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# **Pain in the Brain: The Role of Functional Neuroimaging**

- **Biology of Nociception, Pain and Placebo**
  - Biopsychosocial model
  - Neuroanatomy of nociception
  - Perception of pain
  - Placebo response
- **Functional Neuroimaging Techniques**
  - Positron Emission Tomography (PET)
  - Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (fMRI)
- **Functional Neuroimaging of the Human Brain**
  - Imaging the placebo response
  - Imaging chronic pain (CTS)
  - Imaging resting state networks

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**The heights of great men reached and kept  
Were not attained by sudden flight,  
But they, while their companions slept,  
Were toiling upward through the night,**

**Henry Wadsworth Longfellow**

**"The Ladder of St. Augustine"**





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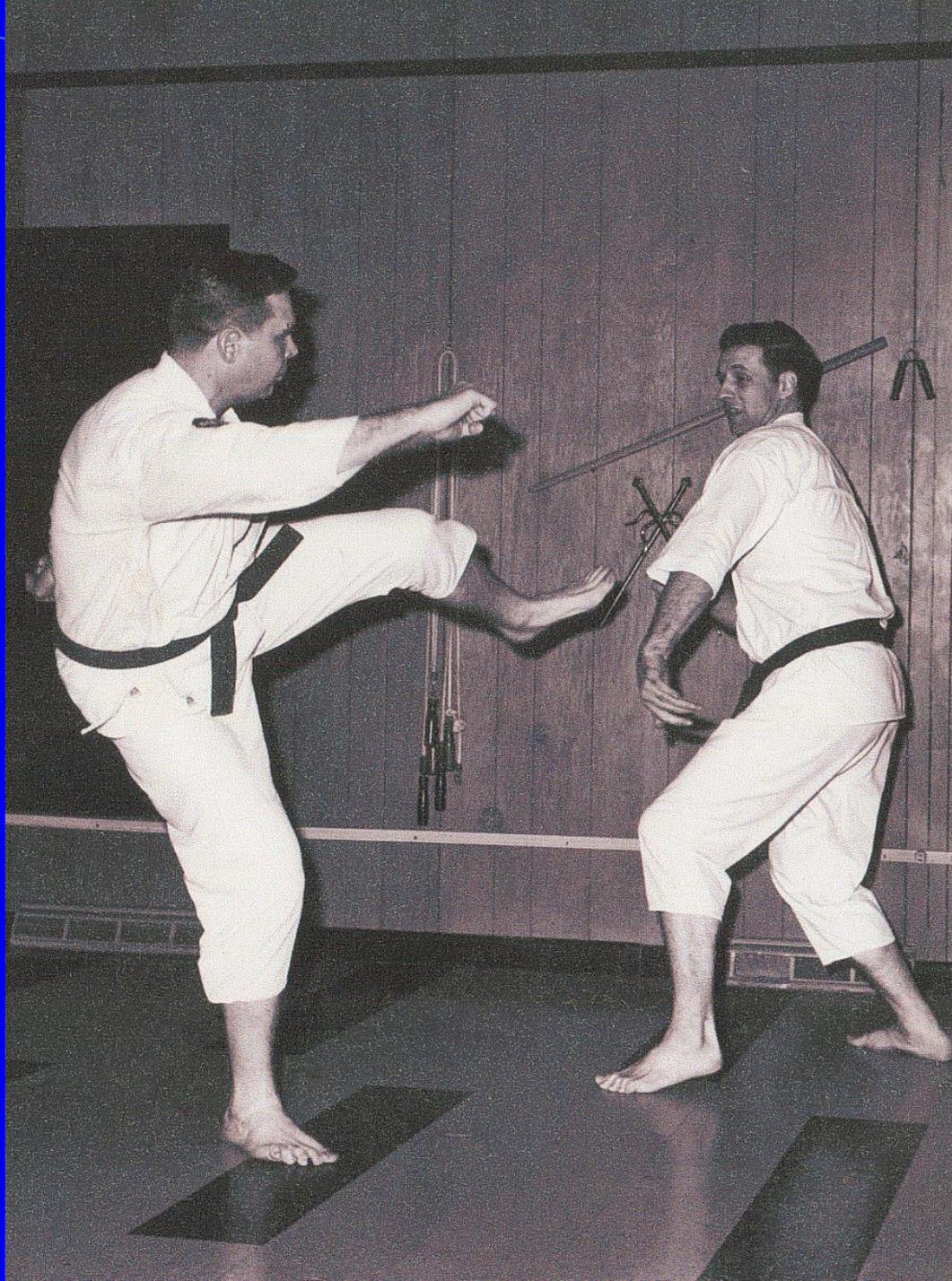


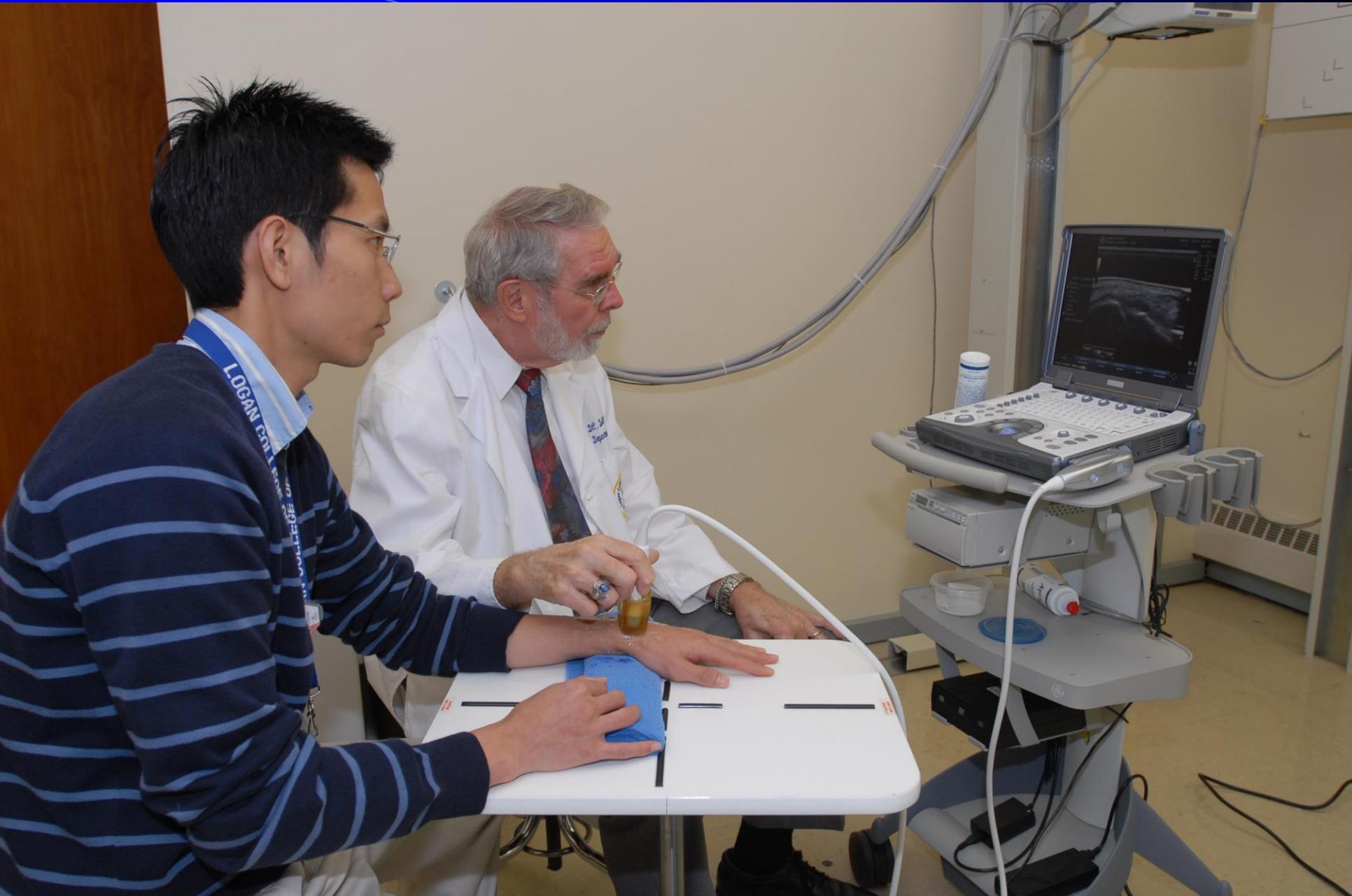
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# **Imaging the Brain in Pain: The Role of Functional Neuroimaging**

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# The Pain Revolution

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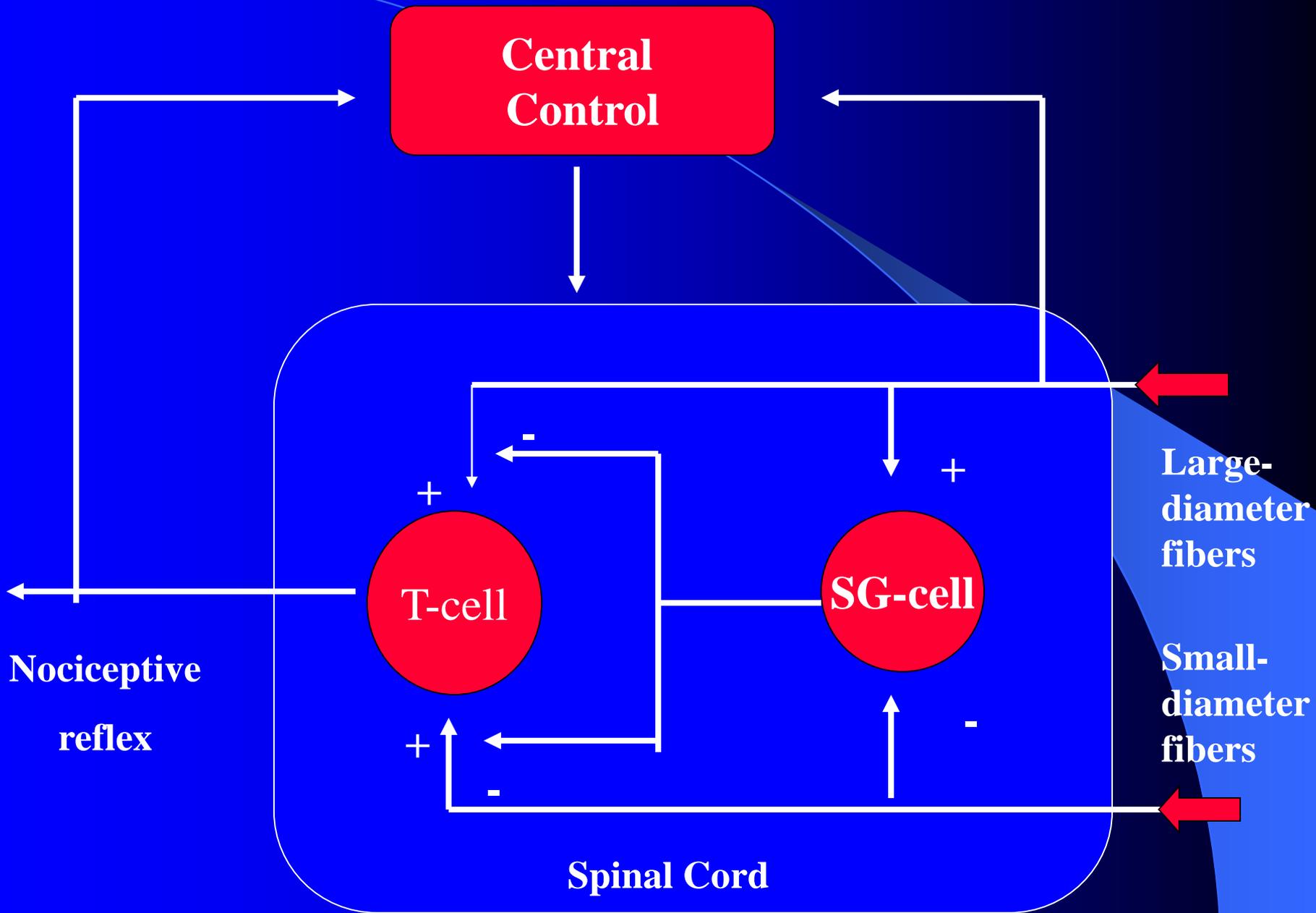
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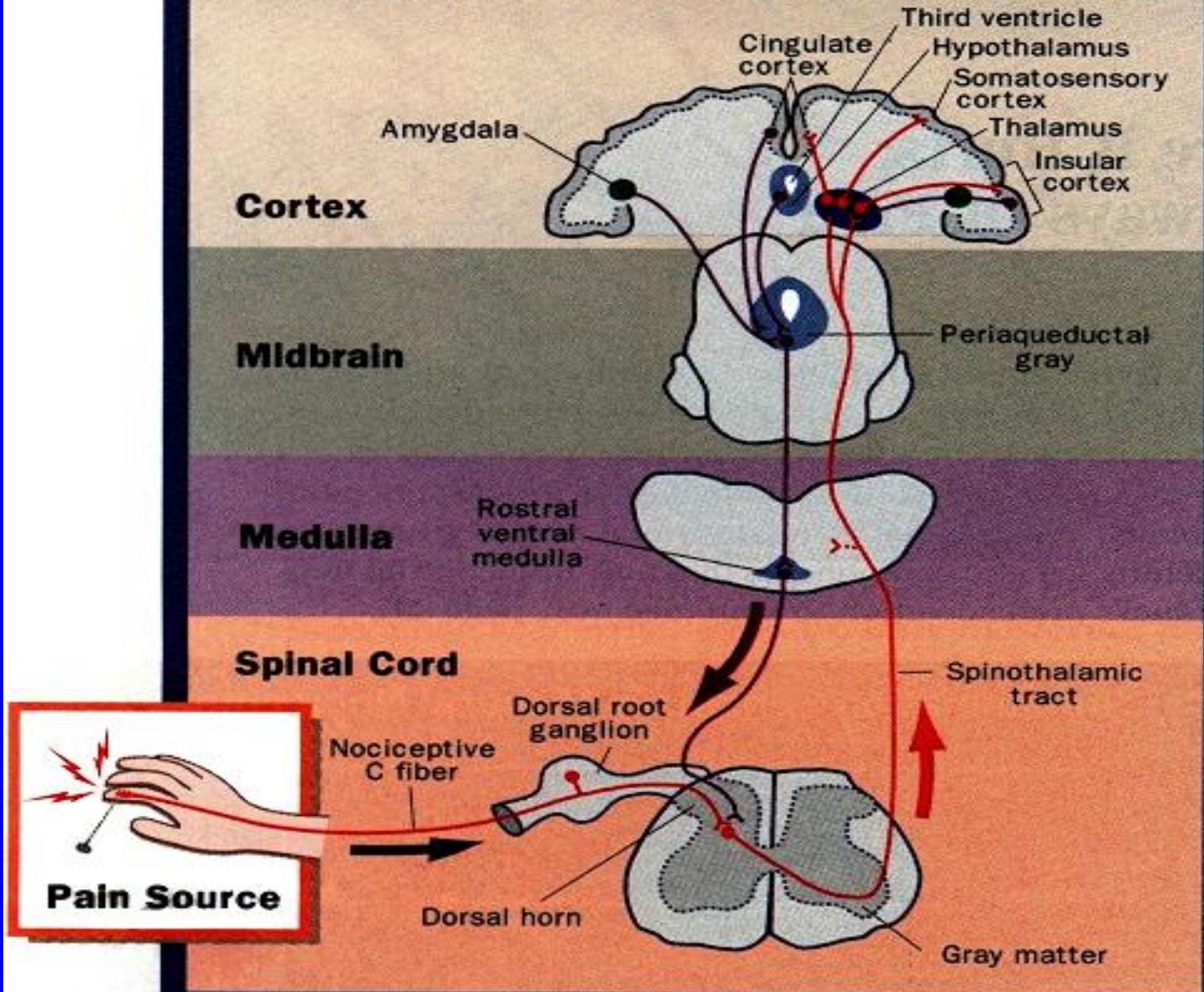
**Physiologic**

**Psychosocial**

# Classification of Fibers in Peripheral Nerves

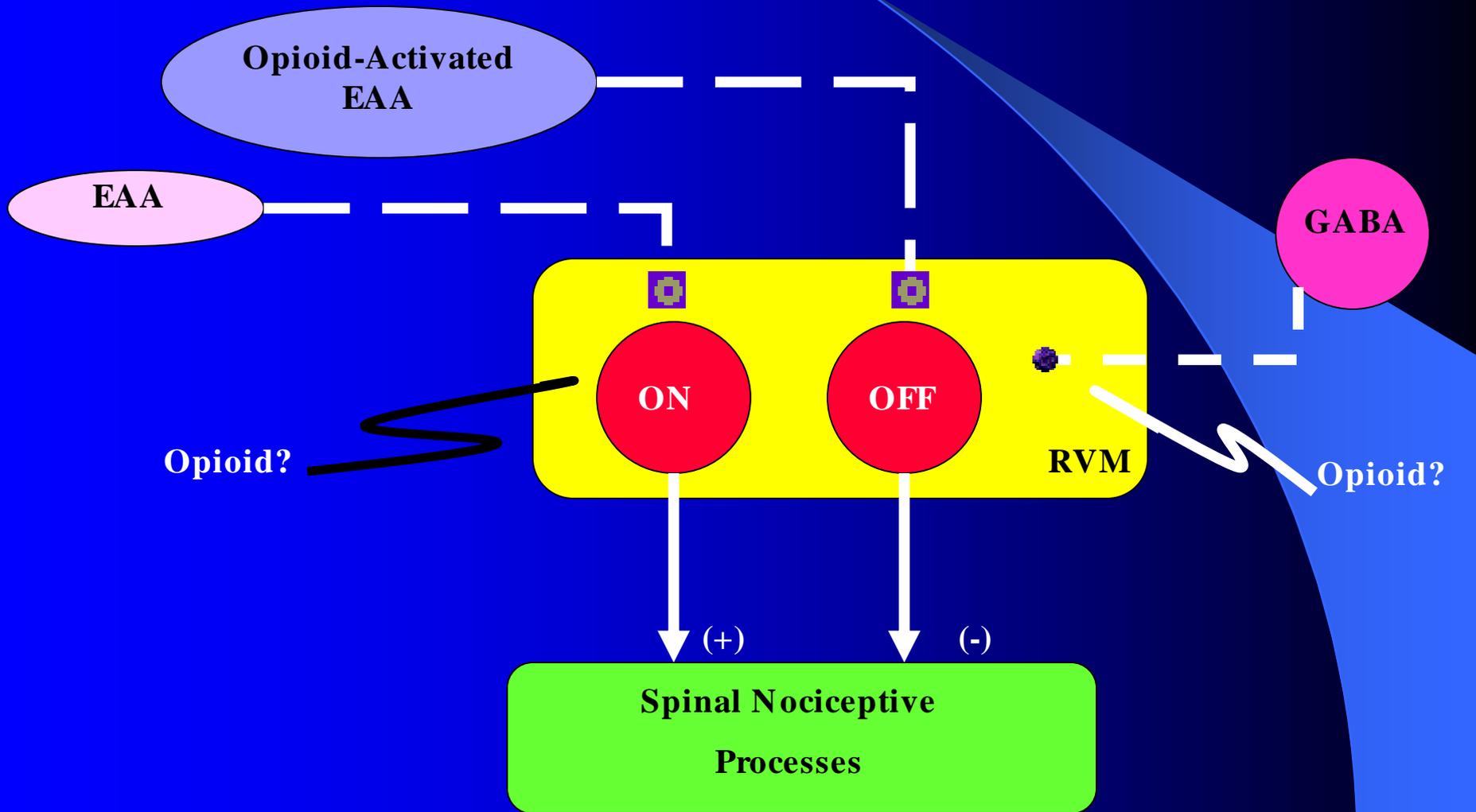
Lloyd/Hunt System	Diameter ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Letter System	Conduction Velocity (m/sec)	Myelin	Receptor/ending types
I-a <sup>a</sup>	12-20	—	70-120	+	Muscle spindle primary endings
I-b <sup>a</sup>	12-20	—	70-120	+	Golgi tendon organs
—	12-20	A- $\alpha$	70-120	+	Muscle efferents (extrafusal)
II	6-12+	A- $\beta^b$	30-70	+	Encapsulated endings (Meissner, Ruffini, Pacinian); Merkel intraepithelial; muscle spindle secondary endings
—	2-10	A- $\gamma$	10-50	+	Muscle efferents (intrafusal)
III	1-6	A- $\delta$	5-30	+	A- $\delta$ specific nociceptors; A- $\delta$ polymodal receptors; cold receptors; most hair receptors; some visceral receptors
—	<3	B	3-15	+	Preganglionic autonomic
IV	<1.5	C	0.5-2.0	No	C-nociceptors; C-polymodal receptors; some visceral receptors; warmth receptors; some mechanoreceptors; postganglionic autonomic; enteric nerve fibers

