Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (fMRI)

and a few other brain imaging techniques

History, Development, and Applications

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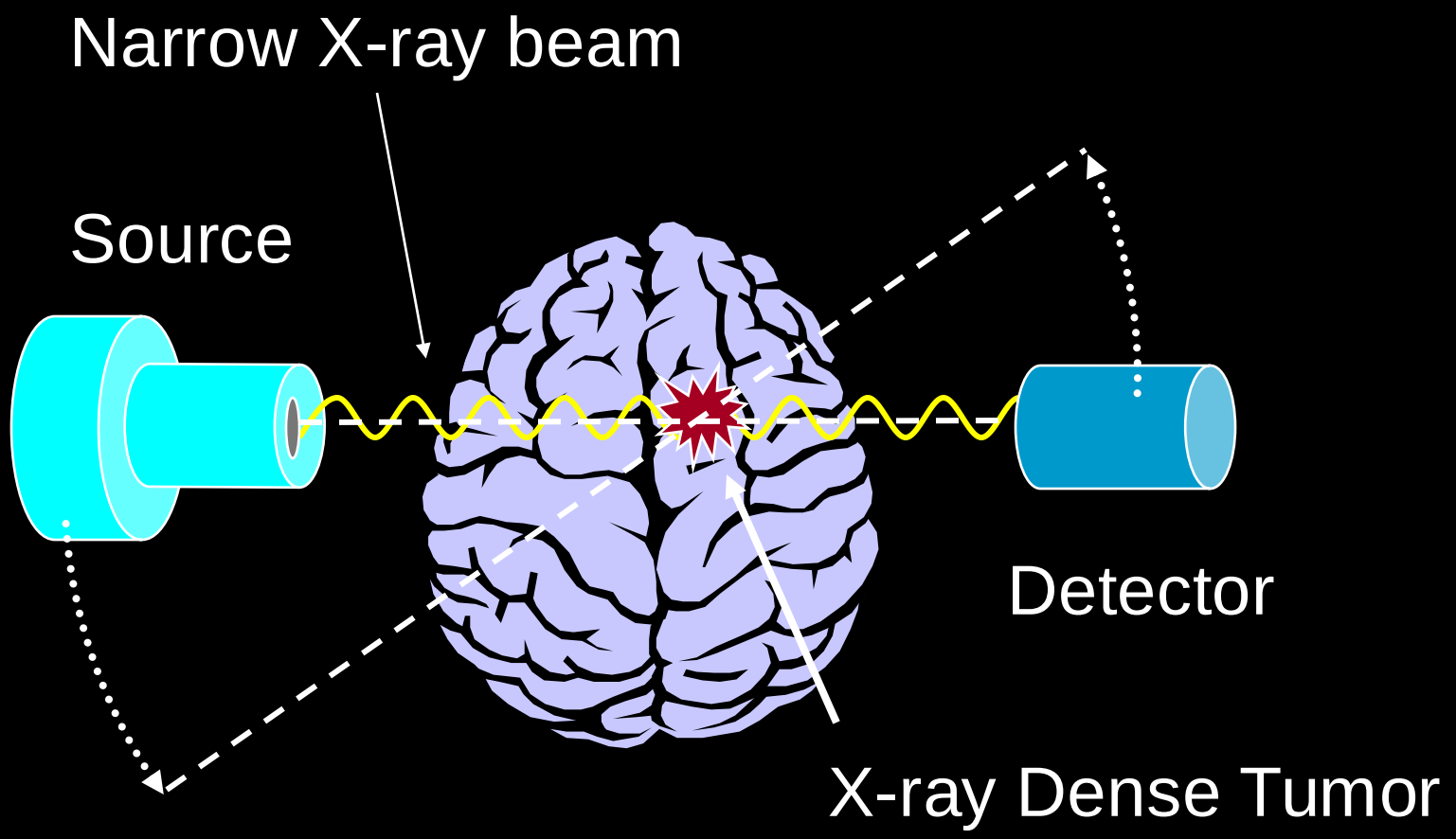
Two Types of Neuroimaging

- Structural/Anatomical Imaging
- Functional Imaging

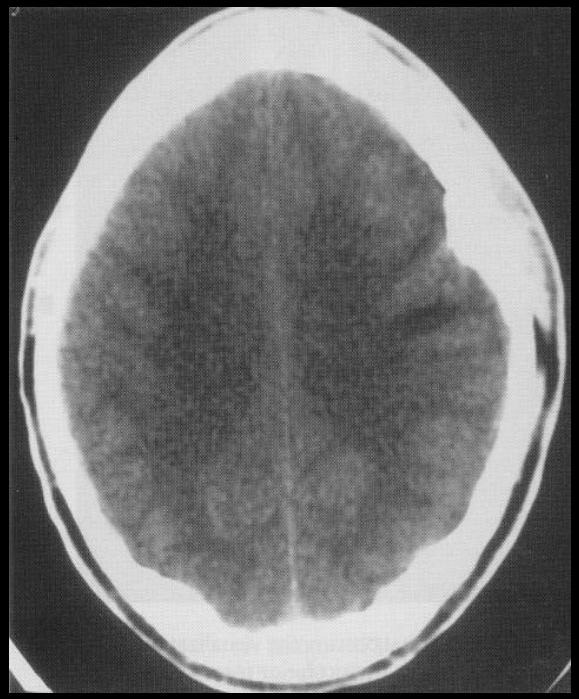
- Structural/Anatomical Imaging
  - X-ray
  - Computerized Tomography (CT)
  - Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
    - Angiography
    - Venography
    - Perfusion
    - Diffusion Tensor Imaging

Computerized Tomography (CT)

Creation of images in slices or sections.

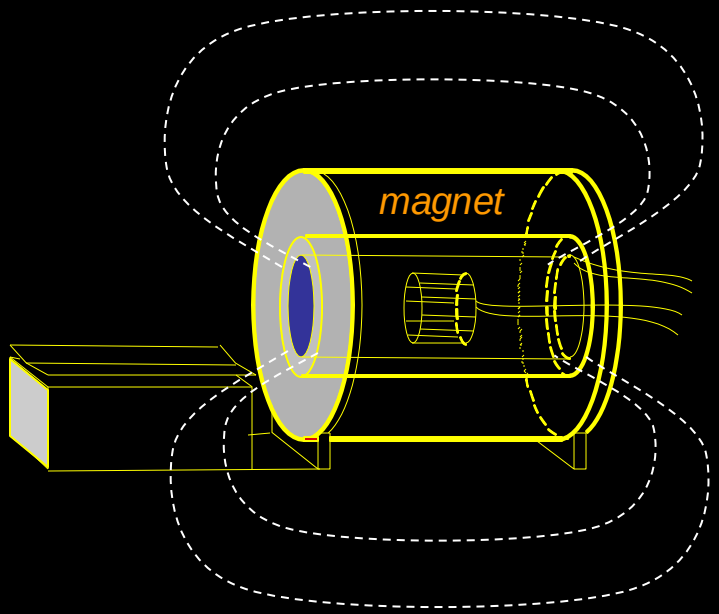


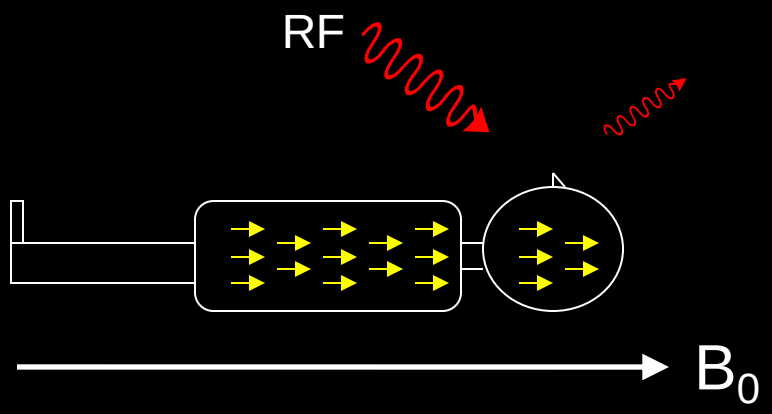
CT Images



Magnetic Resonance Imaging

Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

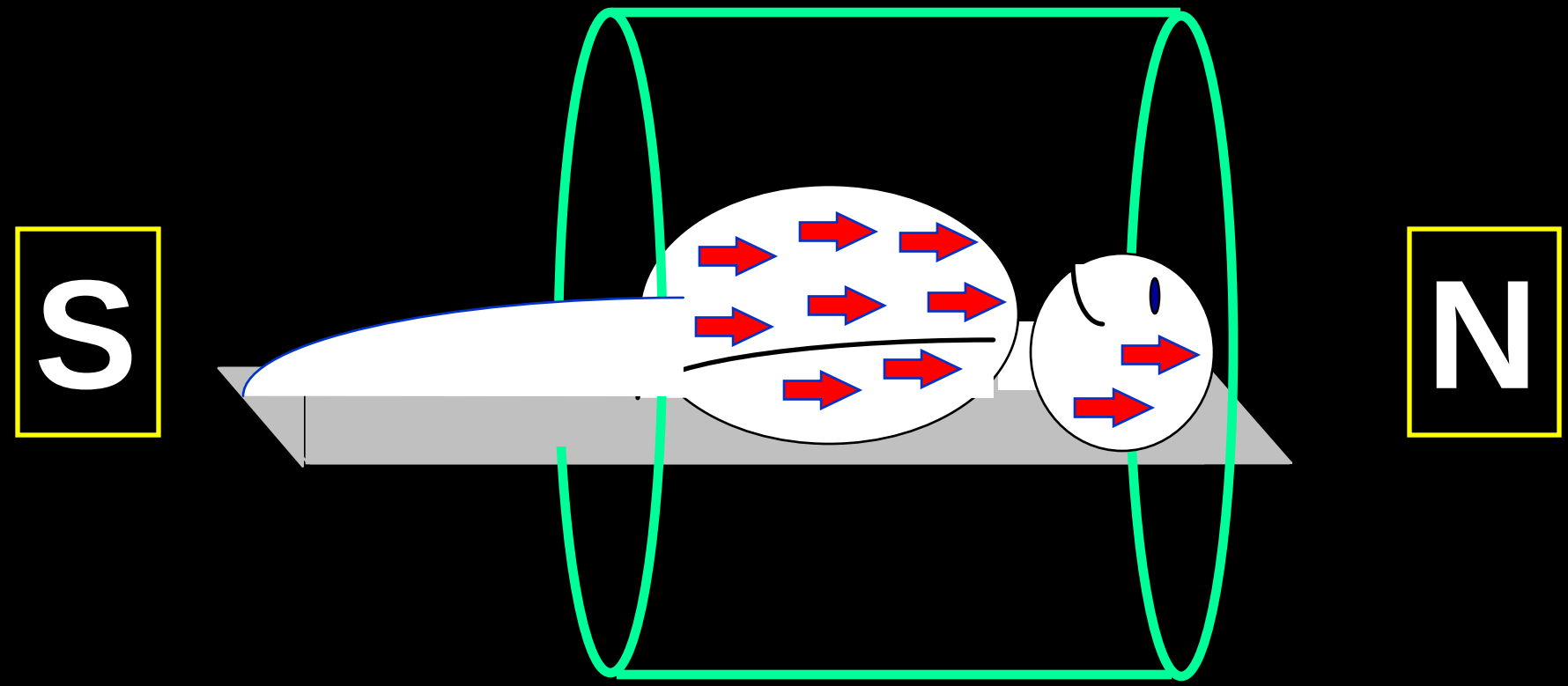




Sensitive to:

- # of protons (H_2O)
- Magnetic environment
  - Tissue structure

Magnetic Resonance Imaging



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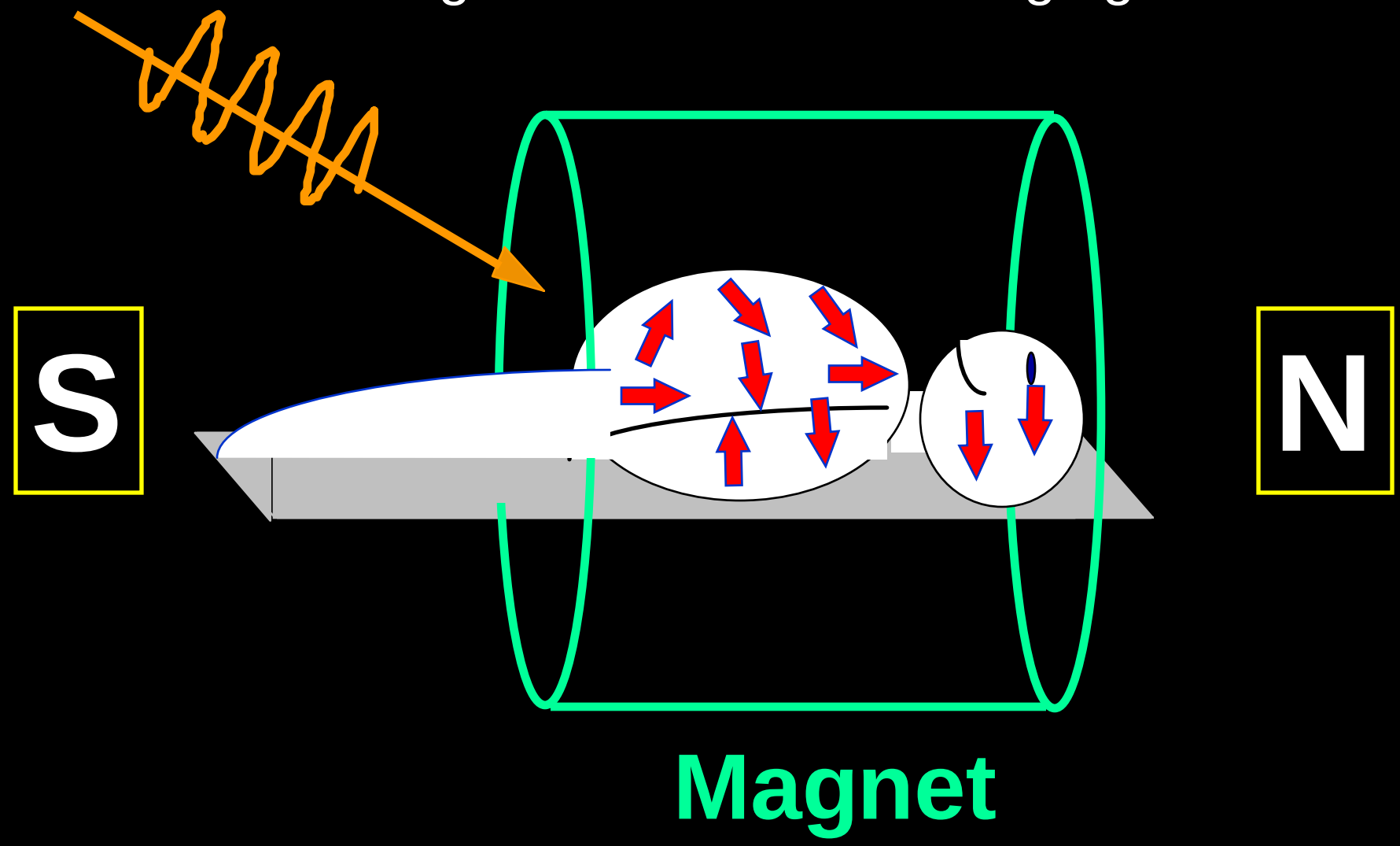

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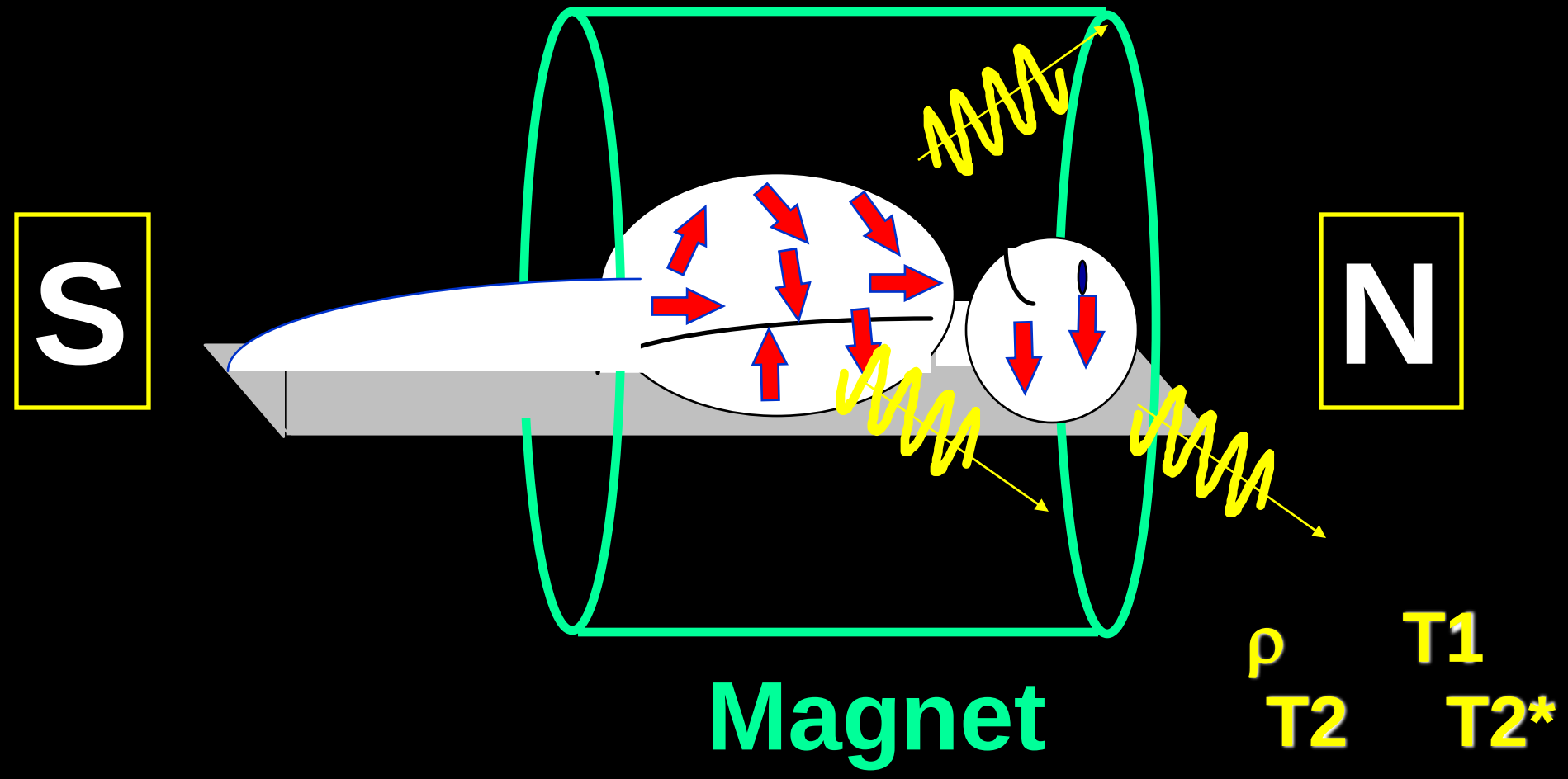

MRI Images with Different Contrast Weighting

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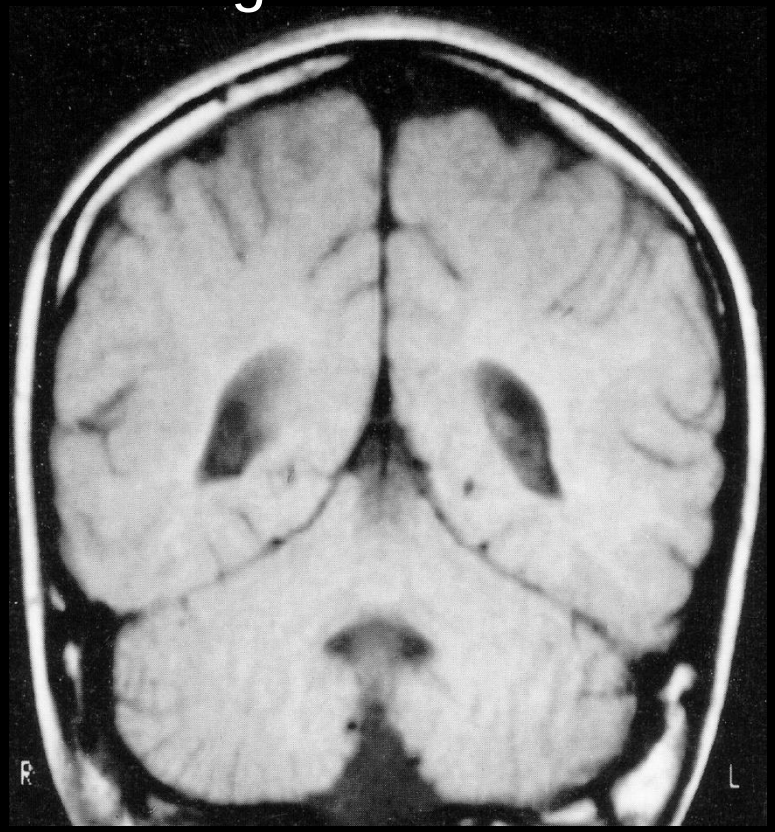

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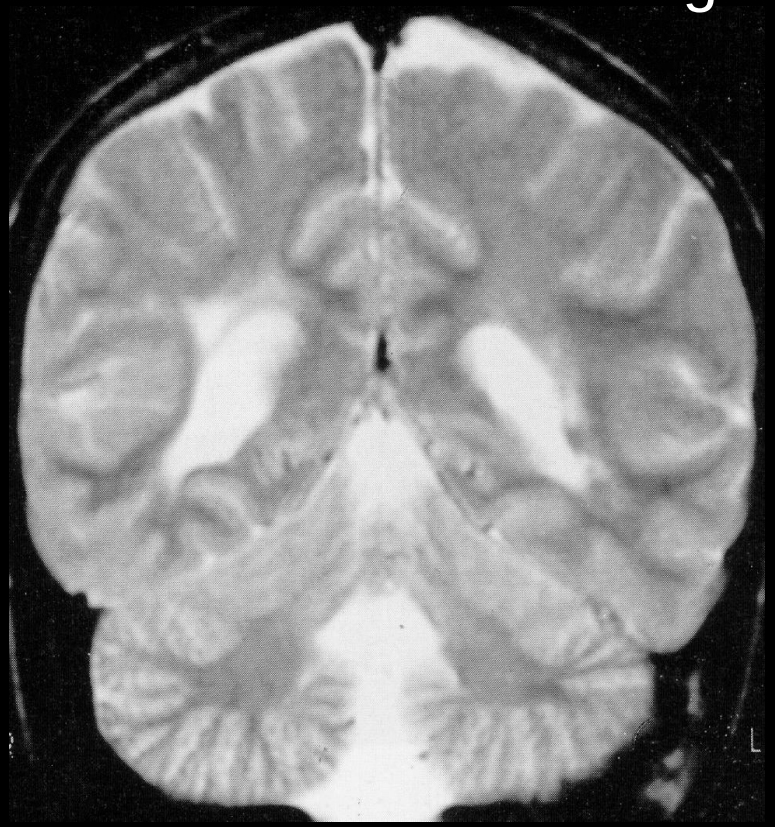
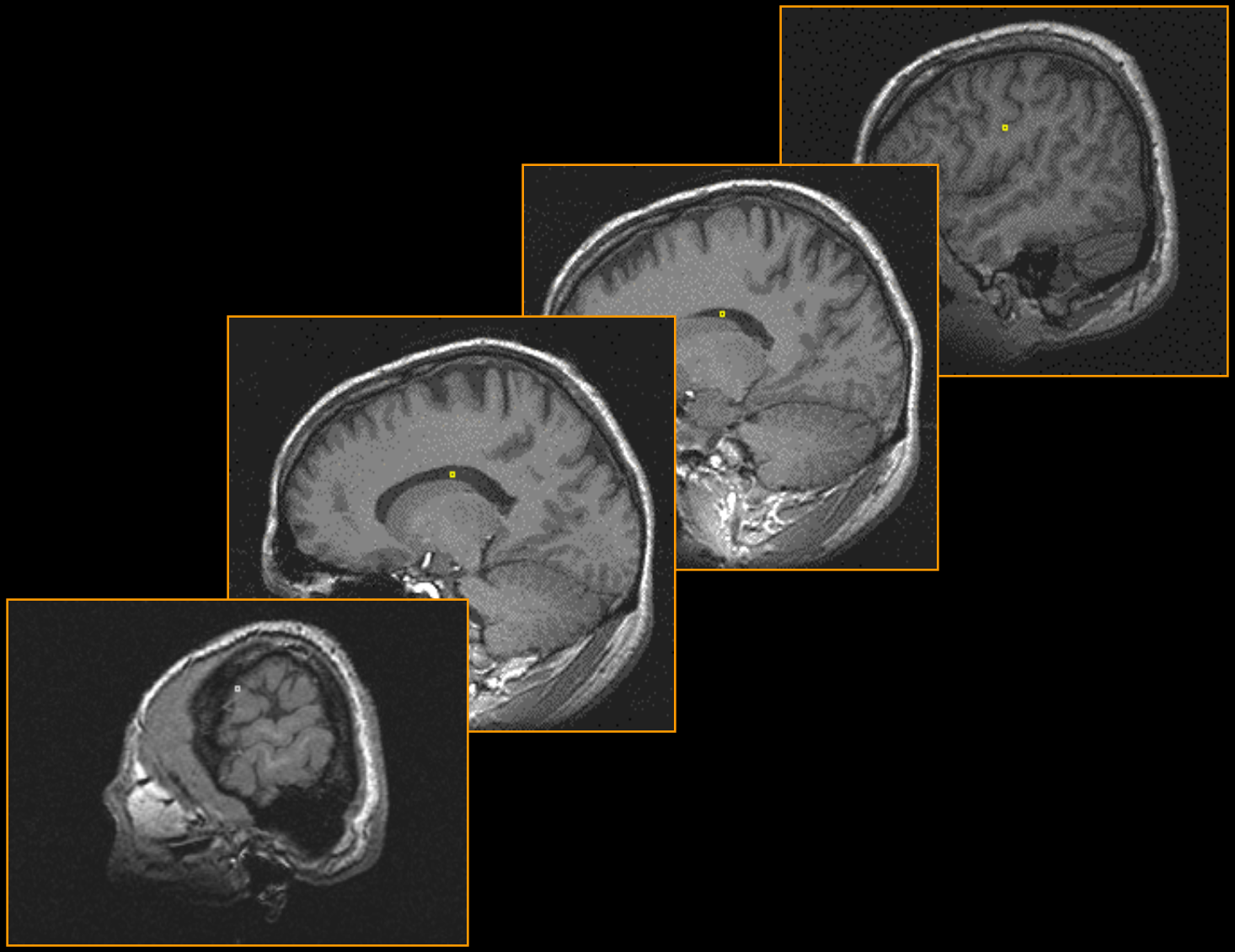
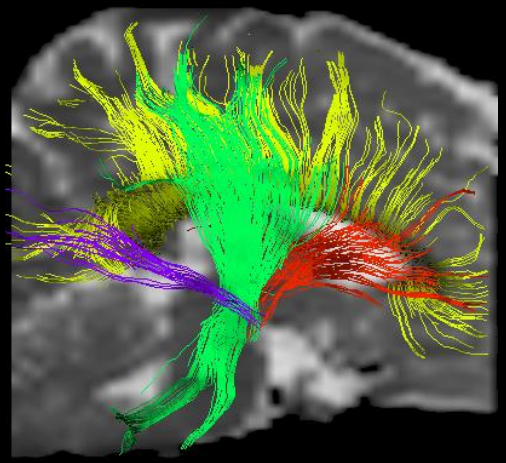


