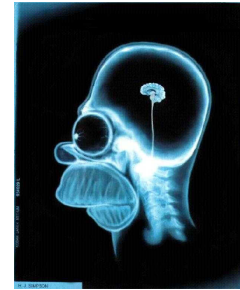


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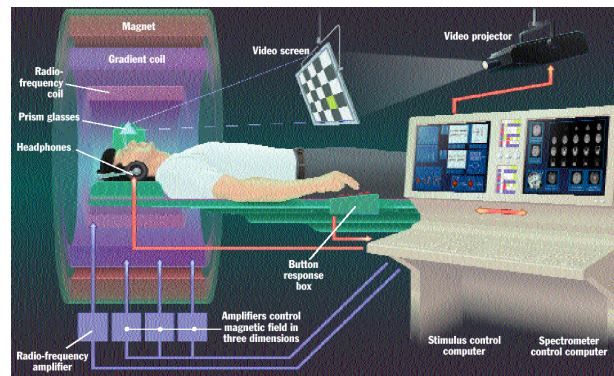
MRI studies brain anatomy.

Functional MRI (fMRI)  
studies brain function.



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fMRI Setup



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History of Functional MRI

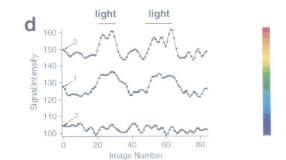
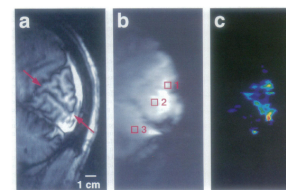


FIG. 1. Intrinsic signal changes in sagittal brain images produced by phobic stimulation. (a) Sagittal slice image of the occipital pole taken with an inversion recovery pulse sequence. The oblique line is oriented along the bank of the calcarine sulcus. (b) Coronal slice image (FSPF sequence; TE = 40 ms) at the same anatomical location. (c) Parametric map of the difference in signal intensity between the average of eight images acquired during stimulation and eight images taken in the dark. (d) Time course of signal intensity changes in white matter for regions indicated by the three boxes outlined in a.

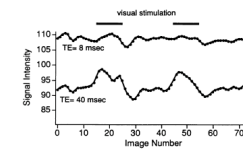
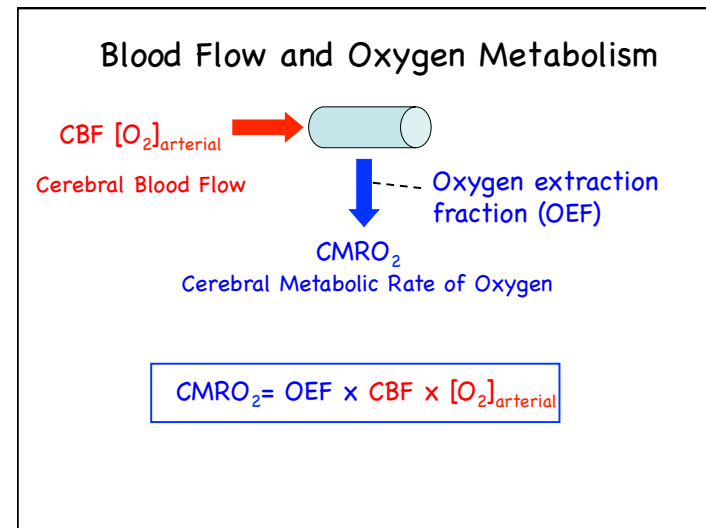
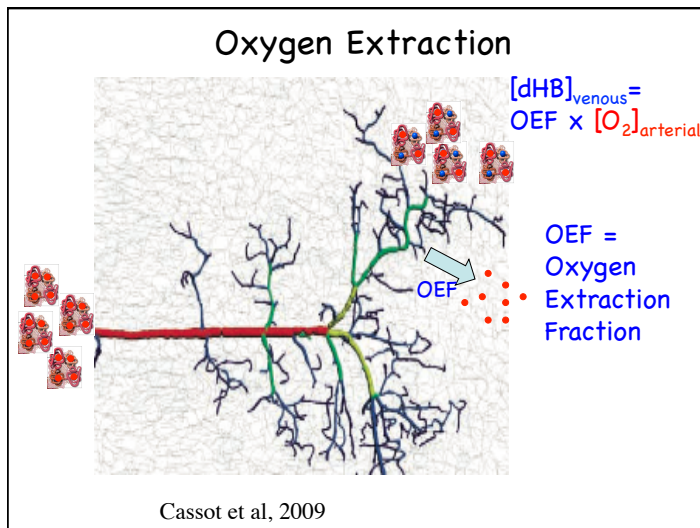
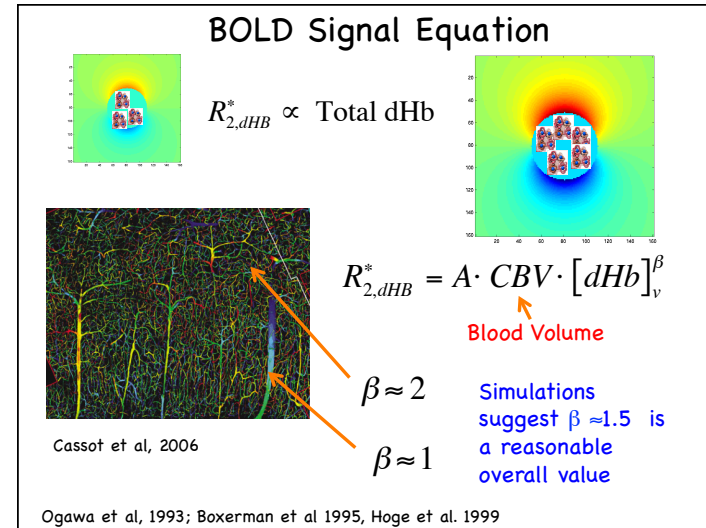
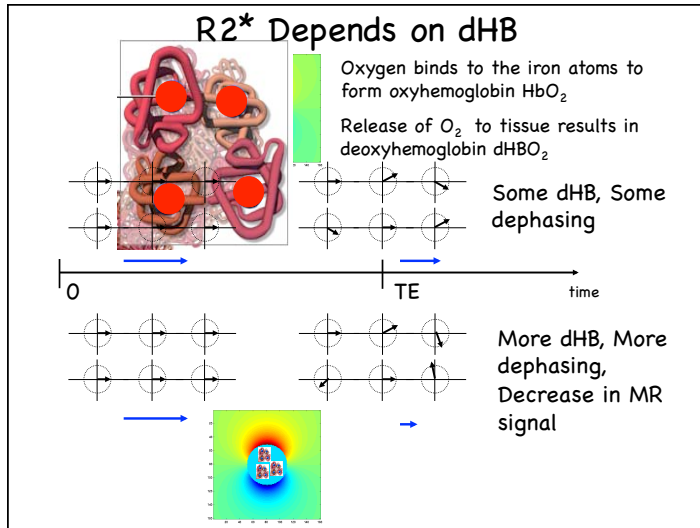


