

# What more information can we extract from the fMRI time series?

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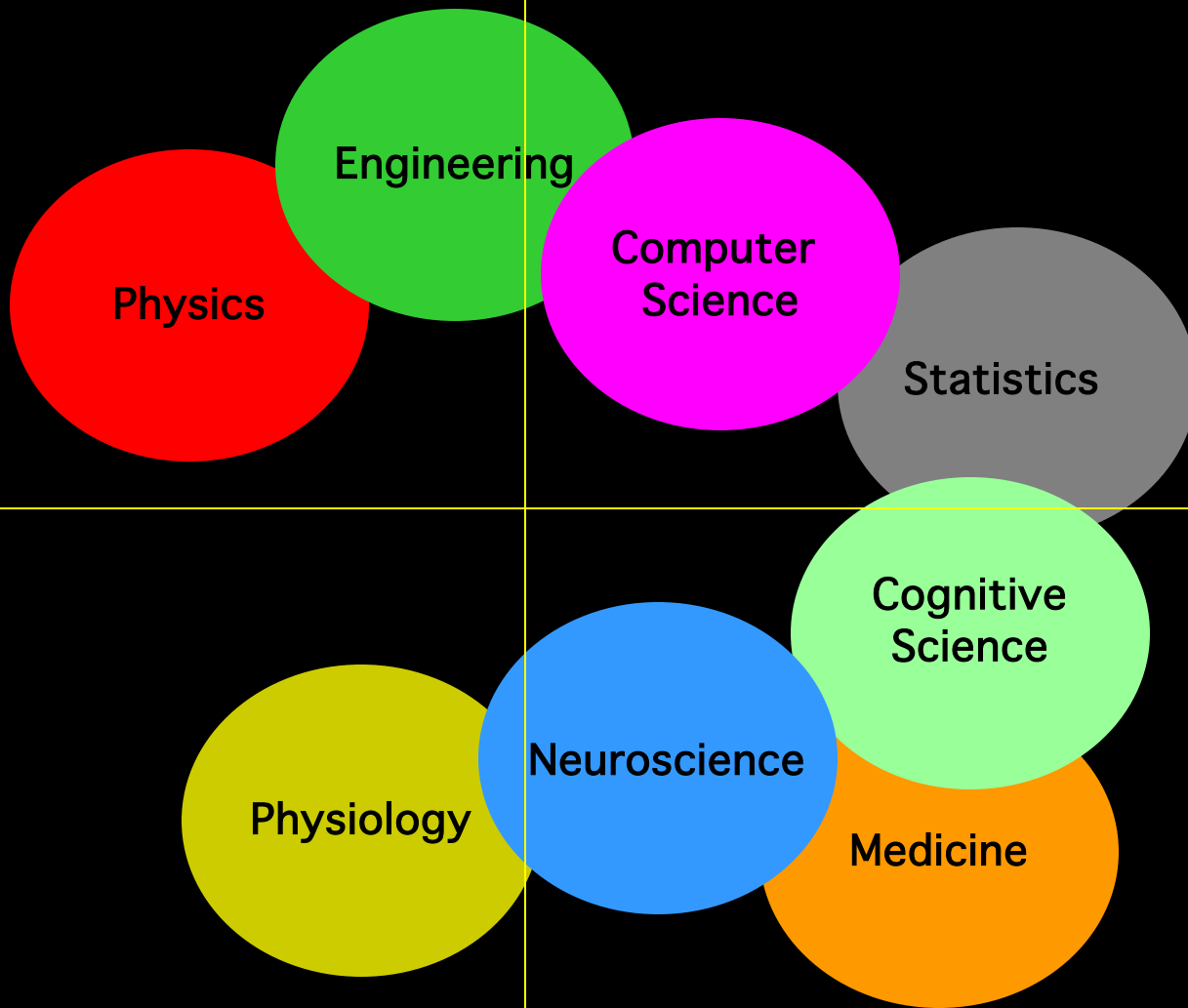
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# BOLD Contrast



**Technology**

**Methodology**



**Interpretation**

**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<sup>+</sup>  
 Venography  
 Z-shim  
 Baseline Susceptibility  
 7T  
 SENSE  
 "vaso"  
 Current Imaging?

# Methodology

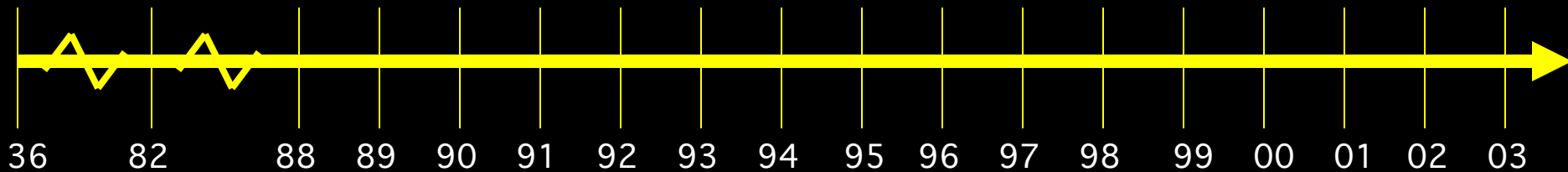
Baseline Volume  
 IVIM  
 Correlation Analysis  
 Parametric Design  
 Surface Mapping  
 Phase Mapping  
 Linear Regression  
 Event-related  
 Motion Correction  
 Multi-Modal Mapping  
 ICA  
 Free-behavior Designs  
 Mental Chronometry  
 Deconvolution  
 Fuzzy Clustering  
 CO<sub>2</sub> Calibration  
 Latency and Width Mod  
 Multi-variate Mapping

# Interpretation

Blood T2  
 Hemoglobin  
 BOLD models  
 B<sub>0</sub> dep.  
 TE dep  
 SE vs. GE  
 NIRS Correlation  
 Veins  
 PET correlation  
 IV vs EV  
 Pre-undershoot  
 Resolution Dep.  
 Post-undershoot  
 CO<sub>2</sub> effect  
 Inflow  
 ASL vs. BOLD  
 PSF of BOLD  
 Extended Stim.  
 Linearity  
 Fluctuations  
 Balloon Model  
 Layer spec. latency  
 Excite and Inhibit  
 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 Mirror neurons  
 Volume - Stroke V1, V2..mapping Priming/Learning Clinical Populations  
 Δ Volume-V1 Plasticity Face recognition Performance prediction





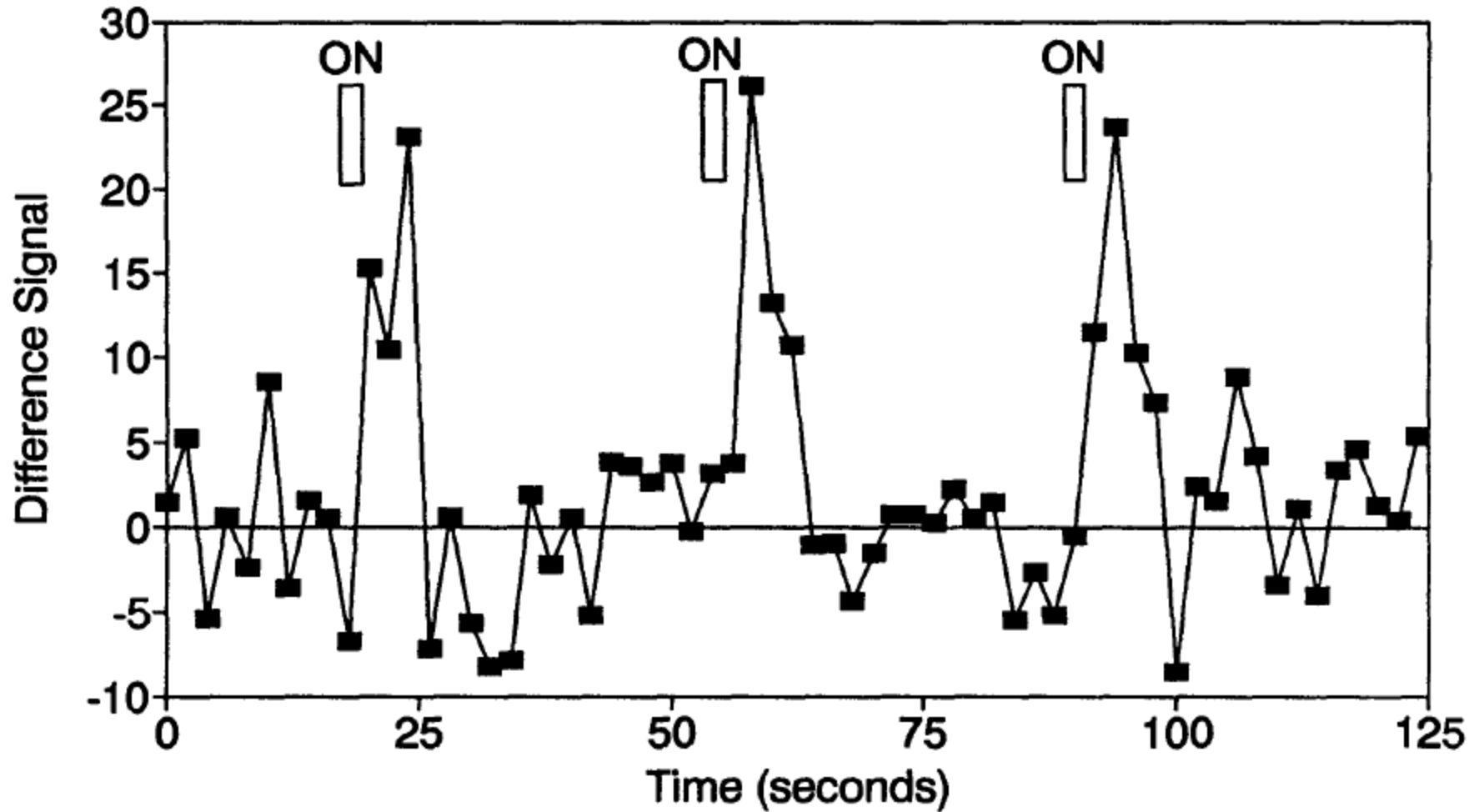
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# First Event-related fMRI Results



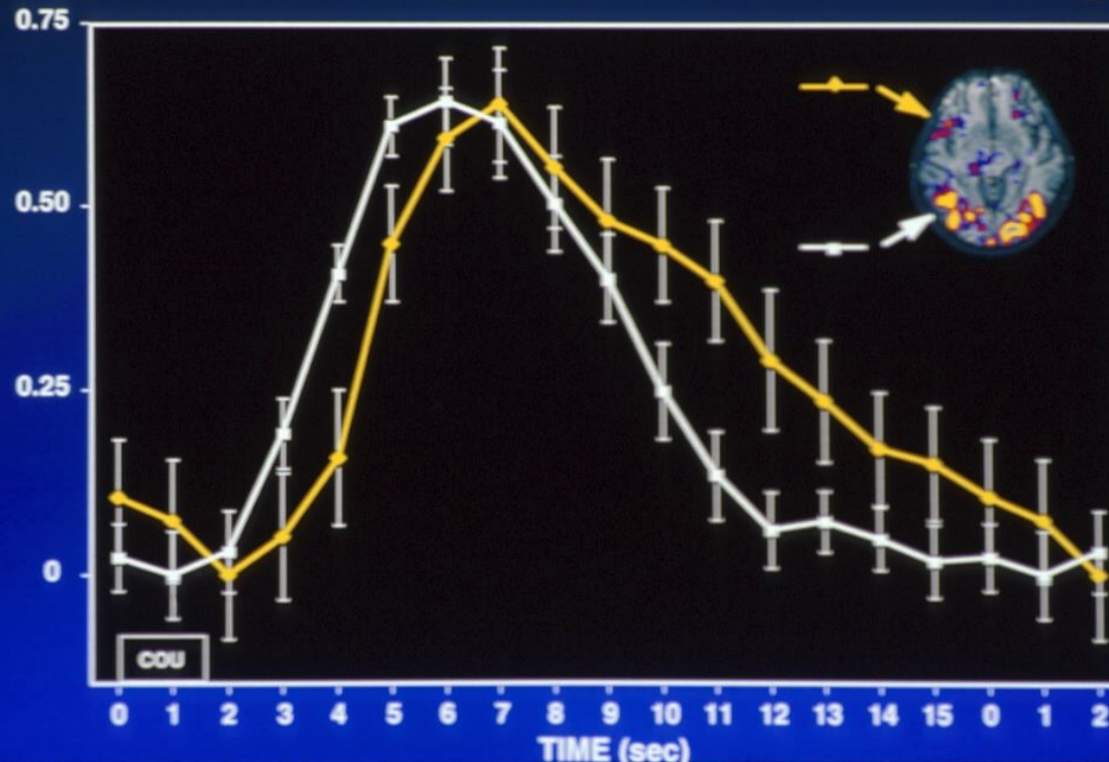
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## Detection of cortical activation during averaged single trials of a cognitive task using functional magnetic resonance imaging

(neuroimaging/single trial/language/prefrontal)

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### Time Course Comparison Across Brain Regions



# Visual Cortex



ISI, SD

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20, 20

8, 2

12, 2

6, 2

10, 2

4, 2

2, 2

# Motor Cortex



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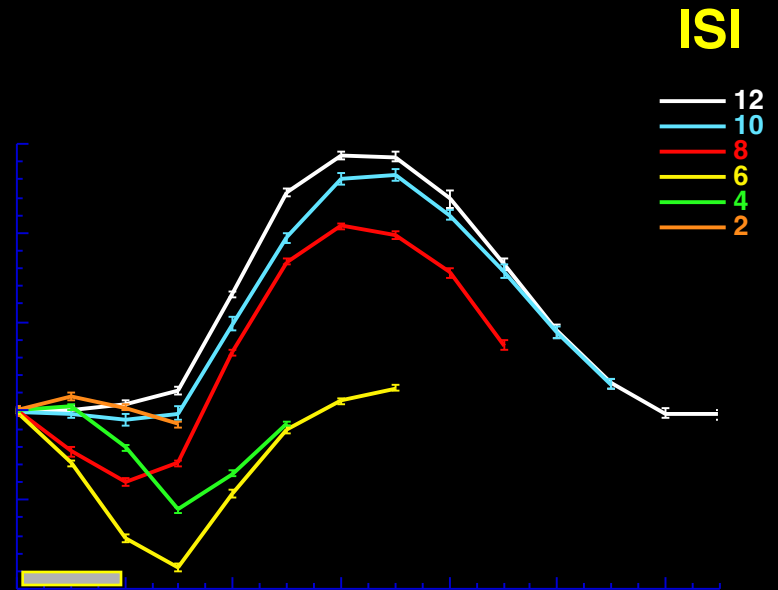
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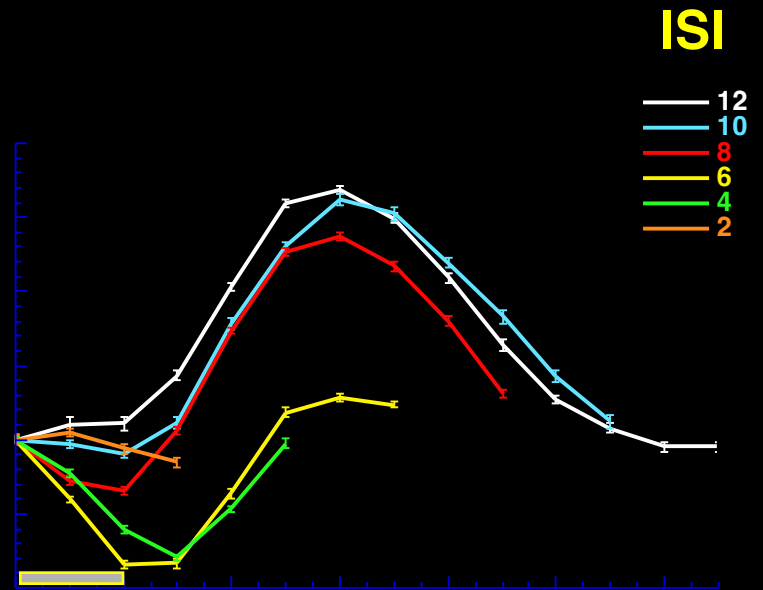
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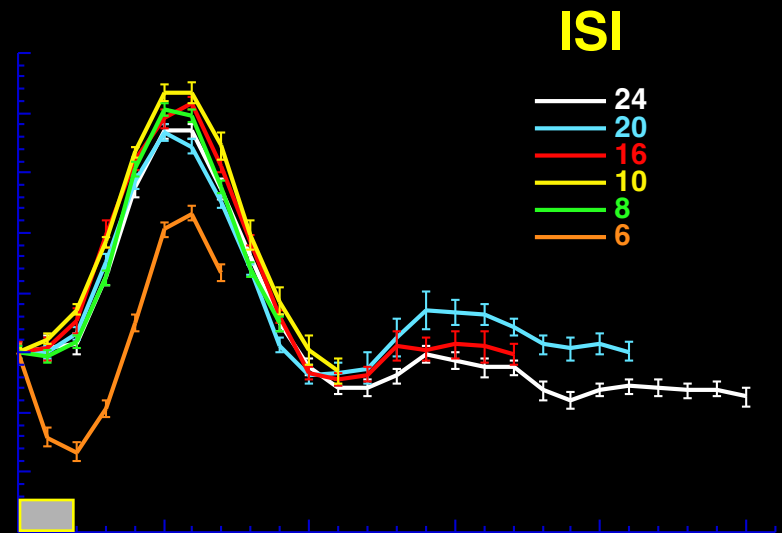
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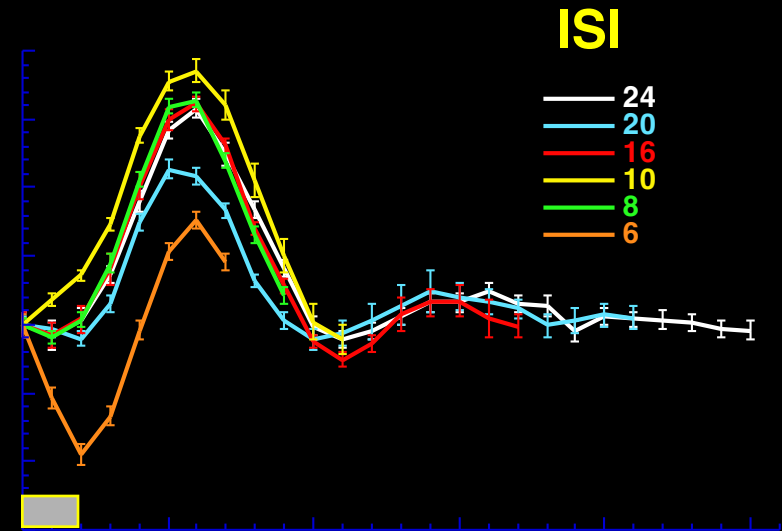
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# Contrast to Noise Images

( ISI, SD )

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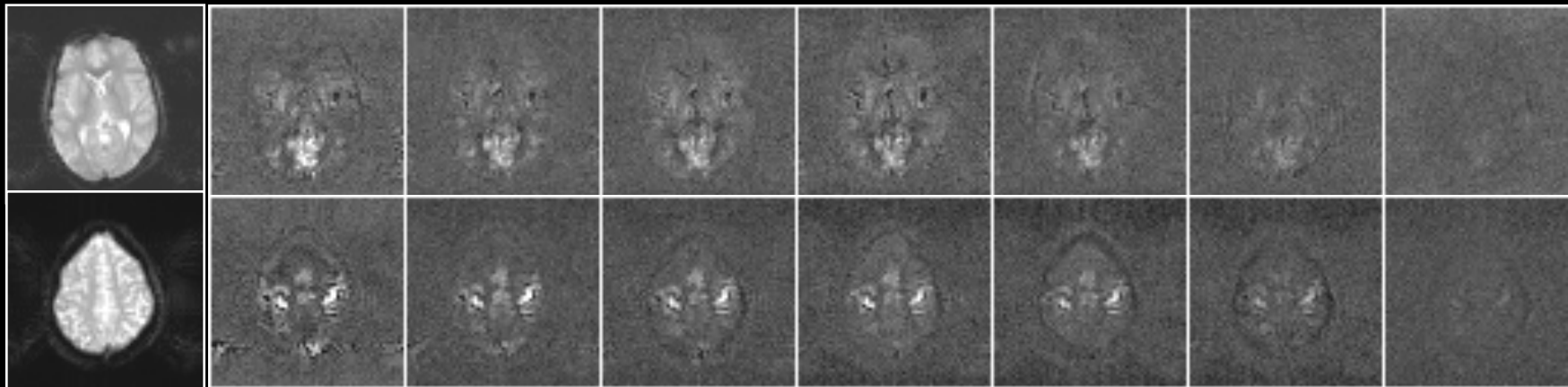
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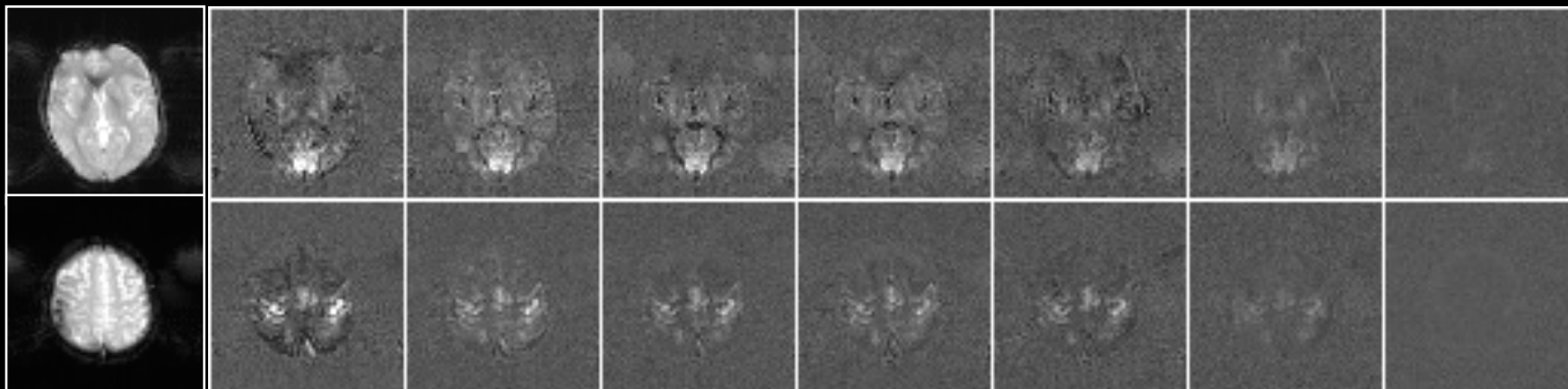
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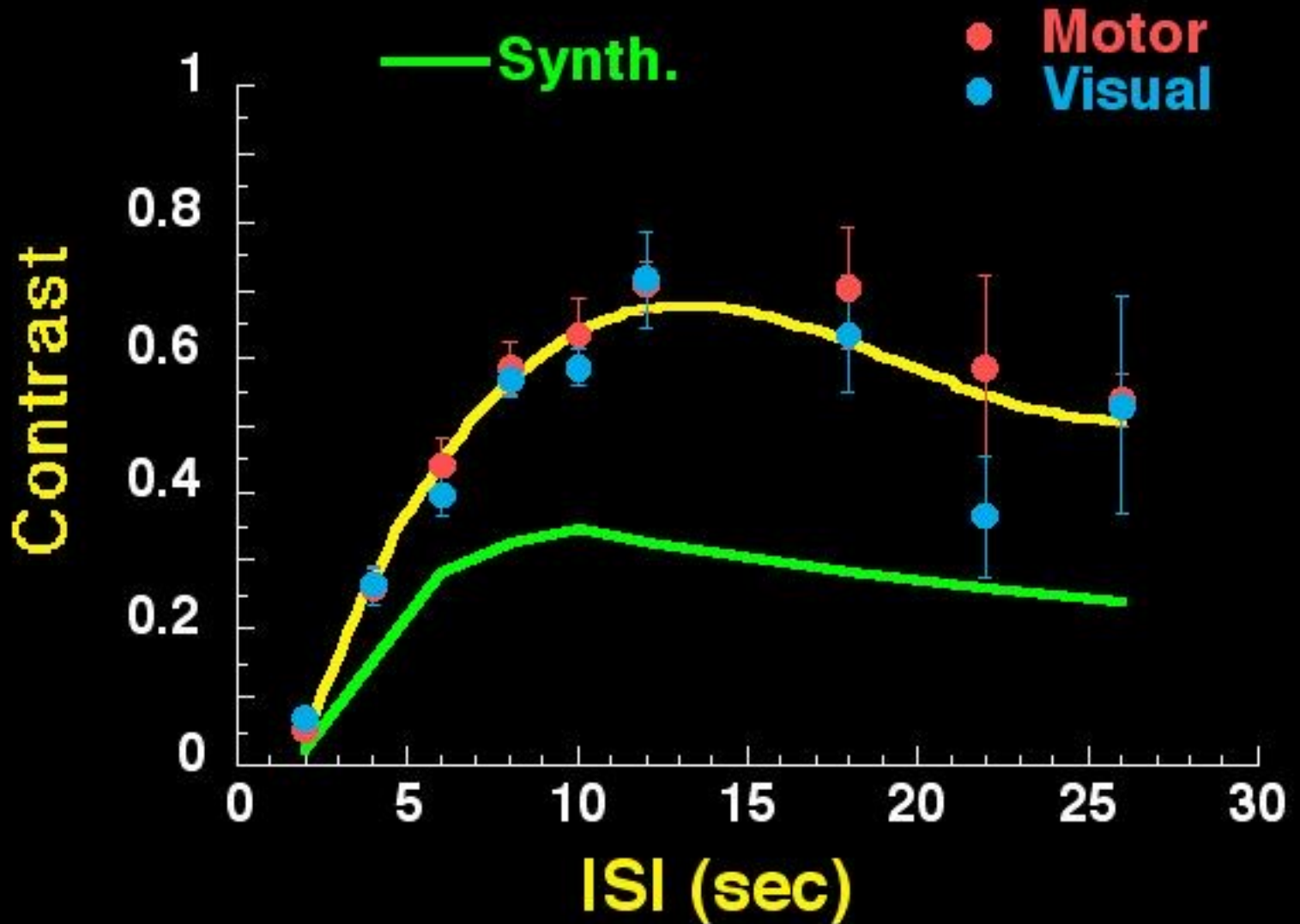
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S2



# Functional Contrast



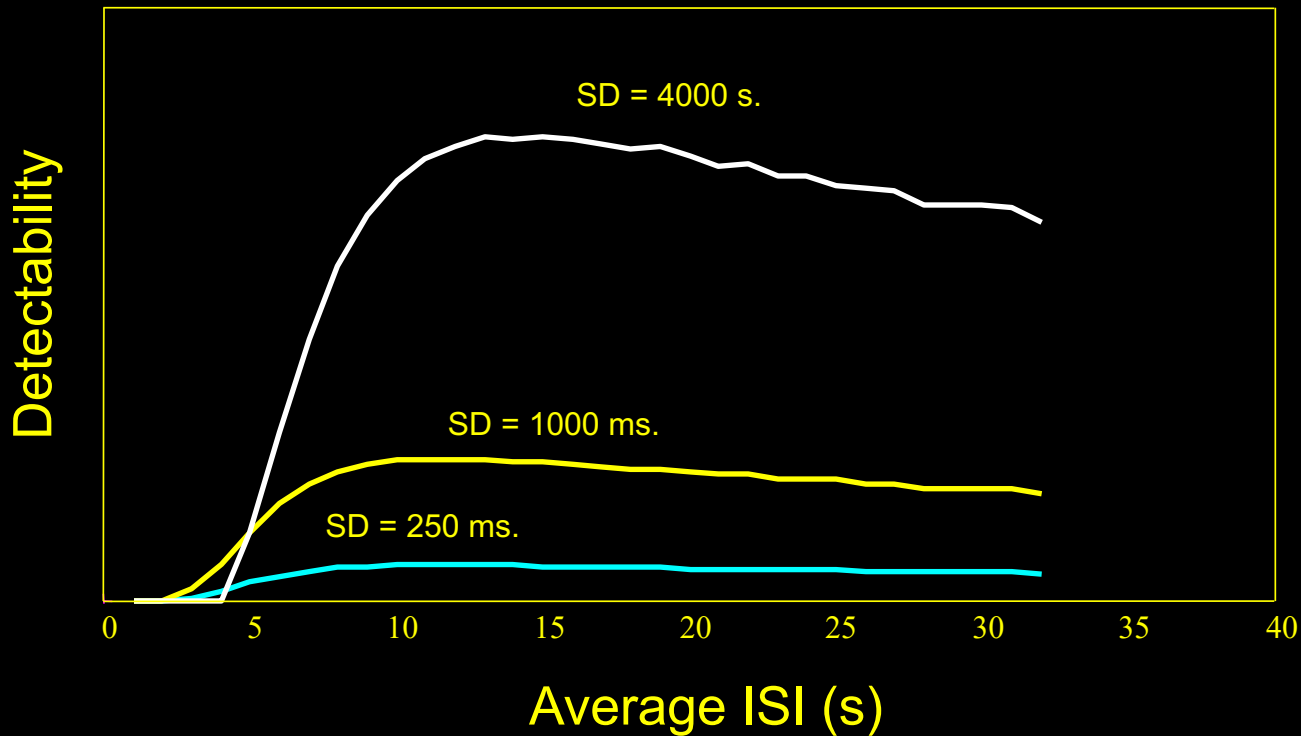
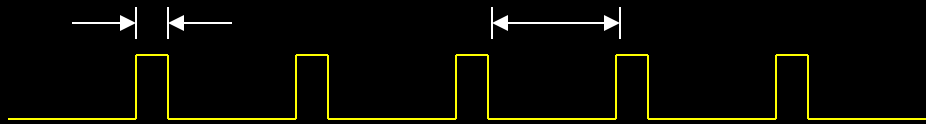
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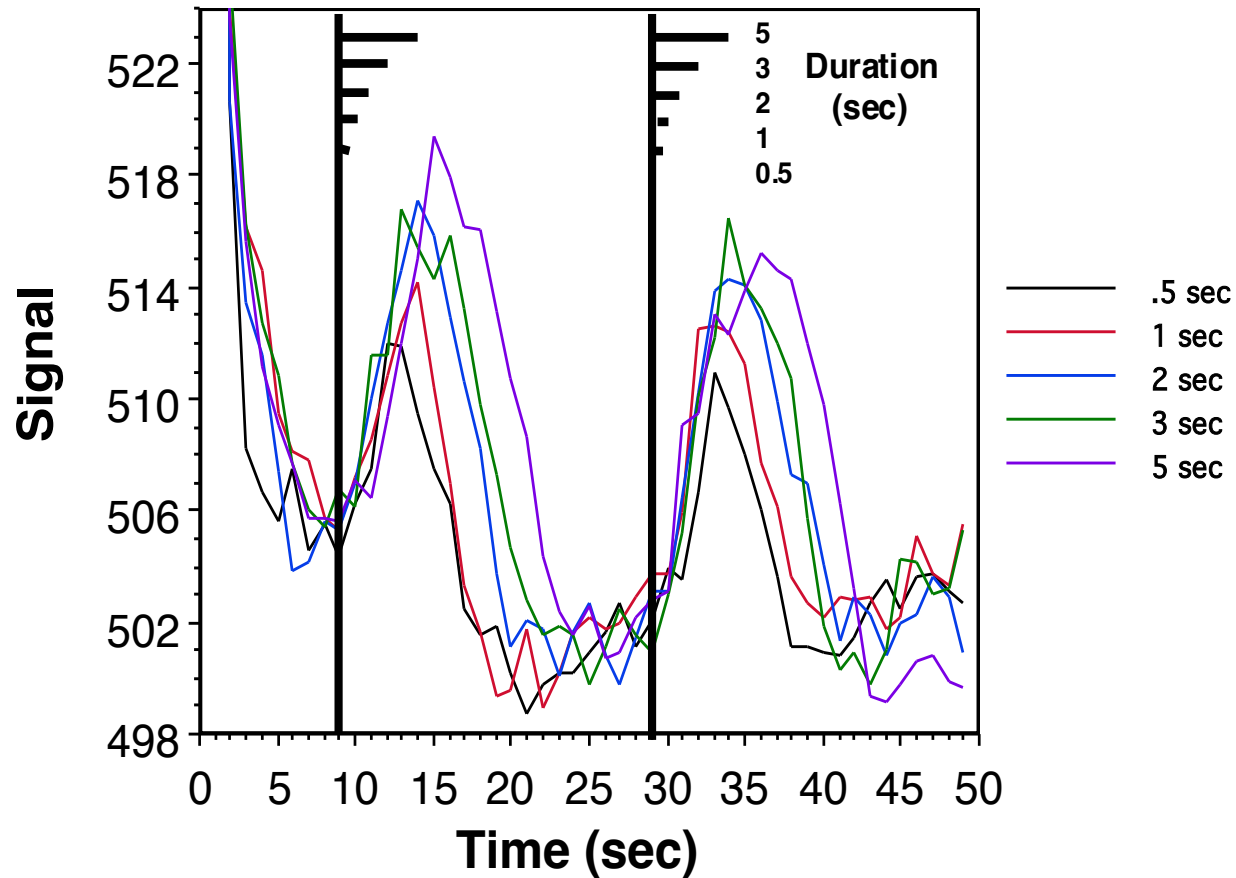
# Detectability: constant ISI

SD – stimulus duration

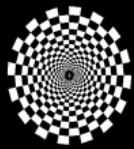
ISI – inter-stimulus interval



## Motor Cortex

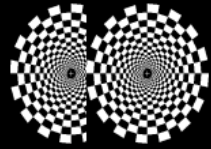


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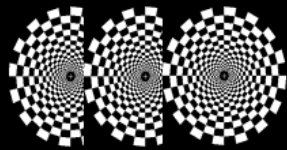
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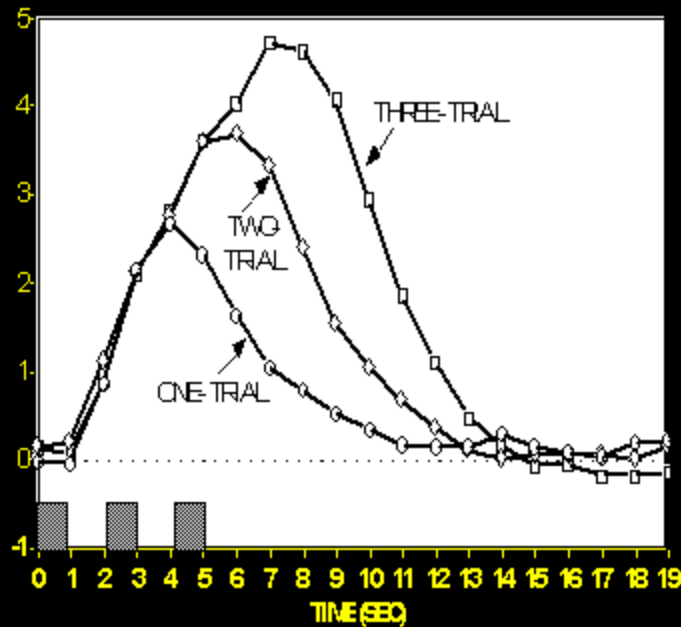
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♦ Human Brain Mapping 5:329-340(1997) ♦

