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# Using Brain Imaging Techniques to Find the Tinnitus Signal

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# Agenda

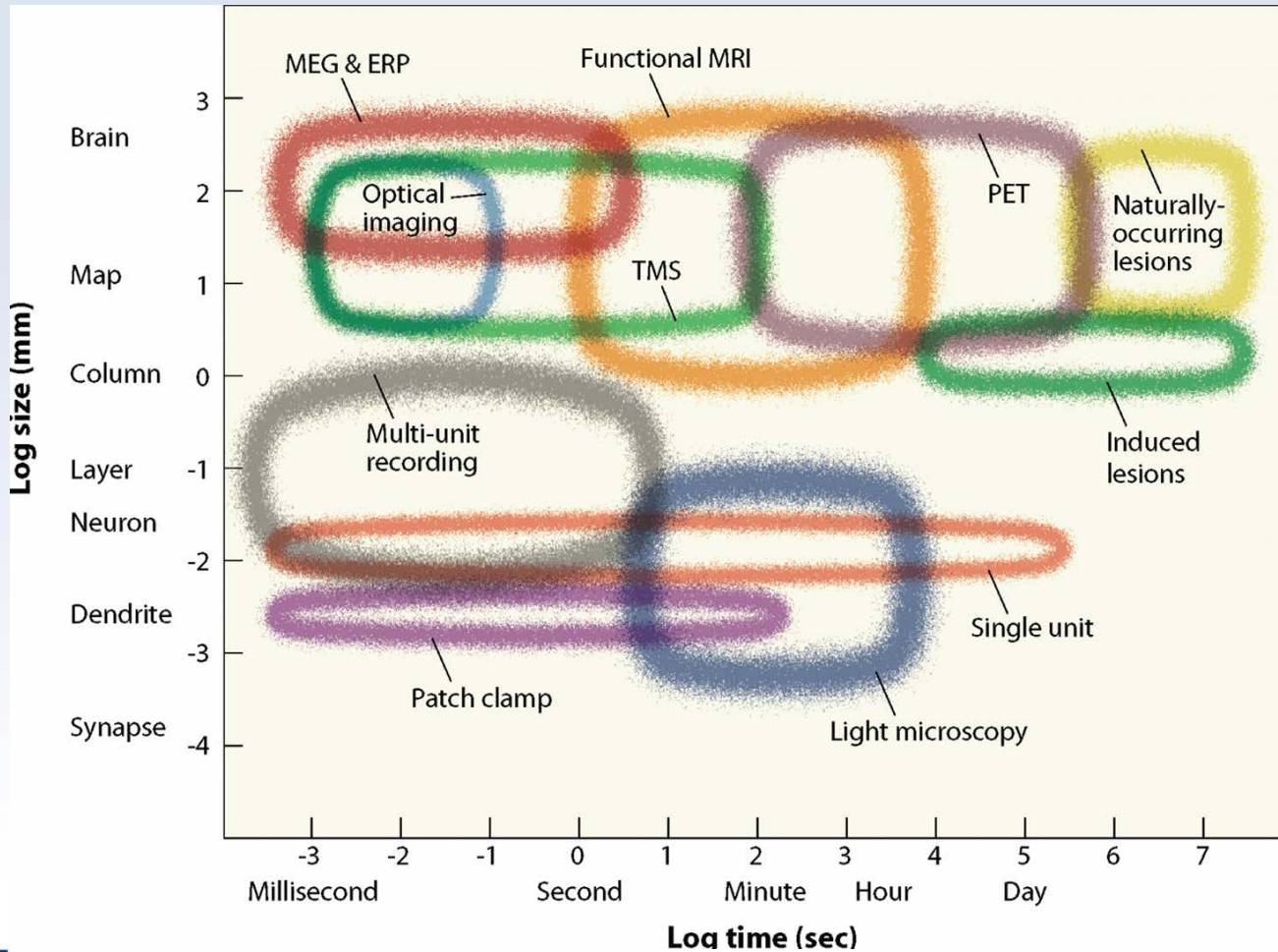
- Brain Imaging
  - Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging
- Measuring tinnitus severity
- Use of brain imaging in tinnitus
  - Objective biomarkers
  - Task-based, Rest-based
  - Neural Networks
    - Auditory network
    - Attention network
    - Emotion processing network
    - Default mode network
  - Replicability, robustness of measures, diagnosis



# **BRAIN IMAGING**



# Tools to study the brain: Spatial and Temporal Resolution



# Brain Imaging Studies

1. Provide information about neural mechanisms subserving both tinnitus generation and persistence
2. Objective measures of a subjective disorder in a heterogeneous population
3. Estimate effect of interventions
4. Provide information necessary to develop new therapies

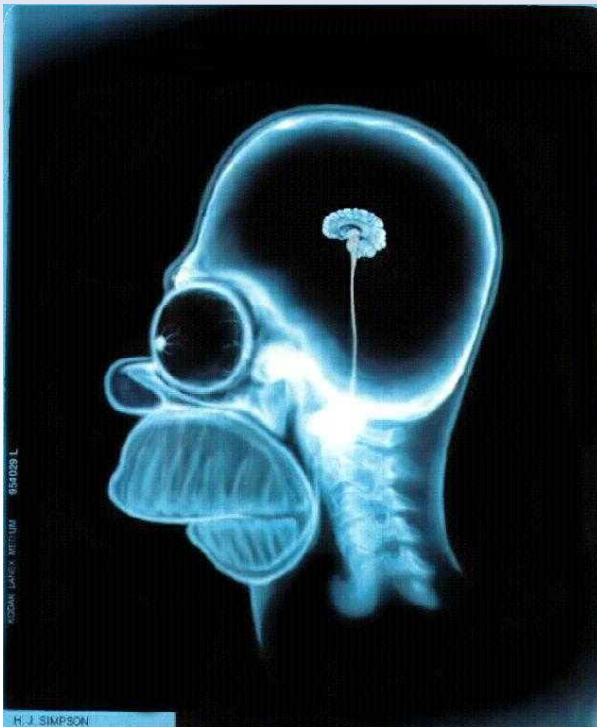


# The “Scanner”

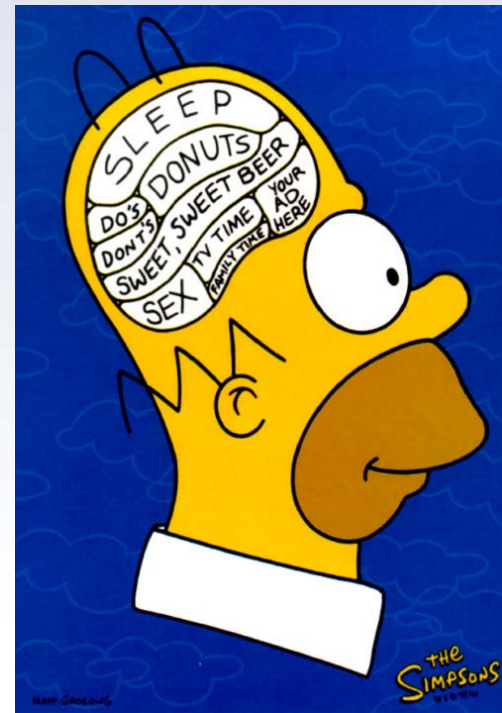


# MRI vs. fMRI

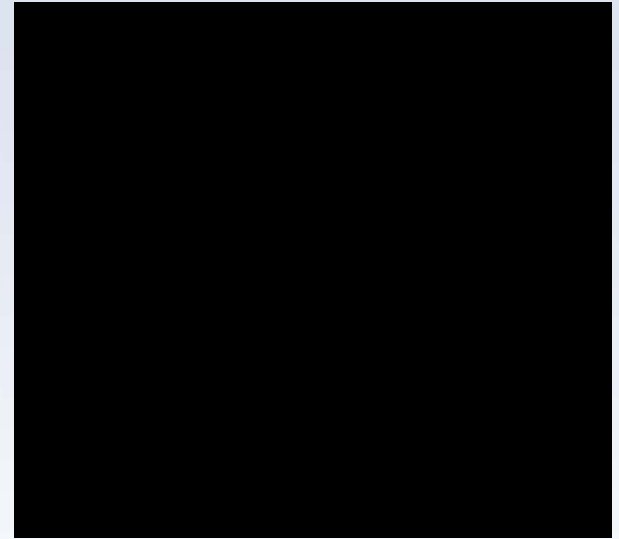
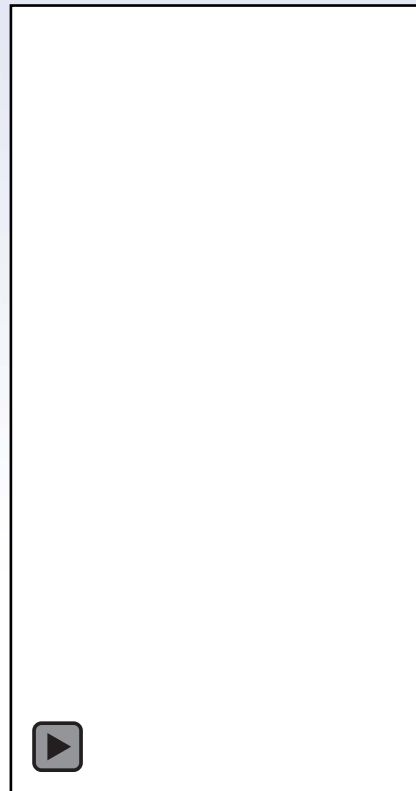
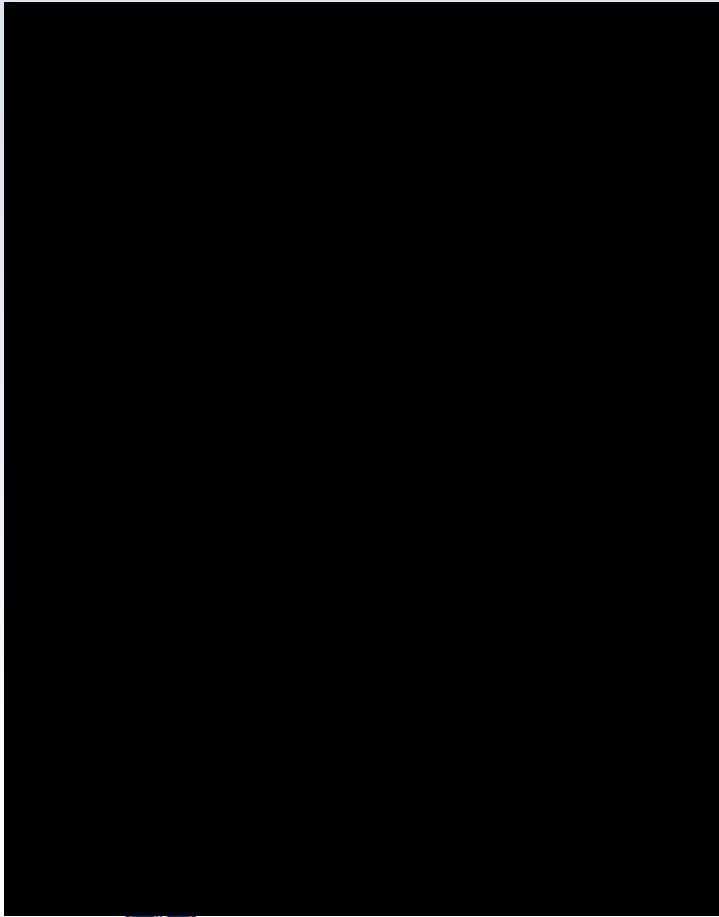
**MRI studies brain anatomy.**



**Functional MRI (fMRI) studies brain function.**

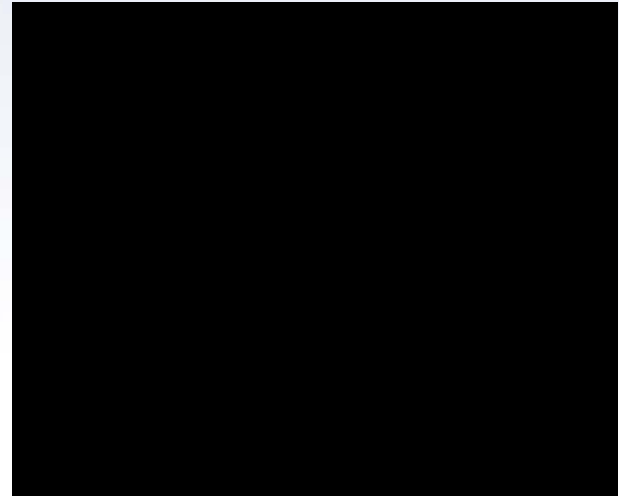
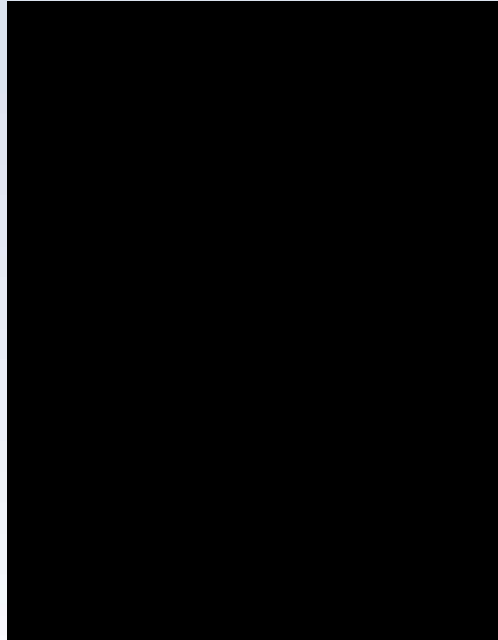


