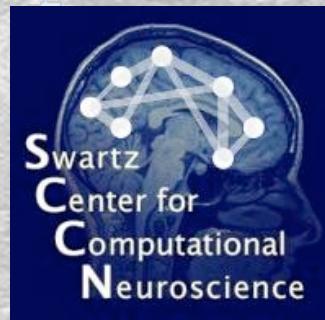


# Mining Cognitive Brain Dynamics I



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# Functional Brain Imaging

## Some human brain imaging milestones

1926 ~1<sup>st</sup> human EEG recording

### EEG era

1938 1<sup>st</sup> EEG spectral analysis

1962 ~1<sup>st</sup> computer ERP averaging (CAT)

### ERP era

1979 1<sup>st</sup> event-related desynchronization

1993 1<sup>st</sup> fMRI BOLD recordings

### fMRI era

1993 1<sup>st</sup> broadband ERSP

1995 1<sup>st</sup> multisource EEG filtering by ICA

2009 ~1<sup>st</sup> commercial dry electrode EEG toys

### fEEG & BMI era ...

FIGURE 1-2.—Sample of the first EEG tracing taken at the Bradley Hospital, E. Providence, Rhode Island, by H. Jasper and L. Carmichael. Subject: Carl Pfaffmann. Date: July 9, 1934. Record, which shows prominent alpha rhythm of about 11.5 per second, was made with a Westinghouse, galvanometer-type, mirror oscillograph. Time line above: 25 Hz.

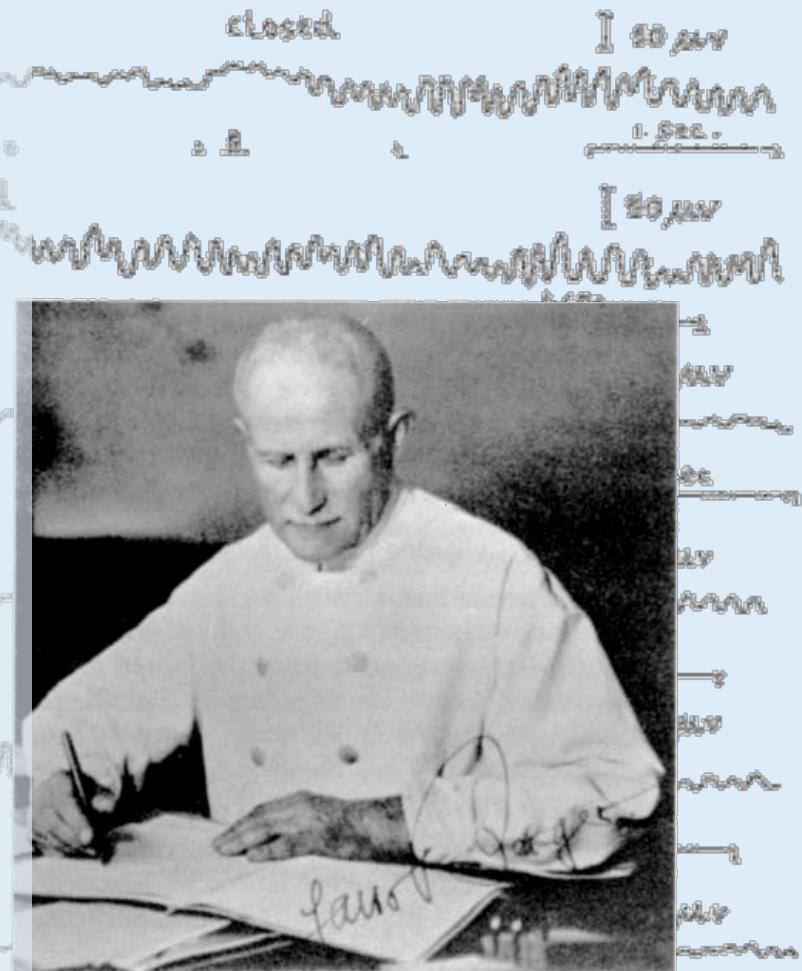


FIGURE 1-4.—Professor Hans Berger (1873–1941), neuro-psychiatrist, University of Jena, Jena, Germany, first to discover and describe in 1929 a unique kind of electrical activity recorded from the brain of man, which he named the electroencephalogram (Elektrenkephalogramm).

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# EEGLAB History

- 1993 – ERSP (Makeig)
- 1995 – Infomax ICA for EEG (Makeig, Bell, Jung, Sejnowski)
- **1997 - EEG/ICA Toolbox ([cnl.salk.edu](http://cnl.salk.edu)), ITC & ERC**
- 1999 - ERP-image plots (Jung & Makeig)
- 2000 - Toolbox GUI design (Delorme)
- **2002 - EEGLAB ([sccn.ucsd.edu](http://sccn.ucsd.edu))**
- 2004 - NIH support, and (Delorme & Makeig, 2004) reference paper
- 2004 - 1<sup>st</sup> EEGLAB workshop (UCSD, La Jolla, California)
- **2004 - 1<sup>st</sup> EEGLAB plug-ins**
- 2005 – Workshops in Porto (Portugal) and Libon (SPR)
- 2006 – Workshop in Singapore
- **2006 - 1<sup>st</sup> STUDY structure and component clustering tools**
- 2007 - Workshops in Aspet (France), La Jolla (California), Santiago (Chile)
- 2008 - NIH support renewed...
- **2009 – NFT – Neuroelectromagnetic Forward Head Modeling Toolbox**
- 2009 - Workshops in Bloomington Indiana, Aspet France, La Jolla California, Sydney Australia
- **2009 – ERICA - Experimental Real-time Interactive Control & Analysis, SIFT, BCILAB, etc.**
- 2010 – Workshops in Jyvaskyla Finland, NCTU, Taiwan, Portland Oregon, and UCSD
- **2011 - HeadIT database tied to EEGLAB**
- **2011 – EEGLAB Chat introduced**

## EEGLAB downloads for 20/06/2007

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Finland	<a href="mailto:@psyka.jyu.fi">@psyka.jyu.fi</a>	
Australia	<a href="mailto:@newcast.edu.au">@newcast.edu.au</a>	Auditory Psychophysics, Psychopathology
La Jolla	<a href="mailto:@gmail.com">@gmail.com</a>	Cognuro EEGlab is great!
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- ~200+ EEGLAB downloads a week
- ... all together to at least 90 country domains
- > 3,500 on the 'eeglablist' discussion list
- 30+ EEGLAB plug-ins available

# EEGLAB Workshops

90 Participants:

- Canada
- USA

- Norway
- Ireland
- England

- Germany
- Austria
- Italy

- Japan
- Taiwan
- S. Korea
- Australia



Bloomin

Portla

La Jolla

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Santiago

Porto

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Jyväskylä

Newcastle  
Singapore

Taiwan

I gaped ...  
I tossed ...  
I jutted ...  
I ducked  
I swerved ...

# Who

I reached ...  
I threw ....  
I ran ...  
pointed ...  
I shot ...  
I screamed ...  
I am I?

# am I?

I realized that ...

It struck me that ...

I wondered if ...

All of a sudden ...

# Distributed Brain Dynamic Events

I noticed that ...

I decided that ...

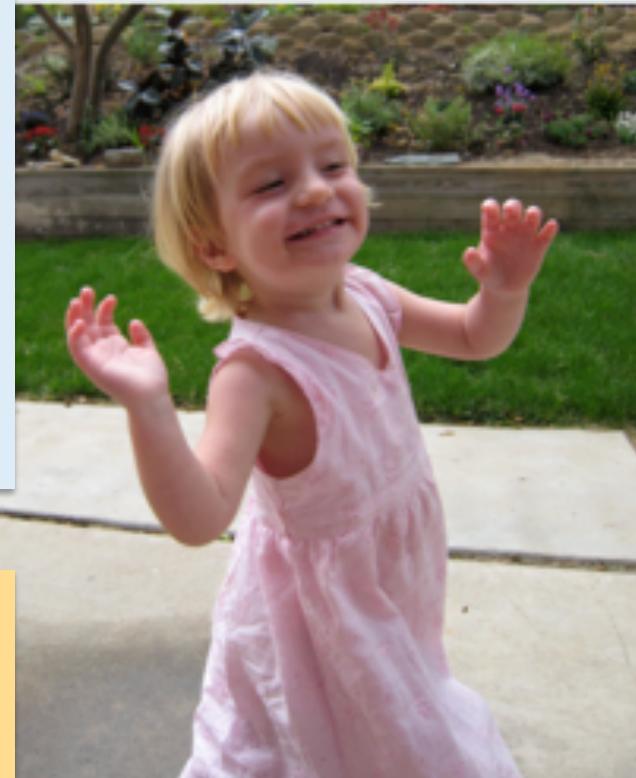
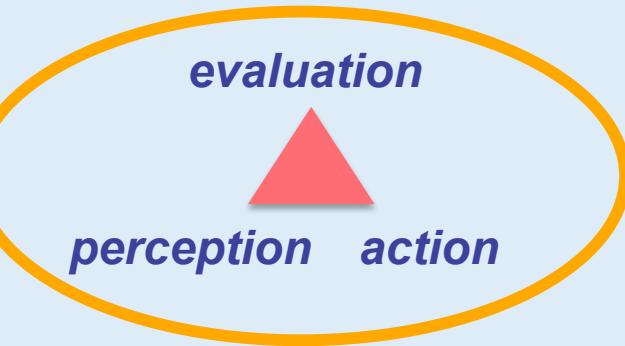
It occurred to me that ...

I imagined ...

I searched the scene for ...

# Embodied Cognition & Agency

Brain processes  
have evolved and function  
*to optimize the outcome  
of the behavior*  
the brain organizes  
in response to  
*perceived challenges  
and opportunities.*



**Brains meet the challenge of  
the moment!**

# What is EEG?

**Brain dynamics are inherently multi-scale**

Local  
Extracellular  
Fields

**EEG (scalp surface fields)**

**ECOG (larger cortical surface fields)**

**At each spatial recording scale, the signal is produced by active partial coherence of distributed activities at the next smaller scale.**

**Cross-scale coupling is bi-directional!**

**Larger**  
**↔**  
**Smaller**

**Intracellular and peri-cellular fields**

**Synaptic and other trans-membrane potentials**

Brain dynamics are inherently multi-scale

Local  
Extracellular  
Fields

# SCALE CHAUVINISM

Cross-scale coupling  
is bi-directional!

Larger



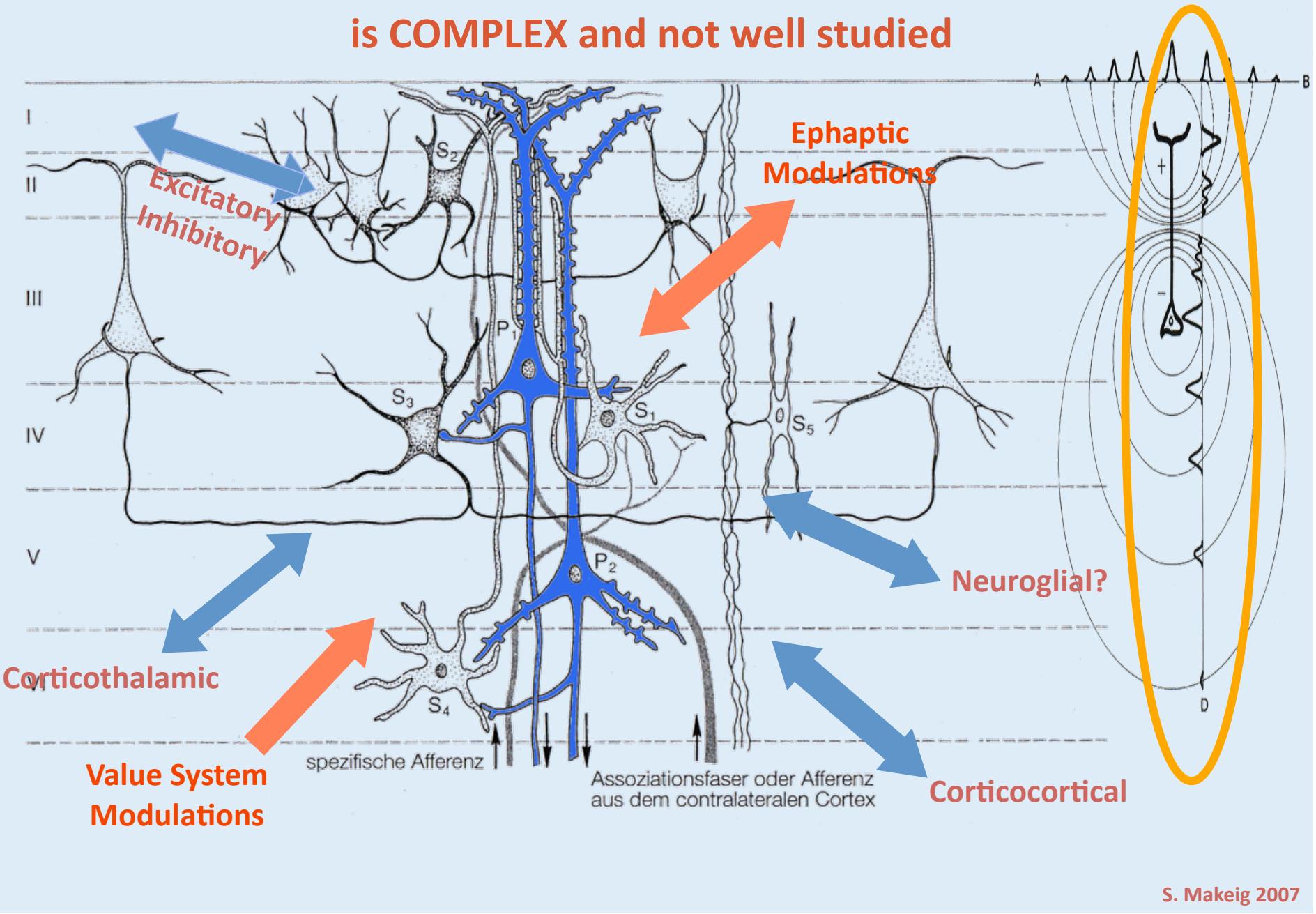
Smaller

EEG (scalp surface fields)  
ECOG (larger cortical surface fields)

At each spatial recording scale, the signals produced by active partial coherence of distributed activities at the next smaller scale.

