What fMRI Can, Can't, and Might Do

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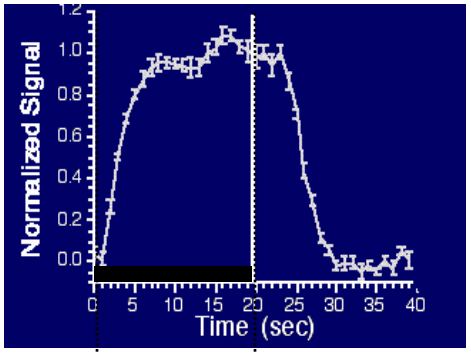
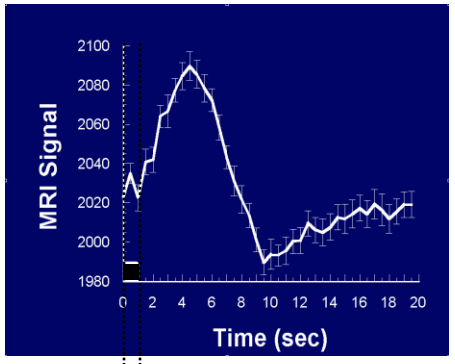
Overview of fMRI

Functional Contrast:
- Blood volume
- Blood flow/perfusion
- Blood oxygenation





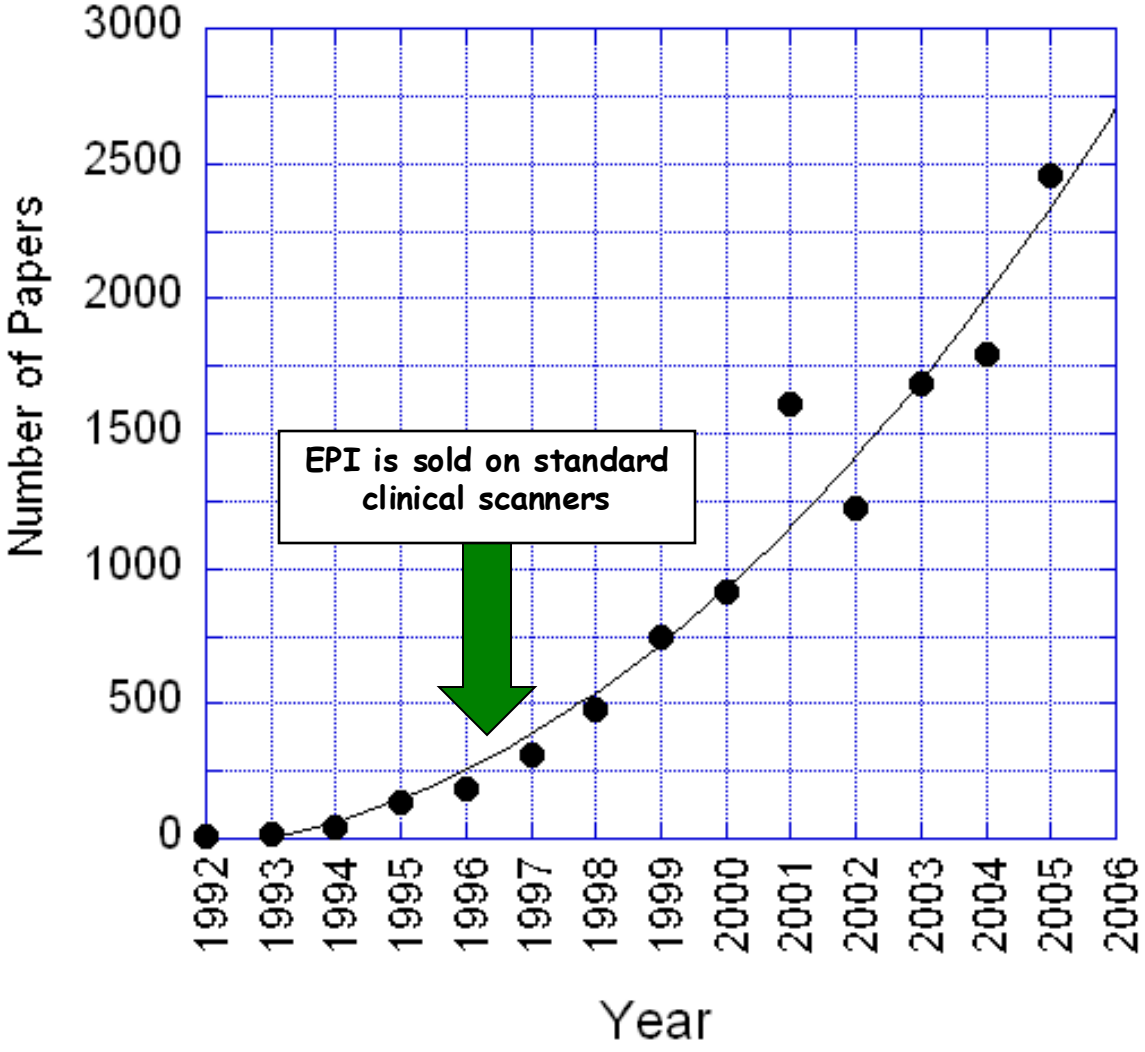
task *task*

Spatial resolution:
- Typical: 3 mm^3
- Upper: 0.5 mm^3

Temporal resolution:
- Minimum duration: < 16 ms
- Minimum onset diff: 100 ms to 2 sec

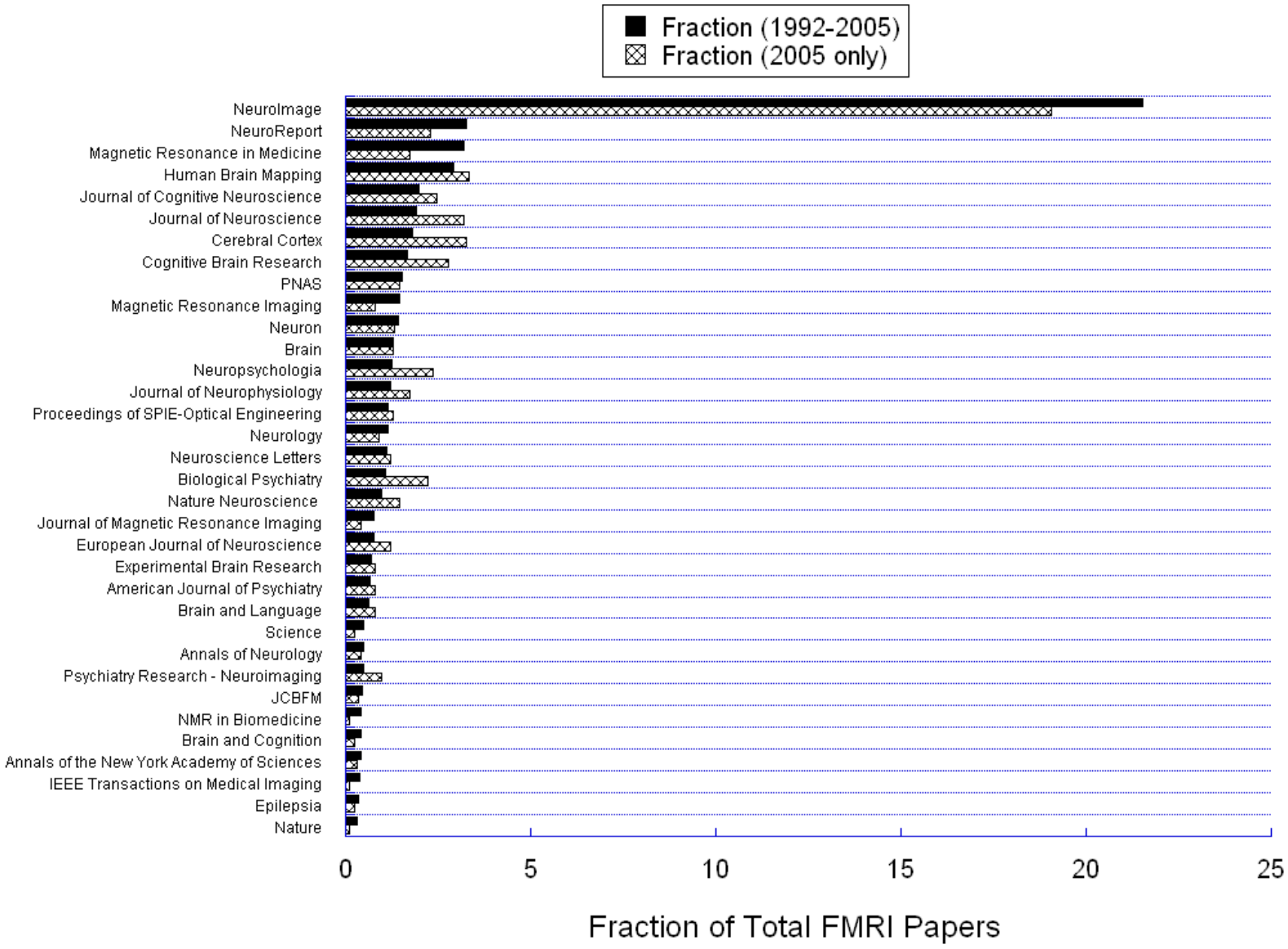
Interpretability:
- Neurovascular coupling, vascular sampling, blood, physiologic noise, motion and other artifacts, etc..

