

Cerebral Functions:

Grey Matter & White Matter –

3-D Architecture of Brain's Neural System

The Geometric Structure of the Brain Fiber Pathways

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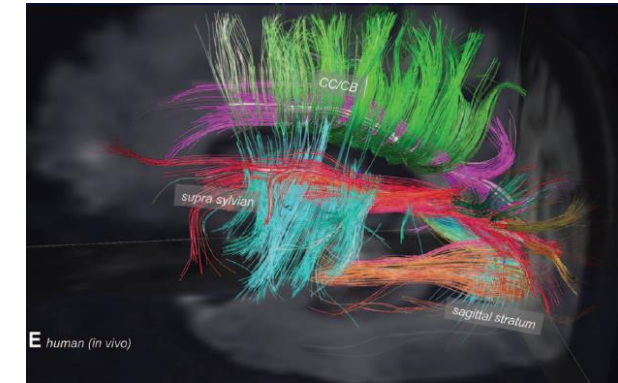
White Matter: Connecting Fibres of Brain:

In 3-Axes:

Right-Left (X-axis)

Back-Front (Y-axis)



Up-Down (Z-axis)

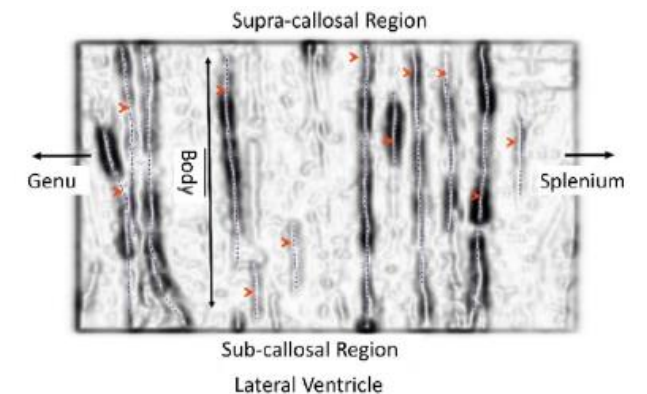
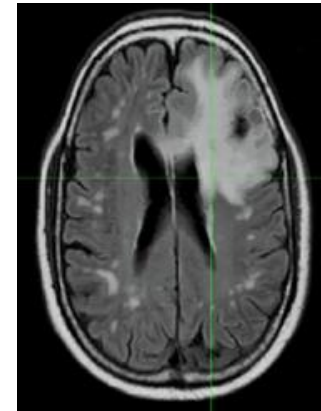


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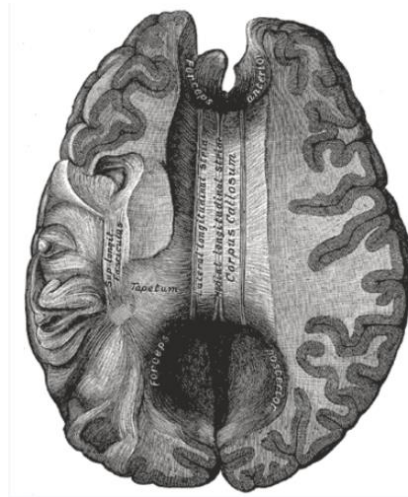


Nerve Fibres across Horizontal Direction

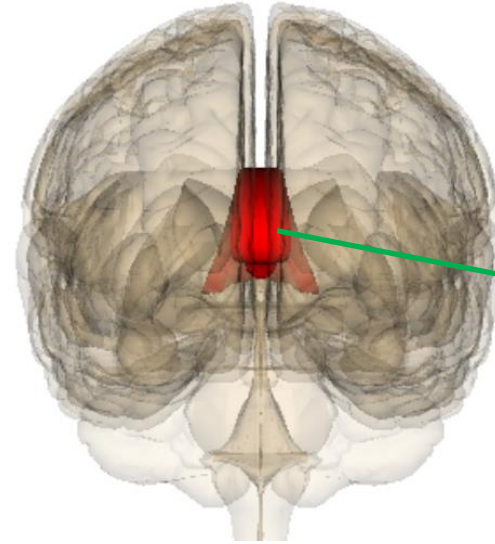
(X-axis)

Corpus Callosum, CC: Body of Connector (between Left & Right Cerebral Hemispheres)

