

# Functional MRI at the NIH

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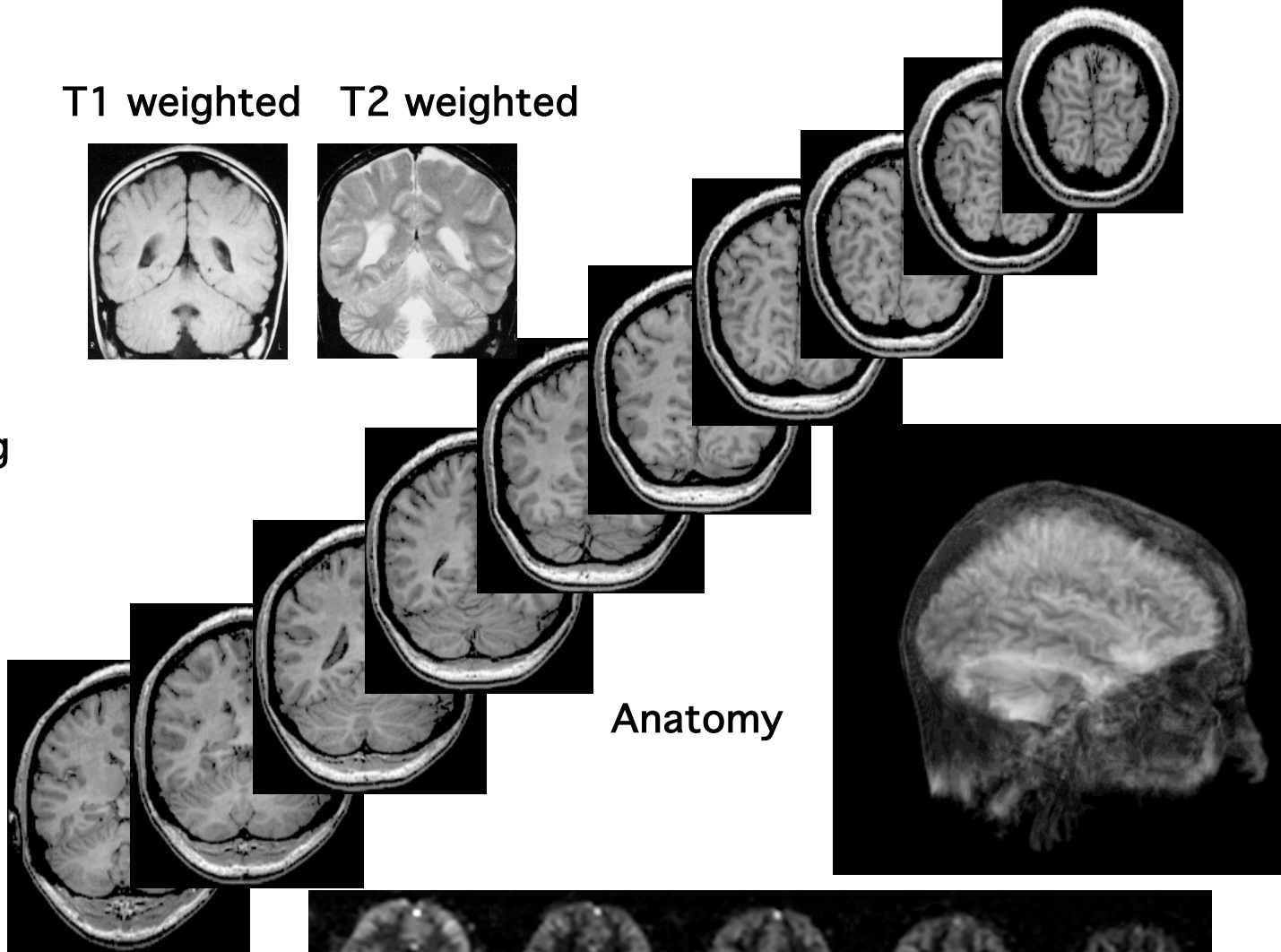
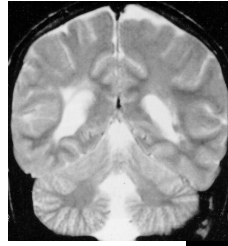
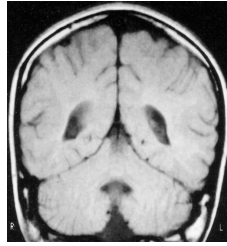
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Venography