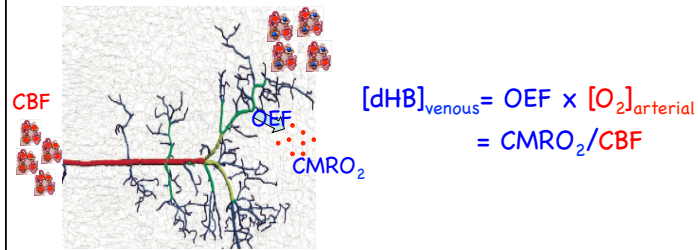
FIG. 3. Reducing TE reduces amplitude of the visual stimulation-induced intrinsic signal change. The time course of intrinsic signal changes observed at a fixed caudal position in primary visual cortex are shown for TE = 40 ms and TE = 6 ms. Other experimental conditions were as in Fig. 2, except that patterned-flash visual stimulation was provided between images 15-25 and 35-55.

Source: Ogawa et al., 1992



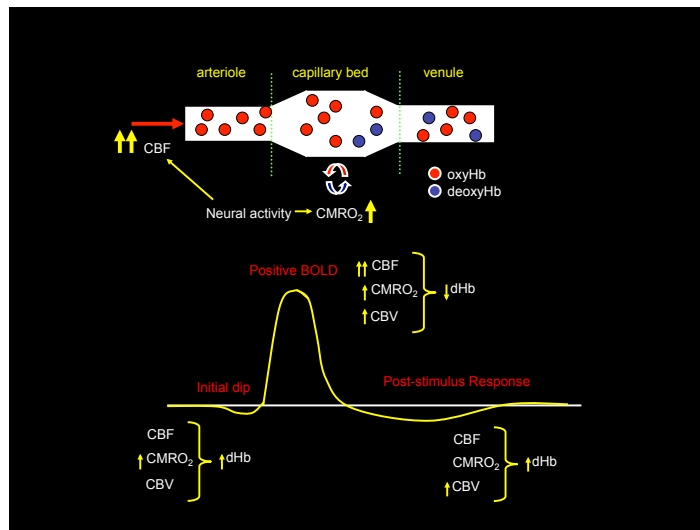
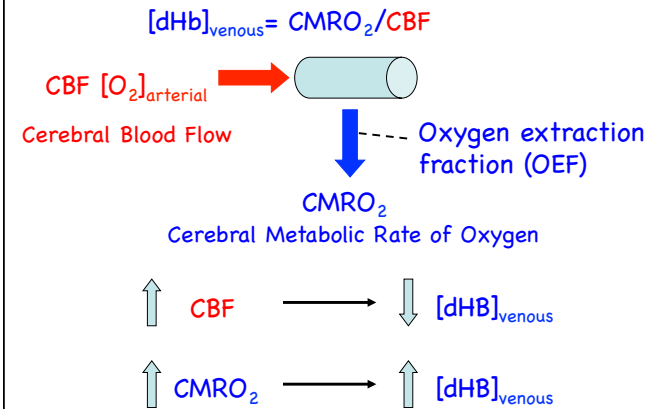