membrane potentials

# The generation and modulation of EEG / LFP is COMPLEX and not well studied



# Functional Brain Imaging

Hemodynamic imaging

= imaging brain

**Energy**

Direct 3-D inverse model,

but quite slow & indirect

**Electromagnetic imaging**

= imaging local cortical

**Synchrony**

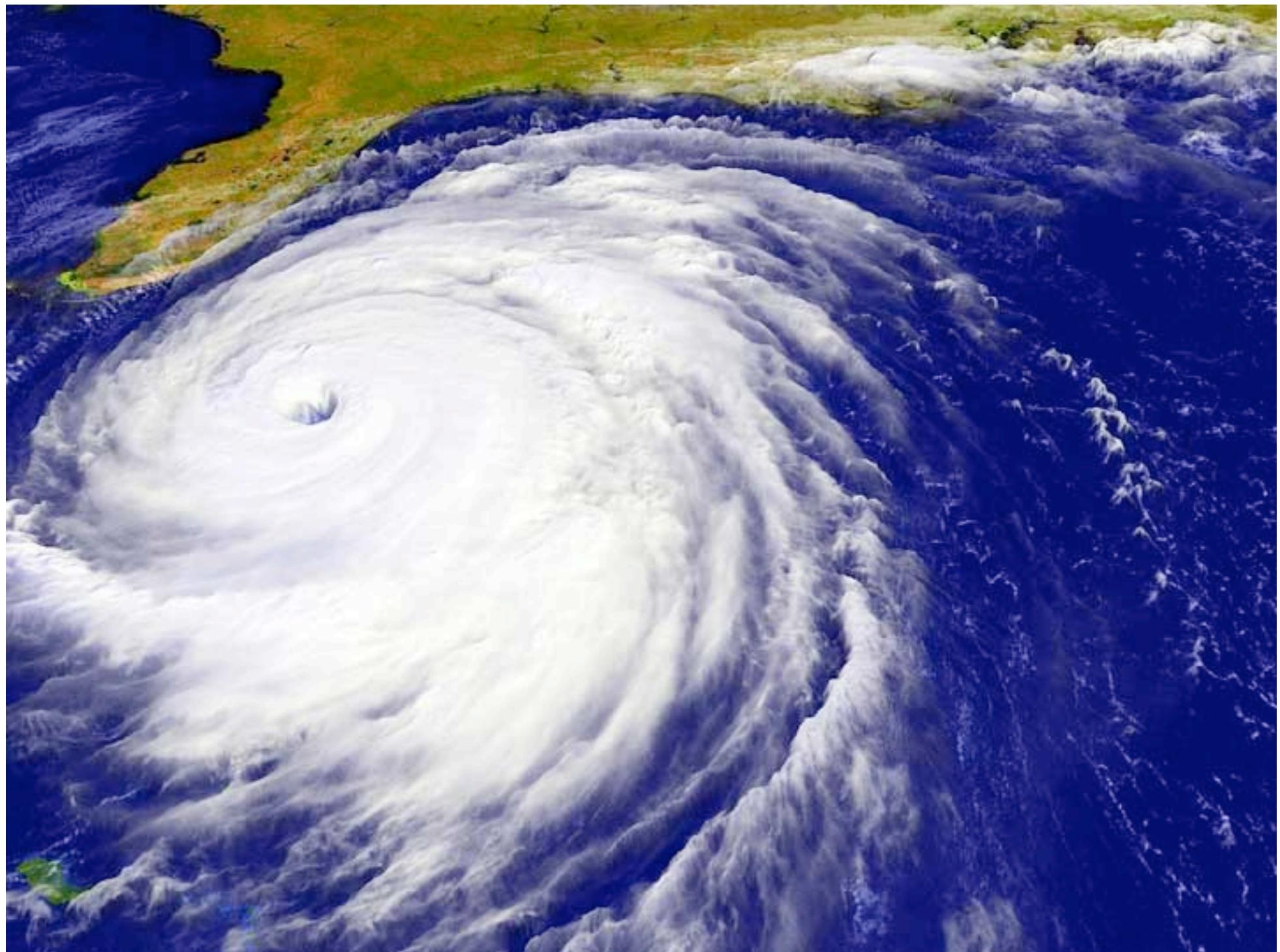
3-D imaging requires model,  
but quite fast & direct measure  
of one aspect of neural activity.

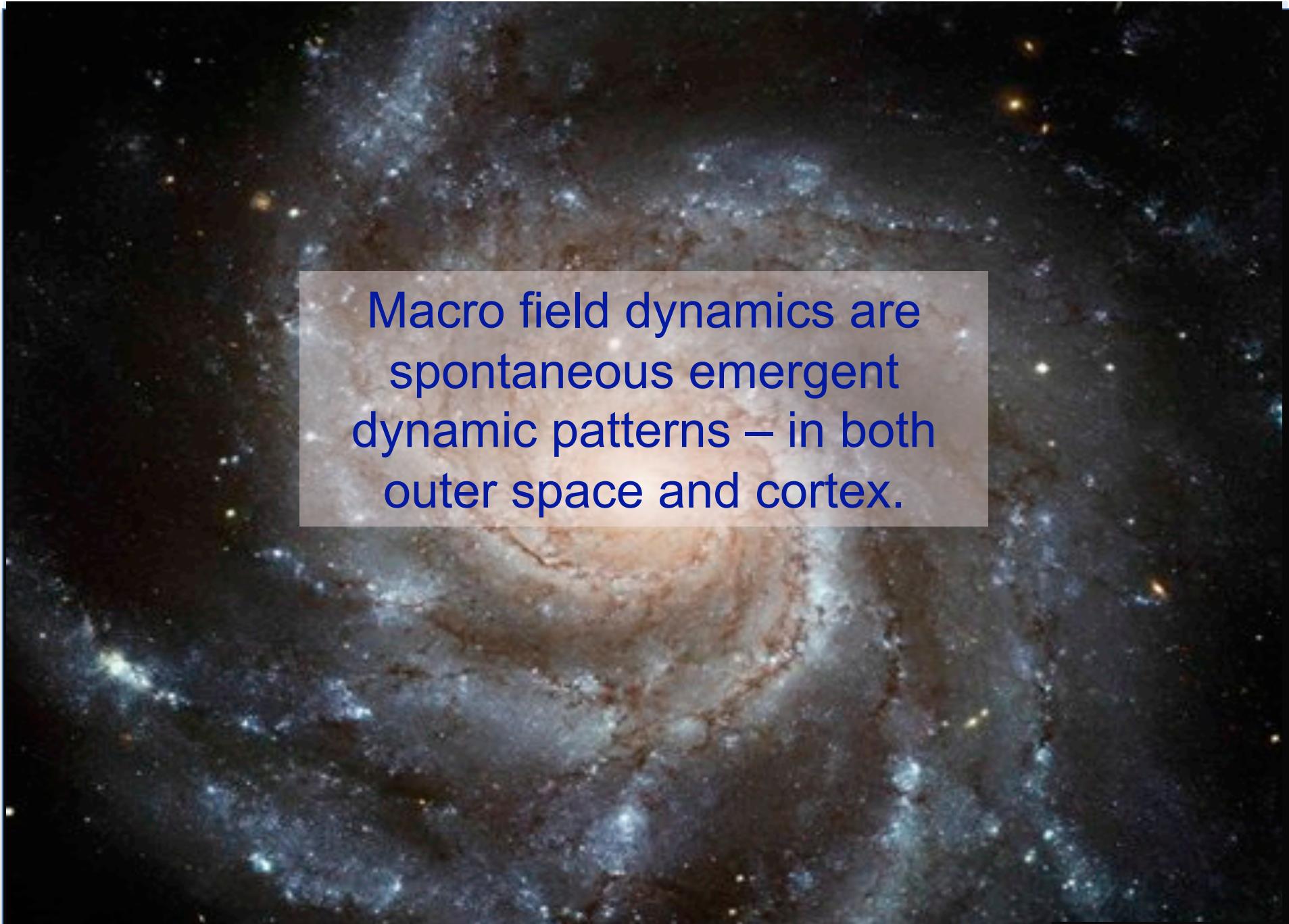
Phase cones (Freeman)

Avalanches (Plenz)

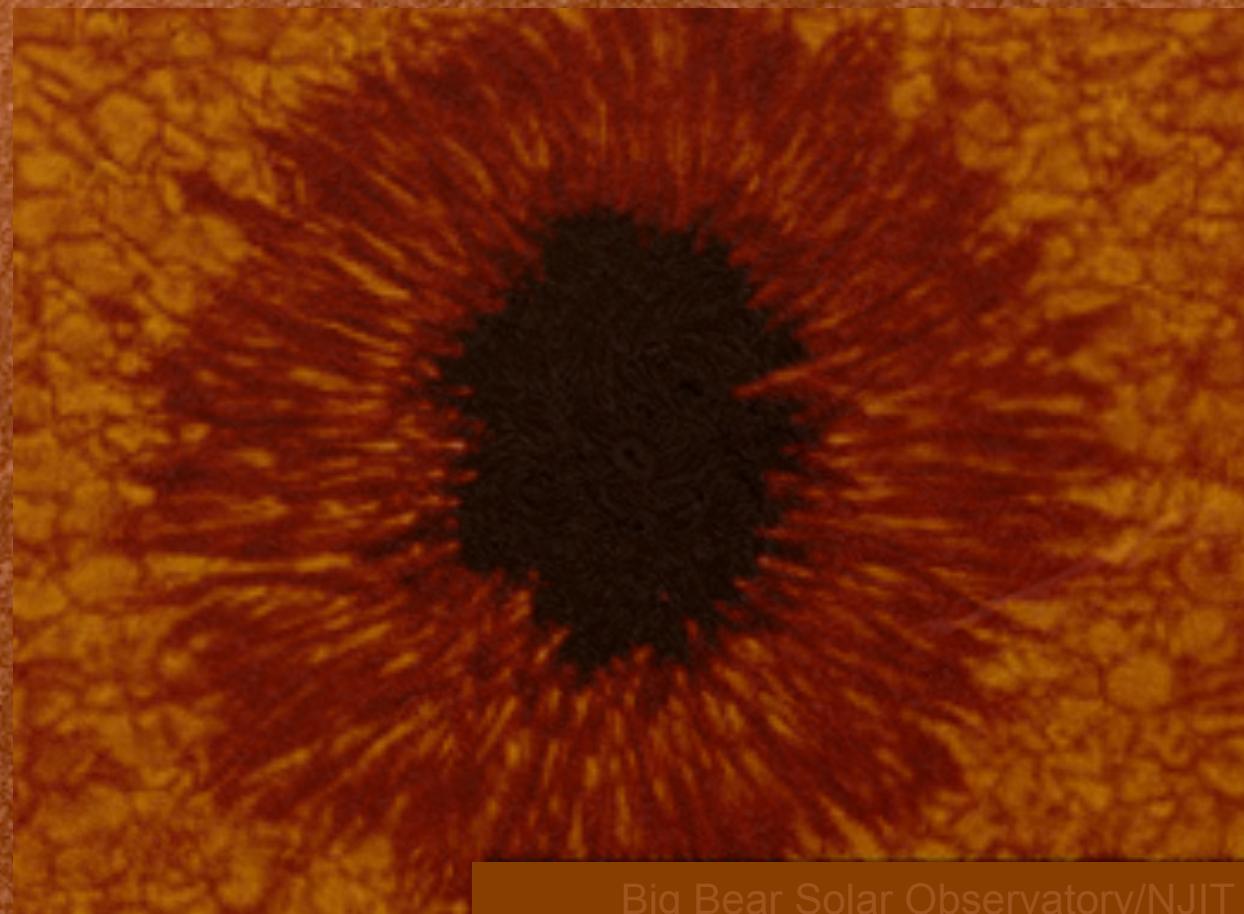


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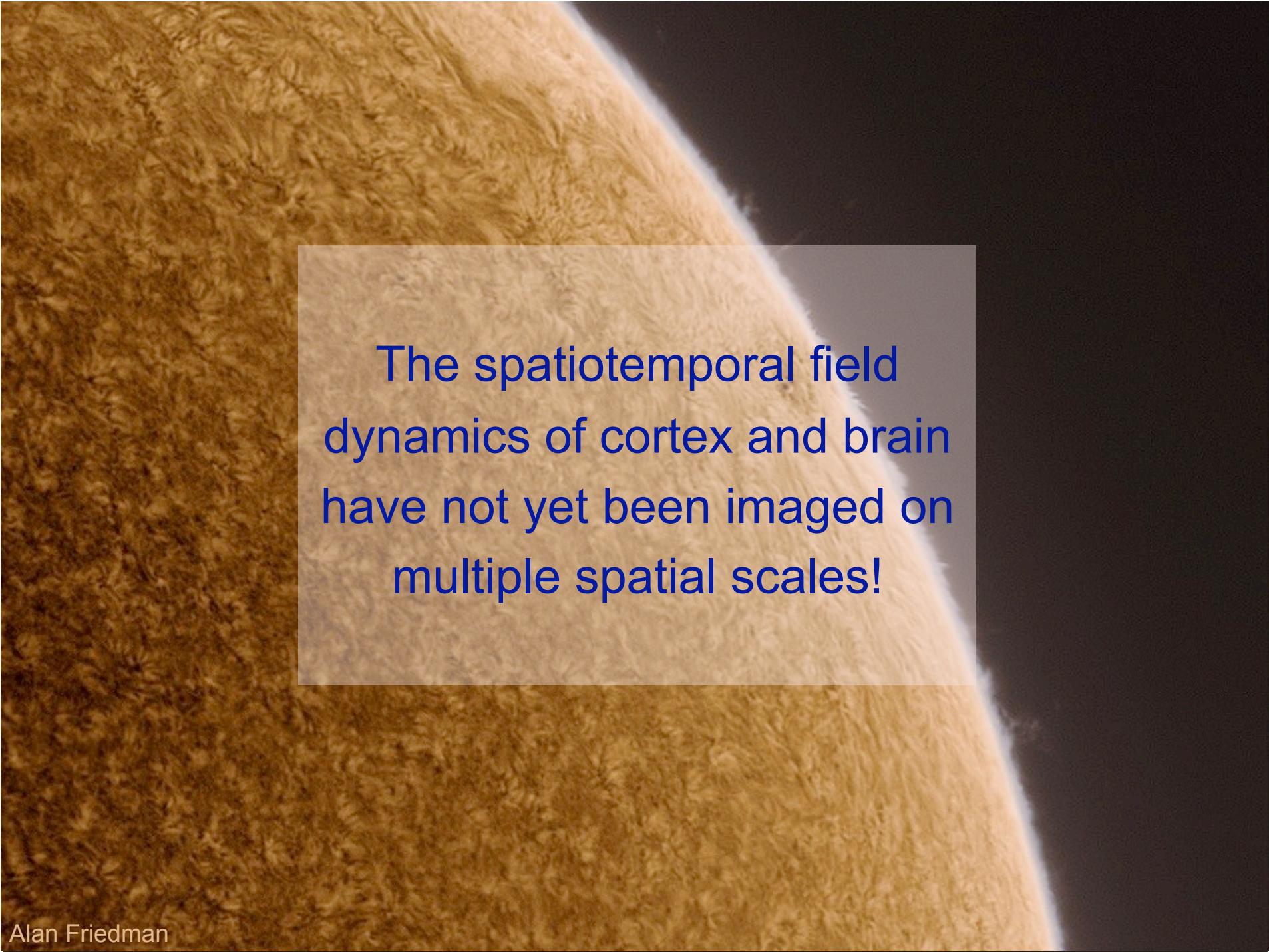
Macro field dynamics are spontaneous emergent dynamic patterns – in both outer space and cortex.



