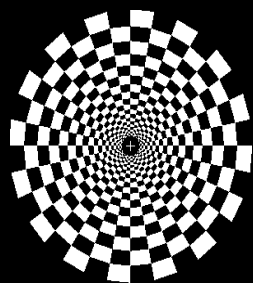
ISI – inter-stimulus interval



M.A. Burock et al. *NeuroReport*, 9, 3735-9 (1998)

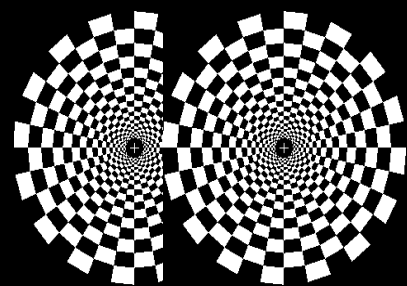


# Visual Activation Paradigm: 1 , 2, & 3 Trials



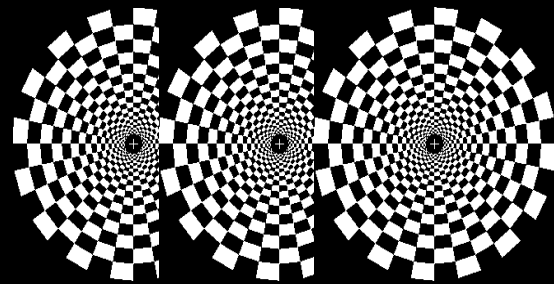
**0 sec**

**20 sec**



**0 sec 2 sec**

**20 sec**

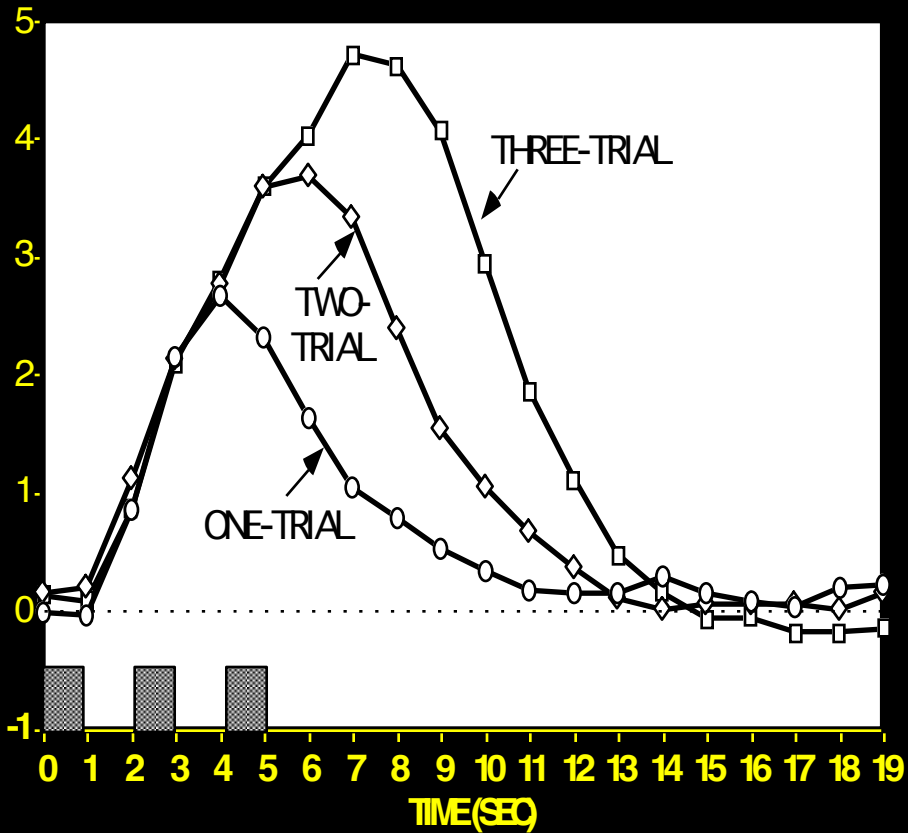


**0 sec 2 sec 4 sec**

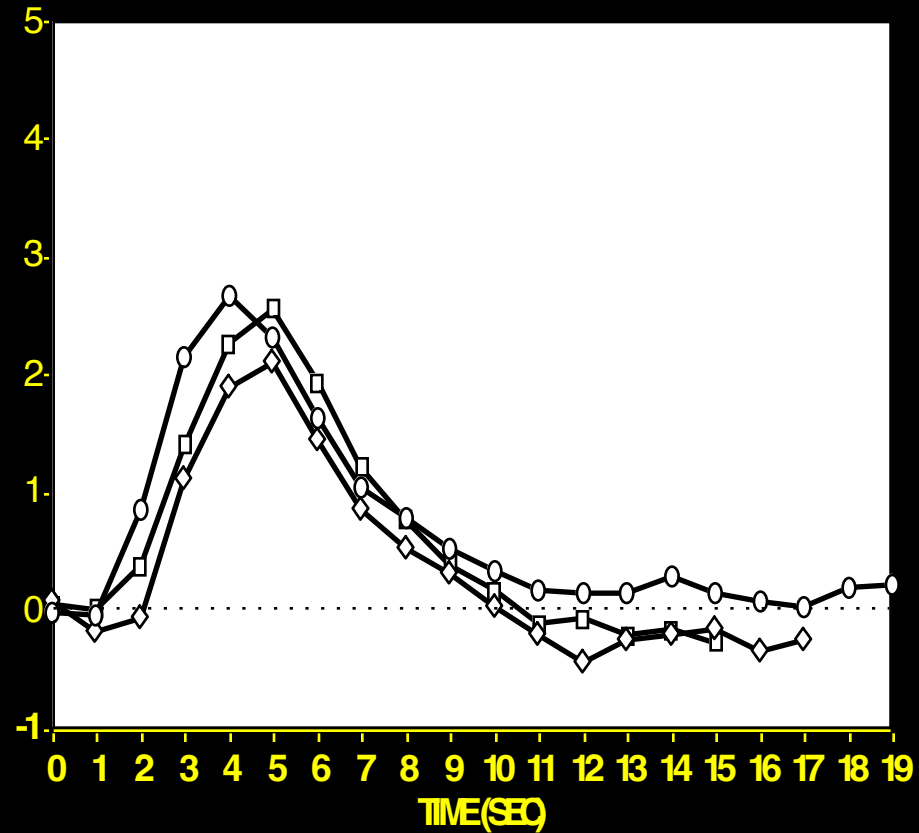
**20 sec**

# Response to Multiple Trials: Subject RW

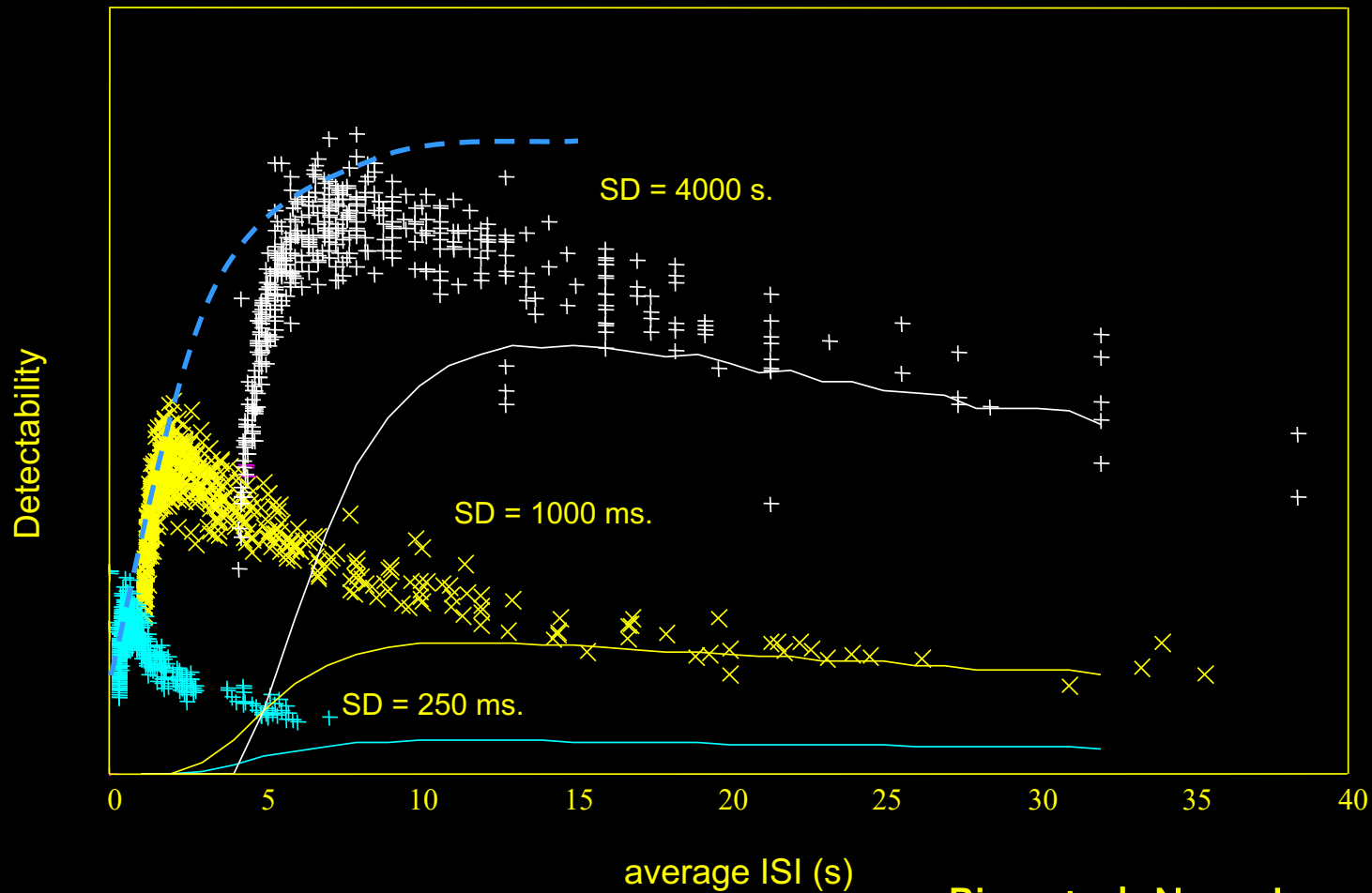
## RAW DATA



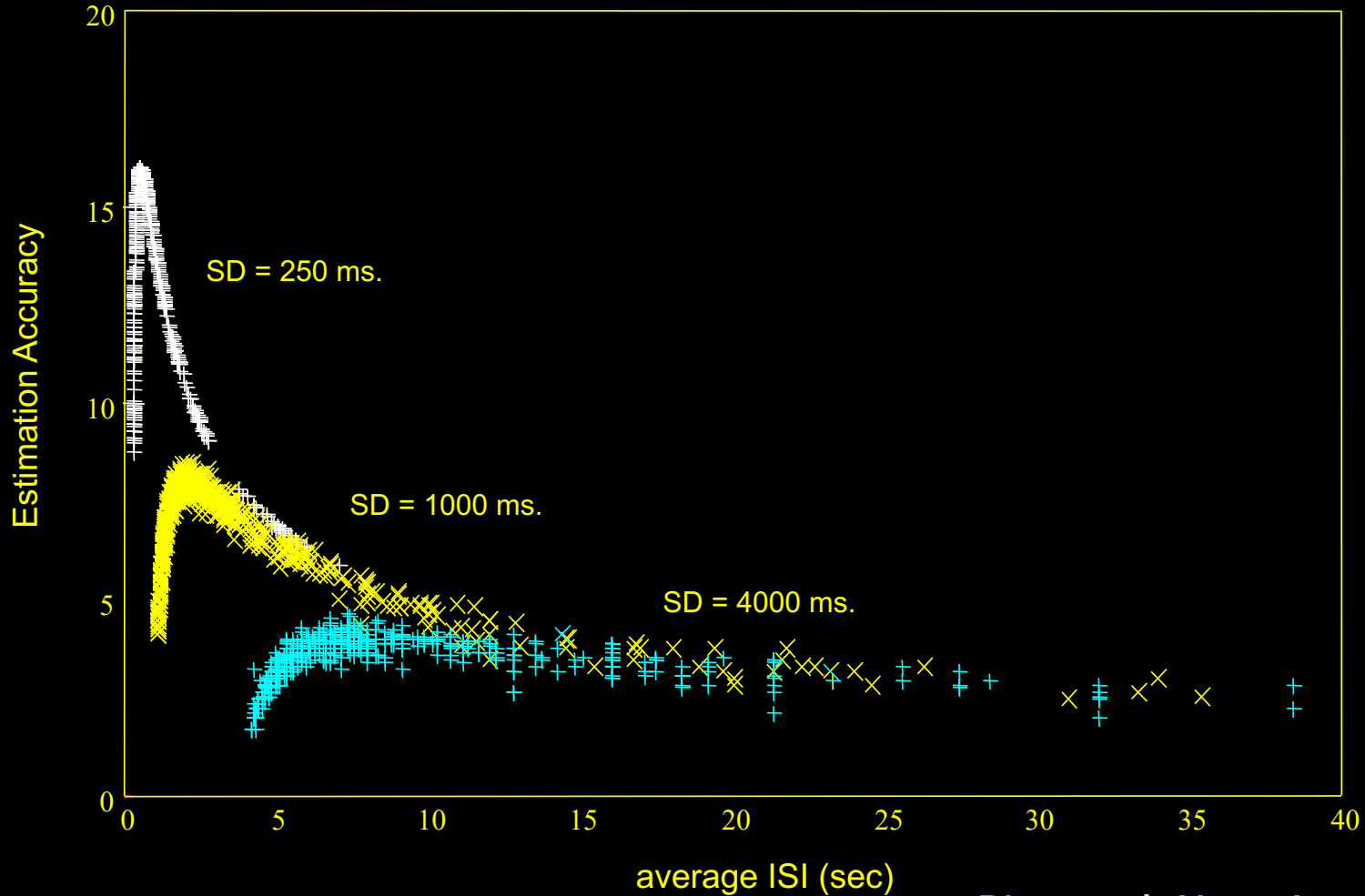
## ESTIMATED RESPONSES



# Detectability vs. Average ISI



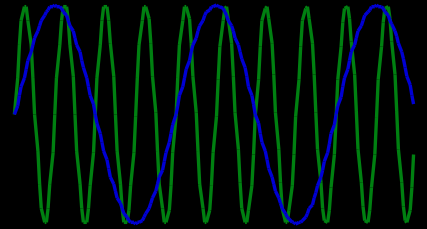
# Estimation accuracy vs. average ISI



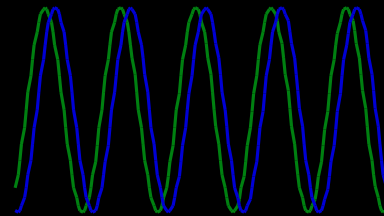
# Neuronal Activation Input Strategies

1. Block Design

2. Frequency Encoding

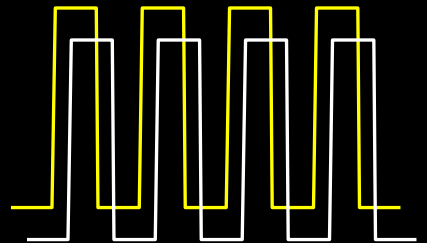


3. Phase Encoding



4. Event Related

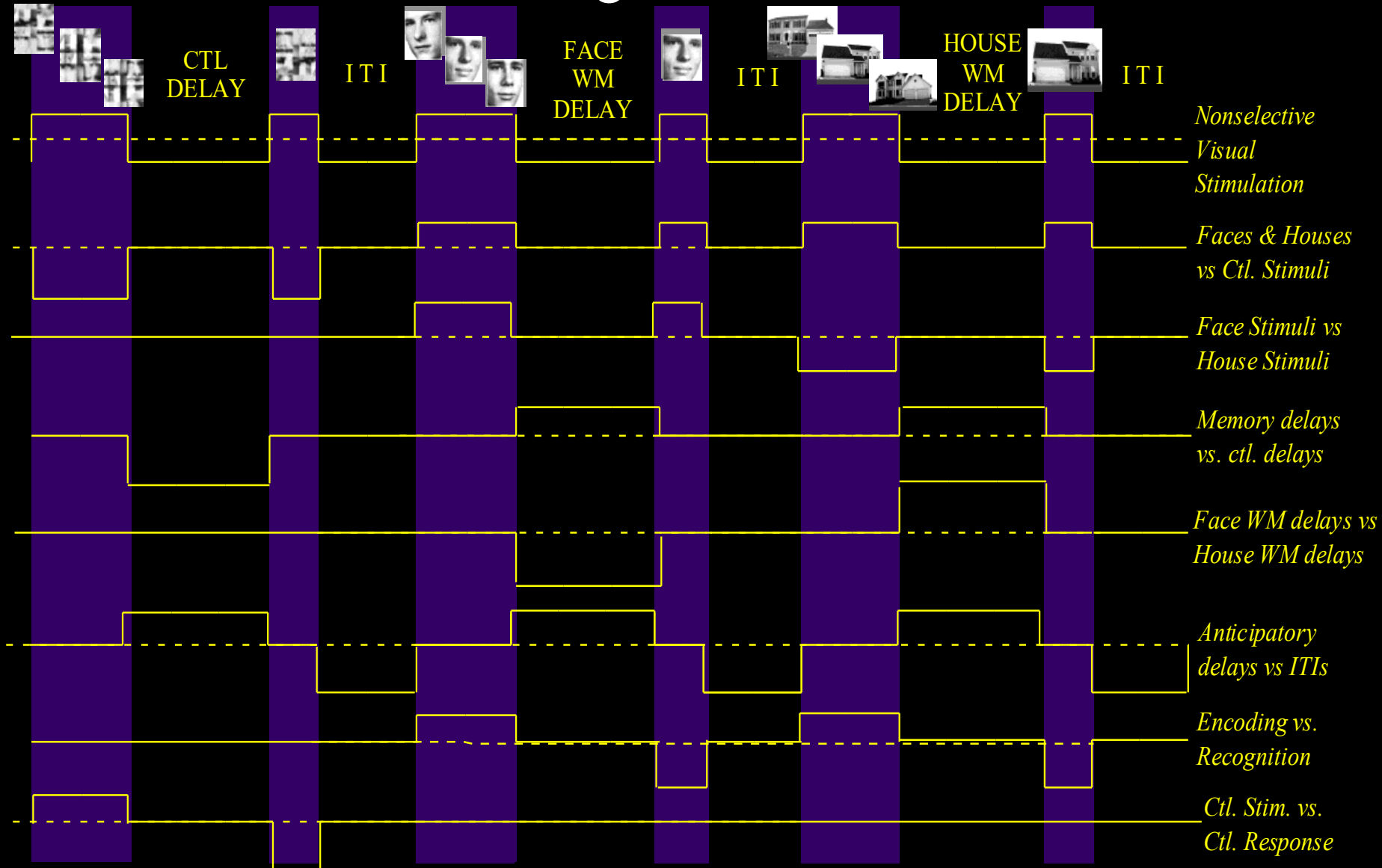
5. Orthogonal Block Design



6. Free behavior Design



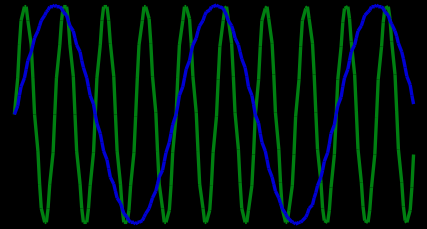
# Example of a Set of Orthogonal Contrasts for Multiple Regression



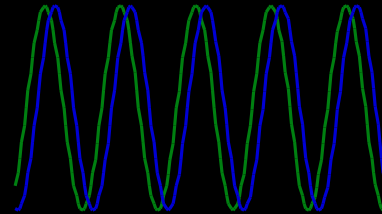
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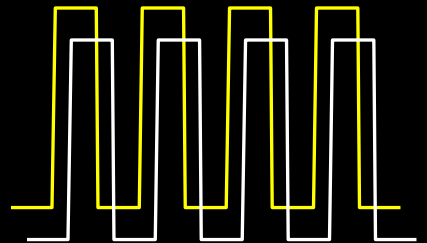


3. Phase Encoding



4. Single Event

5. Orthogonal Block Design



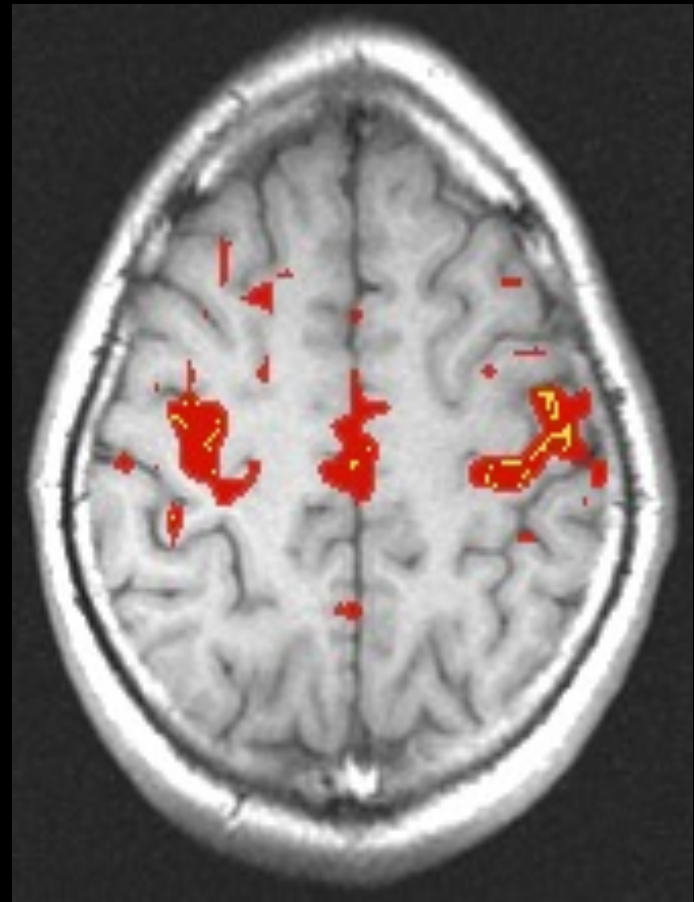
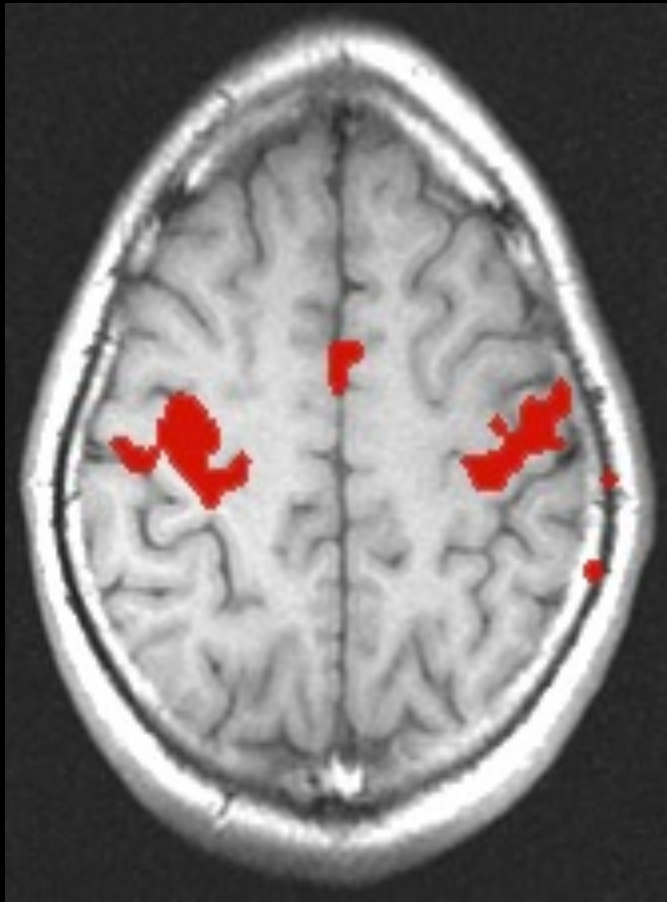
6. Free Behavior Design.

