



# FMRI AND MRI AT NIH

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Functional MRI Summer Course 2017

# OUTLINE

## 1. MRI and neuroimaging resources

- Functional MRI Facility
- Scientific Statistical Computing Core
- MEG
- Neurophysiological Imaging Facility
- In-vivo NMR Facility/Mouse Imaging Facility
- Scientific Instrumentation Branch

## 2. Brief history of MRI@NIH and examples of methods/studies developed here

## 3. Overview of research in FMRI/F

## 4. Postcard presentations of work by FMRI/F PI

# (SHORT) HISTORY OF FMRI AND BRAIN MRI AT NIH

1. In-Vivo NMR Center (established 1987)
2. Early FMRI studies in animals (Bob Turner, 1987)
3. Initial human functional studies (4T 1993)
4. Some key developments from NIH MRI researchers

## 1985-1990

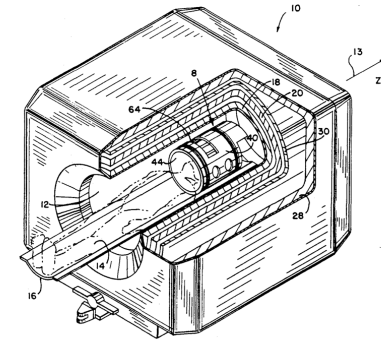
- 1987 – NMRF Center Opens (Instigator: Ted Becker /Director:David Hoult)
- 1988 – David Hoult hires Bob Turner
- 1989 – Bob Balaban publishes magnetization transfer paper
- 1989 - Bob Turner & LeBihan implements DW-EPI on 1.5T
- 1989 – Harold McFarland – first longitudinal MS protocol (Original protocol still recruiting subjects for Neuroimmunology (Reich))



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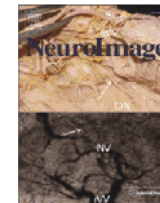
[54] LOCAL GRADIENT COIL  
 [75] Inventors: Robert M. Vavrek; Daniel J. Schaefer, both of Waukesha; Christopher C. Myers, Milwaukee; Thomas G. McFarland, Hartland, all of Wis.; Robert Turner, Bethesda, Md.  
 [73] Assignees: General Electric Company, Milwaukee, Wis.; The United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C.  
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 Primary Examiner—Michael J. Tokar  
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 [57] ABSTRACT  
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Review

## The NIH experience in first advancing fMRI

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### ABSTRACT

The introduction of functional MRI at NIH in 1992 was the outcome of research goals first formulated by 16  
 Turner in 1983. Between 1988 and 1990, Turner worked at NIH on actively-shielded gradient coils and the 17  
 implementation of EPI-based techniques, especially diffusion-weighted EPI. His work on hypoxia in cat brain 18  
 in 1990 directly inspired Ken Kwong's demonstration of BOLD contrast in humans at MGH in May 1991. 19  
 Turner collaborated actively with this MGH team, the first group to map entirely noninvasively human brain 20

## 1991-1995

- 1991 – Judy Rapoport and Jay Giedde begin longitudinal pediatric study of normal brain development.
- 1992 – 4T installed in NHLBI in NMRF (Turner hired by Bob Balaban)
- 1992 – First successful FMRI @ NIH
- 1992 – Peter Basser publishes first DTI paper
- 1992 – Bandettini and Wong et al publish BOLD-EPI finger-tapping experiment (same year as Kwong et al and Ogawa et al)
- 1995 – Plasticity/Motor learning FMRI (Ungerleider/Turner)

## 1996-2000

1997 – Ungerleider, Haxby, Martin – Vision, attention, FFA etc

1999 – Alan Koretsky hired to run NMRF

1999 – Peter Bandettini hired to run newly established Functional MRI Facility (NIMH/NINDS)

1999 – Delivery of first commercial 3T (GE/VHi) MRI system to FMRF

2000 – Routine scanning begins on FMRF 3T

## **2001-2005**

2001-2003 – Mood and Disorder PI's (Pine, Leibenluft, Grillon, Shen Zarate/Drevets)

2002-2003 – Expansion of FMRI (3T-2)

2003-2004 – Purchase/installation of unshielded 7T

2002-2004 – Custom-built 16 channel coil and receiver project (Duyn, Bandettini) demonstrating utility of multi-channel coil at 3T for FMRI



## 2006-2010

2006-2007 – 3T-1 replaced by 3T-A & 3T-B

2010 – Upgrade of 3T-C to mr750 platform

## 2011-2018

2011 – Self-shielded semi-clinical Siemens 7T-830/AS Magnetom installed and becomes operational

2011 – 1.5T GE replaced by Siemens Skyra 3T

2012 – 11.7T (human) gets to field (& quenches)

2015 – NIAAA Siemens Prisma (NIMH & NINDS 25% time each)

2016 - 2017 – upgrade of 3T-A/3T-B

2018 - NMRF 7T (!!)

2018 – 11.7T returns to NIH (!!!)

# In-Vivo NMR Center Magnets



# FMRI STUDIES AT THE NIH..

- Epilepsy
- Visual processing
- Mood disorders
- Learning
- Genetics
- Plasticity/Recovery
- Motor Function
- Auditory processing
- Attention
- Language
- Speech
- Stroke
- Social Interaction
- Development
- Aging

Methods – FMRI, MRS, DTI

Hardware – Coils, receivers

Pulse sequences

Pre and Post-processing

Contrast agents/particles etc

# All papers involving MRI from Bethesda

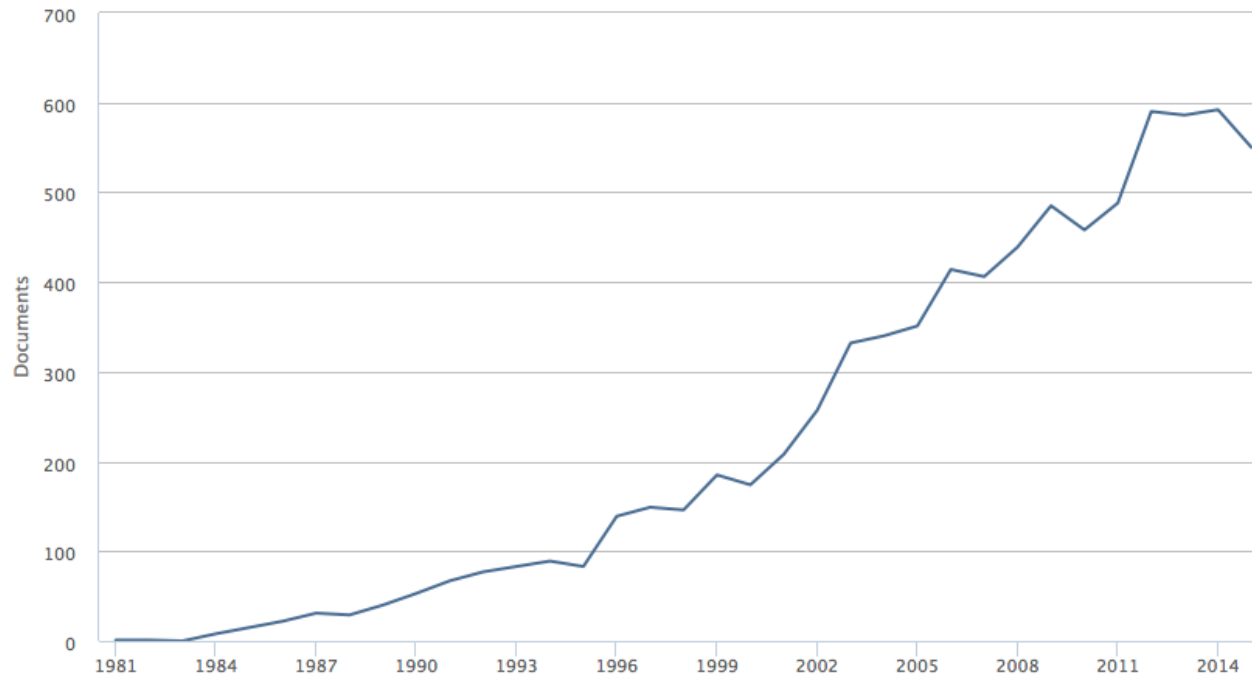
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1999	185

## Documents by year



# FMRI

## Publications: 2000-2016

- **More than 1000 papers** (31 PI's using the core)
  - 75% from NIMH
  - 20% from NINDS
  - 5-10% from other institutes
- **90000 citations**
- **H-index > 145**
- **Listing of all papers up to 2015:**

[https://fmrif.nimh.nih.gov/public/FMRIF\\_all\\_Aug2015.xlsx/at\\_download](https://fmrif.nimh.nih.gov/public/FMRIF_all_Aug2015.xlsx/at_download)

# FMRIF Scanner History

Time

1 Scanner

May, 2000: Installed **first GE 3T VHi**

2 Scanners

Nov, 2002: Installed **second GE 3T VHi**

3 Scanners

Aug, 2004: Inherited **GE 1.5T**

4 Scanners

Nov, 2007: Replaced **first GE 3T VHi** with **2 x GE 3T HDx**

Jan, 2011: Replaced **GE 3T VHi** with **Siemens 7T**

5 Scanners

June, 2011: Obtained **GE 750**

Aug, 2011: Replaced **GE 1.5T** with **Siemens Skyra 3T**

Spring, 2015: NIAAA 3T-Prisma operational (25% NIMH, 25% NINDS)

Jan 2017: Upgrade **2 x GE 3T HDx** with **2 X GE 730**

**Summer 2018 : NMR 7T (!)**

# FMRIF Scanners

3TA  
GE MR750



- GE 32-channel head coil
  - GE HNS coil
  - P31 loop coil
  - Quadrature spectroscopy coil (GABA experiments)
  - GE Quadrature head coil
- Gradient: 50 mT/m, Slew Rate: 200/m/s**

3TB



- GE 32-channel head coil
  - GE Quadrature head coil
  - Nova Medical 16-channel head-coil
- Gradient: 50 mT/m, Slew Rate: 200/m/s**

3TC



- GE 32-channel head coil
  - GE Quadrature head coil
  - Nova Medical 32-channel head coil
- Gradient: 50 mT/m, Slew Rate: 200T/m/s**

3TD  
Siemens  
Skyra



- Siemens 20-channel head coil
  - Siemens 32-channel head coil
  - Siemens 12-channel spine array (built into table)
- Gradient: 45 mT/m, Slew Rate: 200T/m/s**

7T  
Siemens



- Siemens 1-channel Tx / 32-channel Rx coil
  - Siemens 8-channel Tx / 32-channel Rx coil
  - QED dual-tuned 1H / 31P coil
- Gradient: 70 mT/m, Slew Rate: 200T/m/s**

NIAAA 3T: Siemens Prisma



- Siemens 20-channel head coil
  - Siemens 64-channel head-neck coil
  - Siemens 12-channel spine array (built into table)
- Gradient: 80 mT/m, Slew Rate: 200T/m/s**

other resources

## New NMR Center Opens

By Blair Gately

The NIH In Vivo NMR Research Center has opened in a one-story building adjacent to the Clinical Center's "D" wing.

The new facility, which was dedicated late last month, is the first centralized NMR facility on campus and will be the focus of biomedical NMR research, according to Dr. Cherie Fisk, Office of Research Services. It houses three nuclear magnetic resonance imaging and spectroscopy instruments, two for animal studies and one for patients.

Nuclear magnetic resonance is used to study anatomical and physiological processes in living systems. The new center has a 1.5 Tesla whole-body instrument and two wide-bore animal NMR machines, one with a 2 Tesla field and the other with a 4.7 Tesla field, and associated data stations and computer facilities. In addition, a 7 Tesla 10-cm spectrometer is there for special applications in NMR spectroscopy.

By having machines for both animal and human images in the center, researchers will be able to conduct directly analogous experiments.

The center also has a small patient care area with waiting, dressing and preparation rooms.

"This is a day many of us have been looking

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### NMR

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forward to for a long time," Dr. Edwin D. Becker, NIH associate director for research services, said at the dedication ceremony in the ACRF Amphitheater. "This facility is a cooperative and collegial effort by NIH's institutes."

The keynote speaker at the ceremony, Dr. E. Raymond Andrew, professor of physics and radiology, University of Florida, spoke about the impact of "NMR in Biomedicine."

"Nuclear magnetic resonance has become more important in biology and medicine over the last 10 years," he said. "Initially it was the province of the physicist, then the chemist, and



Dr. E. Raymond Andrew, professor of physics and radiology at the University of Florida, gave the keynote address at the opening of the NMR Center.

it has moved across the disciplines."

Andrew showed a series of slides of his own head and abdomen to illustrate the results of NMR imaging.

Dr. S. Morry Blumenfeld of General Electric Medical Systems, the prime contractor for establishment of the center, told the audience, "Our goal is the creation of a new diagnostic modality to bring to the clinician not only the physical attributes of a patient, but also information on the chemistry and biochemistry of abnormal tissues." GE designed, built, and equipped the new center.

Both imaging and spectroscopy make use of the magnetic quality of certain atomic nuclei.

The NMR phenomenon occurs when nuclei containing an odd number of protons and/or neutrons are introduced into a strong magnetic field. These nuclei behave as if they were spinning charges, and precess (gyrate like a top) in a preferred orientation in a strong magnetic field.

When a radio frequency (RF) pulse is introduced by a transmitter—often for only millionths of a second—the nuclear spins will reorient in the field and, as a whole, will absorb energy. Following the pulse, the nuclei "relax" to their original state. The time it takes the stimulated nuclei to relax after a burst of RF energy is a measurable quantity, charac-



Blending in evenly with the brick exterior of the Clinical Center is the one-story In Vivo NMR Research Center, adjacent to the CC's D wing.

teristic of a particular molecular environment.

The relaxation times of these nuclei and the RF frequency for resonance are of use in physics, chemistry, and biochemistry. The distribution in space of these nuclei can be used to obtain images.

While imaging of human anatomy is perhaps the most widely known aspect of NMR, the procedure has been used at NIH for more than 30 years for basic research in organic and physical chemistry, and, more recently, for biochemistry and physiology. NMR can provide information on the structure of molecules.

"I was introduced to NMR 30 years ago by Dr. Becker and I was impressed then and have been ever since with the power of this technique," said Dr. Joseph Rall, NIH deputy director for intramural research. "NIH is a good community for a center because of both the expertise and the clinical need that we have."

NMR was discovered in 1946 by two American scientists, Felix Bloch and Edward Purcell, who were awarded the Nobel prize in physics in 1952 for their work.

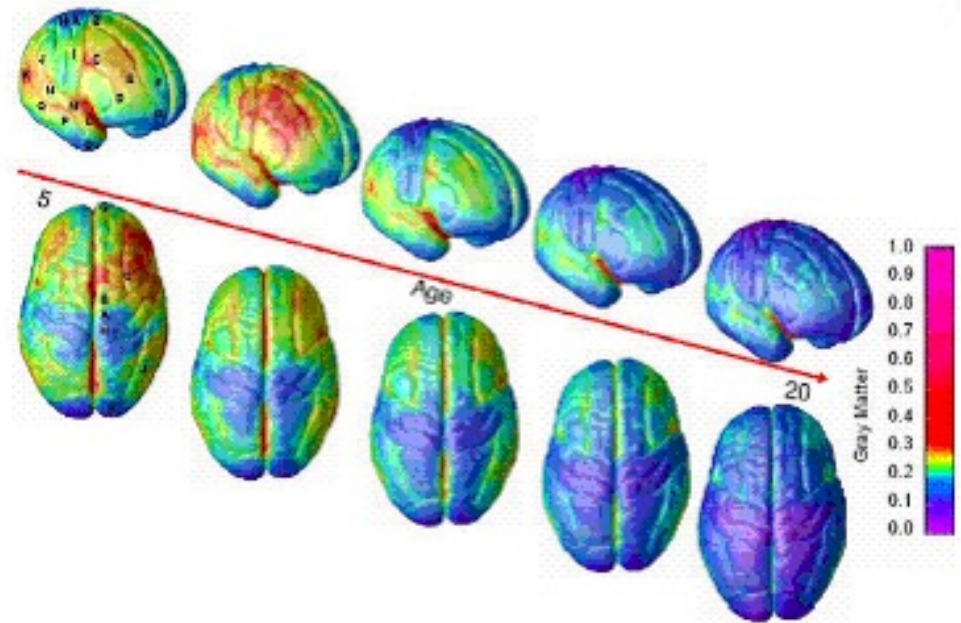
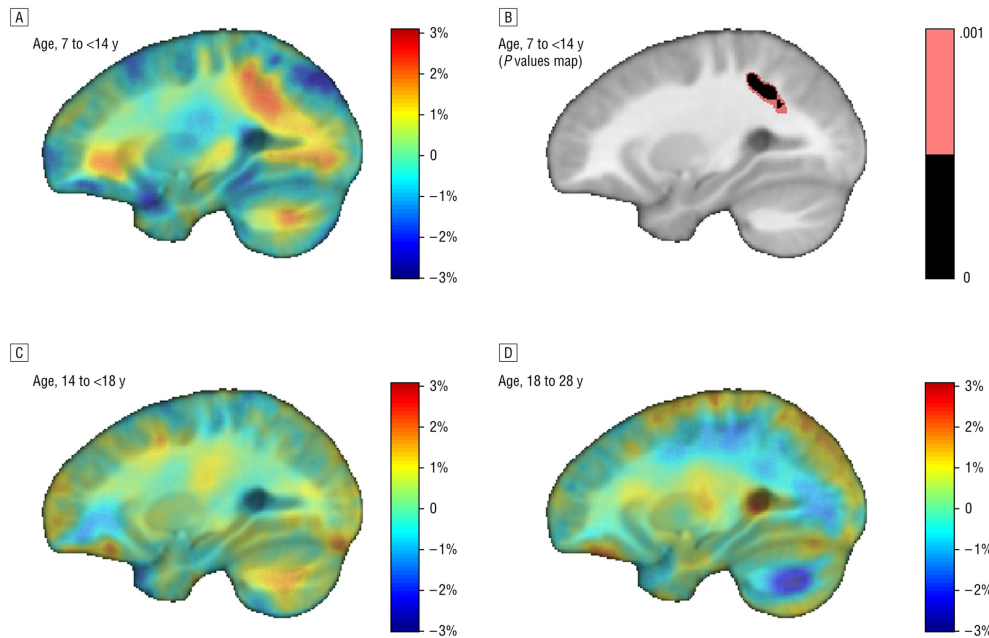


Inspecting the facilities in the recently opened In Vivo NMR Research Center are (from l) Dr. David Hoads and Dr. Ching-Nien Chen, BEIB; Judie Ireland, ORS; Dr. Andrew Dwyer and Dr. Joseph Frank, CC-Diagnostic Radiology Department.



