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WELCOME

WELCOME + GENERAL ORGANIZATION

EVERY FRIDAY 10:30

NEURO – BT100

ROOM

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OVERALL OBJECTIVES

Read and evaluate research papers

Learn about neuroimaging + analytics

Discuss the work in class with your peers

Design an analysis and write a mock paper

REQUIREMENTS

Write 1/2 page critique (positive/negative) and suggestions for future work on each paper

Email this page to us BEFORE the class

Attend class

Be able to verbally summarize paper, understand the imaging methodology and analyses used

Discuss the paper with your peers

End of class: Write a mock paper using your own/open data

REQUIREMENTS

Materials/Slides stuff -

<https://github.com/MICA-MNI/micaopen>

MOCK PAPER

We will send you guidelines after the class:

- 1) Start thinking about it now
- 2) Discuss your ideas with your colleagues and with us
- 3) Prepare your paper draft (about 10 pages)
- 4) Submit full version on Monday, October 29
- 5) We give feedback by Friday, November 2
- 6) Submit the final version is Monday, November 19
- 7) Presentation and discussion of the work on the last day of class
(November 30, 8 minutes talk+ 4 min Q&A)

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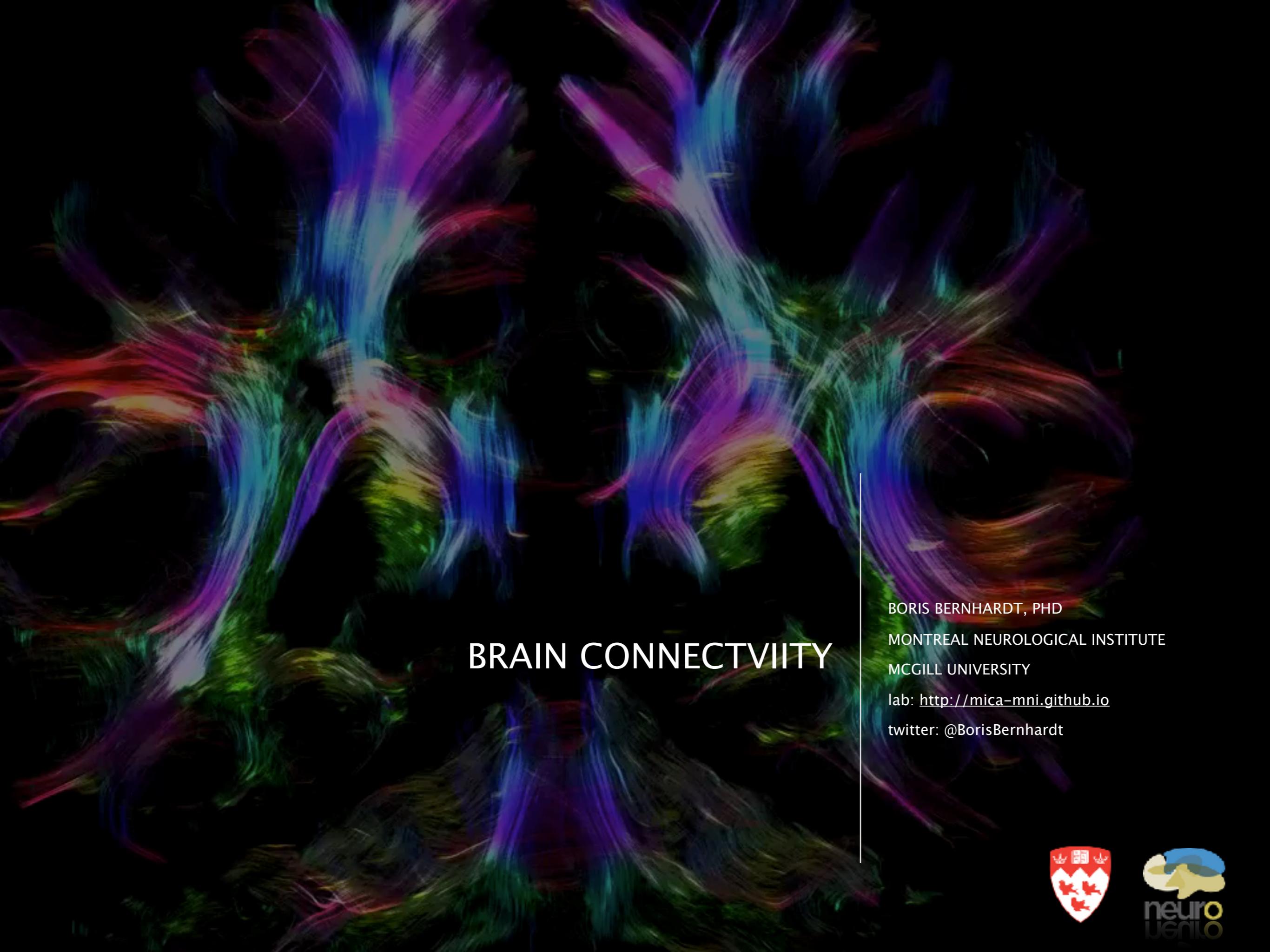
GRADING

COME TO THE CLASSES (EMAIL US IF YOU CANNOT MAKE IT)

SUMMARY ASSIGNMENTS

RESEARCH PAPER

DISCUSSION



BRAIN CONNECTIVITY

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WHY STUDY CONNECTIVITY?

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The brain's
blueprint

Quest to map the
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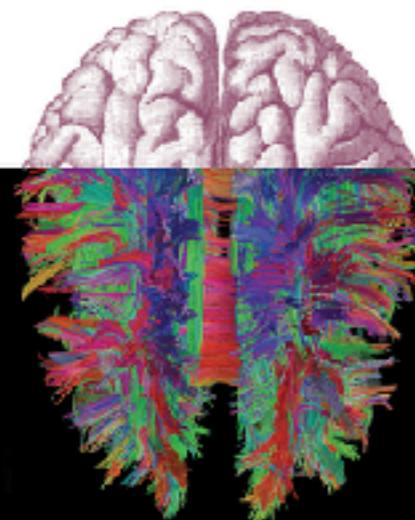
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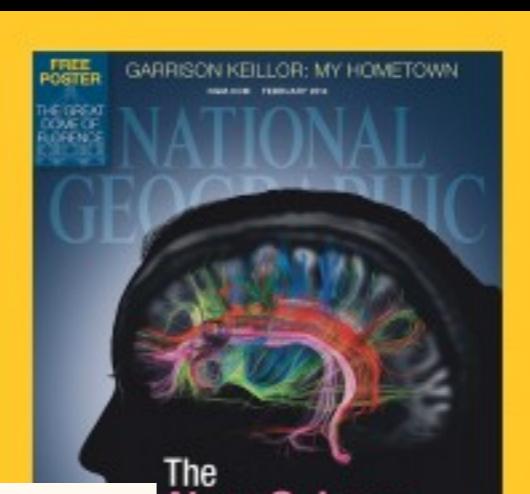
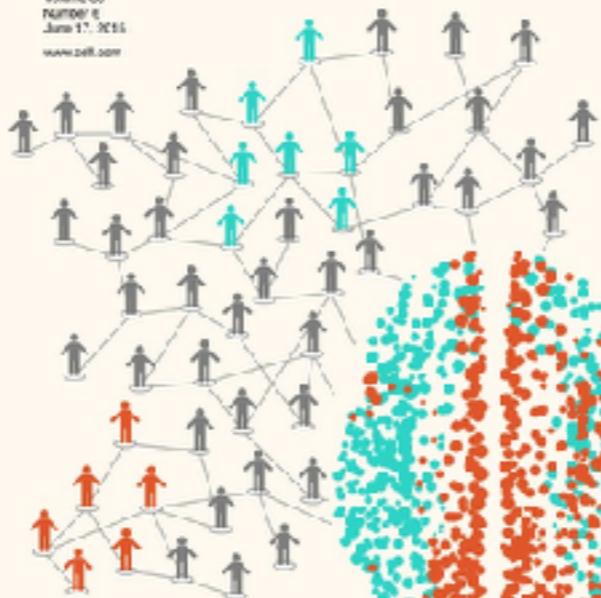
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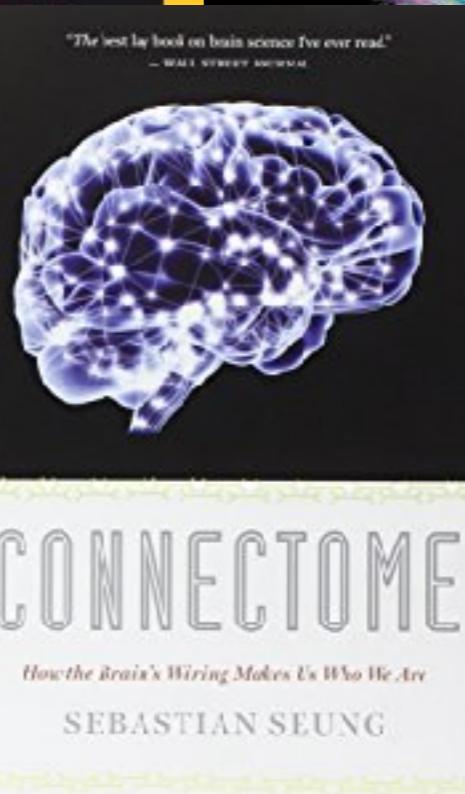


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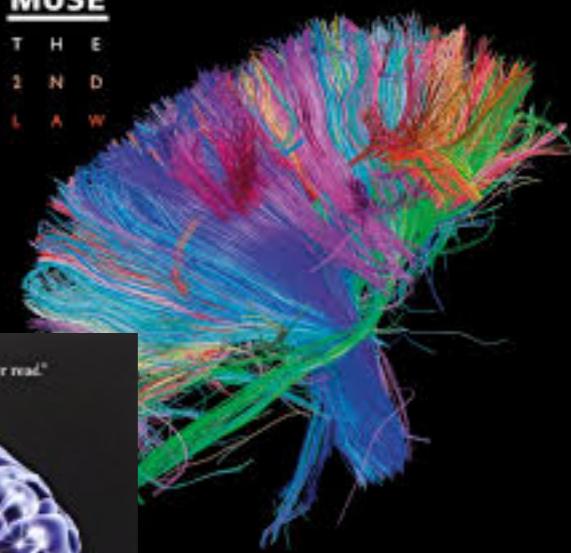
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WHY STUDY CONNECTIVITY?

The cerebral cortex is composed of
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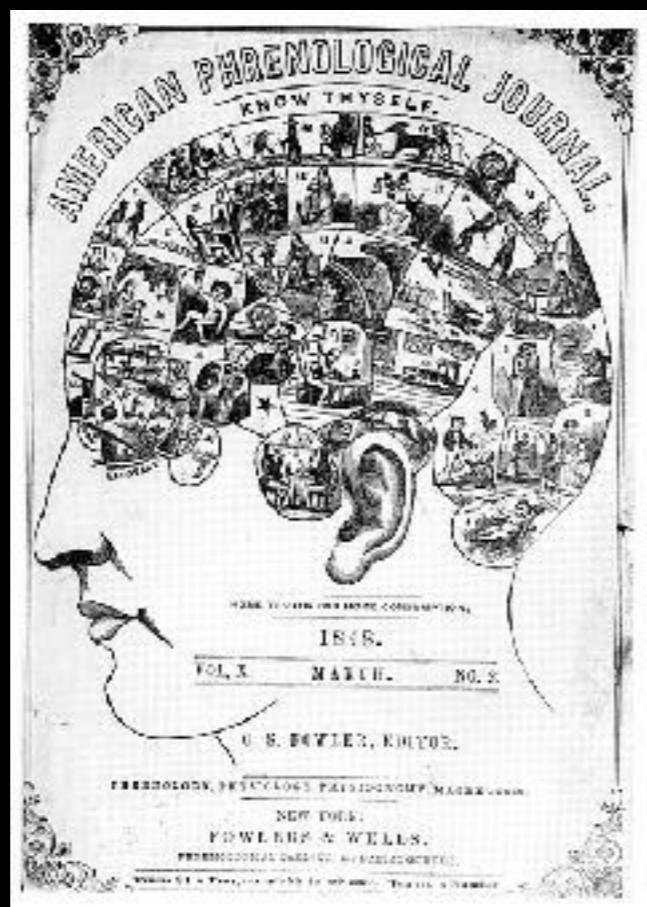
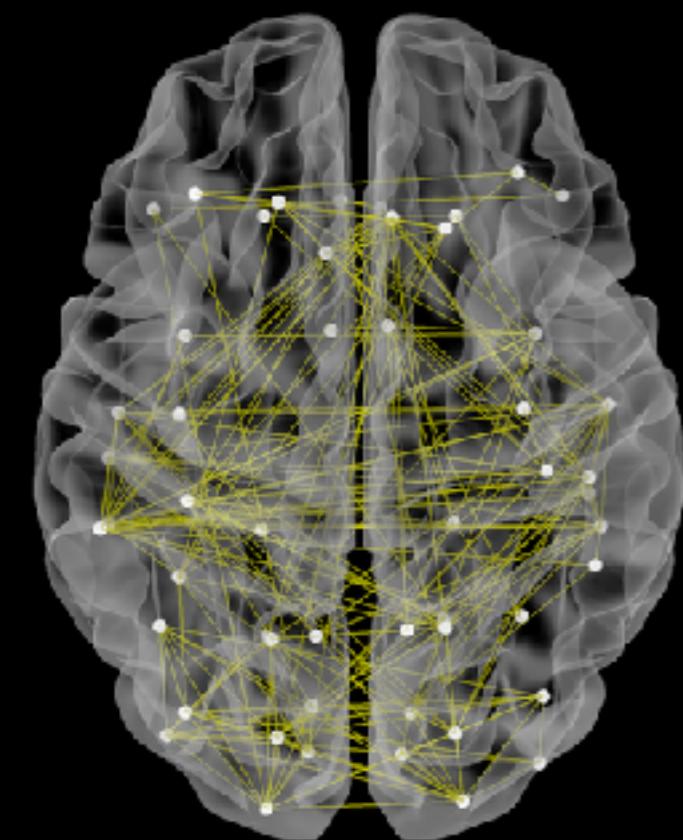
These neurons are interconnected by
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WHY STUDY CONNECTIVITY?

The cerebral cortex is composed of
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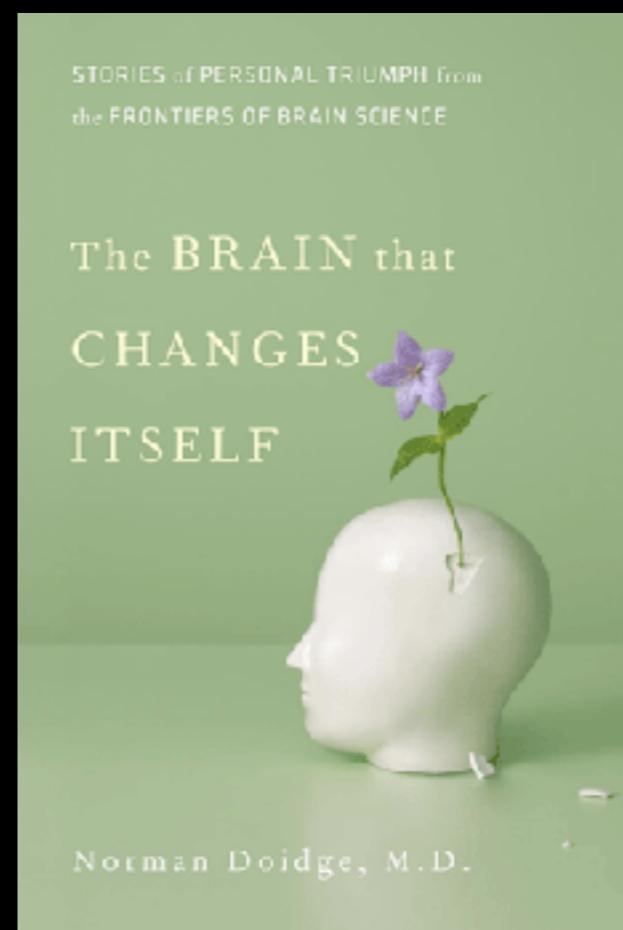
These regions are interconnected by
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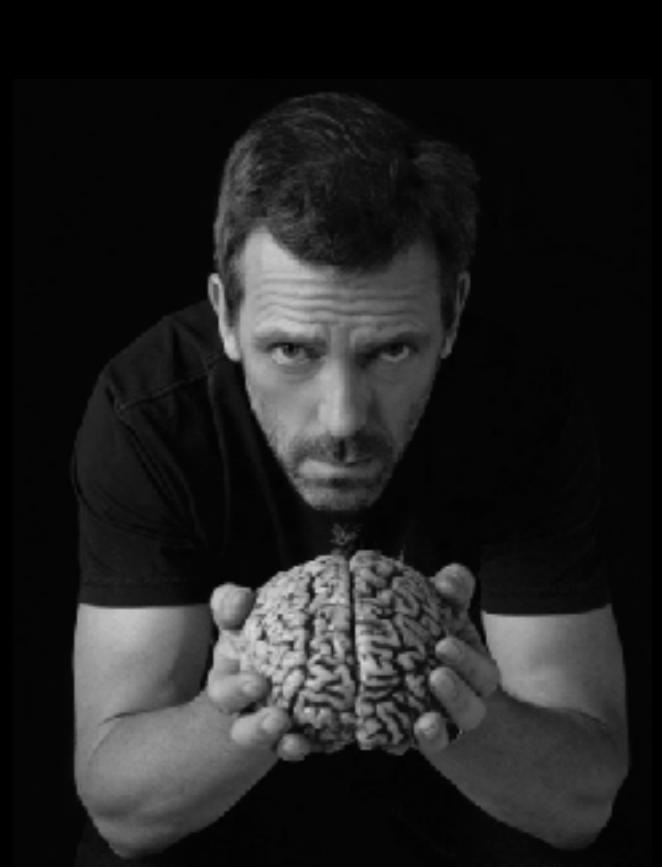


BRAIN ORGANIZATION

INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES



PLASTICITY



BRAIN DISORDERS

HOW TO MEASURE BRAIN CONNECTIVITY?

(ANIMAL) CONNECTIVITY

ANATOMICAL CONNECTIONS:
THE WIRING BETWEEN REGIONS

CLASSICALLY DERIVED FROM
TRACT-TRACER STUDIES

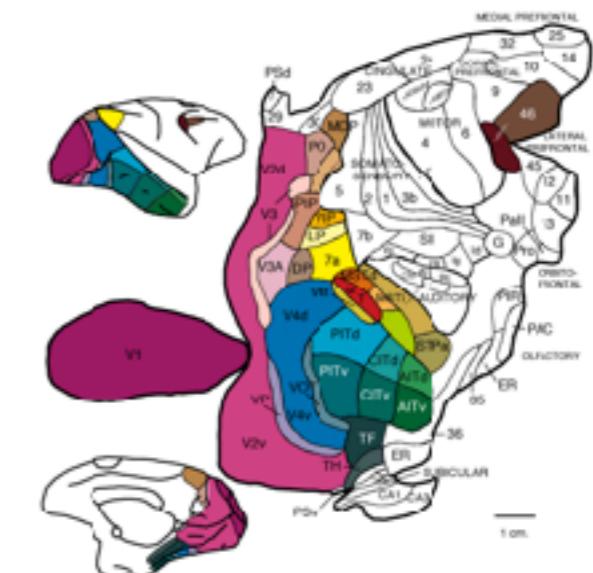
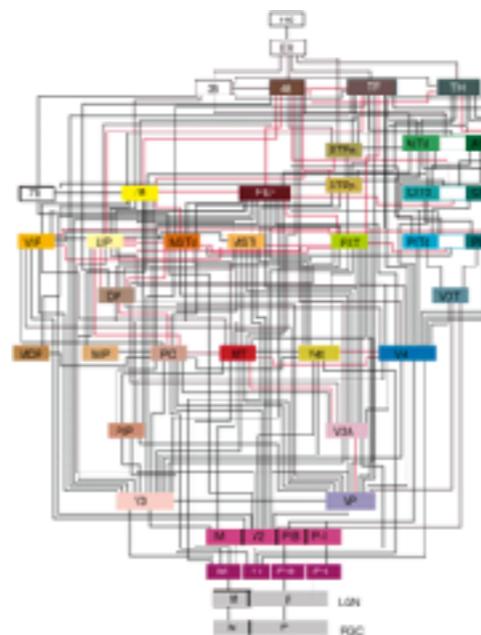
INVASIVE: ONLY IN ANIMALS

