

# Latest Developments of fMRI

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# Overview of fMRI

## Functional Contrast:

- Blood volume
- Blood flow/perfusion
- Blood oxygenation

## Spatial resolution:

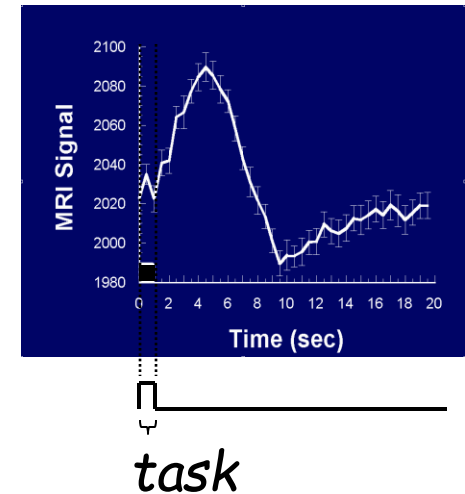
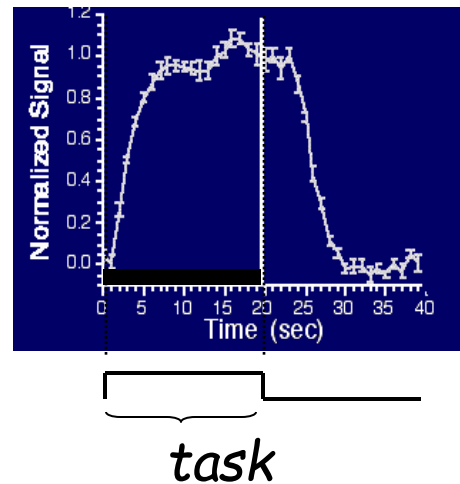
- Typical:  $3 \text{ mm}^3$
- Upper:  $0.5 \text{ mm}^3$

## Temporal resolution:

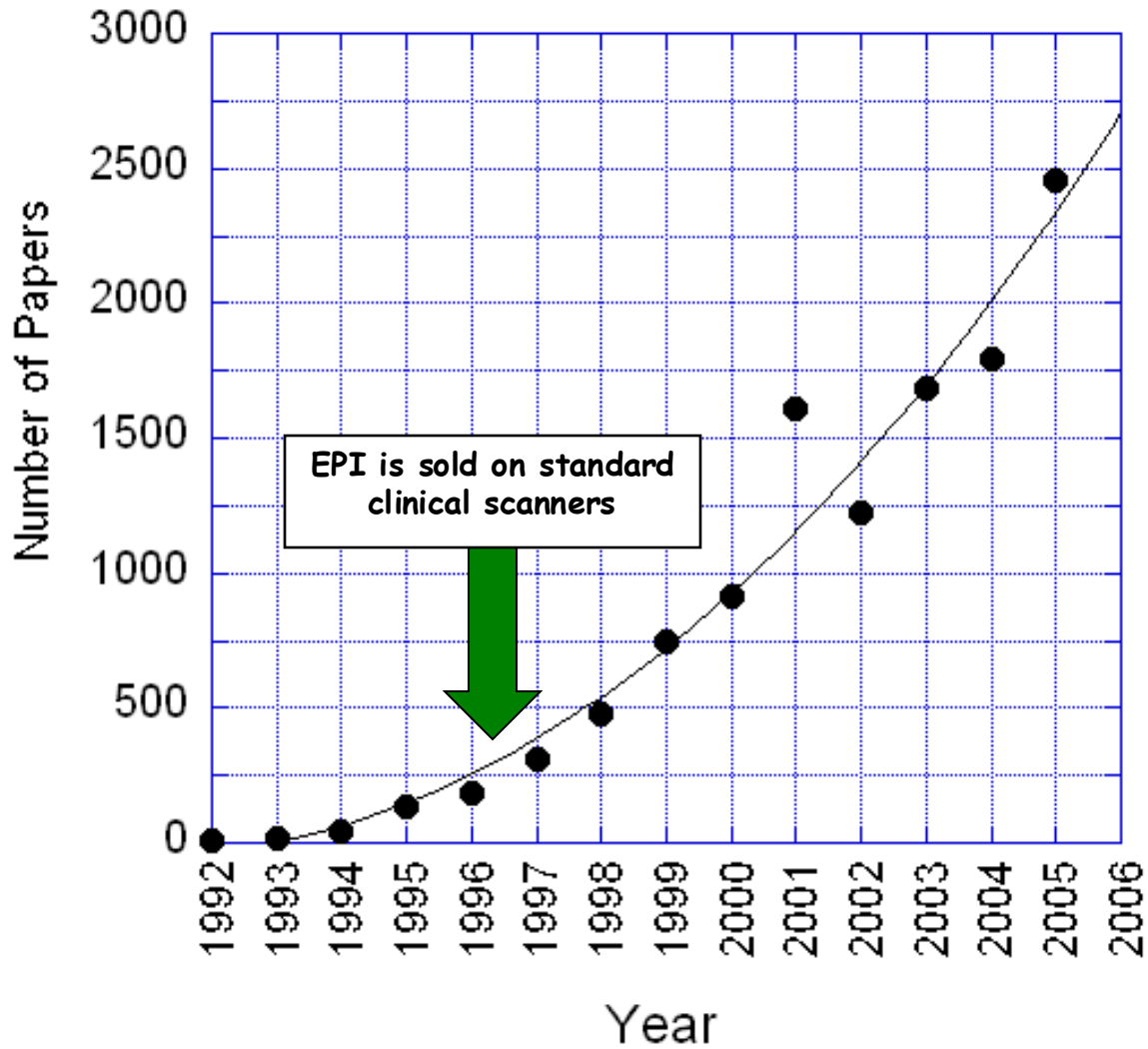
- Minimum duration:  $< 16 \text{ ms}$
- Minimum onset diff:  $100 \text{ ms to } 2 \text{ sec}$

## Interpretability:

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

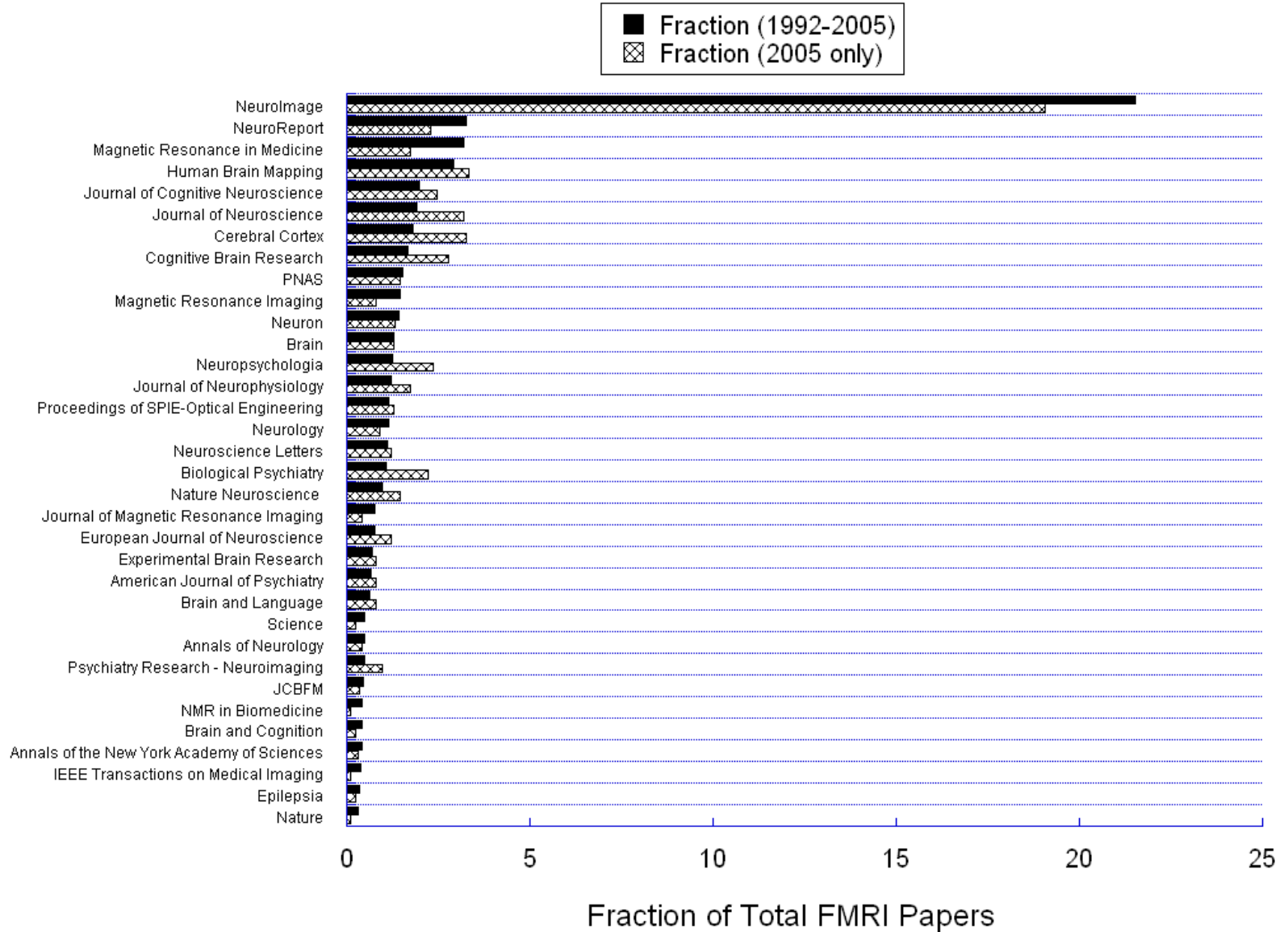


# fMRI Papers Published per Year



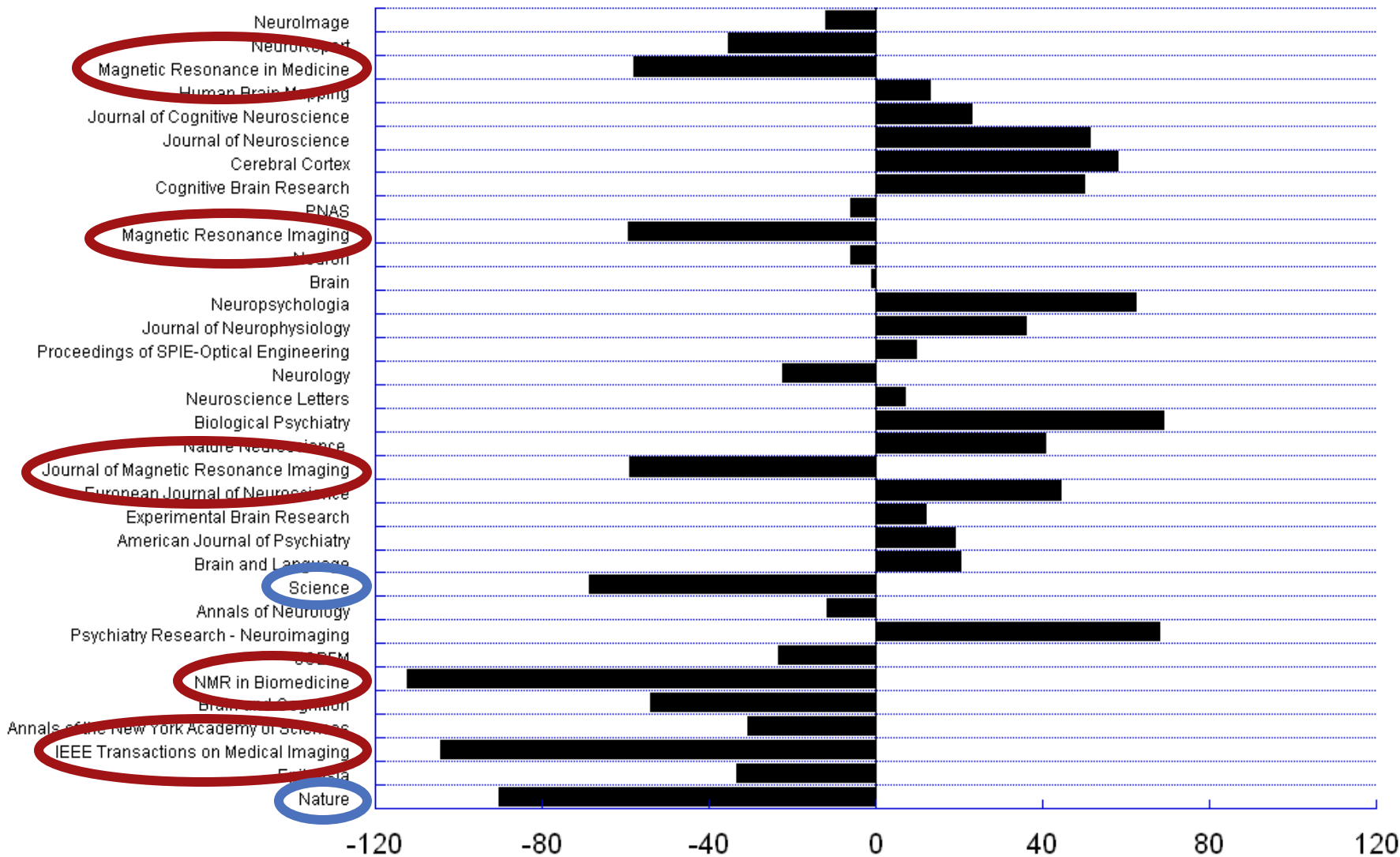
"fMRI" or "functional MRI"

# Breakdown of fMRI papers by Journal

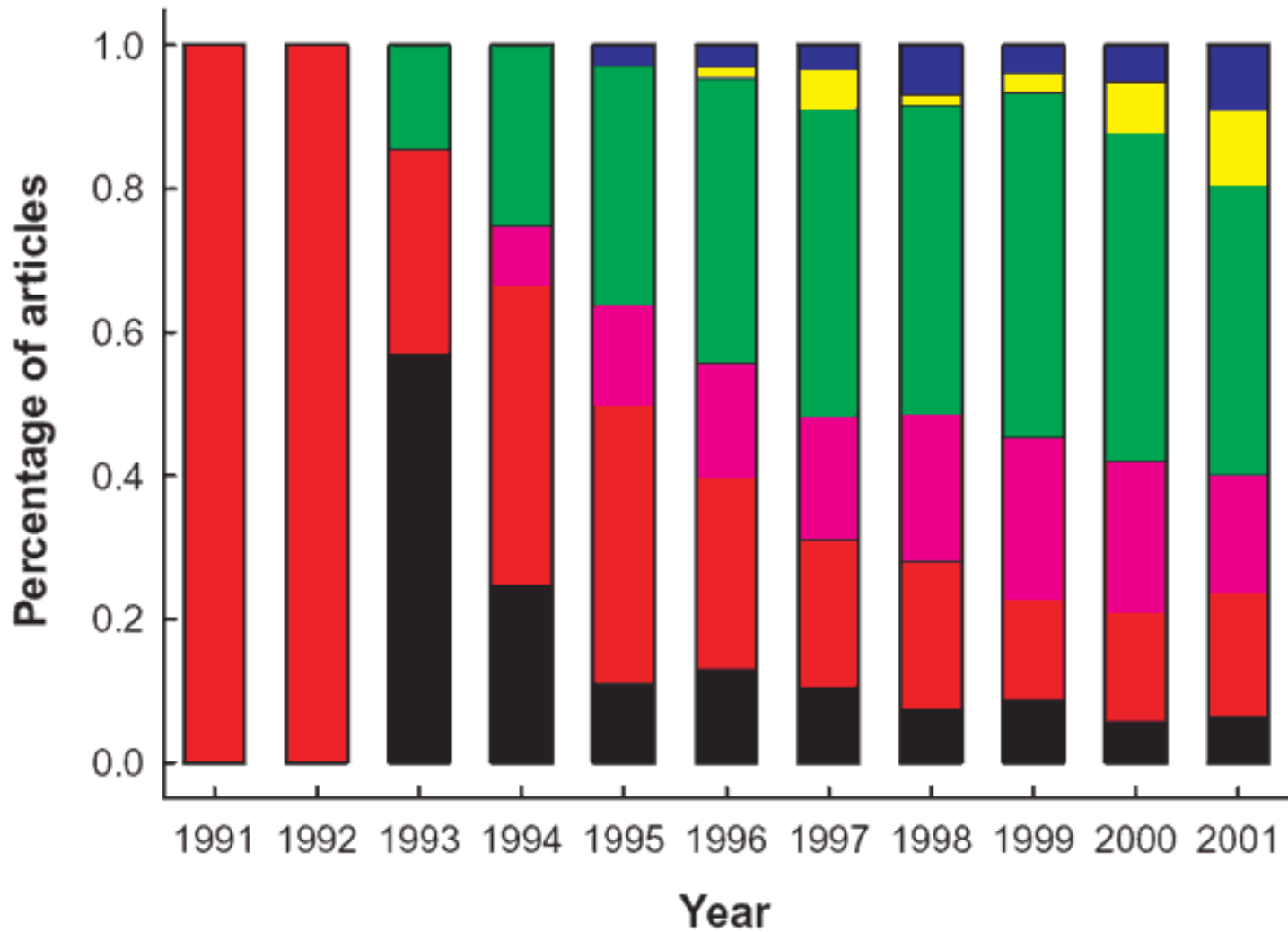




Percent Change in fMRI Publications of 2005 relative to Average (1992 - 2005) for Each Journal