# Imaging Structure in the Brain

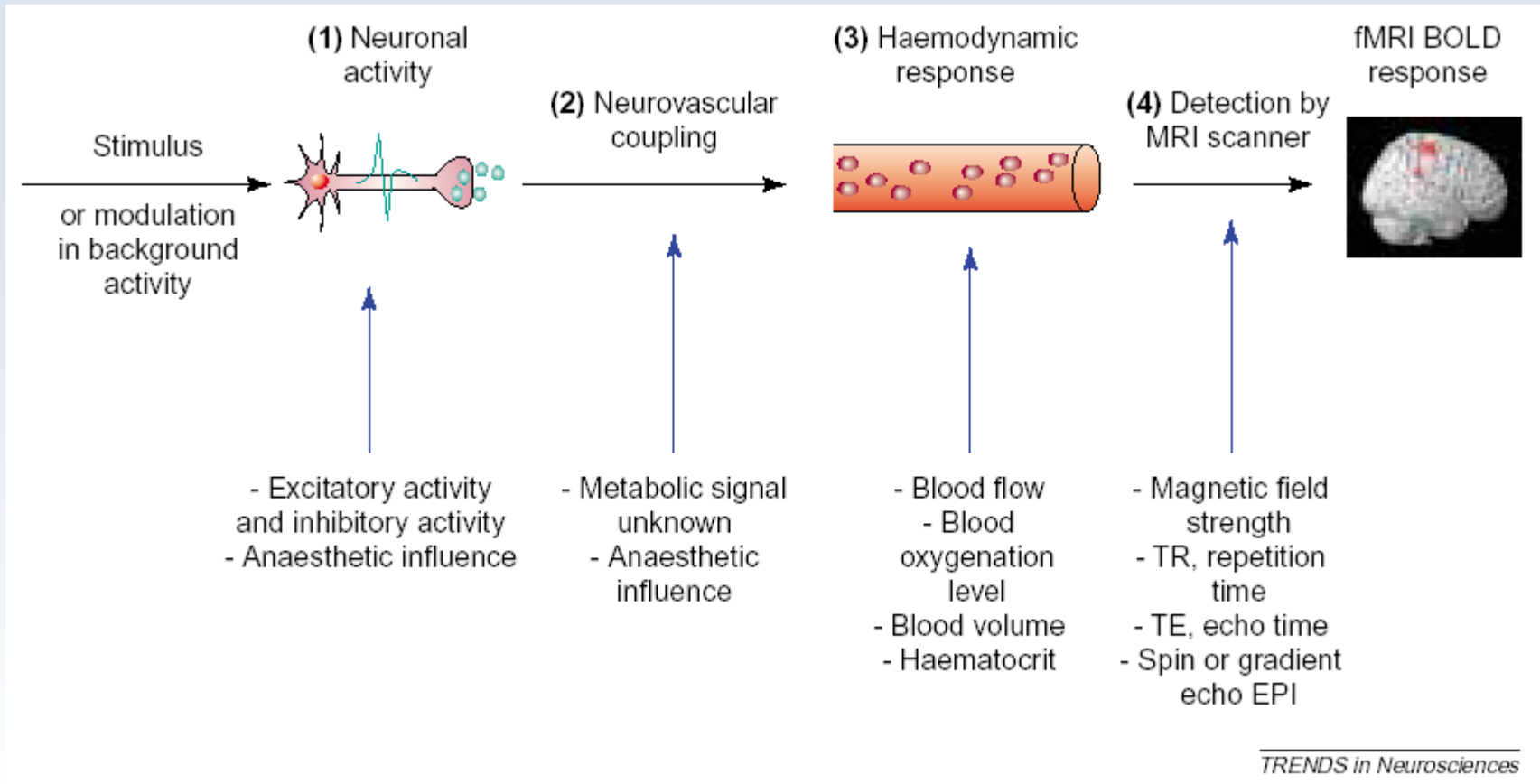




# Imaging Function in the Brain



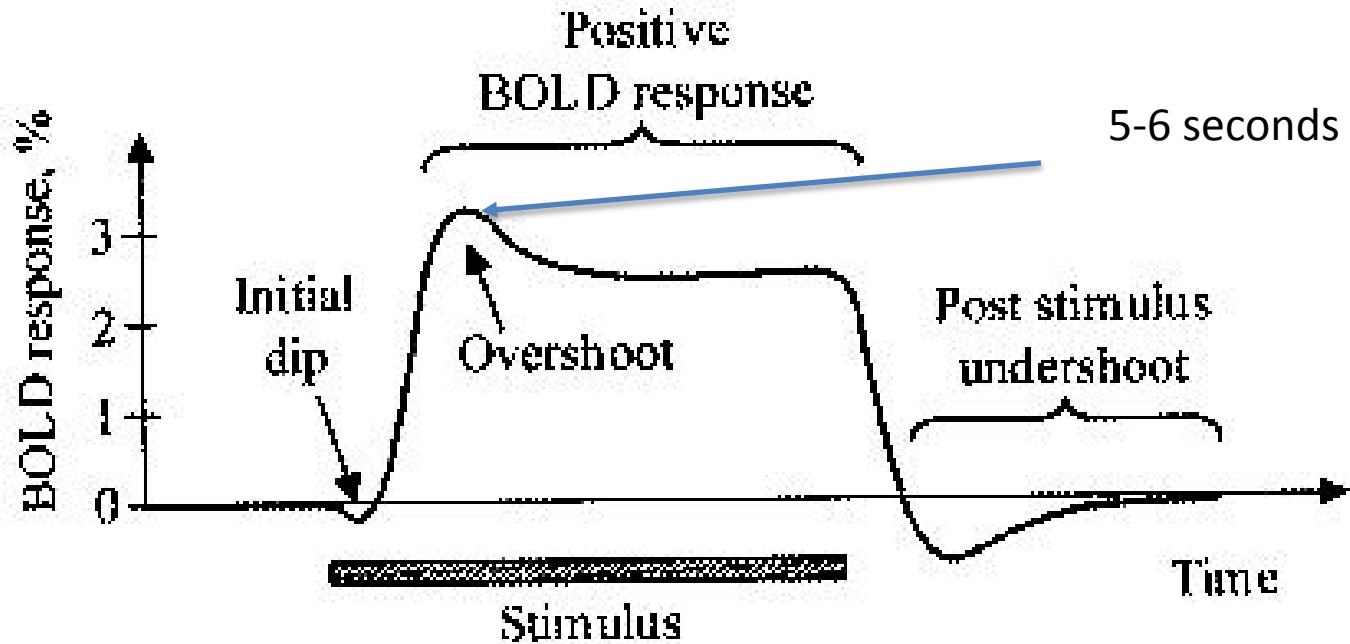
# Stimulus to BOLD



Source: Arthurs & Boniface, 2002, *Trends in Neurosciences*

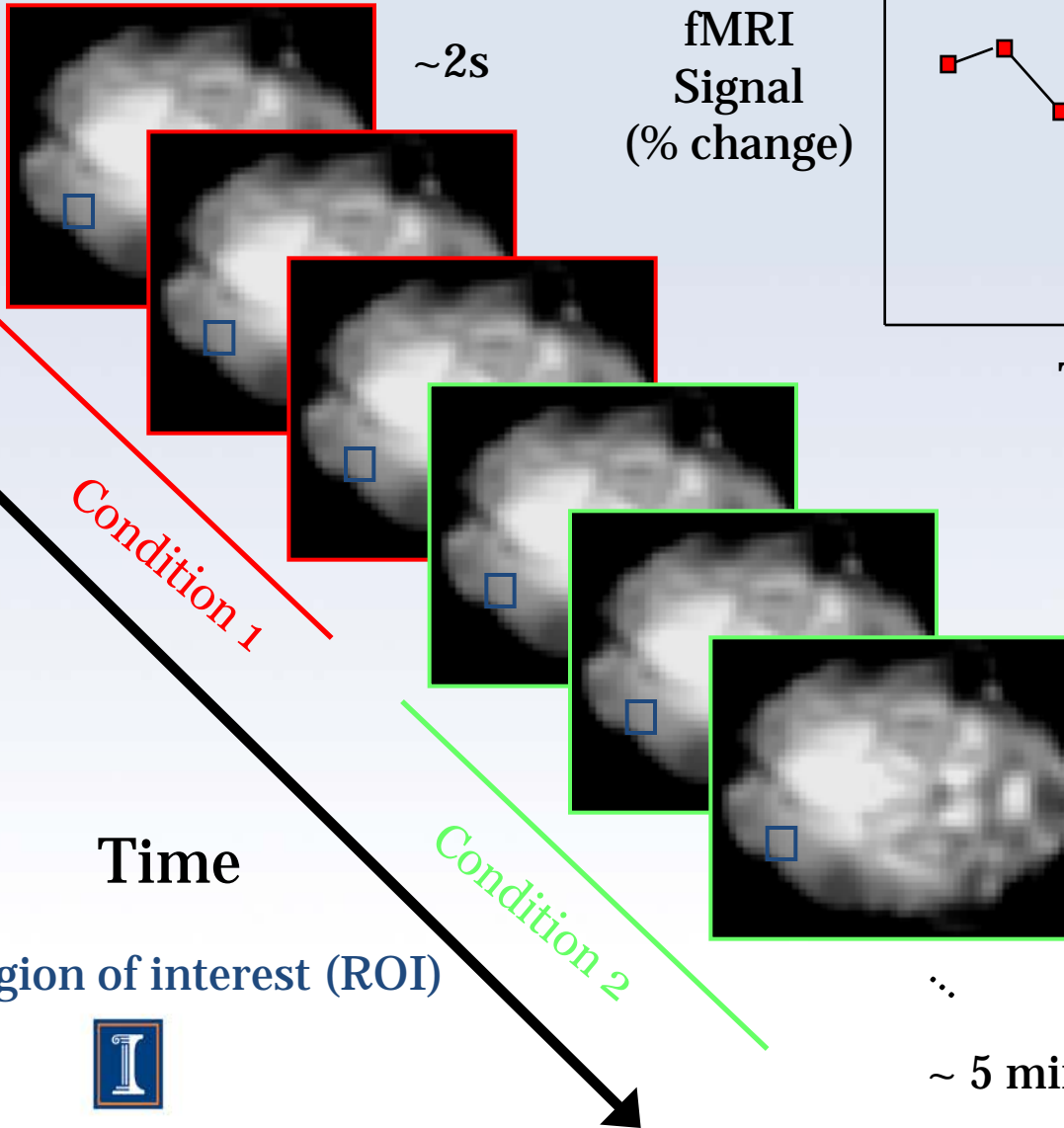


# BOLD Time Course

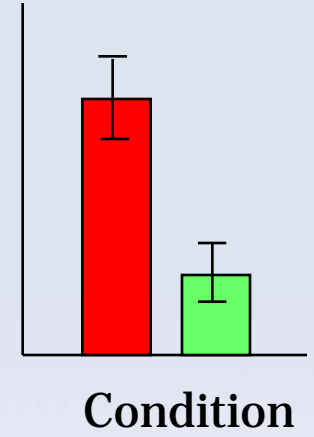
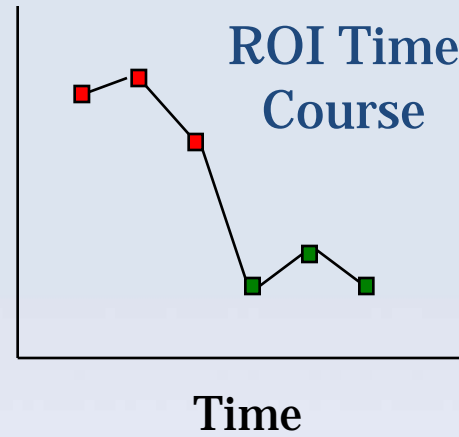


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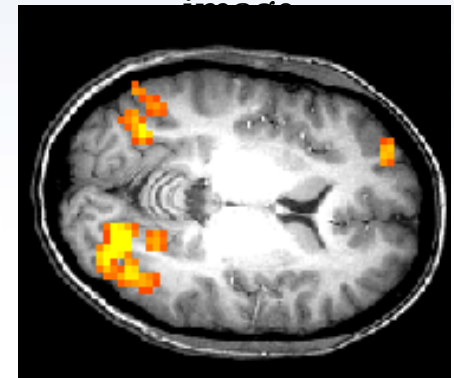
Functional images



fMRI  
Signal  
(% change)



Statistical Map  
superimposed on  
anatomical MRI



Time

Region of interest (ROI)



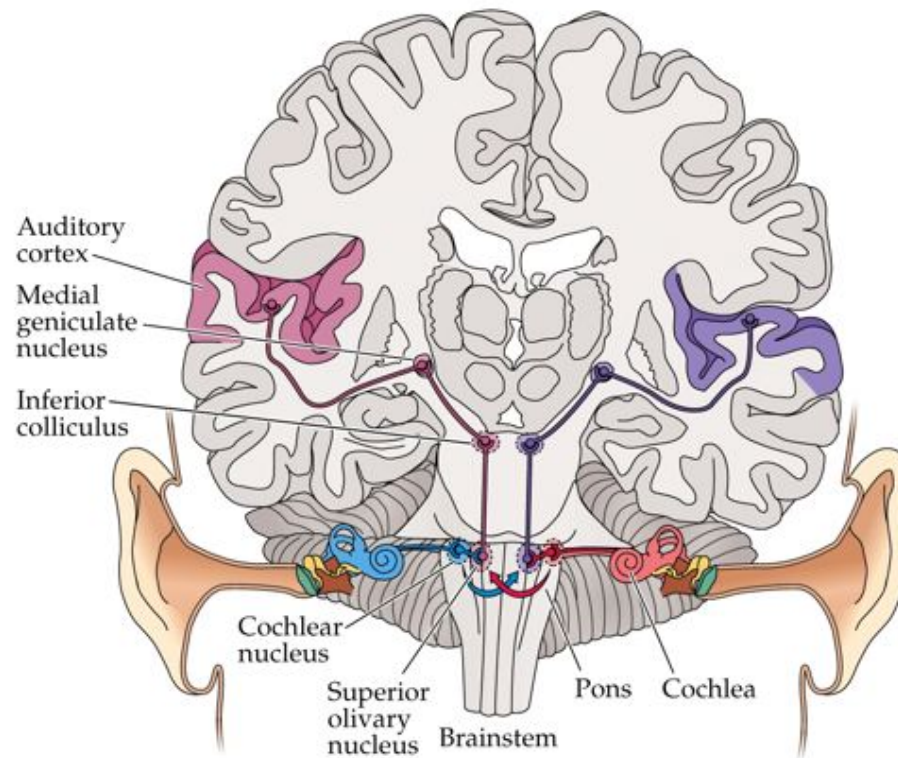
Reminder...

# **NEURAL NETWORKS**



# Auditory Network

## Ascending auditory pathways

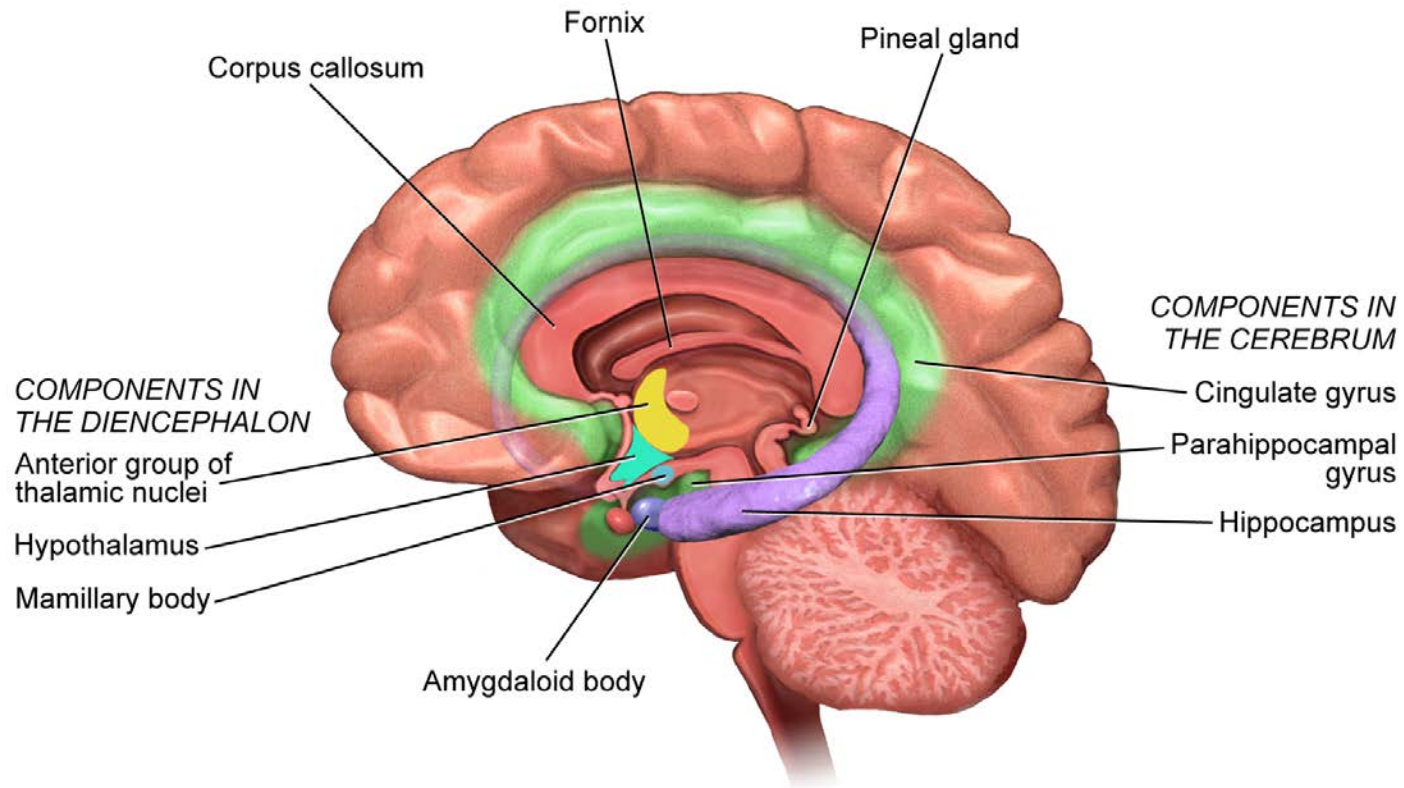


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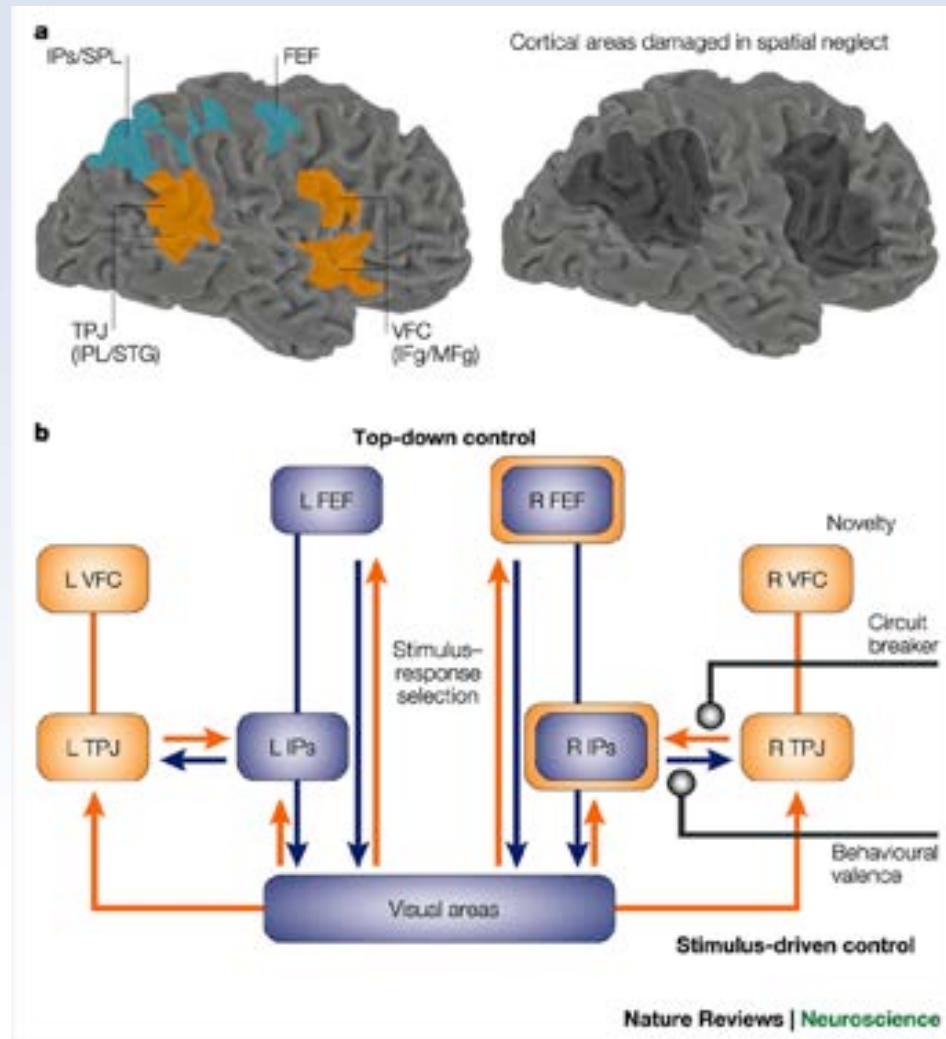


# Emotion processing network

## The Limbic System



# Attention Network





# TINNITUS SEVERITY



**Tinnitus** is known as the conscious perception of sound in the absence of an external source

## Percept

## Reaction

- Pitch
- Loudness
- Duration
- Laterality
- Masking
- Sleep disturbance
- Concentration
- Communication
- Stress
- Anxiety
- Depression
- Suicidal ideation

Ringling

Buzzing

Humming

Roaring

Waterfall



...reaction to tinnitus

# **ASSESSING TINNITUS SEVERITY**



Table 1. Nine widely used tinnitus questionnaires<sup>a</sup>

Questionnaire name	Authors and year	Number of items	Response options for each item
Tinnitus Questionnaire	Hallam et al. (1988)	34	3 levels: true, partly true, not true
Tinnitus Handicap Questionnaire	Kuk et al. (1990)	27	100 levels: 100 = strongly agree, 0 = strongly disagree
Tinnitus Severity Scale	Sweetow and Levy (1990)	15	4 levels: wording of response options varies between items
Subjective Tinnitus Severity Scale	Halford and Anderson (1991)	16	2 levels: yes/no
Tinnitus Reaction Questionnaire	Wilson et al. (1991)	26	5 levels: not at all, a little of the time, some of the time, a good deal of the time, almost all the time
Tinnitus Severity Grading	Coles et al. (1992)	9	5 levels: wording of response options varies between items
Tinnitus Severity Index	Meikle (1992) and Meikle et al. (1995)	12	5 levels <sup>b</sup> : never, rarely, sometimes, usually, always
Tinnitus Handicap Inventory	Newman et al. (1996)	25	3 levels: yes, sometimes, no
Intake Interview for Tinnitus Retraining Therapy	Jastreboff and Jastreboff (1999)	12	7 items: 3 levels (always, sometimes, never); 2 items: 100 levels: 0–100% of time; 3 items: 0–10 numeric scale

<sup>a</sup>Each of the nine questionnaires is cited in a separate bibliographic entry (see References).

<sup>b</sup>Original version of Tinnitus Severity Index used more complex response options: six items had three levels, six items had four levels with wording of response options varying between items.



Meikle et al., Progress in Brain Research, 2007

# Tinnitus Handicap Inventory

- 3 point scale; yes = 4 points, sometimes = 2 points, no = 0 points.
- Maximum score of 100 points for 25 Questions
- Higher score, greater difficulty in functioning or handicap
- 3 subscales – functional, emotional, catastrophic
  
- 0-16, no handicap
- 18-36, mild handicap
- 38-56, moderate handicap
- 58-100, severe handicap



Newman et al., 1996

# Tinnitus Functional Index

- More sensitive to treatment effects
- 25 questions on the scale of 1-10
- Scoring: sum of all valid answers divided by number of questions with valid answers \* 10 (TFI score within 0-100 range)
- 8 subscales: intrusive, sense of control, cognitive, sleep, auditory, relaxation, quality of life, emotional.
- 0-17: Not a problem
- 18-31: Small problem
- 32-53: Moderate problem
- 54-72: Big problem
- 73-100: Very big problem



Meikle et al., 2013

**Table 2. Topics covered by the nine questionnaires in Table 1<sup>a</sup>**

**Tinnitus topics or “dimensions”**

Sleep disturbance	9	
Intrusive, aversive nature of tinnitus	8	
Irritability, nervousness, stress, tension		8
Reduced quality of life	8	
Cognitive difficulty: problems concentrating, difficulty focusing attention, mental confusion		8
Difficulty relaxing: difficulty doing quiet leisure pursuits		7
Interference with social interactions and activities		6
Depression, feeling low, suicidal thoughts		6
Anxiety, worry, panic	6	
Work interference	4	
Hearing difficulties attributed to tinnitus		4
Anger, annoyance, frustration	4	
Feeling uncomfortable in quiet	4	
Reduced sense of control (feel insecure, helpless, desperate, unable to cope)		4
Feeling tired: ill, fatigued	3	
Uncomfortable in noise, avoiding noise		3
Distress, general unhappiness	2	
Ease of masking tinnitus by external sounds		2
Frequency of complaining about tinnitus		2

<sup>a</sup>Omitted from list are topics mentioned in only one questionnaire: intermittency of tinnitus; worry that tinnitus may damage health; need for or use of medications for tinnitus; attitudes of others about tinnitus; tinnitus that is worse under stress; tinnitus has grown worse over years.



