

fMRI: Past, Present, and Future Limits of Spatial Resolution, Temporal Resolution and Interpretation

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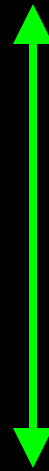
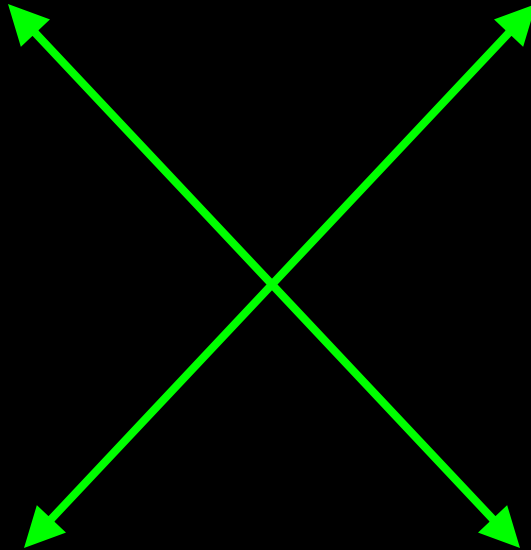
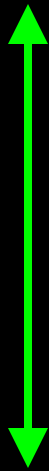
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Technology



Methodology



Interpretation



Applications

Technology

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Engineers

Statisticians

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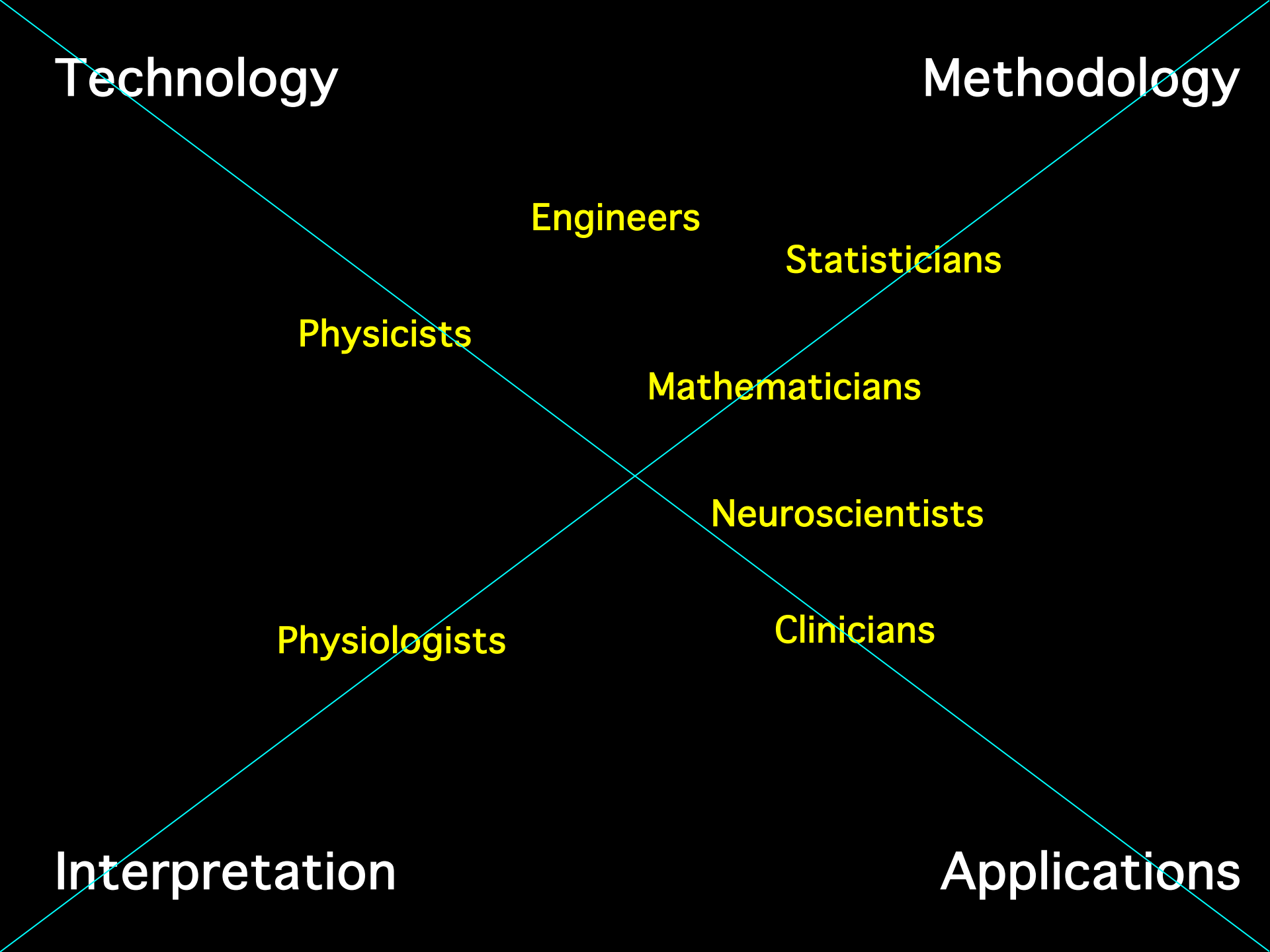
Neuroscientists

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Applications



Technology

MRI
 EPI
 Local Human Head Gradient Coils
 BOLD
 ASL
 Spiral EPI
 Multi-shot fMRI
 1.5T,3T, 4T
 EPI on Clin. Syst.
 Nav. pulses
 Diff. tensor
 Real time fMRI
 Quant. ASL
 Dynamic IV volume
 Simultaneous ASL and BOLD
 Mg⁺
 Venography
 Z-shim
 Baseline Susceptibility
 7T
 >8 channels
 SENSE
 Current Imaging?

Methodology

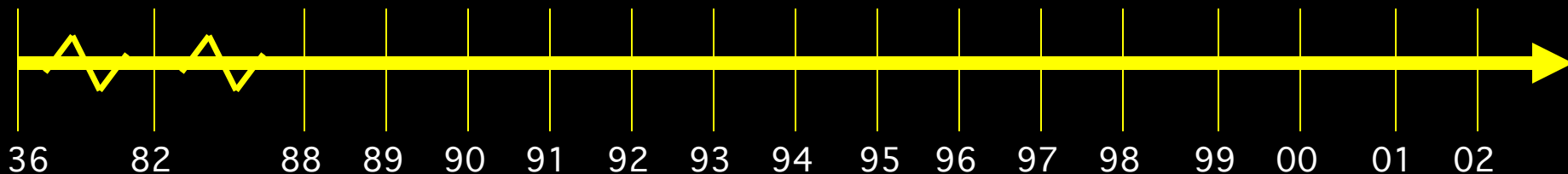
Baseline Volume
 IVIM
 Correlation Analysis
 Parametric Design
 Surface Mapping
 Phase Mapping
 Linear Regression
 Event-related
 Motion Correction
 Multi-Modal Mapping
 ICA
 Free-behavior Designs
 Mental Chronometry
 Multi-variate Mapping
 Deconvolution
 Fuzzy Clustering
 CO₂ Calibration

Interpretation

Blood T2
 Hemoglobin
 BOLD models
 B₀ dep.
 TE dep
 SE vs. GE
 NIRS Correlation
 Veins
 PET correlation
 IV vs EV
 Pre-undershoot
 Resolution Dep.
 Post-undershoot
 CO₂ effect
 Inflow
 ASL vs. BOLD
 PSF of BOLD
 Extended Stim.
 Linearity
 Fluctuations
 Balloon Model
 Metab. Correlation
 Optical Im. Correlation
 Electrophys. correlation

Applications

Complex motor Language
 Imagery
 Memory
 Emotion
 Motor learning
 Children
 Tumor vasc.
 Drug effects
 BOLD -V1, M1, A1
 Presurgical
 Attention
 Ocular Dominance
 Volume - Stroke
 V1, V2..mapping
 Priming/Learning
 Clinical Populations
 Δ Volume-V1
 Plasticity
 Face recognition
 Performance prediction



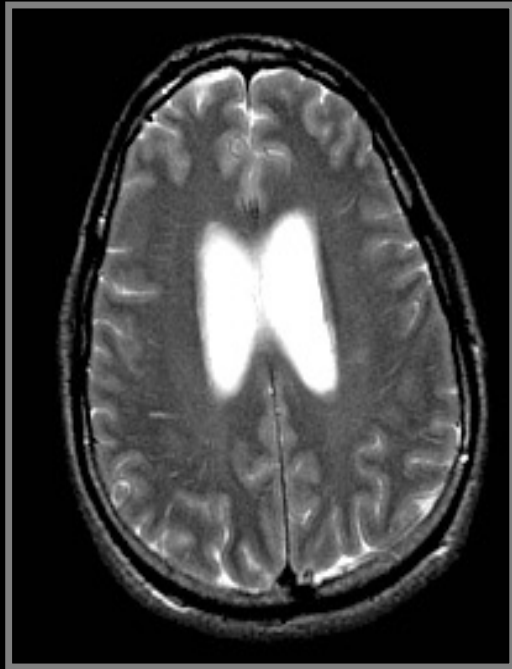


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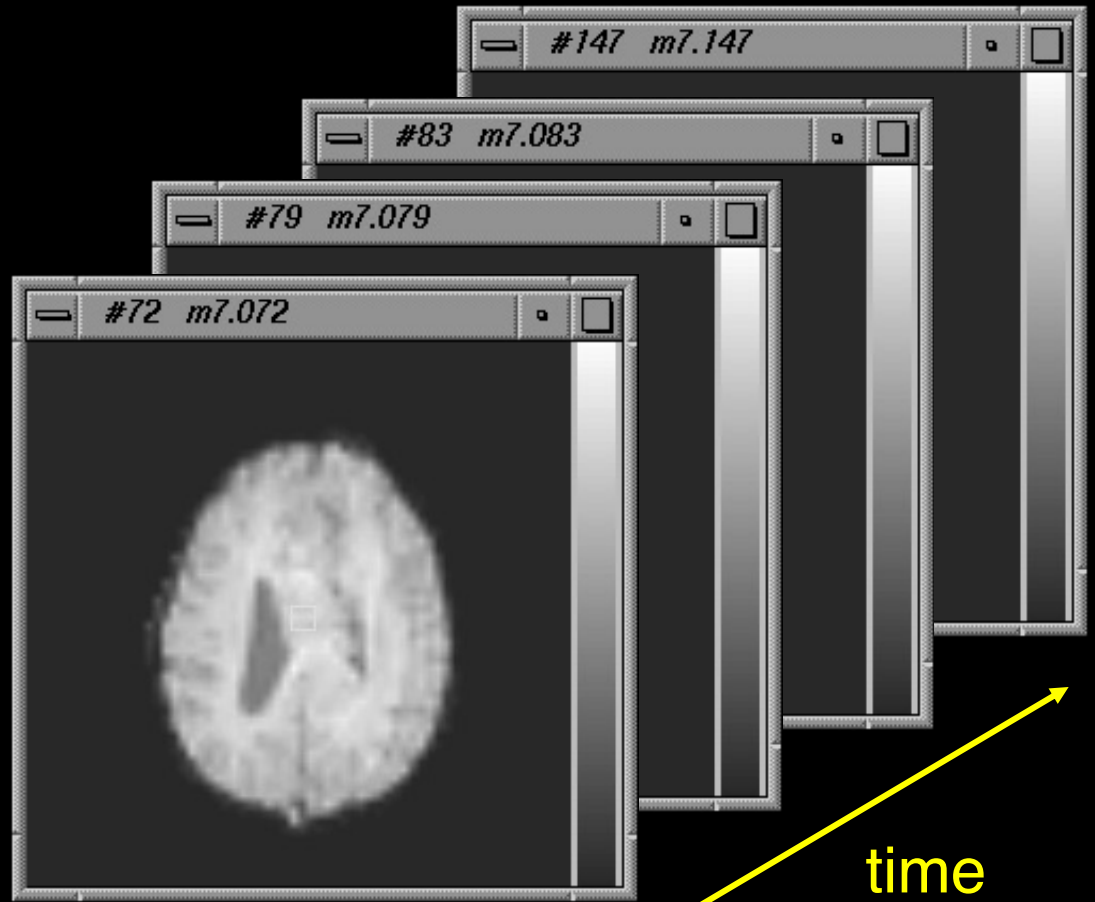
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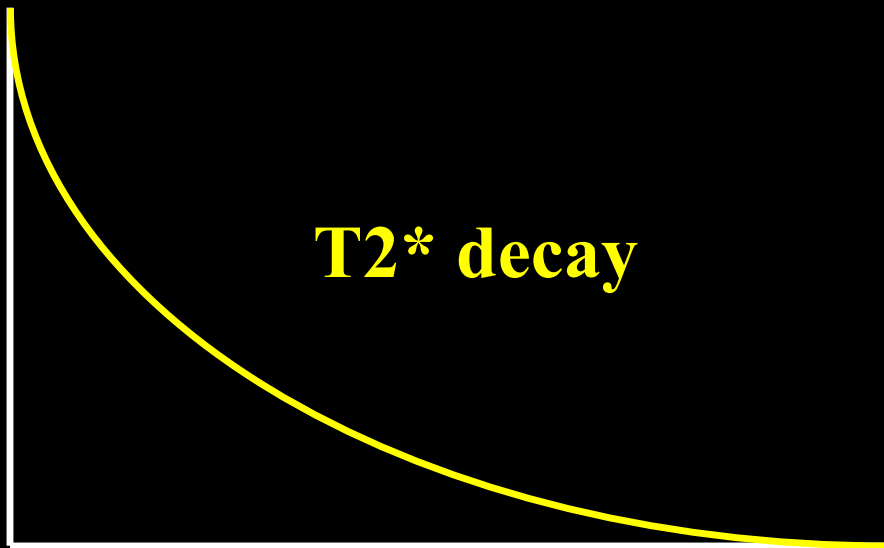


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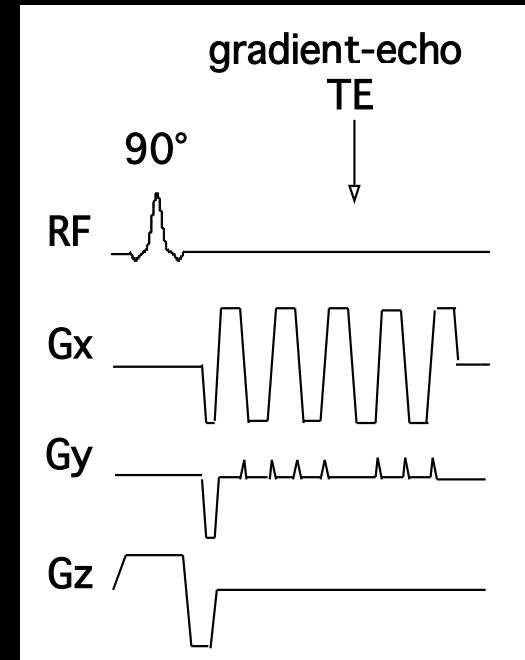
Functional

Single Shot EPI



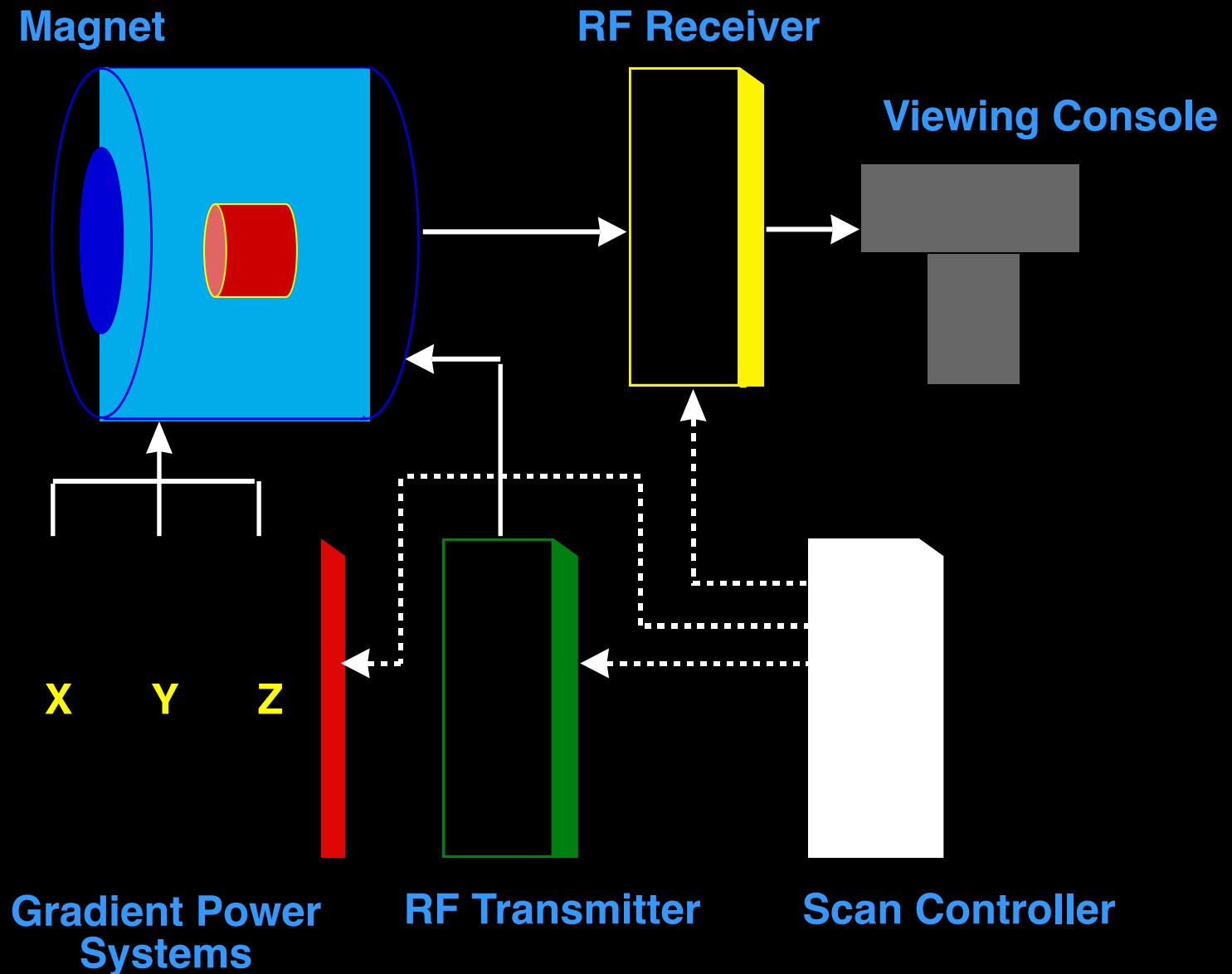
EPI Readout Window

≈ 20 to 40 ms

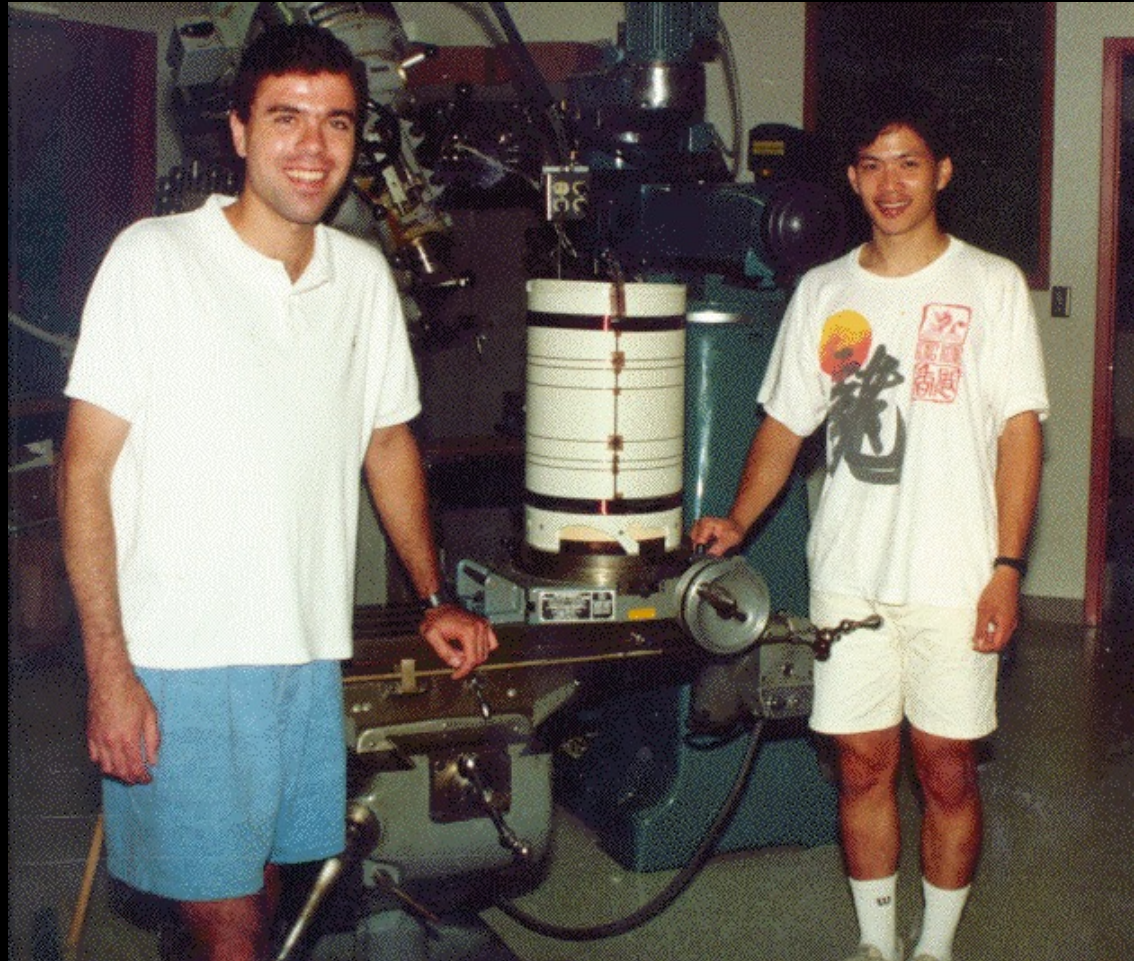


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Imaging System Components



Local gradients solved the problem



August, 1991

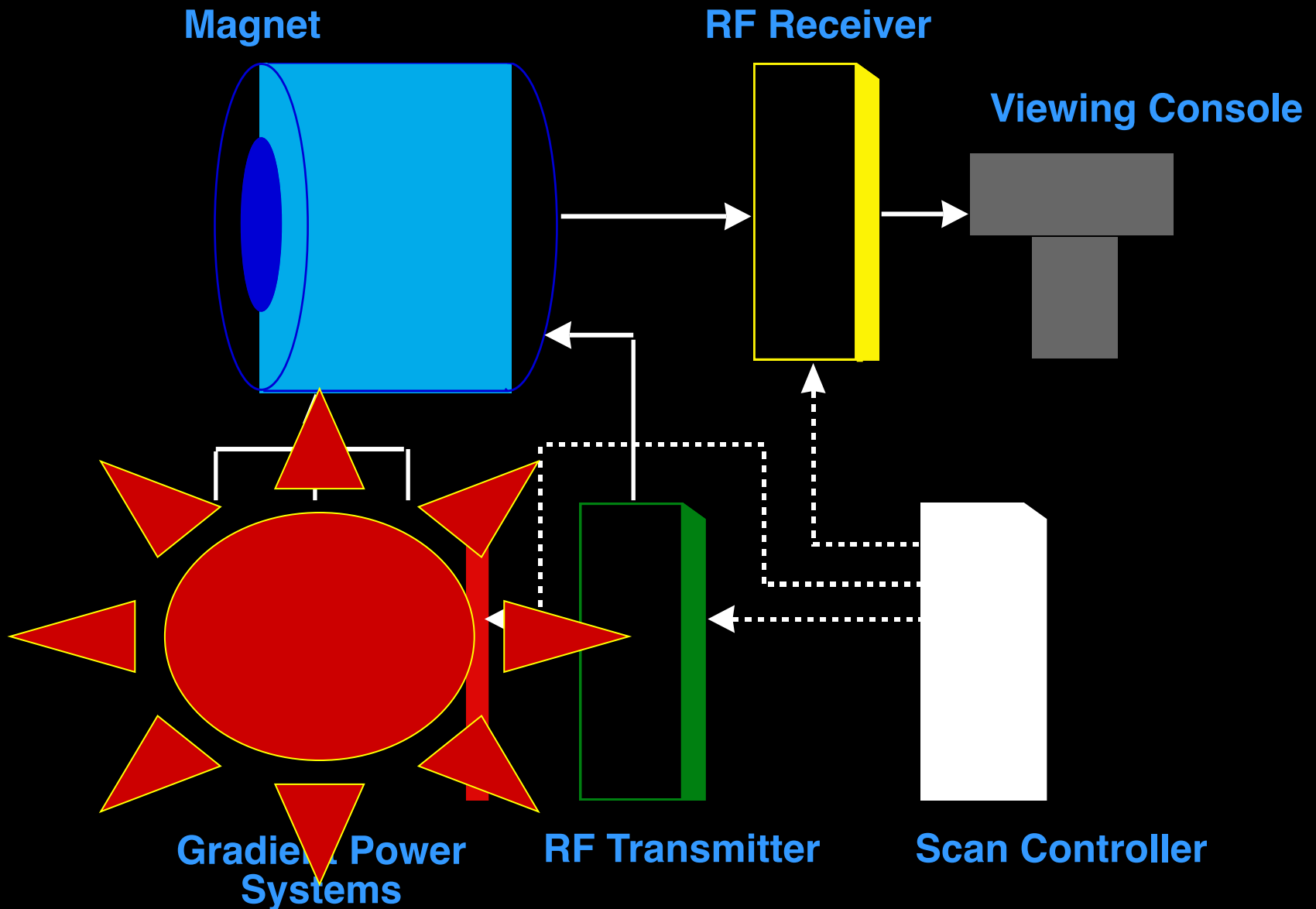
1991-1992



1992-1999



Imaging System Components



General Electric 3 Tesla Scanner



Functional MRI Methods

Blood Volume Imaging

BOLD Contrast

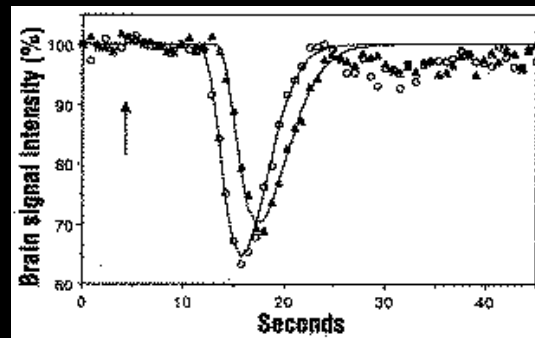
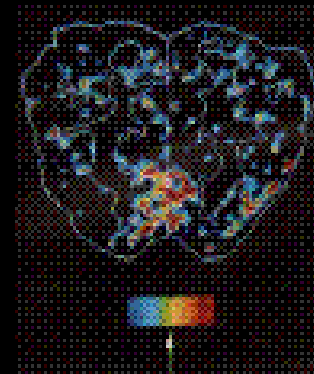
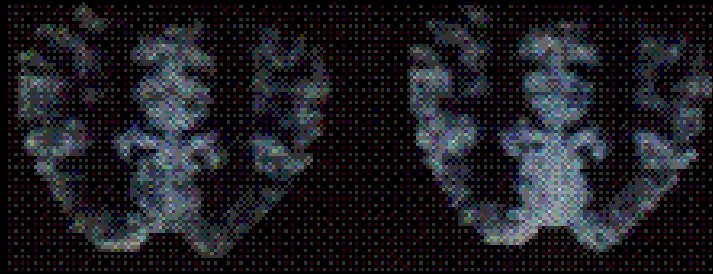
Arterial Spin Labeling

Blood Volume Imaging

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

Resting

Active

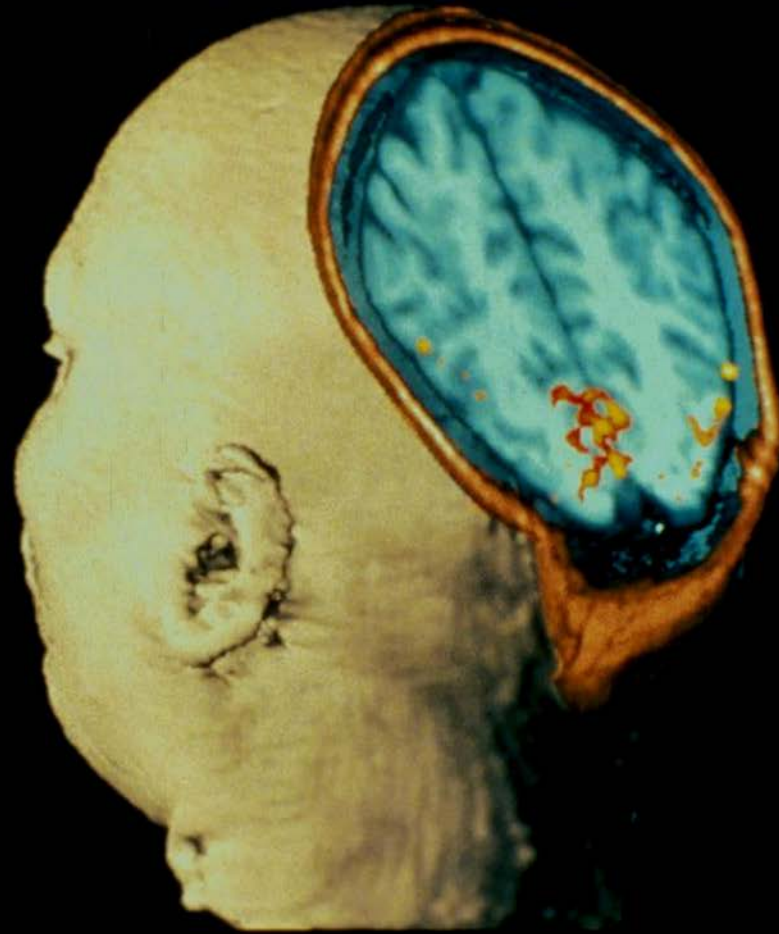


Blood Volume

**Photic
Stimulation**

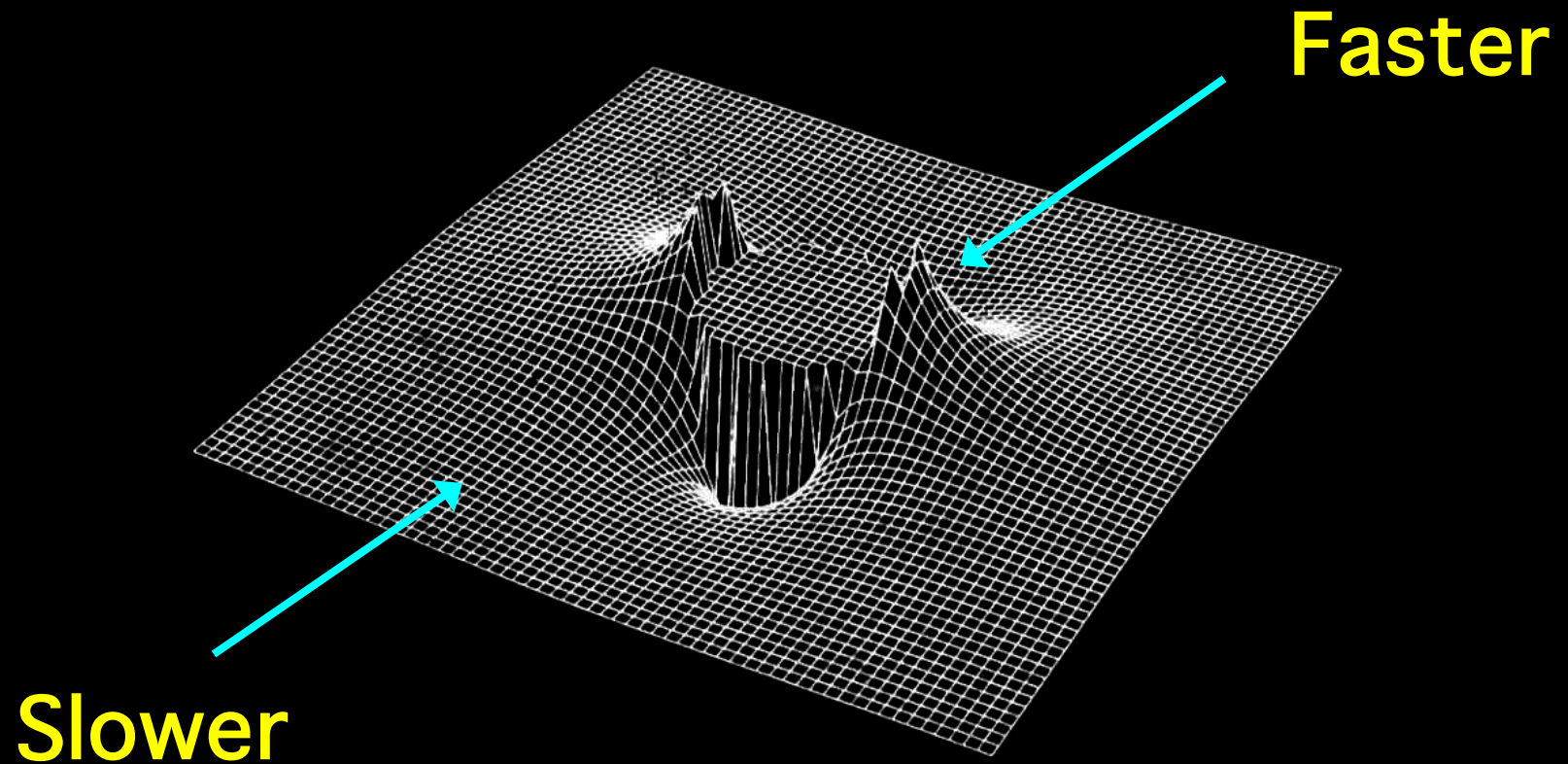
**MRI Image showing
activation of the
Visual Cortex**

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

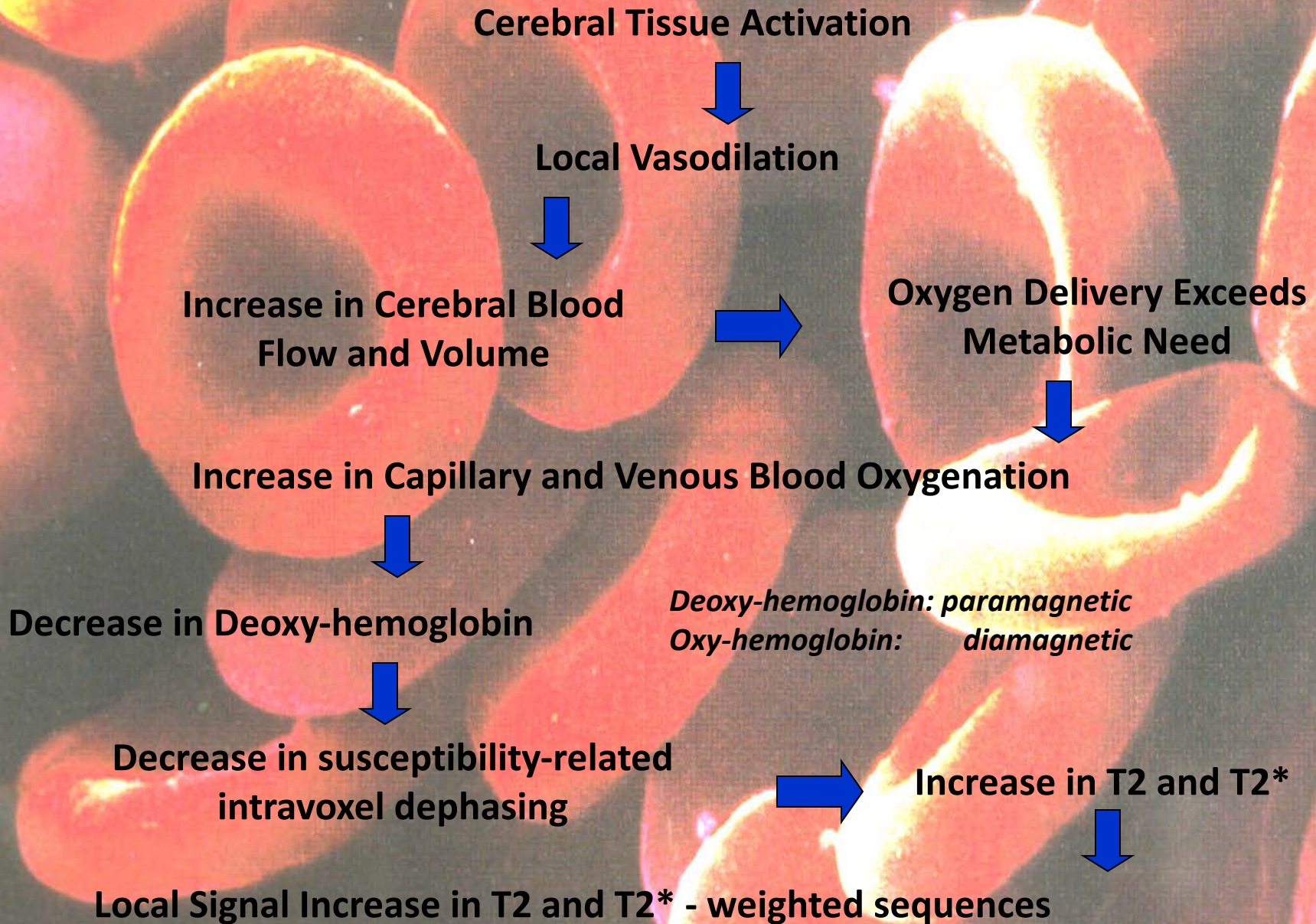


Susceptibility Contrast

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

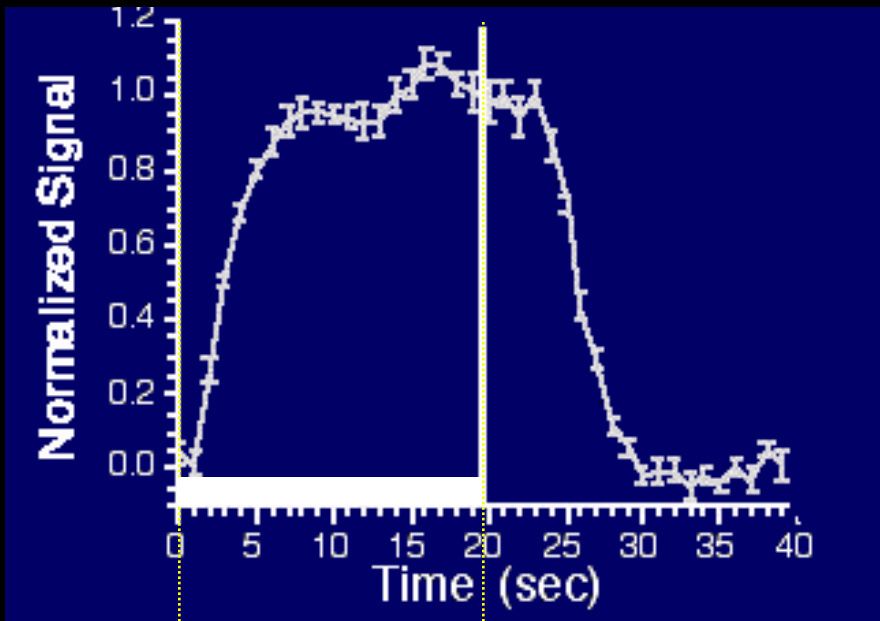


BOLD Contrast in the Detection of Neuronal Activity

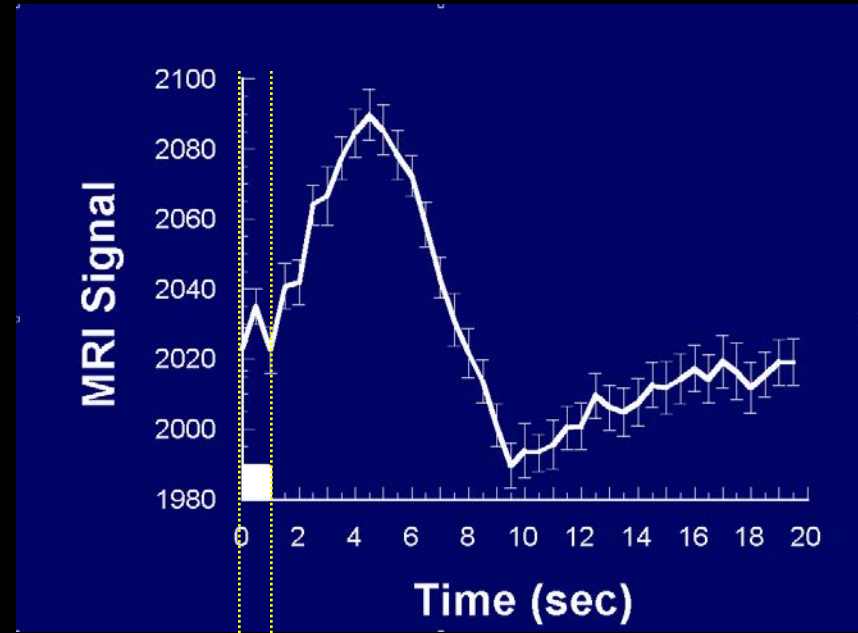


The BOLD Signal

Blood Oxygenation Level Dependent (BOLD) signal changes



task



task

Alternating Left and Right Finger Tapping



~ 1992

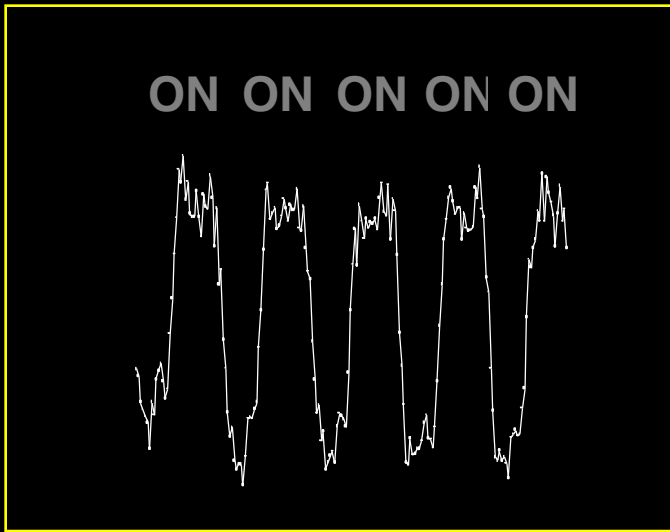
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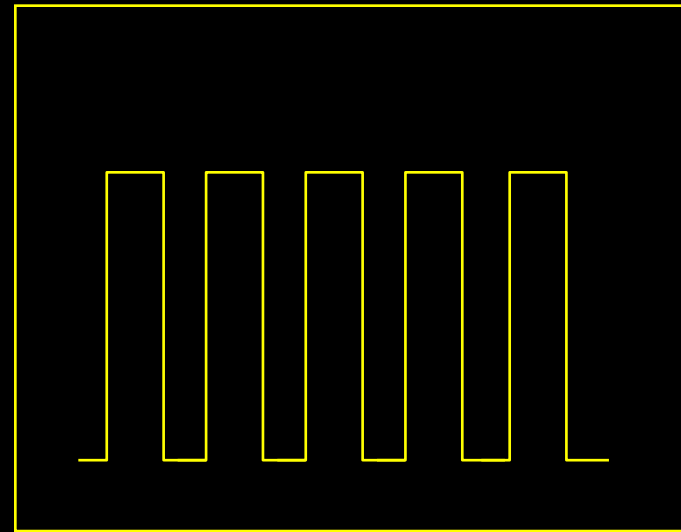
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Creating a Functional Image



Signal Time Course

X



Reference Function

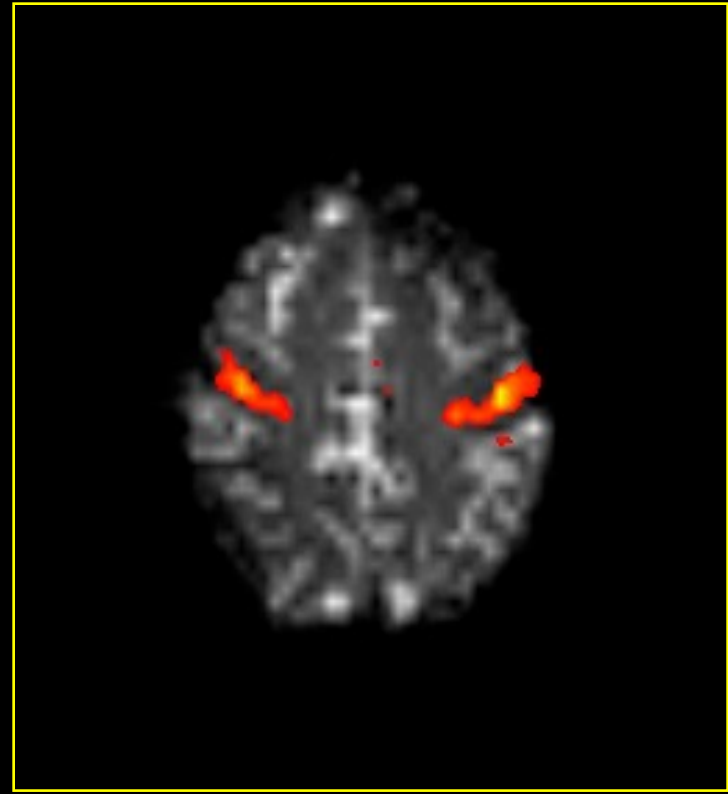
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Cross Correlation Image



Cross Correlation Image
Anatomical Image

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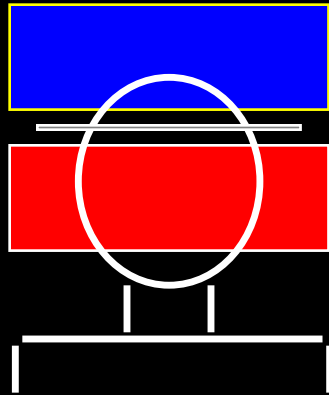
Correlation analysis, Fourier analysis, t-test, f-test...
SPM, AFNI, brain voyager, FIASCO, FSL, free surfer...



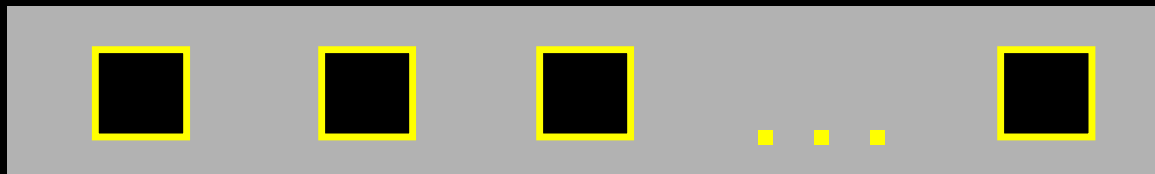
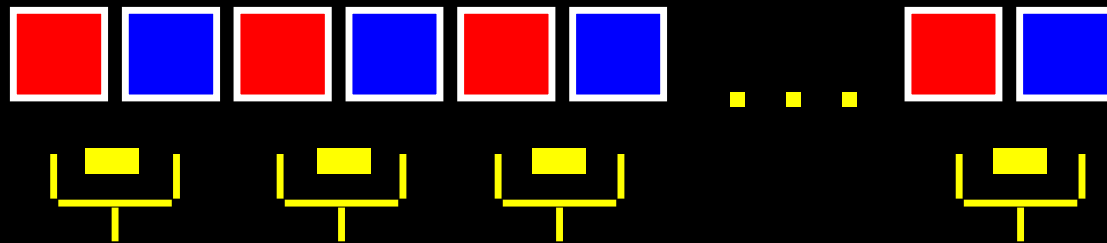
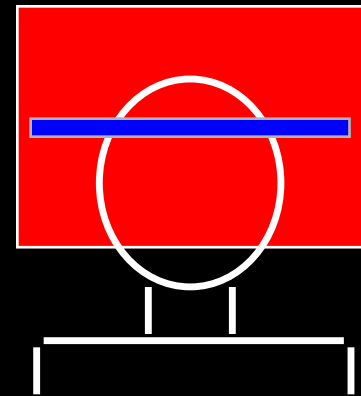
*Quality of results and importance of the findings depends on
type of question asked, experimental method, and analysis method...*

Blood Perfusion

EPISTAR



FAIR



**Perfusion
Time Series**

TI (ms)

FAIR

EPISTAR

200

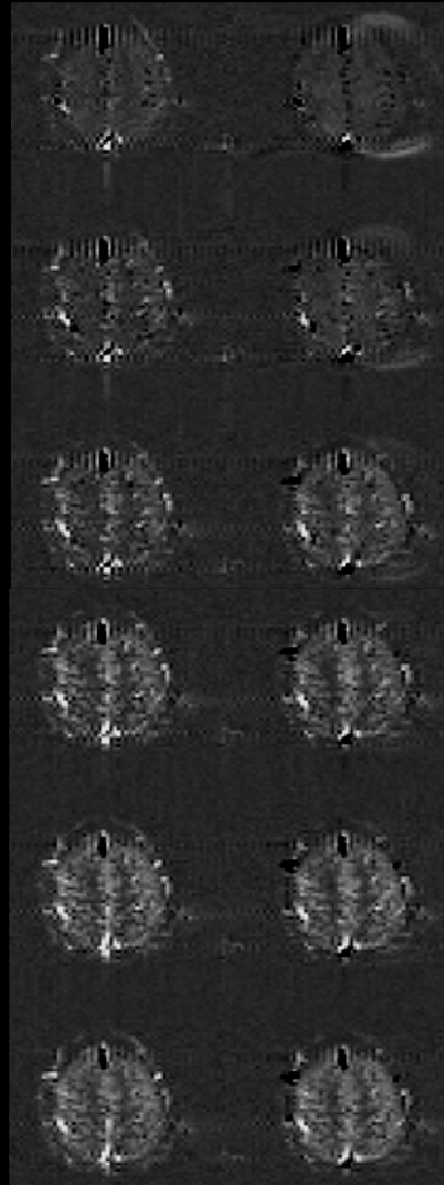
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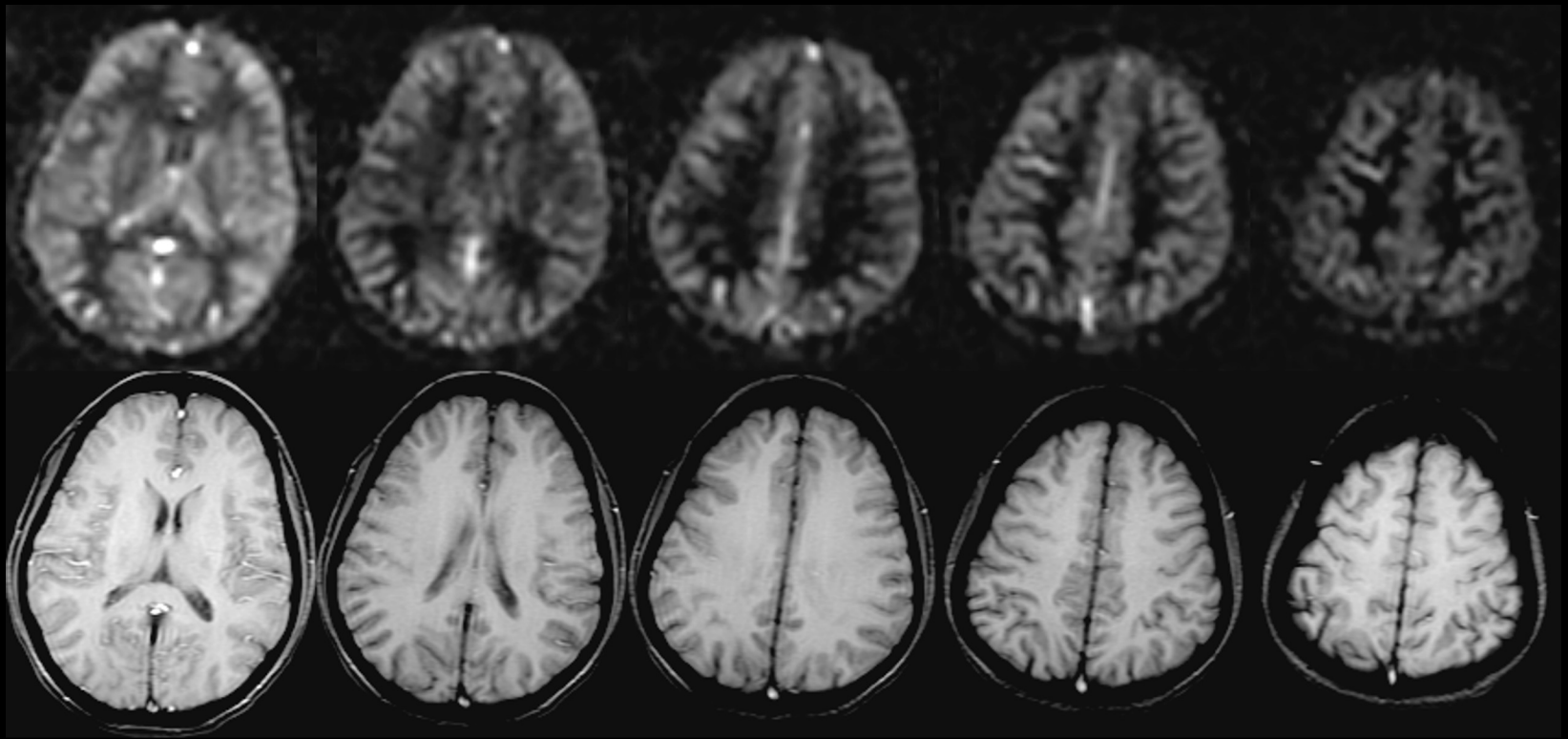
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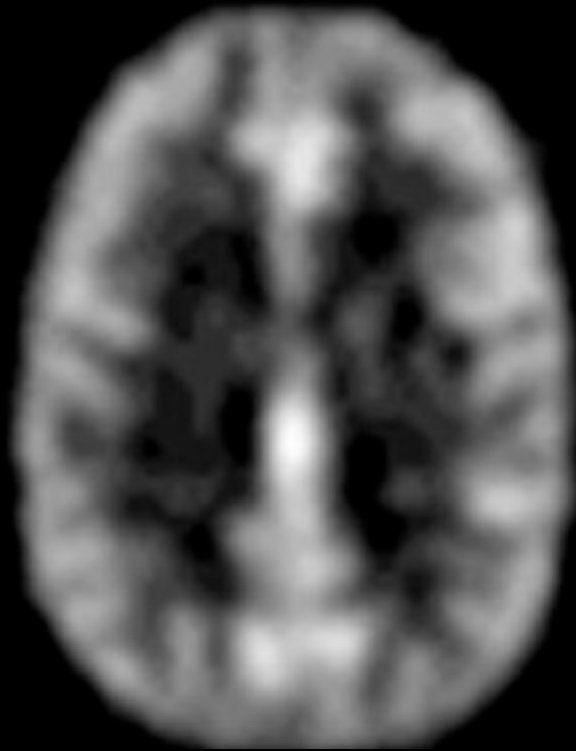
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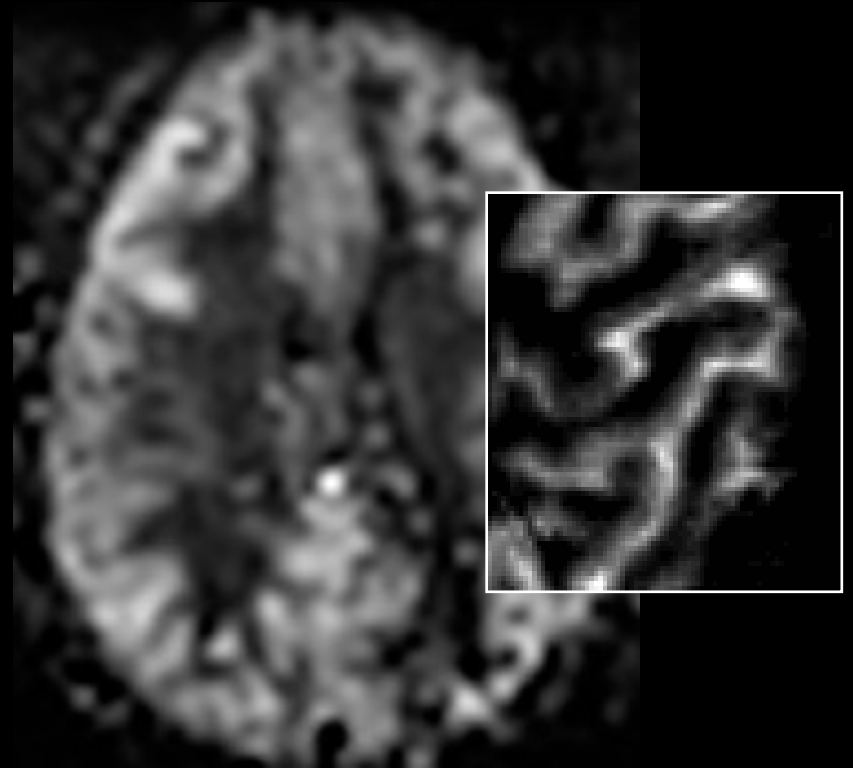
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Comparison with Positron Emission Tomography



PET: H_2^{15}O

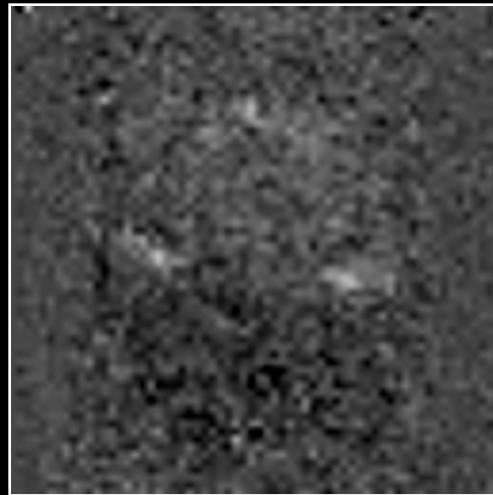
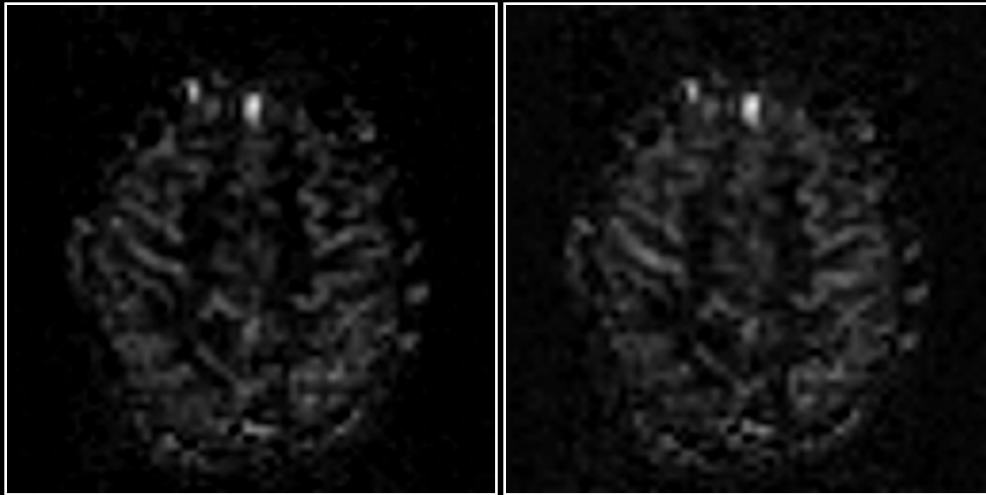


MRI: ASL

Perfusion

Rest

Activation



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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

Refinements

BOLD Contrast Interpretation

Dynamics

Paradigm Design and Processing

Refinements

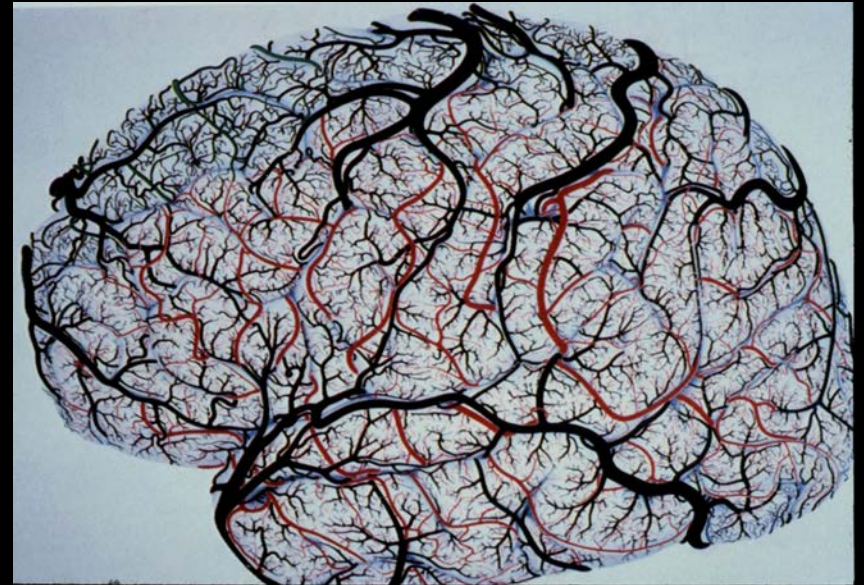
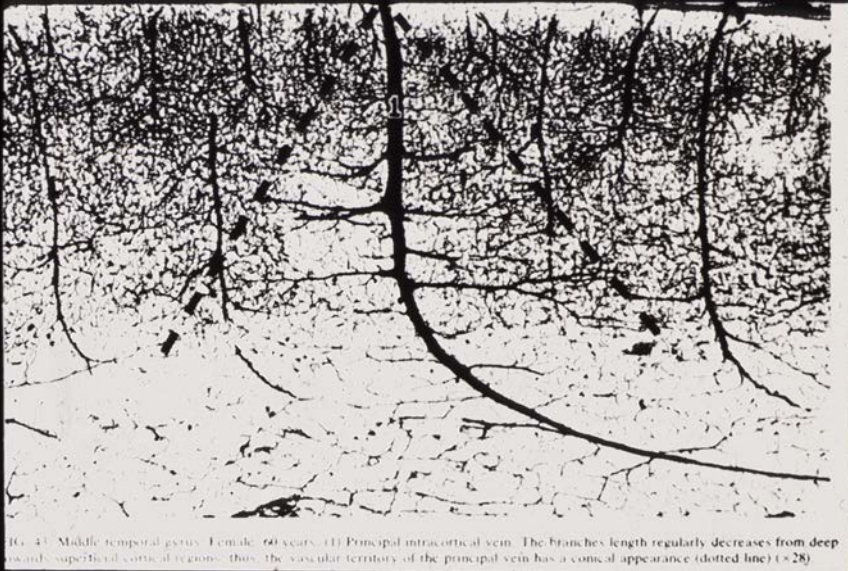
BOLD Contrast Interpretation

Dynamics

Paradigm Design and Processing

The Neuroscientists' Challenge:

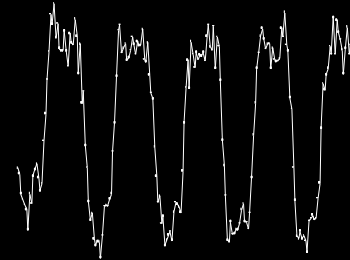
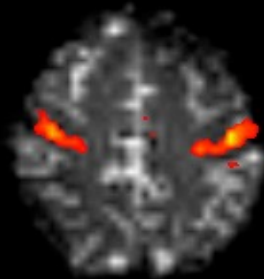
...to make progressively more precise inferences using fMRI without making too many assumptions about non-neuronal physiologic factors.



