

# **QA Process**

Reward Structural Data

# Purpose

Analysis of mean cortical thickness and surface area data within Cortical ROIs

Data:

- Day2
- Fndm
- Nodra
- Effort

# Outline

Introduction to FreeSurfer

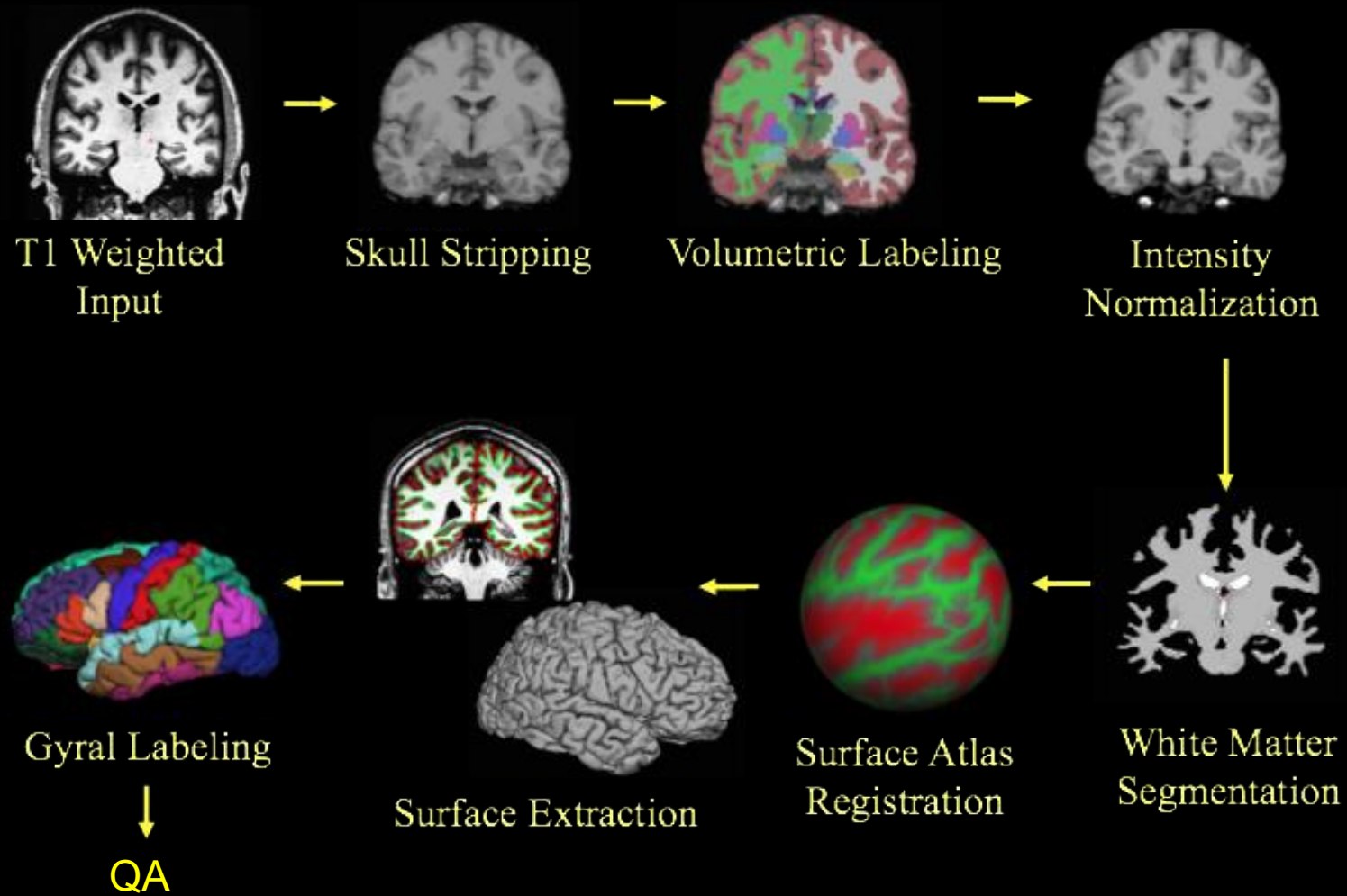
QA Methods

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  - Results

