



# NEURO-IMAGING IN EPILEPSY

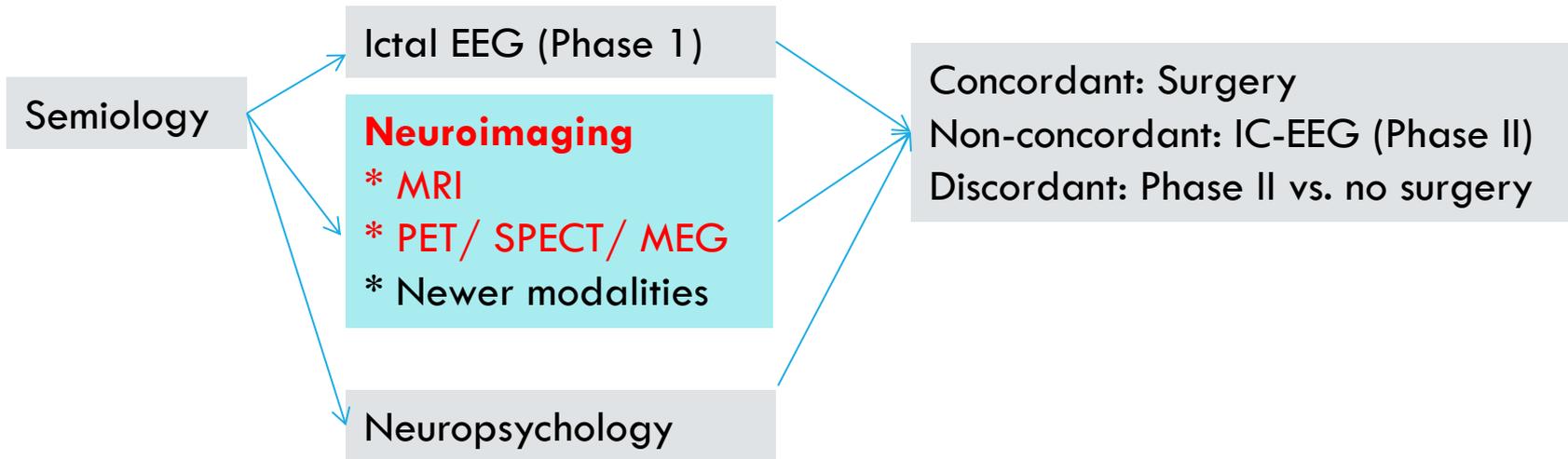
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# THE CLINICAL APPROACH TO EPILEPSY SURGERY





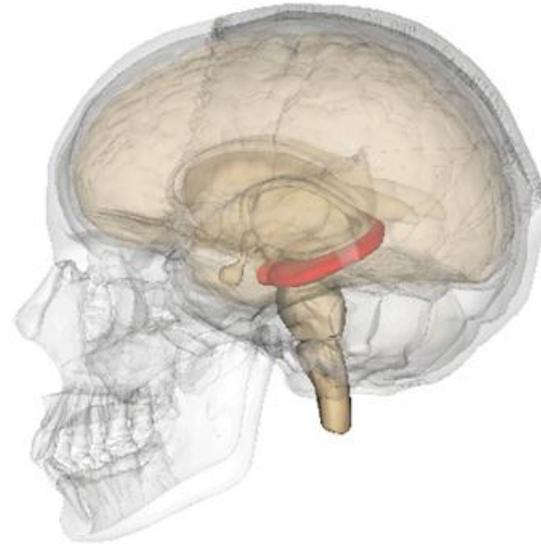
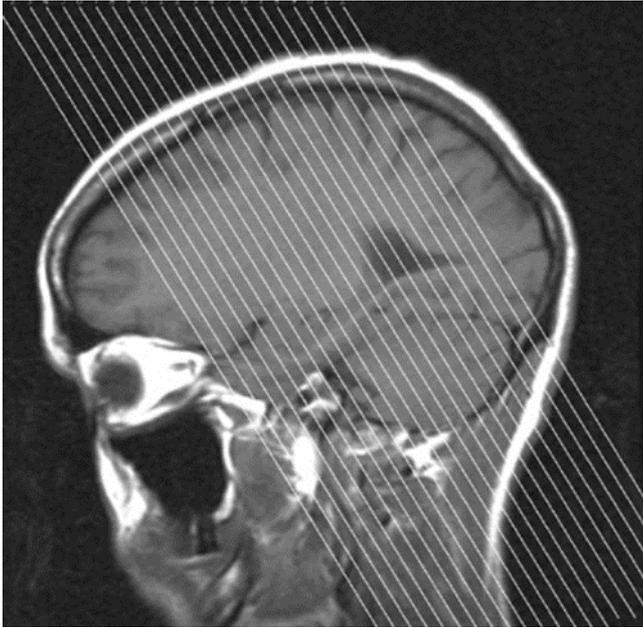
# TRADITIONAL NEURO-IMAGING

1. MRI
2. PET & Co-registration
3. SPECT
4. MEG/ MSI

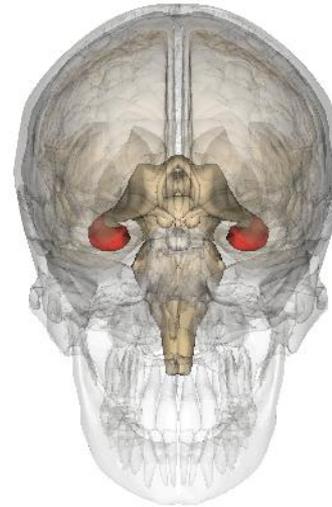
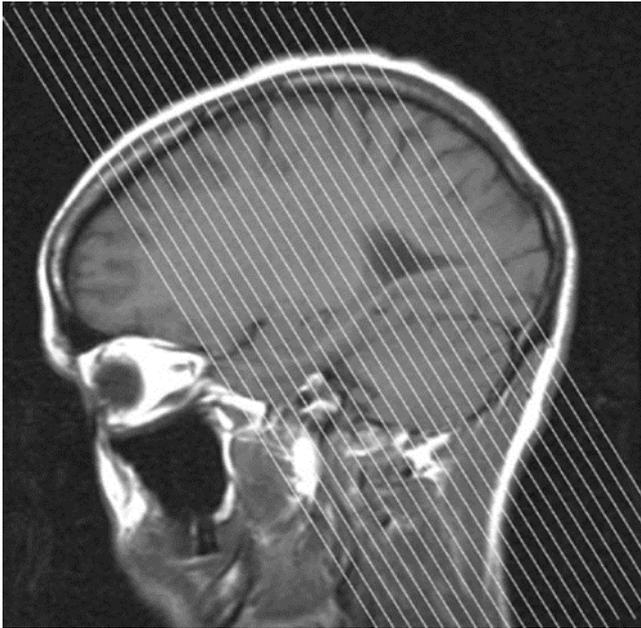
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1970	MRI SPECT
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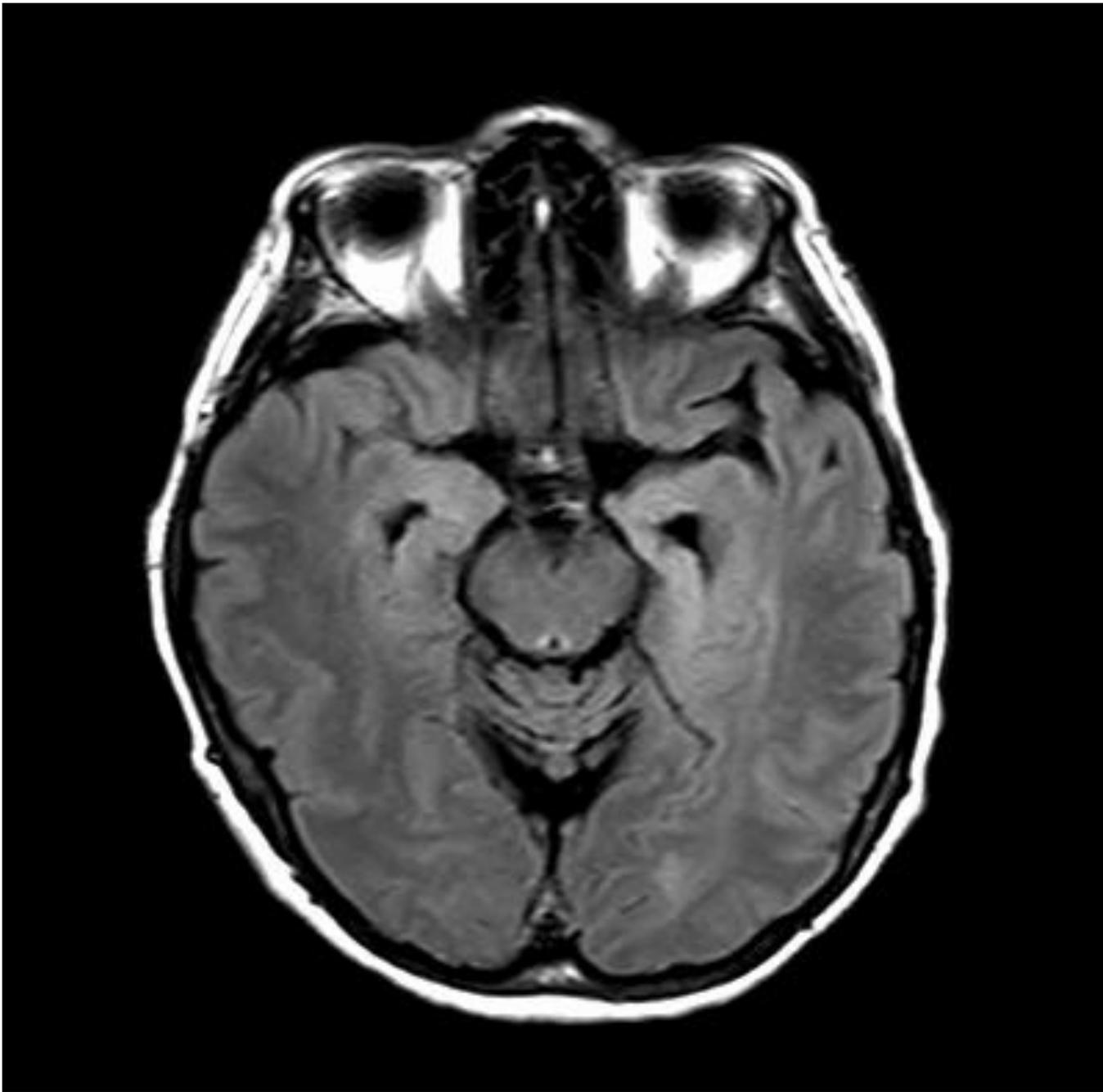
**MRI**

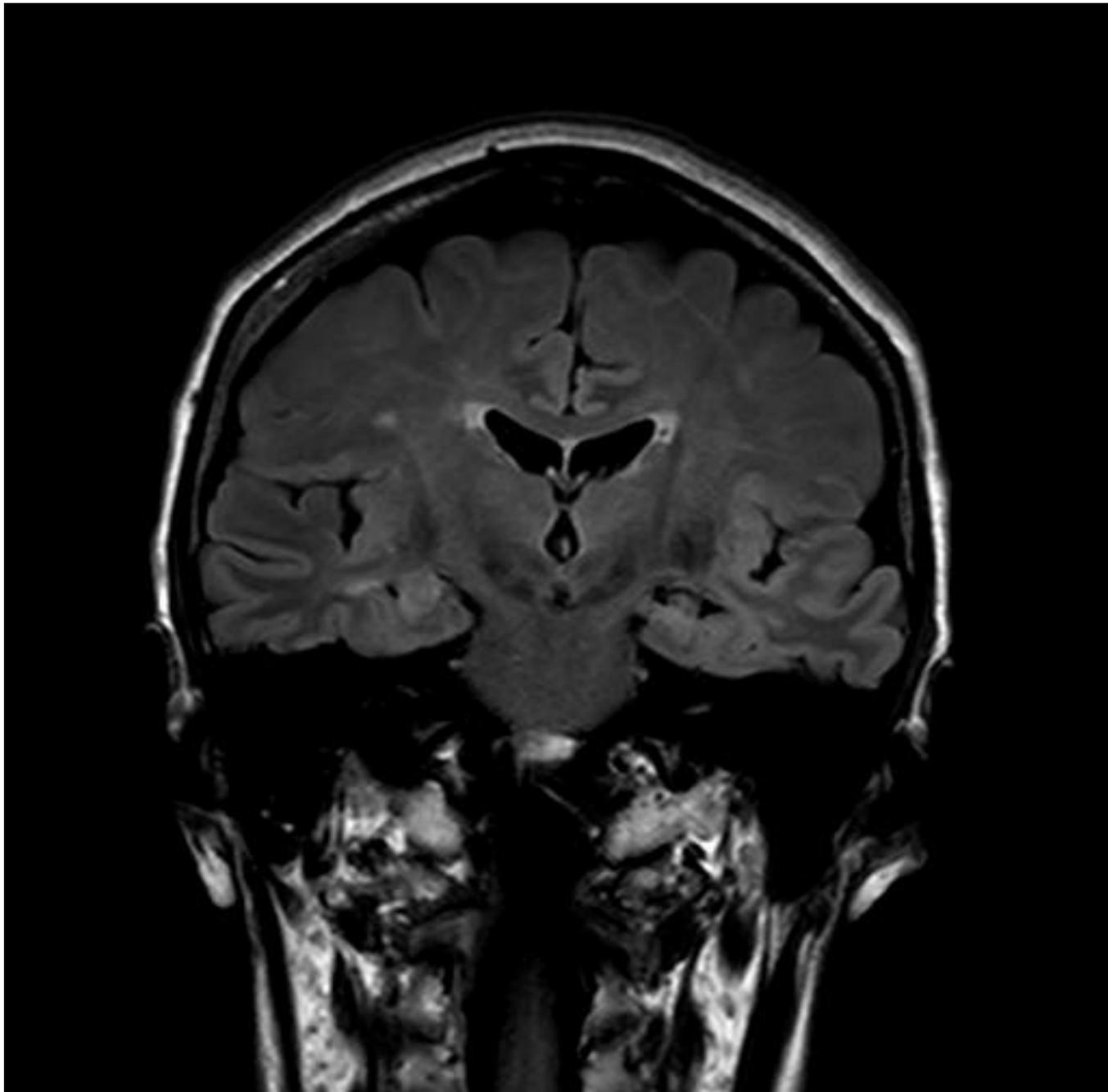


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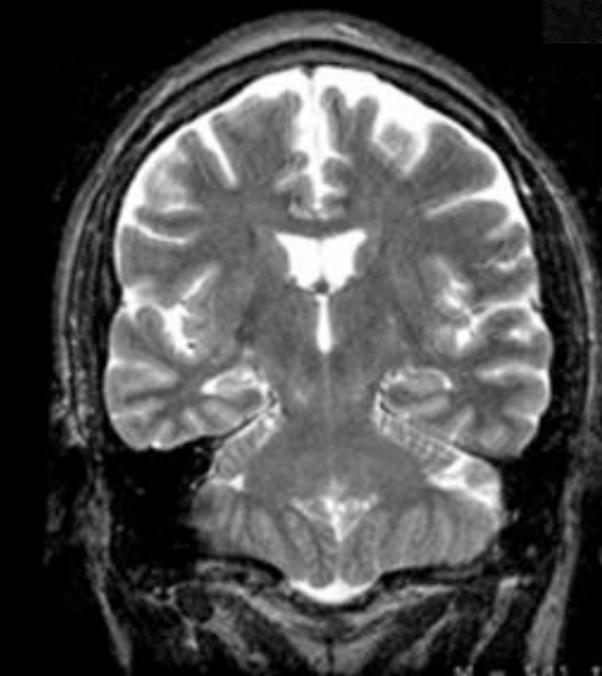
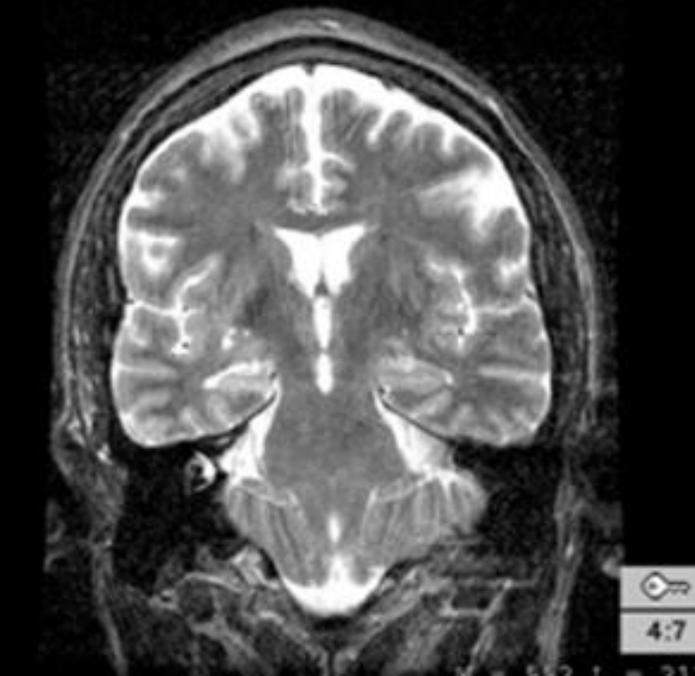
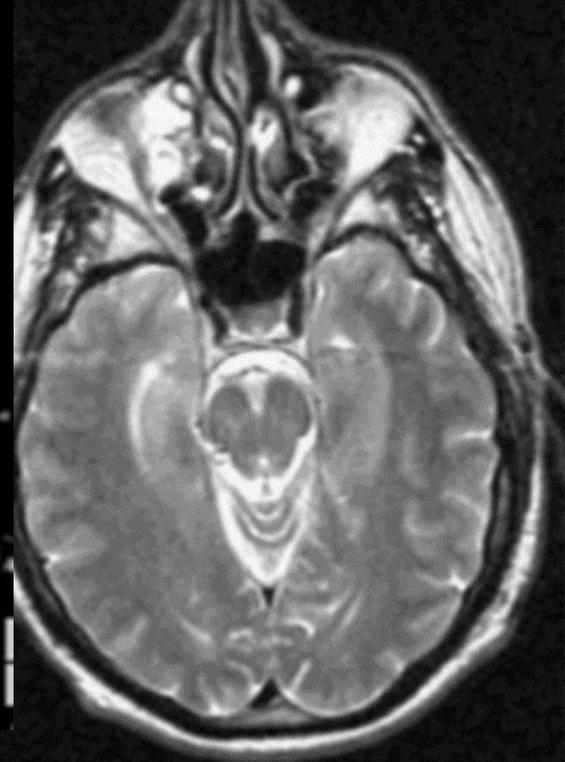
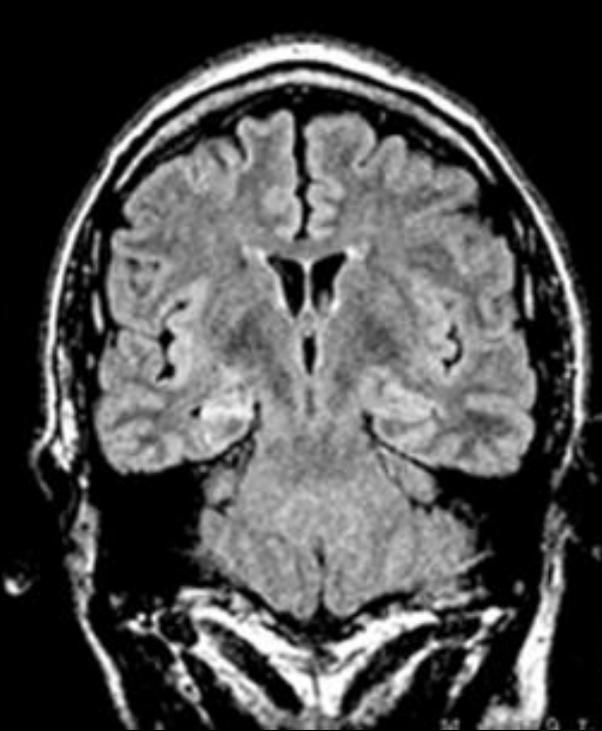
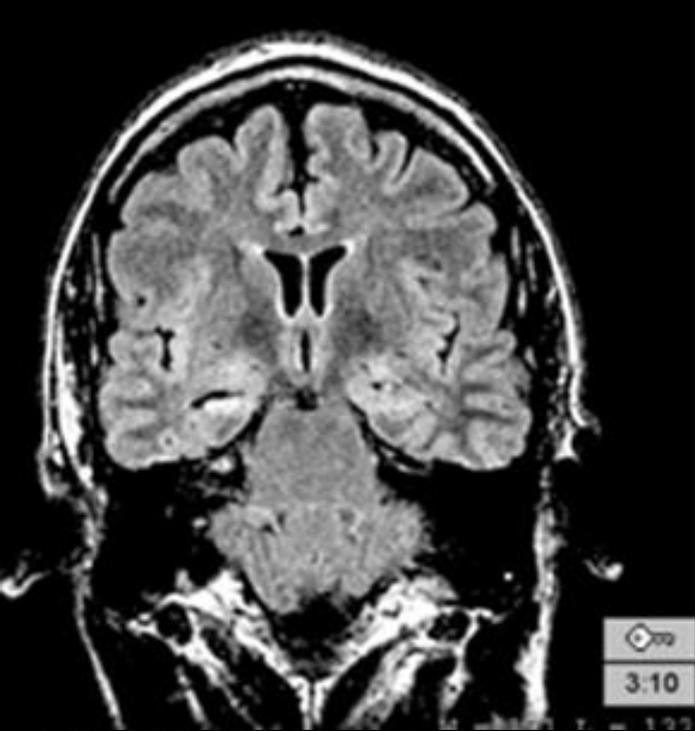


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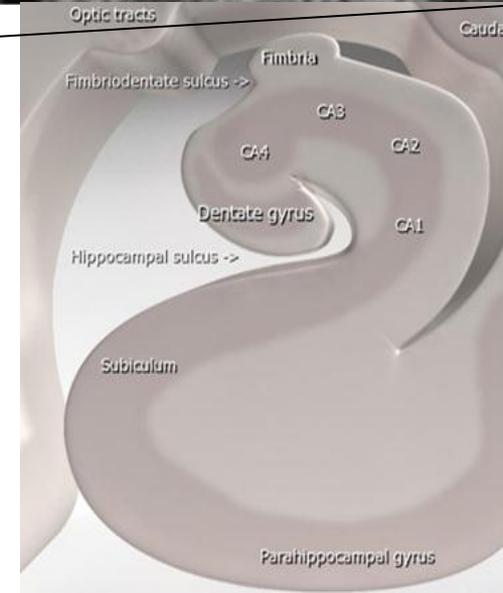
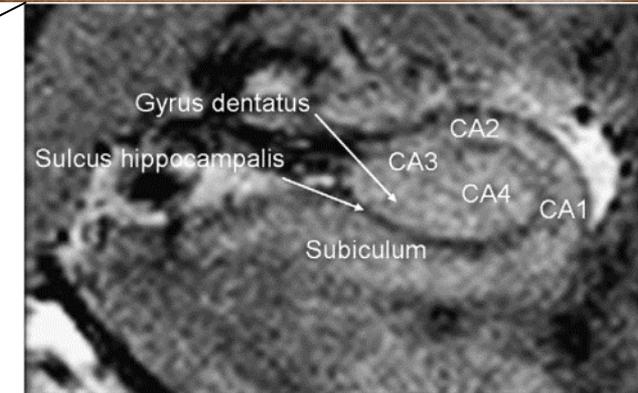
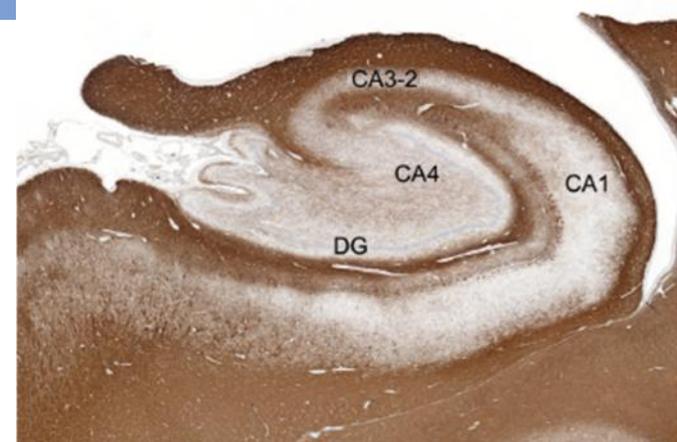
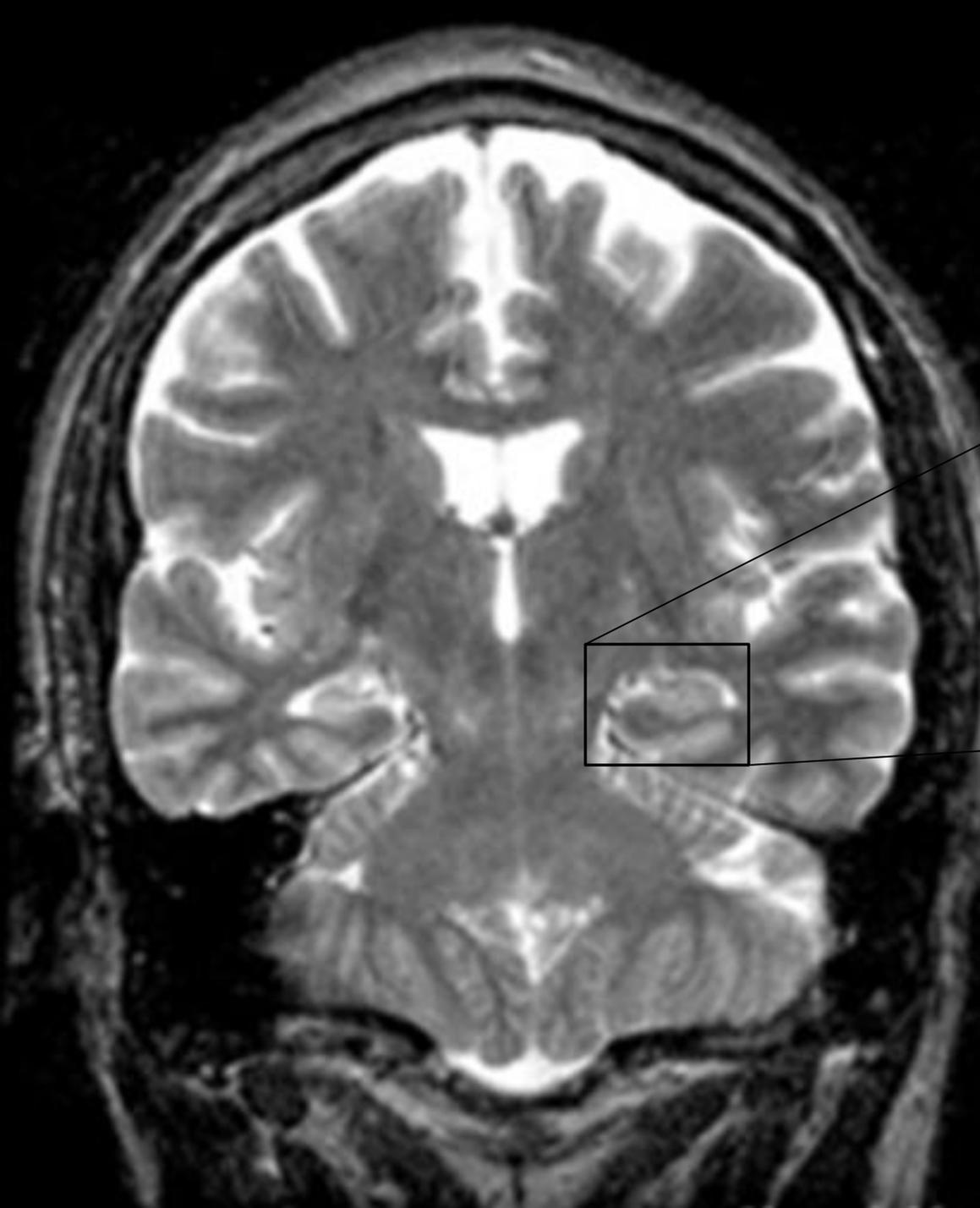






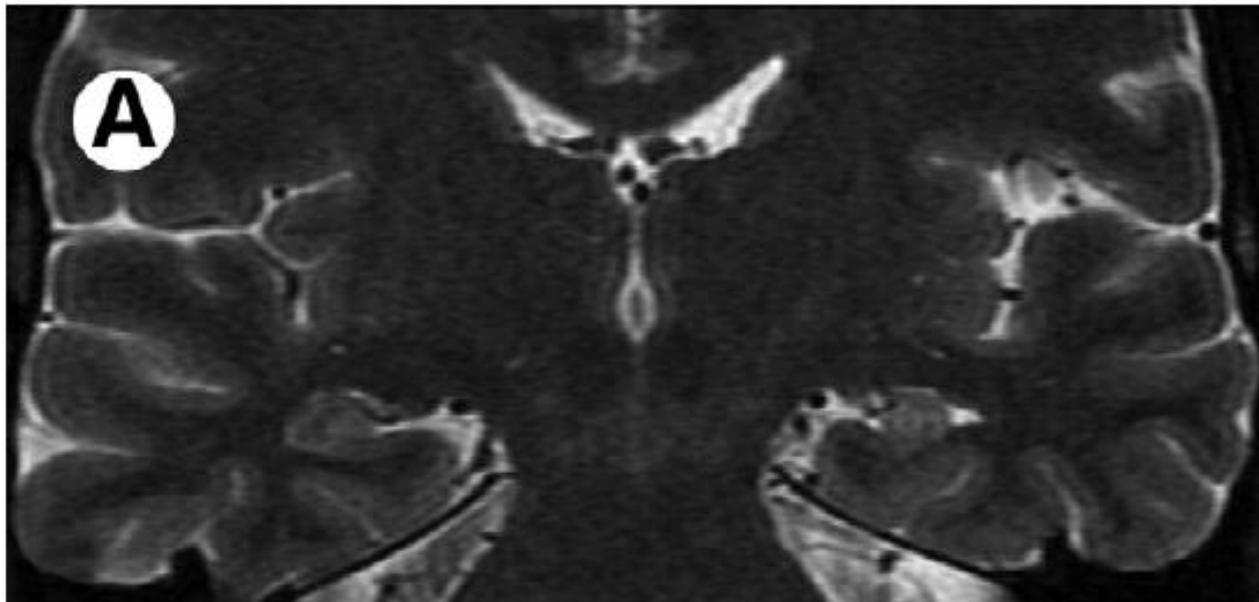
← **Coronal FLAIR:**  
Hippocampal  
sclerosis/ atrophy

← **Coronal T2:**  
Internal architecture.

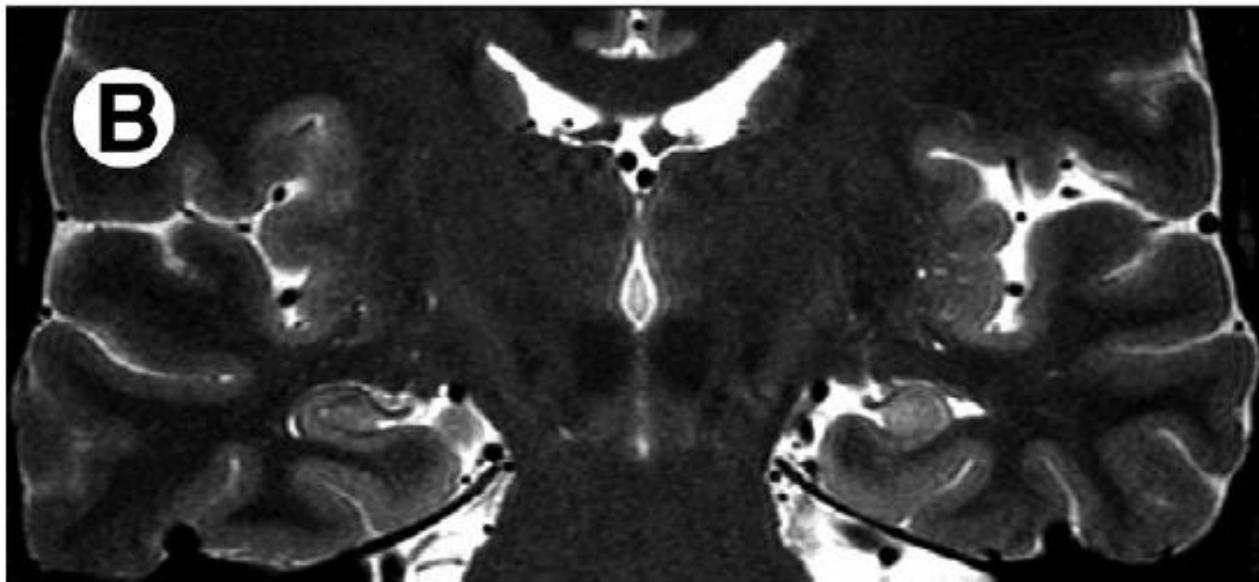




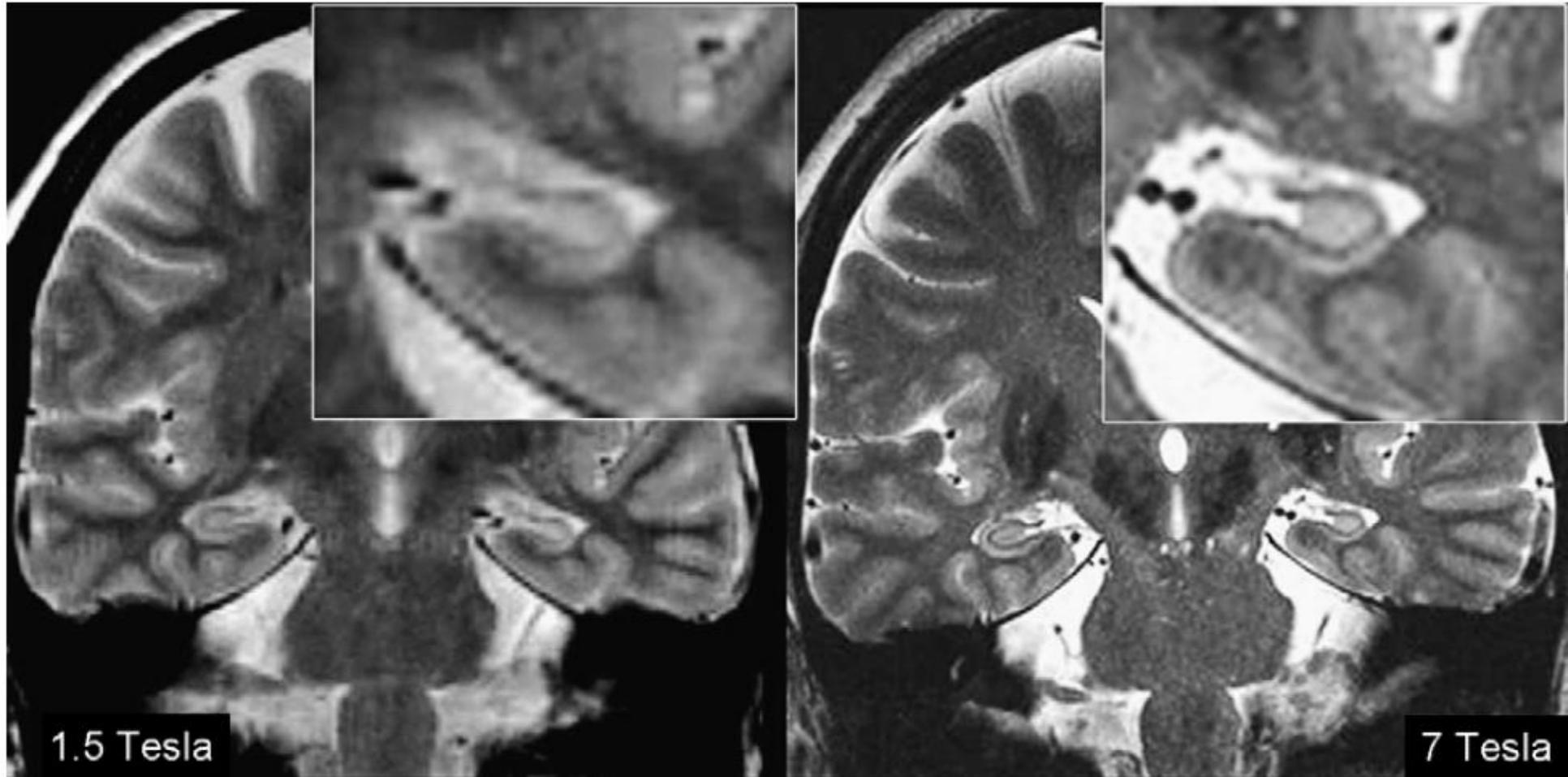
1.5 T



3.0 T



Left mesial temporal sclerosis (MTS), barely visible on 1.5 T (A) and clearly visible on 3 T.