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)

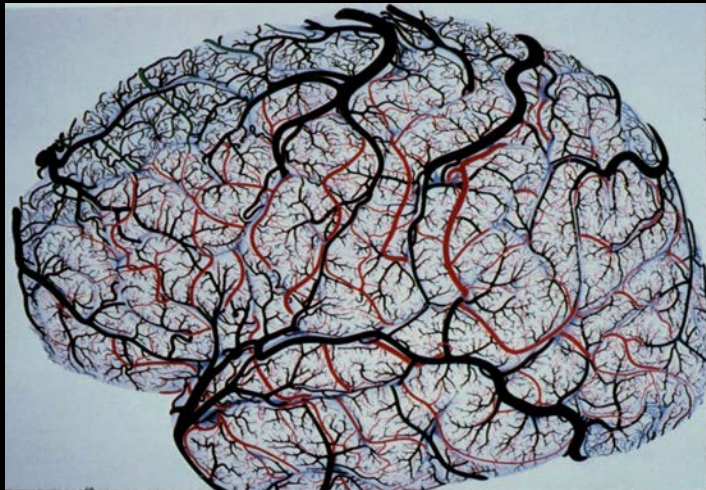
- How much more information can we obtain?

Neuronal
Activation



Measured
Signal

Hemodynamics

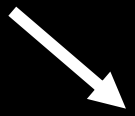


Noise

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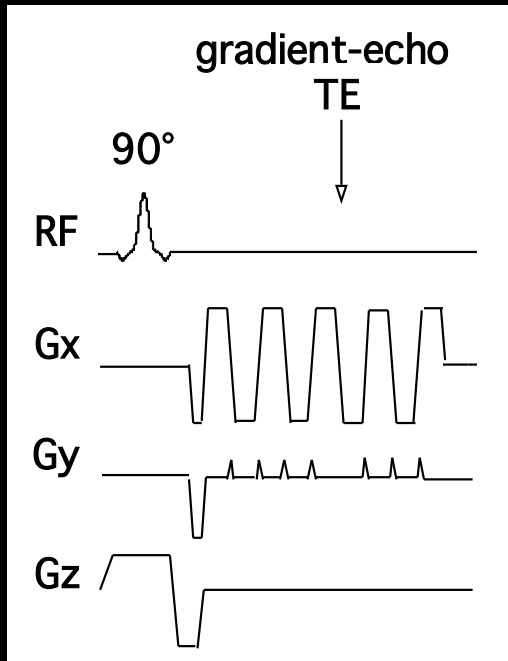
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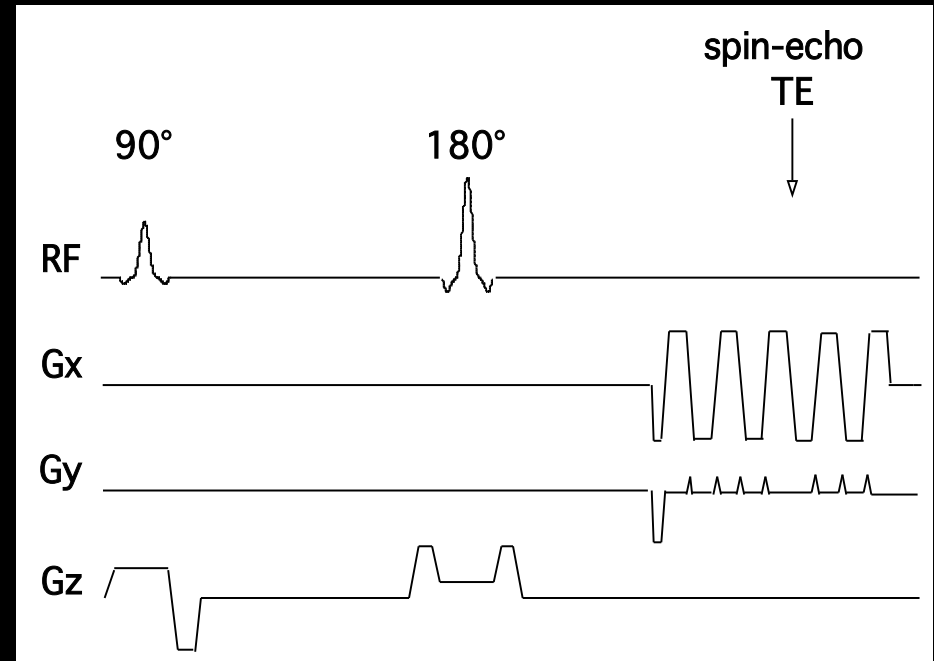


Spin-echo vs. Gradient-echo

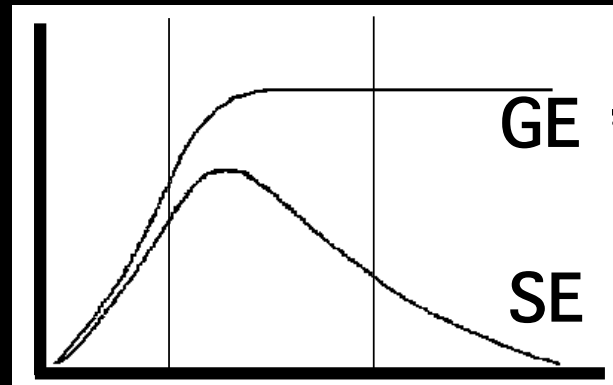
Gradient-Echo EPI



Spin-Echo EPI



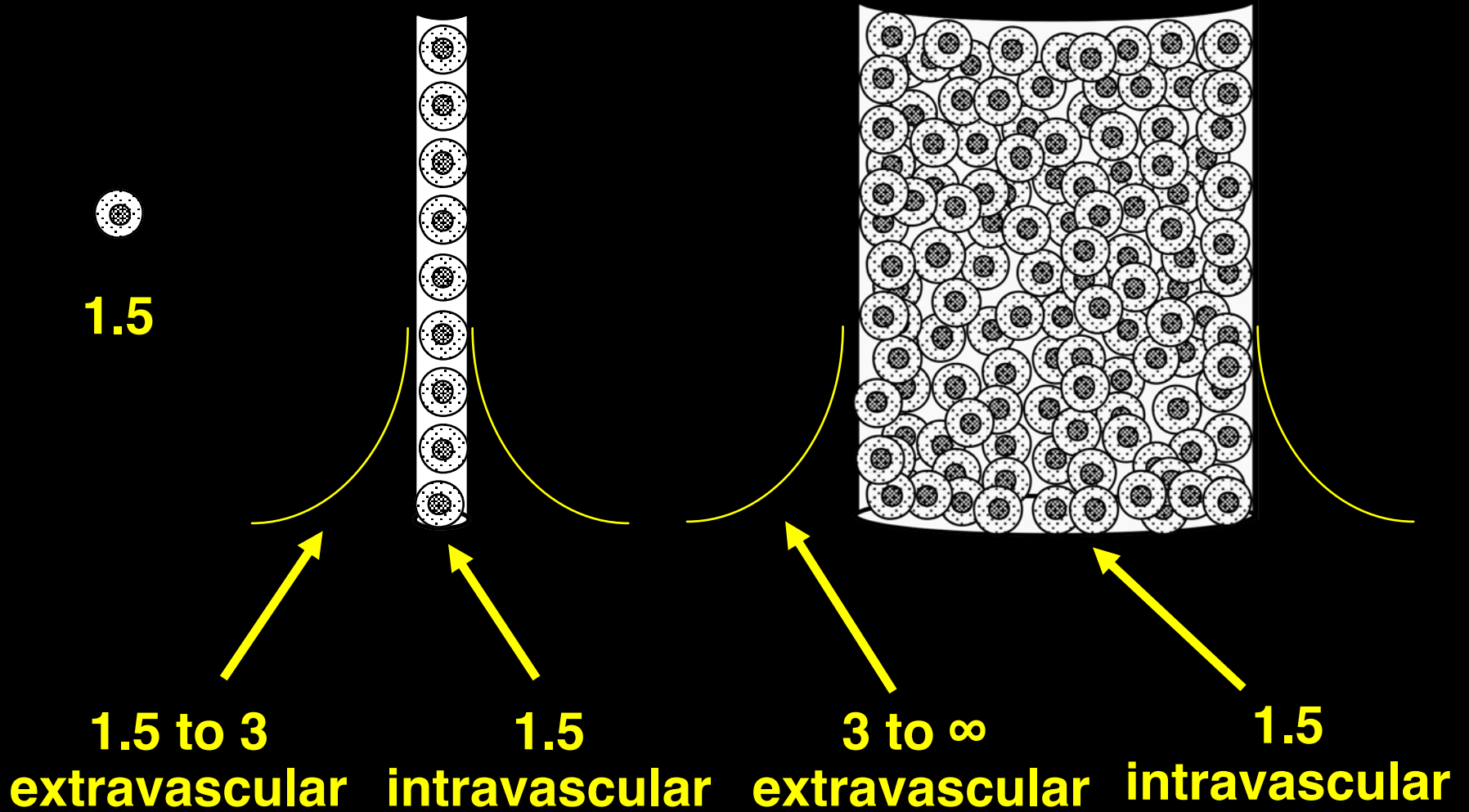
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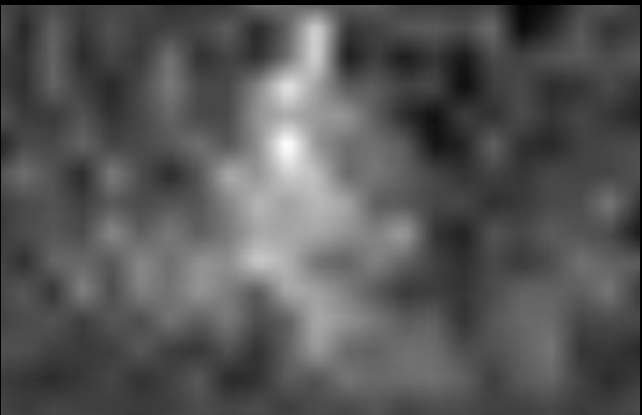
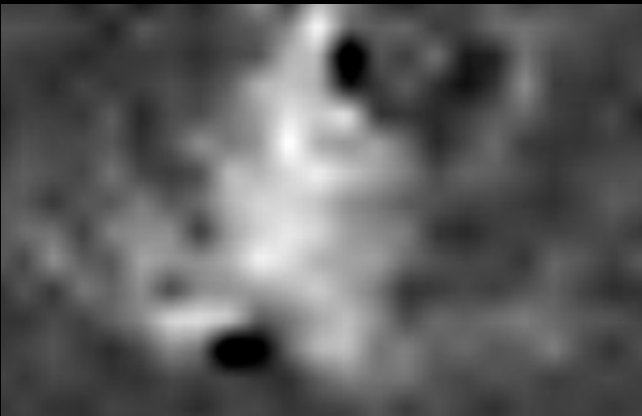
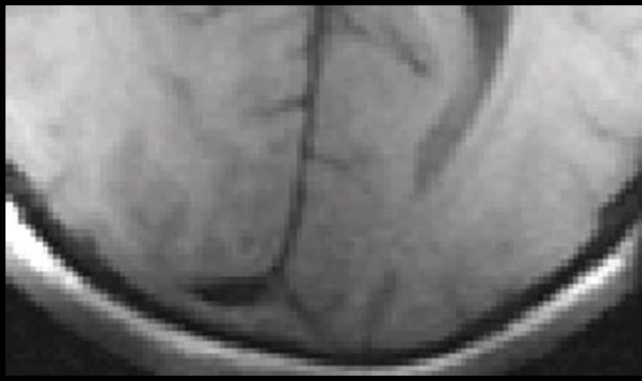


2.5 to 3 μm 3 to 15 μm 15 to ∞ μm

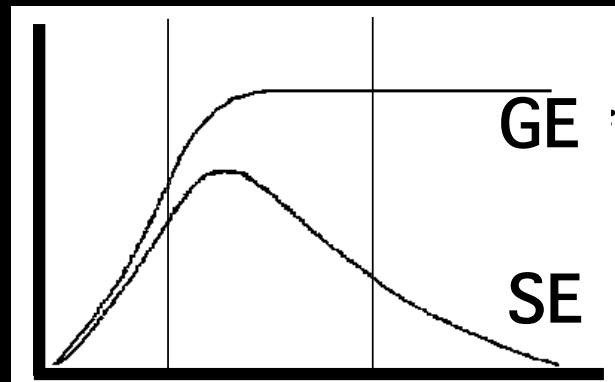
compartment size

$$\Delta R2^* / \Delta R2$$





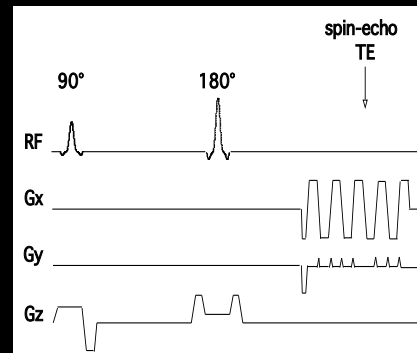
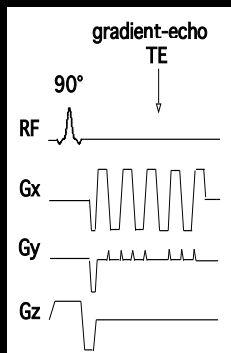
Contrast



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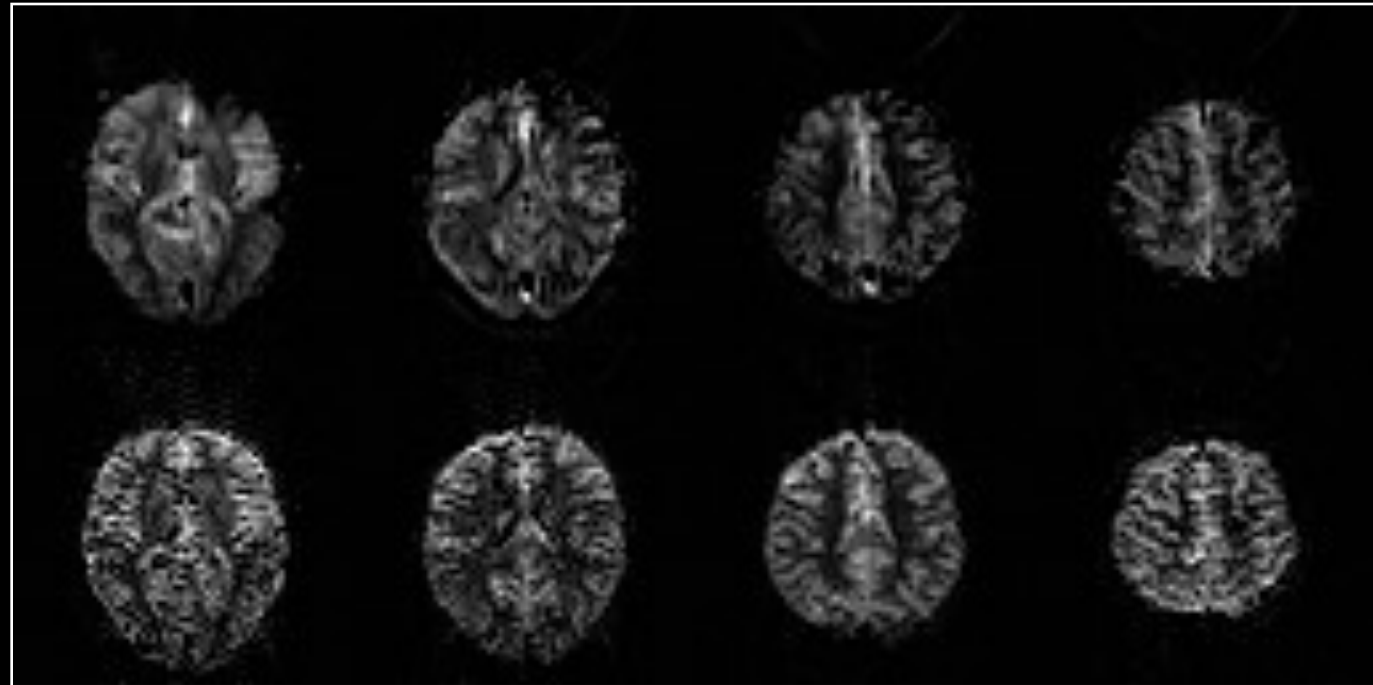
Gradient - Echo



Spin - Echo

GE
TE = 30 ms

SE
TE = 110 ms



3T

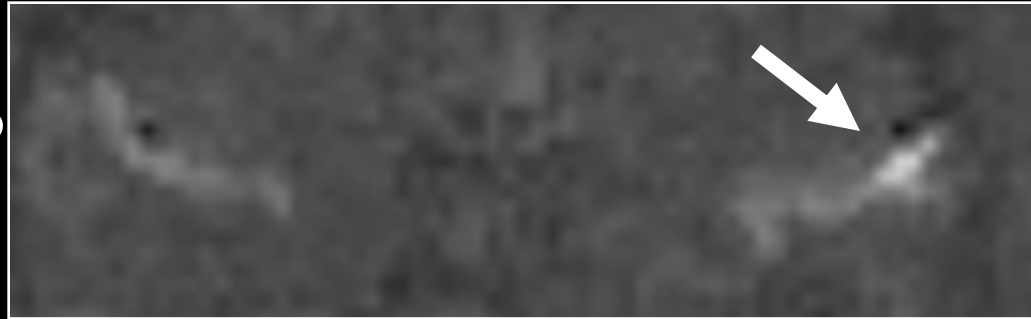
Spin-Echo
TE = 105 ms
TR = ∞



Gradient-Echo
TE = 50 ms



Gradient-Echo functional
TE = 50 ms

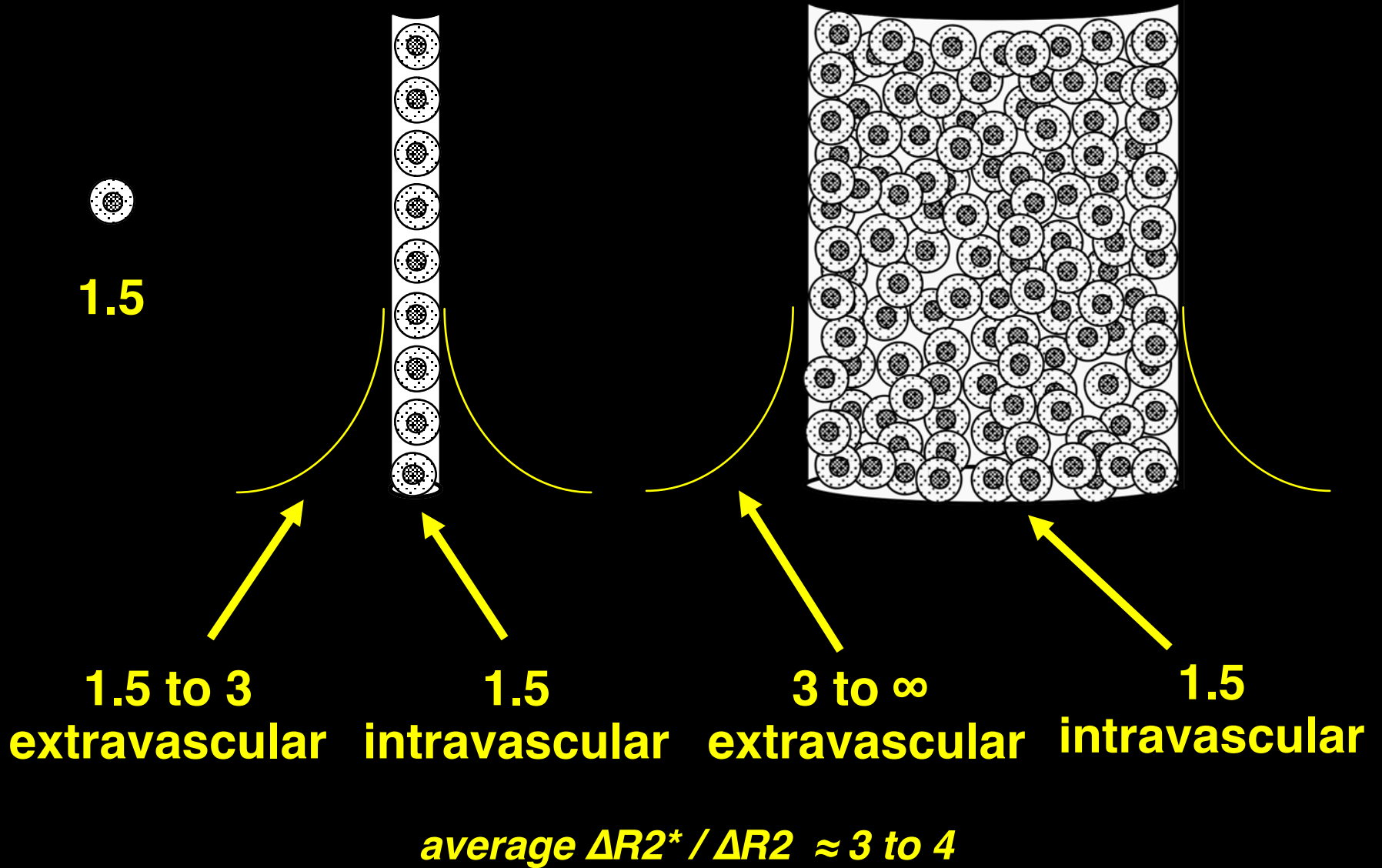


Spin-Echo functional
TE = 105 ms

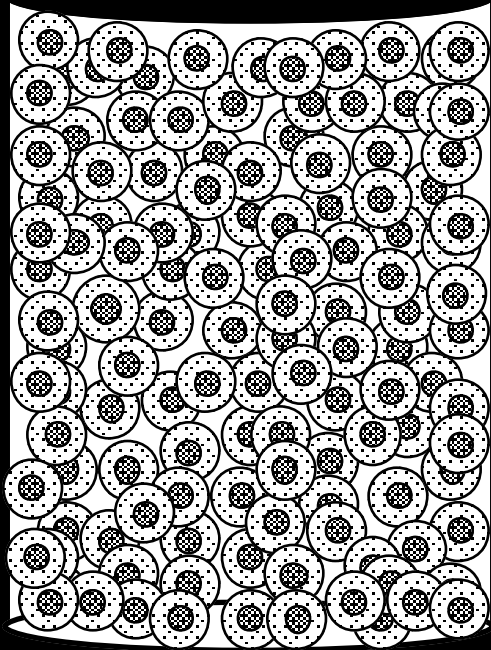


Effect of diffusion weighting

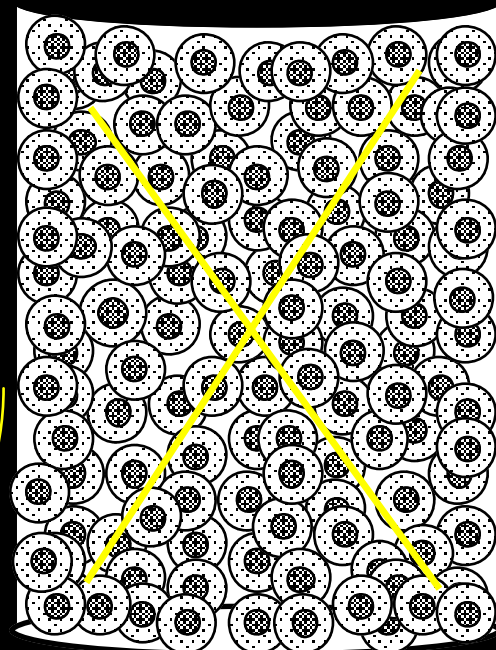
$\Delta R2^* / \Delta R2$



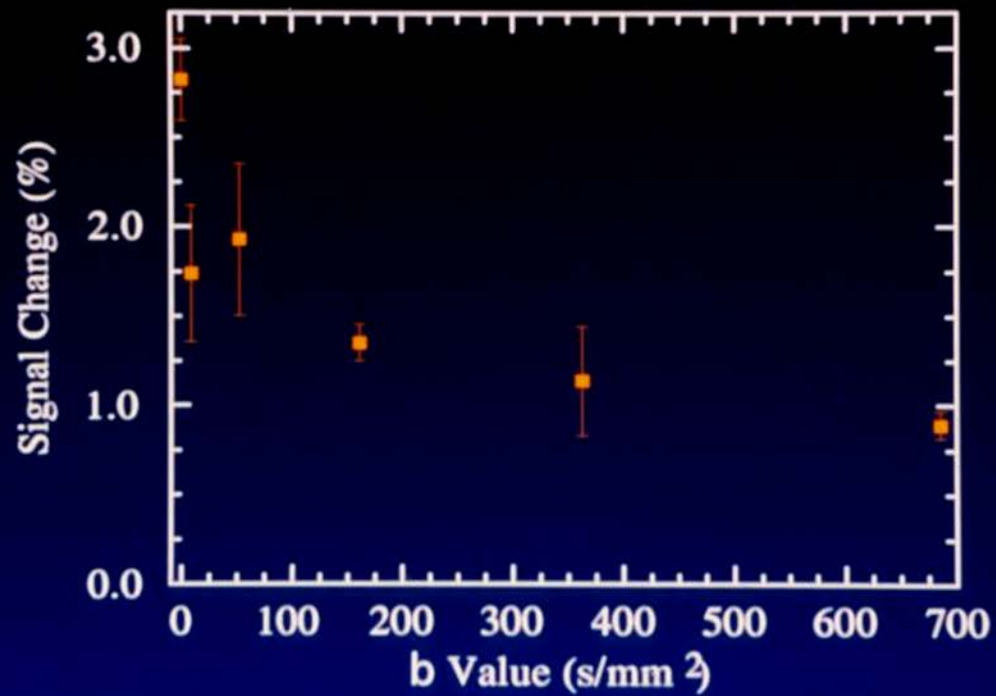
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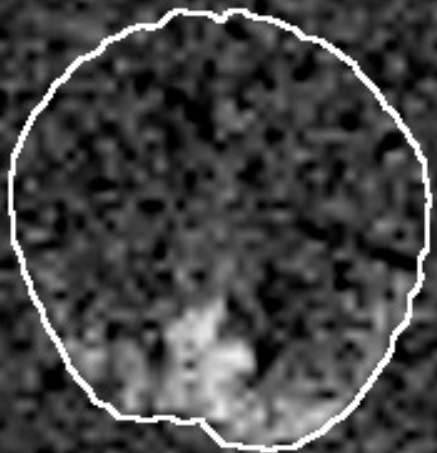
diffusion weighting



Summary of Diffusion-Weighted fMRI Data



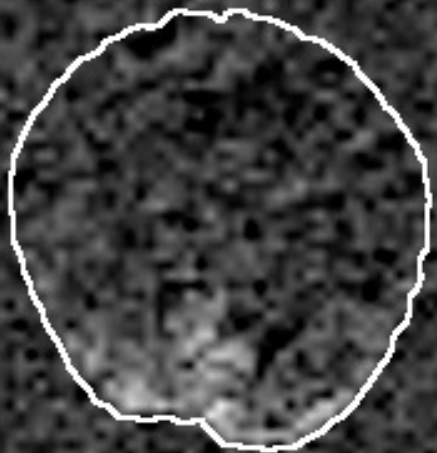
$b = 0$



$b = 10$



$b = 50$

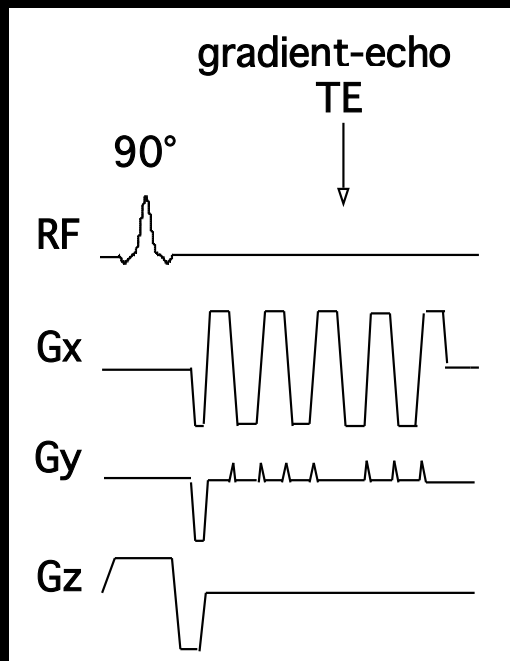


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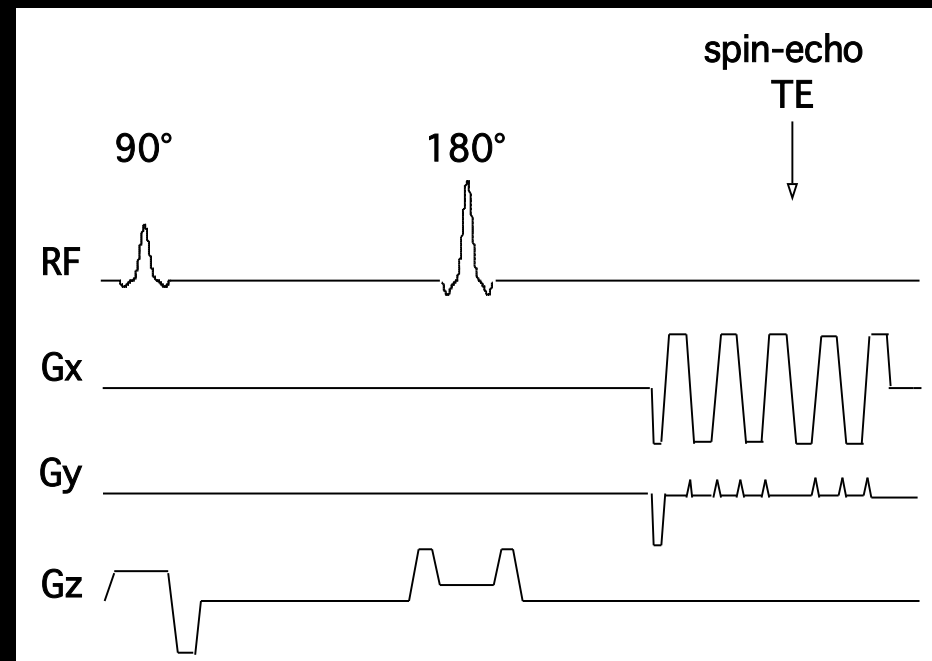


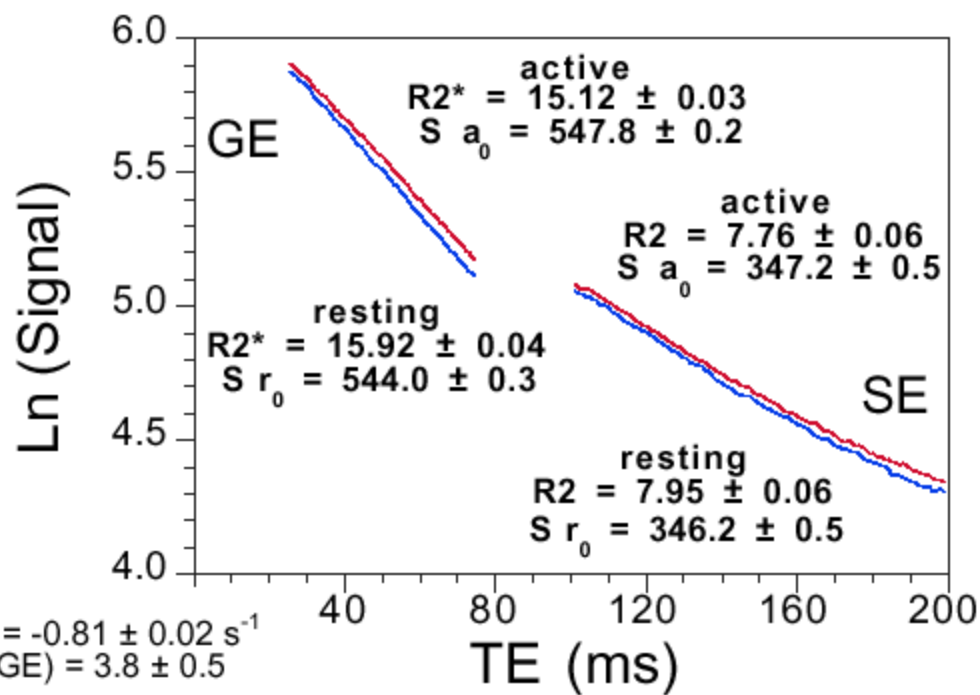
Echo time dependence

Gradient-Echo EPI



Spin-Echo EPI



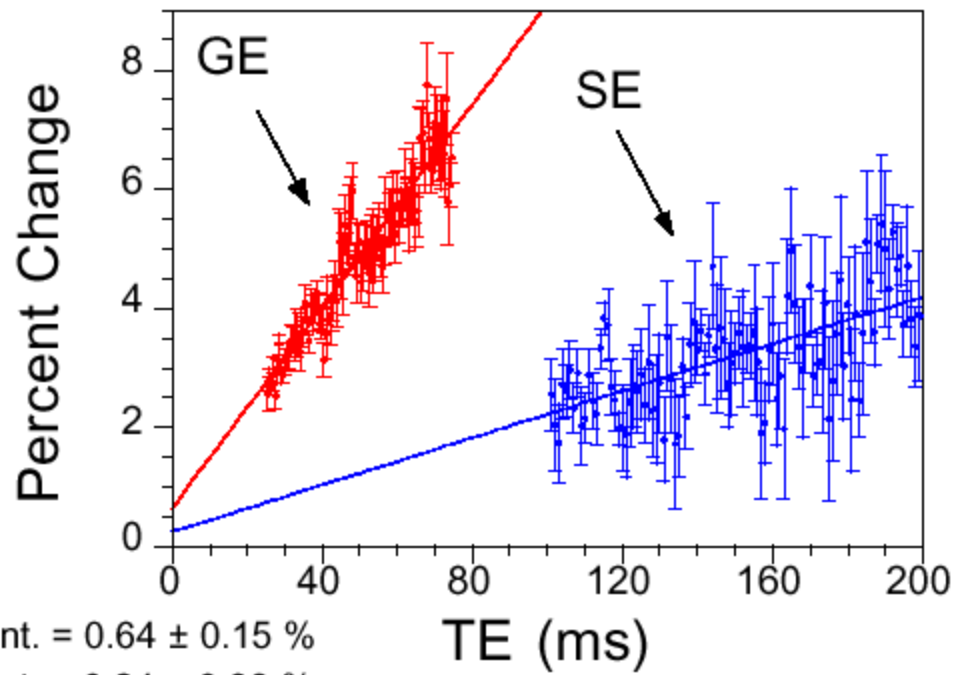


$$\Delta R2^* = -0.81 \pm 0.02 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta S_0 \text{ (GE)} = 3.8 \pm 0.5$$

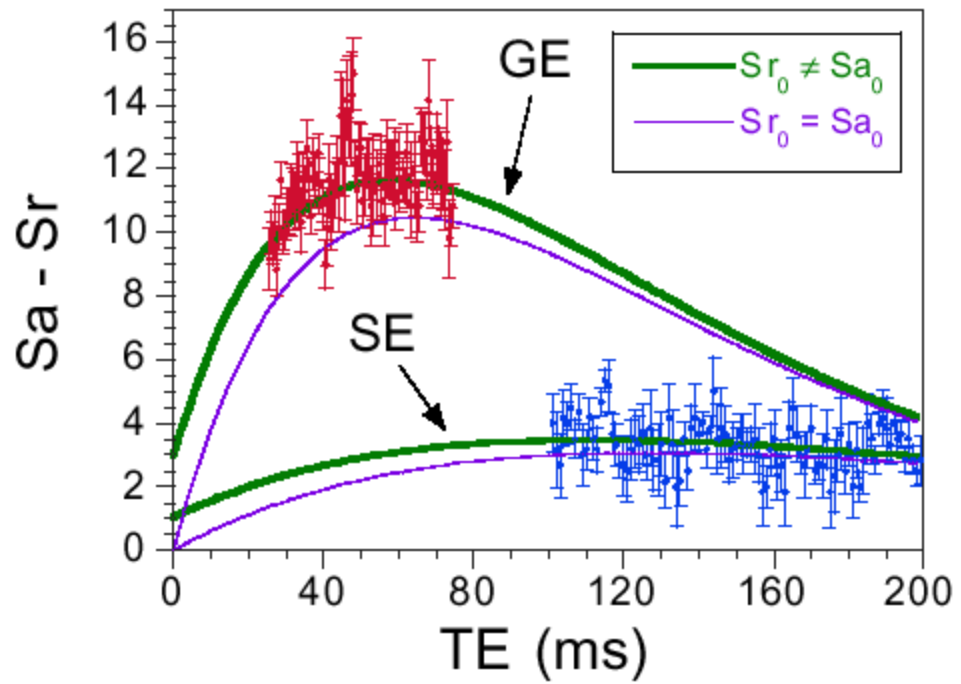
$$\Delta R2 = -0.19 \pm 0.02 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$\Delta S_0 \text{ (SE)} = 1.0 \pm 1.0$$



GE int. = 0.64 ± 0.15 %

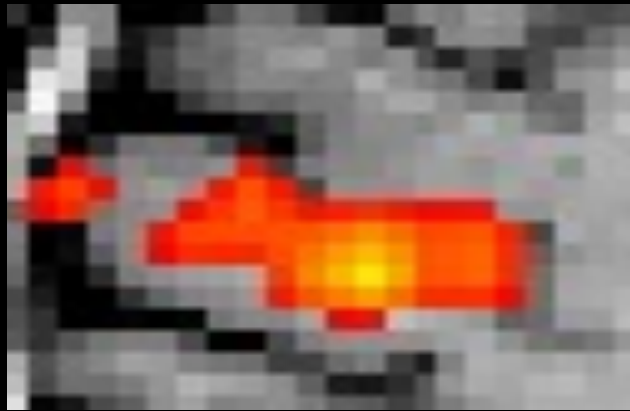
SE int. = 0.24 ± 0.38 %



Perfusion localization vs. BOLD localization

T1 - weighted

Flow weighted



T2* weighted

BOLD weighted



T1 and T2* weighted

Flow and BOLD weighted



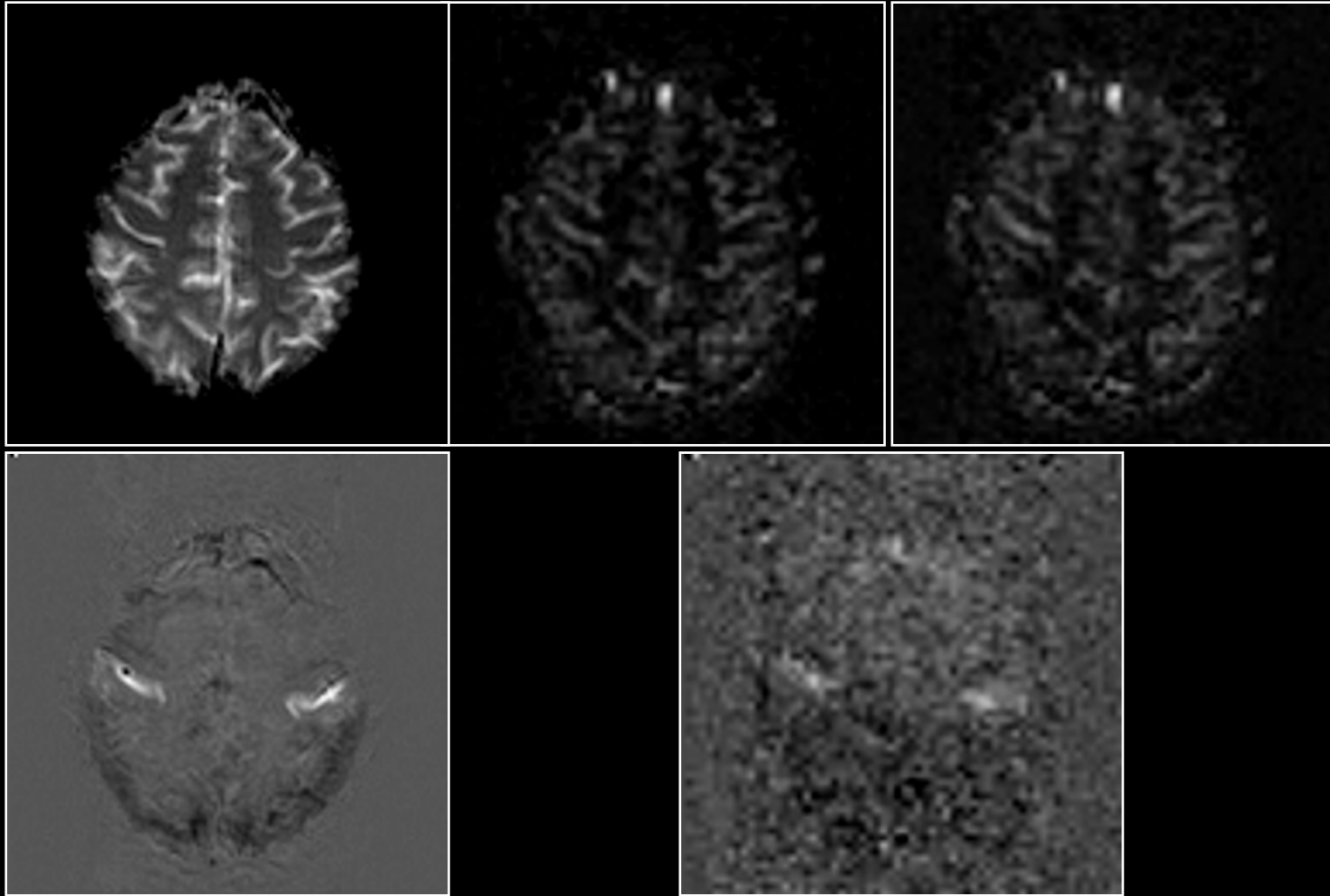
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Perfusion

BOLD

Rest

Activation

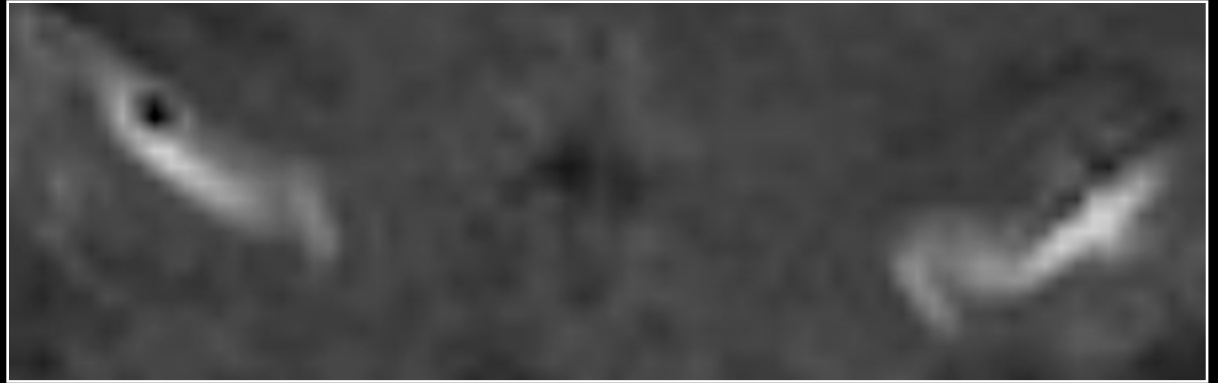


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Anatomy



BOLD

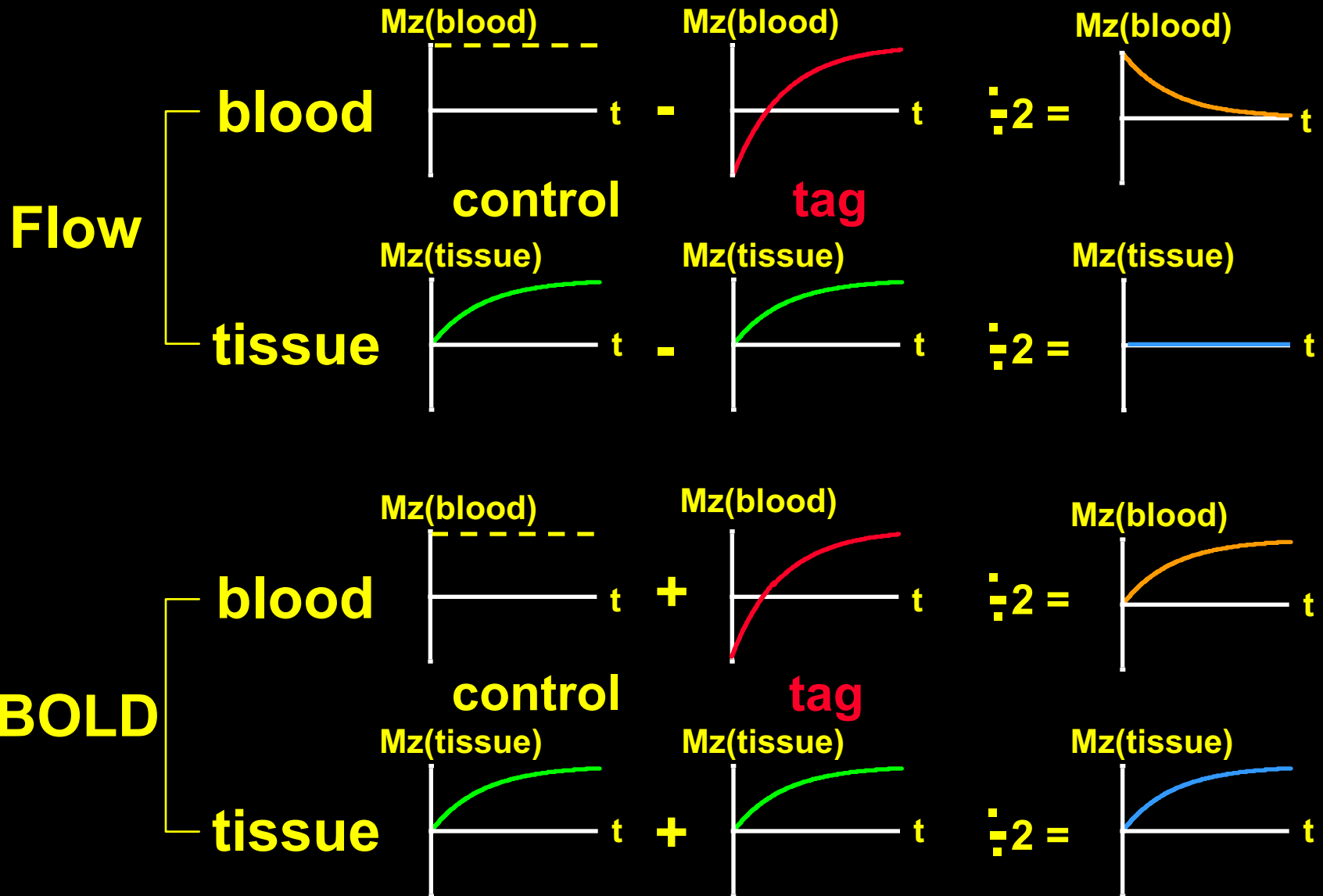


Perfusion



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Simultaneous Flow and BOLD



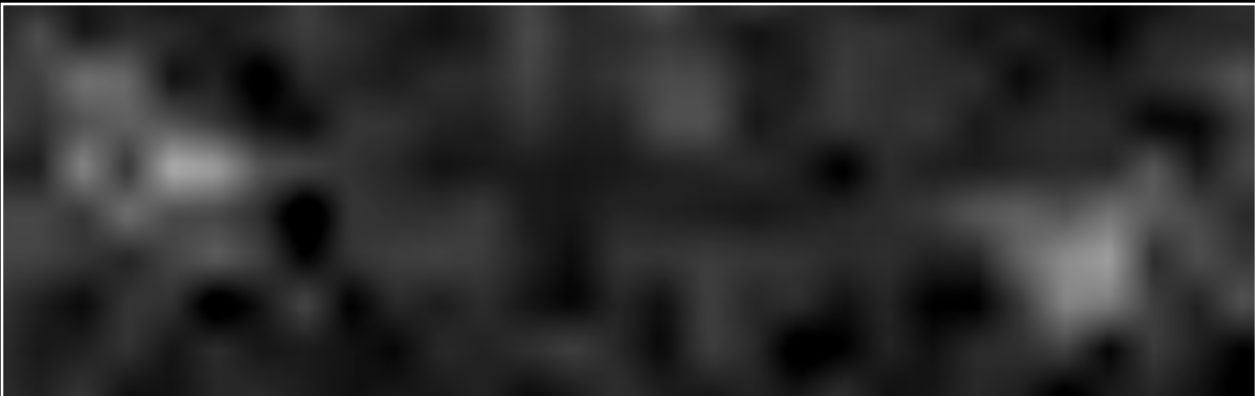
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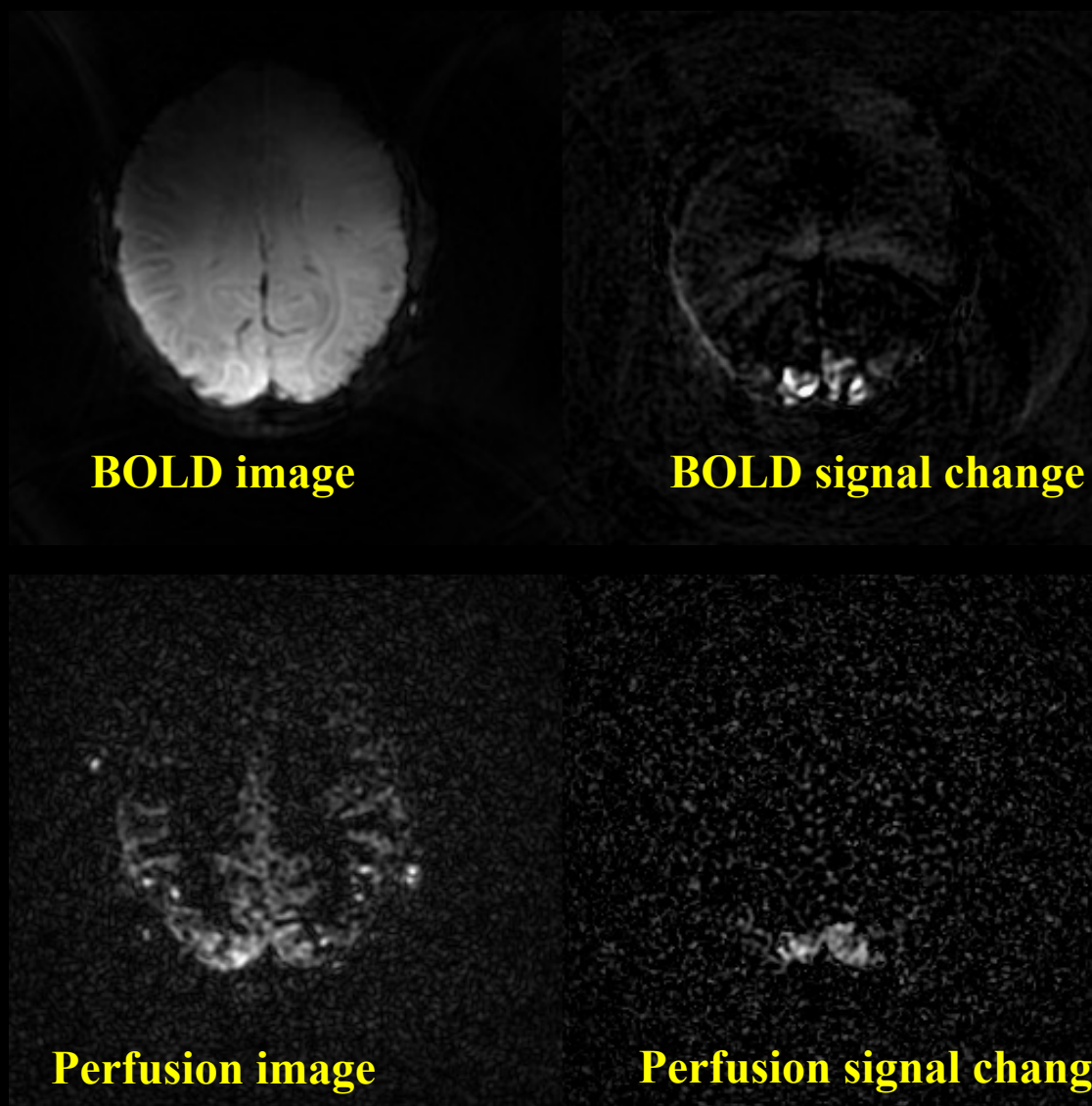
BOLD



Perfusion



Simultaneous perfusion and BOLD imaging (10 min, $1.5 \times 1.5 \times 4 \text{mm}^3$)



What Changes with Field Strength?