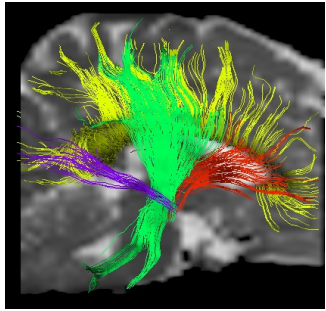


T1 weighted T2 weighted



Anatomy

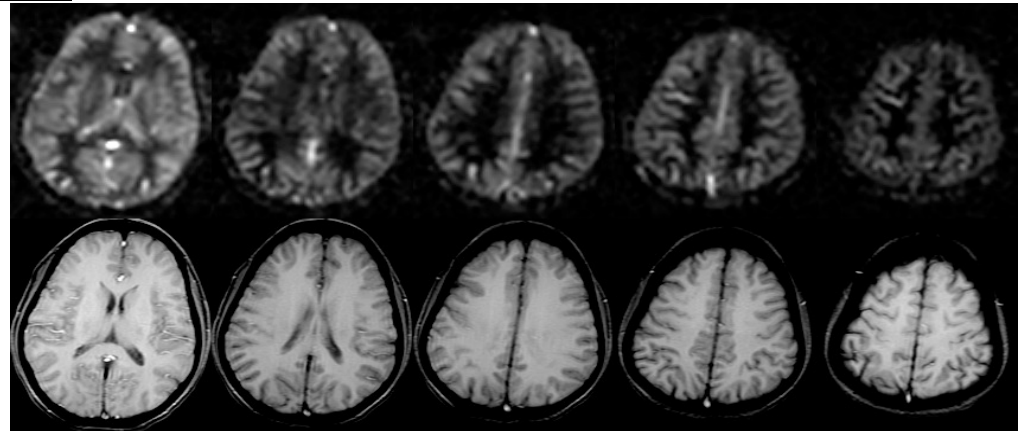
Fiber Track Imaging



Angiography

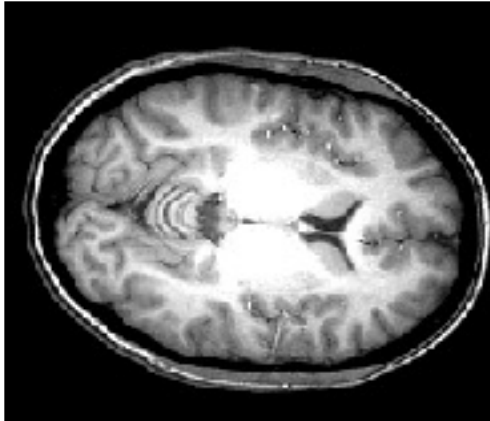


Perfusion



# MRI vs. fMRI

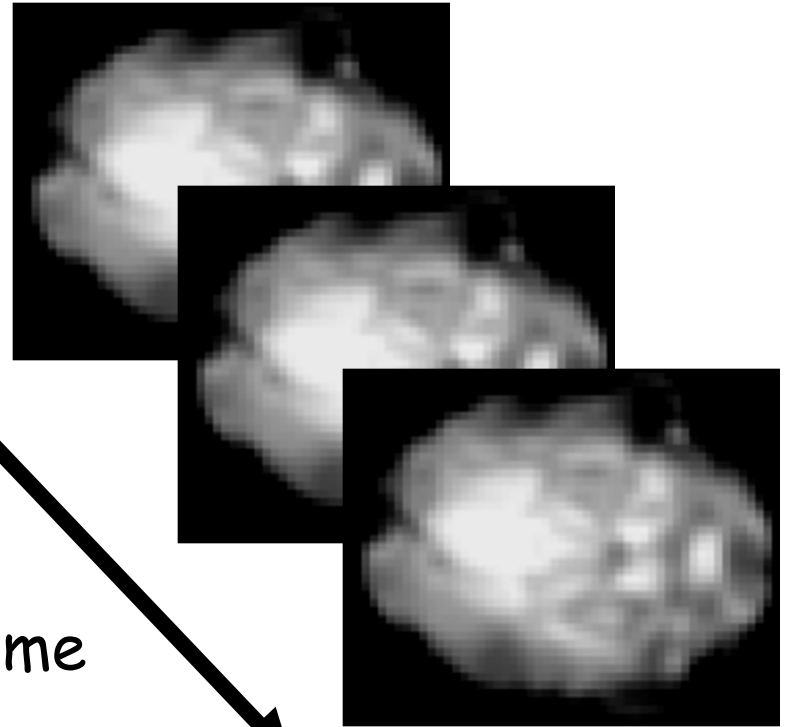
MRI



one image

high resolution  
(1 mm or less)

fMRI

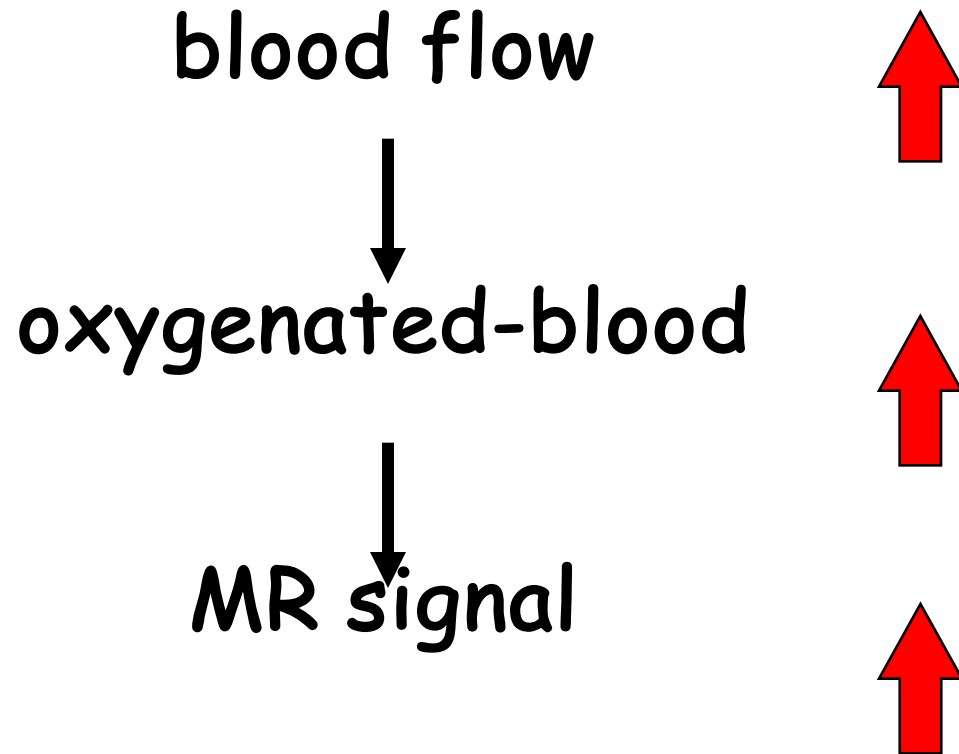


many images  
(e.g., every 2 sec for 5 mins)

low resolution  
(1.5 to 4 mm)