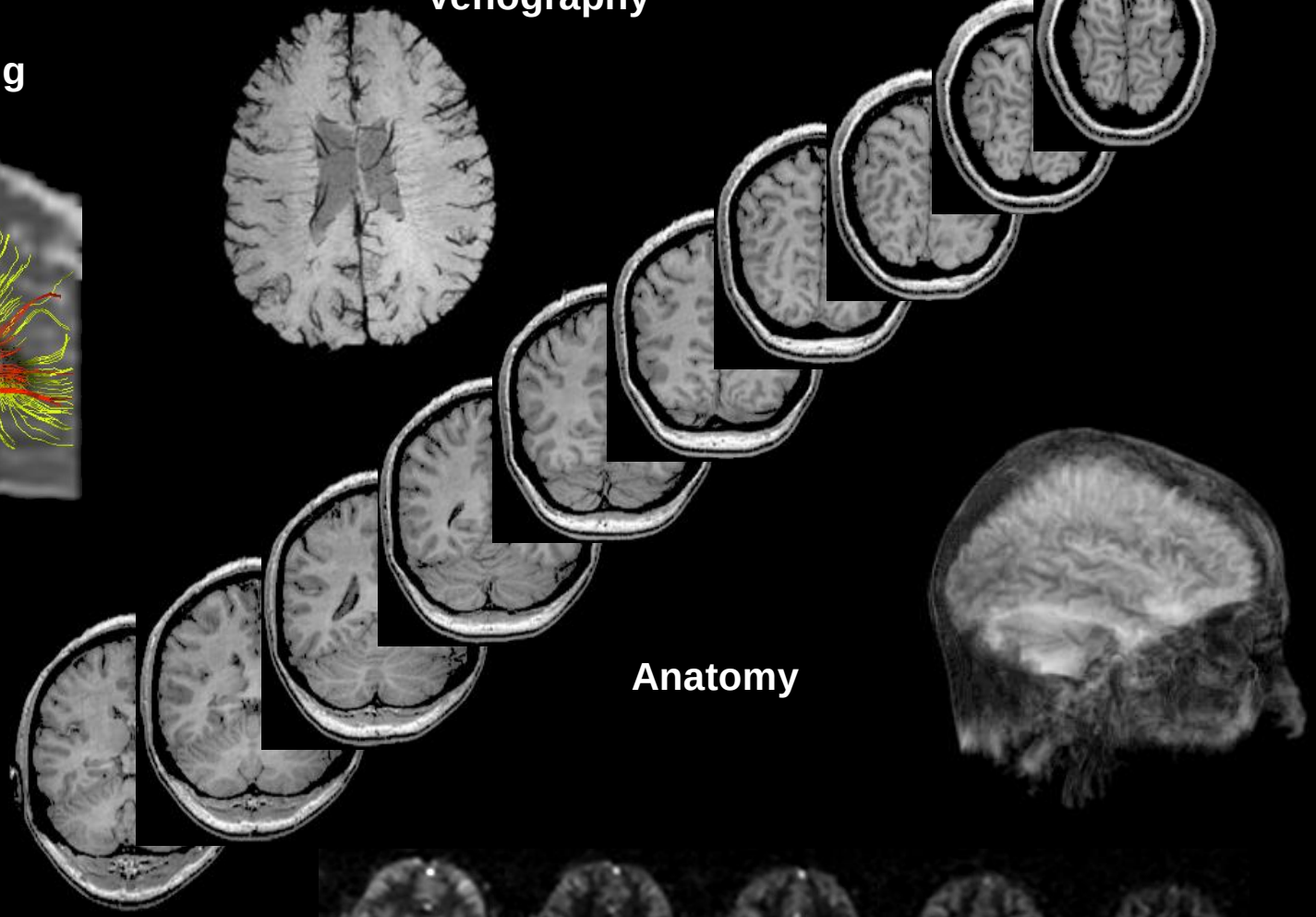


Fiber Track Imaging



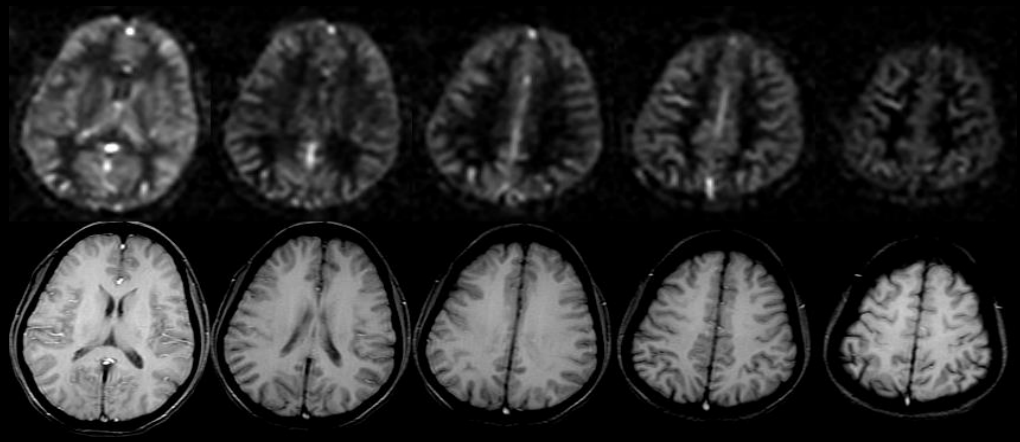
Venography

Anatomy

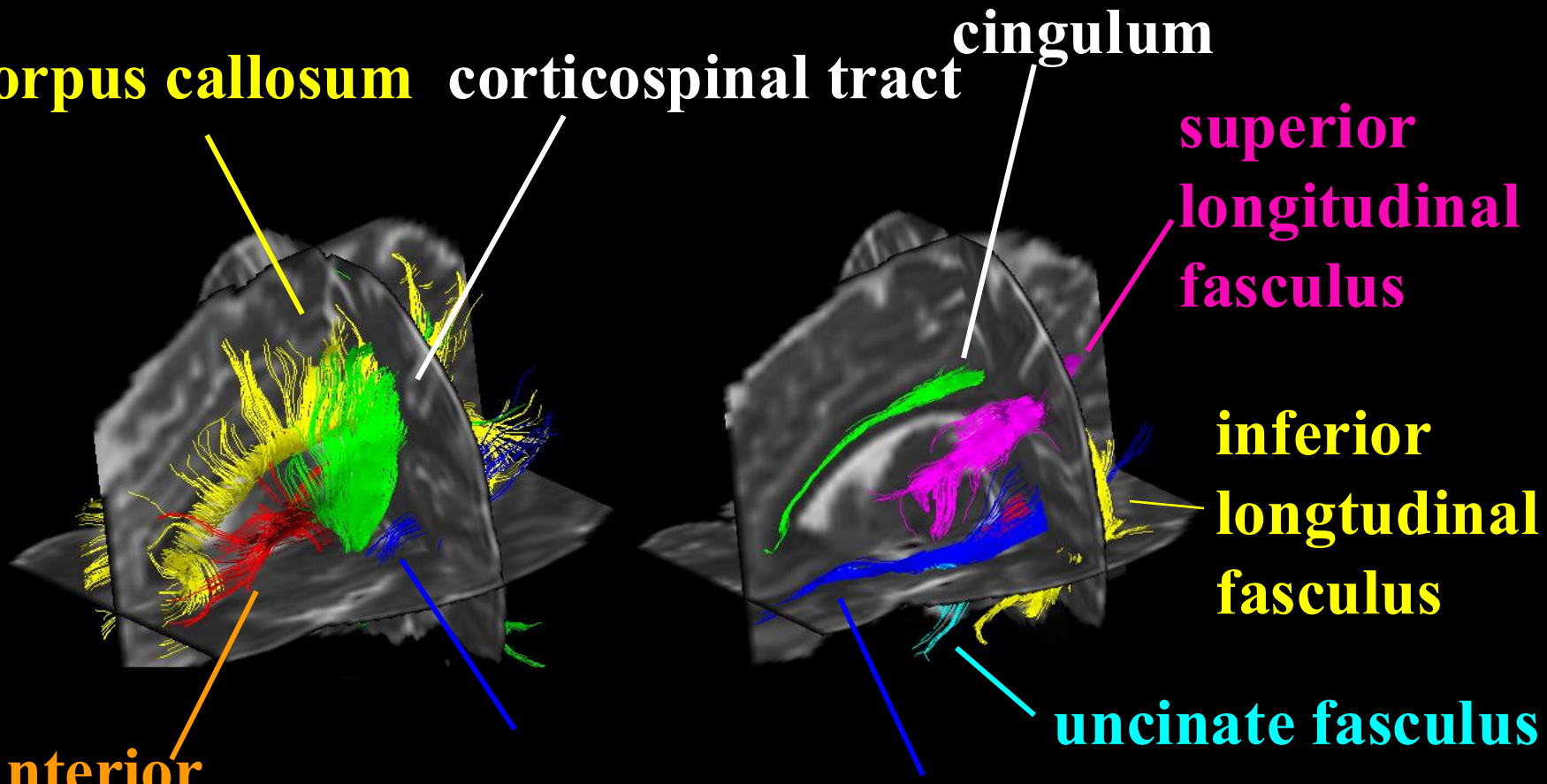


Angiography

Perfusion



Diffusion Tensor Imaging



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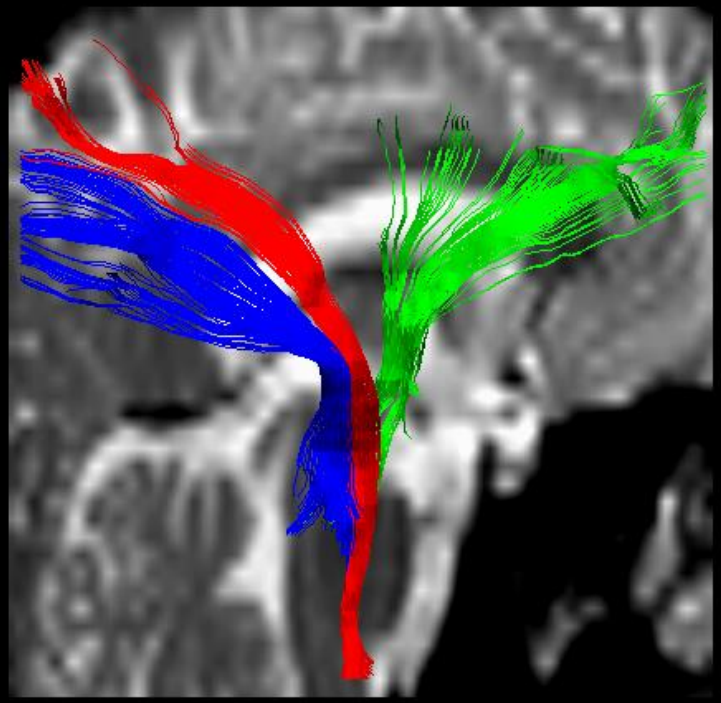
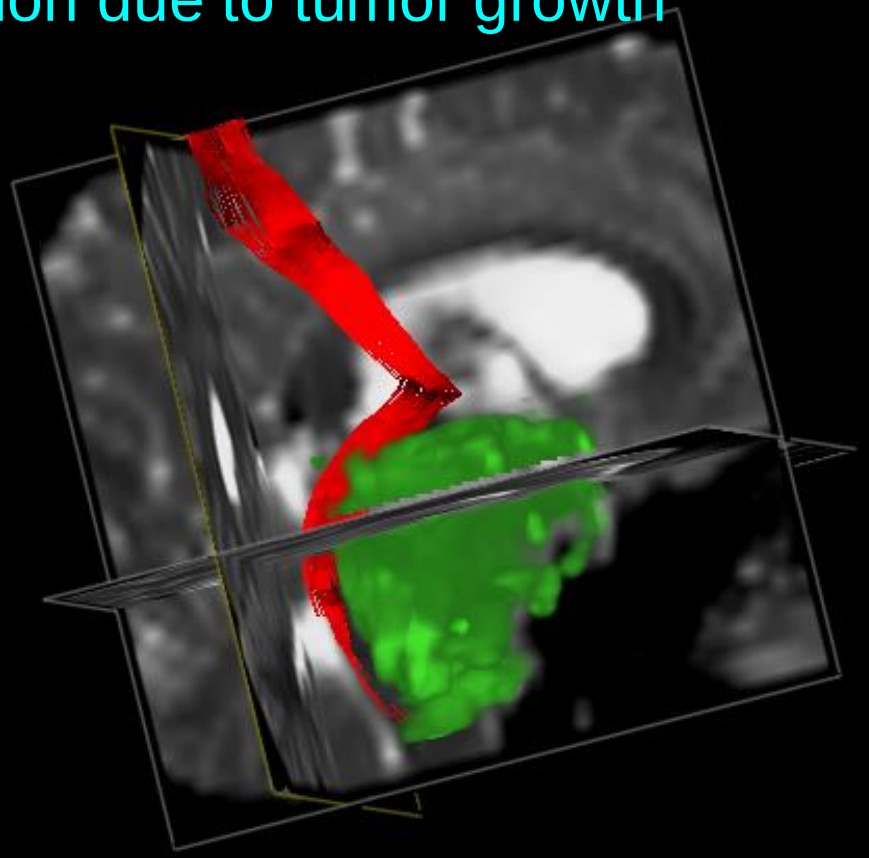
Anatomical guidance with DTI:

Example: Anatomical deformation due to tumor growth





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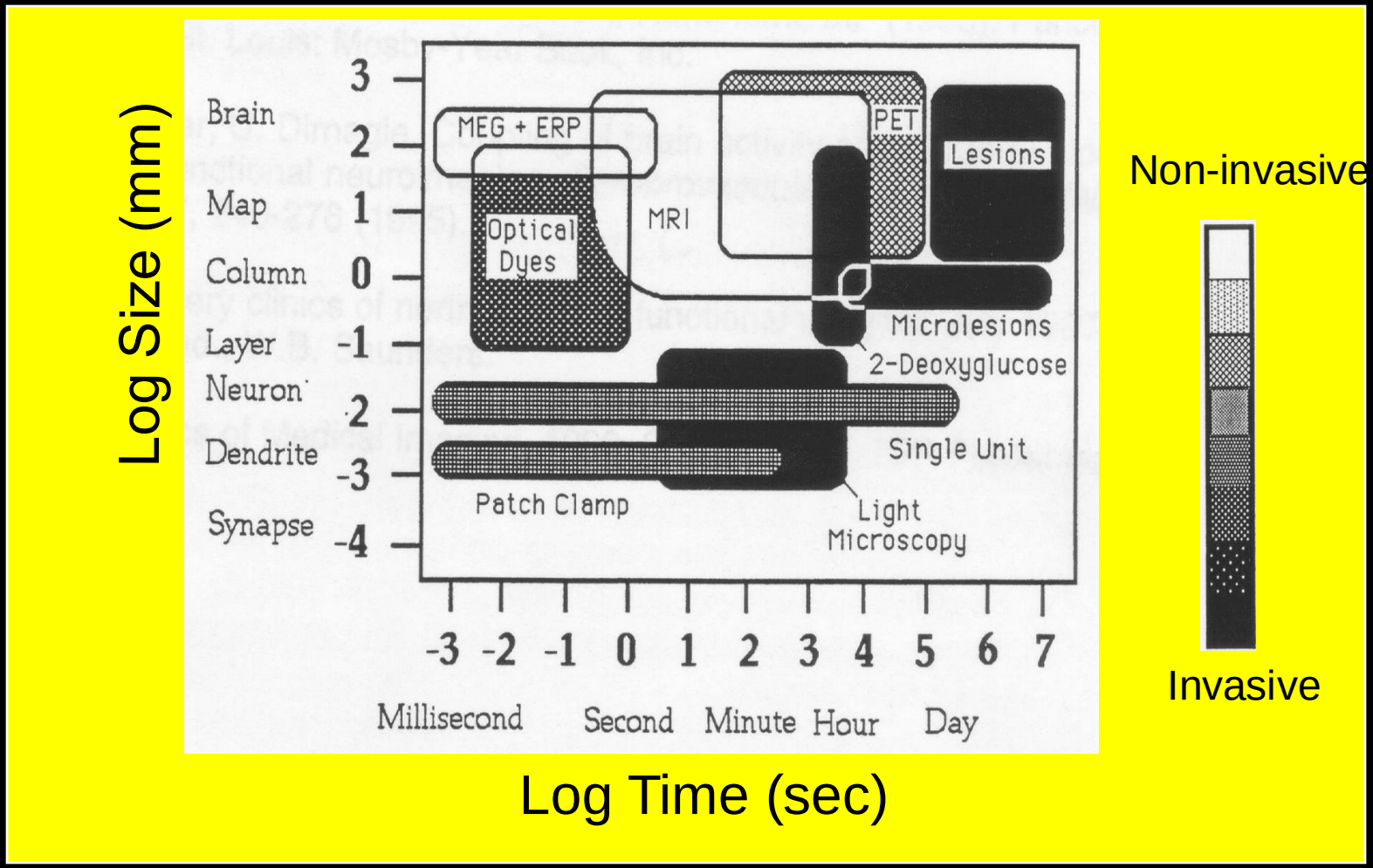
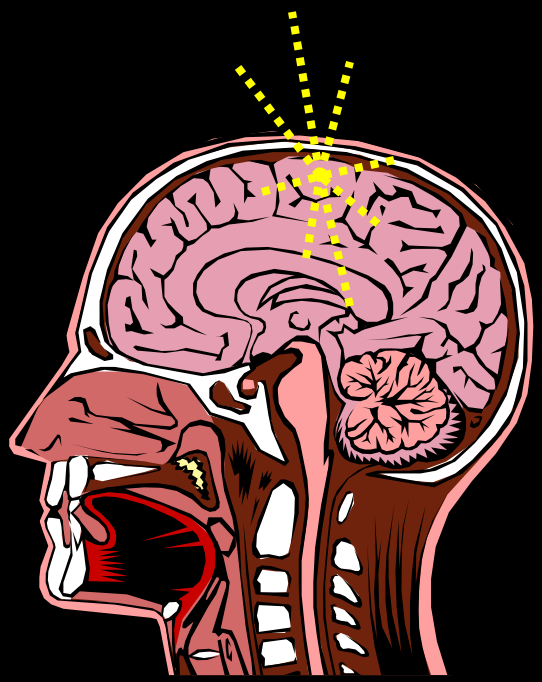
- Functional Imaging
  - Xenon Computerized Tomography (Xe CT)
  - Positron Emission Tomography (PET)
  - Single Photon Computed Tomography (SPECT)
  - Functional MRI (fMRI)
  - Electroencephalography (EEG)
  - Magnetoencphalography (MEG)
  - Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS)

Functional Neuroimaging Techniques

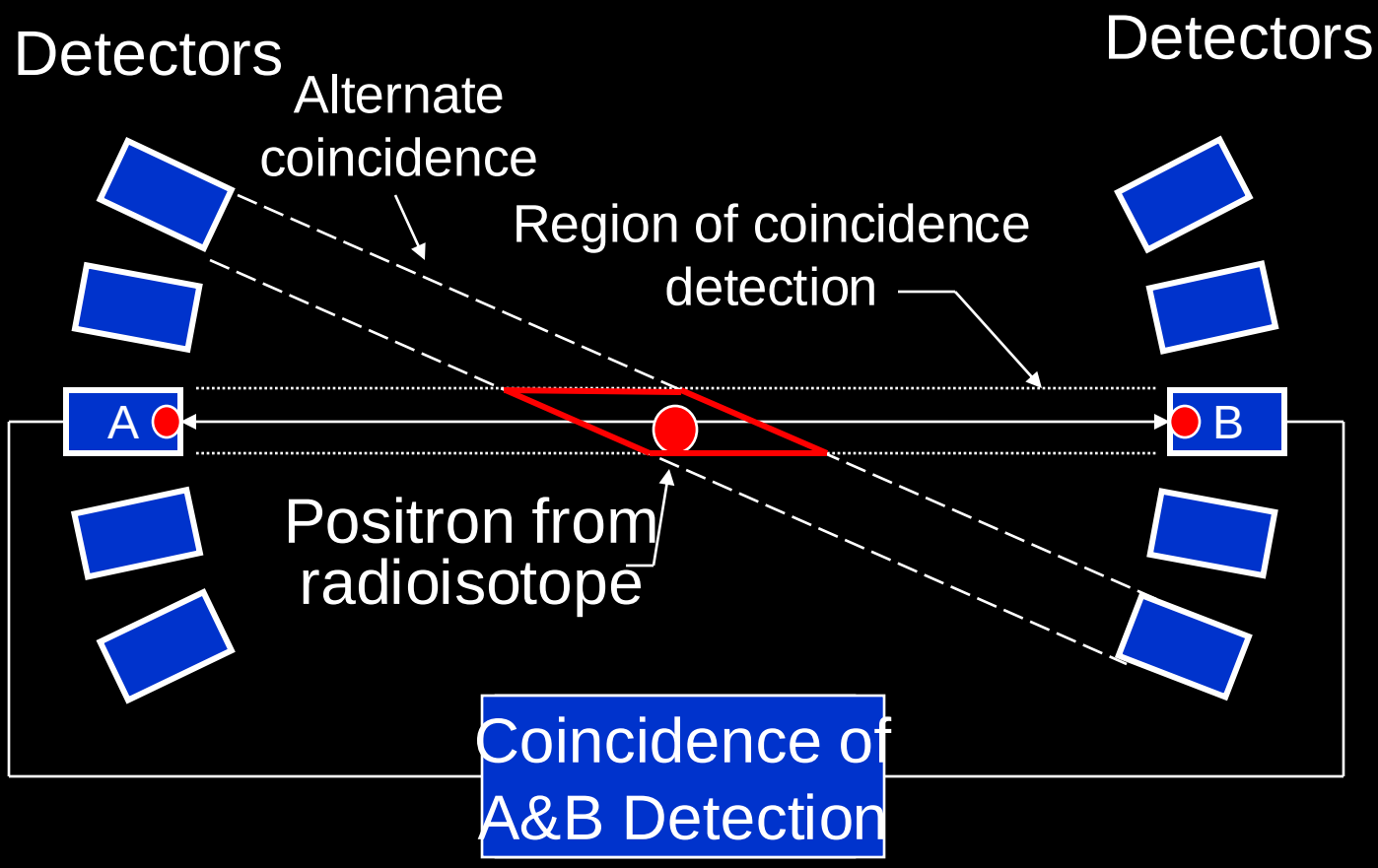


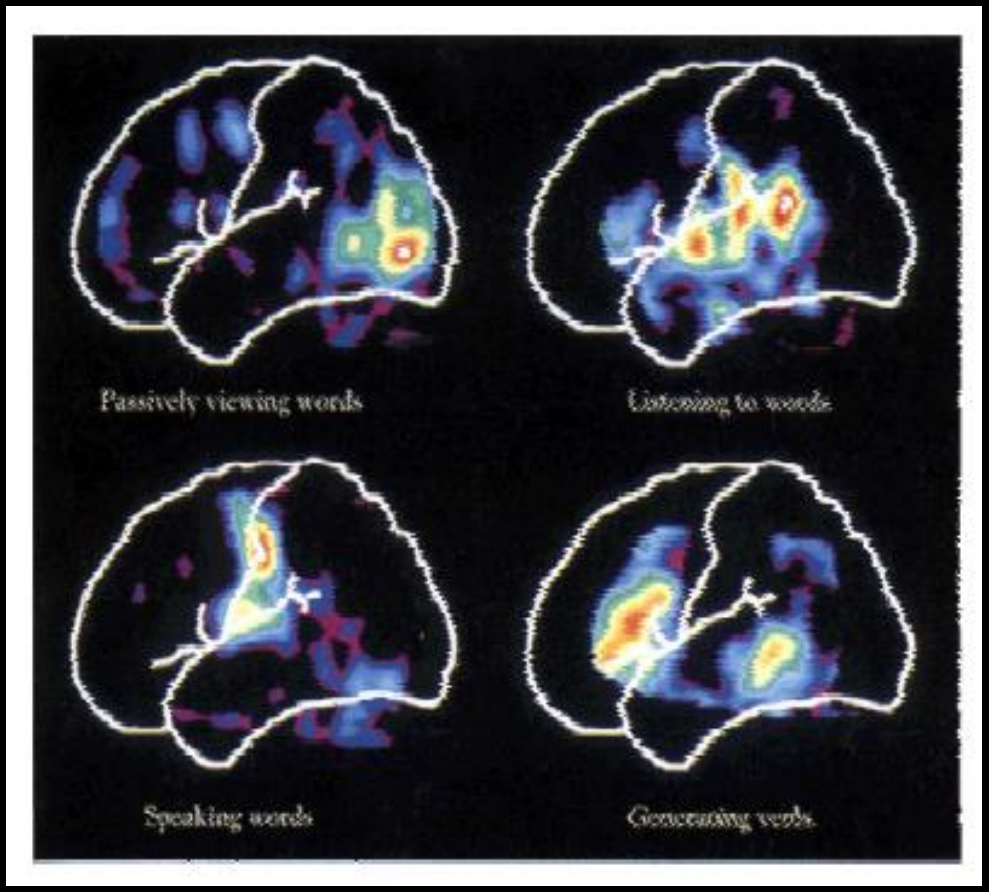
Positron Emission Tomography (PET)

- Positron emission tomography (PET) is a technique for studying functional processes *in vivo* by measuring the concentrations of positron-emitting radioisotopes within the subject.
- PET is primarily used to study biochemical and physiological processes within living organs.

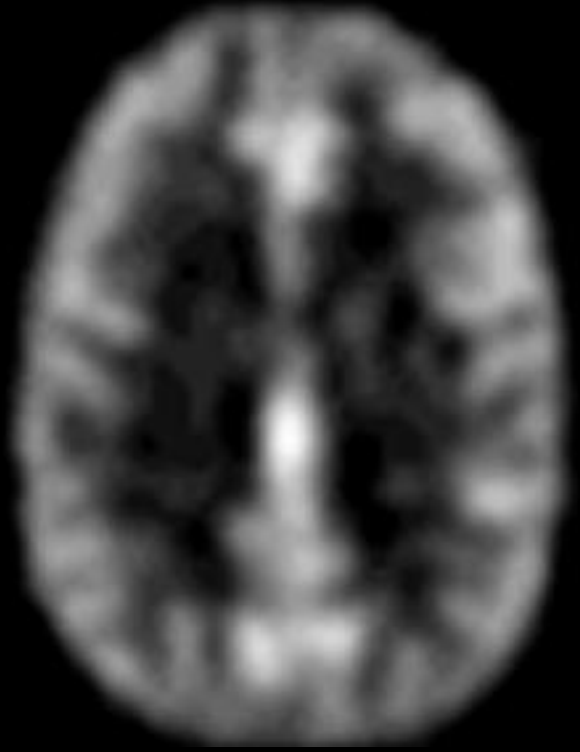


PET mechanism

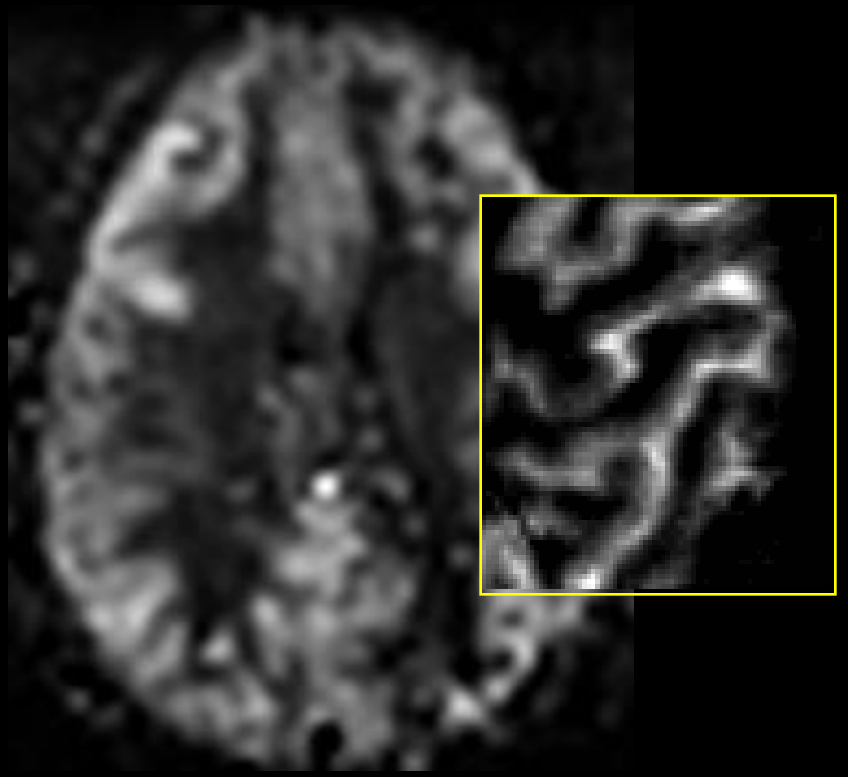



Passively viewing words
Listening to words
Speaking words
Generating verbs

Comparison with Positron Emission Tomography



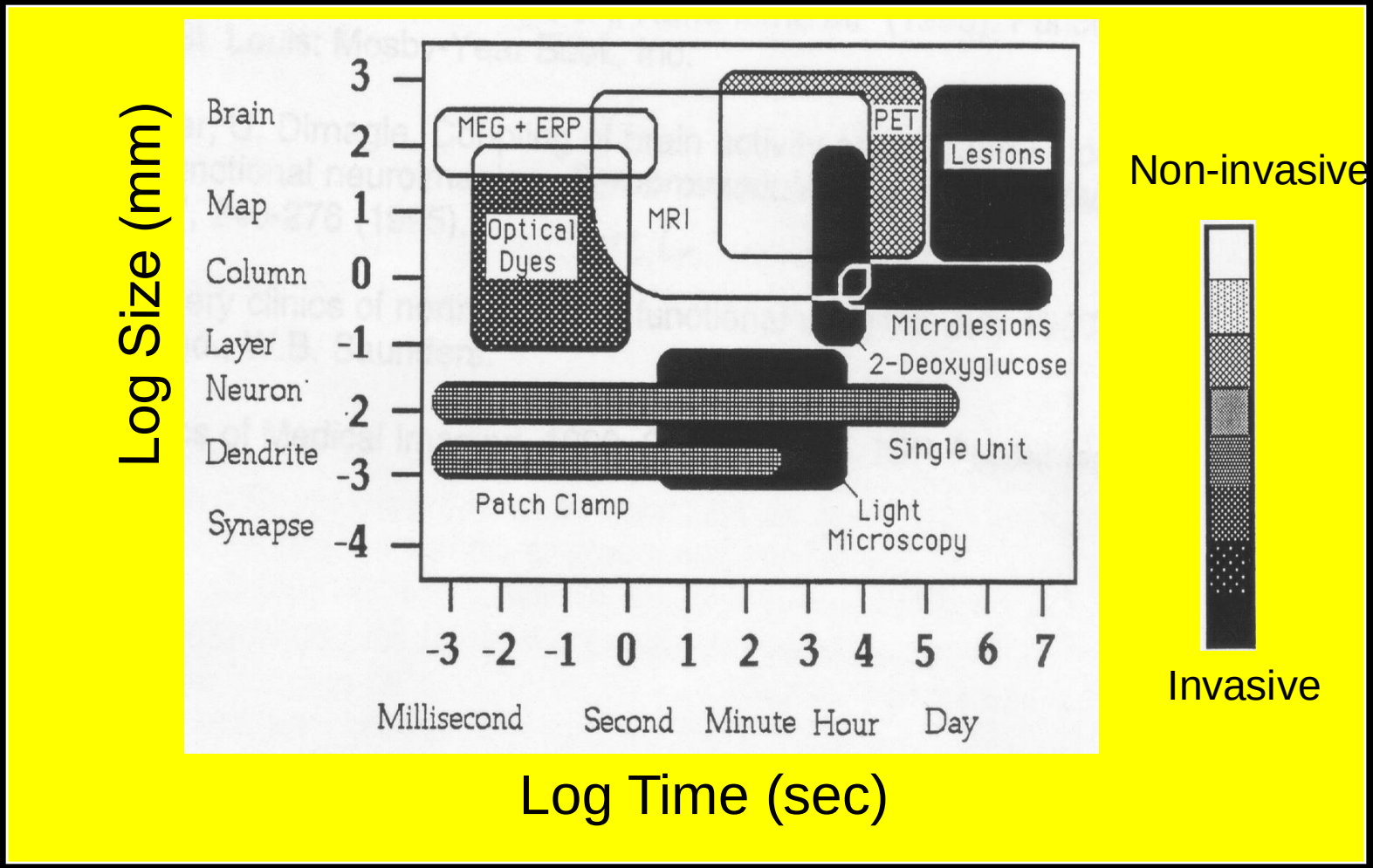
PET: $H_2{}^{15}O$



MRI: ASL

Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging

Functional Neuroimaging Techniques



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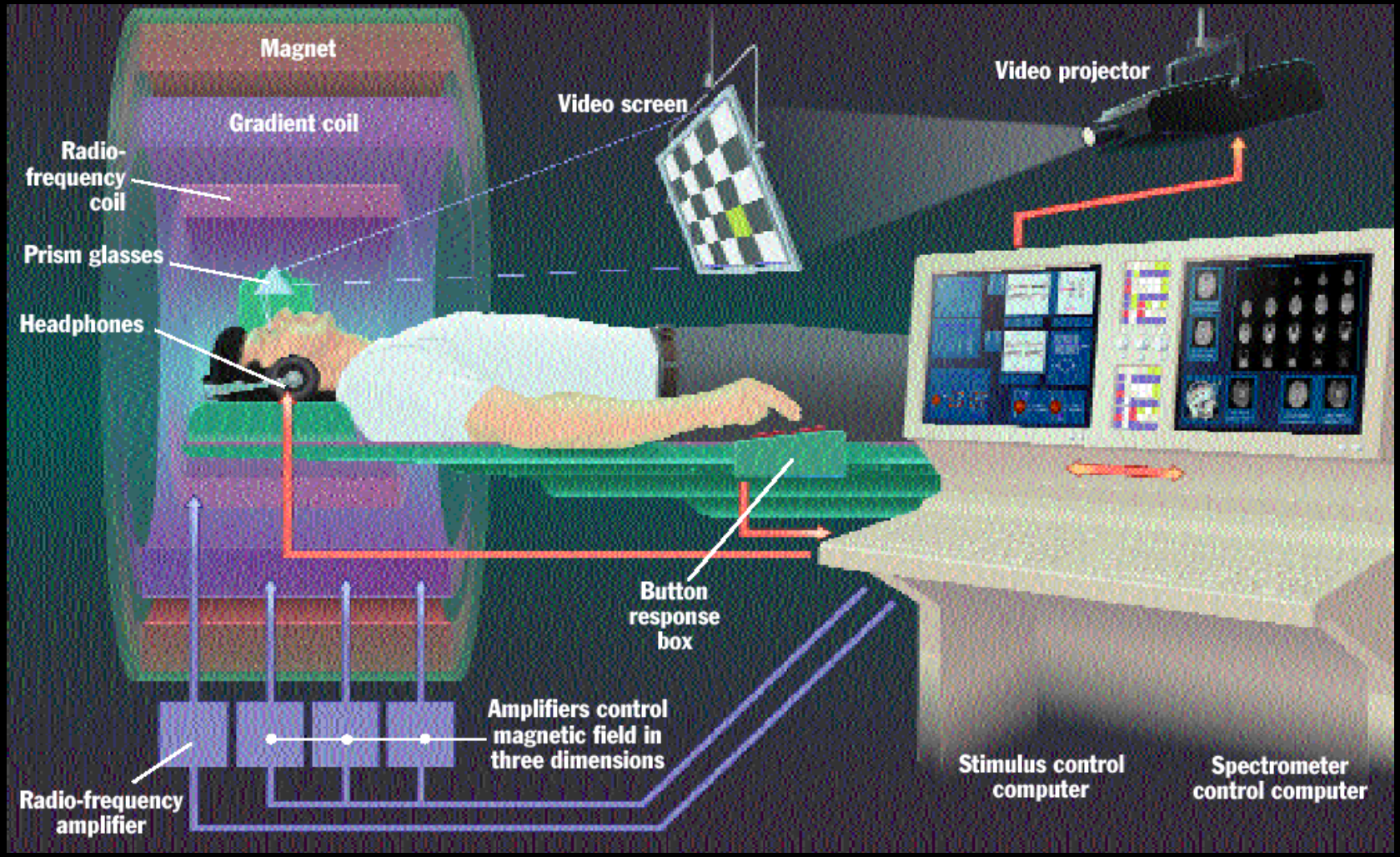
“3T-2”	GE 3T	(Nov 2002)
“FMRIF 1.5T”	GE 1.5T	(Sept 2004)
Currently being Cited	GE 3T	(Aug 2003)

1.5T

3T-1

3T-2

fMRI Setup



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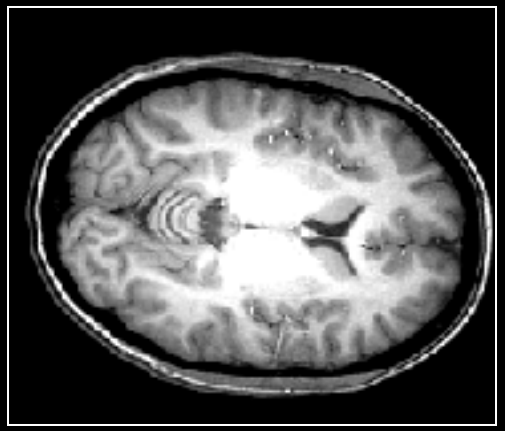
MRI vs. fMRI

