

fMRI Paradigm Designs and Processing Methods

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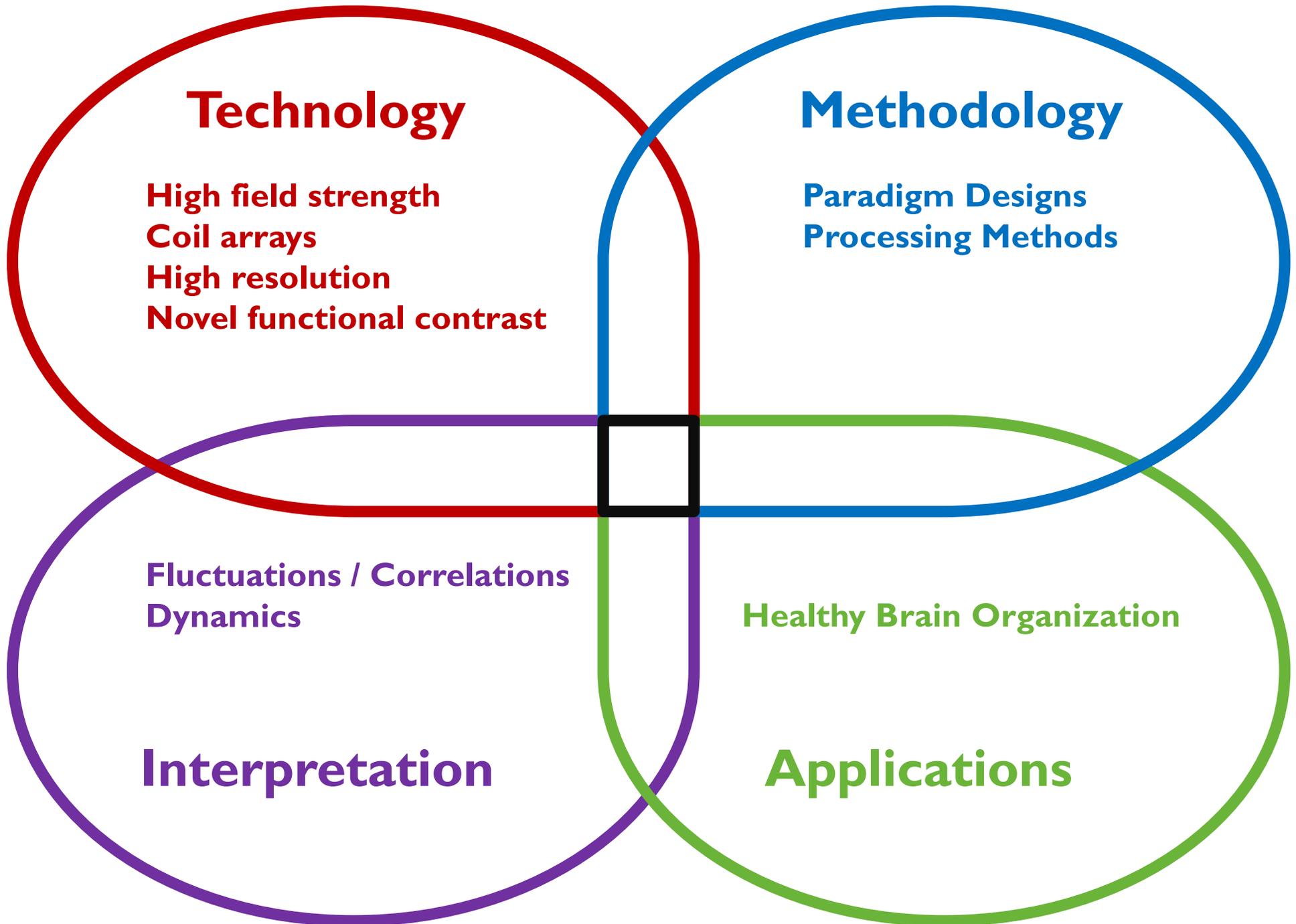
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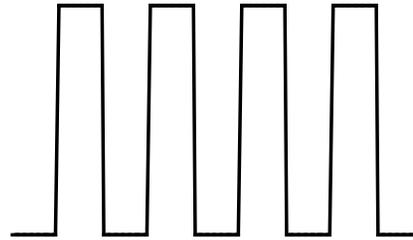


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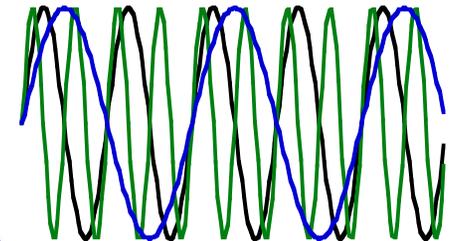
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- 2. Resting State fMRI**
- 3. fMRI Decoding**

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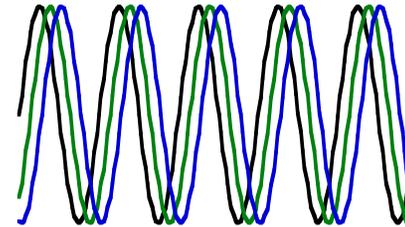
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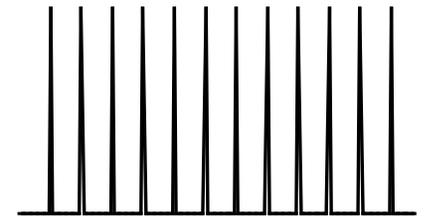
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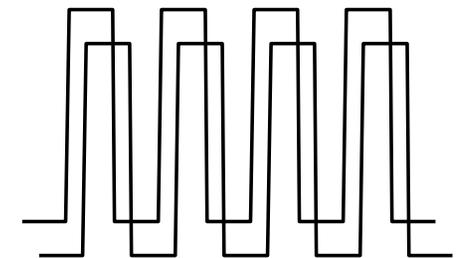


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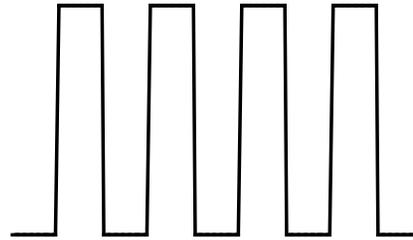
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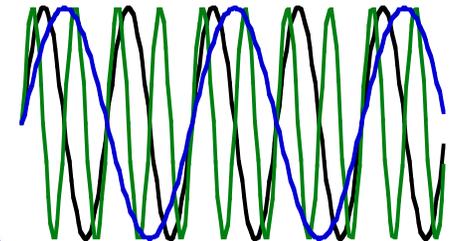
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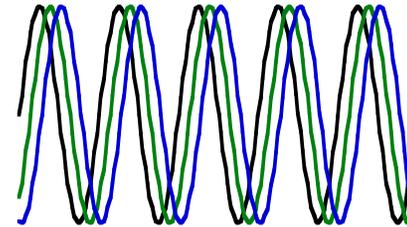
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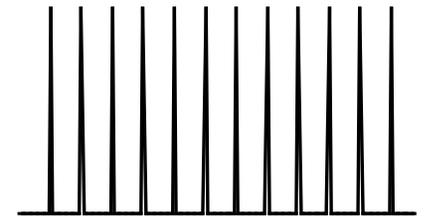
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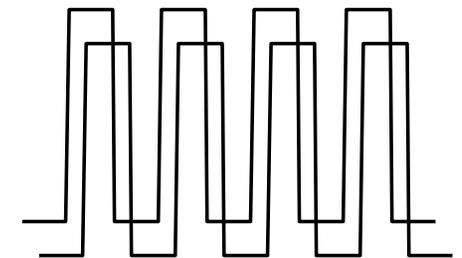


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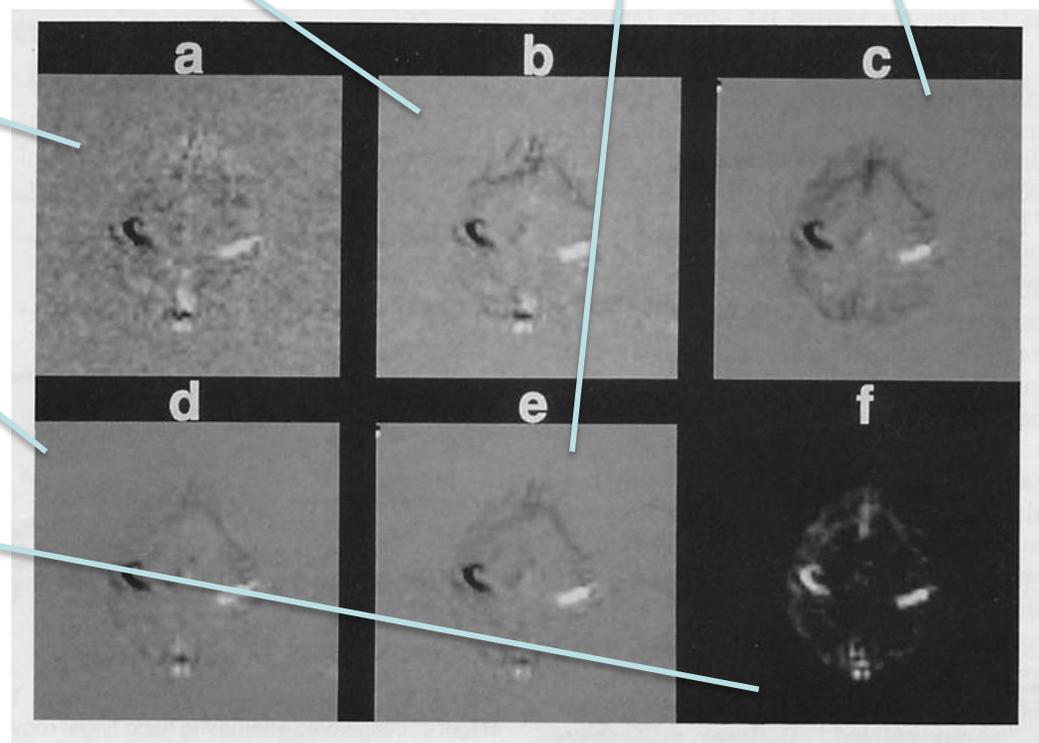
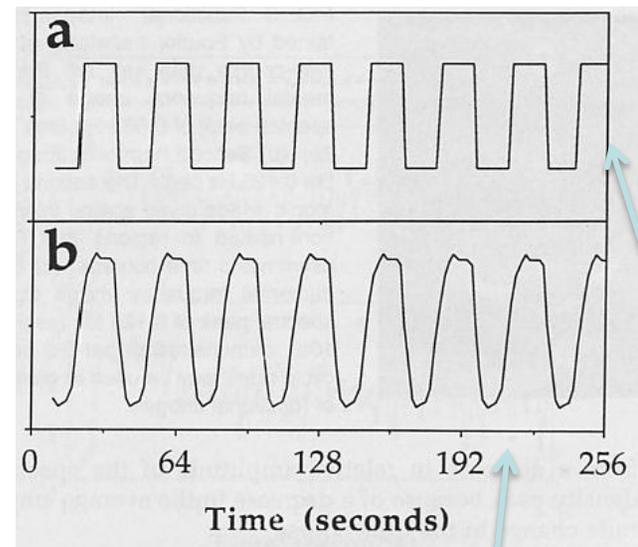
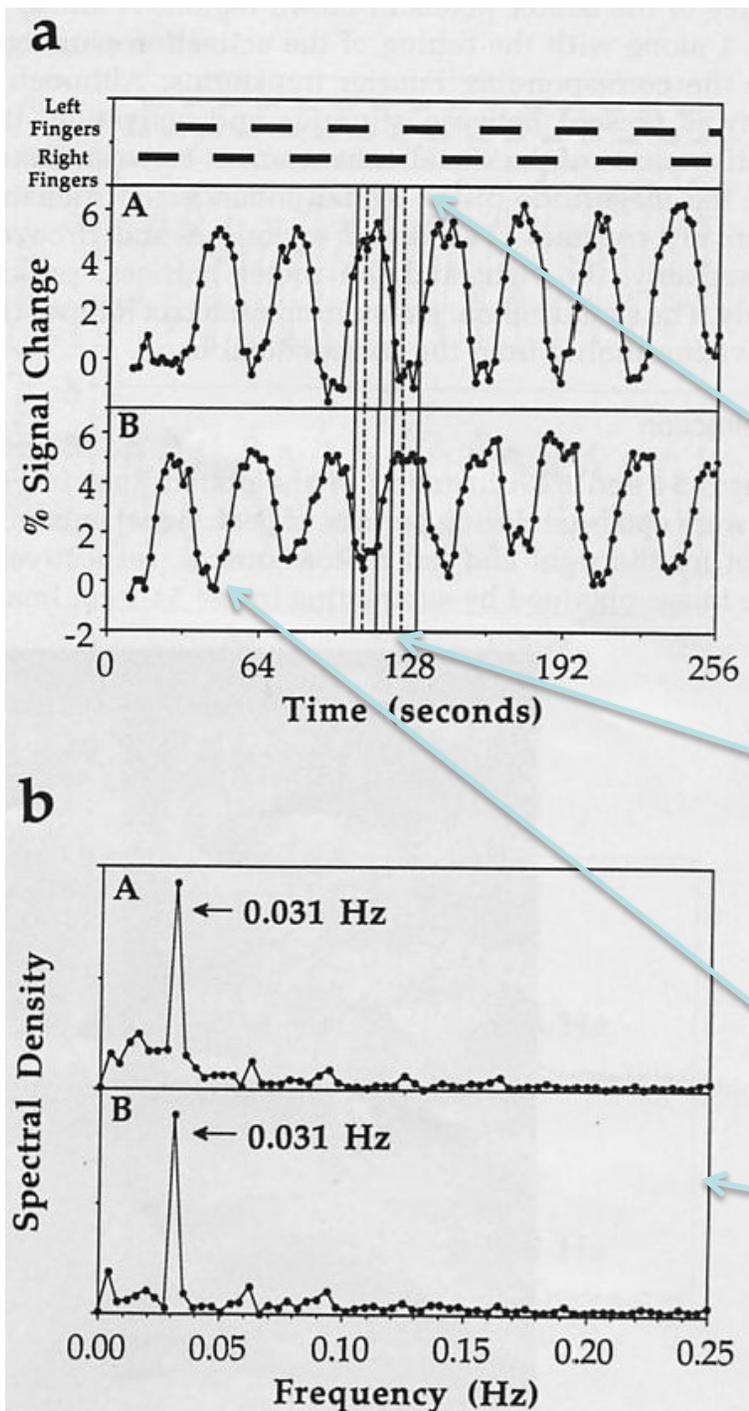


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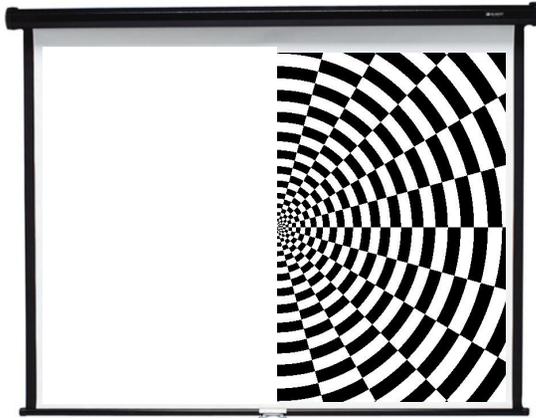


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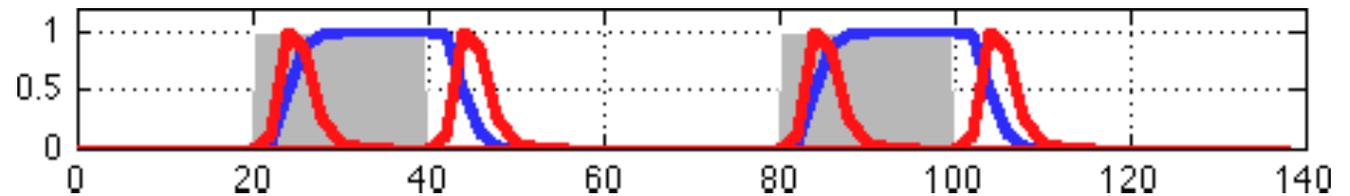


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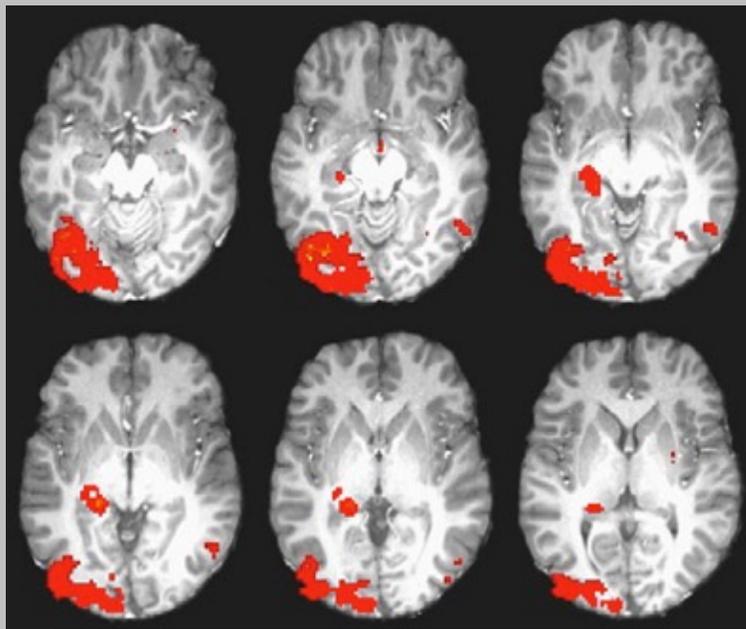
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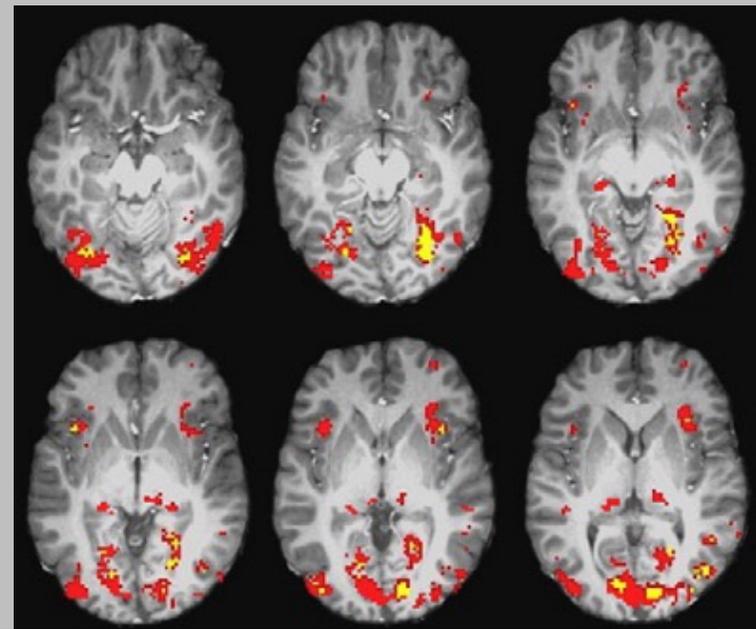
BLOCK DESIGN & HEMIFIELD VISUAL STIMULATION



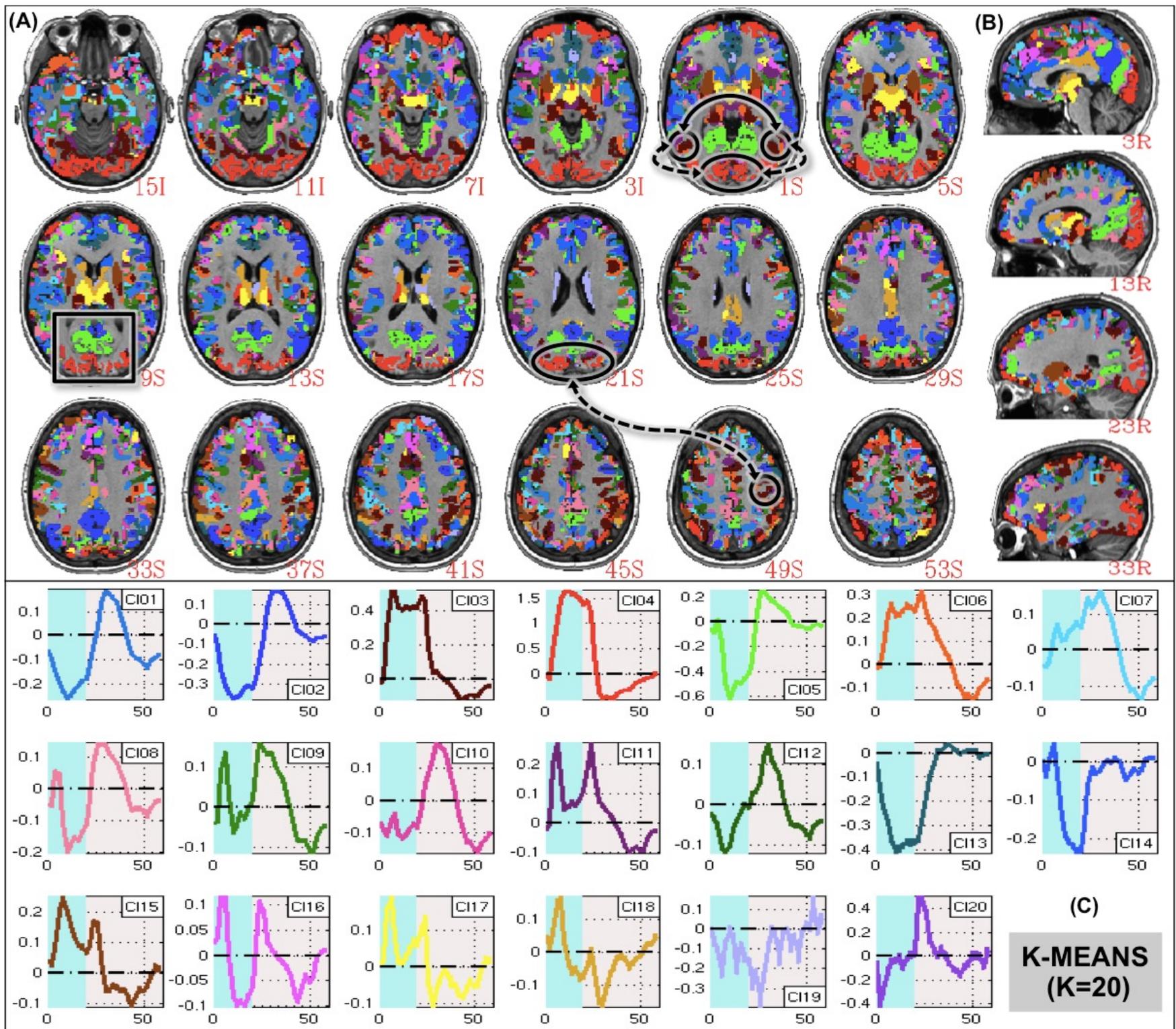
SUSTAINED RESPONSE MODEL



ONSET/OFFSET RESPONSE MODEL

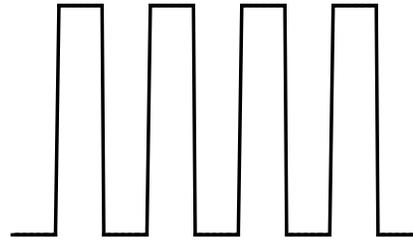


DIFFERENT RESPONSE SHAPES ARE PRESENT ACROSS DIFFERENT REGIONS OF THE BRAIN FOR A SINGLE STIMULUS TYPE

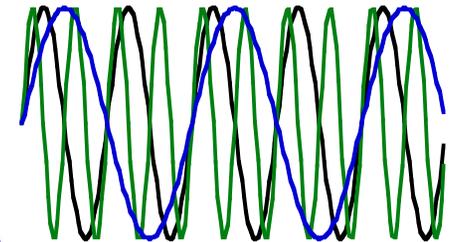


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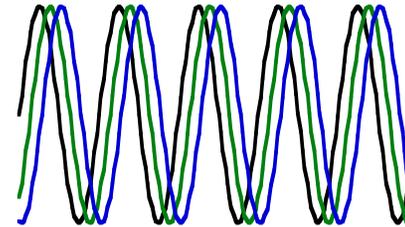
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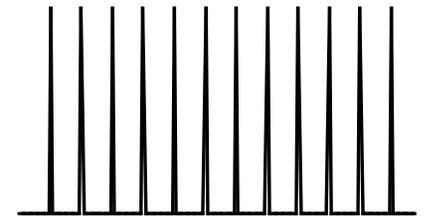
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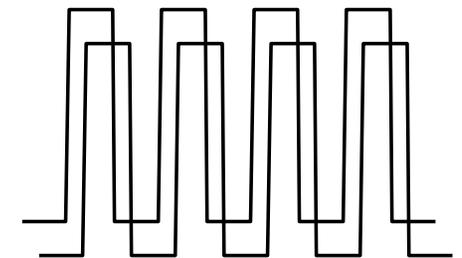


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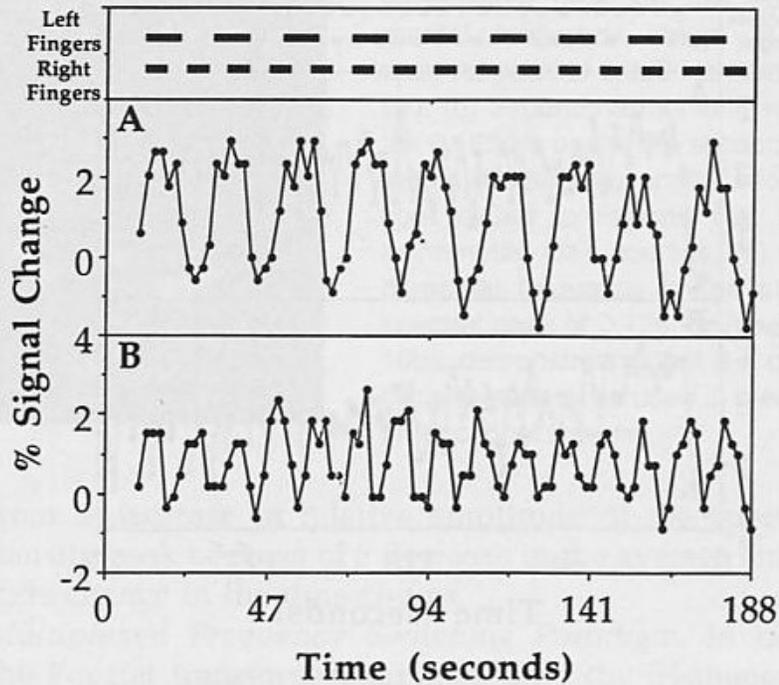


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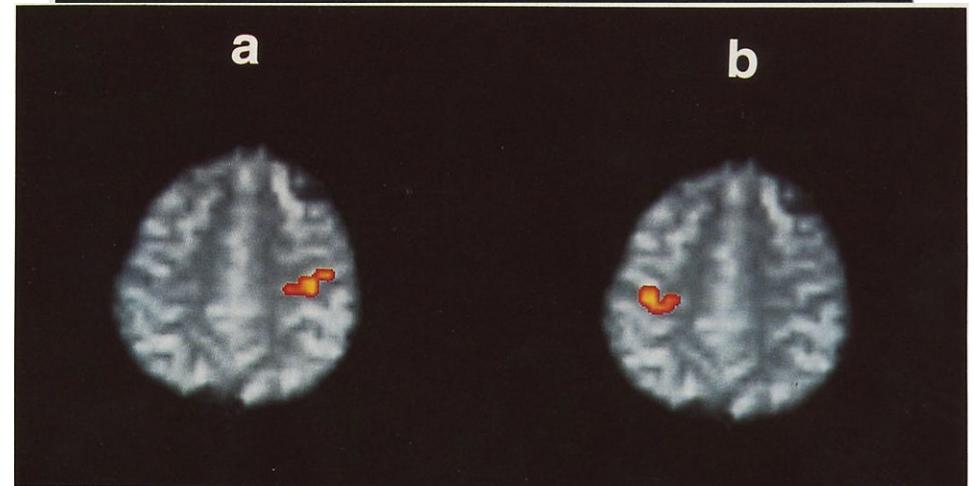
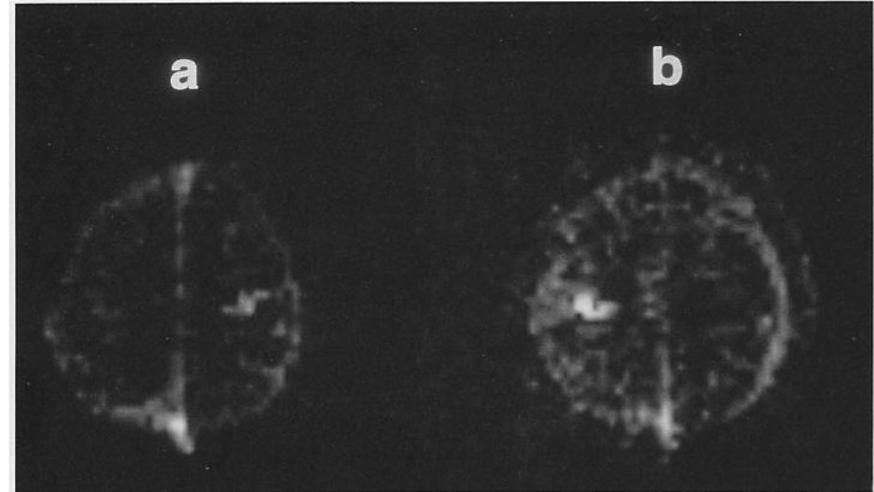
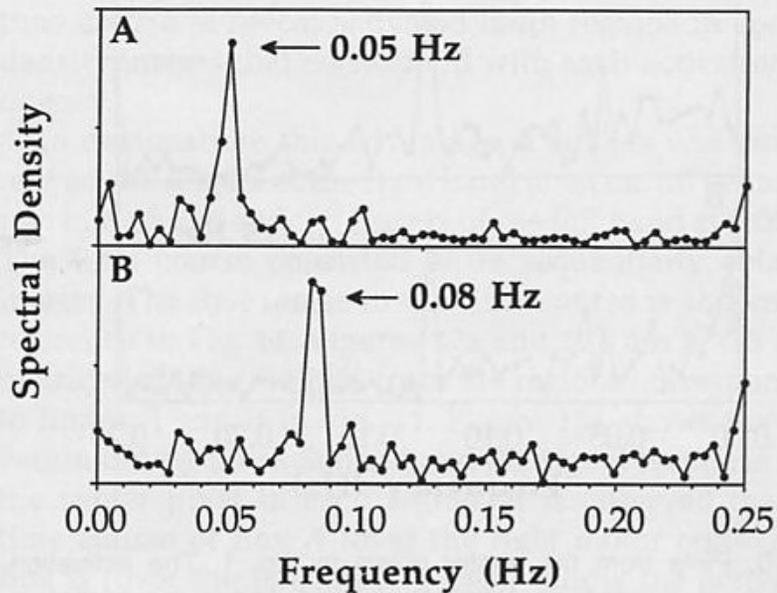
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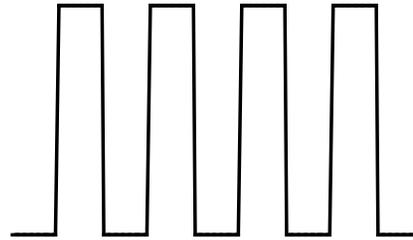
Tapping left and right fingers at two different “on/off” frequencies

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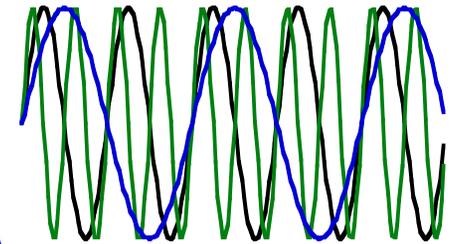
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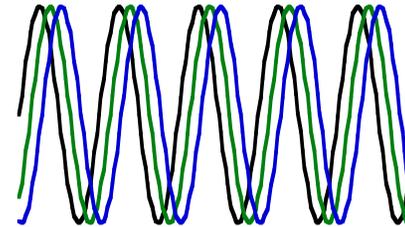
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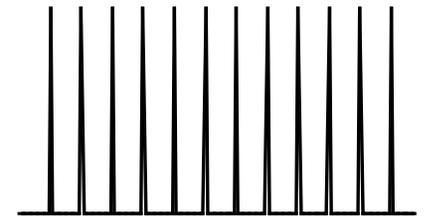
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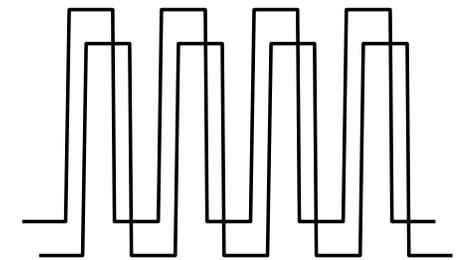