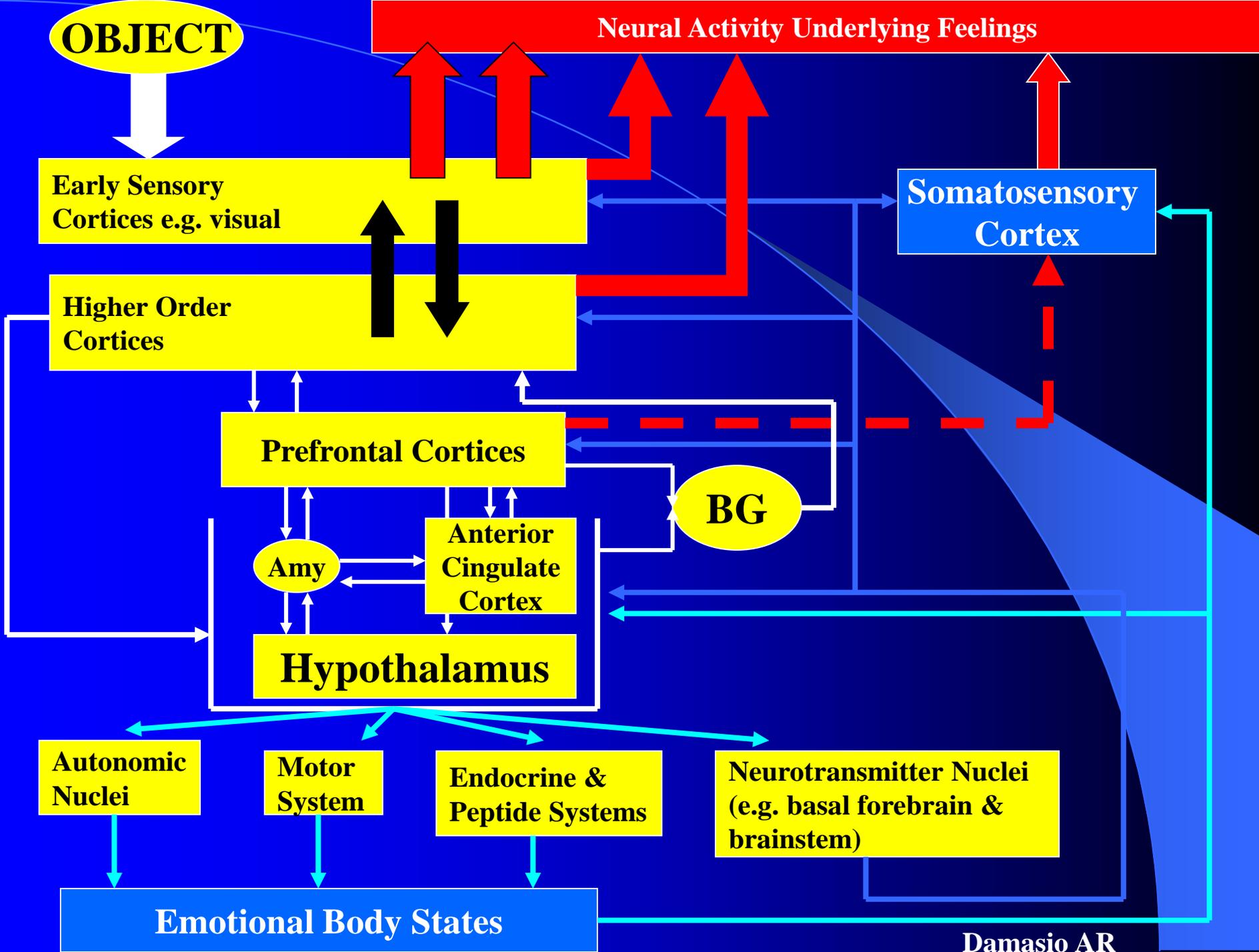
# Pain Processing Pathways





# Circuitry Diagram of the Rostral Ventromedial Medulla





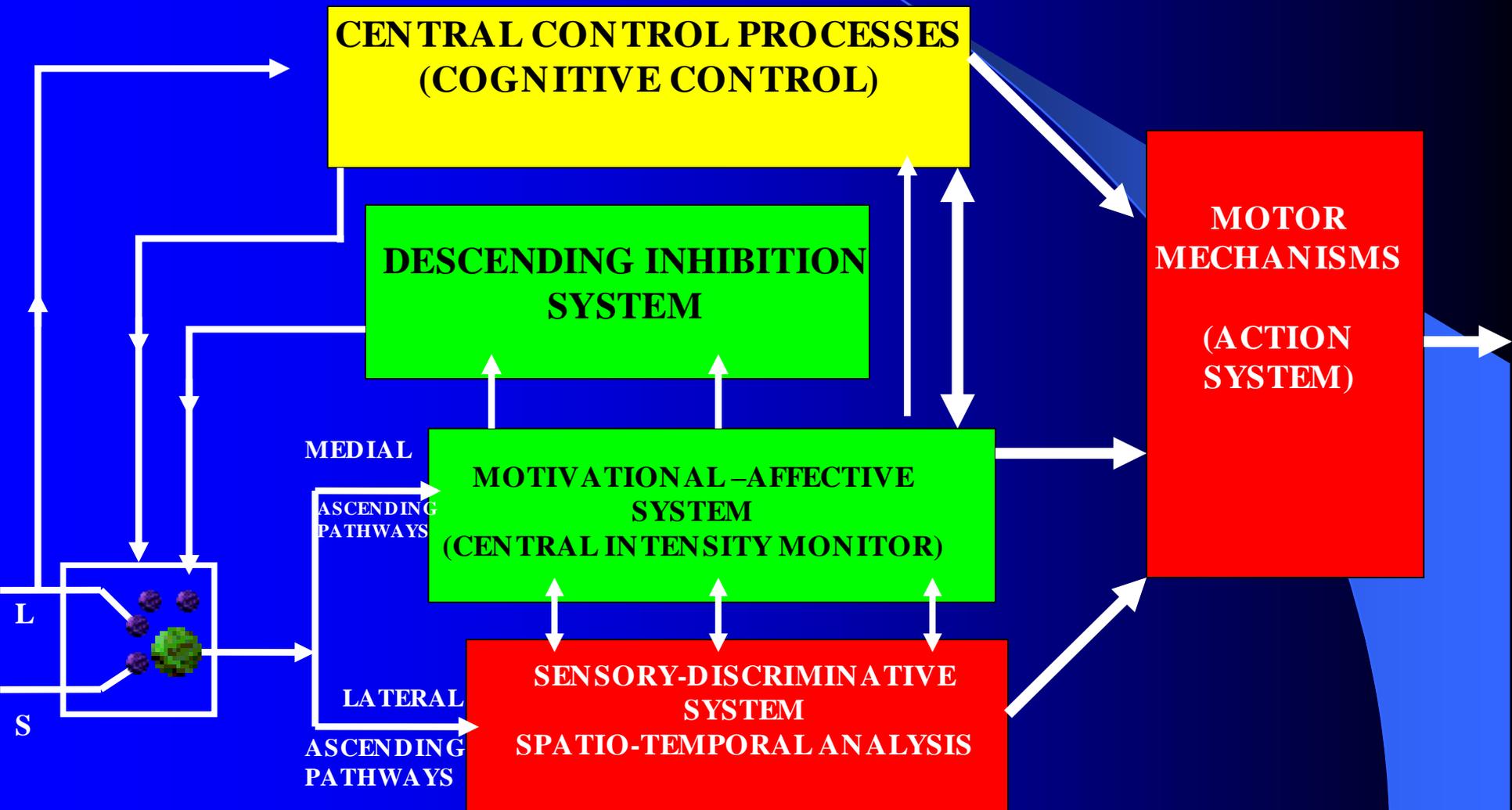
# Putative Functional Roles of Cortical Areas that are Activated by Noxious Stimuli

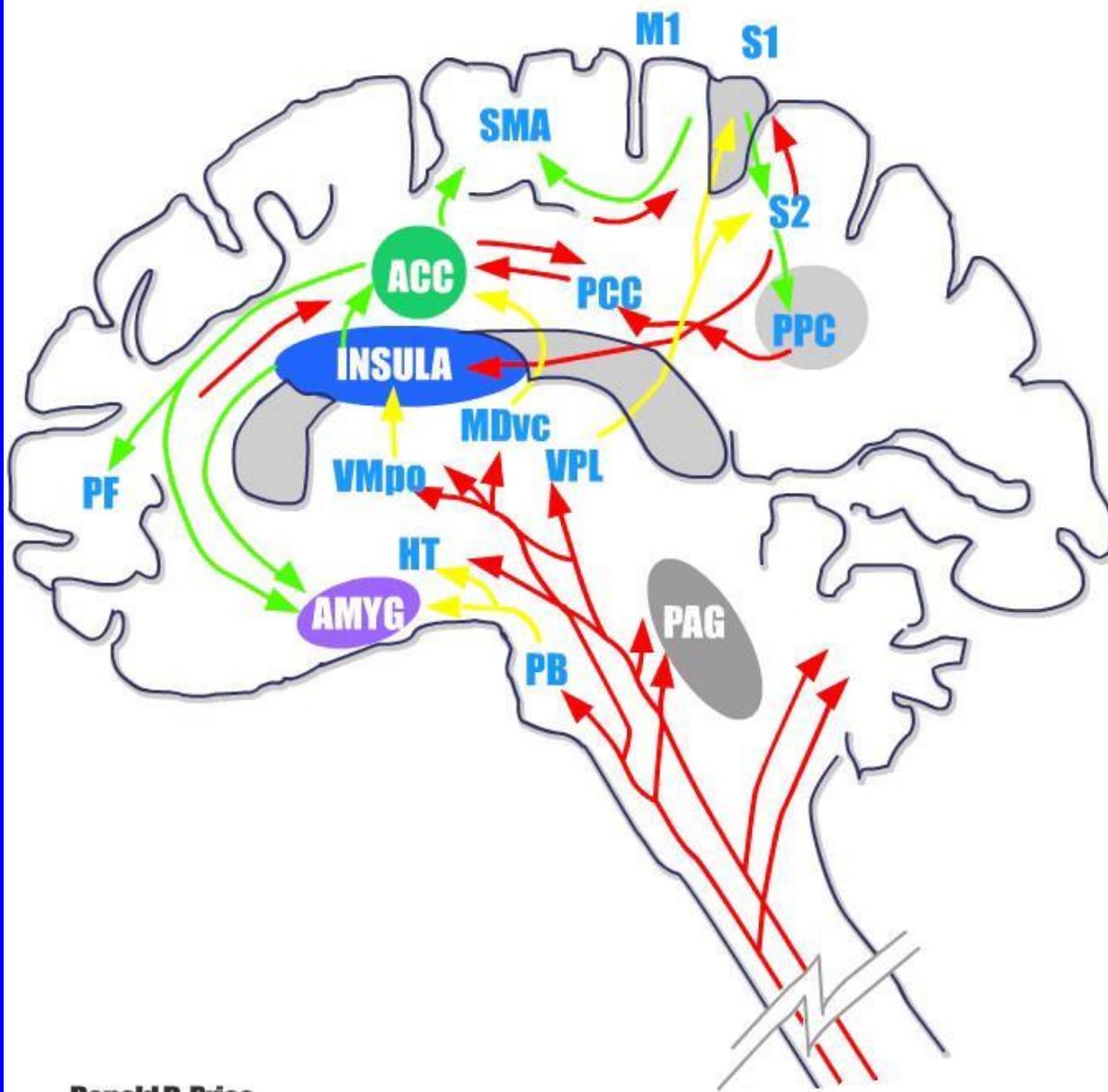
Functional Correlation	Cortical Area	Possible Functions
Pain intensity	Primary somatosensory cortex Secondary somatosensory cortex and its vicinity	Sensory discriminative in general, alternatively stimulus localization. Sensory integrative (touch, pain, visual) Spatially directed attention Sensory integrative (touch, pain, taste, vestibular), visceral sensory, visceral motor, limbic integration
Temperature sensation	Insula	
Pain threshold	Right frontal inferior cortex Left thalamus Right	Response selection, motor suppression, attention, affect
Pain unpleasantness	Anterior cingulate cortex Left	
Pain Intensity	Right posterior cingulate cortex Brainstem/periventricular gray Prefrontal cortex	Affect, emotion, memory

# Cognitive Factors Influencing Pain



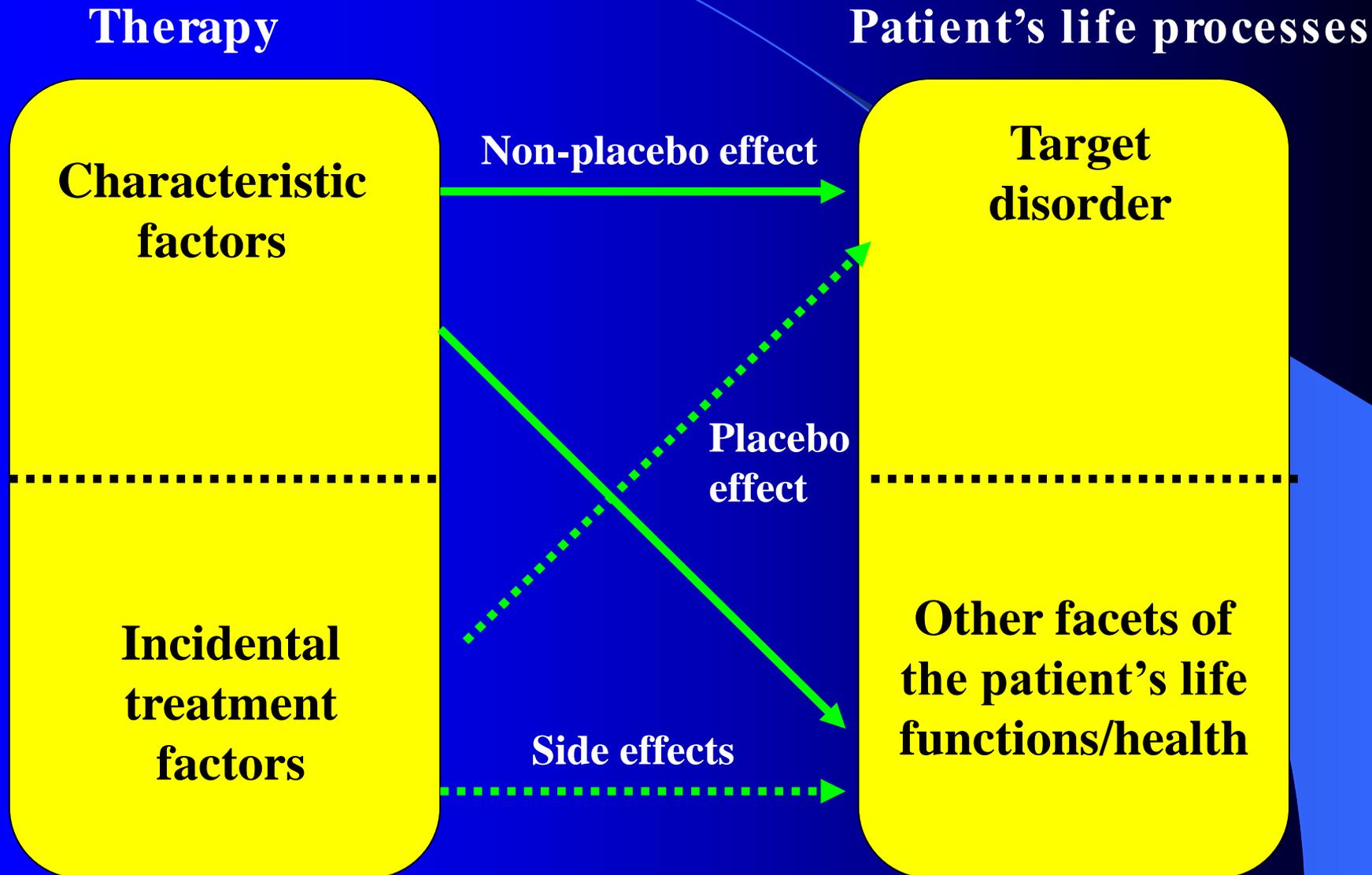
# Model of the Sensory, Motivational, and Central Control of Pain