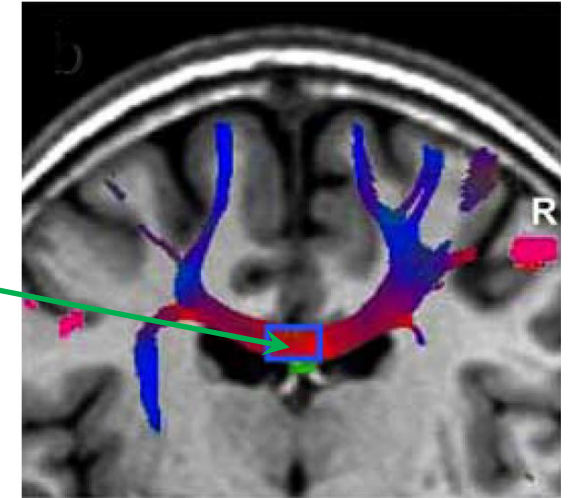
Axial View



Frontal View



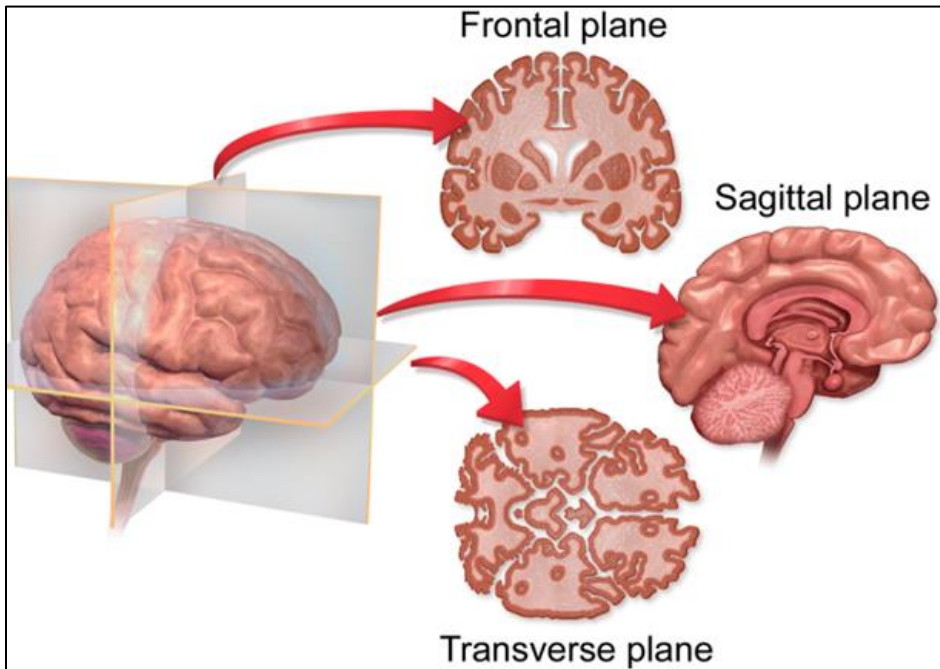
MRI Tractography of CC



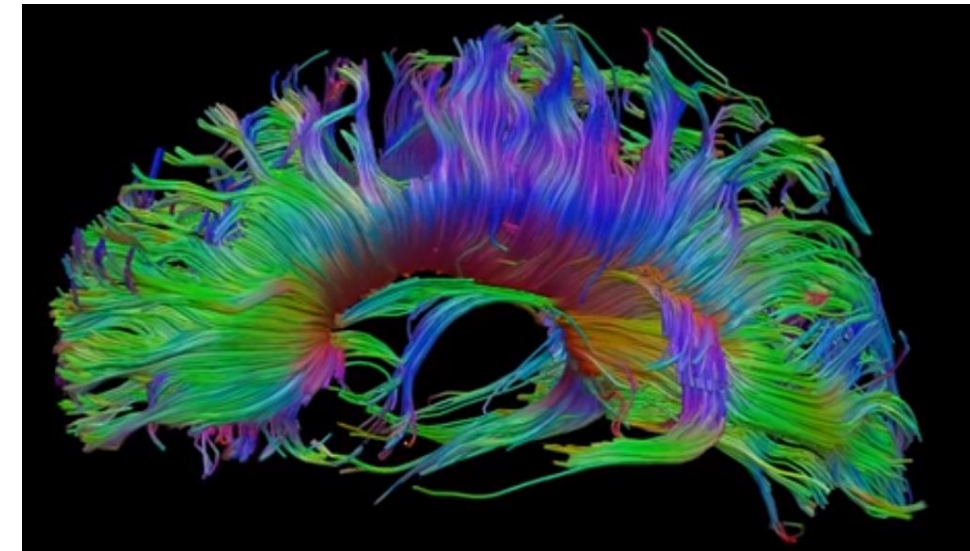
Frontal plane

Sagittal plane

Transverse plane



MRI: Sagittal Tract
View of CC



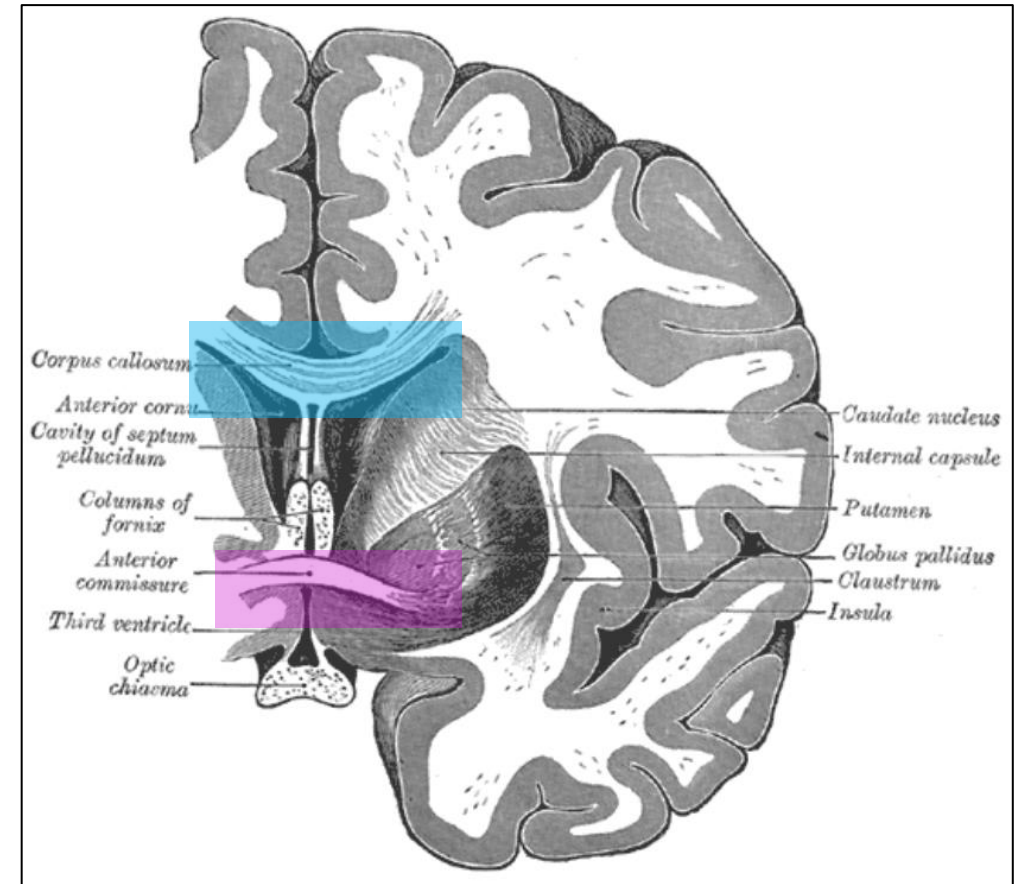
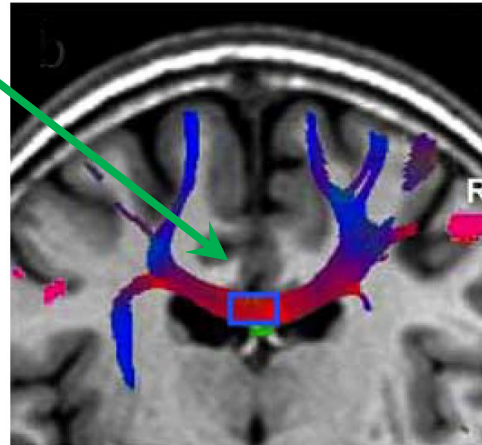
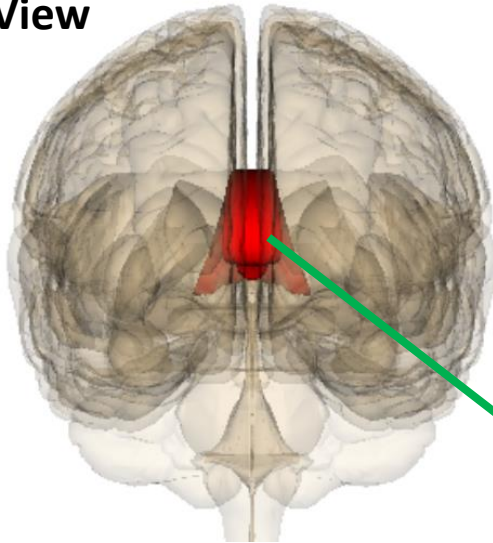
Commissure Fibres (Left-Right Cerebral Links)