# **But there are problems...**

- No single questionnaire covers every dimension—each questionnaire omitted some dimensions
- All the questionnaires differ in regard to item format, scaling, and wording
- It is difficult to compare treatment effects obtained in different clinics
- No reliable psychoacoustic test of tinnitus





# Neural correlates of severity?

- No objective measurement of tinnitus severity
  - => use brain imaging
- Although there might not be consensus about how exactly to measure severity, we all agree patients reaction to tinnitus varies.
  - Mild to severe spectrum
- Neural correlates may complement self-report
  - More objective



# **USING BRAIN IMAGING IN TINNITUS**

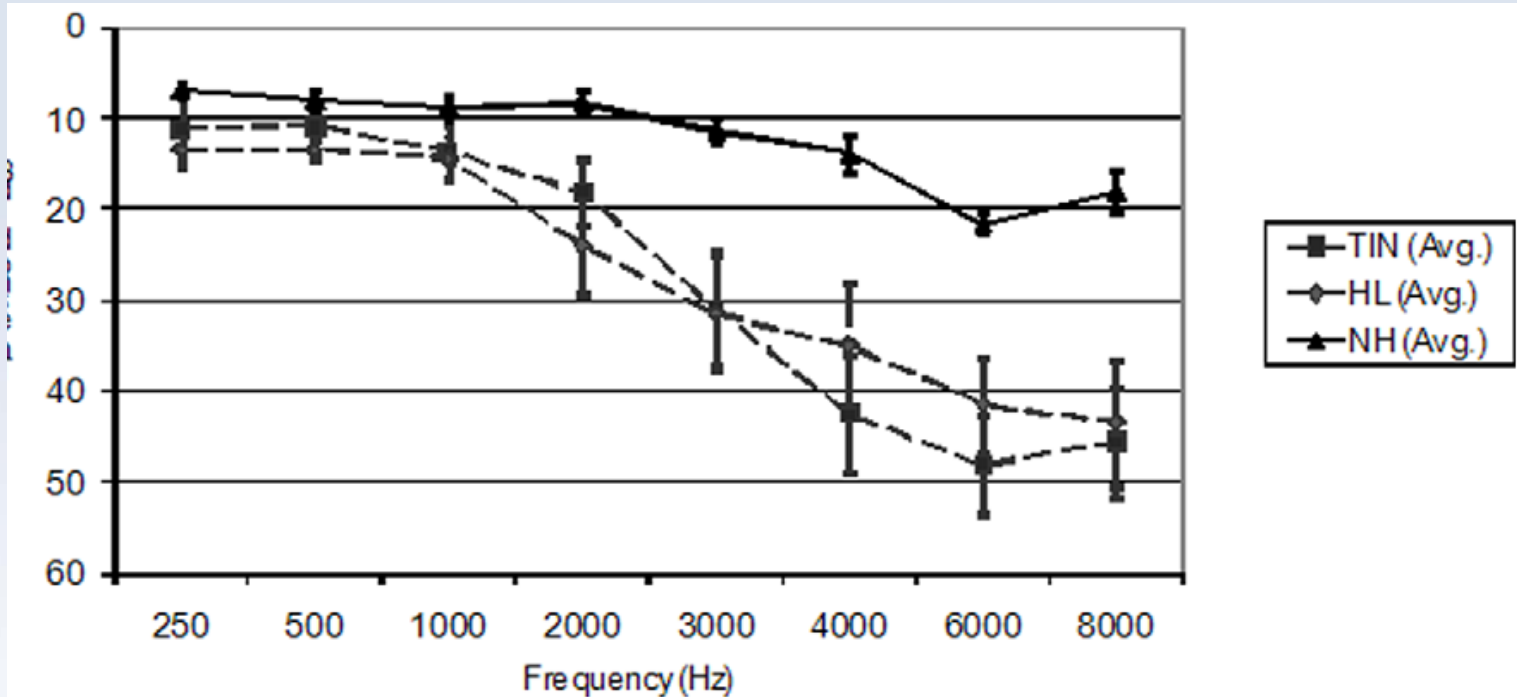


# Assessing tinnitus severity using fMRI

- Audition
- Emotion
- Attention
- Rest/sleep



# Methods: Subject Groups



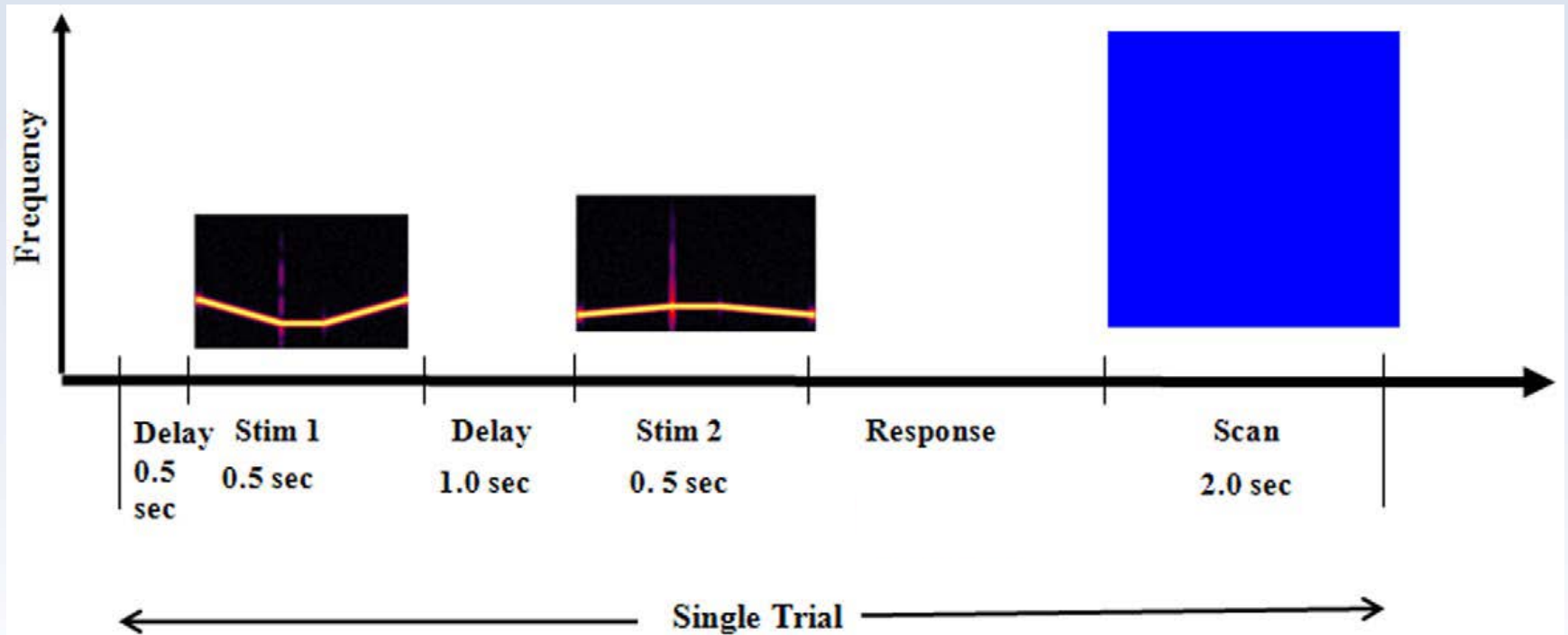
TIN: (mild)Tinnitus + hearing loss; bothersome tinnitus + hearing loss

HL: hearing loss without tinnitus

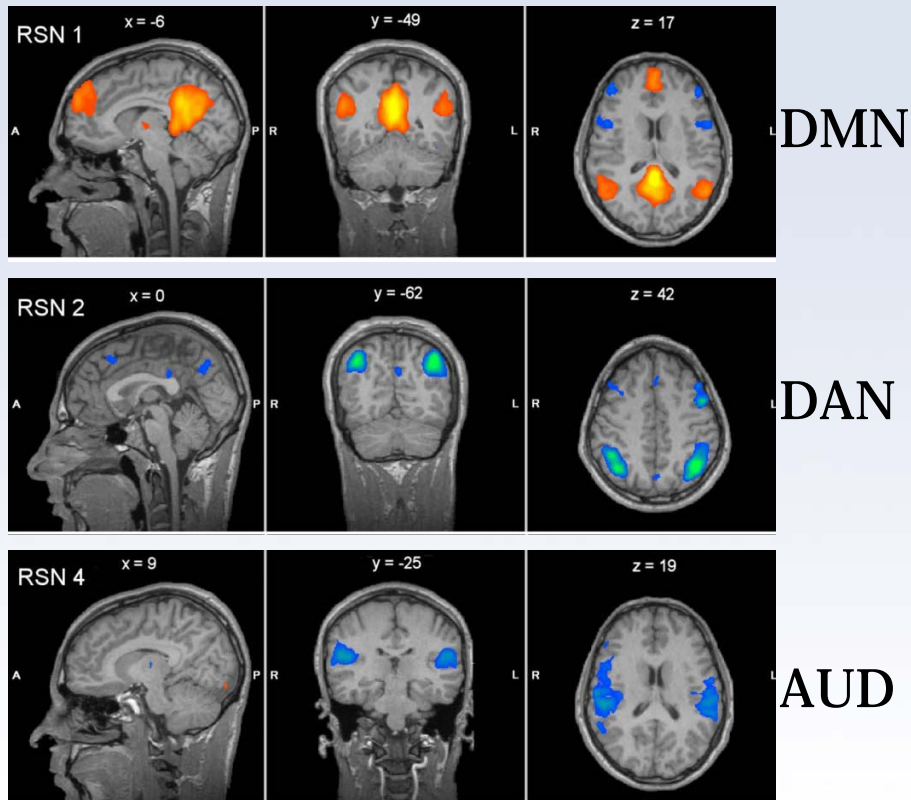
NH: normal hearing without tinnitus



# Methods -Task based fMRI: Sparse Sampling



# Methods - Rest based fMRI: Continuous Scanning



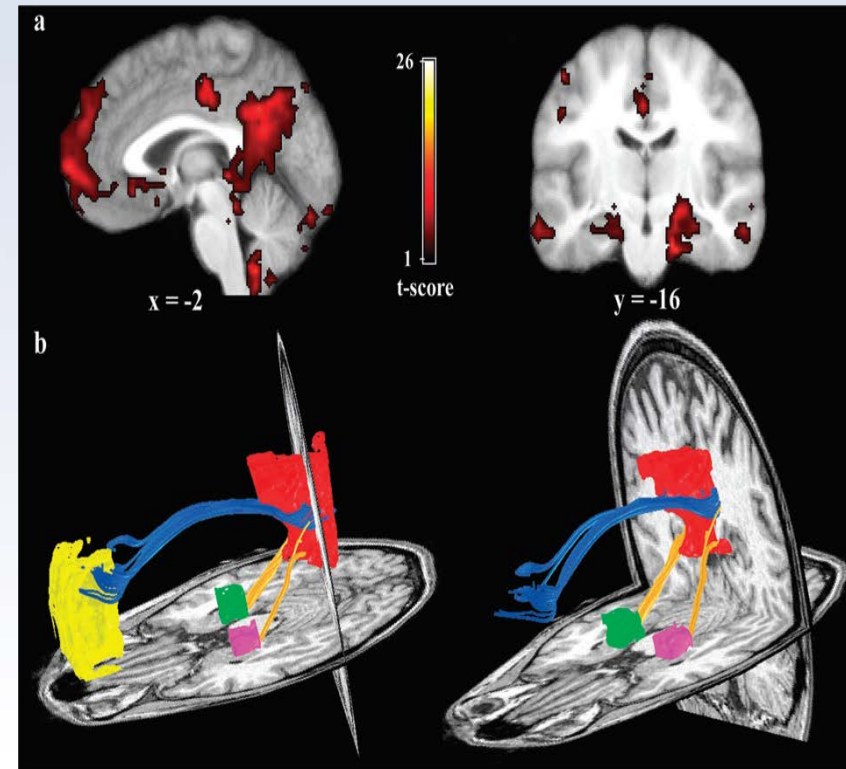
- Spontaneous fluctuations in the BOLD response
- Fluctuations can be correlated to show coherent networks
- 5-20 minute, continuous scanning with eyes open
- DMN= default mode network, DAN = dorsal attention network, AUD = auditory network



Mnatini et al., 2007

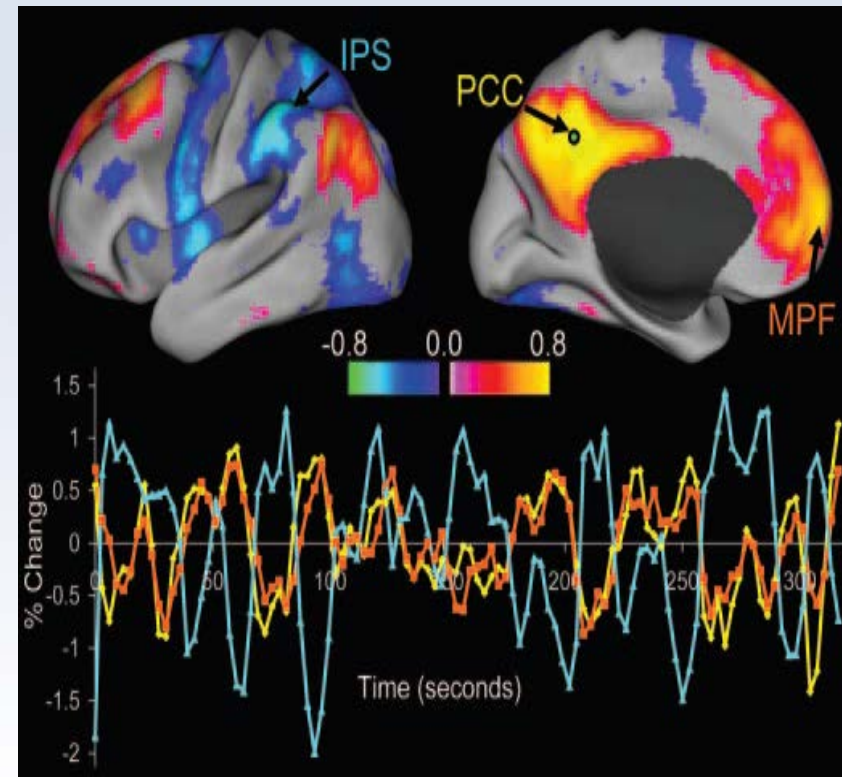
# Default Mode Network function

- **“Sentinel hypothesis”**
  - Monitor external environment
- **“Internal mentation hypothesis”**
  - Self-reflective actions—envisioning the future, theory of mind, autobiographical memory



# Default mode and attention networks: anticorrelated

- **Suppression of DMN during a task is important**
  - Better suppression linked to better memory formation (Whitfield-Gabrieli and Ford, 2012, *Annu Rev Clin Psychol*)
  - Correlations between the networks negatively correlated with performance on working memory task (Hampson et al., 2010, *Magn Reson Imaging*)
- **This relationship is disrupted outside of young healthy individuals**
  - Connectivity within DMN is also disrupted





# Resting State and Tinnitus

- Tinnitus is uniquely suited to being studied via the resting state than other disorders because the presence and awareness of tinnitus puts the participant in a non-resting state.