# JUDY RAPOPORT/CHILDHOOD PSYCHIATRY

- Early studies of brain development
- Longitudinal studies of childhood onset schizophrenia
- Longitudinal studies of normal brain development

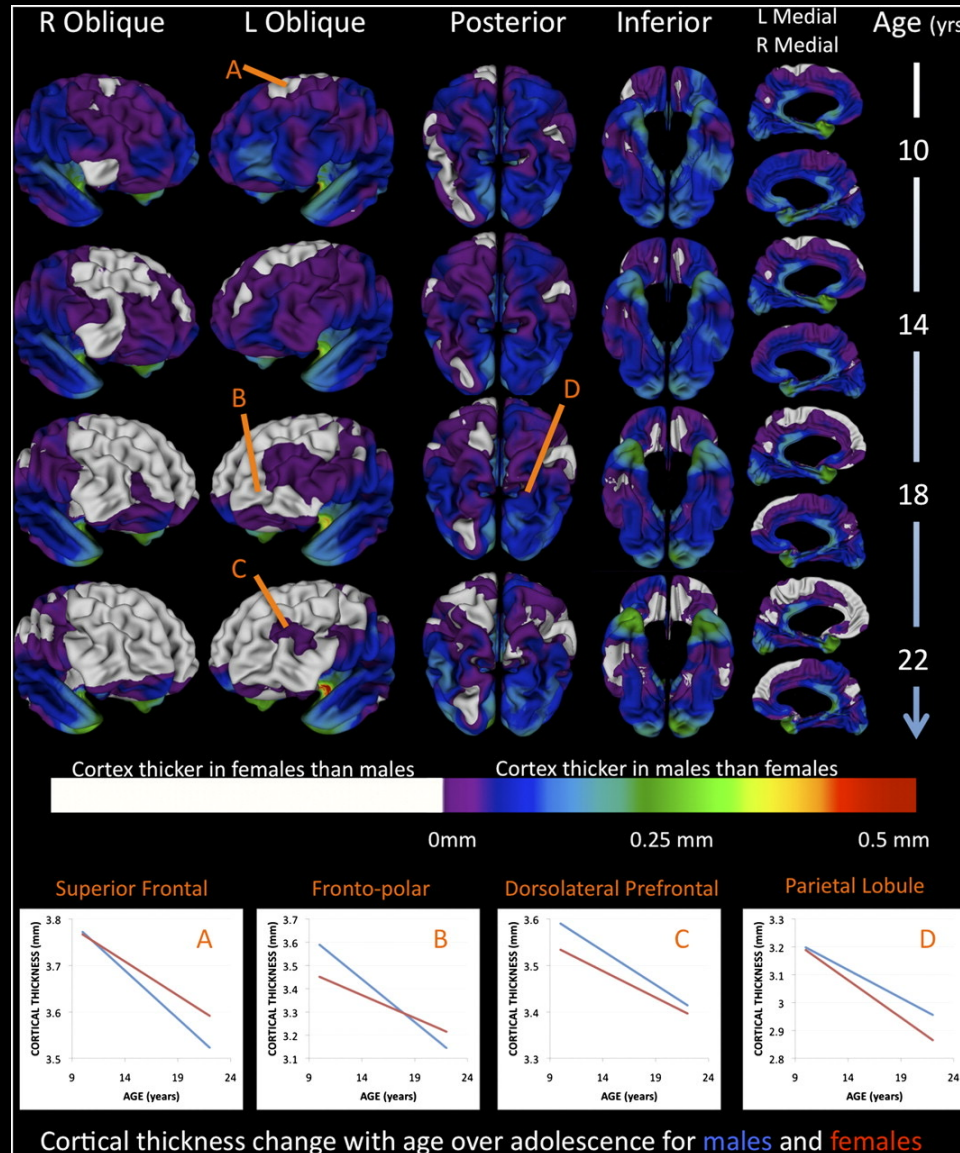


Longitudinal MRI, genomics



# ARMIN RAZNAHAN (DEVELOPMENTAL NEUROGENOMICS – AKA @BOGGLERAPTURE)

- Longitudinal MRI studies of brain development in children
- Linking genetics and environment to brain development
- Methodology – impact of motion on imaging-derived phenotypes

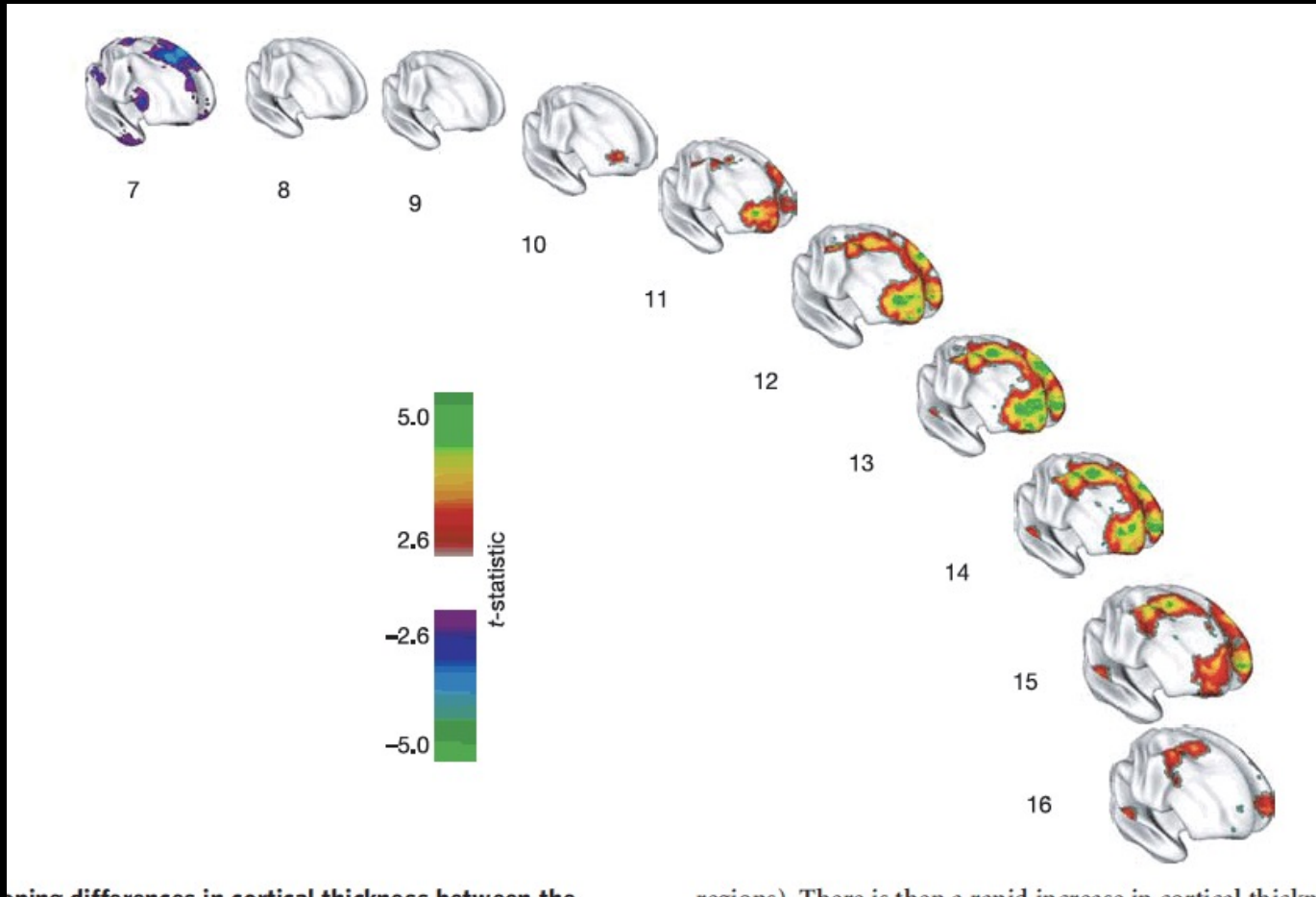


PROMO, longitudinal



# PHIL SHAW/NHGRI NEUROBEHAVIORAL UNIT

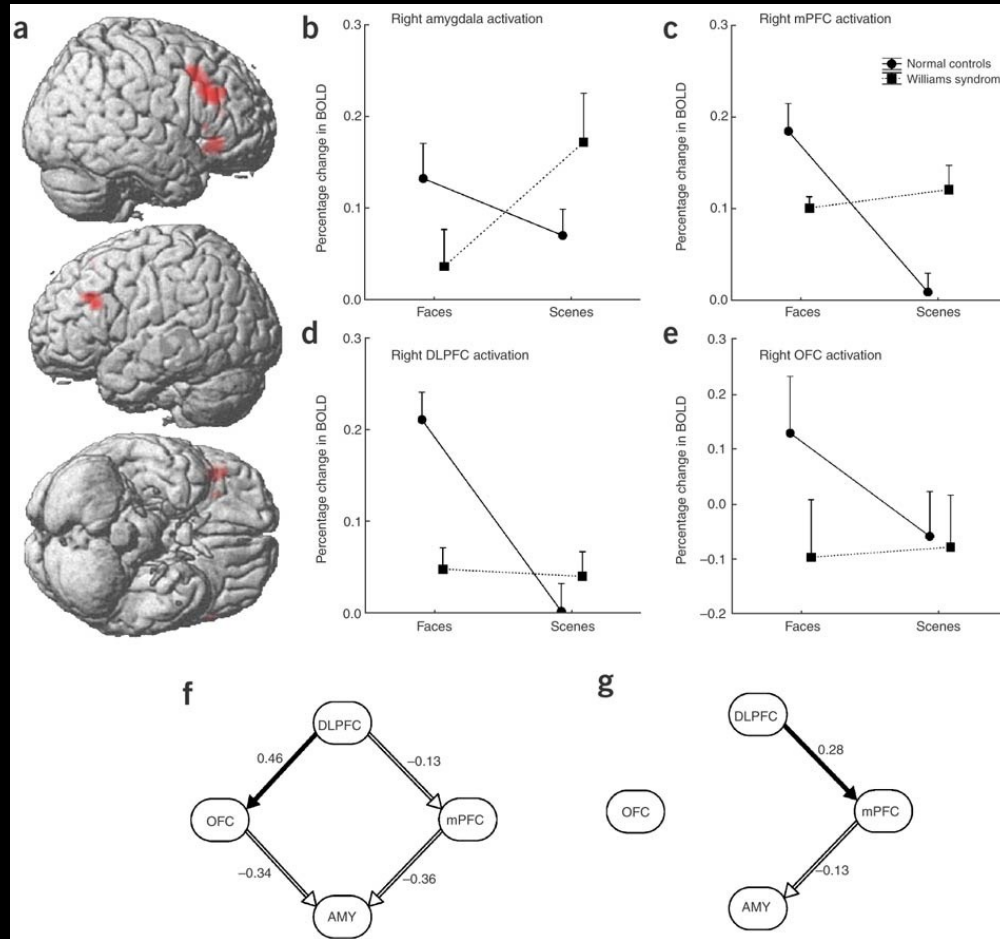
- Longitudinal studies of brain development in youths with ADHD
- CPB Alumnus / Well known studies of brain development & IQ etc
- Cortical development trajectories



- Intellectual ability and cortical development in children and adolescents, Shaw, P., et al (2006) Nature, 440 (7084), pp
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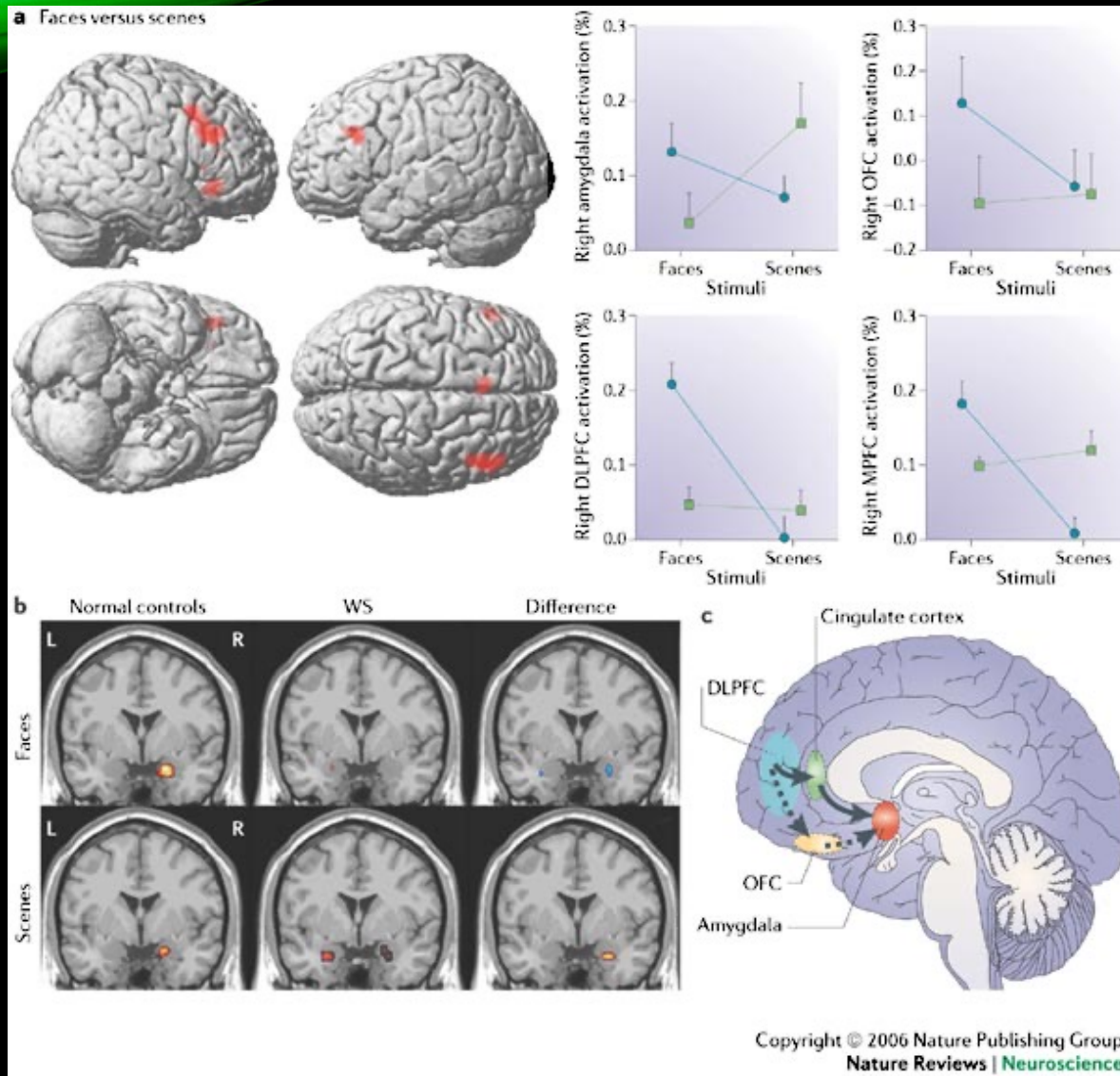


- Developmental neuropsychiatric disorders
- Genetics of social cognition (esp. Williams Syndrome)
- Multi-modality imaging