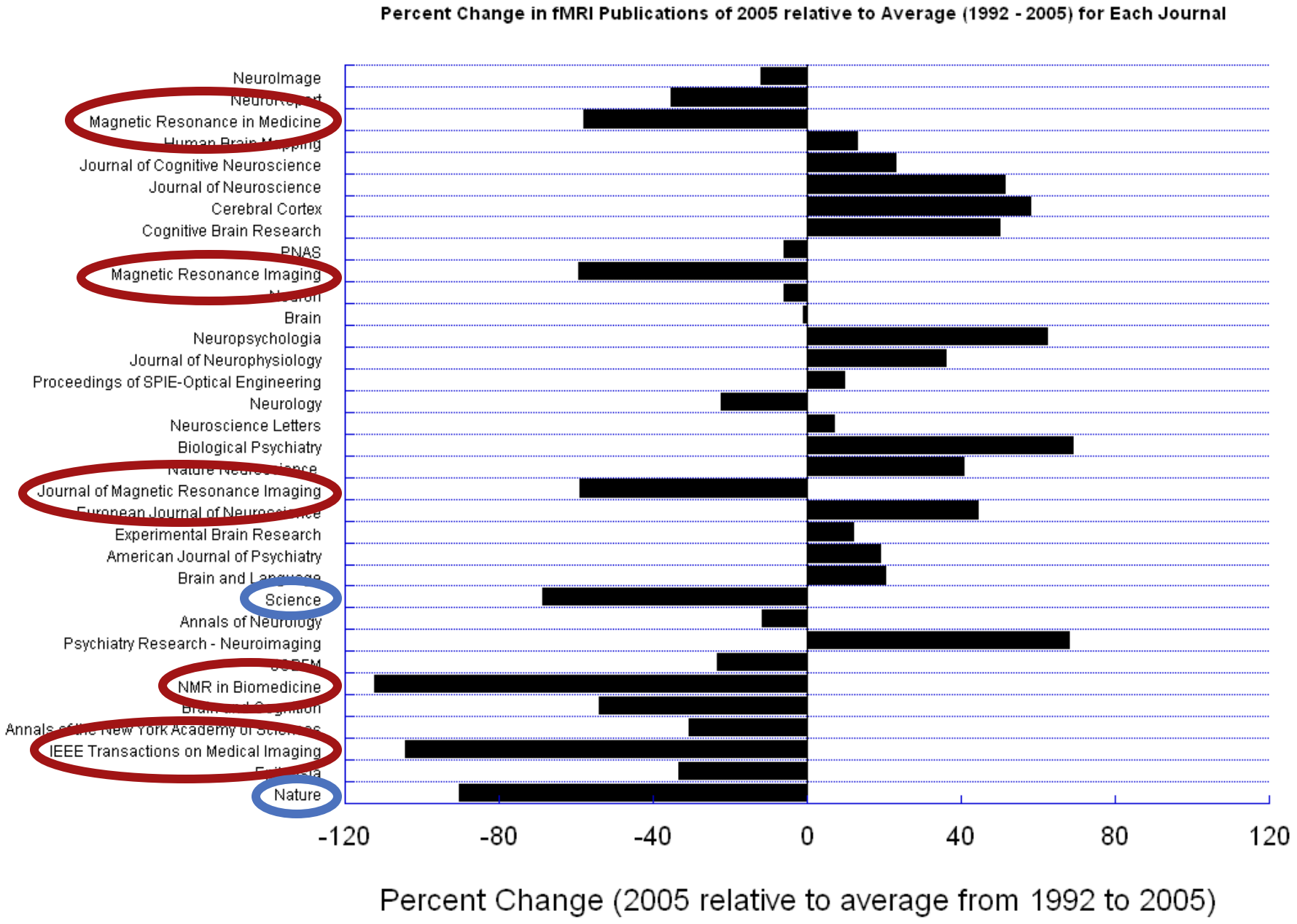
fMRI Papers Published per Year



"fMRI" or "functional MRI"

Breakdown of fMRI papers by Journal

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Magnetic Resonance in Medicine
Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience
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Cerebral Cortex
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PNAS
Magnetic Resonance Imaging
Brain
Neuropsychologia
Journal of Neurophysiology
Proceedings of SPIE-Optical Engineering
Neurology
Neuroscience Letters
Biological Psychiatry
Journal of Magnetic Resonance Imaging
Experimental Brain Research
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Science
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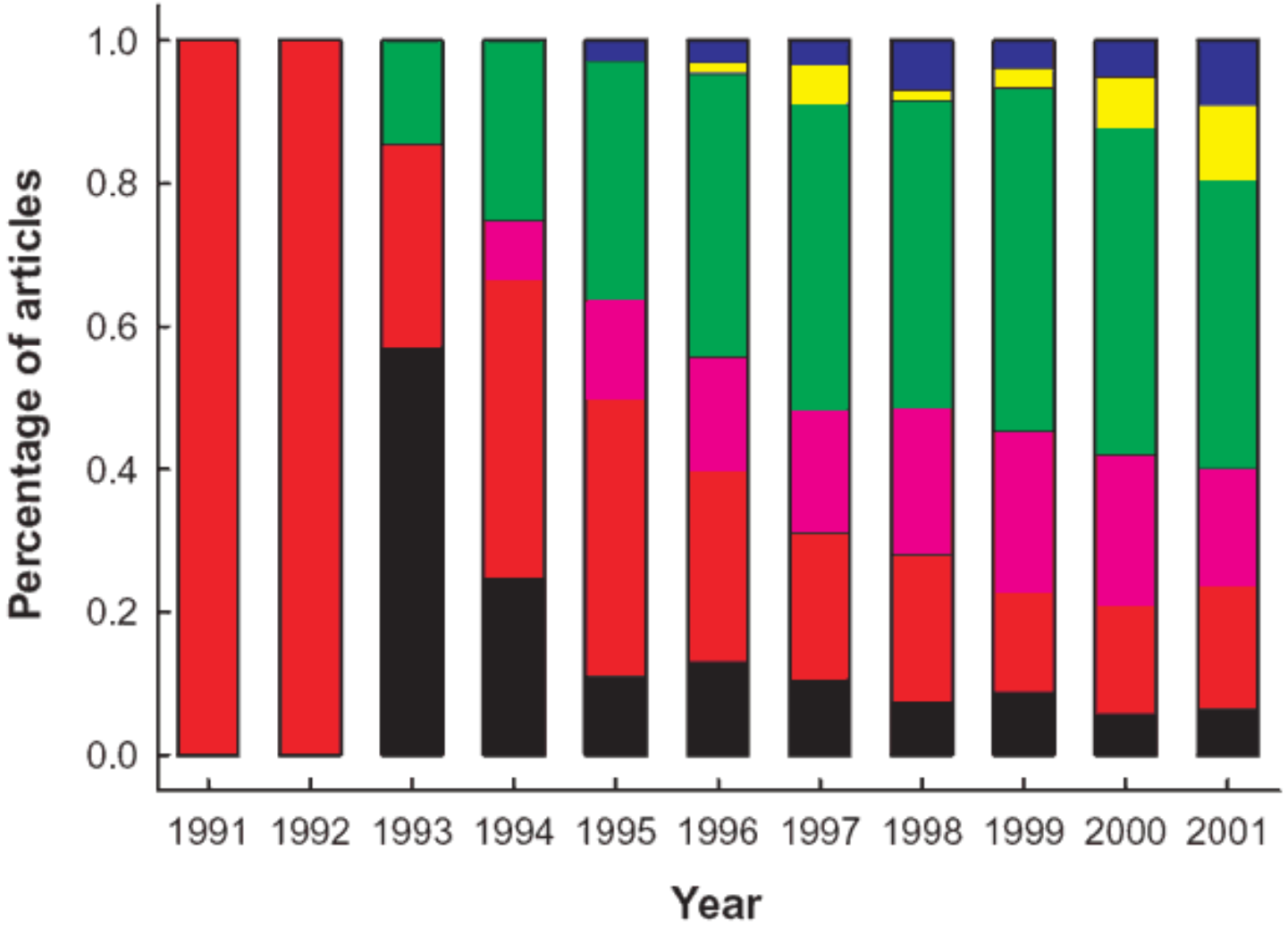

Motor (black)
Primary Sensory (red)
Integrative Sensory (violet)
Basic Cognition (green)
High-Order Cognition (yellow)
Emotion (blue)

J. Illes, M. P. Kirschen, J. D. E. Gabrielli,
Nature Neuroscience, 6 (3)m p.205

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What fMRI Can Do (routine fMRI)

Help in understanding healthy brain organization

- -map networks involved with specific behavior, stimulus, or performance
- -characterize changes over time (seconds to years)
- -determine correlates of behavior (response accuracy, etc…)

Current Clinical Applications

- -presurgical mapping (CPT code in place as of Jan, 2007)

Current Clinical Research

- -assessment of recovery and plasticity
- -clinical population characterization with probe task or resting state

What fMRI Can't Do (what are the problems with fMRI?)

- Too low SNR for routine clinical use (takes too long)
- Requires patient cooperation (too sensitive to motion)
- Too low spatial resolution (each voxel has several million neurons)
- Too low temporal resolution (hemodynamics are variable and sluggish)
- Too indirectly related to neuronal activity
- Too many physiologic variables influence signal
- Requires a task (BOLD cannot look at baseline maps)
- Too confined space and high acoustic noise.

