

# Investigating the spatio-temporal dynamics of neuromagnetic activity by using magnetoencephalography

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- (3) *Signal generation*
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- (5) *Projects in Jülich*



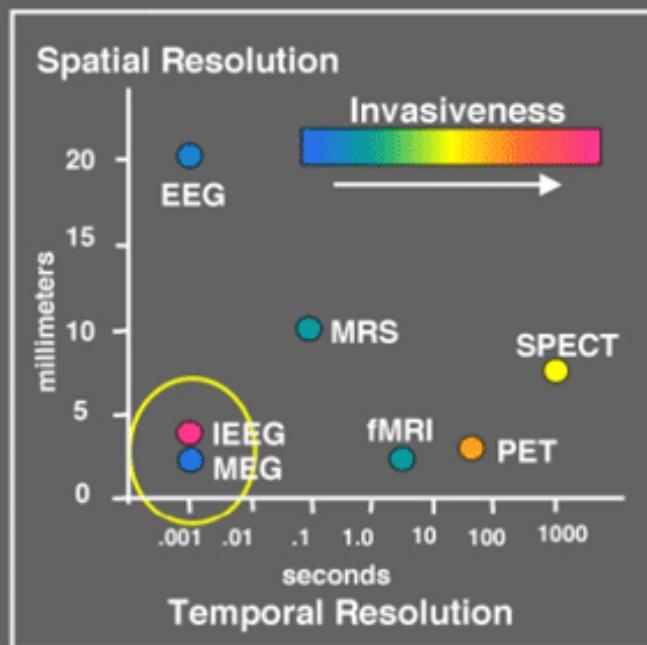
*“What is MEG?”*

*“Applications & key technologies”*

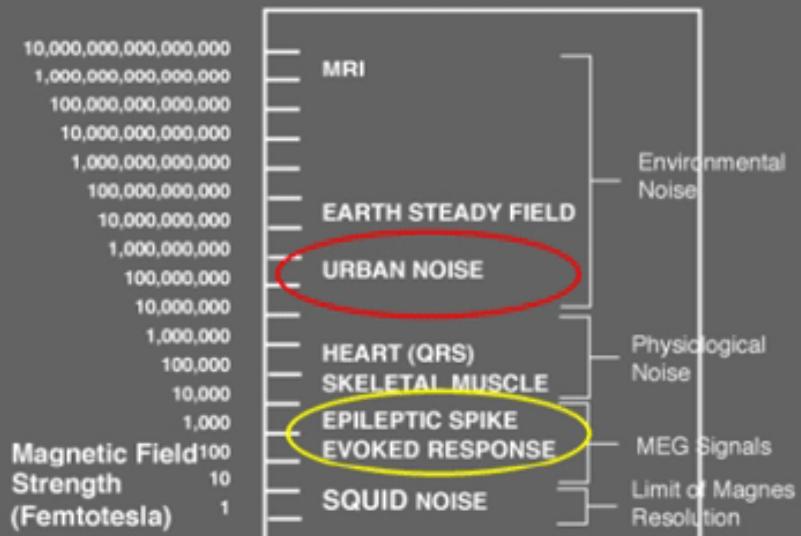
# Properties of MEG

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MEG Provides High Spatial  
and High Temporal  
Resolution



Strengths of Biological and  
Environmental Magnetic Fields



# The early days

**David Cohen**

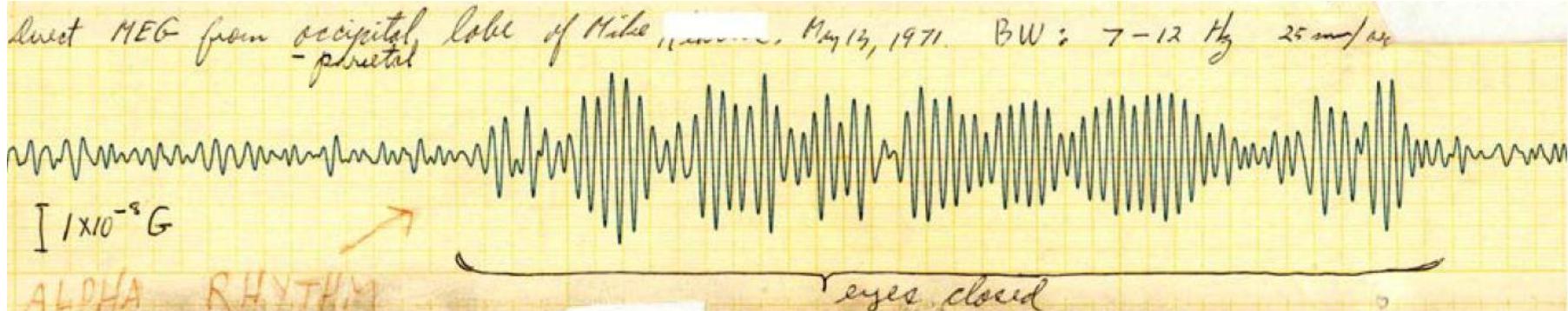


Martinos Center for Biomedical Imaging

**First MCG in 1969**



**First MEG in 1971**

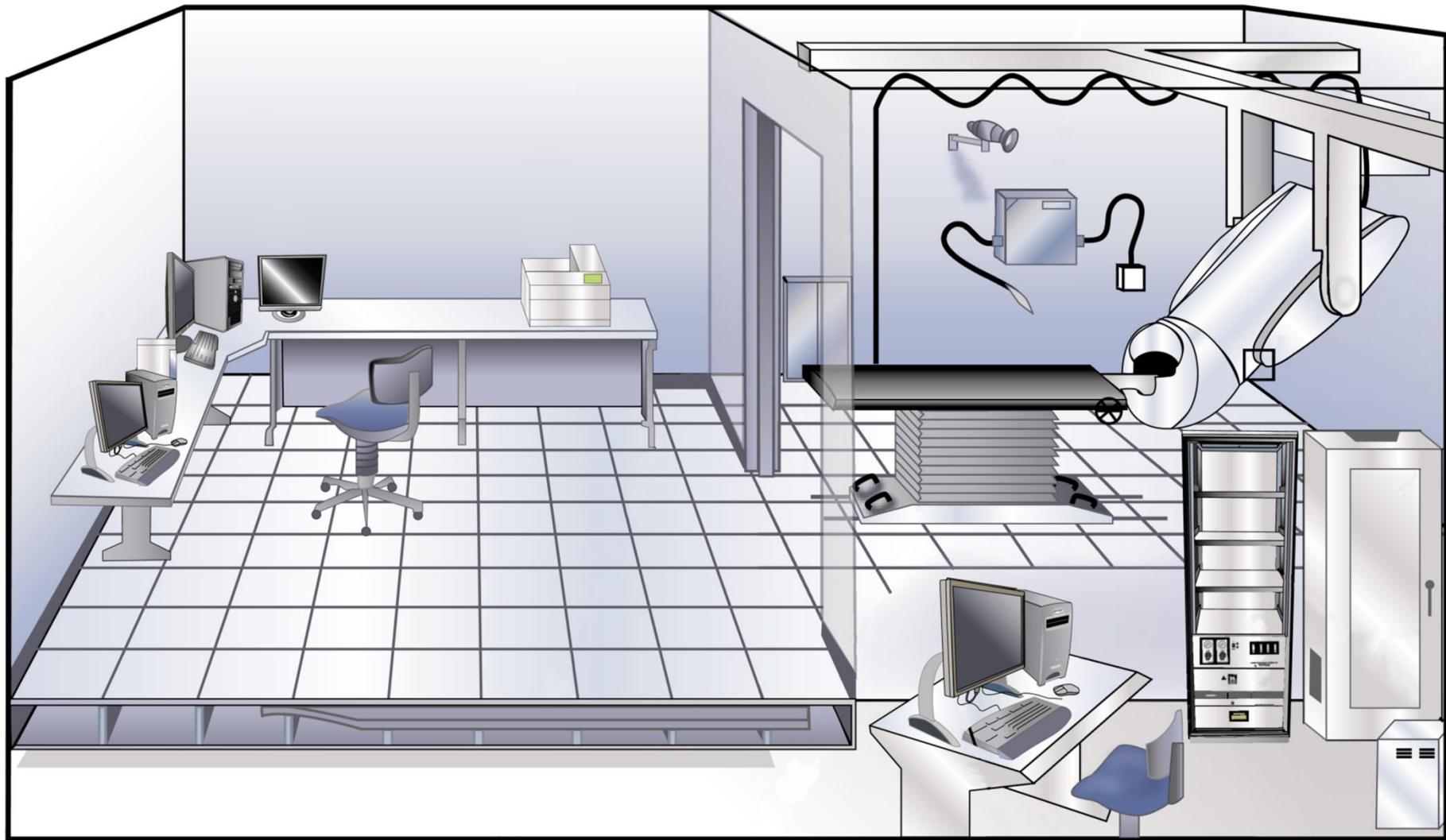


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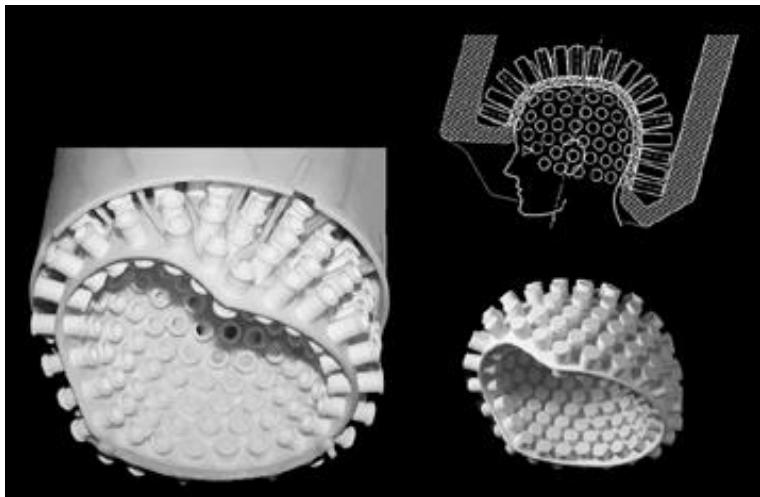
248 magnetometer whole-head MEG system (4D-Neuroimaging)