Use: eye-tracking, auditory  
In young children

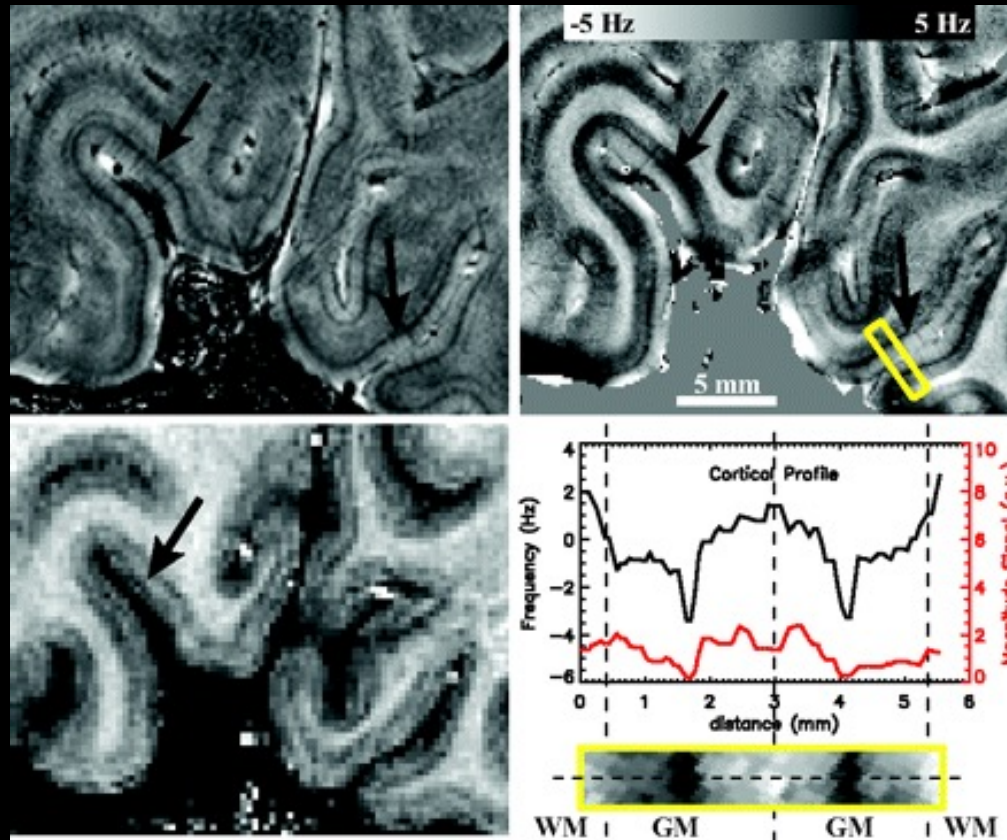
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# JEFF DUYN/ADVANCED MRI (METHODS DEVELOPMENT)

- Imaging methods/technology especially parallel imaging
- Magnetic susceptibility contrast imaging – mechanisms & applications
- Physiological basis of spontaneous brain activity
- pulse sequences and techniques esp for UHF imaging (7T & 11.7T)



Use: EEG/MRI,  
eye tracking (7T),  
custom pulse seq&rec

- High-field MRI of brain cortical substructure based on signal phase, Duyn, J.H. et al (2007) PNAS
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# PARALLEL IMAGING - 16 CHANNEL COIL FOR 3T

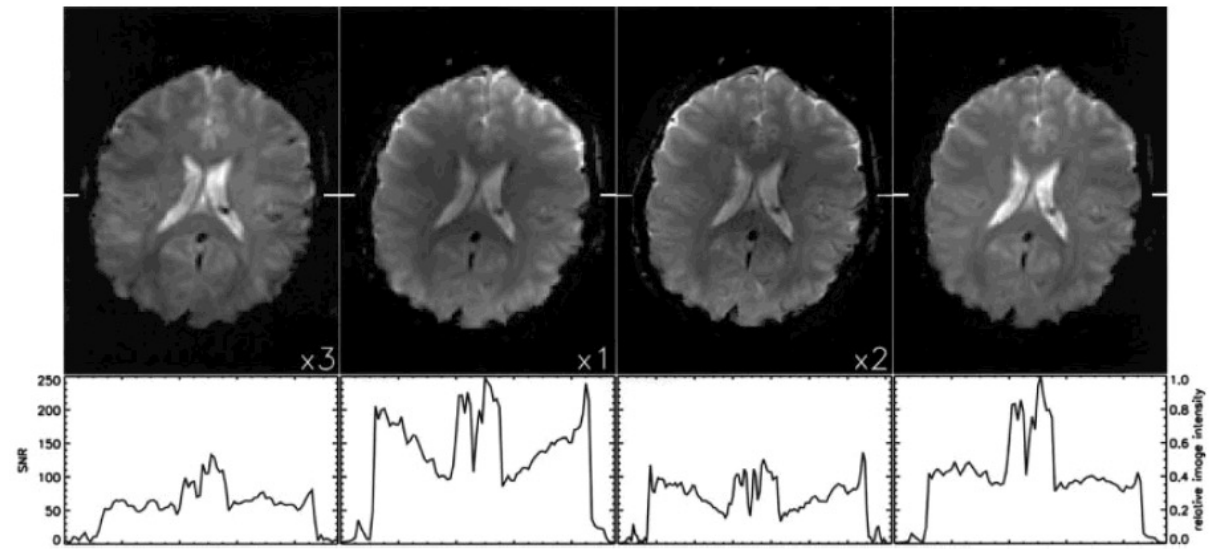
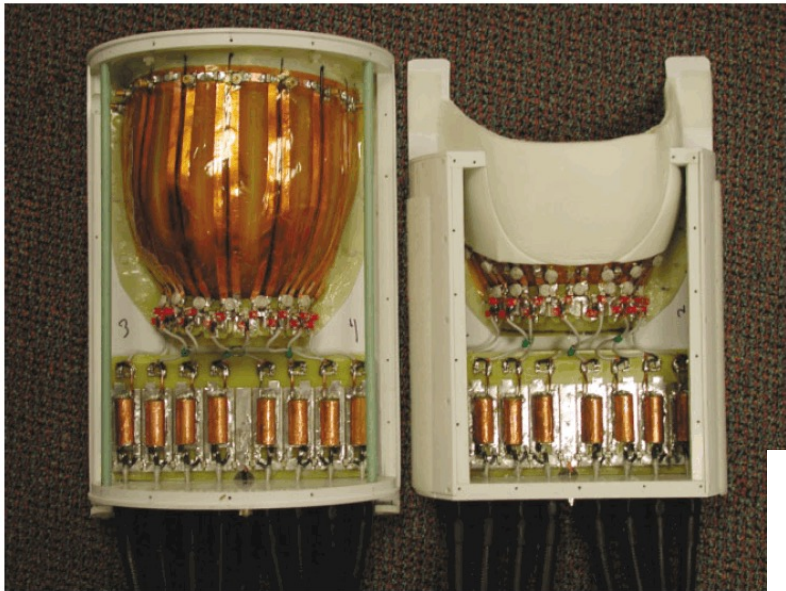
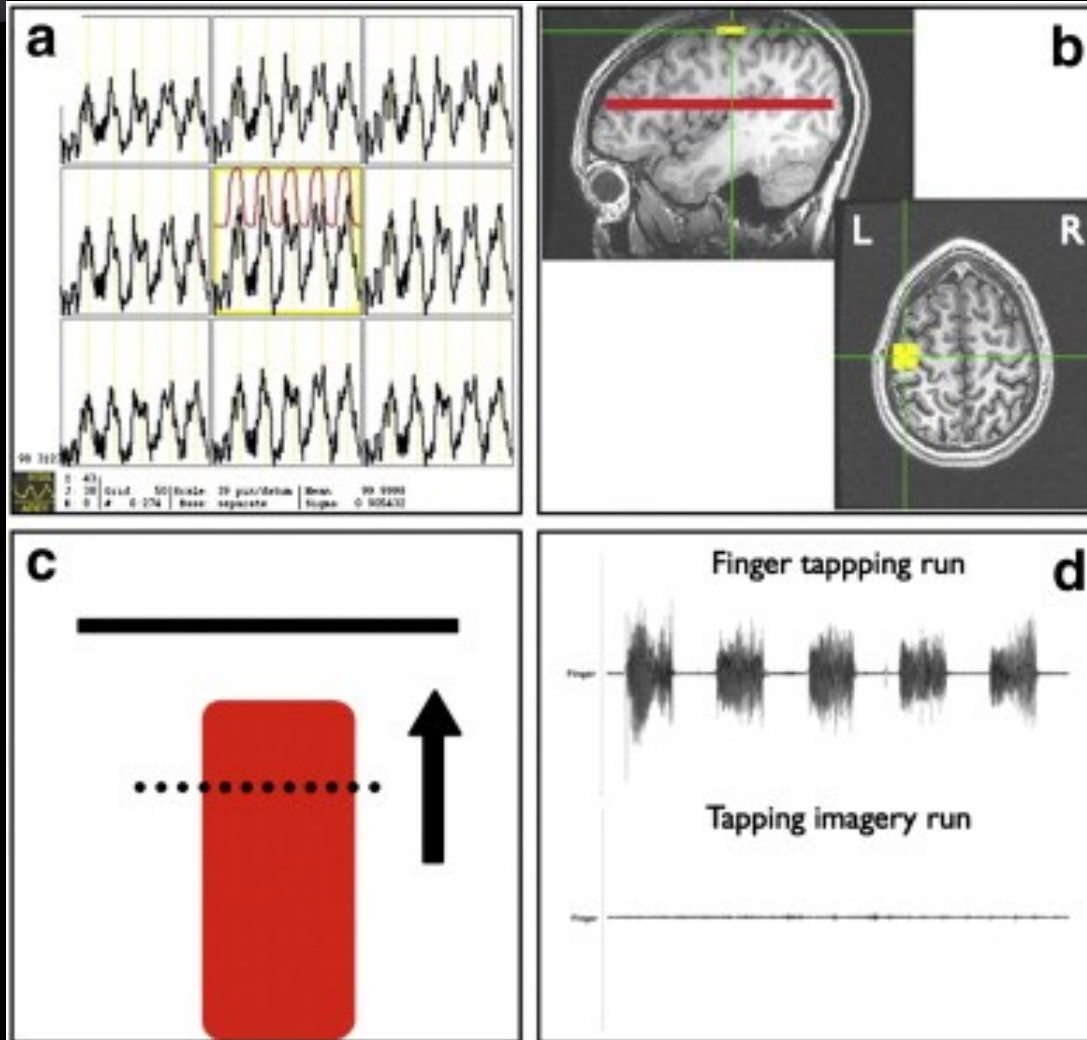


FIG. 2. Performance of the 16-channel coil compared to the standard 28-cm GE birdcage head coil. The top row shows a single slice of the acquired EPI data. The three leftmost images are SNR maps. Their relative scaling factor is indicated in the lower right corner of the image. The rightmost image shows the same data as in the second image, after intensity correction. Tick marks left and right in each image indicate the location of the profile shown below it. The first column shows single-shot EPI data from the birdcage head coil ( $128 \times 96$  resolution). Data in all other columns were acquired with the 16-channel coil. Data in the second and third columns were acquired at respectively the same ( $128 \times 96$ ) and higher ( $192 \times 144$ , rate-2 SENSE) spatial resolution. Note that the scaling of the rightmost column is arbitrary. See text for more details.



# MARK HALLETT/HUMAN MOTOR CONTROL SECTION

- Evaluating motor disorders with FMRI, rsMRI, MRS
- FMRI neurofeedback / treating movement disorders
- Motor learning in dystonia and healthy controls



- Voon et al, Dopamine and impulse control

Use: eeg/fmri, RT-feedback stimulators, force-measurement



# LESLIE UNGERLEIDER/NEUROCIRCUITY SECTION

Early fMRI adopter

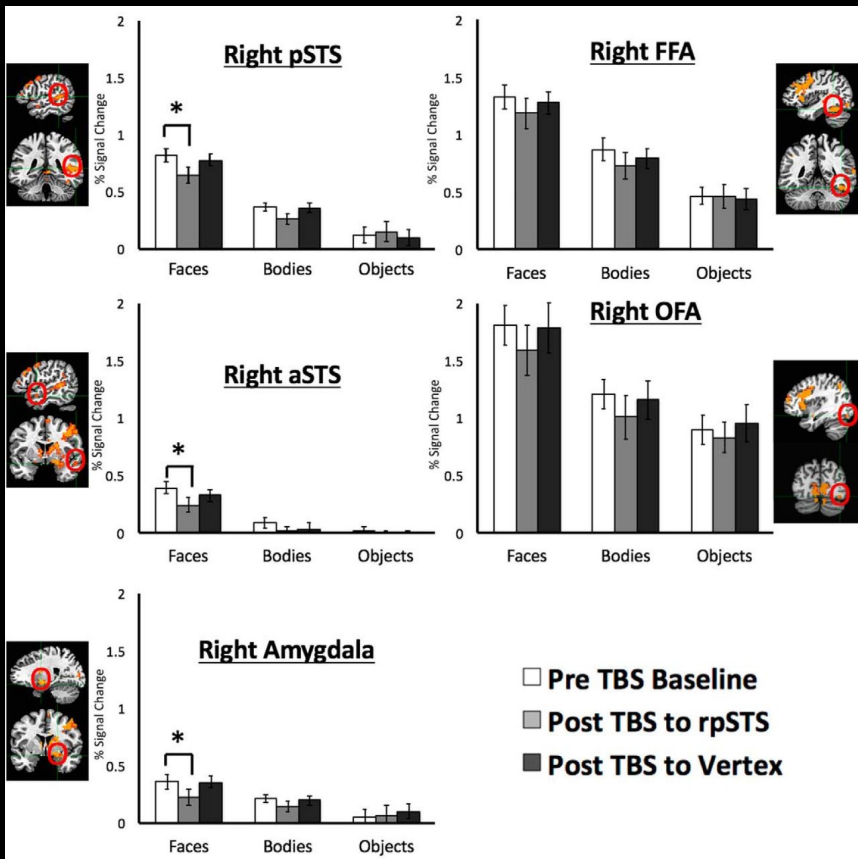
Functional architecture of perceptual and attentional systems

Functional anatomy of face processing

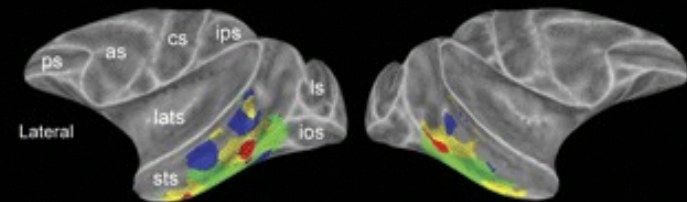
Primate imaging/anatomical studies

Combining TMS and fMRI

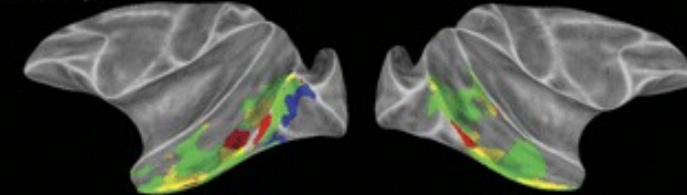
First studies with concurrent ultrasonic stimulation



Monkey E



Monkey J



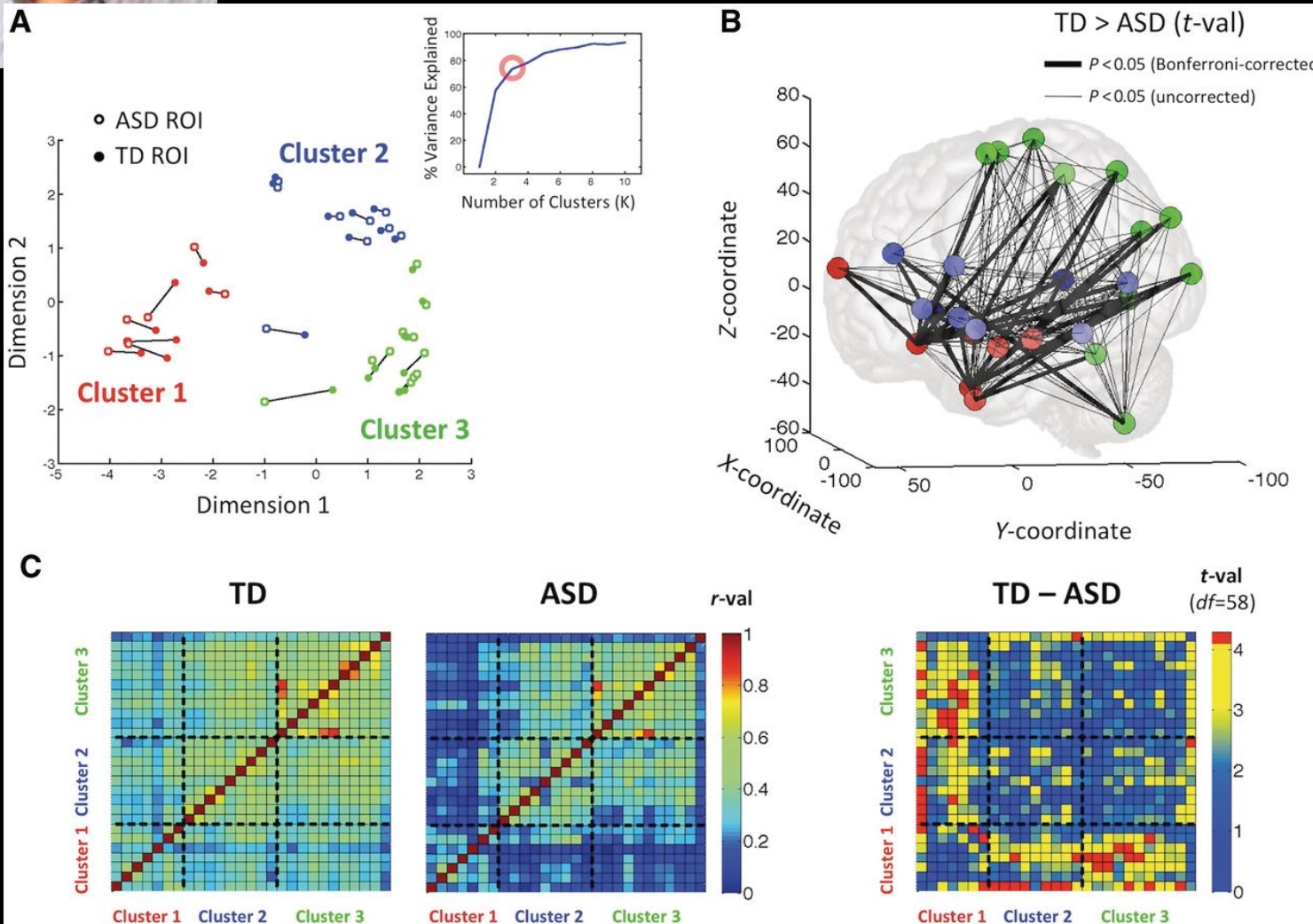
Human



Use: eye tracking, TMS  
Primate fMRI

Left Hemisphere Right Hemisphere  
 ■ Faces ■ Body Parts ■ Objects ■ Places

- Object and category semantic representation in cortex
- Representation of social network information in normals & autistics



