

ANATOMICAL AND FUNCTIONAL MRI IN ANIMAL MODELS

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Cerebral Microcirculation Section, LFMI, NINDS, NIH

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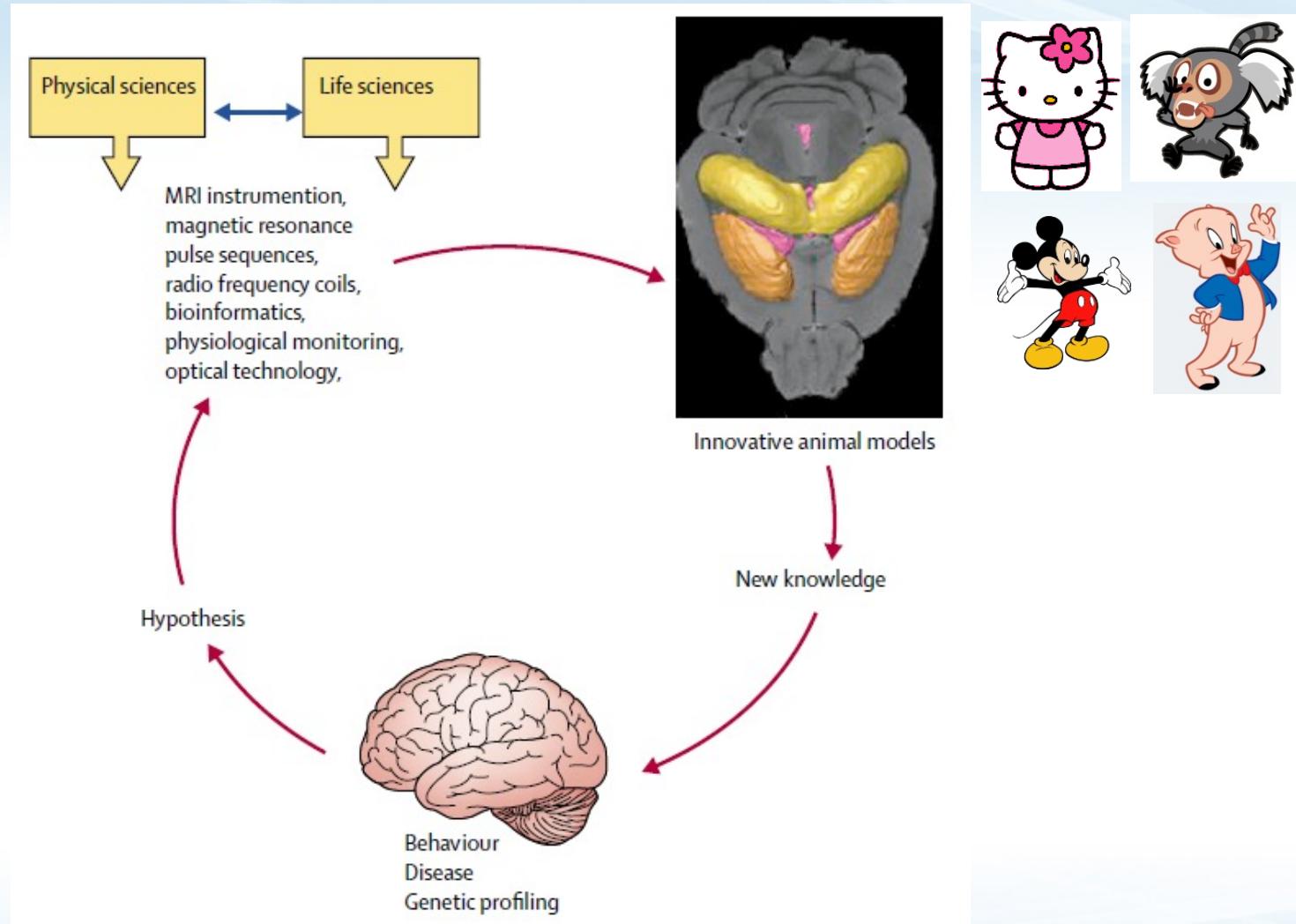


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Translational MRI

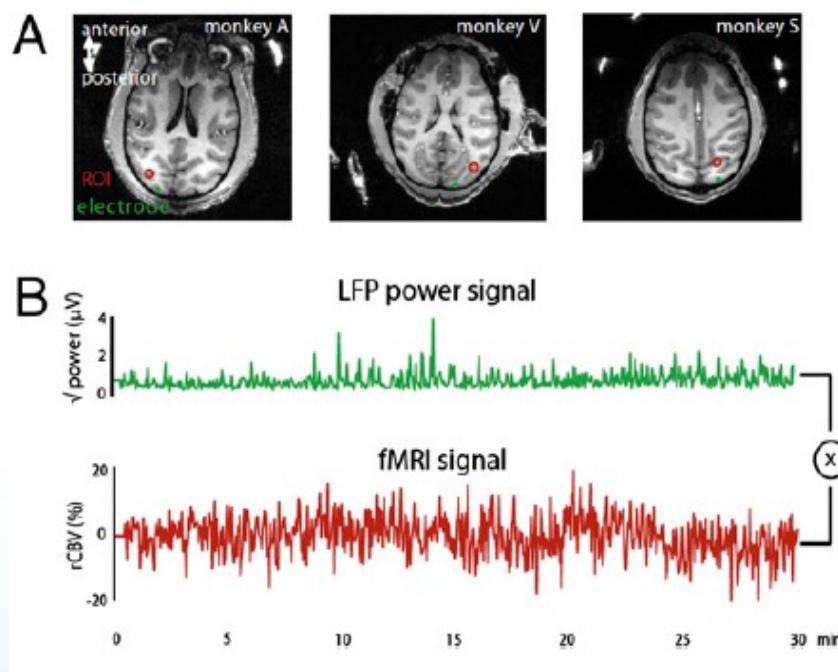


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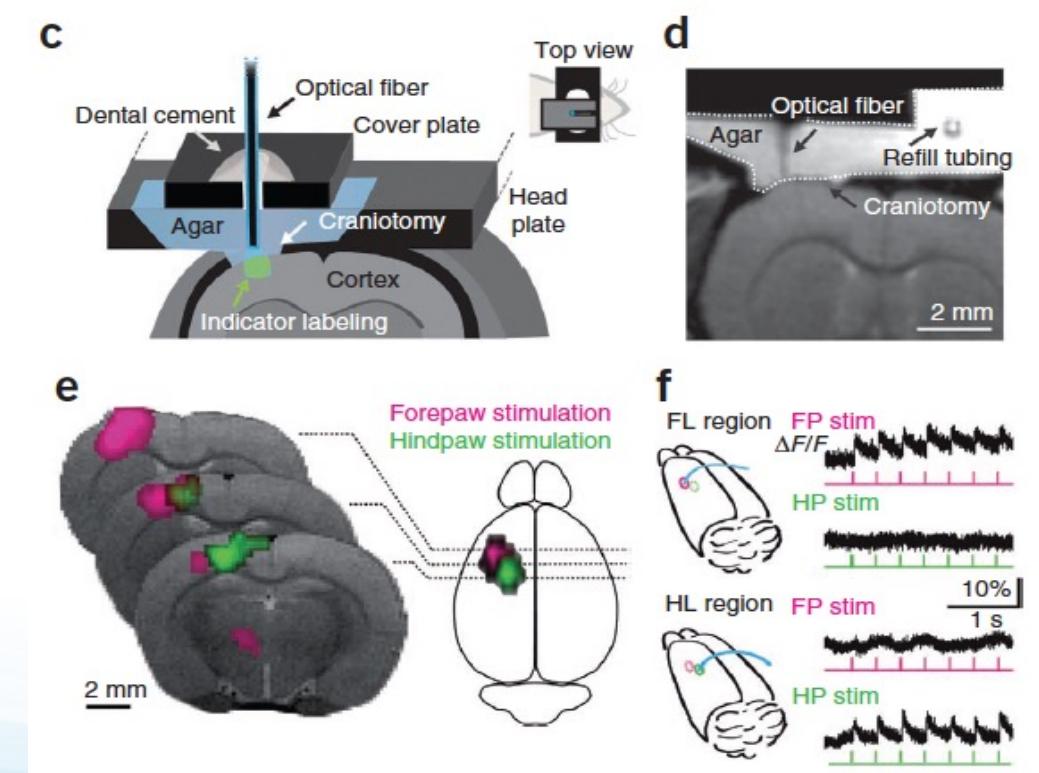


Multi-modal Investigations

- Simultaneous fMRI and electrophysiology
- Simultaneous fMRI and optical Imaging
- Pharmacological manipulations
- Transgenic animal models



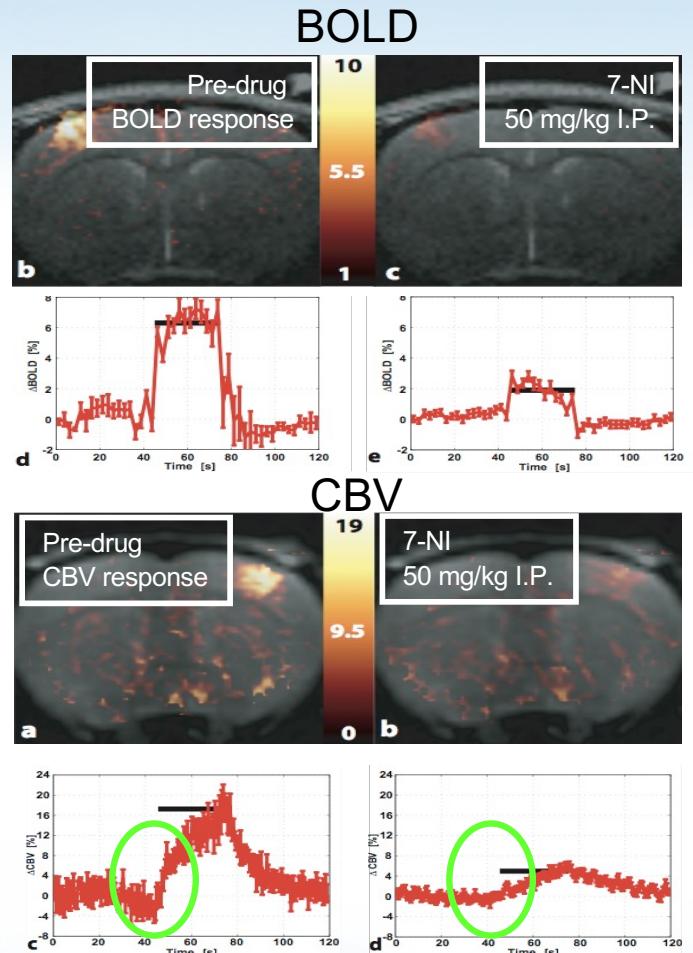
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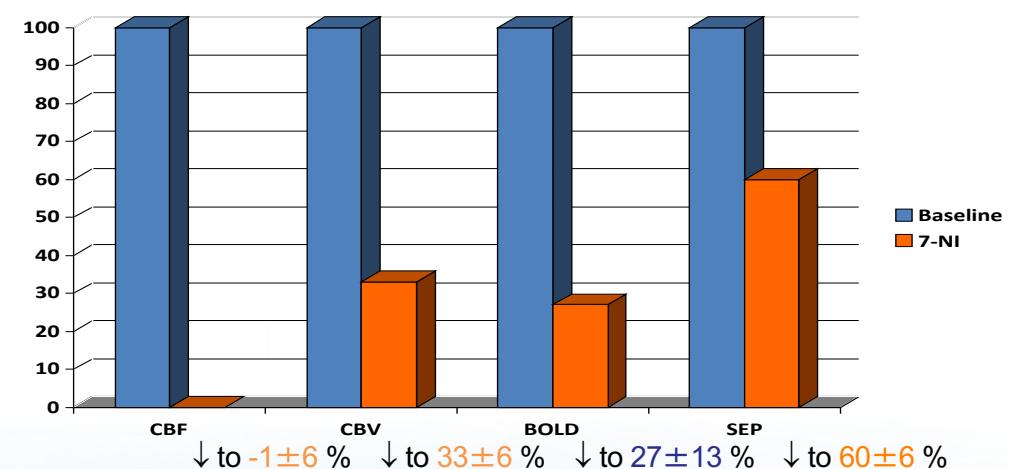
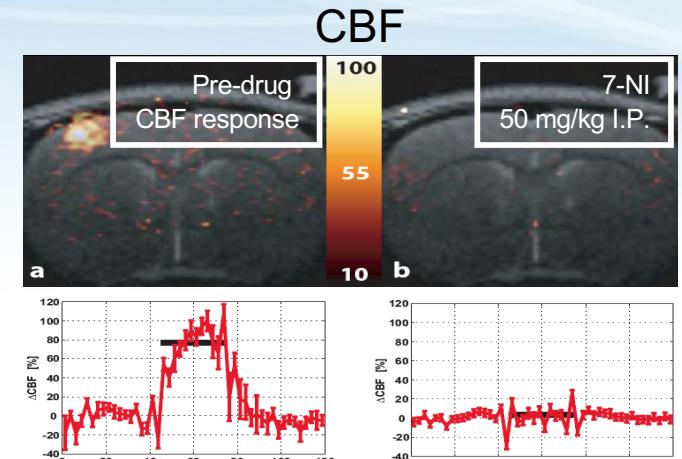
Pharmacological Inhibition of Nitric Oxide Uncouples BOLD from CBF



CBV = Cerebral Blood Volume

CBF = Cerebral Blood Flow

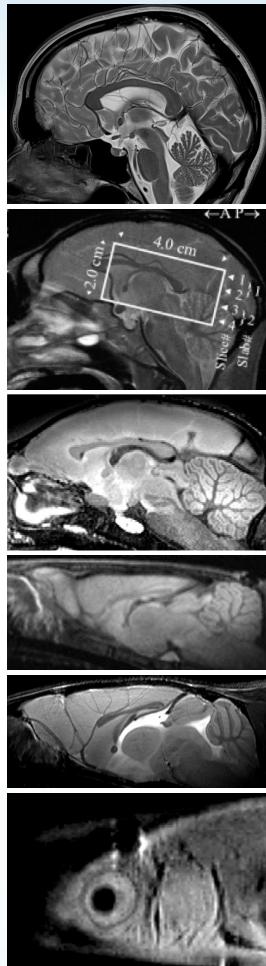
7-NI = 7-Nitroindazole



Stefanovic et al. J Cereb Blood Flow Metab.
2007;27(4):741-54.



Transgenic Animal Models



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Macaque

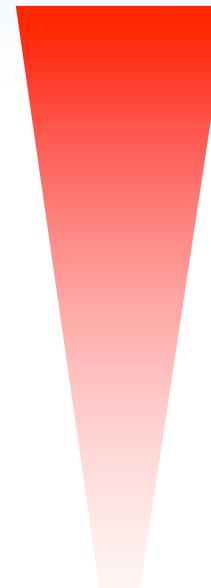
Marmoset

Rat

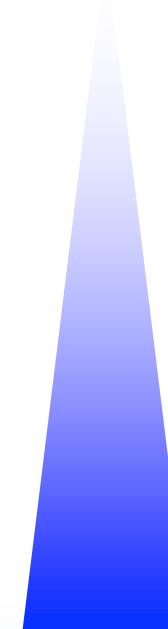
Mouse

Zebrafish

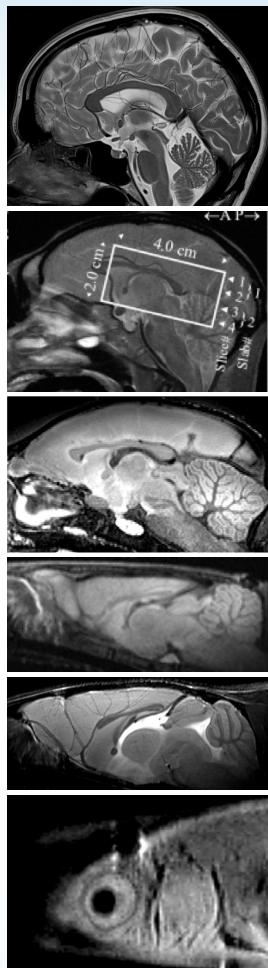
Neural circuitry



Genetic manipulation



Transgenic Animal Models



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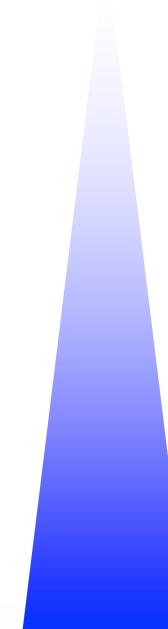
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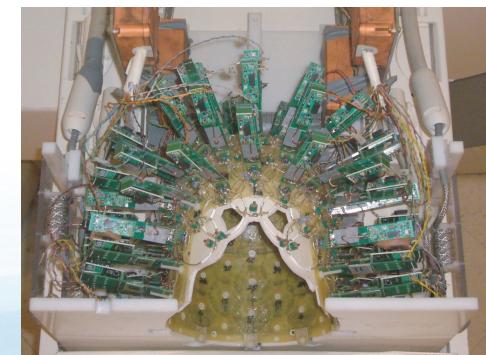
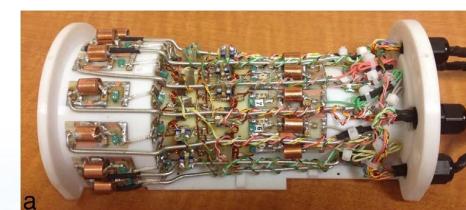
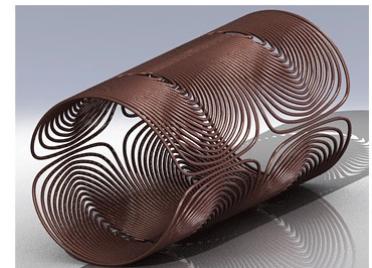