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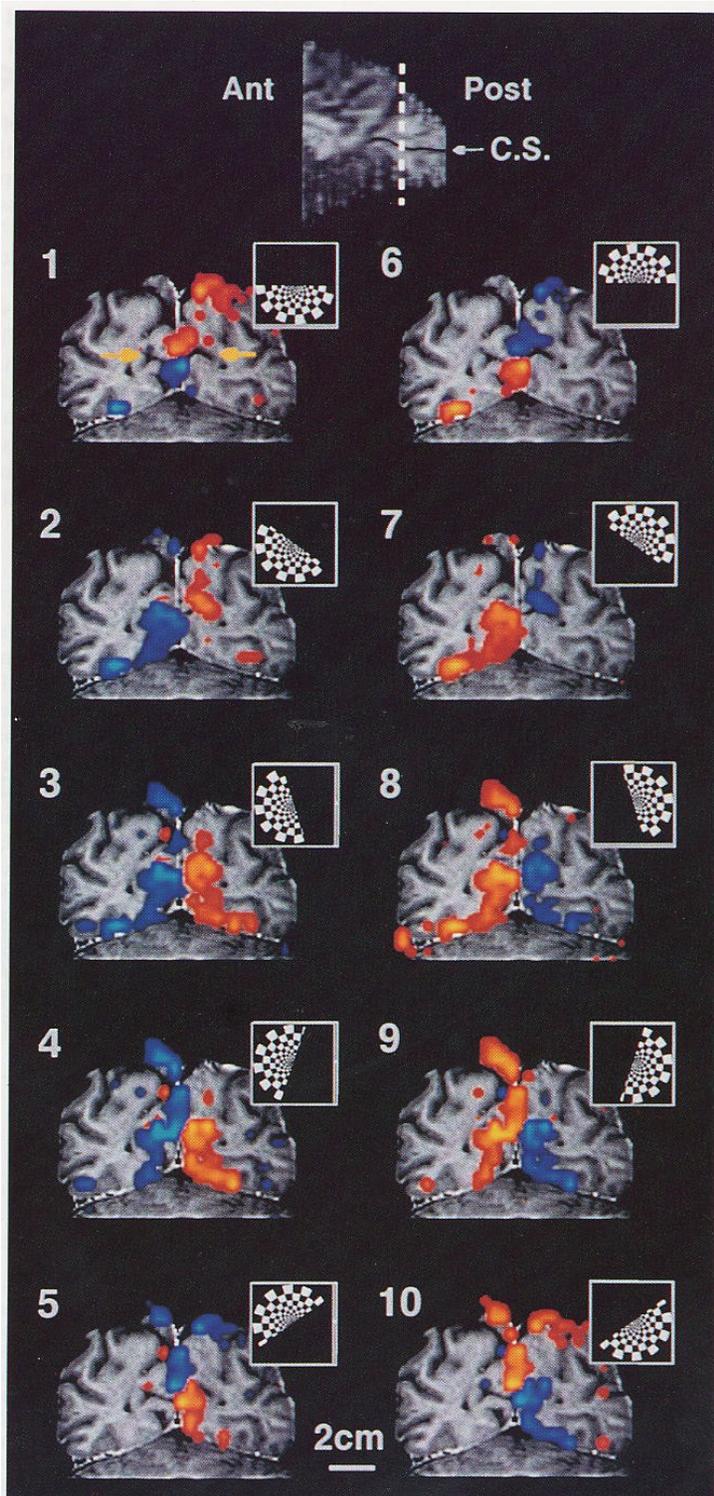


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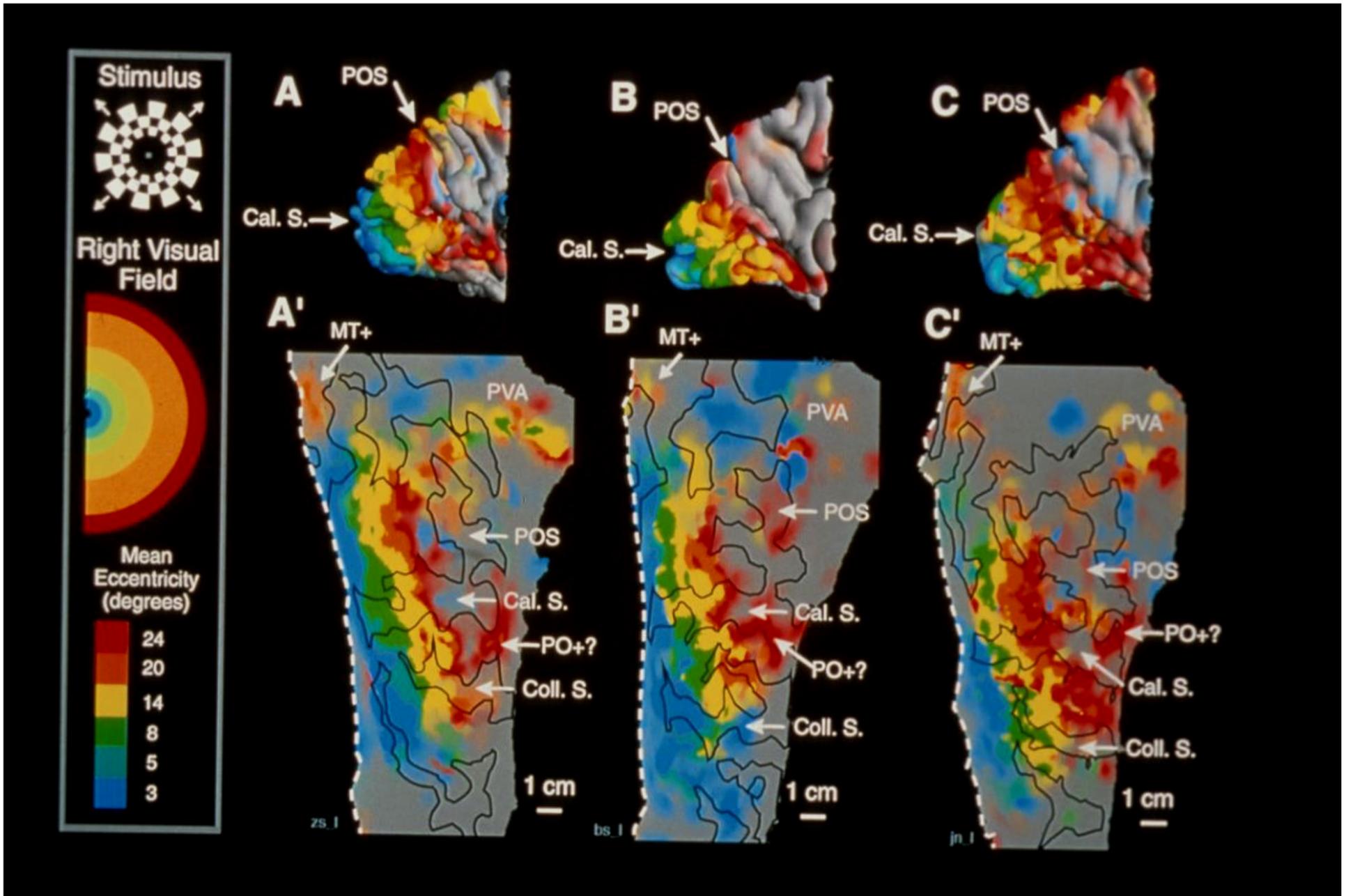
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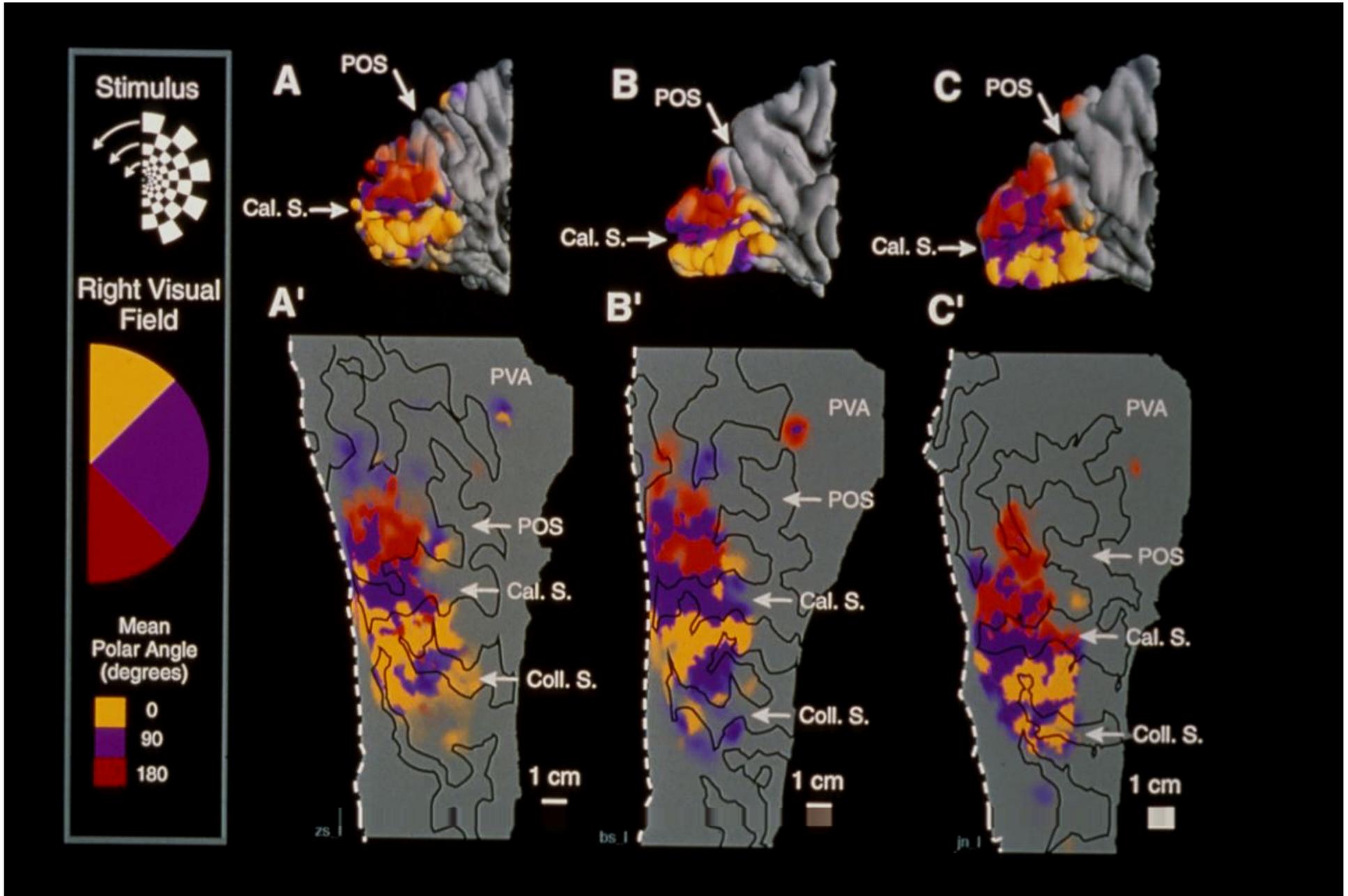
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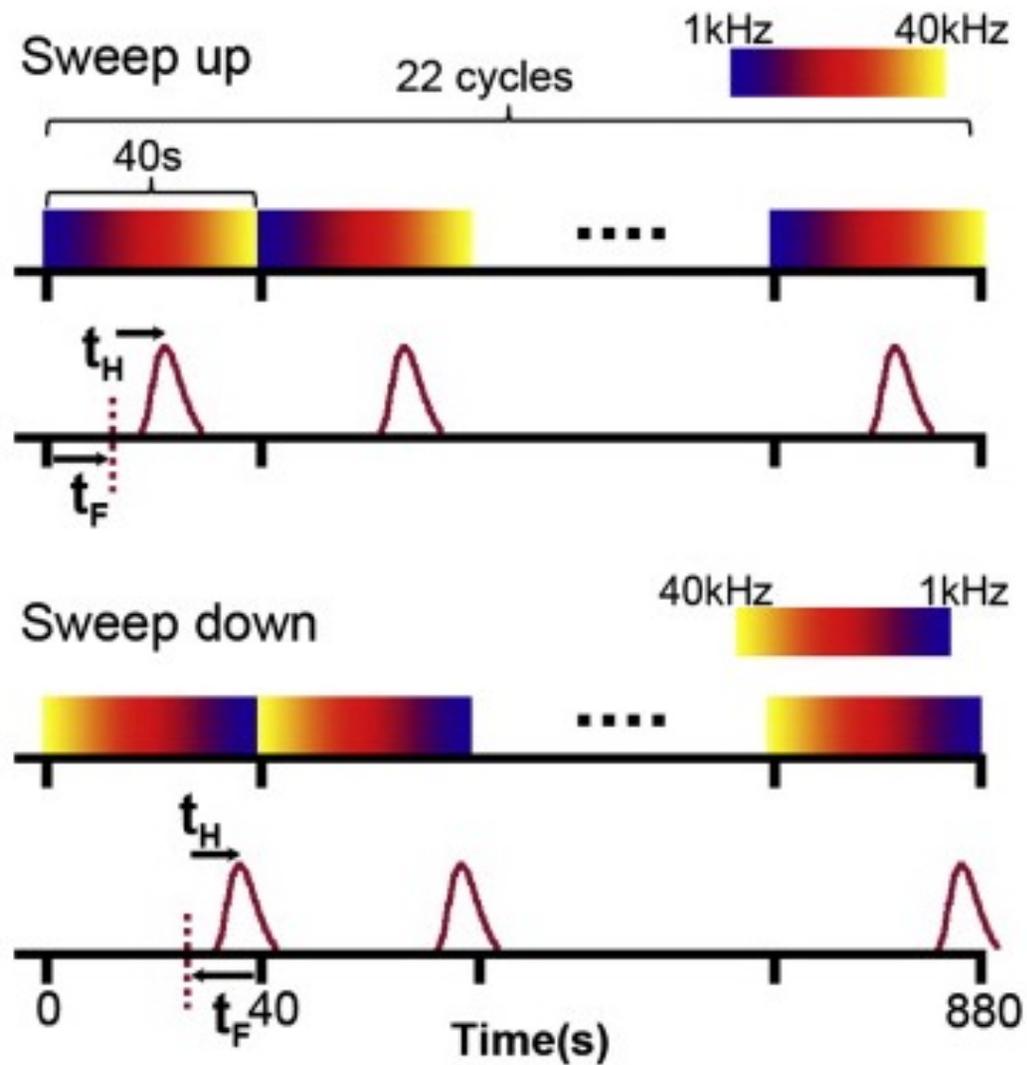
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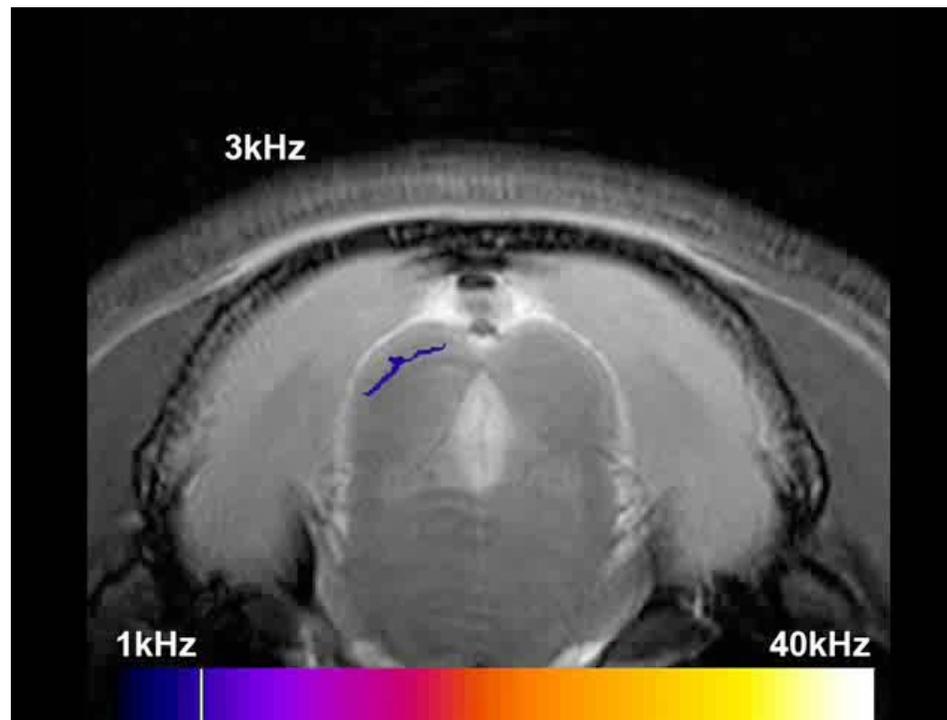
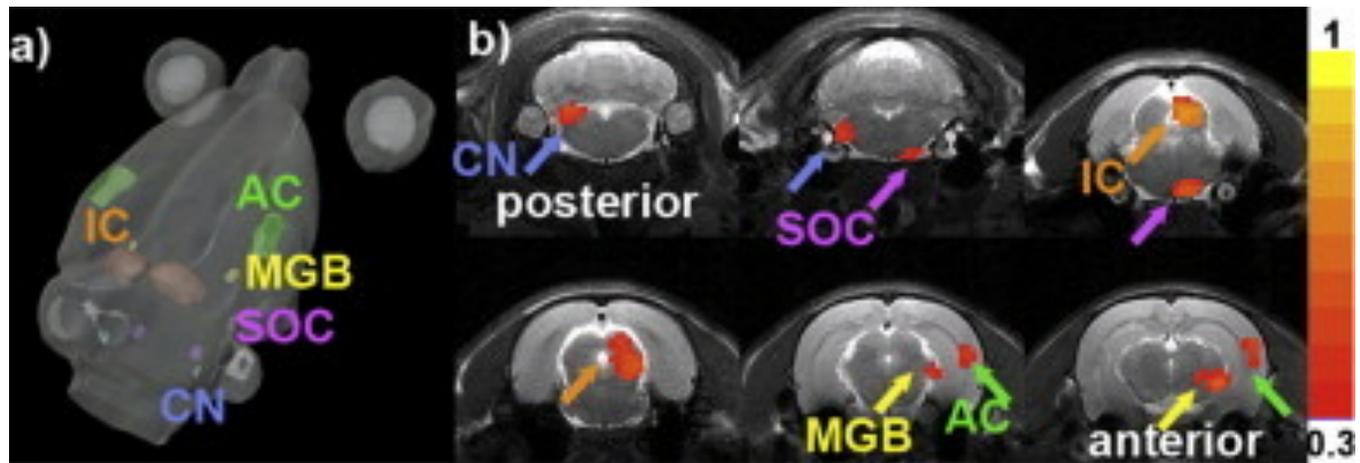
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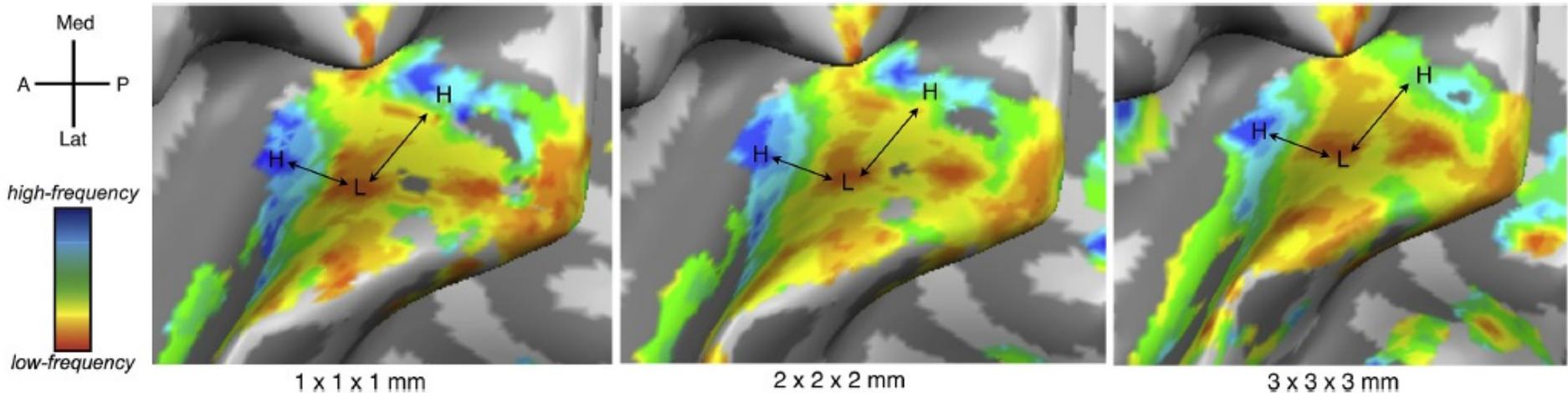
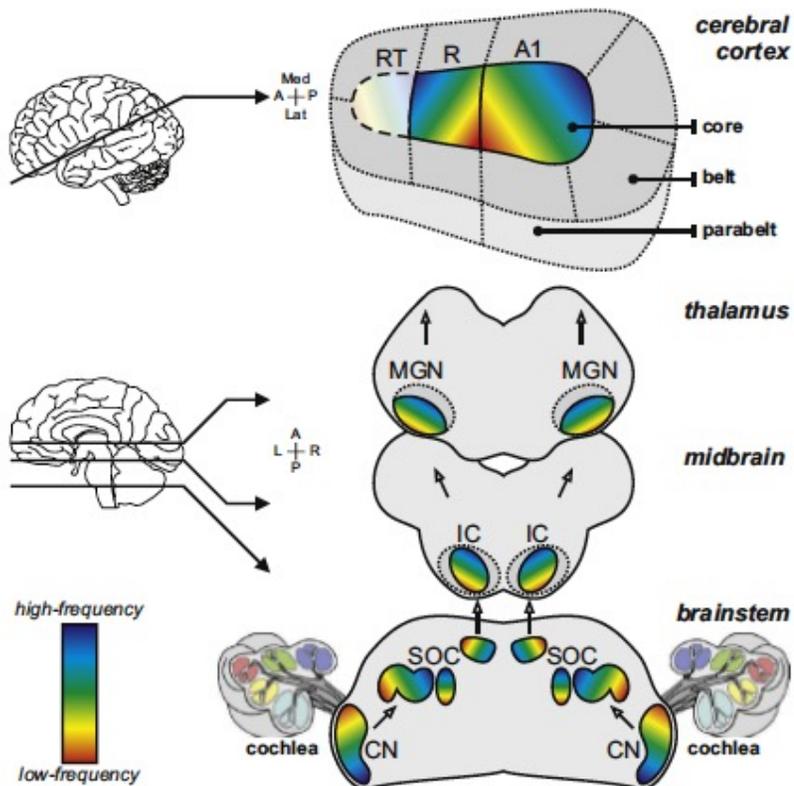


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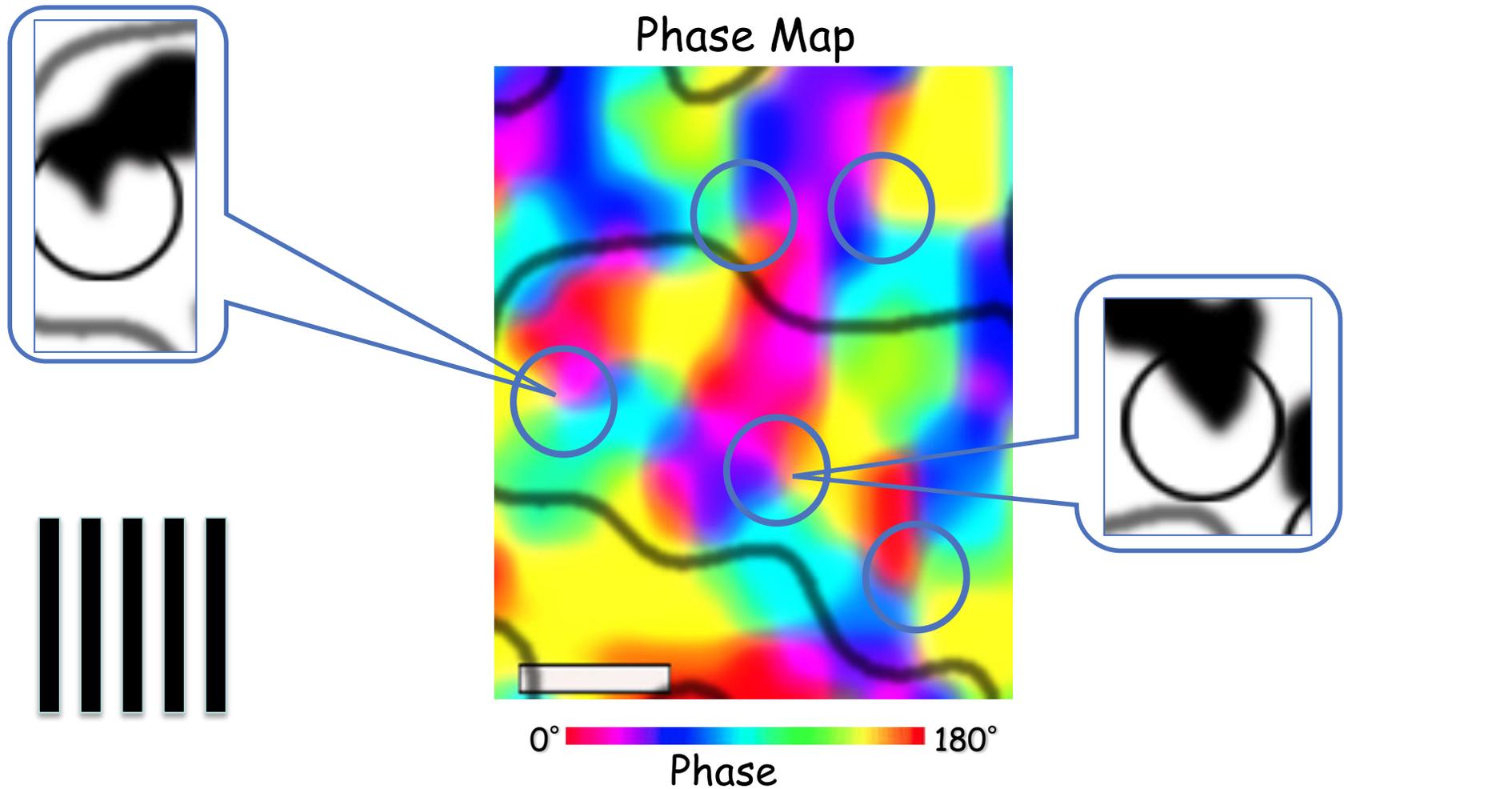


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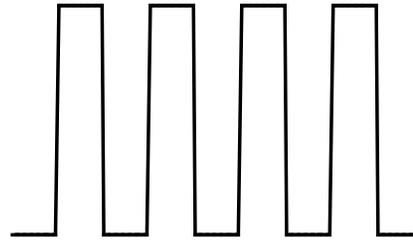


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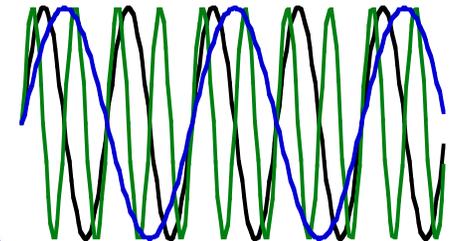
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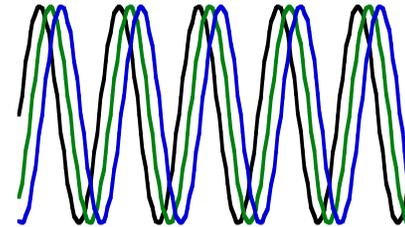
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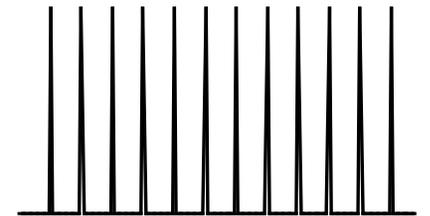
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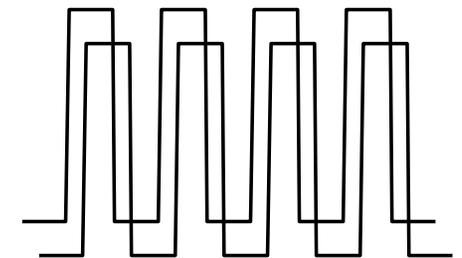


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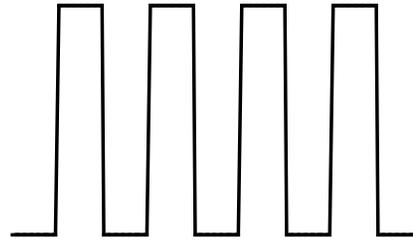
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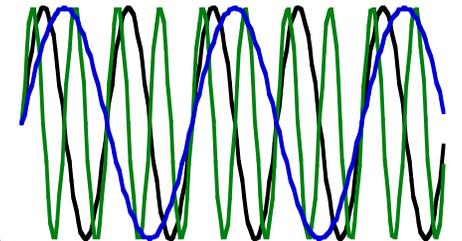
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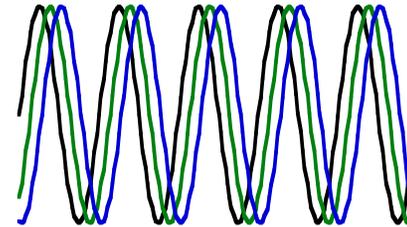
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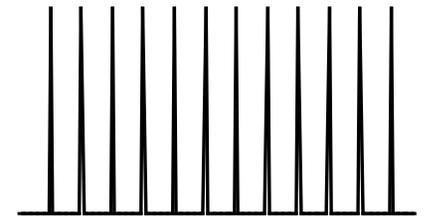
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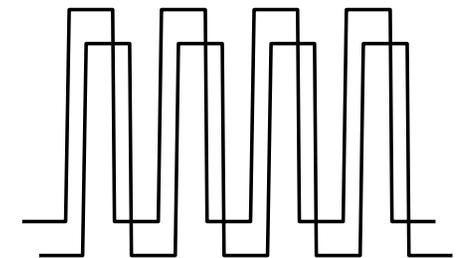