Big Bear Solar Observatory/NJIT

Alan Friedman





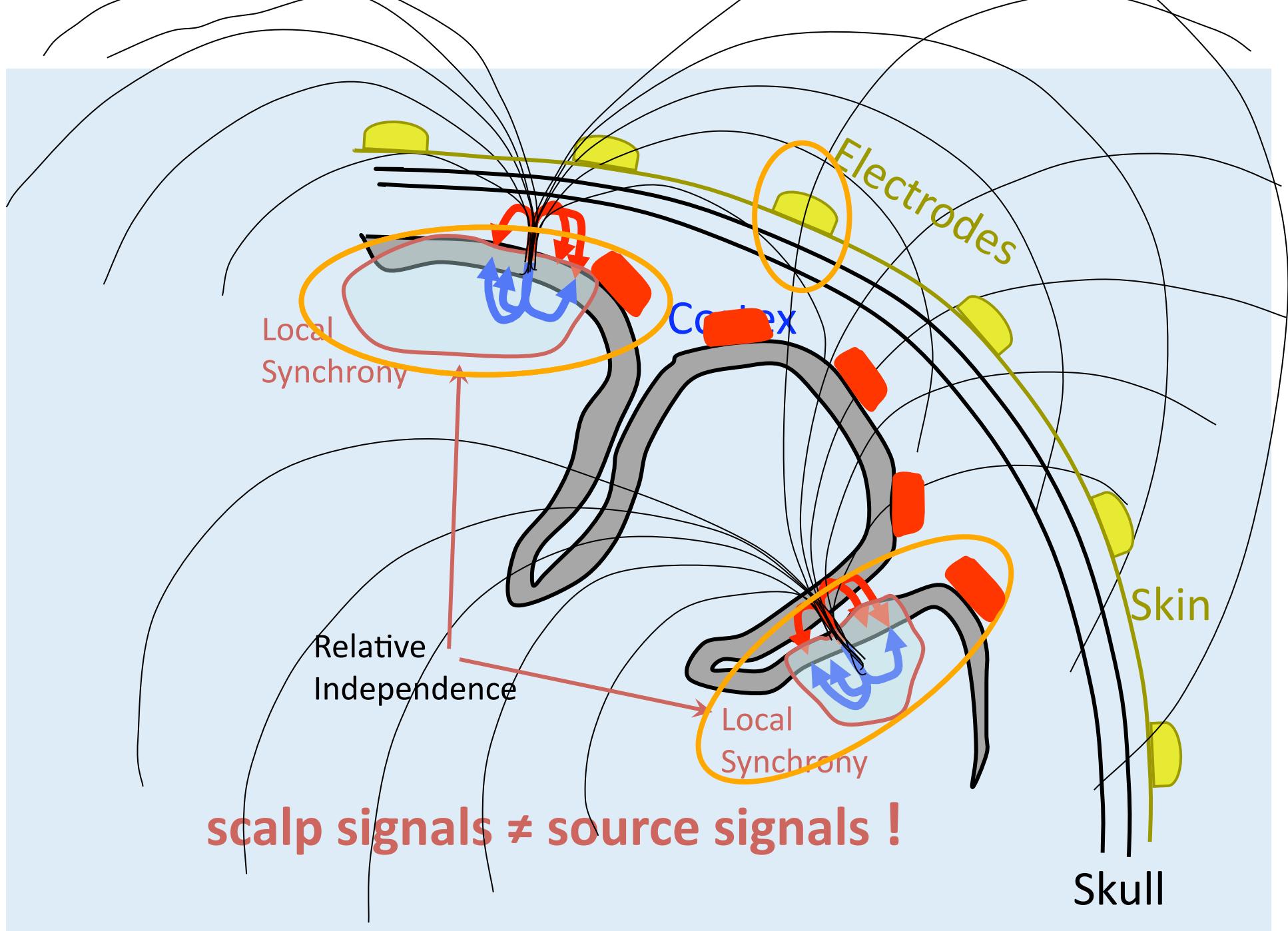
The spatiotemporal field  
dynamics of cortex and brain  
have not yet been imaged on  
multiple spatial scales!

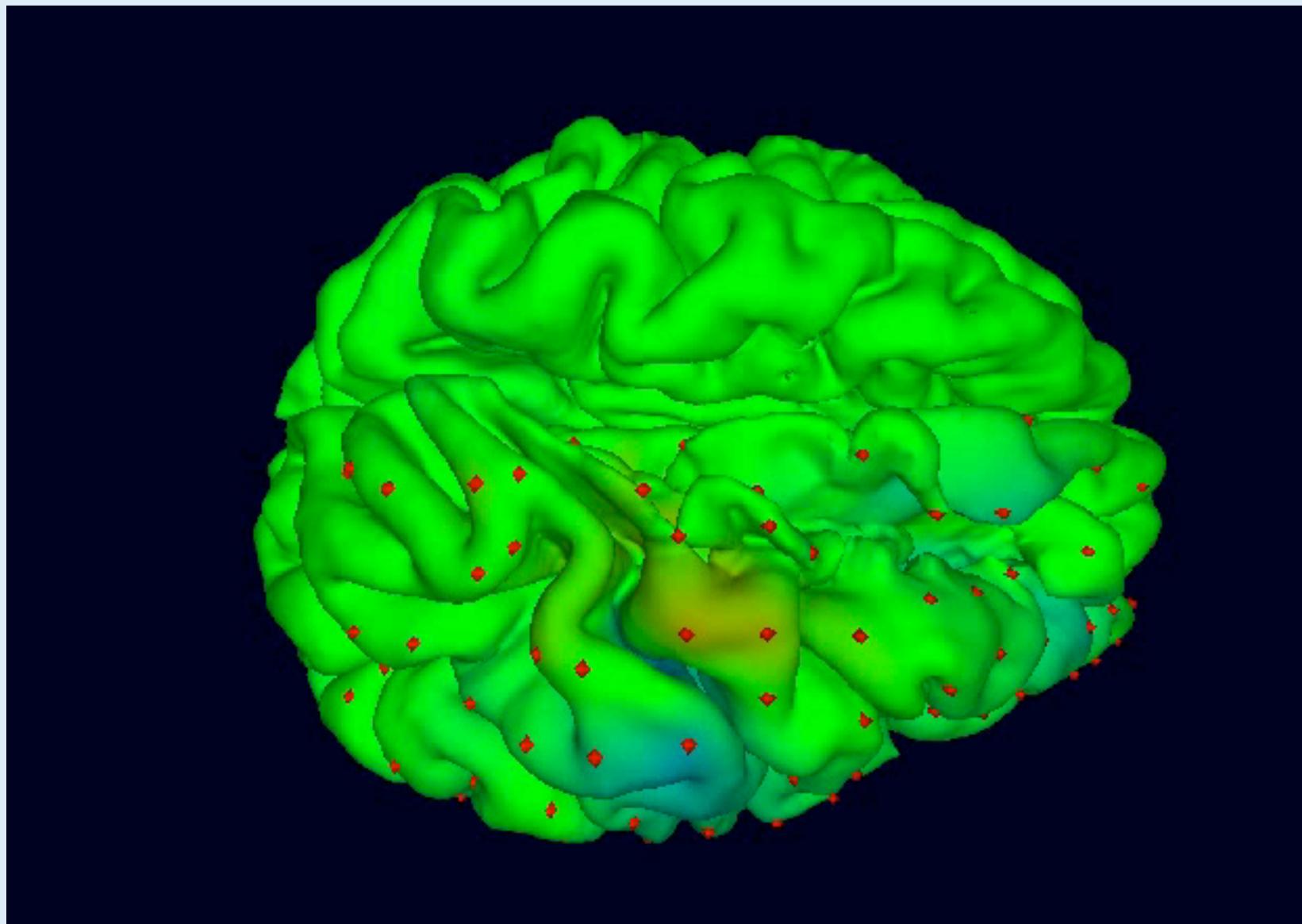
The diagram illustrates the complex process of EEG signal generation and measurement. It shows a cross-section of the head with three concentric layers: the brain, the skull, and the skin. Inside the brain, red arrows indicate "Local Synchrony" between neurons. These signals travel through the brain tissue and are partially reflected at the skull-skin interface. The reflected signals then pass through the skin and are measured by "Electrodes" attached to the scalp. The text "Brain EEG ≠ Scalp EEG" is overlaid in large blue letters, emphasizing that the signals recorded on the scalp are not identical to the source signals in the brain. A pink arrow labeled "Relative Independence" points from the brain towards the scalp, indicating that the scalp signals are a filtered version of the brain signals.

# Brain EEG ≠ Scalp EEG

scalp signals ≠ source signals !

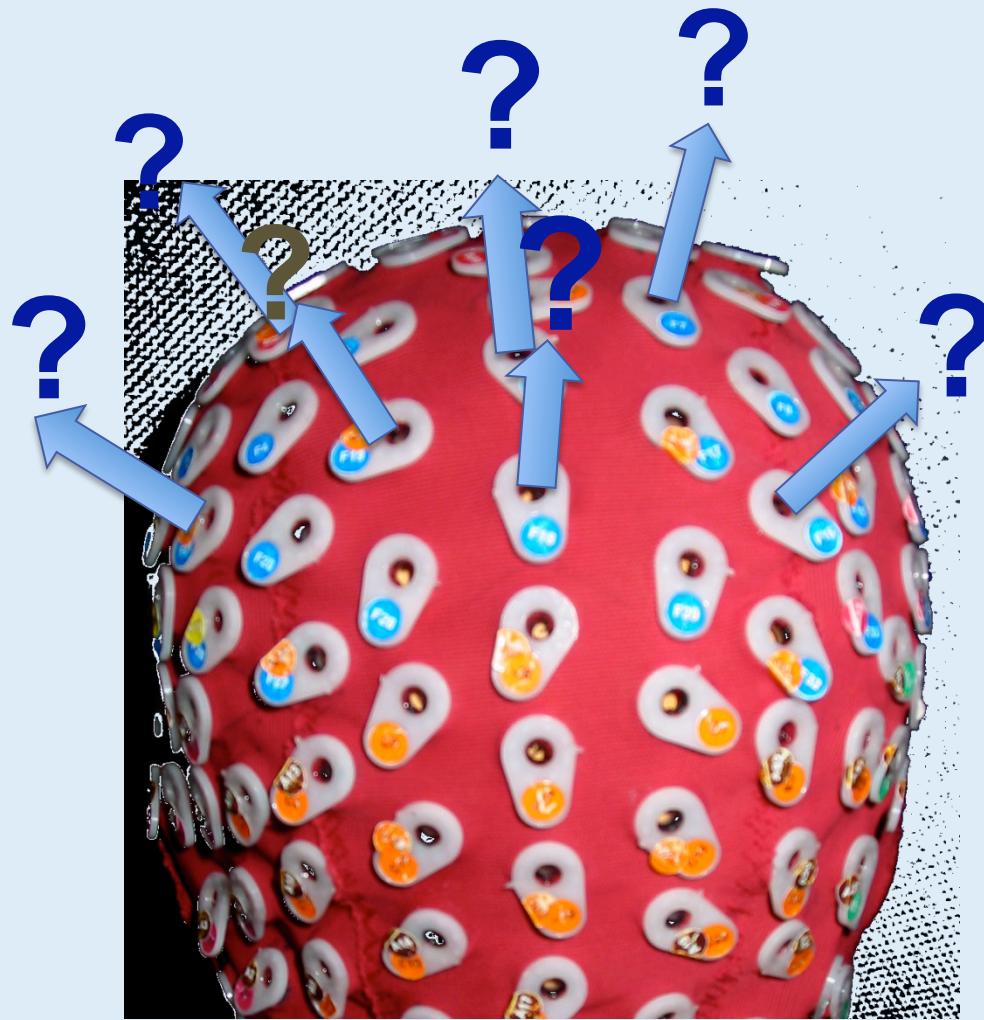
Electrodes  
Skin  
Skull



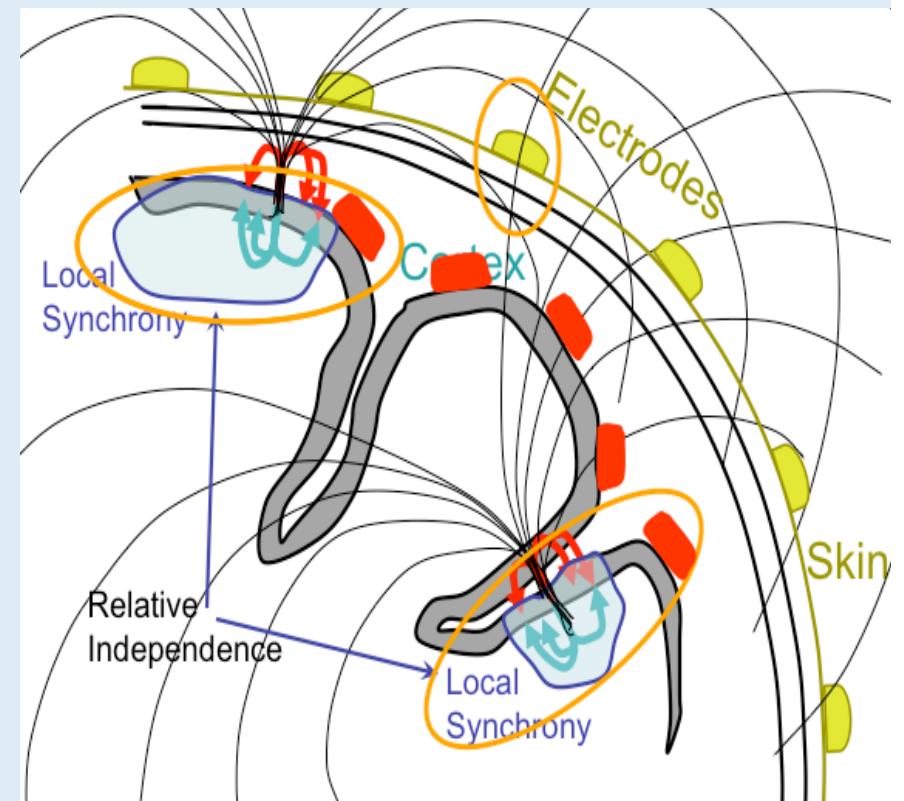


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## Naïve 2-D interpretation of EEG signals?



Cortical EEG signal projection patterns as point processes

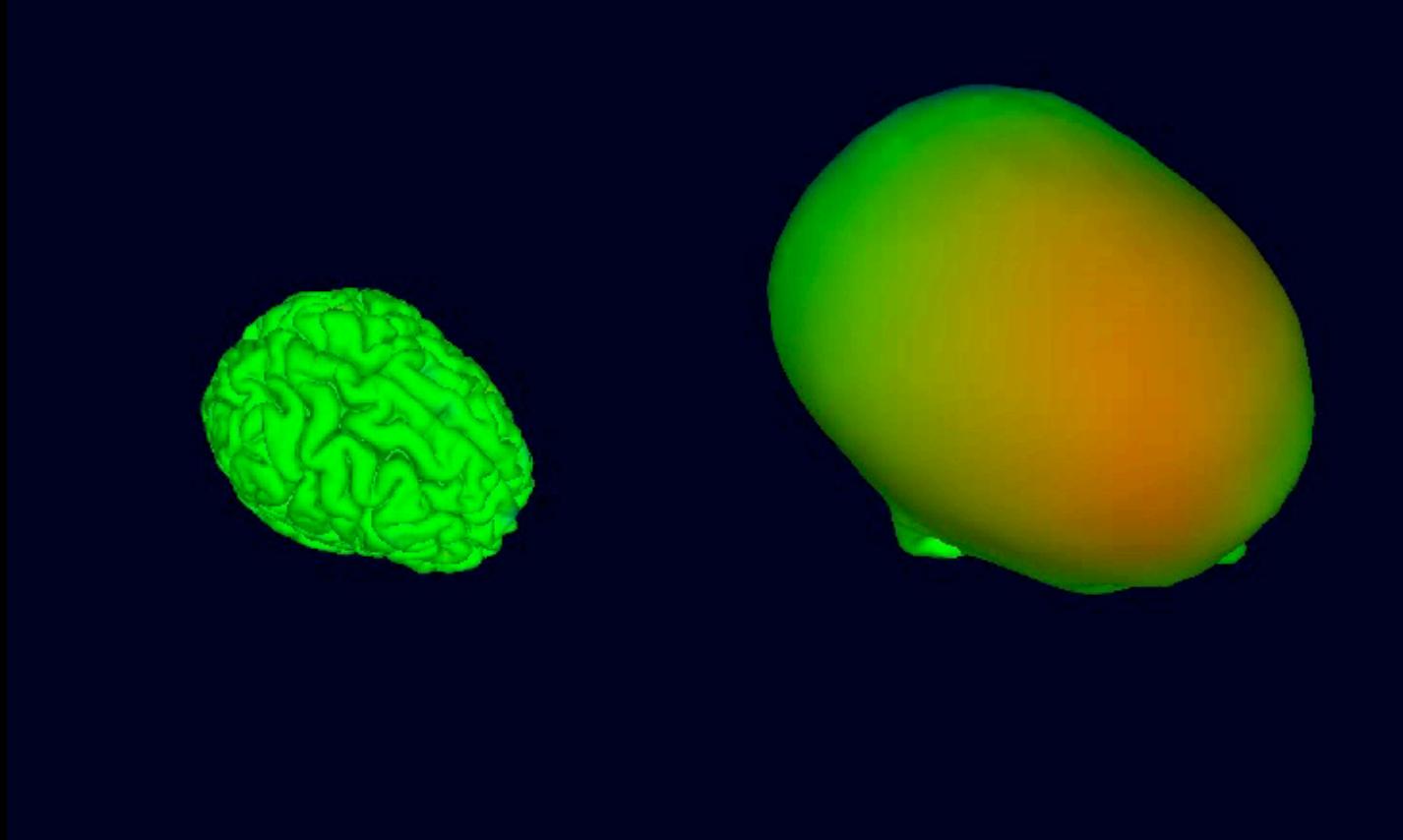


Actual cortical source volume conduction patterns (cartoon)