- [Gotts S J et al. Brain 2012;135:2711-2725](#)

Use: gustatory input, speech output (noise cancelling microphone, etc)



# Unraveling multisensory integration: patchy organization within human STS multisensory cortex

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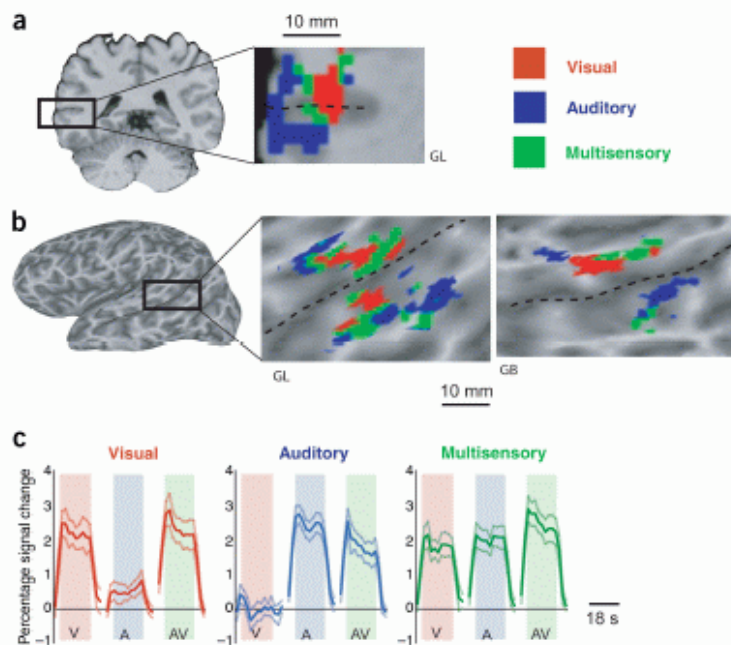
Although early sensory cortex is organized along dimensions encoded by receptor organs, little is known about the organization of higher areas in which different modalities are integrated. We investigated multisensory integration in human superior temporal sulcus using recent advances in parallel imaging to perform functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) at very high resolution. These studies suggest a functional architecture in which information from different modalities is brought into close proximity via a patchy distribution of inputs, followed by integration in the intervening cortex.

The human superior temporal sulcus multisensory area (STS-MS) is important for integrating auditory and visual information about objects, speech, letters and other behaviorally relevant stimuli<sup>1–4</sup>. Electrophysiological recording studies from macaque monkeys demonstrate that individual neurons in monkey STS may respond only to auditory stimuli, only to visual stimuli, or both to auditory and to visual stimuli<sup>5,6</sup>. Although it is reasonable to assume that similar neuronal response properties exist in human STS-MS, there has been no direct evidence for this. Additionally, electrophysiological and functional neuroimaging studies to date have provided no information on the topographic organization of these different types of neurons.

One possibility is that the STS-MS is organized as a homogeneous mixture of auditory, visual and auditory-visual neurons. Arguing against this idea is the observation from tracer injection studies that auditory and visual projections to monkey STS lie in non-overlapping domains<sup>7</sup>. This patchy organization is on a scale of 1–2 mm (ref. 8). Owing to technical limitations, standard-resolution fMRI uses voxels that are too large (40–70 mm<sup>3</sup>) to observe fine structure within cortical areas. Recent advances in multichannel MRI receivers<sup>9</sup> and whole-brain surface coil phased arrays<sup>10</sup> provide improved signal-to-noise

ratio and permit the acquisition of high-resolution fMRI data with significantly more flexibility than single surface coils<sup>11,12</sup>, making them ideally suited to study the STS-MS.

We mapped the STS-MS in human subjects using standard-resolution fMRI and either videos of tools (for example, a hammer making a hammering motion), recordings of



**Figure 1** Patchy organization within the STS-MS. (a) Coronal section with enlargement of the left STS (dashed line). Colors show relative response to unisensory visual (V) and auditory (A) tools. Orange (visual patches):  $V > A$ ,  $P < 0.05$ . Blue (auditory patches):  $A > V$ ,  $P < 0.05$ . Green (multisensory patches):  $A = V$ ,  $P < 0.05$ . Two-letter code (GL) indicates subject identity. (b) Lateral view of the left hemisphere of an inflated cortical surface model, with enlargement showing the STS-MS in two subjects. Same color scale as in a. (c) Average MR time series across subjects ( $n = 8$ ). Three graphs showing the response in visual (left), auditory (middle) and multisensory (right) patches to the three stimulus types (pink shaded region, V, response to visual tools; blue shaded region, A, response to auditory tools; green shaded region, AV, response to multisensory tools) and fixation baseline (non-shaded regions). Thick line, mean response; thin line, s.e.m.

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# PETER BANDETTINI/FUNCTIONAL IMAGING METHODS

- Maximizing information that can be extracted from fMRI time series
- Multi-echo EPI for improved fMRI & rs-fMRI clustering
- Mass averaging reveals widespread BOLD activation
- Understanding rsfMRI mechanisms and confounds
- Information mapping/decoding fMRI

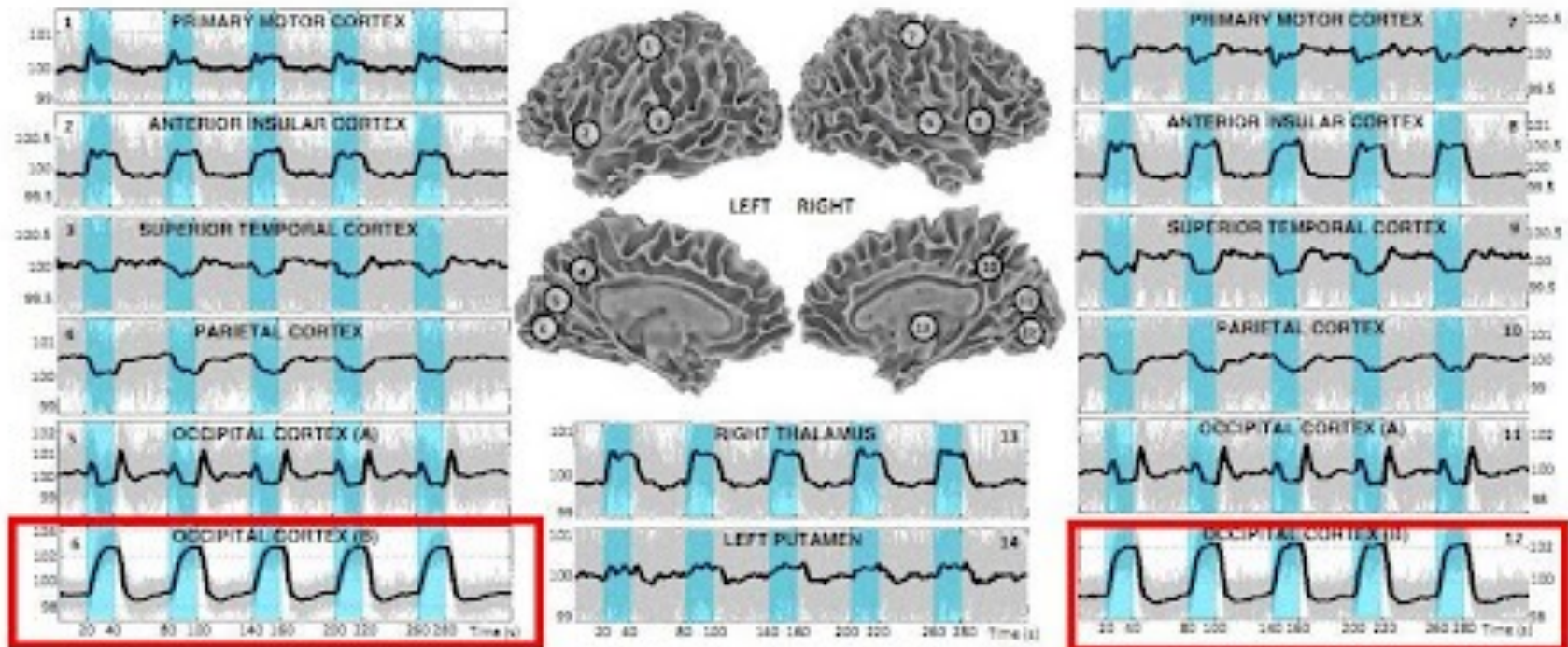
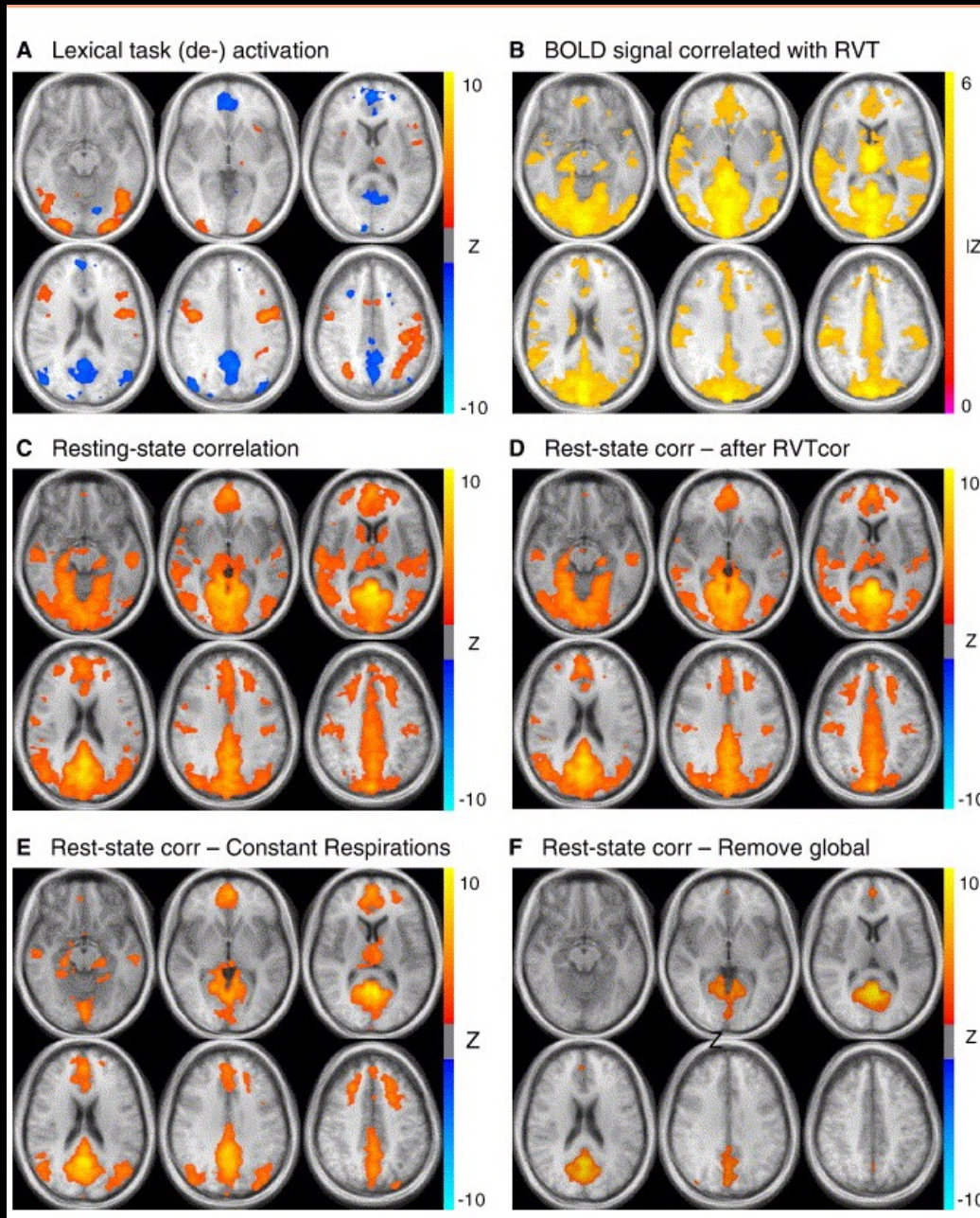
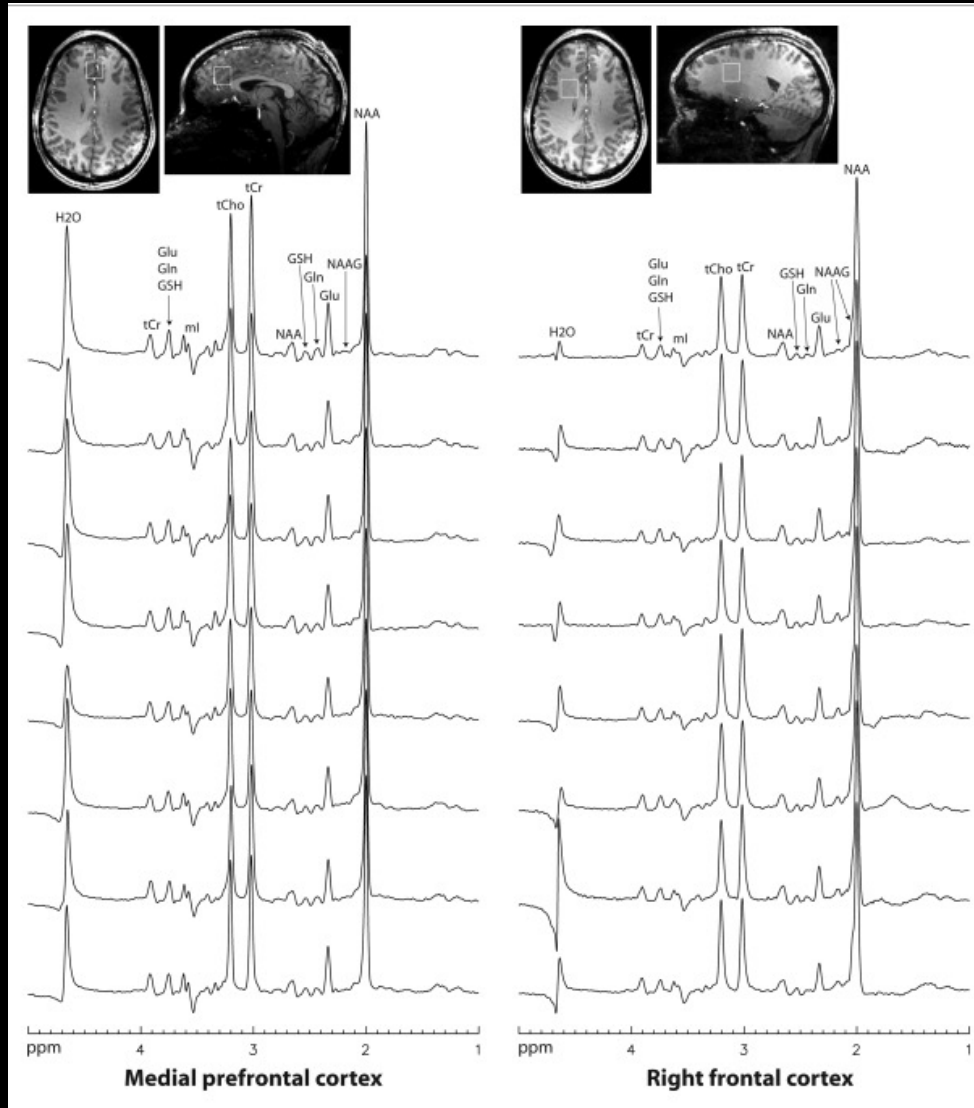


Fig. 2. Time-series for a subset of statistically significant voxels. For each voxel the 100 individual measures are plotted in gray and their average in black.