## Deoxyhemoglobin



Cassot et al, 2009

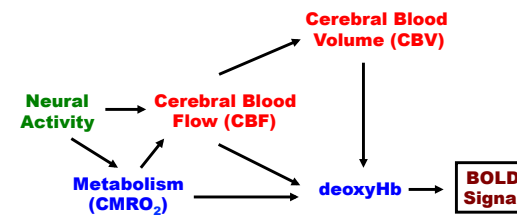
## Blood Flow and Oxygen Metabolism



## BOLD Signal Path

$$R_{2, dHb}^* = A CBV [dHb]_{venous}^\beta$$

$$\approx A CBV (CMRO_2 / CBF)^\beta$$

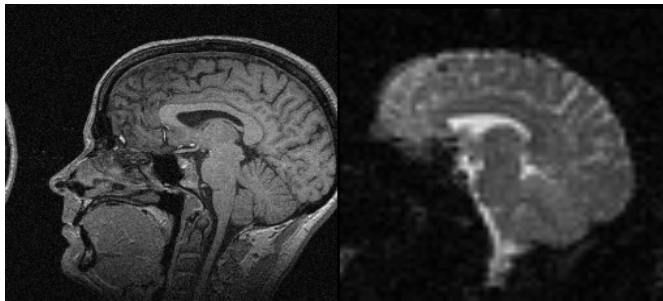




## fMRI Acquisition

High spatial resolution

High temporal resolution

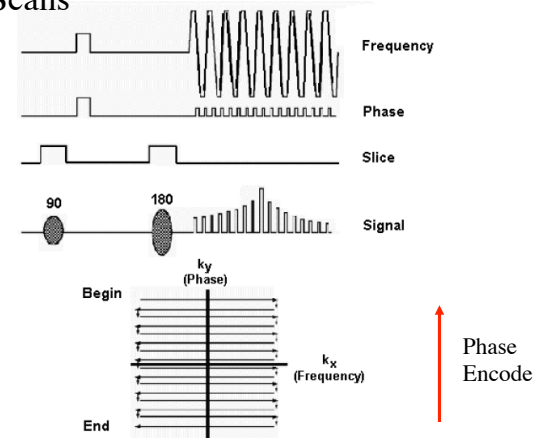


MP-RAGE  
Voxel volume: 1 mm<sup>3</sup>  
Imaging time: 6 min

EPI  
Voxel volume: 45 mm<sup>3</sup>  
Imaging time: 60 msec

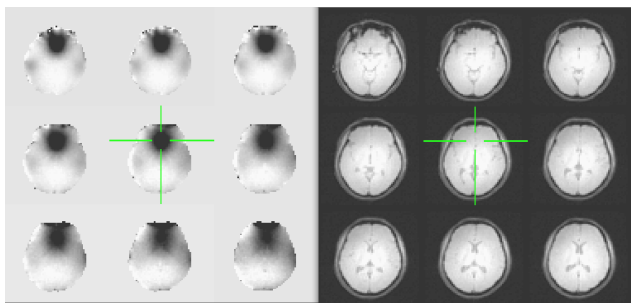
Buxton 2002

## EPI Scans

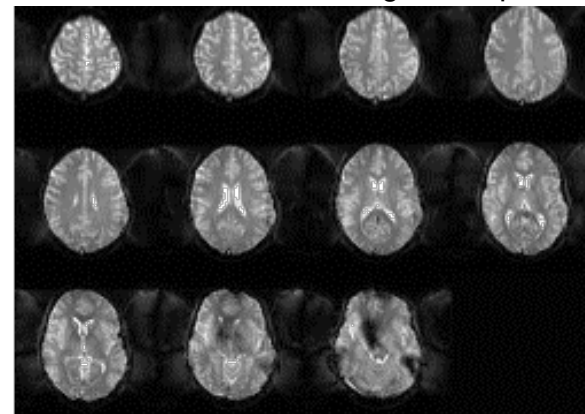


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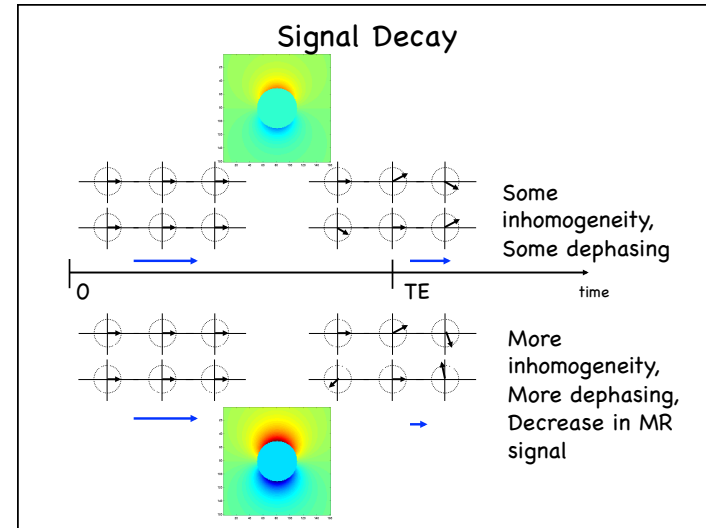
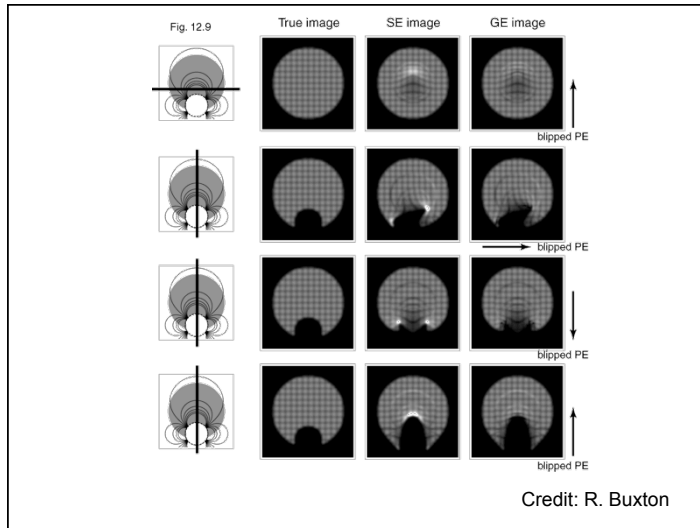
## Field Inhomogeneities