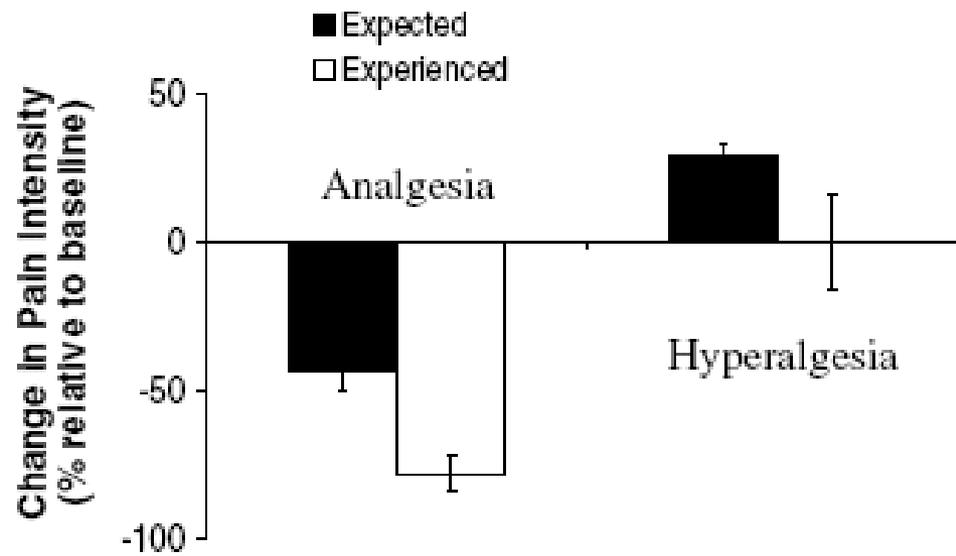
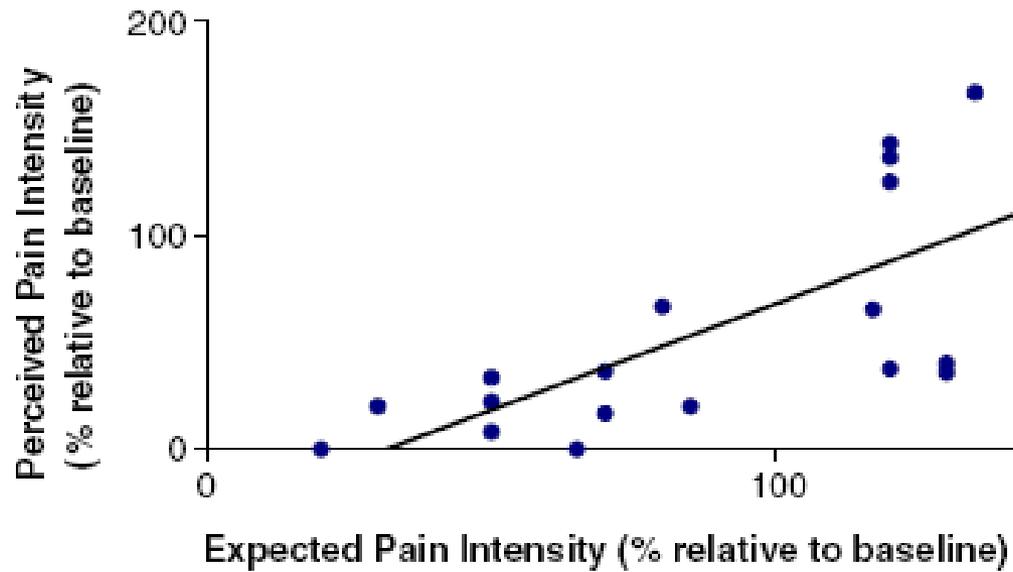




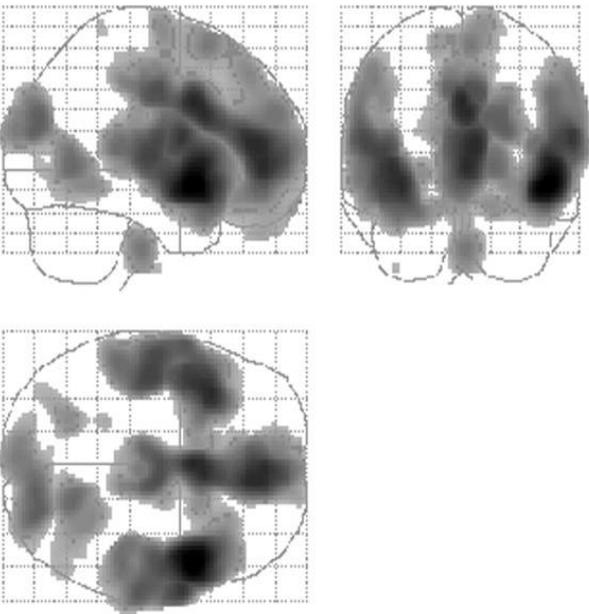
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# OPTIMIZING NON-SPECIFIC EFFECTS

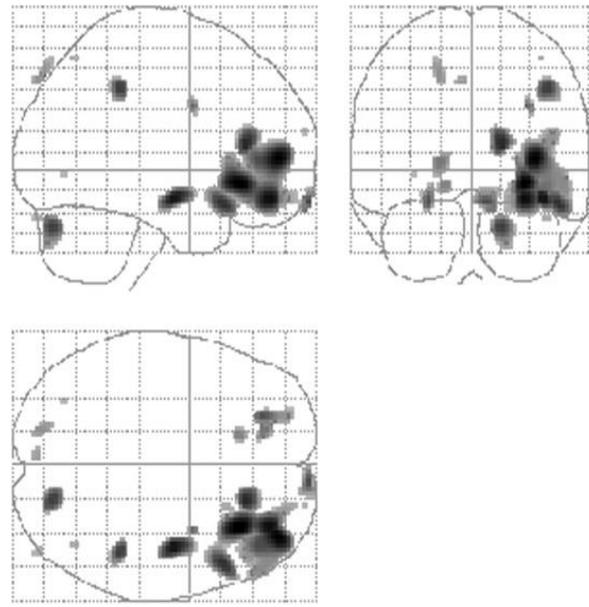


**a****b**

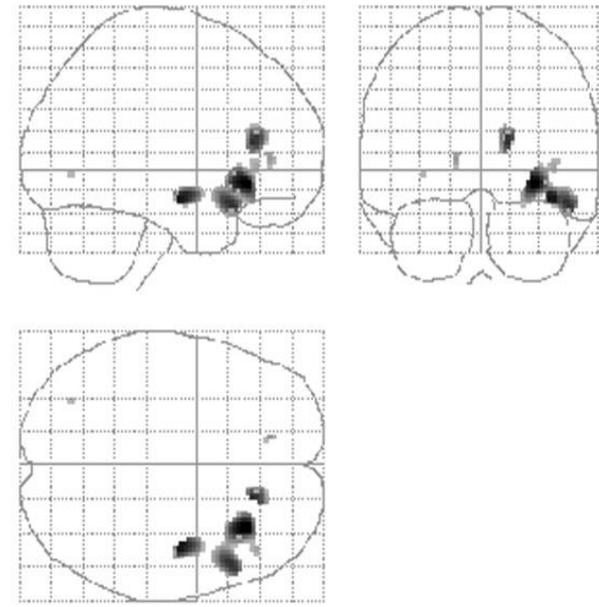
**A** Opioid network



**B** Placebo analgesia network

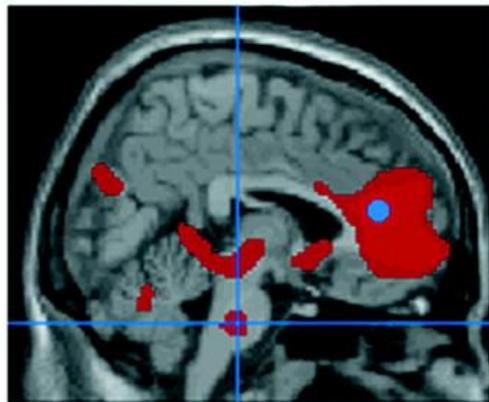


**C** Placebo analgesia network masked with the opioid network

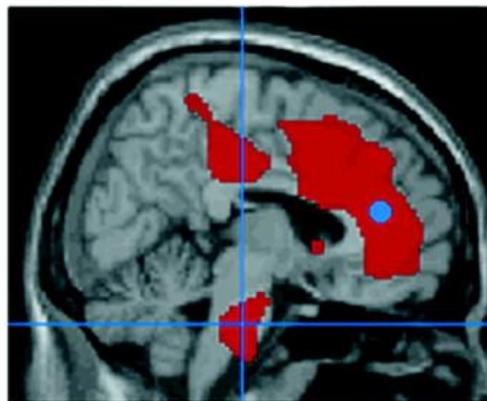


# Covariation between rACC and the brainstem

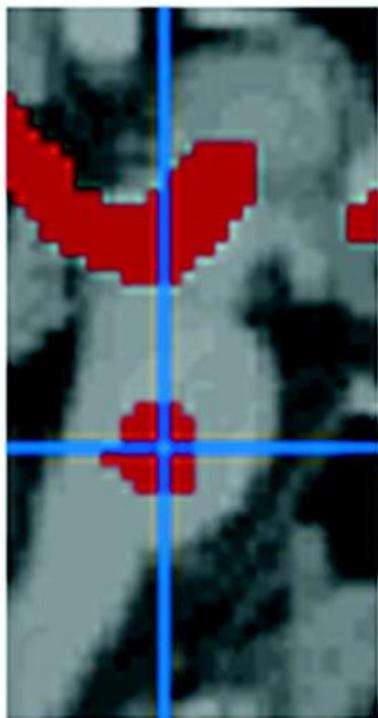
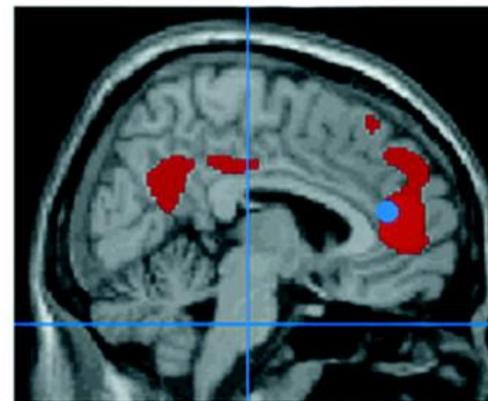
**A** POP



**B** PPL

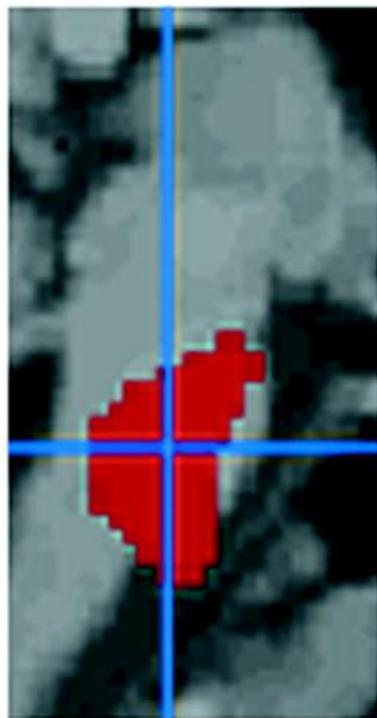


**C** P

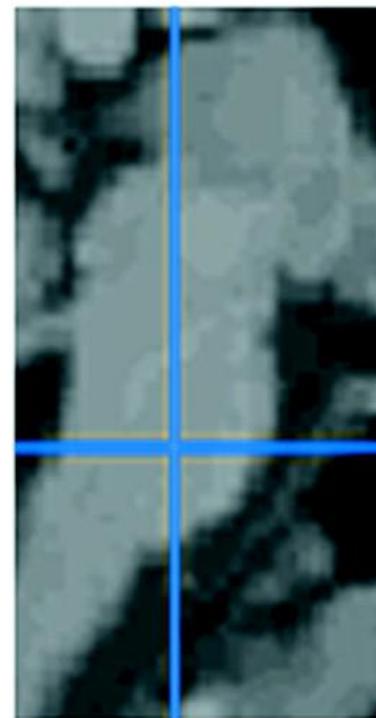


PAG

Pons

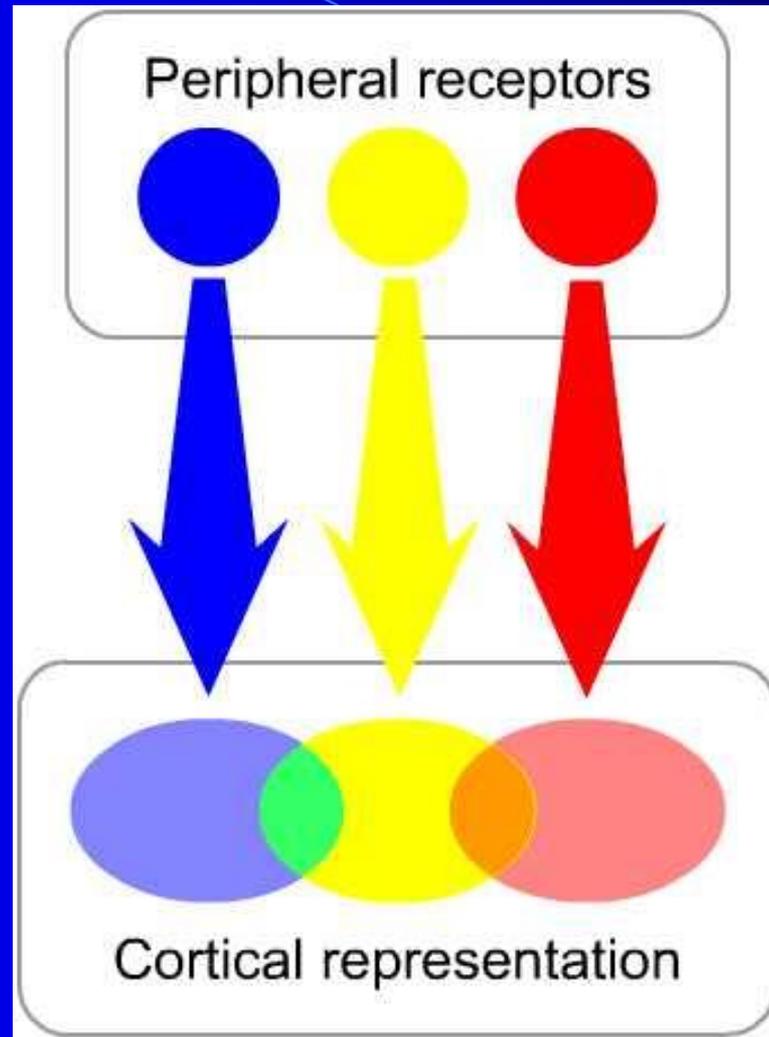


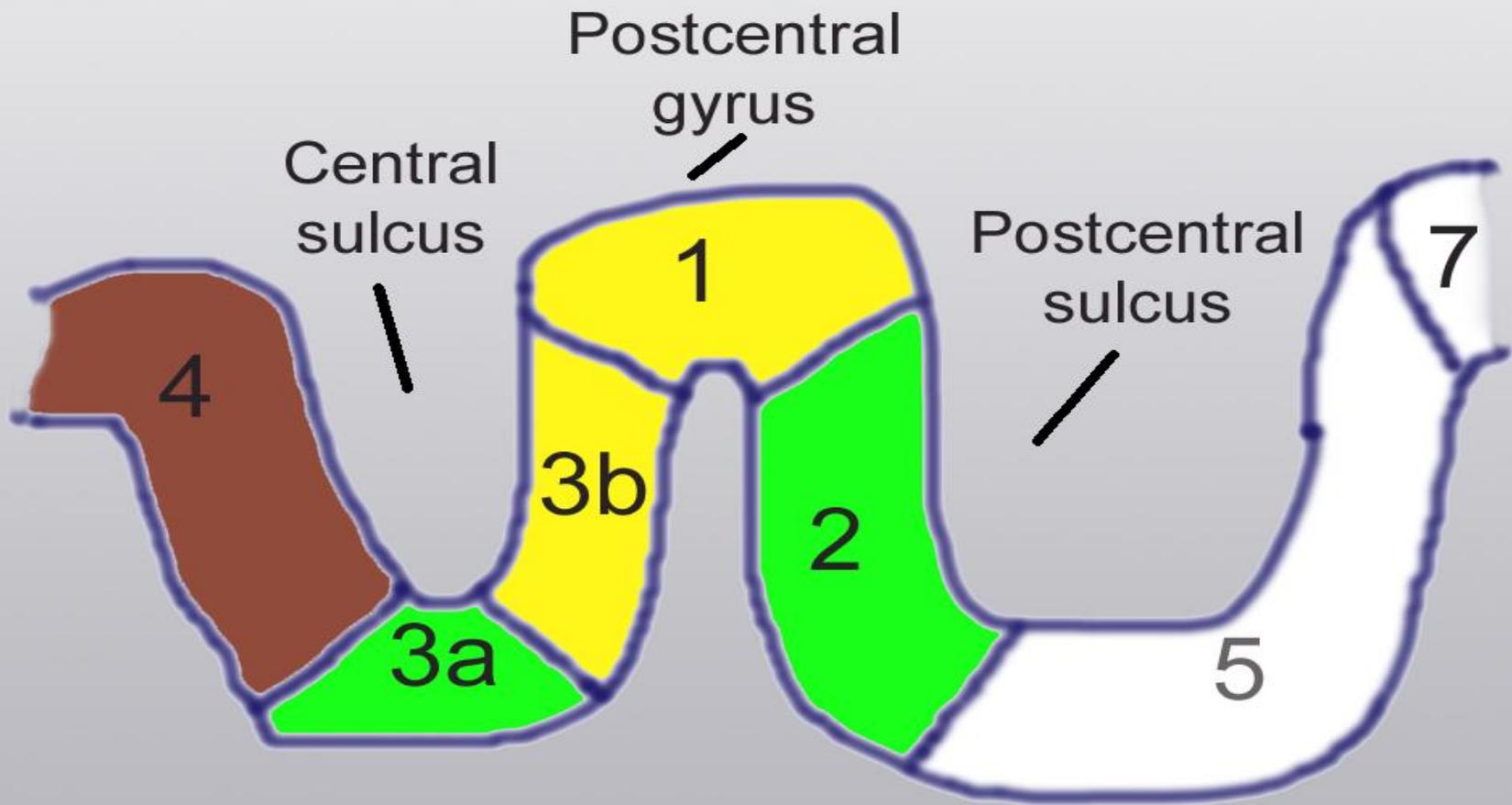
Pons



# Neuro Rehab Techniques for CNS Reorganization

Proprio-spinal	Sensory Discrimination	Counter Stimulation	Electromagnetic Stimulation	Cognitive Therapy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Exercise</li><li>• Manual Therapy Mobilization Manipulation</li><li>• Constraint therapy</li></ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Acupuncture</li><li>• TENS</li><li>• Vibration</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TMS</li><li>• TES</li><li>• PNS</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cognitive remediation</li><li>• Attention modulation</li><li>• Environmental enrichment</li></ul>