# SEPARATING RESPIRATORY-VARIATION-RELATED FLUCTUATION FROM NEURONAL-ACTIVITY-RELATED FLUCTUATIONS IN FMRI (BIRN ET AL)



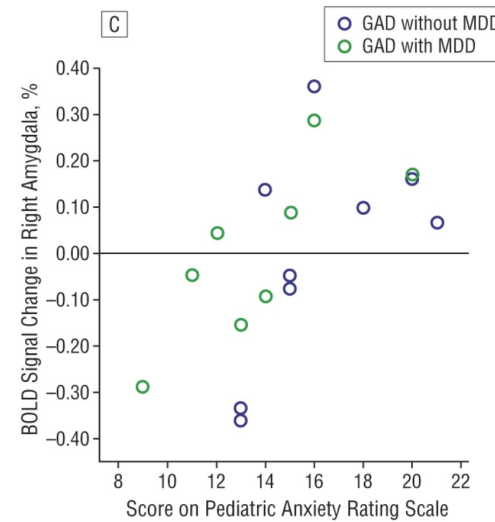
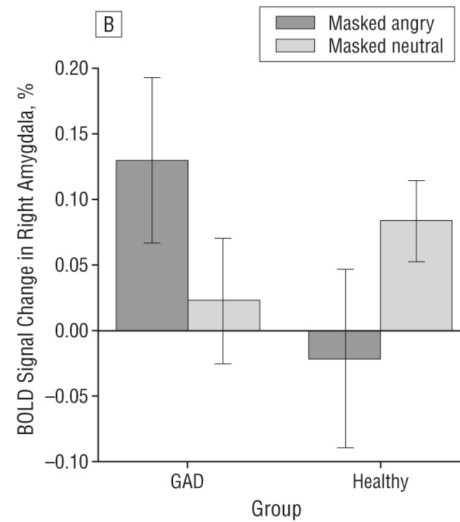
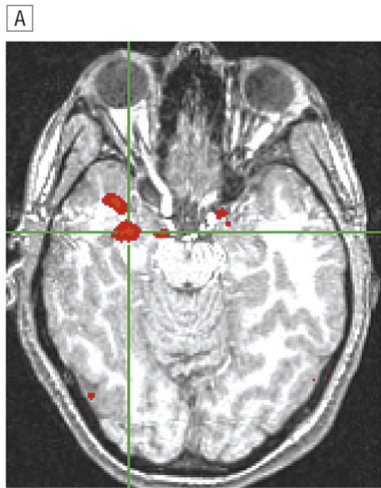
- MRS methods development
- $^{13}\text{C}$  / Glu / Gln / GSH (glutathione) quantification



(use: everything MRS)

# DANIEL PINE/ DEVELOPMENTAL & AFFECTIVE NEUROSCIENCE

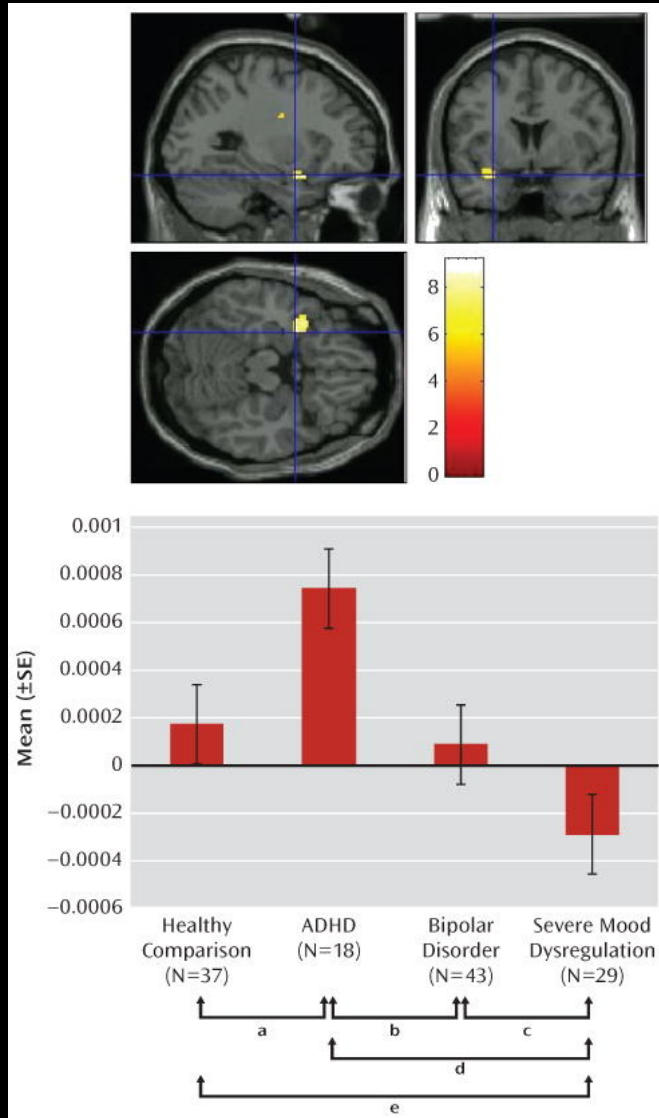
- fMRI studies pediatric & adolescent anxiety
- Fear and threat processing in adolescent patient groups



Use: eye tracking, skin conductance

# ELLEN LEIBENLUFT/BIPOLAR DISORDERS

- Brain mechanisms in childhood bipolar
- FMRI of adolescents with severe irritability



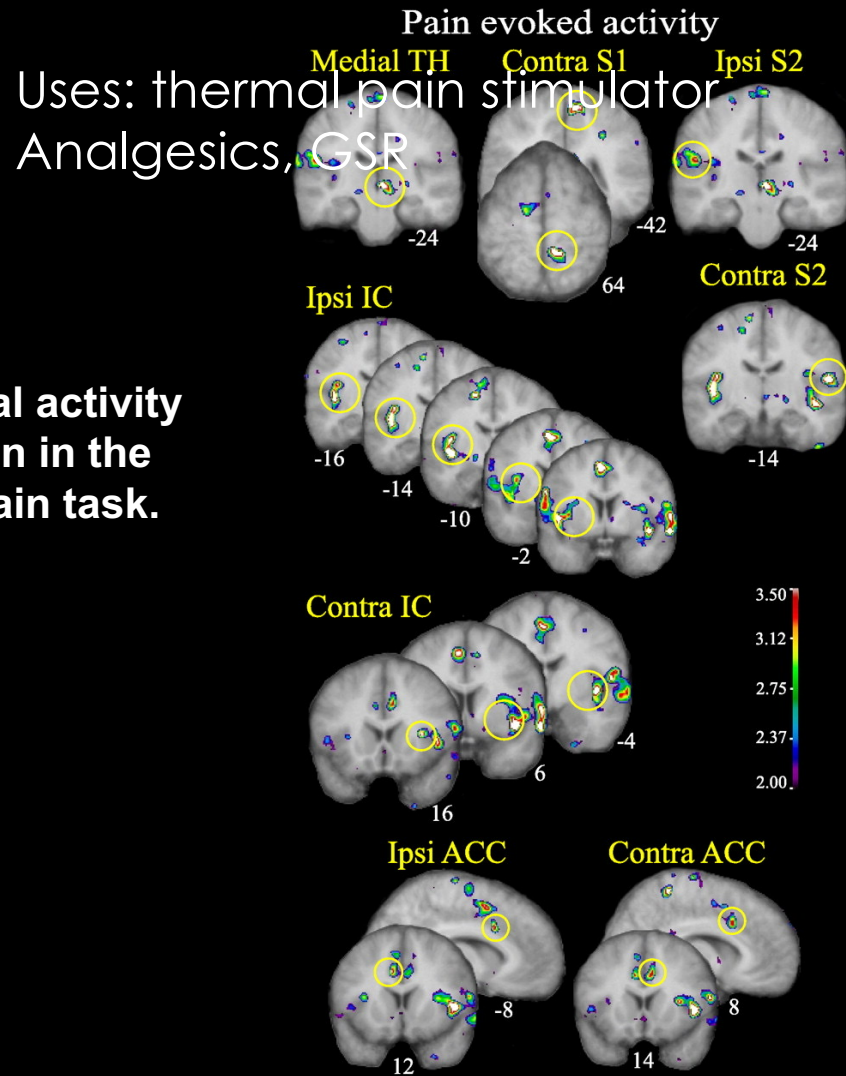
- Cross-sectional & longitudinal abnormalities in brain structure in children with SMD or BD (Adelman et al, 2012)
- Amygdala activation during emotion processing of neutral faces in children with severe mood dysregulation versus ADHD or bipolar disorder (Brotman et al, AM. J Psychiatry, 2010)





# Catherine Bushnell/NCCIH

- Recruited from McGill in 2013
- Pioneer in imaging studies of pain perception and cognition



Thalamic and cortical activity evoked by heat pain in the alternating warm/pain task.

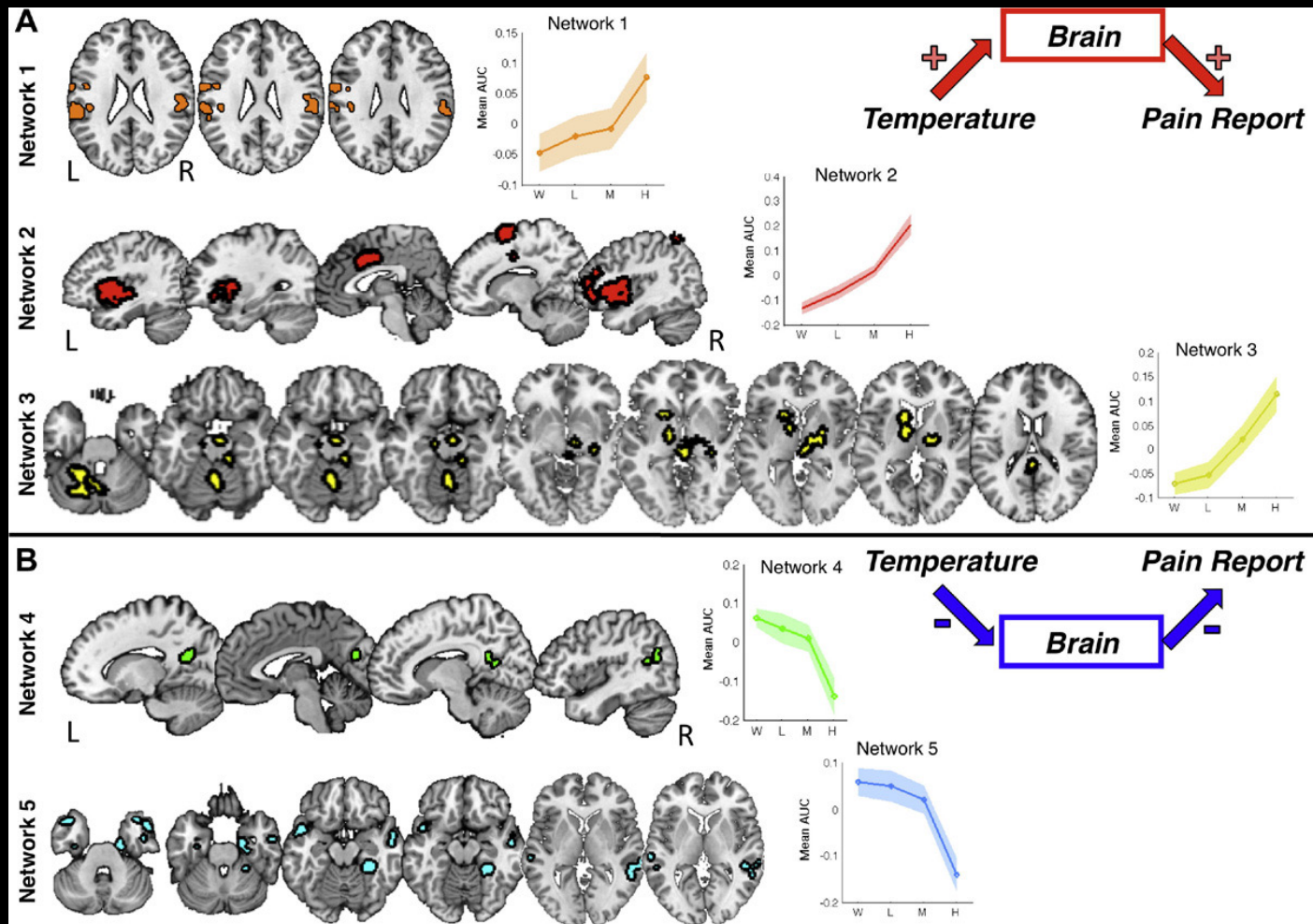
Chantal Villemure, and M. Catherine Bushnell J. Neurosci. 2009;29:705-715



Lauren Atlas/NCCIH  
(Affective Neuroscience & Pain)

Recruited from NYU in 2015  
studies of how belief and expectation influence  
pain perception

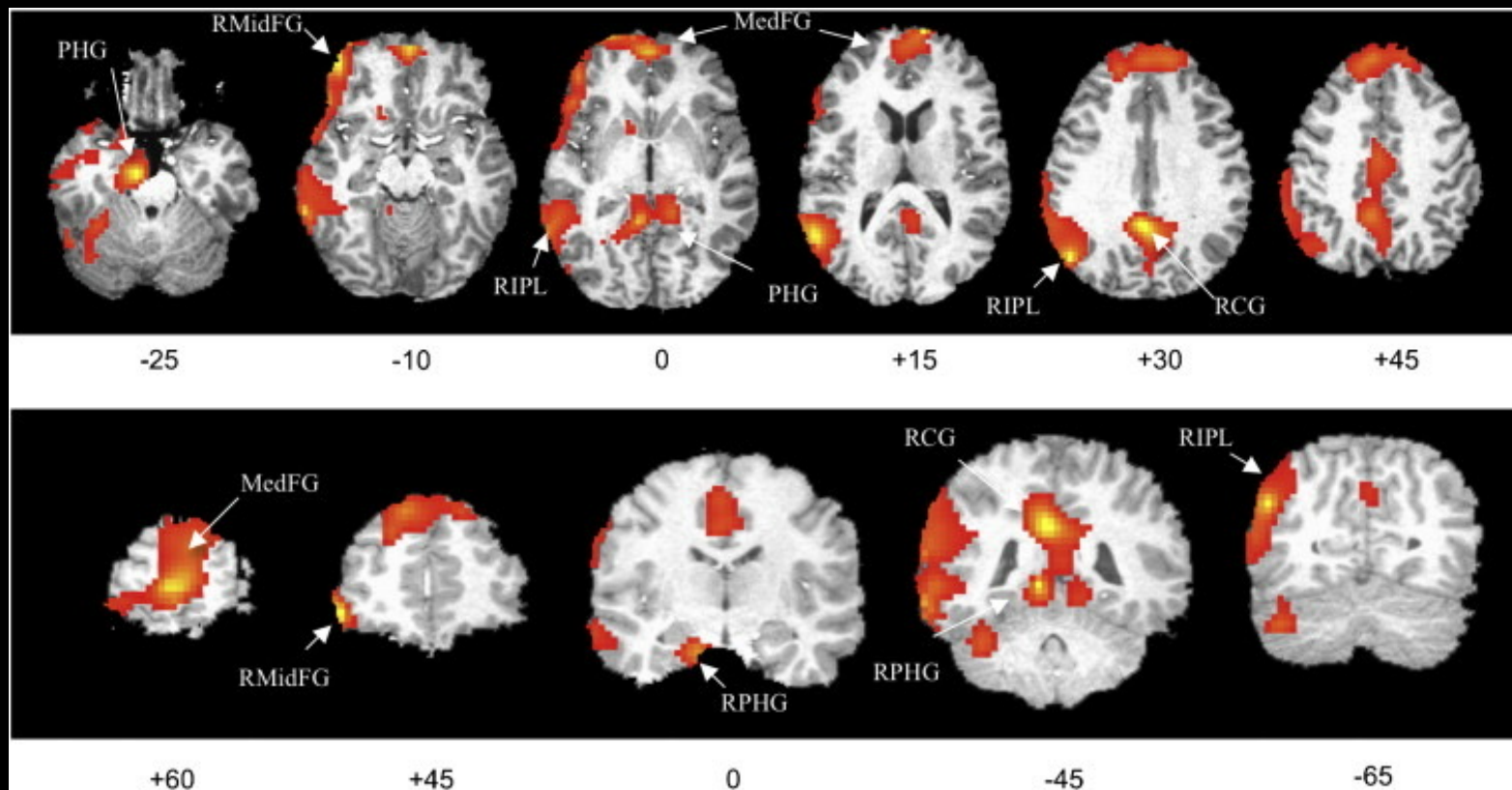
Uses: thermal pain stimulator  
Analgesics, eye tracking, GSR





# ERIC WASSERMAN/BEHAVIORAL NEUROLOGY UNIT

- FMRI Studies of brain stimulation (TMS / tDCS)
- Validating NIRS with FMRI
- Interventional studies of neural plasticity with tDCS

