

Latest Developments in fMRI

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Alternating Left and Right Finger Tapping



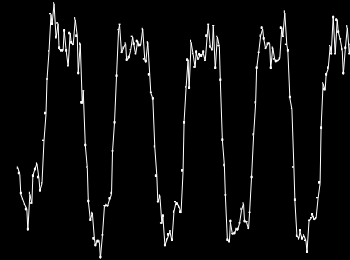
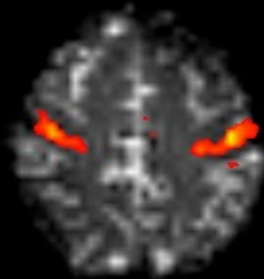
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The use of fMRI for the Investigation of Brain Function and Physiology

- Where?

- When?



- How much?

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

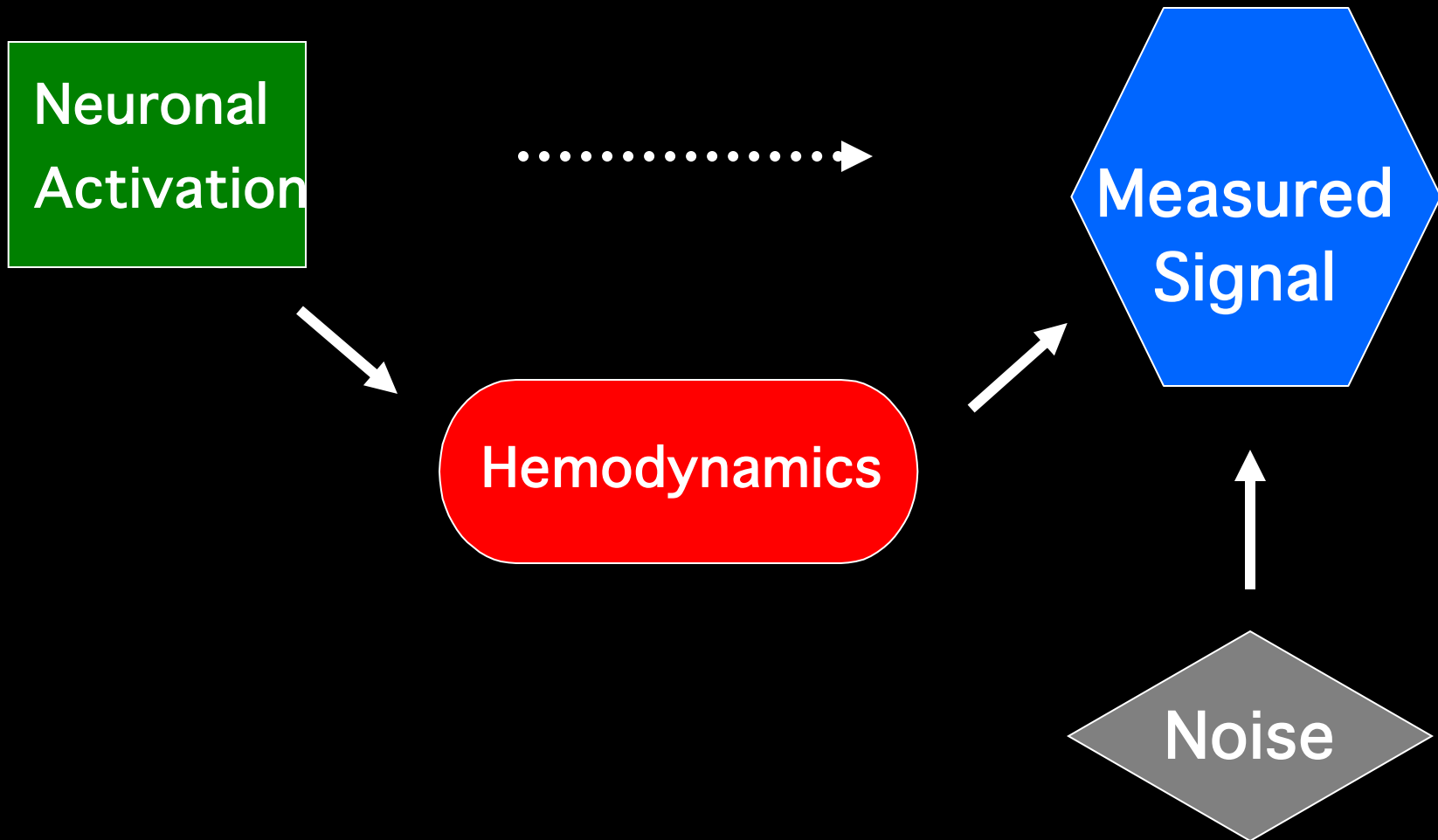
(limitations: limited time and signal to noise, motion, acoustic noise)

- 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.





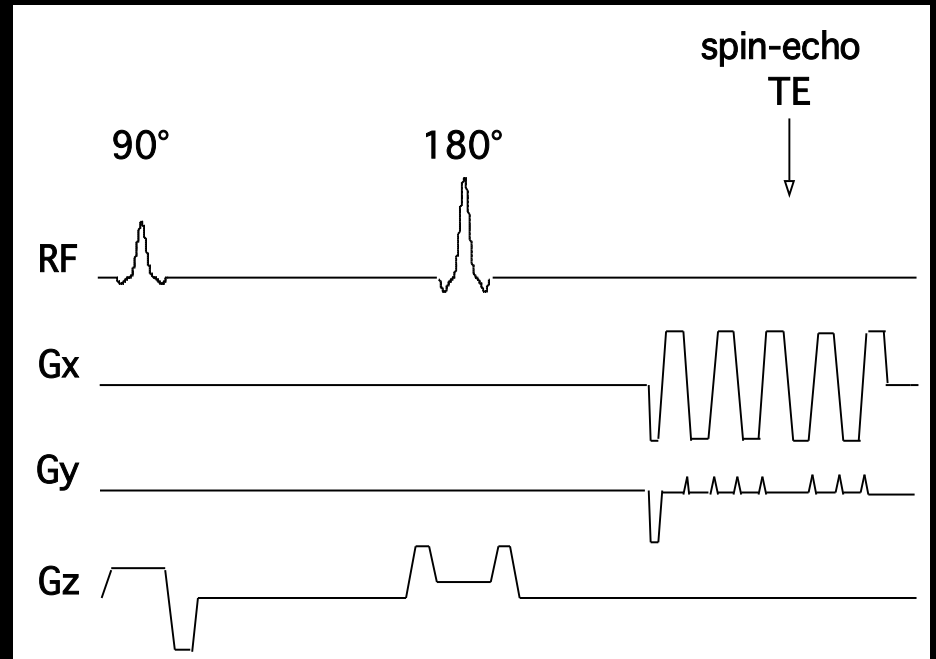
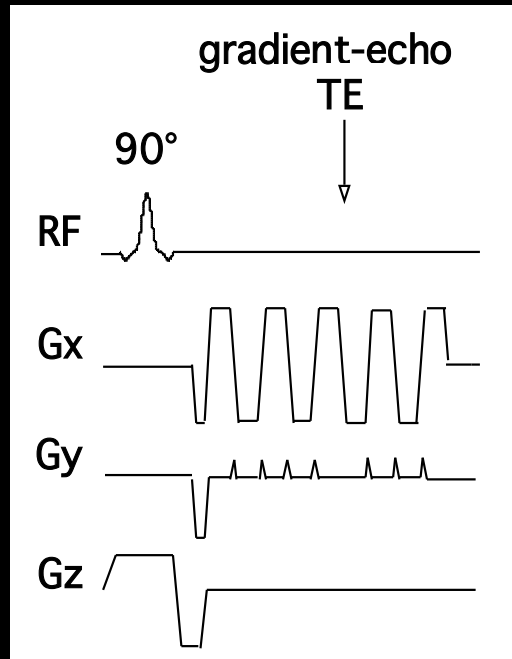
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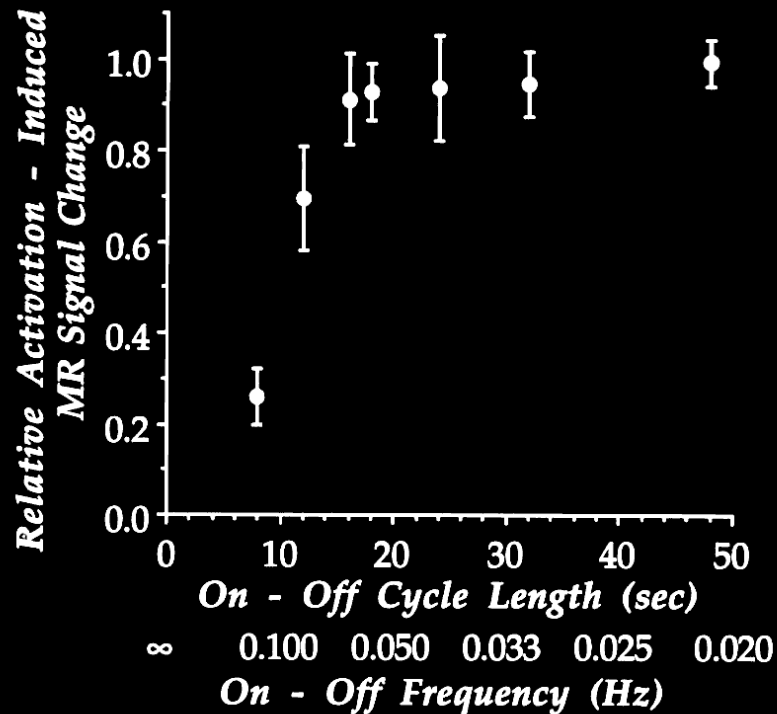
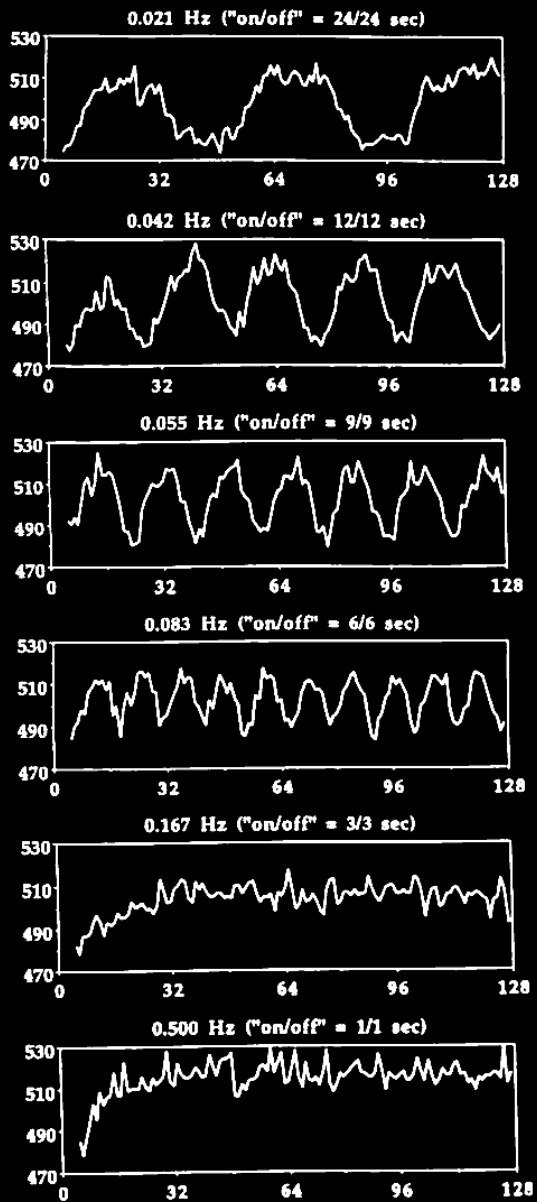
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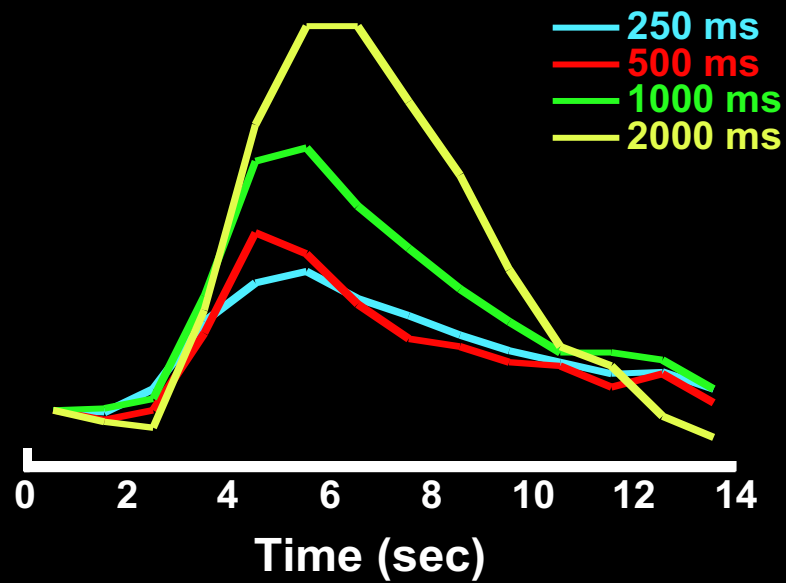
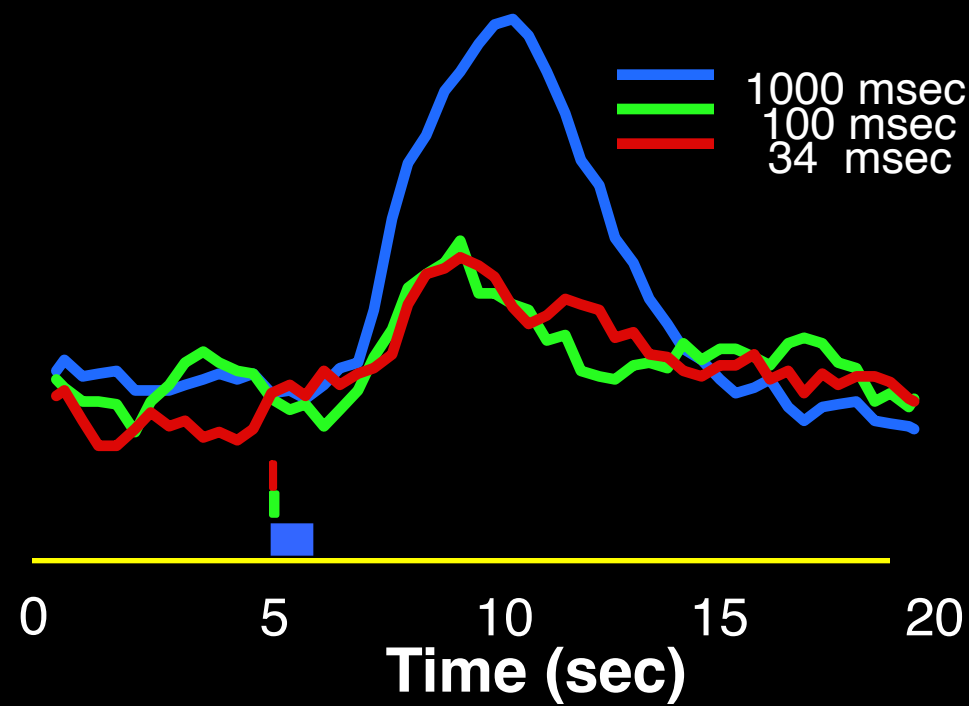
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Echo-Planar Imaging