L MTS at 1.5 and 7 T

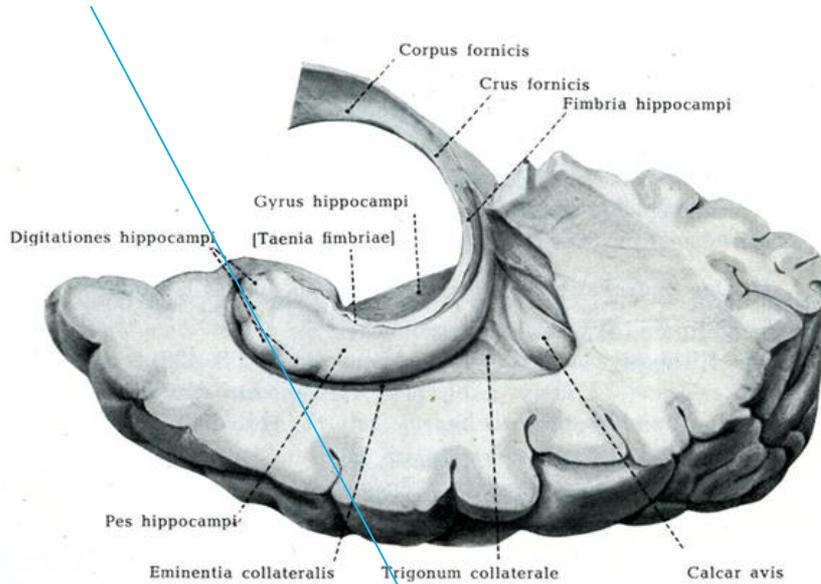
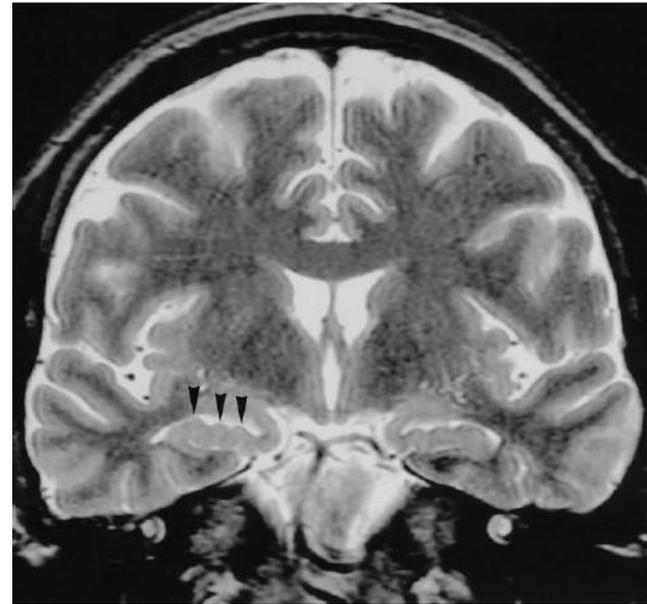
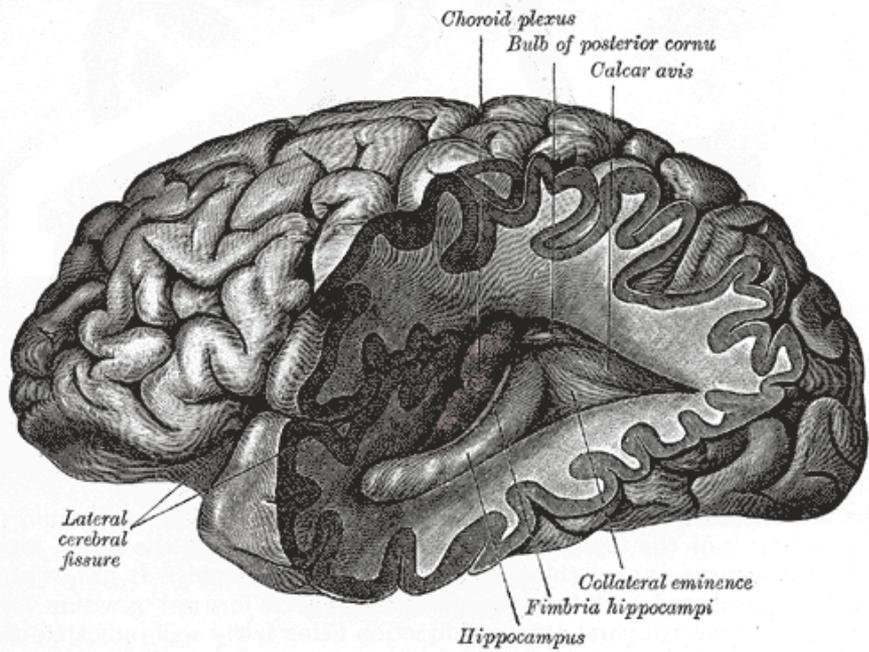


Abb. 423. Unterhorn und Hinterhorn des Seitenventrikels. Fornix und Pes Hippocampi.

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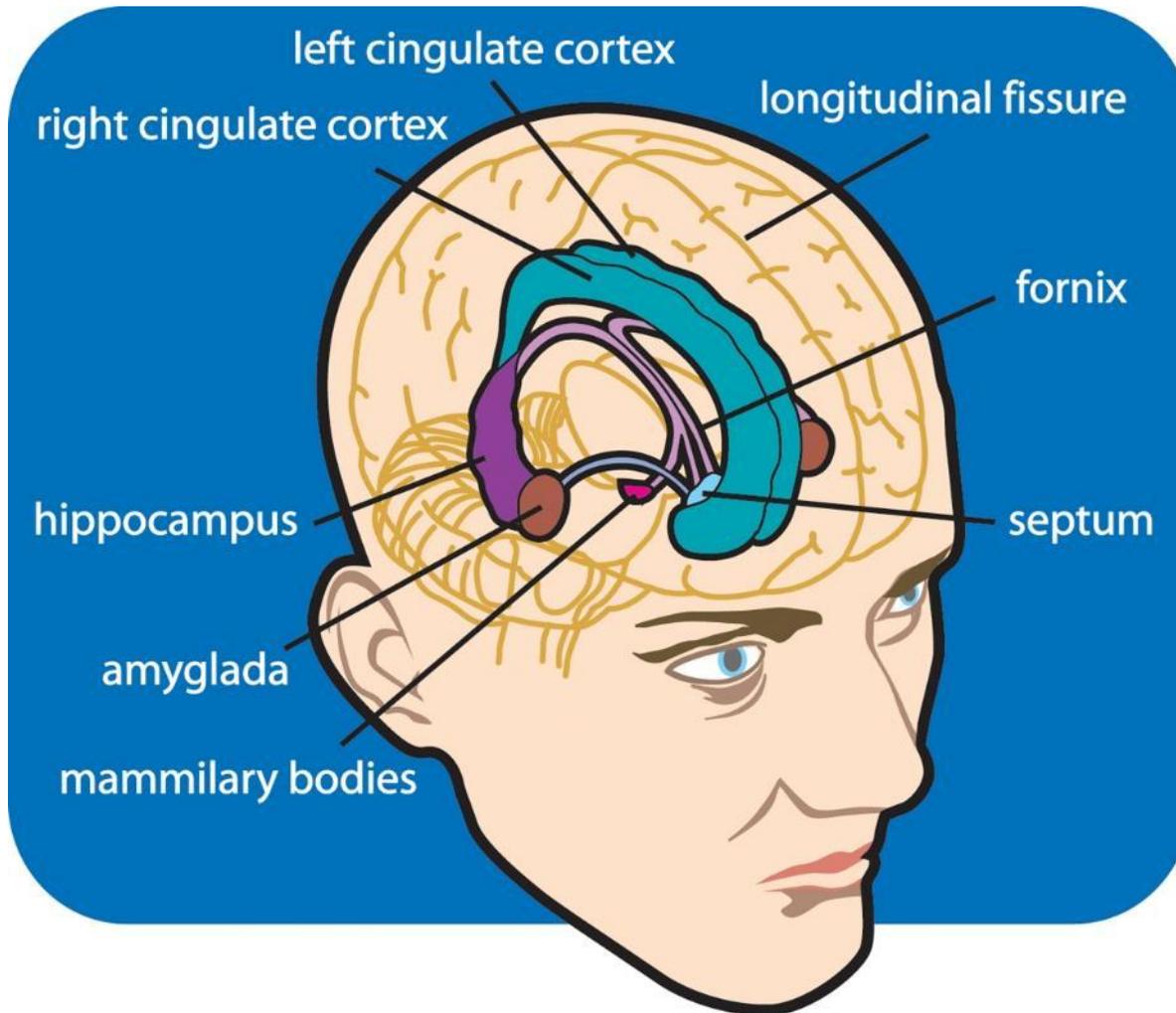
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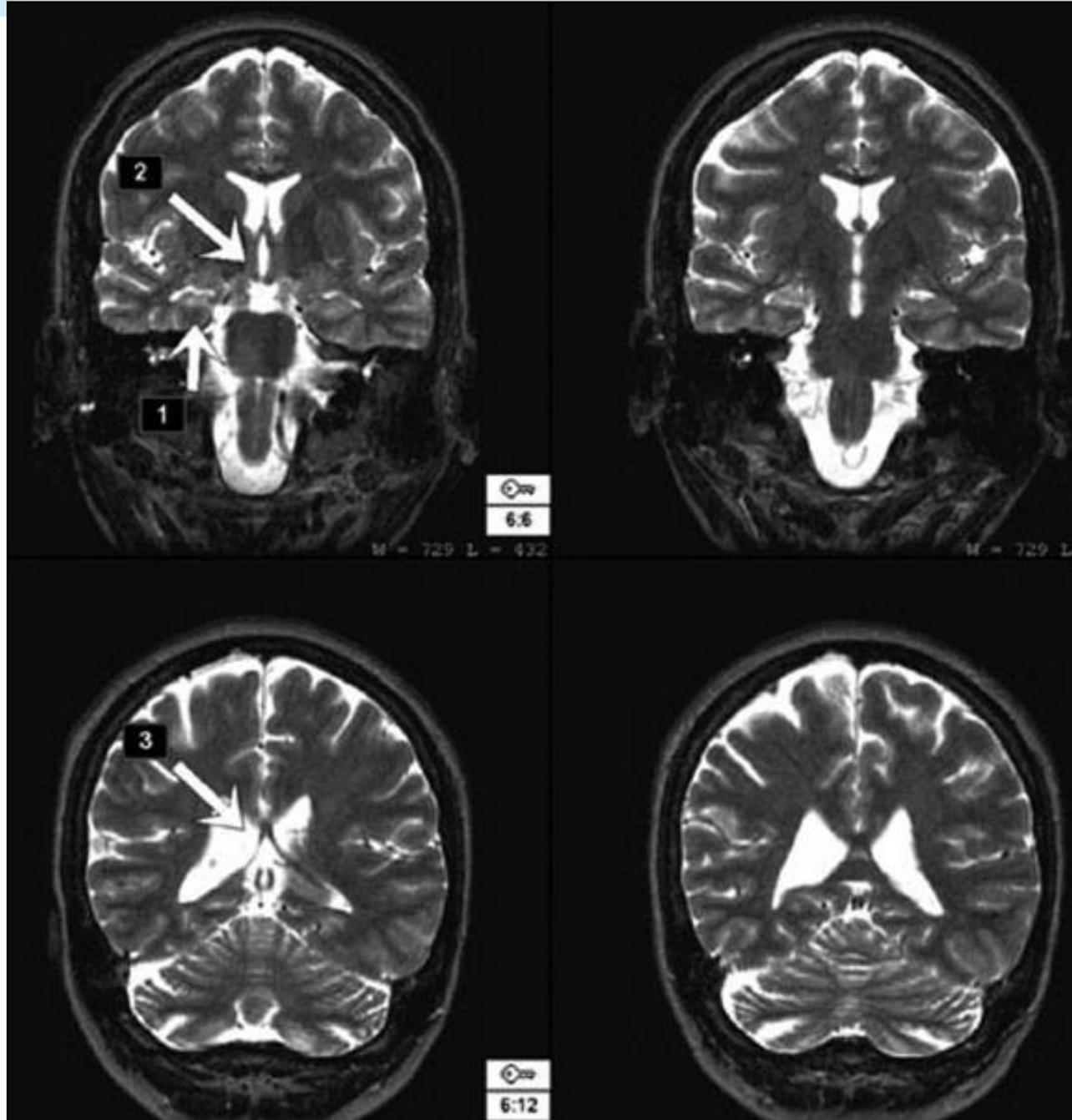


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# LIMBIC SYSTEM AND HIPPOCAMPUS

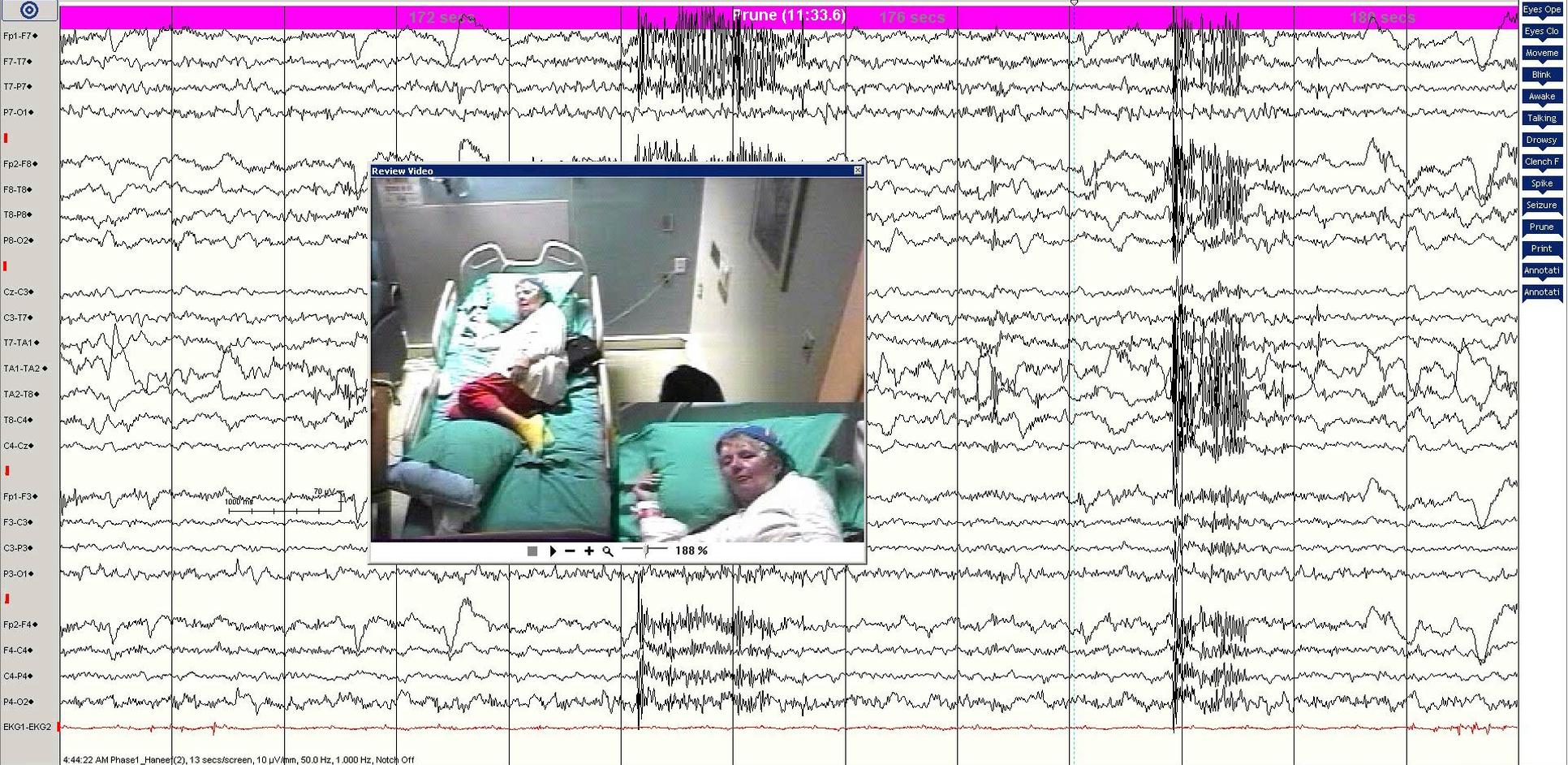
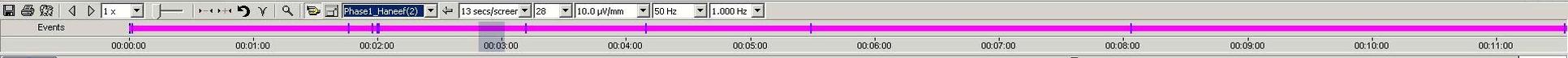




**Hippocampal atrophy (1) with secondary atrophy of mamillary body (2) and fornix (3)**



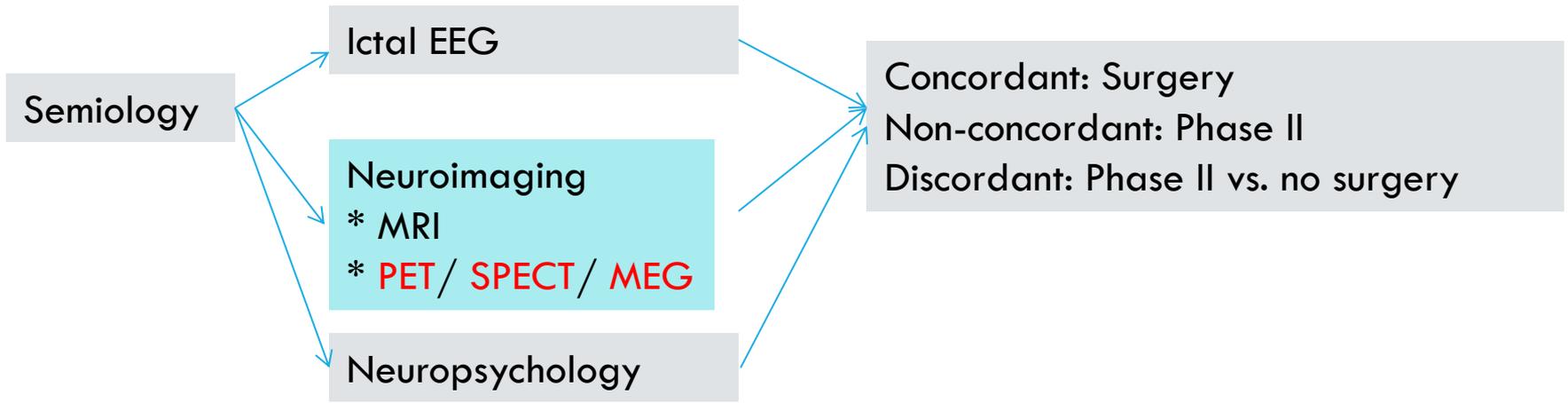
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- Eyes Closed
- Movement
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- Awake
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# THE CLINICAL PROBLEM





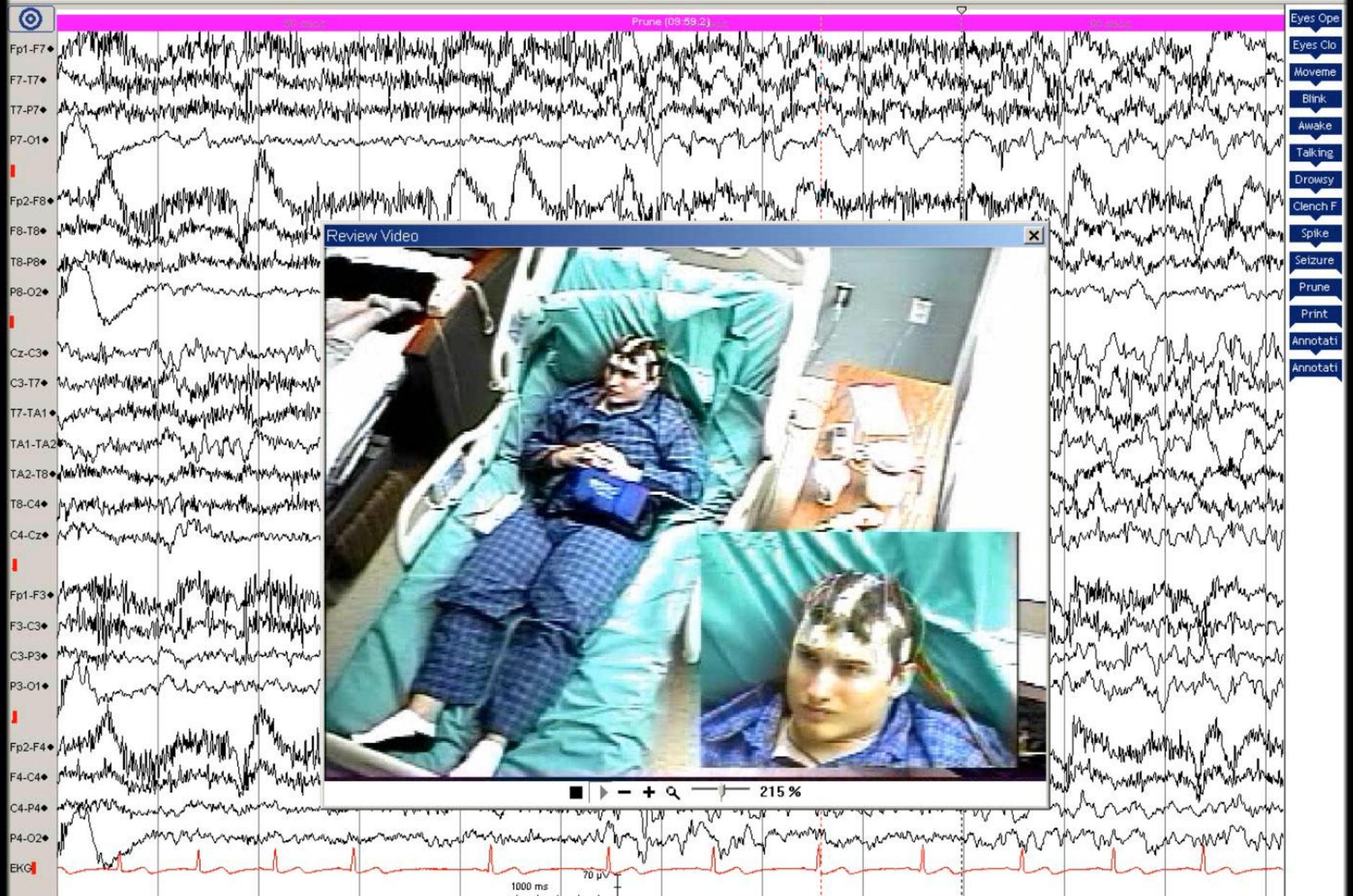
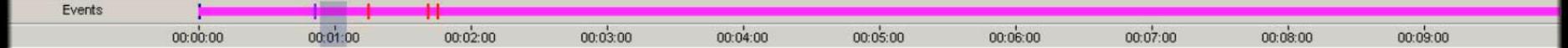
PET



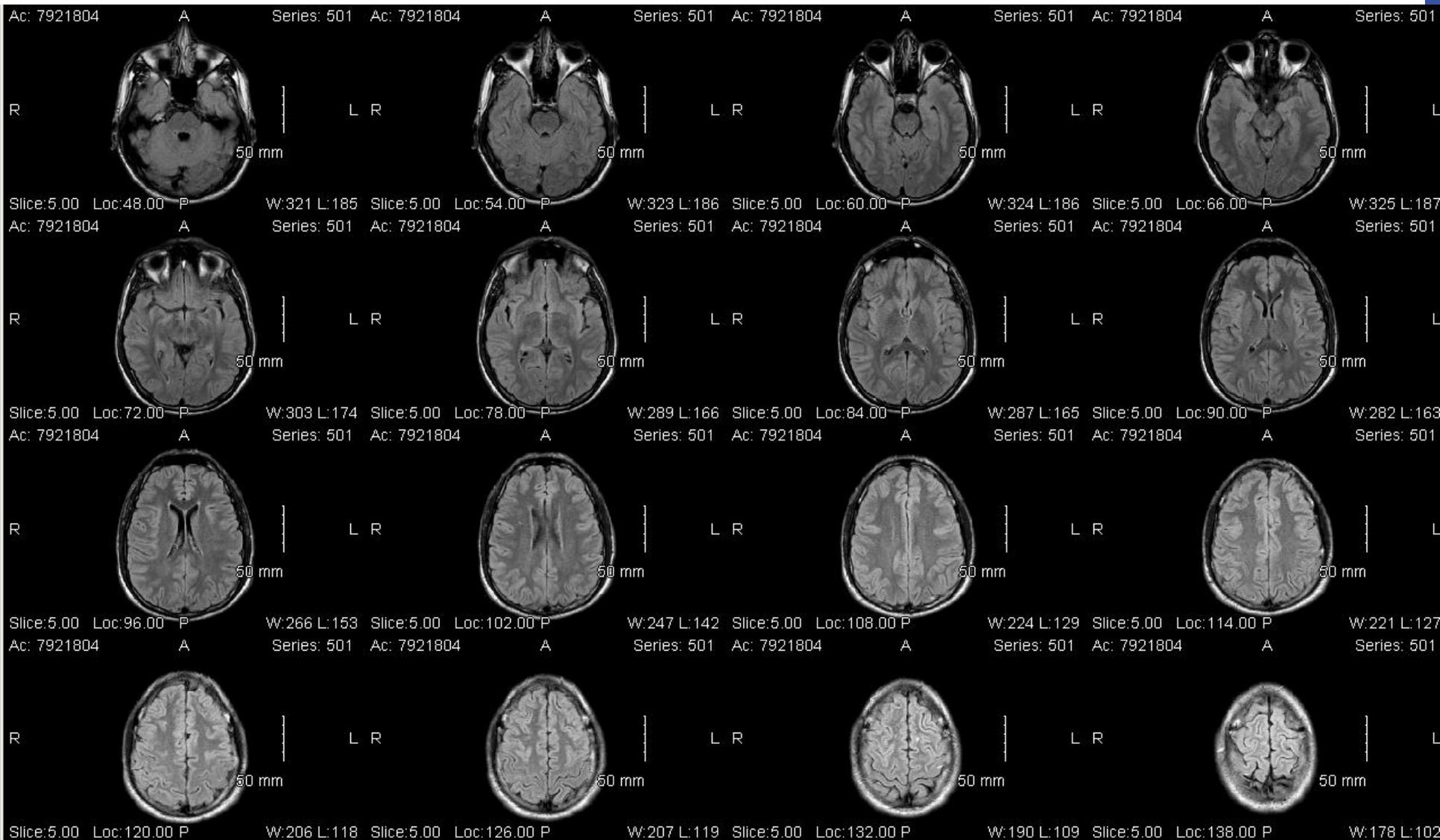
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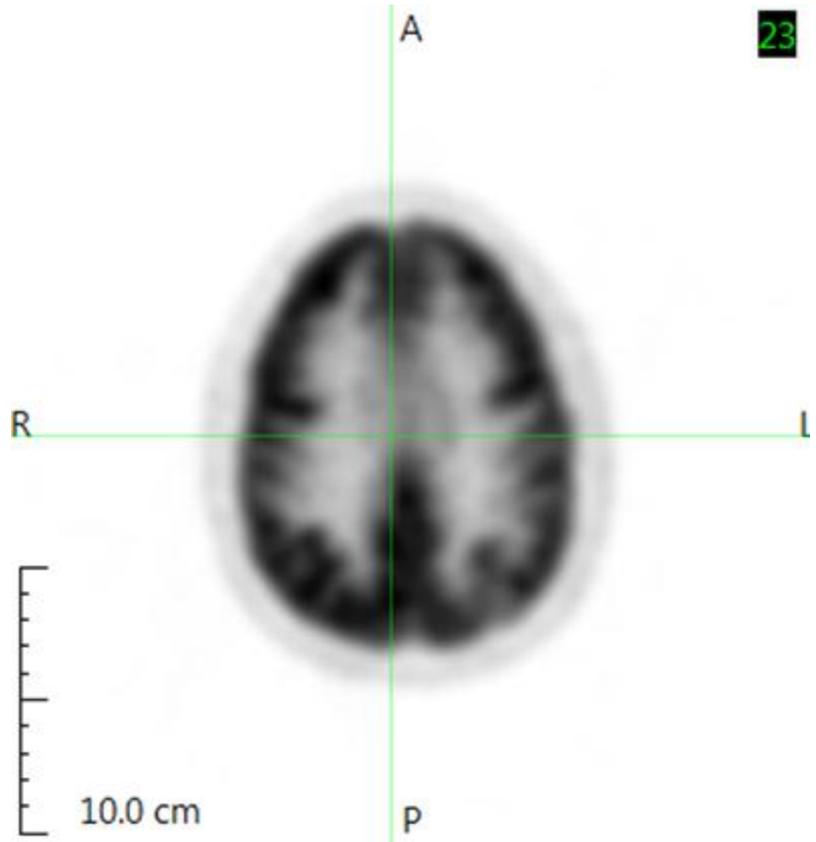
17-year-old male presenting with seizures

- starting as 'shock like sensation over whole body' and occasional right hand 'clawing' followed by GTCS.