# Free Behavior Design

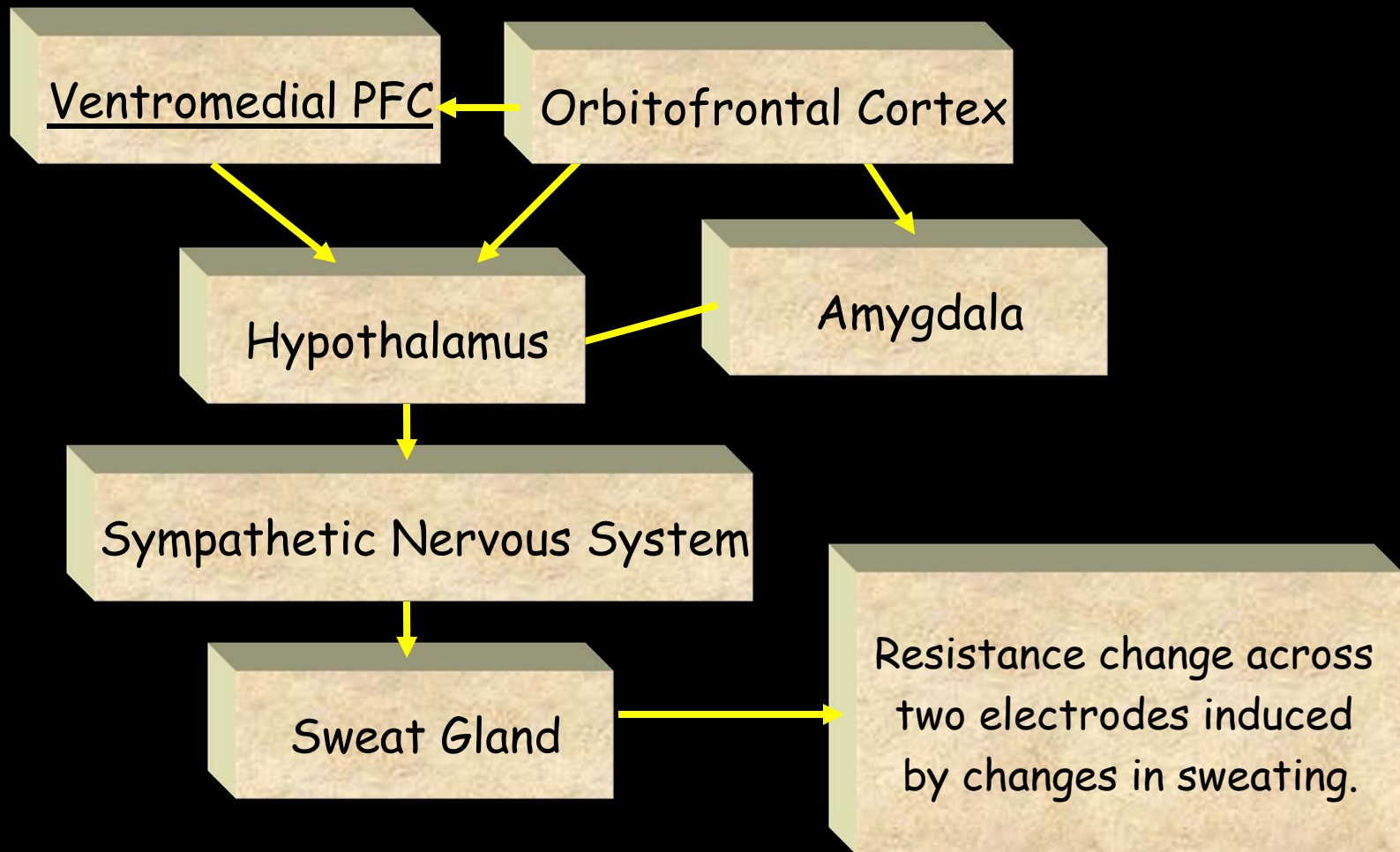
Use a continuous measure as a reference function:

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

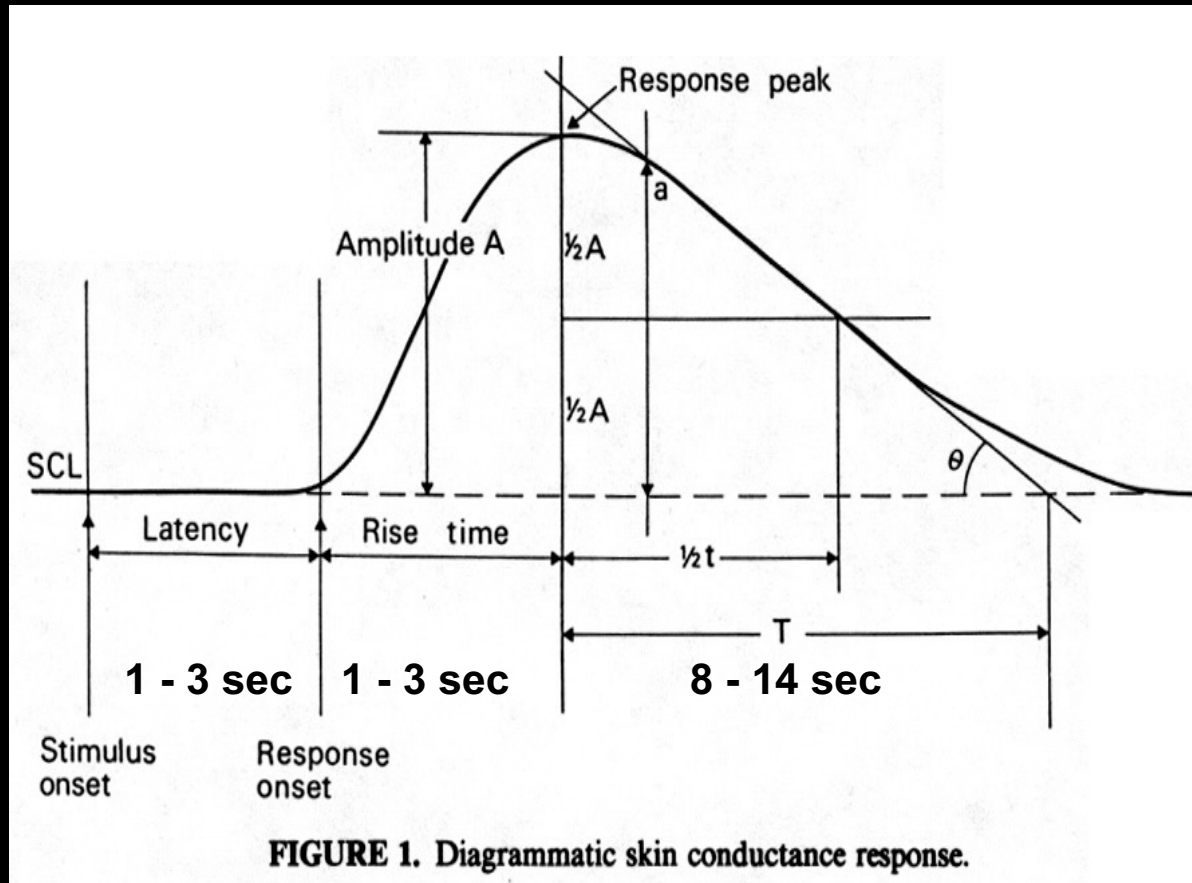
# Resting Hemodynamic Autocorrelations



# The Skin Conductance Response (SCR)

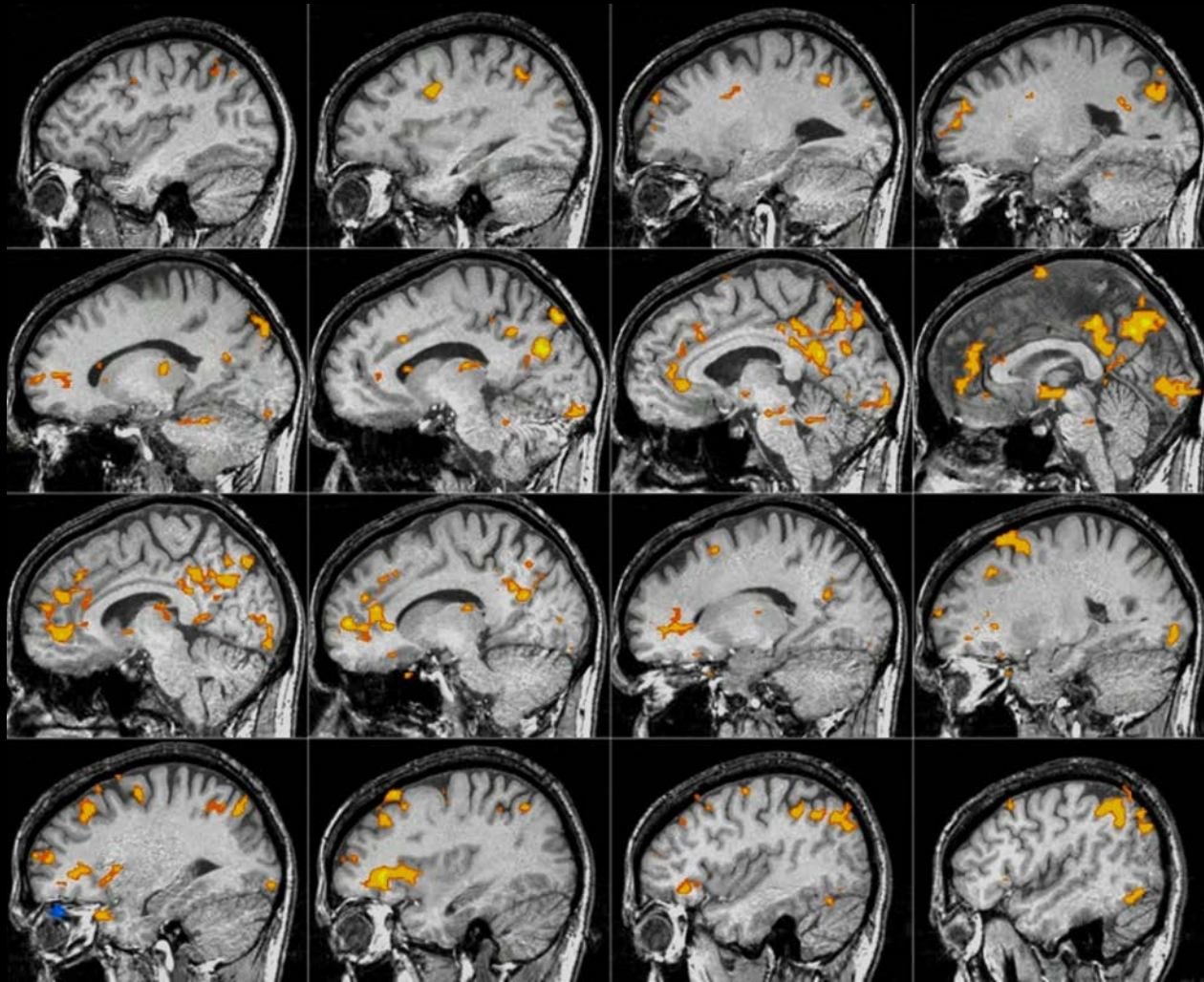


# Skin Conductance Dynamics



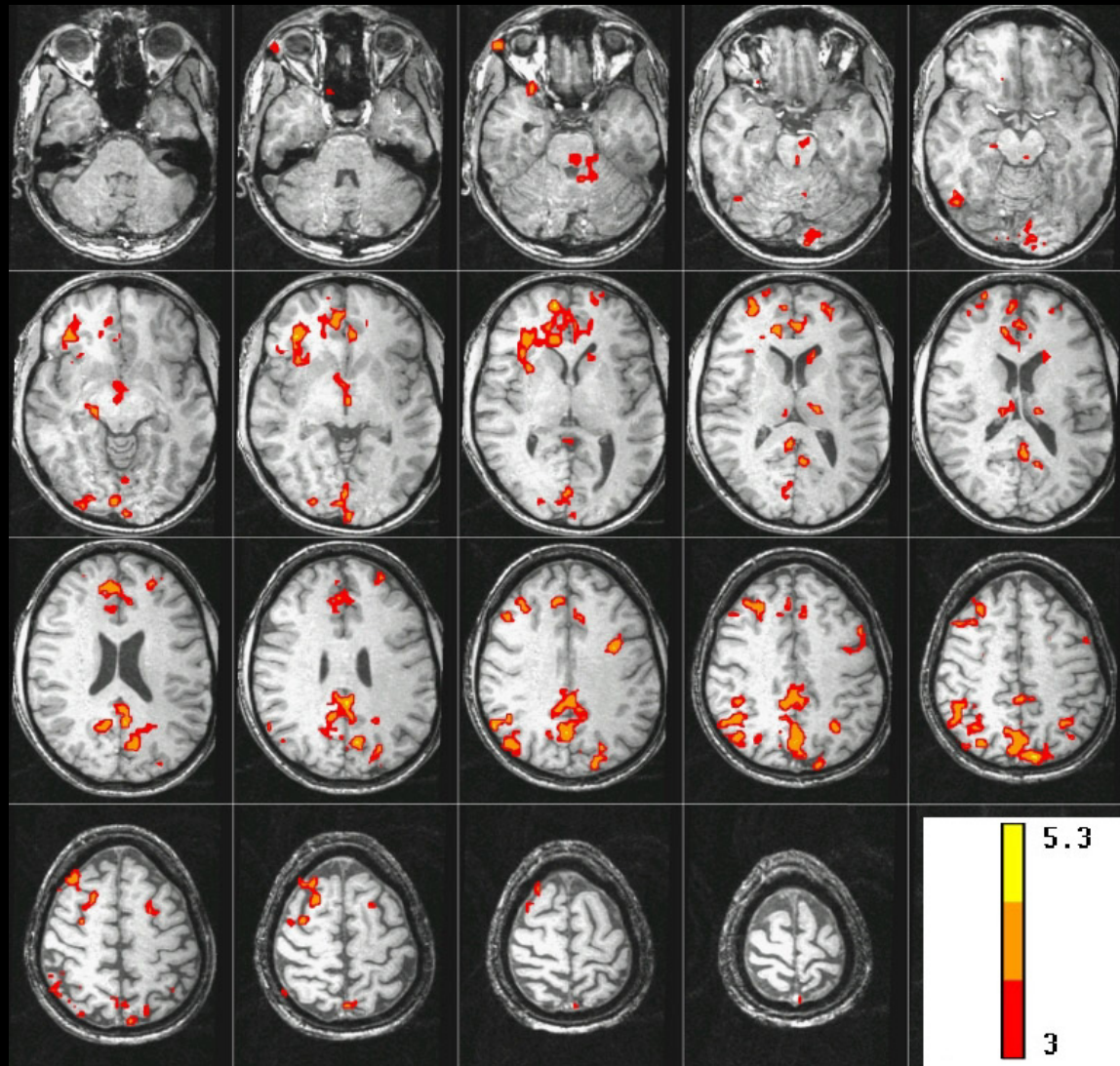
- Boucsein, Wolfram (1992). *Electrodermal Activity*. Plenum Press, NY
- Venables, Peter, (1991). *Autonomic Activity ANYAS 620:191-207.*

# Brain activity correlated with SCR during “Rest”





# Brain activity correlated with SCR during “Rest”





# Variables to Optimize

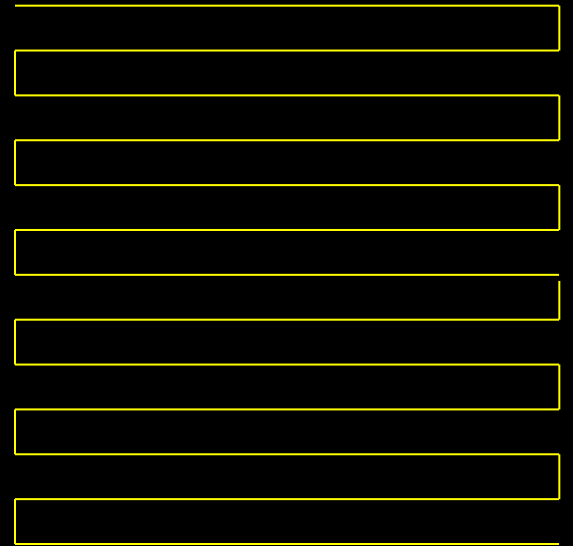
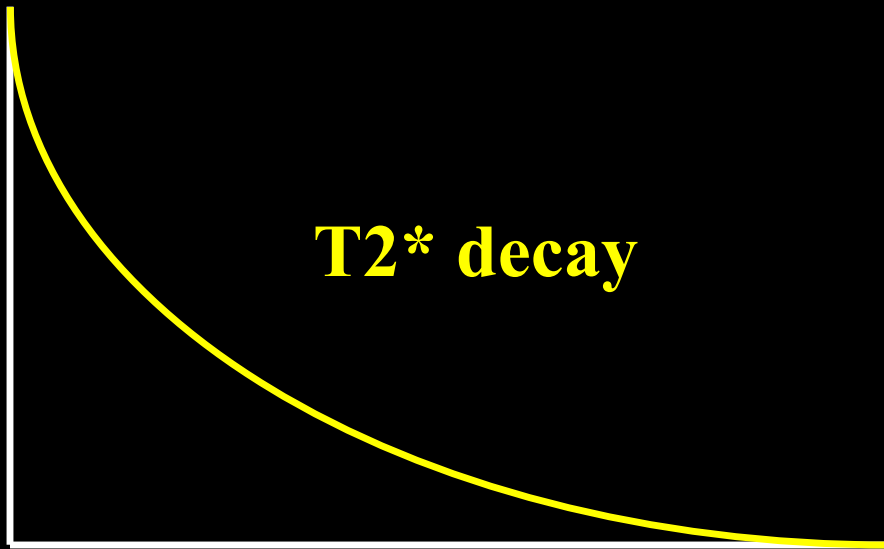
- Information Content
- Sensitivity
- Speed
- Resolution
- Image quality

# Speed

## Temporal Resolution factors:

- Image acquisition rate
- Amount of signal averaging to make functional activation map
- Time for signal to deviate from baseline
- Fastest on-off rate in which amplitude is not compromised
- Fastest on-off rate in which hemodynamic response keeps up
- Minimum activation duration
- Standard deviation of hemodynamic response measures per voxel
- Range of latencies over space

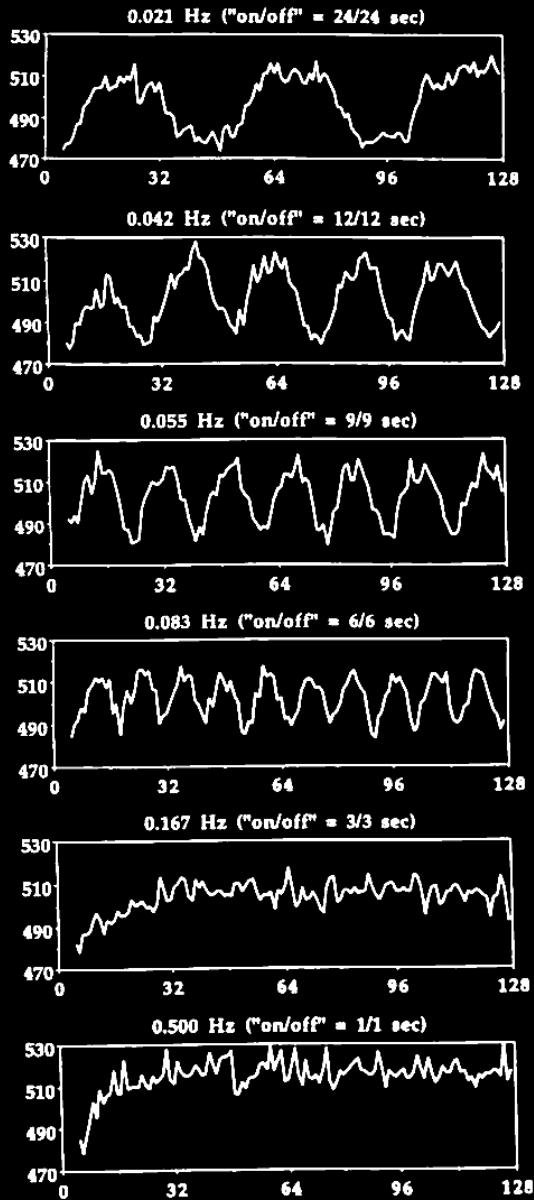
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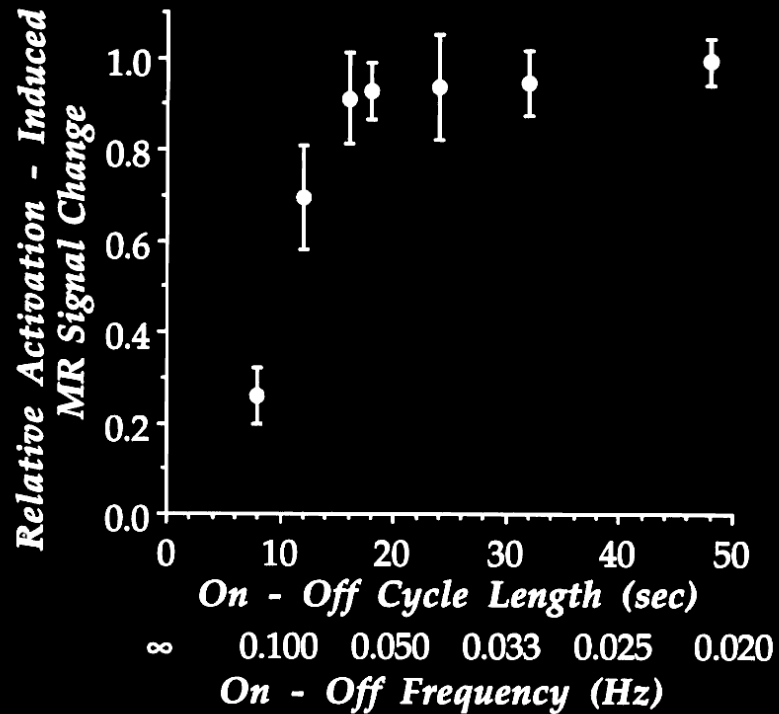
**EPI Readout Window**