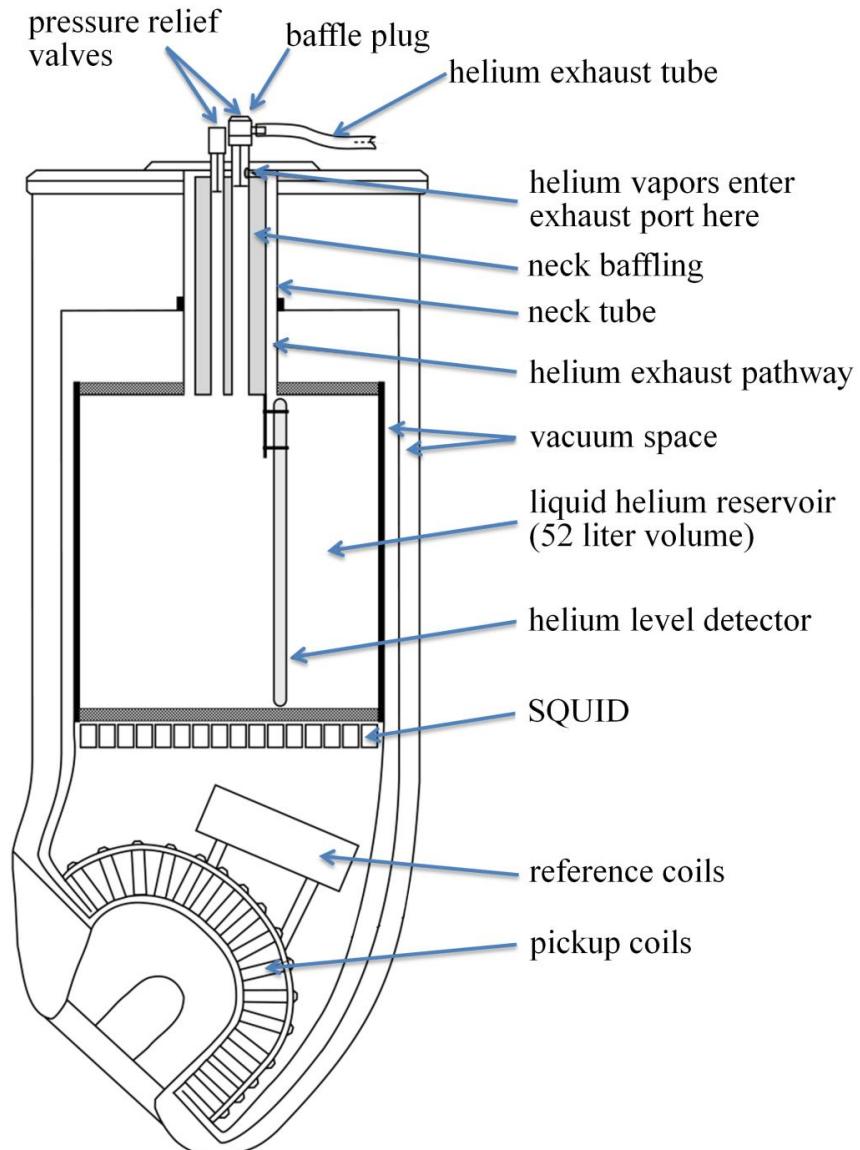
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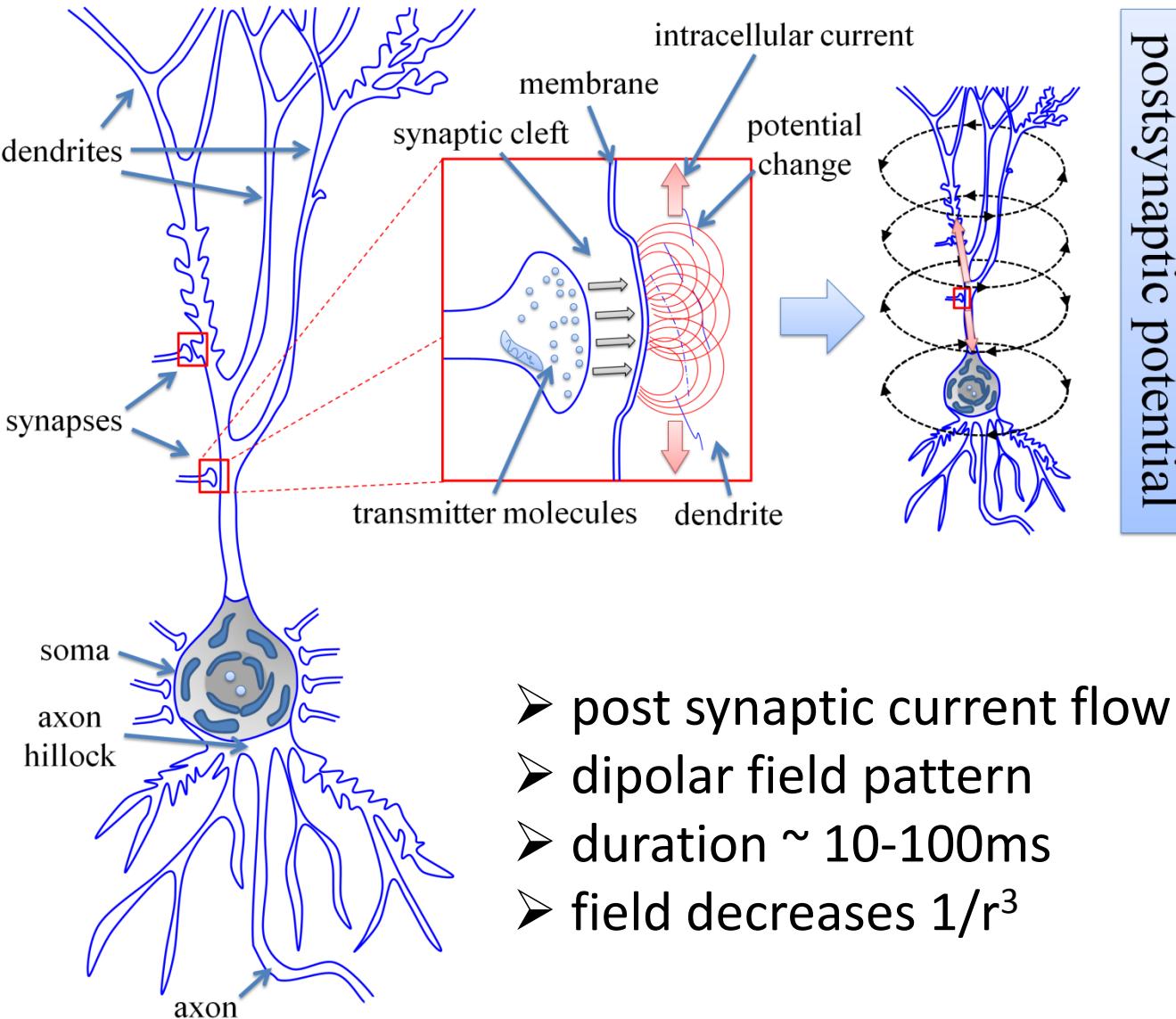
# *System properties*



- non- invasive
- non-contact
- 248 high-sensitive detectors
- time resolution ms

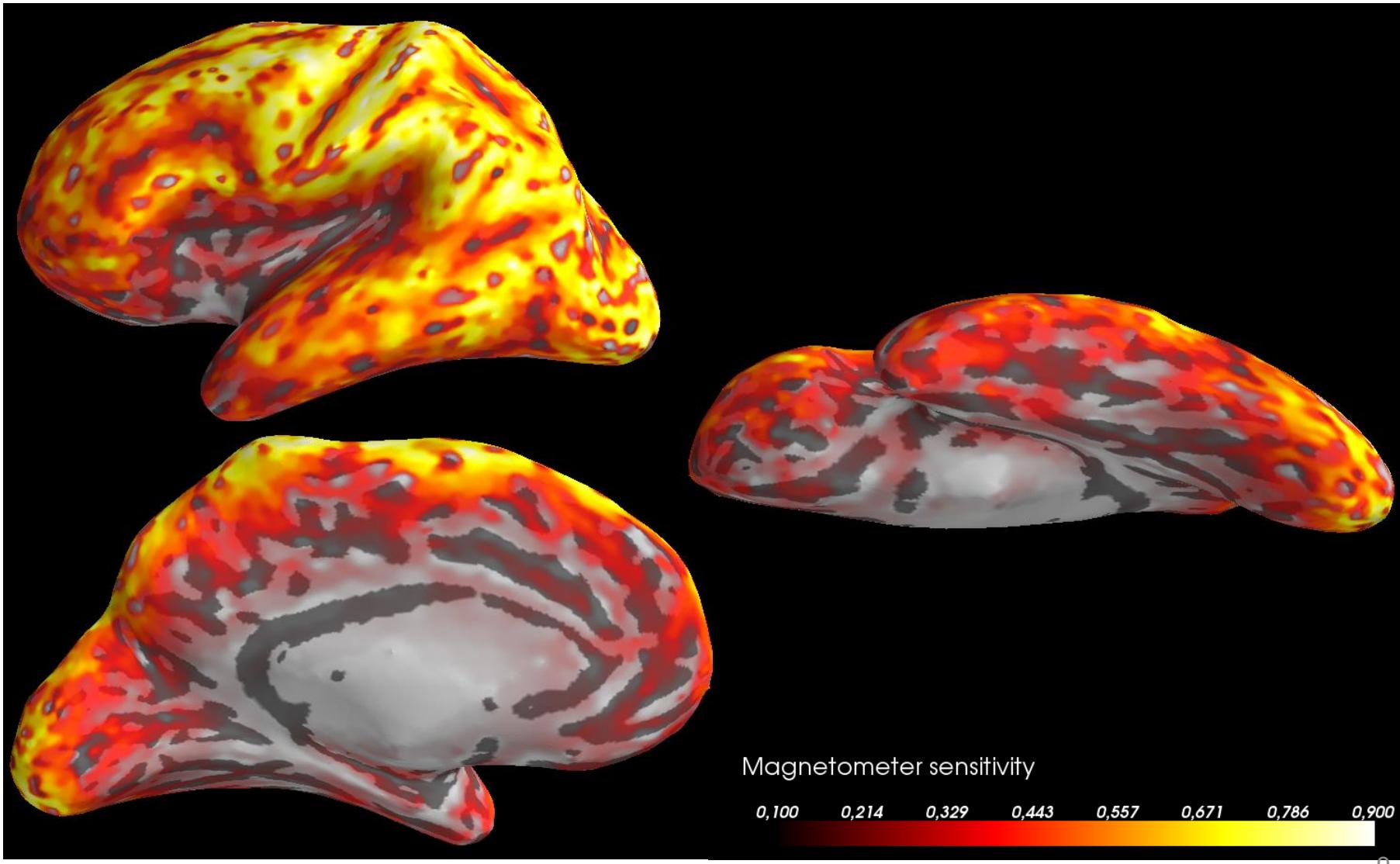


# Signal generation



- post synaptic current flow
- dipolar field pattern
- duration  $\sim 10\text{-}100\text{ms}$
- field decreases  $1/r^3$

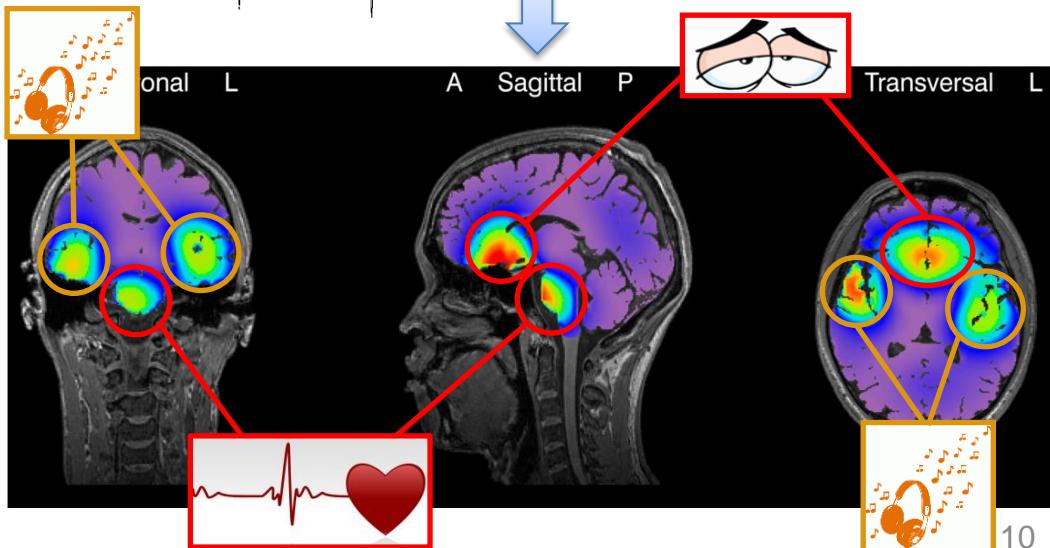
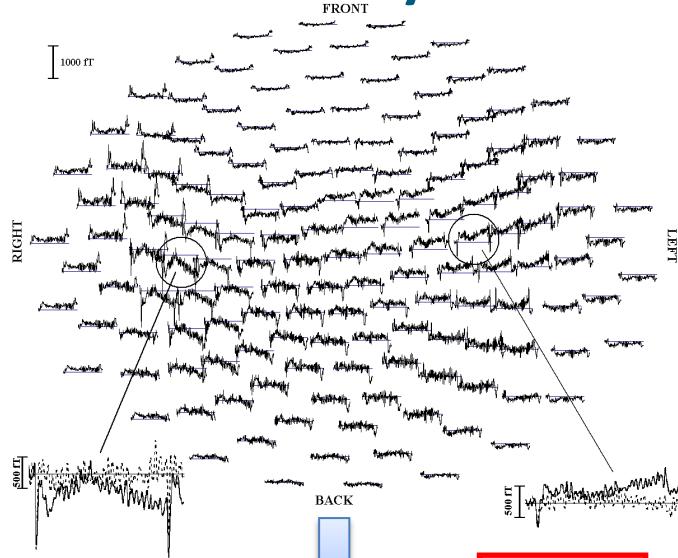
# *Sensitivity map*