Percent Change (2005 relative to average from 1992 to 2005)



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

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

# What fMRI Can Do (routine fMRI)

## Help in understanding healthy brain organization

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

## Current Clinical Applications

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

## Current Clinical Research

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



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

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

# Technology

Coil arrays  
High field strength  
High resolution  
Novel functional contrast

# Methodology

Functional Connectivity Assessment  
Multi-modal integration  
Pattern classification  
Real time feedback  
Task design

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Dynamics  
Cross - modal comparison

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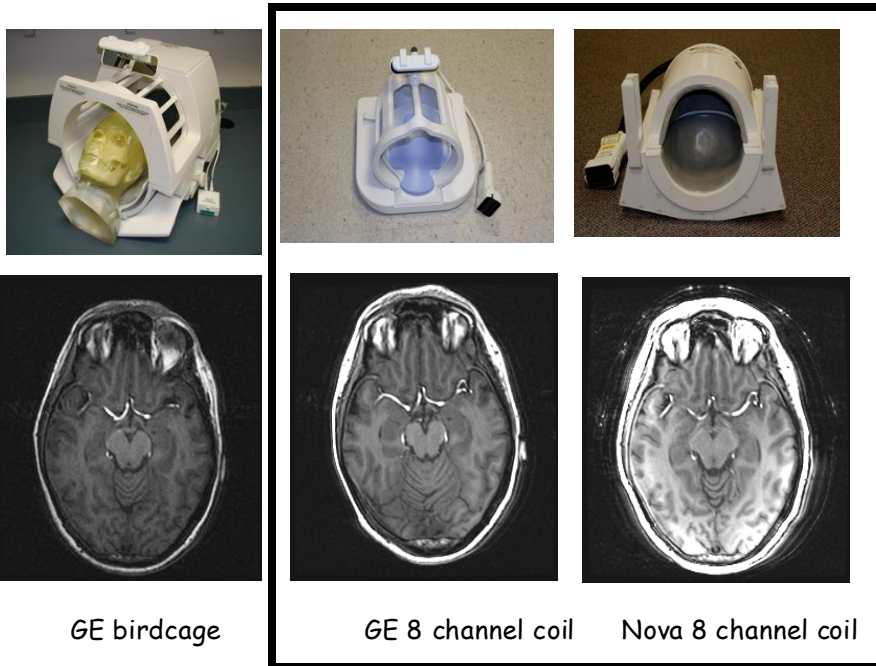
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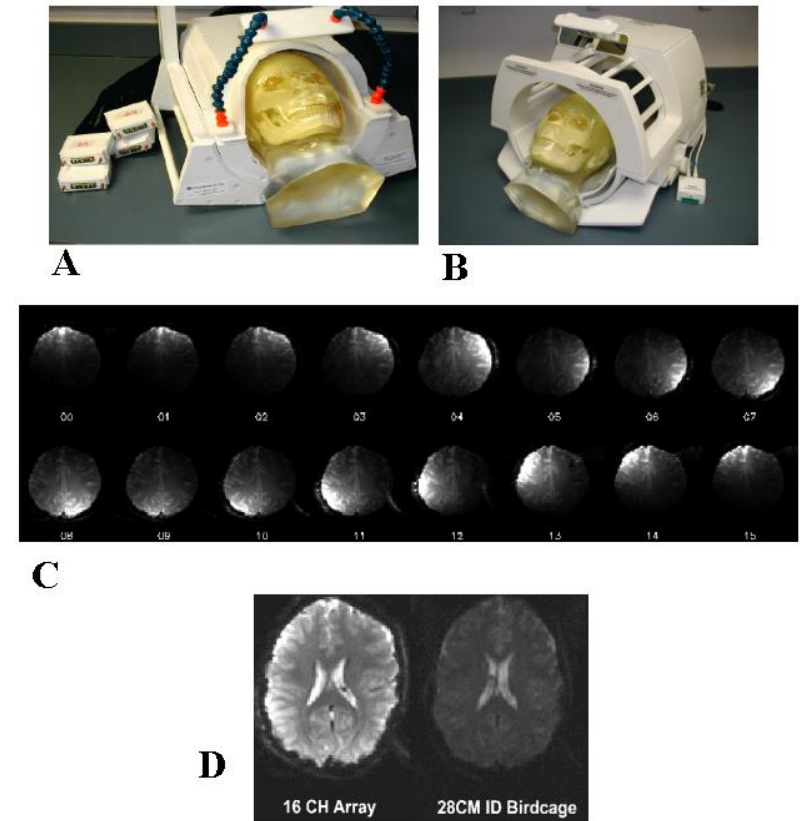
# Applications

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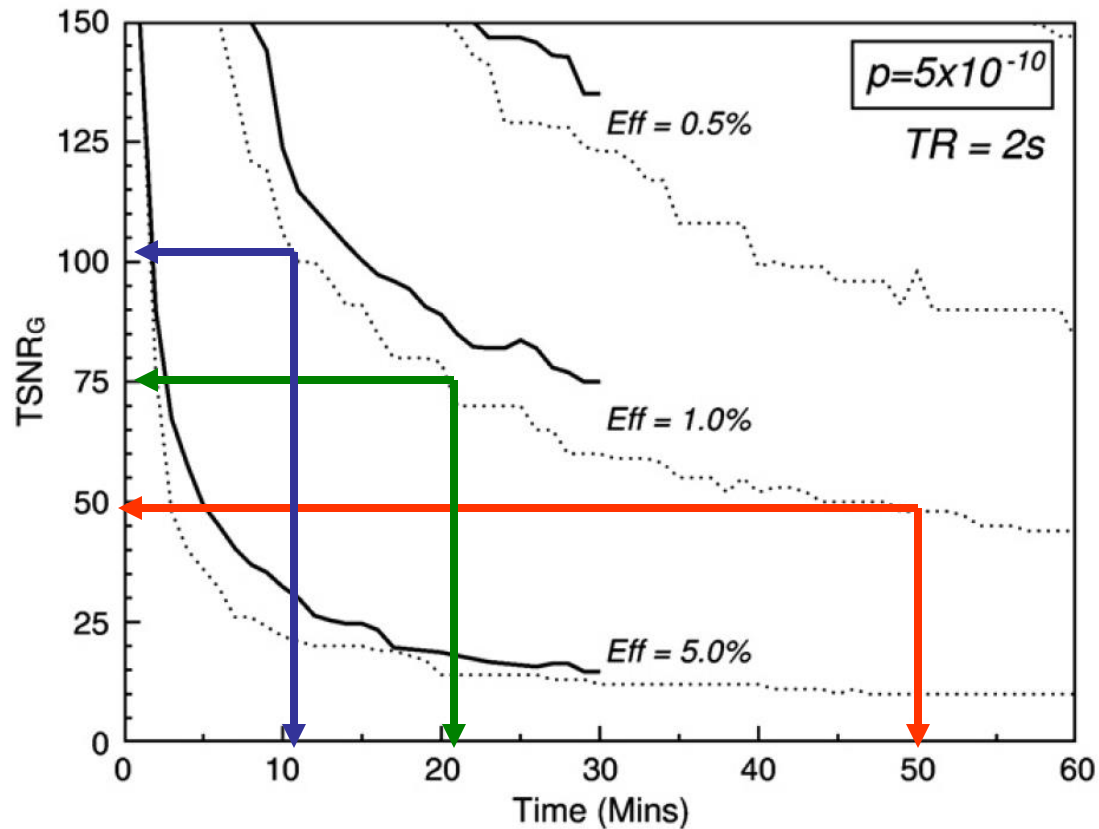
## 8 channel parallel receiver coil



## 16 channel parallel receiver coil



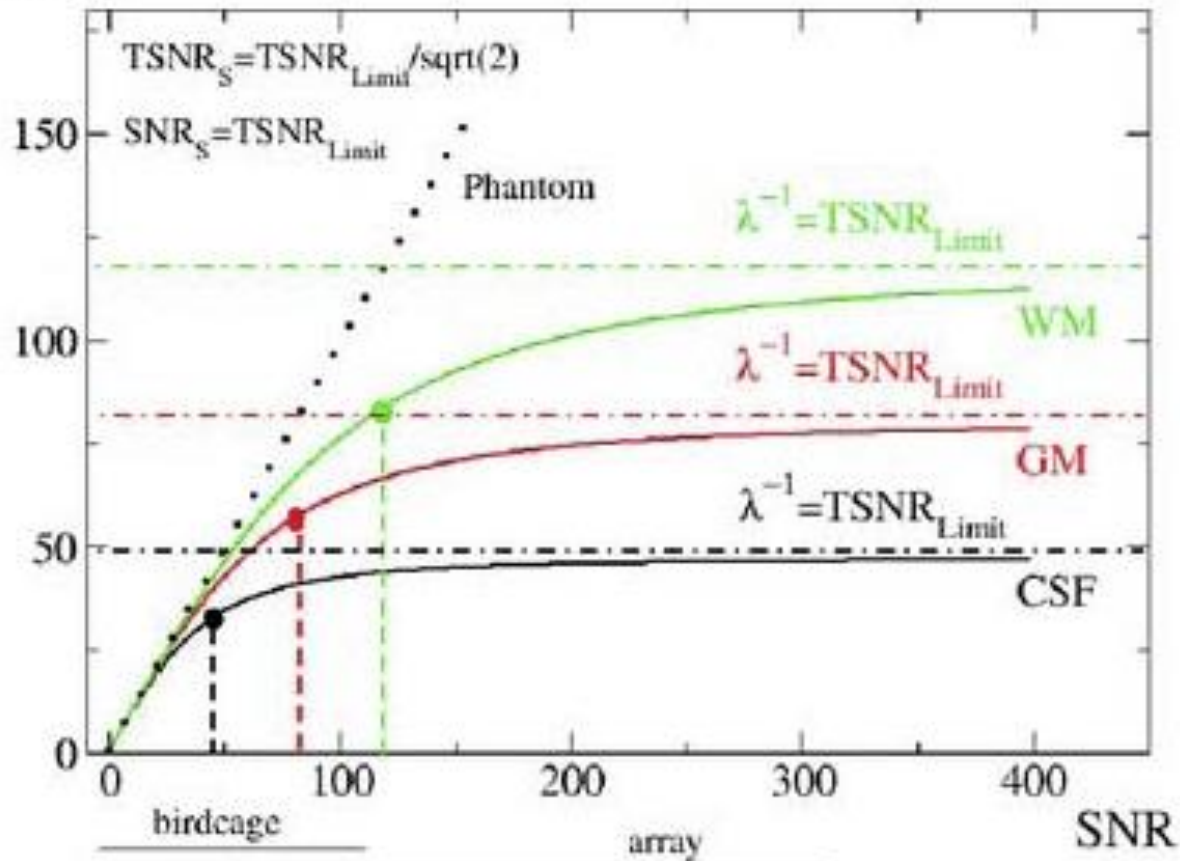
# Technology



K. Murphy, J. Bodurka, P. A. Bandettini, How long to scan?  
The relationship between fMRI temporal signal to noise and the  
necessary scan duration. *NeuroImage*, 34, 565-574 (2007)

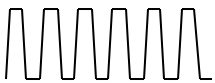
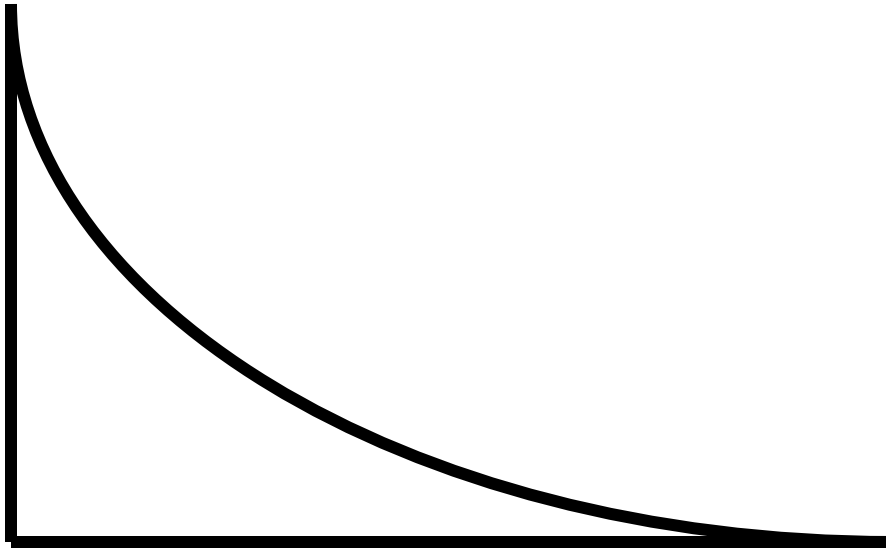
# SNR vs TSNR

TSNR

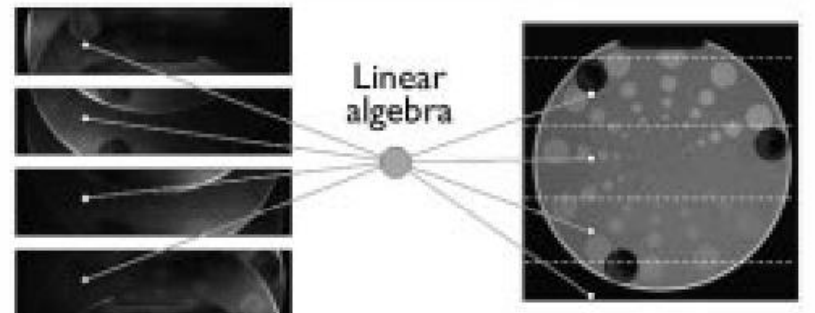
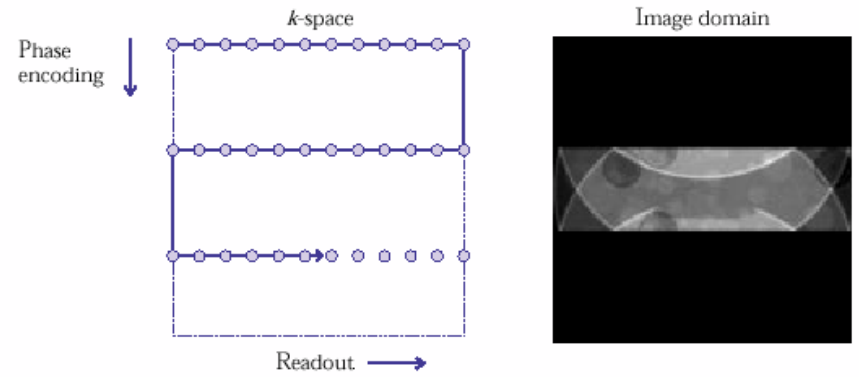
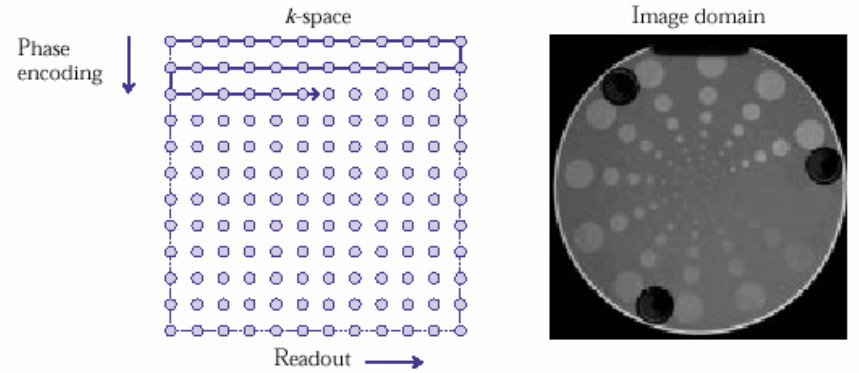