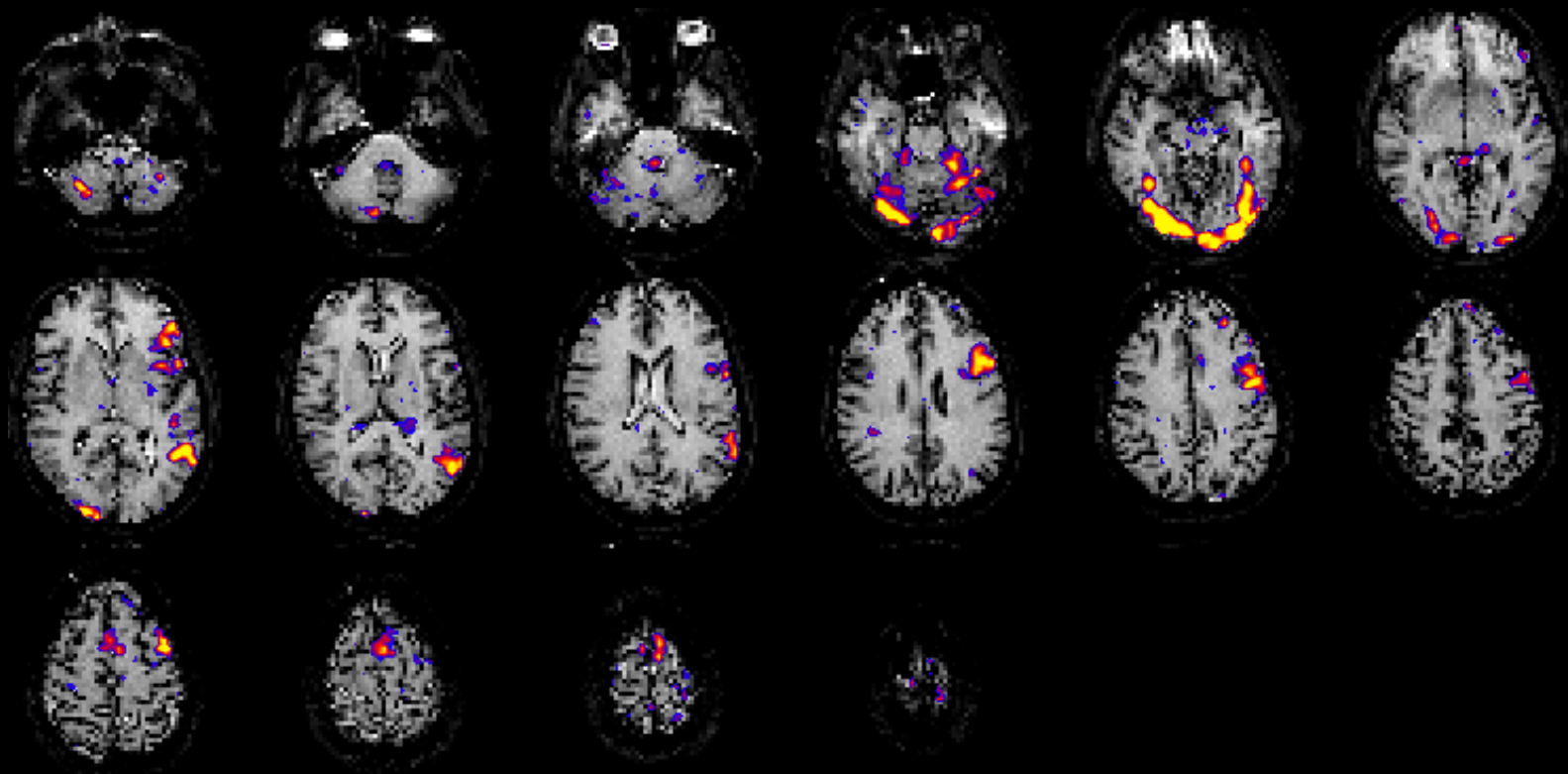


MRI Signal

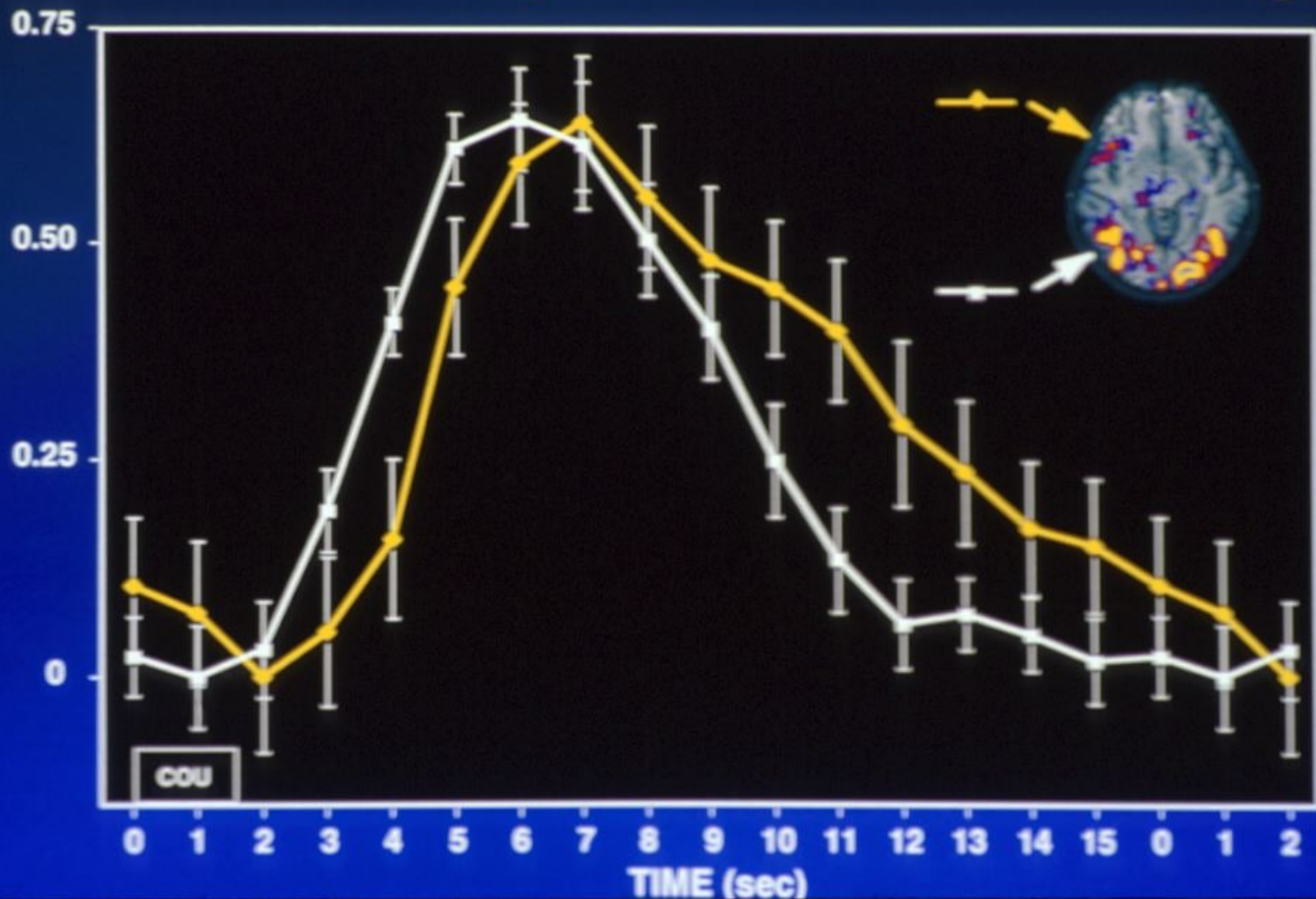




Word stem completion



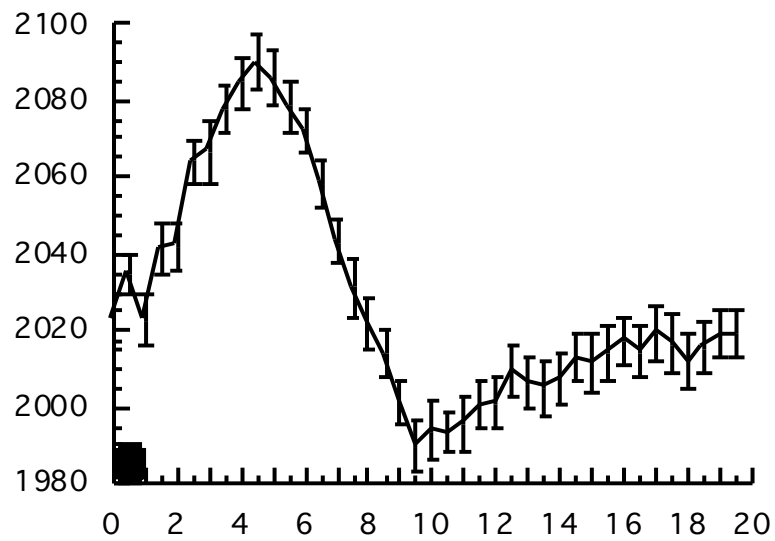
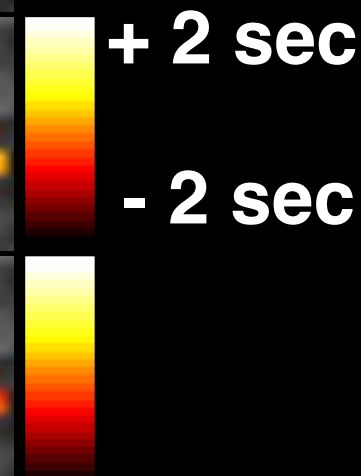
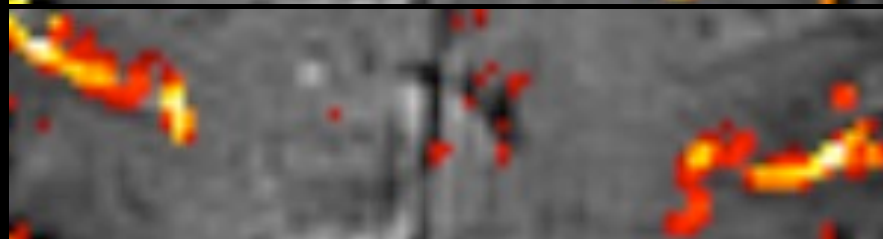
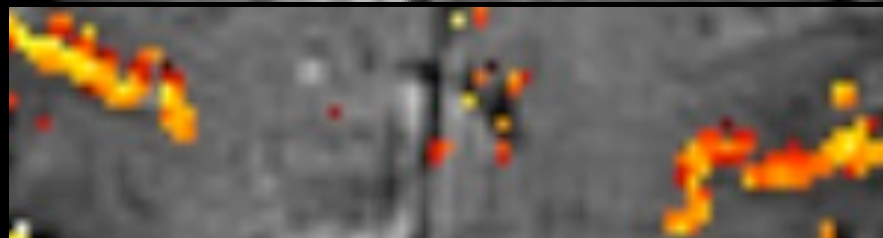
Time Course Comparison Across Brain Regions



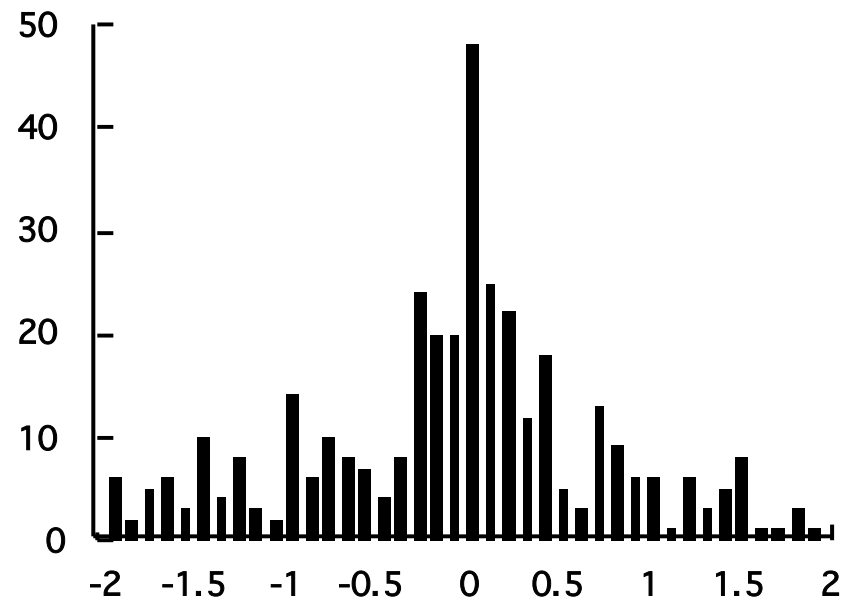
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Latency

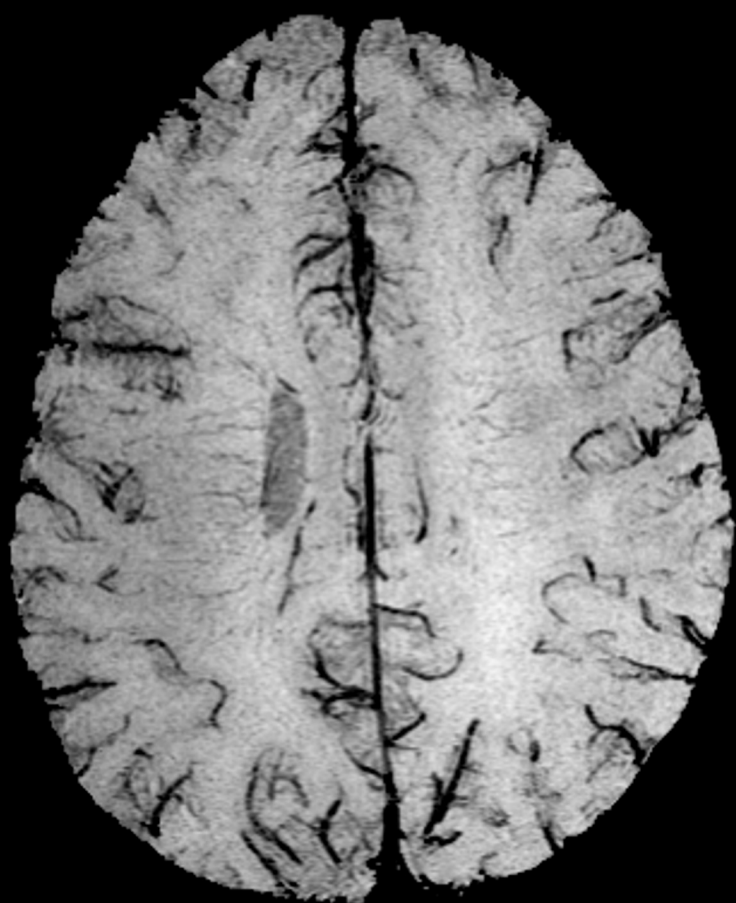
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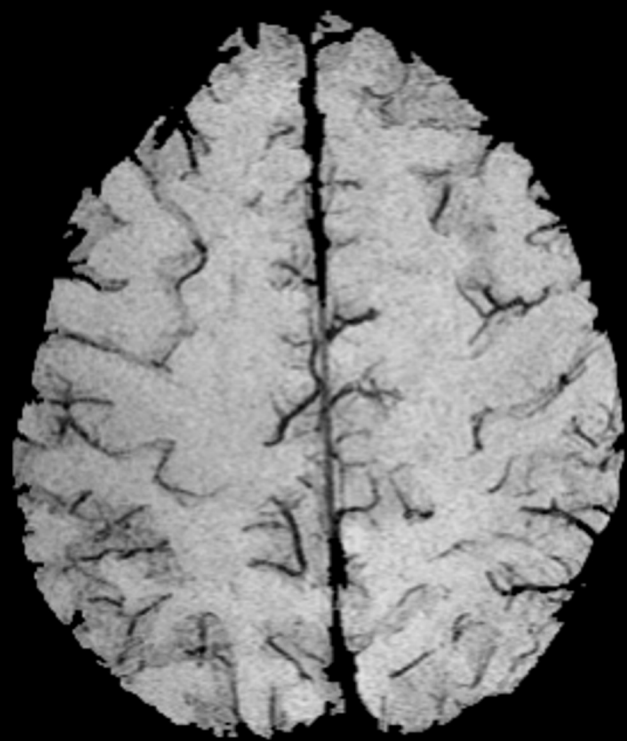


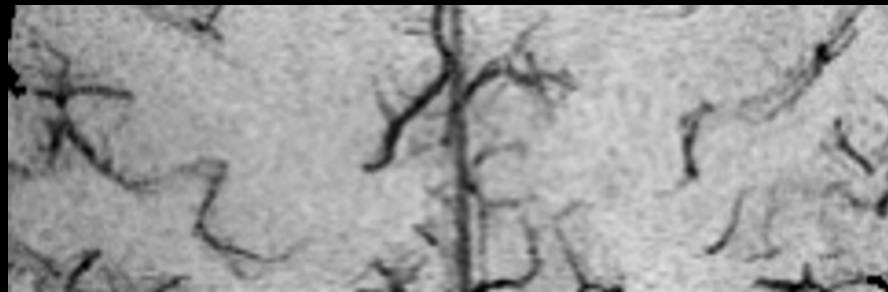
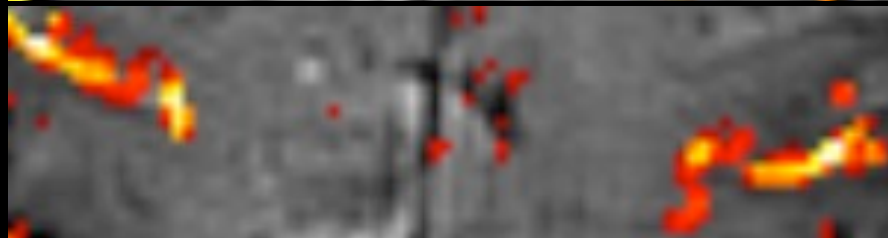
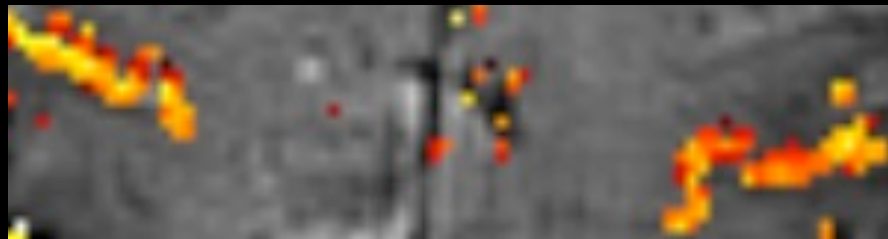
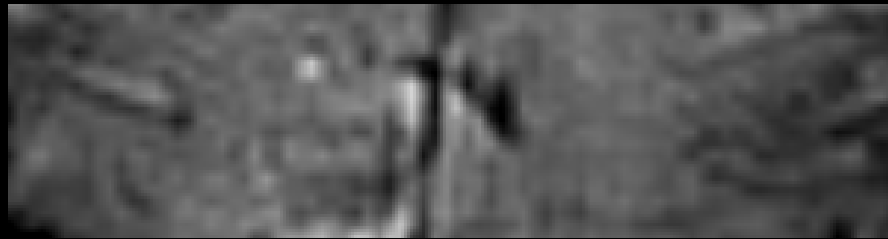
Time (sec)



Delay (sec)