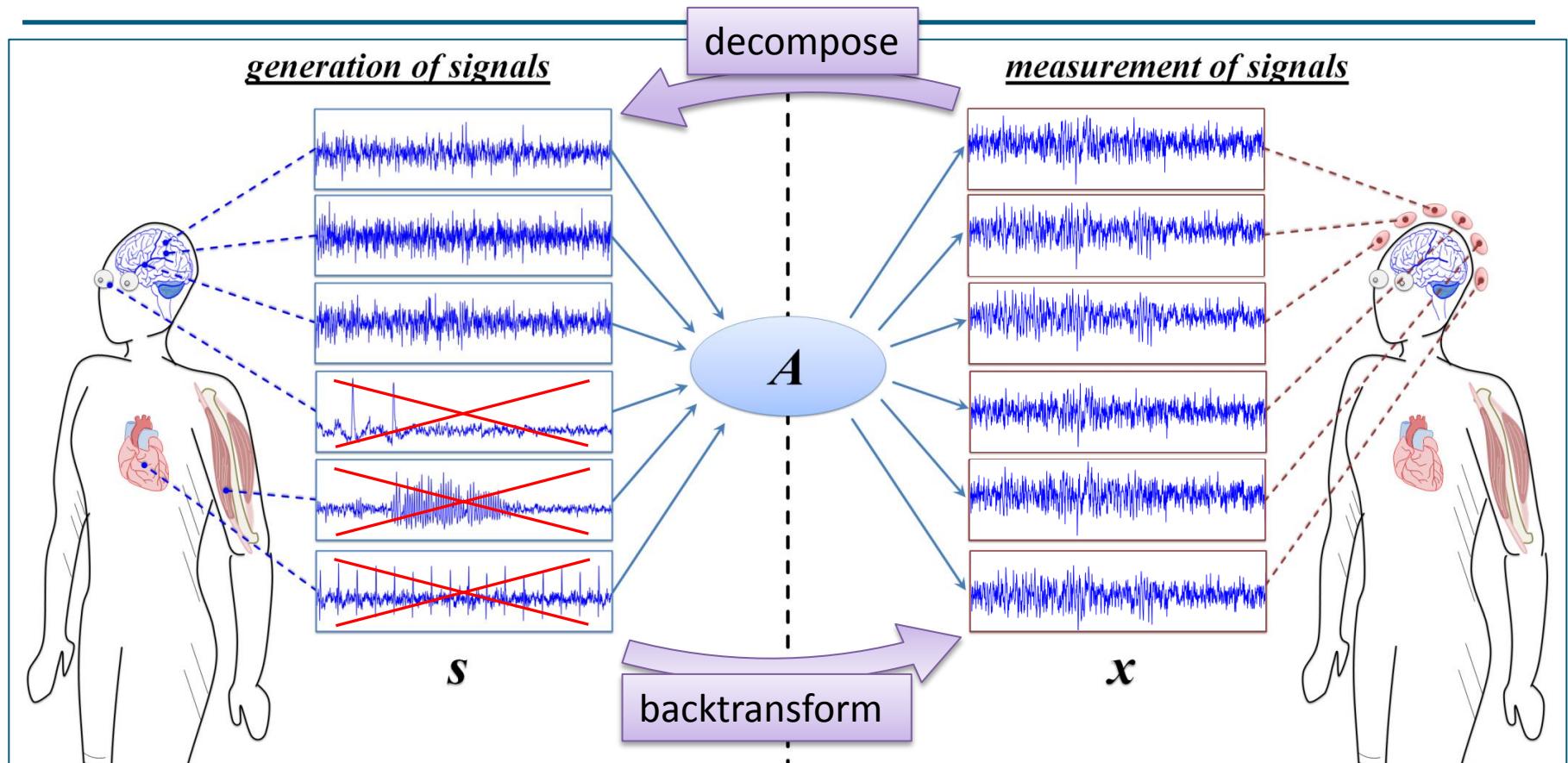
# Artifact rejection



## sensor layout



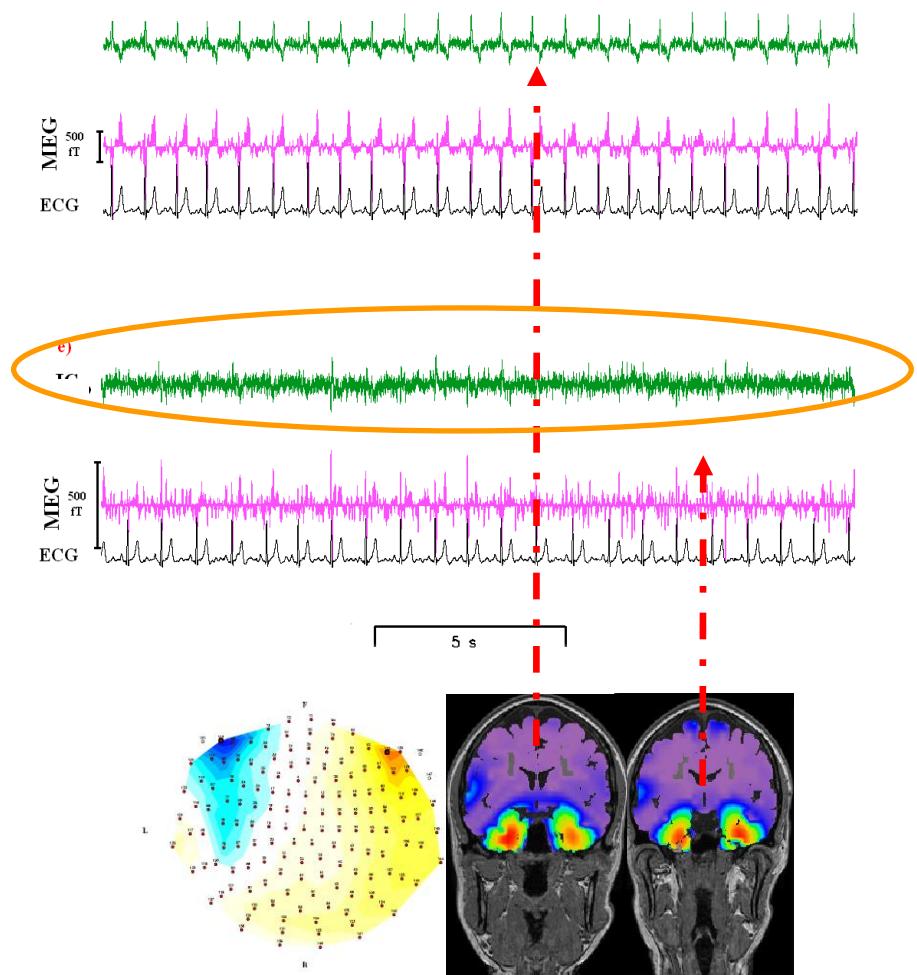
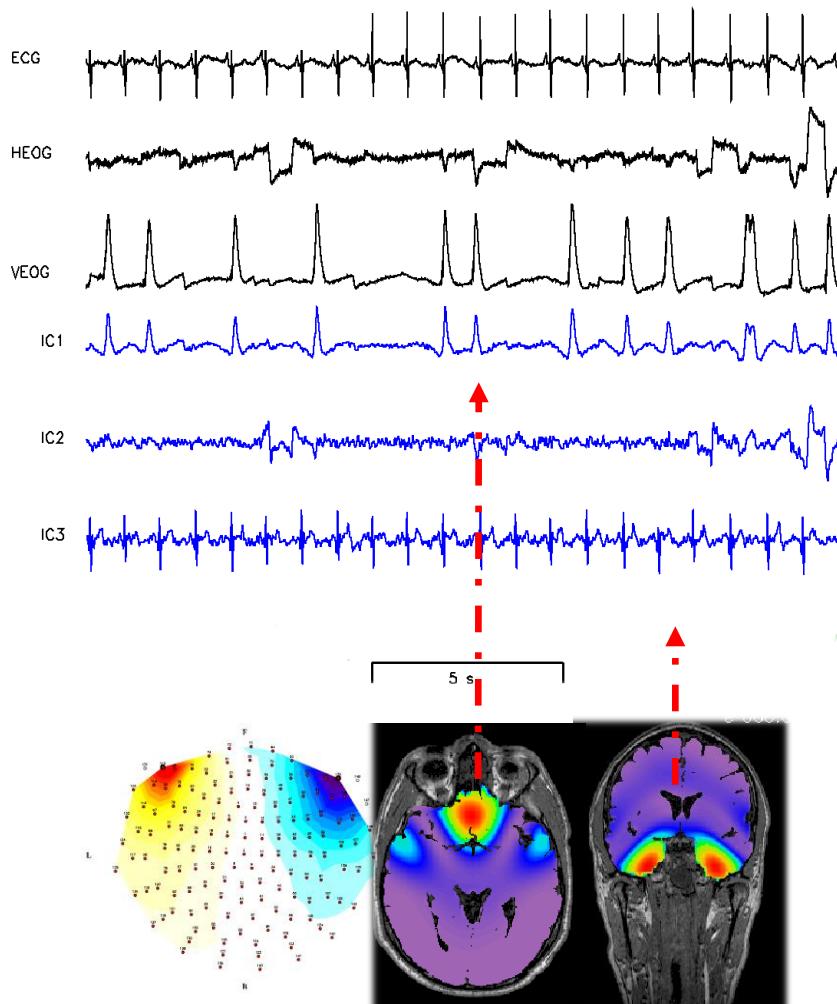
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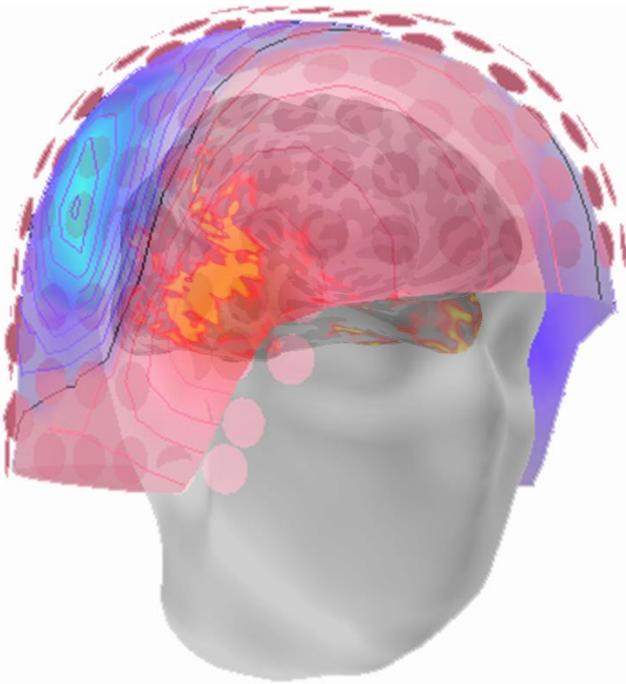
## Independent Component Analysis (ICA):