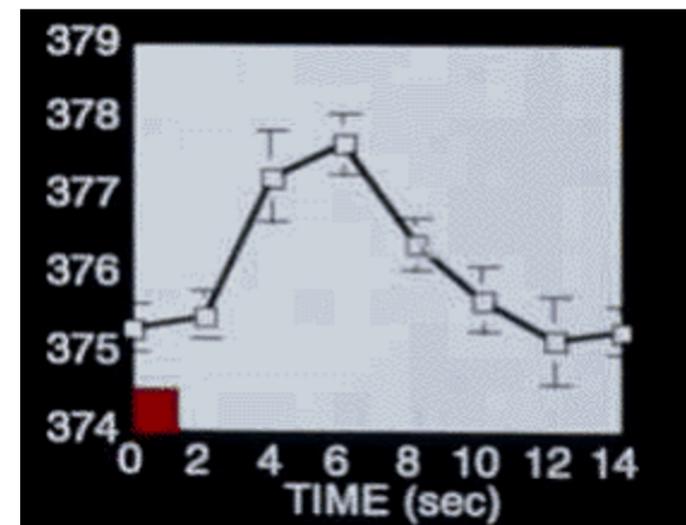
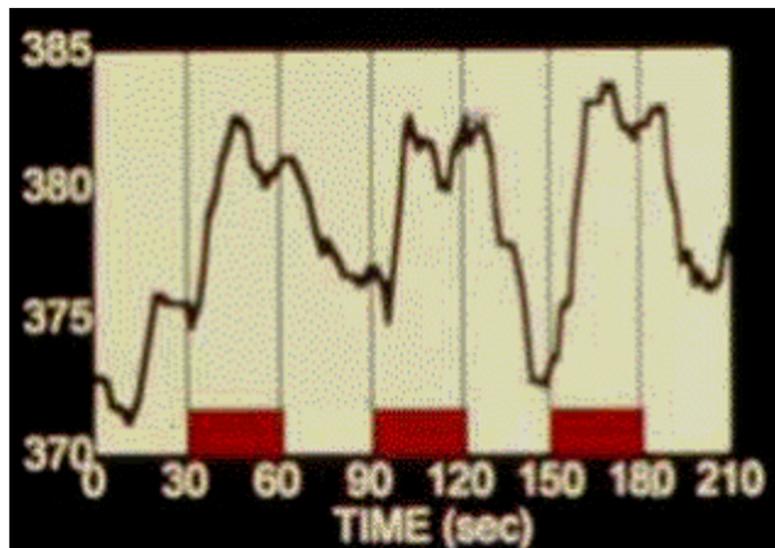
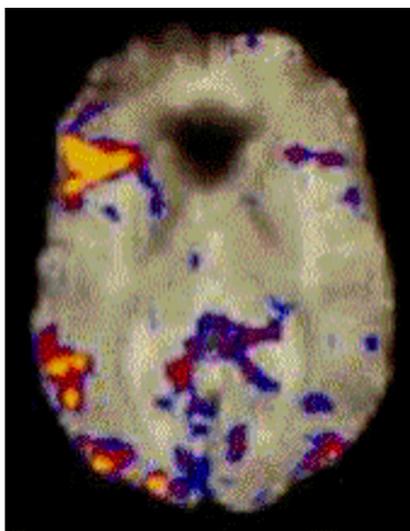
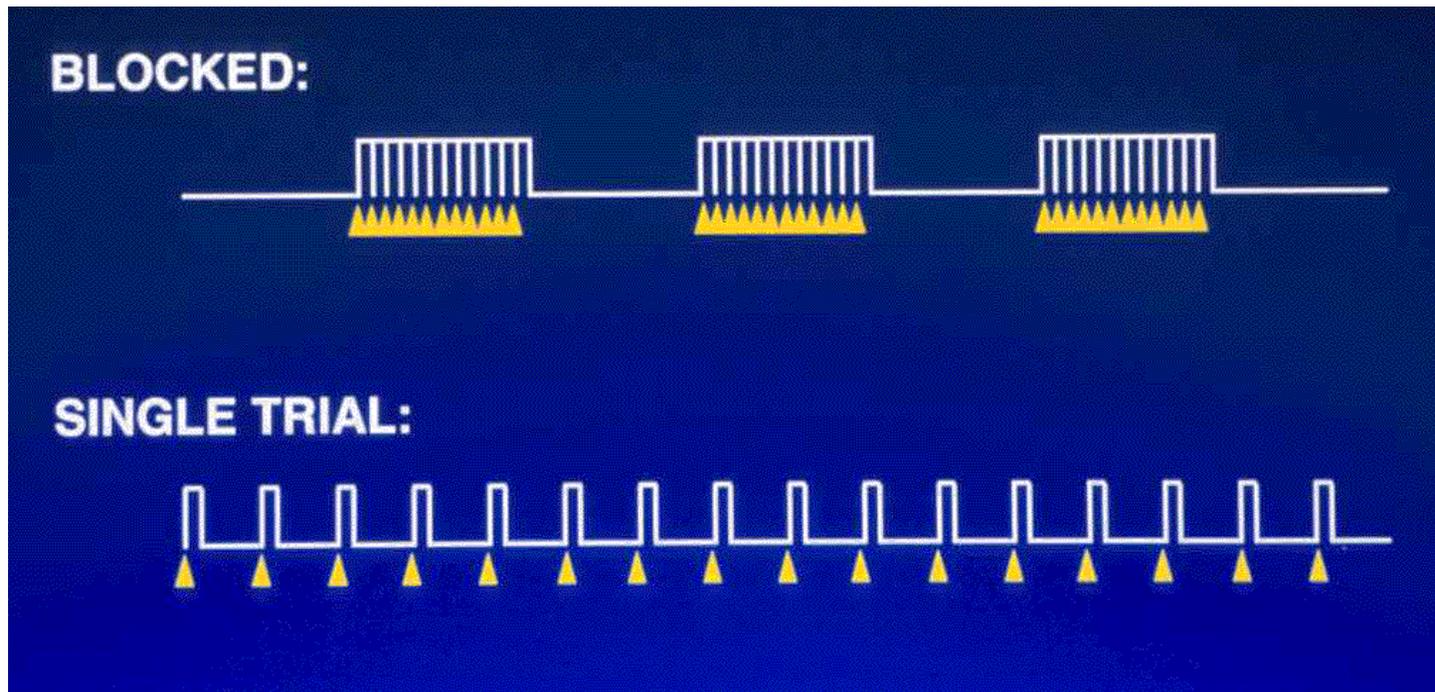
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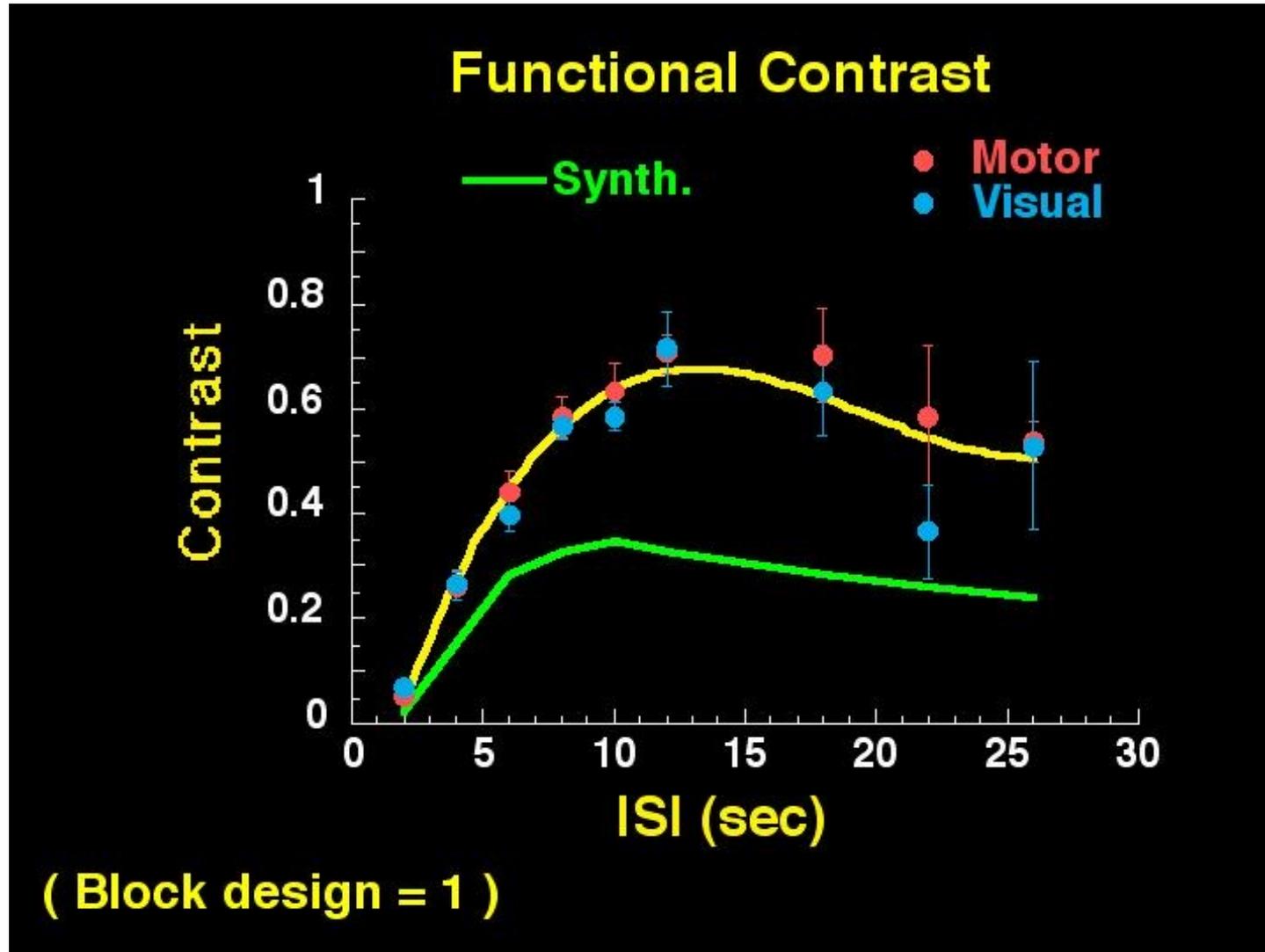
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Contrast to Noise Images

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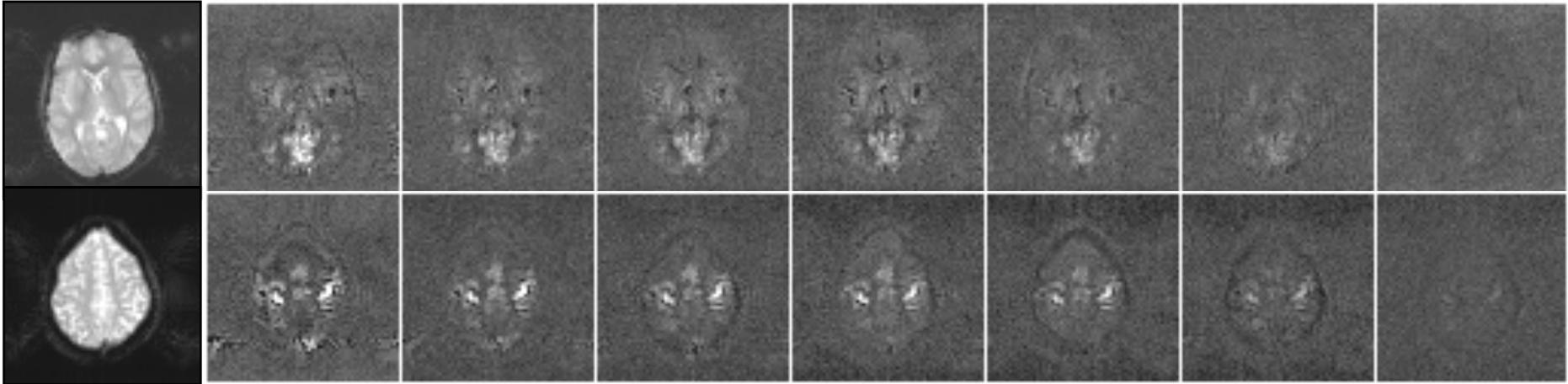
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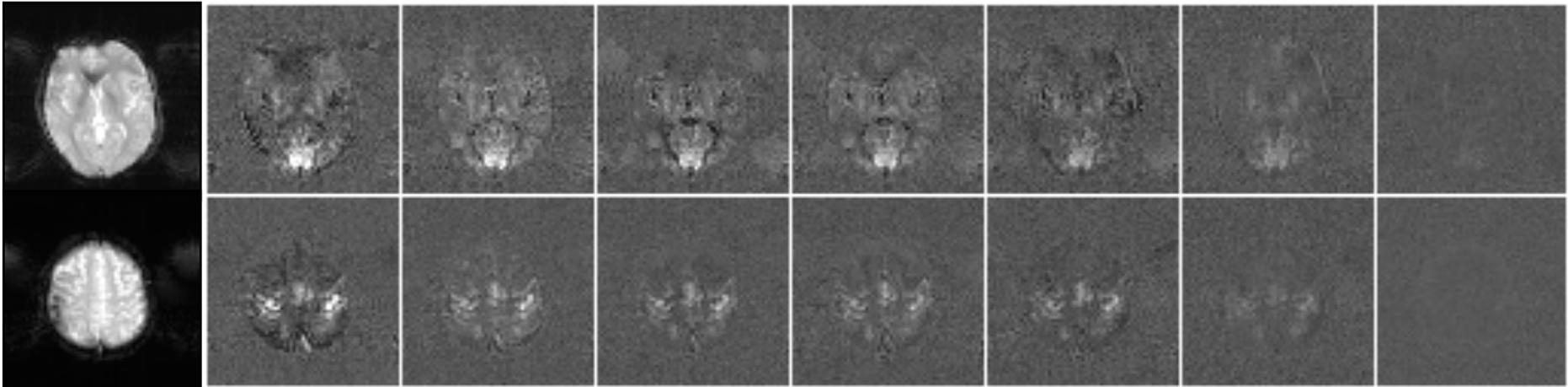
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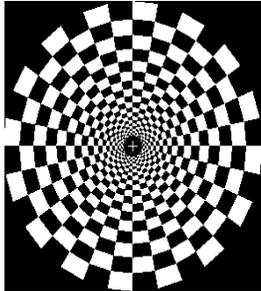


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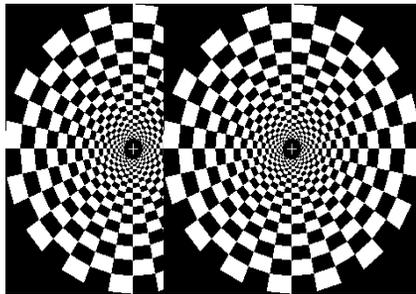
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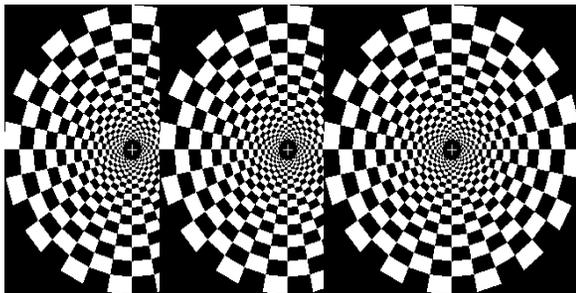
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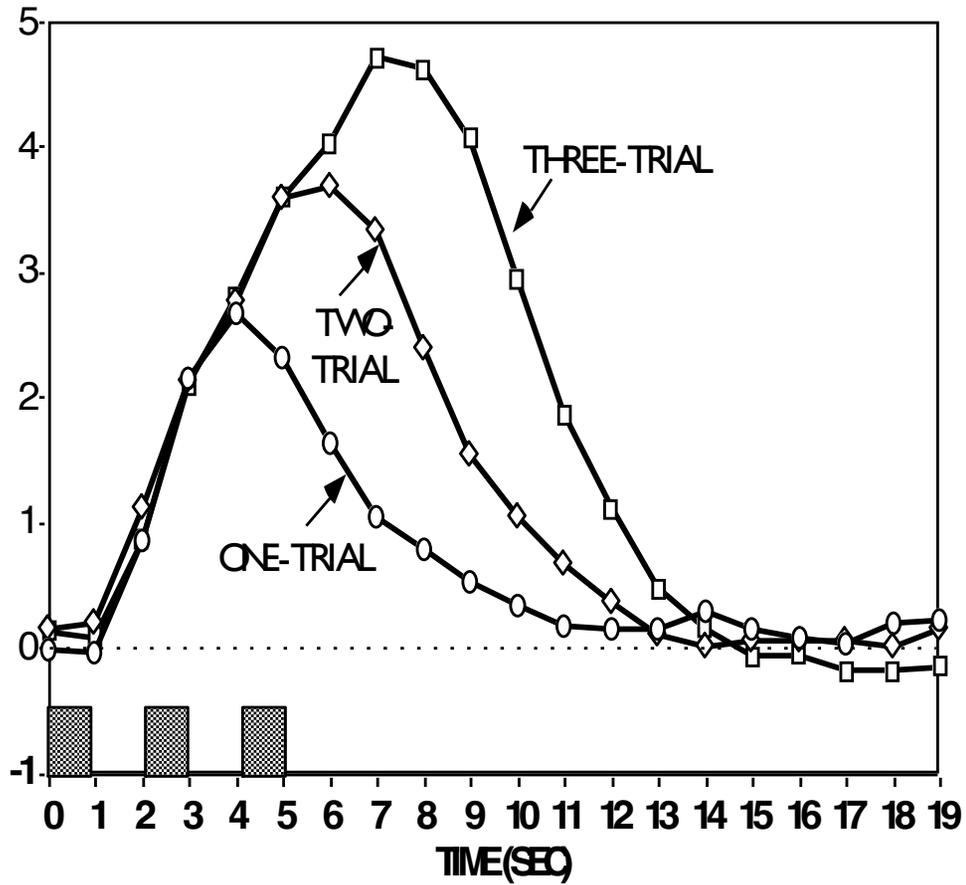
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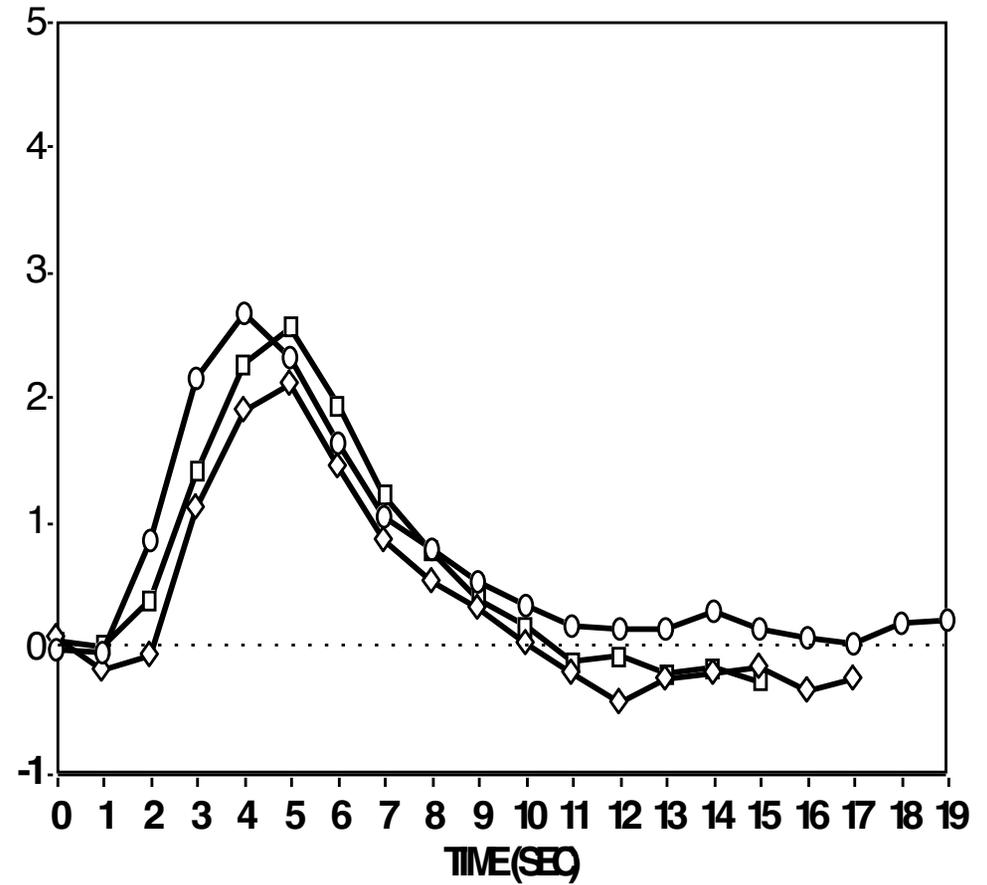
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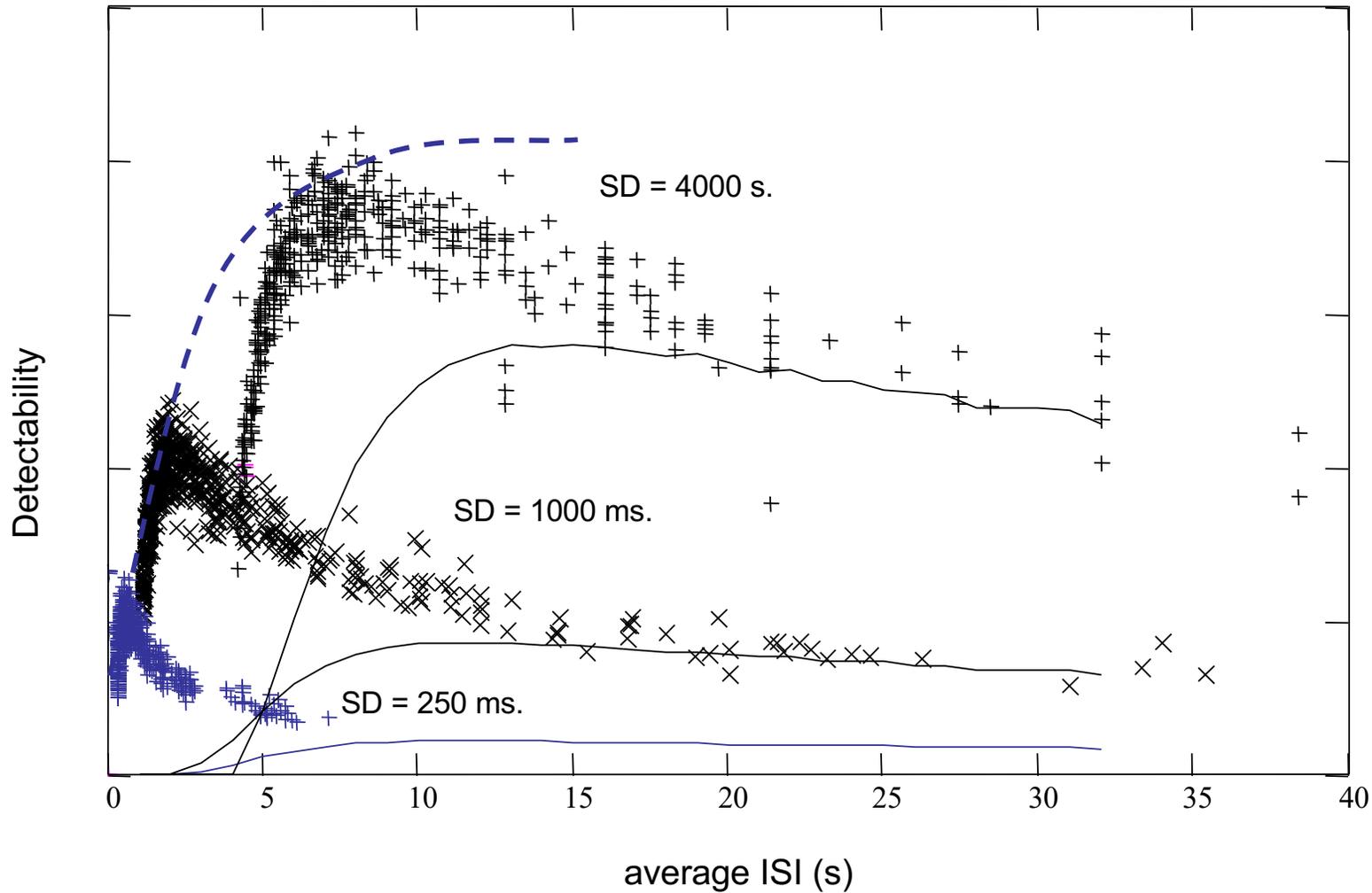
RAW DATA



ESTIMATED RESPONSES

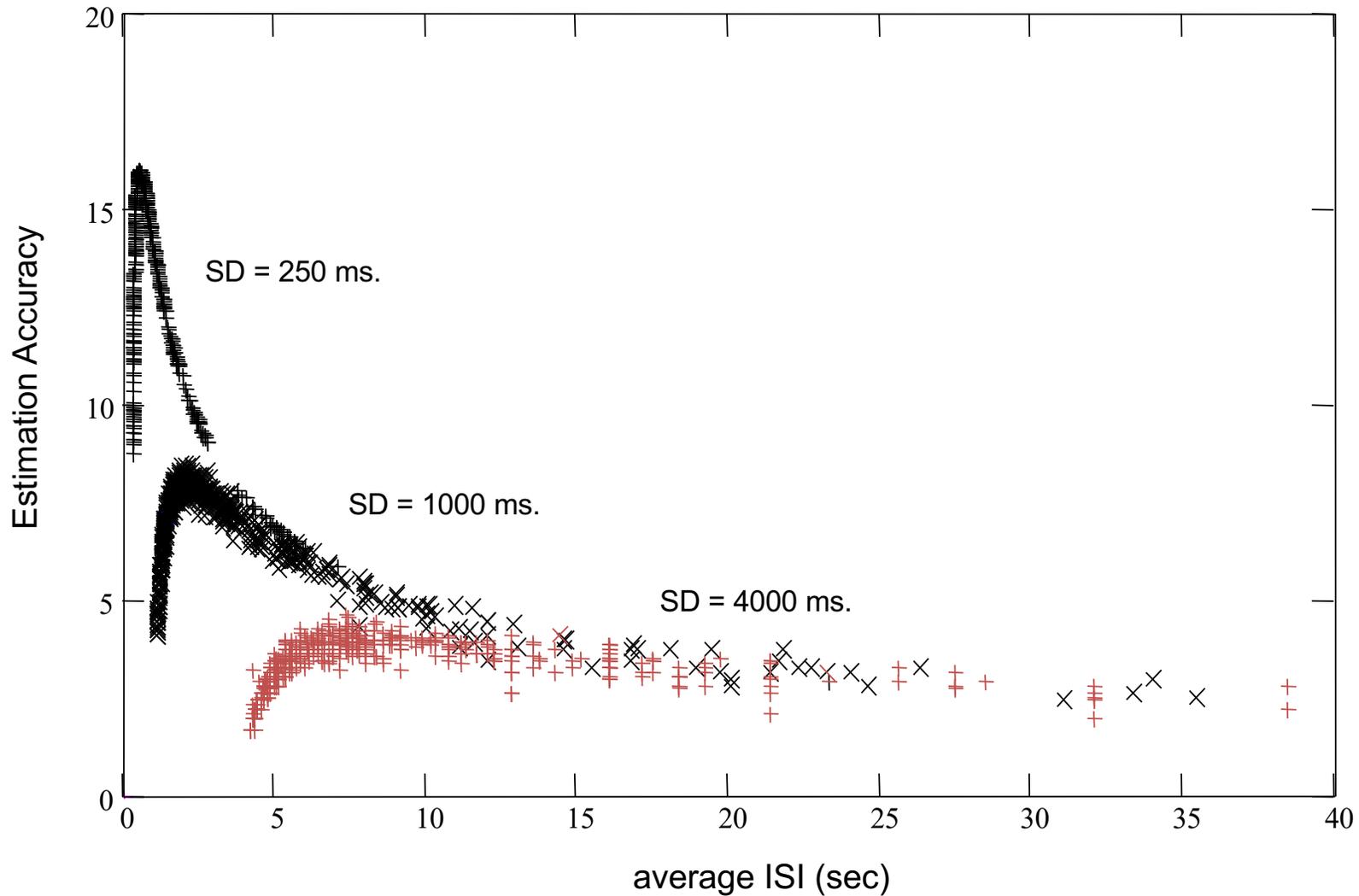


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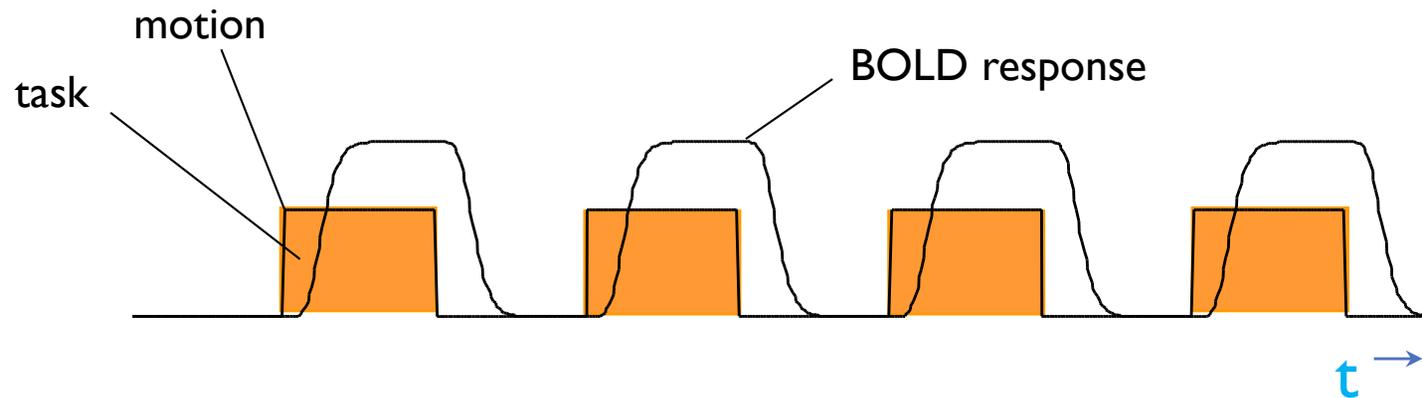
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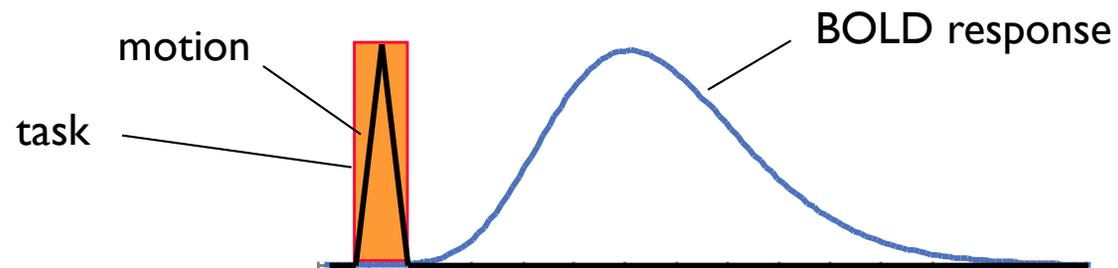
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fMRI during tasks that involve brief motion

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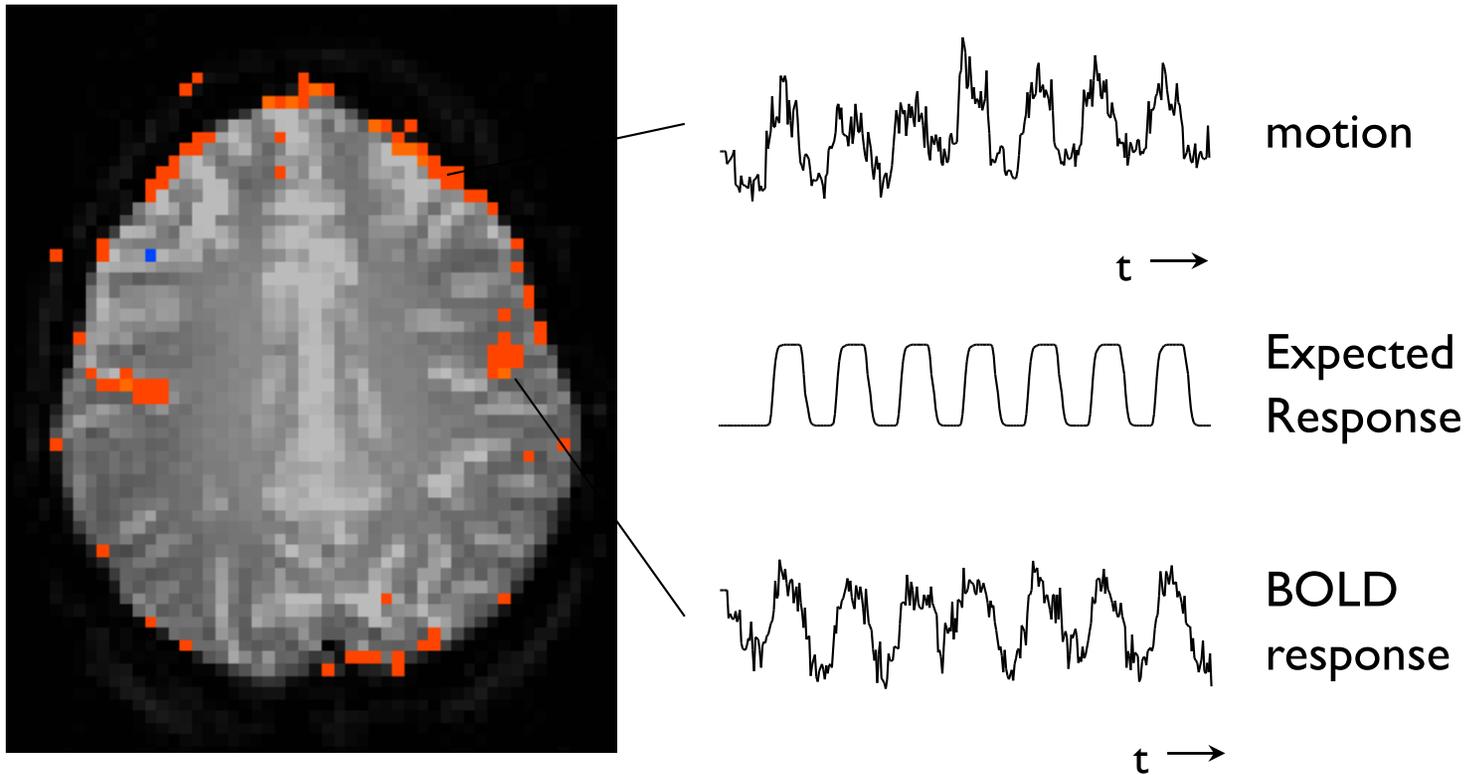