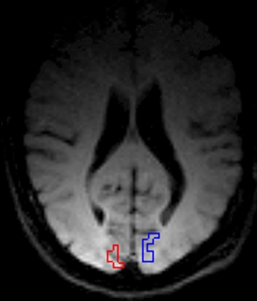




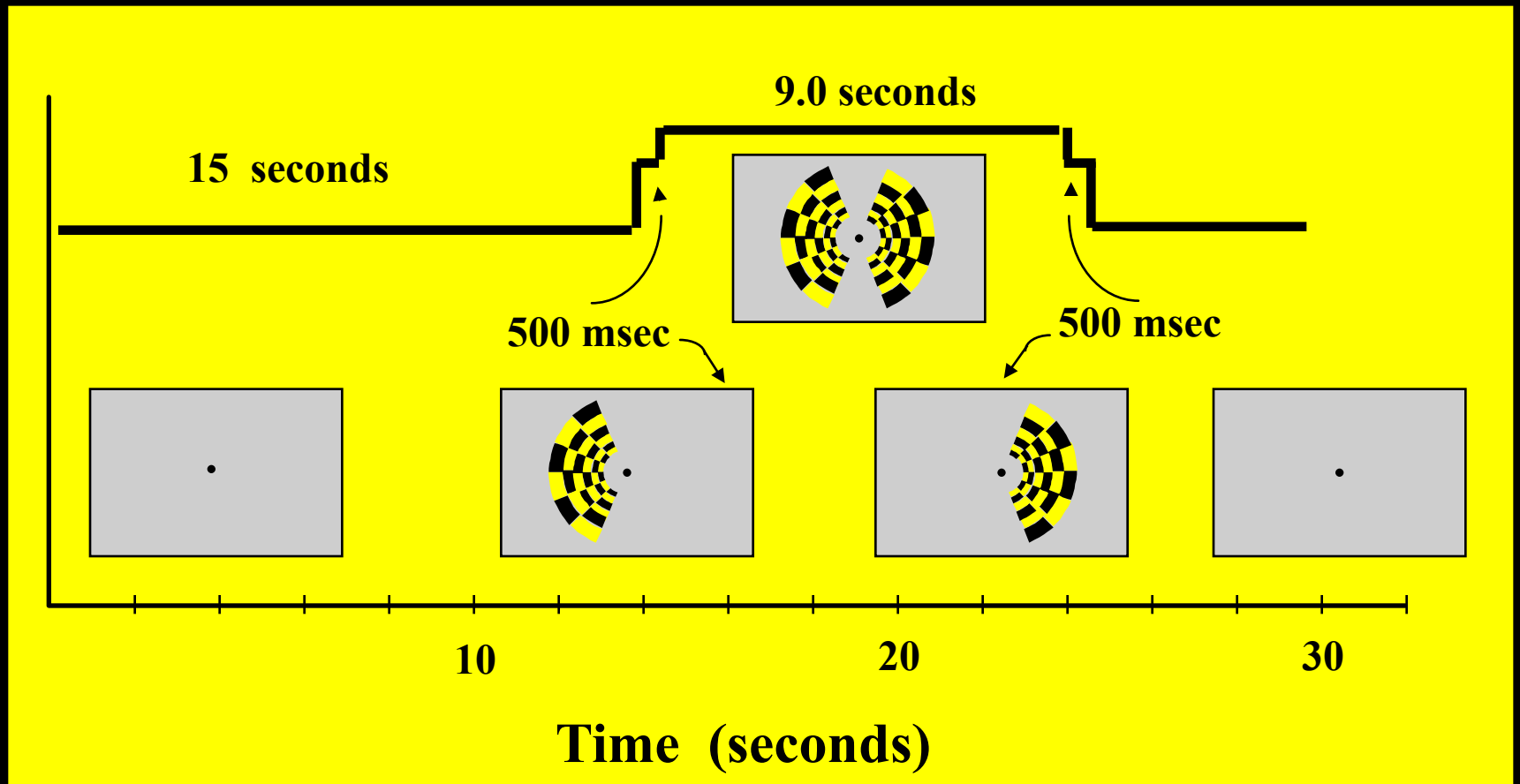


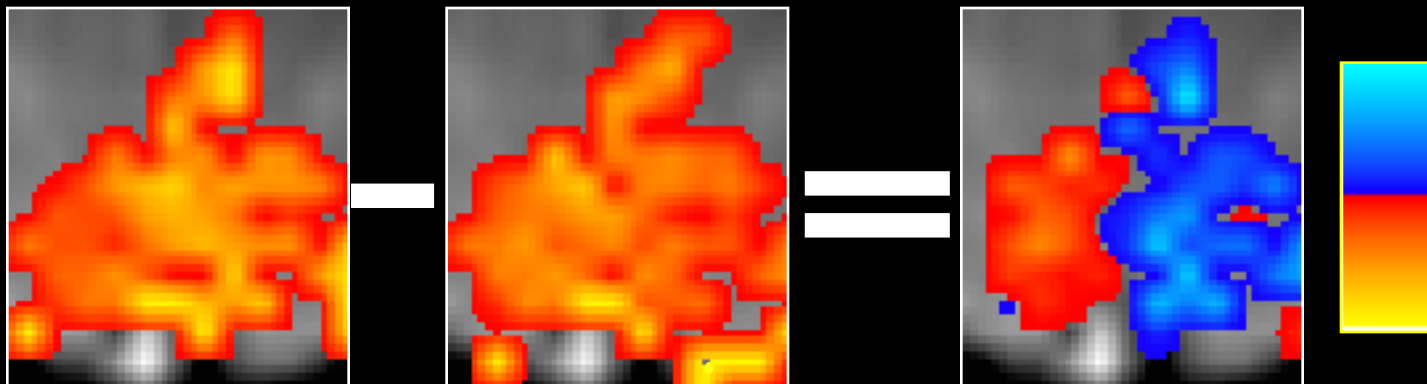
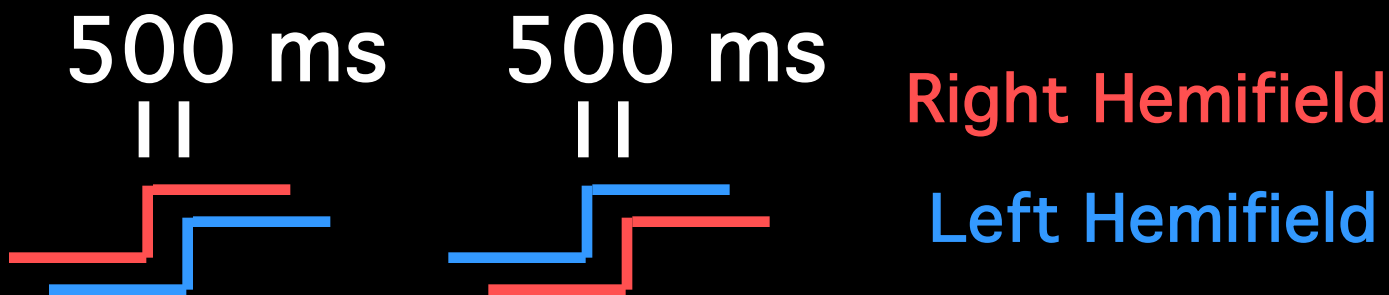
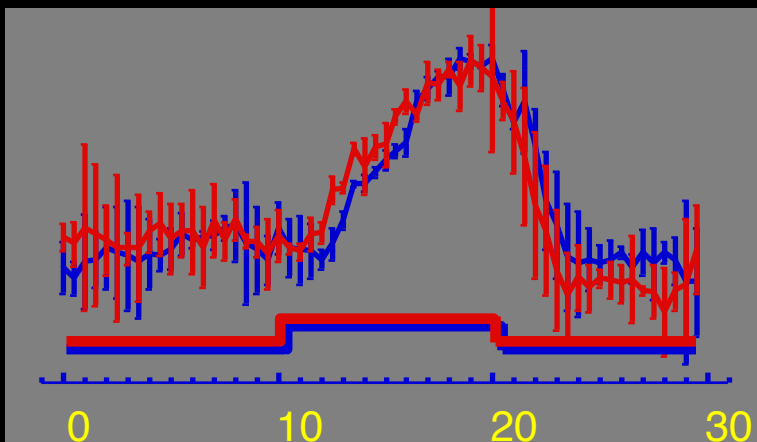
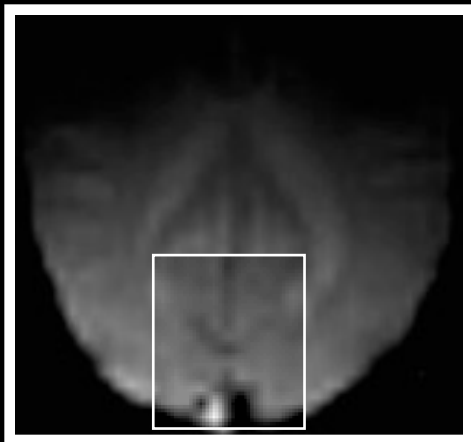
Hemi-Field Experiment

Right Hemisphere



Left Hemisphere

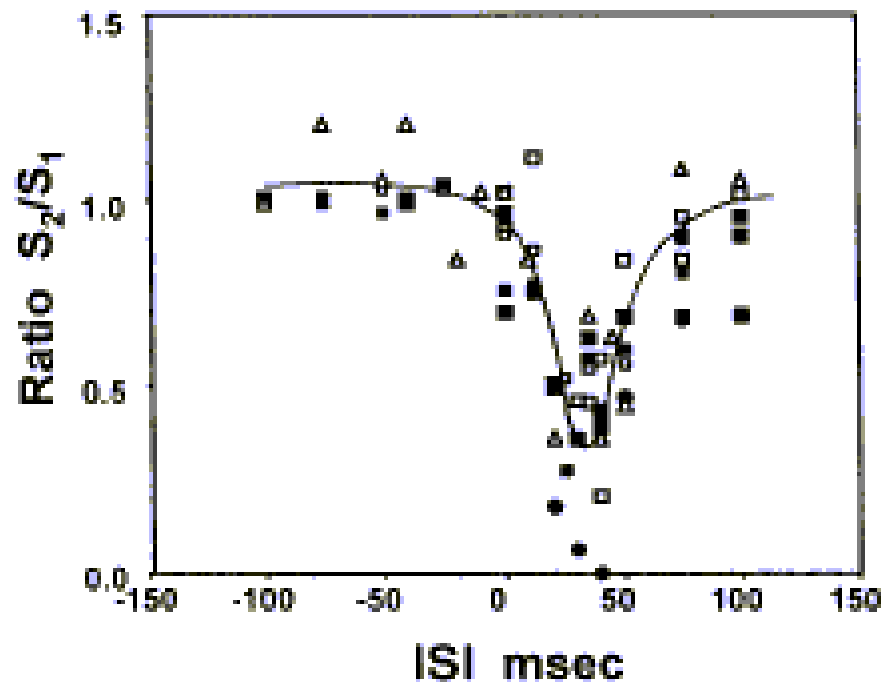




An approach to probe some neural systems interaction by functional MRI at neural time scale down to milliseconds

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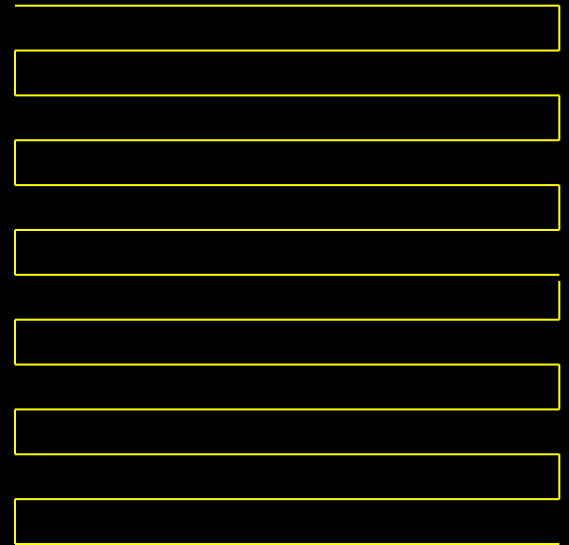
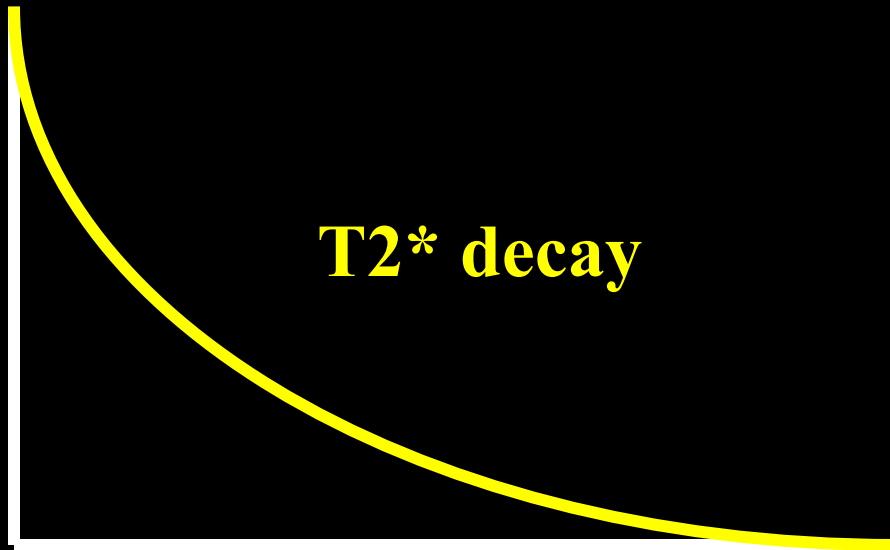
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Single Shot Imaging



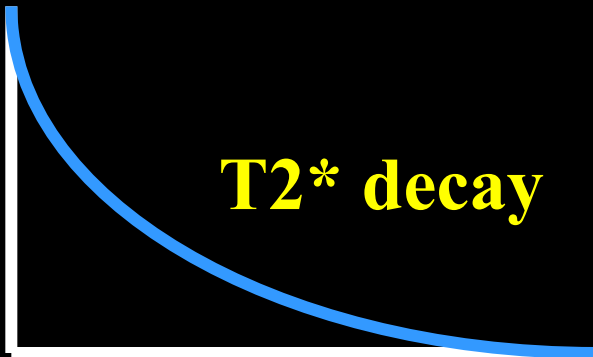
EPI Readout Window

≈ 20 to 40 ms

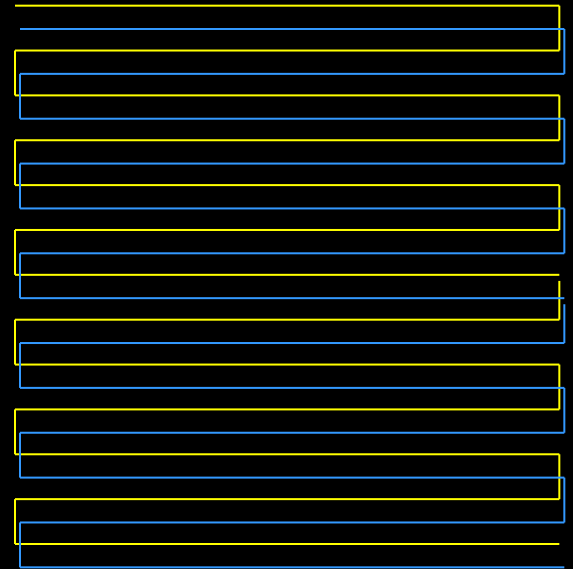
Multishot Imaging



EPI Window 1



EPI Window 2



Multi Shot EPI

Excitations
Matrix Size

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64 x 64

2

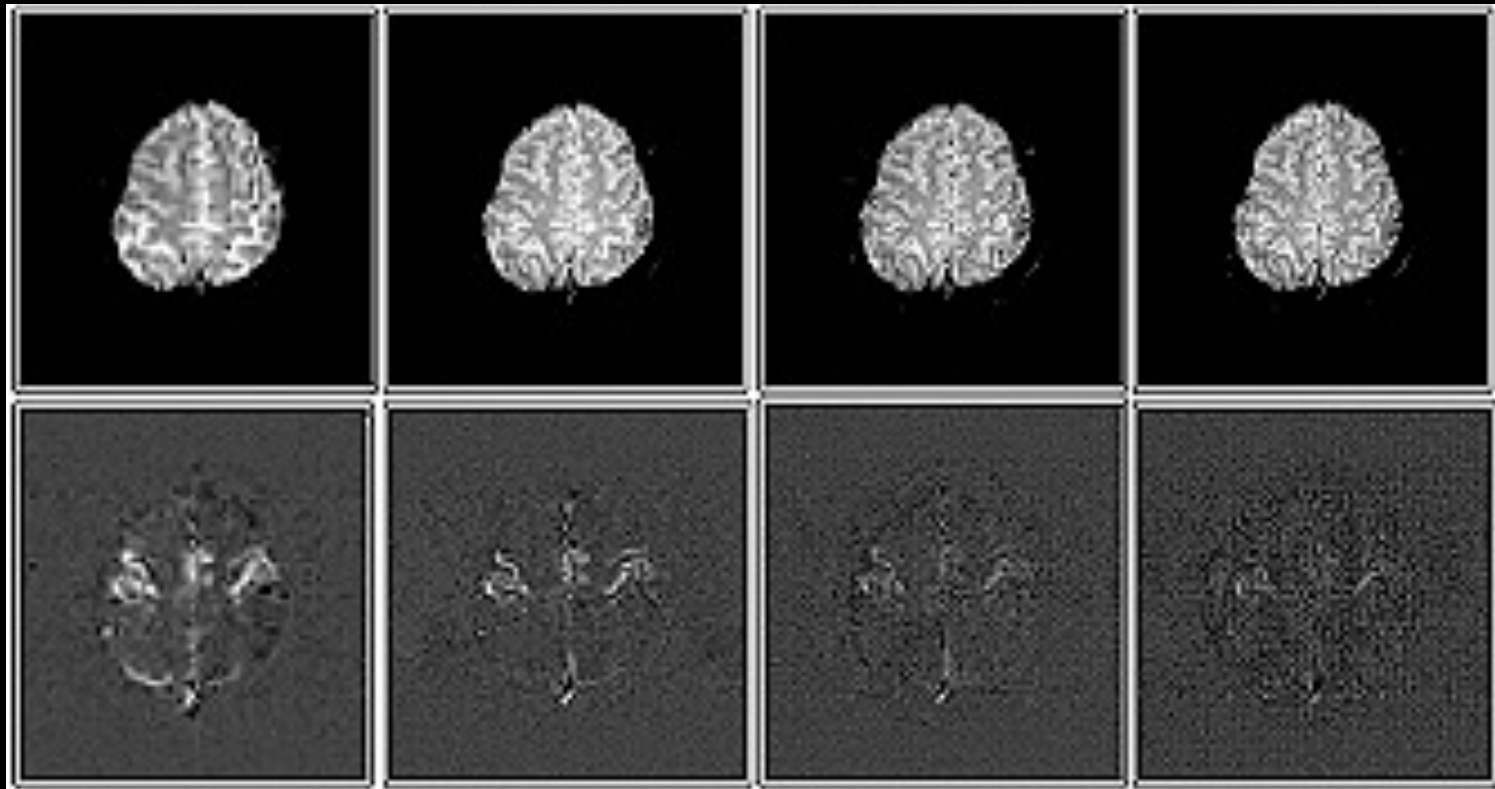
128 x 128

4

256 x 128

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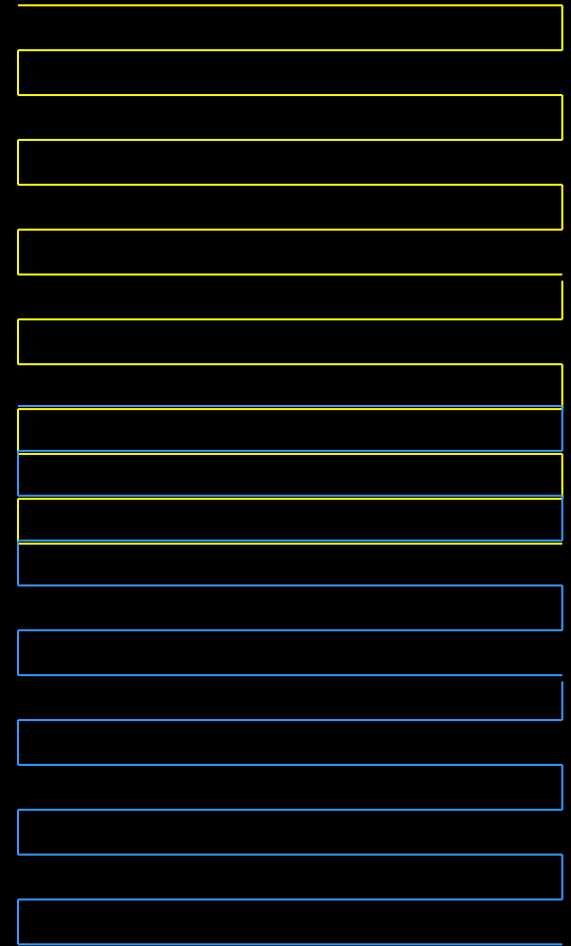
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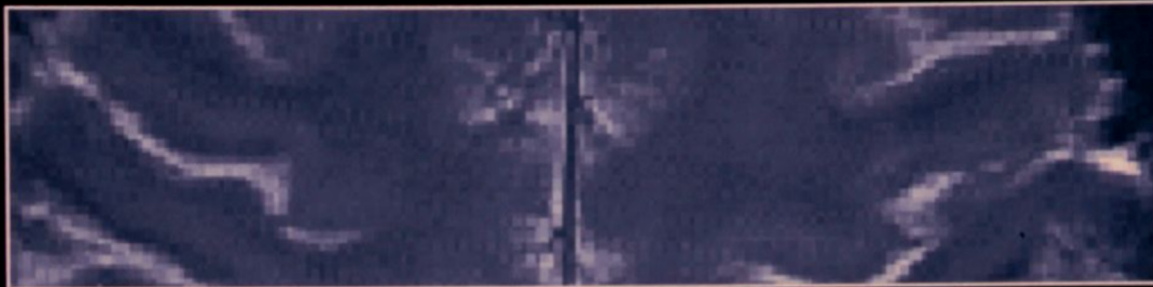
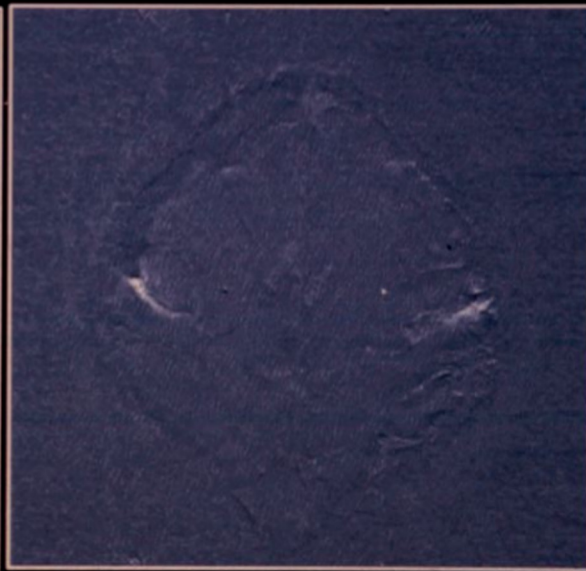
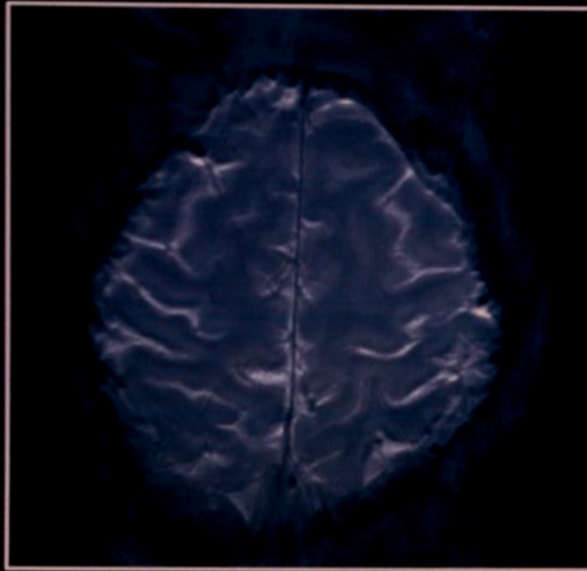
Partial k-space imaging