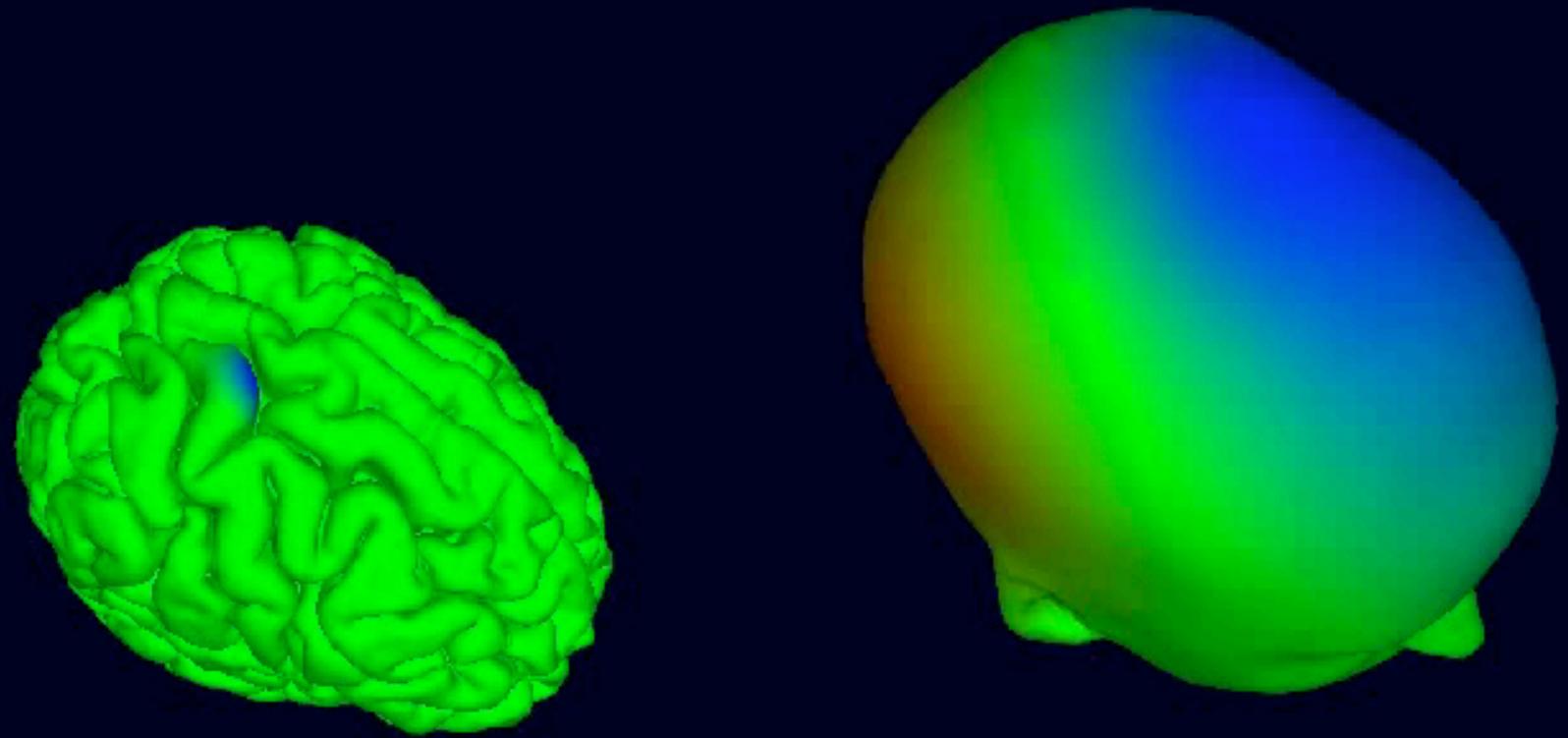


*“Surely, Dr. Lowe, if there were gravity waves, we would have detected them by now.”*

# The very broad EEG point-spread function



# The very broad EEG point-spread function



Single spatially labile source

Akalin Acar & Makeig 2010

# The 2-D Dome of the Sky

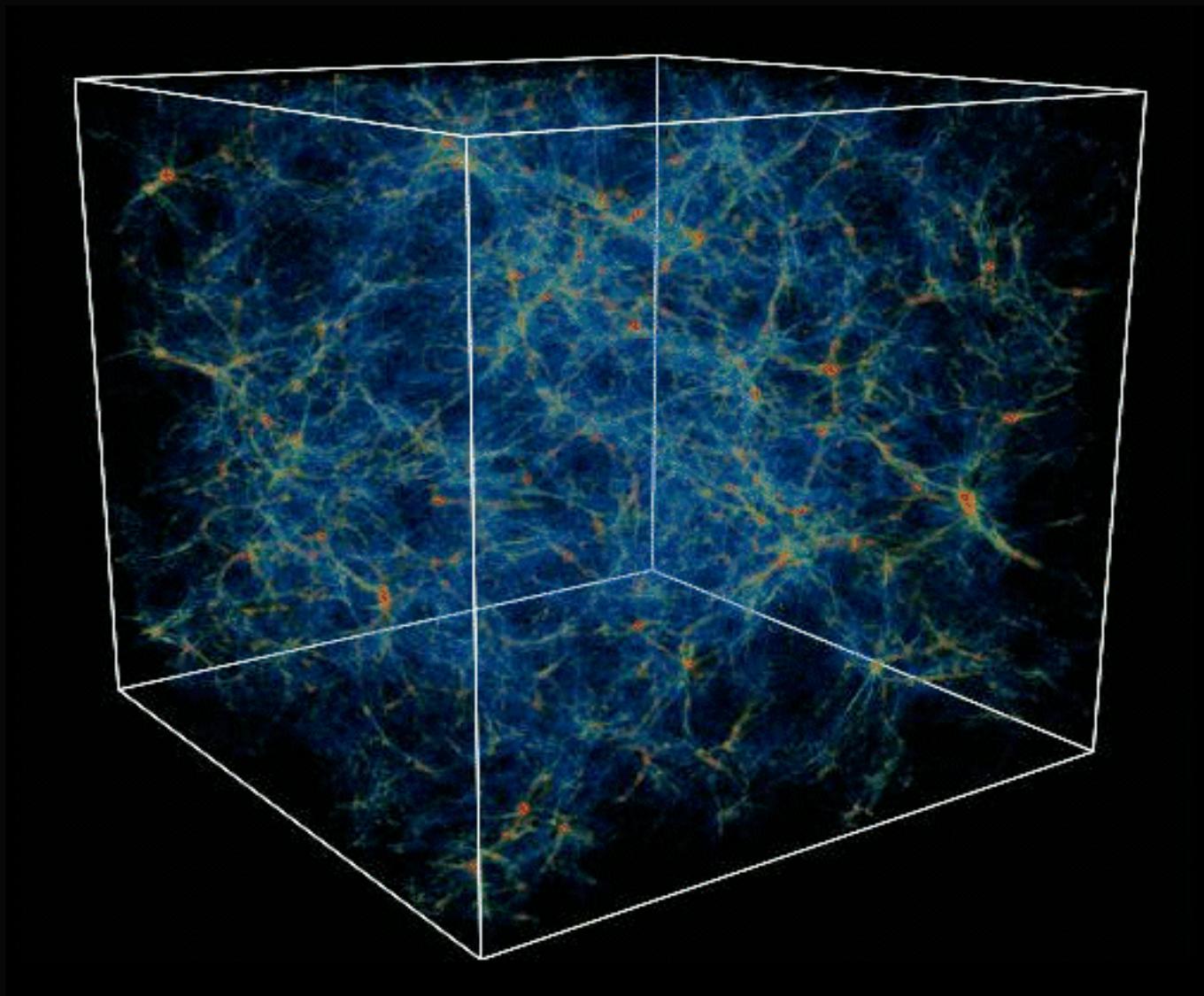


Scott Makeig 2008



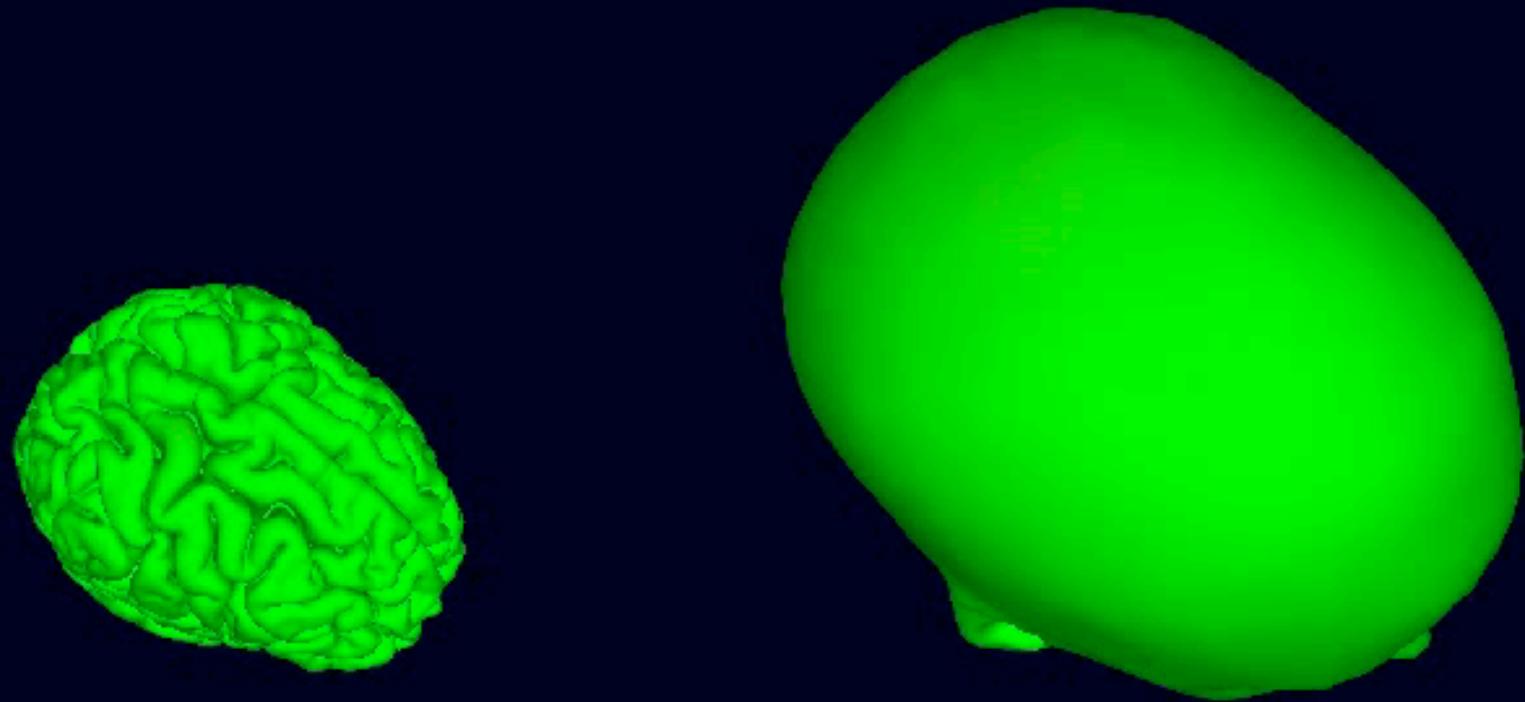
*Stephen L. Alvarez*

# 3-D structure of the Universe



NASA 2009

# The very broad EEG point-spread function

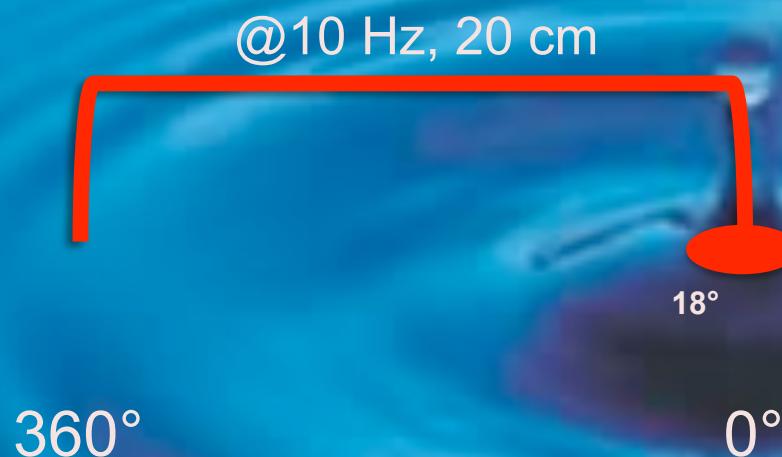


Spatially static cortical patch source

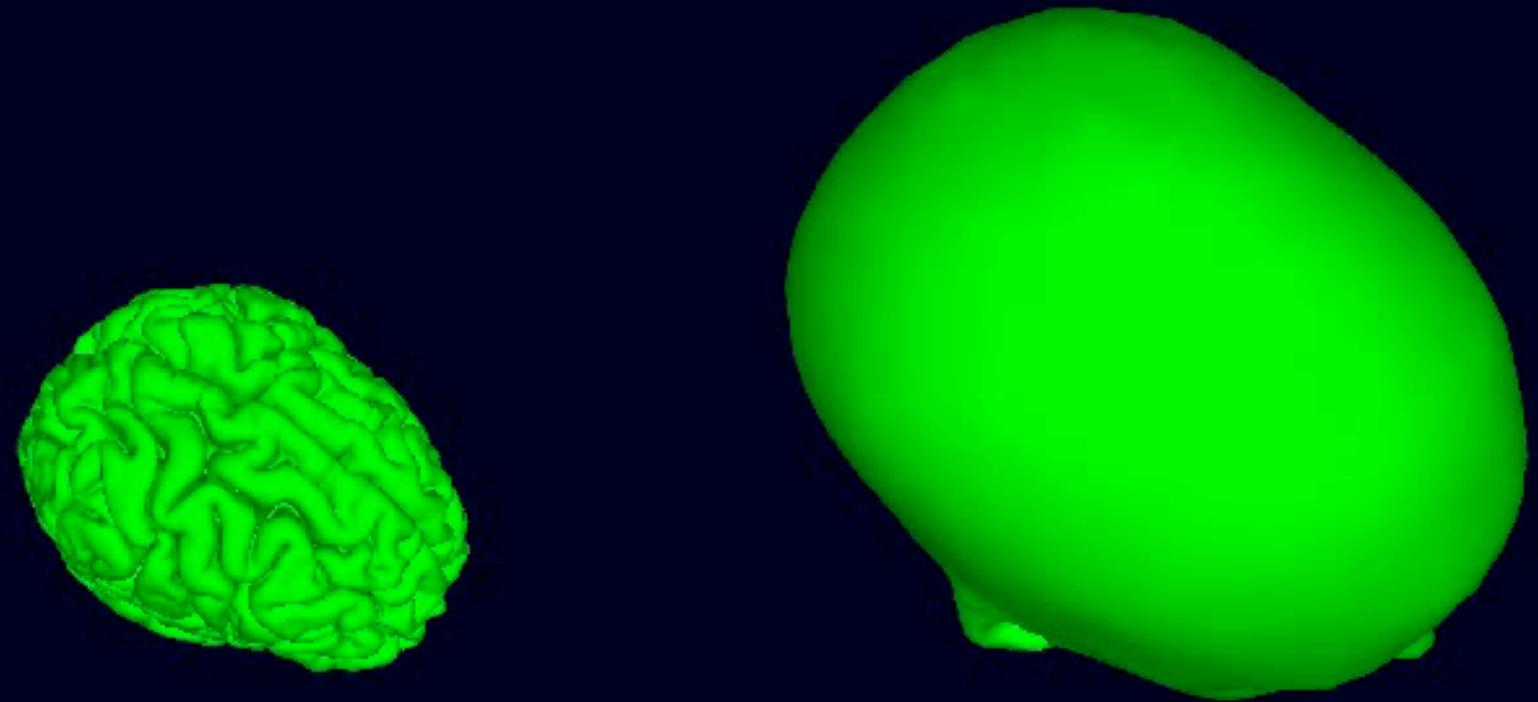
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Phase cones (Freeman)