# AUDITORY

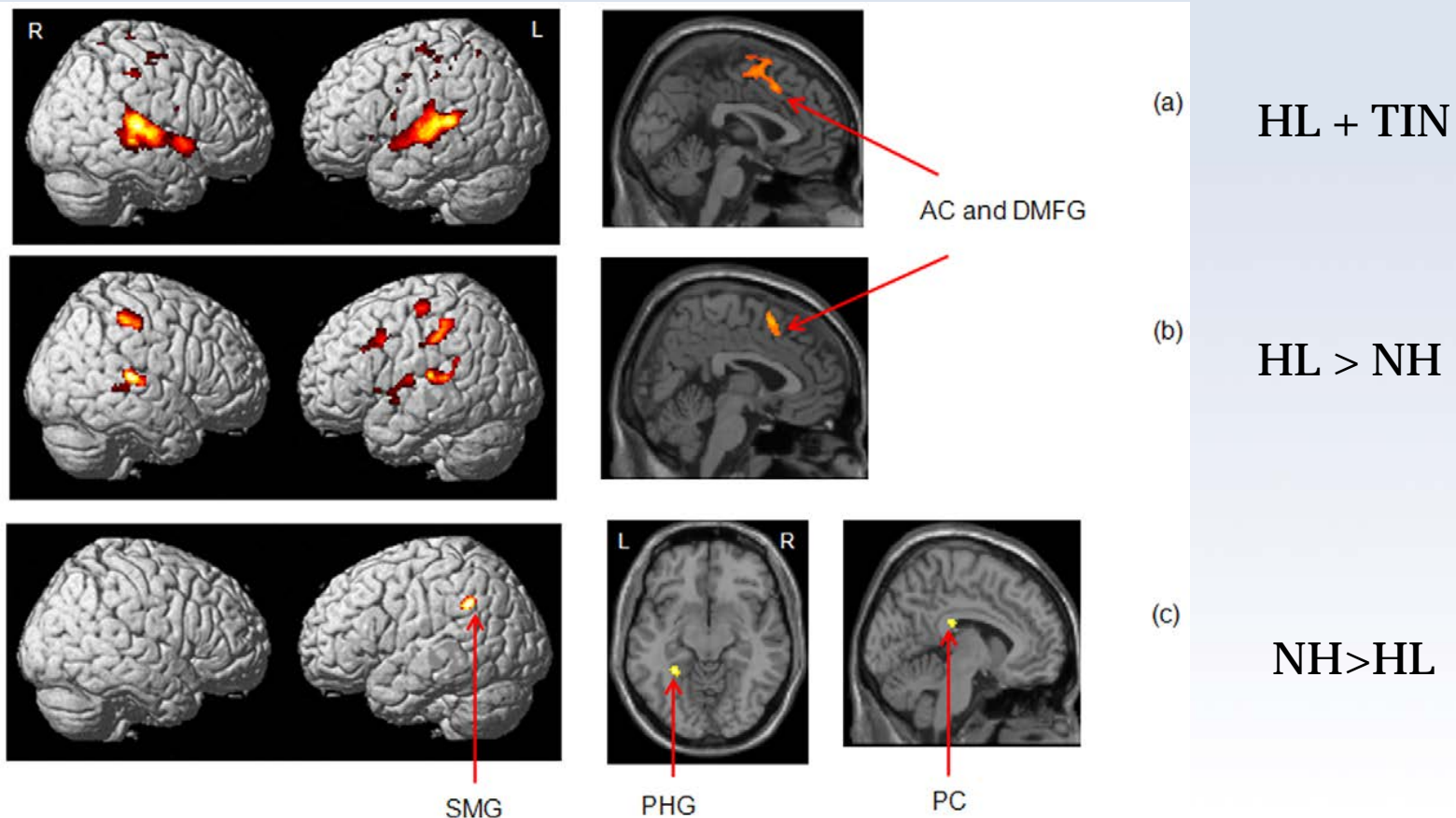


# **Neural correlate of tinnitus – auditory cortex**

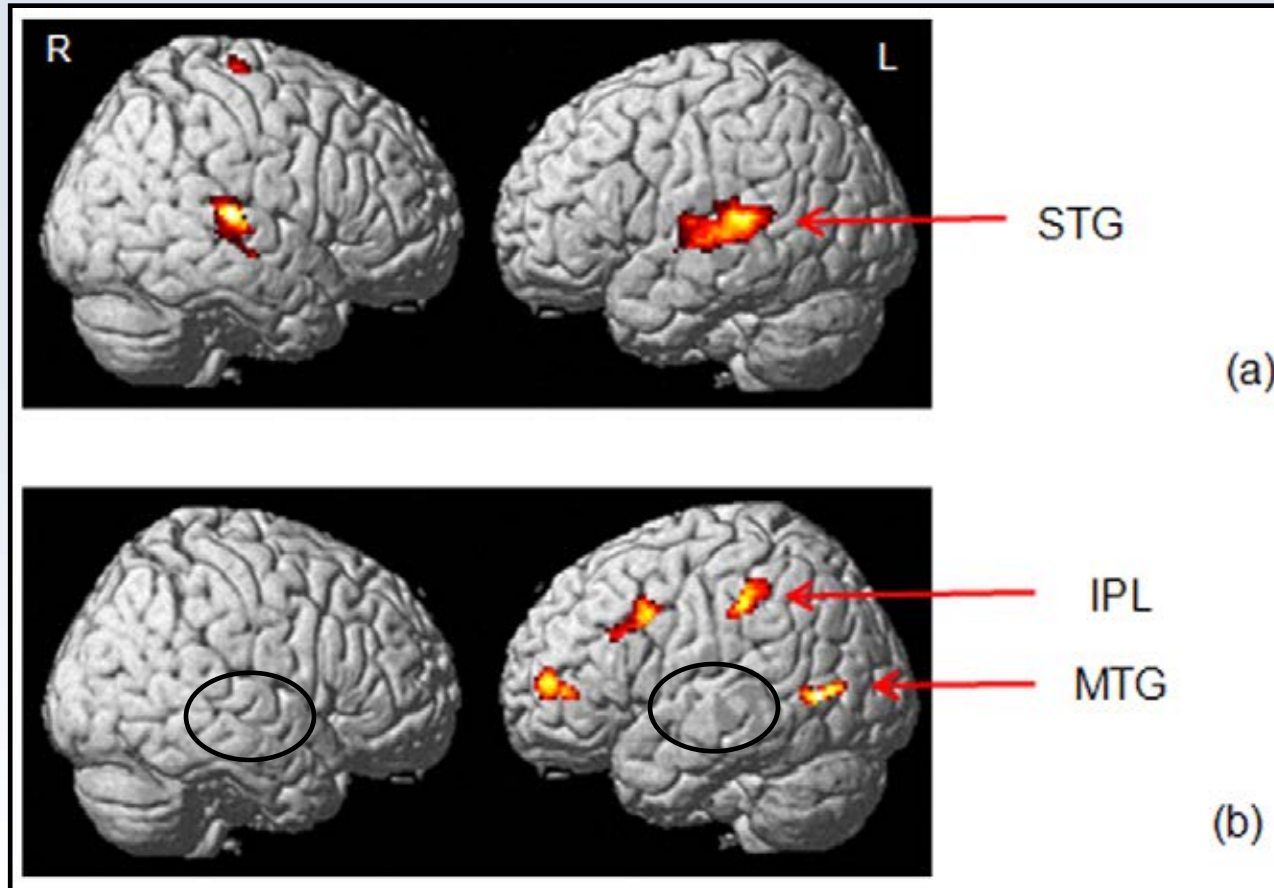
- Is there hyperactivity in auditory cortices due to tinnitus?
  - Hyperactivity may be due to reduced inhibition and/or increased excitation



# Effect of Hearing Loss



# Effect of Tinnitus

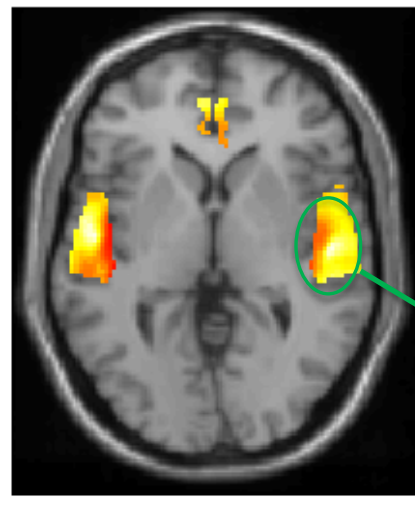


TIN > NH  
(no NH > TIN)

HL > TIN  
(no TIN > HL)

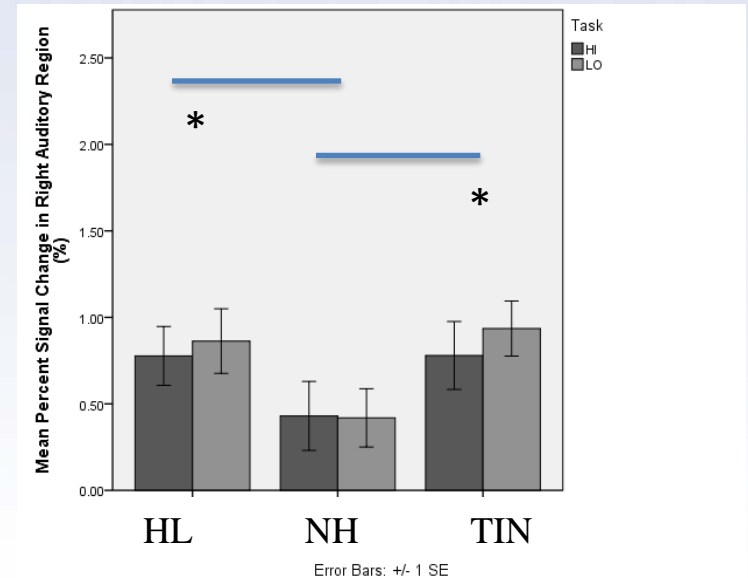


Husain et al., PLoS ONE, 2011



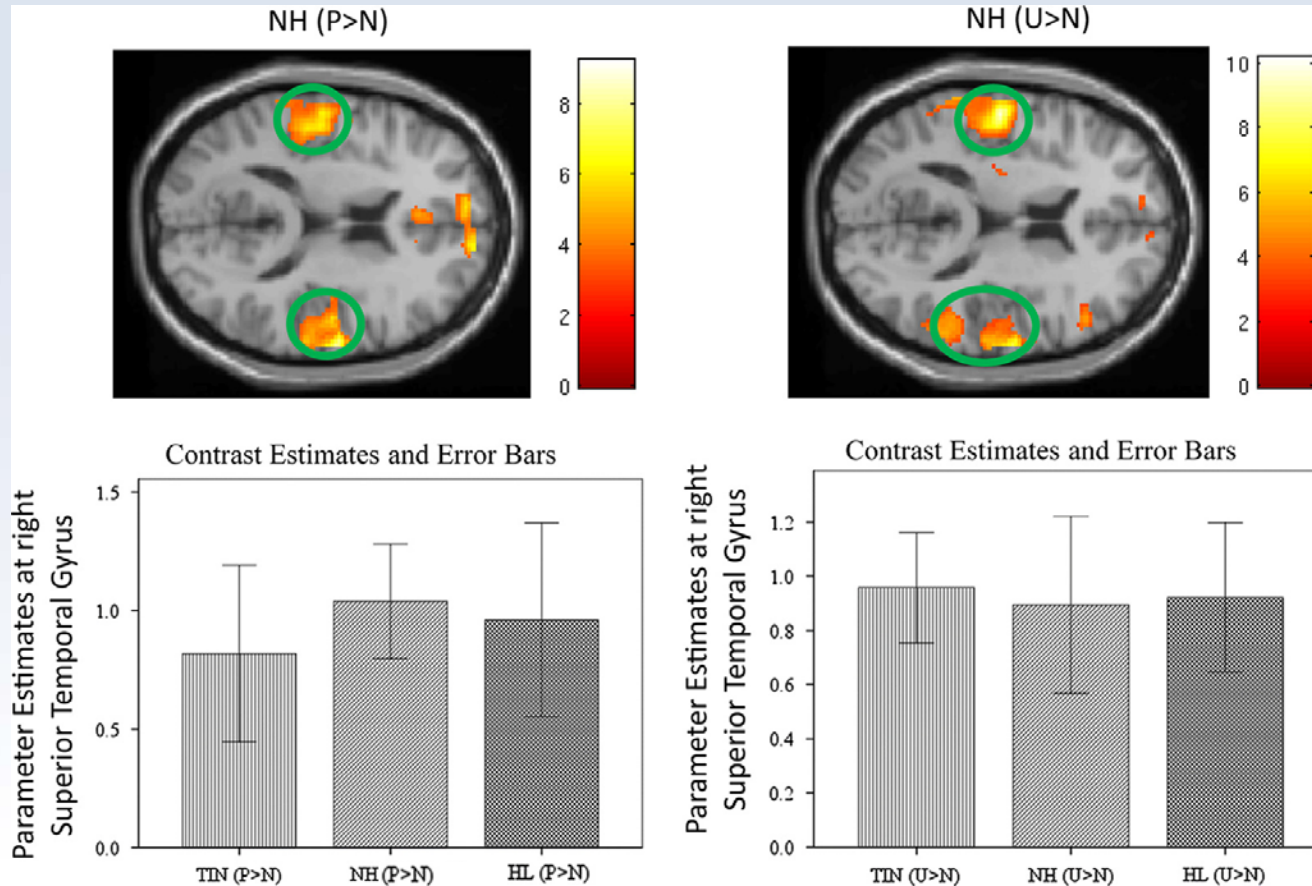
Right Auditory Cortex

# Effect of Tinnitus on Auditory Cortex in Attention Demanding Tasks



Husain et al., Brain Research, 2015

# Processing Emotional Sounds (Mild Tinnitus)



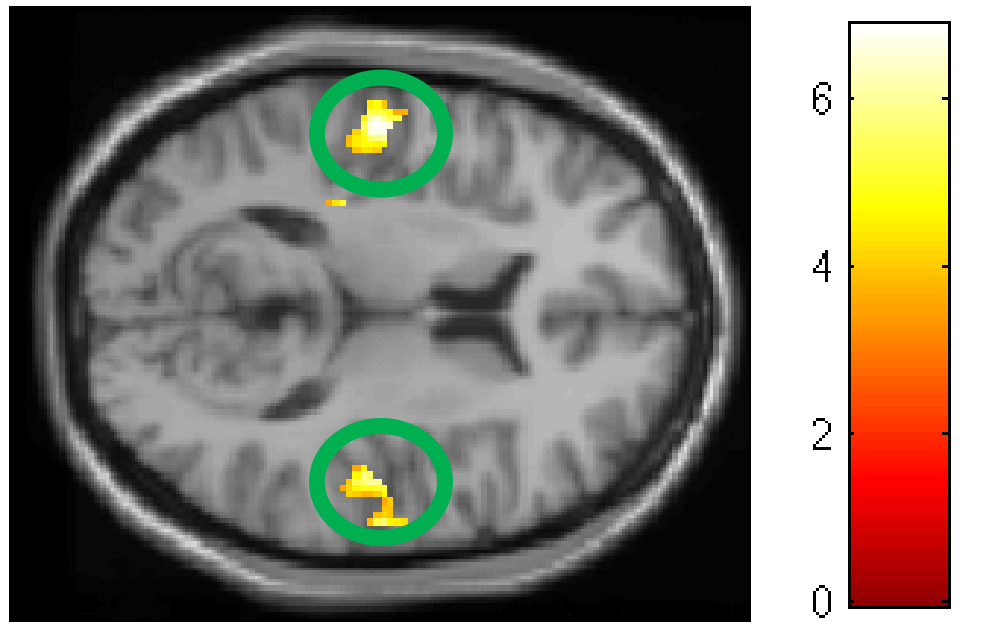
No difference



Carpenter-Thompson et al., Brain Research, 2014

# Processing Emotional Sounds (Severe Tinnitus)

Mild > Severe Tinnitus



Greater response  
In mild tinnitus



Carpenter-Thompson et al., 2015



# Is there hyperactivity in auditory cortices?

- It's complicated
- No difference when comparing mild tinnitus to HL controls when discriminating sounds
- In those with mild tinnitus, greater activity in the auditory cortex when responding to affective sounds compared to neutral sounds (relative to severe tinnitus).
- **Change in functional connectivity from auditory cortex to right parahippocampal gyrus**



# ATTENTION



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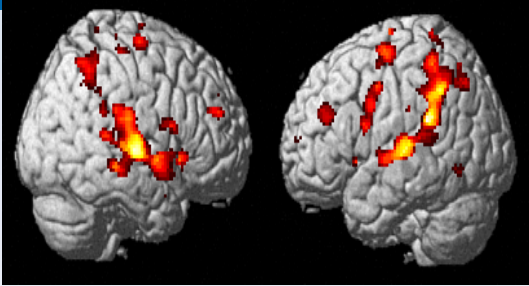
# **Neural correlates of Tinnitus - attention network**

- Does tinnitus cause deficits in behavior?
- Does tinnitus causes changes in attention network response?
- Are these changes modality specific?

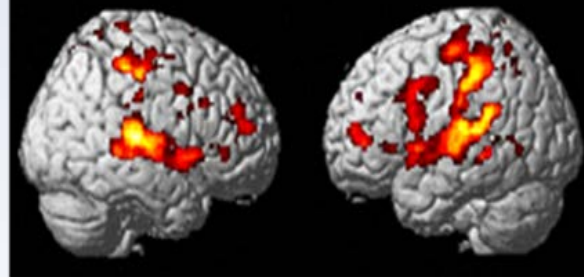


# Brain When Attending to Sounds – Differences in Neural Response, But Not in Behavior

Normal Hearing

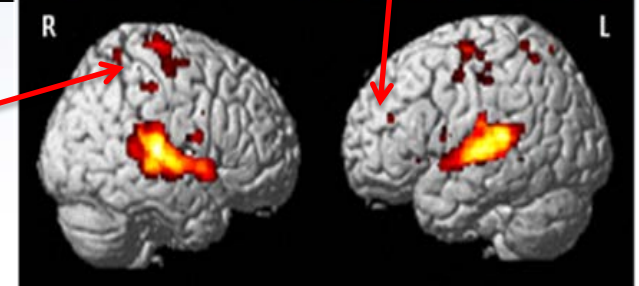


Hearing Loss



Frontal Cortex

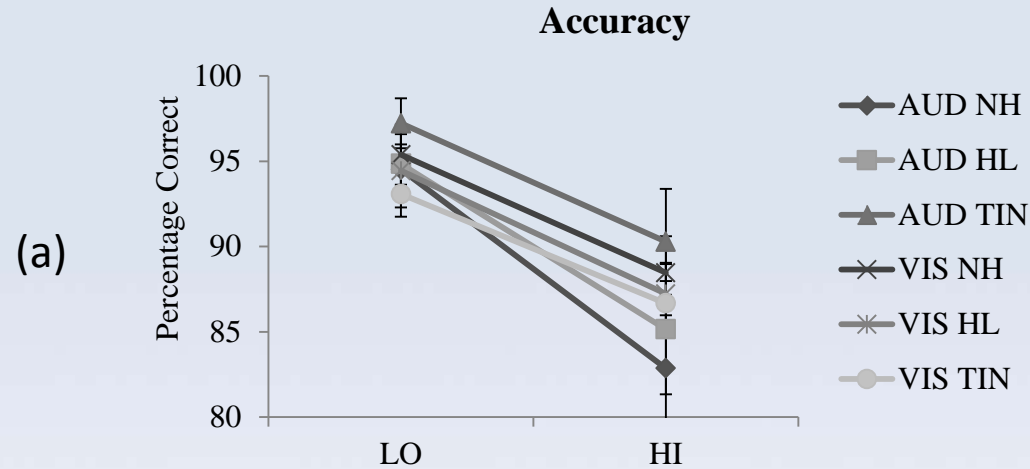
Hearing Loss + Tinnitus



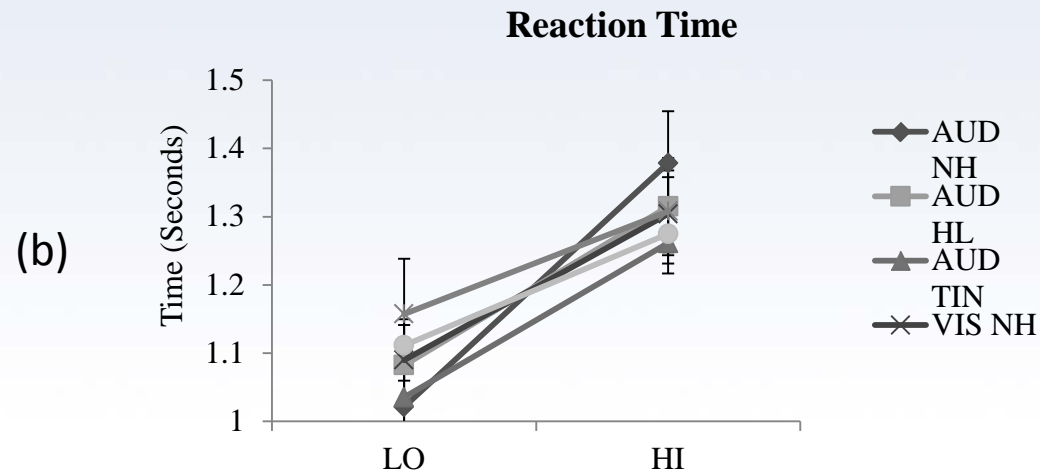
Parietal Cortex



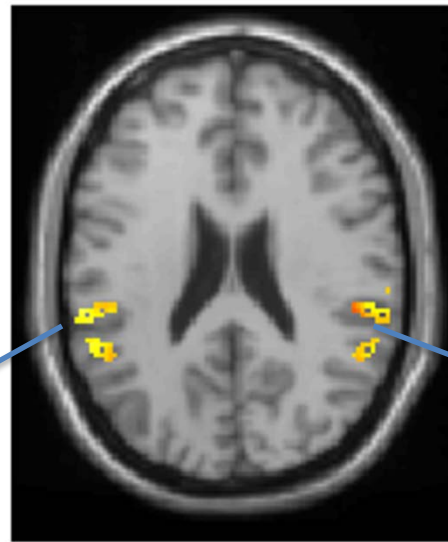
# No Behavioral Differences in Auditory or Visual tasks, Varying in Difficulty



Lo = easy task  
Hi = more demanding task

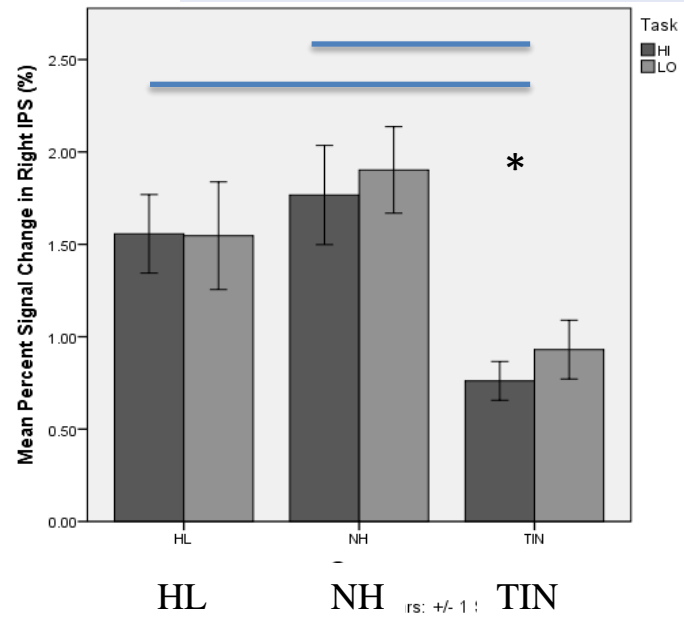
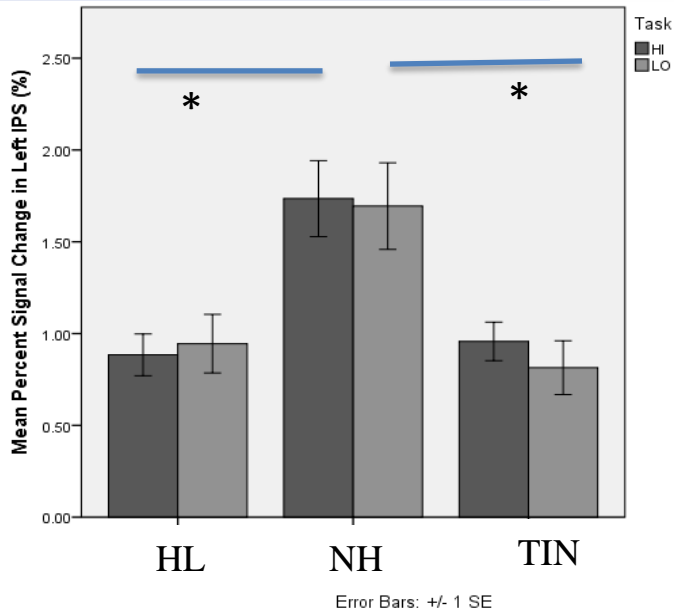