J. Bodurka, F. Ye, N Petridou, P. A. Bandettini, Mapping the MRI voxel volume in which thermal noise matches physiological noise - implications for fMRI. *NeuroImage*, 34, 542-549 (2007)

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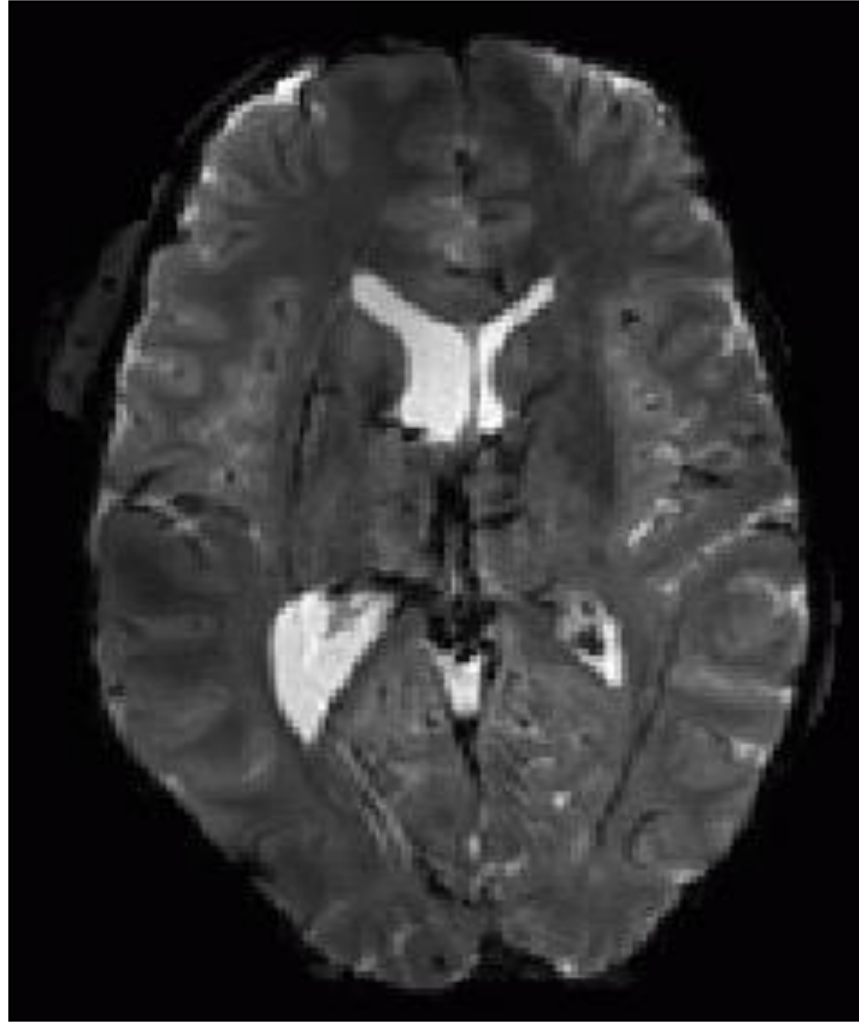
≈ 5 to 30 ms



Pruessmann, et al.



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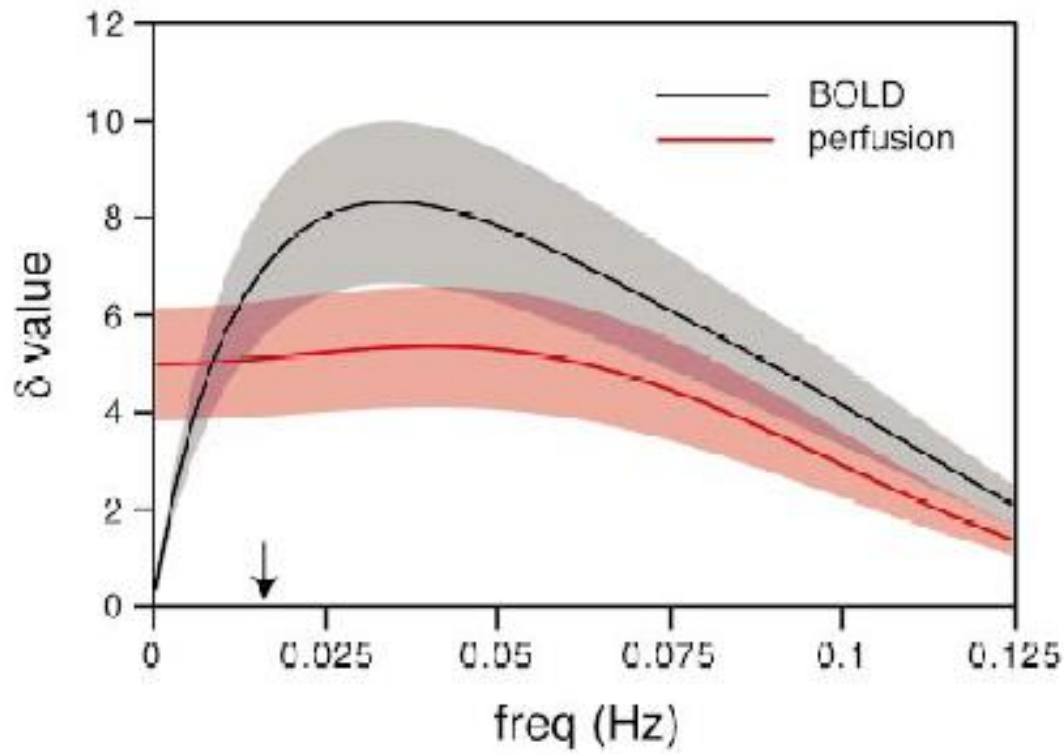


3T single-shot SENSE EPI using 16 channels: 1.25x1.25x2mm

## fMRI Contrast

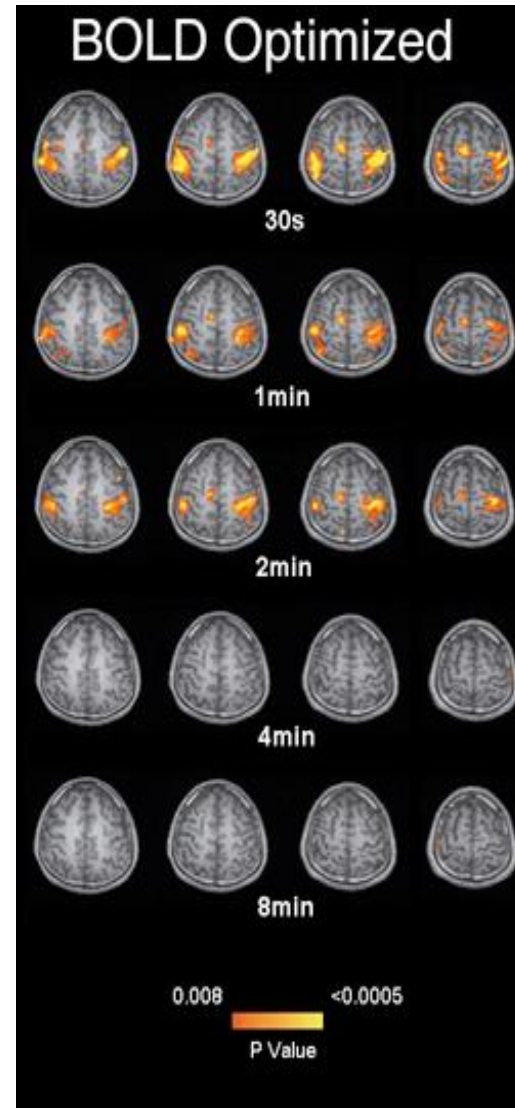
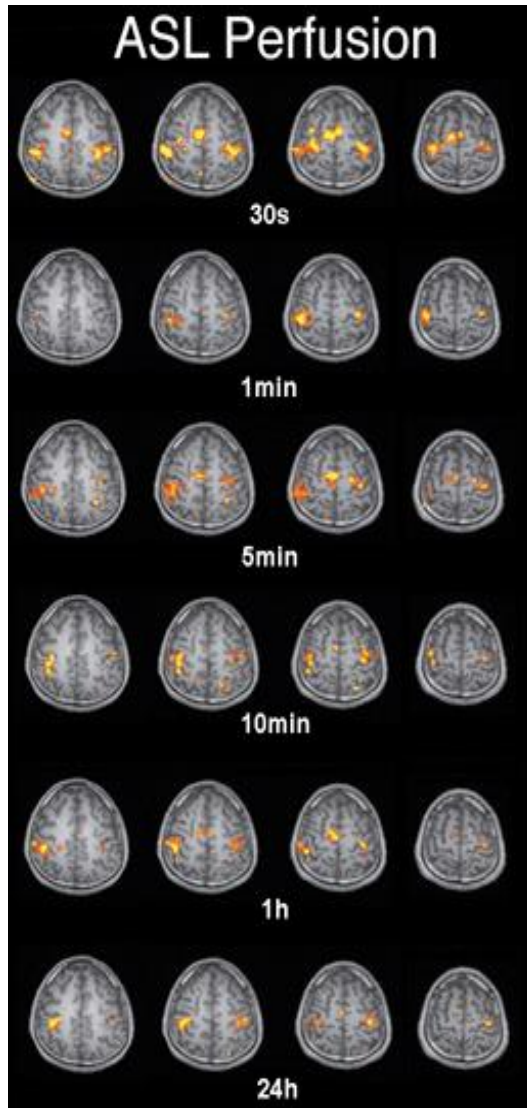
- Volume (gadolinium)
- BOLD
- Perfusion (ASL)
- $\Delta\text{CMRO}_2$
- $\Delta\text{Volume}$  (VASO)
- Neuronal Currents
- Diffusion coefficient
- Temperature

Better than BOLD for long duration activation...

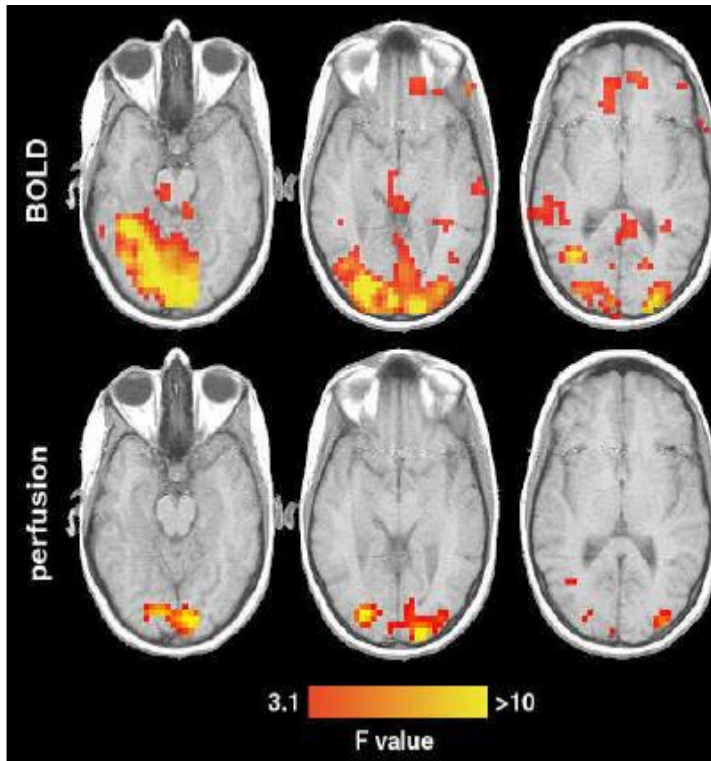


GK Aguirre et al, (2002) NeuroImage 15 (3): 488-500

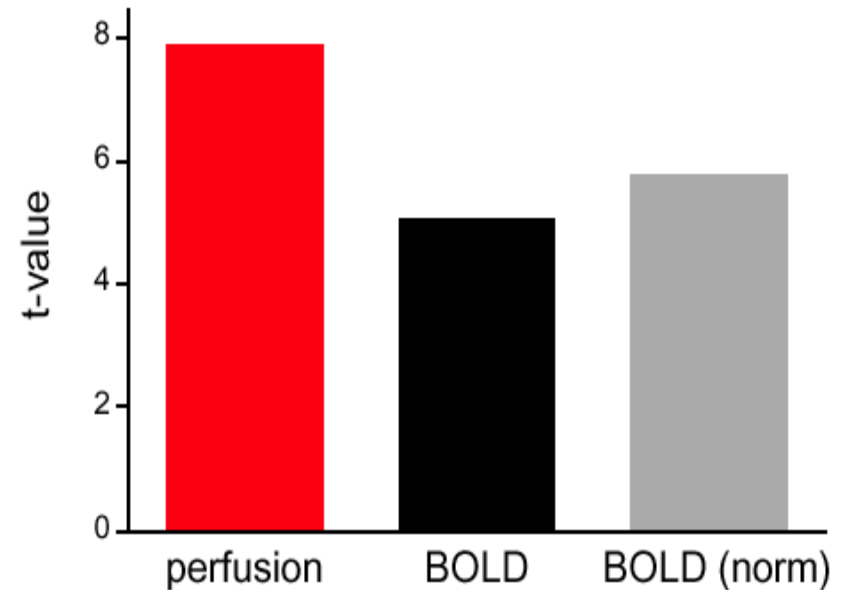
# Perfusion vs. BOLD: Low Task Frequency



## ASL Perfusion fMRI vs. BOLD *Improved Intersubject Variability vs. BOLD*

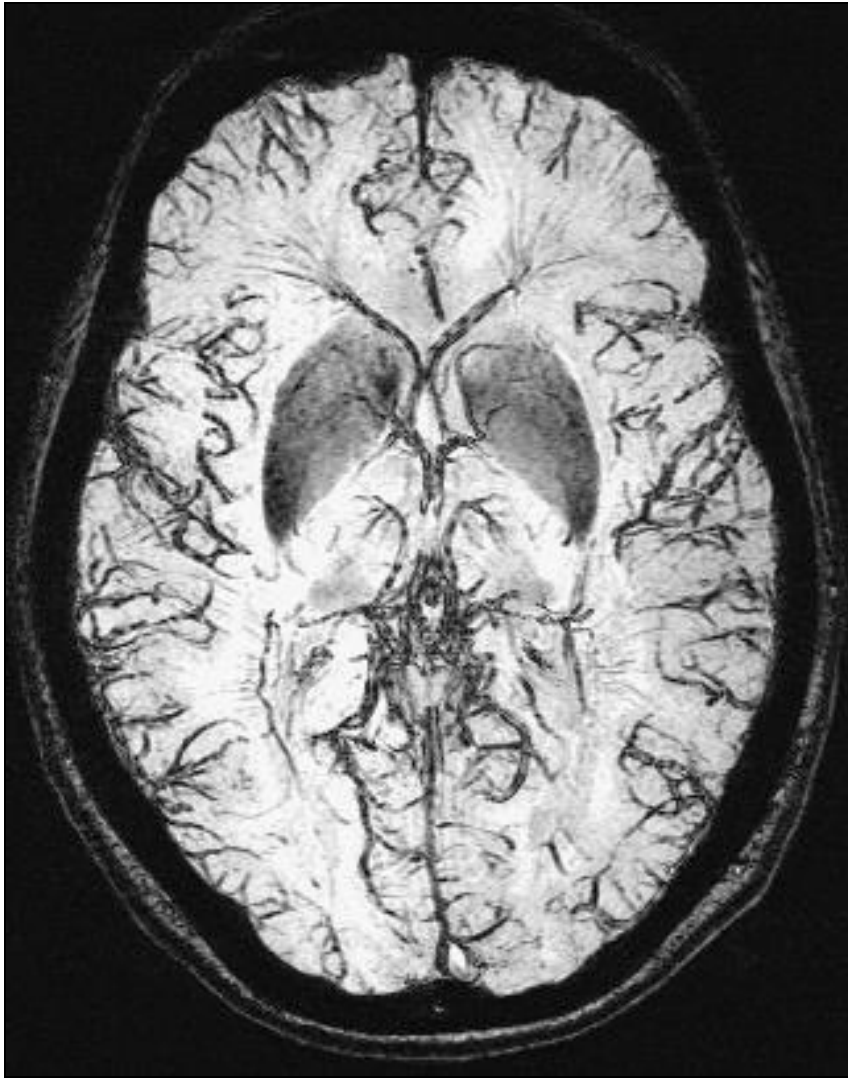


Single Subject



Group (Random Effects)