- linear mixture:  $x = A \cdot s$
- **goal:** find a linear transformation  $W \approx A^{-1}$  that makes the output as **independent as possible**:  $s = W \cdot x$
- “*different physical processes generate outputs that are independent of each other*”

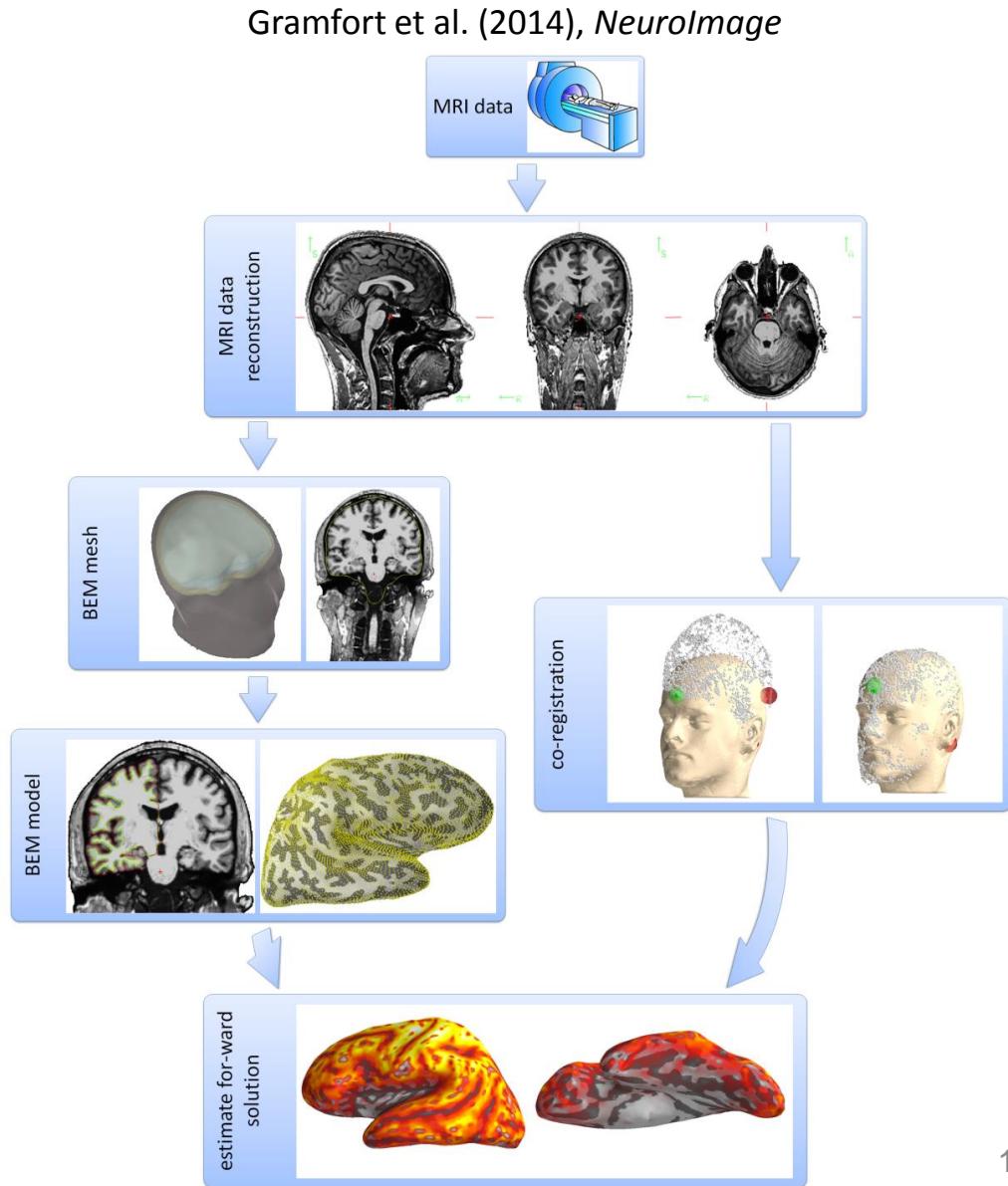
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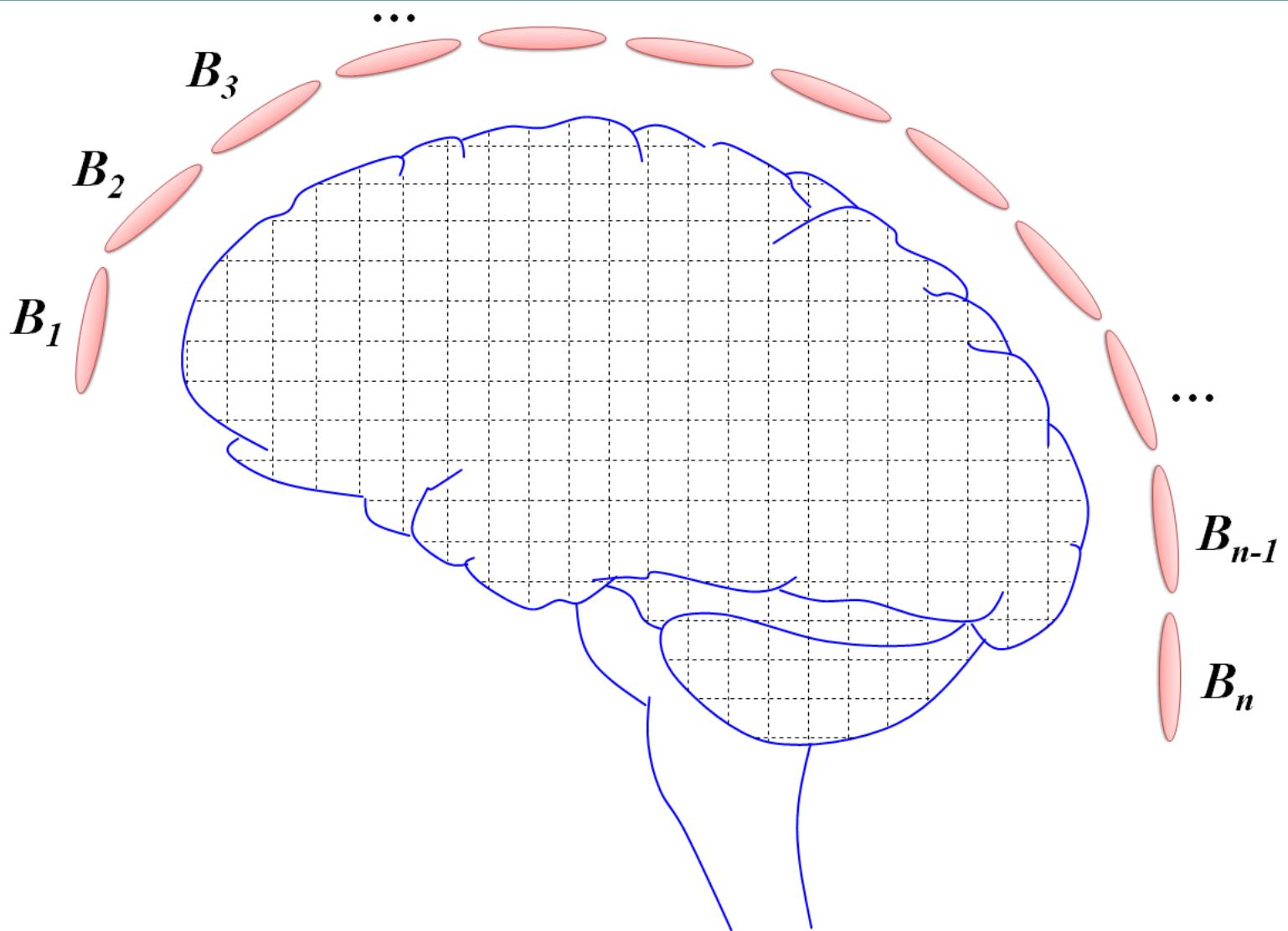
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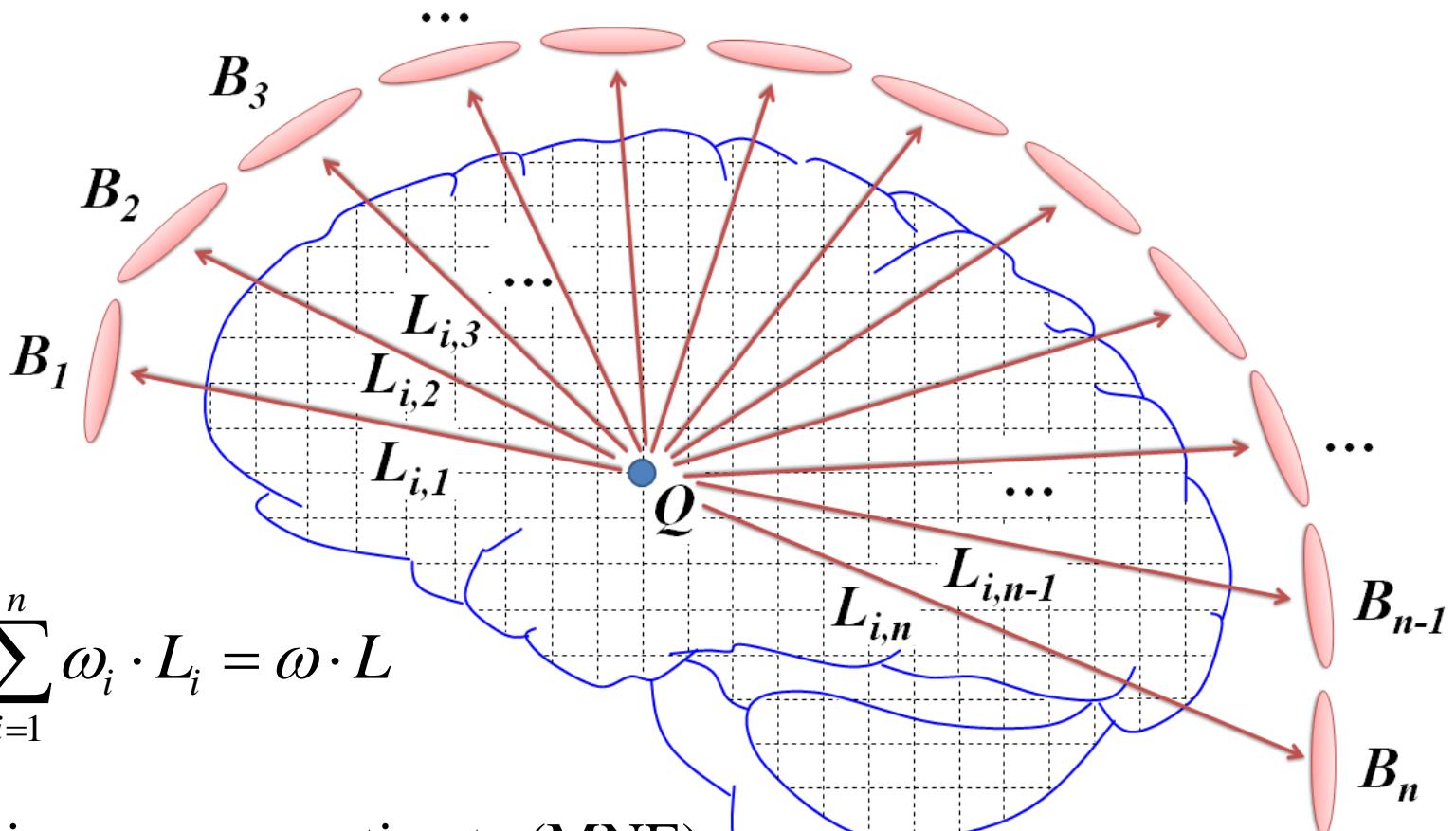
➡ Inverse Problem