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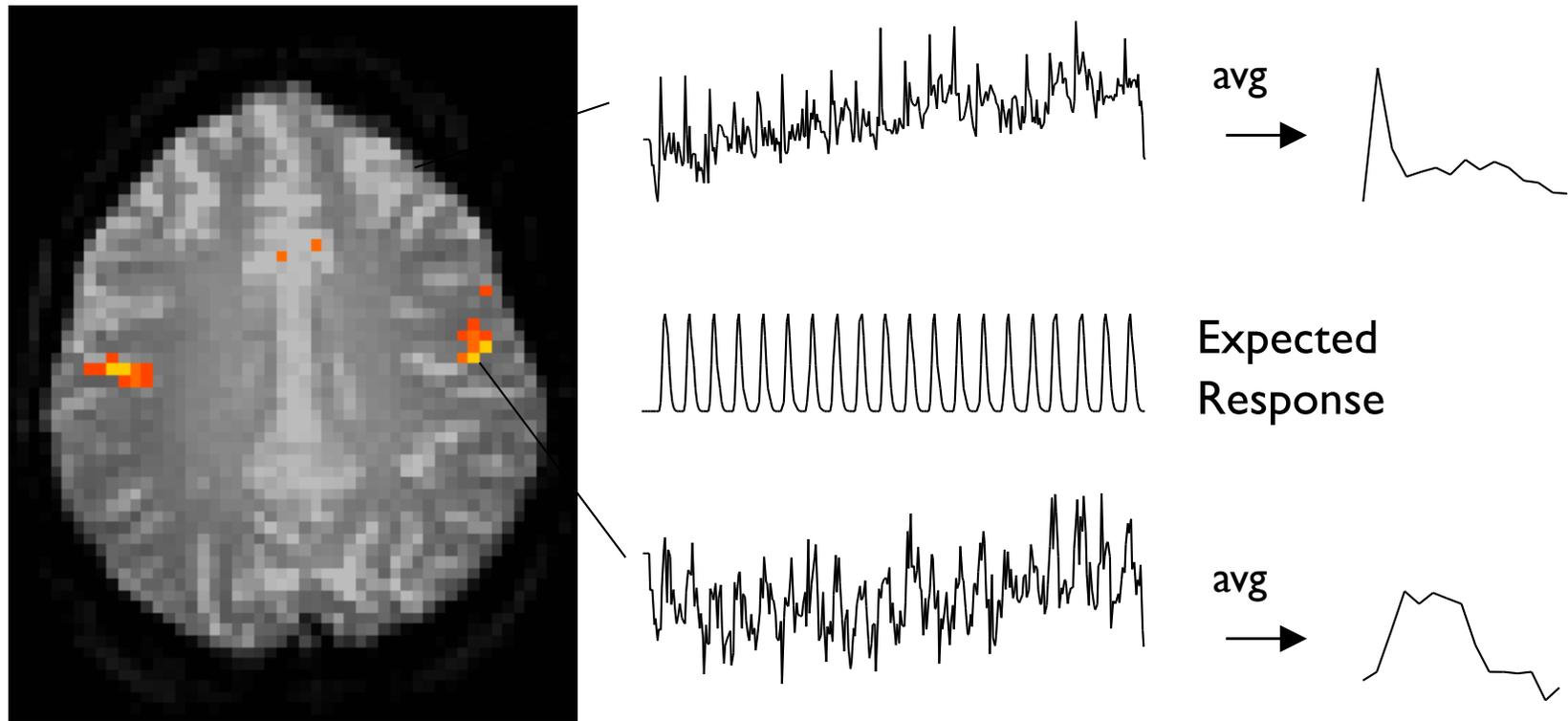
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Speaking - Blocked Trial



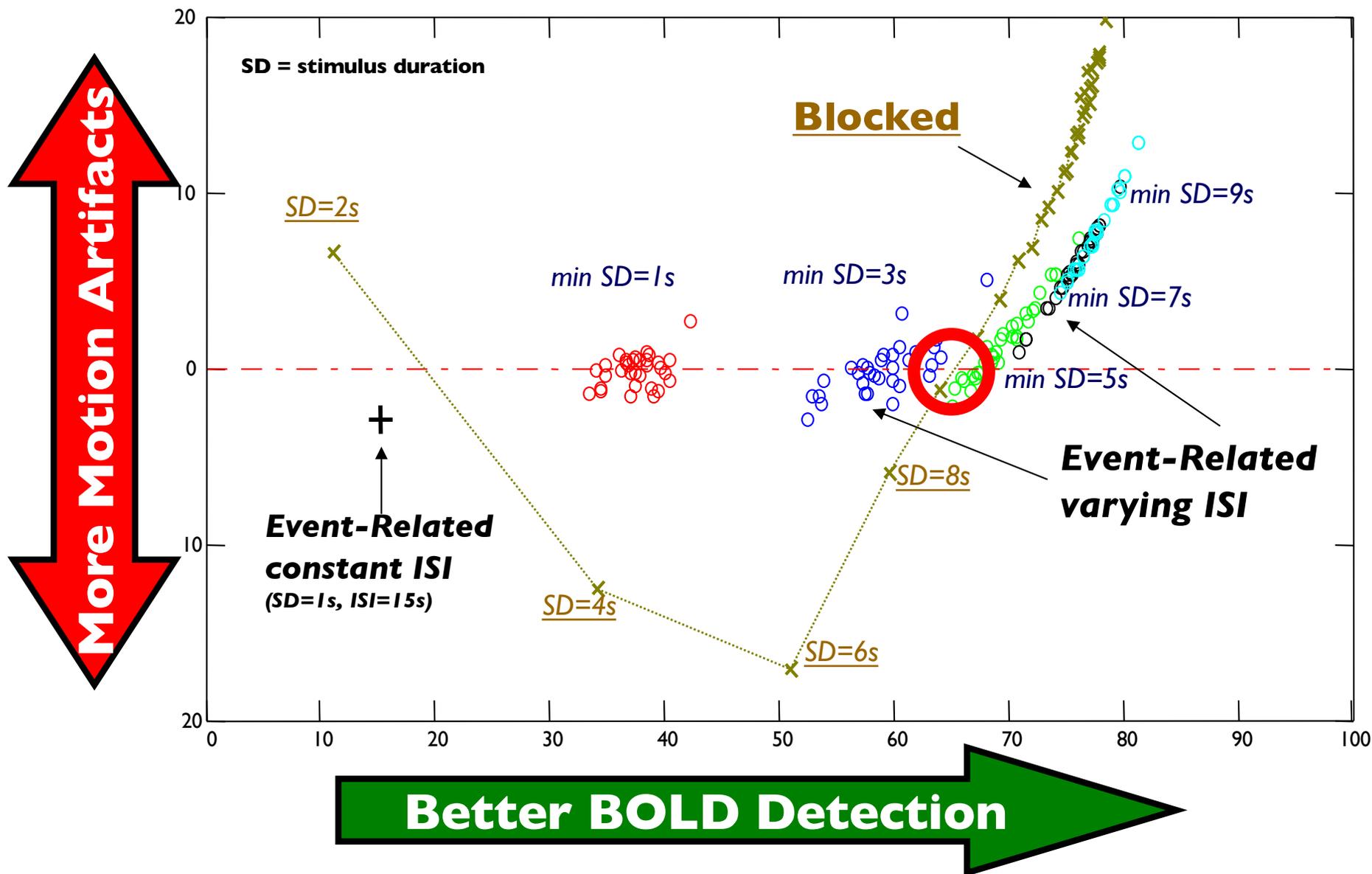
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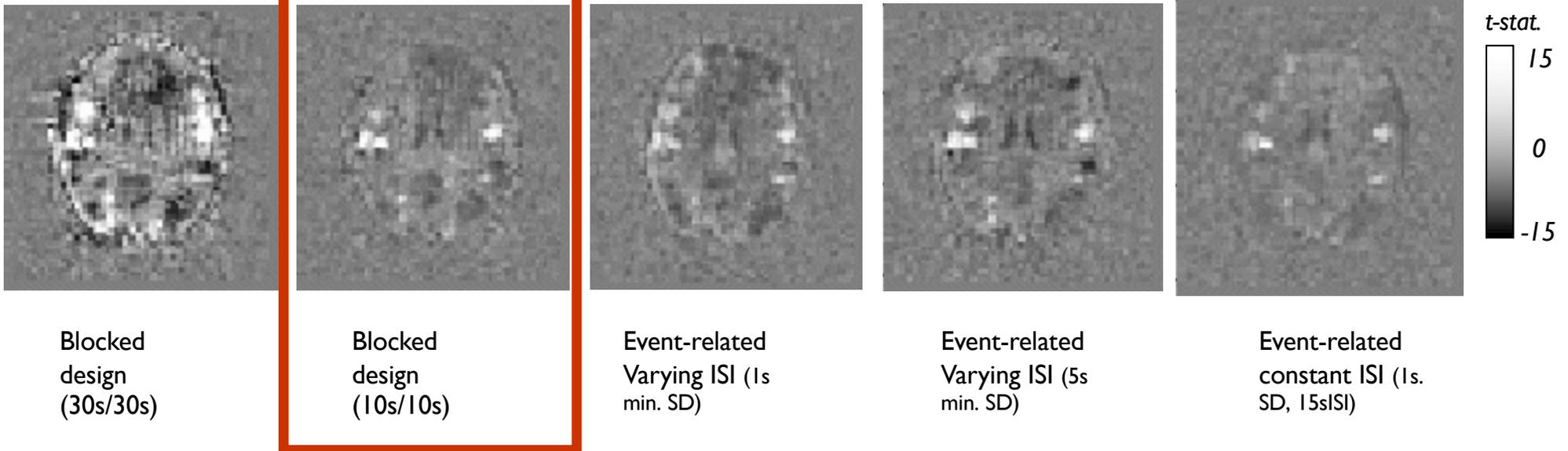


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Overt Responses - Simulations



Overt Responses



Blocked design (30s/30s)

Blocked design (10s/10s)

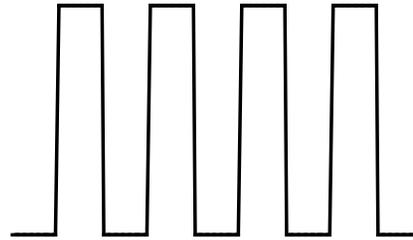
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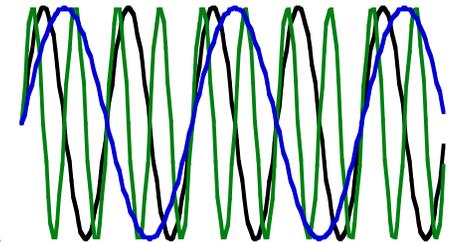
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Neuronal Activation Input Strategies

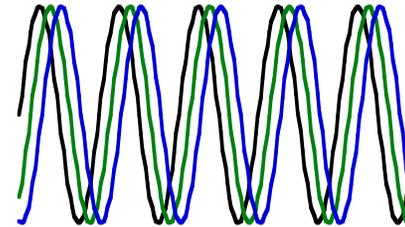
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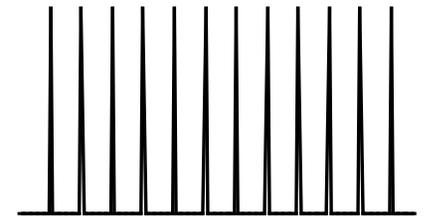
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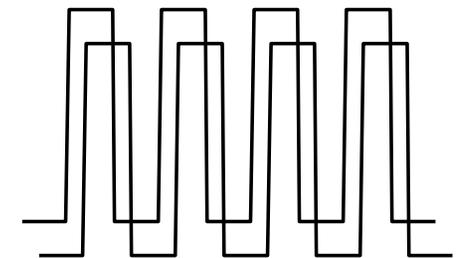


4. Event-Related



5. fMRI adaptation

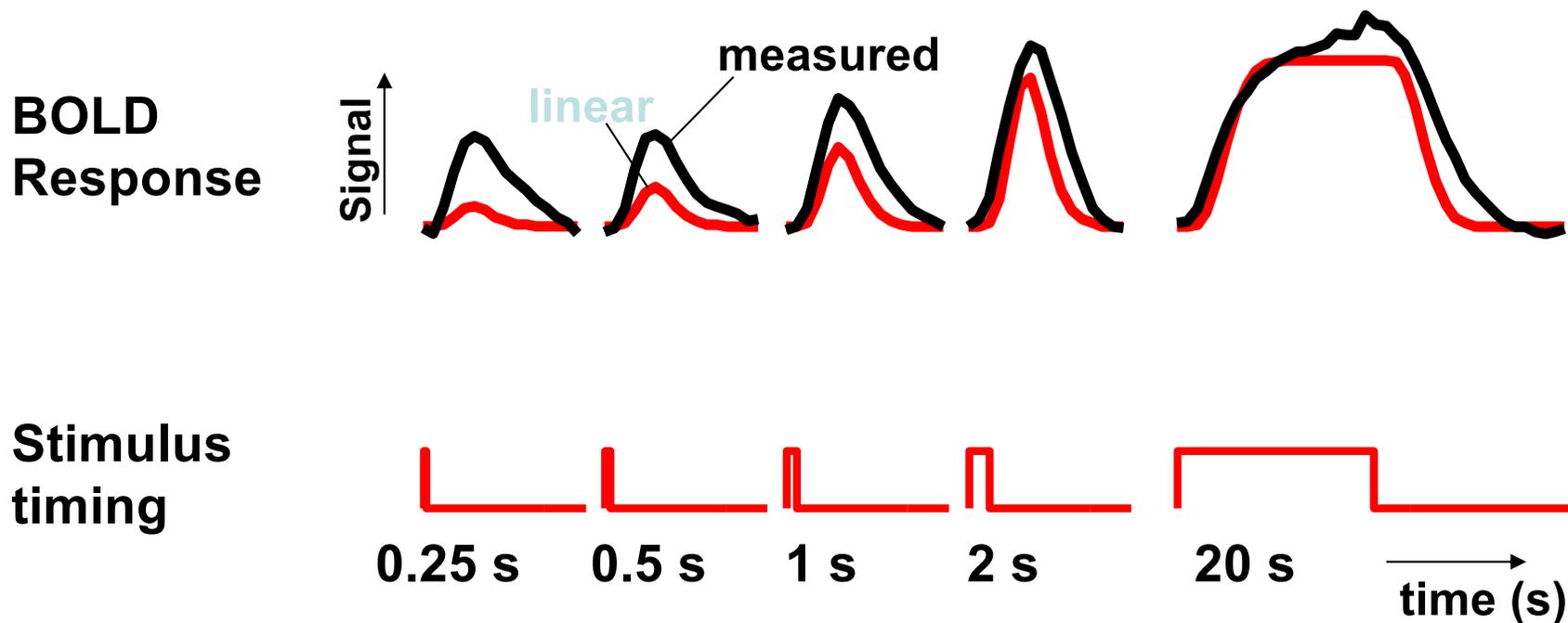
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7. Free Behavior Design.

Dynamic Nonlinearity Assessment

Different stimulus “ON” periods

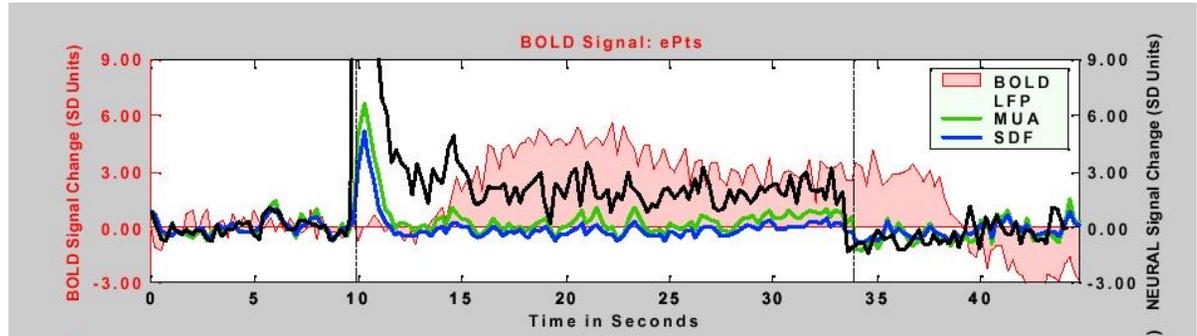


Brief stimuli produce larger responses than expected

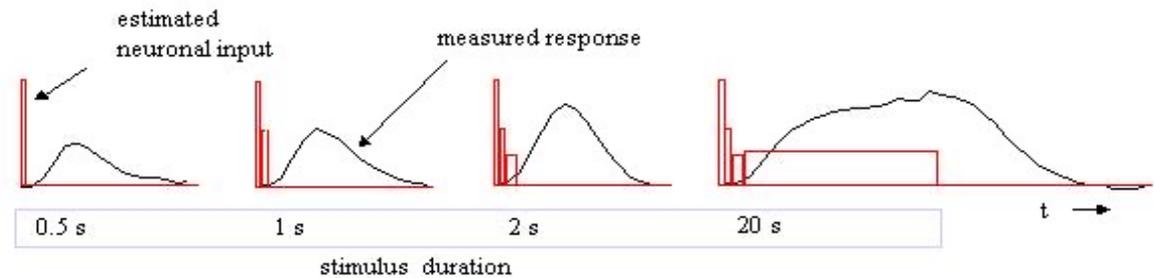
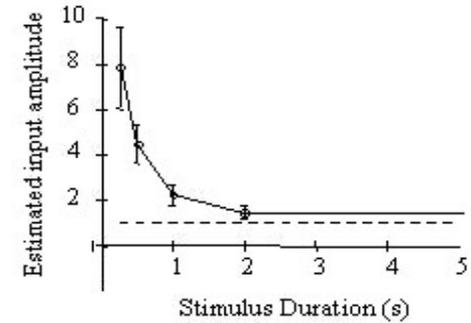
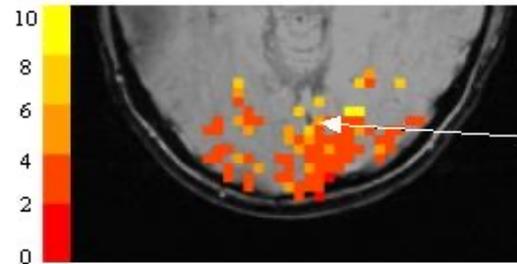
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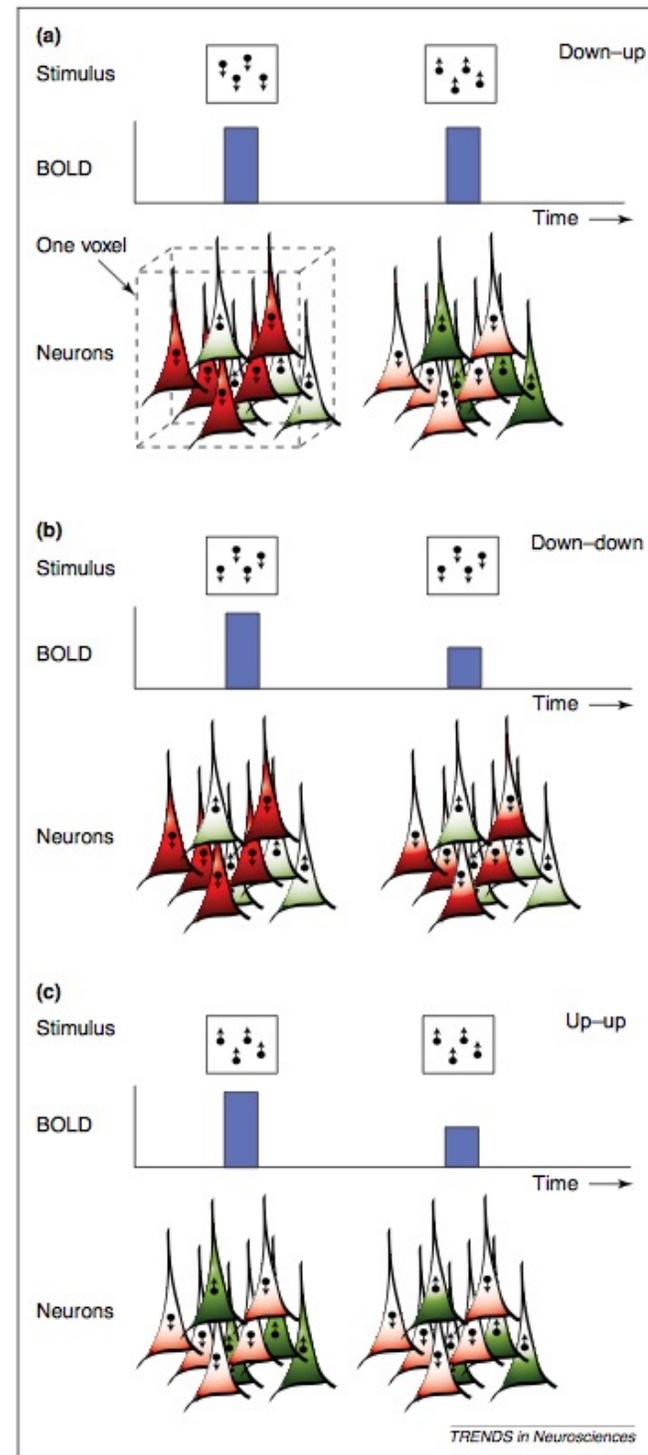
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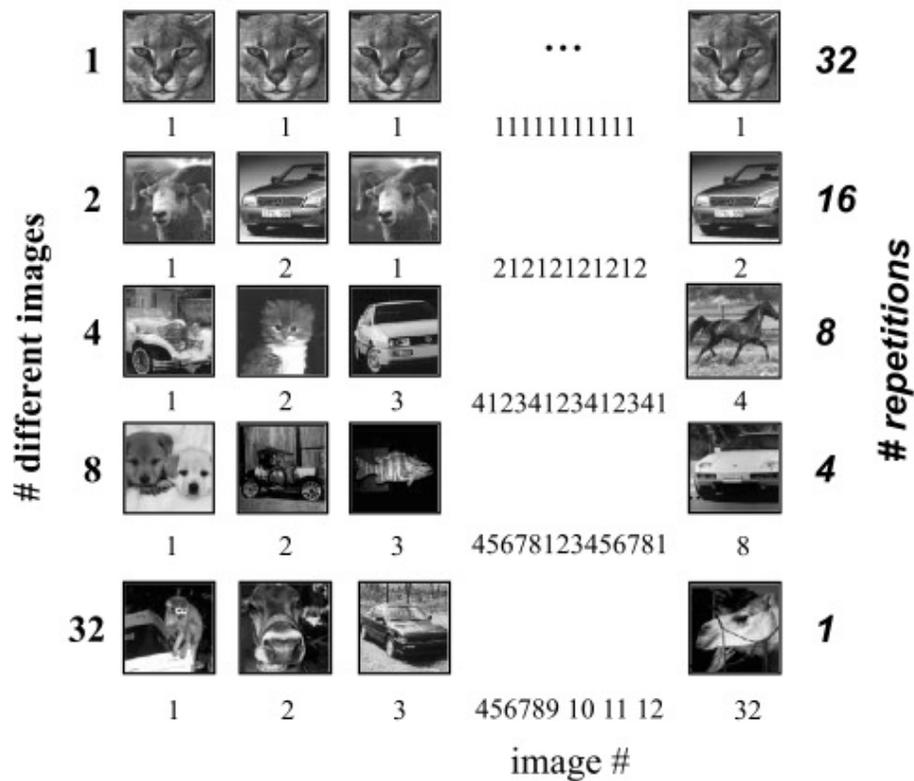


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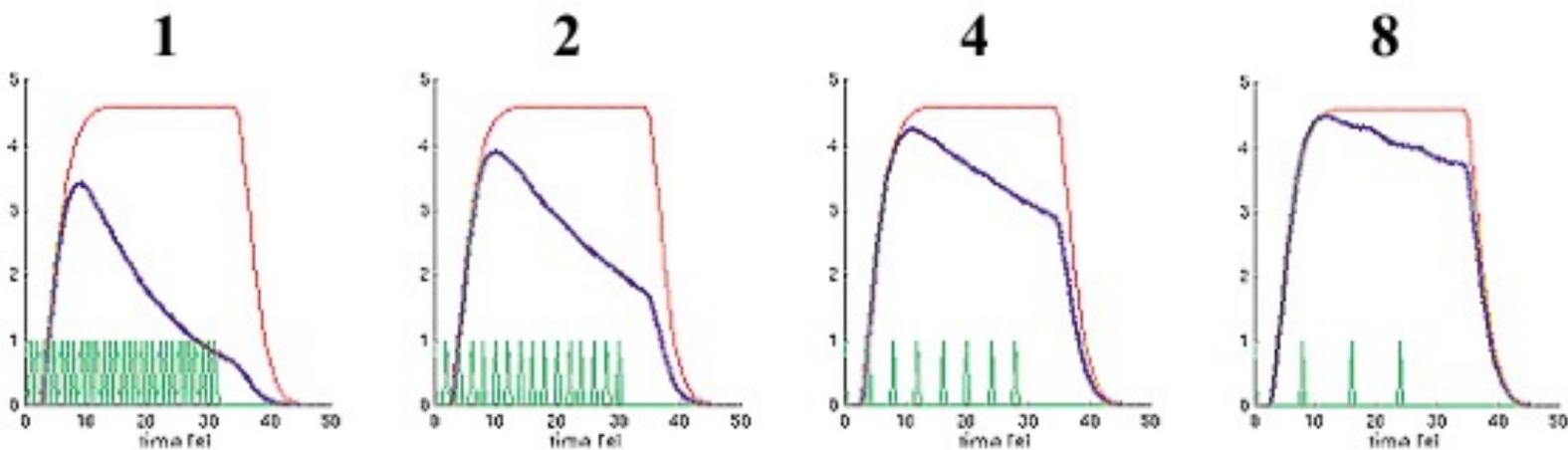


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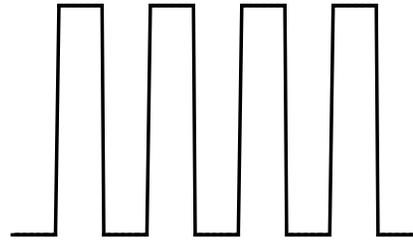


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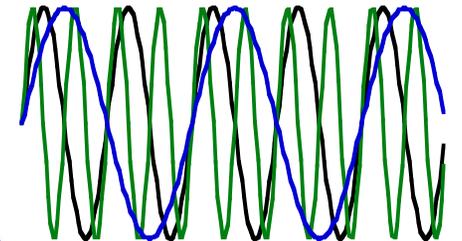


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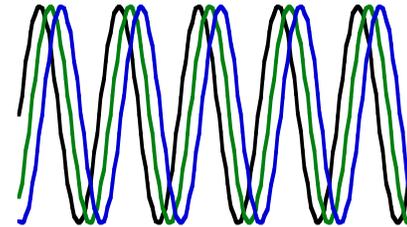
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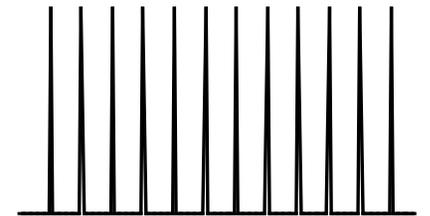
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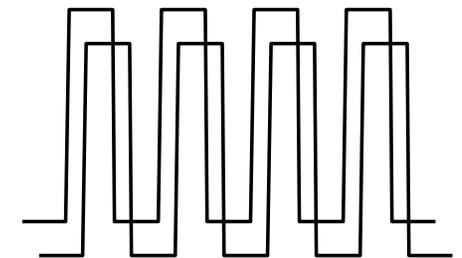


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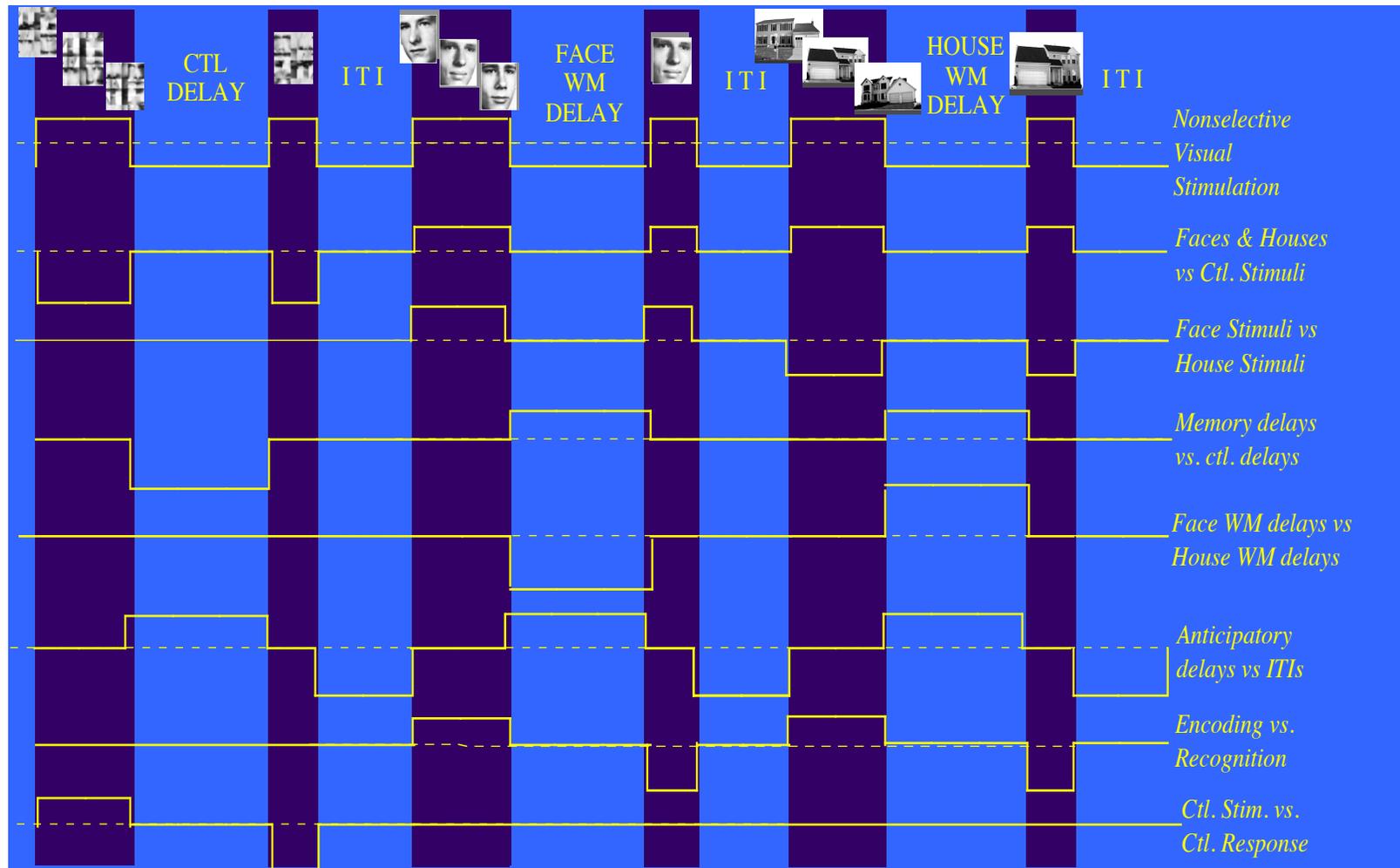
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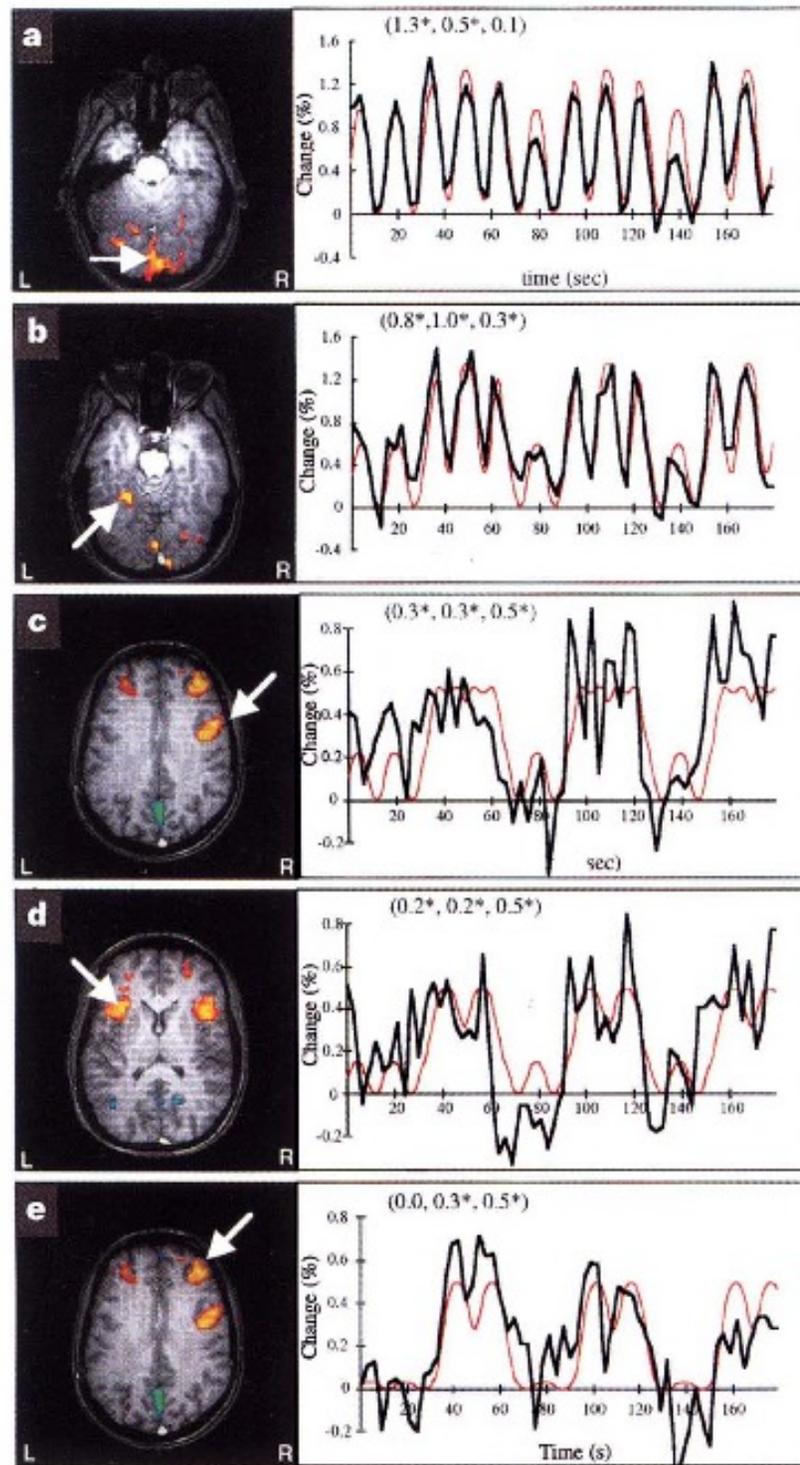
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Example of a Set of Orthogonal Contrasts for Multiple Regression