## EPI Distortions and Signal Dropouts



Credit: R. Buxton



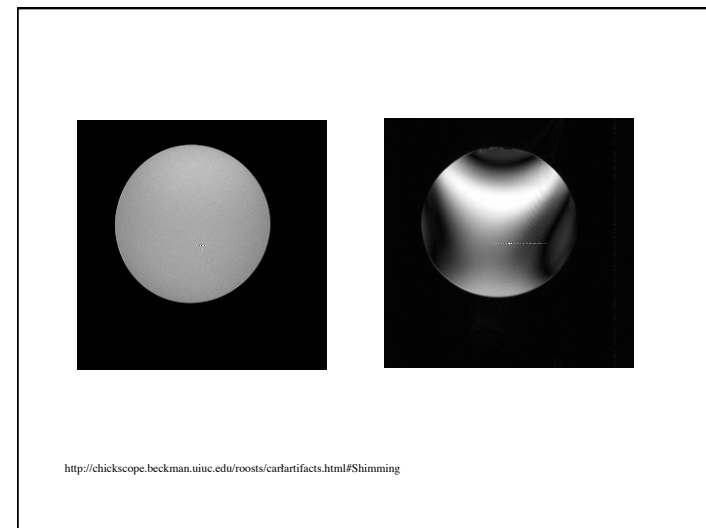
### Spin Echo

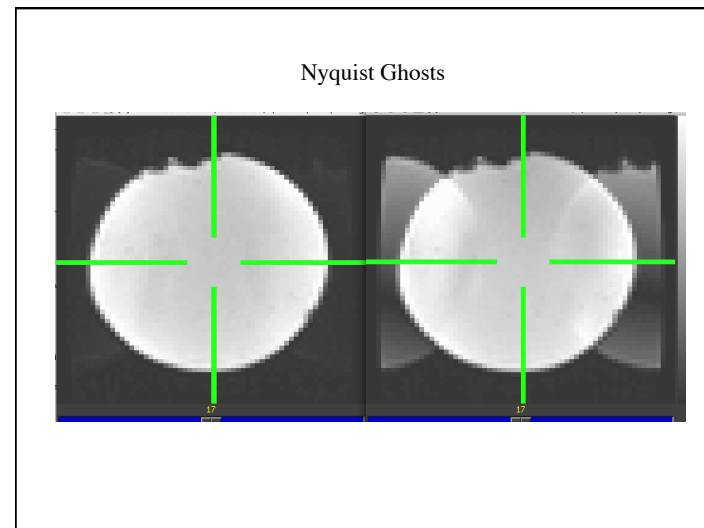
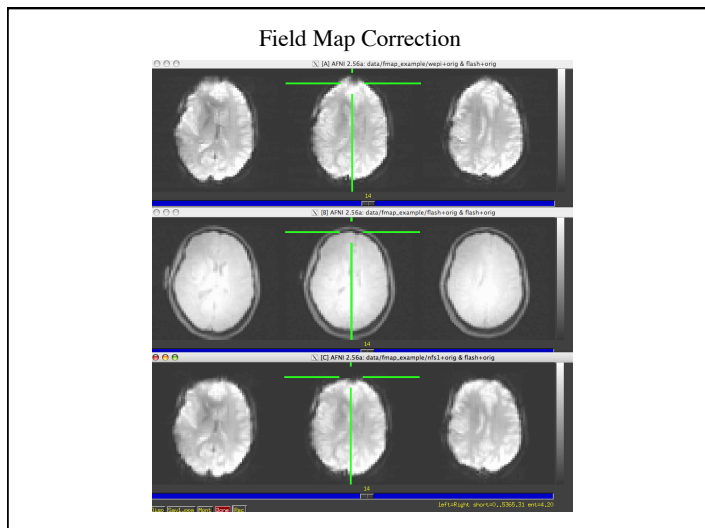
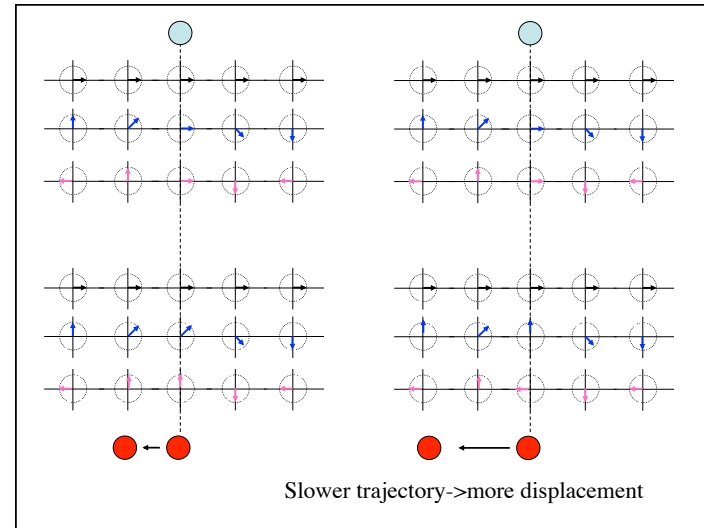
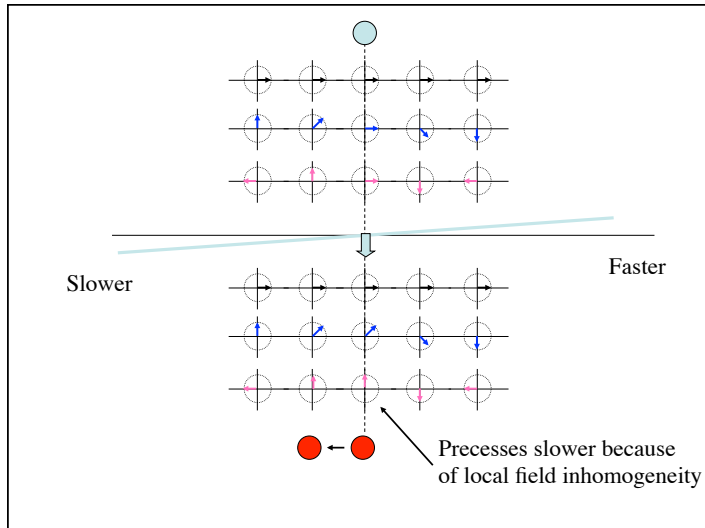
Discovered by Erwin Hahn in 1950.