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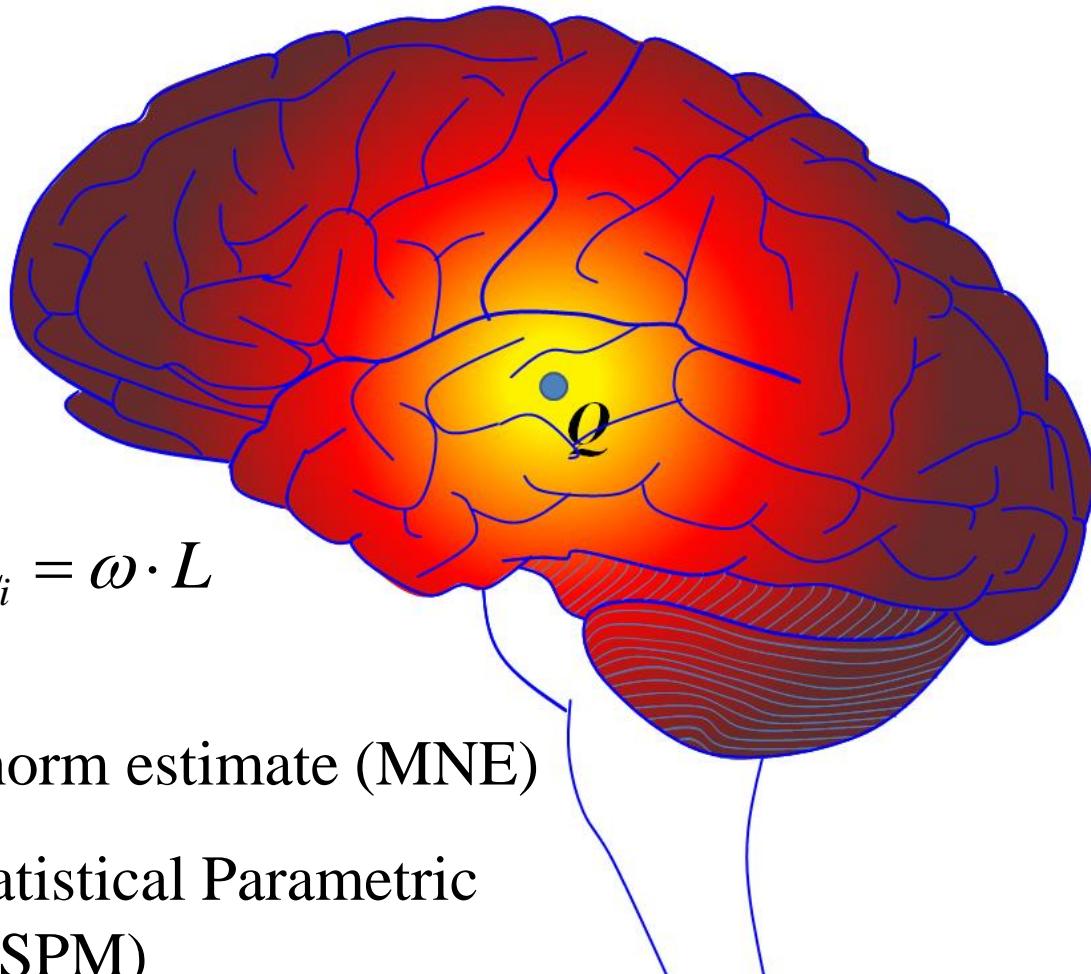


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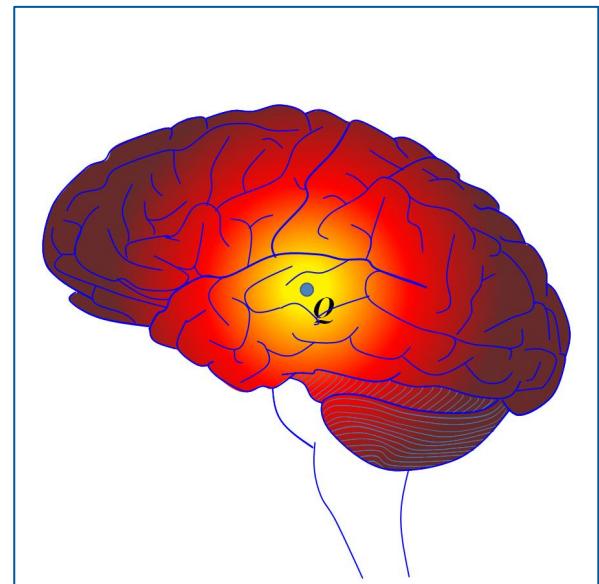
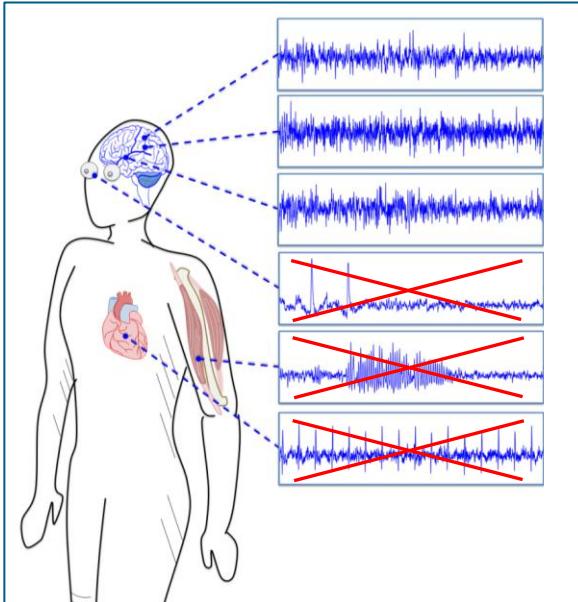
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# Summary preprocessing