(i) Corpus Callosum: Body of Connector

(ii) Anterior Commissure

Coronal View

Coronal View

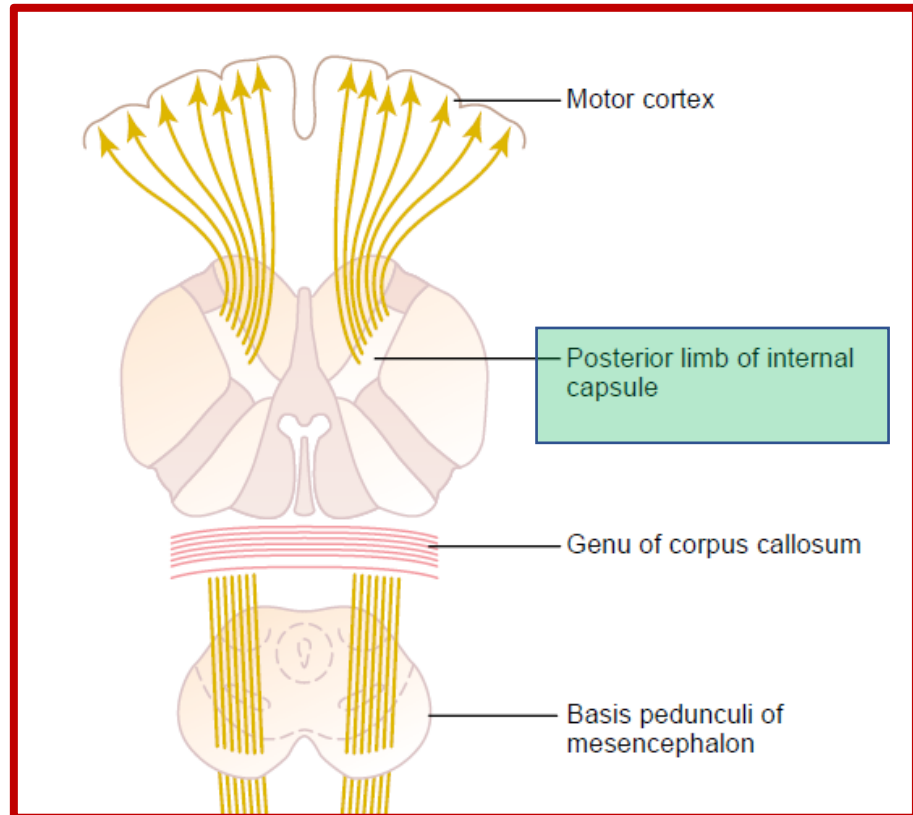


Nerve Fibres across Vertical Direction

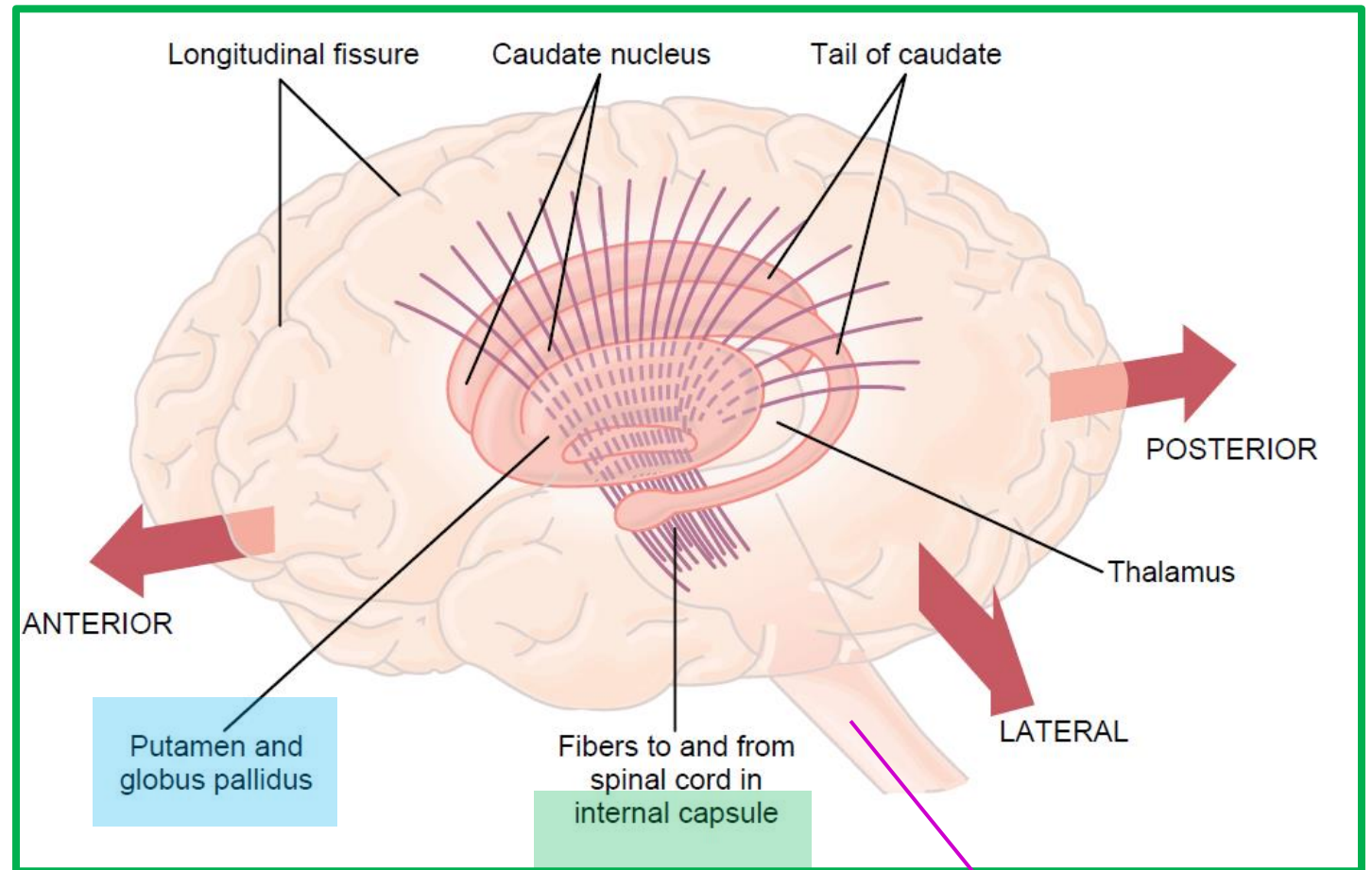
(Z-axis)