Final Results

# **Introduction to FreeSurfer**

## Processing Stream Overview



# FreeSurfer Output

Quantitative

Cortical

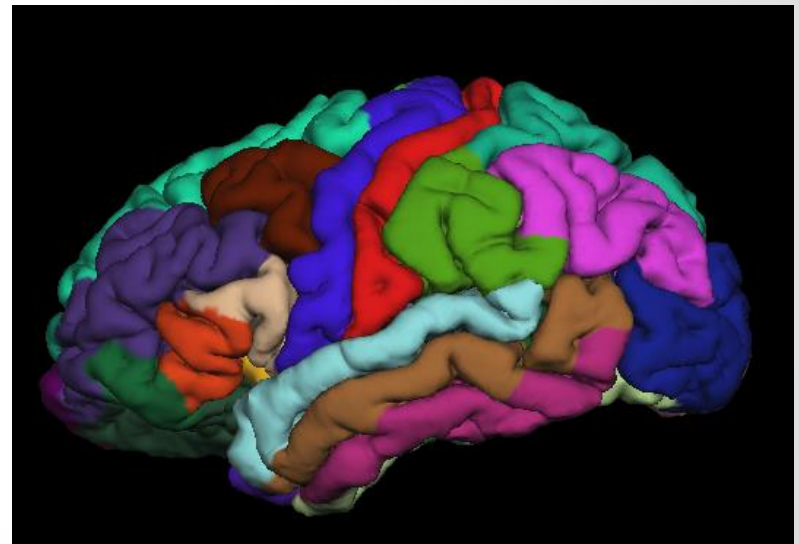
Thickness

Surface Area

Curvature

Depth

External Construction



# **QA Methods**

# ENIGMA QA Structure

34 cortical ROIs