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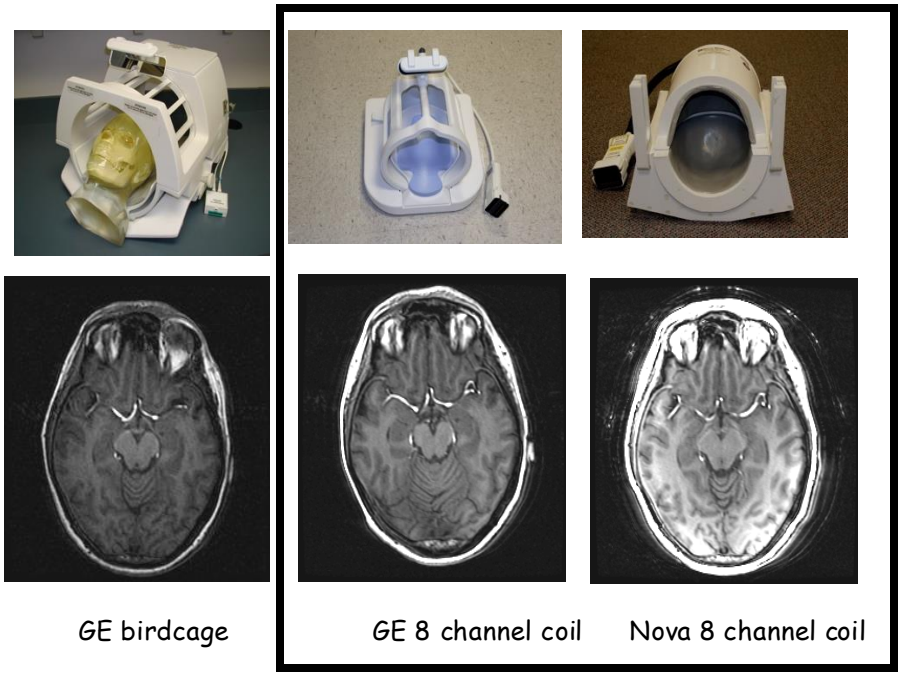
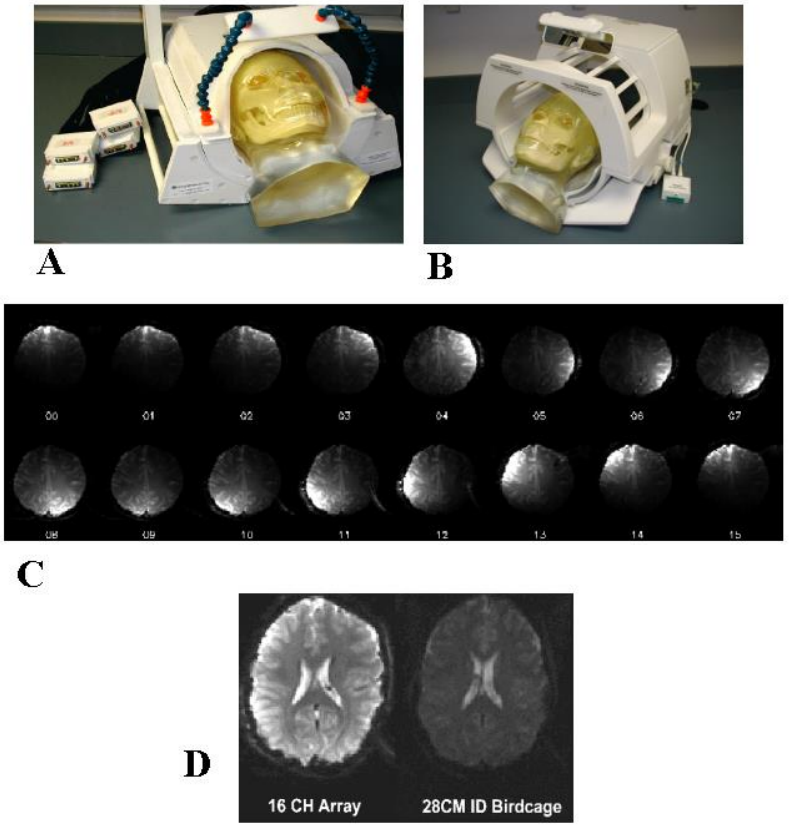
8 channel parallel receiver coil



GE birdcage | GE 8 channel coil | Nova 8 channel coil

16 channel parallel receiver coil



J. Bodurka, et al, Magnetic Resonance in Medicine 51 (2004) 165-171.

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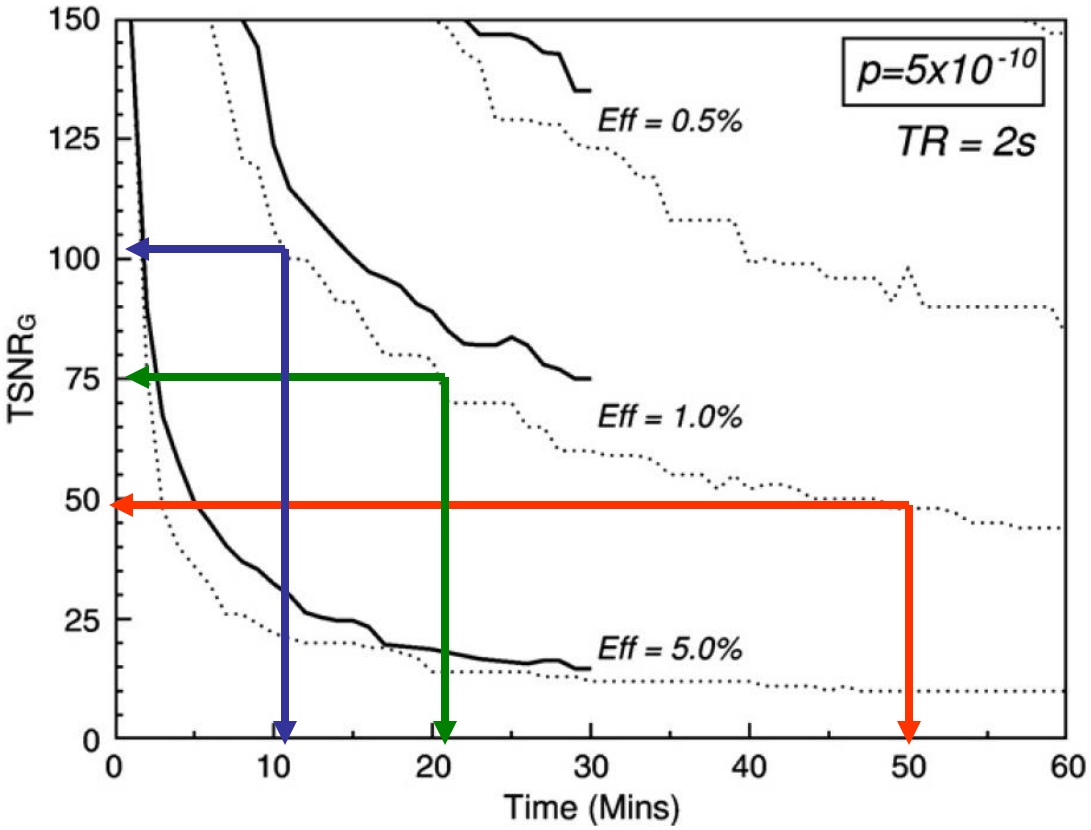

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fMRI Contrast

- Volume (gadolinium)
- BOLD
- Perfusion (ASL)
- $\Delta CMRO_2$
- ΔVolume (VASO)
- Neuronal Currents
- Diffusion coefficient
- Temperature

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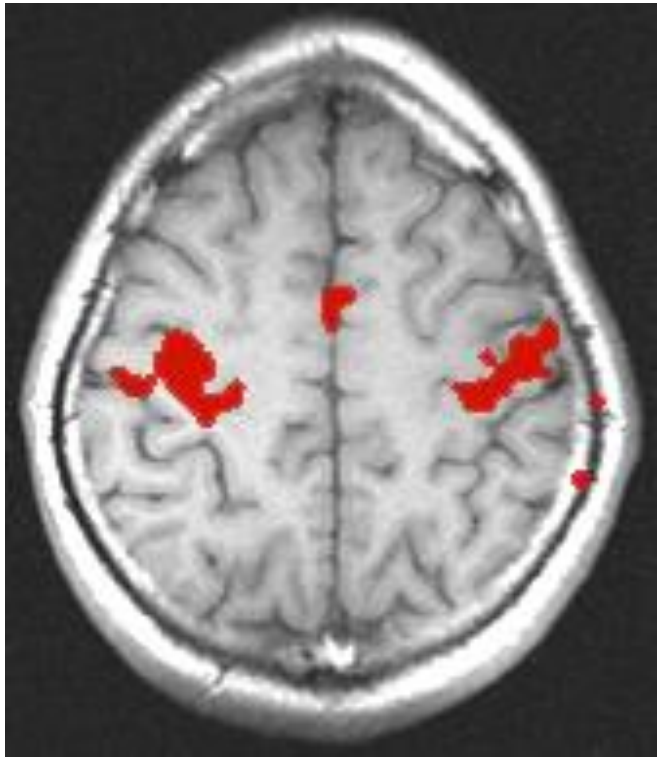
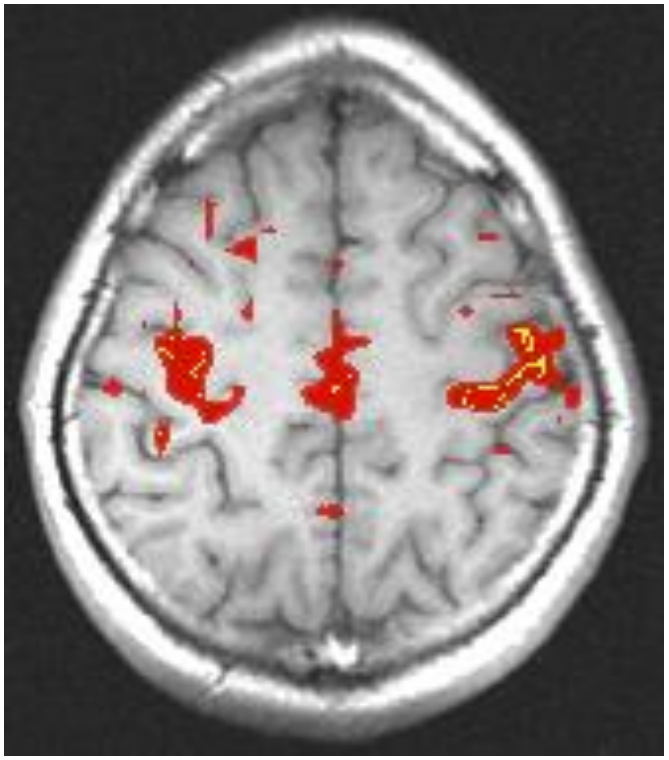
Resting State Correlations