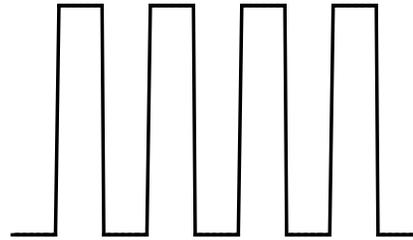
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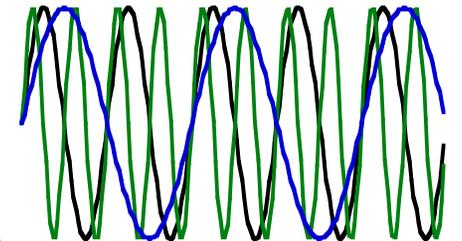


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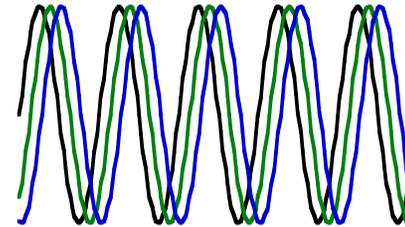
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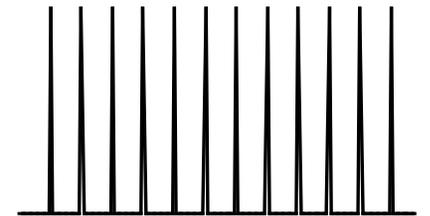
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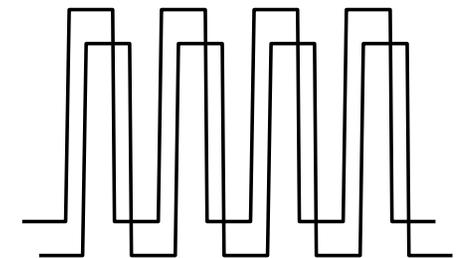


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7. Free Behavior Design

Free behavior or naturalistic or continuous stimuli

Maguire – navigation

U. Hasson – time reversal, cross subject

Gallant – semantic space multiple regression

DARPA competition – guess what's happening

DeCharms, Goebel - Real time feedback

Category	Definition	Mean number of occurrences (SD)
Customer-driven Route Planning	Planning a route to a given destination	16.6 (1.8)
Subtypes: Initial plan	Planning from the initial request	6.8 (0.8)
Change in plan	Planning after an en route request from a customer to alter the destination	9.8 (1.0)
Spontaneous Route Planning	Further planning en route, independent of customers	34.3 (10.9)
Subtypes: Filling in	Planning the next stage of the journey	17.7 (6.6)
Re-planning	Altering the current plan to adapt to the environment	16.7 (5.7)
Action Planning	Planning future movements with the vehicle	45.8 (15.1)
Expectation Confirmation	Detecting the presence of an expected environmental feature	28.6 (9.9)
Expectation Violation	Detecting the absence of an expected environmental feature	31.6 (10.5)
Expectation	Looking out for the next expected environmental feature	24.5 (8.5)
Visual Inspection	Visual inspection of an environmental feature	36.0 (11.8)
Monitoring Traffic	Watching moving traffic in the environment	11.4 (5.9)
Coasting	Navigating automatically without any directed thoughts	25.8 (7.5)
Customers' Navigationally-Irrelevant Statements	Navigationally-irrelevant statements by customers, (a control for Customer-driven Route Planning)	6.6 (0.9)

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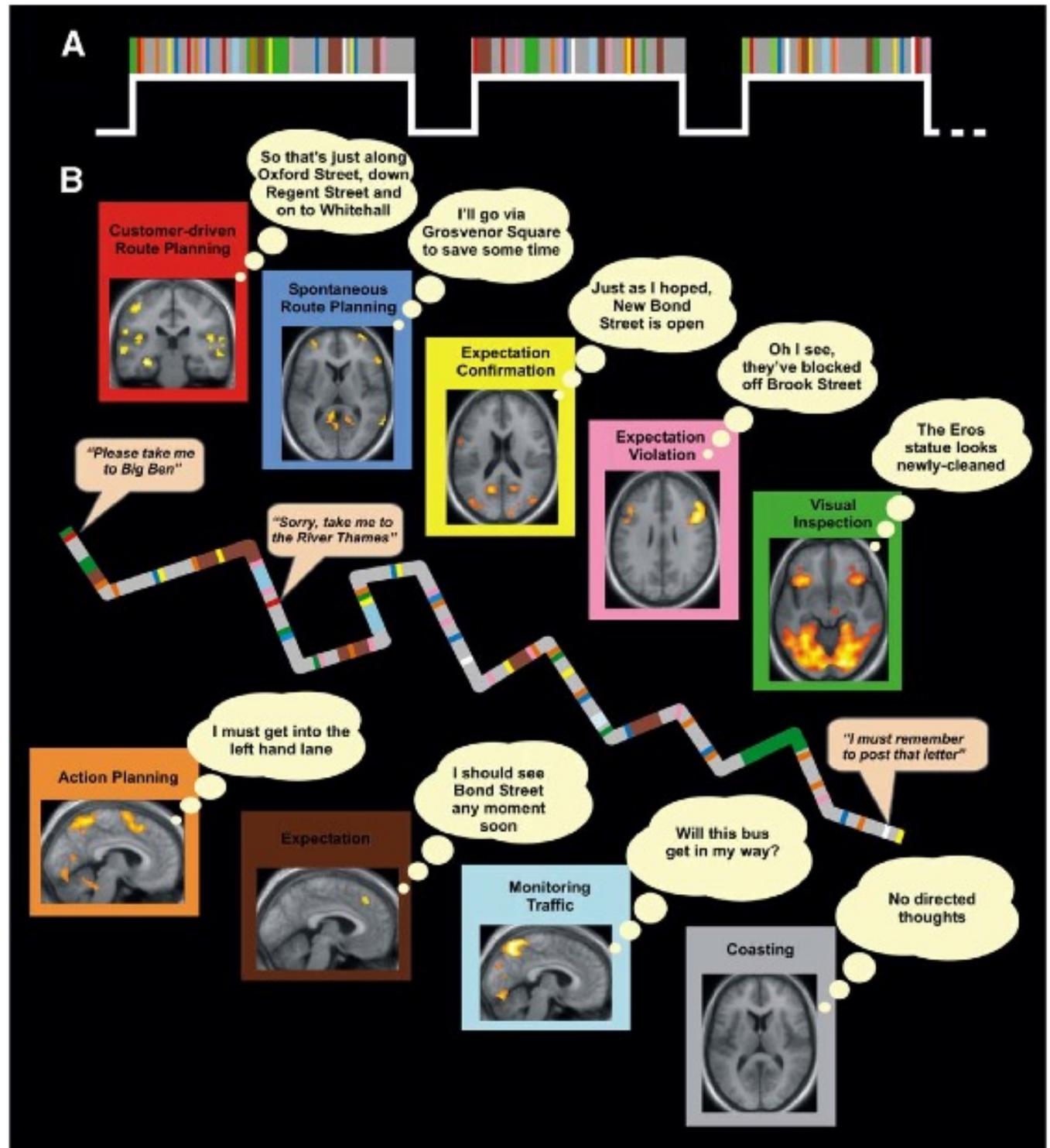


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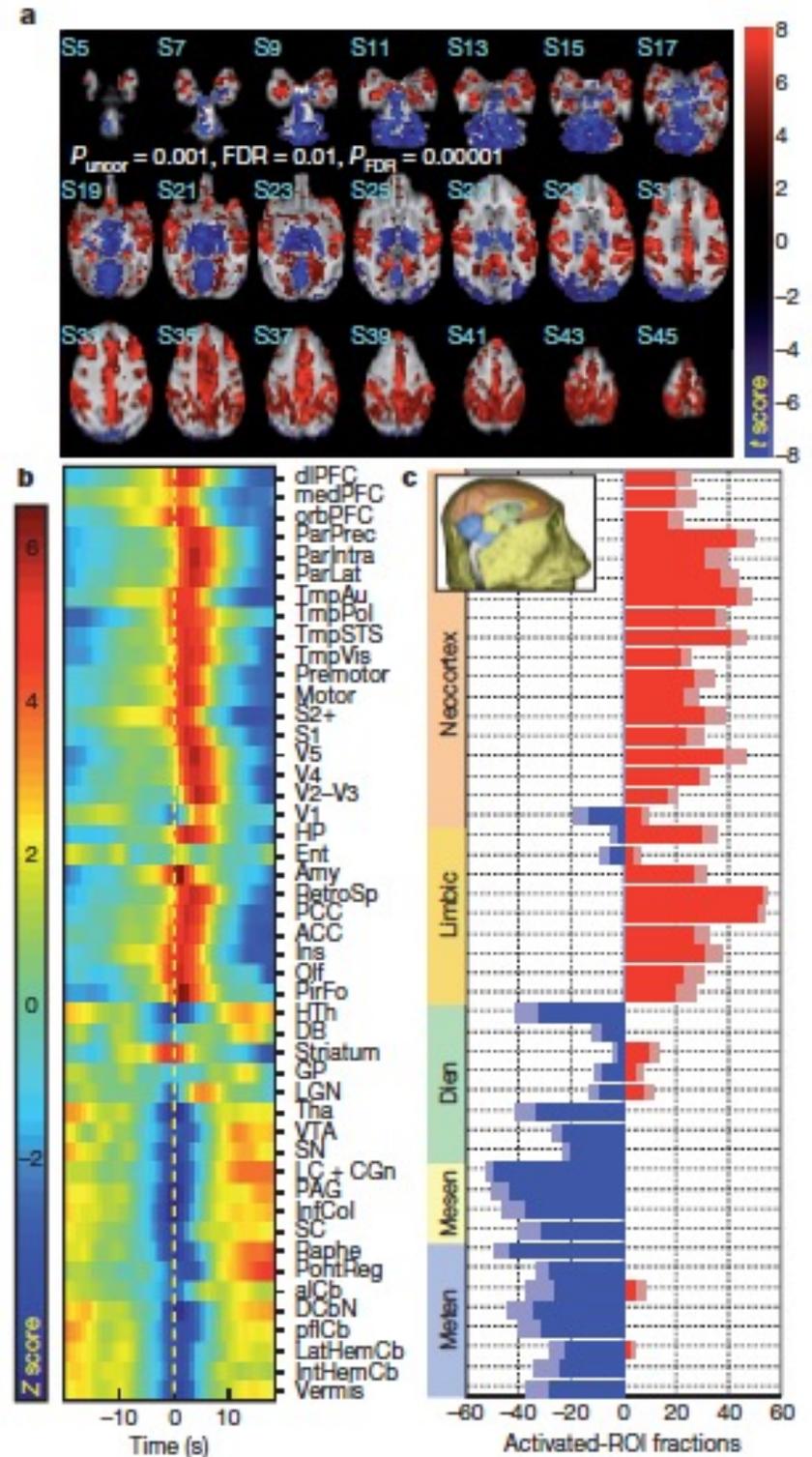
Multi-modal integration

Hippocampal-cortical interaction during periods of subcortical silence

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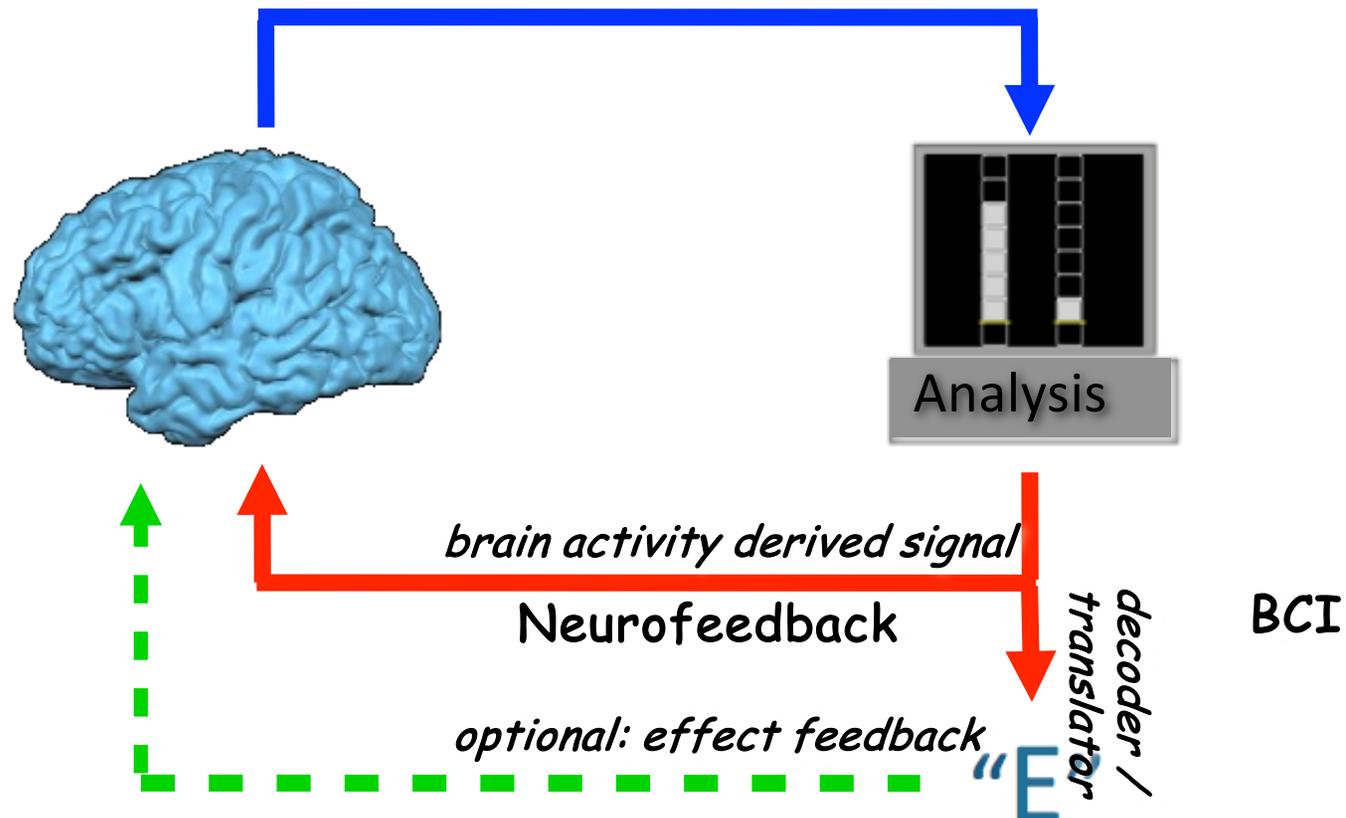
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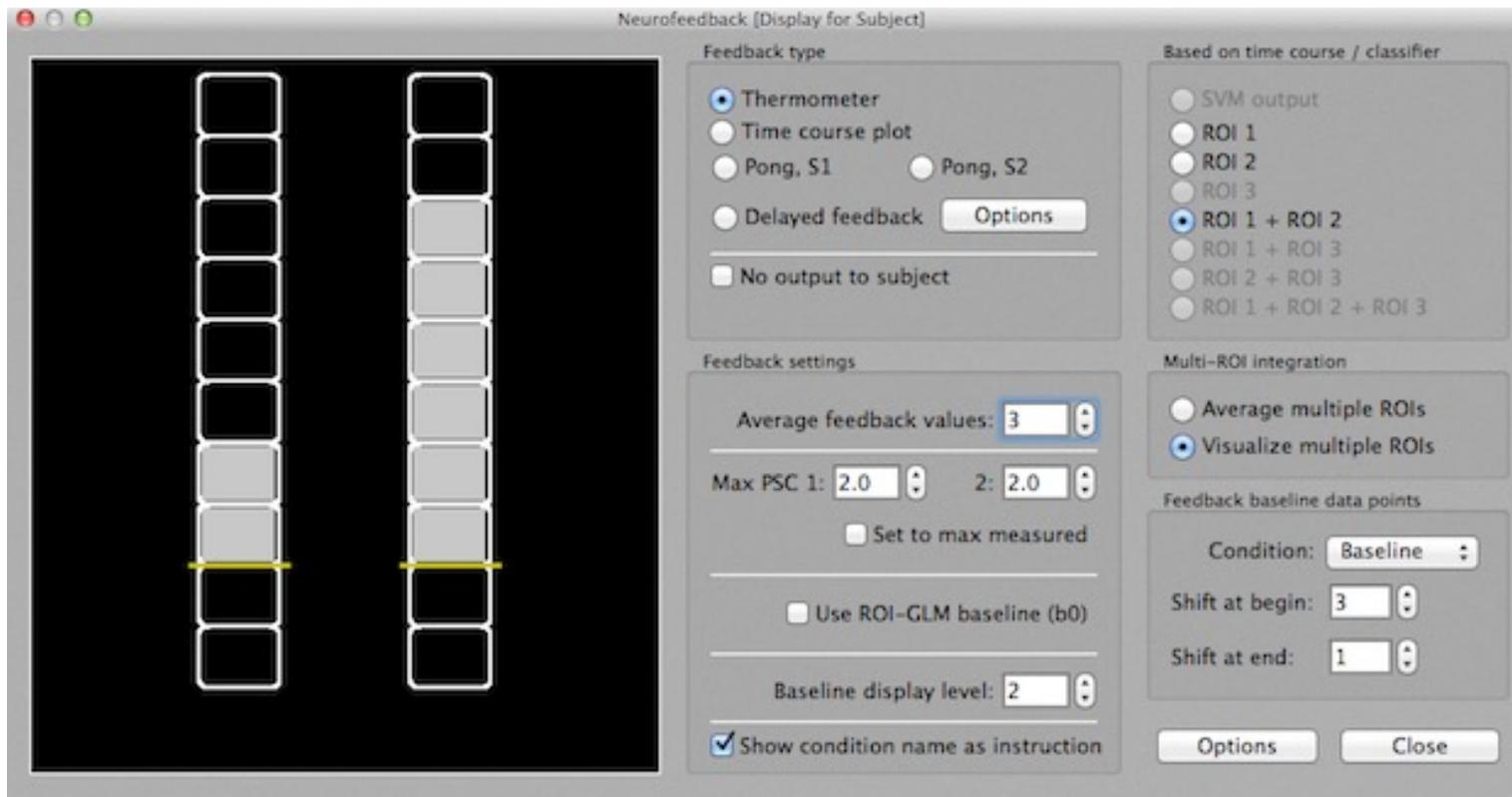


Applications of Real-Time fMRI Data Analysis

Online “brain reading” for neurofeedback and communication BCI



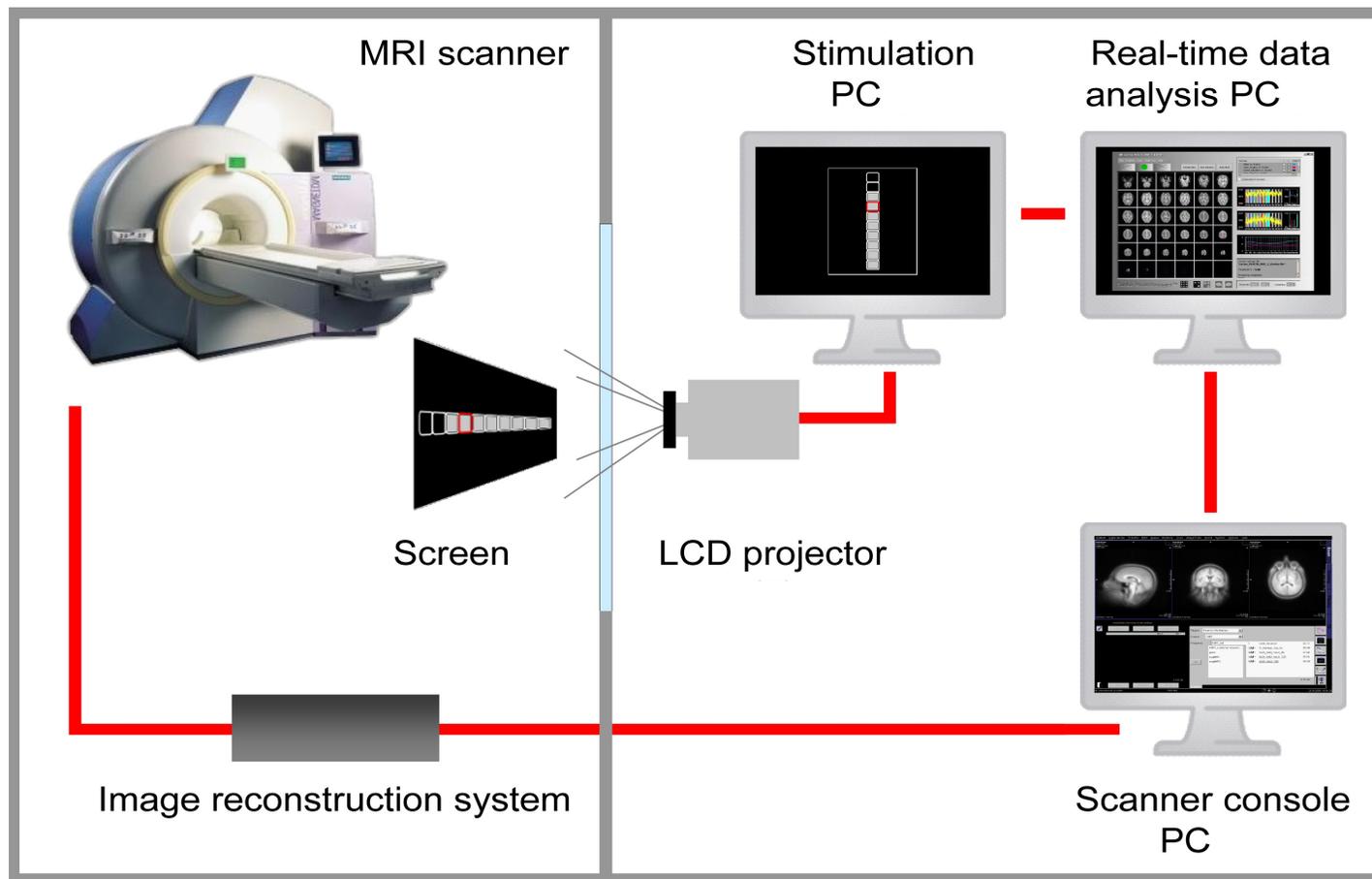
Real-Time fMRI Neurofeedback



- Real-time fMRI enables monitoring changes in the BOLD response *online*.
- The high spatial resolution of fMRI offers the possibility to investigate the control over *localized* brain regions -> *Feedback is content-specific*.
- Subjects can learn to influence own brain activity from *one* or *multiple* circumscribed brain regions.

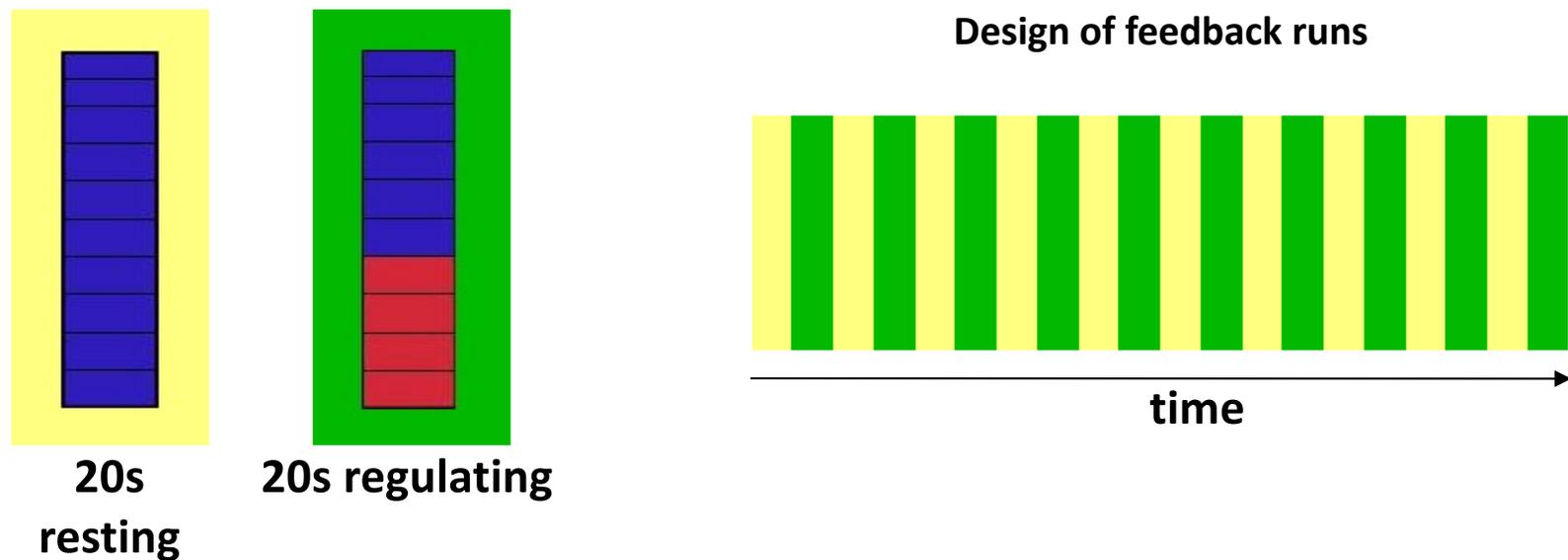
fMRI Neurofeedback as a Therapeutic Tool

Technical setup and data flow of fMRI-based neurofeedback training study



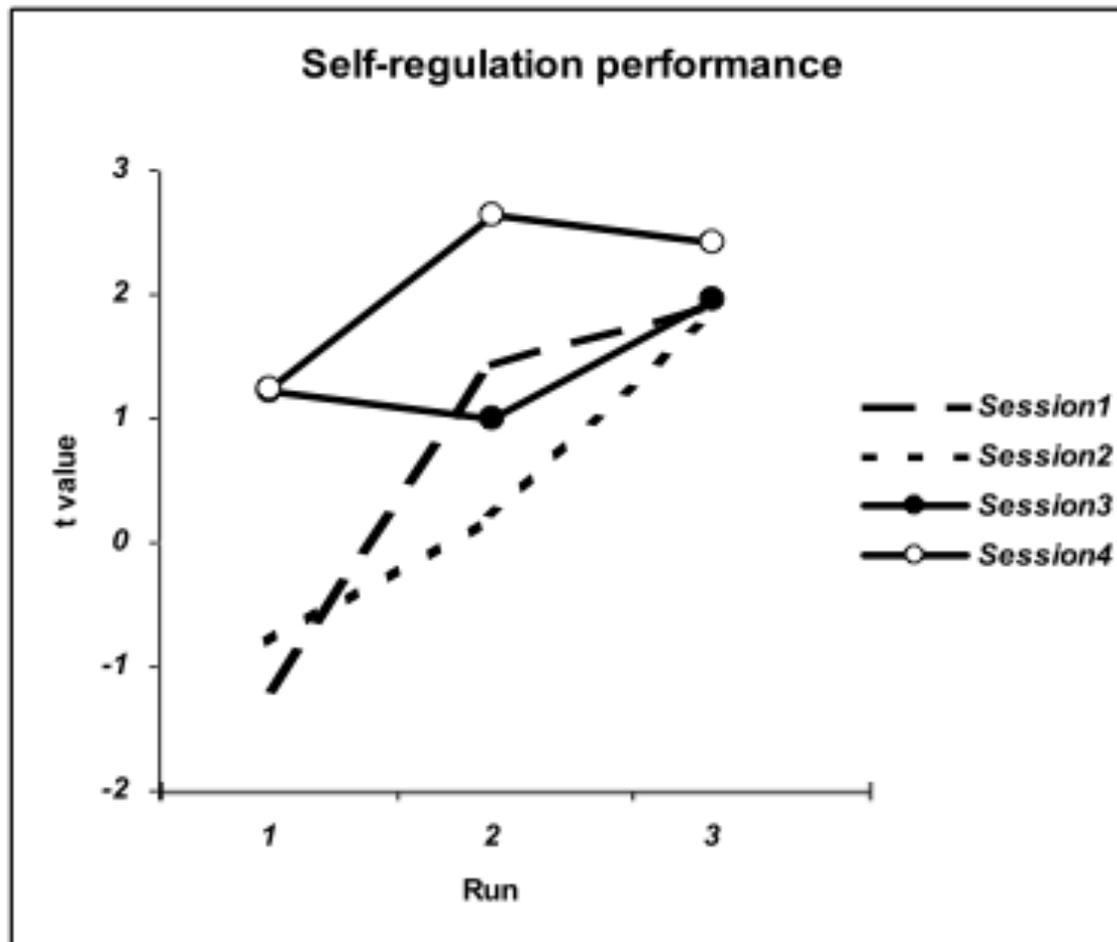
Neurofeedback Therapy for Patients with Depression

- Patients with recurrent depressive episodes after unsuccessful conventional therapy
- Neurofeedback design
 - learning to up-regulate brain activation within the emotion network (amygdala, prefrontal cortex *etc.*)
 - 4 sessions (within 4 weeks)
 - one session = 3 runs (1h)



Neurofeedback Therapy for Patients with Depression

Effect of the rt-fMRI neurofeedback training on the reached brain activation level within the emotion network (group results)

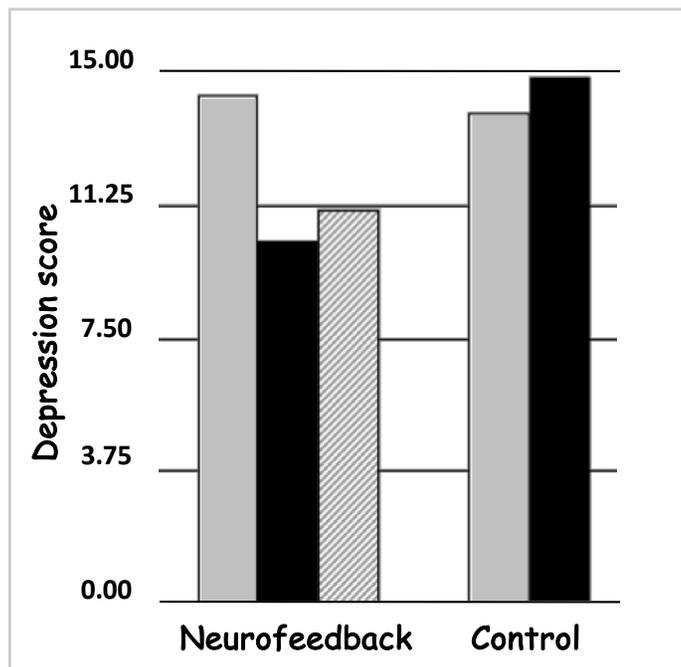


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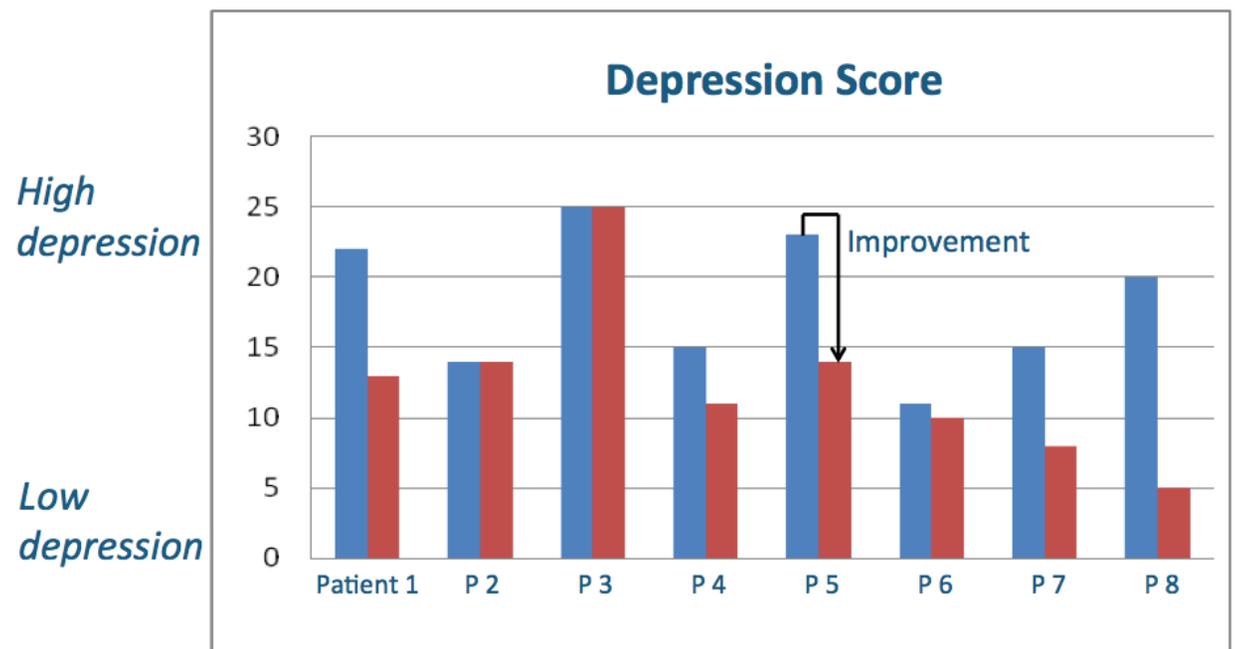
Behavioral effects of neurofeedback training after 4 sessions (HRSD score)

group results



□ pre
■ post
▨ follow-up

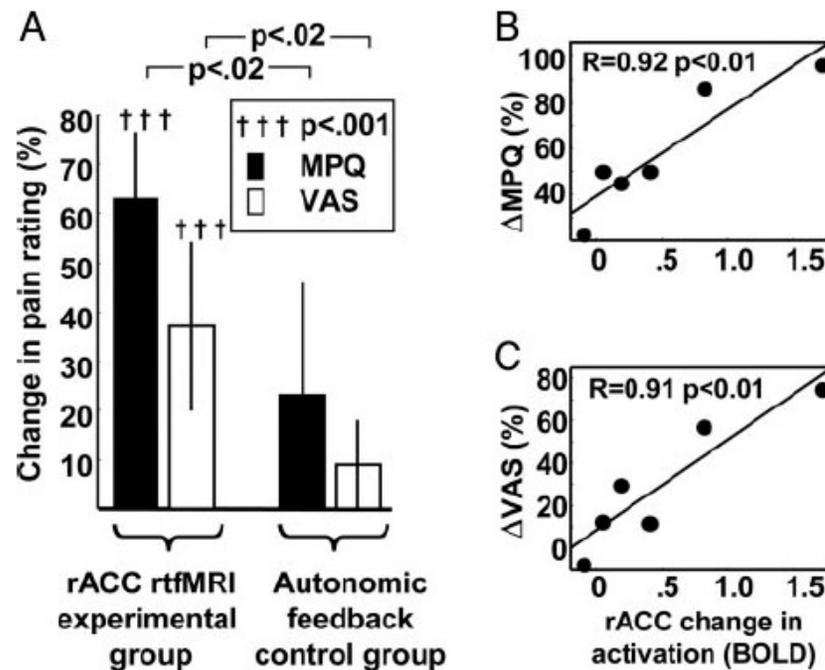
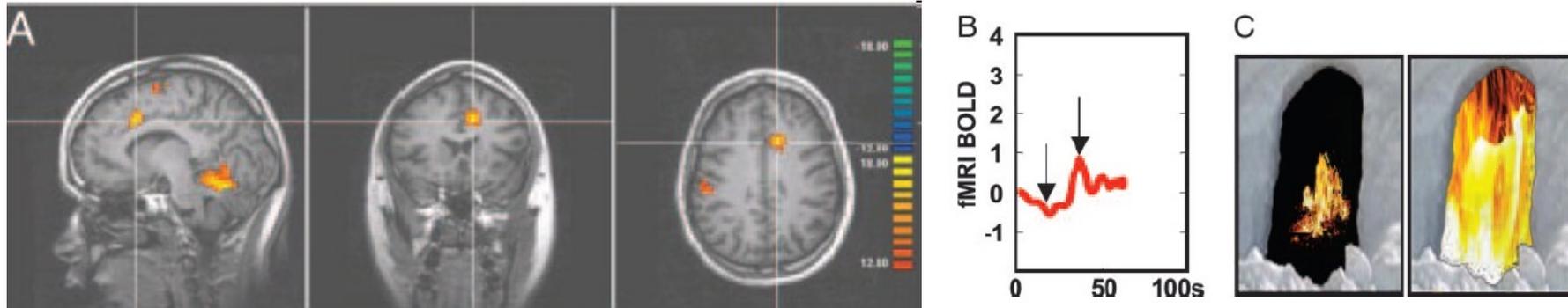
single-subject results