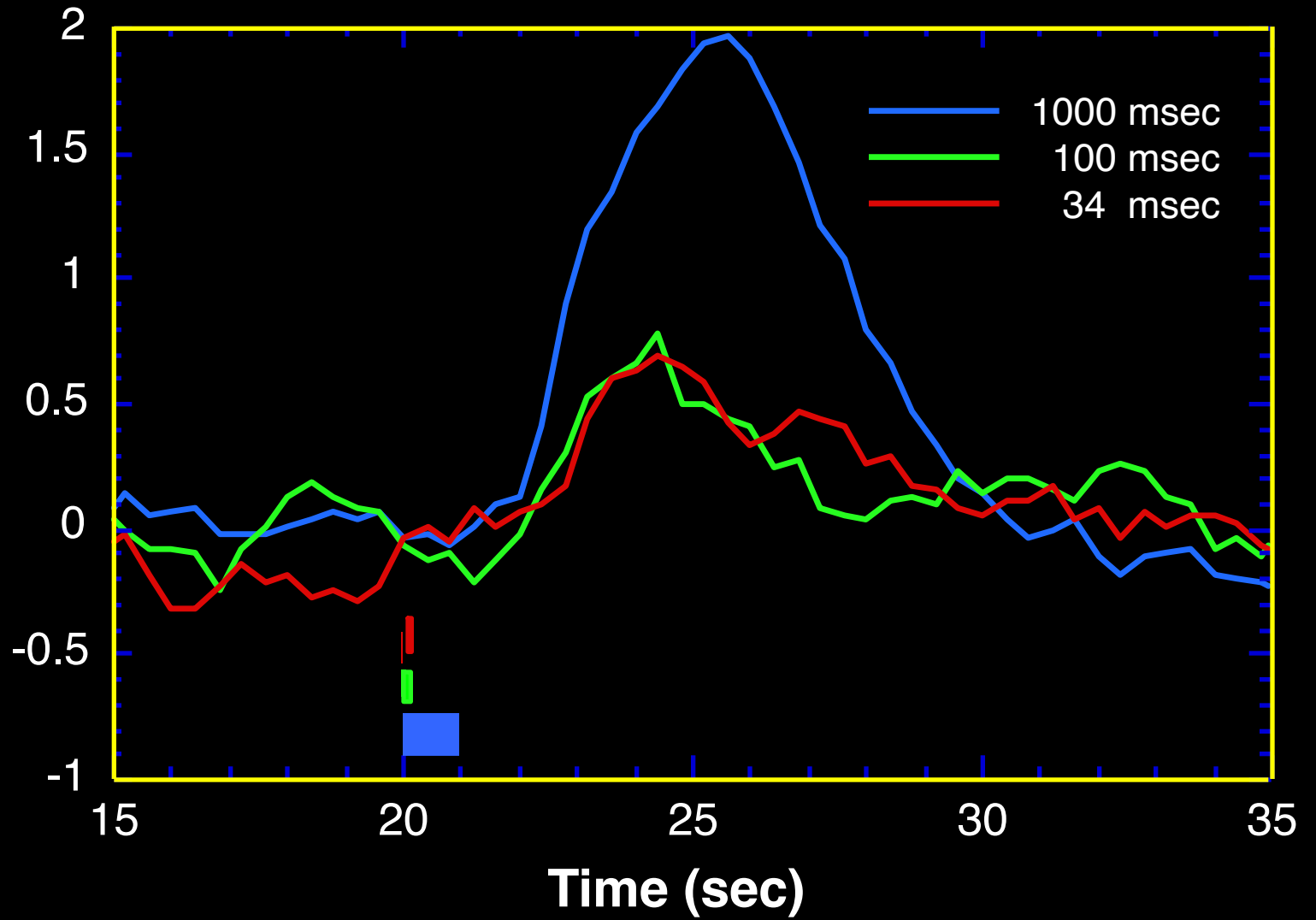
**$\approx 20$  to  $40$  ms**

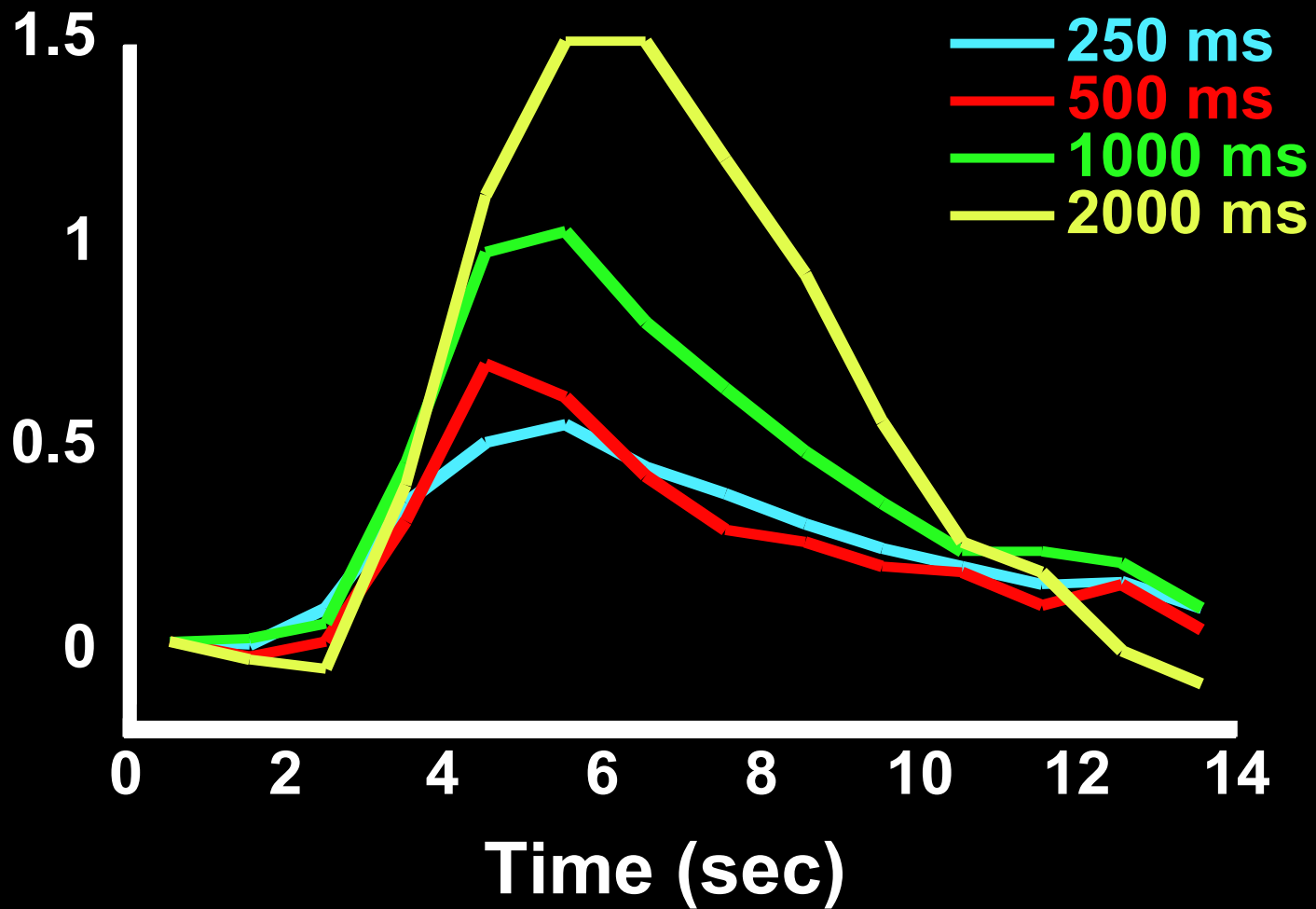
MRI Signal



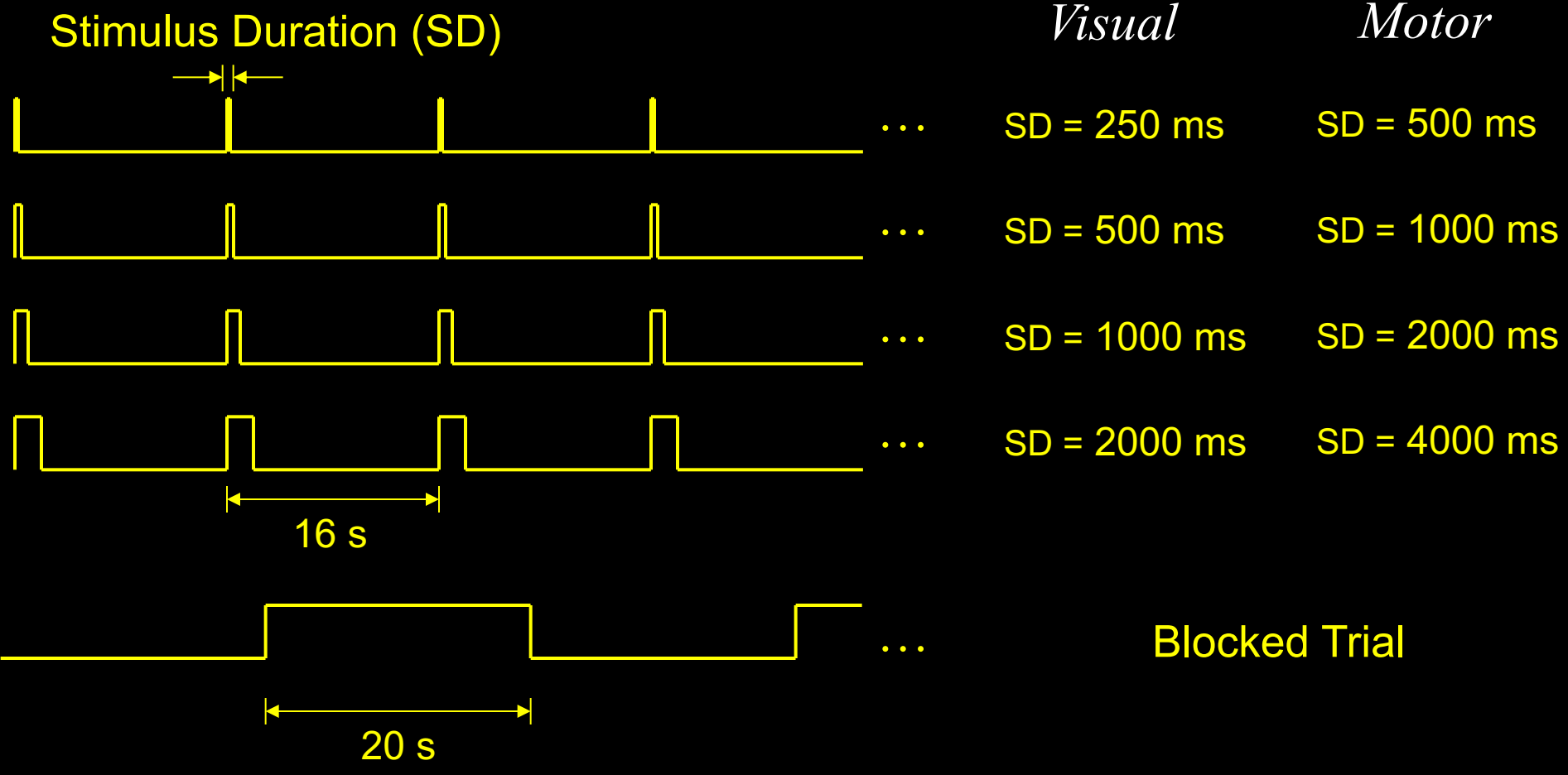
Time (seconds)







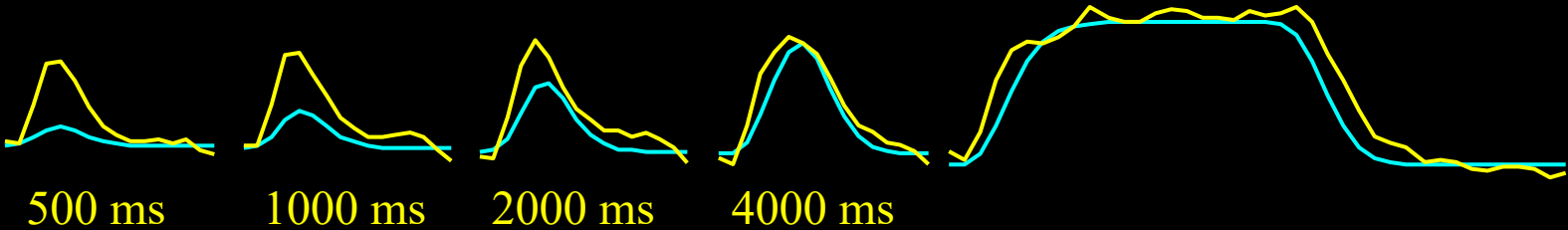
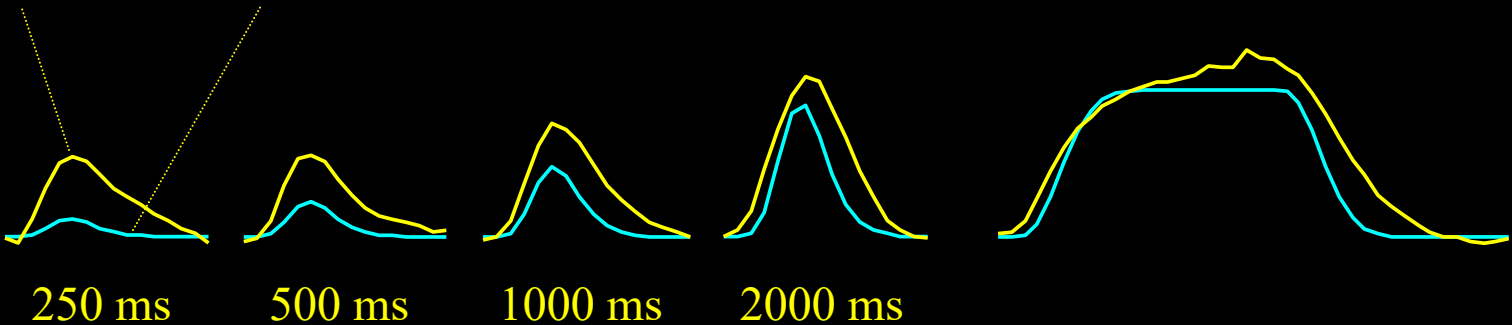
# Methods



# Observed Responses

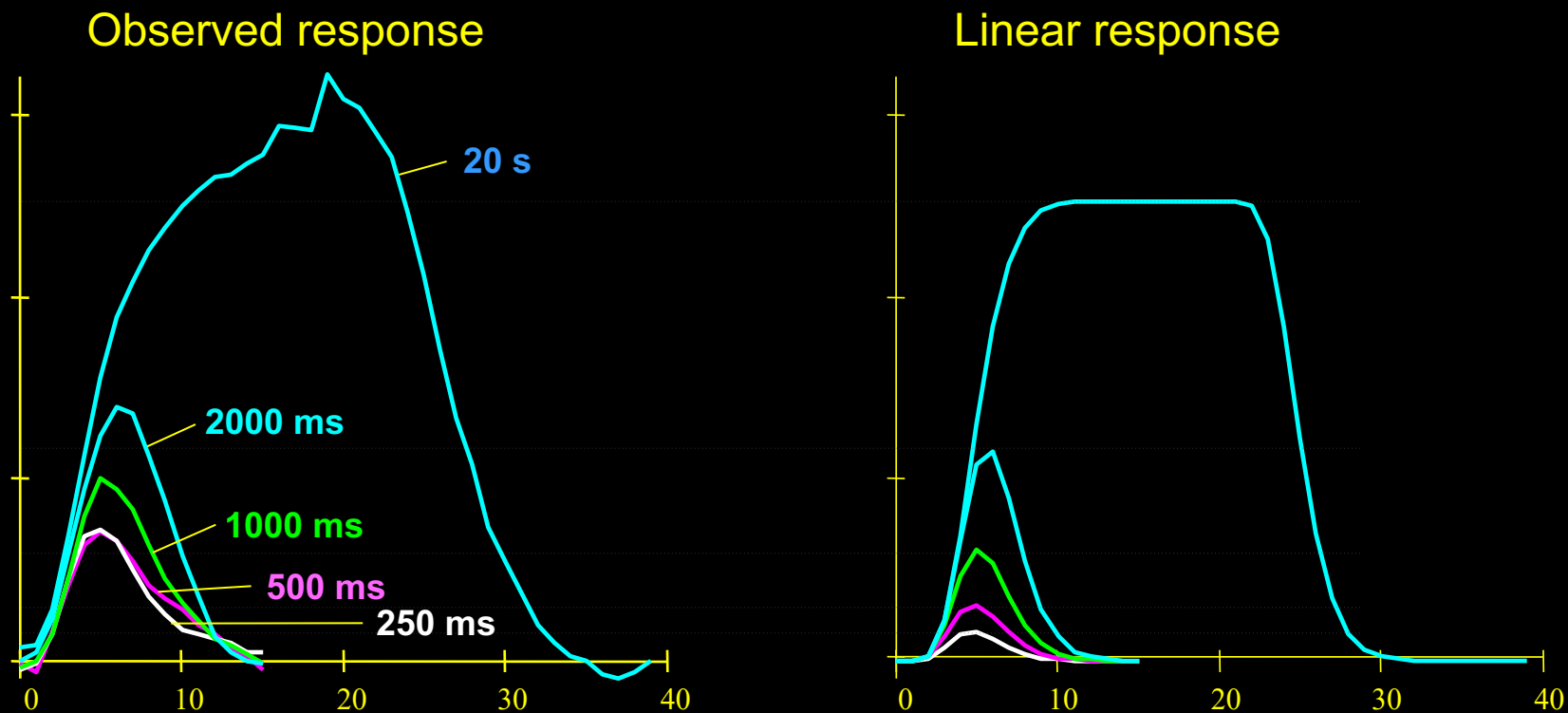
*measured*

*ideal (linear)*





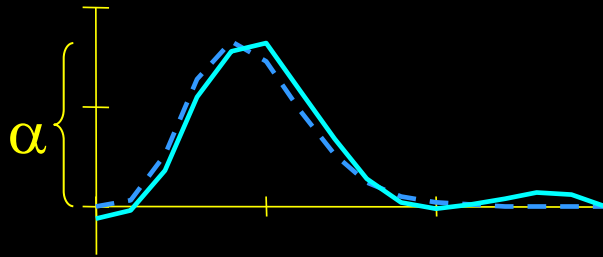
# BOLD response is nonlinear



*Short duration stimuli produce larger responses than expected*

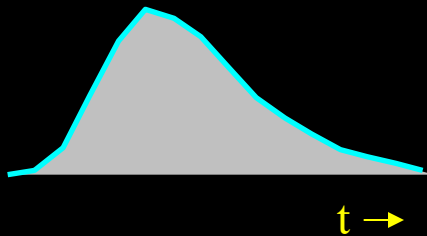
## Compute nonlinearity (*for each voxel*)

- Amplitude of Response



*Fit ideal (linear) to response*

- Area under response / Stimulus Duration



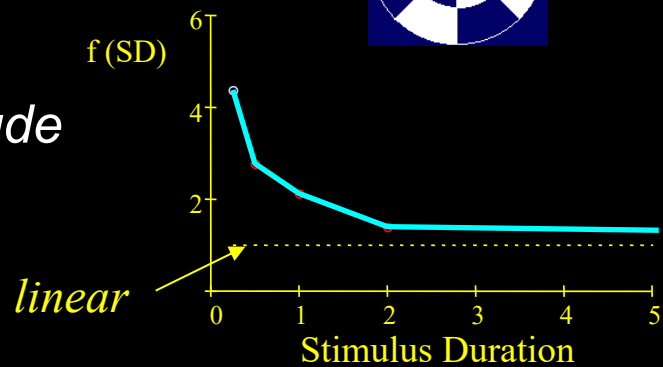
*Output Area / Input Area*

# Nonlinearity

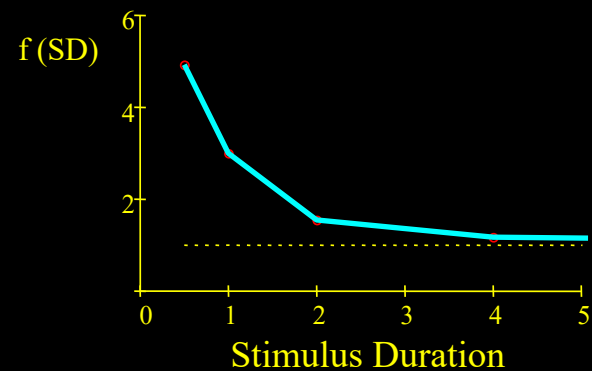
Visual



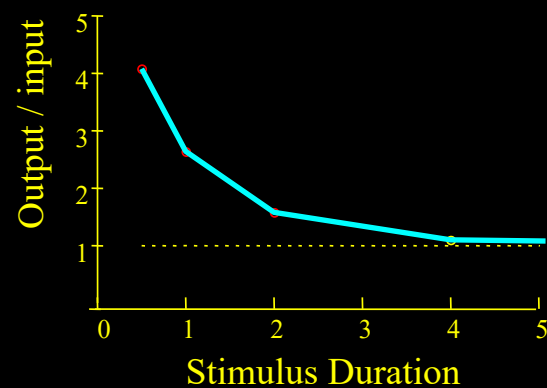
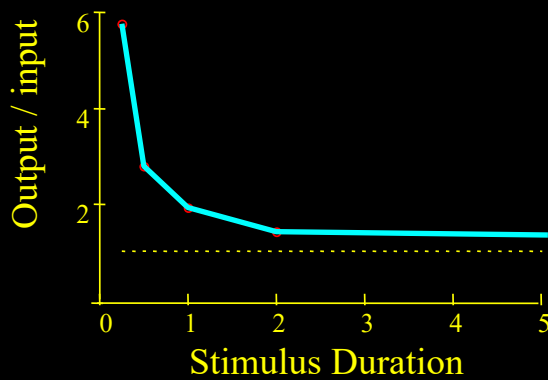
Magnitude



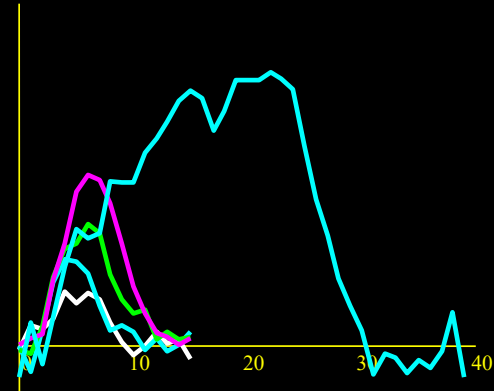
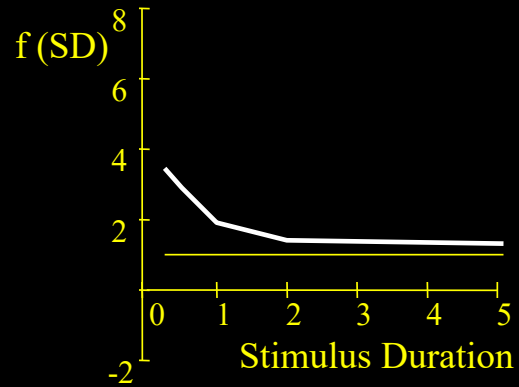
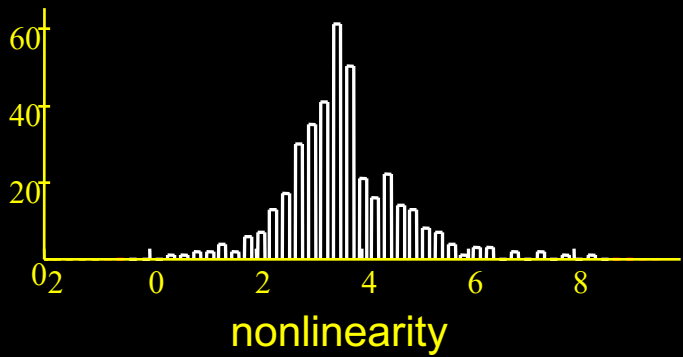
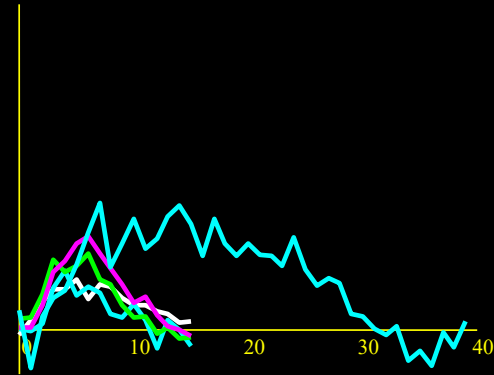
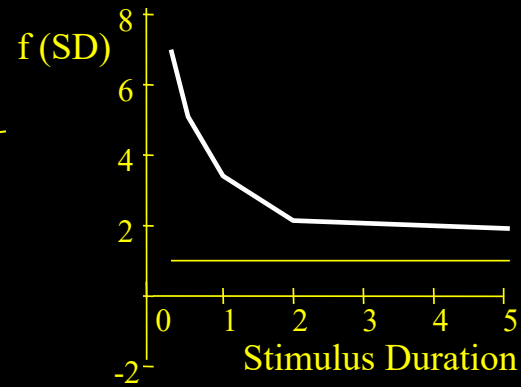
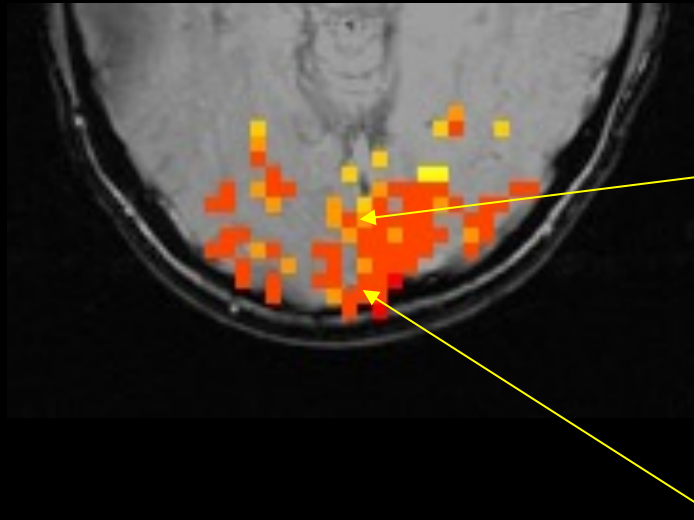
Motor



Area

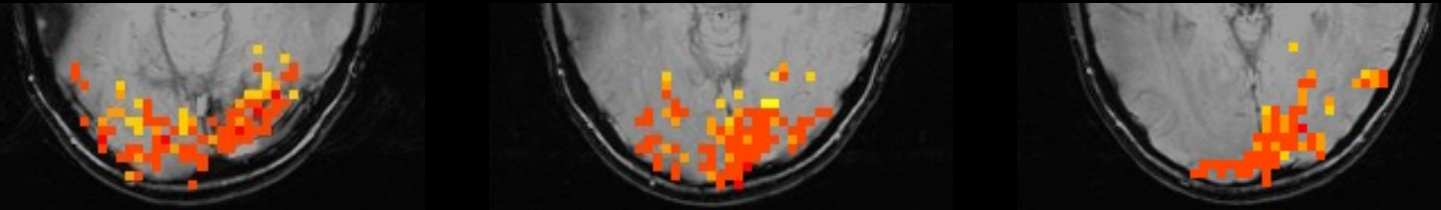


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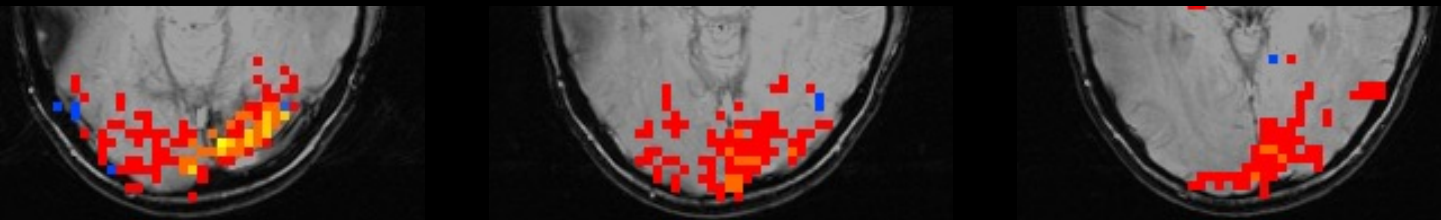


