



# Overview of Resting-State fMRI

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# Outline

- ➔ • **What is resting-state fMRI?**
- **Computational methodology**
- **Applications to brain disorders and cognitive neuroscience**



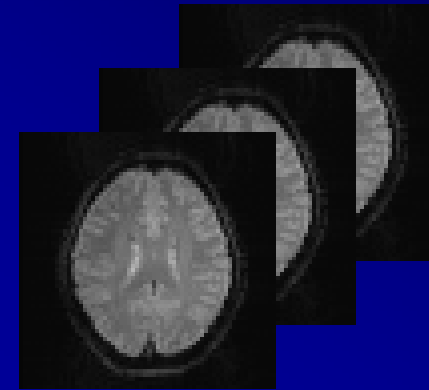
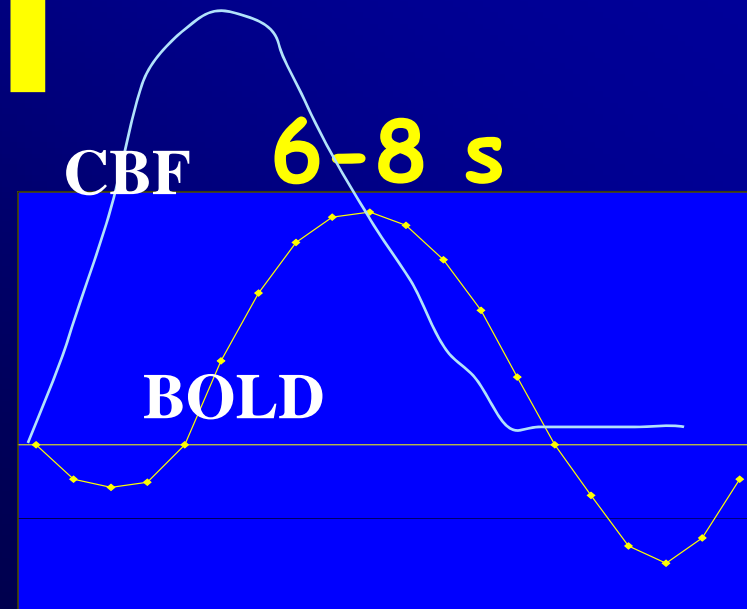
# MRI

- ❖ **Anatomical: T1, T2.....**
- ❖ **Diffusion Tensor-MRI**
- ❖ **MRS**
- ❖ **Perfusion (DSC, ASL...)**
- ❖ **fMRI-BOLD** →
- ❖ **.....**



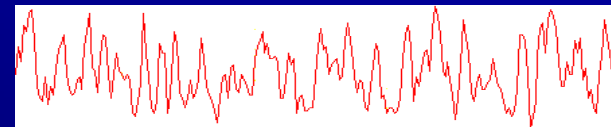
# fMRI-BOLD

Stimulus



DeO<sub>2</sub>Hb ↓

Signal change: ~1%





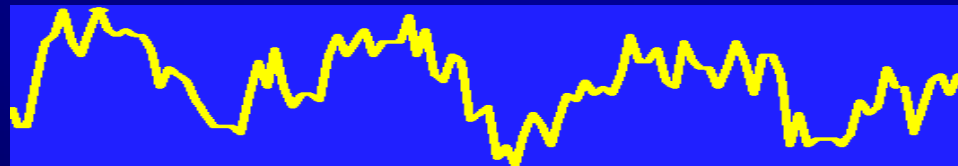
# Task-state fMRI?