Sasaki et al, Nature. 2009



Advantages Over Clinical MRI

- Higher Magnetic Field
 - Animal: 21T 11cm @ UFL 2014
 - Human: 10.5T 88cm @ UMN 2014
 - SNR $\propto B_0^{1.7}$
- Stronger Gradients
 - Animal: 1500mT/m 6cm @ UFL 2015 & others
 - Human: 300mT/m 56cm @ Harvard 2013
 - Spatial resolution, diffusion, echo time
- Higher Coil Sensitivity
 - Animal: 15ch 2.4cm @ UWO 2017
 - Human: 96ch 5cm @ Harvard 2009
 - Better SNR for smaller brain
 - Cryogenic coils, 2 times SNR gain

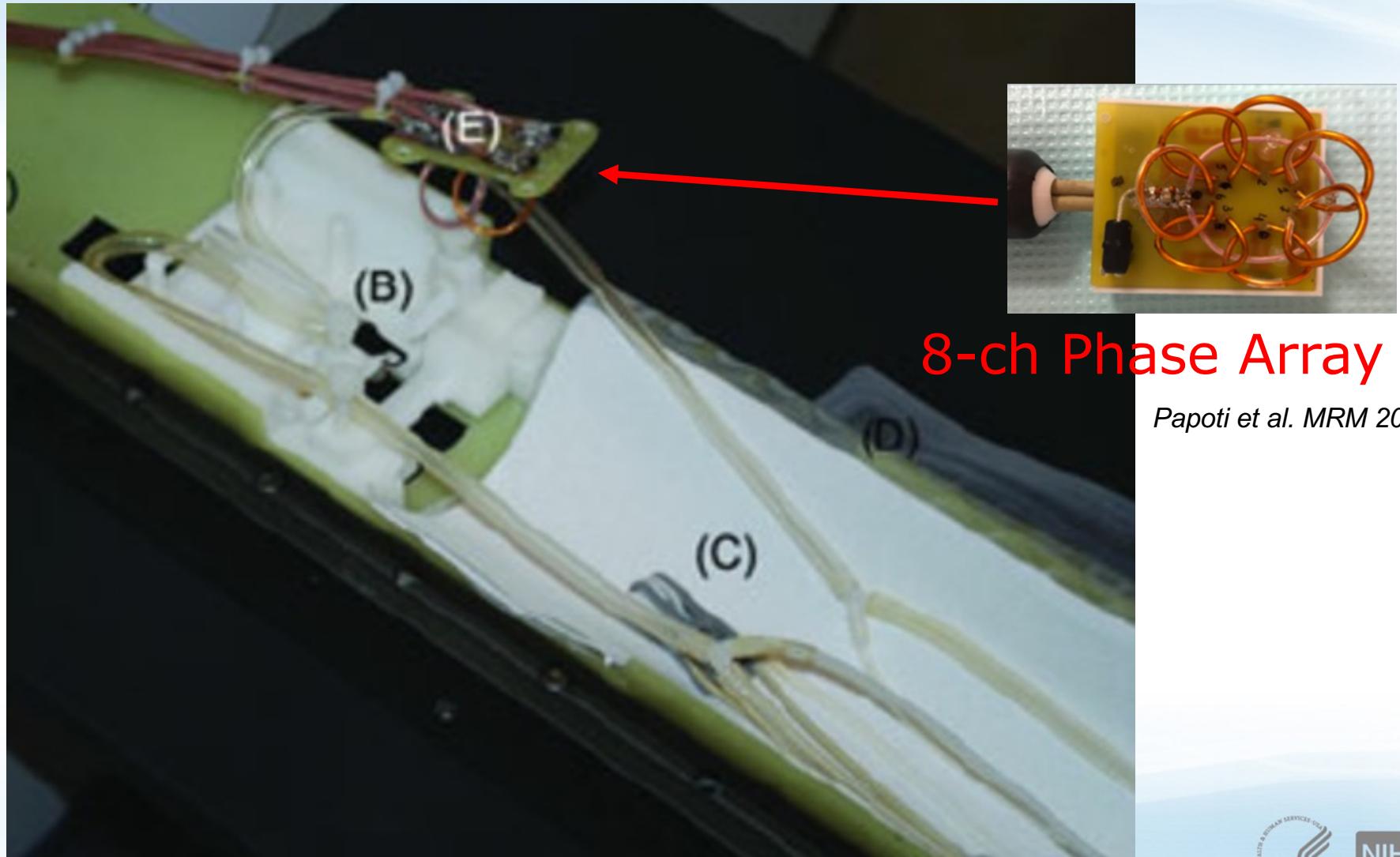


MRI Setup of Marmosets

- 7T 30cm, 450mT/m 15cm
- Two types of setup
 - Anatomical MRI
 - Isoflurane anesthetized
 - Functional MRI
 - Awake/ Conscious
- Physiological Monitoring
 - Temperature
 - Heart rate and pulse oximetry
 - Reparation rate and ET-CO₂



Setup for Anesthetized Marmosets

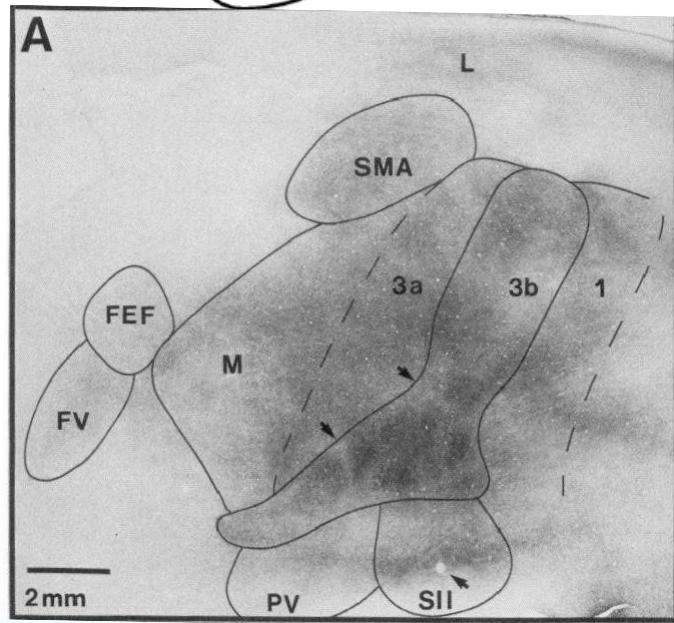
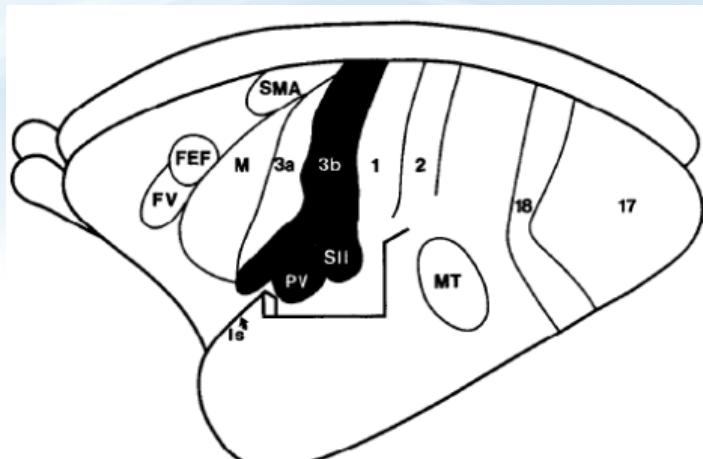


Silva et al. Methods in Molecular Biology 2010 pp281-302

Cerebral Microcirculation Section, LFMI, NINDS, NIH

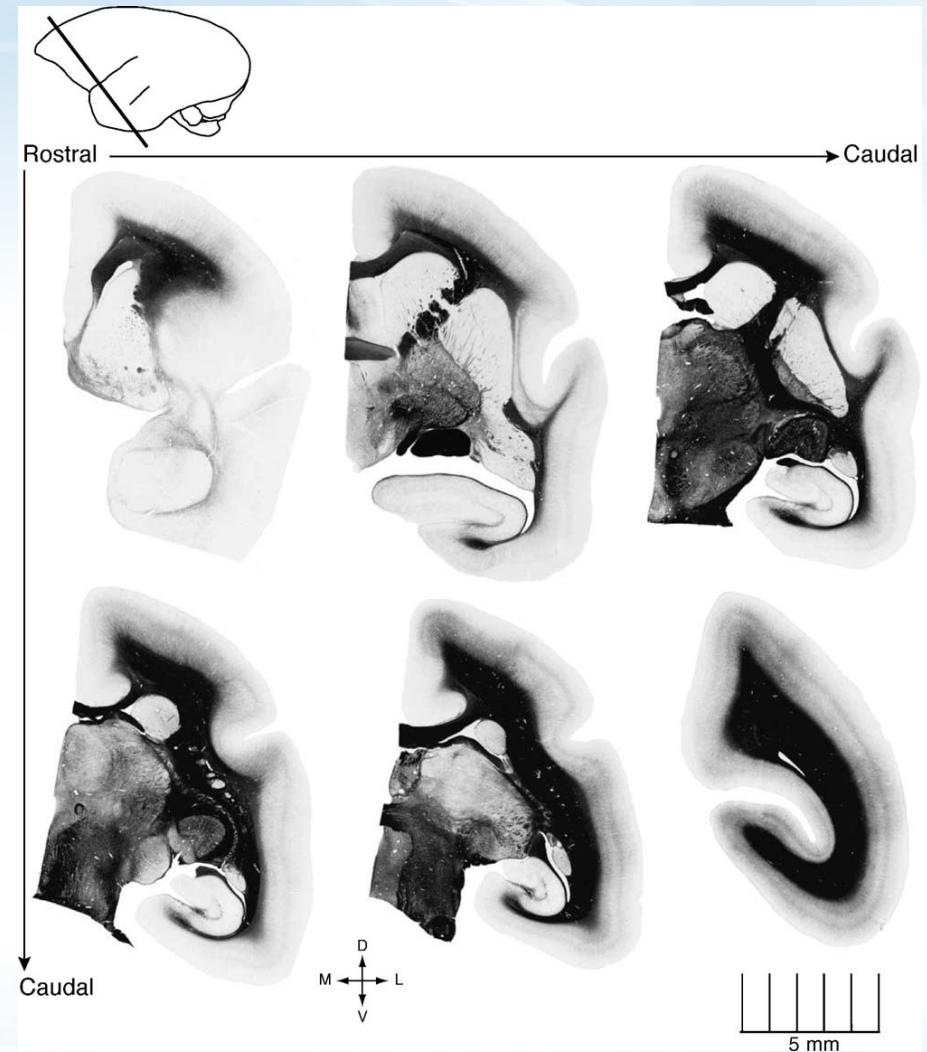


Myelination of the Marmoset Cortex

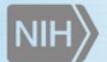


Krubitzer and Kaas J Neurosci..

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Pistorio et al., J Neurosci Methods 2006

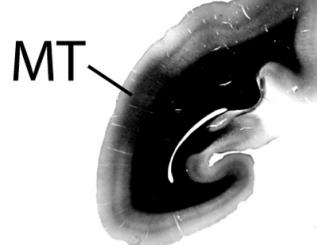
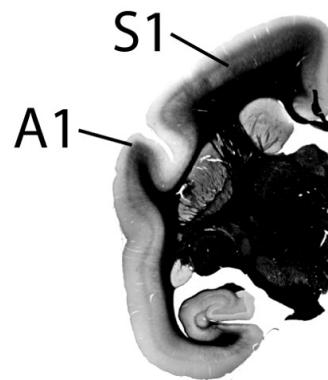


T1-Weighted MRI Reveals Cortical Myeloarchitecture

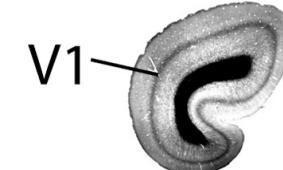
Myelin Stain



MRI



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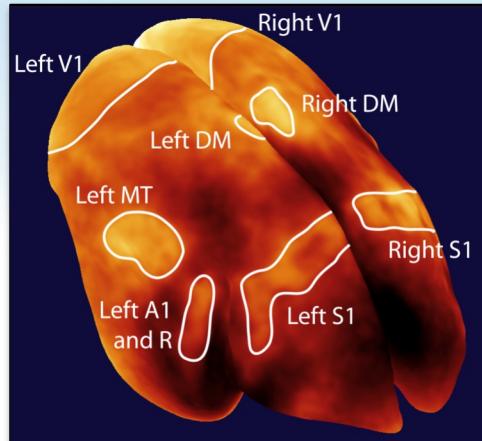
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Bock et al., *J Neurosci Methods*. 2009

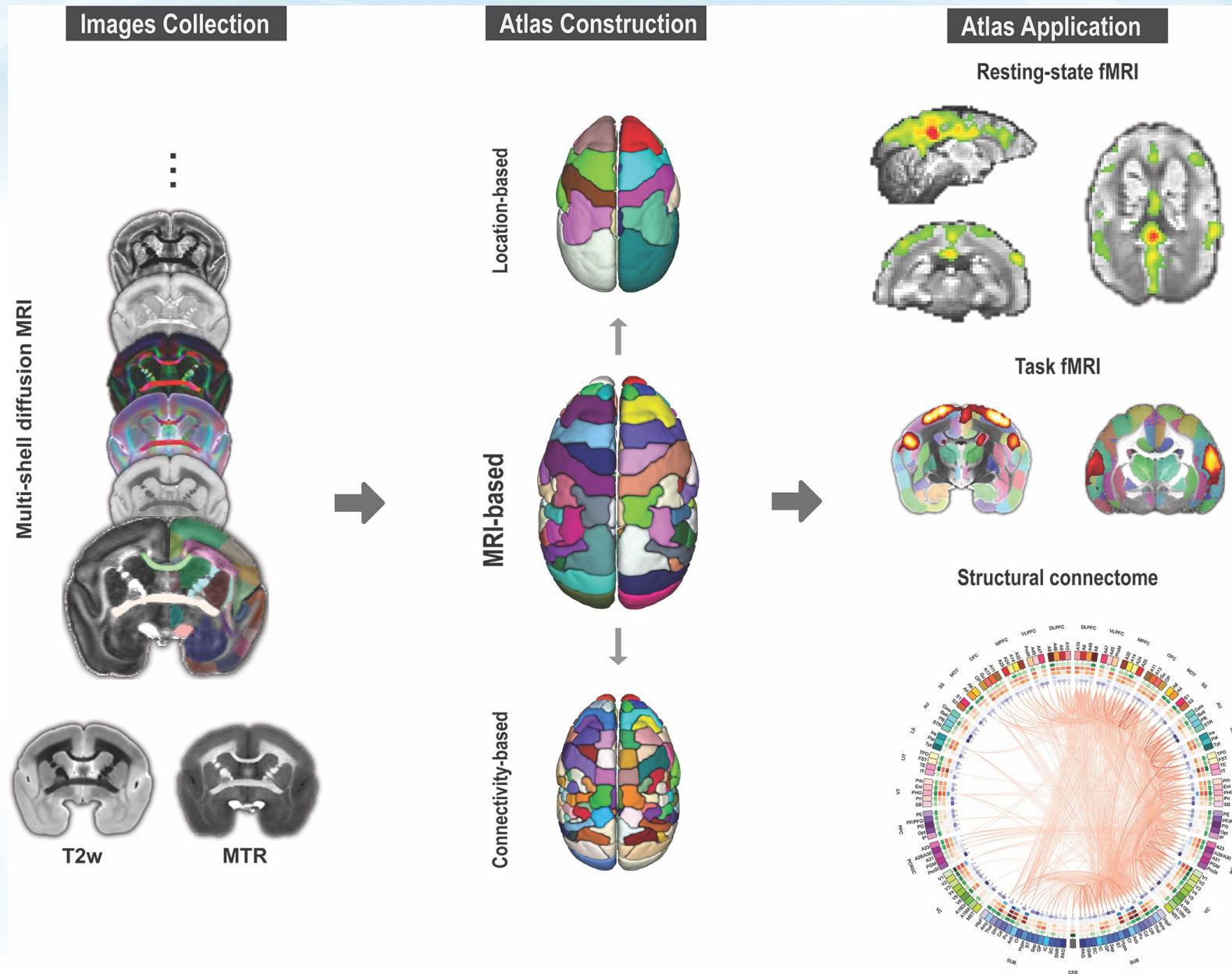
Reproducible and Quantitative Myeloarchitecture