## BOLD effect to highlight veins: 3 Tesla



**Bove-Bettis, et al (2004), SMRT**

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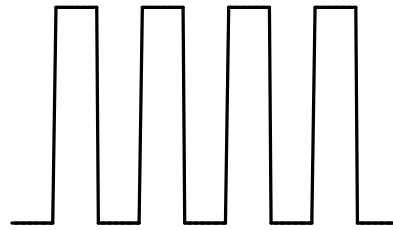
# Interpretation

# Applications

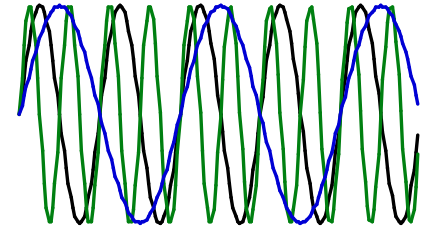


# Neuronal Activation Input Strategies

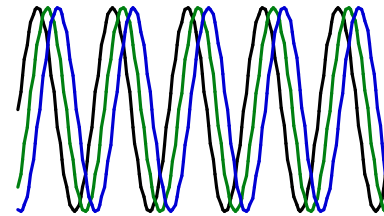
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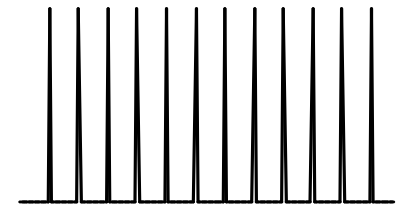
2. Frequency Encoding



3. Phase Encoding

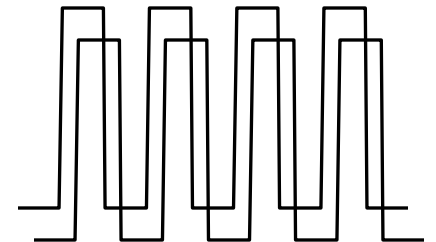


4. Event-Related



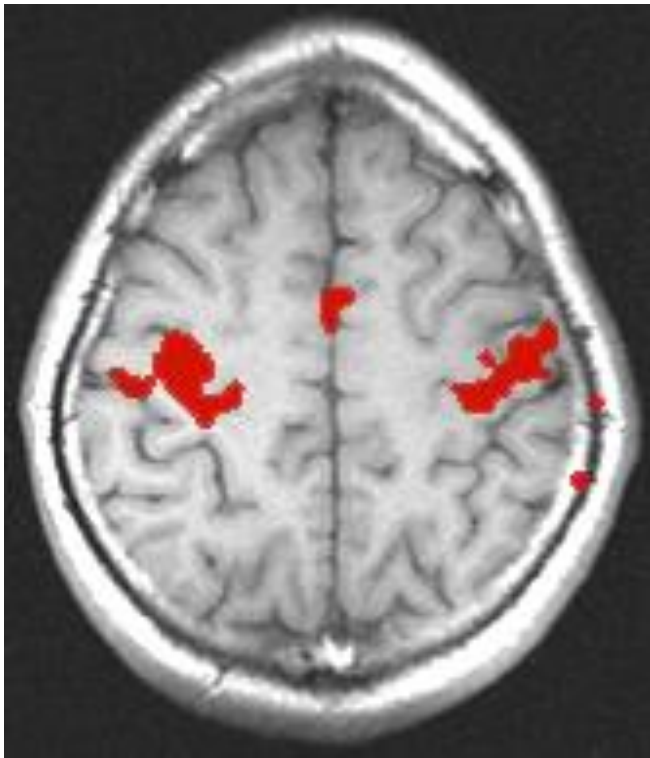
5. Orthogonal Block Design

6. Free Behavior Design.

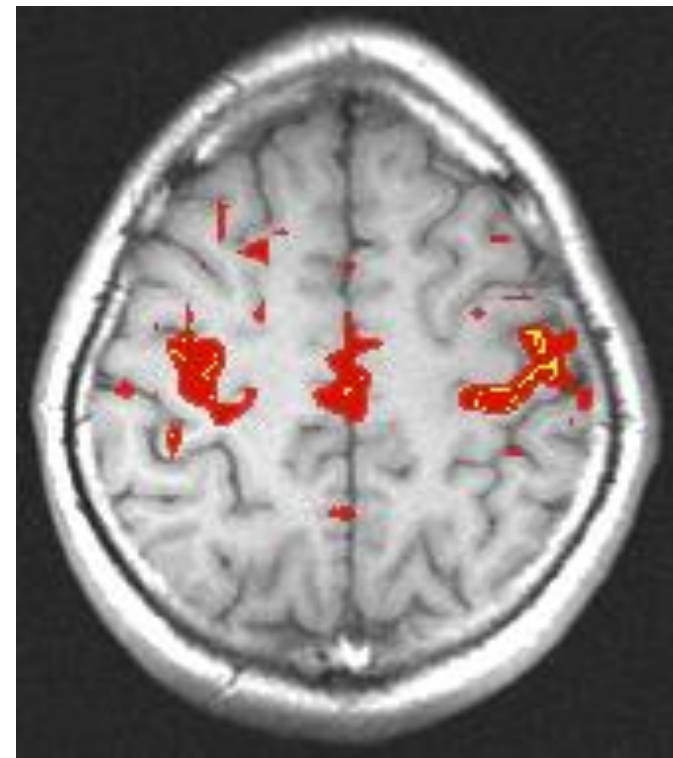


# Methodology

## Resting State Correlations



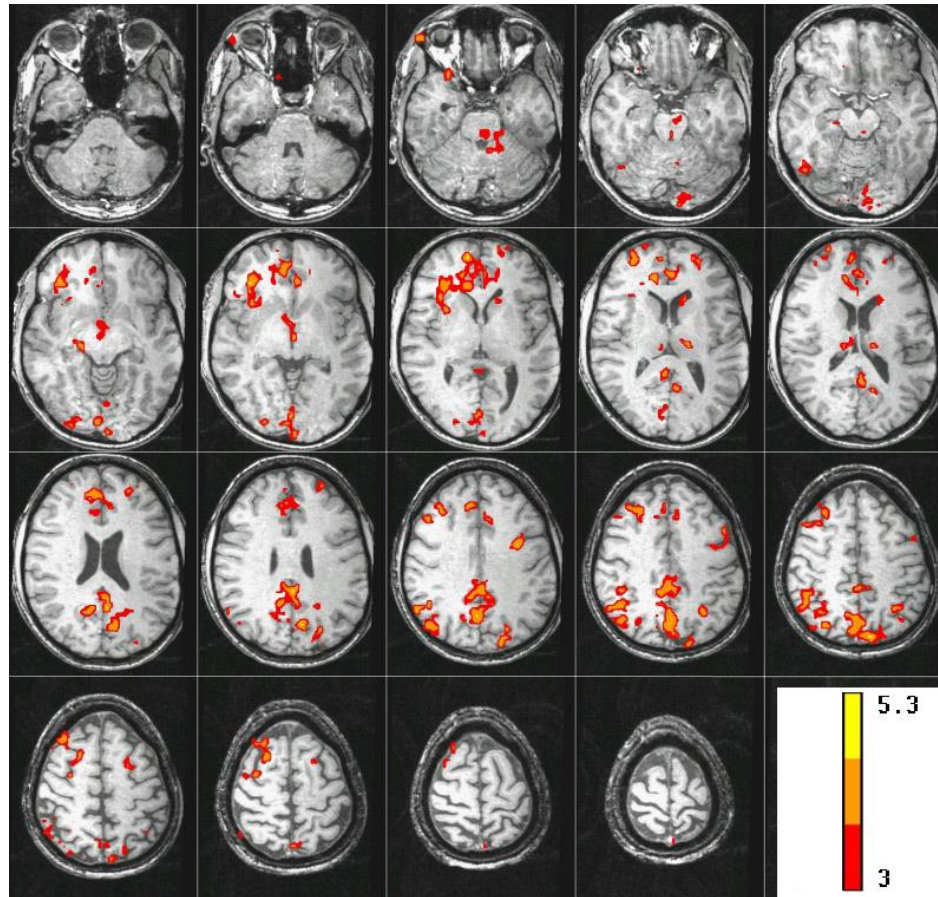
Activation:  
correlation with reference function



Rest:  
seed voxel in motor cortex

# Methodology

BOLD correlated with SCR during "Rest"

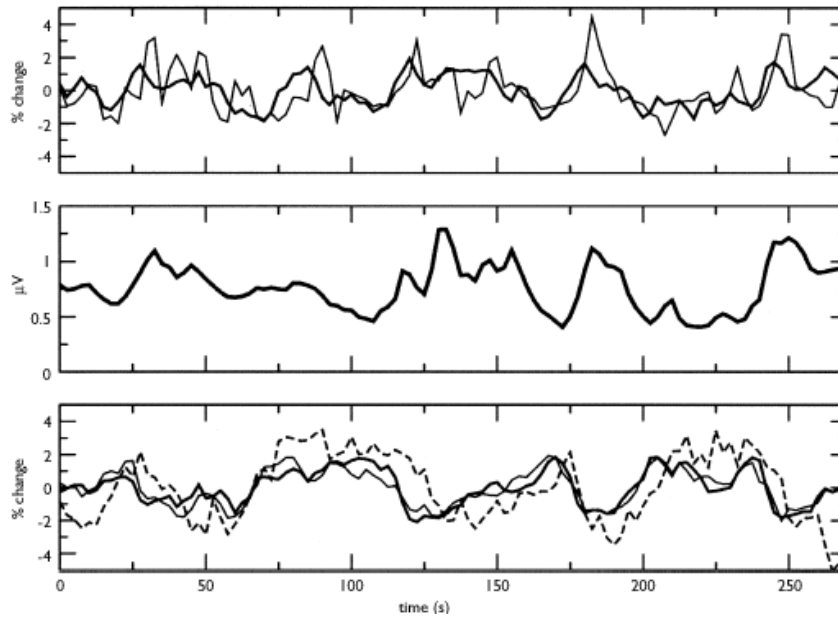


J. C. Patterson II, L. G. Ungerleider, and P. A. Bandettini, *NeuroImage* 17: 1787-1806, (2002).

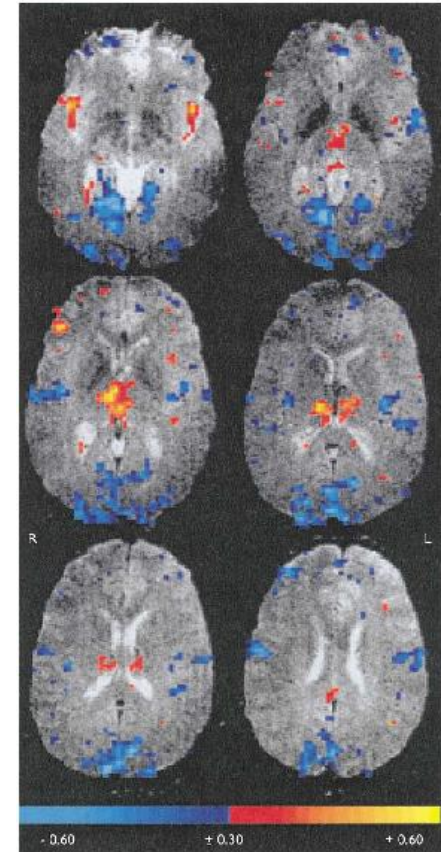
# Methodology

BOLD correlated with 10 Hz power during "Rest"

Positive  
10 Hz power  
Negative



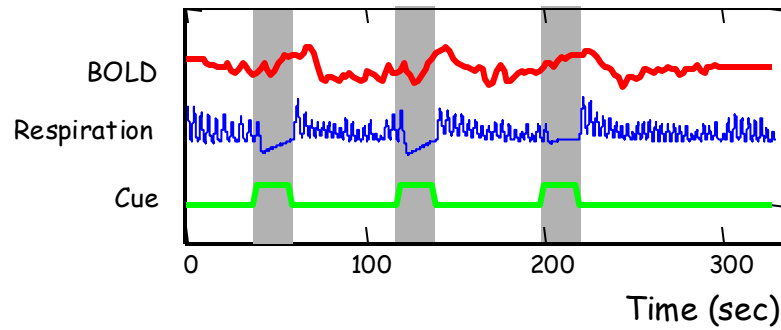
Goldman, et al (2002), Neuroreport



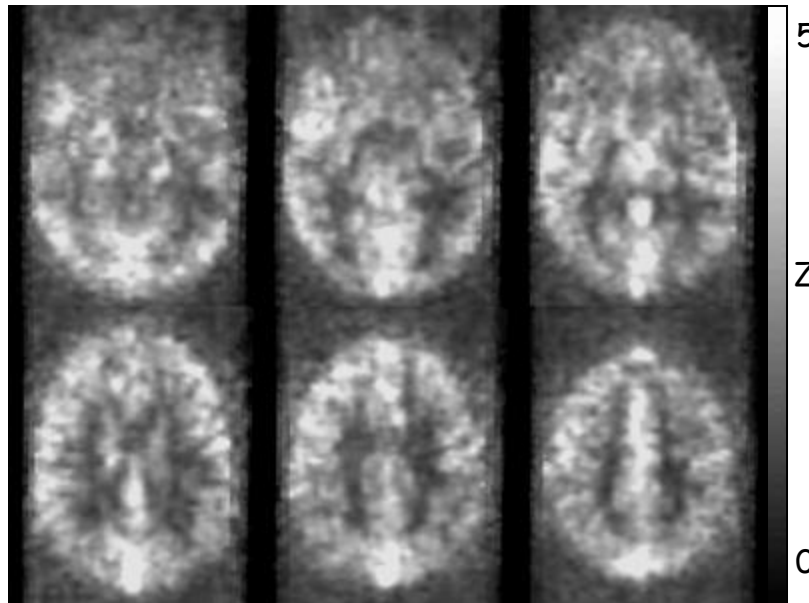
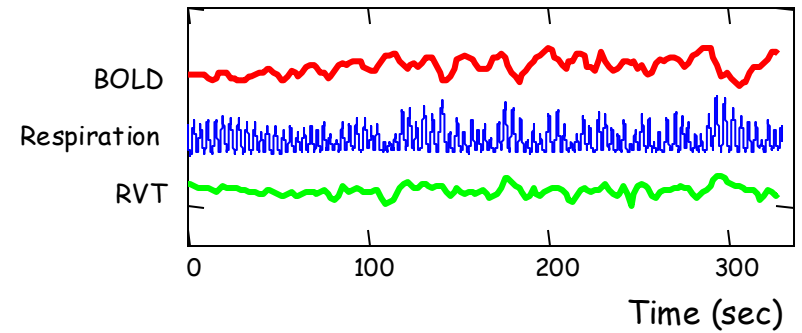
# Methodology