MRI

high resolution
(1 mm)



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fMRI

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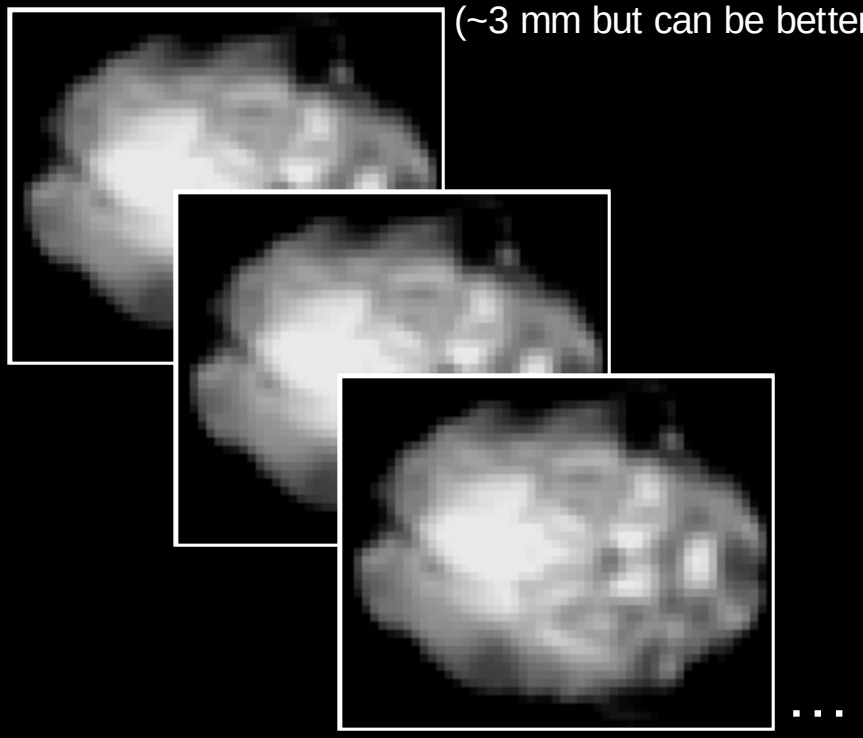

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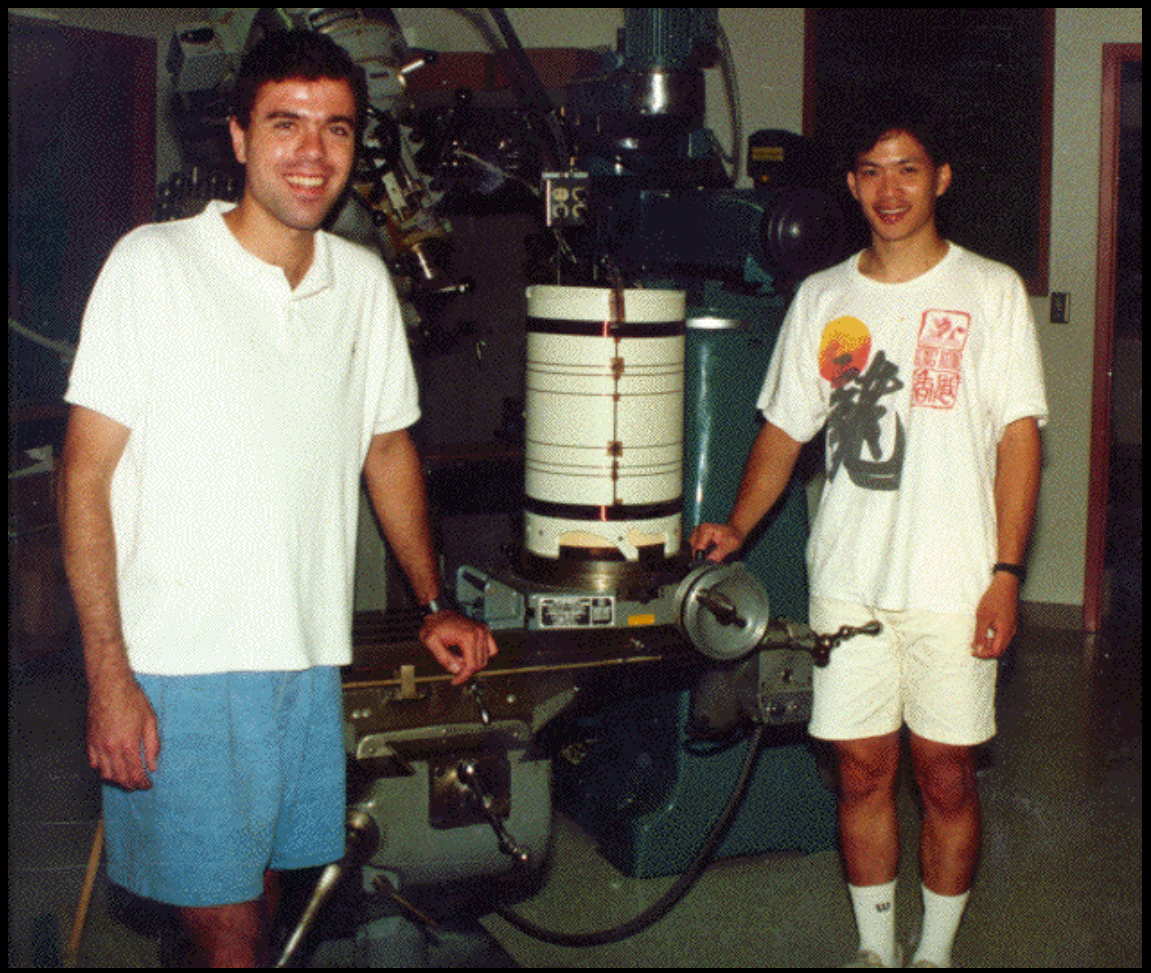

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1991-1992

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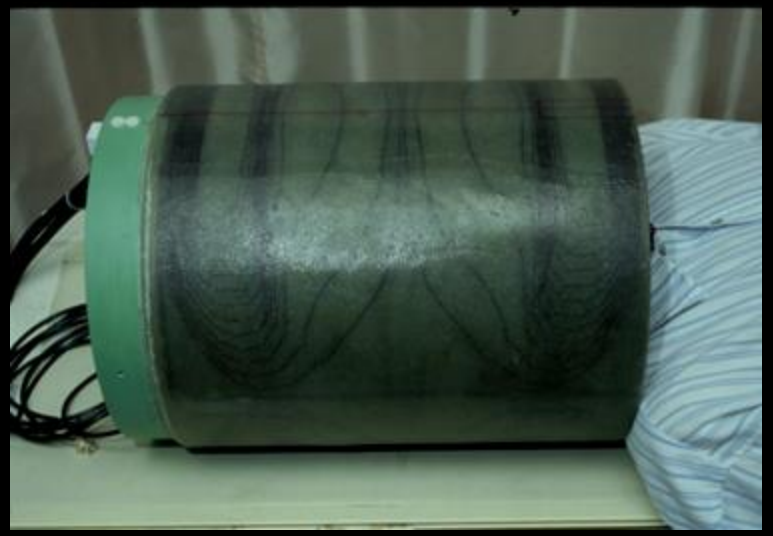
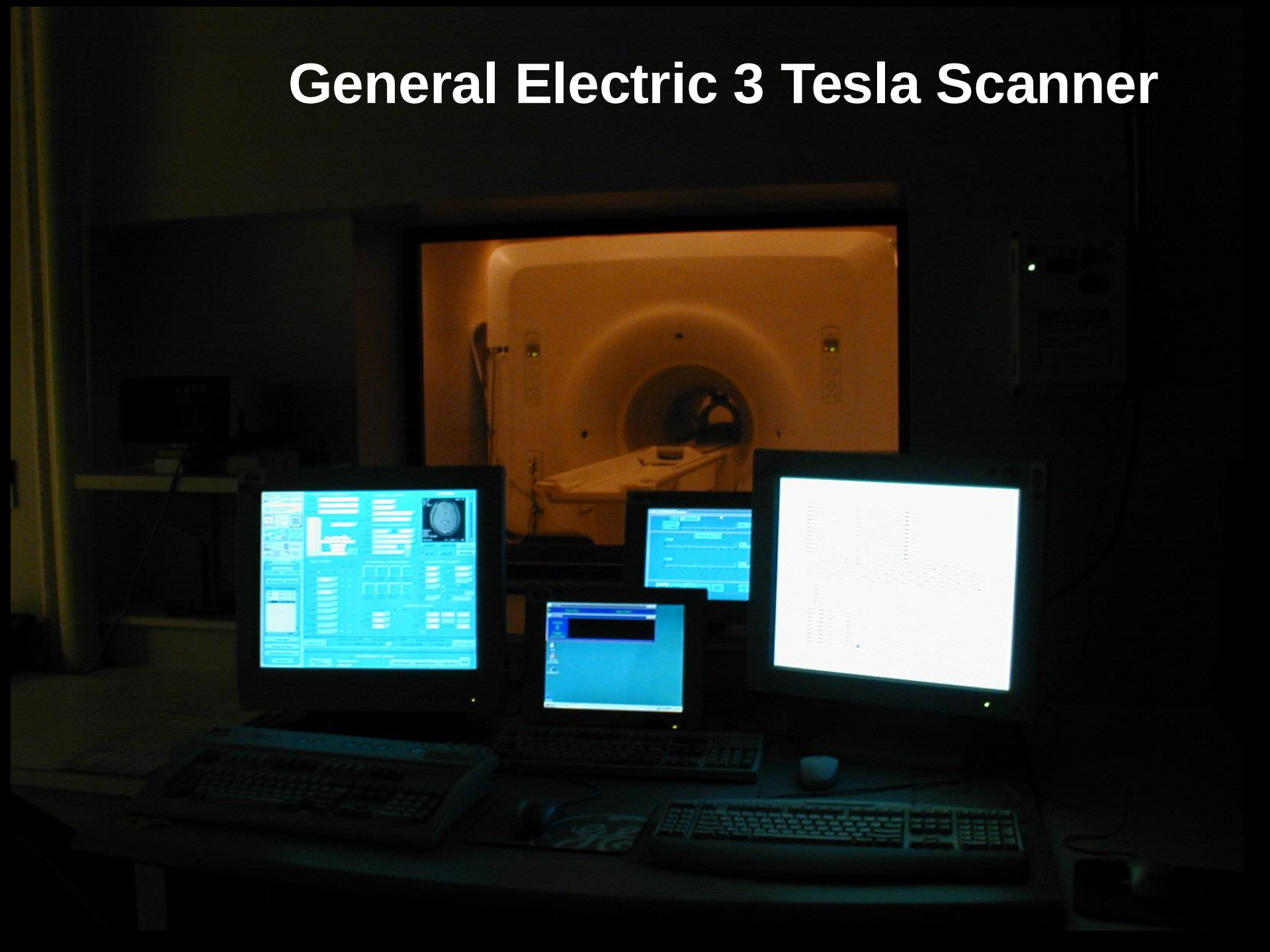
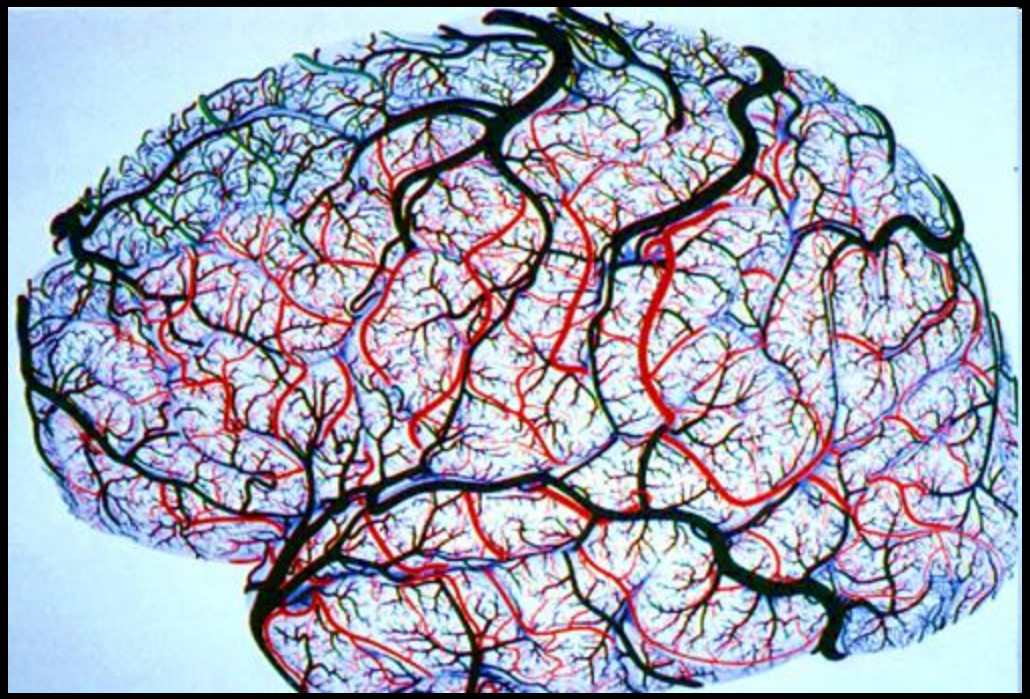


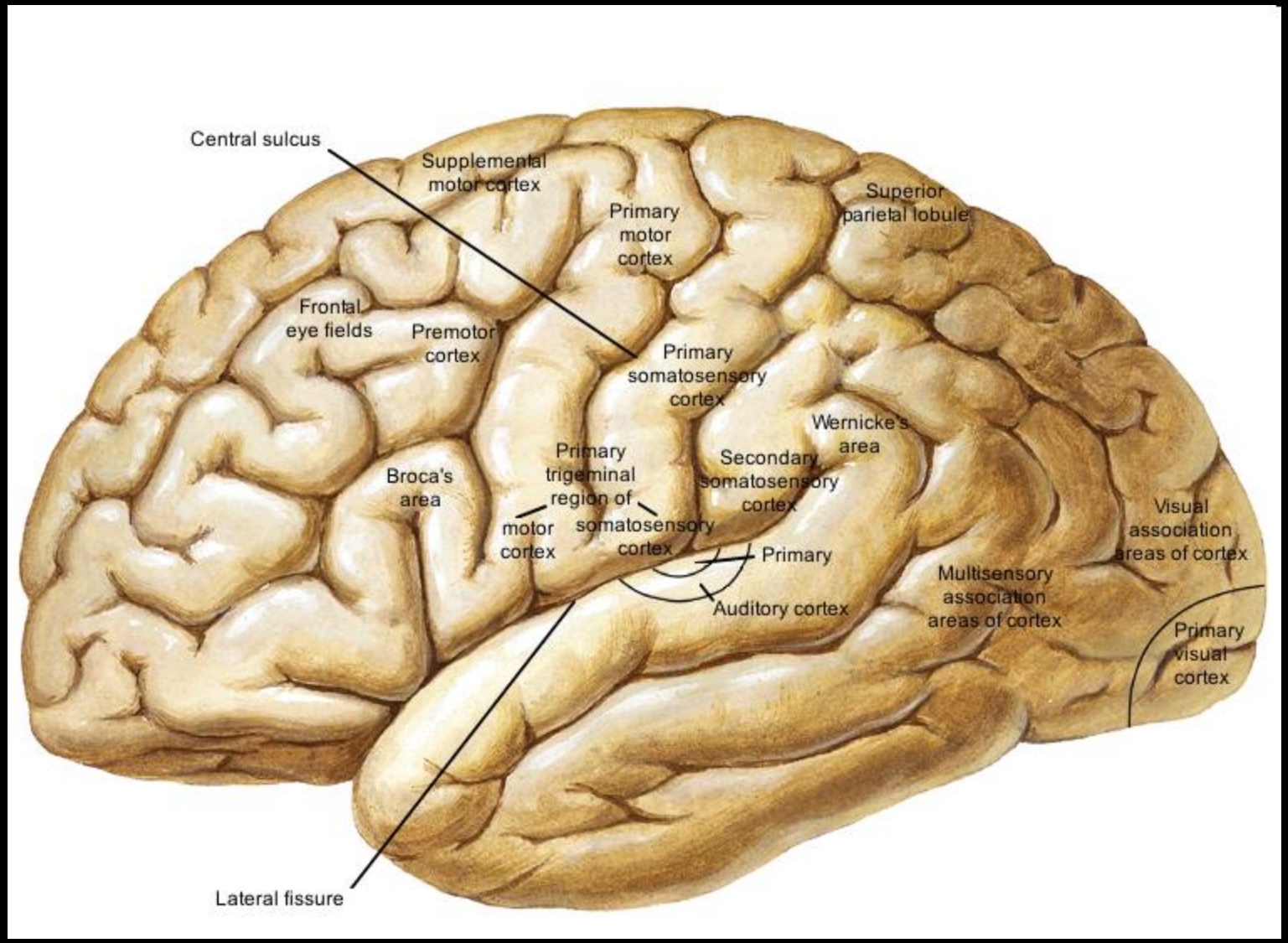
General Electric 3 Tesla Scanner



Contrast in Functional MRI

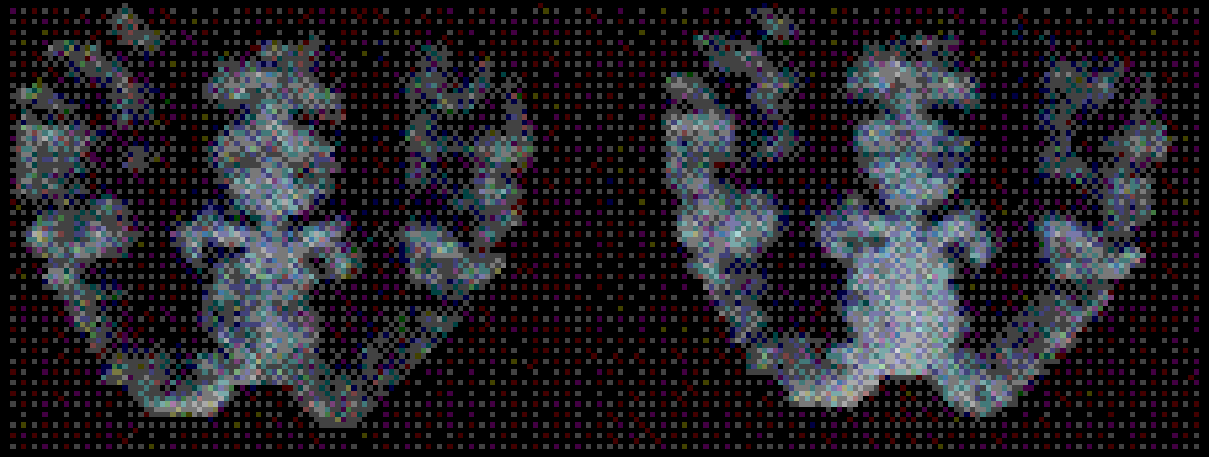
- Blood Volume
- Blood Oxygenation Changes
  - Blood Oxygenation Level Dependent Contrast (BOLD)
- Blood Perfusion

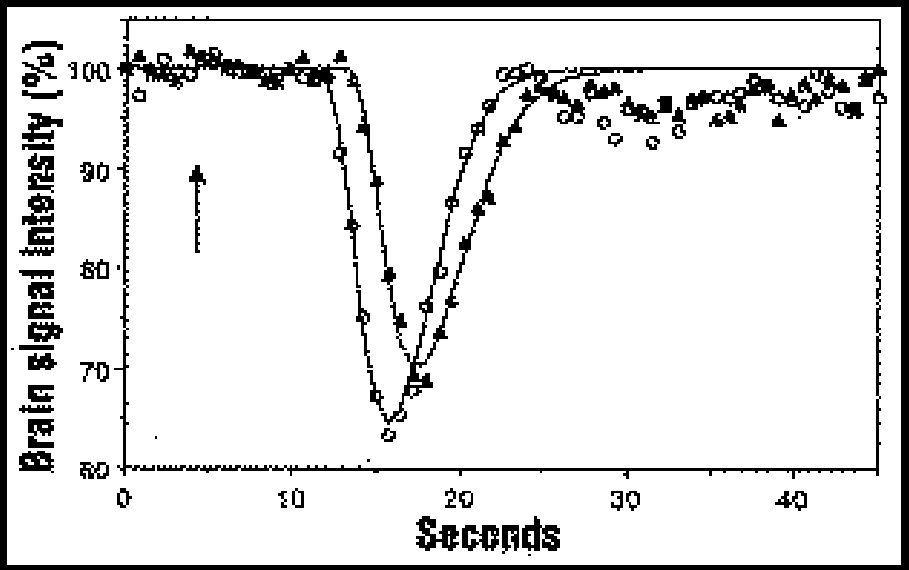


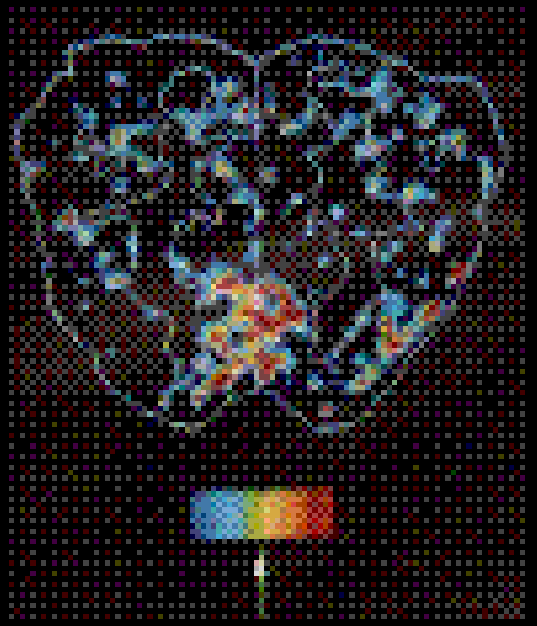

Central sulcus
Supplemental motor cortex
Primary motor cortex
Superior parietal lobule
Frontal eye fields
Premotor cortex
Primary somatosensory cortex
Wernicke's area
Primary trigeminal region of somatosensory cortex
Secondary somatosensory cortex
Broca's area
motor cortex
Primary
Visual association areas of cortex
Multisensory association areas of cortex
Auditory cortex
Primary visual cortex
Lateral fissure

Blood Volume Changes with Brain Activation

Resting **Active**







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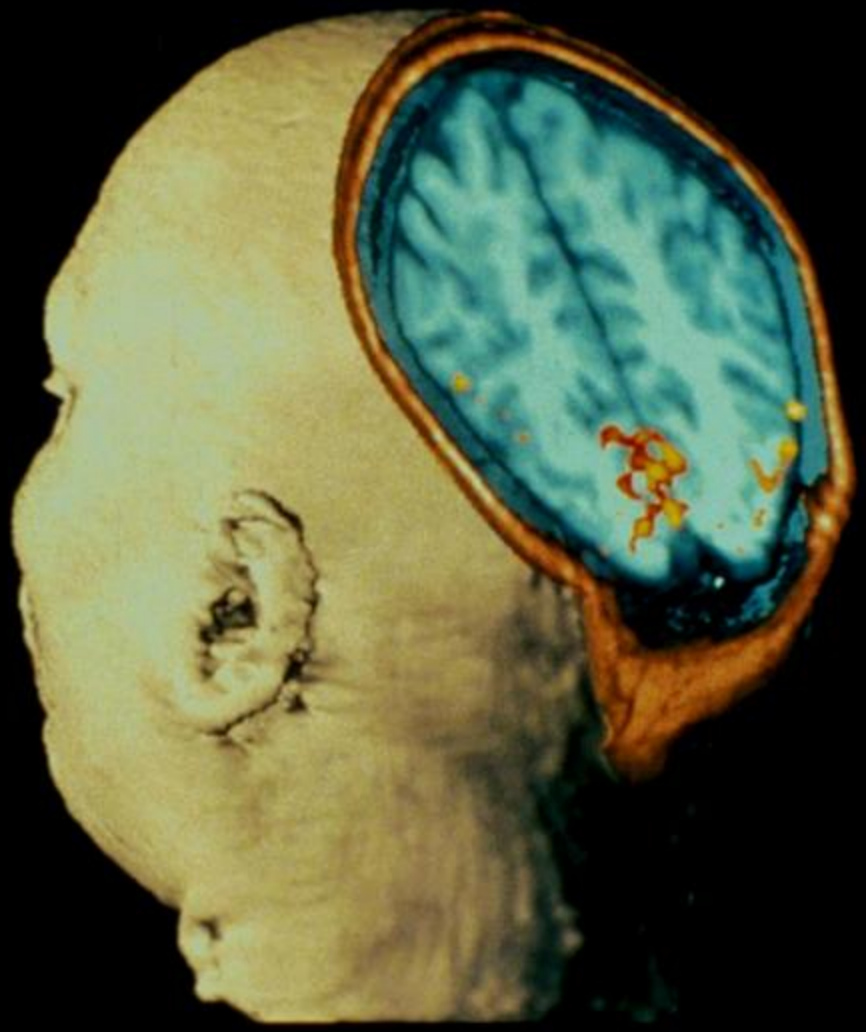


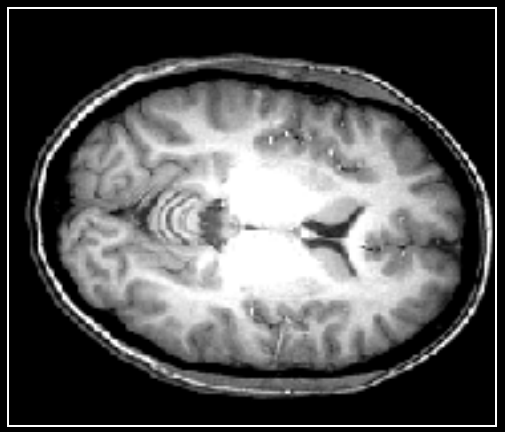
MRI Image showing activation of the Visual Cortex

From Belliveau, et al. Science Nov 1991

MRI vs. fMRI

MRI

high resolution
(1 mm)



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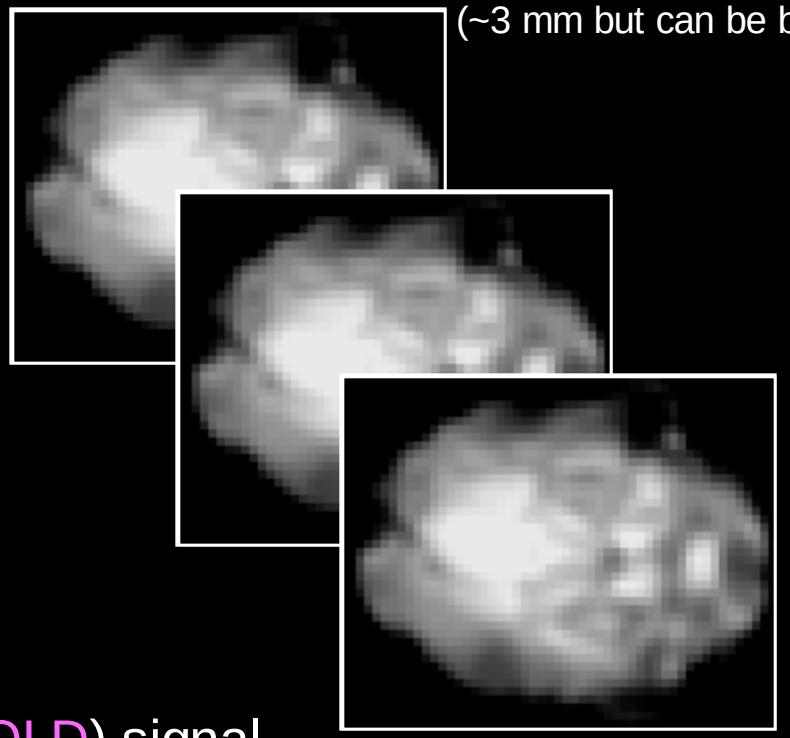

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fMRI

Blood Oxygenation Level Dependent (BOLD) signal
indirect measure of neural activity

↑ neural activity ➔ ↑ blood oxygen ➔ ↑ fMRI signal

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BOLD

(blood oxygenation level dependence)

blood flow 

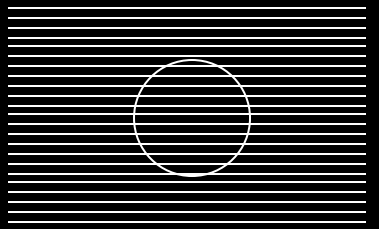
oxygenated-blood 

MR signal 

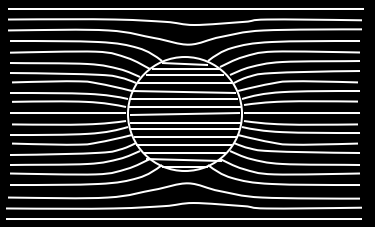
Oxygenated and deoxygenated red blood cells have different magnetic properties

red blood cells

oxygenated



deoxygenated



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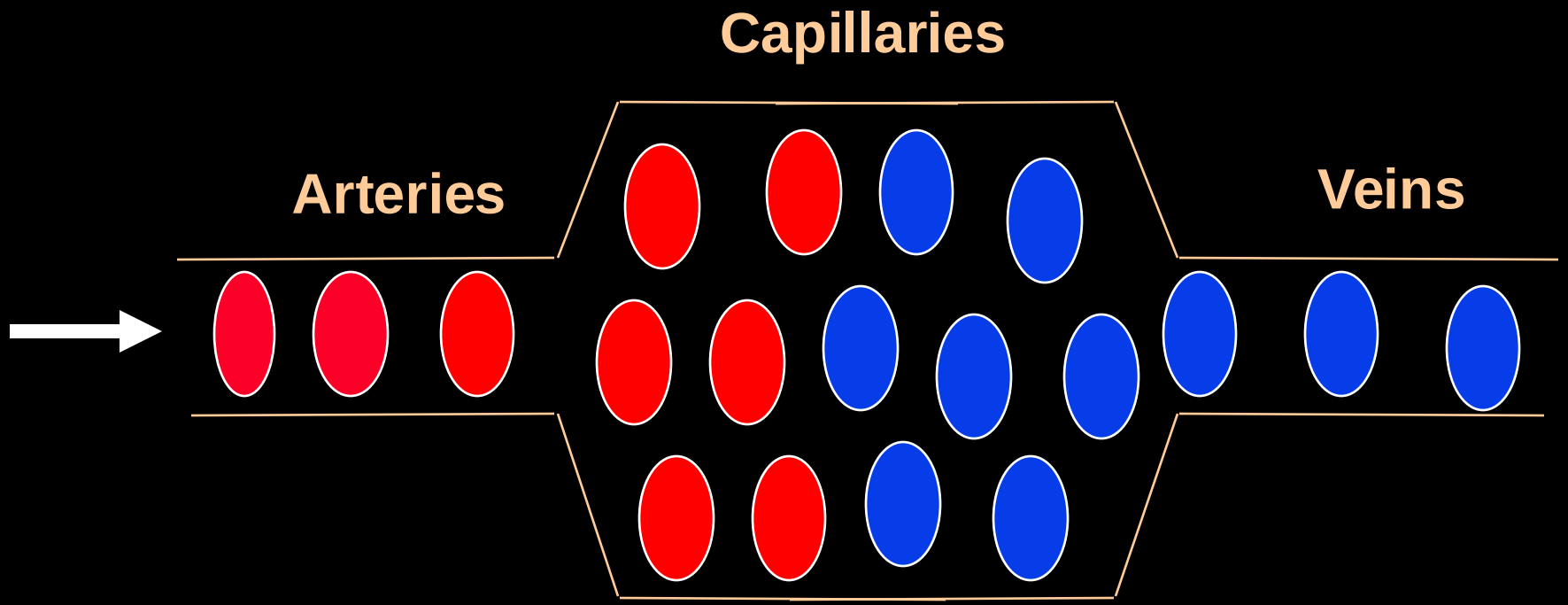
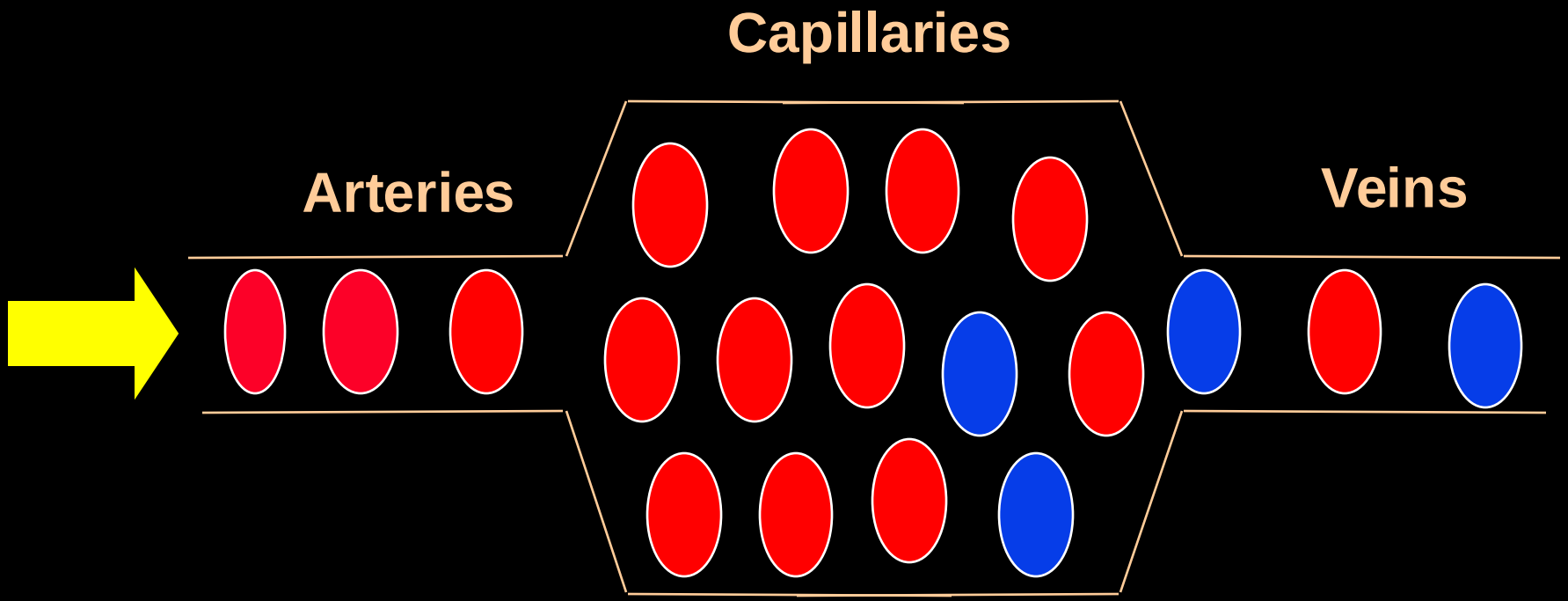
BOLD: Resting flow