Tissue Relaxation Characteristics

Functional Contrast

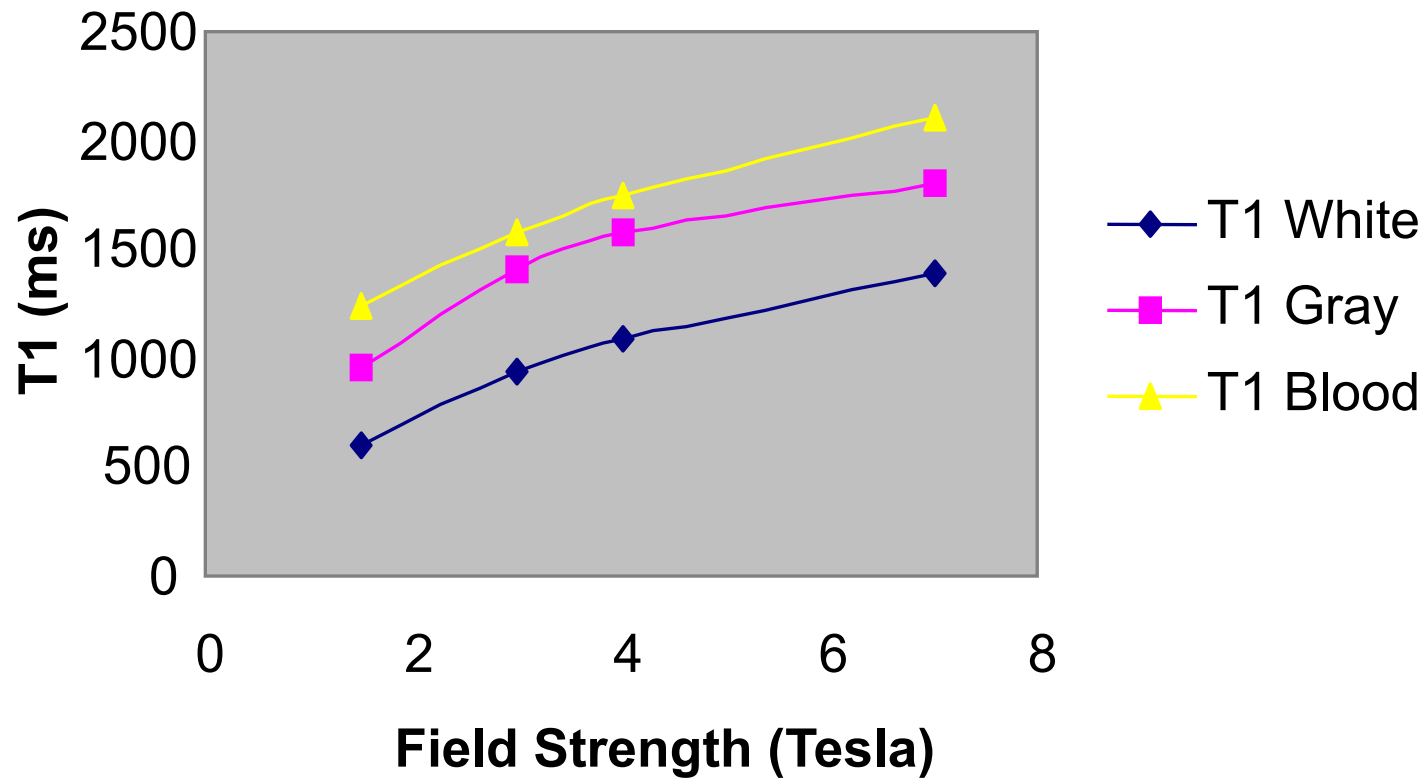
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B₀ Inhomogeneity Effects

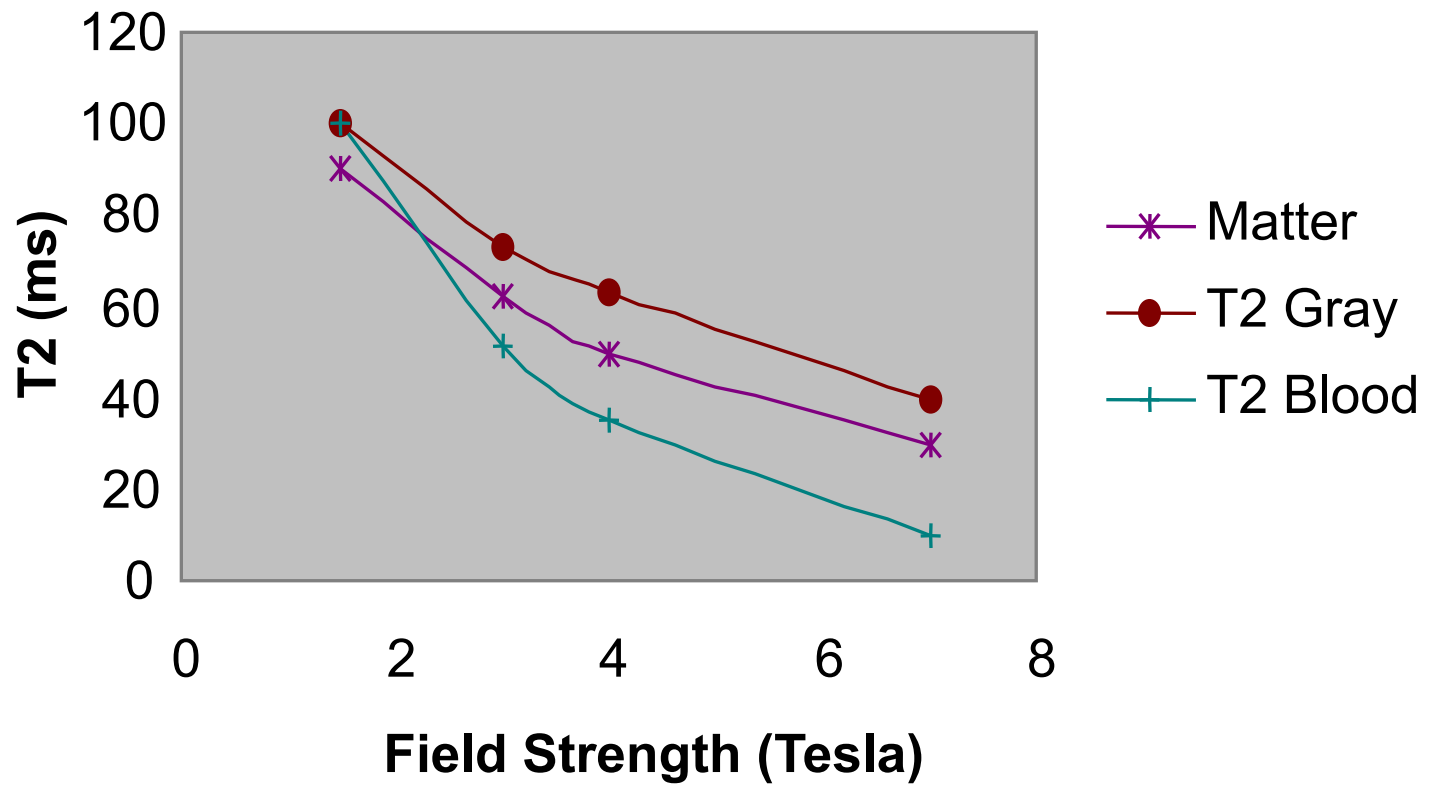
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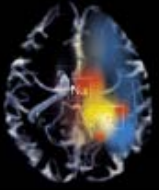
Mechanical Force on Gradient Coil

T1 Values Across Field Strengths



T2 Values Across Field Strengths





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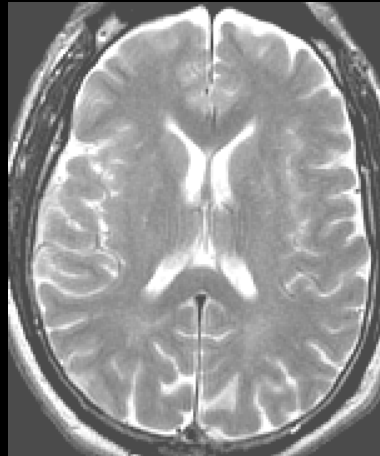
Whole Brain Anatomy

T1-SE

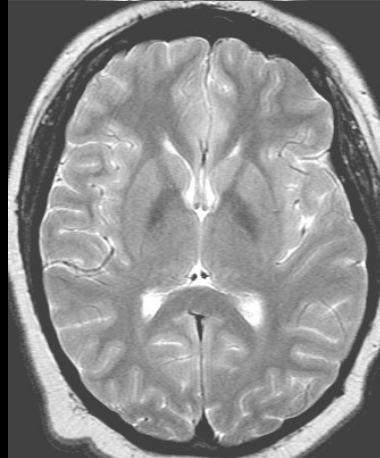
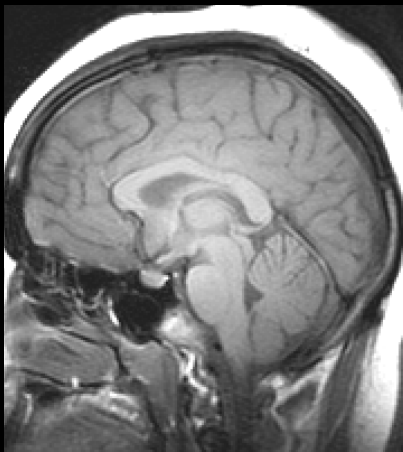
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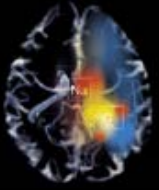
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1.5T



3.0T





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3.0T: 3D TOF MRA

Longer T1 at 3.0T enhances flow effects and improves background suppression as well as allows higher spatial resolution

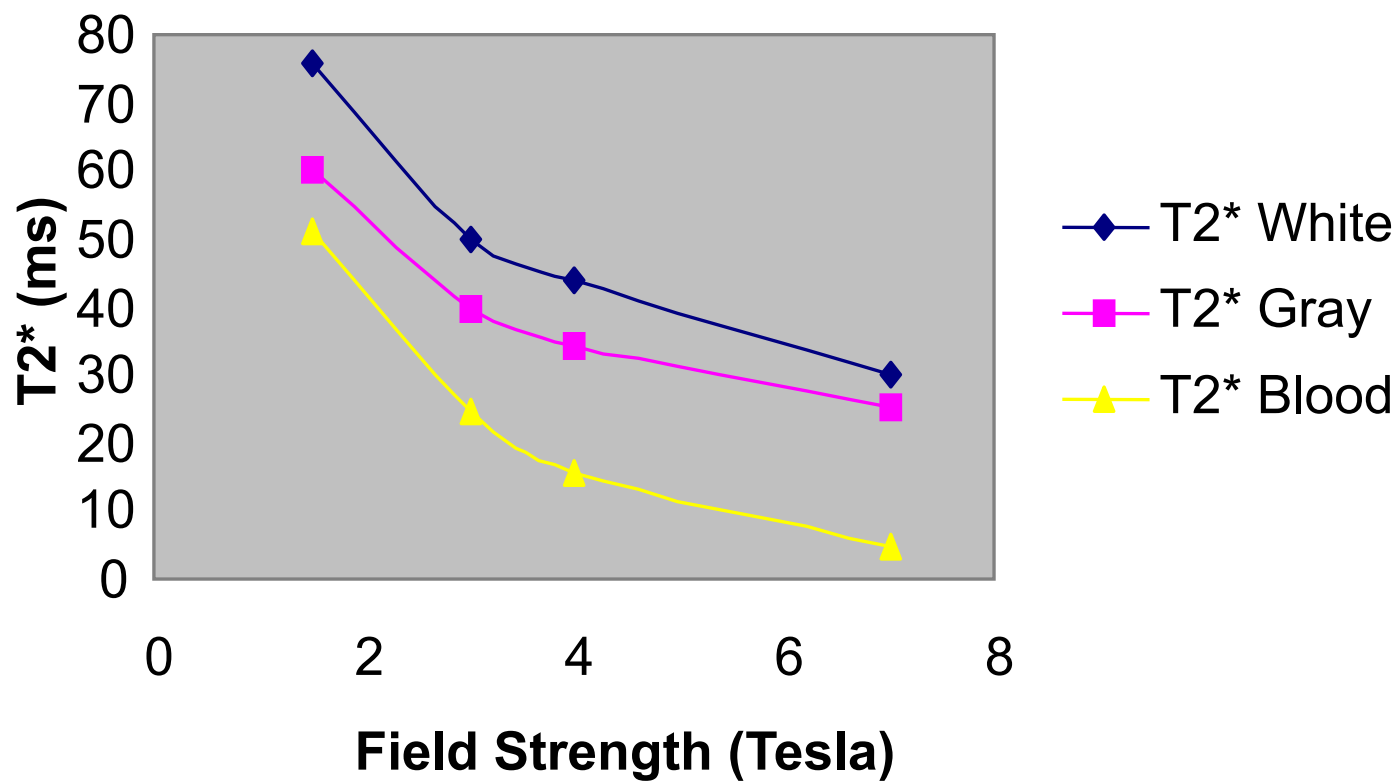


15 y.o. female patient

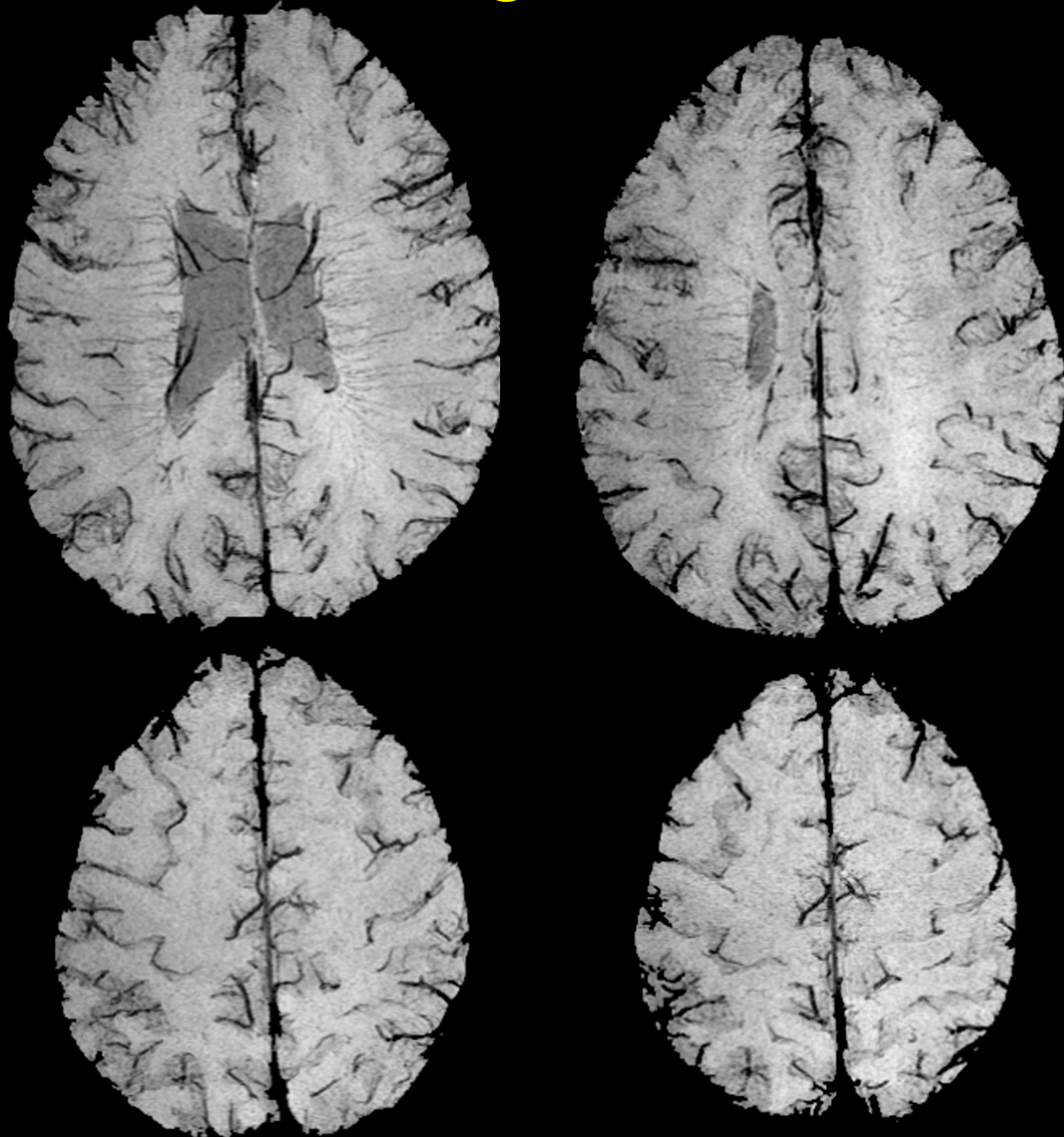


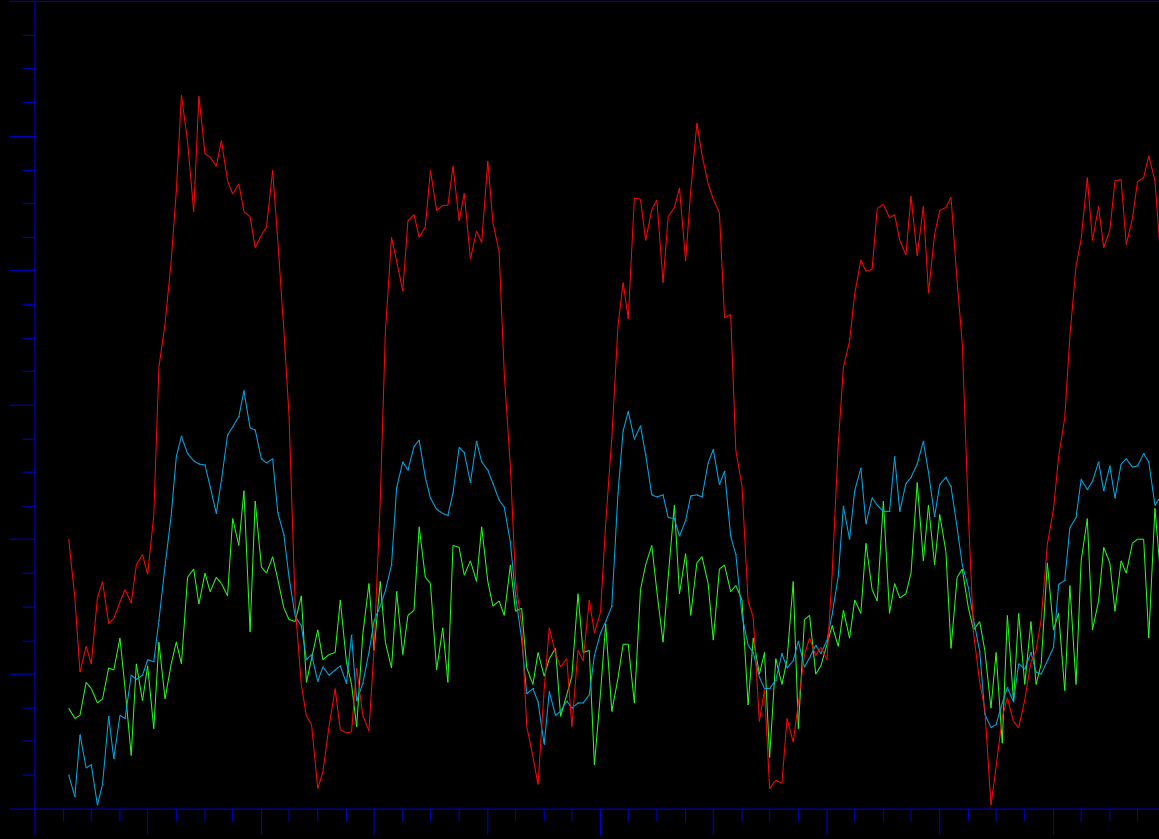
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T2* Values Across Field Strengths



Venograms (3T)

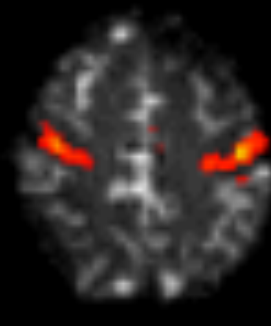
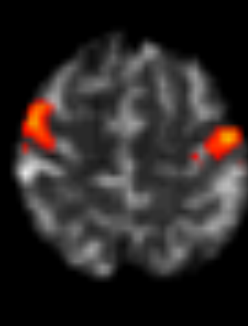
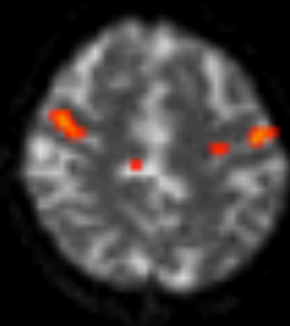
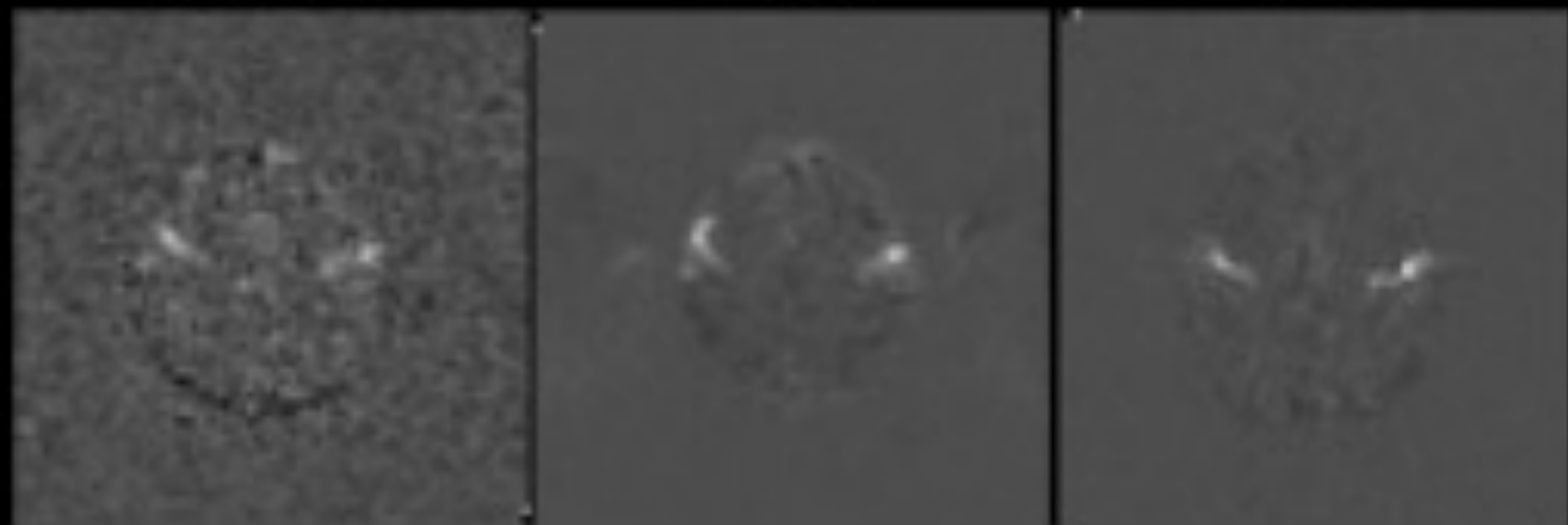




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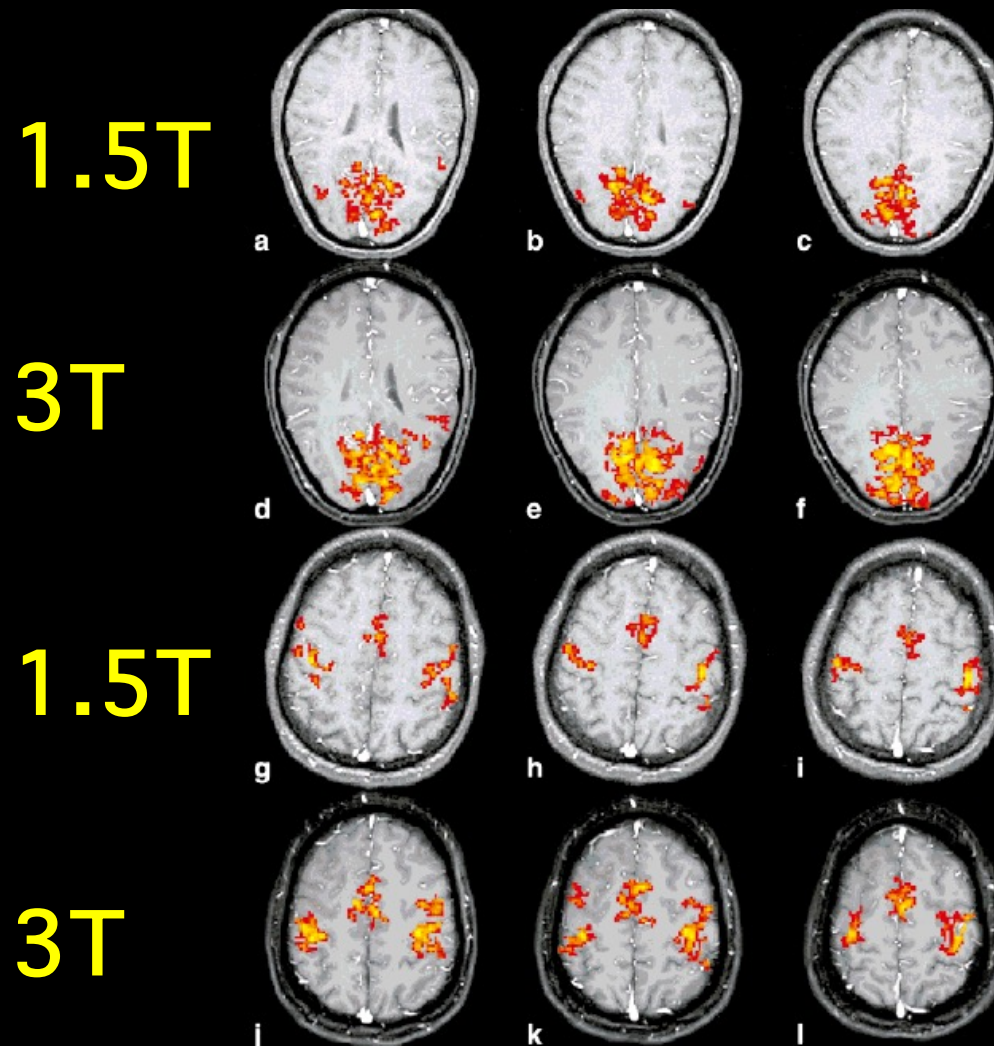
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3 T

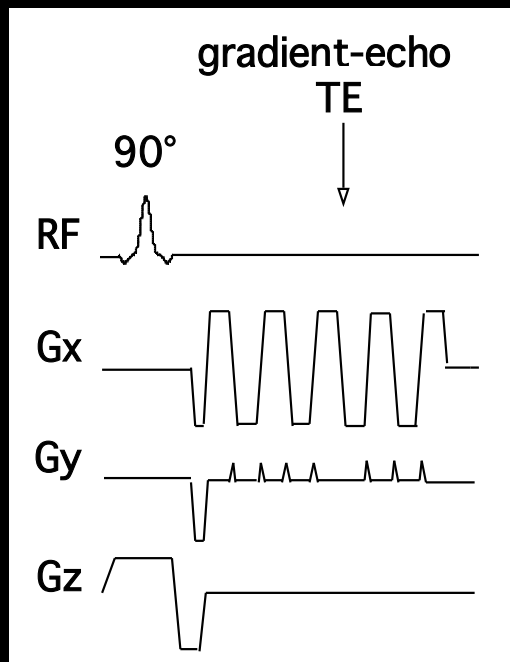


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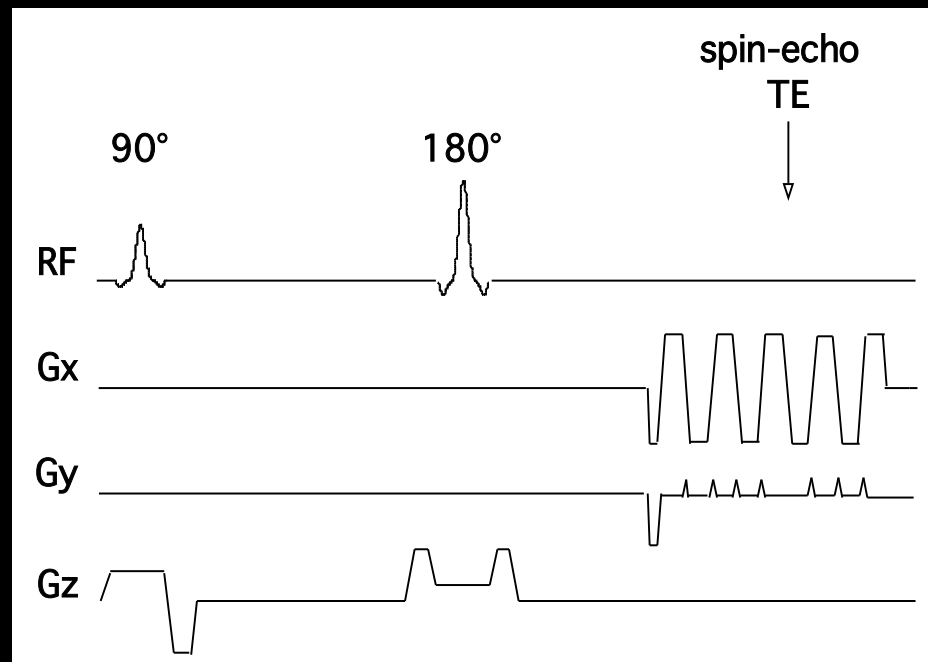
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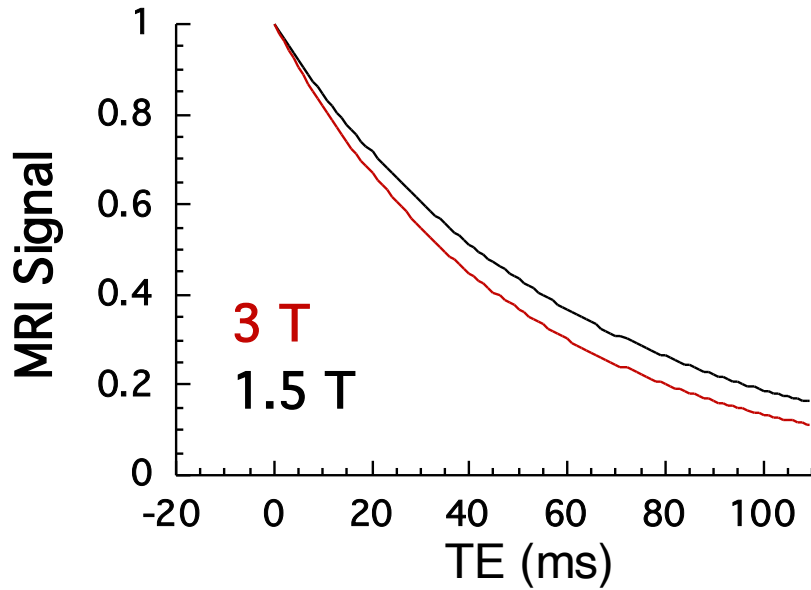
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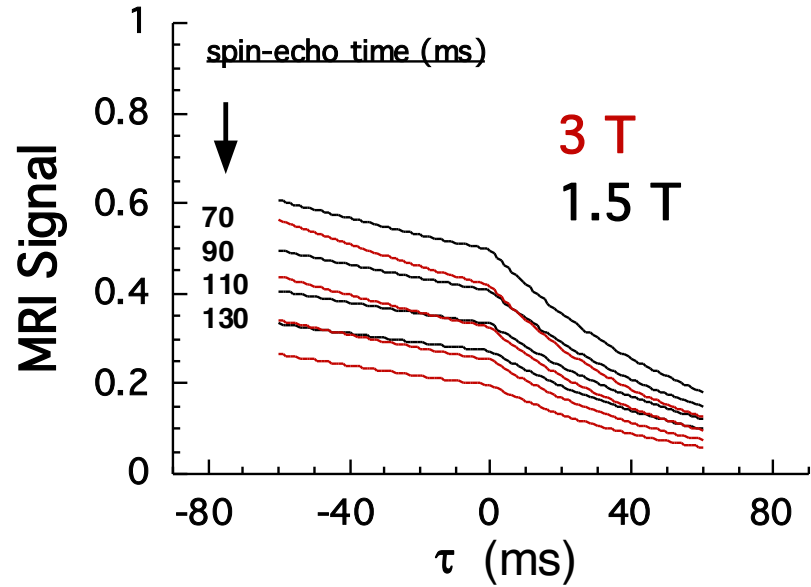
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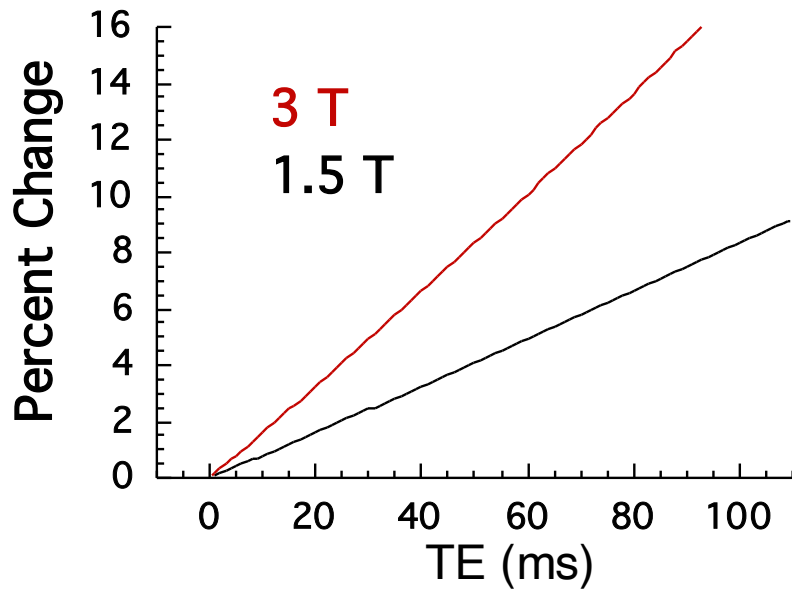
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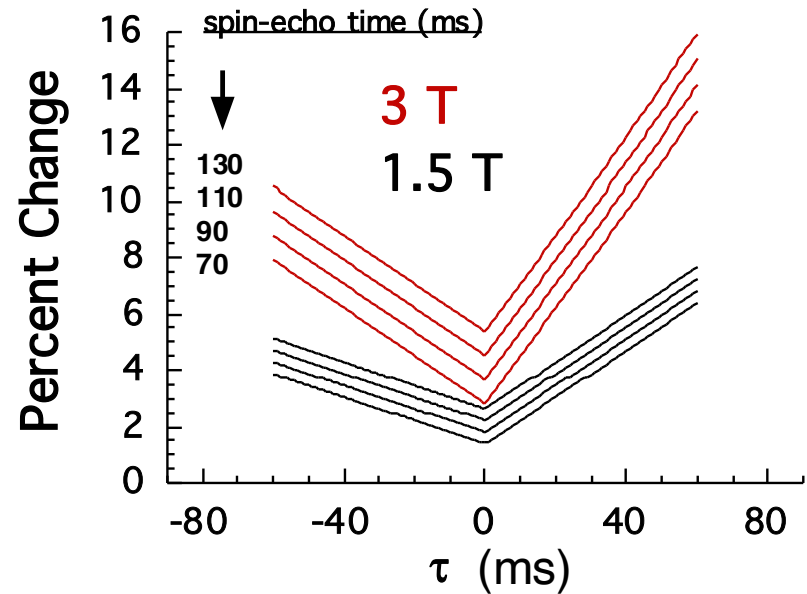
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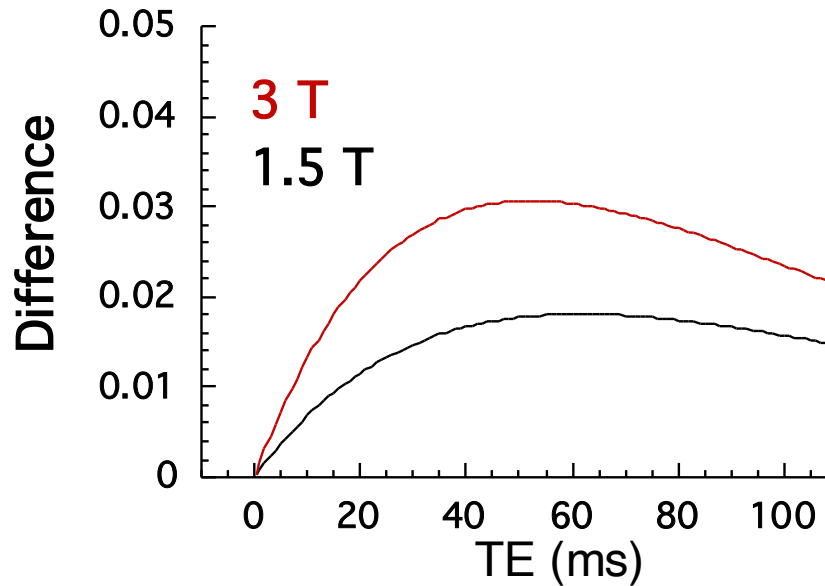
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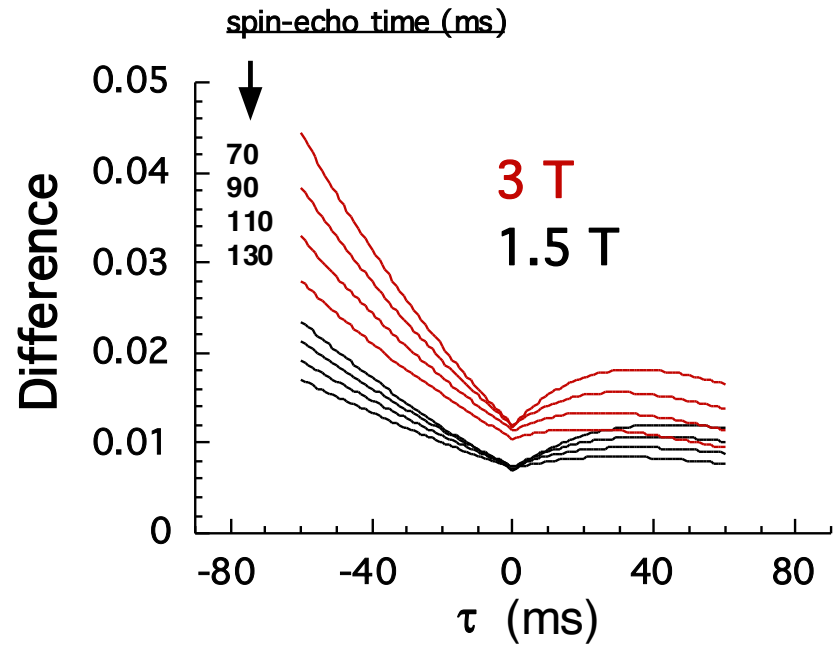
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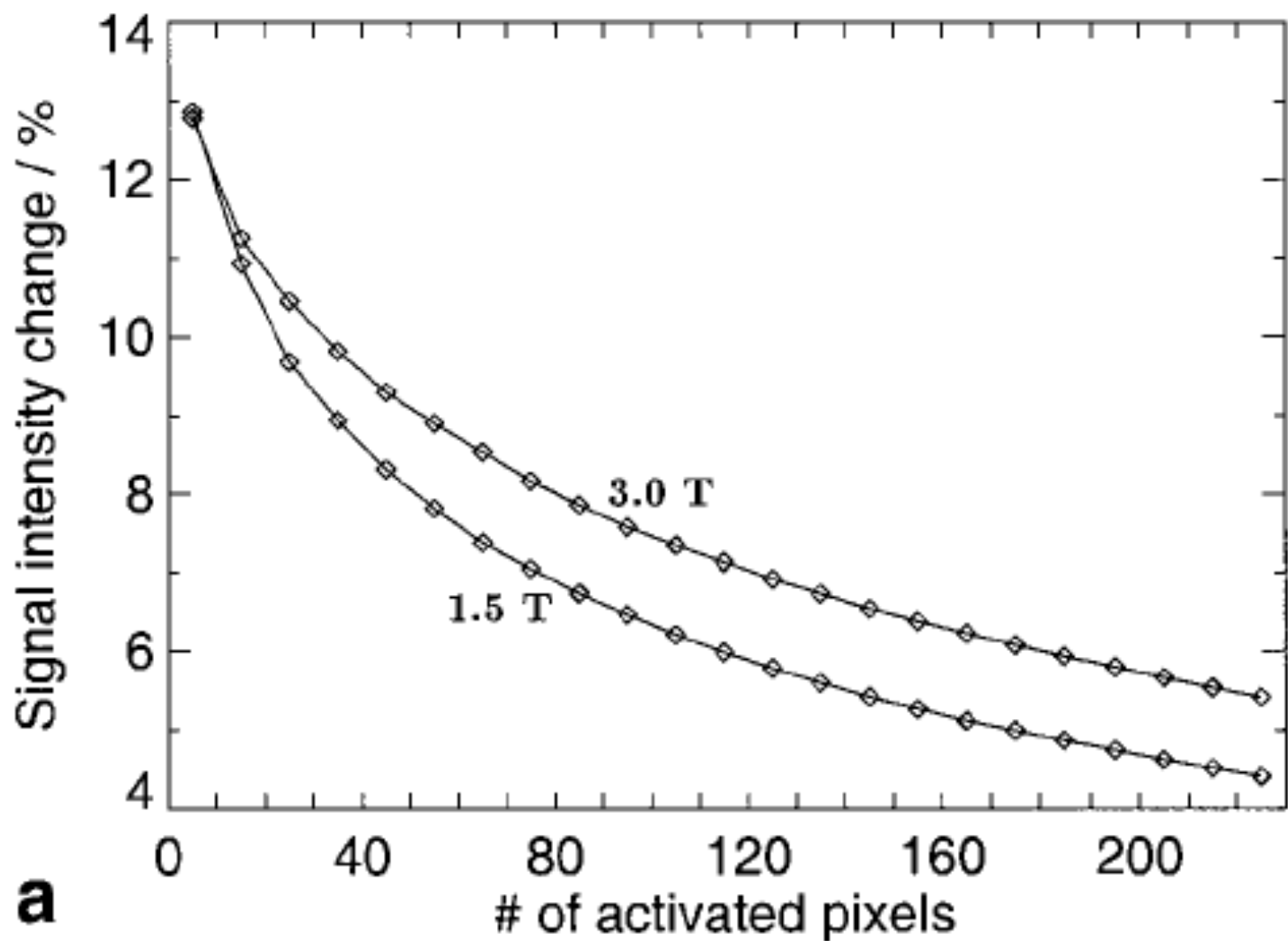


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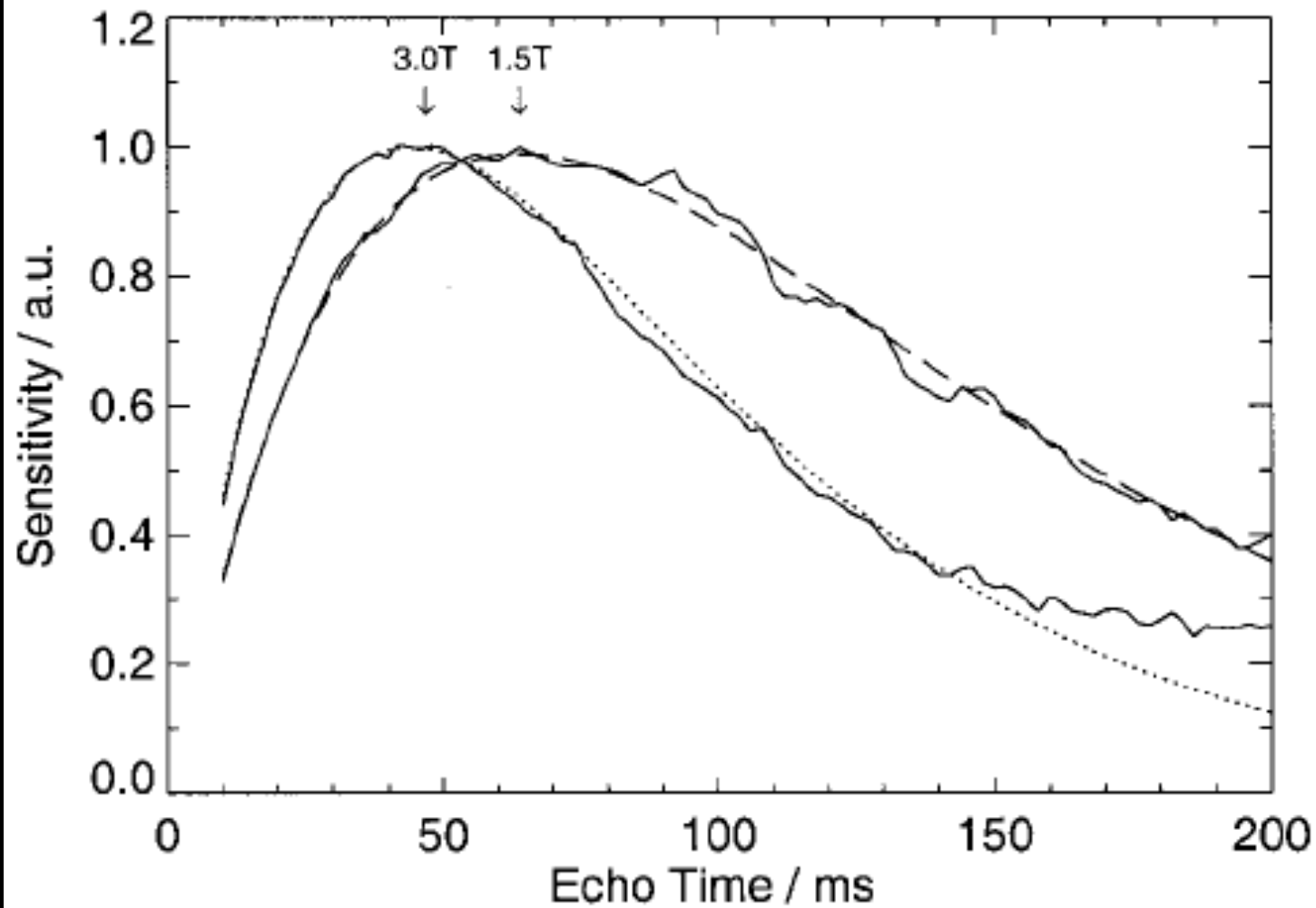
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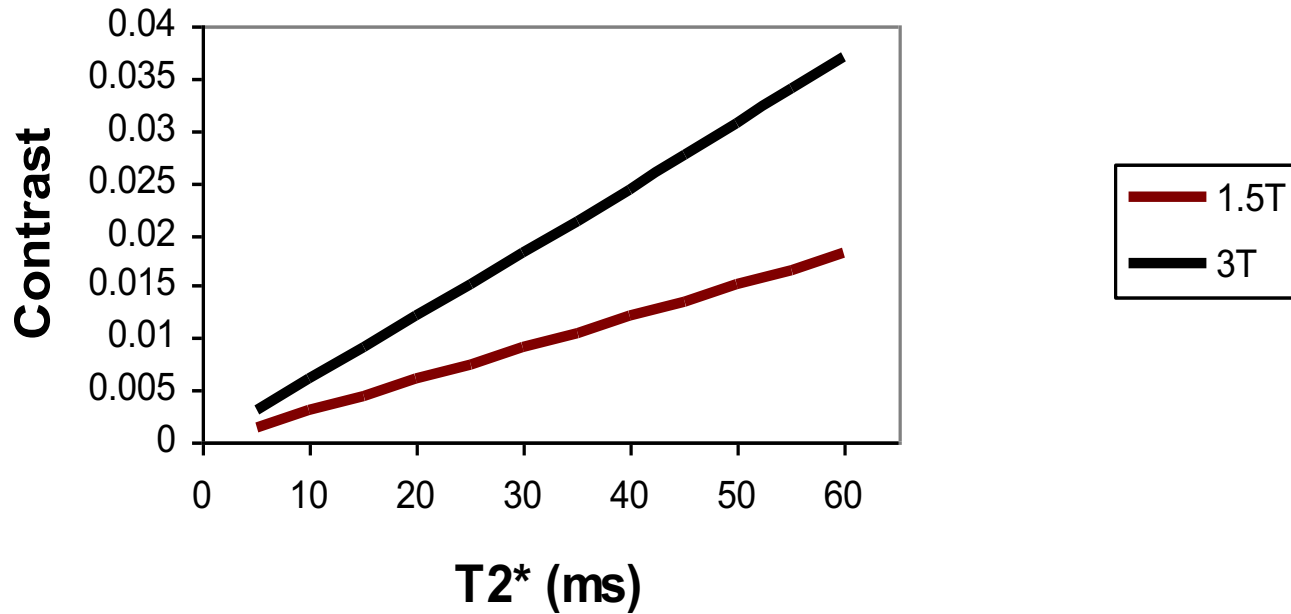


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Functional Contrast at Optimal TE

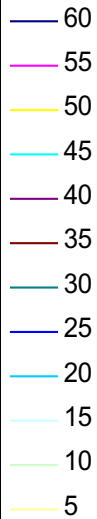
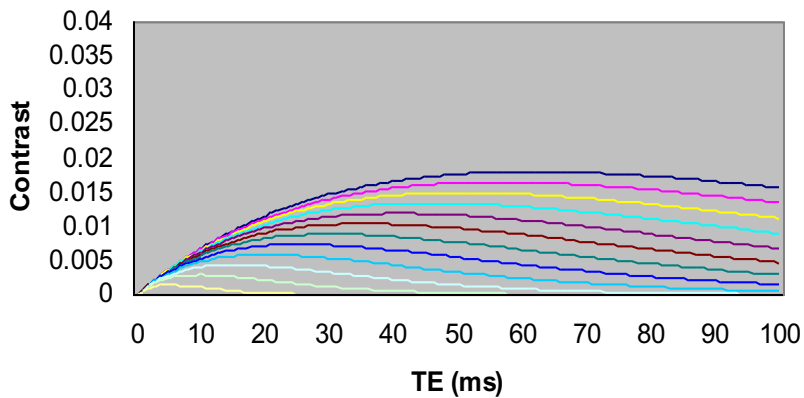


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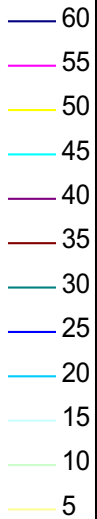
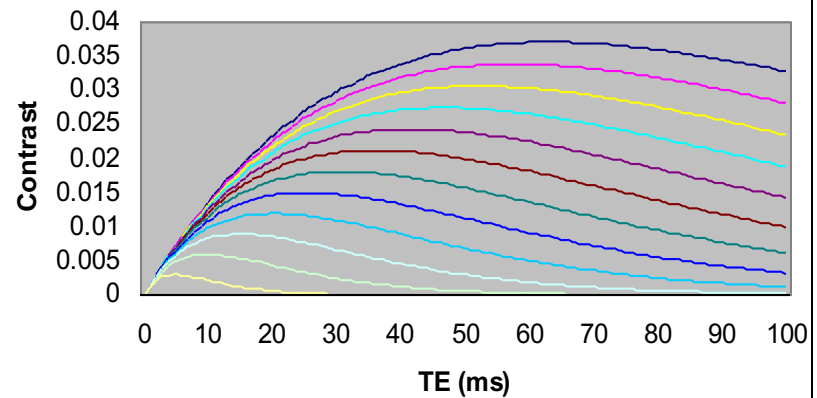
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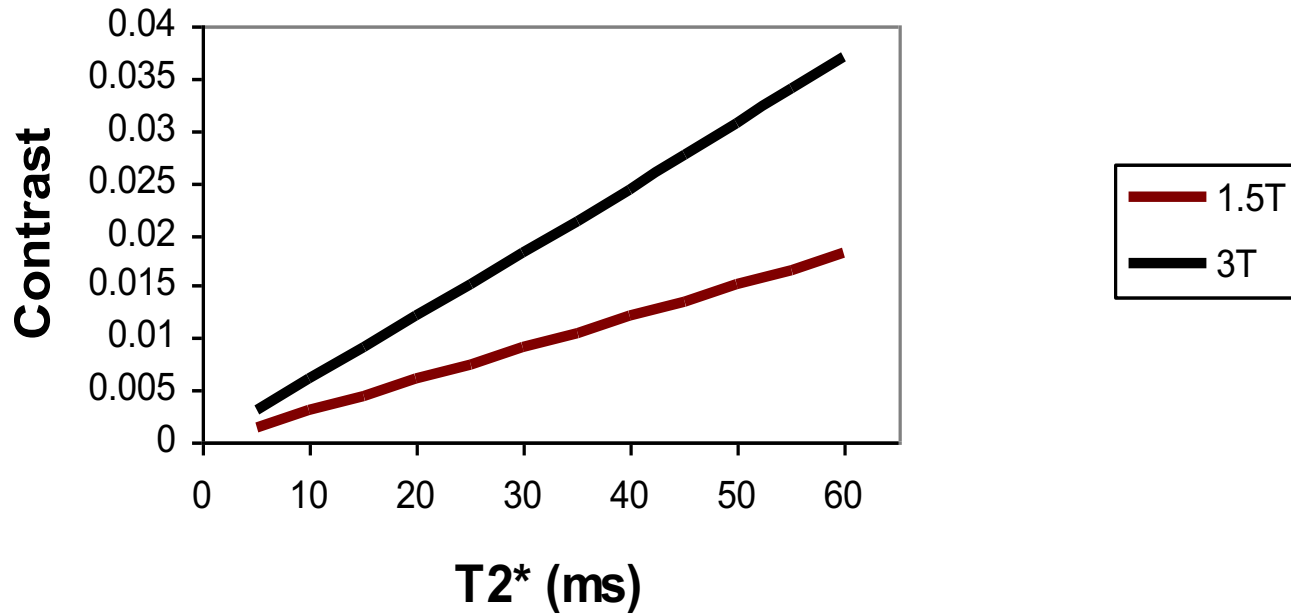
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Contrast at 3T ($dR2^* = -1.6$ 1/s)

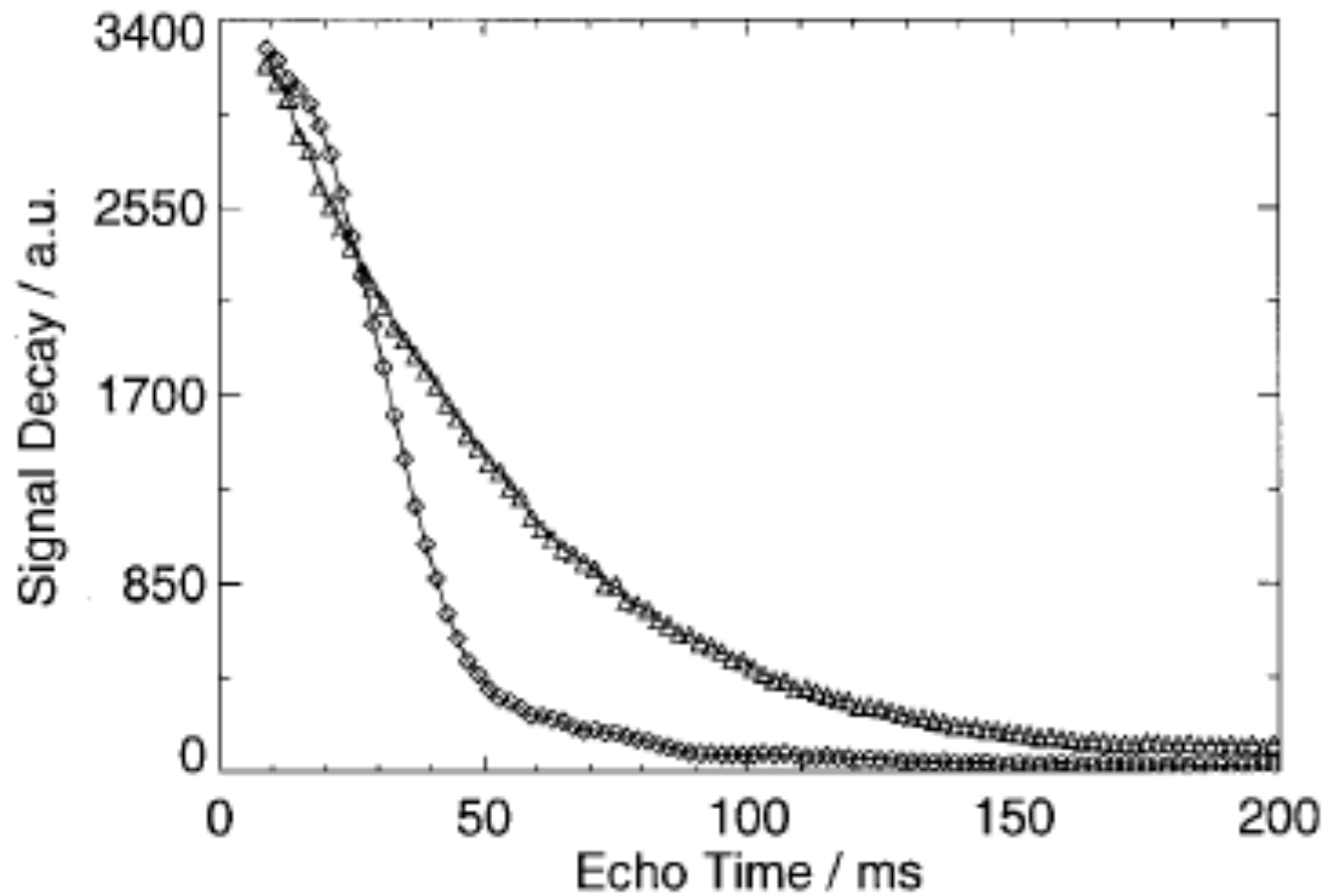


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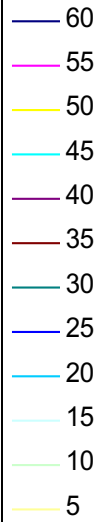
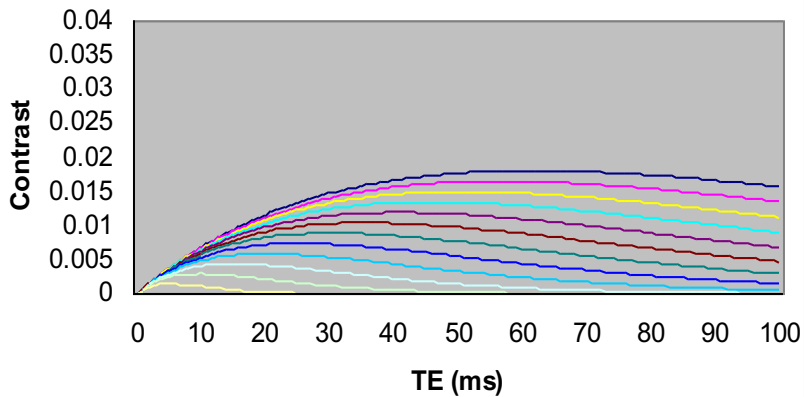
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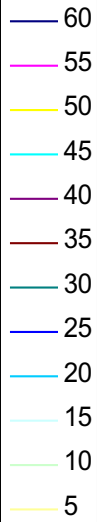
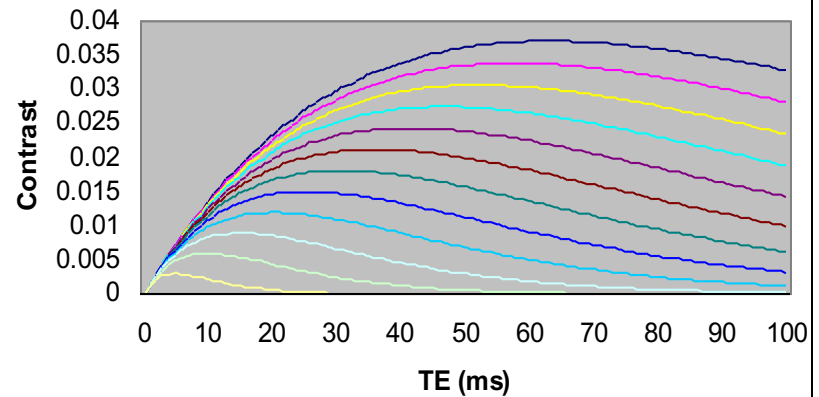
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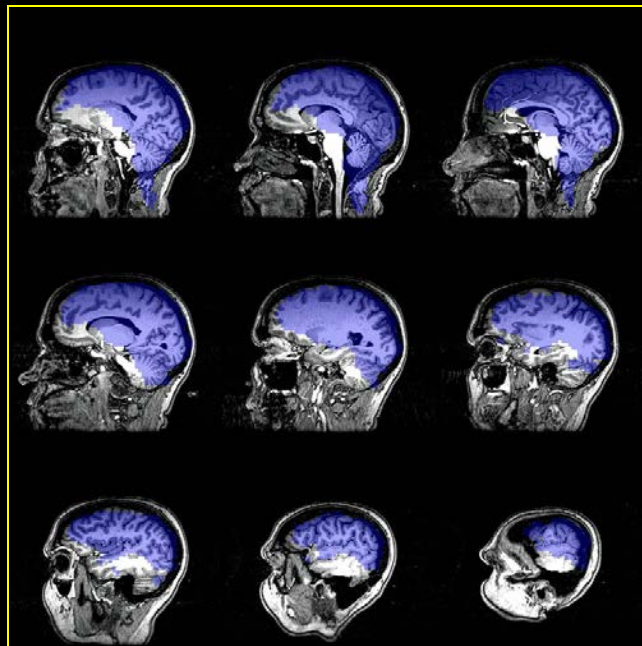
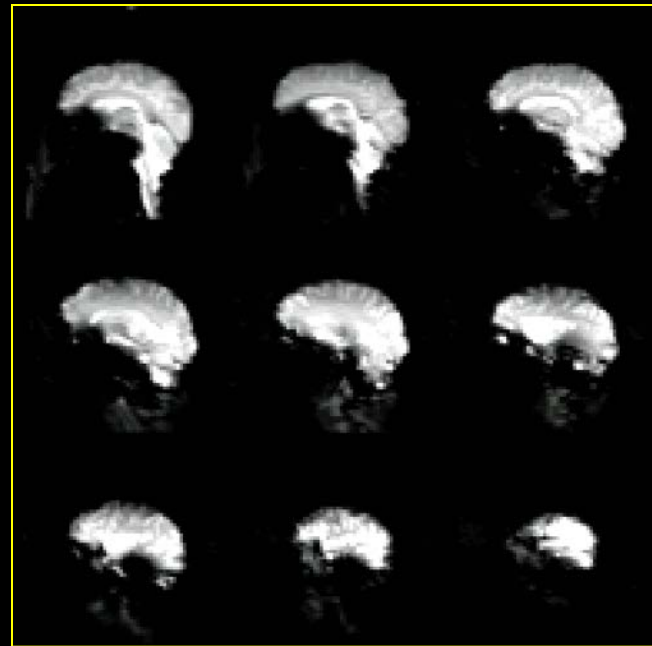
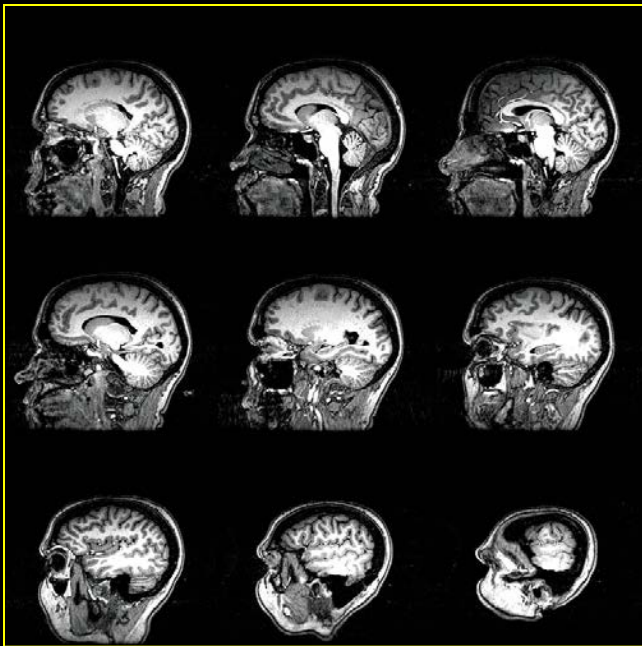
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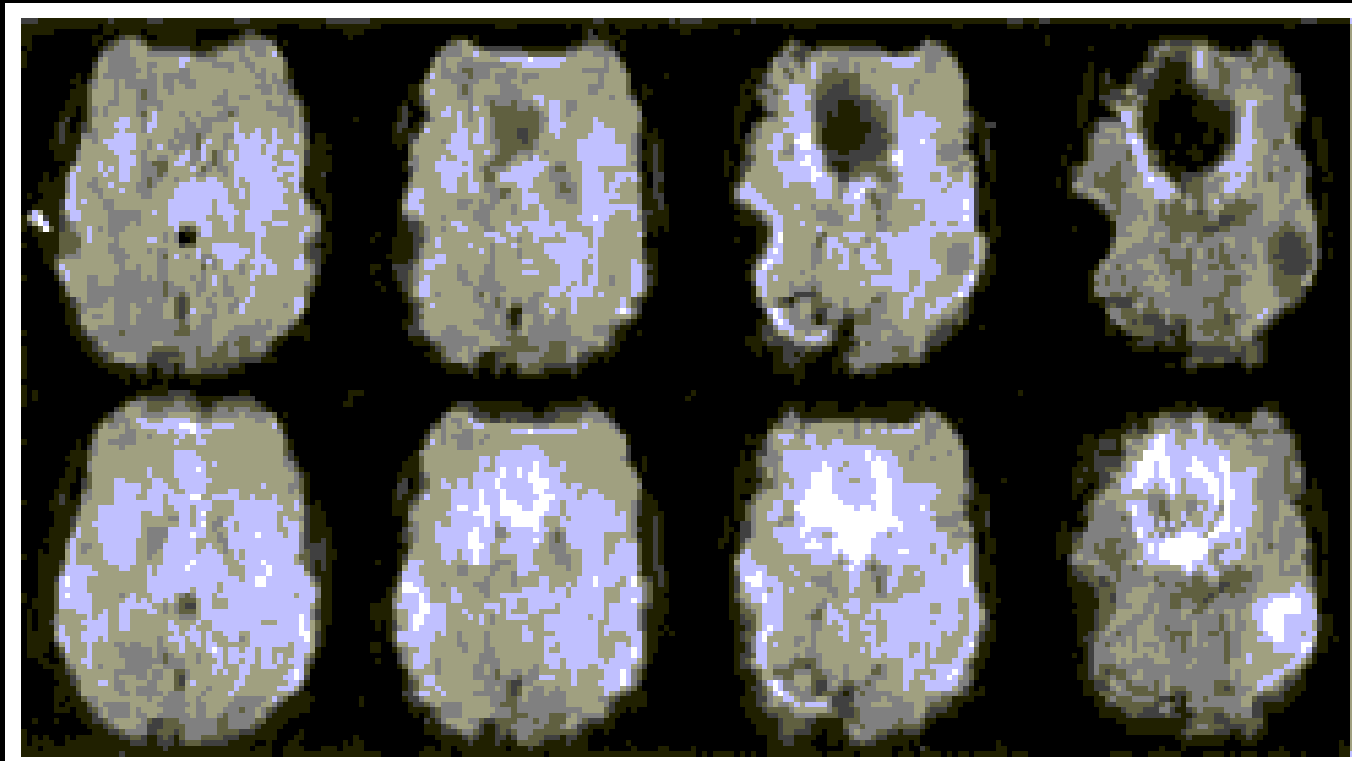
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3D z-Shim Method for Reduction of Susceptibility Effects in BOLD fMRI

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Arterial inflow
(BOLD TR < 500 ms)