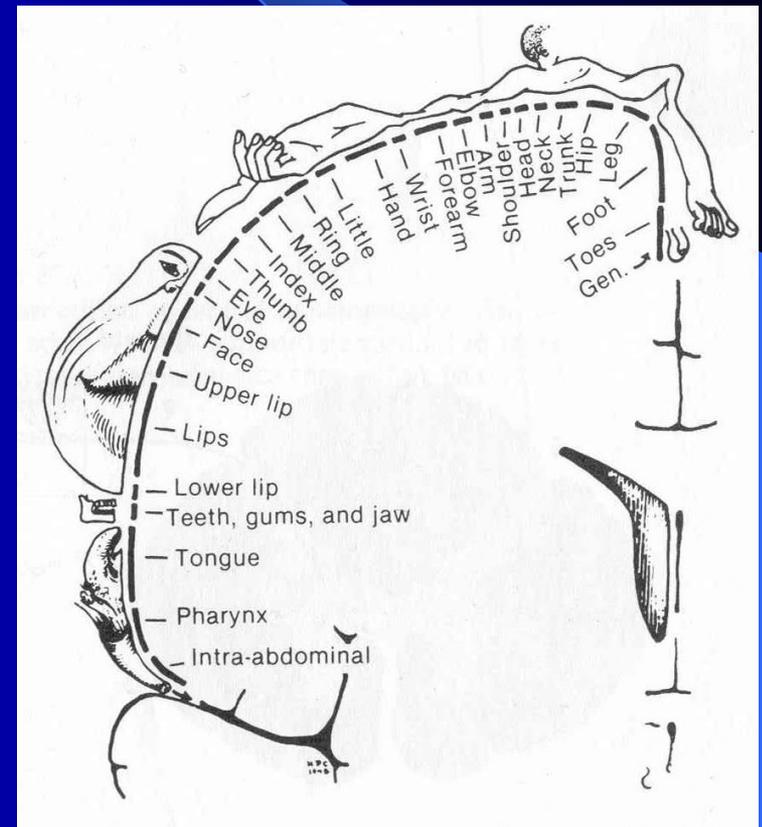
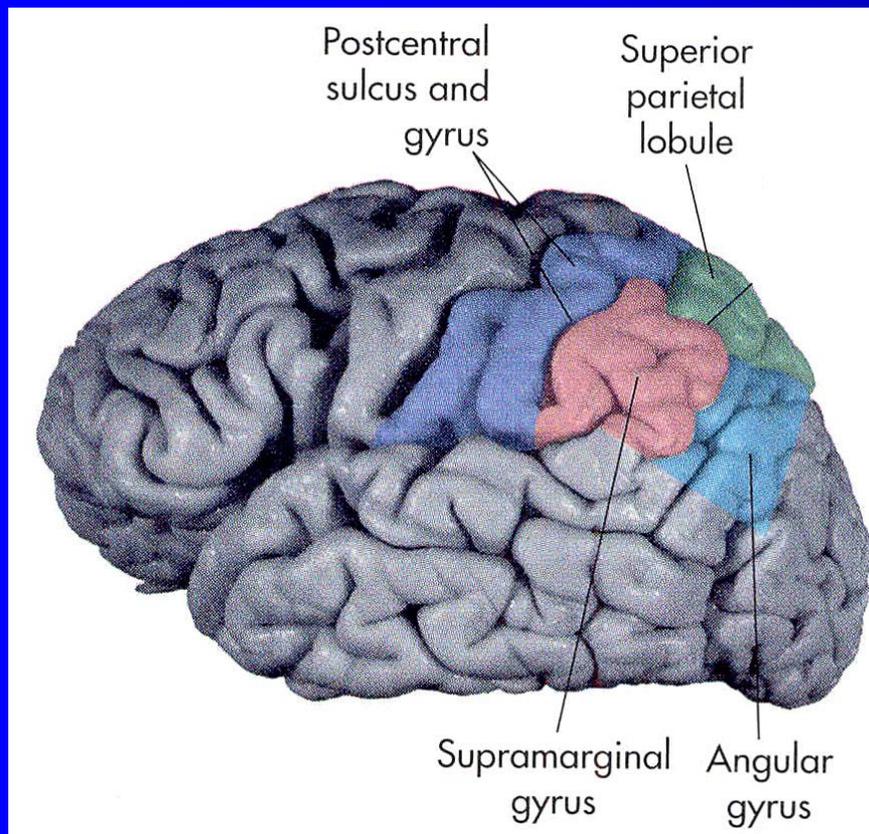
cutaneous reception - 1, 3b

deep reception - 2, 3a

proprioception - 2, 3a, 4

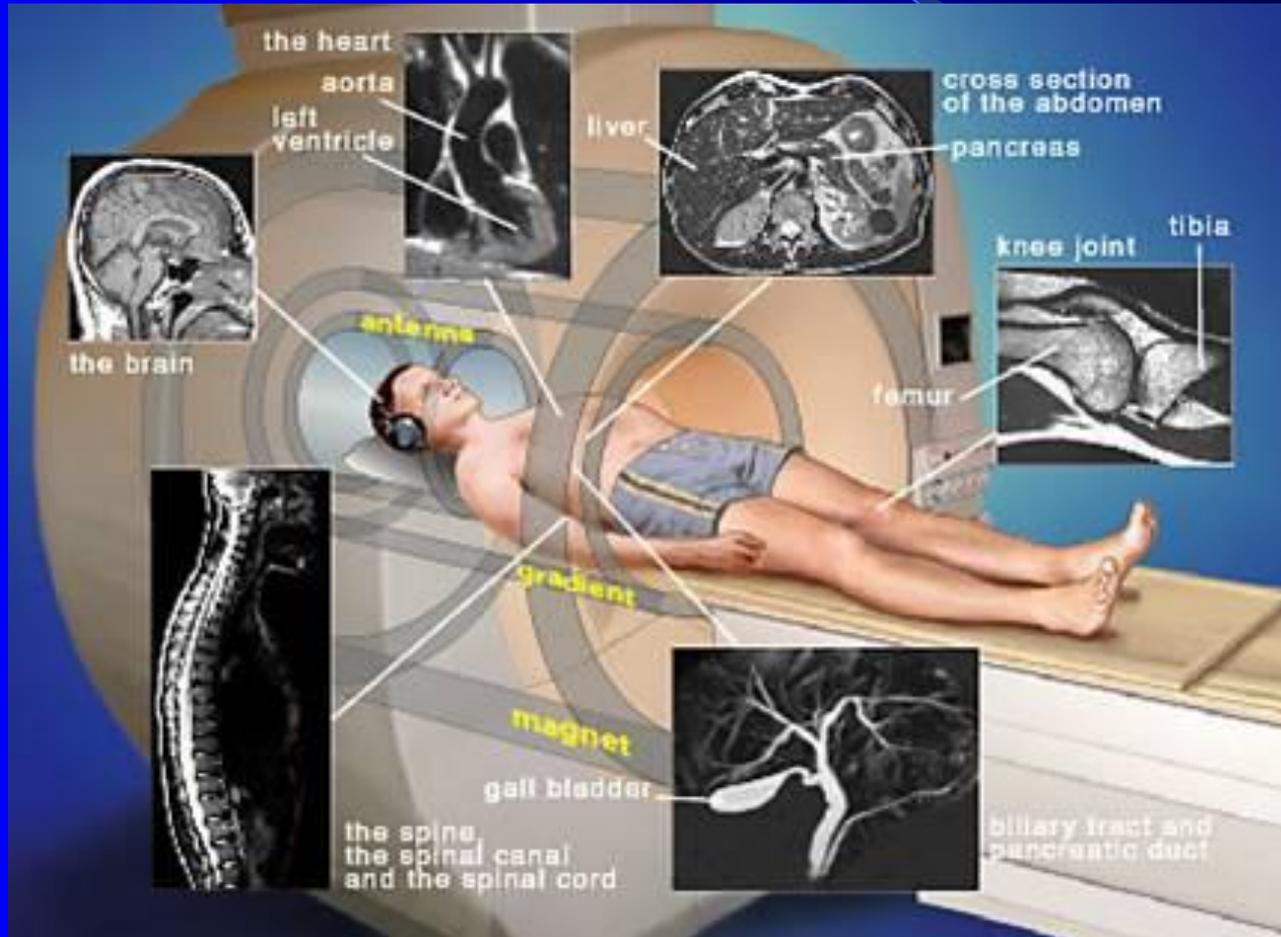
# Digital Mapping – S1 Somatotopy

- The somatotopic digit homuncular organization in the human primary somatosensory cortex (S1) was originally mapped by Penfield in 1937.



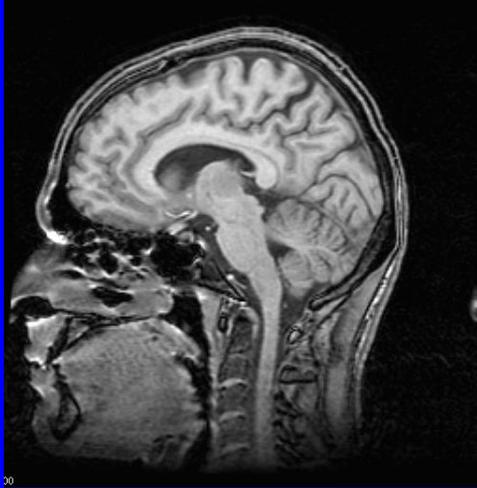
# Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)

-Apply RF energy to  $H^1$  in  $H_2O$  molecules at high magnetic field  
(MRI  $B > 1.5T$ ; note: Earth  $B \sim 5 \times 10^{-5} T$ , Human  $B \sim 10^{-6} - 10^{-9} T$ )



# MRI Examples

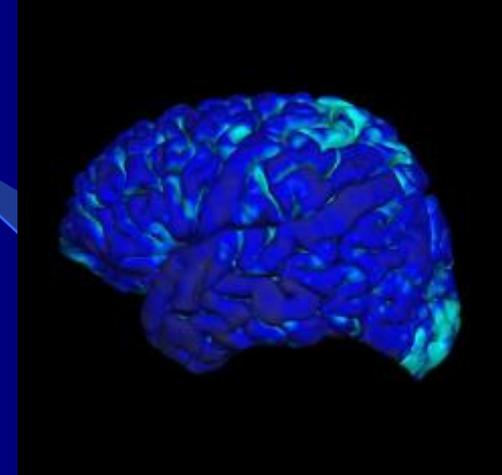
Anatomical MRI  
(T1-weighted)



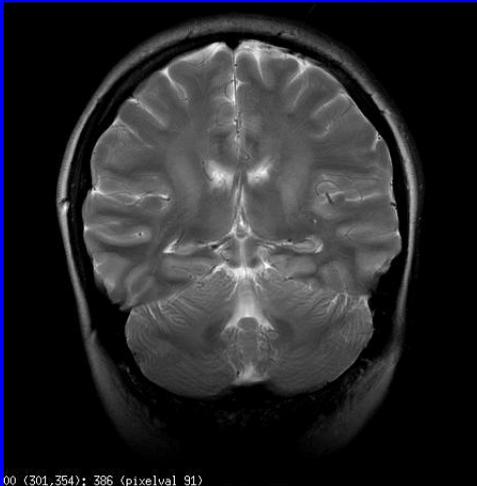
Angiogram  
(blood vessels map)



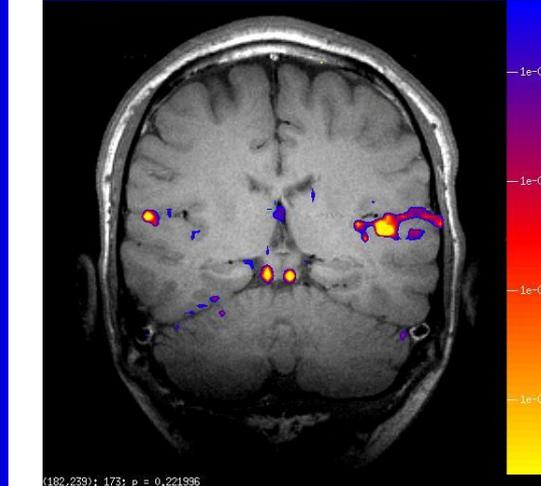
Structural MRI  
(gray matter thickness map)



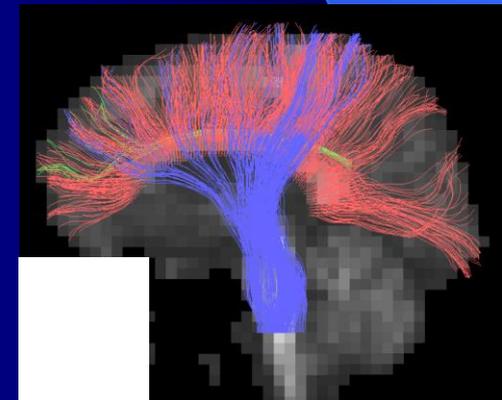
Anatomical MRI  
(T2-weighted)



Functional MRI  
(activation to music)



Diffusion Tensor MRI  
(white matter tracts)

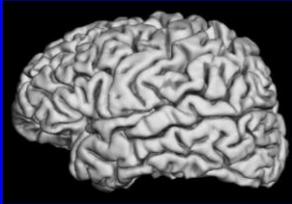


# Brain Activation Imaging: "fMRI"

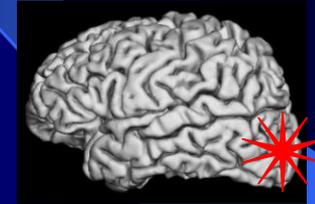


# What is functional MRI?

Baseline State (Stimulus Off):



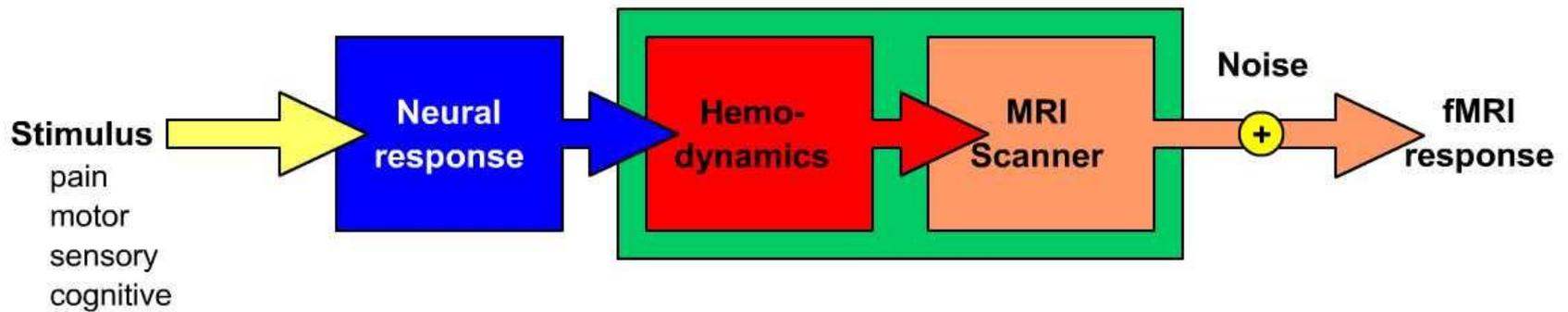
Activated State (Stimulus **On**):



fMRI detects difference in signal ( $\Delta S = \text{ON} - \text{OFF}$ )

fMRI is indirect method to infer brain activity (hemodynamic, BOLD)

# What is fMRI?

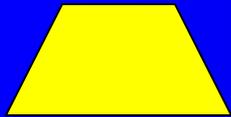




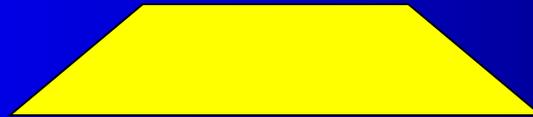
Action potentials/  
postsynaptic  
potentials

CBF / Glucose / O<sub>2</sub>

PET / fMRI / SPECT



**SYNAPSE**



**NEURON-GLIA METABOLIC UNIT**



**IMAGING SIGNALS**

# The Chain of Events

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Increased Neural Activity



Increased Local CBF and CBV



Decreased Deoxyhemoglobin  
Concentration in Veins (BOLD)



Change in Magnetic Susceptibility



Change in MRI Signal



# Splitting the brain into voxels (3D pixels)

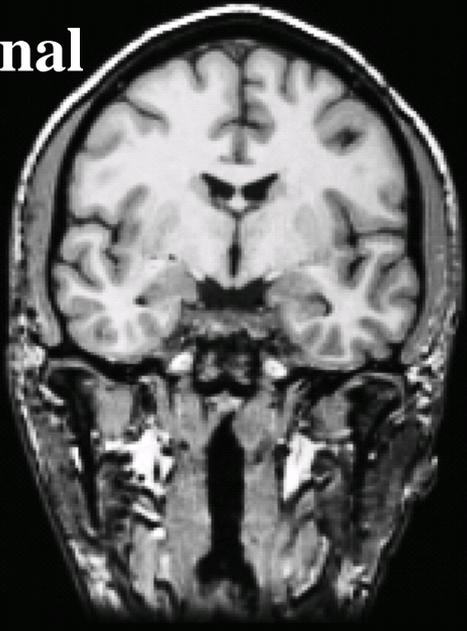


2.0mm x 2.0mm x 2.5mm fMRI voxel

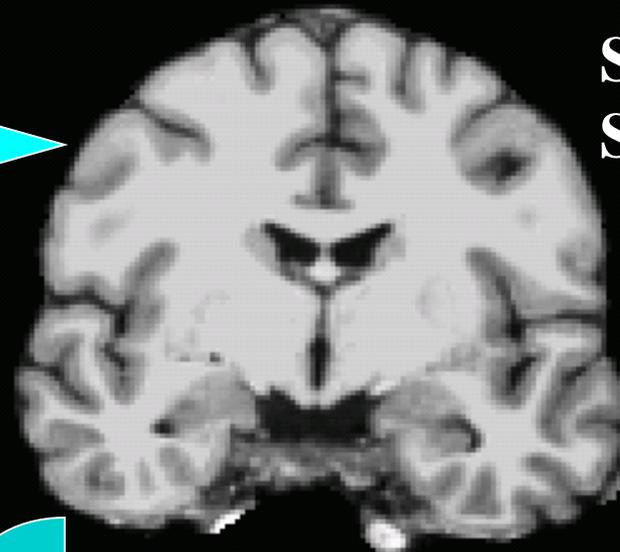


# Freesurfer – Brain PreProcessing

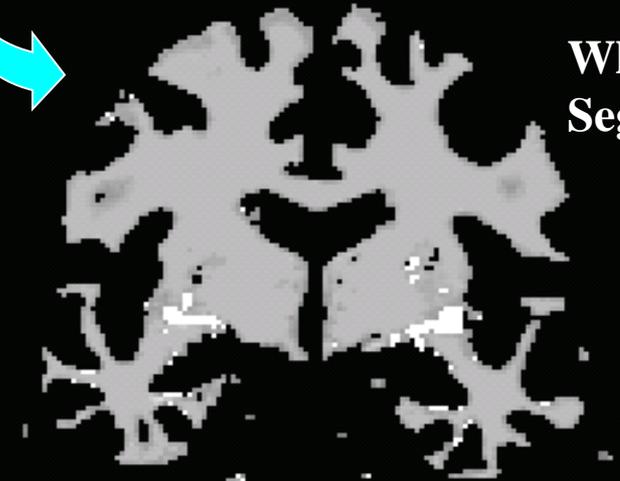
**Original**



**Skull-Stripped**



**White Matter Segmentation**



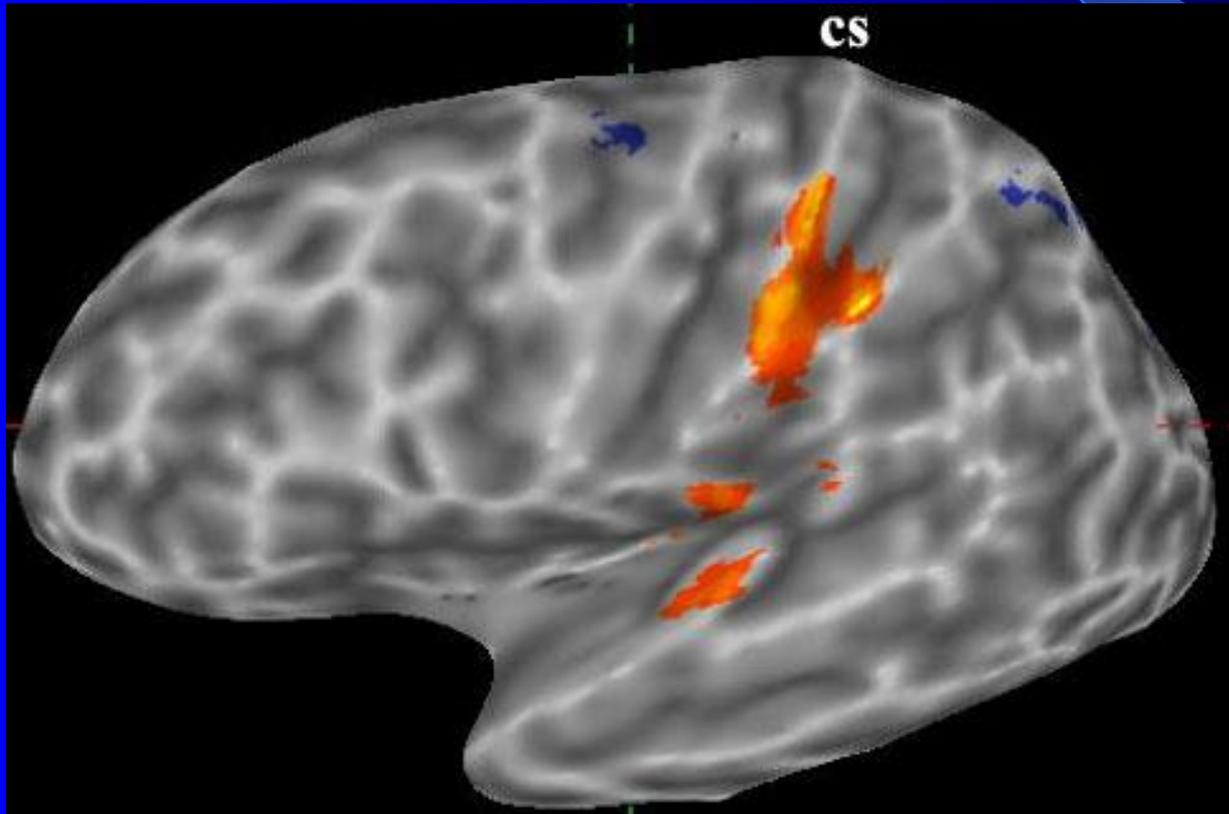
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<sup>2</sup>Fischl, B., et al. (1999). Cortical Surface-Based Analysis II: Inflation, Flattening, and a Surface-Based Coordinate System. *NeuroImage* 9(2):195-207

# Inflated Brain Analysis

- Due to the undulating cortical topology, analyses of activation on the cortex are better visualized on an inflated brain surface which shows sulci and gyri as a greyscale texture map.