0 Subcortical ROIs (previous subset)

Flag outliers using R

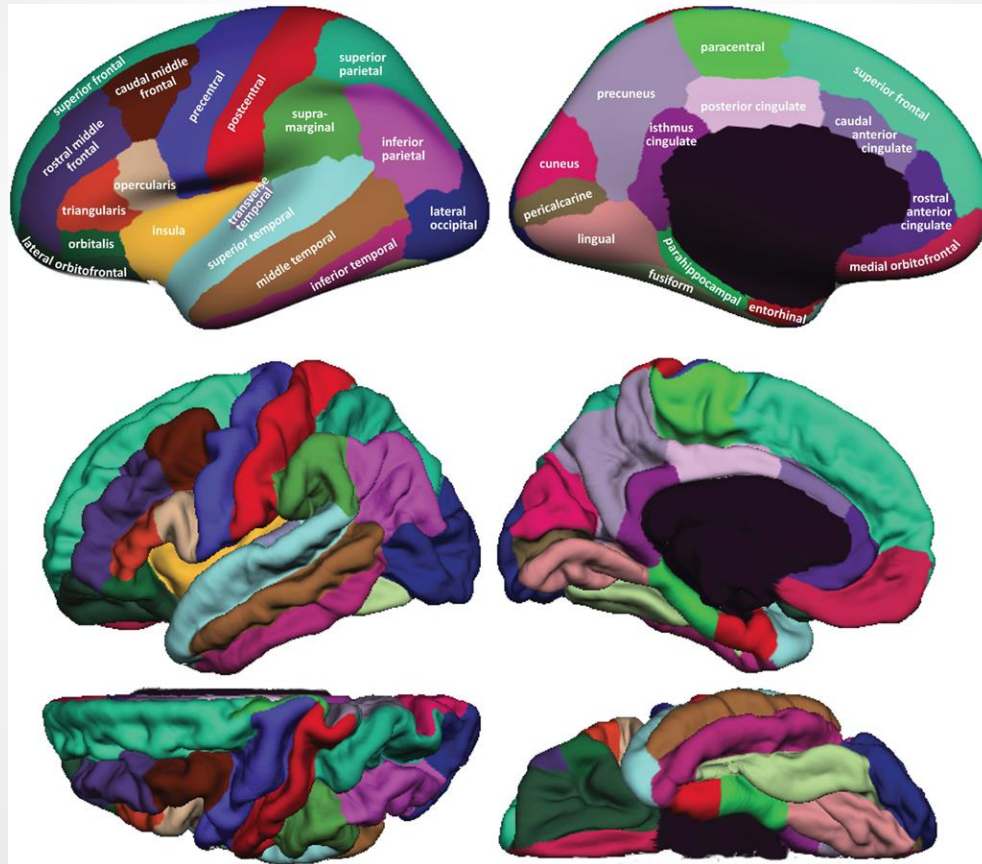
- 2 SD for each respective measure

External method

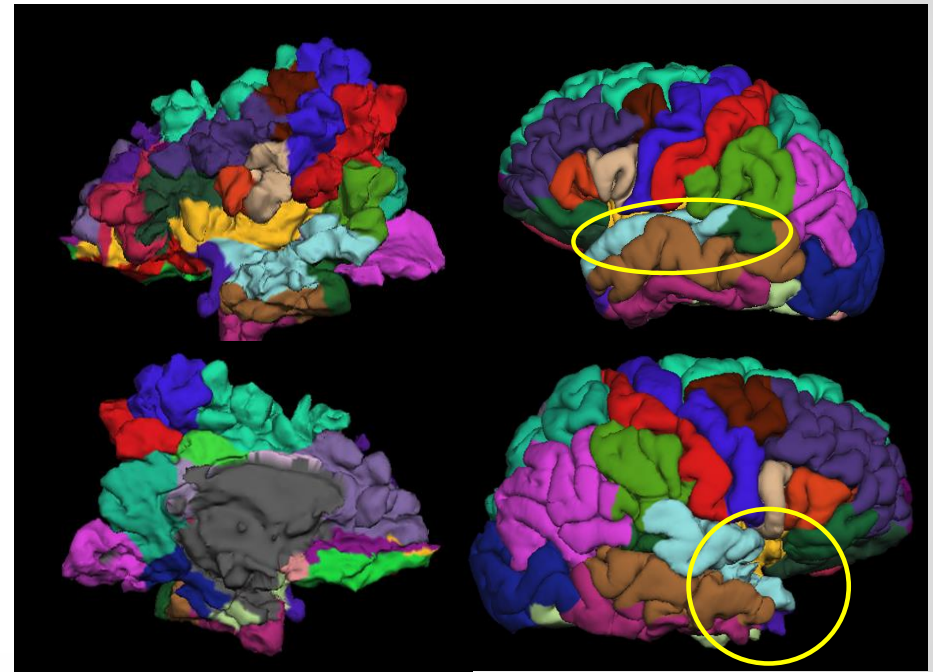
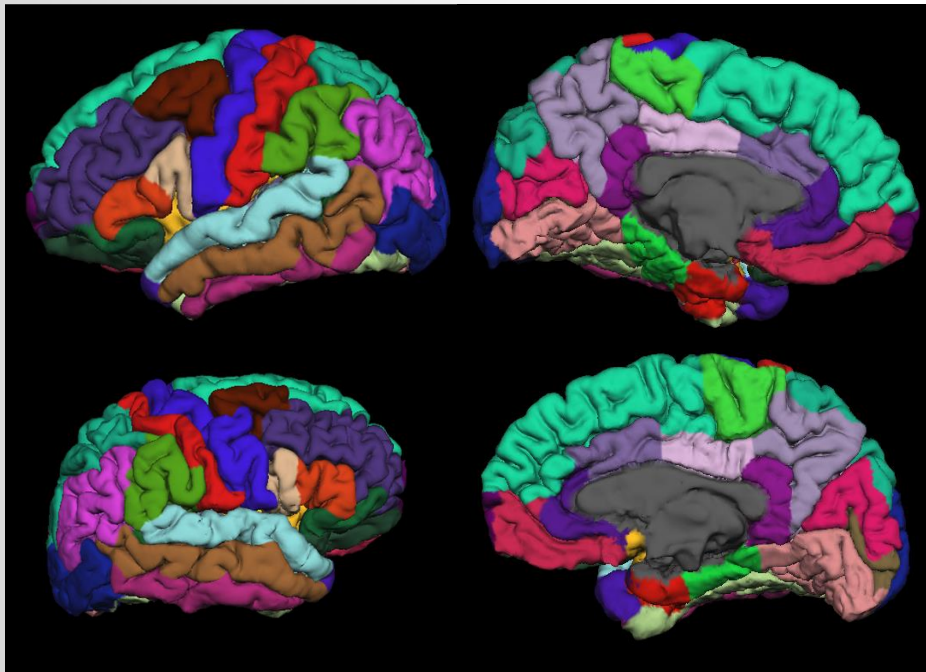
- visual inspection of lateral and medial snapshots of pial surface reconstructions