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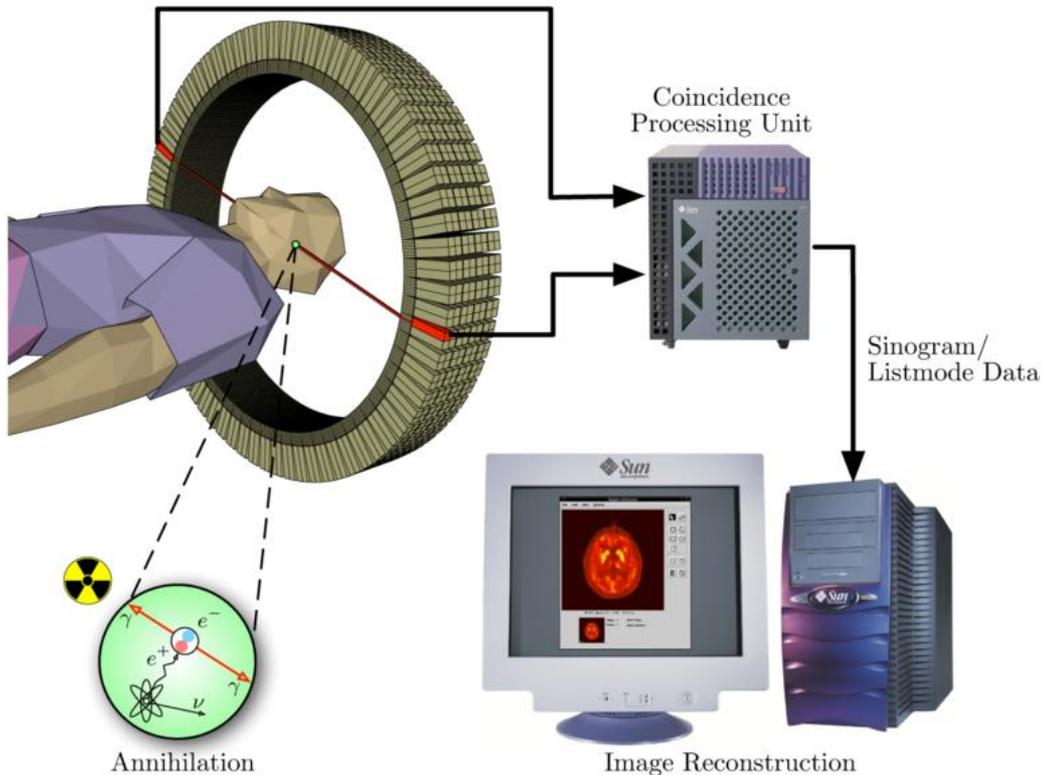




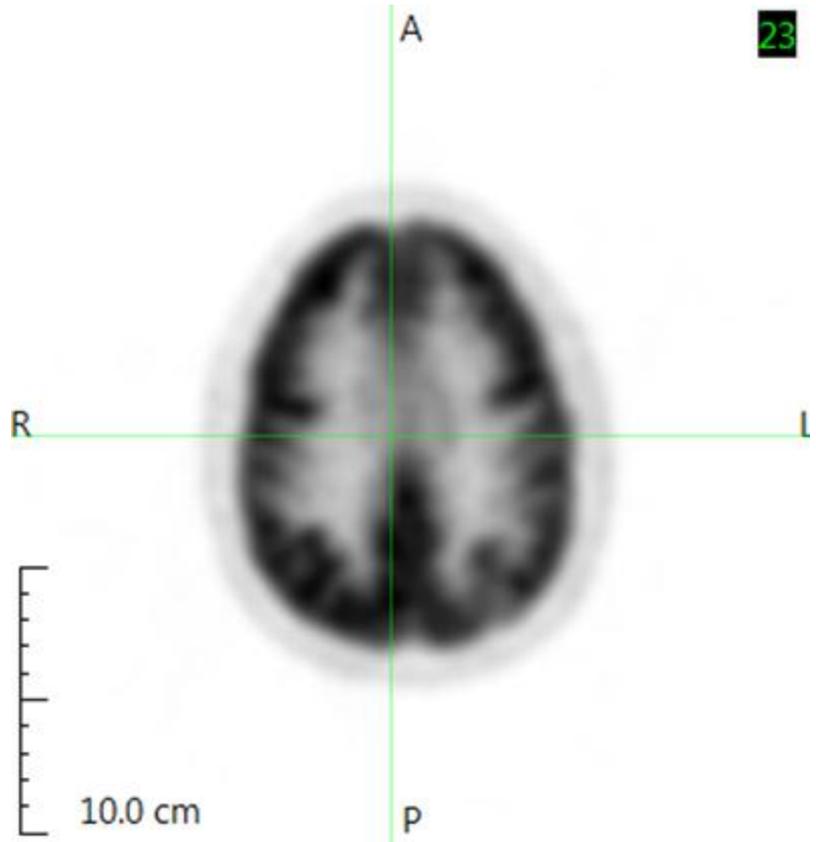
# PET (POSITRON EMISSION TOMOGRAPHY)

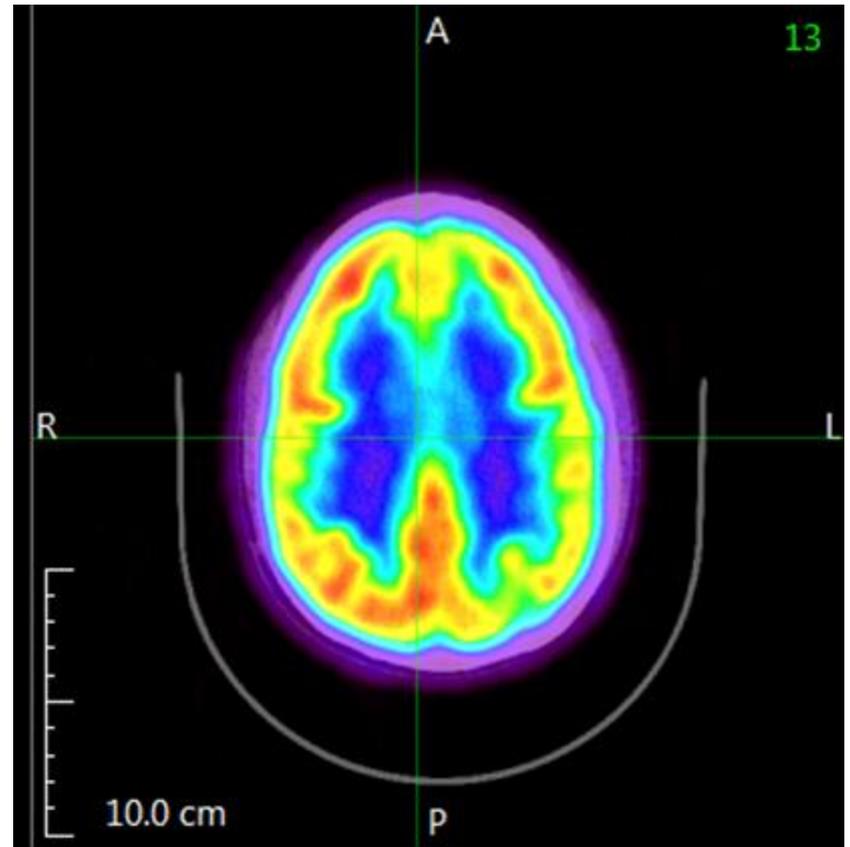
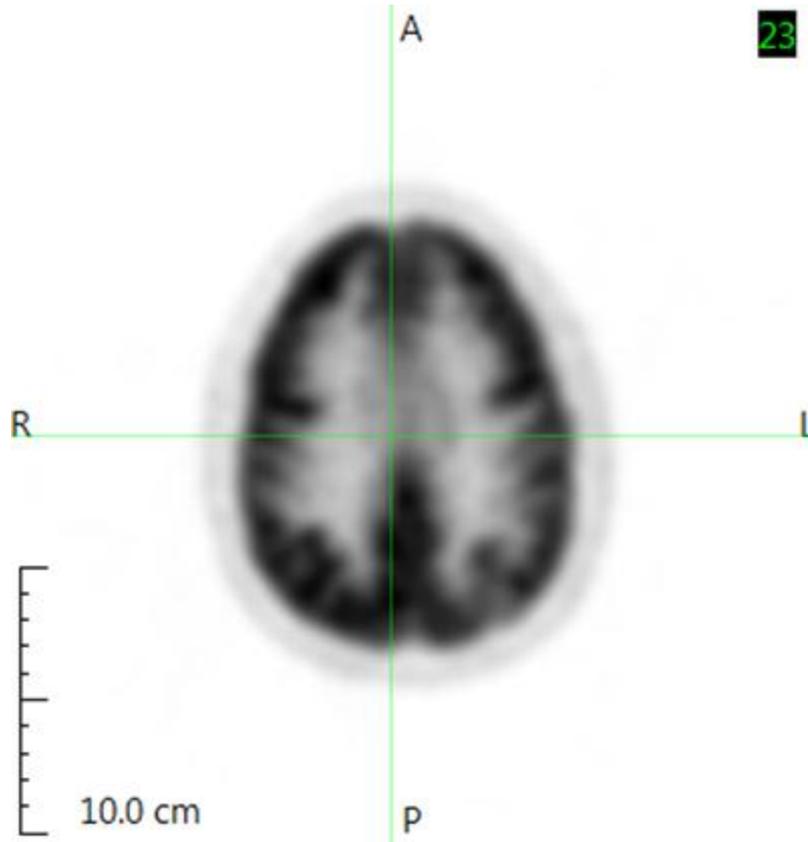
late **1950s**: Concept of PET by David Kuhl

**1961**: Prototype by James Robertson  
(the 'head shrinker').



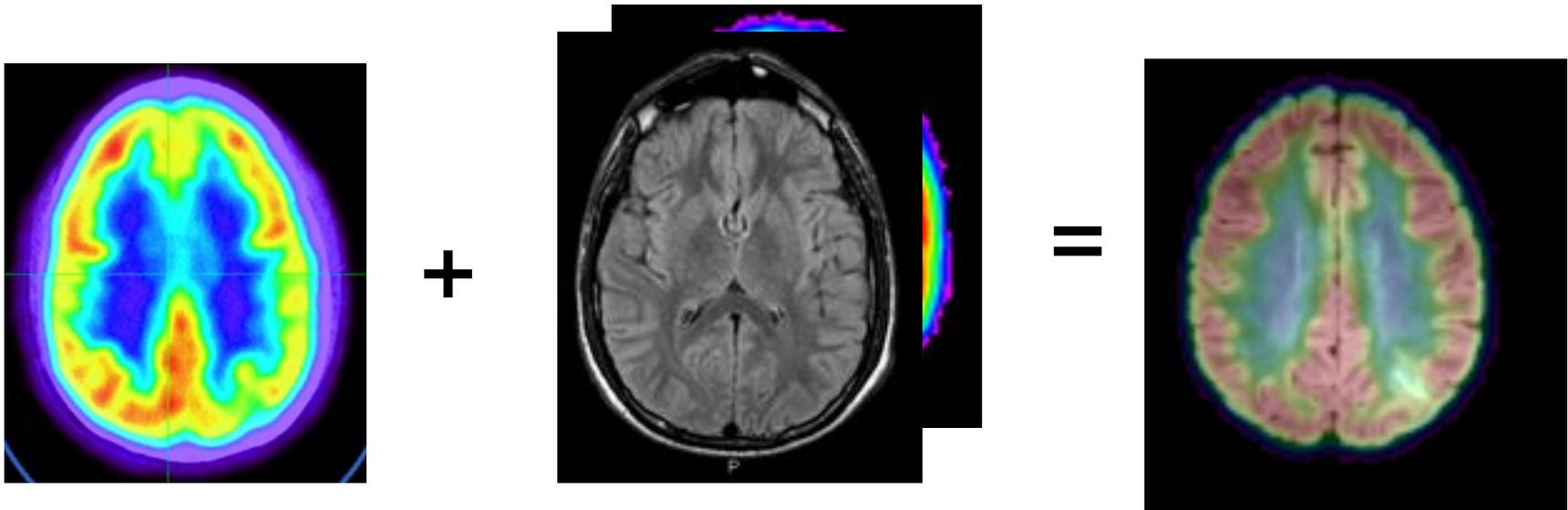
Radionuclide tracer ( $^{18}\text{F}$ FDG)  
injected  $\rightarrow$  positrons  $\rightarrow$   
strikes nearby electron  
(annihilating both)  $\rightarrow$  gamma  
rays  $\rightarrow$  sensed by detectors.



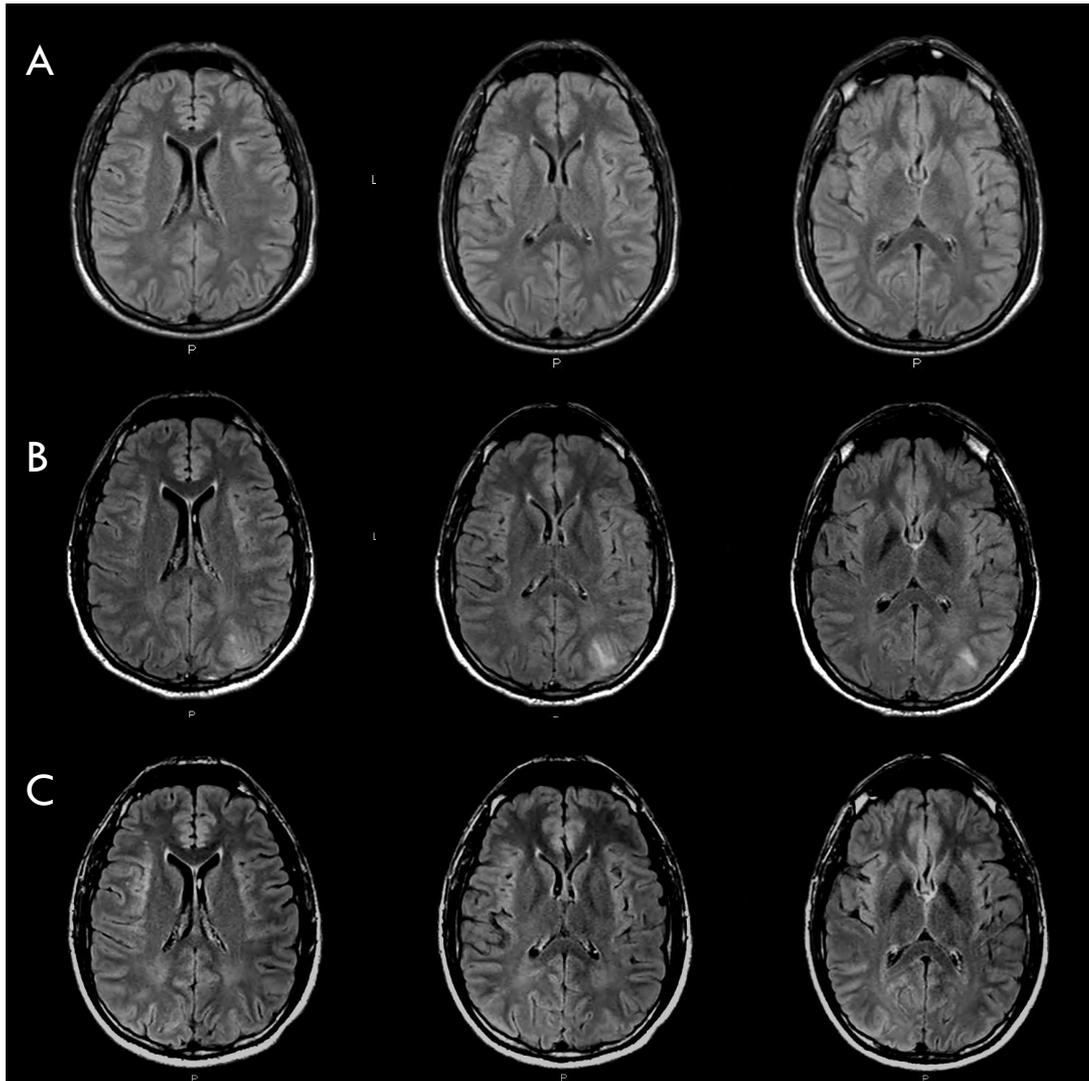




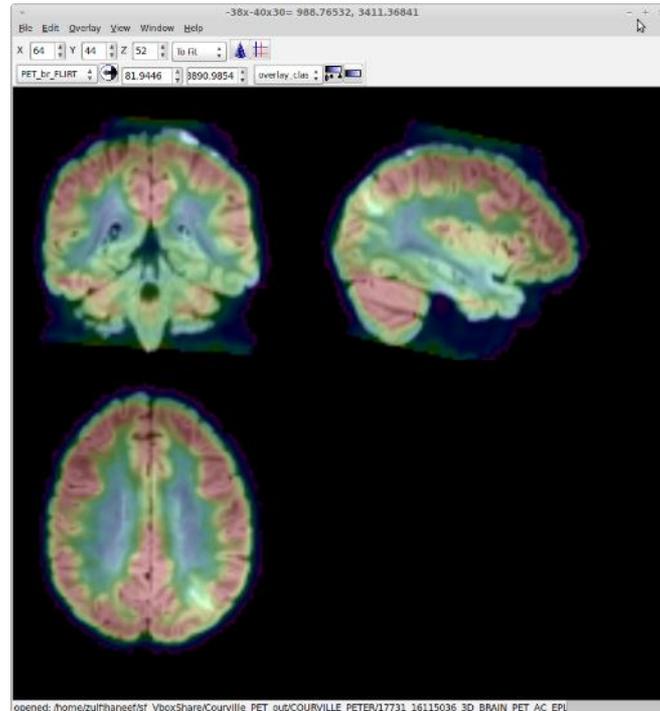
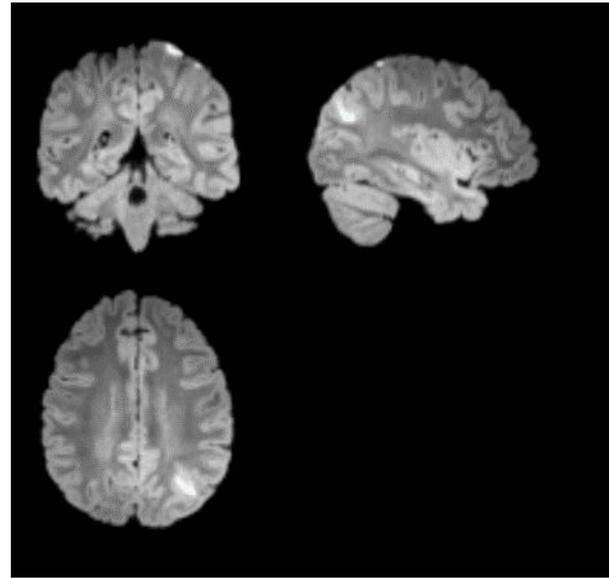
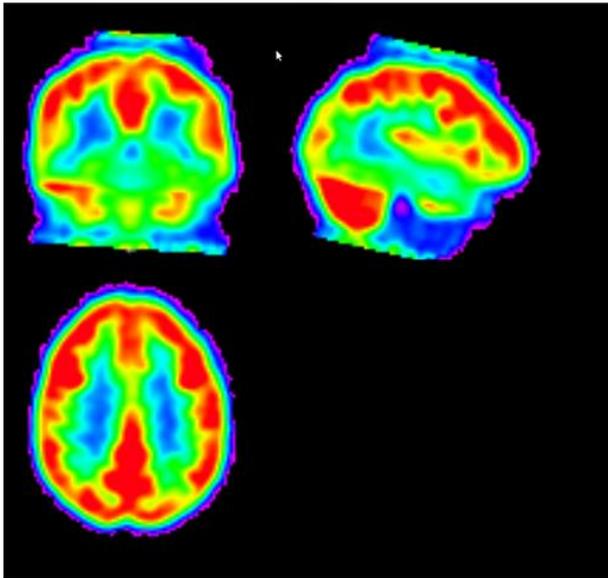
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**PCOM**: PET Co-registered to MRI



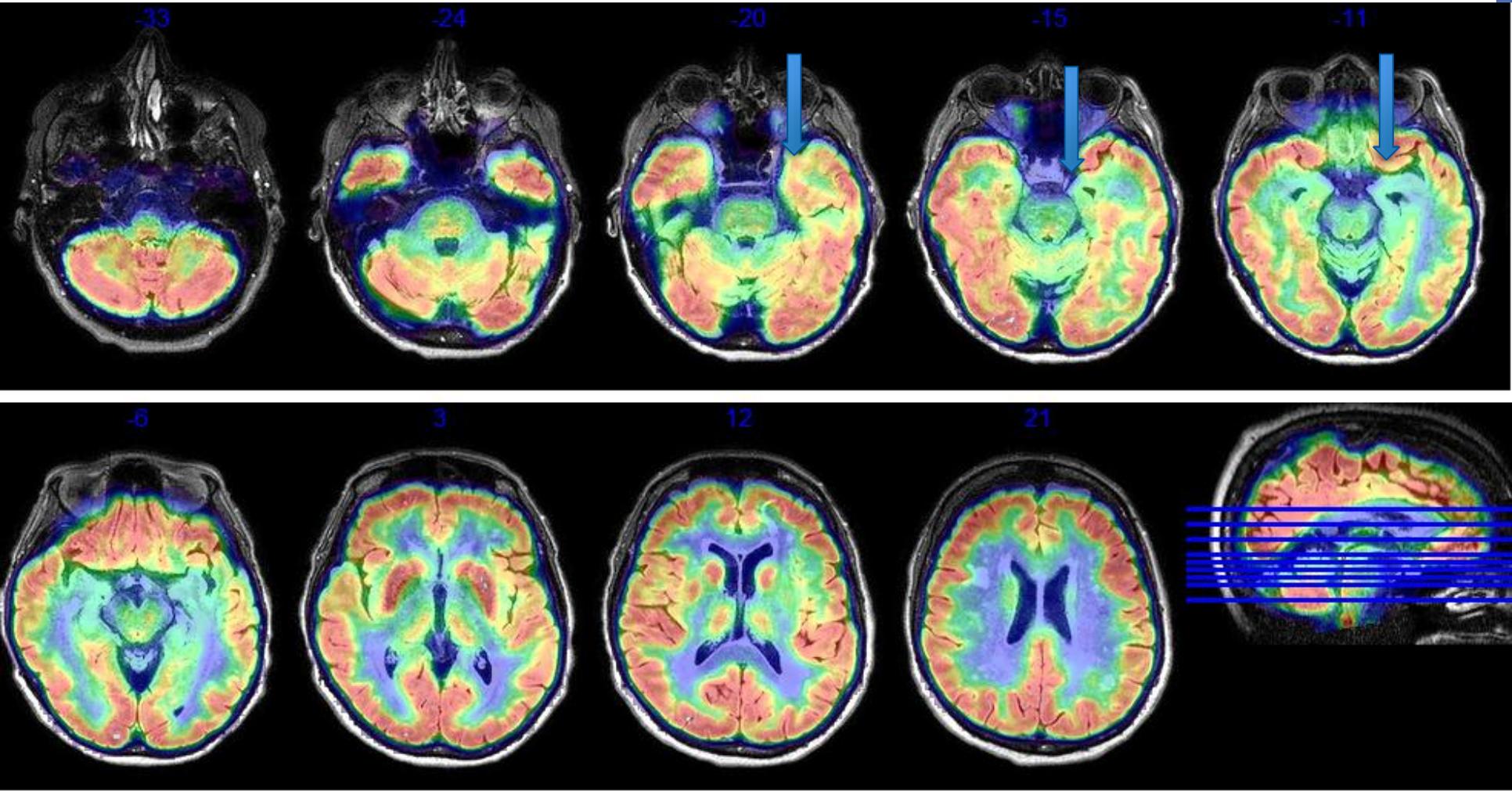
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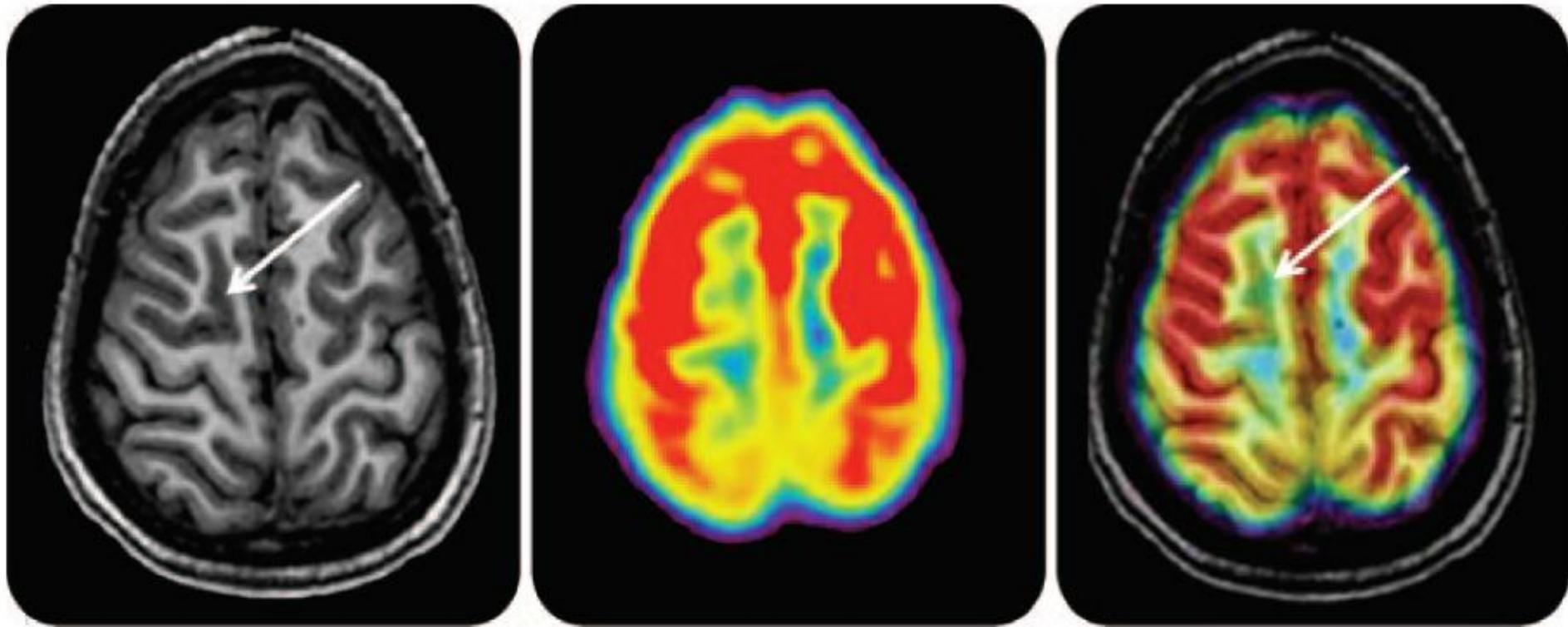






# AXIAL PET-MRI FUSION





PET-MRI coregistration



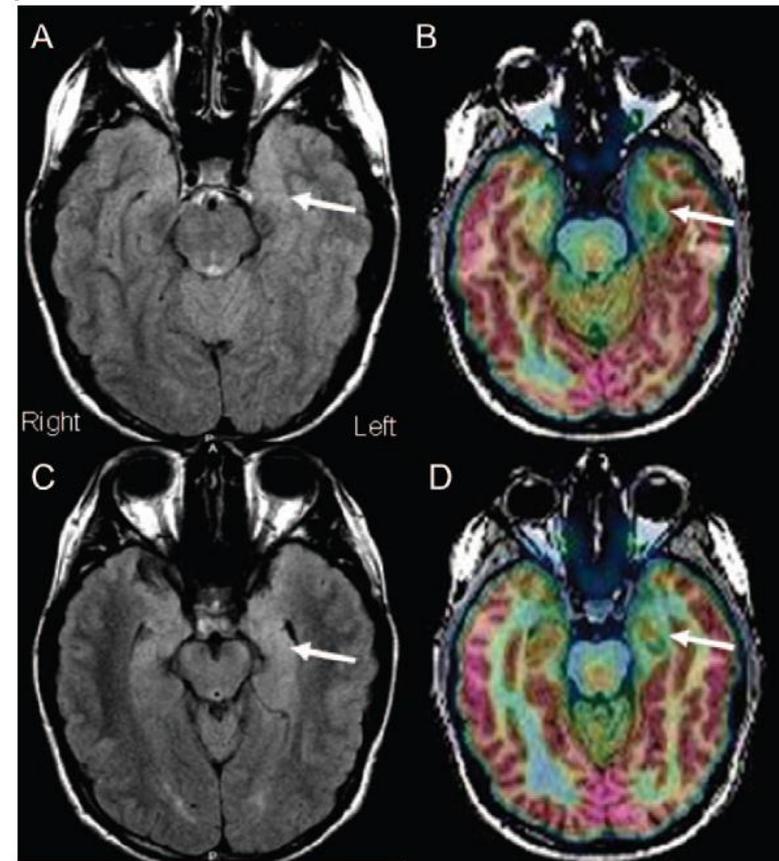
# PET

- In plane resolution of **2-3 mm**
- **Ictal PET:** Logistically difficult due to short  $t_{1/2}$  of  $^{18}\text{F}$ FDG (**110 minutes**). Also, long duration of glucose uptake (several minutes) makes ictal studies a complicated mix of inter-ictal, ictal and post-ictal states
- Sensitivity for MTLE: 80-90%. Correctly lateralizes in 80% cases with a normal MRI (Won 1999).



# FDG-PET/MRI COREGISTRATION IMPROVES DETECTION OF CORTICAL DYSPLASIA (CD)

- CD is difficult to treat as MRI may be normal.
- With PET/MRI co-registration, more CD was detected, and fewer cases required intracranial electrodes.
- Type I CD
  - Abnormal outside MRI in 15%
  - Abnormal MRI in 60% by epilepsy neuroradiologist
  - Abnormal FDG-PET scans in 70%
- Colored images improve diagnostic accuracy



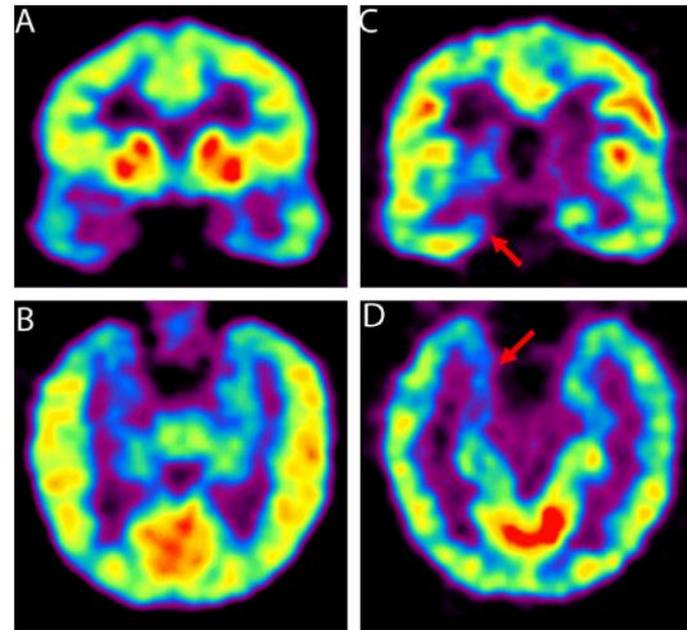
**FDG-PET/MRI coregistration improves detection of cortical dysplasia in patients with epilepsy. *Neurology* 2008**

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# NEURO-RECEPTOR PET

- **[11C]flumazenil (FMZ):**
  - Lower GABA receptor binding in epileptic focus,
  - distinguishes patients with frequent seizures.
  - More accurate for extra-TLE?
  - Short  $t_{1/2}$  (20 min) hampers clinical use
- **Serotonin receptors (5-HT1A): [18F]MPPF**
  - Serotonin widely distributed in limbic structures and thought to inhibit seizures
  - Reduced ipsi-lesional binding to hippocampus, temporal pole, insula and temporal neocortex.
- **$\alpha$ -[11C]methyl-Ltryptophan ( $\alpha$ -MTrp)**
  - Useful for Tuberous sclerosis
- **opioid-based ligands has shown some promise**
  - delta-selective opioid receptor ligand [11C]methylnaltrindole also showed increased receptor availability in the epileptogenic temporal lobe
- **Dopamine receptor ([18F]Fallypride)**
  - Dopaminergic system may be part of the endogenous anticonvulsant mechanism
  - D2/D3-receptor binding was reduced at the pole and the lateral aspects of the epileptogenic temporal lobe,
  - no change in hippocampal binding although all patients had hippocampal atrophy





**SPECT / SISCOM**



# CASE

42 year old man with seizures since age 13.

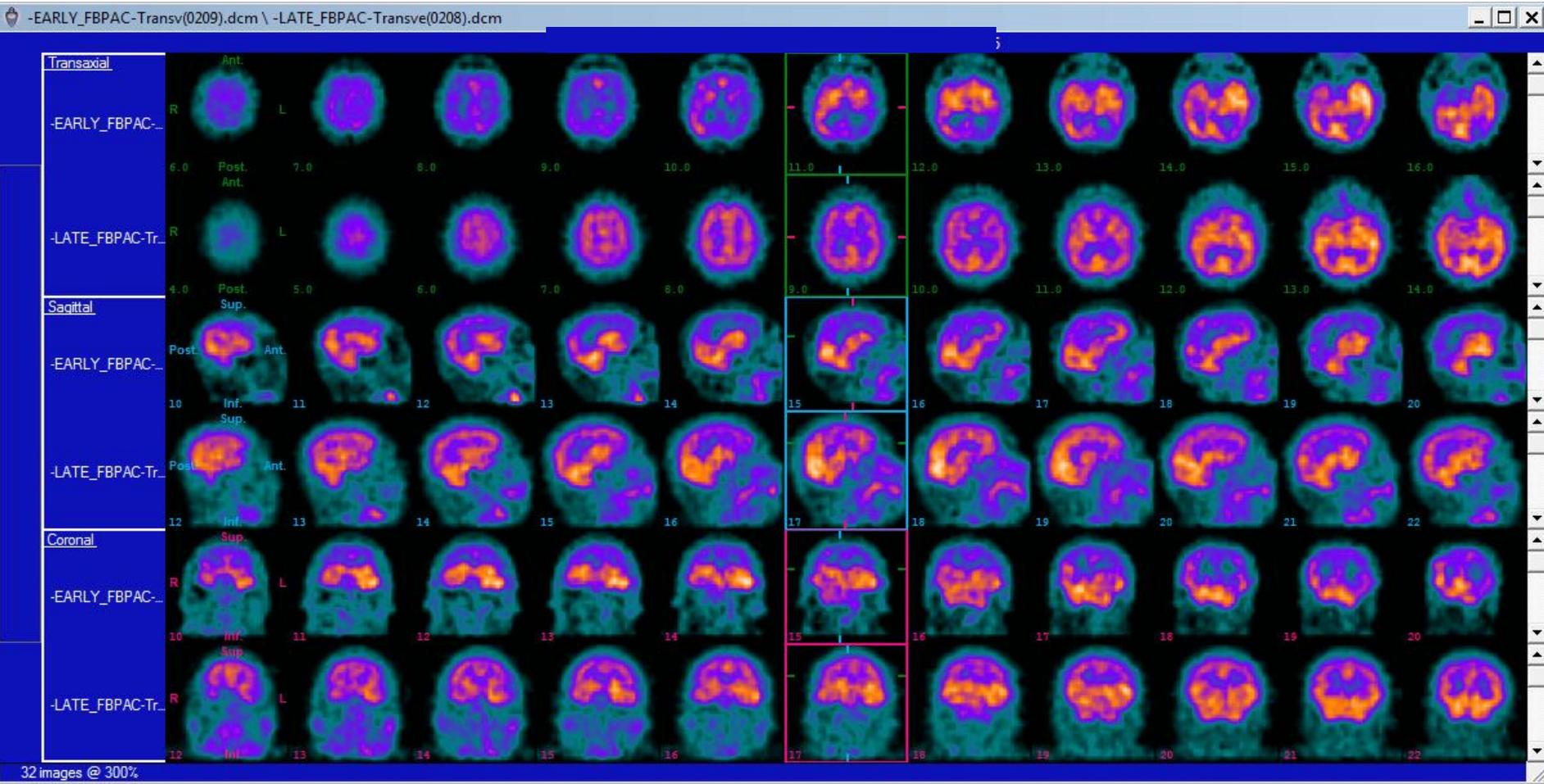
- Aura: feeling unwell with chest discomfort.
- Seizures: Behavioral arrest, automatisms with L hand with secondary generalization.

Failed AED and considered for surgery.