LABORIOUS + TIME CONSUMING

ACROSS SUBJECT AVERAGING
AND ANATOMICAL CORRESPONDENCE
ASSESSMENT CHALLENGING



Petrides & Pandya, 1999, EJN



Felleman and Van Essen, 1991, Cerebral Cortex



Stephan and Koetter, 2000, CoCoMac

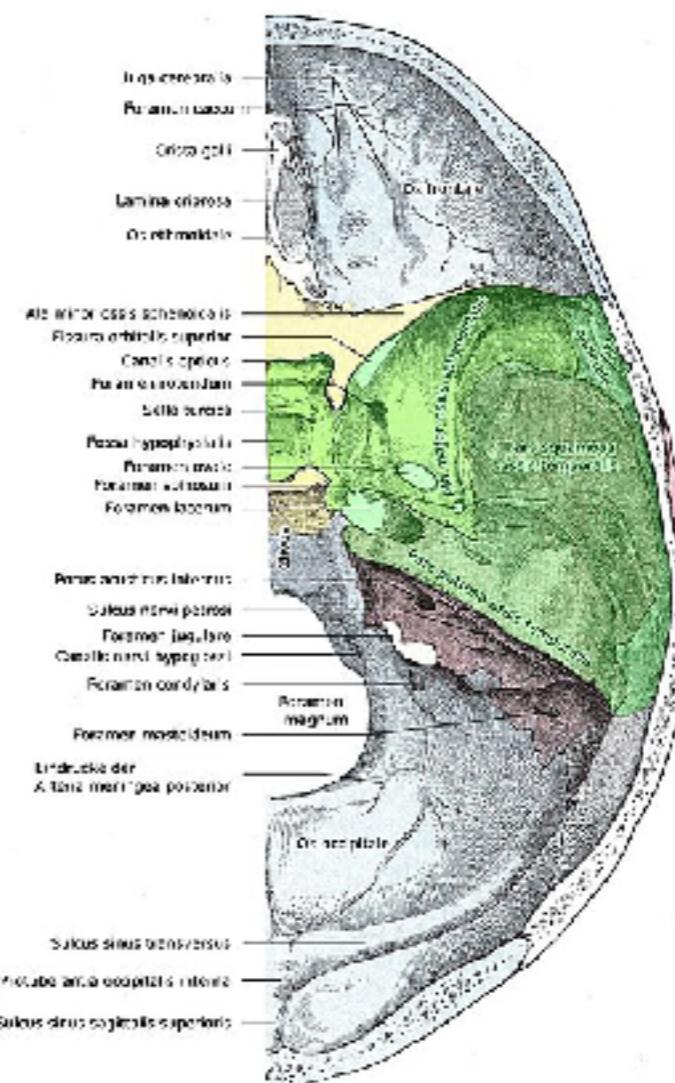
HUMAN CONNECTIVITY

POSTMORTEM DATA ON COURSE OF CRANIAL NERVES

KLINGLER DISSECTION TECHNIQUES FOR CEREBRAL WHITE MATTER BUNDLES



Klingler 1956



HUMAN IN-VIVO CONNECTIVITY

MRI KEY MODALITY
TO APPROXIMATE BRAIN CONNECTIVITY

NON-INVASIVE

HIGH-RESOLUTION

WHOLE-BRAIN

3-DIMENSIONAL

FUNCTIONAL & STRUCTURAL CONNECTIVITY



MEASURING AND ANALYZING STRUCTURAL CONNECTIVITY: TENSORS, FODS, AND FIBERS

DIFFUSION MRI CONNECTIVITY

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FOLLOW PATHWAYS
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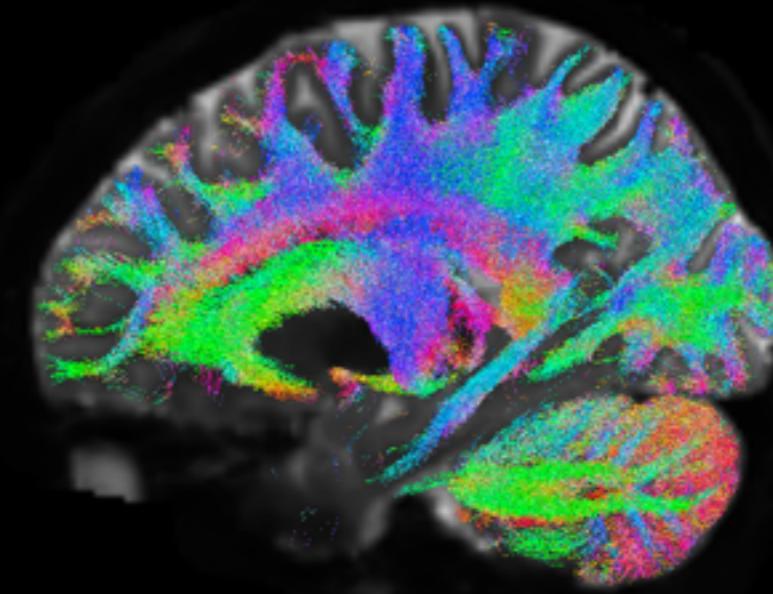
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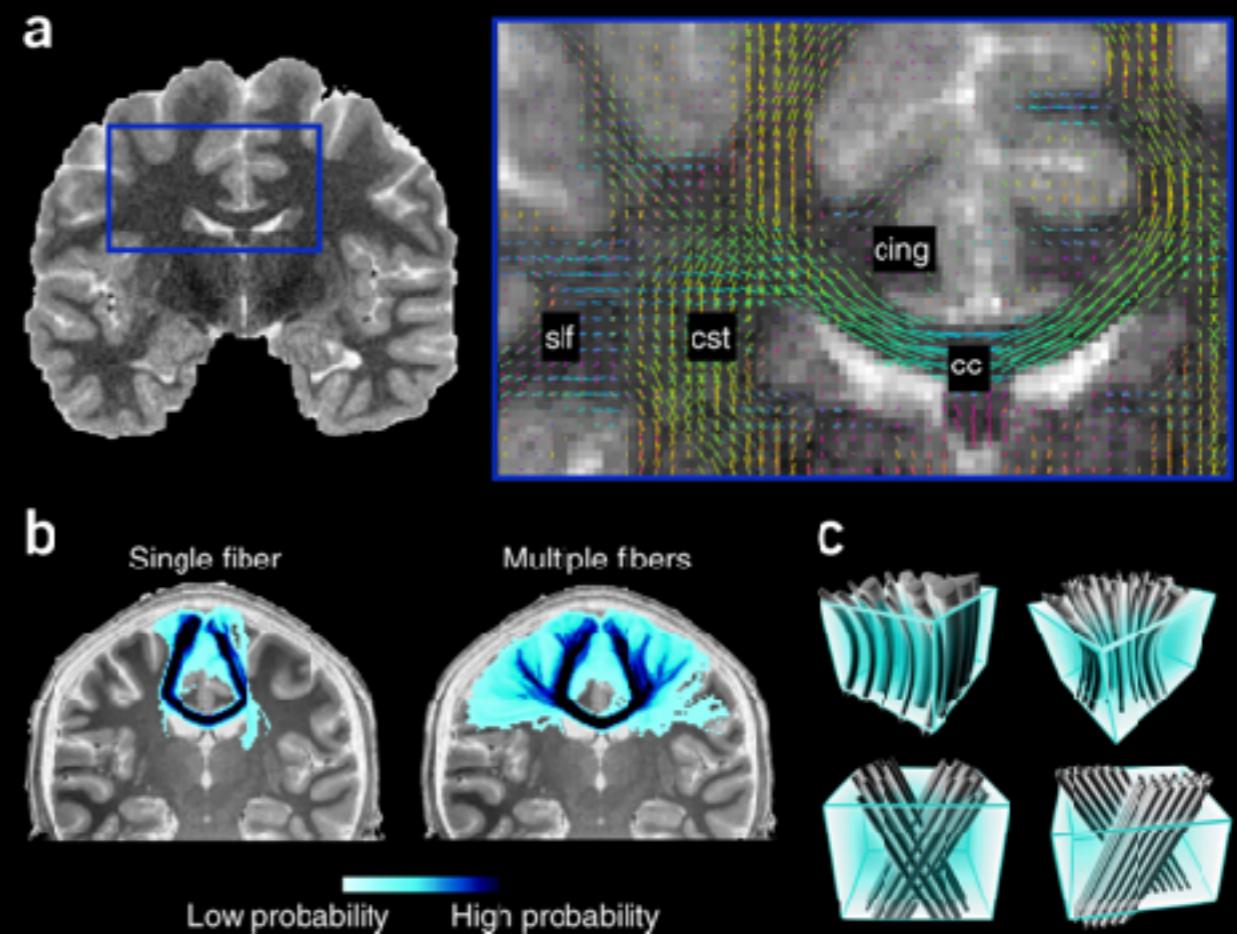
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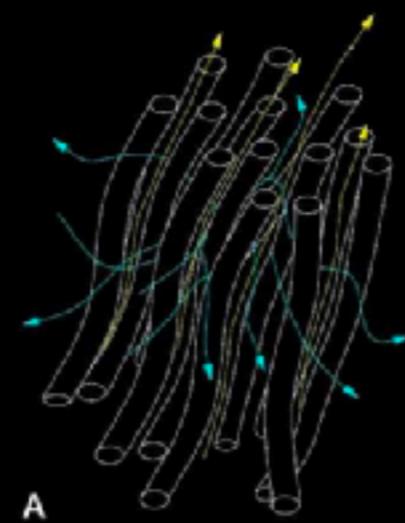
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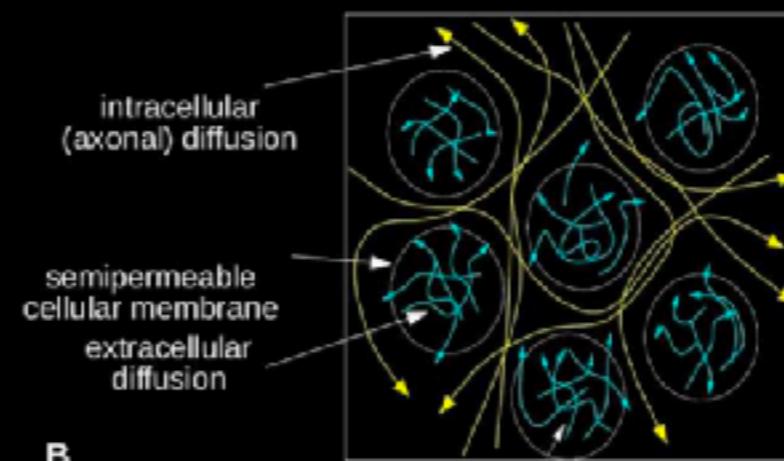
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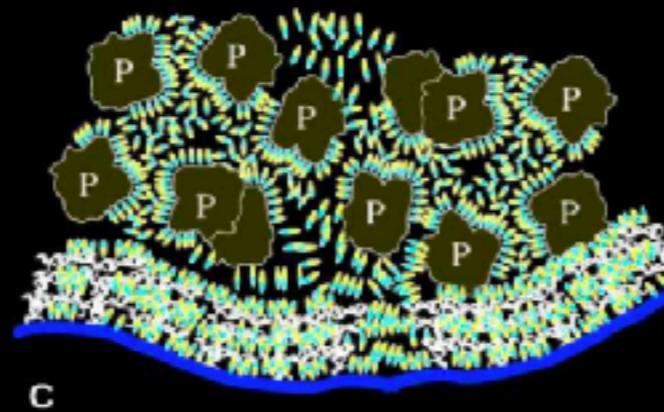
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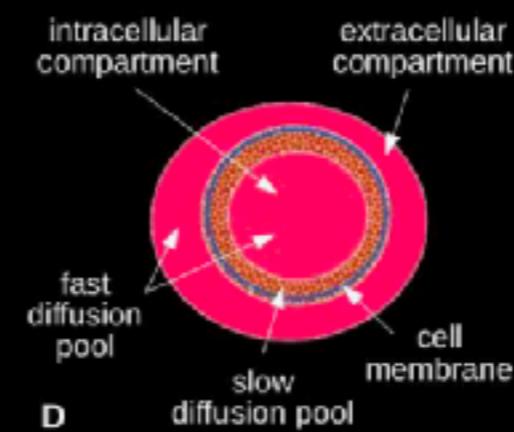
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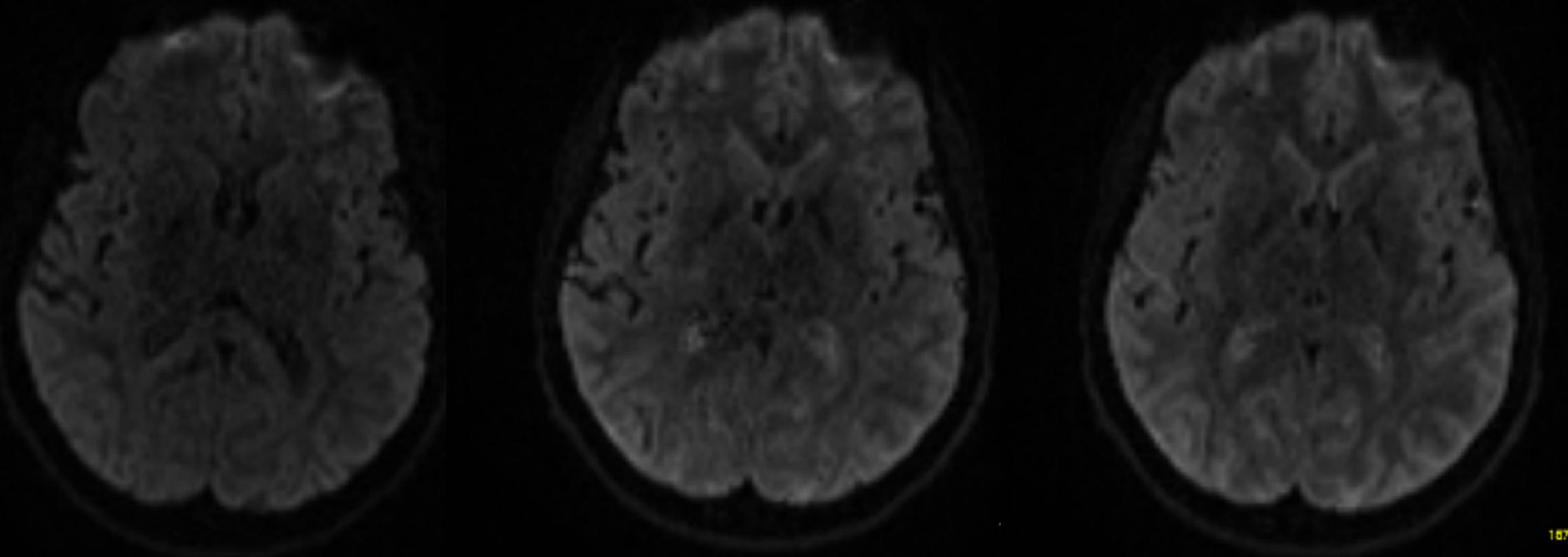


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RAW DIFFUSION-MRI DATA



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DIFFUSION MRI PROCESSING

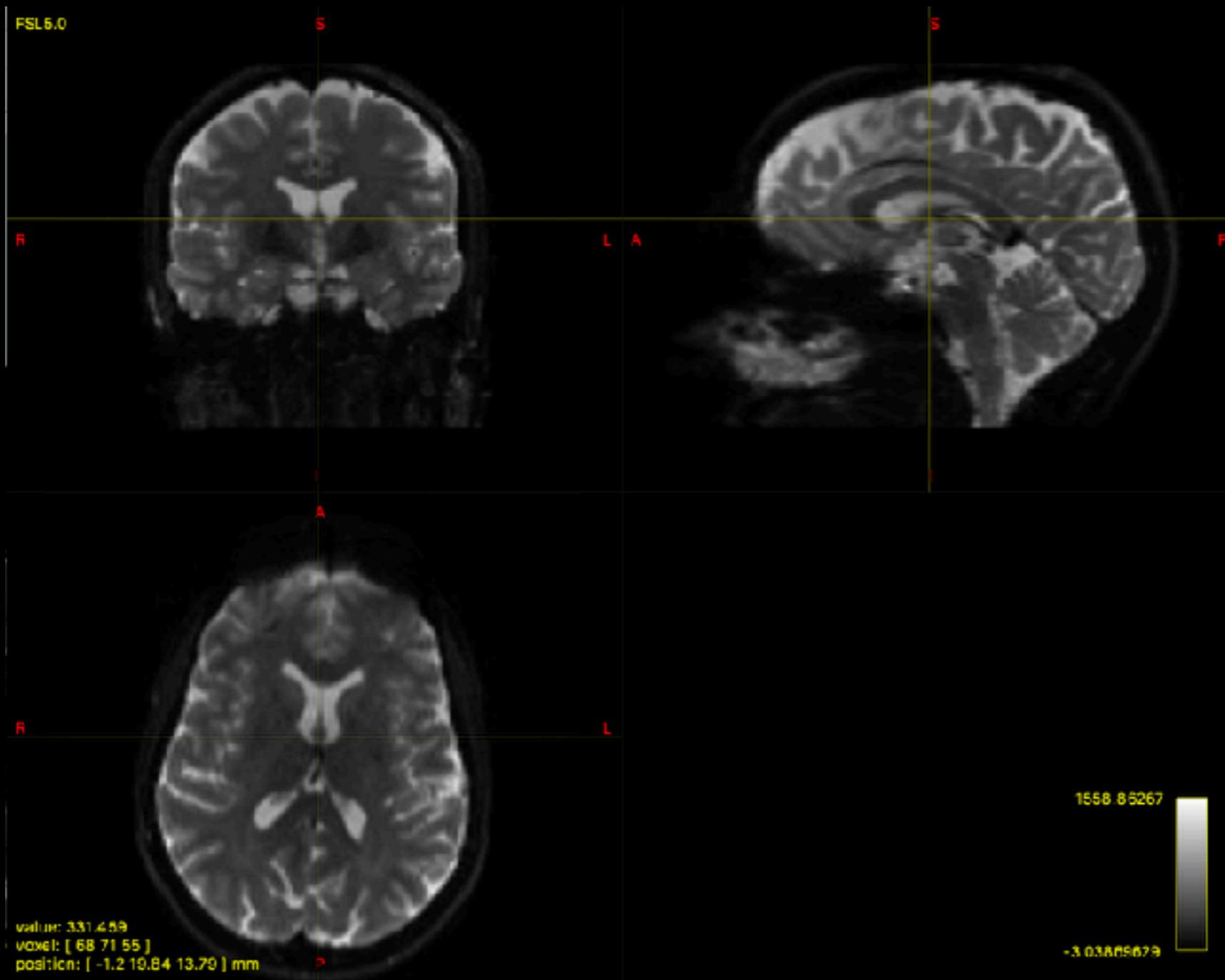
PREPROCESSING/CORRECTION:
EDDY CURRENTS, MOTION, DISTORTION

COREGISTRATION

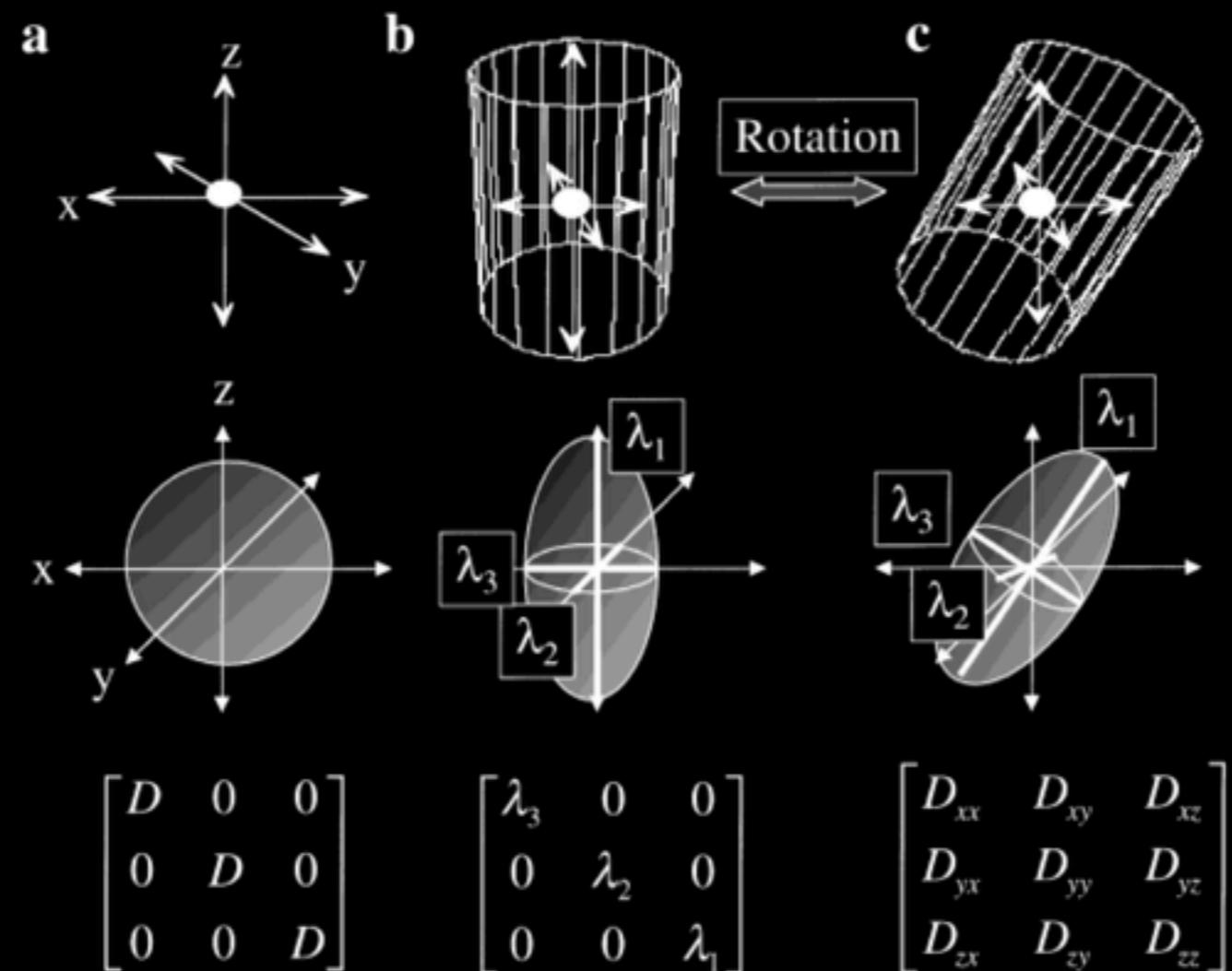
ESTIMATION OF FIBER ORIENTATIONS

TRACOGRAPHY AND CONNECTOME GENERATION

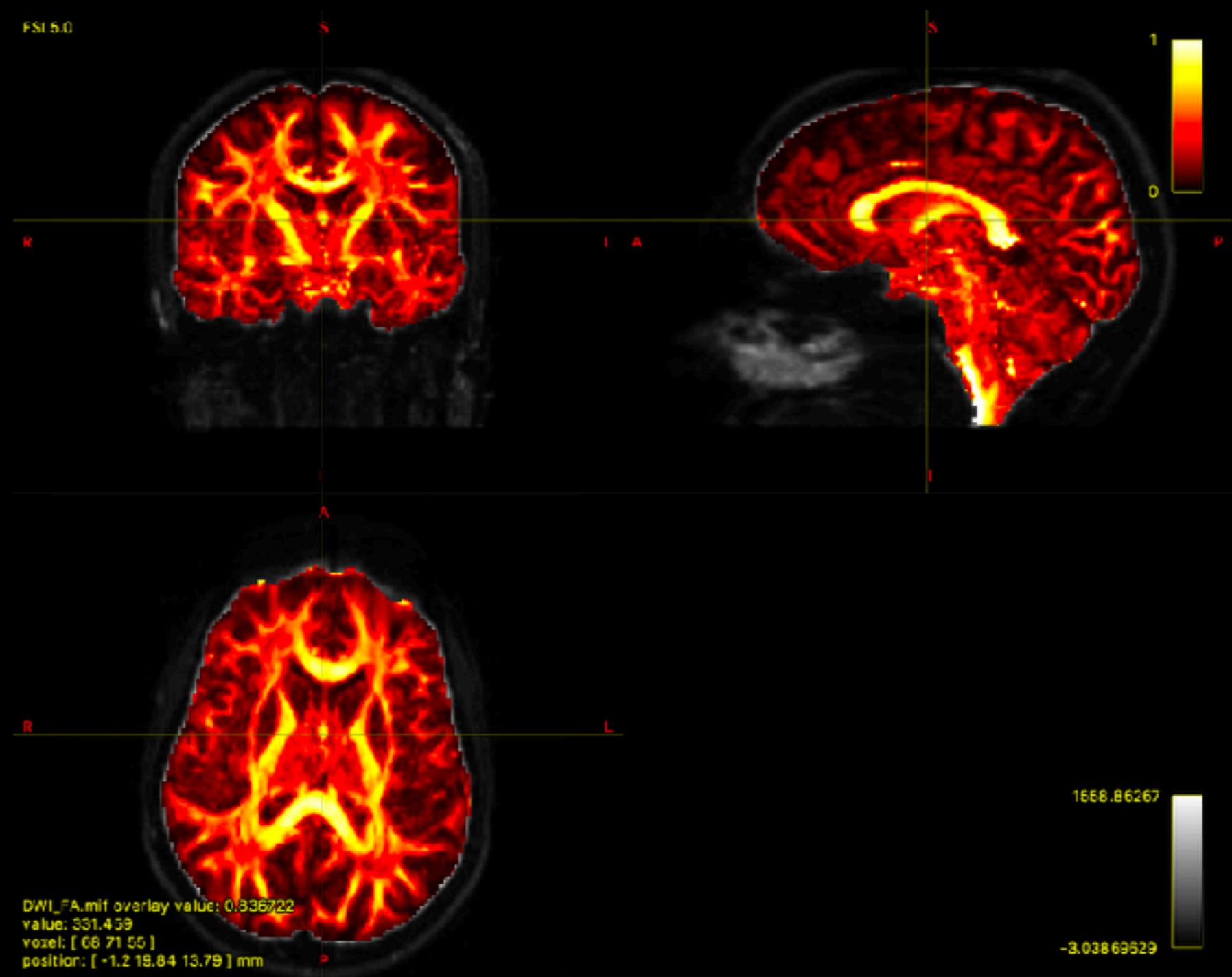
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DIFFUSION MRI TENSOR MODEL



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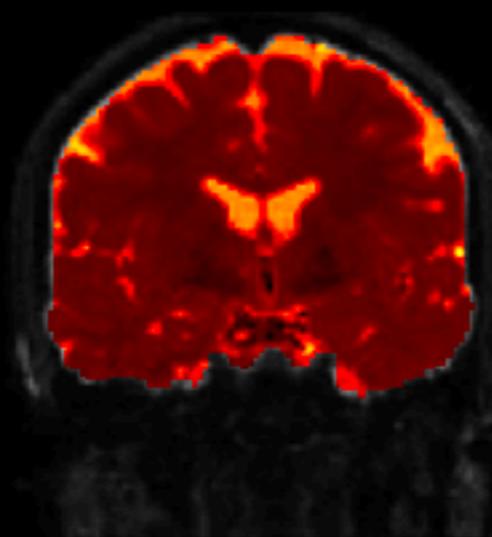


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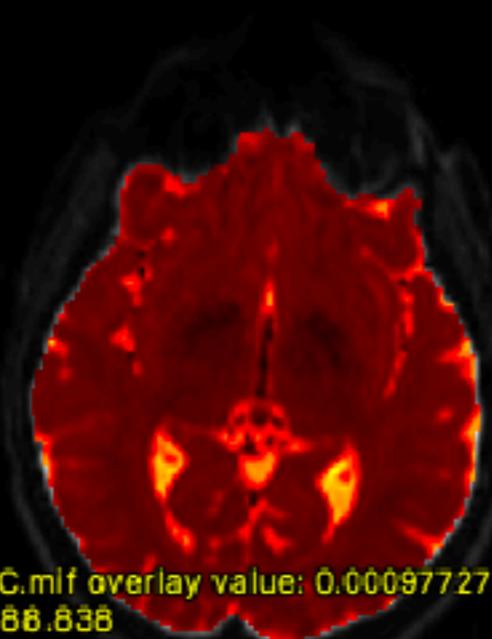


