

# The Effects of Music on the Brain



Using *Network Science* to Investigate Music Preference

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Networks & Music  
Preference

# The Default Mode Network



...the brain At Rest

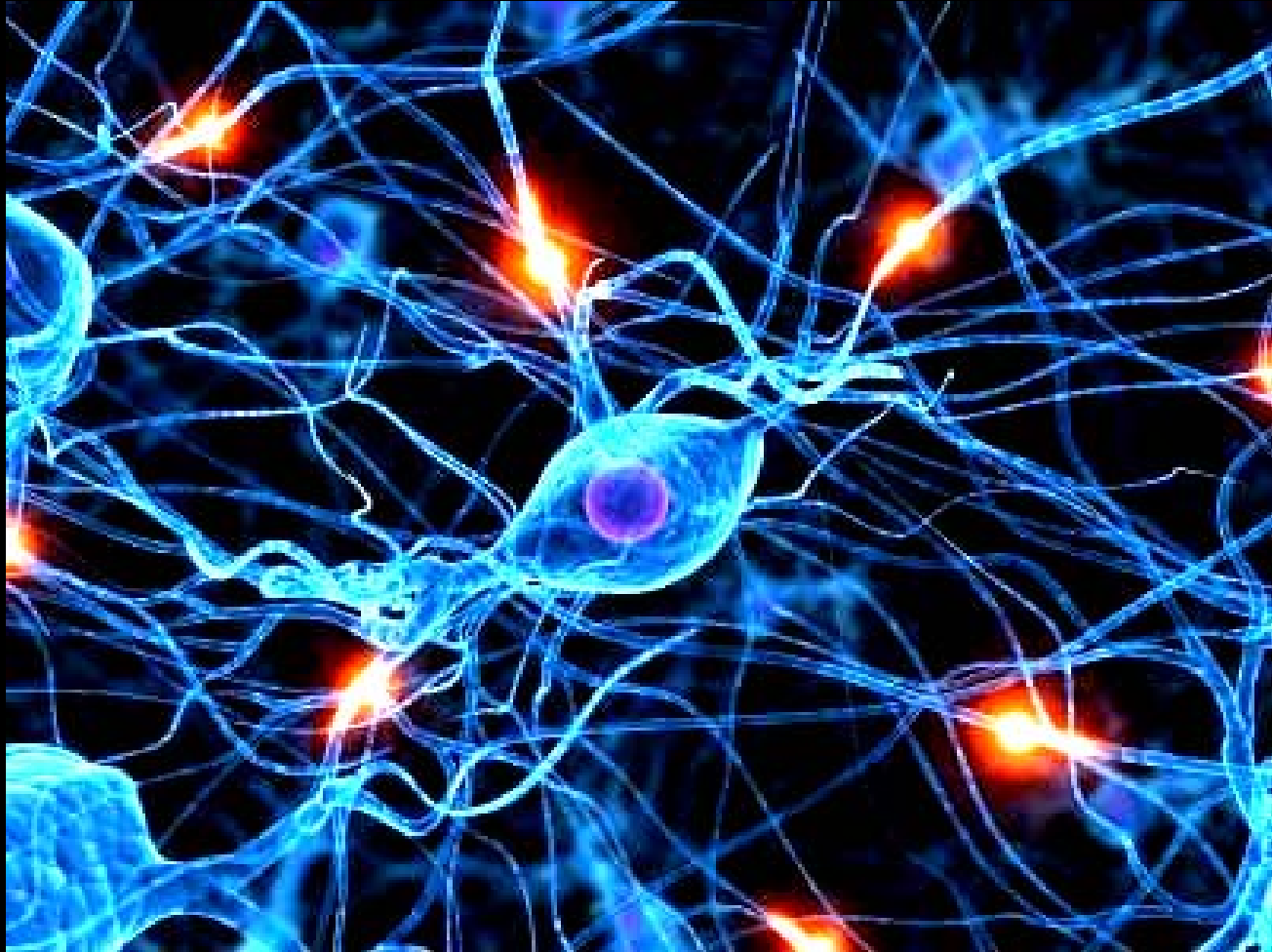


Introspection