SIGNAL

BOLD: Activated flow



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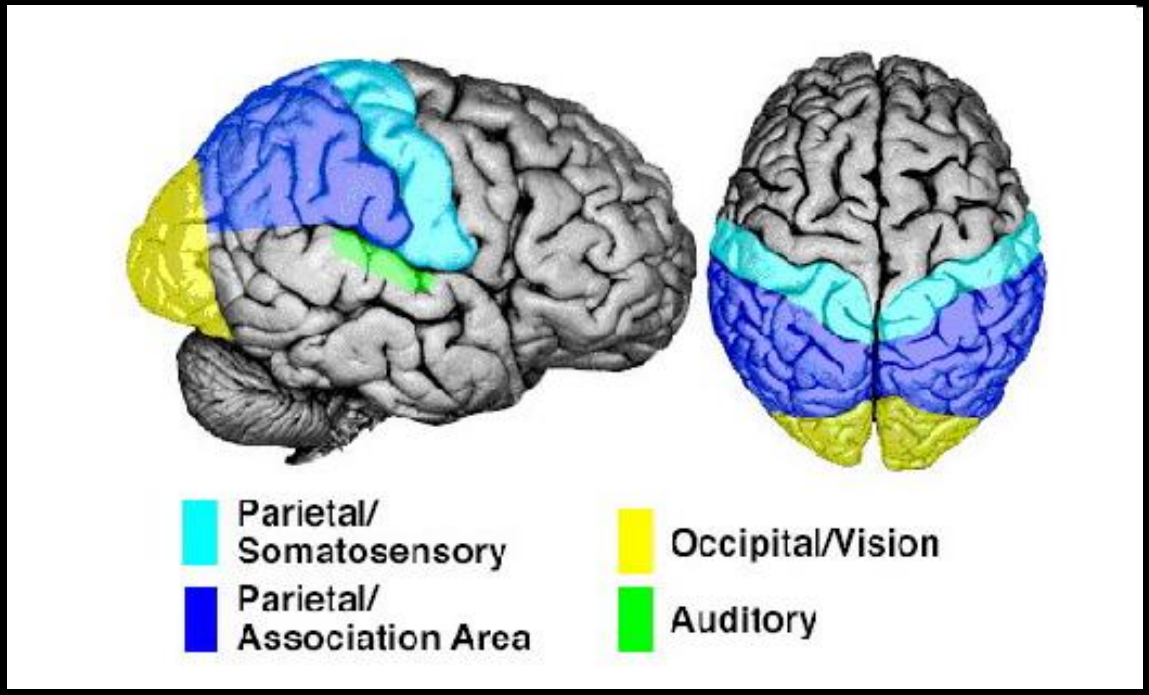
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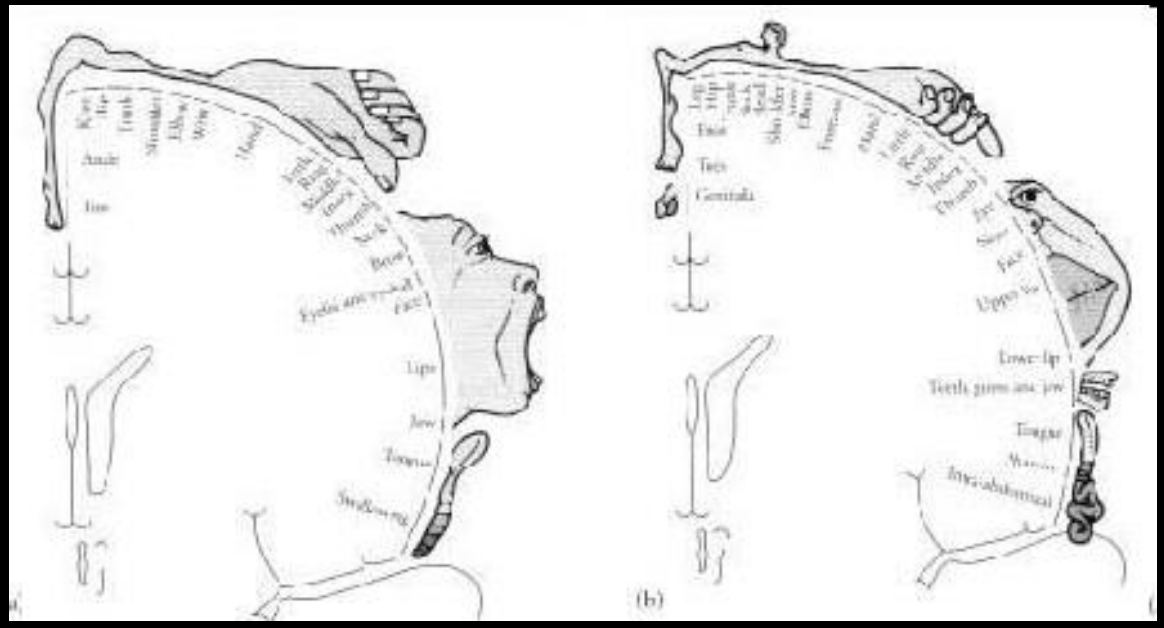
Somatosensory
Parietal/
Association Area
Occipital/Vision
Auditory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Alternating Left and Right Finger Tapping

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Real Time Brain Activation Imaging

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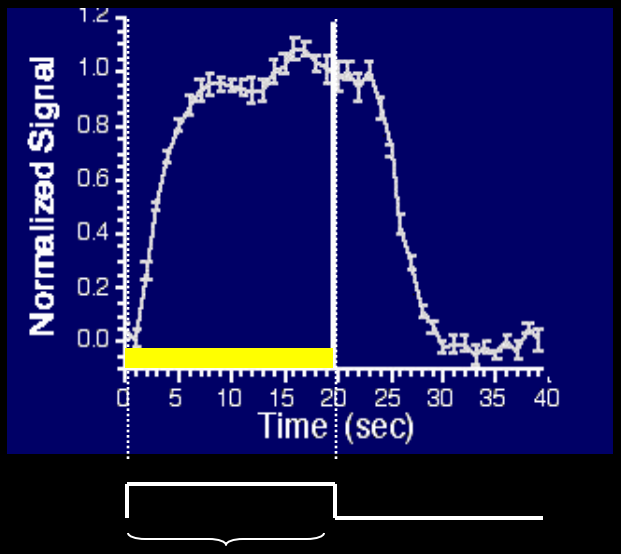

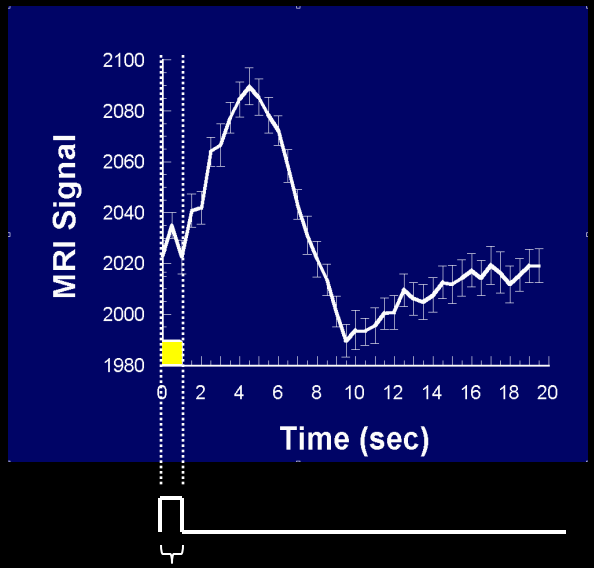

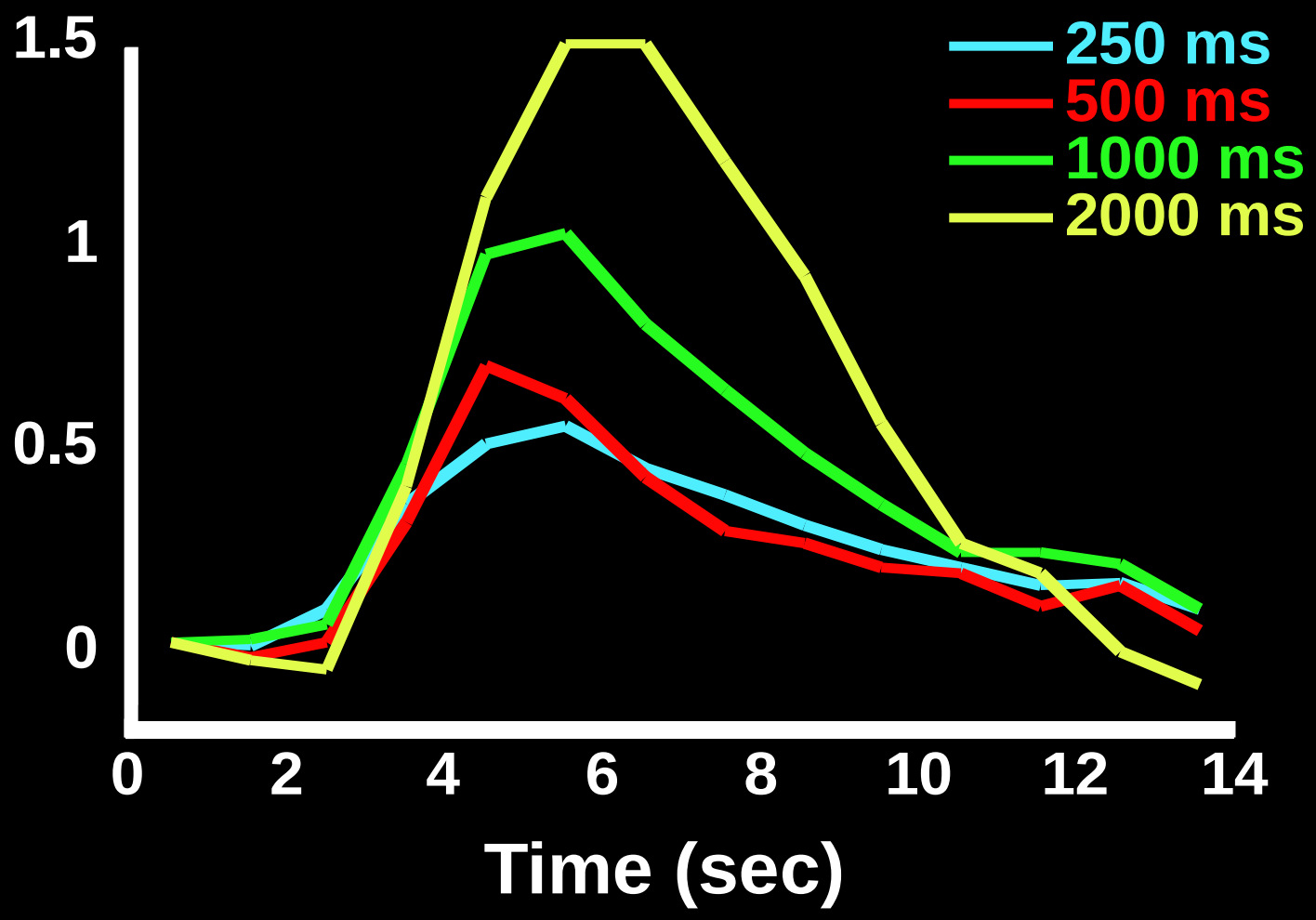
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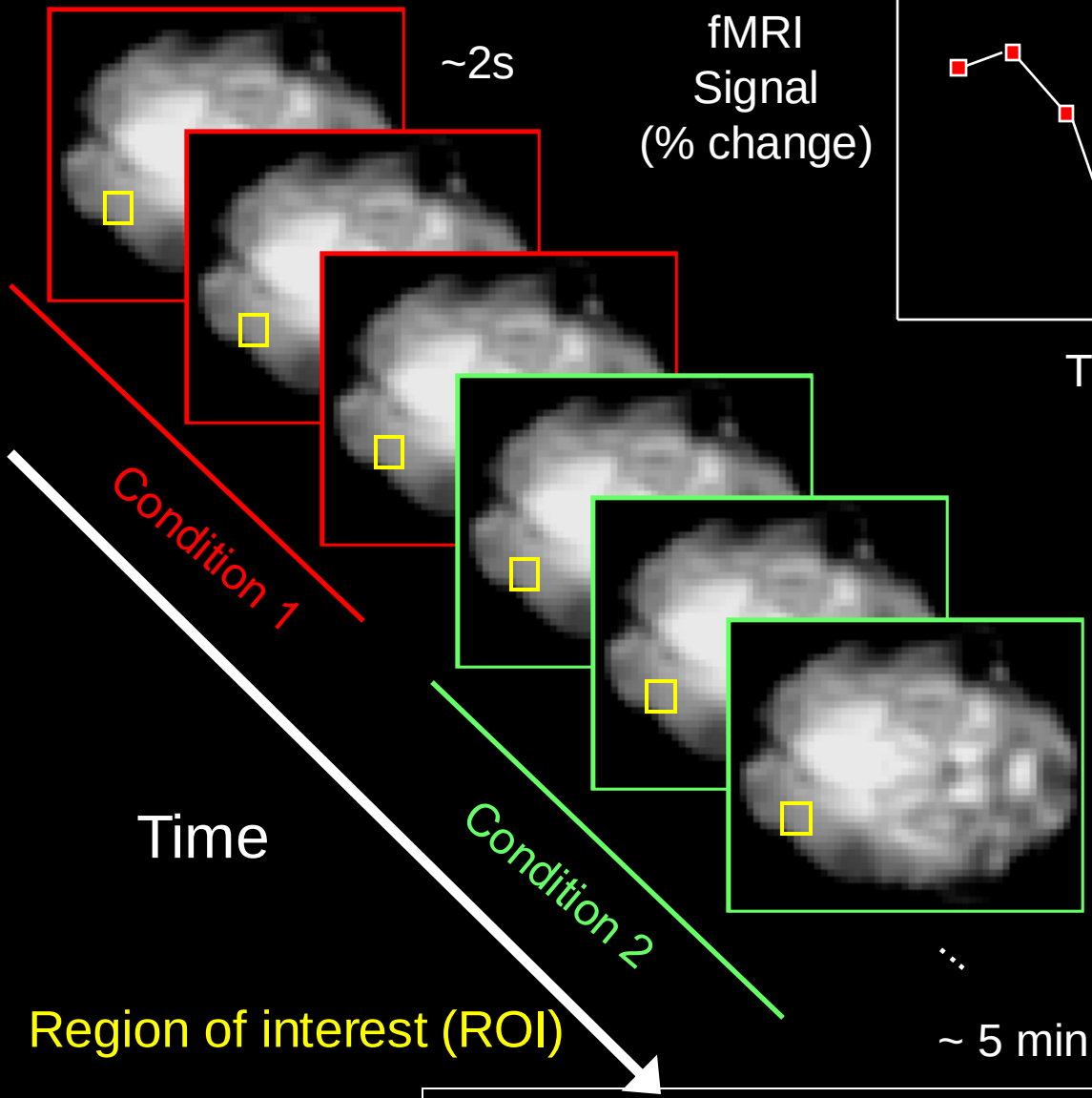
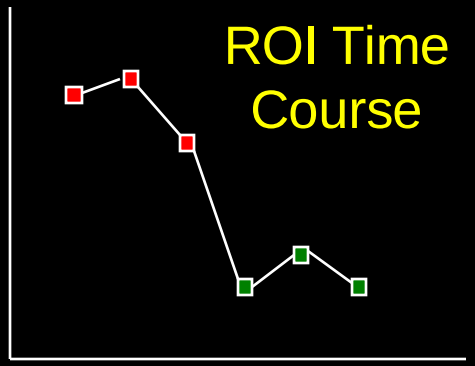
2000 ms

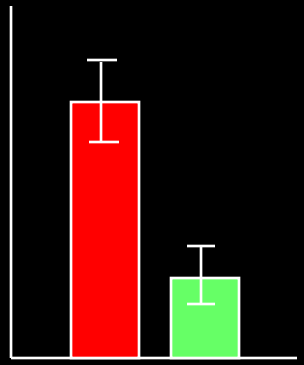
Activation Statistics

Functional images

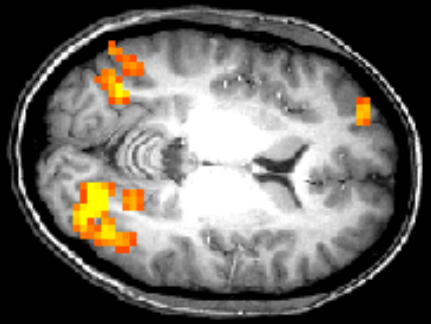


fMRI Signal (% change)





Statistical Map
superimposed on anatomical MRI image



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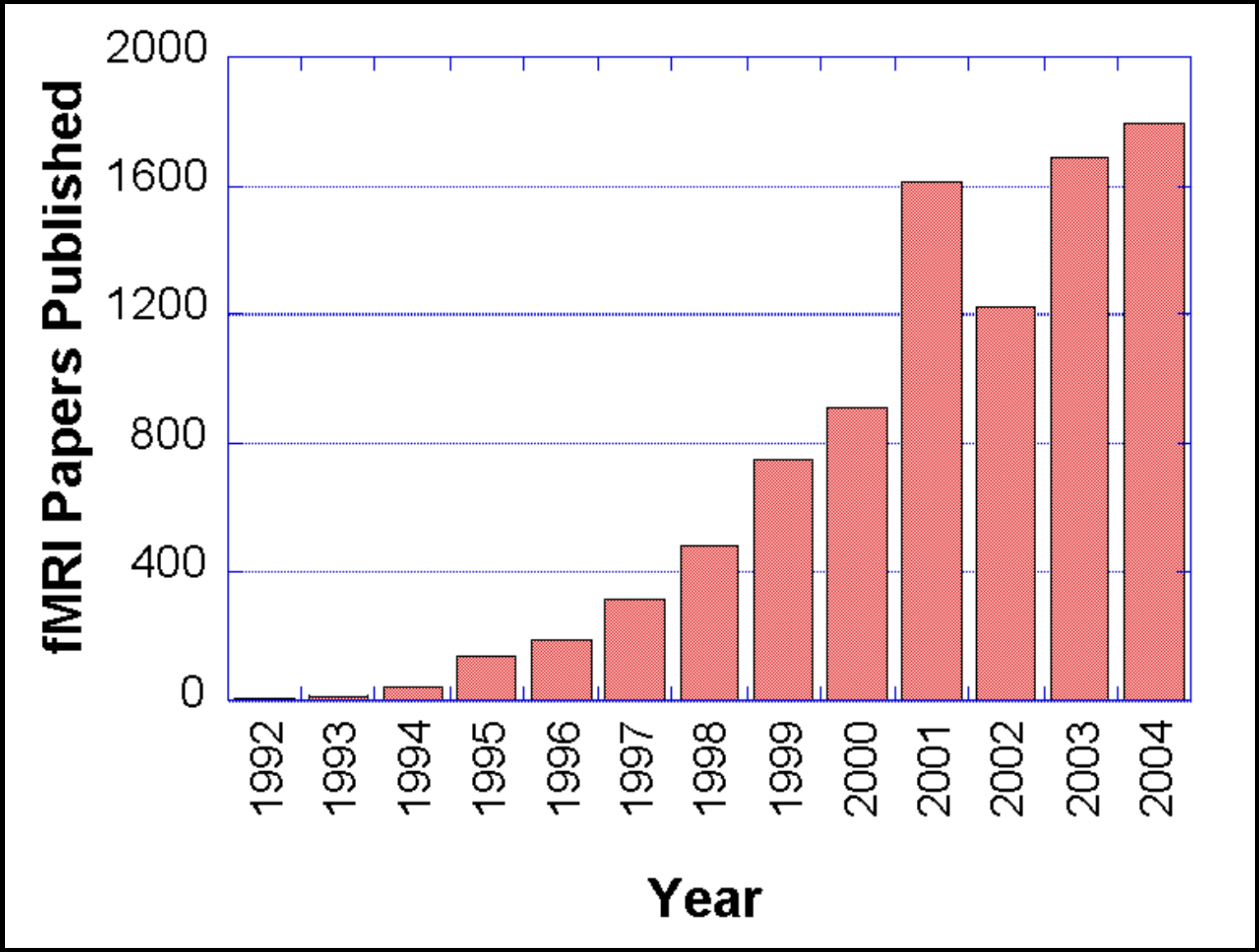
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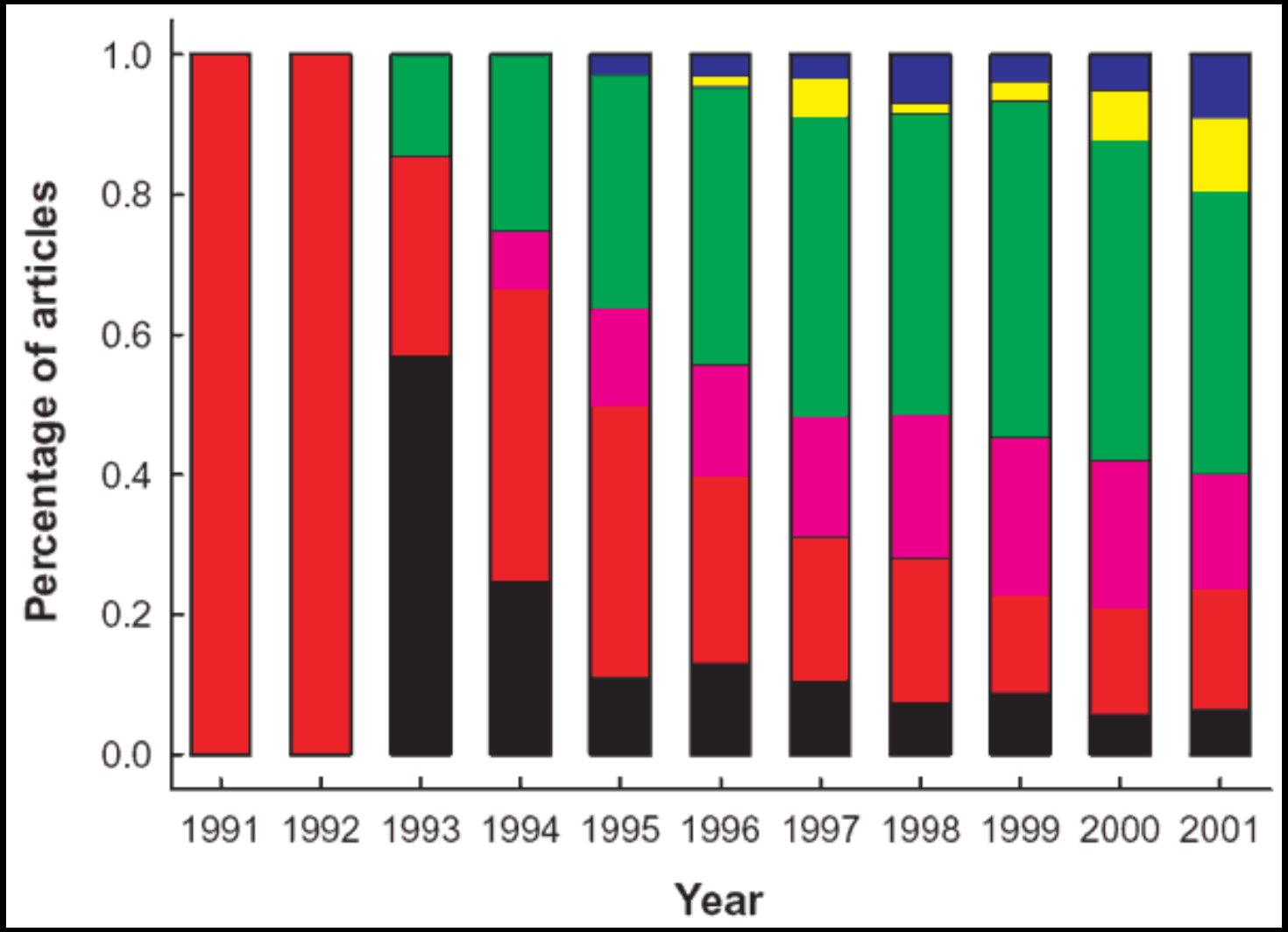

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Basic Cognition (green)
High-Order Cognition (yellow)
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J. Illes, M. P. Kirschen, J. D. E. Gabrielli, Nature Neuroscience, 6 (3)m p.205

Current Uses of fMRI

Understanding normal brain organization and changes

- -networks involved with specific tasks (low to high level processing)
- -changes over time (seconds to years)
- -correlates of behavior (response accuracy, performance changes…)

Clinical research

- -correlates of specifically activated networks to clinical populations
- -presurgical mapping
- -epileptic foci mapping
- -drug effects

Potential uses of fMRI

Complementary use for clinical diagnosis

- -utilization of clinical research results

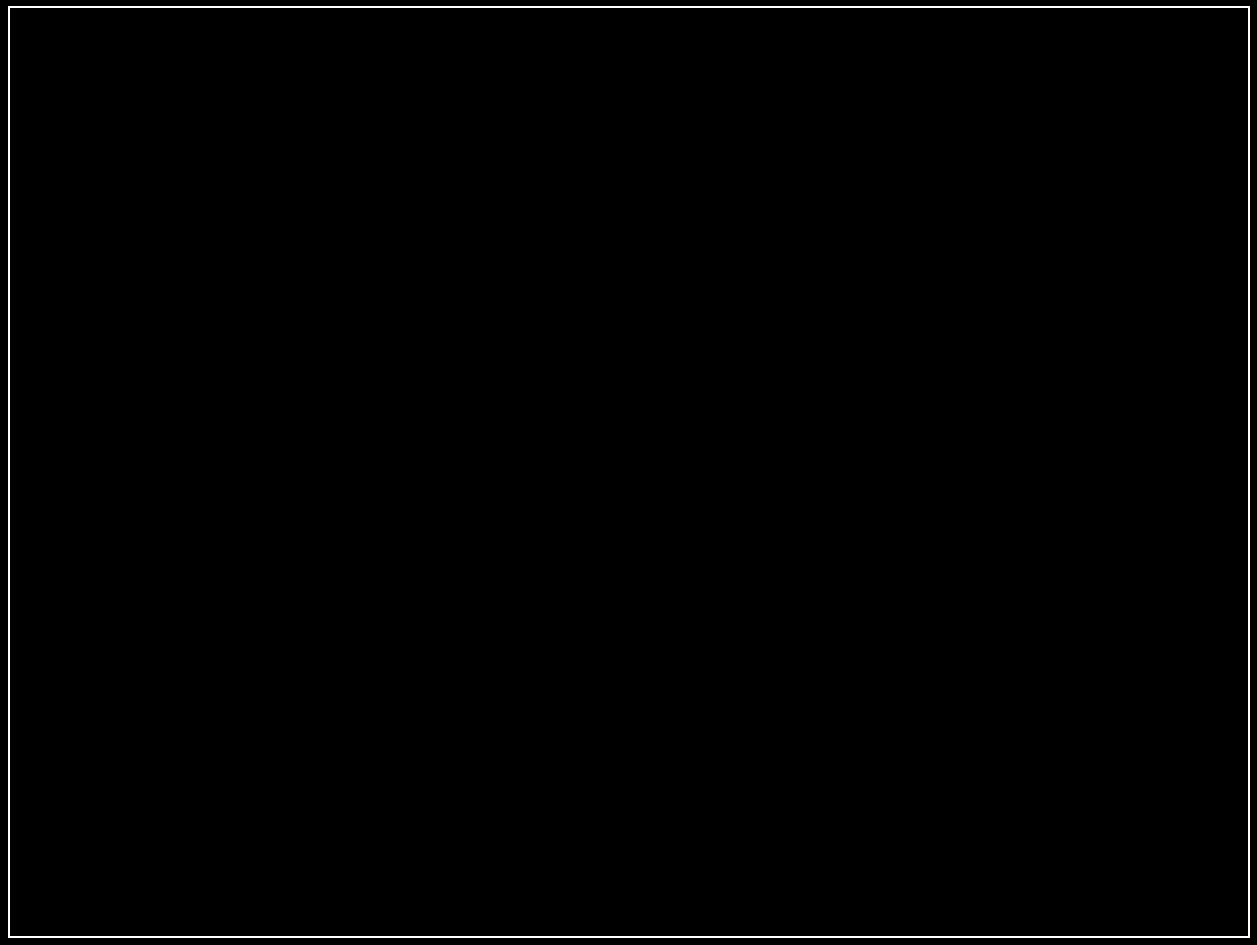
Clinical treatment and assessment

- -drug, therapy, rehabilitation, biofeedback

Non clinical uses

- -complementary use with behavioral results
- -lie detection
- -prediction of behavior tendencies (many contexts)
- -brain/computer interface