**Contrast within a scanning session is necessary!**

**Design**

**T C T C T C** Every 30 s  
alternatively

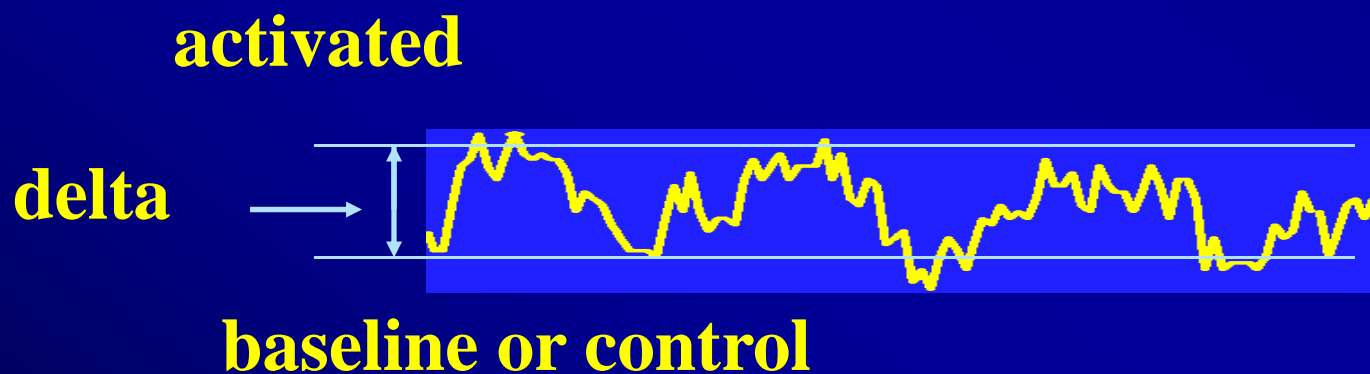
**Expected  
signal**





# Task-state fMRI

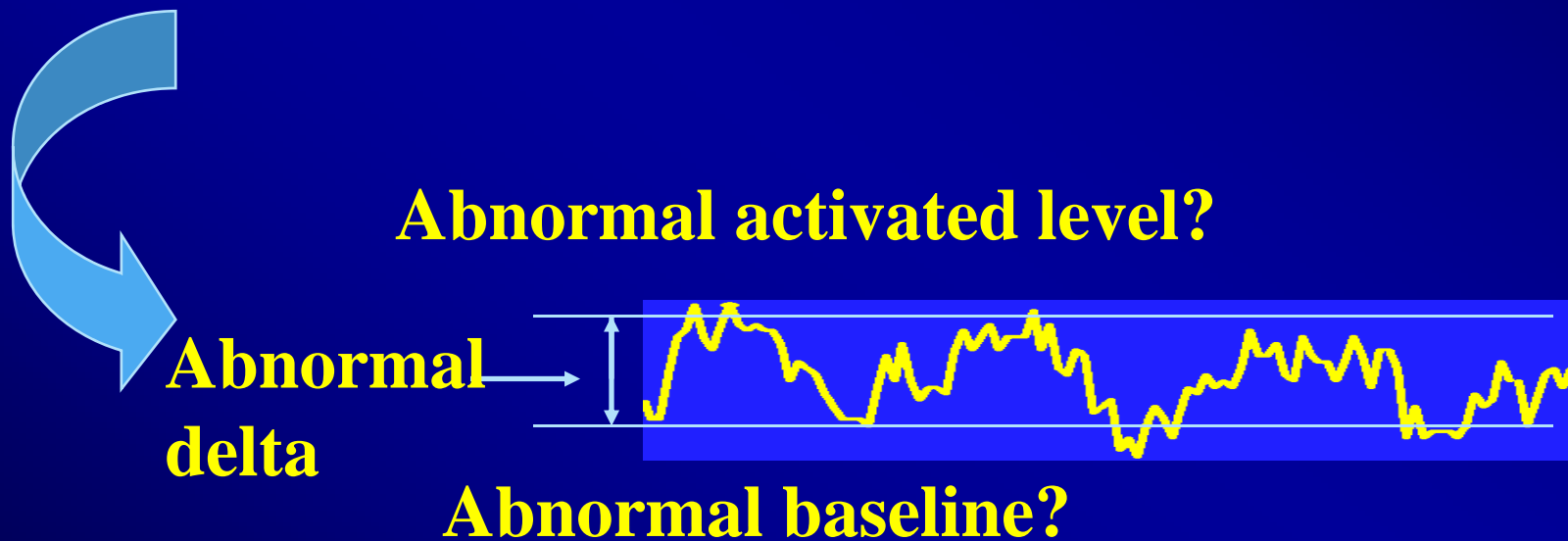
**What is activation?**





# Task-state fMRI

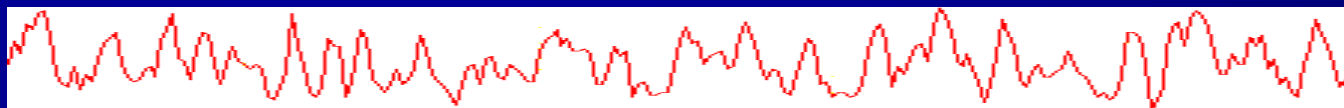
**What is abnormal activation for patients?**



**So, baseline state is important!**



# State-fMRI design vs. time-locked event-related design



- **A period of time (quite a few minutes or longer)**
- **On-going brain activity**
- **Computation: quite different from task state  
GLM activation detection**
- **Resting-state: simple design, baseline**





# What is resting-state fMRI?

- **Eyes closed or open with no task**
- **Quite a few minutes or longer**
- **“Not to fall asleep”**
- **“Not to think of anything in particular”**
- **Low frequency fluctuation (LFF, 0.01 – 0.08 Hz) (Biswal et al., 1995)**



**Resting-state BOLD-fMRI signal reflects spontaneous neuronal activity** (*Logothetis et al., 2001, Nature; Rauch et al., 2008, PNAS*)

**However, partly due to physiological and physical noises (respiration, cardiovascular pulsation, etc)** (*Cordes et al., 2001; Birn et al., 2006; Goerke et al., 2005*)



# Techniques for spontaneous neuronal activity (SNA)

**Every functional technique:**

- ❖ **Single unit recording, MEG and EEG**
- ❖ **PET and SPECT**
- ❖ **NIRS (Obrig et al., 2000)**
- ❖ **perfusion fMRI (Zou et al., 2009)**
- ❖ **BOLD fMRI**
- ❖ **.....**



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# Computation methods for task-state fMRI

- **Functional segregation**  
(activation detection)
- **Functional integration**  
(inter-regional relationship or  
connectivity)

**Number of papers: former >> latter**



# Computation methods for resting-state fMRI

- **Functional segregation**  
(local features)
- **Functional integration**  
(inter-regional relationship or connectivity)

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# Functional integration or connectivity

- ❖ **Un-directional: linear correlation, ICA... ➡**
- ❖ **Directional: SEM, DCM, GCA...**



## Most of resting-state fMRI studies : integration (connectivity)

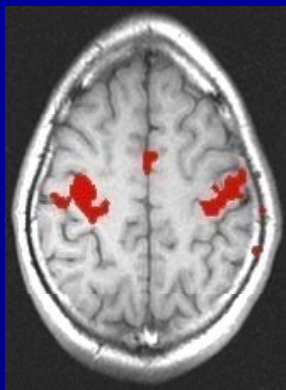
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- ❖ **Self Organization Map:** (*Peltier et al., 2003*)
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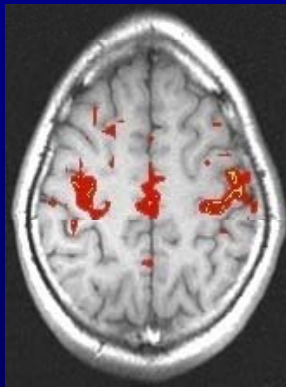


# The first Resting-state fMRI study

*(Biswal et al., 1995, MRM)*



**Bilateral finger tapping  
(task vs. rest)**



**Resting-state correlation of  
low frequency fluctuation  
(LFF, 0.01 – 0.08 Hz)**

*(Courtesy of Dr. WENG Xu-Chu)*



# Linear Correlation

Spontaneous LFF was highly synchronous among:

- ❖ Bilateral motor cortices (*Biswal et al., 1995*)
- ❖ Bilateral visual cortices (*Lowe et al., 1998*;  
*Kiviniemi et al., 2004*)
- ❖ Bilateral auditory cortices (*Cordes et al., 2001*)
- ❖ Bilateral amygdala (*Lowe et al., 1998*)
- ❖ Bilateral thalamus (*Stein et al., 2000*)
- ❖ Language cortices (*Hampson et al., 2002*)
- ❖ Default mode network (*Greicius et al., 2003*; *Fox et al., 2005..*)

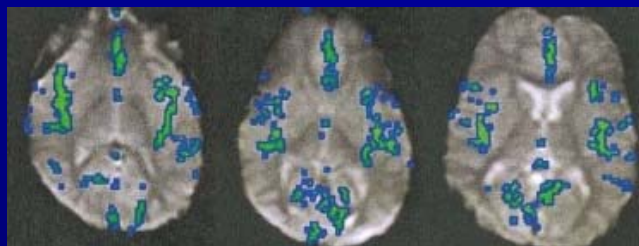


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# Spatial ICA for resting-state fMRI



**Vascular component**



**Visual component**

*(Kiviniemi et al., 2000)*



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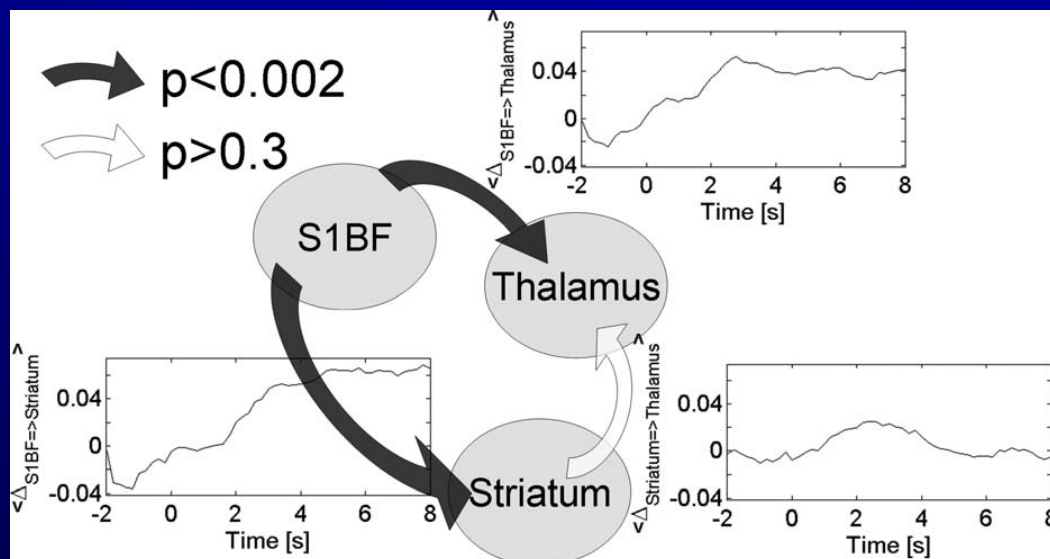
(David et al., 2009, PLoS Biol)

- ❖ **Rat model of absence epilepsy showing spontaneous spike-and-wave discharges originating from the first somatosensory cortex (S1BF)**
- ❖ **fMRI**
- ❖ **Intracerebral EEG: (1) first somatosensory cortex S1BF; (2) ventrobasal thalamus; (3) striatum**

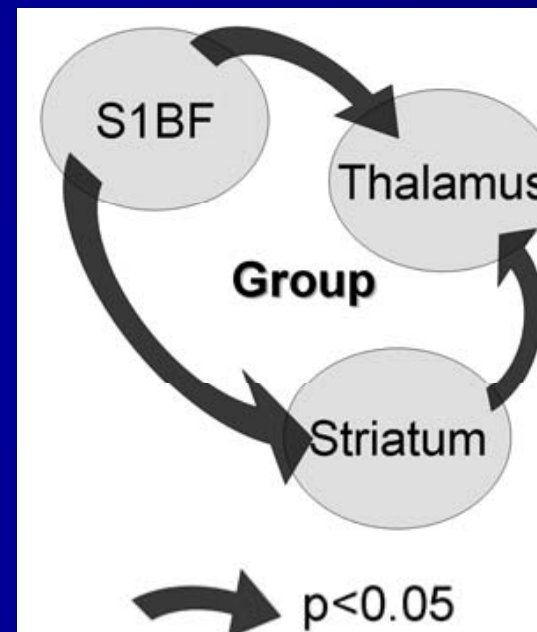


# Identifying neural drivers with functional MRI: an electrophysiological validation

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**iEEG**

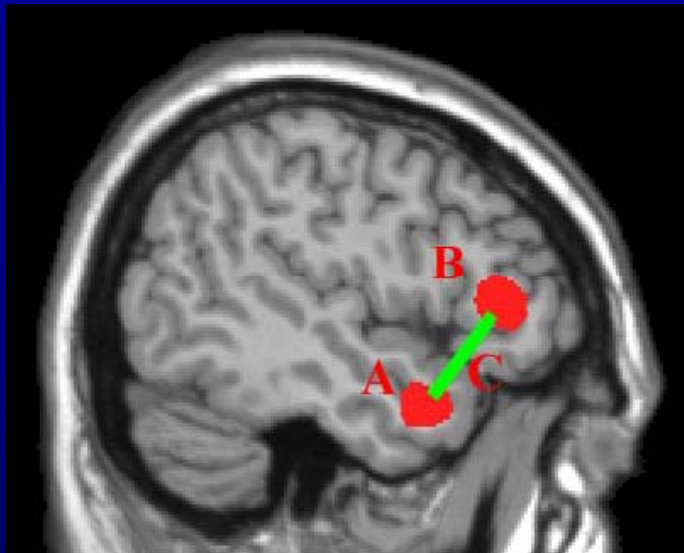


**fMRI**

**Granger Causality**



“Integrative” is really good, but:



**Decreased  
functional connectivity**

**Question: Is A, B, C, or.....abnormal?**





## Much fewer resting-state fMRI studies: Segregation

- ➔ ❖ **rms, power spectrum, ALFF:** (*Biswal et al., 1995; Li et al., 2000; Kiviniemi et al., 2000; Zang et al., 2007*)
- ➔ ❖ **Regional Homogeneity:** (*Zang et al., 2004*)
  - ❖ **TCA:** (*Liu et al., 2000; Morgan et al., 2004*)
  - ❖ **Multiple Regressors:** (*Fransson, 2005*)
  - ❖ **Autoregressive Noise Model:** (*Cordes et al., 2005*)
  - ❖ **Fractional Gaussian Noise:** (*Maxim et al., 2005*)



## rms, power, ALFF

**For a given frequency:**

**root mean square (rms)**

**standard deviation**

**amplitude**



**Square root of  
the power**

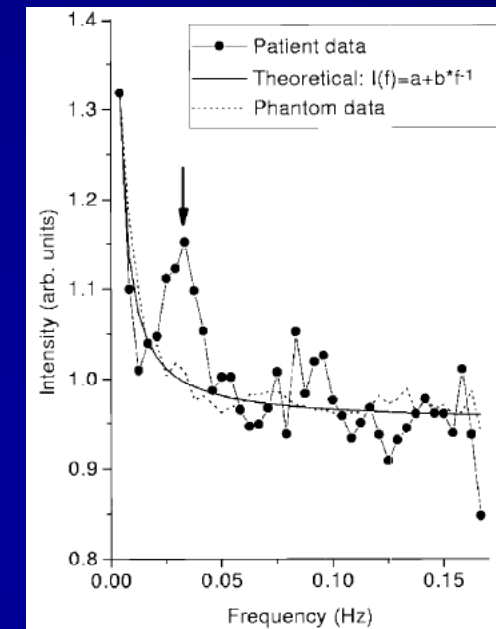
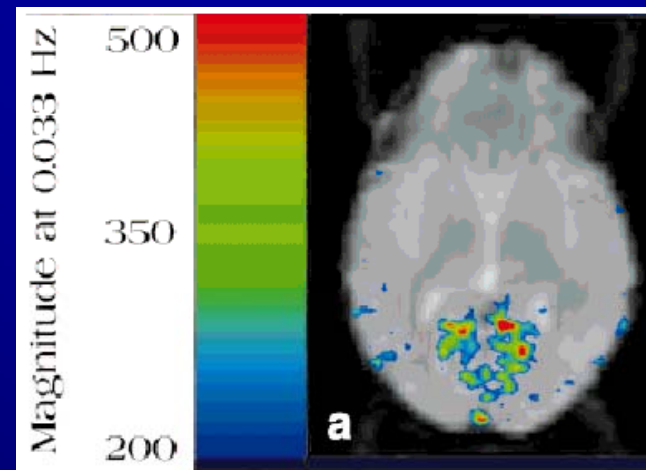
**rms: white matter vs. gray matter = 0.6 : 1**

*(Biswal et al., 1995; Li et al., 2000)*



rms, power, ALFF

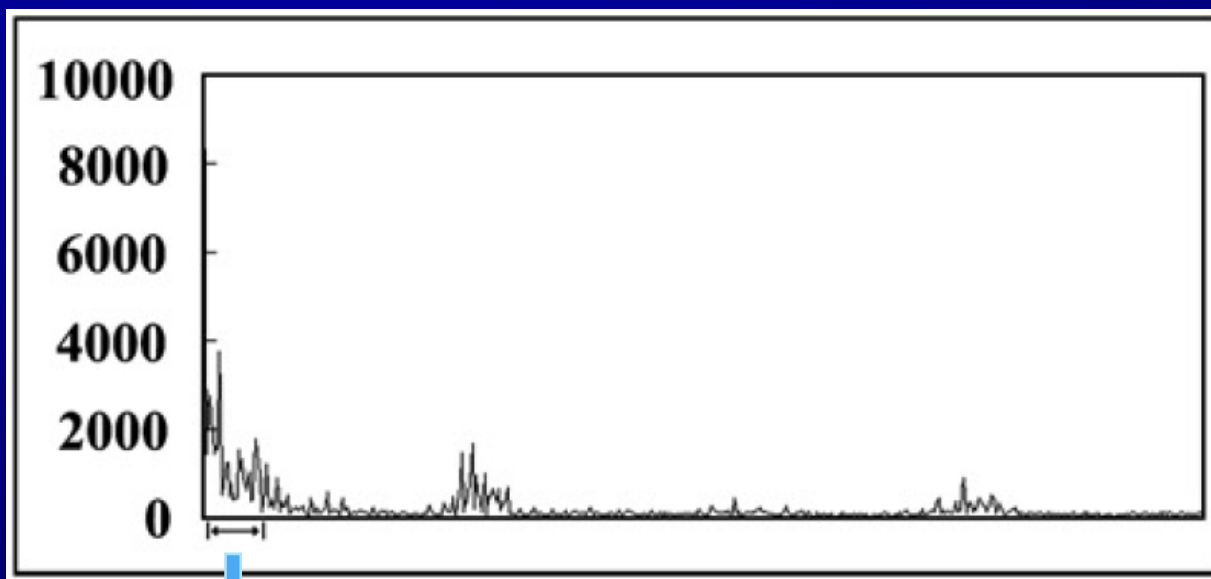
## ❖ Power spectrum:



**Higher power at 0.033Hz in visual area** (*Kiviniemi et al., 2000*)



# Amplitude of Low Frequency Fluctuation (ALFF) *(Zang et al., 2007, Brain Dev; Yang et al., NeuroImage)*



**TR**  
**400 ms**

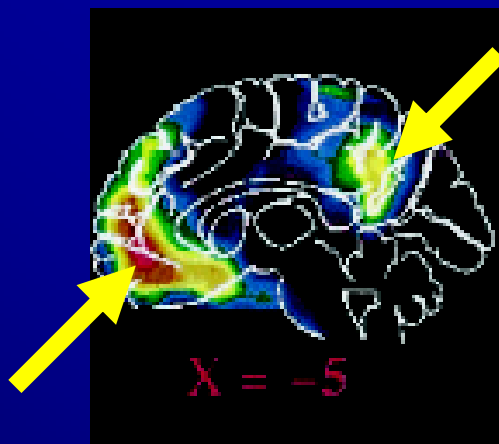
**1.25 Hz**

**0.01-0.08 Hz**

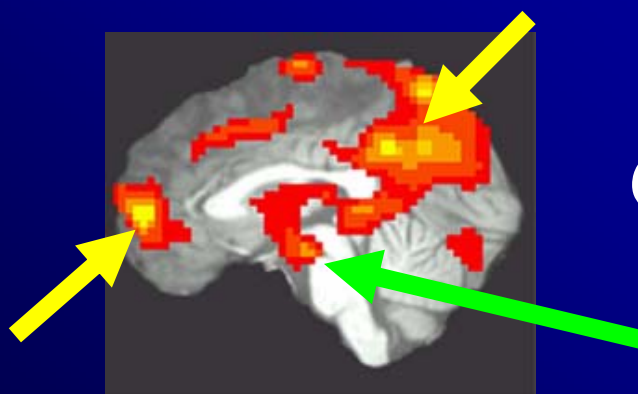
**Steps: square root, average of 0.01-0.08 Hz,  
standardization by global mean**