The spin-echo can refocus the dephasing of spins due to static inhomogeneities. However, there will still be  $T_2$  dephasing due to random motion of spins.

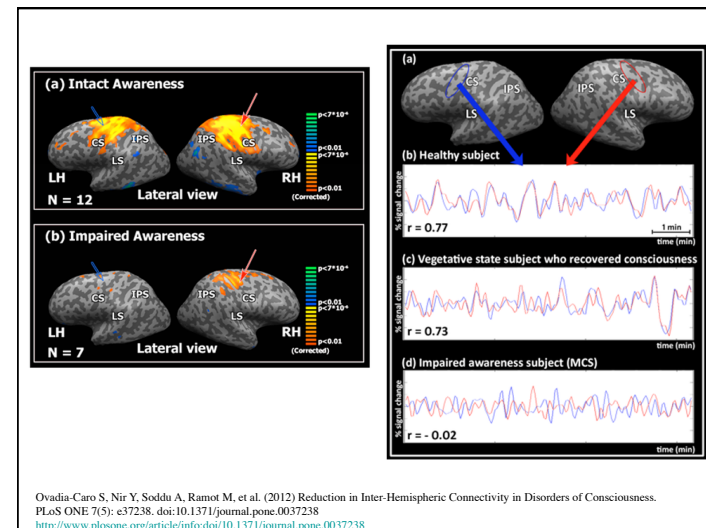
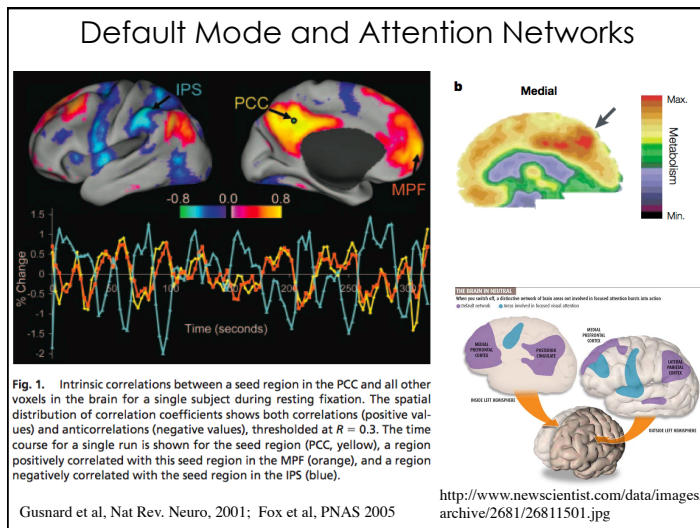
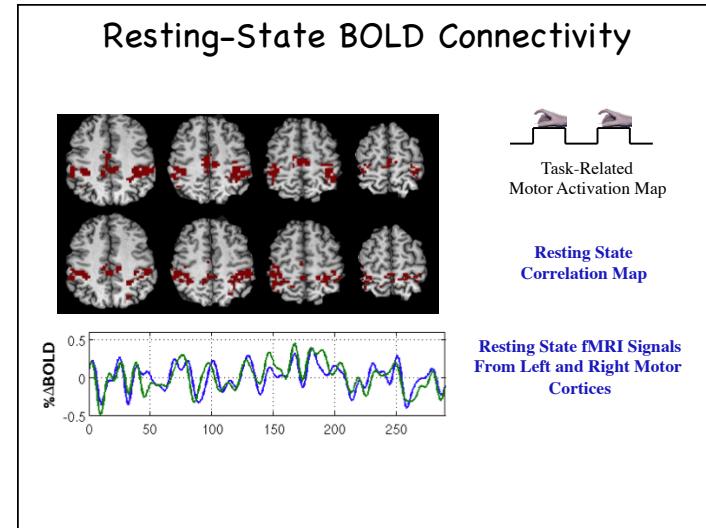
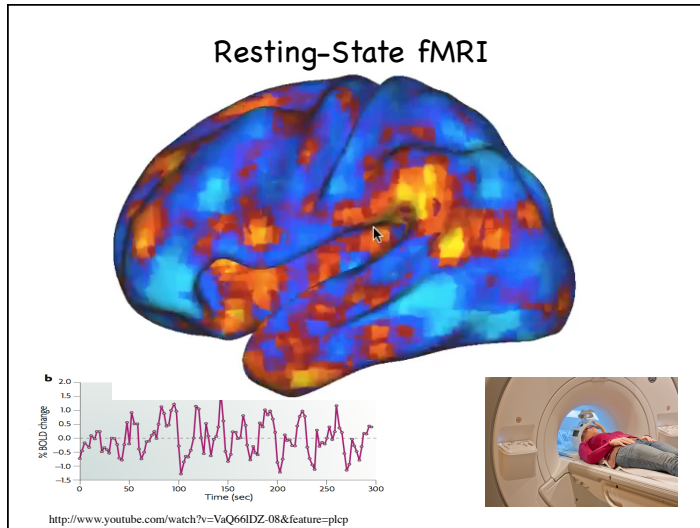
*There is nothing that nuclear spins will not do for you, as long as you treat them as human beings.* Erwin Hahn

