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**Non-Adaptive Complex Systems:** *Rayleigh-Bénard cells, cloud-streets, snow-flakes, sand-ripples...*



**Adaptive Complex Systems:** *Anthills, flocking, schooling, social organization, economics, genomes, CNS, ...*



# Brain – A Complex Dynamic System Par Excellence



**86 Billion Neurons**



**6 Billion Neurons**



**70 Million Neurons**



## Large Number of Elements

Billions of Neurons & Trillions of Connections



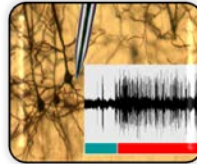
## High Structural Complexity

Massive, bidirectional, often “replicating” connectivity; Opportunistic appearance?



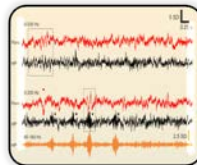
## Ill-Defined Elementary Operational Units

Neurons? Microcircuits? Regional Networks?  
Always question-Dependent...



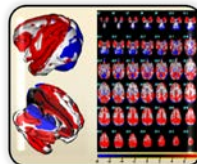
## Microscopic Activity (various spike-types)

Neurons/Microcircuits (microns, msec), e.g. cortical E-I microcircuits



## Mesoscopic Activity (mean extracellular field potentials)

Columns/Macrocolumns/Slabs [0.3-3mm, sec-fractions]  
Covariant spiking, Neuropil activity, Integration over dendritic fields

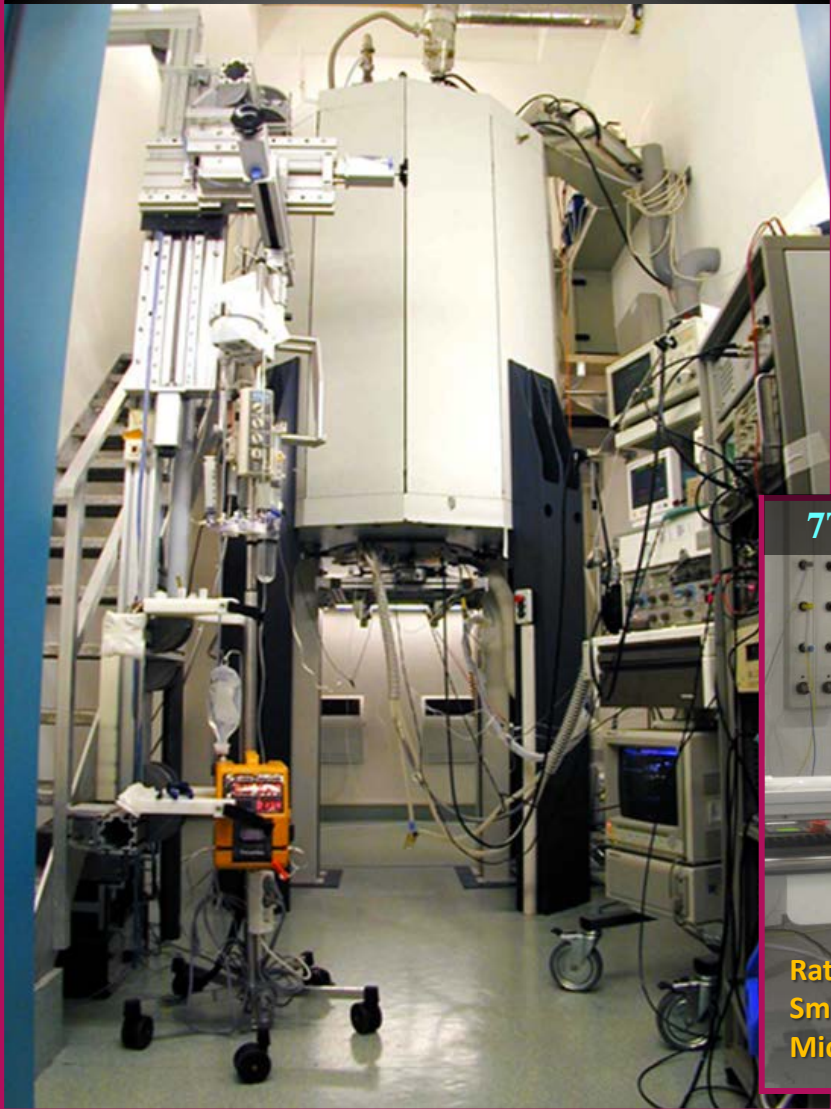


## Macroscopic Activity (metabolic activity of networks)

Anatomically defined ROIs/Fields/Areas (mm/cm, sec)  
Interaction of multiple sensory structures within or between modalities  
Neuromodulatory effects & non-synaptic volume transmission.

# Multimodal Approach – Combining Micro (Phys)- and Macroscopic Scales (MRI)

4.7T/40cm - 50mT/m 180 $\mu$ s



7T/60cm - 85mT/m 190 $\mu$ s



7T/30cm (Var. Grad)

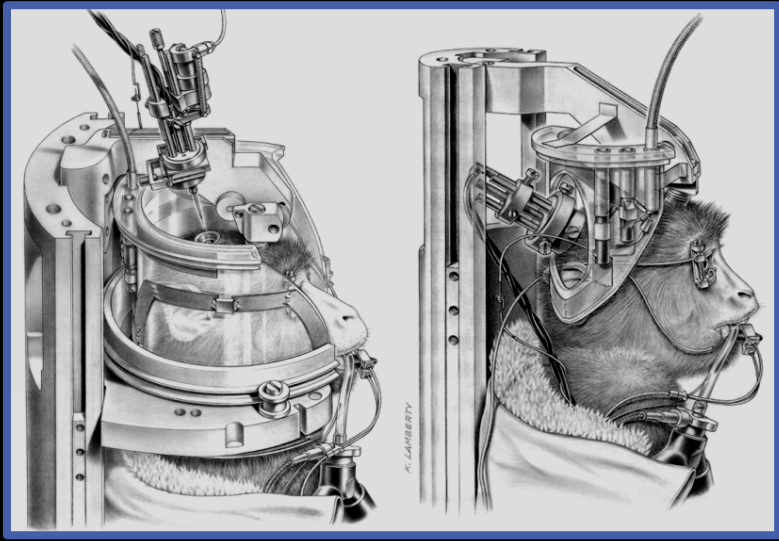


Rat – Physiology/fMRI  
Smart Contrast Agents  
Microsampling-MS-fMRI

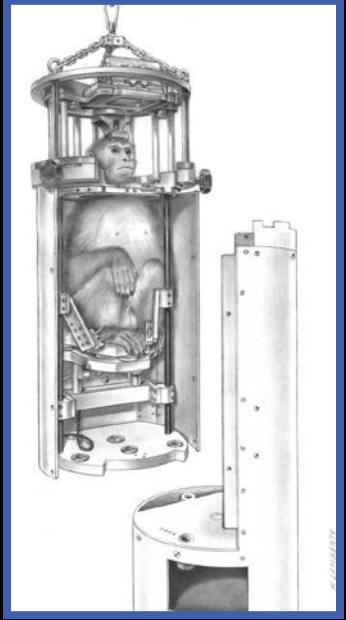


# Multimodal Approach – Data Acquisition & Animal Training

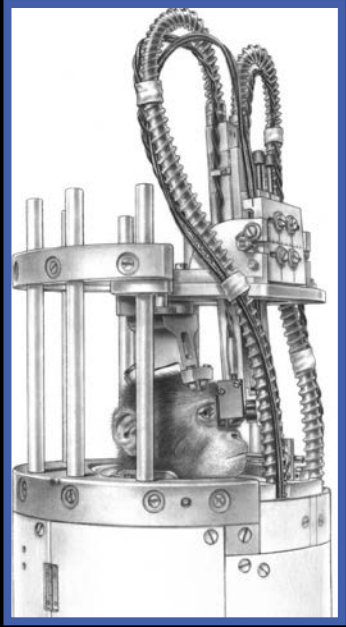
## Coils, Sensors & Electrode-Holders



Primate-Chairs & Transport



Behavioral Monitoring

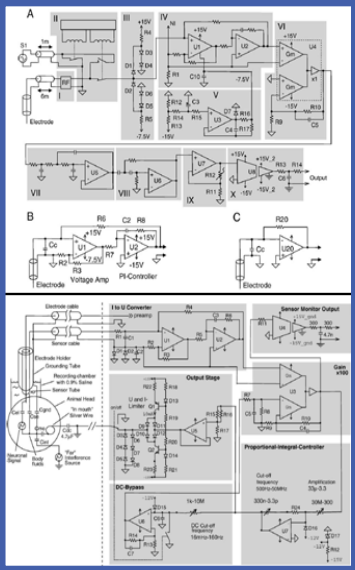


Electrodes & Interference-

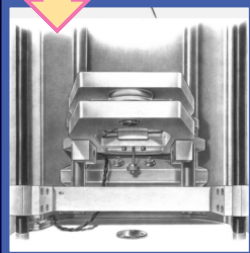
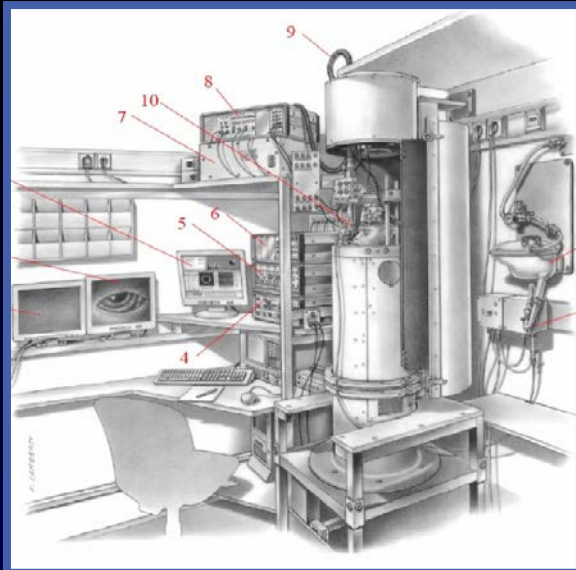
Sensors



Interference Compensation

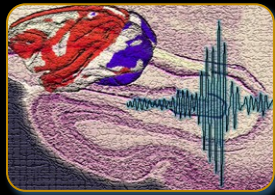


Mock Setups, Shaping & Training



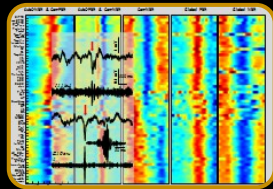


# Multimodal Approach – Recent, On-Going & Impending Applications



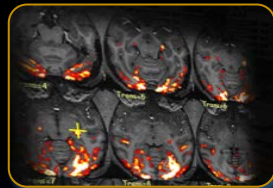
## NET-fMRI (Neural-Event-Triggered fMRI)

Study of Effective Connectivity  
by Detecting & Identifying Episodic Intrinsic Neural Events (INE)



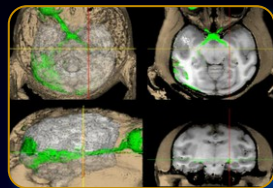
## NET-fMRI (Neural-Event-Triggered fMRI)

Relation of Multi-Structure-Activity (MSA) Patterns to Episodic INE



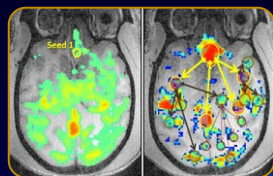
## DES-fMRI (Direct Electrical Stimulation & fMRI)

Connectivity of Structures Studied in Behavioral Experiments  
Effects of Neuromodulation on Cortical Microcircuits  
Network-Plasticity, E.G. Local-LTP-Induced Global Changes



## MRI with Transynaptic Paramagnetic Tracers

Structure-Function Relations by means of Manganese-Enhanced MRI &  
di novo synthesized paramagnetic-tracers coupled  
to  $Ca^{++}$ , Neurotransmitter & Neuromodulator concentration-changes



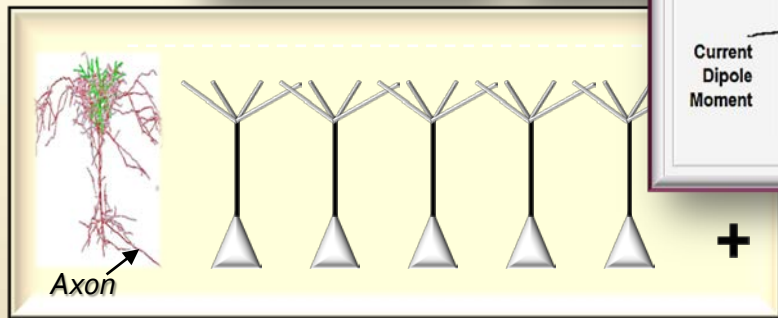
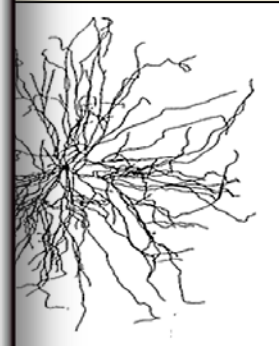
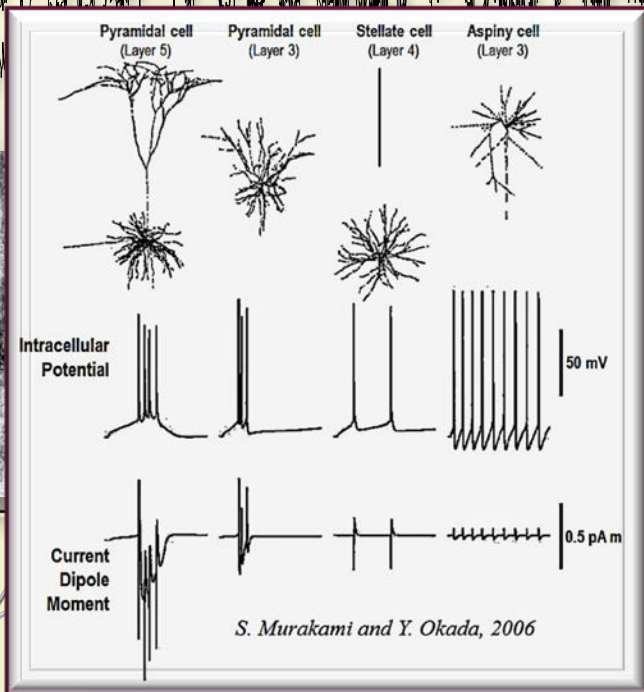
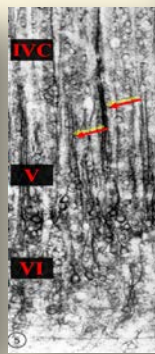
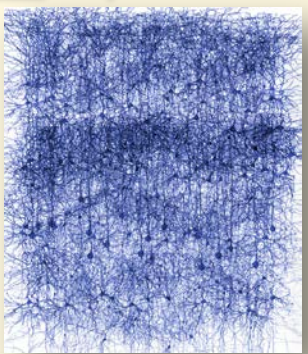
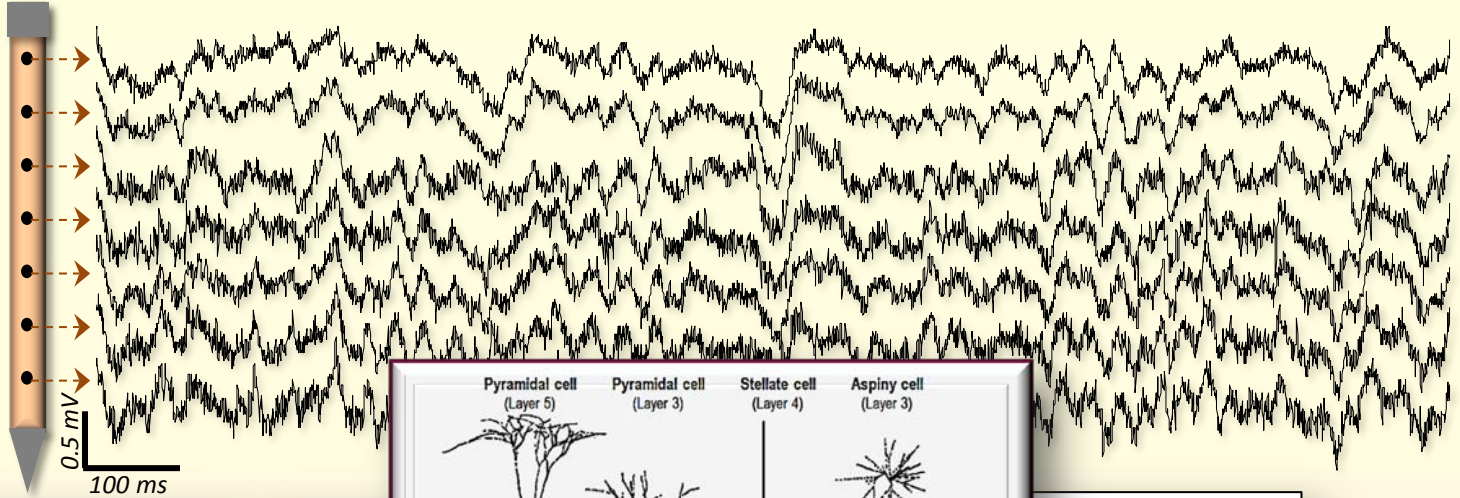
## Theoretical & Modeling Work

Data Statistical Learning methods  
Data-Driven Graph-Theoretical Studies of Functional Connectivity  
Application of Methods of Complex Dynamic Systems

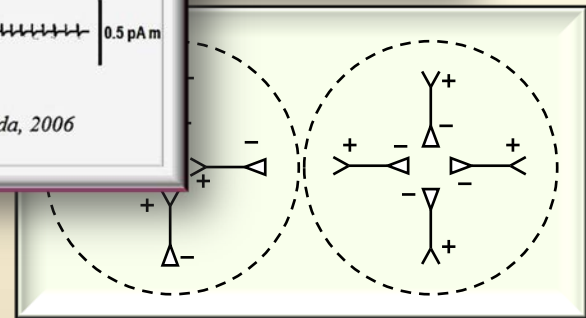


# What are the "Neural Events" and What Signals are used to Detect them?

Volume conduction, Field-Generators & the mean Extracellular Field Potential



**Open** Field Generators (large dipole-moments)

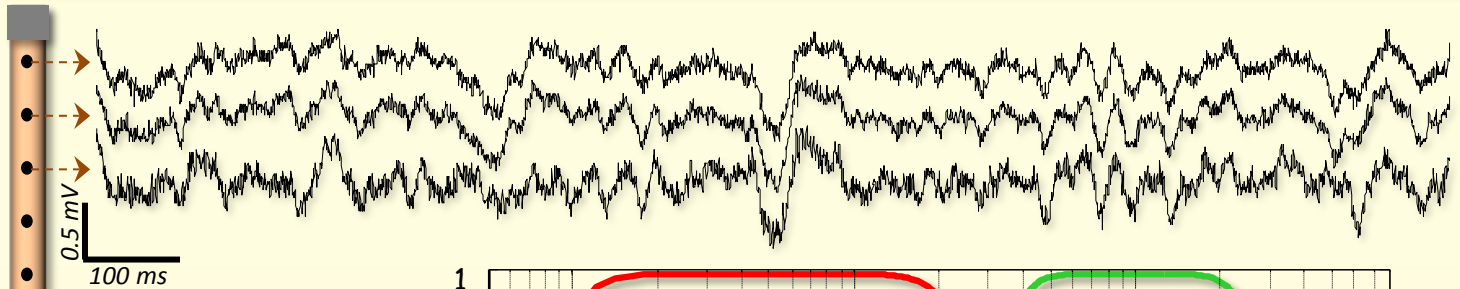


**Close** Field Generators (very small dipole-moments)



# Local Field Potentials (LFP) & Multiunit Activity (MUA)

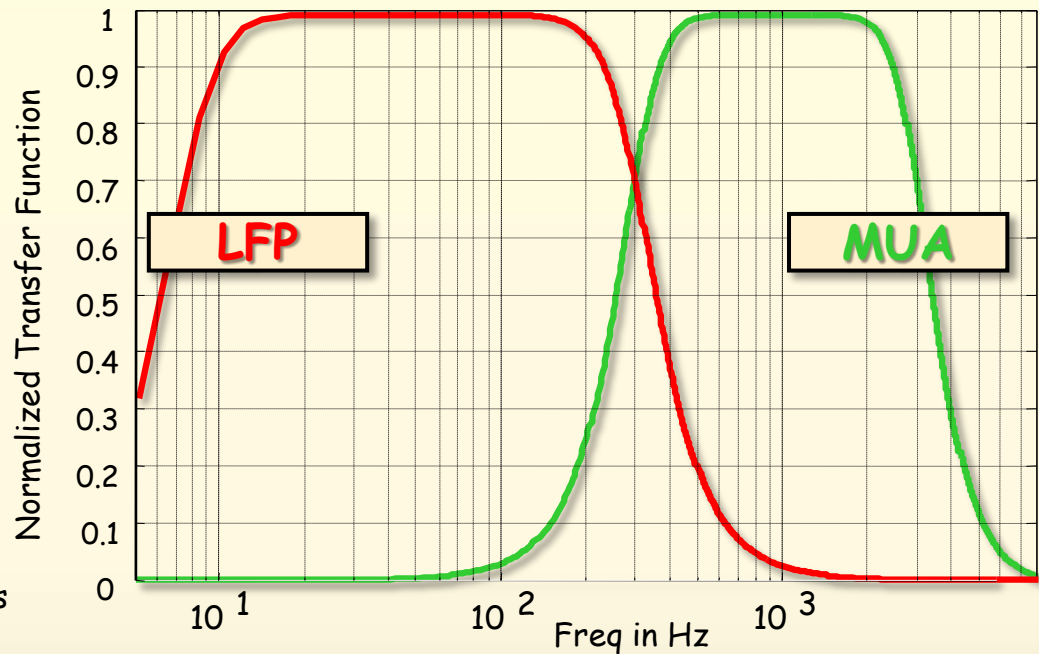
Slow waveforms and high-frequency-signals reflecting activity of an area's projection neurons



**LFP** slow waveforms, including synaptic potentials, afterpotentials of somato-dendritic spikes, and voltage-gated membrane oscillations.

Reflect the input of a given cortical areas as well as its local intracortical processing, including the antagonistic activity of excitatory and inhibitory interneurons.