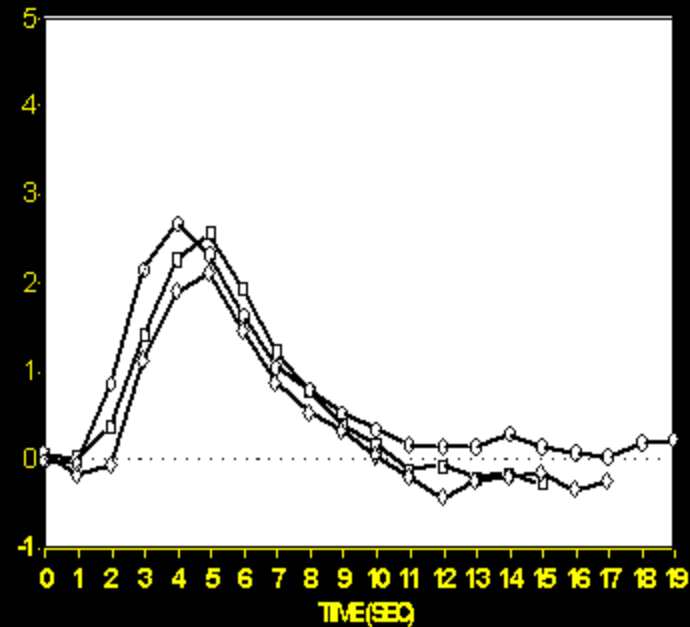
## Selective Averaging of Rapidly Presented Individual Trials Using fMRI

Anders M. Dale\* and Randy L. Buckner

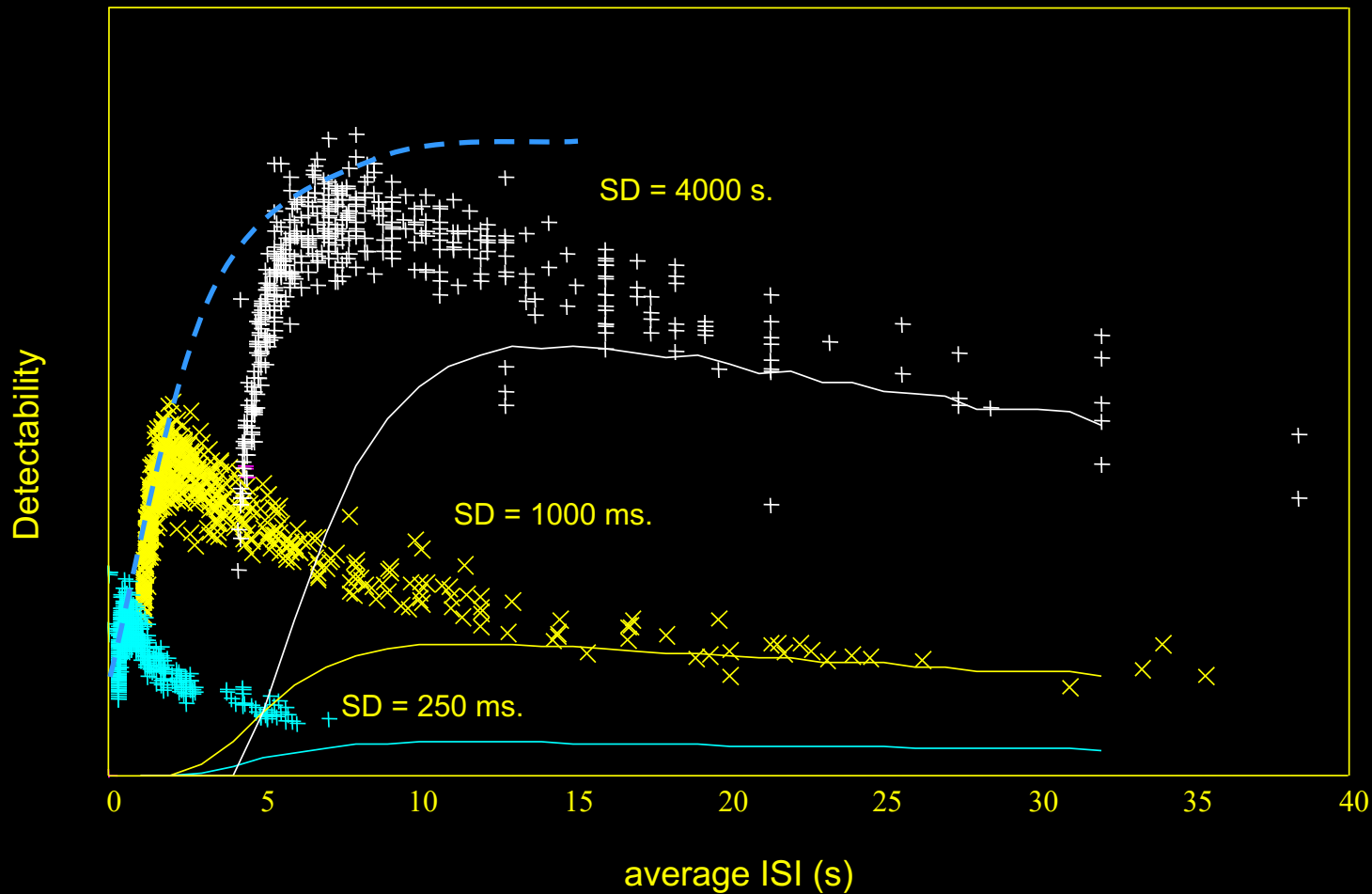
### RAW DATA



### ESTIMATED RESPONSES

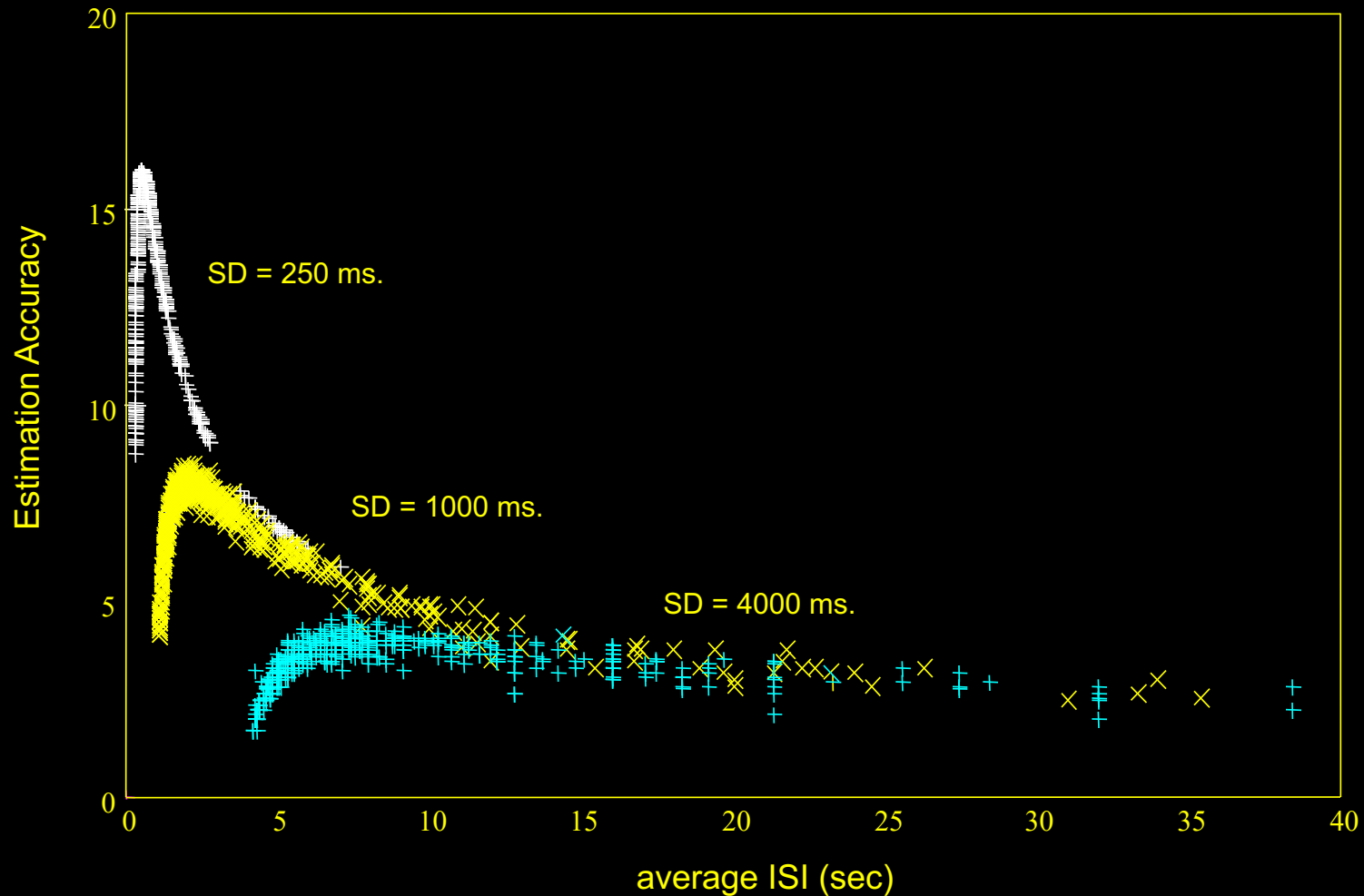


# Detectability vs. Average ISI



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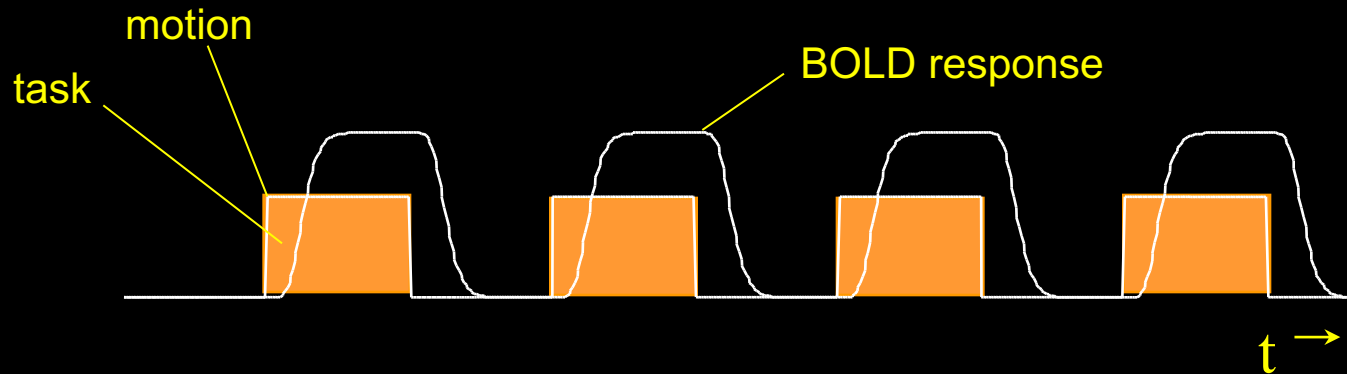
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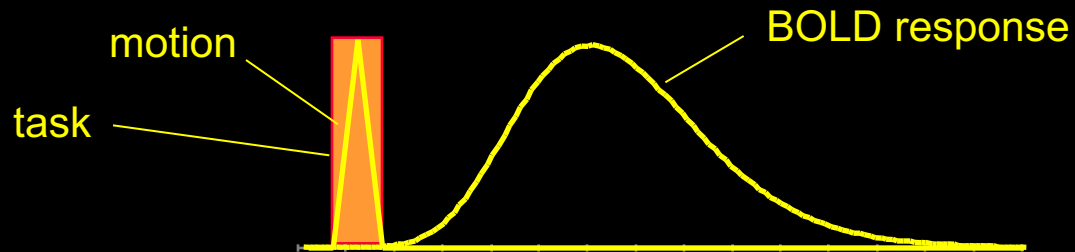
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# fMRI during tasks that involve brief motion

## Blocked Design



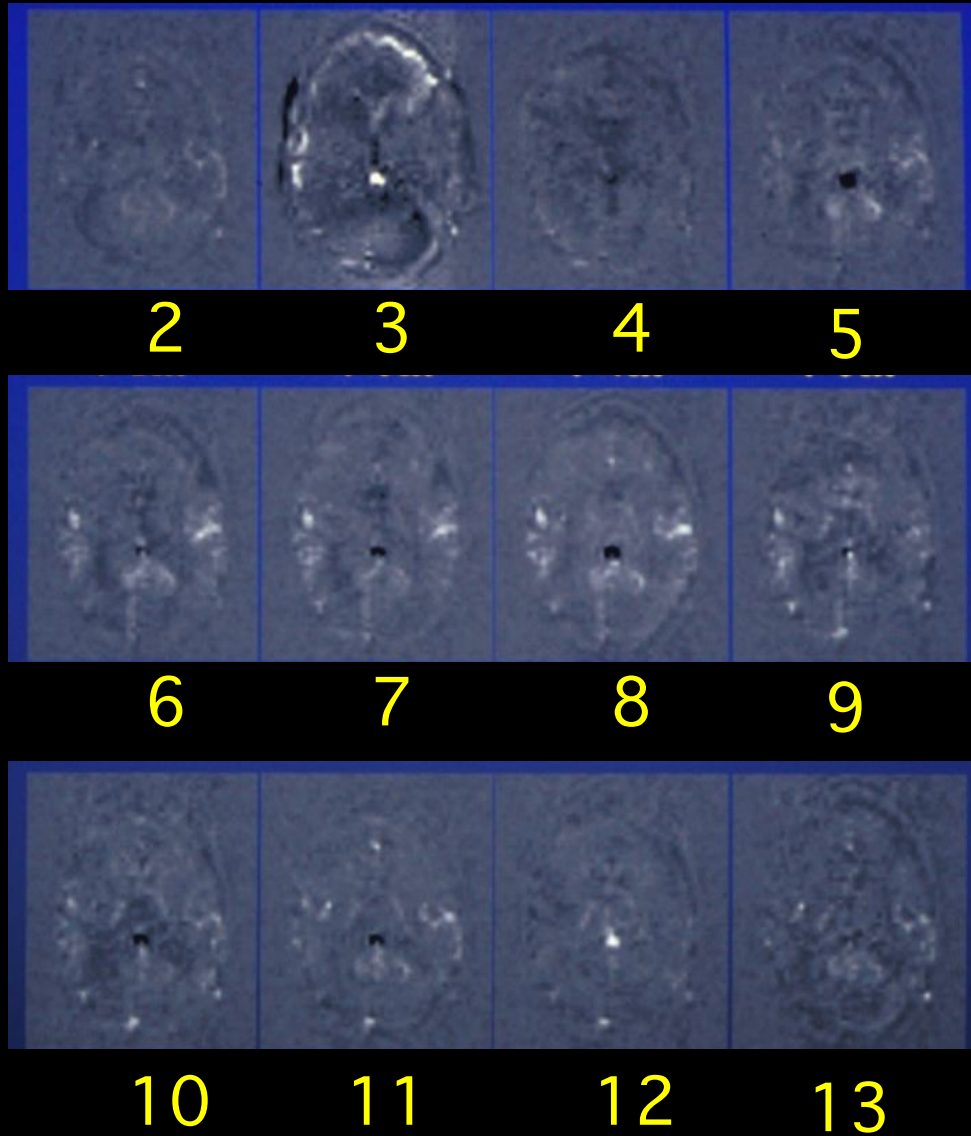
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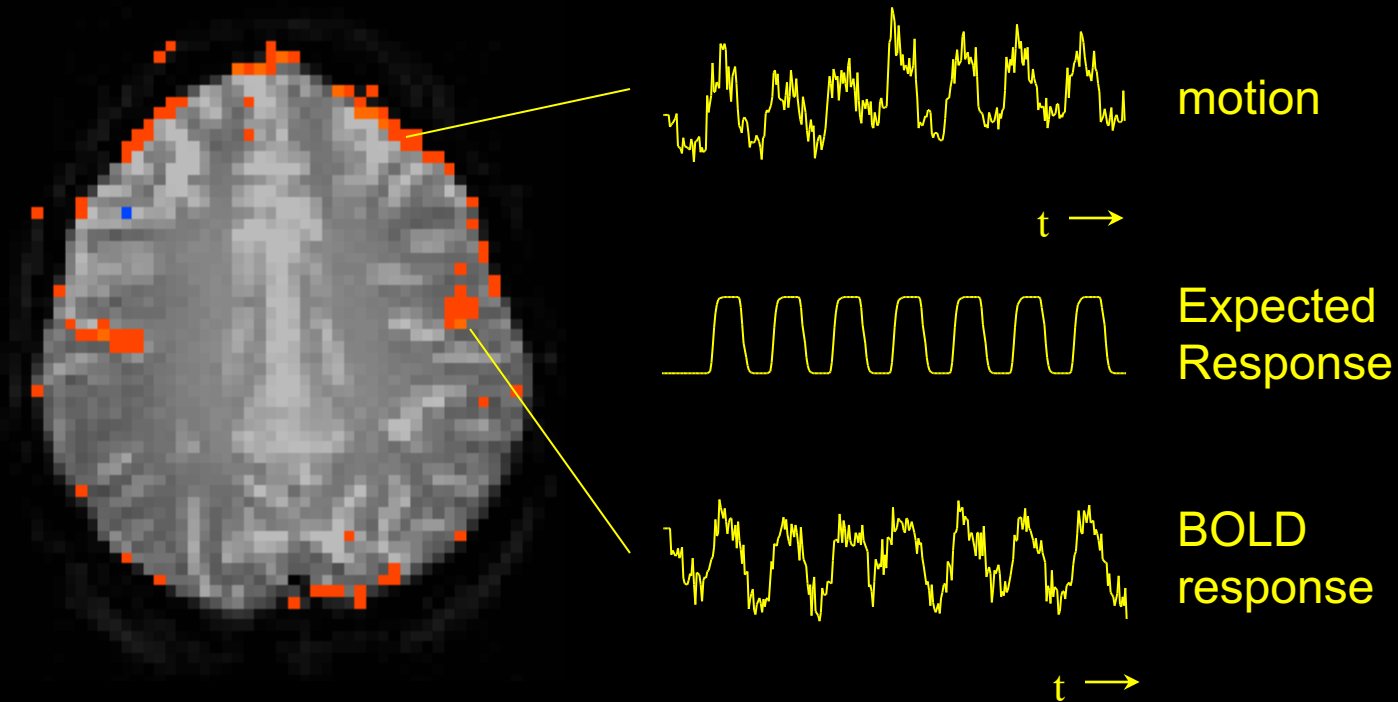


# Overt Word Production



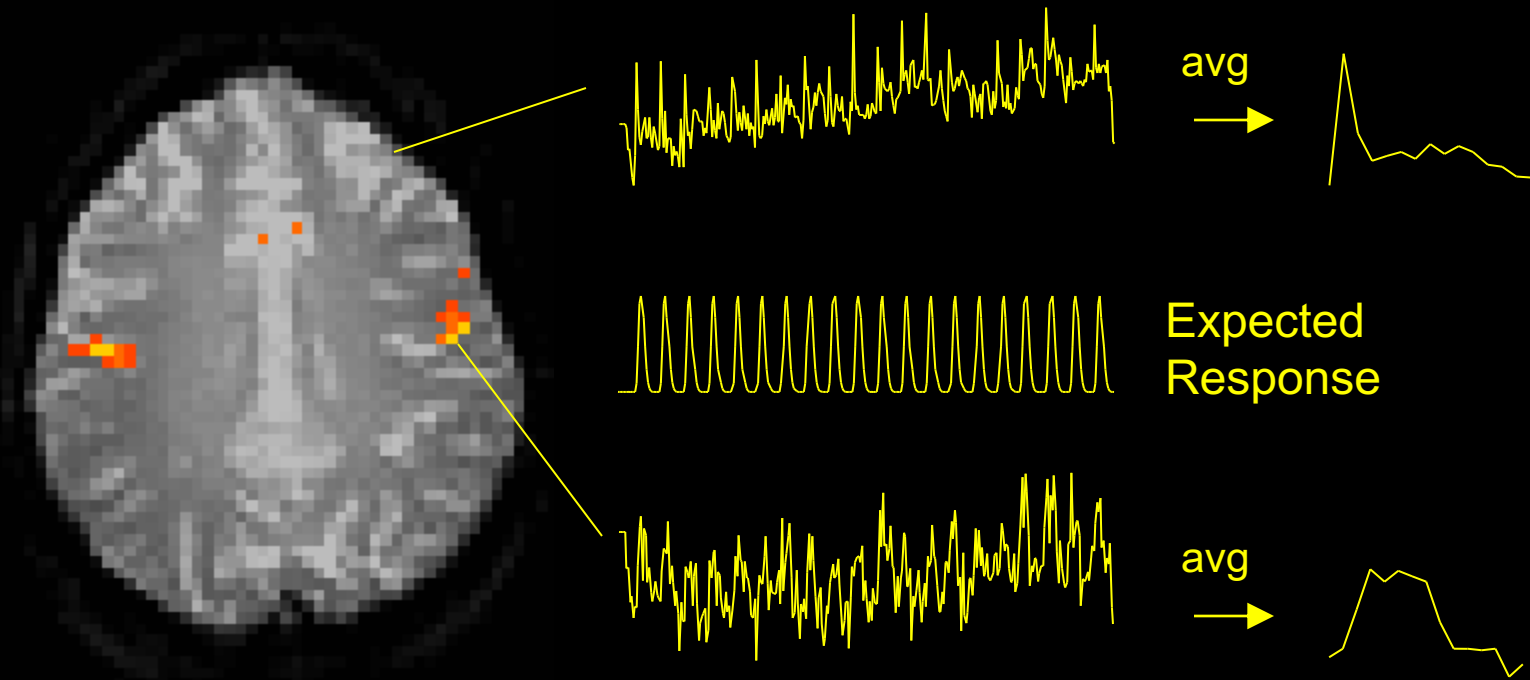
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# Speaking - Blocked Trial



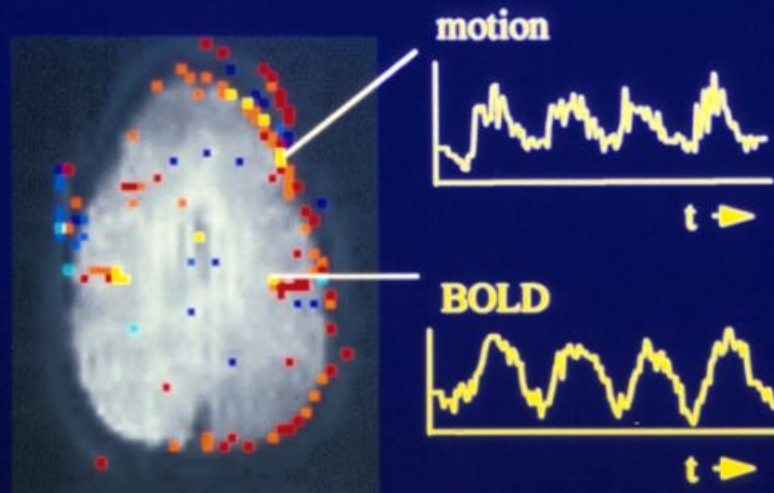
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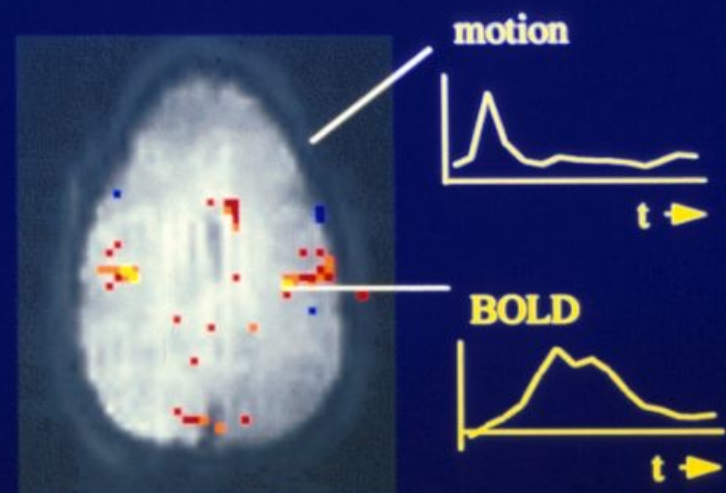
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# Motion-Decoupled fMRI: Functional MRI during of overt word production



## “block-trial” paradigm

Motion induced signal changes resemble functional (BOLD) signal changes

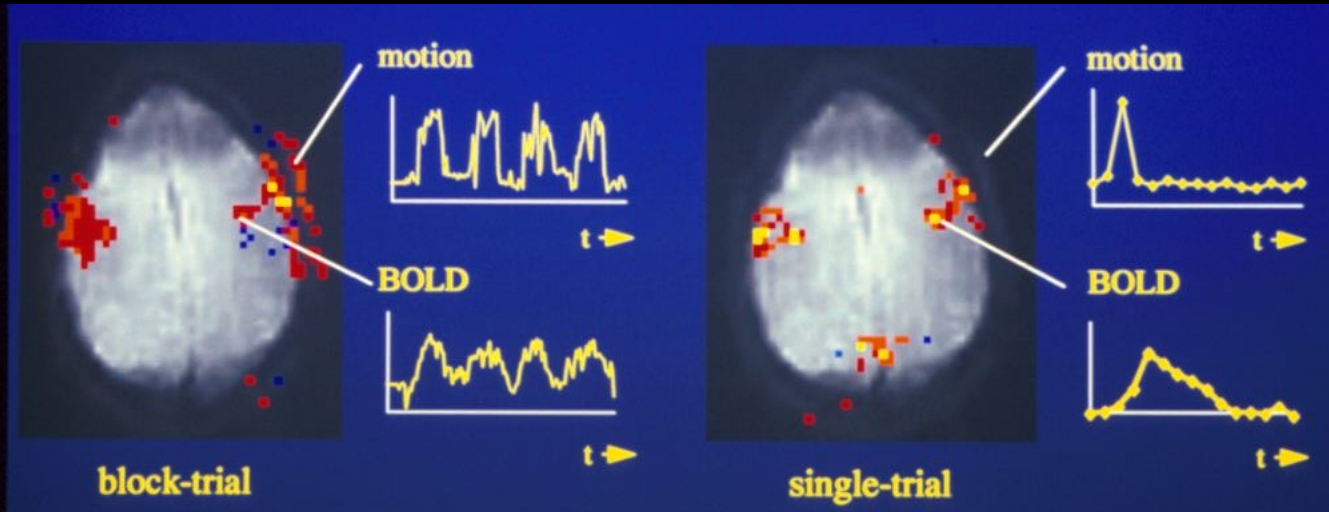


## “single-trial” paradigm

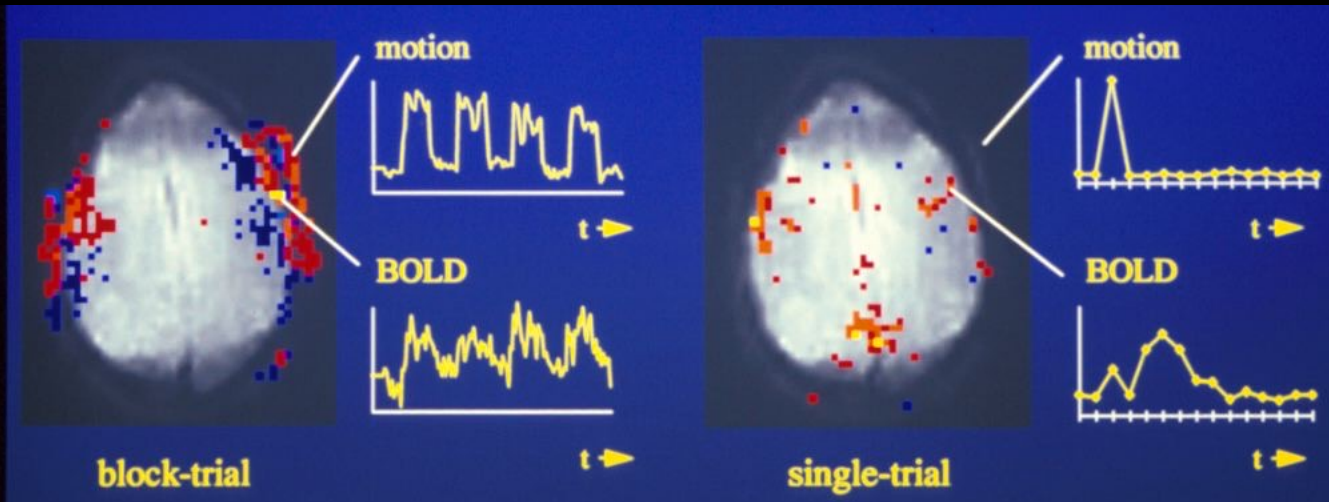
Motion induced and BOLD signal changes are separated in time

*R.M. Birn, et al.*

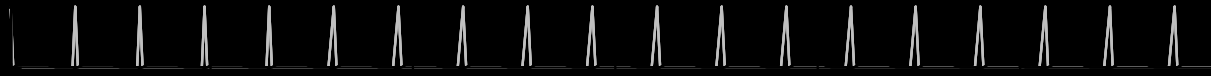
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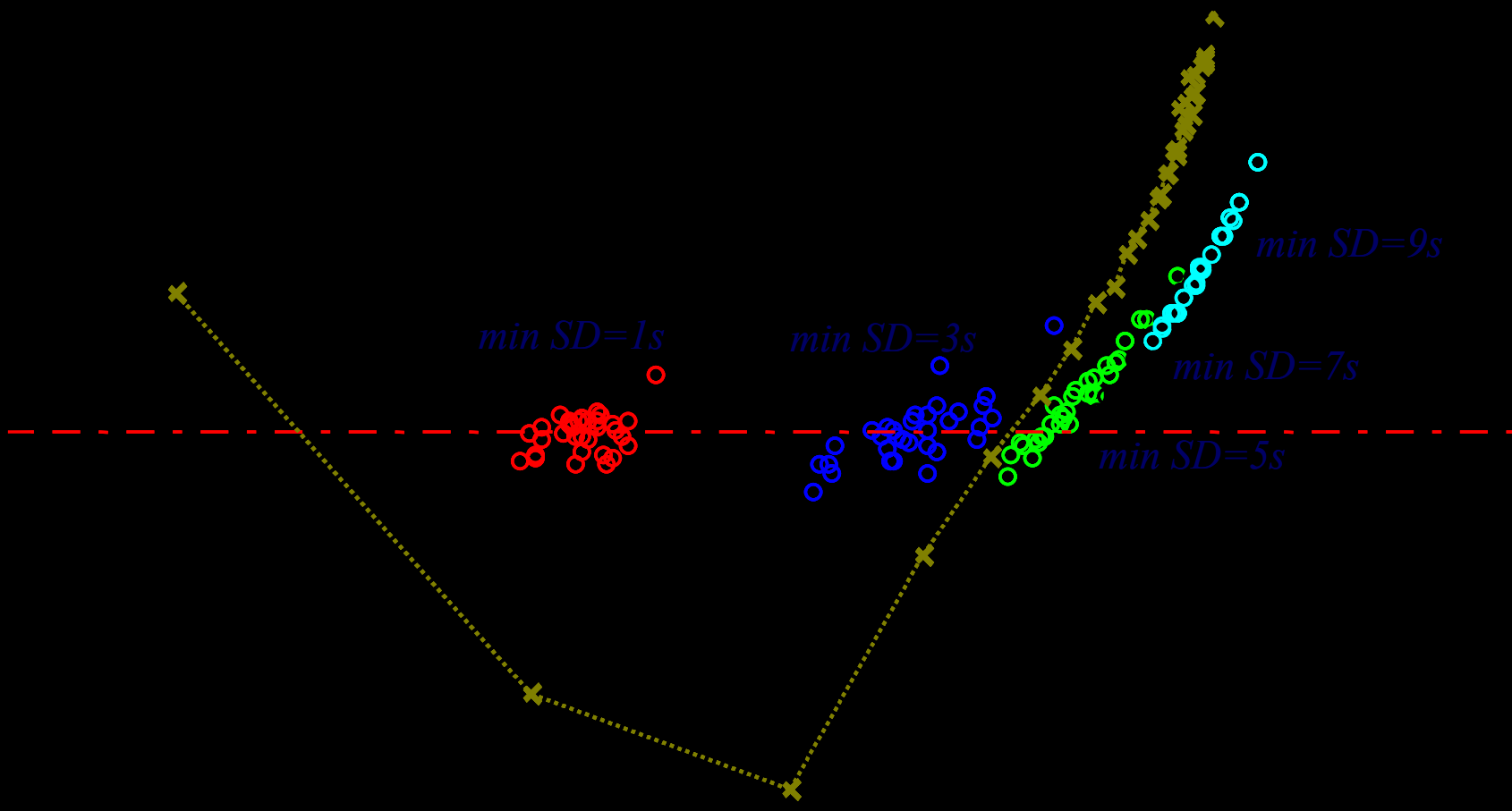


# Jaw Clenching

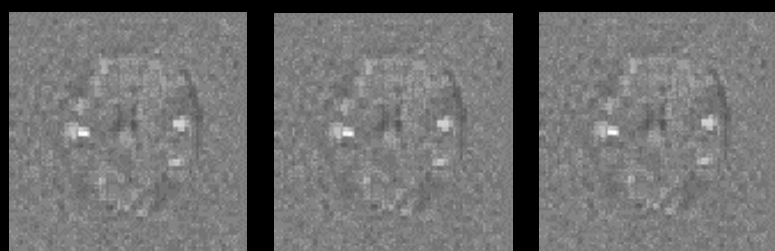
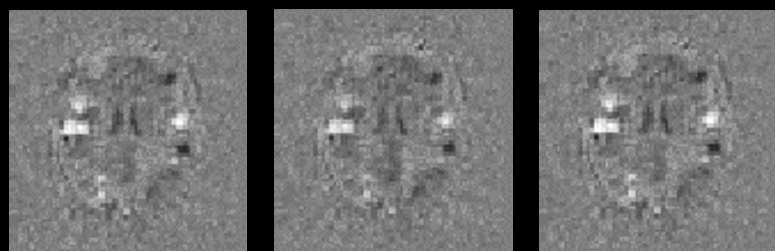
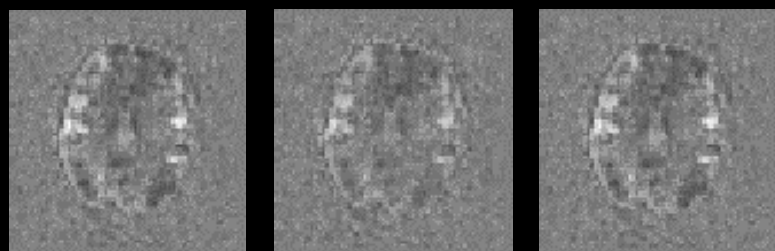