# BOLD (Blood Oxygen Level Dependent) Contrast



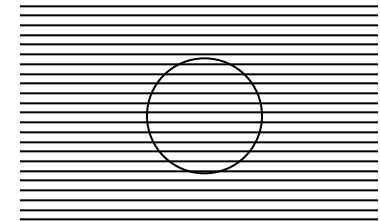
# Basis of BOLD Contrast

*Oxygenated and deoxygenated red blood cells have different magnetic properties*

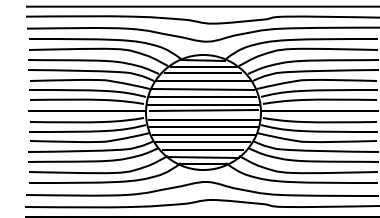


red blood cells

oxygenated



deoxygenated

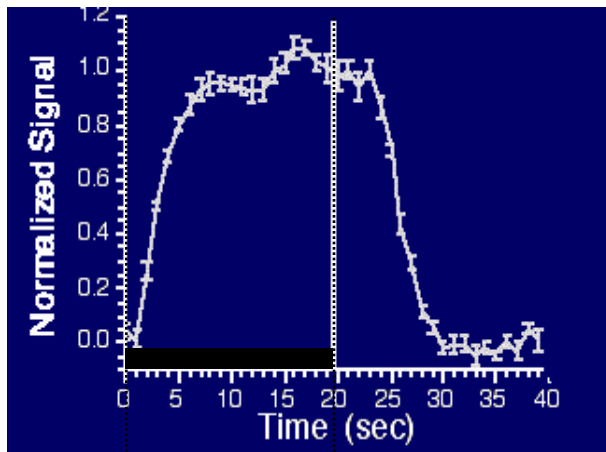


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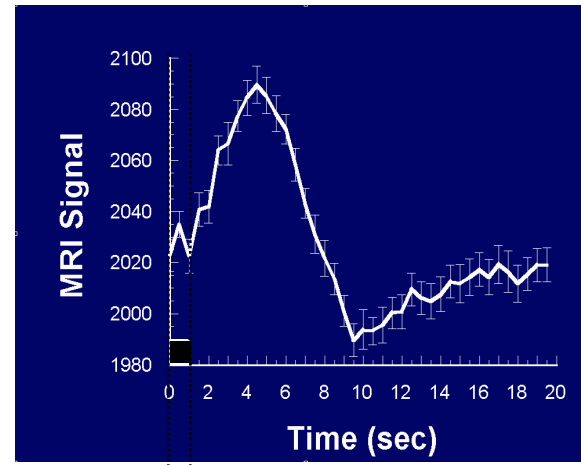
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S. Ogawa, T. M. Lee, A. R. Kay, D. W. Tank, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 87, 9868-9872, 1990.

# BOLD Contrast Imaging



*task*

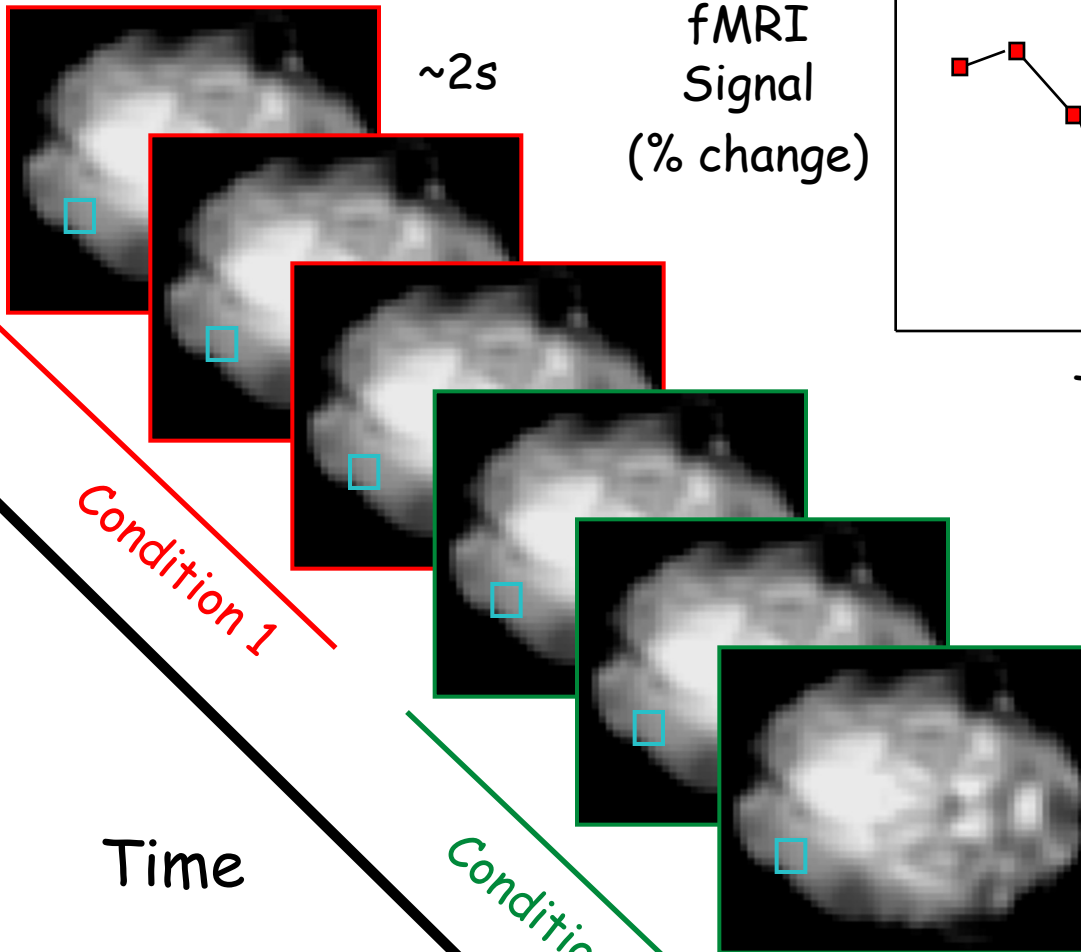


*task*

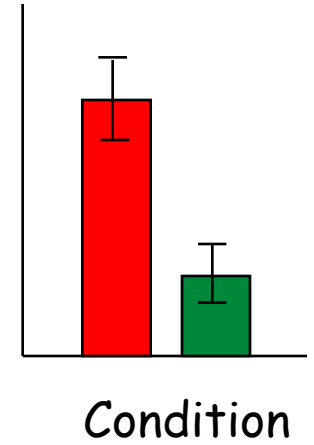
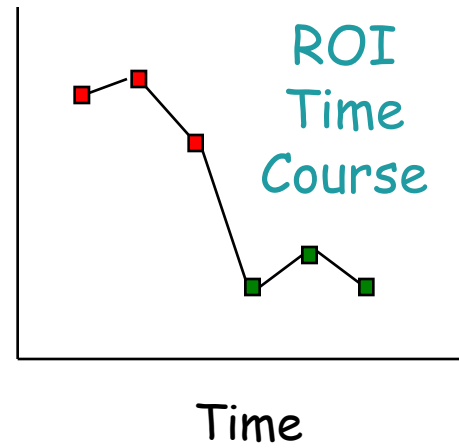