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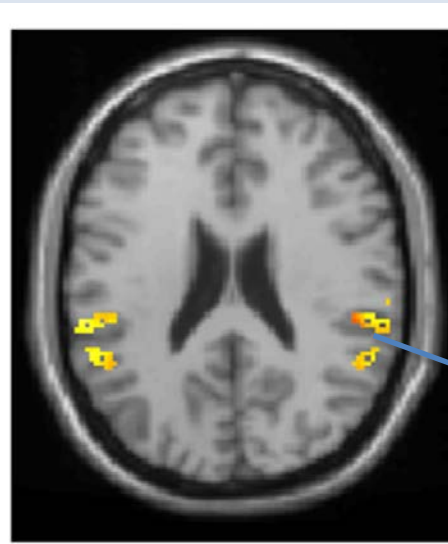
Intraparietal sulcus

Right



## AUDITORY TASKS: Neural Response

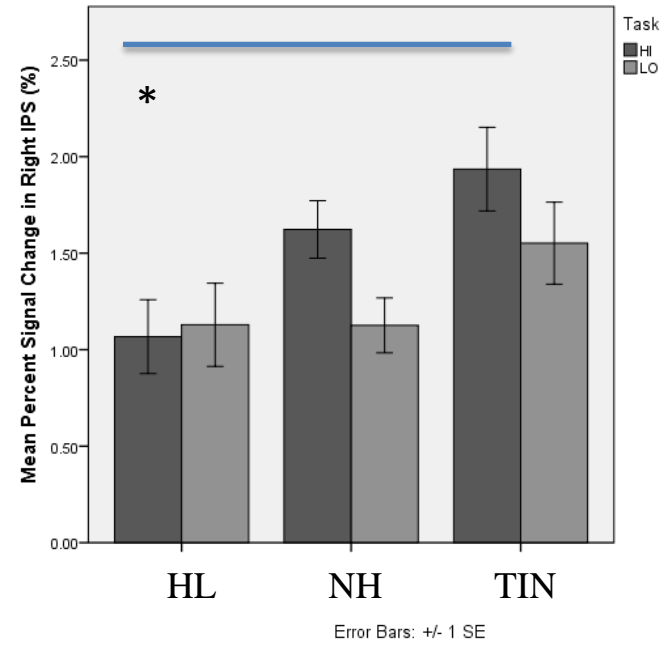
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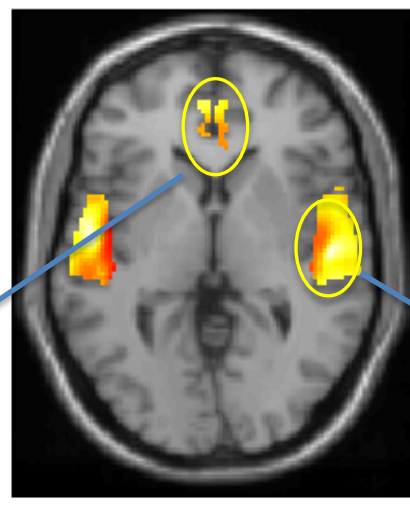
Intraparietal sulcus

Right

No significant difference

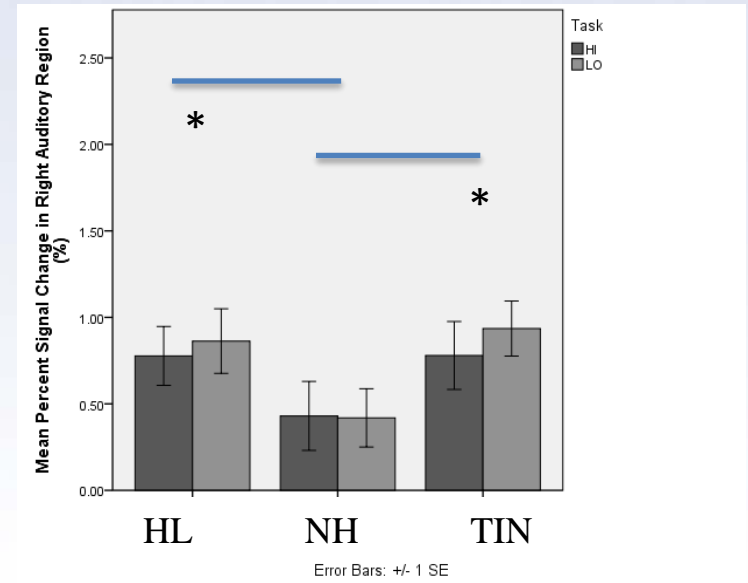
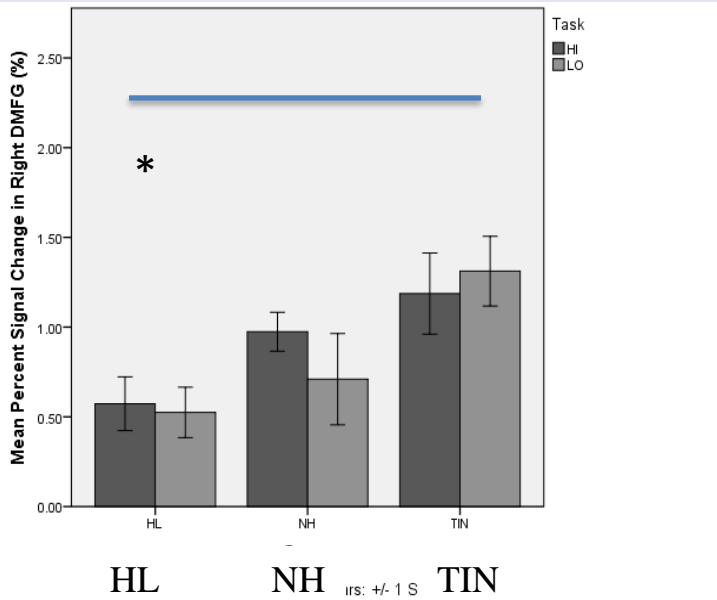


## VISUAL TASKS: Neural Response



Dorsomedial Frontal gyrus

Right Auditory Cortex



## VISUAL TASKS: Neural Response



# Neural correlates of attention

- **Does tinnitus cause deficits in behavior?**
  - Not for mild tinnitus for discrimination tasks
- **Does tinnitus cause changes in attention network response?**
  - Yes!
- **Do these changes alter with task difficulty?**
  - Yes
- **Are these changes modality specific?**
  - Yes
- *Implications for treatments*



# EMOTION

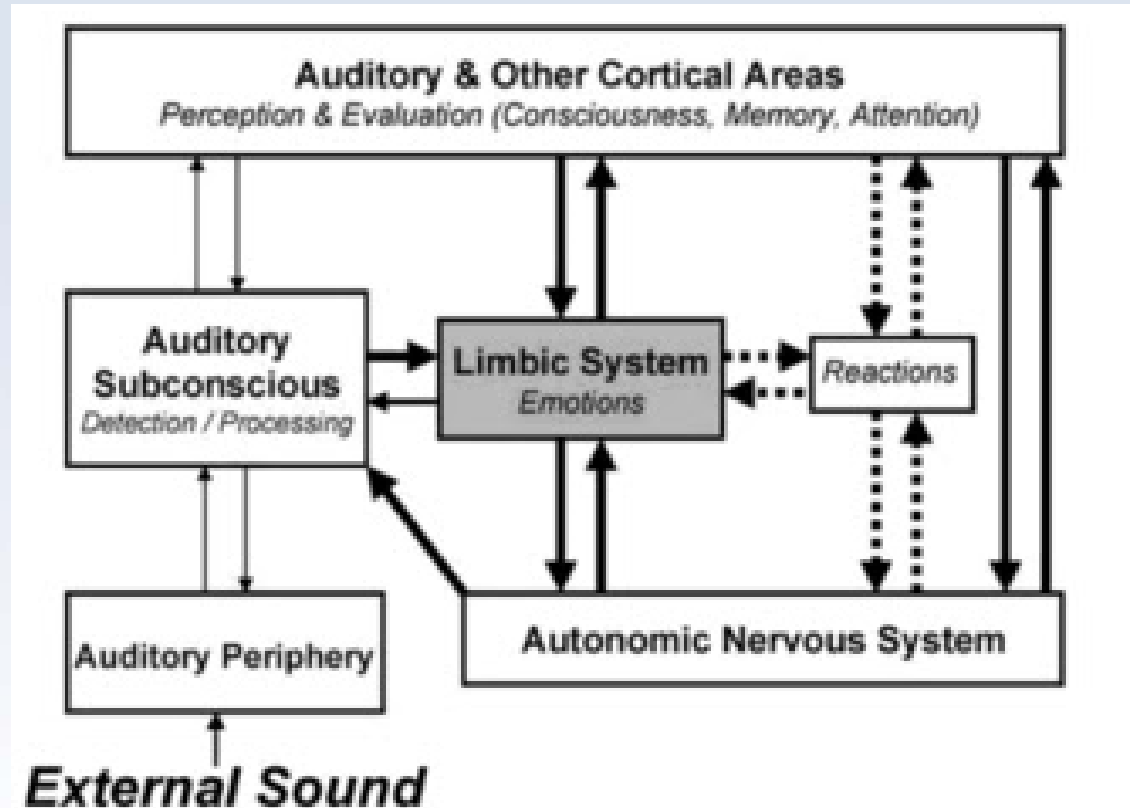


# Where does emotion processing happen?

- Periphery and central auditory pathways
- Limbic system
- Frontal cortex



# Tinnitus and emotion processing...

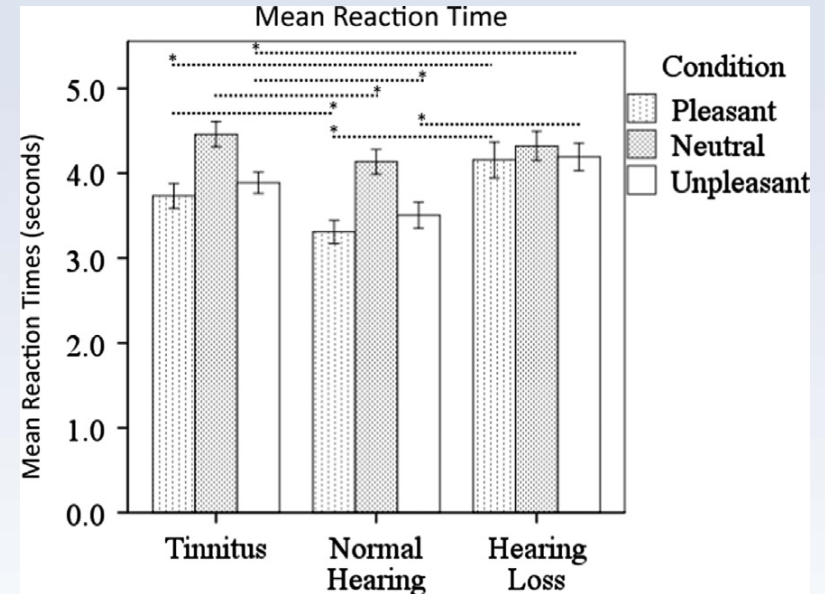
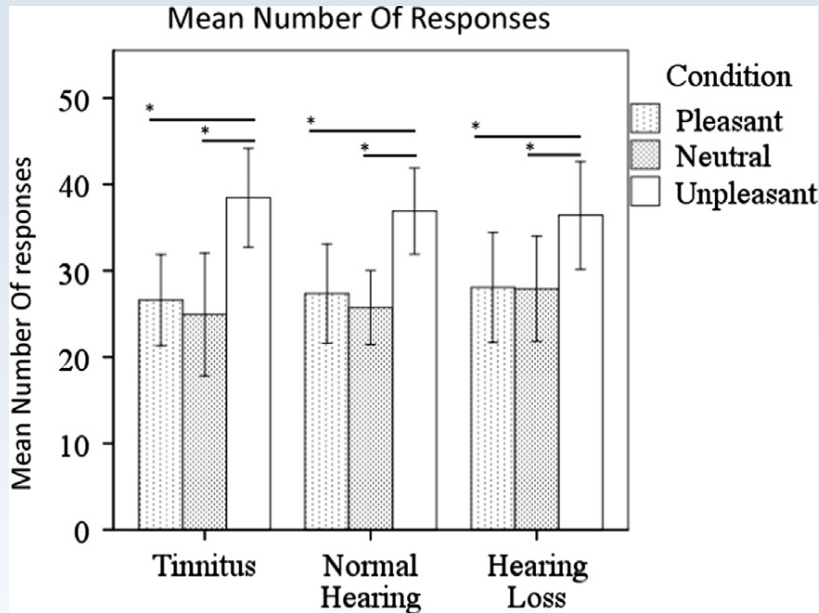


# Neural correlates of emotion processing

- Does tinnitus cause deficits in emotional behavior?
- Does tinnitus cause changes in emotion network response?
- Are these changes only in the auditory modality or are they domain general?



# Behavior in Mild Tinnitus



Task: Classify sounds as **Pleasant**, **Unpleasant**, **Neutral**



# **Behavior in Mild & Severe tinnitus**

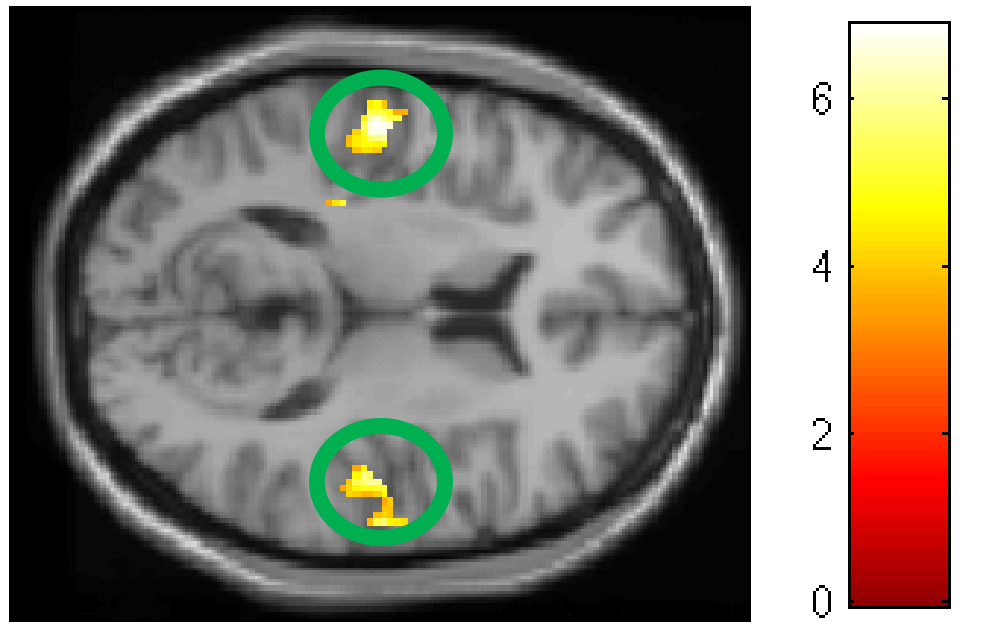
The only behavioral difference was that the Mild group responded significantly faster to Pleasant sounds compared to the Severe group