Activation:
correlation with reference function



Rest:
seed voxel in motor cortex

B. Biswal *et al.*, MRM, 34:537 (1995)

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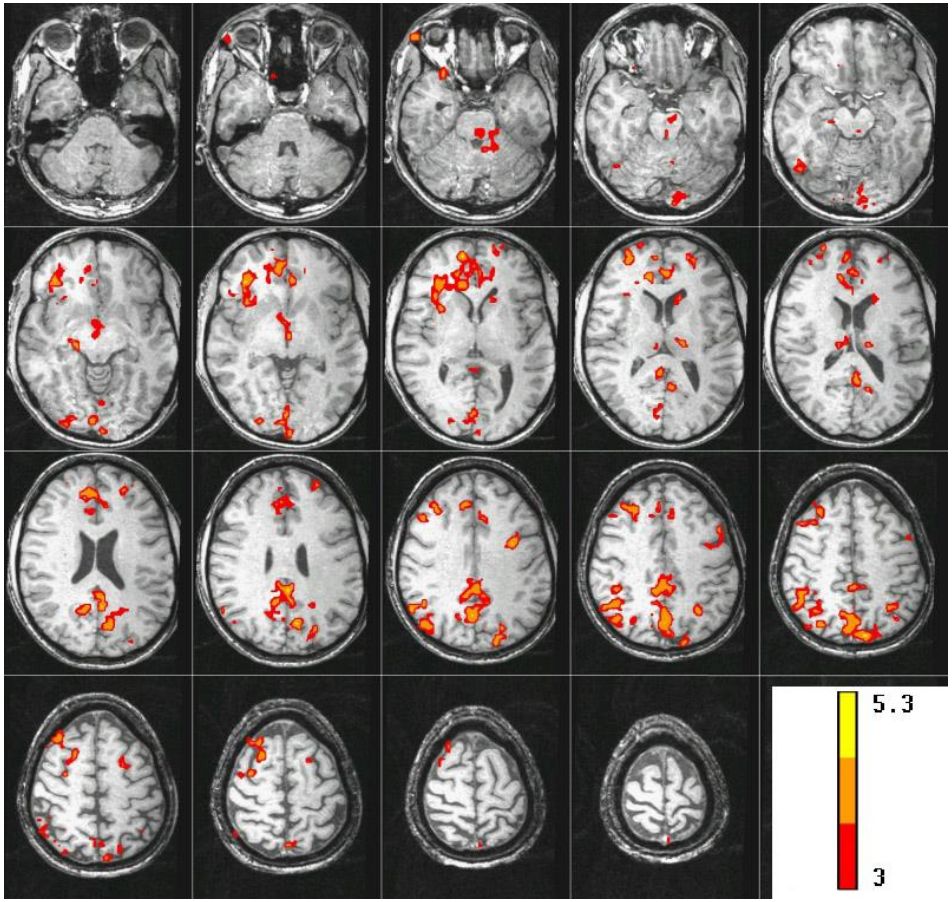
BOLD correlated with SCR during "Rest"



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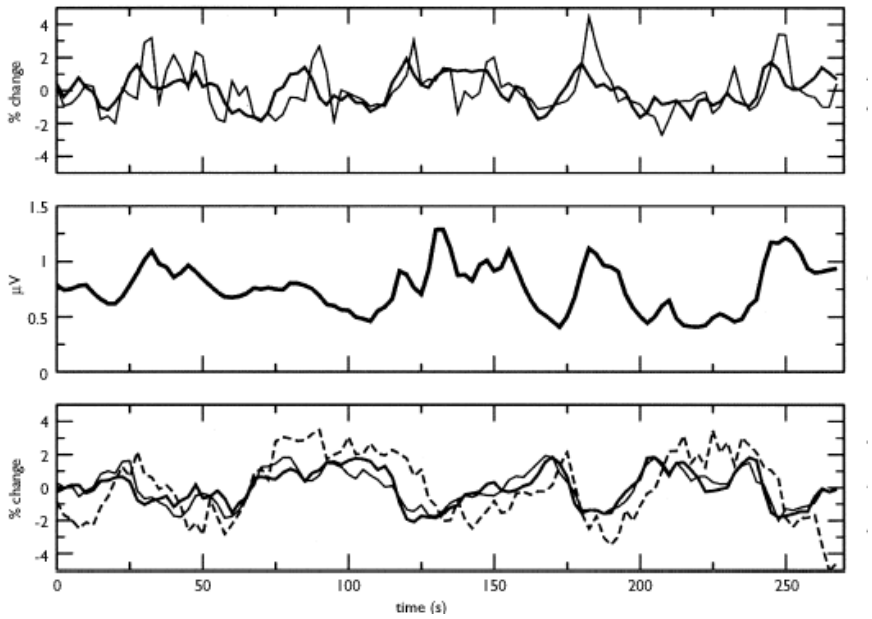
BOLD correlated with 10 Hz power during "Rest"

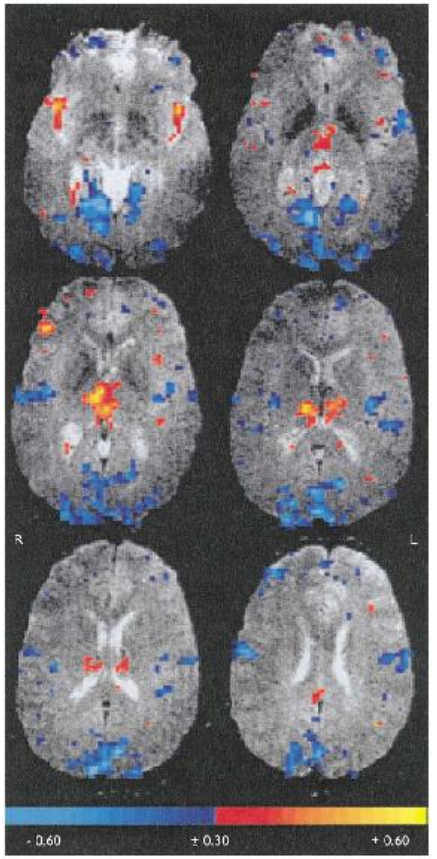
Positive

10 Hz power

Negative



Goldman, et al (2002), Neuroreport



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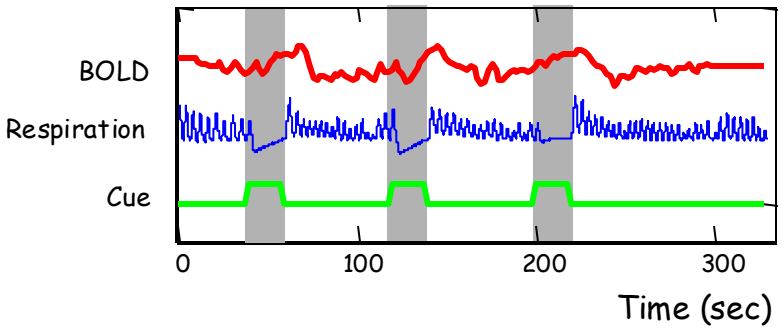
Respiration induced signal changes

Breath-holding



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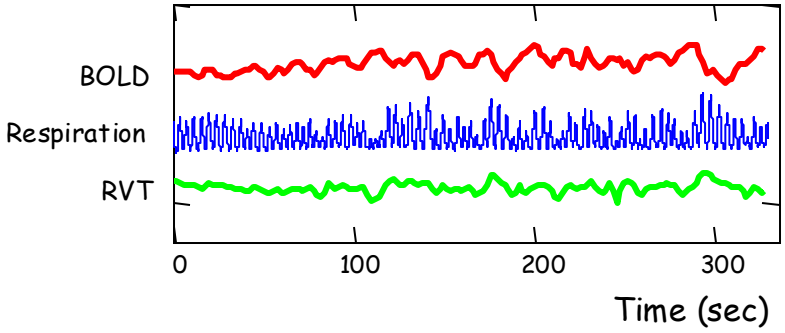

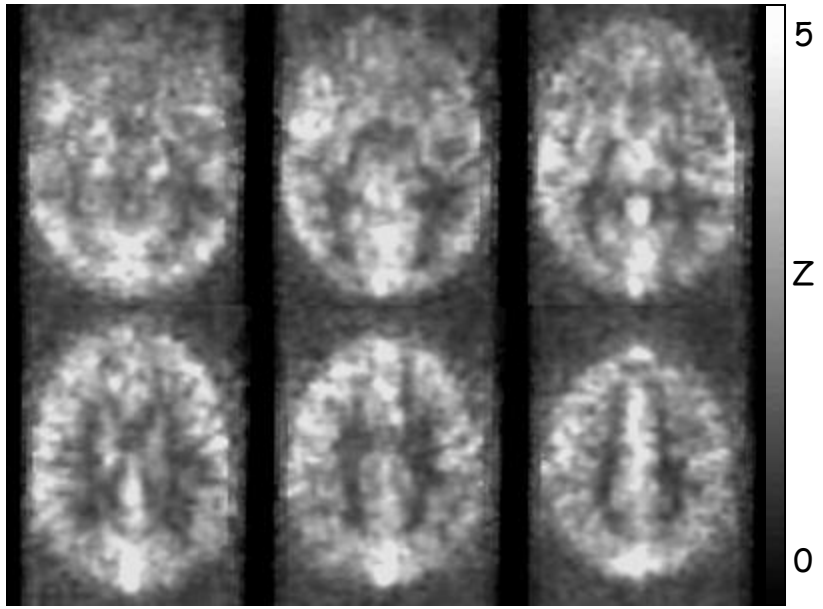

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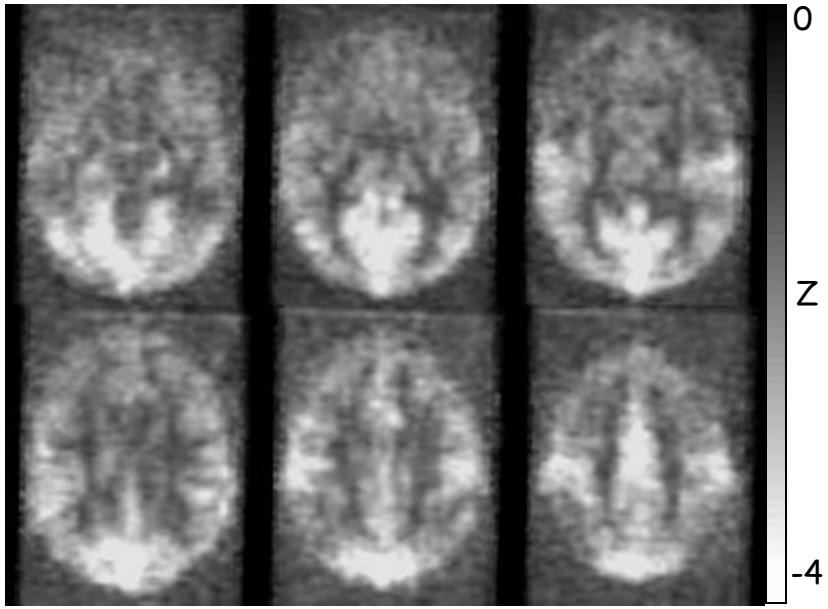