Motion-induced signal change







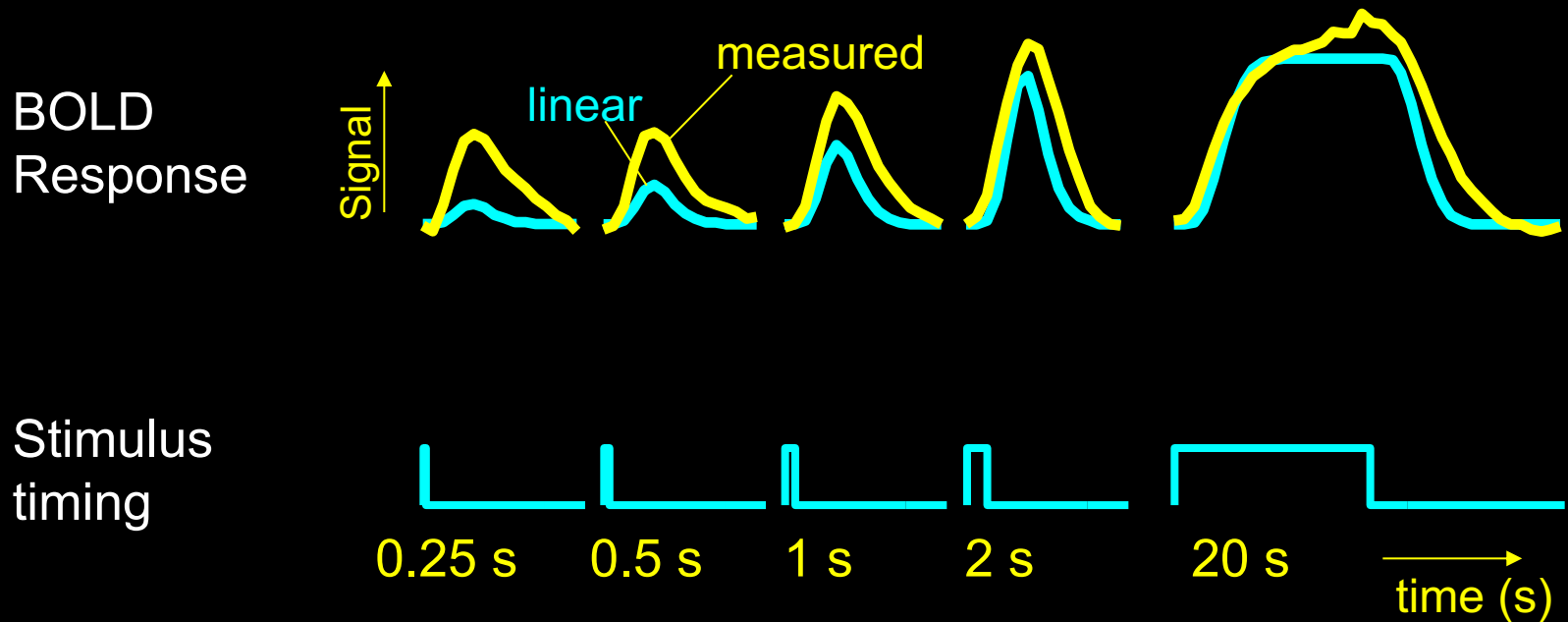


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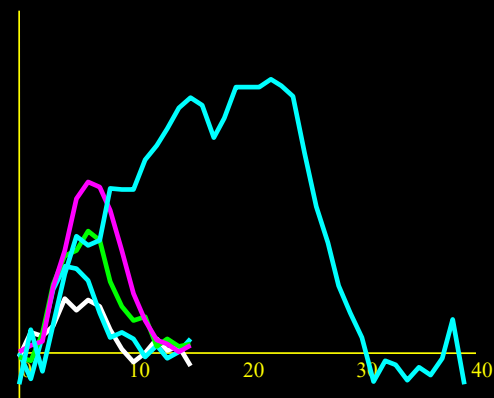
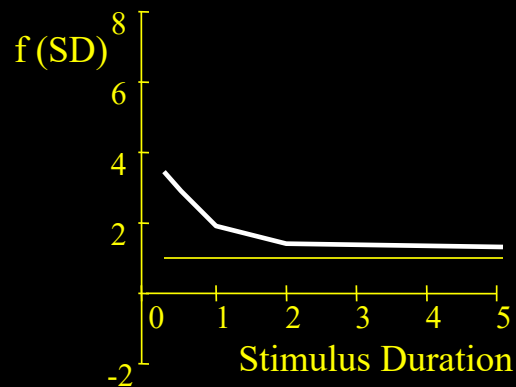
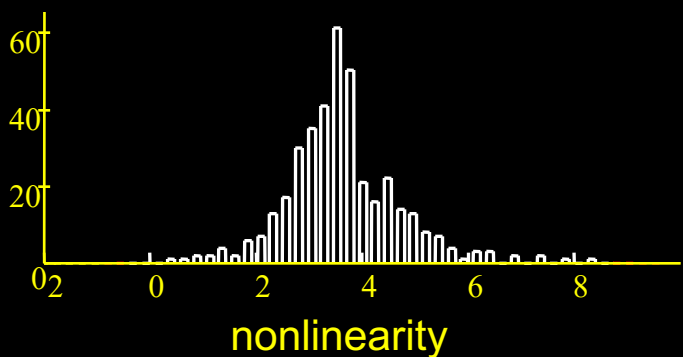
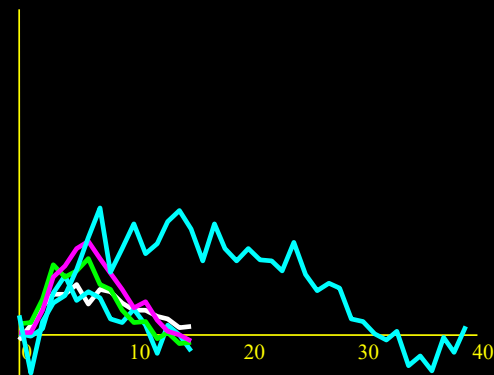
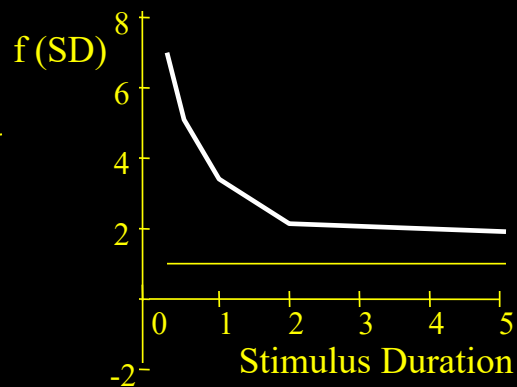
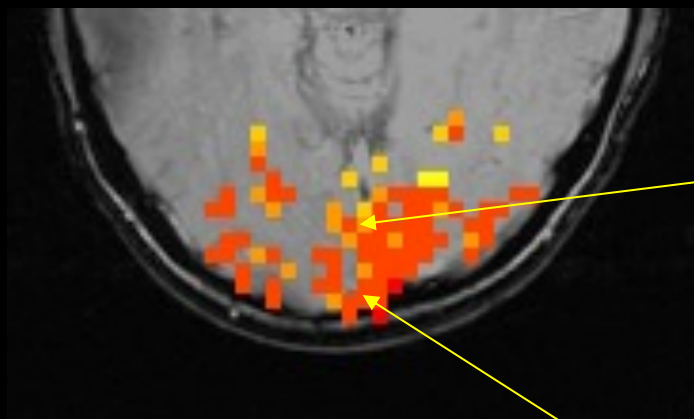
# Dynamic Nonlinearity Assessment

## Different stimulus “ON” periods



*Brief stimuli produce larger responses than expected*

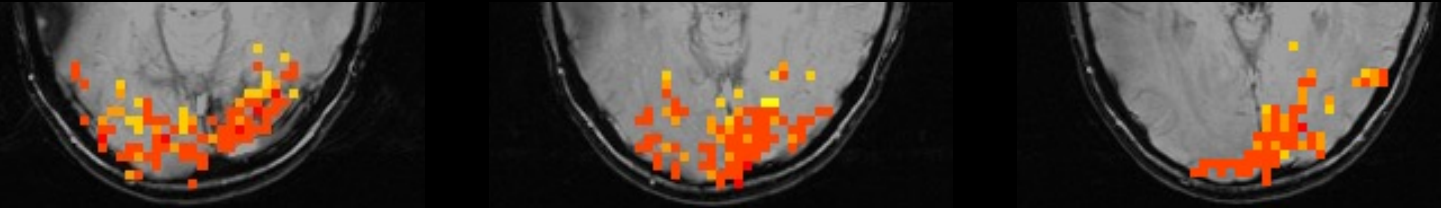
# Spatial Heterogeneity of BOLD Nonlinearity



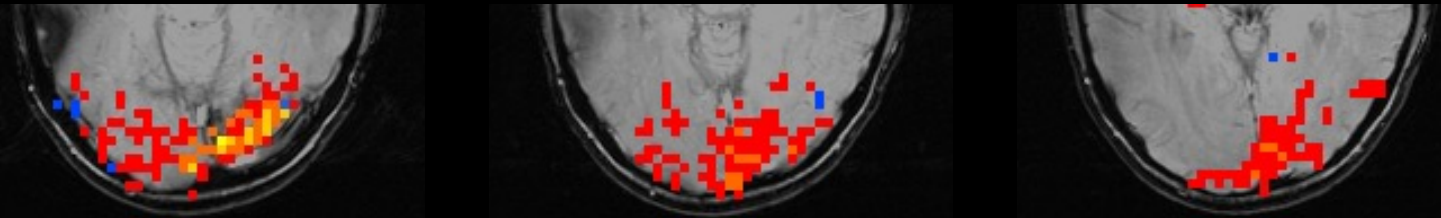
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# Results – visual task

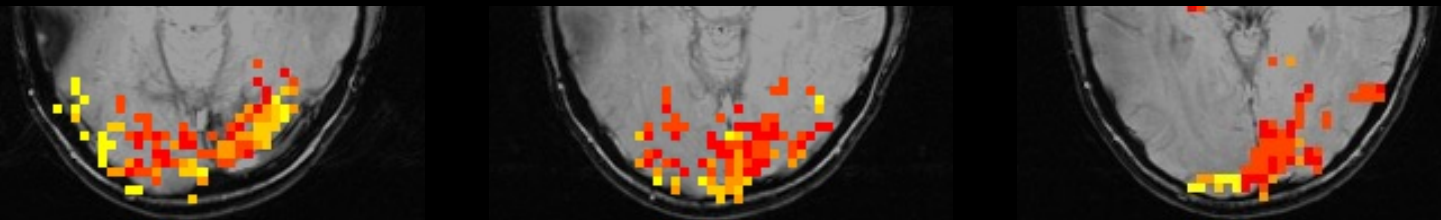
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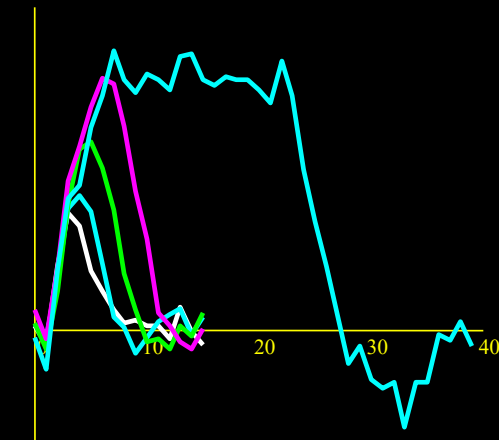
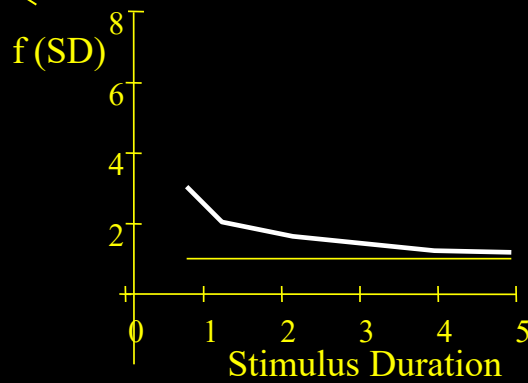
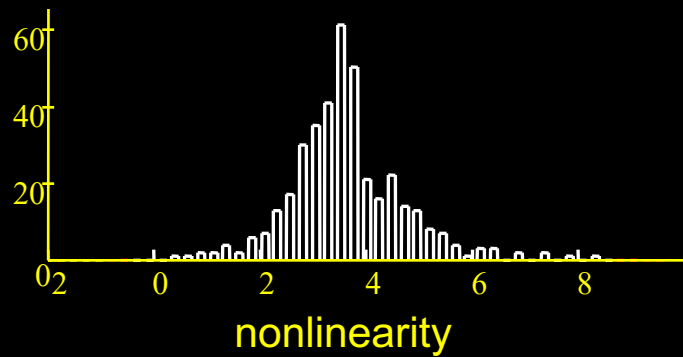
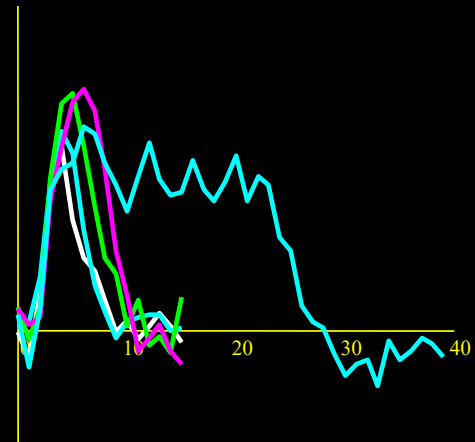
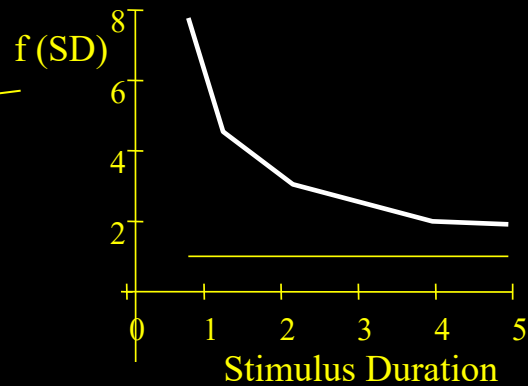
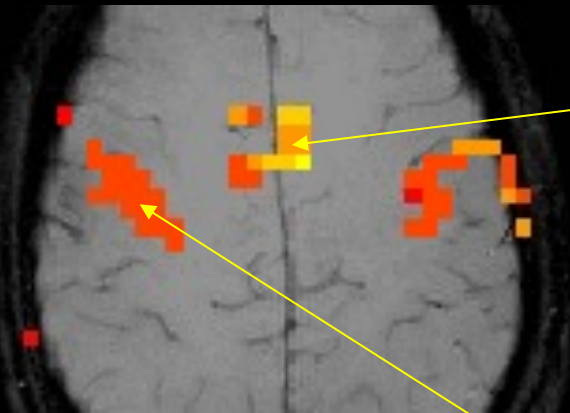
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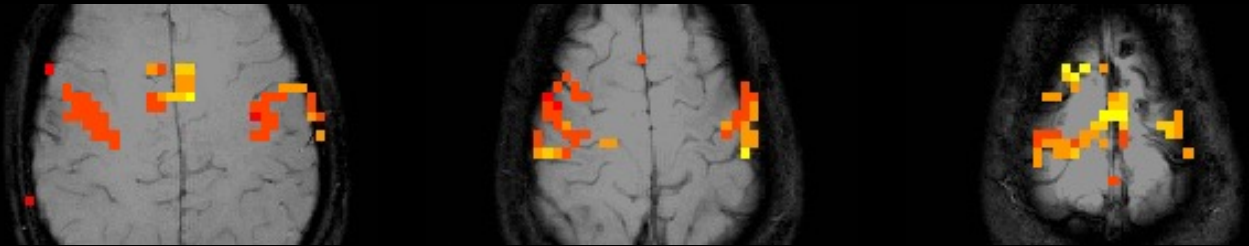


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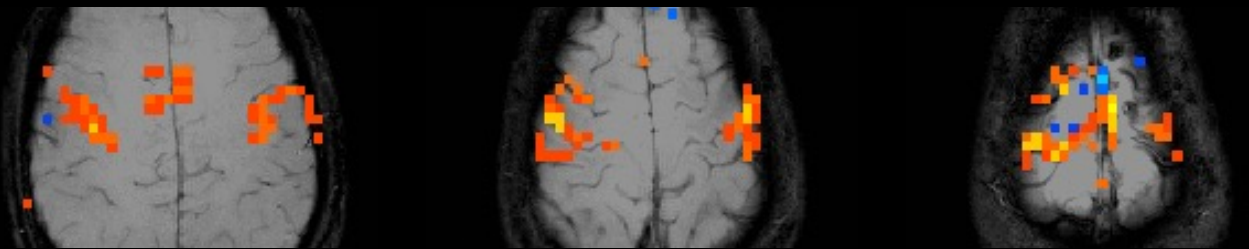


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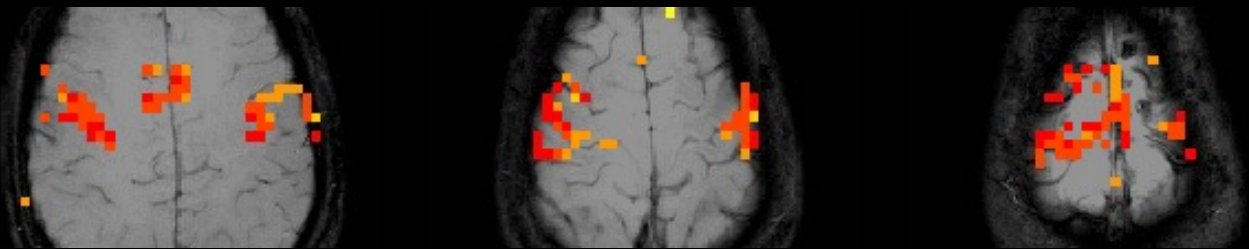
Nonlinearity



Magnitude

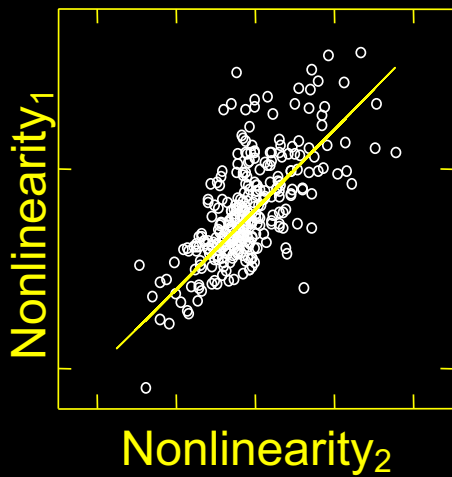


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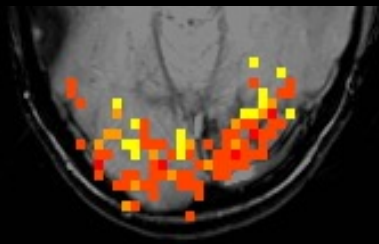
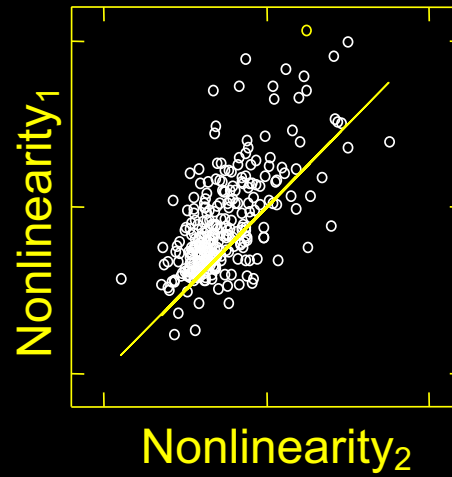


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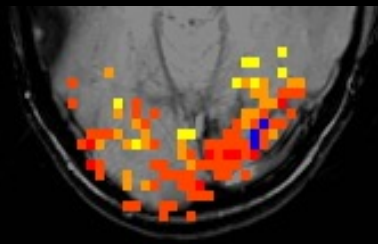
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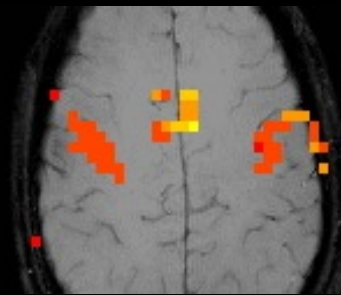
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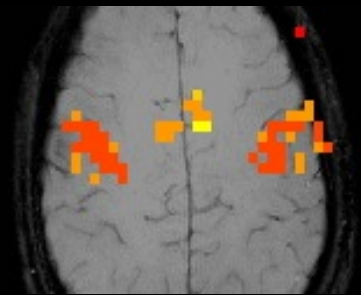
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Experiment 2



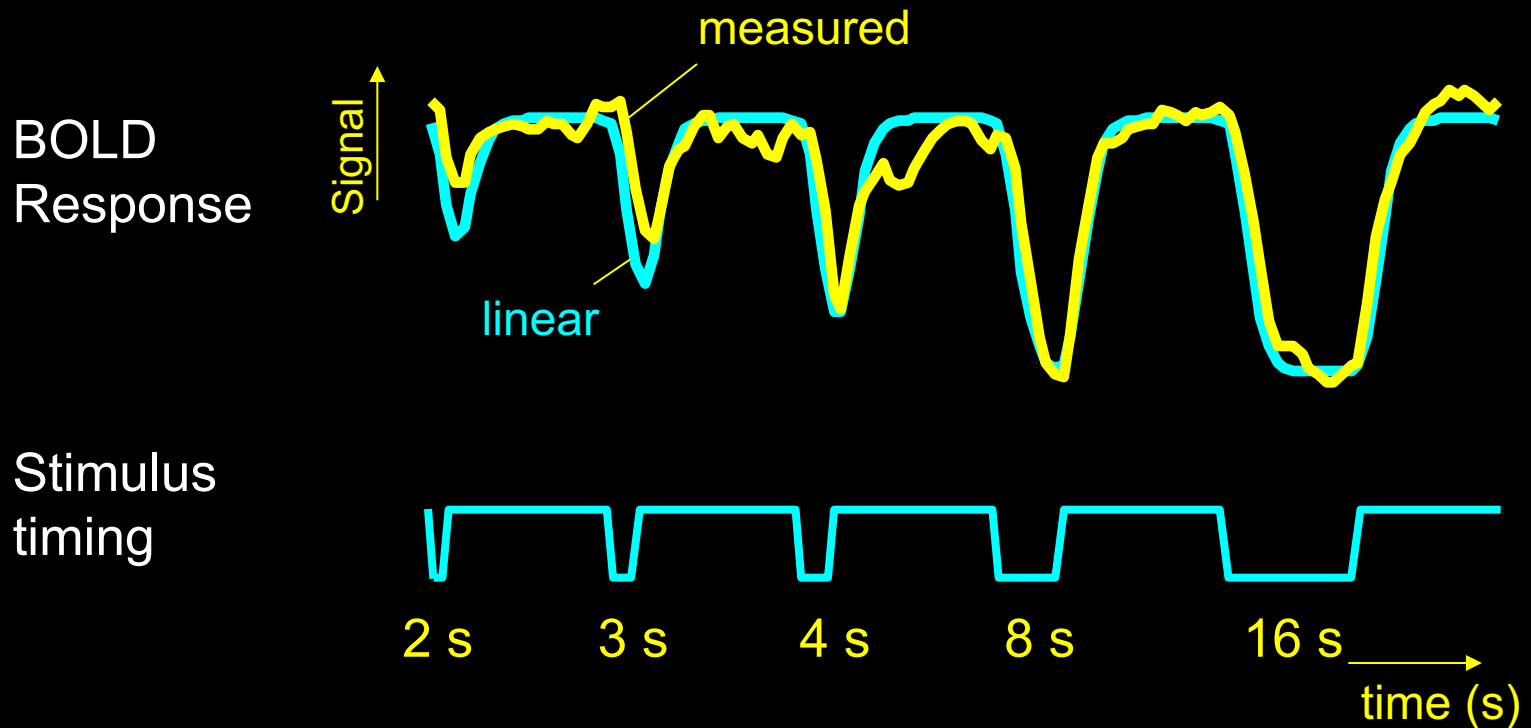
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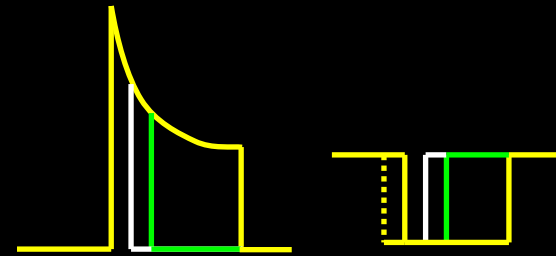
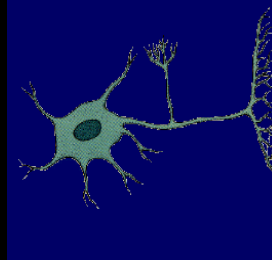
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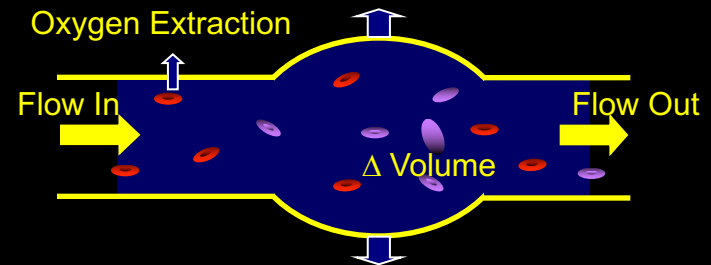
# Sources of this Nonlinearity

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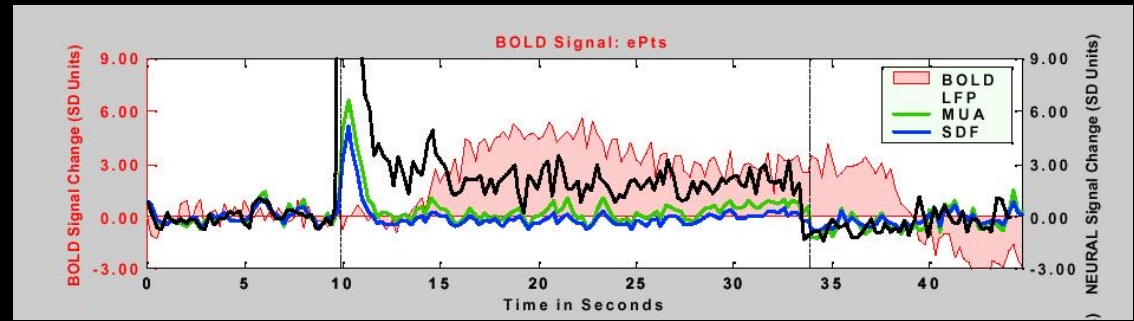
- Hemodynamic

- Oxygen extraction
- Blood volume dynamics

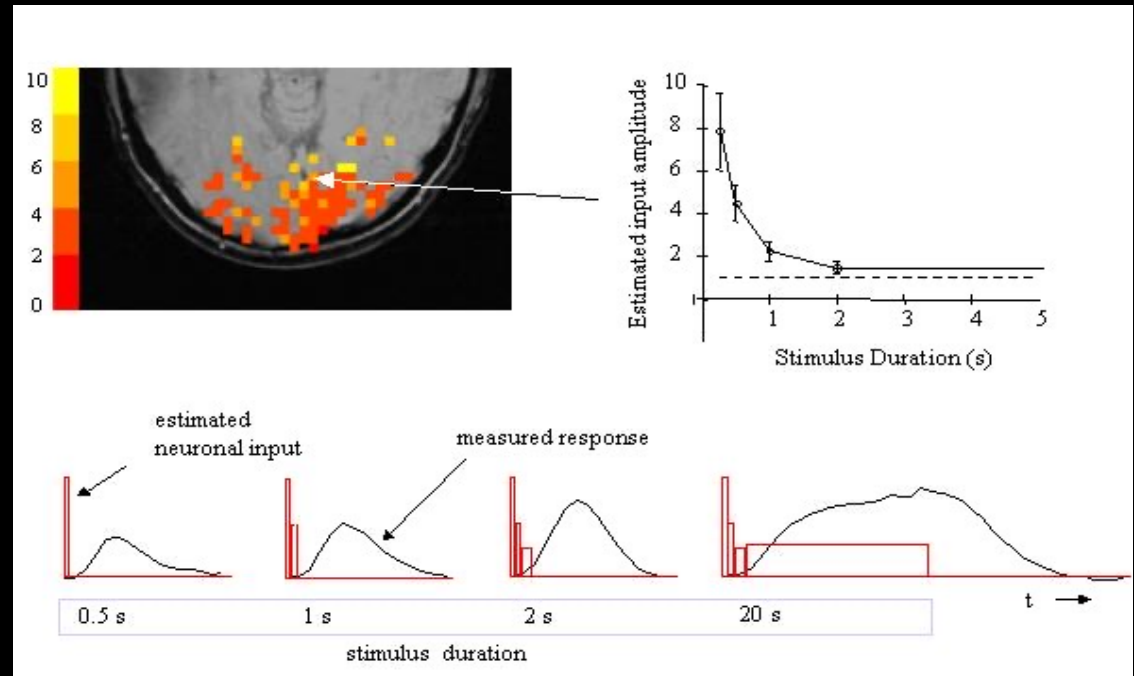


# BOLD Correlation with Neuronal Activity

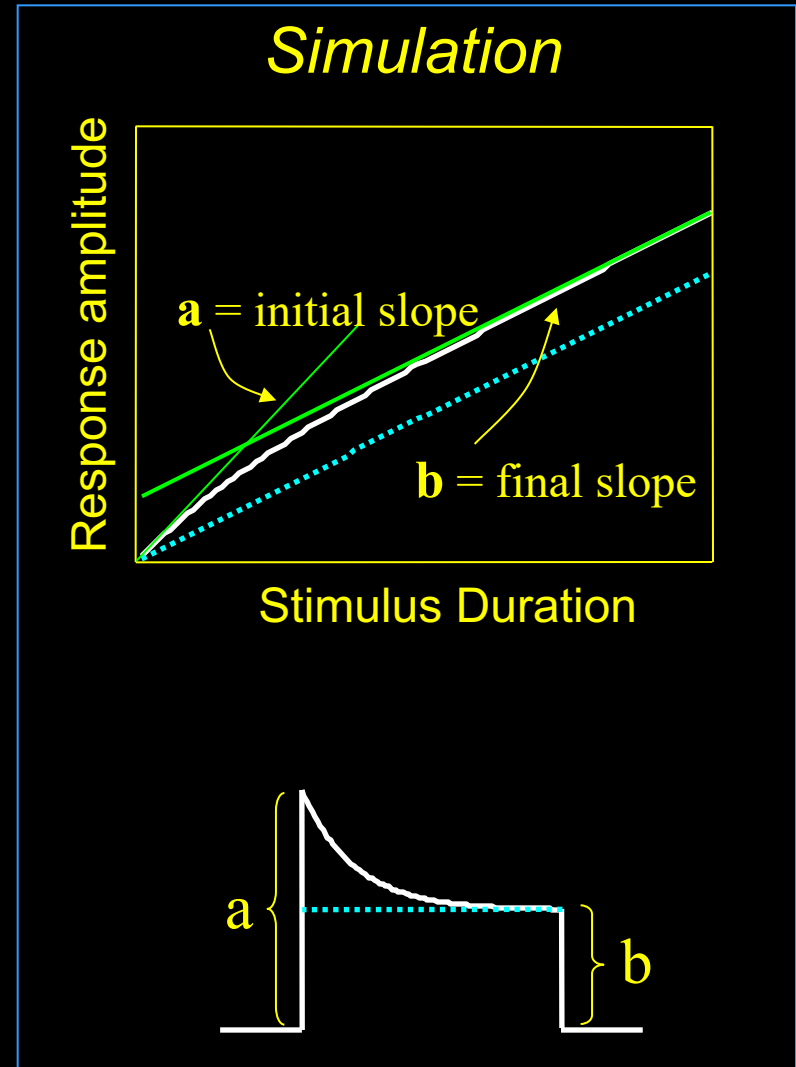
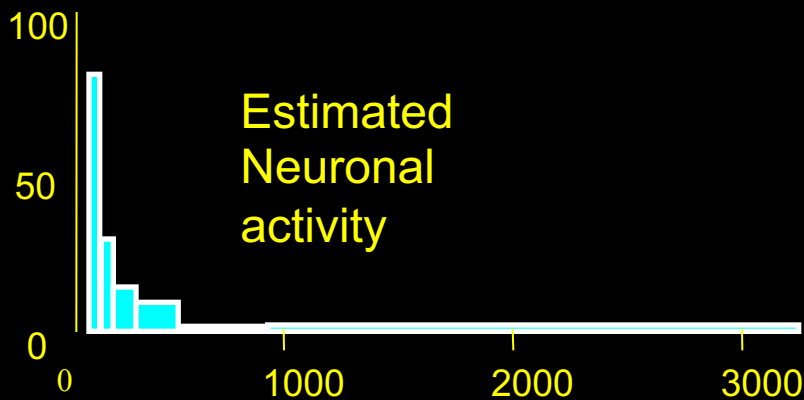
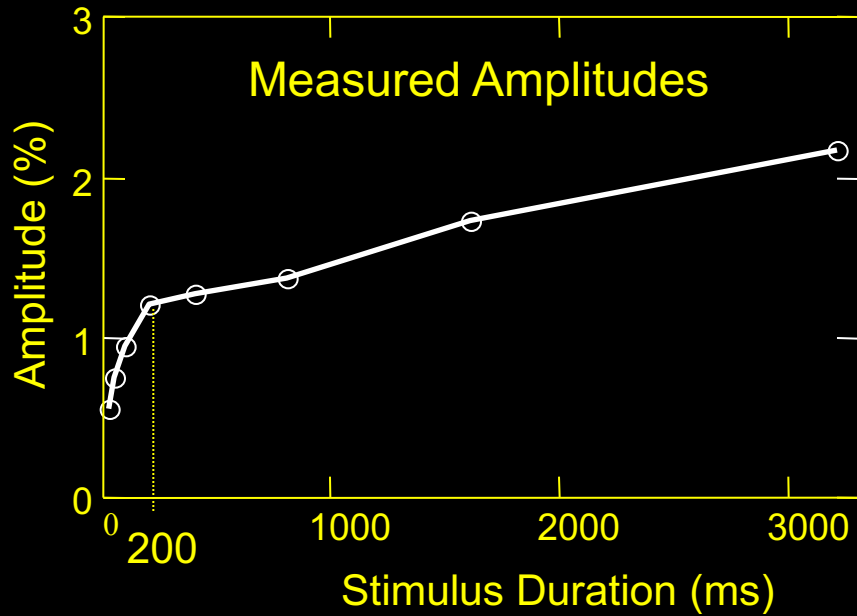
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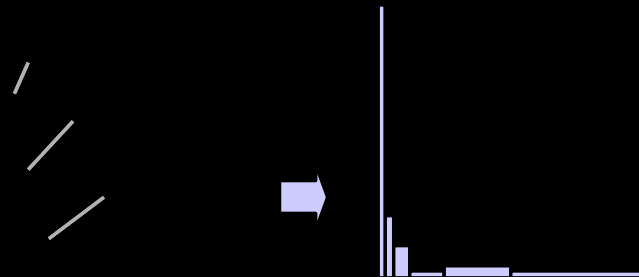
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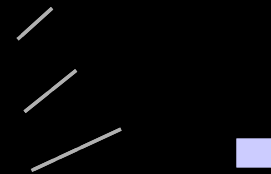
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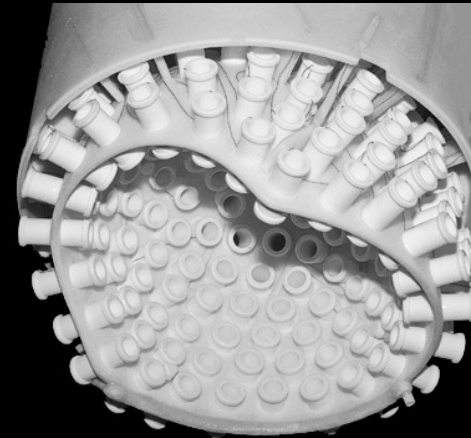
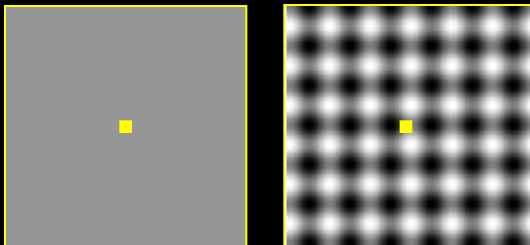