# What's *Music* Got to Do With It?

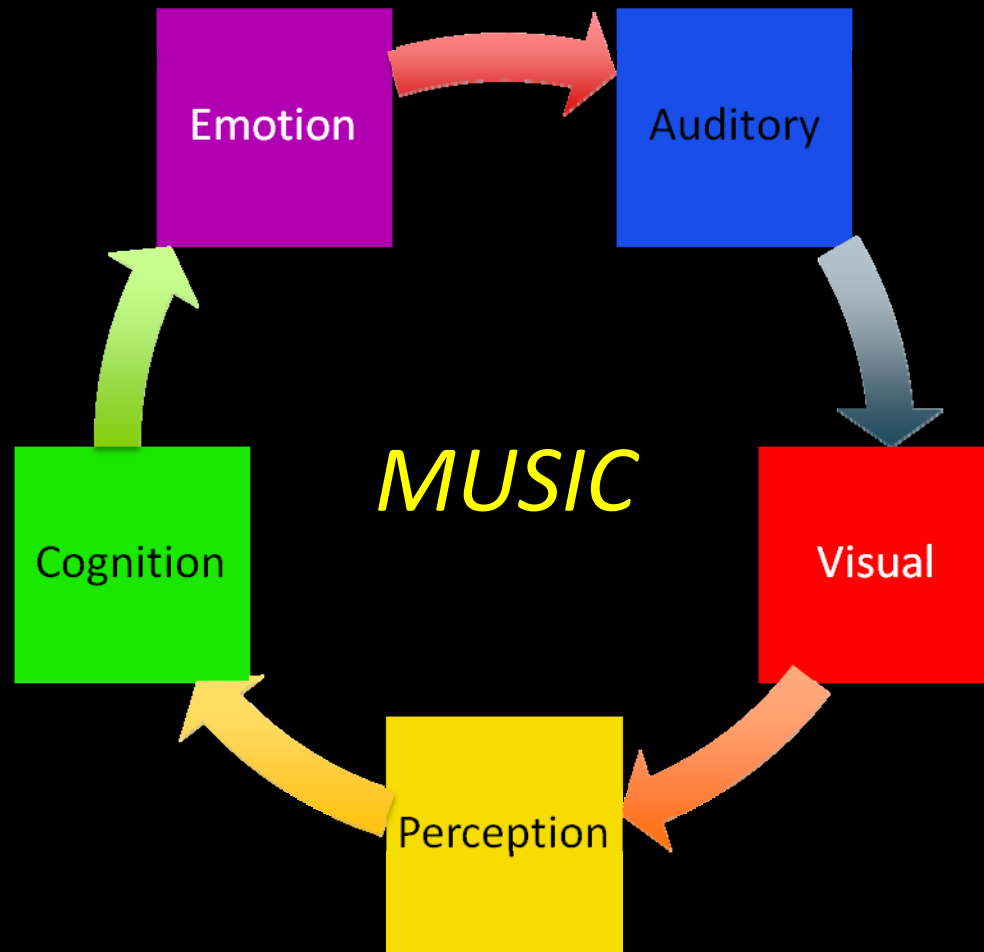


# Why Network Science ?





# Music and Brain Complexity



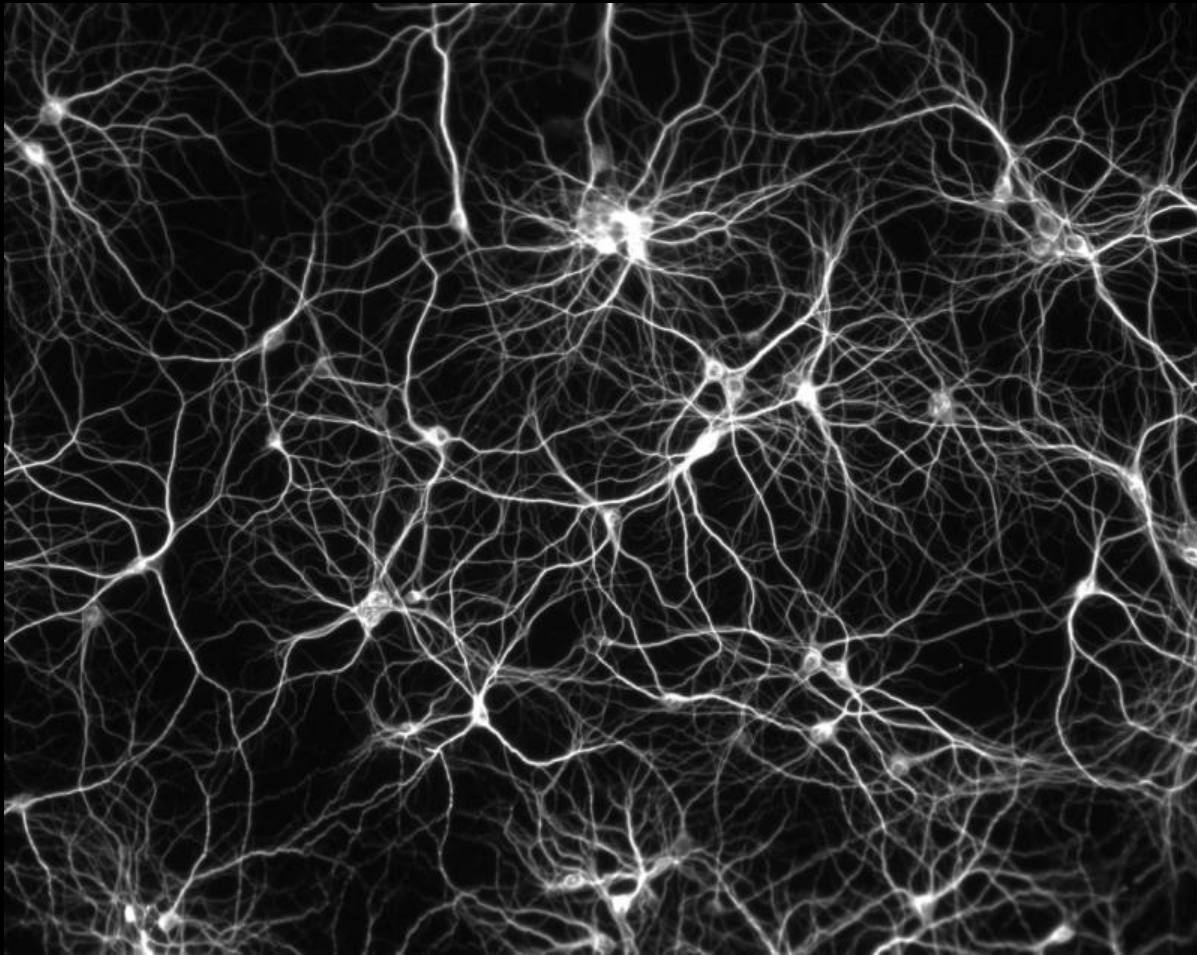
# The Brain is a *SYSTEM Network*

Dynamic  
Complex  
Interconnected

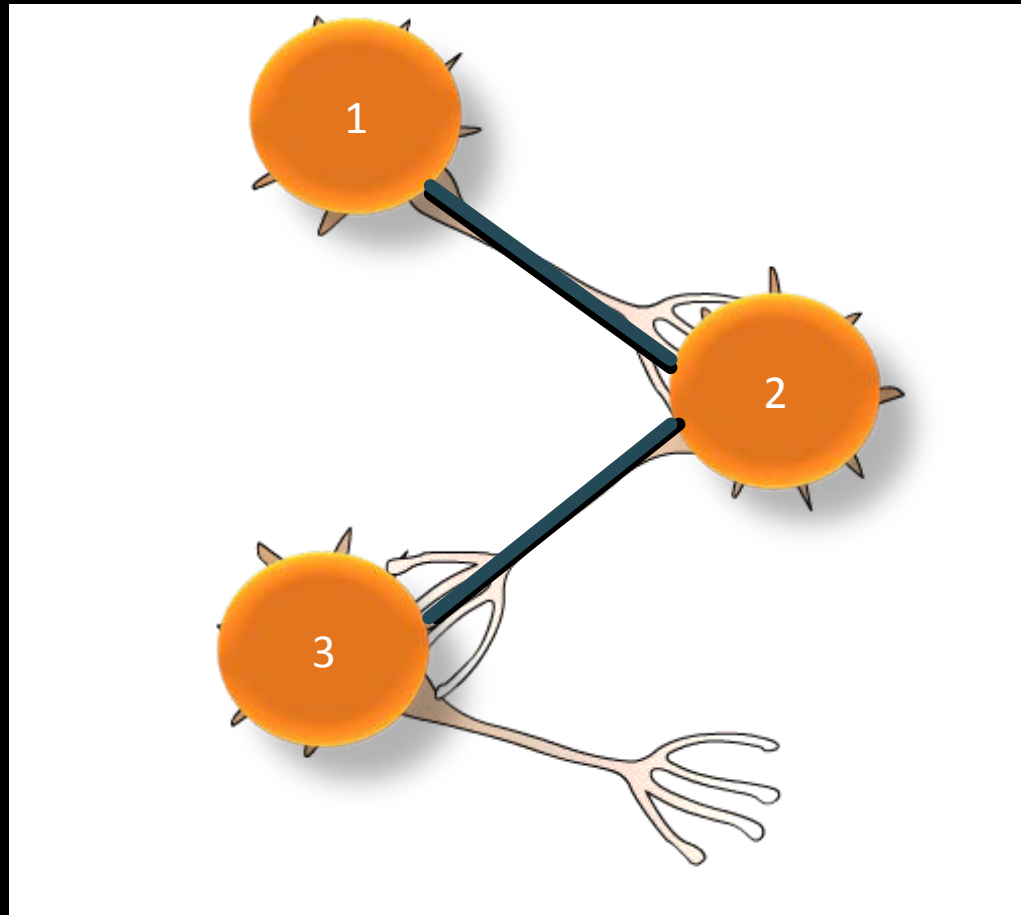
Like a symphony...