A typical day in the fMRI scan room…



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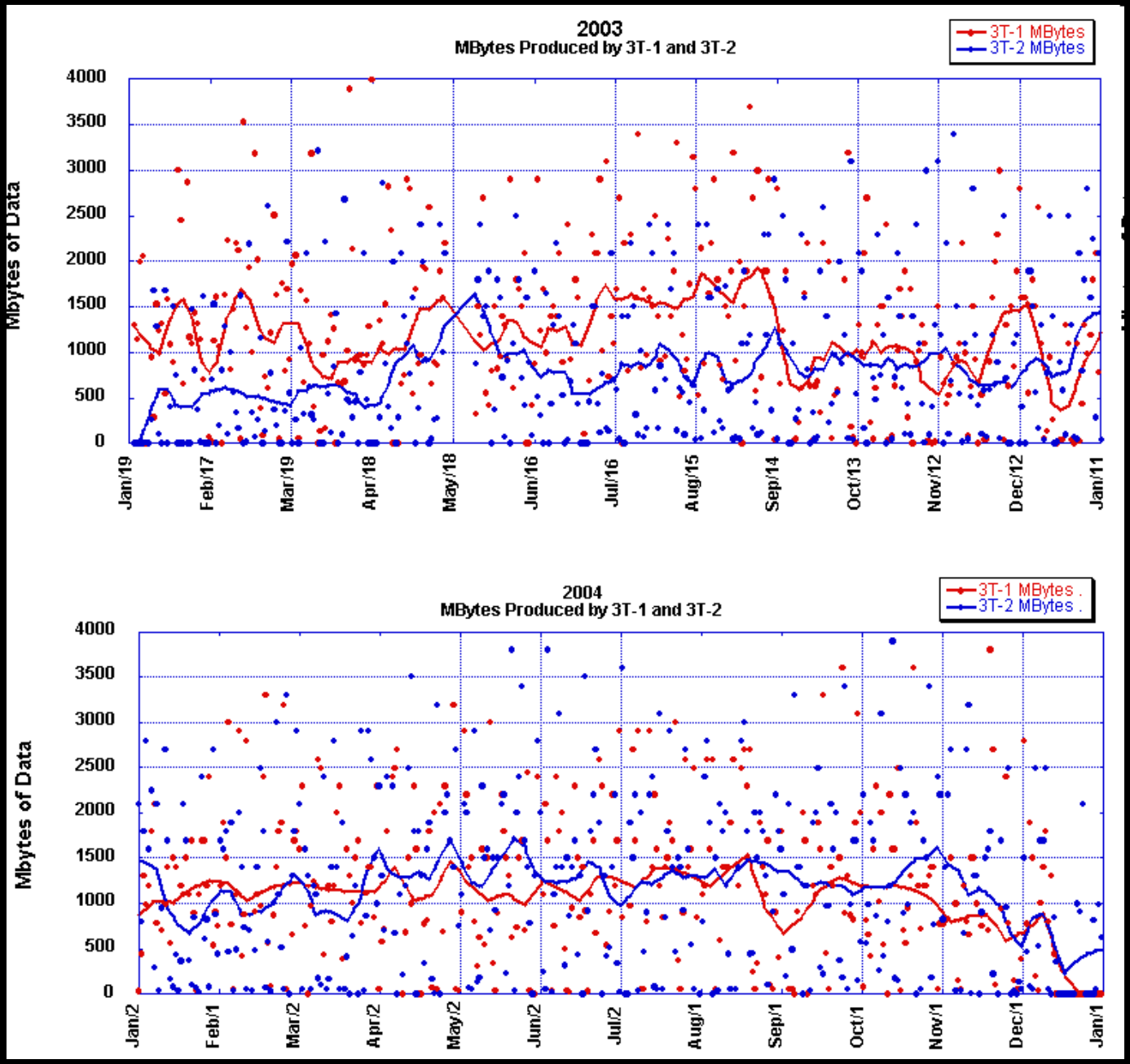
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What my group cares about…

Understanding, Developing, and Implementing Functional MRI

1. Methodology
2. Interpretation
3. Technology
4. Applications

Neuronal Activation

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Measured Signal

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Hemodynamics

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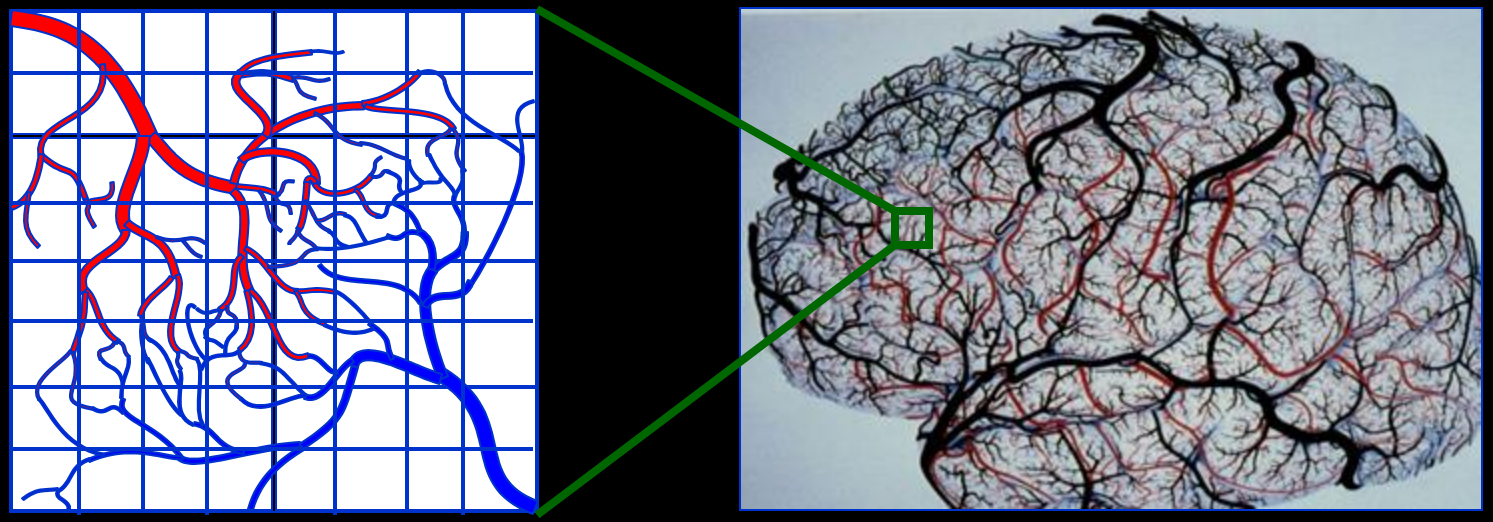
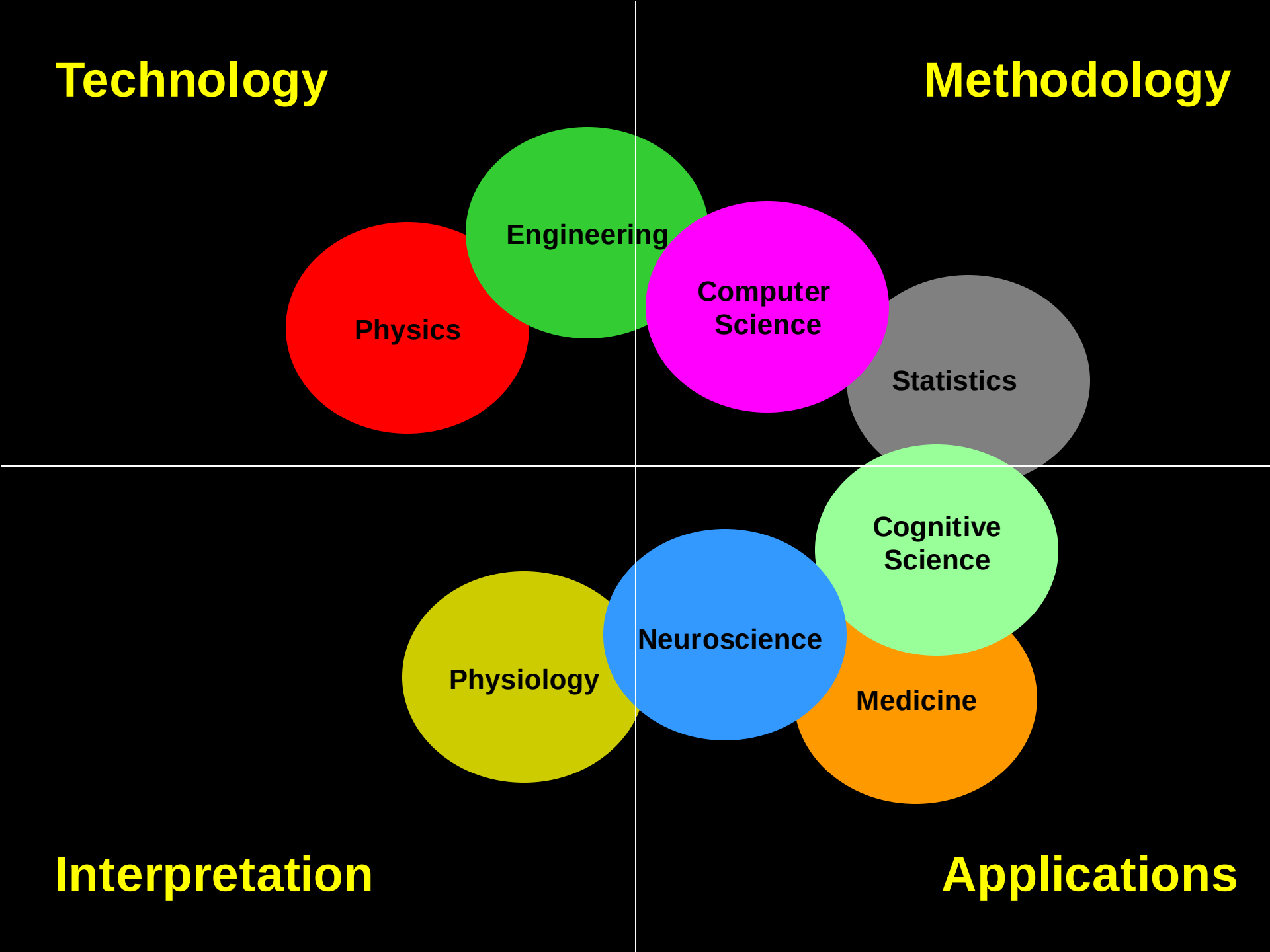
Noise

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Physics
Computer Science
Statistics
Cognitive Science
Neuroscience
Physiology
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Applications

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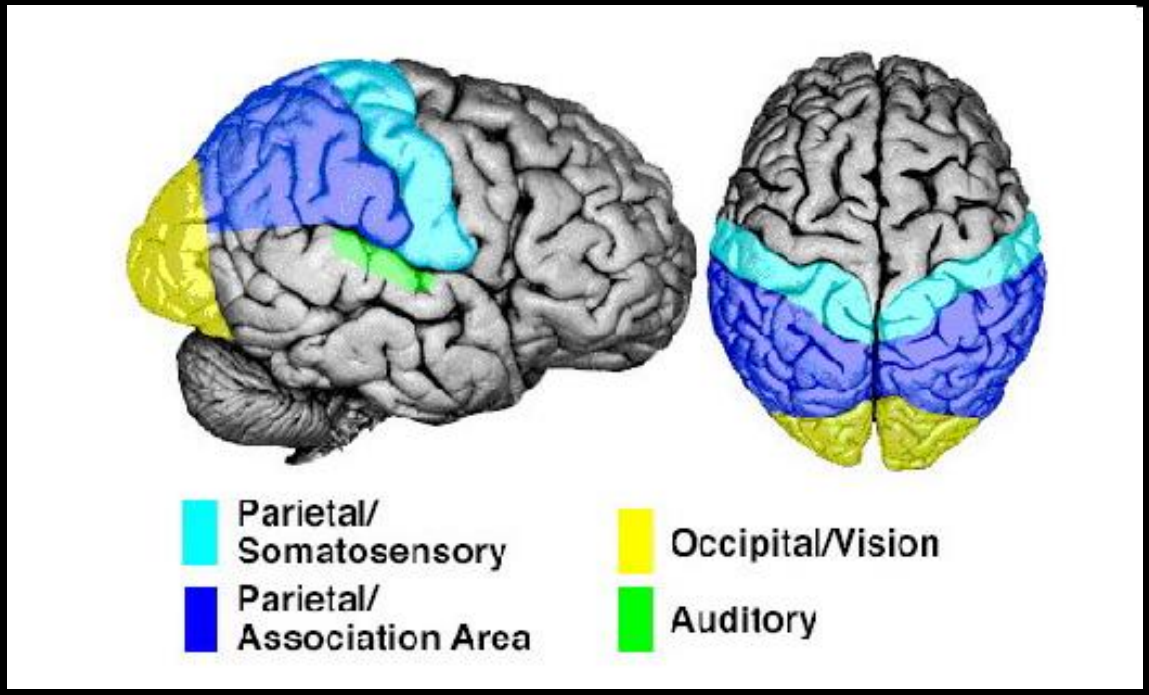
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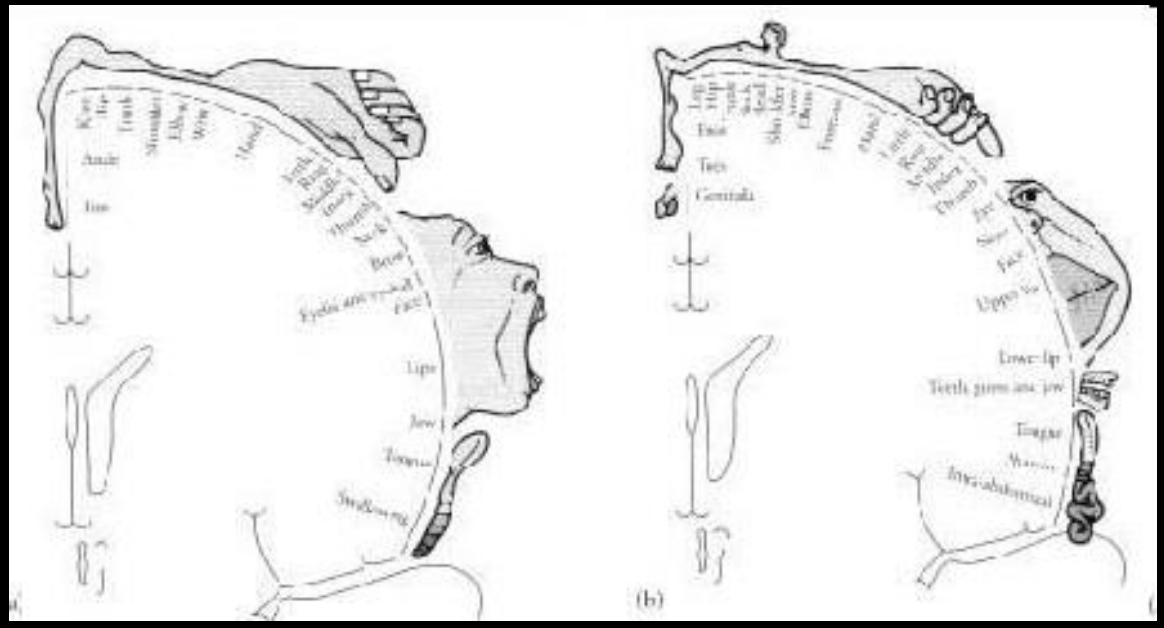
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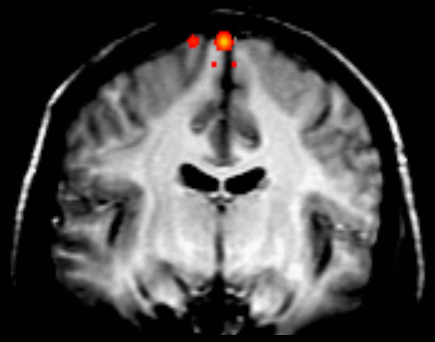

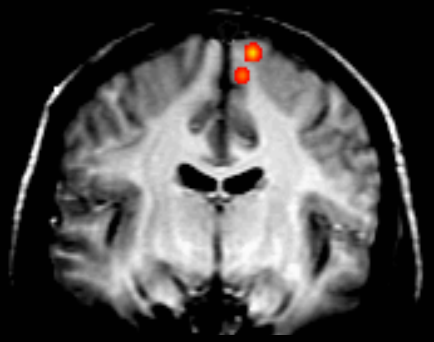

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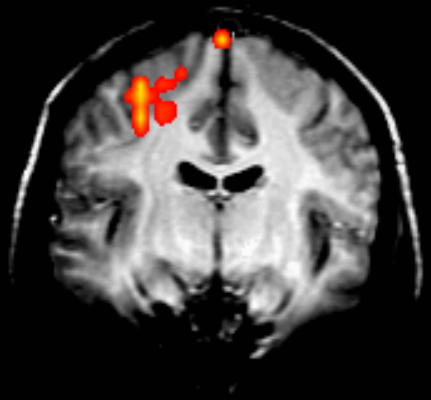

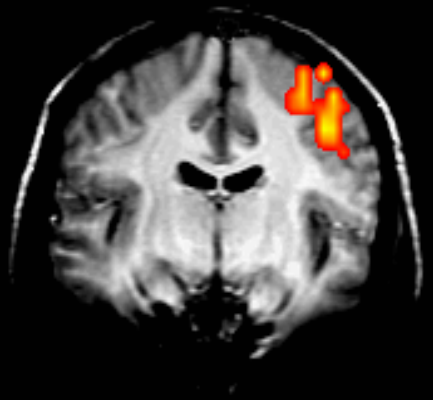

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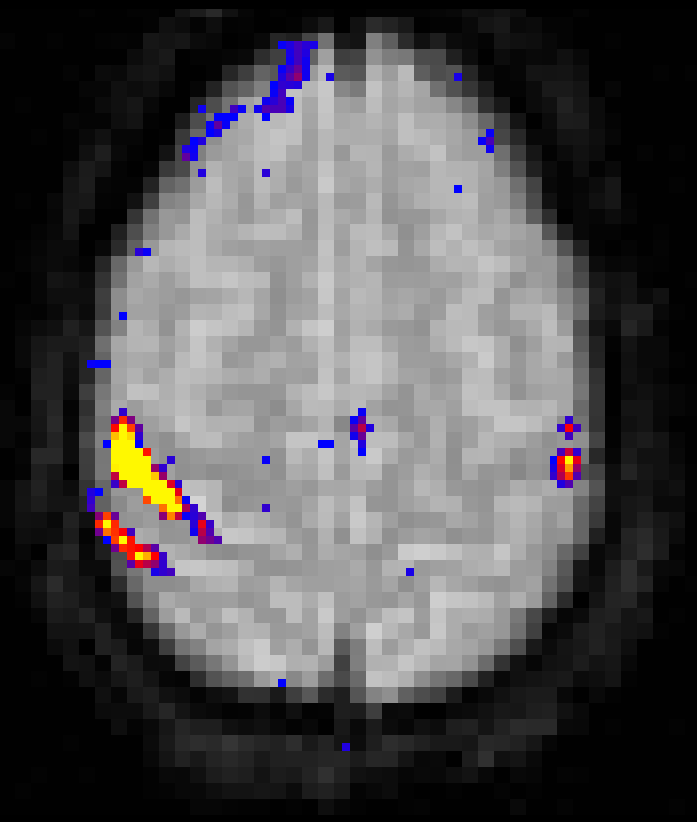

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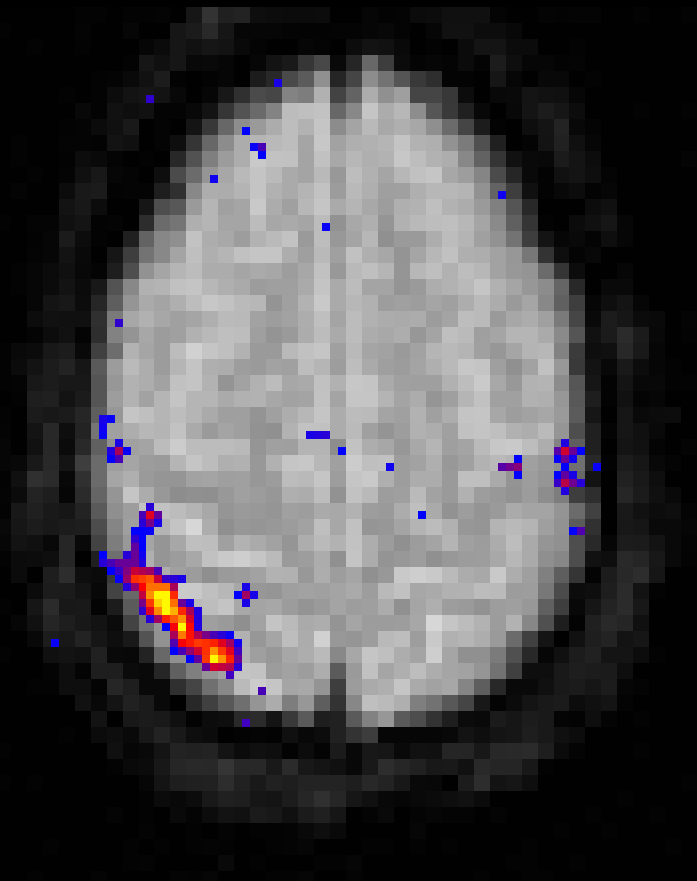

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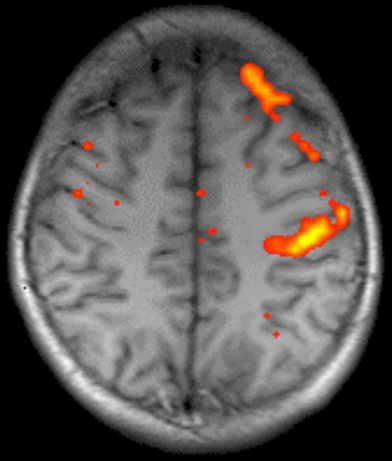

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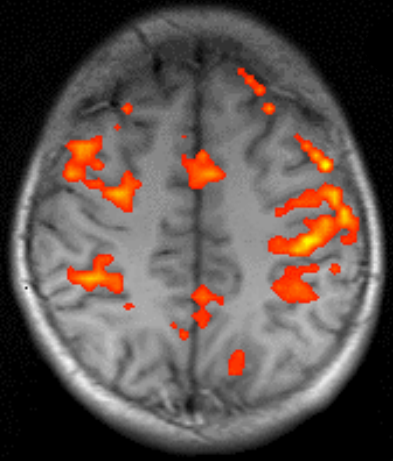

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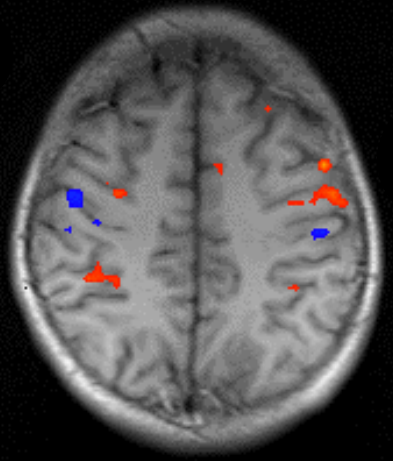

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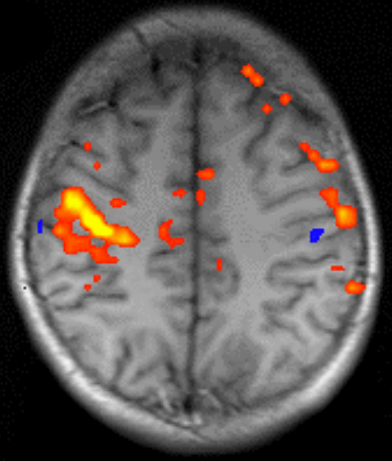

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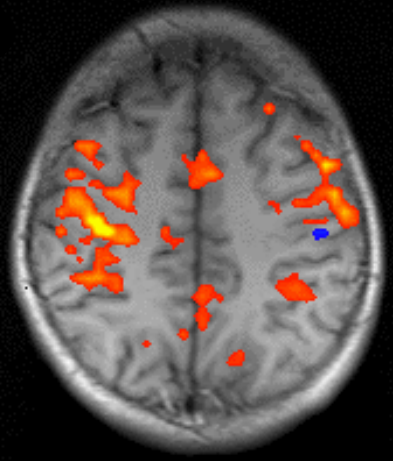

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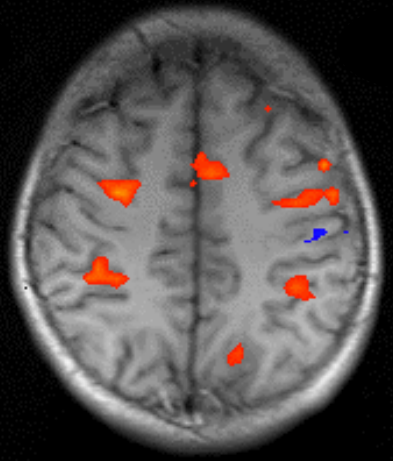

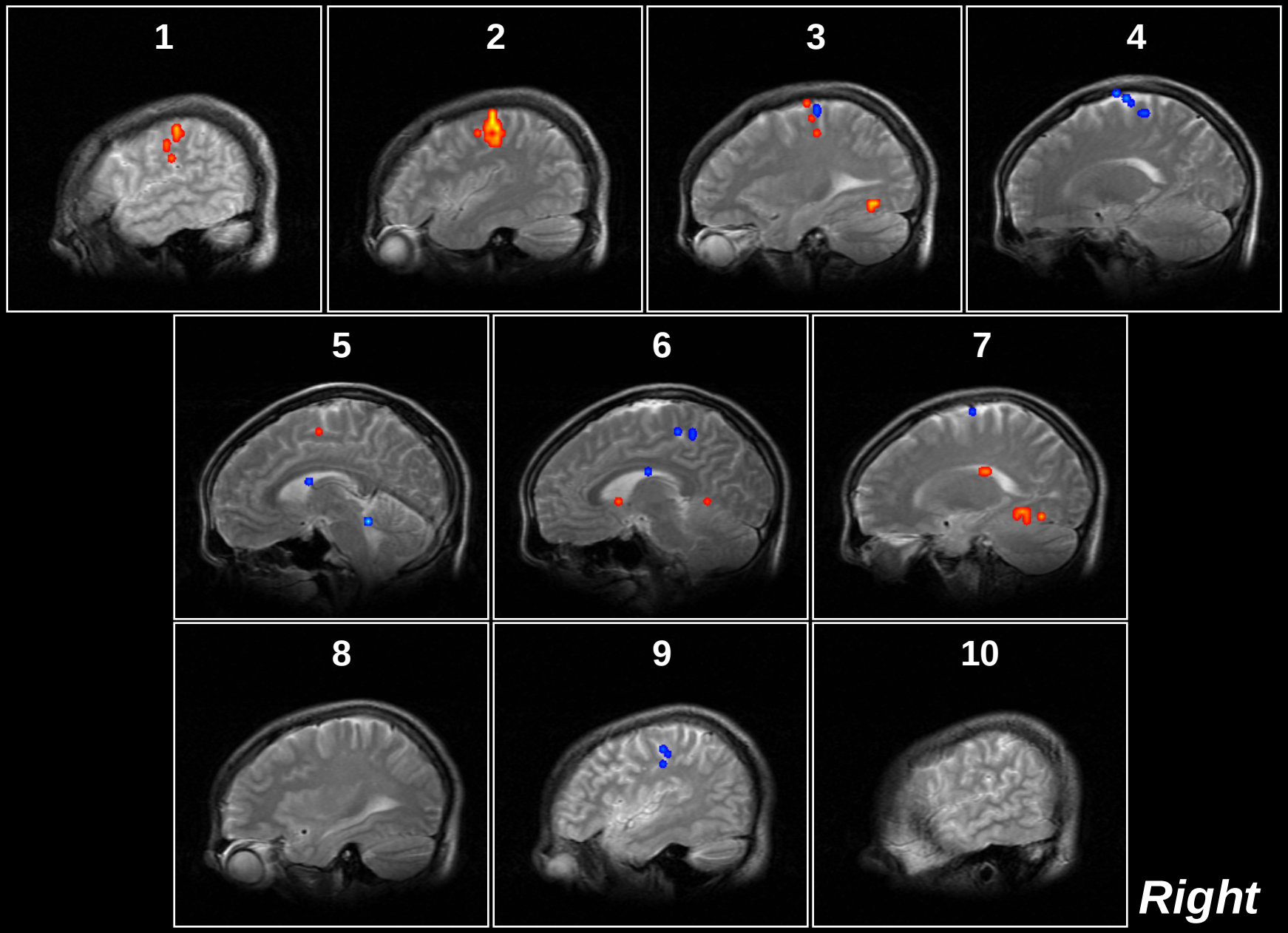
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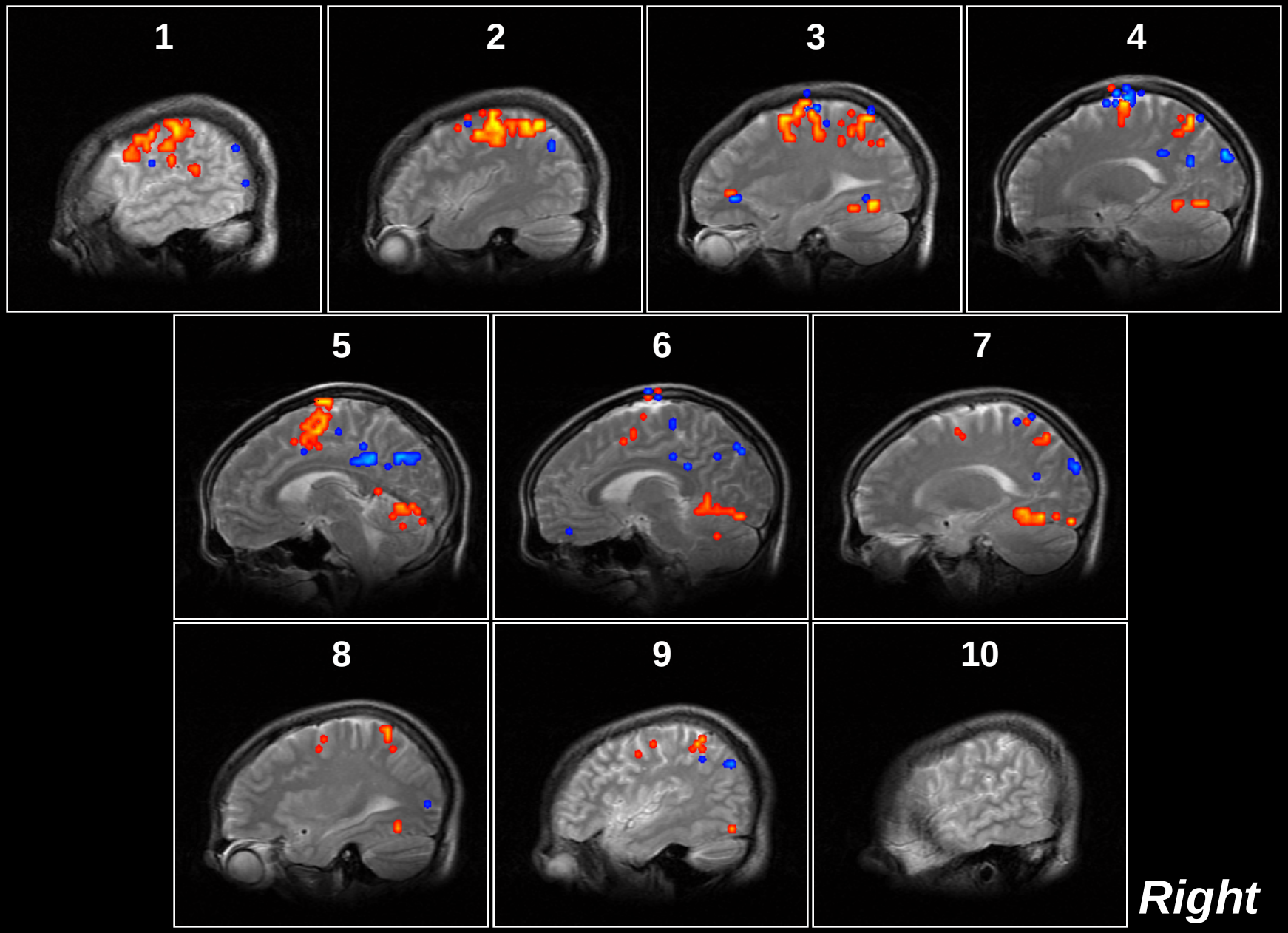
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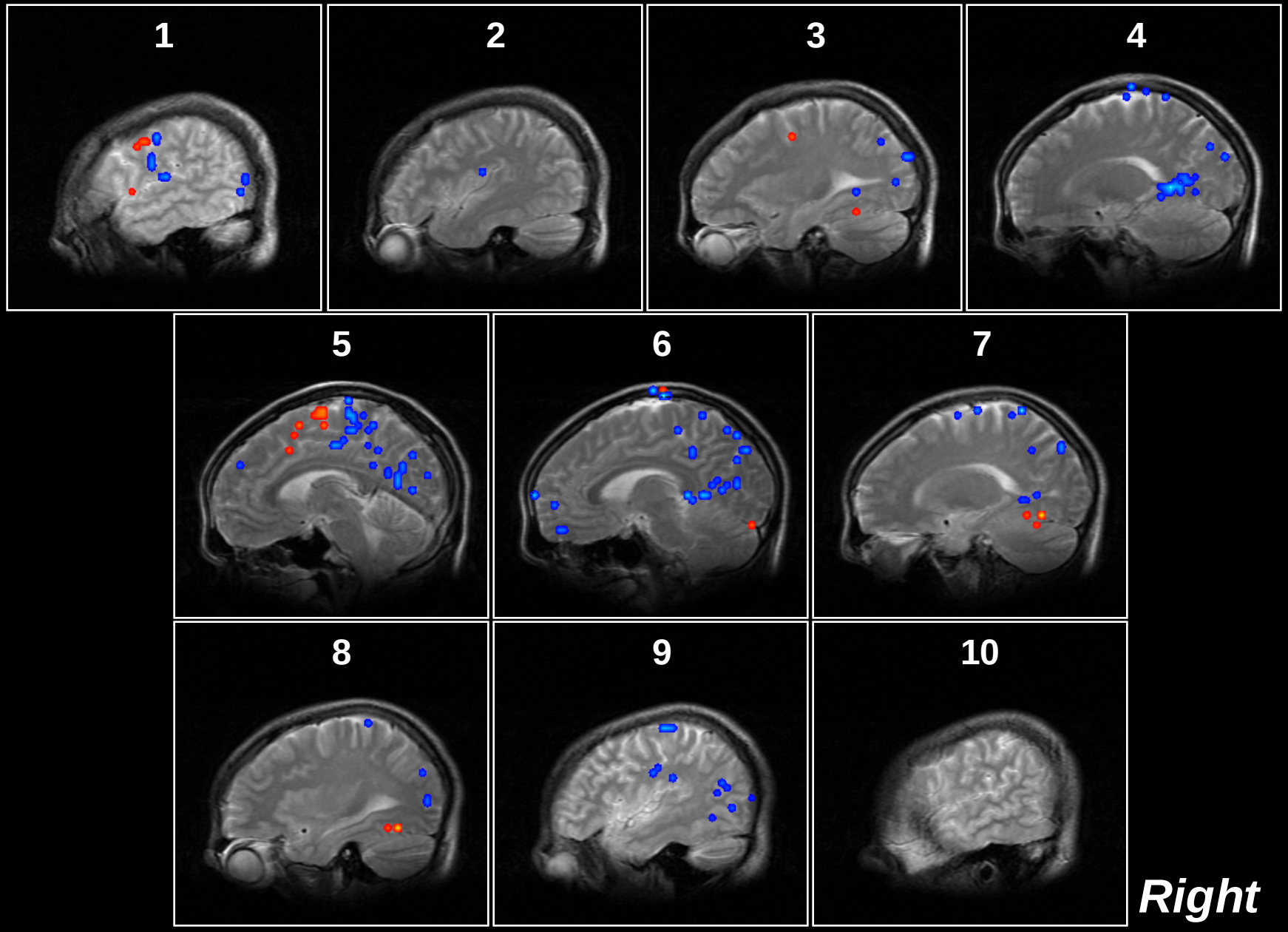
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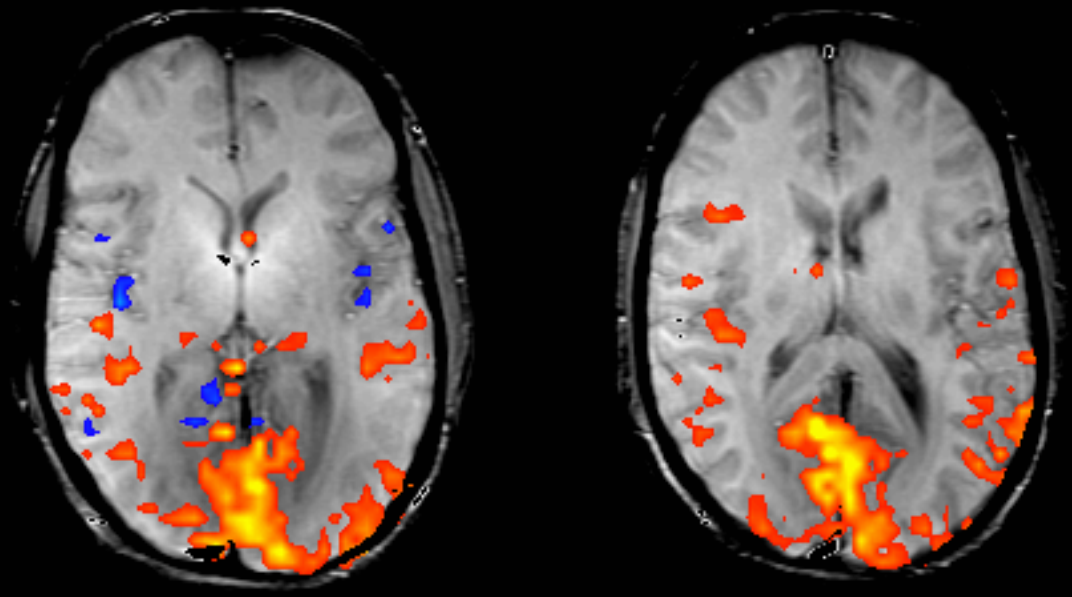