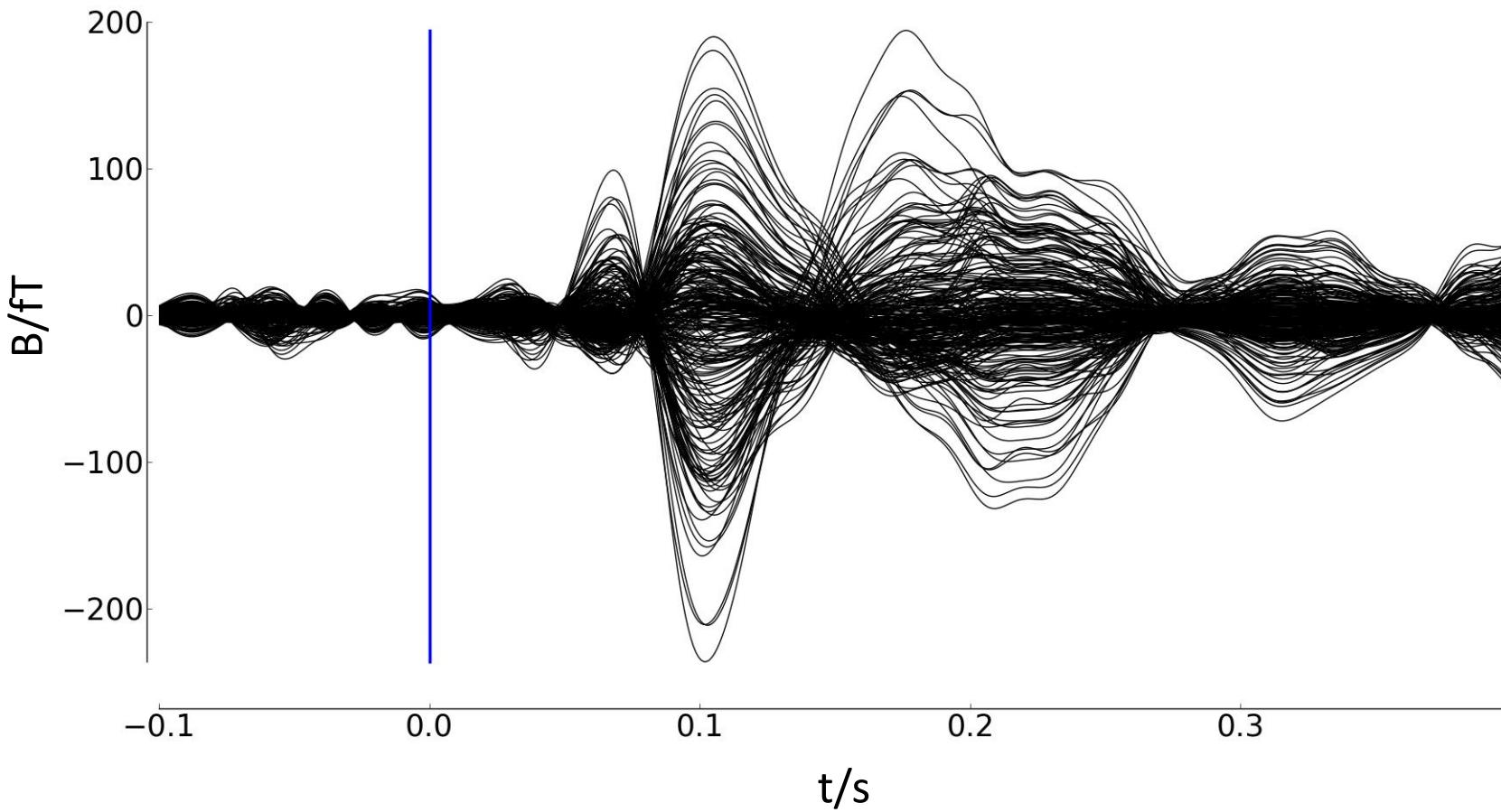
filtering

signal cleaning

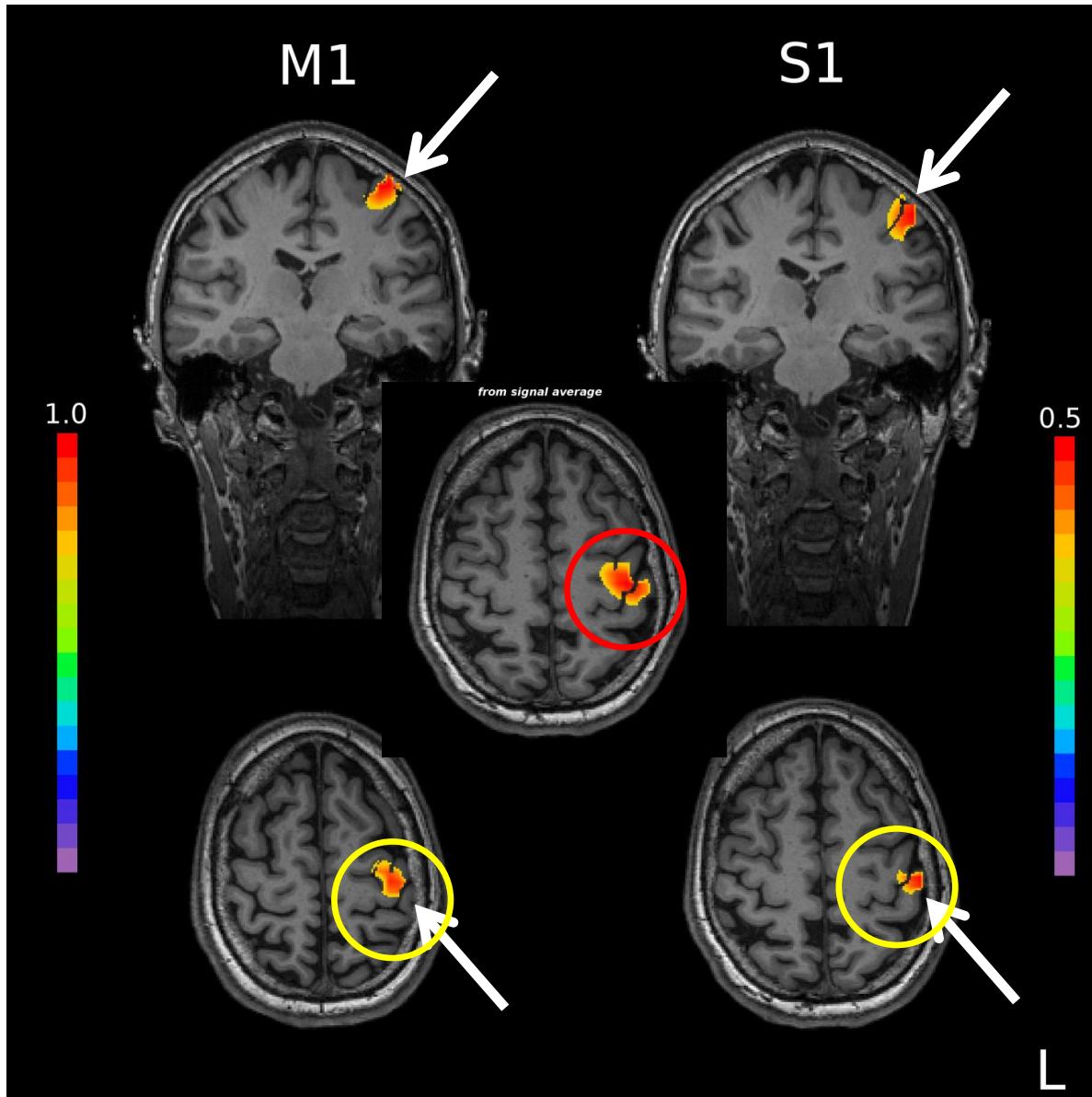
source localization

# Results

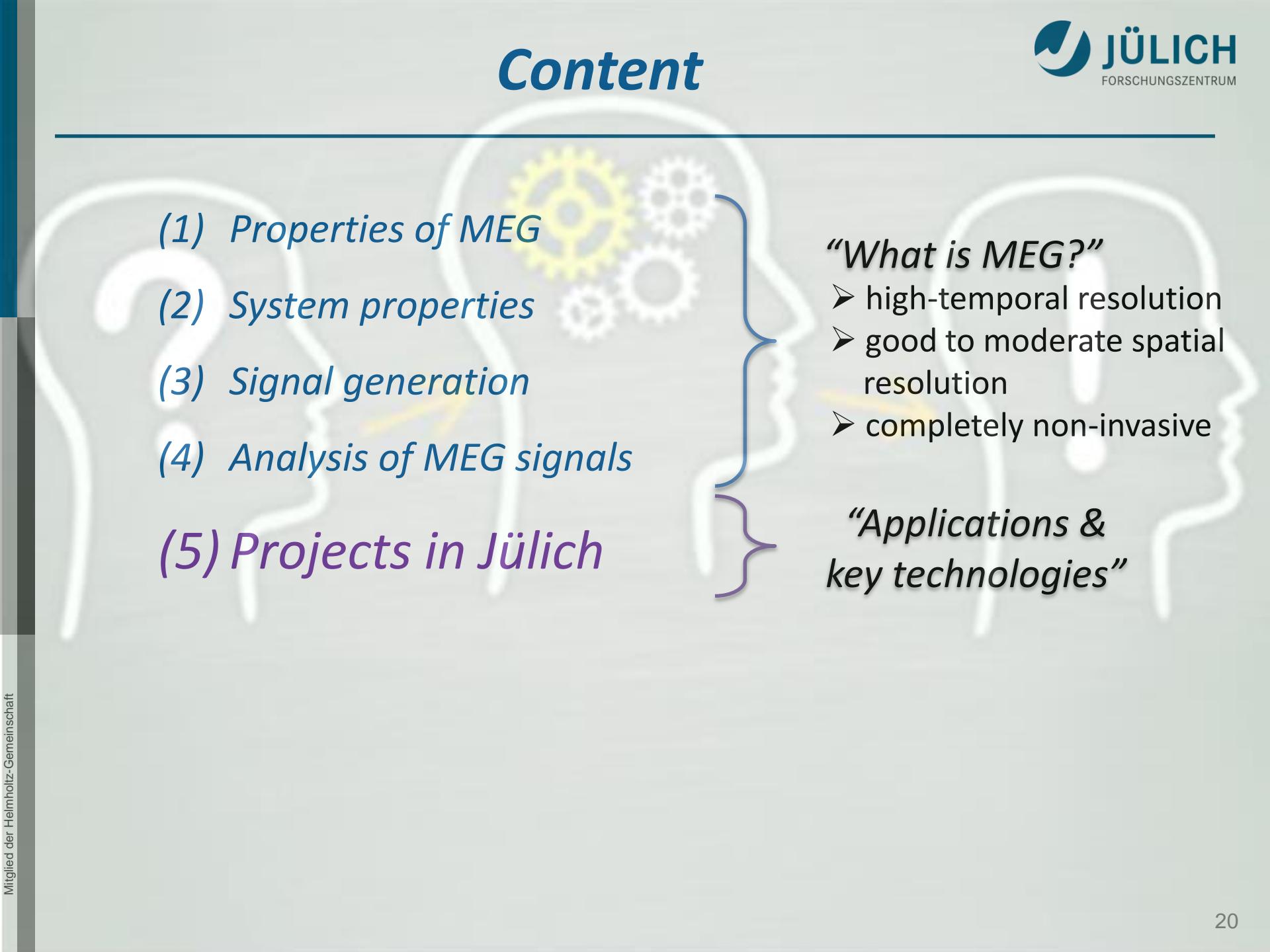
## *Auditory cued finger tapping*



# Results



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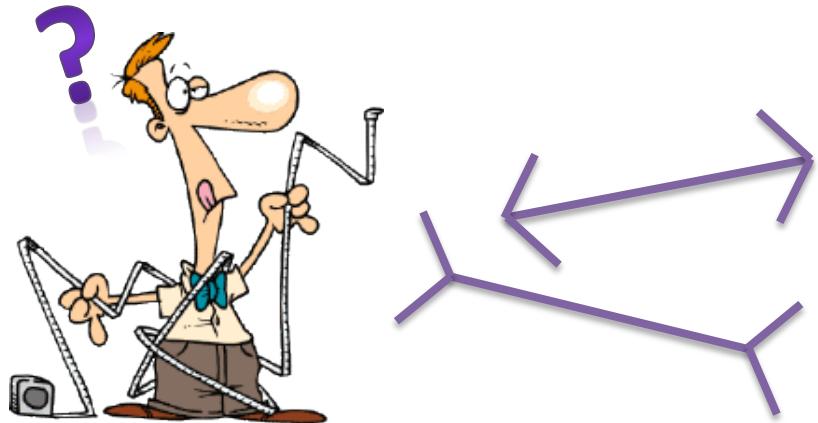
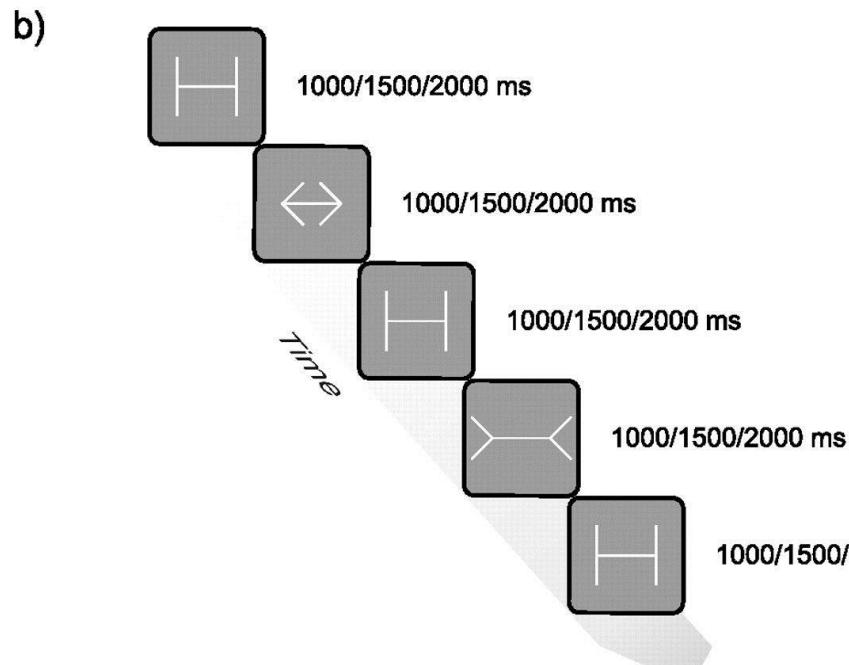
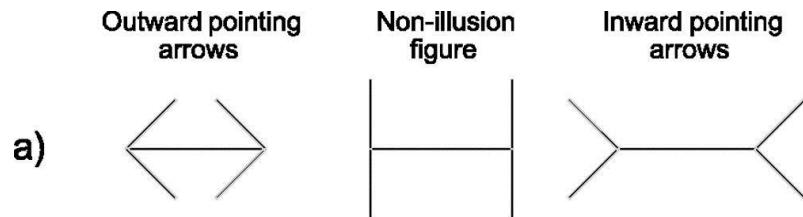
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- high-temporal resolution
- good to moderate spatial resolution
- completely non-invasive