Brain's Relay Station: Basal ganglia:

Nerve Junction between Cerebral Cortex & Spinal Cord



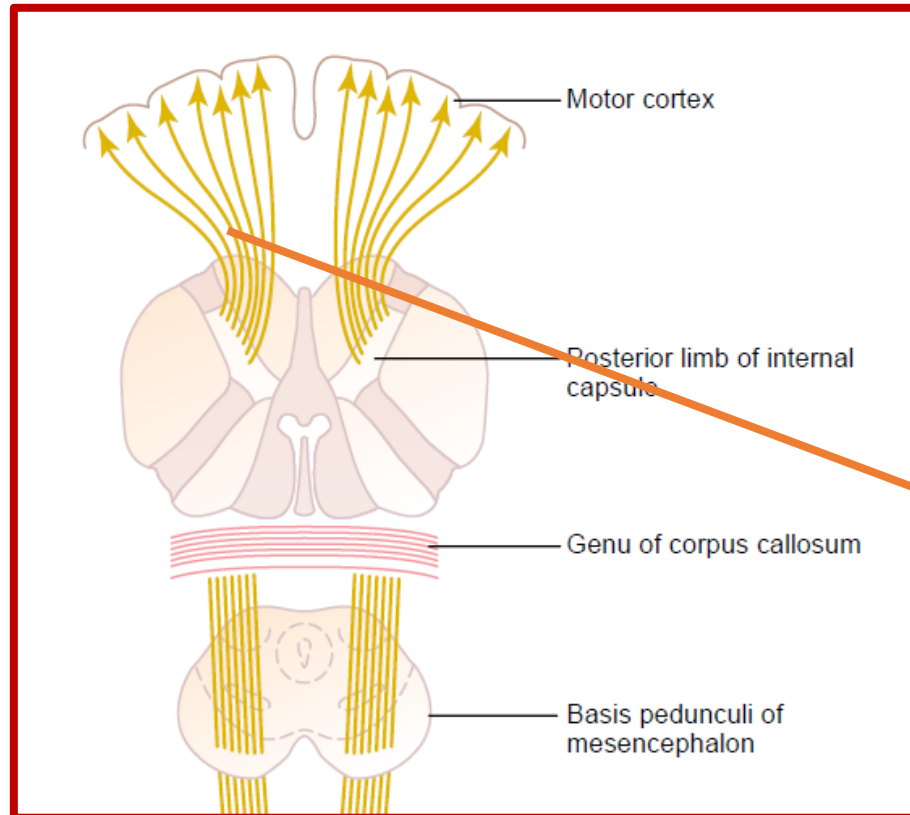
Spinal Cord



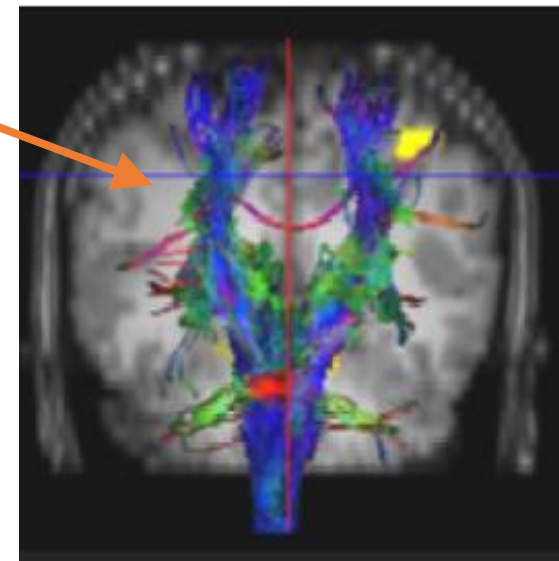
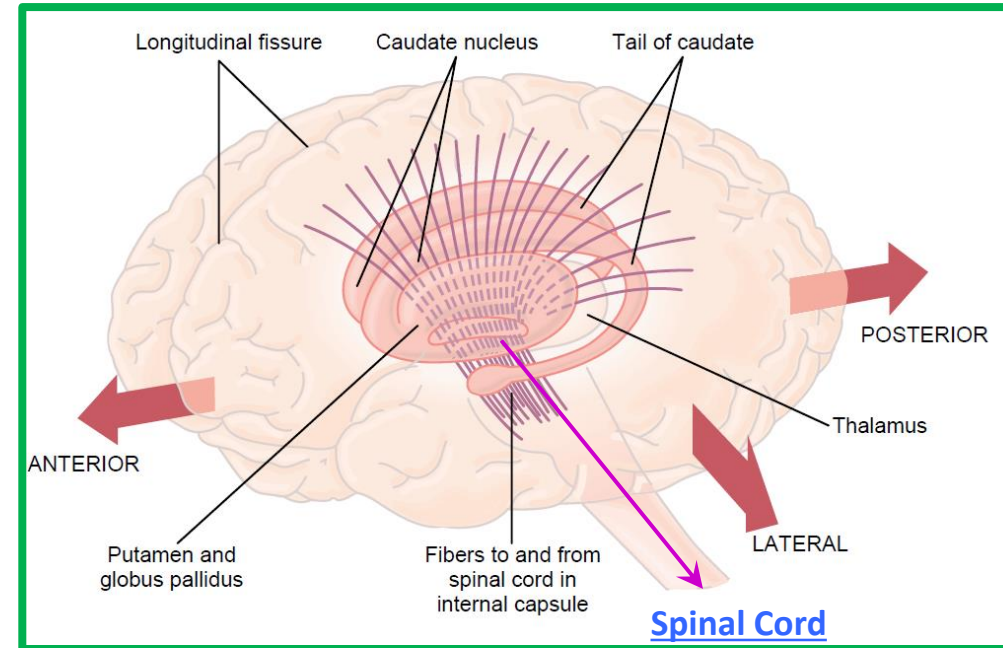
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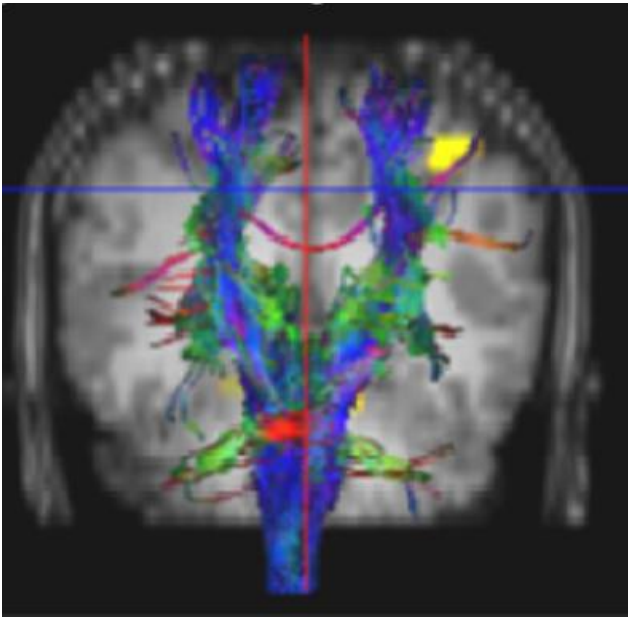