# Results — visual task

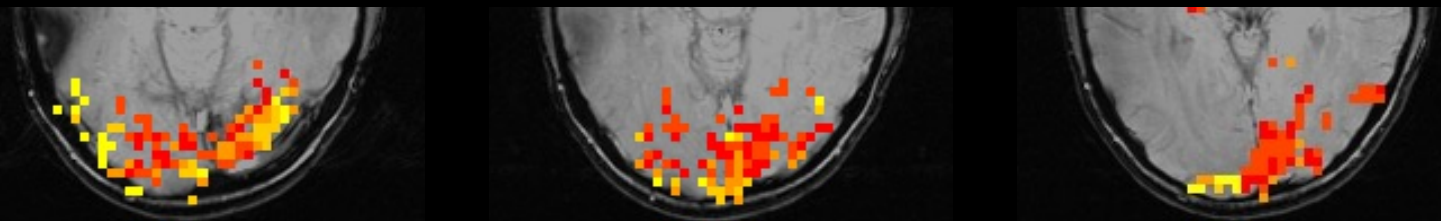
Nonlinearity



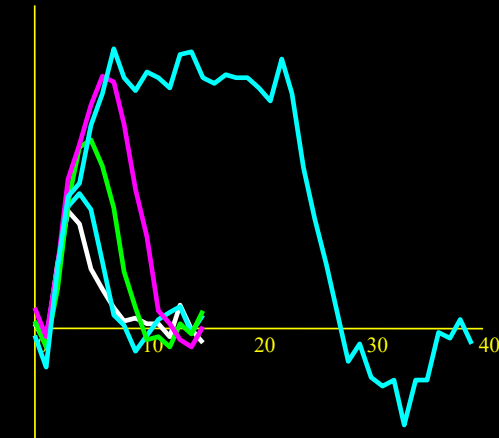
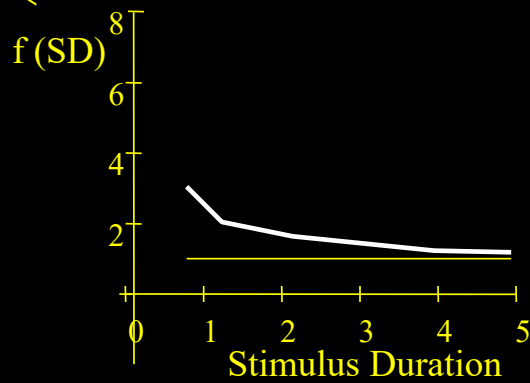
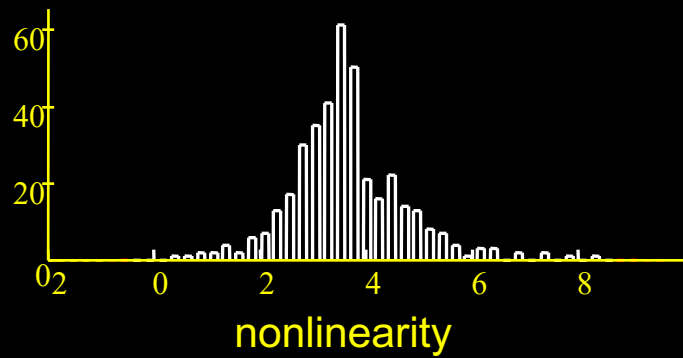
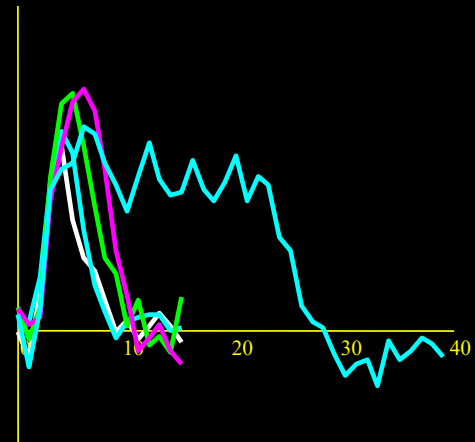
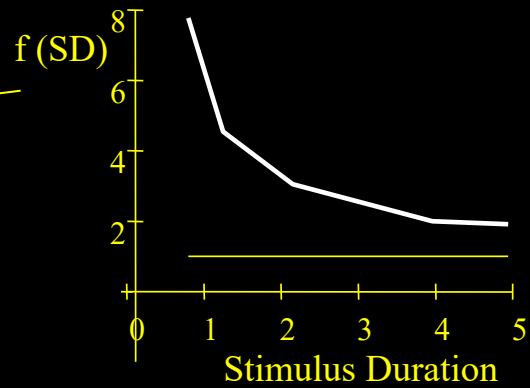
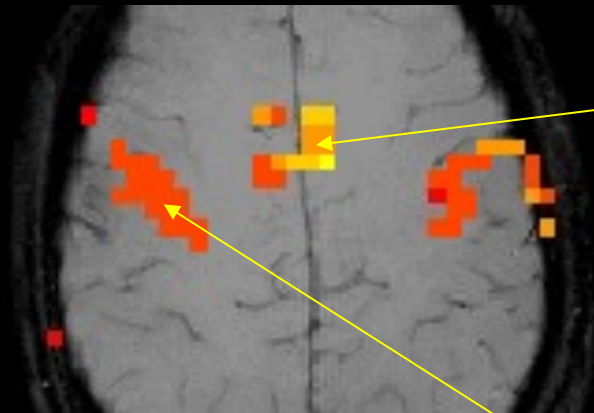
Magnitude



Latency

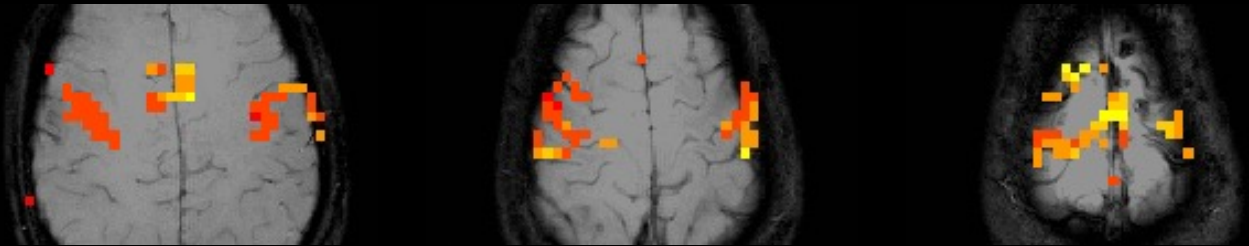


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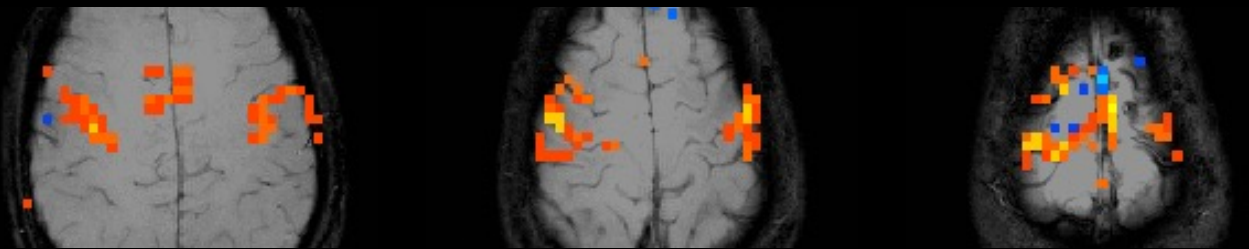


# Results — motor task

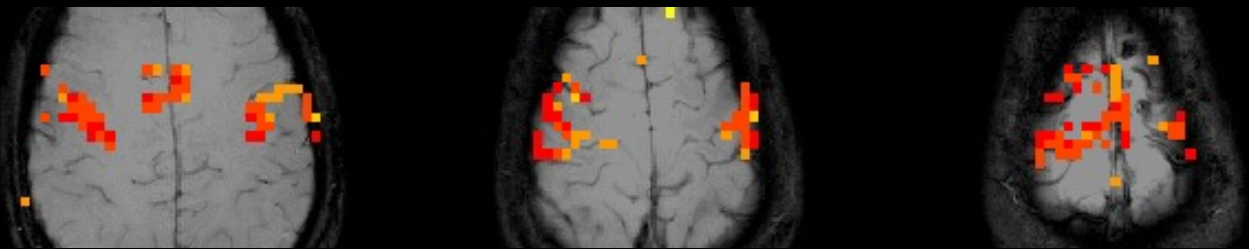
Nonlinearity



Magnitude

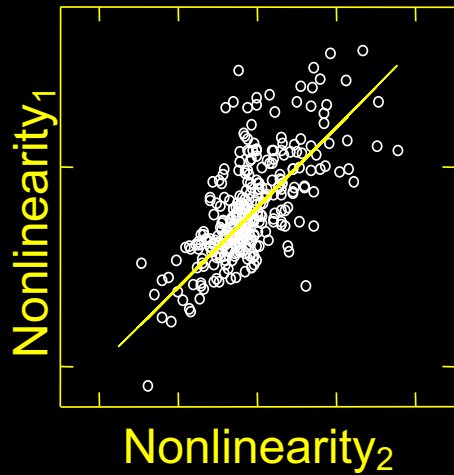


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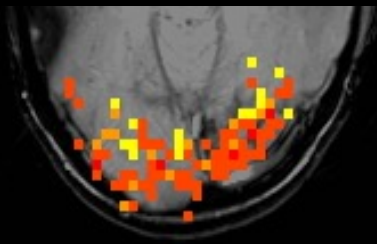
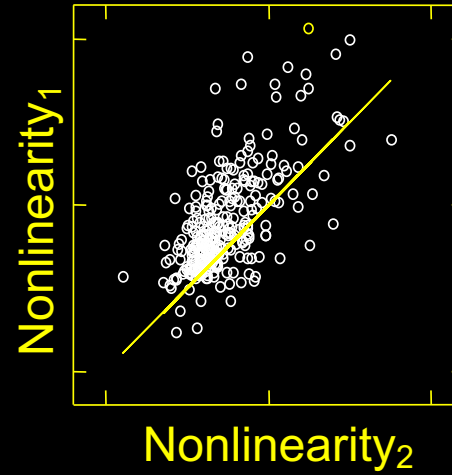


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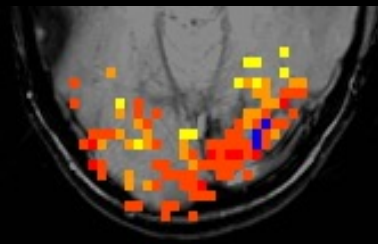
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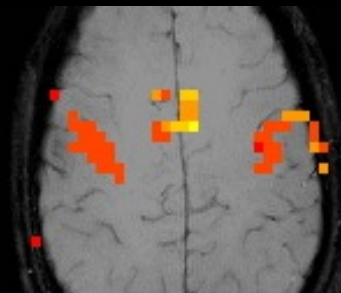
*Motor task*



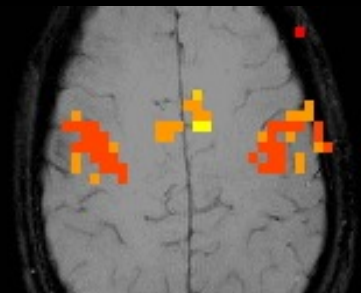
Experiment 1



Experiment 2



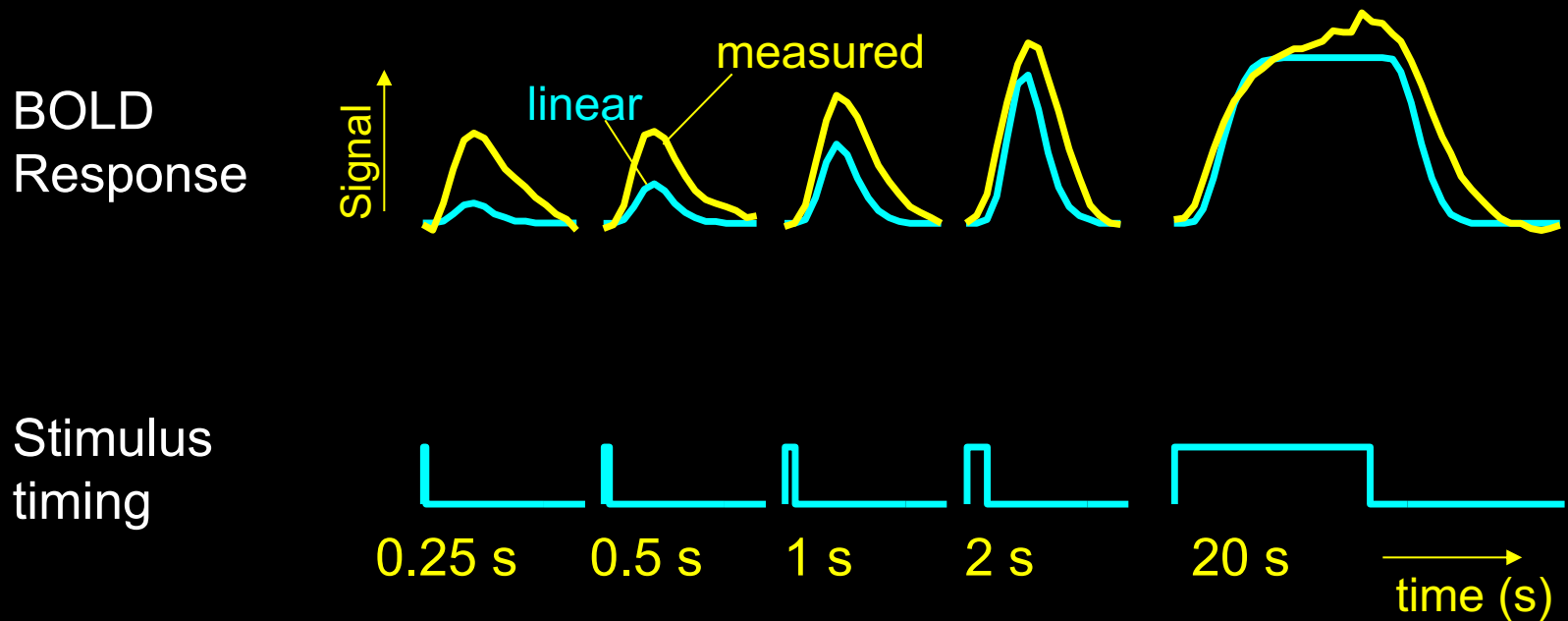
Experiment 1



Experiment 2

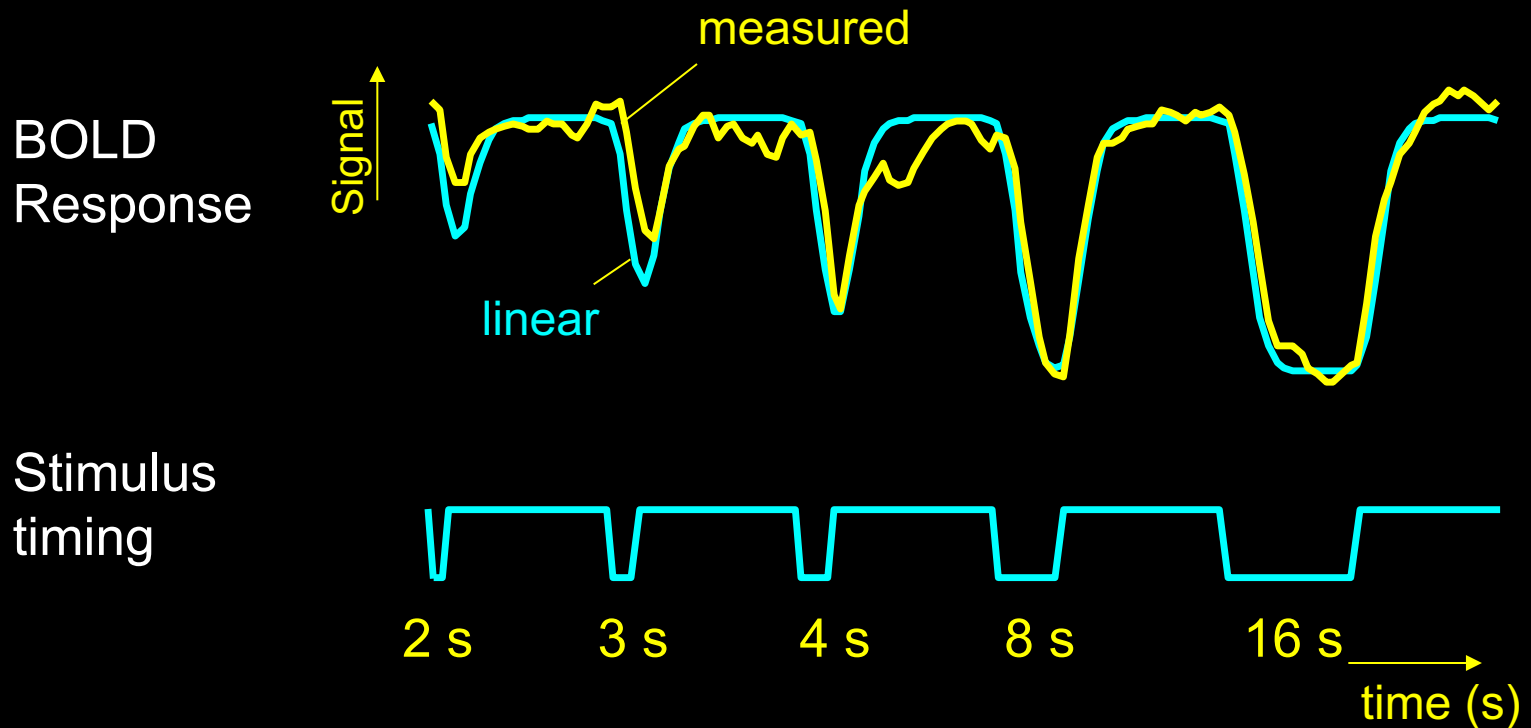


# Different stimulus “ON” periods



*Brief stimuli produce larger responses than expected*

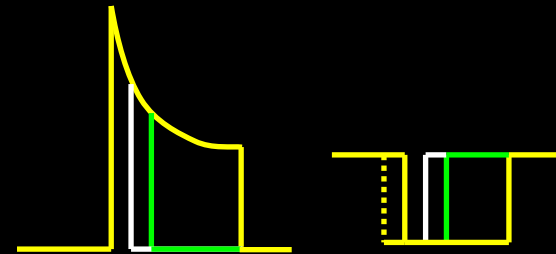
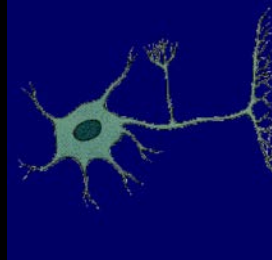
# Different stimulus “ON” periods



*Brief stimulus OFF periods produce smaller decreases than expected*

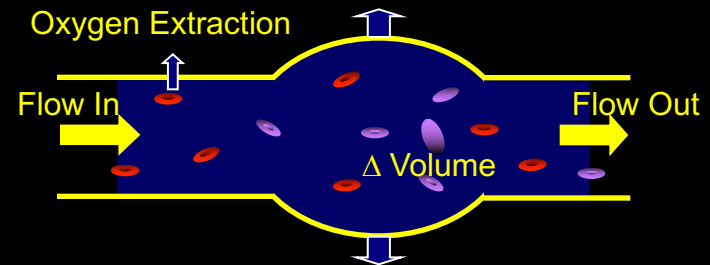
# Sources of this Nonlinearity

- Neuronal



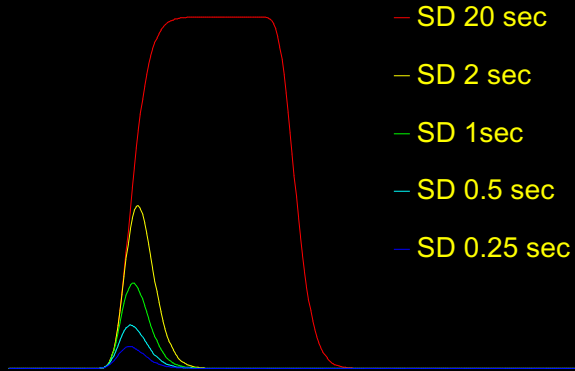
- Hemodynamic

- Oxygen extraction
- Blood volume dynamics

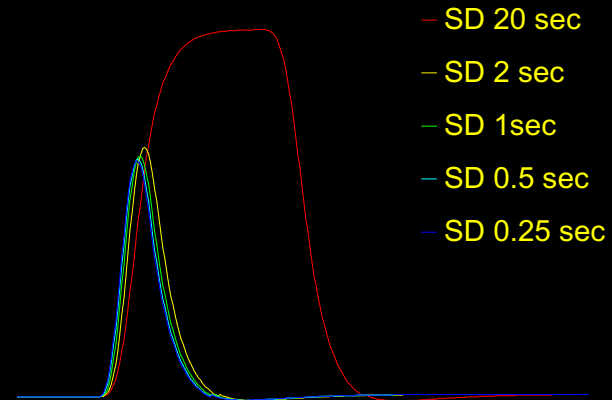


# Balloon Model

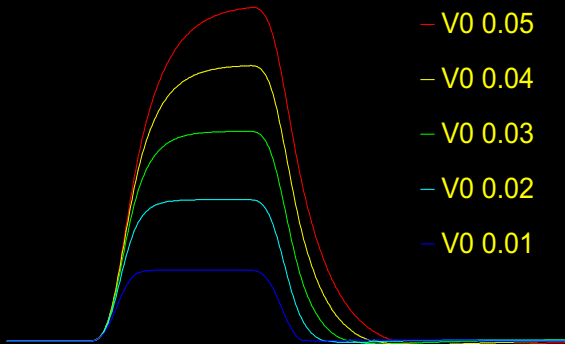
Linear



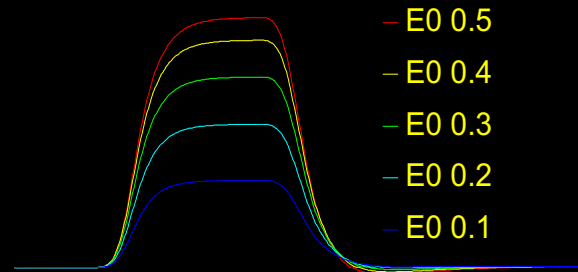
Balloon



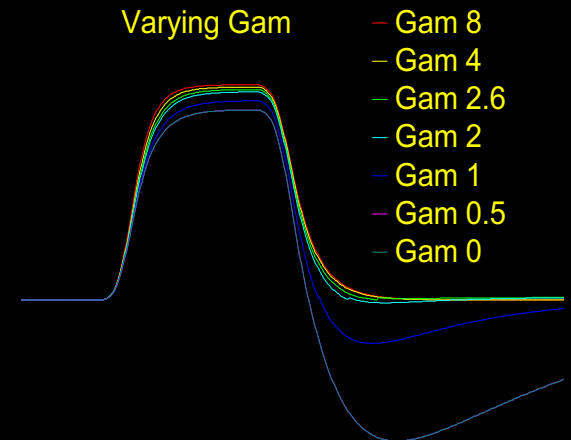
Varying  $V_0$



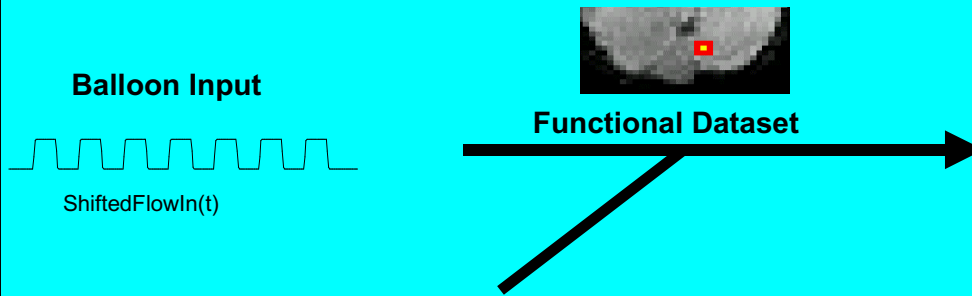
Varying  $E_0$



Varying Gam



# Overview



## Balloon Model Equations

$$\frac{\Delta S}{S} = V_0 [(k1 + k2)(1 - q(t)) - (k2 + k3)(1 - v(t))]$$

$$\text{Exfrac}(t) = 1 - (1 - E_0)^{\frac{1}{\text{ShiftedFlowIn}(t)}}$$

$$\text{CMRO}_2(t) = \text{ShiftedFlowIn}(t) * \frac{\text{Exfrac}(t)}{E_0}$$

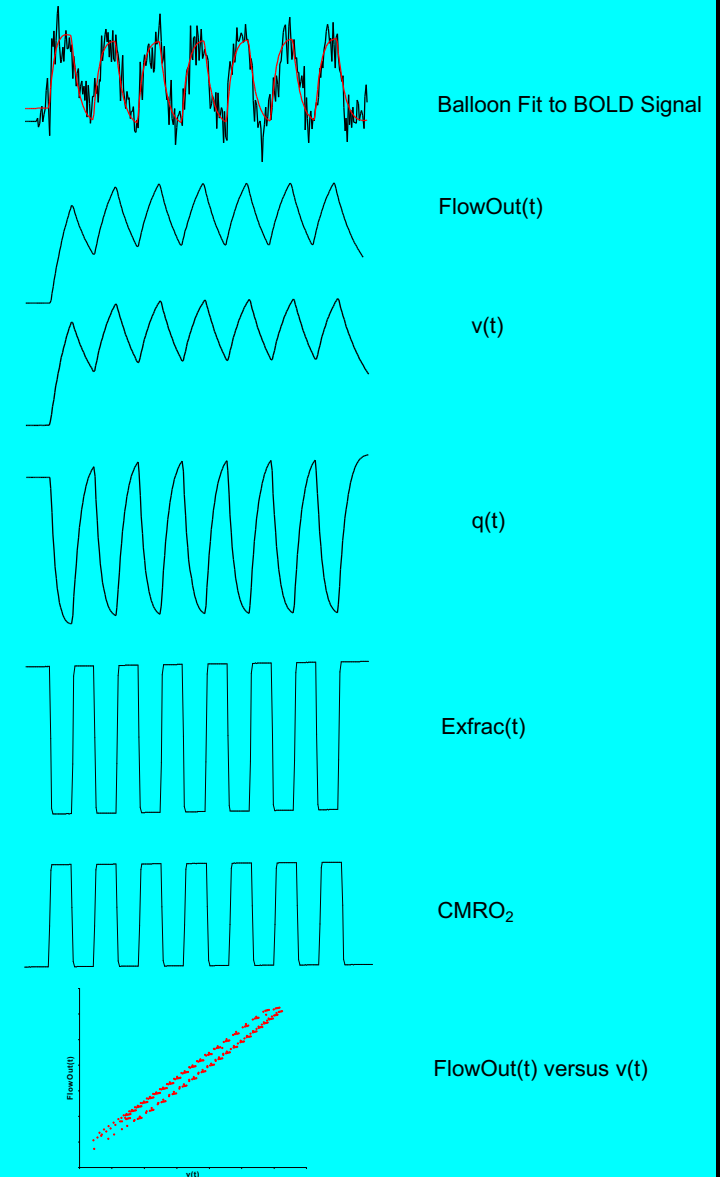
$$\text{FlowOut}(t) = v(t)^{\text{Gam}}; \quad \frac{df}{dv} = \text{Gam}(v(t))^{(\text{Gam}-1)}$$

$$\tau_0 = \frac{V_0}{\text{FlowOut}(0)}$$

$$q(t) = \frac{Q(t)}{Q_0}; \quad \frac{dq}{dt} = \frac{1}{\tau_0} \left[ \text{ShiftedFlowIn}(t) \frac{\text{Exfrac}(t)}{E_0} - \text{FlowOut}(t) \frac{q(t)}{v(t)} \right]$$

$$v(t) = \frac{V(t)}{V_0}; \quad \frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{1}{\tau_0} \left[ \frac{\text{ShiftedFlowIn}(t) - \text{FlowOut}(t)}{1 + 0.5 \left( \frac{dt}{\tau_0} \right) \left( \frac{df}{dv} \right) + \left( \frac{\text{viscos}}{\sqrt{v(t)}} \right)} \right]$$