**EEG:** Left temporal sharps > right temporal.

Unclear seizure onset, appears left temporo-parietal

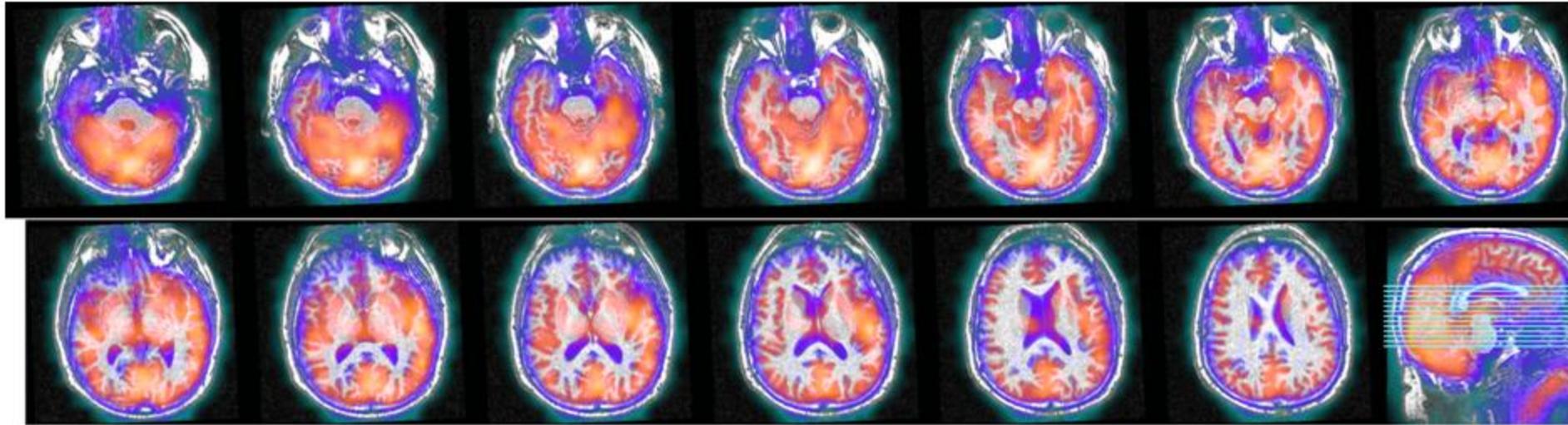
**MRI/ PET:** Non-lateralized



Ictal SPECT

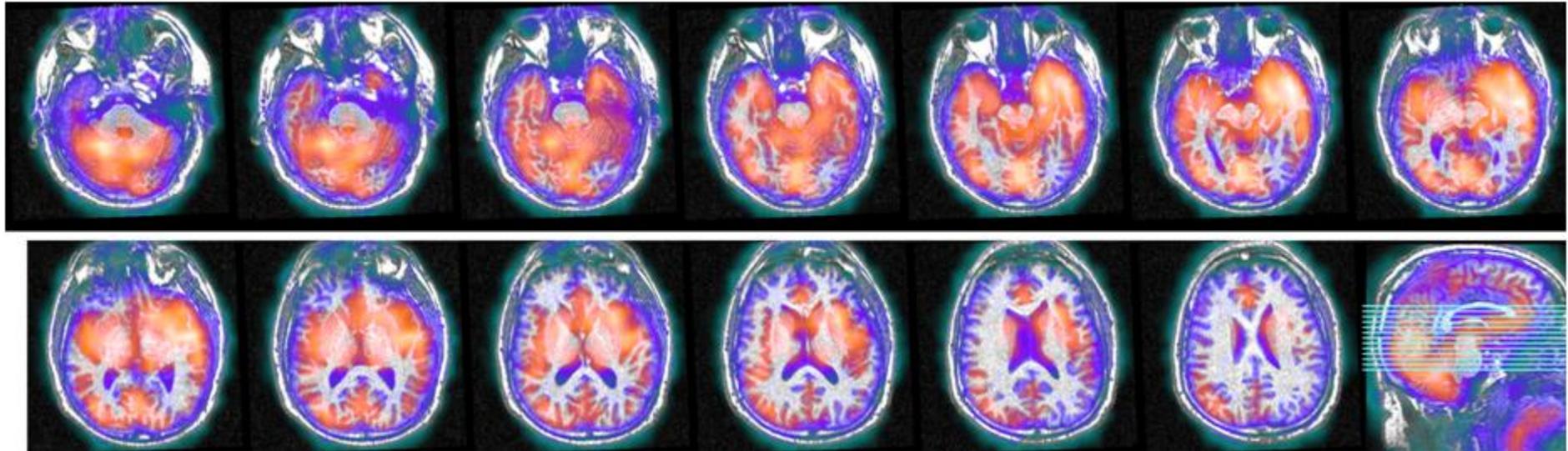


# INTER-ICTAL SPECT CO-REGISTERED TO MRI





# ICTAL SPECT CO-REGISTERED TO MRI

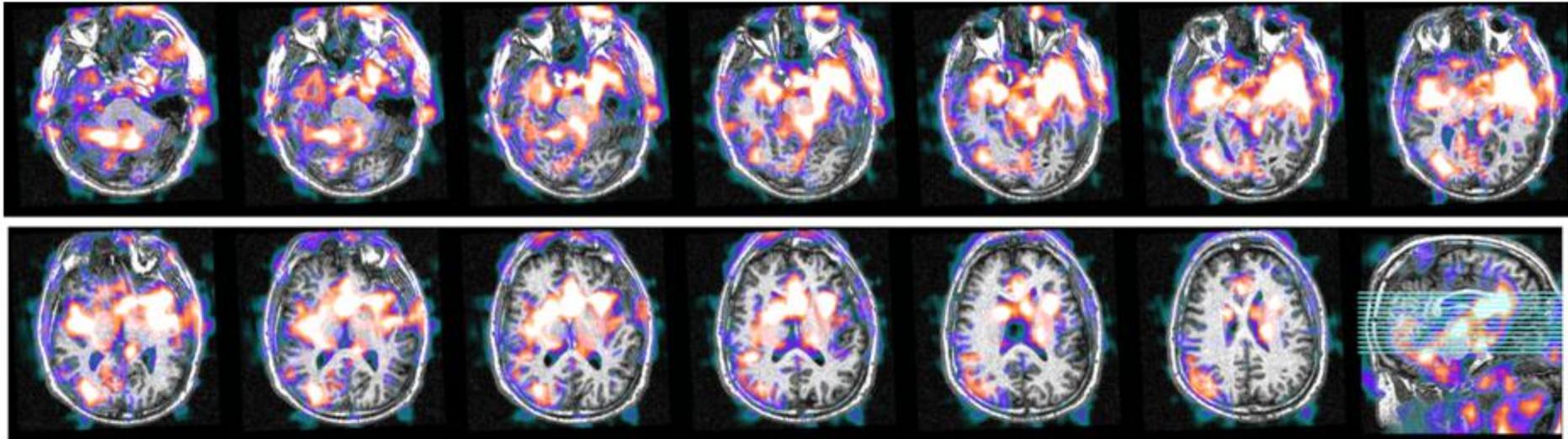




# ICTAL-INTERICTAL\_SUBTRACTION

SISCOM:

SUBTRACTION ICTAL SPECT CO-REGISTERED TO MRI





# SPECT: SINGLE PHOTON EMISSION COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY

- Ictal study, ideally injected within 30-45 seconds of ictal onset
- Delay in injection of radio-ligand (>45 sec from seizure onset) can cause
  - a) more involvement of propagation pathways (these pathways not needed to be resected)
  - b) post-ictal switch phenomenon which can result in false localization/ lateralization.
- $t_{1/2}$  of 6 hours. Need to use tracer within this time.
- iodine-123- and technetium-99m-labeled ligands are available



**MEG / MSI**

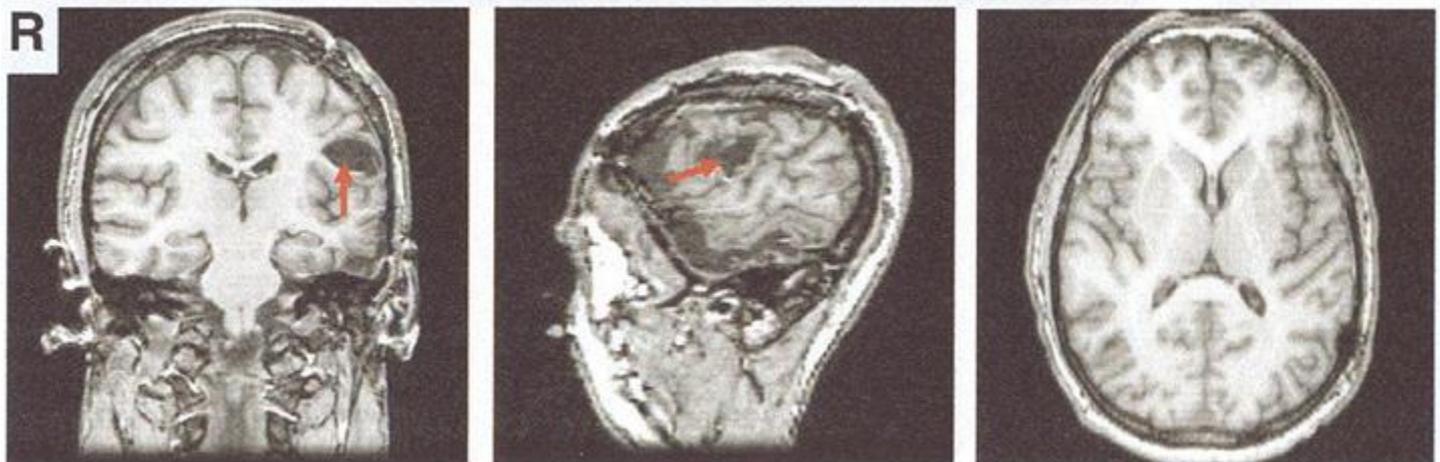


# CASE

22 y/o RH man with post-trauma epilepsy following fall from 2 stories through skylight on to concrete, sustaining right parietal skull fracture extending to temporal fossa and left F-P subdural / left T-P intraparenchymal bleeds.

## Seizures

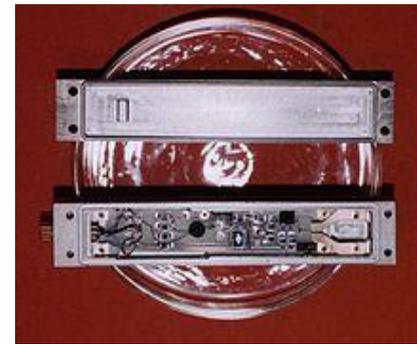
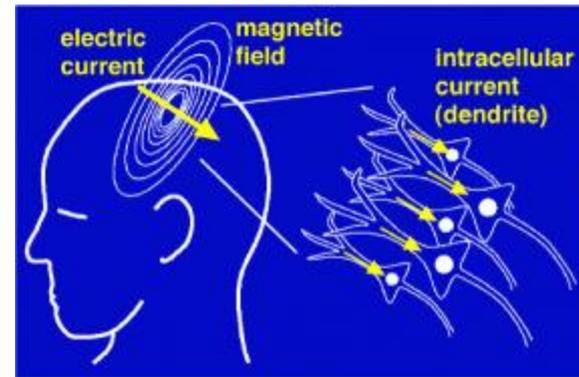
- Aura of right-sided sensory changes (arm), right side of head
- Difficulty speaking, then weird feeling in back of throat, moving up neck
- Progress to stiffening and shaking of right arm, head version to the right and then generalization.
- Auras occur 3-4 times per week.





## MEG: MAGNETO-ENCEPHALO-GRAM

- Cortical activity: 10 fT ( $10^{-15}$ )
- Alpha rhythm:  $10^3$  fT
- Earth:  $50 \times 10^3$  nT ( $10^{-9}$ )
- MRI: 1.5-3 T



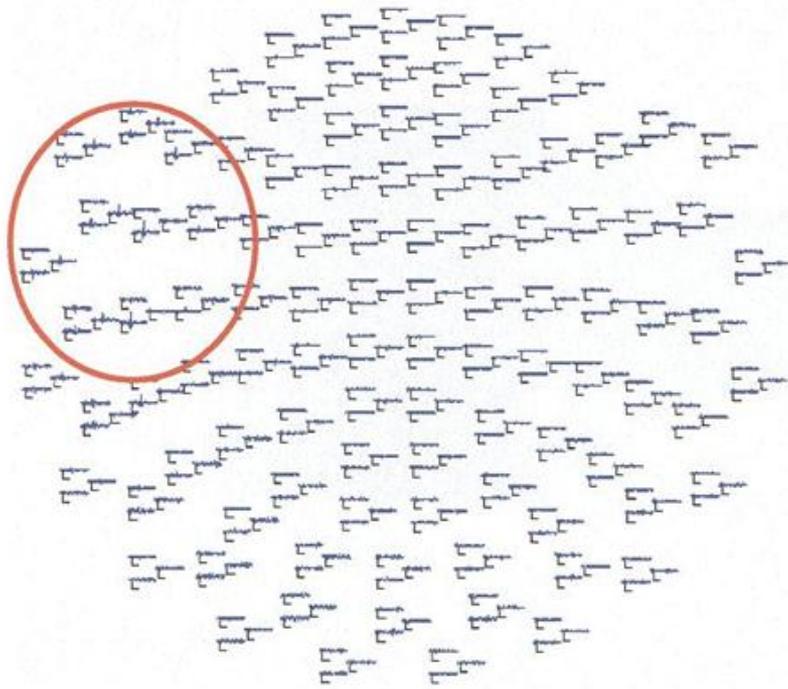
**1964:** Extremely sensitive magnetometers based on superconducting loops developed in Ford Labs (Robert **Jaklevic**): SQUID (superconducting quantum interference devices) detectors

**1968:** David **Cohen** (U. Illinois) measures MEG signals

**1980s:** Multiple sensor arrays (about 300) made by MEG manufacturers.



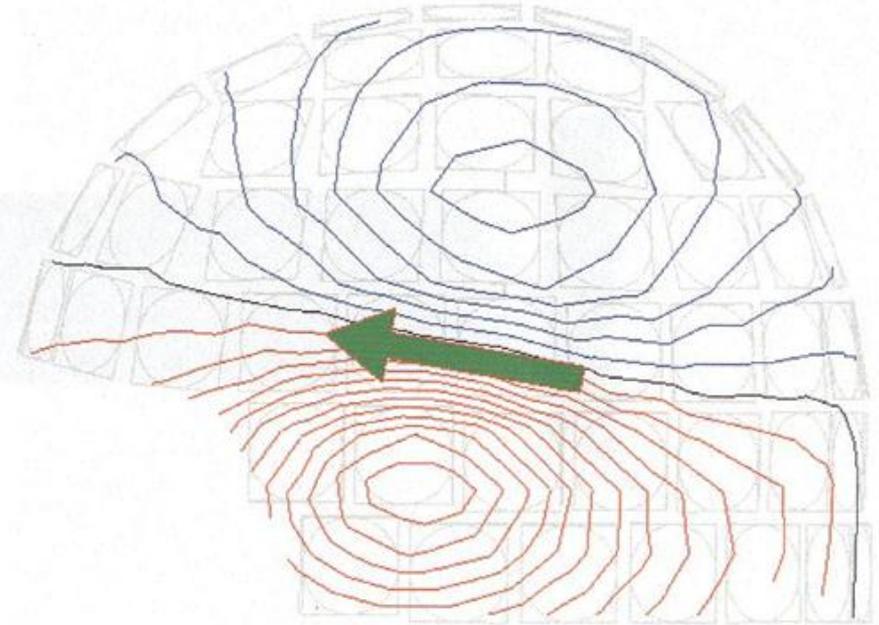
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Sensor waveform:  
view from top

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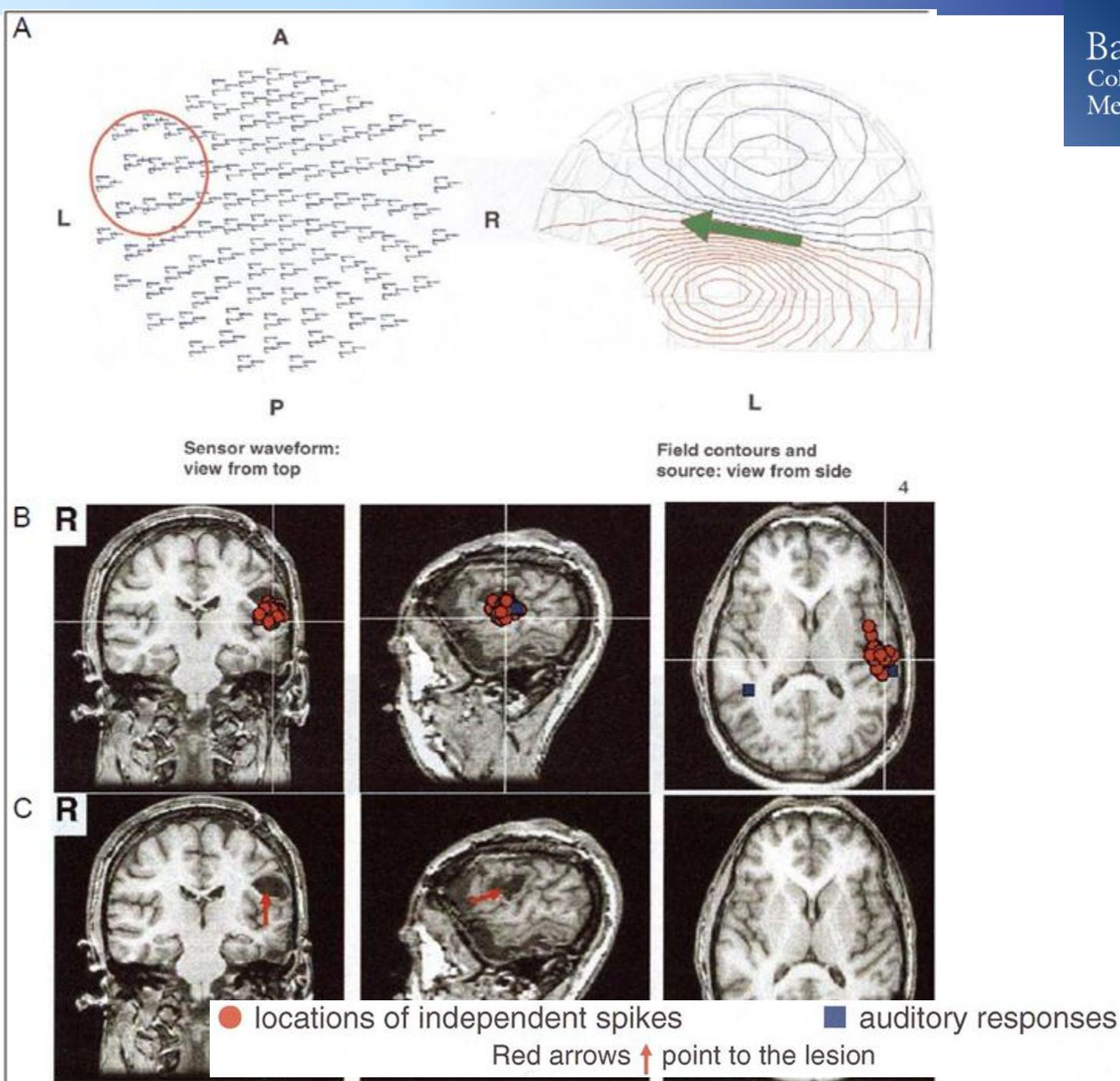


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Field contours and  
source: view from side



MEG + MRI =  
MSI (MAGNETIC SOURCE IMAGING)





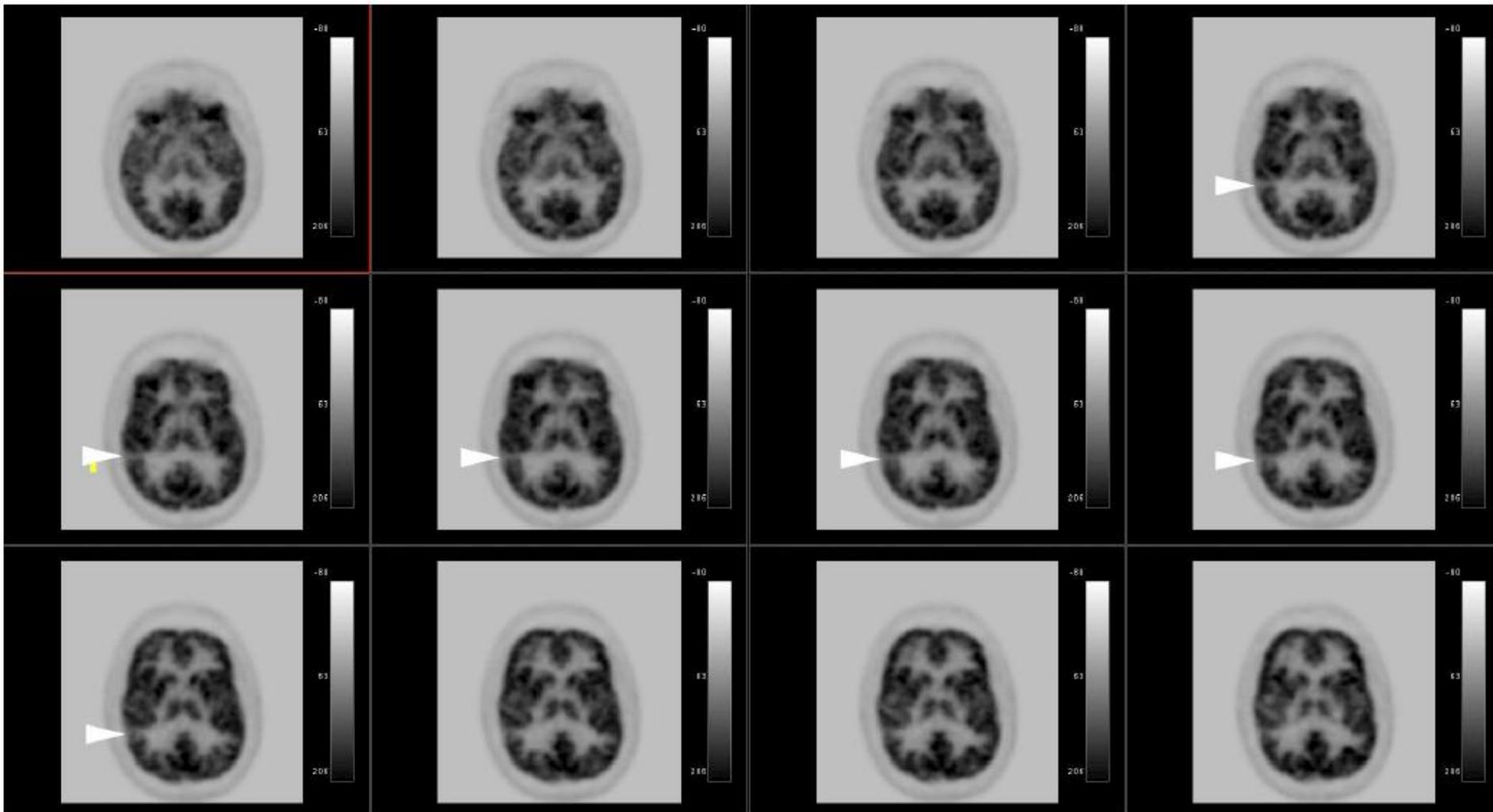
# MEG/ MSI

MEG	EEG
Magnetic signals	Electrical signals
Skull/ scalp is “magnetically transparent”	Skull/ scalp attenuates EEG signals
Purer cortical signal detection (Better for cortical sources)	Mix of superficial and deeper signals (Better for deeper sources)

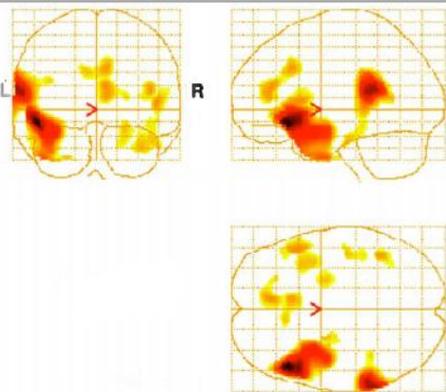


# CASE: MULTI-MODAL IMAGING (MEG/ SPECT/ PET)

17-y/o with intractable epilepsy and normal EEG & MRI.

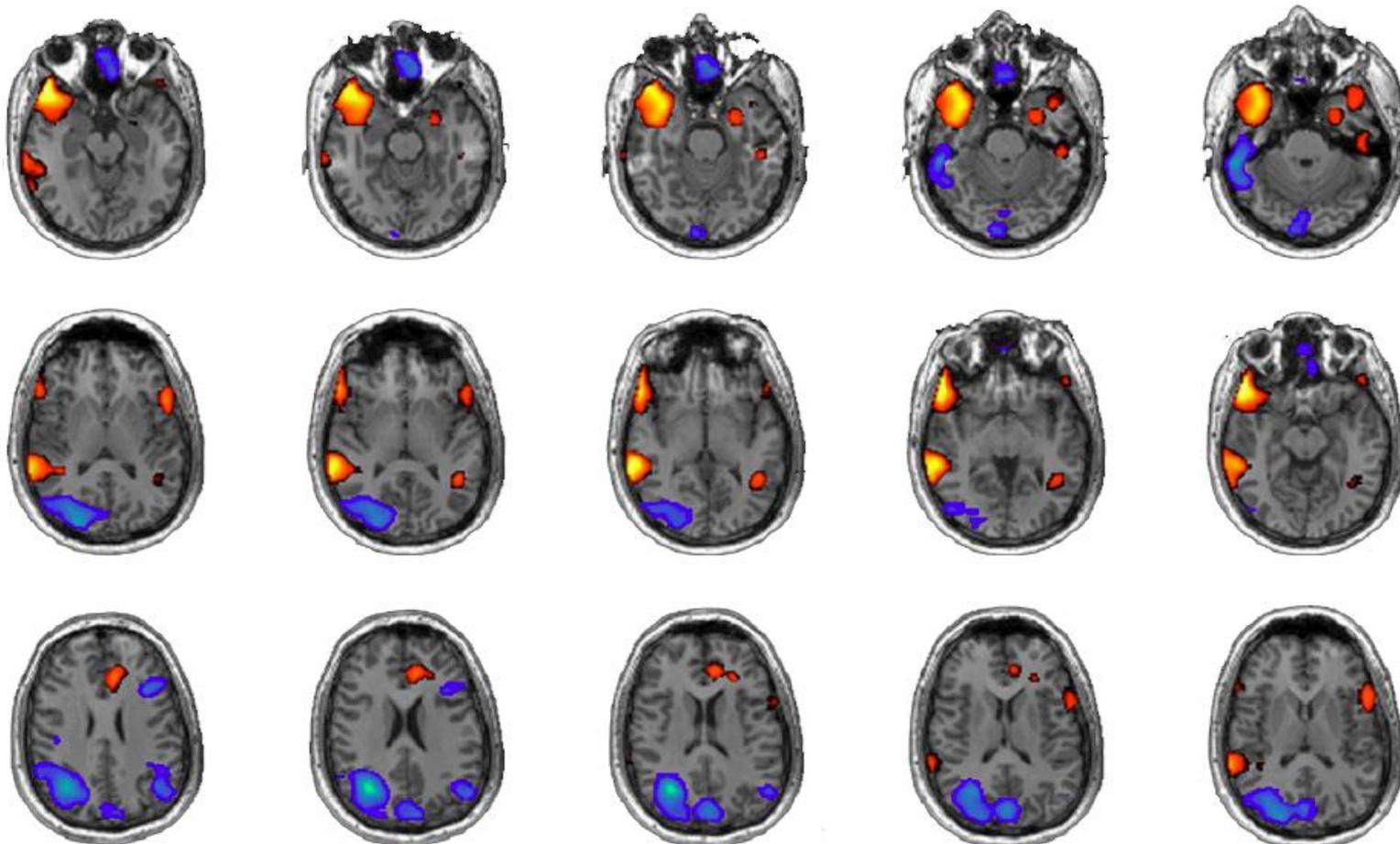


PET shows relative focal hypometabolism in the right lateral temporal (white arrows).

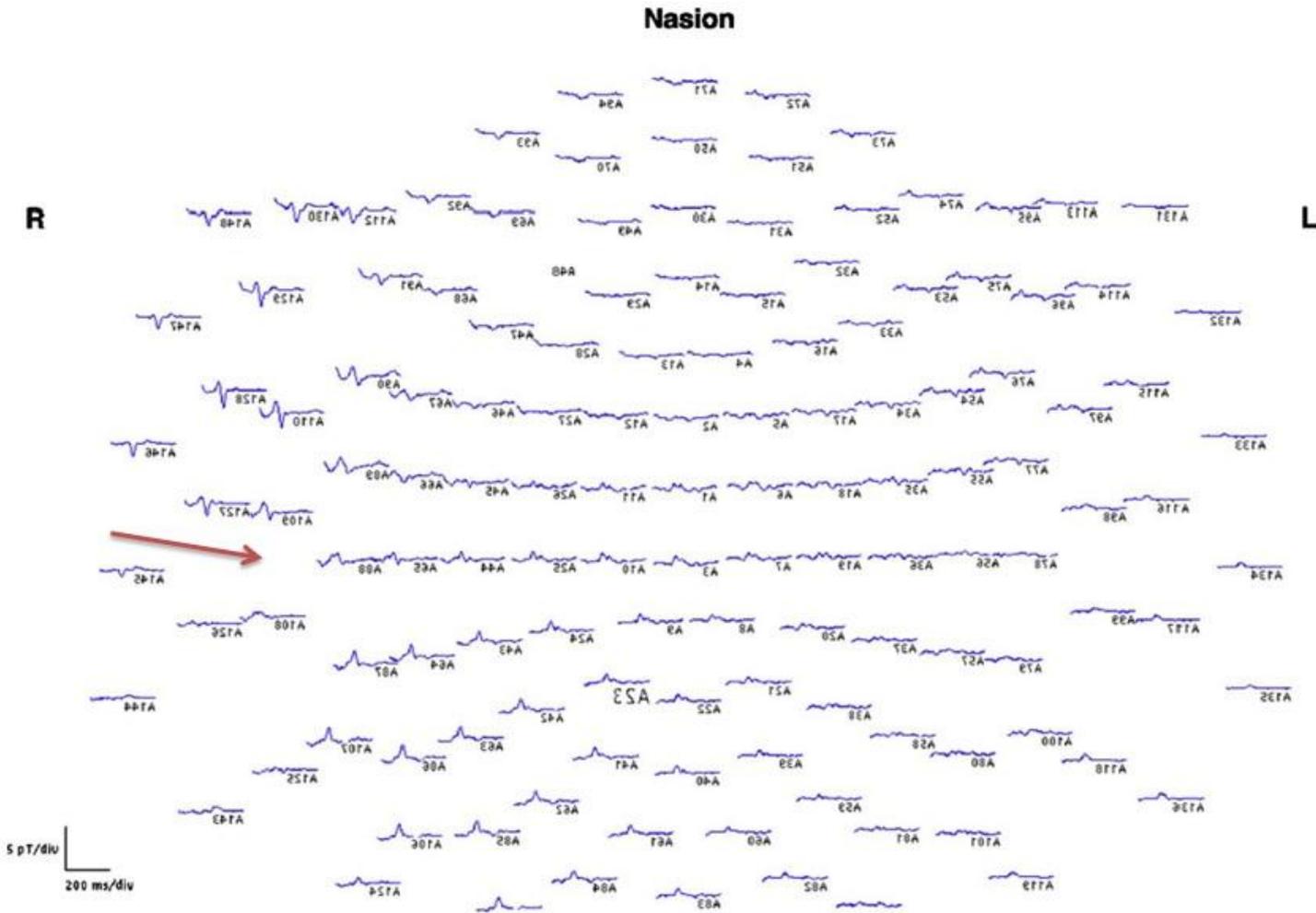


# SISCOM

SPMres  
Heightlines  
Event times



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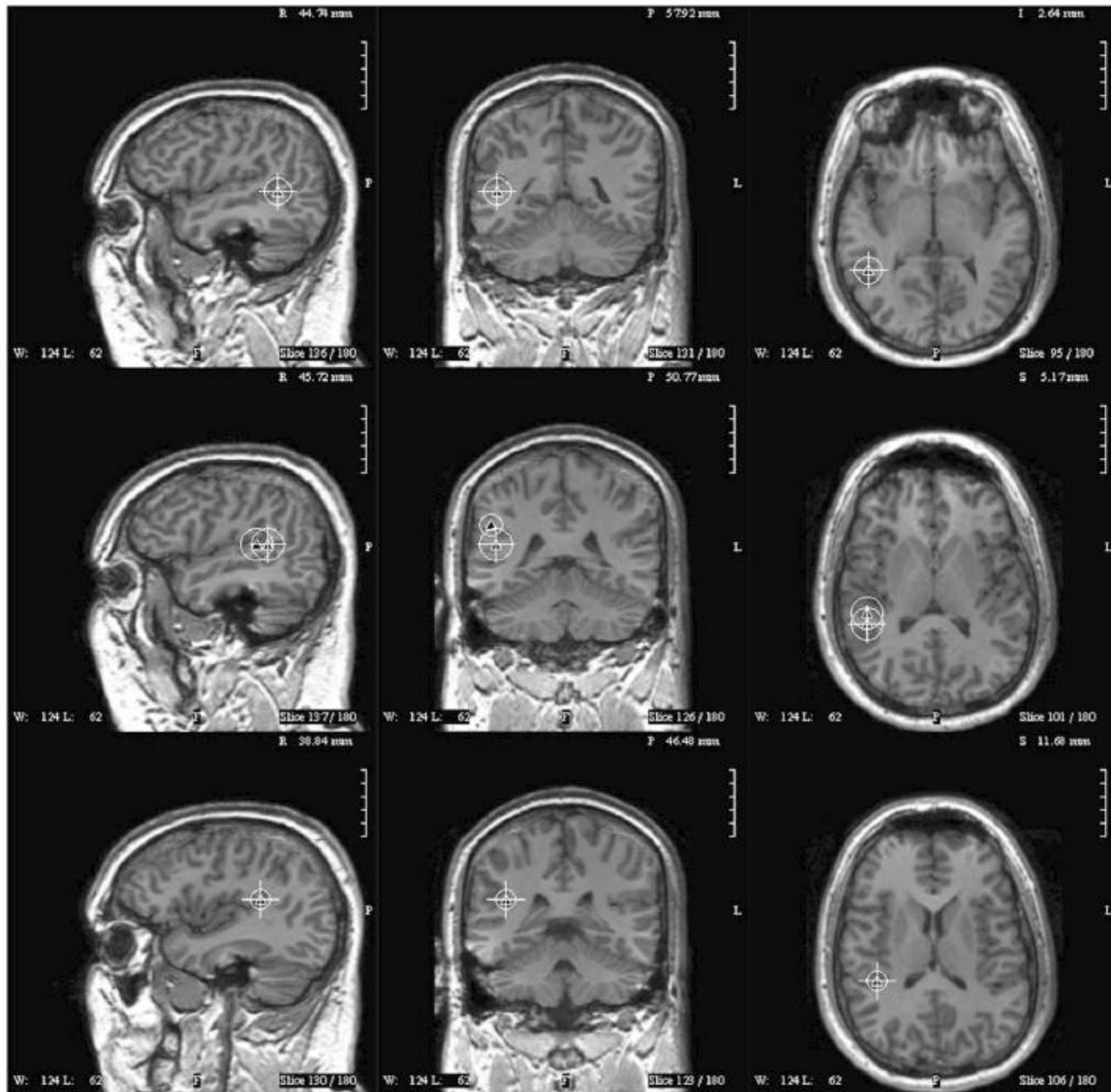


**MEG: 148 magnetometers show sharp wave over the lateral right hemisphere.**



**MEG + MRI =  
MSI (MAGNETIC SOURCE IMAGING)**

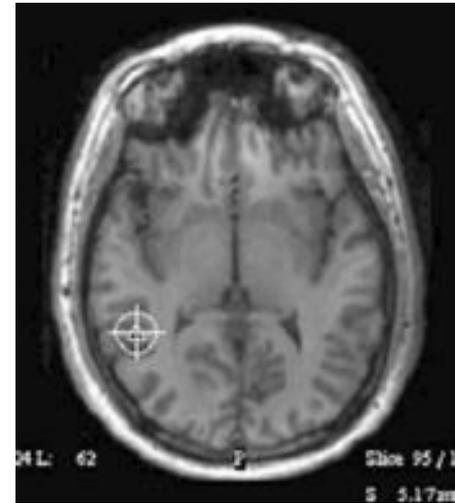
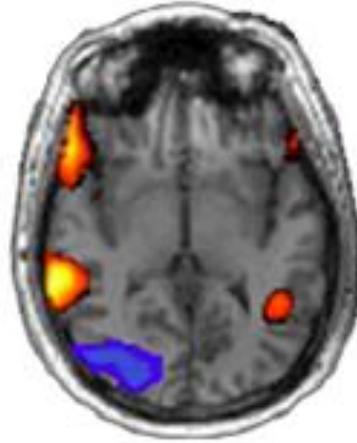
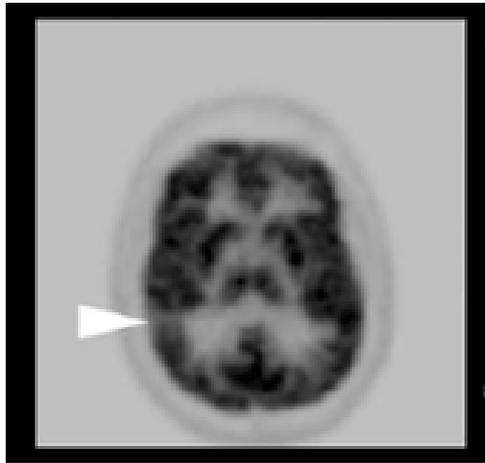
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# MULTI-MODAL IMAGING



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*A systematic review on MEG and its use in the presurgical evaluation of localization-related epilepsy:*

*M. Lava, D. Yama, J.G. Burneo, b,*



## UTILITY OF MULTI-MODAL IMAGING IN EPILEPSY SURGERY

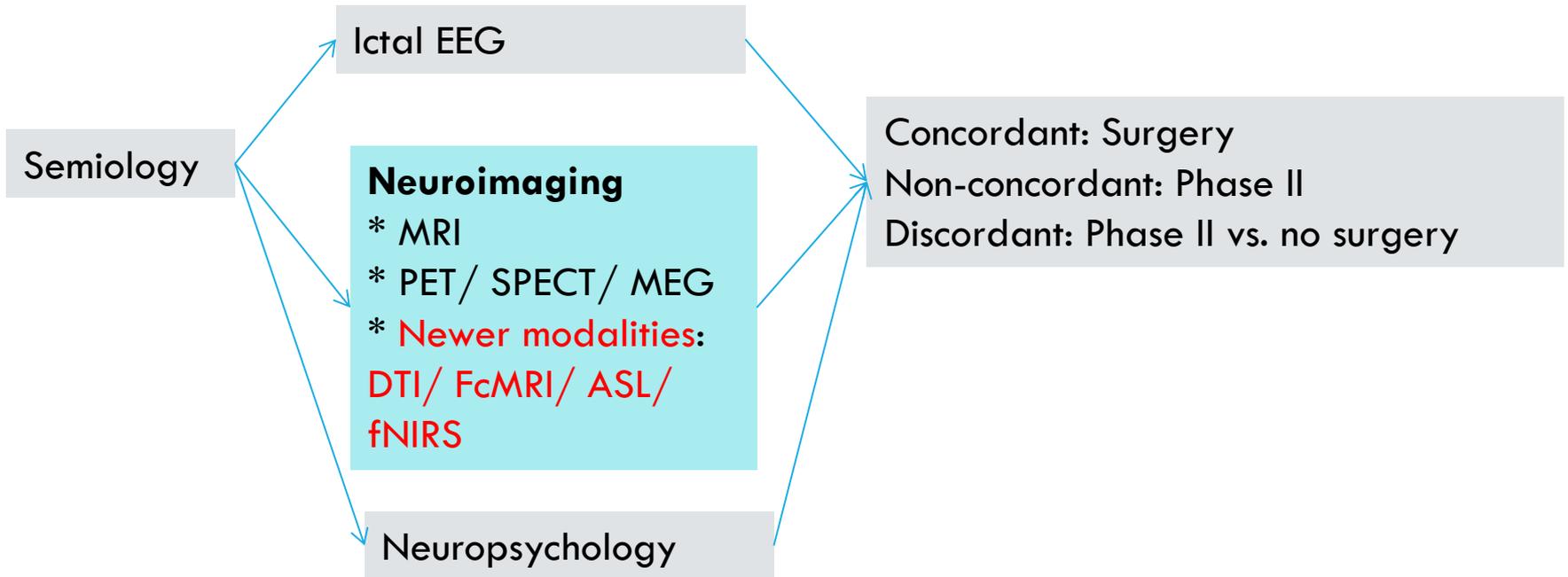
	Sensitivity	Specificity
Interictal SPECT	70%	36%
Ictal SPECT (30 s injection)	90%	77%
Interictal PET	84%	86%
MEG	84%	52%



**NEWER MODALITIES: DTI/  
FCMRI/ ASL/ FNIRS**



# THE CLINICAL APPROACH





# NEURO-IMAGING

1. MRI
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3. SPECT
4. MEG/ MSI
5. fMRI
6. fMRI-EEG
7. DTI
8. fcMRI
9. fNIRS
10. ASL

1960	PET
1970	MRI SPECT fNIRS
1980	MEG
1990	fMRI DTI ASL
2000	fMRI-EEG MNP



**FMRI**



# CASE

26 y/o Chinese woman with seizures since age 10 months.