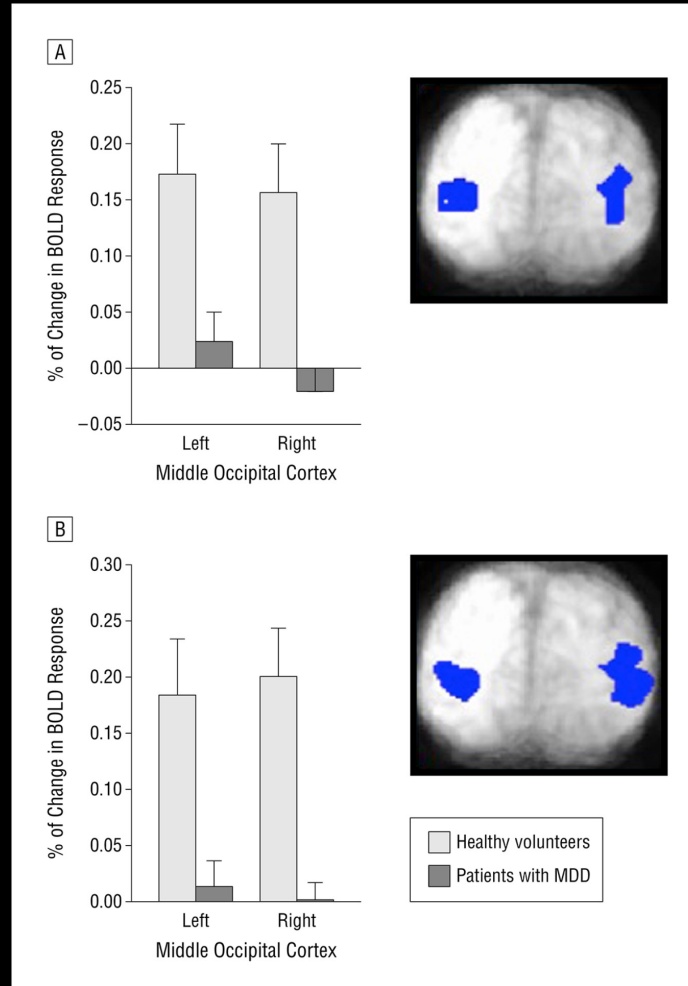


Use: TMS, tDCS, NIRS



# CARLOS ZARATE/EXPERIMENTAL THERAPEUTICS

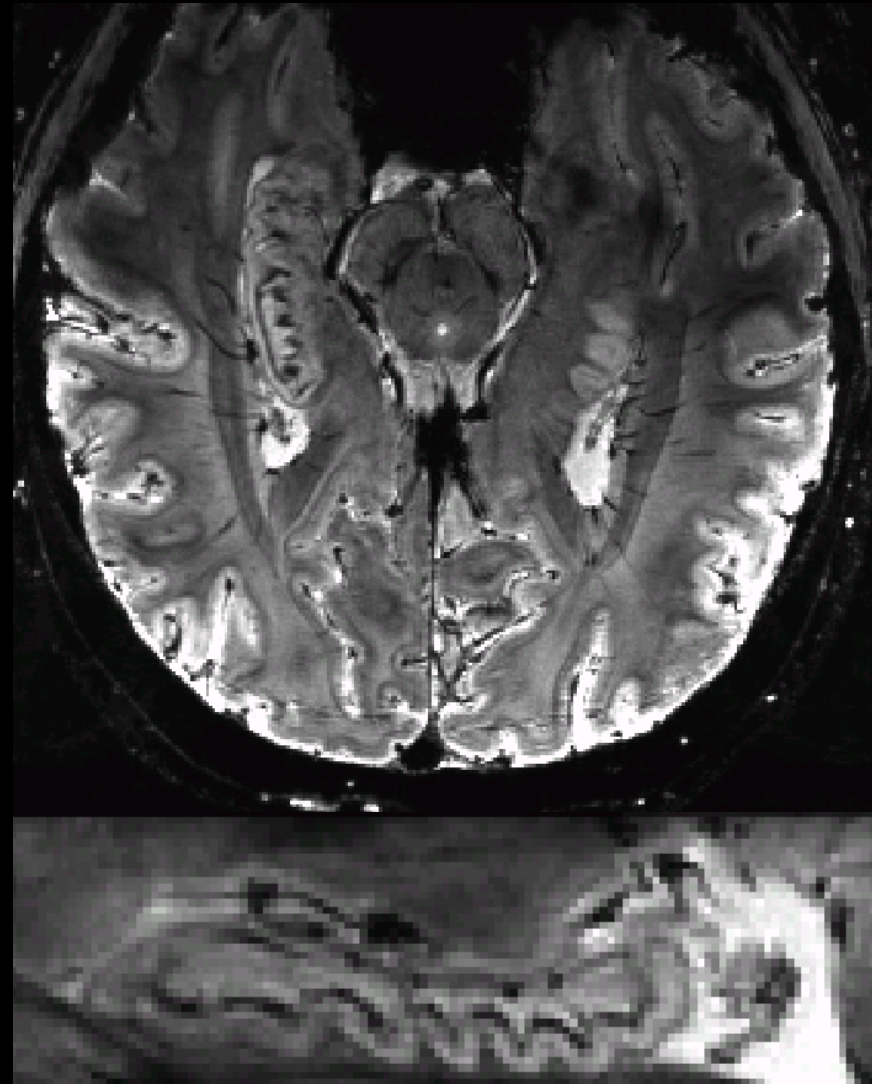
- Multimodal studies of fast-acting glutamatergic antidepressants
- Functional MRS
- High resolution studies of hippocampal structures linked to MDD



Use: High-res 7T anatomy  
fMRS,

# MAJOR DEPRESSIVE DISORDER (MDD) AND BRAIN STRUCTURE

- High resolution hippocampal mapping at 7T
- Assessing curvature, surface area, and shape
- 0.5mm iso, T2\* weighted (48 slices, 7min acq)



# 7T MRI (fMRI) – 2011

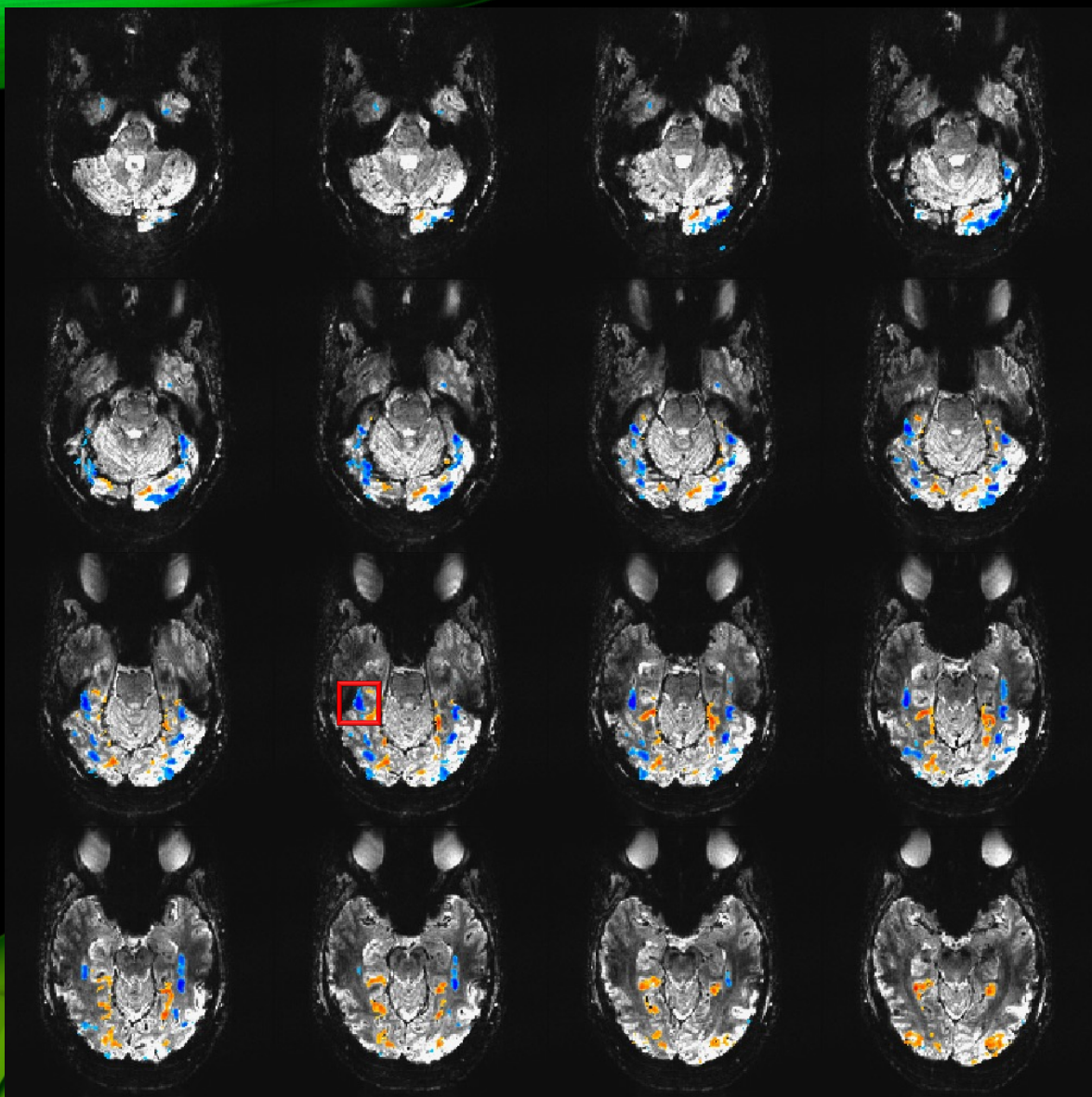


Actively-shielded 7T MRI

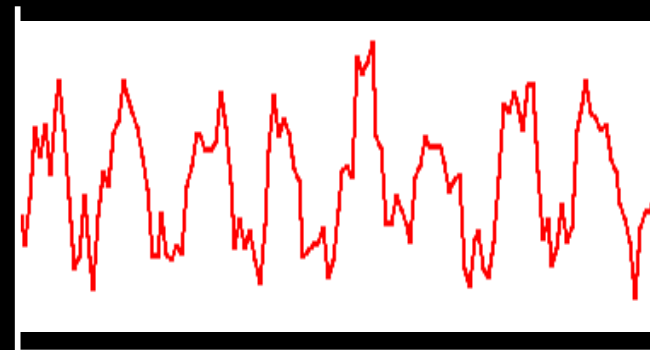
- ❖ Actively shielded, body gradient
- ❖ Sub-mm anatomical (T1, T2)
- ❖ EPI (0.8 – 1.6mm<sup>3</sup>)



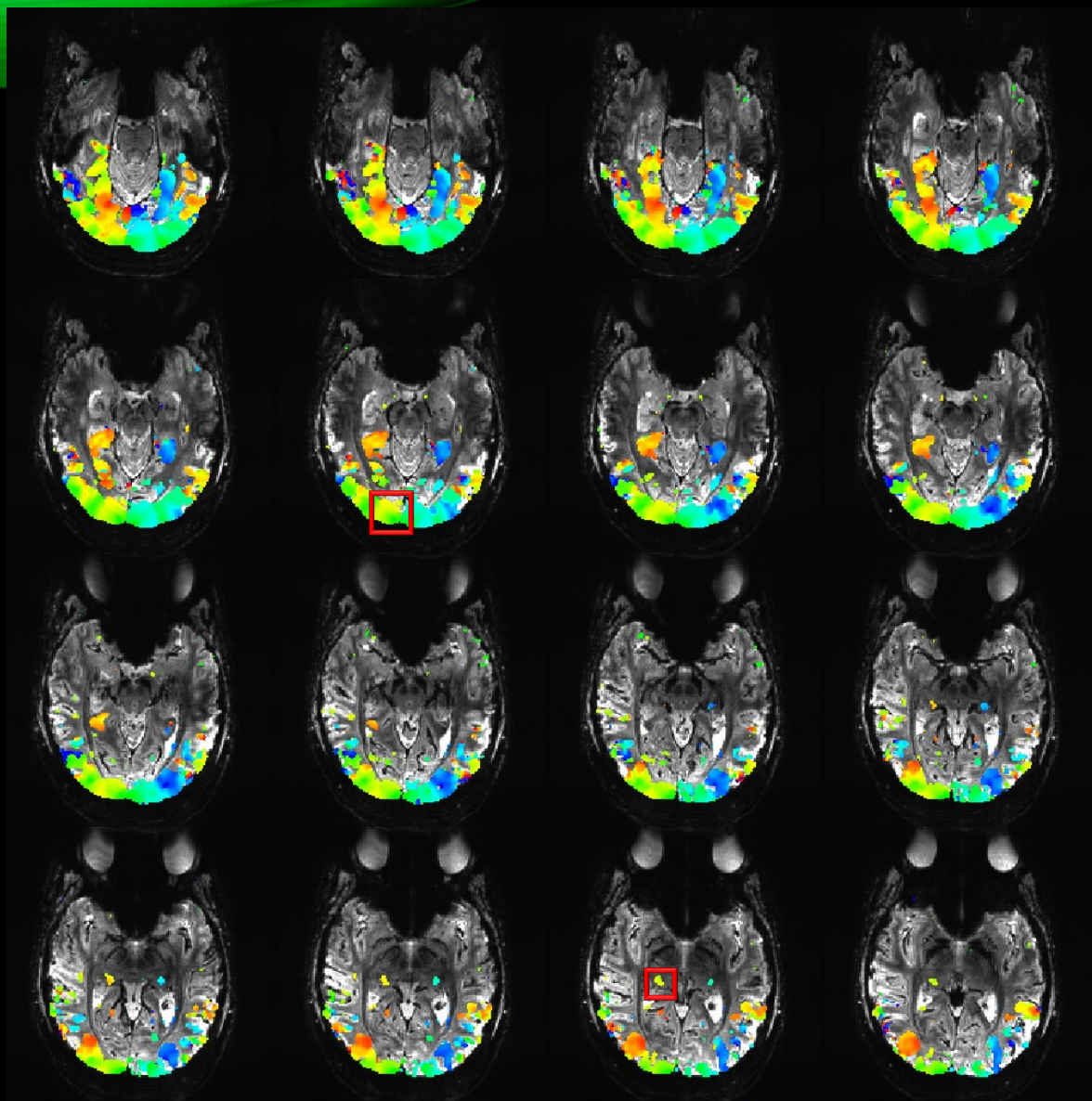
32-channel head coil



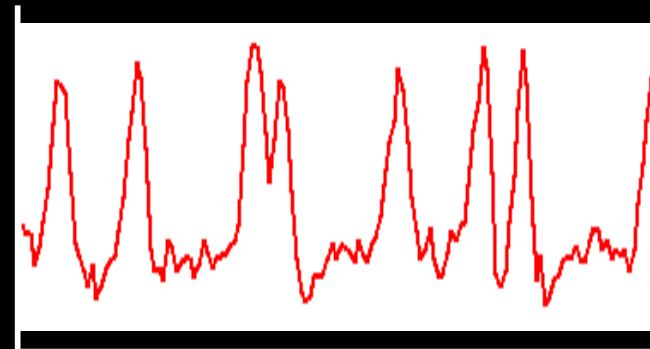
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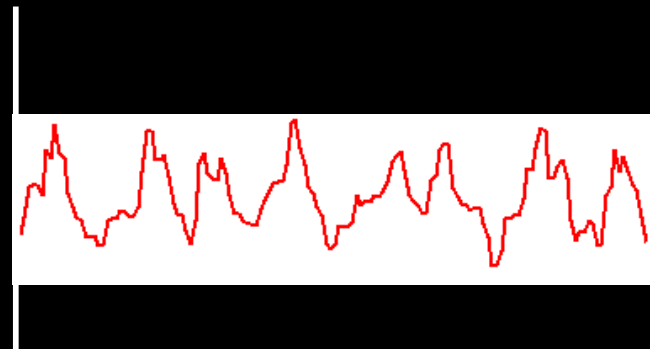
Courtesy: Silson & Baker



R V1



R LGN

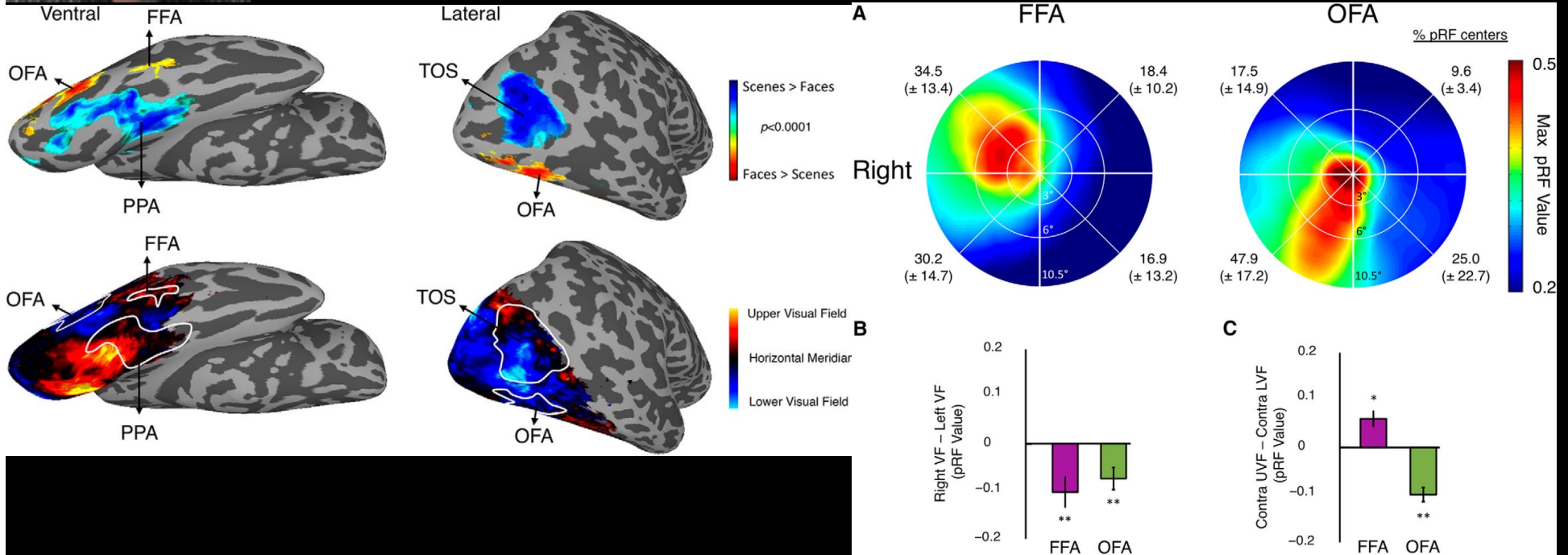






# CHRIS BAKER/UNIT ON LEARNING AND PLASTICITY

- Object, face and body representations in the human brain/task eff
- Neural basis of visual object learning/
- Interaction between bottom-up & top-down processing
- Engaged in debate on circularity artifacts / 7T methods