EPI Window



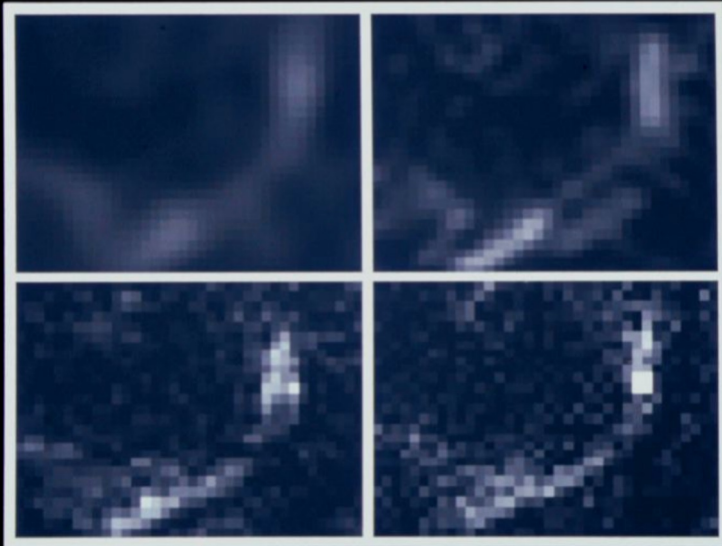
**Single - Shot EPI at 3T:
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Fractional Signal Change

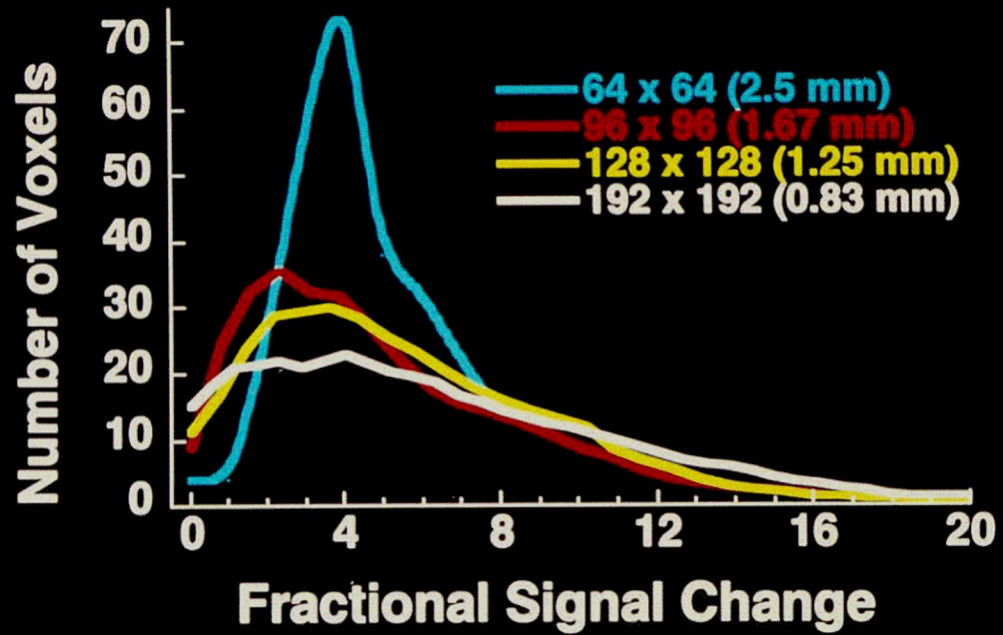
2.5 mm²

1.25 mm²



0.83 mm²

0.62 mm²

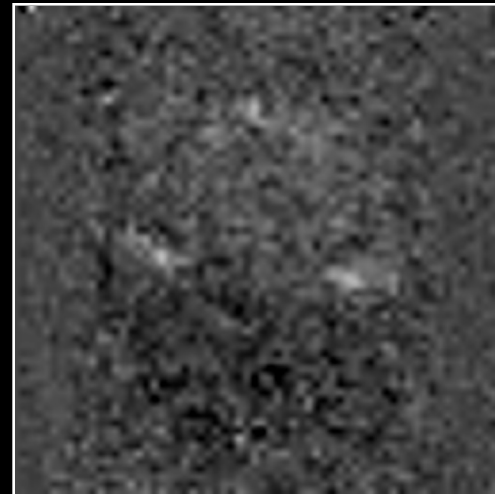
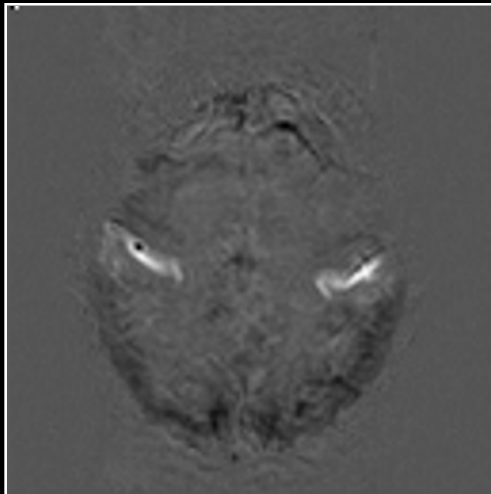
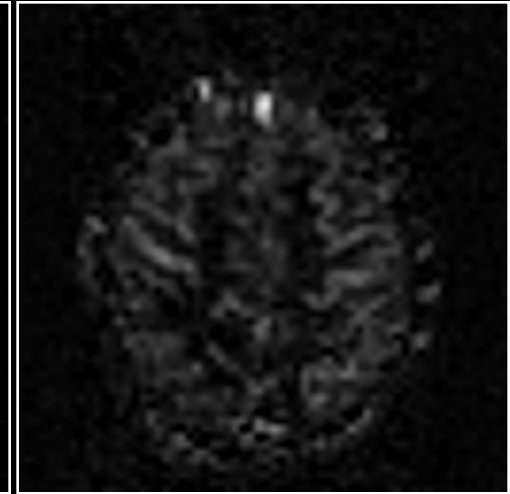
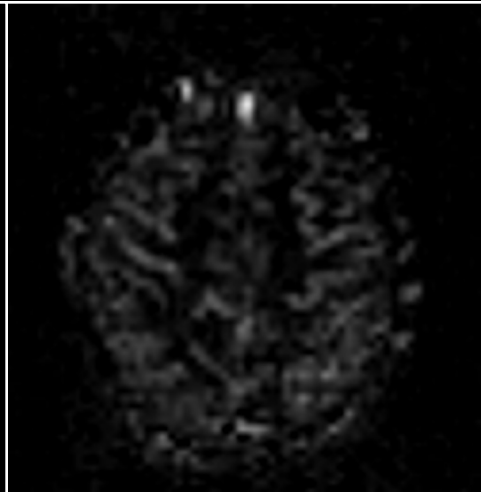
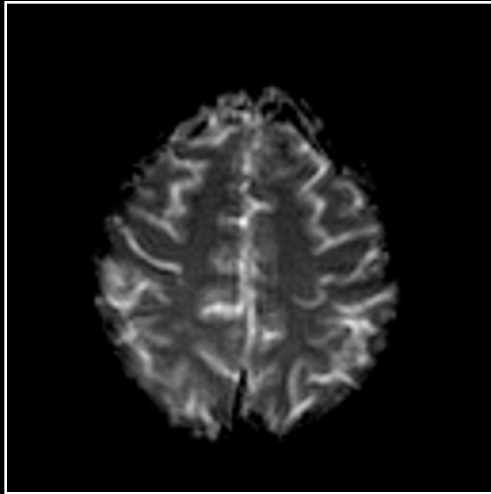


Perfusion

BOLD

Rest

Activation



Anatomy



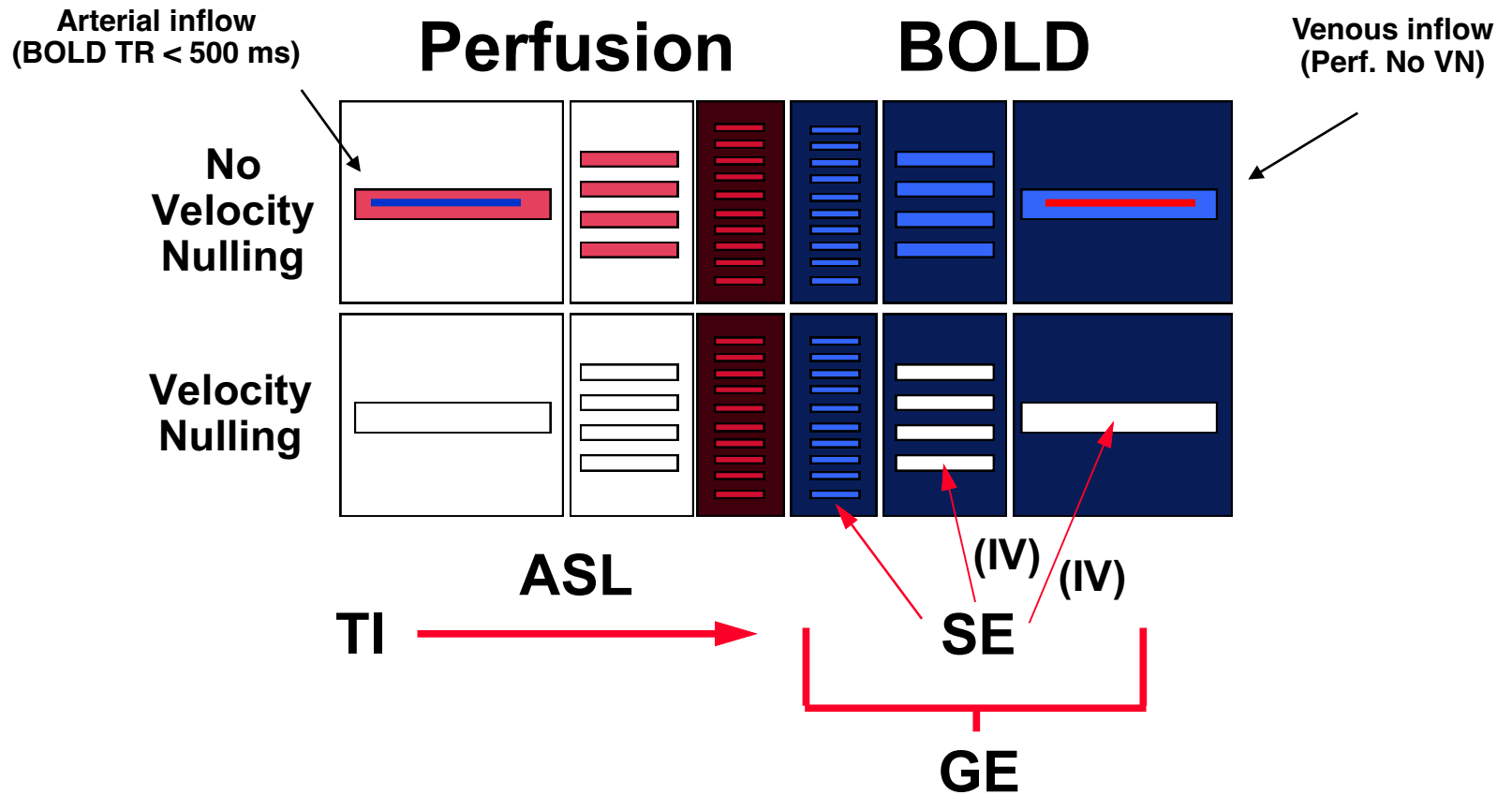
BOLD



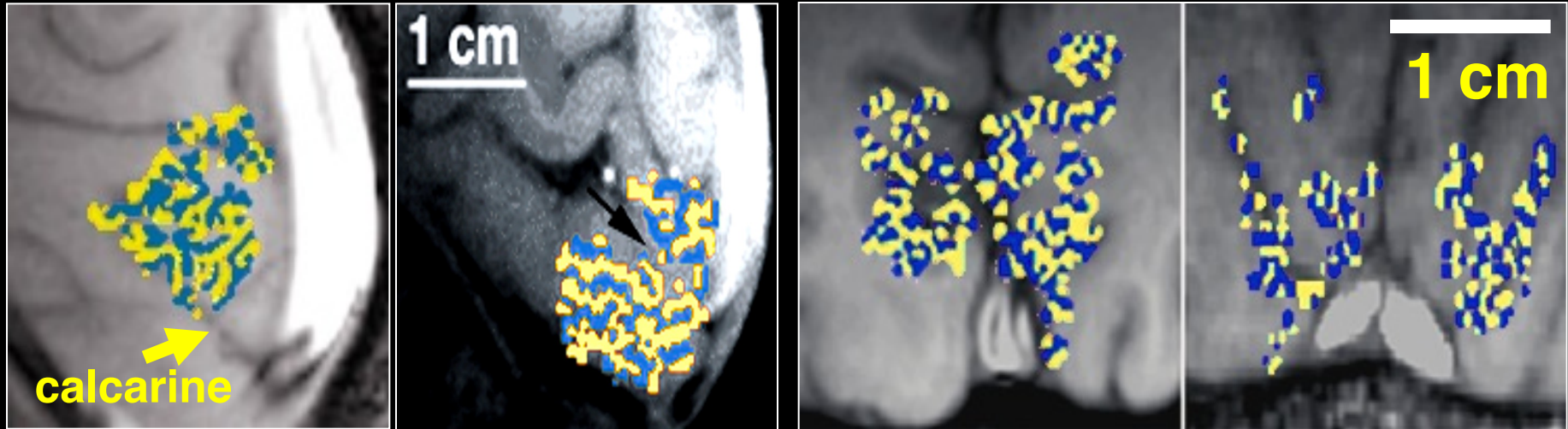
Perfusion



Hemodynamic Specificity



ODC Maps using fMRI



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

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

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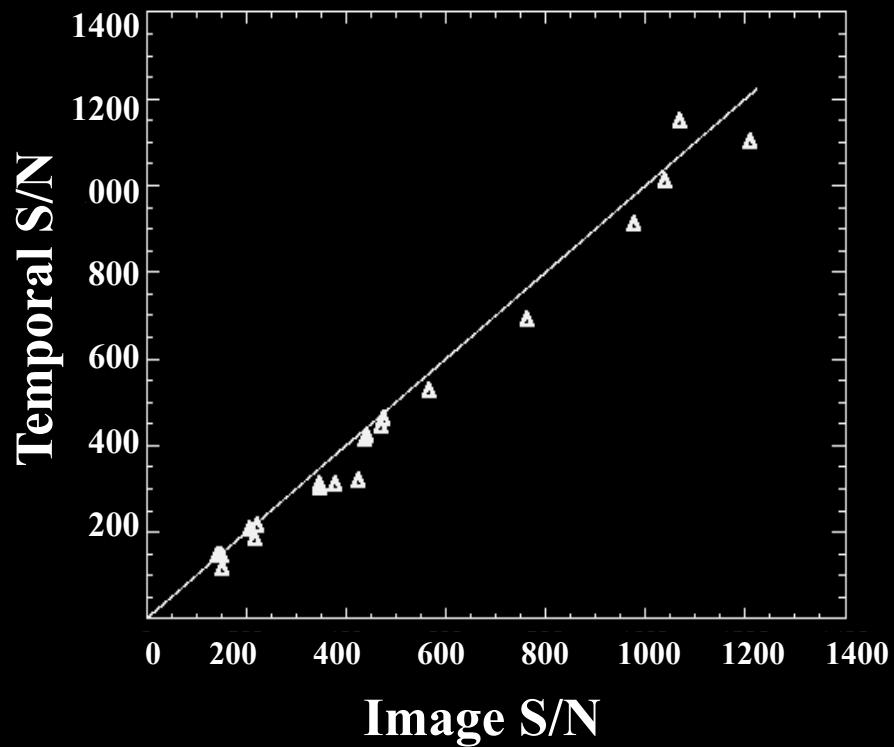
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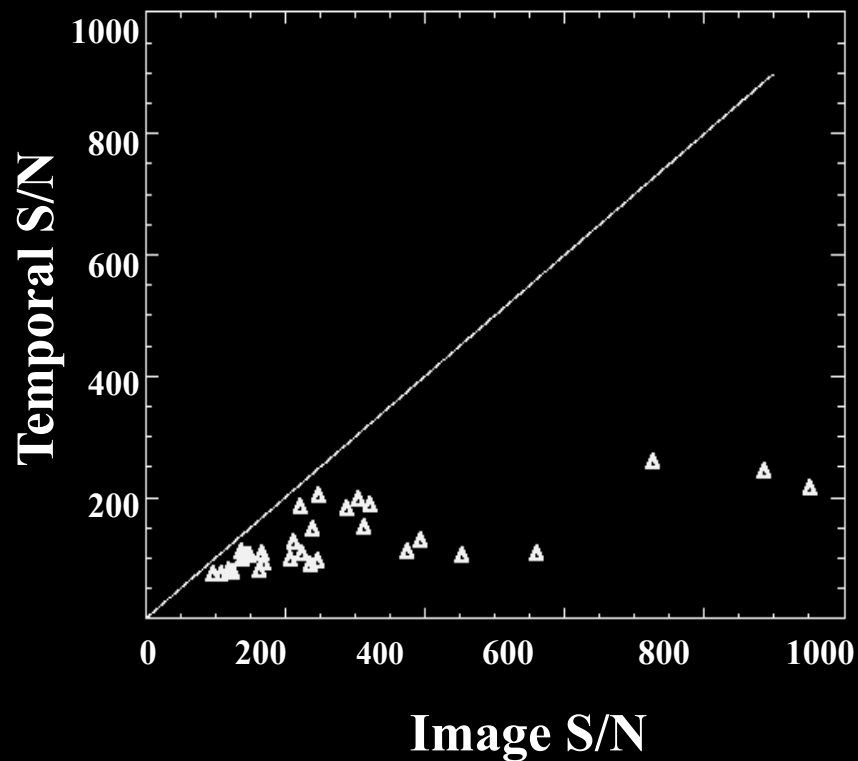
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Temporal S/N vs. Image S/N