## Respiration induced signal changes

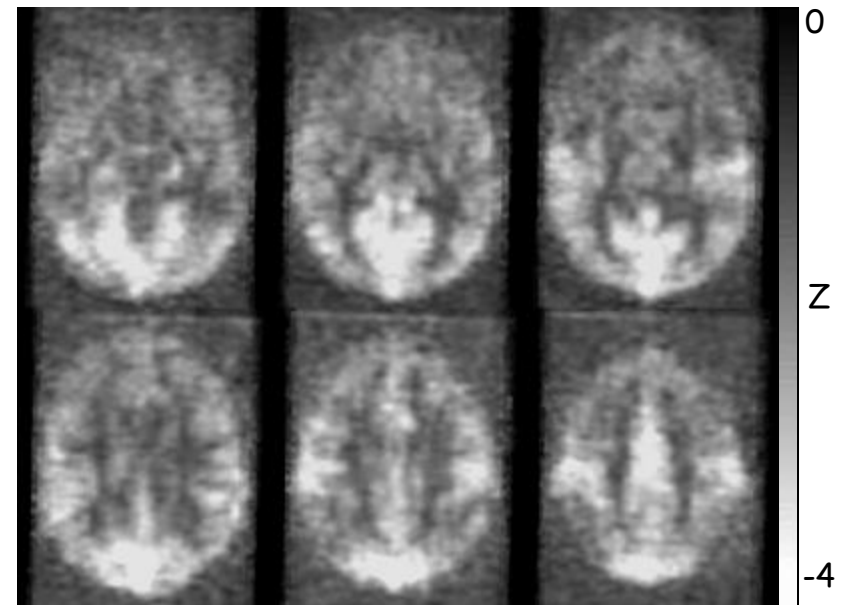
### Breath-holding



### Rest



(N=7)



R. M. Birn, J. B. Diamond, M. A. Smith, P. A. Bandettini, Separating respiratory variation-related fluctuations from neuronal activity-related fluctuations in fMRI, *NeuroImage* 31, 1536-1548 (2006)

# Methodology



**Mapping** ↔ **"Reading"**

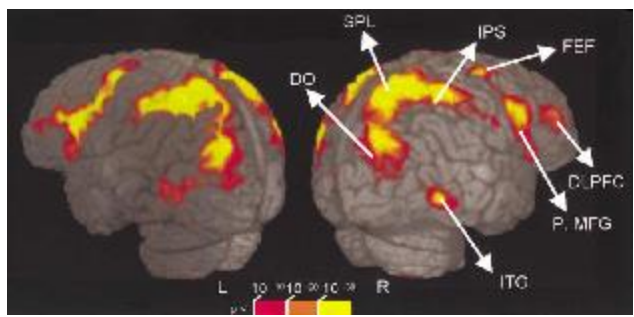


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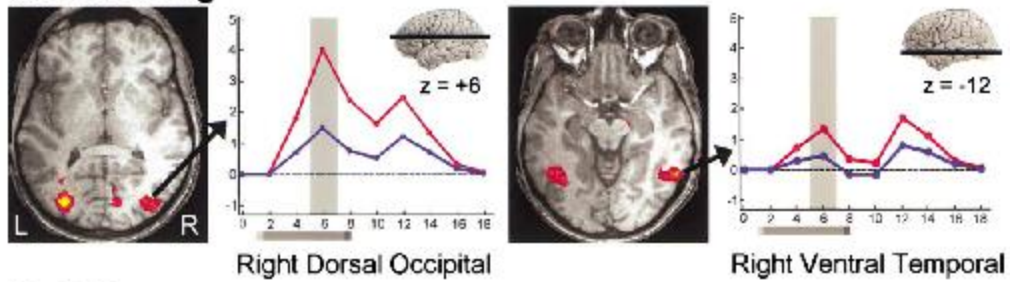
Neuron, Vol. 35, 975-987, August 29, 2002, Copyright ©2002 by Cell Press

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

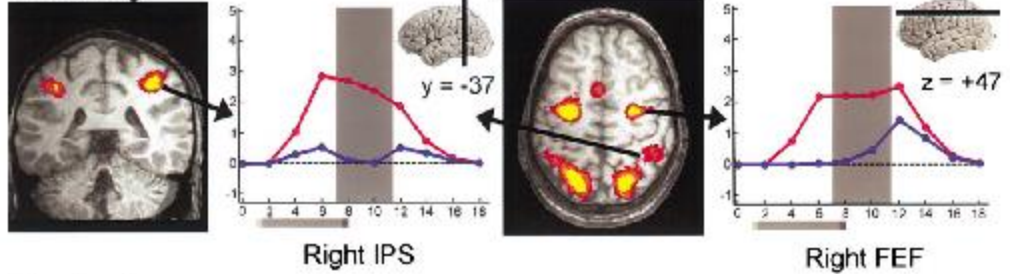
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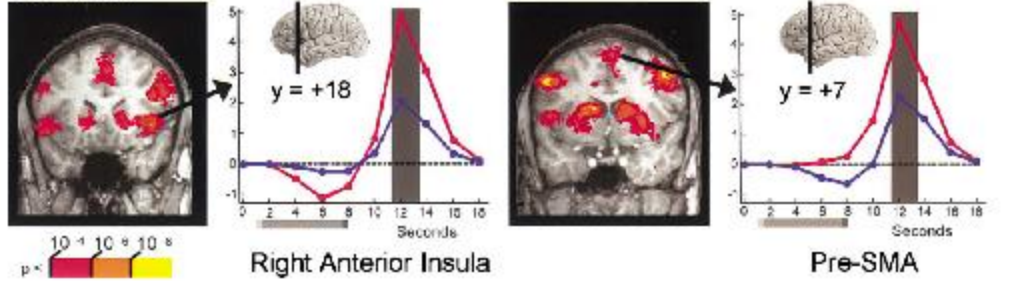
### A. Encoding



### B. Delay



### C. Test



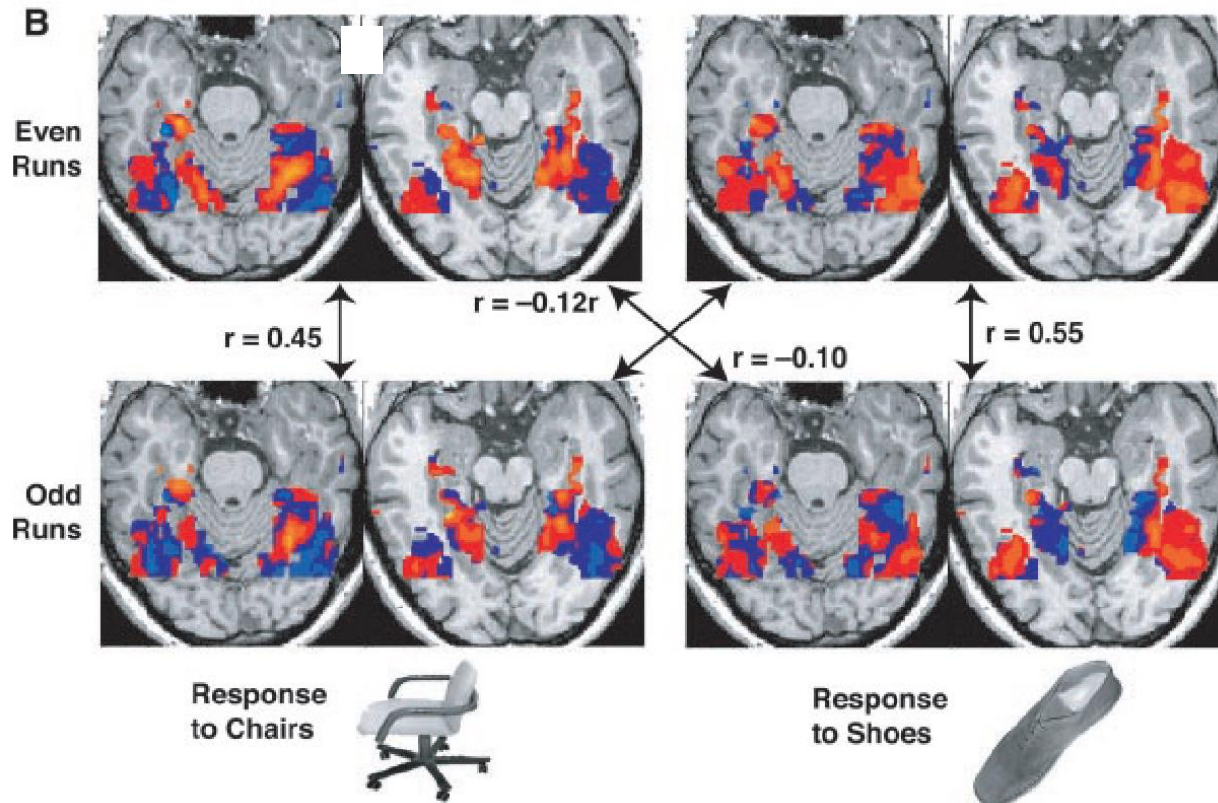
$10^{-4}$   $10^{-6}$   $10^{-8}$



# Methodology

## Ventral temporal category representations

Object categories are associated with distributed representations in ventral temporal cortex



Haxby et al. 2001

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

David D. Cox<sup>a,b,\*</sup> and Robert L. Savoy<sup>a,b,c</sup>

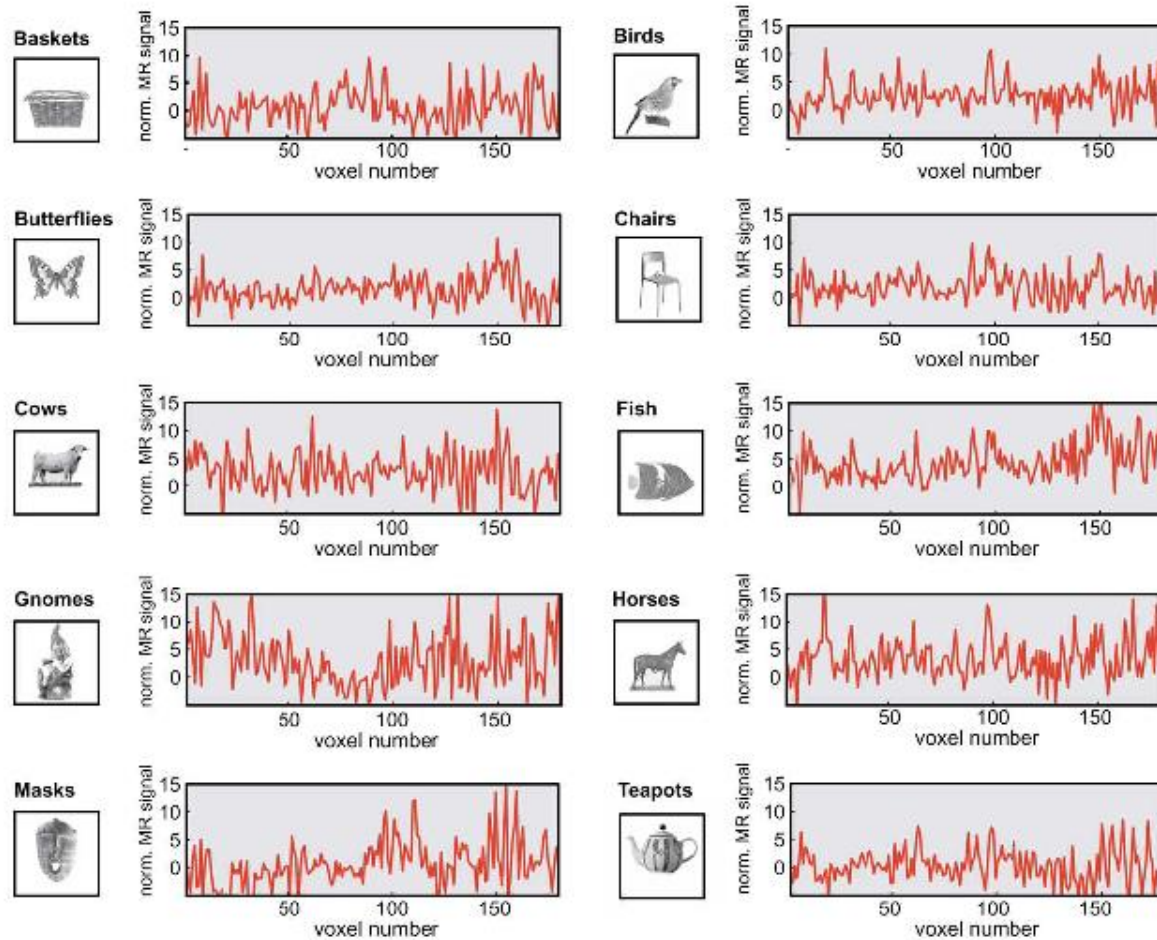
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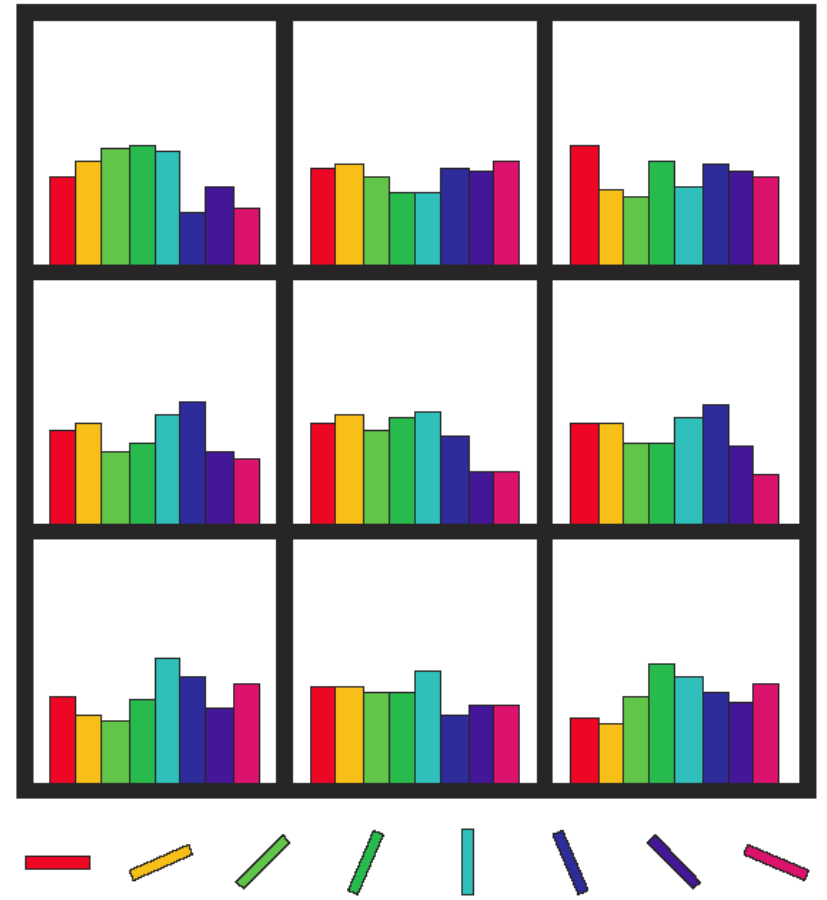
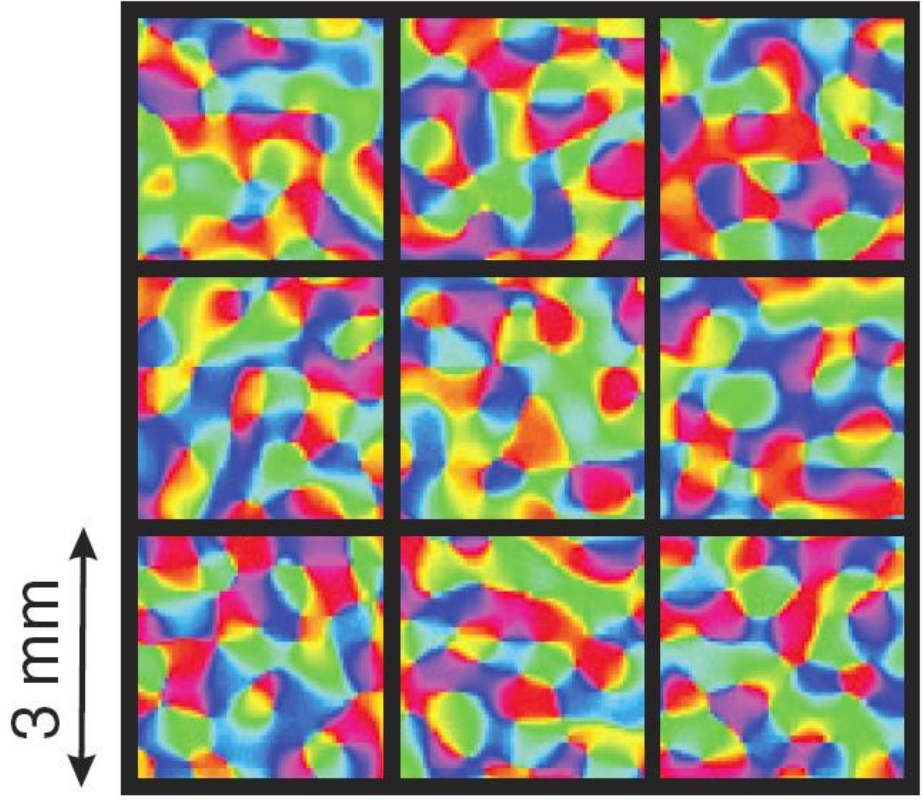
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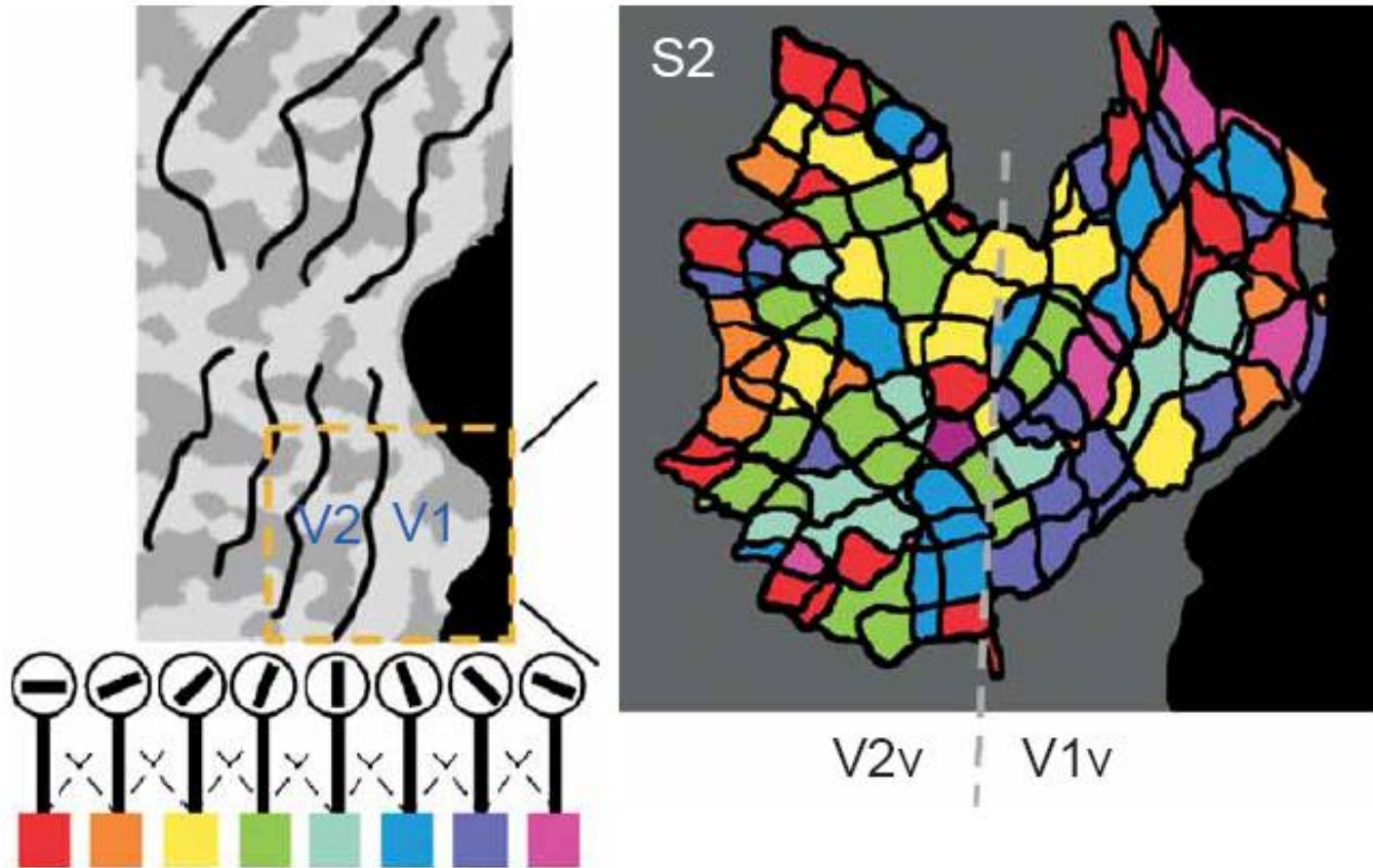