Single event duration: 10's msec  
Spatial summation: Radius of 1-2mm



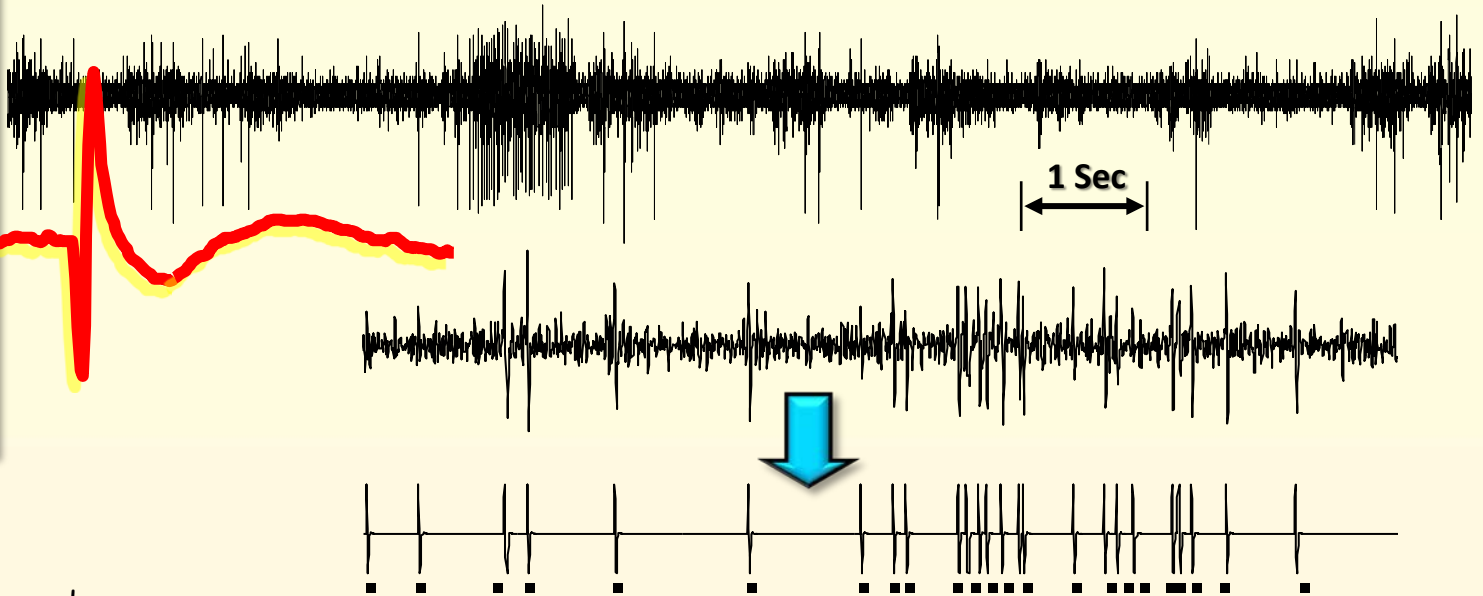
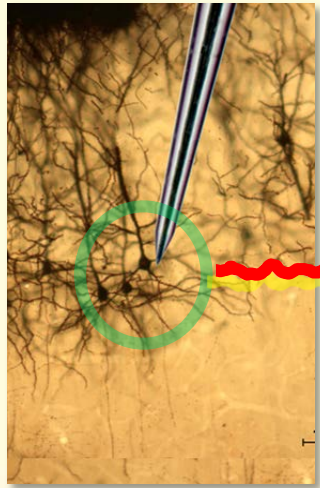
**MUA** Spiking of Neuronal Populations  
Mainly activity of projection neurons forming the output of structure or area.

Single event duration: approx. 1 msec  
Spatial summation: Radius of 100-200microns



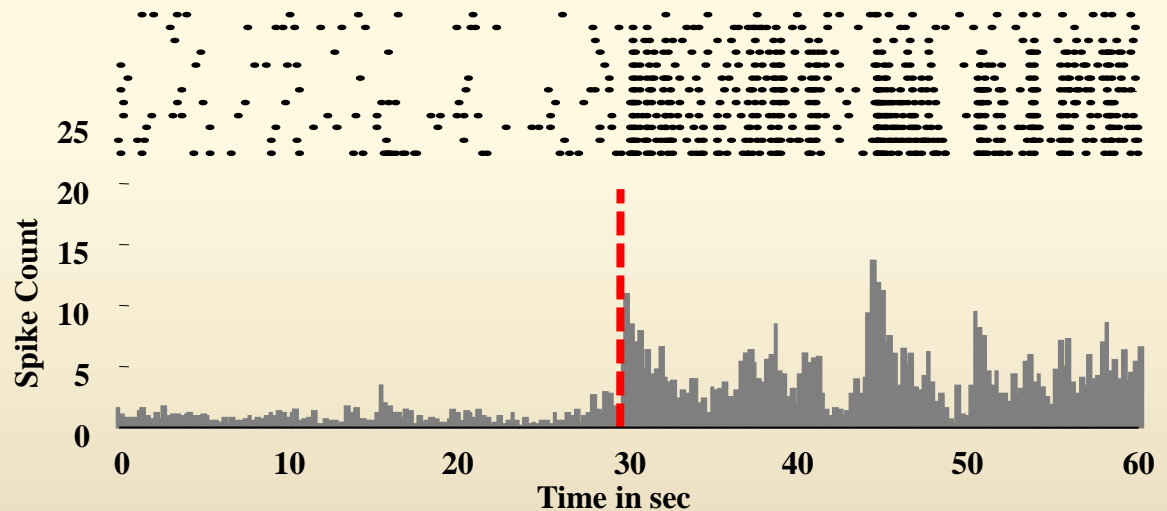
# Single Unit Activity (SUA), Spike-Rates & PSTHs

Spike rates, peristimulus histograms, spike-field potentials, etc.



**SUA** intracellular and extracellular recordings of action potentials with cell-specificity, albeit with bias towards certain cell types and cell-size. Predominant methods in cellular and systems neuroscience

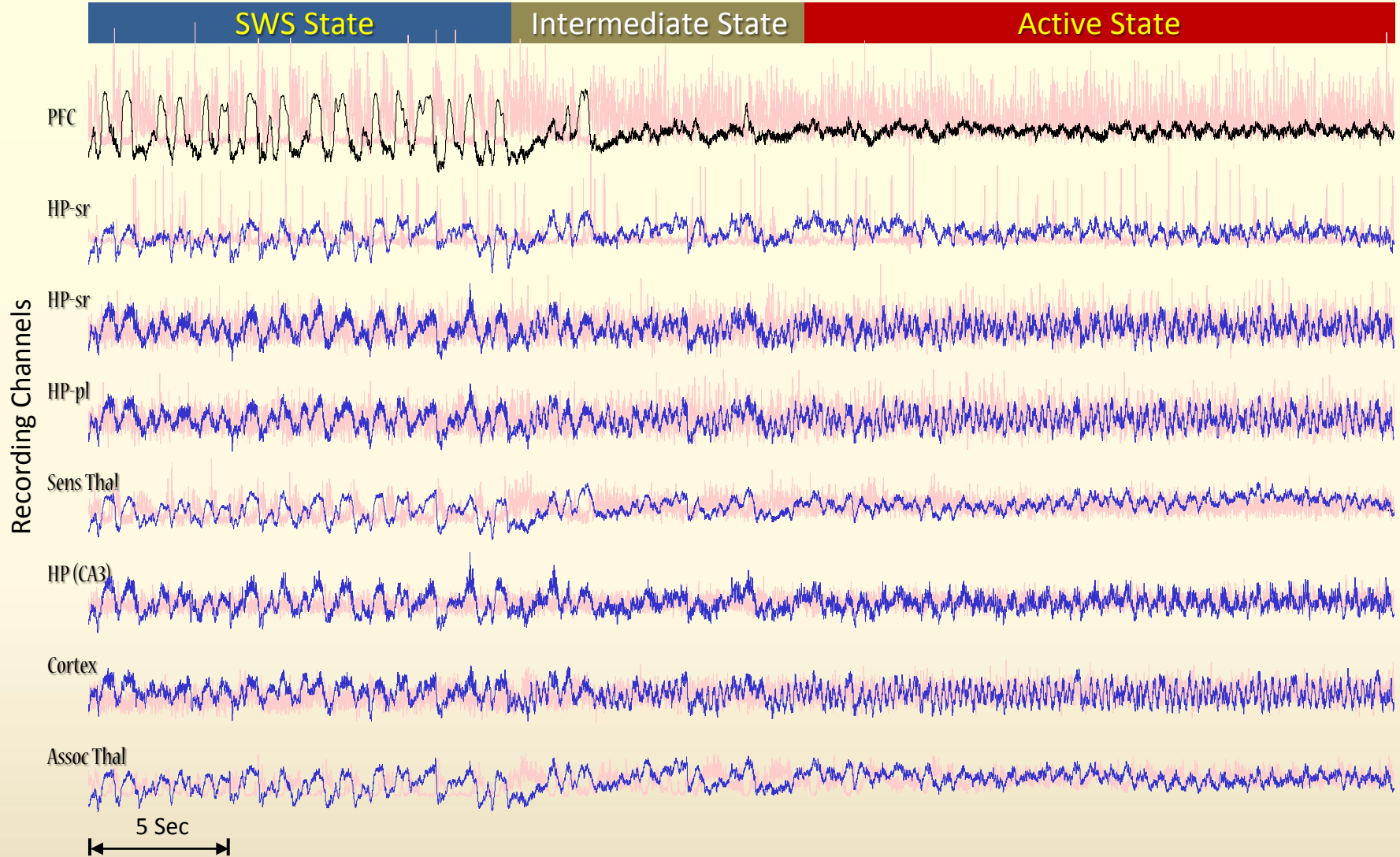
Single event duration: 1 msec  
Spike-sorting permits concurrent measurements from different cells and cell-types





# LFP-Profiles Reflecting Brain-States (*Signal-Changes of sec-Duration*)

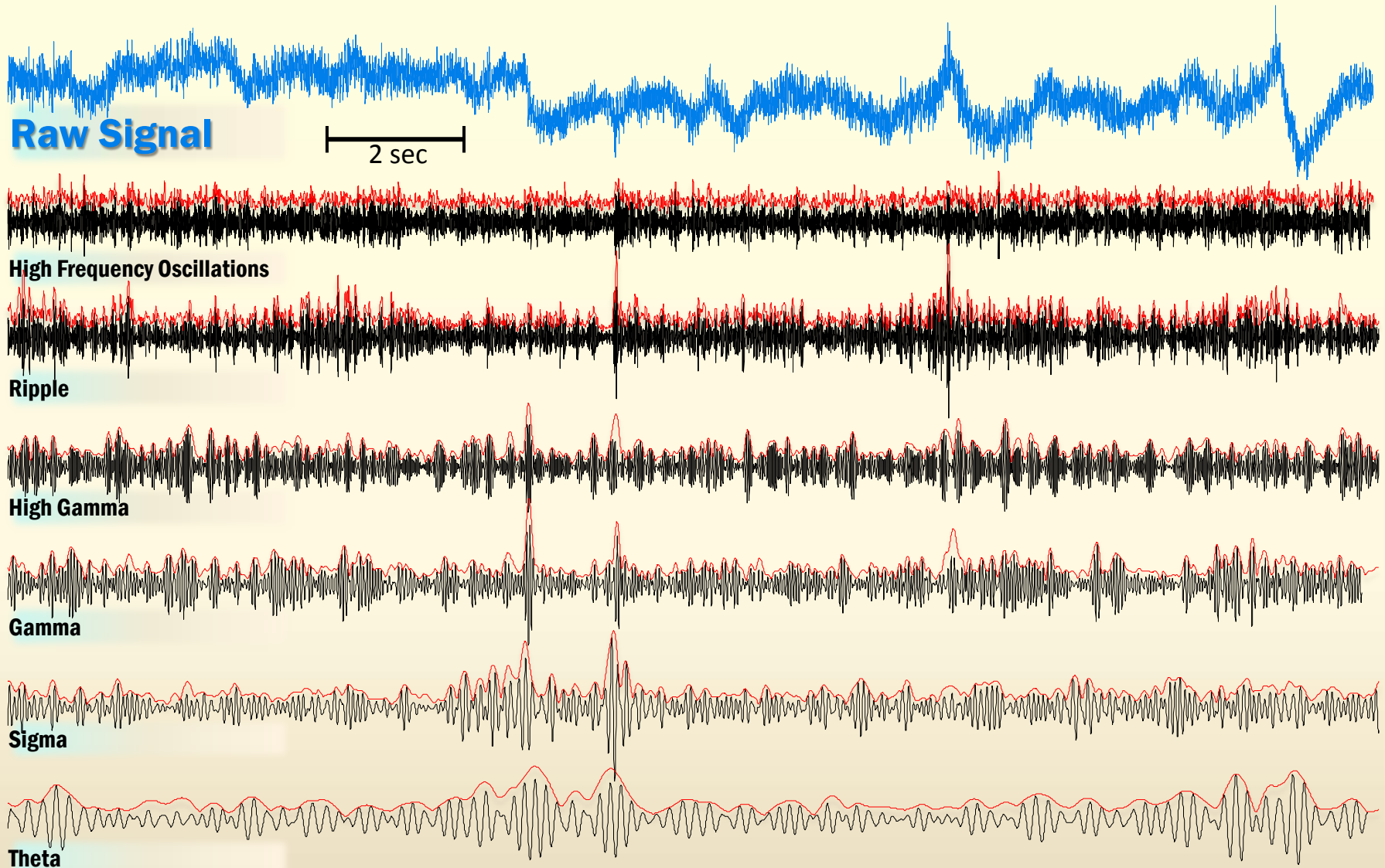
Up-Down States during Slow-Wave-Sleep (SWS) & Active Behavior





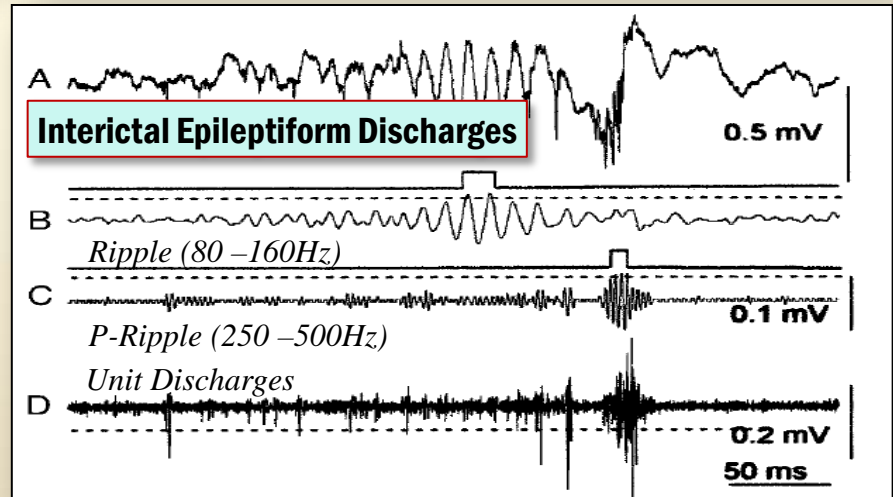
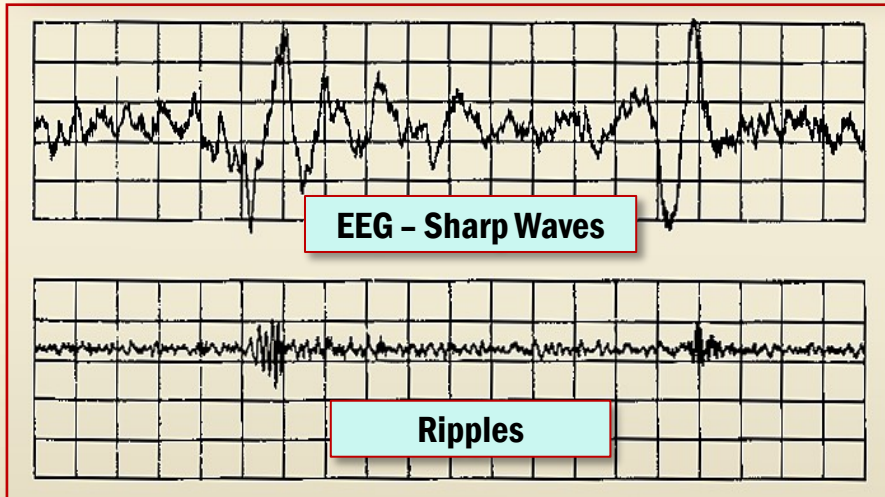
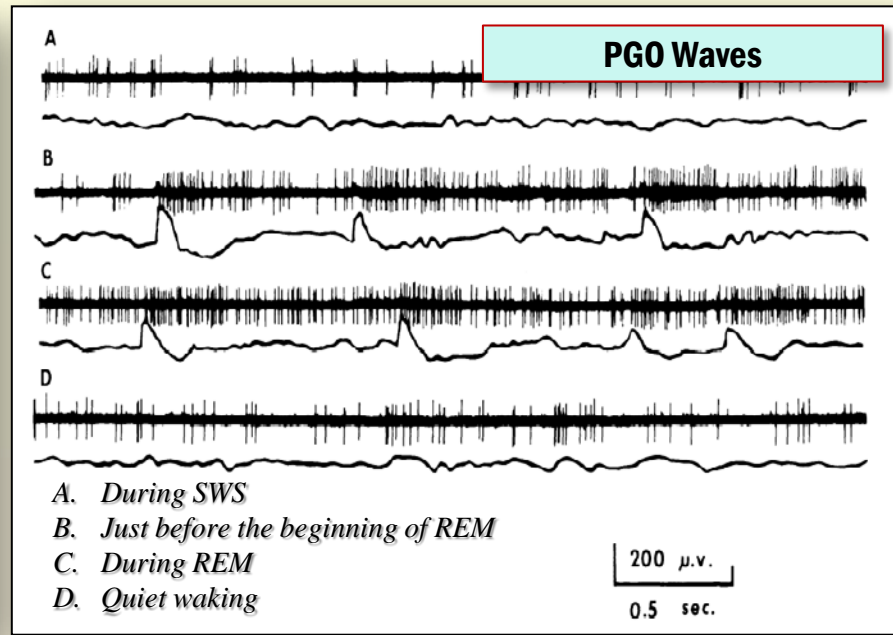
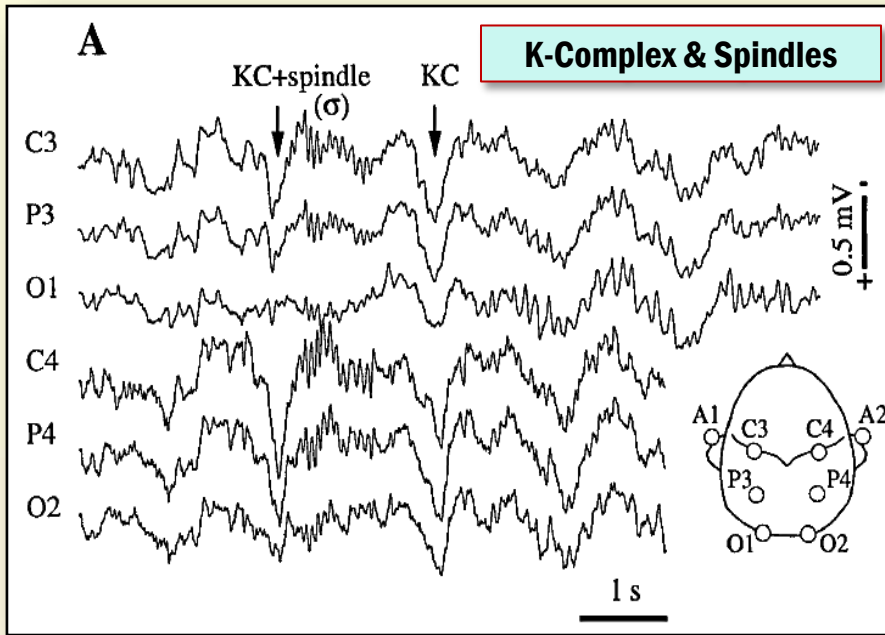
# Band-Limited-Power (BLP) Signals