MRI: Nerve's
Tractography:

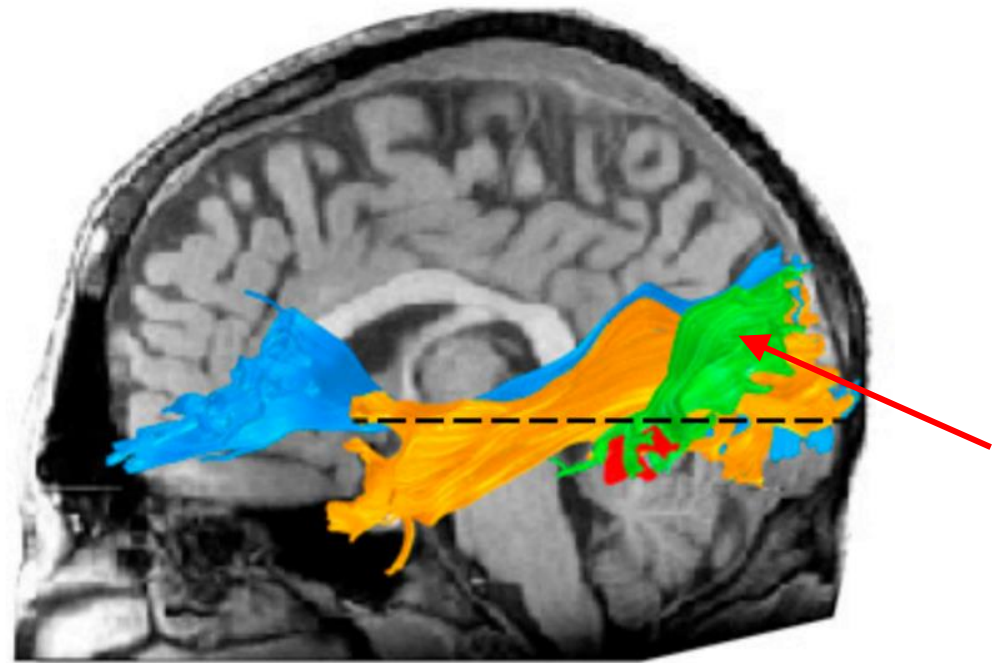
Pyramidal Tracts

Up-Down Fibres:

(i) Projection Bundles
(Motor Or Pyramidal Tract)



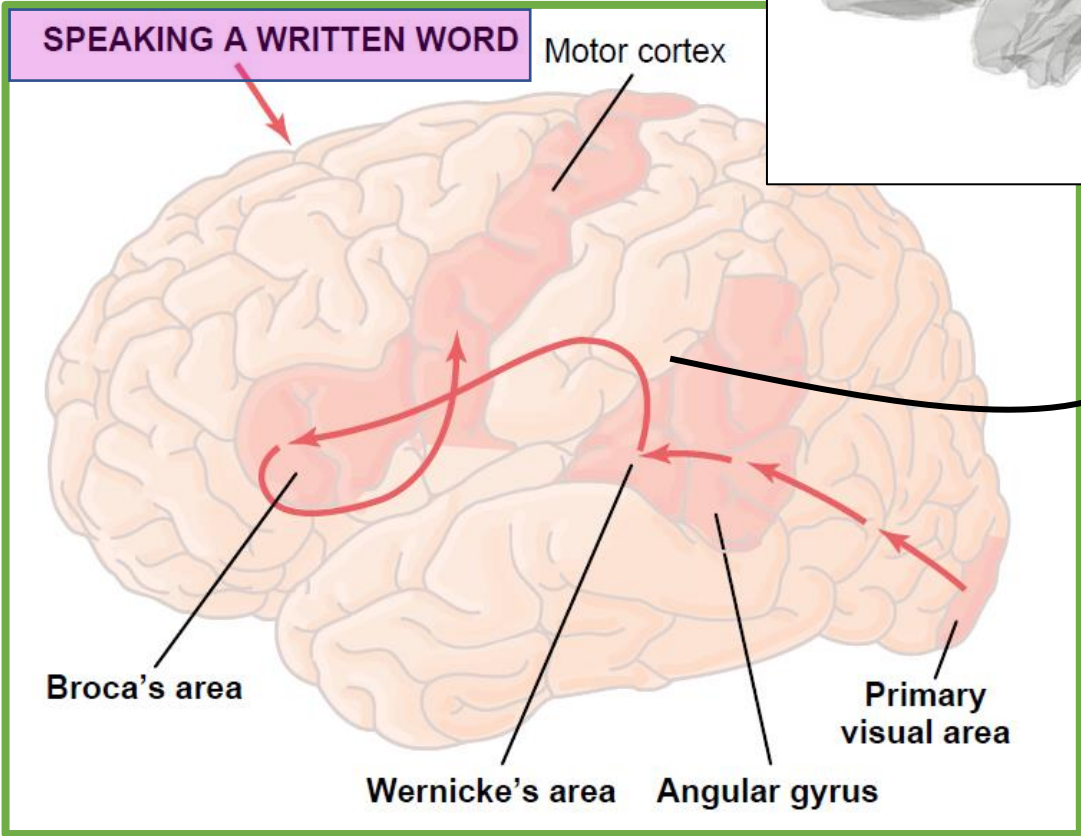
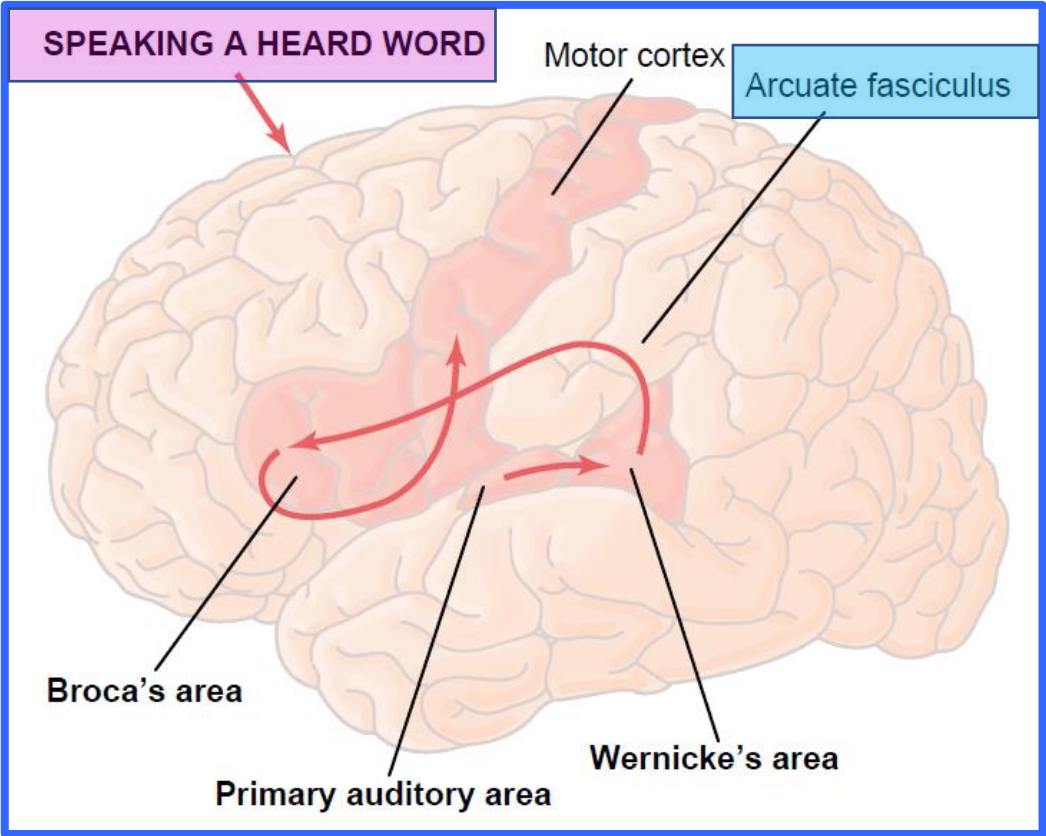
(ii) Vertical Fasciculus