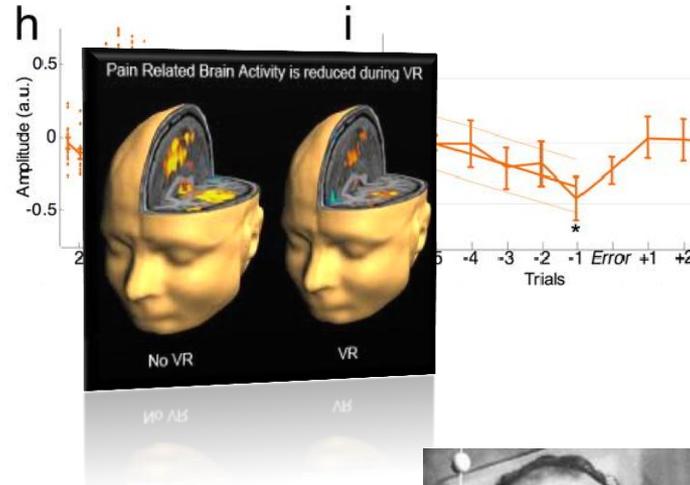
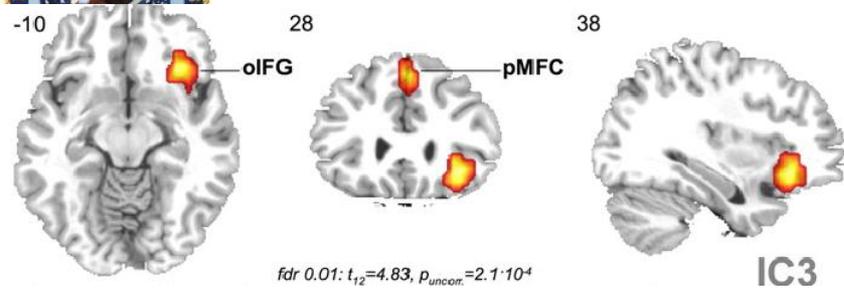
- Aura: Uncomfortable, "weird feeling"
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PMH of febrile seizures.

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**EEG**: Left sided seizures,

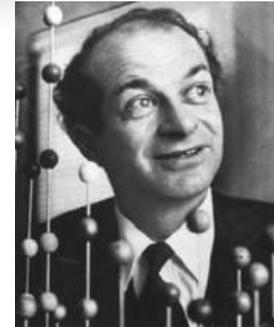
Planned L Anterior Temporal Lobectomy: concern for language



## fMRI (functional MRI)

**1936:** Linus **Pauling** and Charles **Coryell** show that O<sub>2</sub> rich blood (Hb) was weakly repelled by magnetic fields, while O<sub>2</sub> depleted blood (dHb) was attracted to a magnetic field.

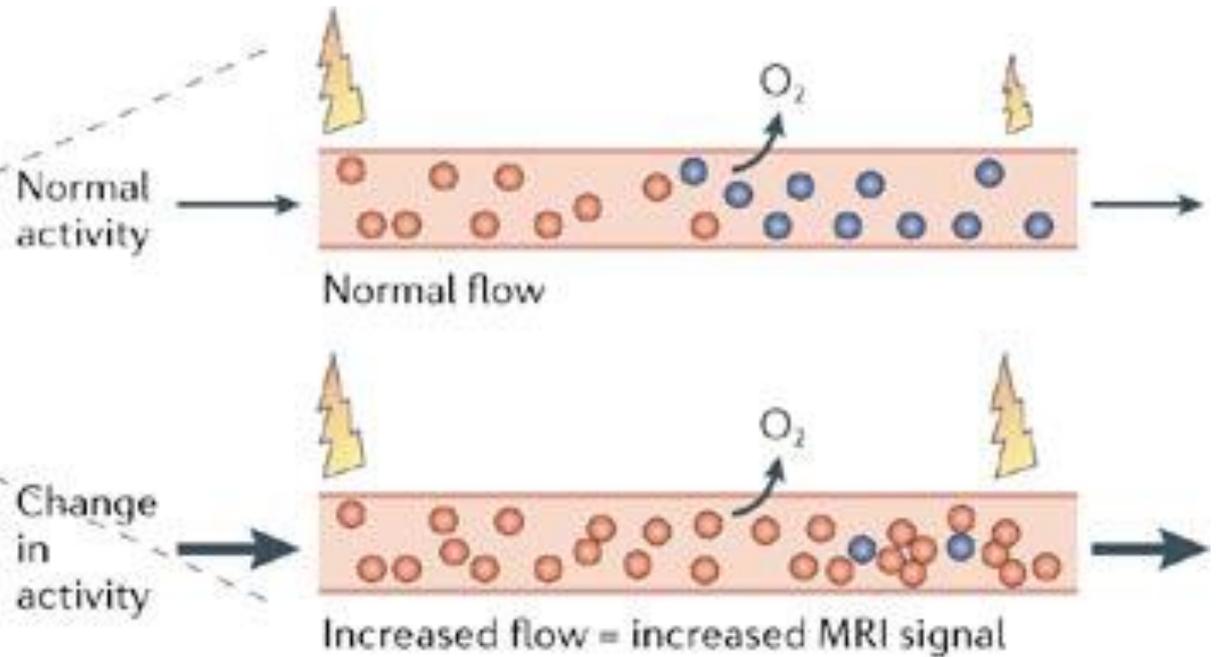
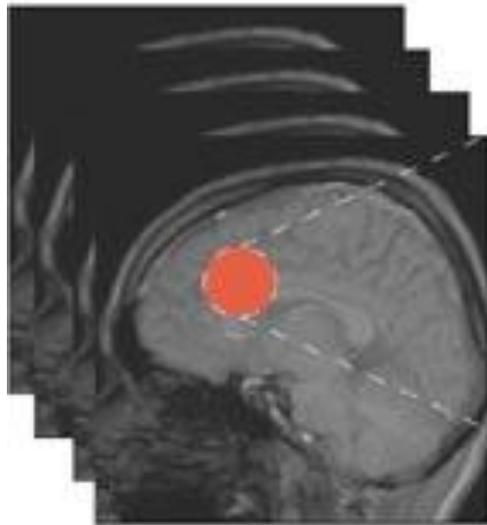
**1990:** Ogawa (AT&T Bell labs) uses the concept of BOLD contrast to propose fMRI.



- Oxygenated Hb is diamagnetic and deoxygenated Hb is paramagnetic.
- Paramagnetic **deoxy-Hb** distorts the static magnetic field, causing more rapid phase dispersal and decay of MR decay parameter, (**shorter T2**).



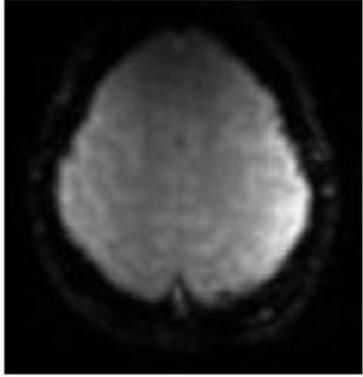
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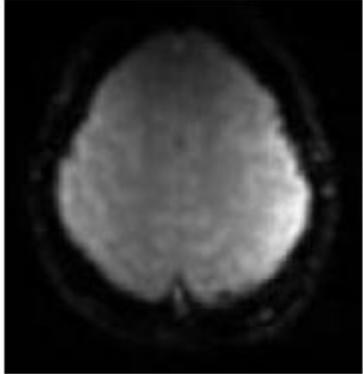
- Blood flow : ↑ ↑ ↑
- O<sub>2</sub> utilization : ↑
- Blood oxygen level : ↑ ↑
- Deoxy Hgb level : ↓ ↓



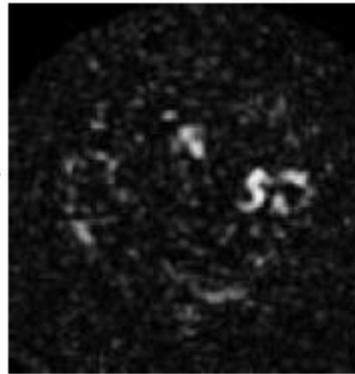
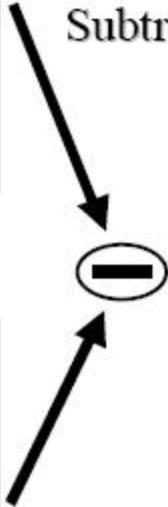
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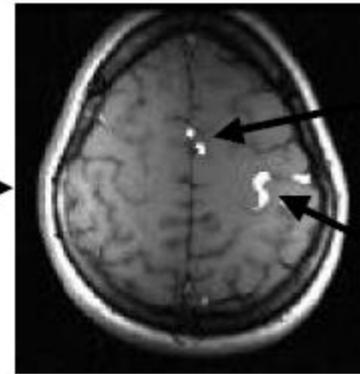
Rest



Subtraction



Statistical  
Parameter  
Map



Overlay onto  
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Supplementary  
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Primary  
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# Object Naming Task

Rest and relax when you see:



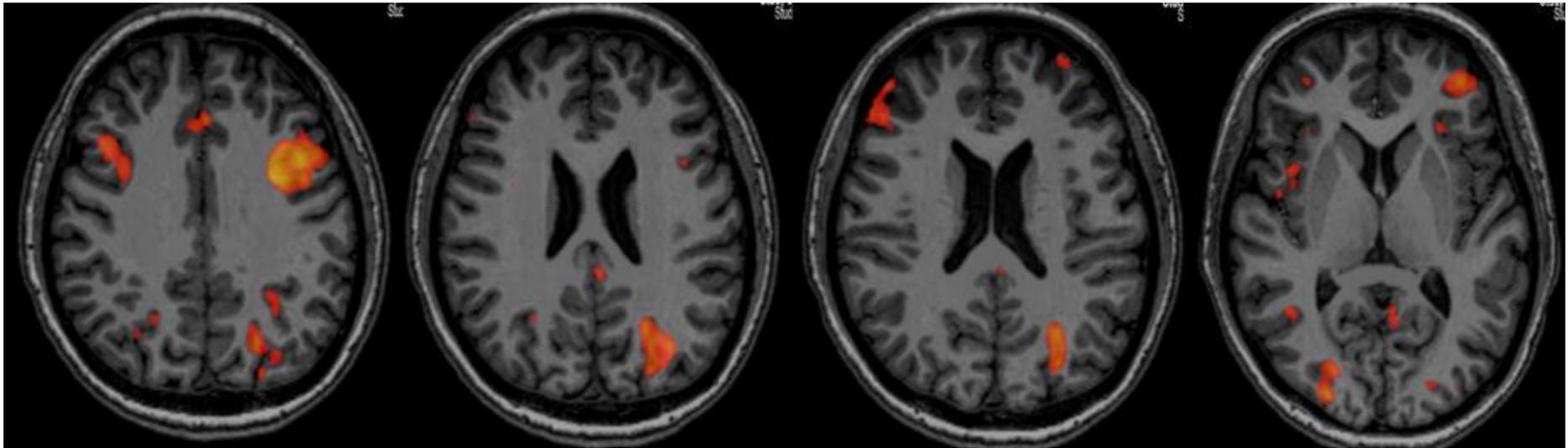
Try to relax and do nothing. Do not say to yourself the name of the object on the screen.

When you see the picture of an object like:



Think at the name of the object

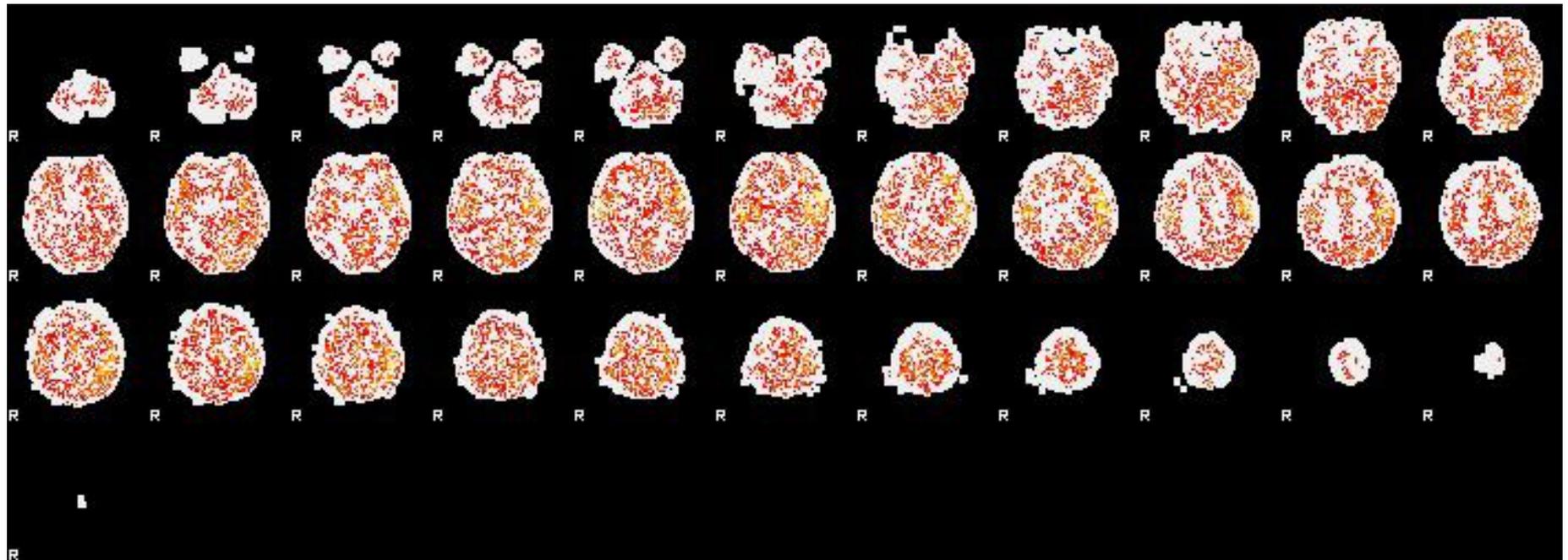
Try to keep still.





# VOXEL

- The smallest 3-D unit of a volume
- Analogous to a pixel in a digital image (voxel= volume pixel)
- Typically 2-3 mm<sup>3</sup> for BOLD
- 50 000 voxels in brain



## FULL-LENGTH ORIGINAL RESEARCH

# Language lateralization by fMRI and Wada testing in 229 patients with epilepsy: Rates and predictors of discordance

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### SUMMARY

**Purpose:** To more definitively characterize Wada/functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) language dominance discordance rates with the largest sample of patients with epilepsy to date, and to examine demographic, clinical, and methodologic predictors of discordance.

**Methods:** Two hundred twenty-nine patients with epilepsy underwent both a standardized Wada test and a semantic decision fMRI language protocol in a prospective research study. Language laterality indices were computed for each test using automated and double-blind methods, and Wada/fMRI discordance rates were calculated using objective criteria for discordance. Regression analyses were used to explore a range of variables that might predict discordance, including subject variables, Wada quality indices, and fMRI quality indices.

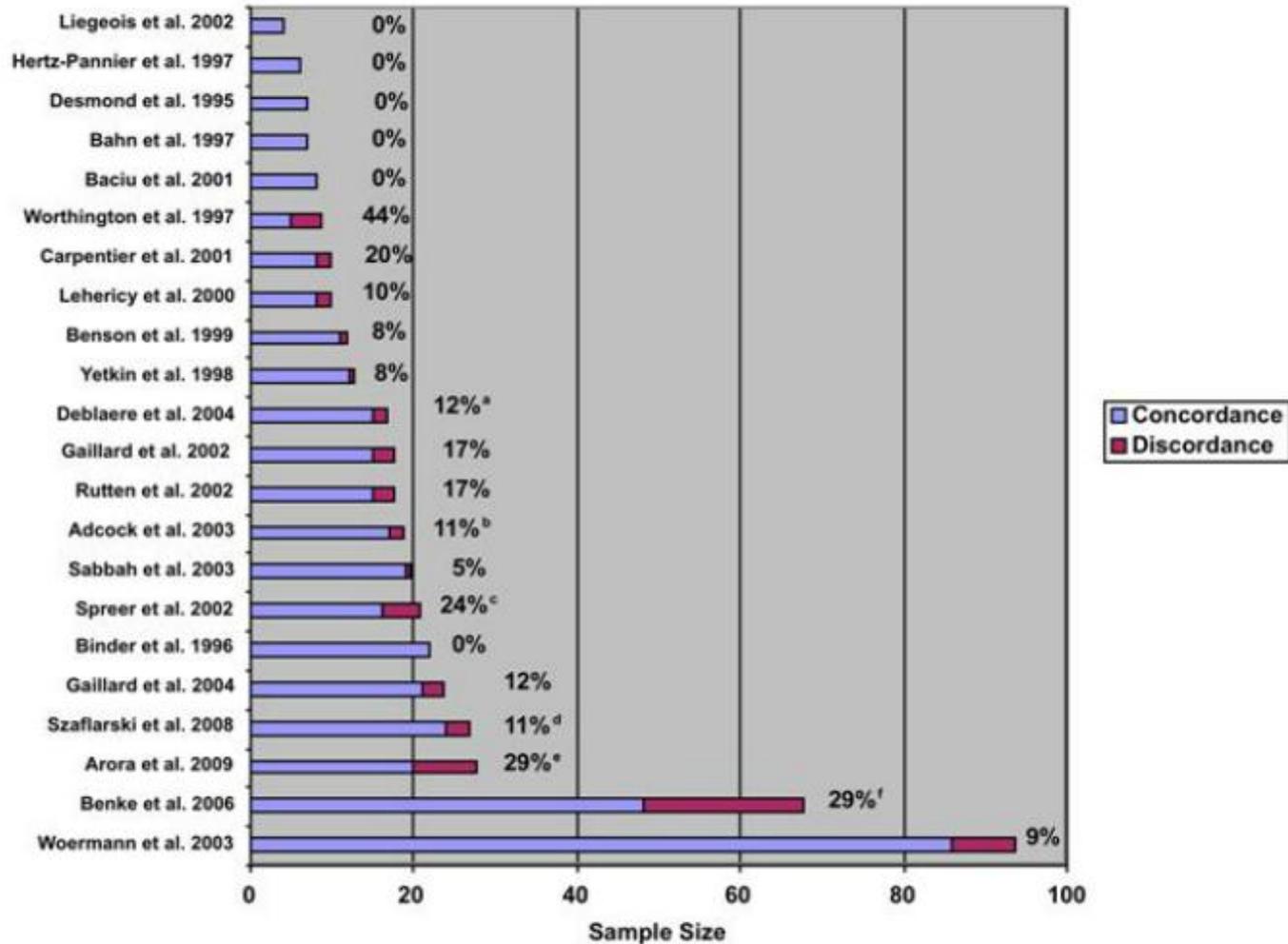
**Key Findings:** Discordant results were observed in 14% of patients. Discordance was highest among those categorized by either test as having bilateral language. In a multivariate model, the only factor that predicted discordance was the degree of atypical language dominance on fMRI.

**Significance:** fMRI language lateralization is generally concordant with Wada testing. The degree of rightward shift of language dominance on fMRI testing is strongly correlated with Wada/fMRI discordance, suggesting that fMRI may be more sensitive than Wada to right hemisphere language processing, although the clinical significance of this increased sensitivity is unknown. The relative accuracy of fMRI versus Wada testing for predicting postsurgical language outcome in discordant cases remains a topic for future research.

**KEY WORDS:** Epilepsy, Language lateralization, fMRI, Wada.



## Wada vs. fMRI Language Lateralization





# MEMORY FMRI

## SLEH – controls vs. patients - Memory

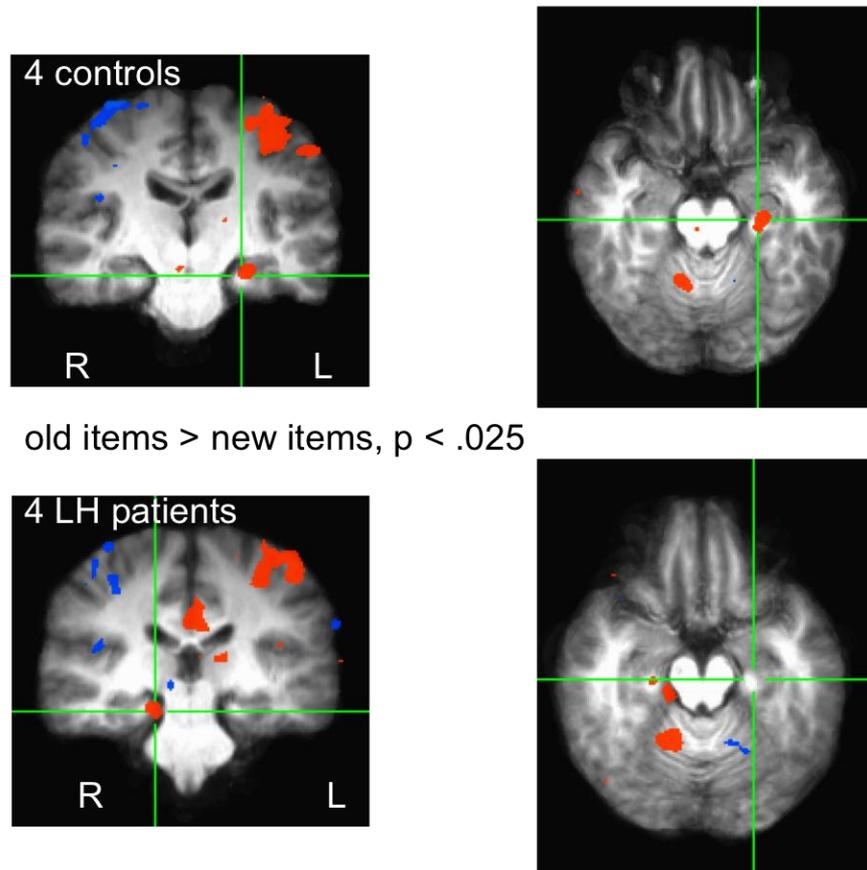


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**FMRI-EEG**



# CASE

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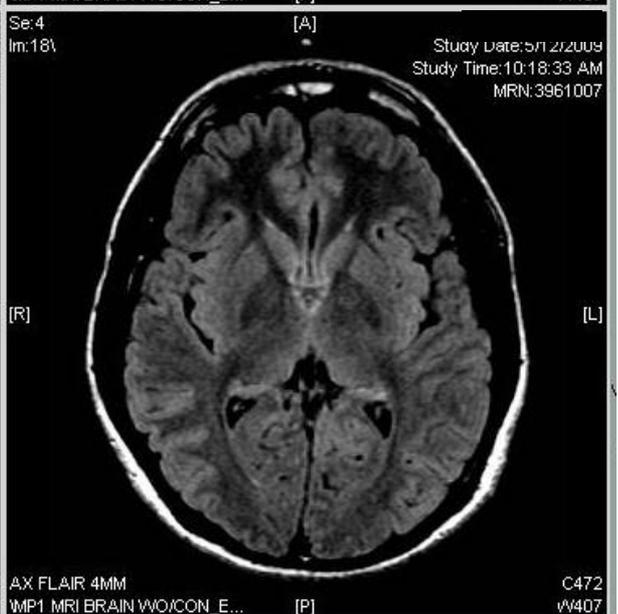
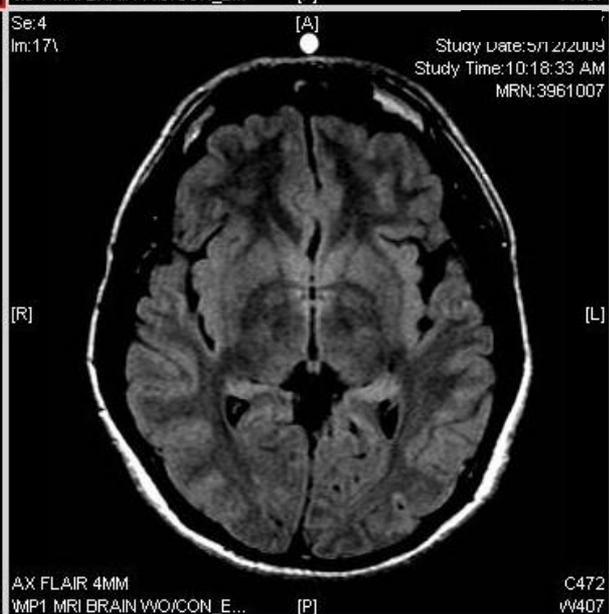
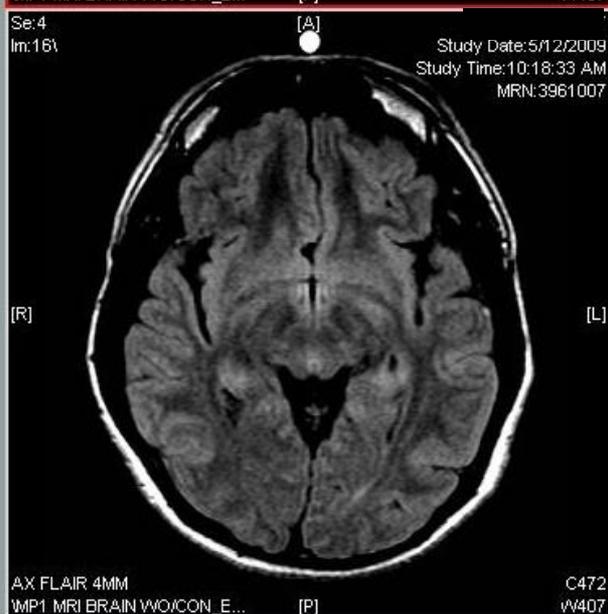
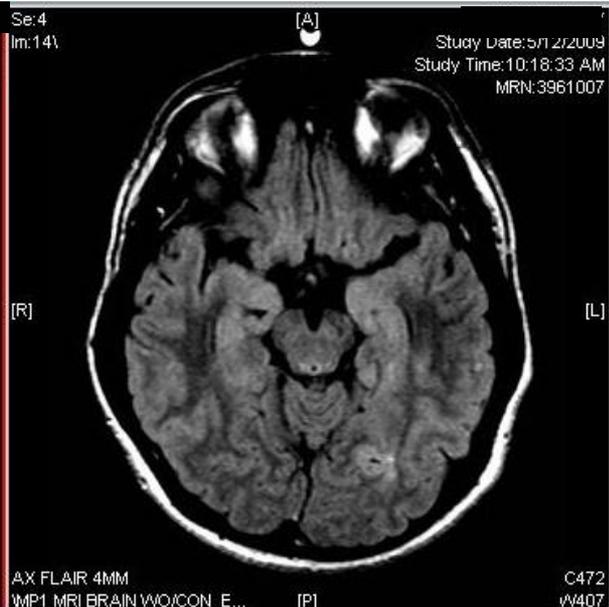
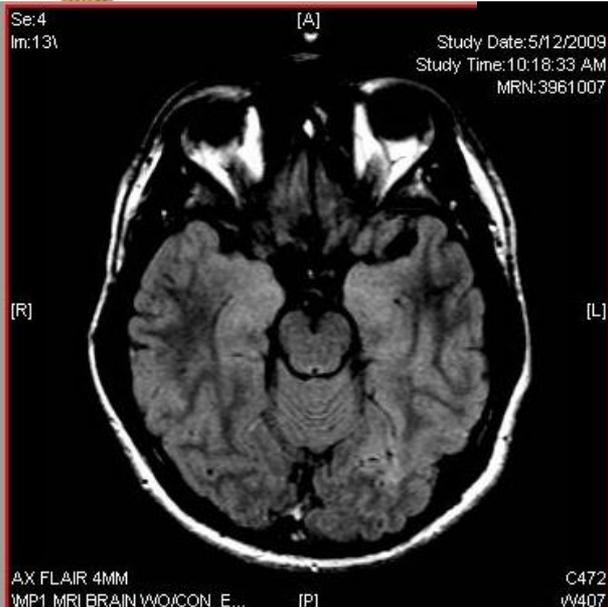
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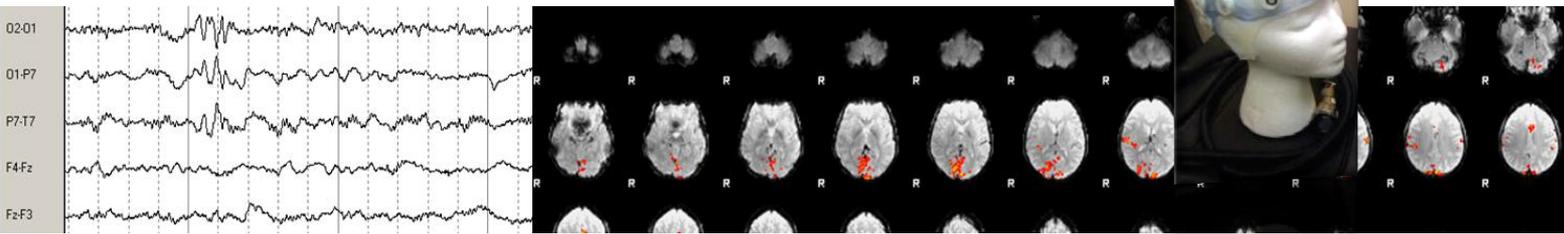
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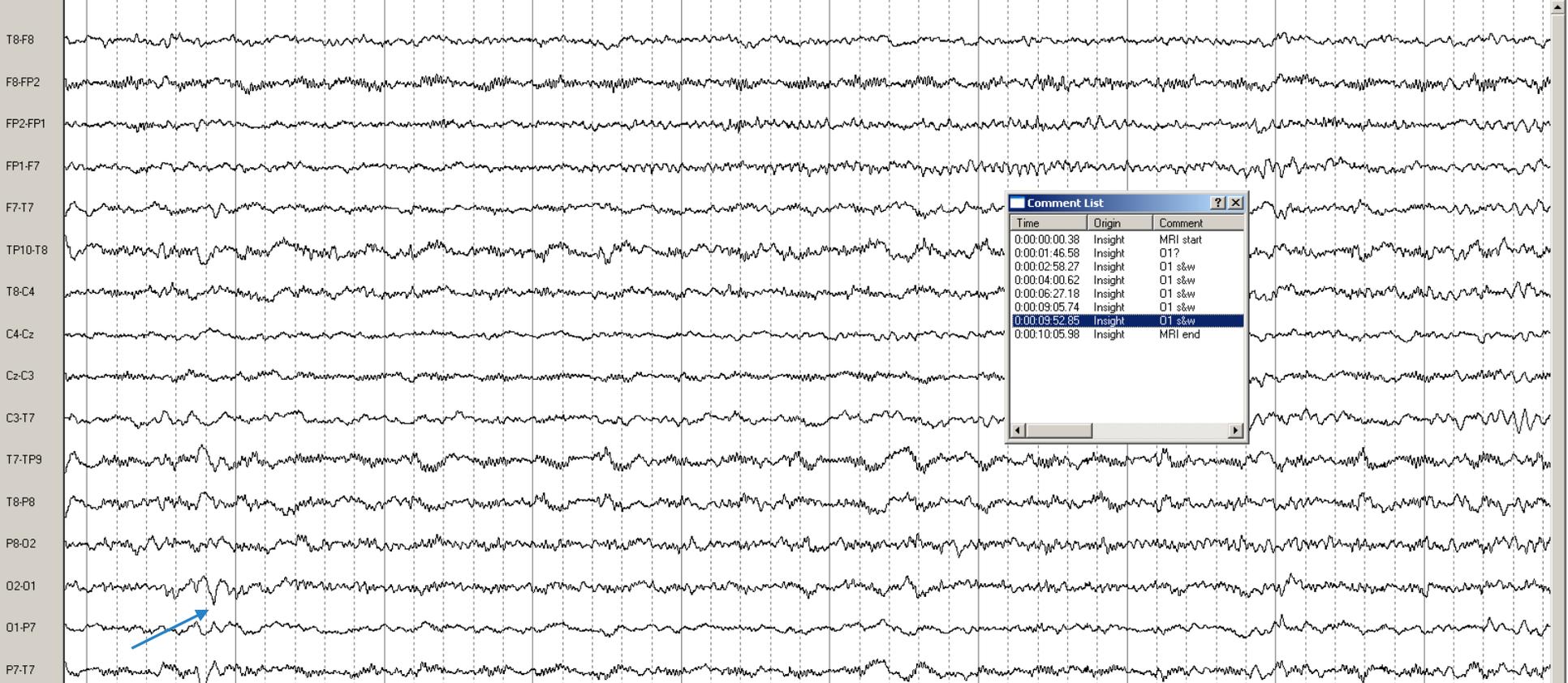
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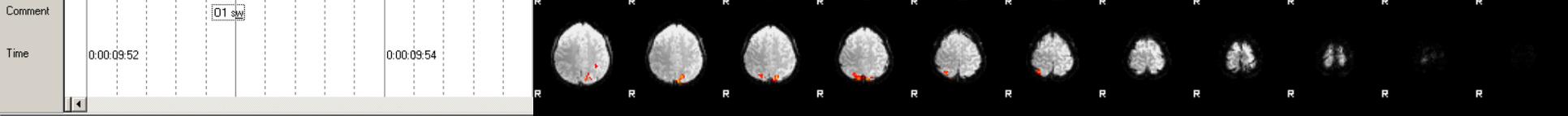
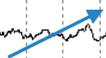