Band-Limited-Power (BLP) Signals used for Event Detection

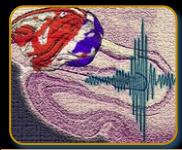


# K-Complexes, PGO Waves & Sharp-Wave Ripple (SPW-R) Events

Well-studied Events Related to Cognition

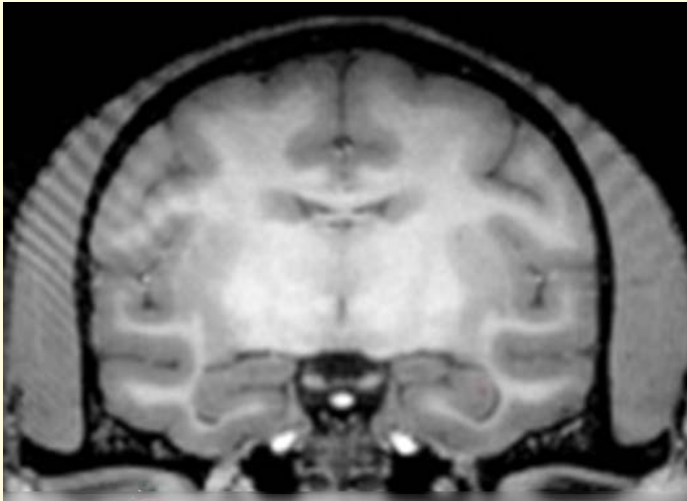




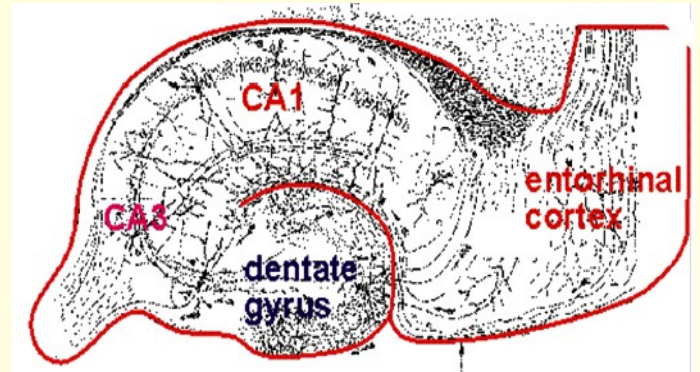


# Hippocampal Pathways involved in the Generation of SPW-R

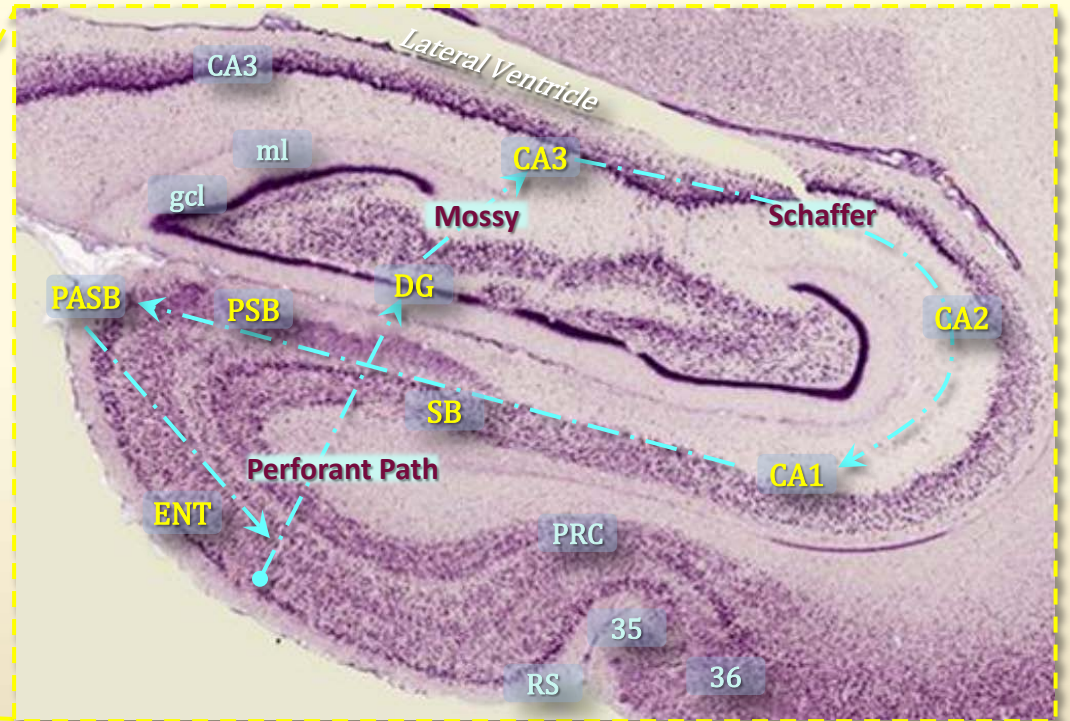
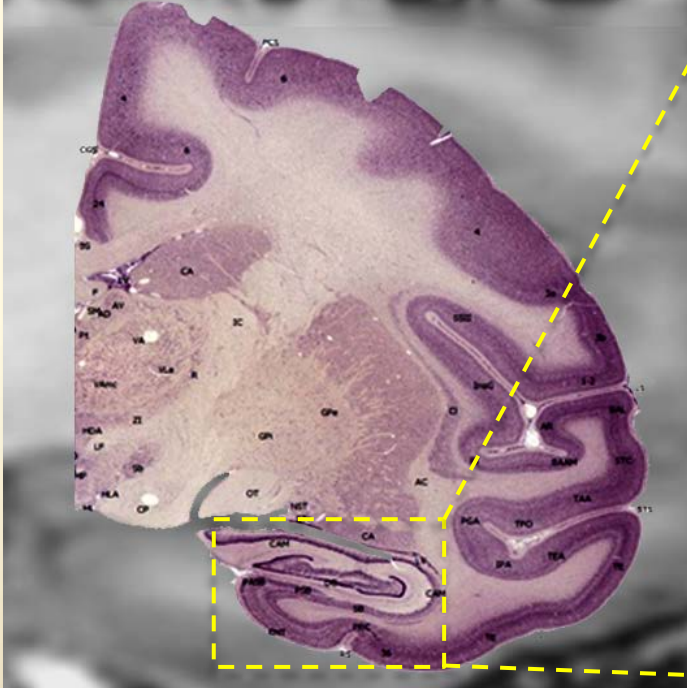
## The Trisynaptic Circuit and Subicular Complex of Hippocampal Formation

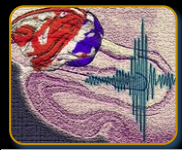


In Primates



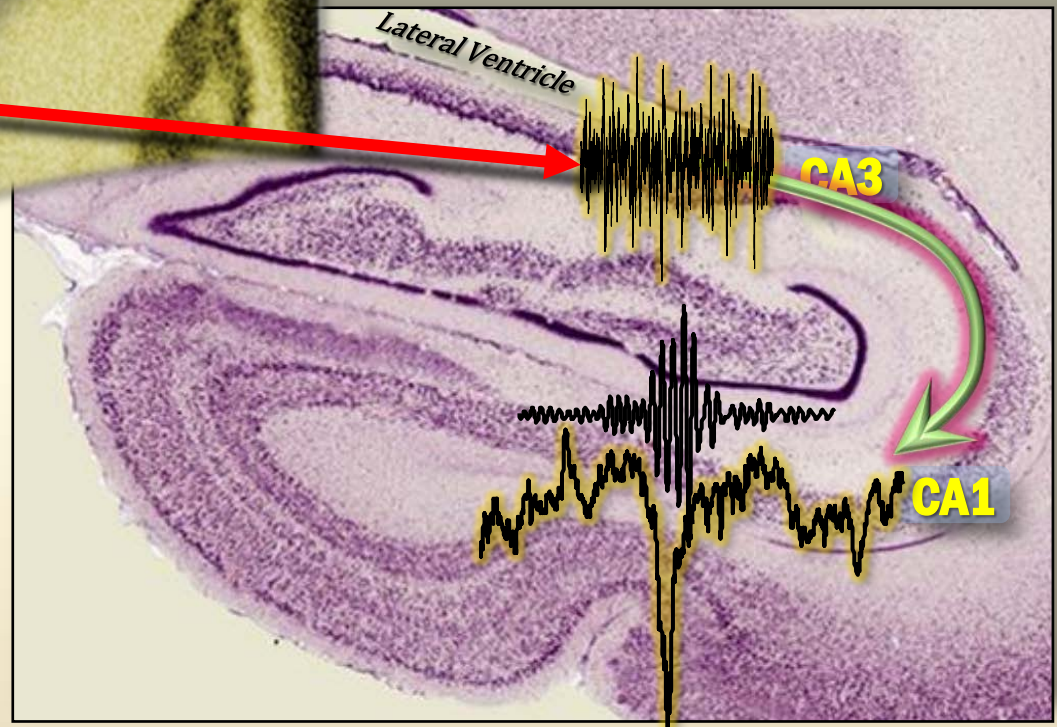
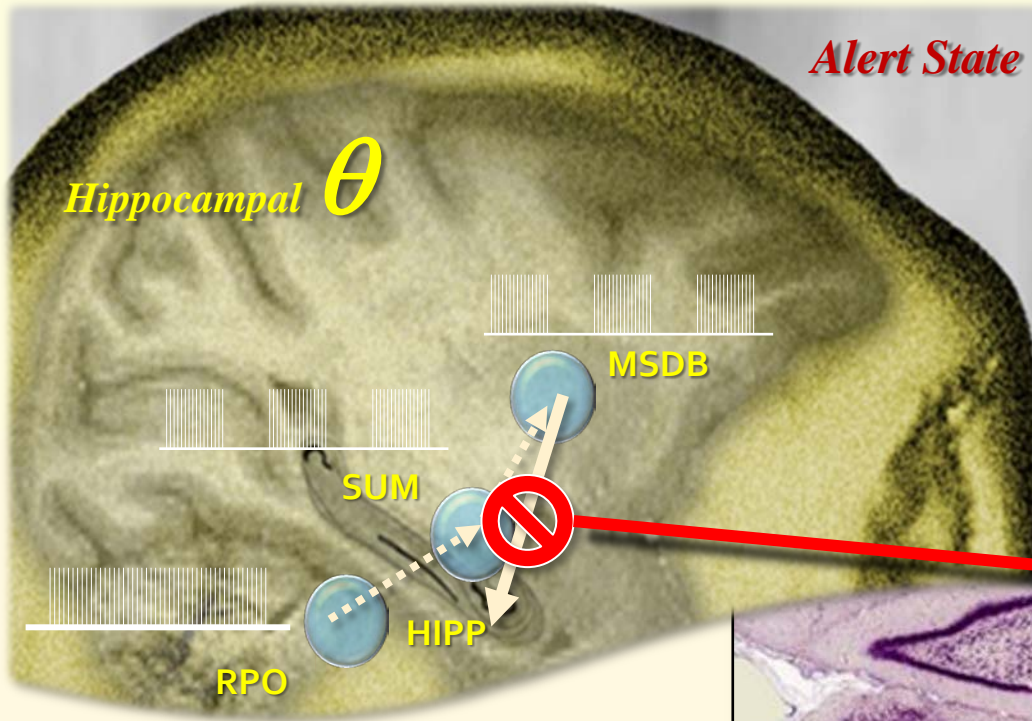
In Rats



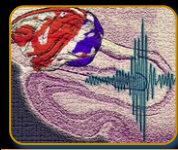


# SPW-R Emergence Following Cessation of *Theta* - Oscillations

SPW-R is a "Release-Event" Following the Reduction of GABAergic/Cholinergic Activity of MS-DB

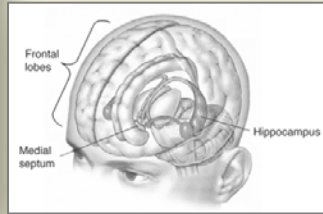
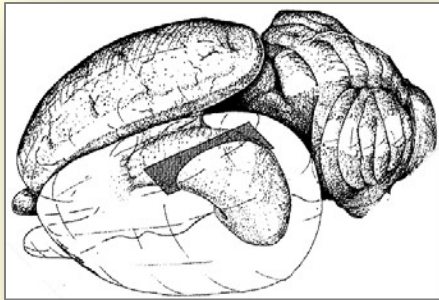




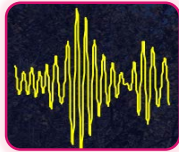


# SPW-R in Rats & Humans - Role in Decision-Making & Memory?

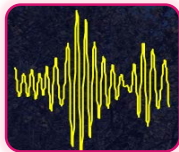
Physiological Evidence from Rat & Human-Patient Studies



**In Awake State:** PW-Rs occur at path-choice points, when vicarious trial and error is reported, providing a mechanism for quickly recalling memories



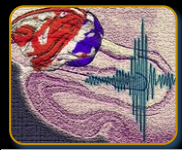
**In Deep Sleep:** SPW-Rs coincide with the reactivation of neuronal ensembles, which were excited during awaking experience



The number of ripples increases after learning, and the increase predicts memory recall both in rats & in humans

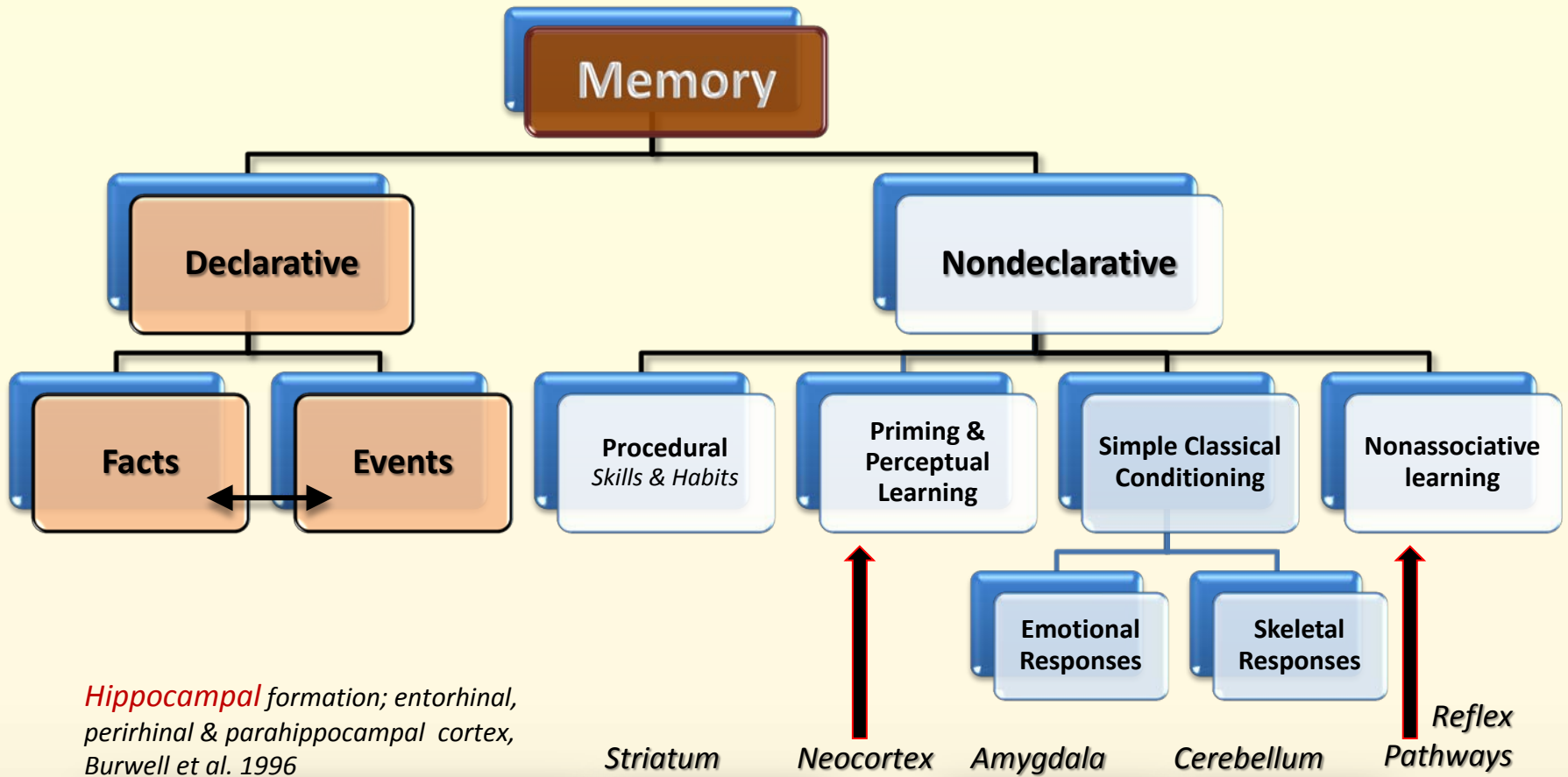


Elimination of ripples by electrical stimulation of Hippocampus during the post-learning *Slow-Wave-Sleep* interferes with memory consolidation

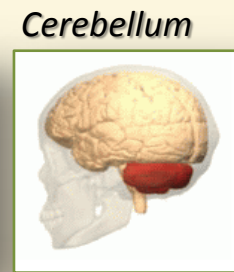
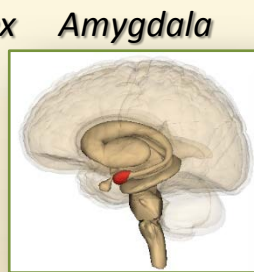
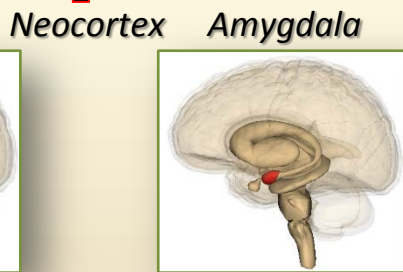
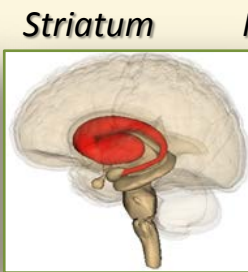
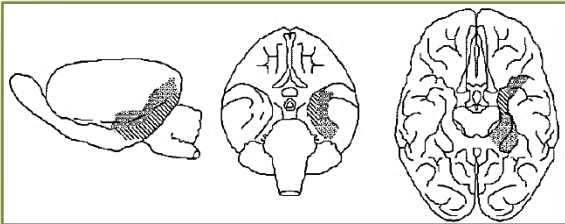


# Learning & Memory Related Networks

Striking Sequences of Synergistic & Antagonistic Processes

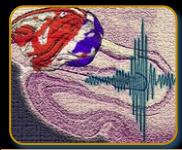


*Hippocampal* formation; entorhinal, perirhinal & parahippocampal cortex, Burwell et al. 1996



Reflex Pathways



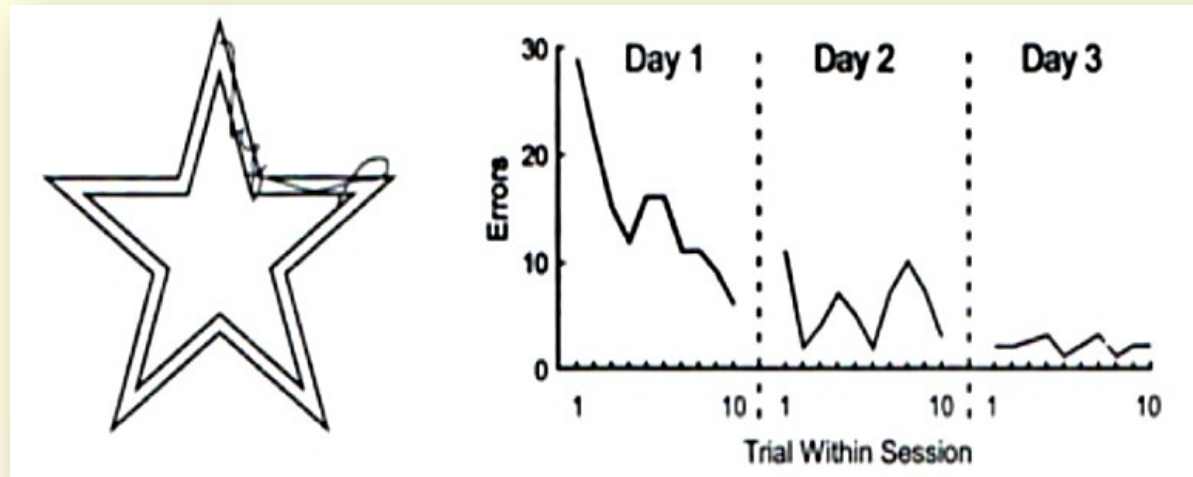


# The Procedural & Declarative Memory Systems

Actions like Biking & Memorizing a Poem involve Fundamentally Different Memory Systems



Henry Molaison



## ➔ Resection of Hippocampus

Leads to complete loss of declarative memory despite of the normally functioning systems underlying working- and procedural-memory

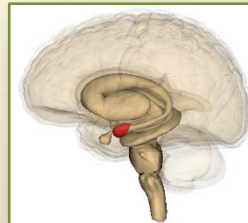
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Striatum



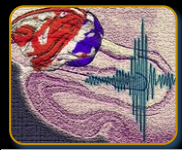
Neocortex



Amygdala

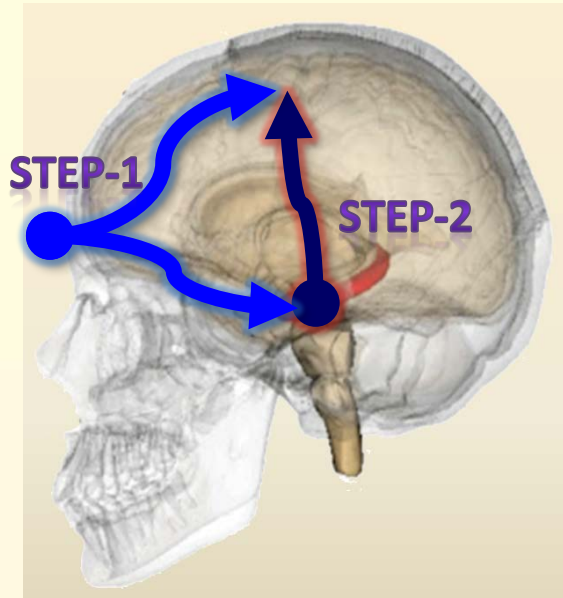
Cerebellum





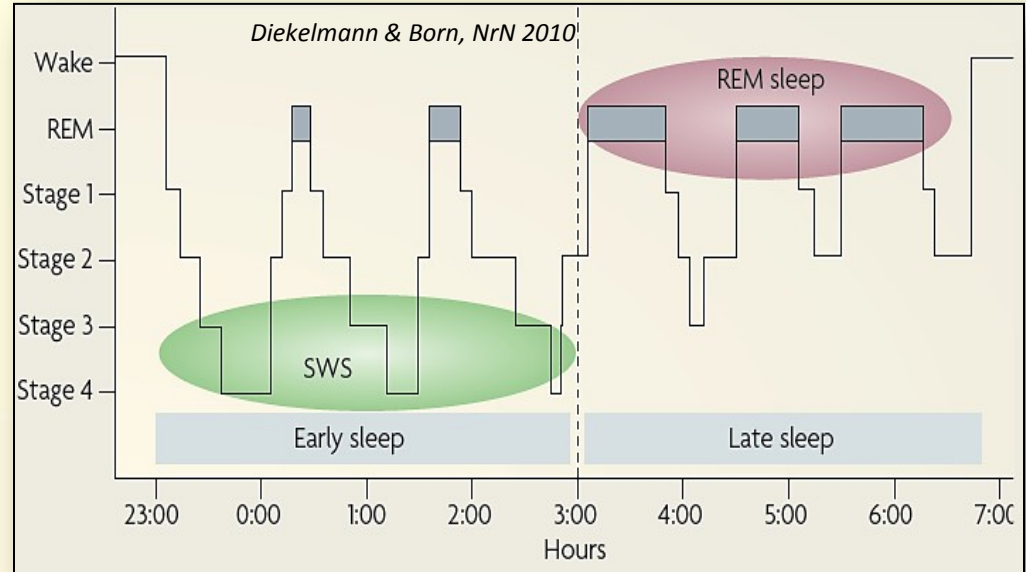
# Consolidation of Memory – A Process Potentially Related to SPW-R

Consolidation of Declarative & Procedural Memory: **2-Systems, 2-Processes & 2-States**



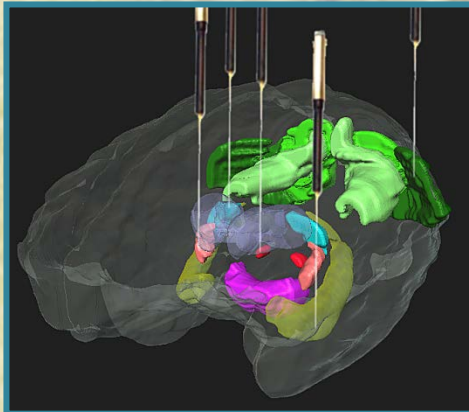
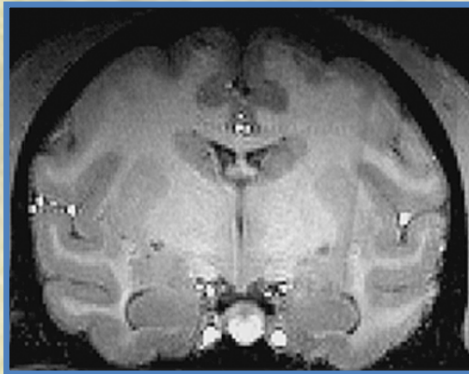
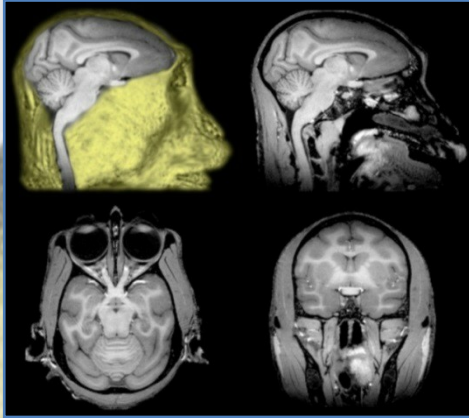
## SPW-R

Hippocampo-Neocortical Interactions in the two-step Consolidation Process?