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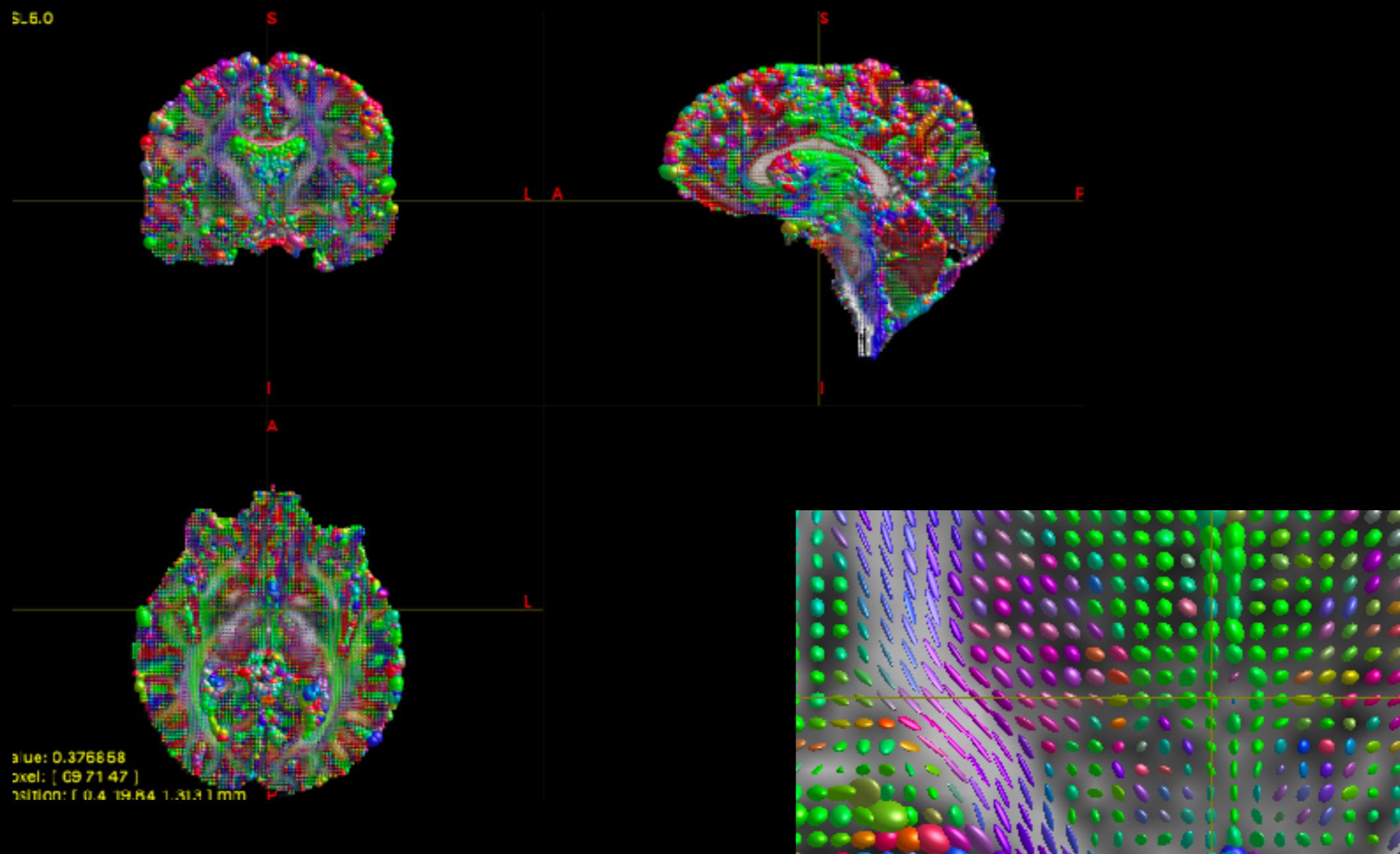
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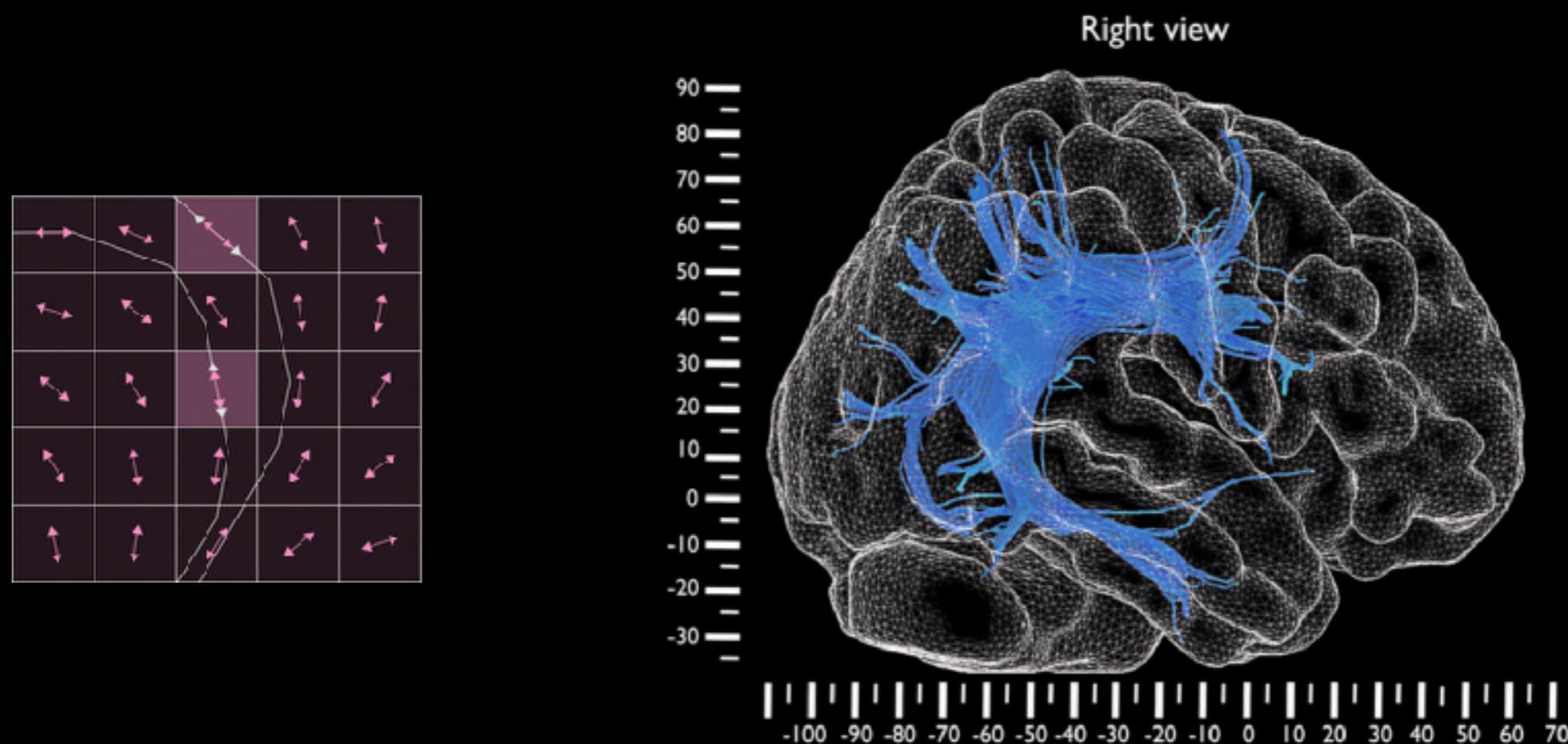
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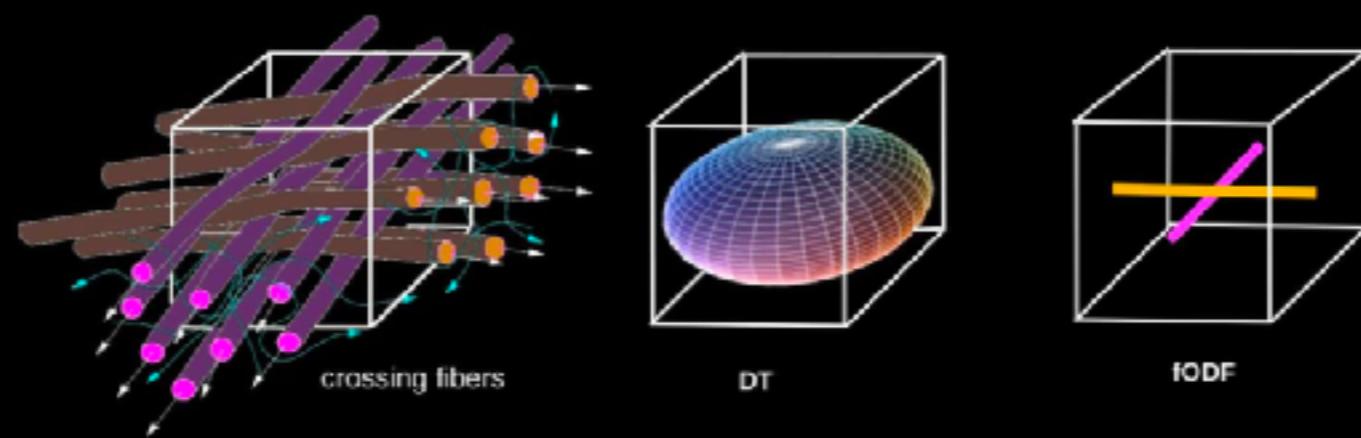
PROCESSED DATA:TENSORS



PROCESSED DATA: DETERMINISTIC TRACTOGRAPHY

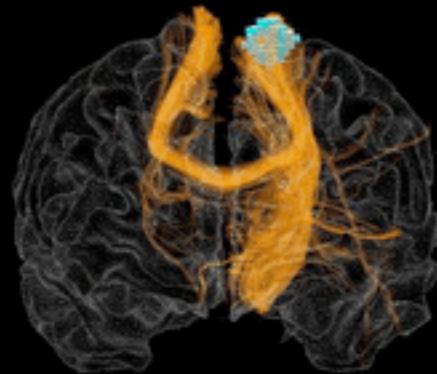


LIMITATIONS OF THE TENSOR MODEL

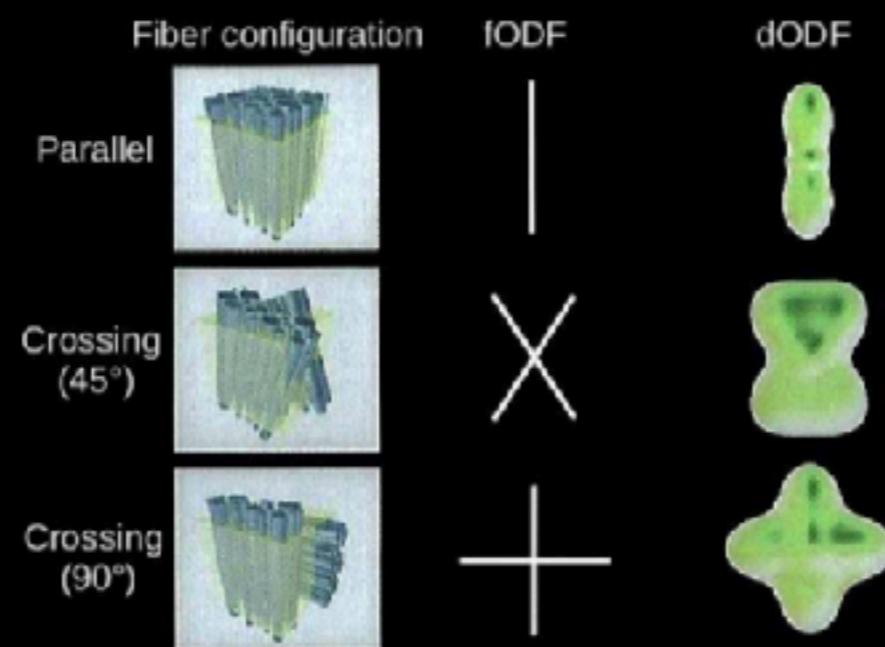
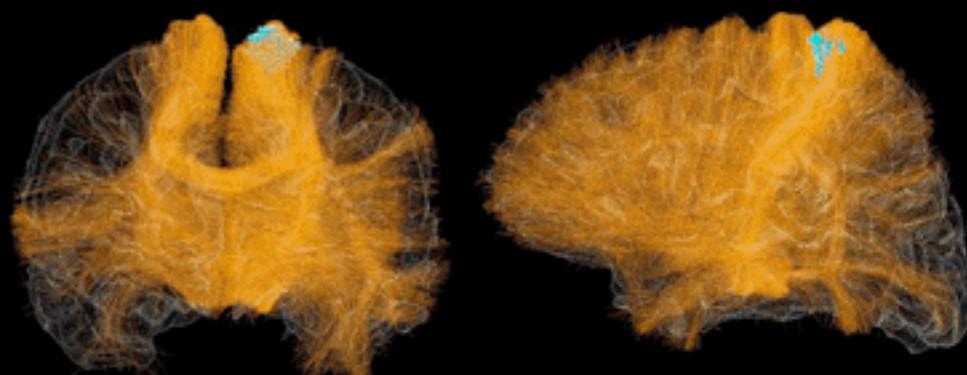


DIFFUSION MRI: MORE COMPLEX MODELS

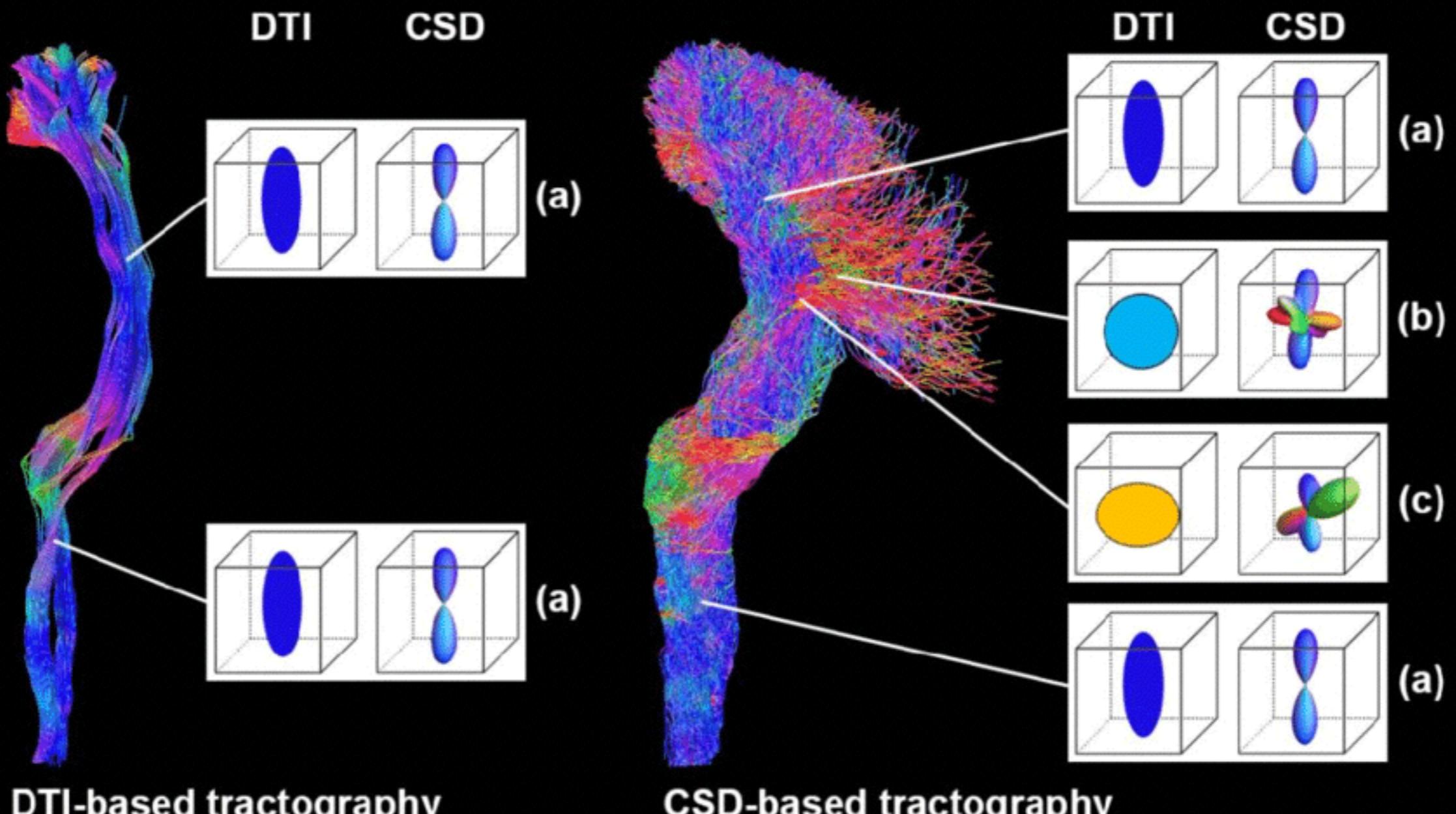
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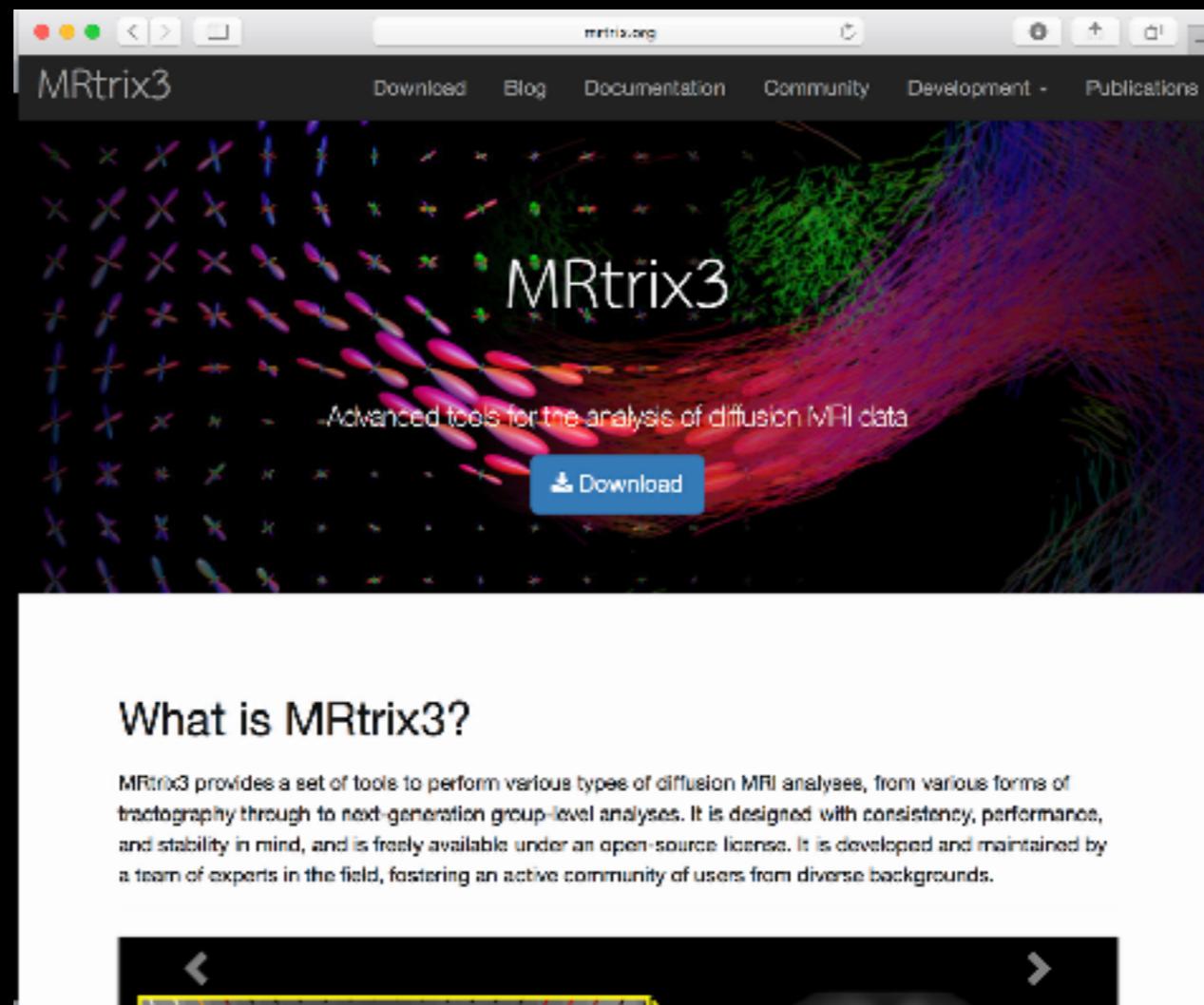


Probabilistic streamline tractography



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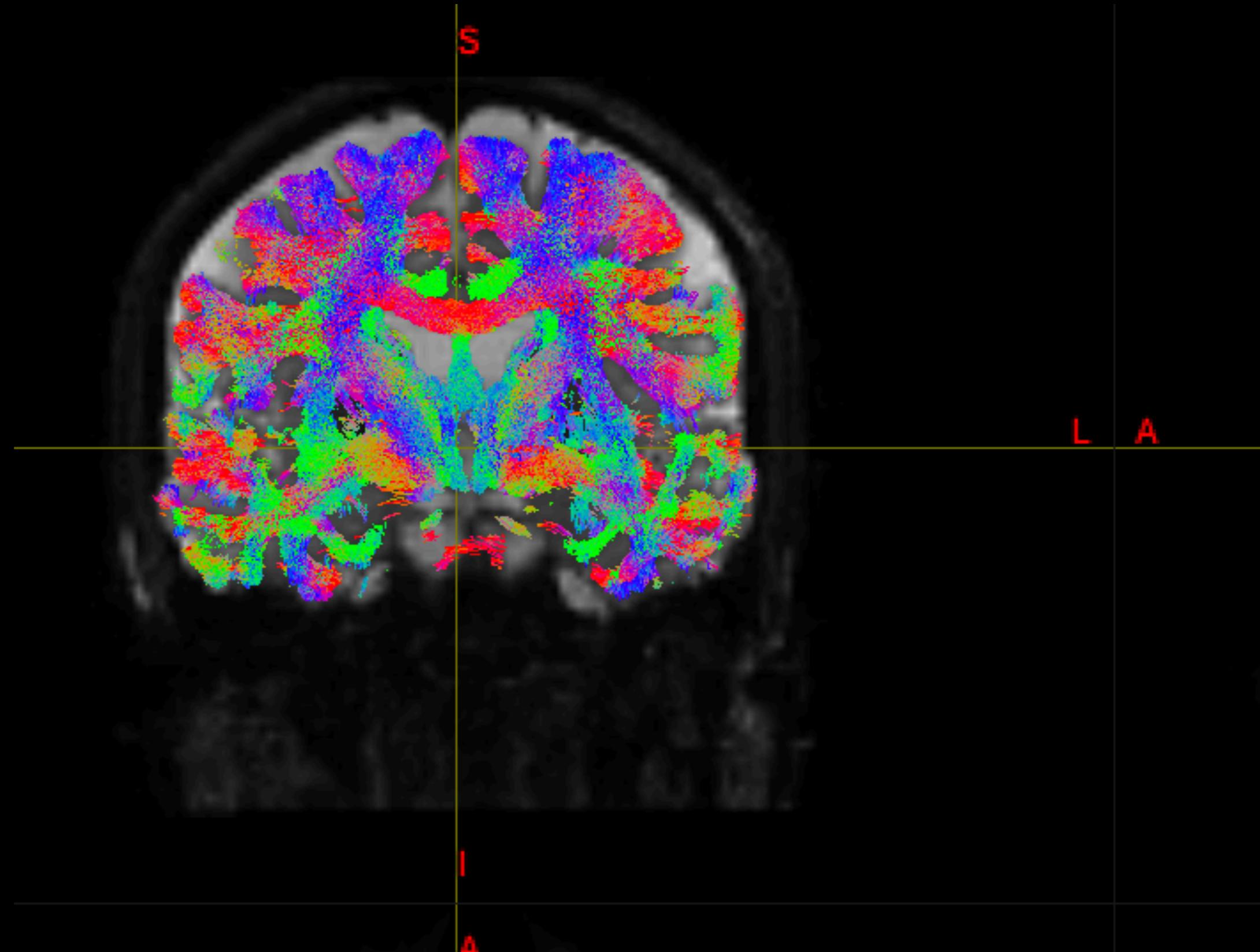




What is MRtrix3?

MRtrix3 provides a set of tools to perform various types of diffusion MRI analyses, from various forms of tractography through to next-generation group-level analyses. It is designed with consistency, performance, and stability in mind, and is freely available under an open-source license. It is developed and maintained by a team of experts in the field, fostering an active community of users from diverse backgrounds.