# Visual Inspection



# ENIGMA Output



# ENIGMA Results

## Subject Level ROIs Flagged

- Thickness: 0.716%
- Surface Area: 0.888%

## Excluded

- Thickness: 0.91%
- Surface Area: 1.04%

Total subjects excluded: 2

# BBL QA Structure

Quantitative approach: considers both whole-brain and ROI-based statistical measures

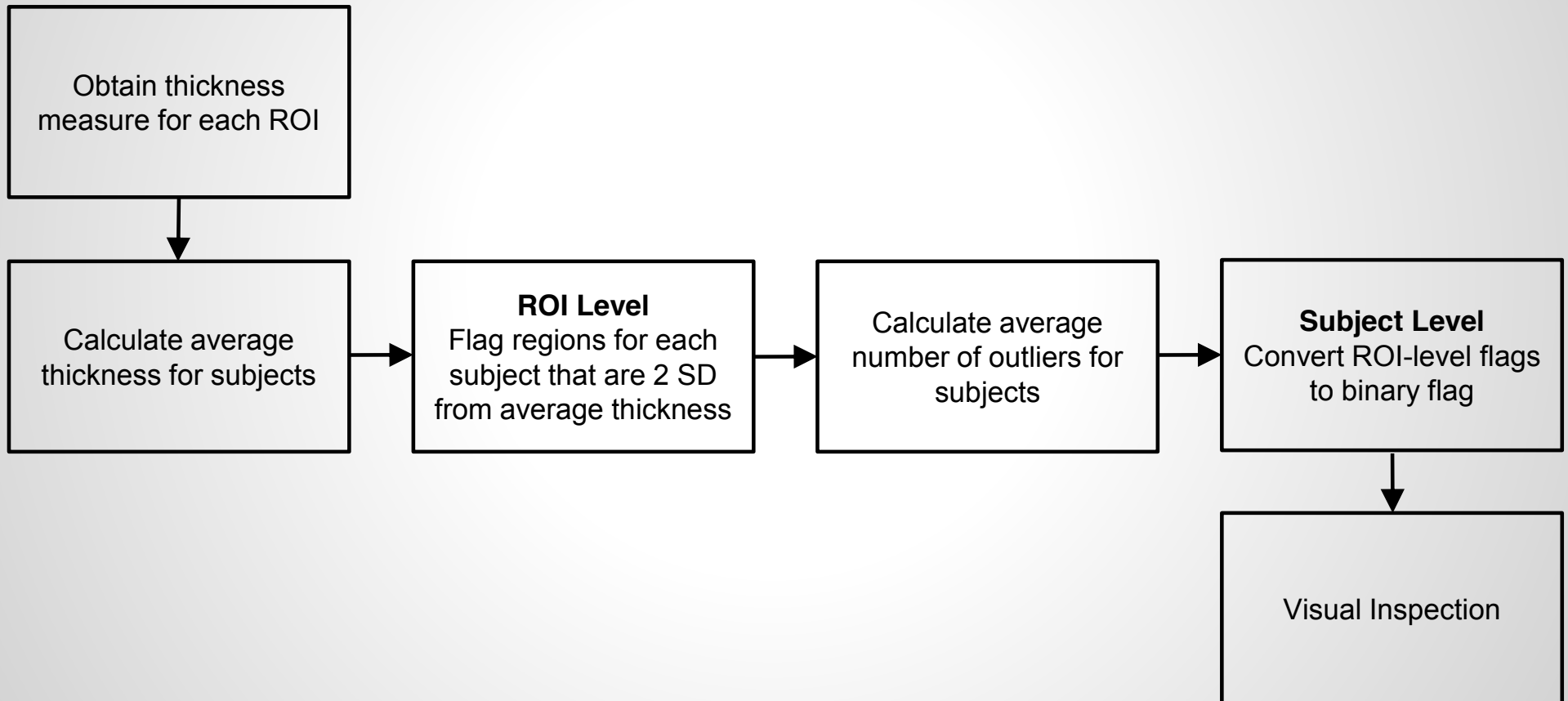
Flag outliers based on 2 SD for

- hemispheric thickness and total area
- cnr and snr
- volume

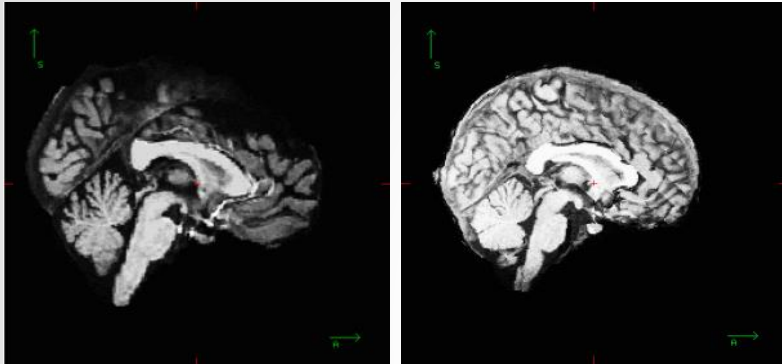
# Whole Brain Measures

Measure	# Outliers	SD w/ Outlier	SD w/o Outlier
Mean Thickness	14	0.123	0.110
Total Area	9	20146.377	18513.500
CNR	4	0.119	0.115