SWS (Declarative?)	REM (Procedural/Emotional ?)
<b>Ripples, Spindles, Slow Osc.</b>	<b>Theta, PGO Waves</b>
<i>Low ACh</i>	<i>High ACh</i>
<i>Trans Serotonin Increase</i>	<i>Low Serotonin</i>
<i>Trans Noradrenaline Increase</i>	<i>Low Noradrenaline</i>
<i>Low Cortisol</i>	<i>High Cortisol</i>
<b>System consolidation</b>	<b>Local Plasticity Change (LTP)</b>





## Initial Strategy

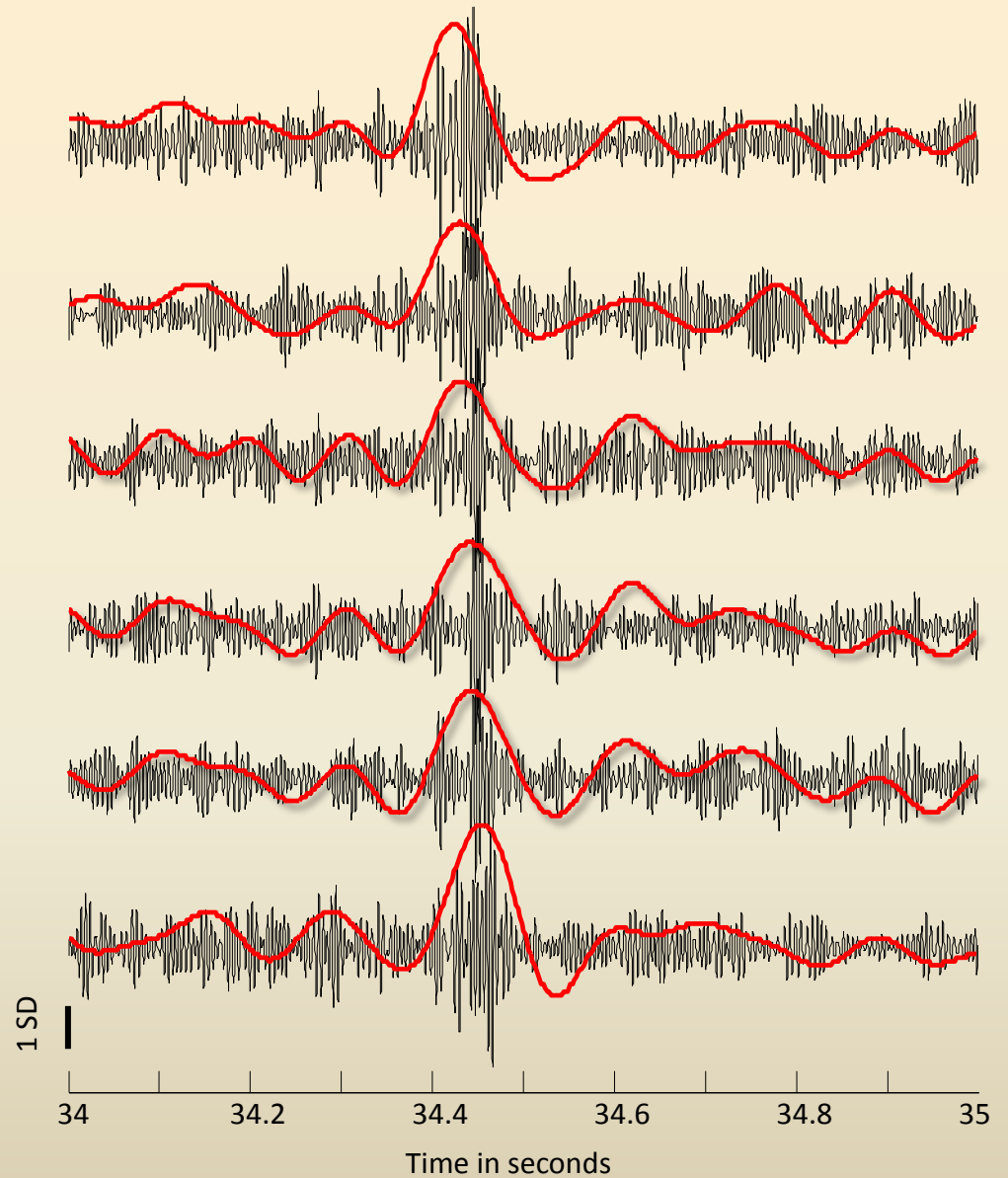
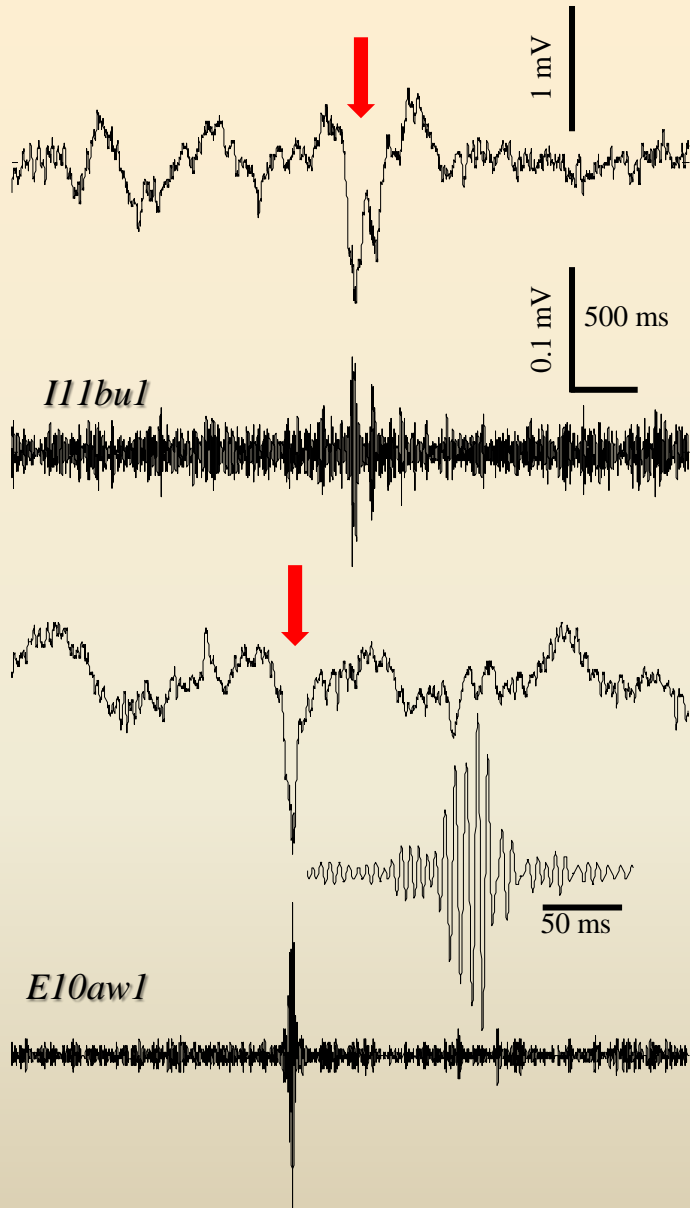
- ❖ Unsupervised electrophysiological detection & identification of the Neural Events (NE), starting w/ SPW-Rs that may be potential state-indicators of self-organized neuronal activity
- ❖ Description of fMRI-assessed patterns of **Multi-Structure-Activity (MSA)** that are robustly correlated to single-episodes or event-sequences

*Currently: Over 70 Brain-Regions defined via MRI*

## First Questions

- ➔ Is there a Systematic **NE-MSA** Relationship?
- ➔ Neural Correlates of the NET-fMRI Up/Down-Modulations?
- ➔ Can **MSA**-Patterns Indicate the Occurrence of Neural Events?

# SPW-R Examples in NHP (Temporal Profile & Synchronicity)



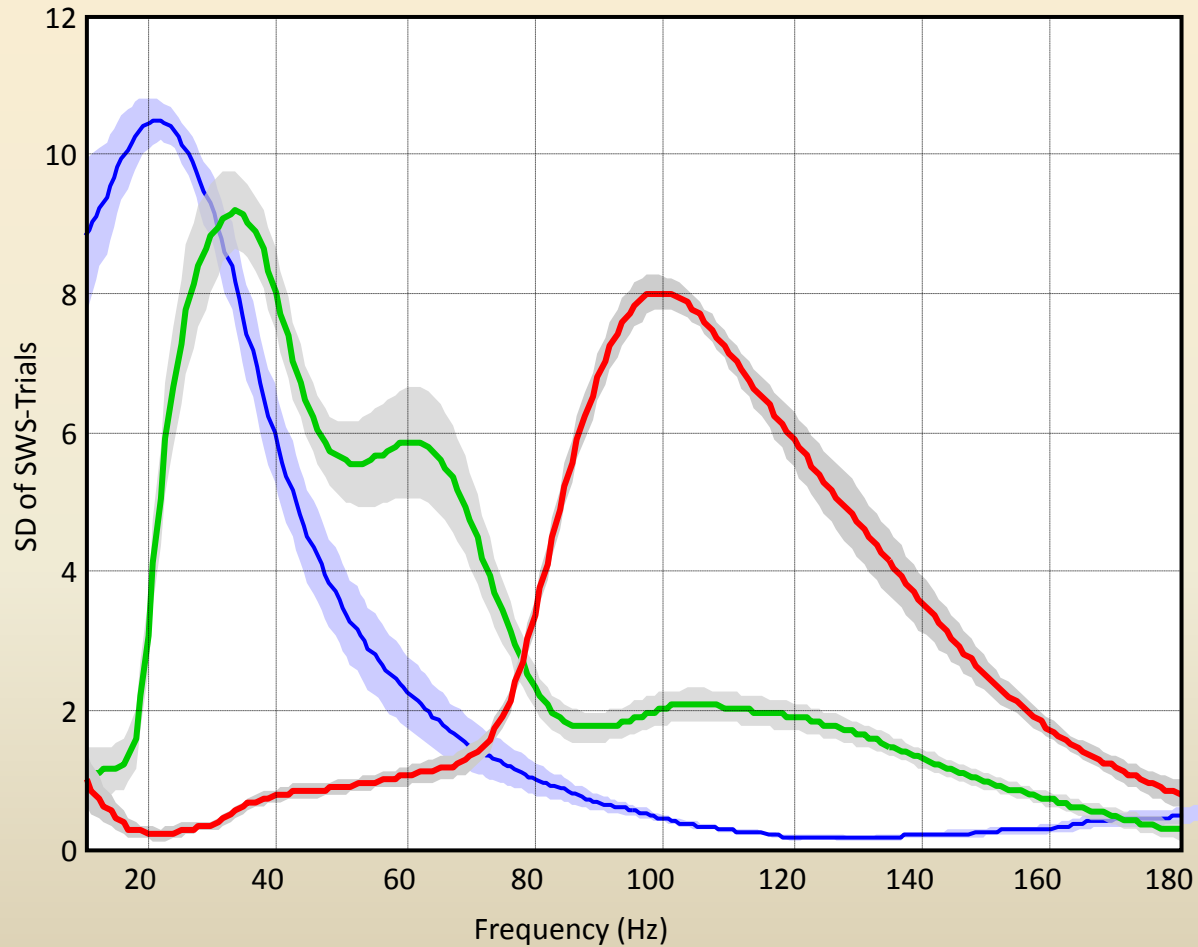


# Detecting & Identifying Frequency-Specific Events

Detection of Power-Changes in a Broad-Band Signal

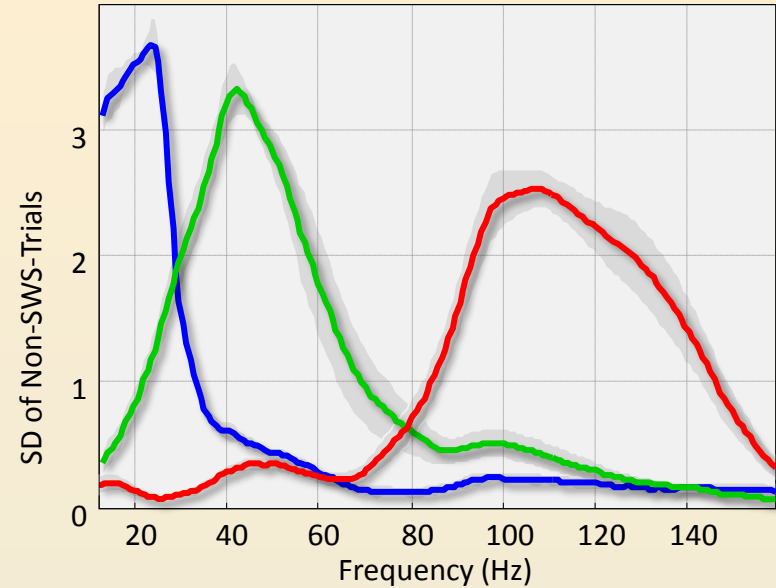
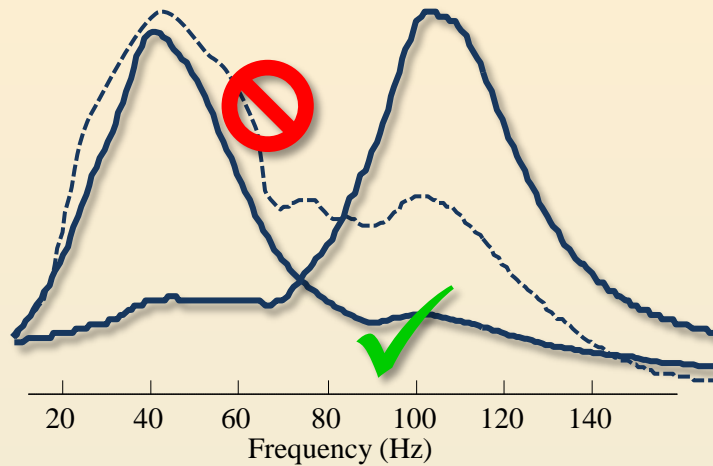


Unsupervised Clustering of Spectra

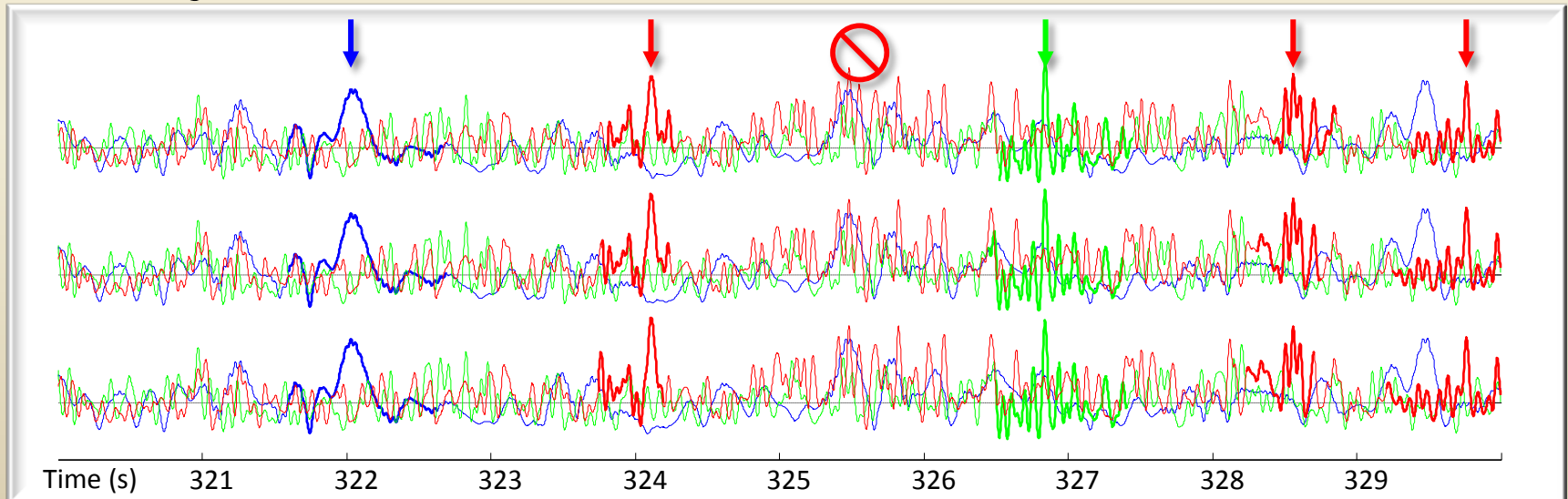


# Selection of "Pure" Events by ...

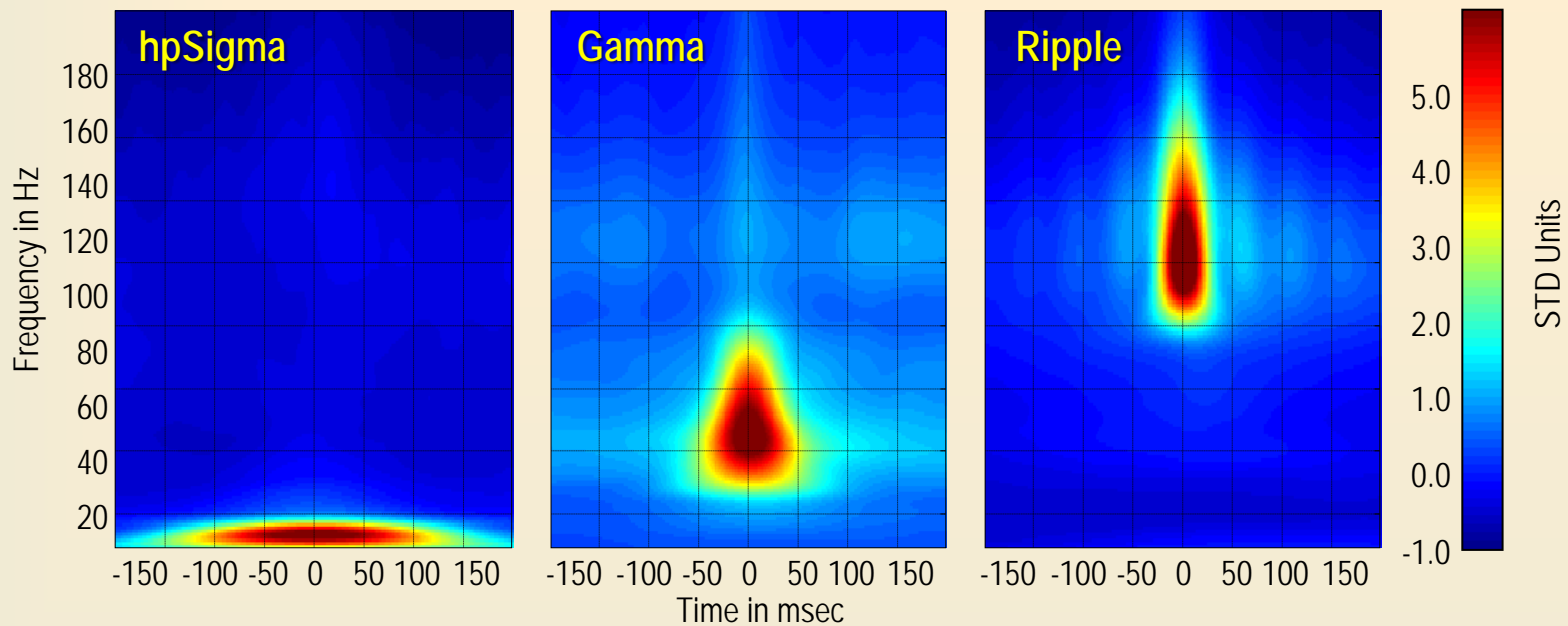
... Excluding Events w/ Broad (Overlapping) Power-Increases



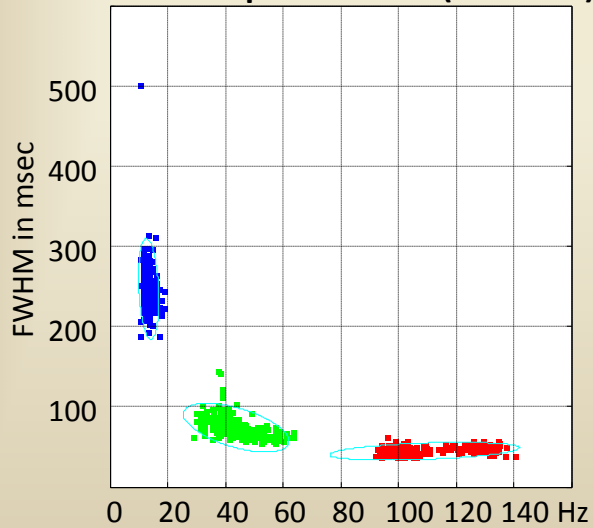
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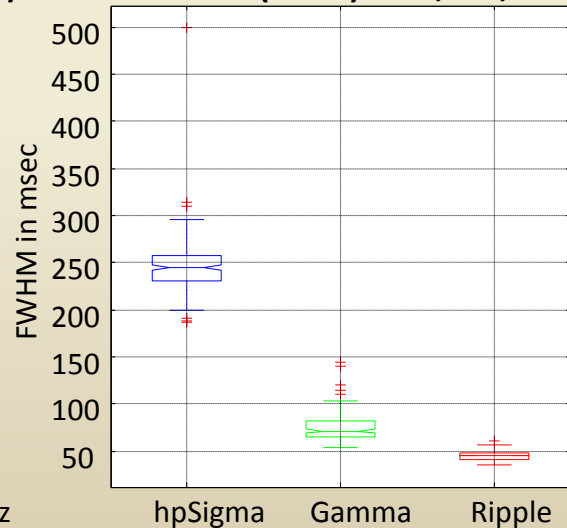