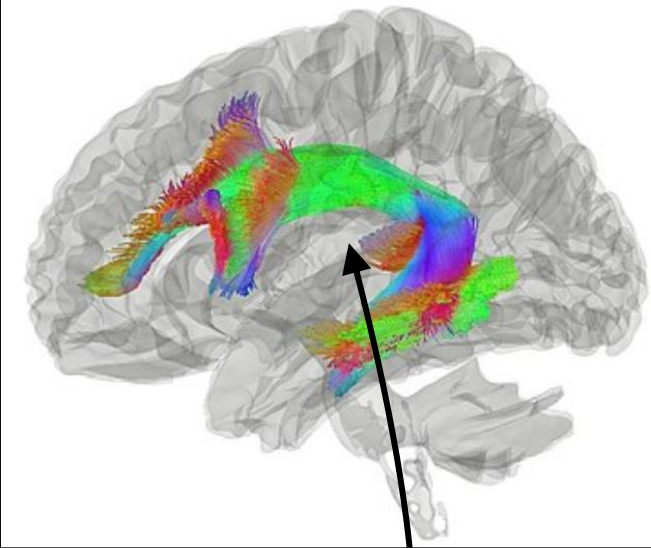
Nerve Fibres across Front-Back Direction

(Y-axis)

Pathways for Hearing, Speaking & Reading:
Literacy & Education



MRI: Tractography
View of Arcuate Bundle



Association Bundles
(Fasciculus)

Mainly Front-Back Fibres:

Superior Longitudinal Fasciculus

Cingulum

FRONTAL
LOBE

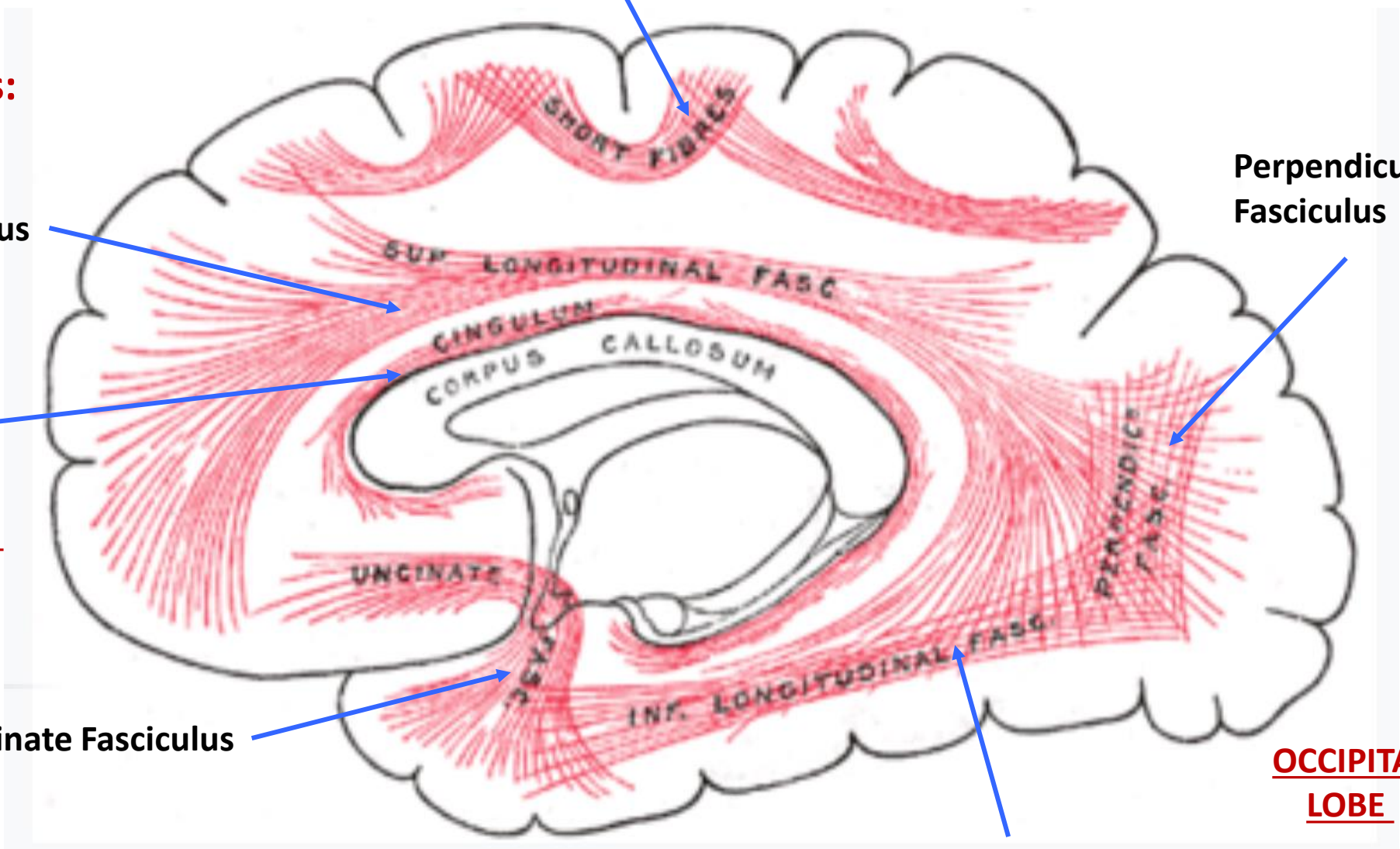
Uncinate Fasciculus

Short Fibres

Perpendicular Fasciculus

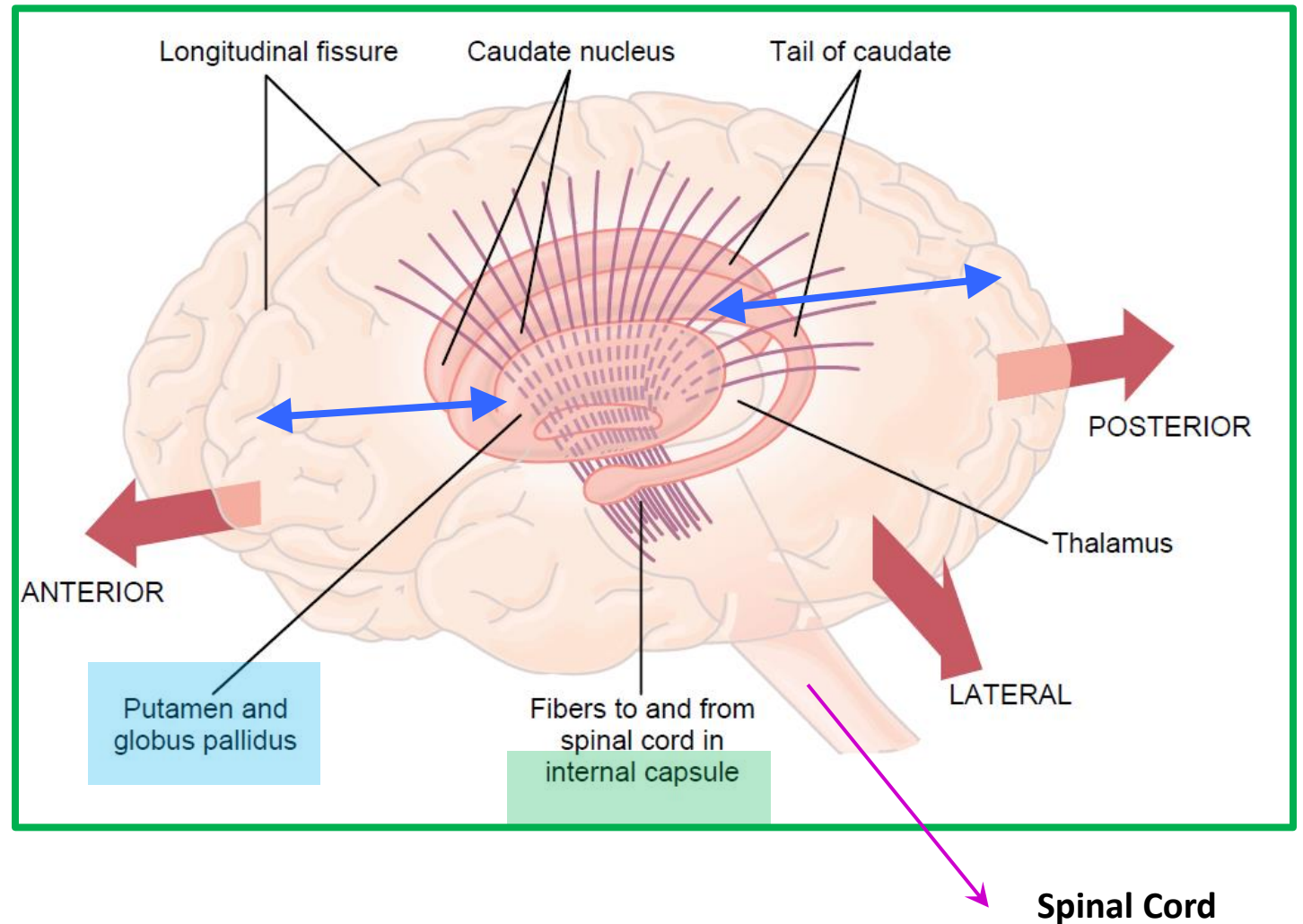
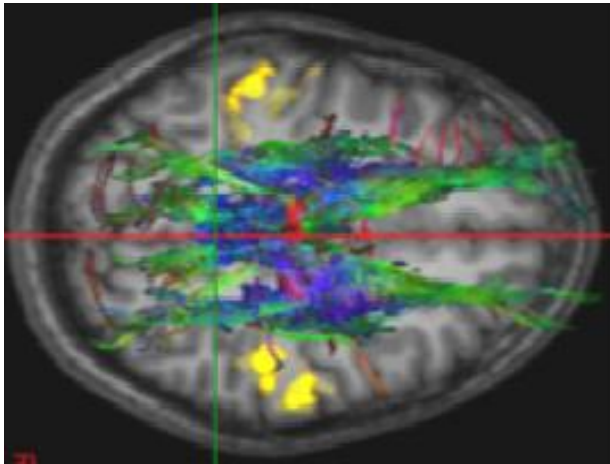
OCCIPITAL
LOBE