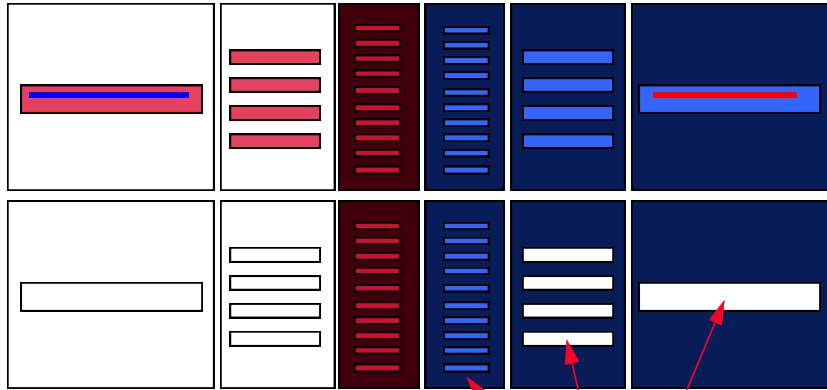
Perfusion

BOLD

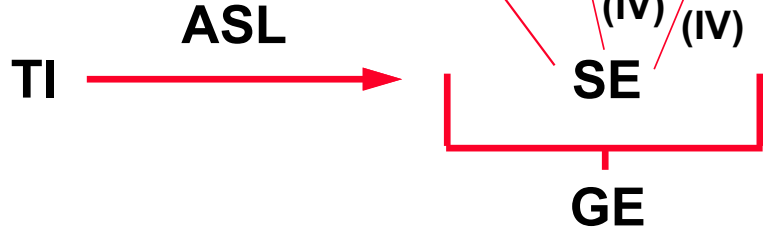
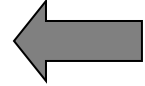
Venous inflow
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No
Velocity
Nulling

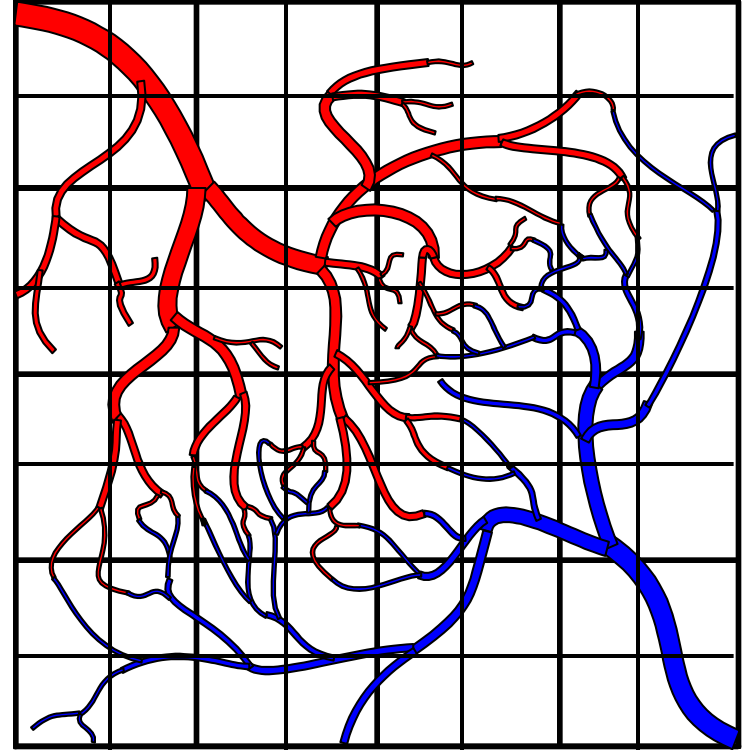
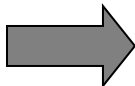
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Pulse Sequence Sensitivity



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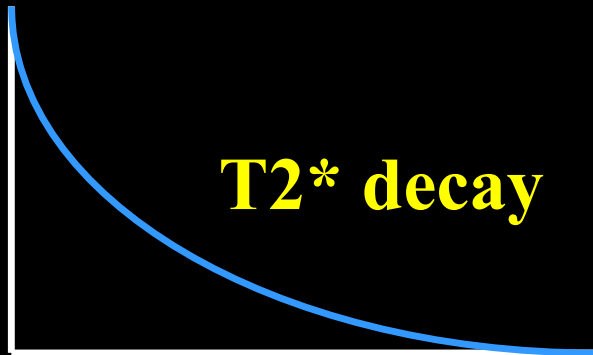


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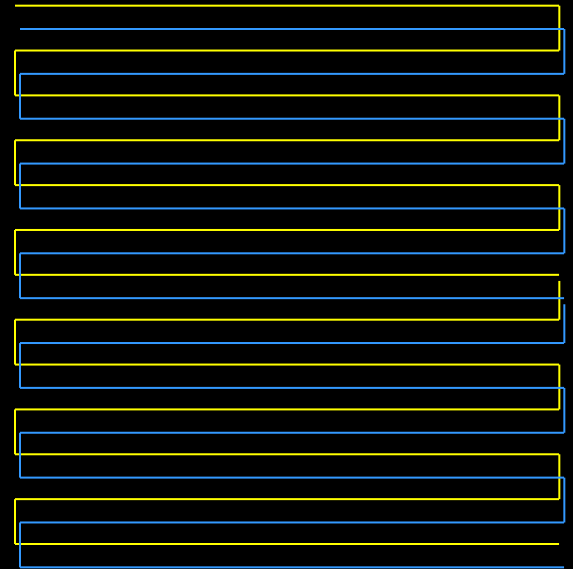
Multishot Imaging



EPI Window 1



EPI Window 2



Multi Shot EPI

Excitations
Matrix Size

1

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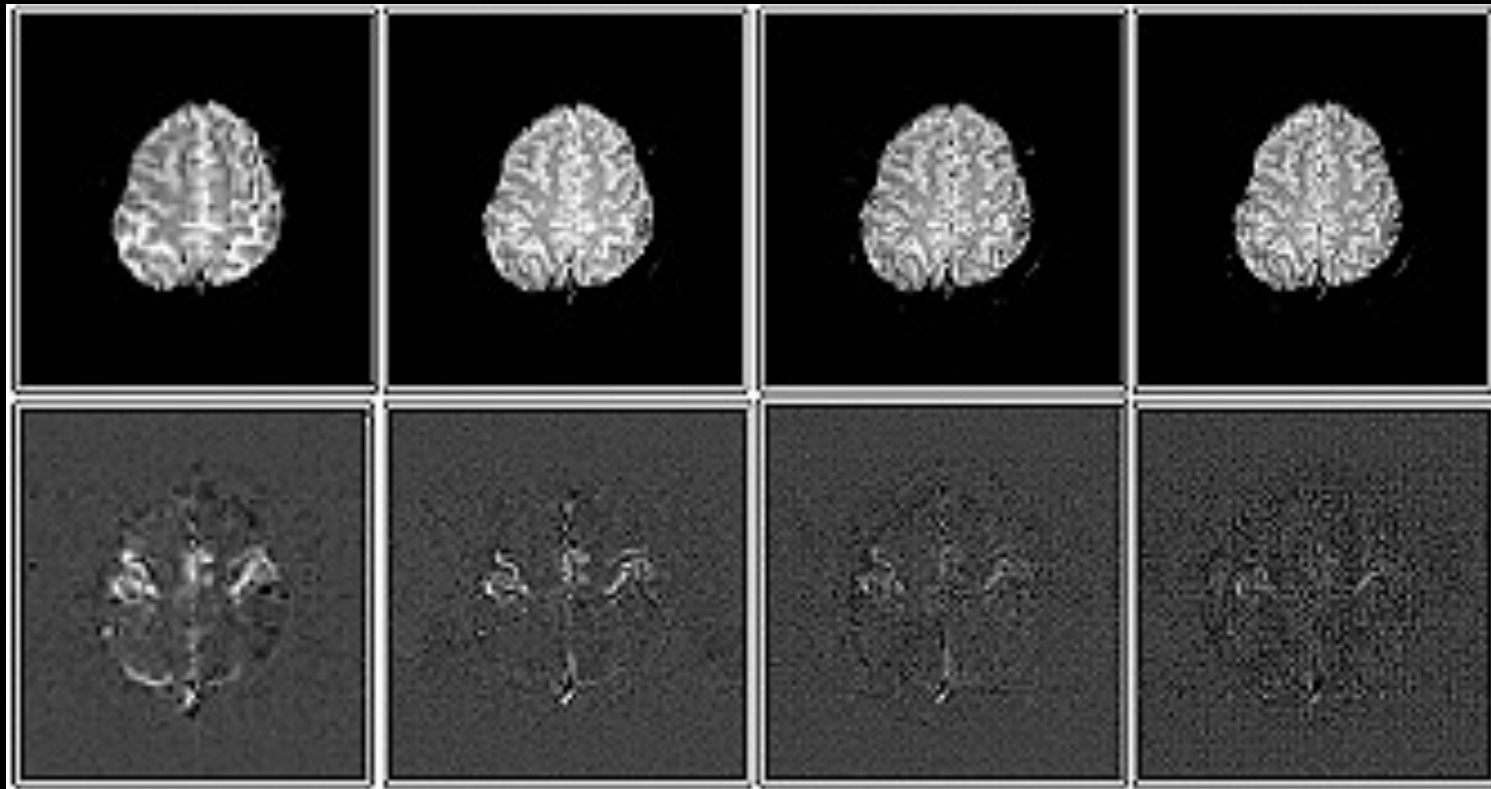
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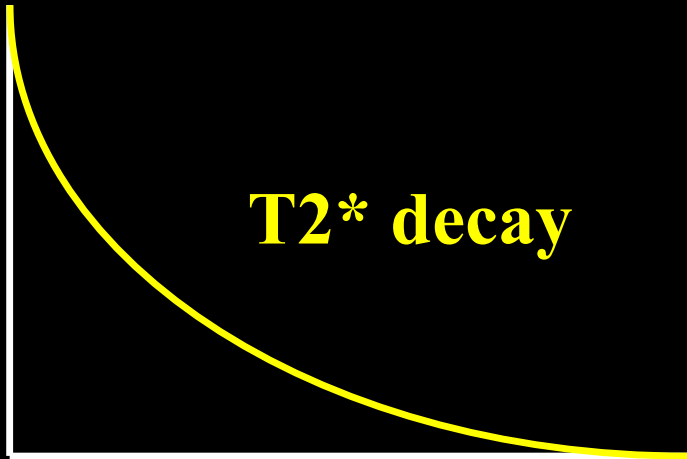
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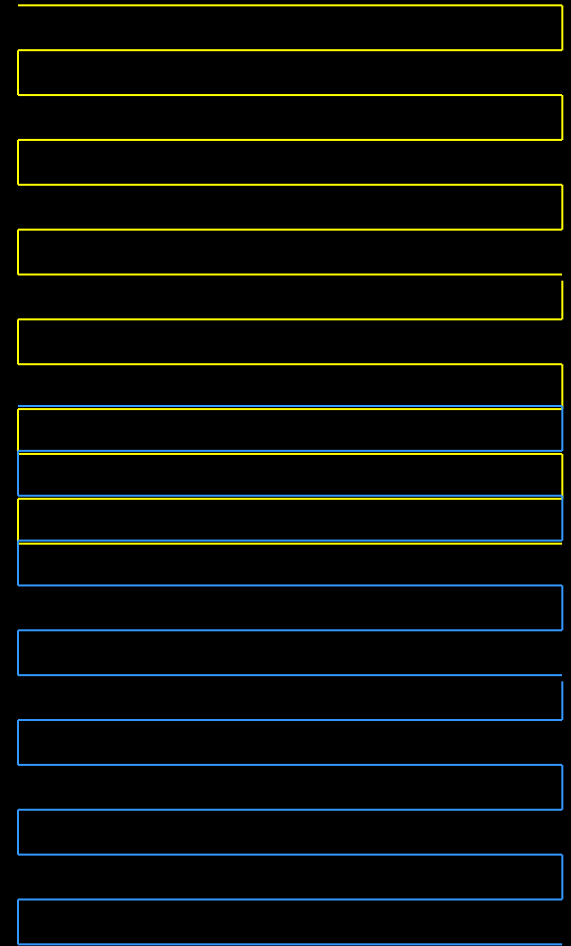
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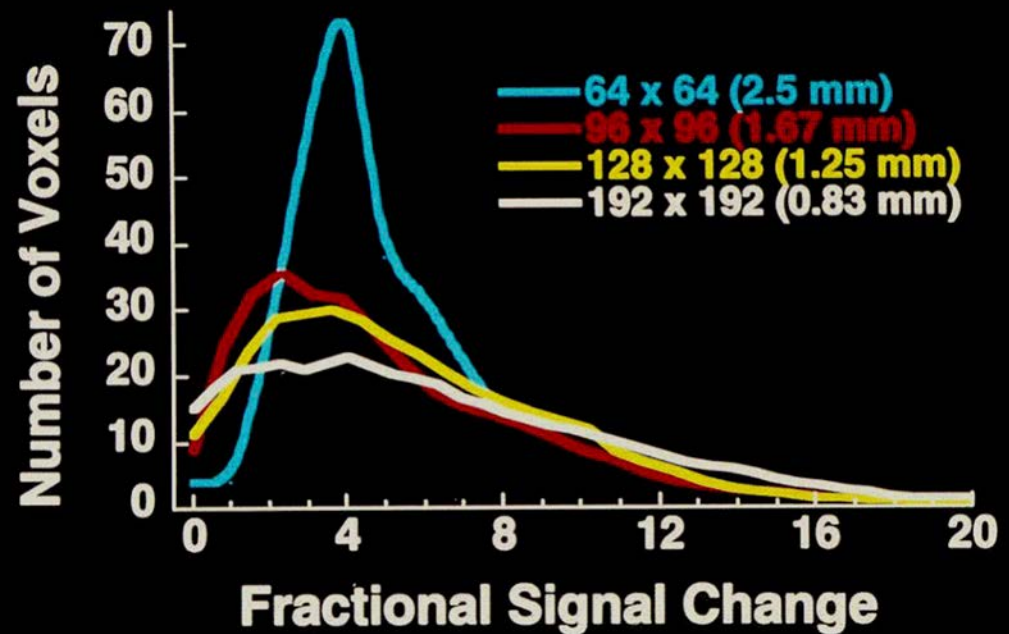
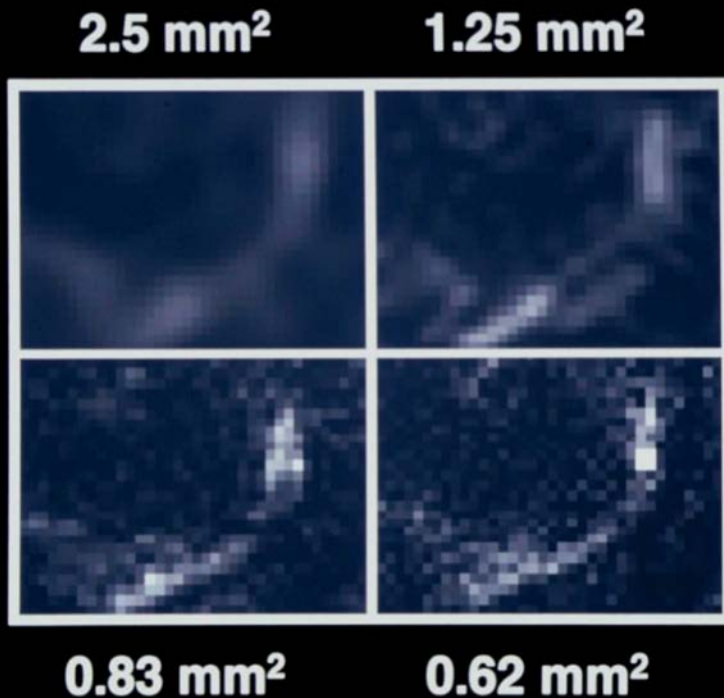


EPI Window



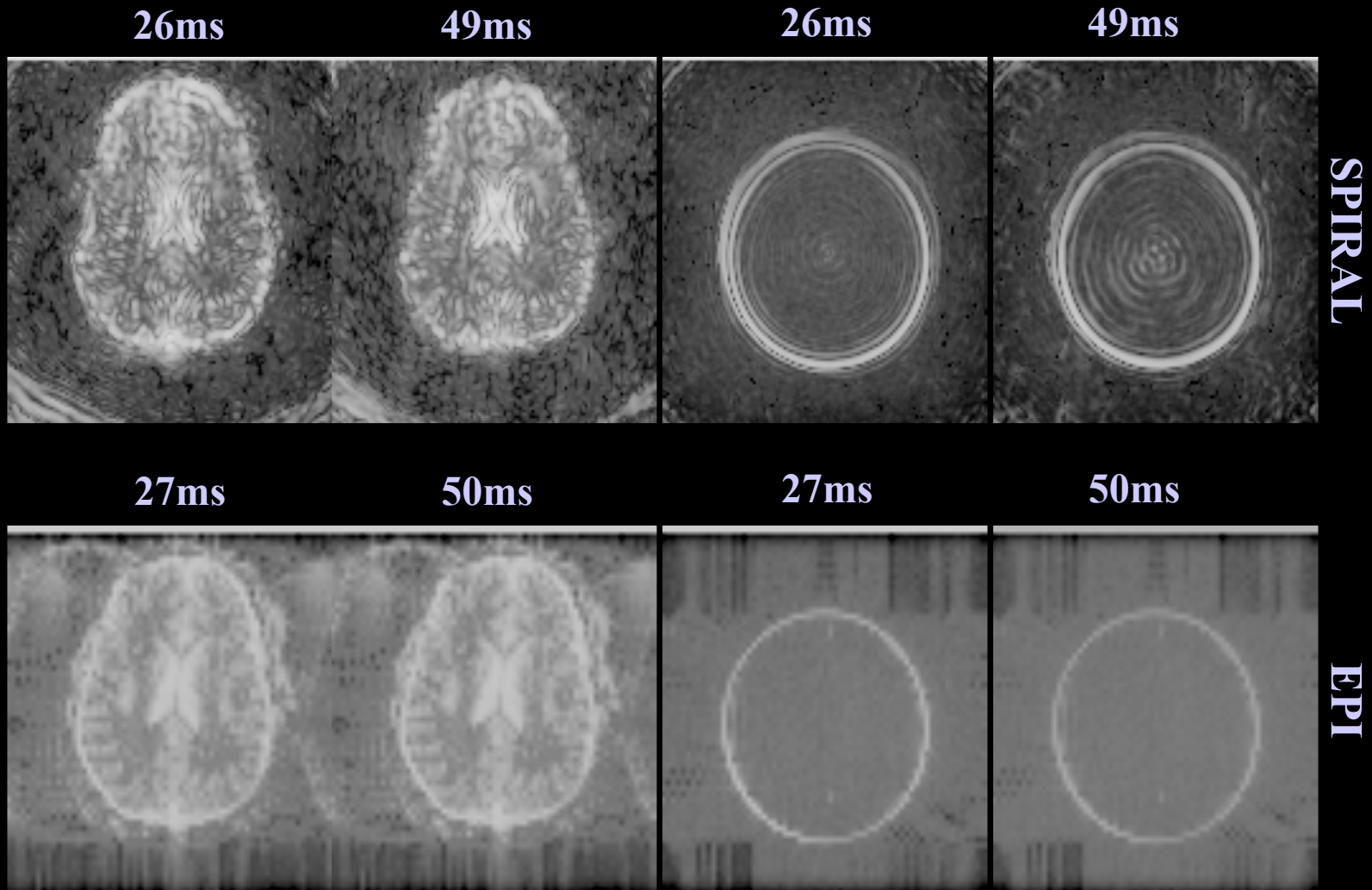
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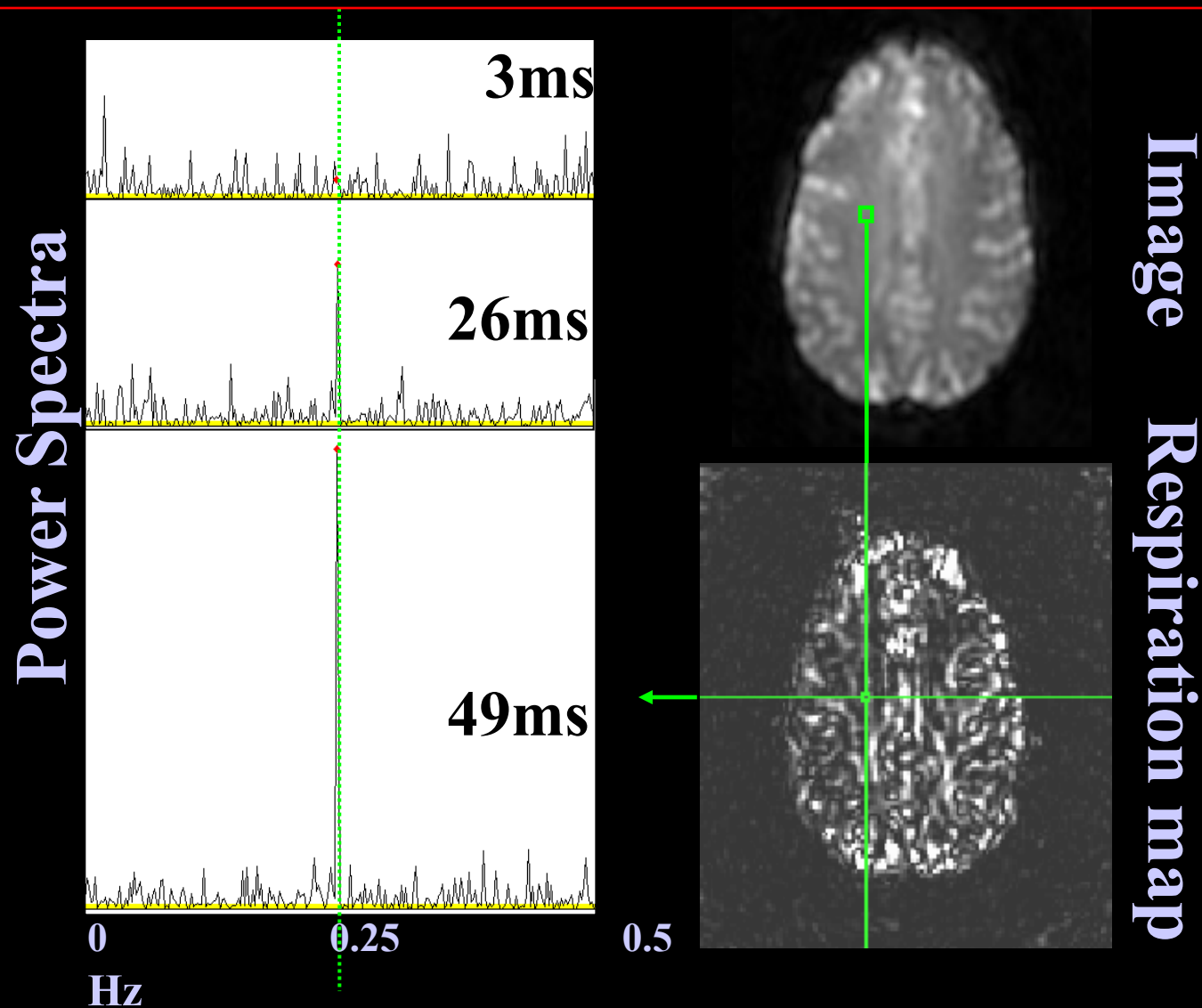


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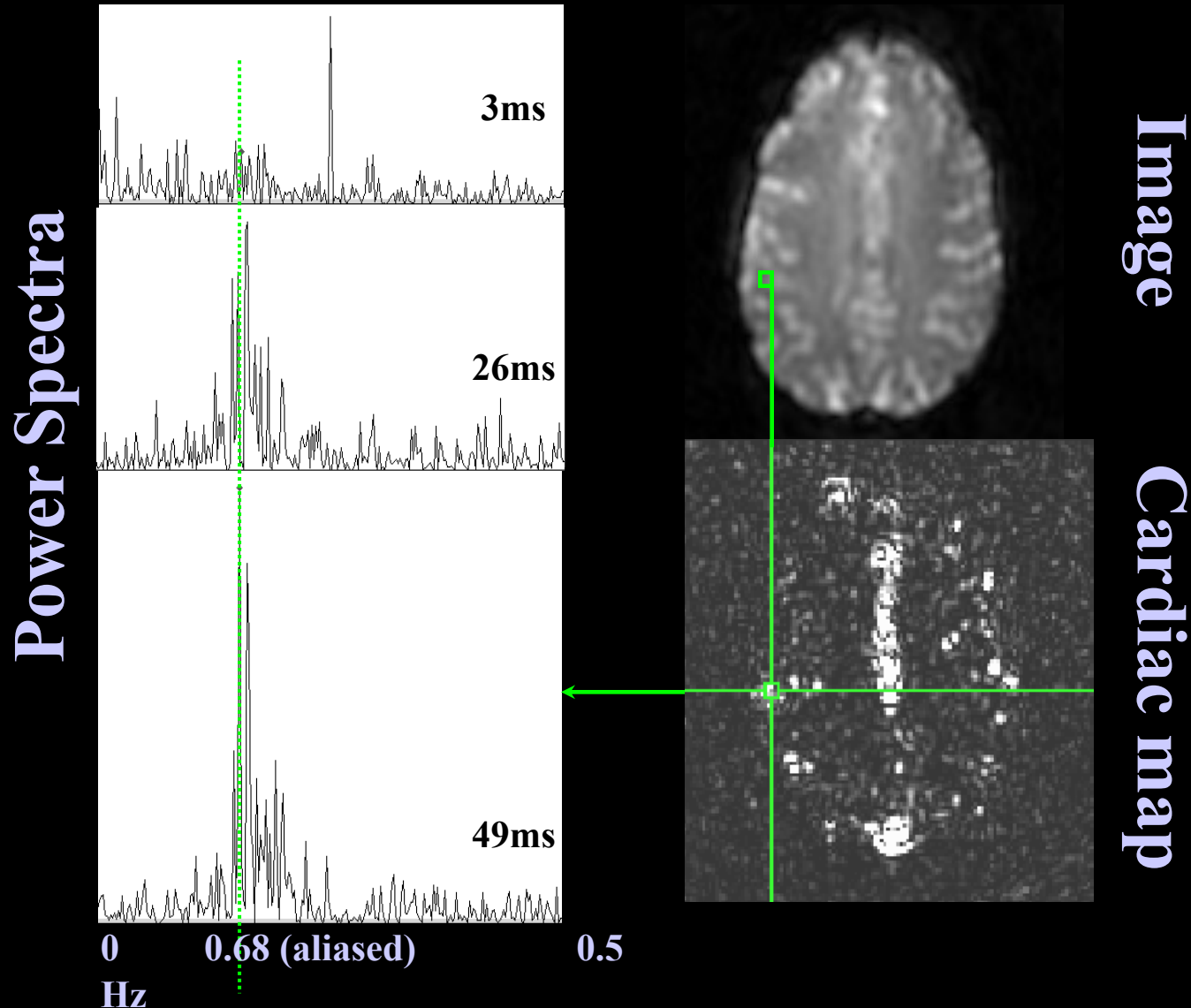
Temporal vs. Spatial SNR- 3T



0.25 Hz Breathing at 3T

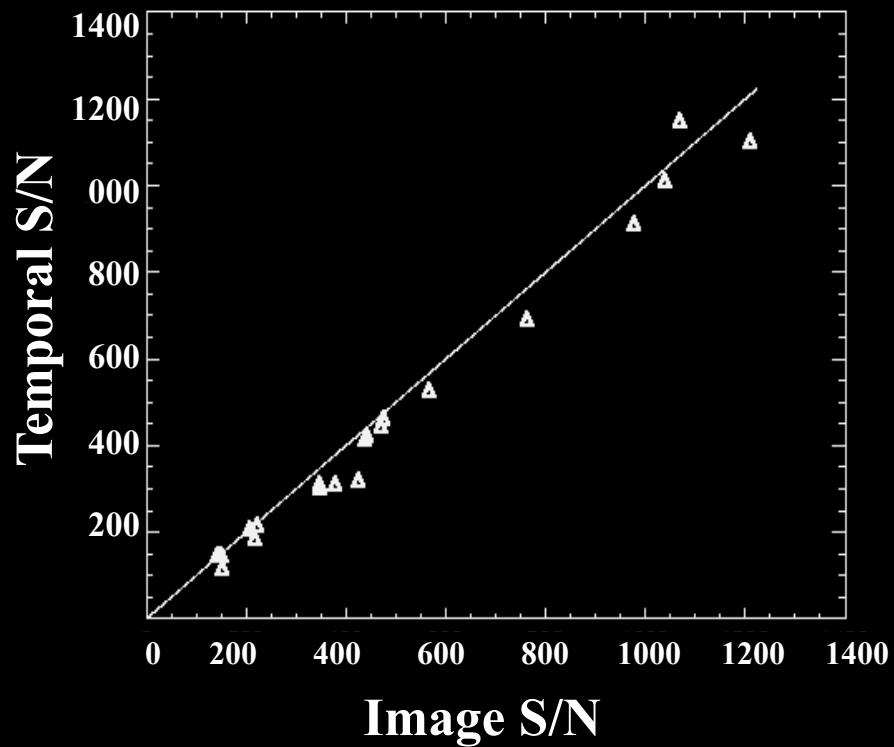


0.68 Hz Cardiac rate at 3T

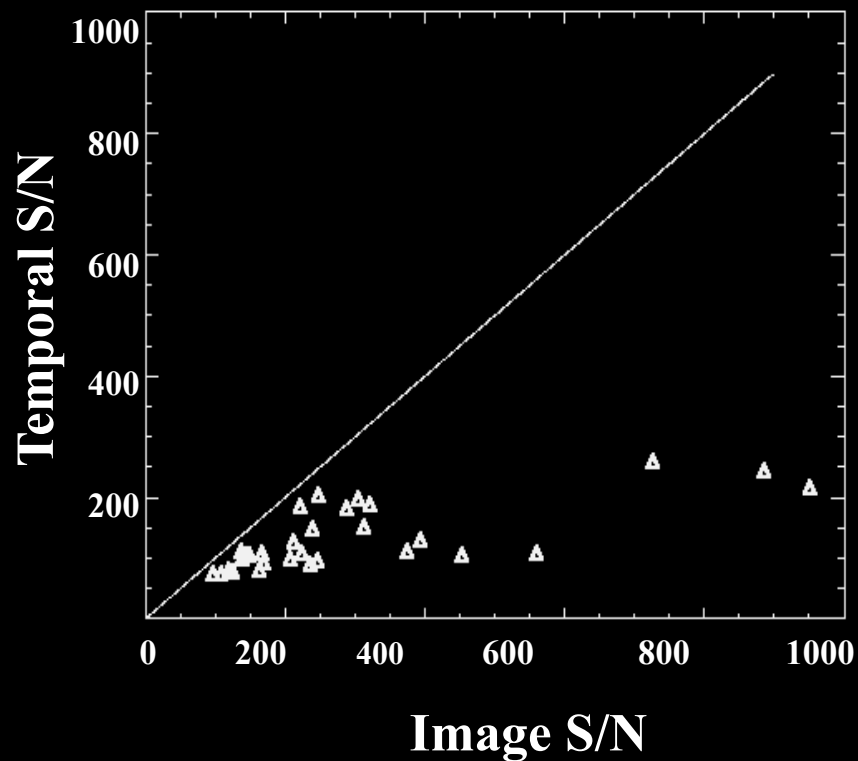


Temporal S/N vs. Image S/N

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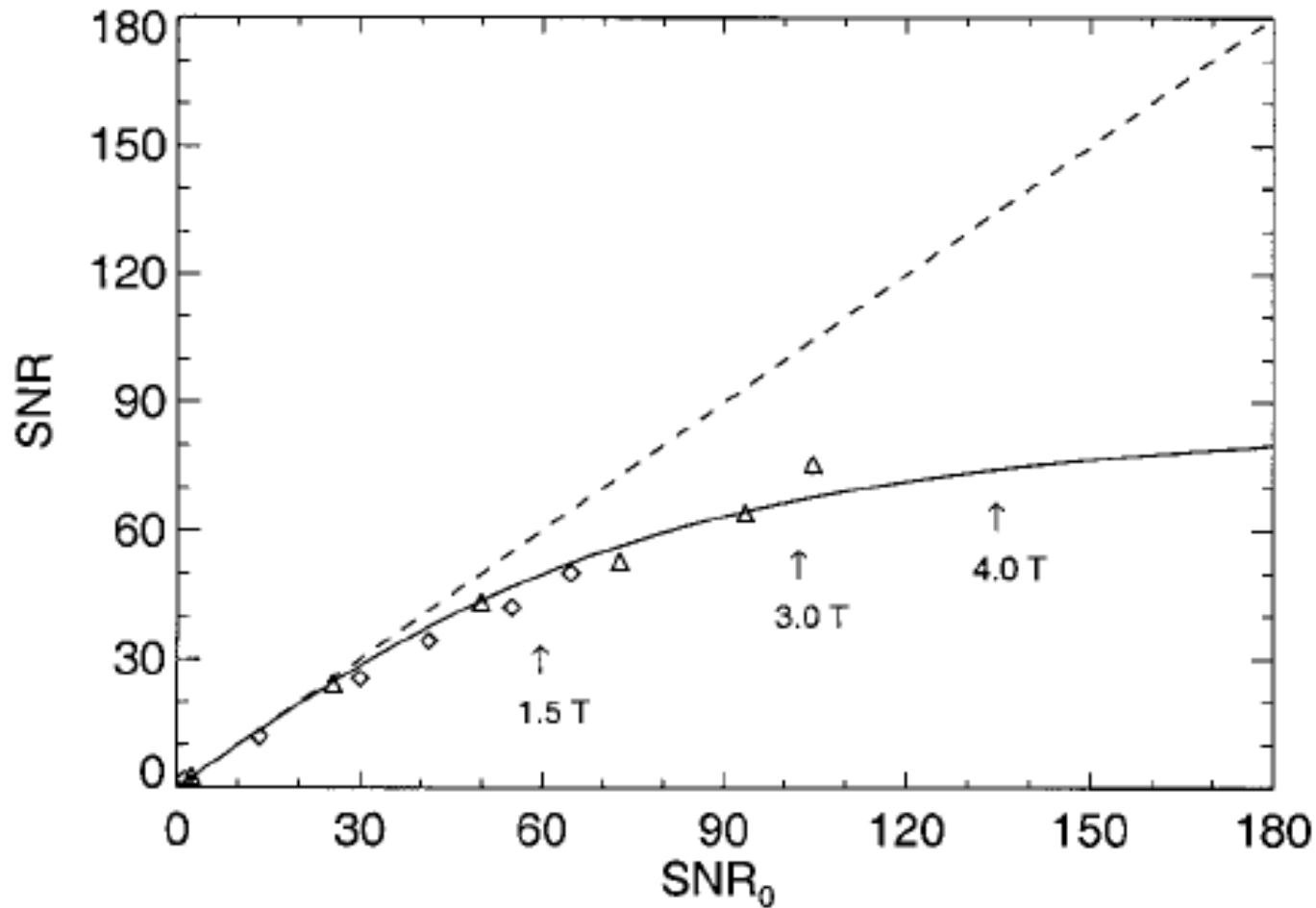


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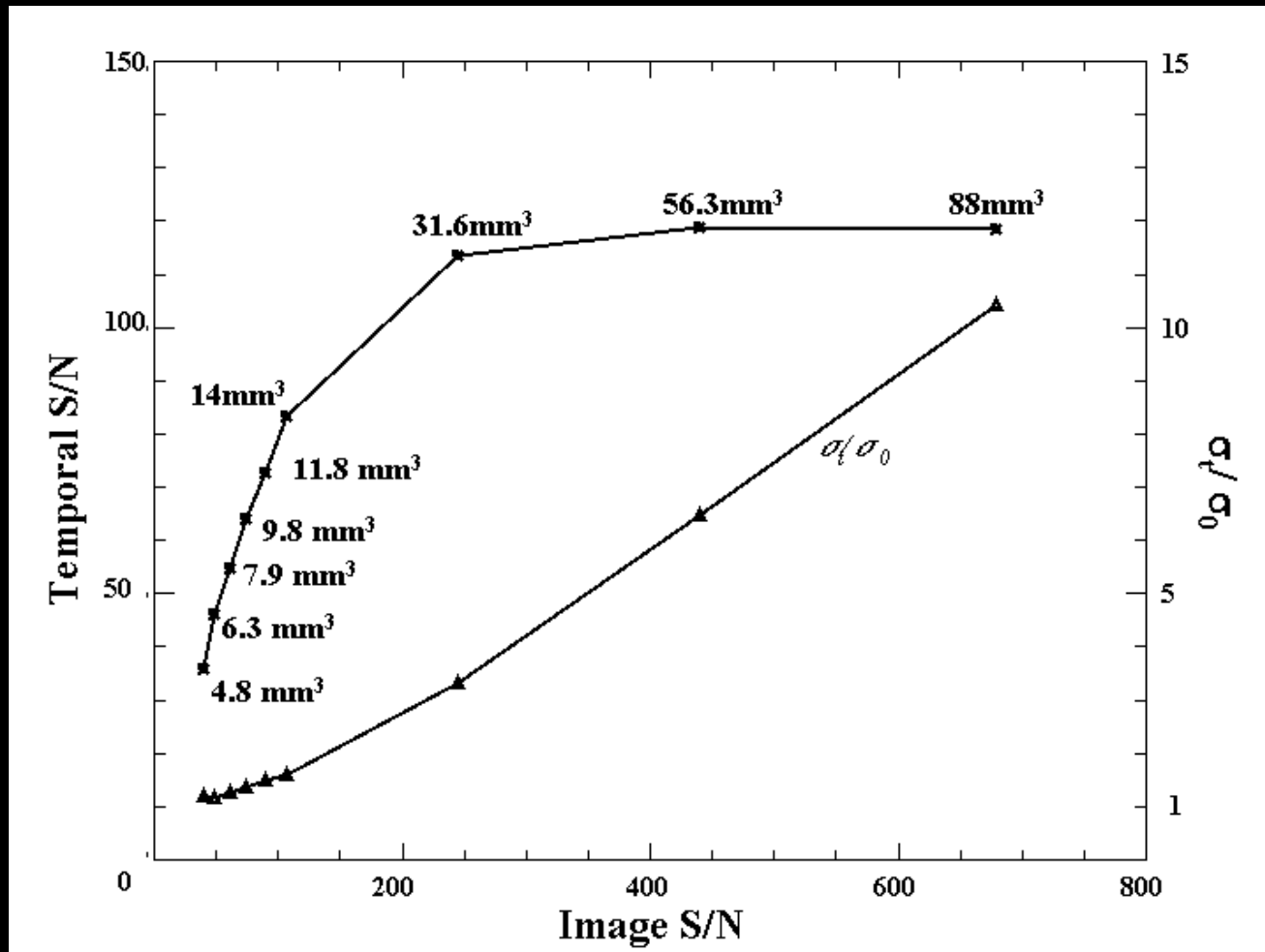


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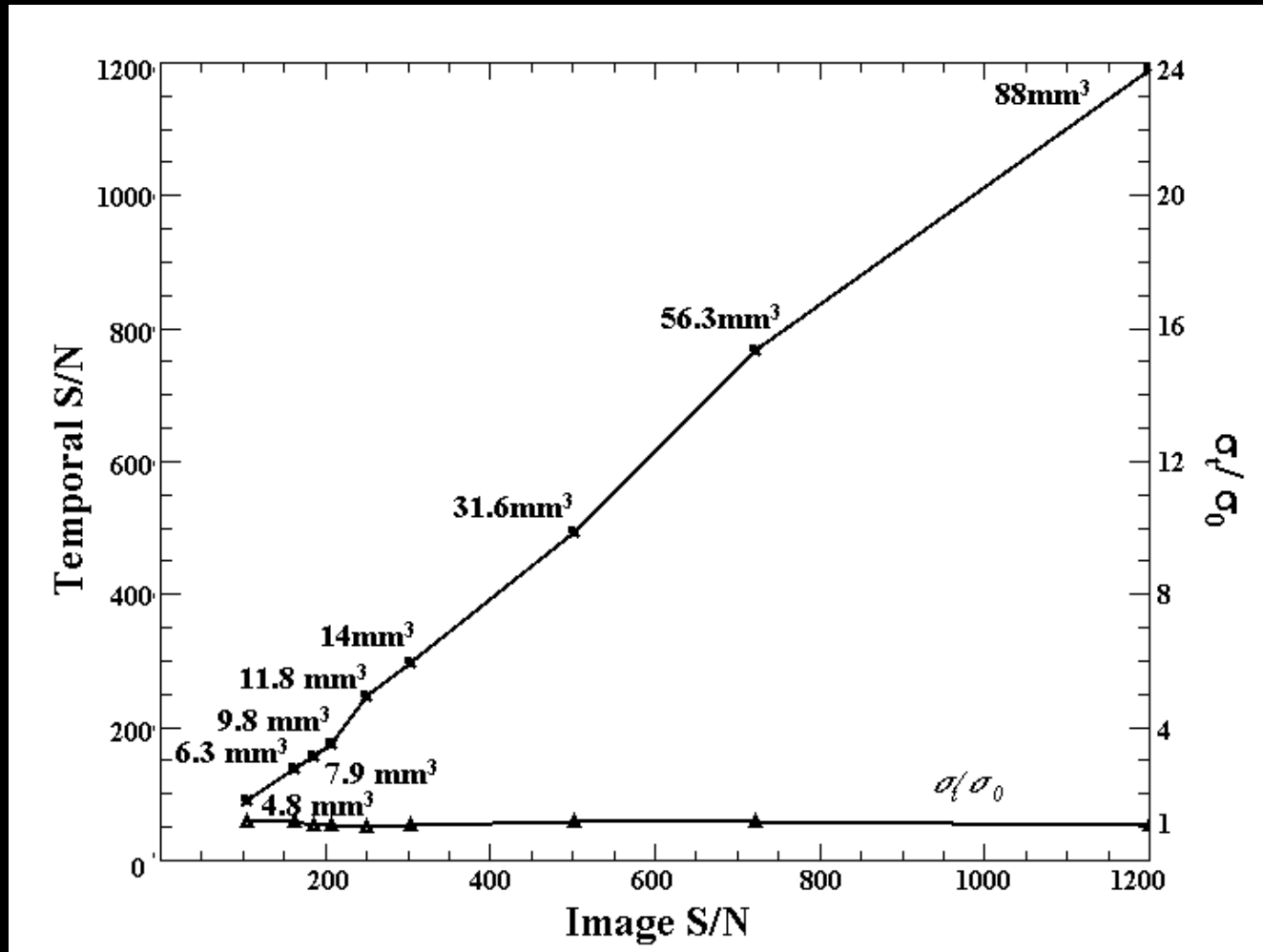
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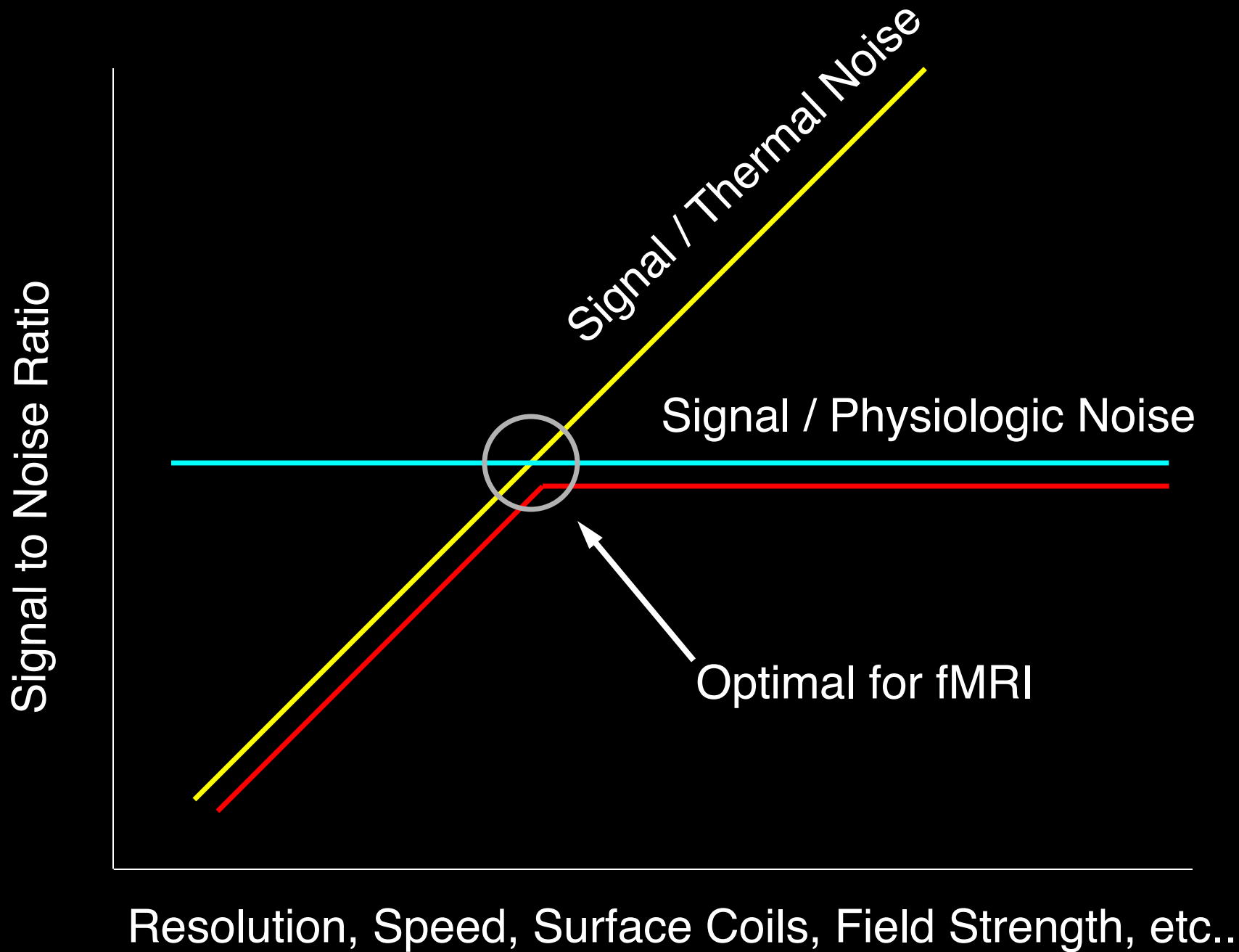
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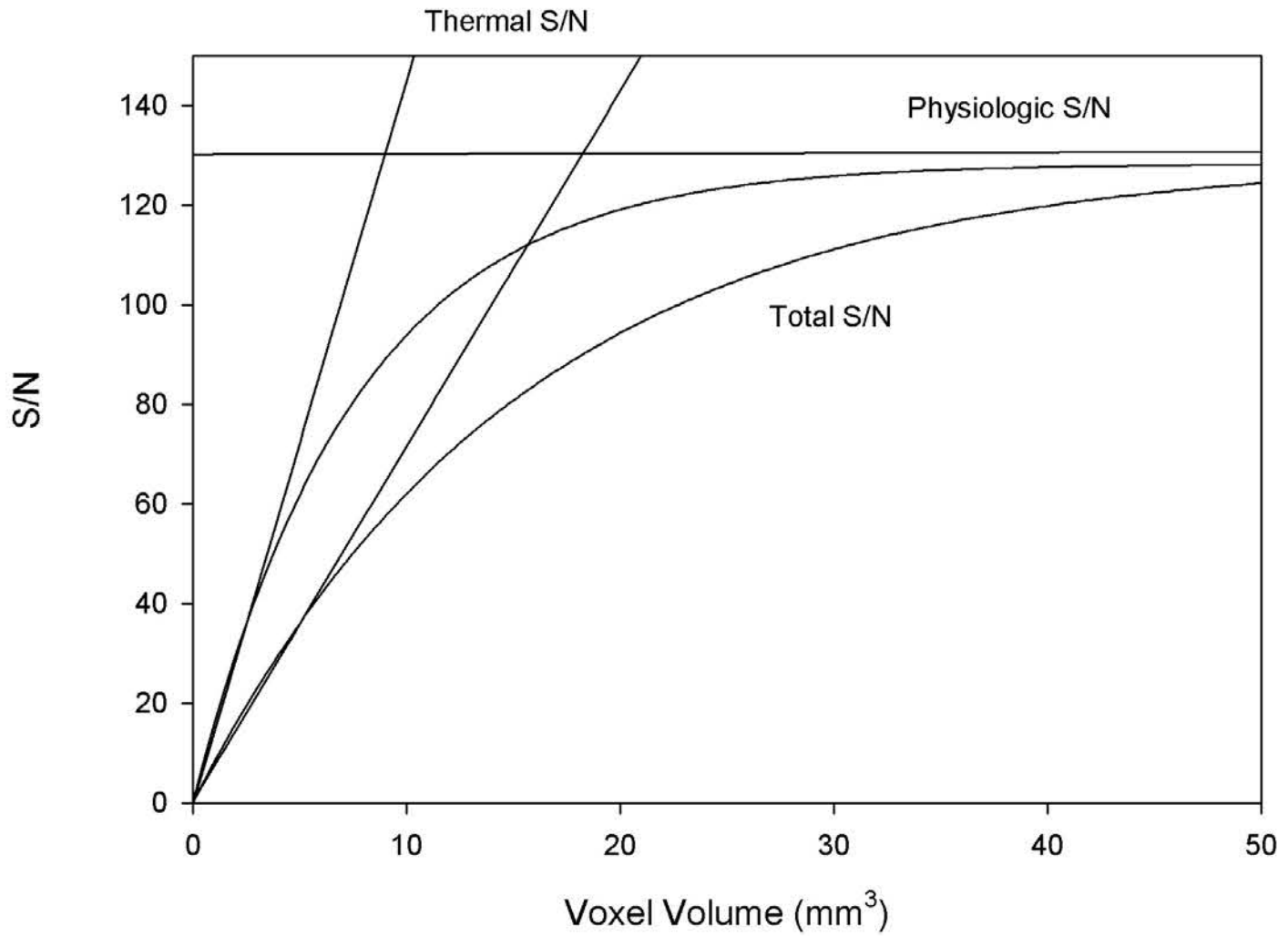
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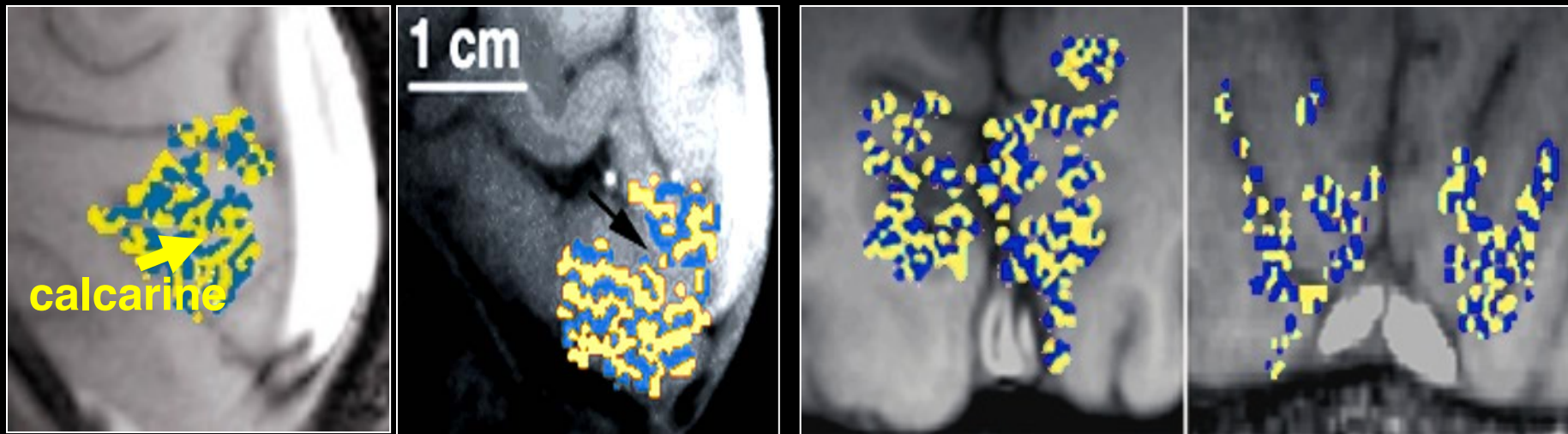


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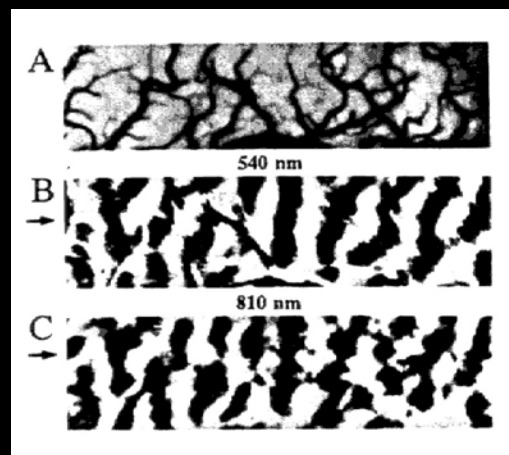




Ocular Dominance Column Mapping using fMRI



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Optical Imaging

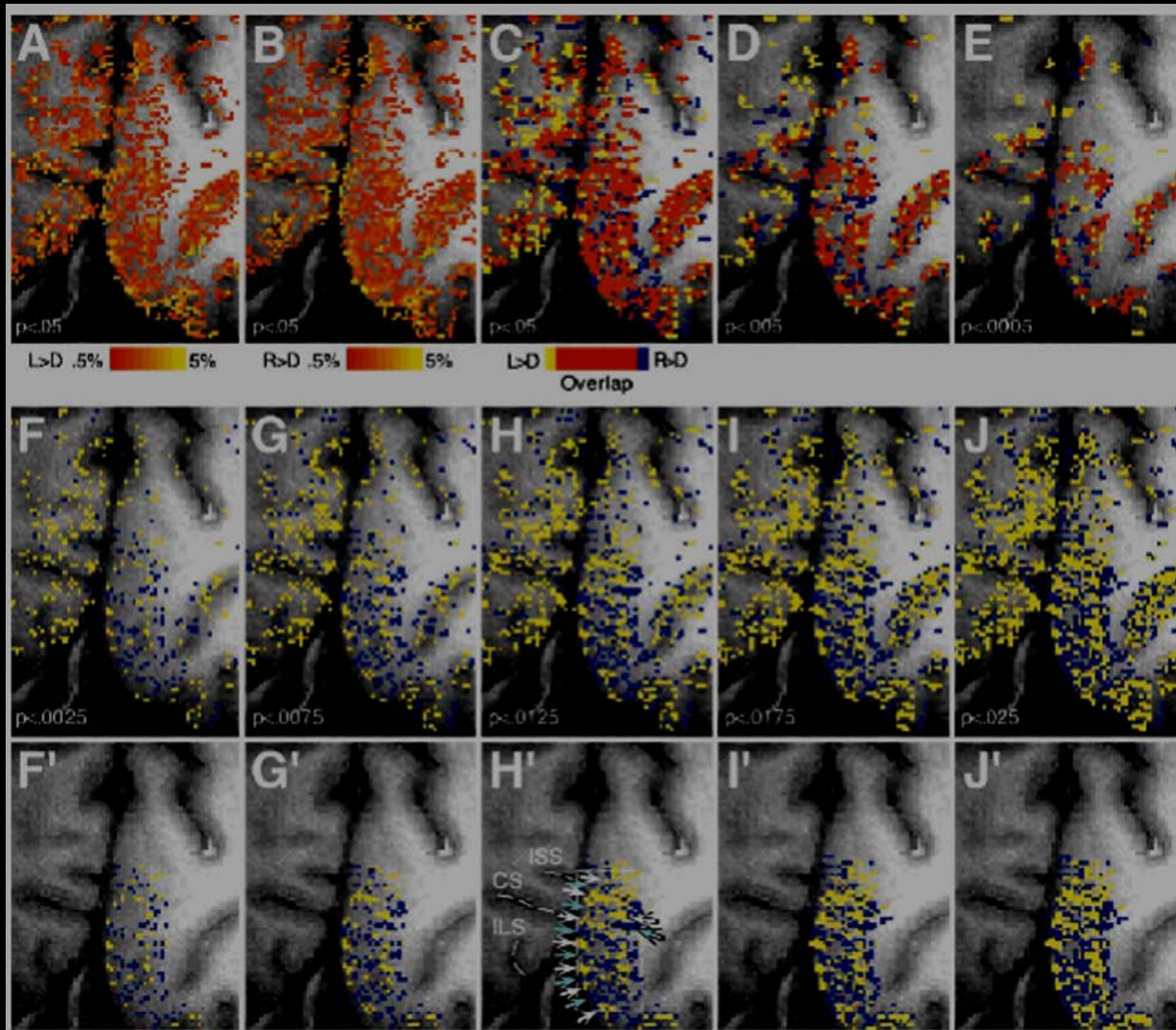
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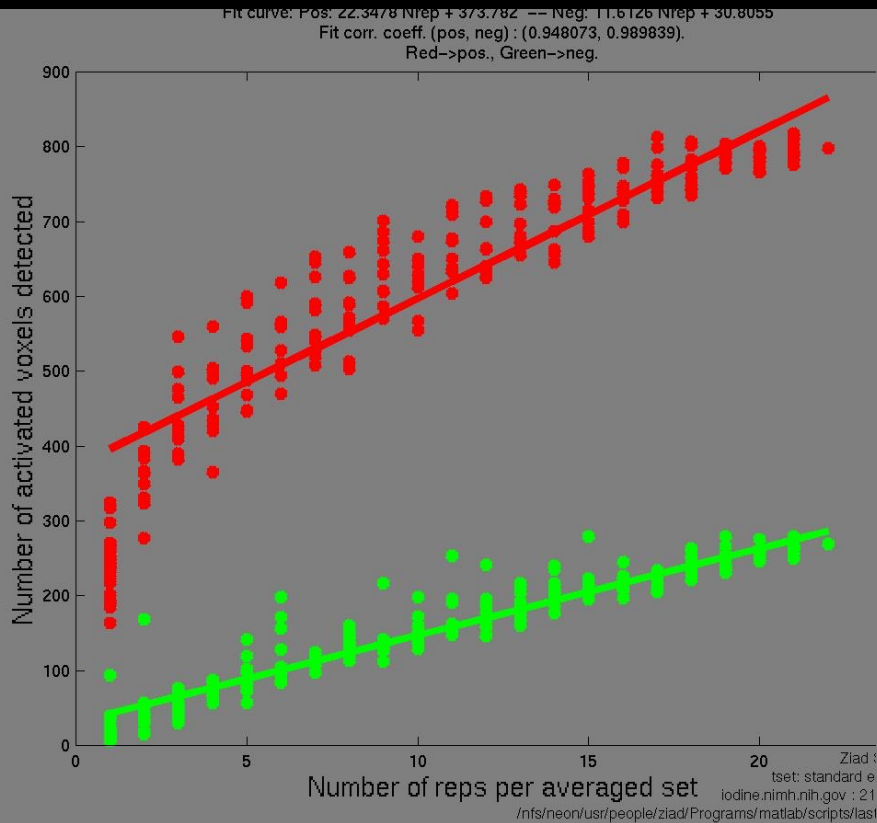
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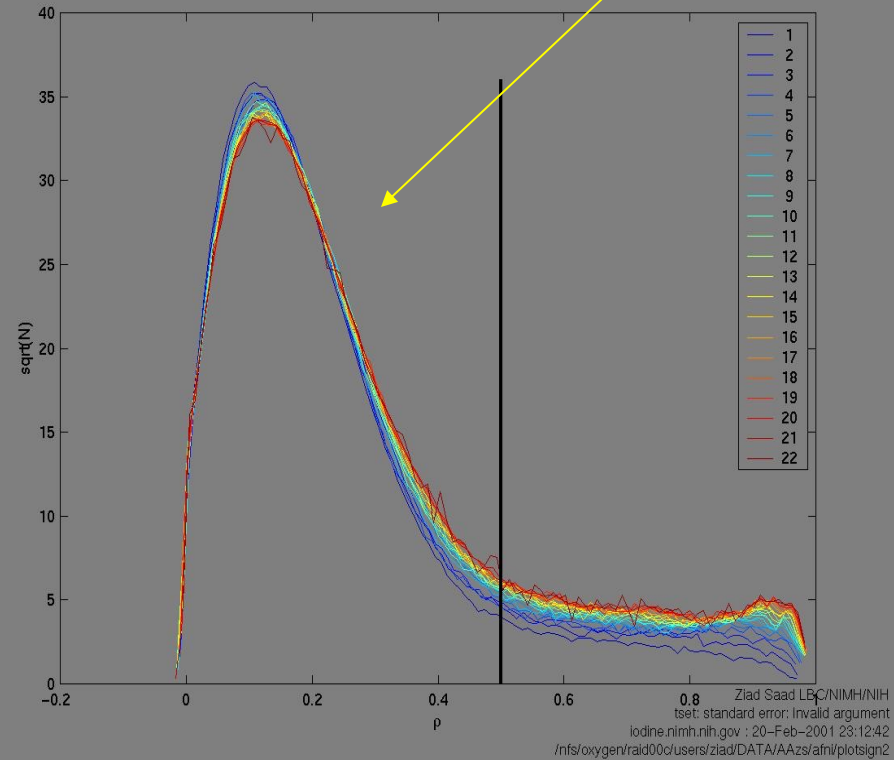