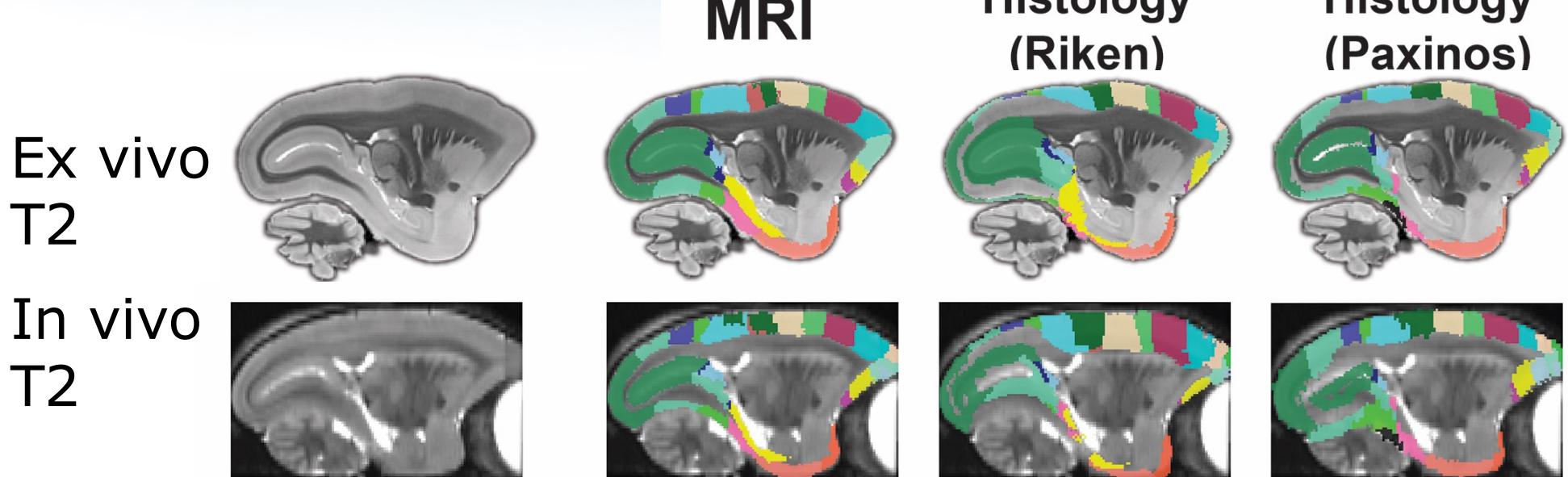
Region	Surface Area (mm ²)		Surface Area (%)
	Left	Right	
Cortex	1005 ± 21	1007 ± 34	100
V1	219 ± 12	222 ± 3	22
S1	28 ± 4	30 ± 4	3
MT (V6)	17 ± 3	19 ± 2	2
A1 and R	11 ± 3	11 ± 3	1
DM (V4)	8 ± 1	7 ± 1	1

- Agrees well with histological measures of areas:
 - V1: 200-205 mm²: *Fritsches and Rosa 1996 JCN 372:264-82; Missler, Wolff 1993 JCN 333:53-67*
 - MT: 14 mm²: *Pessoa et al. 1992 Exp. Brain Res. 2: 459–462.*
- More than ¼ of the marmoset cortex dedicated to processing of visual information

Marmoset MRI Atlas



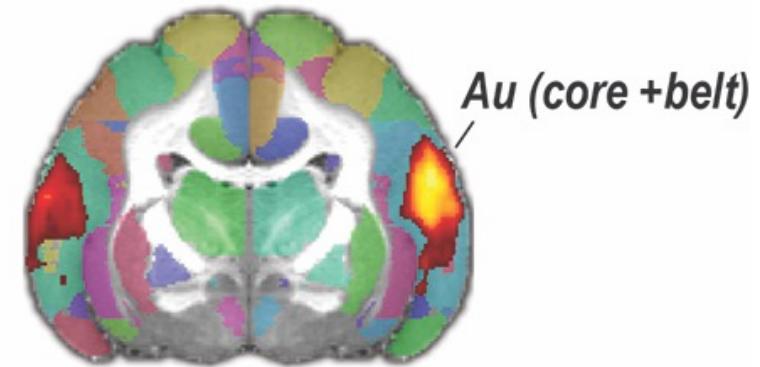
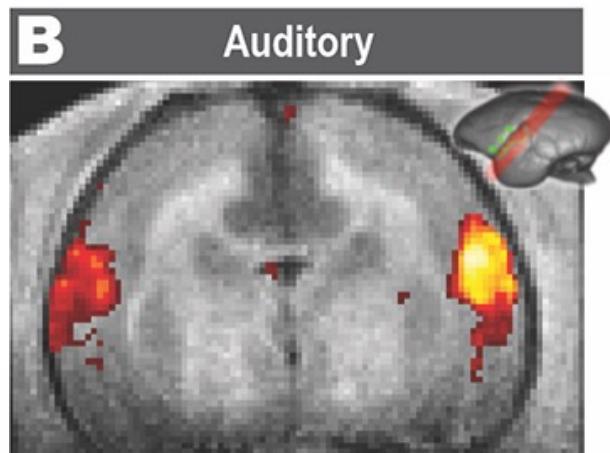
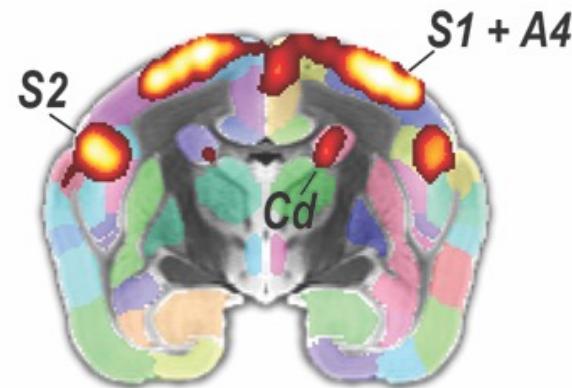
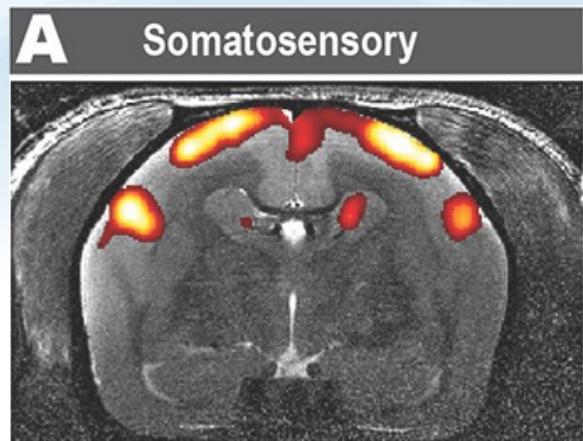
Comparison of Atlas Registration



Liu et al. *NeuroImage* under review



Mapping fMRI Response on to Atlas

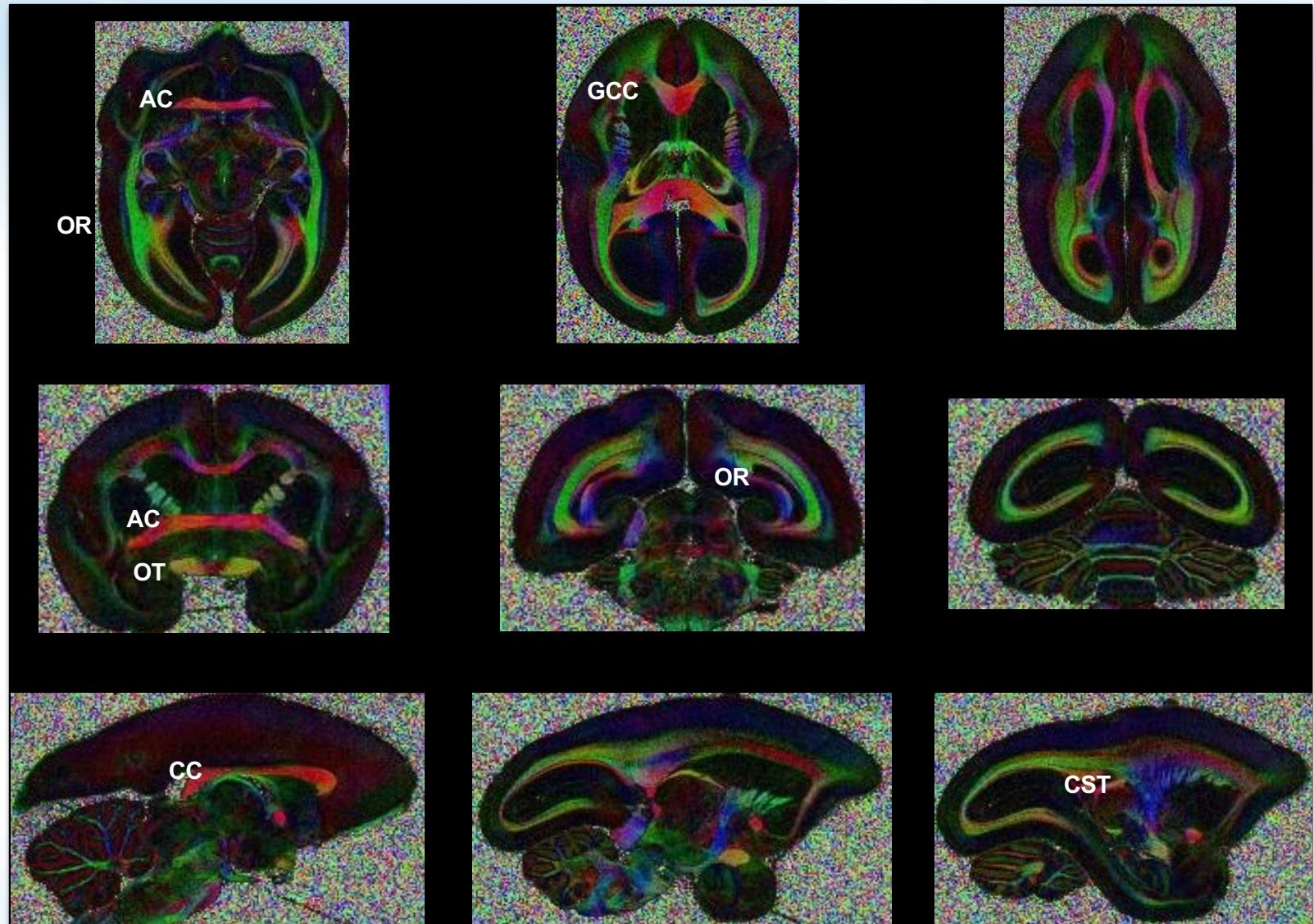
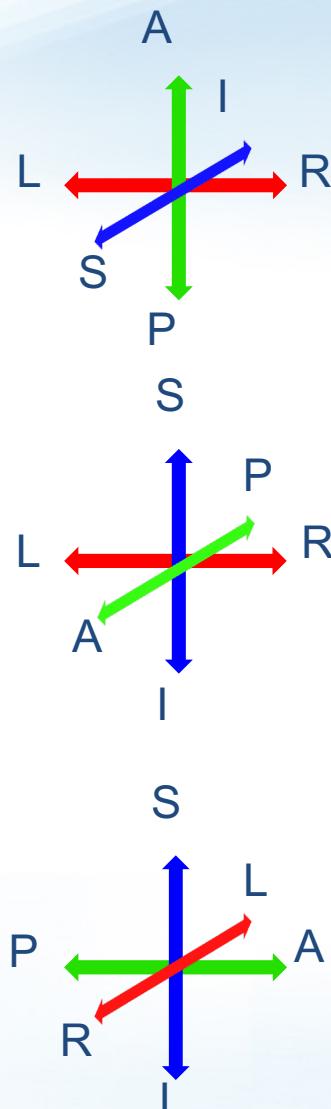


Rotated atlas

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DTI: Fractional Anisotropy Maps

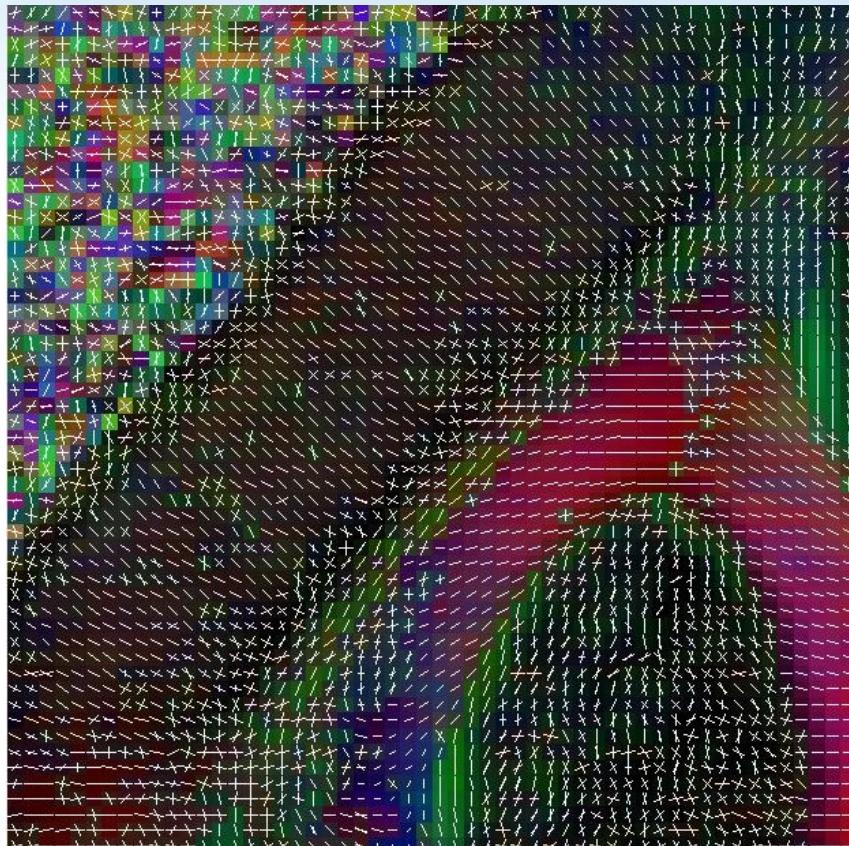


Maximum b-value: 4000 s/mm², 30 directions Spatial resolution: 150μm³

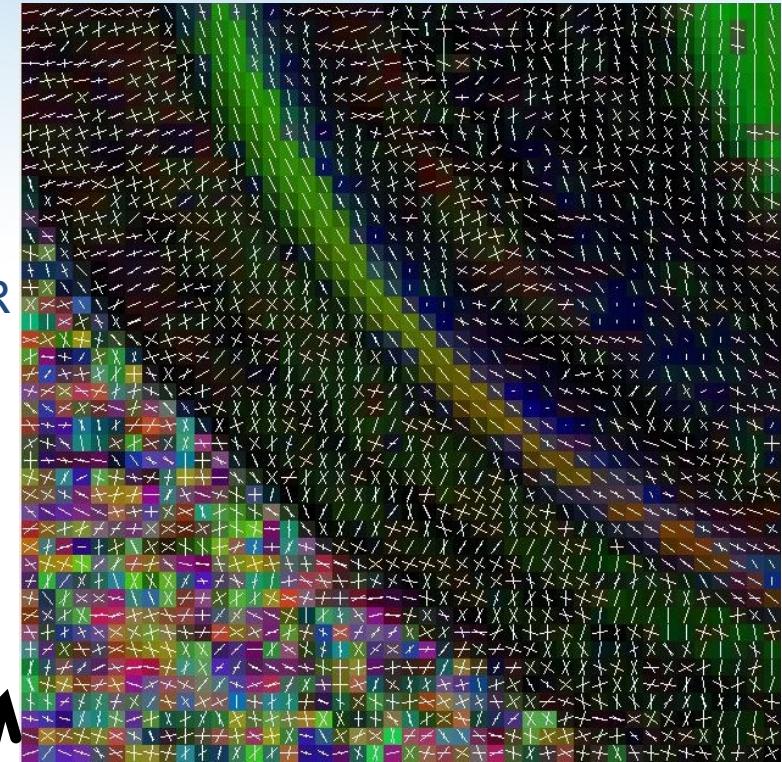
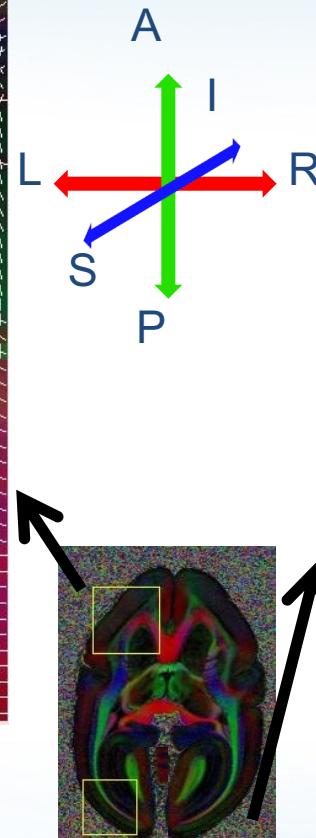
Pascal Sati , Frank Ye



DTI: Microstructure of the Marmoset White Matter



GCC



OR

Maximum b-value: 4800 s/mm², 126 directions Spatial resolution: 150μm³

Frank Q. Ye, David A. Leopold, Mustafa Irfanoglu, Carlo Pierpaoli, Afonso C. Silva

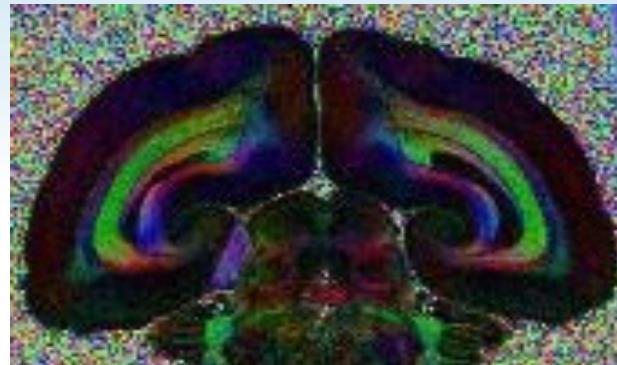
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T_2^* vs. Brain Orientation