# ALFF



**PET**  
*(Raichle et al., 2001)*

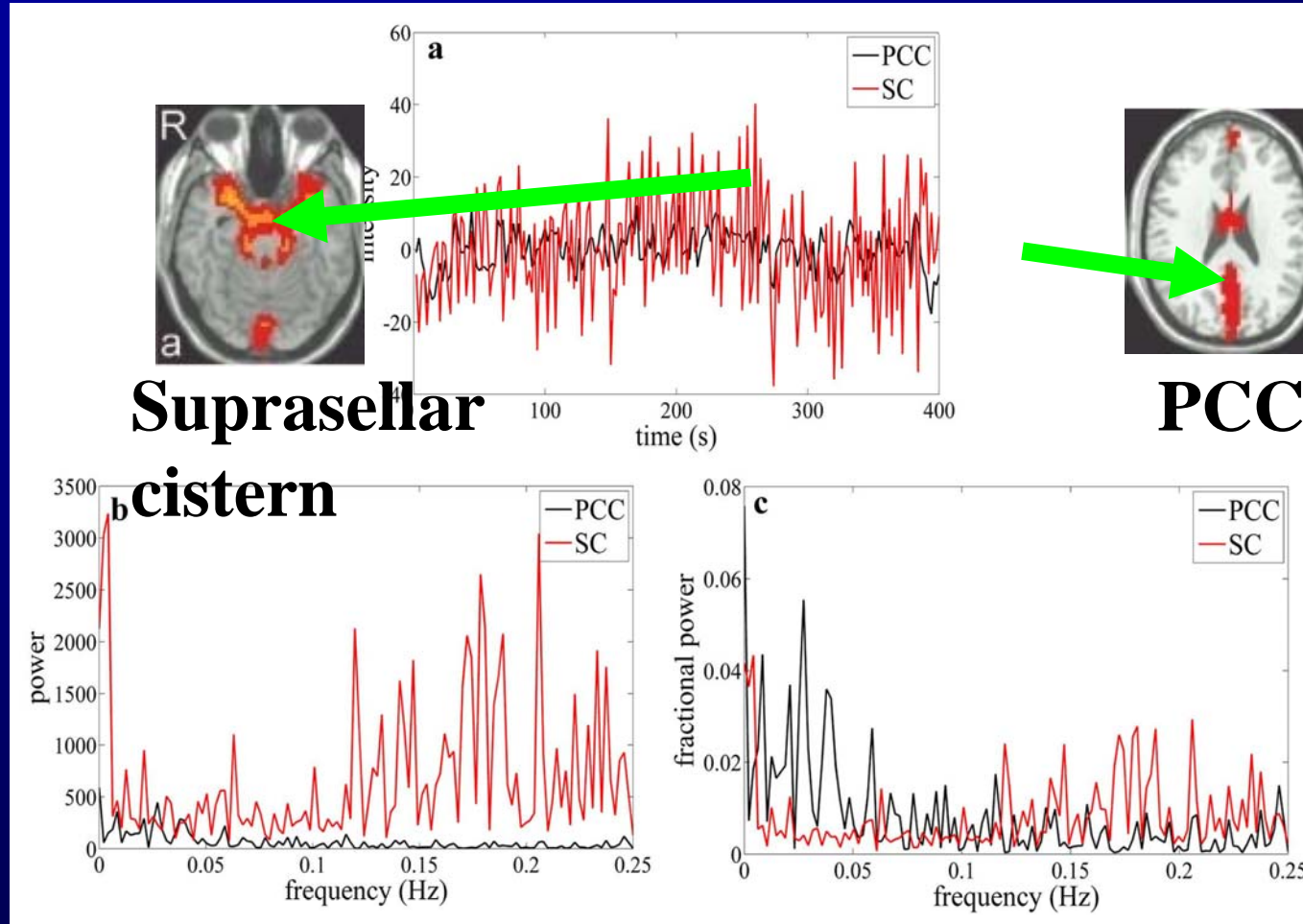


**ALFF**  
*(Zang et al., 2007)*

**noise**



# Improvement: fractional ALFF

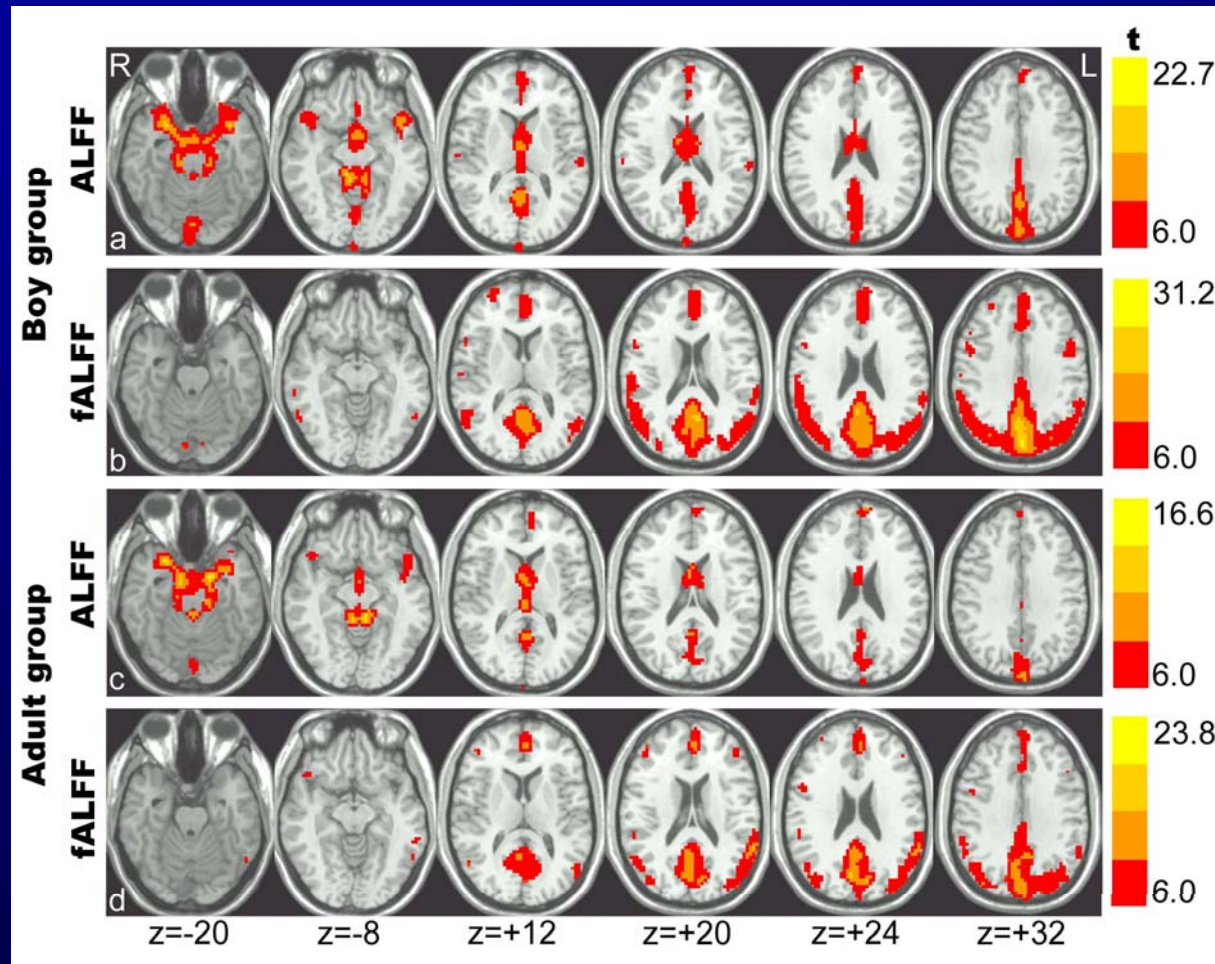


*(Zou et al., 2008, J Neurosci Methods)*





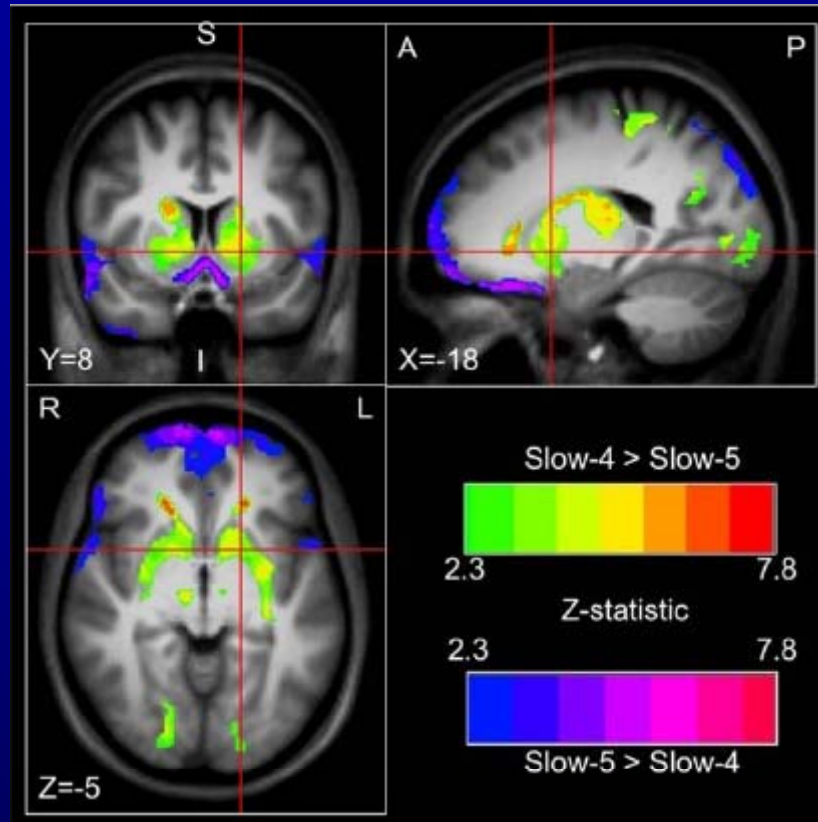
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# fALFF at different frequency band