# Activation Statistics

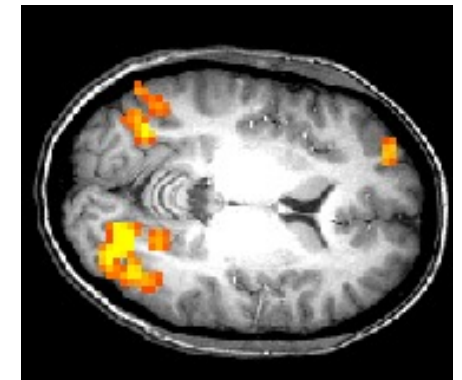
Functional images



fMRI  
Signal  
(% change)

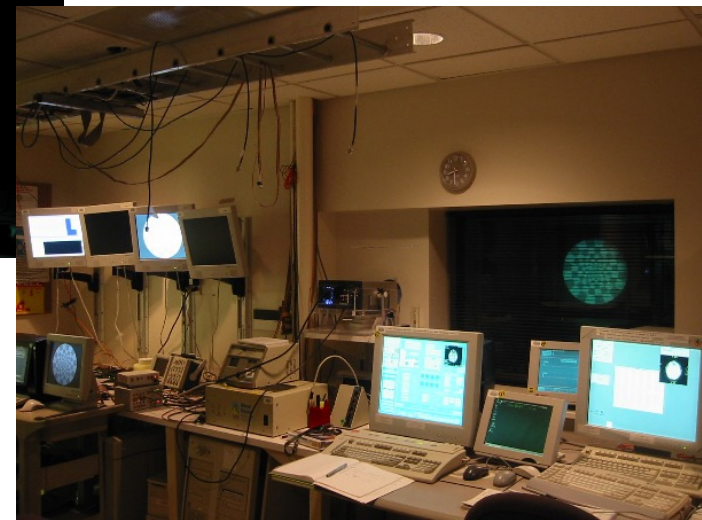
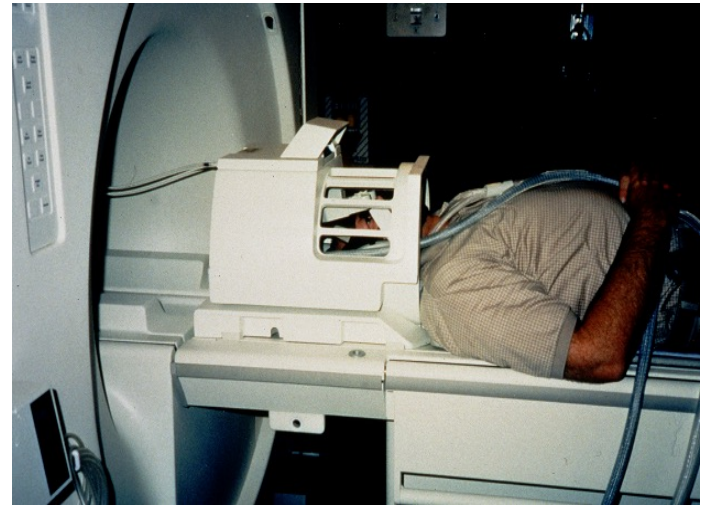
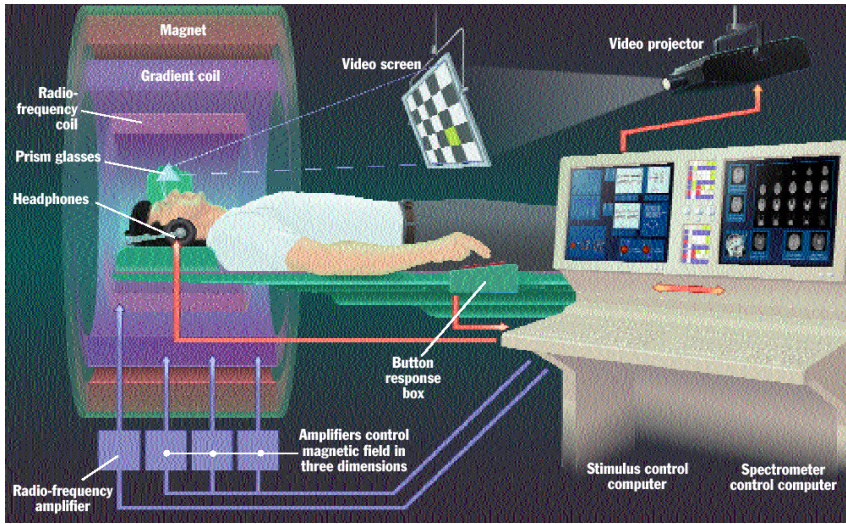


Statistical Map  
superimposed on  
anatomical MRI image





# fMRI Setup



Log Size (mm)