Image: Larry Frank

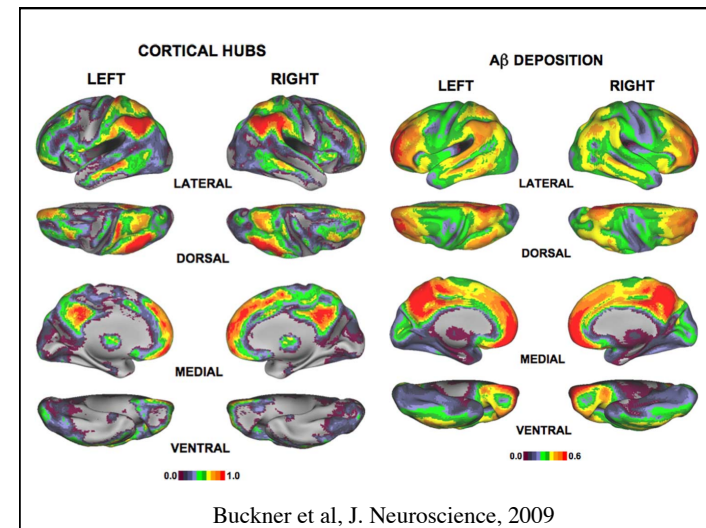
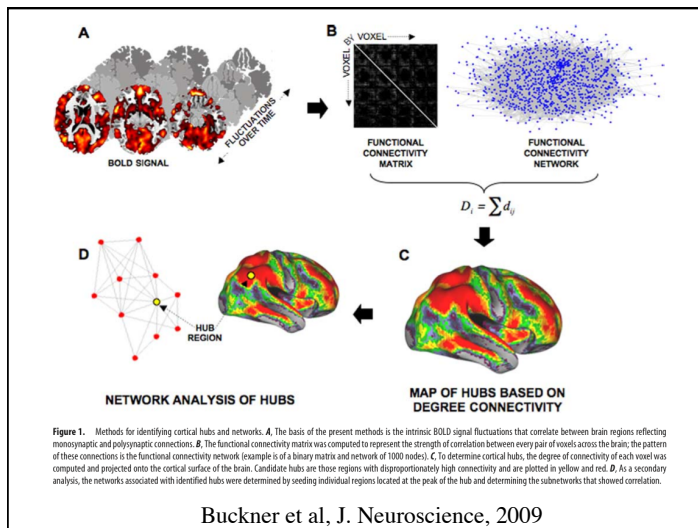
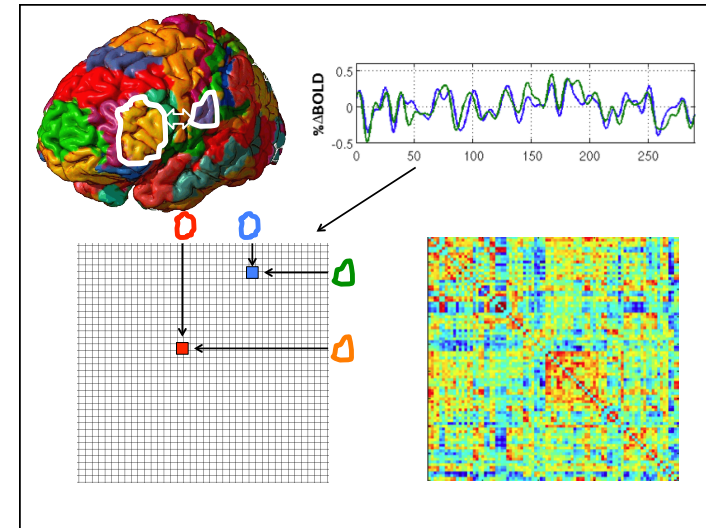
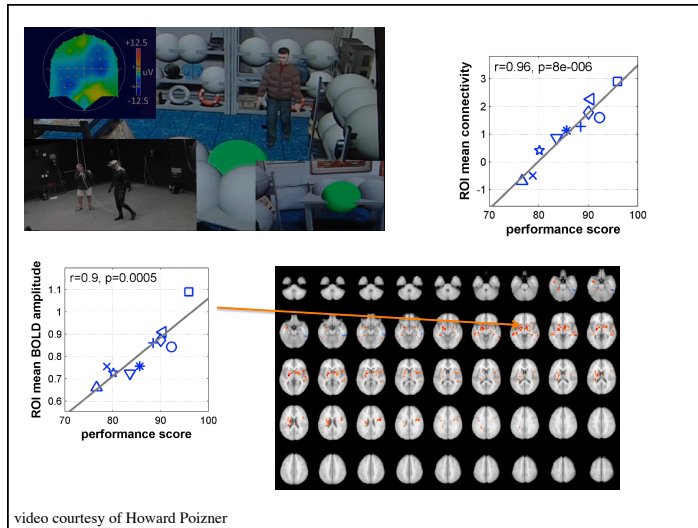




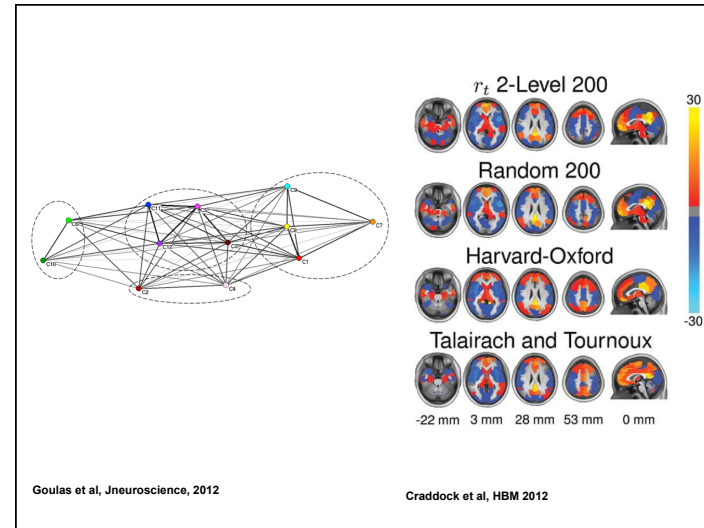
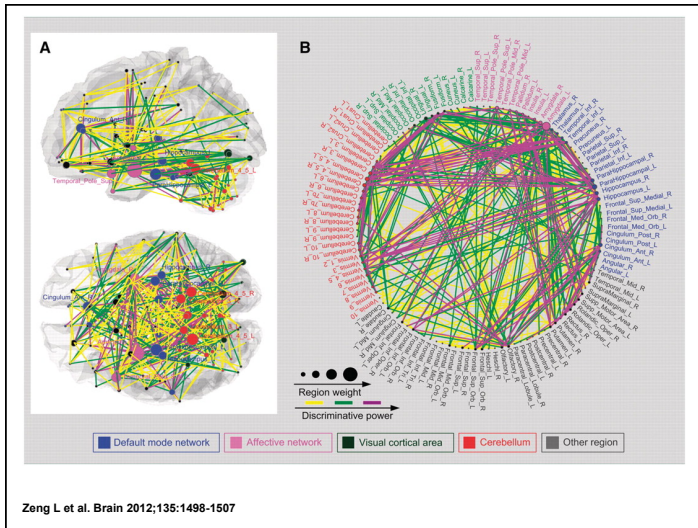