Boynton (2005), News & Views on Kamitani & Tong (2005) and Haynes & Rees (2005)



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## Lower spatial frequency clumping

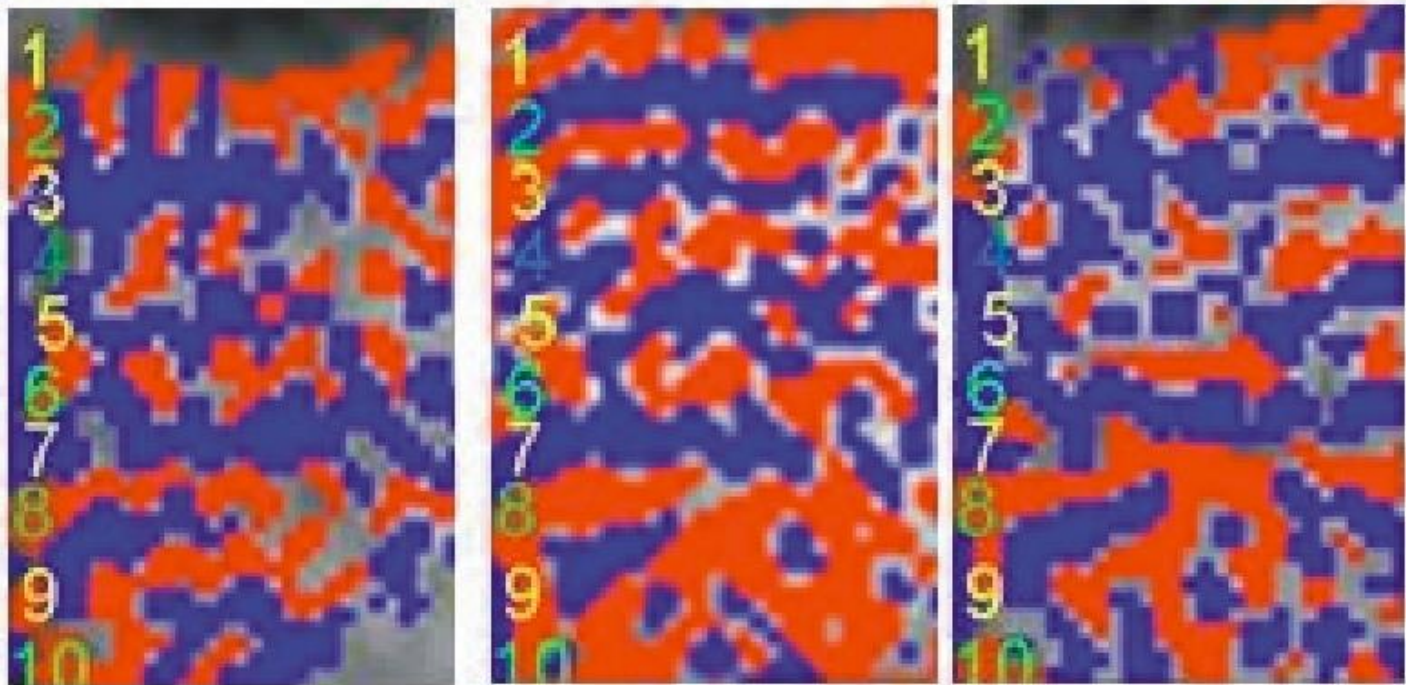


Kamitani & Tong (2005)

What to do with high resolution data?

## HSE-BOLD demonstration of ocular dominance columns

human, 7T,  $0.5 \times 0.5 \times 3$  mm<sup>3</sup>



day 1

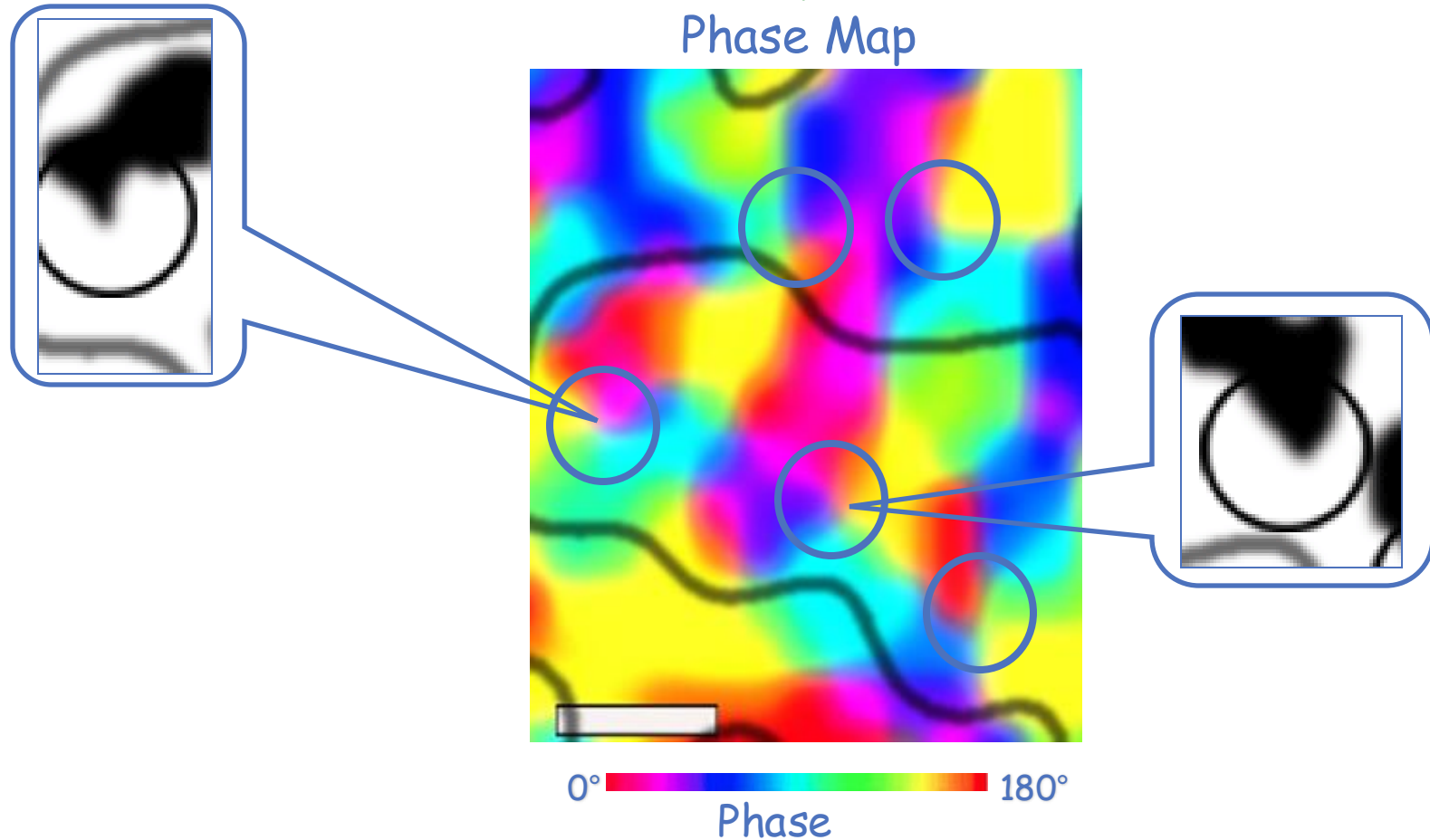
day 2

day 3

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

# Methodology

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



Yacoub, Ugurbil & Harel  
University of Minnesota / CMRR

HBM 2006: Thursday, June 15, 2006 at 9:30

Scalebar = 0.5 mm

# Methodology

neuronal  
activity pattern

fMRI  
activity pattern

condition 1



hemodynamics

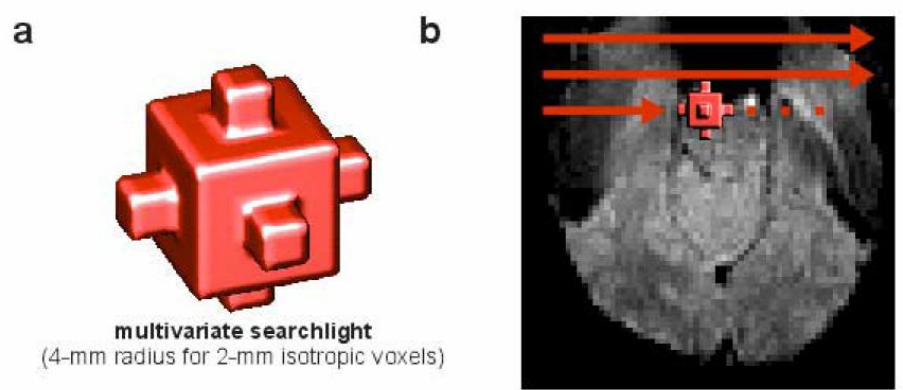


condition 2





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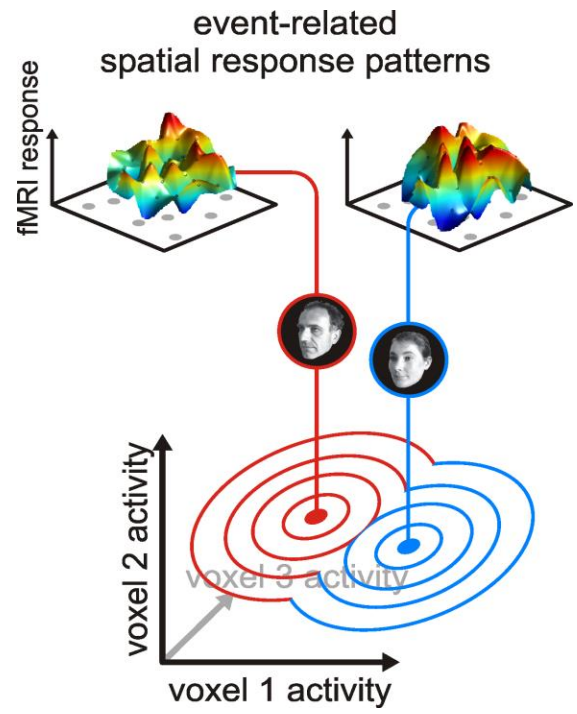
**multivariate searchlight**  
(4-mm radius for 2-mm isotropic voxels)



Information-based searchlight map with t-map texture (FDR  $q < 0.05$ )