■ pre
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-> First clinical trial study in UK

Real time fMRI feedback to reduce chronic pain

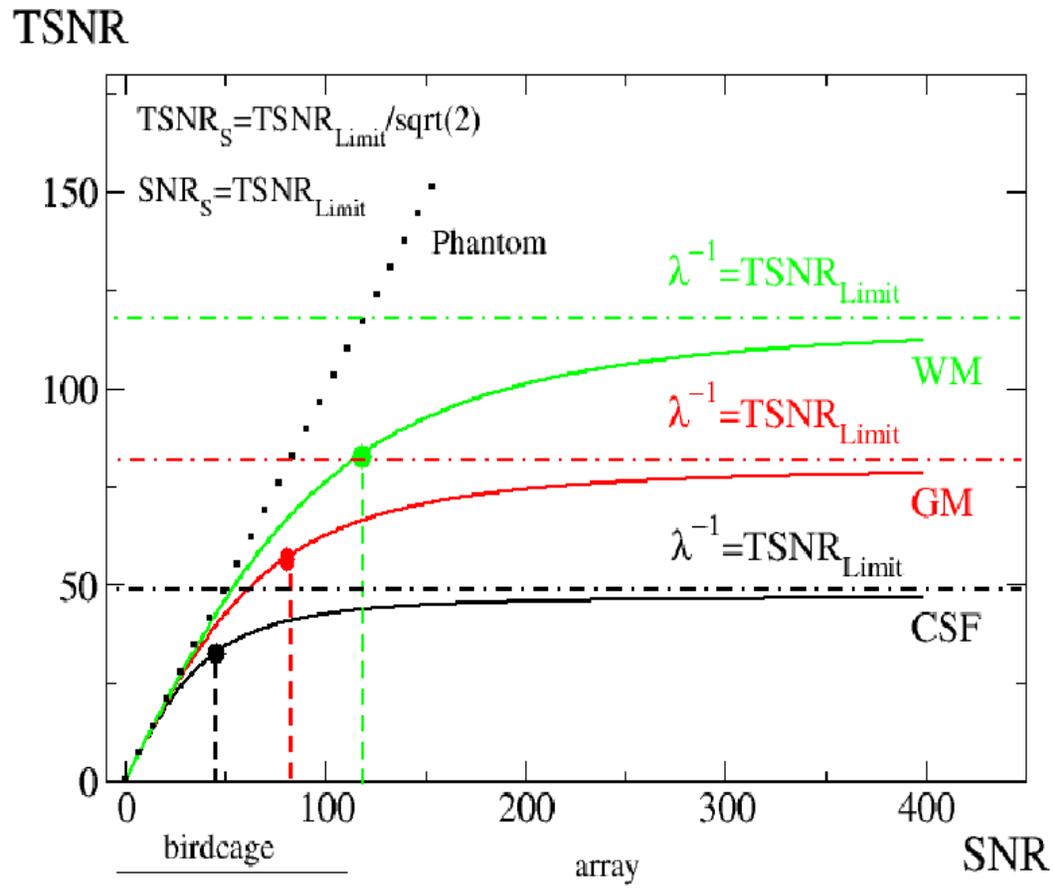


Control over brain activation and pain learned by using real-time functional MRI,
 R. C. deCharms, et al. PNAS, 102; 18626-18631 (2005)

fMRI Paradigm Designs and Processing Strategies

- 1. Neuronal Activation Input Strategies**
- 2. Resting State fMRI**
- 3. fMRI Decoding**

Temporal Signal to Noise Ratio (TSNR) vs. Signal to Noise Ratio (SNR)

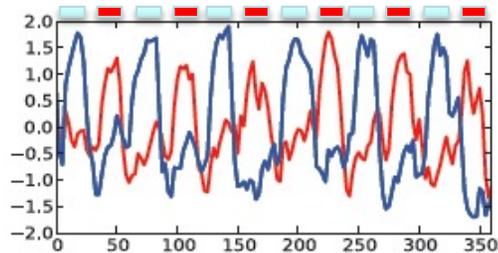
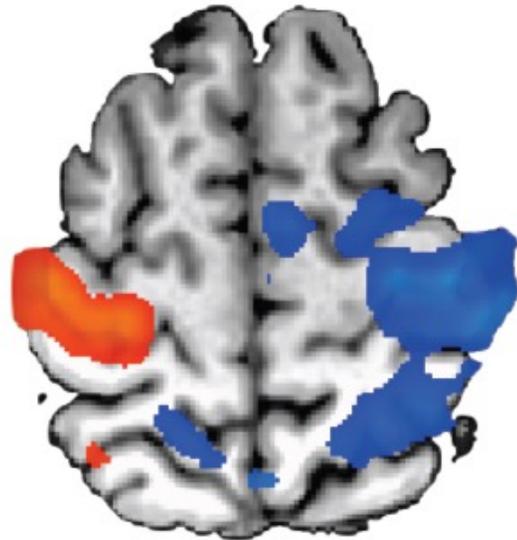


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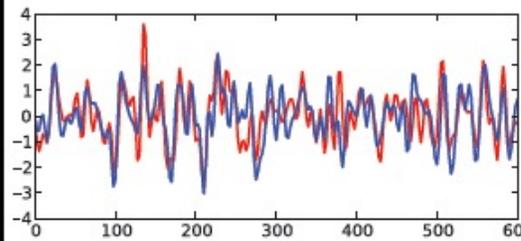
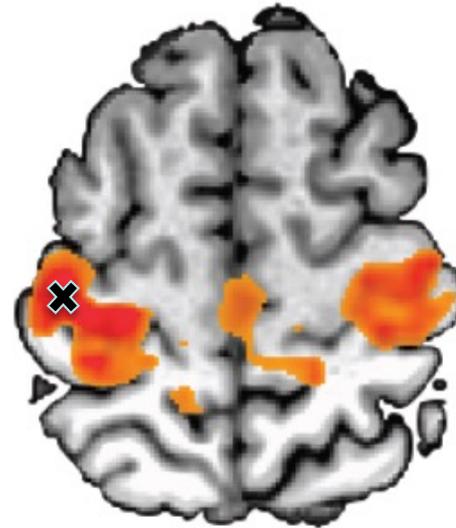
- Blood, brain and CSF pulsation
- Vasomotion
- Breathing cycle (B_0 shifts with lung expansion)
- Bulk motion
- Scanner instabilities
- Changes in blood CO_2 (changes in breathing)
- Spontaneous neuronal activity

Activation-based fMRI and “resting state” fMRI

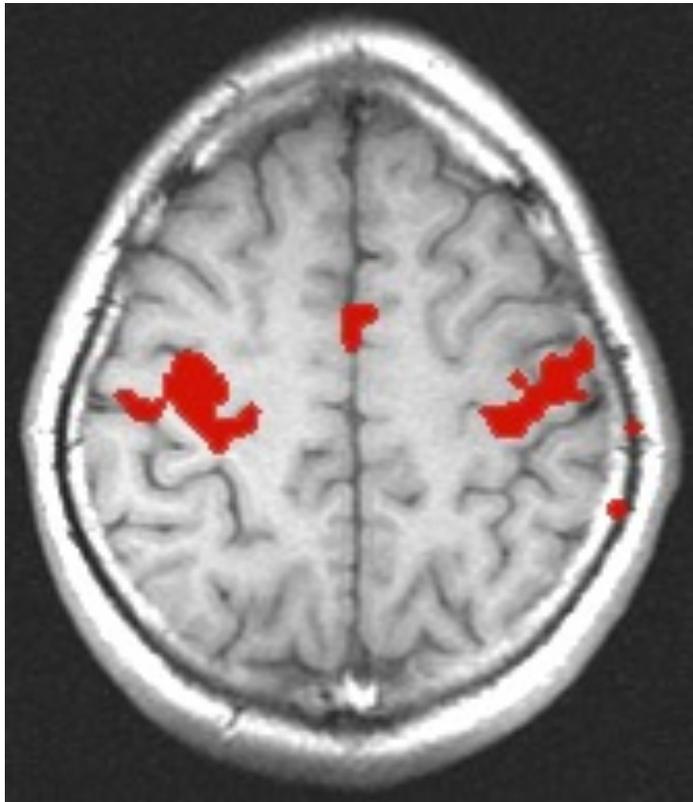
Task Activation
(Right vs. Left Hand Tapping)



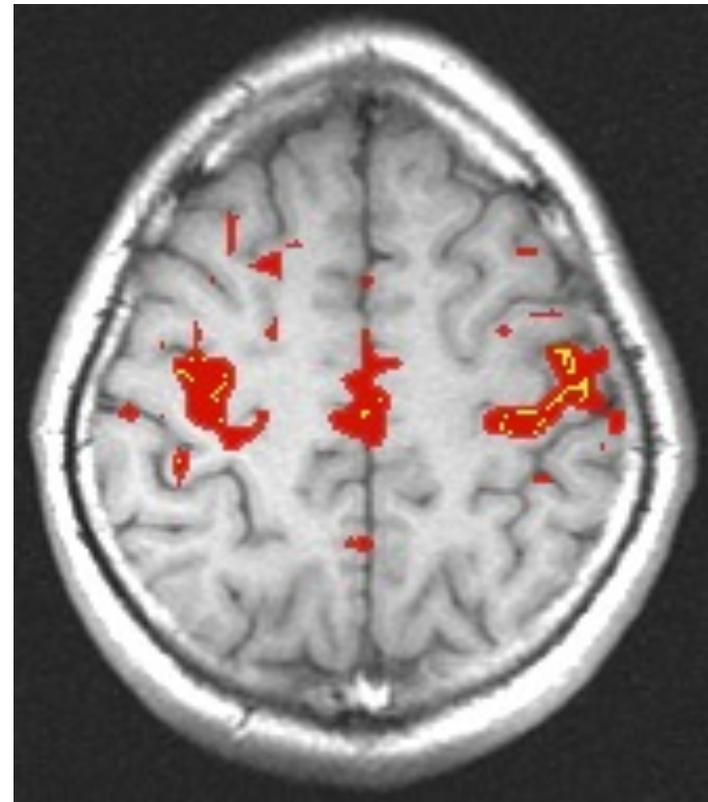
Resting Correlation
(Right Hand Seed)



Resting State Correlations



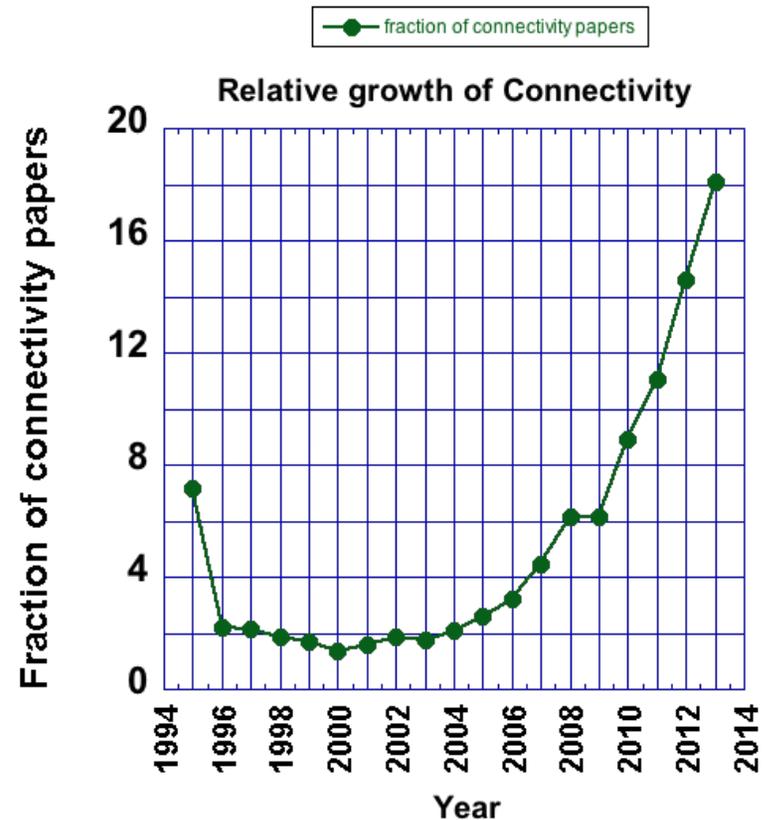
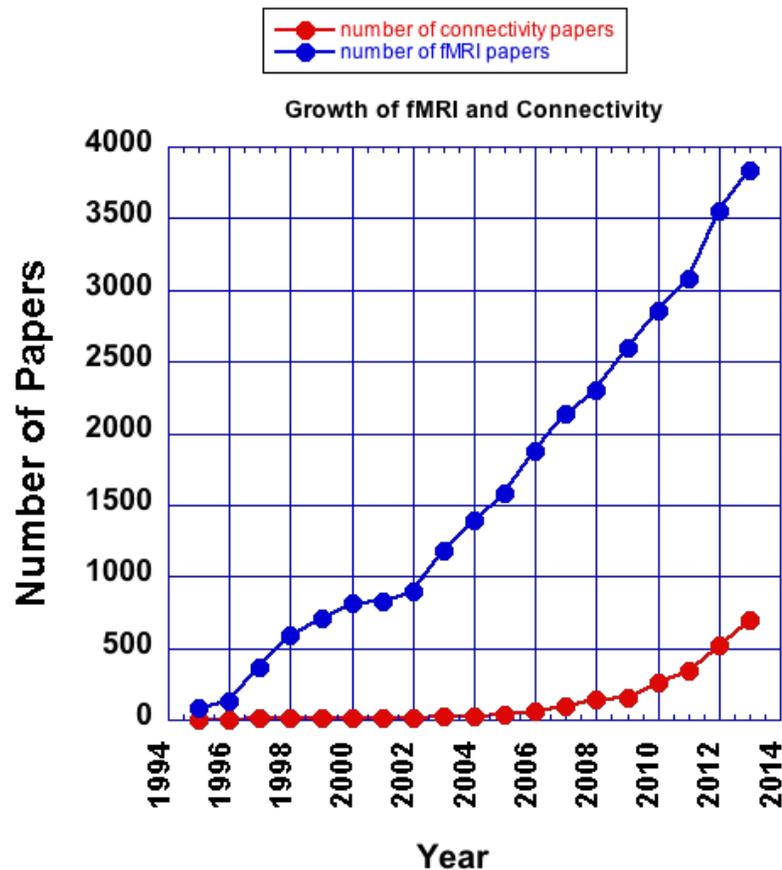
Activation:
correlation with reference function



Rest:
seed voxel in motor cortex

Resting state fMRI: Why is this area important?

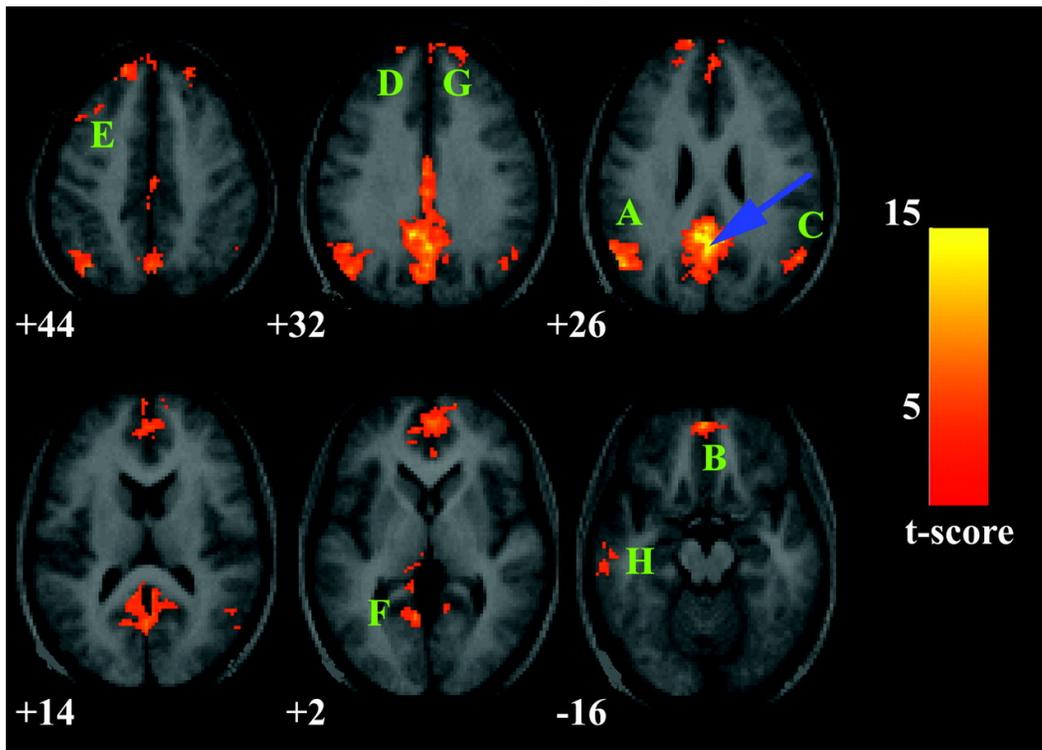
- The number of papers and applications has exploded.
- Neuronal, psychiatric, and developmental disorders may relate to altered connectivity.
- Methods are in their infancy, and rapidly evolving.
- Neuronal correlates of spontaneous fluctuations are not fully understood.



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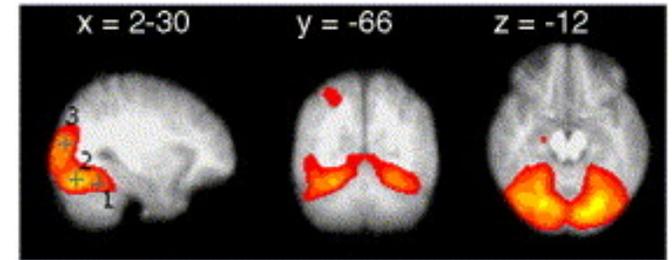
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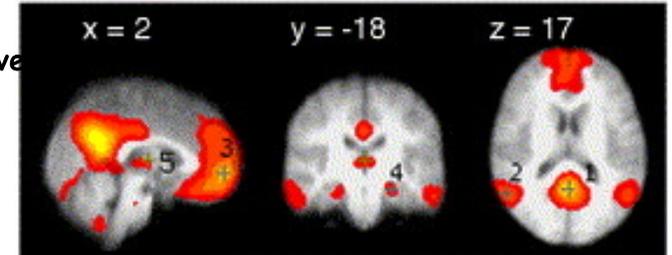


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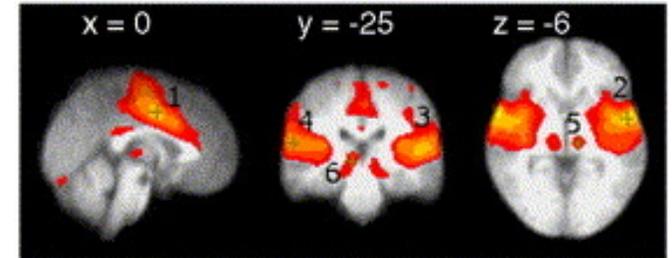
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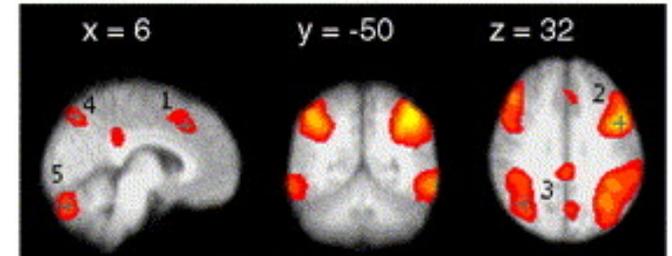
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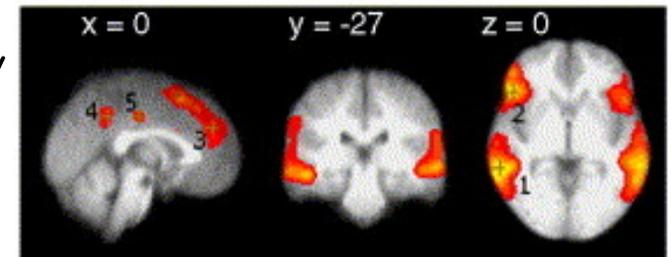
Sensory Auditory



Dorsal Pathway



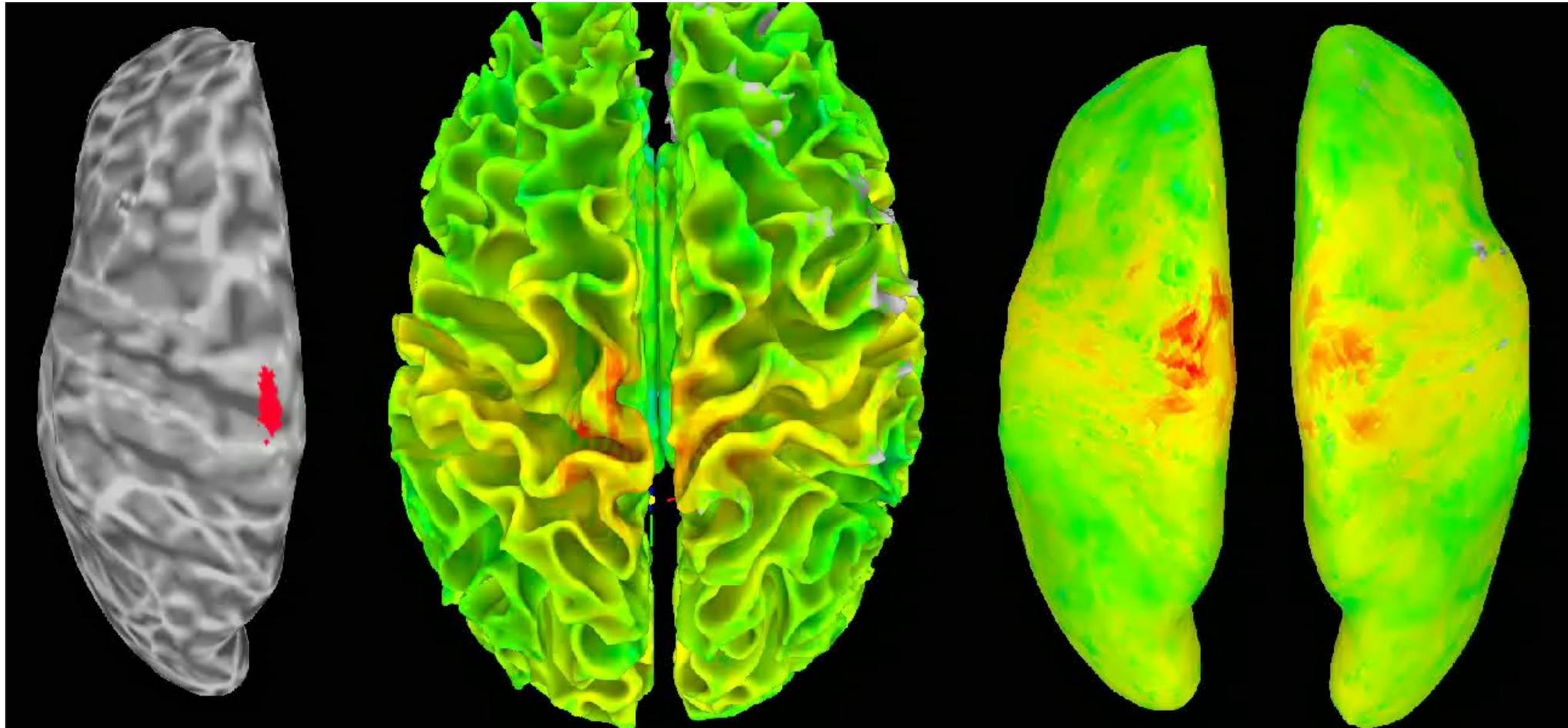
Ventral Pathway



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Sliding Seed Movies

Relative correlation strength pattern obtained with a systematically shifted seed region

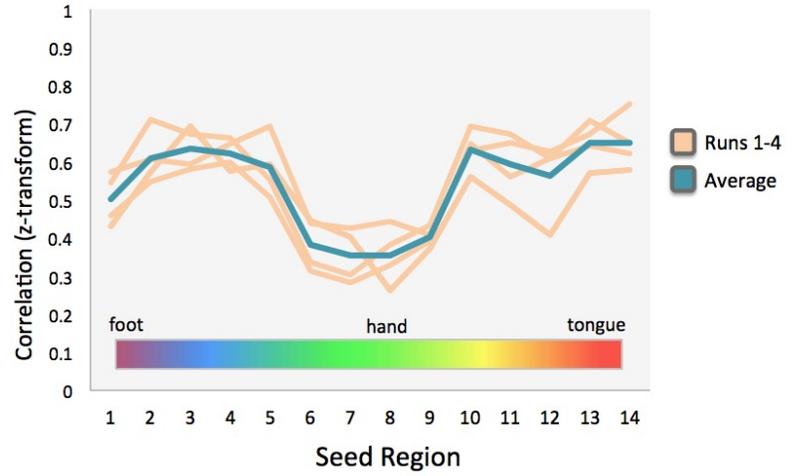
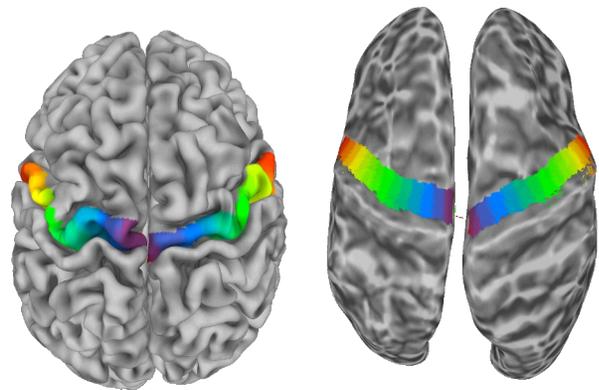
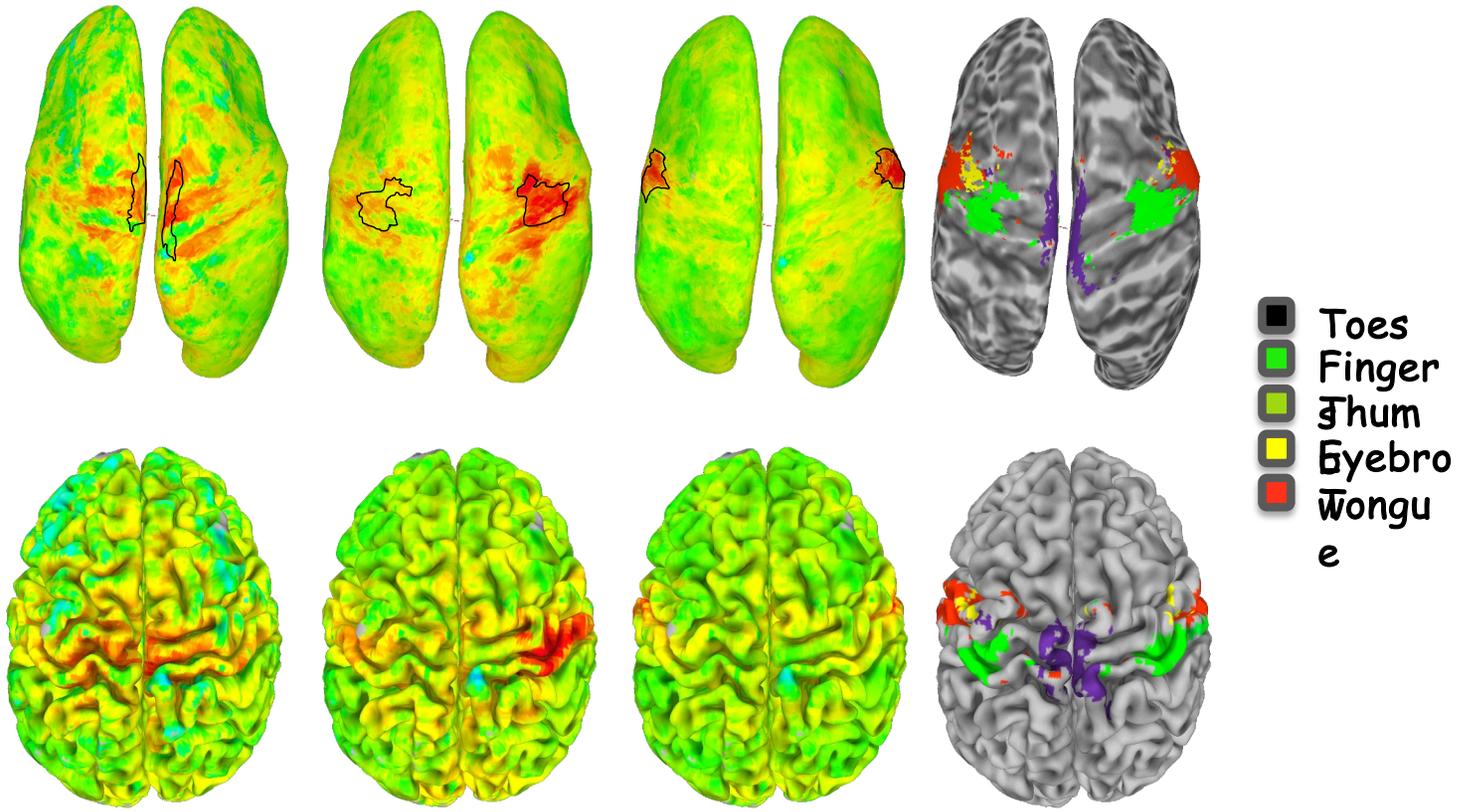