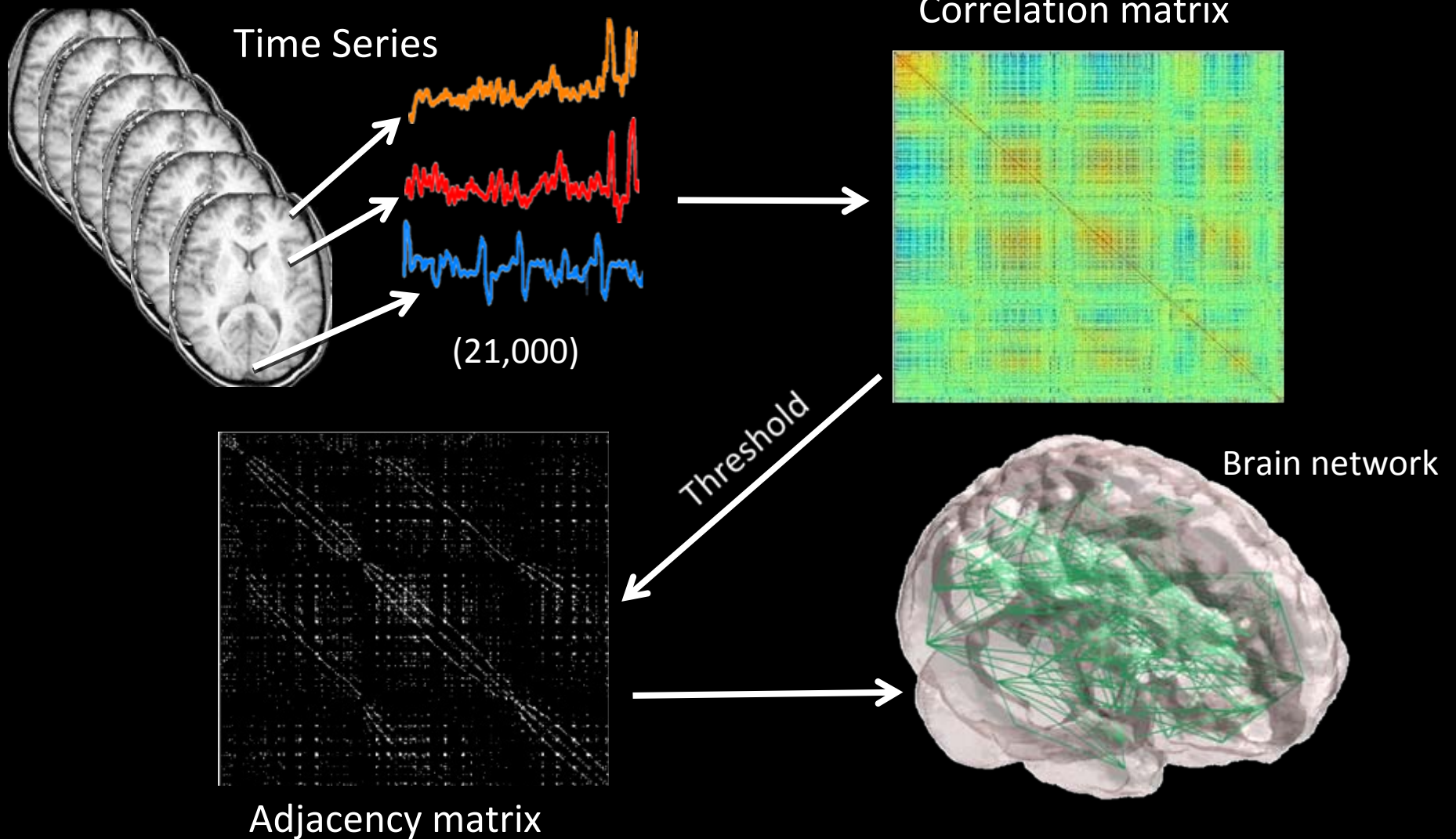
# Networks and Neurons (100 Billion)



# Network Theory



# Brain Networks



# Effects of Music on the Brain

Back to our question:

Does Musical **Preference Influence**  
**Connectivity** in the Brain ?

♪♪♪ The FAVORITE ♪♪

This is my song

‘Rocks my World’

‘Floats My Boat’

I LOVE THIS SONG !