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Mapping ⟷ "Reading"

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

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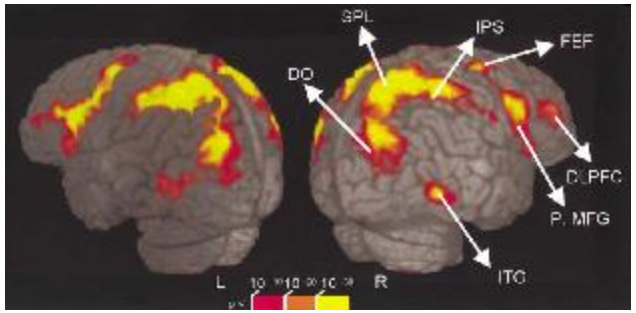

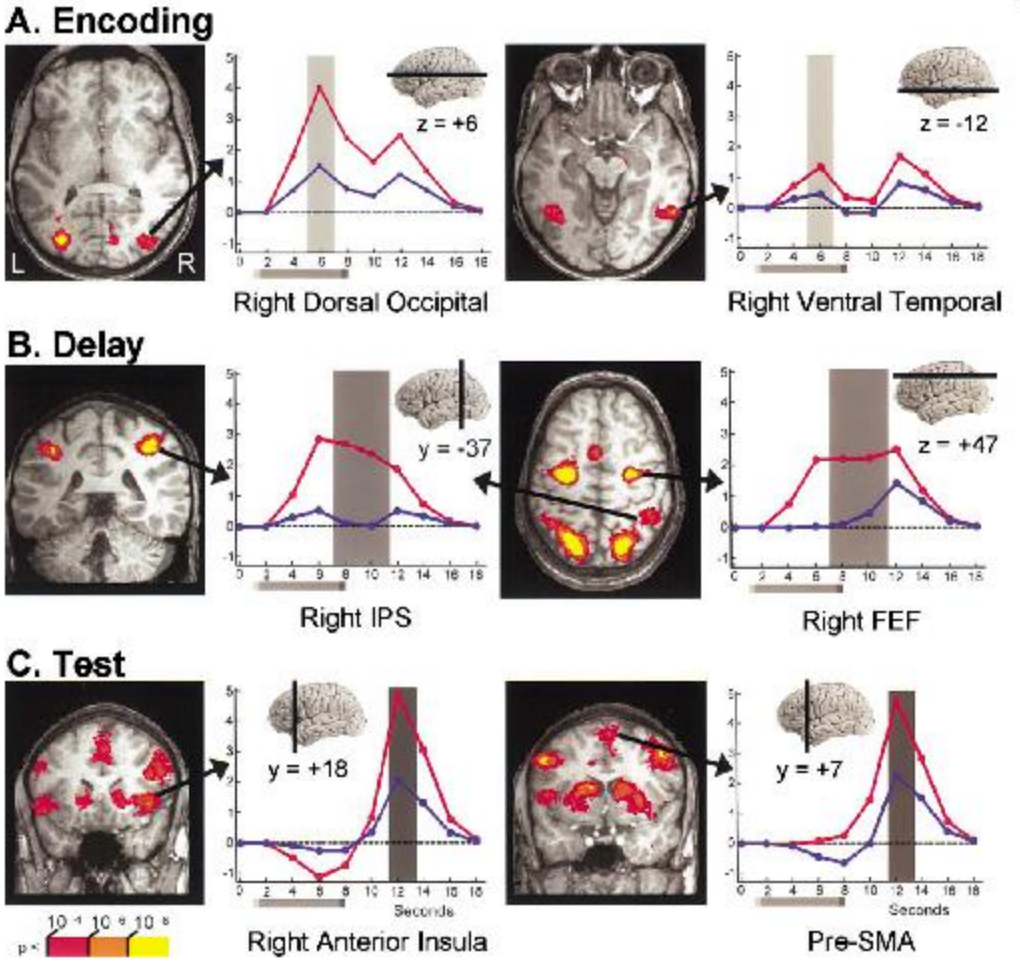

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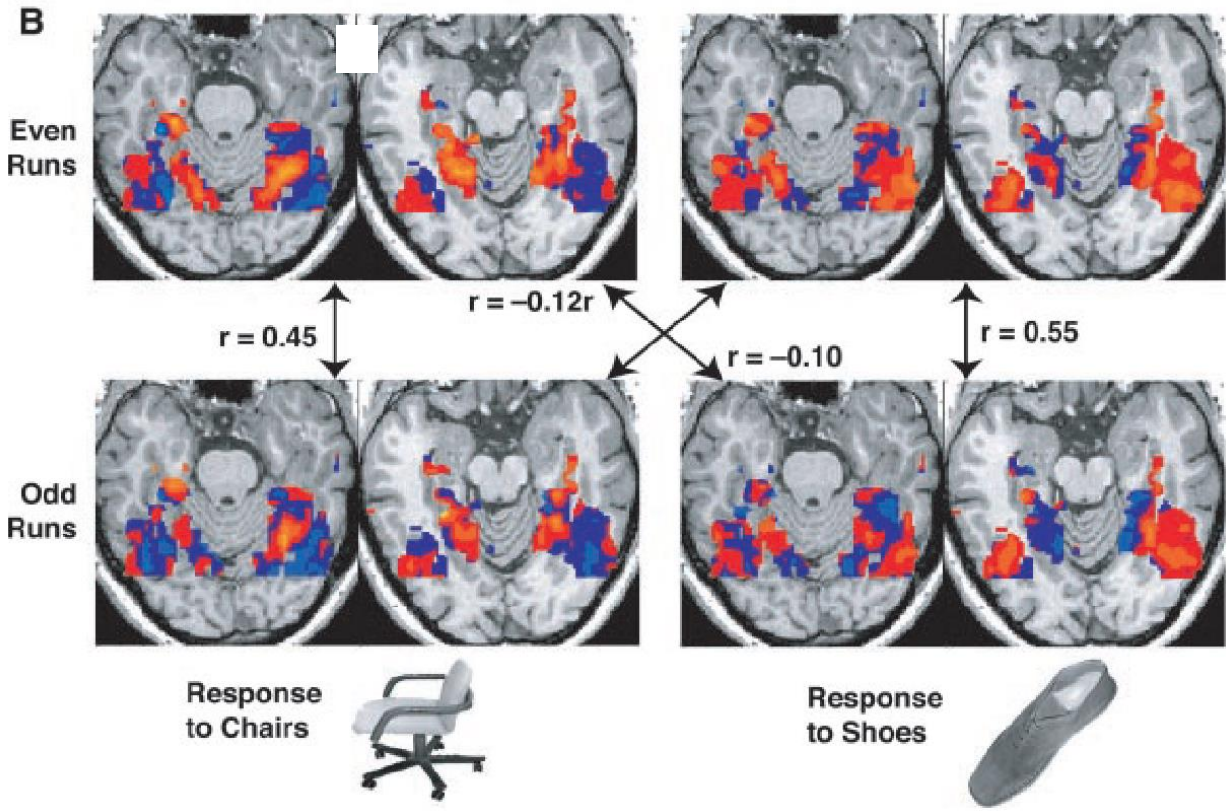
Ventral temporal category representations

Object categories are associated with distributed representations in ventral temporal cortex



Haxby et al. 2001

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Functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) "brain reading": detecting and classifying distributed patterns of fMRI activity in human visual cortex