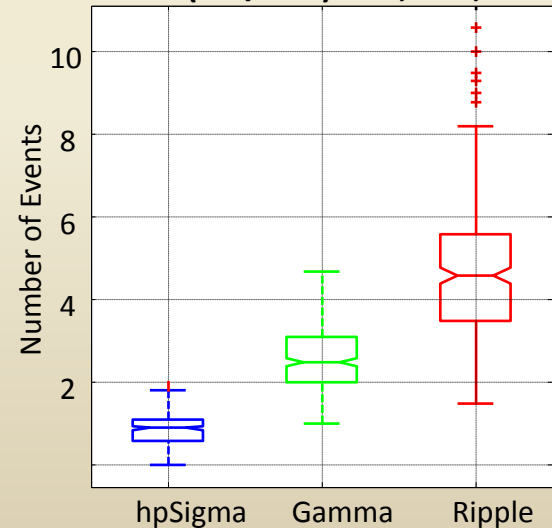
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Duration (msec): 245, 71, 45

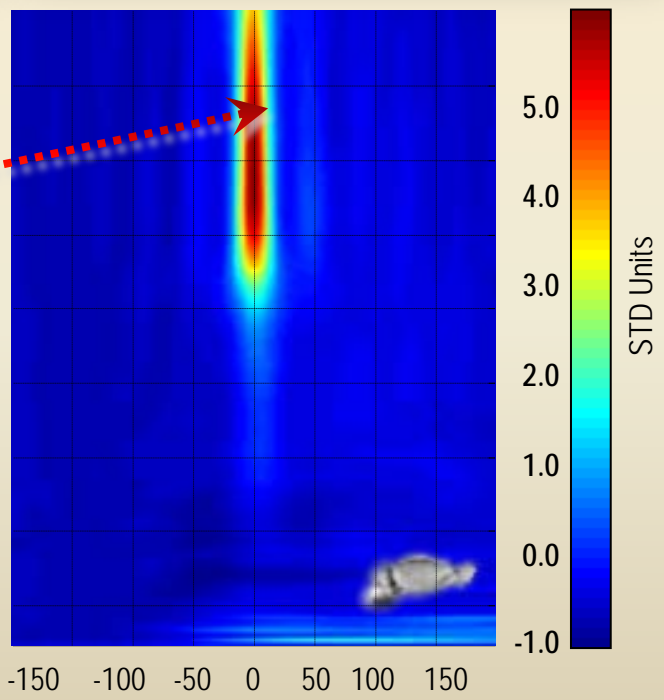
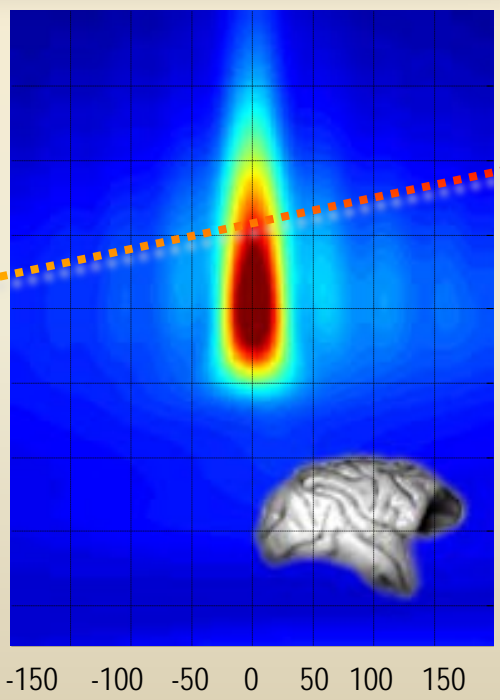
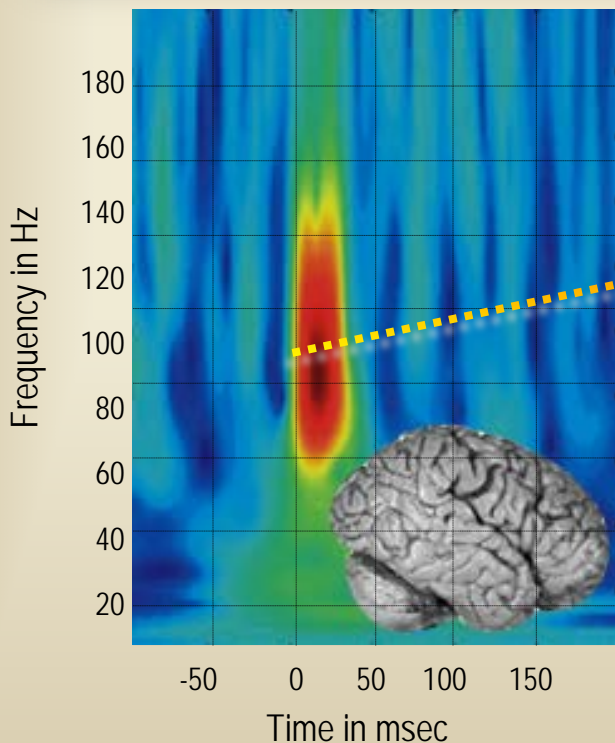
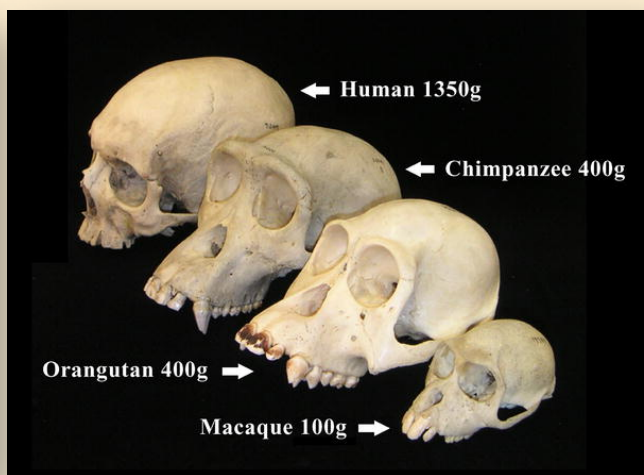
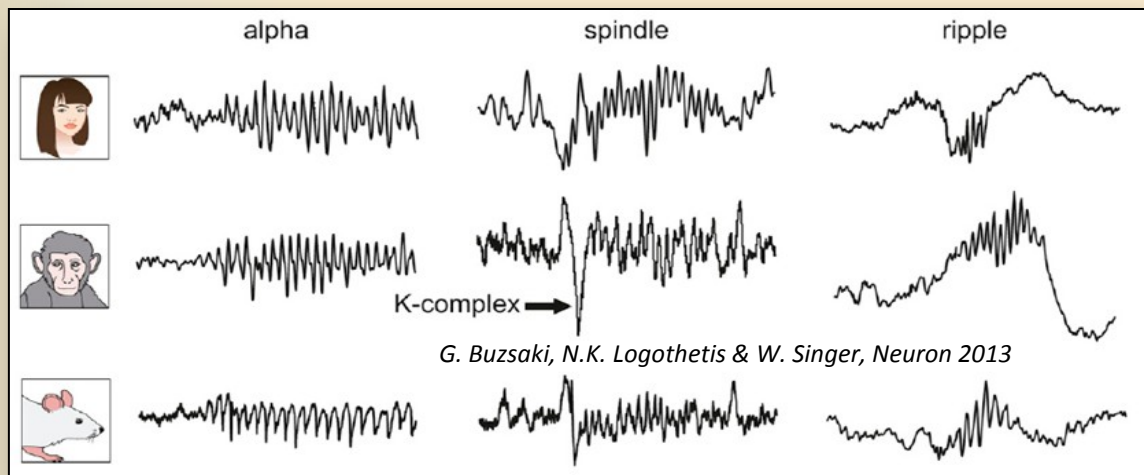


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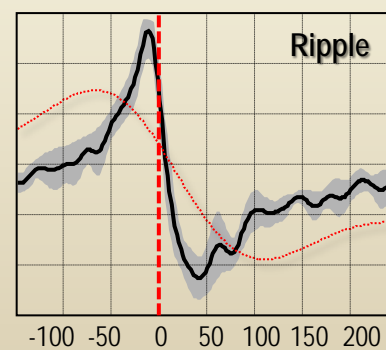
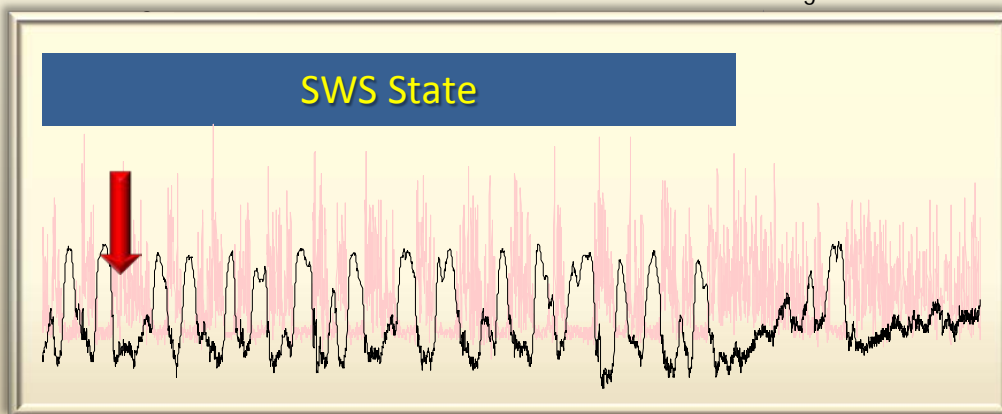
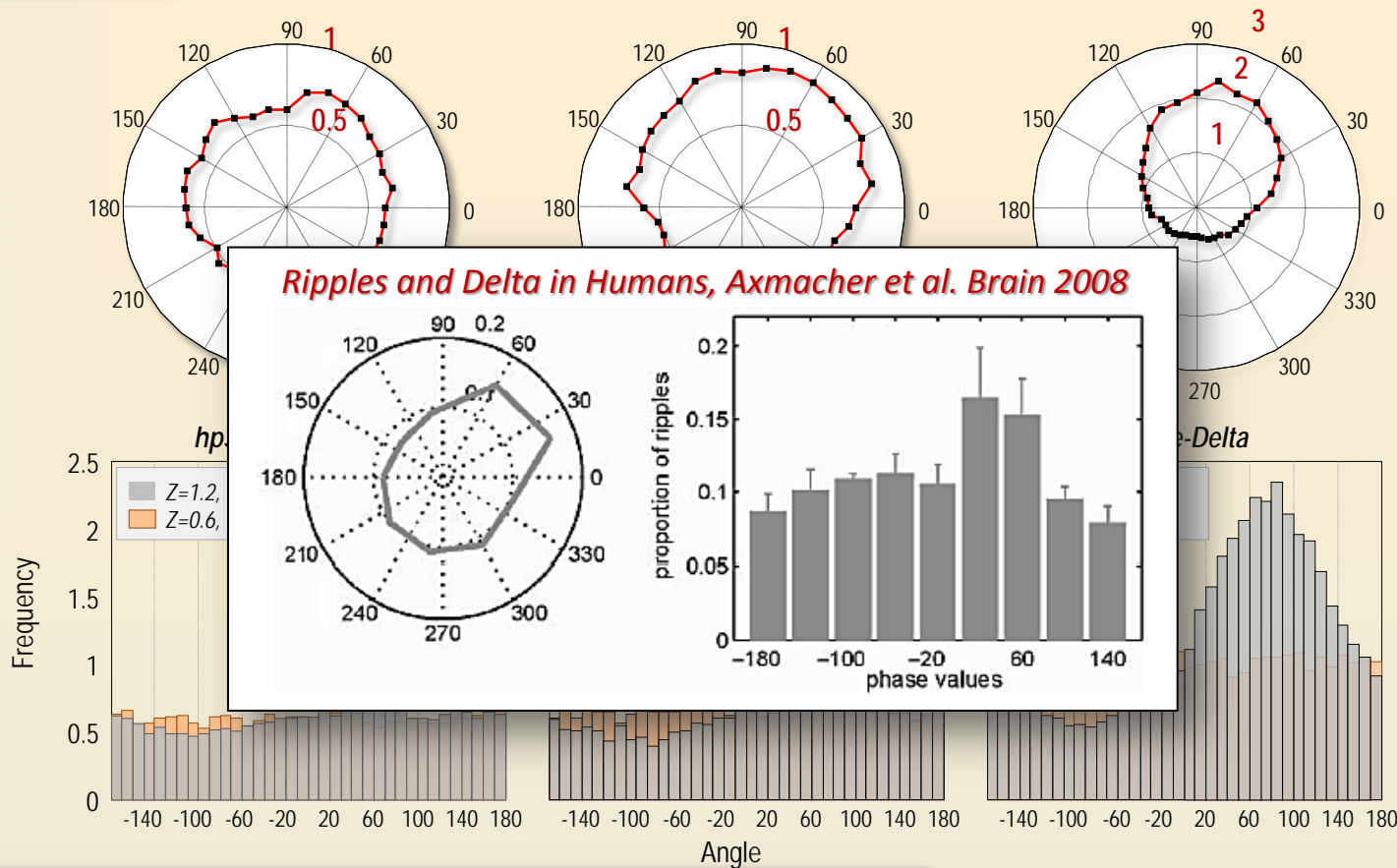


# Population Data

# Event Shape & Spectra in Different Species

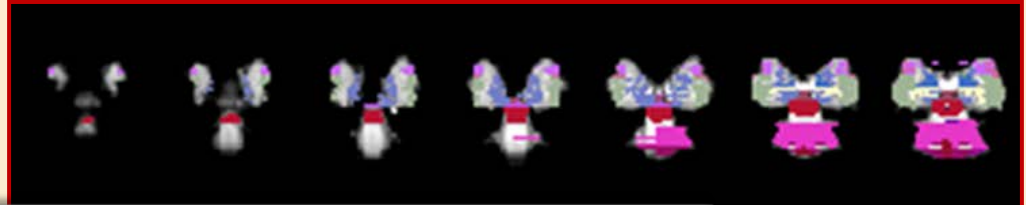






# Regions of Interest (ROI) & Multi-Structure-Activity (MSA)

ParPrec	Parietal Precuneus
ParIntra	Intraparietal
ParLat	Parietal Lateral
TmpVis	Inferior Temporal Sulcus
TmpSTS	Superior Temporal Sulcus
TmpPol	Polar Temporal Cortex
TmpAu	Auditory Temporal
V5	Extrastriate Visual Area 5
V4	Extrastriate Visual Area 4



LatHemCb	Lateral cerebellar hemisphere
IntHemCb	Intermediate cerebellar hemisphere
Vermis	Vermis



A Combined MRI and Histology

## Atlas of the Rhesus Monkey Brain

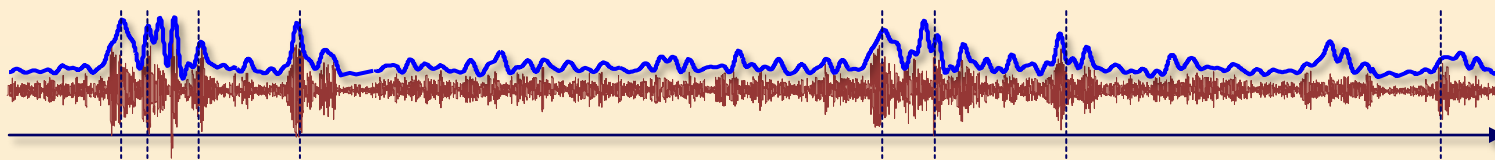
in Stereotaxic Coordinates

2nd Edition  
with Reannotated Coronal and Sagittal Slices



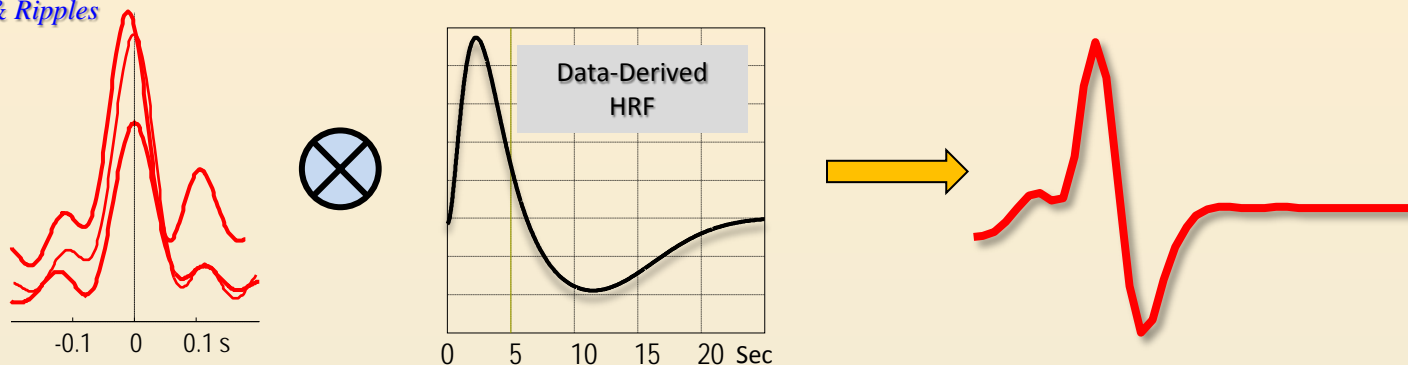
# Events, Regressors, BOLD Responses & MAPS

Detection  
of



*Sigma, Gamma & Ripples*

Regressors

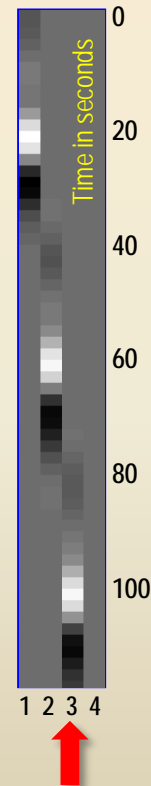
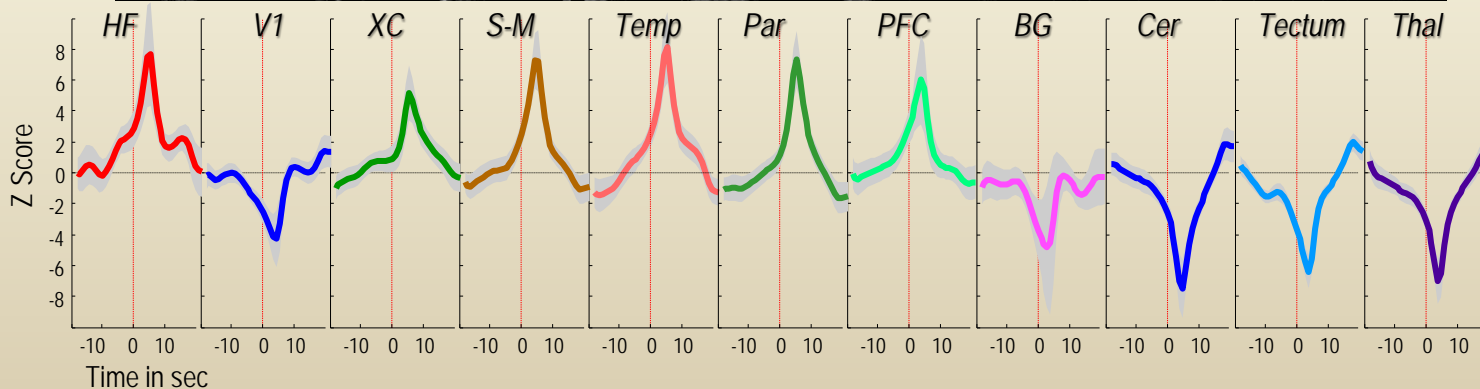
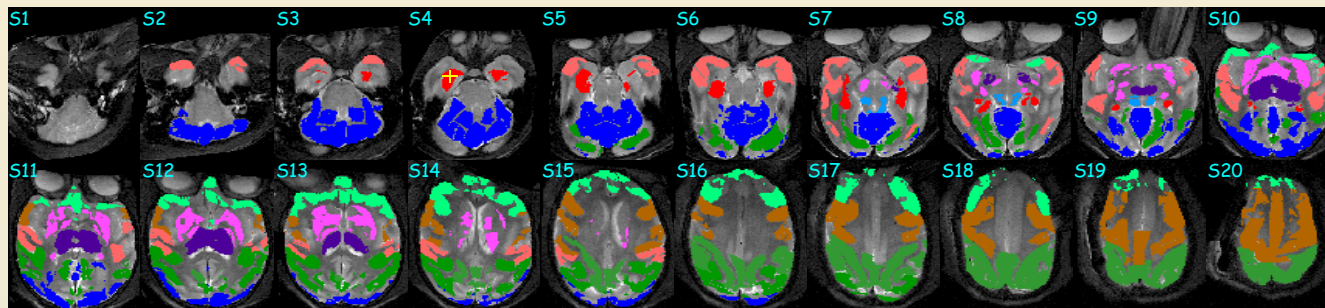