Contrast-reversing checkerboard

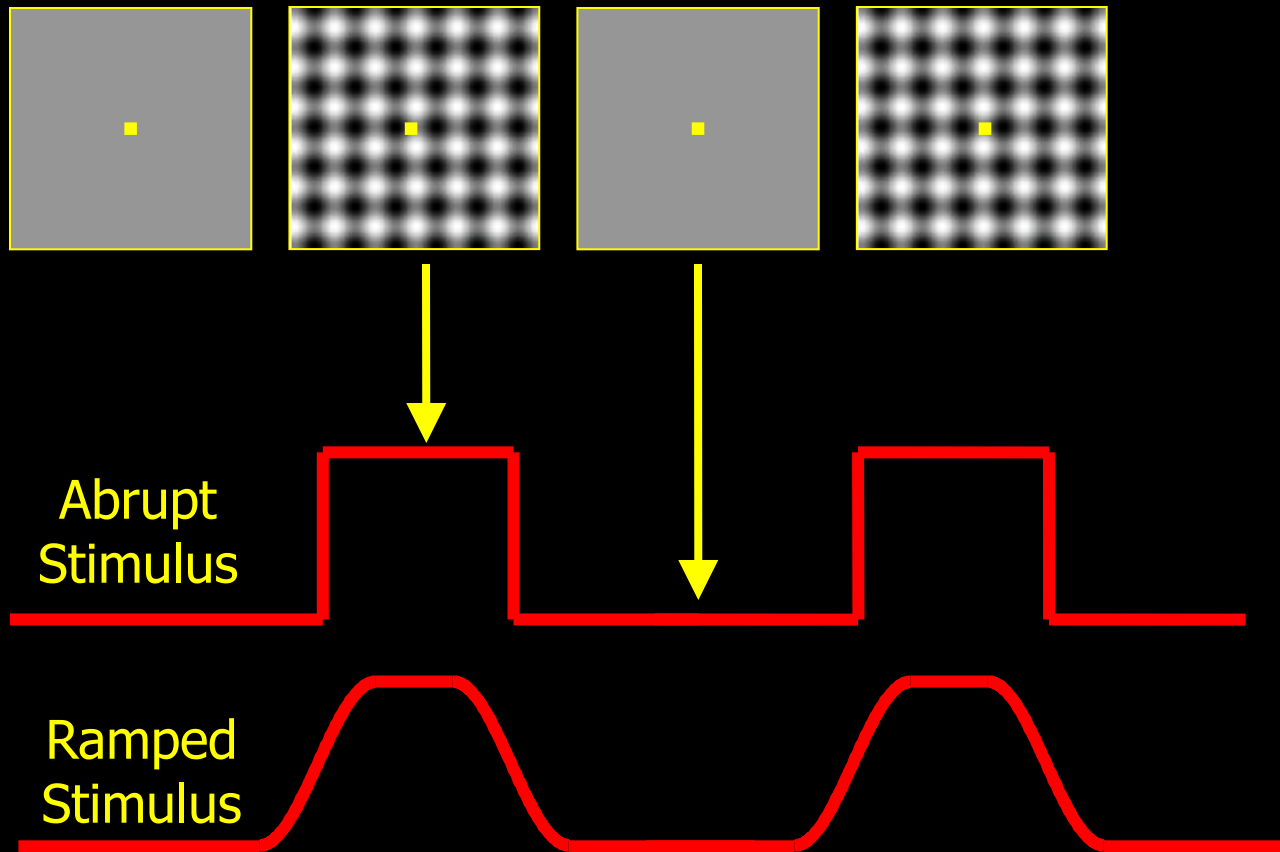


# MEG and Ramped Stimulus

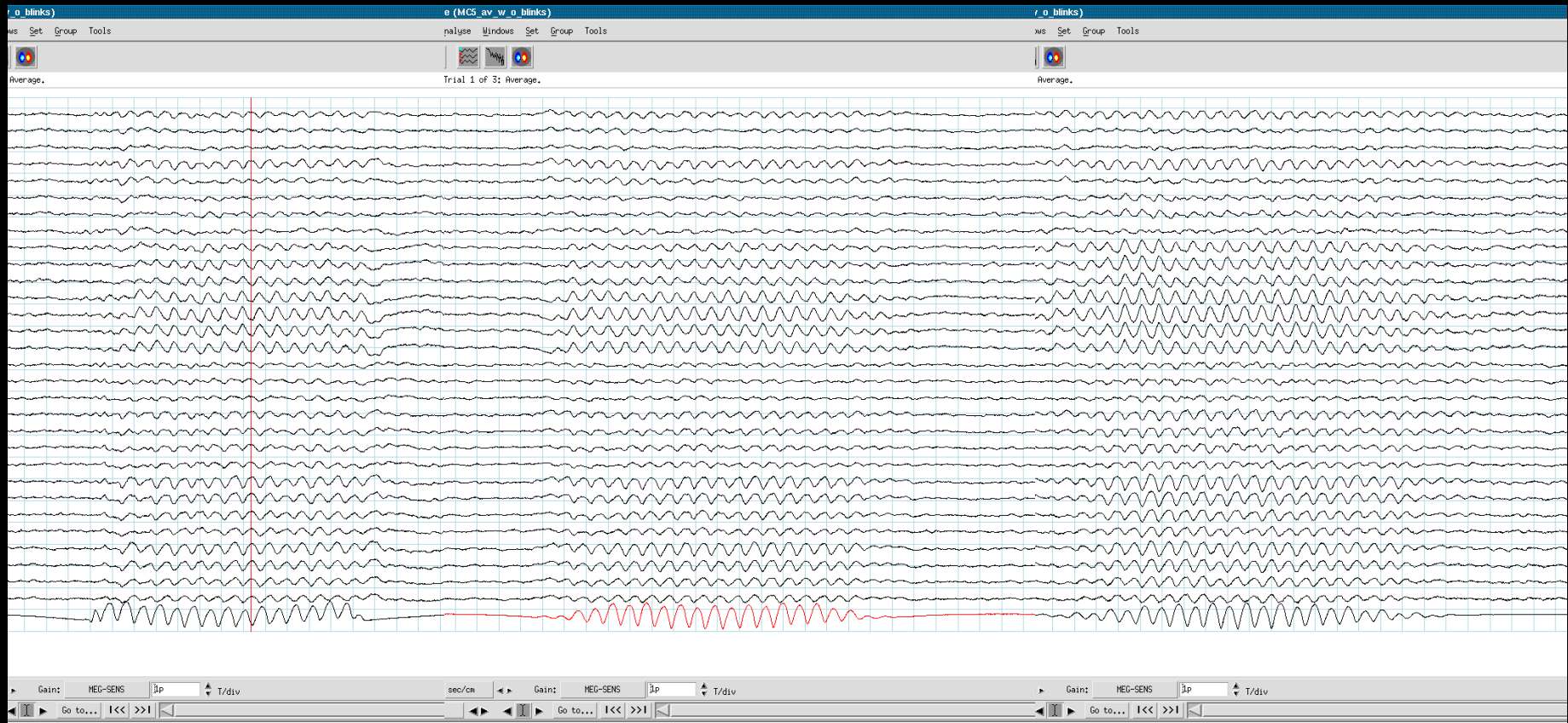
- 6 subjects
- SD: 1 or 2 seconds
- Ramp: 0, 0.5, 1 second
- 8 Hz Counterphase-modulated checkerboards
- Fixation without task
  - No blinking point
- 45 repeats
- 3 sec ISI
- 275 channels
- 600 Hz



# MEG – Ramped stimuli



# Composite – 1 second Stimulus Duration

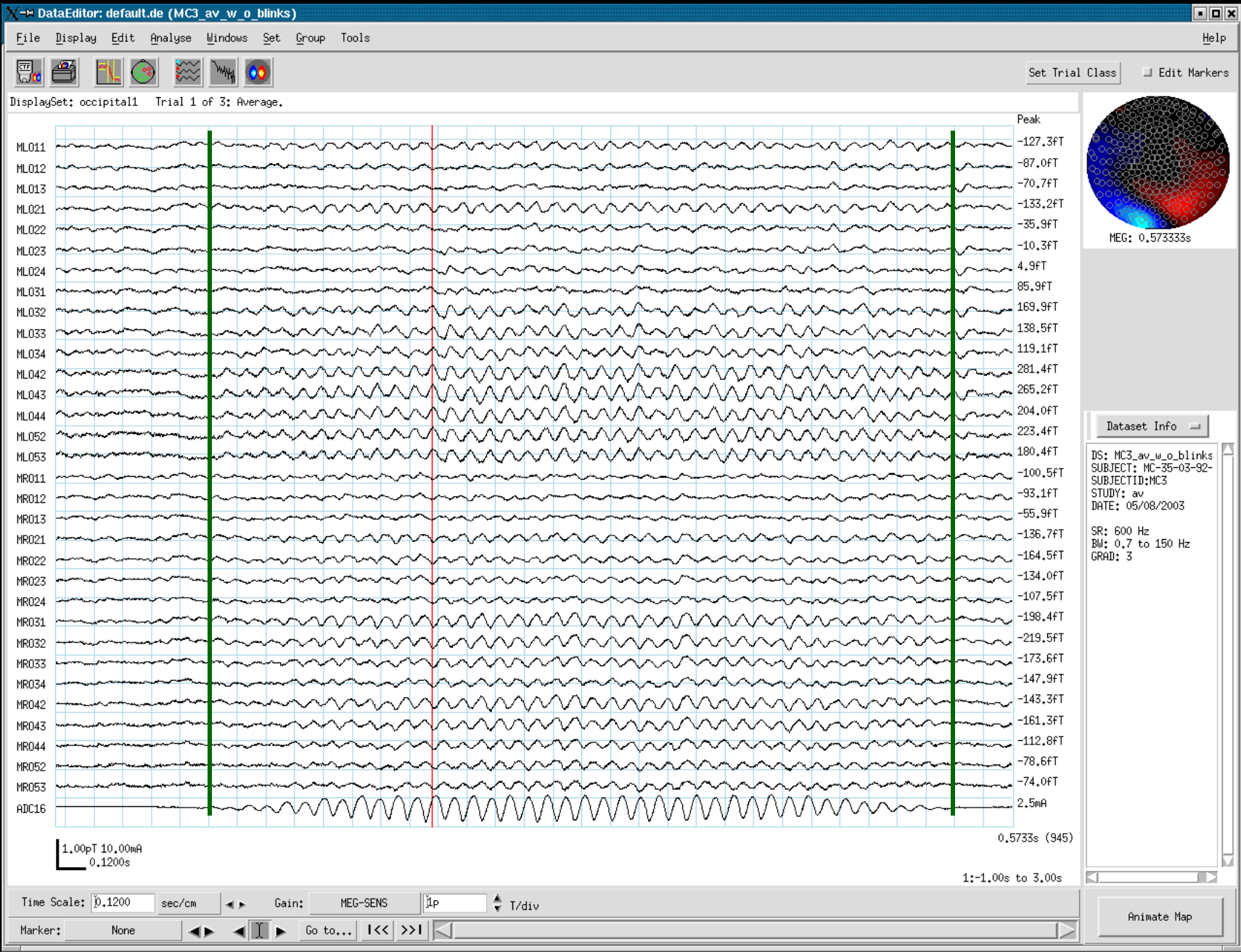


No Ramp

0.5 second Ramp

1 second Ramp



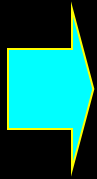
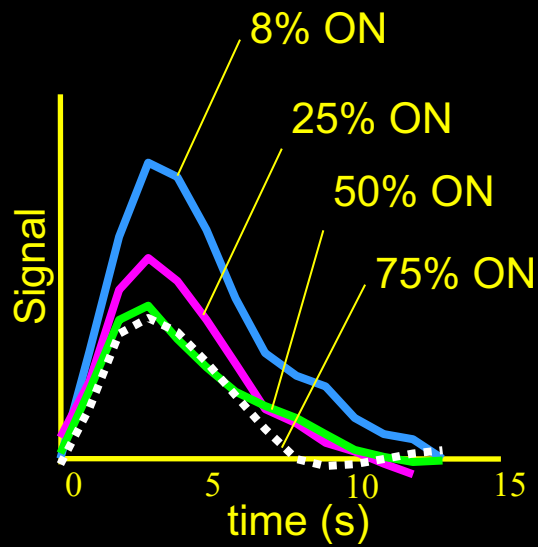


# Duty cycle effect....

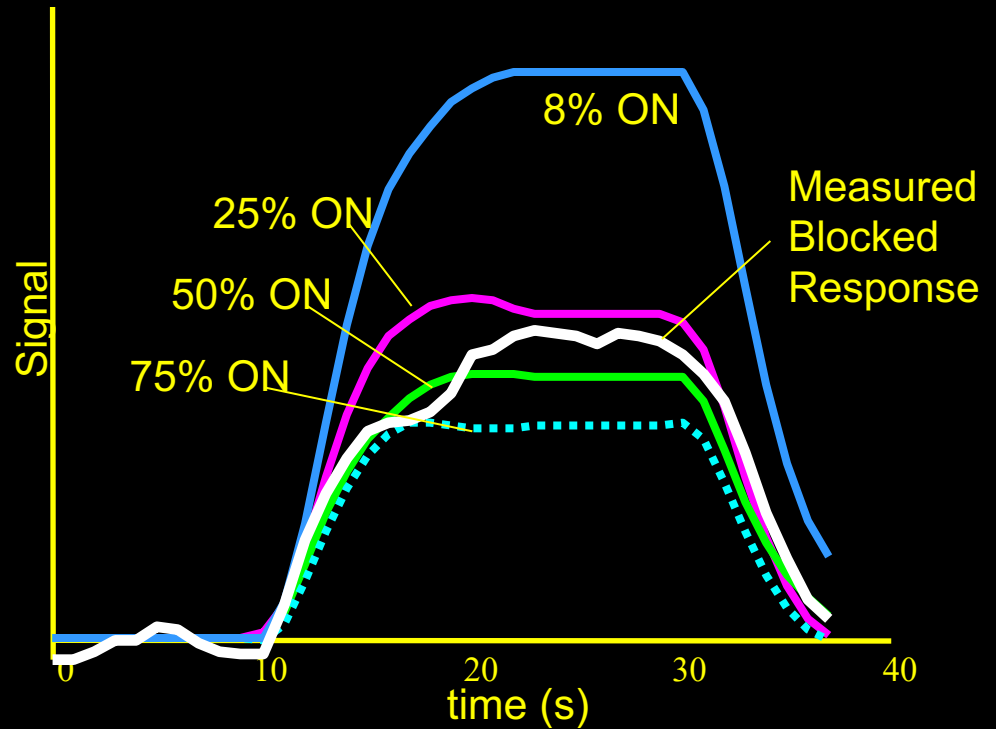
*Rapid event-related design with varying ISI*



*Estimated  
Impulse Response*



*Predicted Responses  
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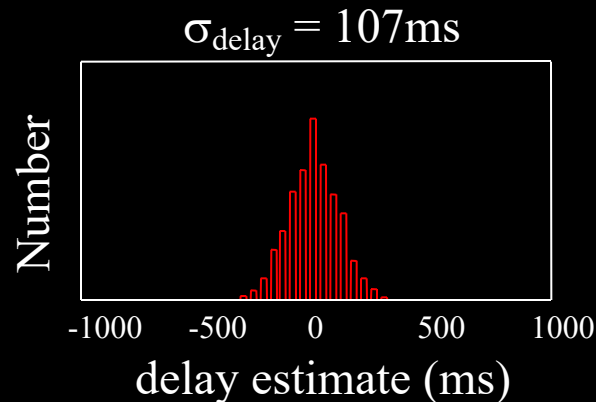
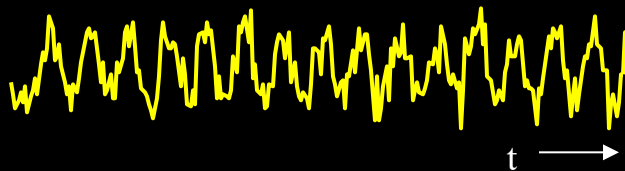


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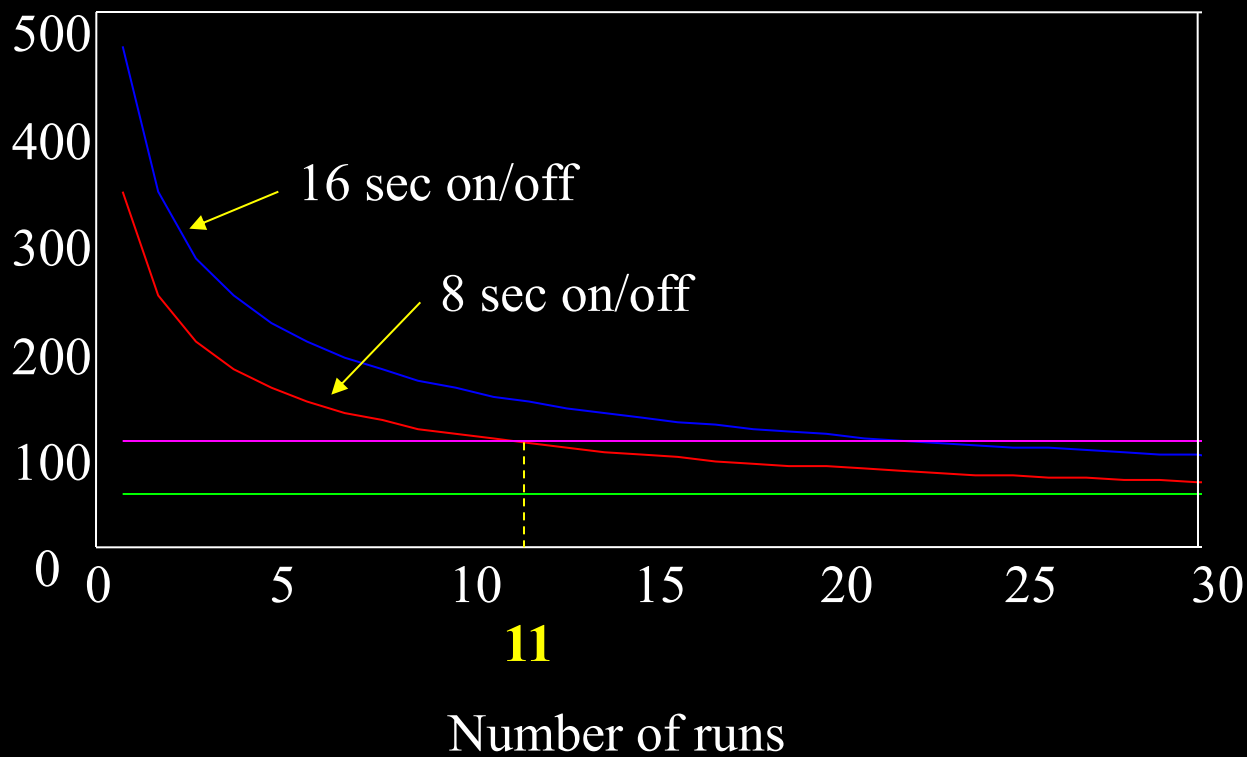
- Event-related developments
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1 run:

1% Noise  
4% BOLD  
256 time pts /run  
1 second TR



Smallest latency  
Variation Detectable  
(ms) ( $p < 0.001$ )

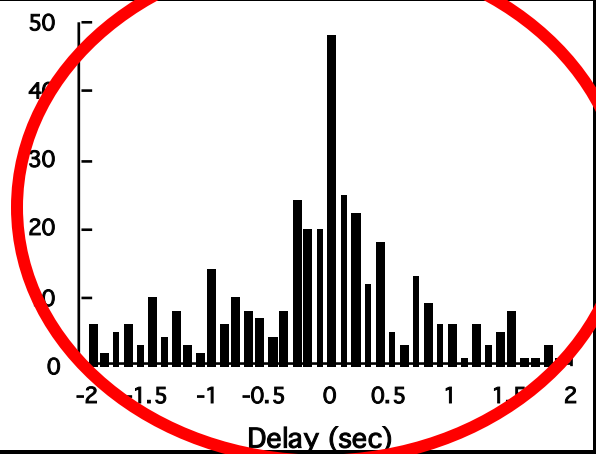
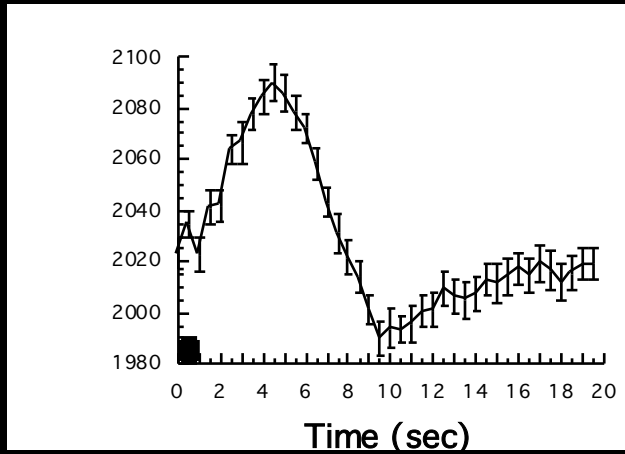
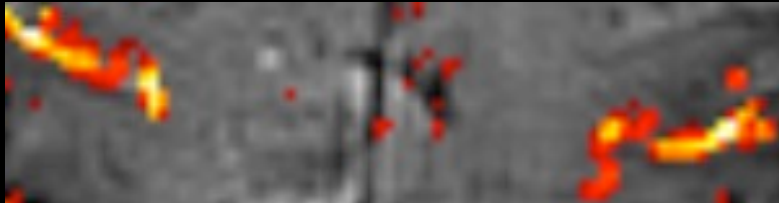
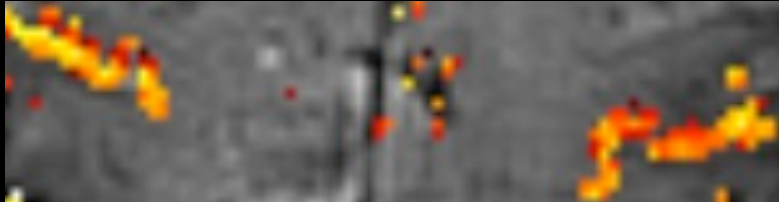


The major obstacle in BOLD contrast temporal resolution:

Latency

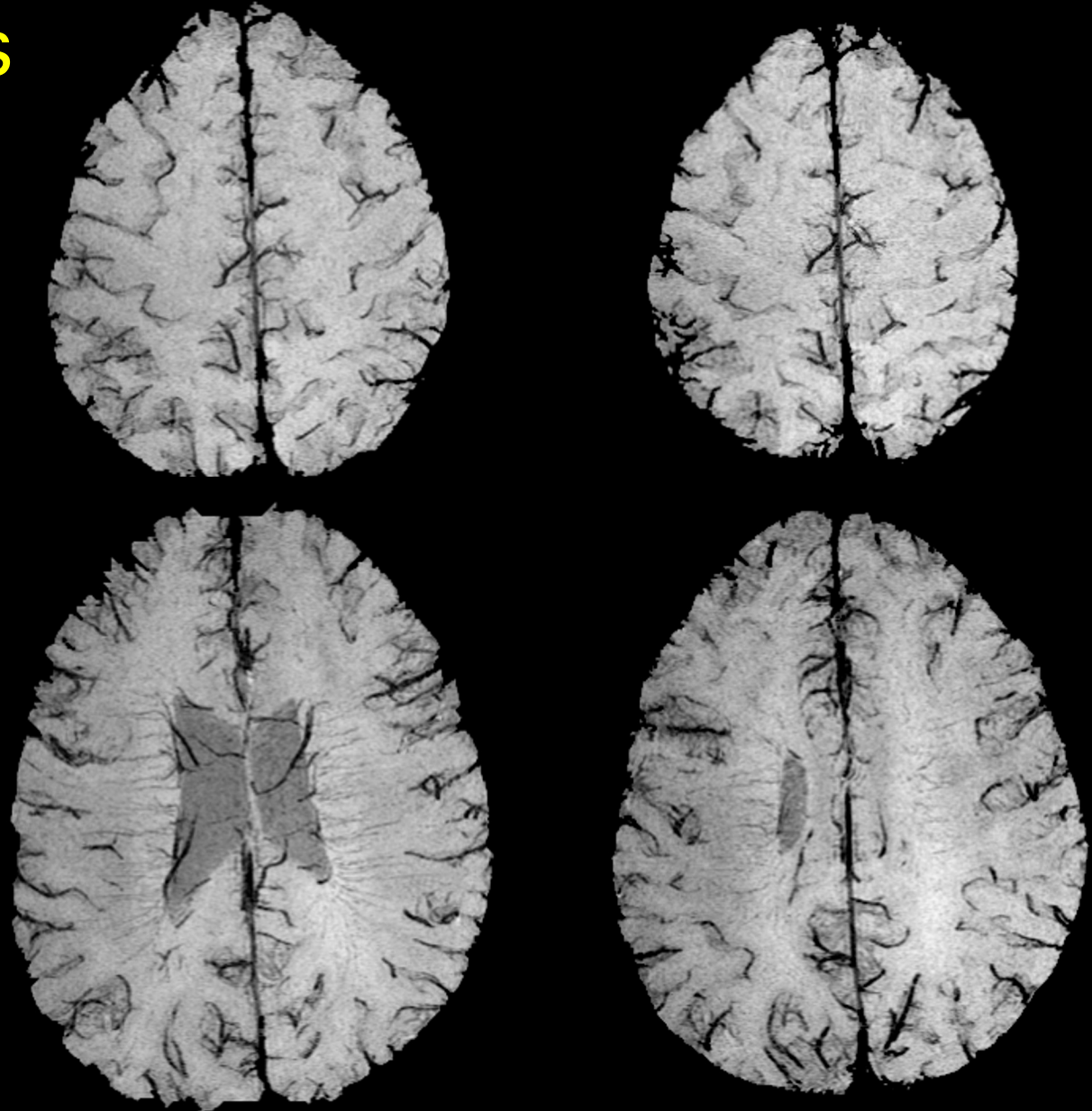
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Venogram

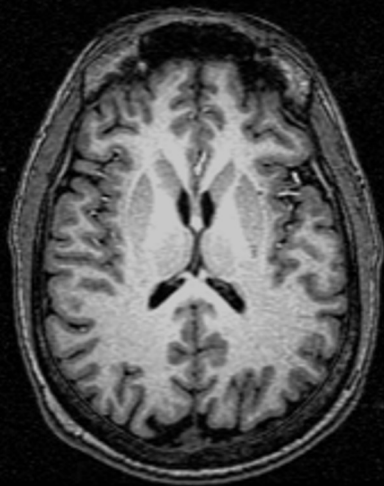


P. A. Bandettini, The temporal resolution of Functional MRI in "Functional MRI" (C. Moonen, and P. Bandettini., Eds.), p. 205-220, Springer - Verlag,. 1999.

A tangent into  
venograms  
(3 Tesla)



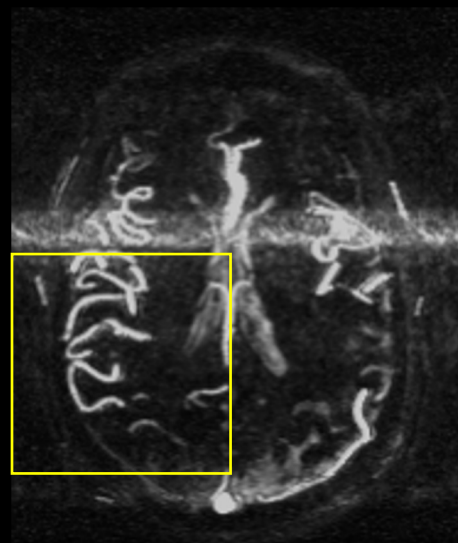




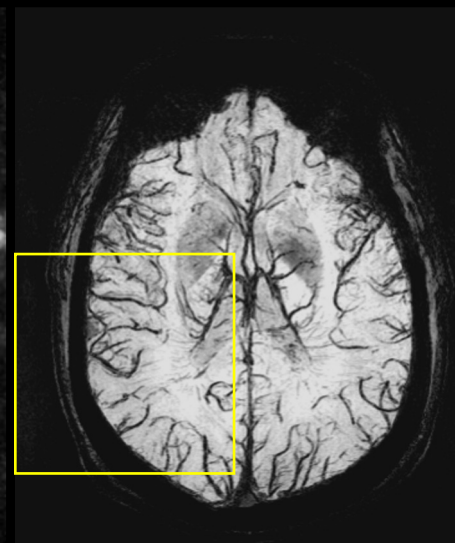
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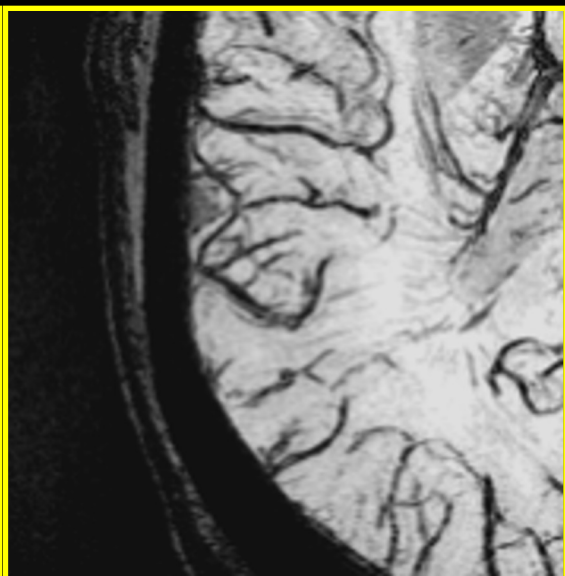
**3D T-O-F MRA**



**3D Venous PC**

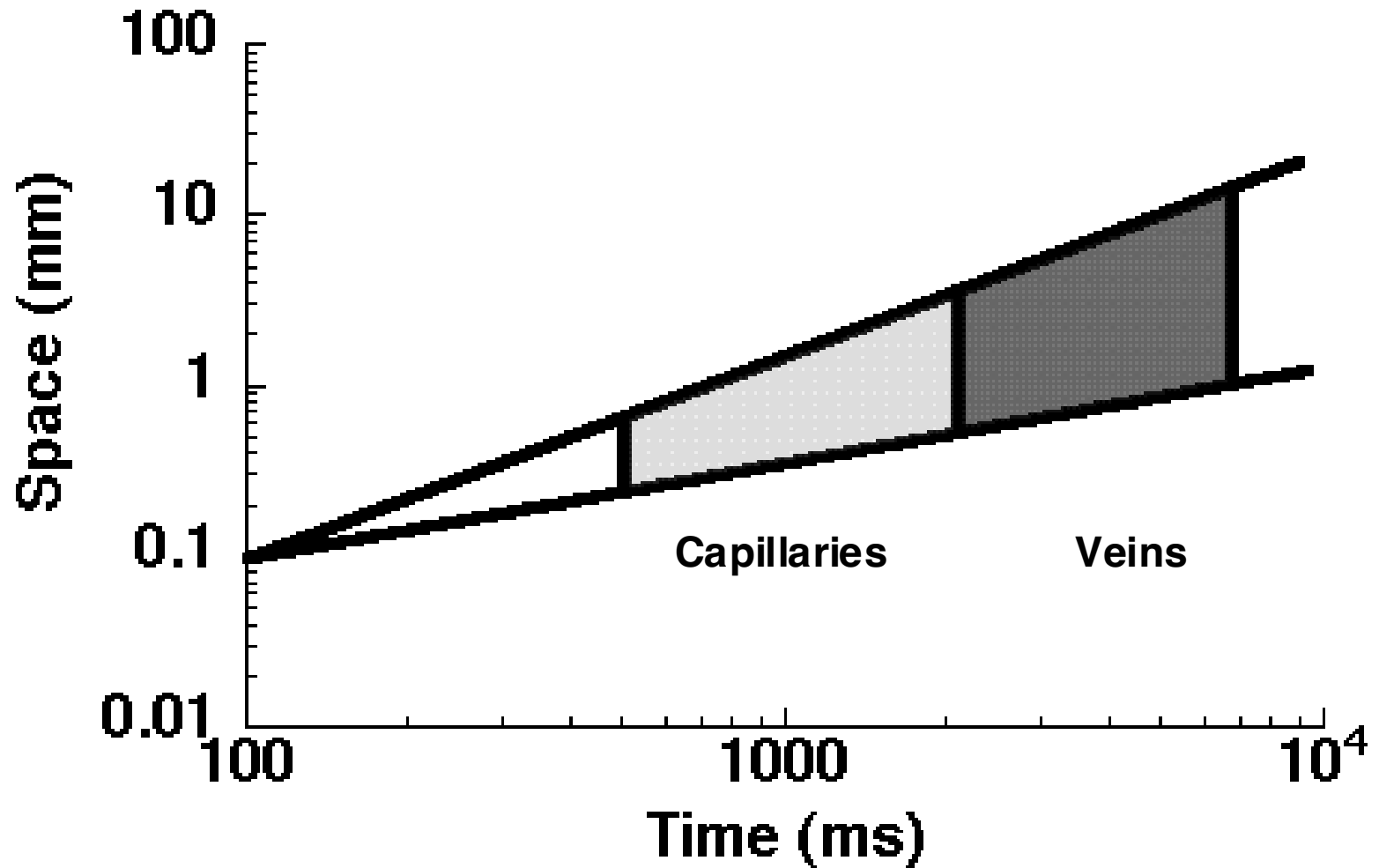


**MR Venogram**





# Hemodynamic Latency and Variability Following Neuronal Activation

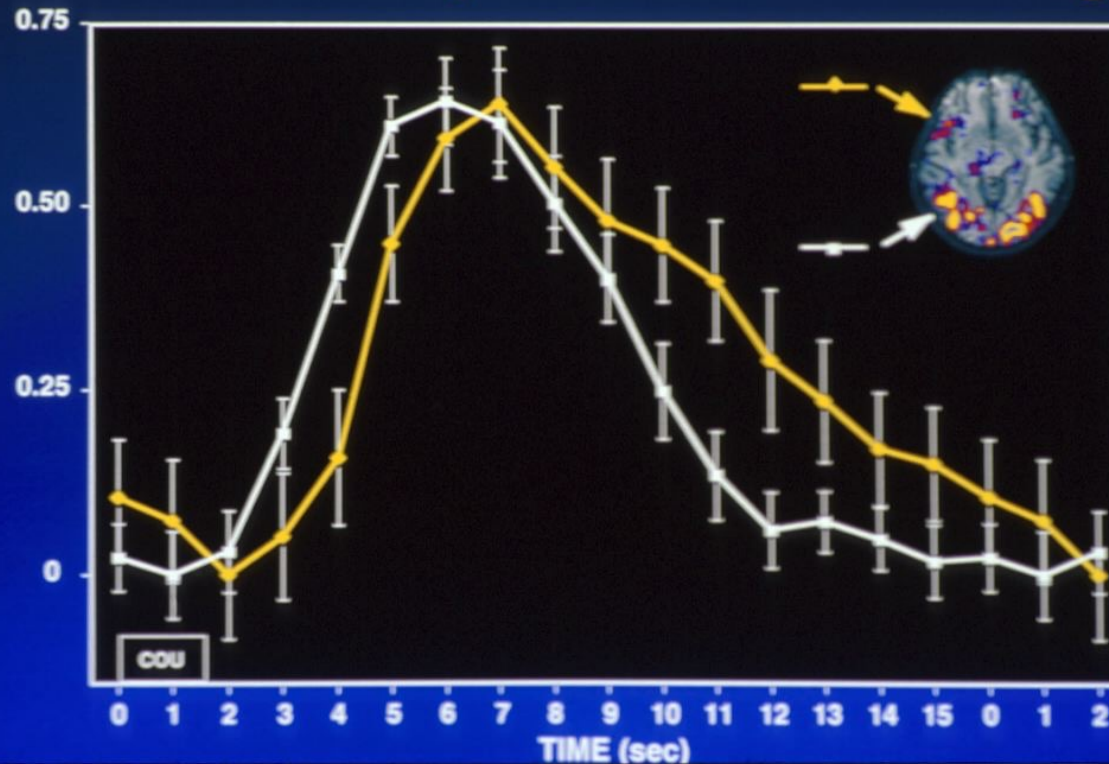


## Detection of cortical activation during averaged single trials of a cognitive task using functional magnetic resonance imaging