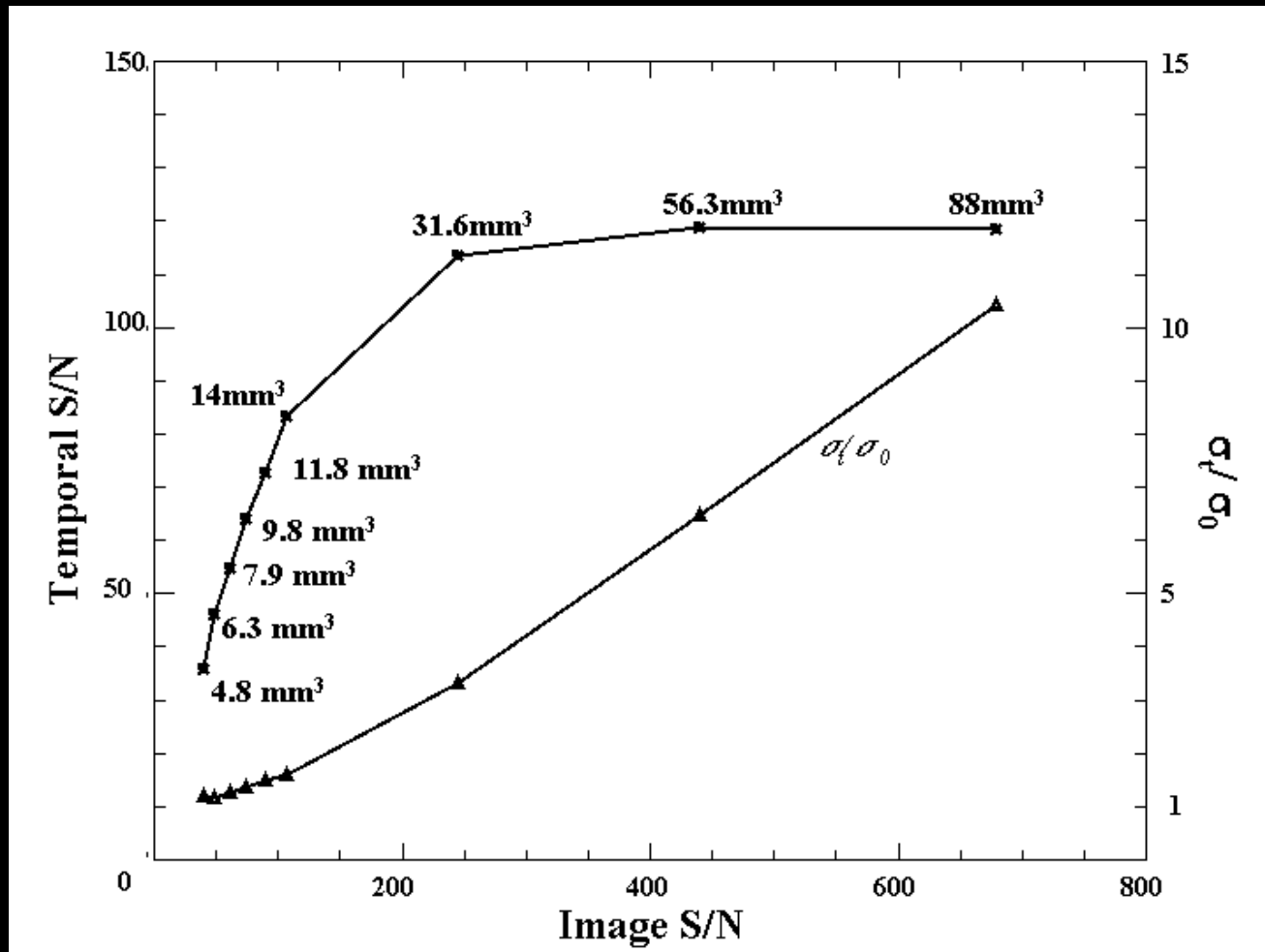
PHANTOMS



SUBJECTS



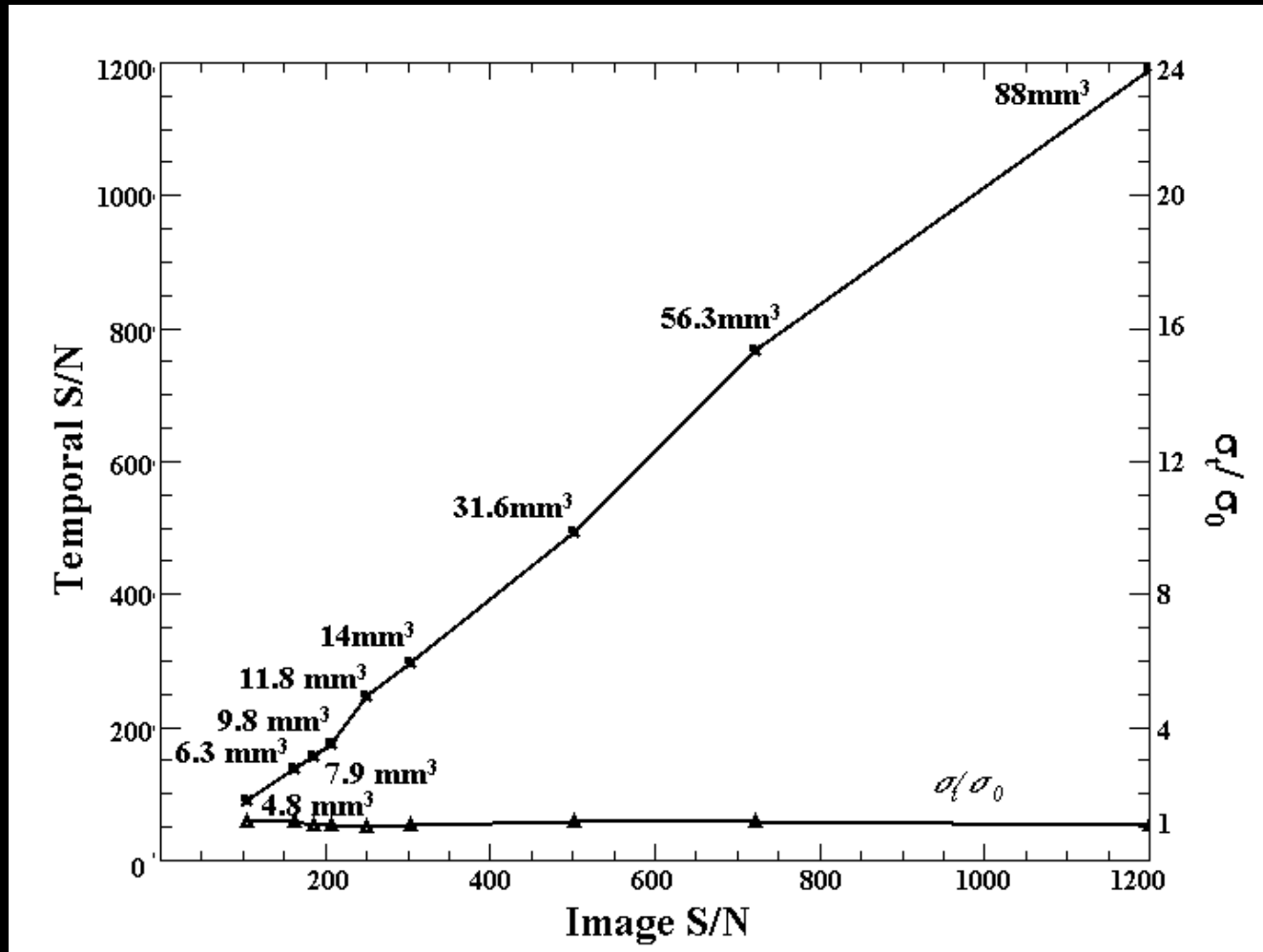
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Human data

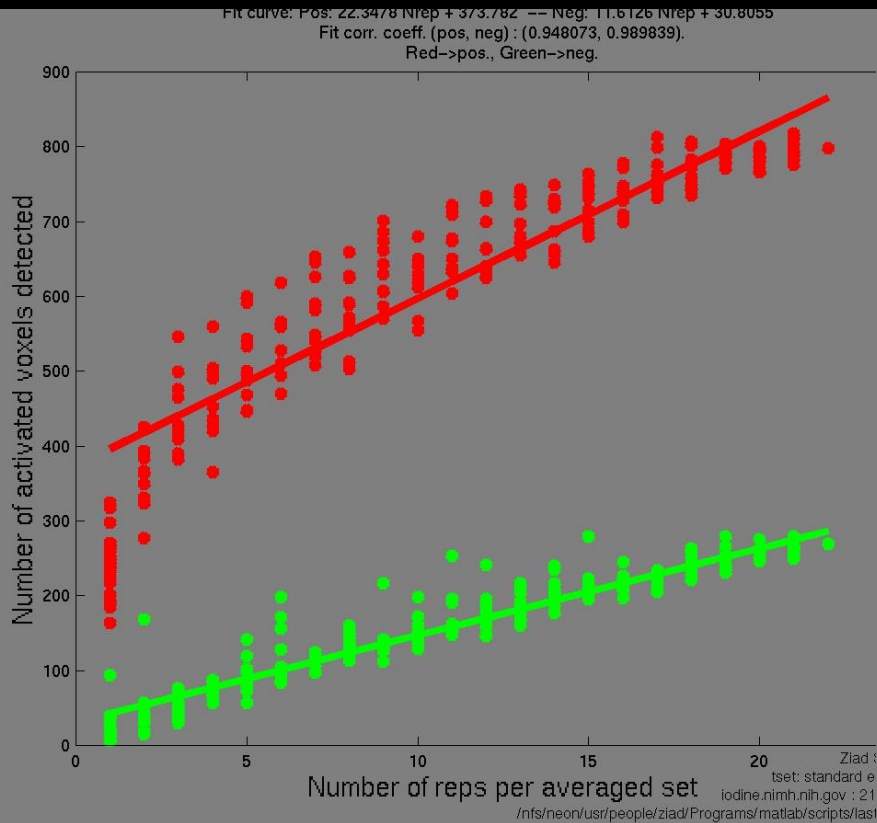
Petridou et al

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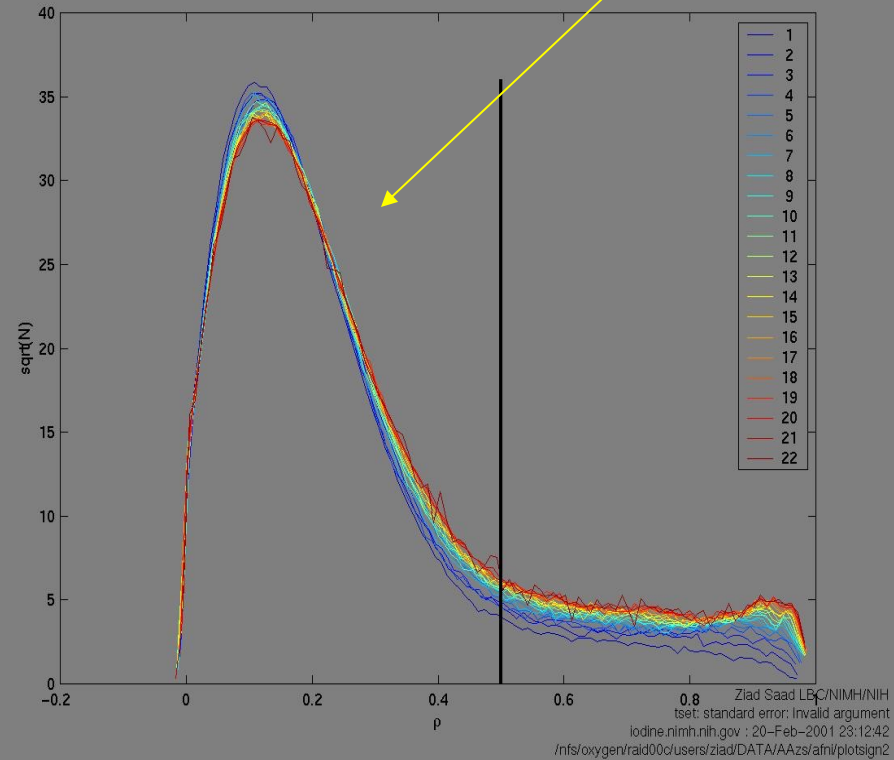
Phantom data

Continuously Growing Activation Area



CC Histogram

Inflection Point

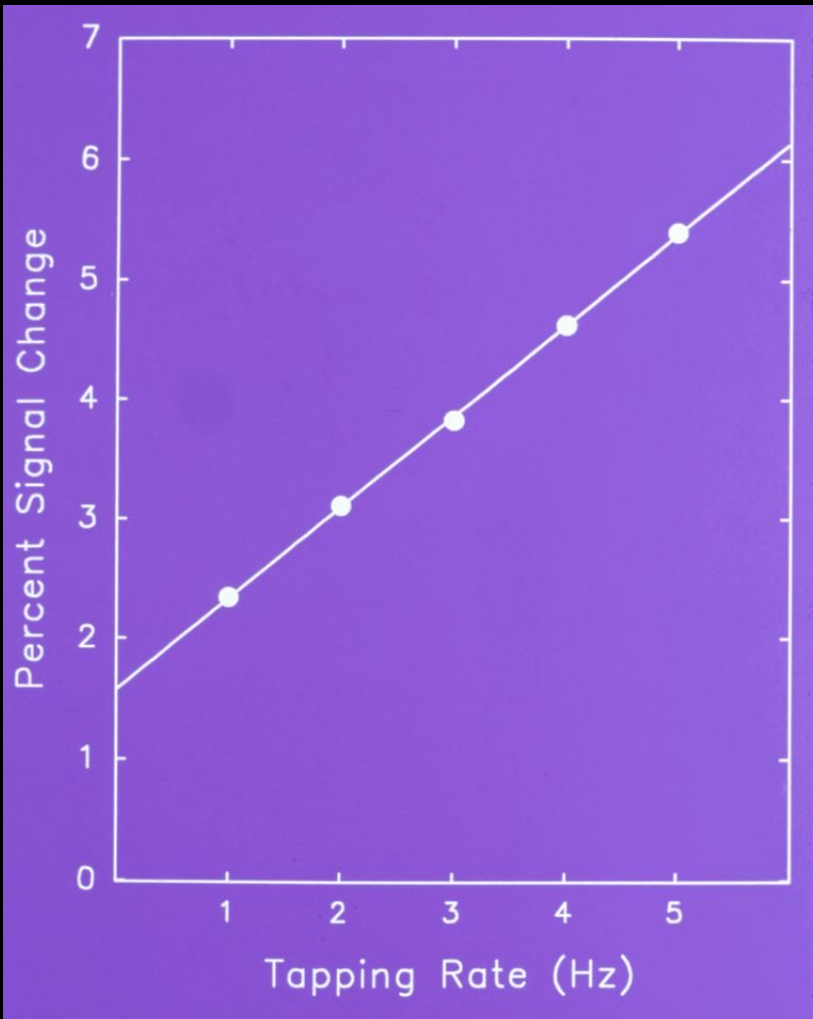


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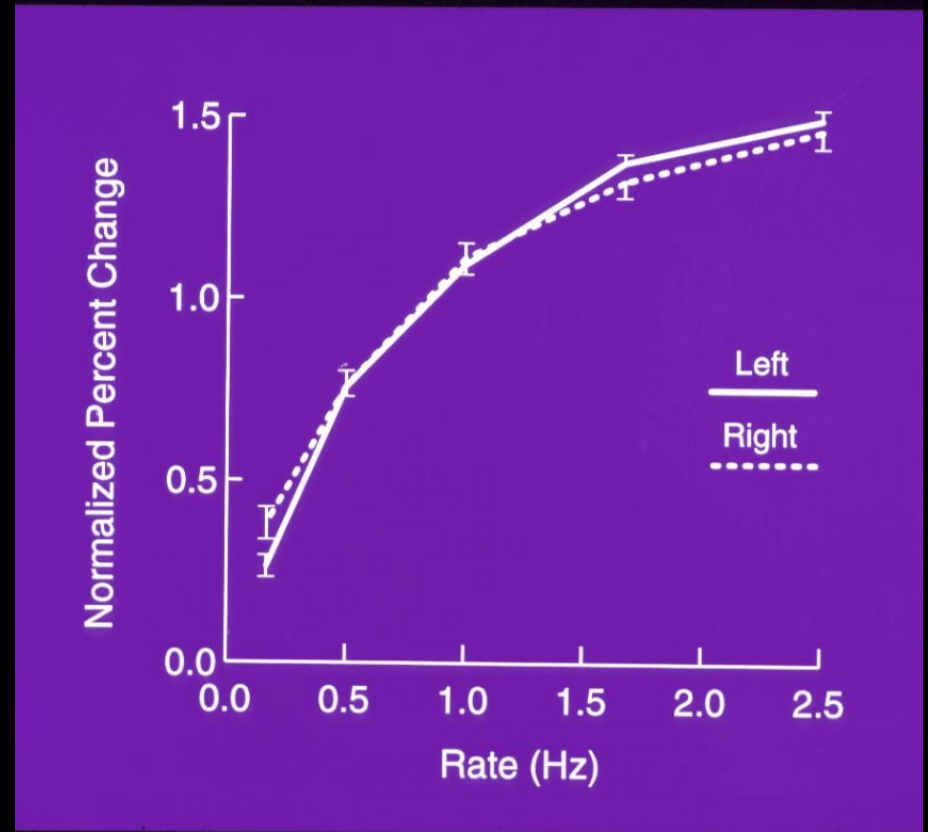
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Motor Cortex