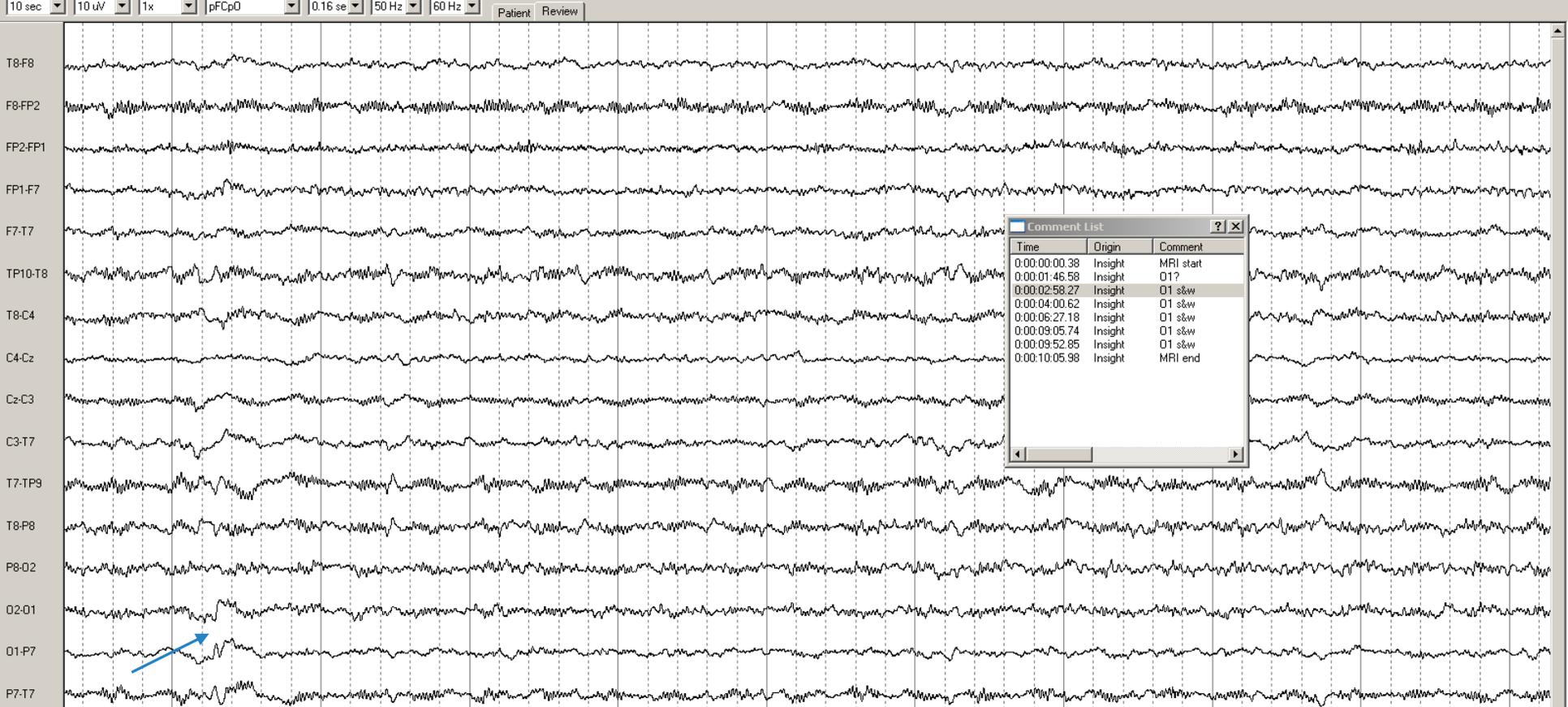
## EEG-fMRI

**1992:** John Ives, Steve Warach and Franz Schmitt performed the first EEG recording within an MRI (Siemens 1.5 T; Beth Israel Hospital, Boston)



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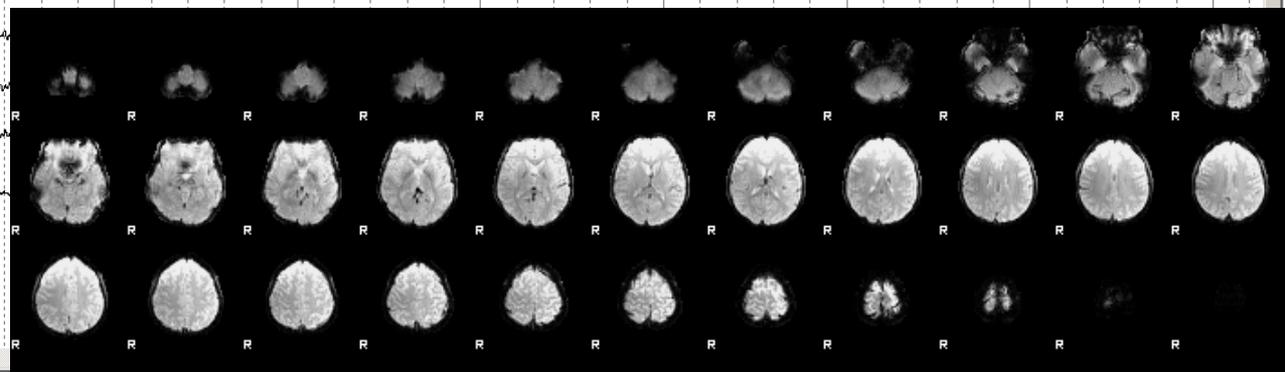


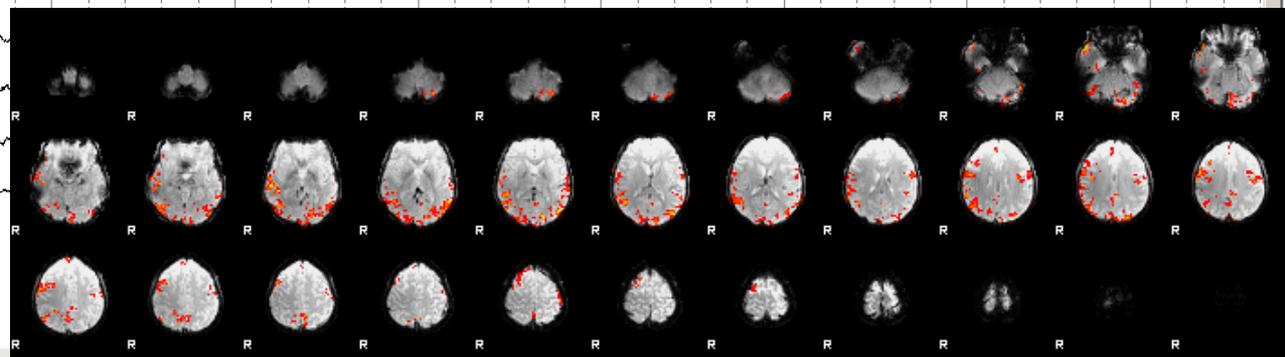


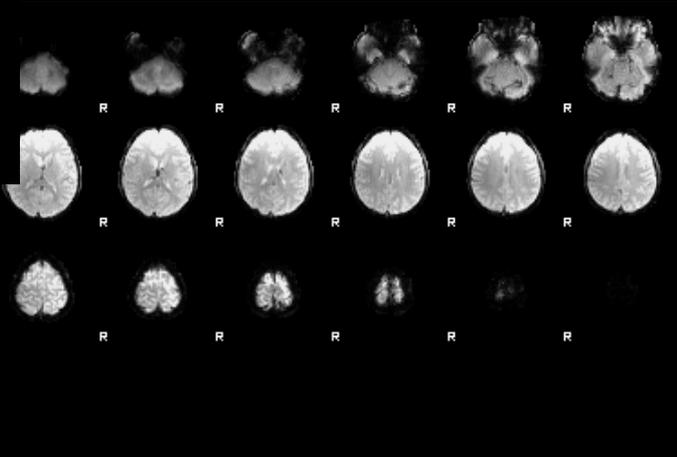
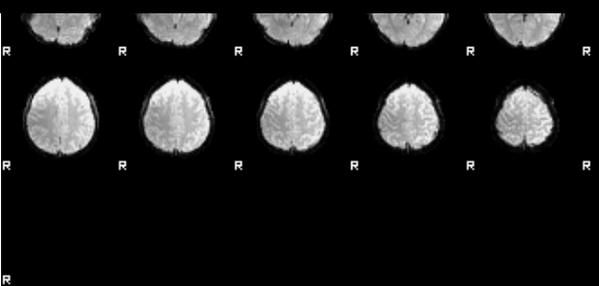
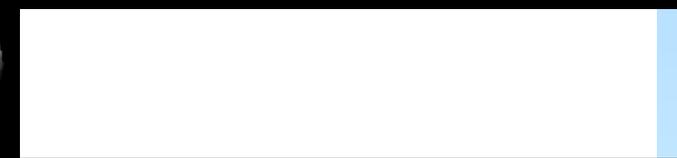
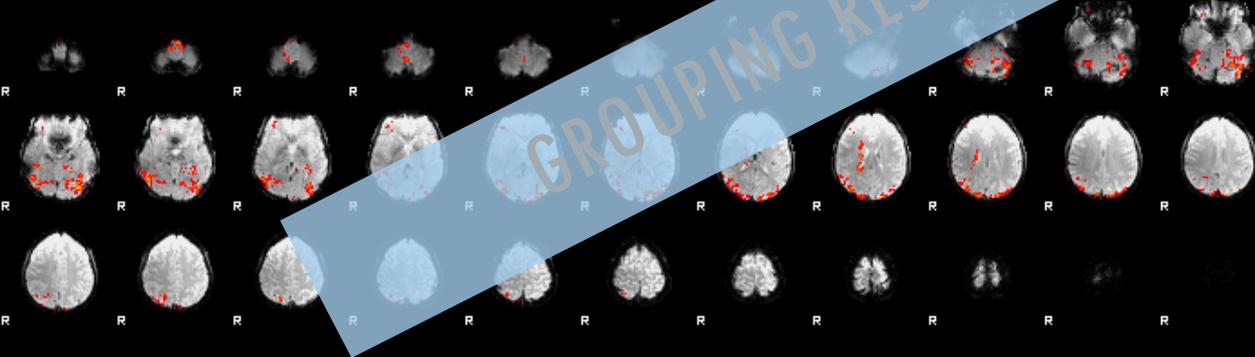
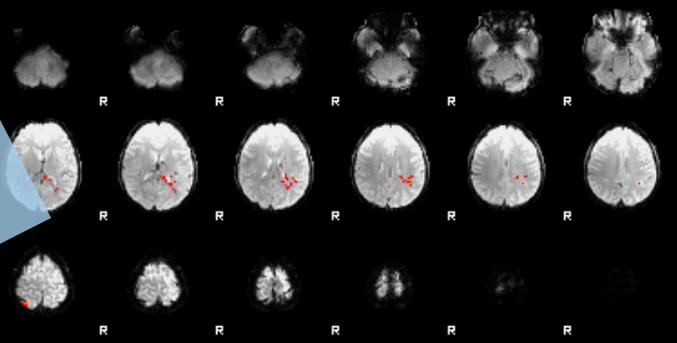
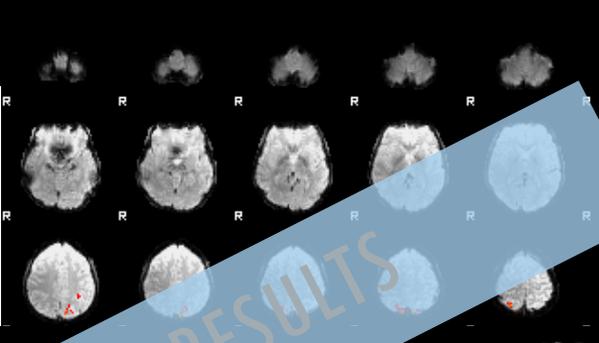
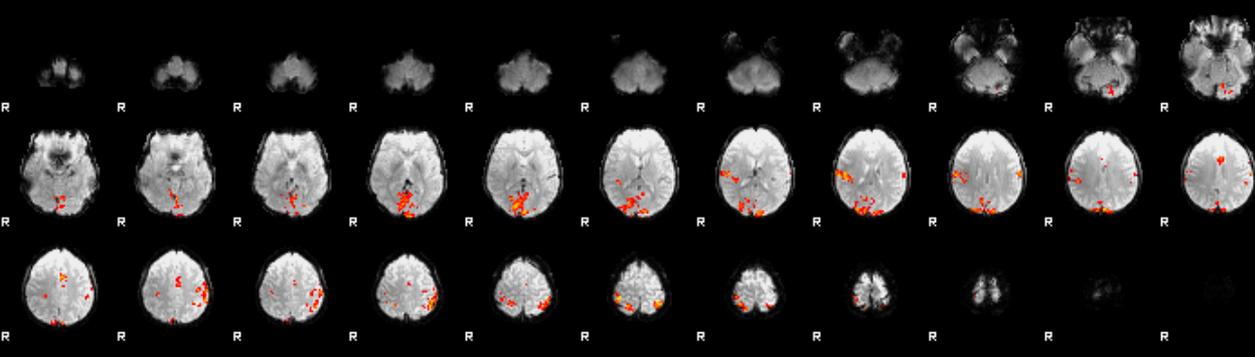
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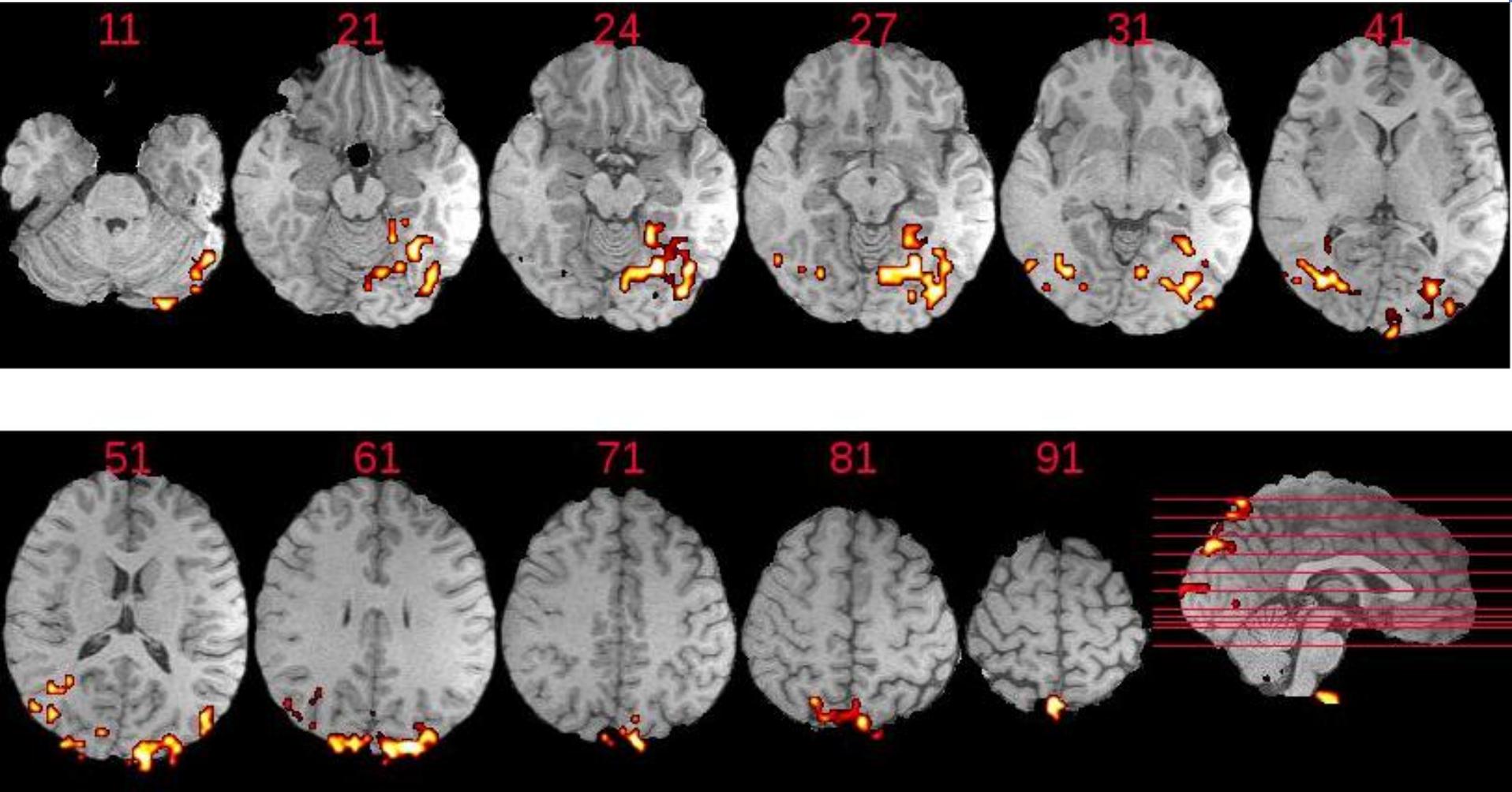




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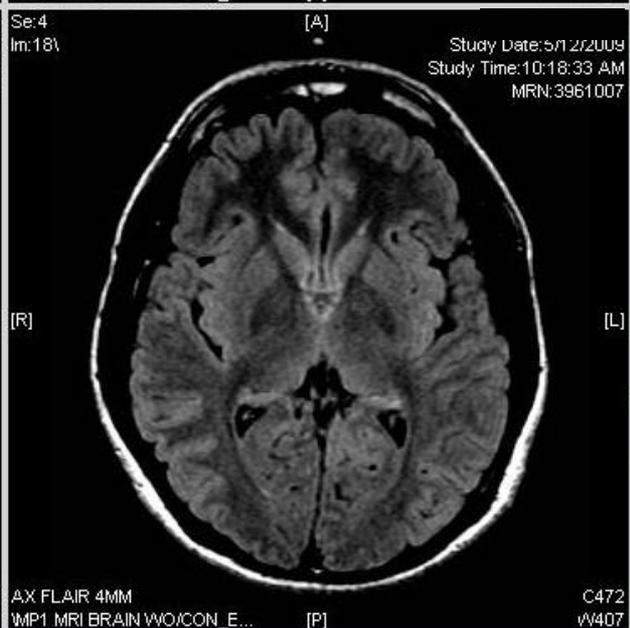
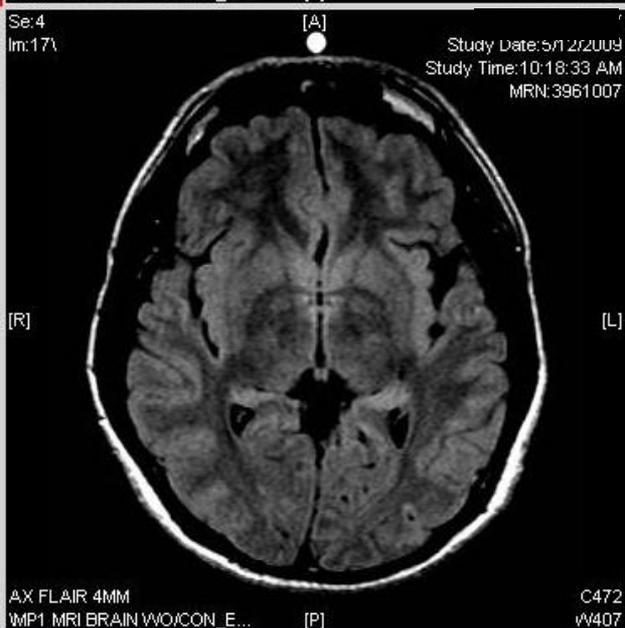
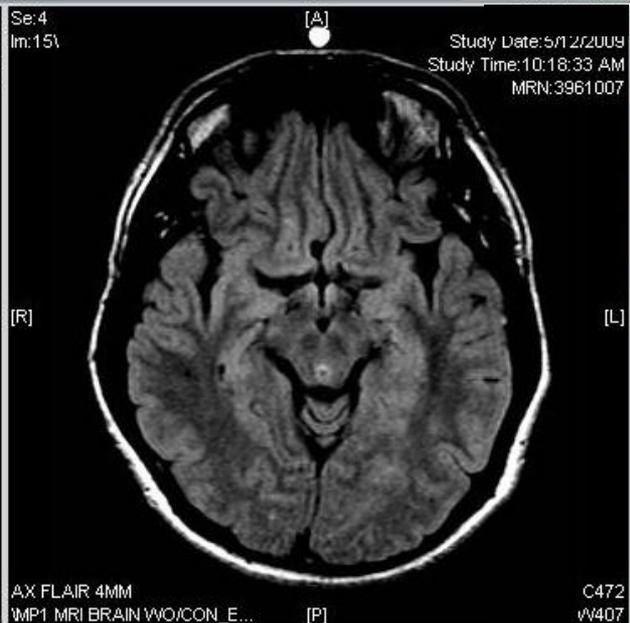
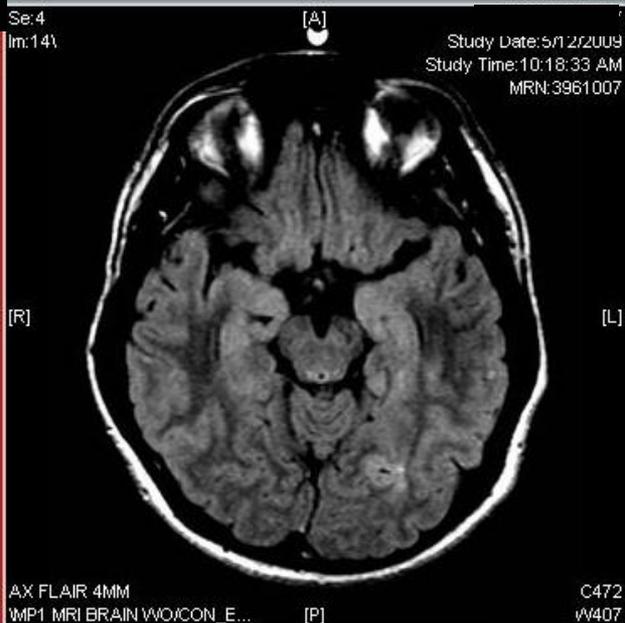
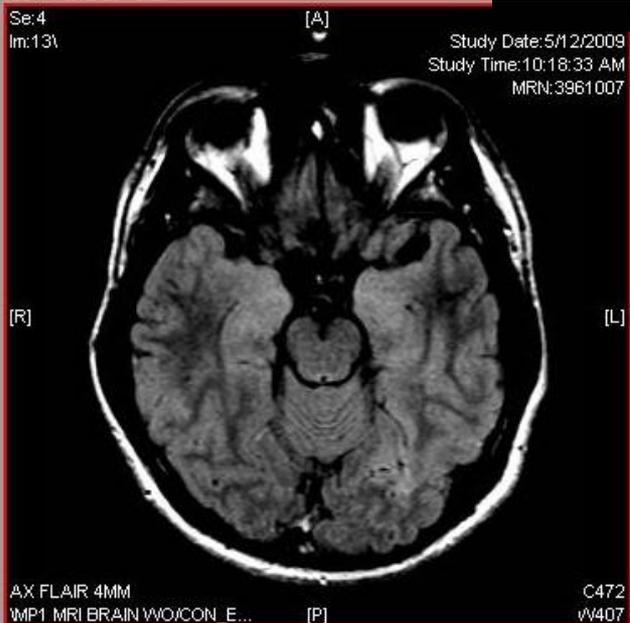


# FMRI- SPIKE MODEL





# PATIENT WITH CPS





# ROLE OF EEG-FMRI IN EPILEPTIC FOCUS

In 33 patients with EEG-fMRI

29 (88%) were **concordant** (BOLD showed similar information as EEG)

21 (64%) **had contributory** (BOLD provided additional information to EEG)

*Pittau, F., F. Dubeau, et al. (2012). "Contribution of EEG/fMRI to the definition of the epileptic focus." Neurology 78(19): 1479-1487.*



# DTI/ TRACTOGRAPHY



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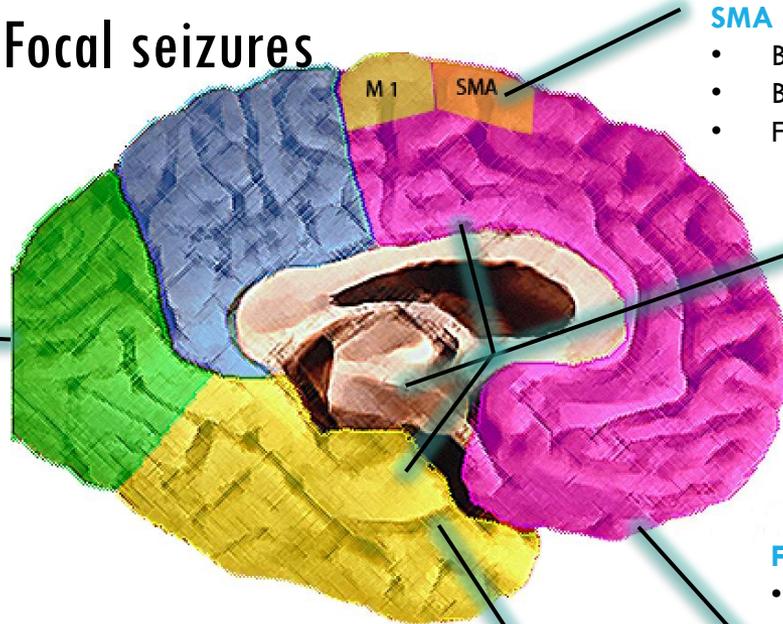
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# SEMIOLOGY: Focal seizures

## Occipital seizures:

Unformed visual hallucinations/ Colors  
Blindness



## SMA

- Bilateral movements
- Bicycling
- Fencing (C/L arm extension)

## Gelastic (laughter)

- Hypothalamic
- mesial temporal
- frontal cingulate

## Post-central gyrus:

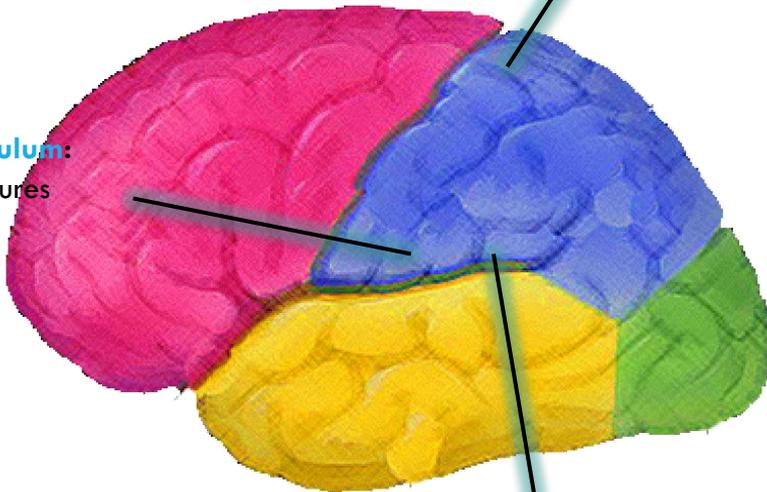
Sensory seizures

## Frontal Lobe Epilepsy

- Sleep onset
- Frequent
- Abrupt/ explosive
- Bicycling
- Hyperkinetic with complex postures and loud vocalizations (grunting screaming moaning)
- Brief with no post-ictal confusion

## Parietal operculum:

Gustatory seizures



## Temporal

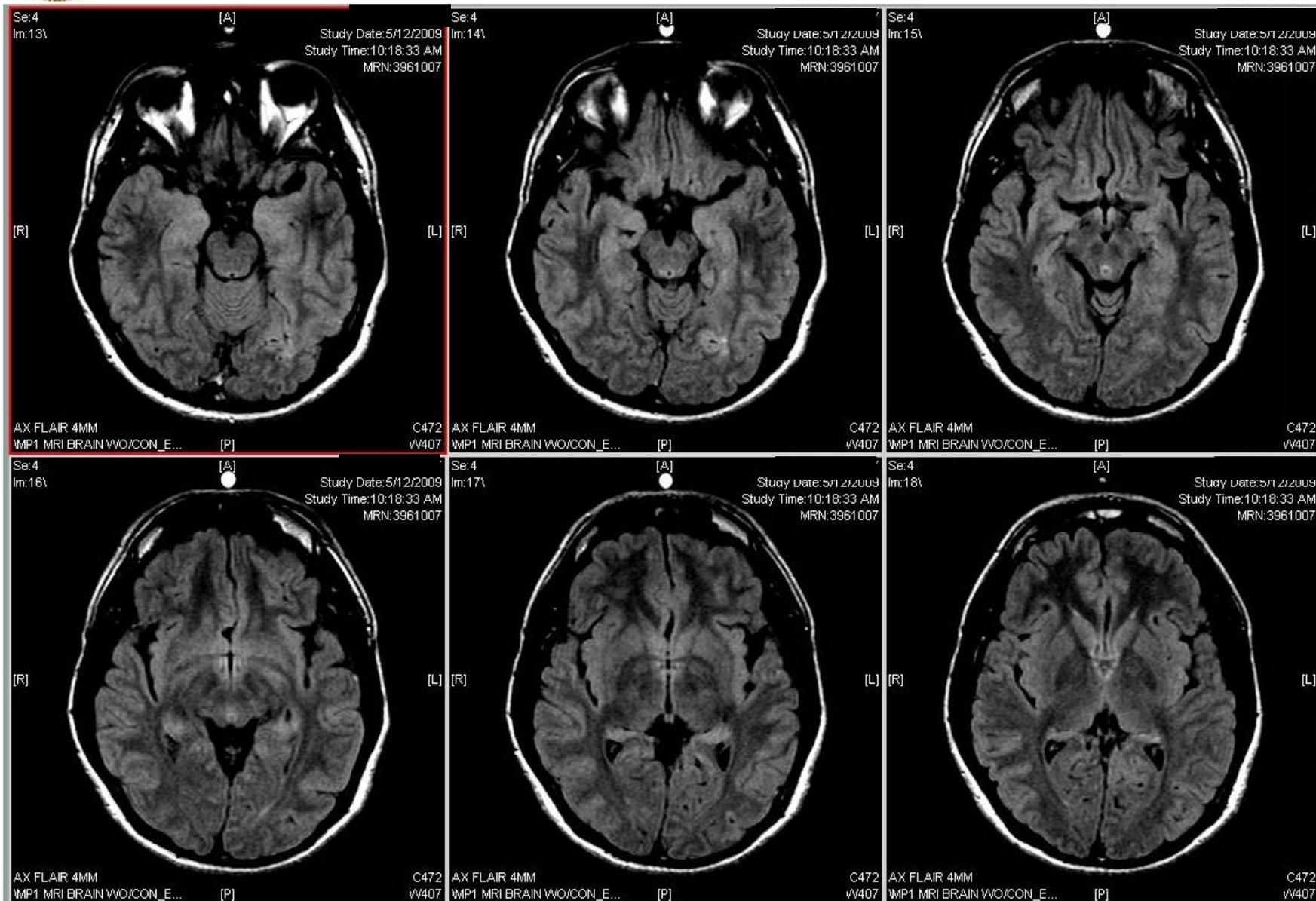
- Hippocampal: oral/ manual automatism, C/L dystonia, I/L eye blinks
- Right temporal: Ictal emesis, spitting, micturition, drinking
- Left temporal: Piloerection (goosebumps)
- Sign of 4: C/L arm extension
- Post-ictal cough

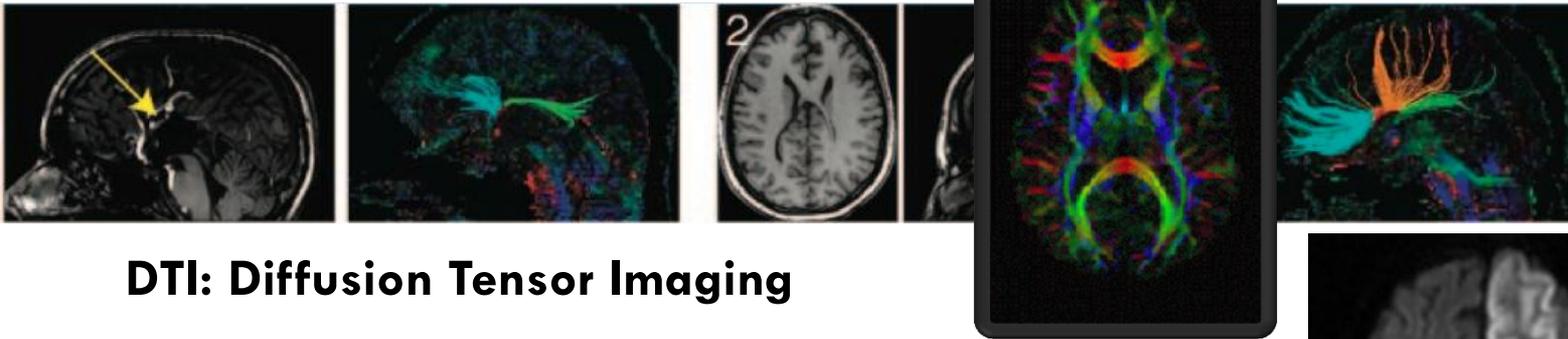
**Heschl's gyrus:** Auditory aura (tinnitus)