(neuroimaging/single trial/language/prefrontal)

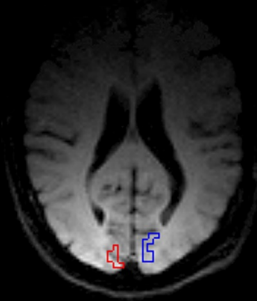
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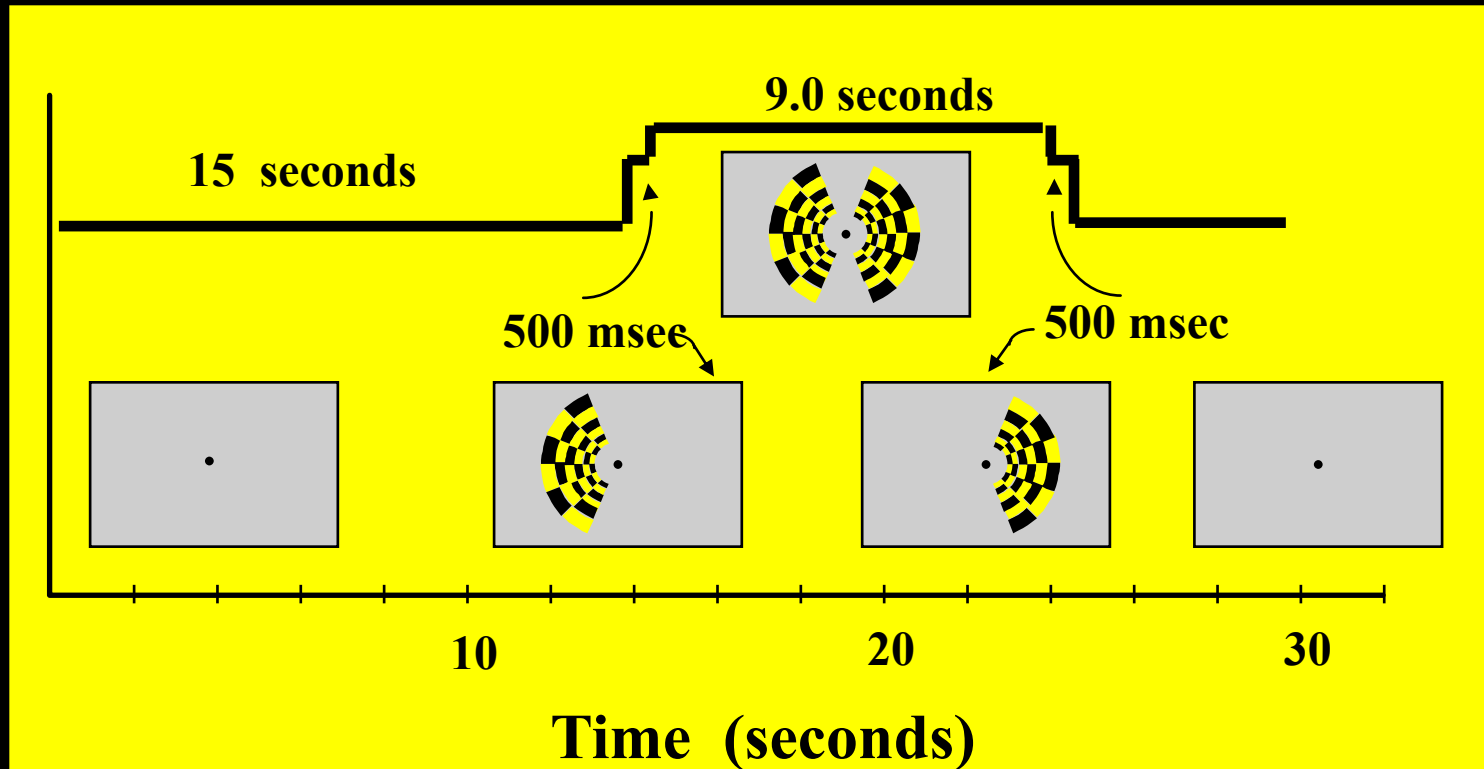


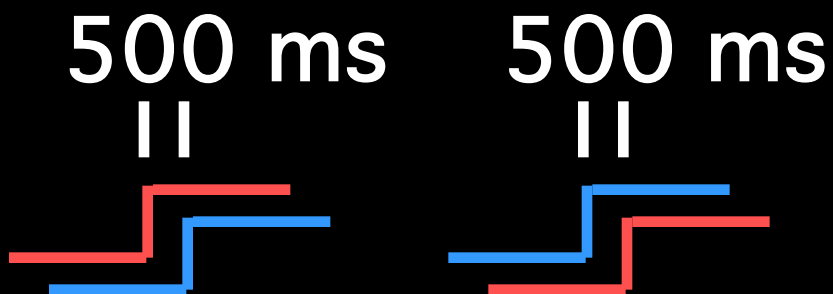
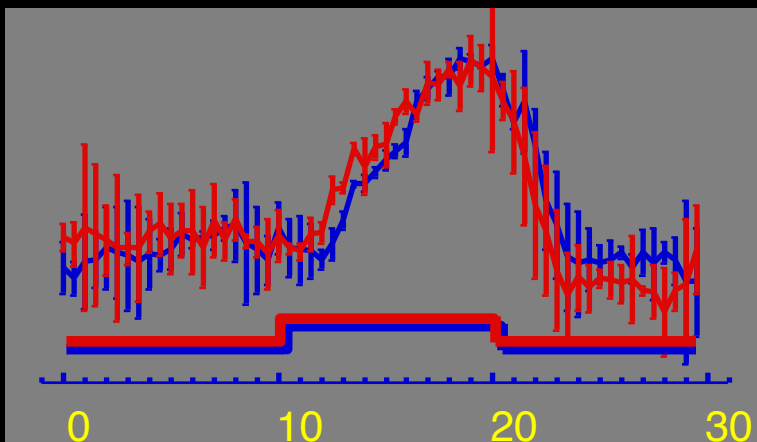
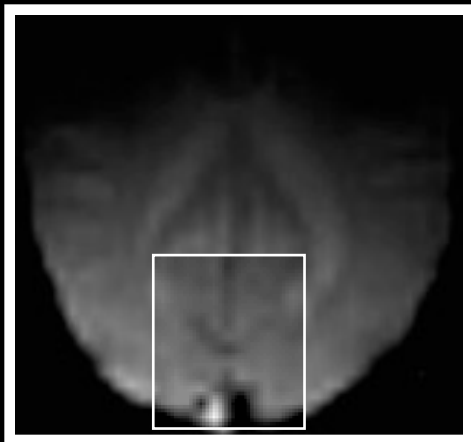
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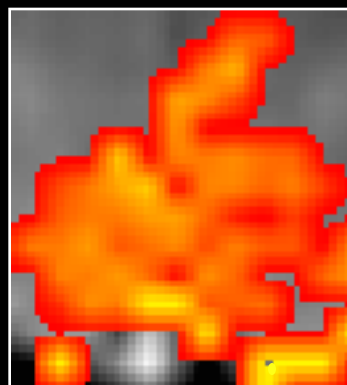
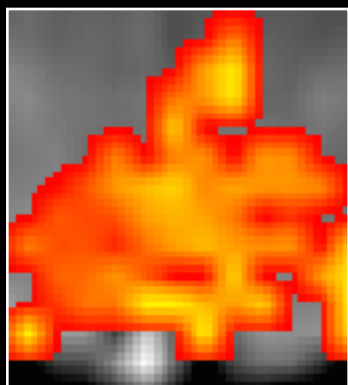


**Left Hemisphere**

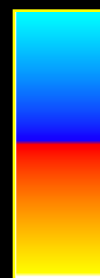
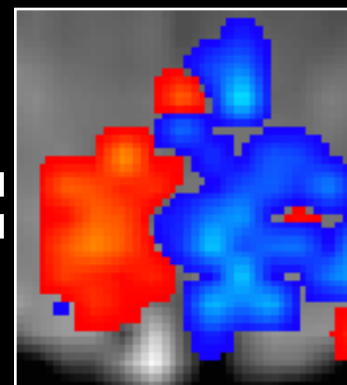




Right Hemifield  
Left Hemifield



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# Cognitive Neuroscience Application:

## Understanding neural system dynamics through task modulation and measurement of functional MRI amplitude, latency, and width

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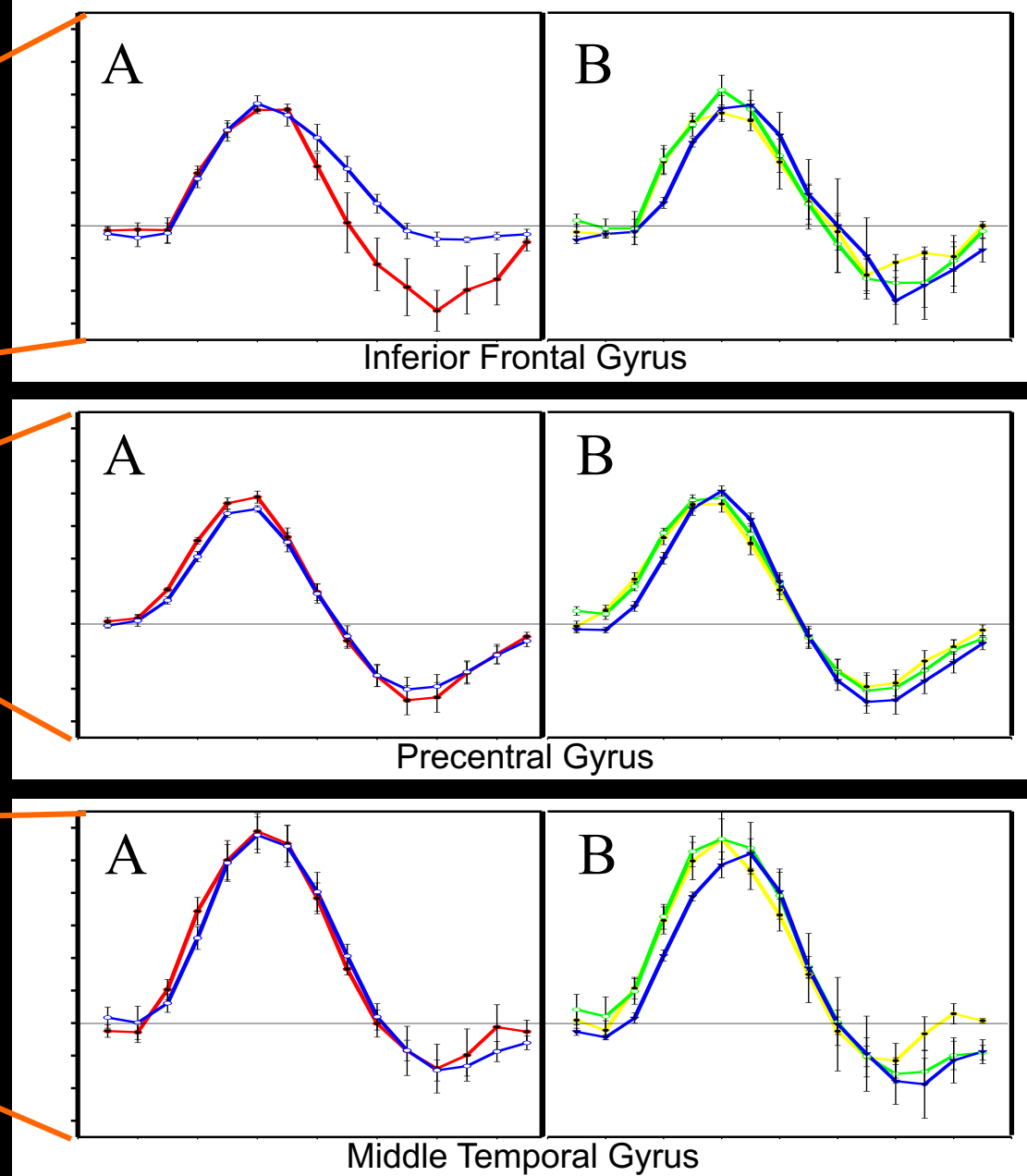
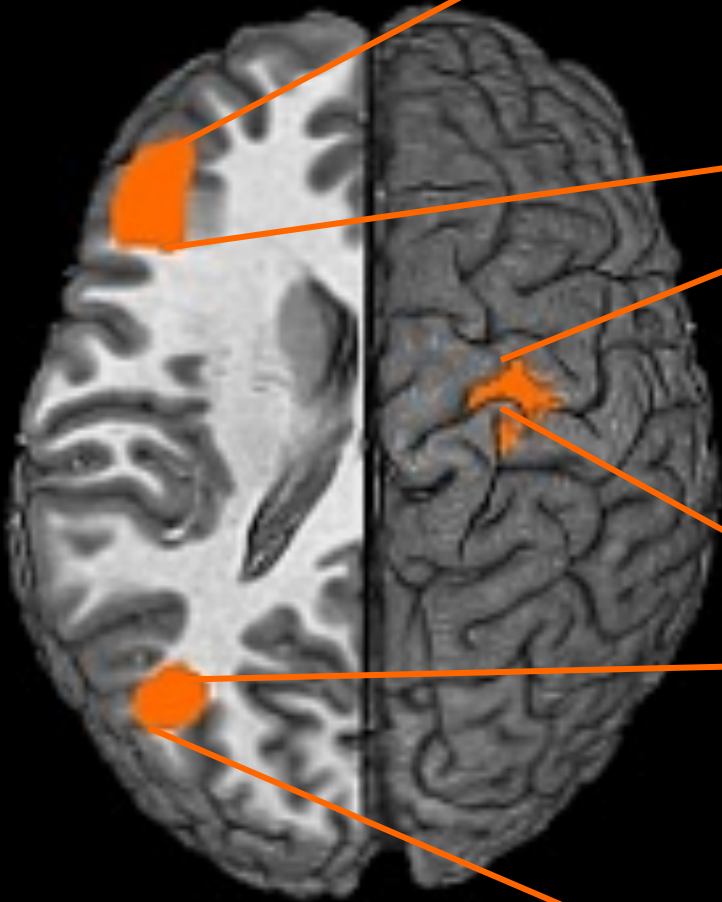
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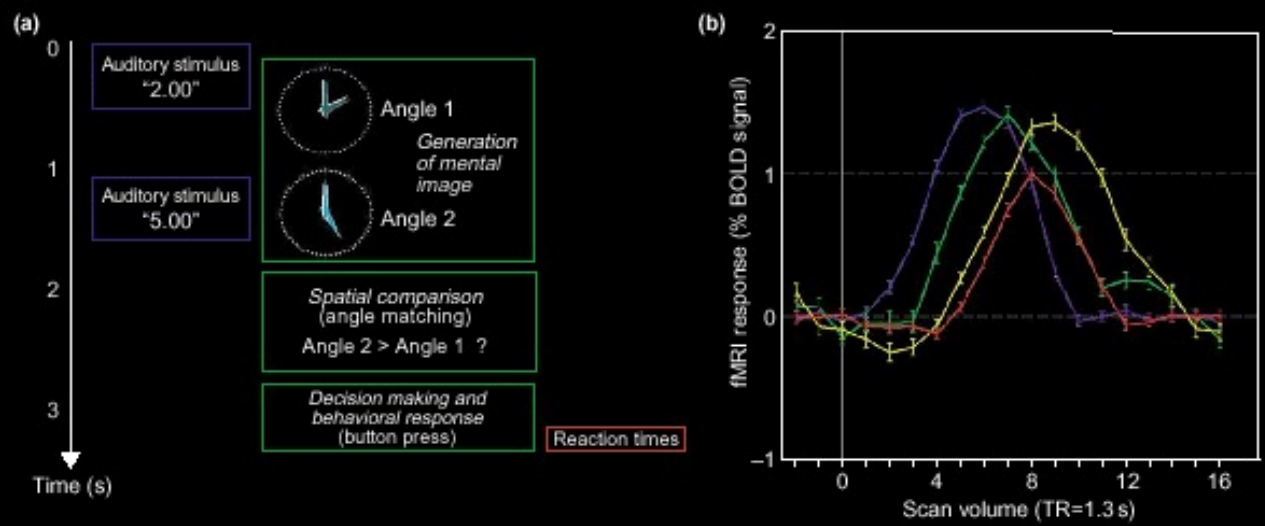
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		Lexical Delay		
		Words	Non-Words	Mean Reaction Time
Rotational Delay	0°	smudge	dierts	823 ms
	60°	frollic	cuhlos	891 ms
	120°	sloach	gednus	1446 ms
Mean Reaction Time		986 ms	1219 ms	

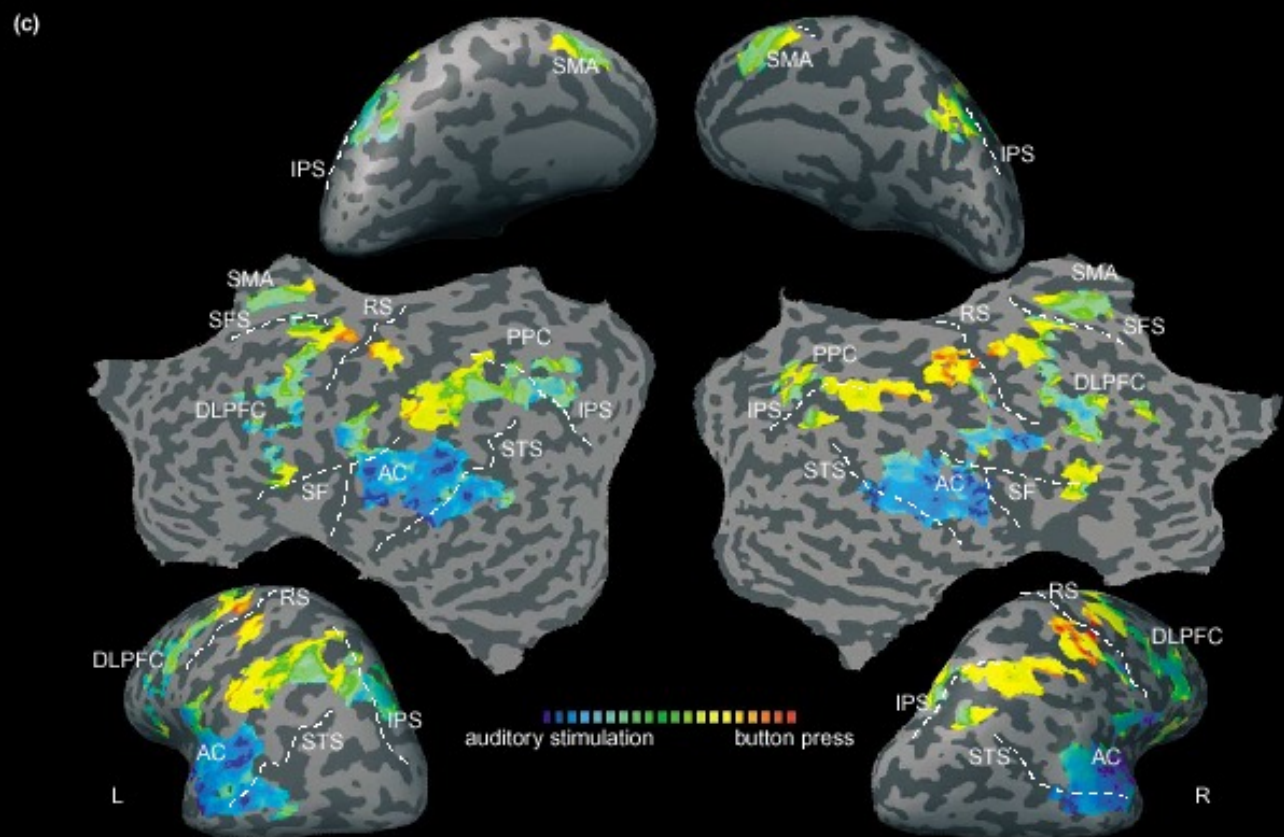
**Word vs. Non-word**    **0°, 60°, 120° Rotation**

**Regions of Interest**





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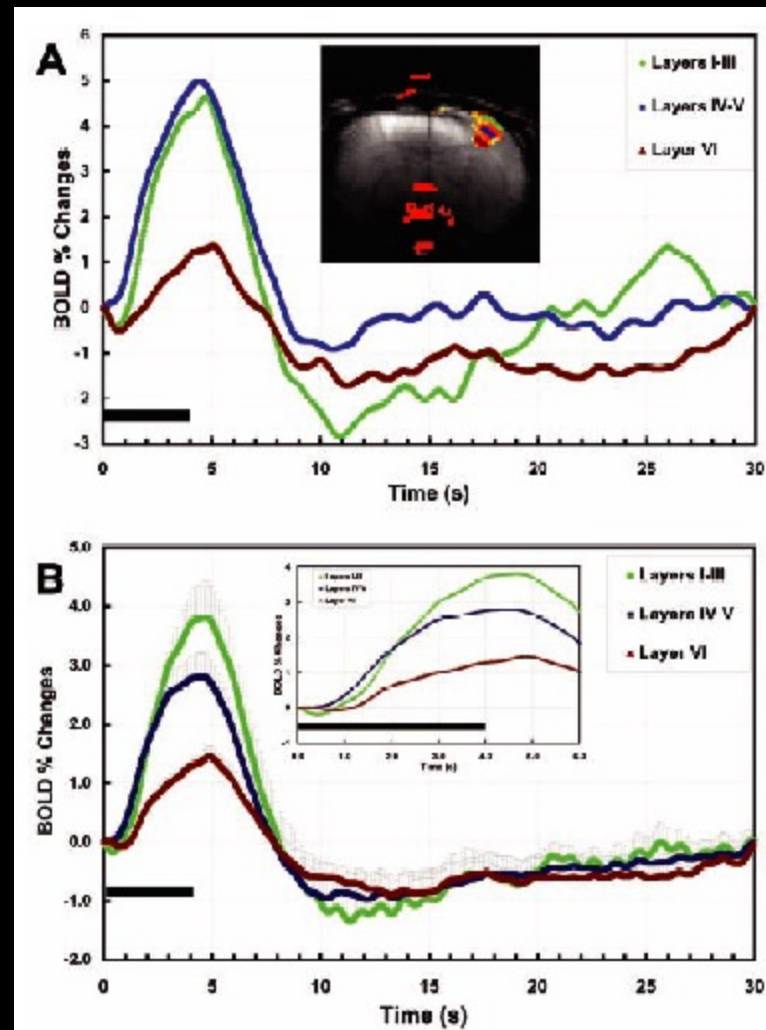
# Laminar specificity of functional MRI onset times during somatosensory stimulation in rat

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11.7 T



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# The spatial extent of the BOLD response

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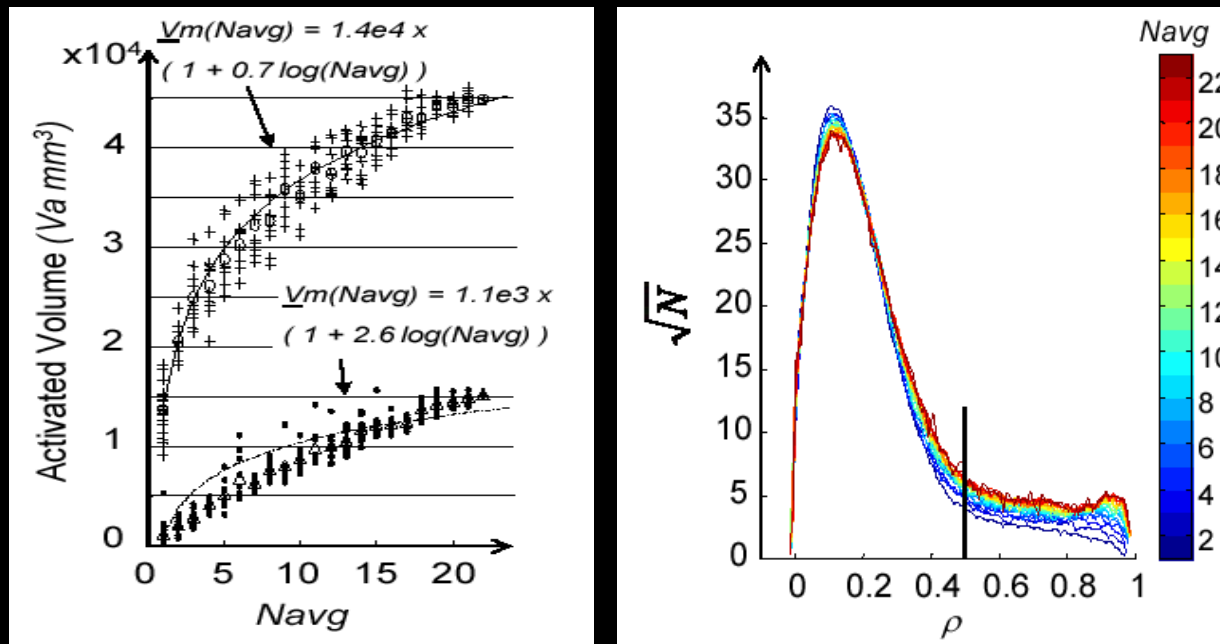
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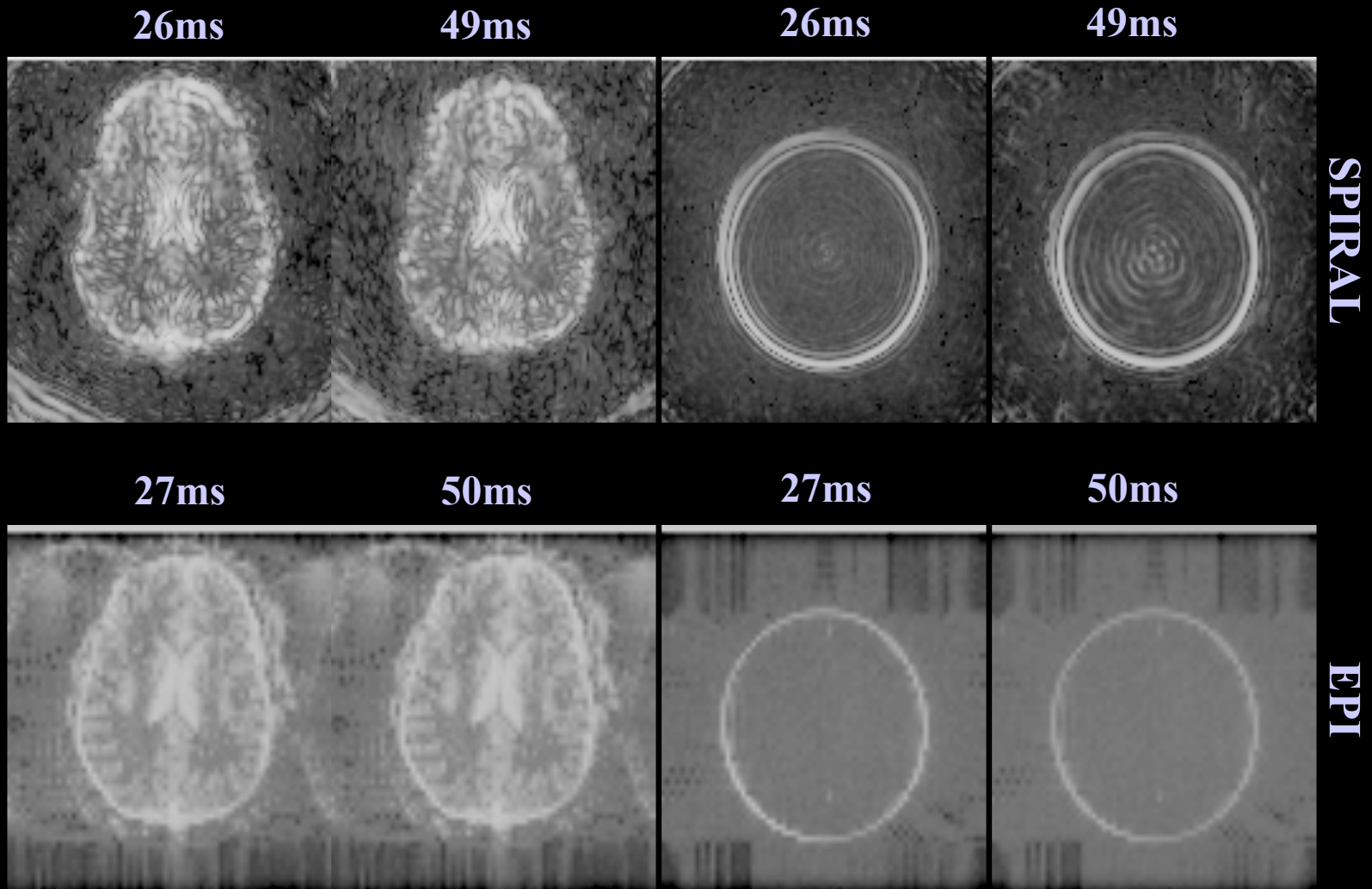
*NeuroImage*, 19: 132-144, (2003).