# Using Block Design fMRI to infer Stimulus Effect

- A General Linear Model is applied to statistically test whether the MRI signal within any voxel correlates with the applied stimulus.



MRI signal from one of ~20,000 brain voxels demonstrates deactivation

# **fMRI: Brain Processing of Acupuncture**

**CTS vs. Healthy Adults**

**CTS Baseline vs. Post-acupuncture**

# Acupuncture and CTS - Introduction

- Carpal tunnel syndrome (CTS) is the most common entrapment neuropathy → U.S. prevalence 3.72%<sup>1</sup>.

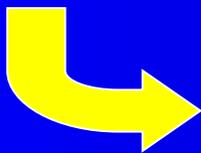
the CTS vicious cycle

ischemia,  
inflammation

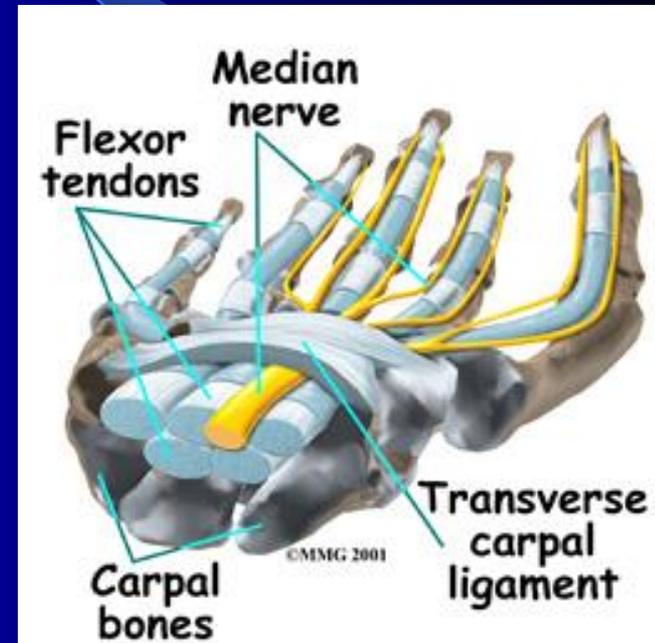
↑ pressure  
in carpal tunnel

damage nerve  
microvasculature

exudative edema,  
fibrosis

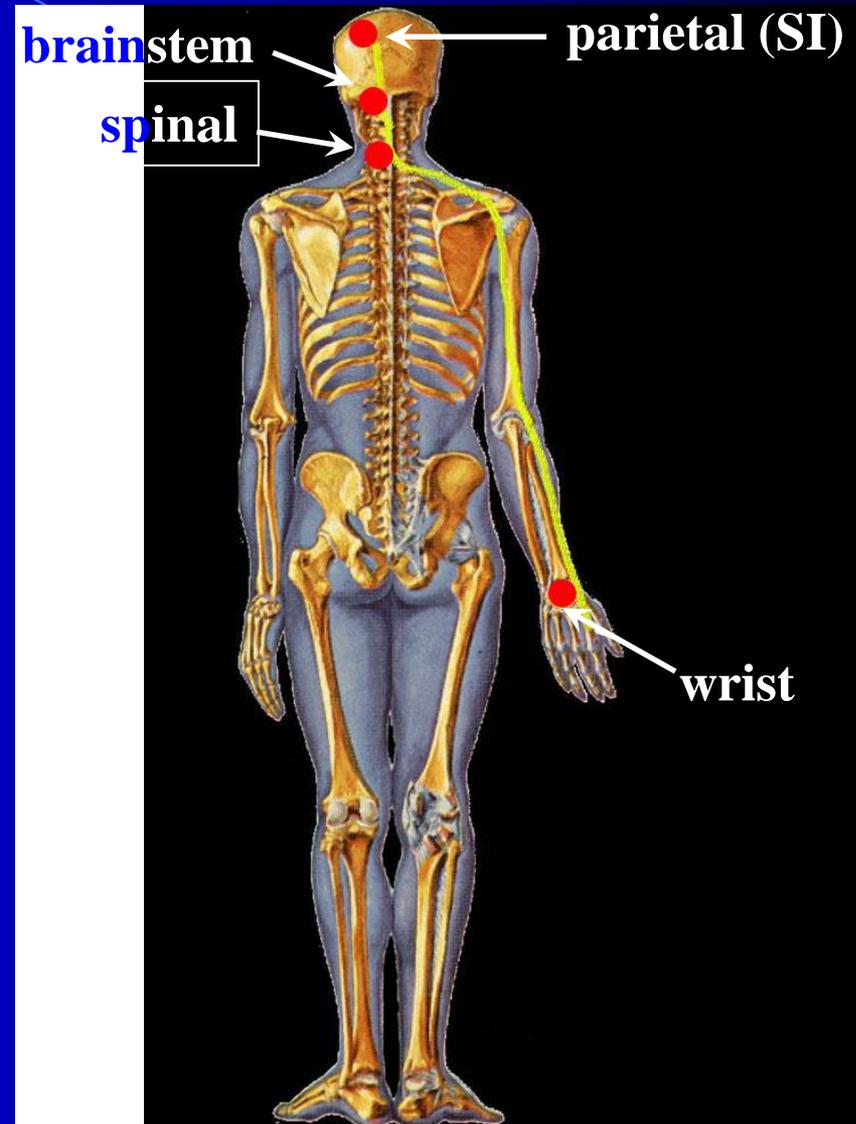


pain + paresthesias in  
1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> digits



# CTS Doesn't Just Affect the Wrist

- Median n. injury → abnormal activity within somatosensory system.
- Tinazzi reported somatosensory evoked potentials (SSEPs) abnormally amplified with stimulus to affected side – spinal N13, brainstem P14, parietal N20, P27<sup>1</sup>
- Tecchio reported cortical ECD amplification with MEG<sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Tinazzi M., et al. **Brain**, 1998. **121** ( Pt 9):1785-94.  
Tecchio, et al. **HBM**, 2002. **17**: 28-36.

# Acupuncture Design

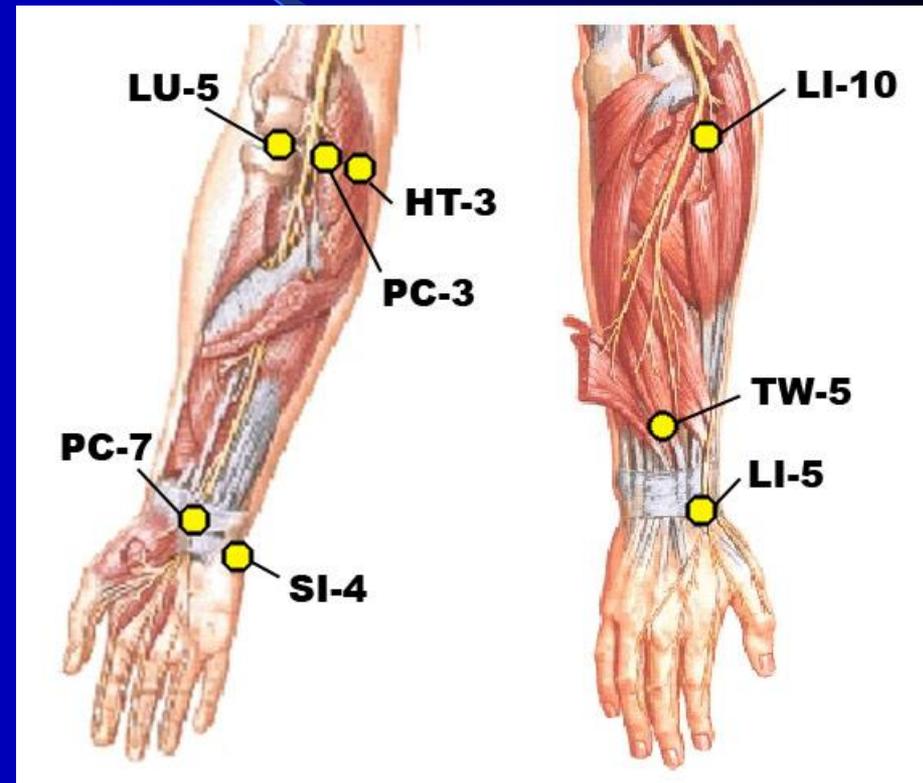
## “Semi-Individualized” Protocol

3x/week for 3 weeks + 2x/week for 2 weeks = 13x over 5 weeks:

**Needles:** 38 guage (0.18mm), 30mm length

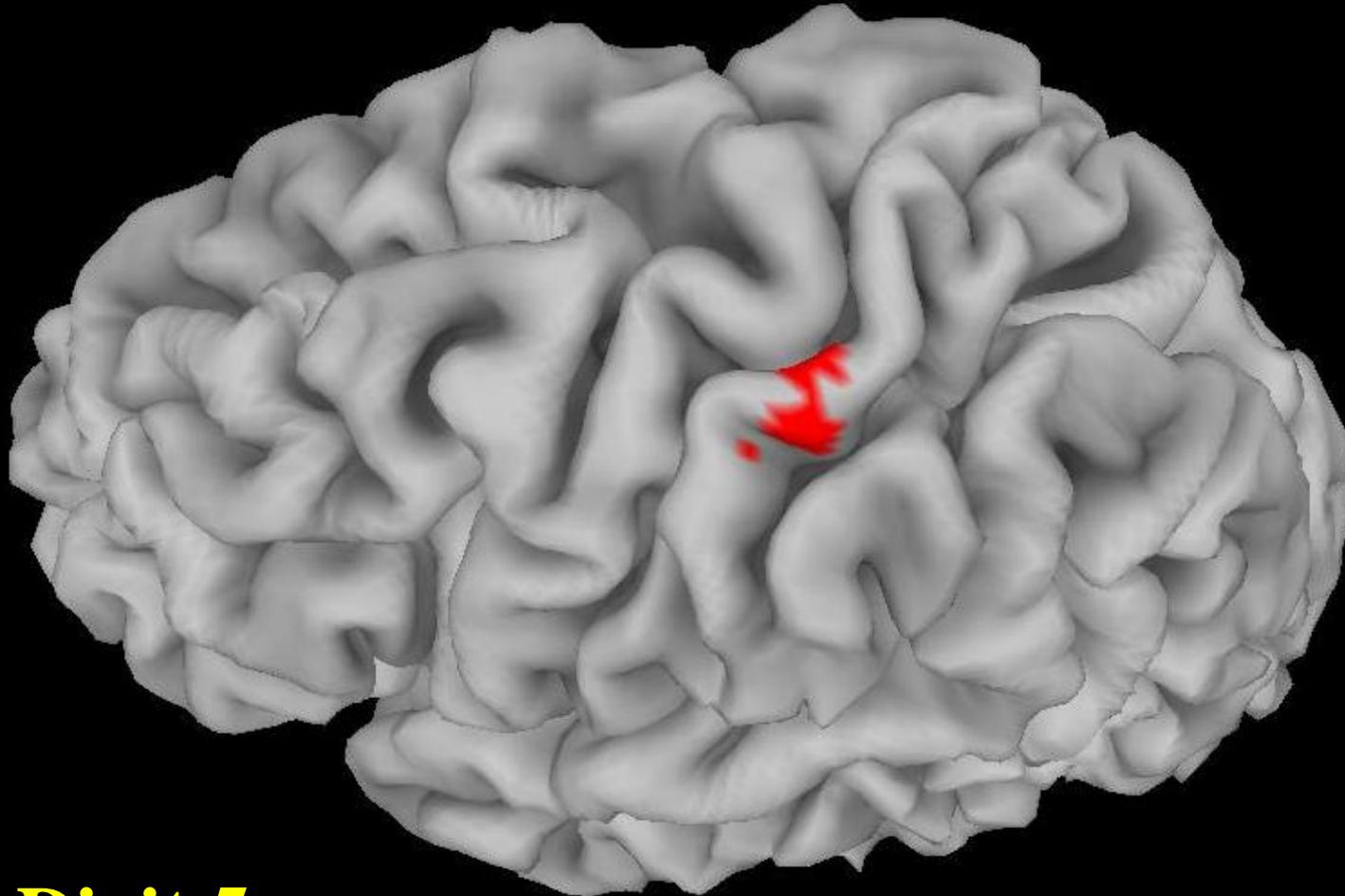
Common Points (every subject):  
unilateral TW-5 (*interosseous*) to PC-7 (*median*), 2Hz EA, low intensity.

Variable Points (symptom based):  
acupuncturist chooses 3 of 6 based on diagnosis: HT-3 (*antebrachial cutaneous*), PC-3 (*median*), SI-4 (*ulnar*), LI-5 (*radial*), LI-10 (*radial*), LU-5 (*radial*); manual even needle technique



# fMRI Digit Representations

- fMRI activation was observed in contralateral BA 1 for digits 2, 3, and 5 in most subjects, with digit 2 most ventral and digit 5 most dorsal, demonstrating di



**Digit 5**

# Methods

## CTS (n=10)

### baseline

- Clinical testing
- fMRI with sensory stim. on digits 2, 3, 5.
- fMRI w. acup & ctl



- 5 weeks of acupuncture (13 Tx)
- + Clinical test at 2 weeks



### 5 weeks later

- Clinical tests
- fMRI

## Healthy Adults (n=9)

### baseline

- Clinical testing
- fMRI



- 5 weeks wait

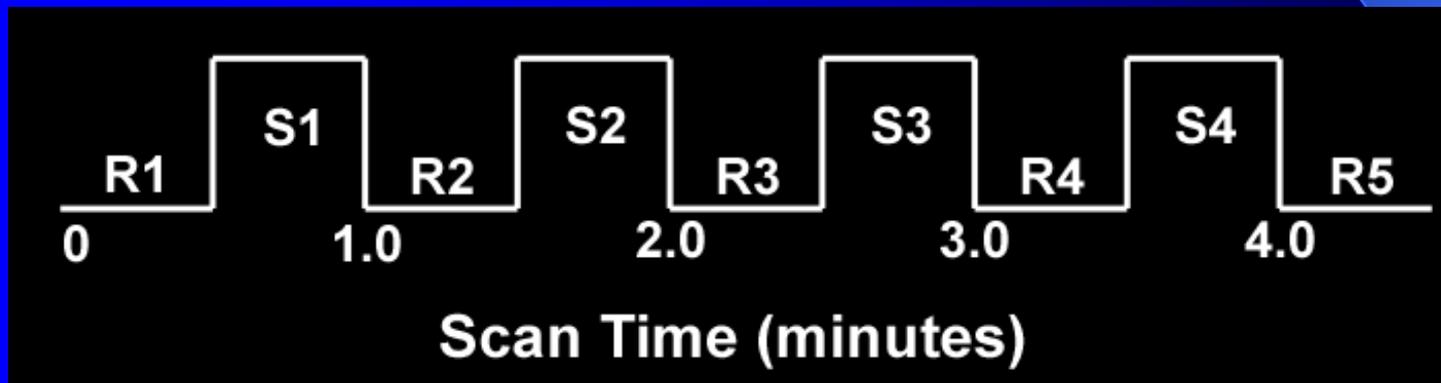


### 5 weeks later

- Clinical tests
- fMRI

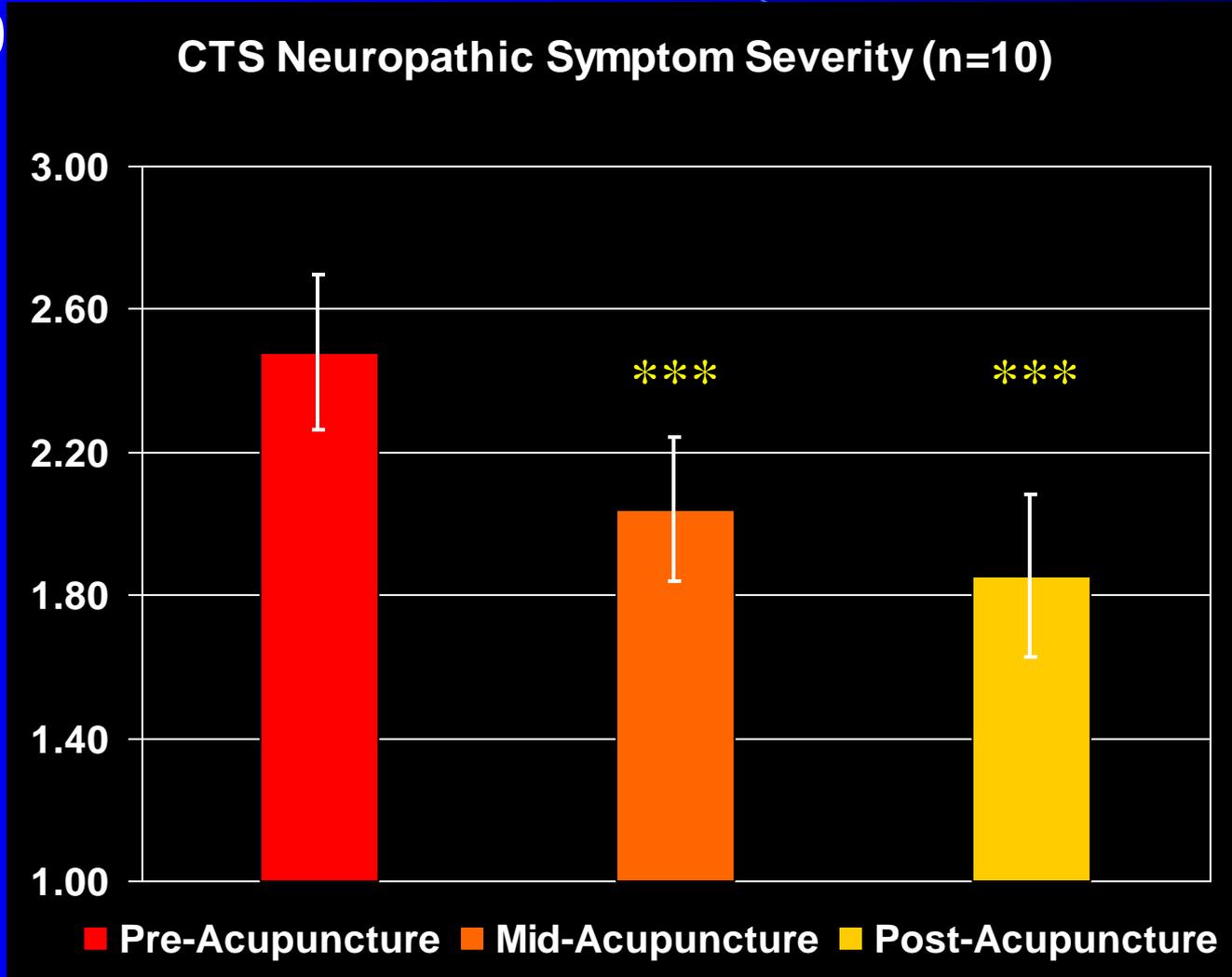
# Method:

**fMRI Digit Mapping: 100Hz electro-stimulation with surface electrodes on fingers 2, 3, and 5 (pseudorandom order); 0.2 mA below pain sensitivity threshold.**



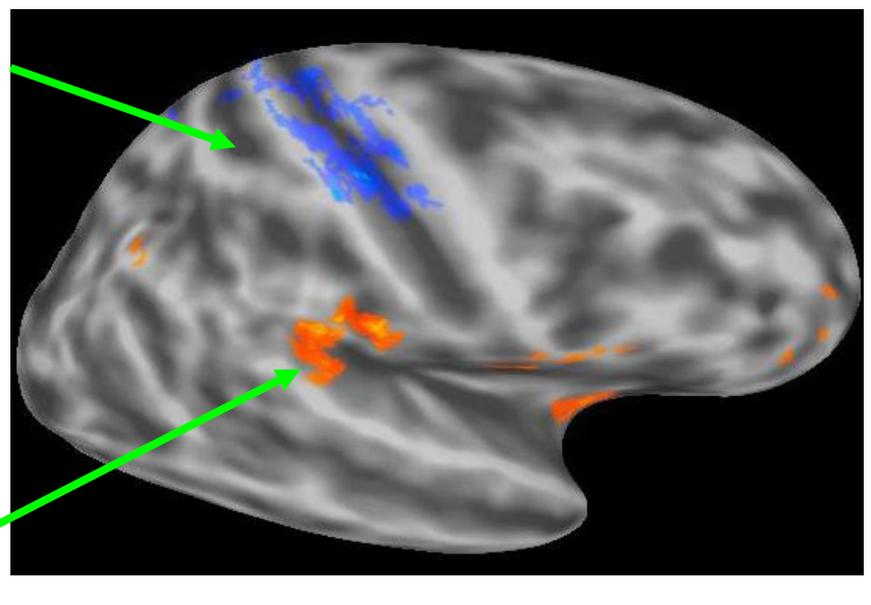
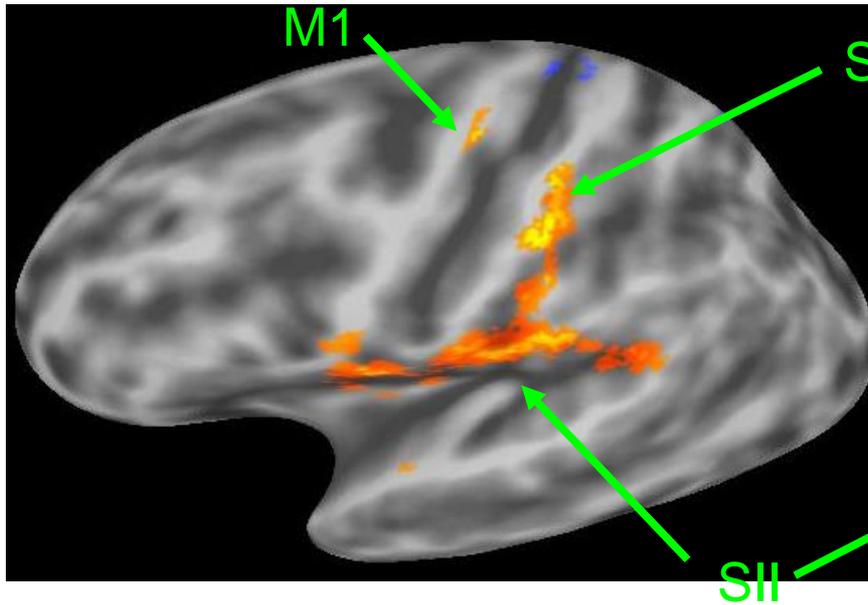
# Clinical Results (subjective): Boston CTS Questionnaire

- Acupuncture diminished neuropathic symptom severity, as measured by the Boston CTS Questionnaire (paired t-test:  $p < 0.00$ )

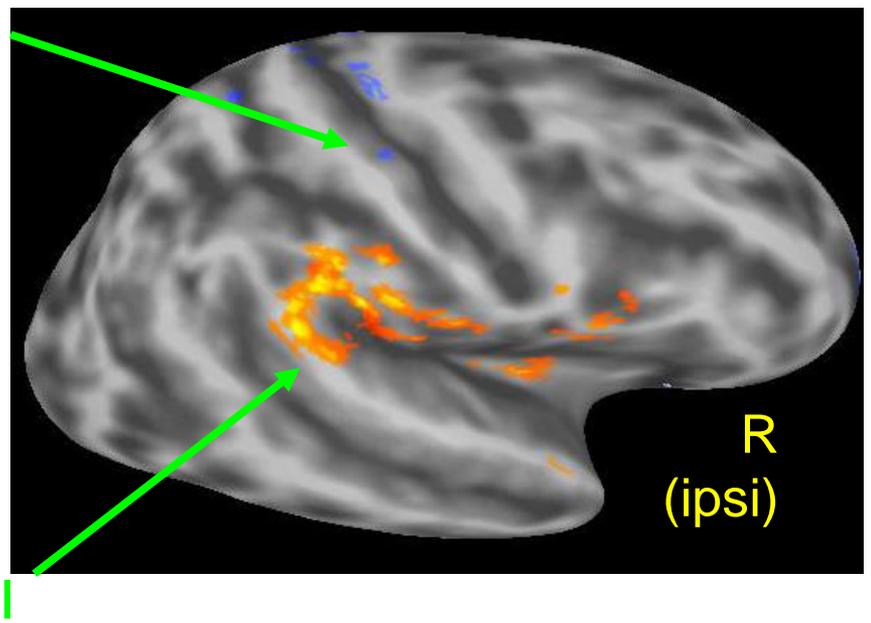
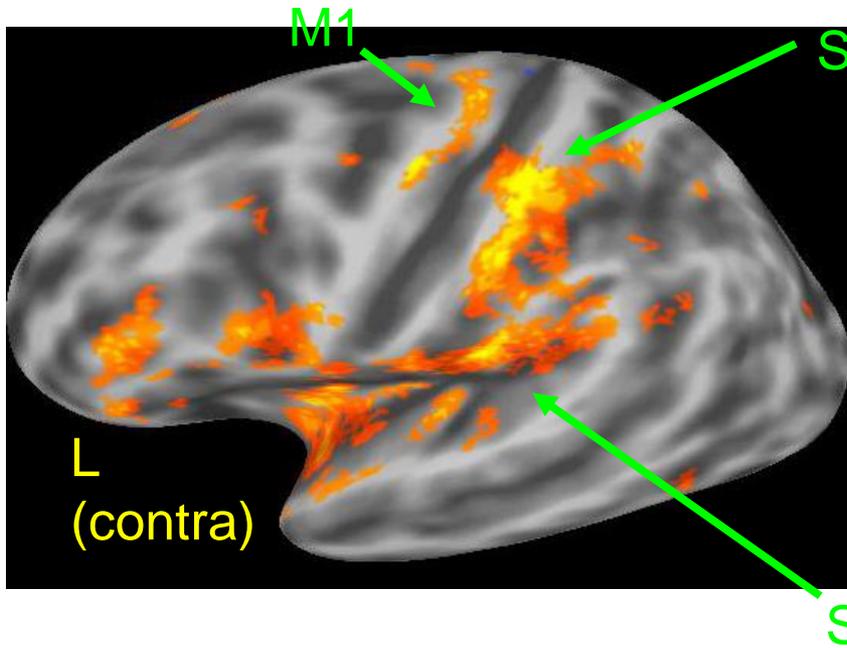


# Digit 3

Healthy

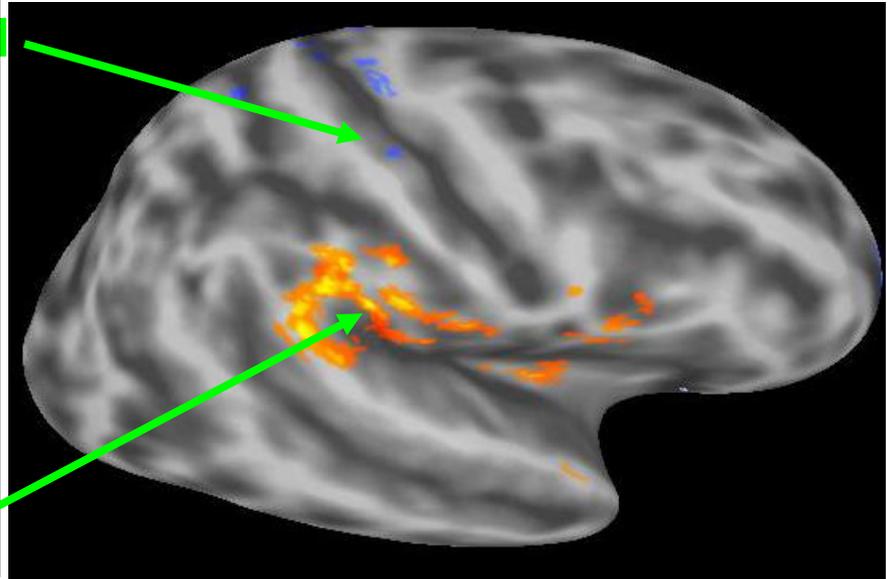
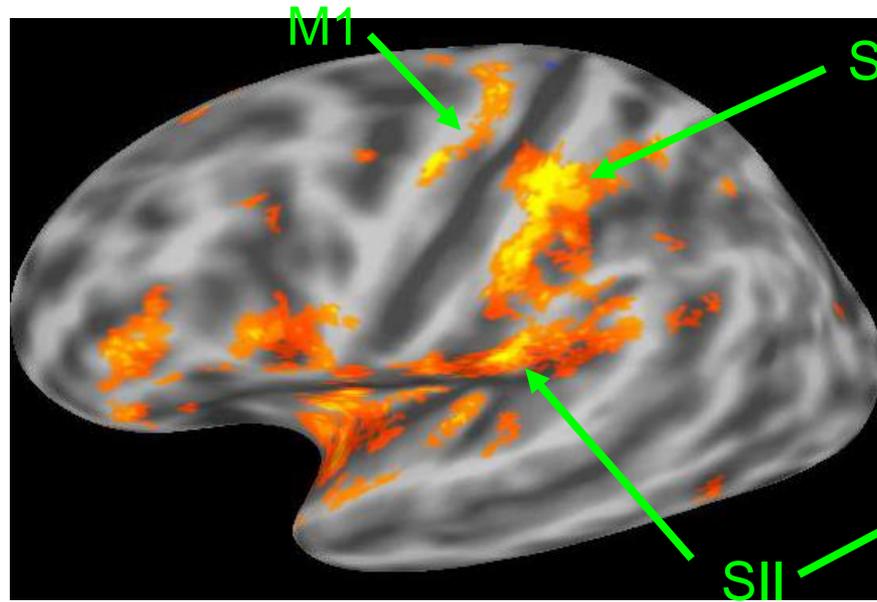


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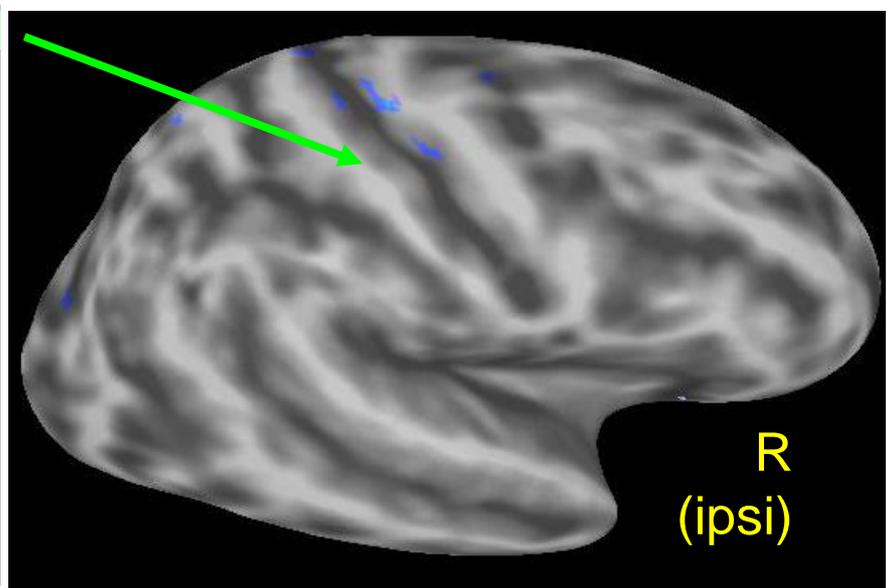
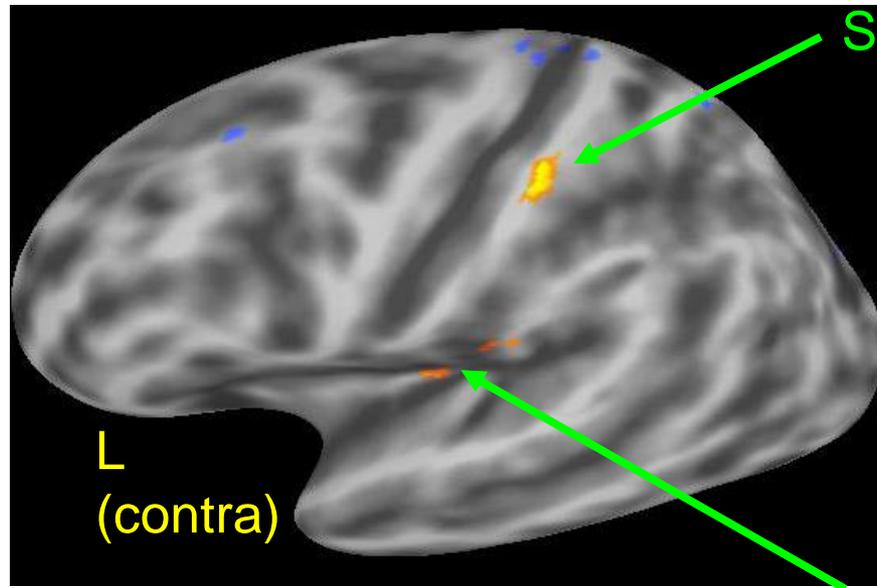


# Digit 3

CTS Pre-Acup



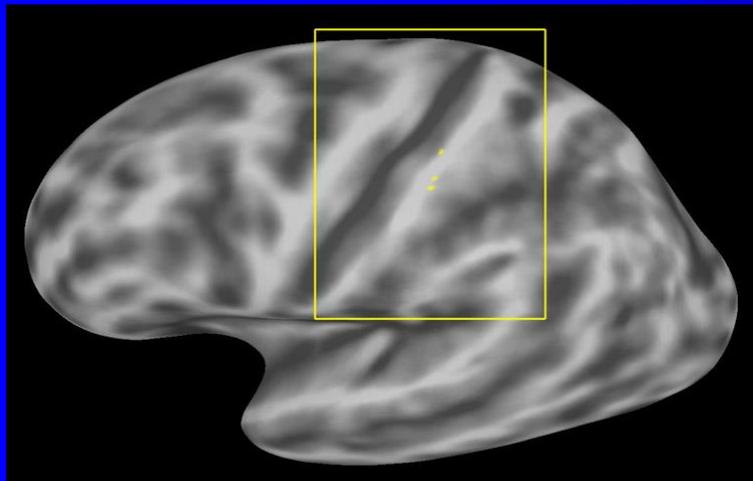
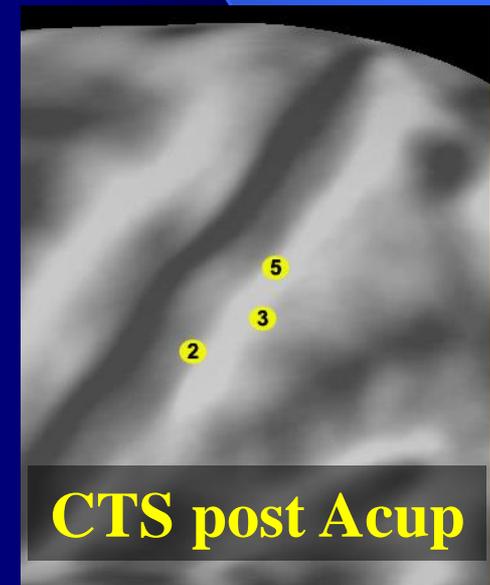
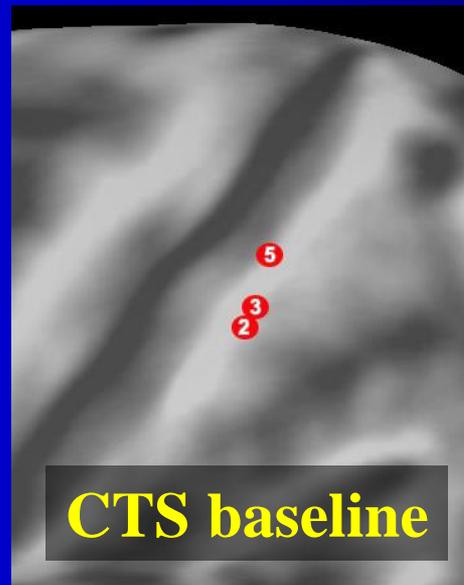
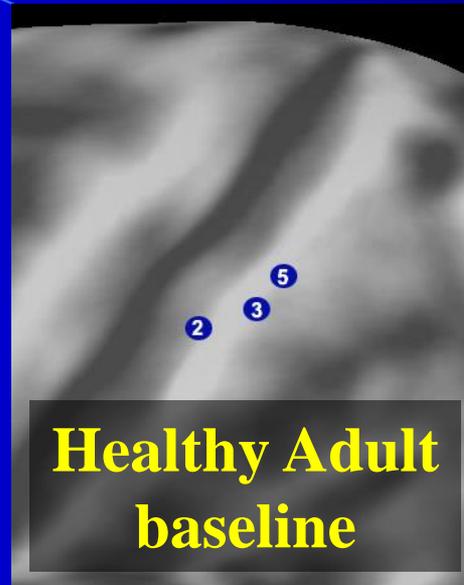
CTS Post-Acup