# All listened to 5 Minutes of Each Song

**Rock:** Kiss, Rock 'n Roll All Night

**Classical:** Beethoven's 5<sup>th</sup> Symphony Mvt I

**Country:** Brad Paisley, Water

**Rap/Hip-Hop:** Usher, OMG

**Unfamiliar:** Chinese Jinna Opera Band

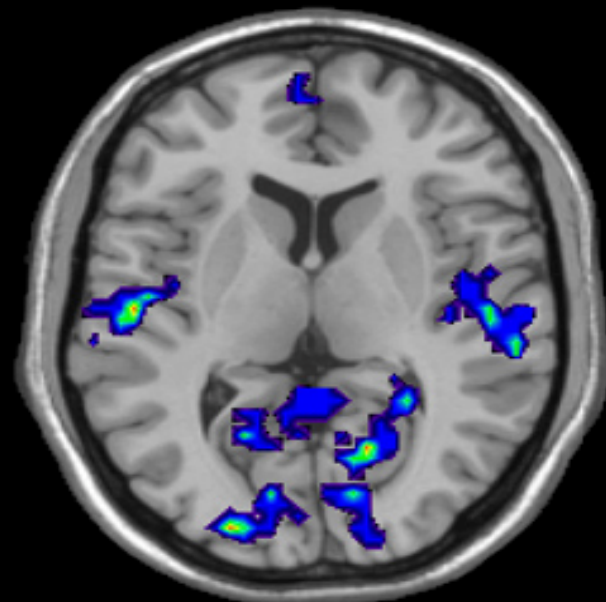
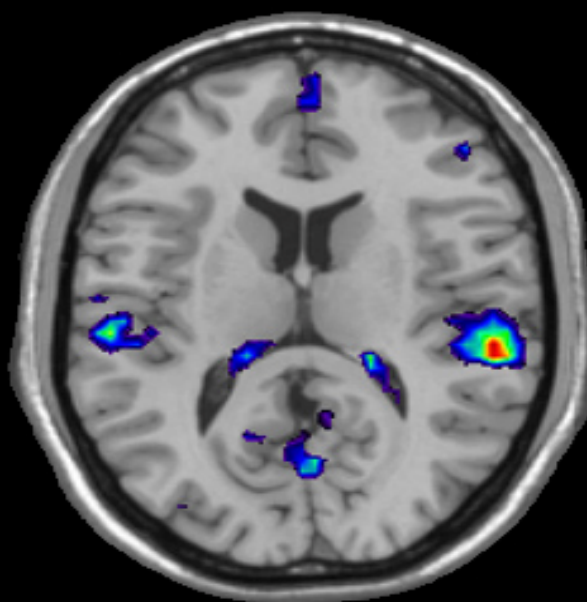
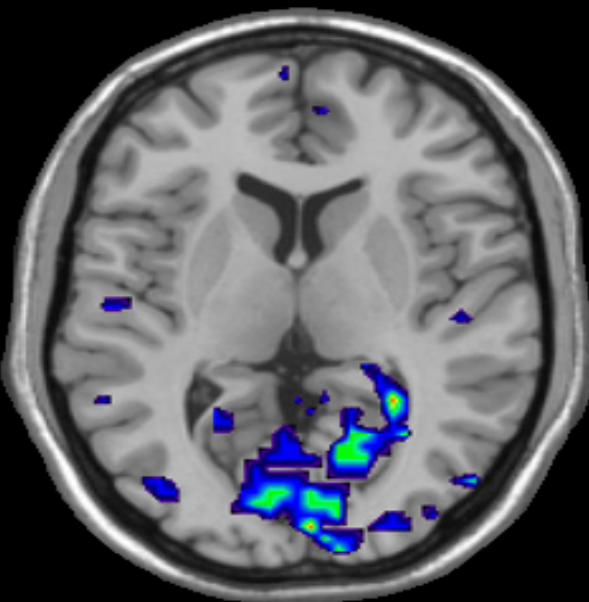


Plus the **Favorite** Song: *person-specific*

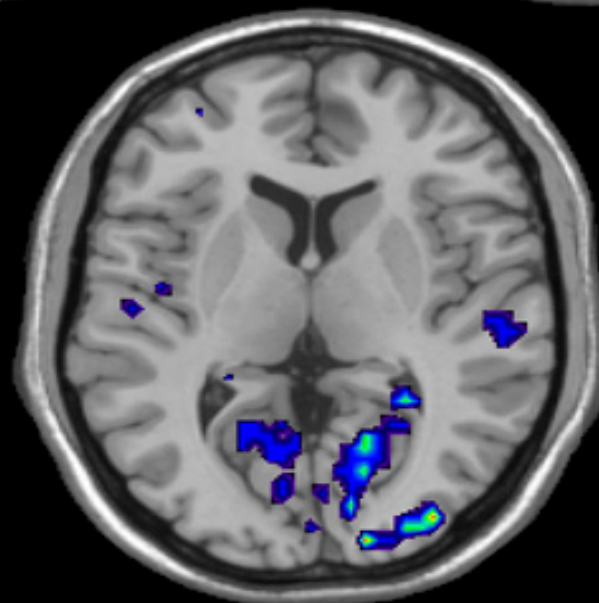
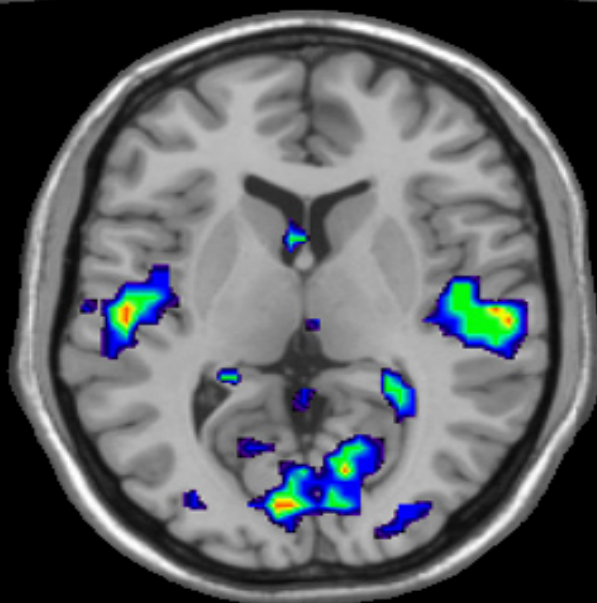
Country