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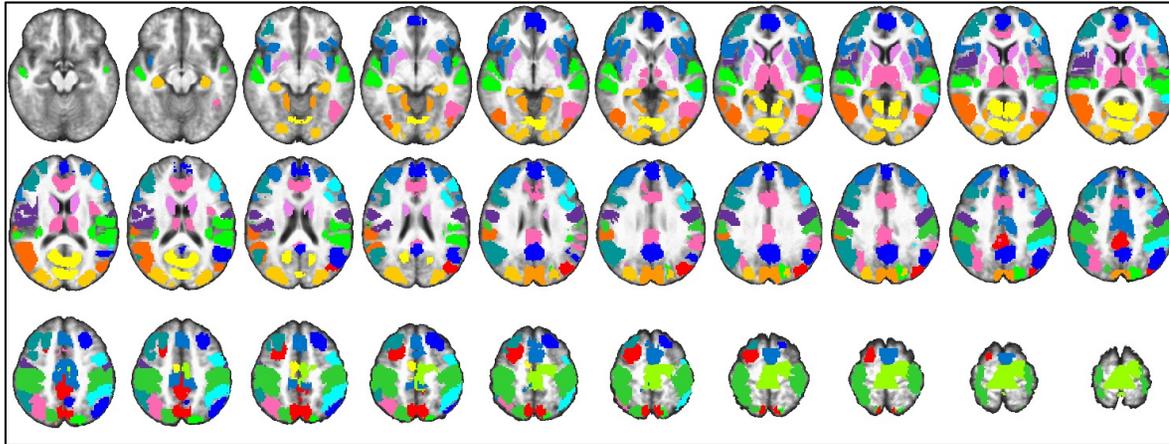
GM/WM Boundary

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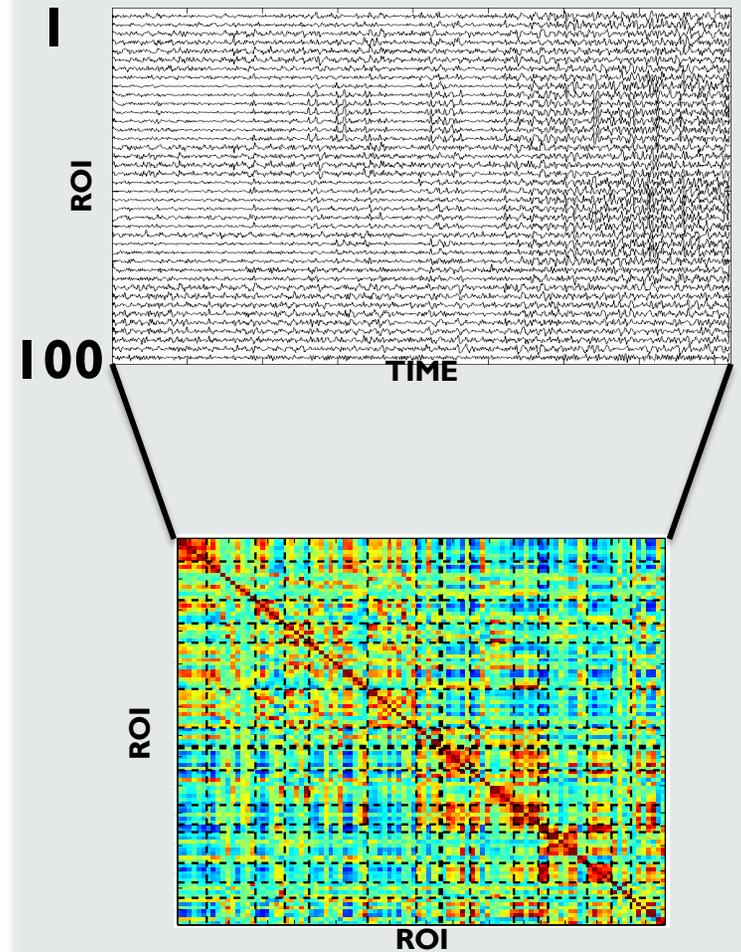
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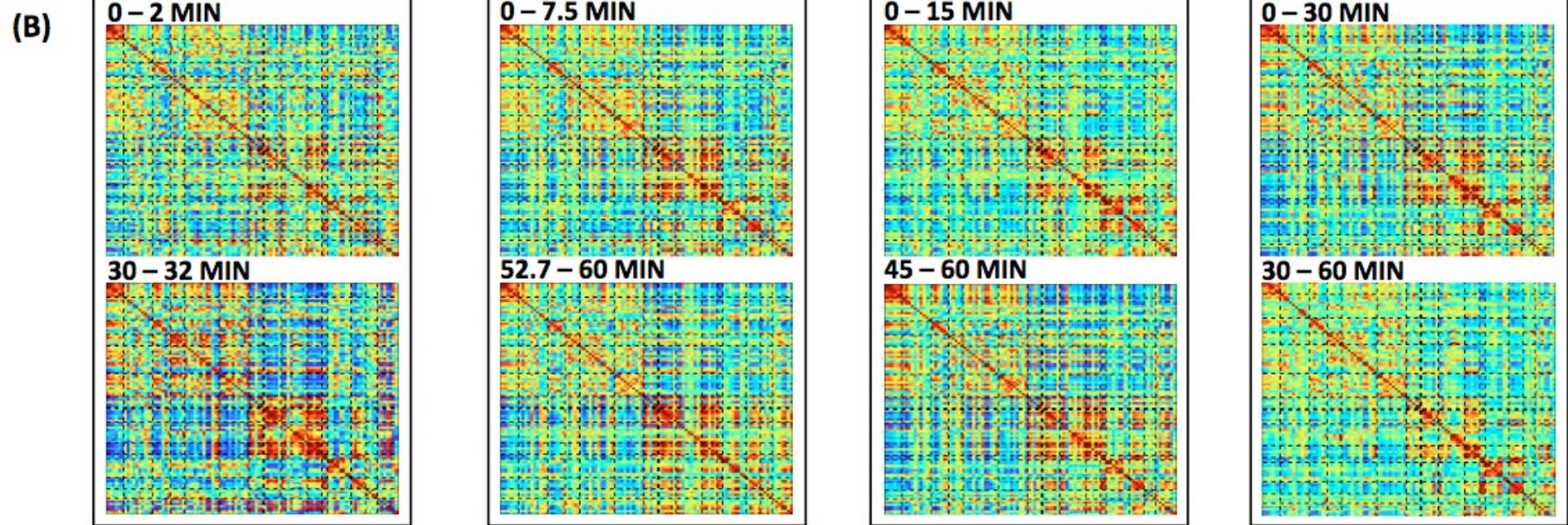
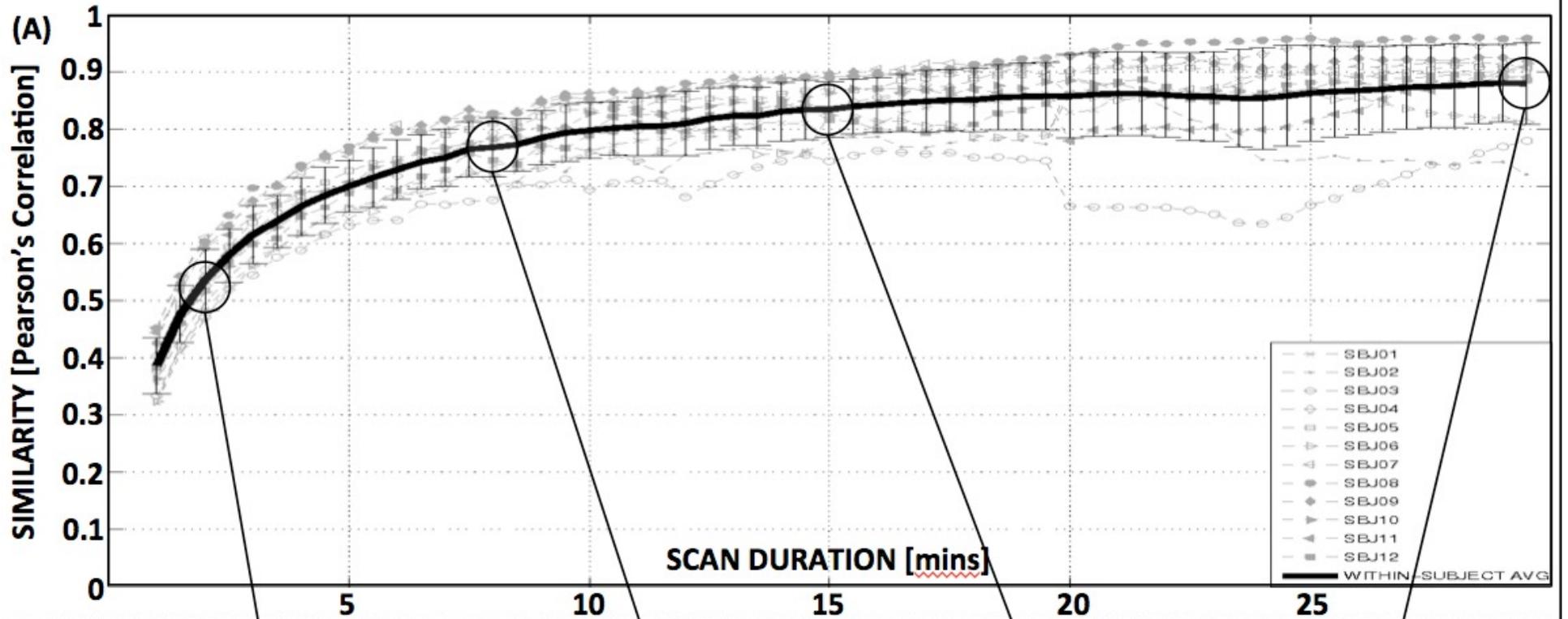


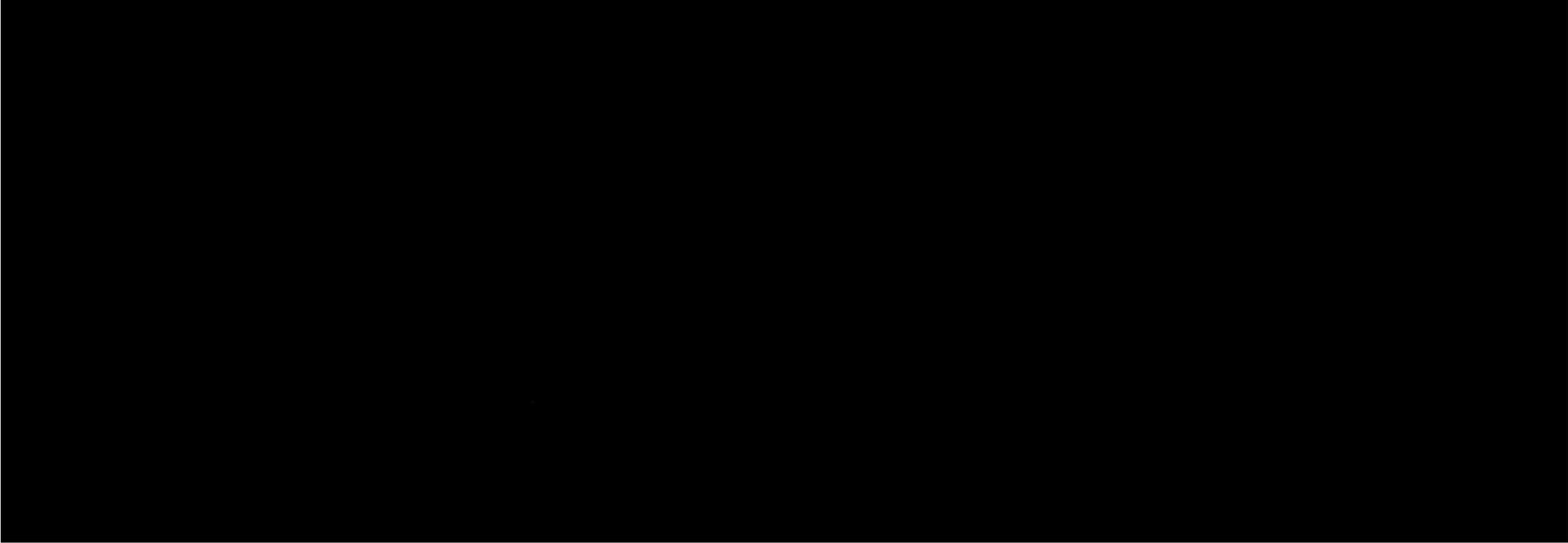
Time Course Correlation Matrix



PAIR-WISE TIME COURSE CORRELATION MATRIX







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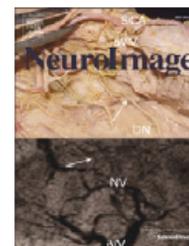


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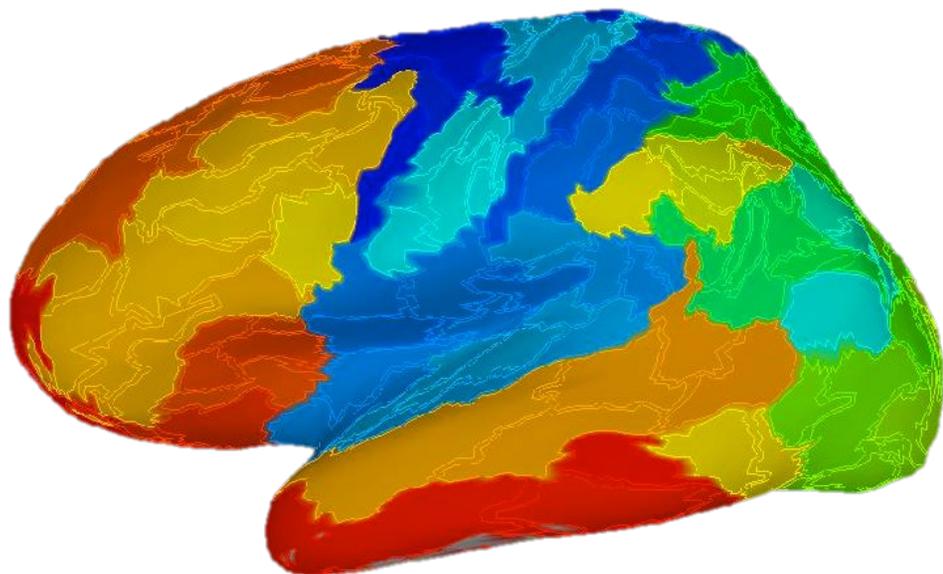
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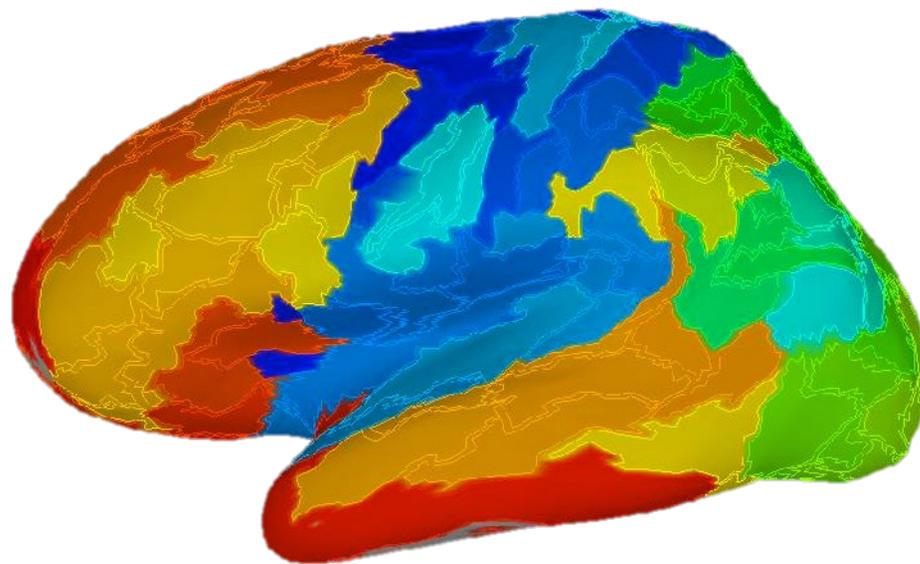
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Test-retest of **group** clustering at 350 clusters

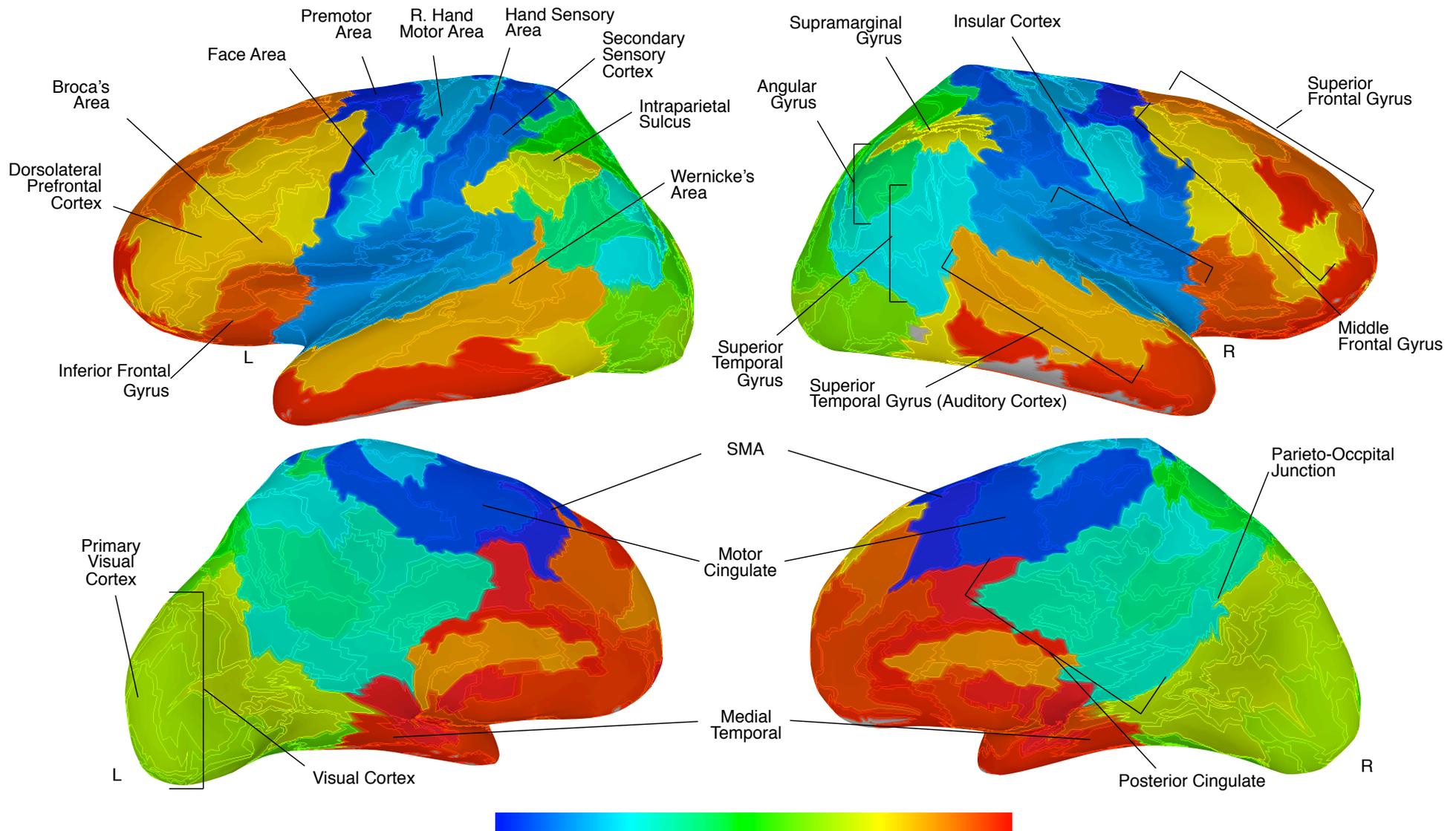
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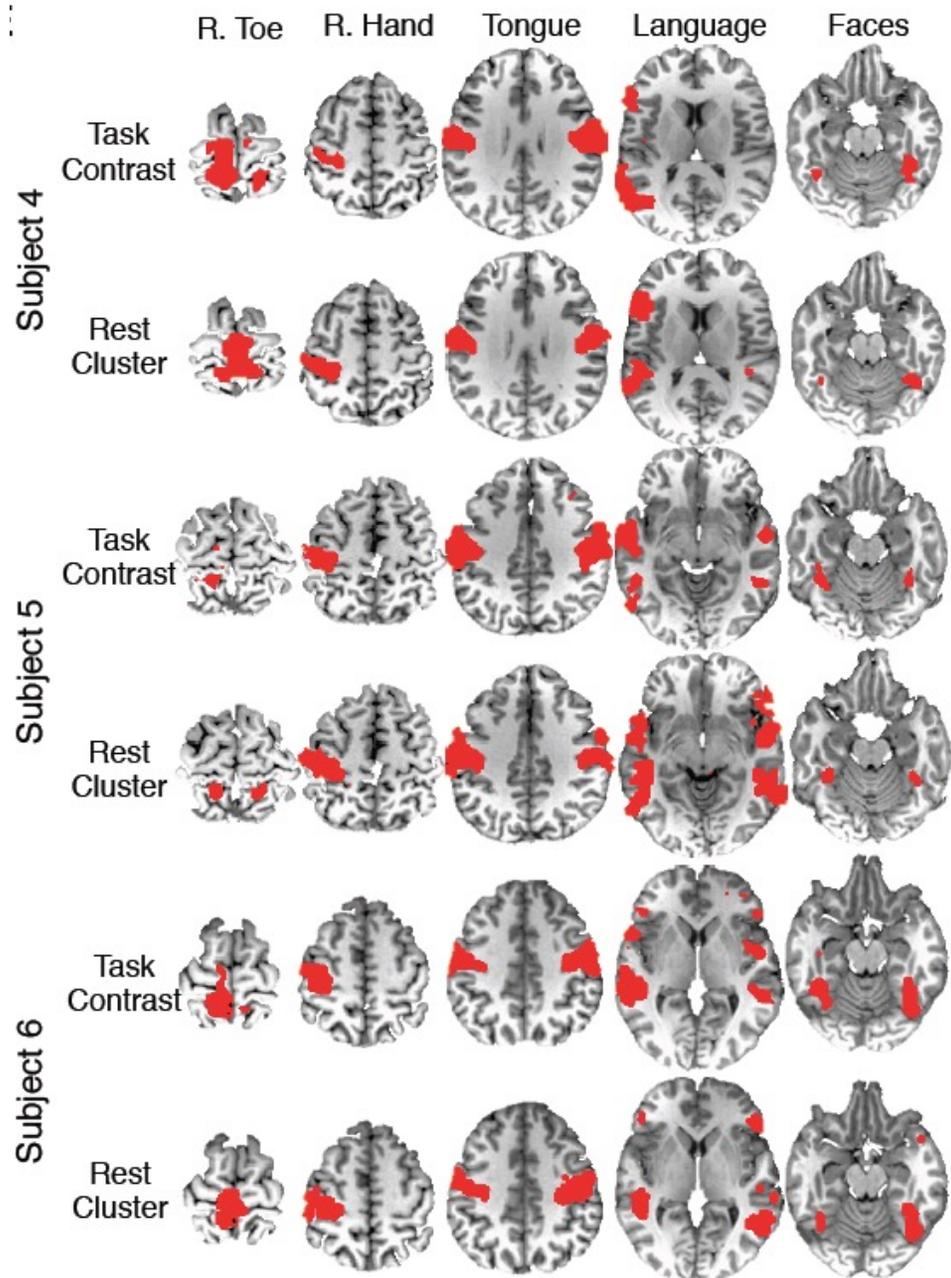
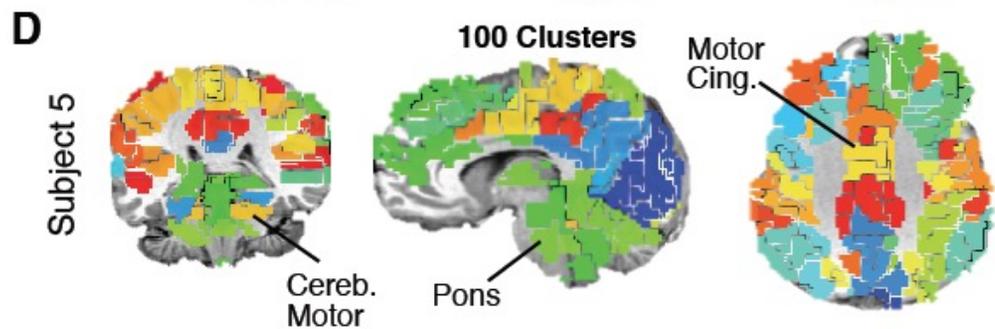
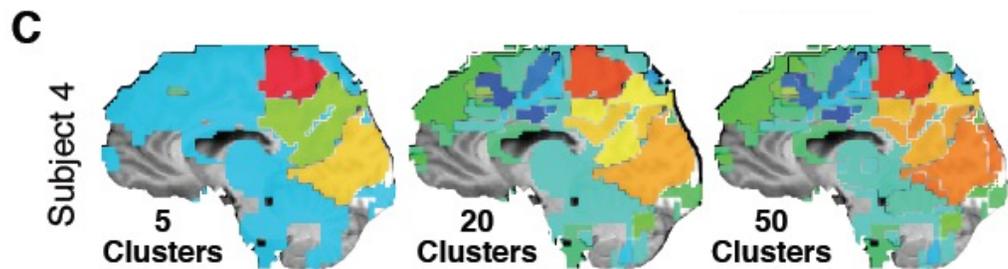


Rest 2
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Clustering based on Resting State

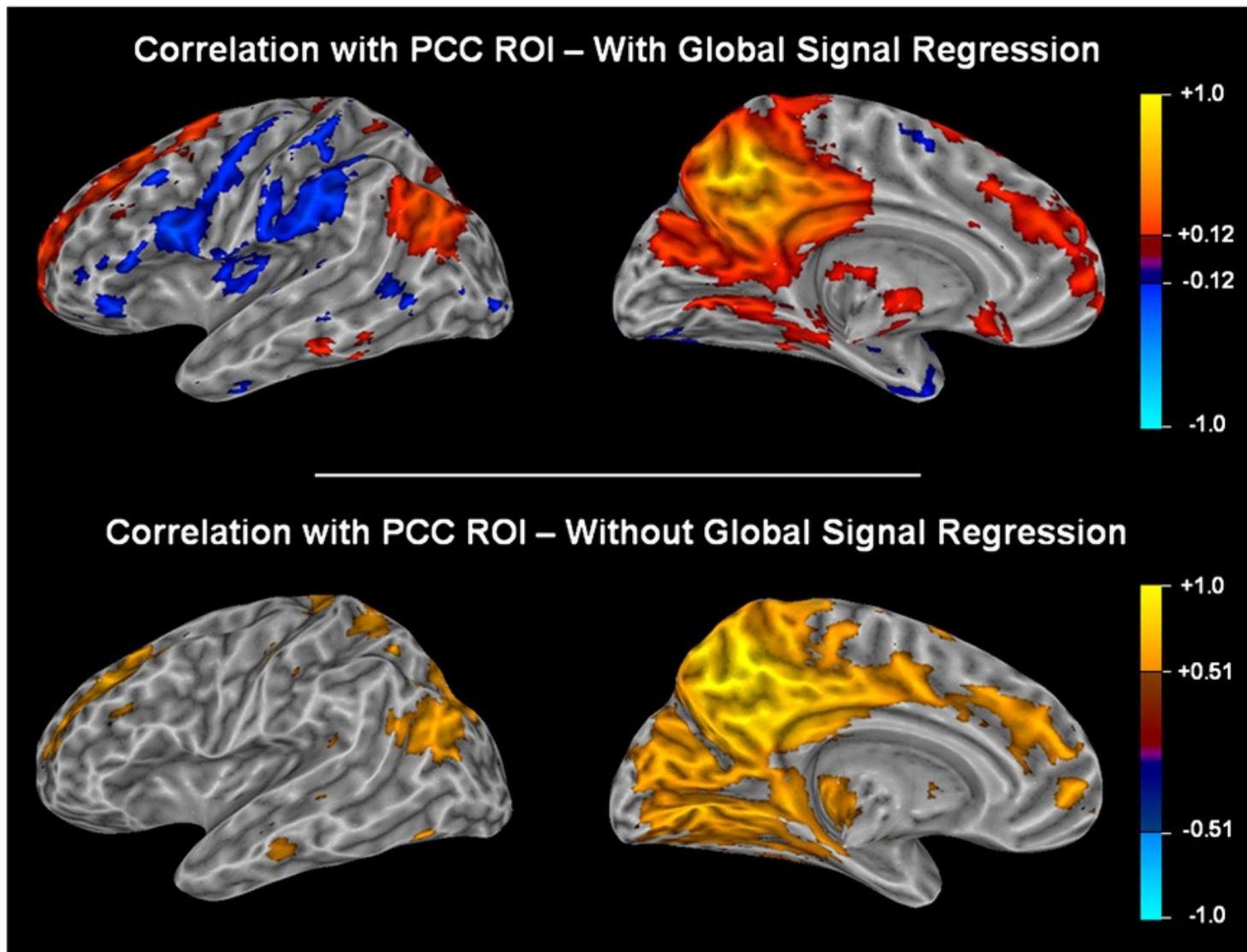




Two other issues with imaging resting state fluctuations:

1. Global signal correction or not?
2. Short range correlations may be scanner-related.

The issue of global signal regression

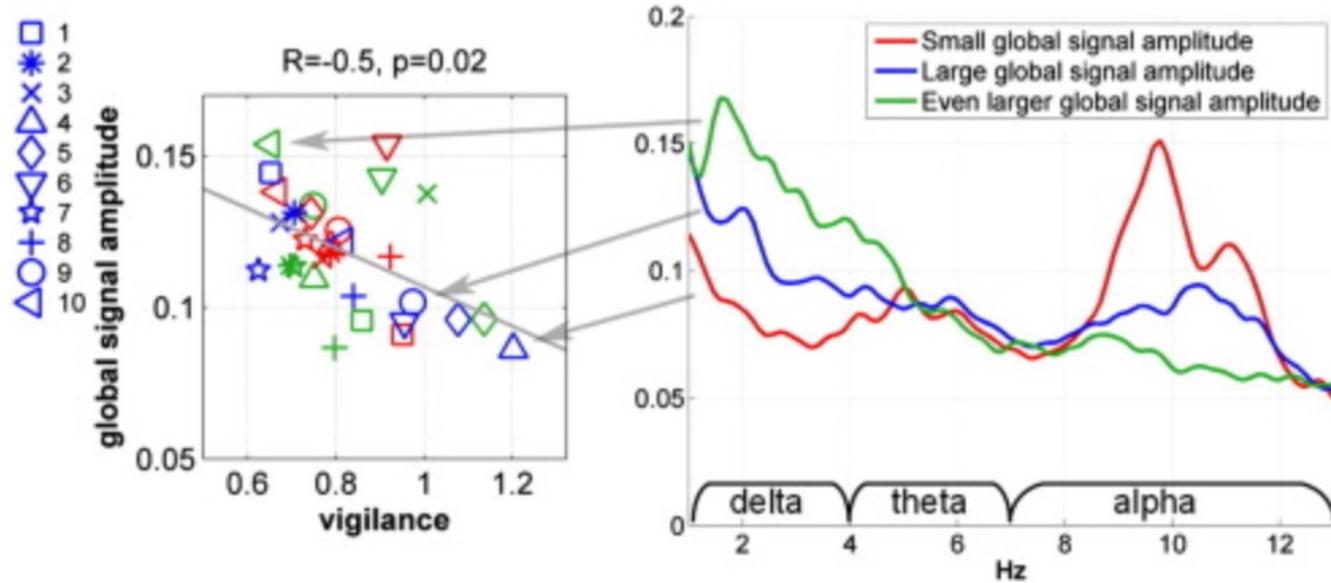


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Global Signal Contains Information on Vigilance