Brain

Map

Column

Layer

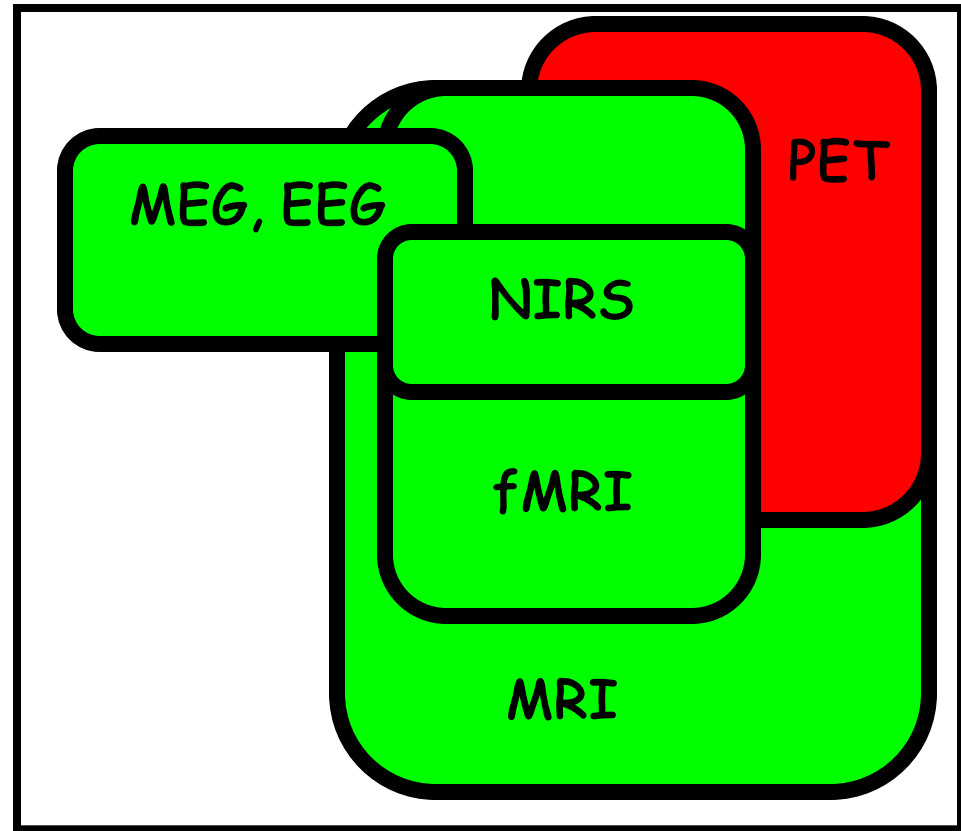
3

2

1

0

-1



MEG, EEG

NIRS

fMRI

MRI

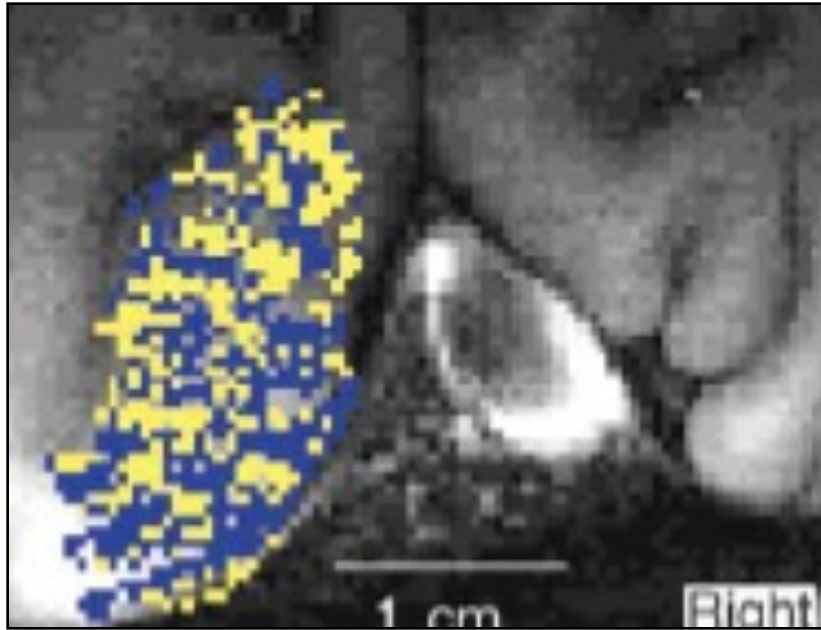
PET

-3 -2 -1 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Millisecond Second Minute Hour Day

Log Time (sec)