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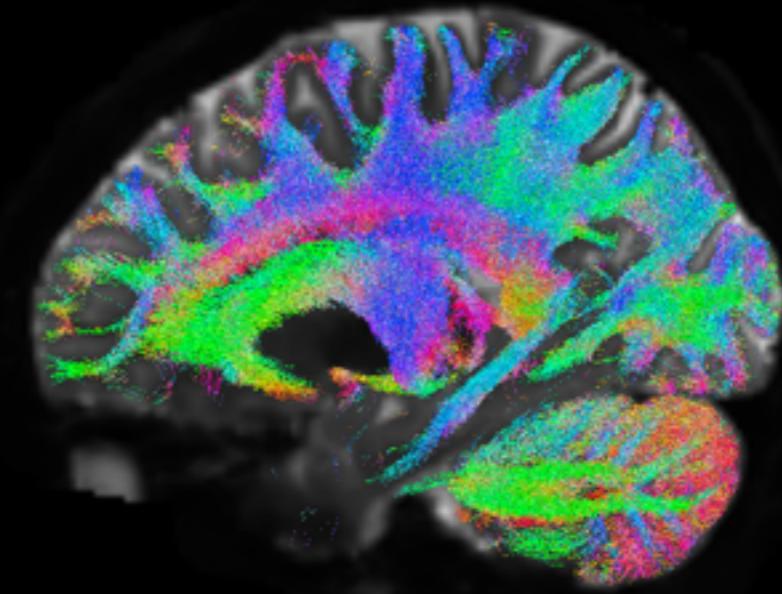
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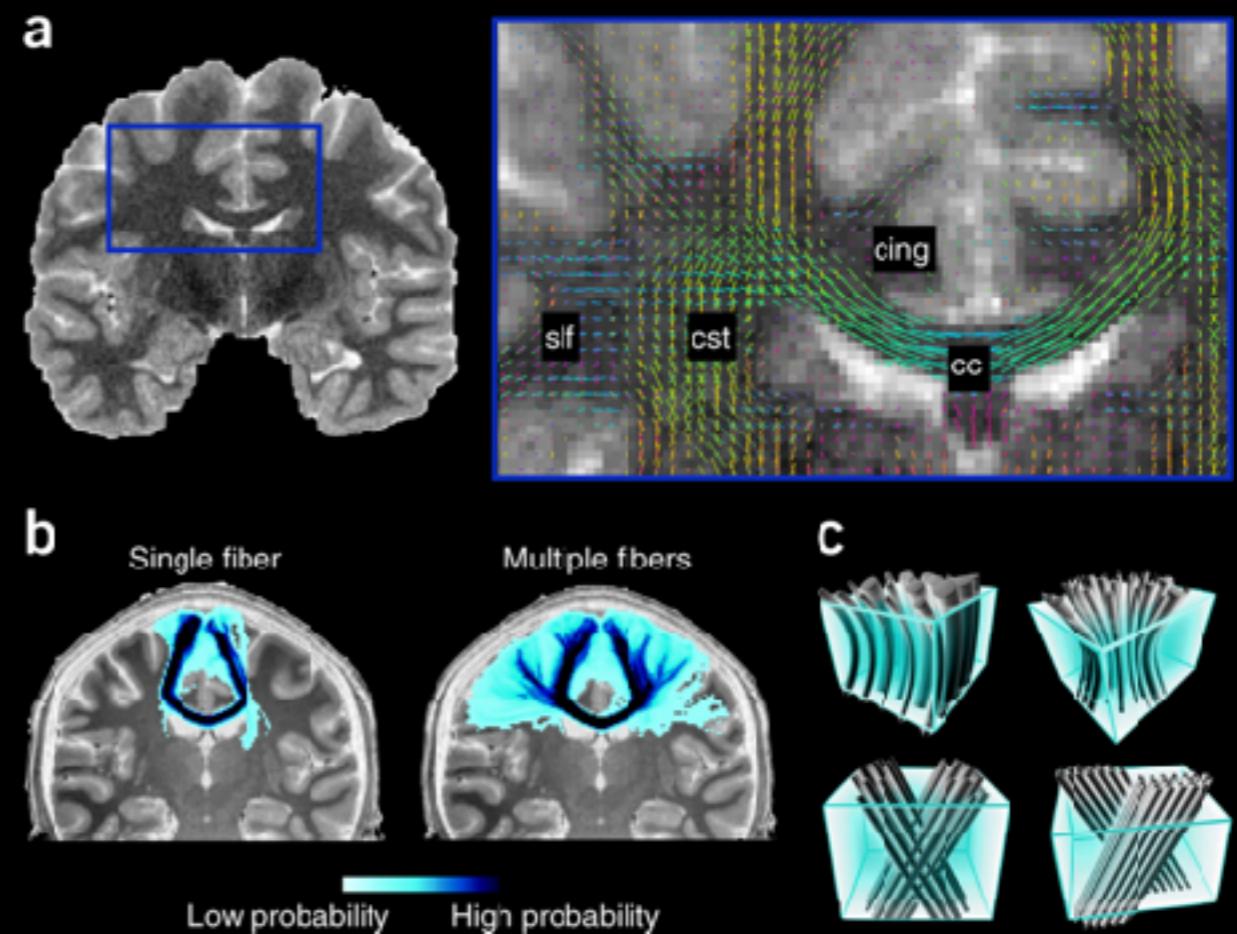
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MEASURING AND ANALYZING FUNCTIONAL CONNECTIVITY: SEEDS, COMPONENTS, GRADIENTS

RESTING-STATE fMRI CONNECTIVITY

IDEA:
CORRELATE SPONTANEOUS BRAIN
ACTIVITY

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COST-EFFECTIVE, REPRODUCIBLE

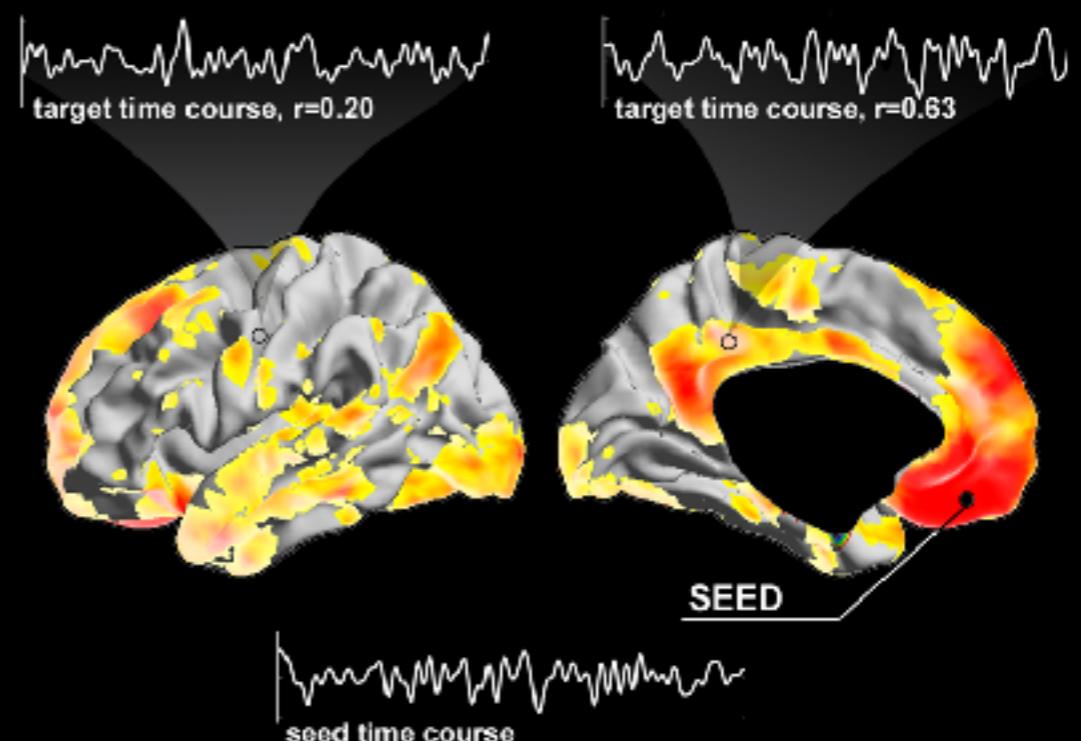
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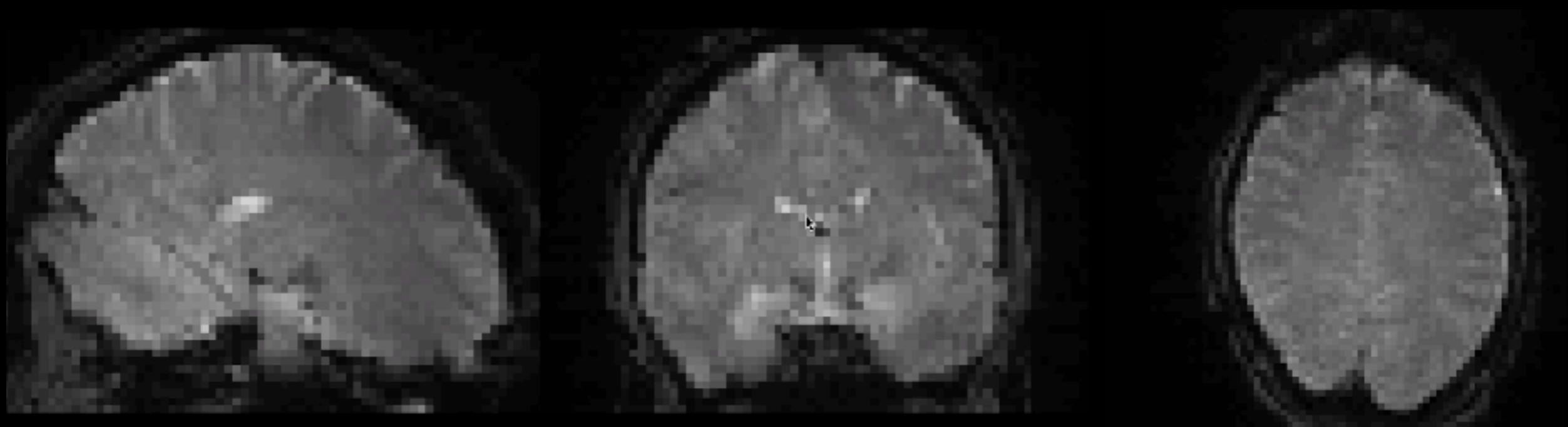
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RAW RESTING-STATE FMRI DATA



FUNCTIONAL MRI PROCESSING

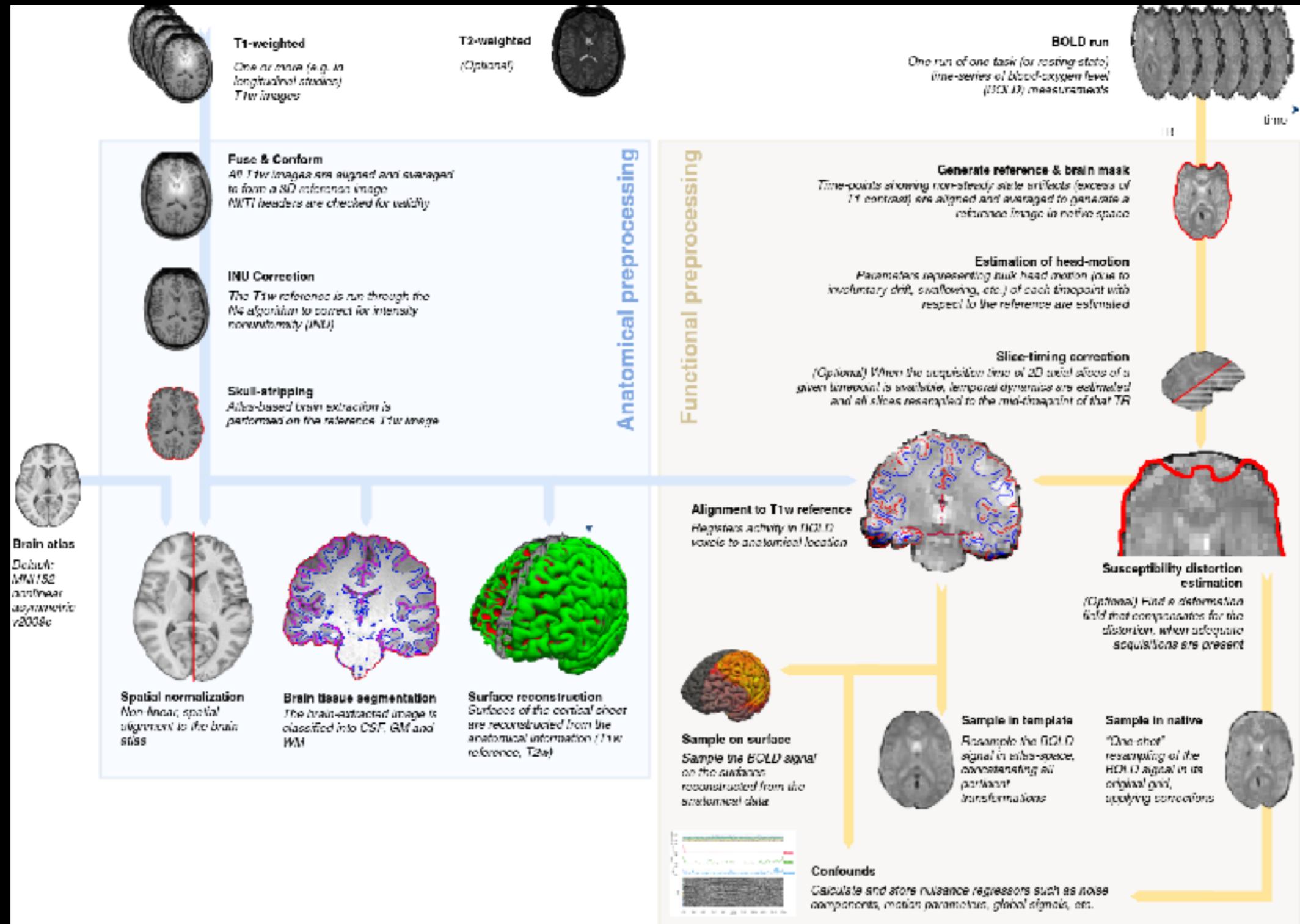
PREPROCESSING/CORRECTION:
SLICE TIME, MOTION, DISTORTION

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CONFOUND CORRECTION AND FILTERING

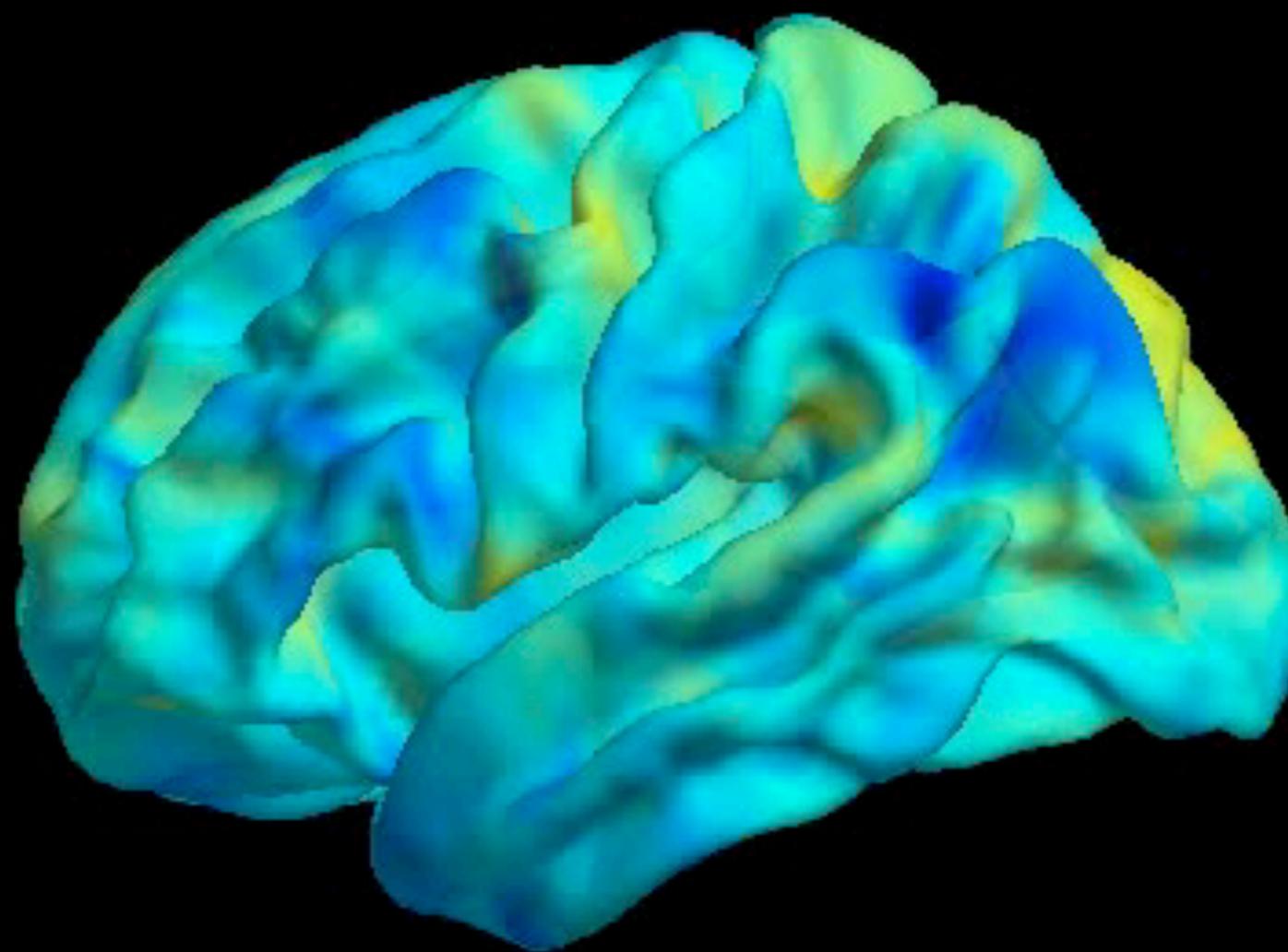
FUNCTIONAL CONNECTION AND CONNECTOME GENERATION

PREPROCESSING ZOO

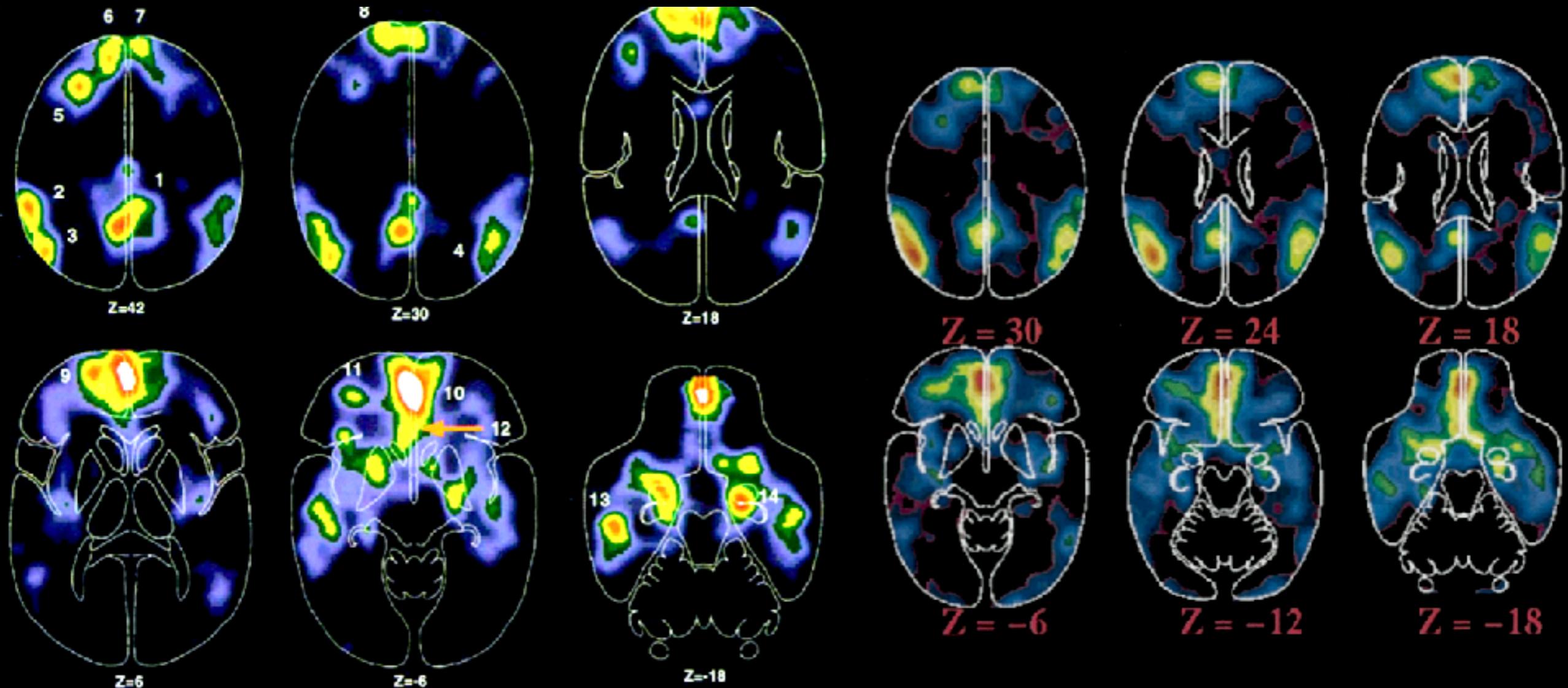


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THE RESTING BRAIN: RELIABLY OSCILLATING