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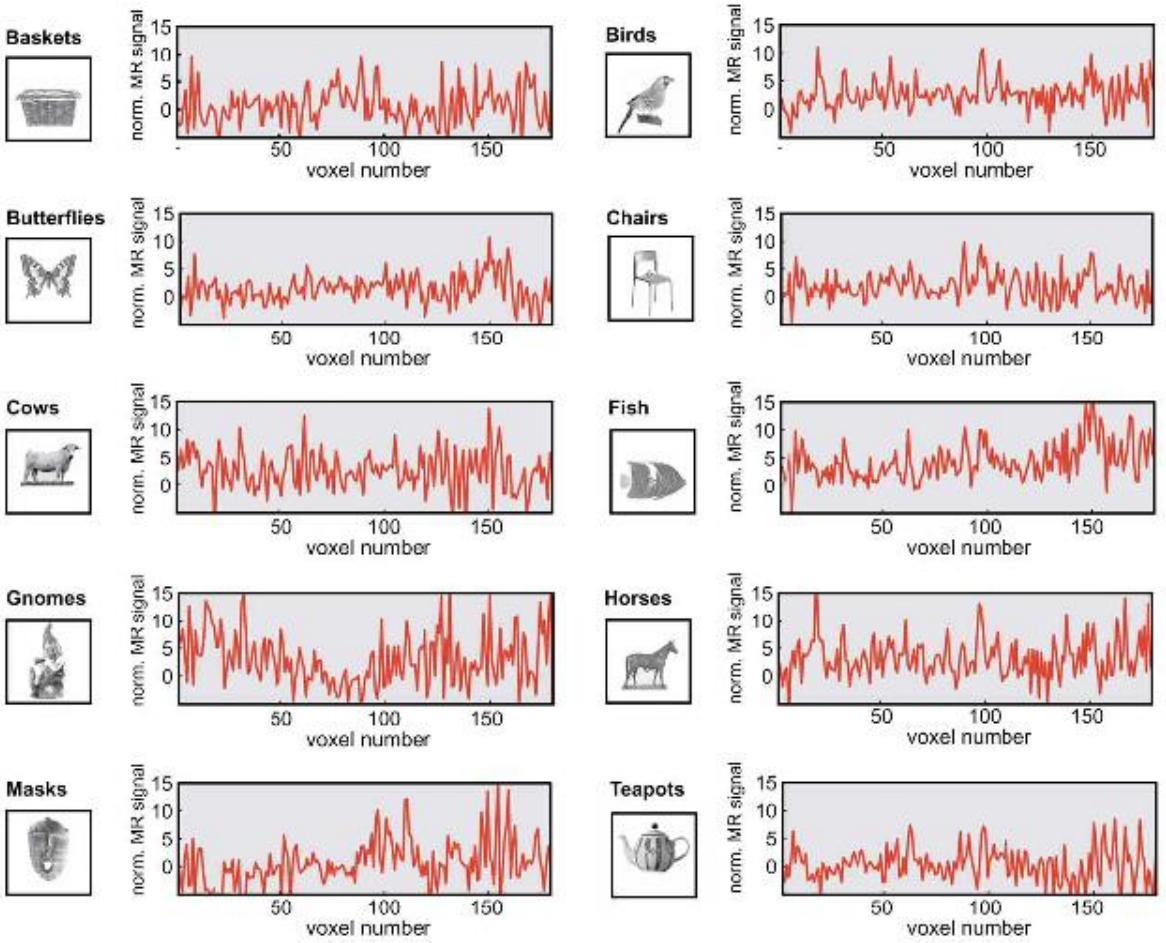

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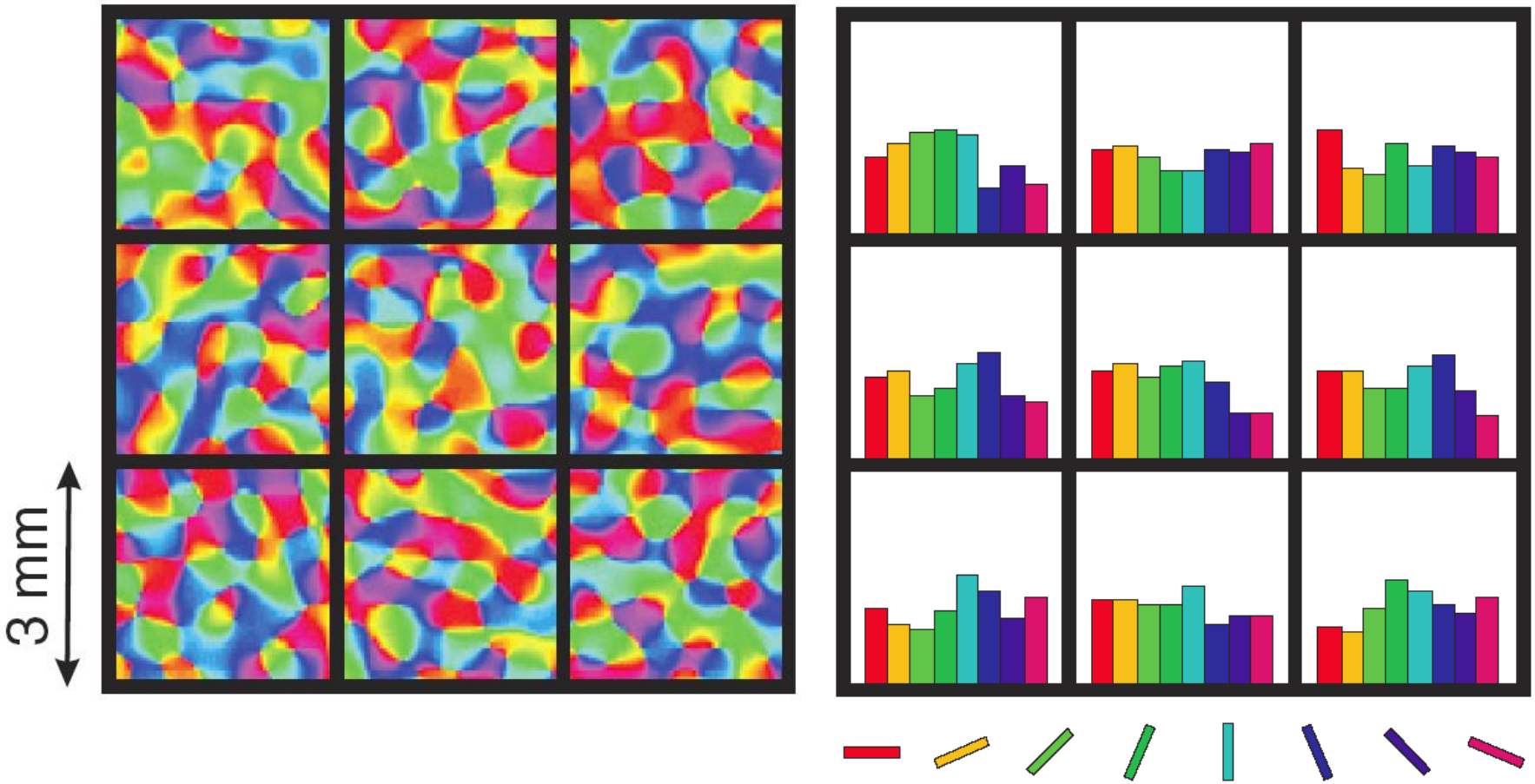

Boynton (2005), News & Views on Kamitani & Tong (2005) and Haynes & Rees (2005)

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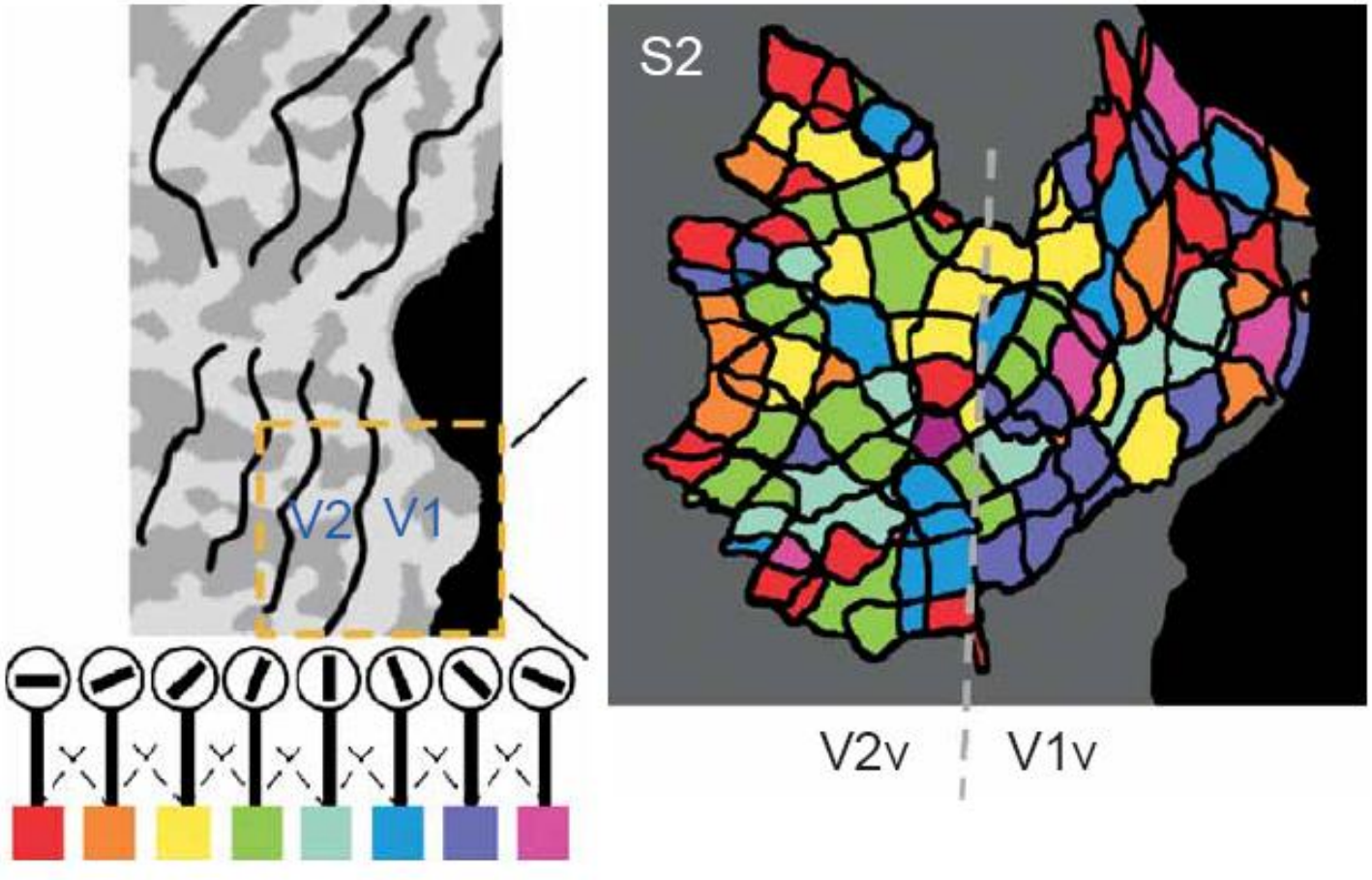
Lower spatial frequency clumping