Sphinx Position



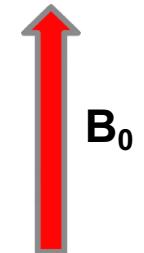
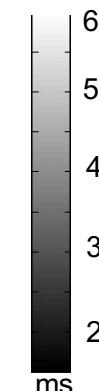
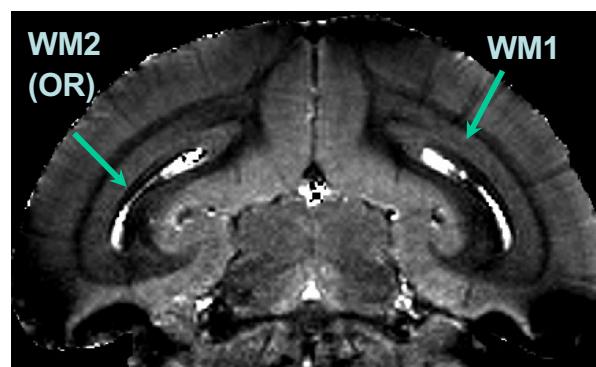
FA₂ Map



Supine Position



B_0



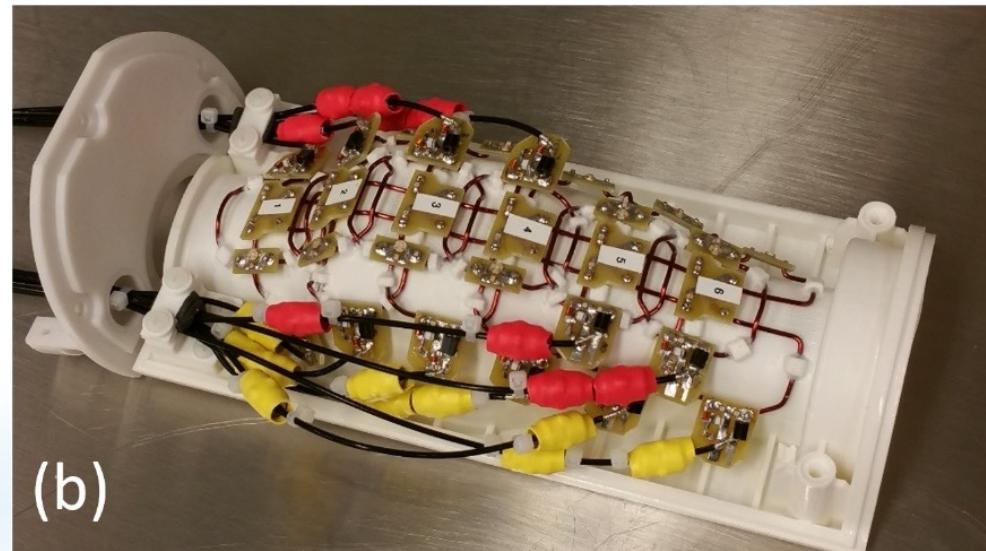
T_2^* map

Animal Position	WM1	WM2 (OR)
Sphinx	25.4 ± 3.1	32.4 ± 3.0
Supine	29.2 ± 5.2	22.5 ± 2.8

Pascal Sati et al., Neuroimage 2011

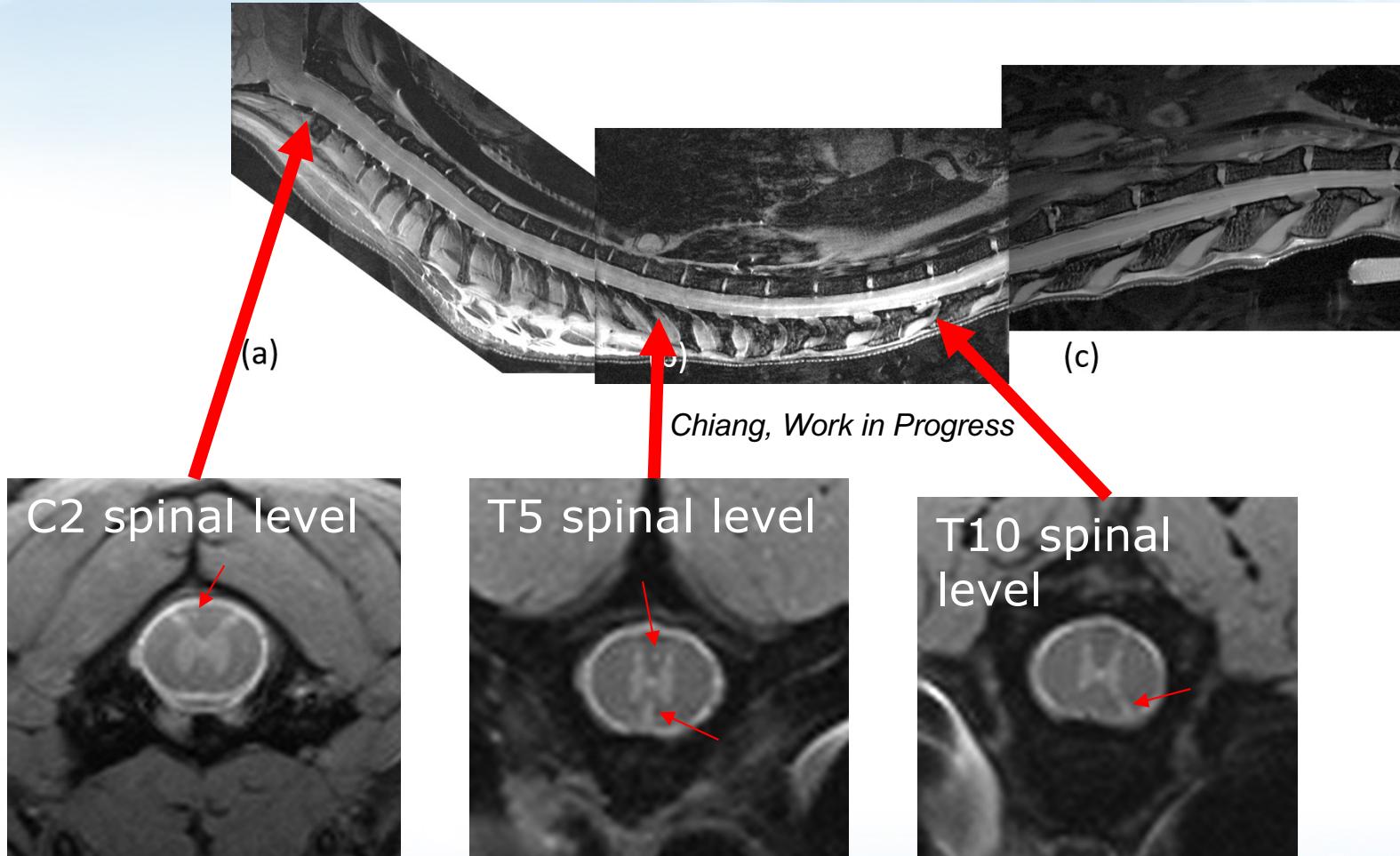


Setup for Spinal Cord Imaging



Chiang, Work in Progress

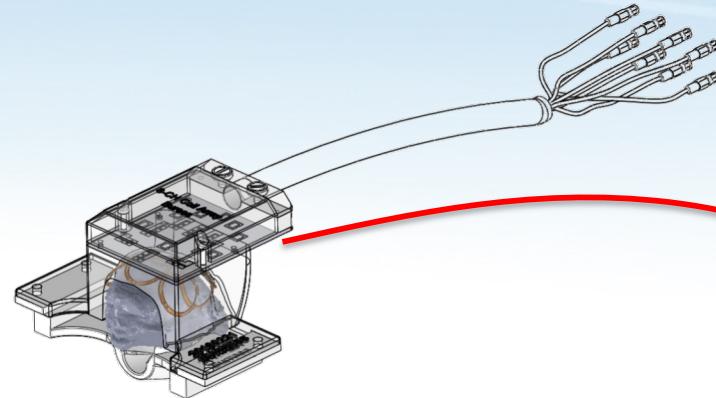
Detecting EAE Lesions in Marmoset's Spine Using MRI



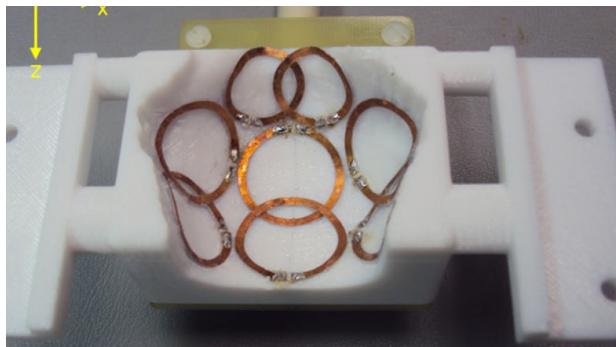
Lefevre, Work in Progress



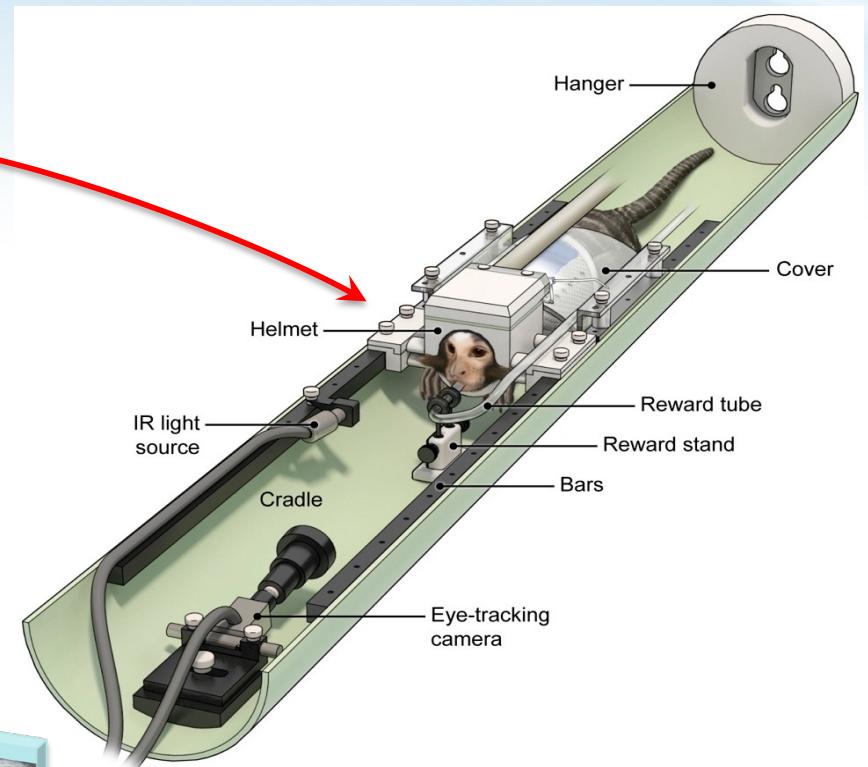
Setup for Awake Marmosets



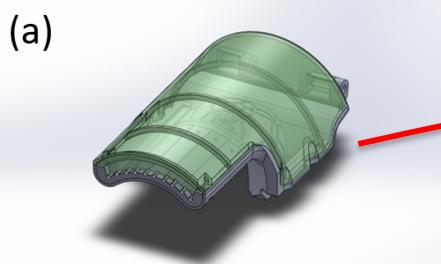
8-ch Phase Array



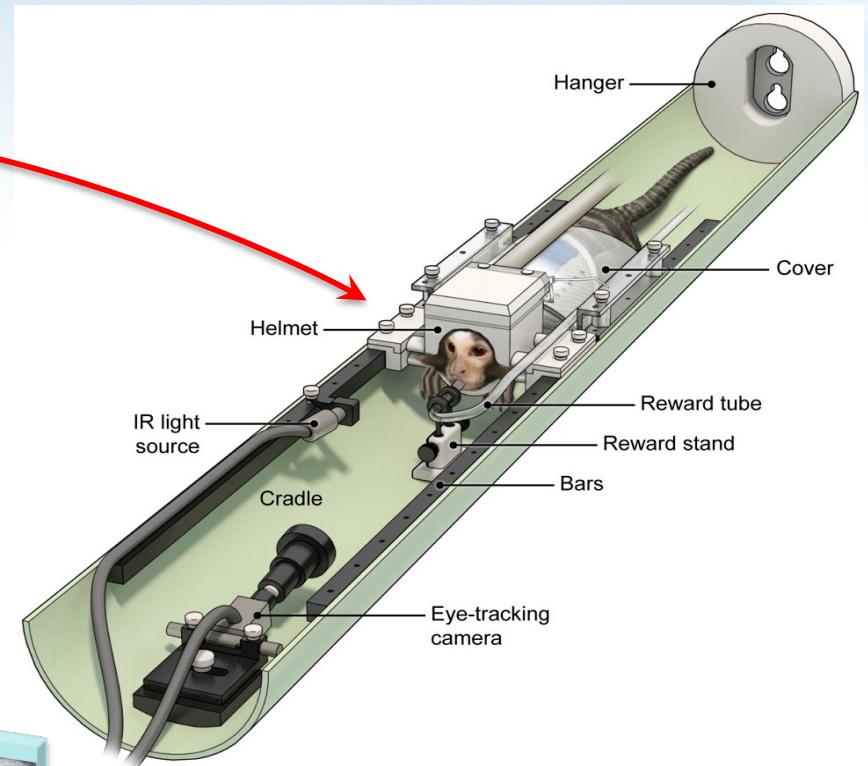
Papoti et al. MRM 2017



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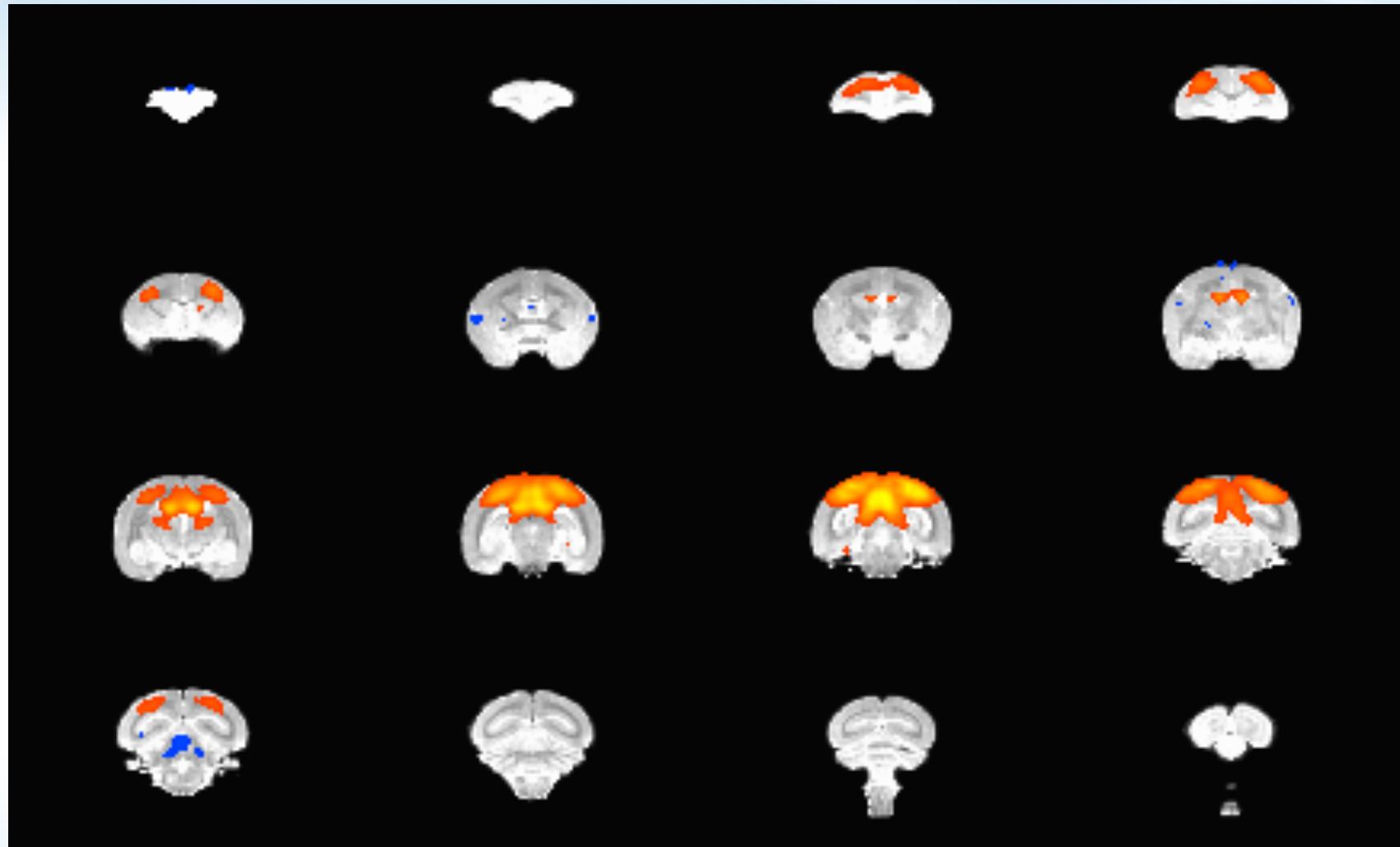


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Resting-state fMRI: Default Mode Network