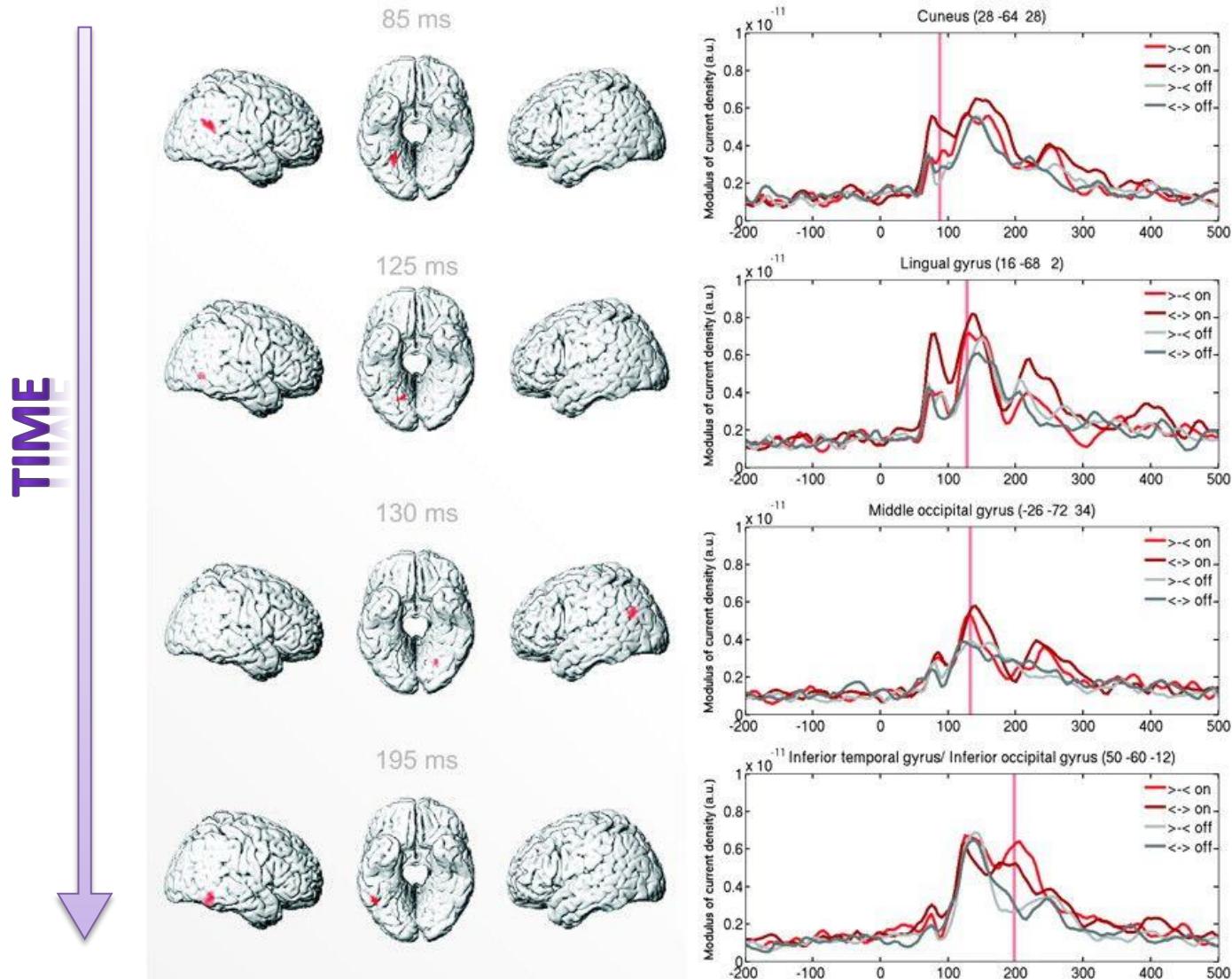
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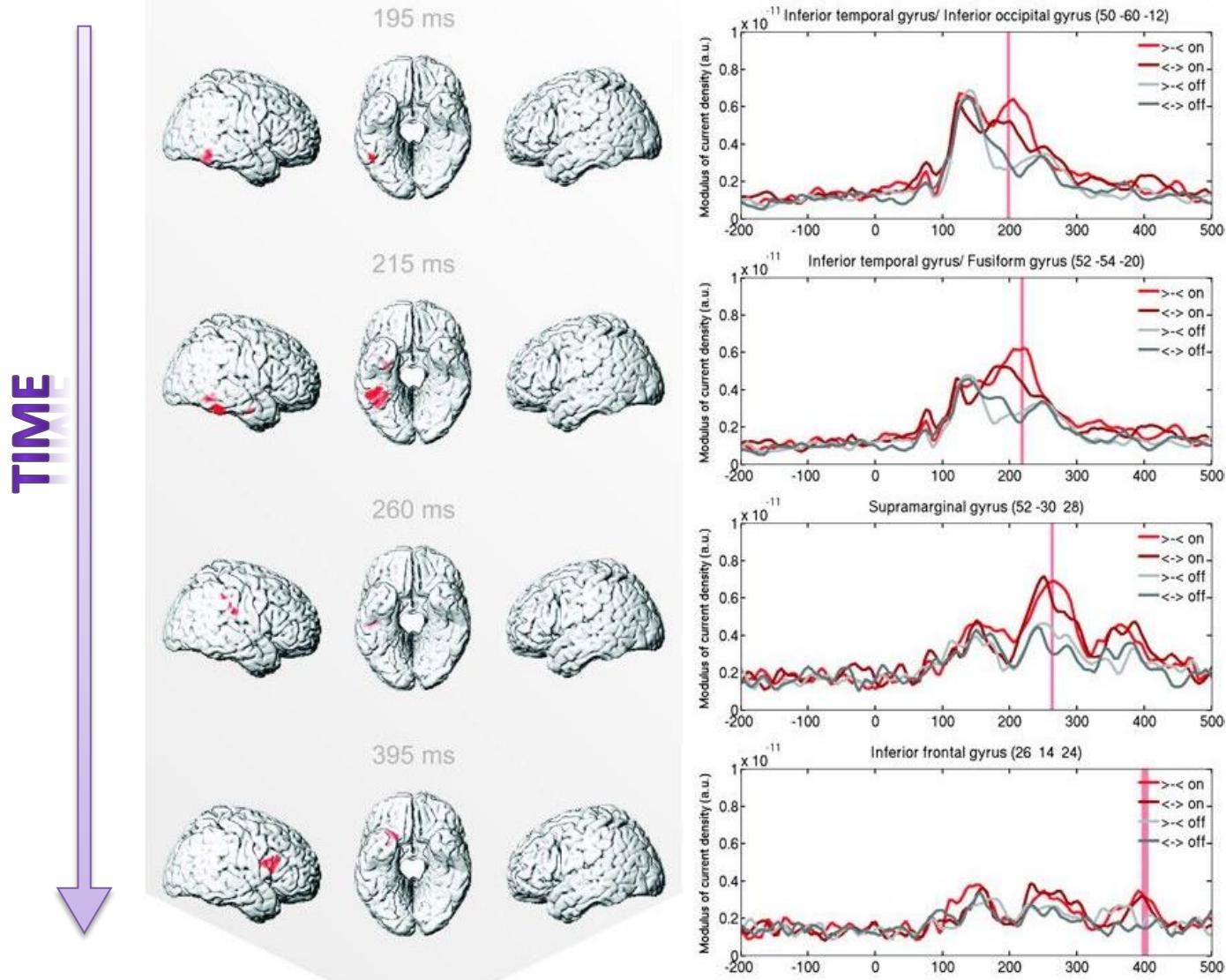
## (a) Müller-Lyer figures used in the experiment.



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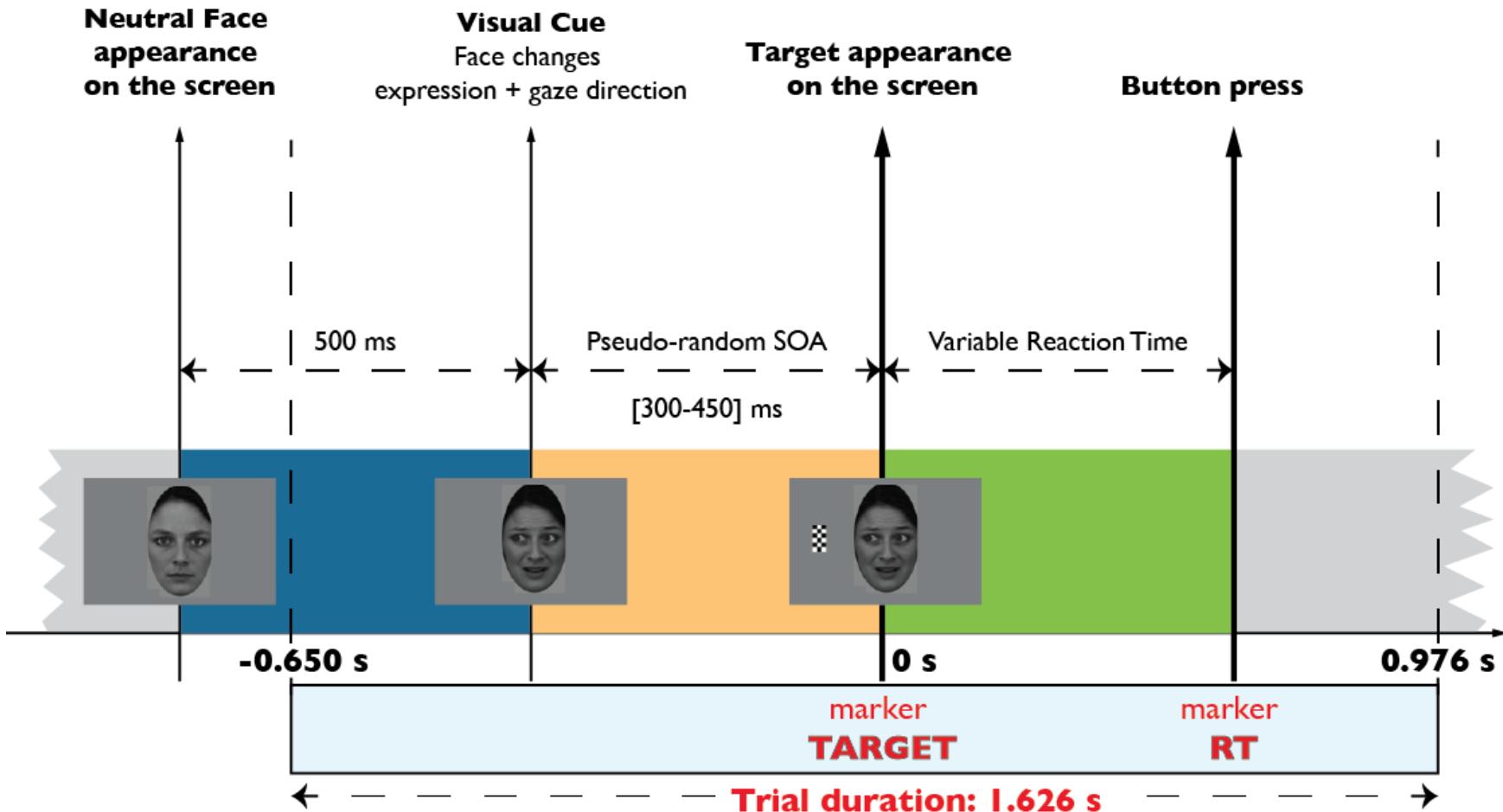