Continuously Growing Activation Area



CC Histogram

Inflection Point



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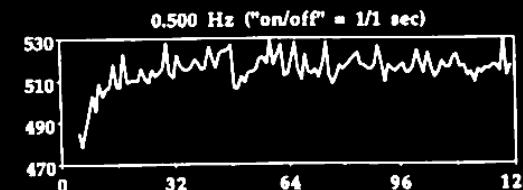
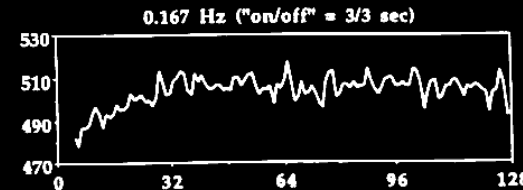
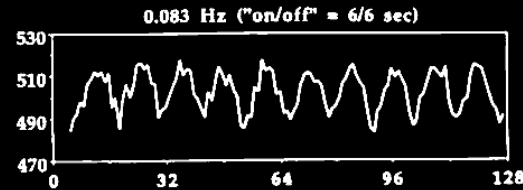
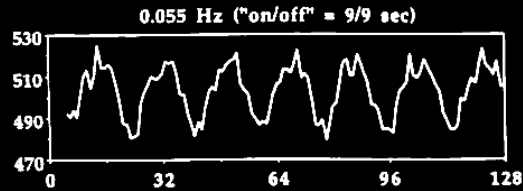
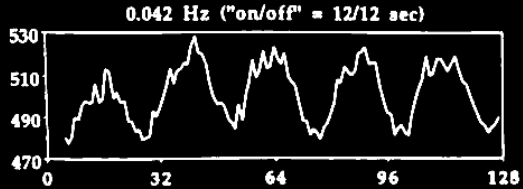
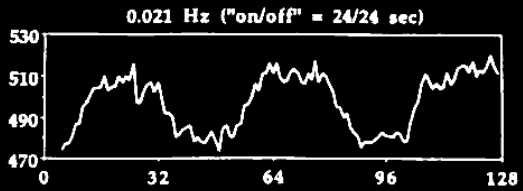
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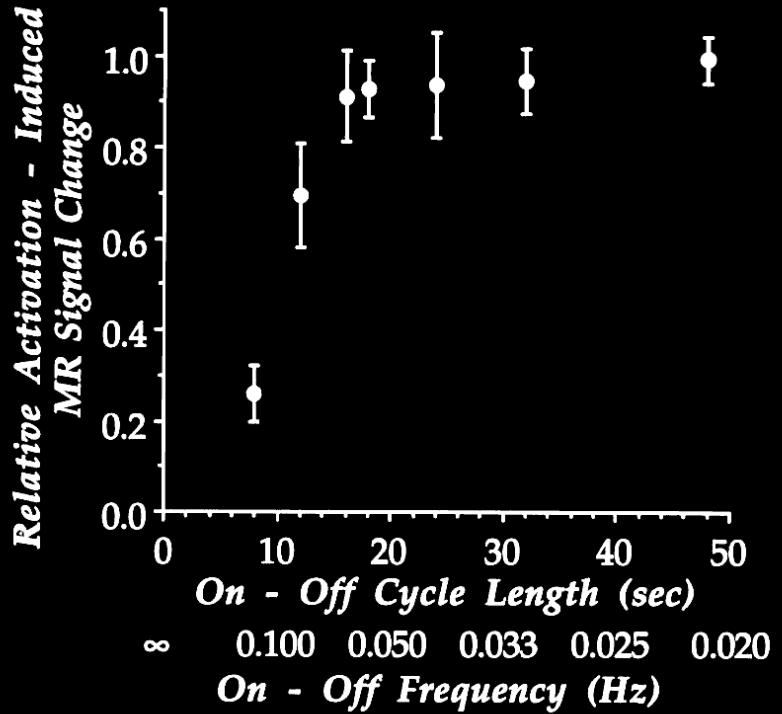
Dynamics

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MRI Signal

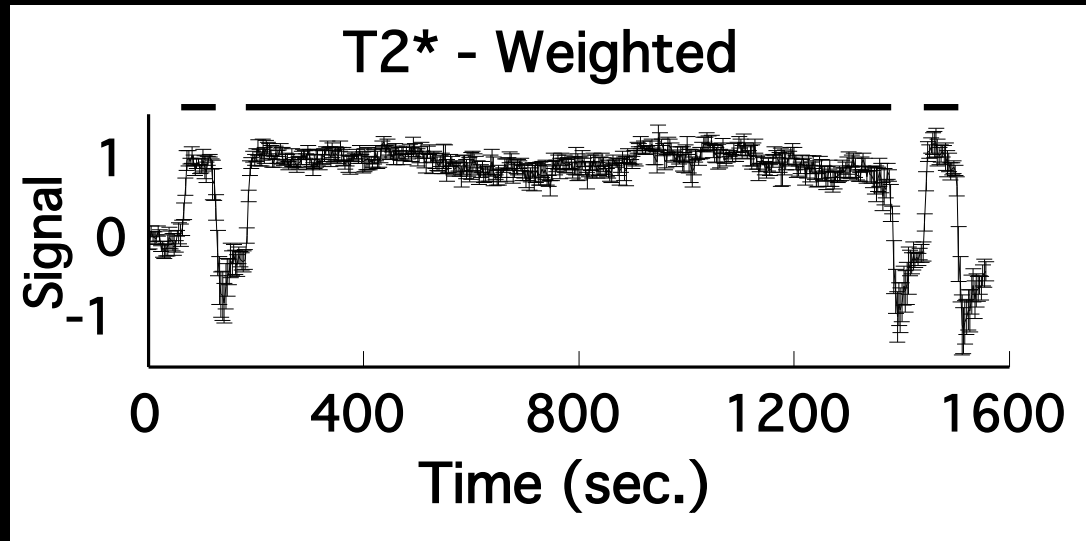


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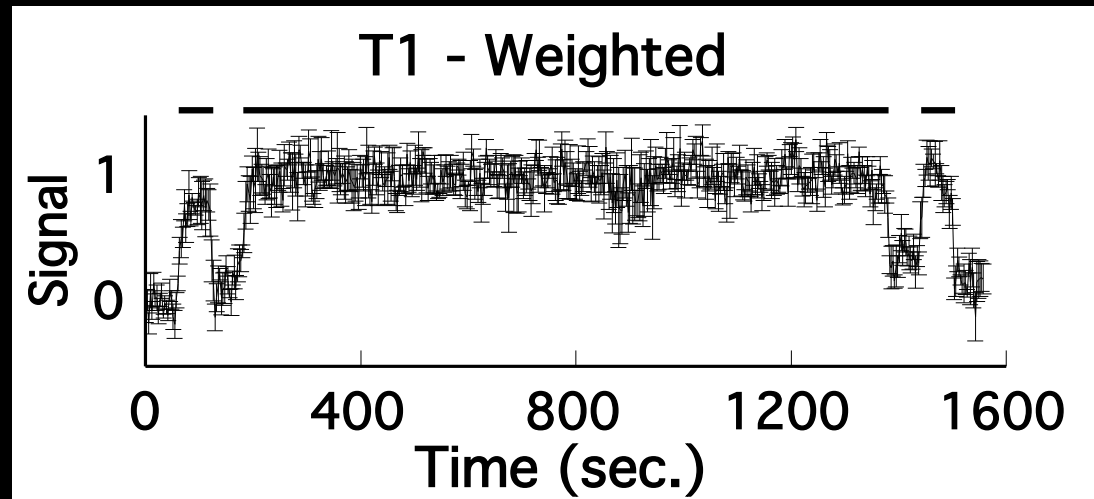


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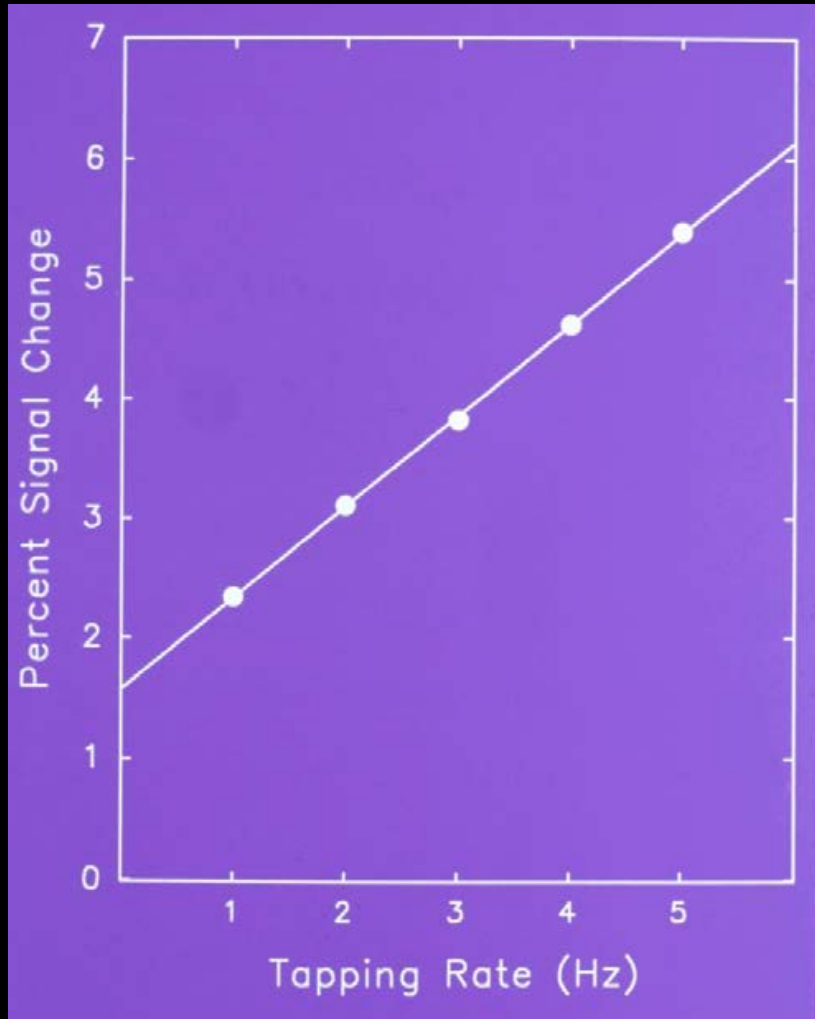


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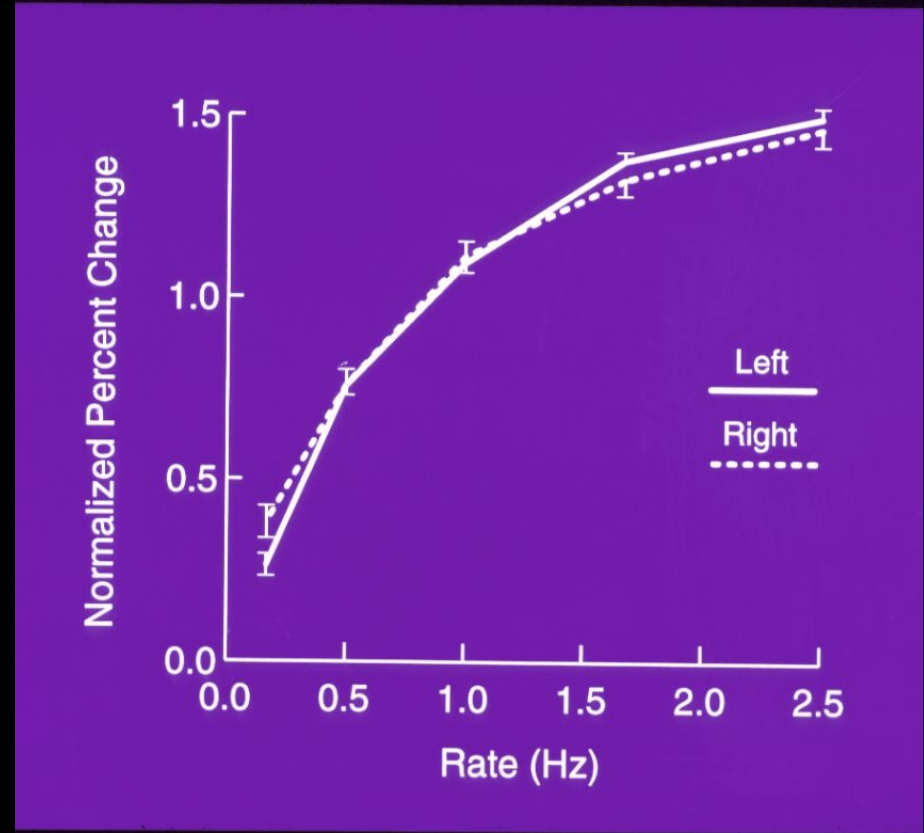
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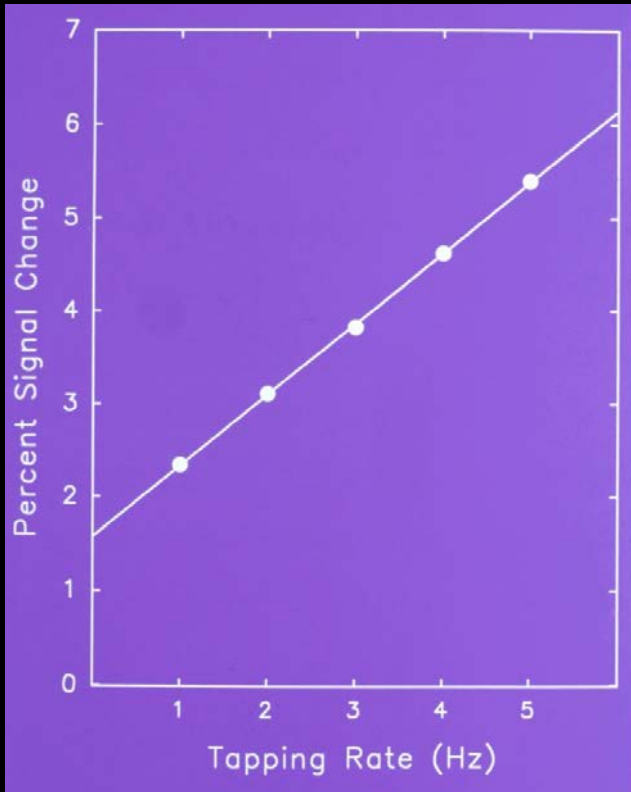
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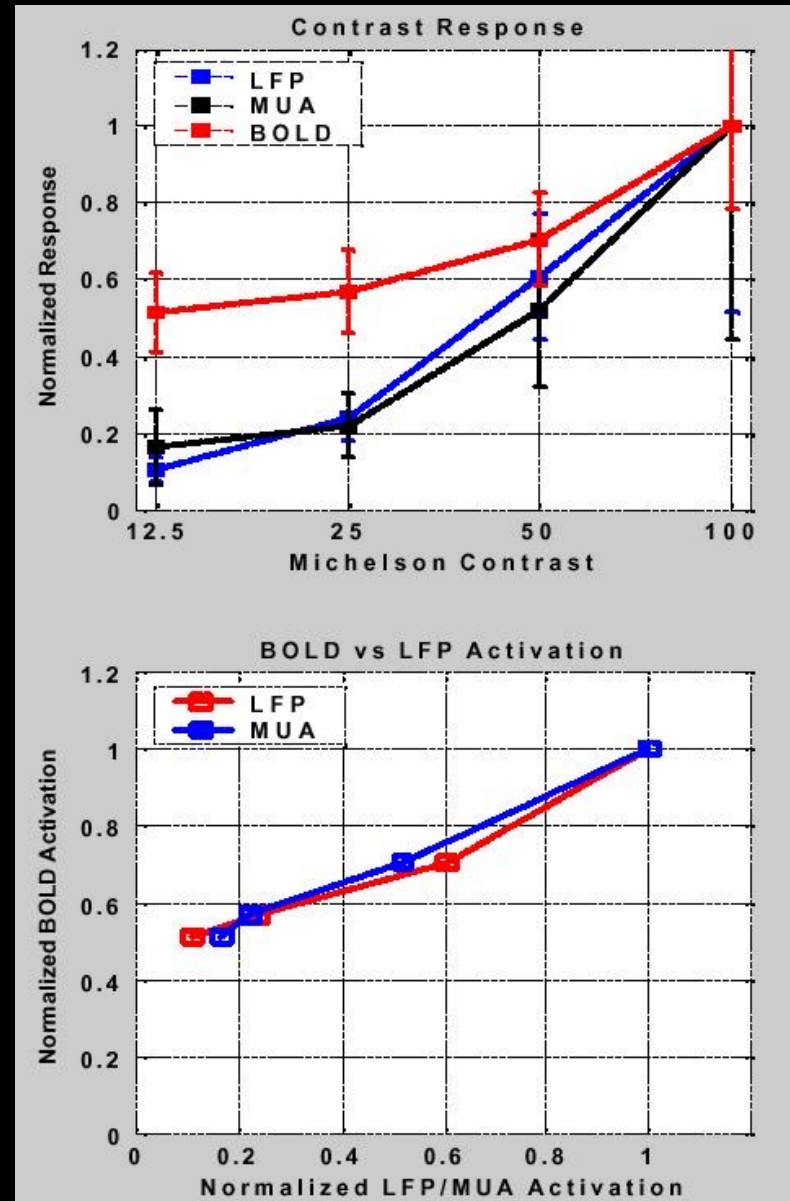


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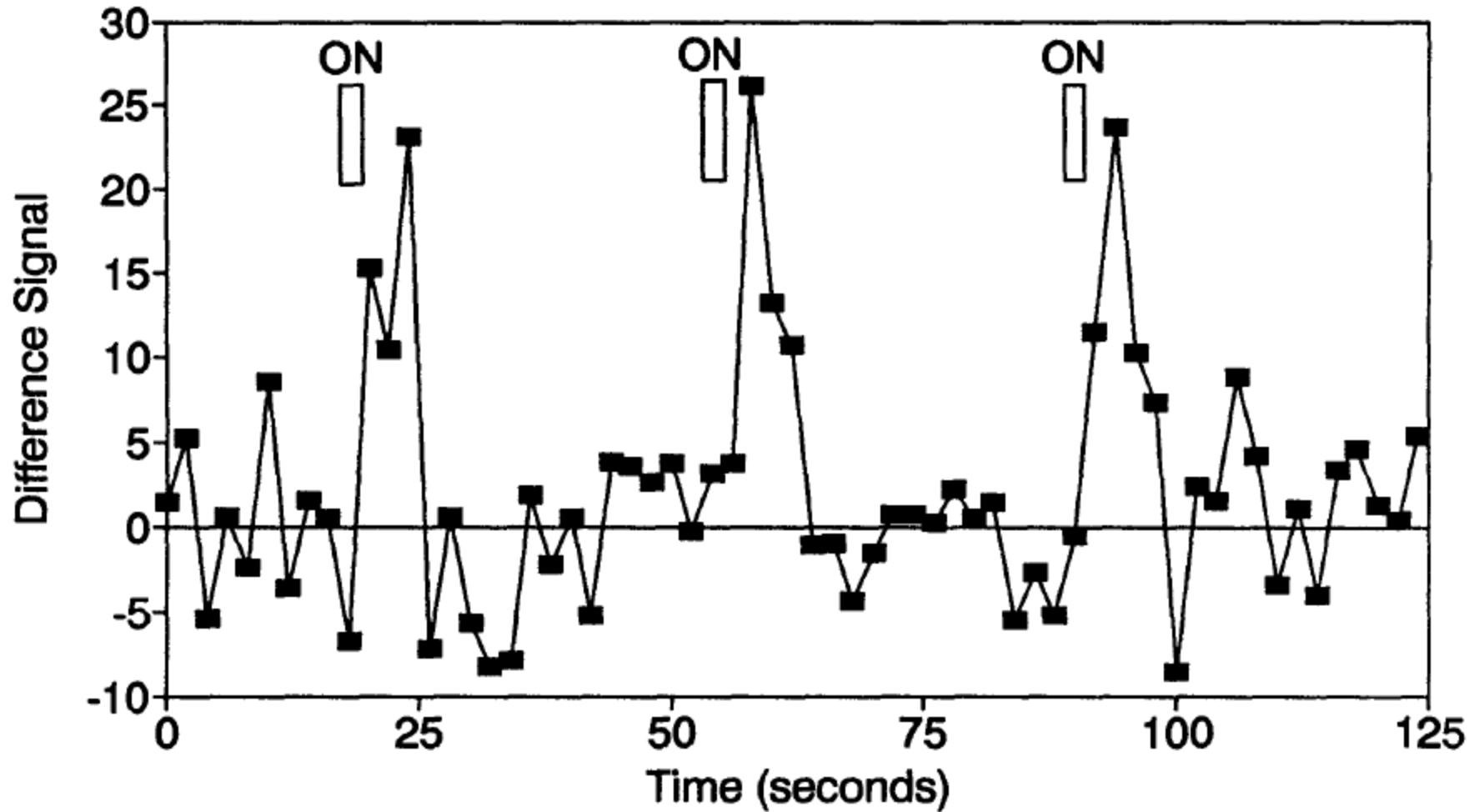
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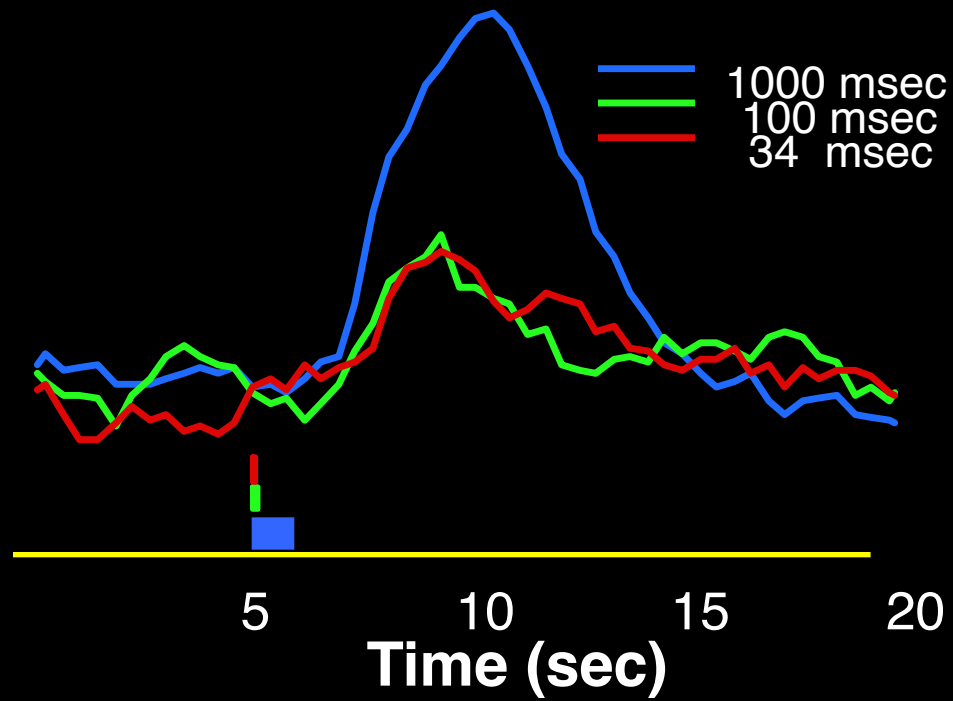
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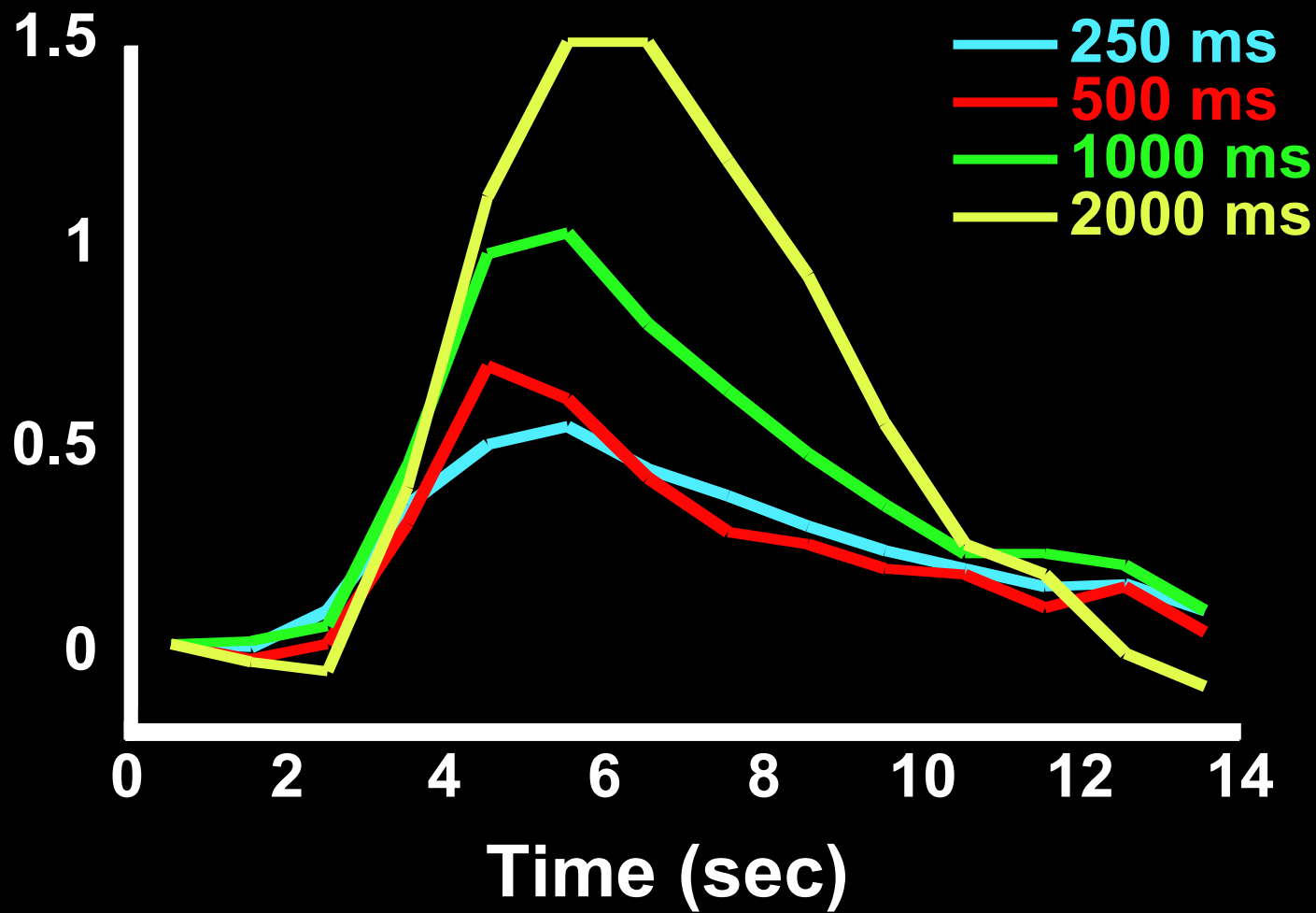
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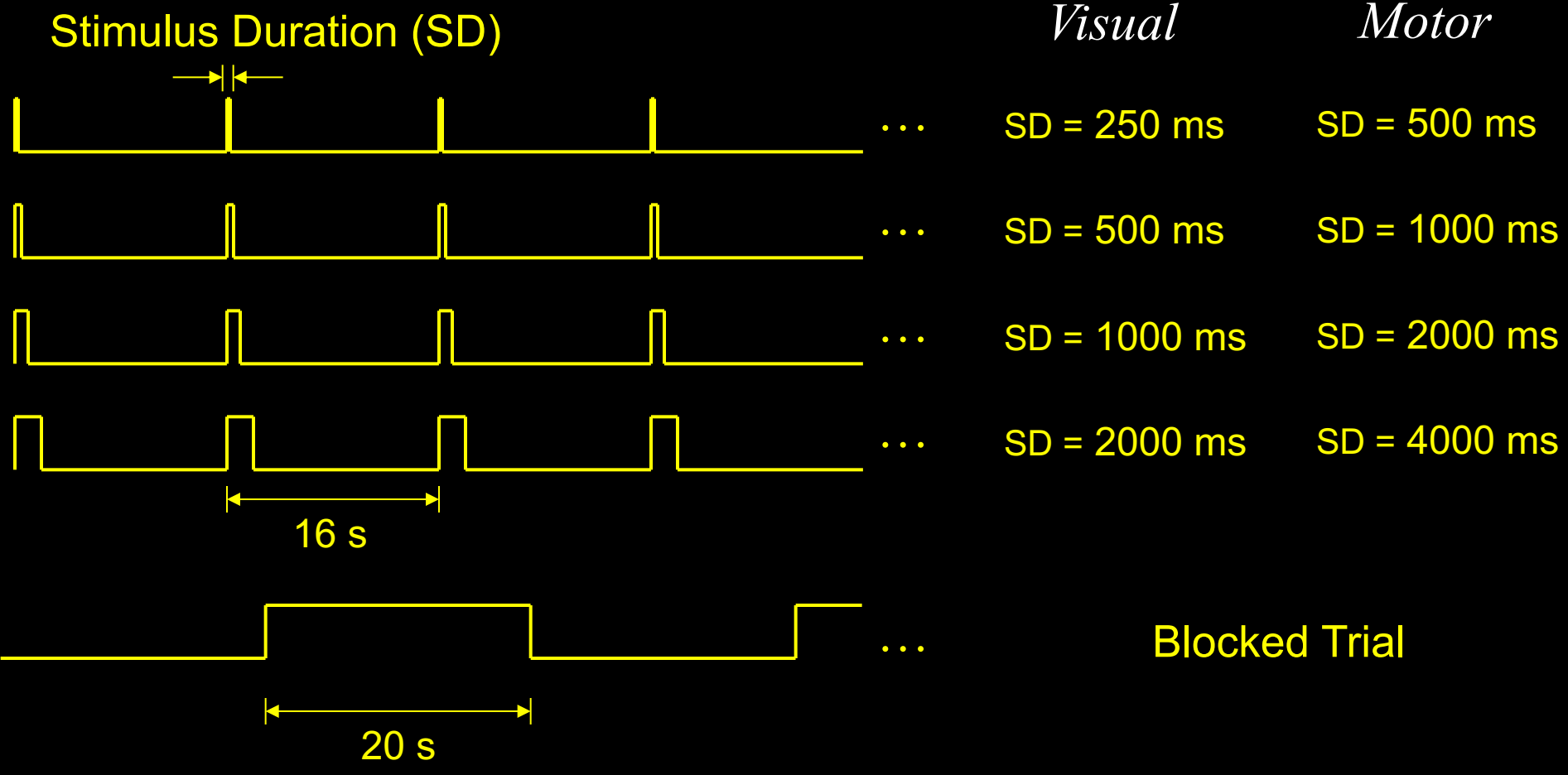
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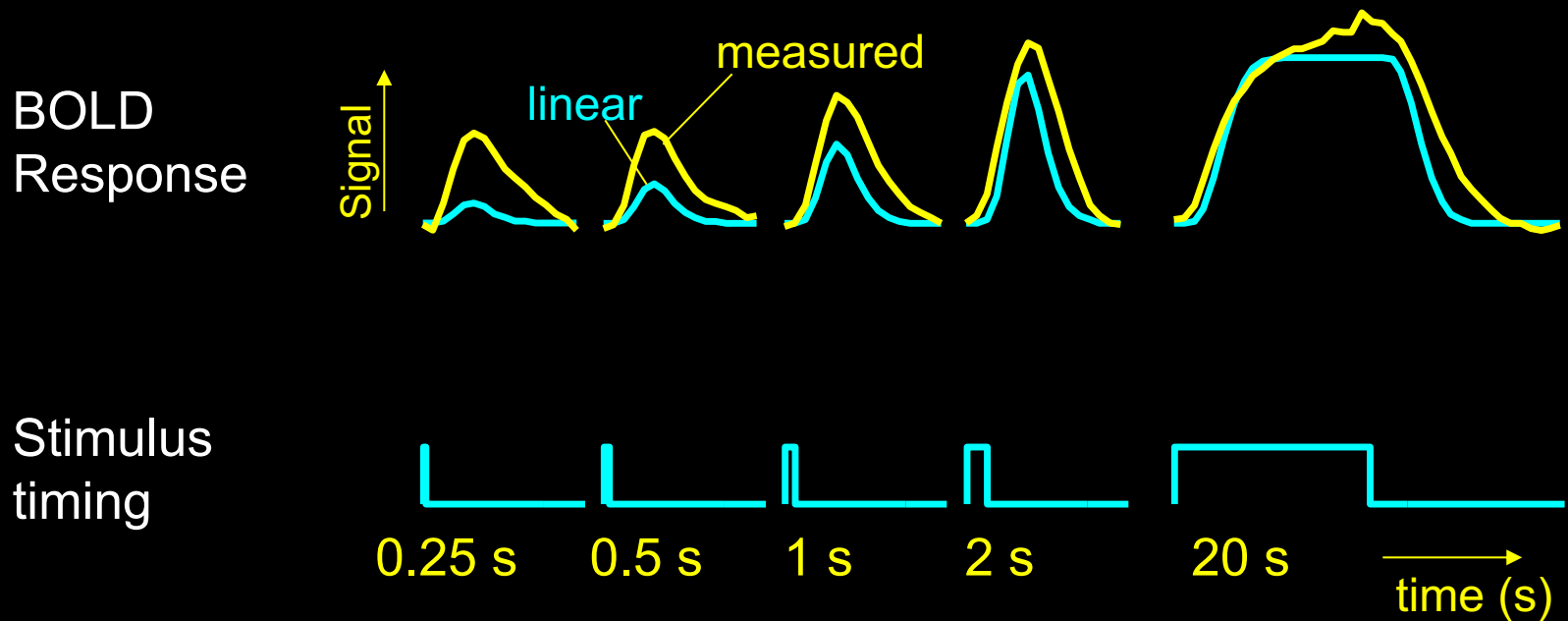


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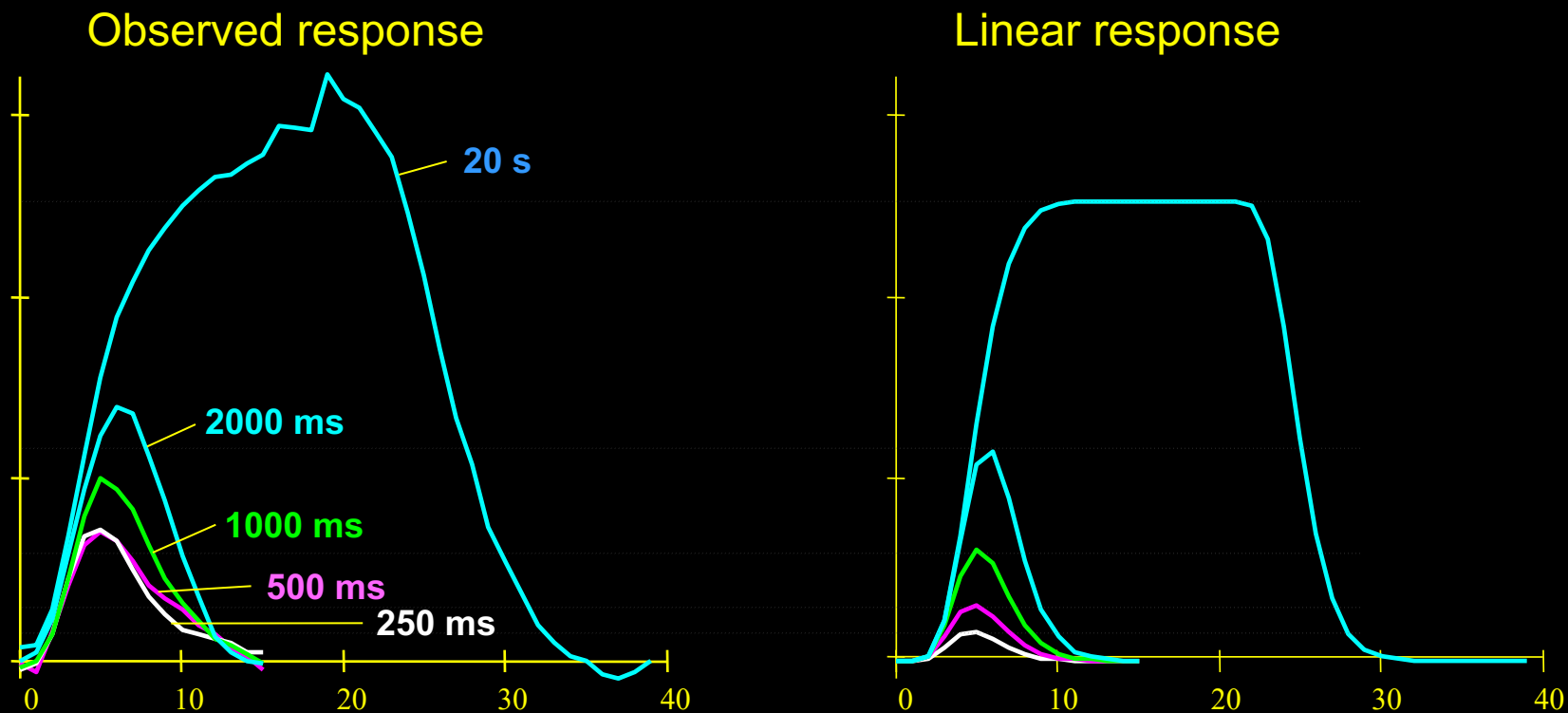
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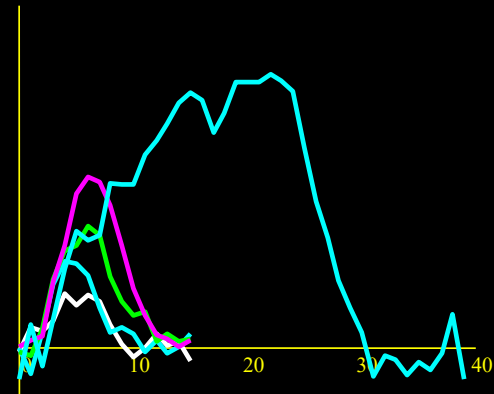
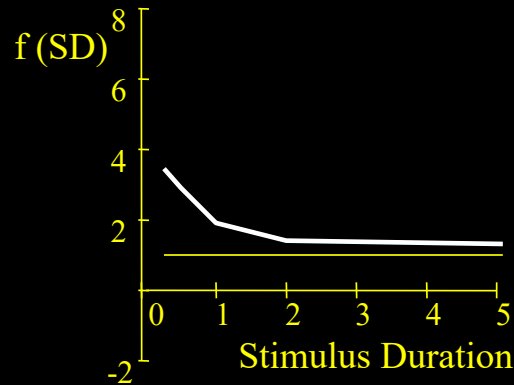
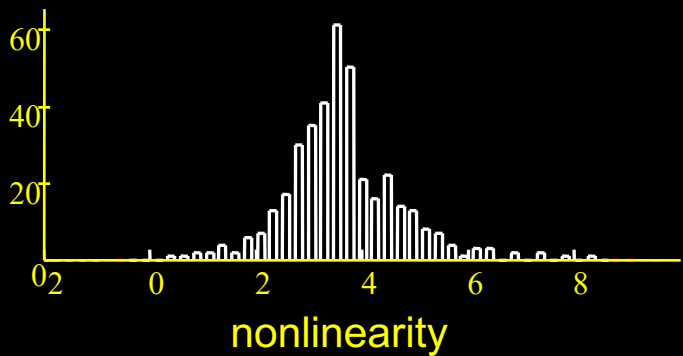
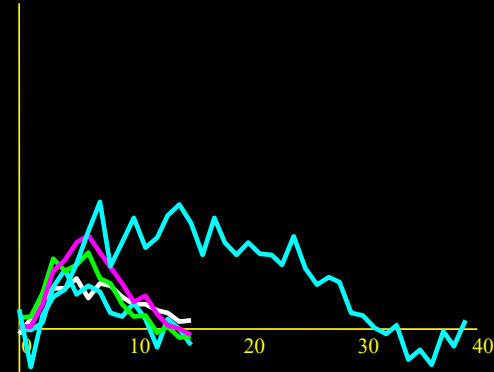
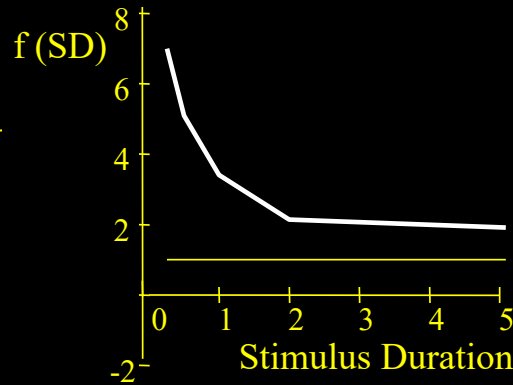
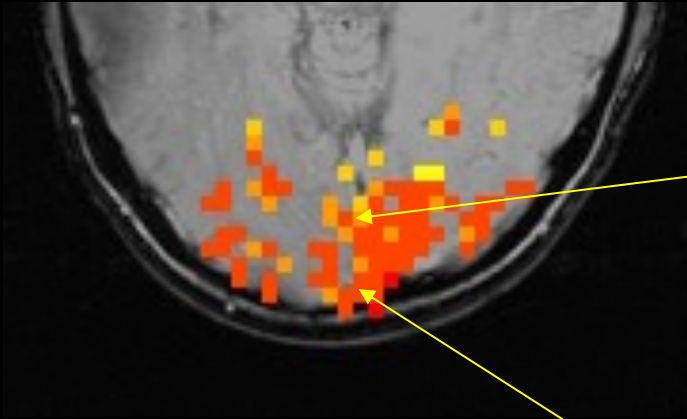
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BOLD response is nonlinear



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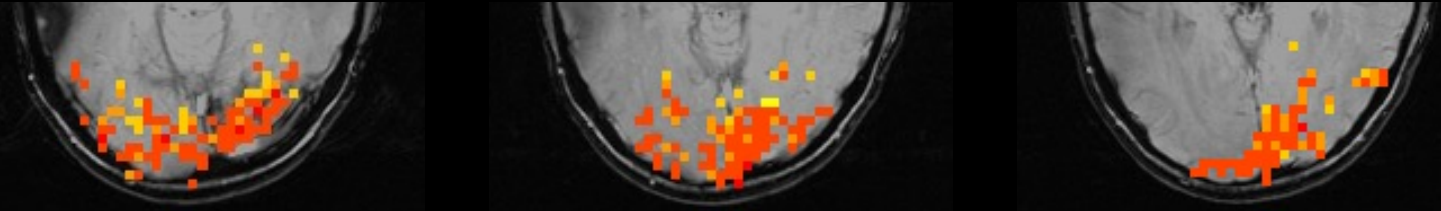
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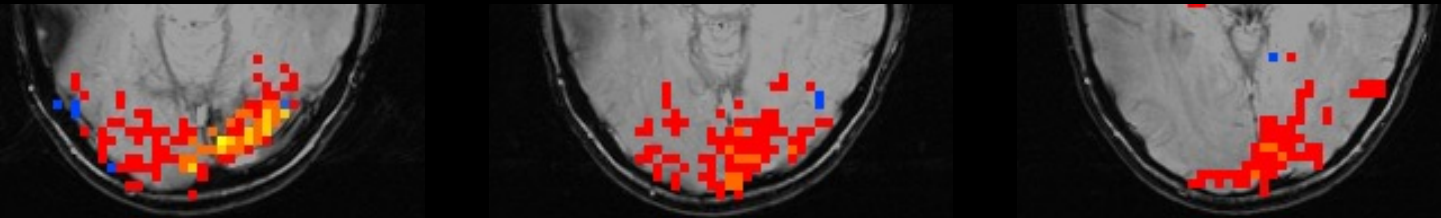
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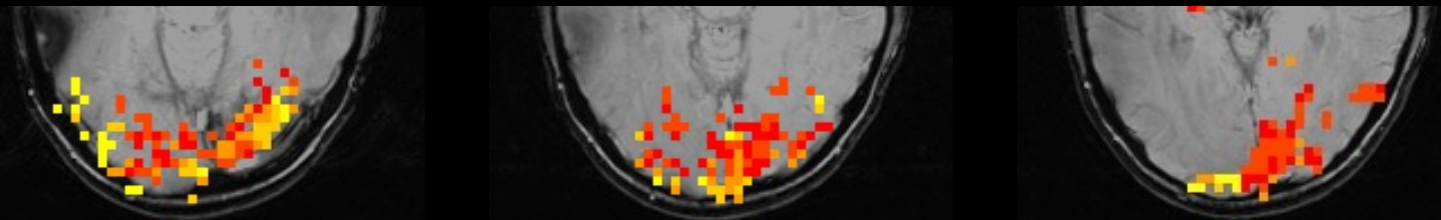
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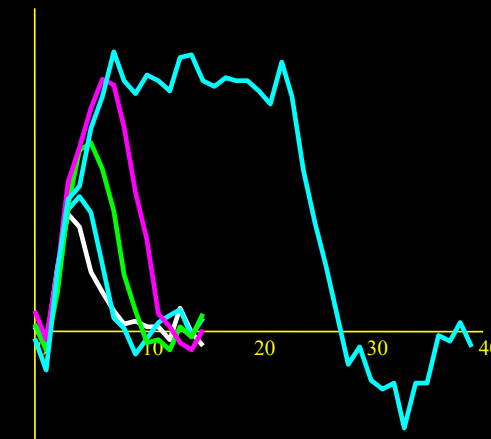
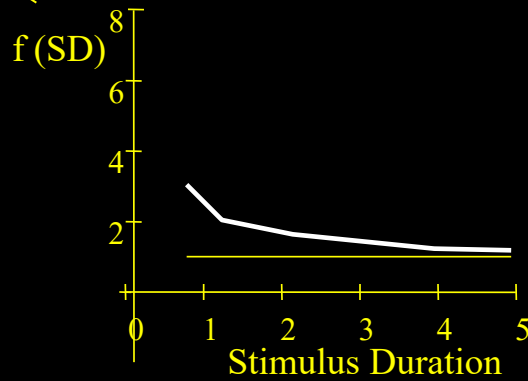
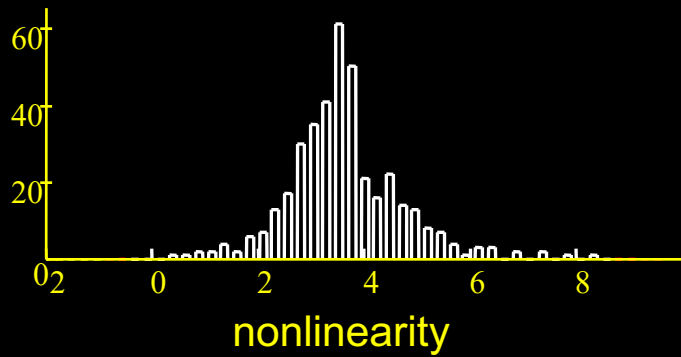
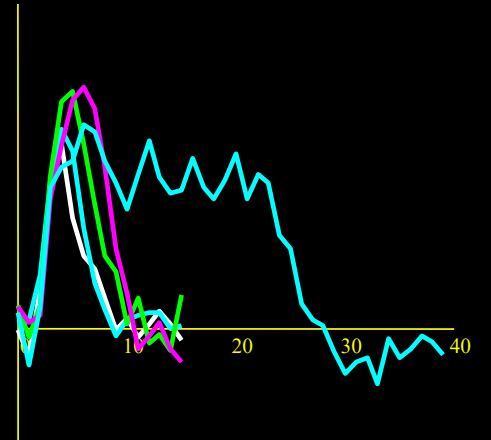
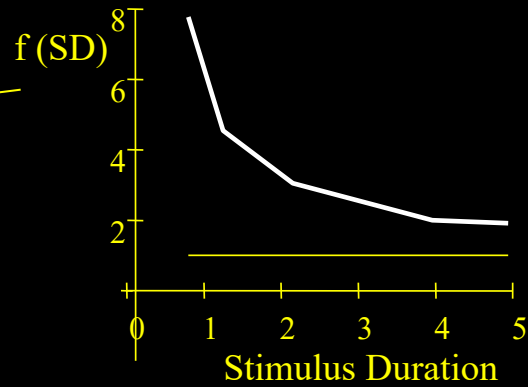
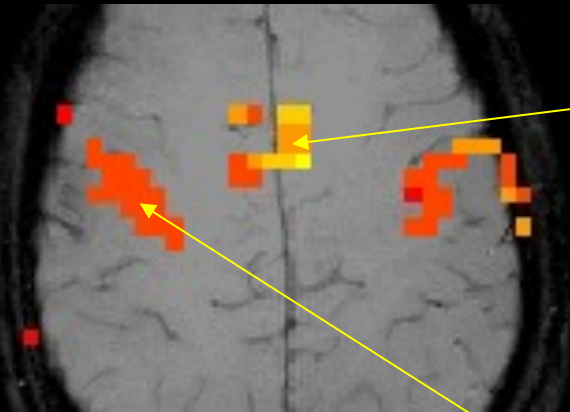
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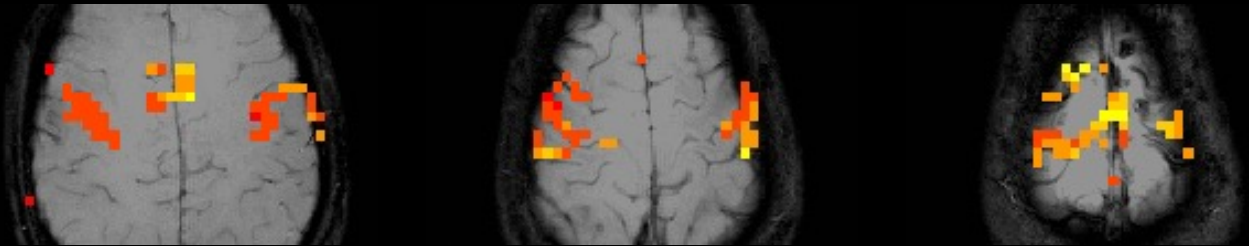


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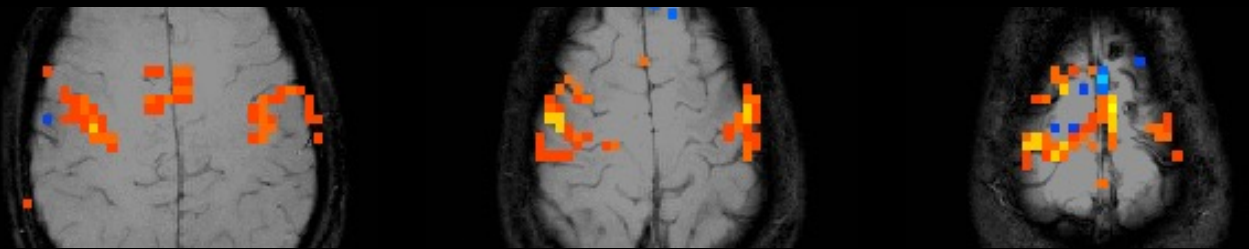


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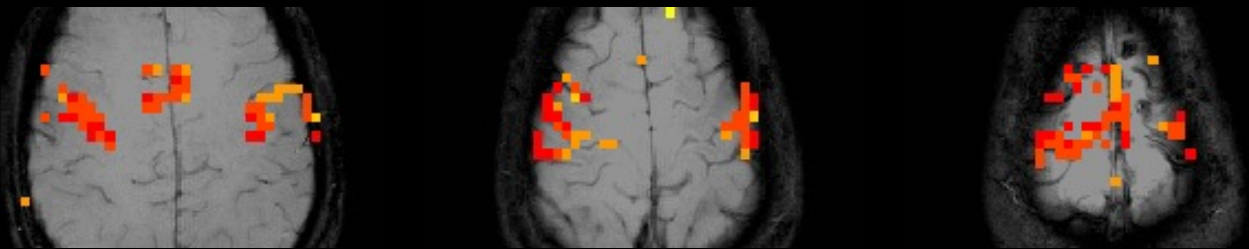
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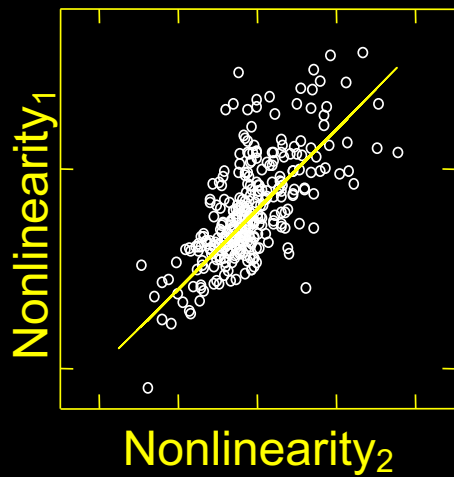


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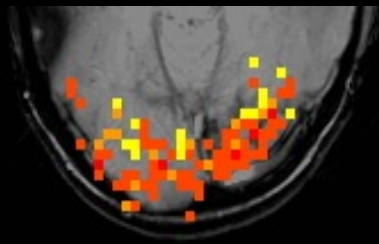
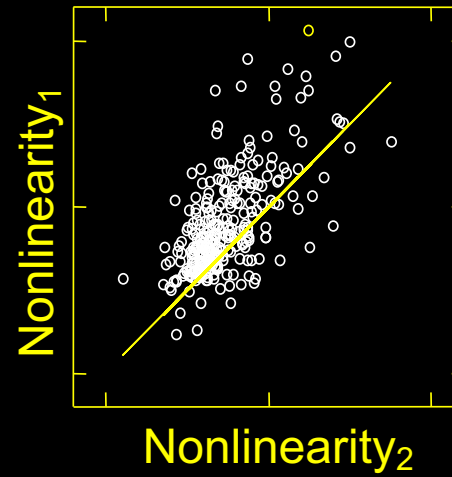


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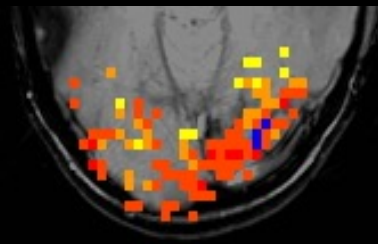
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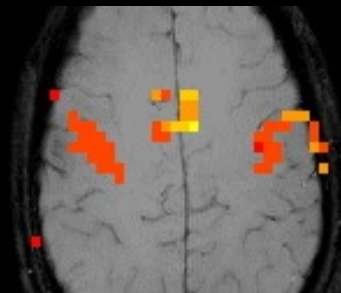
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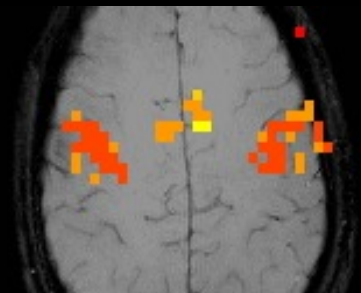
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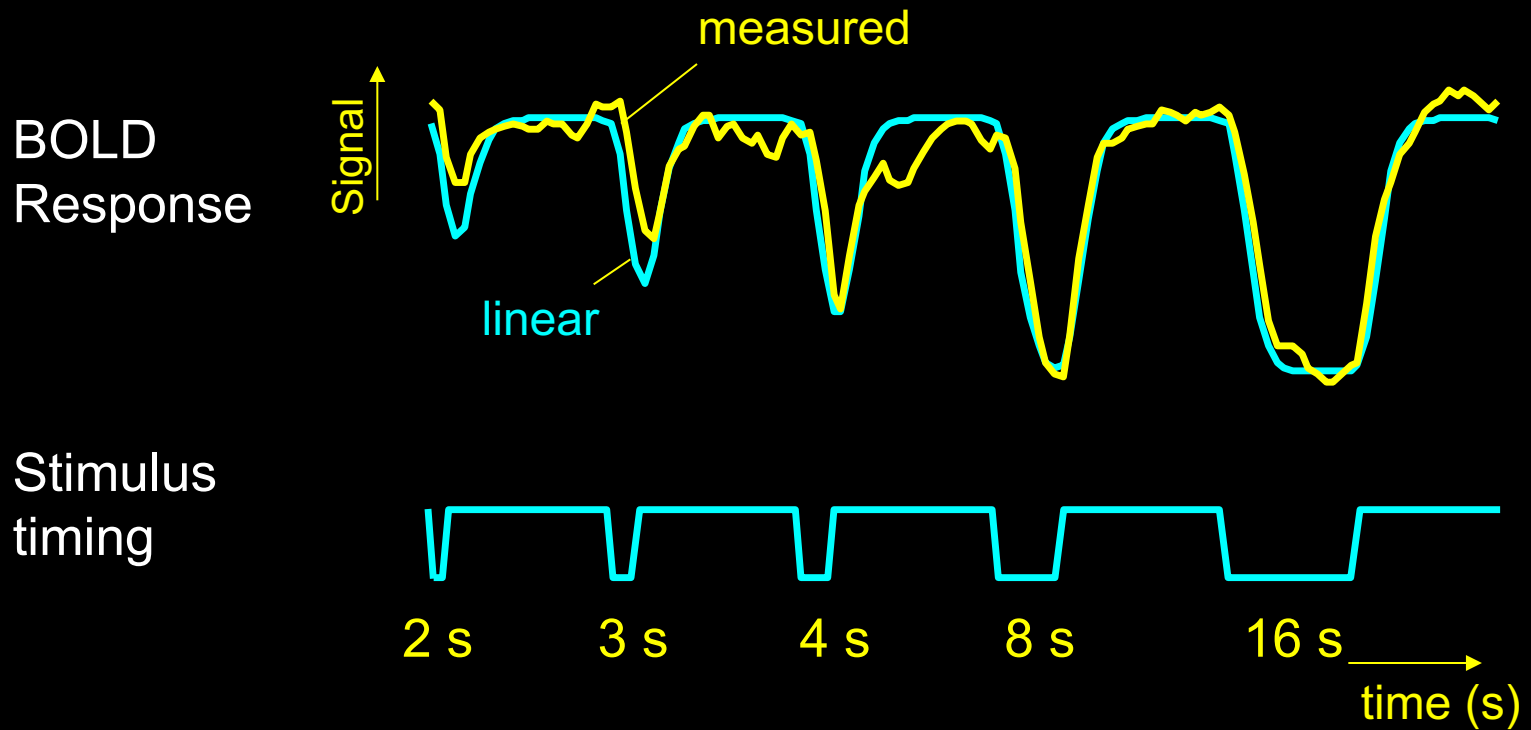


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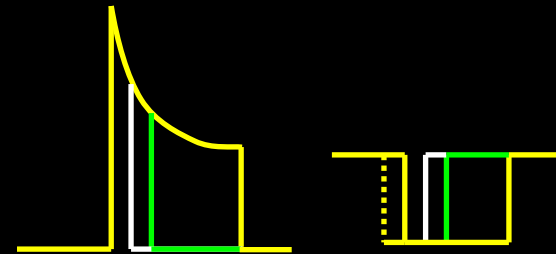
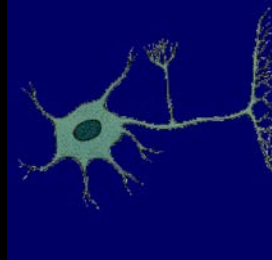
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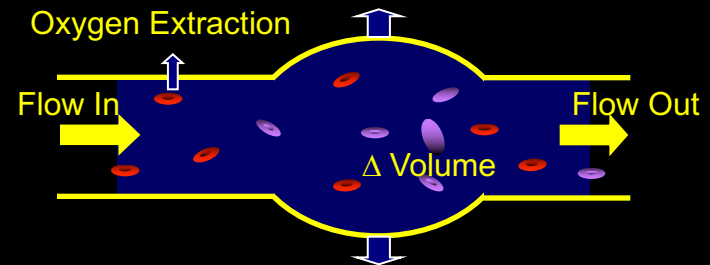
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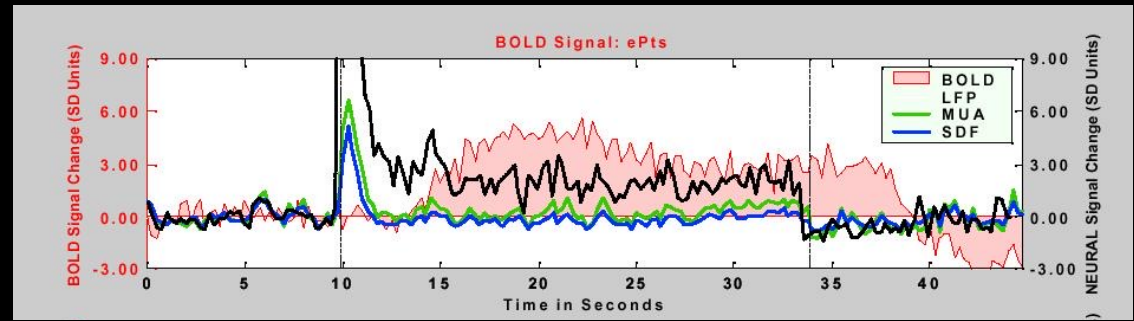
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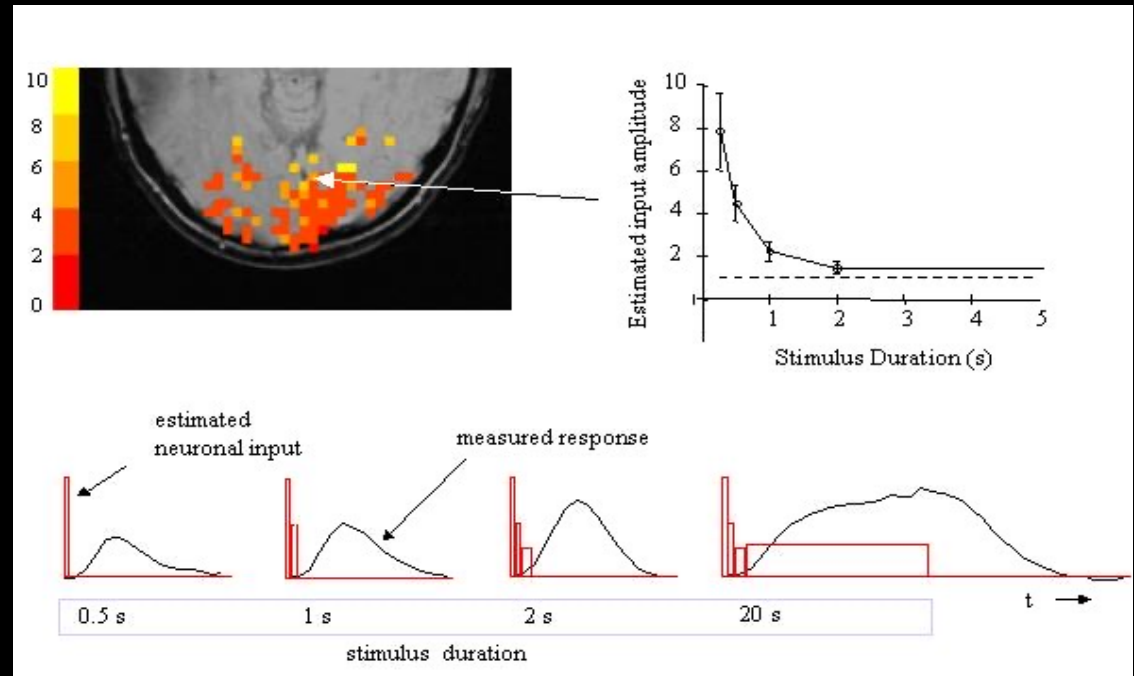