# Maximizing Signal

- Higher Bo Field
  - Linear or greater increase in S/N
  - Tradeoff in susceptibility artifacts
- Radio frequency Coils
  - Smaller the coil the higher the S/N
  - Tradeoff in coverage
- Choice of repetition time (TR)
  - Faster is better (more data points to average)
  - Tradeoff in coverage (10 slices/sec)
    - $\text{min TR} = (\text{time/slice}) \times \text{number of slices in volume}$
  - Diminishing returns because of noise correlation
- Voxel volume
  - Linear relationship between S/N and voxel volume
  - Larger voxels increase partial volume averaging -> reduction of functional signal
- Averaging
  - Increase in sensitivity by  $\sqrt{N}$
  - System and subject instabilities increase with longer time

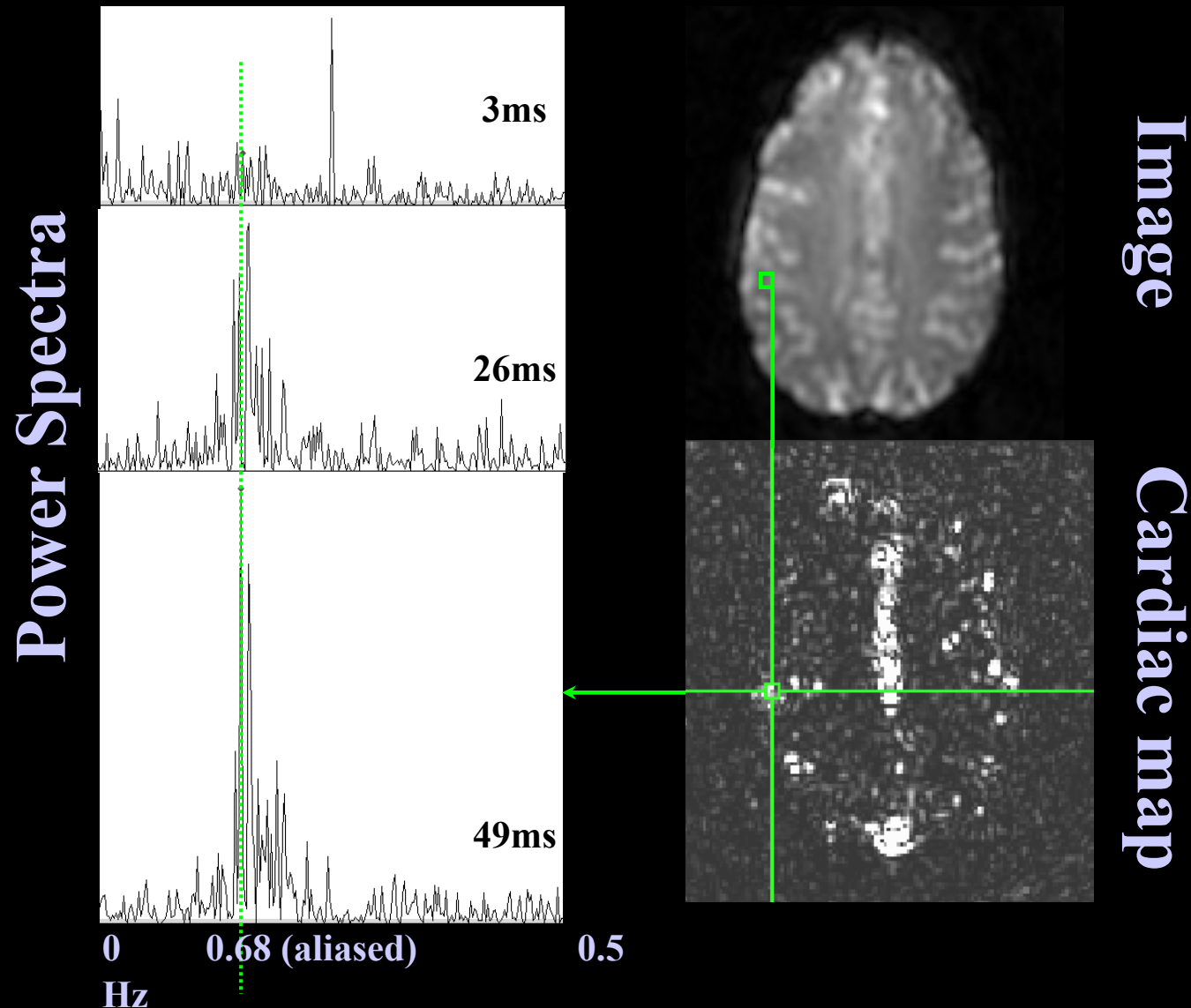
# Temporal vs. Spatial SNR- 3T

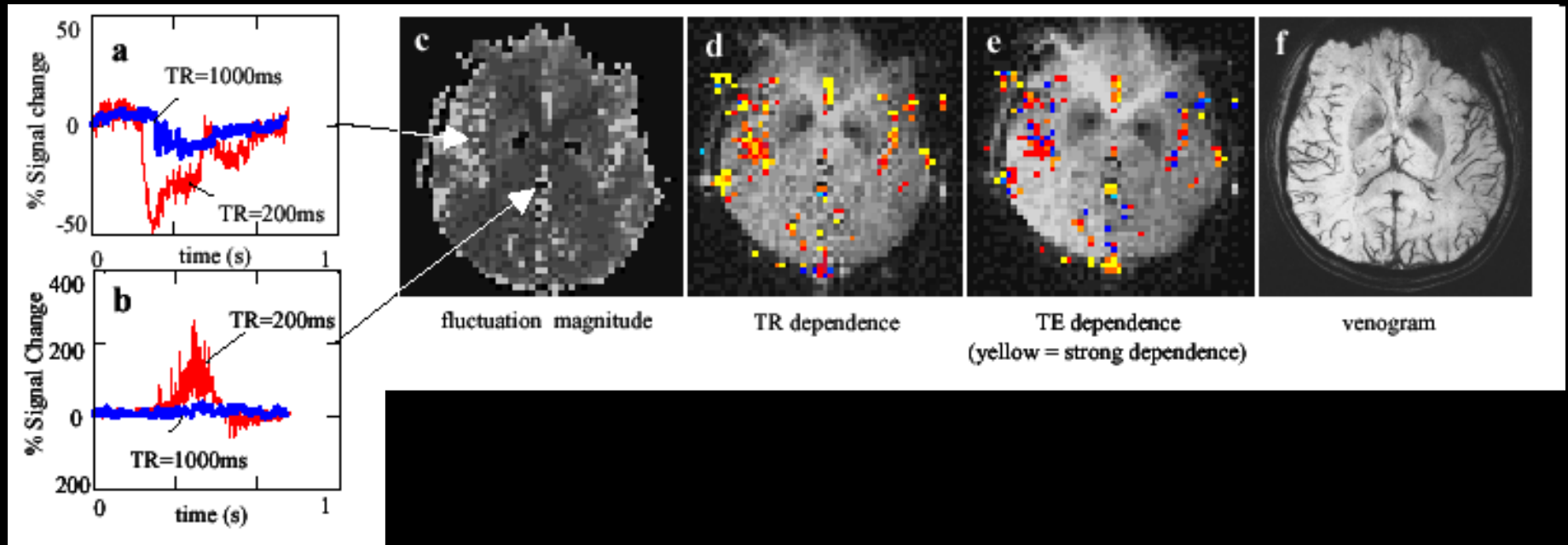


# Physiologic Fluctuations

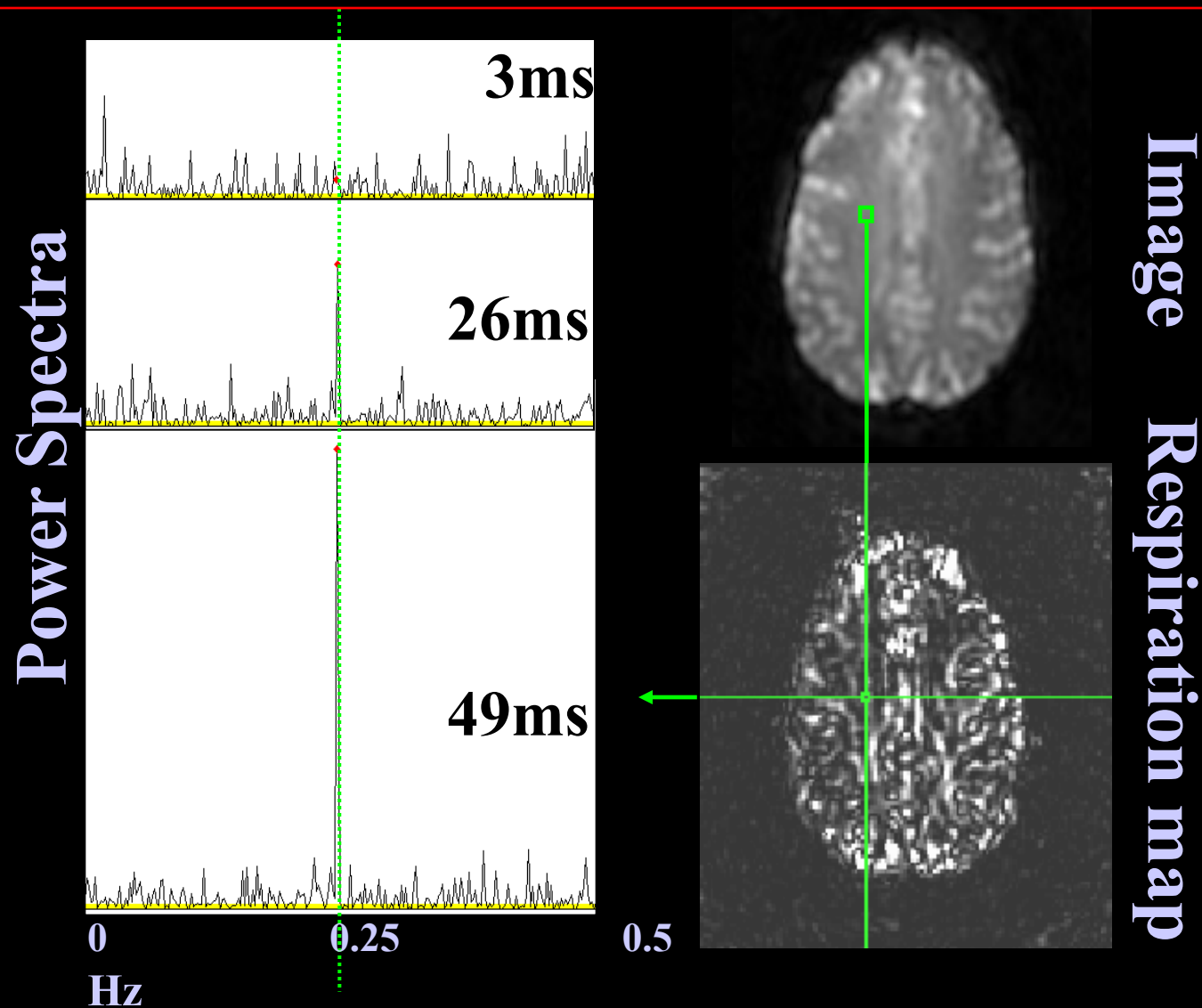
Cardiac	0.6 to 1.2 Hz
Respiratory	0.1 to 0.2 Hz
Low Frequency	0.0 to 0.1 Hz

# 0.68 Hz Cardiac rate at 3T





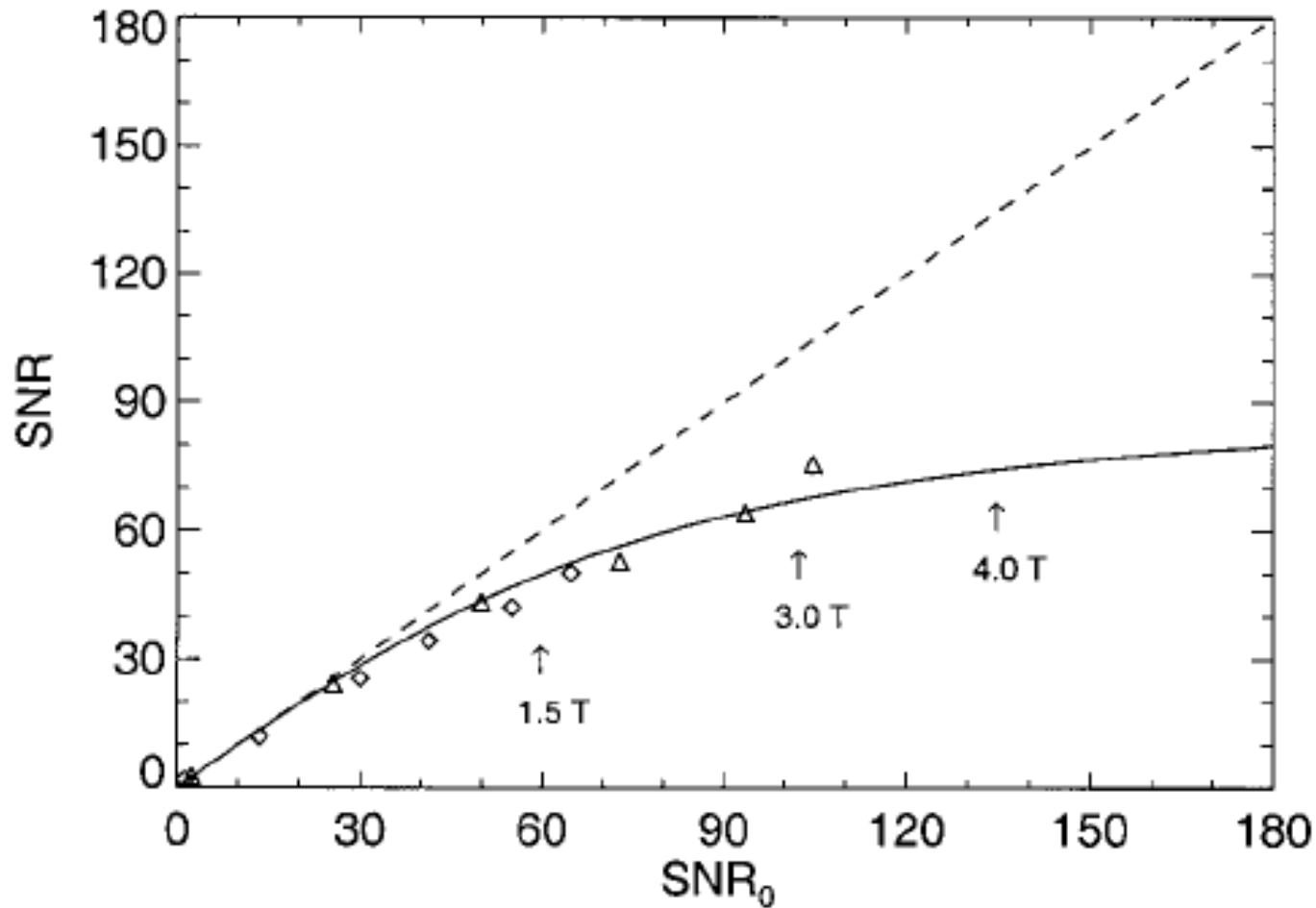
# 0.25 Hz Breathing at 3T





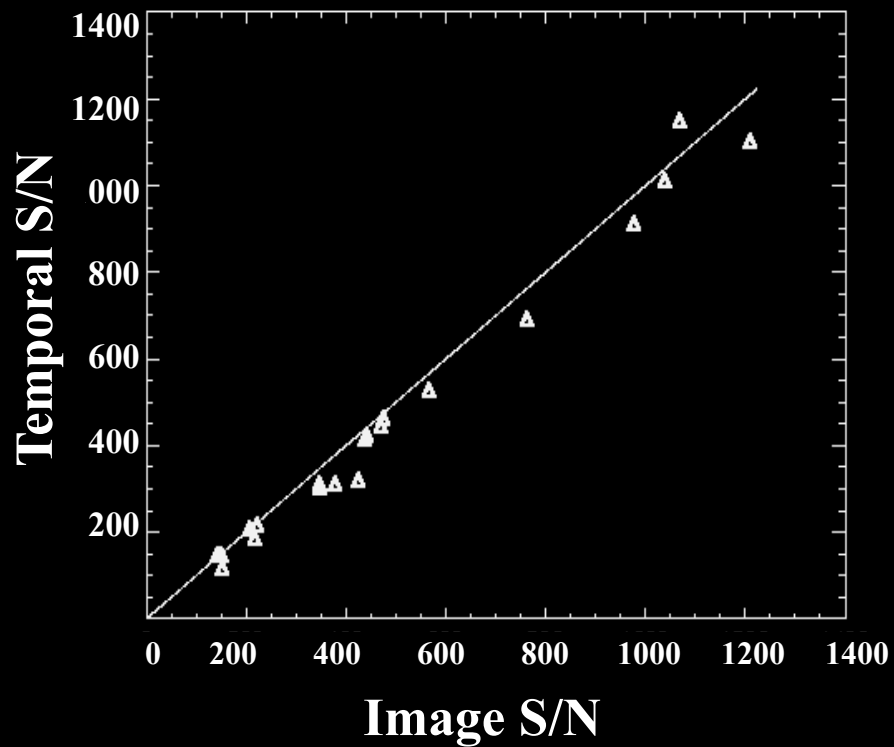
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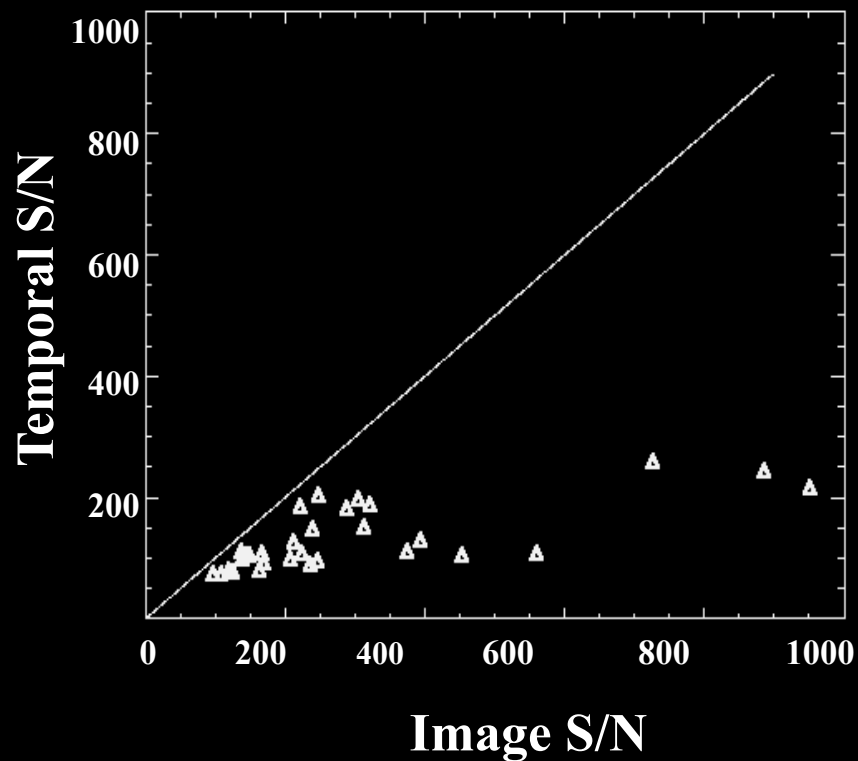


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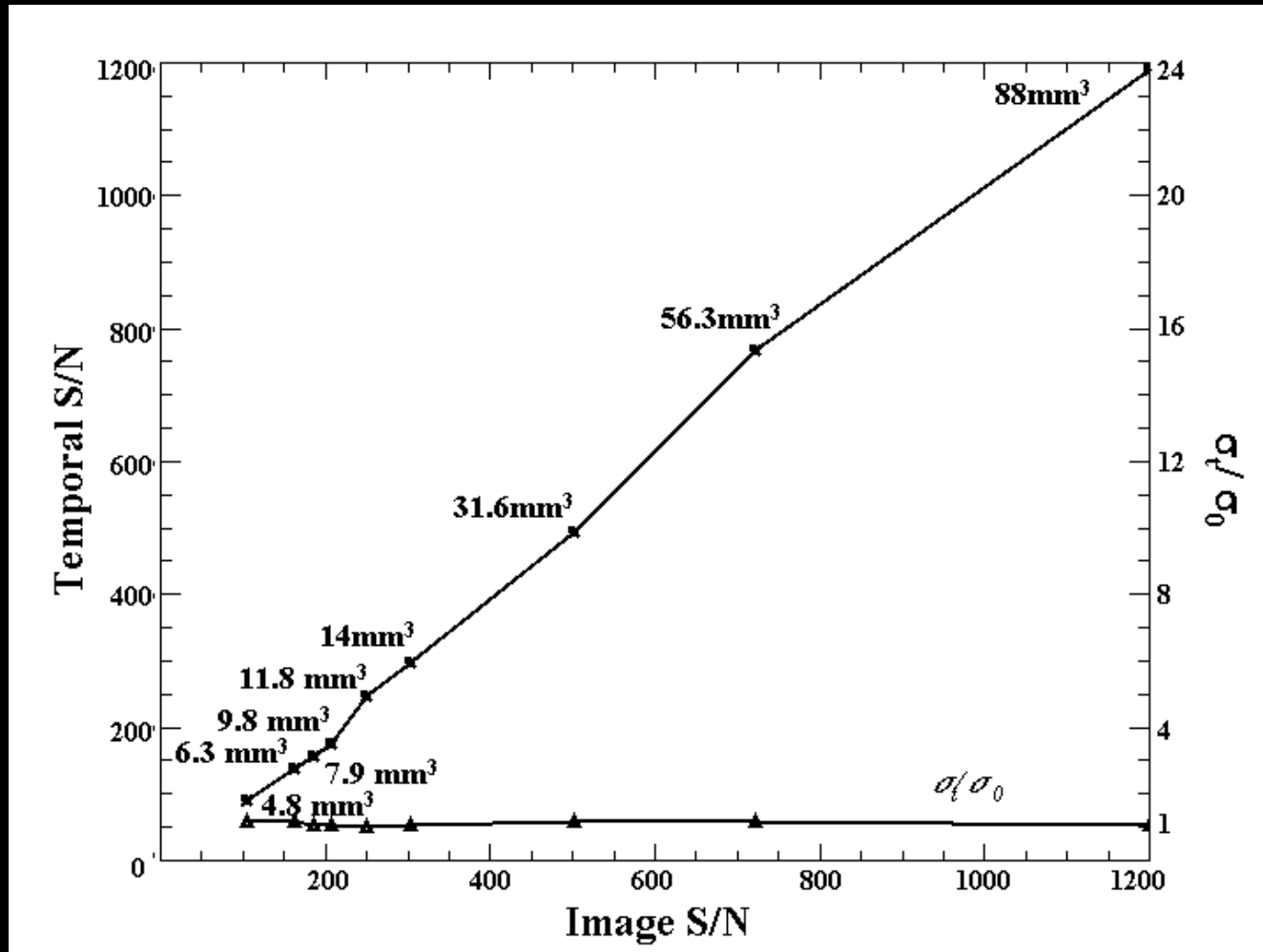
## PHANTOMS



## SUBJECTS

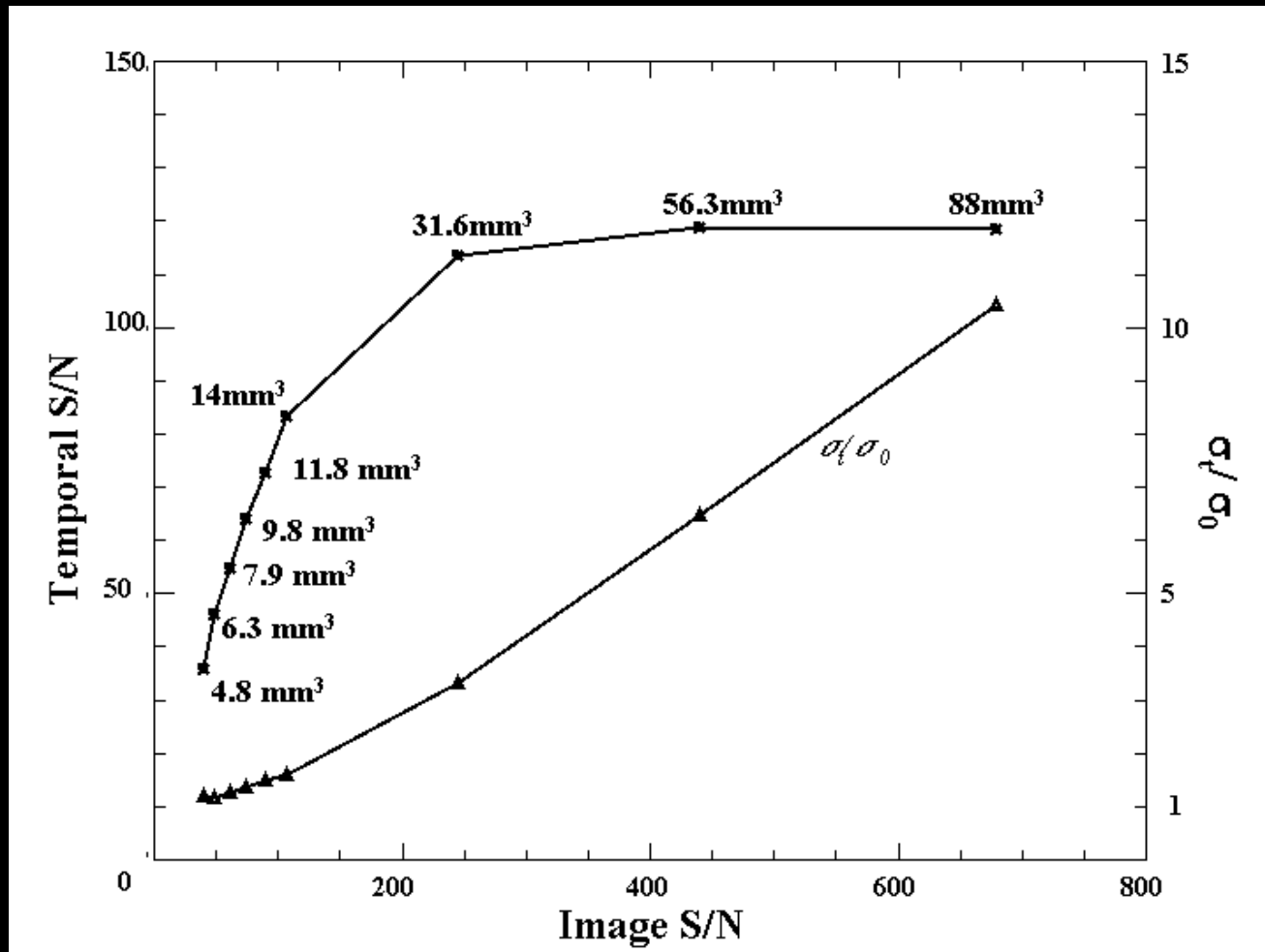


# Temporal vs. Image S/N Optimal Resolution Study



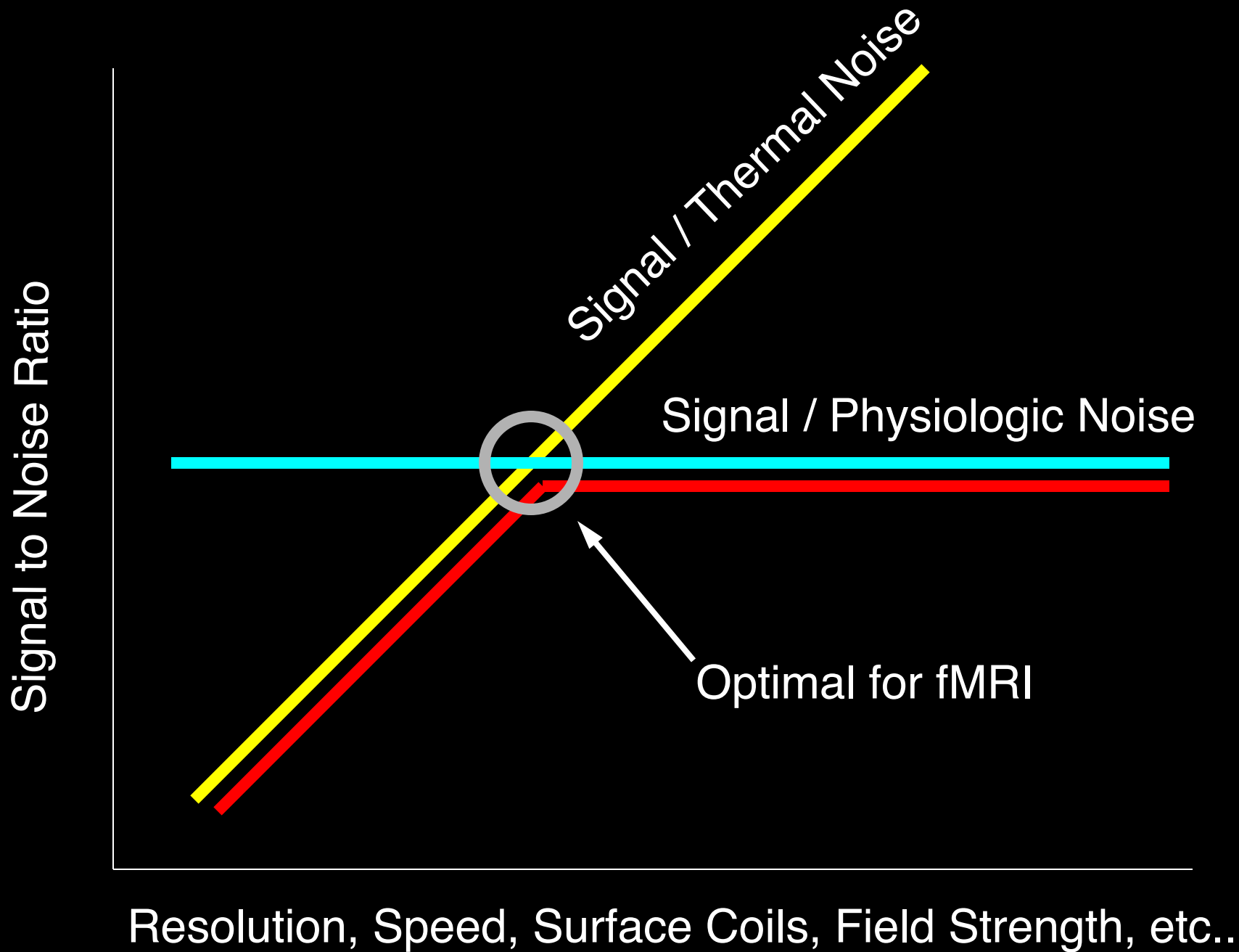
Phantom data

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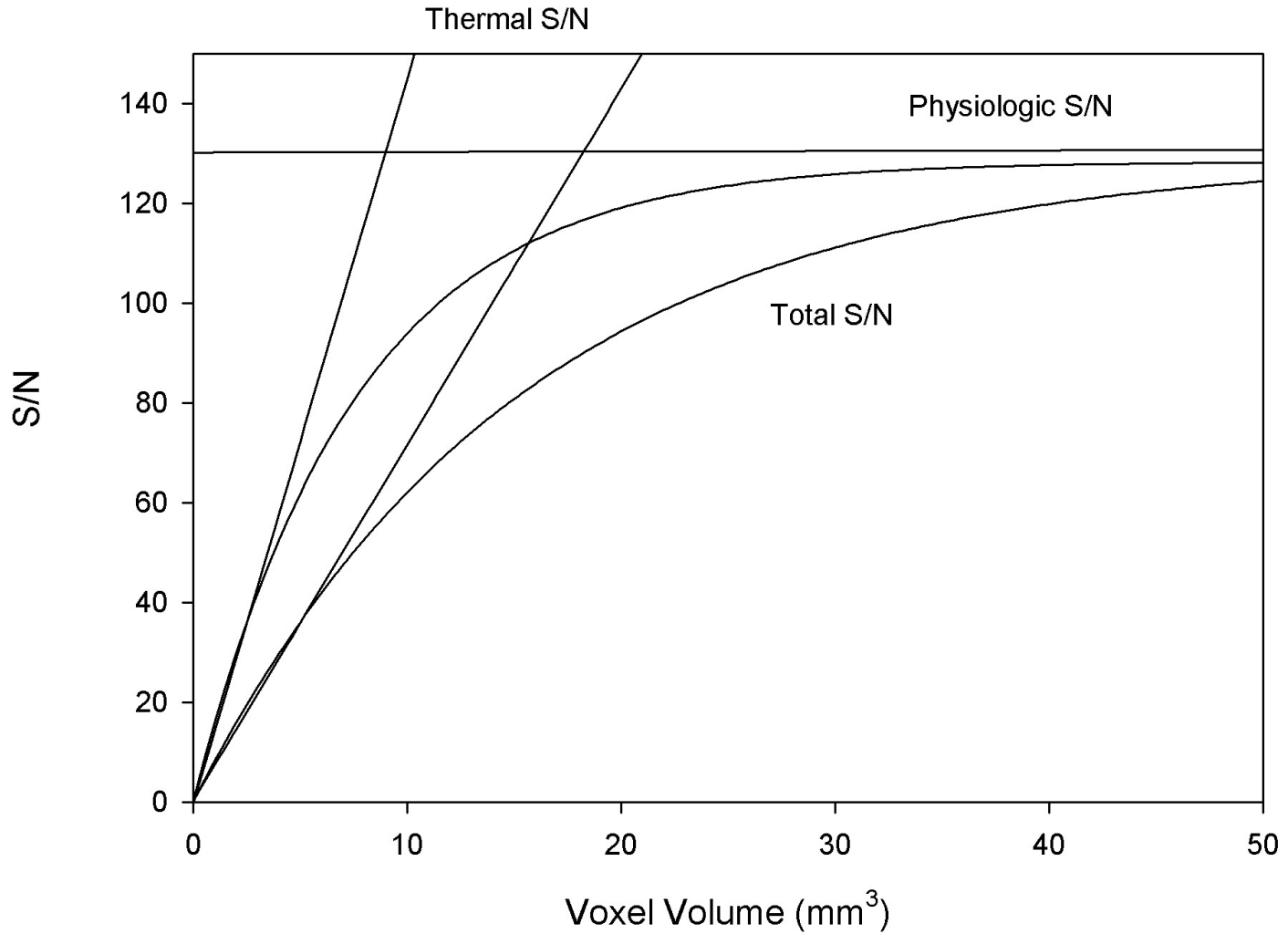


Human data

Petridou et al



# Doubling Sensitivity with RF coils



**Single shot full k-space echo-planar-imaging with an eight-channel phase array coil at 3T.**

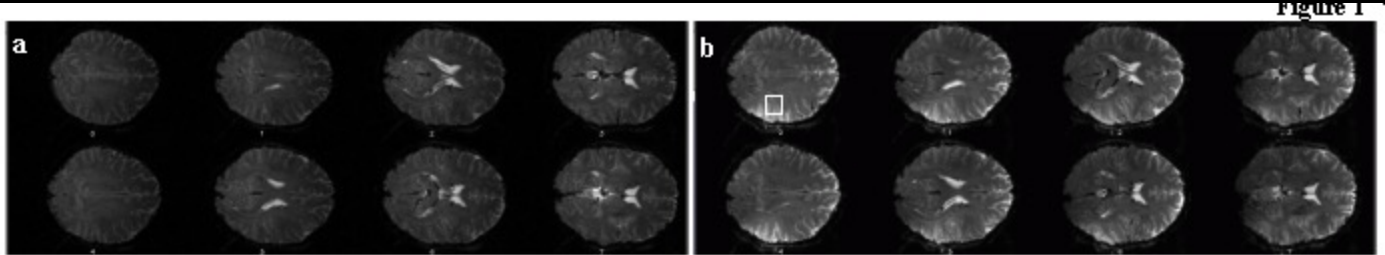
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**Quadrature Head Coil**

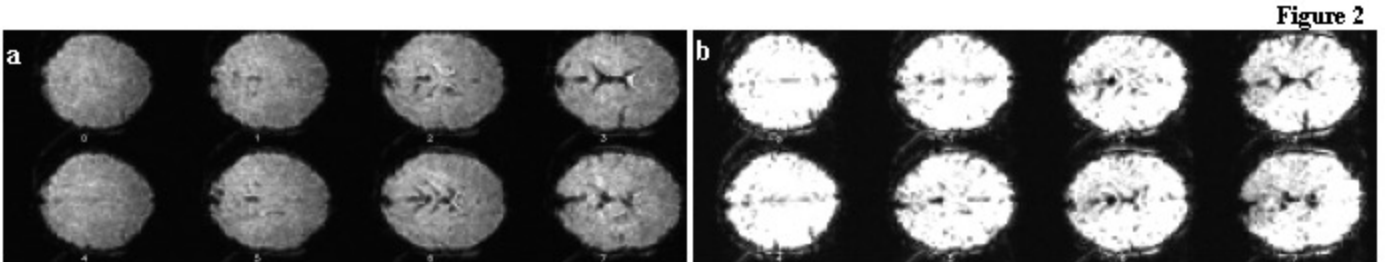
**8 Channel Array**

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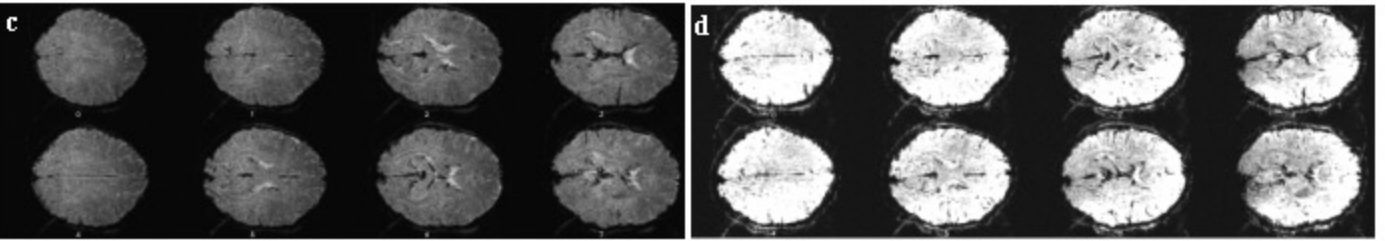
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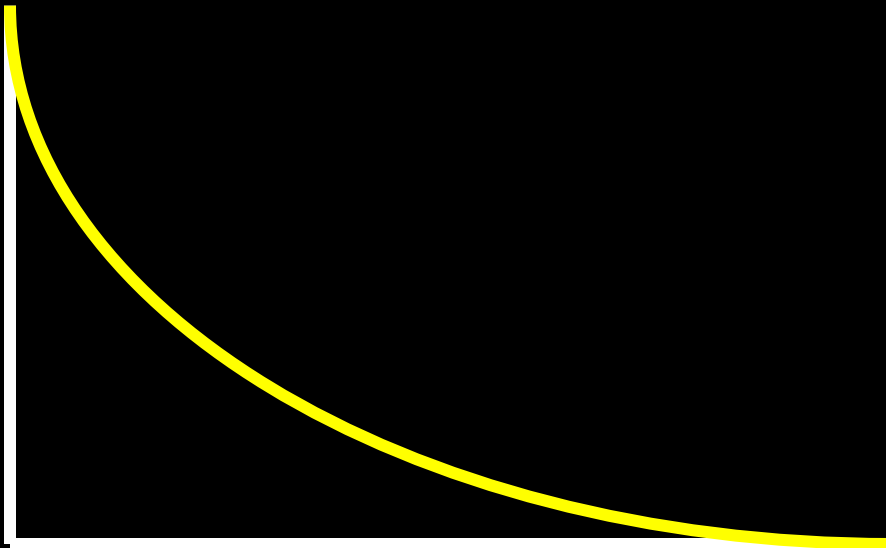
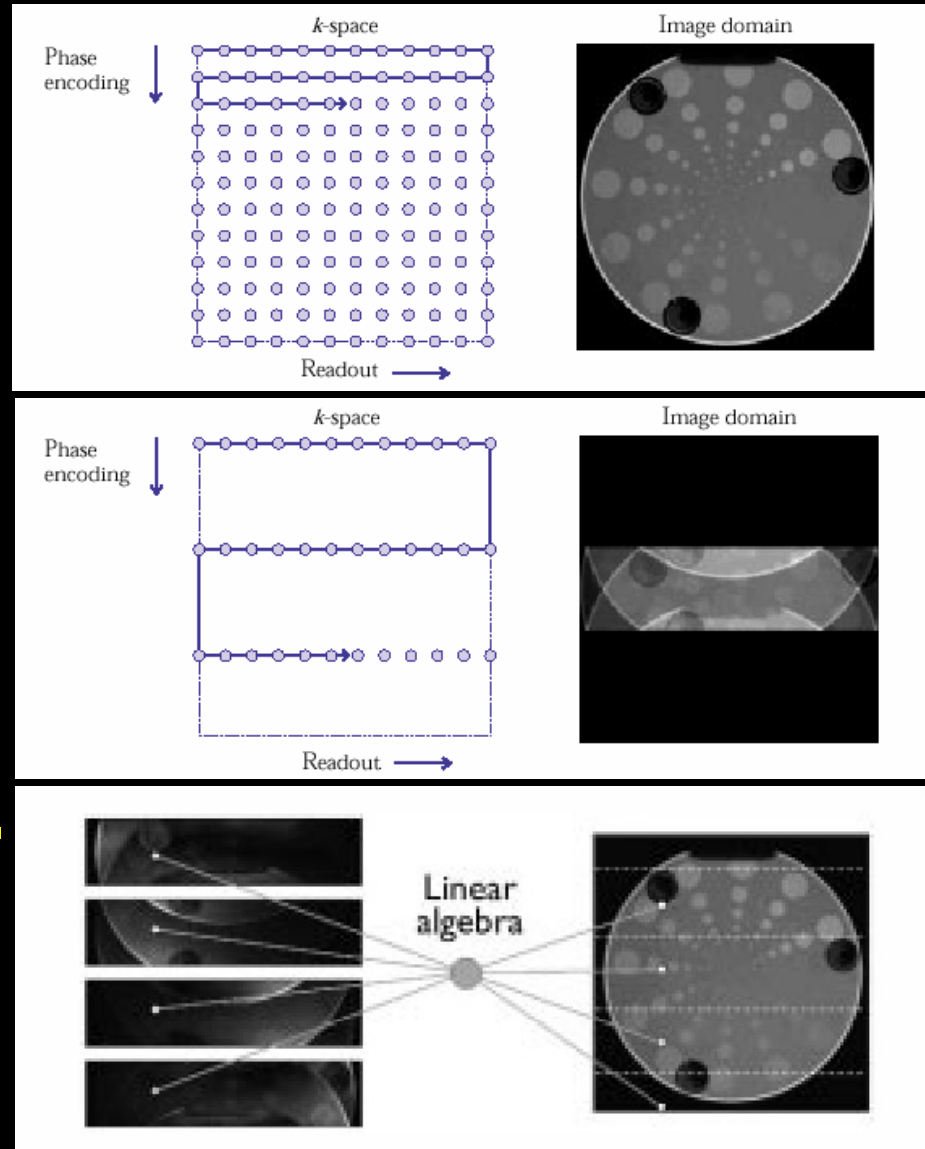


**TSNR**

**128 x 96**



# SENSE Imaging



$\approx 5$  to  $30$  ms

Pruessmann, et al.