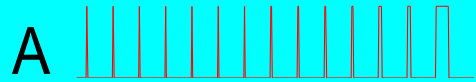
## Optimized Balloon Output



# Stimulus

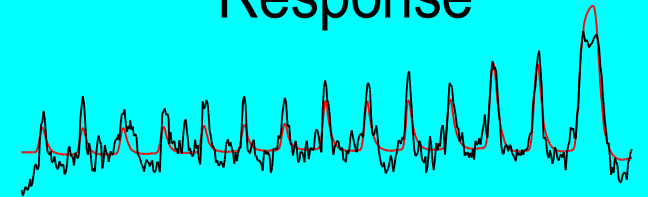
# Voxelwise Analysis

# Response

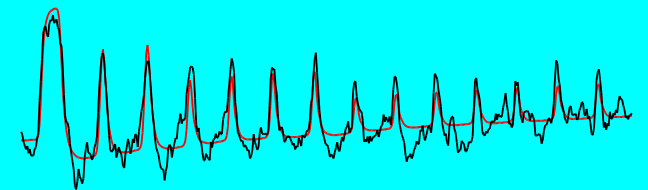


Balloon Model  
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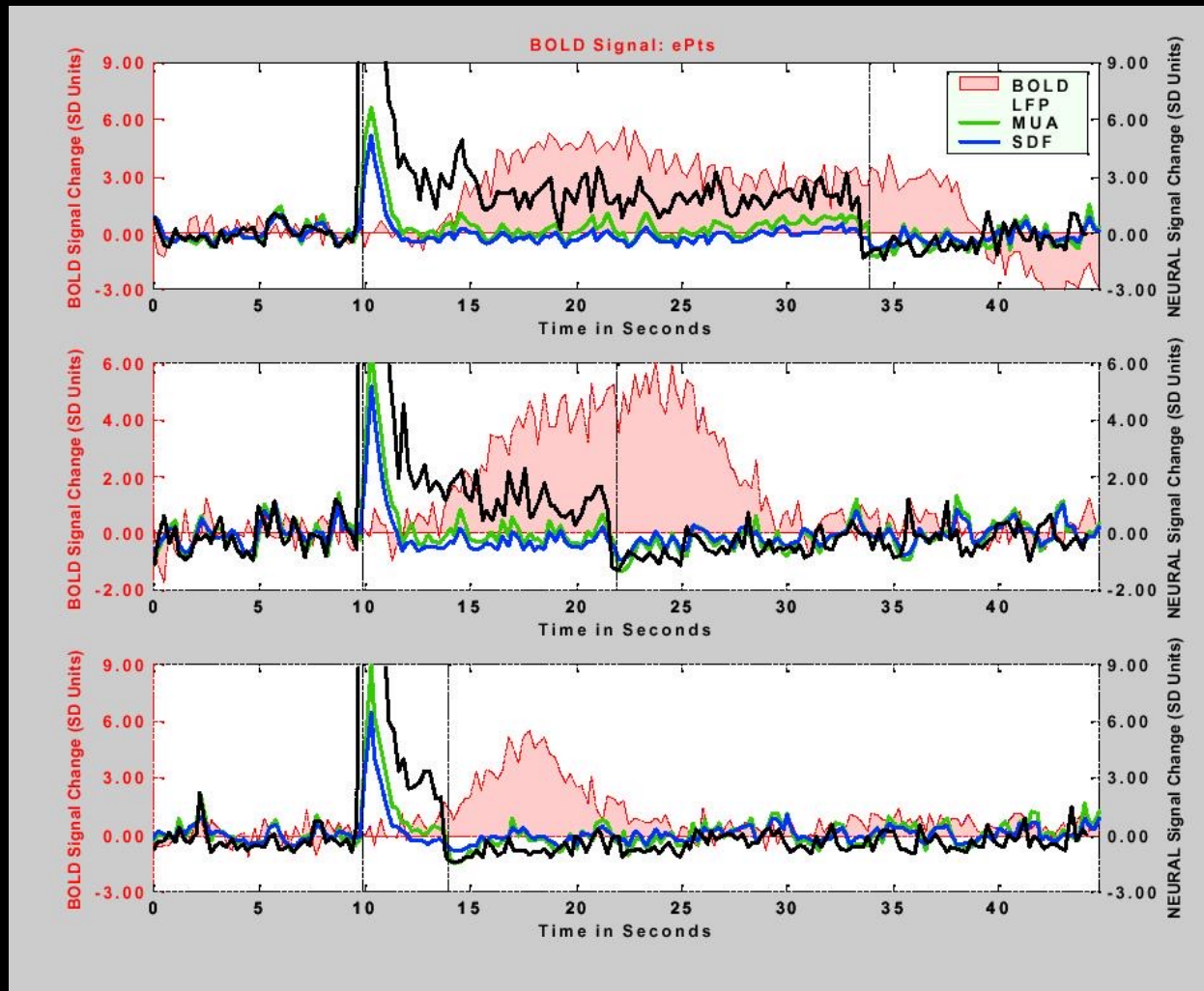
Functional Dataset



— Avg Balloon Fit — Avg Raw

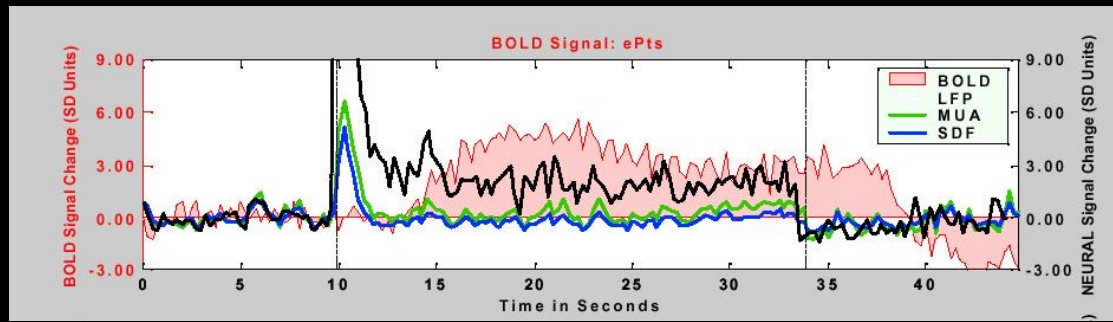


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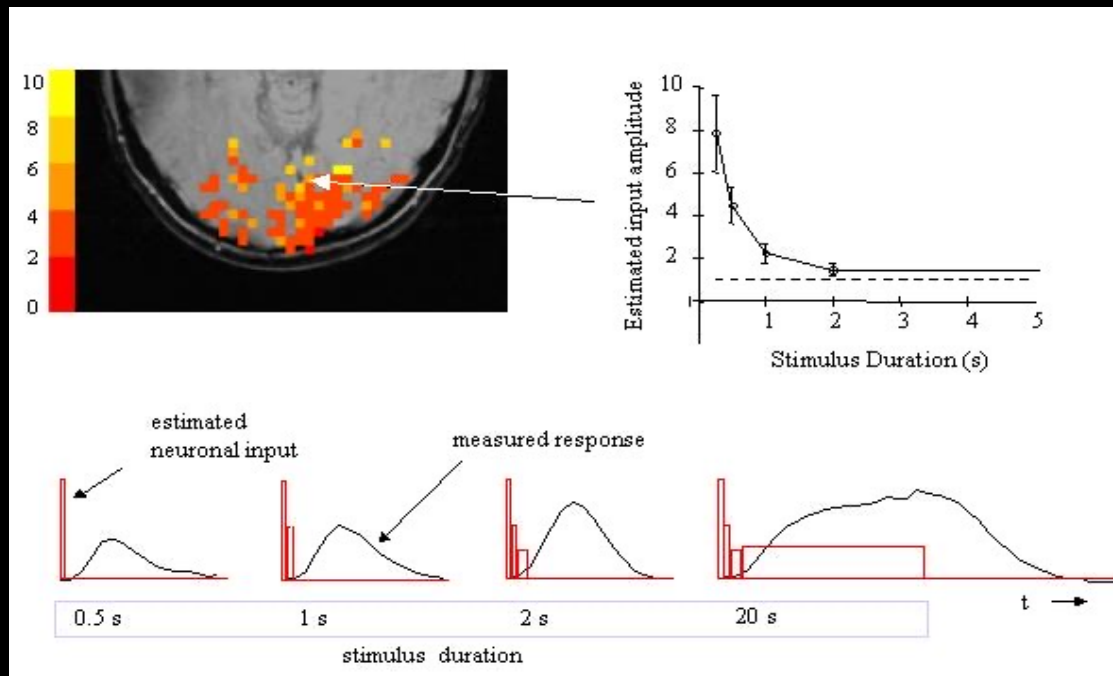


Logothetis et al. Nature, 412, 150-157

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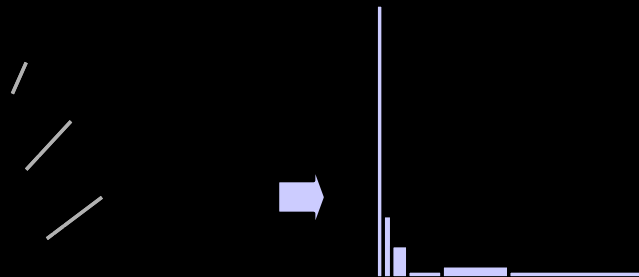
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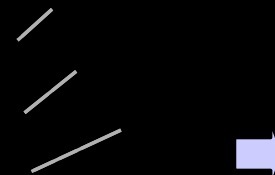
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Stationary grating



Contrast-reversing checkerboard



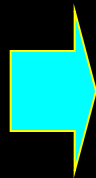
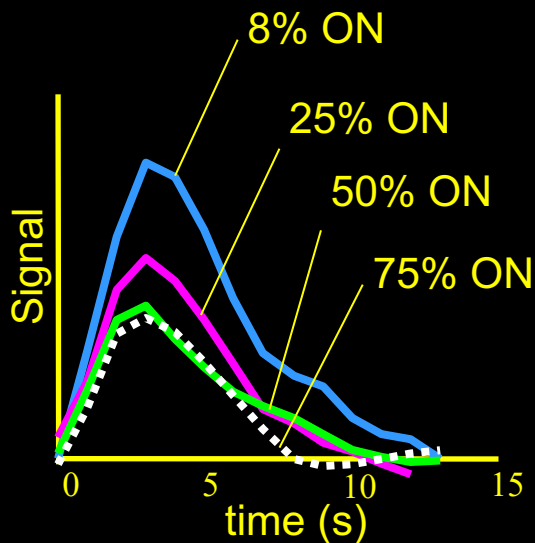
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- *Rapid event-related design with varying ISI*

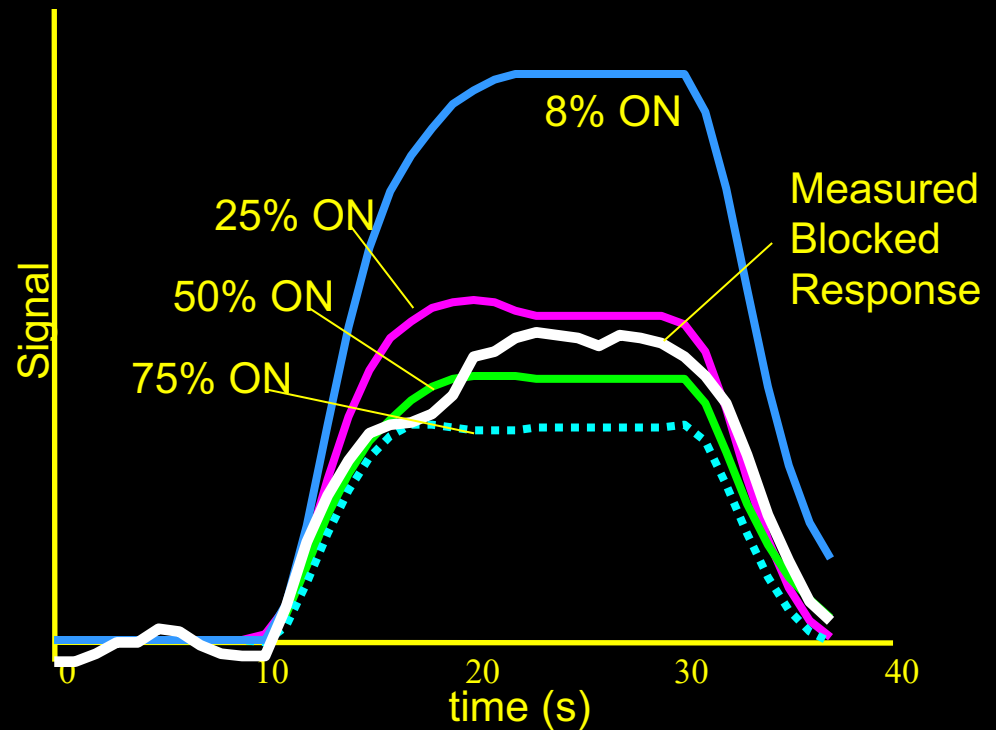


# Varying “ON” and “OFF” periods

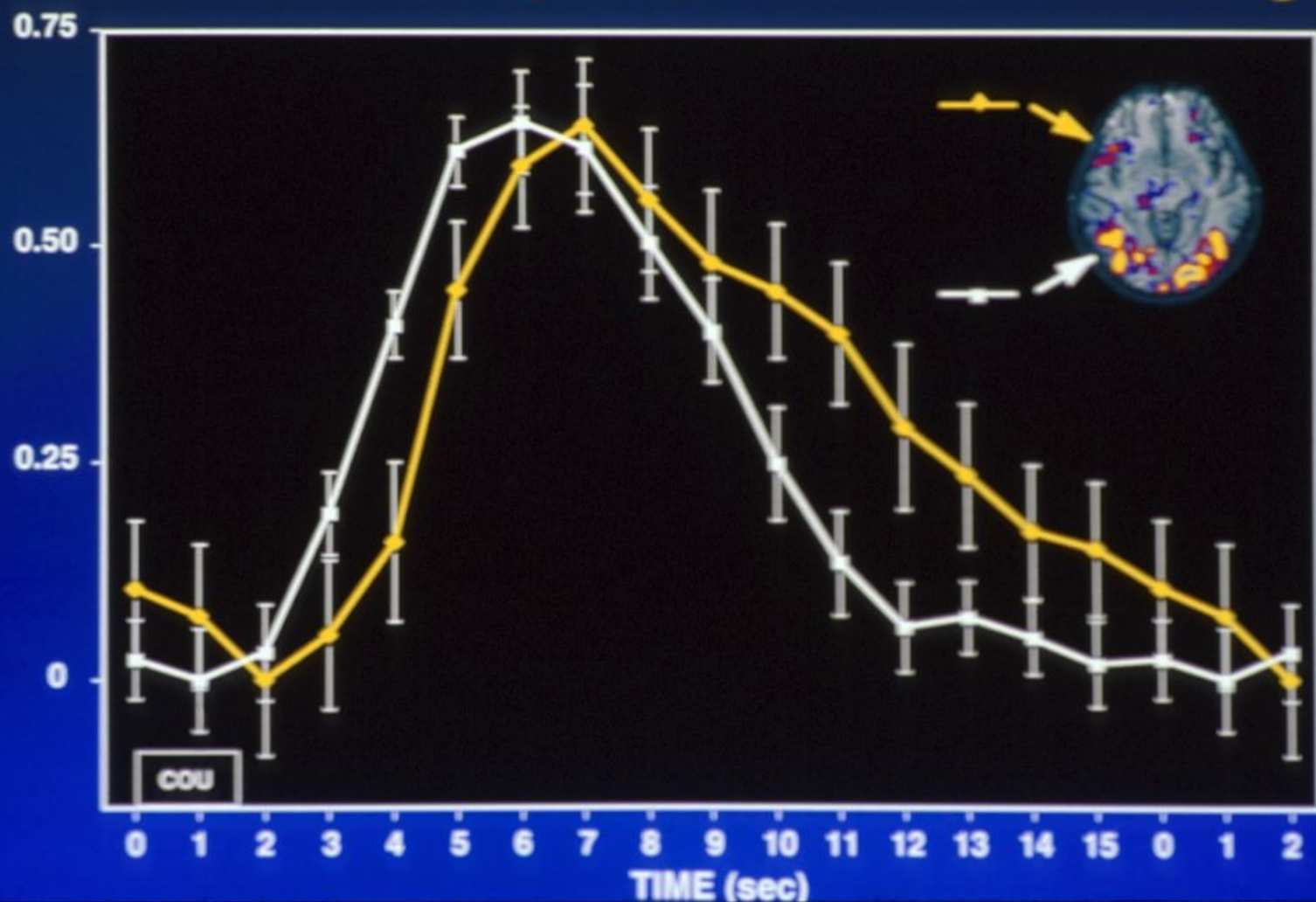
*Estimated  
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*Predicted Responses  
to 20 s stimulation*

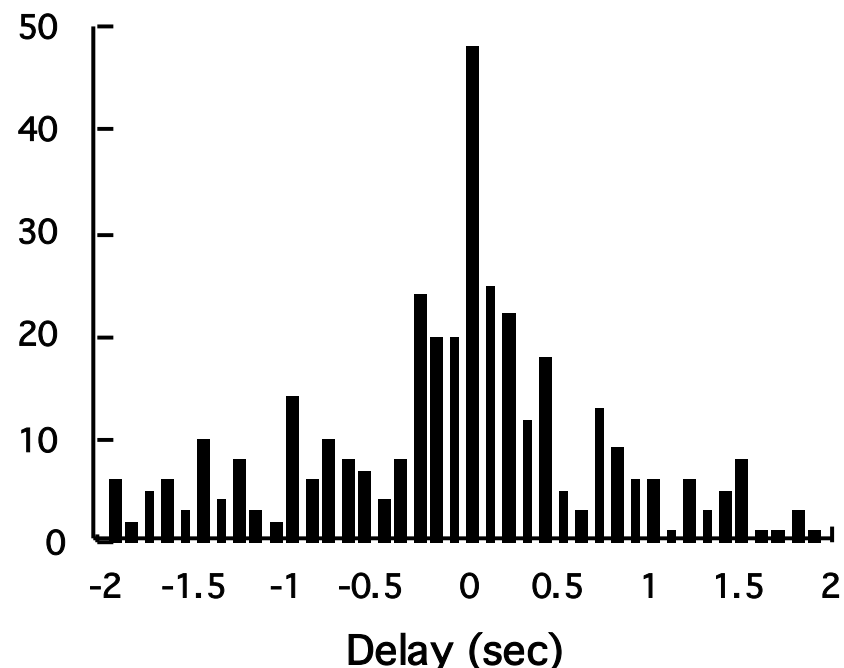
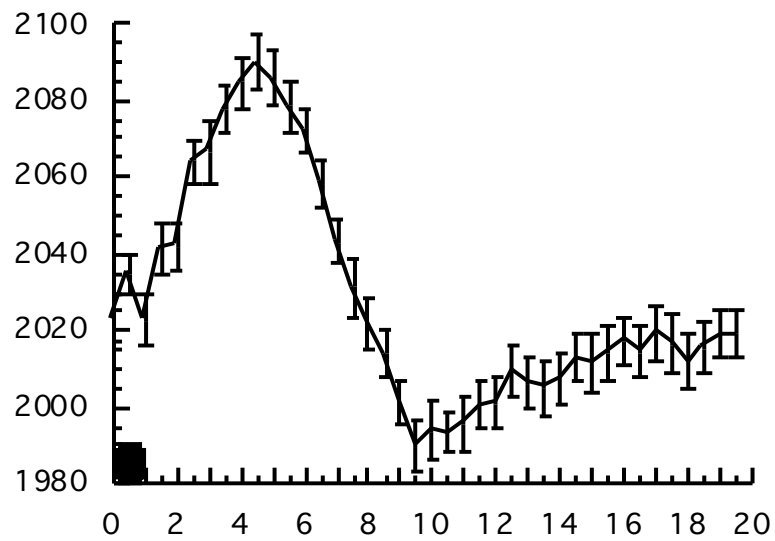
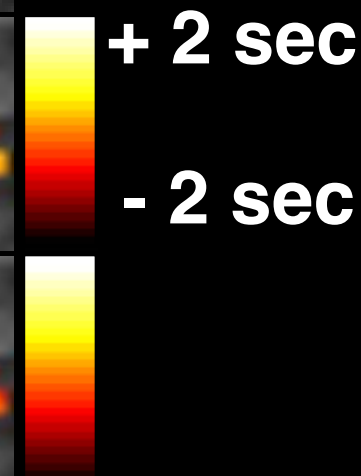
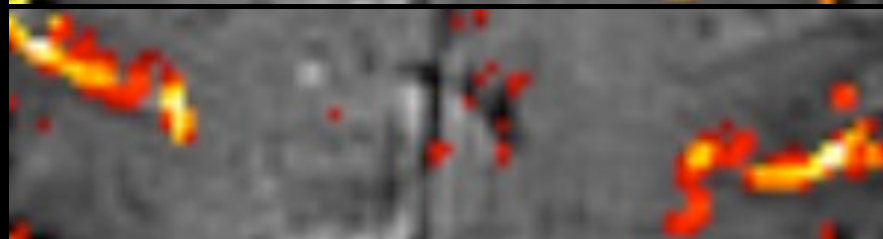
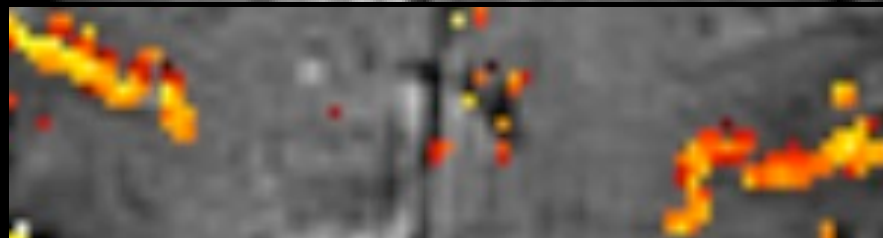