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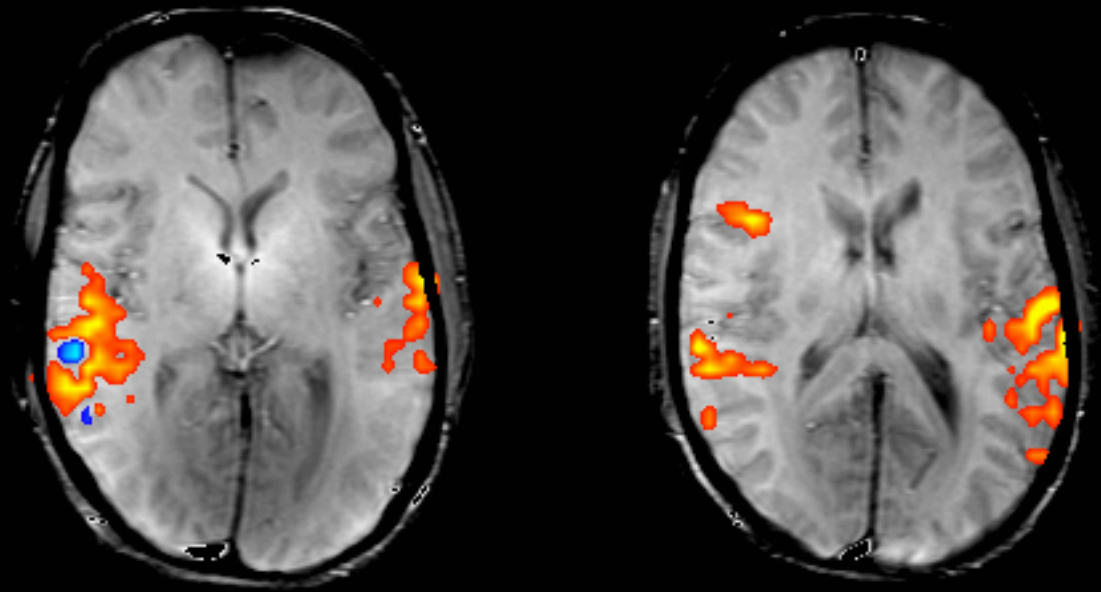

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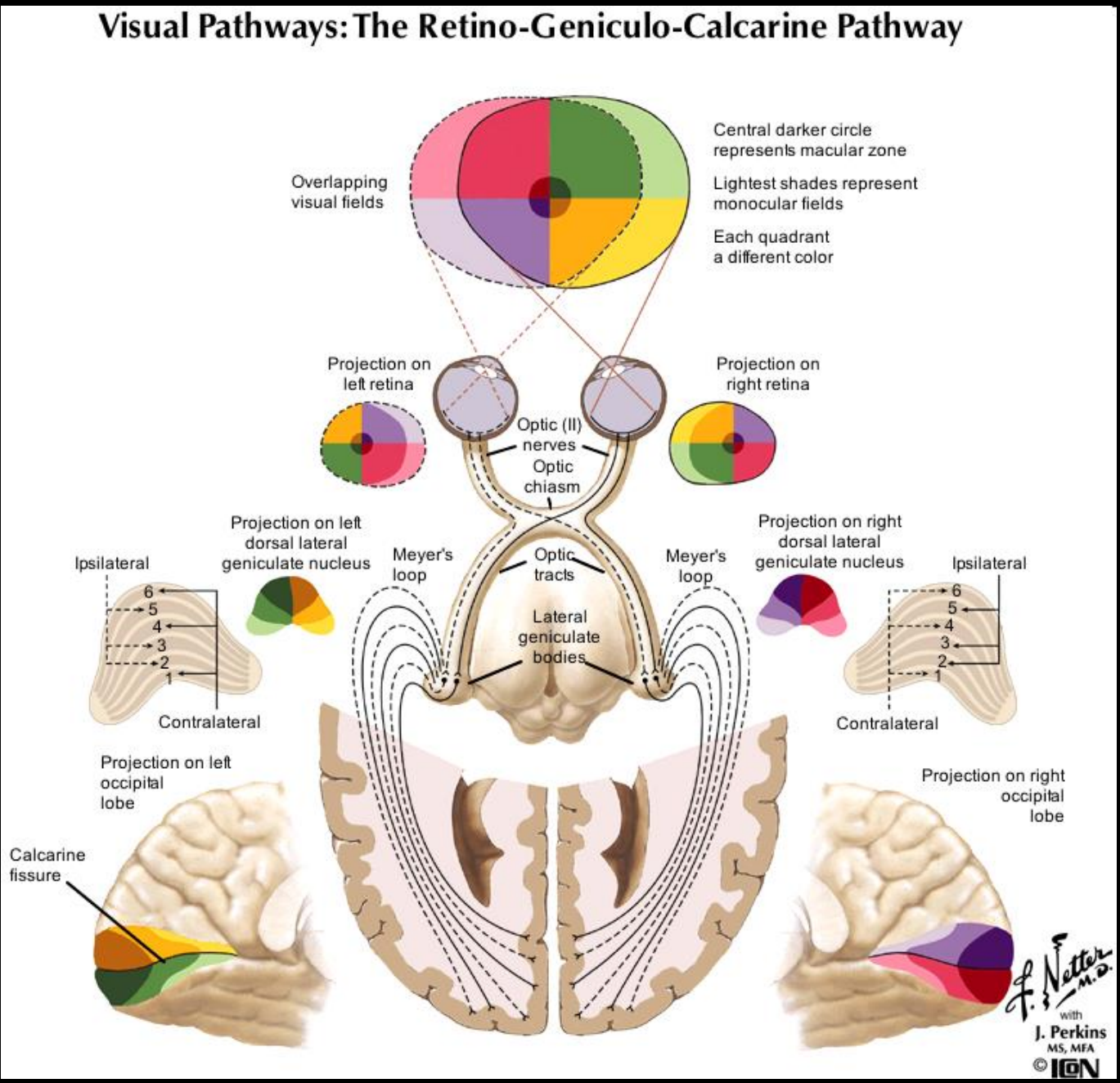

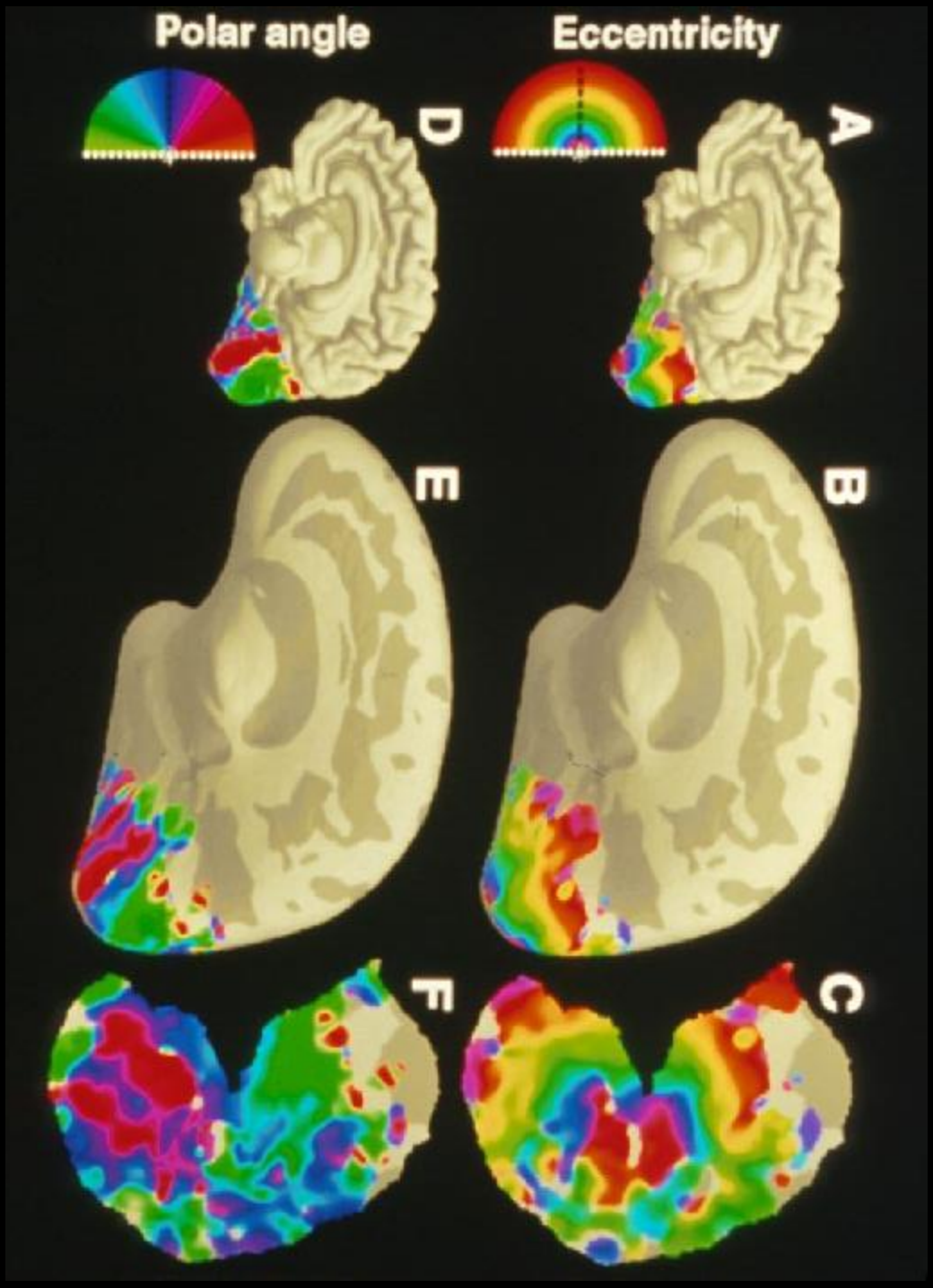
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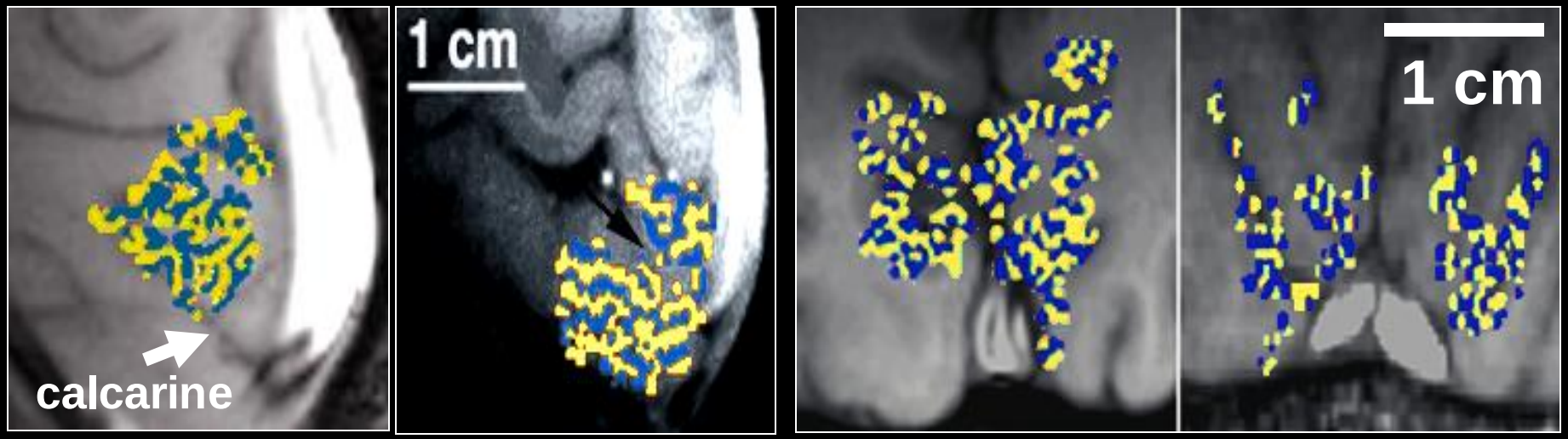

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Menon et al.

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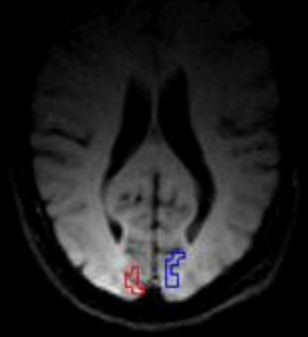
Relative dynamics obtained by precise activation timing modulation

Preliminary results:

(with Savoy et al. ~ 1995)

Hemi-Field Experiment



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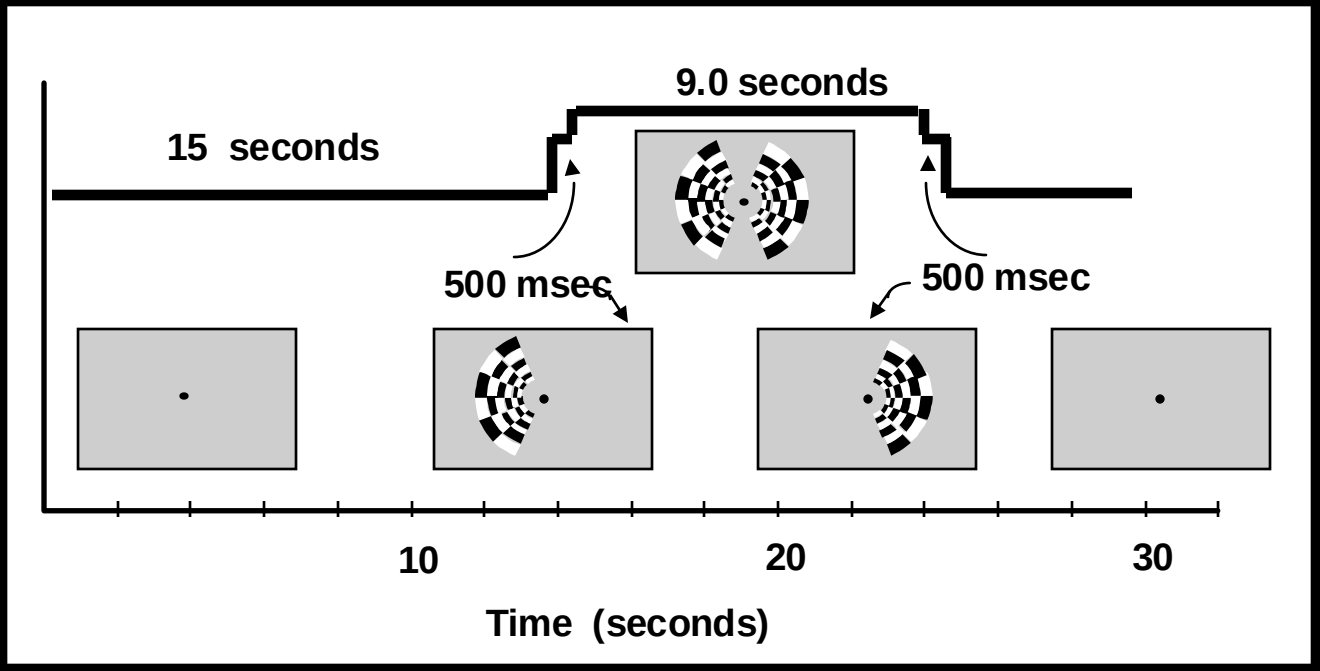

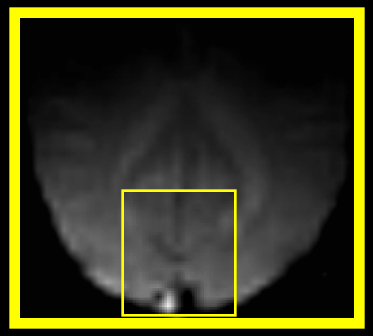

500 ms

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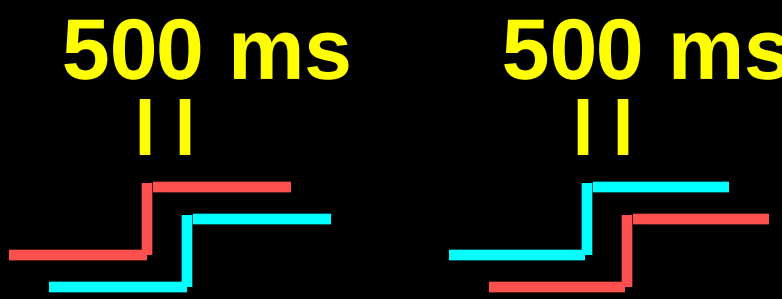
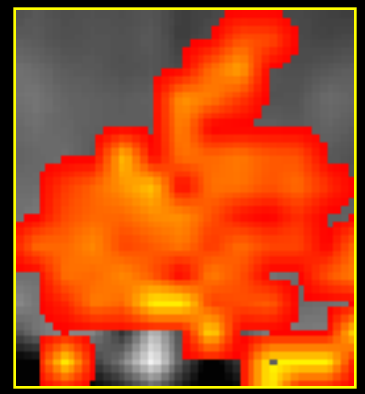
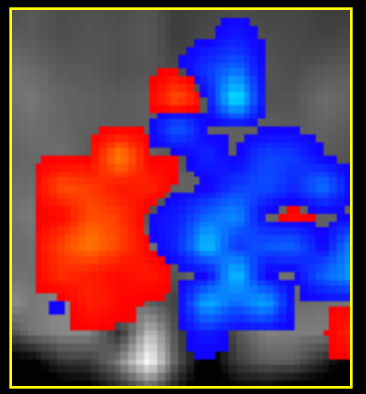
Right Hemifield

Left Hemifield







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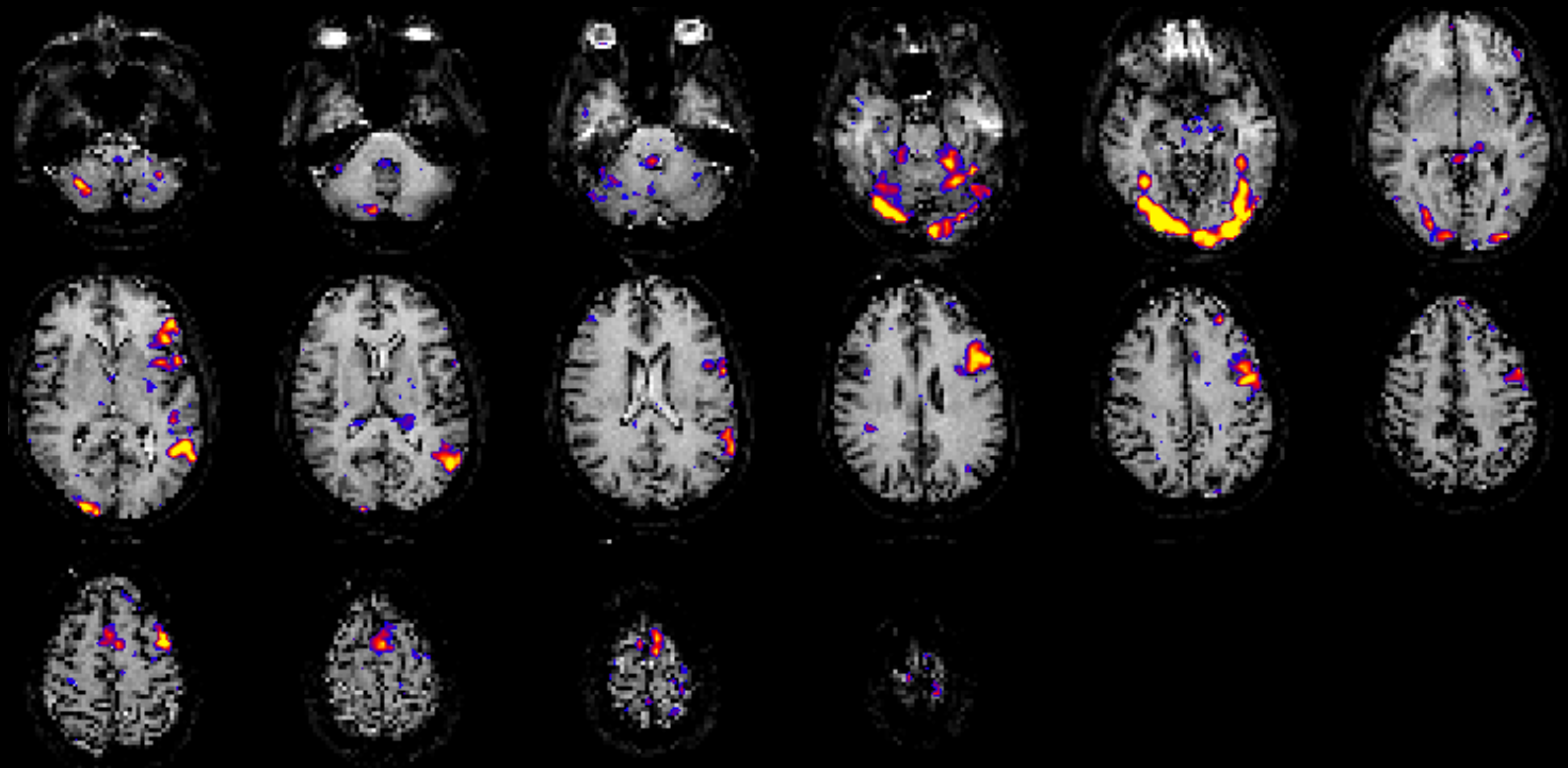
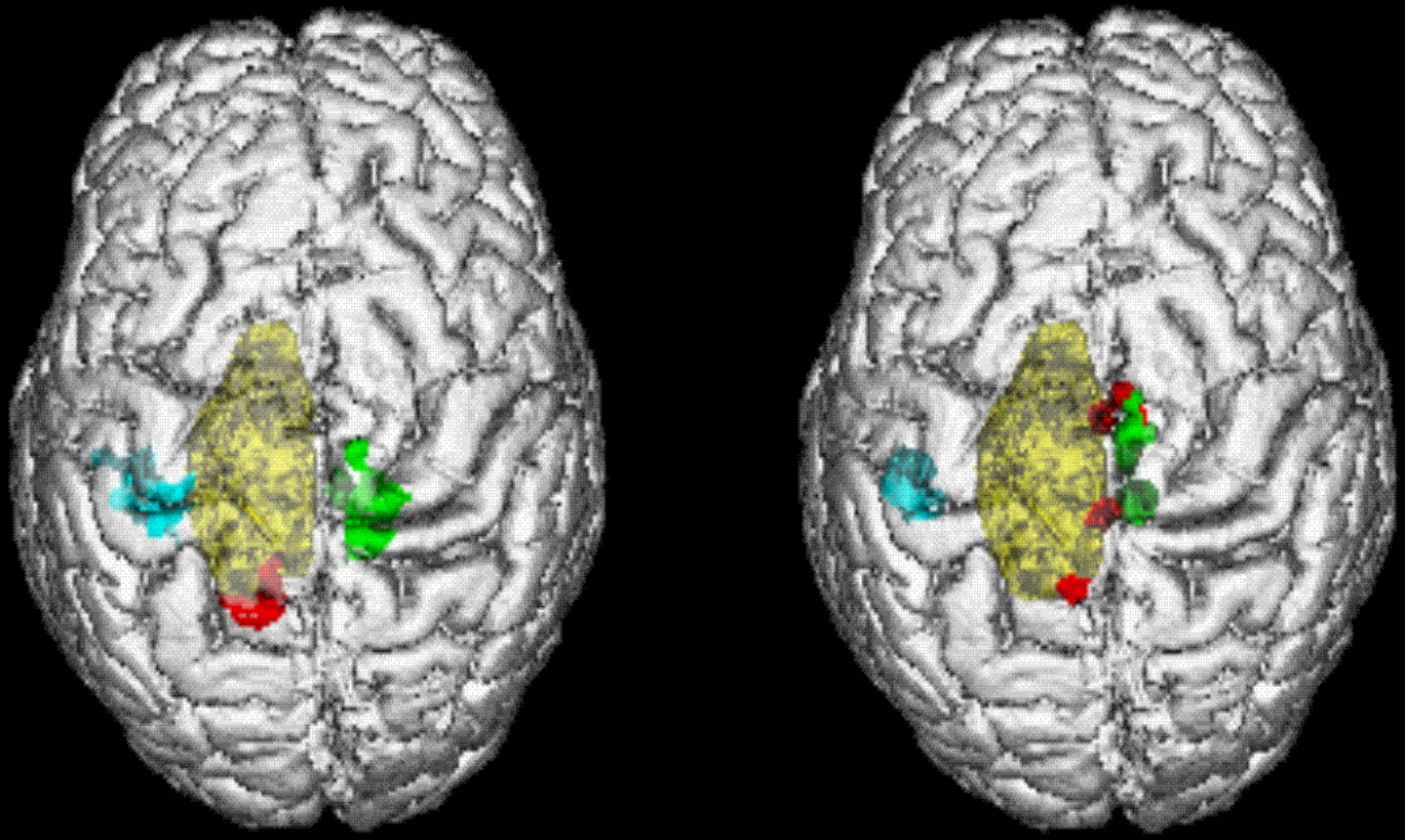


Presurgical Mapping

Left Foot Tumor Right Foot Right Hand



fMRI O-15 PET

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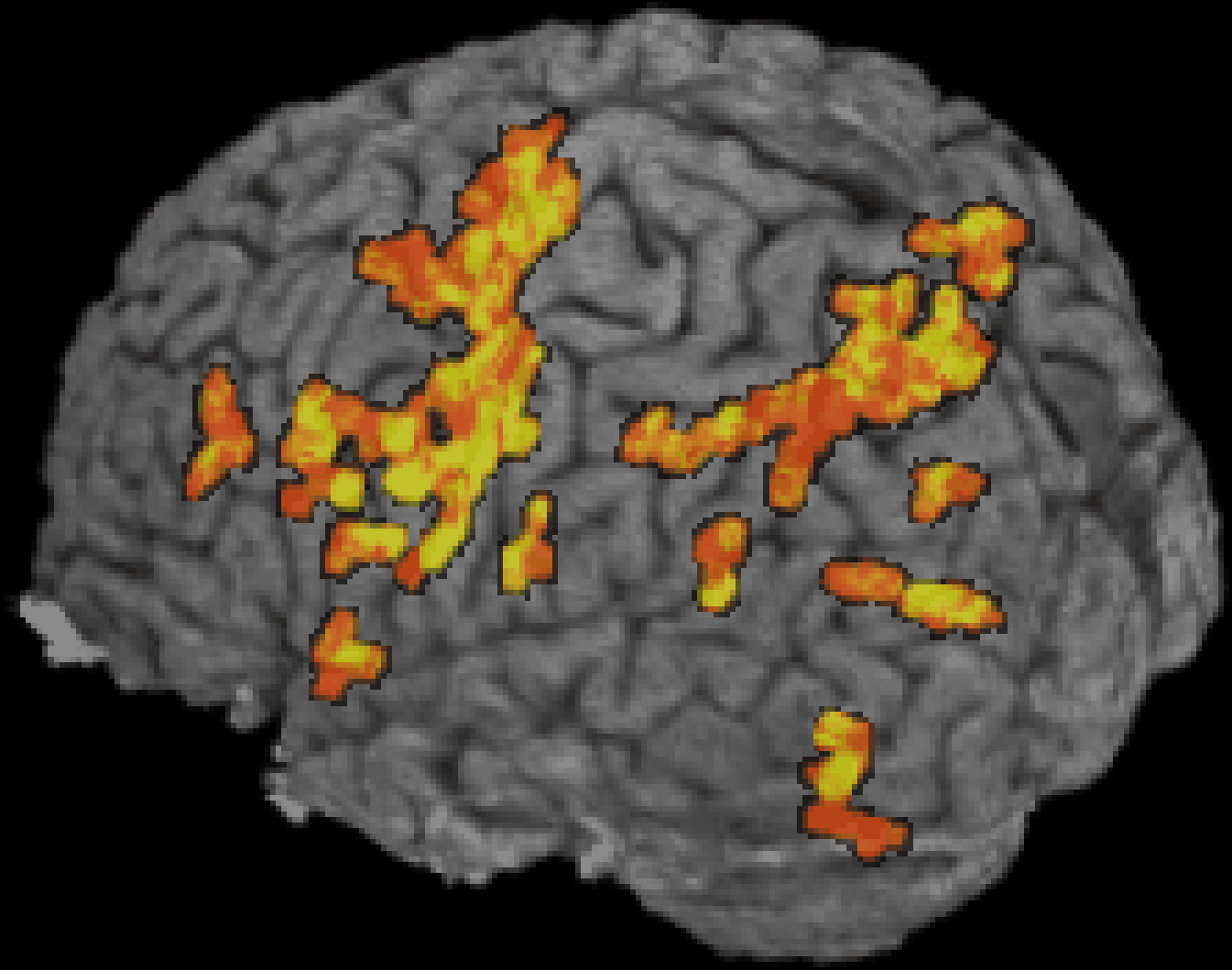