Rap/Hip-Hop

Rock -n- Roll



# of subjects  
8  
5



Classical

Chinese Opera

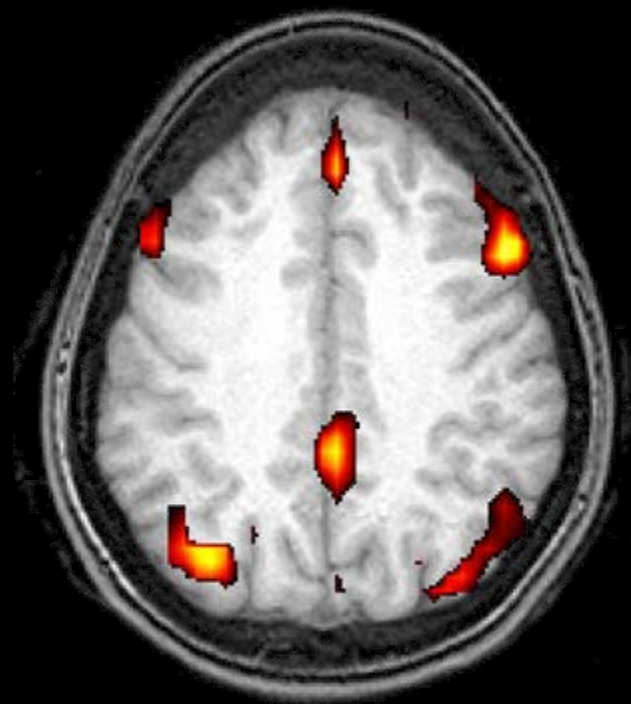
# Six Degrees of Love and Hate: *Music Preference*

Any Song

Any Genre

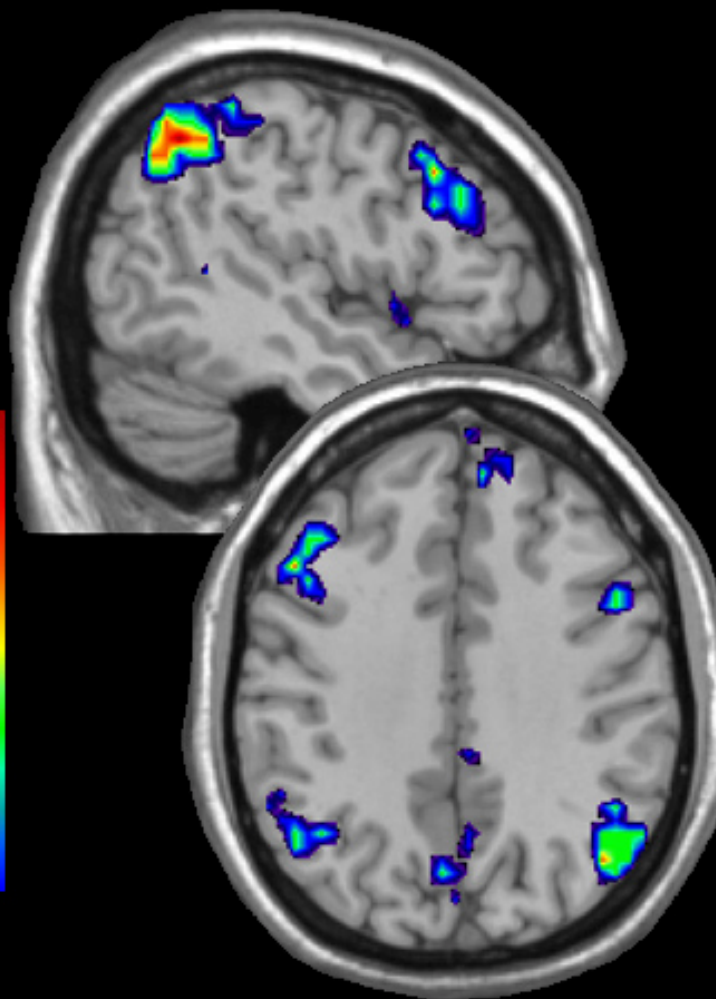
Lyrics or No Lyrics

# Default-Mode Network



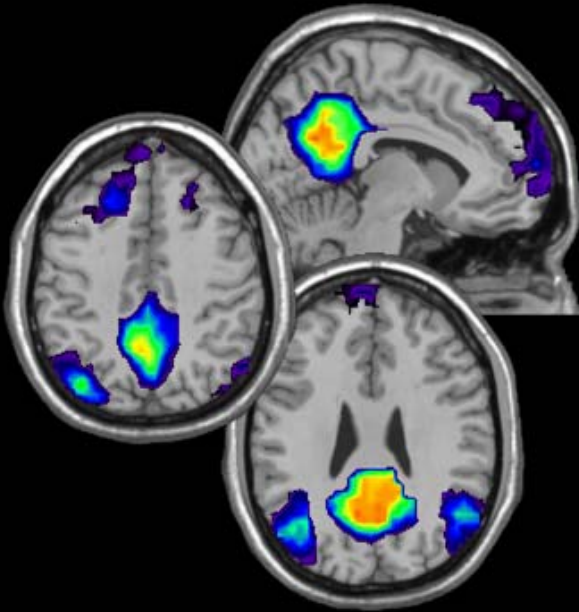
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# Degree