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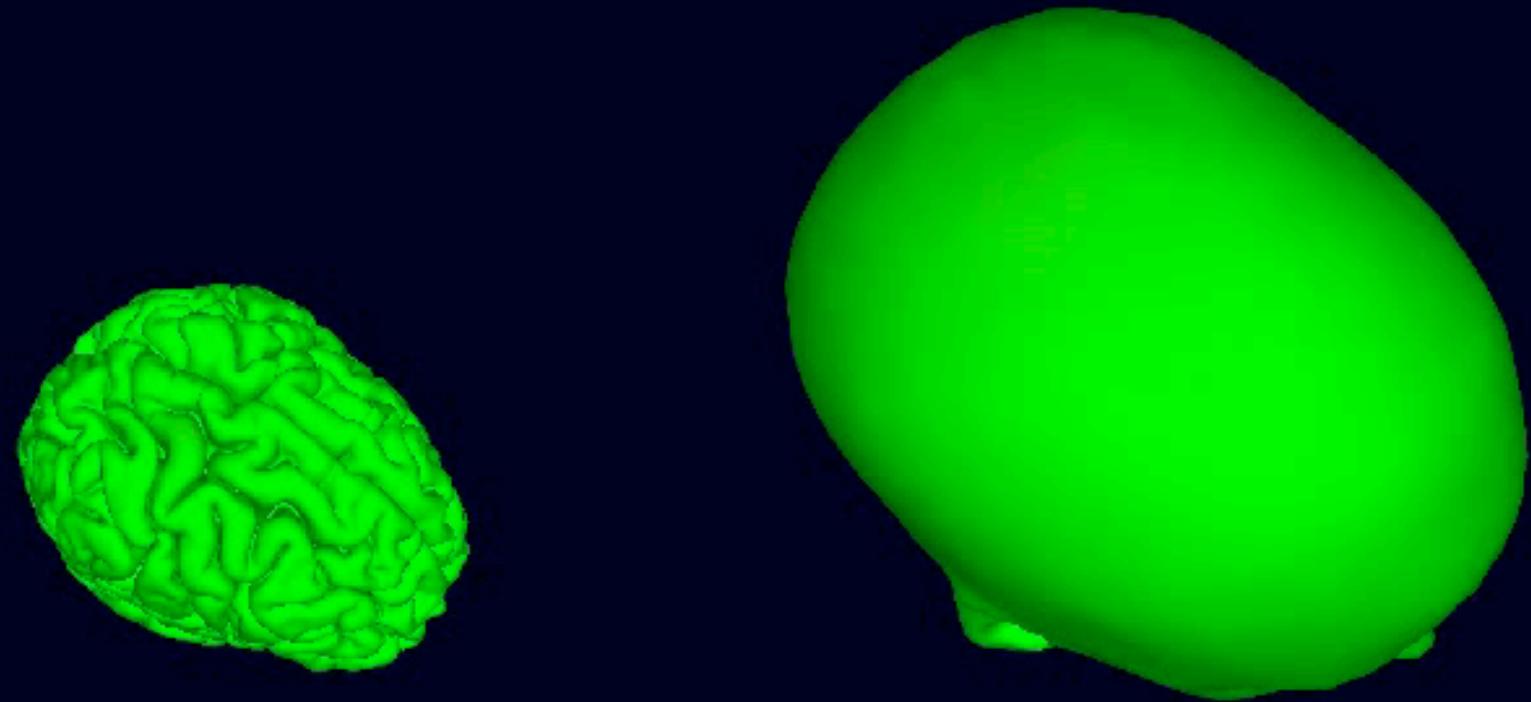
# The very broad EEG point-spread function



Phase lag, center to edge: 18°

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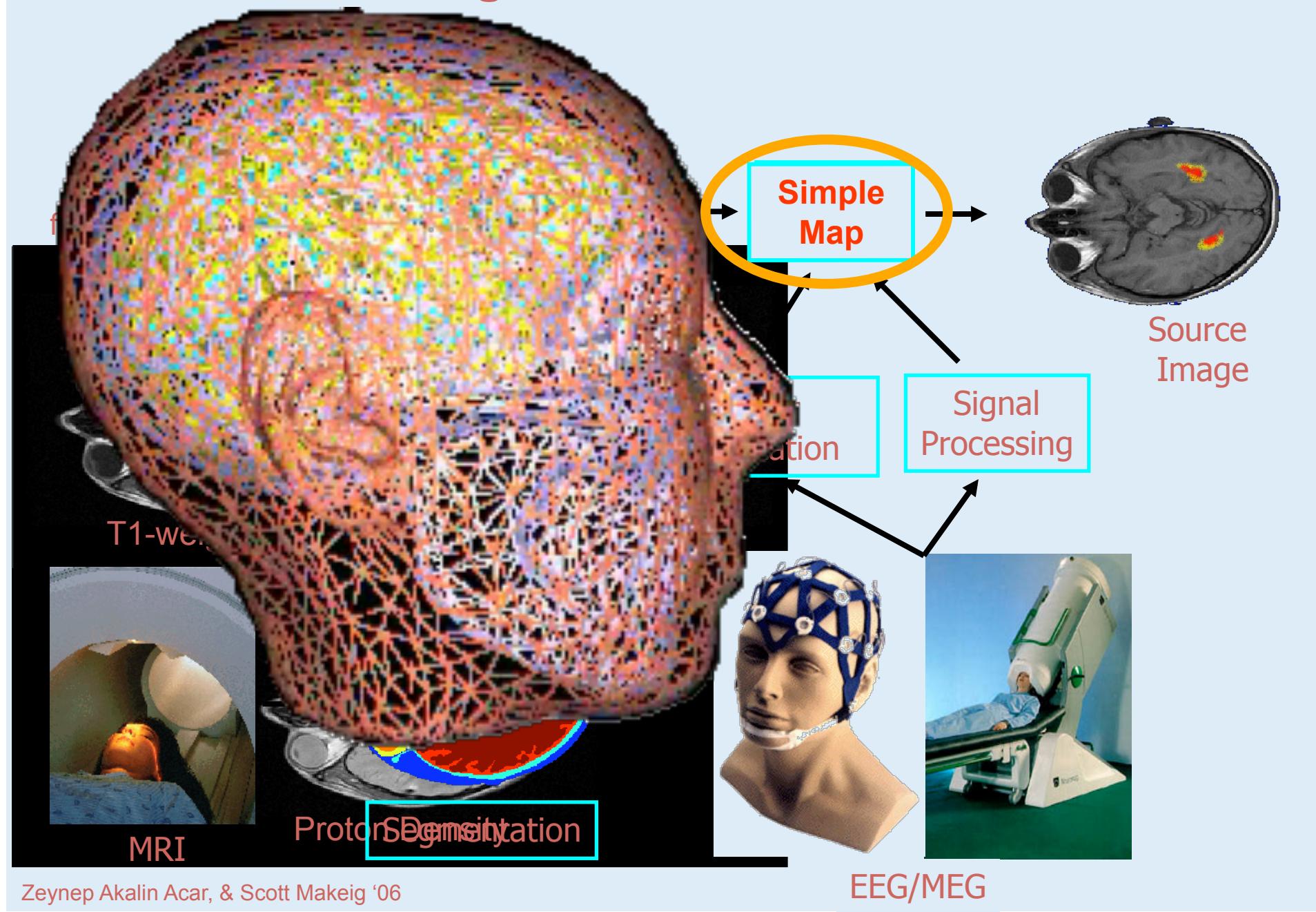
# The very broad EEG point-spread function



Phase lag, center to edge:  $0^\circ$

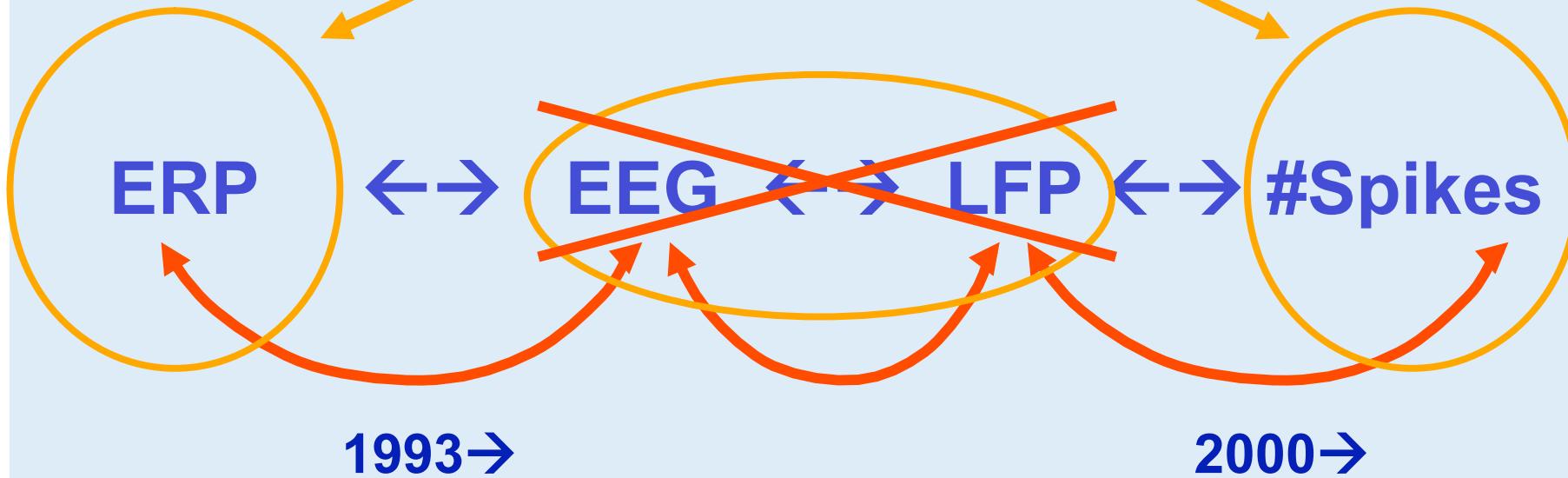
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# Electromagnetic source localization



# Brain Electrophysiology ?

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# MICRO



SPIKES

LFP

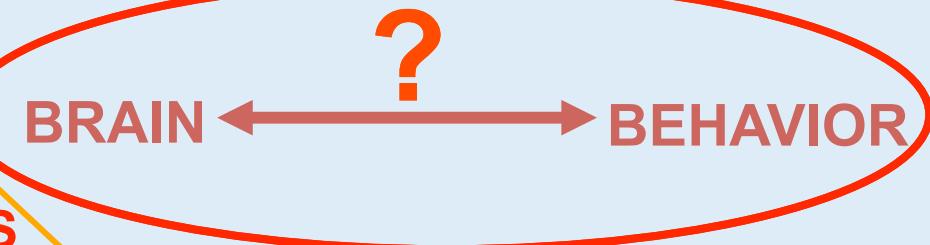
ECOG

EEG

MACRO

~1,000,000 GHz

~1 MHz

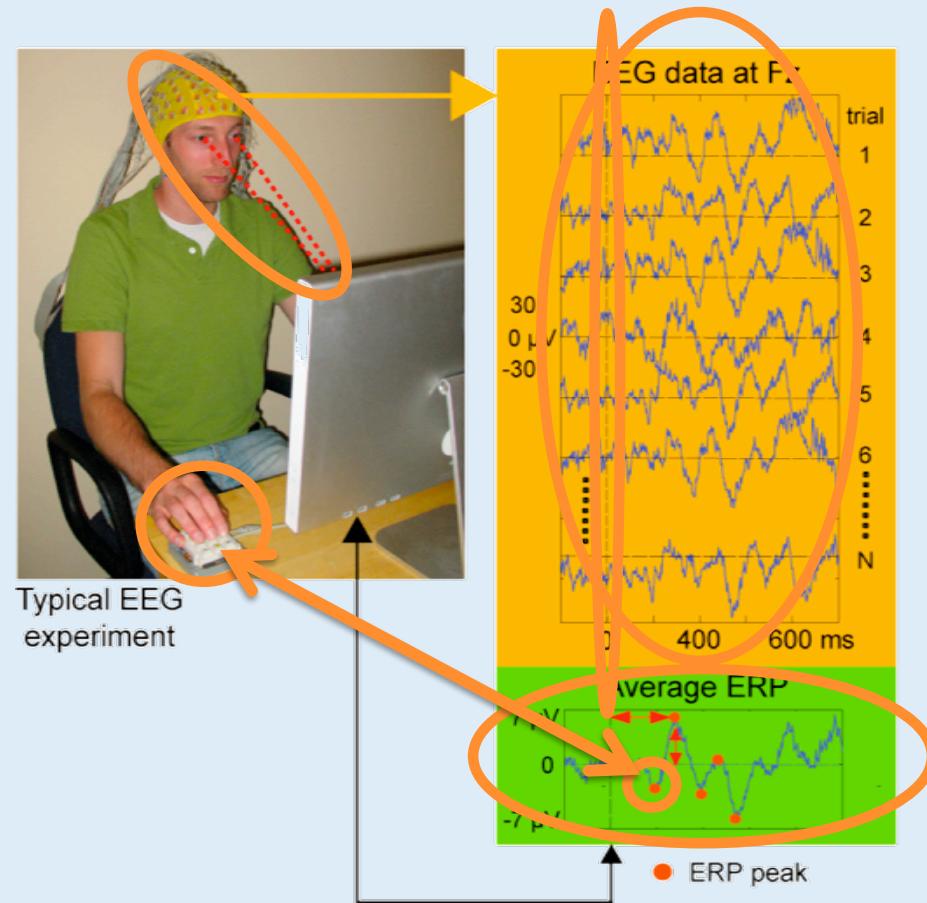


Recorded !?