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# Neuronal Activation Input Strategies

1. Block Design

2. Parametric Design

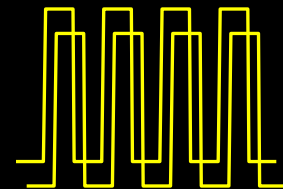
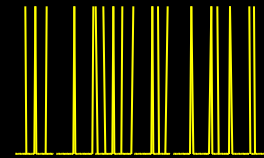
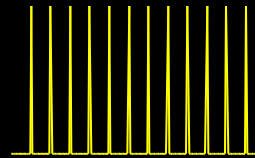
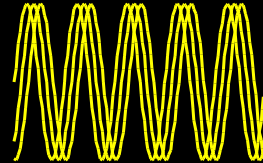
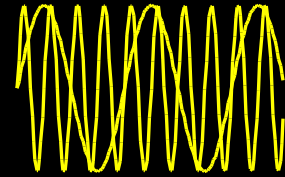
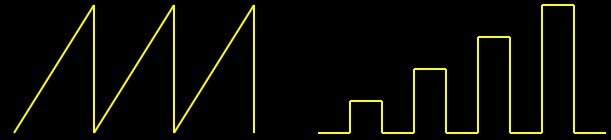
3. Frequency Encoding

4. Phase Encoding

5. Event Related

6. Orthogonal Design

7. Free Behavior Design

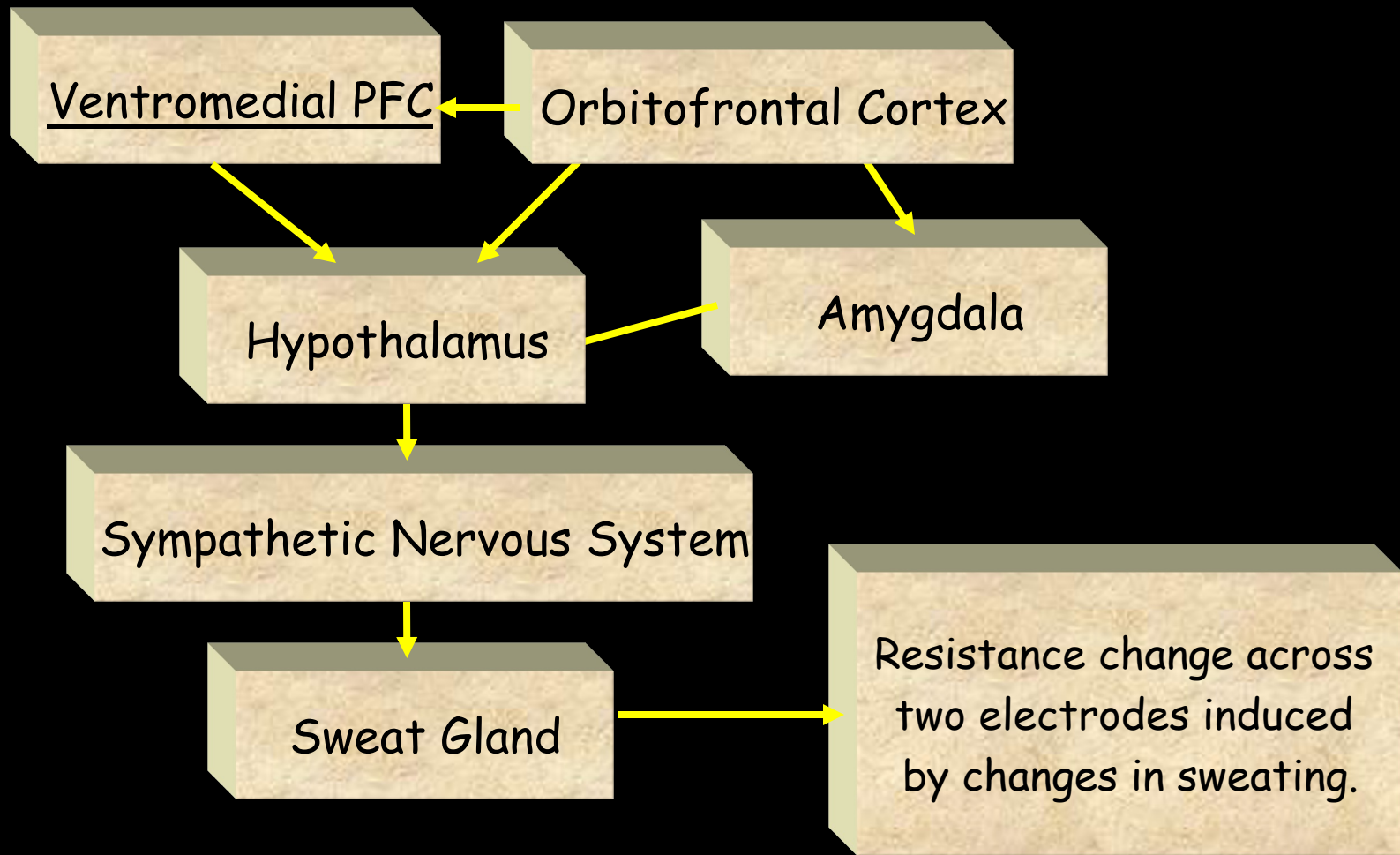


# Free Behavior Design

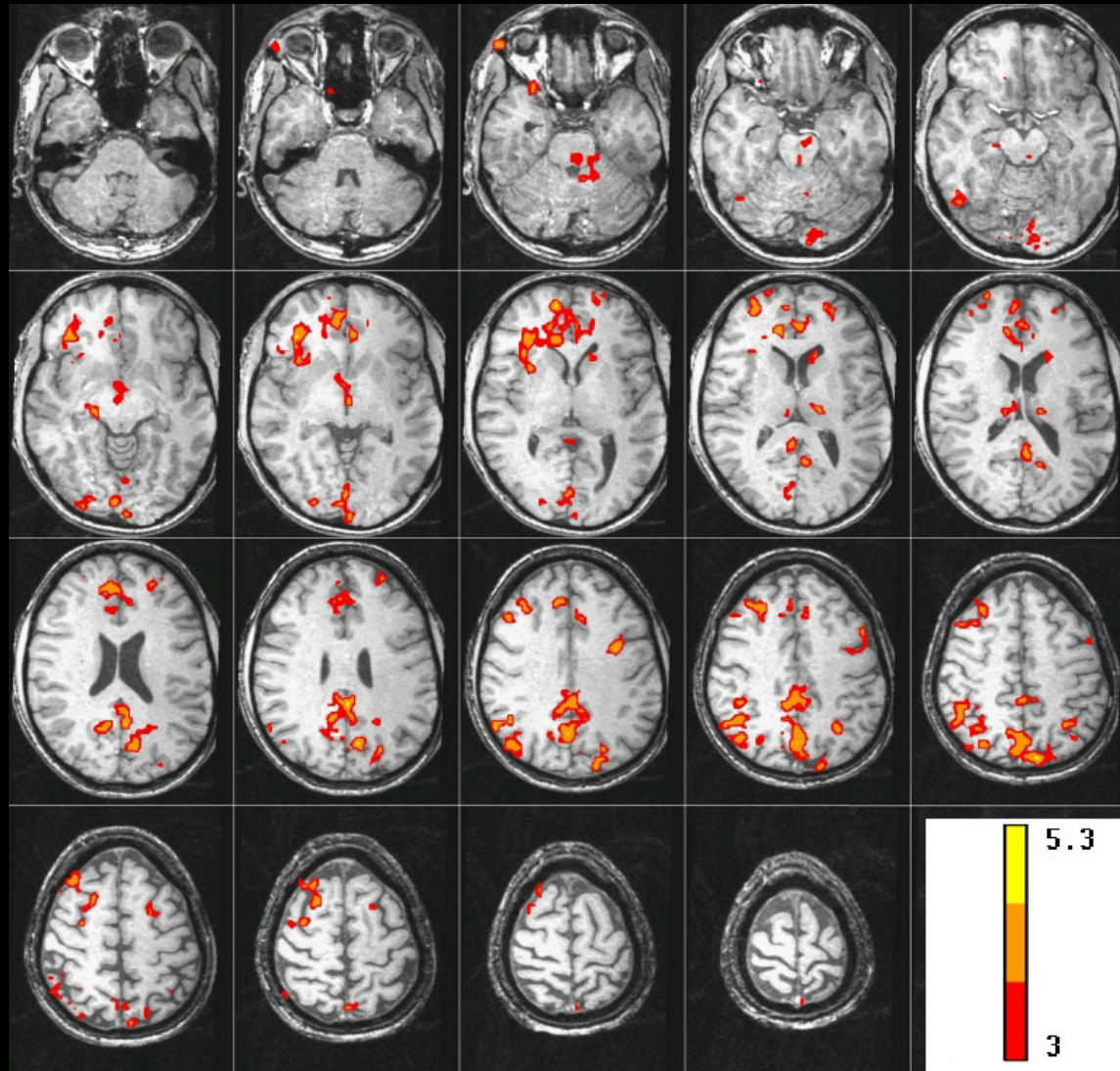
Use a continuous measure as a reference function:

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

# The Skin Conductance Response (SCR)



# Brain activity correlated with SCR during “Rest”



J. C. Patterson II, L. G. Ungerleider, and P. A. Bandettini, Task - independent functional brain activity correlation with skin conductance changes: an fMRI study. *NeuroImage* 17: 1787-1806, (2002).

# Simultaneous EEG and fMRI of the alpha rhythm

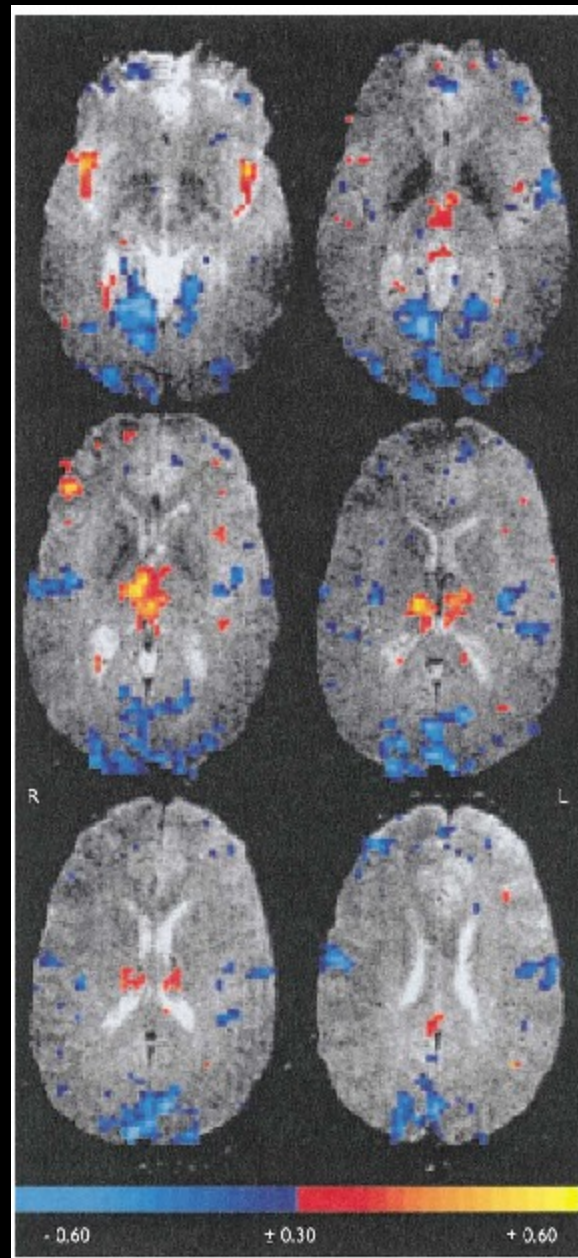
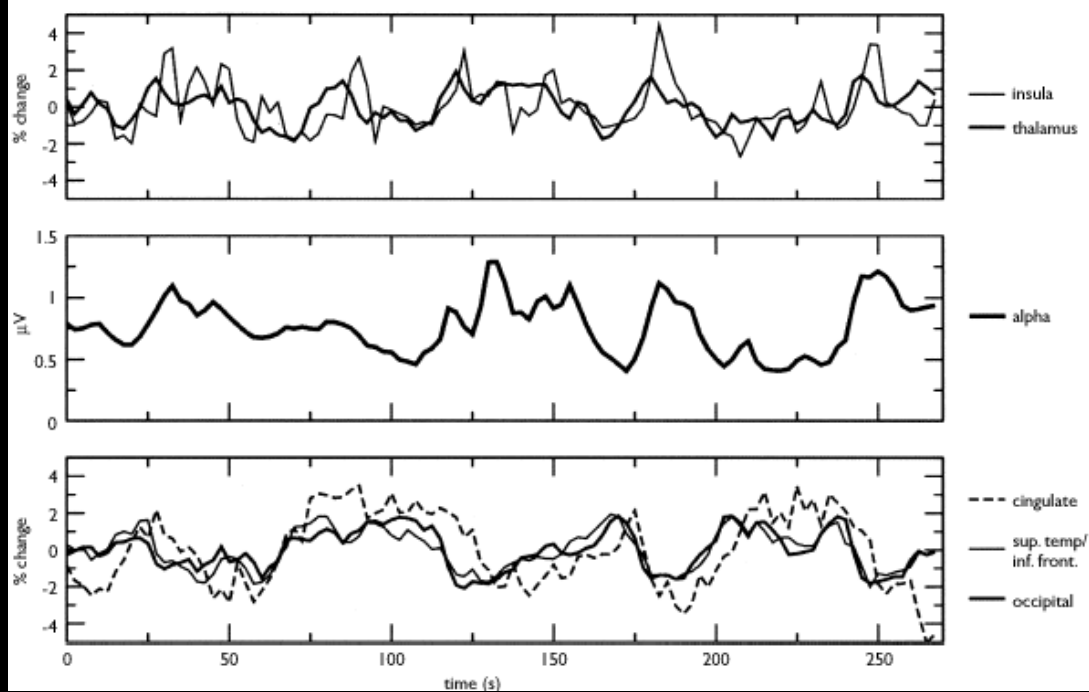
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# Primary People Involved

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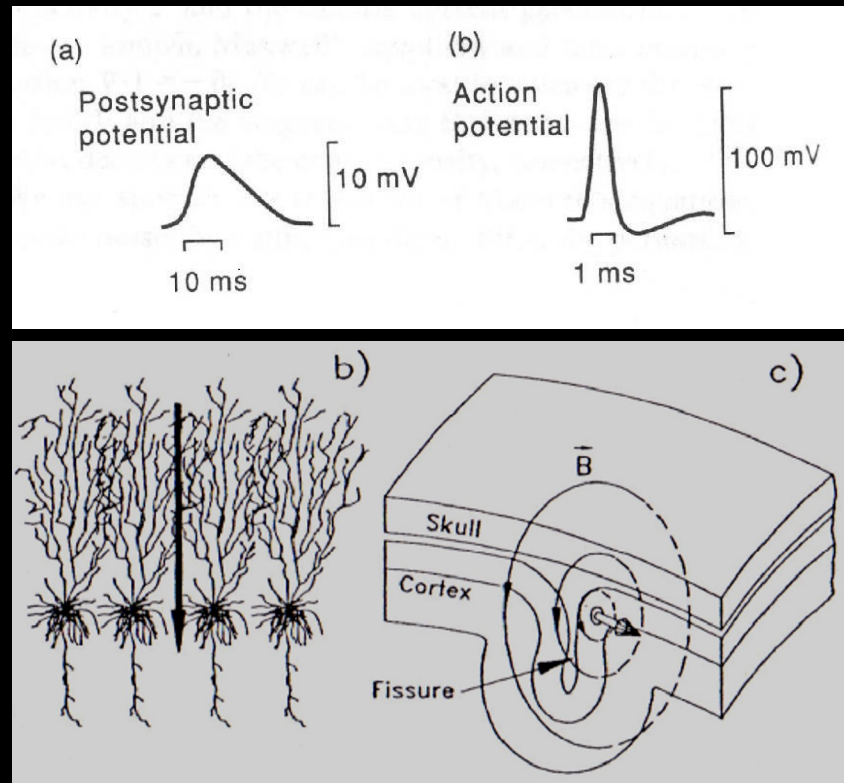
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# The Basic Idea...



100 fT at on surface of skull

J.P. Wikswo Jr et al. *J Clin Neurophys* 8(2): 170-188, 1991

# Derivation of B field generated in an MRI

## voxel by a current dipole

Single dendritic tree having a diameter  $d$ , and length  $L$  behaves like a conductor with conductivity  $\sigma$ . Resistance is  $R=V/I$ , where  $R=4L/(\pi d^2 \sigma)$ . From Biot-Savart:

$$\mathbf{B} = \frac{\mu_0}{4\pi} \frac{\mathbf{Q}}{r^2} = \frac{\mu_0}{16} \frac{d^2 \sigma V}{r^2}$$

by substituting  $d = 4\mu\text{m}$ ,  $\sigma \approx 0.25 \Omega^{-1} \text{m}^{-1}$ ,  $V = 10\text{mV}$  and

$r = 4\text{cm}$  (measurement distance when using MEG) the resulting value is:  **$B \approx 0.002 \text{ fT}$**

Because  **$B_{\text{MEG}} = 100 \text{ fT}$**  is measured by MEG on the scalp, ( $0.002 \text{ fT} \times 50,000 = 100 \text{ fT}$ ), must coherently act to generate such field. These bundles of neurons produce, within a typical voxel,  $1 \text{ mm} \times 1 \text{ mm} \times 1 \text{ mm}$ , a field of order:

$$B_{\text{MRI}} = B_{\text{MEG}} \left( \frac{r_{\text{MEG}}}{r_{\text{MRI}}} \right)^2 = B_{\text{MEG}} \left( \frac{4 \text{ cm}}{0.1 \text{ cm}} \right)^2 = 1600 B_{\text{MEG}}$$

$$\mathbf{B}_{\text{MRI}} \approx 0.2 \text{ nT}$$

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## Some background...

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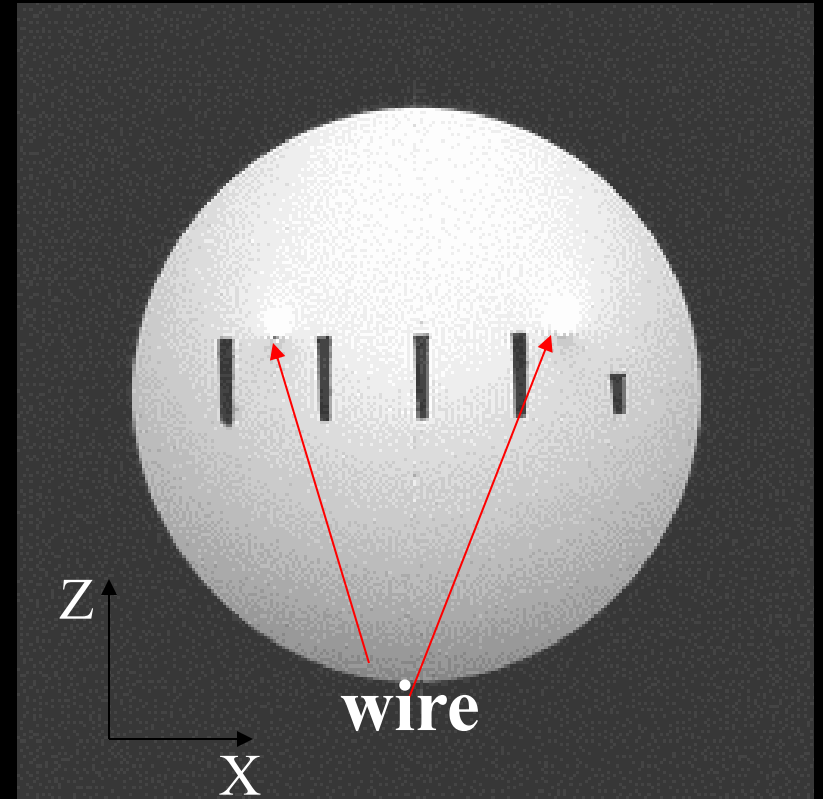
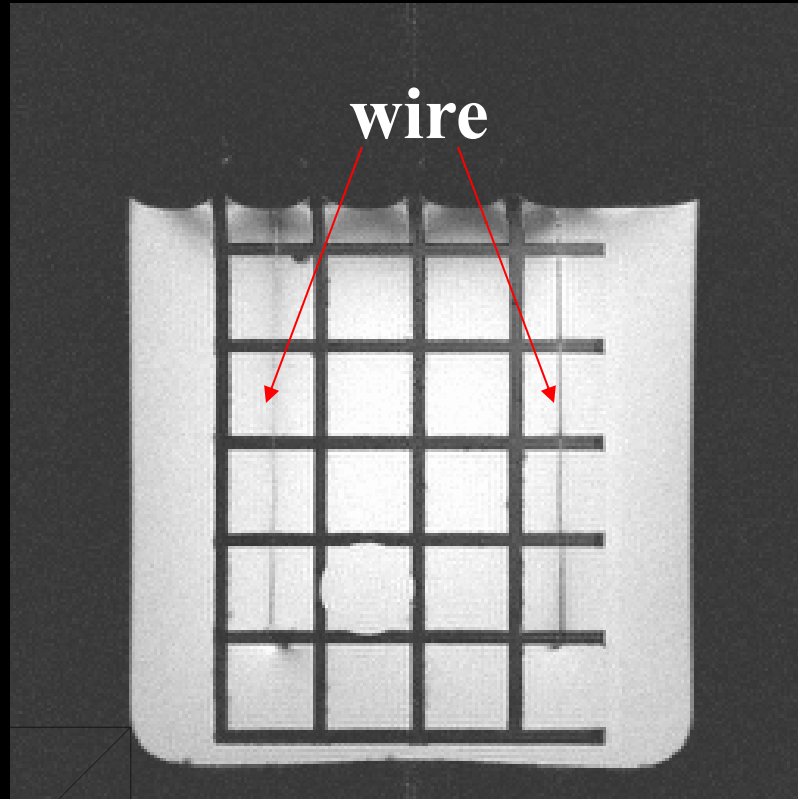
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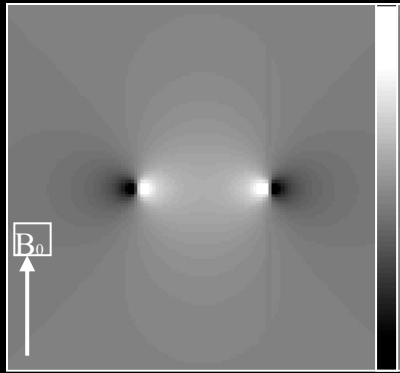
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# Current Phantom Experiment

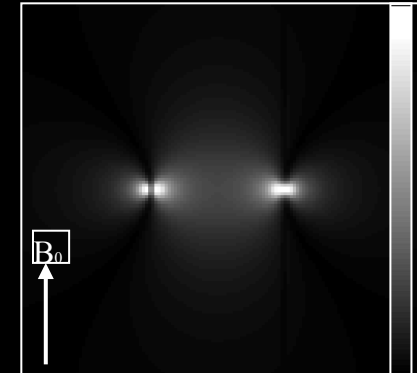


calculated  $B_c \parallel B_0$



Simulation

calculated  $|\Delta B_c| \parallel B_0$



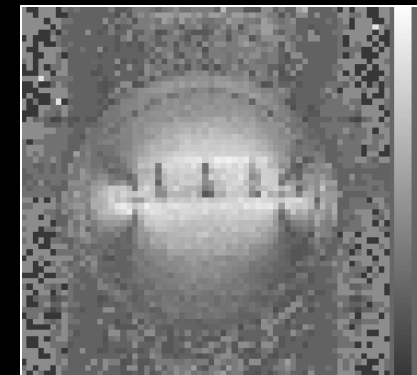
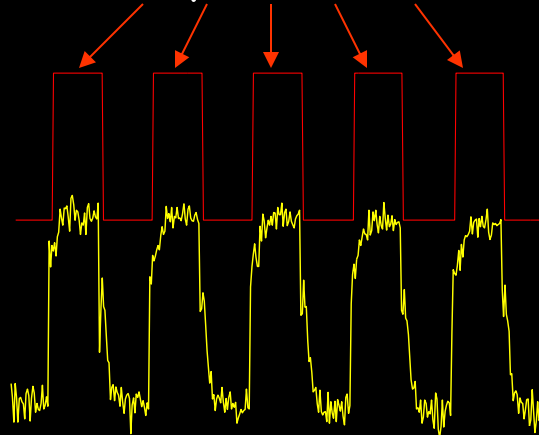
$\Delta\phi \cong 20^\circ$



Correlation image

Measurement

70  $\mu\text{A}$  current



Spectral image

Single shot GE EPI

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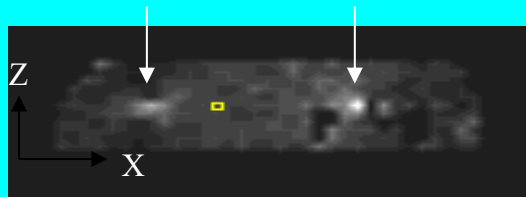
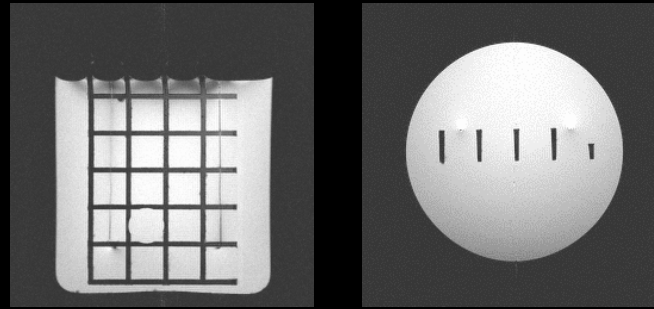
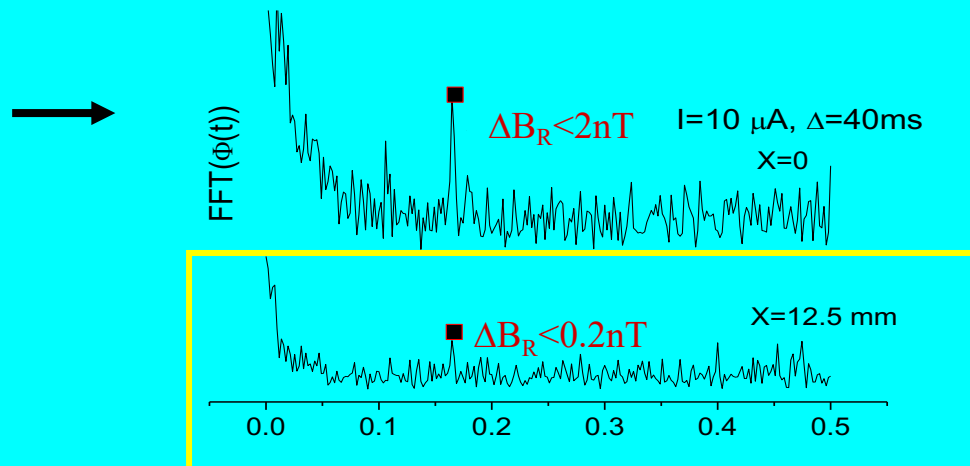
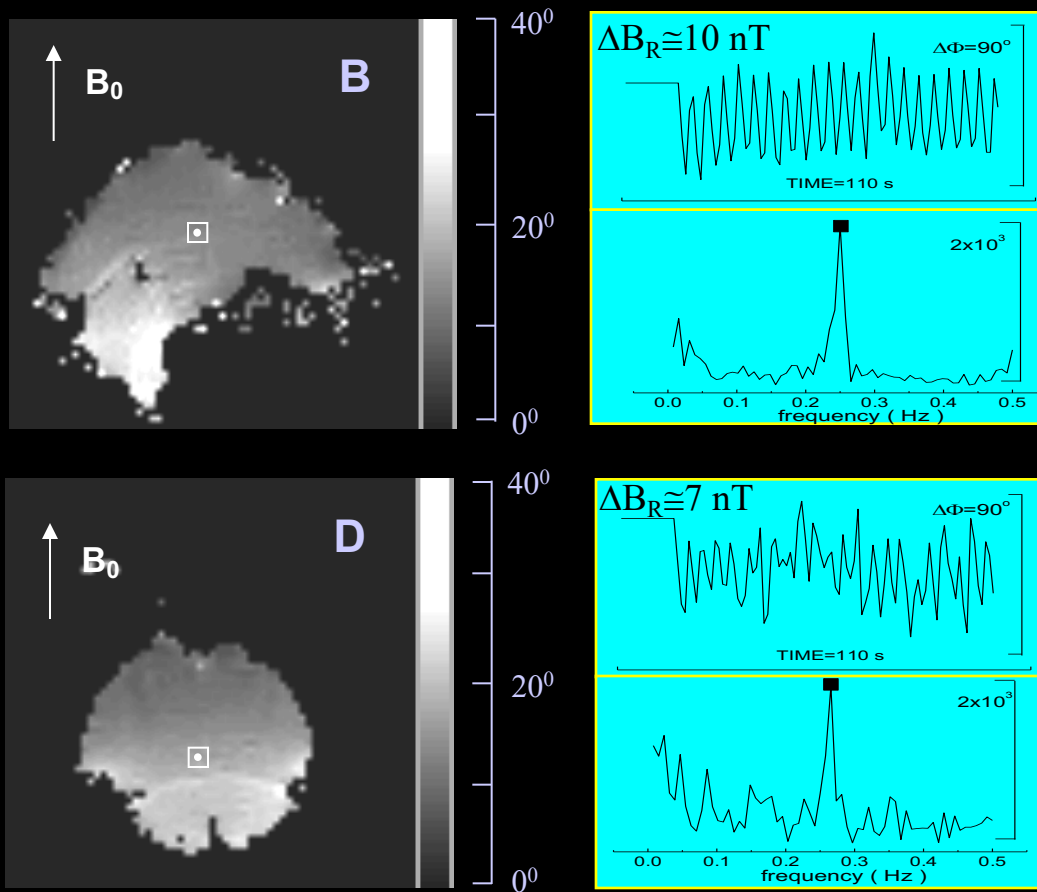