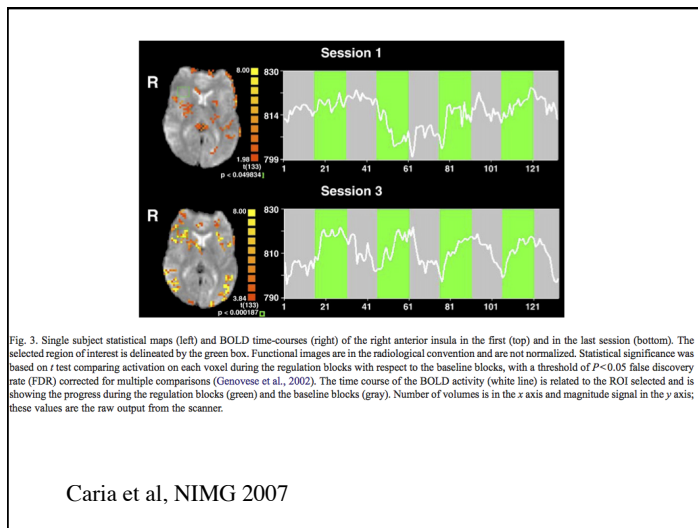
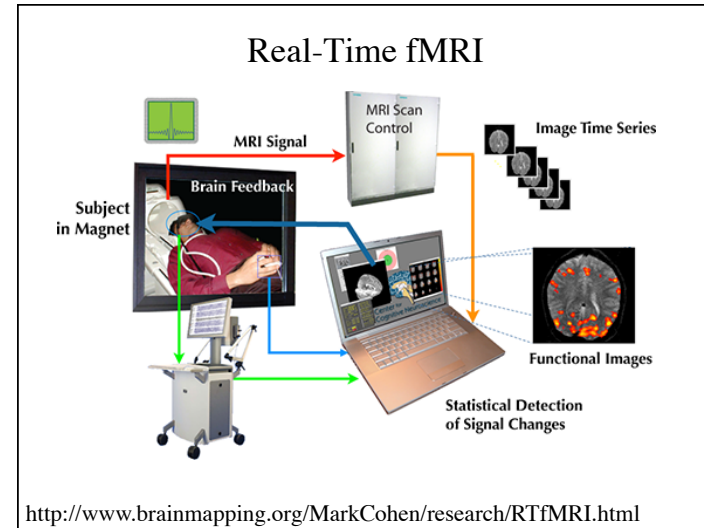
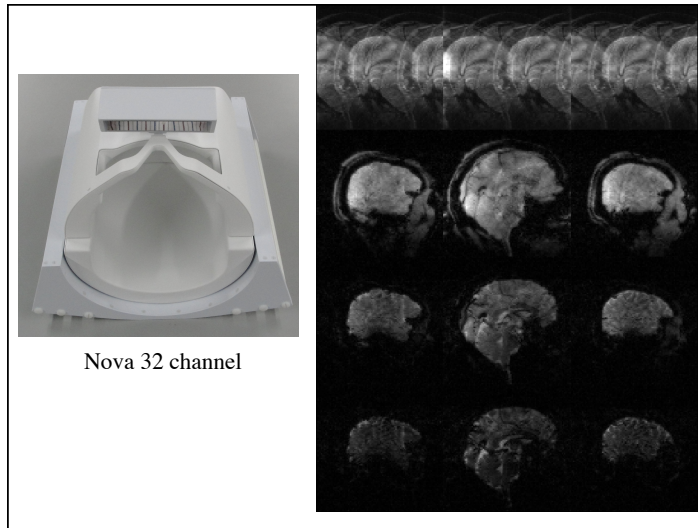