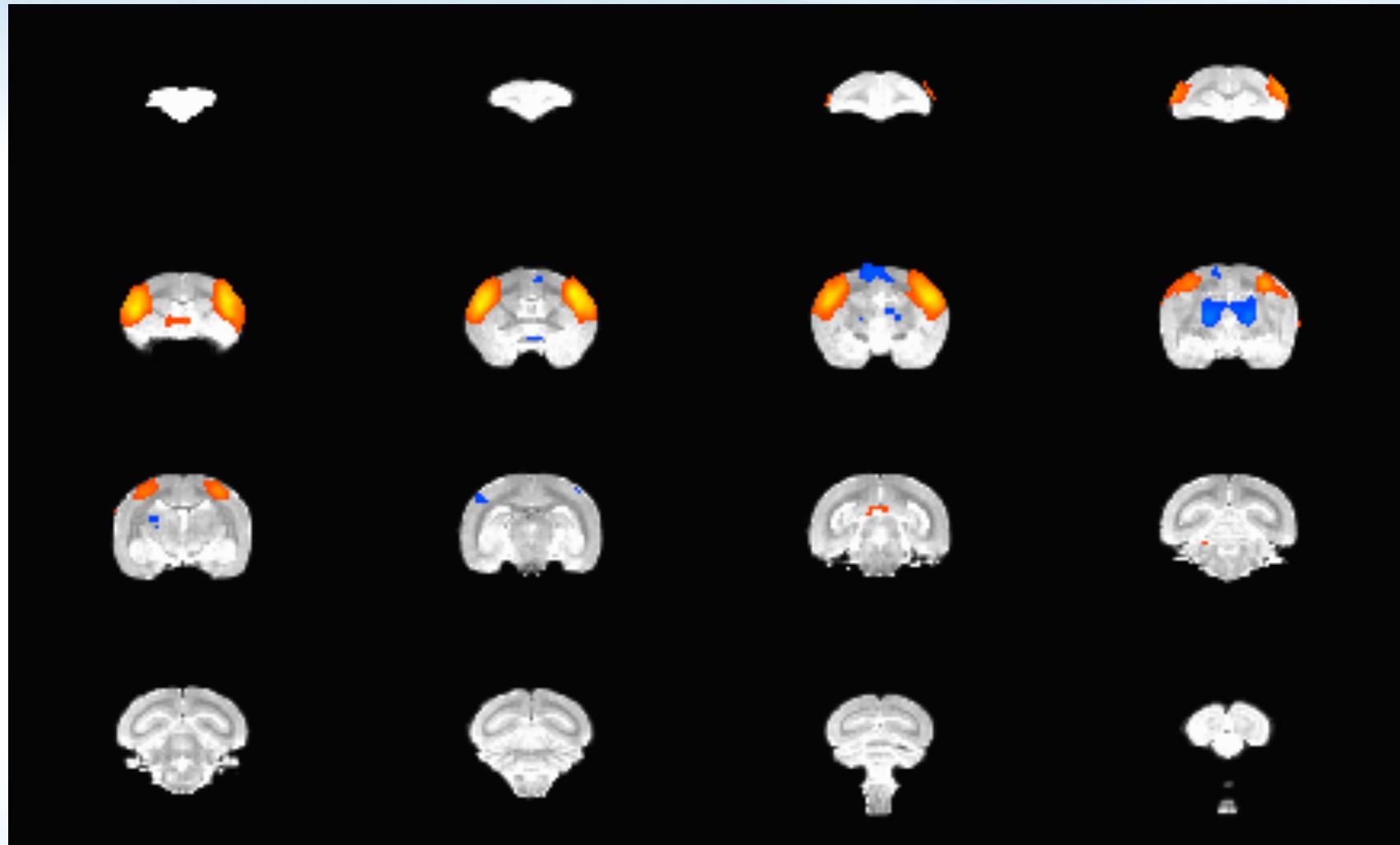
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6 marmoset averaged
ICA, $Z > 7$

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Resting-state fMRI: Somatosensory Network



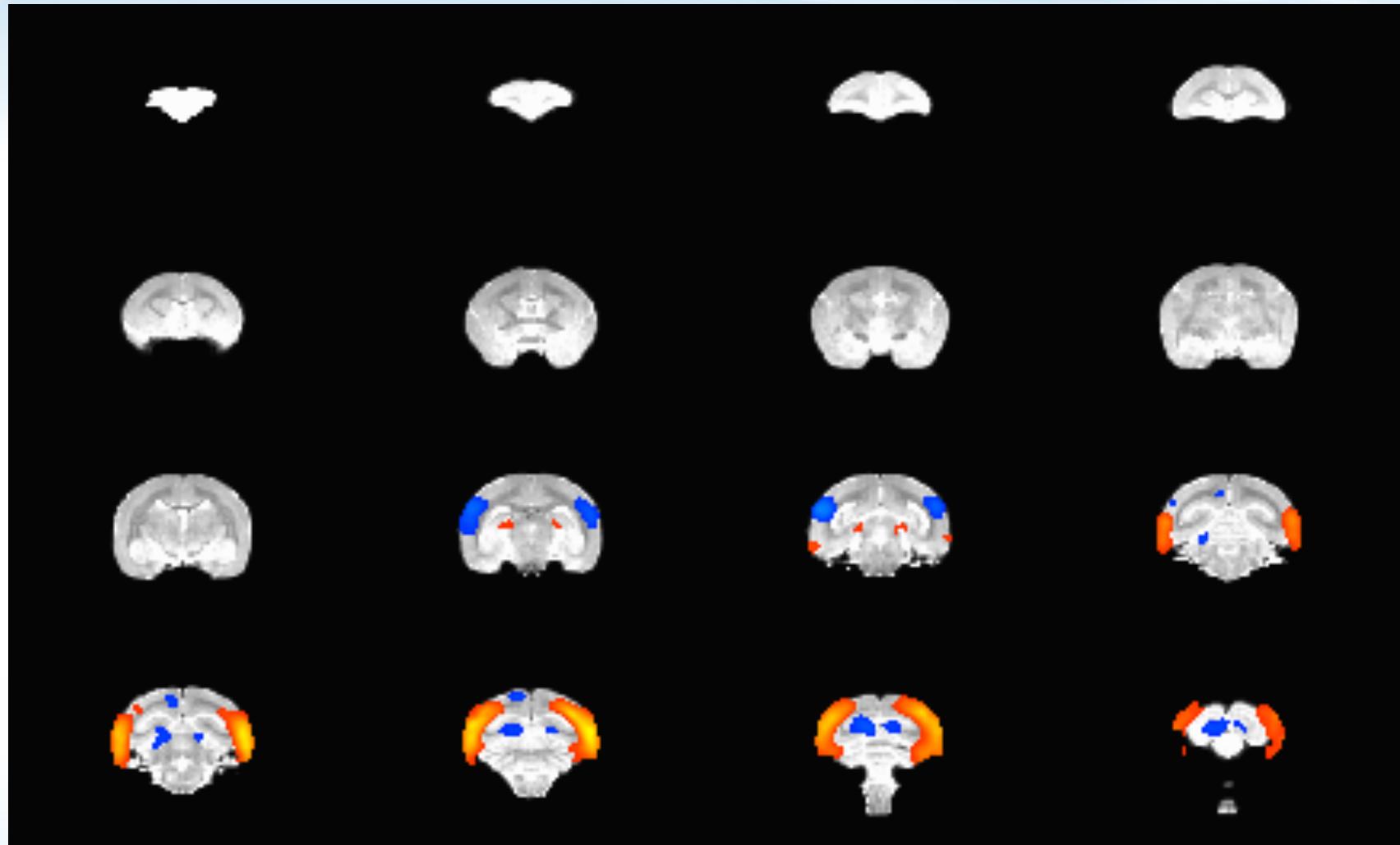
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Resting-state fMRI: Higher-order Visual Network



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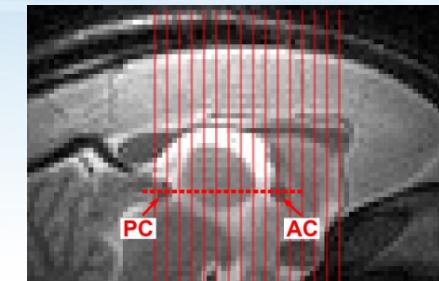
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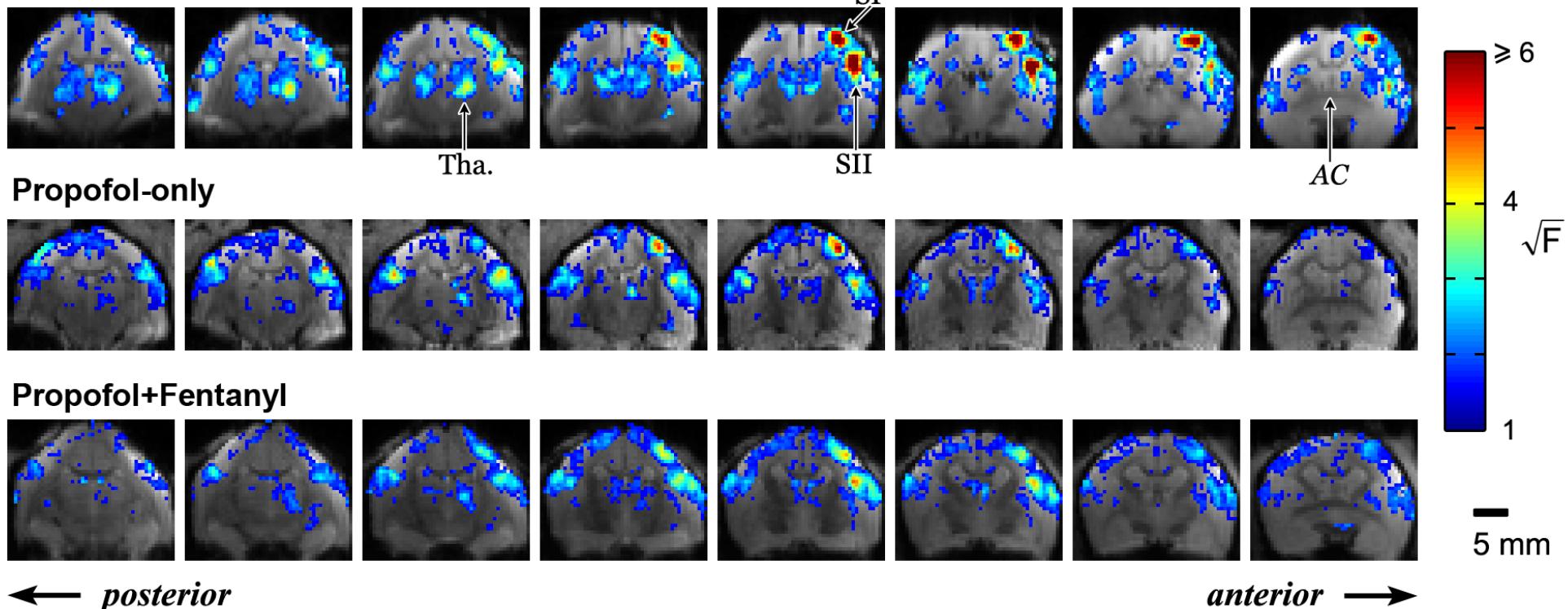


More Widespread Spatial Extent of Functional Regions in Awake Marmosets

Responses throughout the somatosensory pathway significantly enhanced when compared to anesthetized subjects

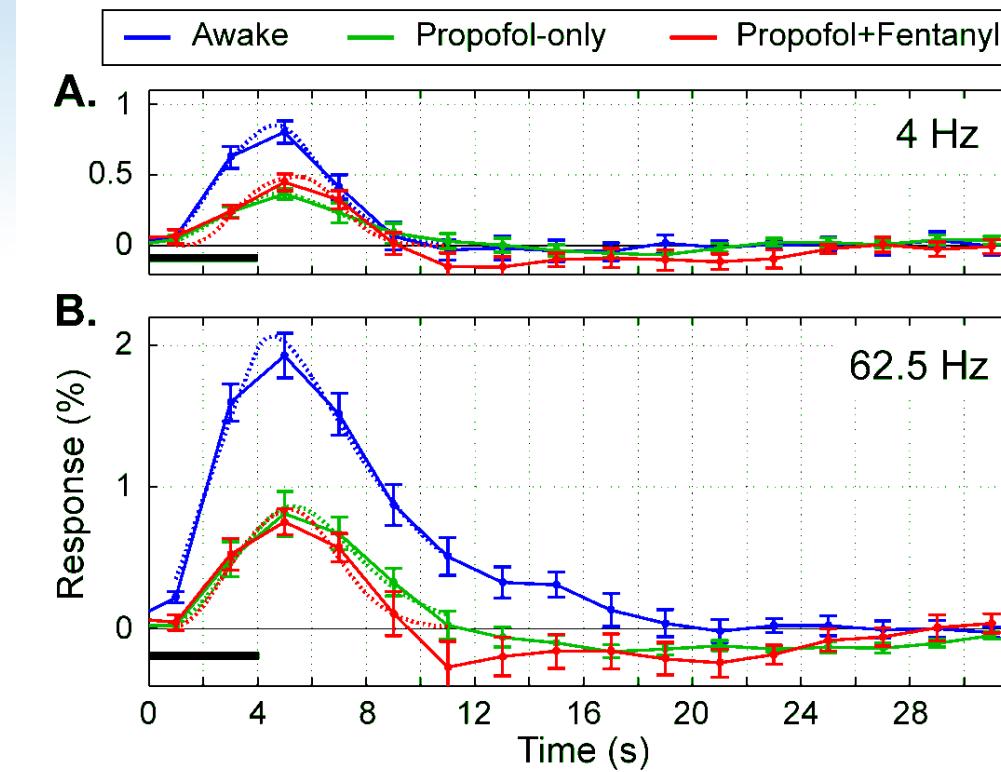


A. Awake



Liu et al., *NeuroImage* 2013

BOLD HRF in Awake Marmosets Has Faster Times-to-Peak



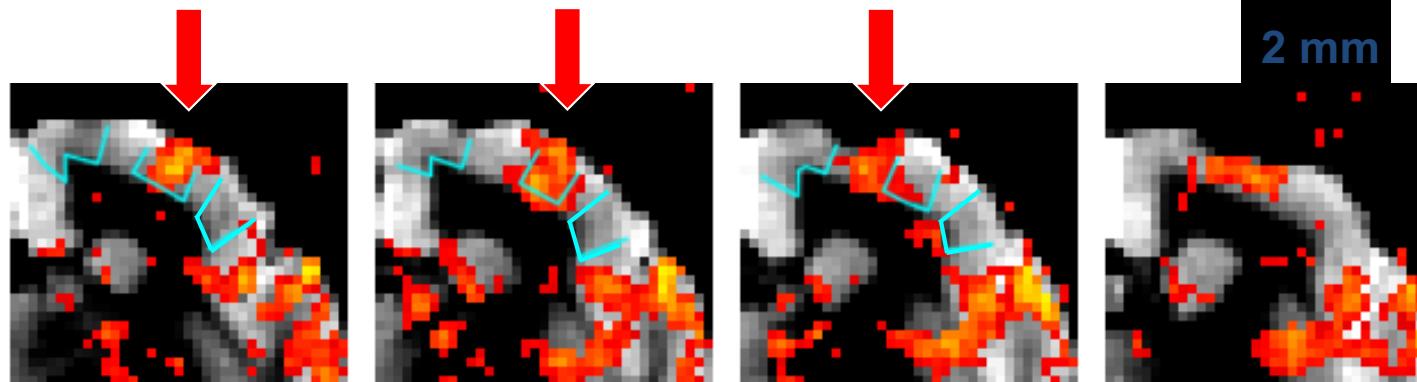
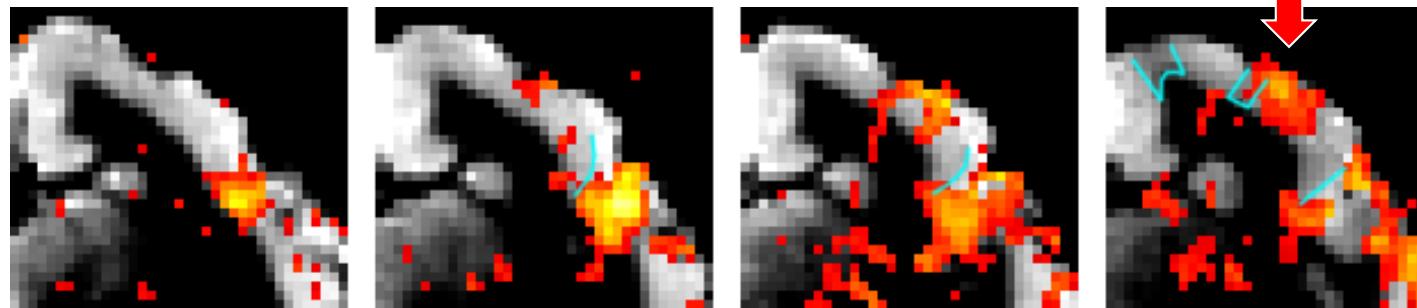
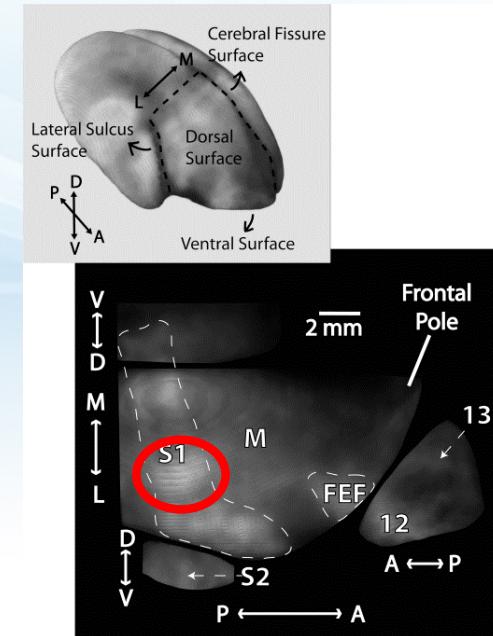
TTP shorter by ~0.5 s