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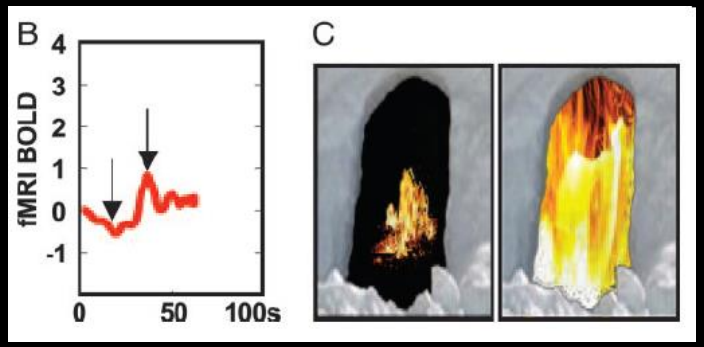
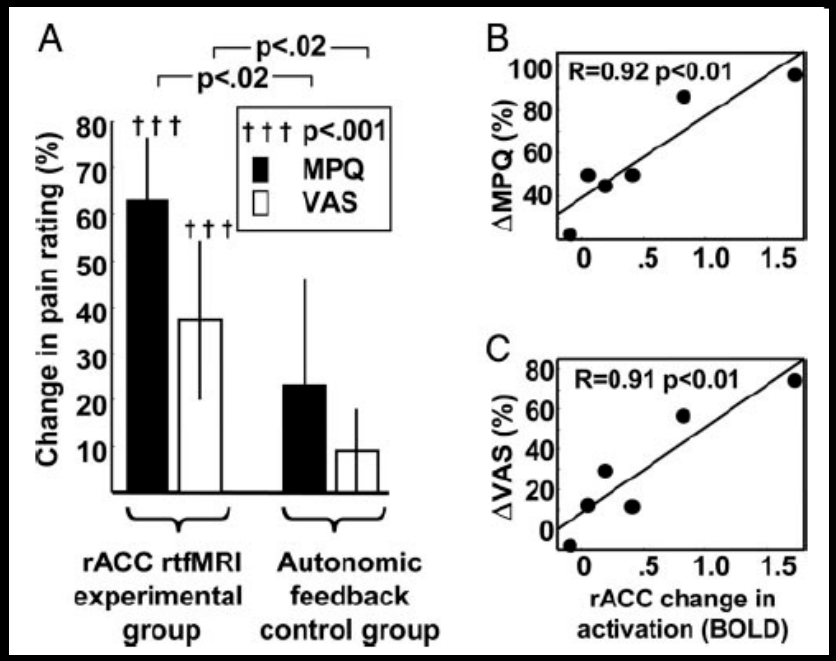
Color shows
through brain

Correlation > 0.45

The End

Real time fMRI feedback to reduce chronic pain





Control over brain activation and pain learned by using real-time functional MRI, R. C. deCharms, et al. PNAS, 102; 18626-18631 (2005)

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Neural Correlates of Visual Working Memory: fMRI Amplitude Predicts Task Performance

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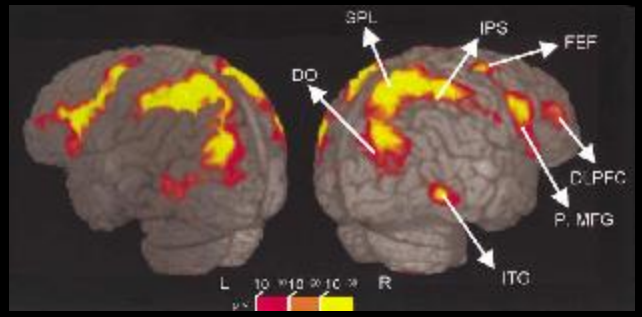

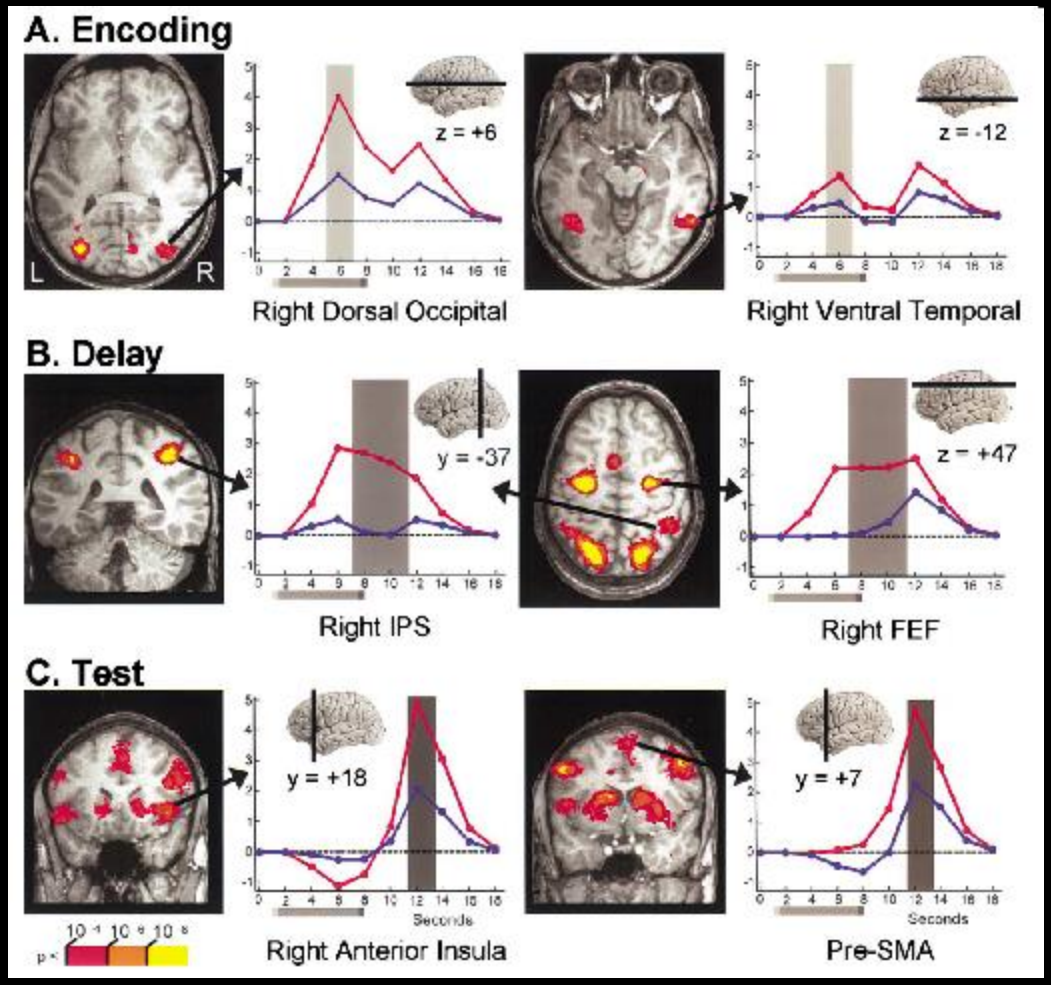

Building Memories: Remembering and Forgetting of Verbal Experiences as Predicted by Brain Activity

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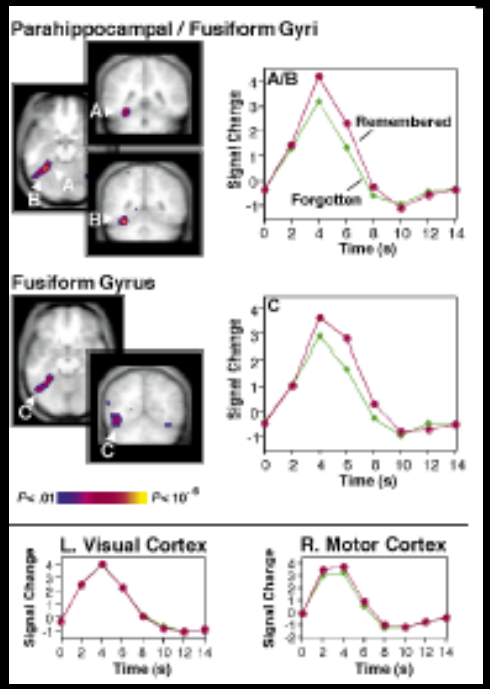

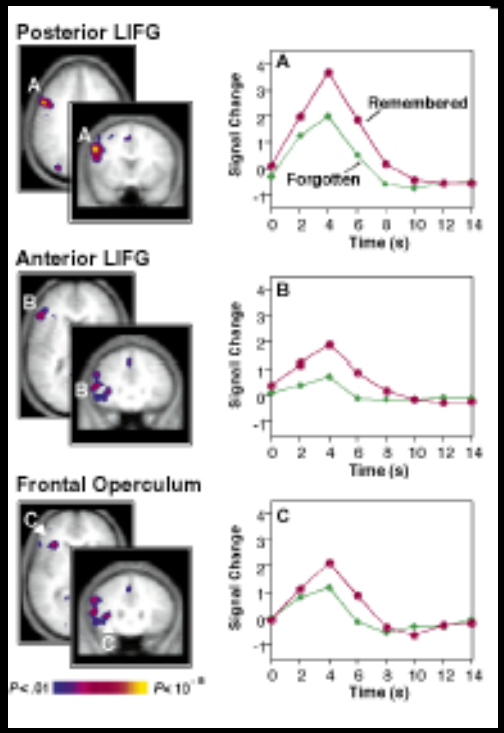

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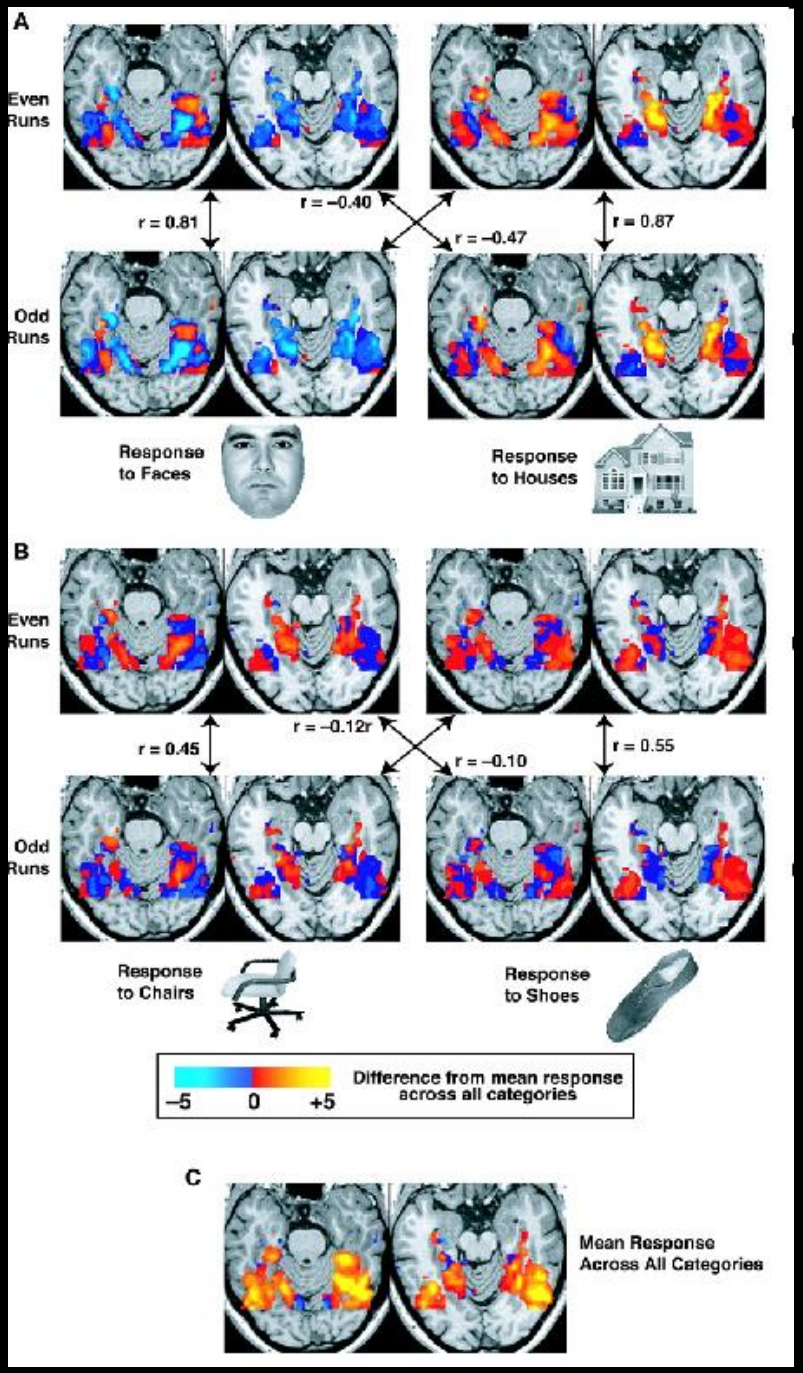

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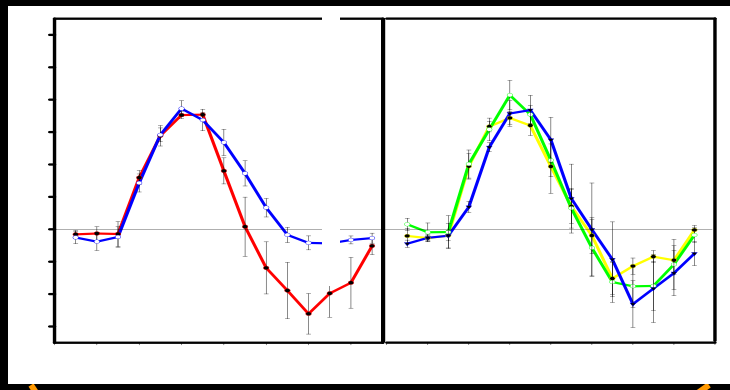
Word vs. Non-word

0°, 60°, 120° Rotation



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60°	frolic	cuhlos	891 ms
120°	slouch	geahnus	1446 ms
Mean Reaction Time	986 ms	1219 ms	

Bellgowan, et al (2003), PNAS 100, 15820–15283

Comparison of two groups of *normal* individuals with differences in the Serotonin Transporter Gene

Serotonin Transporter Genetic Variation and the Response of the Human Amygdala

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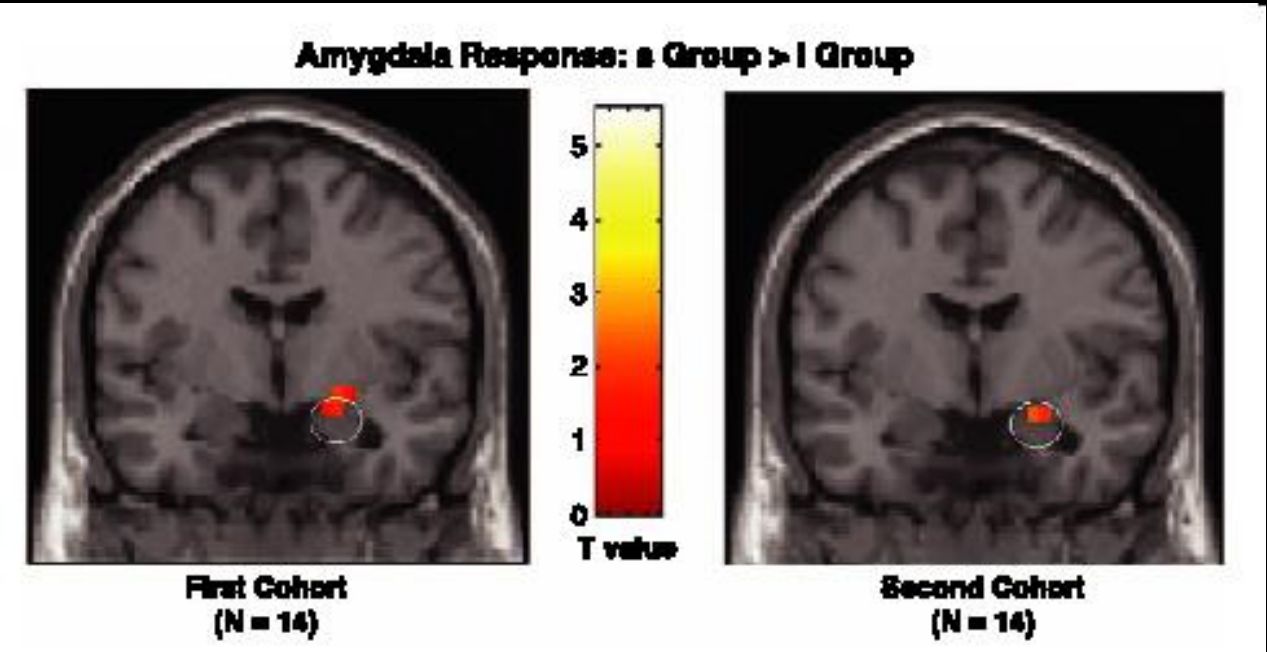

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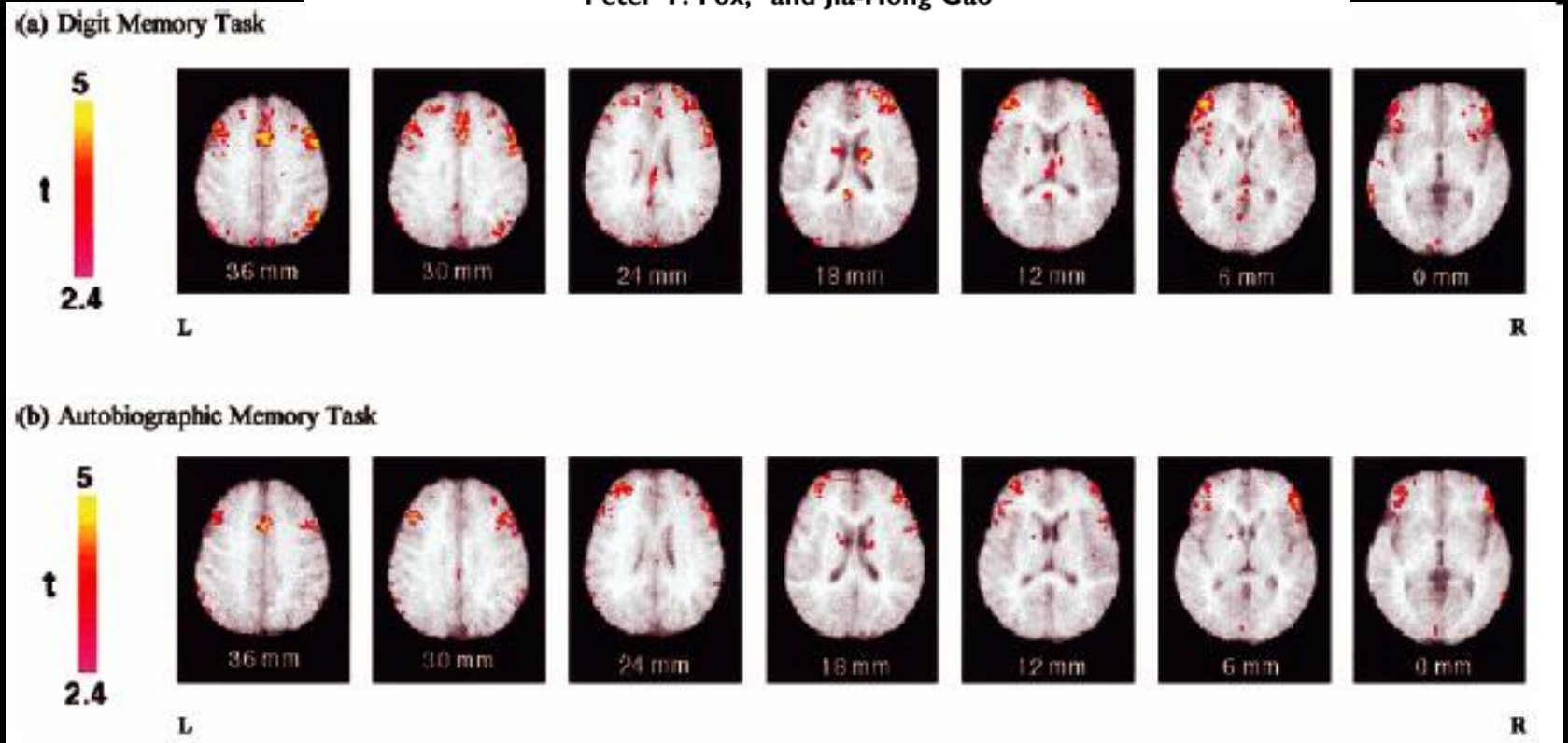
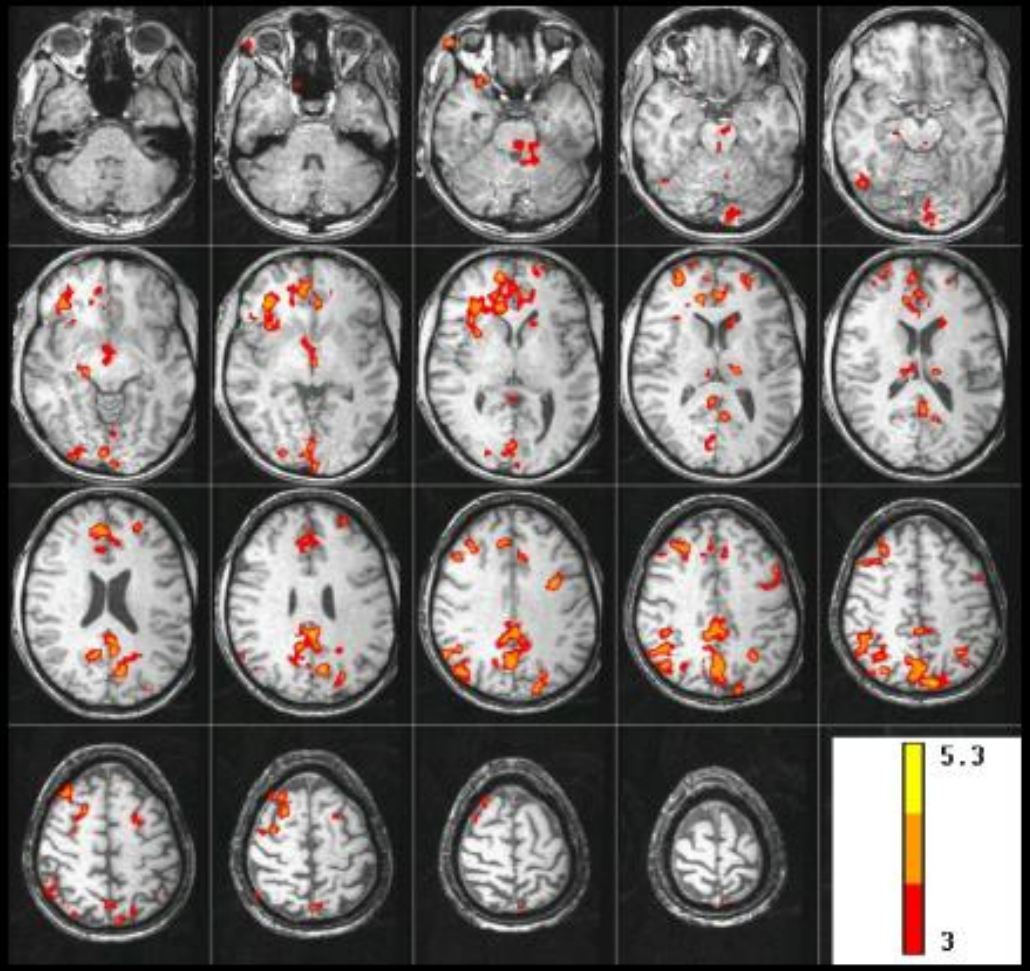
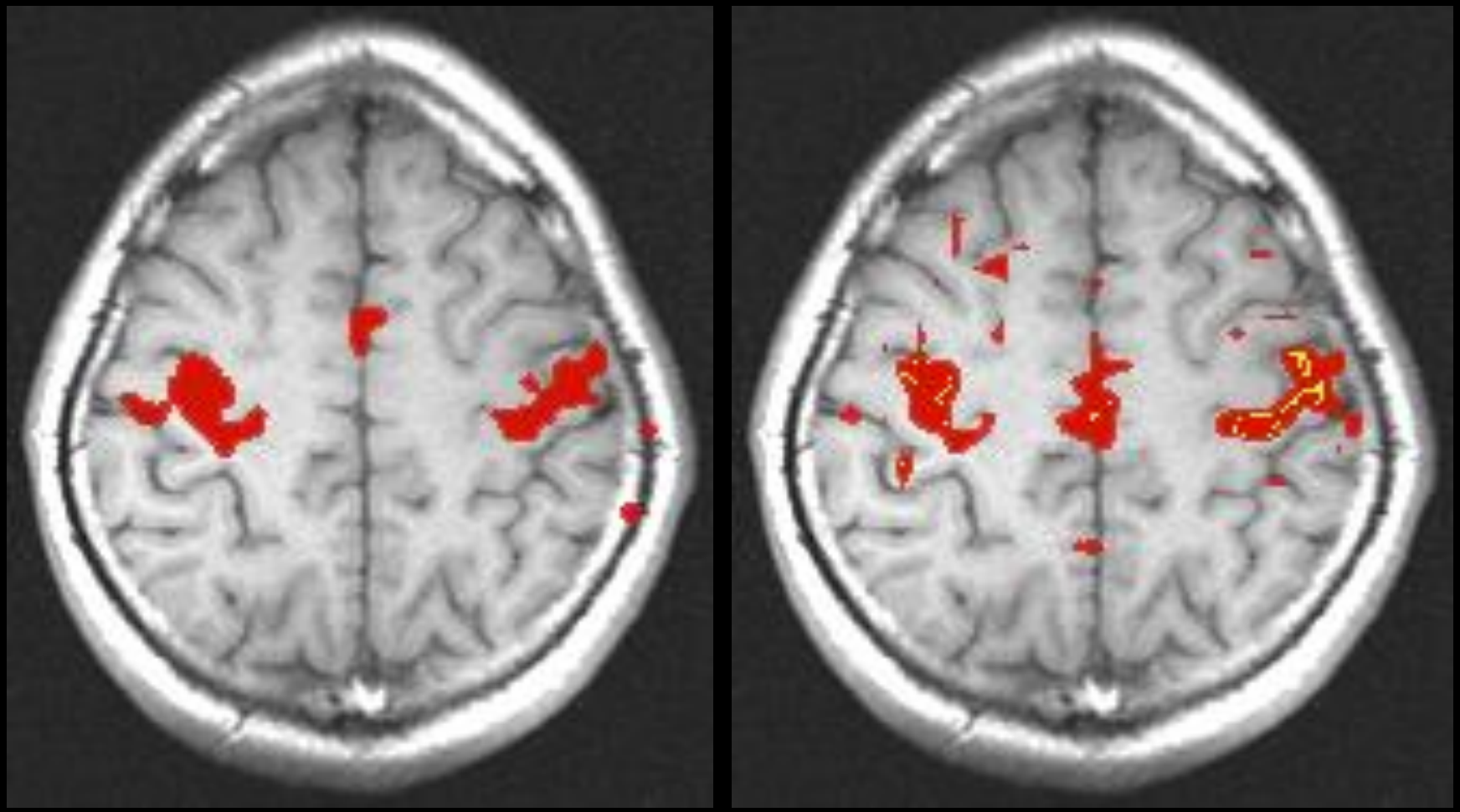


Figure 1.

Functional maps. Normalized activation brain maps averaged across five subjects demonstrating the statistically significant activations ($P < 0.01$) in the faking memory impairment condition with the activation for making accurate recall removed when performing on forced choice testing using (**a**) Digit Memory and (**b**) Autobiographic Memory tasks. Planes are axial sections, labeled with the height (mm) relative to the bicommissural line. L, left hemisphere; R, right hemisphere.