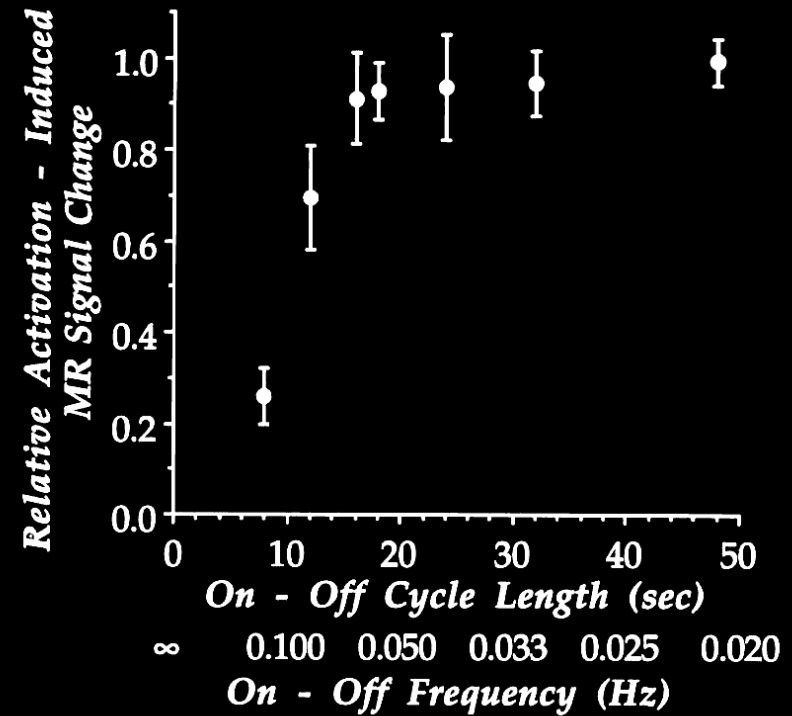
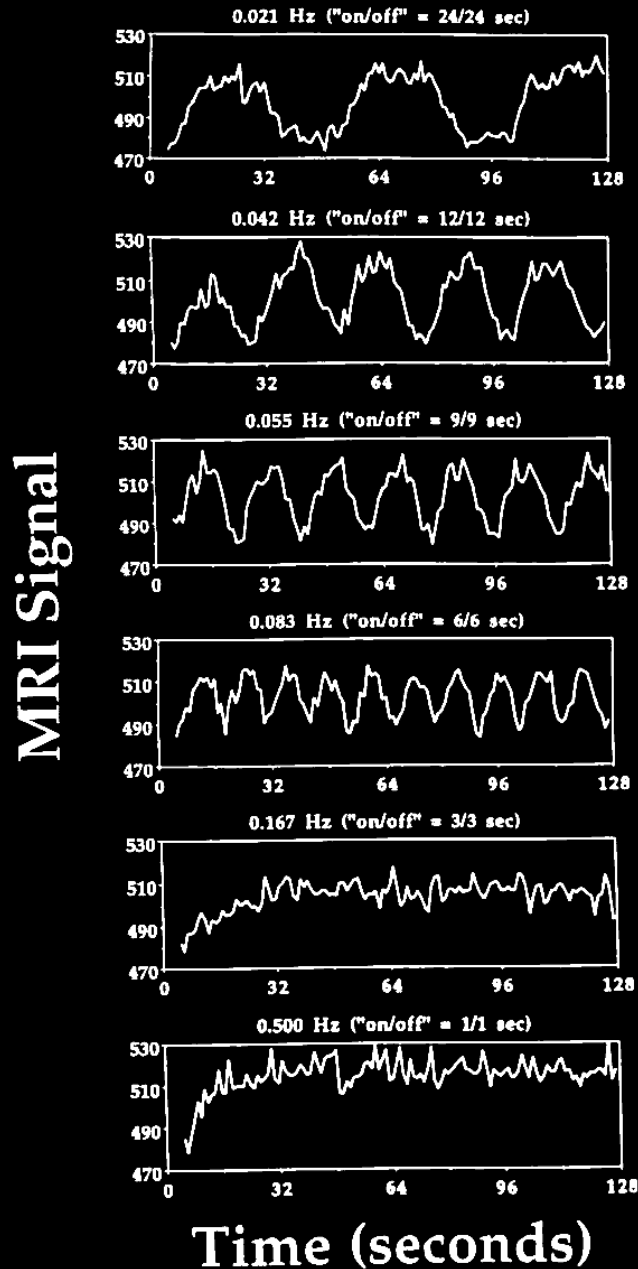


Unsmoothed-data t map (same number of voxels marked)



N. Kriegeskorte, R. Goebel, P. Bandettini, Information-based functional brain mapping. *Proc. Nat'l. Acad. Sci. USA*, 103, 3863-3868 (2006).



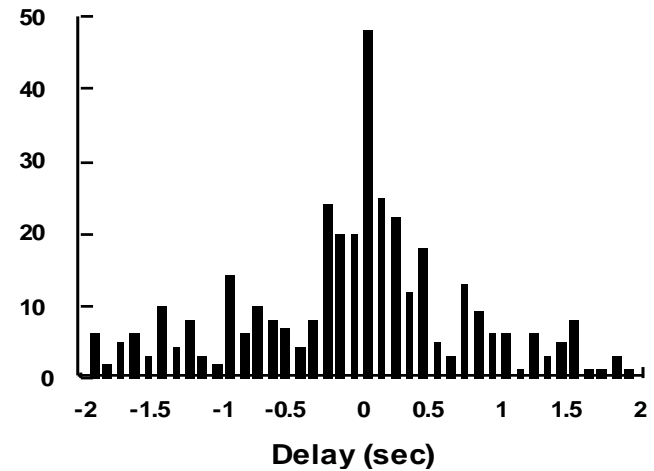
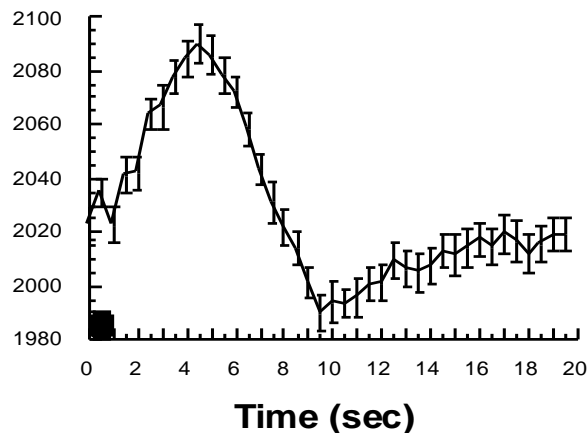
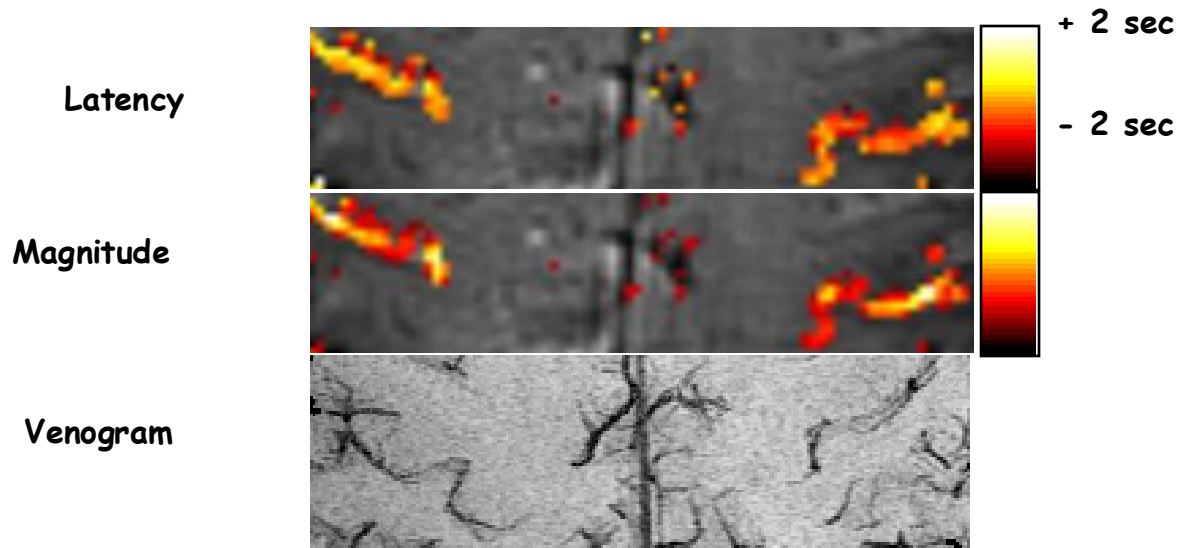


P. A. Bandettini, Functional MRI temporal resolution in "Functional MRI" (C. Moonen, and P. Bandettini., Eds.), p. 205-220, Springer - Verlag, . 1999.

# Methodology

# Temporal Resolution

## Latency Variation...



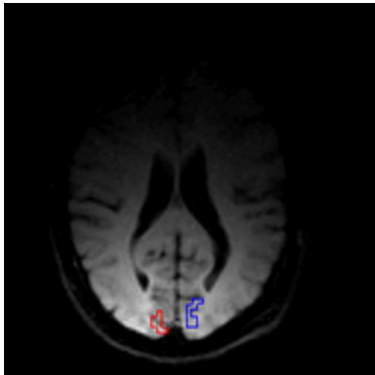
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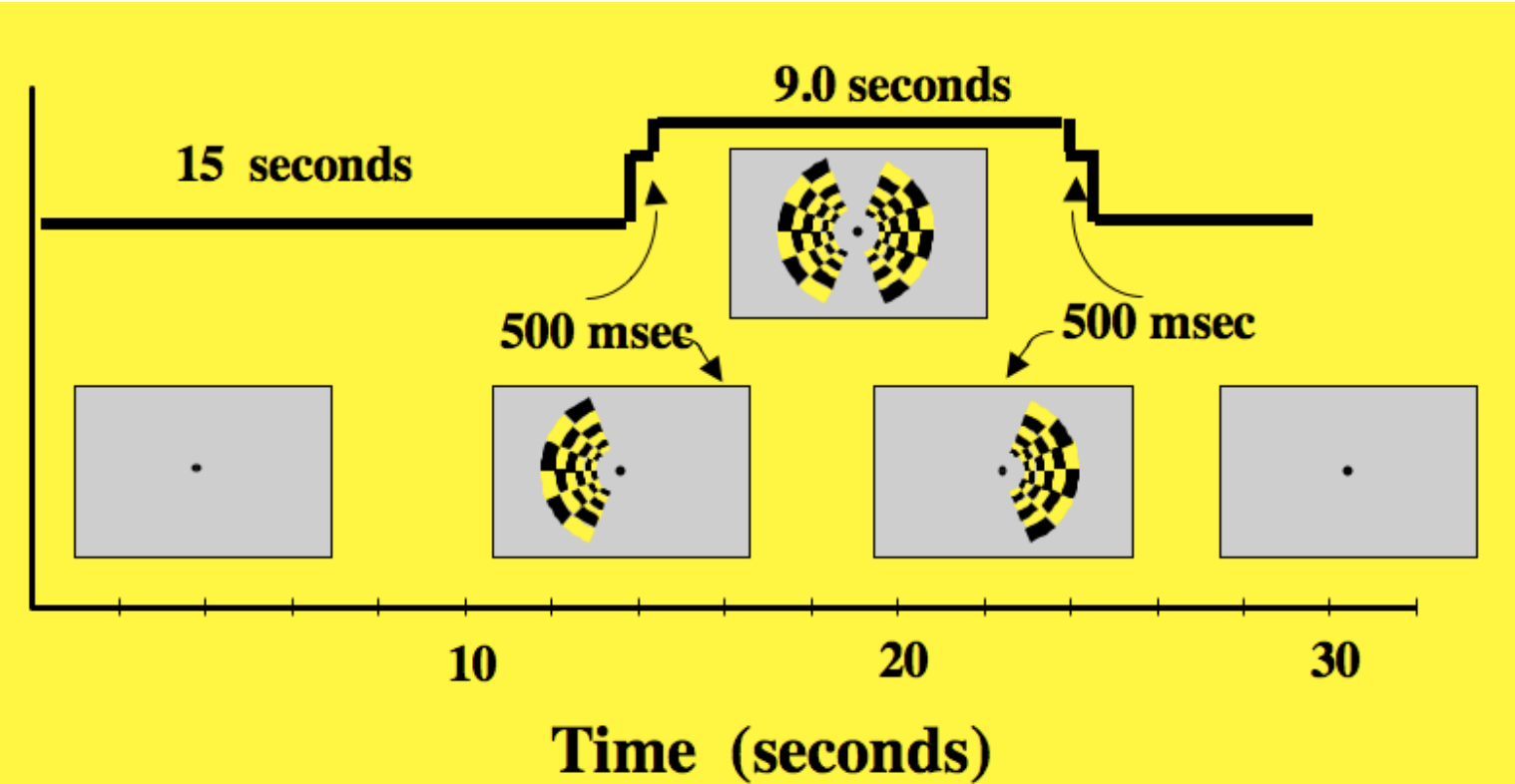
# Temporal Resolution

## Hemi-Field Experiment

Right Hemisphere

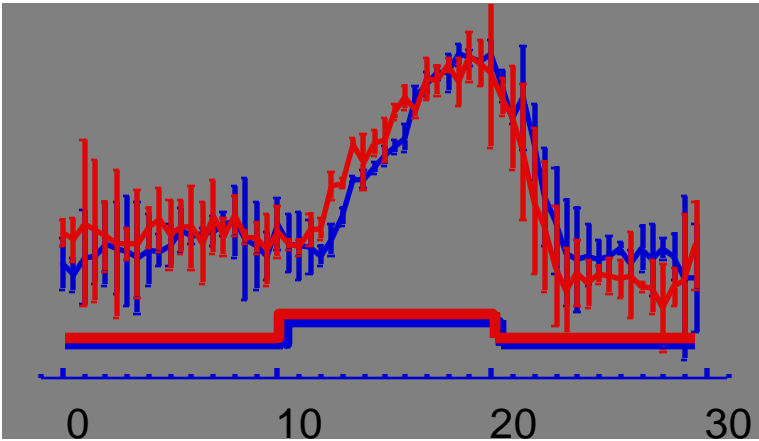
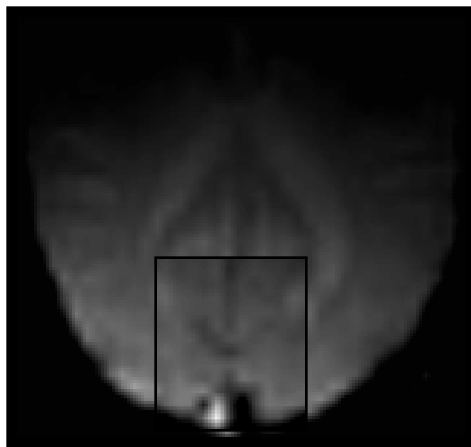


Left Hemisphere



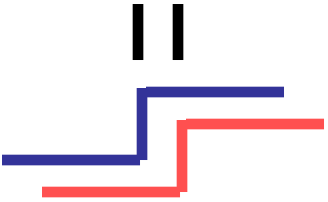
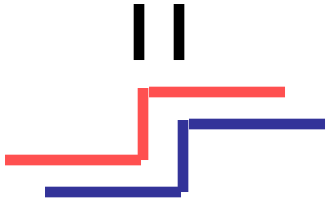
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# Temporal Resolution



500 ms

500 ms



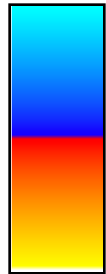
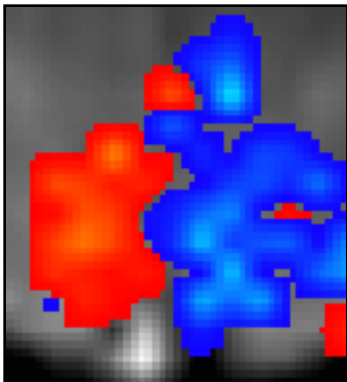
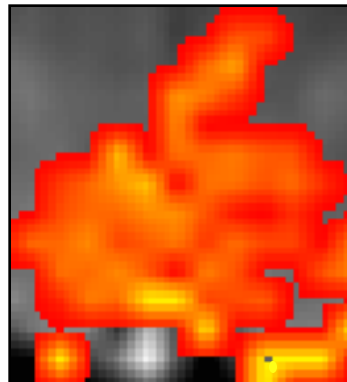
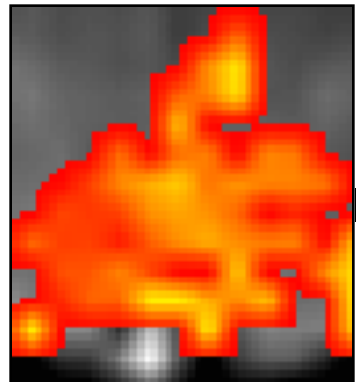
Right Hemifield

Left Hemifield

+ 2.5 s

0 s

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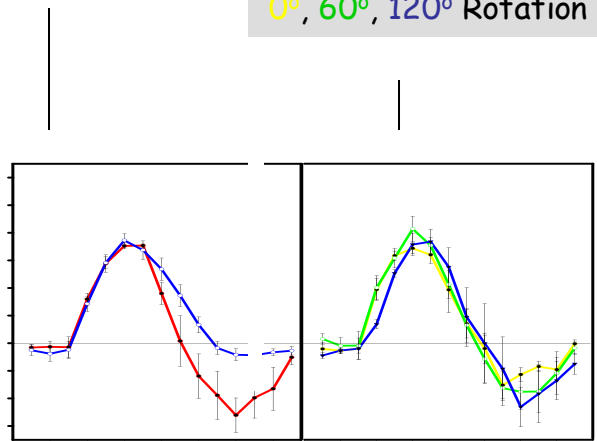
# Methodology