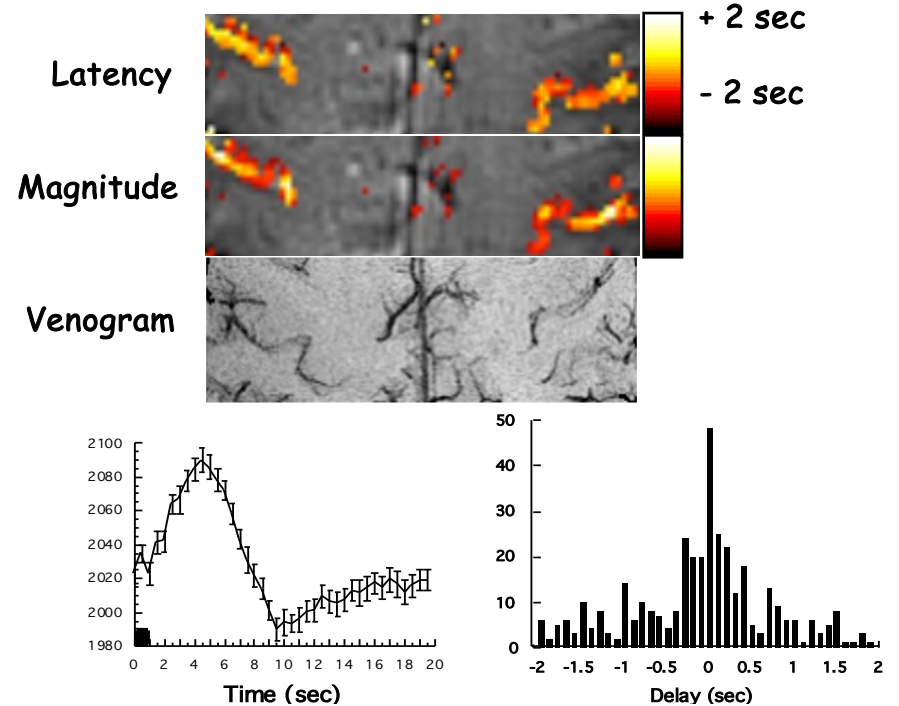
# Spatial and Temporal Resolution



Cheng, et al. (2001) *Neuron*,32:359-374

Spatial

## Latency Variation...



P. A. Bandettini, (1999) "Functional MRI" 205-220.

Temporal



# Interpretation

Neuronal Activation

Measured Signal



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Hemodynamics

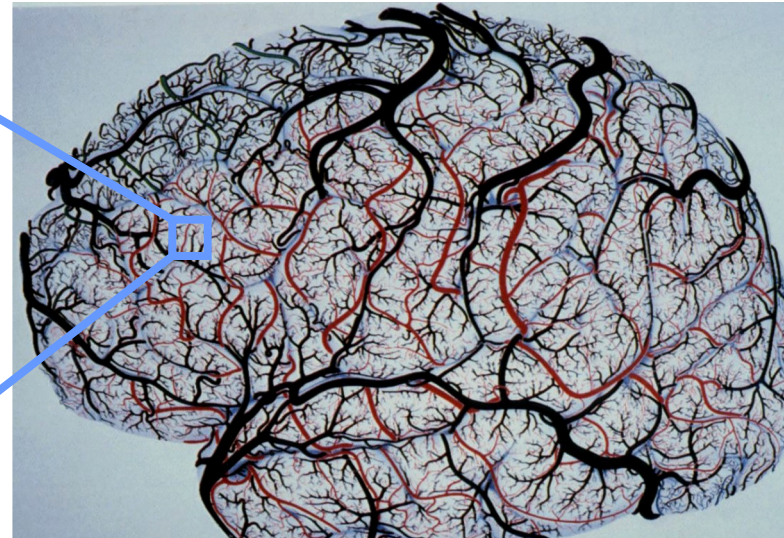


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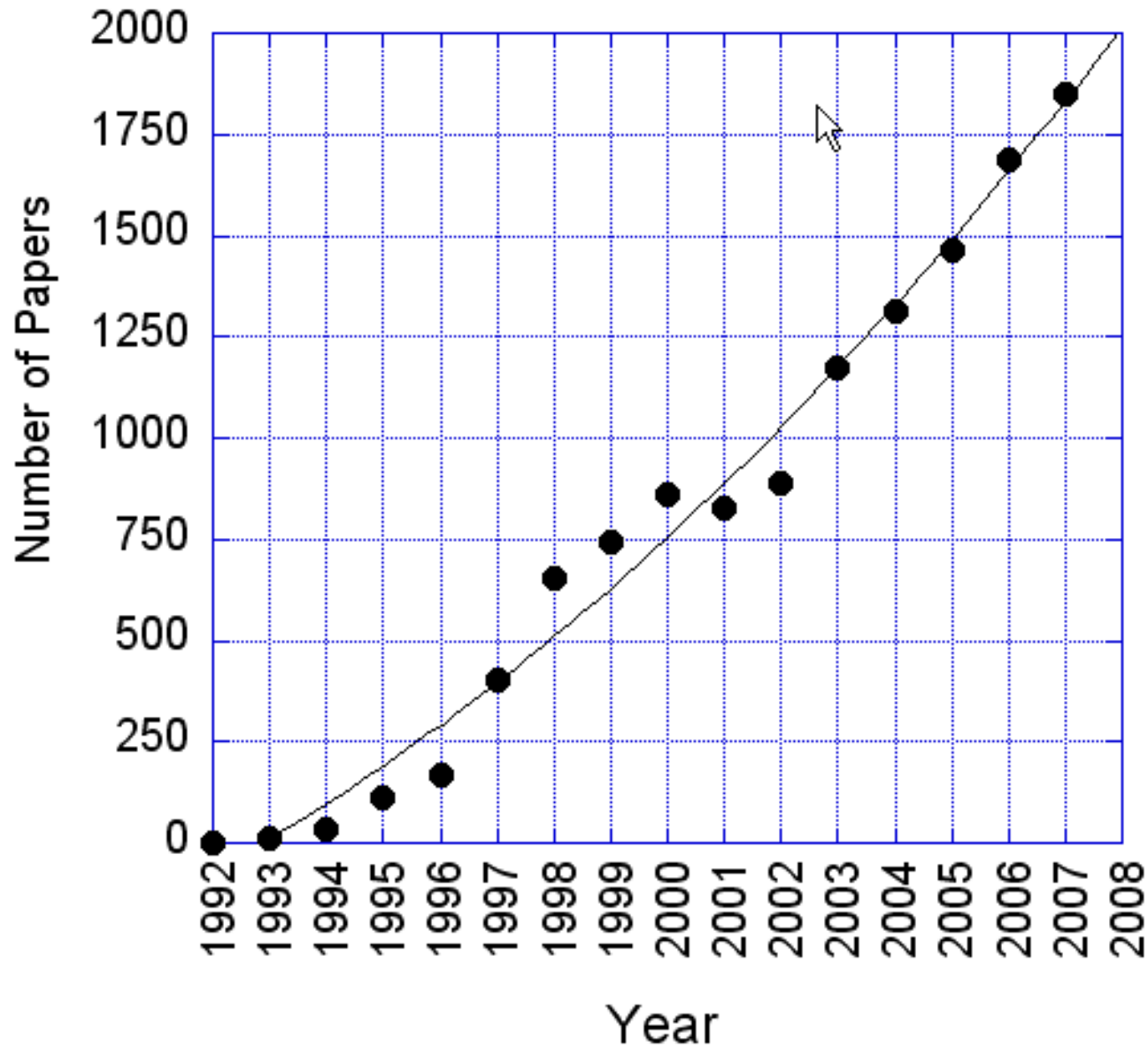
Noise



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Scopus: **Articles** or **Reviews** Published per Year  
**"fMRI" or "functional MRI"**