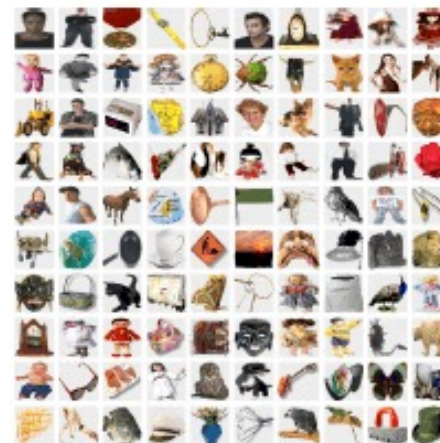
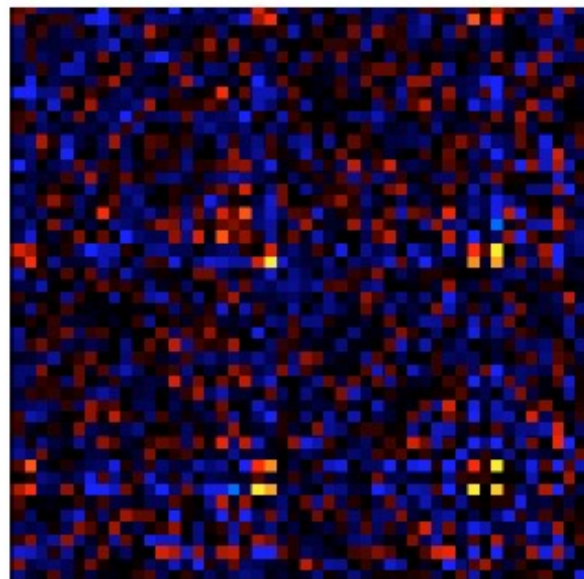
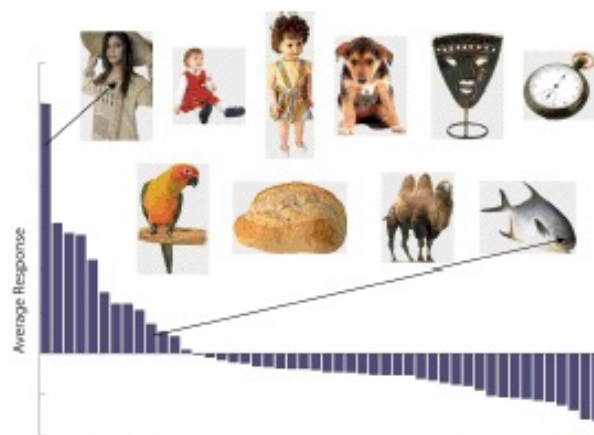
- Circular analysis in systems neuroscience: the dangers of double dipping. Kriegeskorte, N., et al (2009) Nature neuroscience,
- A new neural framework for visuospatial processing Kravitz, D.J., et al (2011) Nature Reviews Neuroscience,
- Real-world scene representations in high-level visual cortex: It's the spaces more than the places Kravitz, D.J., et al (2011) Journal of Neuroscience
- Goal-dependent dissociation of visual and prefrontal cortices during working memory Lee, S.-H., Kravitz, D.J., Baker, C.I. (2013) Nature Neurosci

# SINGLE-ITEM SINGLE-EVENT

## Probing representations with 768 unique conditions

To avoid bias in our sample we chose 768 stimuli from a commercial object database (48 categories \* 16 exemplars). We then extracted responses from our independently defined ROIs.

### Right FFA



Subject 1



Subject 2

We can recover face-selectivity from the responses to single stimuli.

# 7T FMRI HIGH-RESOLUTION FMRI AT 7T

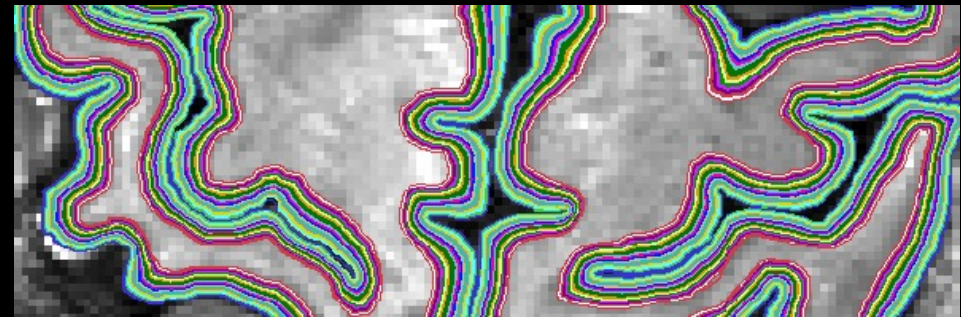


0  $\Delta$ CBV [ml] 2



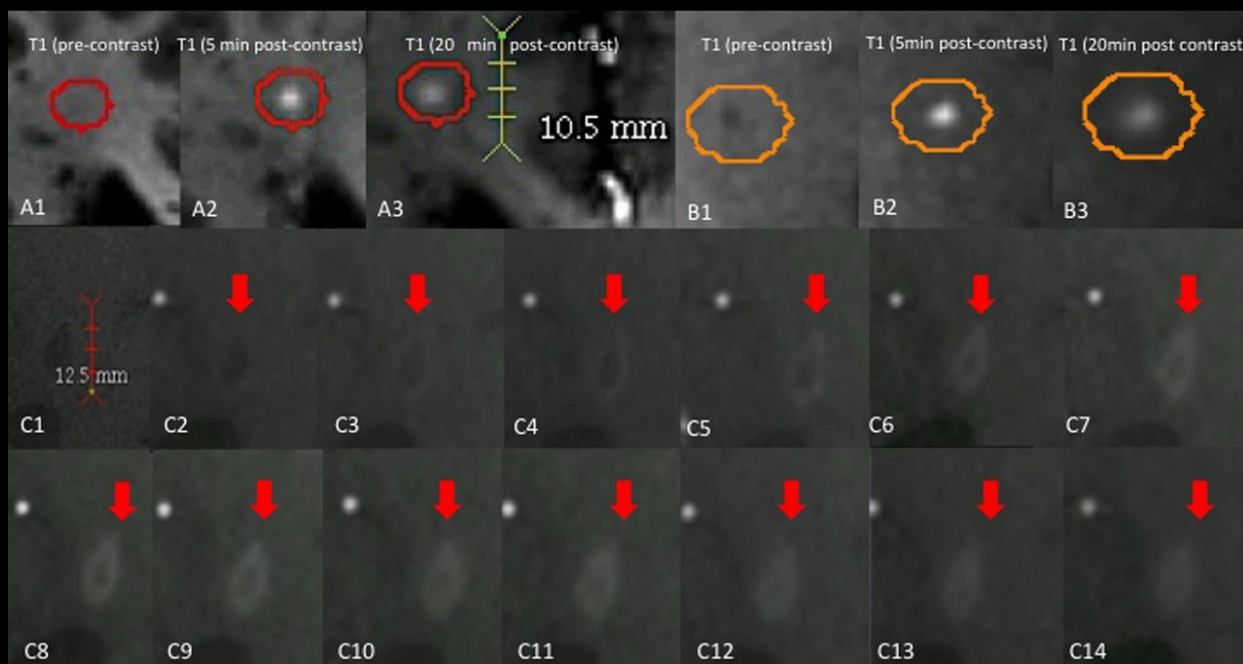
0  $\Delta$ BOLD [%] 7

0.8mmx0.8mmx1.5mm  
(Huber/Bandettini)





- Imaging parenchymal venules and their relationship to MS lesions
- Novel methods for quantitative imaging of myelin with T2\* susceptibility
- Using DTS to image axonal damage in patients with MS
- High resolution studies of MS at 7T

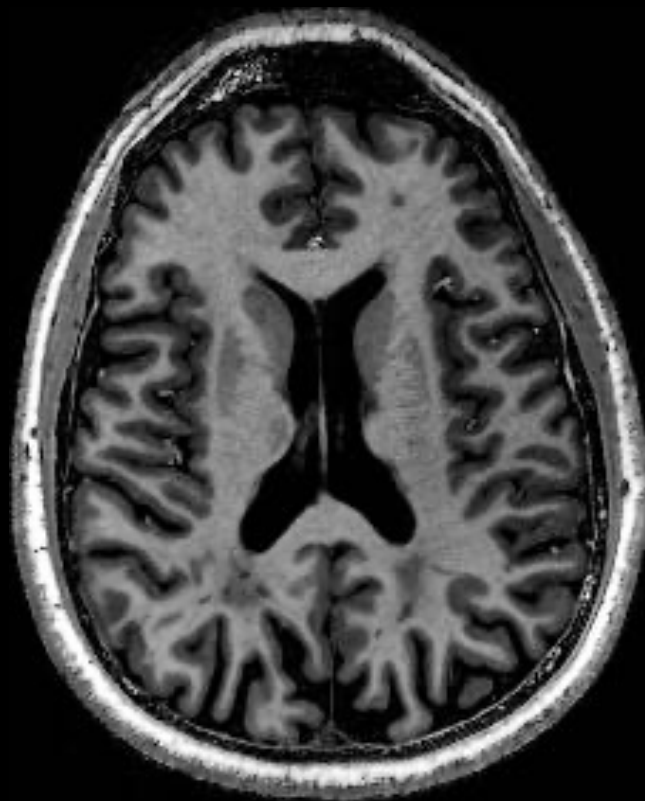


Use: custom pulse sequences, contrast injection, ex-vivo tissue

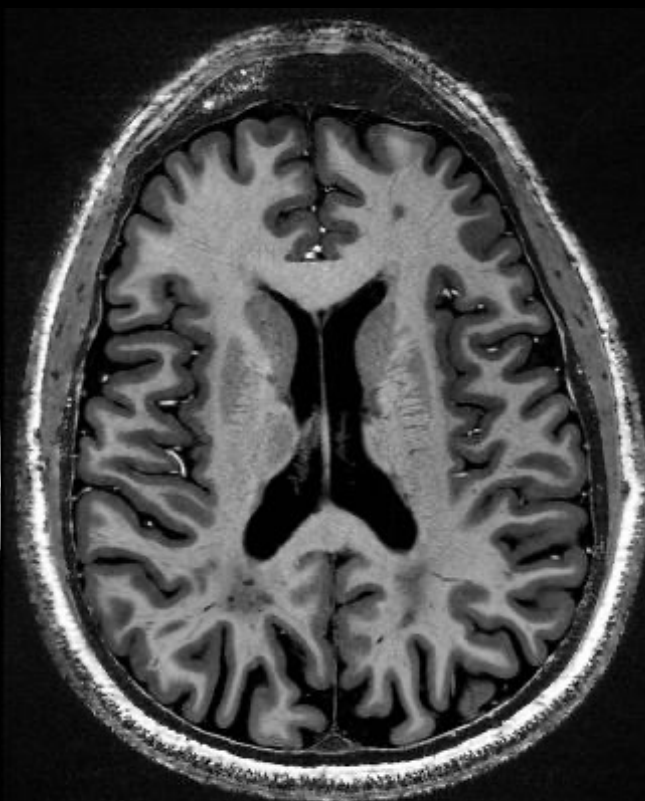
- **Dynamics of lesion enhancement measured at 7T / Gaitán M I et al Mult Scler 2012;19:1068-1073**

# Pushing the resolution of in vivo anatomical imaging

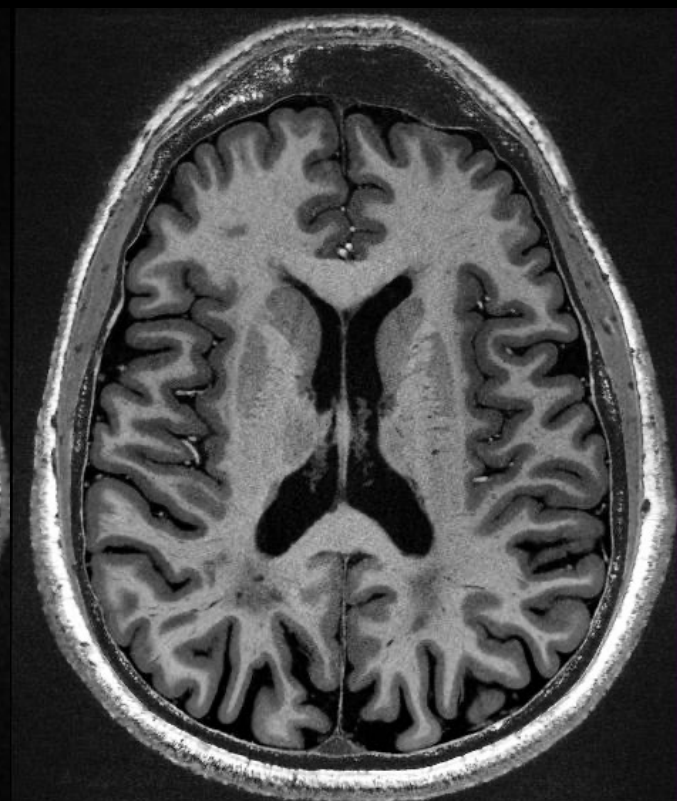
*T1-weighted 3D MP2RAGE @ 7T*



700  $\mu\text{m}$  iso  
(10 min)



500  $\mu\text{m}$  iso  
(40 min)



350  $\mu\text{m}$  iso  
(60 min)

# In vivo detection of central veins inside MS lesions

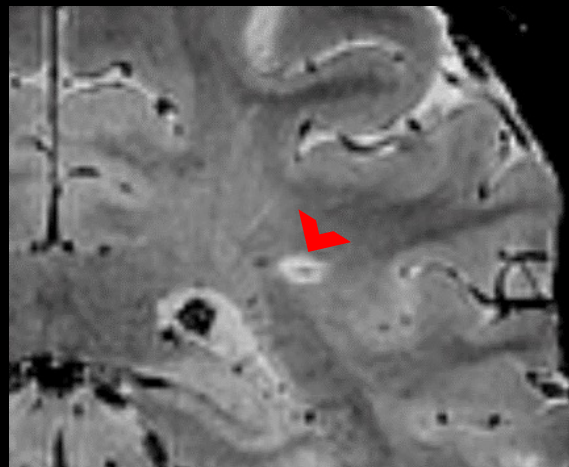
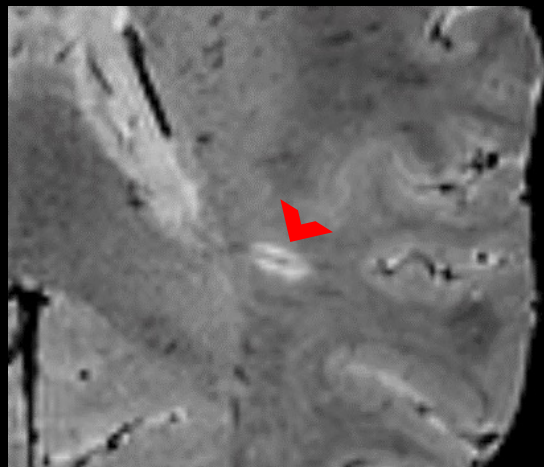
*T2\*-weighted 3D segmented EPI*

Axial

Coronal

Sagittal

3T (Gd<sup>+</sup>)  
0.65 mm



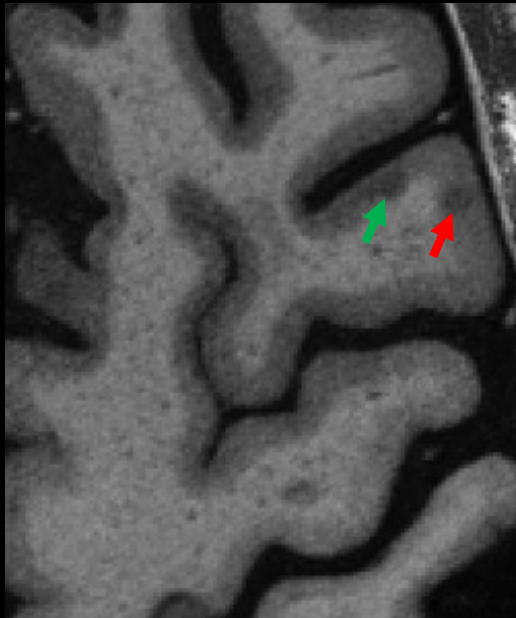
7T  
0.5 mm



# In vivo detection of cortical MS lesions @ 7T

Subpial lesion

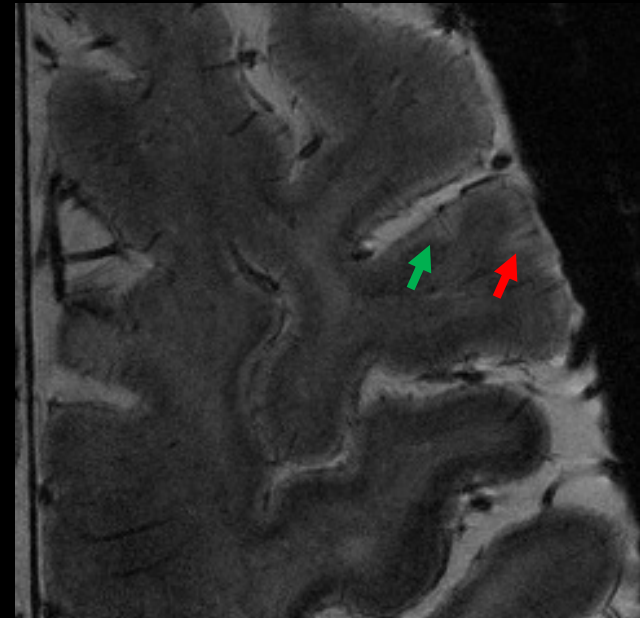
Intracortical lesion



T1w MP2RAGE (350 μm iso)