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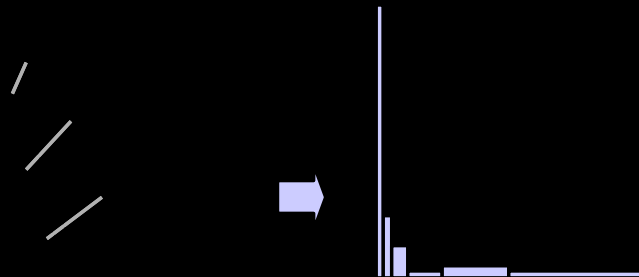
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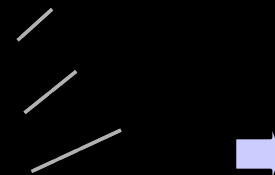
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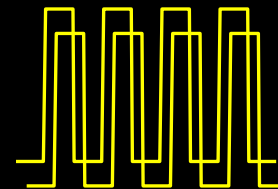
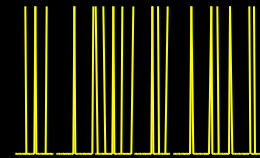
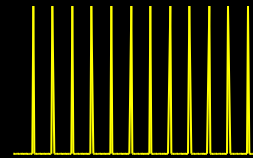
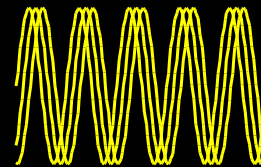
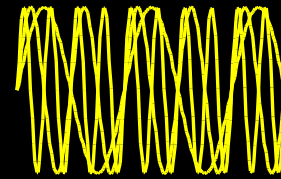
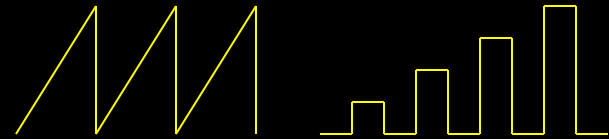
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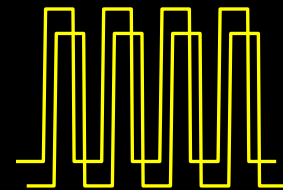
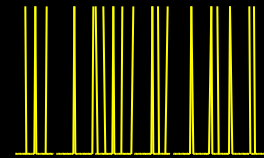
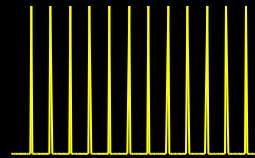
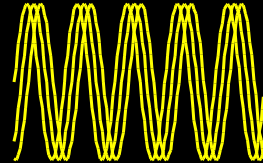
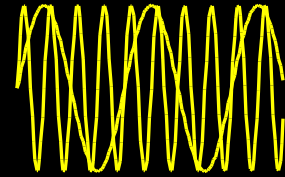
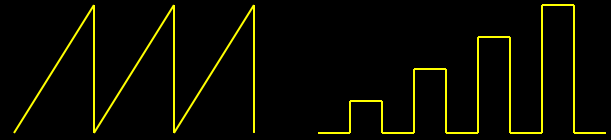
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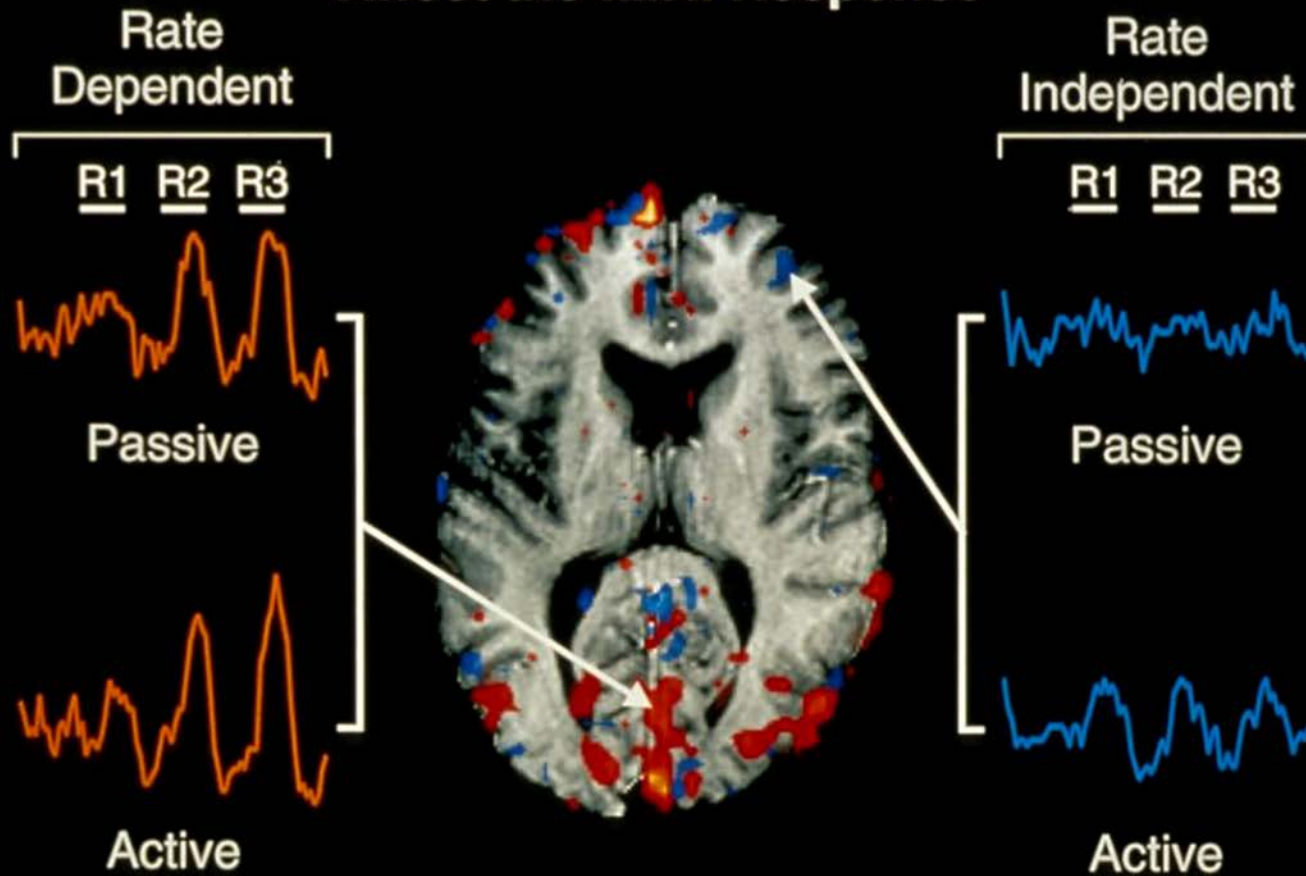
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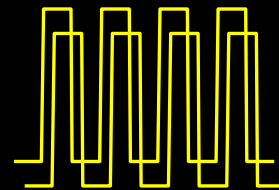
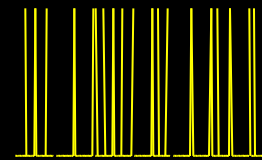
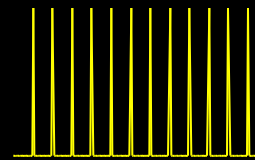
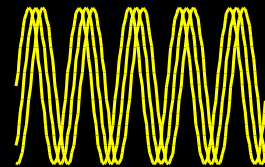
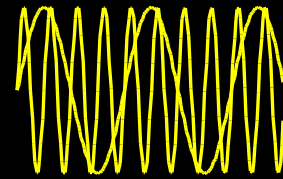
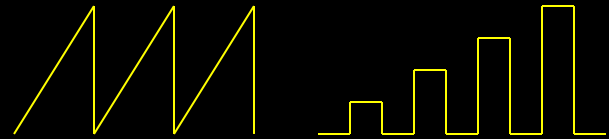
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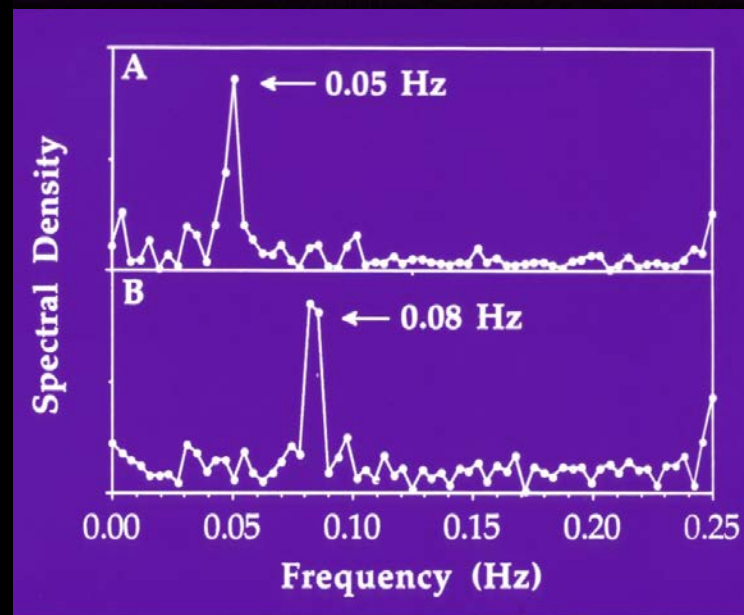
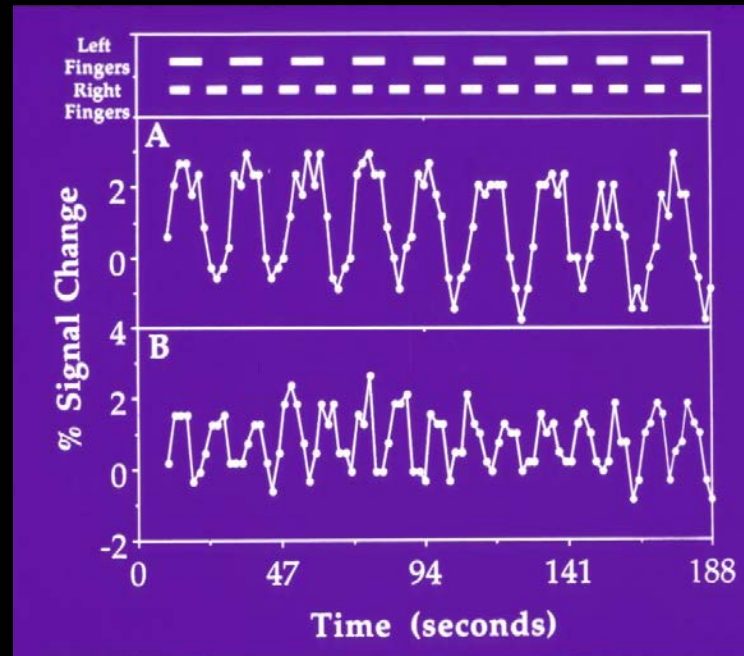
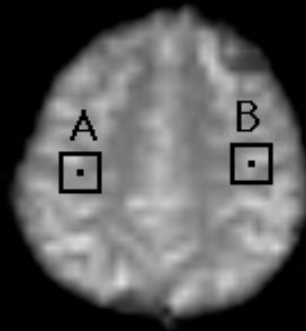
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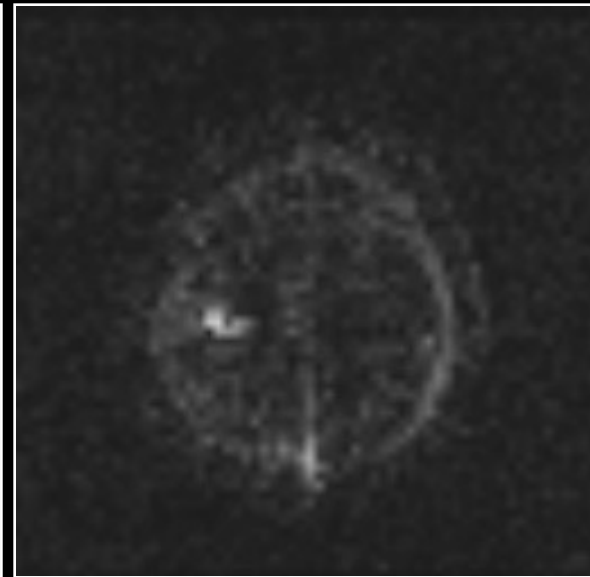
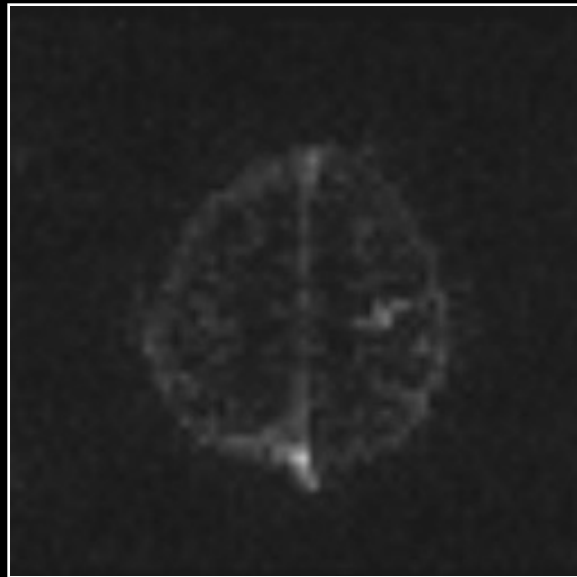


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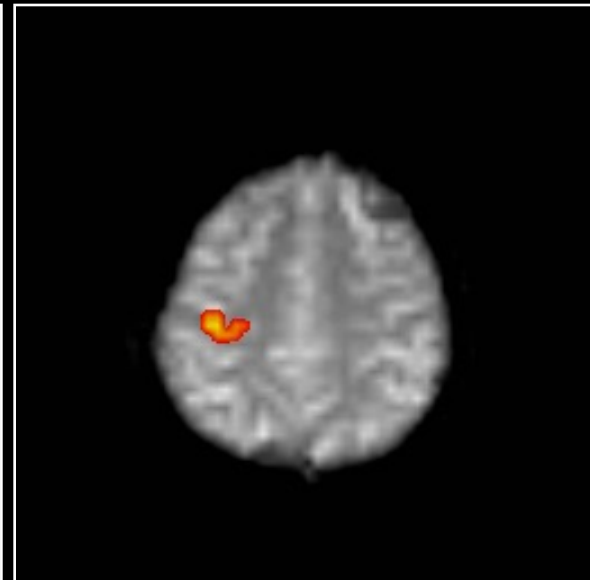
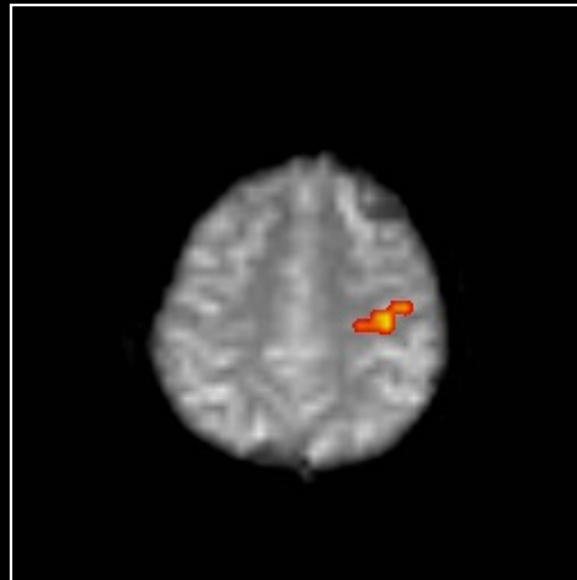
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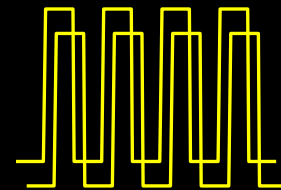
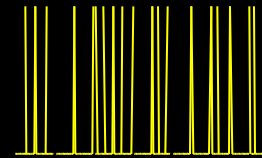
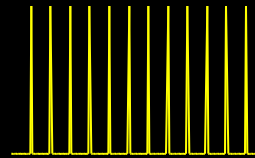
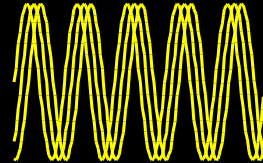
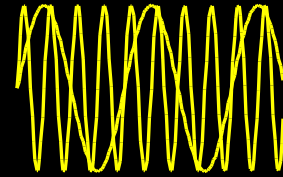
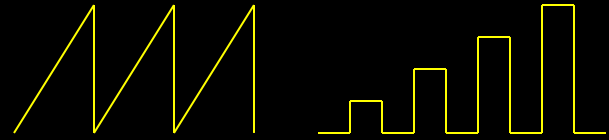
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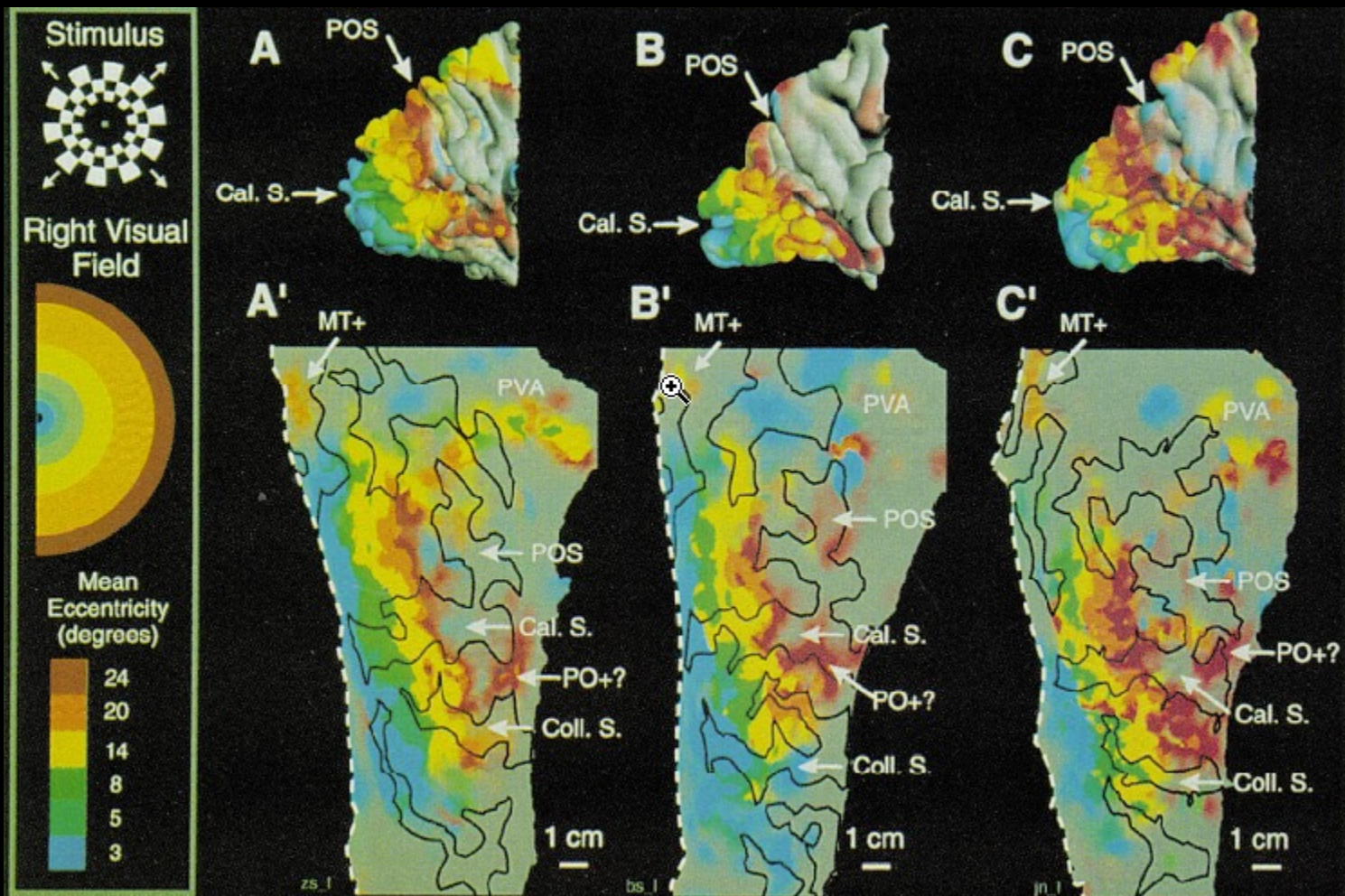
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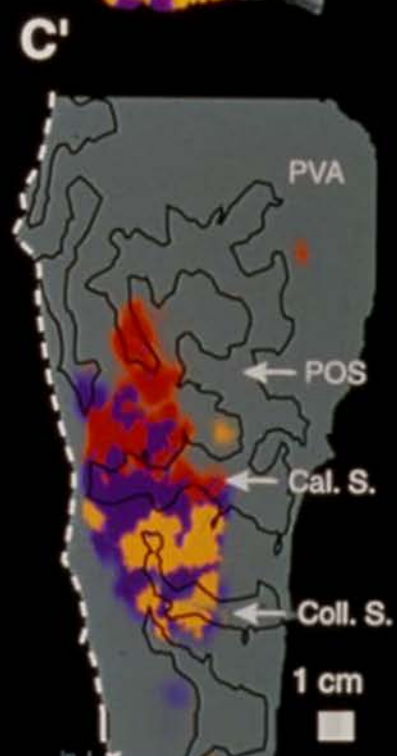
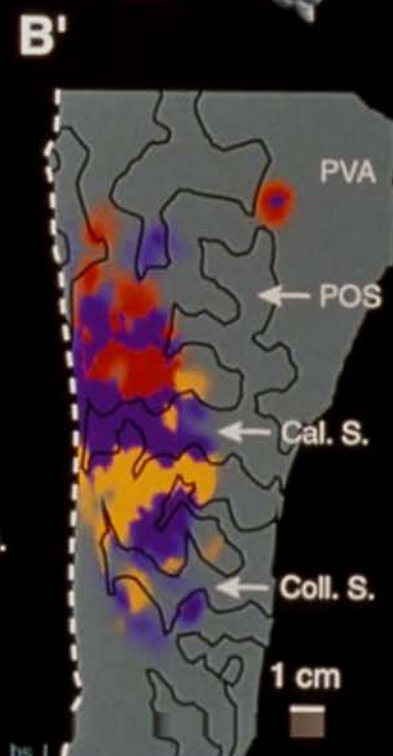
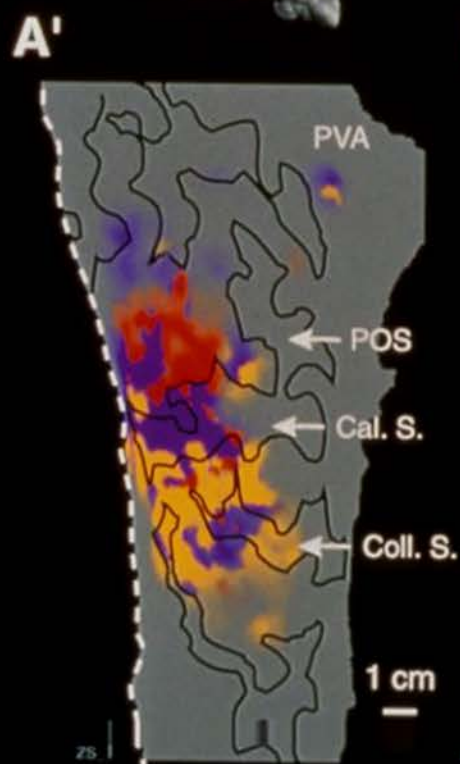
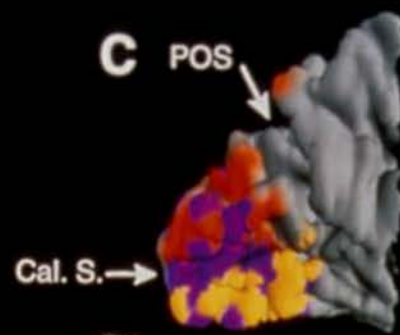
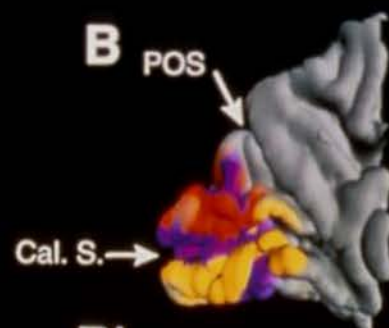
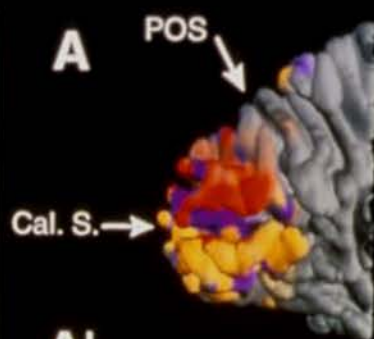
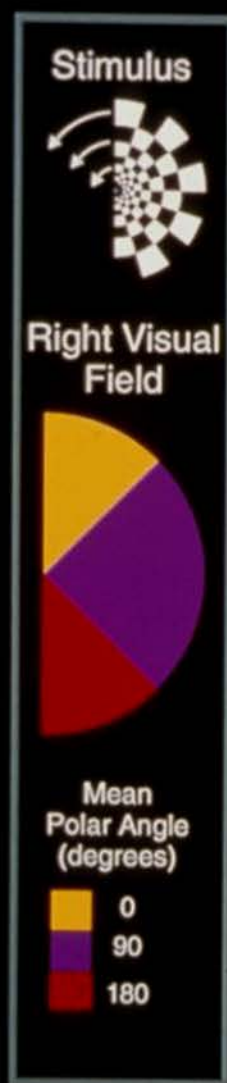
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Mapping striate and extrastriate visual areas in human cerebral cortex

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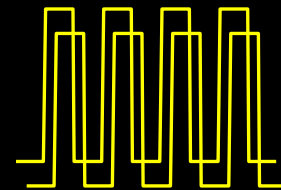
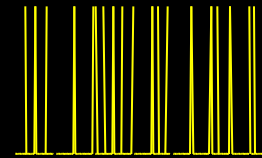
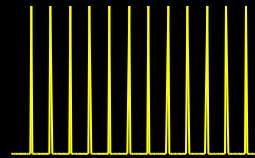
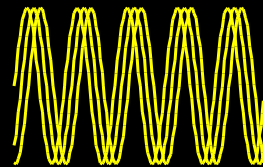
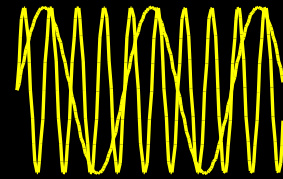
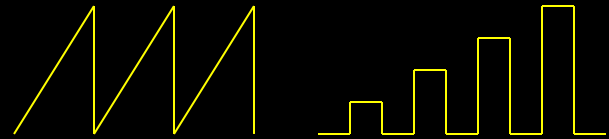
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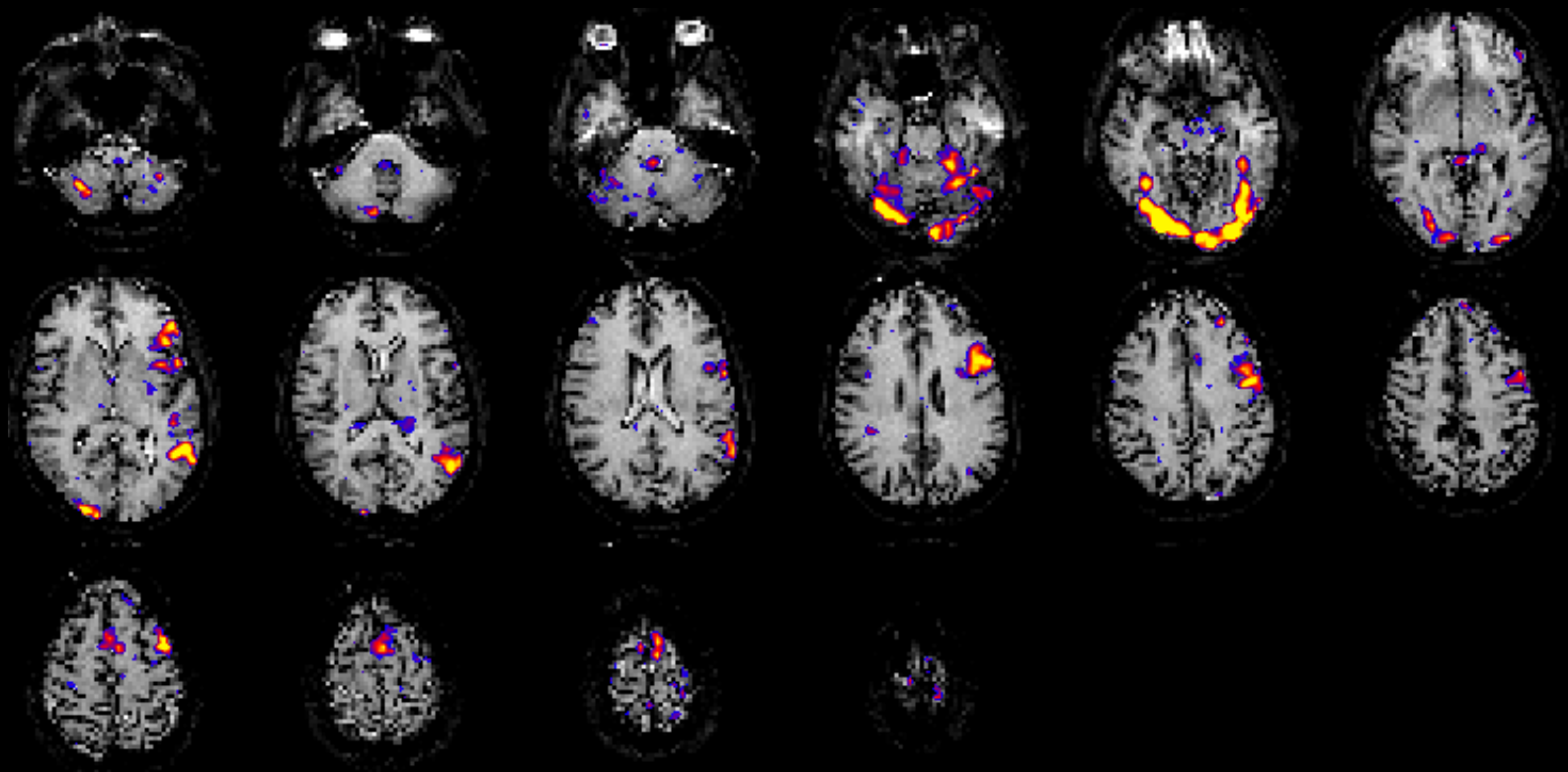
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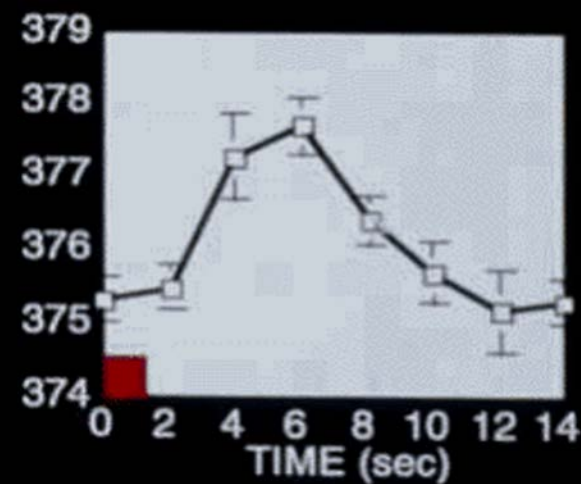
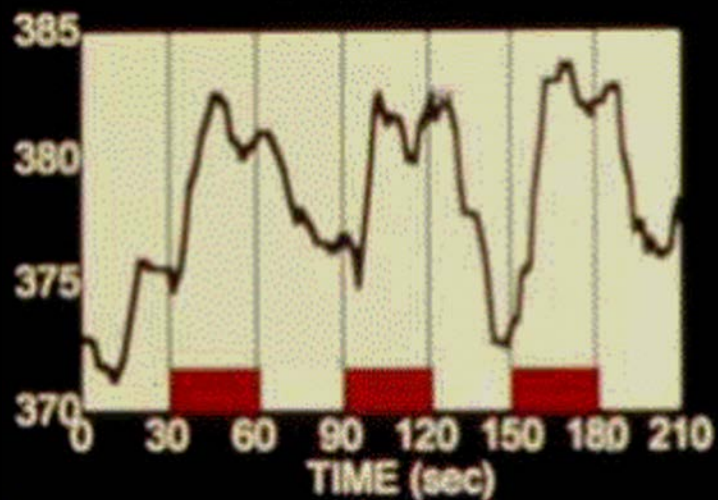
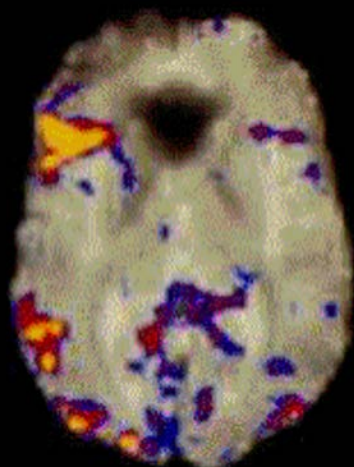
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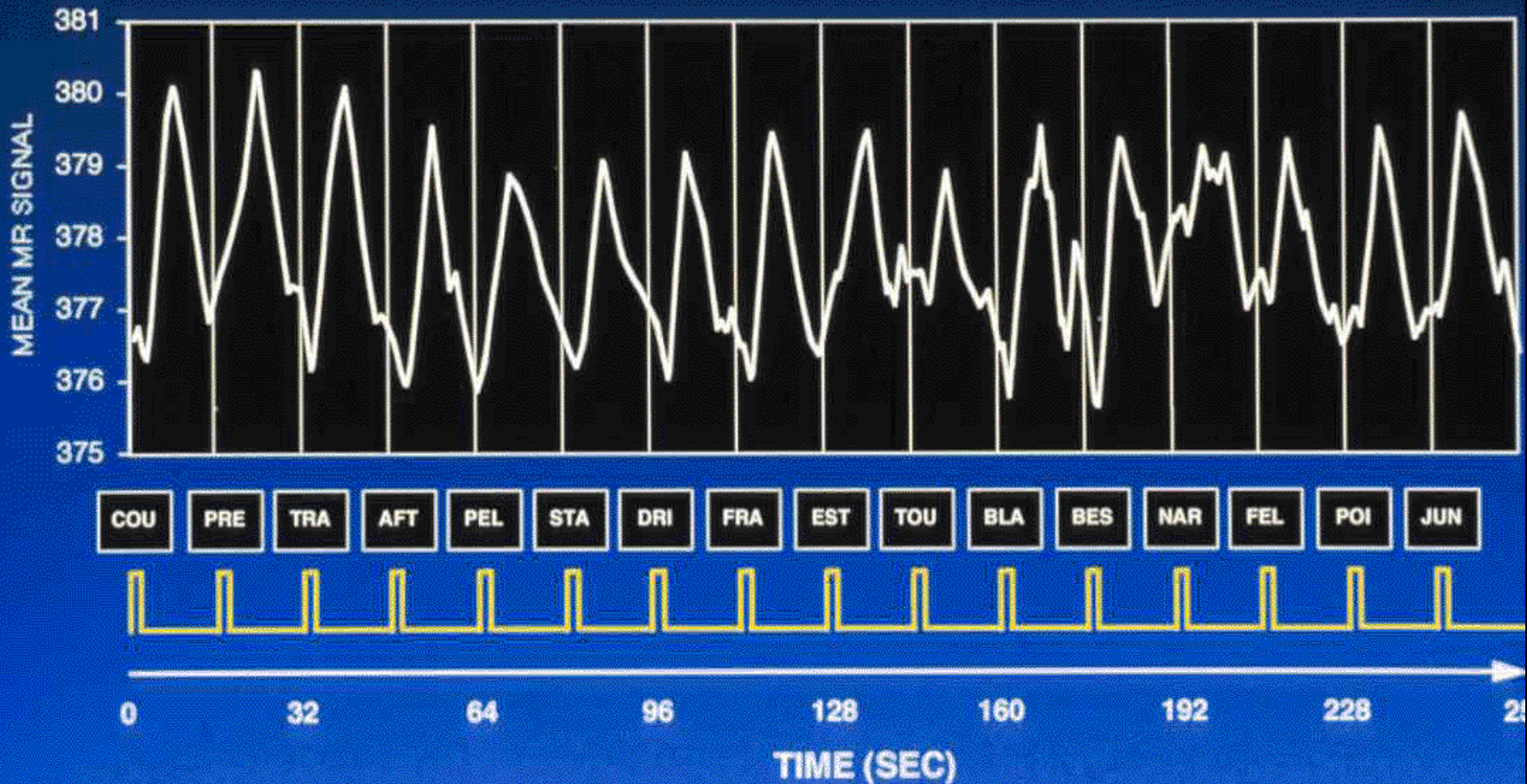
BLOCKED:



SINGLE TRIAL:



"Single-Trial" Response Across an Averaged Data Set

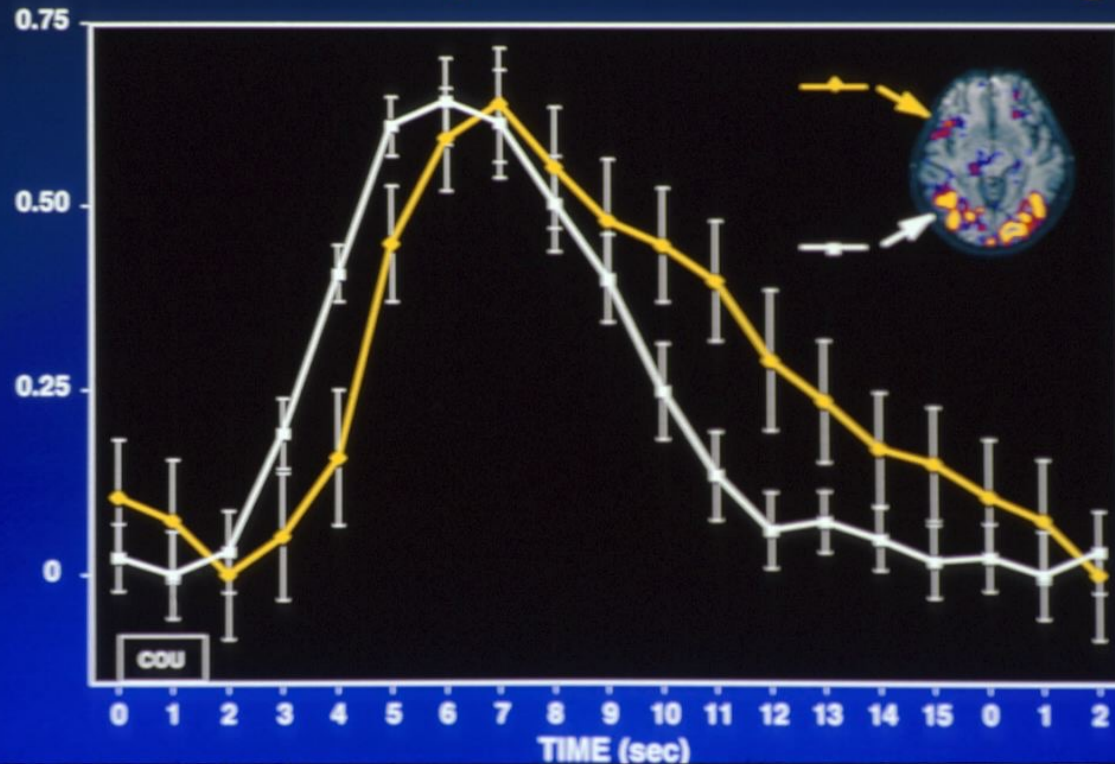


Detection of cortical activation during averaged single trials of a cognitive task using functional magnetic resonance imaging

(neuroimaging/single trial/language/prefrontal)

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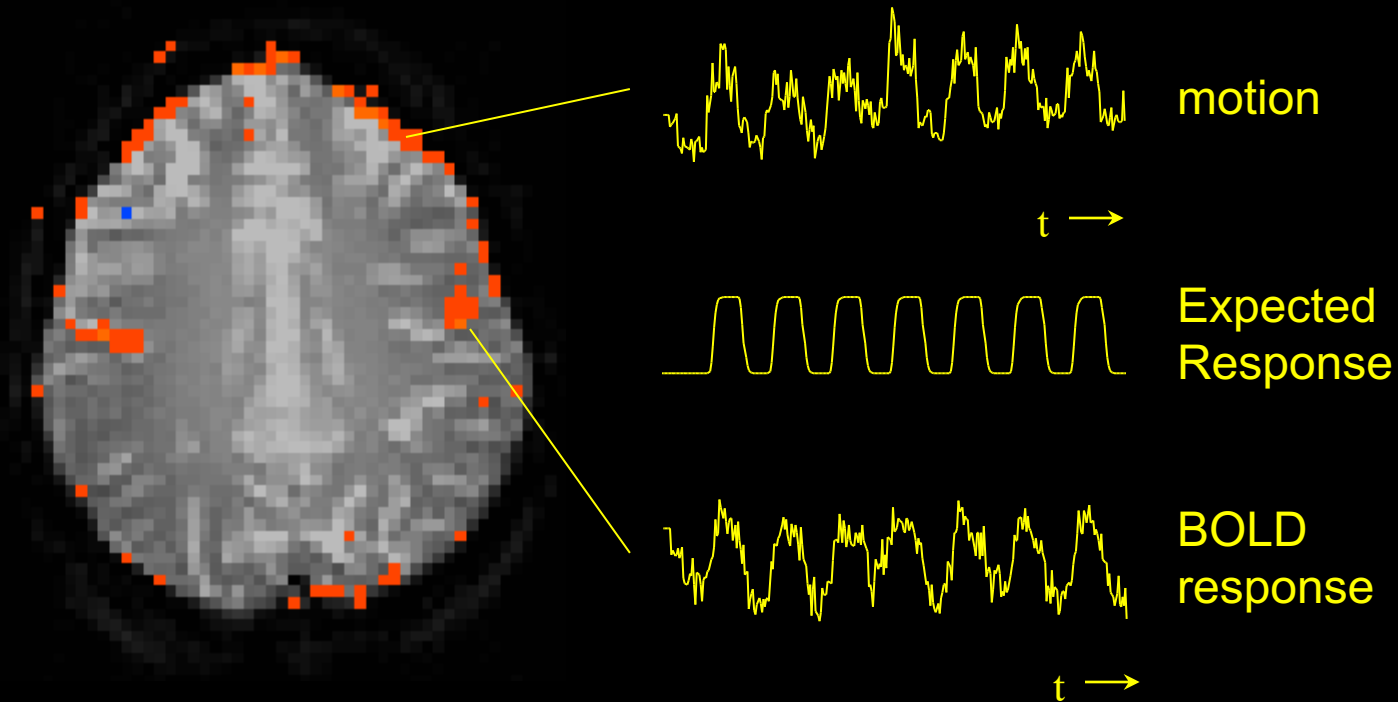
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Event Related Advantages

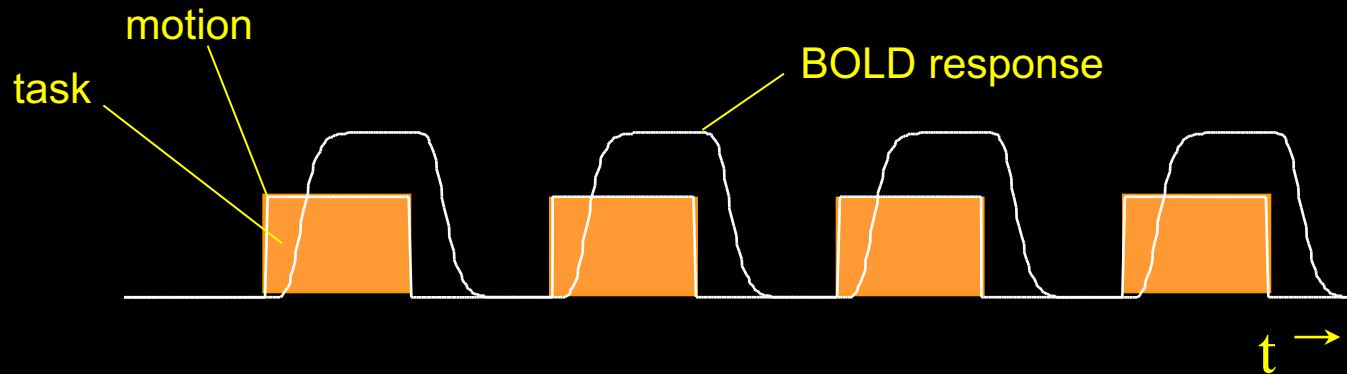
- Task Randomization
- Post acquisition, Performance-based, data binning
- Natural presentation
- Reduction of habituation effects
- Overt responses
- Reduction of scanner noise effects
- More precise estimation of hemodynamic responses

Speaking - Blocked Trial

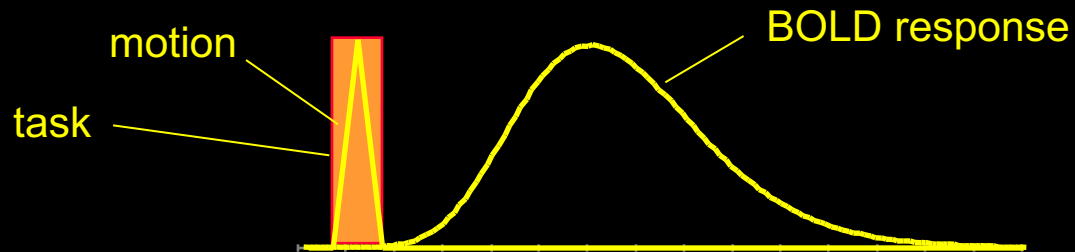


fMRI during tasks that involve brief motion

Blocked Design

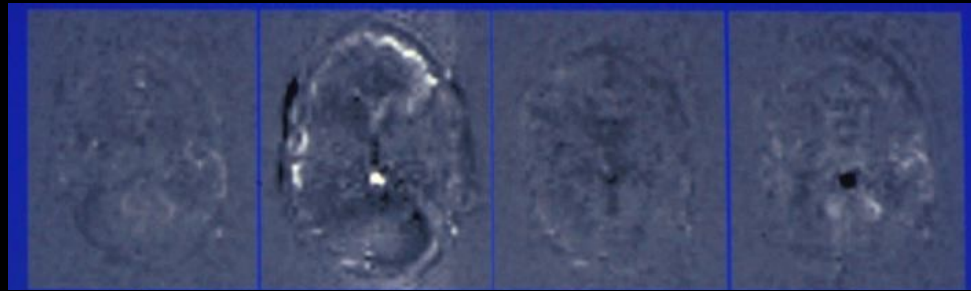


Event-Related Design



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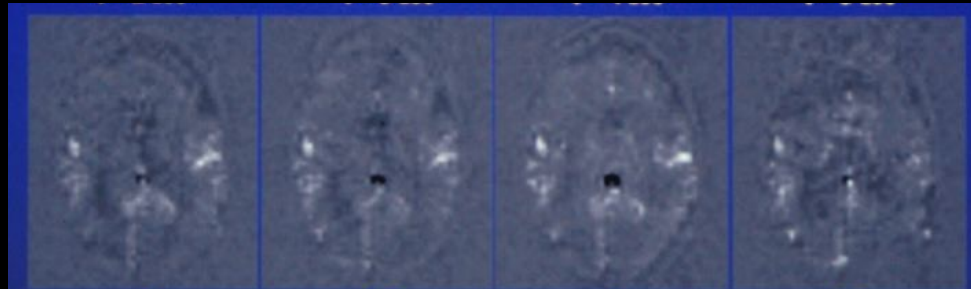


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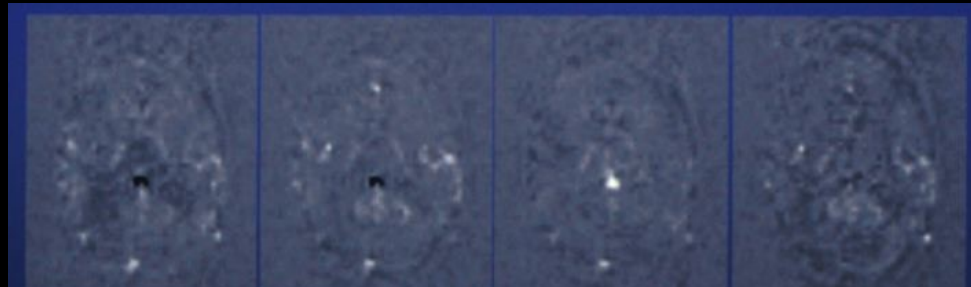


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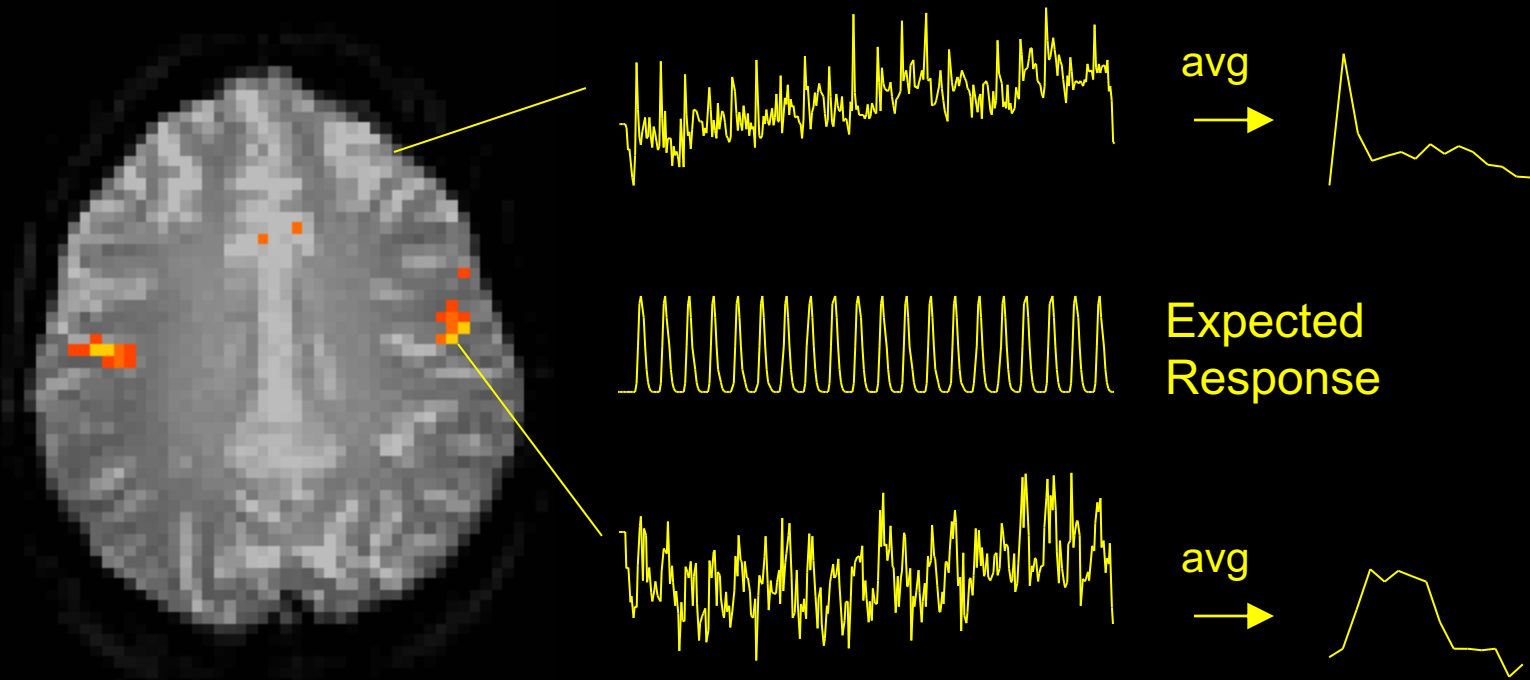
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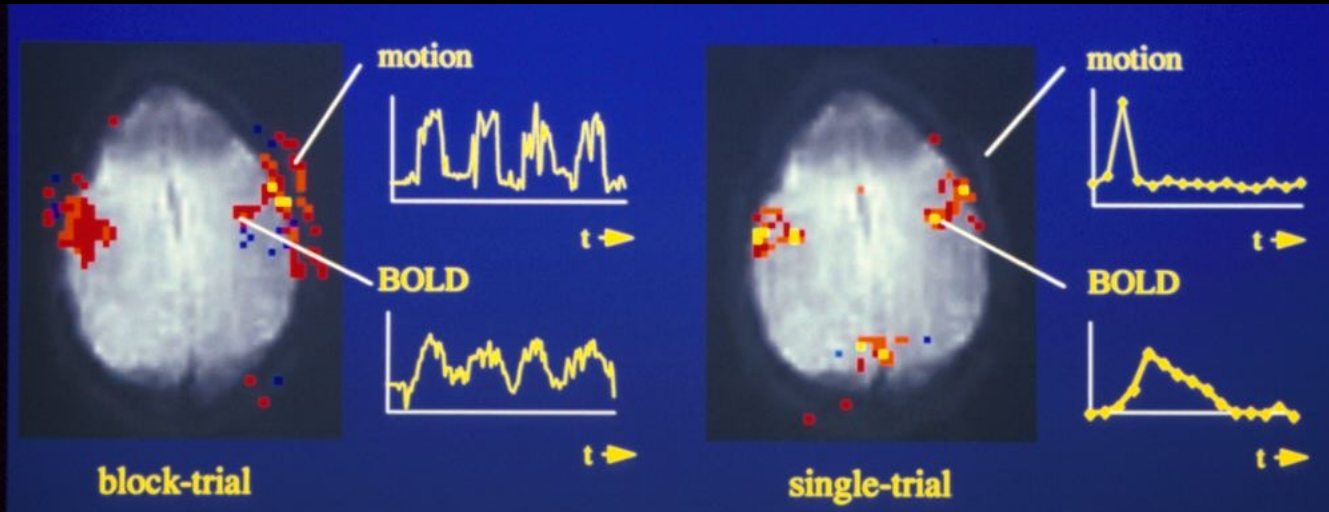
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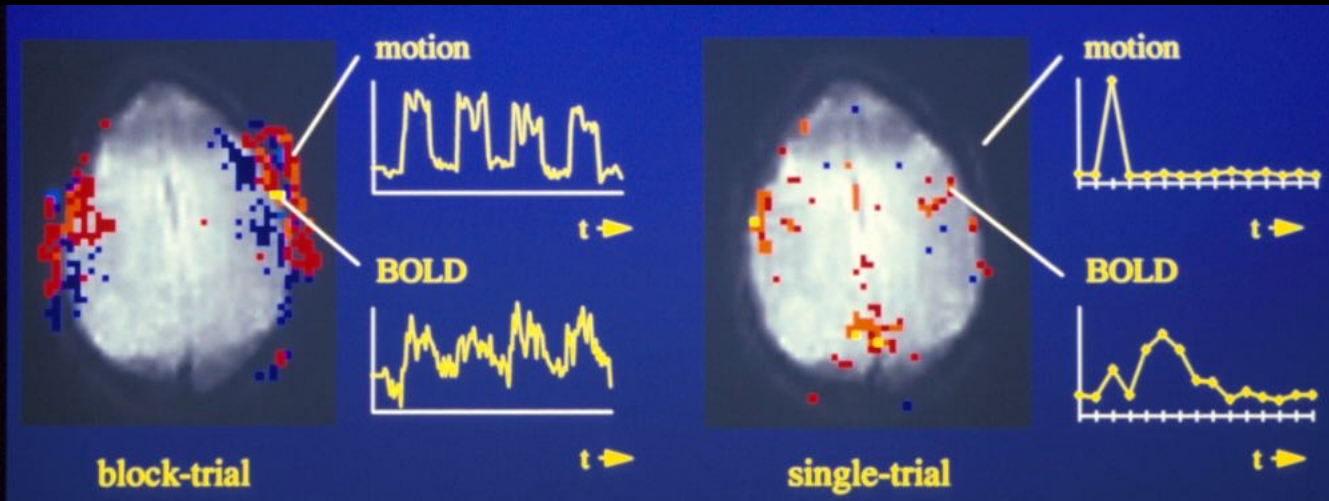


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Tongue Movement



Jaw Clenching



Motion

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

Visual Cortex



ISI, SD

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20, 20

8, 2

12, 2

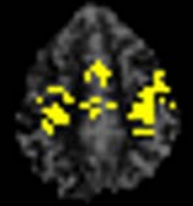
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Motor Cortex



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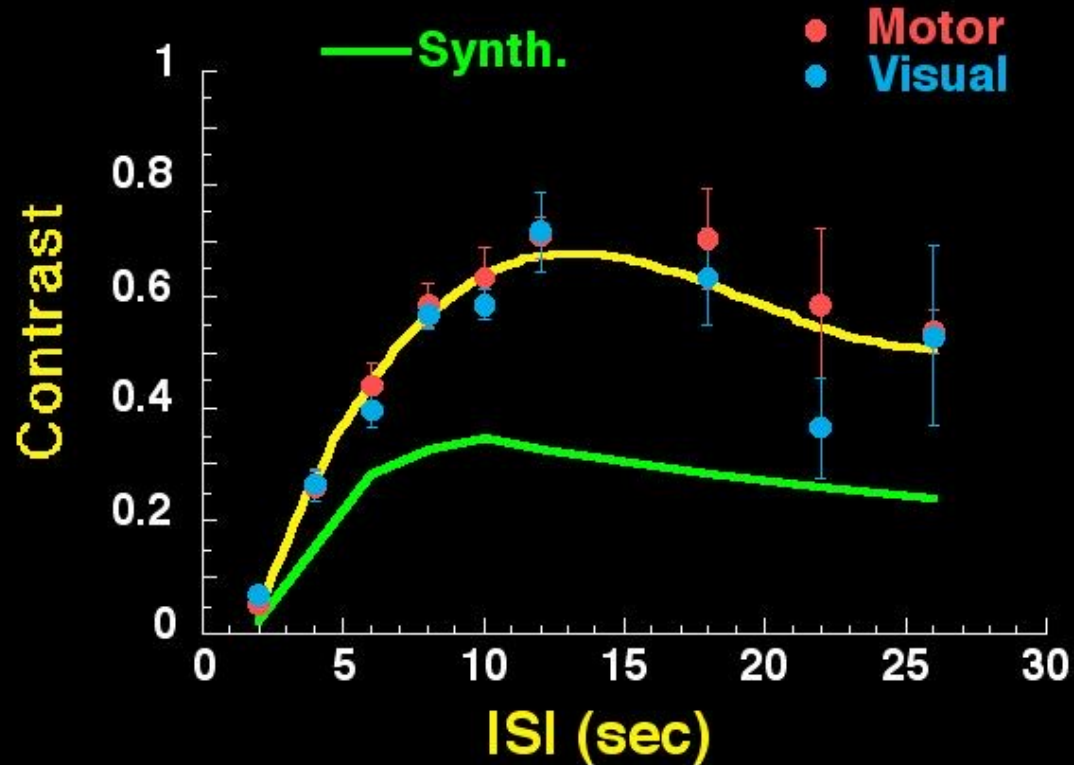
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Functional Contrast



(Block design = 1)

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Contrast to Noise Images

(ISI, SD)