Carpenter-Thompson et al., PLoS ONE, 2015

# Processing Emotional Sounds: Auditory cortex

Mild > Severe Tinnitus



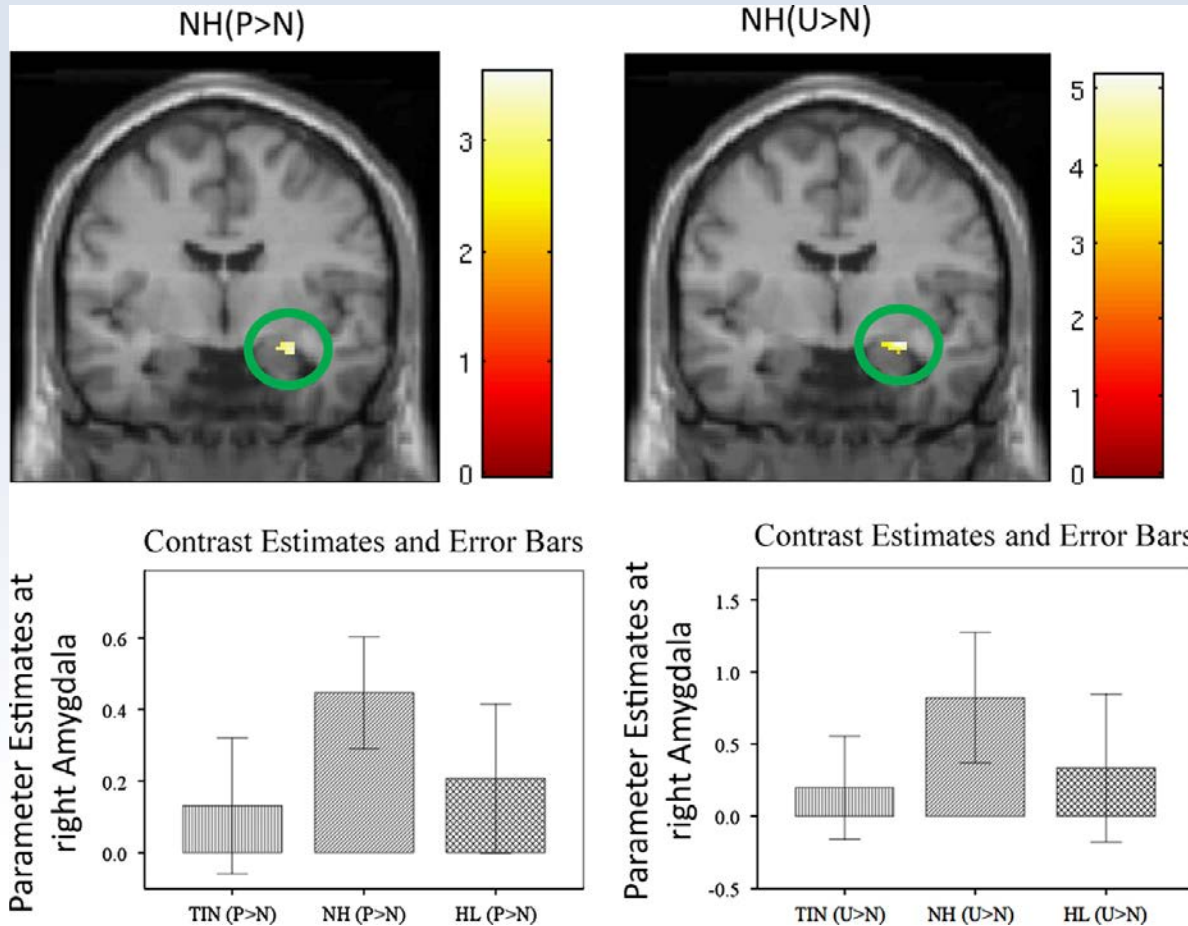
Greater response  
In mild tinnitus



Carpenter-Thompson et al., 2016

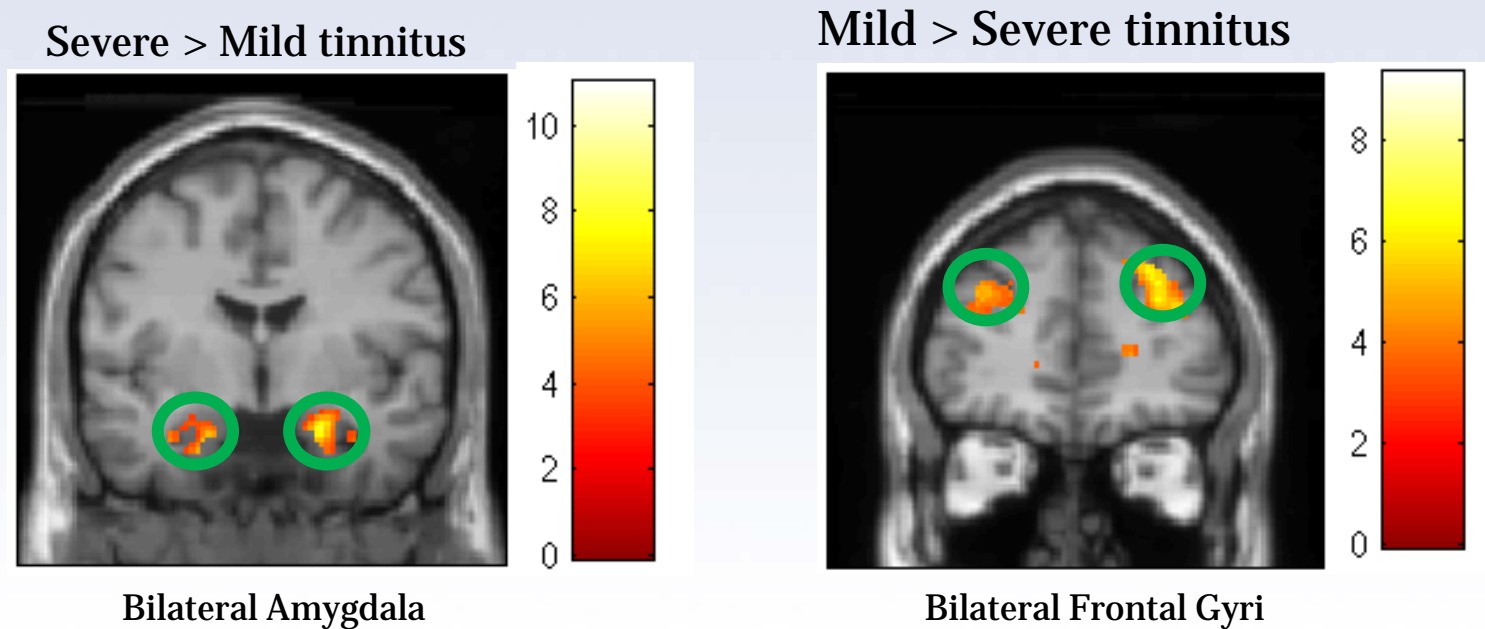


# Mild Tinnitus, Processing emotional sounds: Right Amygdala



# Response to emotional Sounds – Varies with Tinnitus Severity

Hyper-response of the amygdala in those with severe tinnitus and more engagement of the frontal cortex in those with mild tinnitus



Carpenter-Thompson et al., Brain Research, 2014  
Carpenter-Thompson et al., PLoS ONE, 2015

# Neural correlates of emotional processing

- **Does tinnitus cause changes in behavior?**
  - Not in classification, but in response times – may vary with severity
- **Does tinnitus cause changes in emotion network response?**
  - Yes
  - Response varies with severity
- **Are these changes only in the auditory modality or are they domain general?**
  - Current study only about sounds
  - Golm et al., 2013 showed that reading sentences with tinnitus-related (compared to neutral) content affected response of limbic and frontal regions.

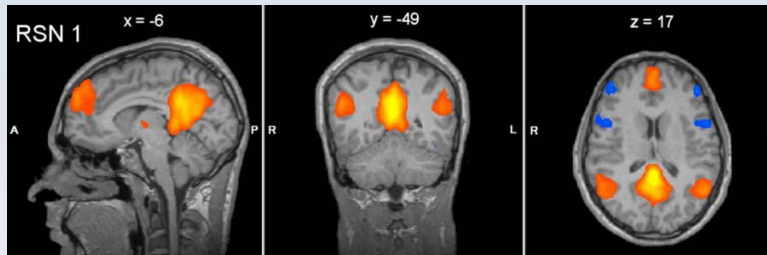


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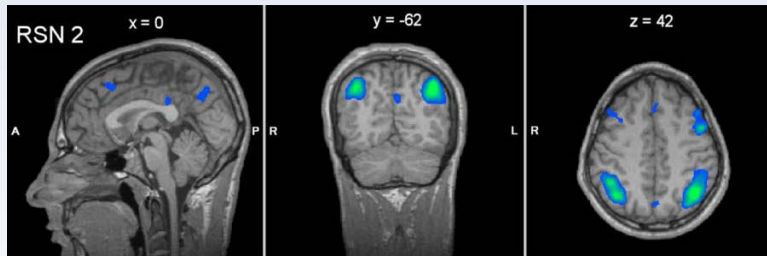


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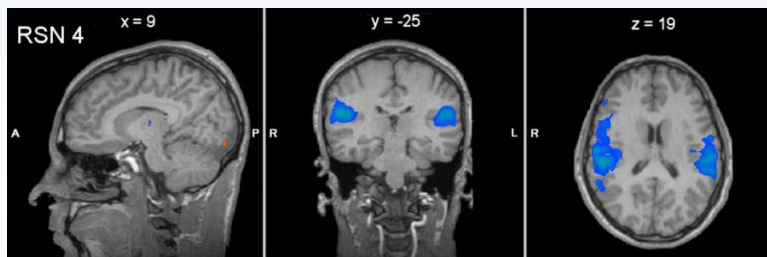
# Resting State Functional Connectivity (RS-FC)



**Default mode network**



**Dorsal attention network**



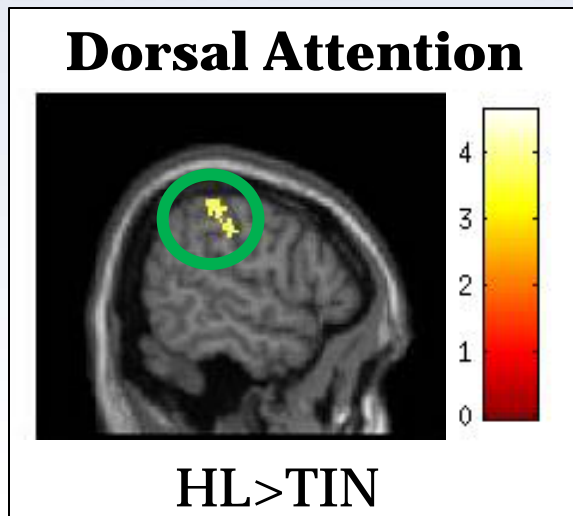
**Auditory network**

Spontaneous fluctuations in the BOLD response that can be organized into coherent, spatially-correlated networks

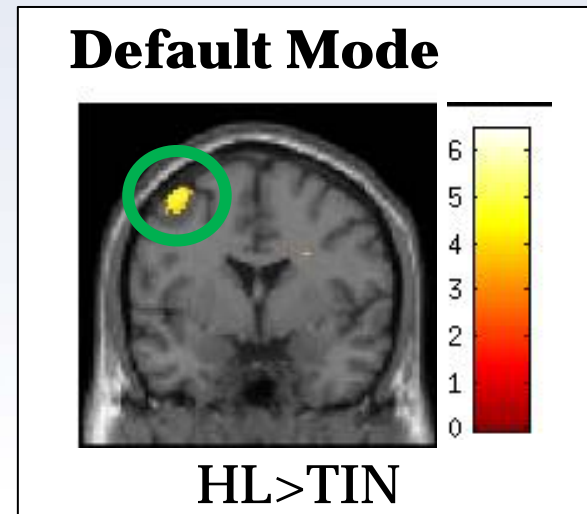


# Attention

- Decreased connectivity between seeds in Dorsal Attention and Default mode networks and attention-related regions in mild tinnitus



**Right supramarginal gyrus (ips seeds)**

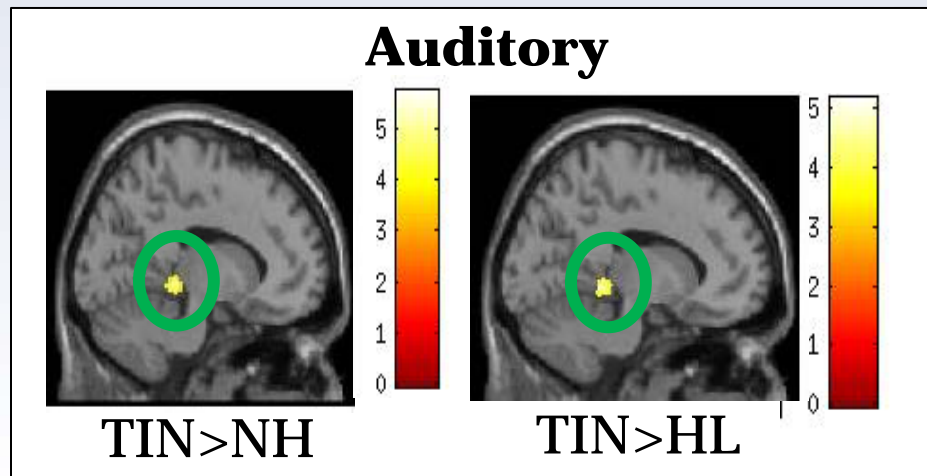


**Left precentral gyrus**

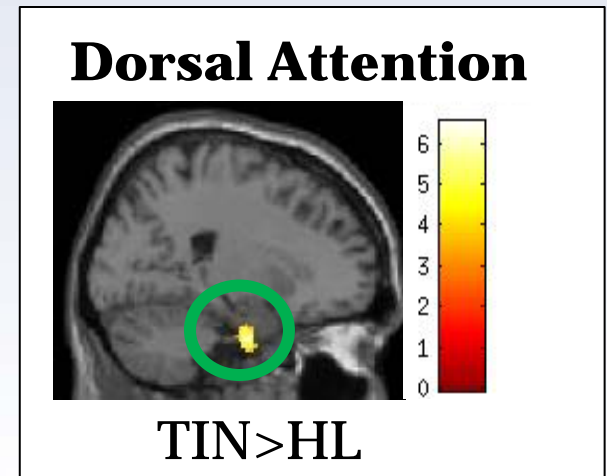


# Interaction with Emotion

- Increased connection to limbic/emotion regions was seen in both auditory and attention networks in tinnitus



**Left parahippocampus  
(only a trend vs HL)**

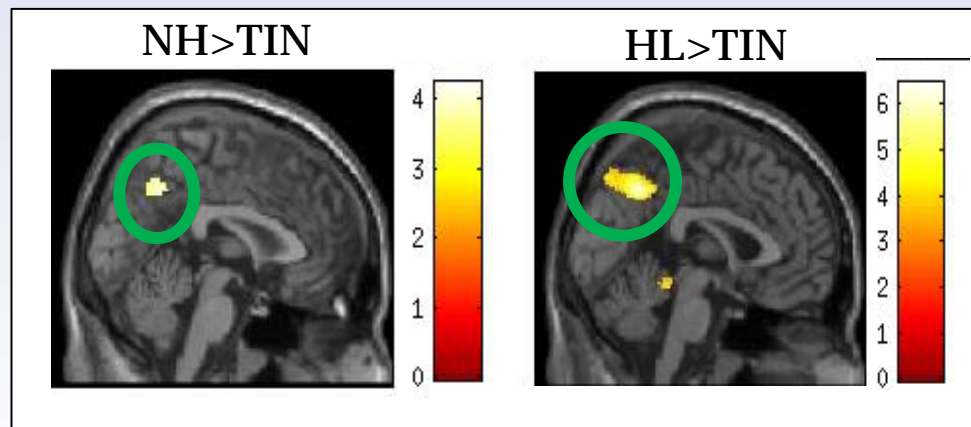


**Right parahippocampus  
(fef seeds)**



# Default Mode Network

- The default mode network is disrupted in tinnitus

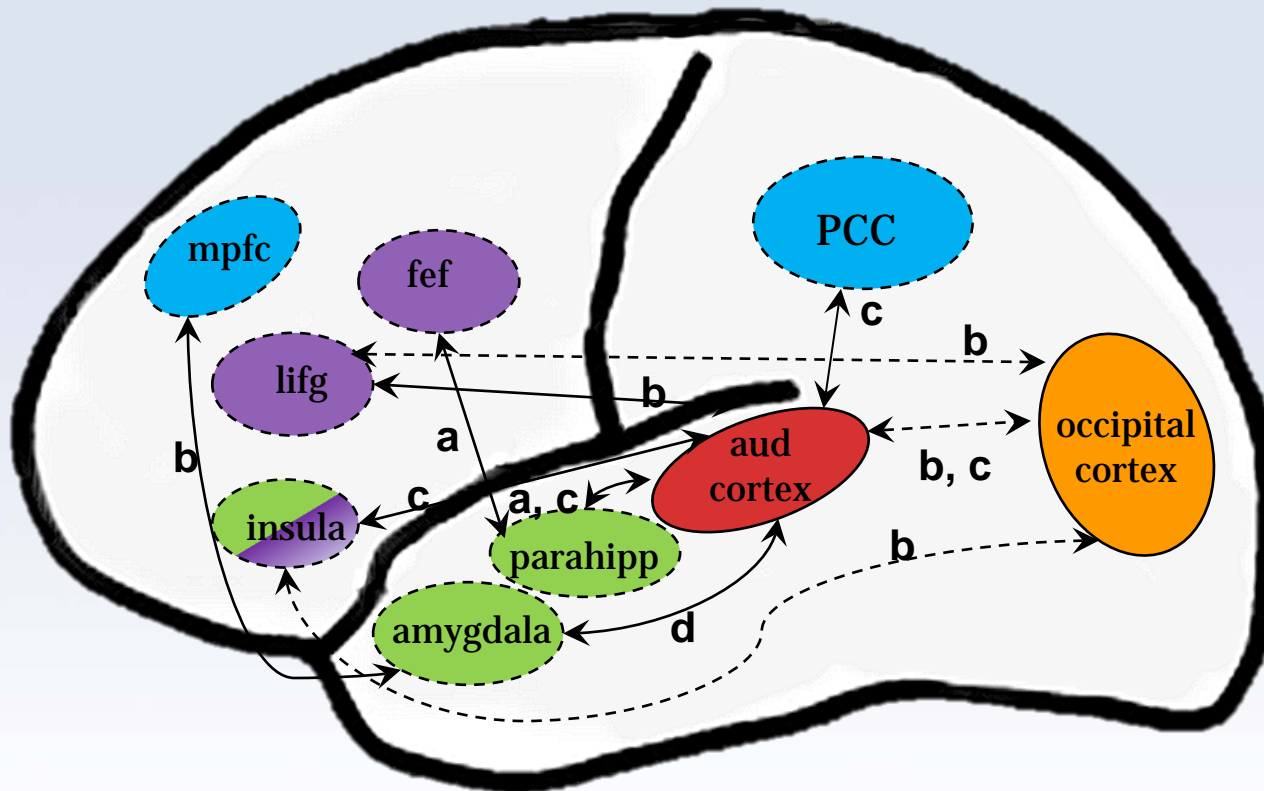


**Precuneus**





# RS-FC findings in tinnitus



**Blue:** default mode network

**Green:** limbic

**Red:** auditory network

**Orange:** visual network

**Purple:** attention

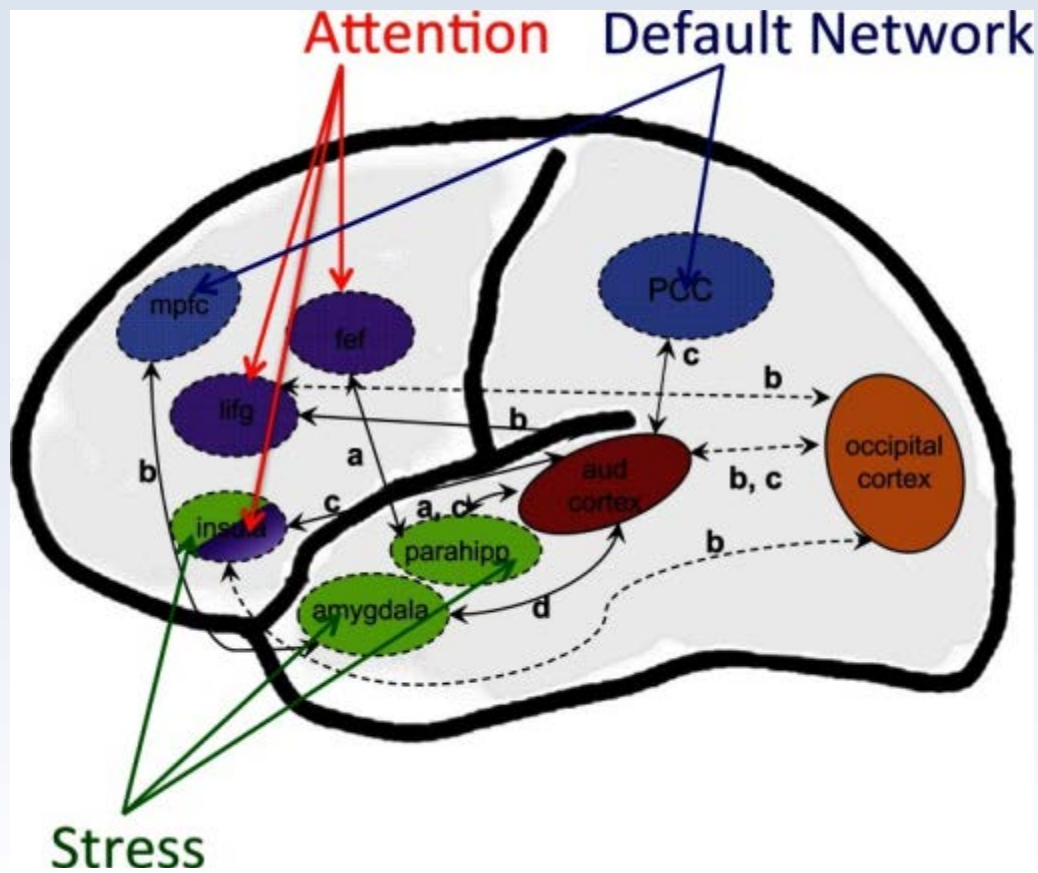
a: Schmidt et al, 2013

b: Burton et al., 2012

c: Maudoux et al, 2012a

d: Kim et al, 2012





# RS-FC in tinnitus across studies

Kim et al, 2012	Group ICA to extract auditory network, ROIs within auditory component
Burton et al, 2012	Seed-based analysis (seed-to-seed, seed-to-voxel)
Wineland et al, 2012	Seed-based analysis (seed-to-seed, seed-to-voxel)
Maudoux et al, 2012a, 2012b	Connectivity graph analysis of auditory component from group ICA
Schmidt et al, 2013	Seed-based analysis (seed-to-voxel)
Ueyama et al, 2013	Regional mean functional connectivity strength (with and without effect autocorrelation coefficient)
Davies et al, 2014	Group ICA to extract auditory network, ROIs within auditory component
Chen et al, 2014	amplitude of low frequency fluctuations (spontaneous neural activity)
Chen et al, 2015a	voxel-mirrored homotopic connectivity (interhemispheric functional connectivity)
Chen et al, 2015b	Regional homogeneity, region of interest (connectivity)
Zhang et al, 2015	Seed-based analysis (in left and right thalamus)



# RS-FC in tinnitus across studies

	Duration	Severity	Clinical hearing loss
Kim et al, 2012	3.14 ± 4.60 years (0.5-10)	????	normal hearing within tested frequencies
Burton et al, 2012	8.3 ± 1.9 SEM years (0.5-30)	53.5 ± 14.8 (38-76) (THI)	variable, normal to moderate-severe (normal controls)
Wineland et al, 2012	10.8 ± 10.1 years (1-35)	9.58 ± 6.41 (0-24) (THI)	variable, normal to moderate-severe (normal controls)
Maudoux et al, 2012a, 2012b	7.64 ± 9.16 years (1.75-33)	43.5 ± 20.4, 16-84 (THI)	variable, normal, most mild to moderate
Schmidt et al, 2013	16.83 ± 15.1 years (1.5-40)	8.33 ± 6.76 (0-22) (THI)	mild to moderately severe, matched HL controls
Ueyama et al, 2013	50.8 ± 102.9 months (3-400)	60.3 ± 27.8, 4-100 (THI)	variable, 13 normal, 11 mild to moderate
Davies et al, 2014	15.5 ± 20.4 years (2-70)	43.7 ± 1.32 (18.7-68.4) (THQ)	mild to moderately severe, matched HL controls
Chen et al, 2014	41 ± 36.2 months (6-120)	100.6 ± 73.4 (17.41-278.15) (THQ)	normal hearing
Chen et al, 2015a	34.3 ± 34.2 months (6-120)	41.3 ± 18.2 (THQ)	normal hearing
Chen et al, 2015b	39.5 ± 33.7 months	103.5 ± 74.4 (THQ)	normal hearing
Zhang et al, 2015	42.6 ± 41.4 months	41.4 ± 19.7 (THQ)	normal hearing



# So what's going on here?

- **How does RS-FC differ in other tinnitus subgroups?**  
**Identify objective biomarkers of tinnitus subgroups?**
  - Age? Severity? Lateralization? Time/cause of onset?  
Depression/anxiety? Genetics? Other comorbid factors?