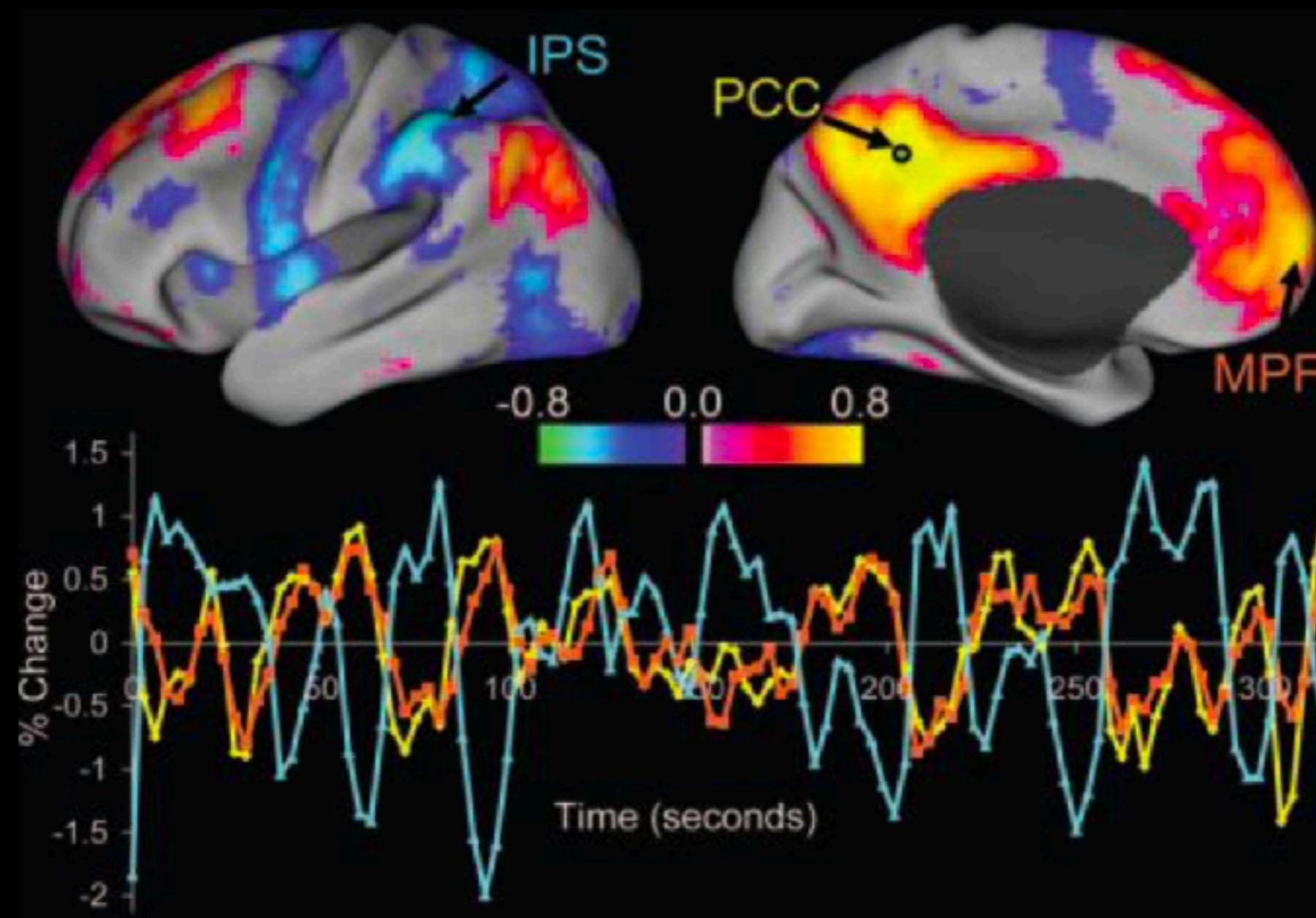
DISCOVERY OF DMN: ACTIVATIONS AND DEACTIVATIONS



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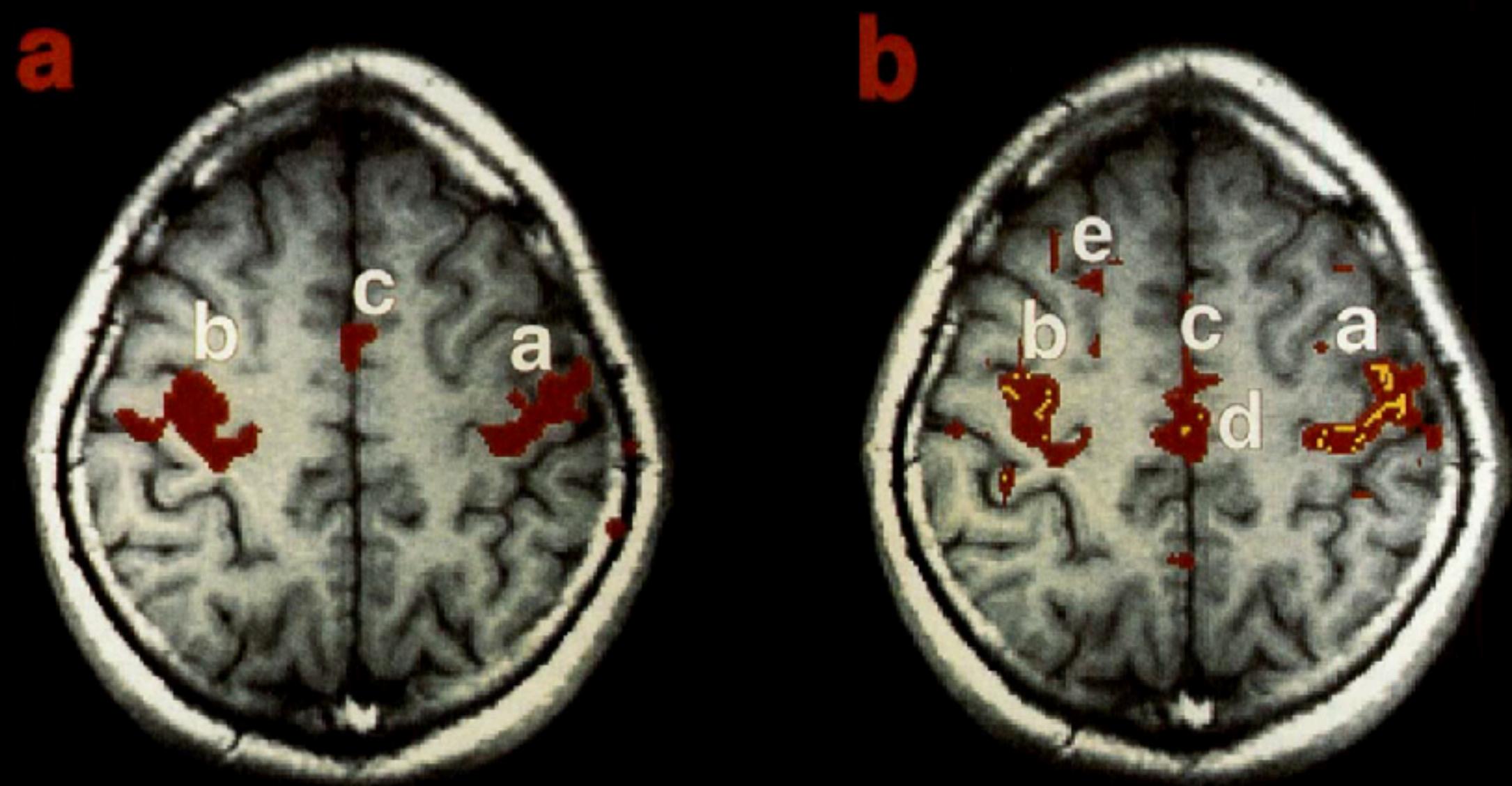
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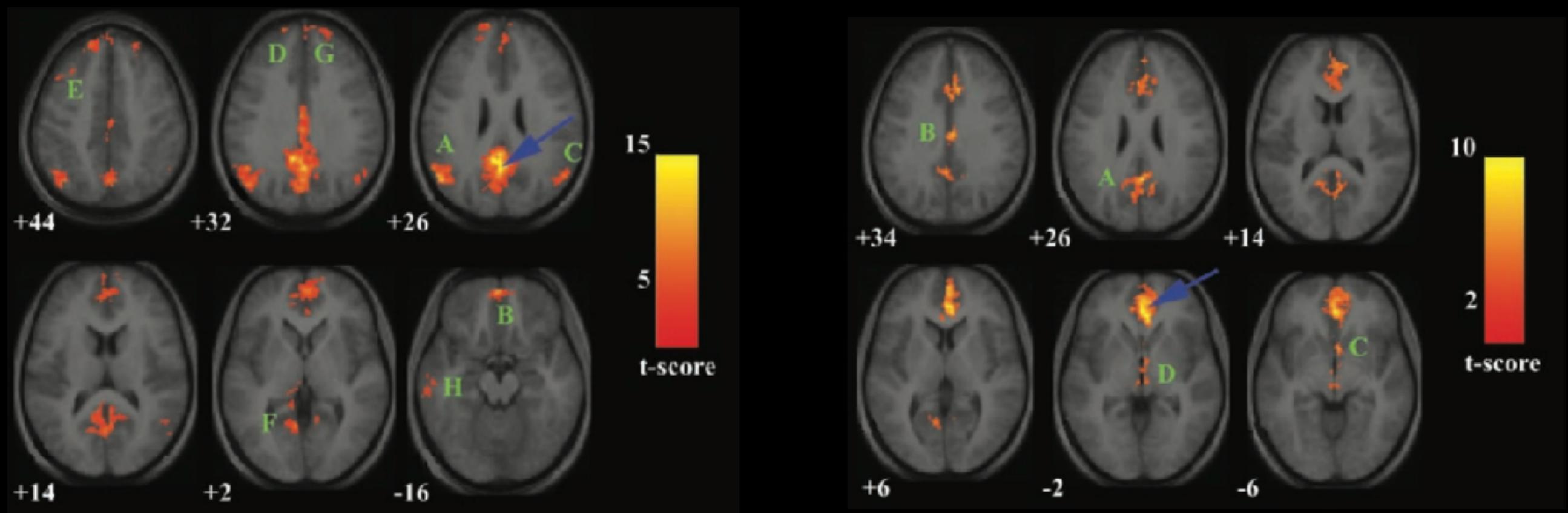
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THE CLASSIC FUNCTIONAL CONNECTIVITY ANALYSIS



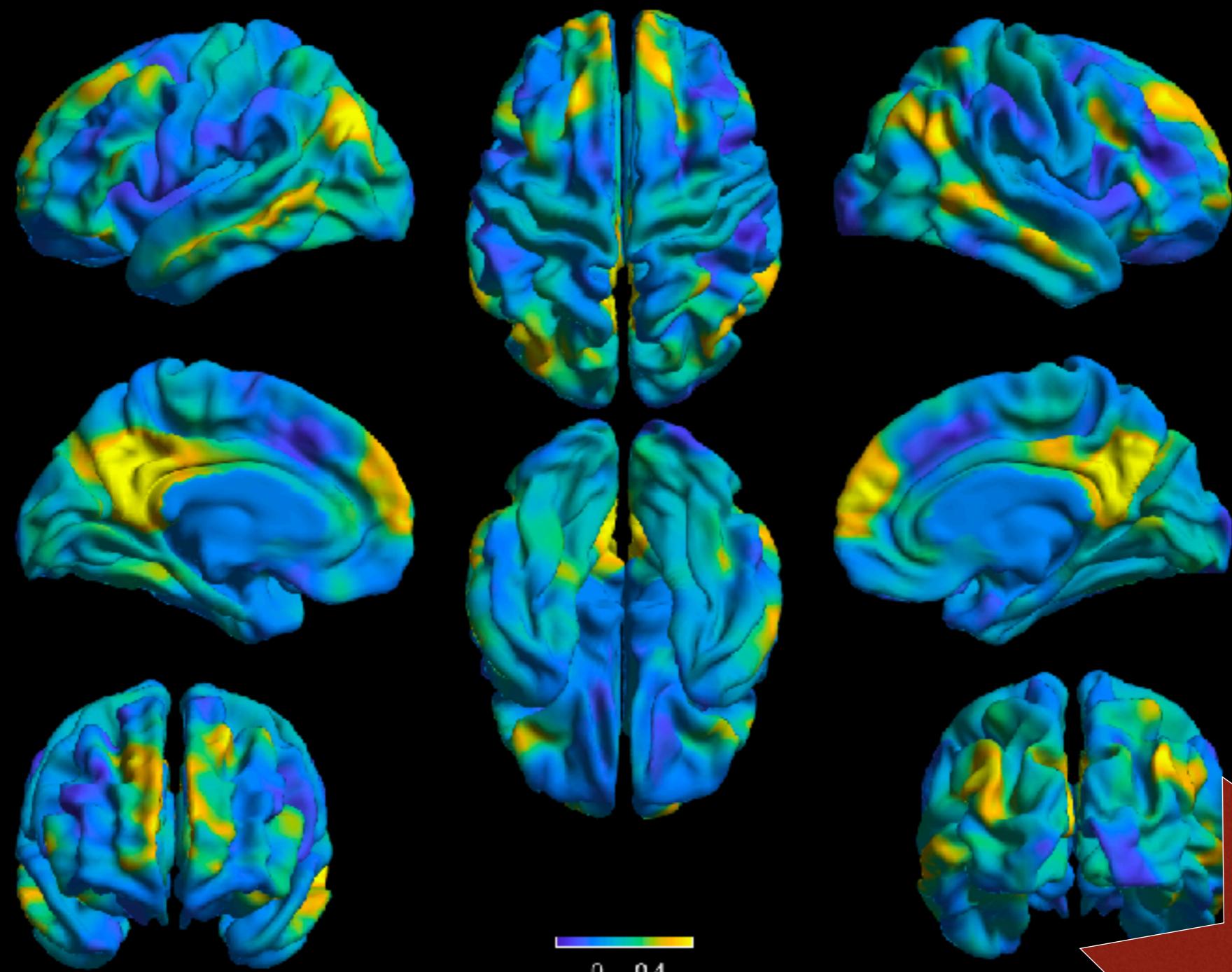
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THE CLASSIC DMN CONNECTIVITY STUDY



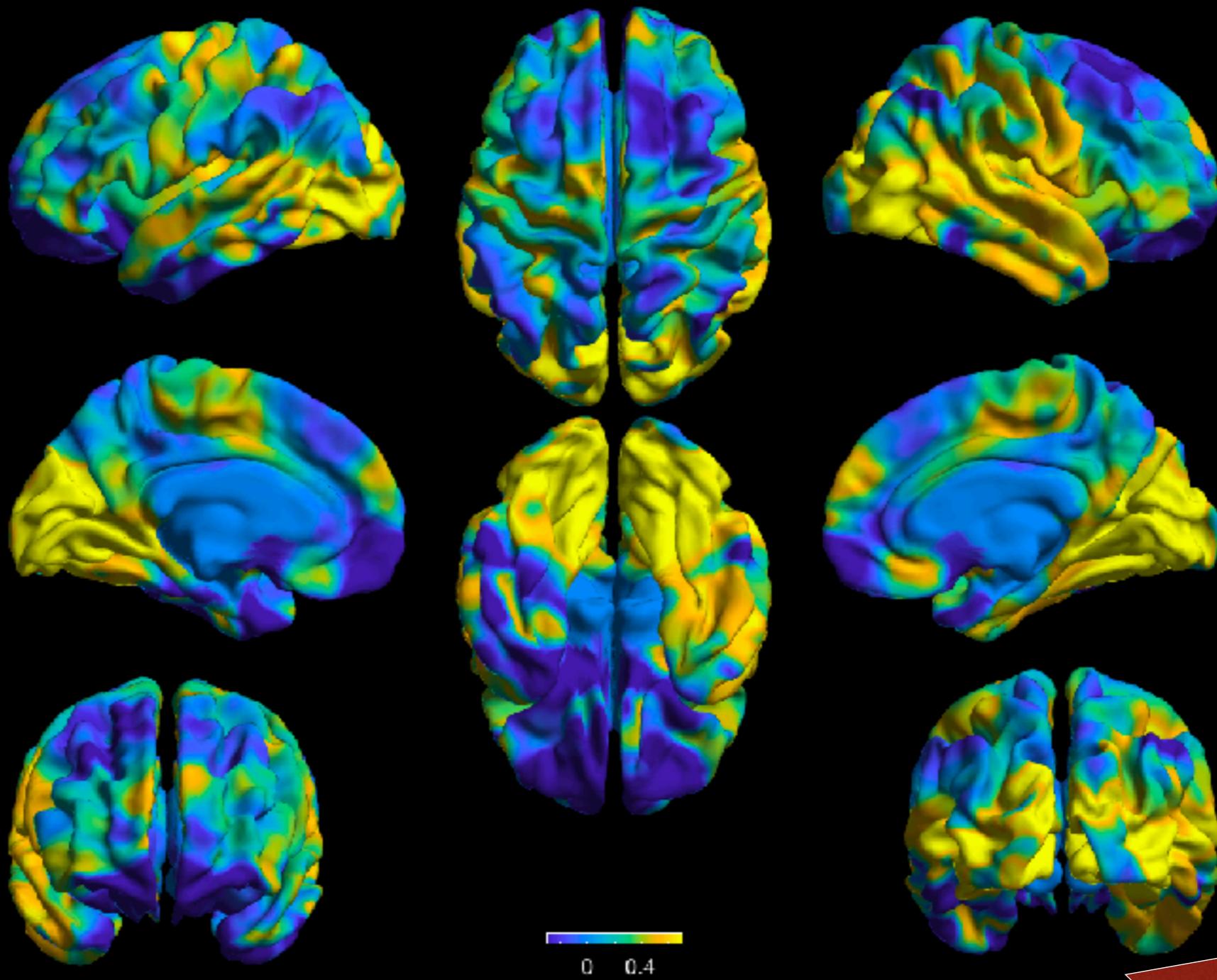
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SINGLE SEED ANALYSIS: PRECUNEUS/PCC



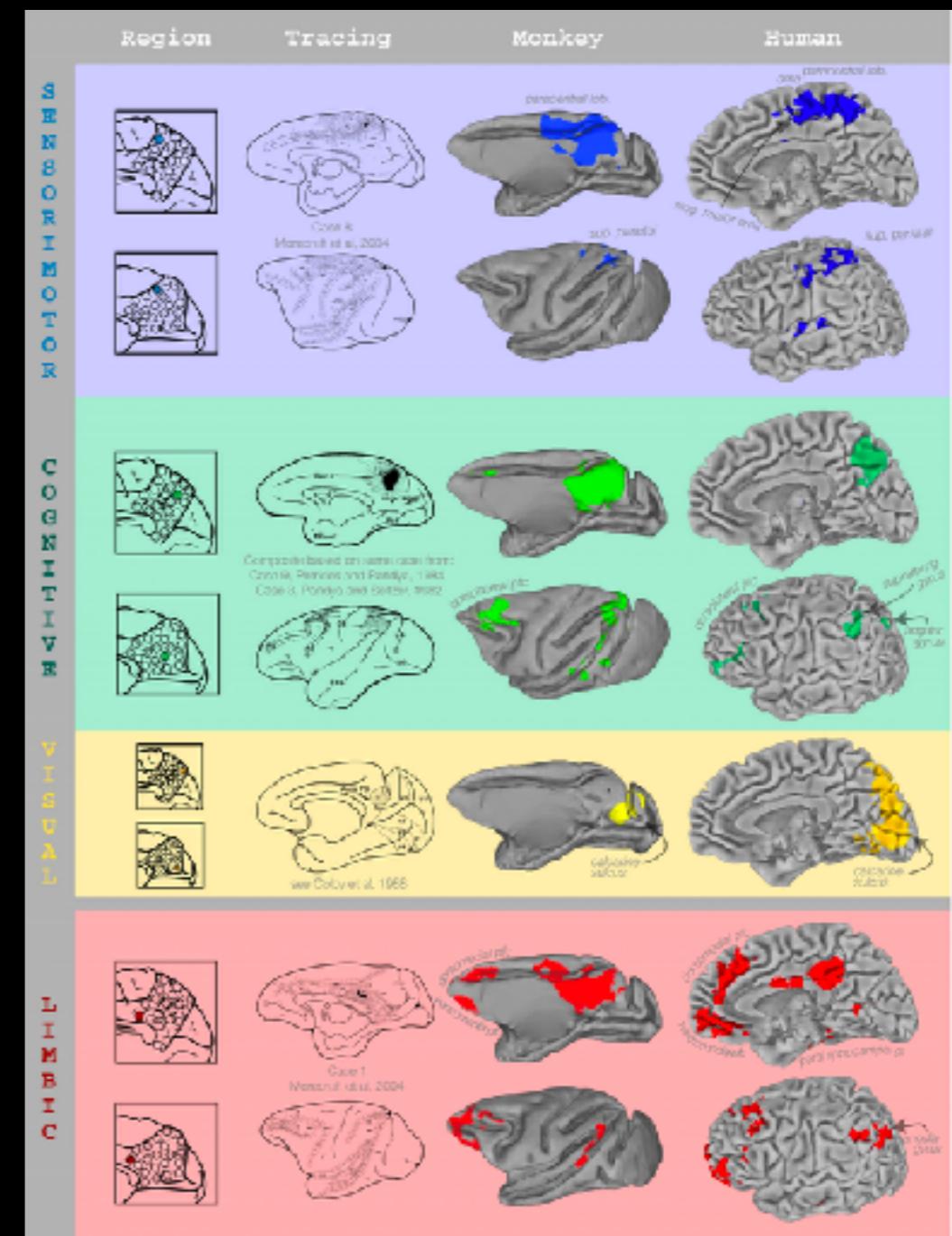
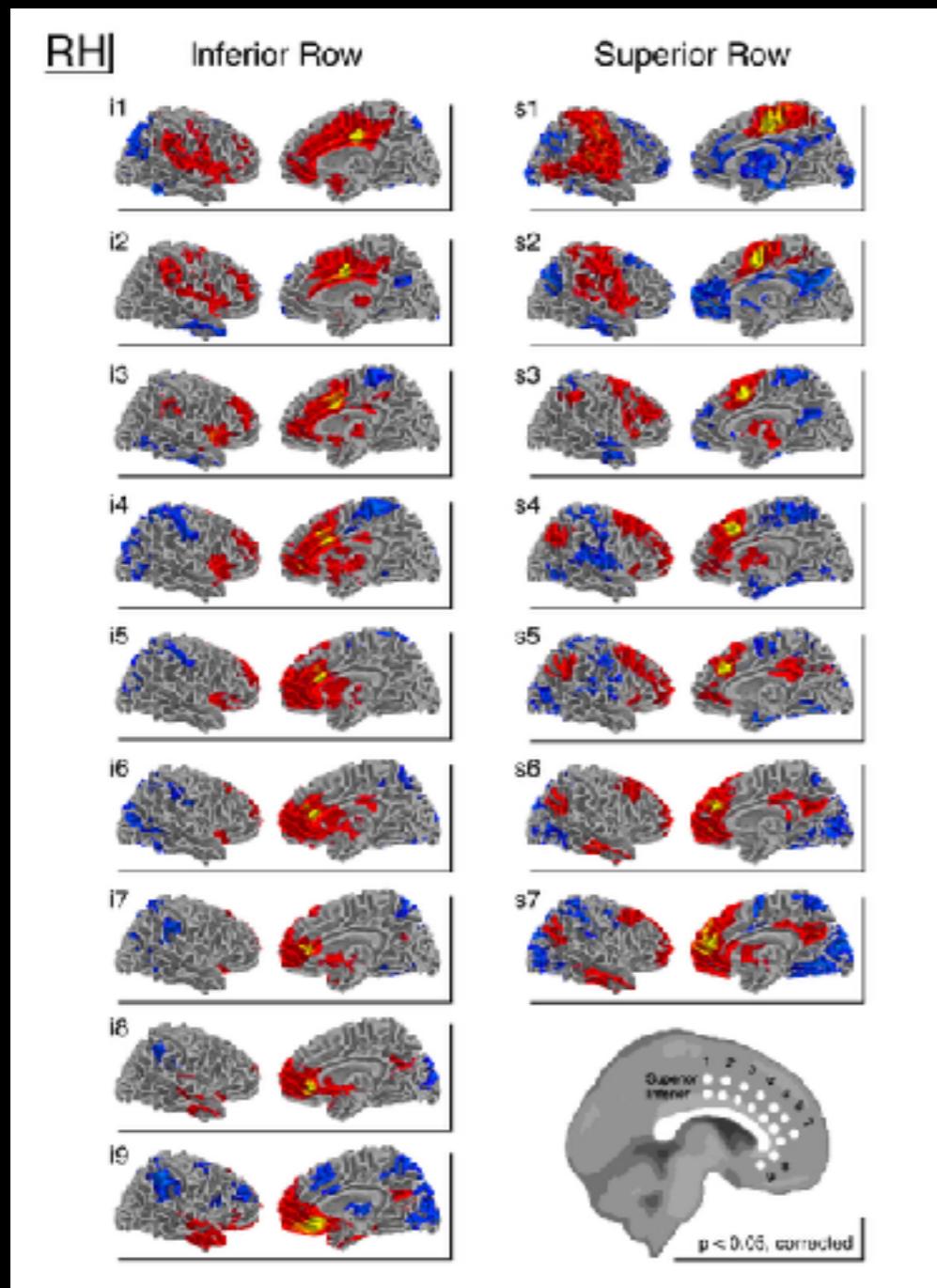
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SINGLE SEED ANALYSIS: VISUAL CORTEX



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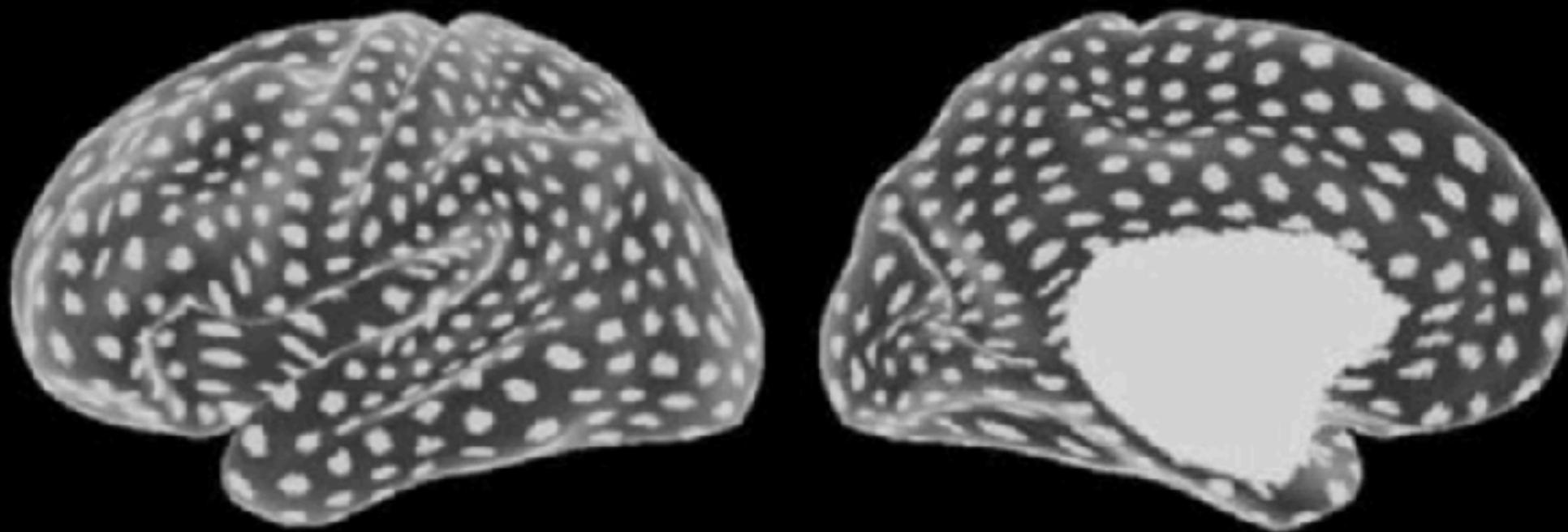
SYSTEMATIC SEEDING