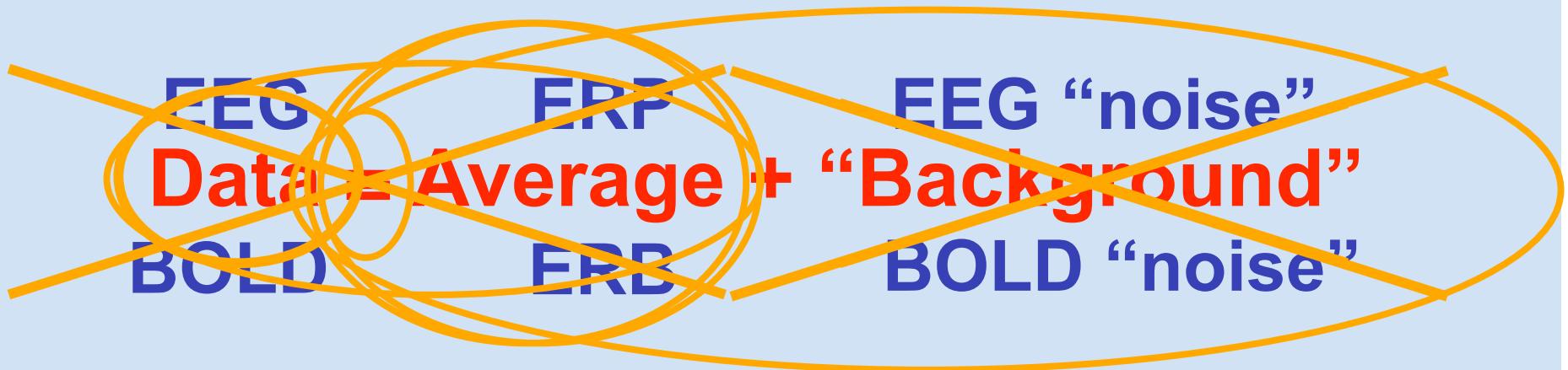
ERP

RT  
~1 Hz

# Studying 'cognitive perception' using ERPs



## The response averaging model:



But, this linear decomposition is veridical  
if & only if:

**Not True / Not Defined**

1. The Average appears in each trial.

2. The "Background" is not perturbed  
in other ways by the time locking events.

**Not True**

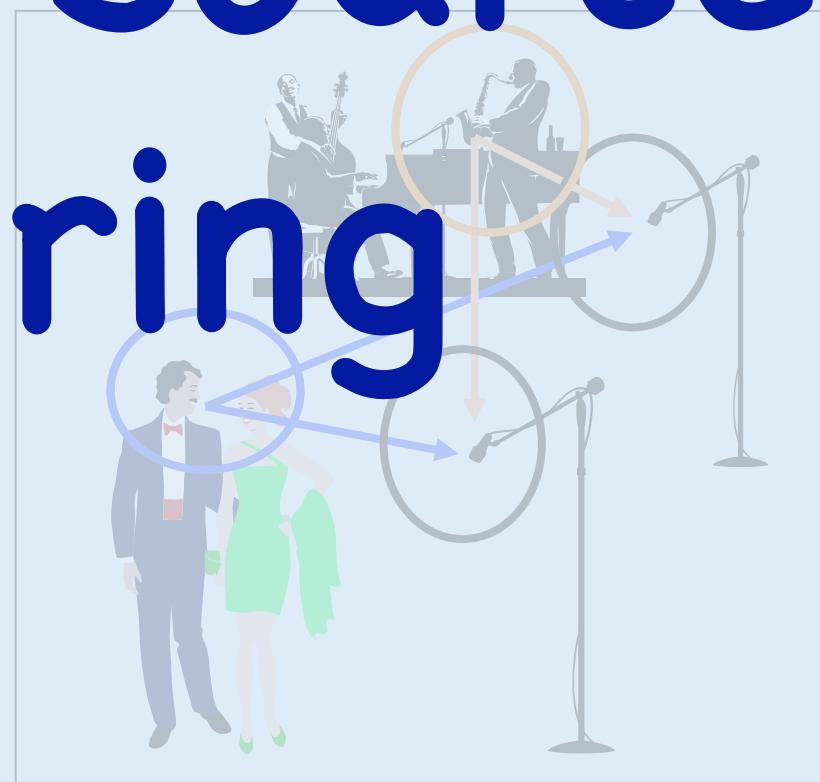
## Conceptual legacies of single sensor response/rate averaging

- Reduction of the time series data at each channel to a **single average-response (ERP) time series.**
- Reduction of the data collected at each **channel** to an **isolated spatial point process.**

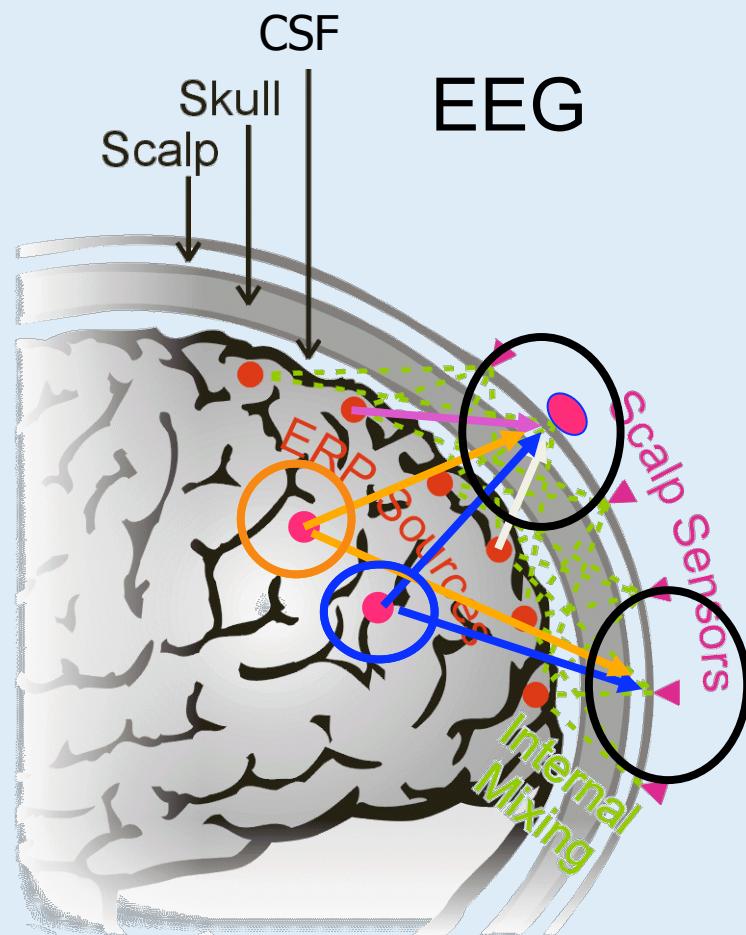
**How to capture more of the event-related brain dynamics contained in high-density EEG data?**

Blind EEG Source Separation by  
Independent Component Analysis

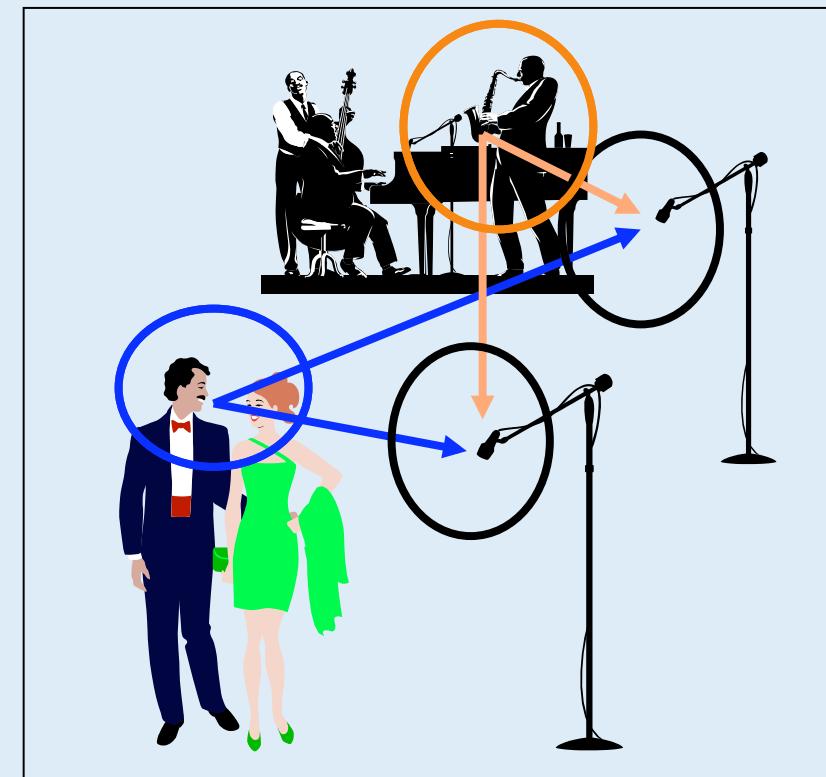
# Spatial Source Filtering



# Blind EEG Source Separation by Independent Component Analysis



Cocktail Party



S. Makeig (2000)

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# Independent Component Analysis of Electroencephalographic Data

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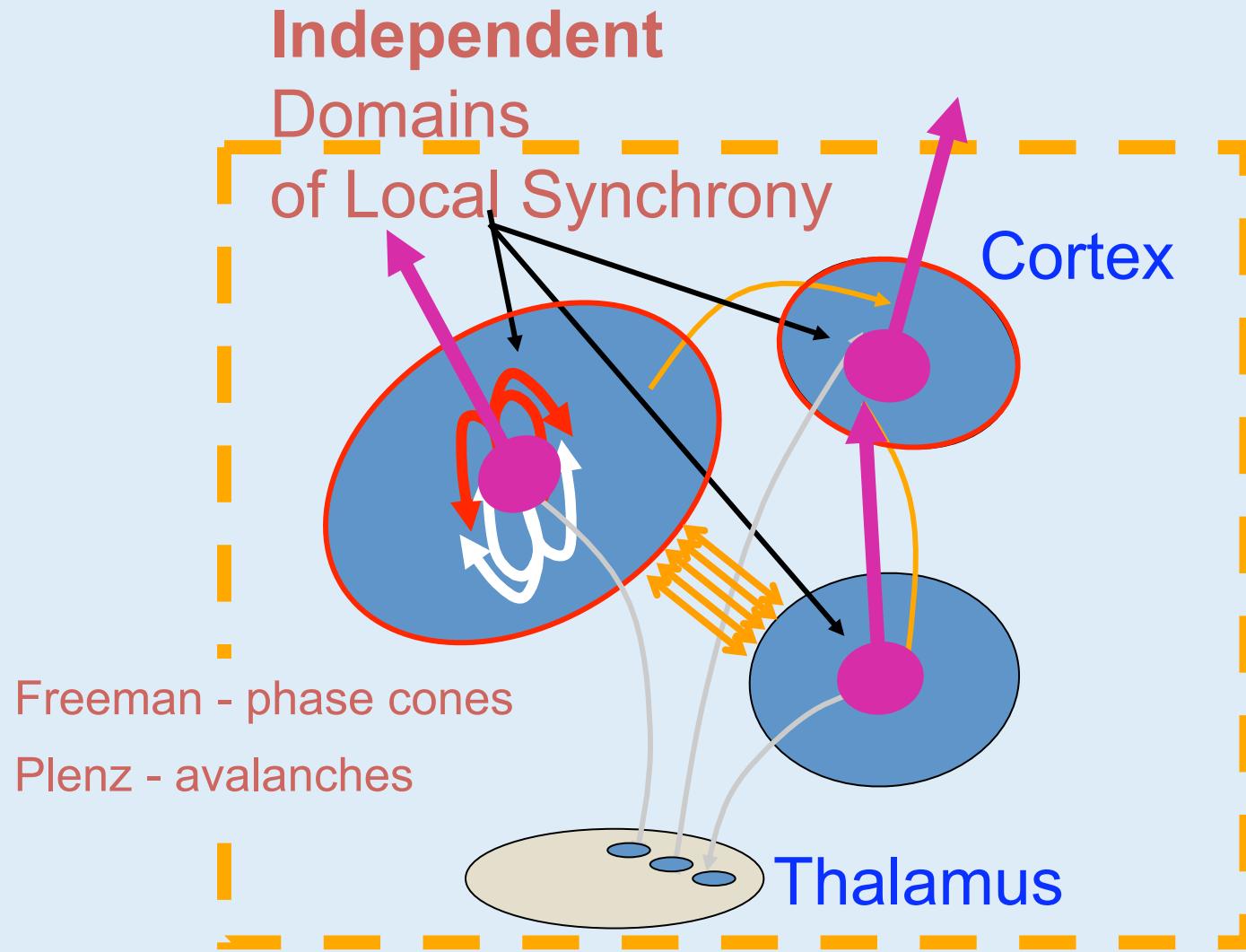
## Abstract

The issue of the distances between the skull and brain and their different activities, electroencephalographic (EEG) data, collected from any point on the human scalp, includes activity generated within a large brain area. This spatial smearing of EEG data, by volume conduction does not touch significant time delays, however, and

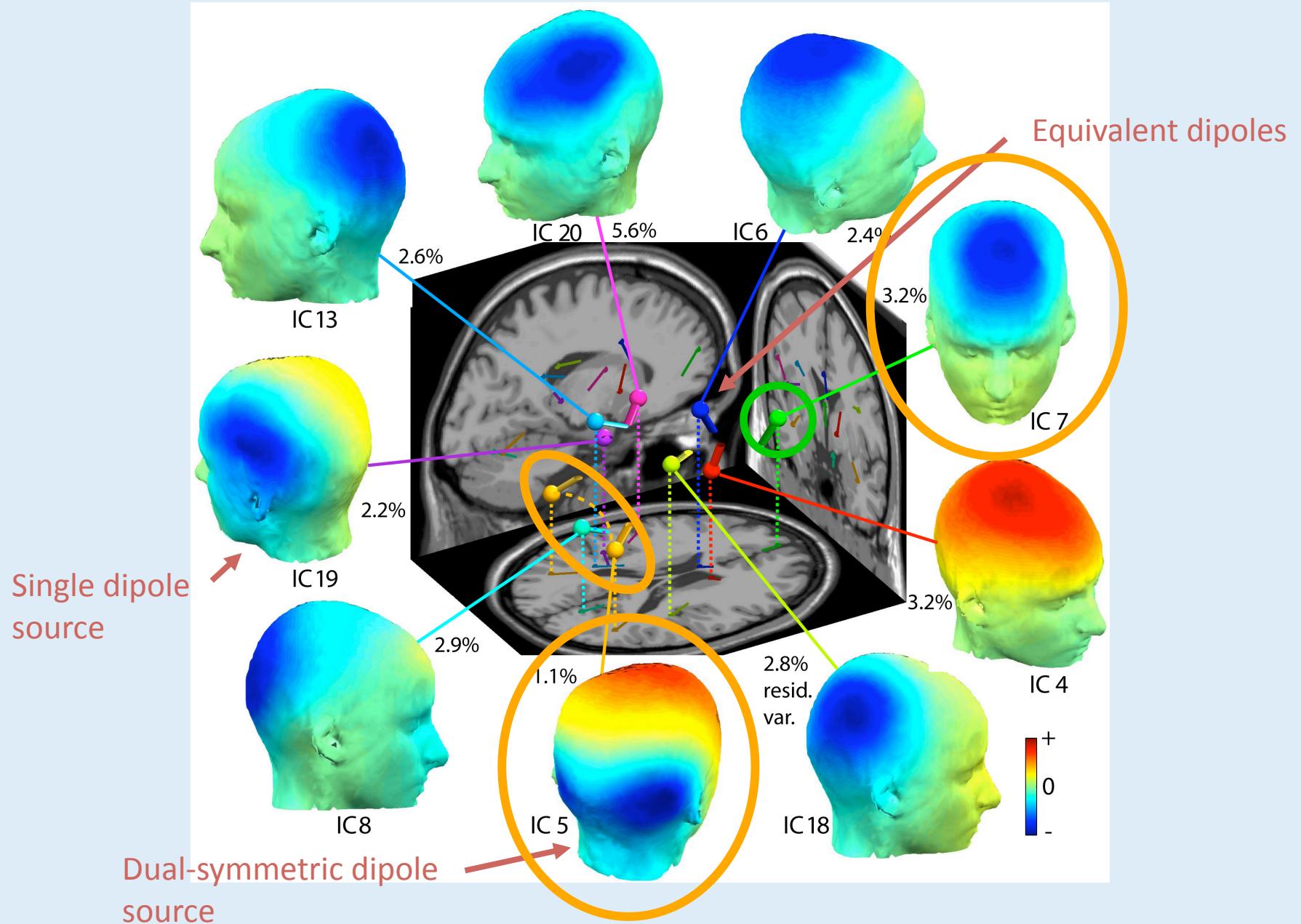
## Infomax ICA

in applying the new algorithm to relevant electroencephalogram (EEG) data, collected during a simulated auditory detection task shows: (1) ICA techniques insensitive to different spatial scales. (2) ICA may be used to aggregate diverse artifacted EEG components (eye and muscle noise, eye movements) from other sources. (3) ICA is capable of isolating overlapping EEG phenomena, including alpha and theta bands and spatially separable ERP components, to separate EEG channels. (4) Nonstationarity in EEG and "slow" visual state can be tracked using ICA via changes in the amount of mutual correlation between ICA-filtered output channels.