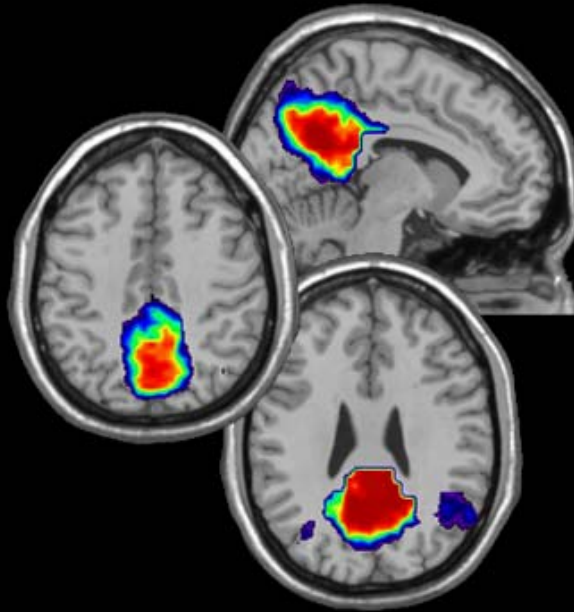


# Preference Community Structure

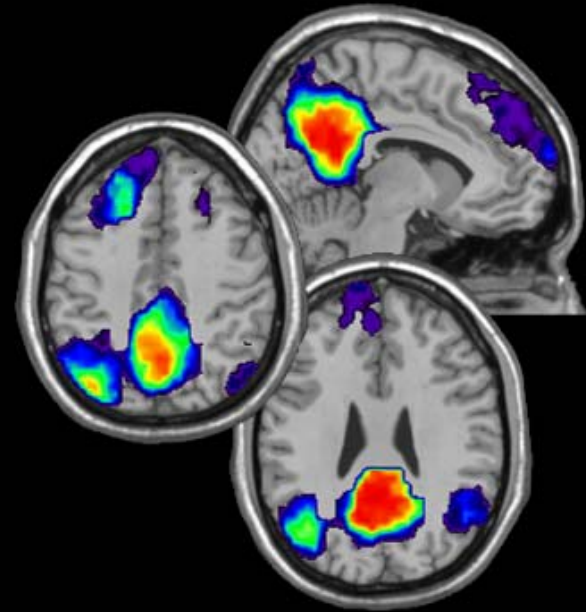
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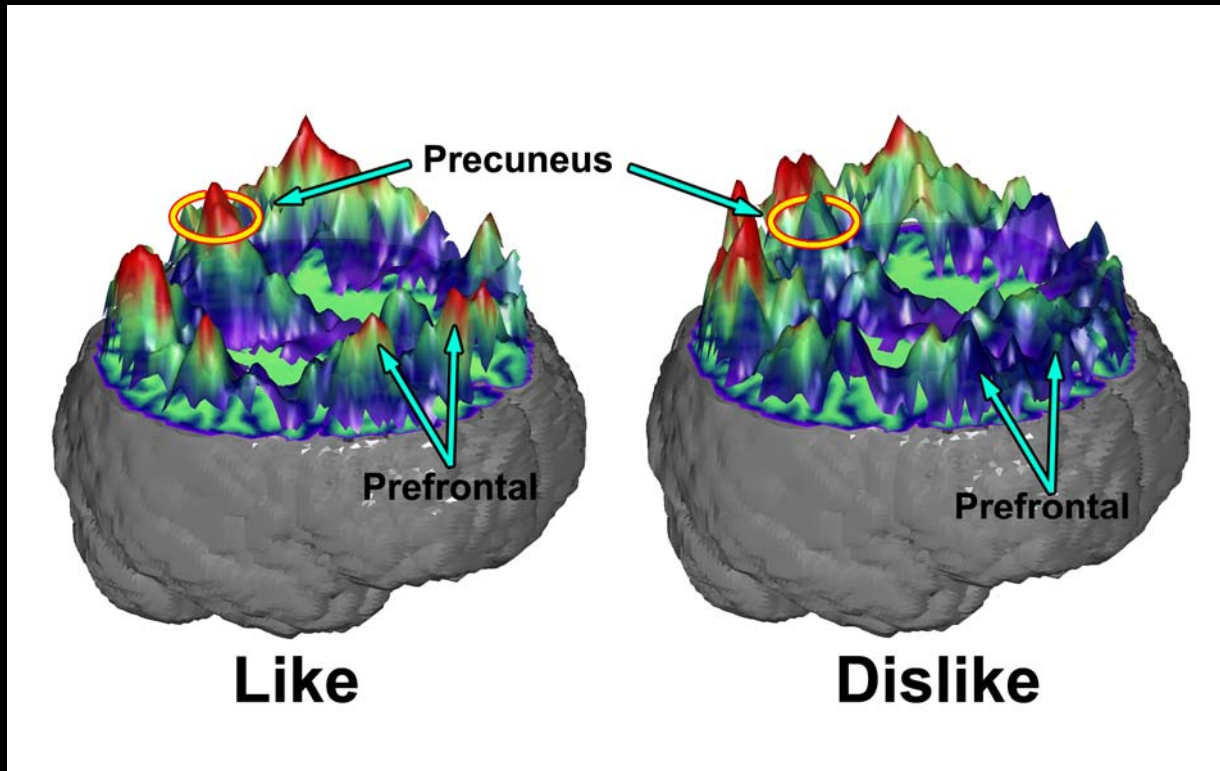
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**Favorite**