Figure 1

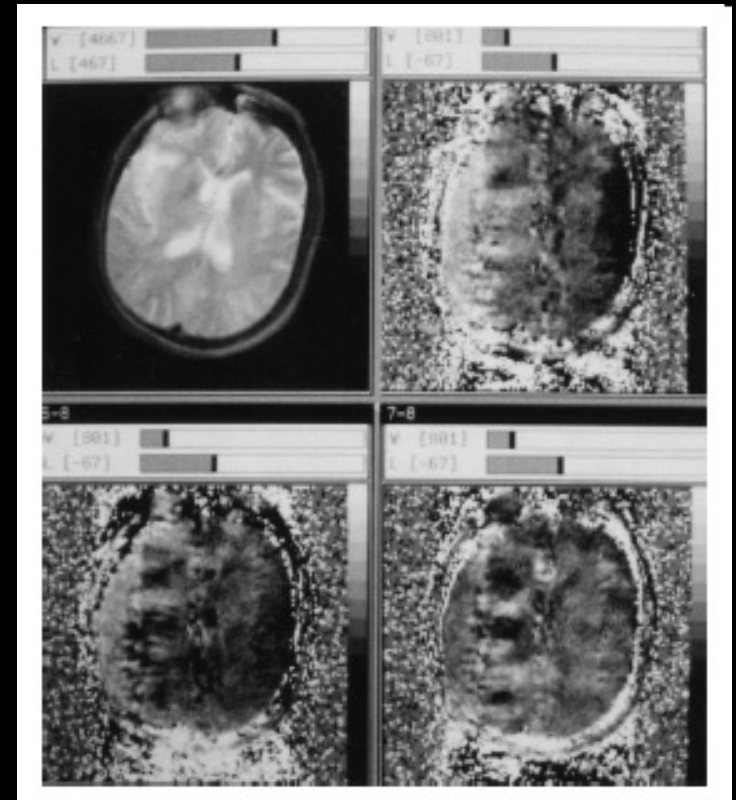
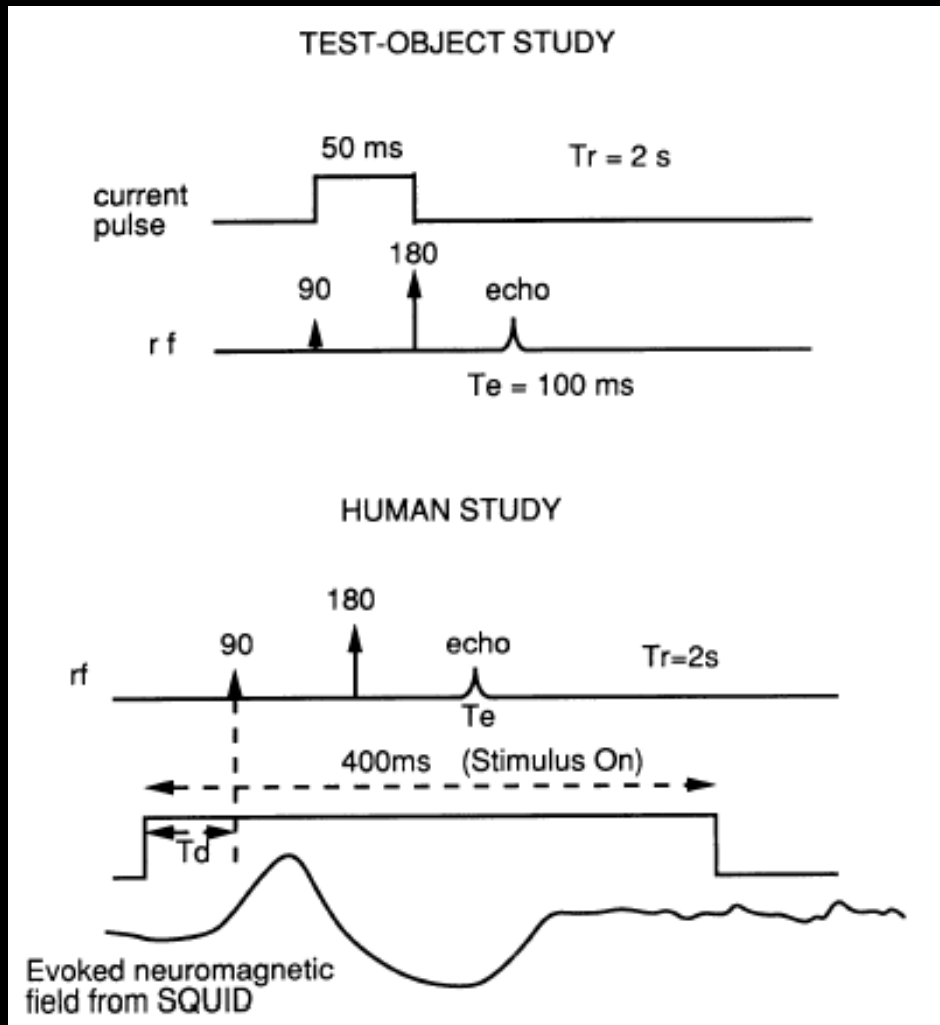


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# Human Respiration



# The use of spin-echo to “tune” to transients..

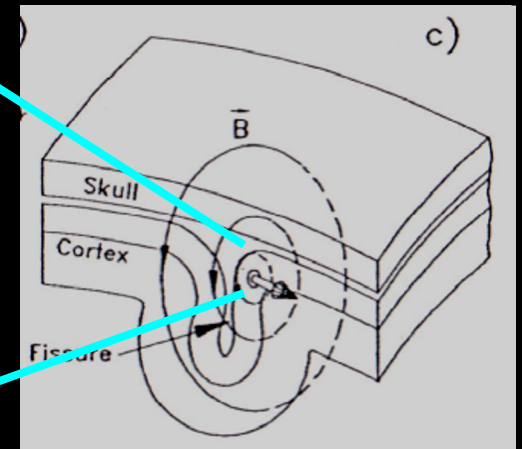
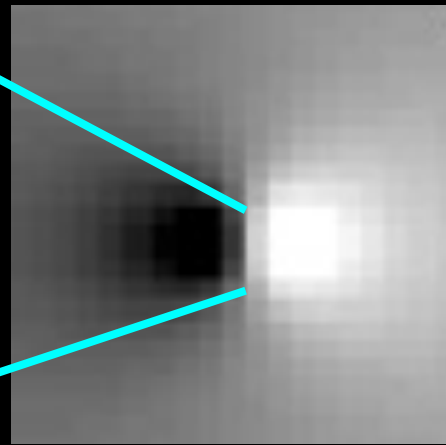
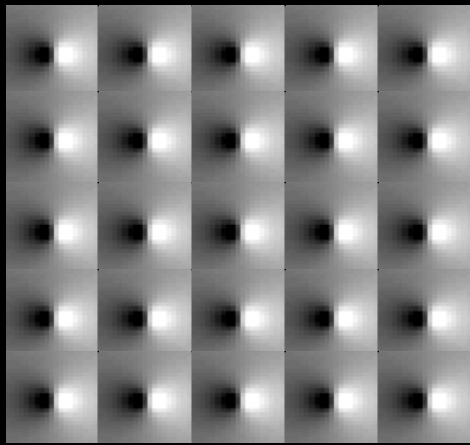


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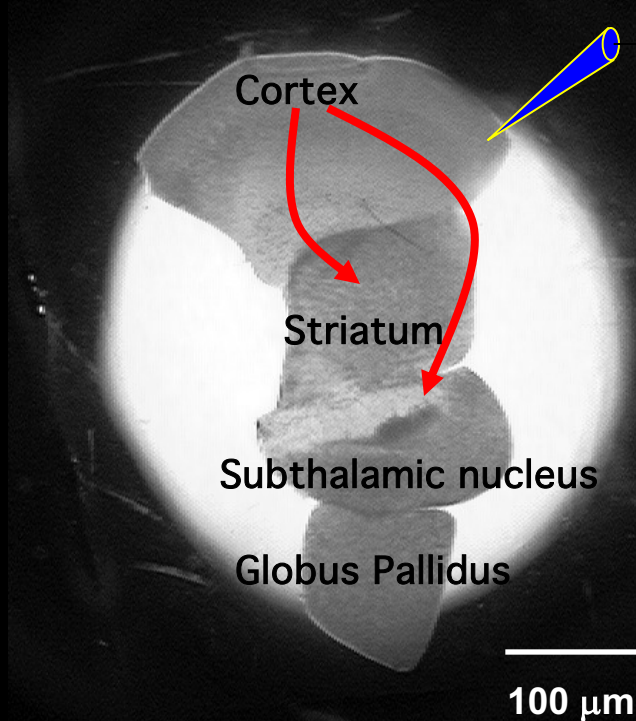


# Phase vs. Magnitude...

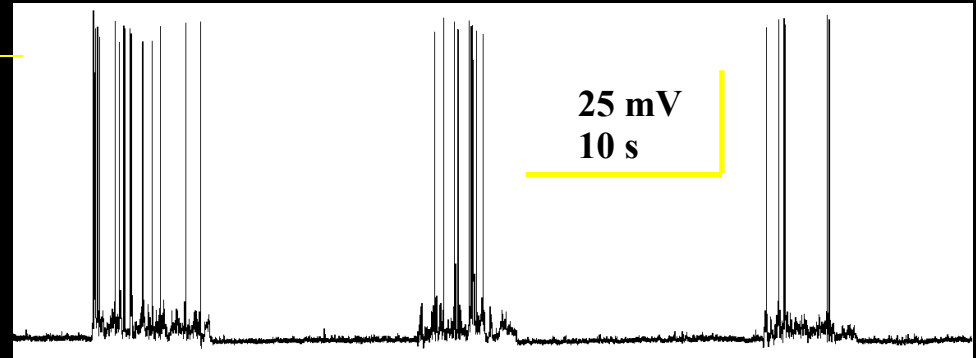


0.1 to 0.3 Deg.

# in vitro model



## Patch electrode recording



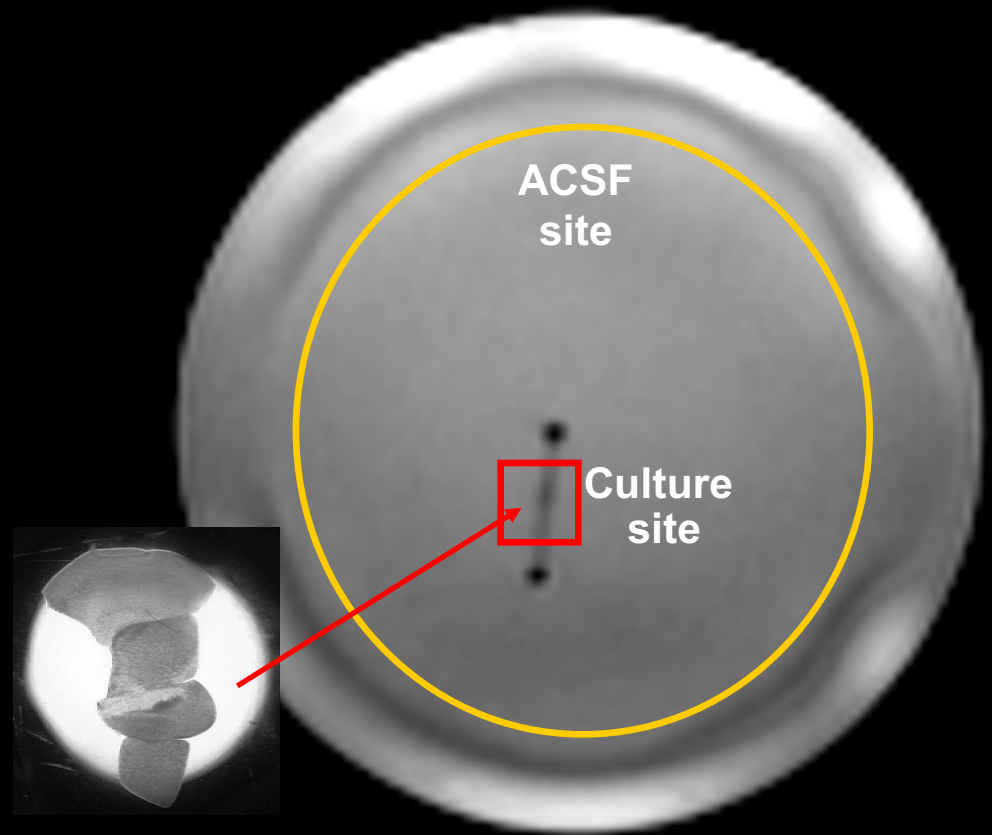
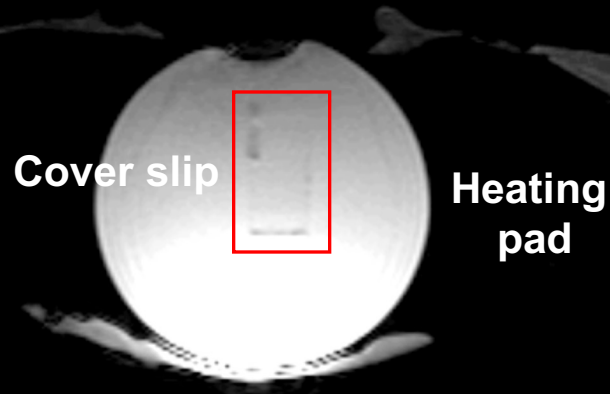
- coronal sections of newborn-rat brains ; in-plane:  $\sim 1\text{mm}^2$ , thickness:  $\sim 60\text{-}100\ \mu\text{m}$

Neuronal Population: 10,000-50,000

- Spontaneous synchronized activity ; current:  $\sim 180\text{nA}\text{-}2\ \mu\text{A}$ ,  $\Delta B$ :  $\sim 60\text{pT}\text{-}0.5\text{nT}$

## methods - *imaging*

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### *Imaging*

- 3T, Surface coil receive
- FSE structural images (256x256)
- SE EPI single shot, TE: 60ms, TR:1s, flip angle: 90<sup>0</sup>,  
FOV: 18cm, matrix: 64x64, 4 slices (3mm)

## methods - *imaging*

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### Six Experiments

two conditions per experiment

#### Active

600 images

neuronal activity present

#### Inactive

600 images

neuronal activity terminated

via TTX administration

## methods - *analysis*

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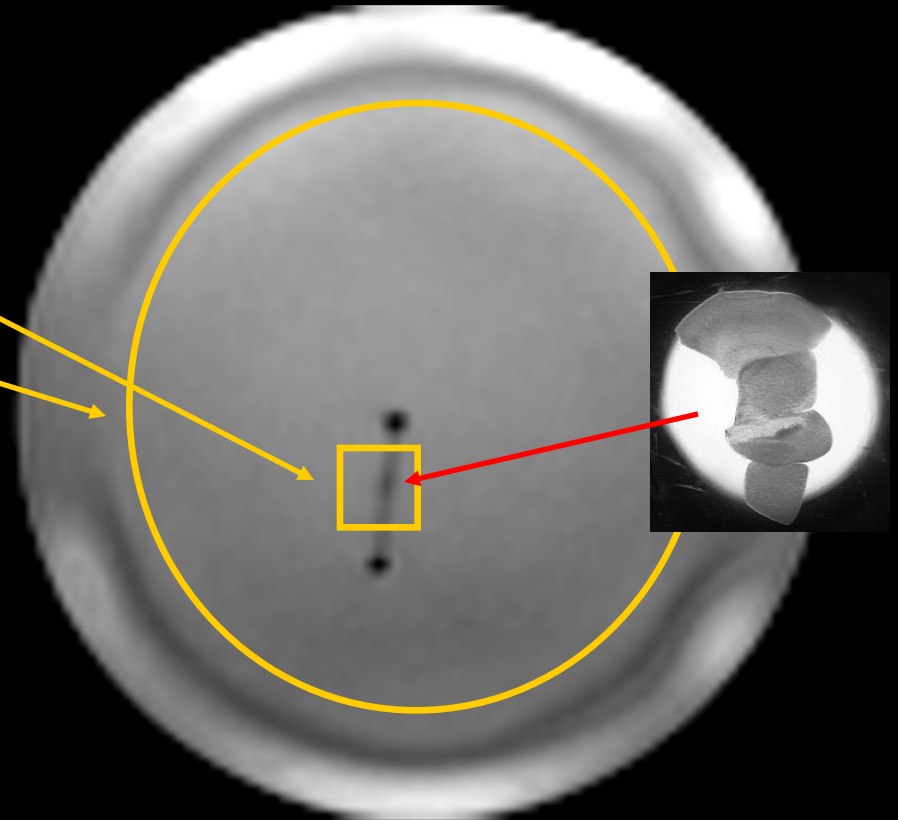
### *Phase images*

- Spectrum for each voxel
- Two voxel groups (all slices)

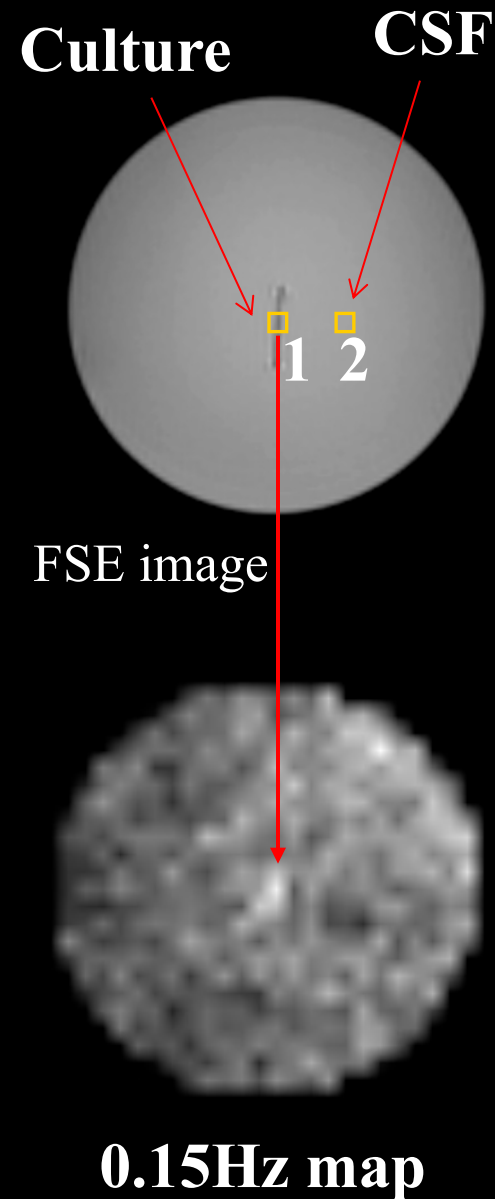
Culture (~9 voxels)

CSF (~420 voxels)

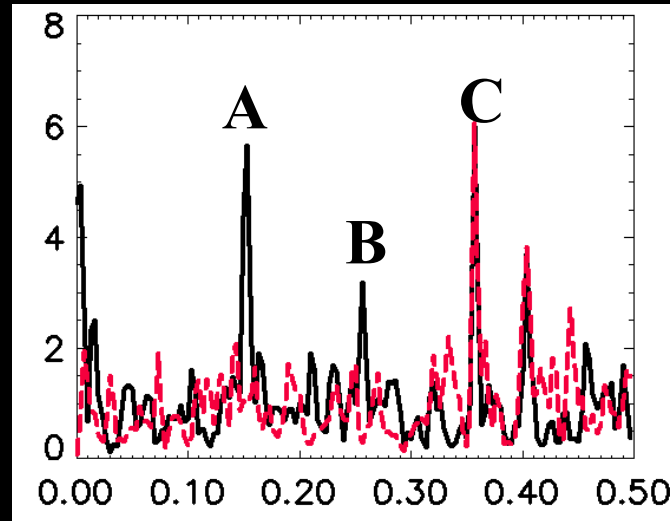
**Principal Component Analysis**  
*of the Spectrum*  
*per group*



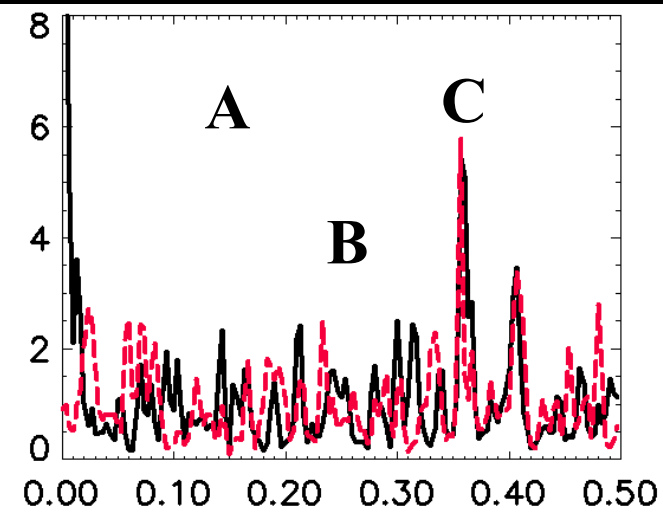
# results



**1: culture**



**2: CSF**



**Active condition: black line**

**Inactive condition: red line**

**A: 0.15 Hz activity, on/off frequency**

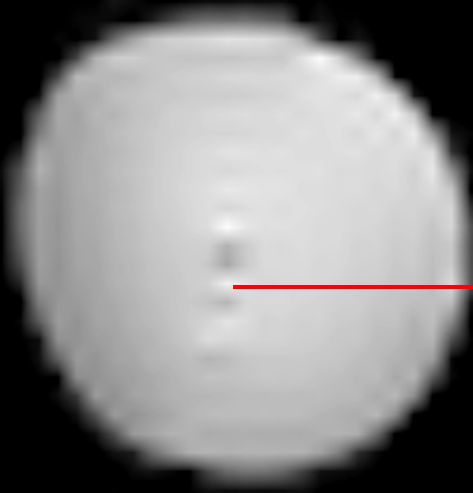
**B: activity**

**C: scanner noise (cooling-pump)**

# results

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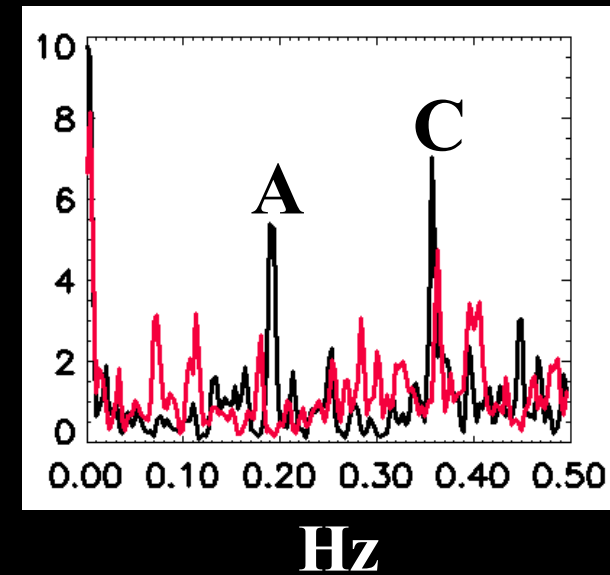
Echo Planar Image



0.19Hz map



Culture



**A: 0.19 Hz activity**

**C: scanner cooling-pump**

Active condition: black line

Inactive condition: red line

# Strategies for Detection

- Time shifted sampling
- Under sampling



# Time shifted sampling

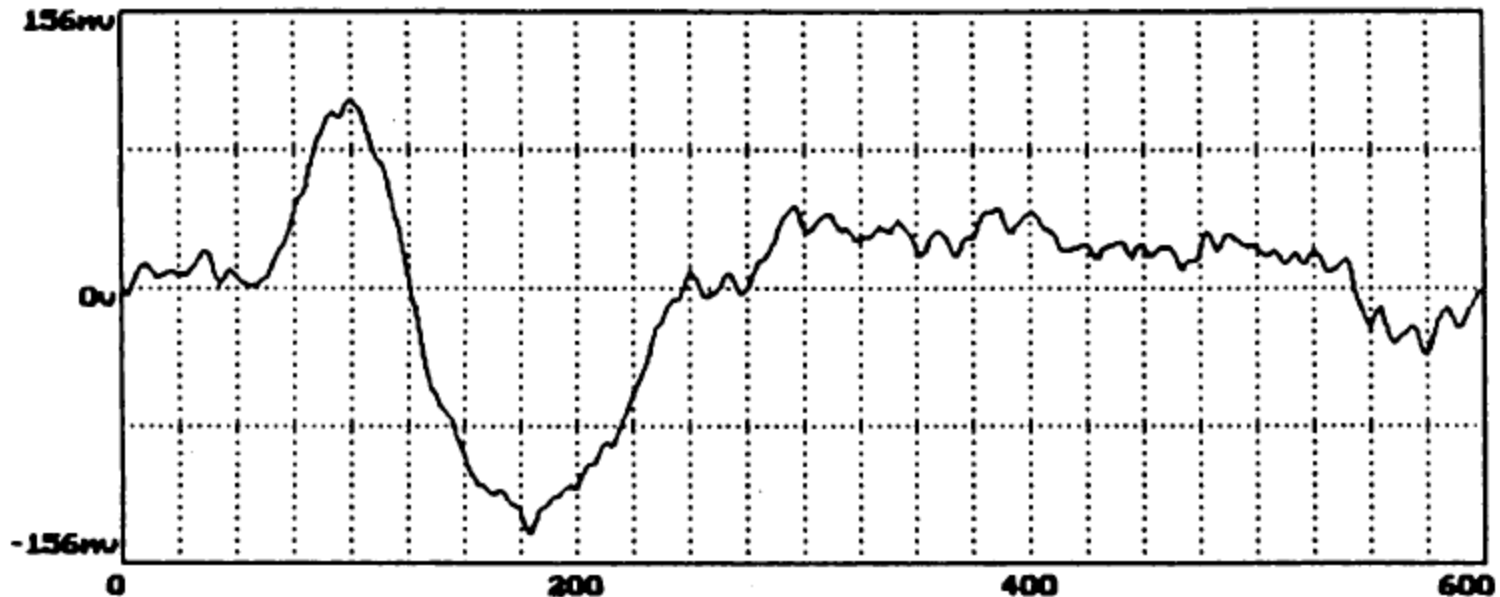


Fig. 4. A typical neuromagnetic field measurement normal to the head in response to auditory stimulation. A 50 ms wide prominent peak is seen at about 100 ms post-stimulus, followed by a wider, polarity reversed peak at about 200 ms.

# Undersampling

8 Hz alternating checkerboard

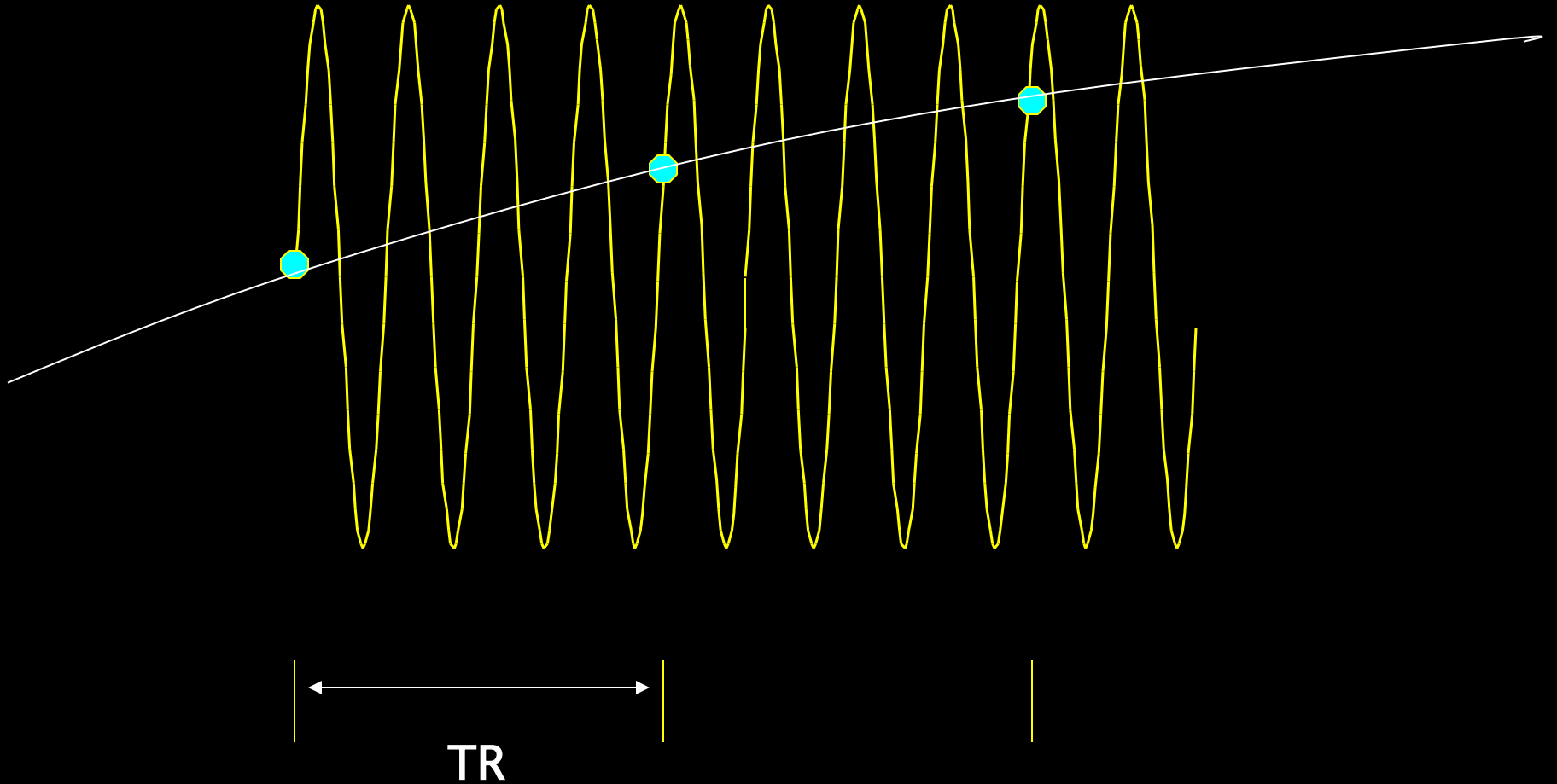
MEG

Photodiode

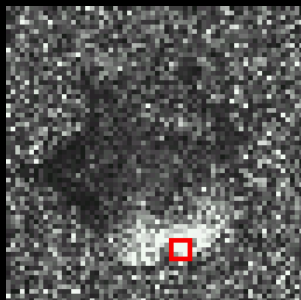


# Undersampling

Alternating Checkerboard Frequency



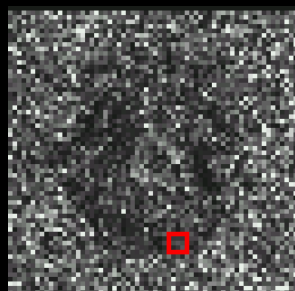
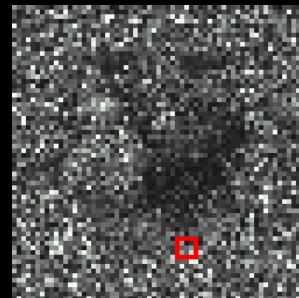
Closed



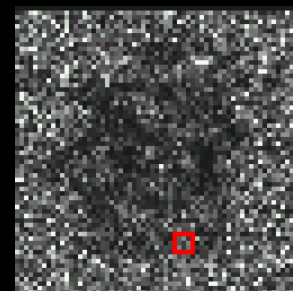
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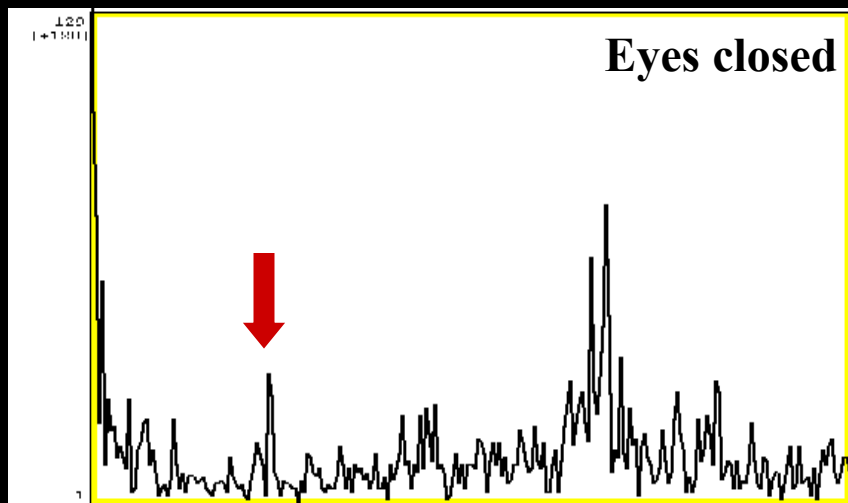
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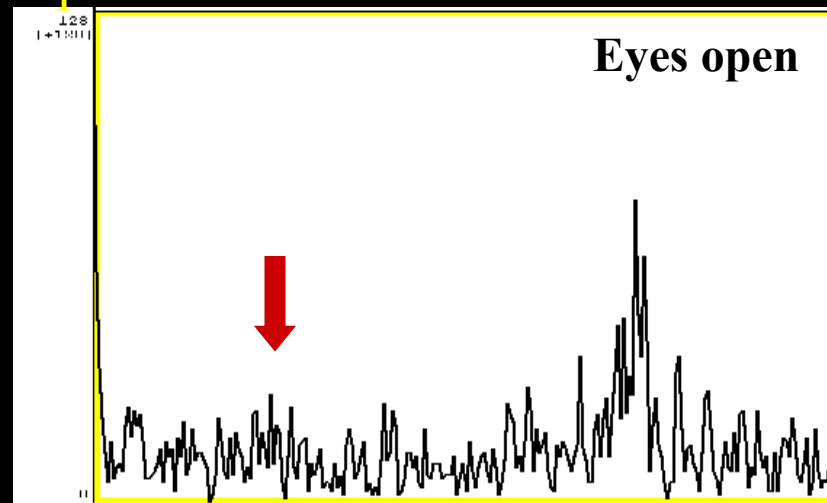
Magnitude 0.12 Hz



Power spectra



Eyes closed



Eyes open

0.5 Hz

0.5 Hz

# Caution, Despair, Hope...

- Need to rule out BOLD or other mechanisms
- Noise is larger than effect
- MR sampling rate is slow
- Neuronal activation timing is variable and unspecified
- Models describing spatial distribution and locally induced magnetic fields remain relatively uncharacterized...therefore could be off by up to an order of magnitude.
- Well characterized stimuli
- “Transient-tuned” pulse sequences (spin-echo, multi-echo)
- Sensitivity and/or resolution improvements
- Simultaneous electrophysiology – animal models?
- Synchronization improvements.

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