Margulies et al 2007 NIMG

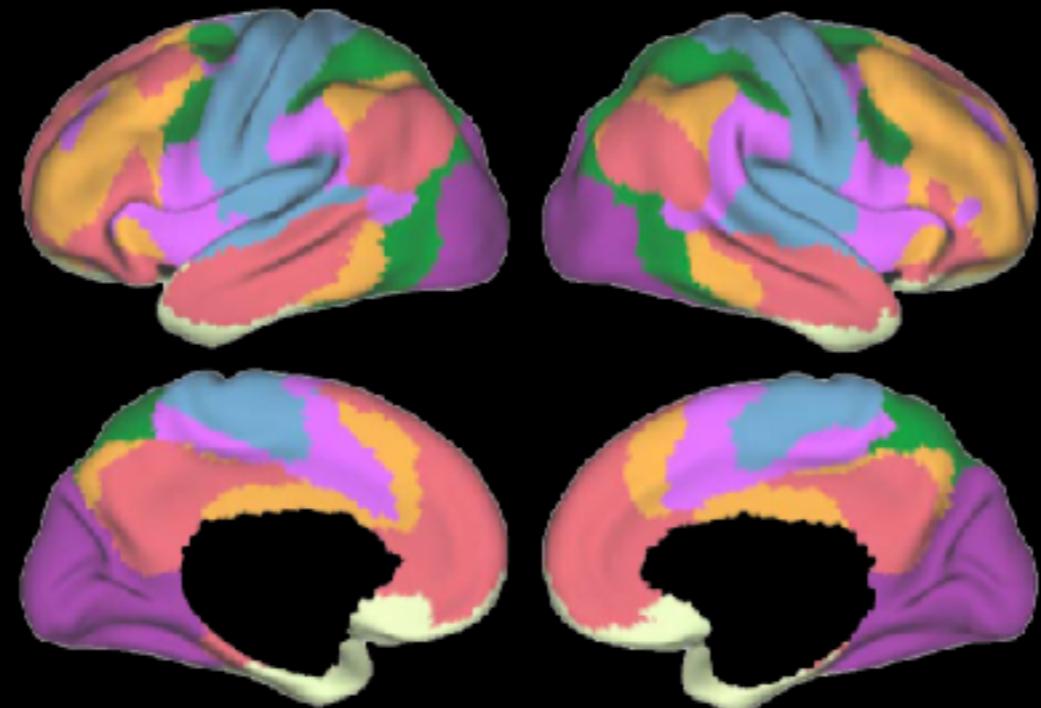
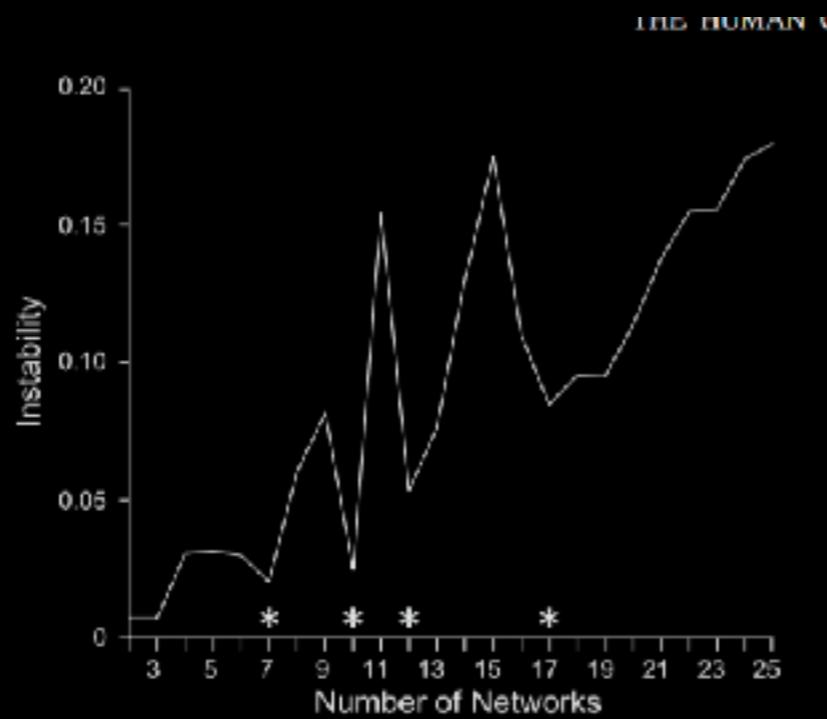
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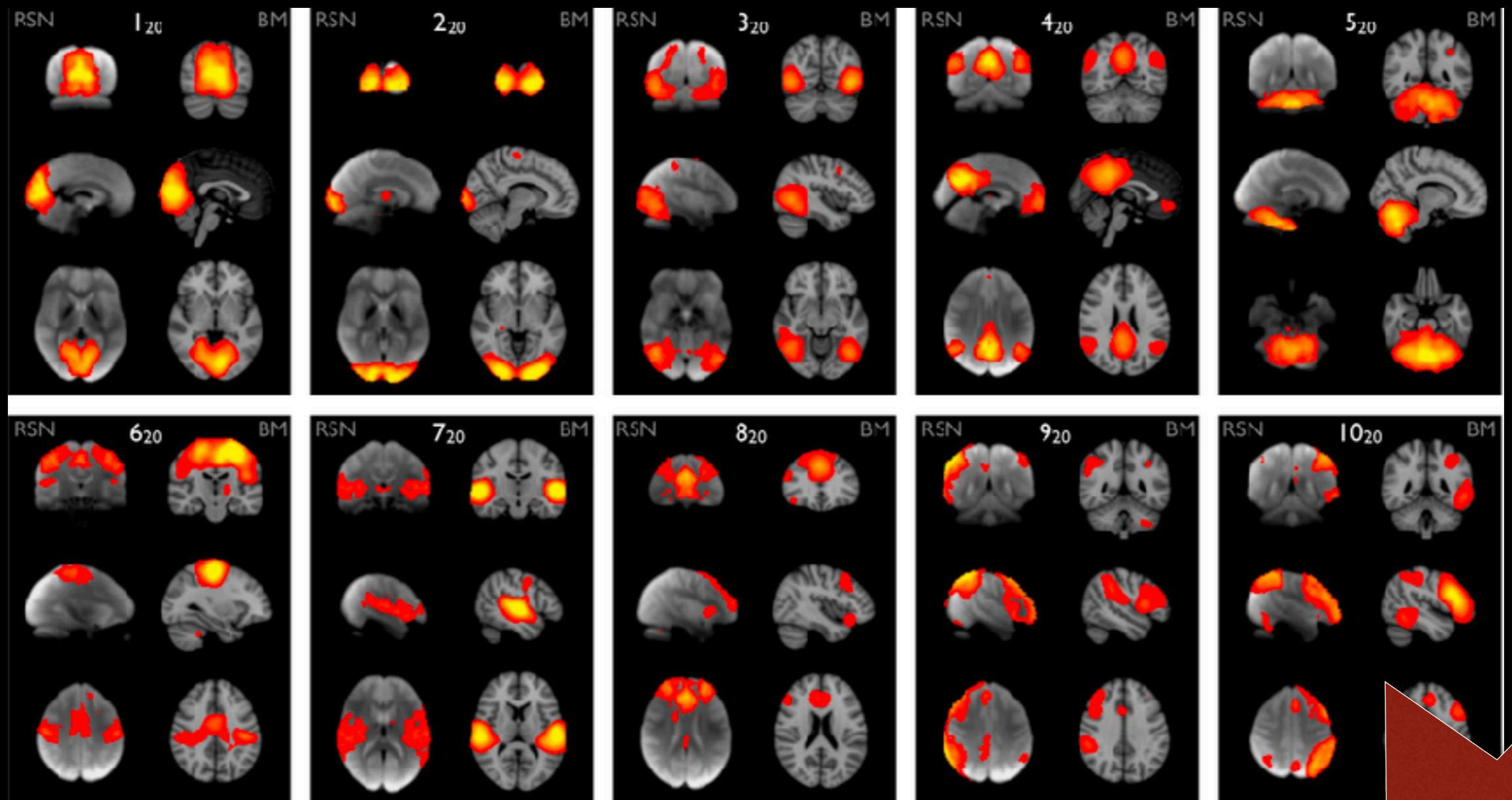


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WHOLE BRAIN NETWORK ANALYSES: COMMUNITY DETECTION

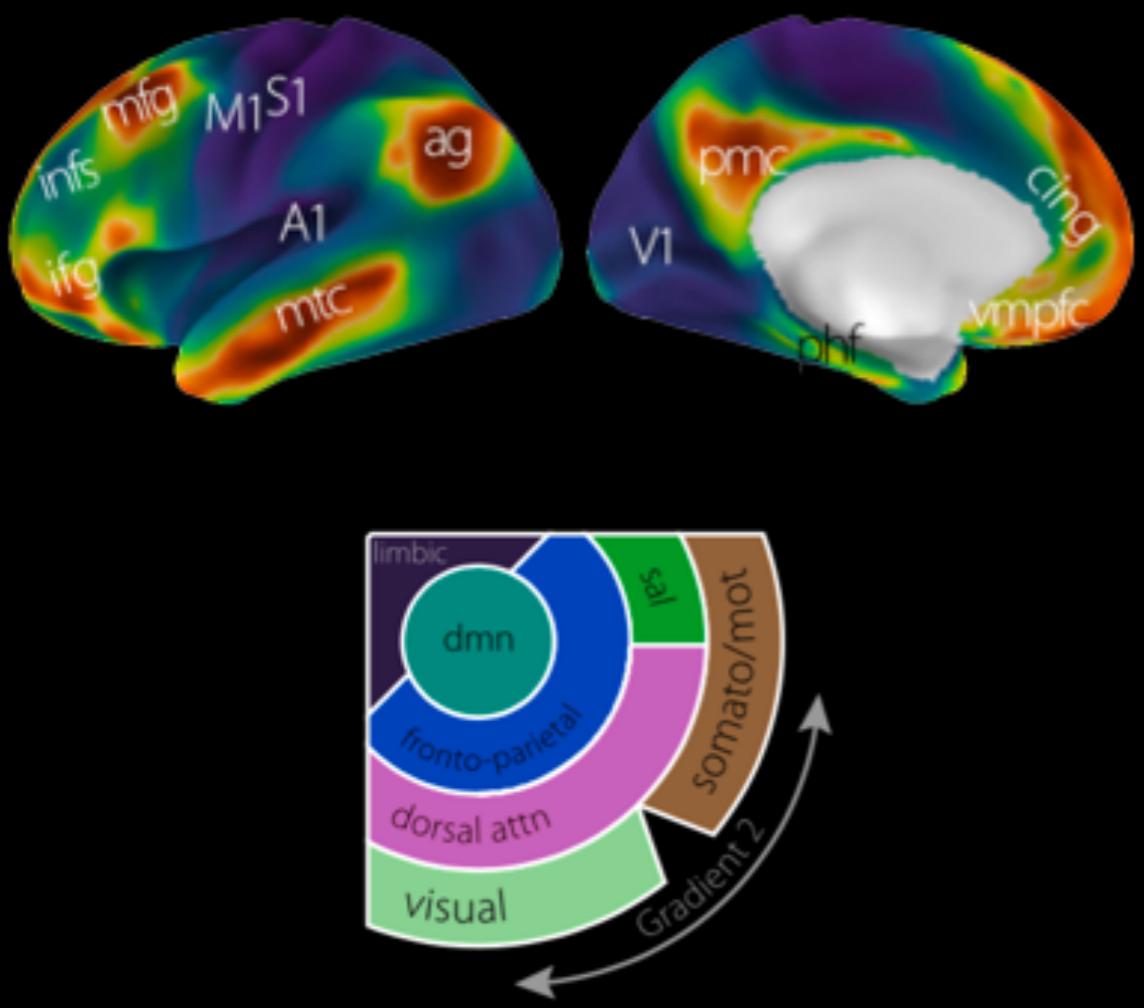


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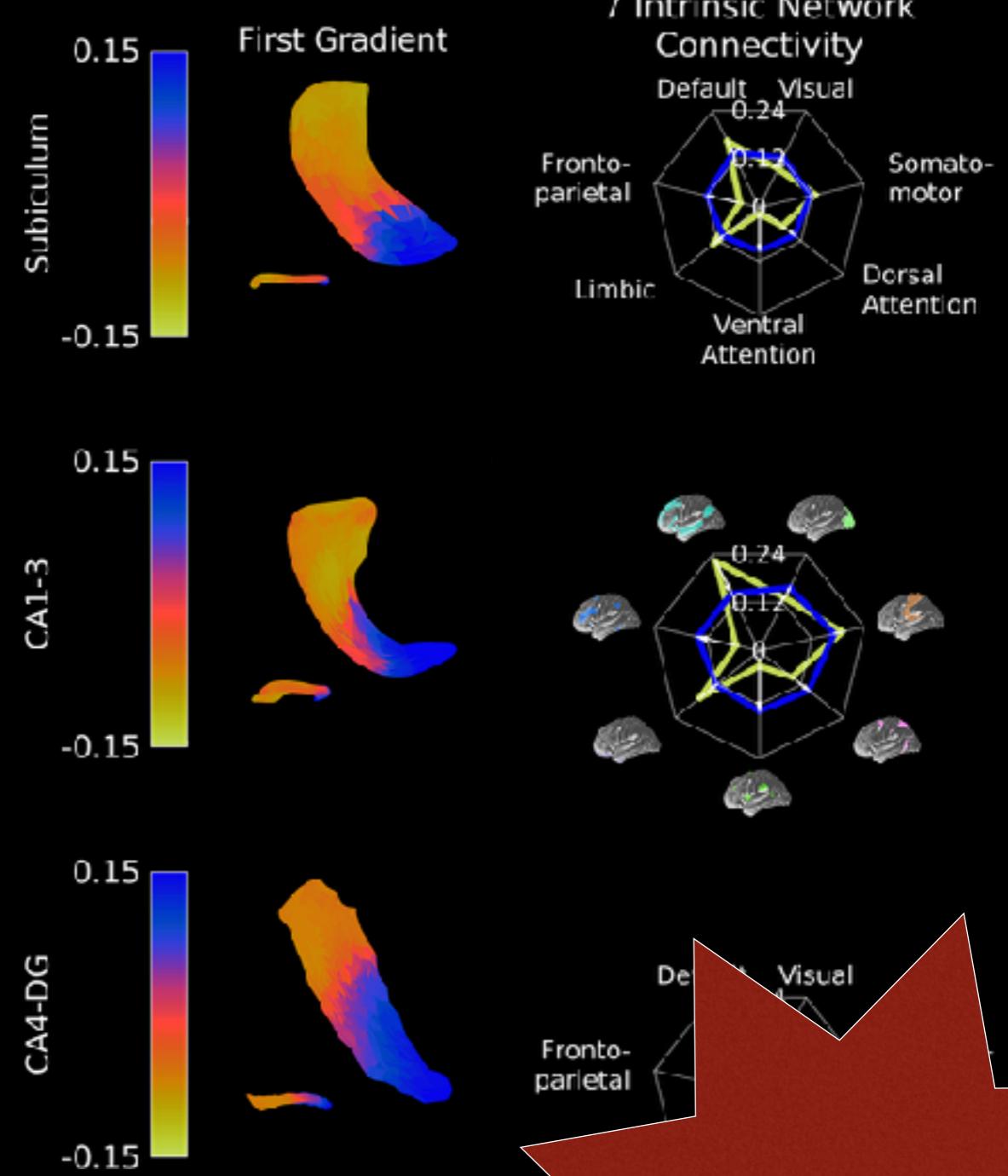


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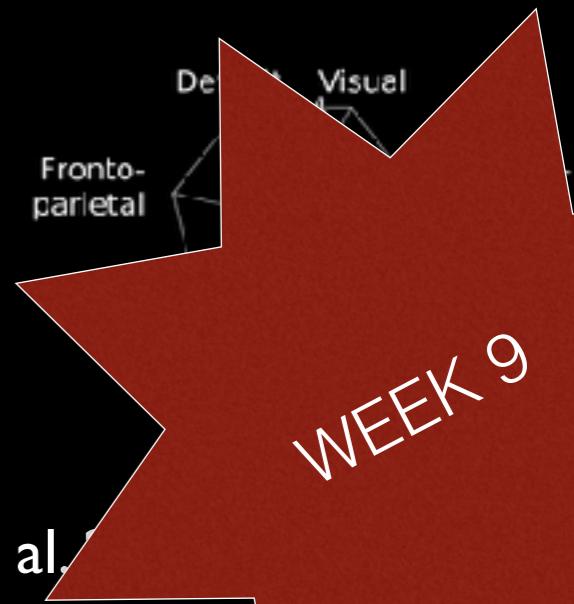
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Margulies et al. 2016 PNAS,



Vos de Wael et al. 2017



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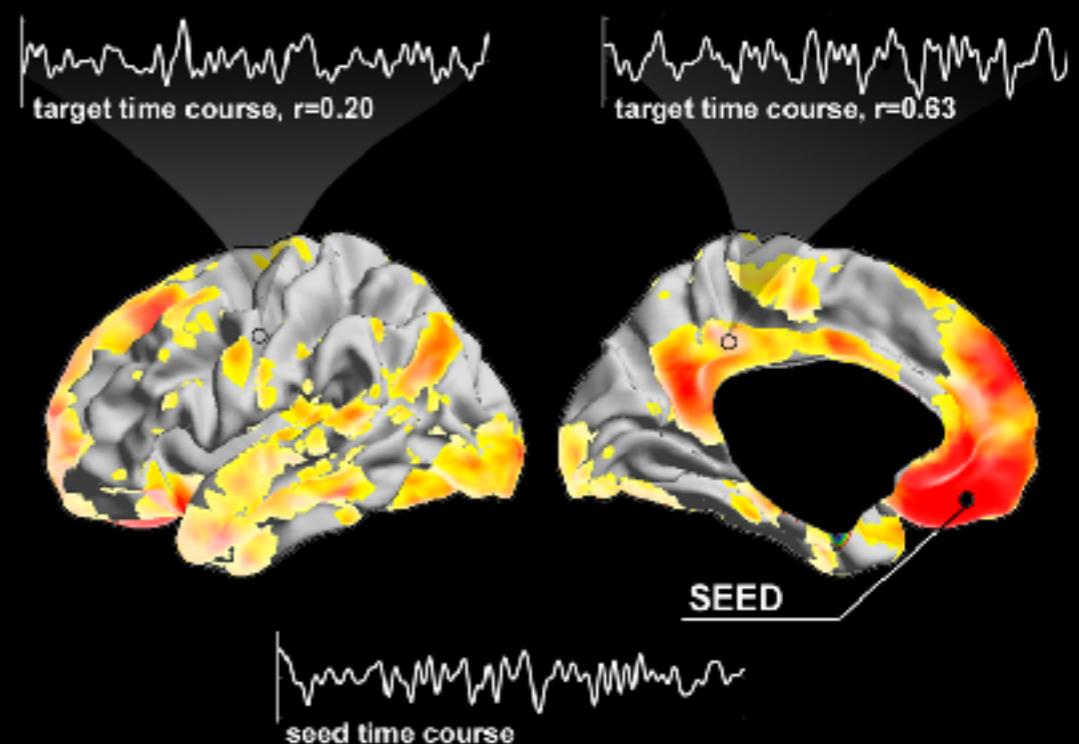
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STRUCTURAL COVARIANCE ANALYSIS
COVARIANCE, MATURATION, MICROSTRUCTURAL SIMILARITY

MRI COVARIANCE ANALYSIS

IDEA:
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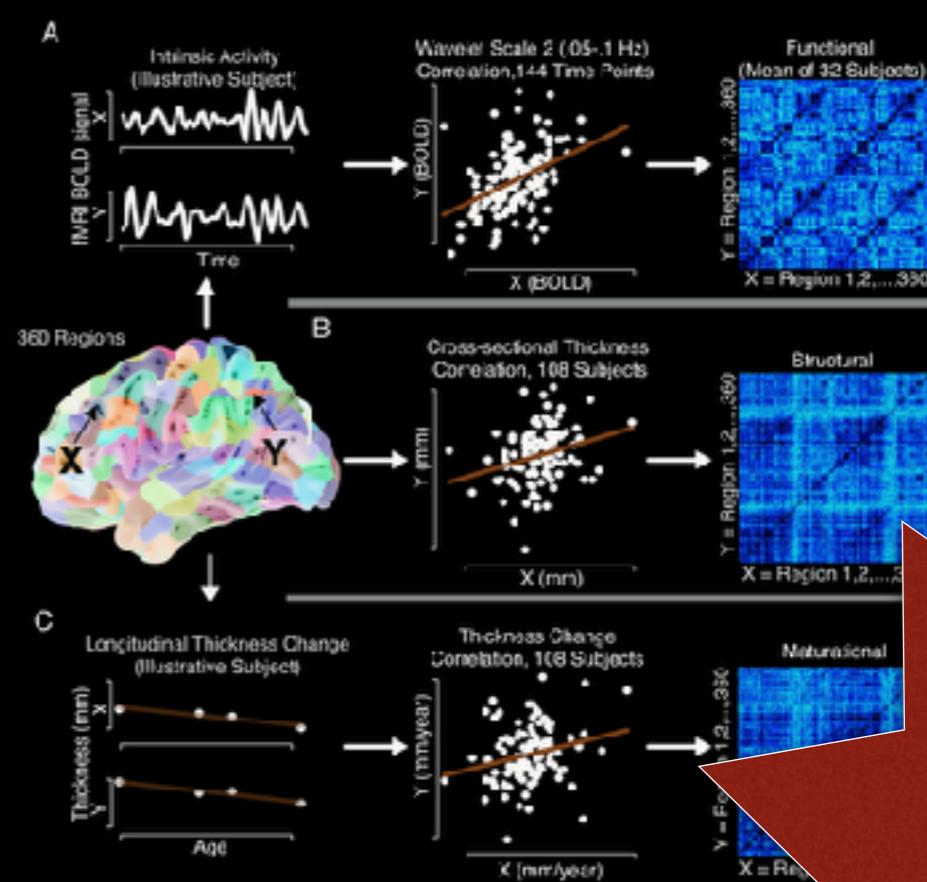
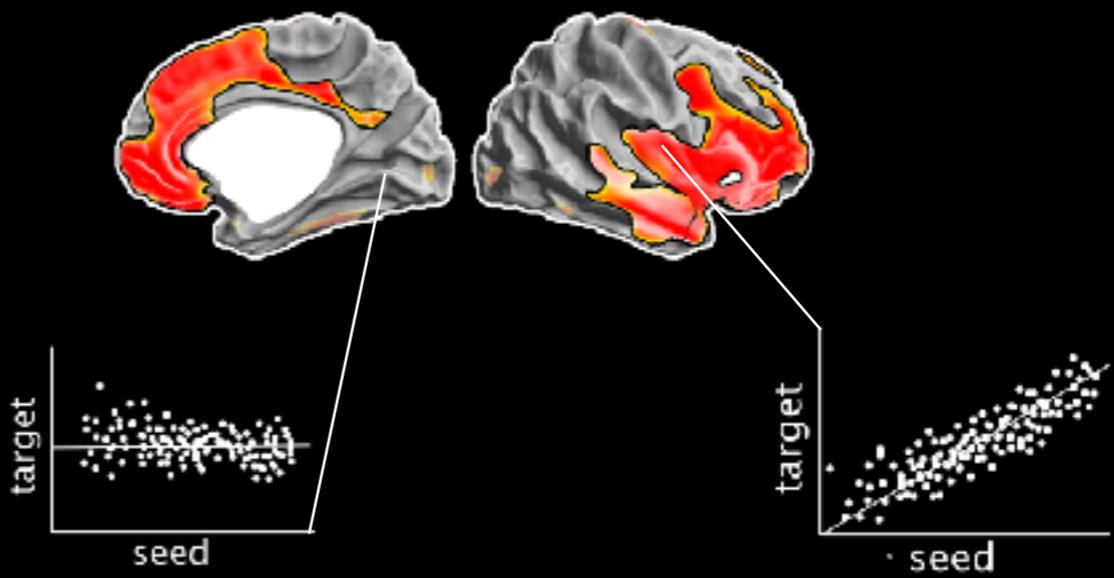
DIRECT SEEDING FROM GREY
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SIMPLE PREPROCESSING AND MODELLING