# Preference affects *Connectivity*



**In the Brain**



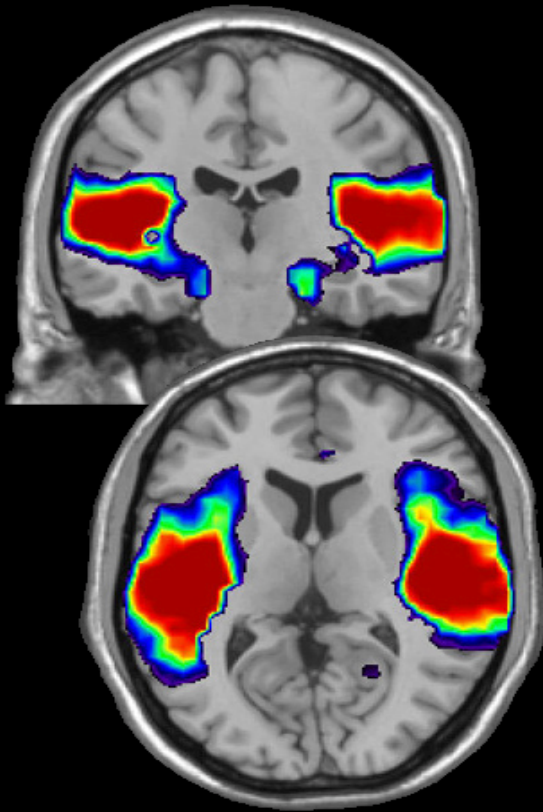
# The FAVORITE

Songs Individually Unique  
Brain Connectivity Response Similar

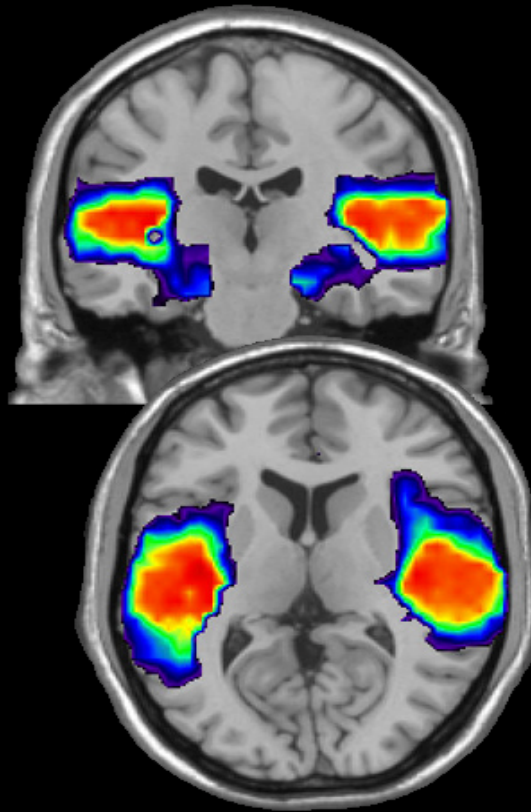


# Preference & Auditory Hubs

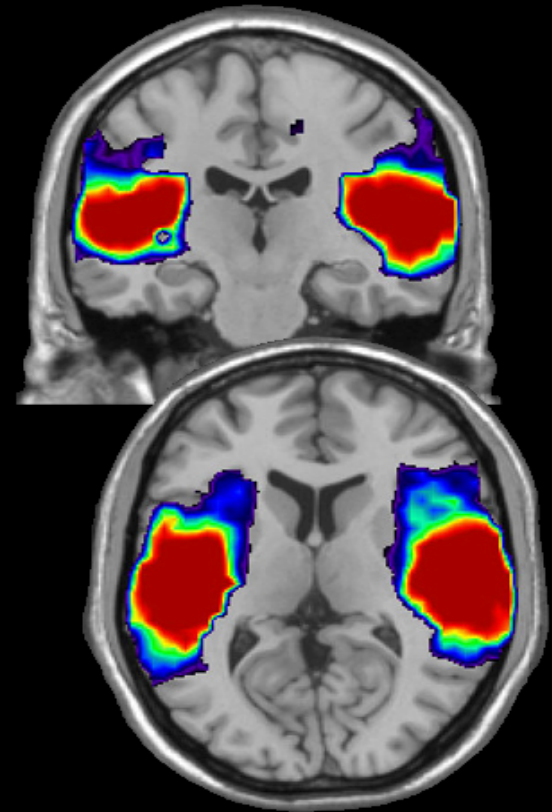
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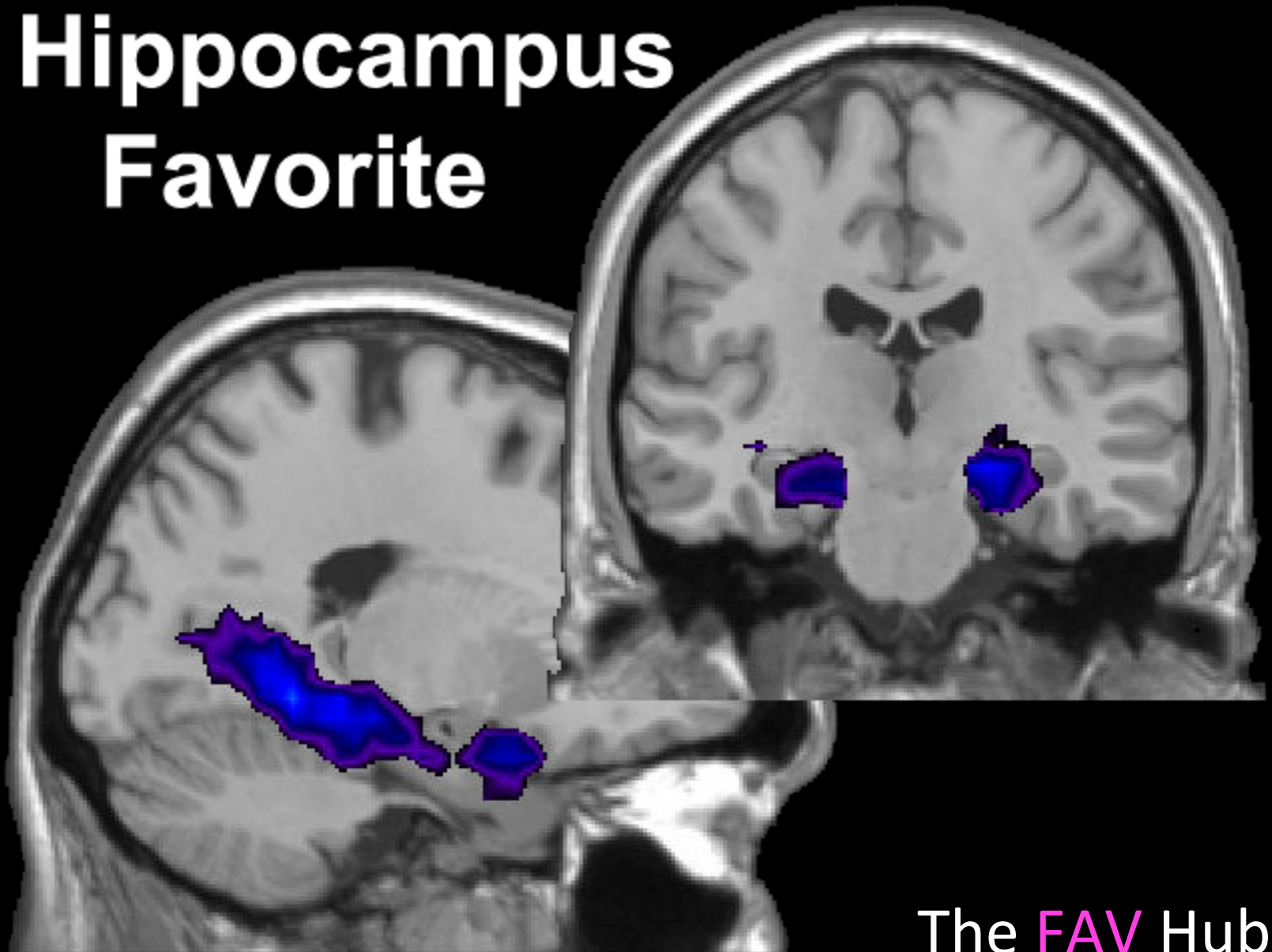