# Are EEG source outputs (nearly) independent?

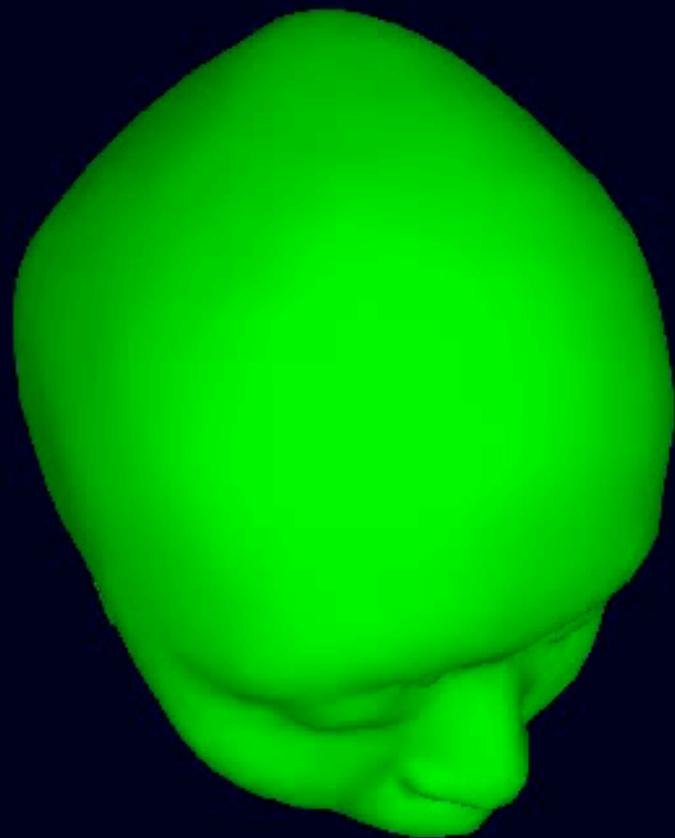


# Independent brain EEG sources



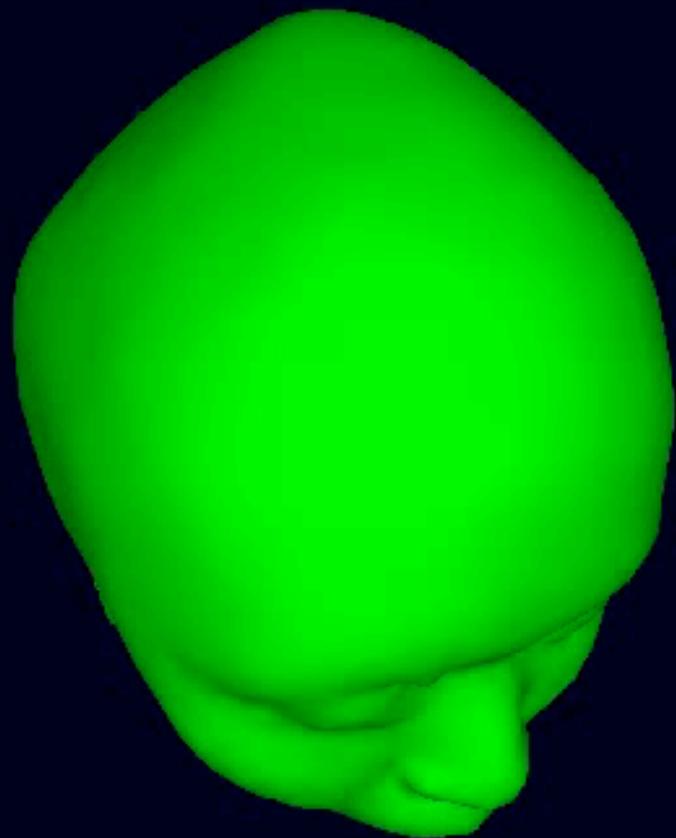
Julie Onton & S. Makeig (2006)

## Effects of non-brain artifacts on scalp EEG

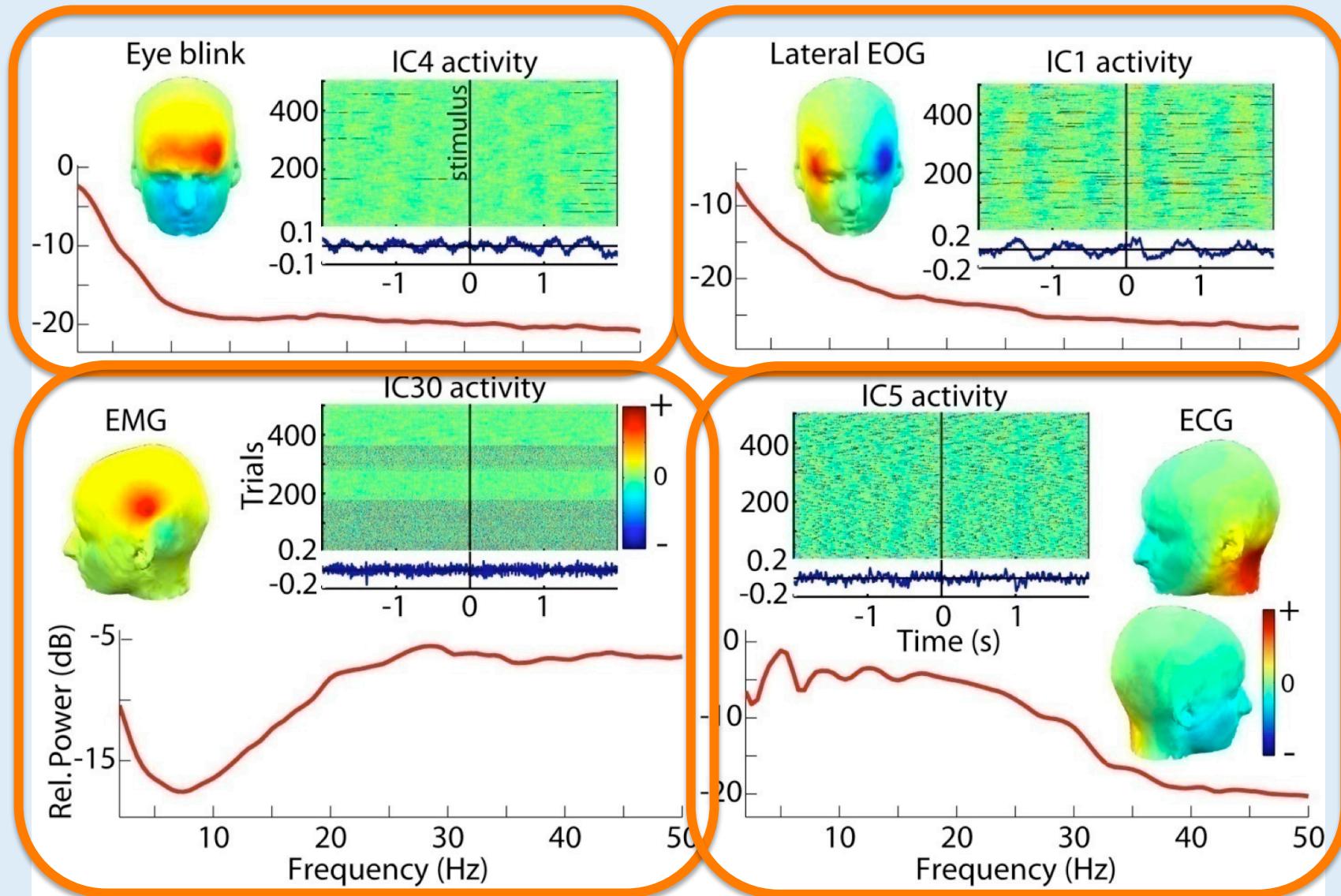


**Without** non-brain sources

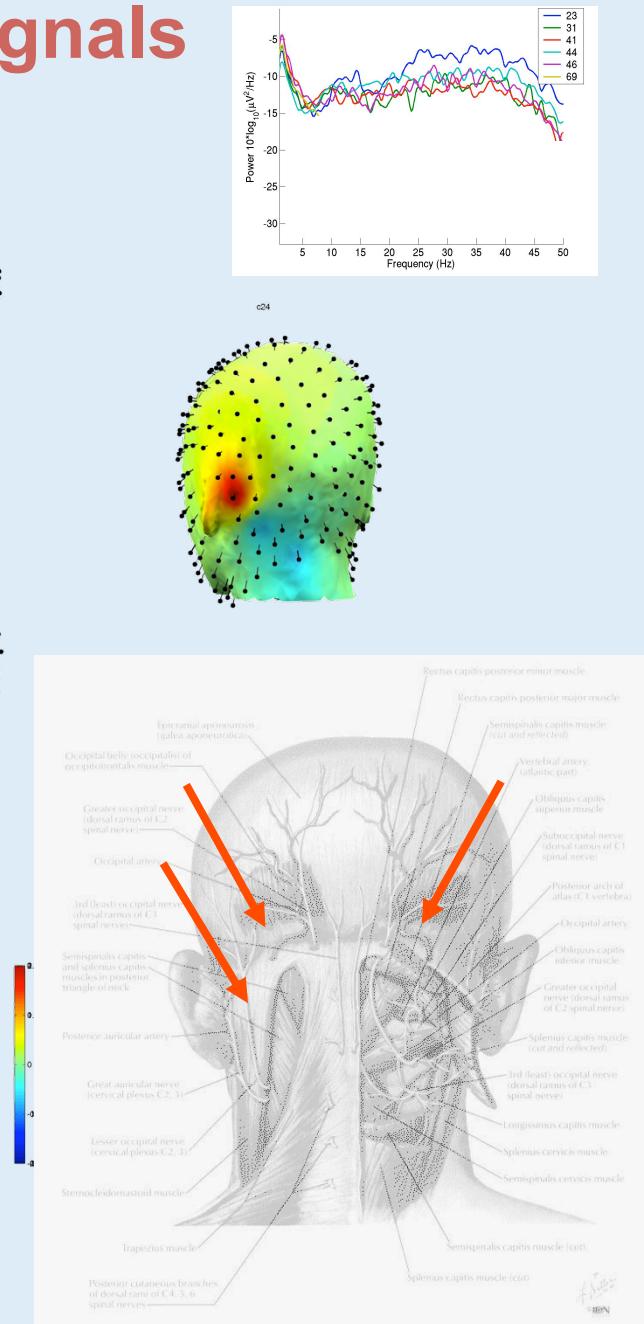
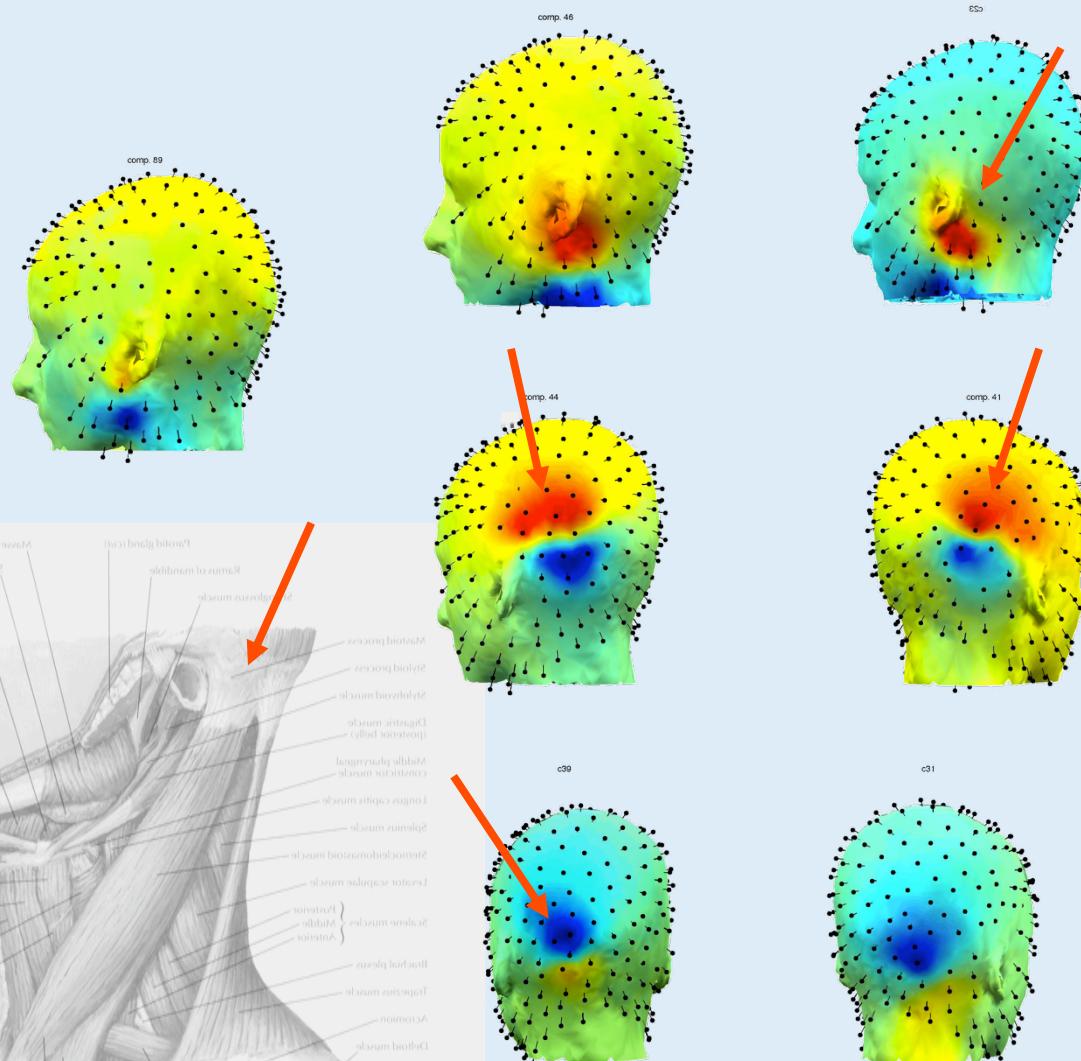
**Including** non-brain sources