# Solution:

- **Compare connectivity in the default mode network across tinnitus subgroups to identify potential biomarkers of tinnitus**
  - Subgroups include tinnitus groups from previous work
  - Subgroups also include two additional groups with mild and moderate tinnitus from Carpenter-Thompson et al., 2015 (PLoS One)
  - Keep acquisition same as much as possible, same analytical technique



# Demographics

Recent onset tinnitus

Long term tinnitus

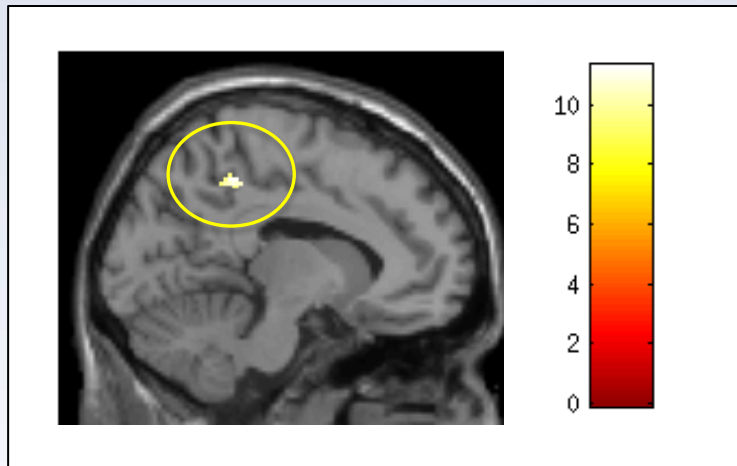
	NH	HL	MLTIN1	MRTIN	MLTIN 2	BLTIN
<b># Subjects</b>	15	13	12	13	18	16
<b>3T Siemens Magnet</b>	Allegra	Allegra	Allegra	Allegra	Trio	Trio
<b>TIN severity (THI score)</b>	N/A	N/A	8.3 ±6.8	15.7 ±10.2	10.8±6	33.4 ±9.1
<b>TIN duration</b>	N/A	N/A	>1 year	>6 months, < 1 year	>1 year	>1 year
<b>Relevant Publication(s)</b>	Schmidt et al., 2013	Schmidt et al., 2013	Schmidt et al., 2013; Carpenter-Thomson et al., 2015	Carpenter-Thomson et al., 2015	Schmidt et al., 2017	Schmidt et al., 2017

Mild tinnitus

Moderate tinnitus



# ANOVA results



One area of significance at  $p < 0.05$  FWE corrected: the precuneus.

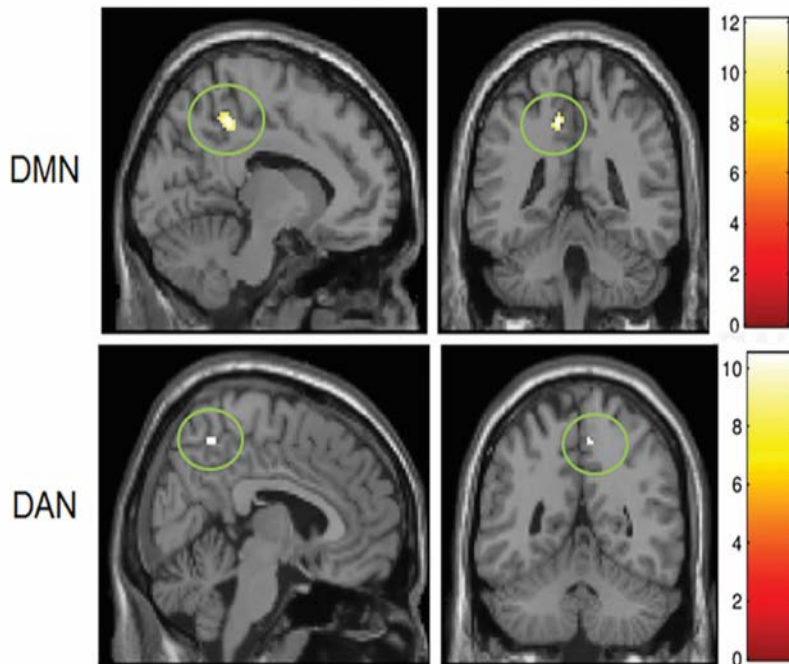
**episodic memory,  
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visuospatial memory,  
reflections on self**



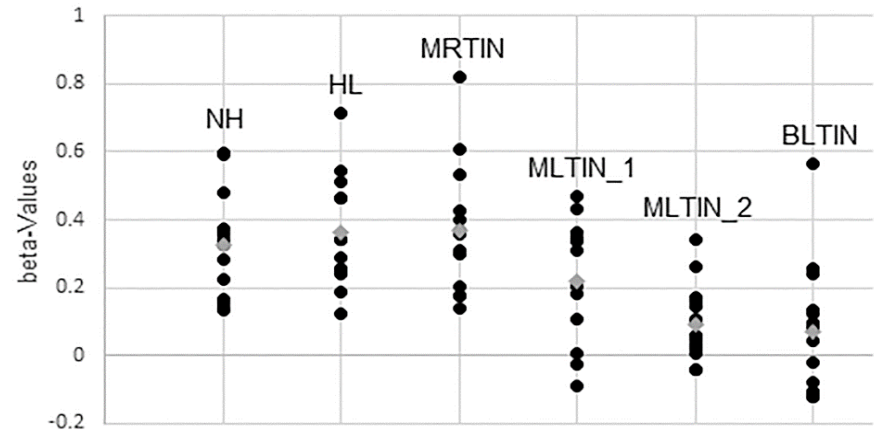


# RS-FC connectivity across subgroups

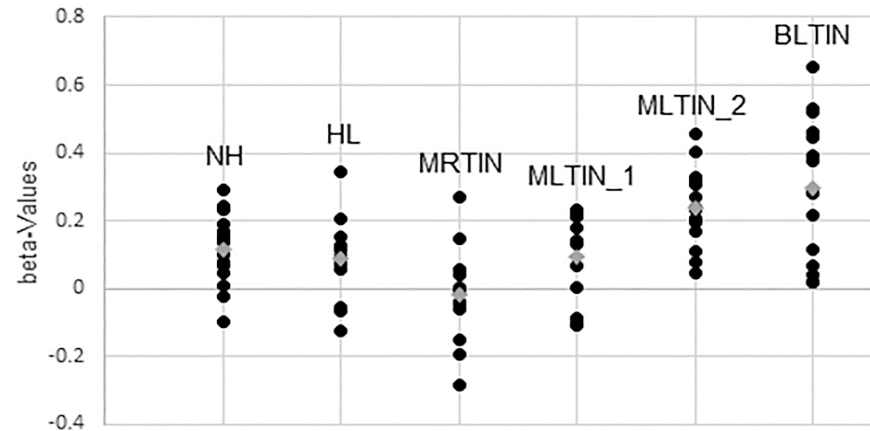
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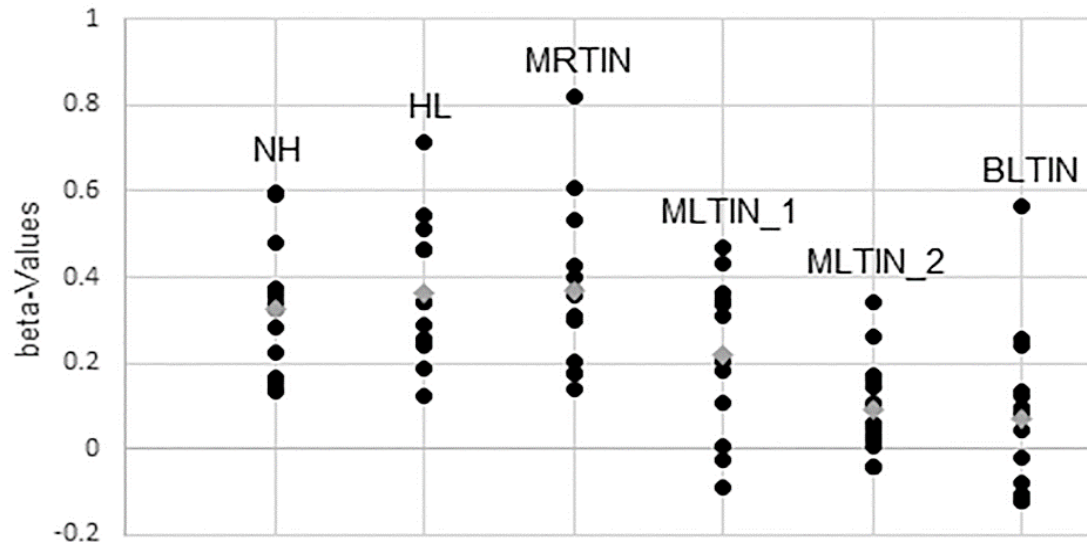
DMN: Individual beta-Values at (-10, -42, 48)



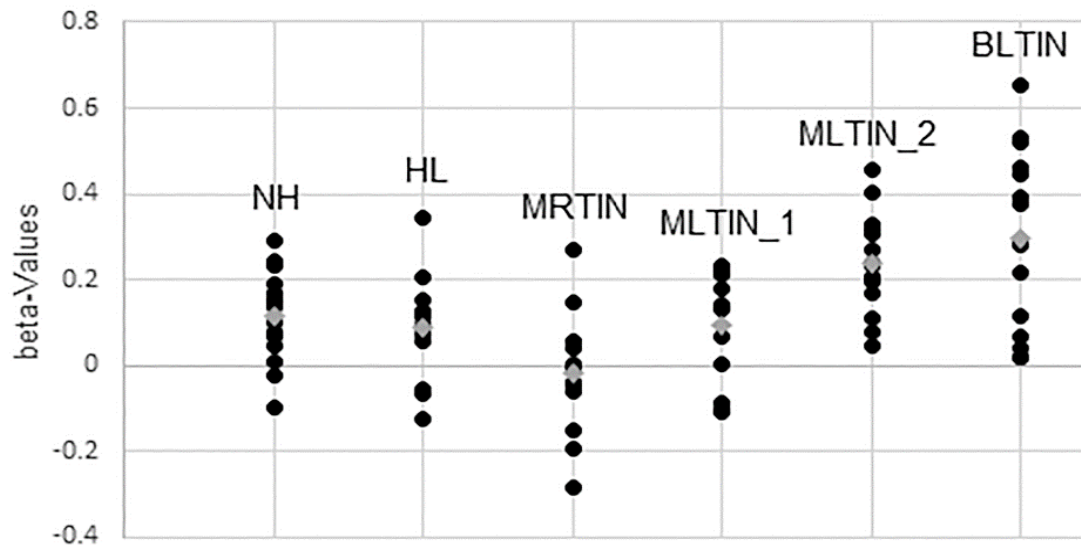
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# Conclusions

- **Reduced correlation between the default mode network and the precuneus may indicate the presence of tinnitus**
  - Tinnitus must be long-term ( $> 1$  year) for this to manifest
  - Tinnitus severity may mediate the strength of this reduction

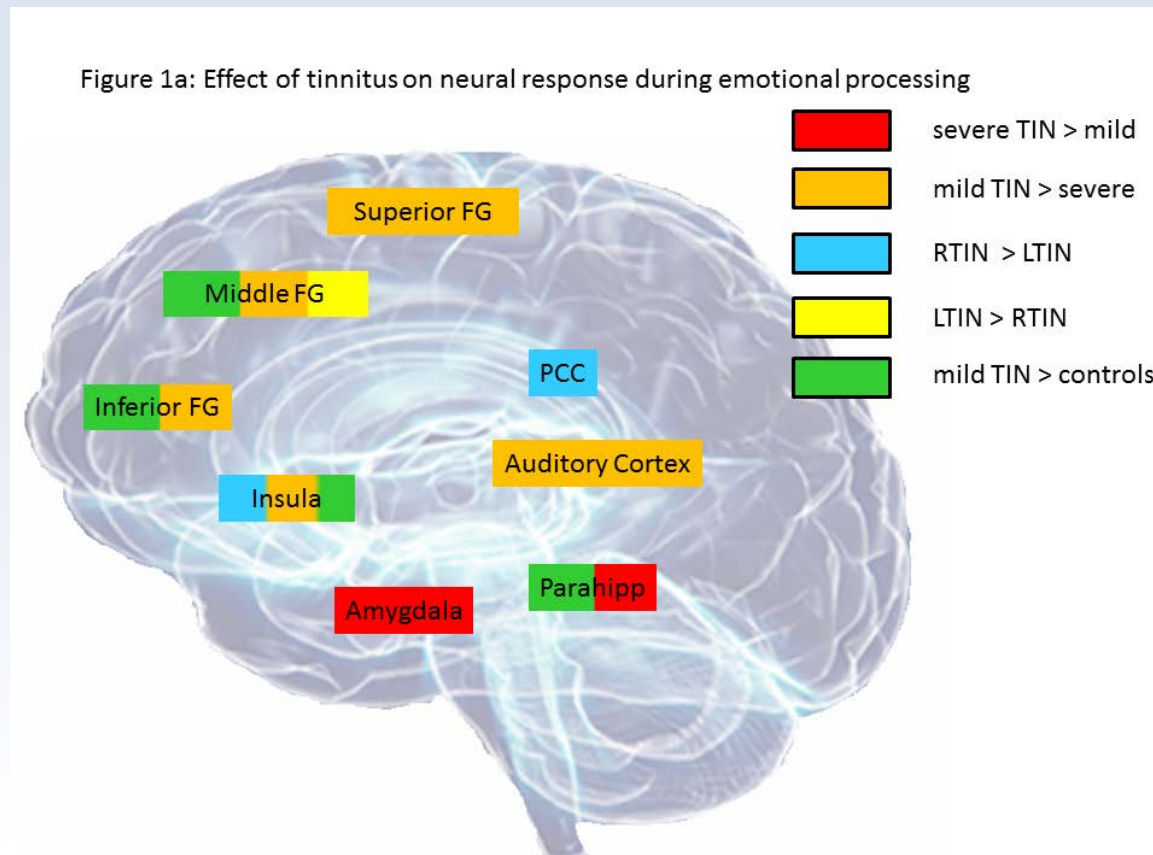


Putting it all together...

**What does it all mean?**

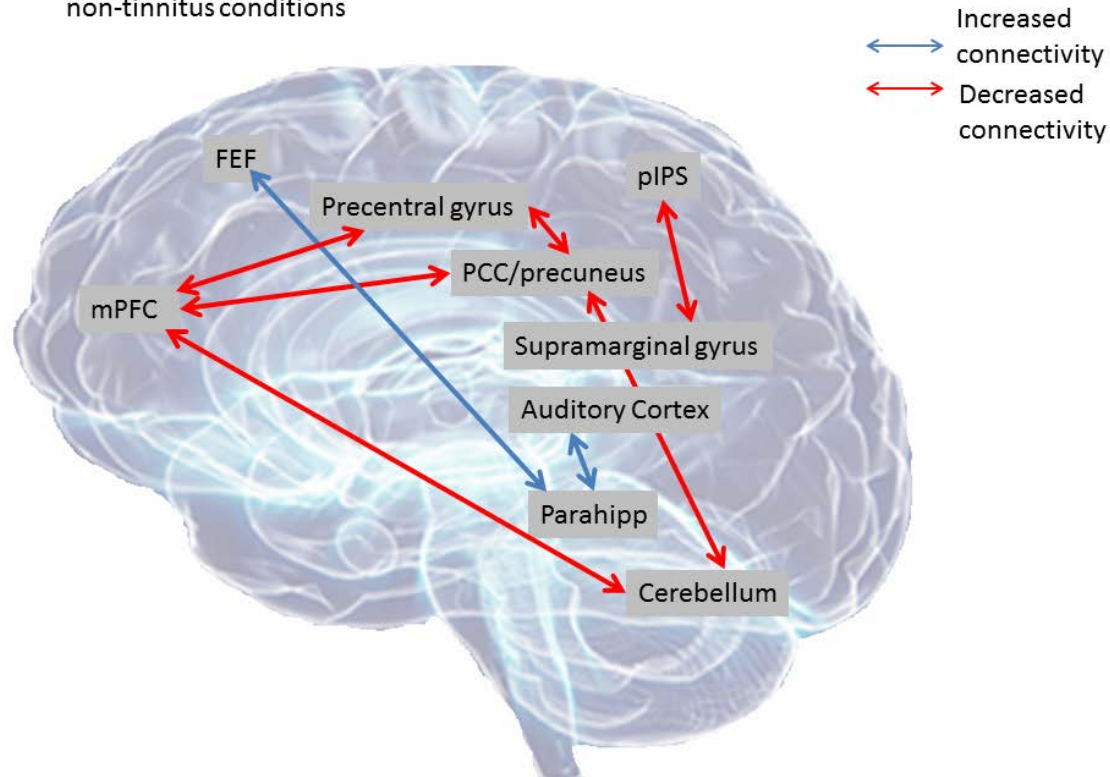


# Model of Severity & Habituation: Neural Response



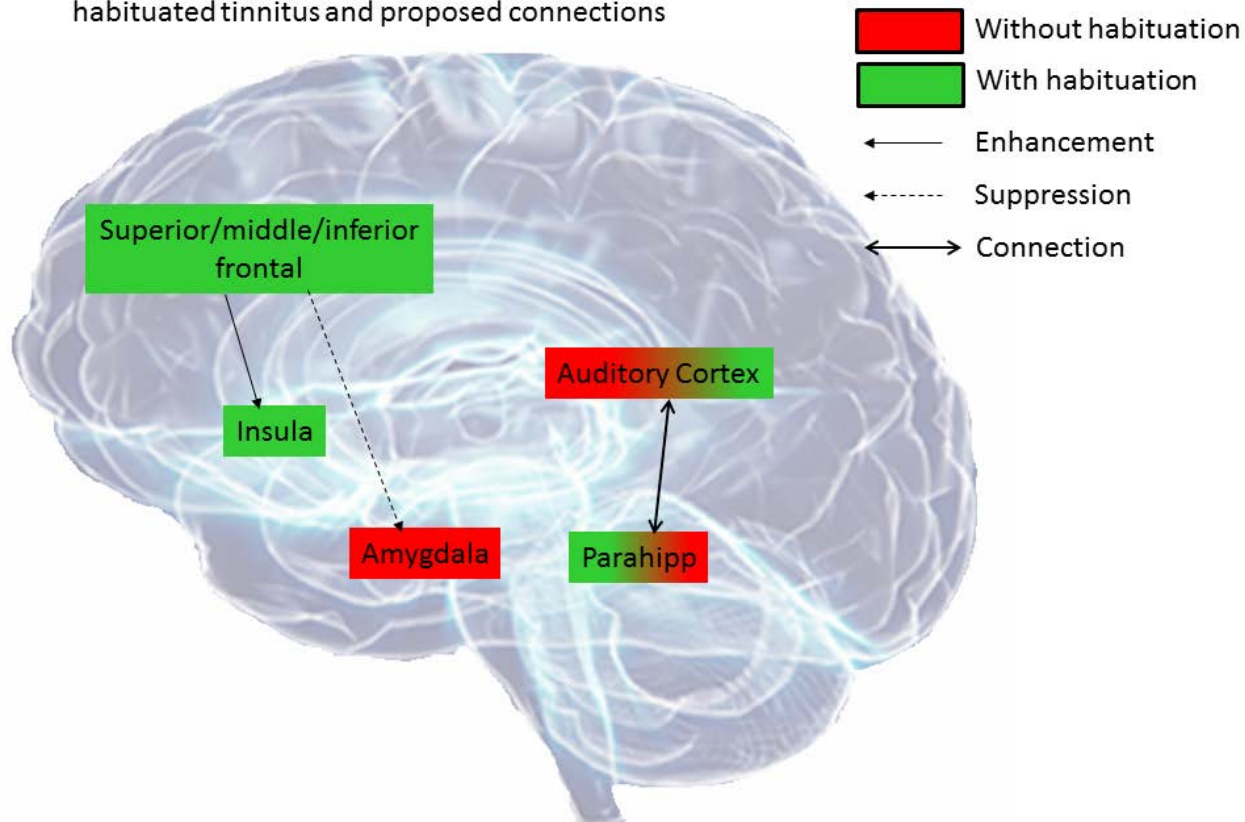
# Model of Severity & Habituation: Functional Connectivity