# Temporal Resolution

Word vs. Non-word

0°, 60°, 120° Rotation

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



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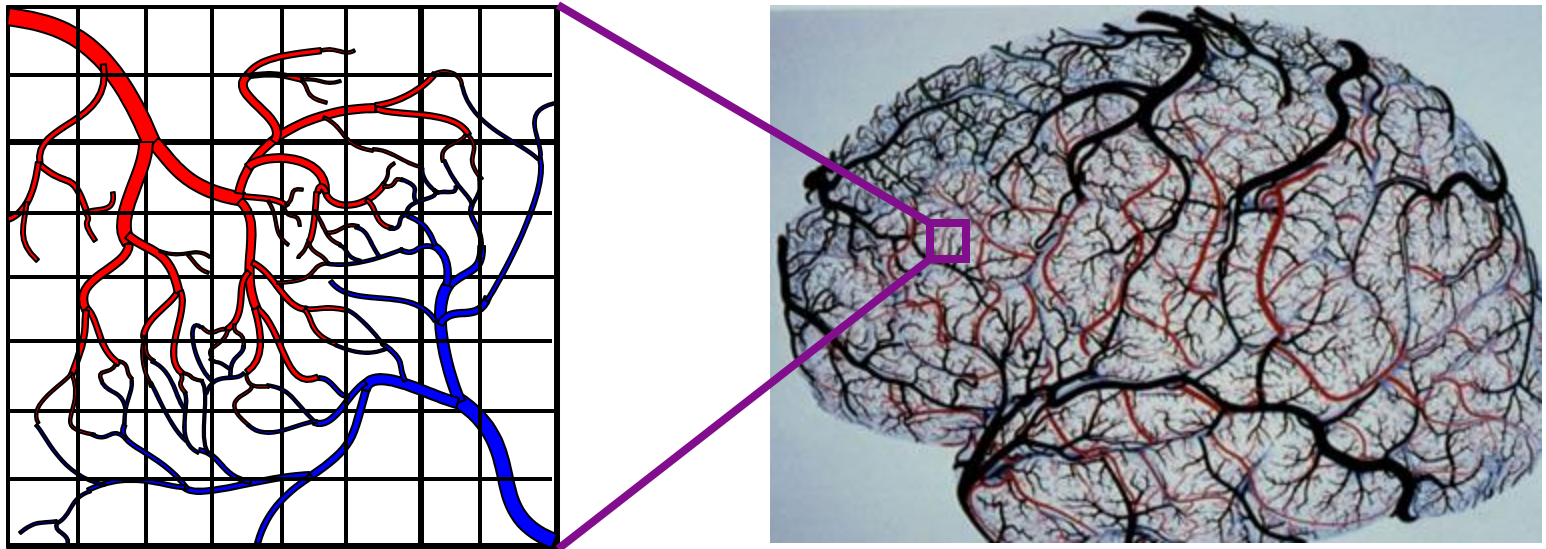
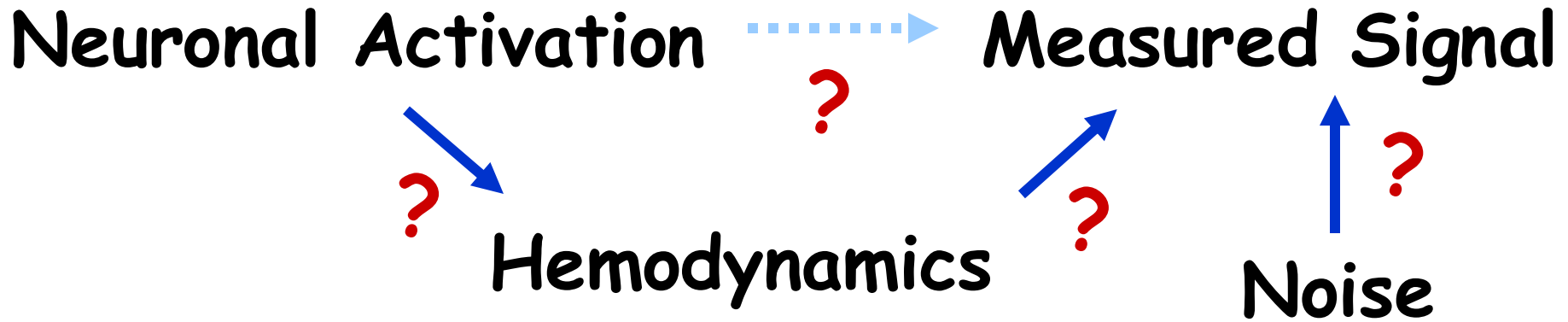
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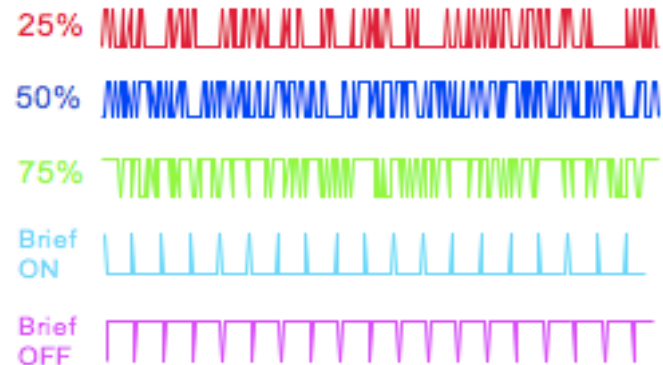
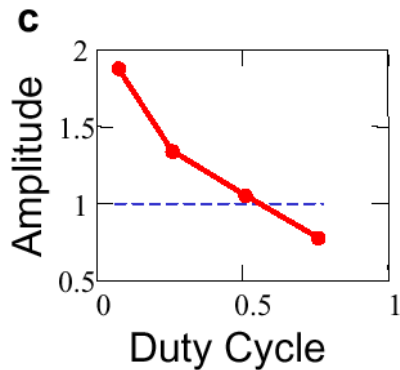
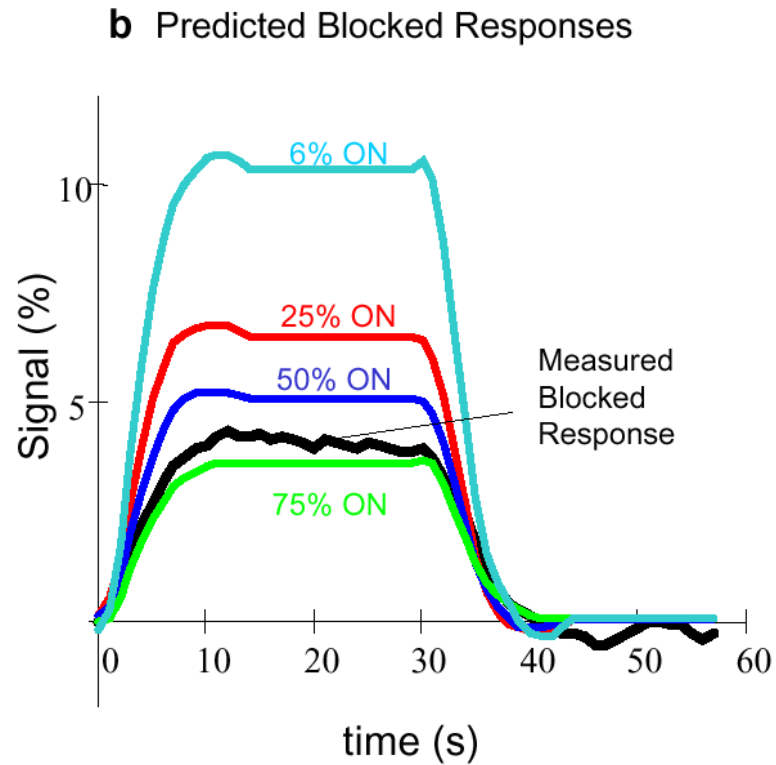
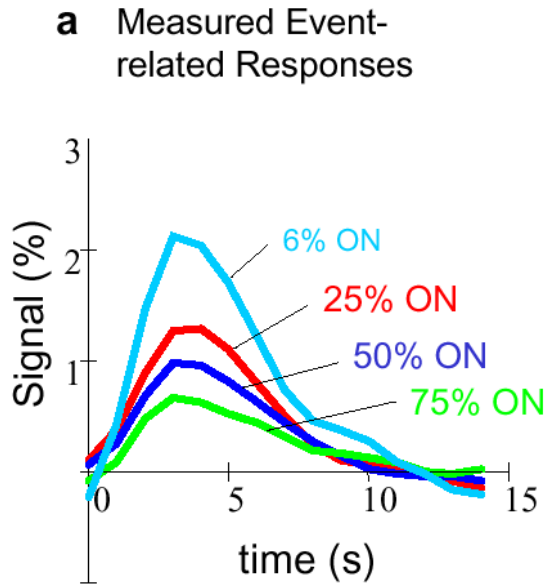
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# Interpretation



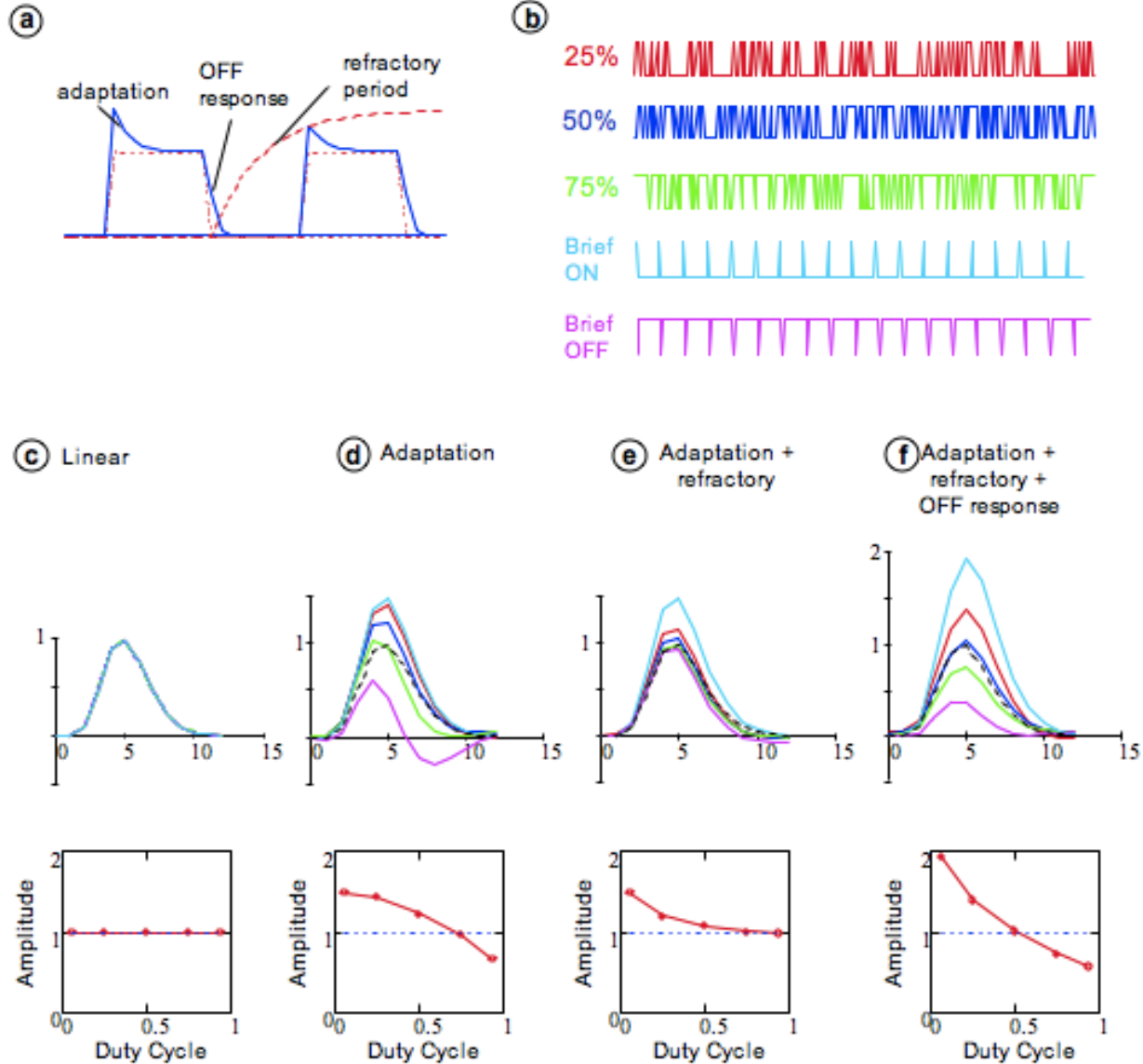


# Interpretation Duty Cycle Effects



# Interpretation

## duty cycle effects



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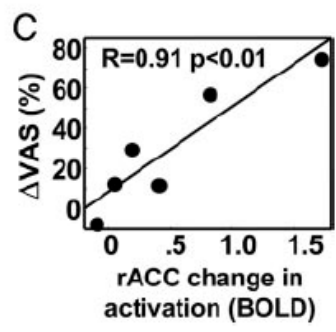
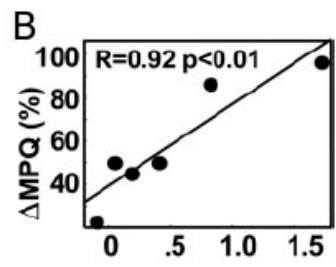
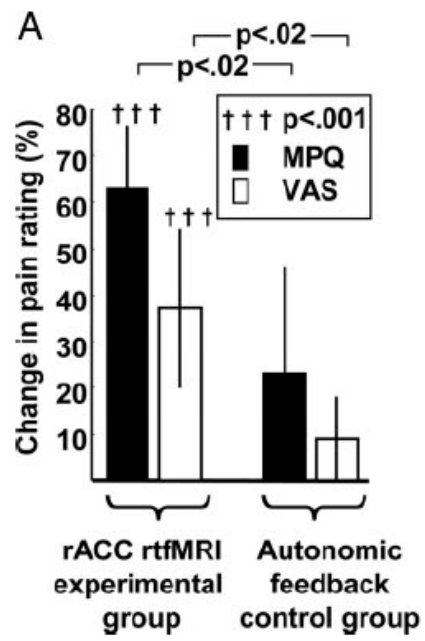
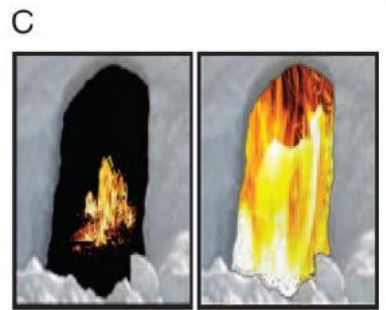
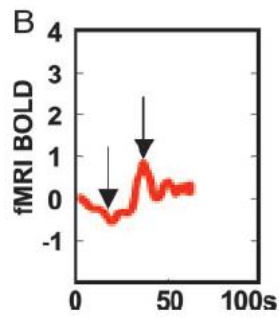
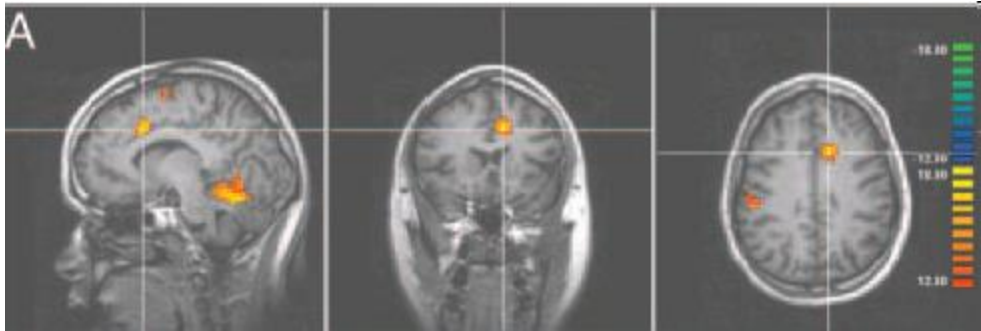
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Real time fMRI feedback from Anterior Cingulate Cortex to reduce chronic pain



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

# What fMRI Might Do

## Complementary use for clinical diagnoses

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

## Clinical treatment and assessment of therapy

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

## Non clinical uses

- lie detection
- prediction of behavior tendencies
- brain/computer interface