Higher vigilance -> lower global signal

Vigilance = alpha / delta

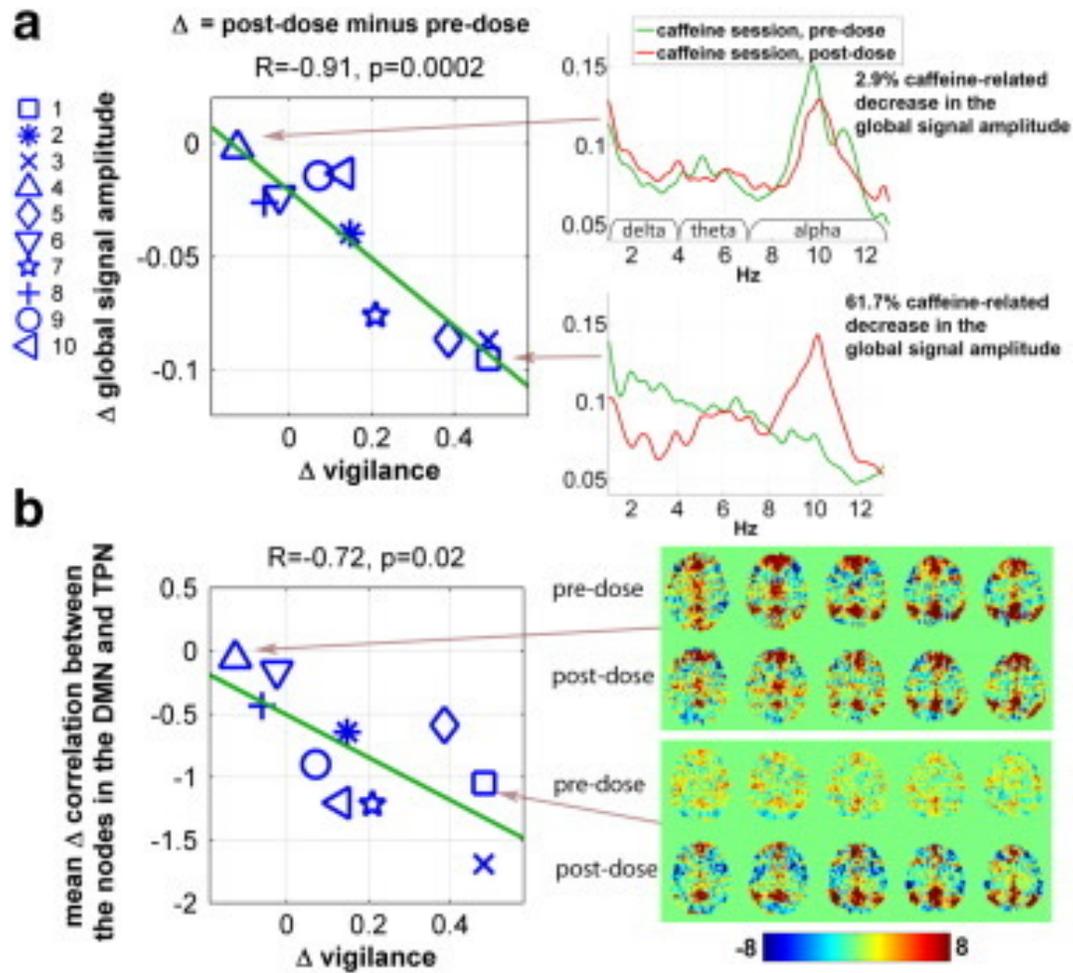


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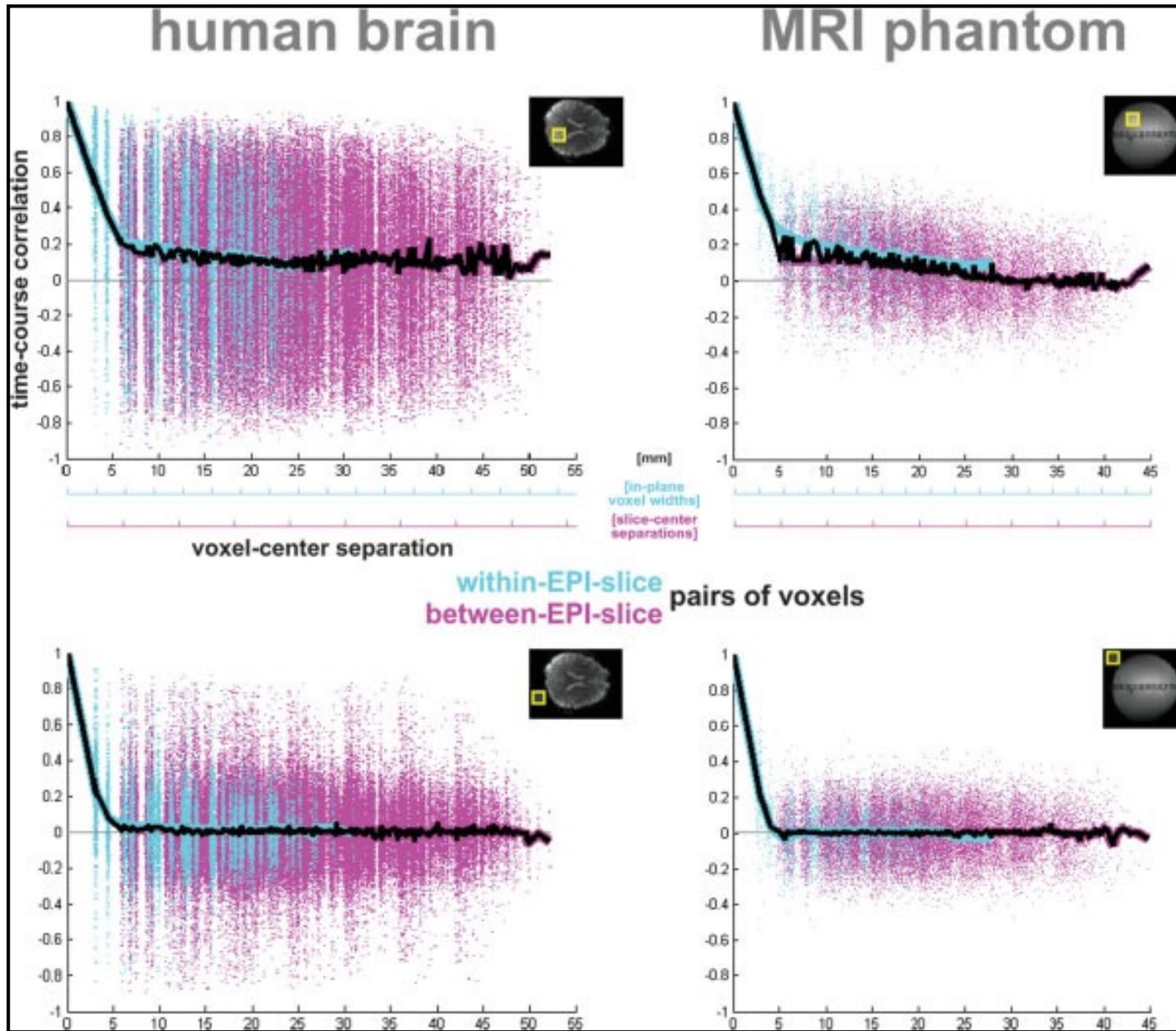
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The issue of correlation across voxels due scanner instabilities

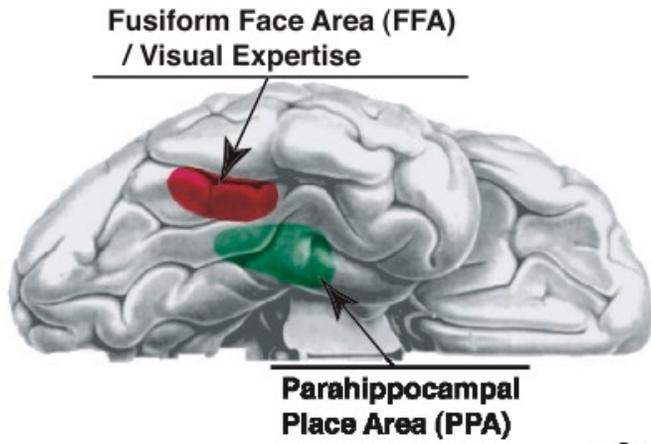


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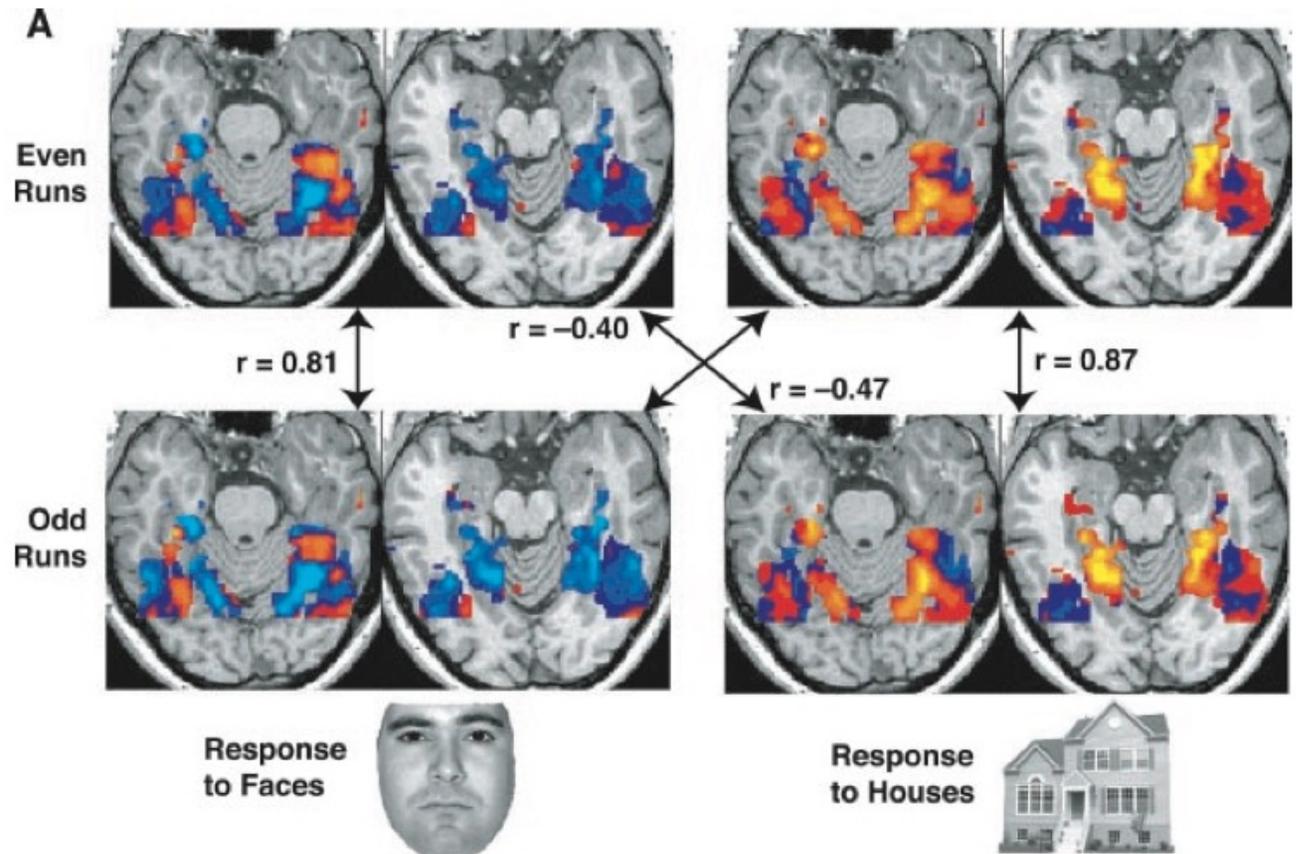
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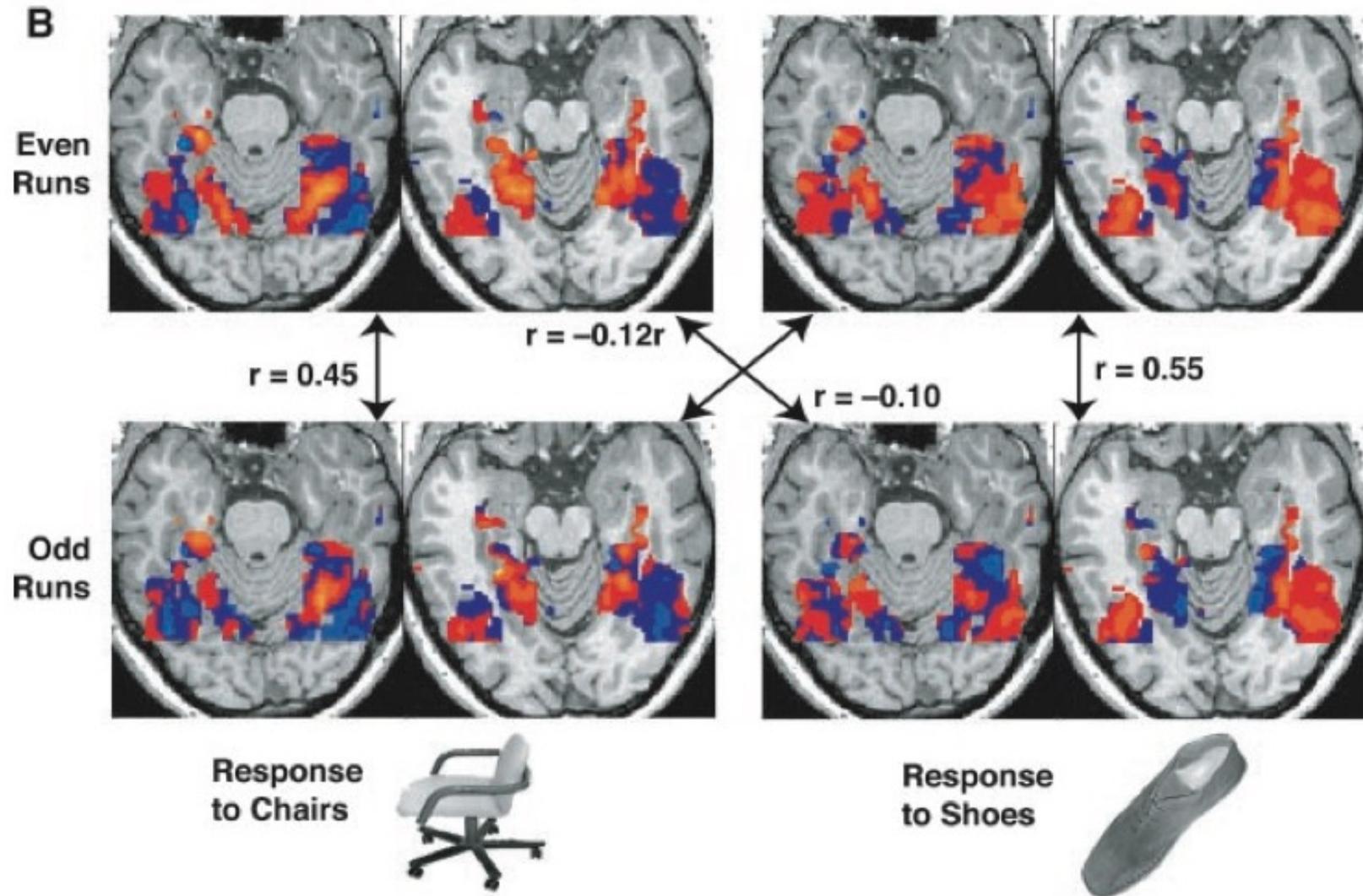


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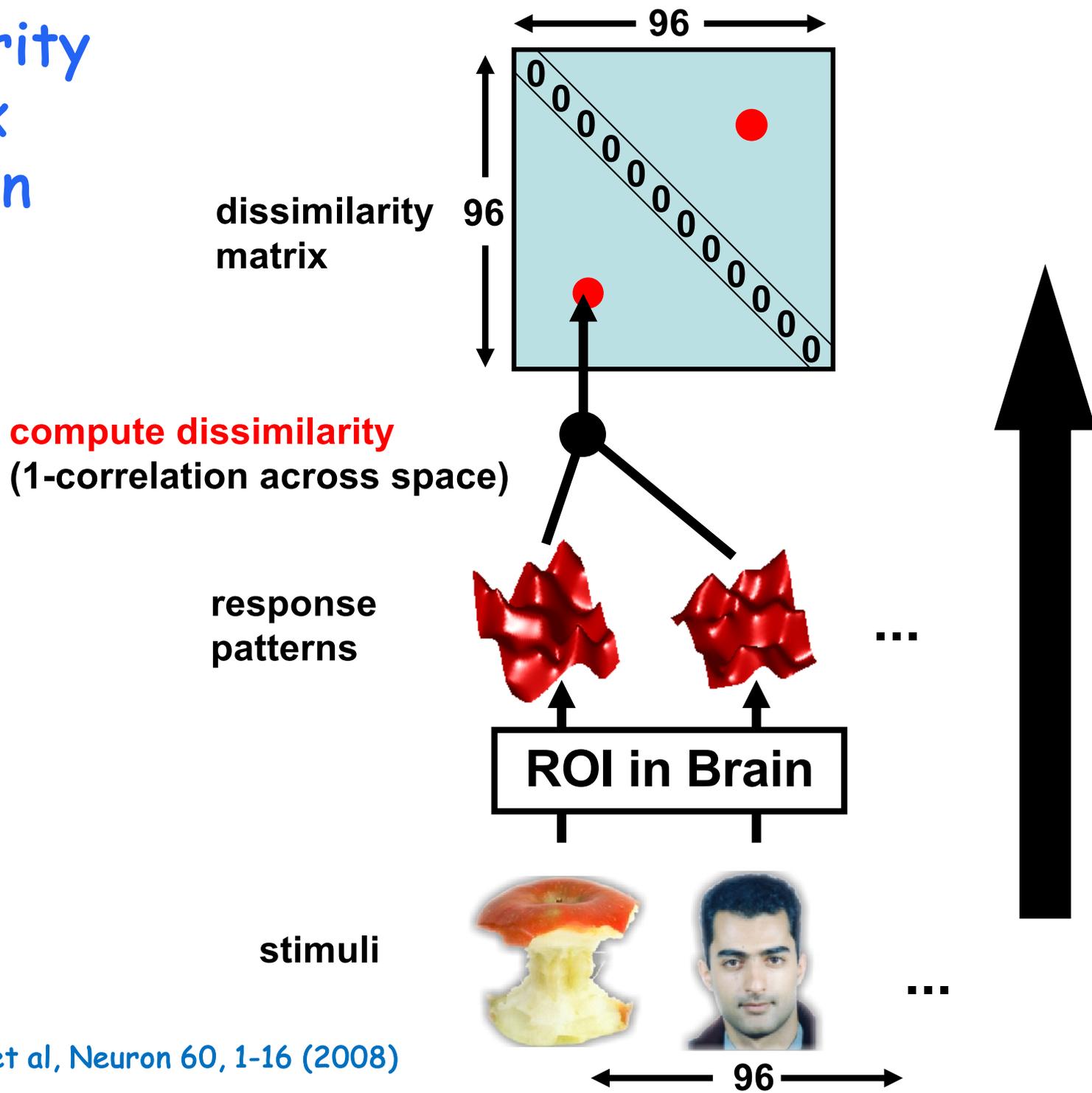


Brain Reading

Decoding more complex activity where obvious blobs don't appear



Dissimilarity Matrix Creation

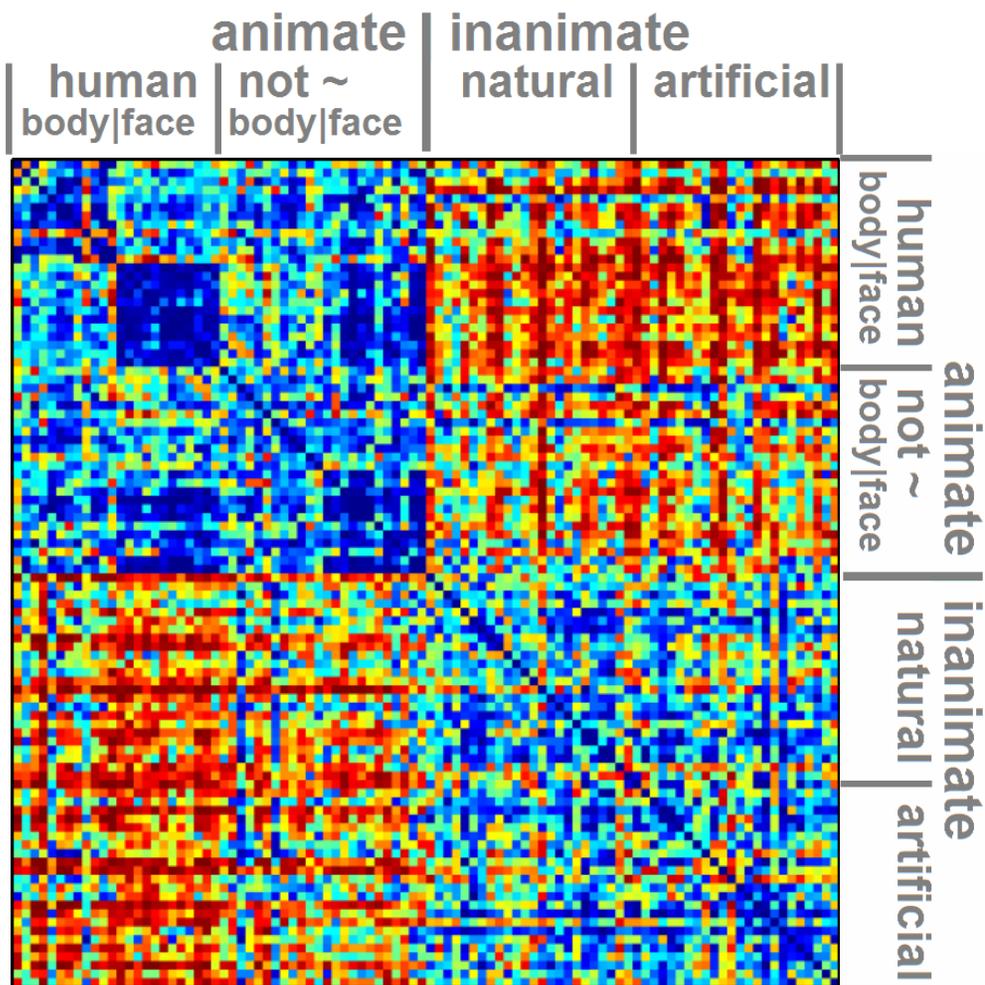


Visual Stimuli



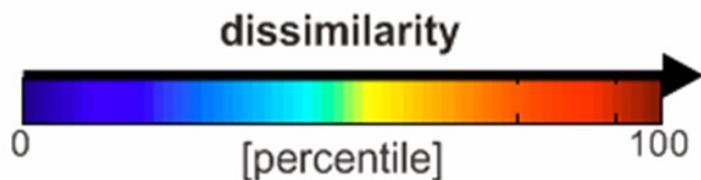
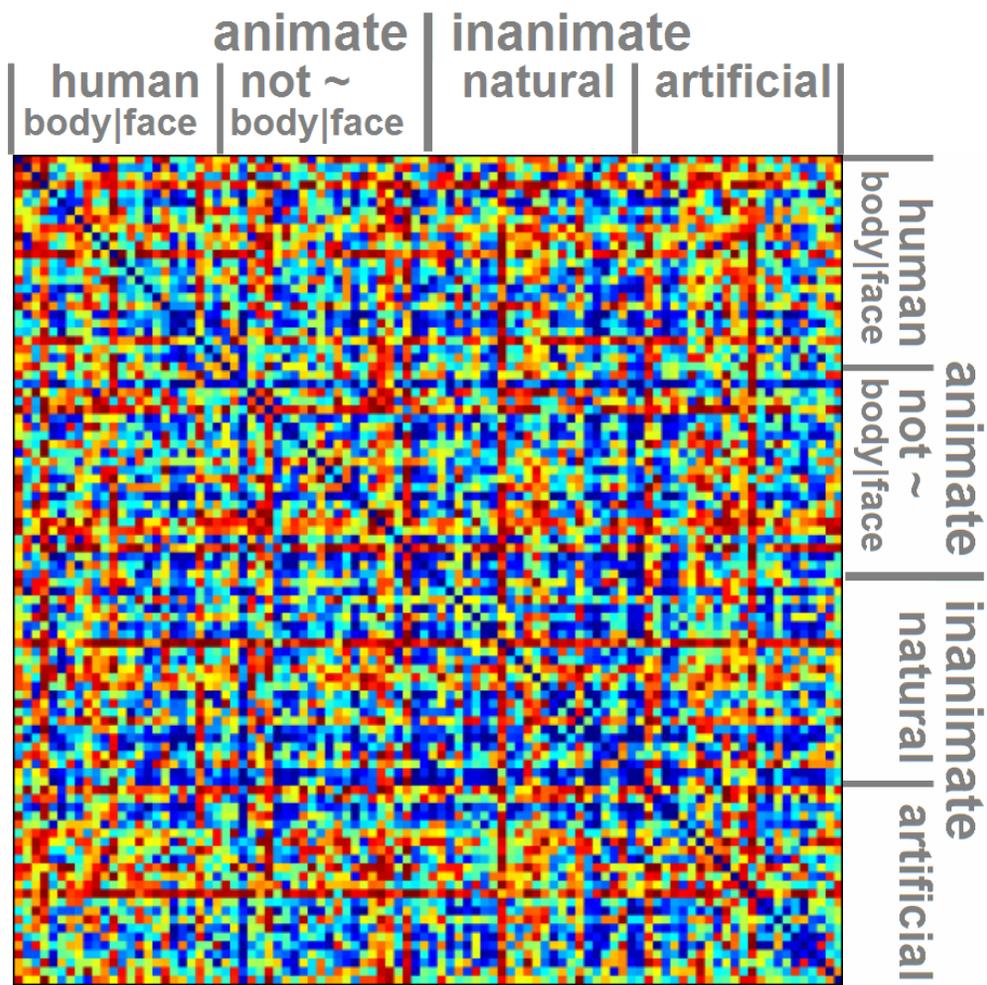
Human IT

(1000 visually most responsive voxels)



Human Early Visual Cortex

(1057 visually most responsive voxels)



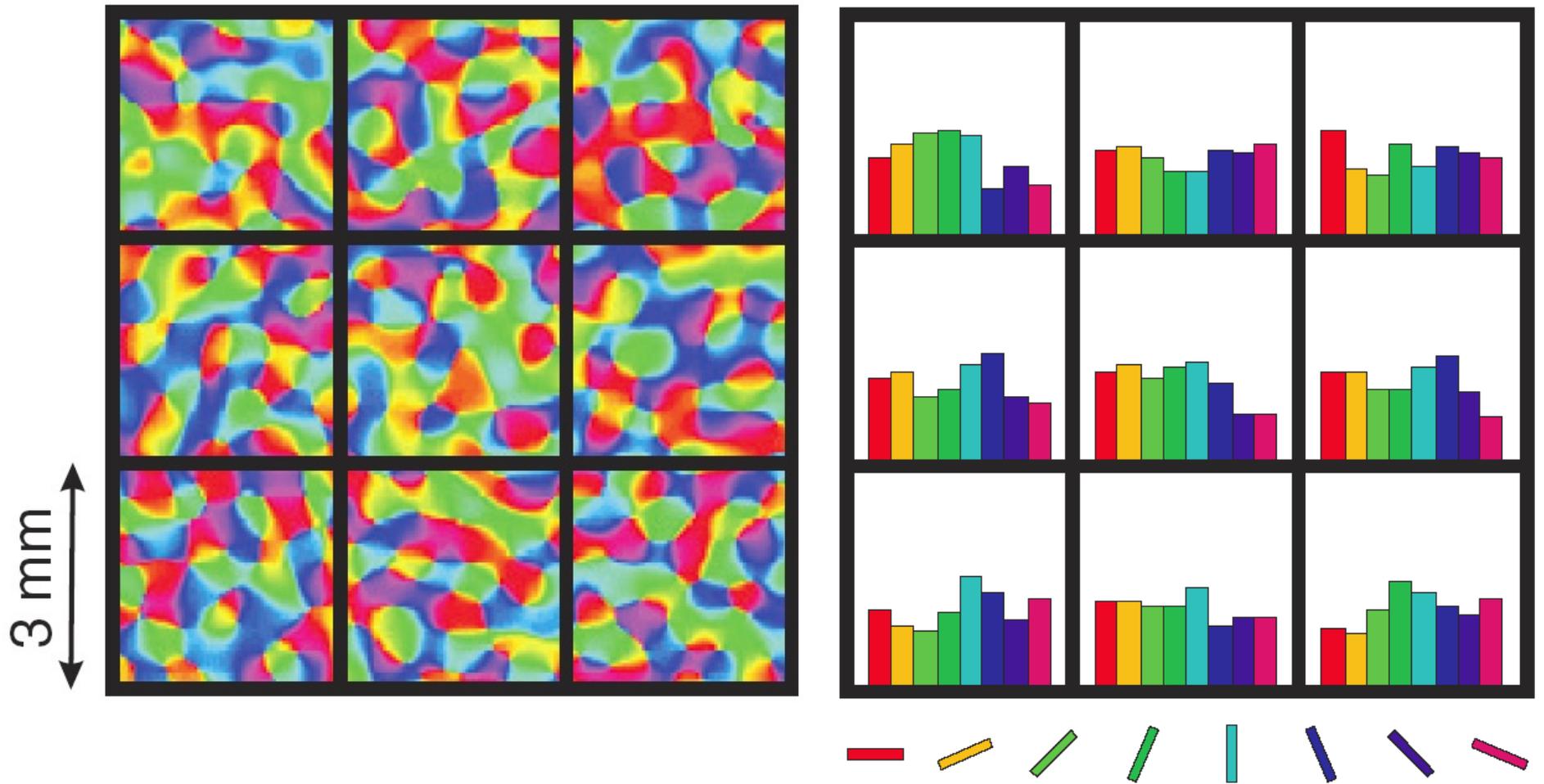
Monkey-Human Comparison Procedure

Human

- fMRI in four subjects
(repeated sessions,
>12 runs per subject)
- "quick" event-related design
(stimulus duration: 300ms,
stimulus onset asynchrony: 4s)
- fixation task
(with discrimination of fixation-point
color changes)
- occipitotemporal
measurement slab
(5-cm thick)
- small voxels ($1.95 \times 1.95 \times 2 \text{mm}^3$)
- 3T magnet, 16-channel coil
(SENSE, acc. fac. 2)

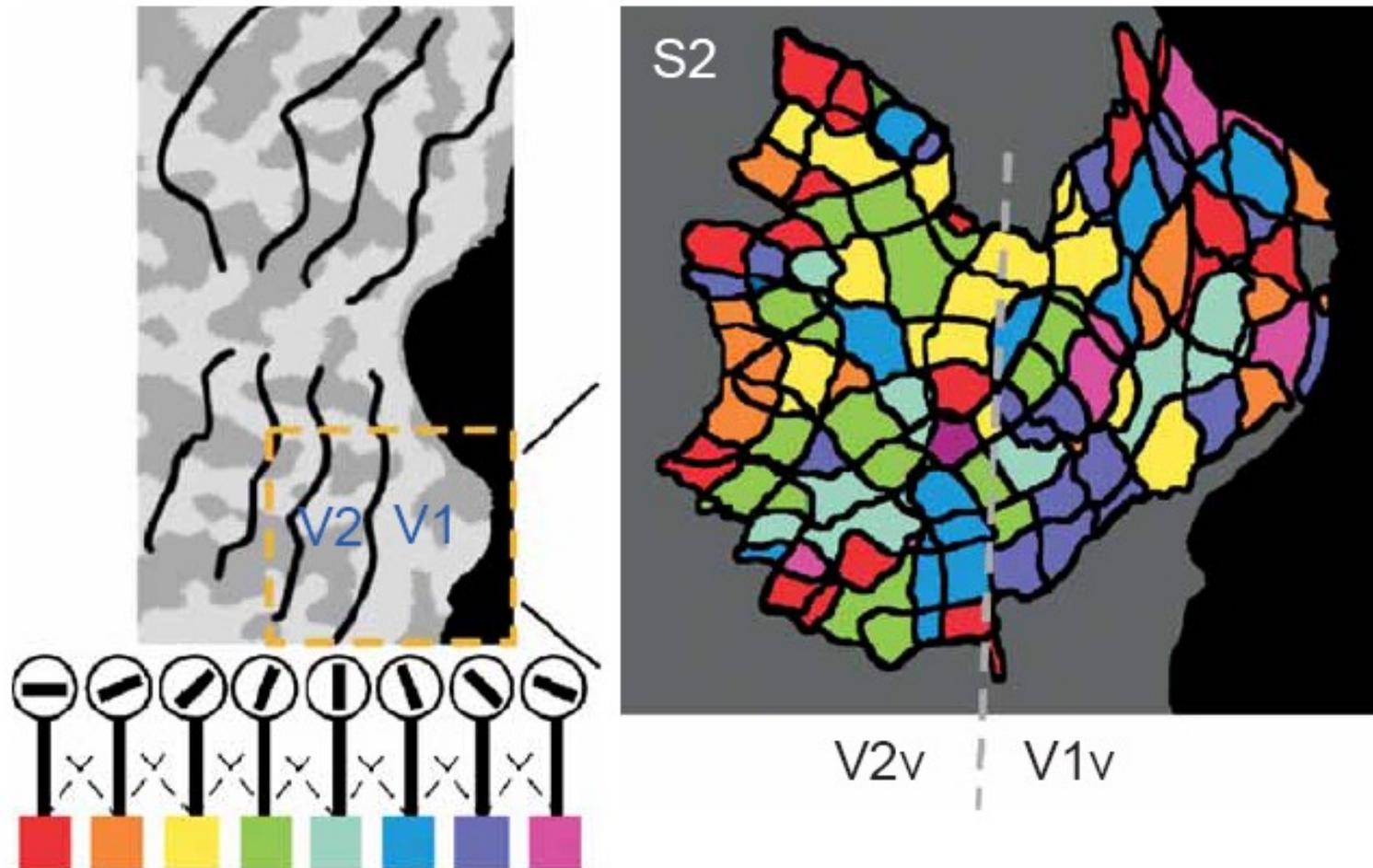
Monkey (Kiani et al. 2007)

- single-cell recordings
in two monkeys
- rapid serial presentation
(stimulus duration: 105ms)
- fixation task
- electrodes in anterior IT
(left in monkey 1, right in monkey 2)
- 674 cells total
- windowed spike count
(140-ms window starting 71ms after
stimulus onset)



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

Lower spatial frequency clumping



Kamitani & Tong (2005)

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