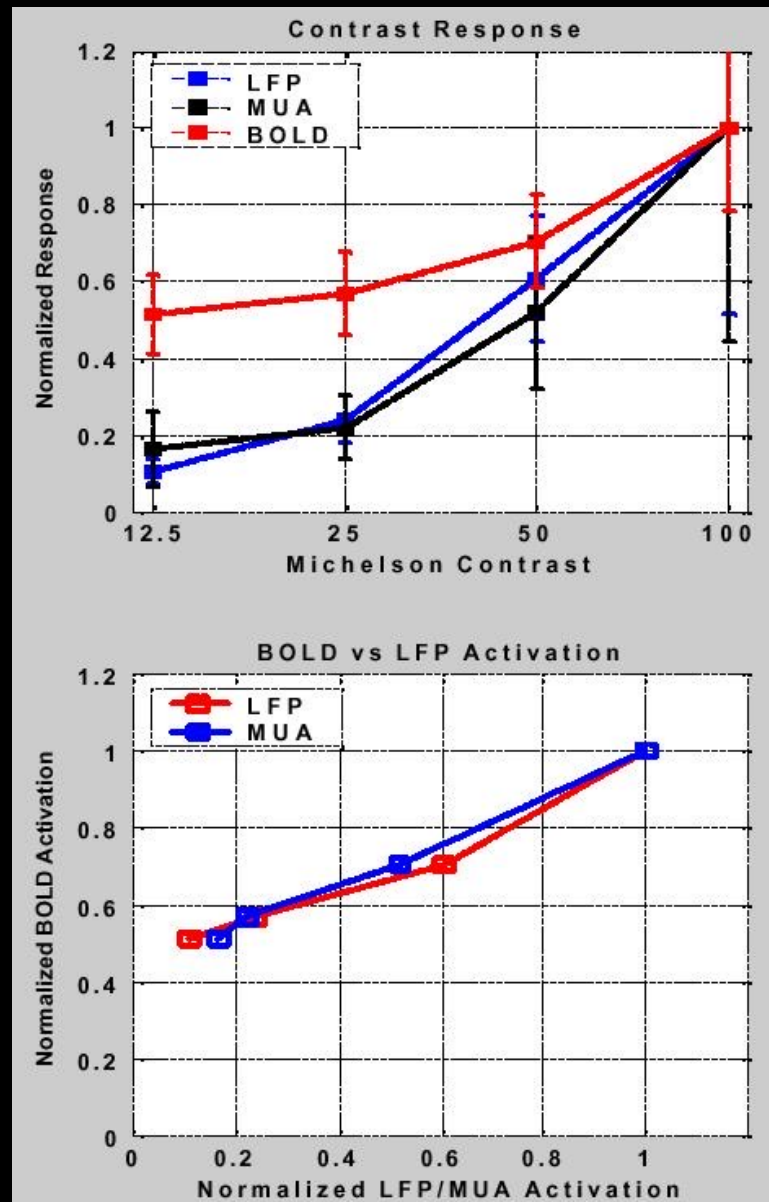


Auditory Cortex



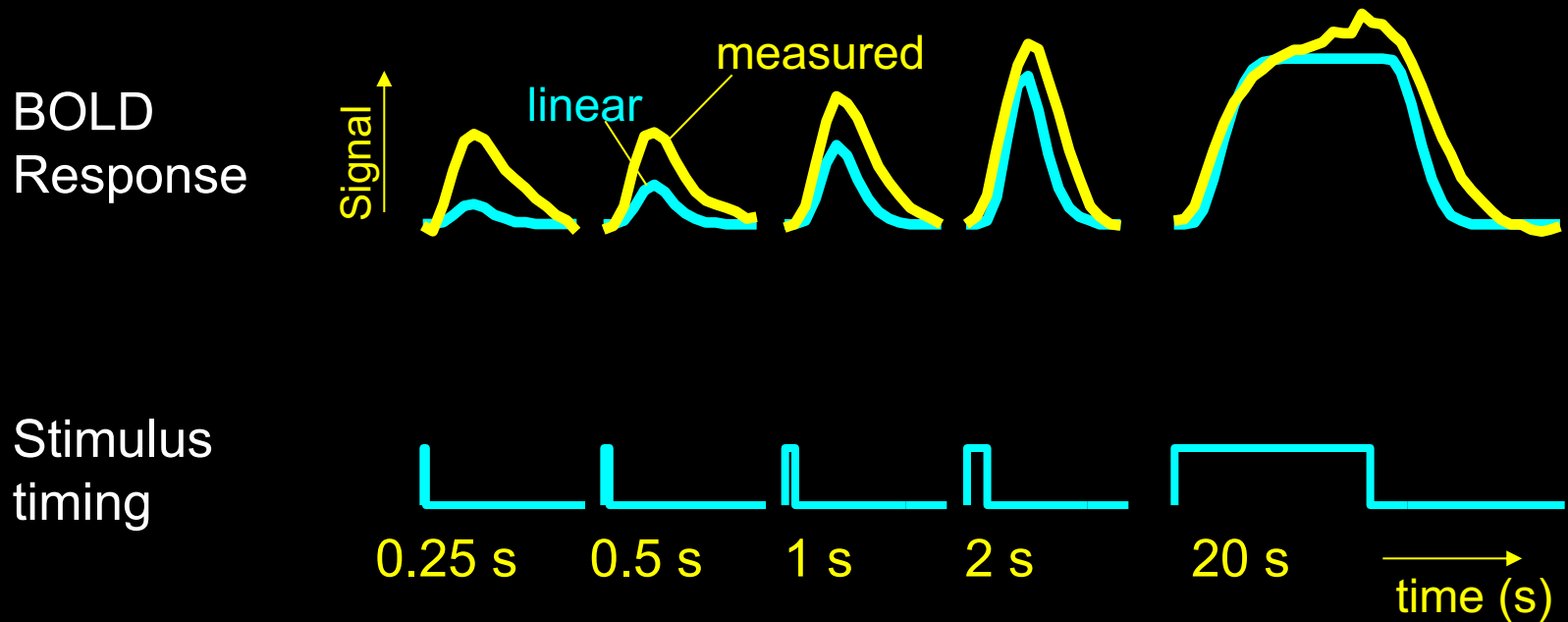
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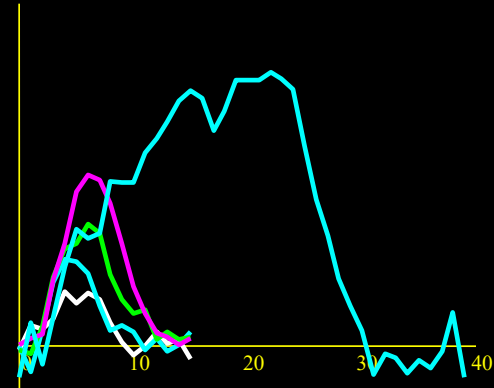
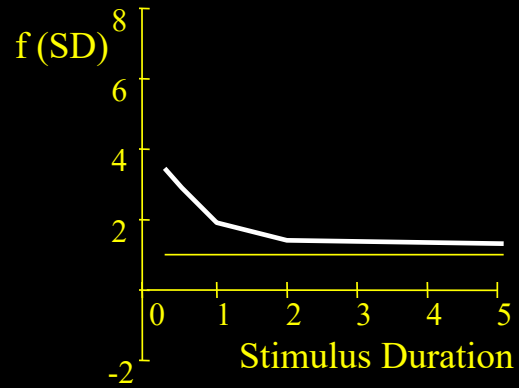
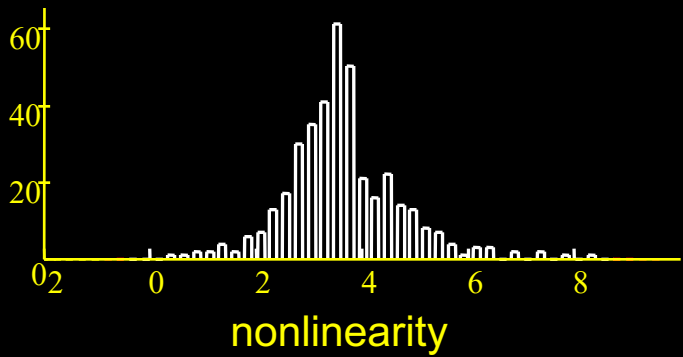
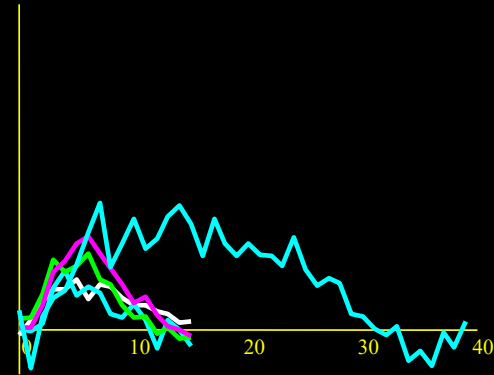
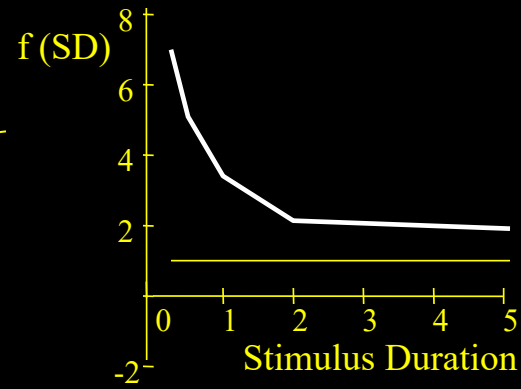
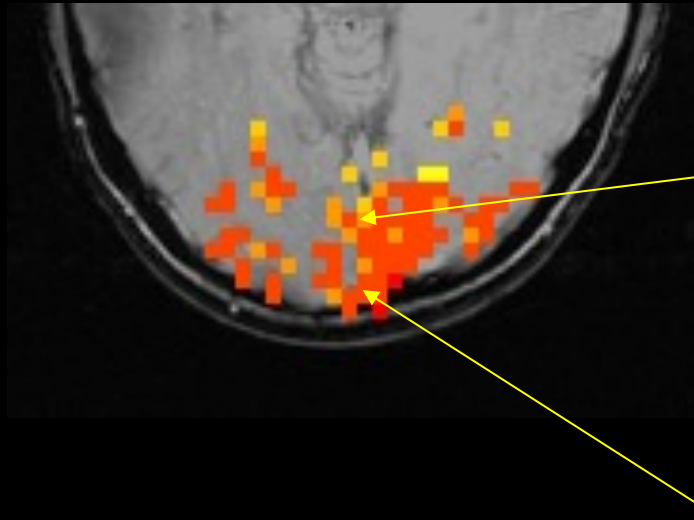
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Different stimulus “ON” periods



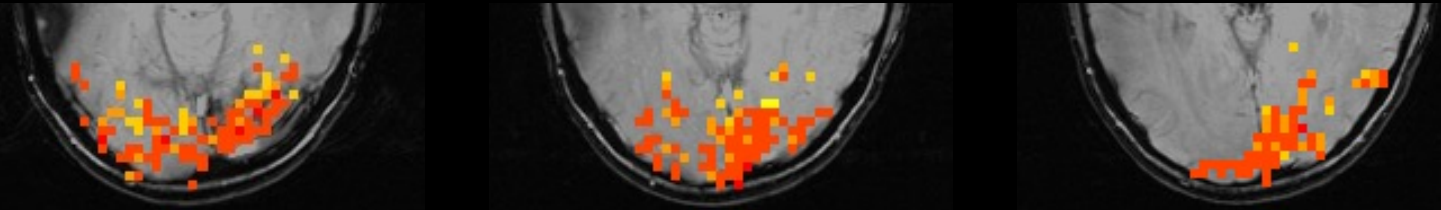
Brief stimuli produce larger responses than expected

Results — visual task

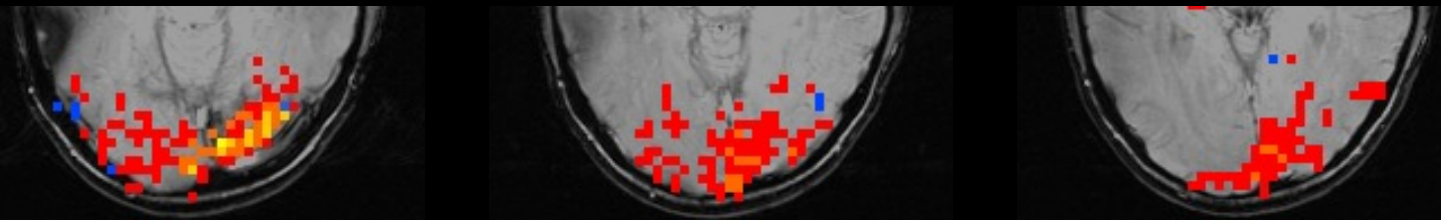


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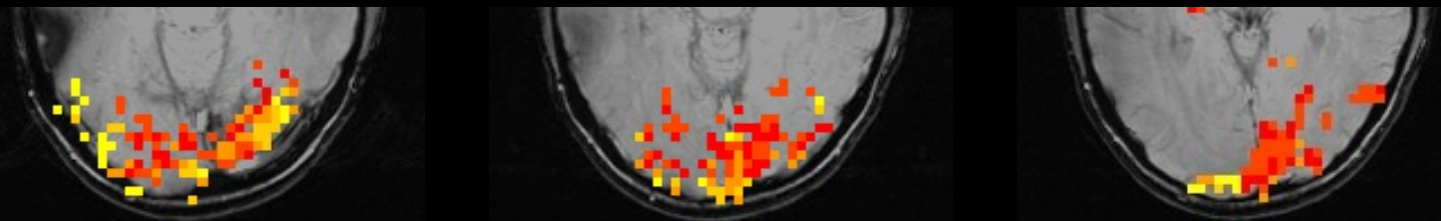
Nonlinearity



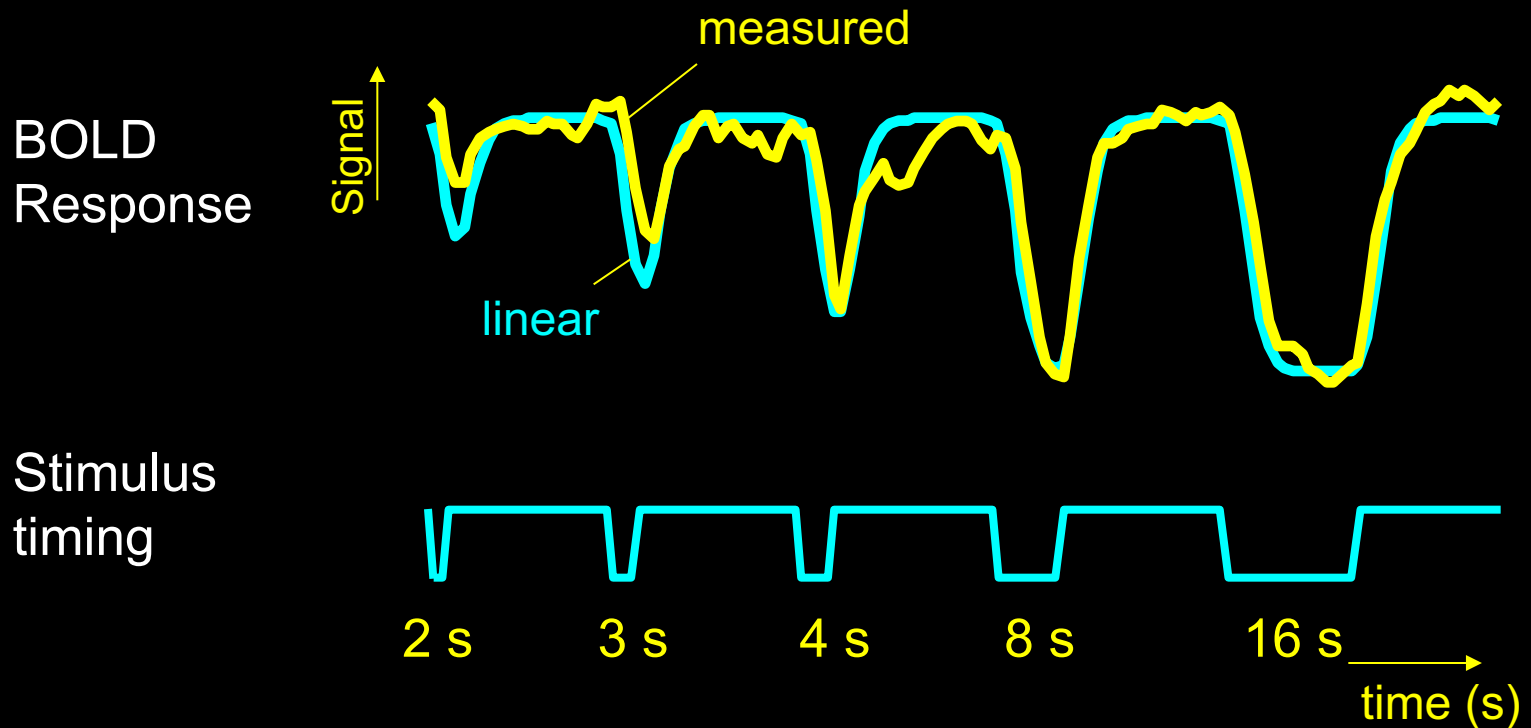
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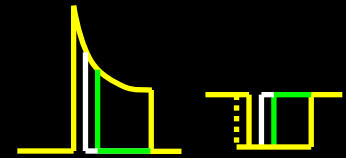
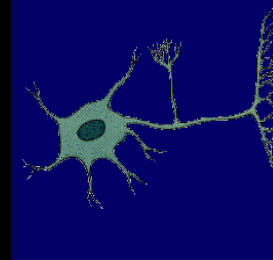
Different stimulus “OFF” periods



Brief stimulus OFF periods produce smaller decreases than expected

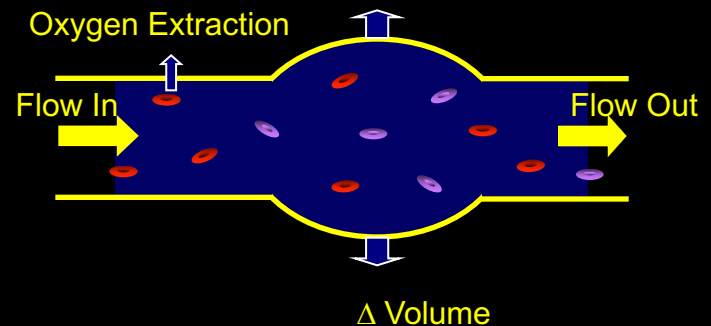
Sources of this Nonlinearity

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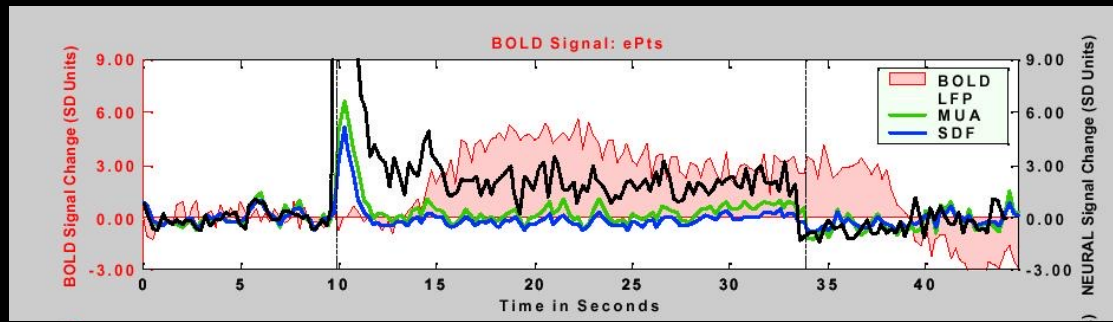


- Hemodynamic

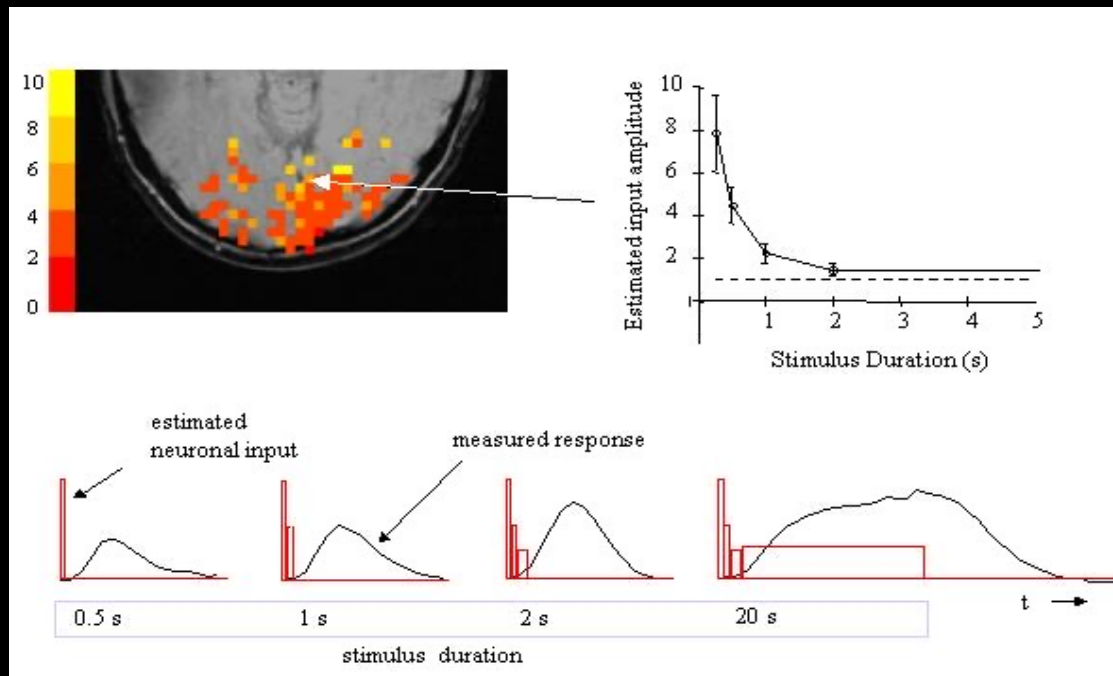
- Oxygen extraction
- Blood volume dynamics