**Planum temporale:** Vertiginous aura ("tornado epilepsy")



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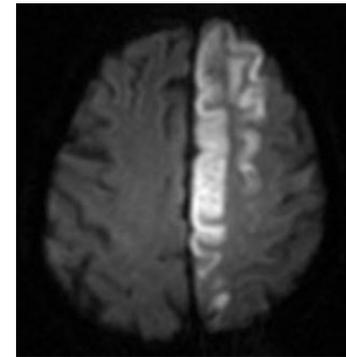
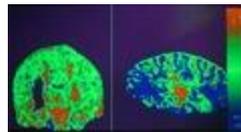


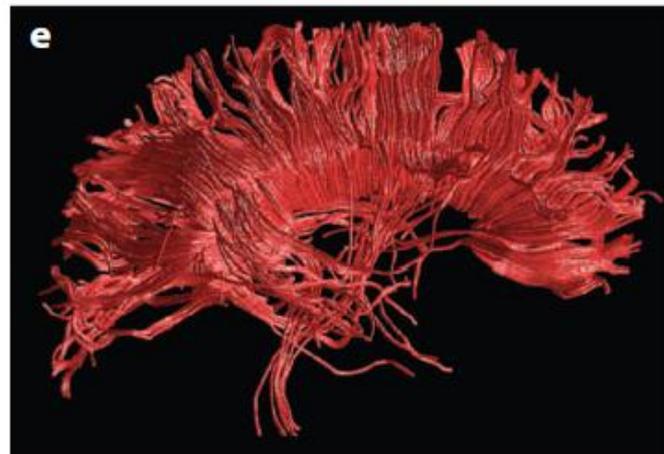
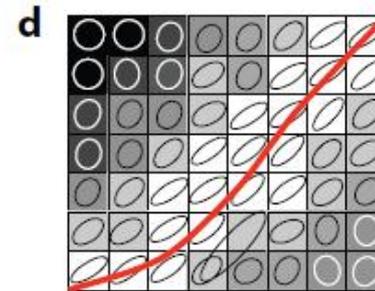
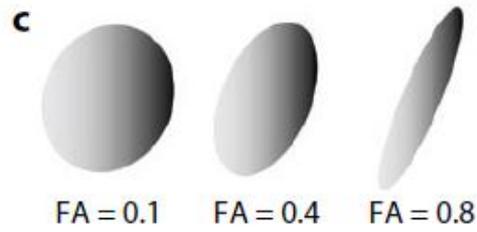
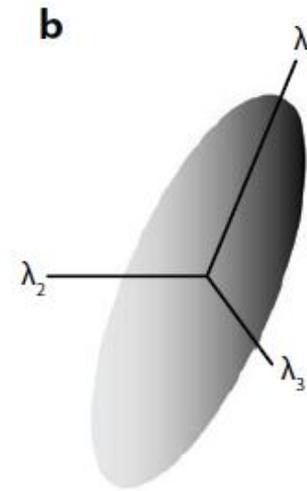
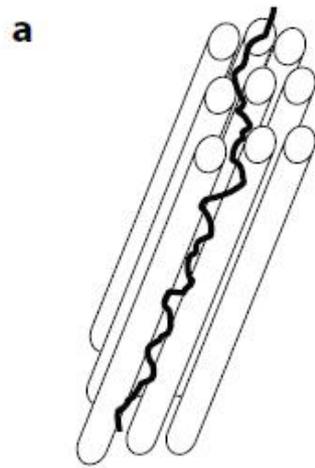


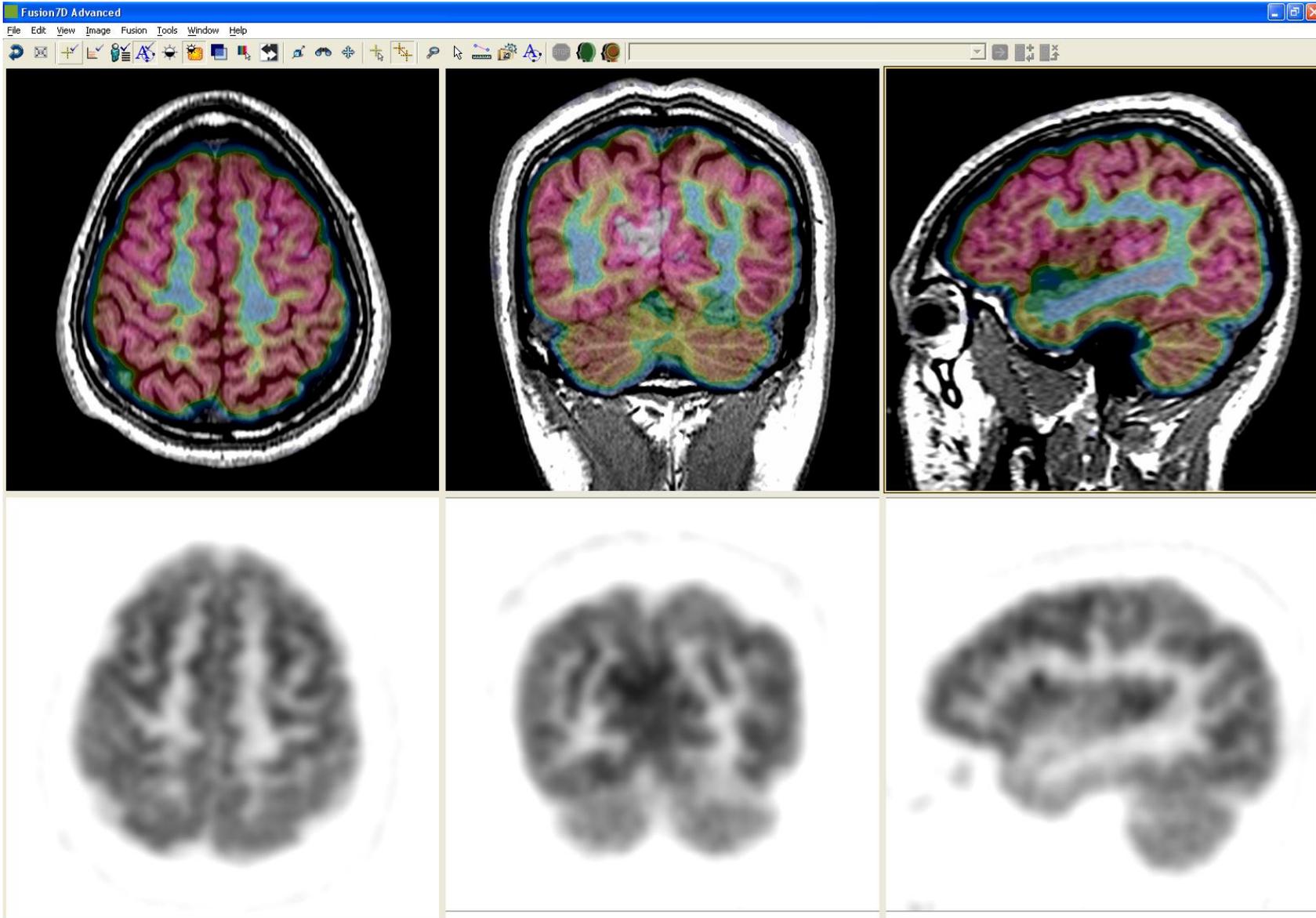
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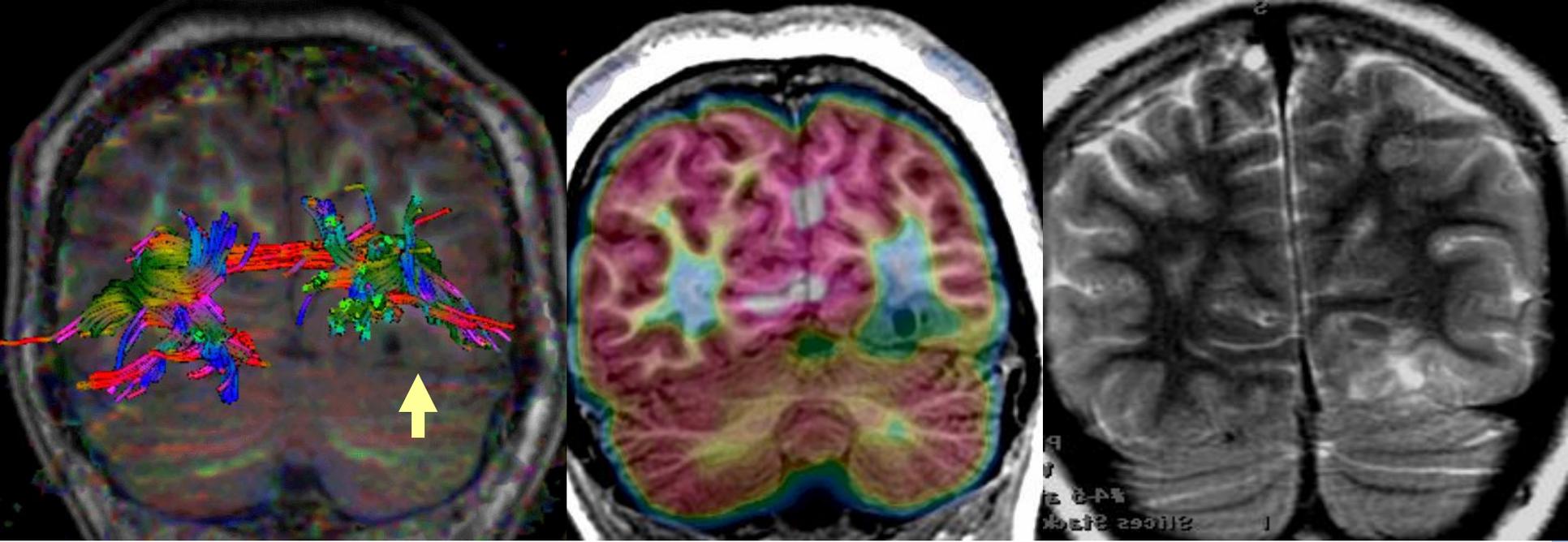
**1980s:** Diffusion MRI is described, allowing mapping of water diffusion in tissues.

**1991:** first color maps of white matter fiber orientation using diffusion MRI (Doeck et al)

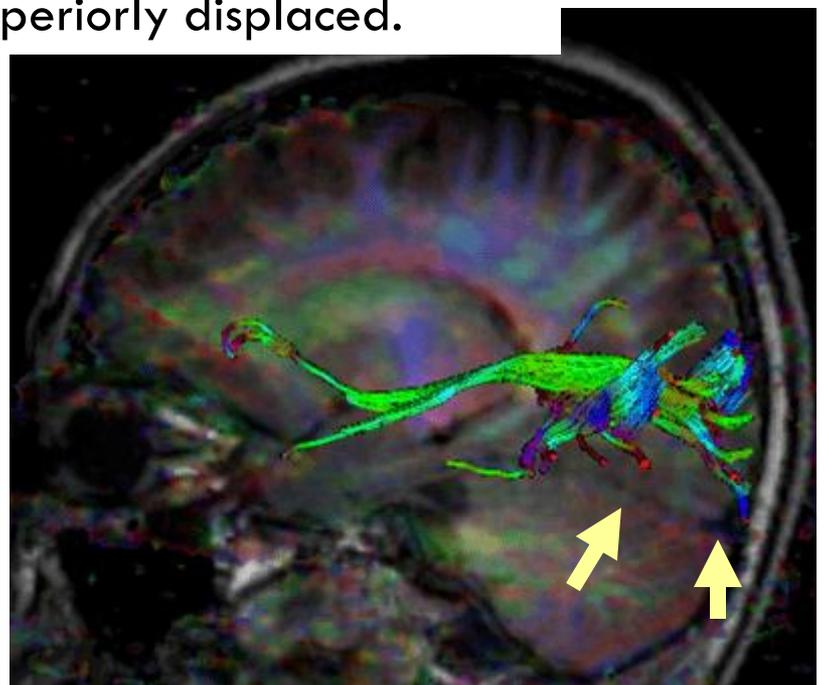
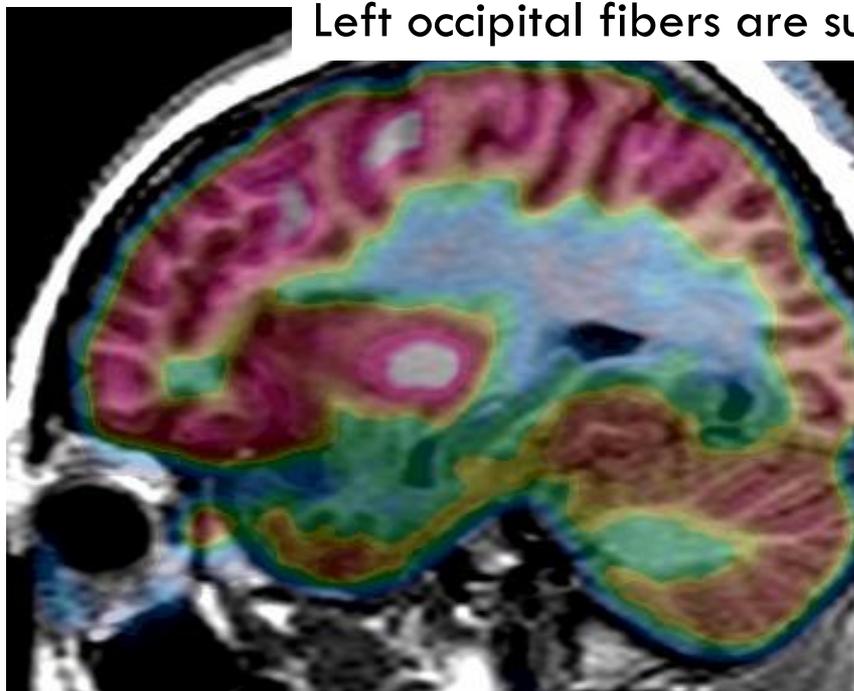


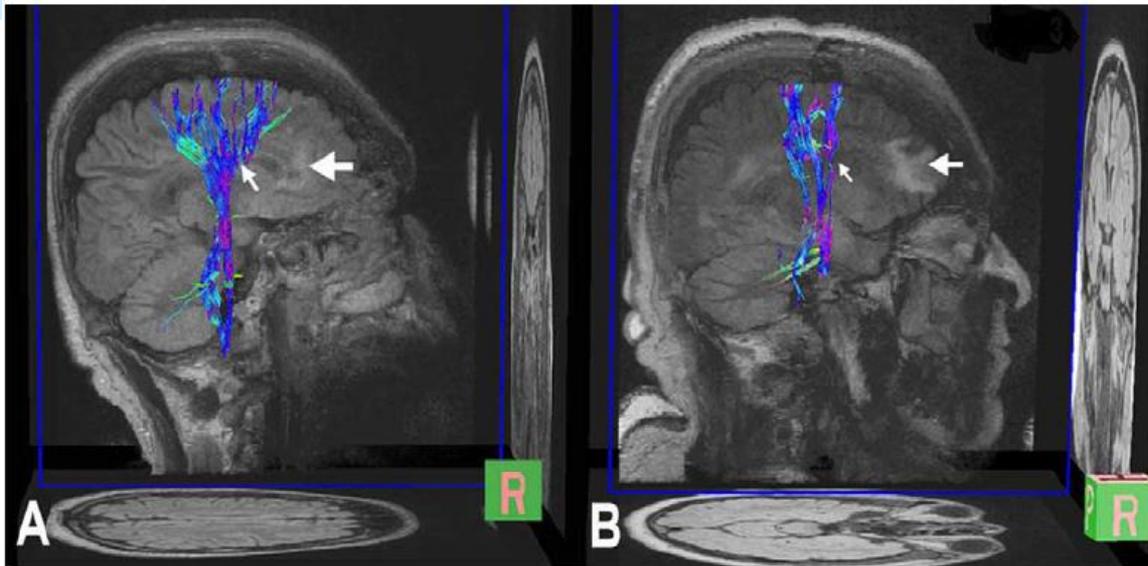




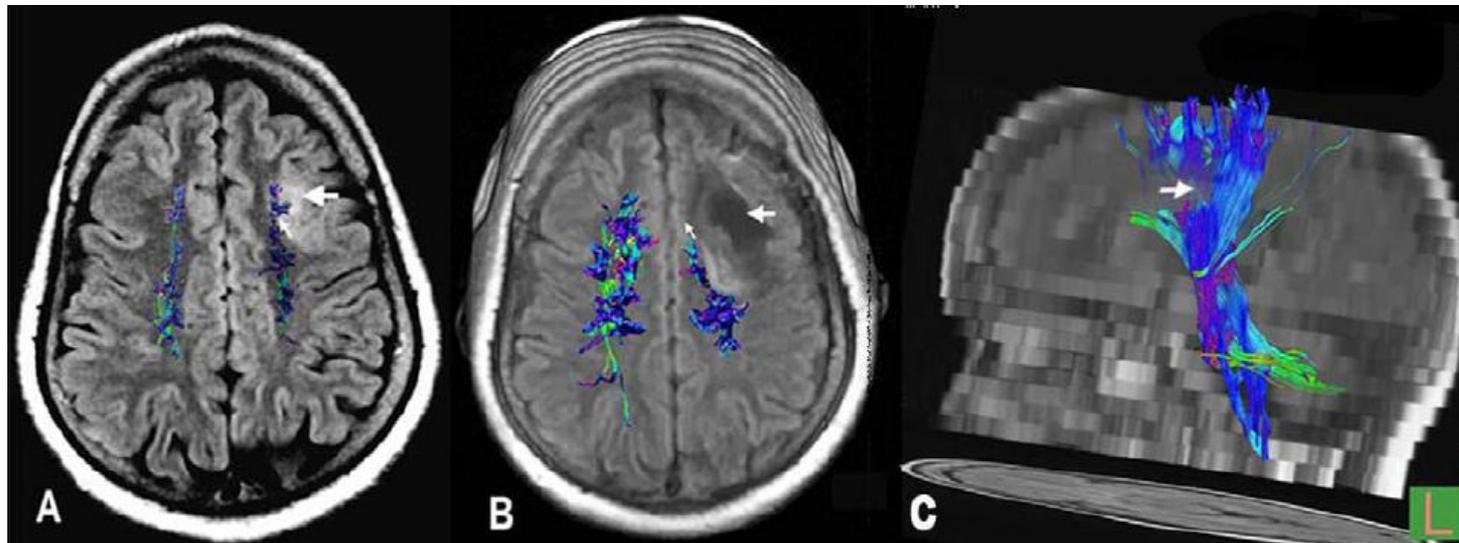


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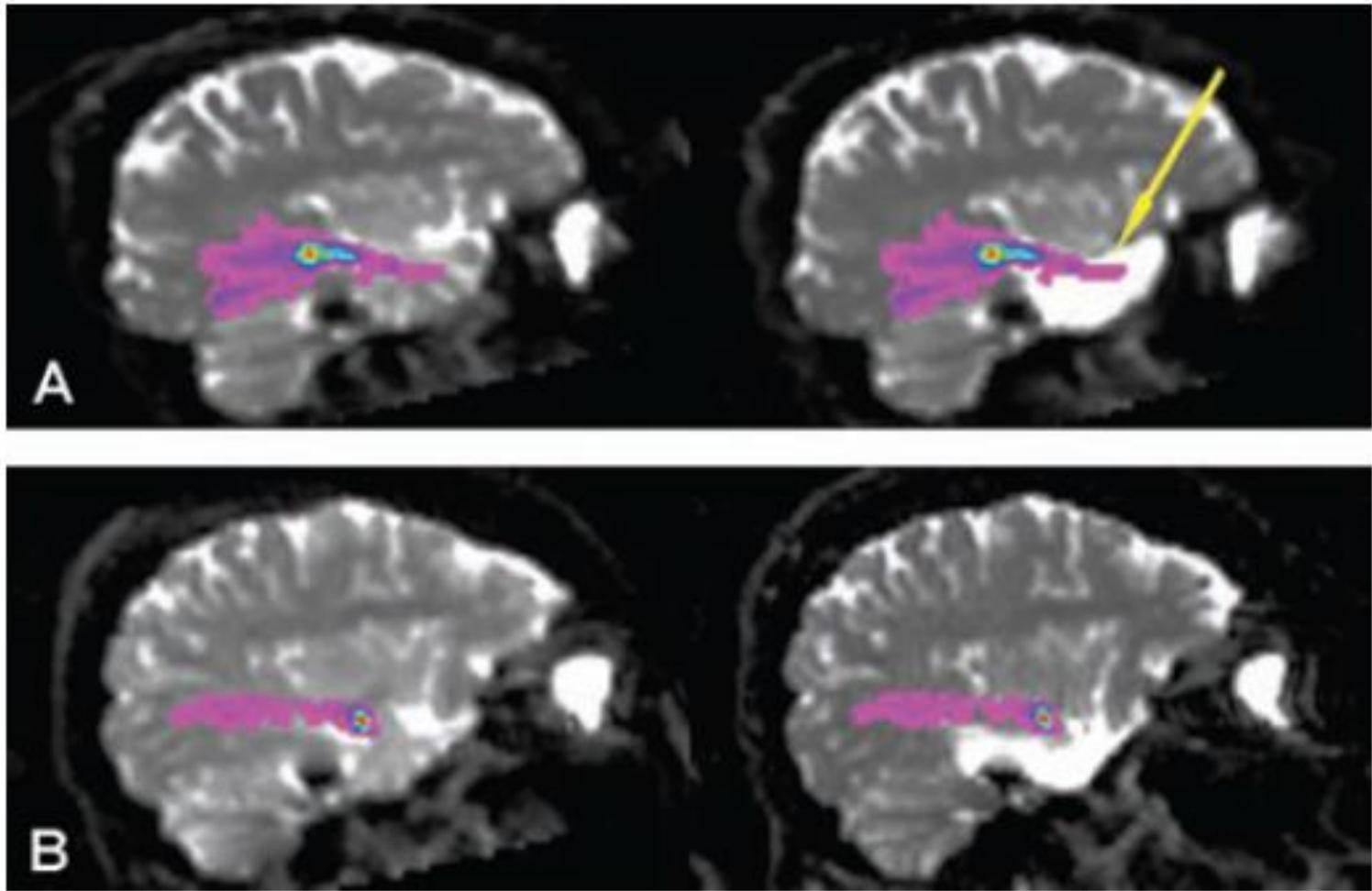




➤ A distance of 1 cm of eloquent tissue from proposed surgical site was taken as indicative of surgical safety



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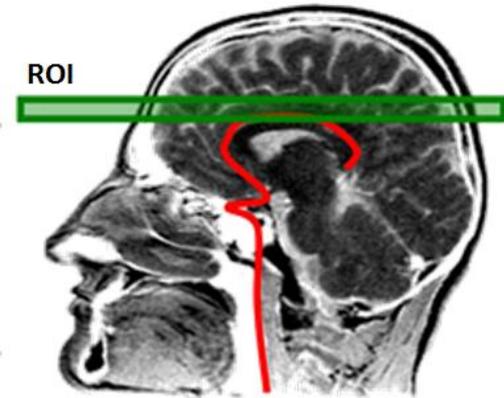




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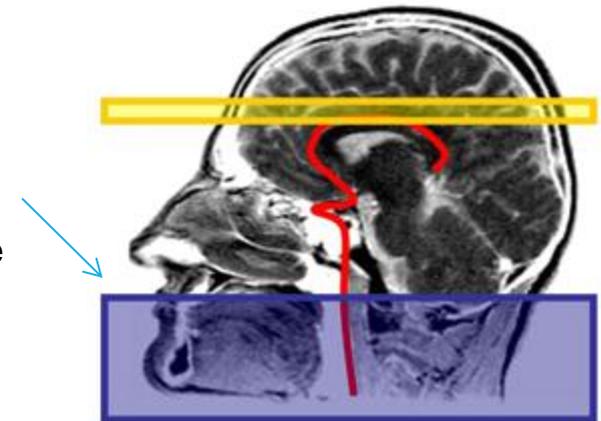


# ARTERIAL SPIN LABELING (ASL)



- One method of fMRI using blood labeling
  1. Baseline MRI of a ROI
  2. Arterial blood magnetically tagged with  $180^\circ$  RF pulse and ROI rescanned (tagged blood has lower MR signal due to loss of phase coherence)
  3. Baseline MR - Tagged image = Perfusion image

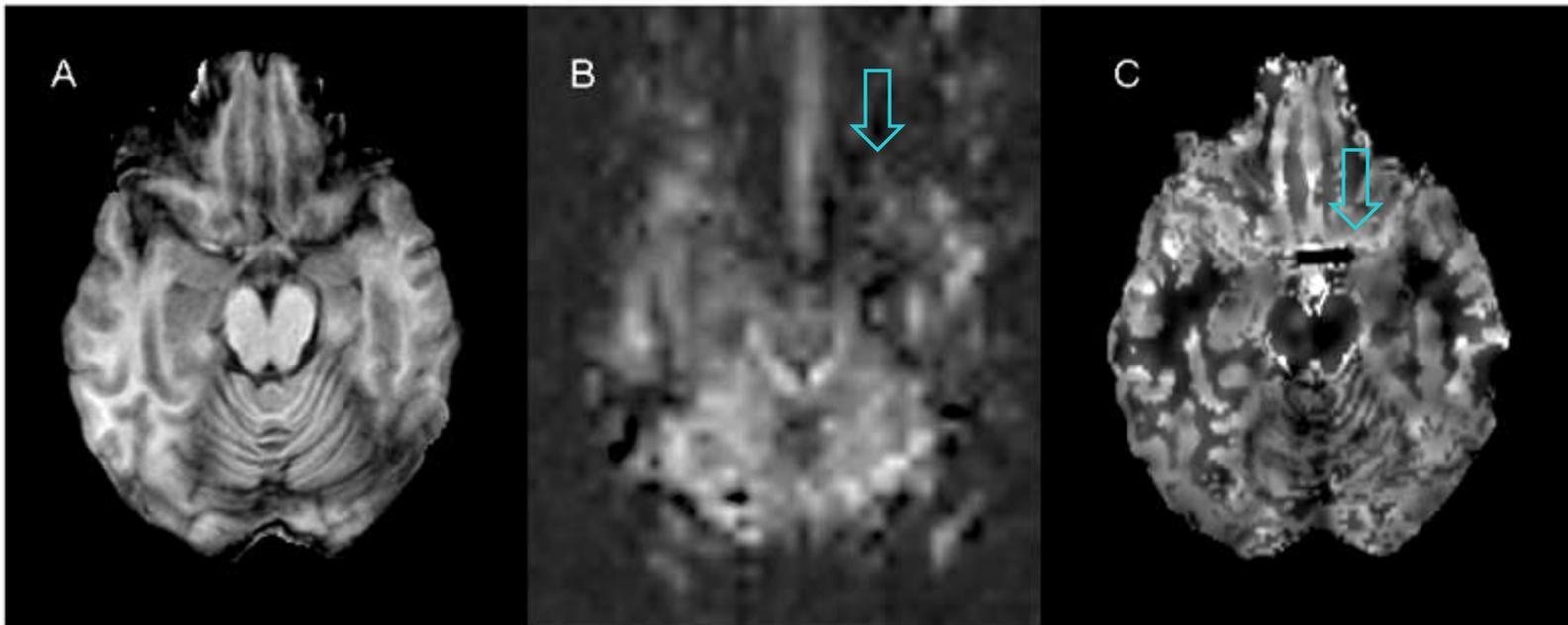
$$\uparrow - \uparrow = \uparrow \propto \text{CBF}$$



- Non-invasive and repeatable without harmful effects.
- Licensing/ post-processing issues have prevented wider clinical use
- ASL has been used to show mesial temporal hypometabolism on the side of seizures, which correlated with PET hypometabolism as well as hippocampal volume loss



# ASL VS. PET IN PATIENT WITH LEFT TLE



MRI

ASL

PET

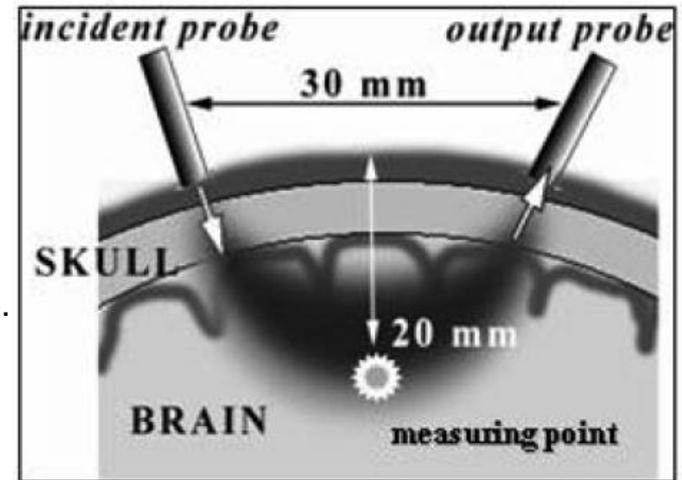


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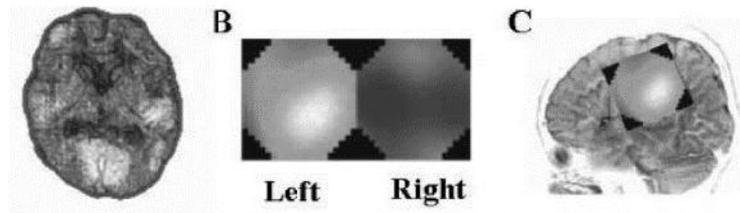
# NEAR INFRA-RED SPECTROSCOPY (NIRS)

- Low resolution functional imaging technique first described in 1977
  - Portable and easy to use with existing techniques.
1. Transmitter probe transmits near infra-red spectrum wavelength rays
  2. These pass through cranium about 2 cm deep when it is absorbed by Hb.
  3. Reflected light is detected by a sensor probe
  4. Strength of reflected light is inversely related to Hb concentration in brain
- Images obtained can co-registered to brain MRI to lateralize and localize



## Epilepsy:

- Correctly identifies affected hemisphere during seizures (Fig 2), as corroborated by simultaneous ictal SPECT and intracranial EEG
- Detects extra-temporal & temporal lobe seizures
- Potential to be a useful addition to the pre-surgical work-up of epilepsy,
- Useful for language lateralization (additional/ alternative to Wada & fMRI)
- Disadvantage is the inability to measure changes in deeper cortex (deep sulci, insula, parasagittal mesial cortex, mesial and basal temporal lobes, infra-tentorial cortex, and the basal ganglia)



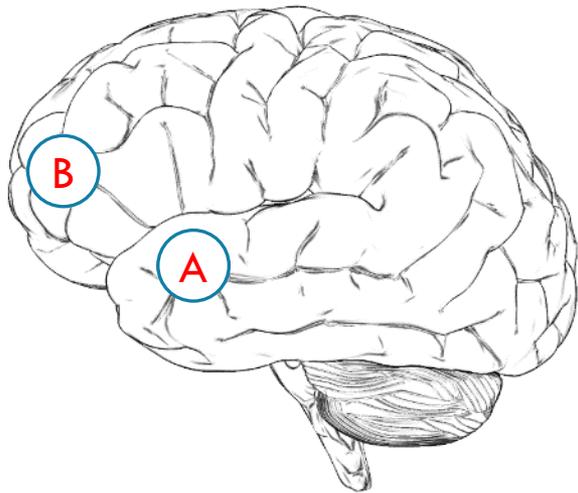
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# FUNCTIONAL CONNECTIVITY MRI



	Concept	Functional change	Structural change
Lesion (Localization)	Functional Specialization	Memory dysfunction (hippocampal) in TLE	hippocampal atrophy
Network	Functional Integration	Behavioral dysfunction (distributed) in TLE	widespread cortical atrophy (frontocentral, lateral temporal, dorsal parietal, mesial orbitofrontal, cingulate and thalamic)



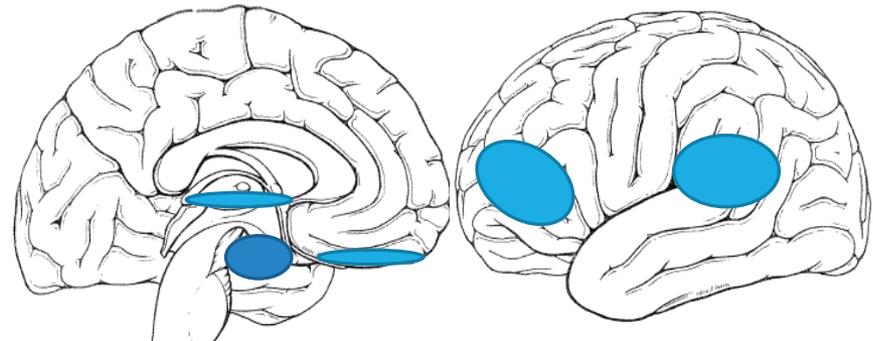
## INTERICTAL DEFICITS IN TLE: LOCALIZATION VS. NETWORK



# COGNITION & BEHAVIOR IN TLE

## Neuropsych findings in TLE

- Memory deficits
- Depression
- Behavioral changes/ social issues
- Psychosis
- Language deficits
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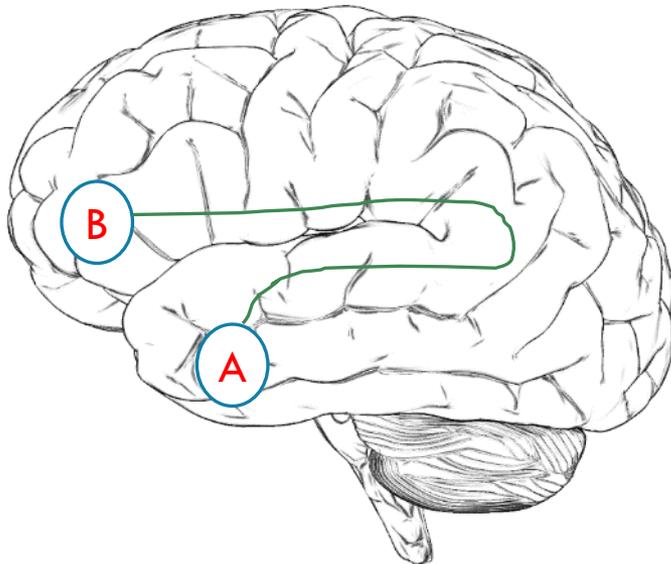
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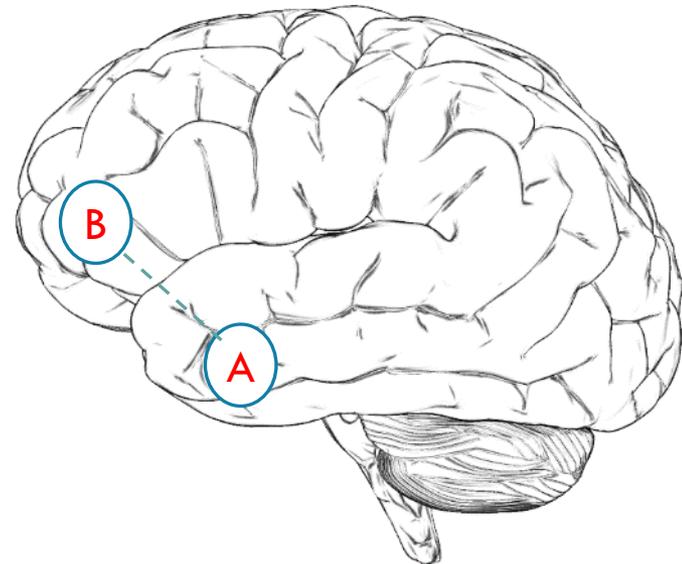
# CONNECTIVITY BETWEEN BRAIN REGIONS



## Structural Connectivity

White matter tracts

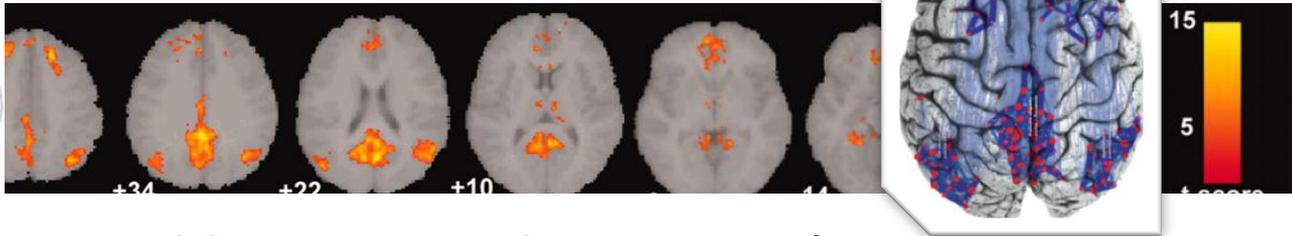
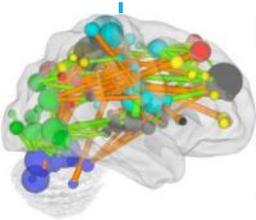
Eg. DTI



## Functional Connectivity

Correlation of activity between  
spatially remote brain regions

Eg. **fMRI**, MEG, EEG



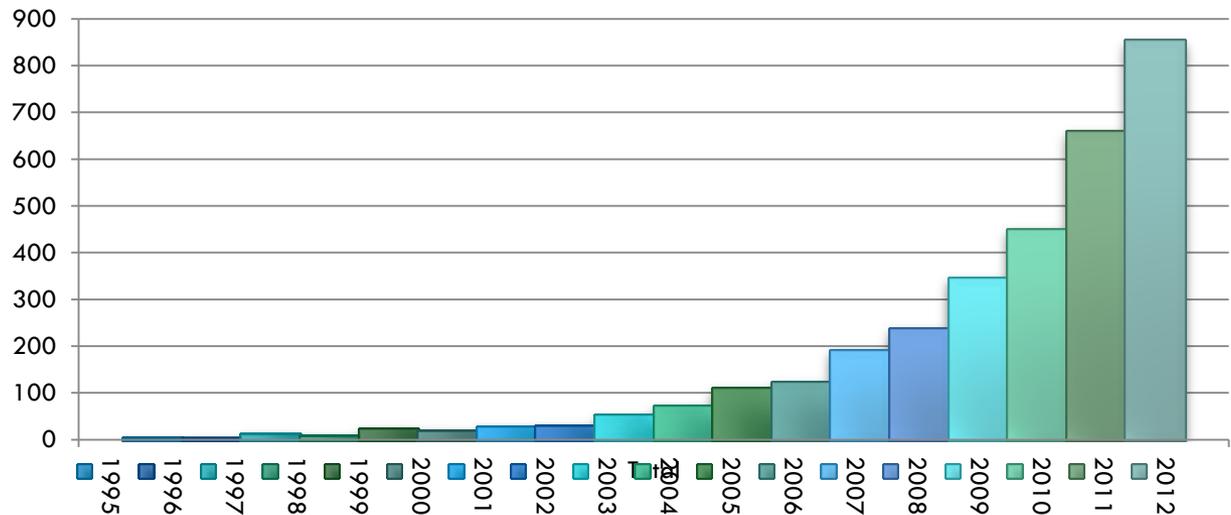
- 2000s: fMRI-EEG
- 1990s: fMRI/ DTI
- 1980s: MRI
- 1980s: MEG
- 1970s: SPECT
- 1960s : PET

## fcMRI: Functional Connectivity MRI a.k.a resting state fMRI

An fMRI technique that attempts to delineate functionally connected brain areas using similarity of voxel time courses.