**Slow 4: 0.027-0.073 Hz**  
**Slow 5: 0.01-0.027 Hz**

*(Zuo et al., 2009, NeuroImage)*





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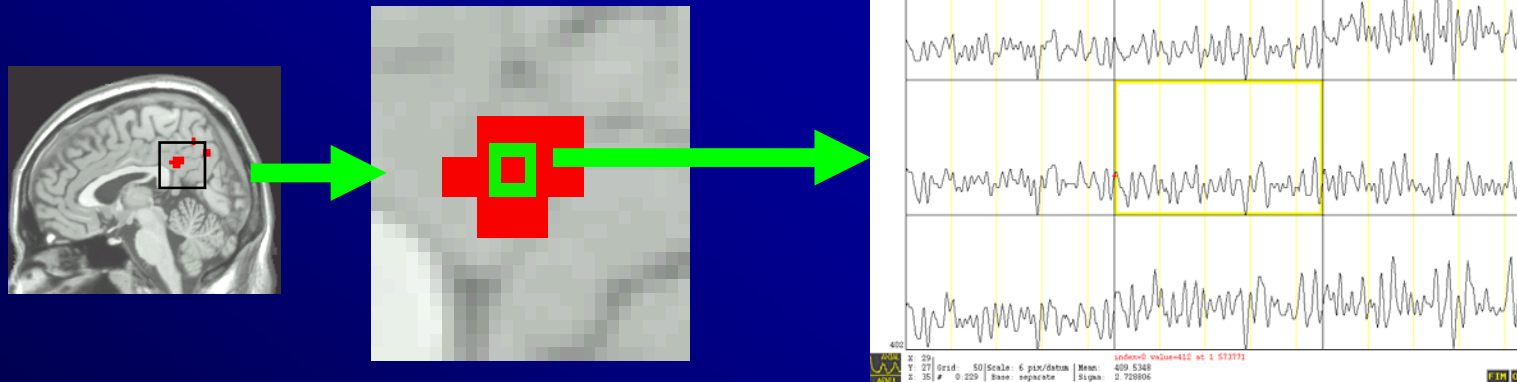
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# Regional Homogeneity (ReHo)

**Similarity or coherence of the time courses within a functional cluster**

*(Zang et al., 2004, NeuroImage)*





# ReHo

- **Kendall Coefficient of Concordance (KCC)** (*Kendall & Gibbons, 1990*)

$$W = \frac{\sum (R_i)^2 - n(\bar{R})^2}{\frac{1}{12} K^2 (n^3 - n)}$$

*$R_i$ : sum rank of  $i$ th time point*

$$\bar{R} = \frac{(n+1) \times K}{2}$$

**$W = 0 \sim 1$**

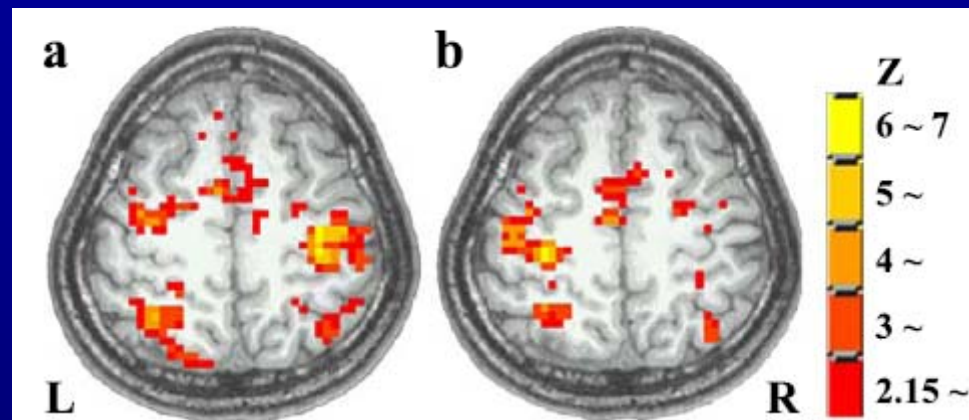
*$K$ : number of time series  
 $n$ : number of time points*



## Regional Homogeneity (ReHo)

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**Activation map by general linear model (GLM):**

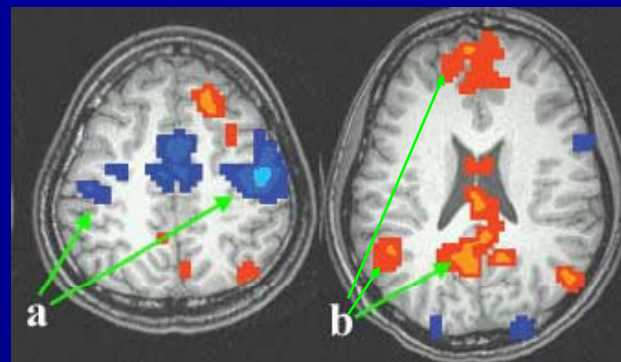


**Left finger  
tapping**

**Right finger  
tapping**



# ReHo: motor task state vs. continuous resting state *(Zang et al., 2004)*



**a) Higher ReHo in bilateral primary motor cortices during right finger tapping than resting-state**

**b) Higher ReHo in default mode network (PCC, MPFC, IPL) during resting-state *(Raichle et al., 2001; Greicius et al., 2003)***