## Type of fMRI research performed

Motor

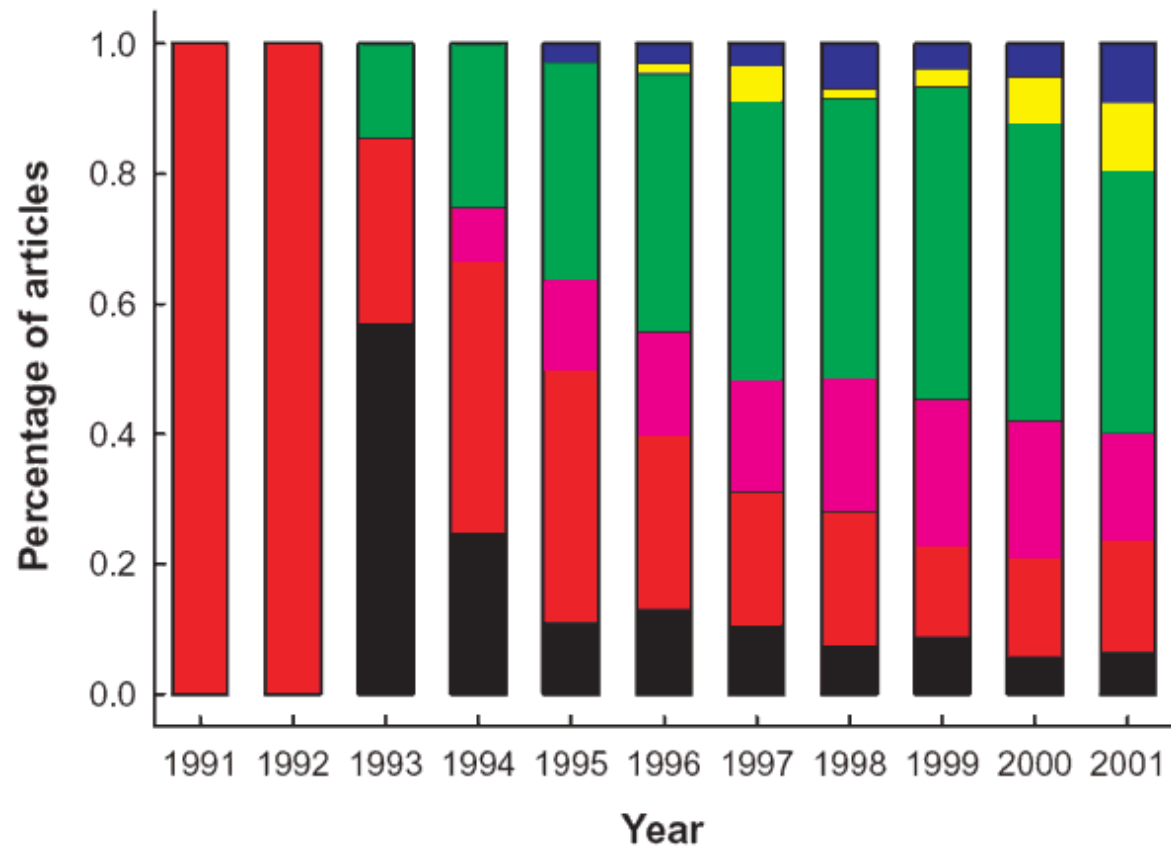
Primary Sensory

Integrative Sensory

Basic Cognition

High-Order Cognition

Emotion



J. Illes, M. P. Kirschen, J. D. E. Gabrielli,  
Nature Neuroscience, 6 (3) p.205, 2001

# Users

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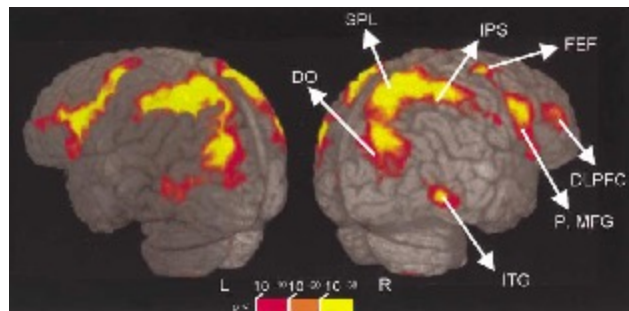
# fMRI Studies at the NIH..

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

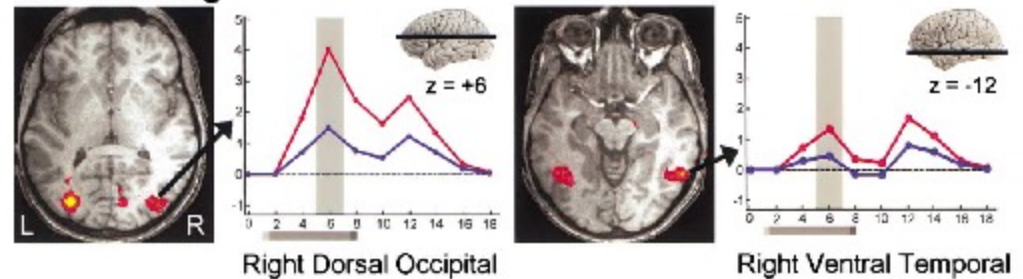


# Neural Correlates of Visual Working Memory: fMRI Amplitude Predicts Task Performance

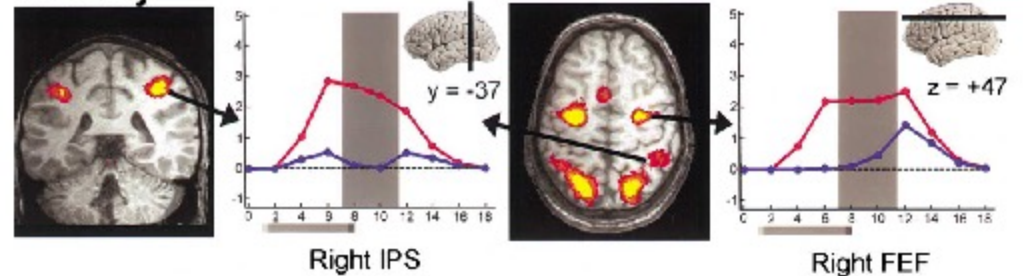
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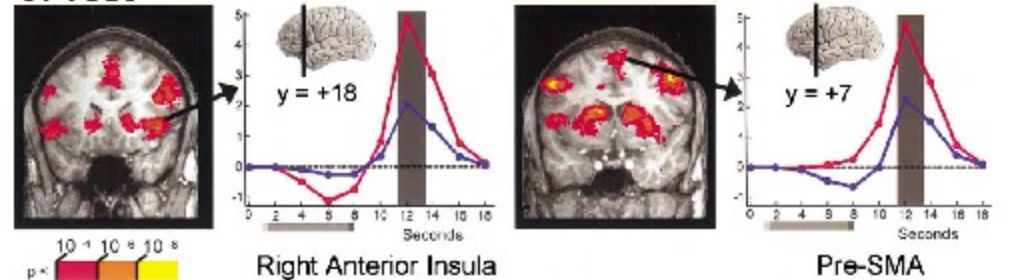
## A. Encoding