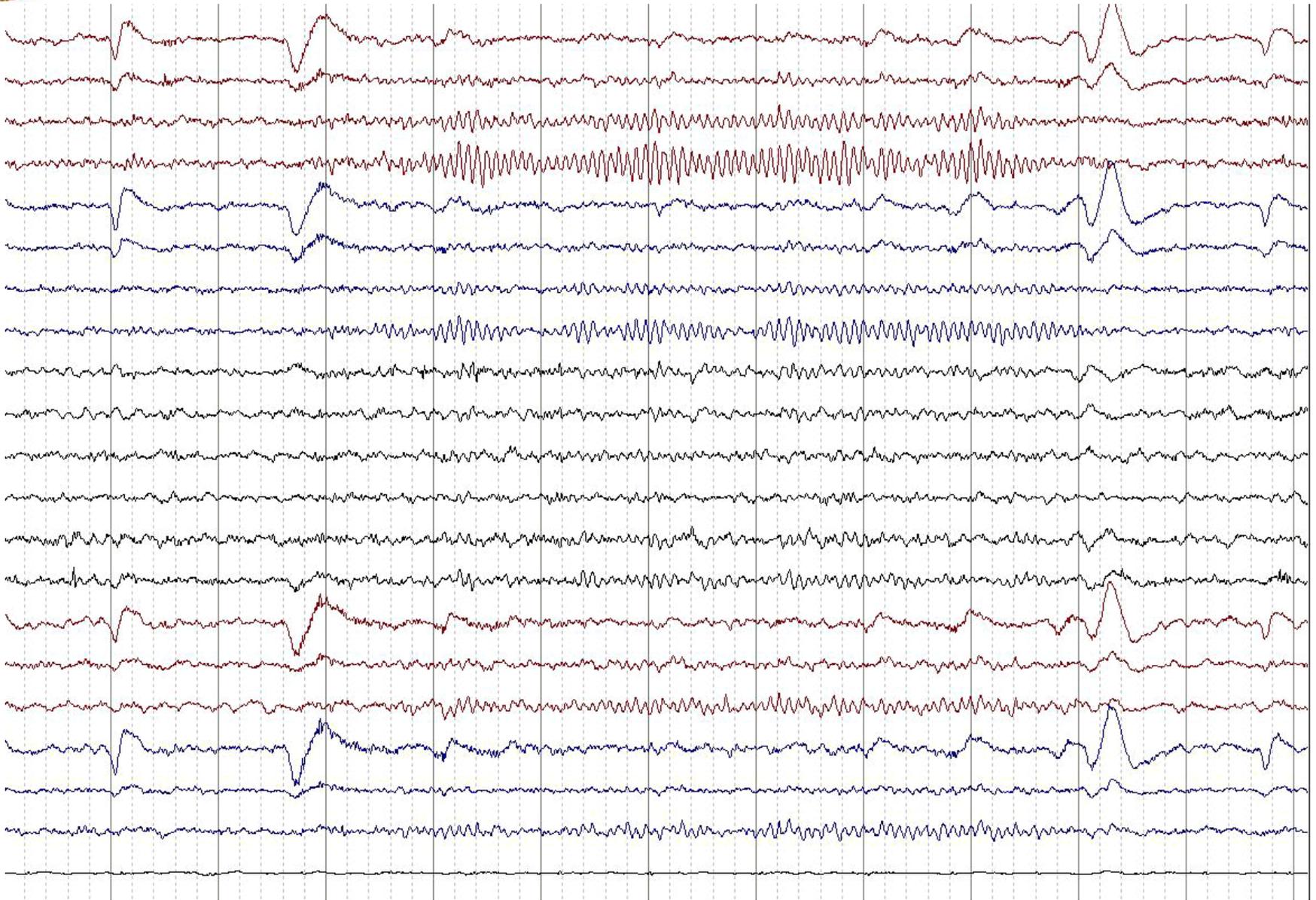
1995: Bharat Biswal demonstrates the concept of fcMRI in the motor cortex of humans

850+ publications per year by 2012.



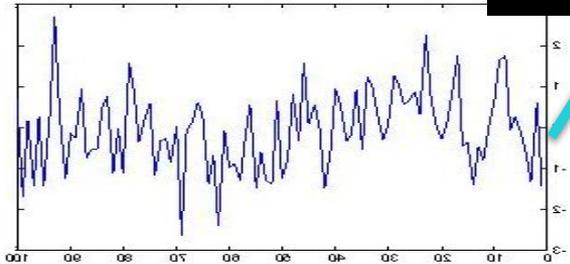
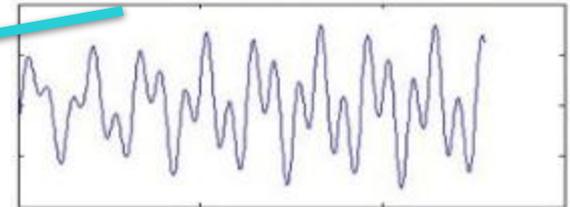
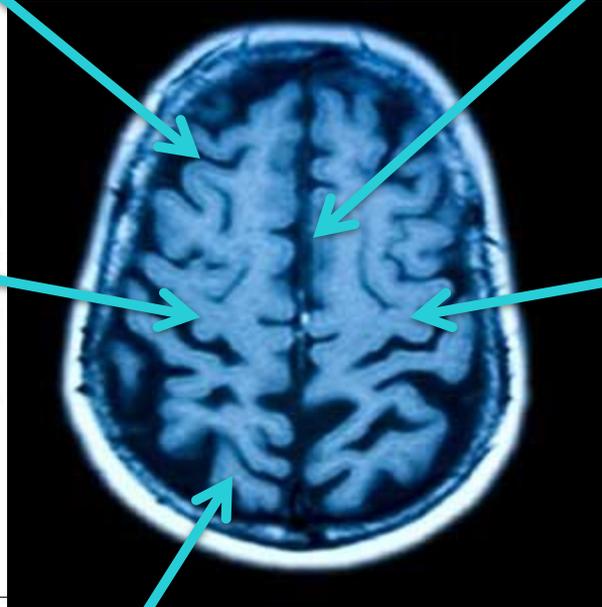
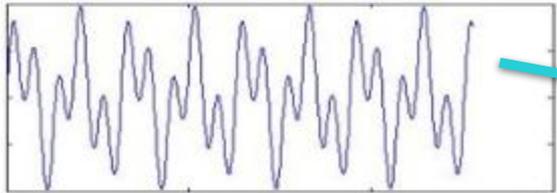
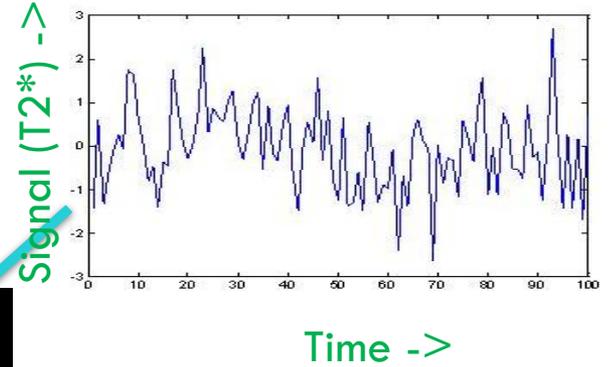
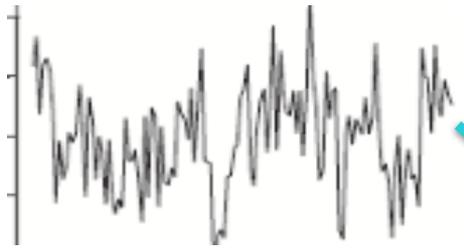


# TIME SERIES





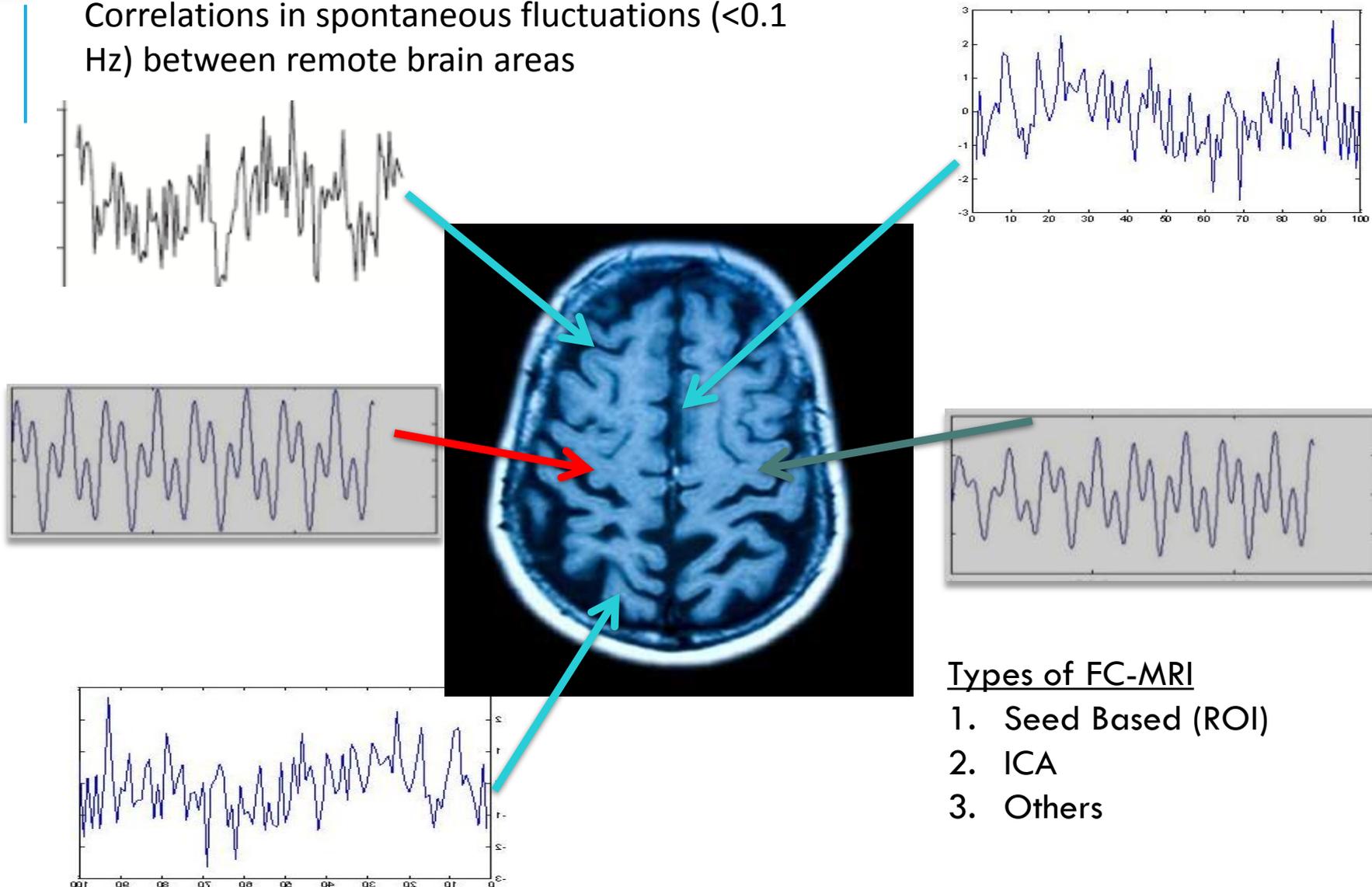
# RESTING STATE FMRI VOXEL TIME SERIES





## Resting state functional connectivity

Correlations in spontaneous fluctuations (<0.1 Hz) between remote brain areas



### Types of FC-MRI

1. Seed Based (ROI)
2. ICA
3. Others

# SEED (ROI) BASED FC

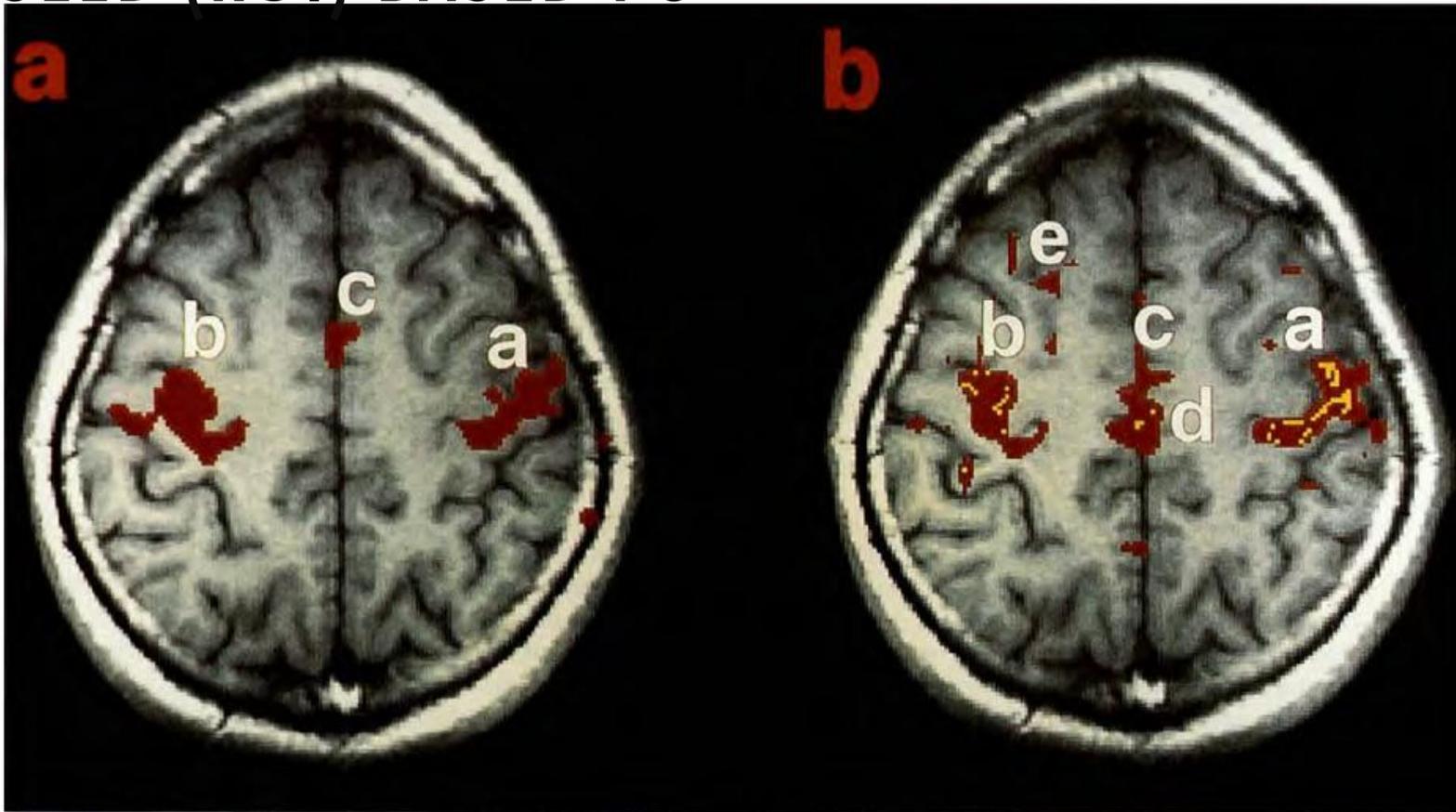


FIG. 3. (Left) FMRI task-activation response to bilateral left and right finger movement, superimposed on a GRASS anatomic image. (Right) Fluctuation response using the methods of this paper. See text for assignment of labeled regions. Red is positive correlation, and yellow is negative.



- Similar results have been found in multiple other networks including
  - **Visual** (*Lowe et al., 1998; Cordes et al., 2000*),
  - **Auditory** (*Cordes et al., 2000*),
  - **Language** (*Cordes et al., 2000; Hampson et al., 2002*),
  - **Dorsal and ventral attention systems** (*Fox et al., 2006a*),
  - **Corticothalamic circuits** (*Zhang et al., 2008*), and a
  - **Frontal opercular network (stimulus salience)** (*Seeley et al., 2007b*).
  - **Default Mode Network**



# COGNITION & BEHAVIOR IN TLE

## Neuropsych findings in TLE

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- Depression
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# FCMRI IN PSYCHIATRY

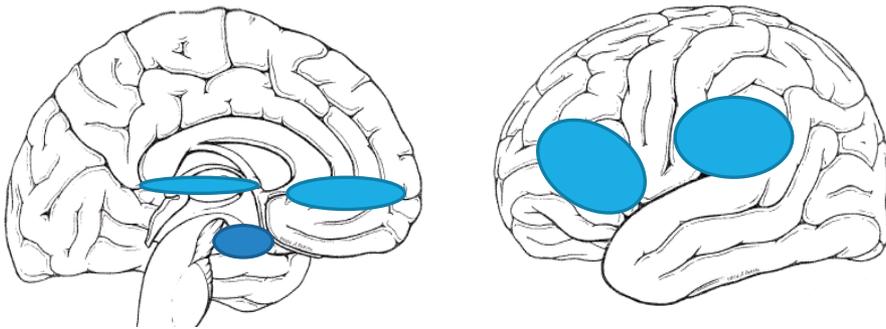
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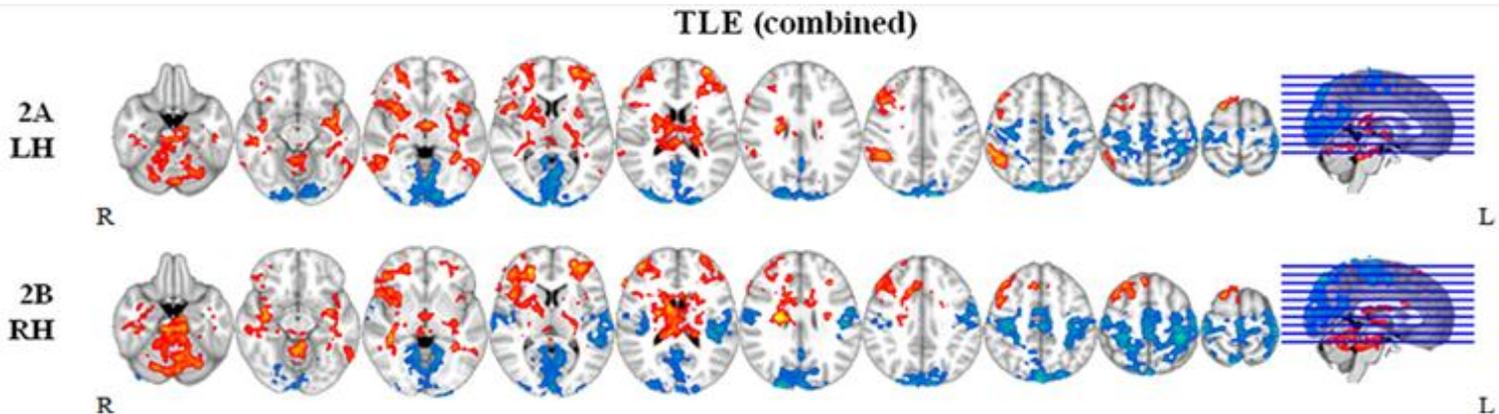
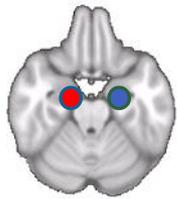
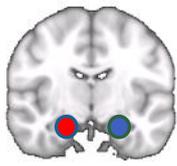
Depression:

- DMN: ↑ subgenual and thalamic connectivity (*Greicius 2006*)
- DMN: ↑ L frontopolar/ L insula, ↓ L cuneus connectivity (*Wolf 2011*)

Behavioral changes/ social issues: Social cognition medial frontal

Psychosis: Increased medial frontal connectivity in Schizophrenia (*Salvador 2010*)





## TLE was associated with

- **↑ hippocampal connectivity** to key **limbic** areas (temporal lobe, insula, thalamus), **frontal lobes**, **basal ganglia**, **brainstem** and cerebellum
- **↓ connectivity** to **sensorimotor** (visual, somatosensory, auditory, primary motor) and the **DMN** (precuneus).
- Left TLE had more marked connectivity changes than right TLE.

DMN seen in Controls (C), Left TLE (L) and Right TLE (R)

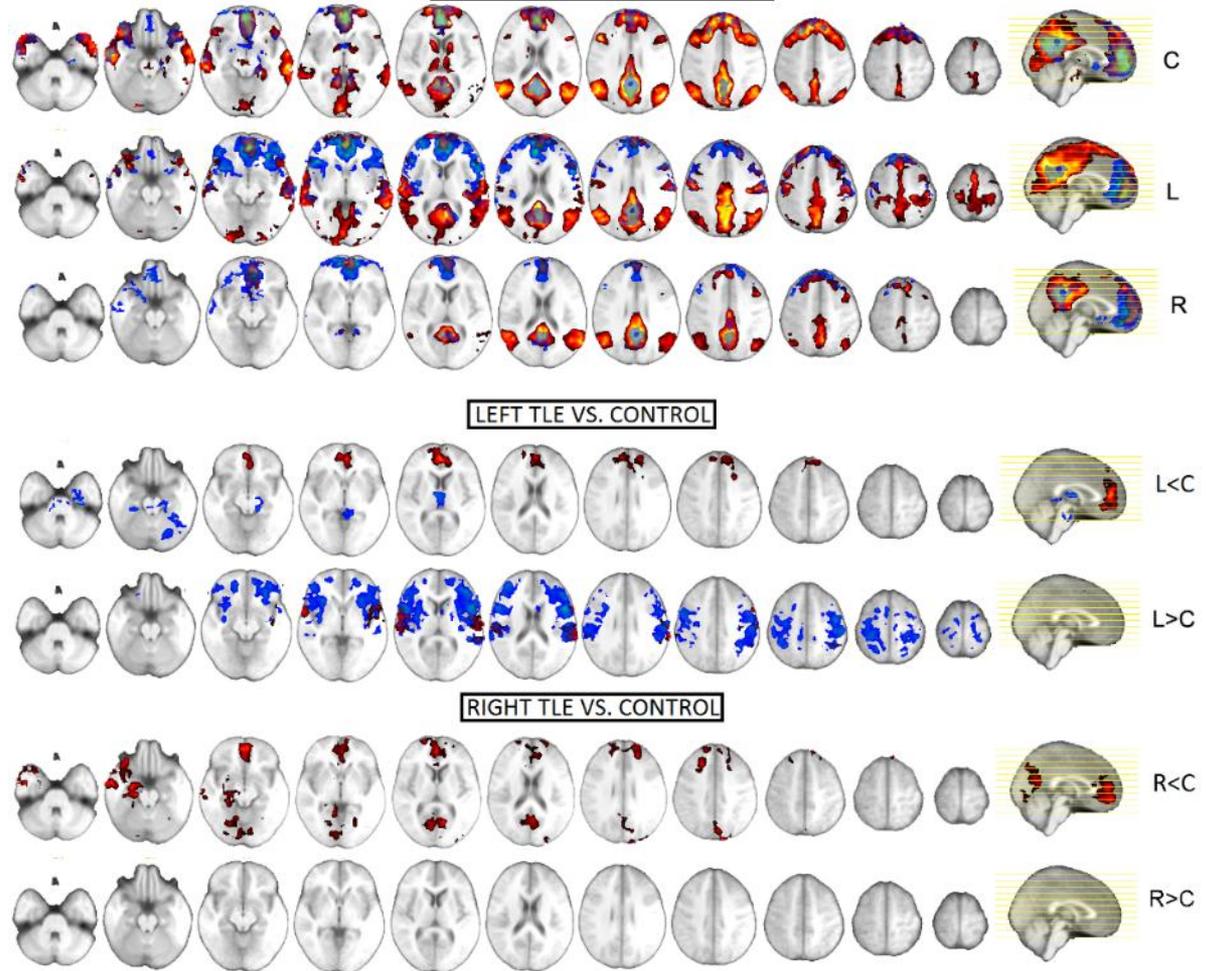


Fig. 1. Locations of seeds used for correlation analysis: Rap/PCJN (MNI coordinates 0, -51, 32) and vmPFC (MNI coordinates 3, 60, -1).

Posterior/  
anterior DMN  
Seeds

Findings

- [1] TLE: ↓ connectivity between anterior & posterior DMN
- [2] L TLE: ↑ connectivity
- [3] R TLE: ↓ connectivity





## Neuroimaging is a key component in the surgical workup of Epilepsy:

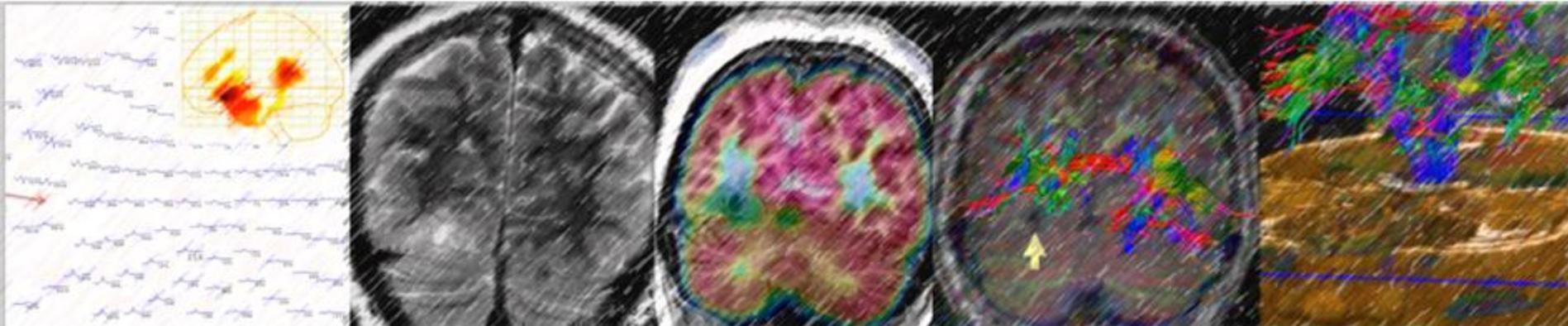
- MRI, PET, SPECT, MEG

## Emerging techniques hold promise for epilepsy workup and evaluation of network level pathophysiology:

- fMRI-EEG, fcMRI/ RS-fMRI, DTI, ASL, fNIRS

## Other techniques not discussed

- MR Spectroscopy (MRS), Magneto- nanoparticles, Voxel Based Morphometry (VBM)



# SUMMARY



# DEAD SALMON CAUTIONS AGAINST RED HERRINGS IN FMRI RESEARCH

## METHODS

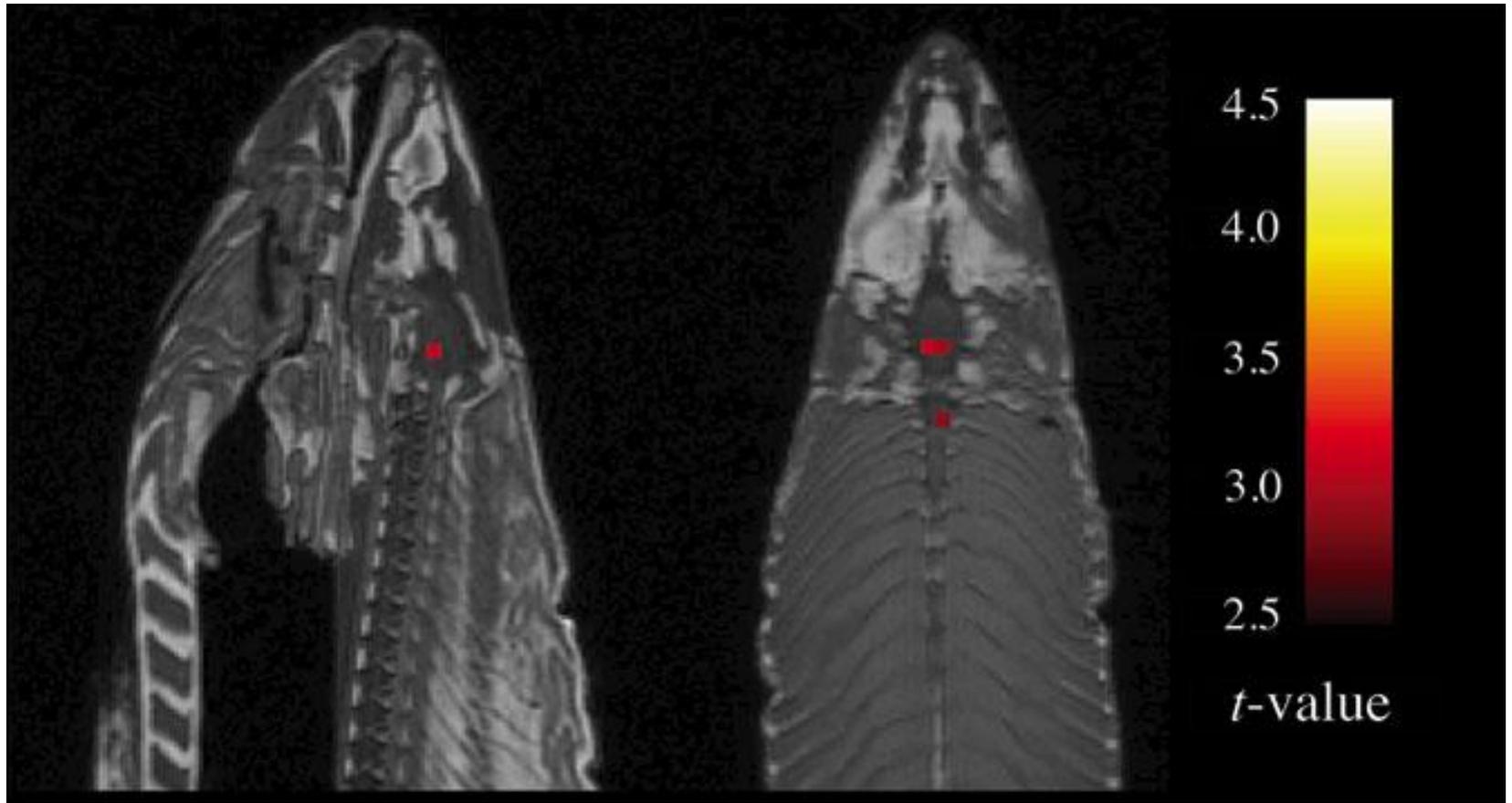
Subject. One mature Atlantic Salmon (*Salmo salar*) participated in the fMRI study. The salmon was approximately 18 inches long, weighed 3.8 lbs, and was not alive at the time of scanning.

Task. The task administered to the salmon involved completing an open-ended mentalizing task. The salmon was shown a series of photographs depicting human individuals in social situations with a specified emotional valence. The salmon was asked to determine what emotion the individual in the photo must have been experiencing.

Design. Stimuli were presented in a block design with each photo presented for 10 seconds followed by 12 seconds of rest. A total of 15 photos were displayed. Total scan time was 5.5 minutes.



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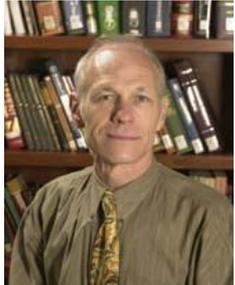






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