## **BRAIN**DANCER<sup>™</sup>

## fMRI Dynamic Phantom for Resting-State Brain Networks



The ability to minimize and correct for scanner-induced distortion is a fundamental unmet need in modern task-free ("resting-state") fMRI. For task-based fMRI, subtracting noise from signal is straightforward, since a task activates the brain reliably more under one condition (signal) than another (noise). However, for taskfree analyses, the 'baseline' fluctuations themselves also include the 'signal'.

The BrainDancer<sup>™</sup> is a commercial-grade dynamic phantom, designed to identify and correct systematic scanner-induced noise using our deep learning algorithm, NoiseNet<sup>™</sup>. The BrainDancer<sup>™</sup> dynamic phantom not only improves the signal-to-noise ratio, but can also be used for standardization of protocols and normalization between scanners.



See R. Kumar et al. poster at OHBM 2019

- Pneumatically controlled movement
- Rotating inner cylinder to produce T2\* changes within voxels
- Imitates BOLD amplitudes of human brains
- Motion is synchronized with MR scanner
- Externally triggered programmable sequences
- NoiseNet<sup>™</sup> software for temporal noise estimation included



Available from ALA Q4 2019 International patent pending





Your signal is dynamic. Why isn't your phantom?

## **BRAINDANCER**<sup>™</sup>

Cleaner signal

Stronger results

Better integration of fMRI data across scanners and sites

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