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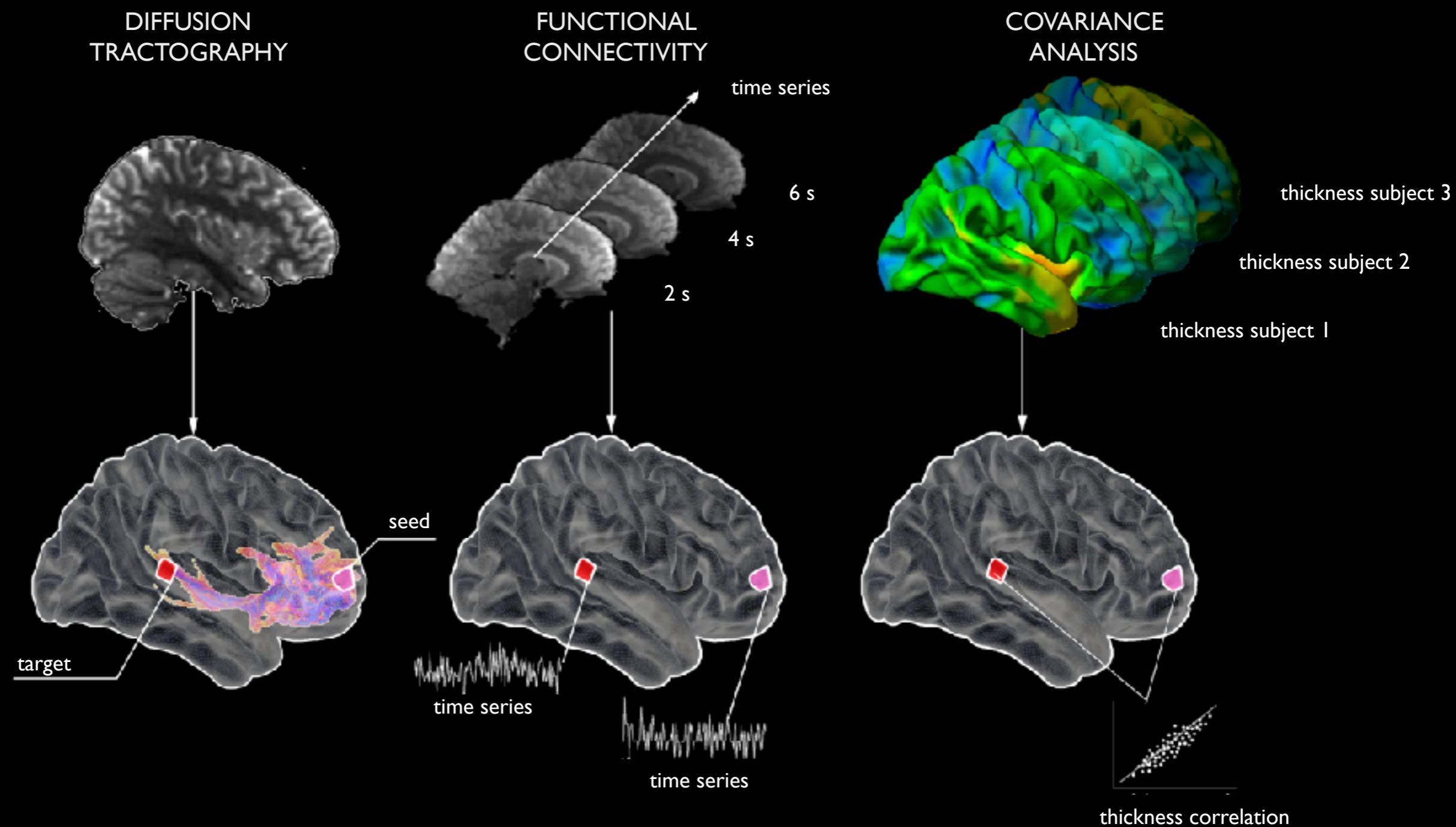
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CONNECTOME GENERATION

INTER-REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY ANALYSIS

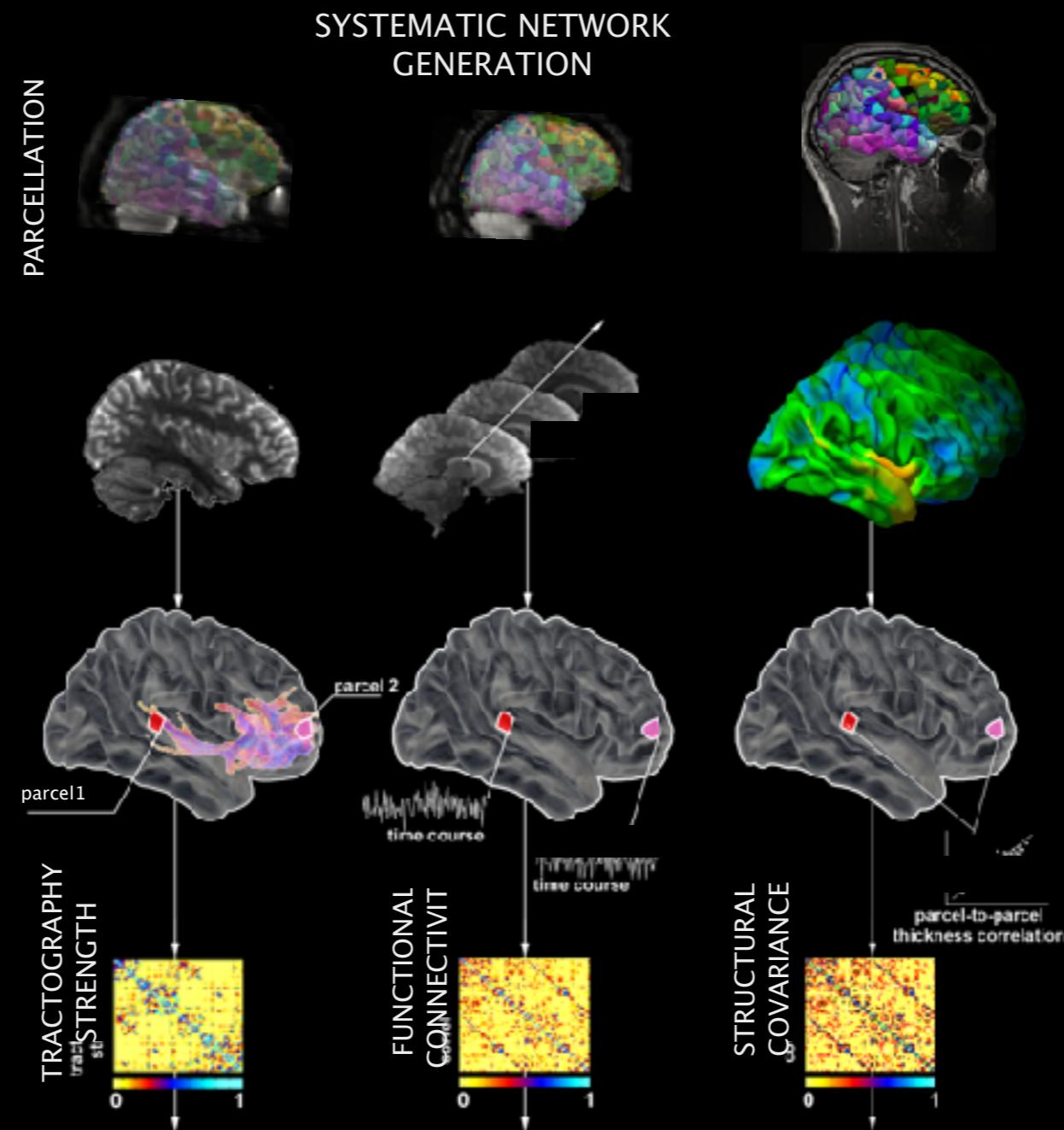


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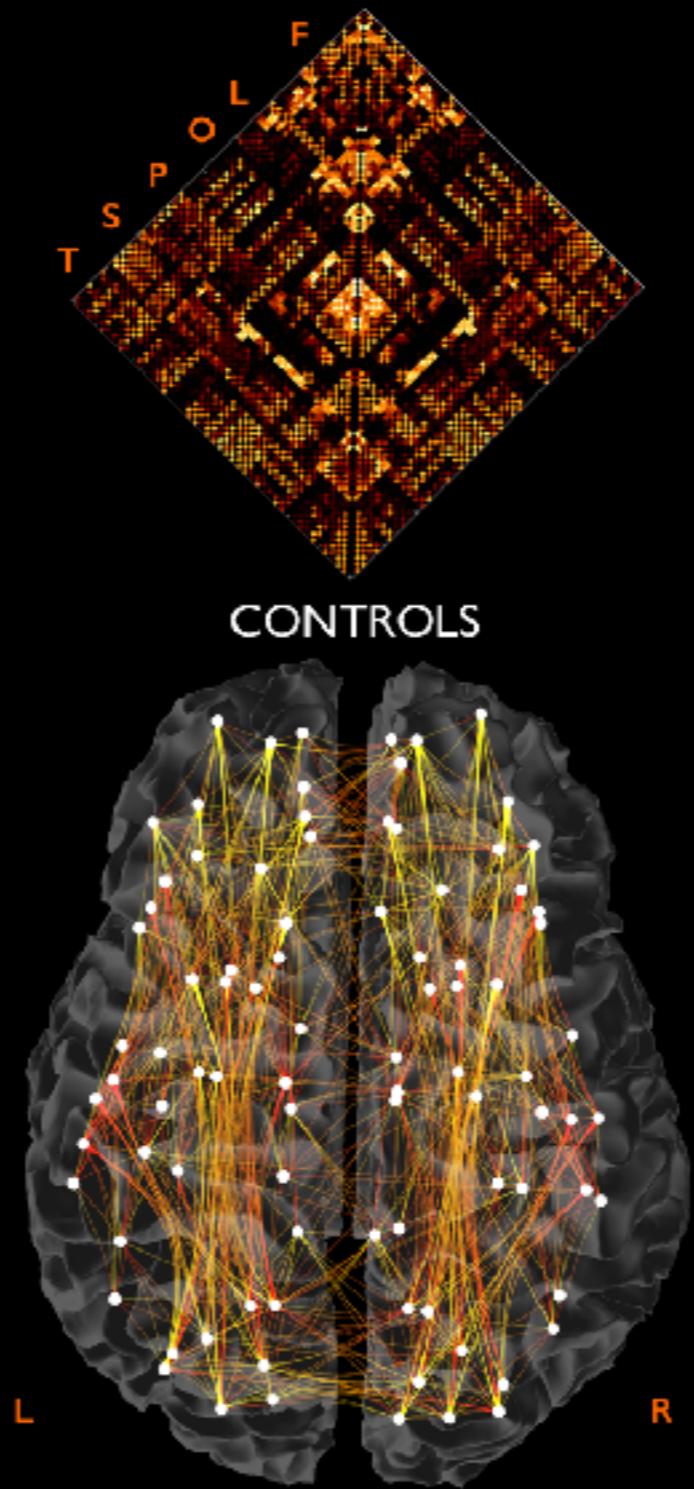
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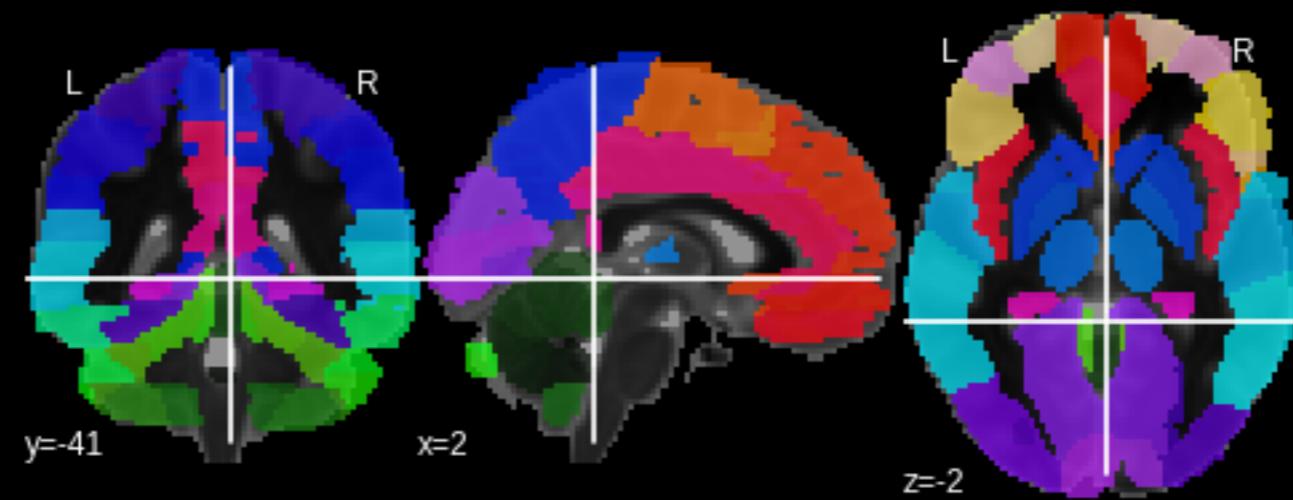
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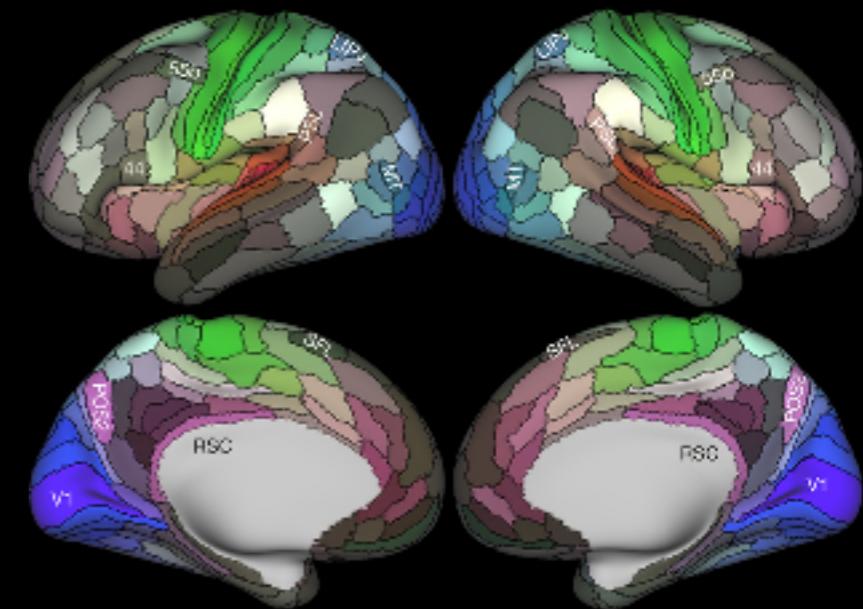
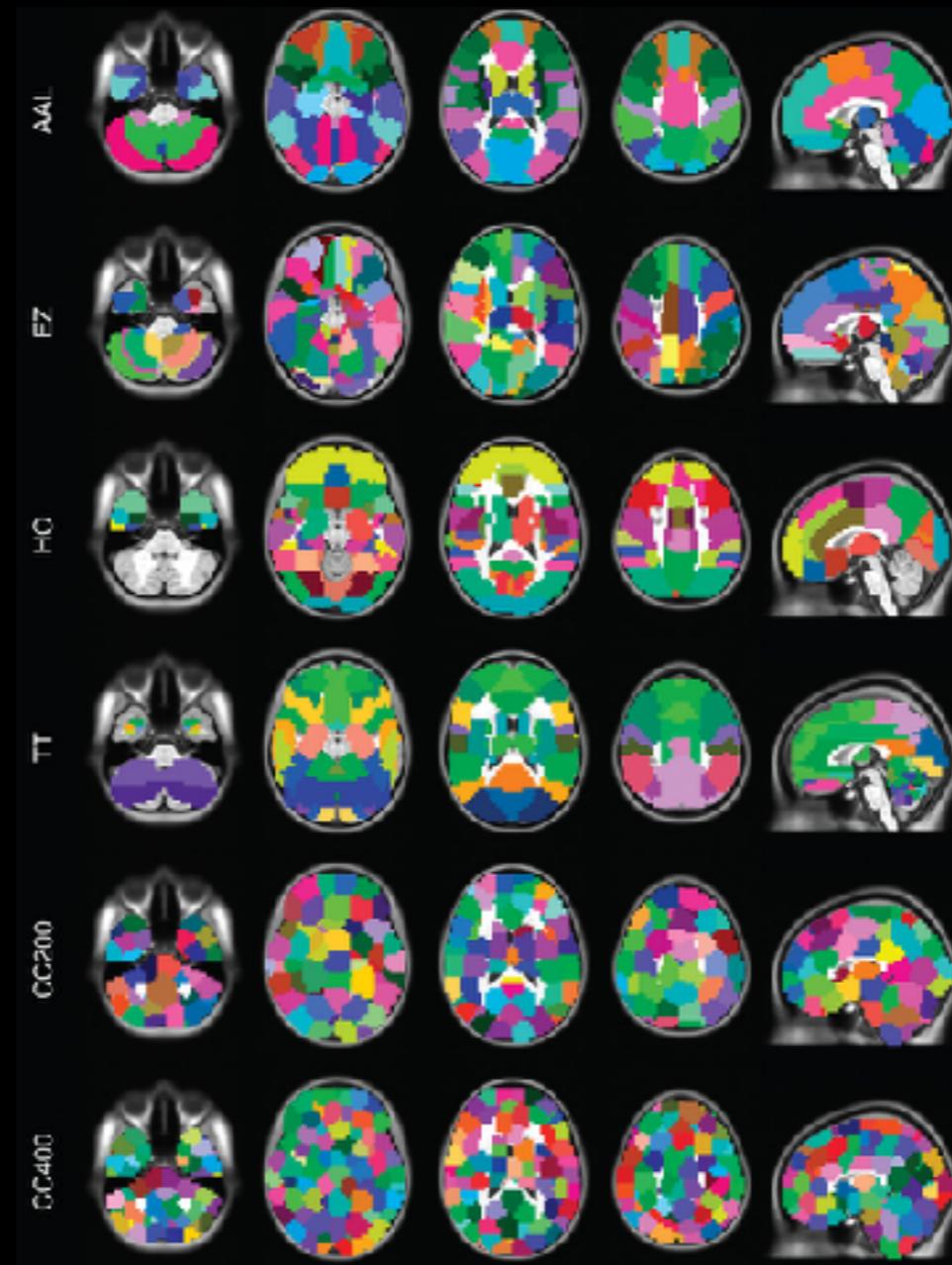
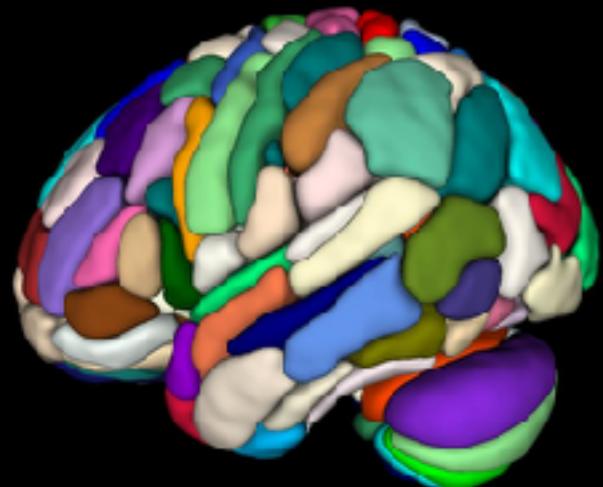
MATRICES AND GRAPHS



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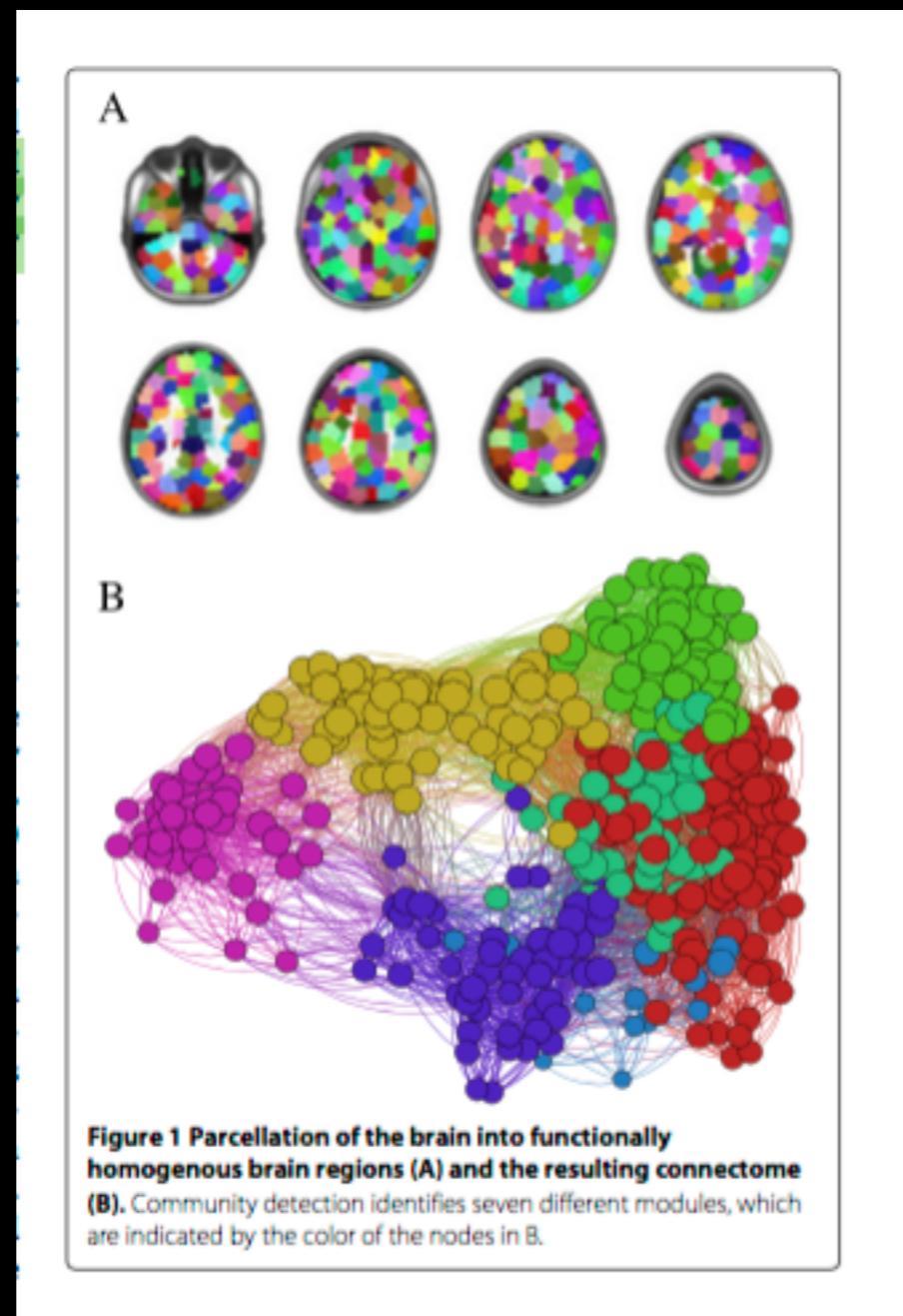
NEUROIMAGING TECHNIQUES MAP
FUNCTIONAL AND STRUCTURAL CONNECTIONS

COMPLEMENTARY TECHNIQUES:
DIFFUSION MRI TRACTOGRAPHY, RESTING-STATE FMRI CORRELATIONS, STRUCTURAL COVARIANCE

CONNECTOMES:
MATRICES GENERATED FROM SYSTEMATIC ROI-TO-ROI CONNECTIVITY ANALYSES

INFLUENCE OF PARCELLATION ON FINDINGS:
AAL78, CRADDOCK200, GLASSER360, ...