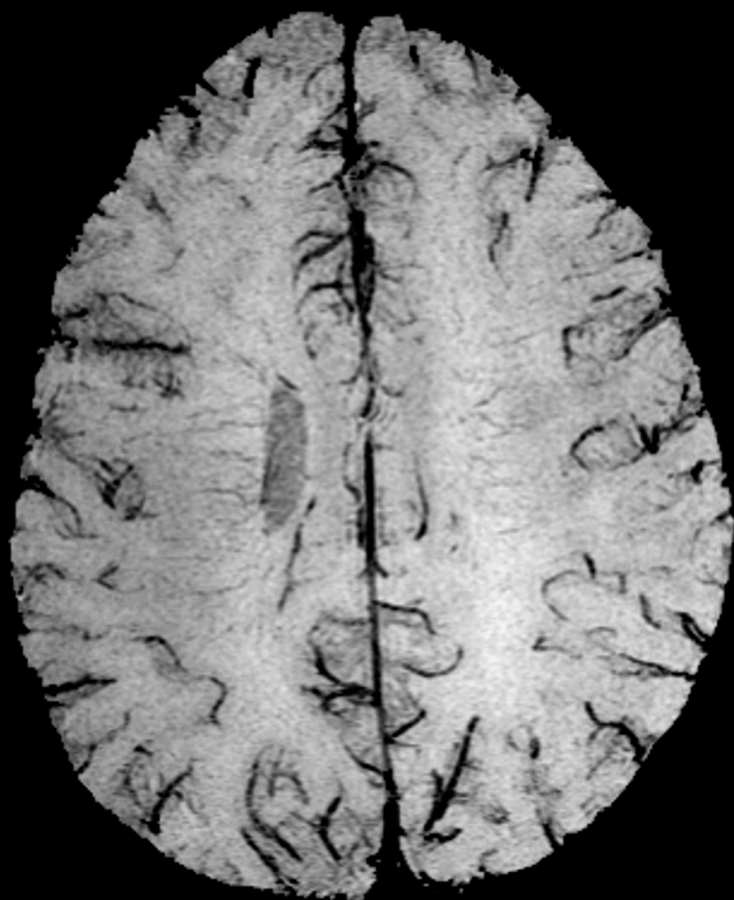
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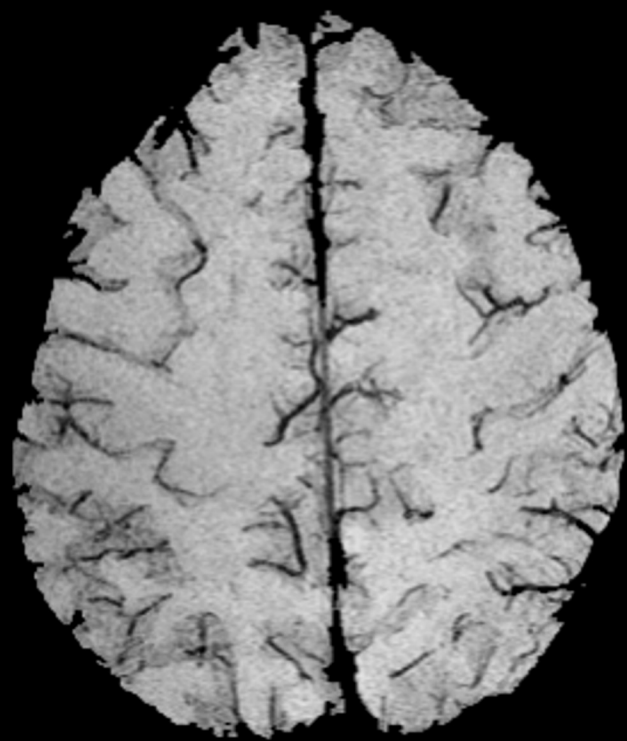


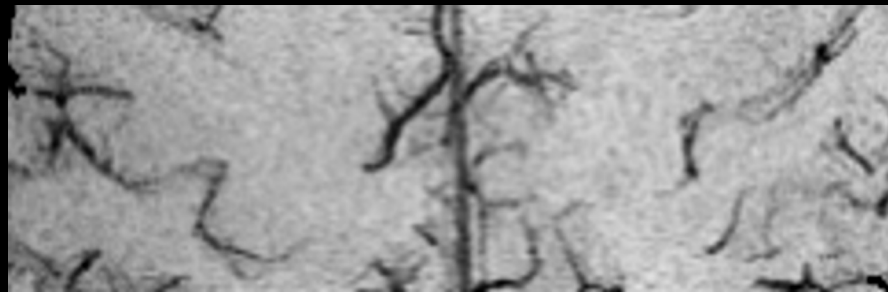
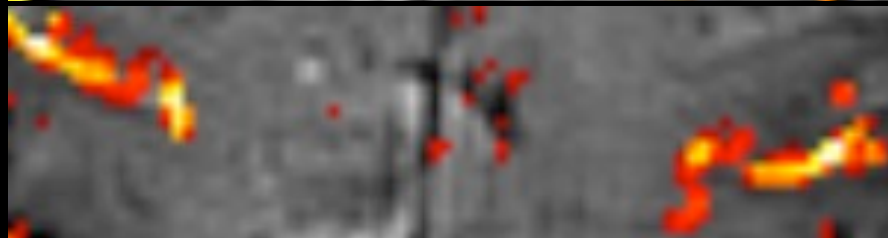
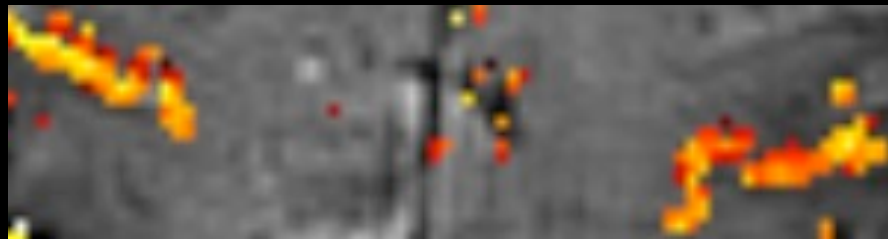
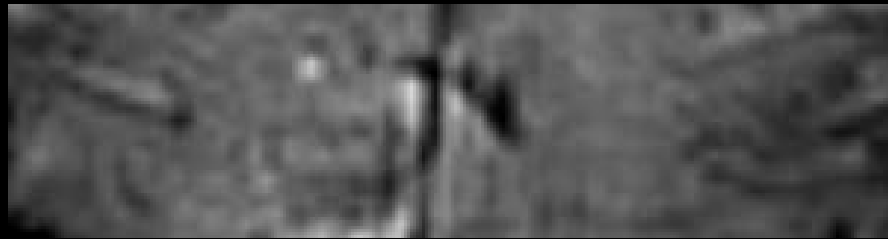
**Latency**

**Magnitude**











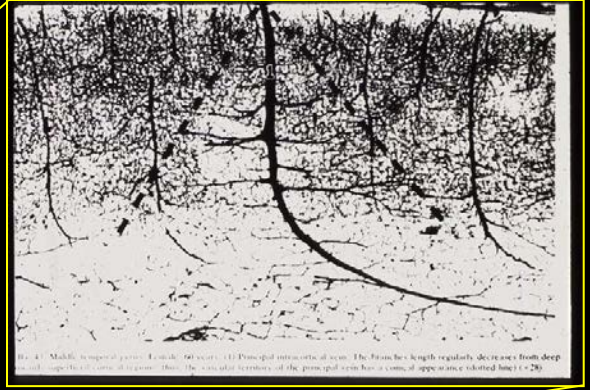
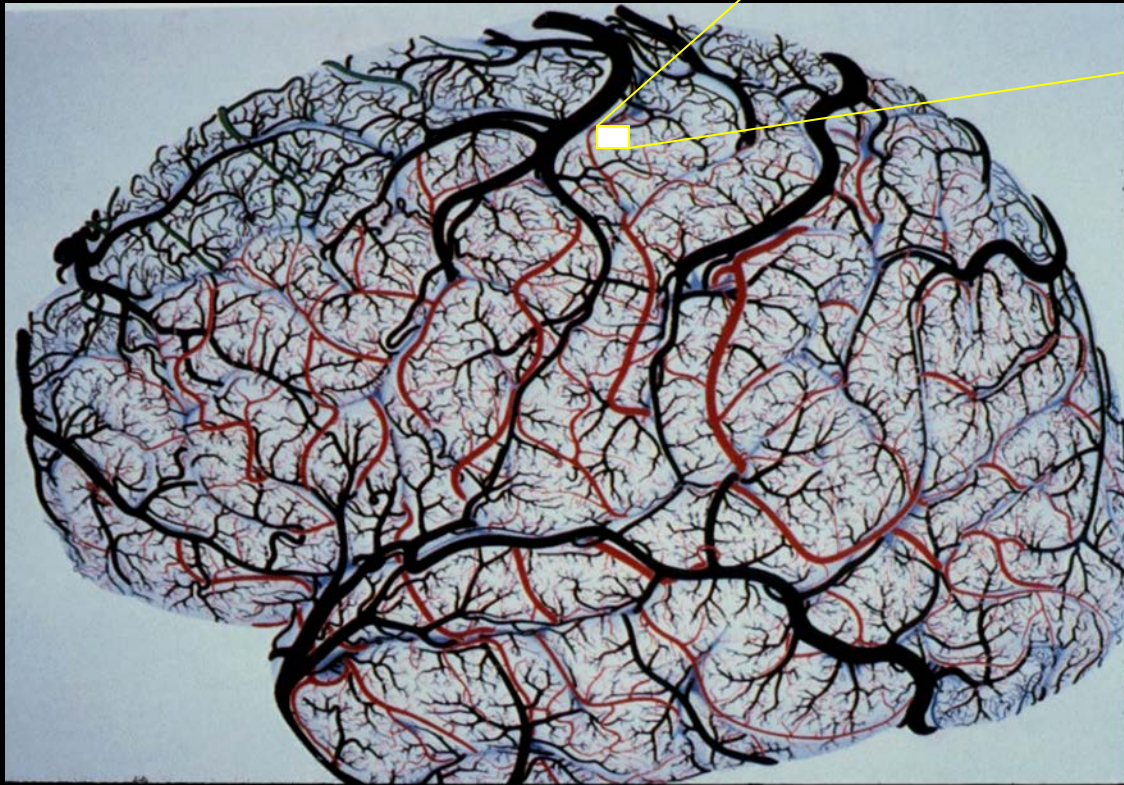
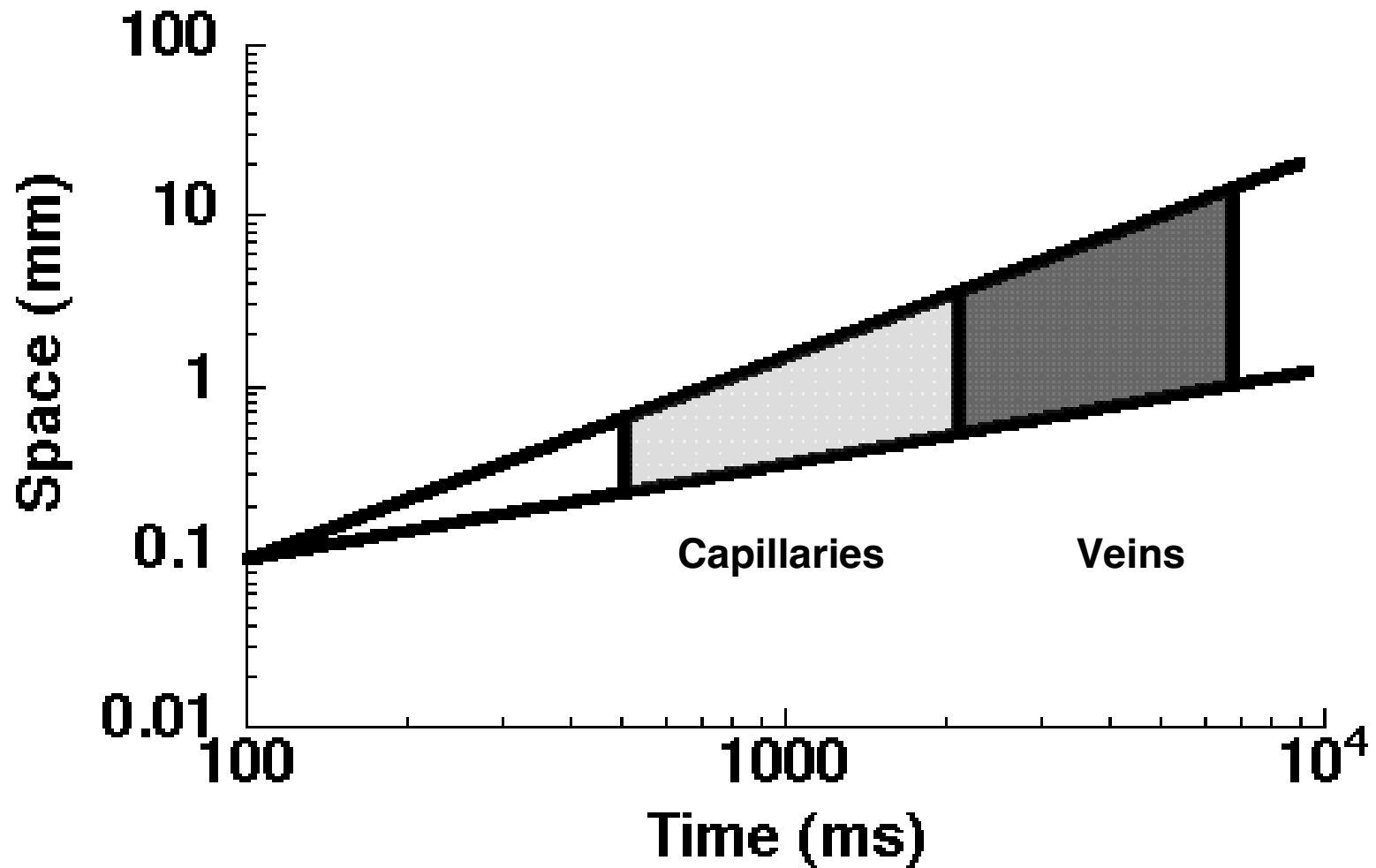


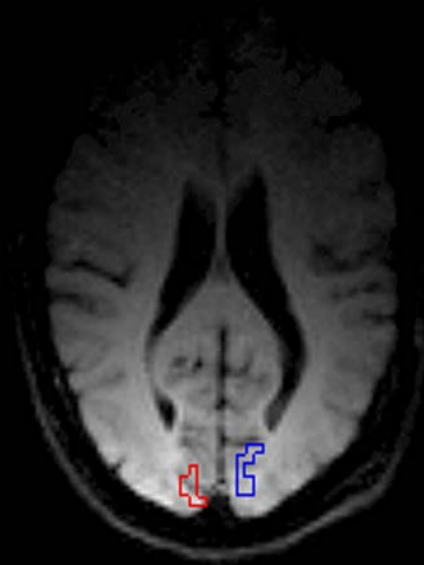
Fig. 4. Multiple branching pattern. (a) 90 years. (b) Principal trunk artery at apex. The branches length regularly decreases from deep to superficial, and increases from the associated terminals of the principal stem to a central appearance related here (x 20).

# Hemodynamic Latency and Variability Following Neuronal Activation

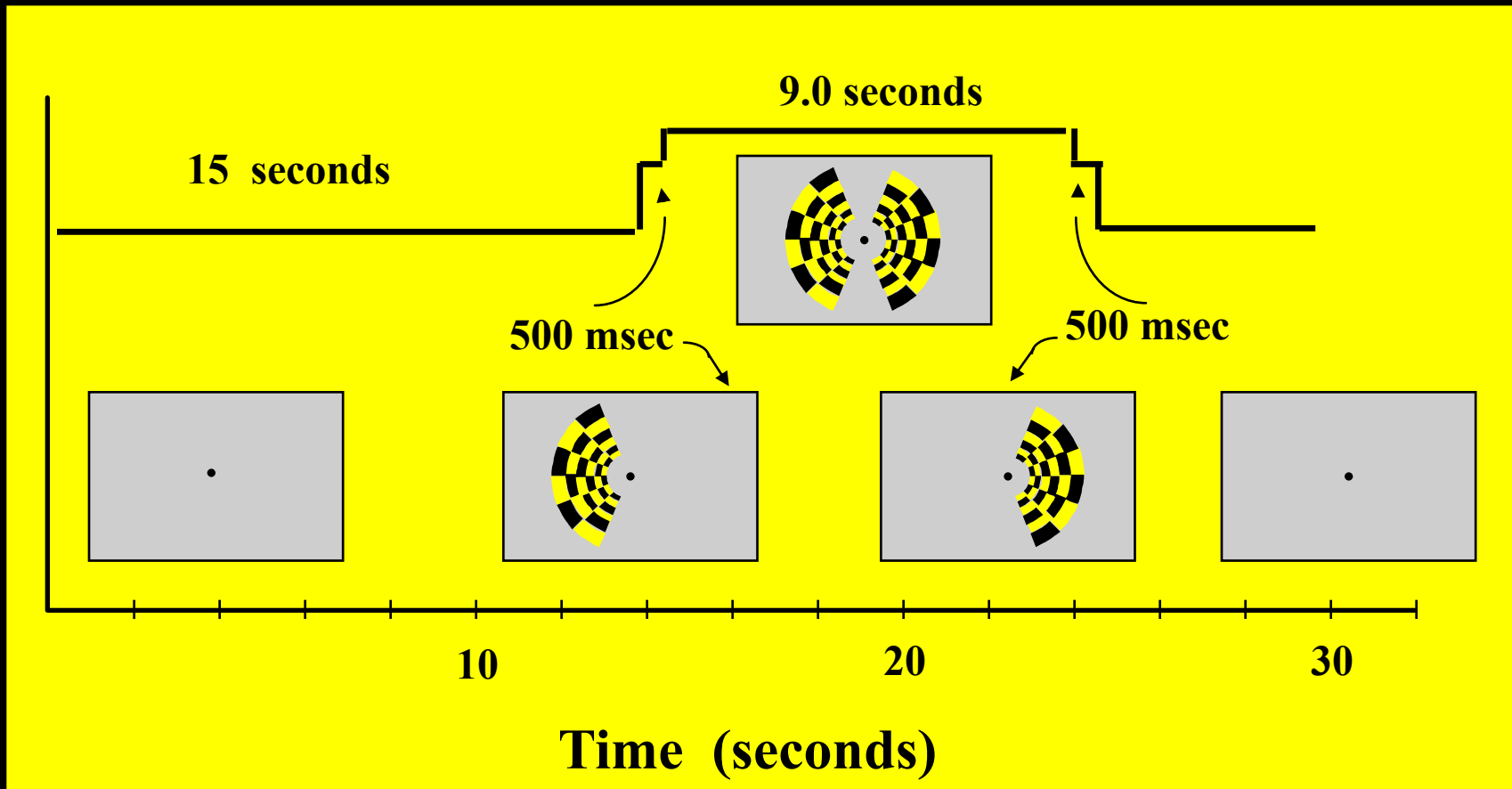


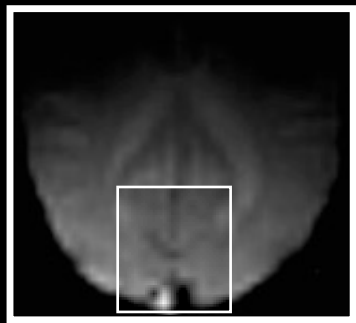
# Regions of Interest Used for Hemi-Field Experiment

**Right  
Hemisphere**



**Left  
Hemisphere**





500 ms



500 ms



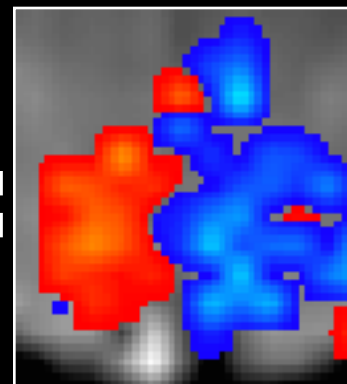
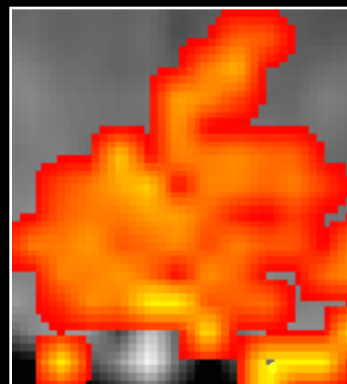
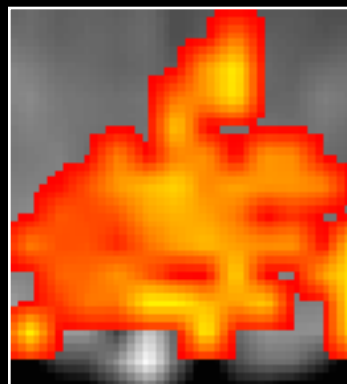
Right Hemifield

Left Hemifield

+ 2.5 s

0 s

- 2.5 s



# PURPOSE / METHODS

**Imaging Method:** Scanner – 3T TR - 1000 ms TE - 30 ms

**Behavioral Method:**

**Stimuli** – Six-letter English words and pronounceable non-words.  
Each word or non-word was rotated either 0, 60, or 120 degrees

**Task** – Lexical Decision (word / non-word).

**Dependent Measures** – Percent Correct and Reaction Time.

**Hypotheses :**

**1) Stimulus rotation of 120 degrees will result in:**

- a) Longer Reaction Times
- b) Wider IRF in Parietal Lobe
- c) Delayed IRF onset in Left Inferior Frontal cortex

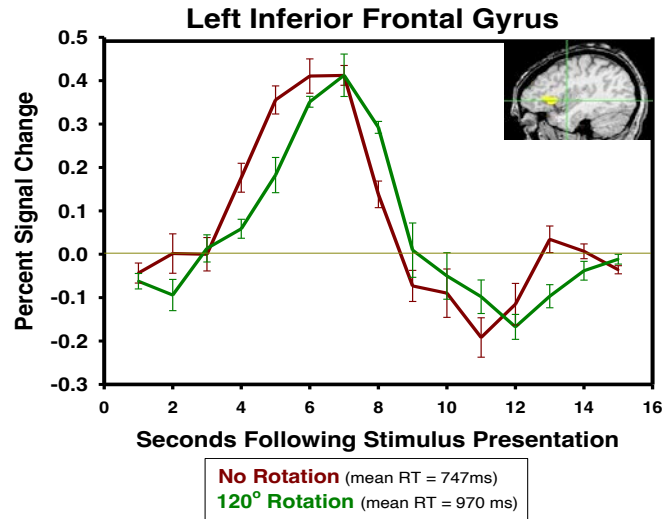
**2) Lexical discrimination will result in :**

- a) Longer Reaction Times for non-words
- b) Wider IRF in Inferior Frontal cortex for non-words
- c) Delayed IRF onset in Left Middle Frontal Cortex

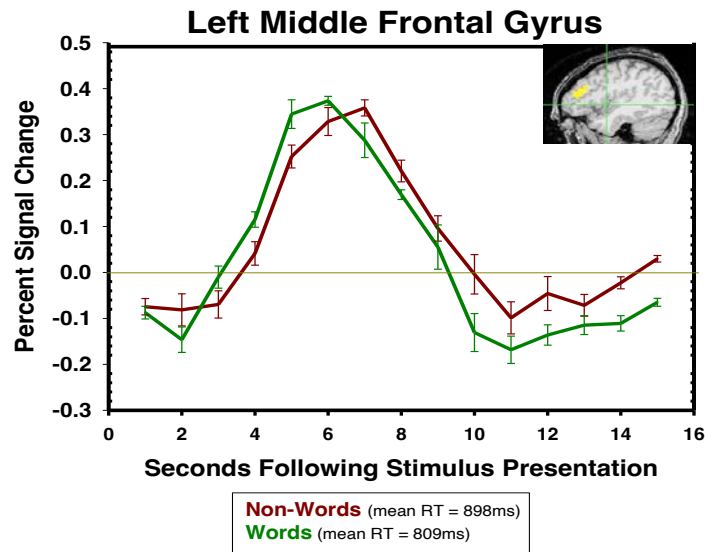
# Lexical Delay

		Words	Non-Words	Mean Reaction Time
Rotational Delay	0°	smudge	dierts	823 ms
	60°	frollic	cuhlos	891 ms
	120°	slouch	gedmus	1446 ms
Mean Reaction Time		986 ms	1219 ms	