Liu et al., NeuroImage 2013



fMRI Activation Regions Map Well onto Myeloarchitectonic Maps

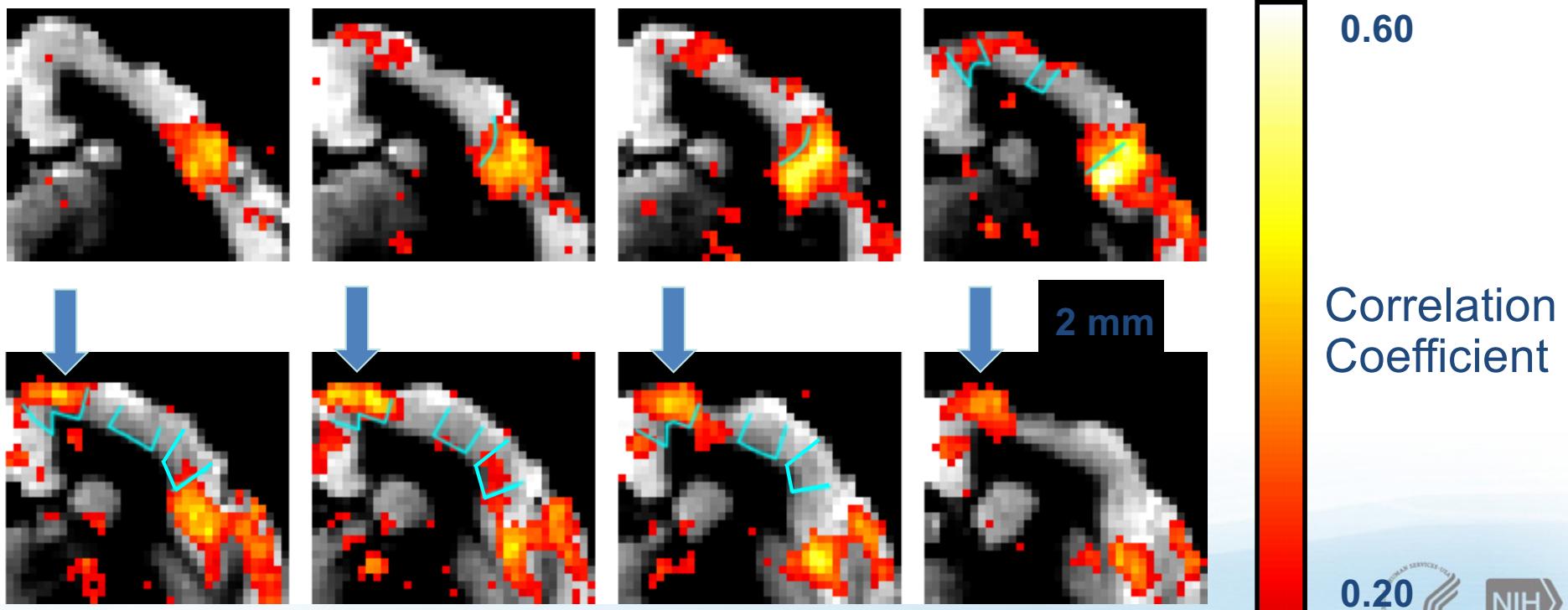
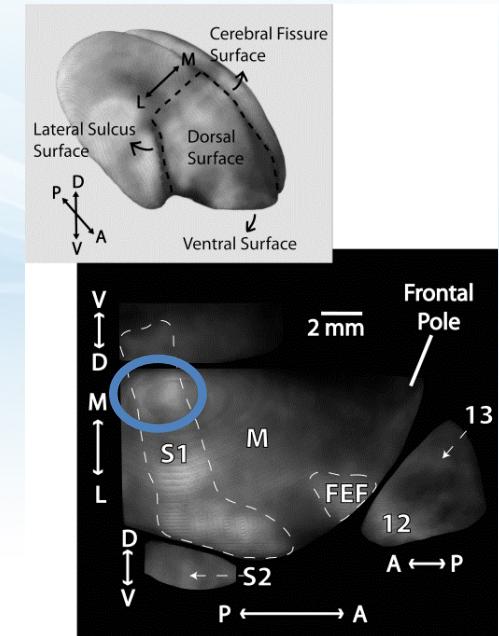
Forearm/Wrist Stimulation: 1.5 mA, 0.3ms, 50 Hz



Junjie Liu, Neuroimage. 2011; 56(3):1154-63.

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Leg Stimulation: 1.5 mA, 0.3ms, 50 Hz

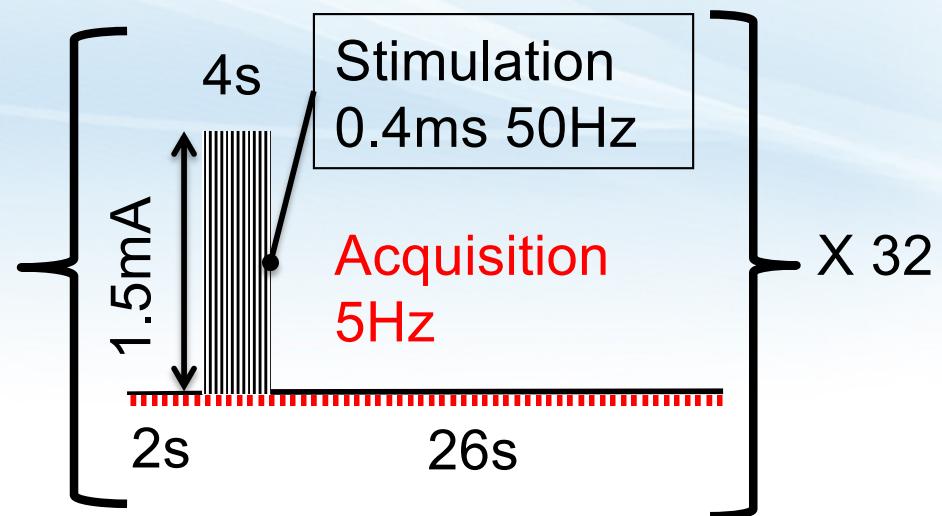


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Protocol

- **Somatosensory Stimuli Paradigm**

0.4ms, 1.5mA, 50Hz electrical pulses for 4s



- **MRI Parameters**

Custom-built 4-channels phase array

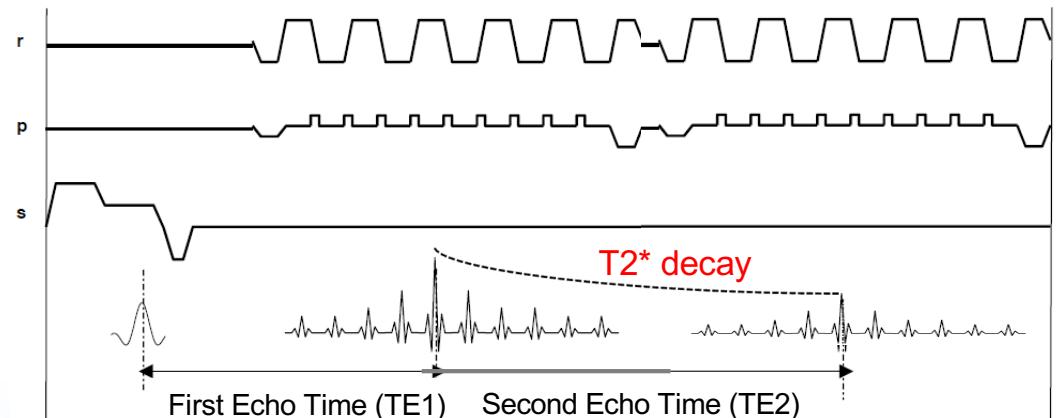
Dual gradient-recalled EPI

Matrix = 128 x 48

TE1/TE2/TR = 13.5/40.5/200 ms

Resolution = 0.25 x 0.25 x 1 mm³

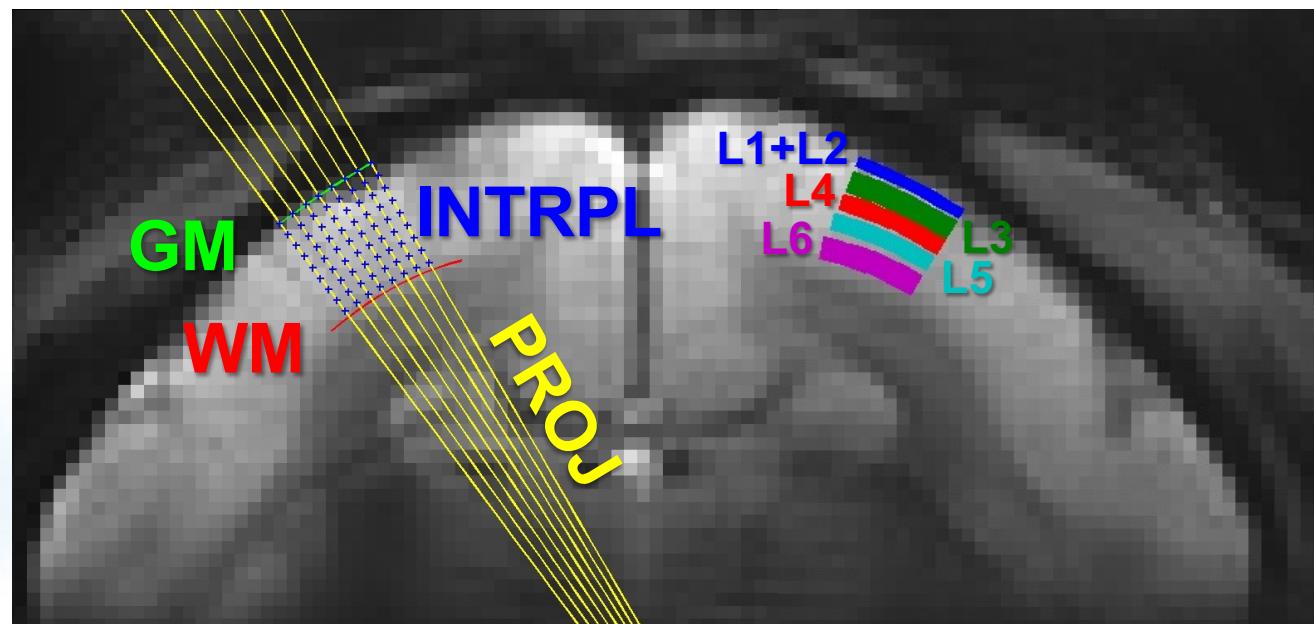
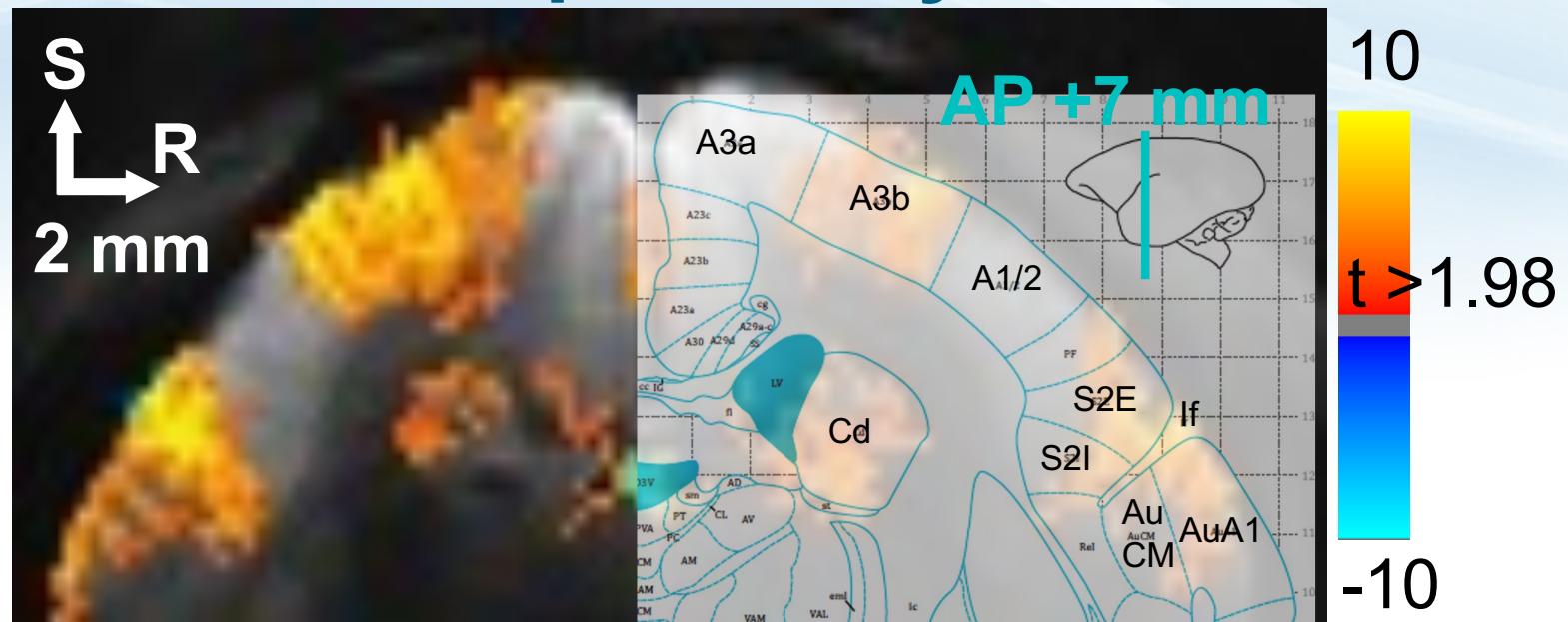
1 coronal slice w/ saturation band



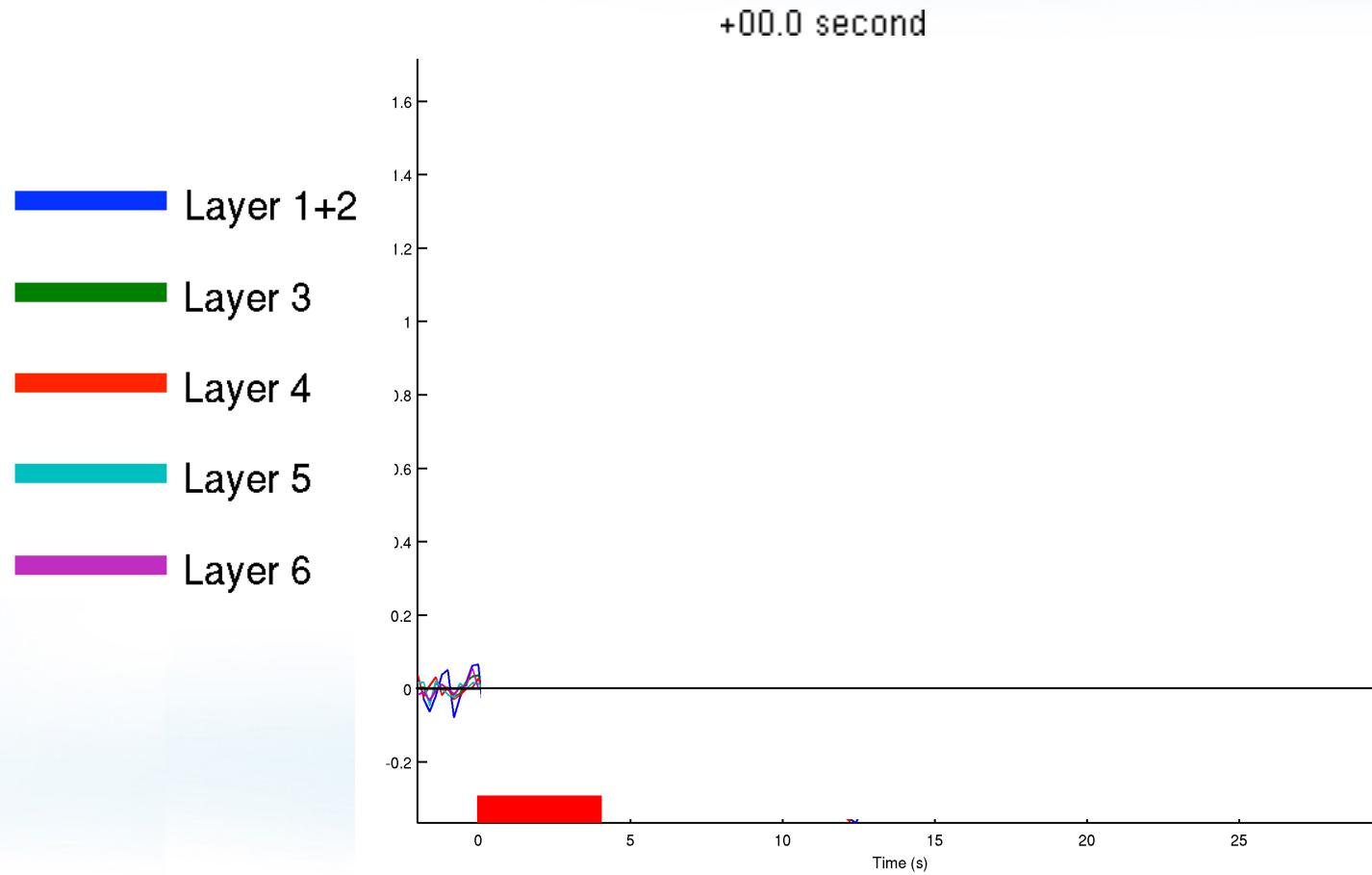
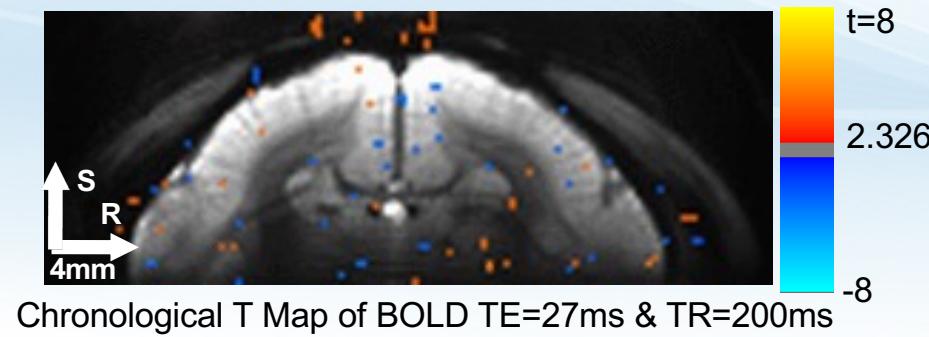
Dual gradient-recall EPI