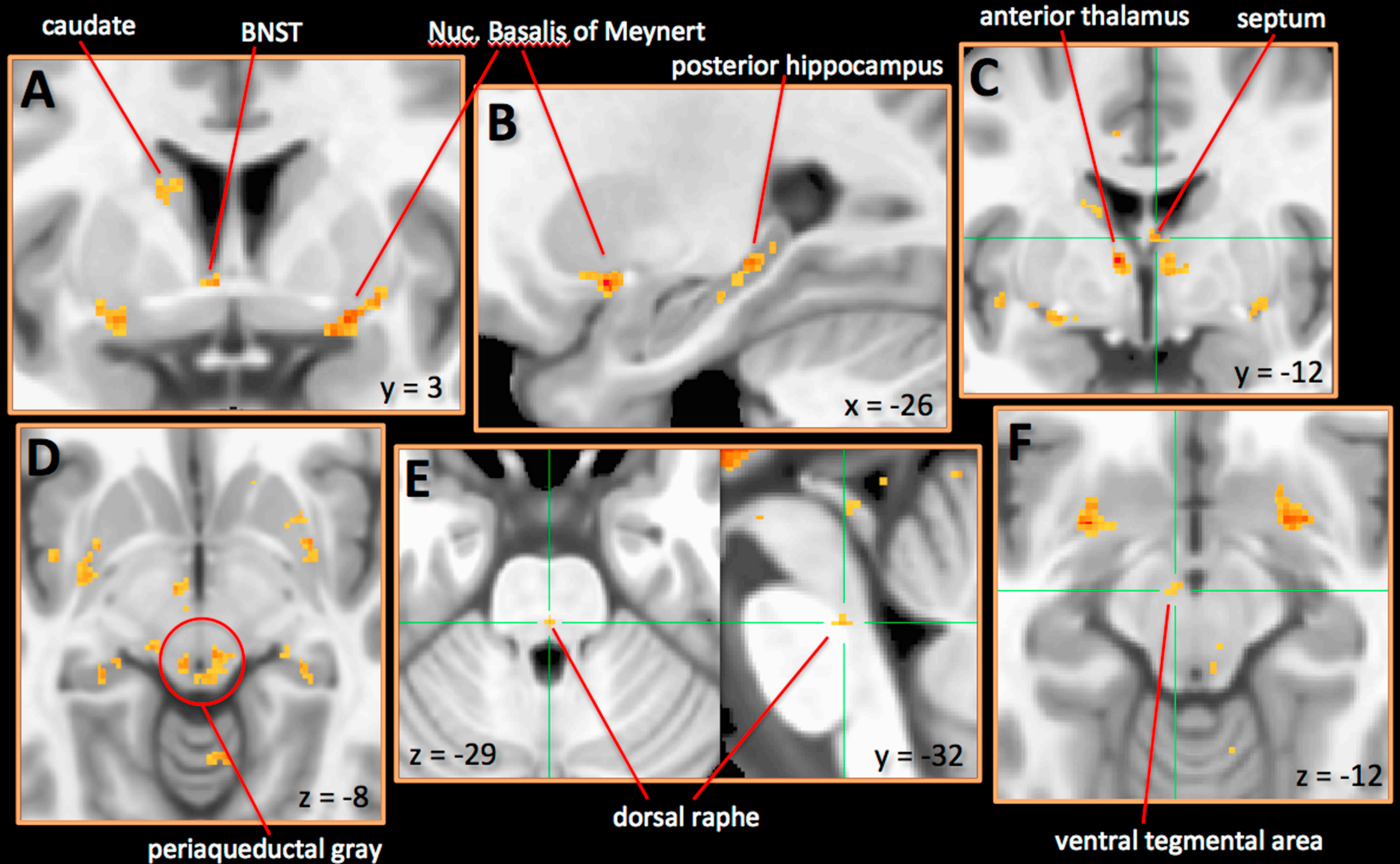
T1 map MP2RAGE (350 μm iso)



T2\*w 2D GRE (250 μm in-plane)

# CHRISTIAN GRILLION/NEUROBIOLOGY OF FEAR AND ANXIETY

- Phasic and sustained threat
- Electric shock in the magnet
- Virtual reality and fMRI & 7T studies(!)



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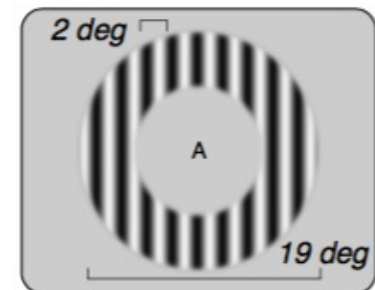
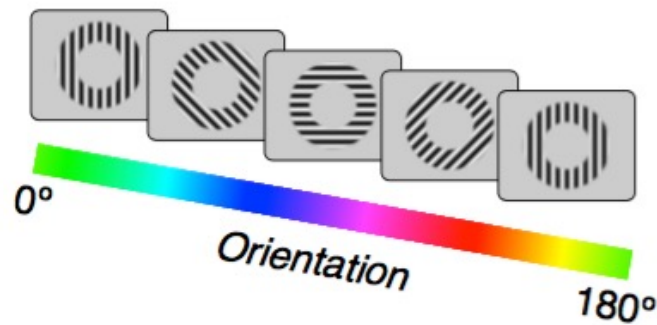
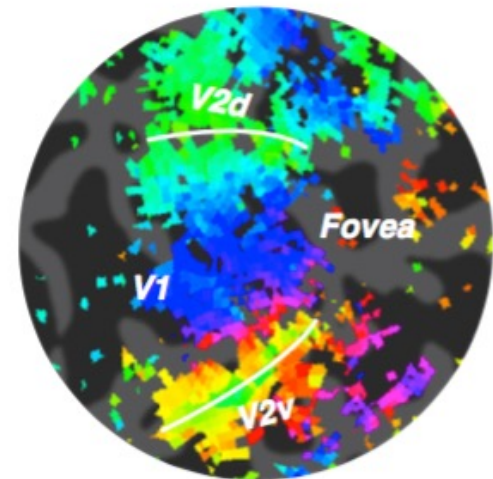
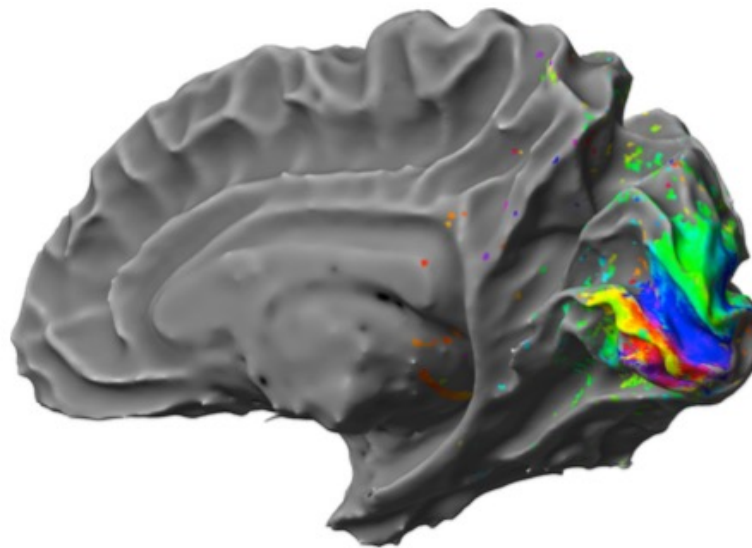
# FMRI OF SPATIAL VISION

## STRIATE & EXTRA-STRIATE CORTEX

### SPATIAL MAPS

### SPATIAL REMAPPING / EYE MOVEMENTS

### HIGHEST RESOLUTION ROUTINE SCANNING





First\_11.7T\_images, NIH  
Siemens  
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+LPH

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- Service Patient
- First\_11.7T\_images

Exam

Viewing

Filming

3D

RH

A

1cm

MF 1.49

TR 3000.0  
TE 15.0  
TA 14:24  
BW 128.0  
M/ND

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C:TC  
tse2d1\_7 / 180

TP 0  
SP H2.7  
SL 1.5  
FoV 80\*80  
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C 1128

Tools	Image	View

Patient	Eval	Exam

CONCLUSION:



# RESOURCES FOR MRI - HUMAN

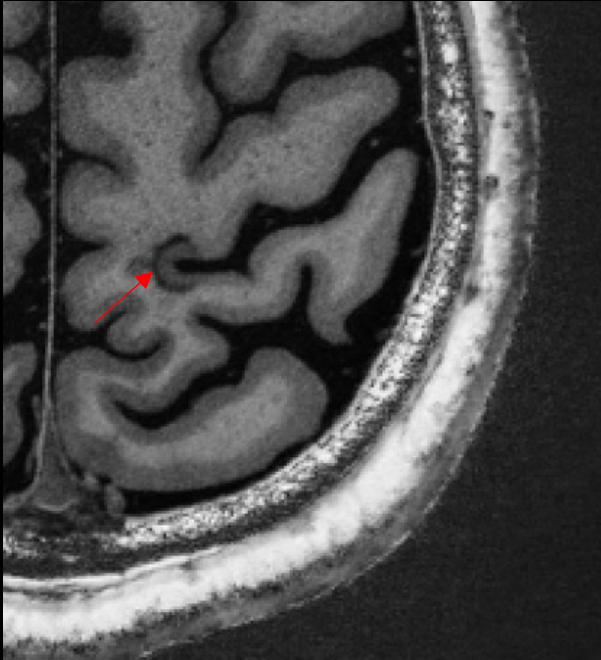
1. NIH MRI Research Facility (NMRF)
  - 3T-Siemens-Skyra (Sep 2011)
2. FMRIF (NIMH & NINDS – 470 hrs/week of scan time)
  - 2 x 3T GE HDx
  - 1 x 3T-GE-mr750 (June 2011)
  - 1 x 3T-Siemens-Skyra (Sep 2011)
  - 7T Siemens/Magnex (Jan 2011)
3. NINDS/NIMH
  - 11.7T Siemens/Magnex (world's first 2011-2012)
4. Clinical Center ( Radiology & Imaging Sciences, TBI)
  - 2 x 3T & 1.5T Philips & 3T Siemens
  - 3T-Siemens Biograph (MR/PET)
5. NHLBI (Cardiac)
  - Multiple 3T Siemens Scanners NCI
  - 3T Phillips
  - Etc

# (SHORT) HISTORY OF FMRI AND BRAIN MRI AT NIH

1. In-Vivo NMR Center (established 1987)
2. Early FMRI studies in animals (Bob Turner, 1987)
3. Initial human functional studies (4T 1993)
4. Key developments from NIH MRI researchers
  - DTI (LeBihan, Baser (1992), Pierpaoli etc)
  - High-field imaging (4 Tesla, 7 Tesla and now 11.7T )
  - Magnetization Transfer
  - Perfusion imaging (ASL)
  - Large scale longitudinal studies of brain development
  - Imaging genomics
  - FMRI/BOLD
  - Decoding/Multivoxel Pattern Analysis
  - High resolution anatomical imaging
  - Real-time FMRI / analysis Software

# In vivo detection of cortical MS lesions @ 7T

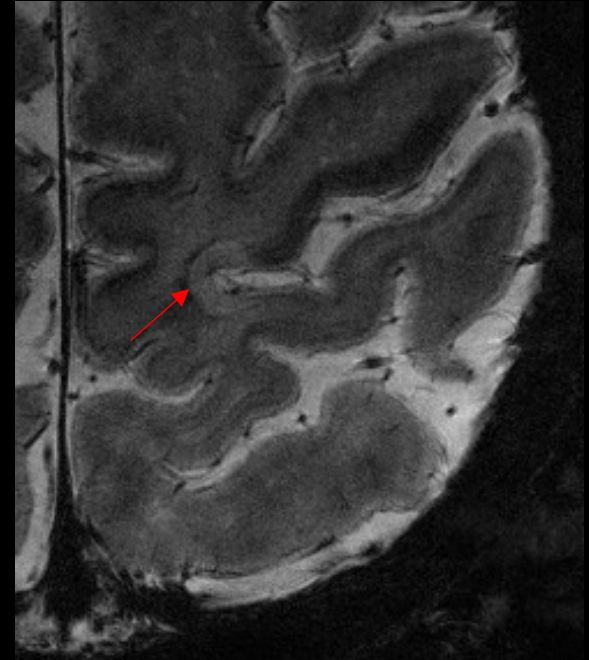
Leukocortical lesion



T1w MP2RAGE (350 μm iso)



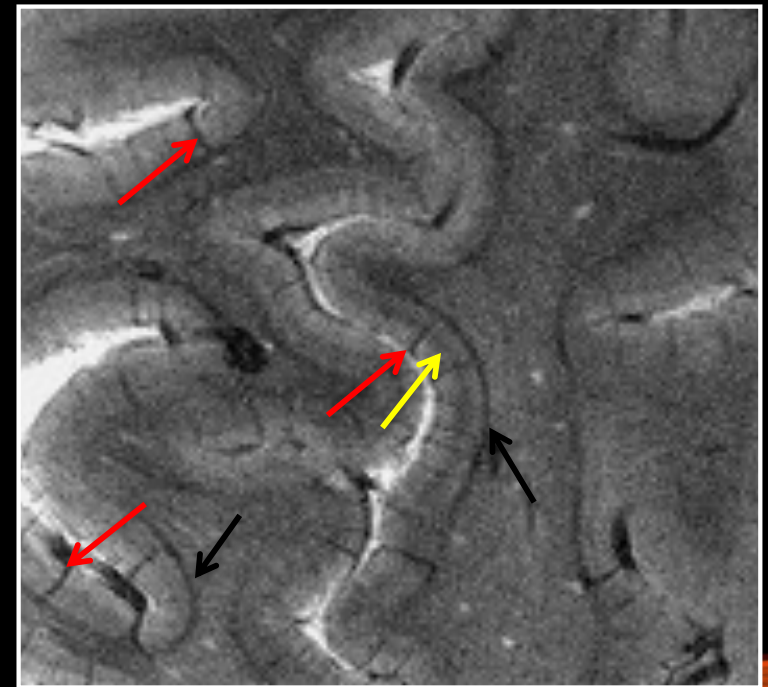
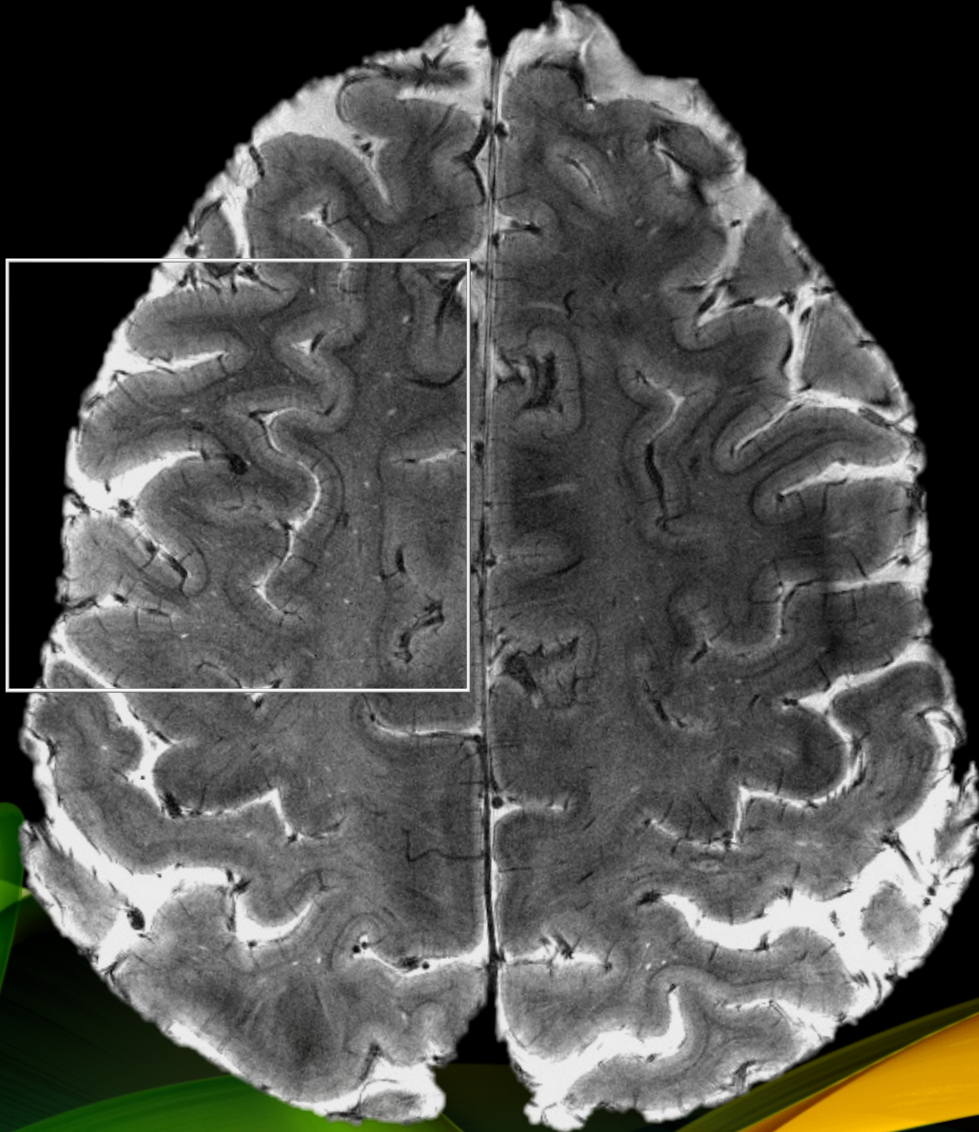
T1 map MP2RAGE (350 μm iso)



T2\*w 2D GRE (250 μm in-plane)

# Cortex imaging with 7T MRI

MS patient, T2\*w, 0.2 x 0.2 x 1mm



in-plane resolution = 200  $\mu\text{m}$  x 200  $\mu\text{m}$