CRADDOCK



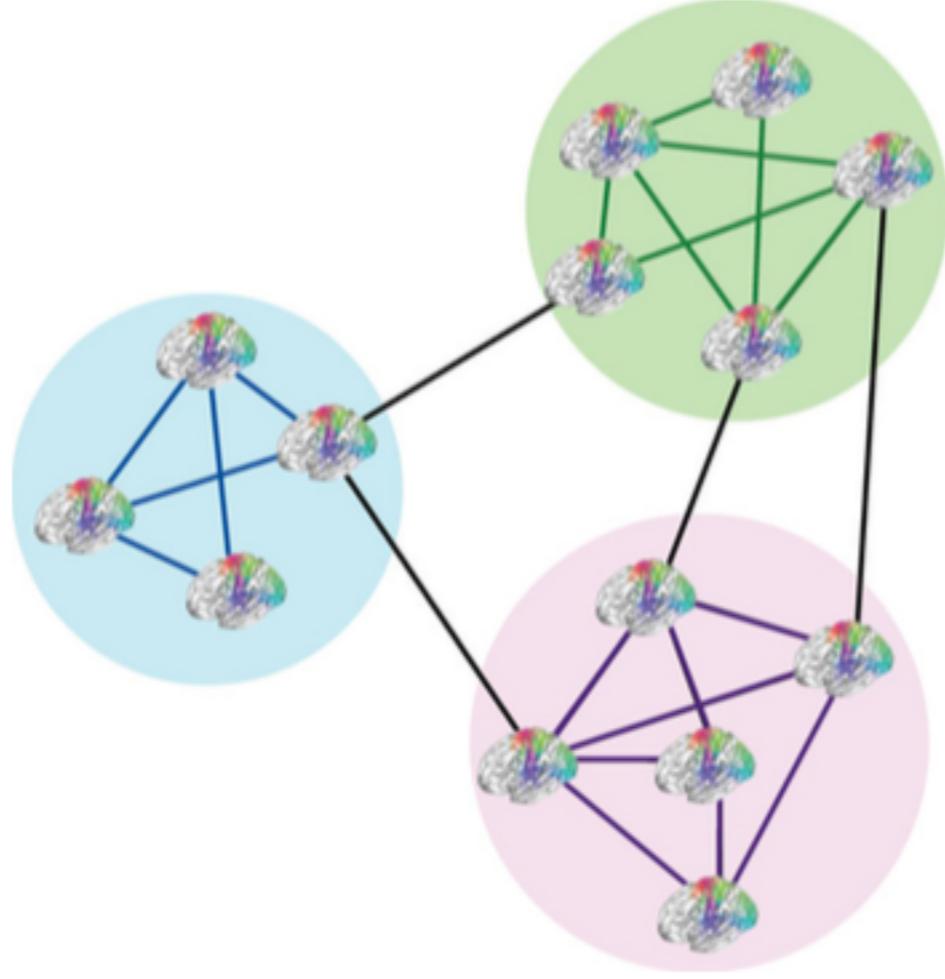


Figure 2 Identifying communities based on neurophenotypes. Brain glyphs provide succinct representations of whole brain functional connectivity [85].

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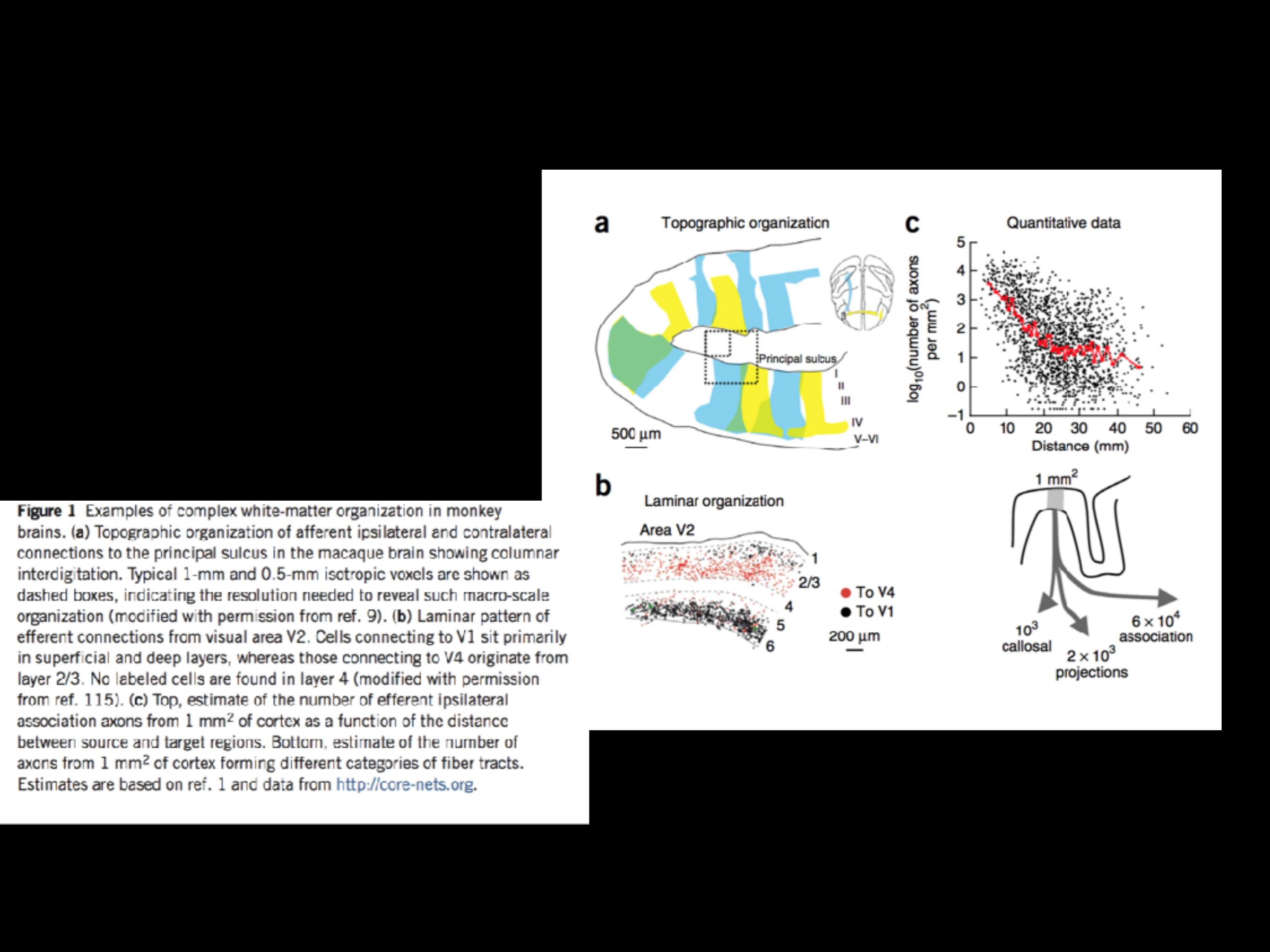


Figure 2 Diffusion MRI and tractography. (a) A coronal section through a human brain (left) and estimated fiber orientations from diffusion MRI data (right). Voxel-wise fibers are color-coded according to their orientation (red = left-right, green = anterior-posterior, blue = ventral-dorsal). Major fiber bundles can be visualized on the orientation maps (cing = cingulum bundle, cc = corpus callosum, cst = cortico-spinal tract, slf = superior longitudinal fasciculus). Note the many voxels with multiple orientation estimates (crossing fibers) allowing the major bundles to cross each other. Tractography algorithms use this type of local orientation estimates to infer long trajectories of white matter bundles. Data are from the Human Connectome Project^{65,116}. (b) Probabilistic tractography of the corpus callosum pathways consists of constructing a spatial histogram that represents the likelihood that streamlines, through the diffusion field, pass through any voxel of the brain. The scenario of a single fiber orientation in a voxel is not always representative of the underlying anatomy. Crossings of fiber bundles are very common in white matter. The figure shows probability maps arising from the body of the corpus callosum when modeling multiple versus single fiber orientations. Ignoring fiber crossings gives rise to many false negatives (the lateral callosal projections are missing), but also false positives (paths merging with the internal capsule). (c) Ambiguities in modeling voxel-wise fiber orientations. Four different putative voxel-wise patterns of axonal organization can give rise to the same diffusion scatter pattern when averaged over a voxel. Top left, bending fibers; top right, 'kissing' fibers; bottom left, inter-digitated fibers; bottom right, 'touching' fibers. Simple crossing fiber modeling cannot distinguish these cases, which may lead to false positive and false negative connections. Figure reproduced with permission from ref. 117.

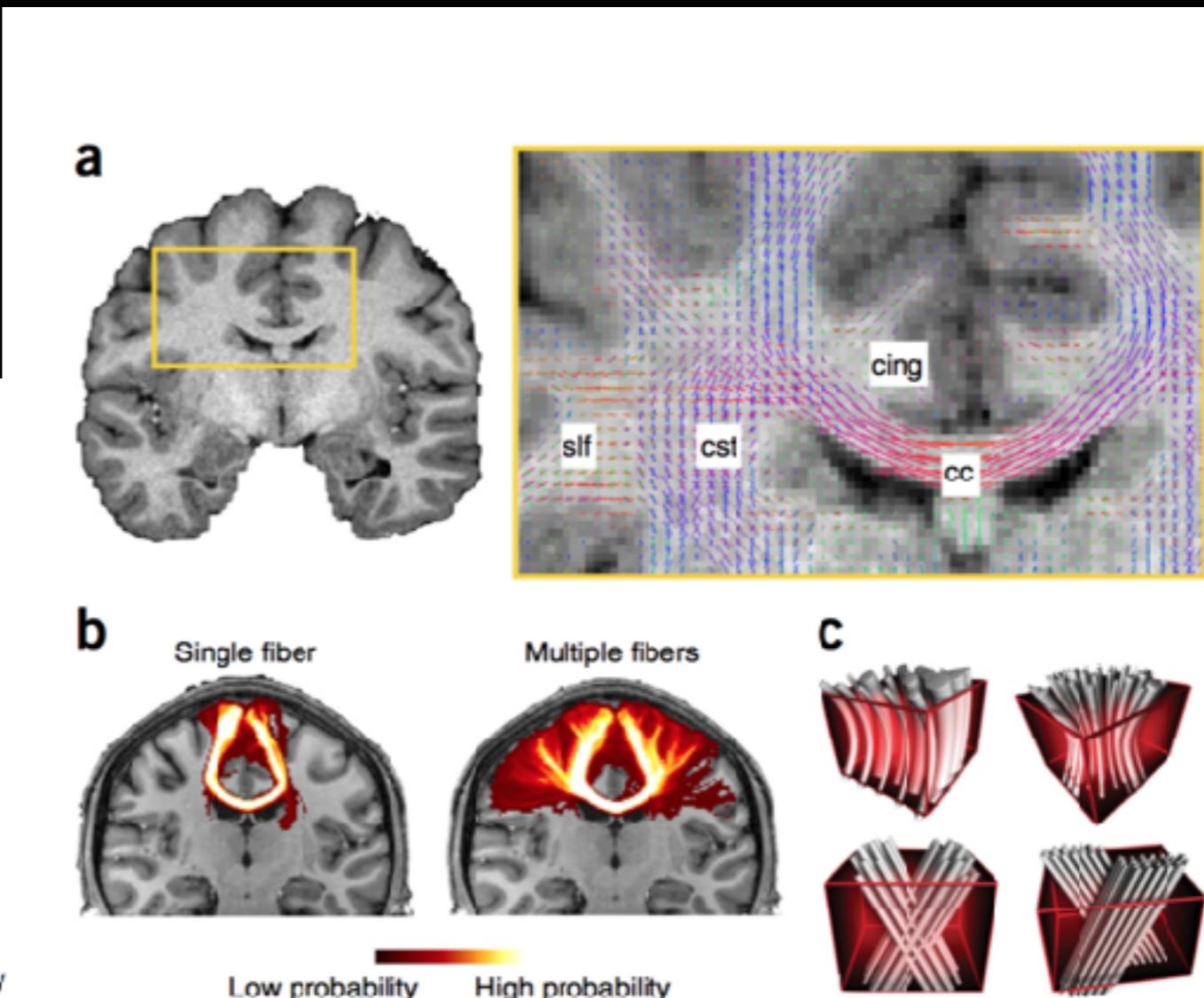


Figure 3 Textbook and estimated cortico-cerebellar connections using functional and diffusion MRI.

(a) Multi-synaptic efferent (blue) and afferent (red) cerebellar connections decussate at the level of the pons.

(b) Resting-state functional connectivity of motor cortical regions to cerebellum (foot, hand and face area as green, red and blue, respectively).

The somatotopic organization is evident, but notice that, except for the hand area, homolog seed areas in the right and left hemisphere may yield almost identical connectivity results. (c) Diffusion MRI tractography streamlines when

seeding from the hand area of the primary motor cortex. Tractography reconstructs the correct paths, but fails to decussate at the pons as a result of the smoothness constraints used in tracking algorithms.

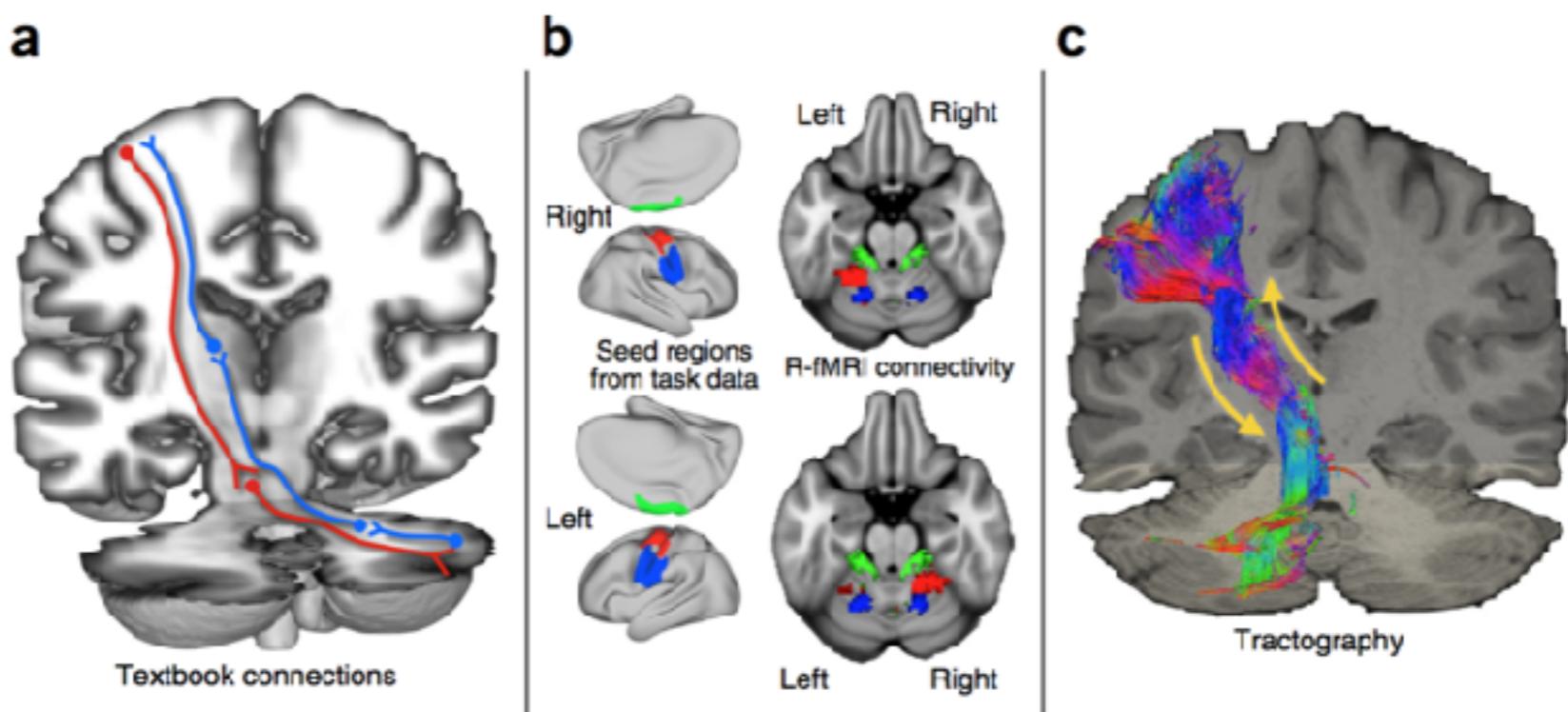


Figure 4 Agreement between functional and structural connectivity in measuring connections in human and macaques.

(a–c) Connectivity maps for area IPS3 obtained from data acquired for the Human Connectome Project⁶⁵ (average connectivity of 40 unrelated subjects). (a) Functional connectivity using correlations of R-fMRI time series. (b) Functional connectivity using correlations of activations across multiple tasks (7 tasks and 42 contrasts). (c) Structural connectivity using diffusion MRI and probabilistic tractography.

(d) Map of voxels exhibiting BOLD

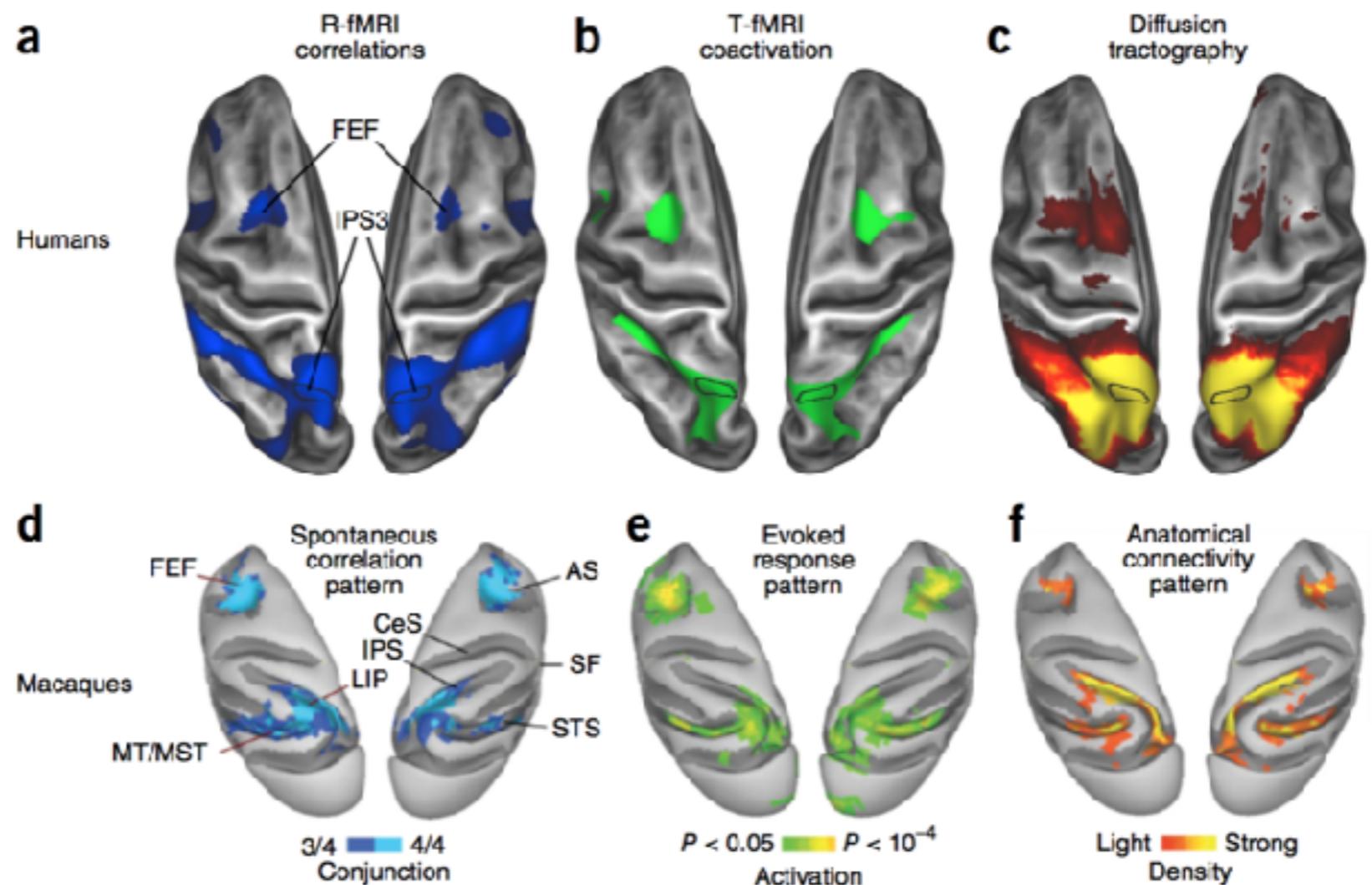
correlations in spontaneous activity amongst at least three of four regions of the oculomotor system in the anesthetized macaque (dorsal views, AS: arcuate sulcus, CeS: central sulcus, FEF: frontal eye fields, IPS: intraparietal sulcus,

LIP: lateral intraparietal area, MT: middle temporal area, SF: sylvian fissure,

STS: superior temporal sulcus). (e)

Activation

pattern evoked by performance of a saccadic eye movement task (average of two monkeys). (f) Density of cells labeled by retrograde tracer injections into LIP (average of three monkeys). Images in d–f are adapted with permission from ref. 63.



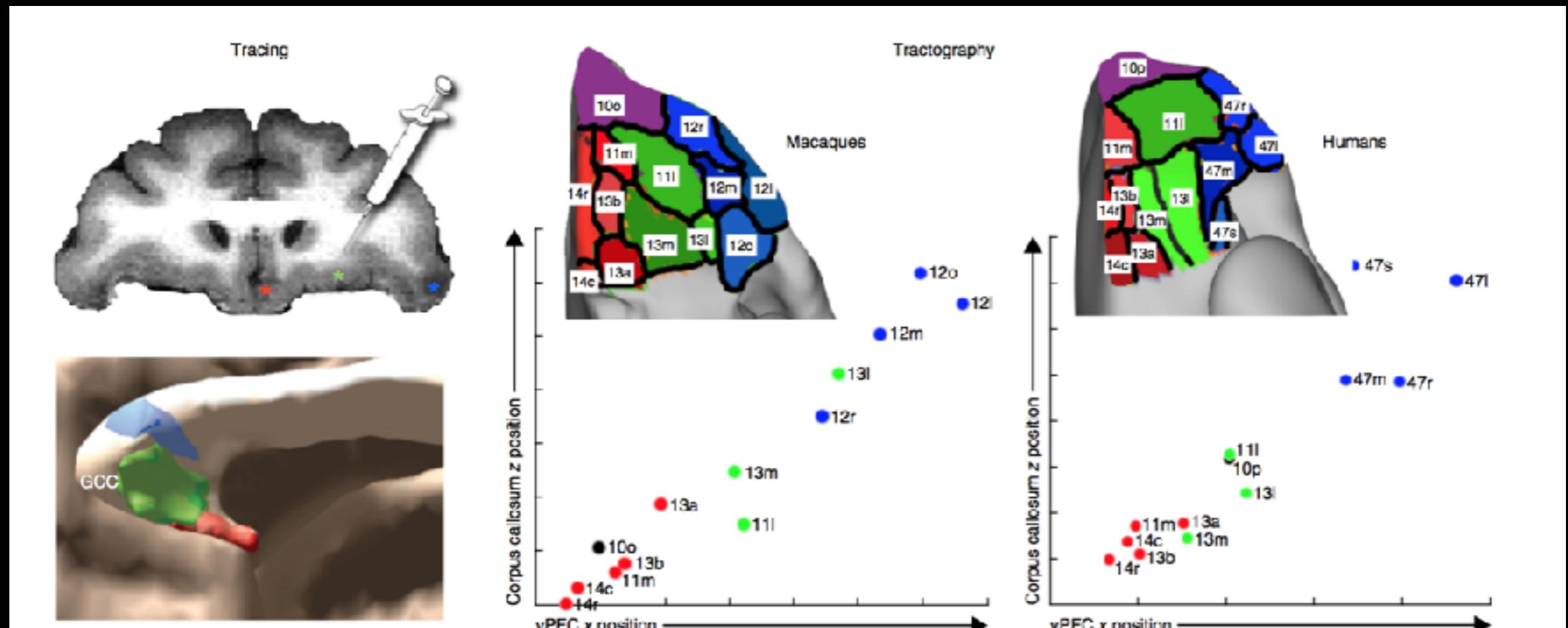


Figure 5 Testing generic organization principles using tractography. Injection of tracers into three locations of the macaque vPFC reveals that the medial-lateral position of the injection sites in the vPFC dictates the relative position of the corresponding pathways in the genu of the corpus callosum (GCC). Tractography is then utilized to test and confirm that this pattern is generalizable to the entire vPFC, both in macaques and humans. The scatter plots show the positions of the centers of gravity of the vPFC seed regions plotted against the centers of gravity of the pathways. It is clear that the *x* position (medial-lateral) of the seed regions correlates significantly with the *z* position (ventral-dorsal) of the corpus callosum projections. The insets show subdivisions of the vPFC into 13 regions according to ref. 105 for macaques and ref. 104 for humans. The regions are colored in red, green and blue according to their approximate medial-dorsal positions for ease of visualization. Figure adapted with permission from refs. 26,69.



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