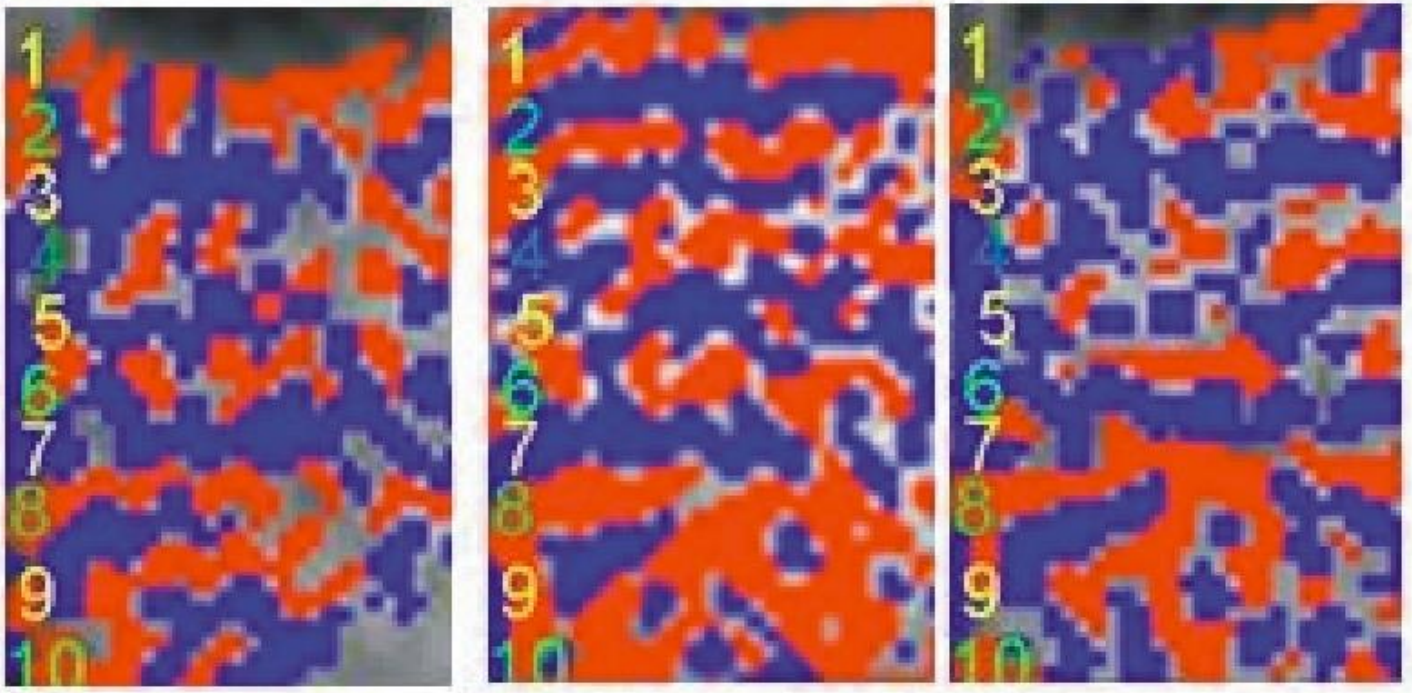


Kamitani & Tong (2005)

What to do with high resolution data?

HSE-BOLD demonstration of ocular dominance columns

human, 7T, 0.5×0.5×3 mm^3



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Yacoub et al: differential maps contrasting stimulation of the left and right eye

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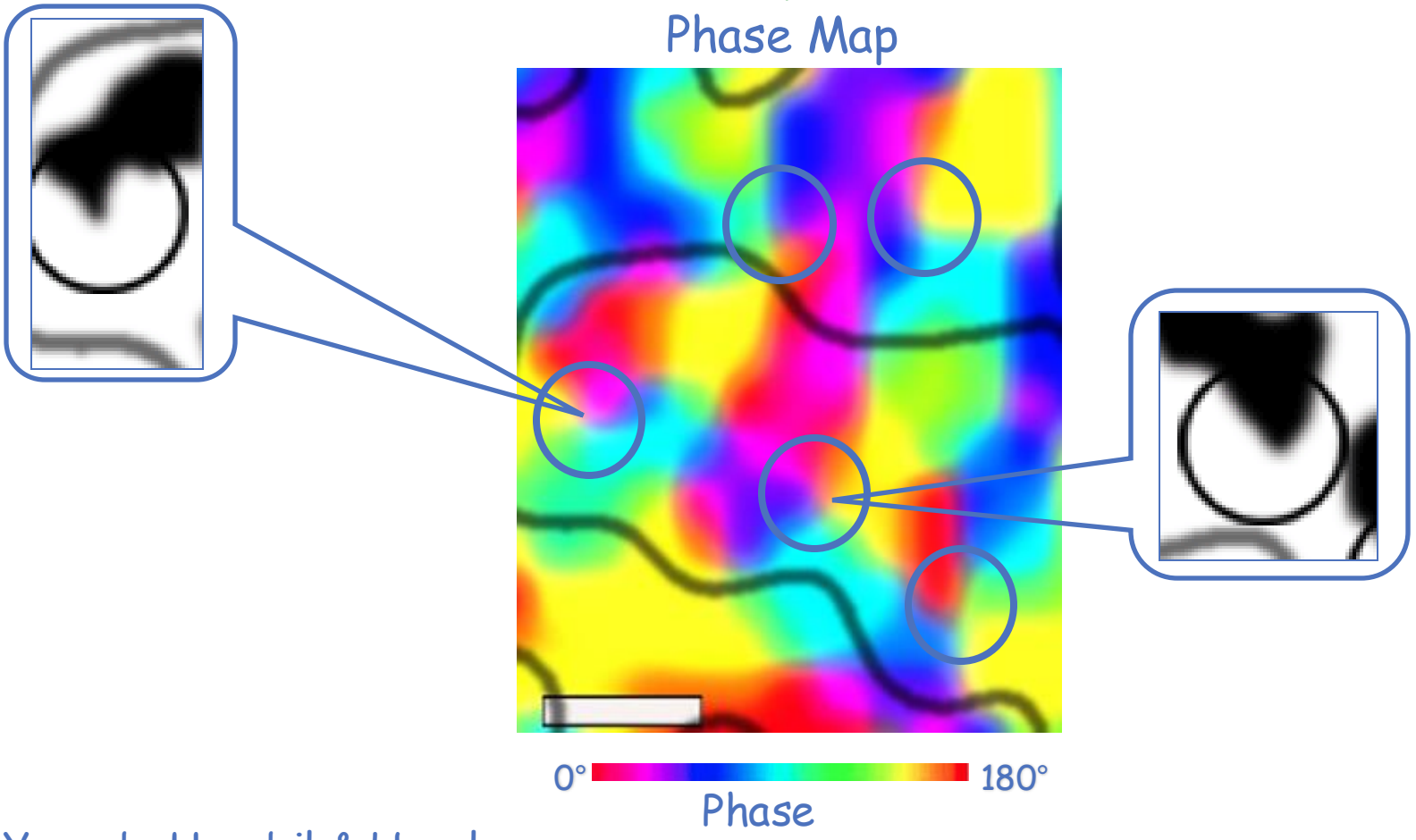
Orientation Columns in Human V1 as Revealed by fMRI at 7T



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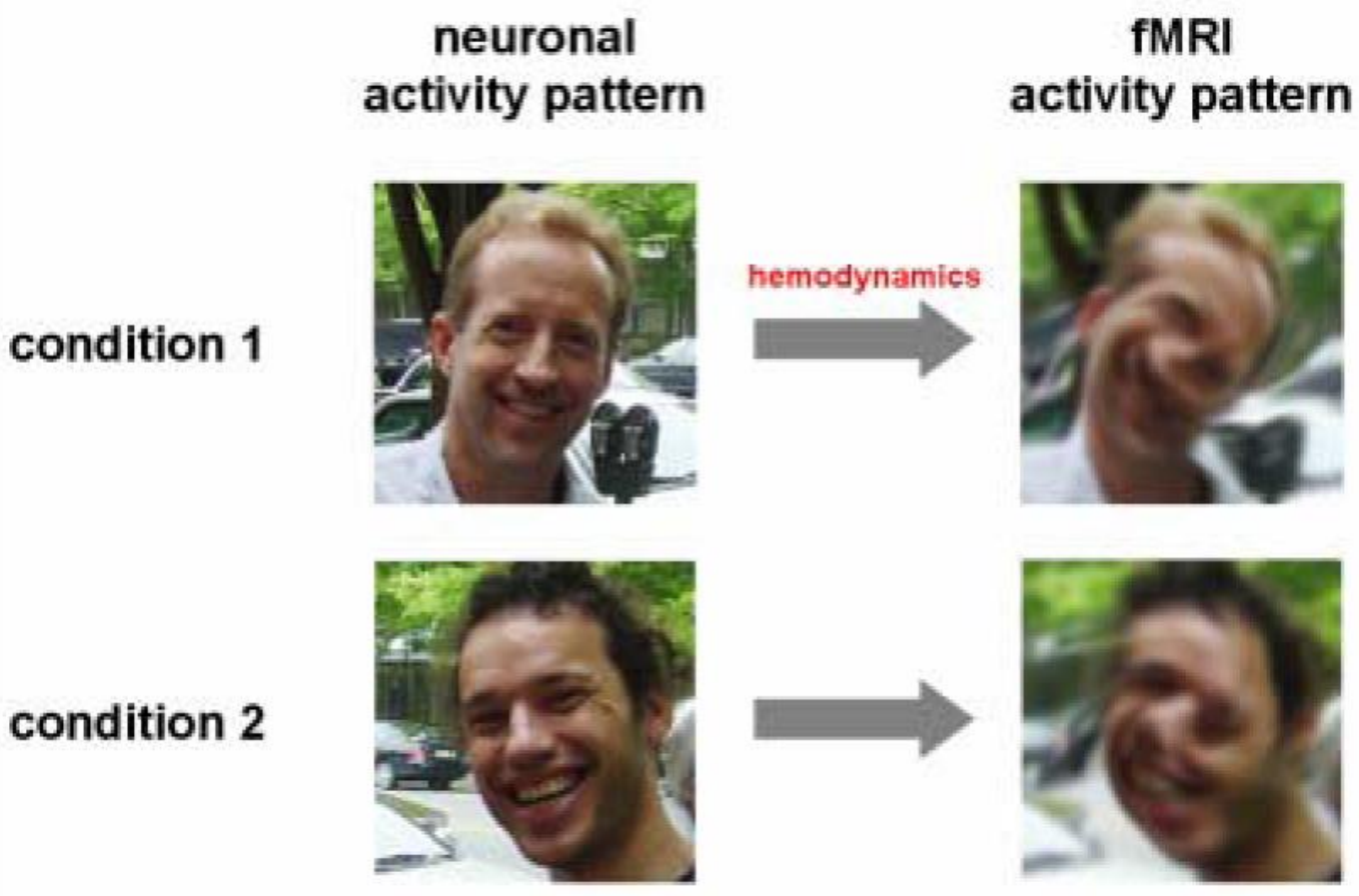