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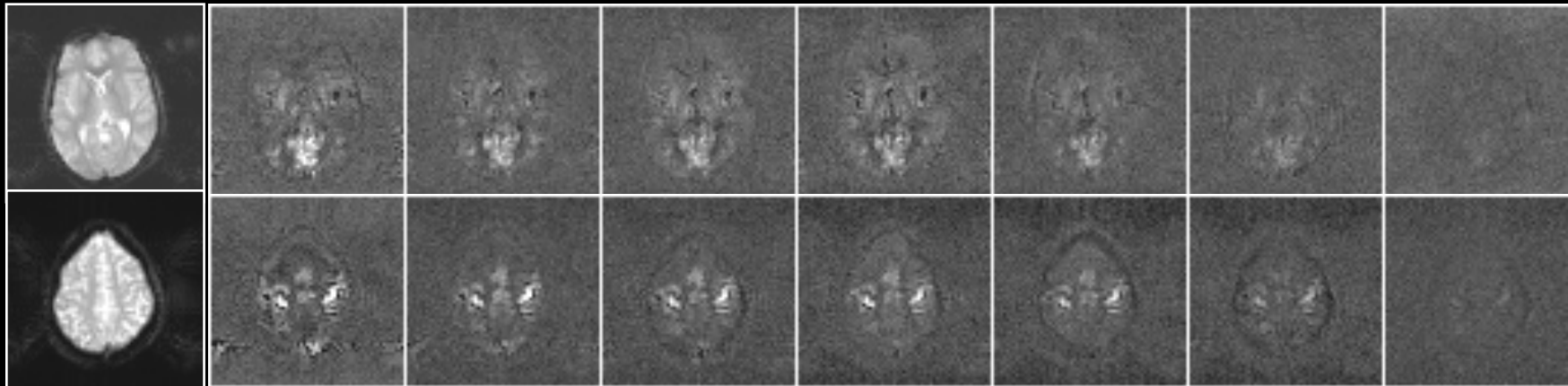
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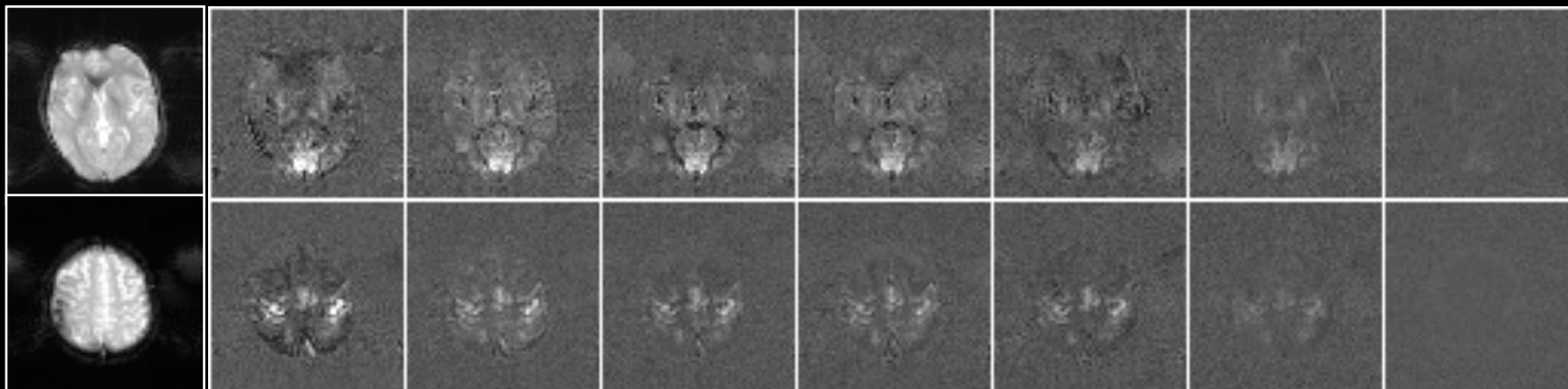
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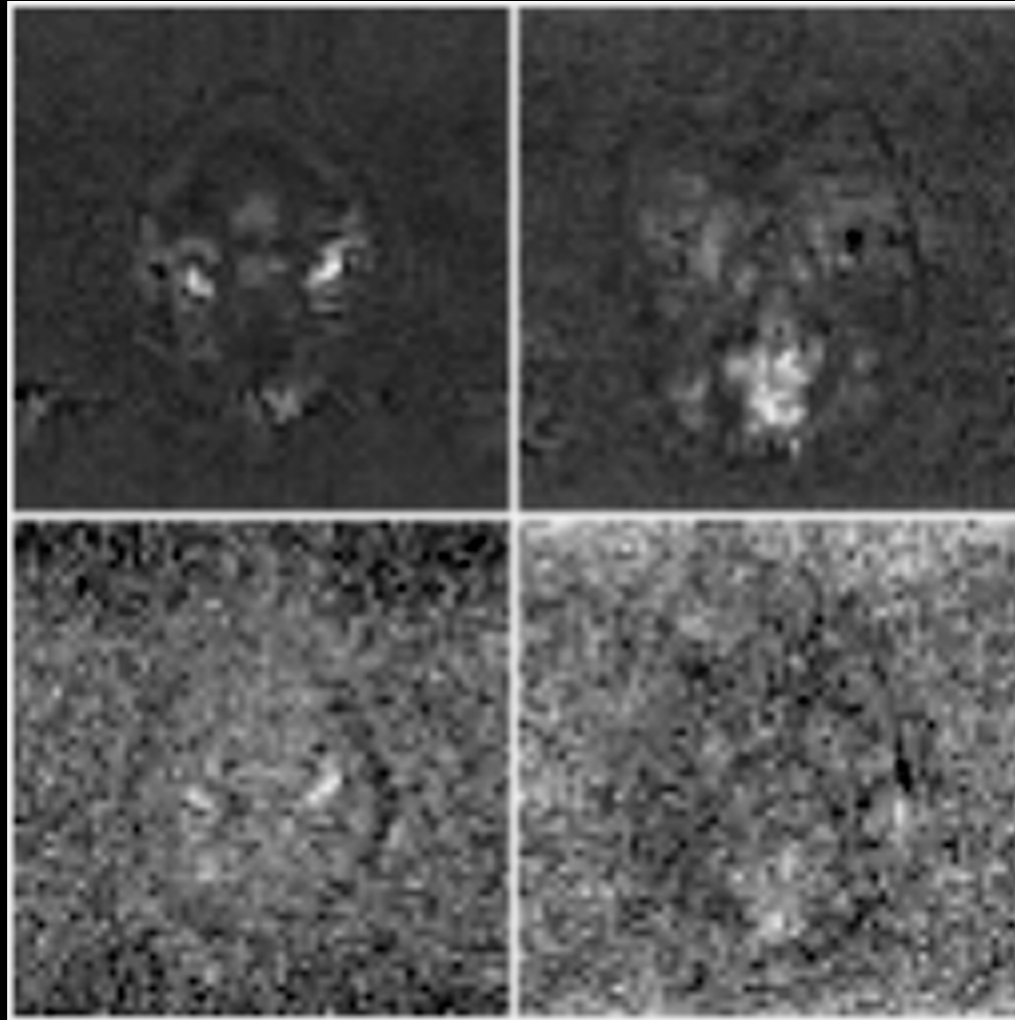
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Visual

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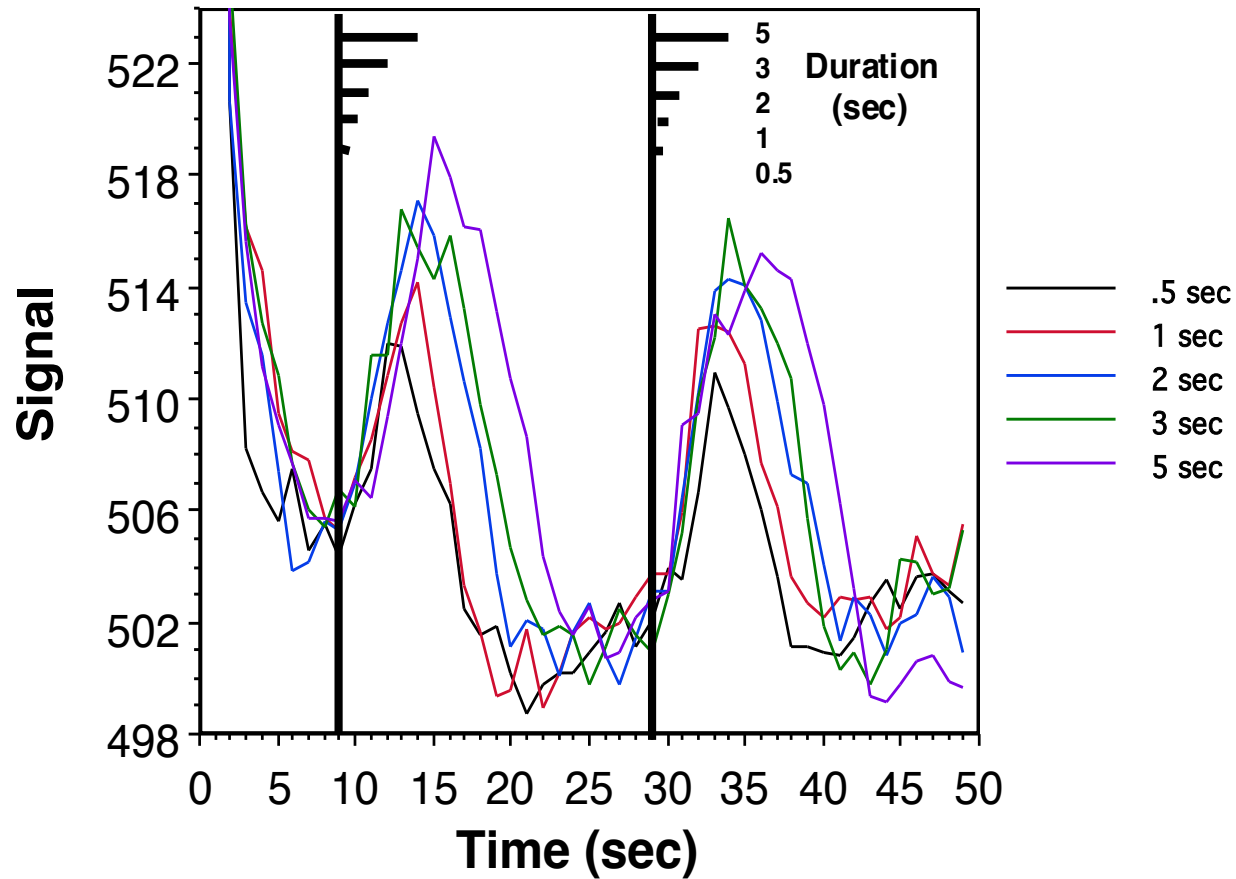
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Relative differences in activation intensities may reflect spatial differences in hemodynamic responsivity. (draining veins vs. capillaries).

Motor Cortex

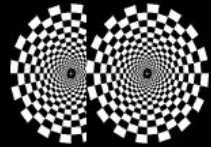


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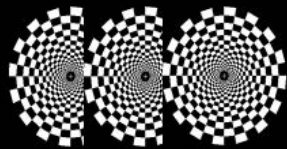
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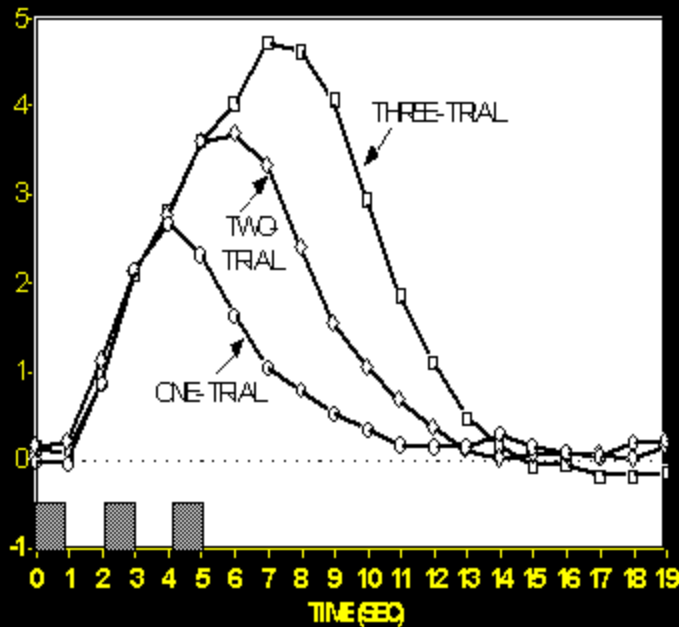
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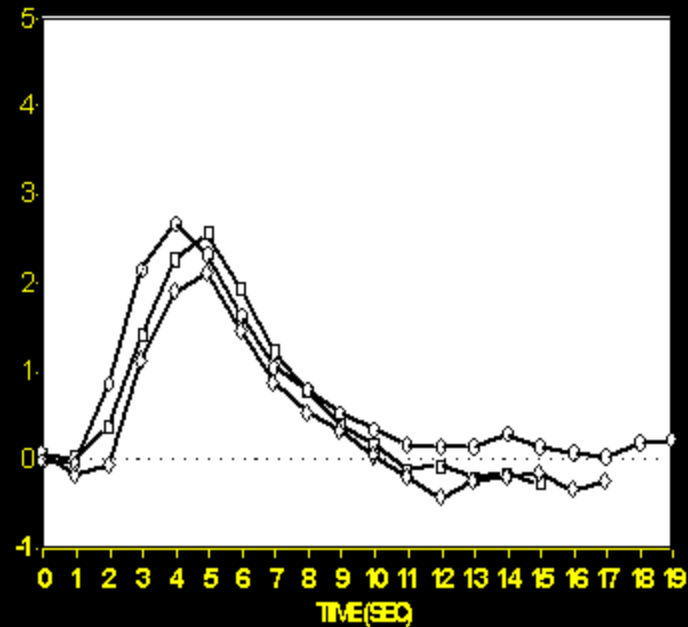
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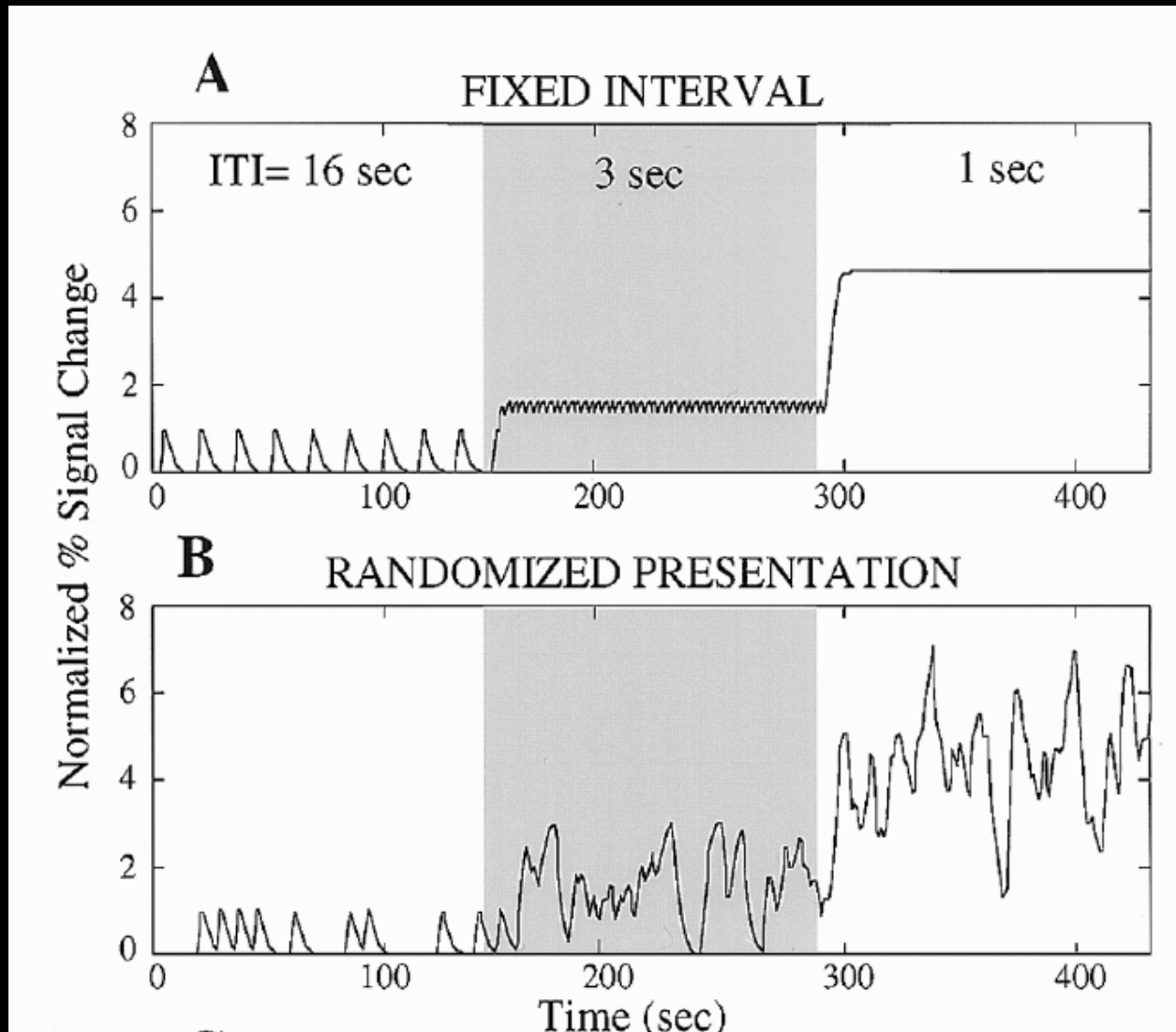
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RAW DATA



ESTIMATED RESPONSES



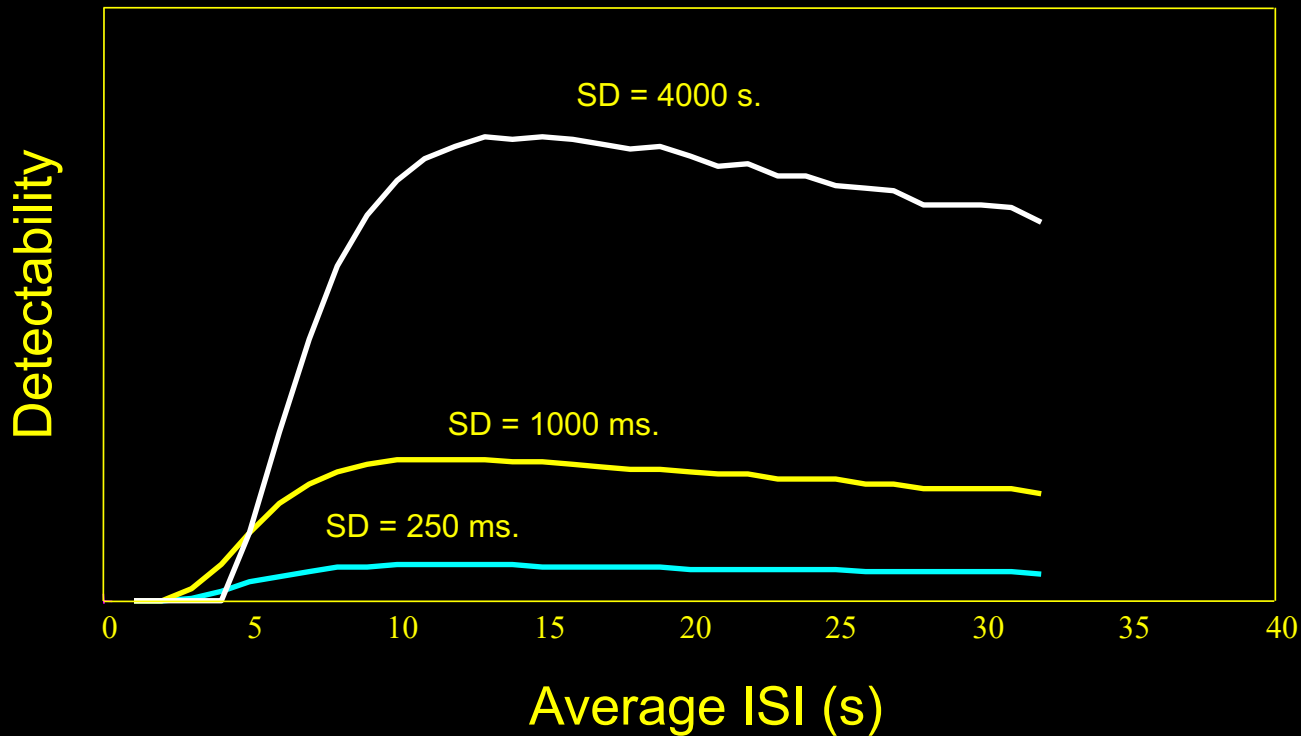
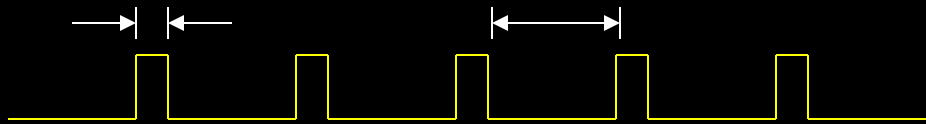


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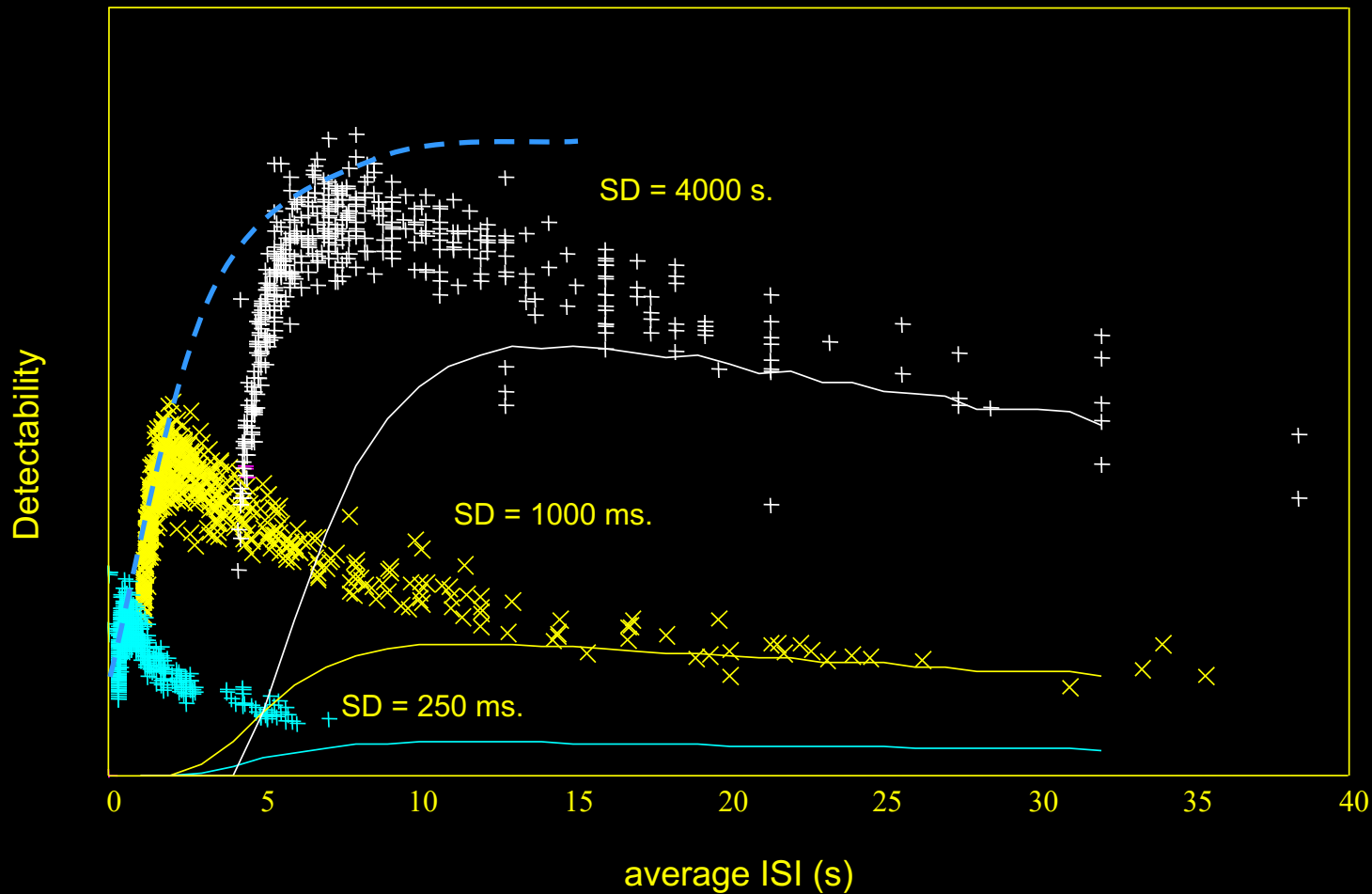
Detectability – constant ISI

SD – stimulus duration

ISI – inter-stimulus interval

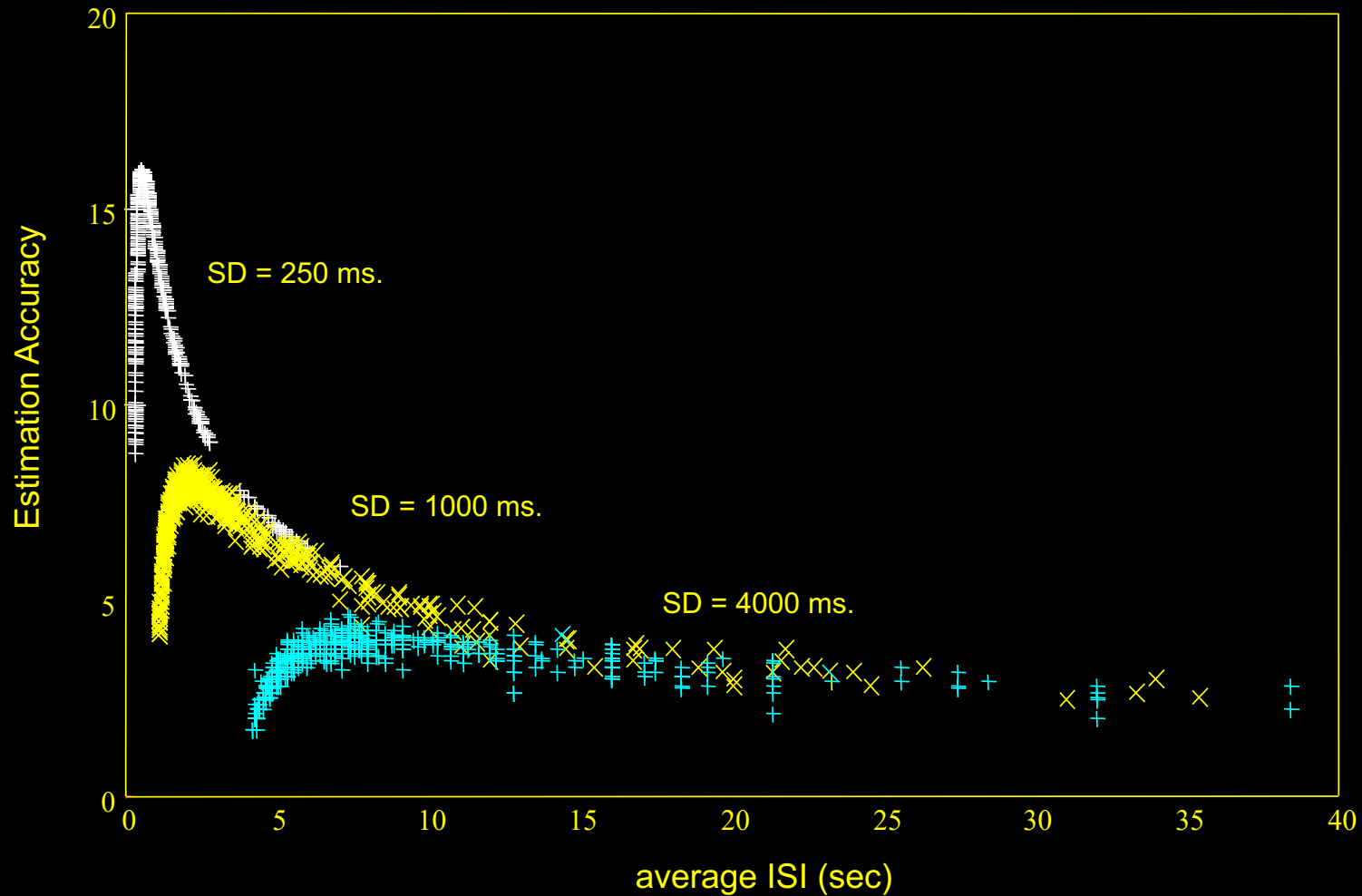


Detectability vs. Average ISI



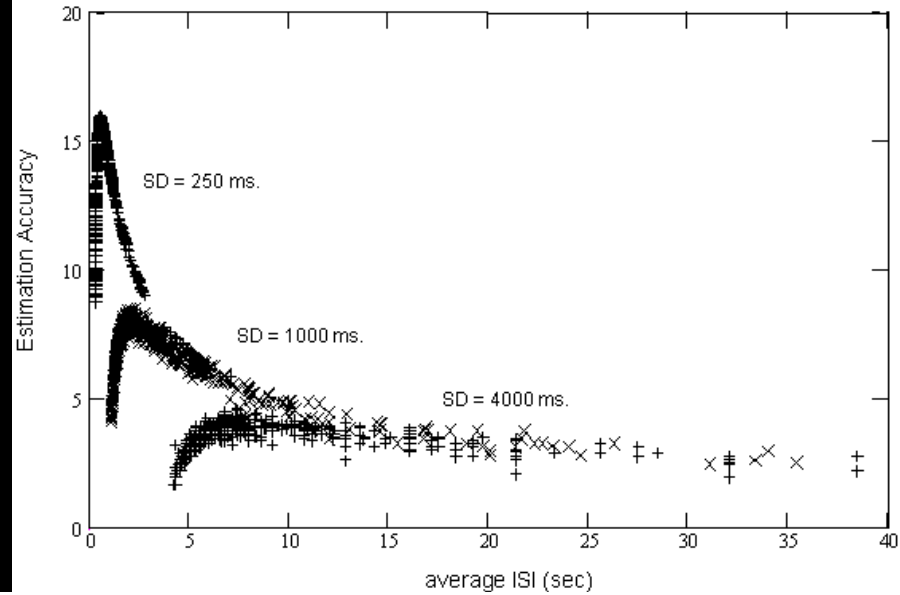
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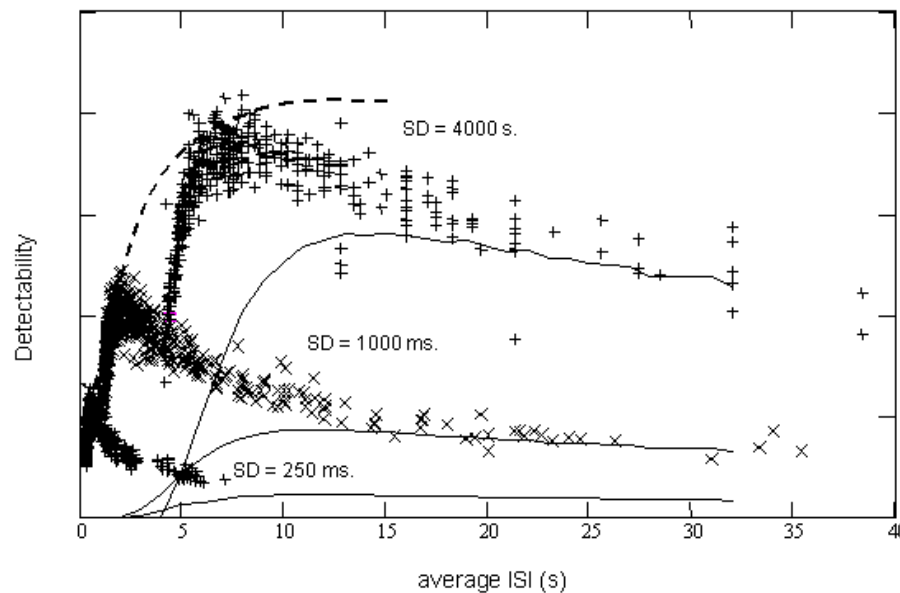


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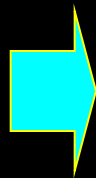
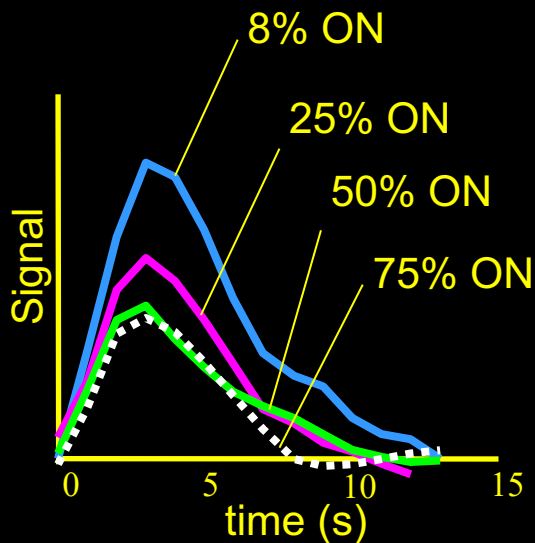
Varying “ON” and “OFF” periods

- *Rapid event-related design with varying ISI*

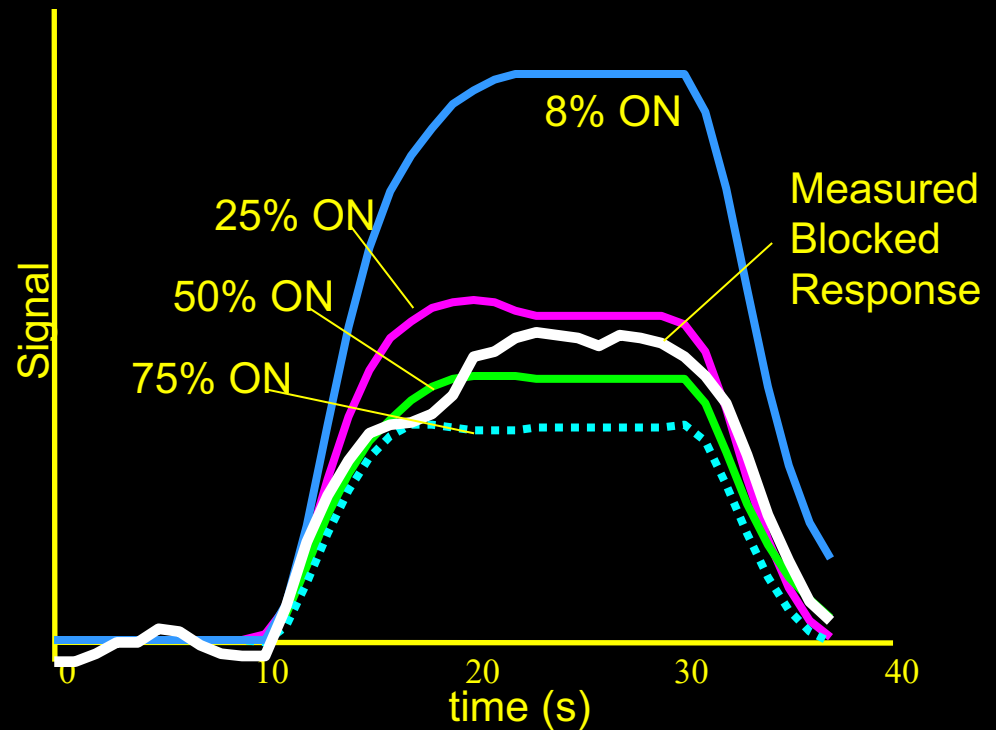


Varying “ON” and “OFF” periods

*Estimated
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*Predicted Responses
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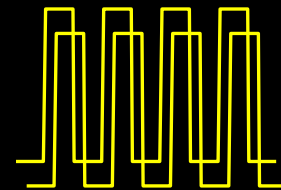
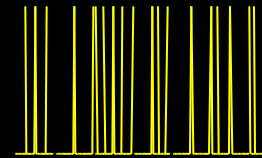
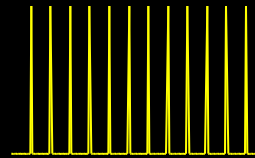
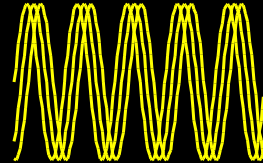
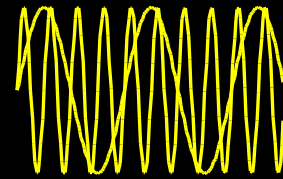
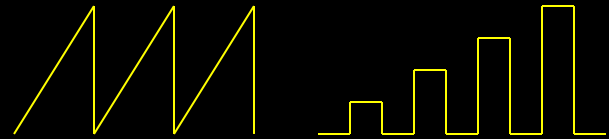
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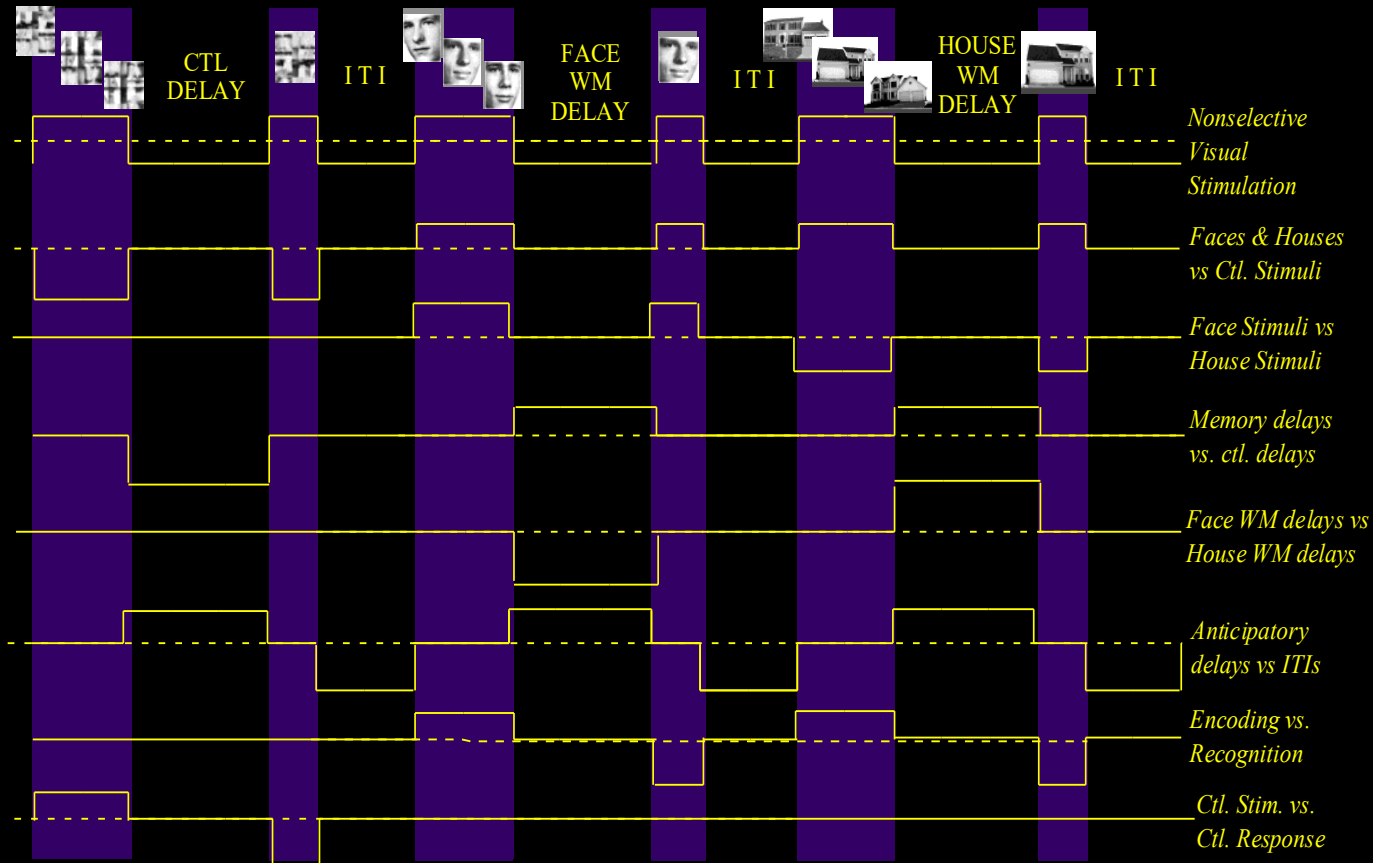
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Example of a Set of Orthogonal Contrasts for Multiple Regression



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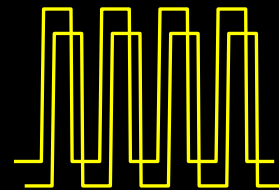
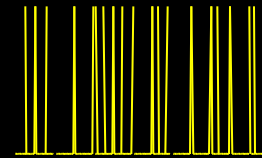
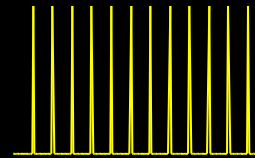
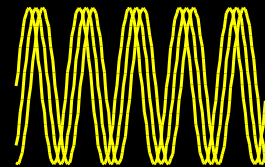
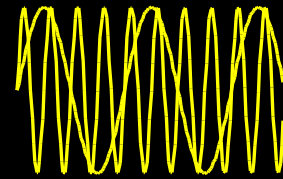
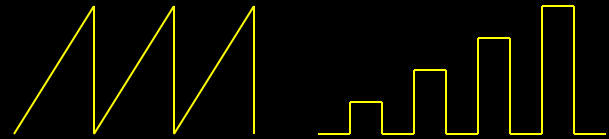
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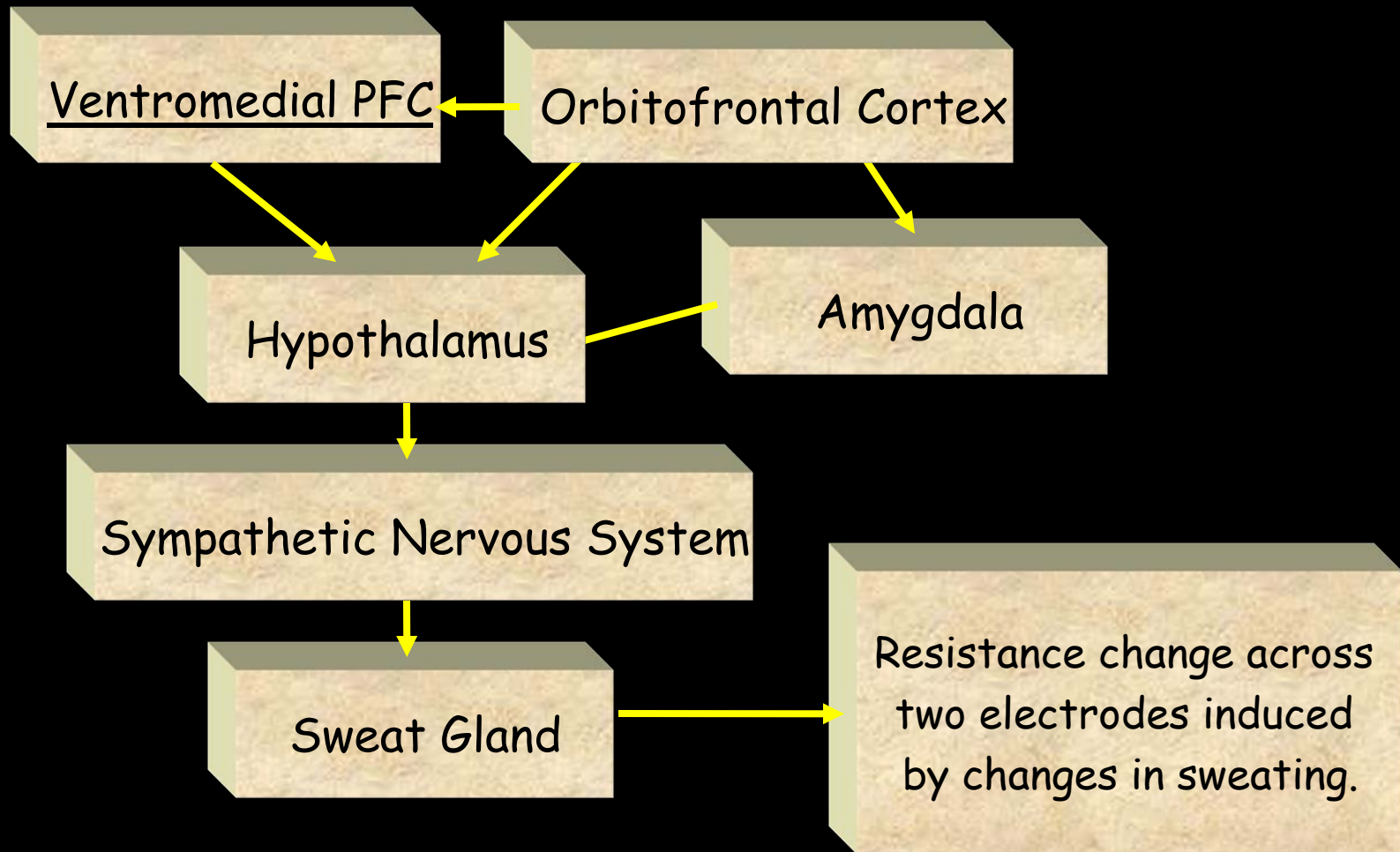


Free Behavior Design

Use a continuous measure as a reference function:

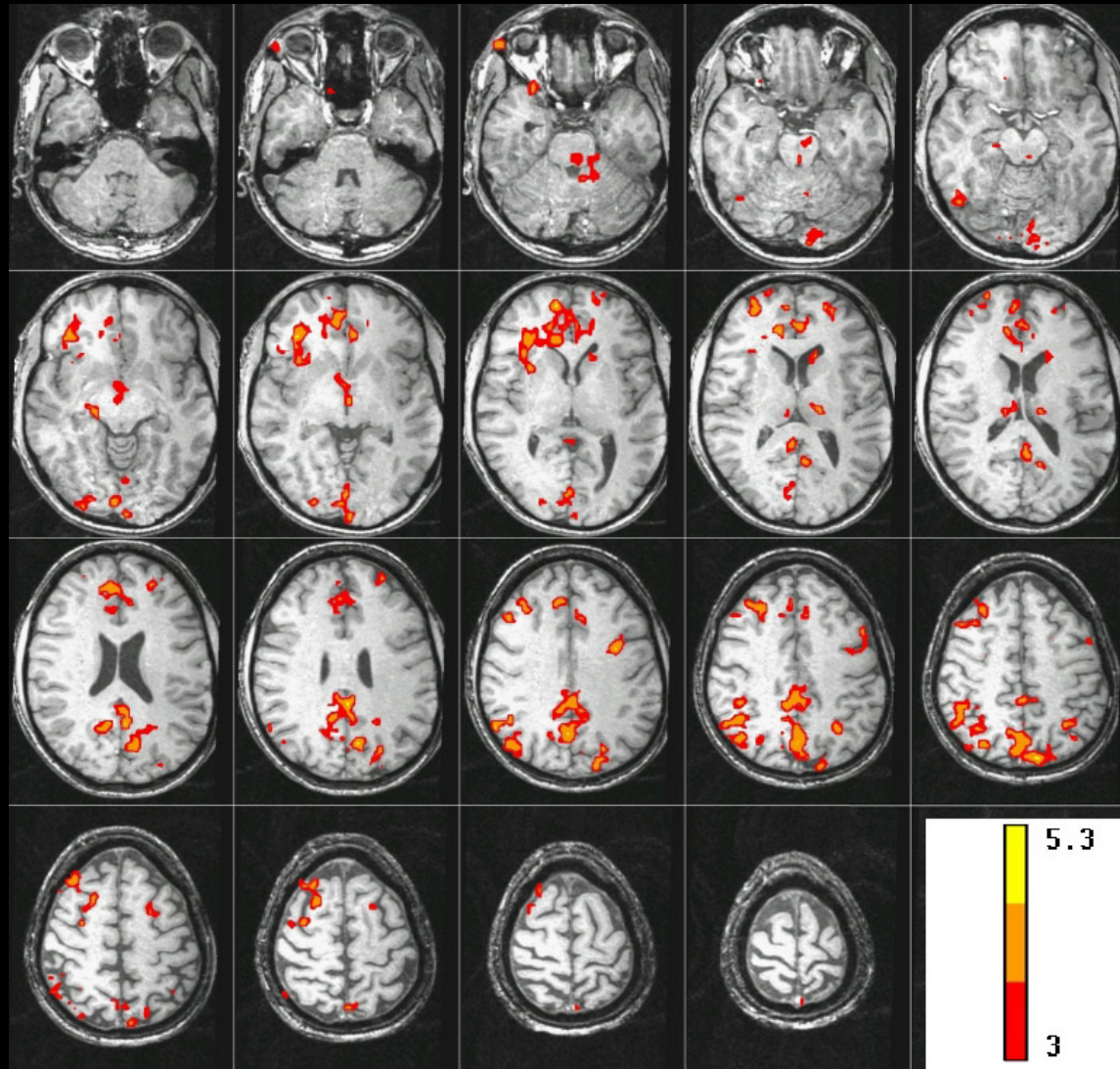
- Task performance
- Skin Conductance
- Heart, respiration rate..
- Eye position
- EEG

The Skin Conductance Response (SCR)



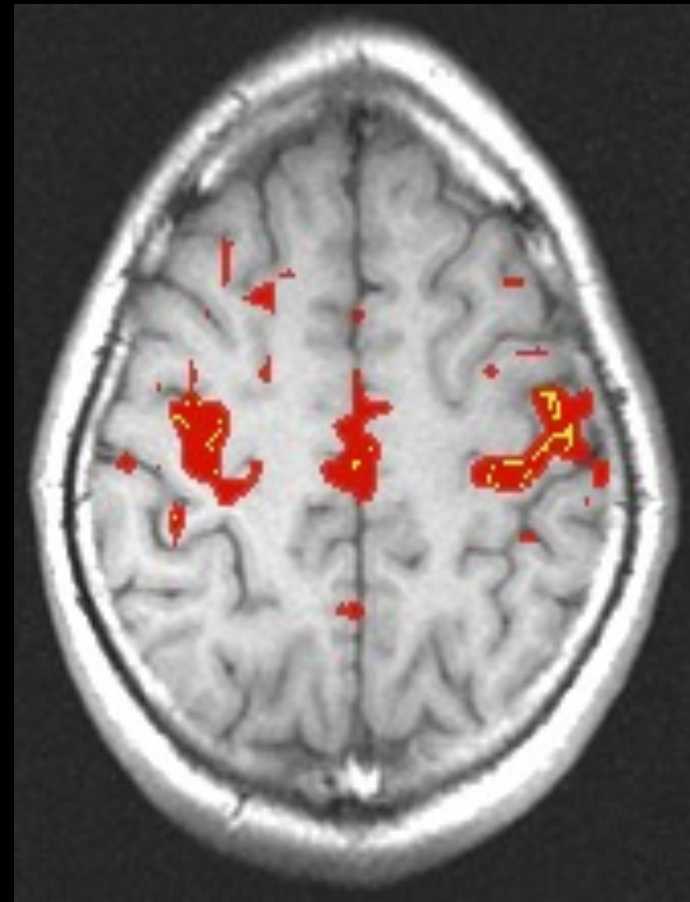
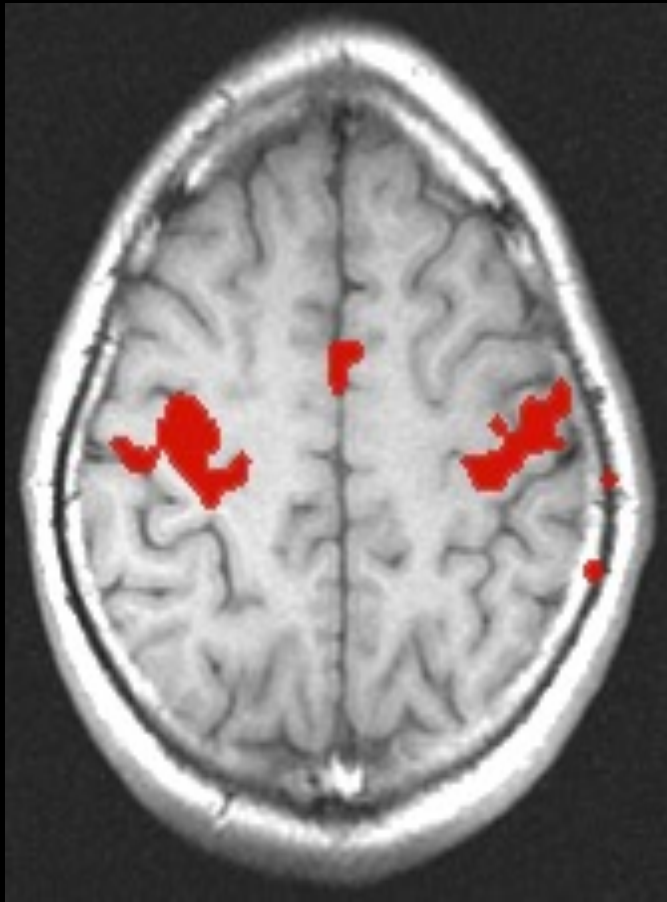
Patterson et al. (submitted)

Brain activity correlated with SCR during “Rest”



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Resting Hemodynamic Autocorrelations



Calibration methods for Temporal Resolution and Interpretation...