## Some non-brain source ICs

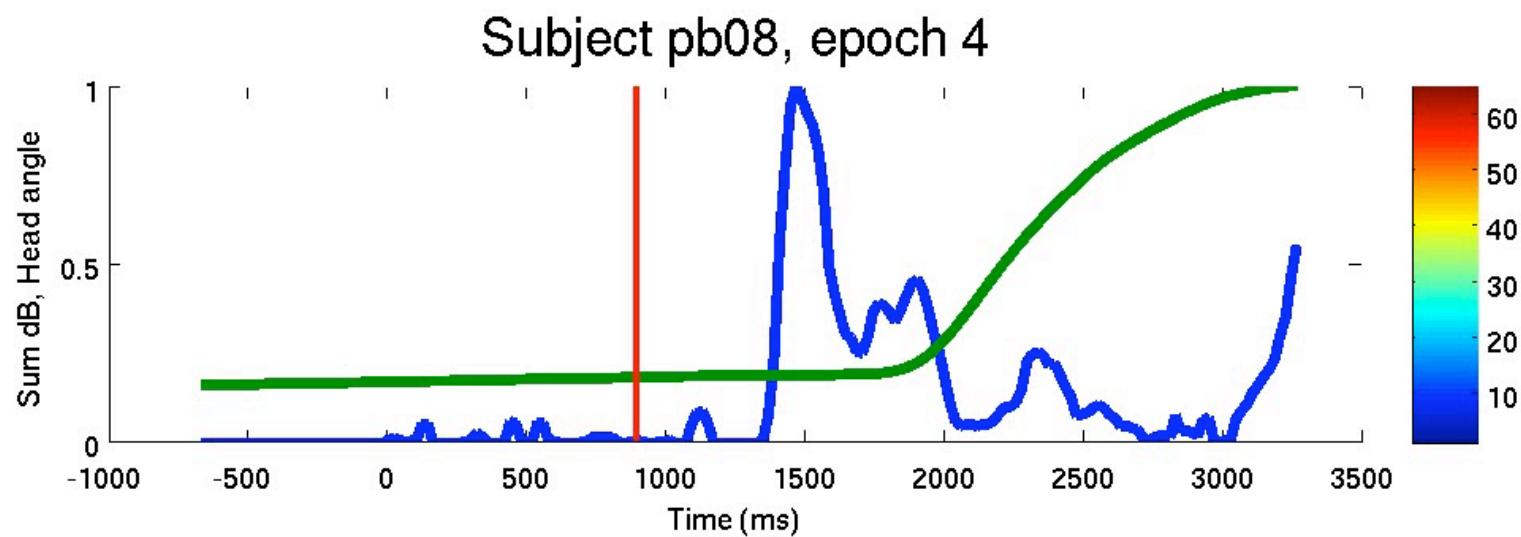
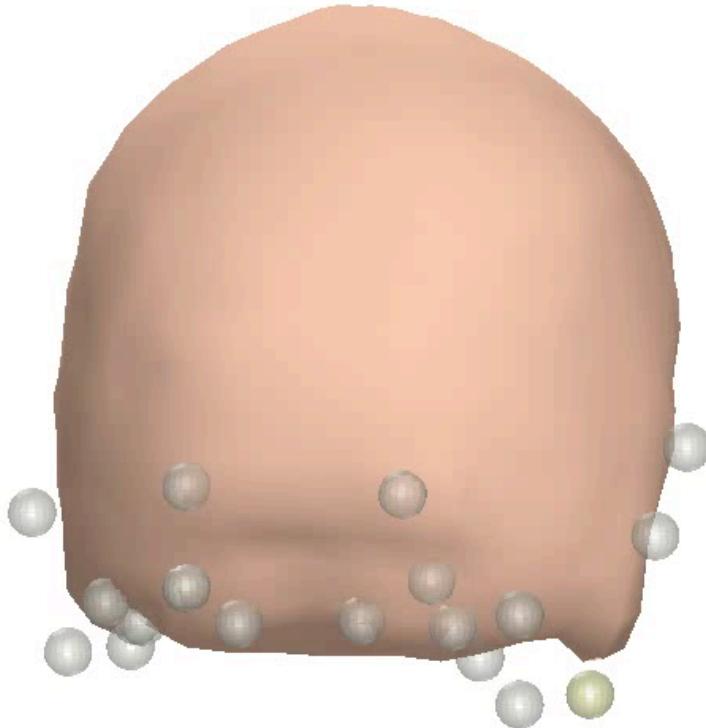


# Independent muscle signals



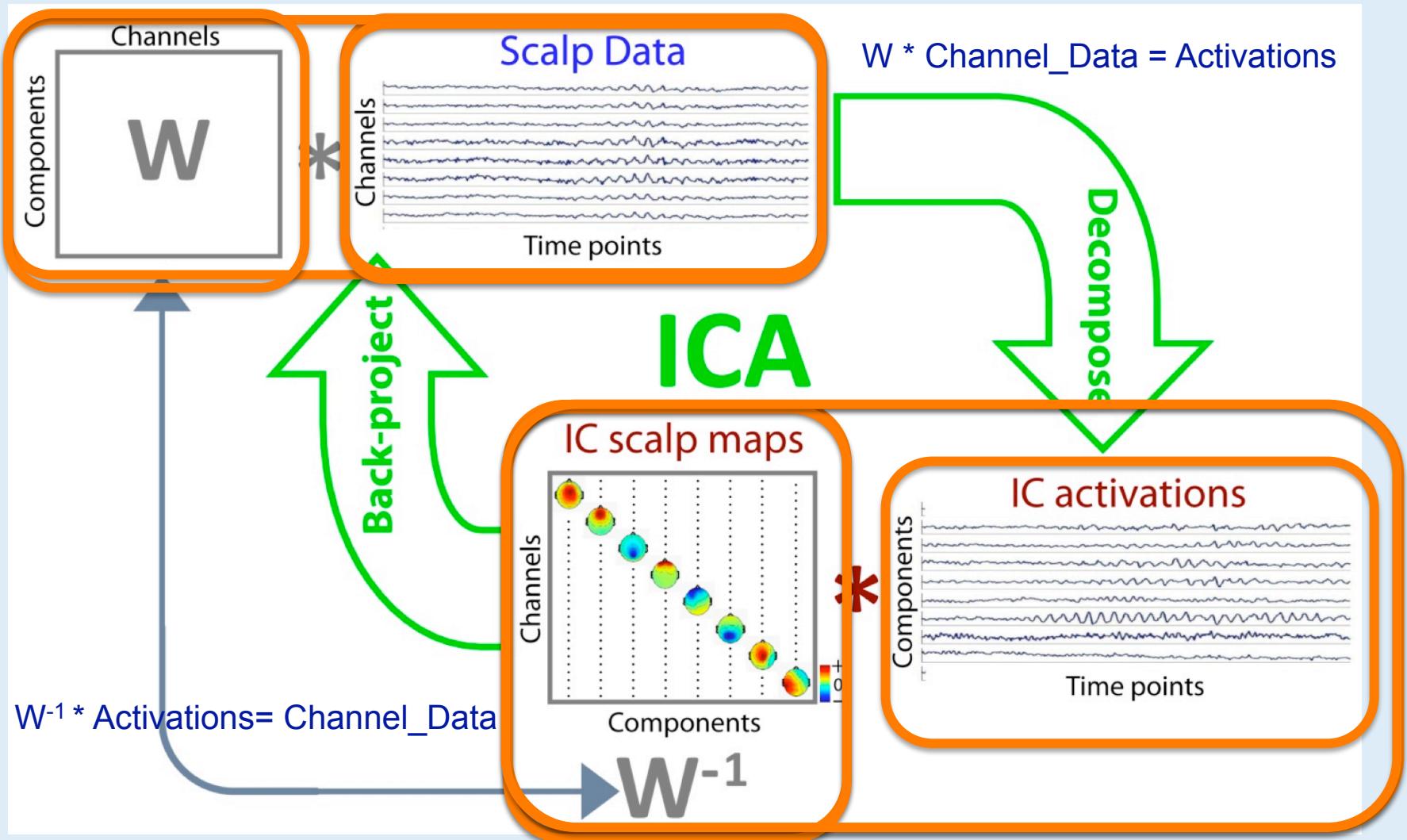
S. Makeig, J. Onton 2005

# Distributed muscle / movement events

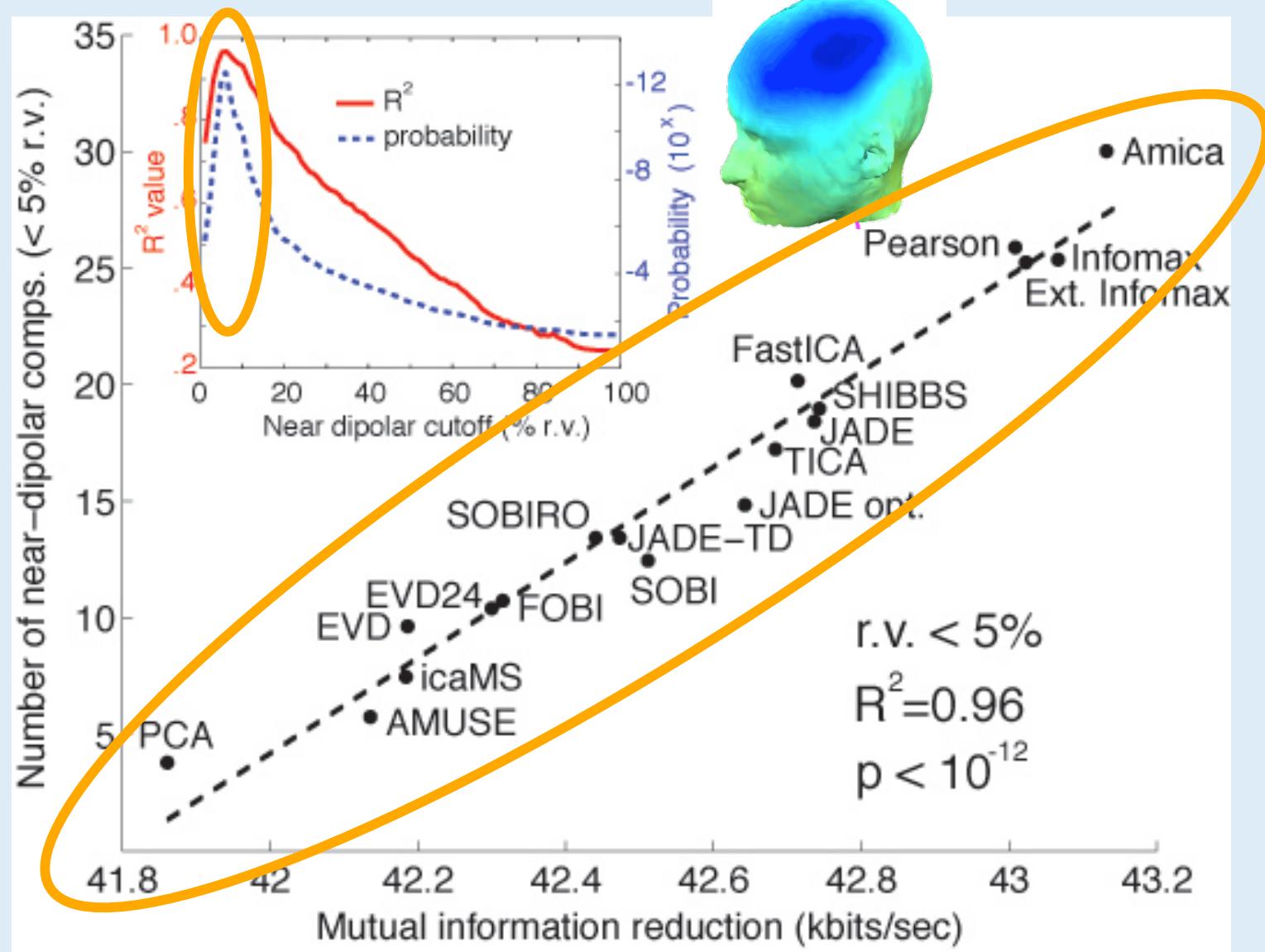


N. Bigdely & S. Makeig, 2009

# ICA is a linear data decomposition method

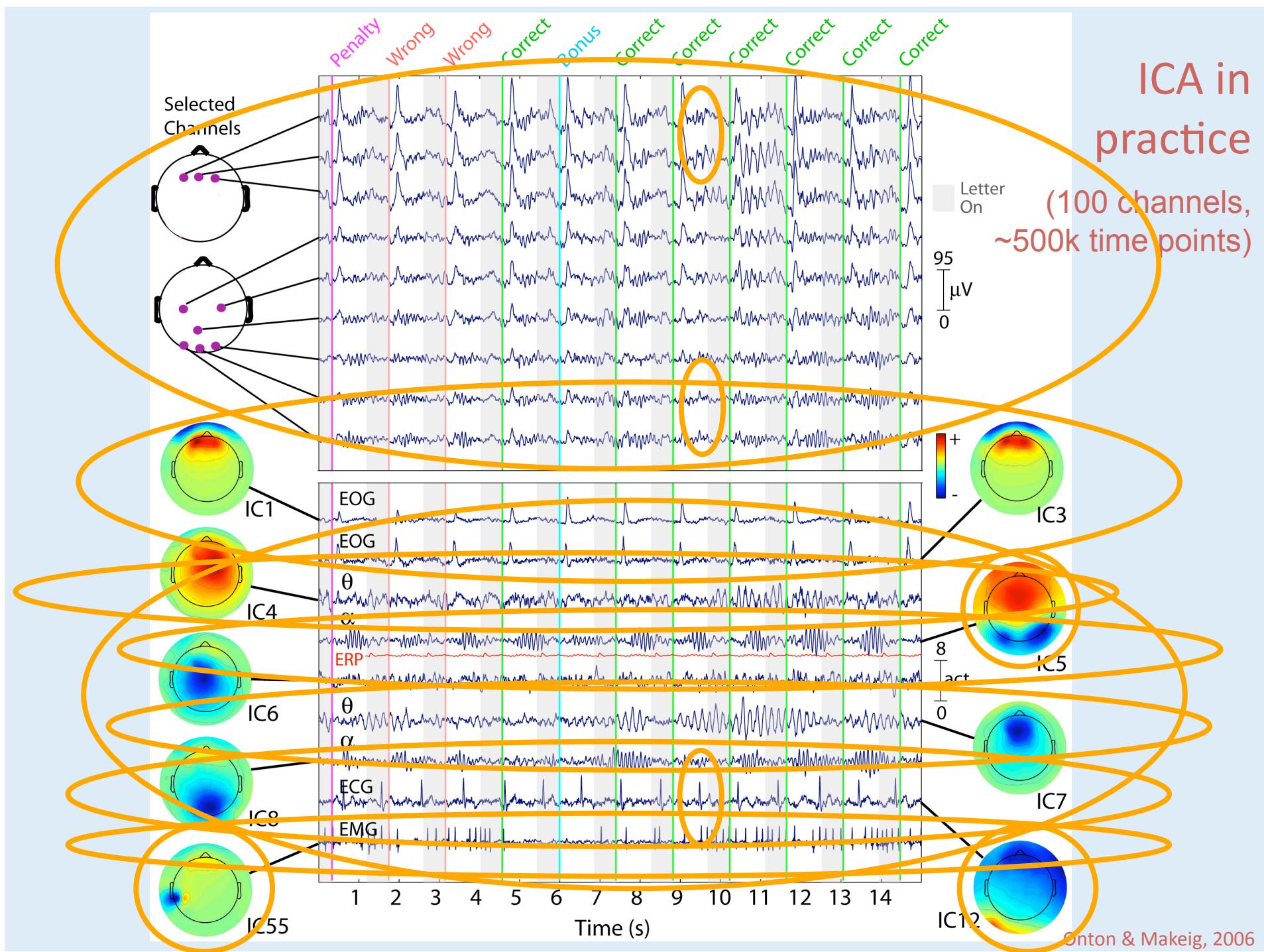


# Independent Components of Human EEG are Dipolar



# ICA in practice

(100 channels,  
~500k time points)



# Questions?