Figure 1b: Effect of mild tinnitus on resting state functional connections compared to non-tinnitus conditions

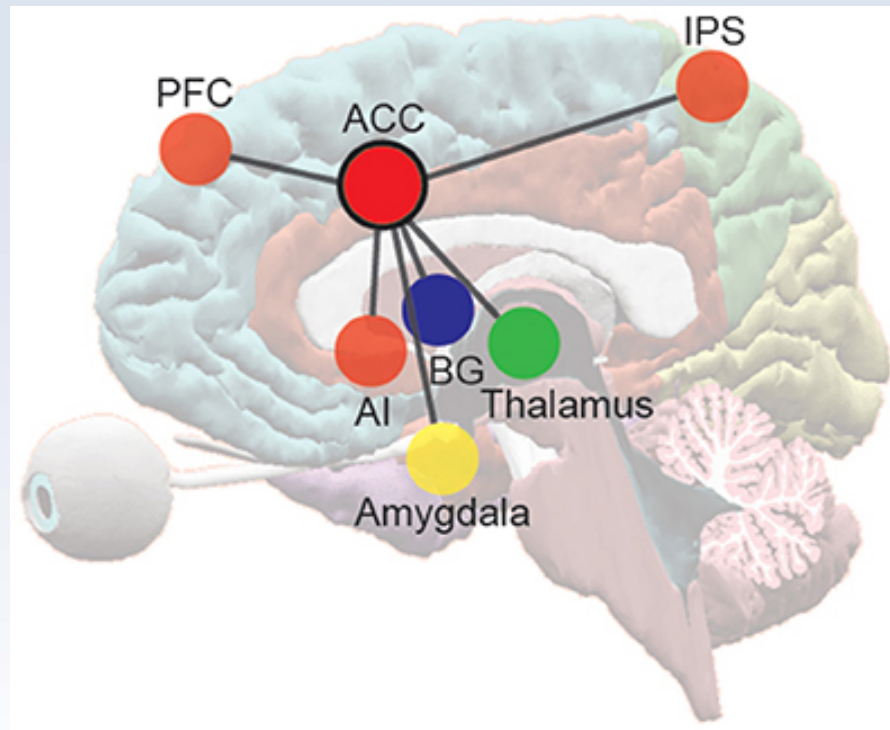


# Cognitive Control of Emotion: Model of Severity & Habituation

Figure 1c: Proposed model of emotional processing in habituated and non-habituated tinnitus and proposed connections



# Cognitive Control of Emotion





# Model of Severity & Habituation

## 1. In those habituated to tinnitus:

- A. Frontal cortex (attention network) suppresses pre-potent response of amygdala (limbic network) and re-routes salience/emotional processing via insula and parahippocampus gyrus
- B. Default mode network is more coherent, but still not as intact as in those without tinnitus.

## 2. In those with more bothersome tinnitus:

- A. Amygdala is more responsive
- B. Default mode network is less coherent – brain not at true rest
- C. Hypoactivity in auditory cortex



**But are results replicable? Robust enough to be used as a diagnostic and prognostic tool?**

# **REPLICATION AND DIAGNOSIS**



# Military and Civilian groups

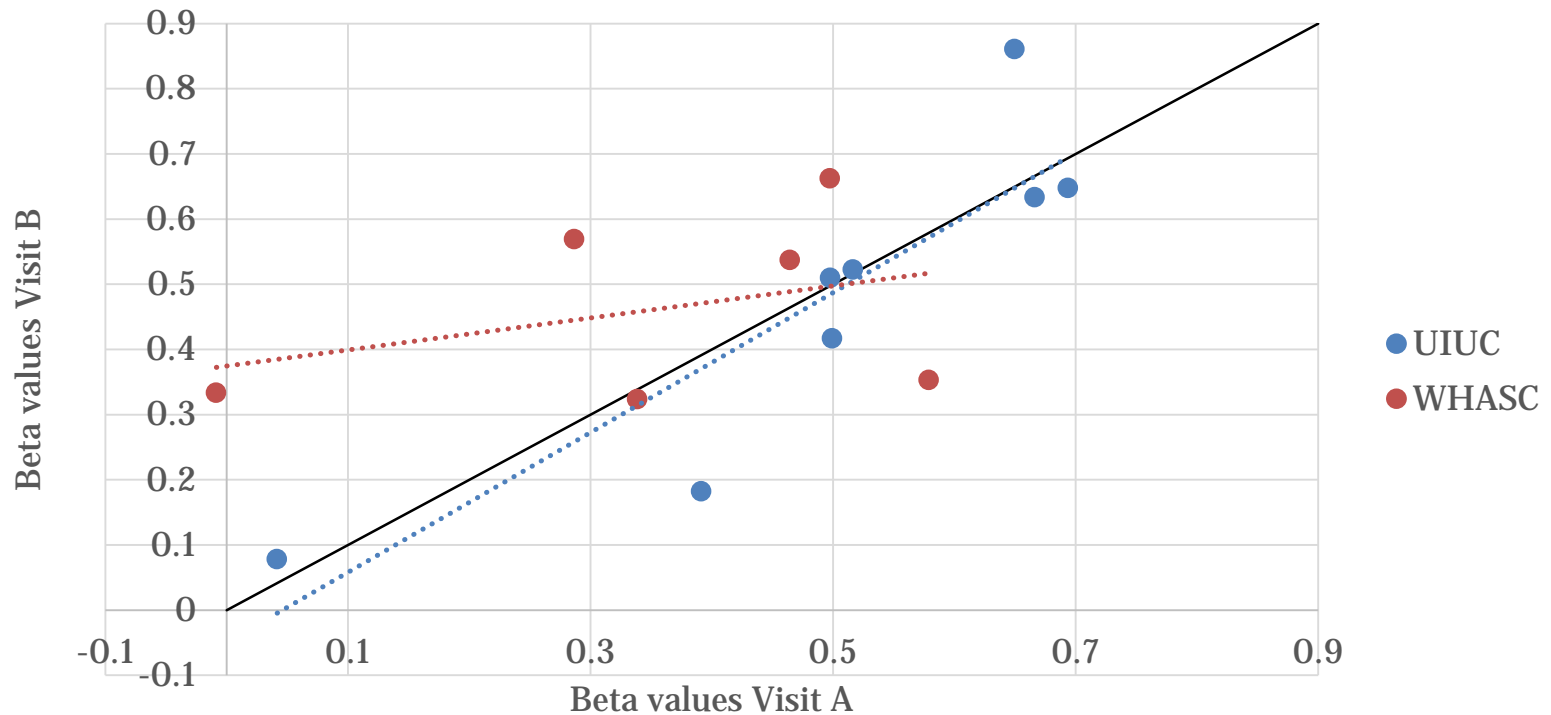
Identify objective functional biomarkers of tinnitus severity using resting state functional connectivity and

Determine tinnitus subgroups using automated cluster analysis of resting state data and associate the subgroups with a set of behavioral and neural correlates



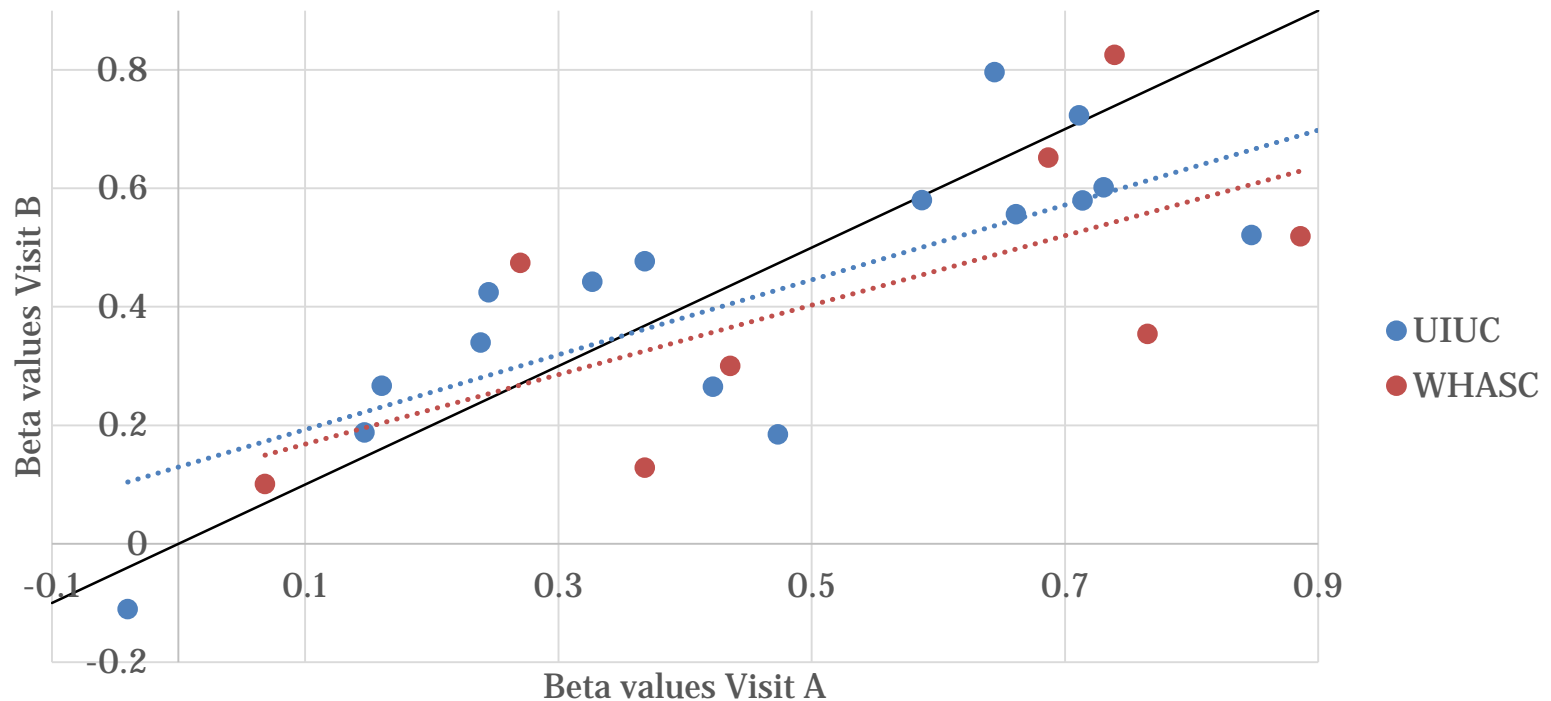
# Replication of Default Mode Network Connectivity: Controls

Controls: Visit comparison of connectivity between the posterior cingulate and medial prefrontal cortex



# Replication of Default Mode Network Connectivity: Tinnitus

Tinnitus Patients: Visit comparison of connectivity between the left posterior cingulate and medial prefrontal cortex



# Summary

- Resting state functional connectivity appears to be replicable for both controls and participants reporting tinnitus
- Reliable and useful tool to objectively measure impact of tinnitus in the brain
- Over multiple studies and now multiple sites, we are beginning to understand the functional connections and disconnections in the neural networks underlying tinnitus

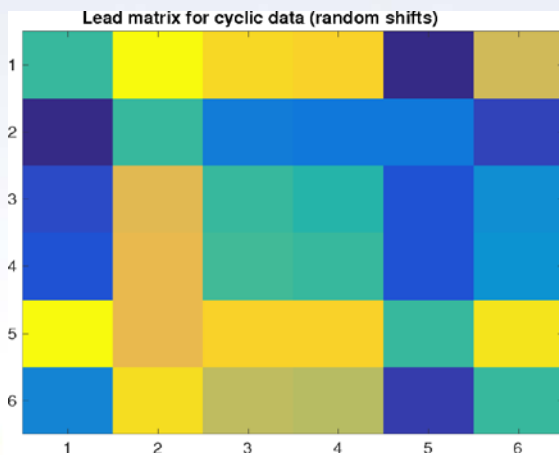
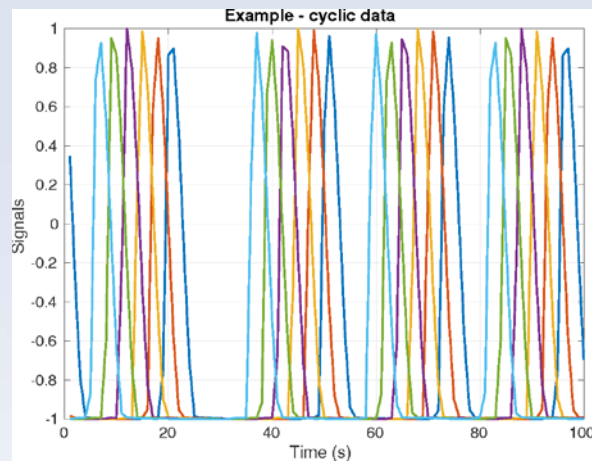
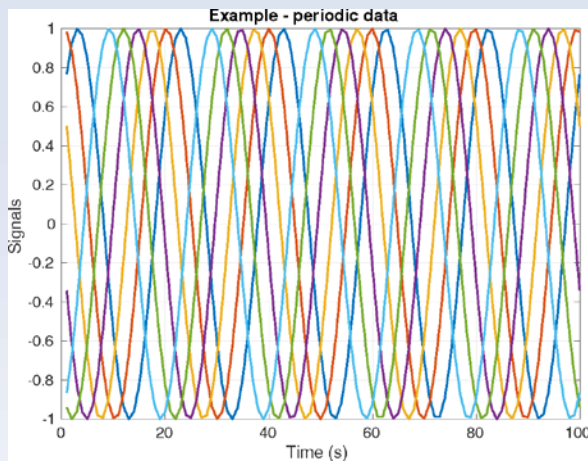


Objective diagnostic biomarkers of tinnitus

# **DIFFERENTIATING PATIENTS VS. CONTROLS**



# Cyclicity of fMRI data



- From the cyclicity analysis , it is possible to generate a matrix the defines ‘leader-follower’ relationships between two signals.
- A different way to look at “functional connectivity”

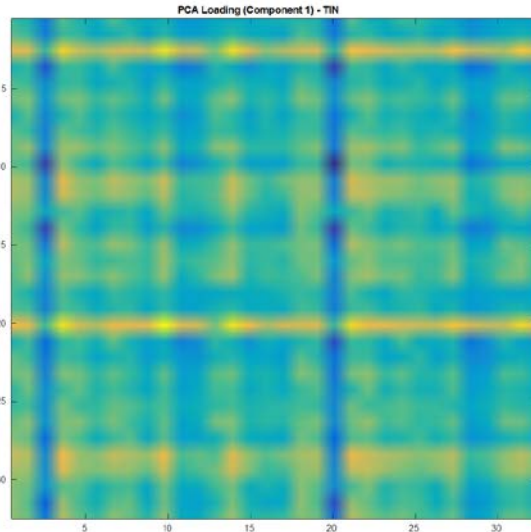




# Group lead matrices

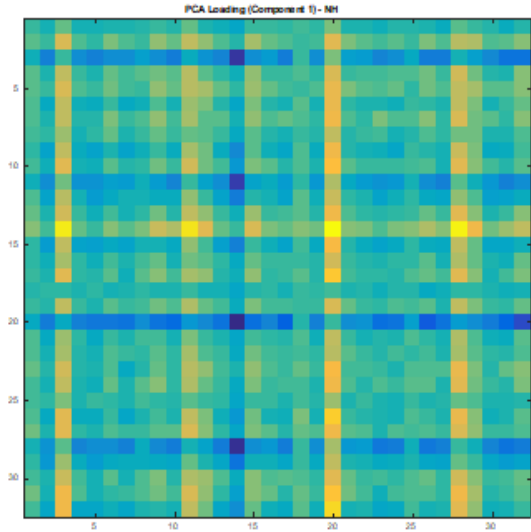
Controls

- 1 - amygdala
- 2 - anterior insula
- 3 - cuneus
- 4 - frontal eye field
- 5 - inferior frontal lobe
- 6 - inferior parietal lobe
- 7 - midfrontal gyrus
- 8 - parahippocampus
- 9 - posterior intraparietal sulcus
- 10 - primary auditory cortex
- 11 - primary visual cortex
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Certain ROIs have consistently strong leader-follower relationships, but did not differ between groups. Different patterns for patients and controls.



# Classification

## Partial Least Squares Discriminant Analysis

Method: PLS-DA (20 components) Accuracy: 78 % Unclassified: 135		Predicted Group	
		Normal Hearing	Tinnitus
True Group	Normal Hearing	73.0%	27.0%
	Tinnitus	17.4%	82.6%

- First such endeavor in tinnitus
- Both sensitivity and specificity
- Generalize to other conditions, traits



# Conclusions...

- Finding invariant neural signatures of tinnitus
    - Varying across subgroups
  - Validate the reliability of these signatures
  - Develop automated programs to differentiate patients with subjective disorder and controls
    - Apply this to other conditions and states within subjects
- ⇒ Evaluate interventions
- ⇒ Develop new interventions



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