$p < 0.001, FDR = 0.01, pFDR < 0.0008$

GLM  
Maps

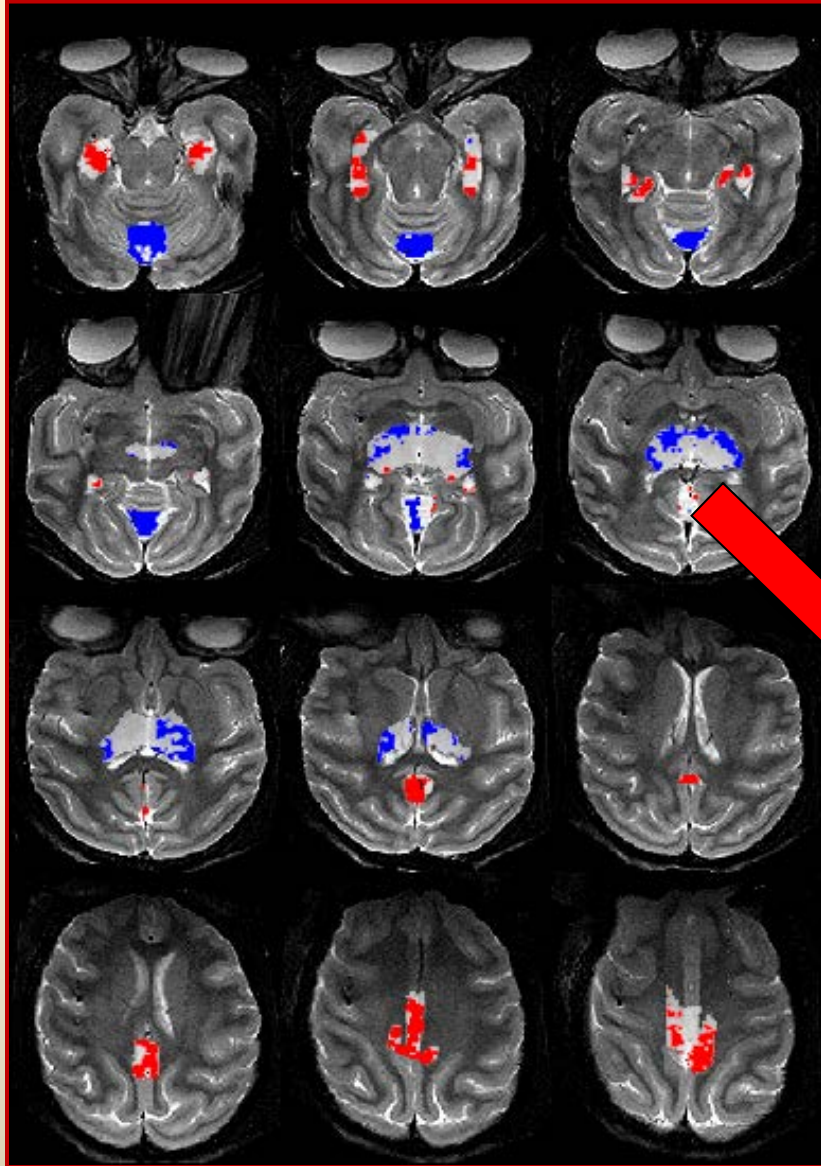
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BOLD  
Responses

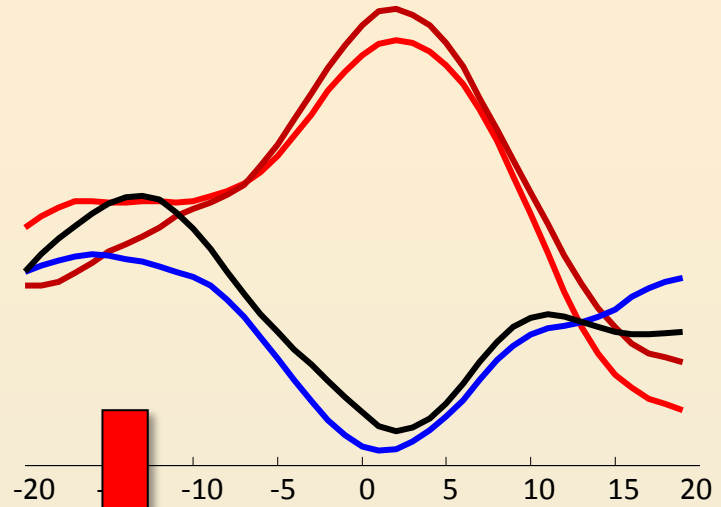


# Time Courses & Activation-Fractions of Regions of Interest (ROIs)

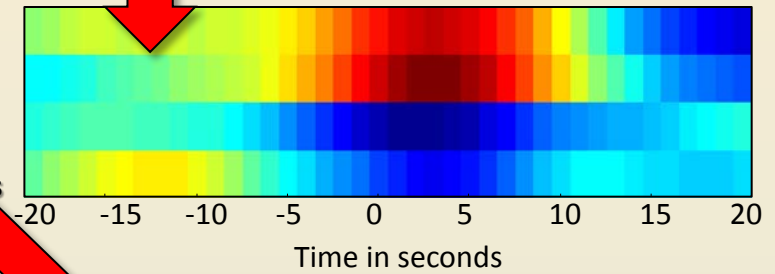
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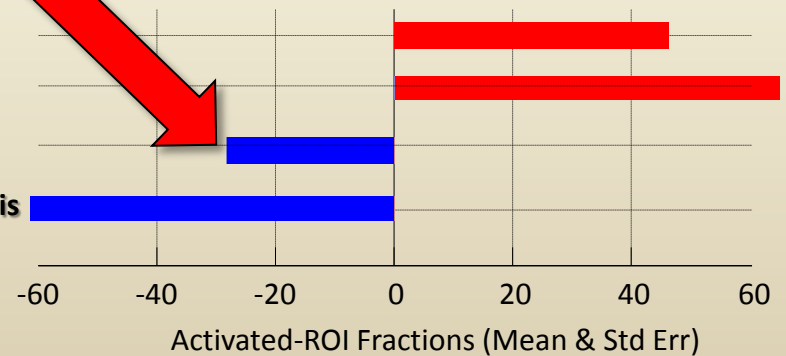
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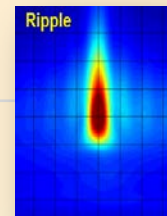


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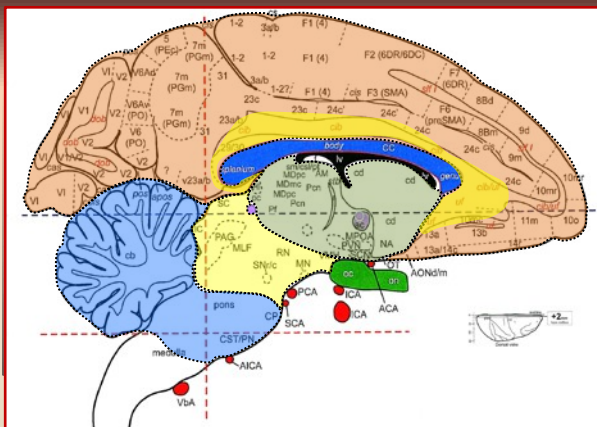
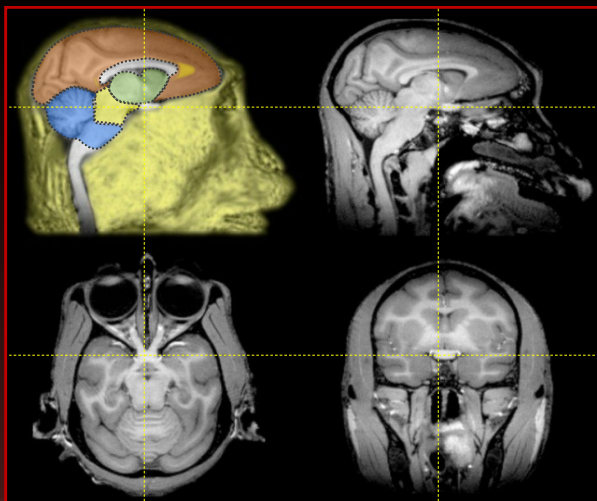
# SPW-R Triggered & fMRI-Mapped Networks



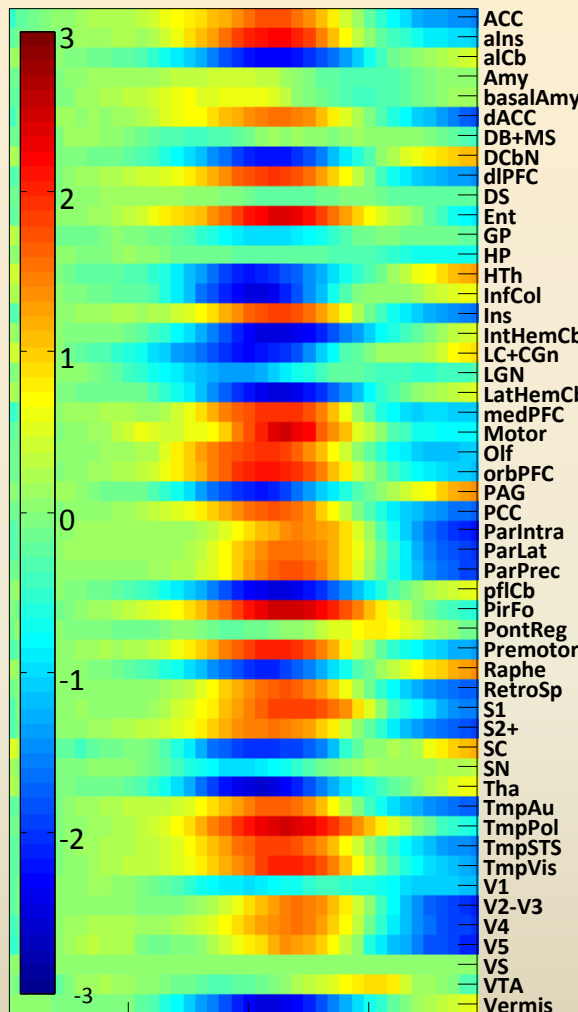
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## ROIs Sorted in Alphabetical Order

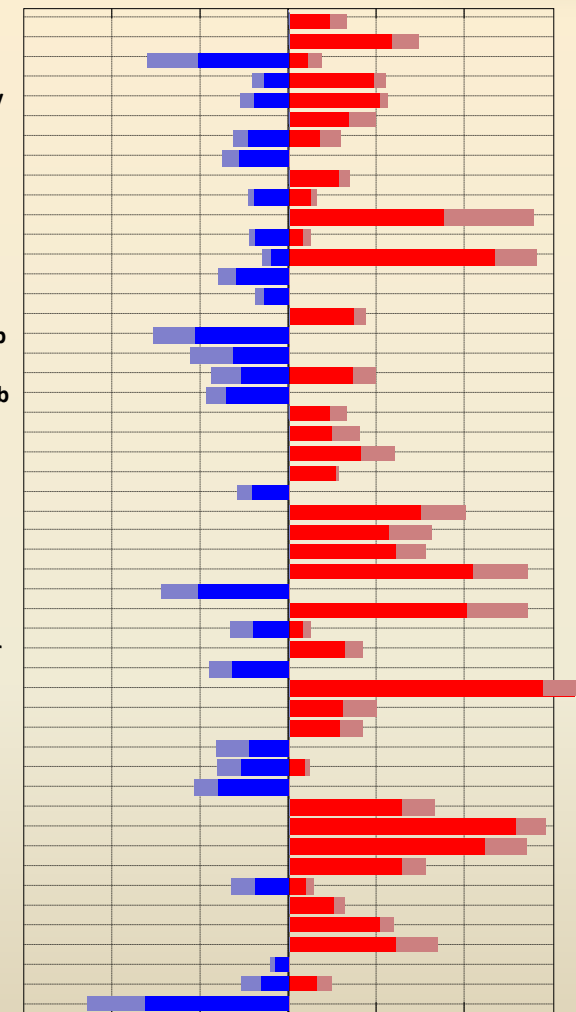
### Developmental Categorization



-8 -6 -4 -2 0 2 4 6 8  
t-Score

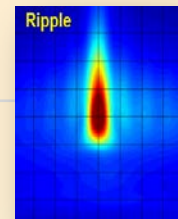


-20 -10 0 10 20  
Time in seconds



-60 -40 -20 0 20 40 60  
Activated-ROI Fractions (Mean & Std Err)

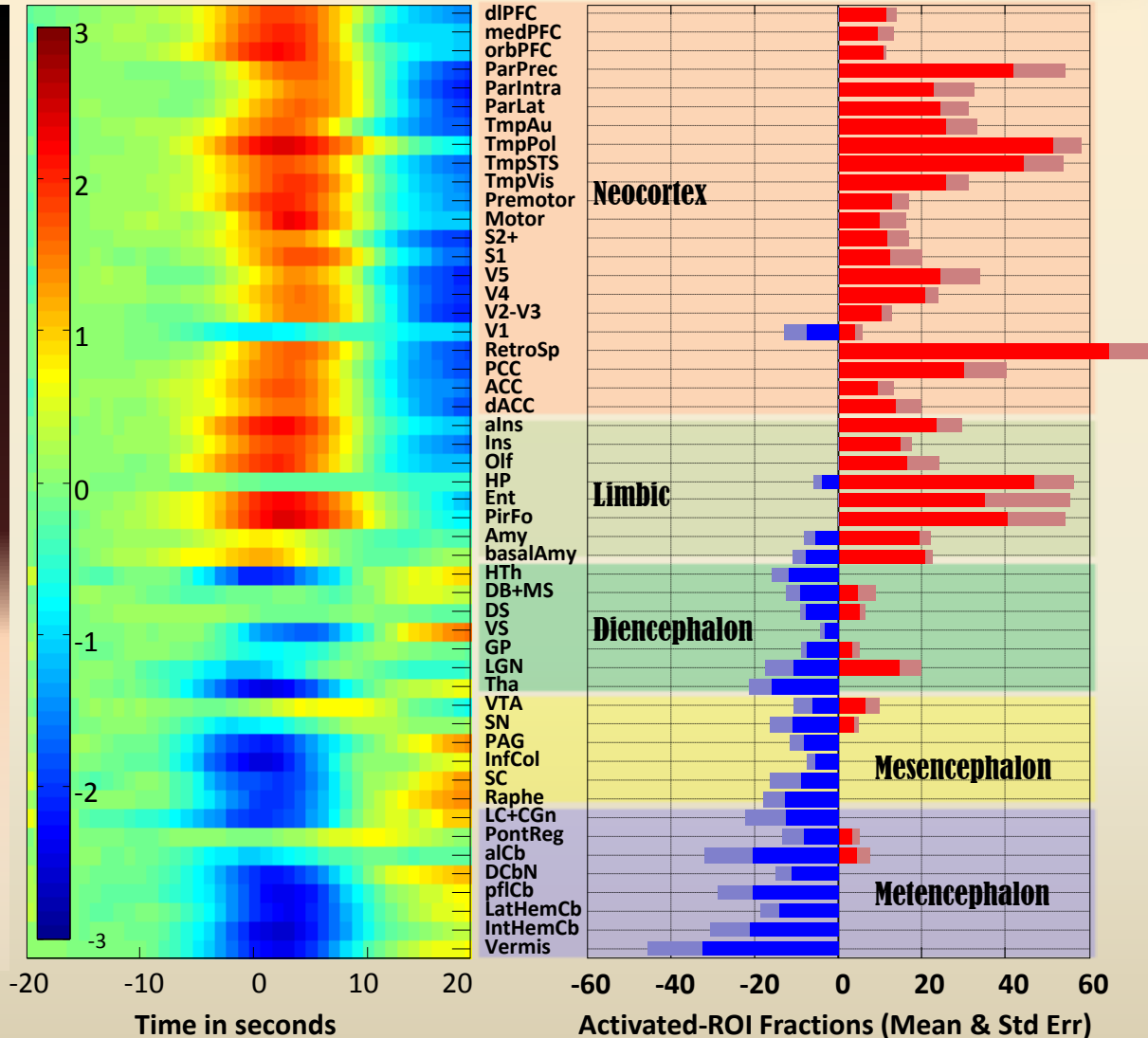
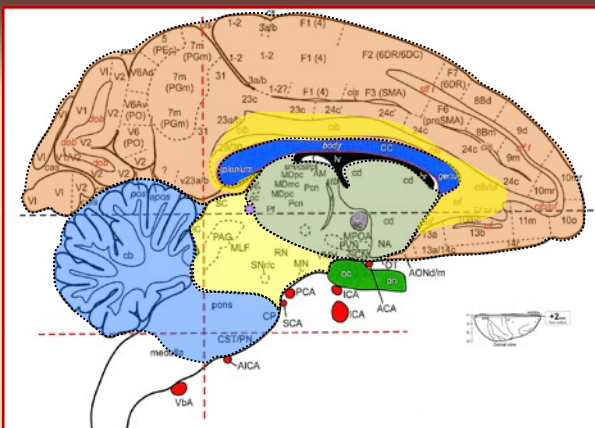
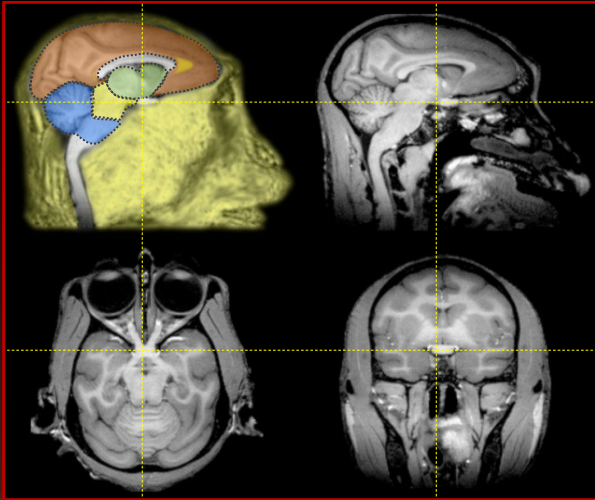
# SPW-R Triggered & fMRI-Mapped Networks – Functional Interpretation