# Mean Impulse Response Functions for Activated Voxels



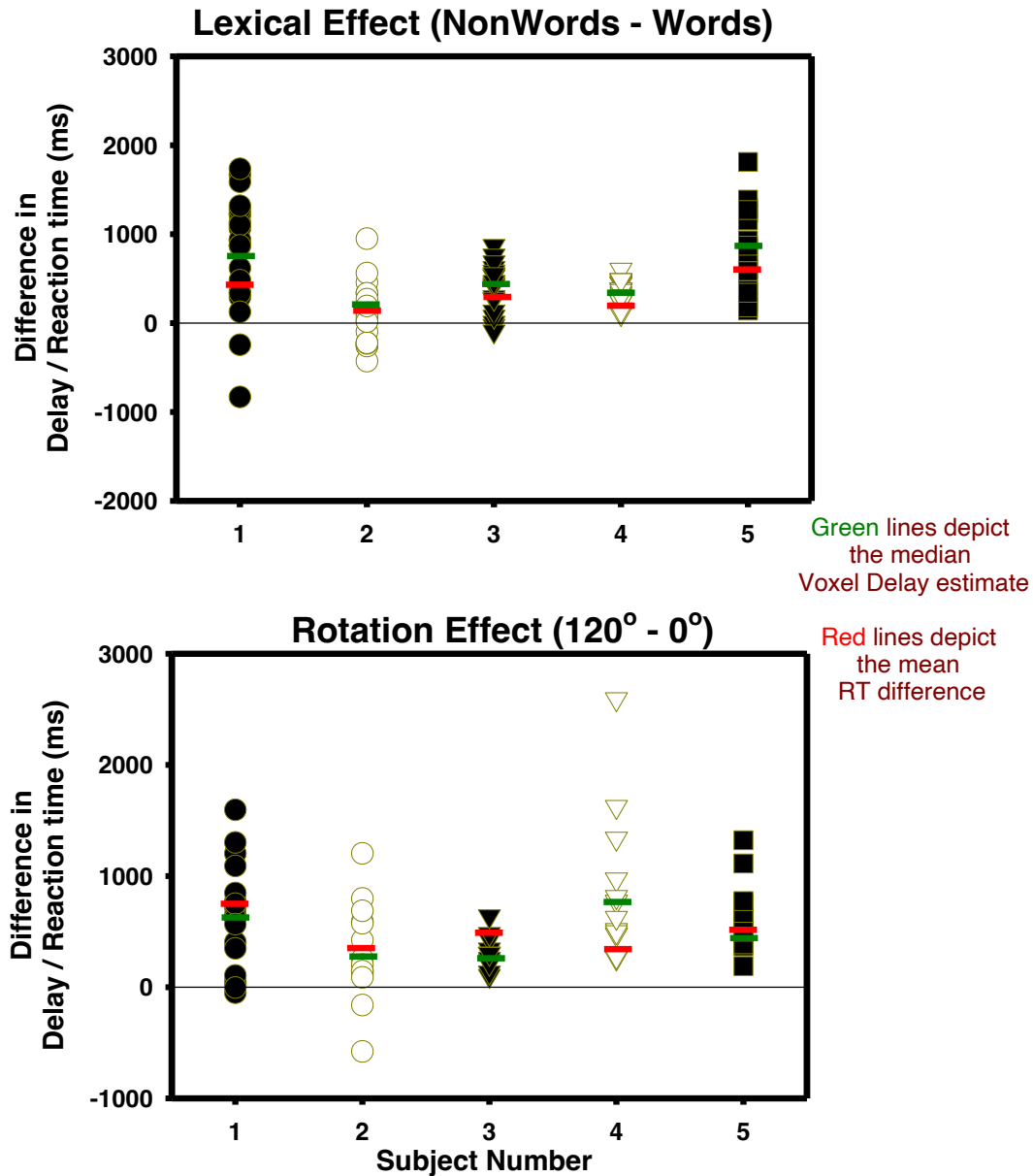
Rotation Effect



Lexical Effect



# Delay Differences from Individual Voxels within the Above ROI's



# Speed

## Temporal Resolution factors:

- Image acquisition rate (10 to 40 images/sec)
- Amount of signal averaging to make functional activation map
- Time for signal to deviate from baseline (3 sec)
- Fastest on-off rate in which amplitude is not compromised  
(8 sec on / 8 sec off)
- Fastest on-off rate in which hemodynamic response keeps up  
(2 sec on / 2 sec off)
- Minimum activation duration (no limit found)
- Standard deviation of hemodynamic response measures per voxel  
(400 ms to 1 sec)
- Range of latencies over space (+ 2.5 sec, - 2.5 sec)

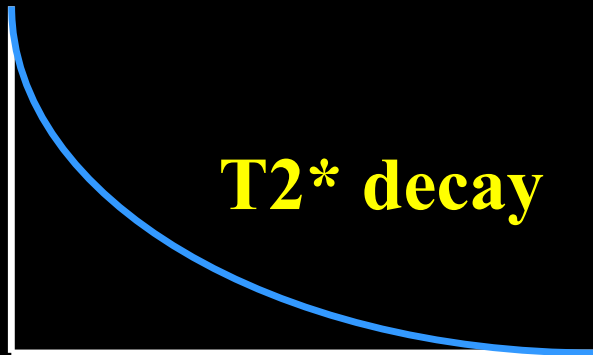
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- Information Content
- Sensitivity
- Acquisition Speed
- Resolution
- Image quality

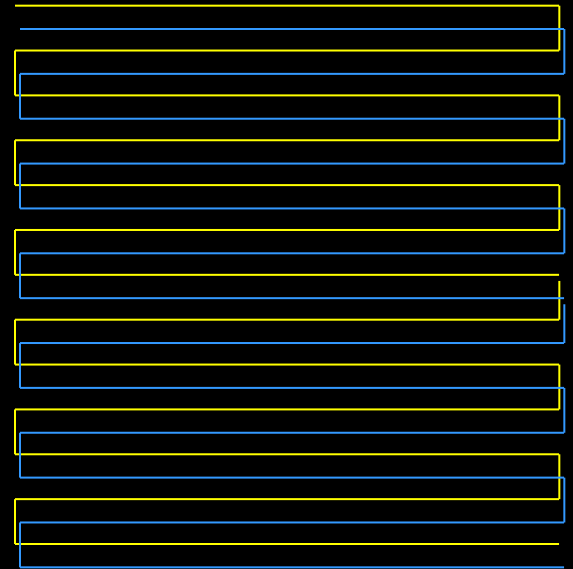
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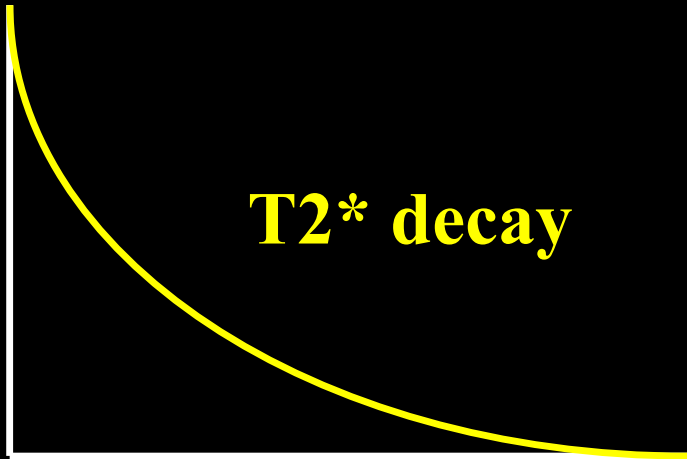
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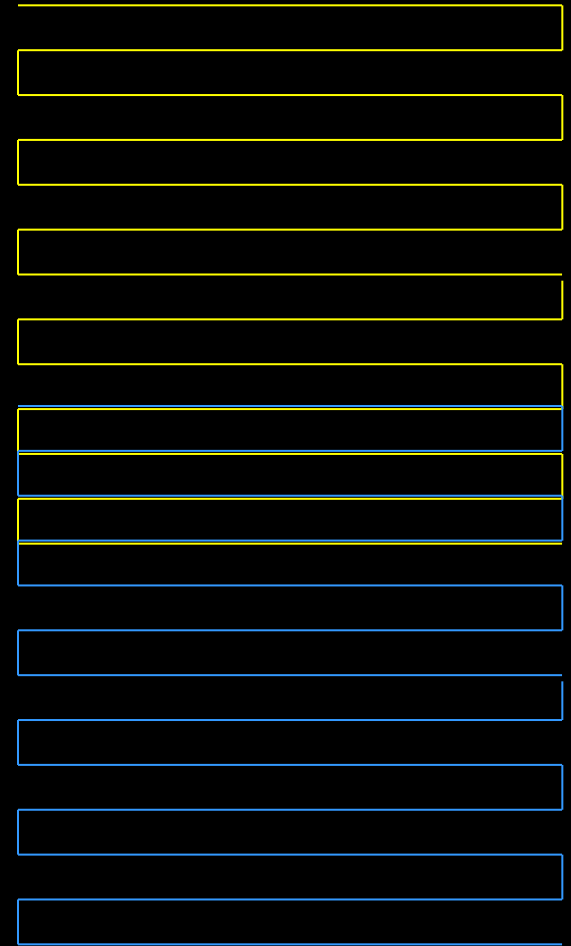
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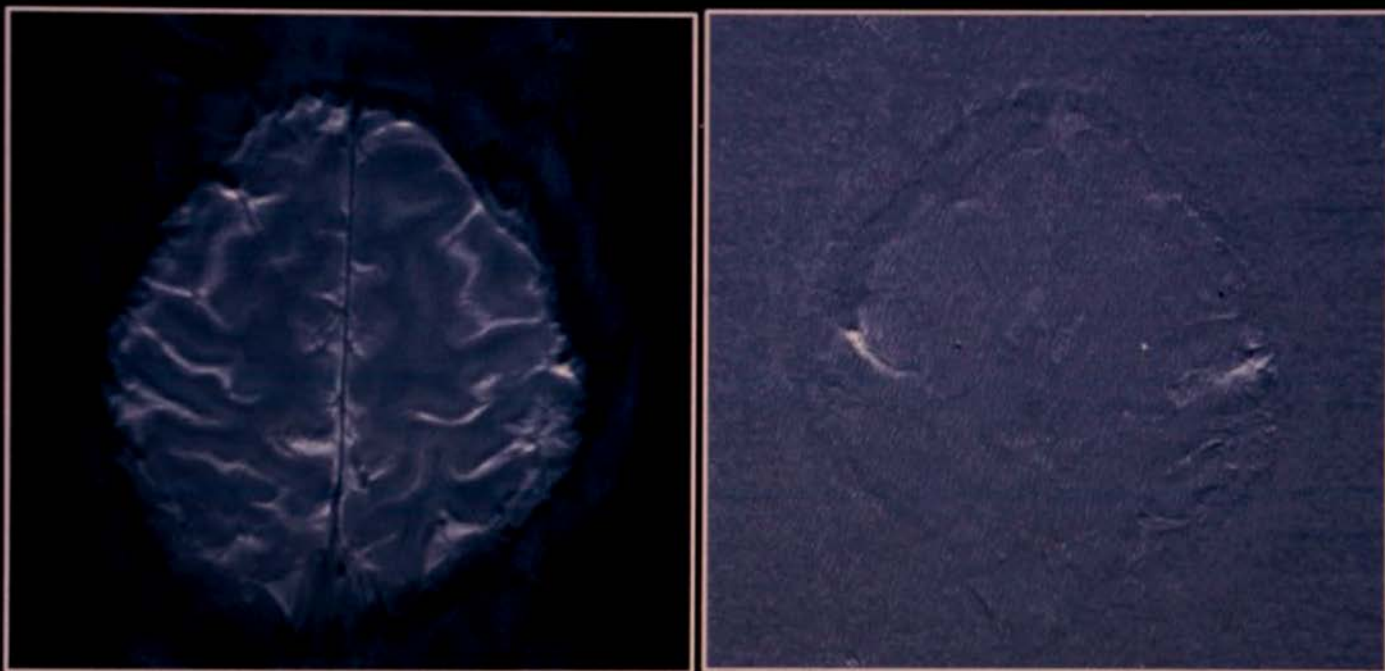
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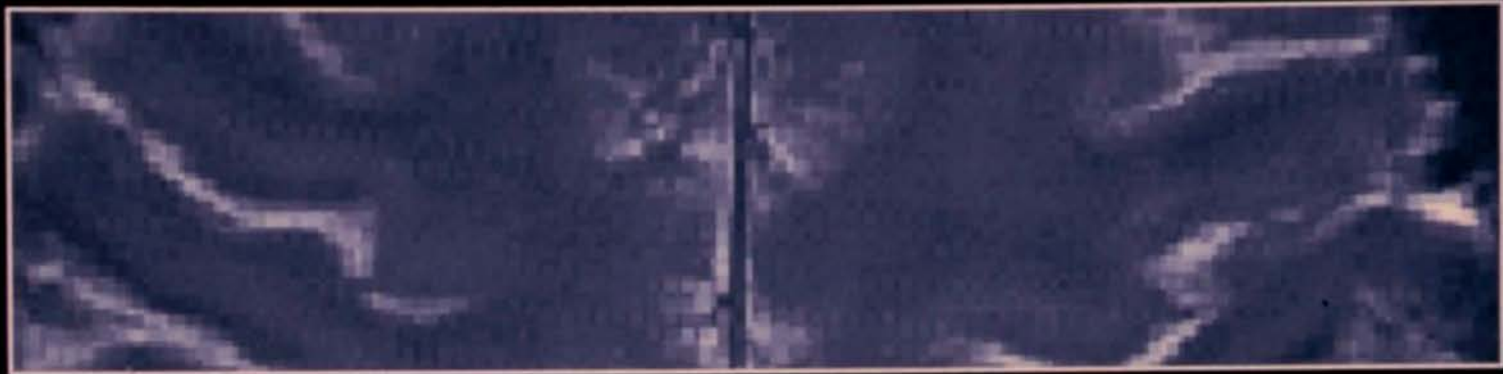
**EPI Window**



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



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



# Multi Shot EPI

Excitations  
Matrix Size

1

64 x 64

2

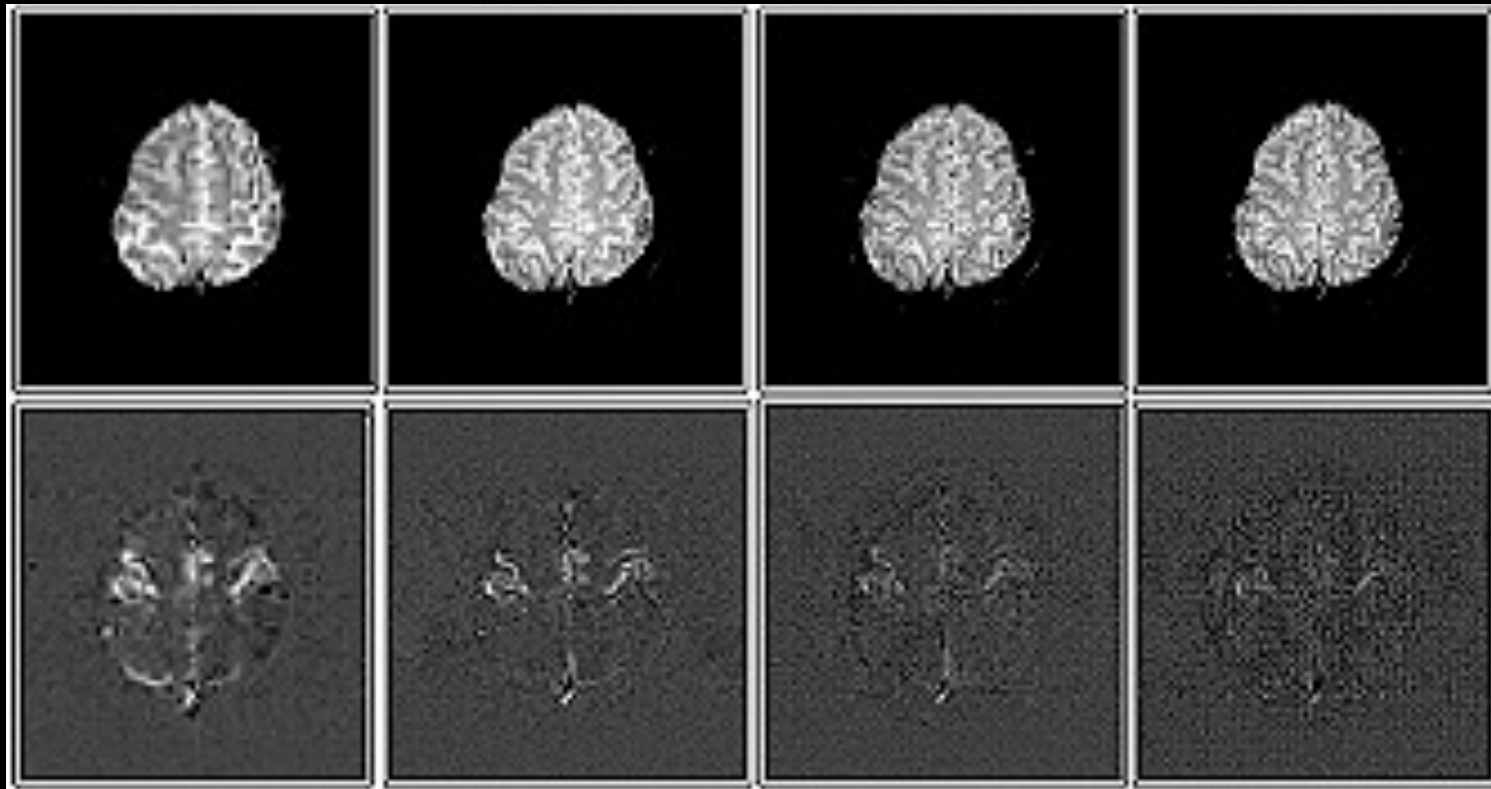
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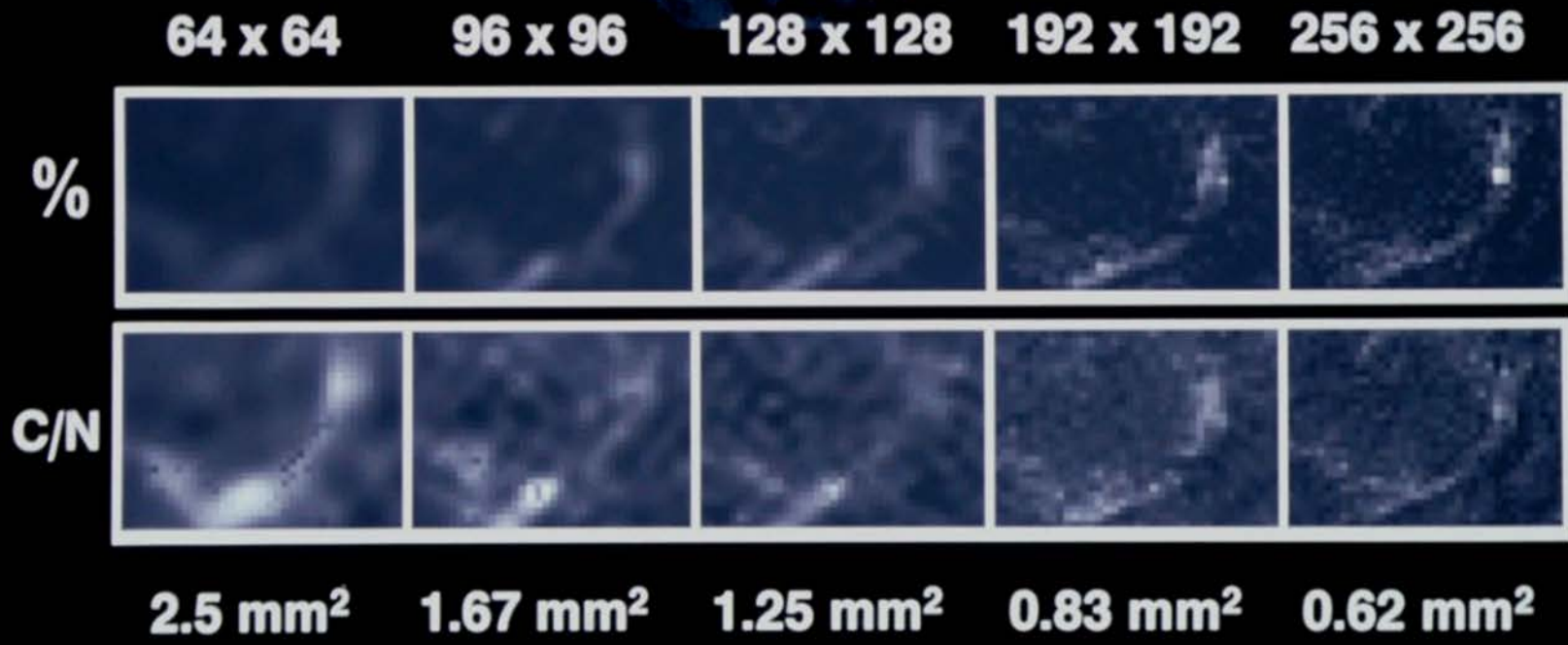
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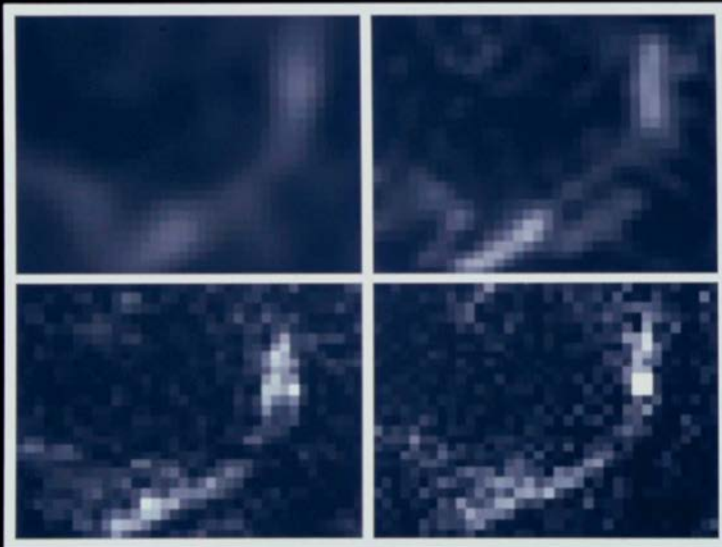




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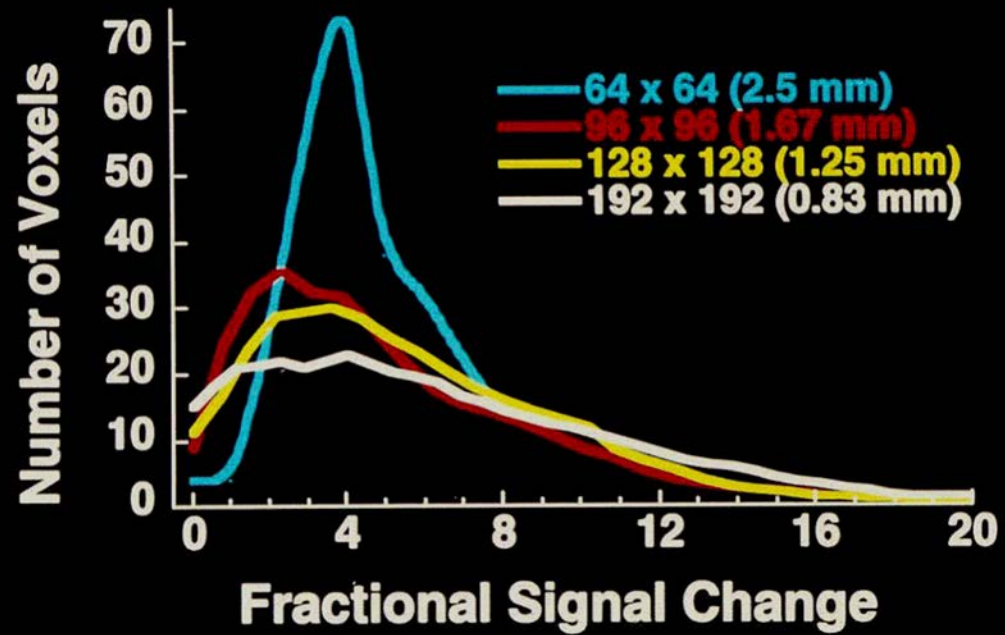
2.5 mm<sup>2</sup>