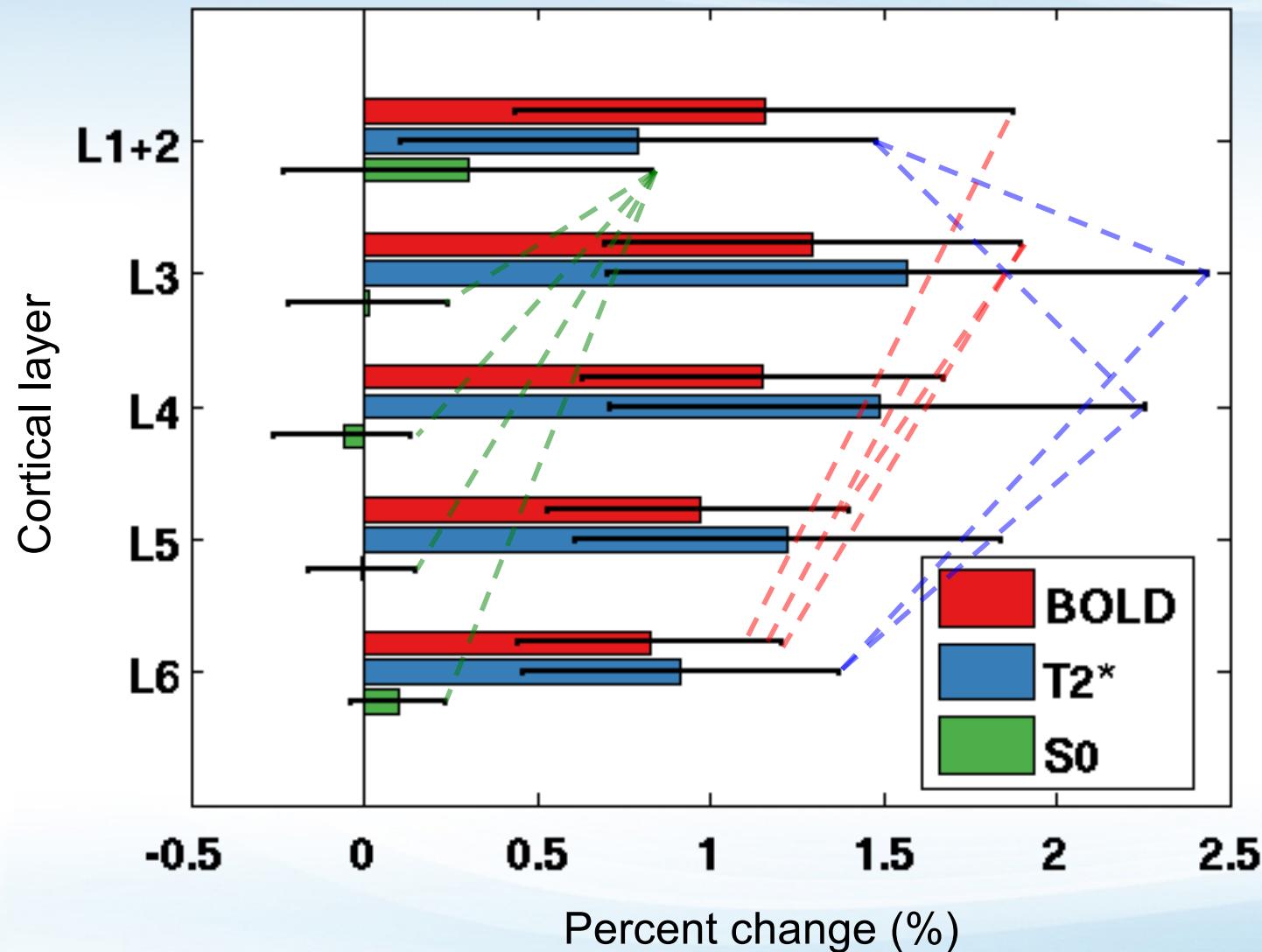
T2* Activation Map and Layer Profile



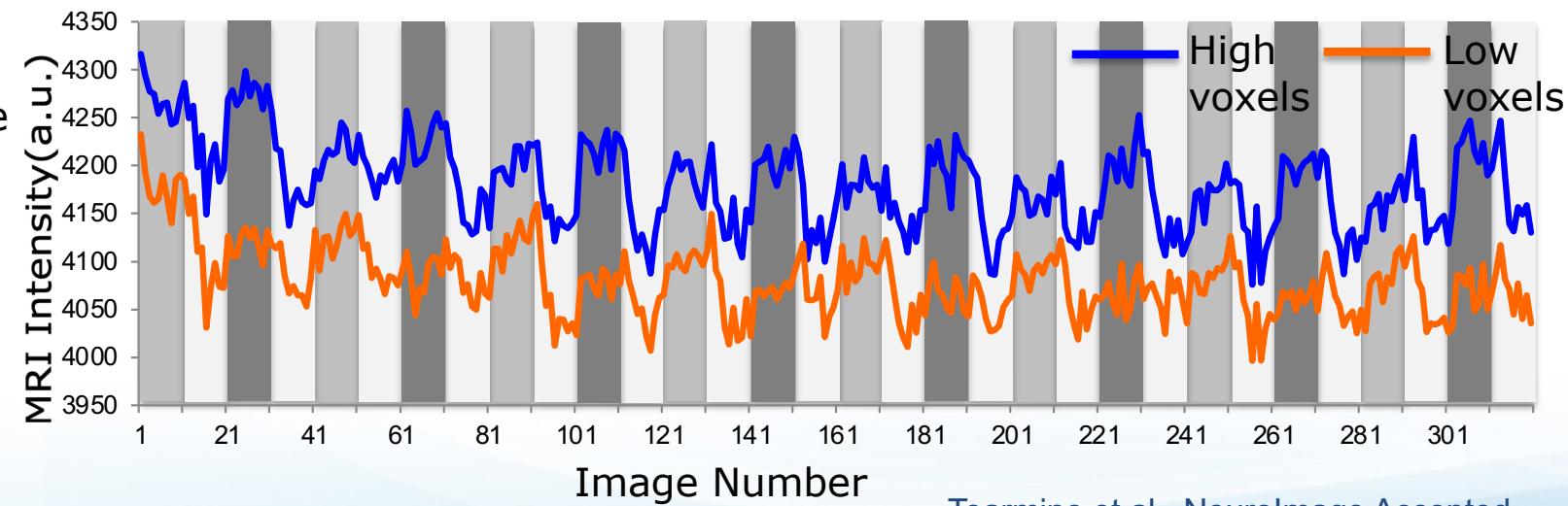
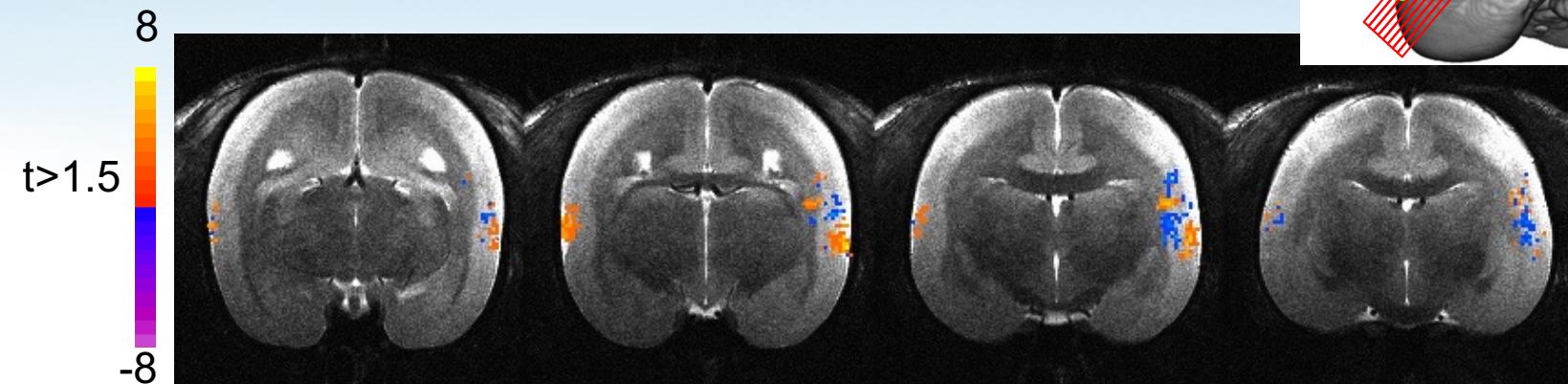
Time-lapse BOLD Activation Map



Averaged Laminar Responses



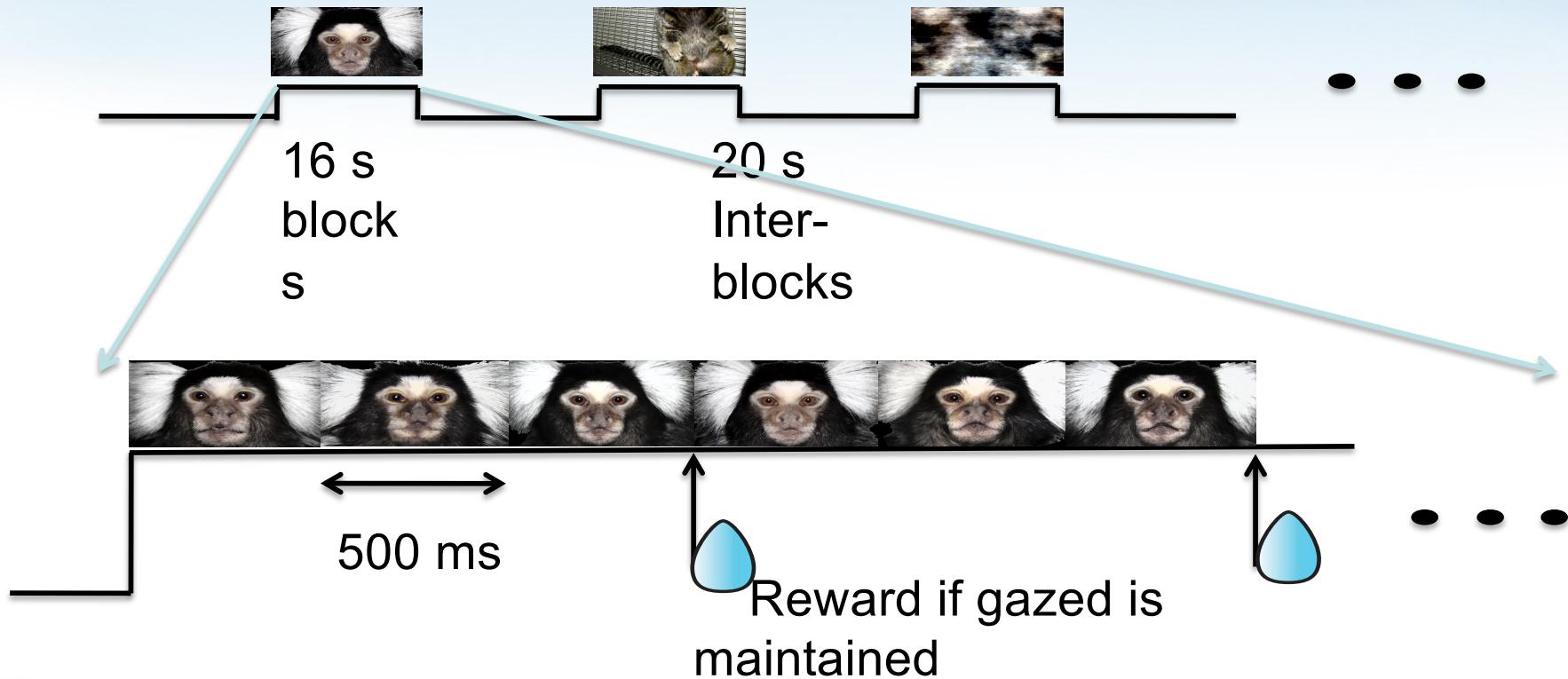
Tonotopic Mapping in Marmoset Auditory Cortex



Toarmino et al., NeuroImage Accepted



Experimental paradigm for fMRI of Visual System

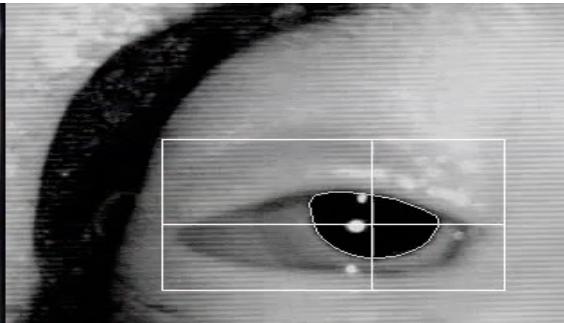


C.-C. Hung et al J Neurosci 2015 35(3):1160-72.



Typical behavior of awake marmoset to a stimulus block

Positive reinforcement Infra-red eye-tracking



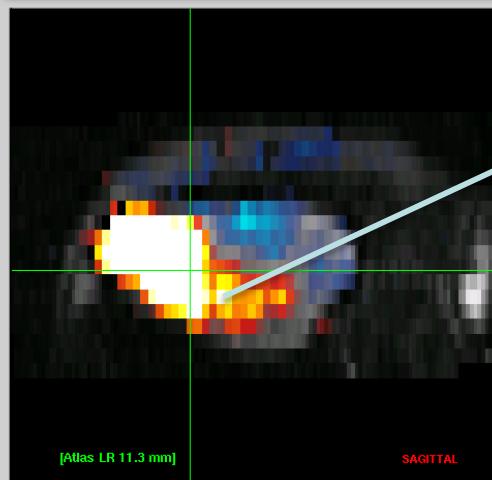
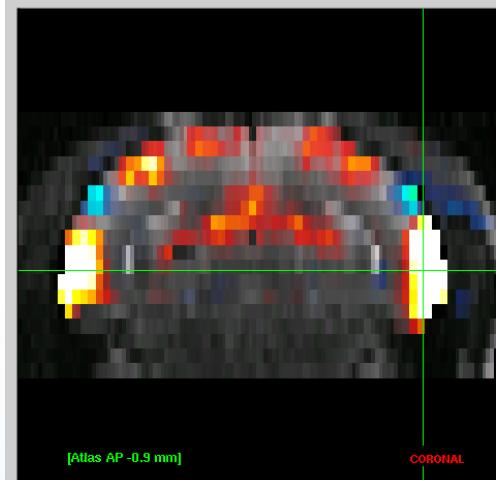
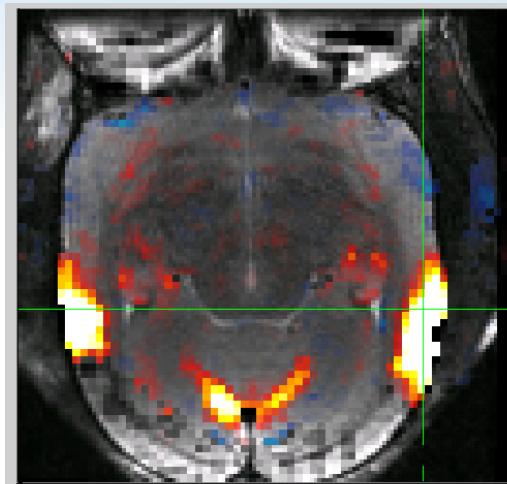
Visual Stimulus