BOLD Correlation with Neuronal Activity

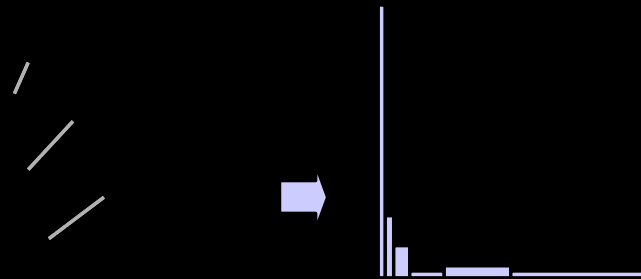


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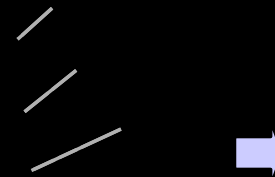


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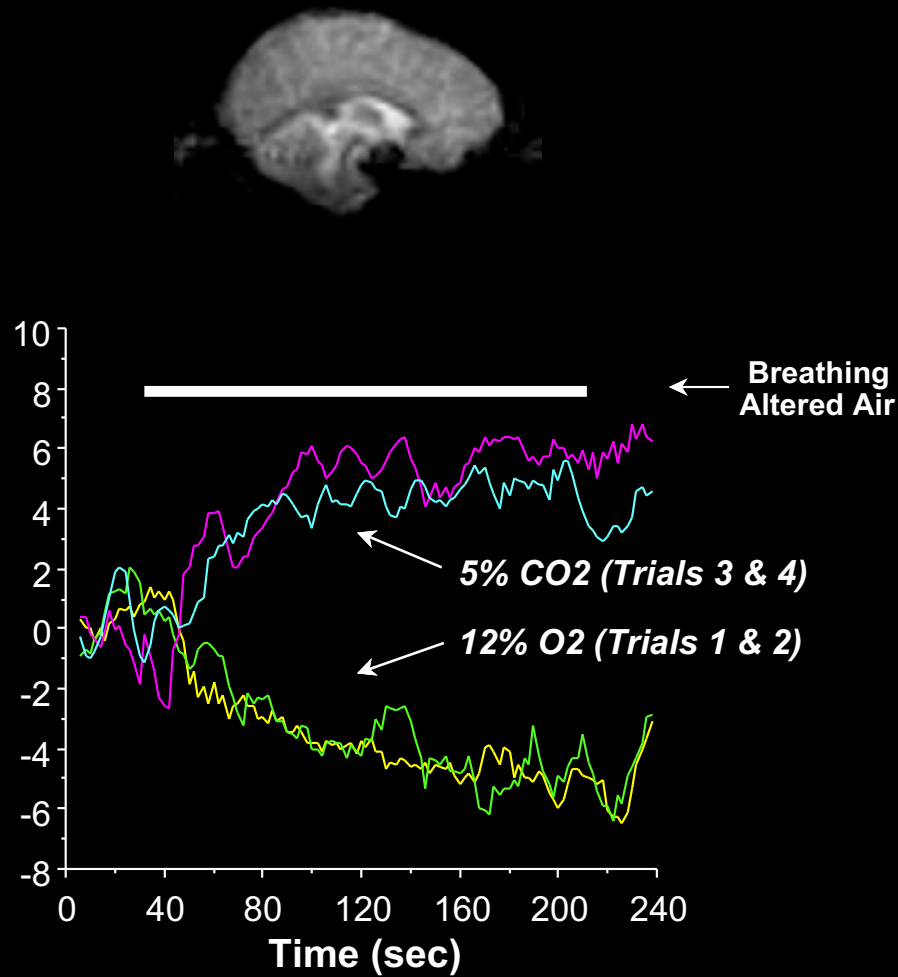
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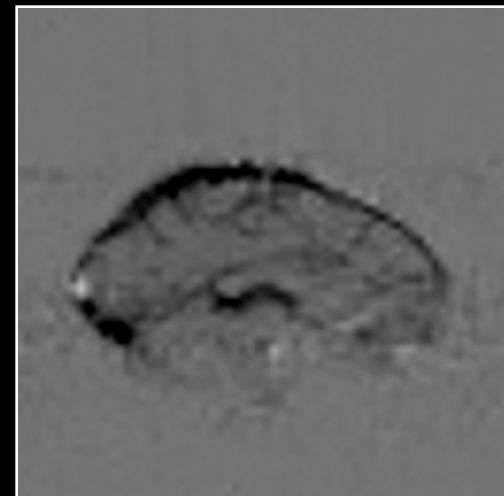
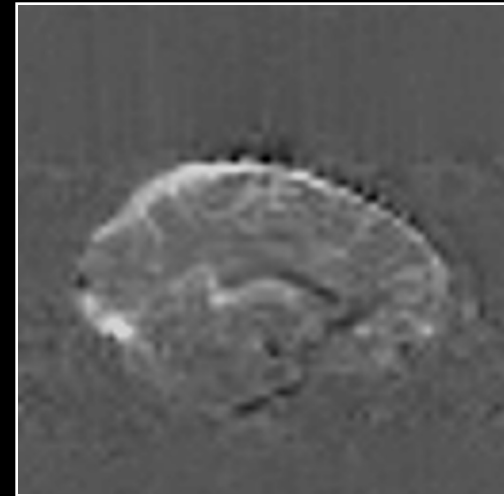
Contrast-reversing checkerboard



Hemodynamic Stress Calibration

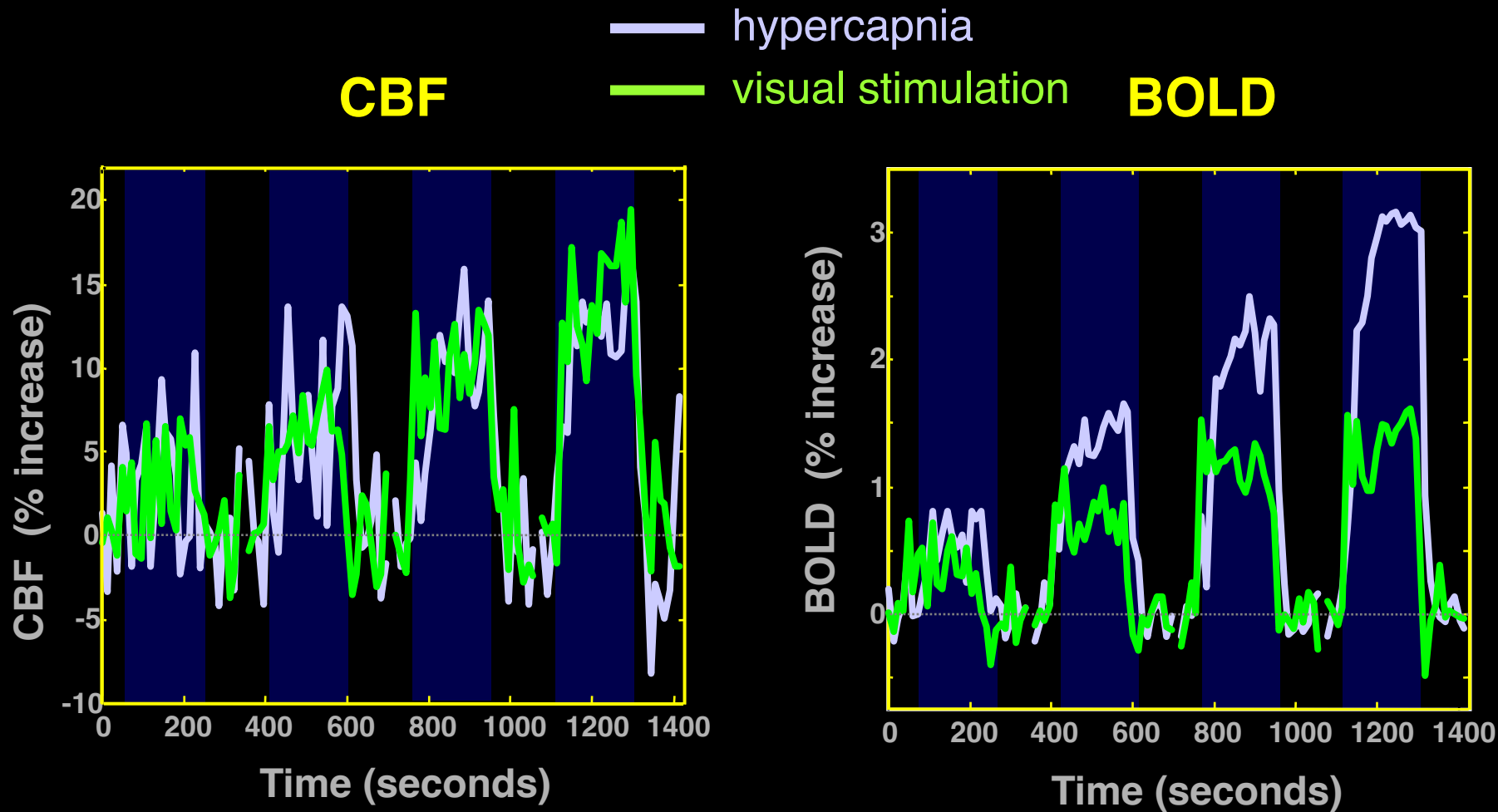


5% CO2



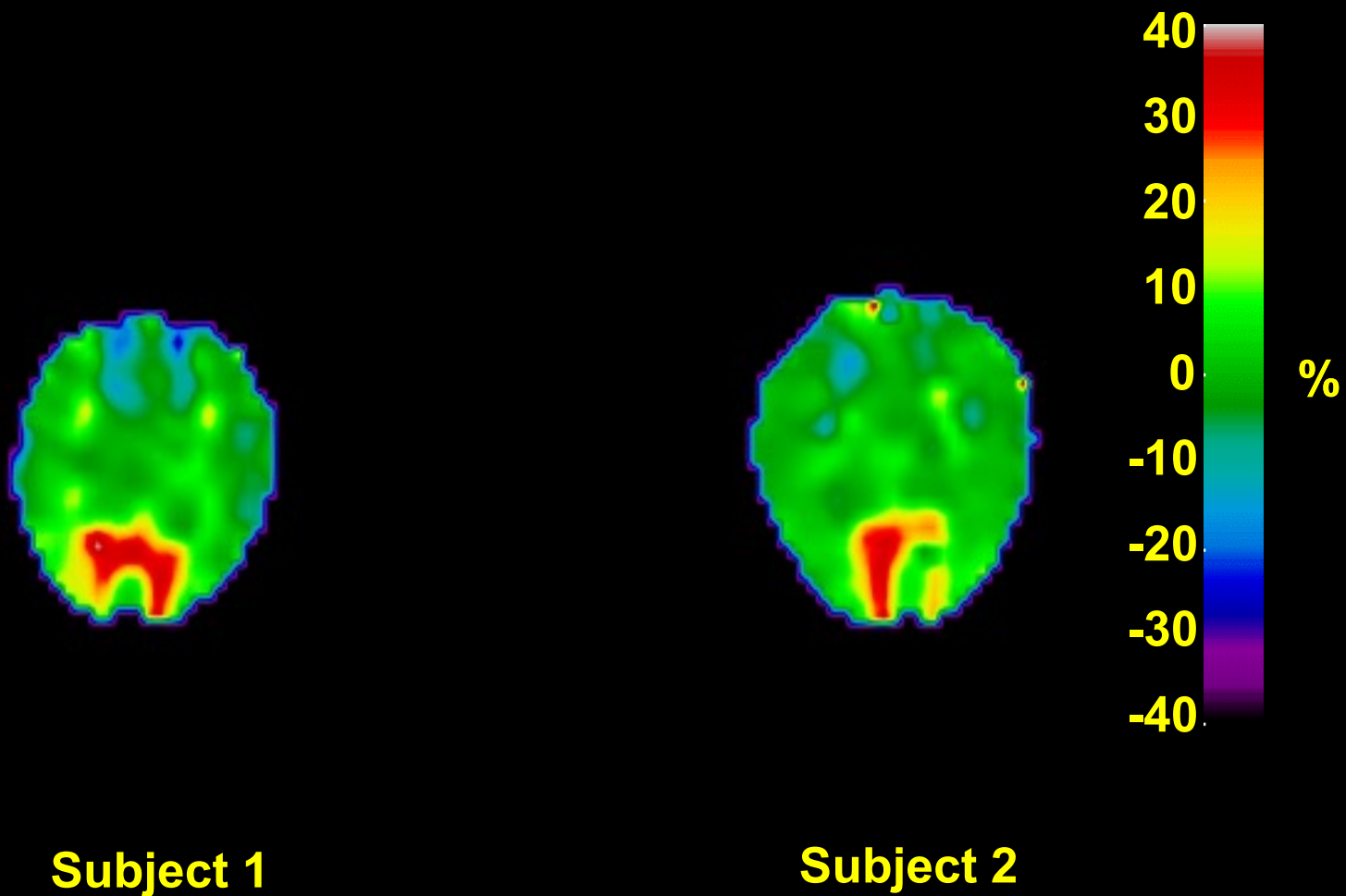
12% O2

CMRO₂-related BOLD signal deficit:



Simultaneous Perfusion and BOLD imaging during graded visual activation and hypercapnia

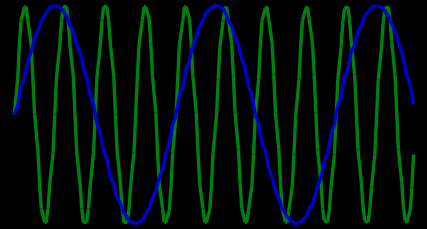
Computed CMRO₂ changes



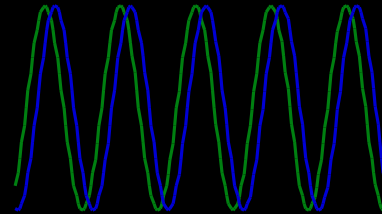
Neuronal Activation Input Strategies

1. Block Design

2. Frequency Encoding

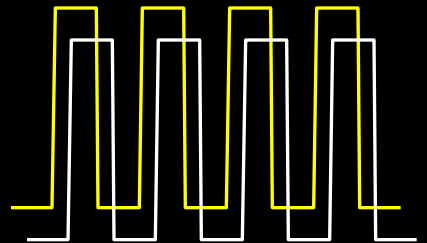


3. Phase Encoding



4. Single Event

5. Orthogonal Block Design



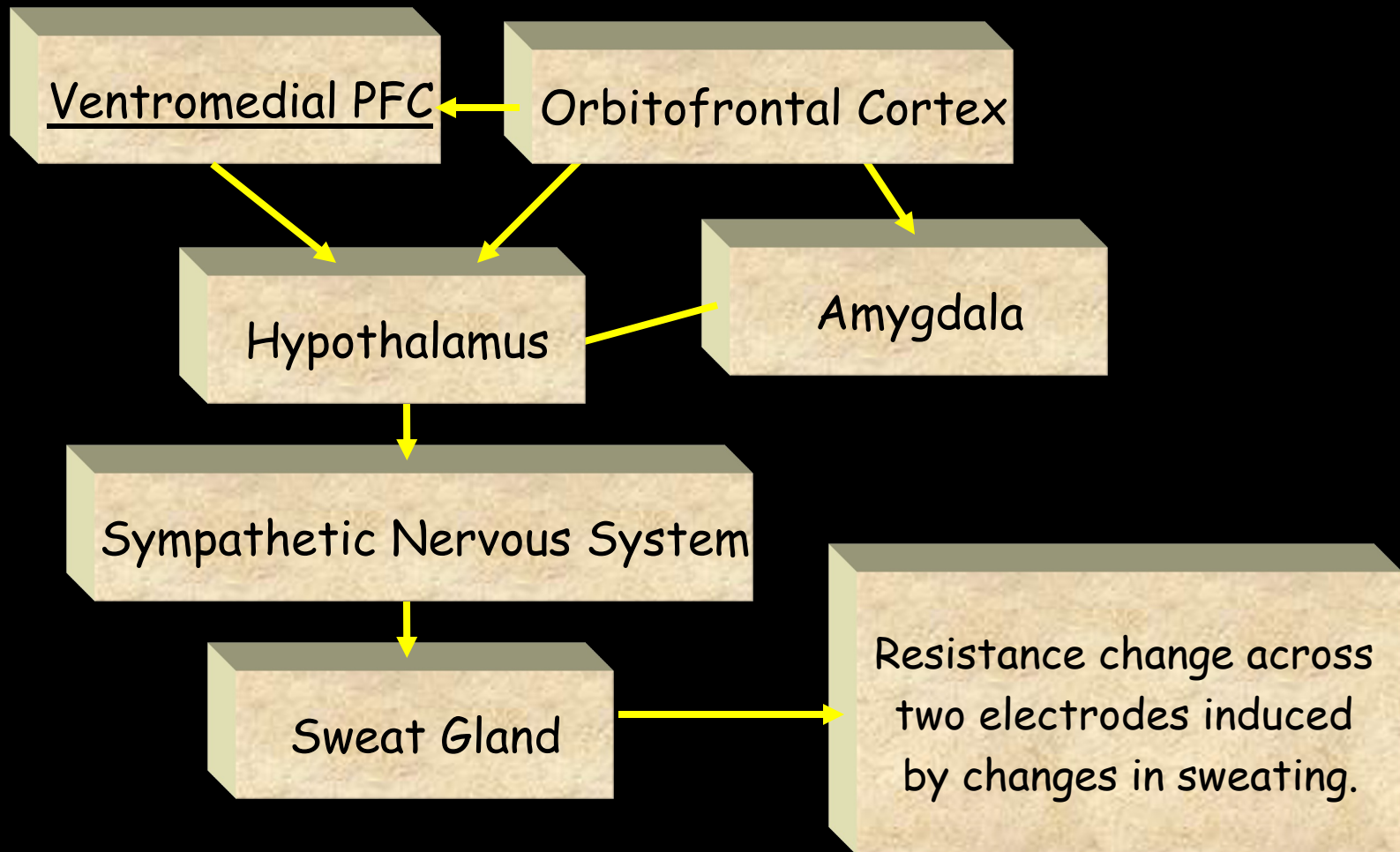
6. Free Behavior Design.