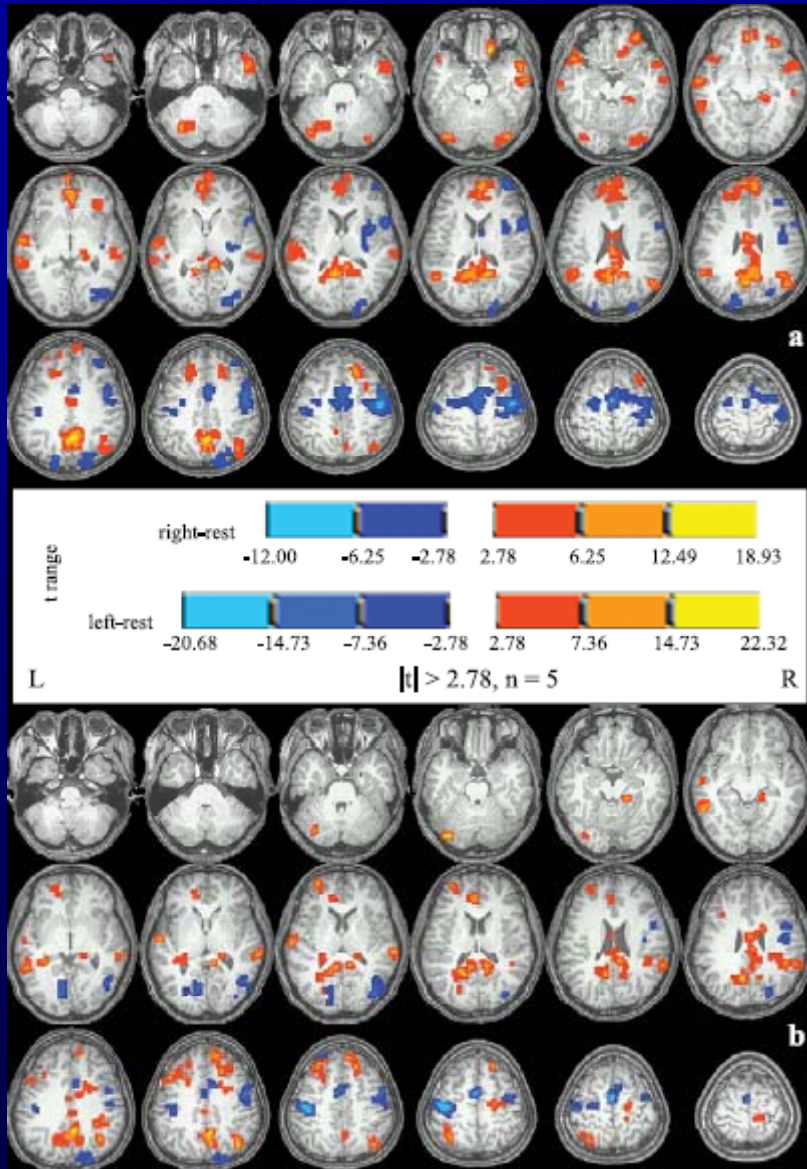




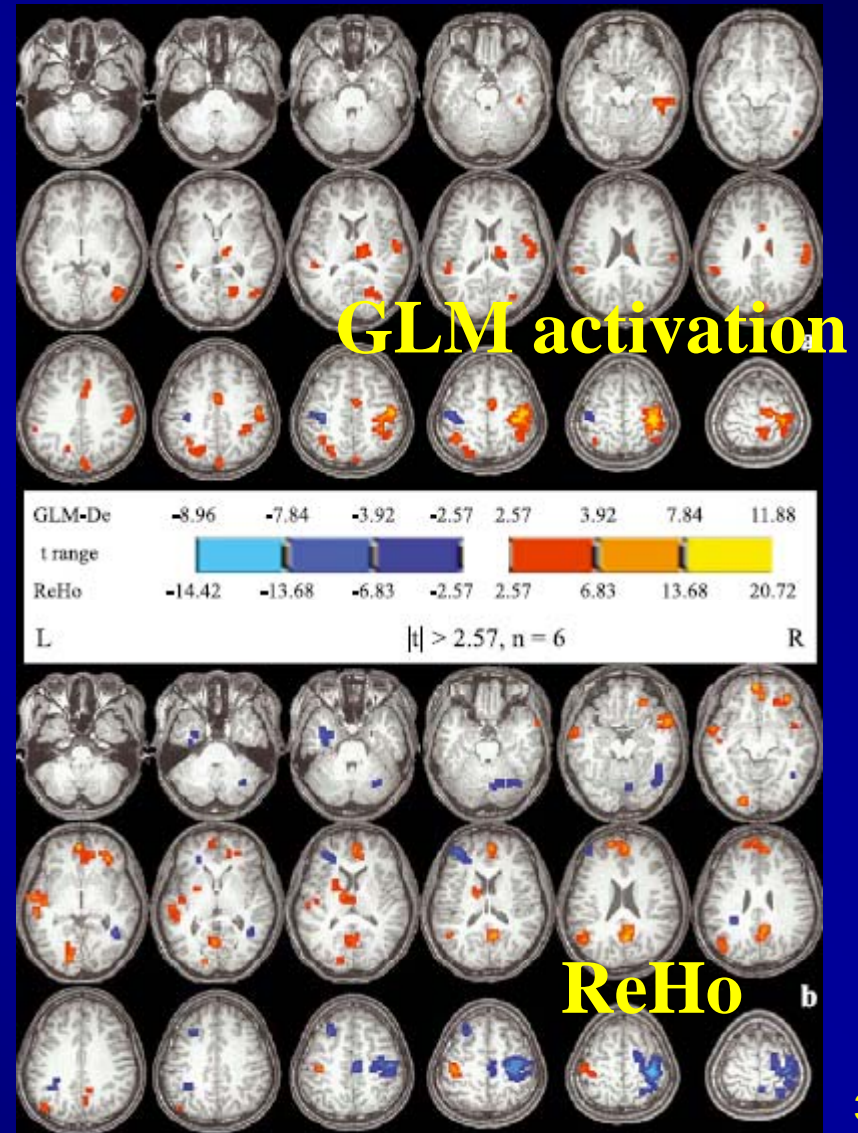


# ReHo: *(Zang et al., 2004)*

## Task vs. Rest



## Task vs. Task



GLM activation

ReHo



## ReHo and ALFF: application to brain disorders

- ❖ **ADHD:** *Zhu et al., 2005, 2007; Cao et al., 2006*
- ❖ **AD/MCI:** *He et al., 2007; Bai et al., 2008*
- ❖ **Schizophrenia:** *Liu et al., 2006; Shi et al., 2007; Hoptman et al., 2009*
- ❖ **Aging:** *Wu et al., 2007*
- ❖ **PD:** *Wu et al., 2008*
- ❖ **Depression:** *Yuan et al., 2008; Yao et al., 2008*
- ❖ **Epilepsy:** *Cheng et al., 2008; Zhang et al., 2008, 2009*
- ❖ **PTSD:** *Lui et al., 2009*
- ❖ **Autism:** *Paakki et al., 2010*





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