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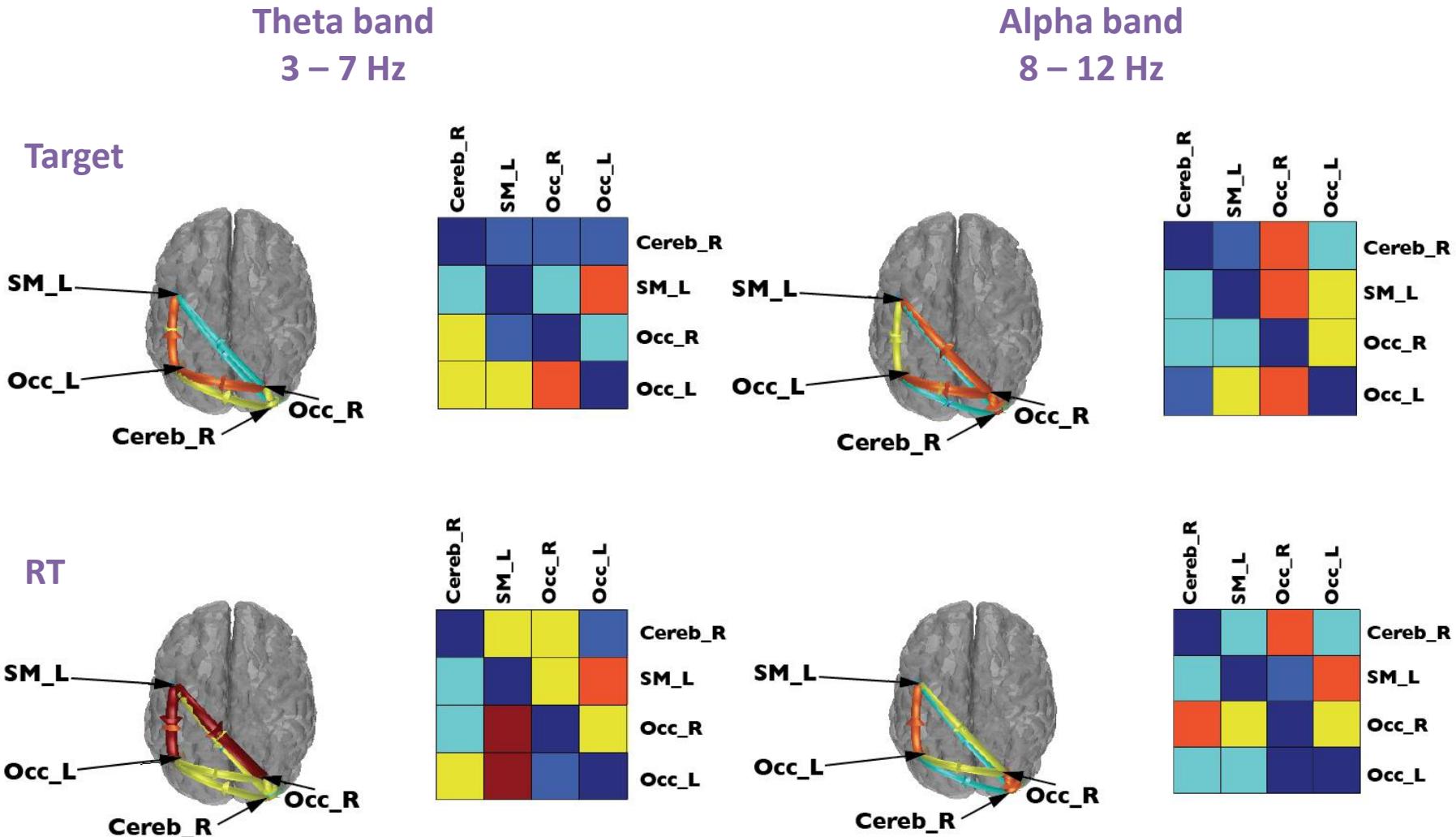


## Application to a gaze cueing MEG study

### *Processing of target presentation in a gaze cuing paradigm*



# CTPS BASED CAUSALITY ANALYSIS

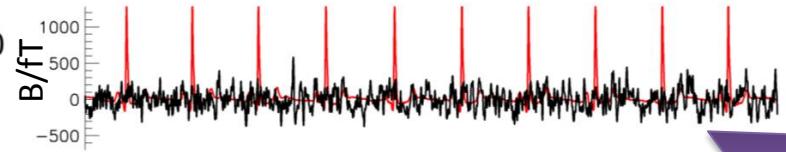
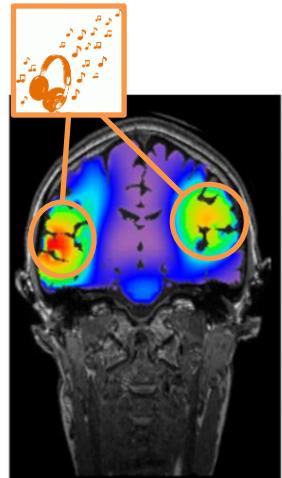
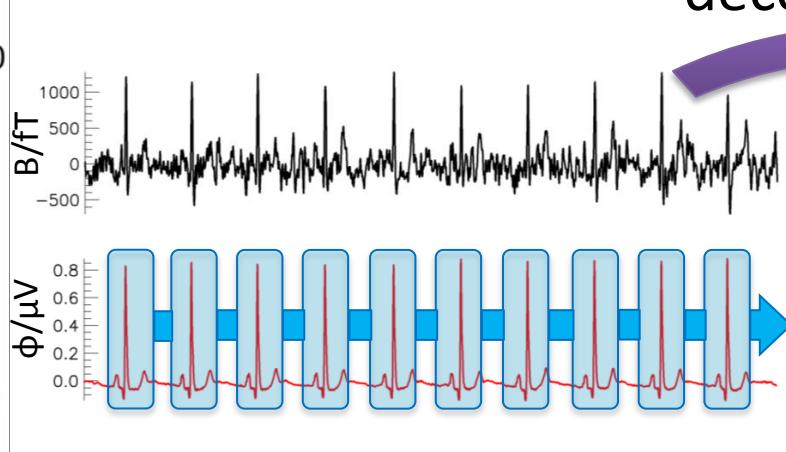
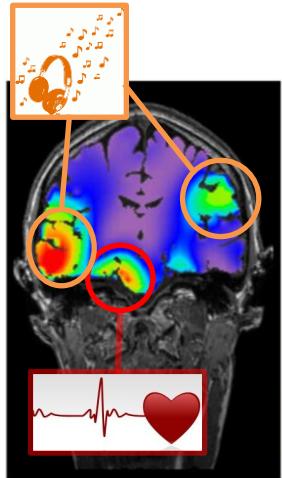


# **MEG 2.0**

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- ***HIGH-T<sub>c</sub> SQUID for MEG***

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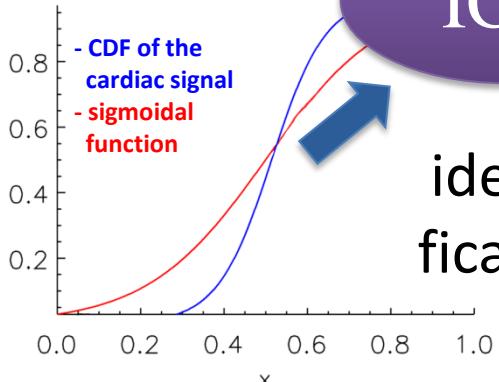


decomposition

$W$  from previous  
ICA estimation

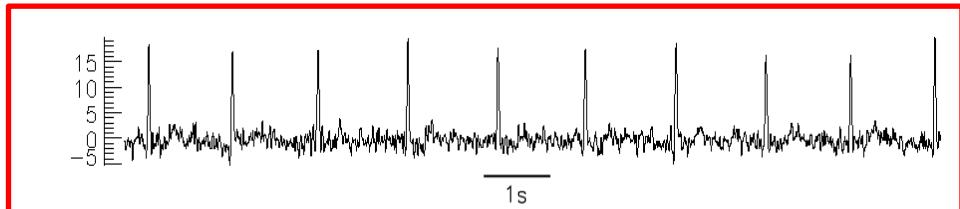
ICA

identi-  
fication



CTPS<sup>1</sup>

back transform



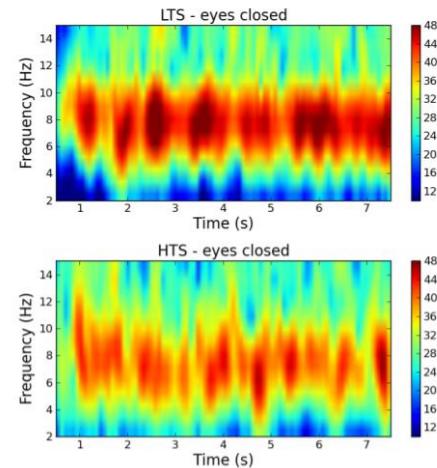
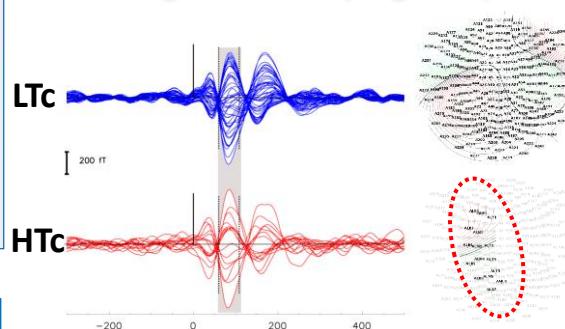
# HIGH-Tc SQUID for MEG

## Liquid nitrogen

- (almost) unlimited availability
- inexpensive
- easy handling
- long time between refills



## Averaged auditory signals (300 trials)



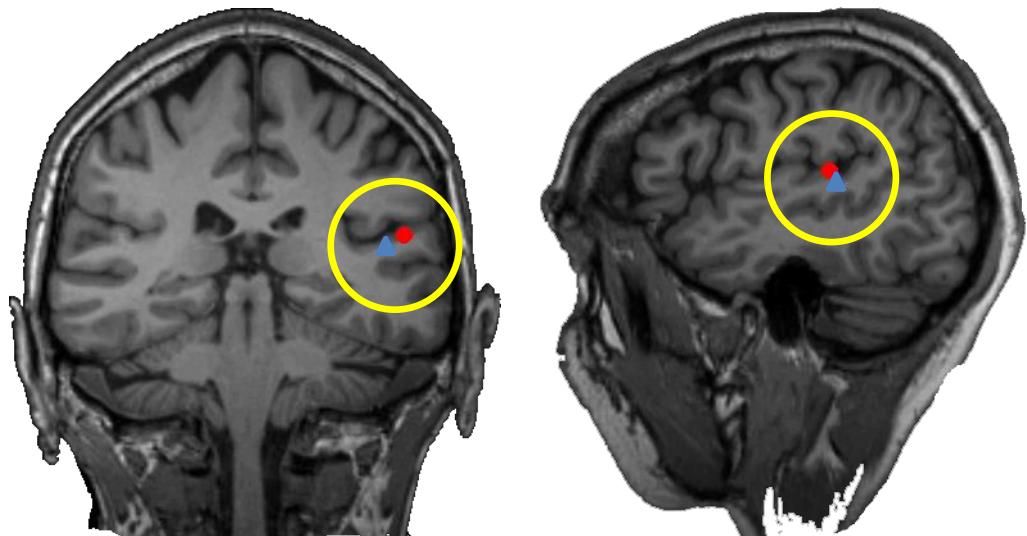
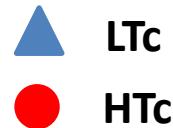
## Can we reproduce results of the low-Tc system?

- MEG signals ✓
- time-frequency ✓
- source localization ✓

## Displacement

→ 7.1 mm

[mm]	x	y	z
LTc	-2.0	54.9	618
HTc	-4.4	57.4	55.6
Distance	2.4	-2.5	6.2



Dammers, ... , Shah (2014), *Applied Phys. Let.*

## Magnetoenzephalographie (MEG)

*... to take away ...*

*studying the temporal dynamics of neuromagnetic activity with...*

- *high temporal resolution*
- *good to moderate spatial resolution*
- *completely non-invasive*

# Many Thanks for your Attention!

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