# Group Map SI Somatotopy

D2 & D3 were closer together for CTS patients than healthy adults

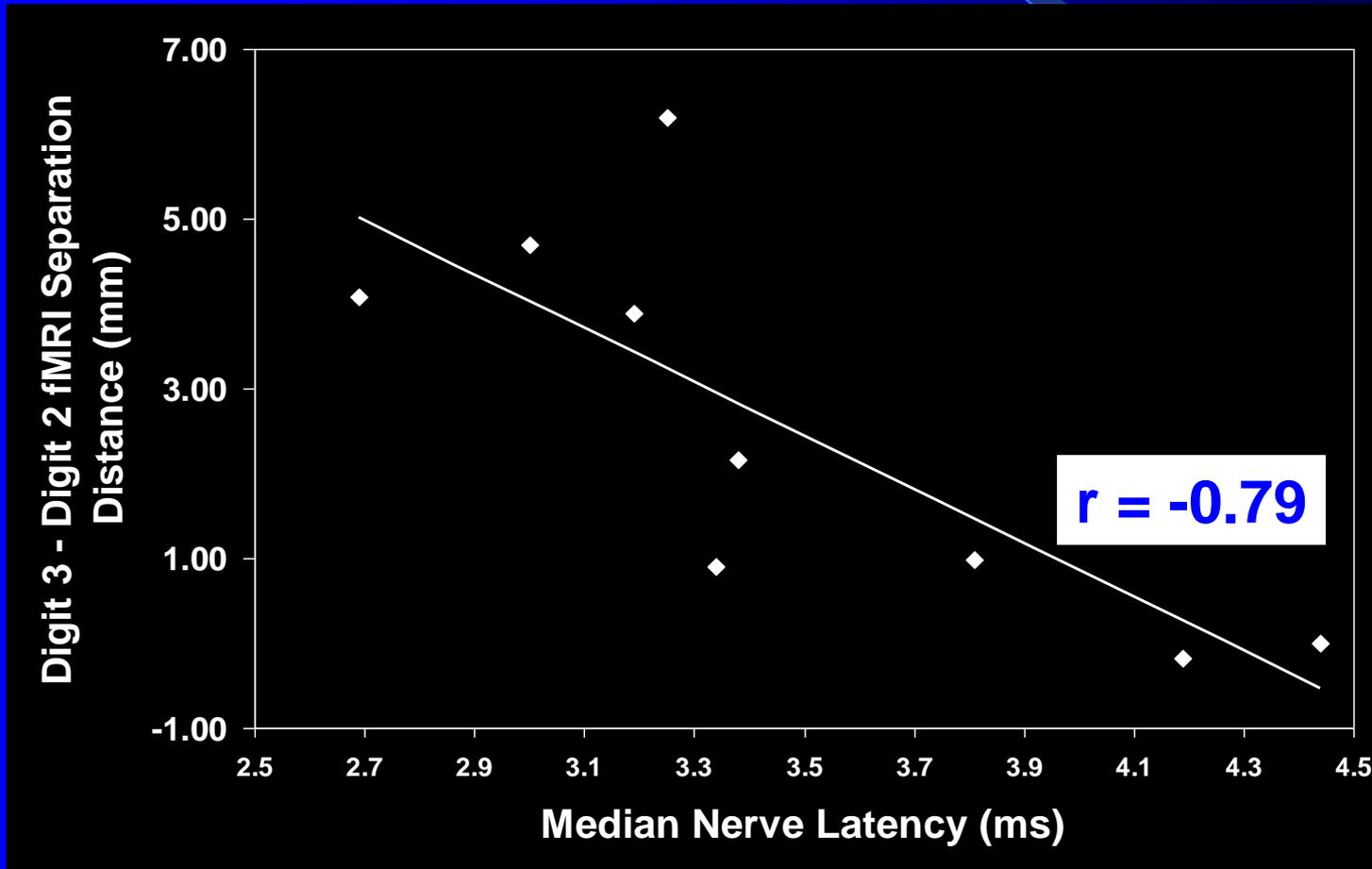
D2 & D3 were more separated post-acupuncture



contralateral hemisphere

# Somatotopic Separation Correlates with Peripheral Pathology in CTS patients

- Negative correlation between digit 3/2 separation distance and D2 nerve conduction delay ( $p < 0.05$ ).



# CTS – A Central Manifestation of Peripheral Nerve Dysfunction

## Carpal Tunnel Syndrome

pain + paresthesias

more frequent and abnormal  
nerve traffic to brain

more simultaneous signaling  
from affected digits

disinhibition

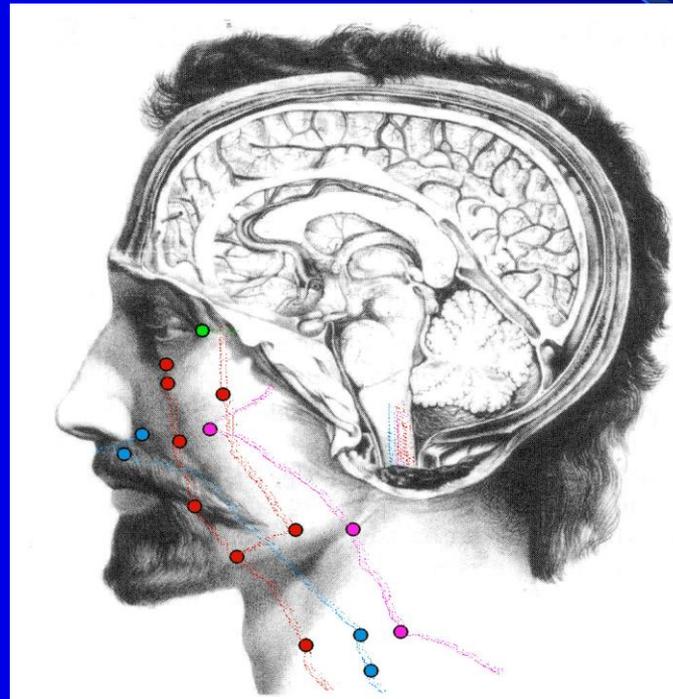
Hebbian plasticity  
mechanisms

more extensive  
digit representations in cortex

overlapping and blurred digit  
representation in cortex

# Acupuncture Modulates Resting State Connectivity in Default and Sensorimotor Brain Networks

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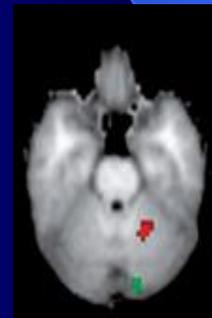
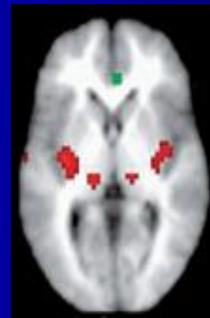
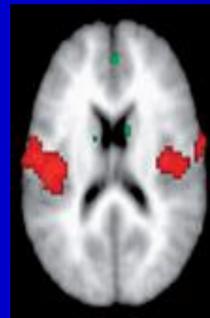
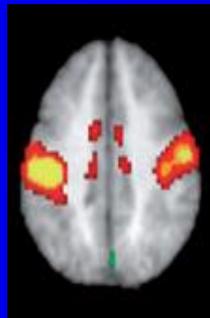
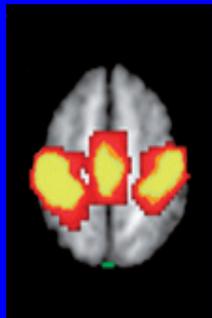
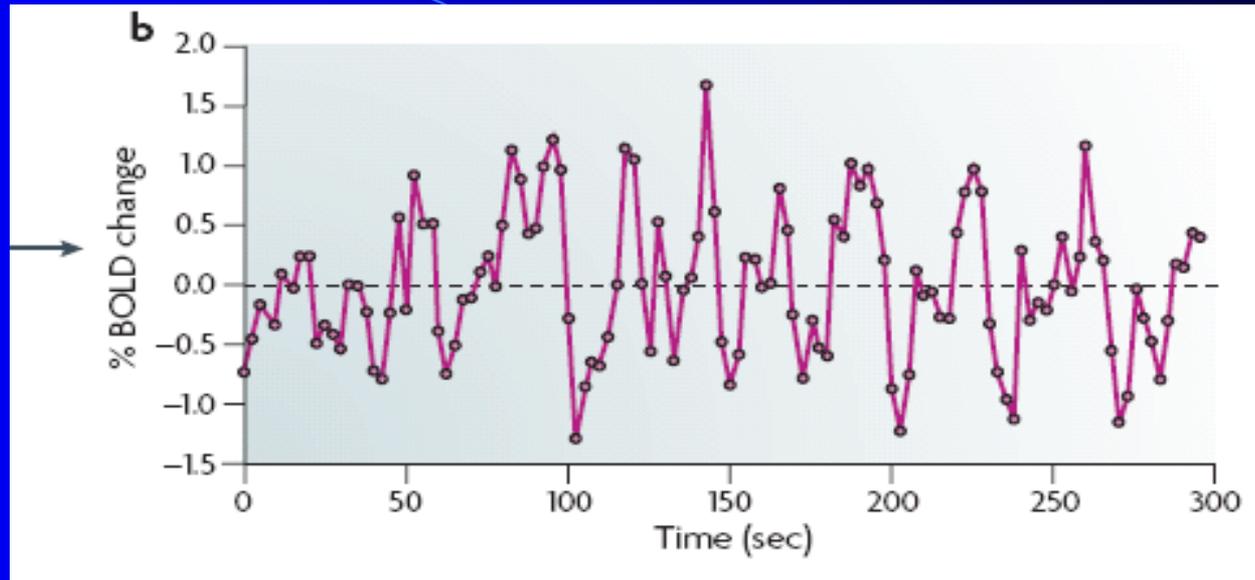
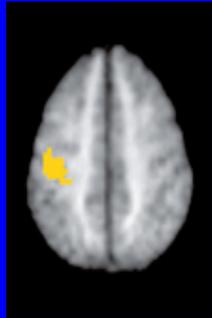
**Background**

Abnormalities in functional connectivity within inter-related brain regions may contribute to the pathophysiology of idiopathic disorders such as chronic low back pain.

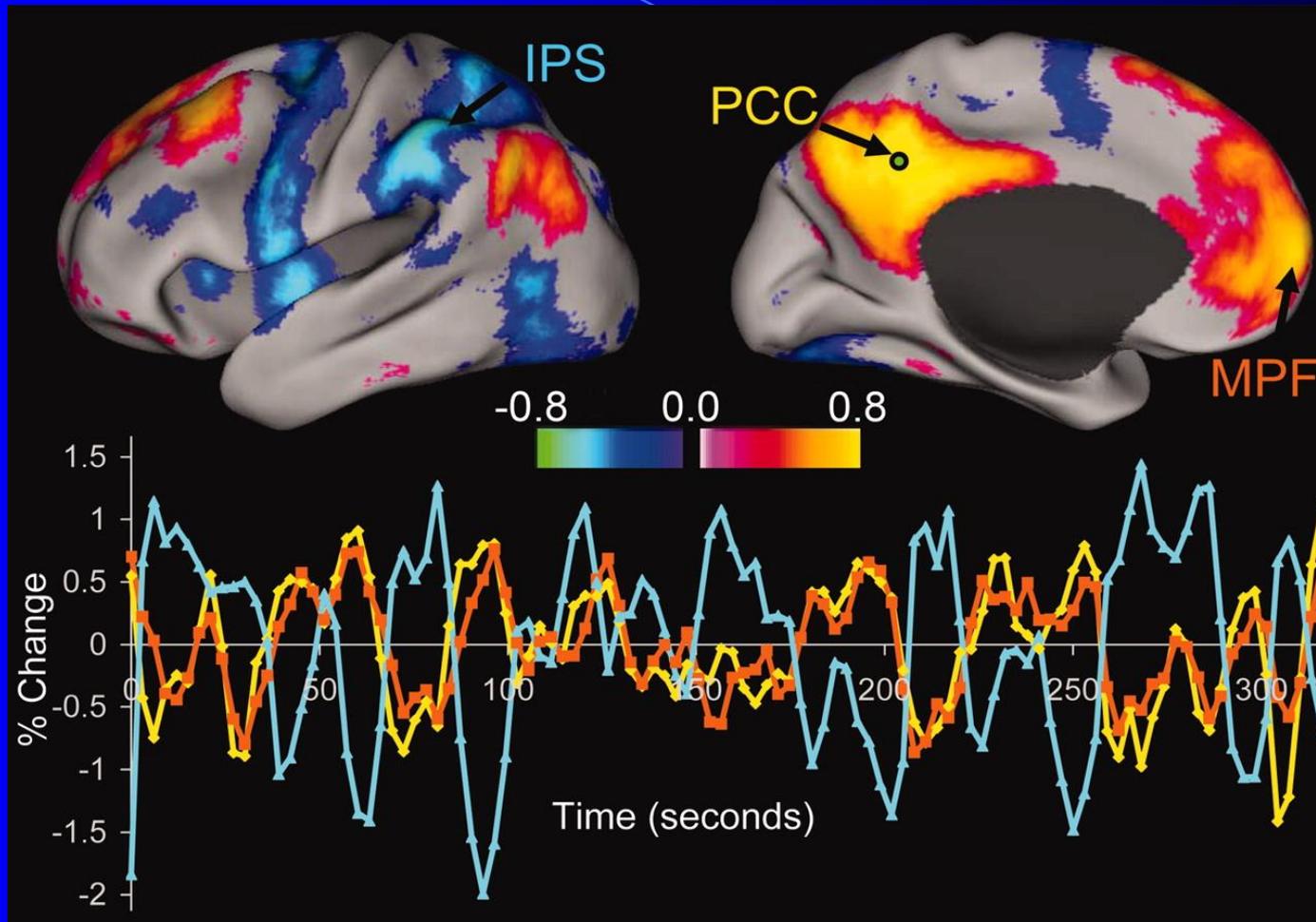
Functional connectivity refers to temporal synchrony and correlation between distinct and spatially remote brain regions.

Low frequency fluctuations in cerebral hemodynamics (0.01- 0.1Hz) have been identified (Biswal 1995) in fMRI data obtained during rest, and are temporally correlated across widely separated brain regions characterizing a functional resting state network (RSN).

# Seed Voxel Method

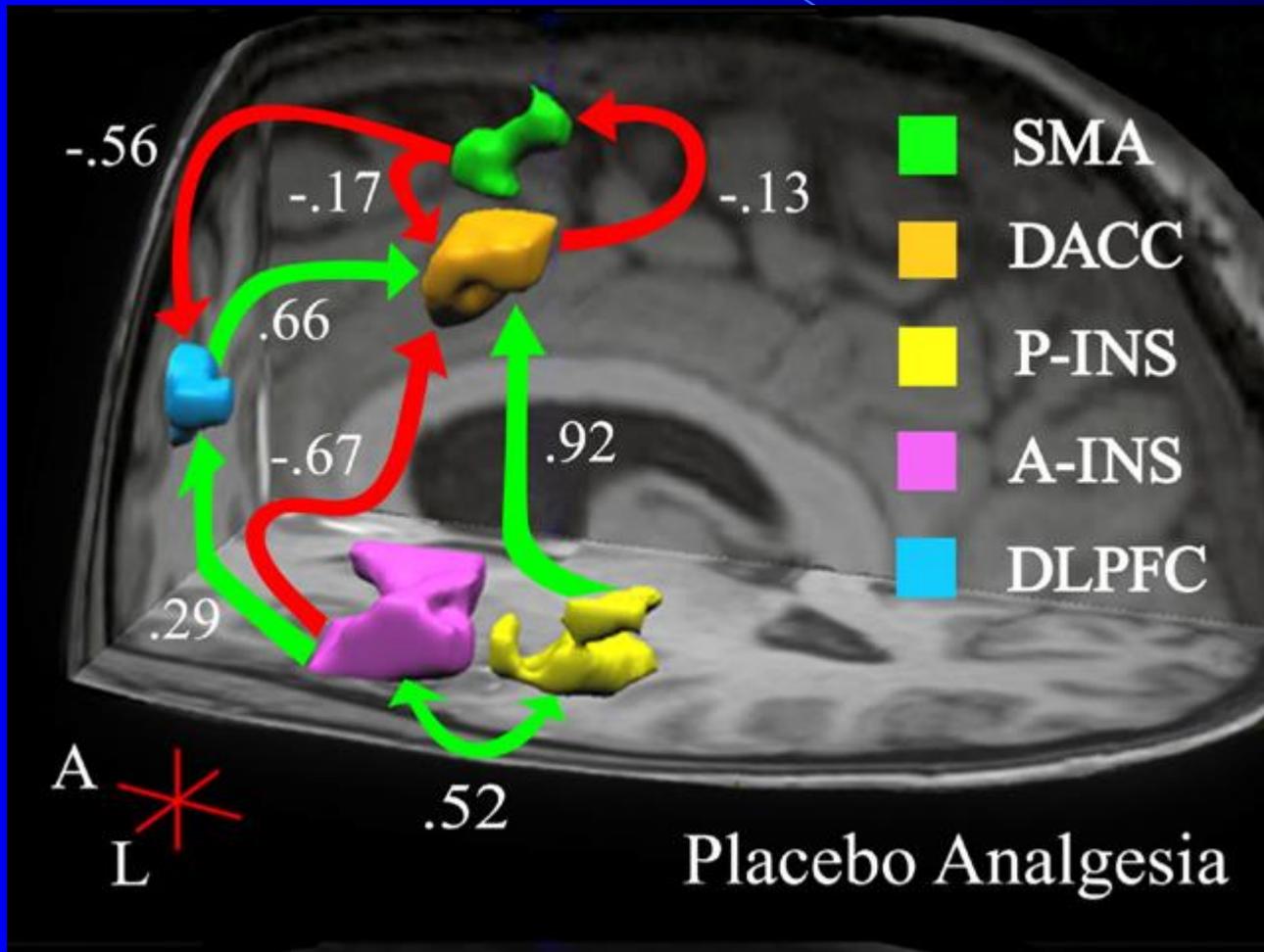


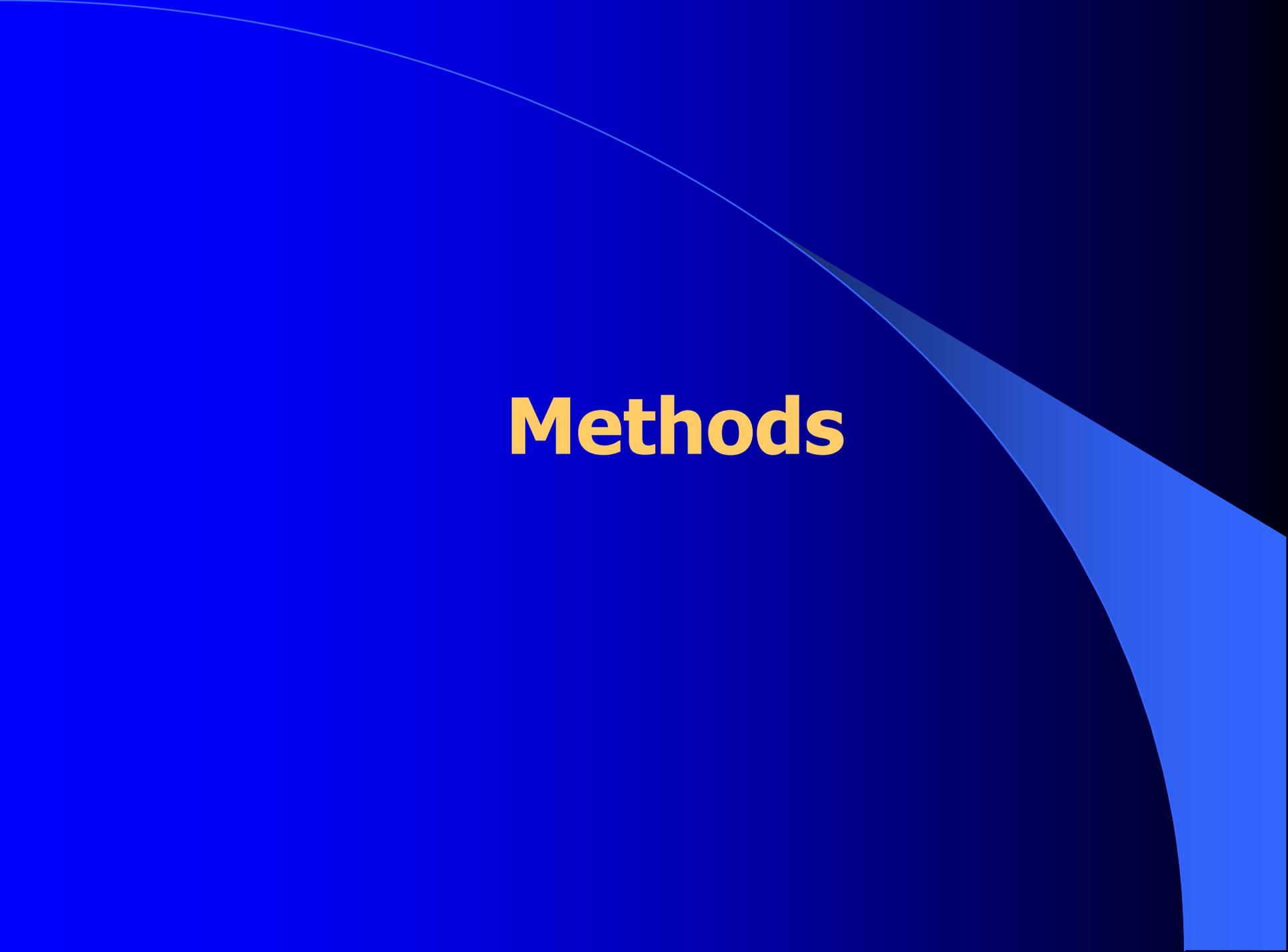
# Intrinsic correlations between a seed region in the PCC and all other voxels in the brain for a single subject during resting fixation



Fox, Michael D. et al. (2005) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 102, 9673-9678

# SEM Method





**Methods**

We evaluated the functional connectivity present in non-task, resting fMRI data, both pre and post acupuncture at PC 6 with a non-insertive sham (Semmes -Weinstein filament) as sham.