Δ Neuronal Activity

Number of Neurons

Local Field Potential

Spiking Coherence

Spiking Rate

Δ Metabolism

Aerobic Metabolism

Anaerobic Metabolism

Δ Hemodynamics

Blood Volume

Deoxygenated Blood

Flow Velocity

Oxygenated Blood

Perfusion

Δ BOLD Contrast

Δ Perfusion Contrast

Δ Inflow Contrast

MRI Pulse Sequence

Δ Deoxy-Hb

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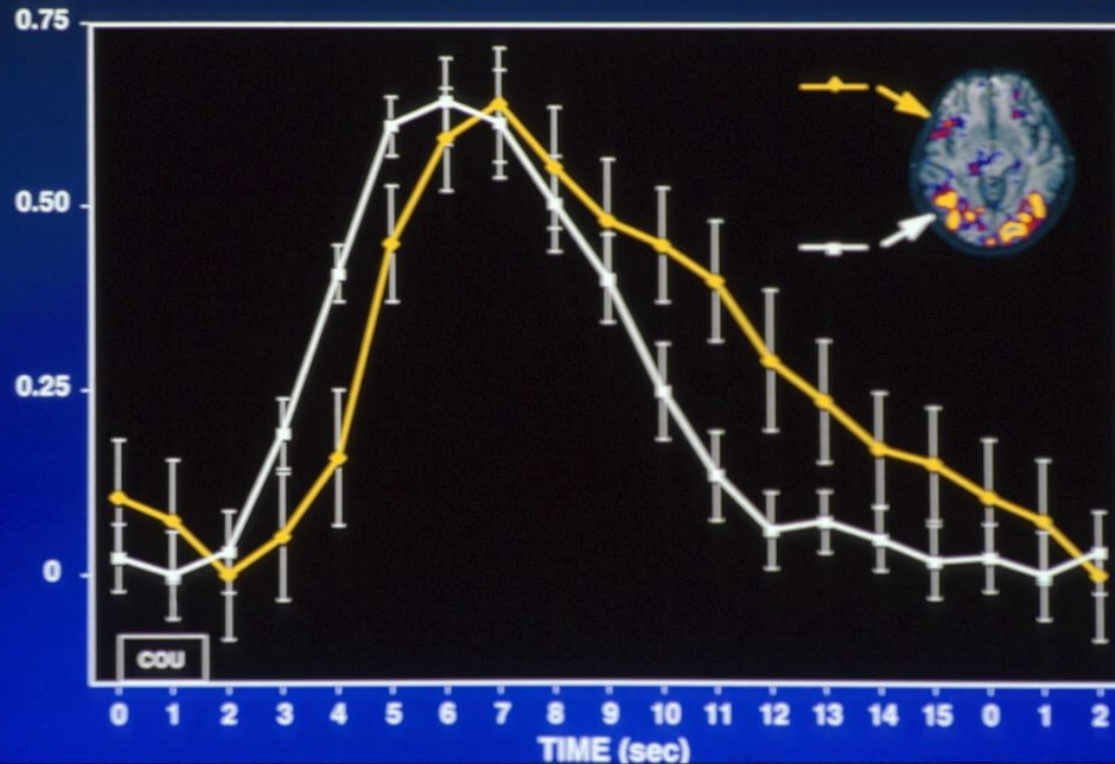


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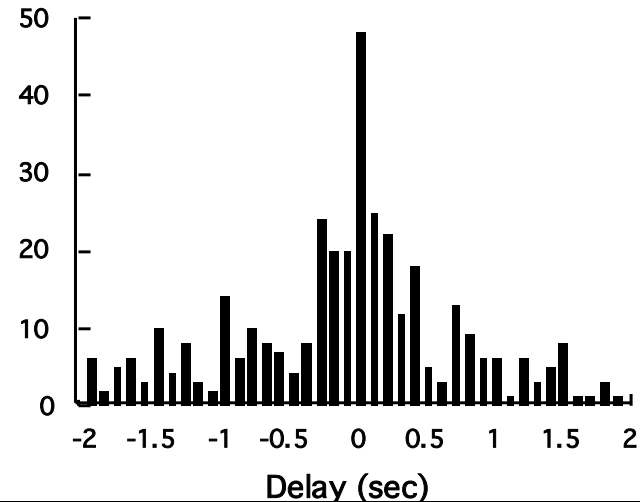
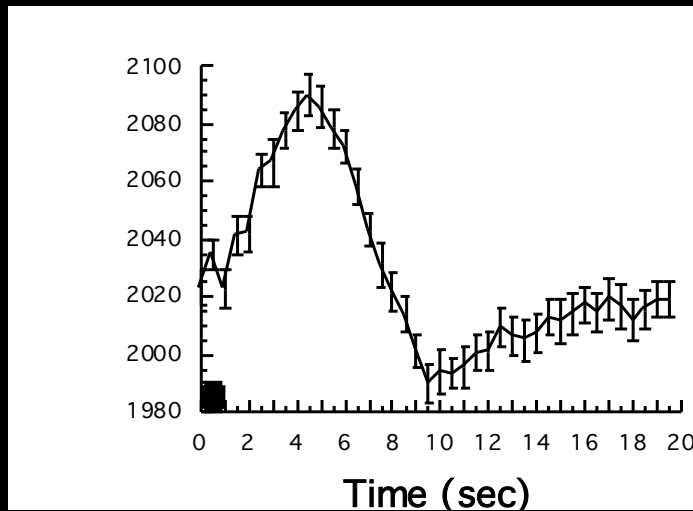
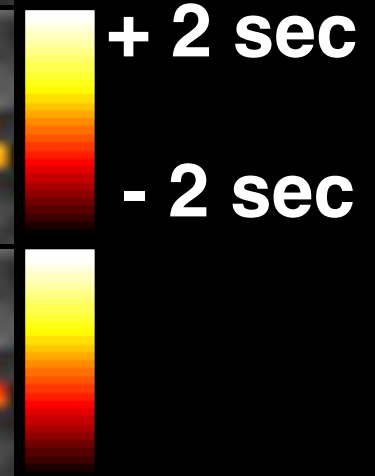
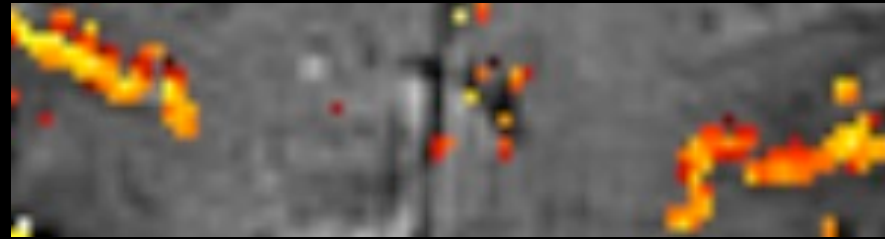
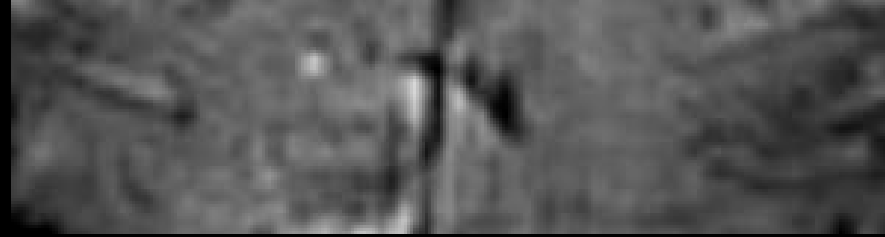
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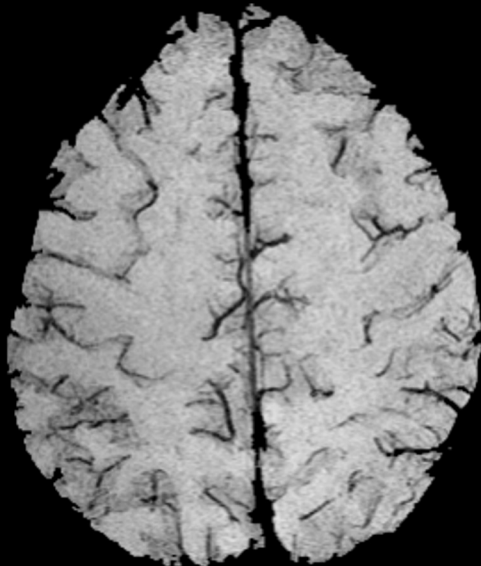
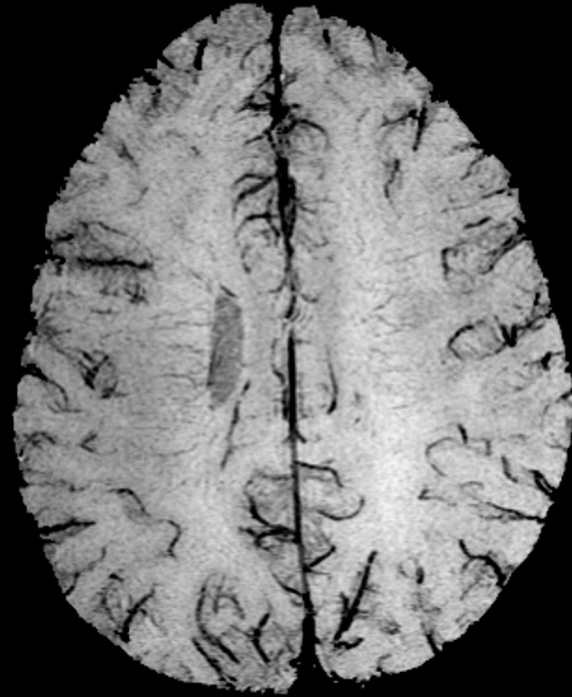
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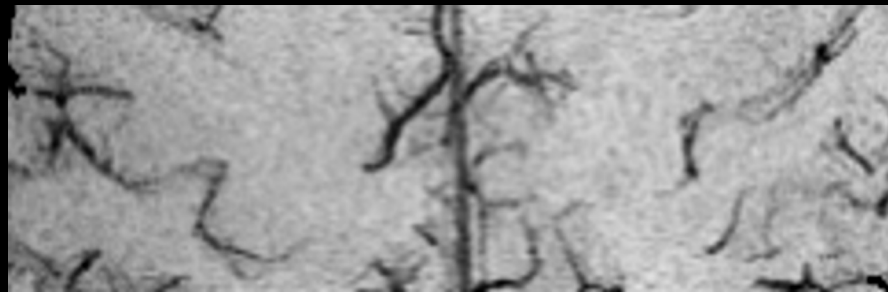
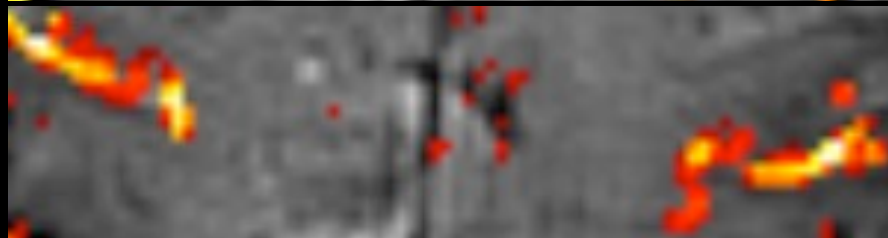
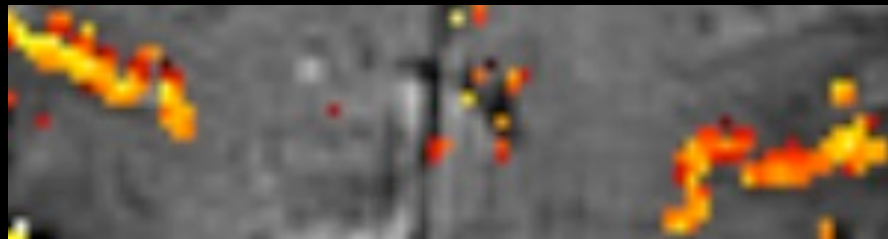
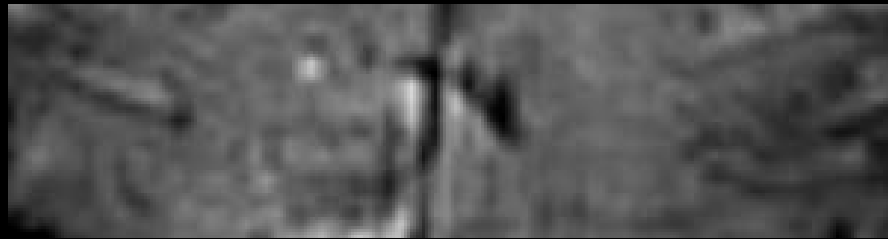
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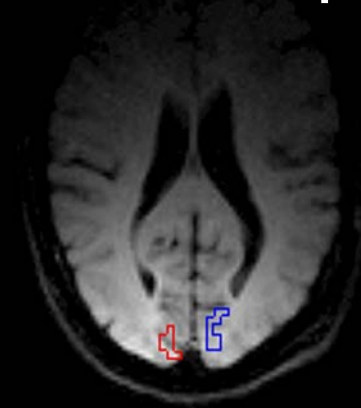
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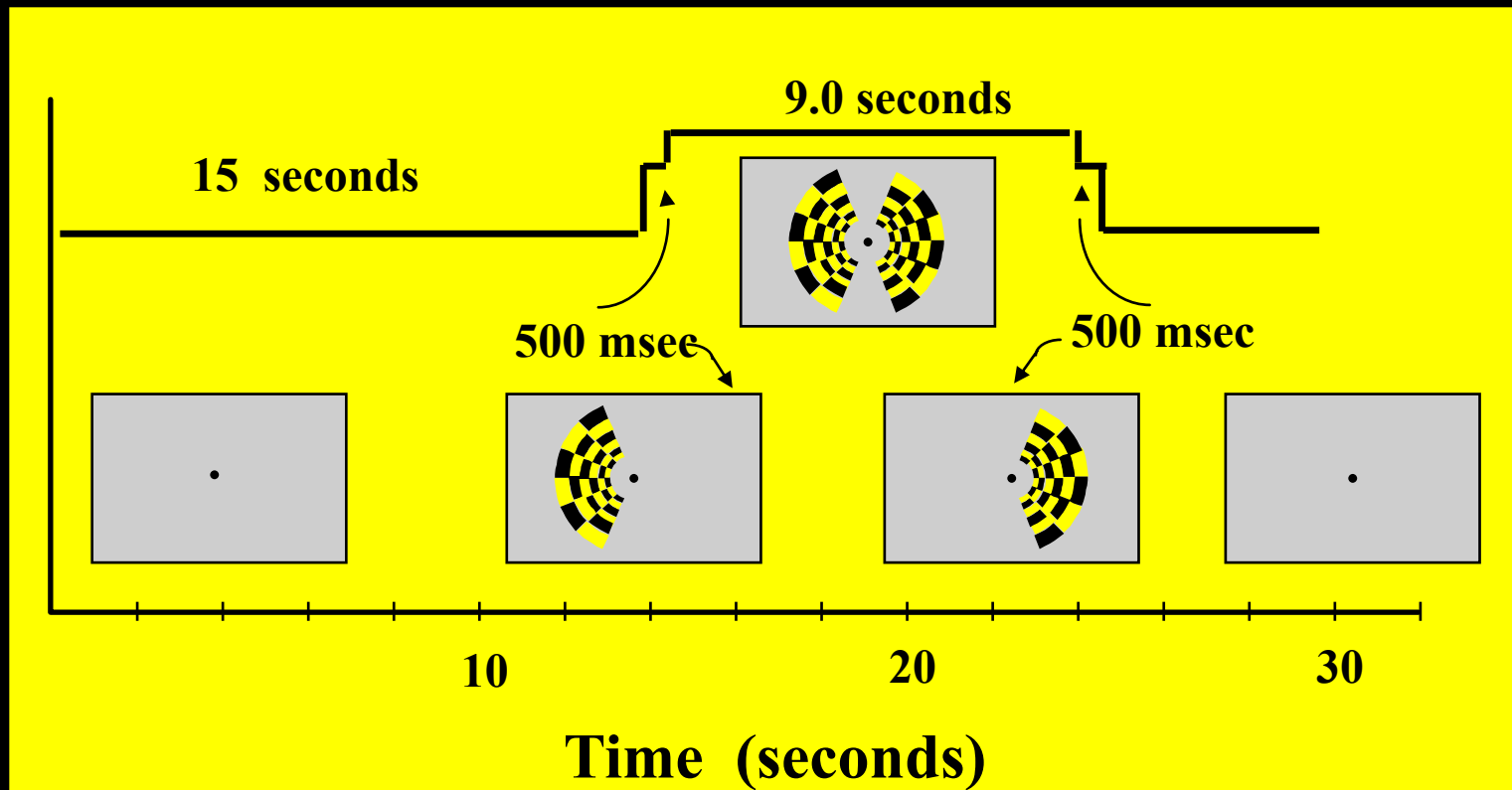


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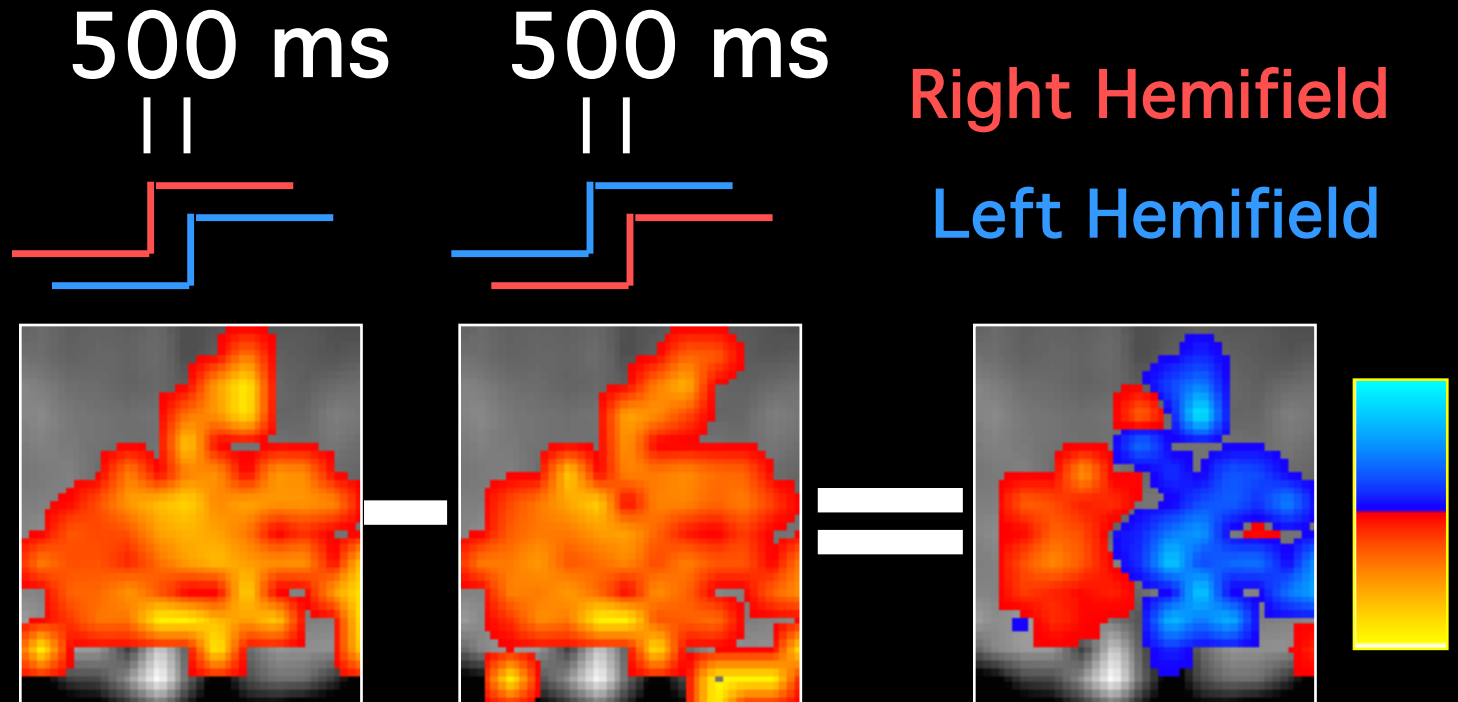
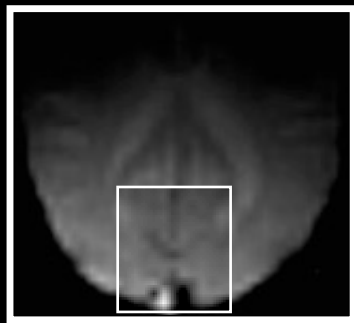
Left Hemisphere



Right Hemisphere



Calibration Techniques.....



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Lexical Delay

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

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 :

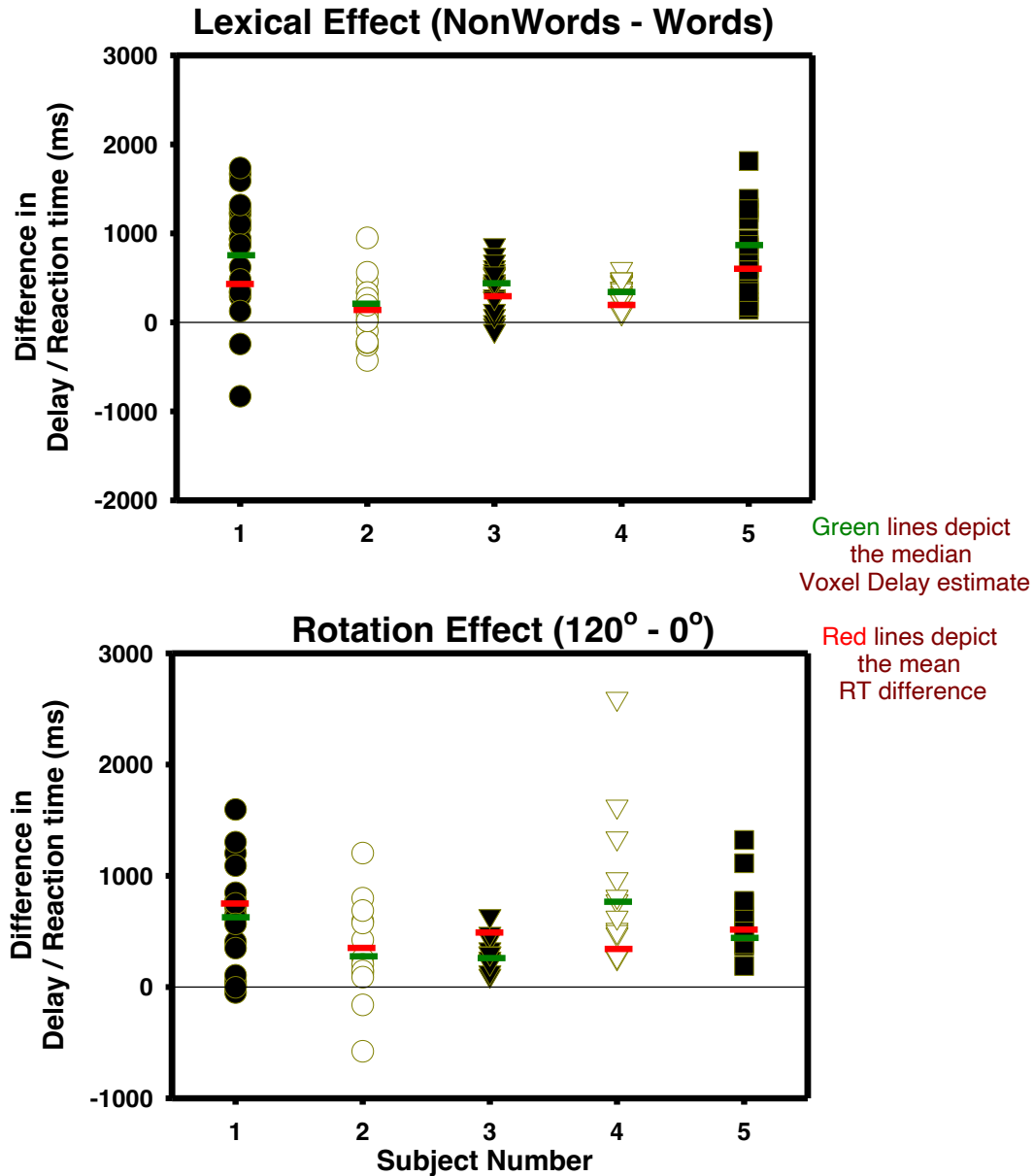
1) Stimulus rotation of 120 degrees will result in:

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

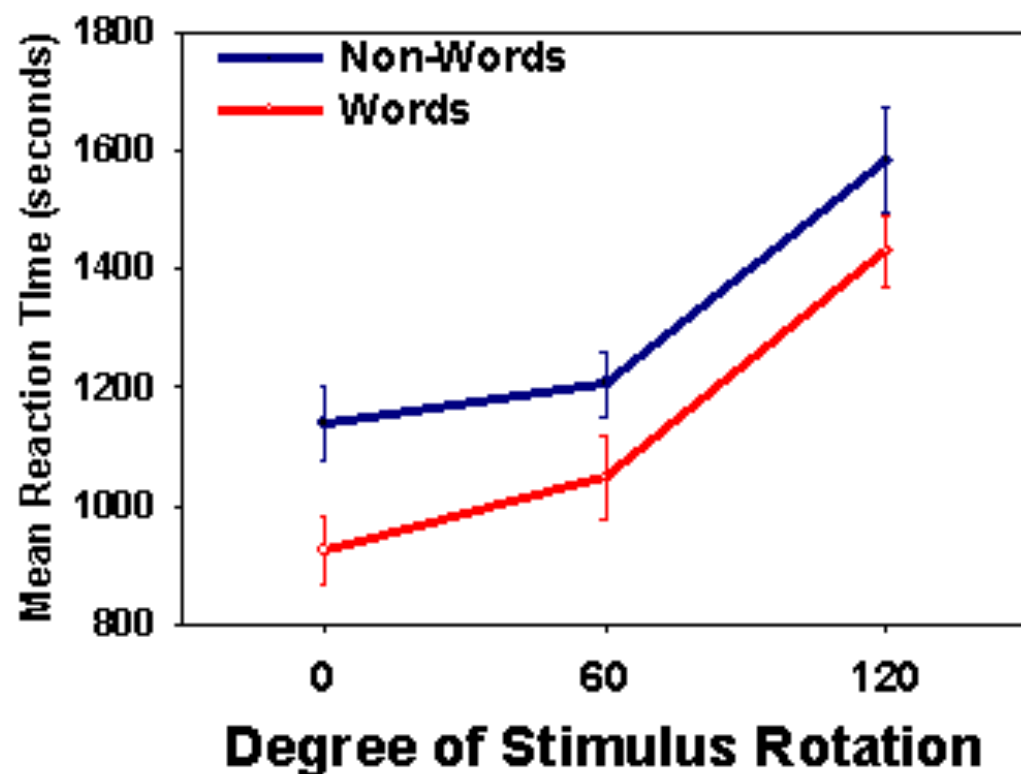
2) Lexical discrimination will result in :

- 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**

Delay Differences from Individual Voxels within the Above ROI's



Response Times for each Stimulus Type



Lexical effect maps

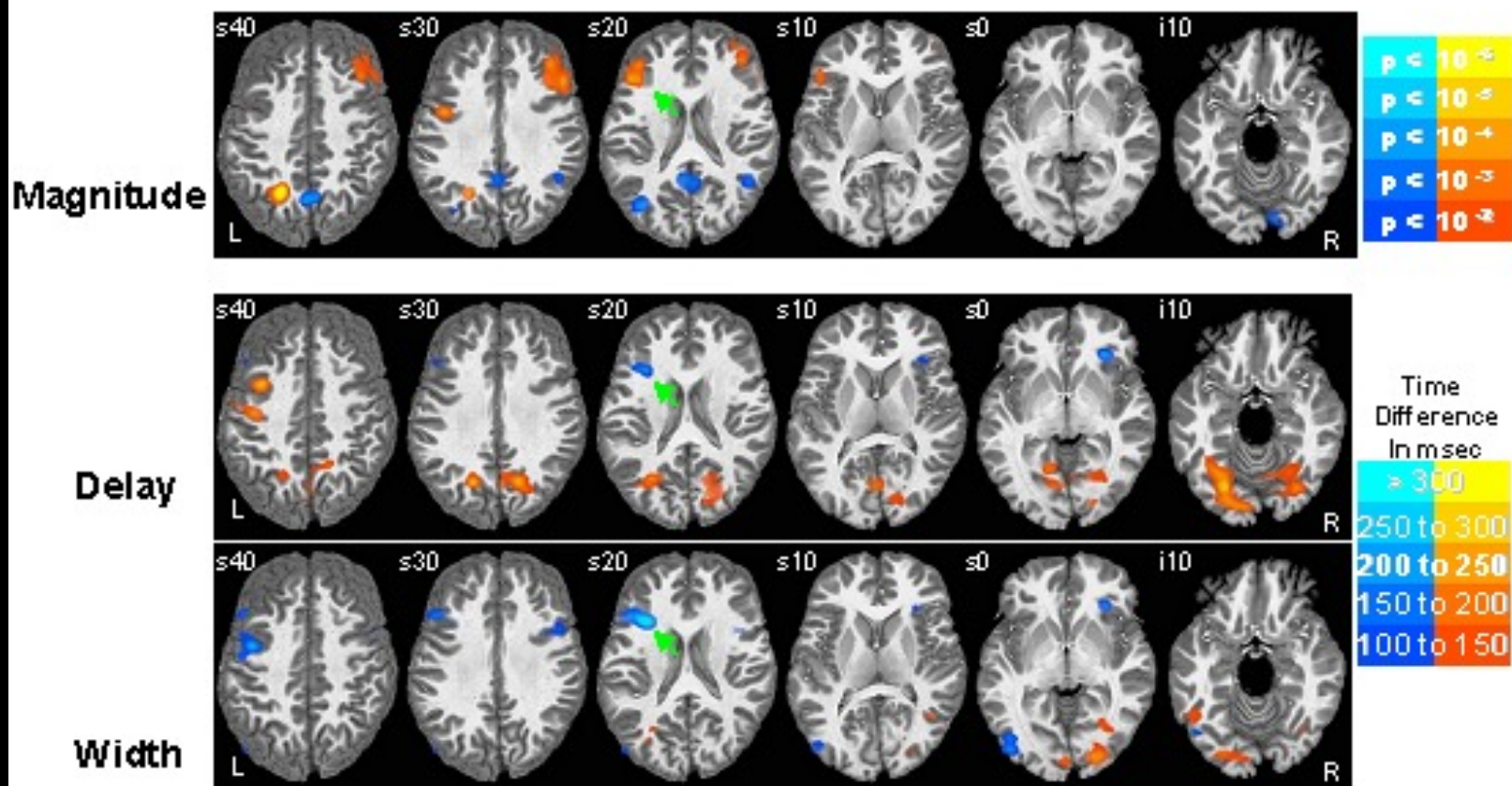
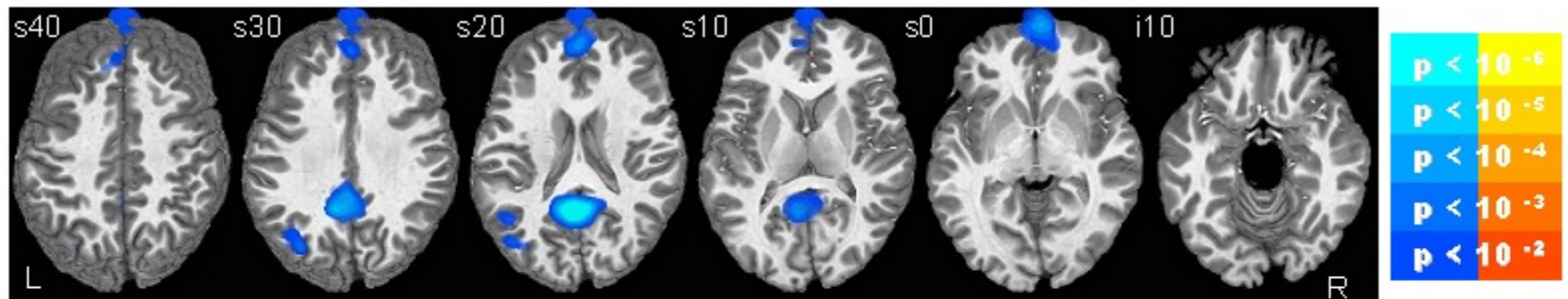
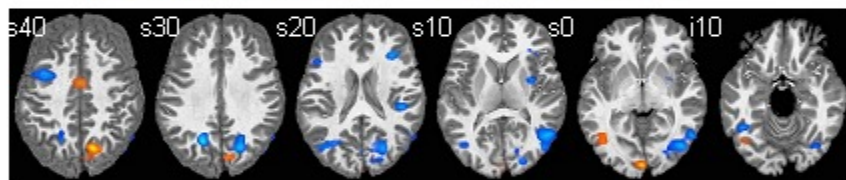


Figure 2. Warm colors are areas where *Words* > *Non-words*. Cool colors (blues) are areas where *Non-words* > *words*. The Left hemisphere is toward the left margin. The green arrows highlight the inferior frontal gyrus.

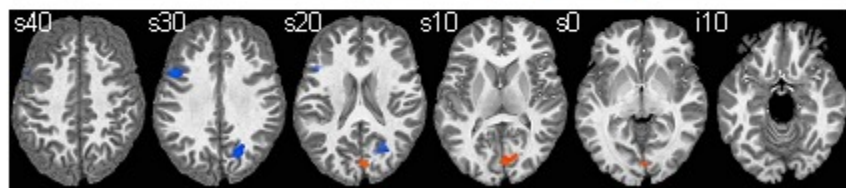
Rotational effect maps



Non-rotated vs. 120° rotated



Delay



Width

Non-rotated vs. 60° rotated

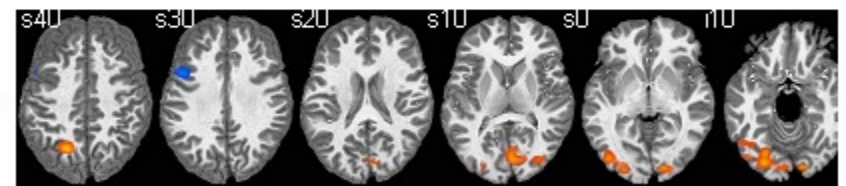


Figure 3. Warm colors are areas where Non-rotated stimuli > rotated. Cool colors (blues) are areas where Rotated stimuli > Non-rotated. The Left hemisphere is toward the left margin.

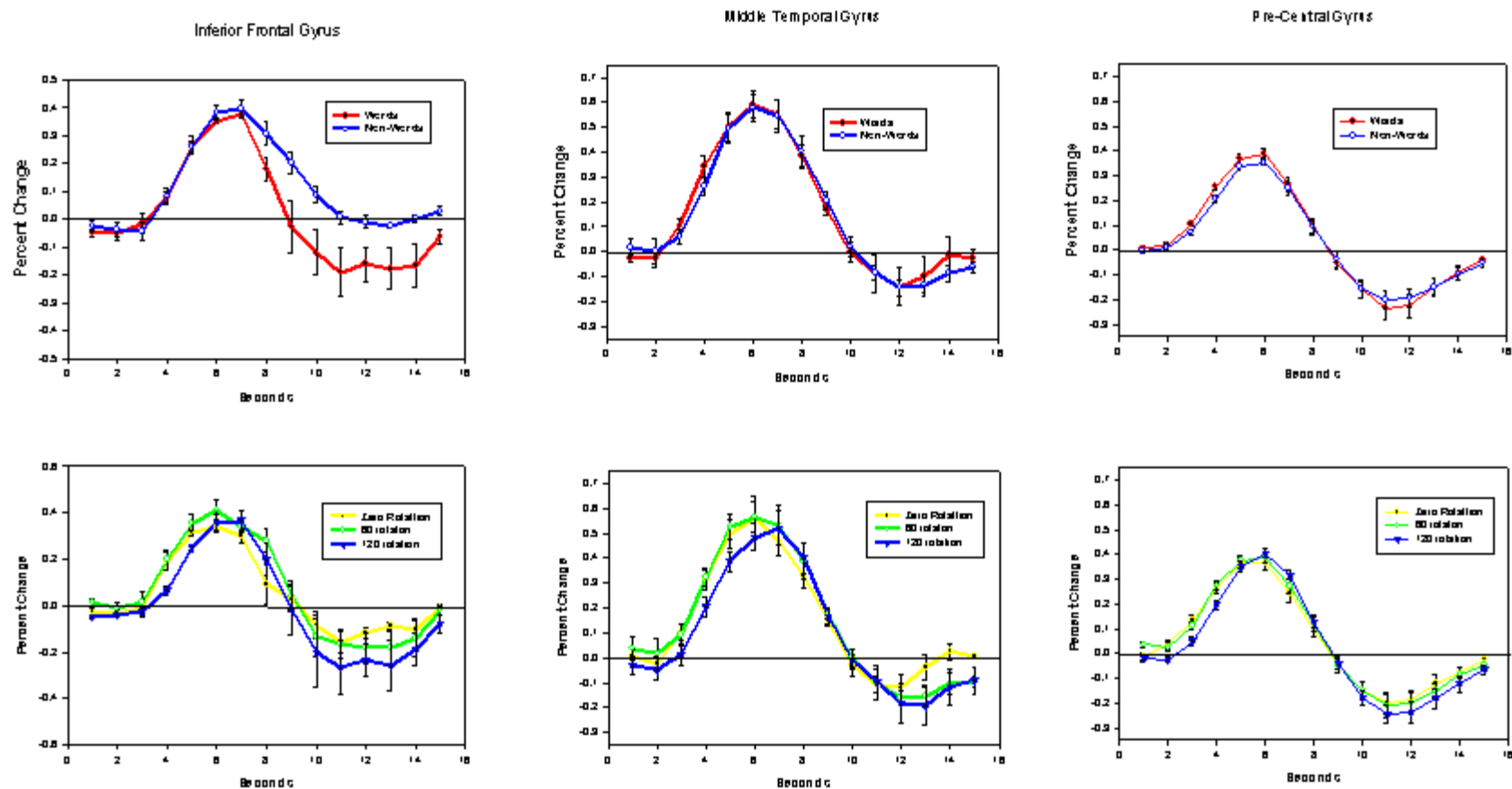
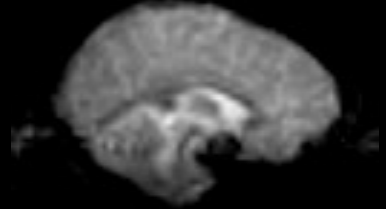
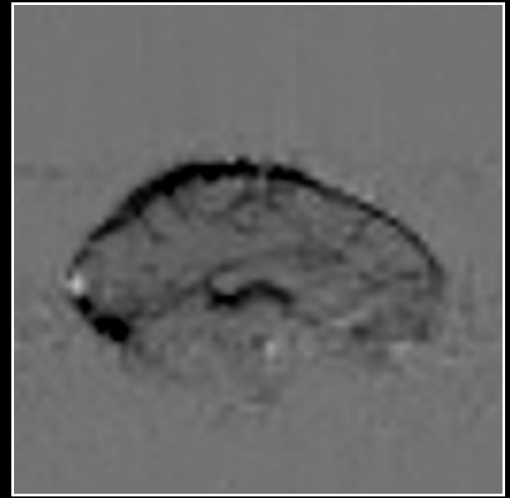
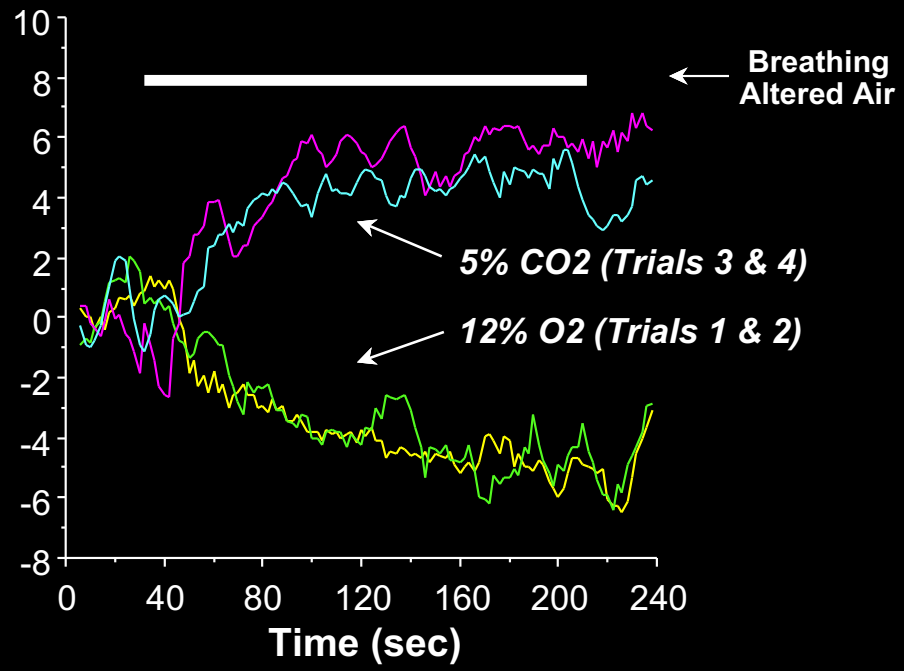
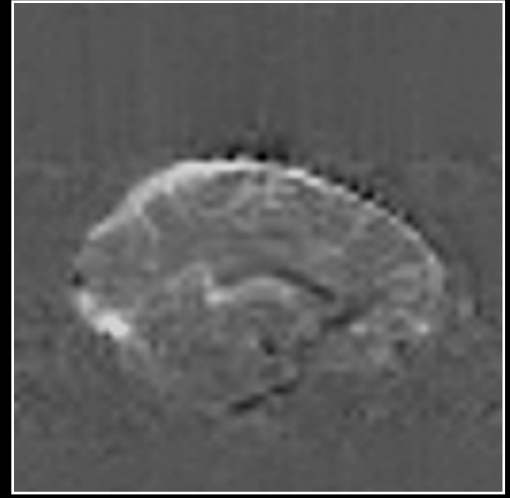


Figure 4. Graphs depicting the estimated Impulse Response Functions calculated by collapsing across all conditions. Error bars represent the standard error of the mean.



5% CO2



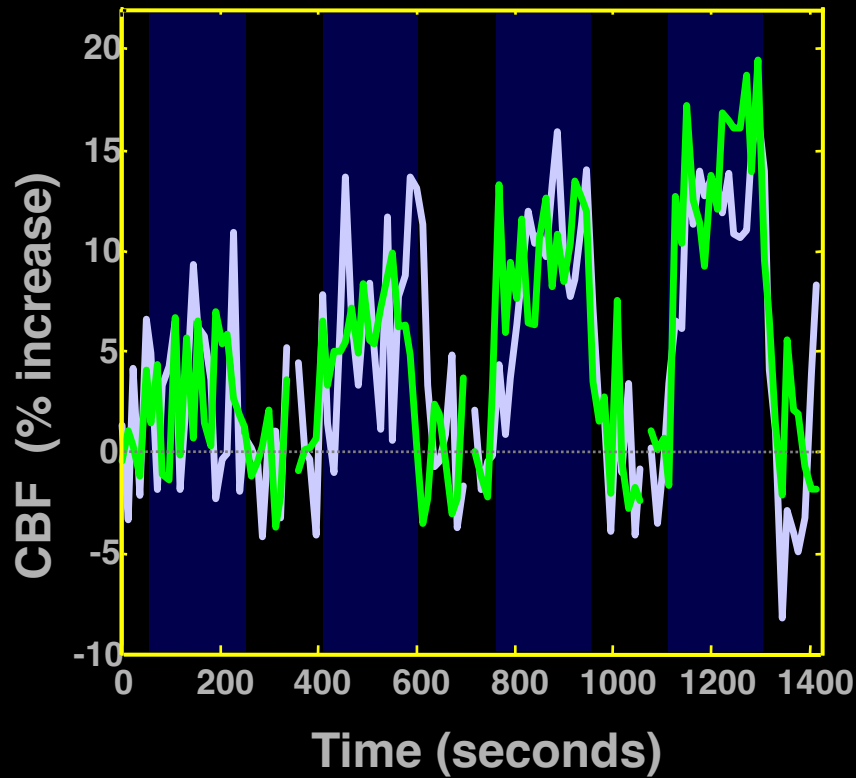
12% O2

Linear coupling between cerebral blood flow and oxygen consumption in activated human cortex

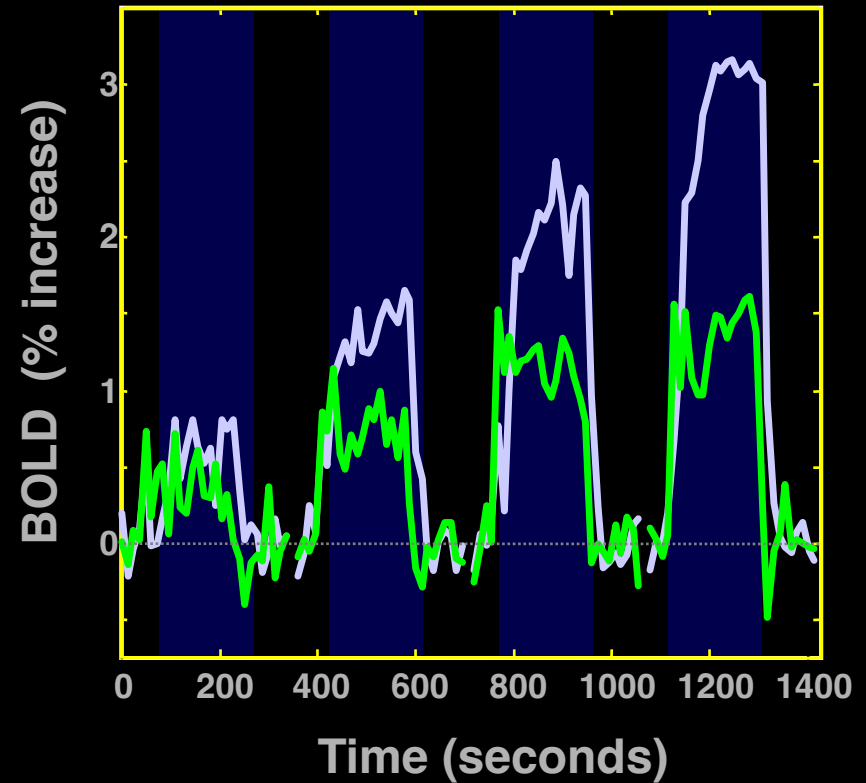
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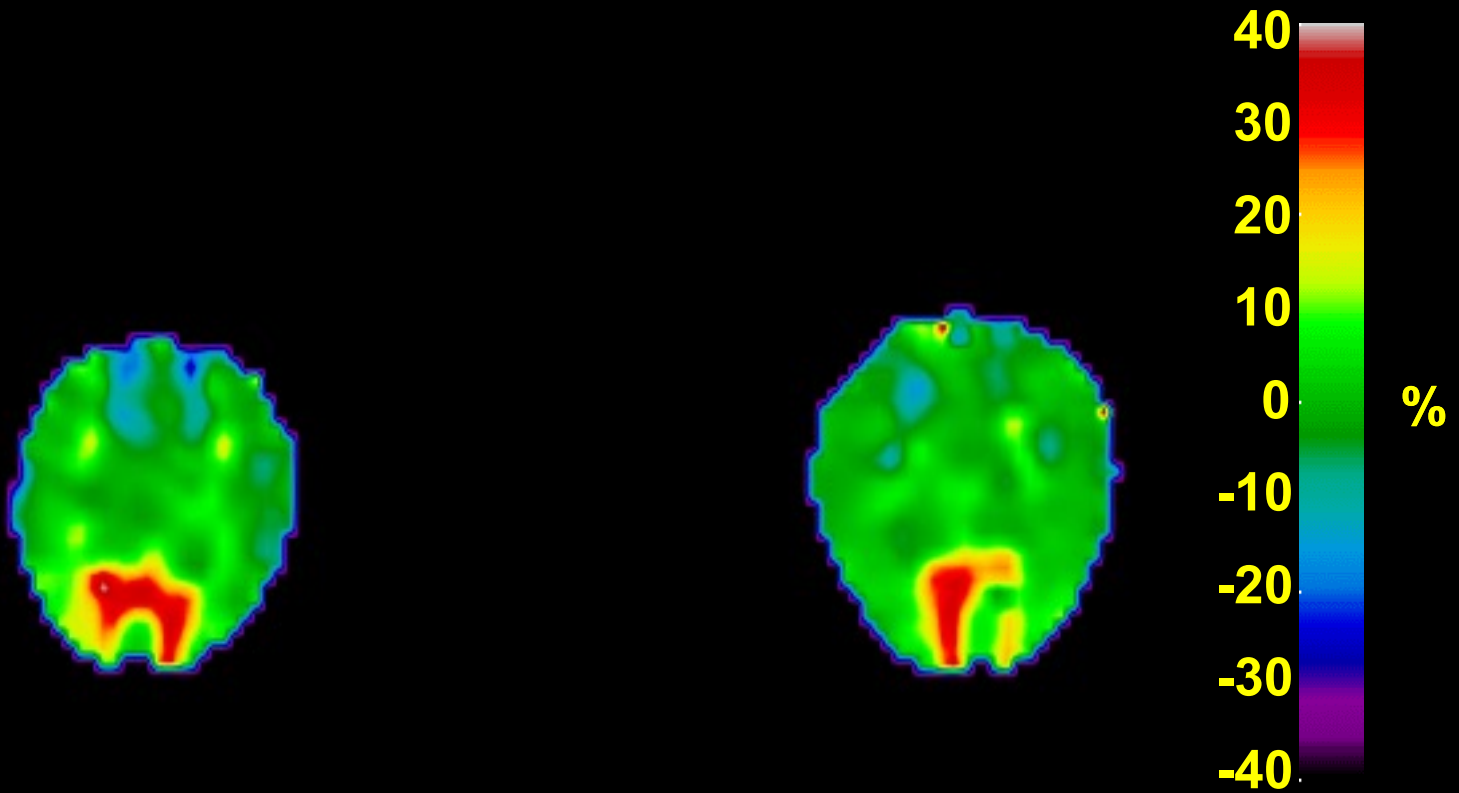
BOLD



Simultaneous Perfusion and BOLD imaging during
graded visual activation and hypercapnia

N=12

Computed CMRO₂ Changes

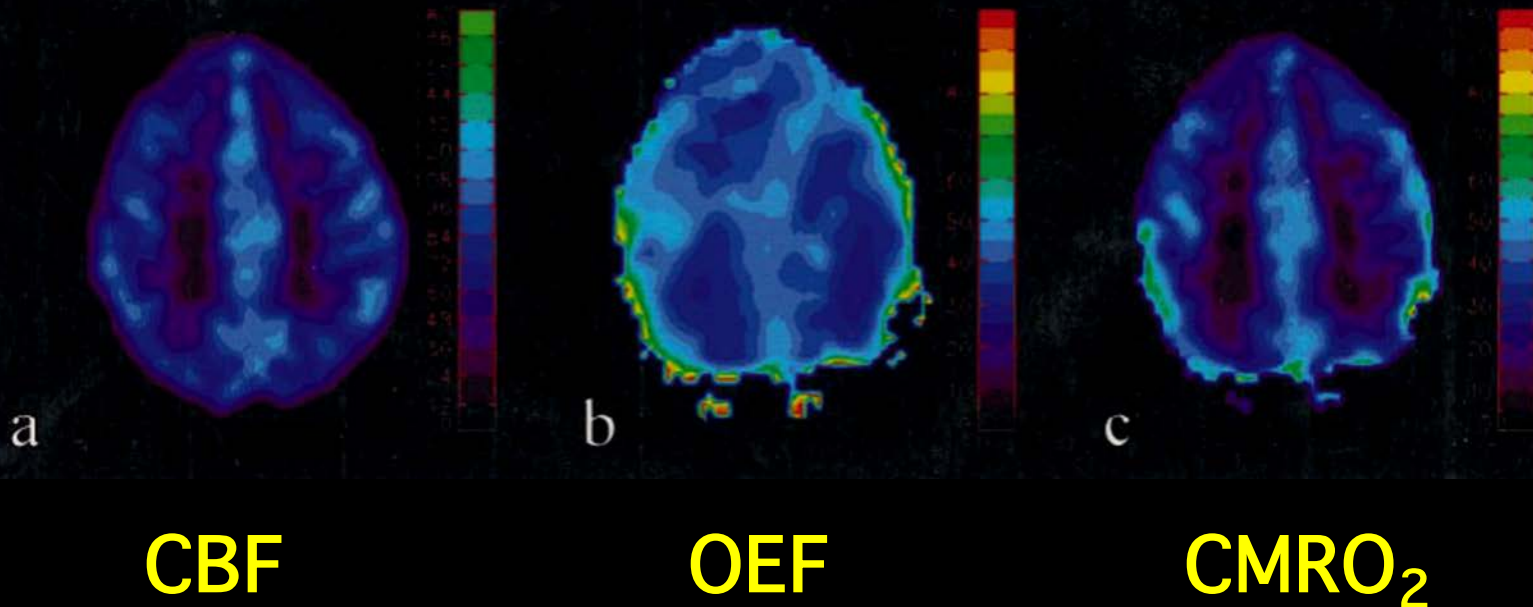


Subject 1

Subject 2

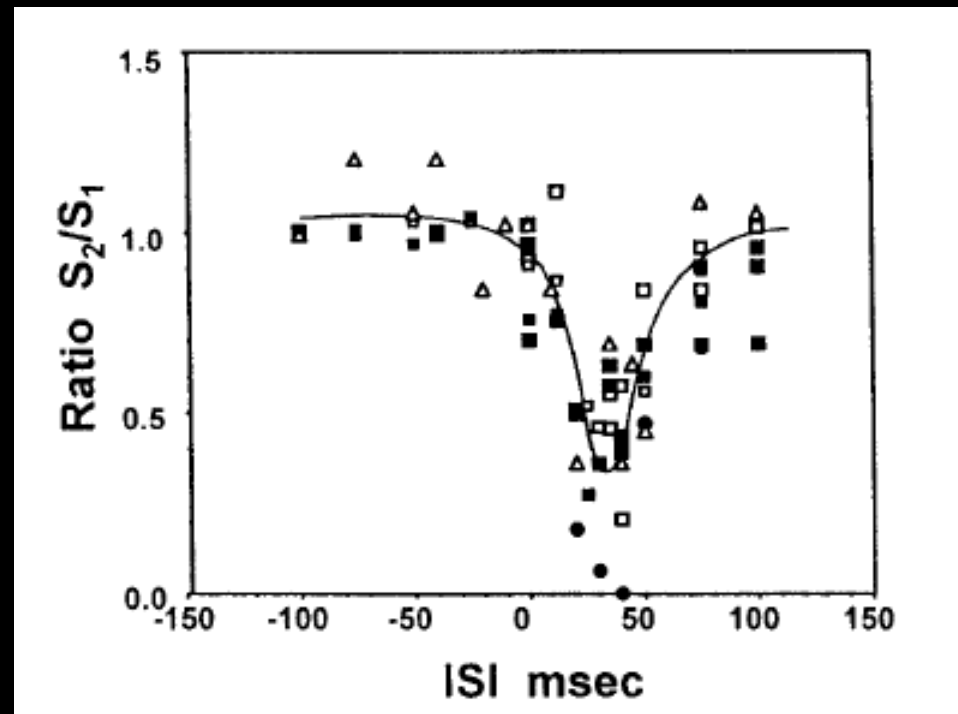
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Future....

- Shimming
- Acoustic Noise
- Multishot Techniques
- Increased Gradient Performance
- Higher Field Strengths
- Surface Coil Arrays
- Calibration / Quantification
- Embedded Functional Contrast
- Noise / Fluctuations
- Direct Neuronal Current Imaging
- Clinical Populations
- Neuronal, Vascular, and Metabolic Information

Technology

MRI

EPI 1.5T,3T, 4T EPI on Clin. Syst. Diff. tensor Mg⁺ 7T

Local Human Head Gradient Coils Nav. pulses **Real time fMRI** Venography SENSE

ASL Spiral EPI Quant. ASL Dynamic IV volume Z-shim Baseline Susceptibility

BOLD Multi-shot fMRI Simultaneous ASL and BOLD **Current Imaging?**

Methodology

Baseline Volume

IVIM

Correlation Analysis Motion Correction CO₂ Calibration

Parametric Design Surface Mapping Multi-Modal Mapping

Phase Mapping Free-behavior Designs

Linear Regression Mental Chronometry

Event-related Deconvolution

Interpretation

Blood T2

Hemoglobin

BOLD models PET correlation

B₀ dep. IV vs EV ASL vs. BOLD

TE dep. Pre-undershoot PSF of BOLD

Resolution Dep. Extended Stim.

Post-undershoot Linearity Metab. Correlation

SE vs. GE CO₂ effect Fluctuations Optical Im. Correlation

NIRS Correlation Veins Inflow Balloon Model Electrophys. correlation

Applications

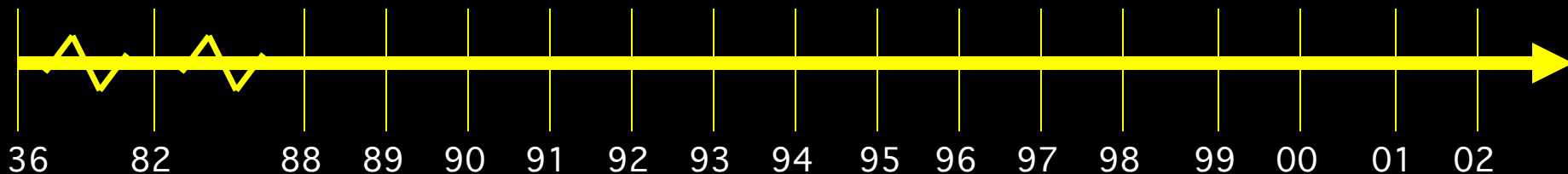
Complex motor Language Imagery Memory Emotion

Motor learning Children Tumor vasc. Drug effects

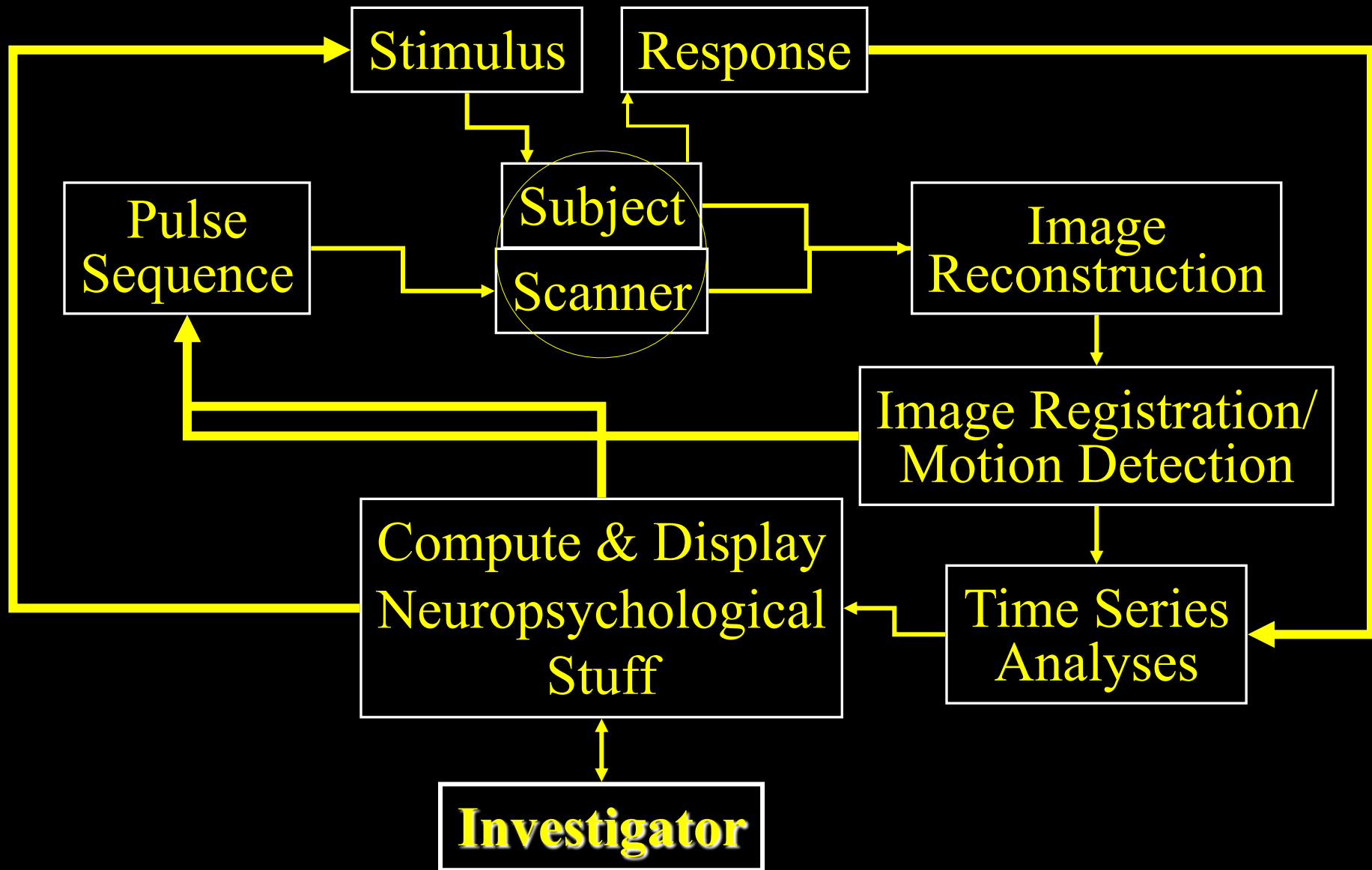
BOLD -V1, M1, A1 Presurgical Attention Ocular Dominance

Volume - Stroke V1, V2..mapping Priming/Learning Clinical Populations

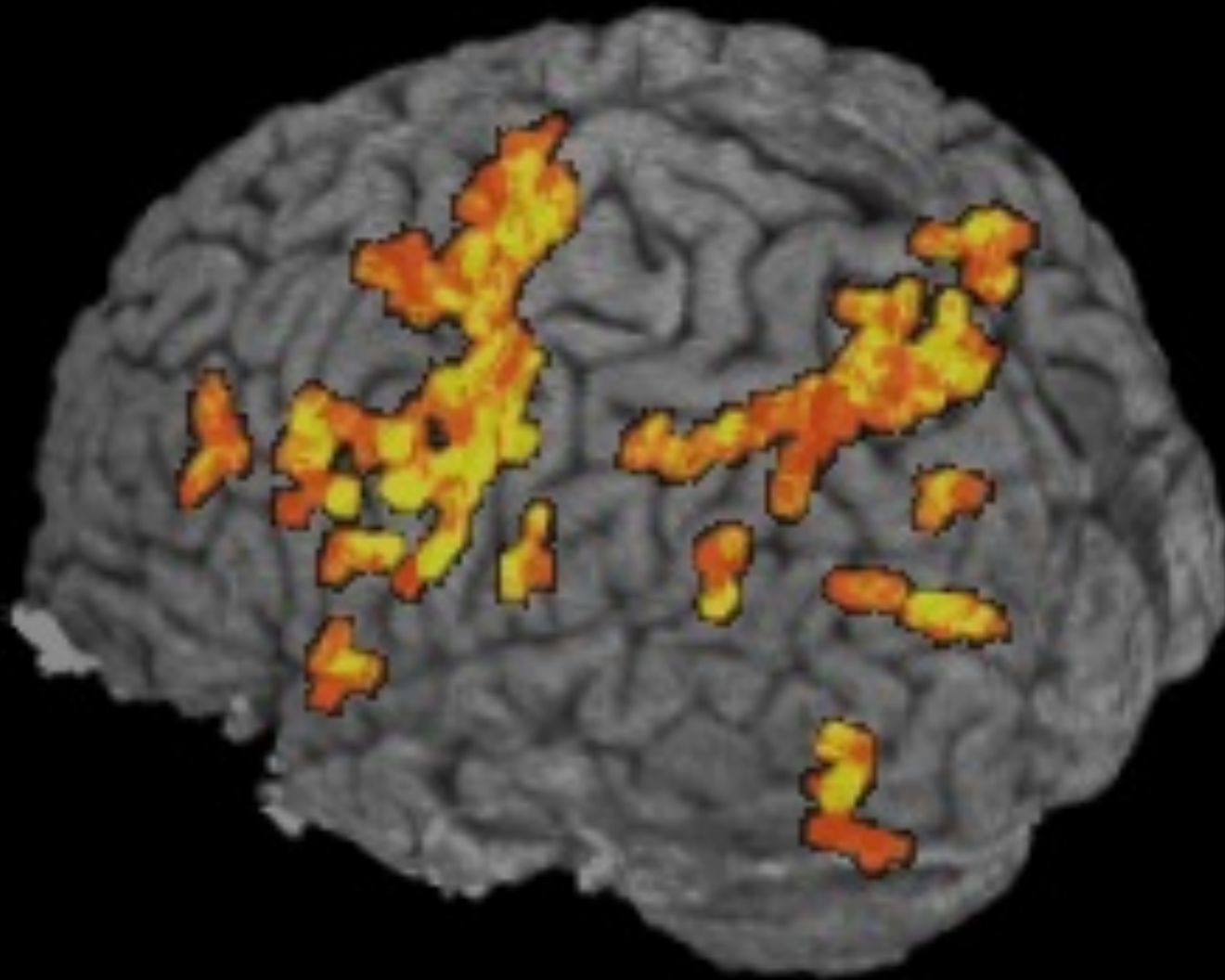
Δ Volume-V1 Plasticity Face recognition Performance prediction



Processing Stream with Real Time fMRI



End of Acquisition



< 1 s to render

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

Blocks: 12345678

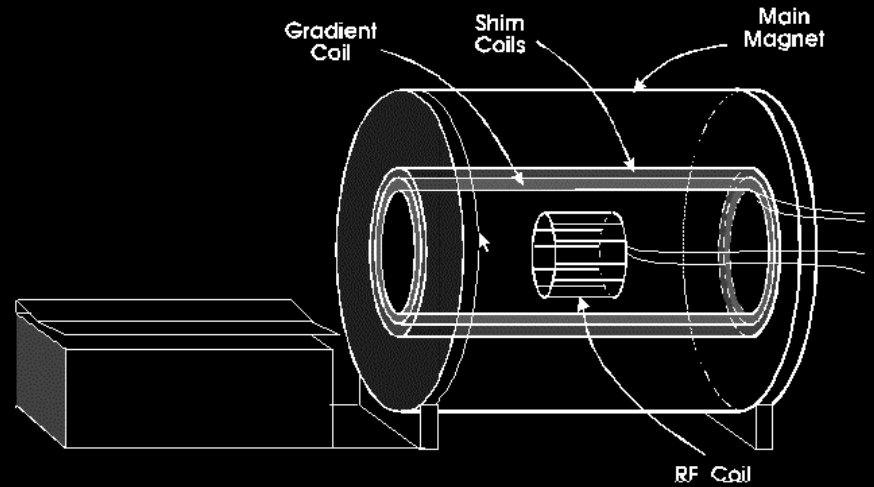
**Color shows
through brain**

Correlation > 0.45

**The
End**

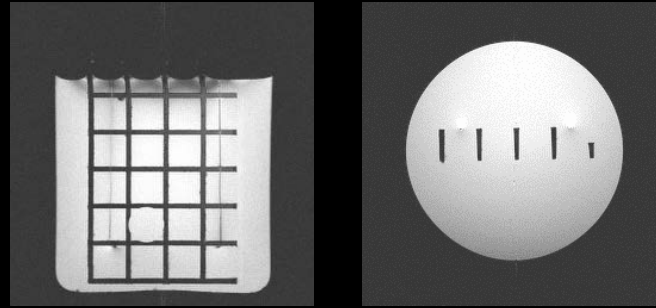
2 G/cm, 350 T/m/s

4 G/cm, 150 T/m/s



10 G/cm, 1000 T/m/s

Diffusion imaging
Faster imaging
Higher resolution



Neuronal Current Imaging

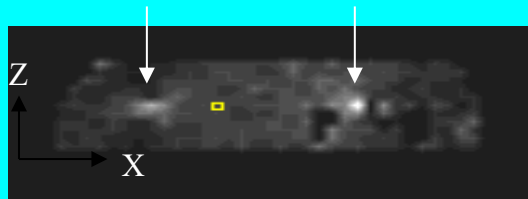
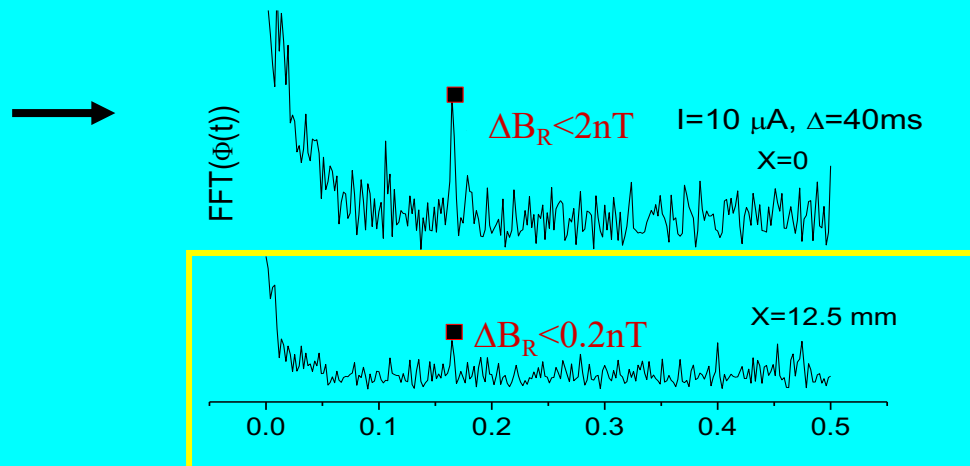


Figure 1



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