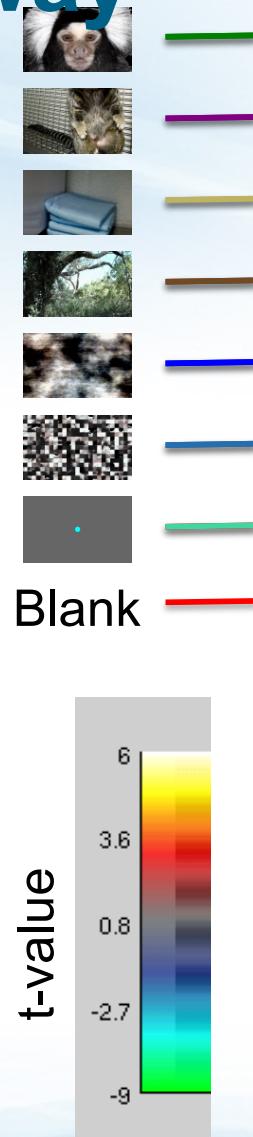
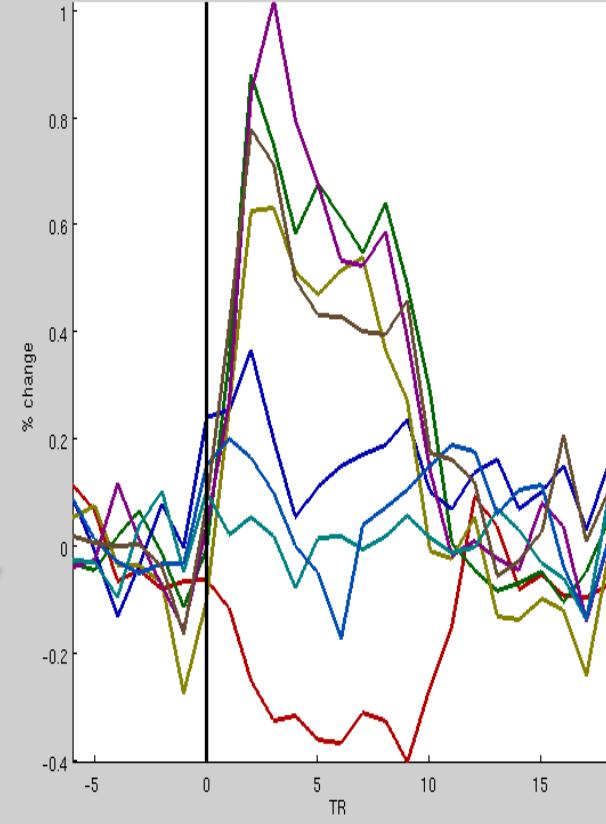
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Visual fMRI: Object Recognition Pathway



Occipital Temporal Area



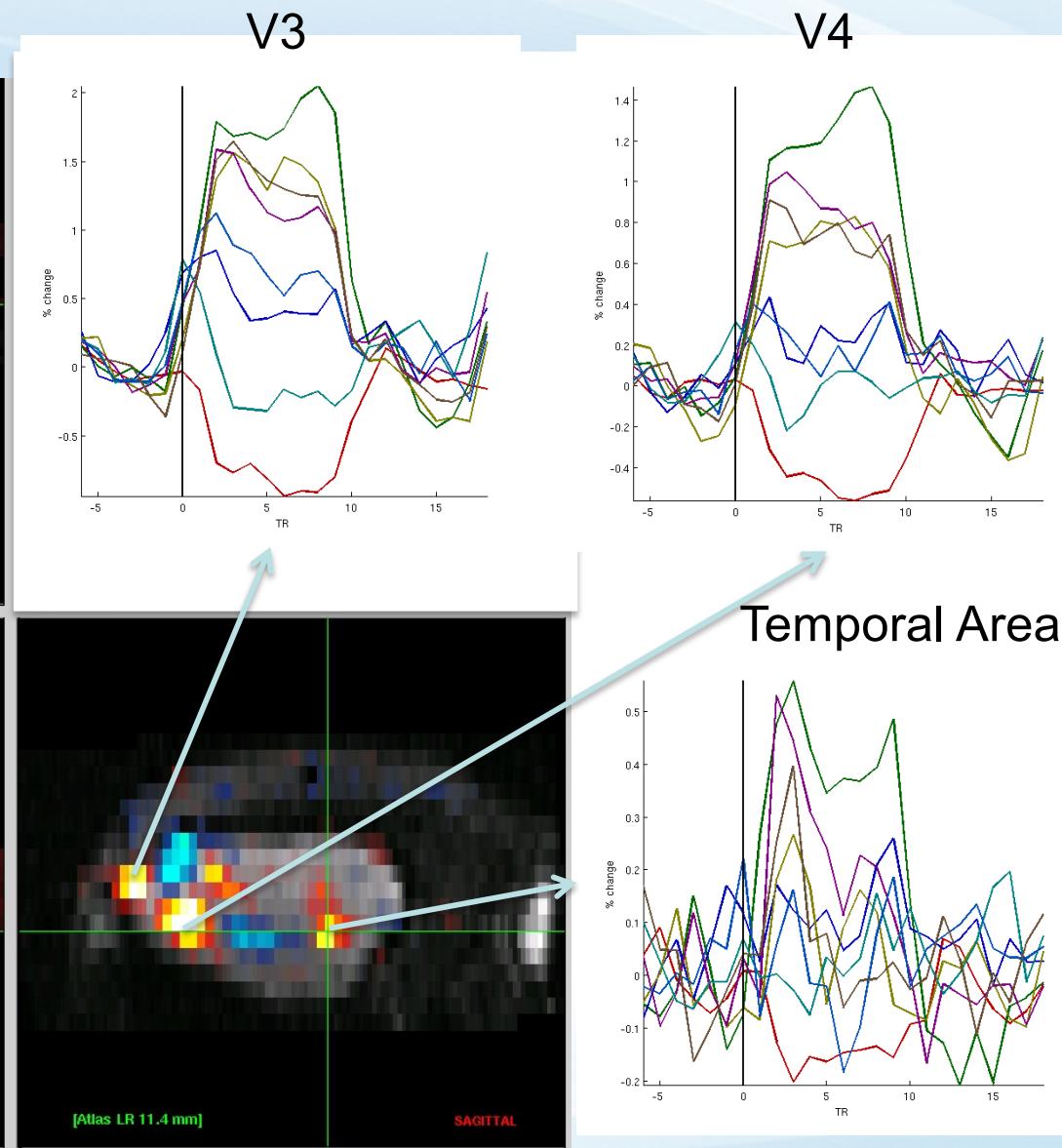
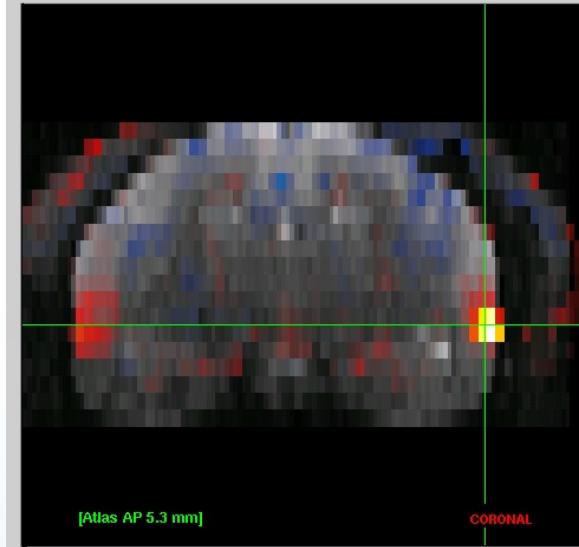
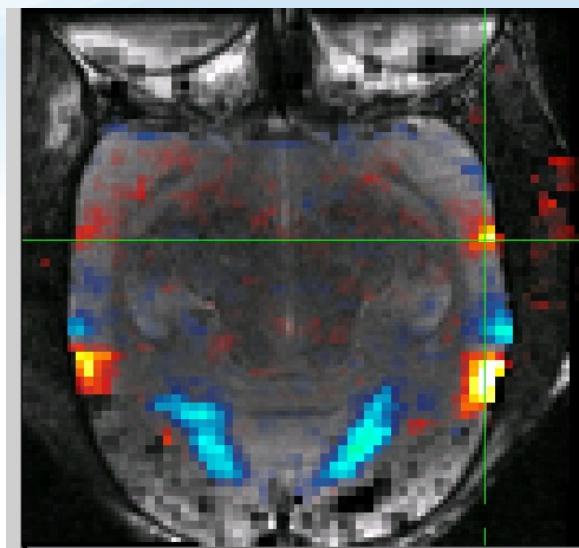
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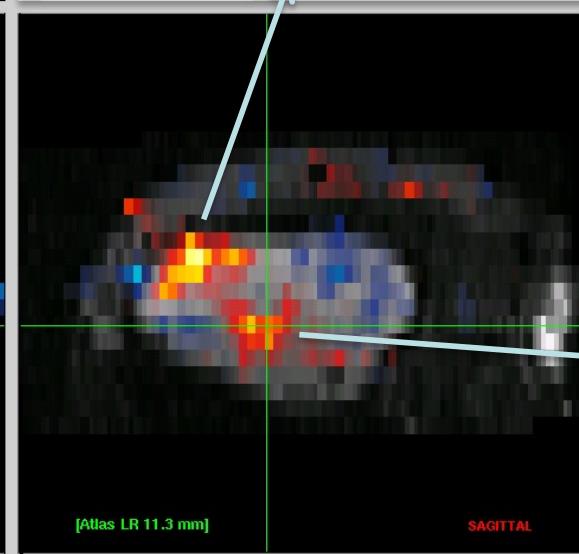
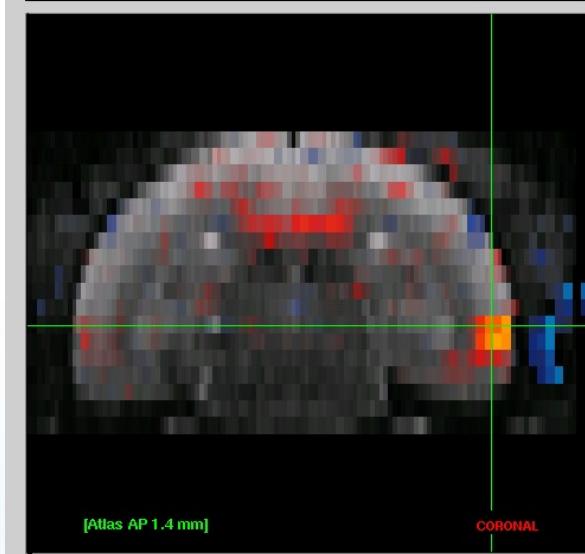
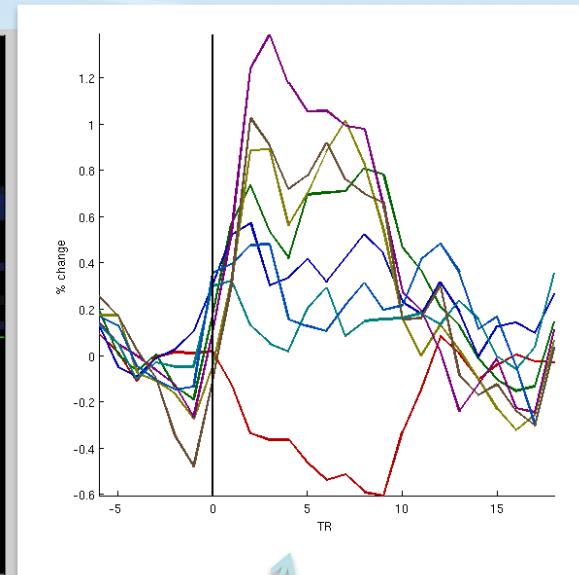
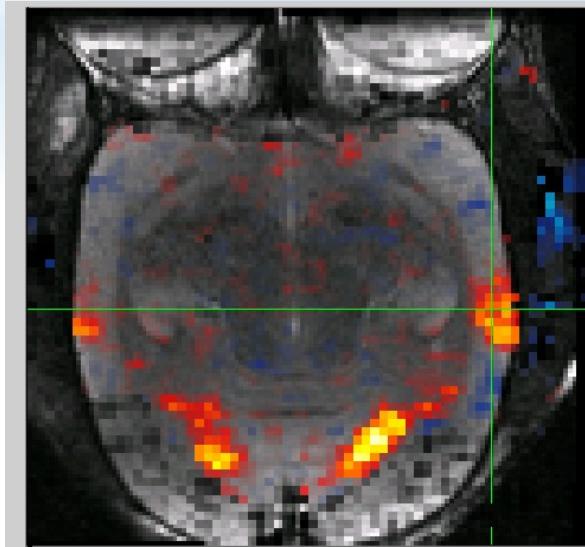


Visual fMRI: Face Selective Areas

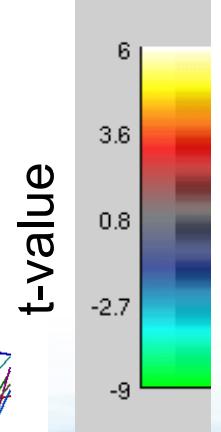
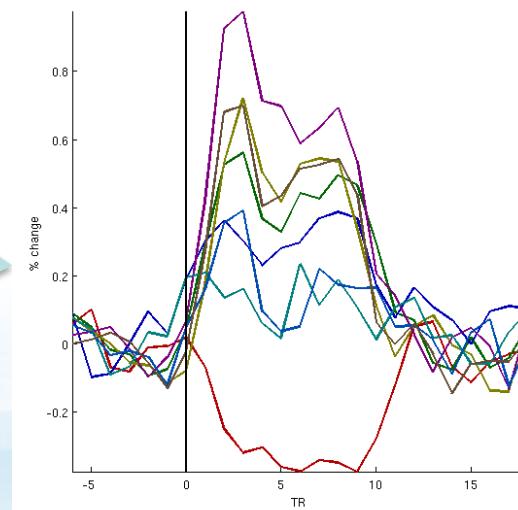


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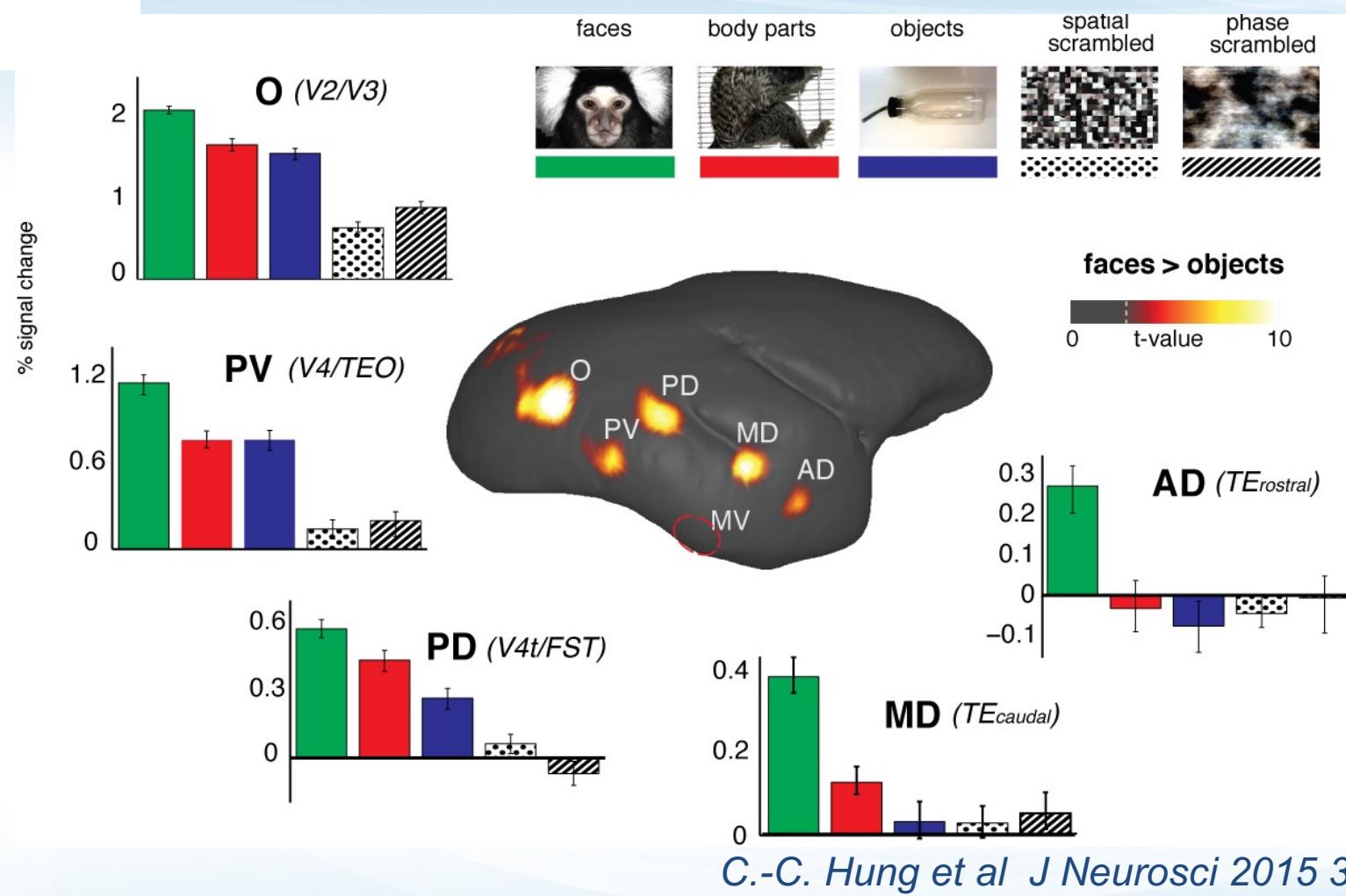
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Occipital Temporal Area



Face-selective patches along ventral visual pathway



Recap

- Advantages of Animal Models
 - Allow multi-modal investigations
 - Dedicated hardware permit higher spatiotemporal resolution
- Marmoset is an important experimental animal model for translational research.
- Anatomical MRI of the marmoset brain and spine can be obtained with remarkable cytoarchitectonic detail.
- Functional MRI can be used to study functional connectivity and various sensory system including somatosensory, auditory and visual areas.



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