SNR	7	3.880	3.628
Subcortical Gray Volume	12	5496.687	5377.020
Cortex Volume	13	64051.834	57009.400
Cortical WM	12	62963.235	56506.000

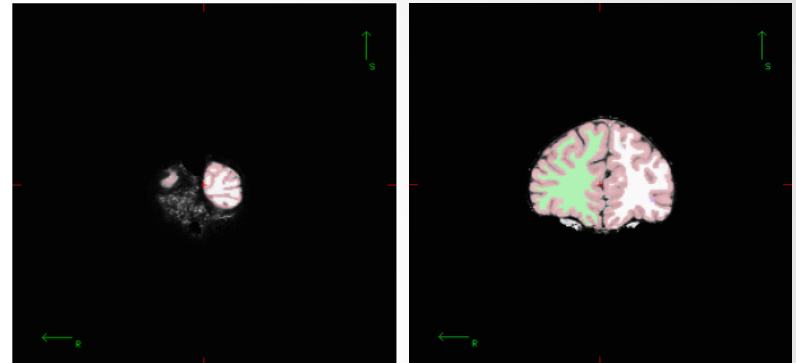
# ROI Measures to Subject Flags



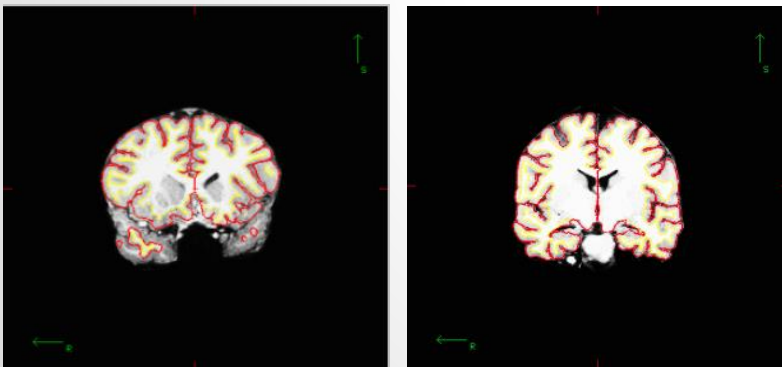
# Visual Inspection



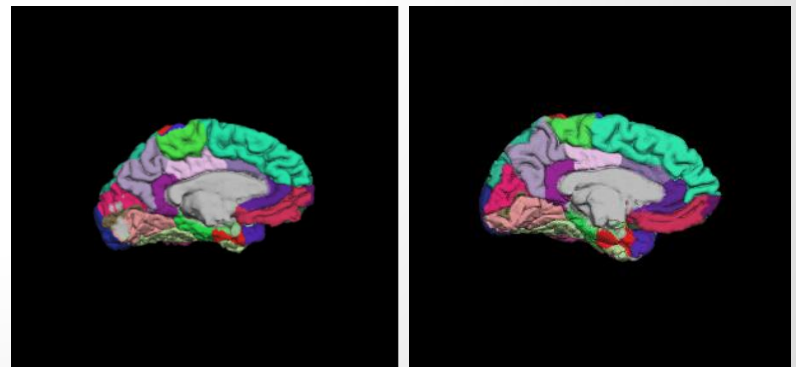
Scan



Labelling



Surface  
Extraction



Parcellation

# BBL QA Results

Flagged: 23

Excluded: 15

- poor scan
- poor volumetric labelling
- poor surface extraction
- poor parcellation (ENIGMA overlap)



# Final Results

Good subjects: 272

Failed subjects: 15

- scan: 4
- volumetric labelling: 3
- surface extraction: 6
- parcellation: 2