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 8 simultaneous slices  
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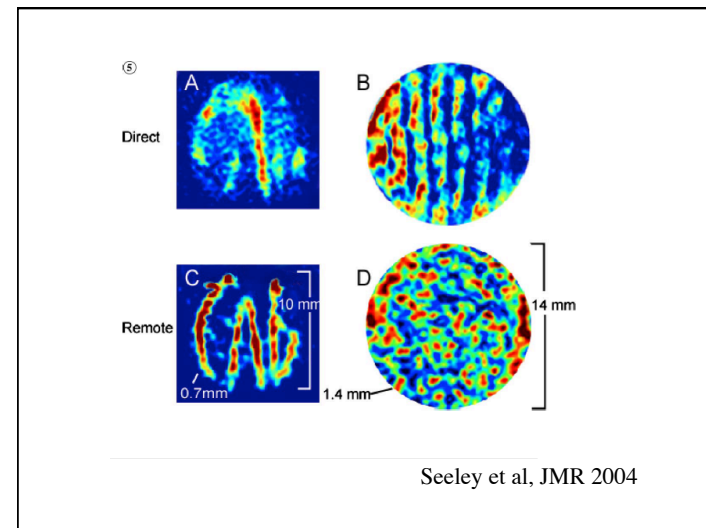
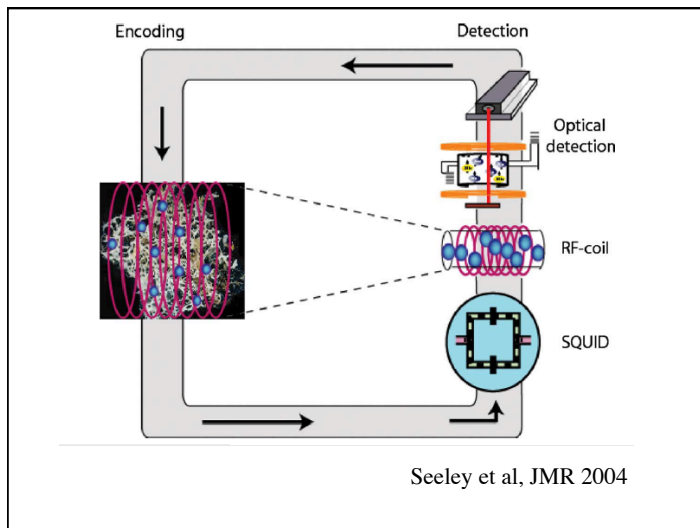
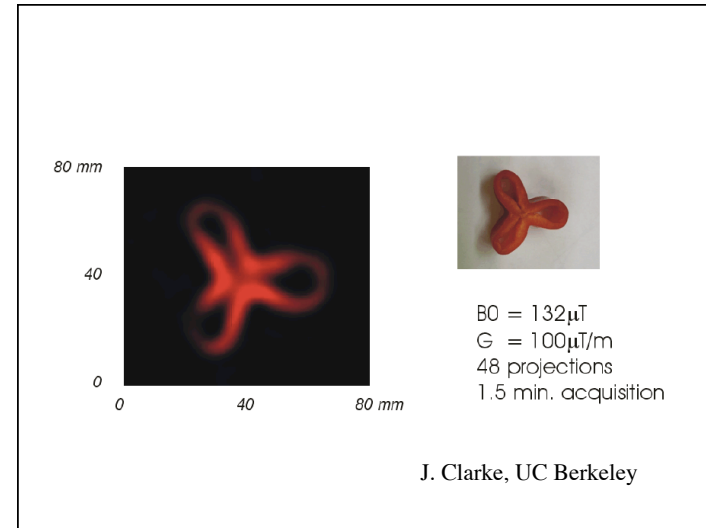
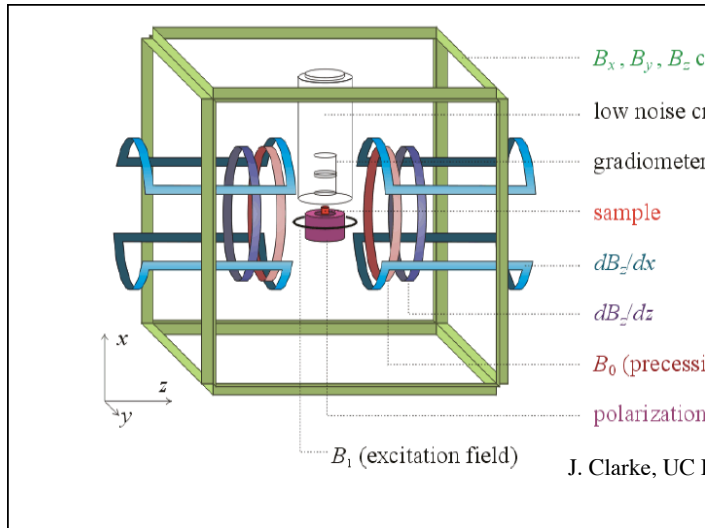


**Timeline**

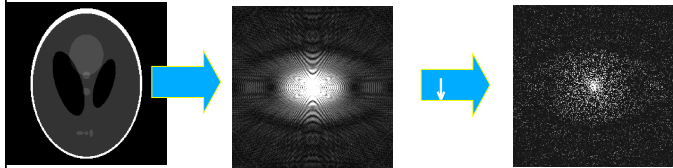
Michael Crichton, 1999

“Most people”, Gordon said, “don’t realize that the ordinary hospital MRI works by changing the quantum state of atoms in your body ... But the ordinary MRI does this with a very powerful magnetic field - say 1.5 tesla, about twenty-five thousand times as strong as the earth’s magnetic field. We don’t need that. We use Superconducting QUantum Interference Devices, or SQUIDS, that are so sensitive they can measure resonance just from the earth’s magnetic field. We don’t have any magnets in there”.

J. Clarke, UC Berkeley

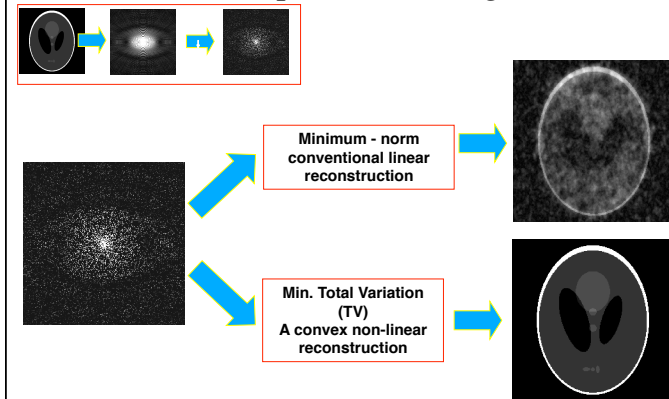


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