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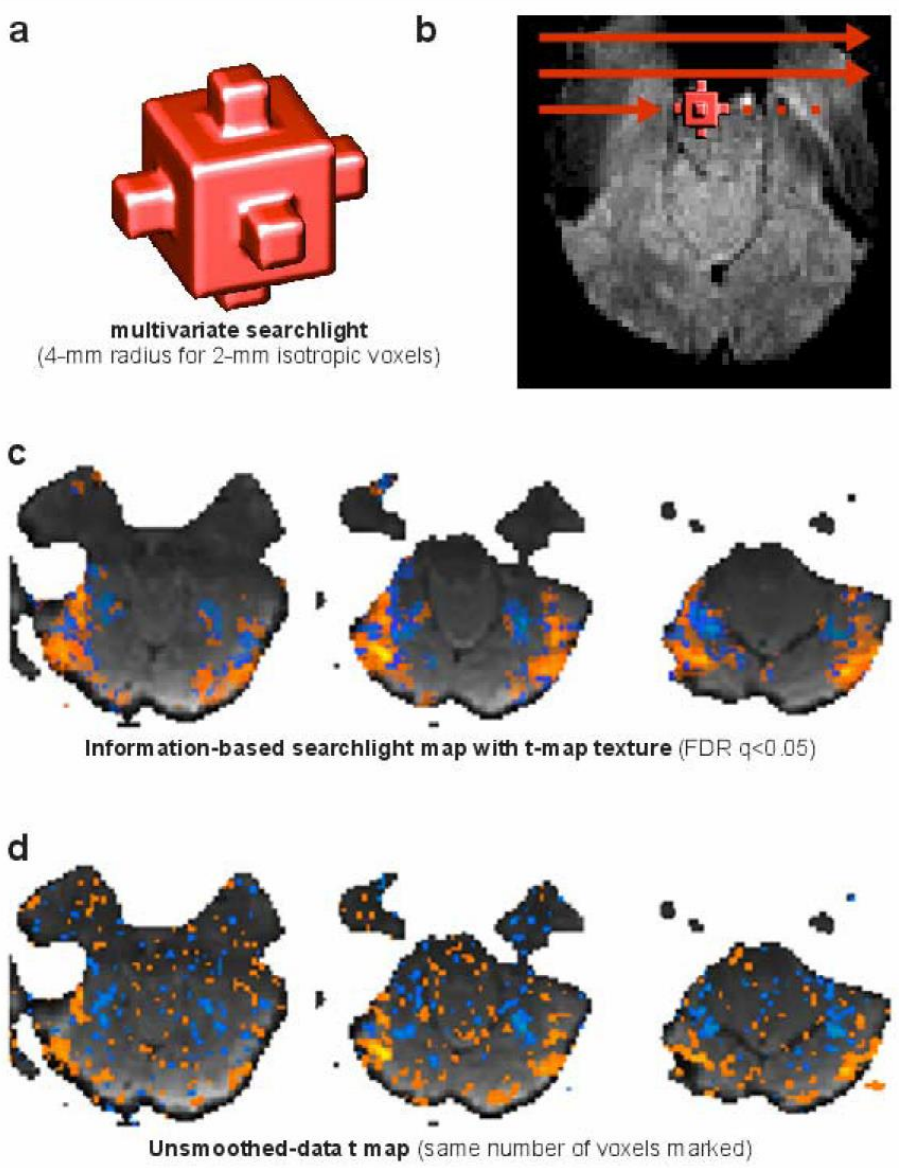

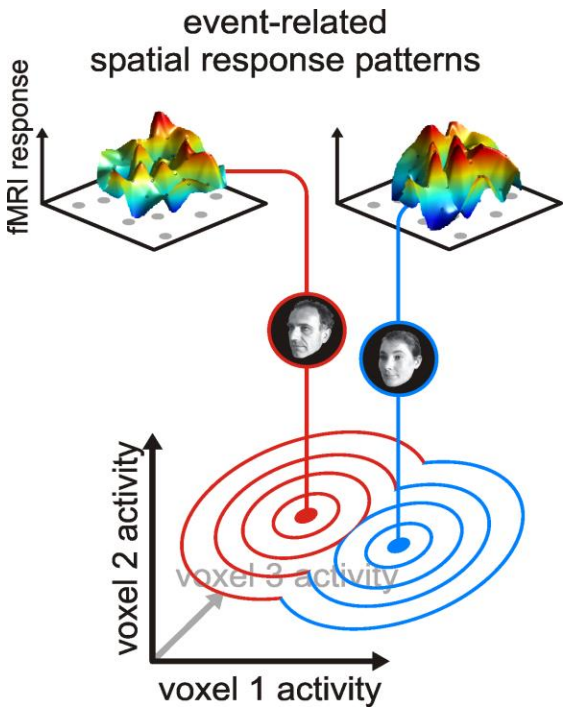

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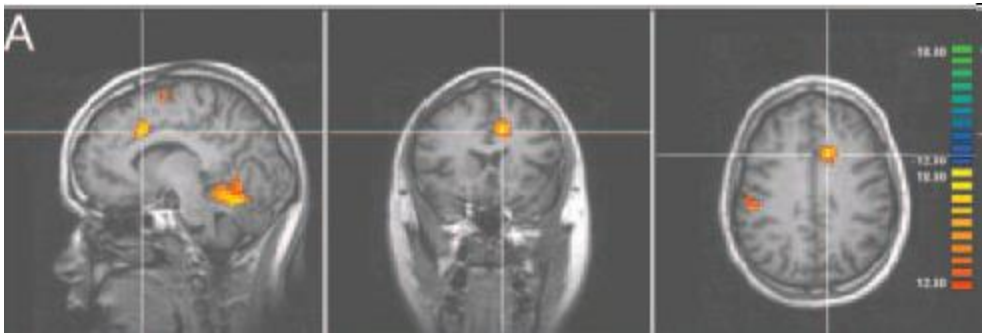
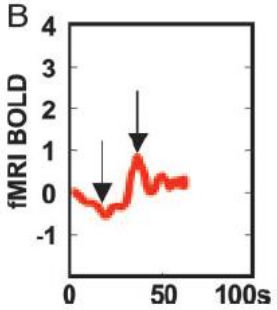
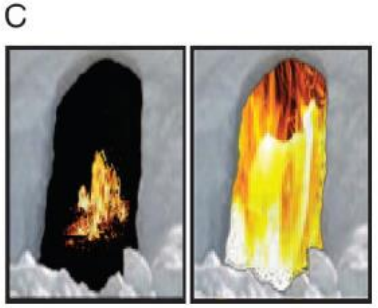
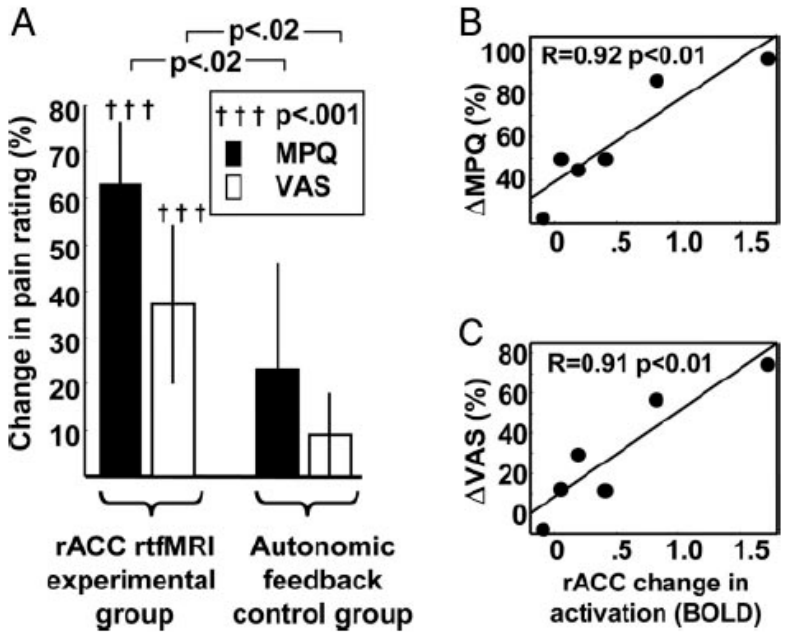
Real time fMRI feedback from Anterior Cingulate Cortex to reduce chronic pain









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What fMRI Might Do

Complementary use for clinical diagnoses
- -utilization of clinical research results for diagnoses
- -prediction of pathology

Clinical treatment and assessment of therapy
- -better understanding mechanism of pathology for focused therapy
- -drug effect assessment
- -assessment of therapy progress, biofeedback
- -epileptic foci mapping
- -neurovascular physiology assessment

Non clinical uses
- -lie detection
- -prediction of behavior tendencies
- -brain/computer interface