Activation in the brain correlated with skin conductance changes





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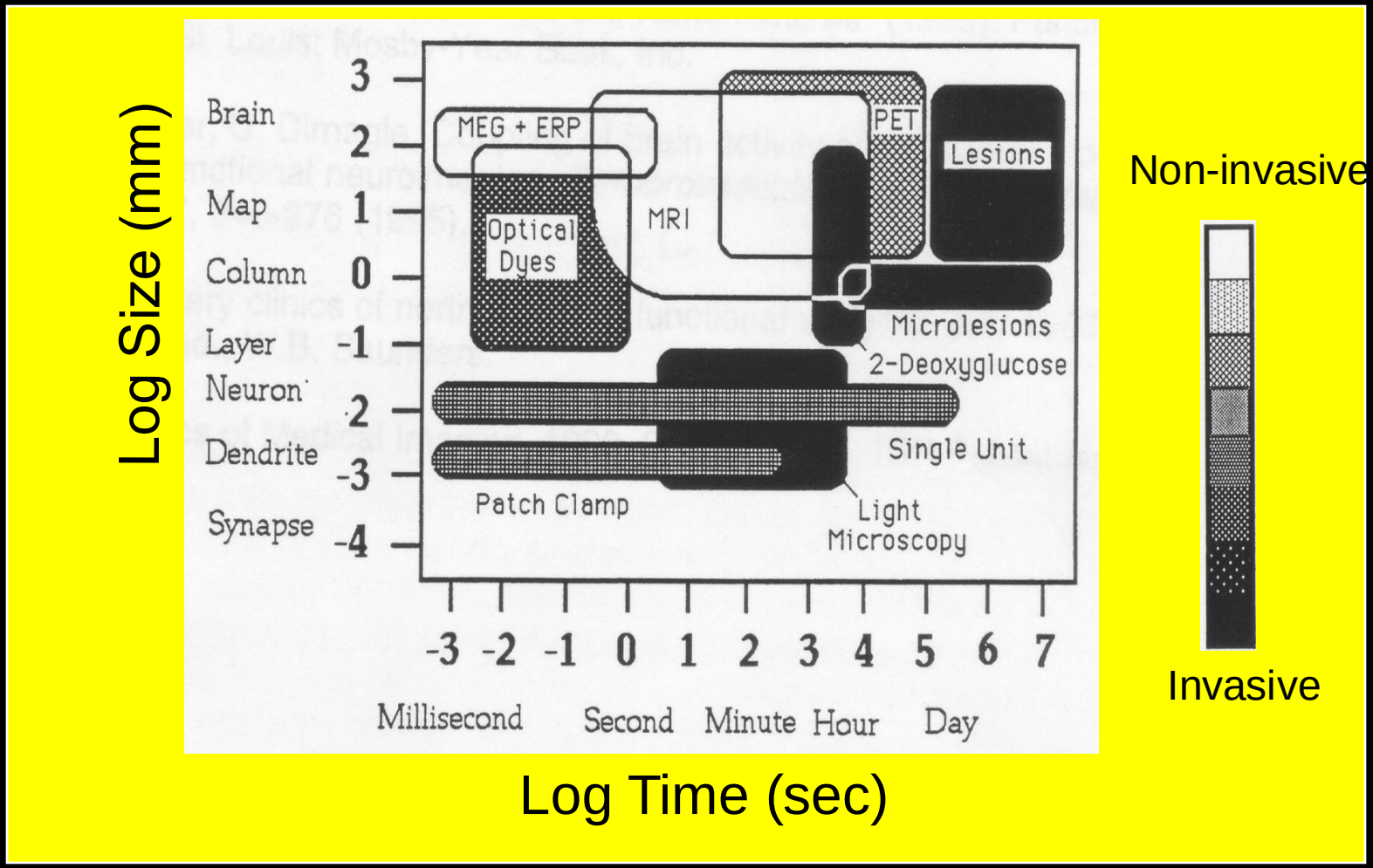

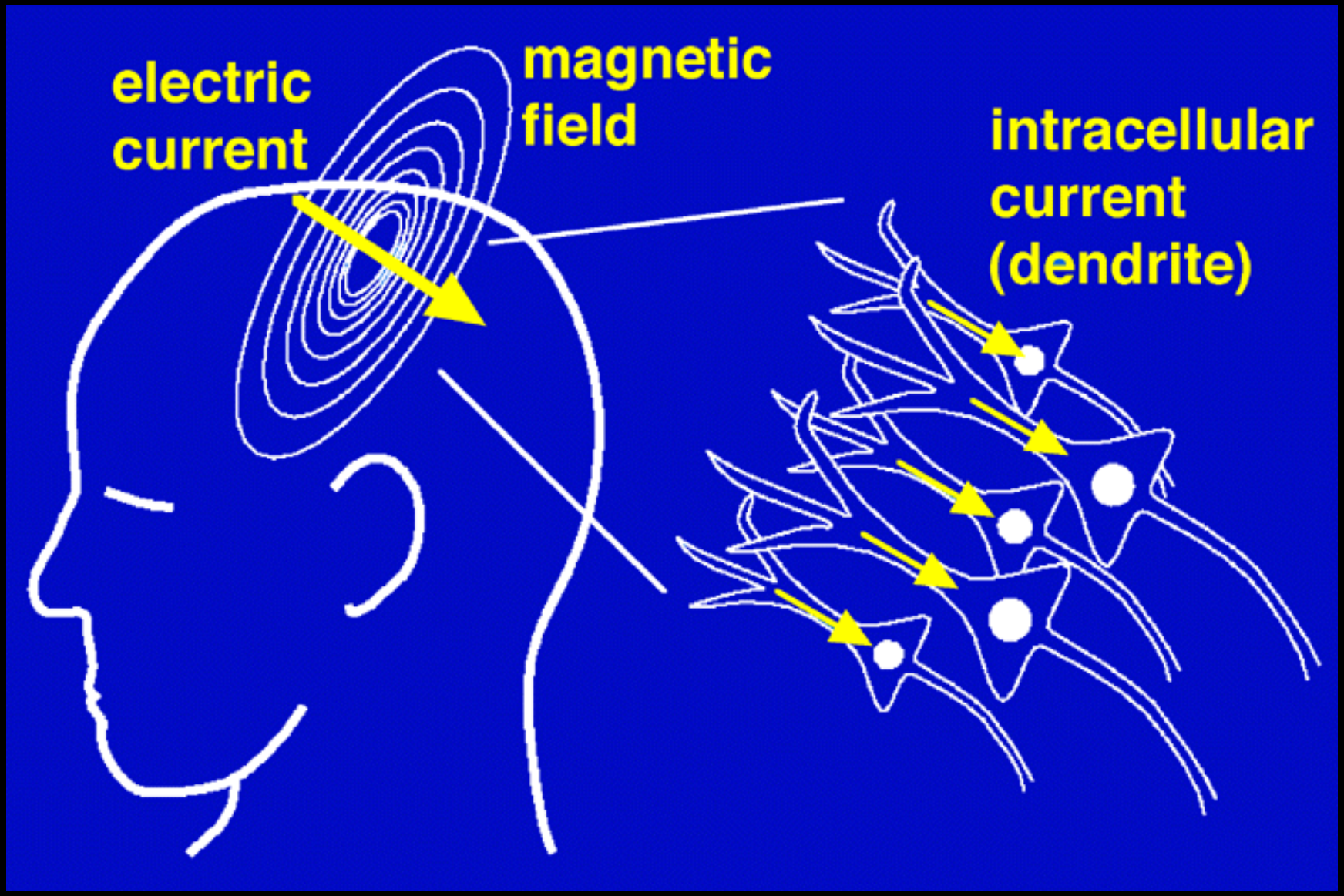
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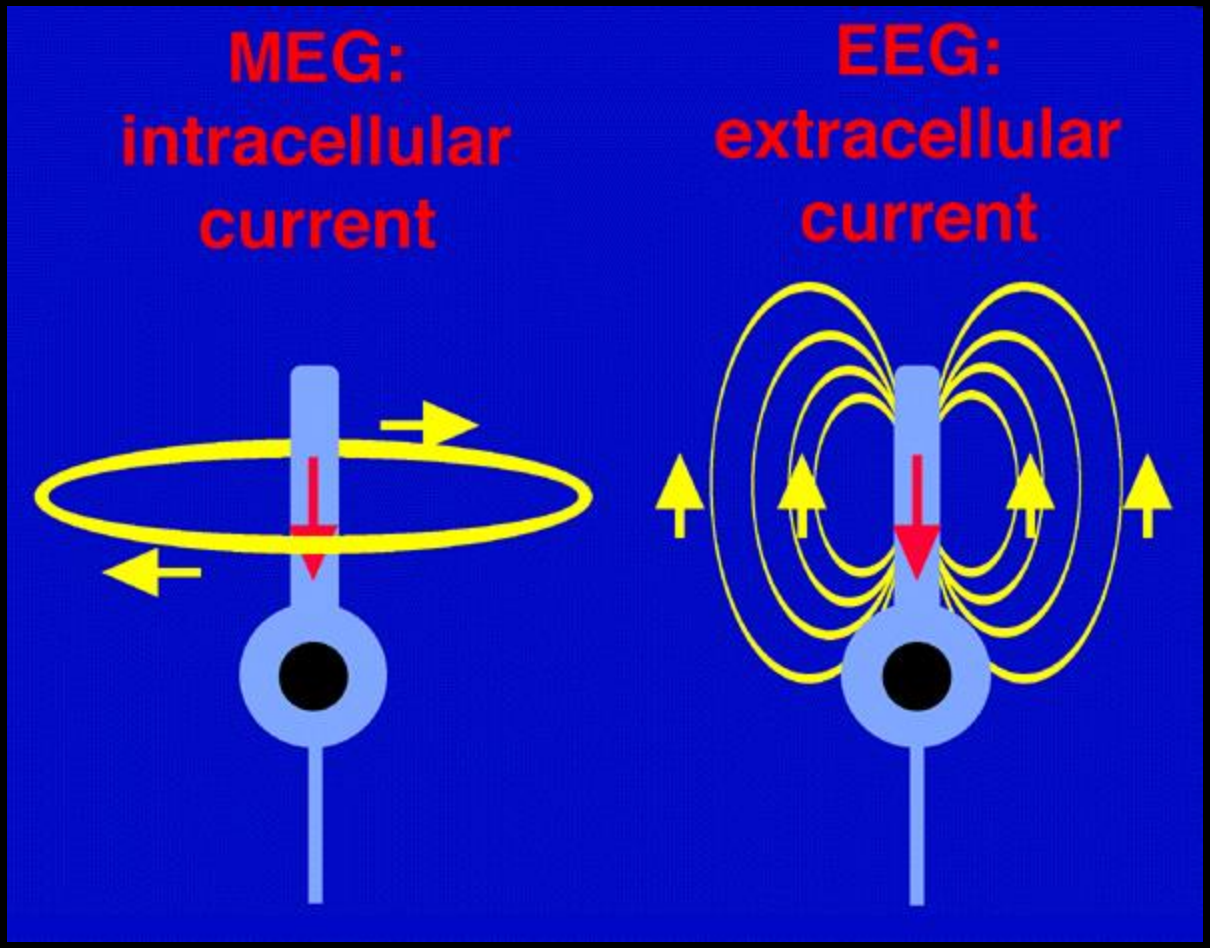
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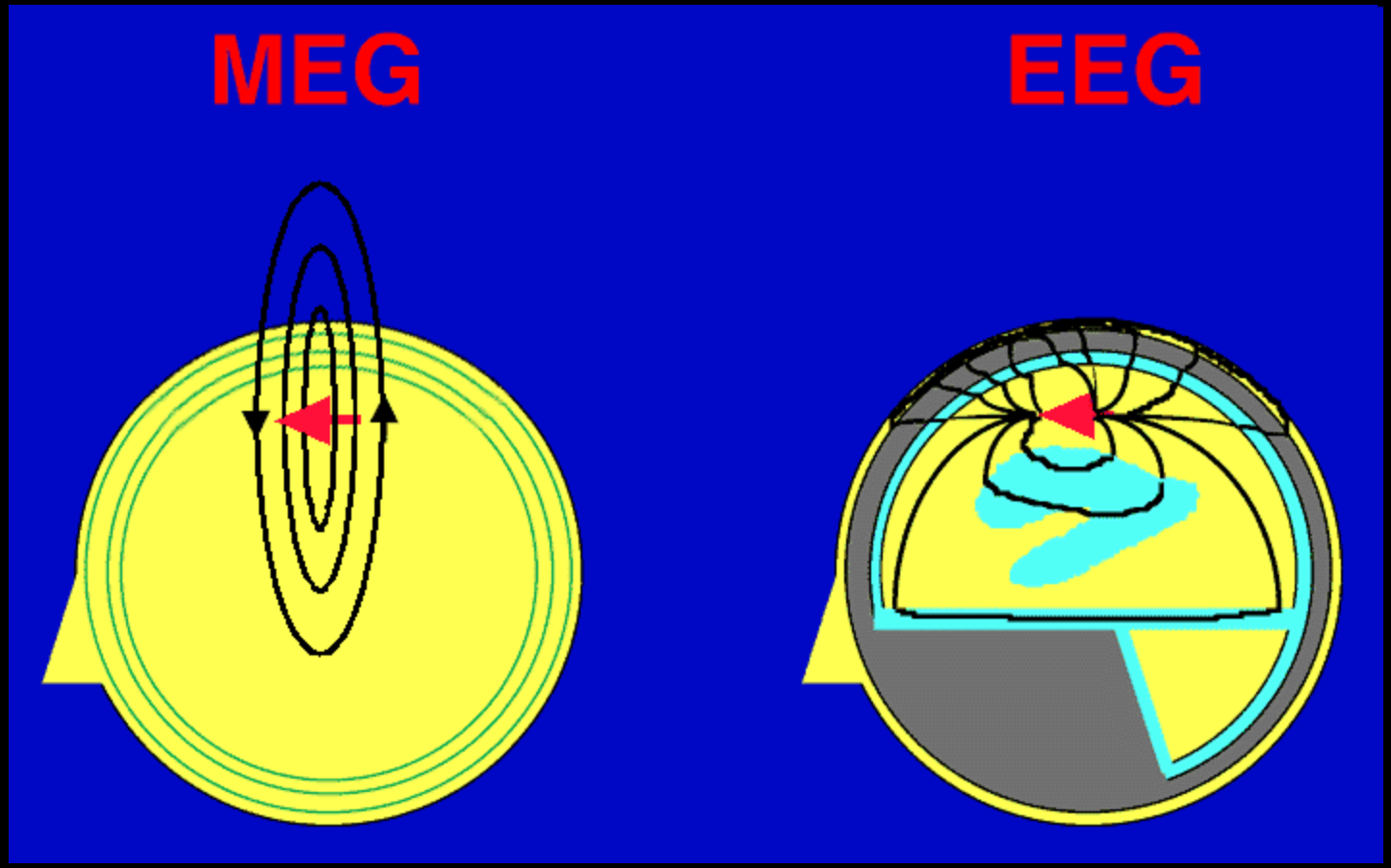
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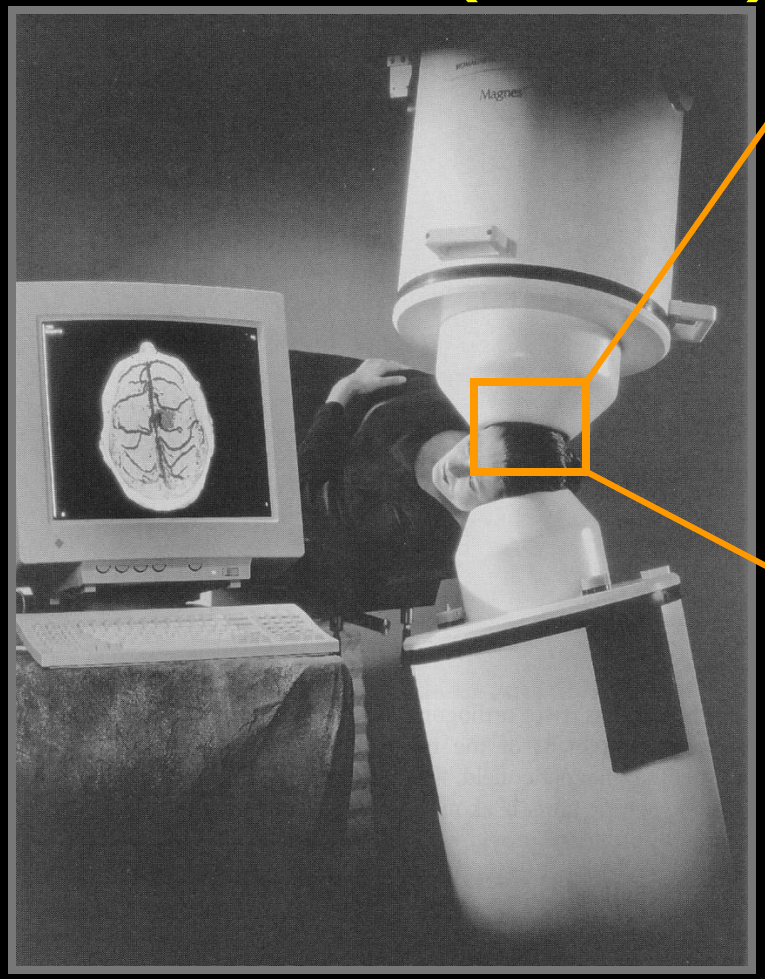

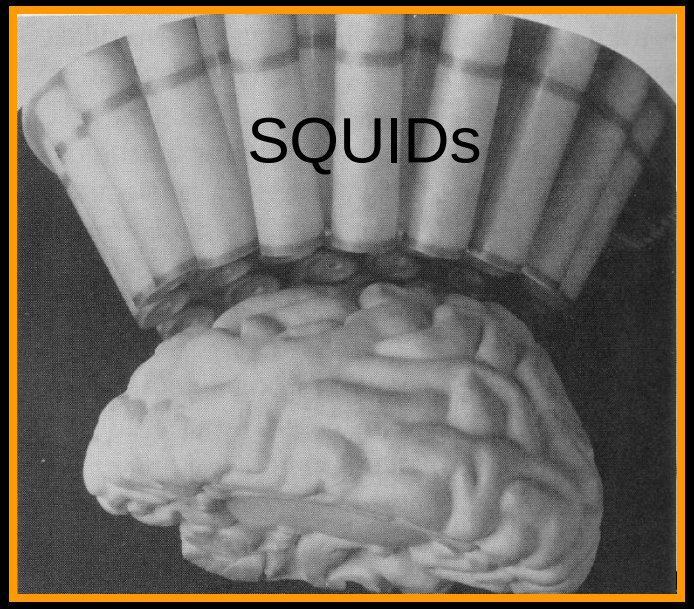

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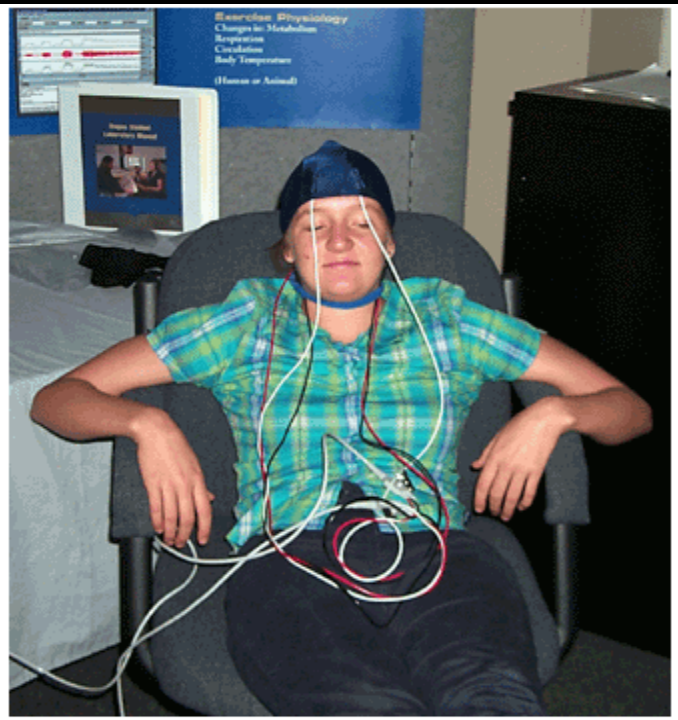
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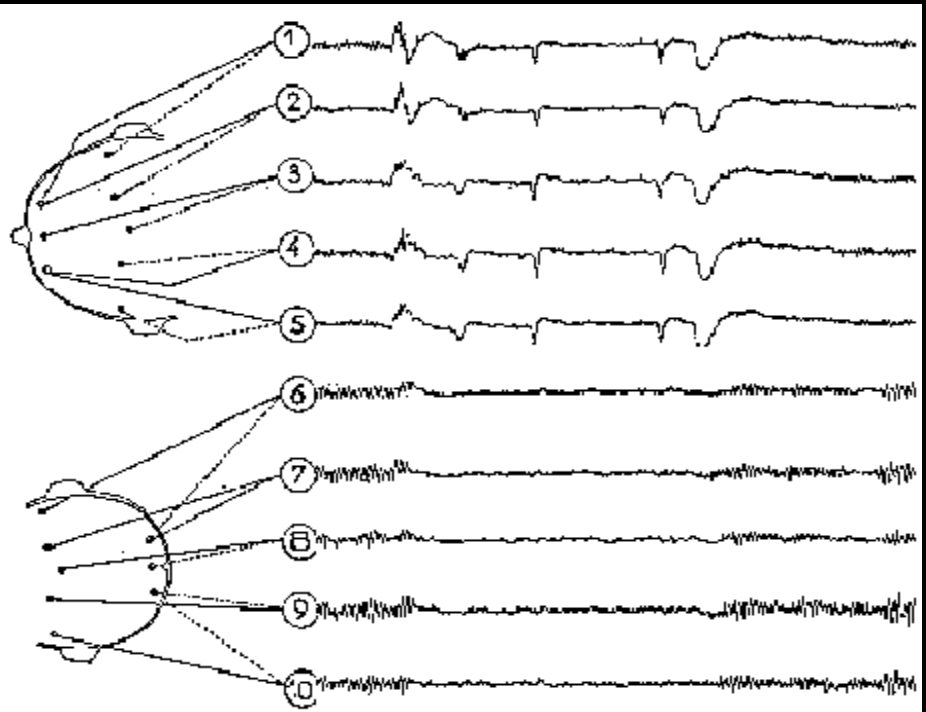
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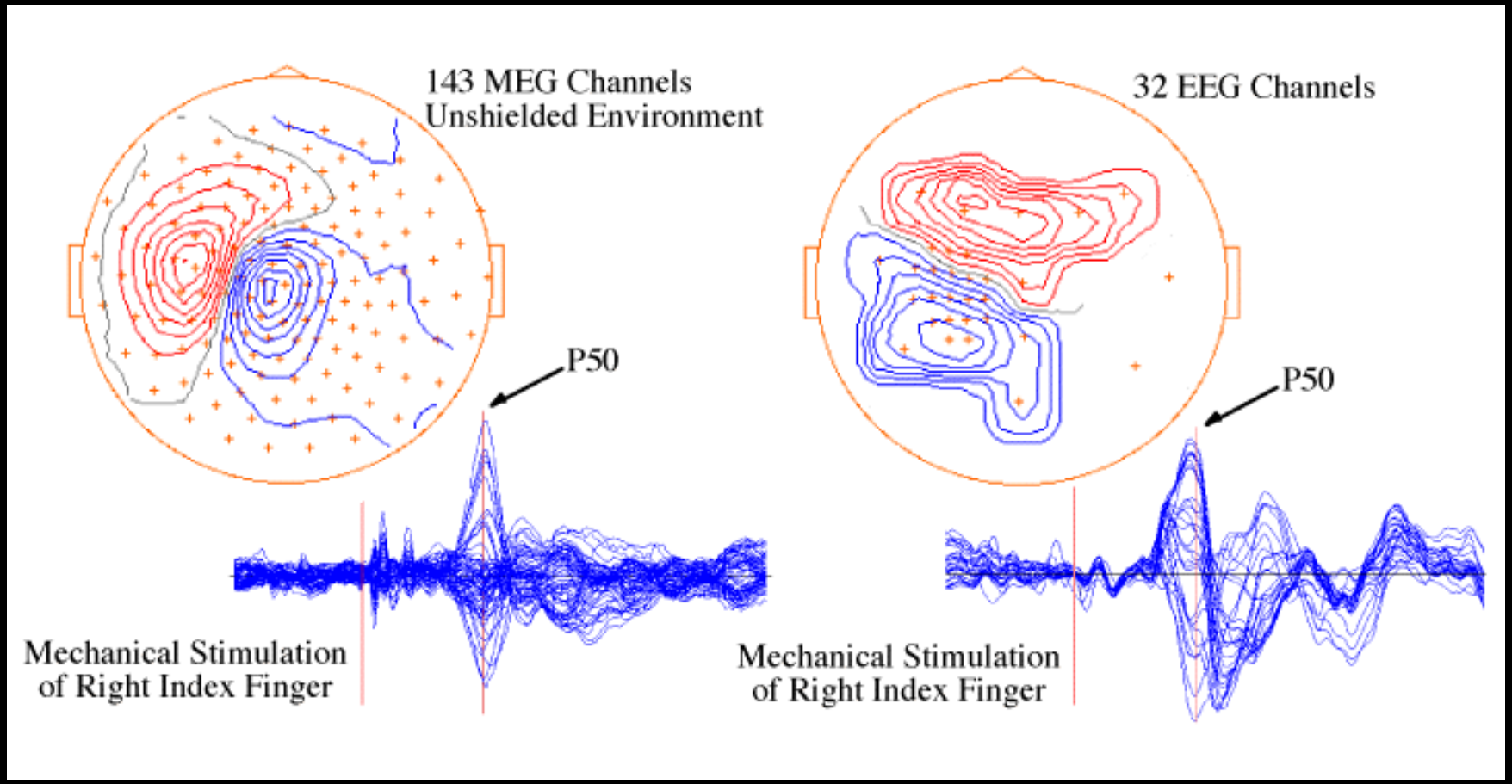
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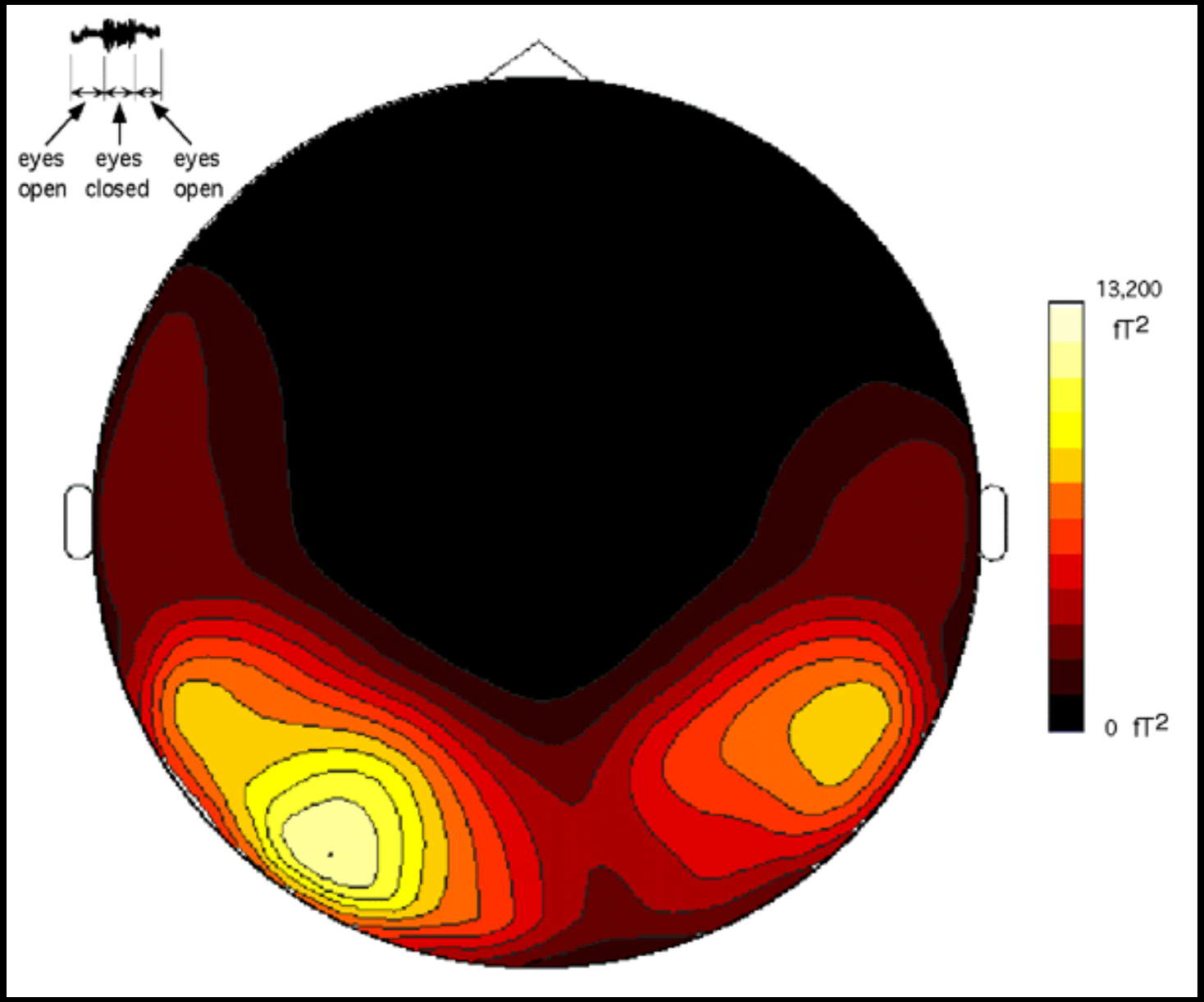

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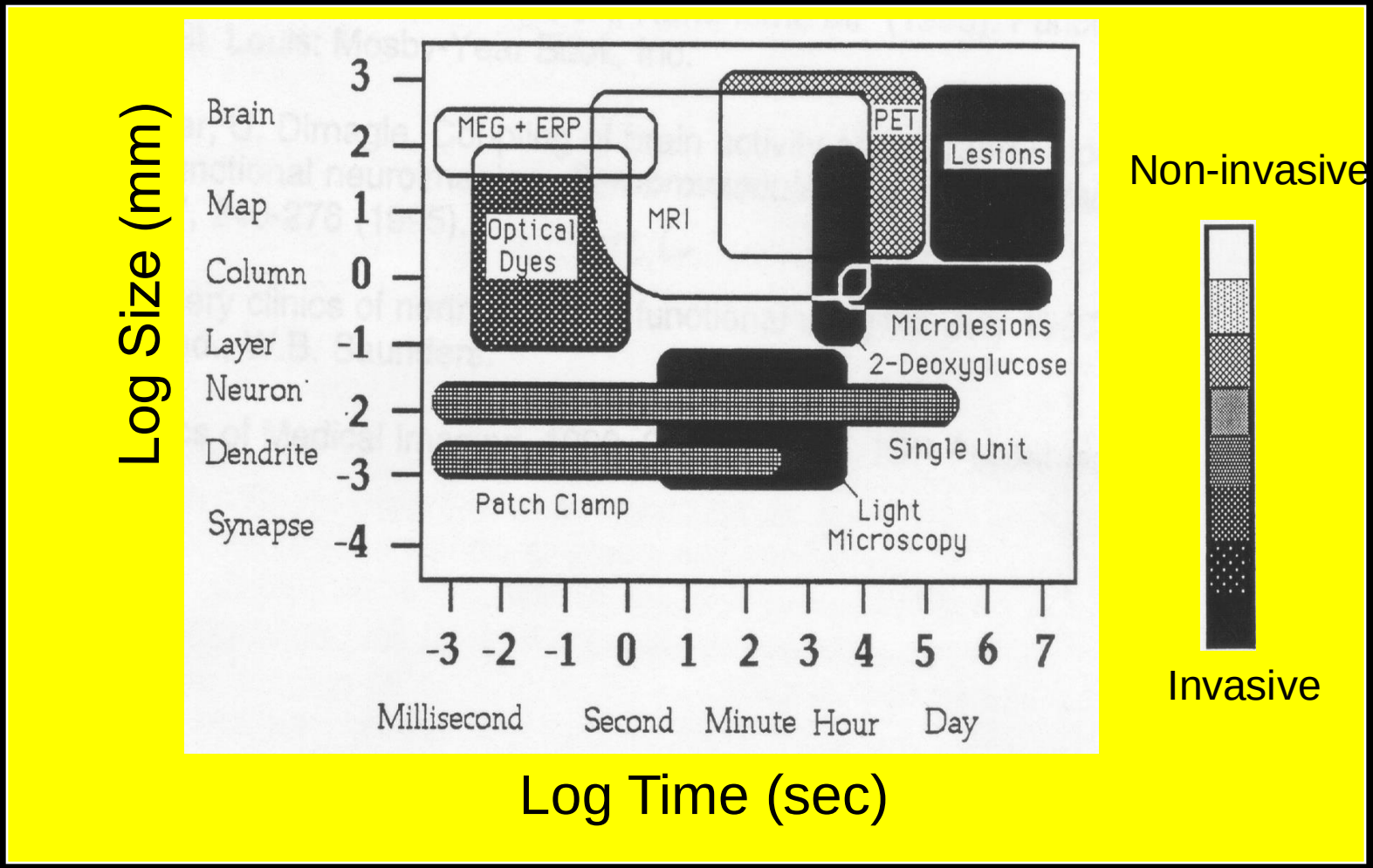

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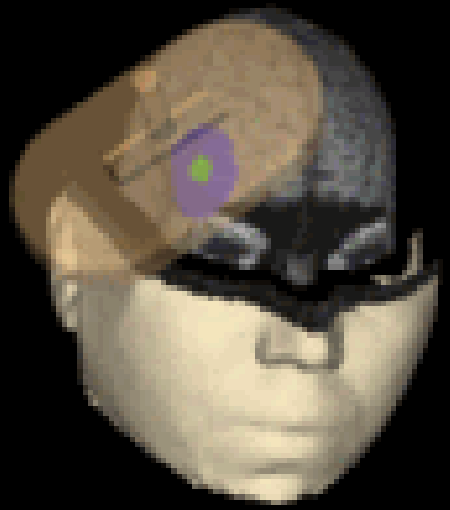

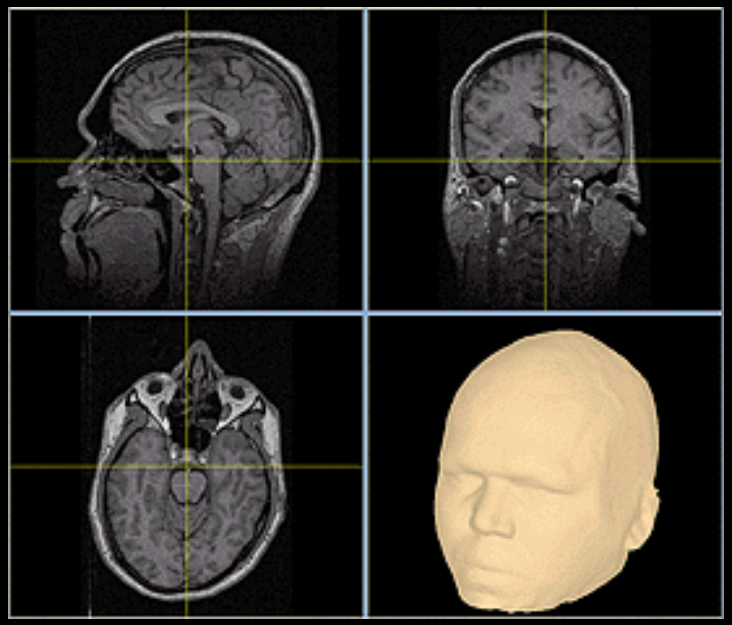

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