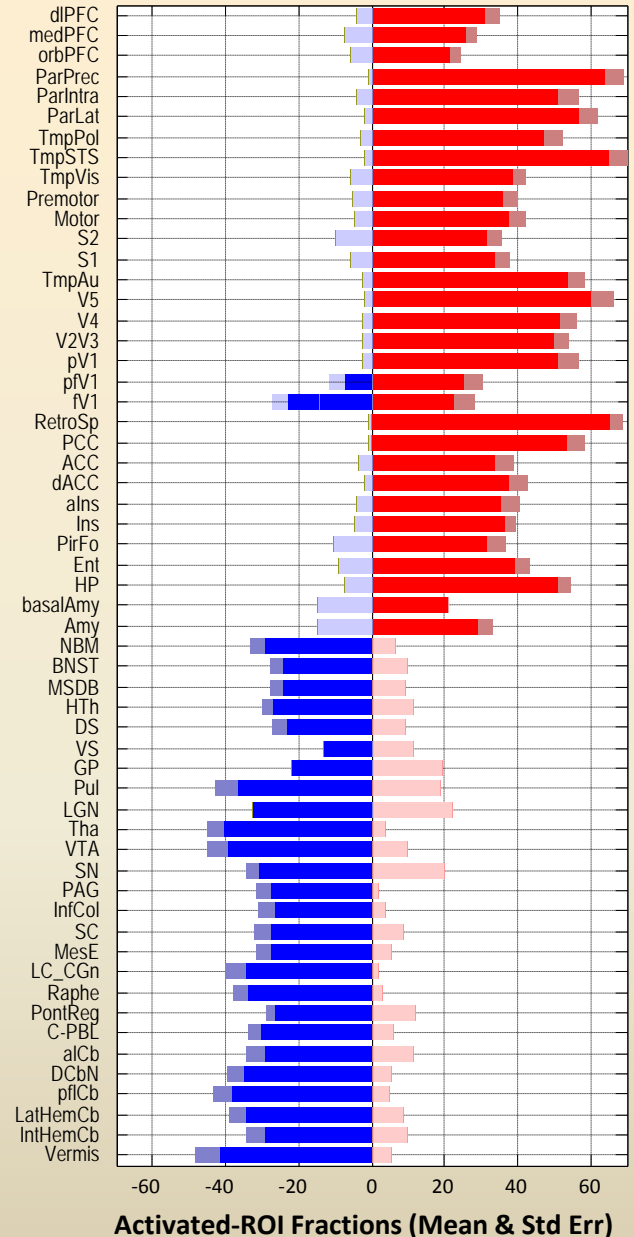
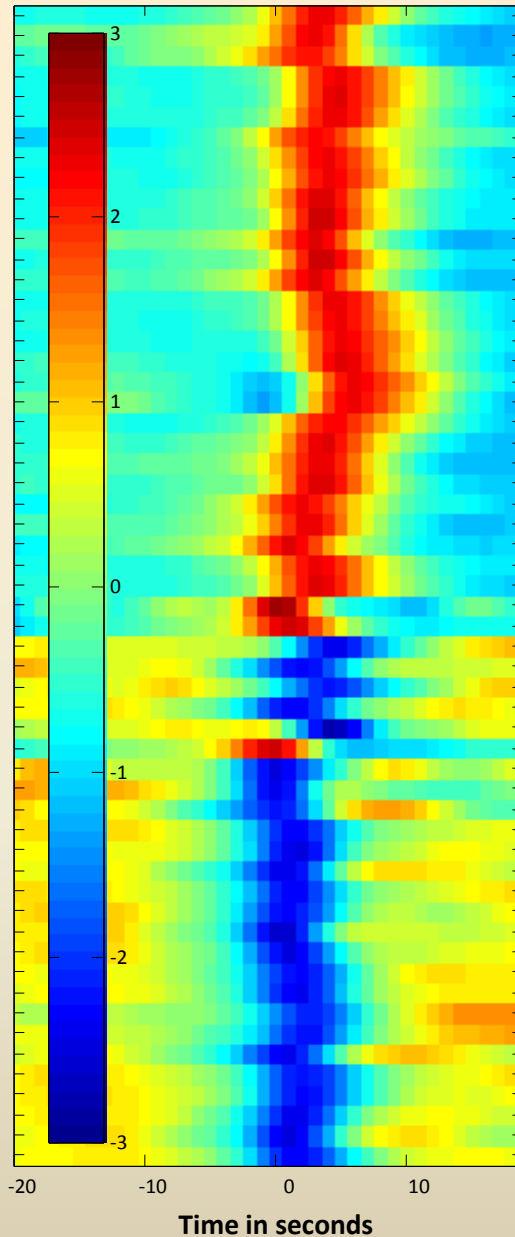
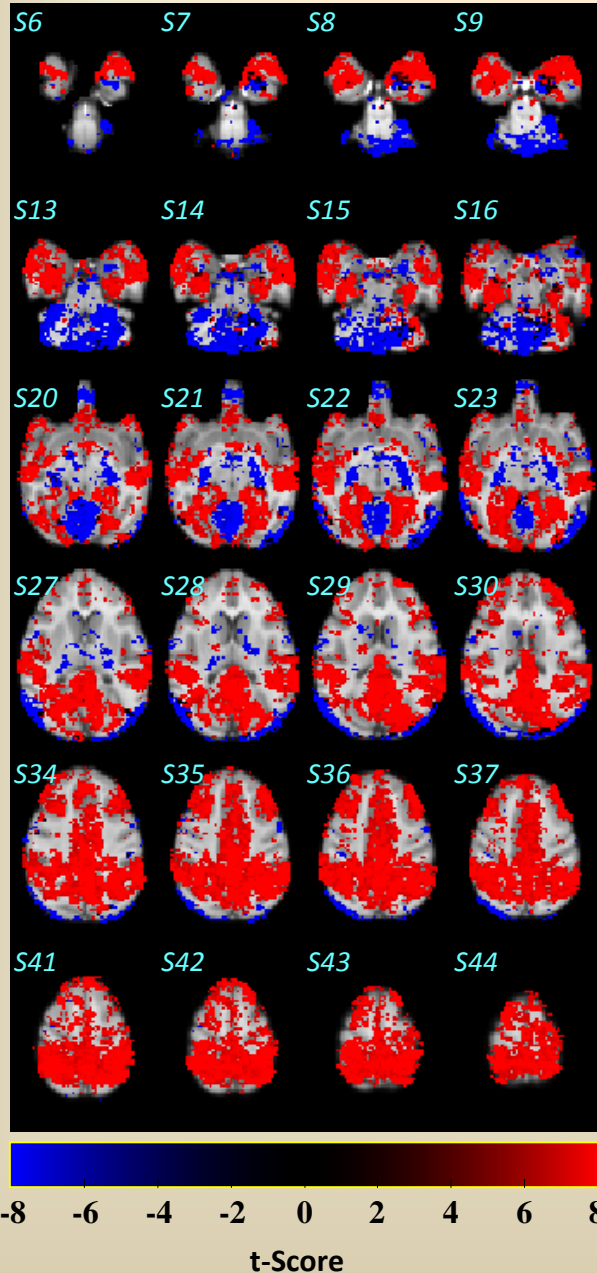
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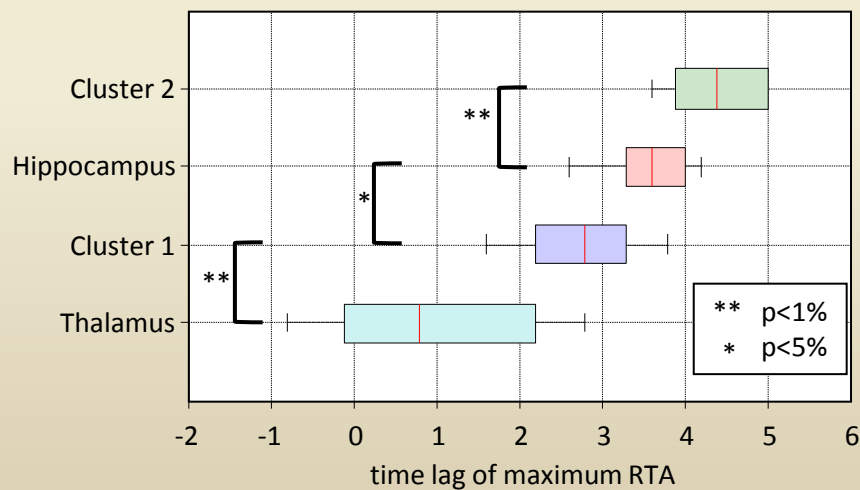
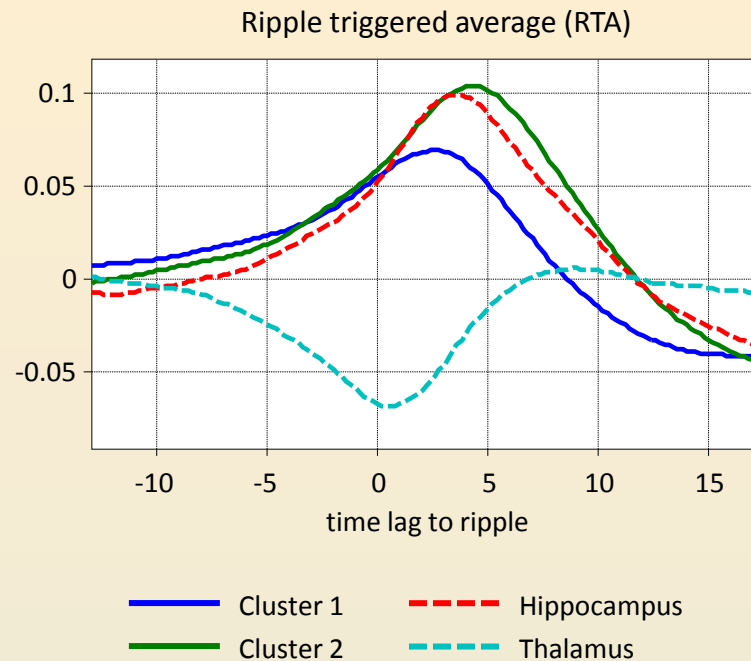
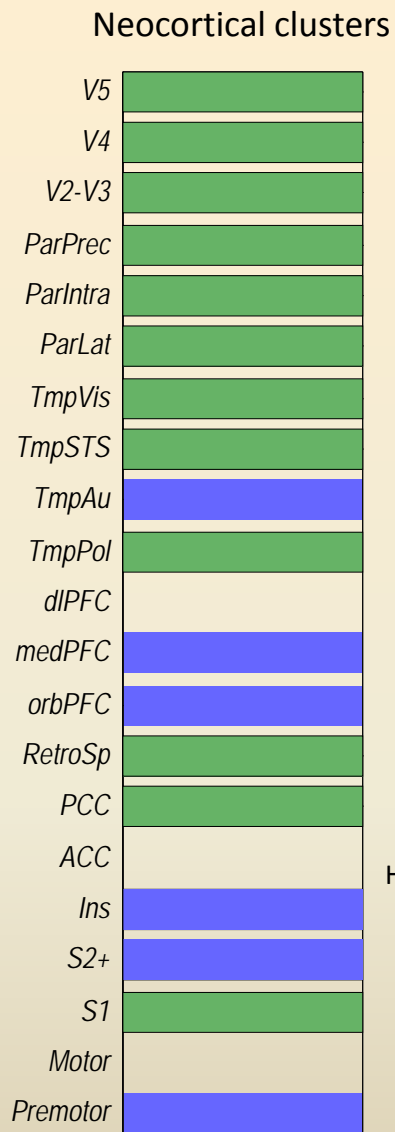
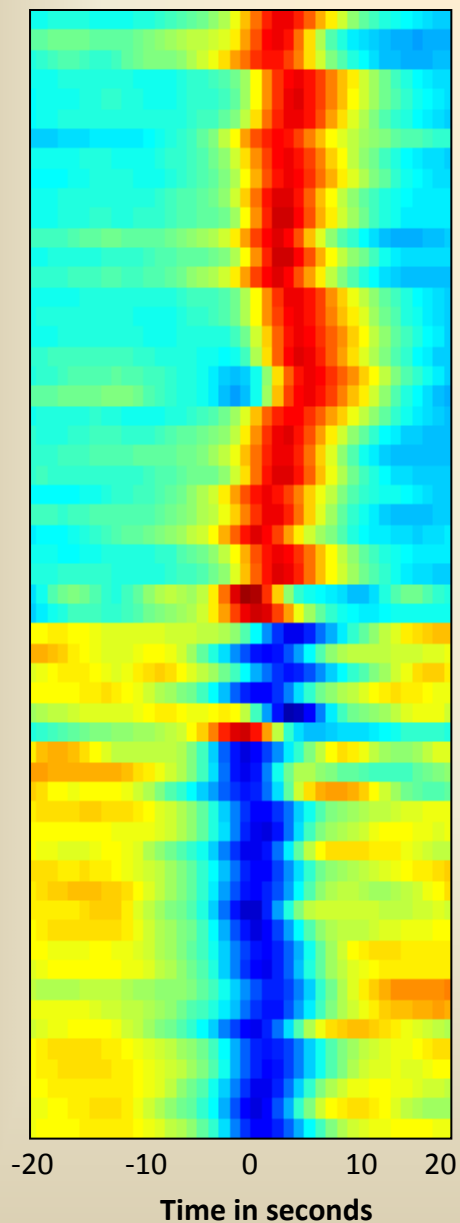
## ROIs Sorted in the Order of Developmental Categorization

### Developmental Categorization



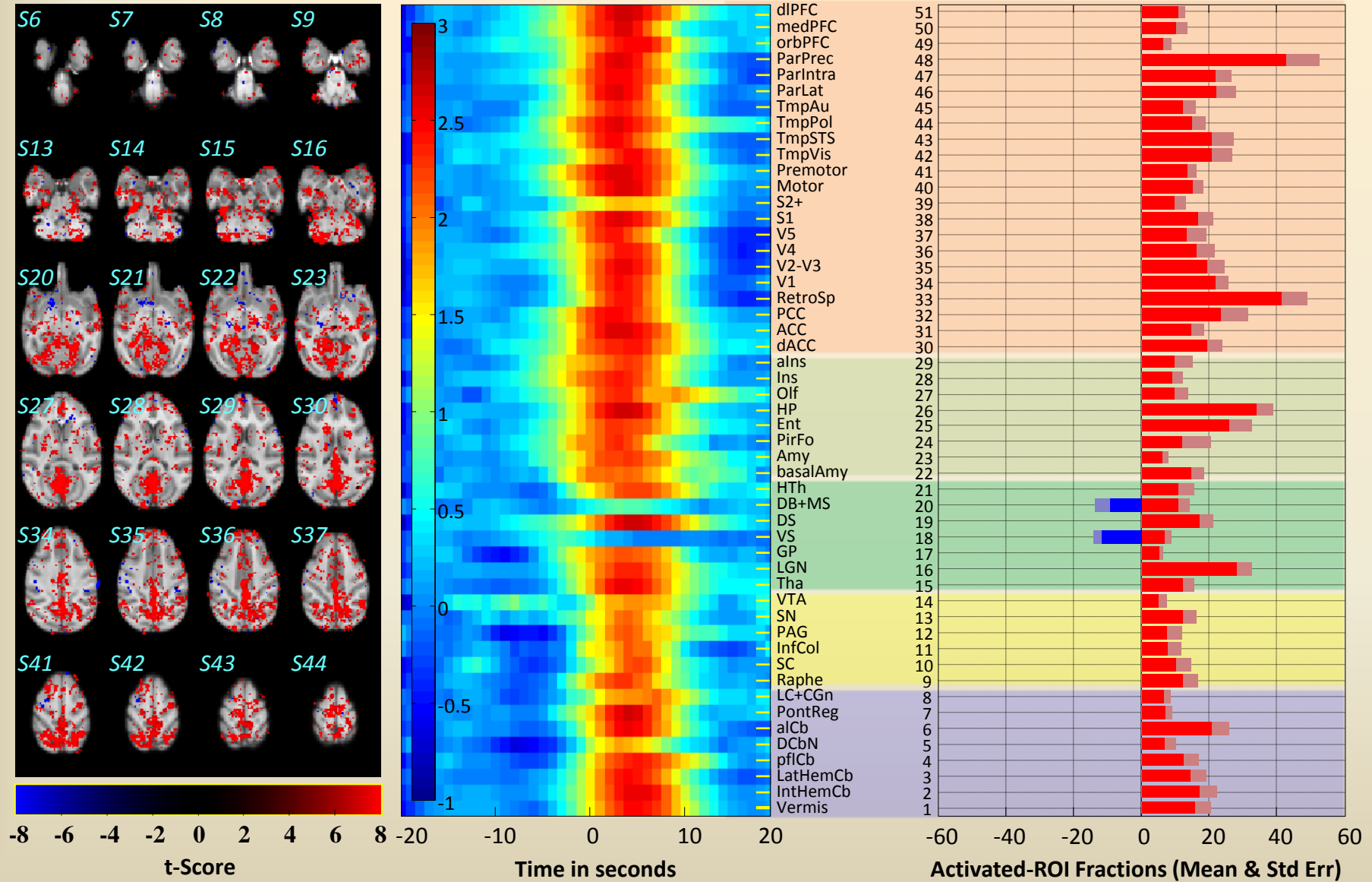


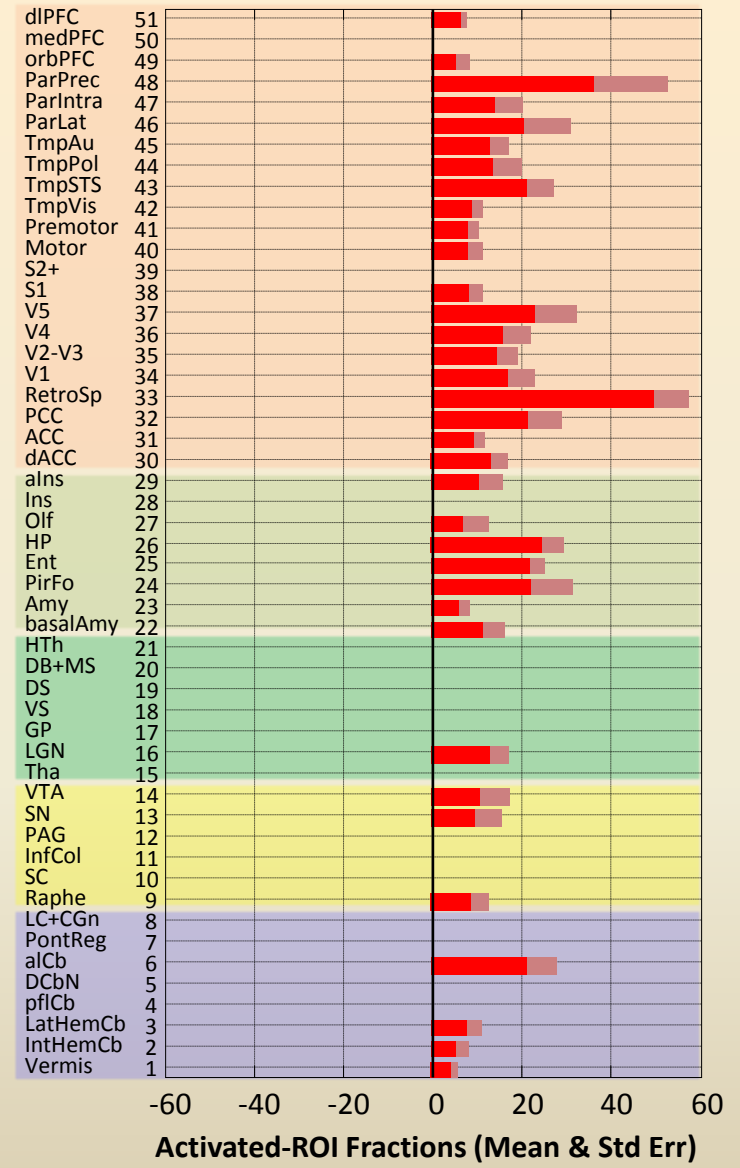
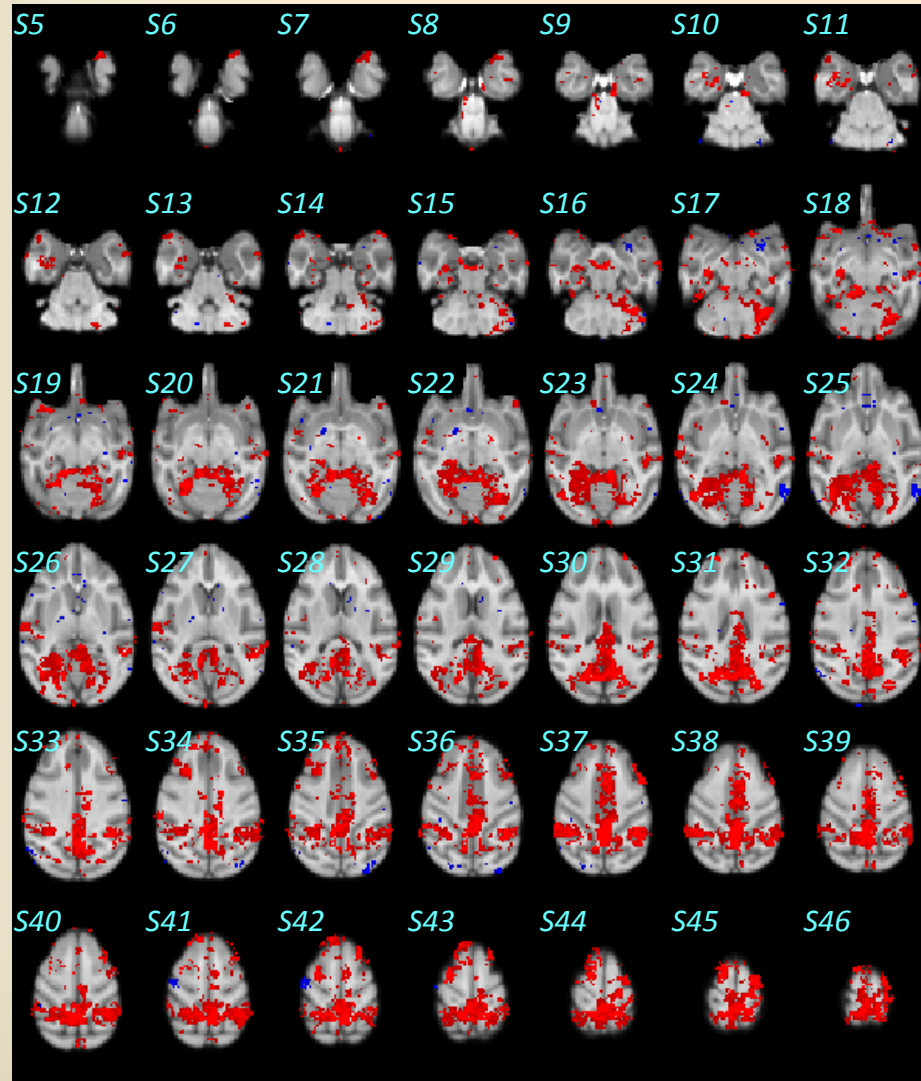




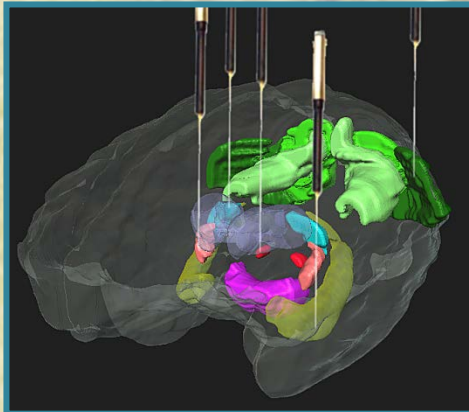
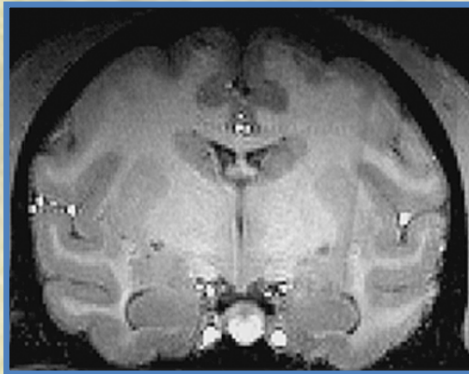
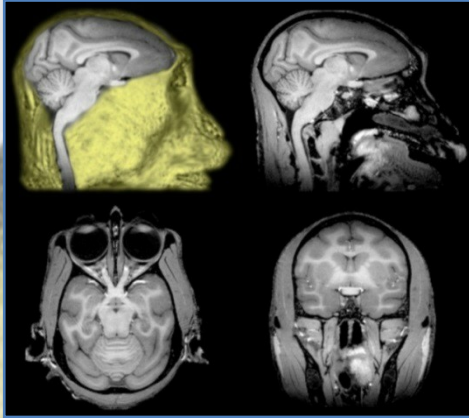