1.25 mm<sup>2</sup>

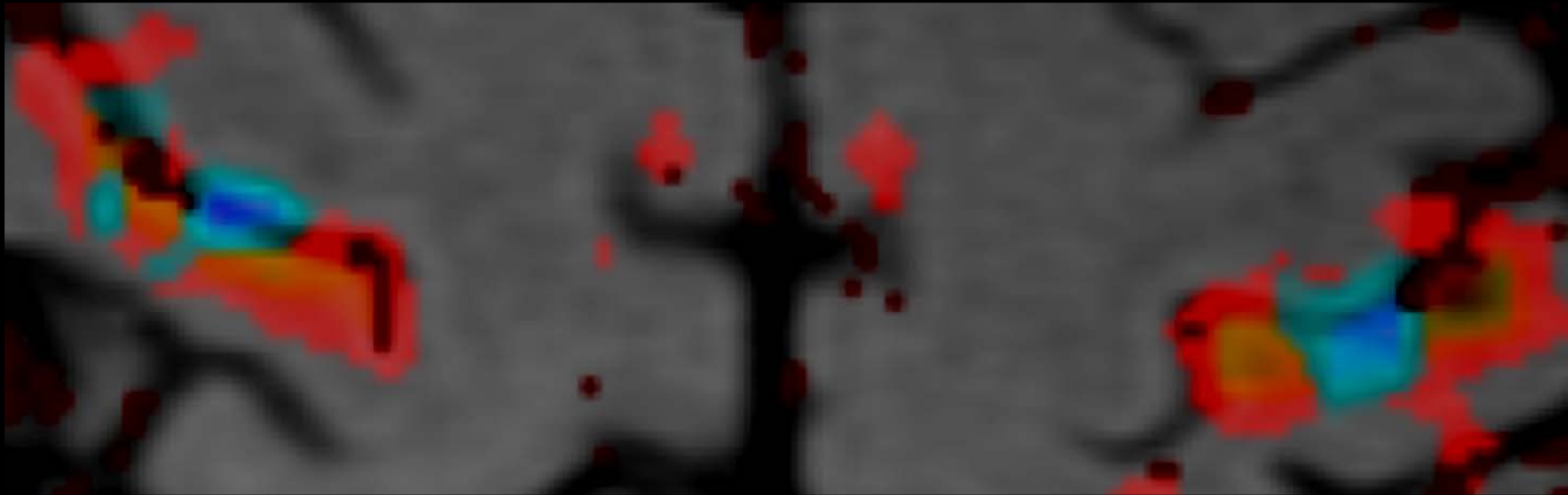


0.83 mm<sup>2</sup>

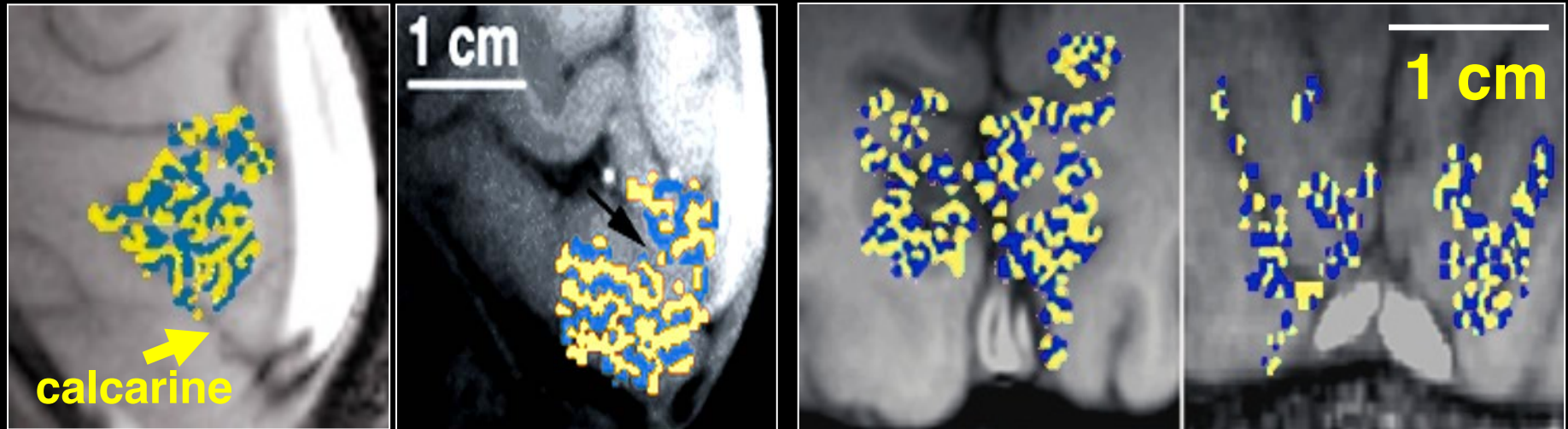
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**Angiogram**  
**Perfusion**  
**BOLD**



# ODC Maps using fMRI



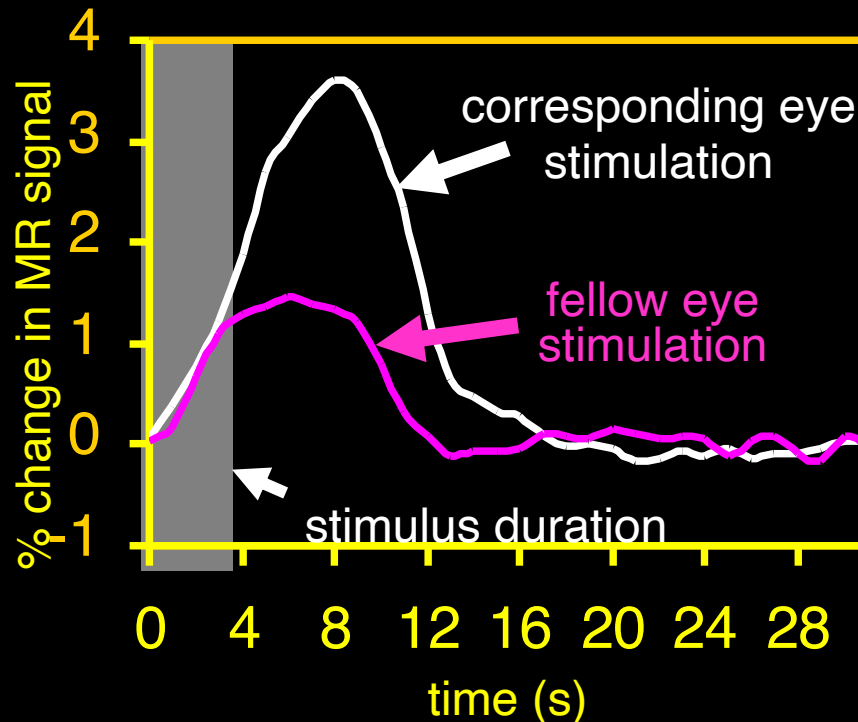
- Identical in size, orientation, and appearance to those obtained by optical imaging<sup>1</sup> and histology<sup>3,4</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>Malonek D, Grinvald A. *Science* 272, 551-4 (1996).

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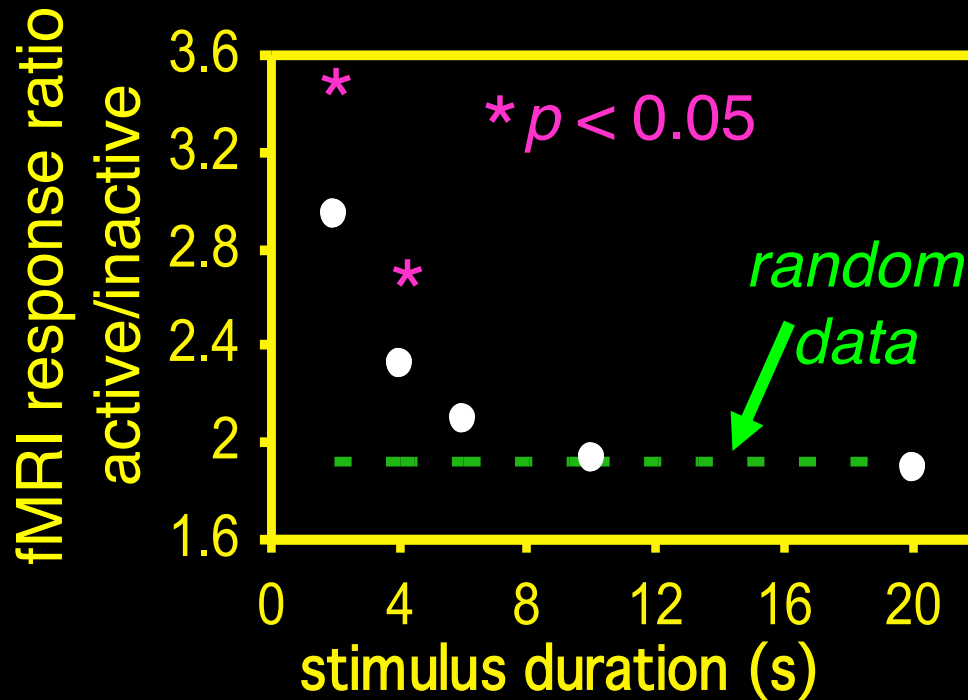
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# fMRI Timecourse within an ODC



- For a 4 second stimulus, the hyperoxic response does not saturate (i.e., does not reach a plateau).
- The ratio of the peak magnitudes of the fMRI responses is nearly 3:1.

# Experiment 2: Stimulus Duration



- The saturation of the hyperoxic response does not permit reliable mapping of ODCs.
- ODC maps obtained using the hyperoxic phase of the BOLD fMRI signal *are* reliable when stimulus duration is 4 seconds or less.

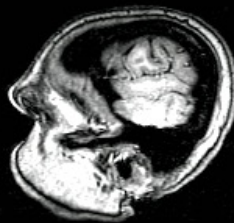
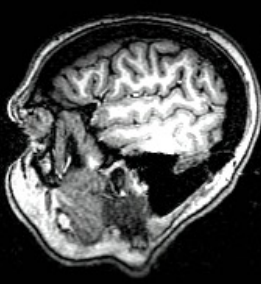
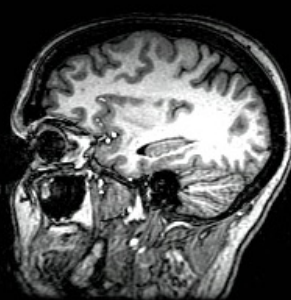
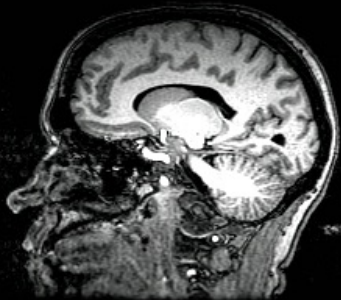
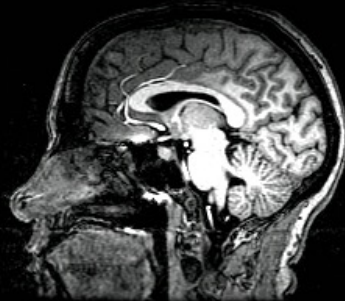
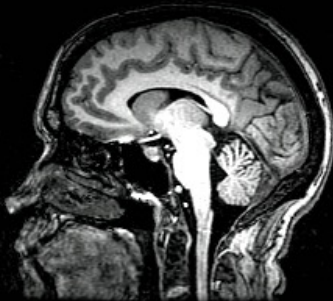
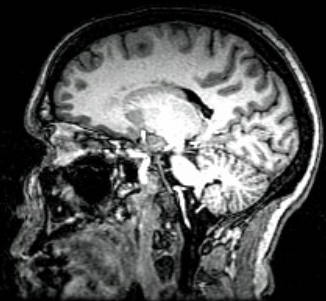
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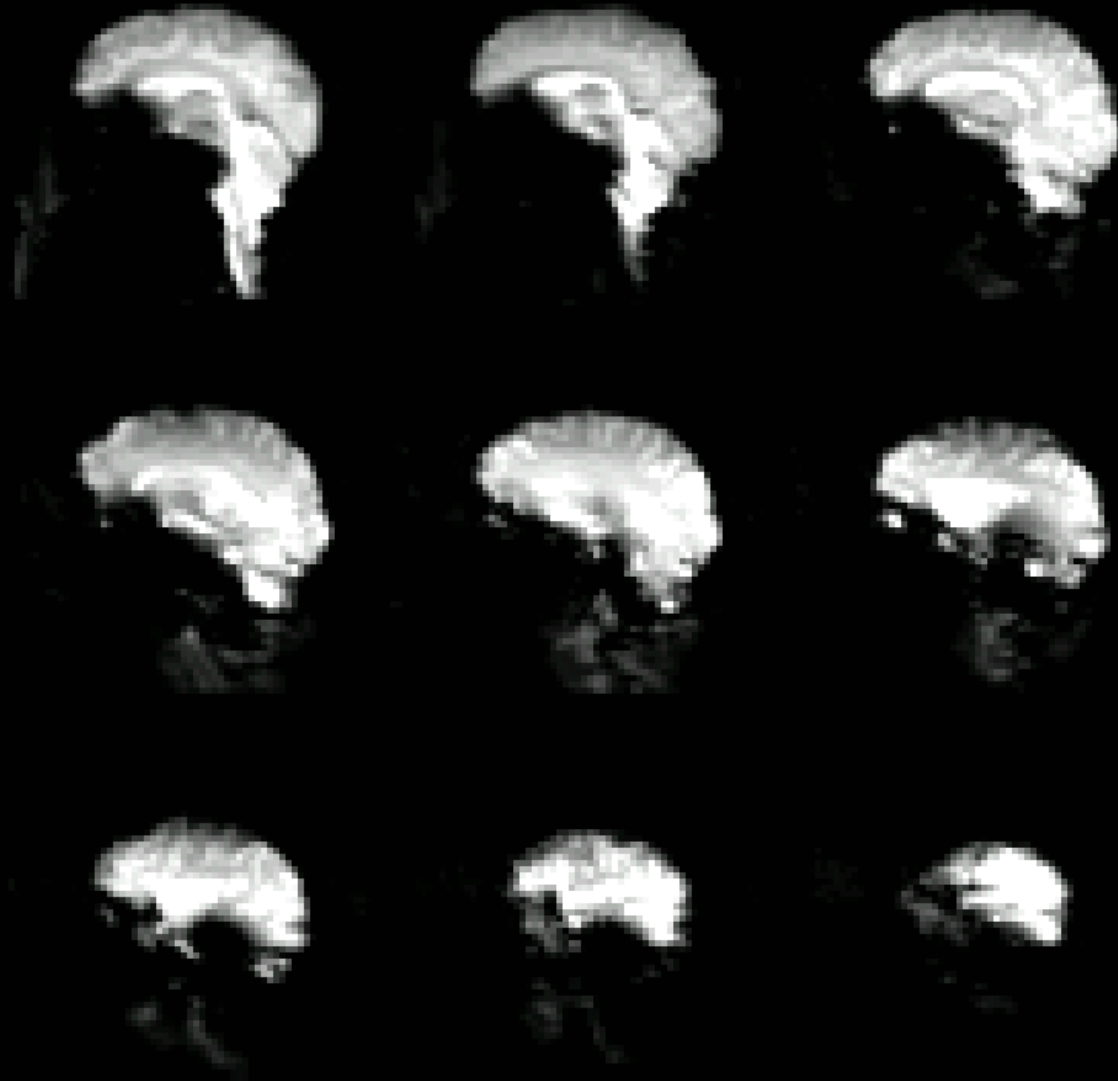
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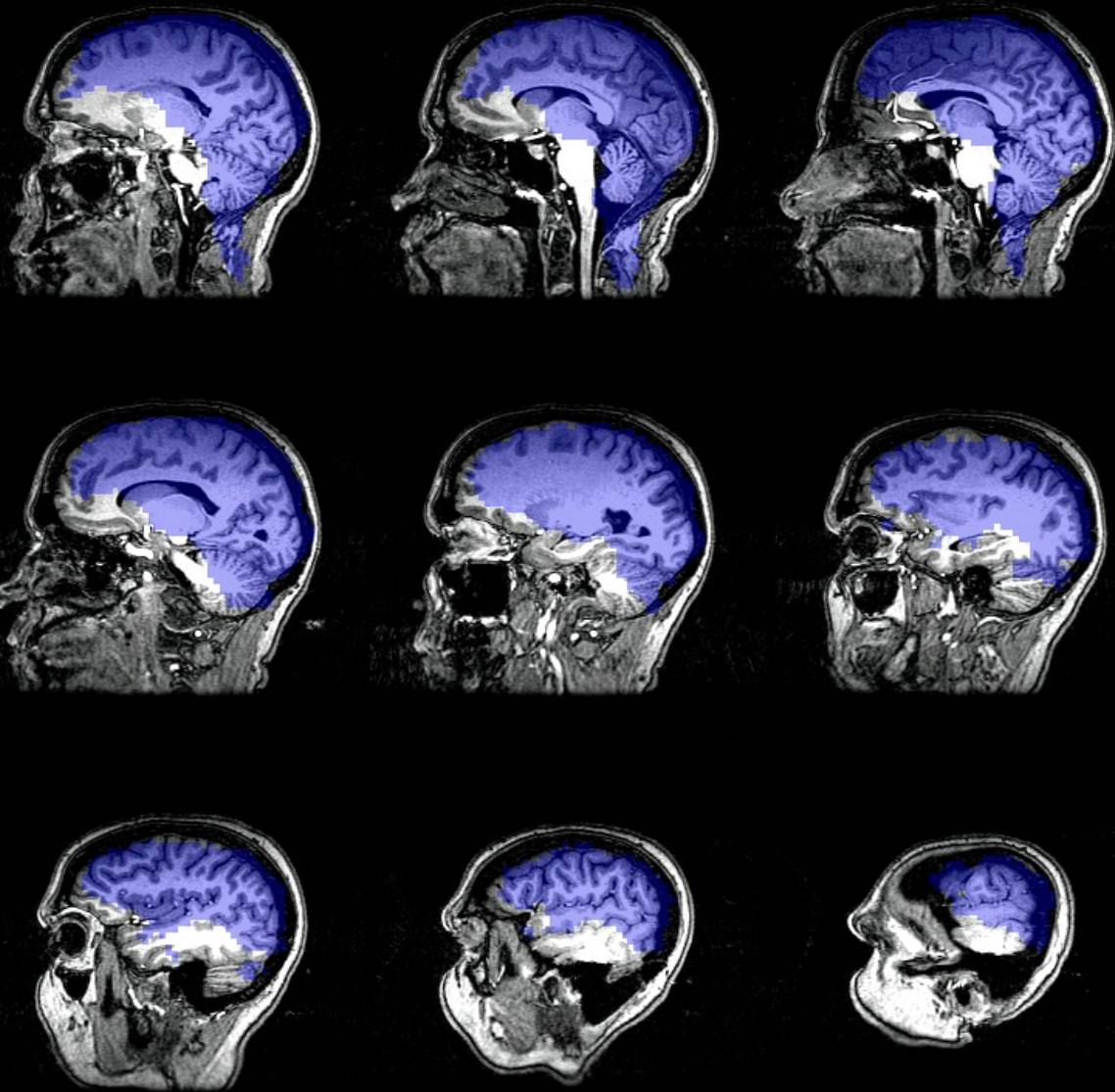
# Image Quality

- **Minimizing warping**
  - Shimming
  - Reduced readout window duration
  
- **Minimizing dropout**
  - Shimming
  - Reduced TE
  - Adjust slice orientation
  - Increase resolution



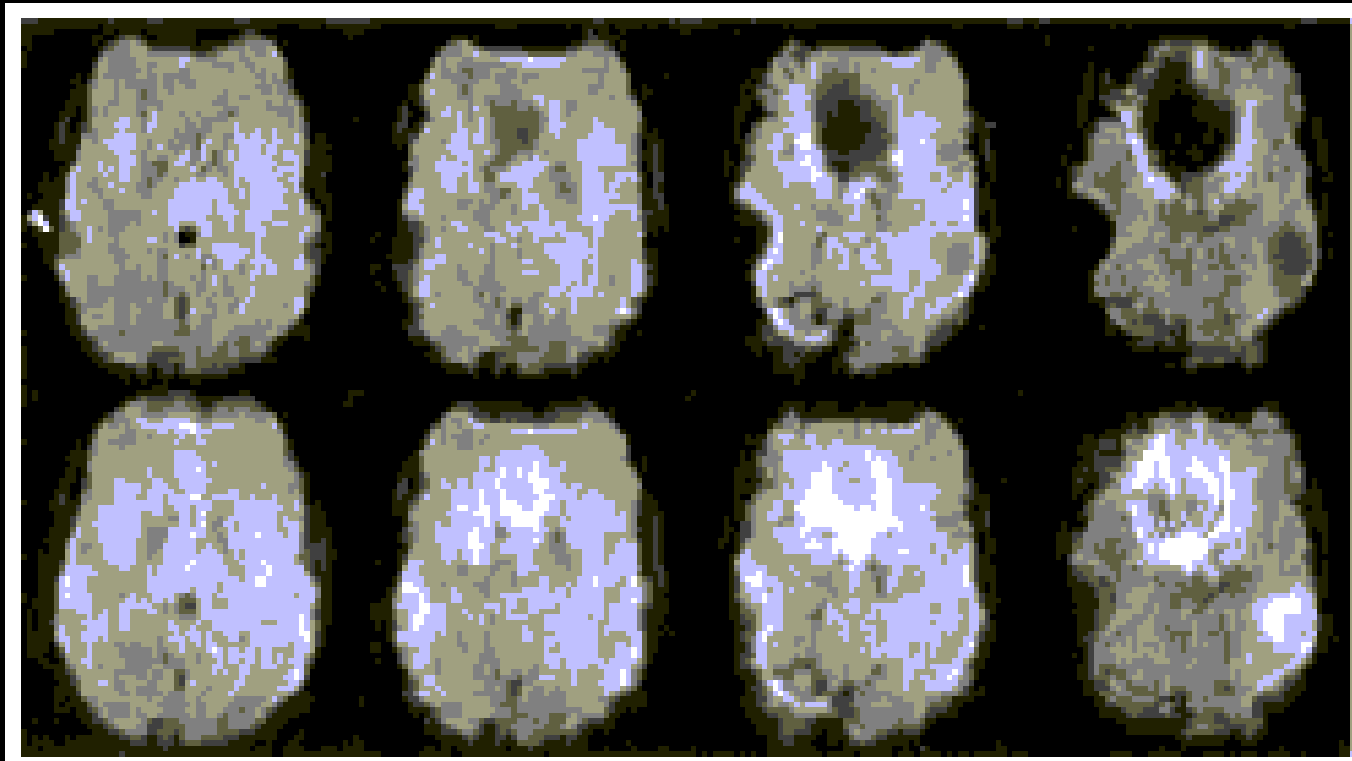




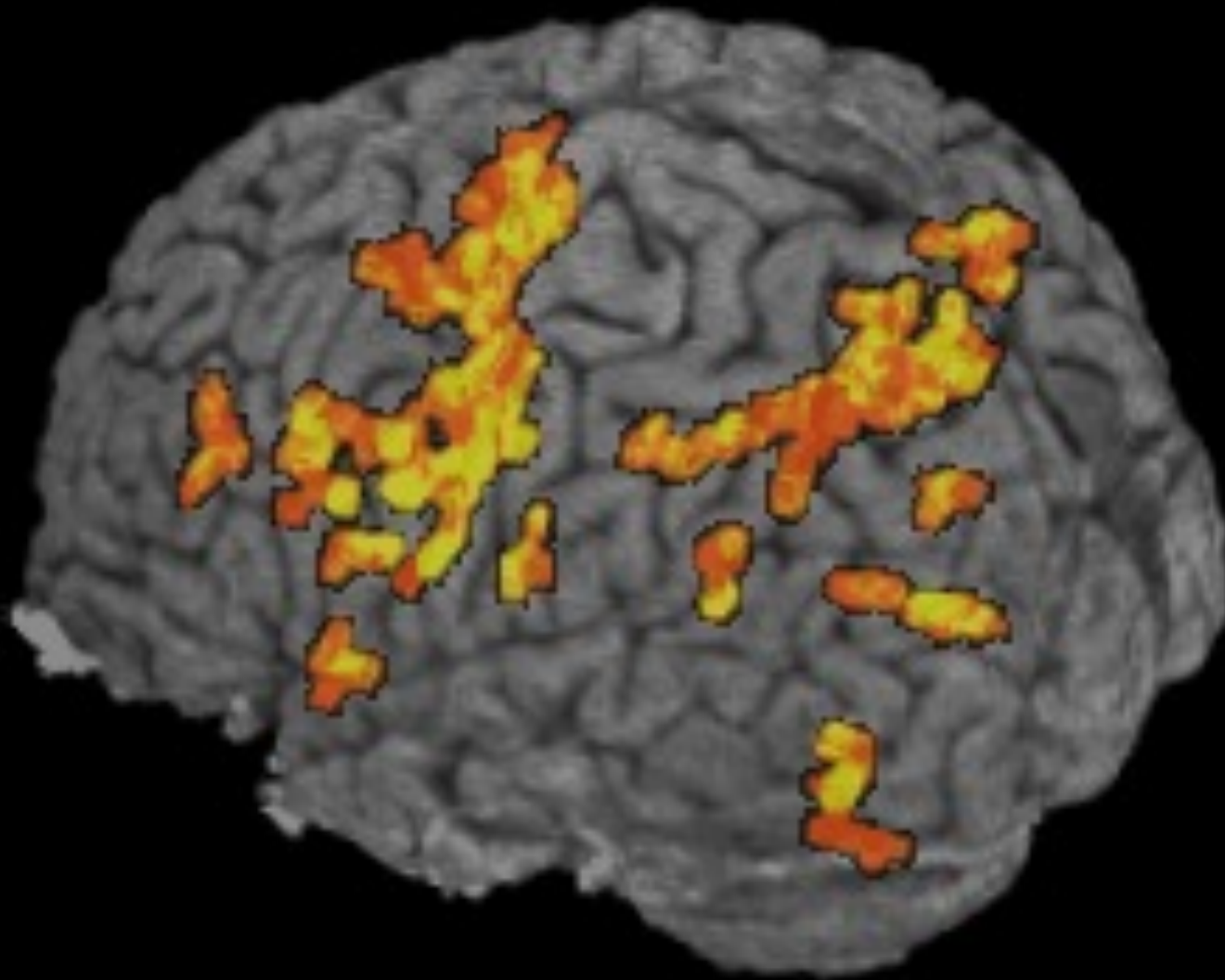


## 3D z-Shim Method for Reduction of Susceptibility Effects in BOLD fMRI

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# End of Acquisition



**< 1 s to render**

**Blocked trials:  
20 s on/20 s off  
8 blocks**

**Blocks: 12345678**

**Color shows  
through brain**

**Correlation > 0.45**

**The  
End**

**Everything comes with a price...**

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# Parameters to Trade

- Time
- Pulse sequence (types of sequences)
- Resolution
- Coverage
- Image quality (types of artifacts, artifact correction)
- Sensitivity (factors that influence sensitivity)
- Information
- Quantification