Free Behavior Design

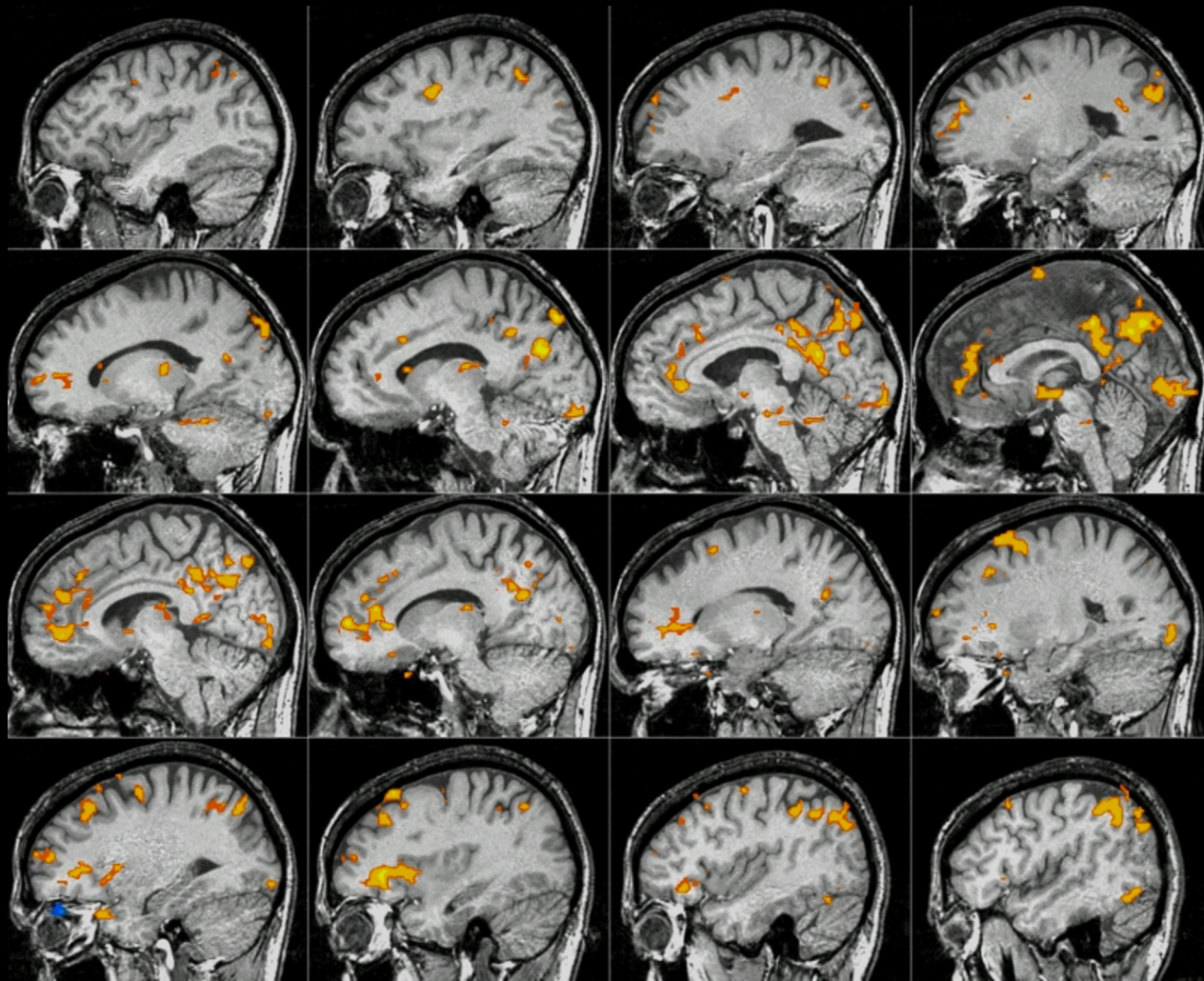
Use a continuous measure as a reference function:

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

The Skin Conductance Response (SCR)

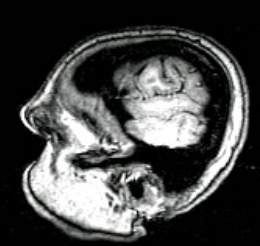
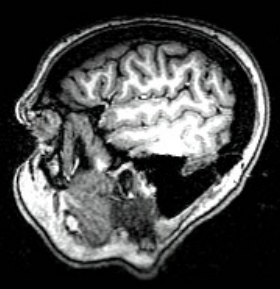
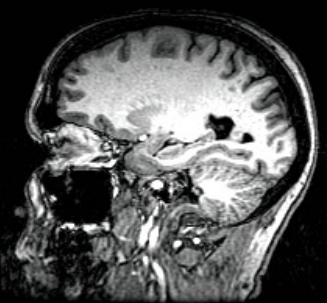
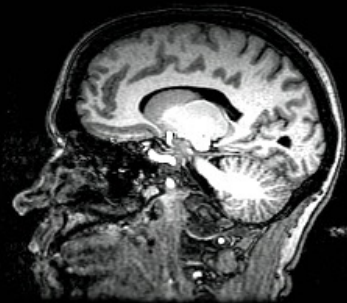
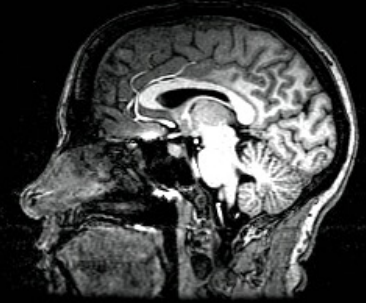
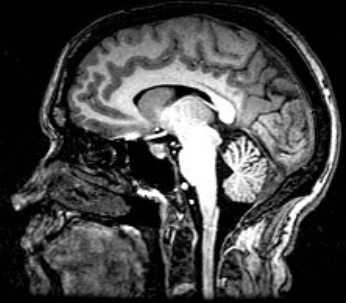
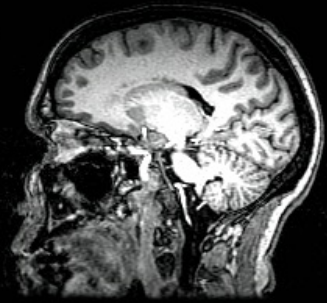


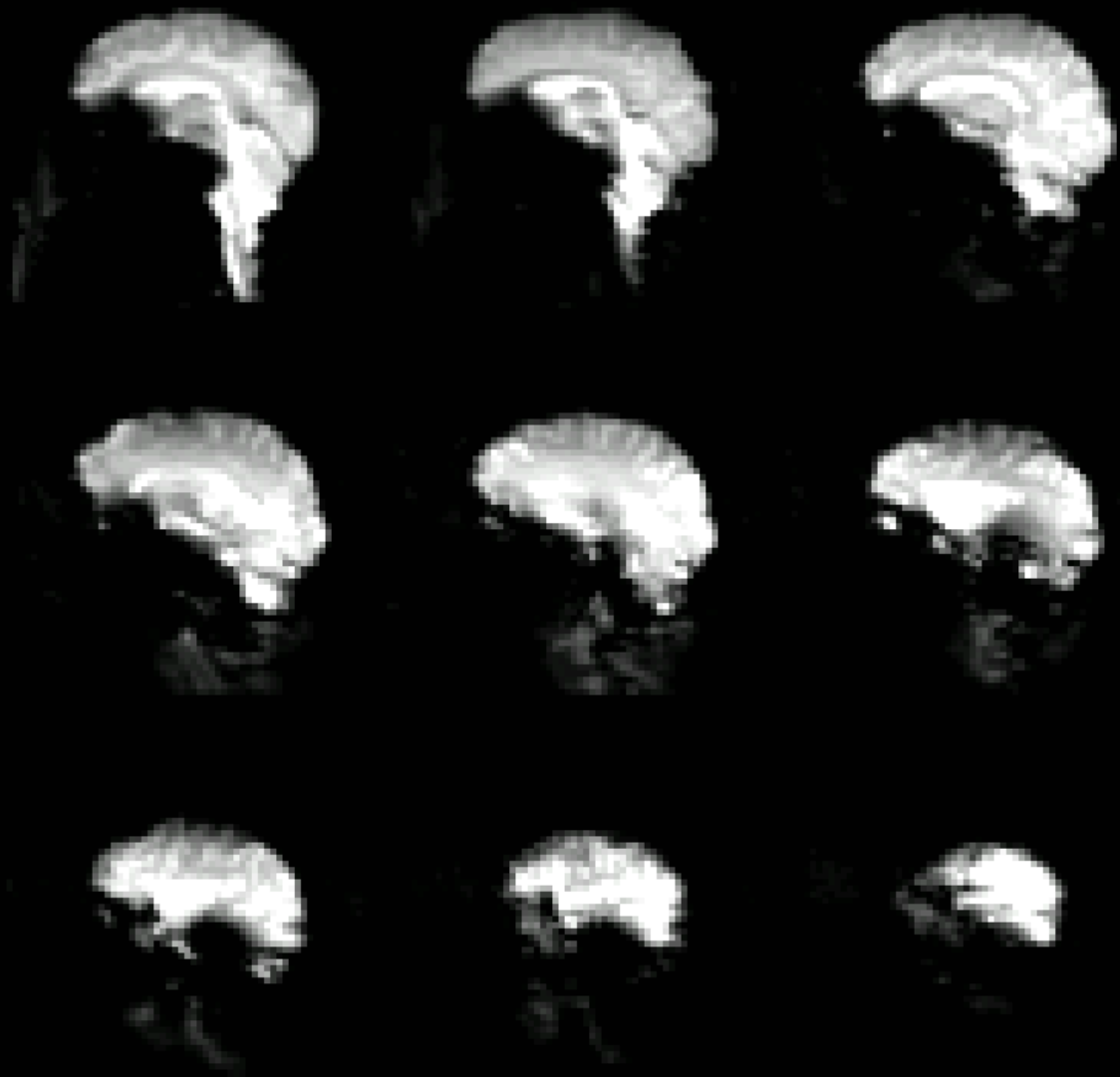
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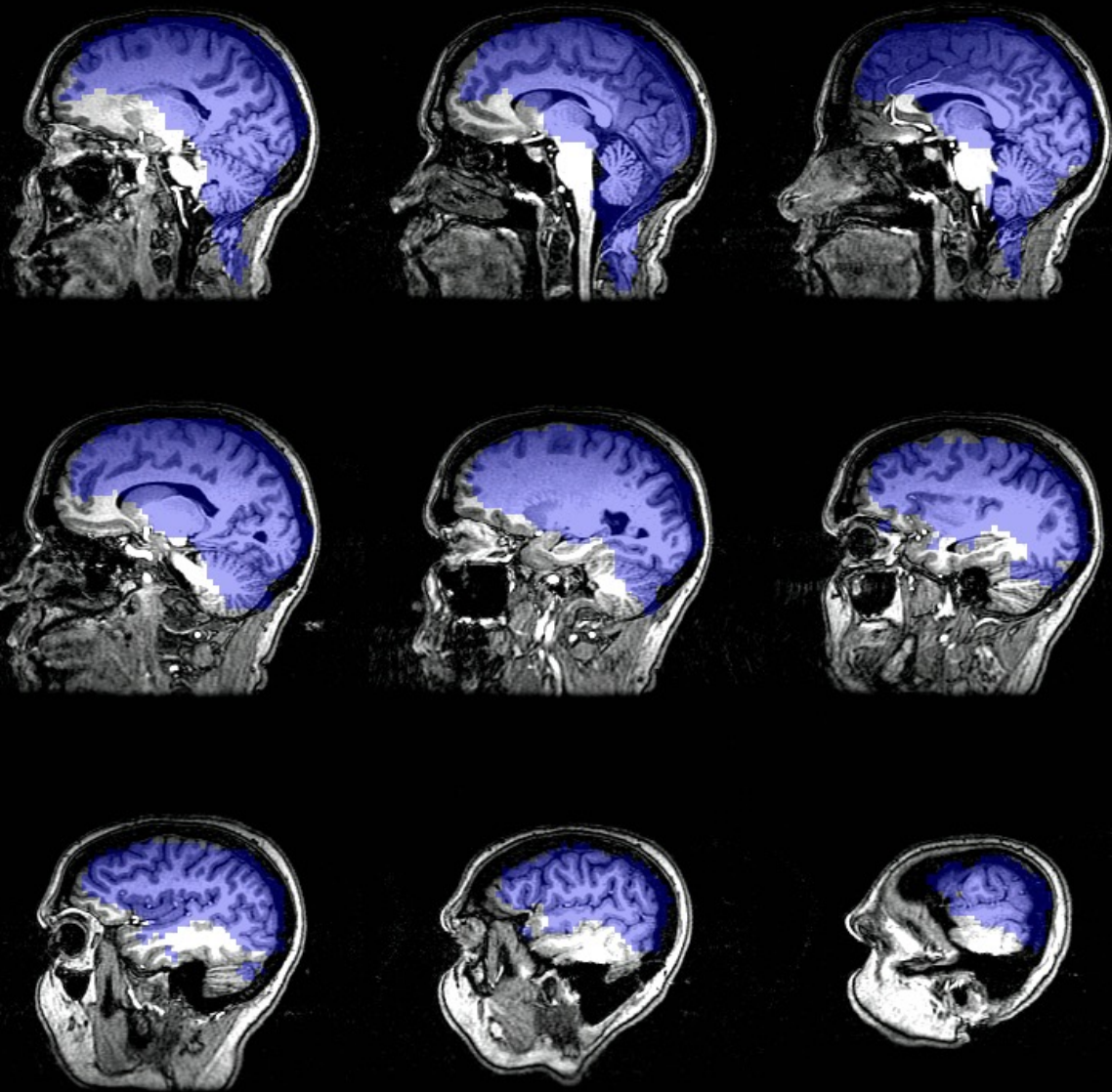


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4. Information Content
- 5. Implementation**

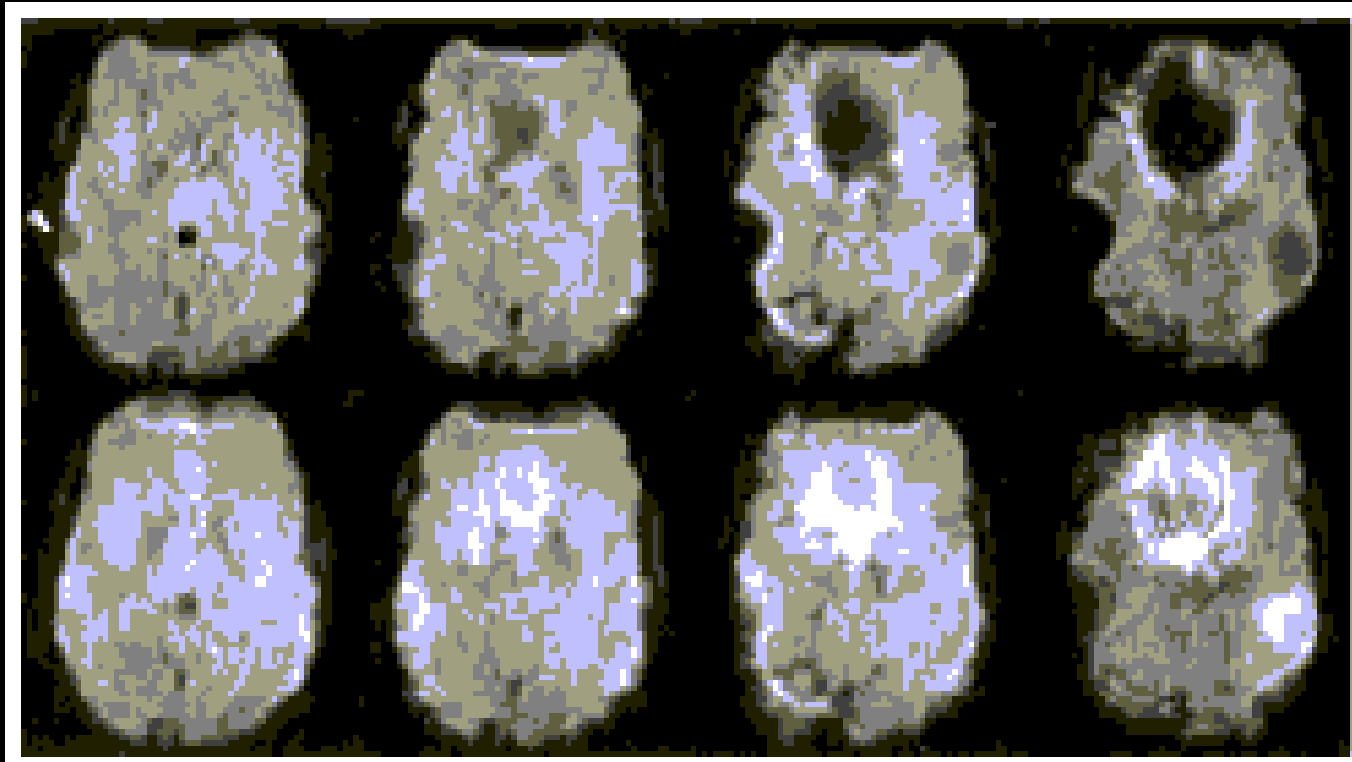






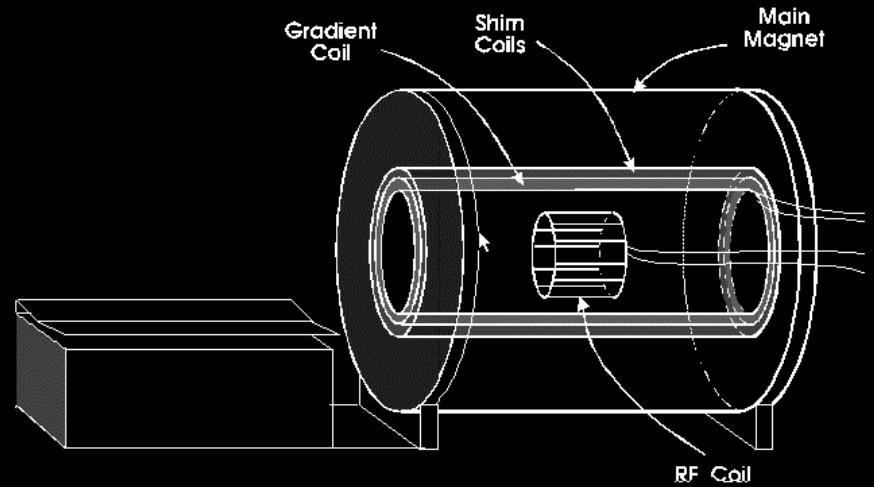
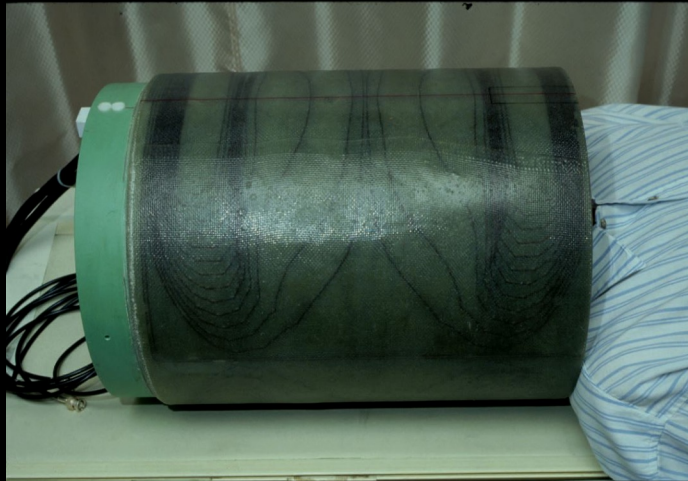
3D z-Shim Method for Reduction of Susceptibility Effects in BOLD fMRI

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2 G/cm, 350 T/m/s

4 G/cm, 150 T/m/s



10 G/cm, 1000 T/m/s

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