**Hippocampal Gamma-Events Correlated with Global PBR**









## Initial Strategy

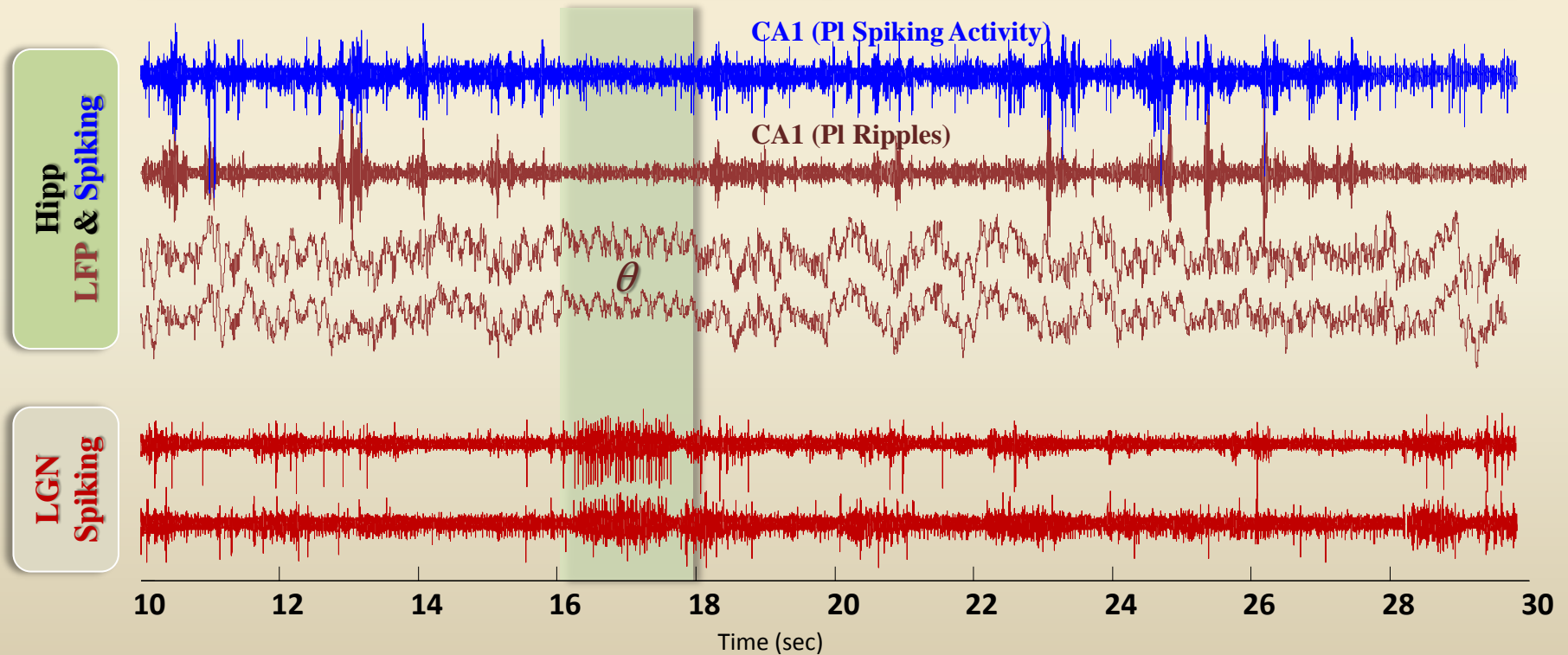
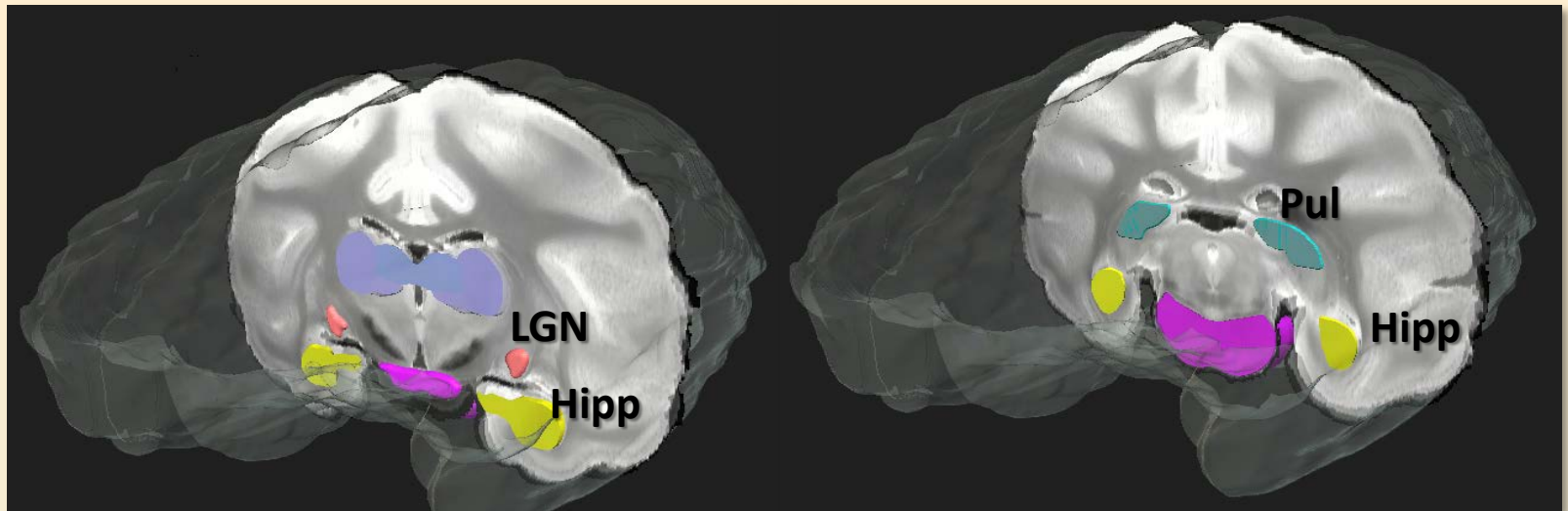
- ❖ Unsupervised electrophysiological detection & identification of the Neural Events (NE), starting w/ SPW-Rs that may be potential state-indicators of self-organized neuronal activity
- ❖ Description of fMRI-assessed patterns of Multi-Structure-Activity (MSA) that are robustly correlated to single-episodes or event-sequences

*Currently: Over 70 Brain-Regions defined via MRI*

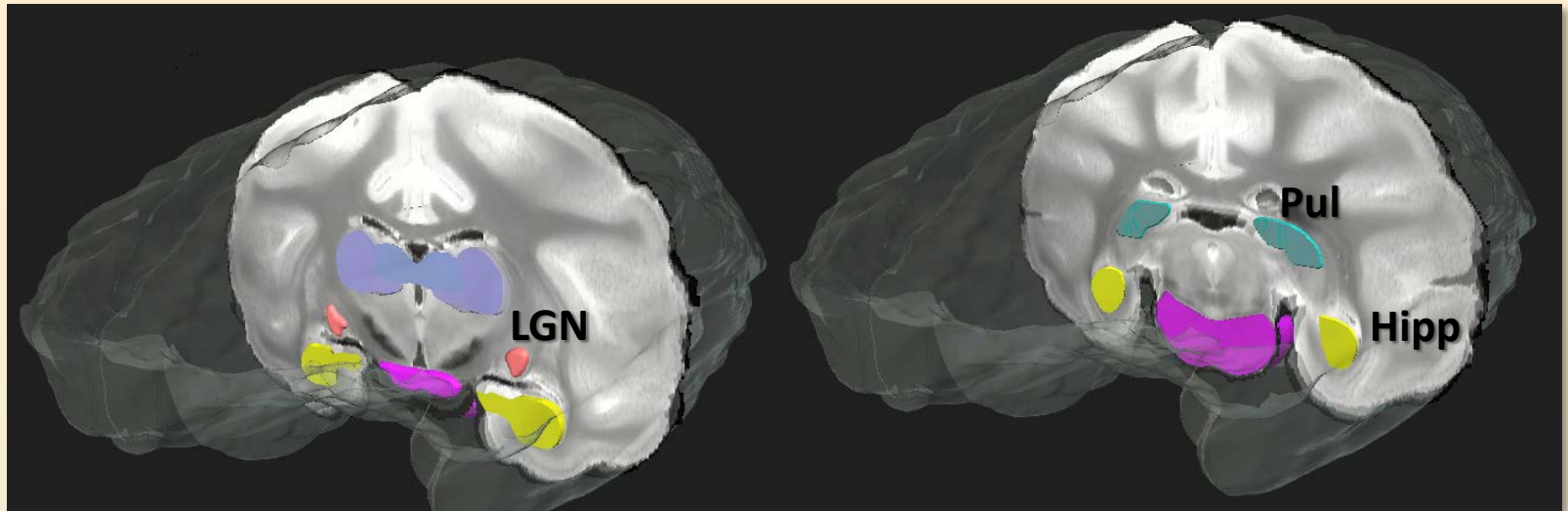
## First Questions

- ➔ Is there a Systematic NE-MSA Relationship?
- ➔ Neural Correlates of the NET-fMRI Up/Down-Modulations?
- ➔ Can MSA-Patterns Indicate the Occurrence of Neural Events?

# Hippocampus - Thalamus Interactions During SPW-R

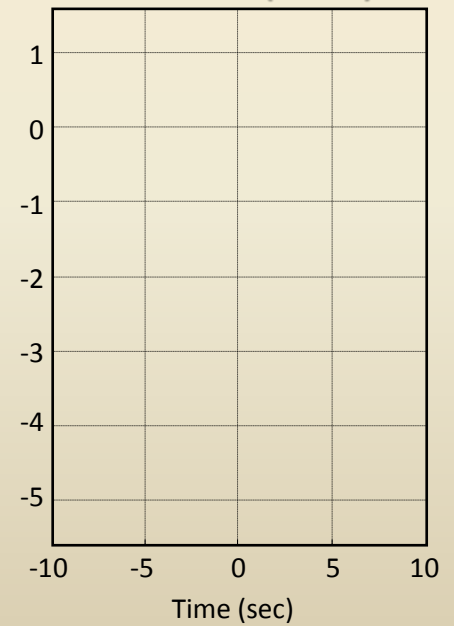


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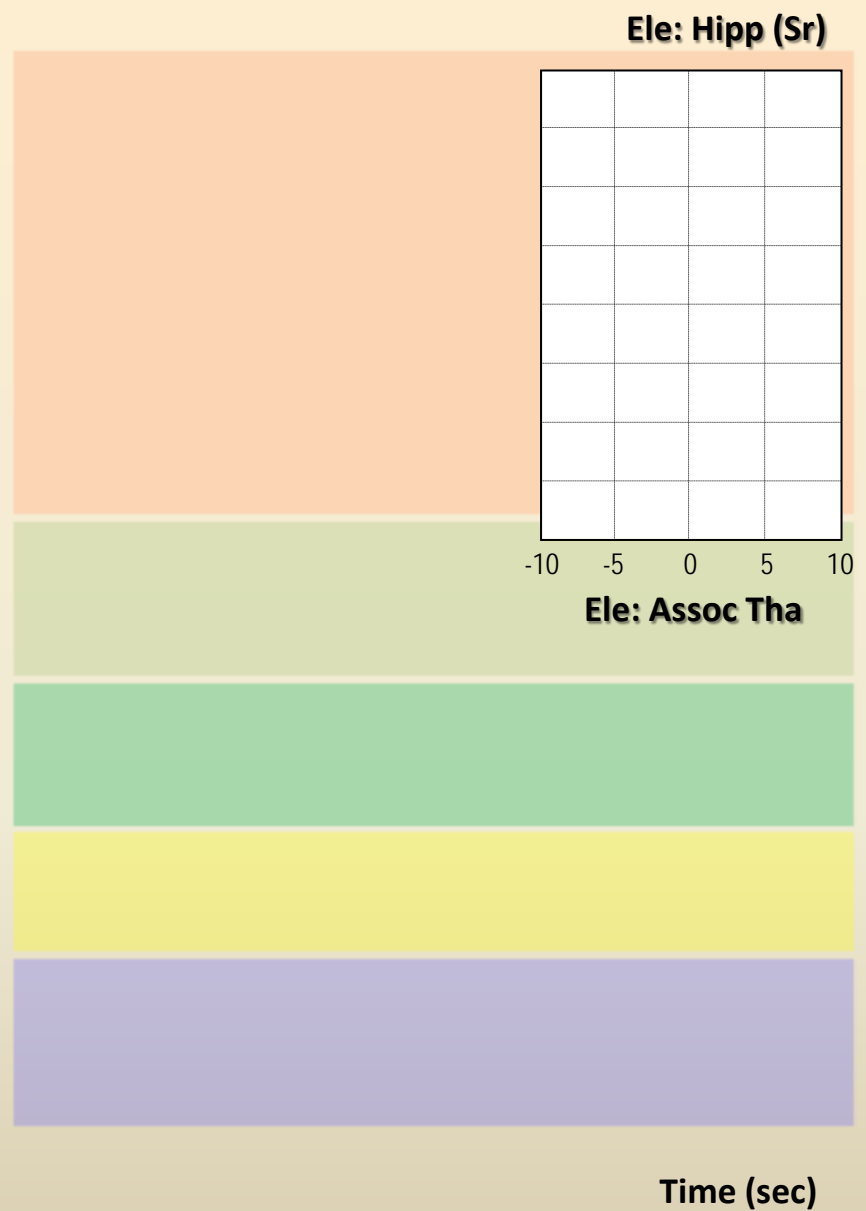
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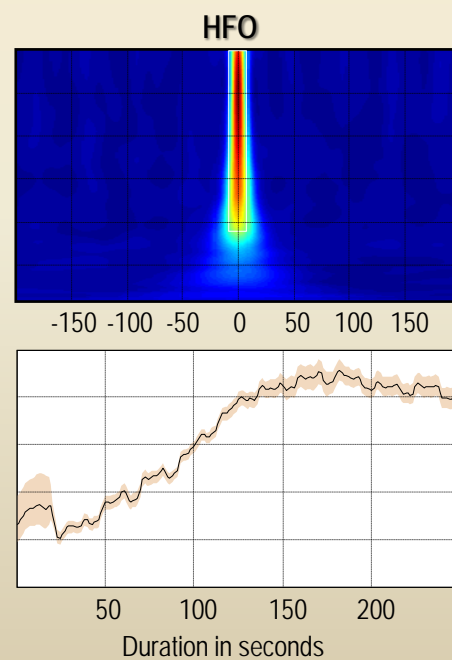
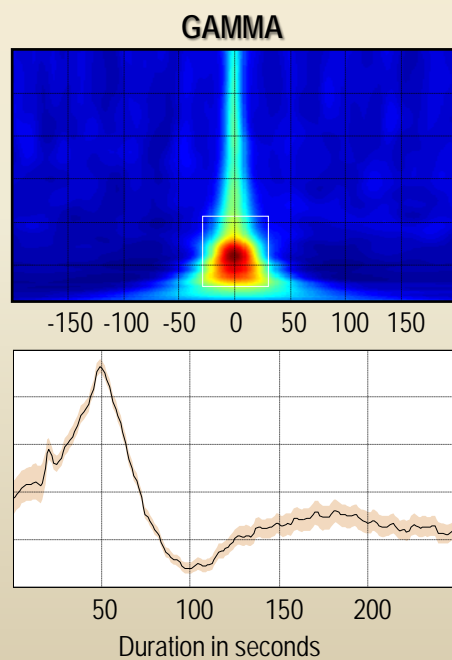
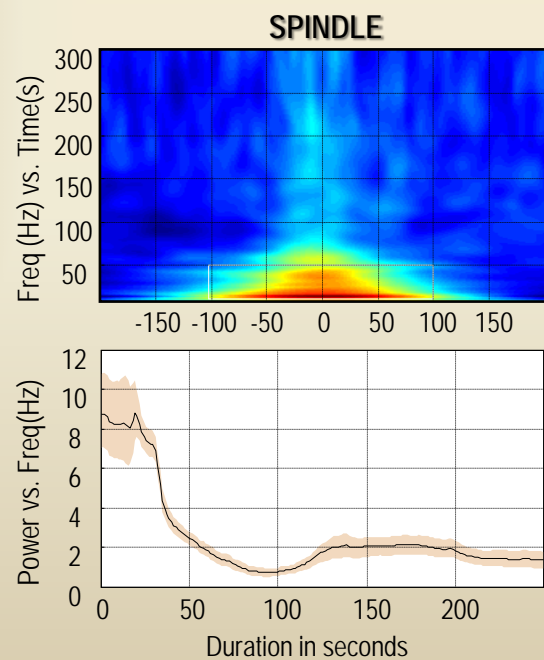
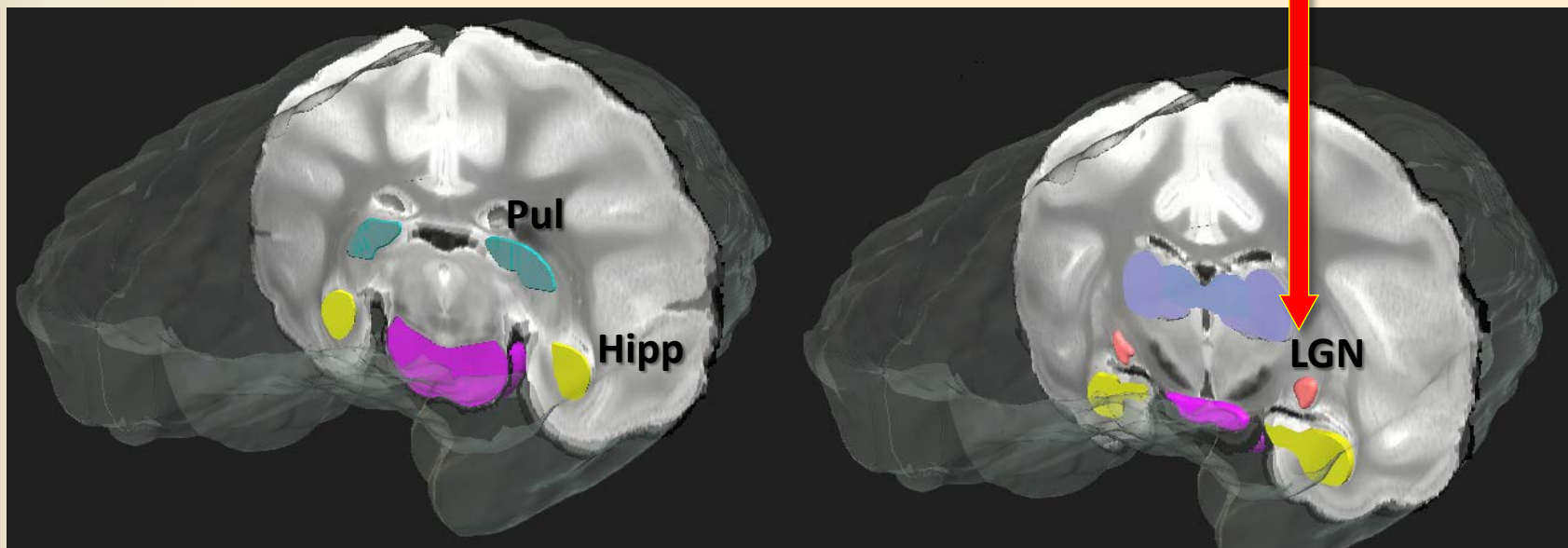
Pulvinar (Assoc)





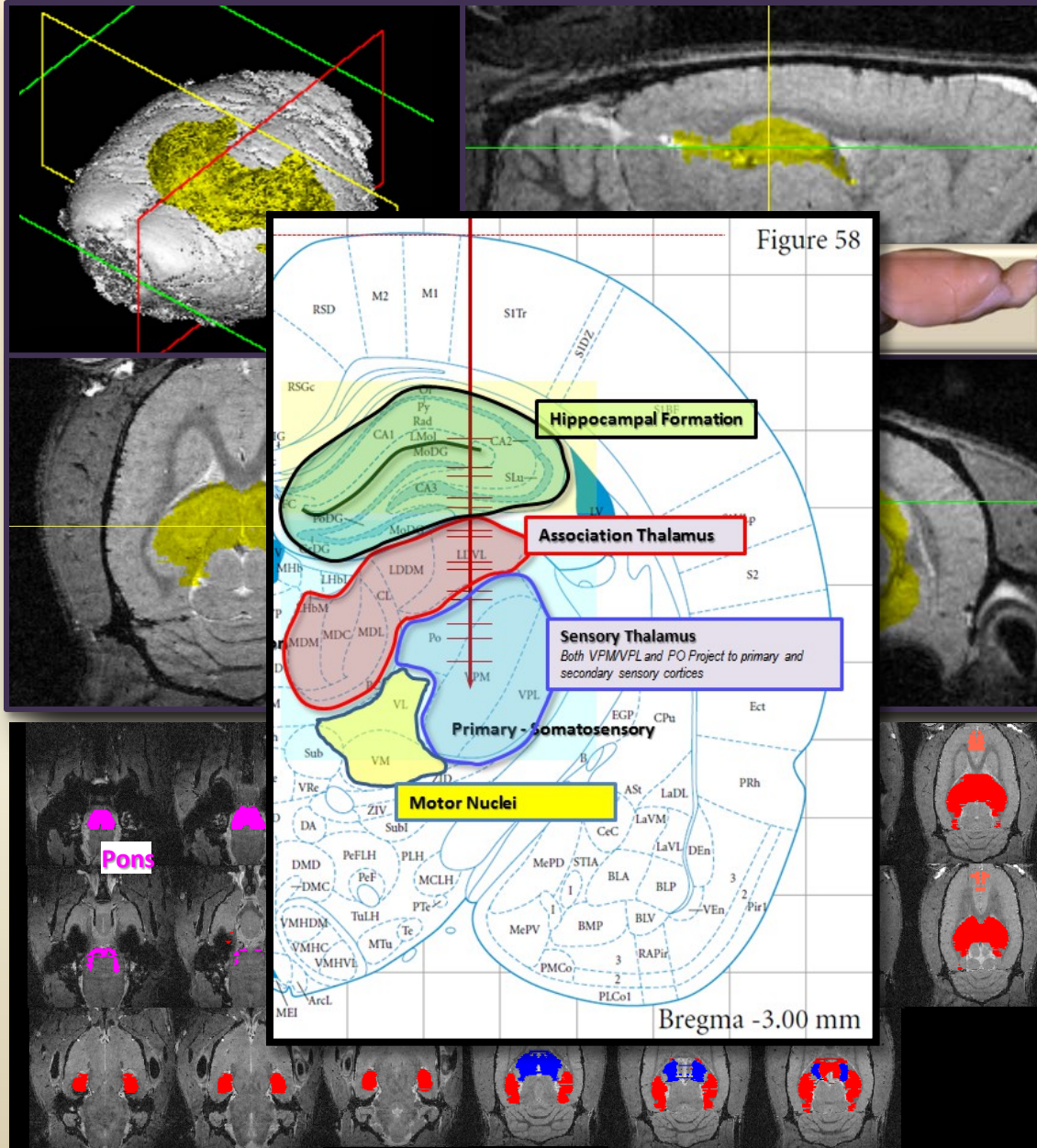








# Neural-Event Triggered fMRI in Rats



Infralimbic-Prelimbic (PFC is mPFC + FrA)	
Frontal_Association	<b>PFC</b>
Orbitofrontal_Cortex	
Parietal_Association_Cortex	
Temporal_Association_Cortex	
Secondary_Motor_Cortex	
Primary_Motor_Cortex	
Secondary_Somatosensory_Cortex	
Primary_Somatosensory_Cortex	
Secondary_Auditory_Cortex	
Primary_Auditory_Cortex	
Area_V2	
Visual_Cortex	
Retrosplenial_Cortex	
Cingulate	
Dysgranular_Granular_Insular_Cortex_Dorsal	
Agranular_Insular_Cortex	
Agranular_Posterior_Insular_Cortex	
Olfactory	
Entorhinal_Cortex	
<b>Subiculum</b>	
<b>Ventral_Hippocampus</b>	<b>HF</b>
<b>Intermediate_Hippocampus</b>	
<b>Dorsal_Hippocampus</b>	
Piriform_Cortex (part of rhinencephalon situated in telencephalon)	
Amygdala	
Zona_Inserta	
StriaTerminalis	
<b>Diagonal_Band + Septum</b>	
<b>Hypothalamus (supramammillary receives RPO input/send MSDB)</b>	
Globus_Pallidus	
Accumbens	
Ventromedial_Striatum	
Dorsolateral_Striatum	
<b>Lateral_Thalamus</b>	<b>Thal</b>
<b>Median_Thalamus</b>	
<b>Anterior_Thalamus</b>	
Ventral_Tegmental_Area	
SubNigra	
Periaqueductal_Gray	
Inferior_Colliculus	
Superior_Colliculus	
MesE	
LC+CGn+SubC	
Raphe	
<b>Pontine_Region</b>	<b>Pons</b>
Deep_cerebellar_nuclei	
Parafloclonodular	
Lateral_cerebellar_hemisphere	
Anterior_cerebellar_lobe	
Intermediate_cerebellar_hemisphere	
Vermis	