## B. Delay



## C. Test

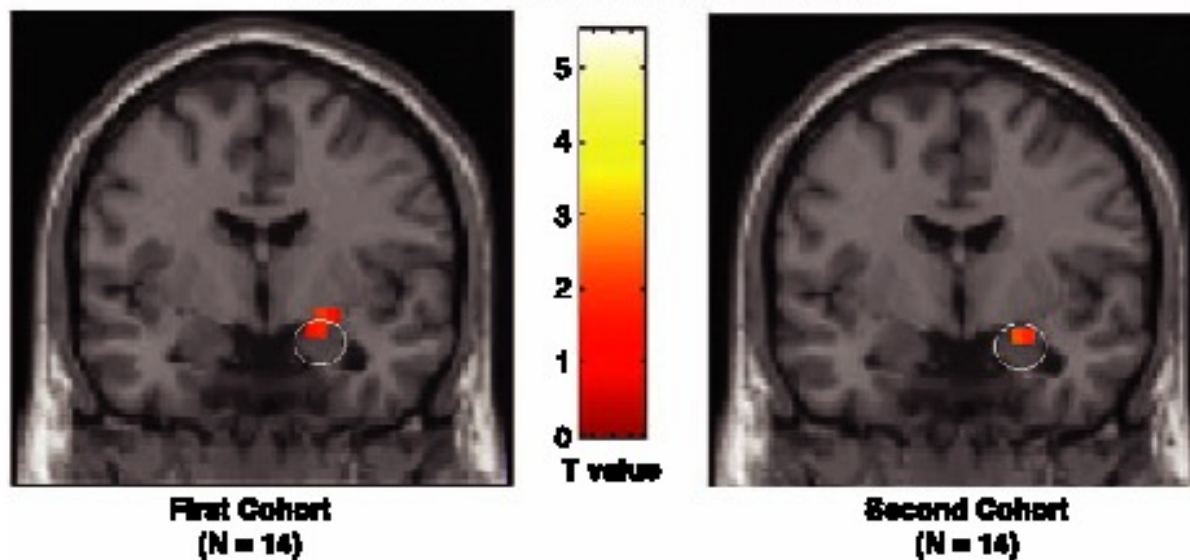


Comparison of two groups of *normal* individuals with differences in the Serotonin Transporter Gene

# Serotonin Transporter Genetic Variation and the Response of the Human Amygdala

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**Amygdala Response: 2 Group > 1 Group**



# Uses

## Understanding normal brain organization and changes

- networks involved with specific tasks (low to high level processing)
- changes over time (seconds to years)
- correlates of behavior (response accuracy, performance changes...)

## Clinical research

- correlates of specifically activated networks to clinical populations
- presurgical mapping

# Future Uses

## Complementary use for clinical diagnosis

- utilization of clinical research results
- prediction of pathology

## Clinical treatment and assessment

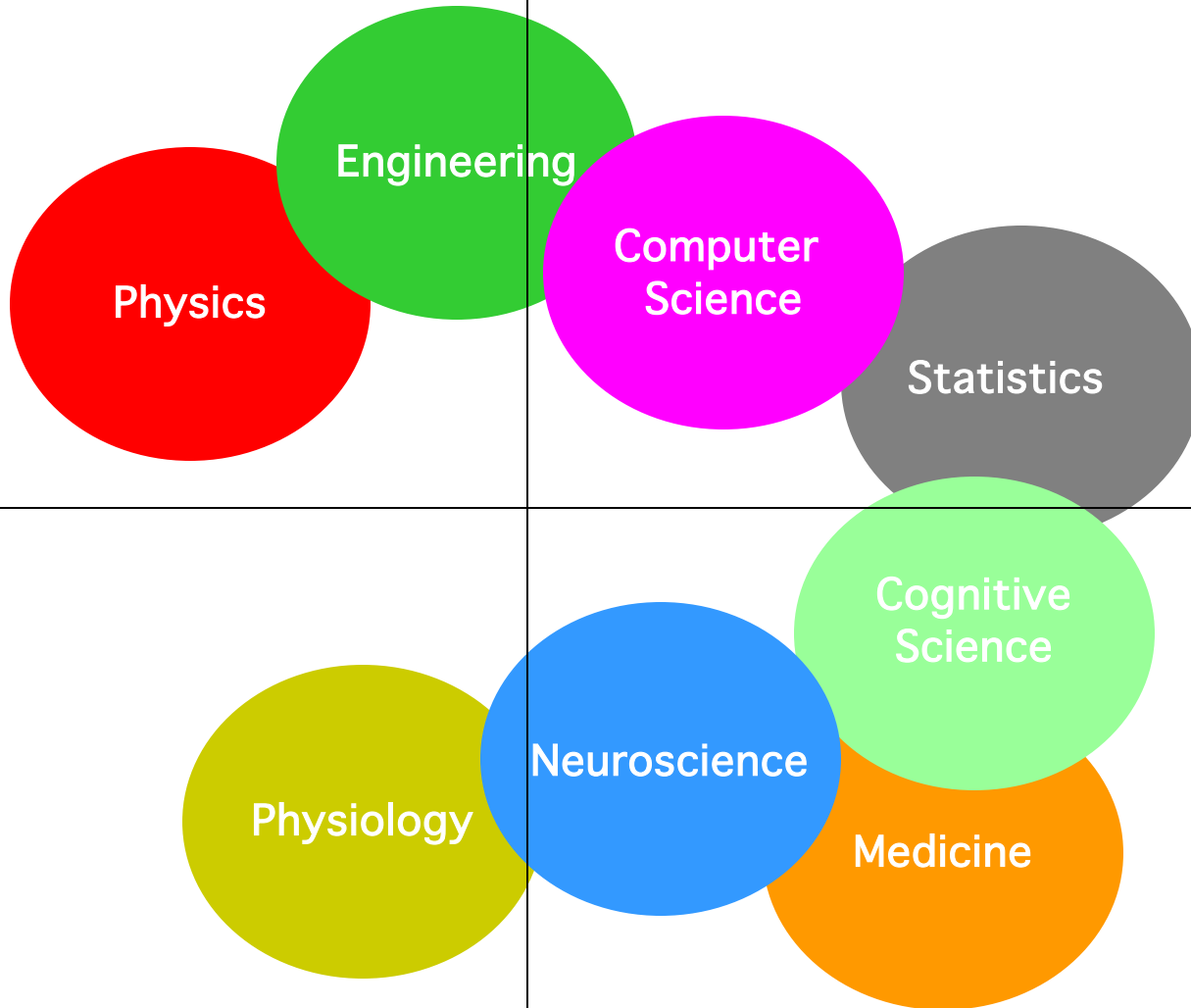
- drug, therapy, rehabilitation, biofeedback
- epileptic foci mapping
- drug effects

## Non clinical uses

- complementary use with behavioral, anatomical, other modality results
- lie detection
- prediction of behavior tendencies
- brain/computer interface

**Technology**

**Methodology**



**Interpretation**

**Applications**