Functional connectivity was evaluated with two template networks the "default mode" (DMN) and "sensory-motor networks" (SMN).

Data were collected from 15 healthy, right handed adults, 18-50. Manual acupuncture (MA) and sham acupuncture (SA) were used at left PC-6. During rest blocks there was no acupuncture intervention and subjects lay still and fixated on a centrally presented + symbol. The order of MA and SA runs were randomized across subjects.

## fMRI SCANNING PARADIGM



Data were acquired using a Siemens Trio 3T MRI system equipped for echo planar imaging. Probabilistic independent component analysis (pICA) was performed on all rest runs using FSL-MELODIC to measure functional connectivity in the resting networks.

The pICA maps were in the form of a z – statistic for temporally coherent activated or deactivated areas. Components were obtained using “best fit” (average z-scores of voxels greatest inside /outside the template) from each rest run on all subjects.

Group analysis was performed on the selected component maps using a mixed effects model.

Paired and unpaired t-tests between resting state networks (DMN and SMN) before vs. after the acupuncture runs were obtained.



**Results**

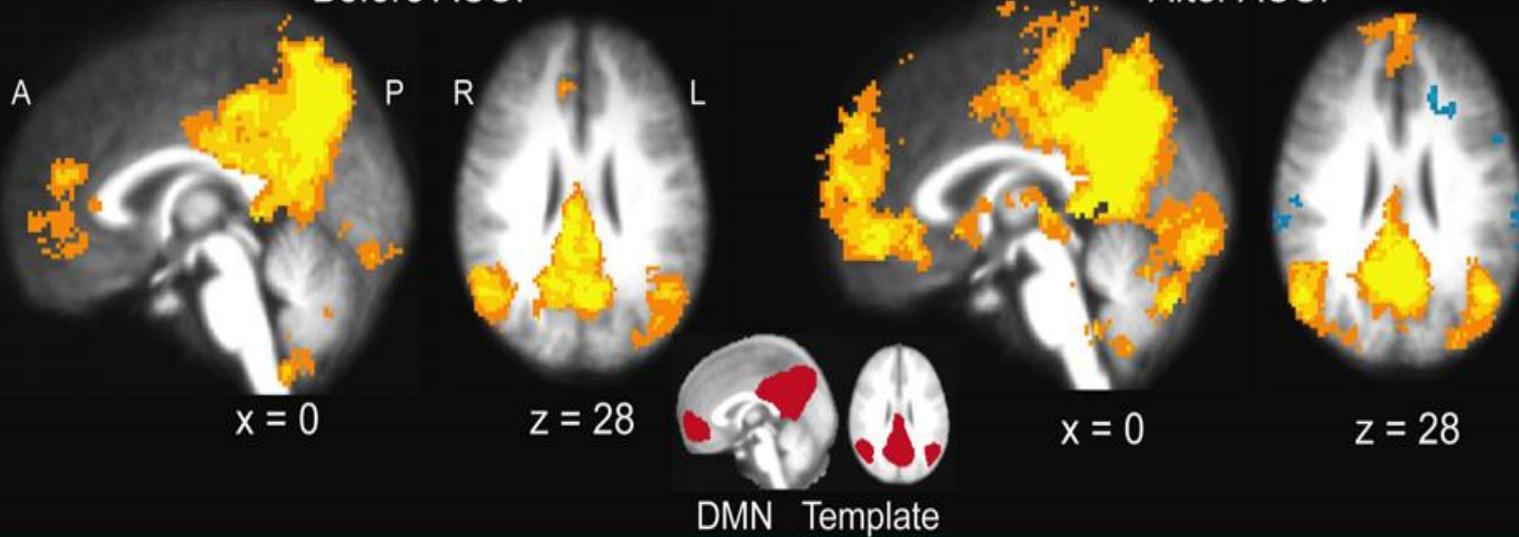
Group maps of the best fitting IC for DMN and SMN showed consistent spatial distribution relative to their templates before and after acupuncture

**A**

# Default Mode Network (DMN)

Before ACUP

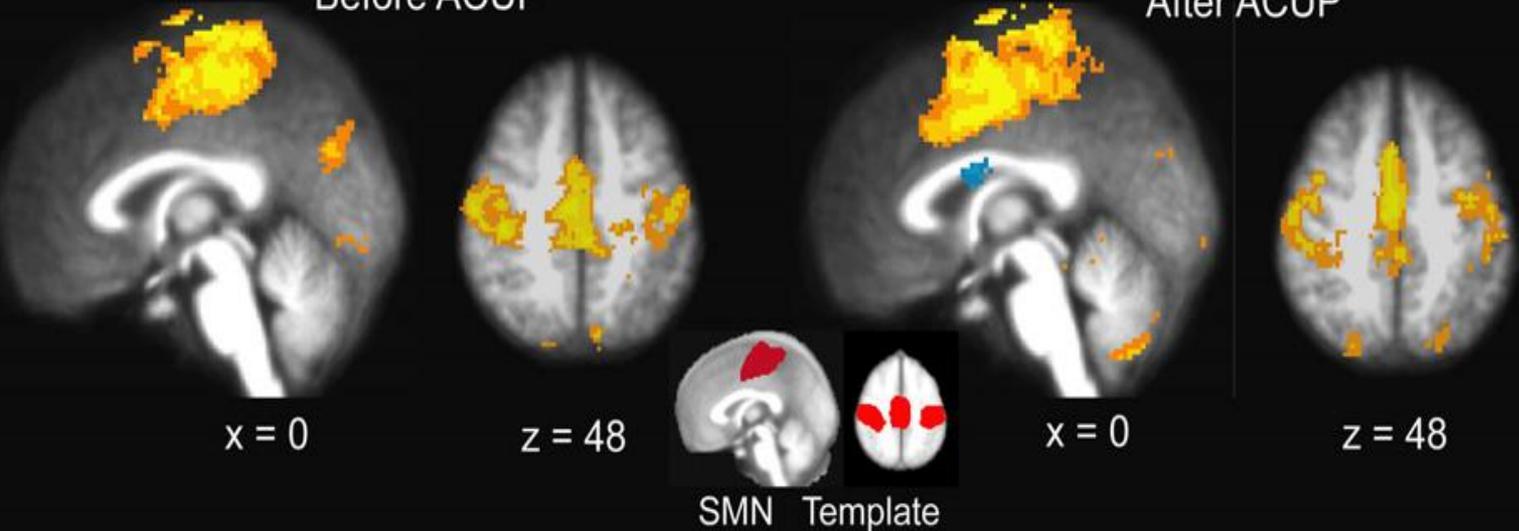
After ACUP

**B**

# Sensorimotor Mode Network (SMN)

Before ACUP

After ACUP

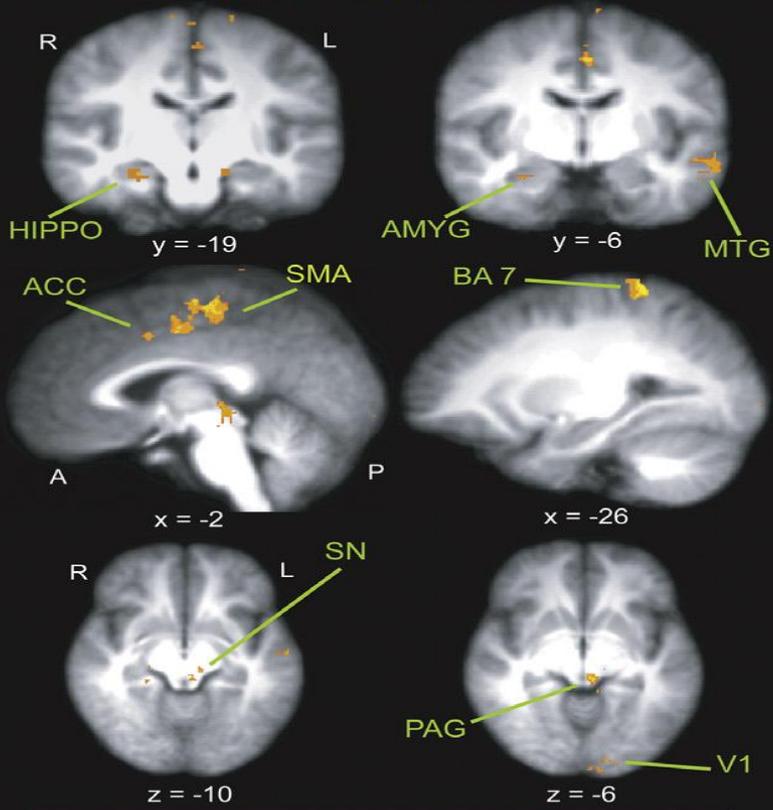


Changes in connectivity (after vs. before) stimulation were observed in group maps for both MA and SA. The MA increased connectivity of the DMN with:

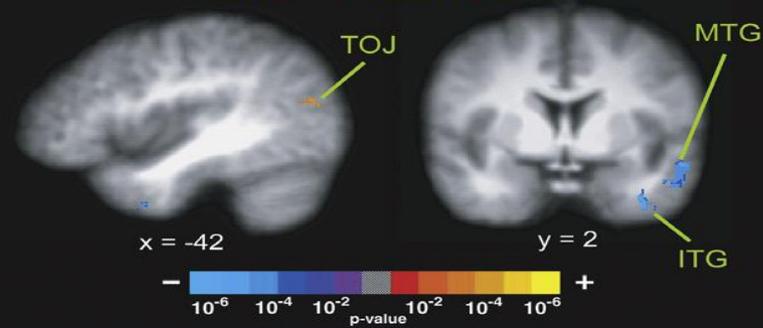
1. limbic and memory related areas (amygdala, hippocampus, middle temporal gyrus)
2. attentional (cingulate)
3. anti-nociceptive (PAG)
4. somatomotor (SMA)
5. spatial/associative (posterior parietal) regions

Following SA, the TOJ, MTG and ITG decreased connectivity with DMN.

**A** **DMN CONNECTIVITY**  
**After - Before ACUP**



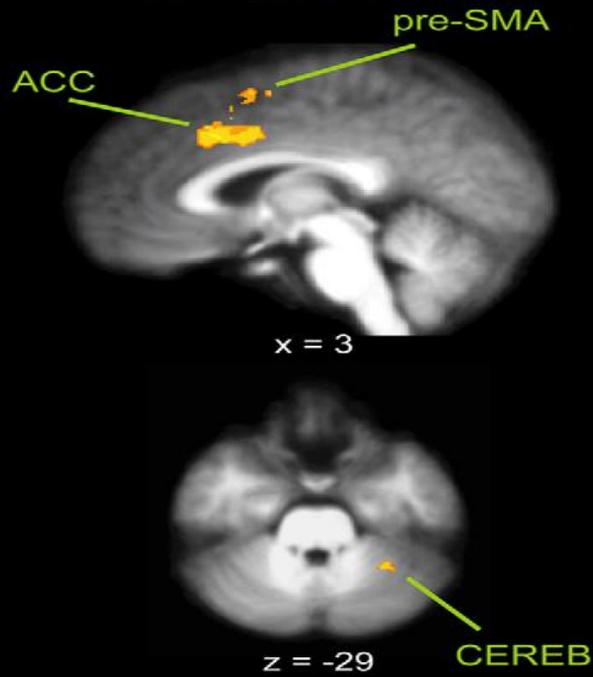
**B** **DMN CONNECTIVITY**  
**After - Before SHAM**



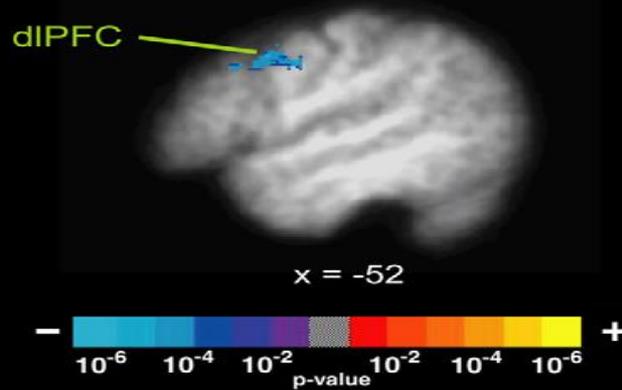
Changes in the SMN for MA (but not SA) involved increased connectivity within the somatomotor network ( ACC, cerebellum pre-SMA).

For SA, decreased connectivity for SMN was seen in the dorsolateral prefrontal cortex

**A SMN CONNECTIVITY  
After - Before ACUP**



**B SMN CONNECTIVITY  
After - Before SHAM**



# Conclusions

This study supports the modulation (increase) of the intrinsic functional connectivity of resting state networks (DMN, SMN) in the brain associated with the complex somatosensory stimulation of acupuncture. Future work will study RSN functional connectivity in chronic pain patients.

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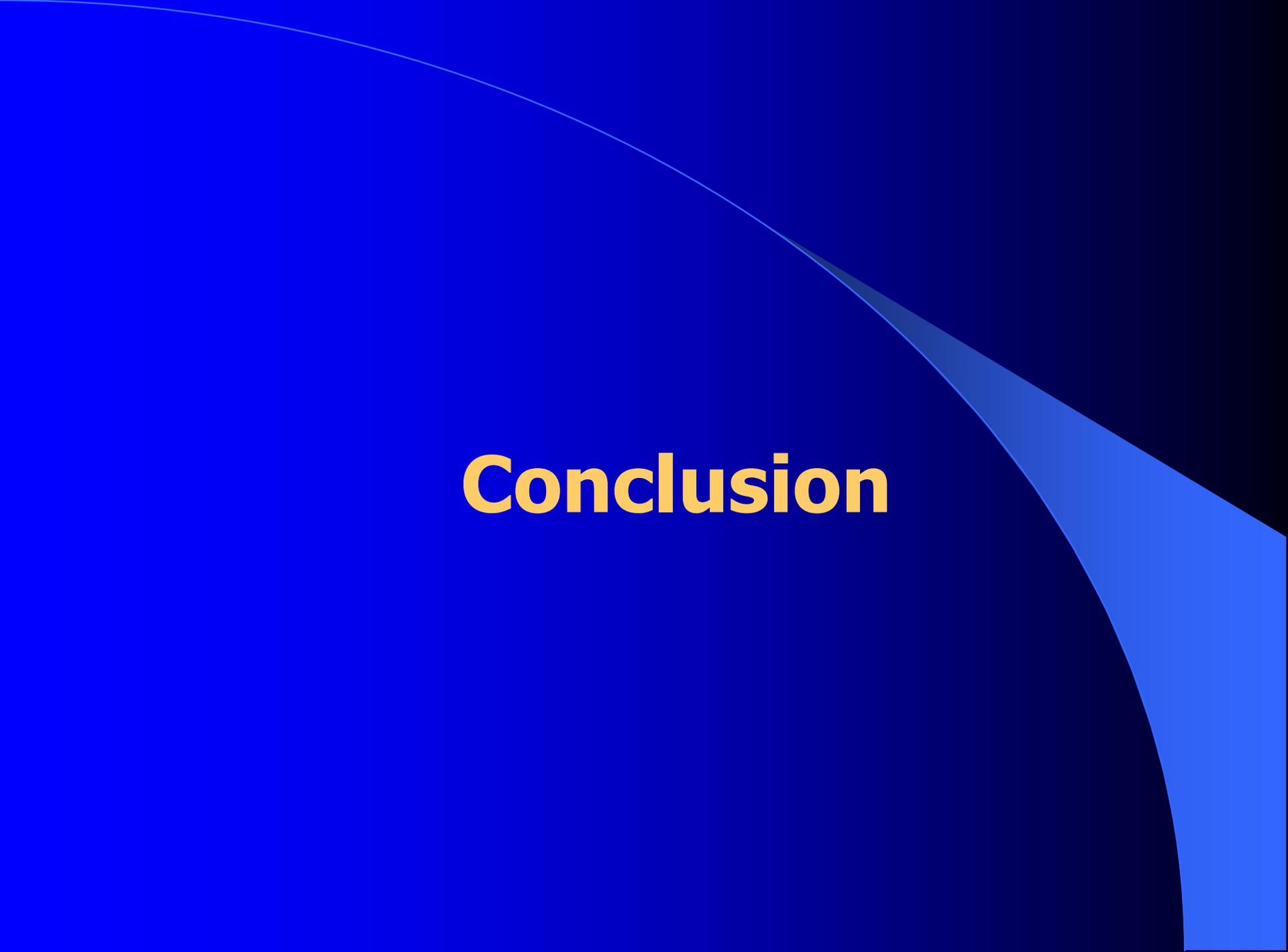
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**Conclusion**

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