**Favorite**





# Hippocampus Favorite



The **FAV** Hub

# New Highlights from Network Science

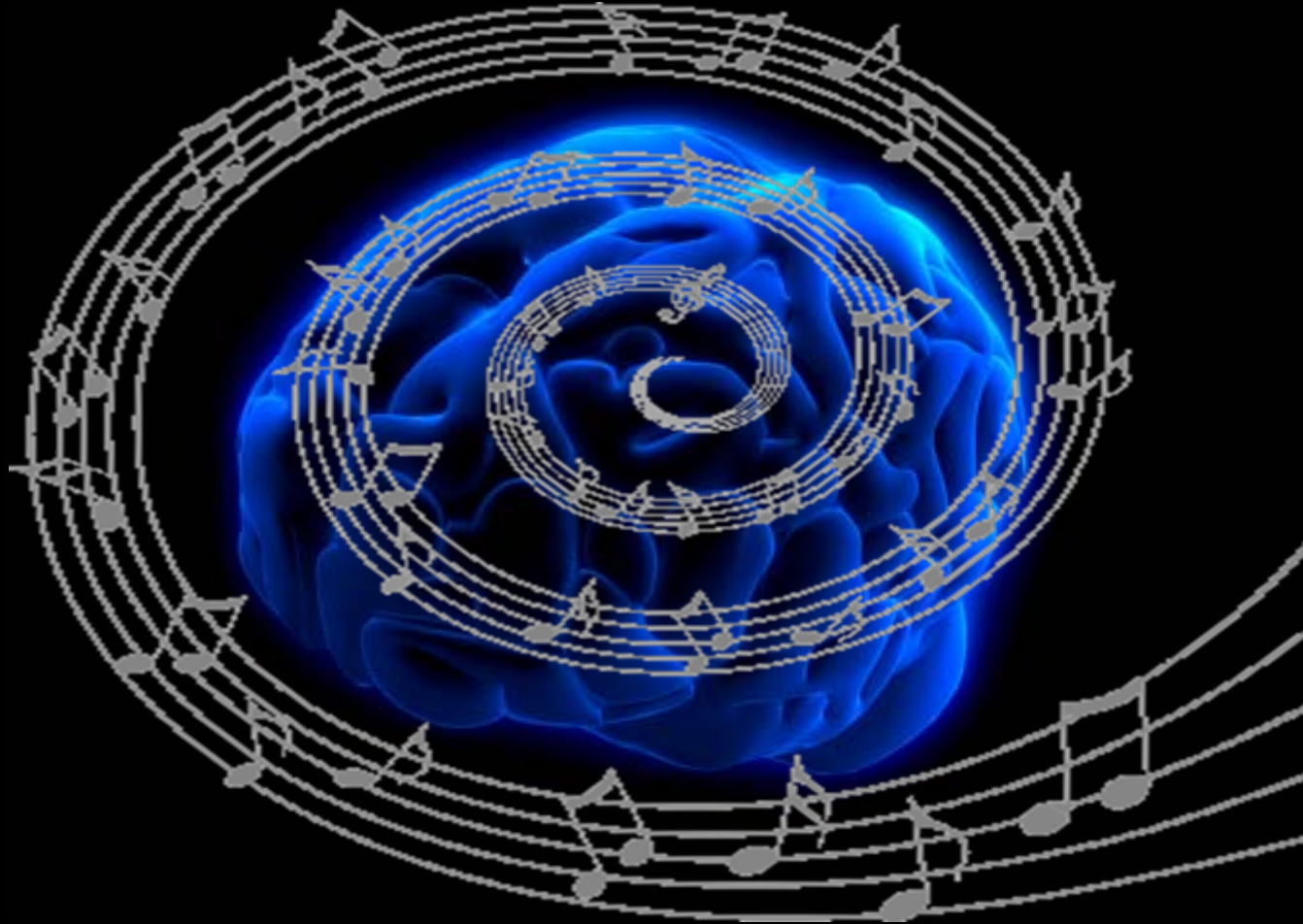
Music Preference *affects* Community Structure

Hippocampus Processing of Short Term to  
Long Term Memories **The FAVORITE**

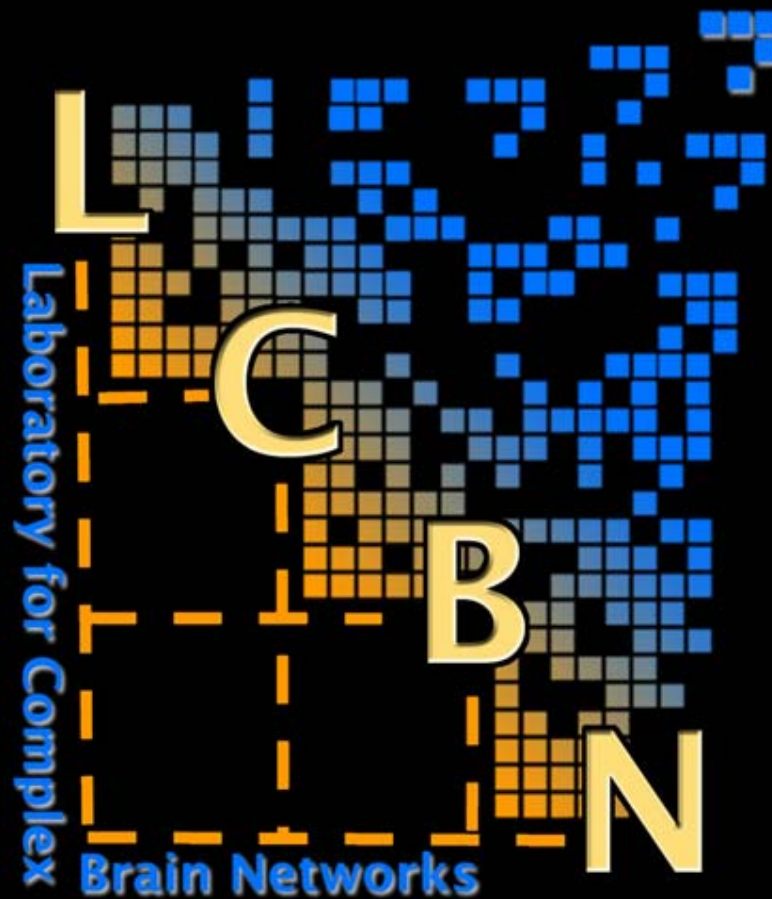
DMN Reprocessing of Memories,  
Introspection, Daydreaming

Like It? Love It? Hate it?

# Music Preference affects Connectivity Between Regions in the Brain



Which in turn Changes the Brain's System:  
Community Structure



**To understand the brain as a complex system through the application and development of network science methods**

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