Inferior Longitudinal Fasciculus



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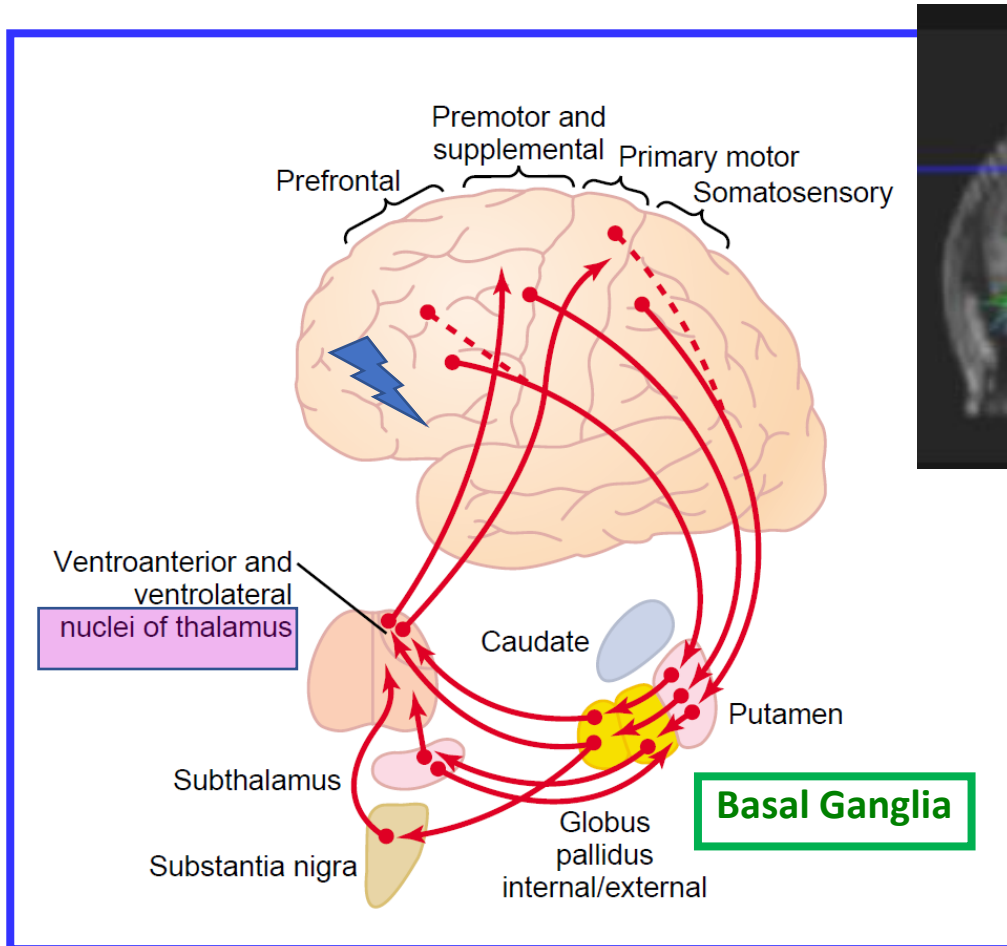
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Cortex → Basal Ganglia (B.G.) Patterning of Motor Activity of Muscles

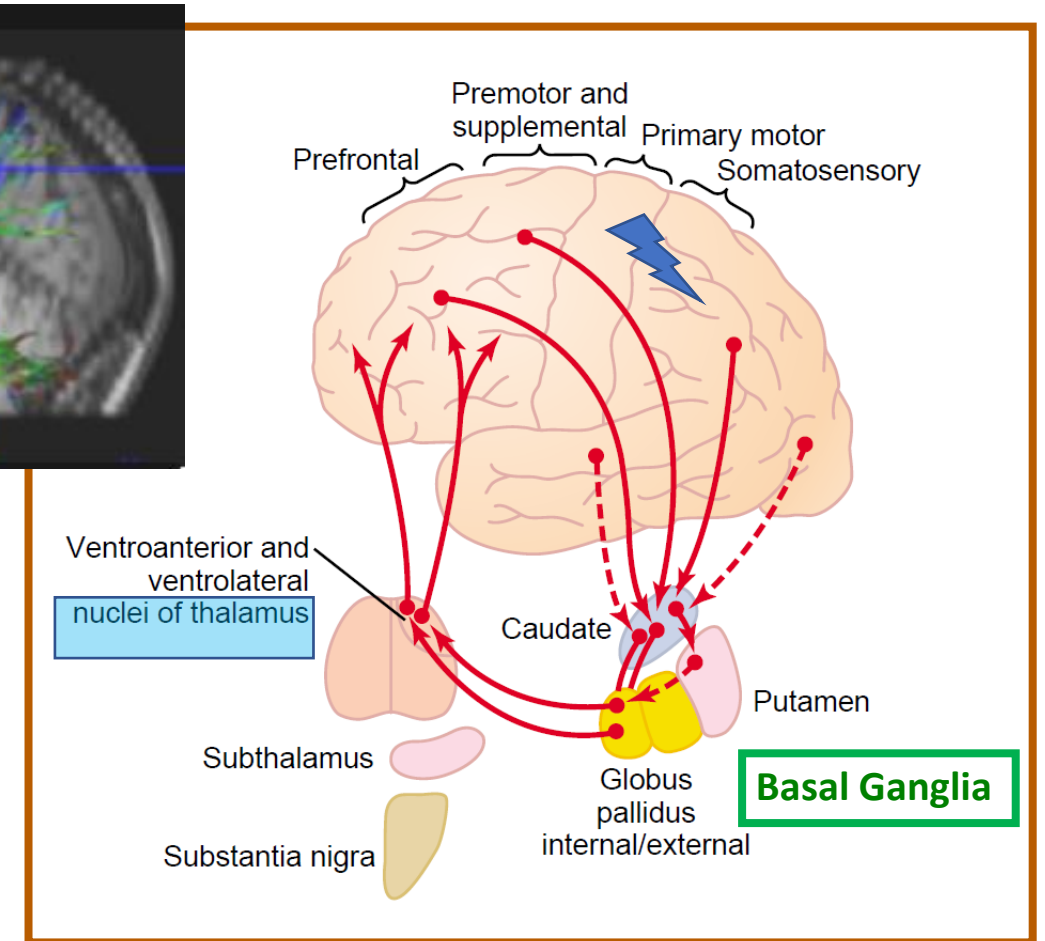
Riding a Bicycle

B.G. (Putamen): Subconscious learned movement



Playing a Orchestrated Piano Sequence

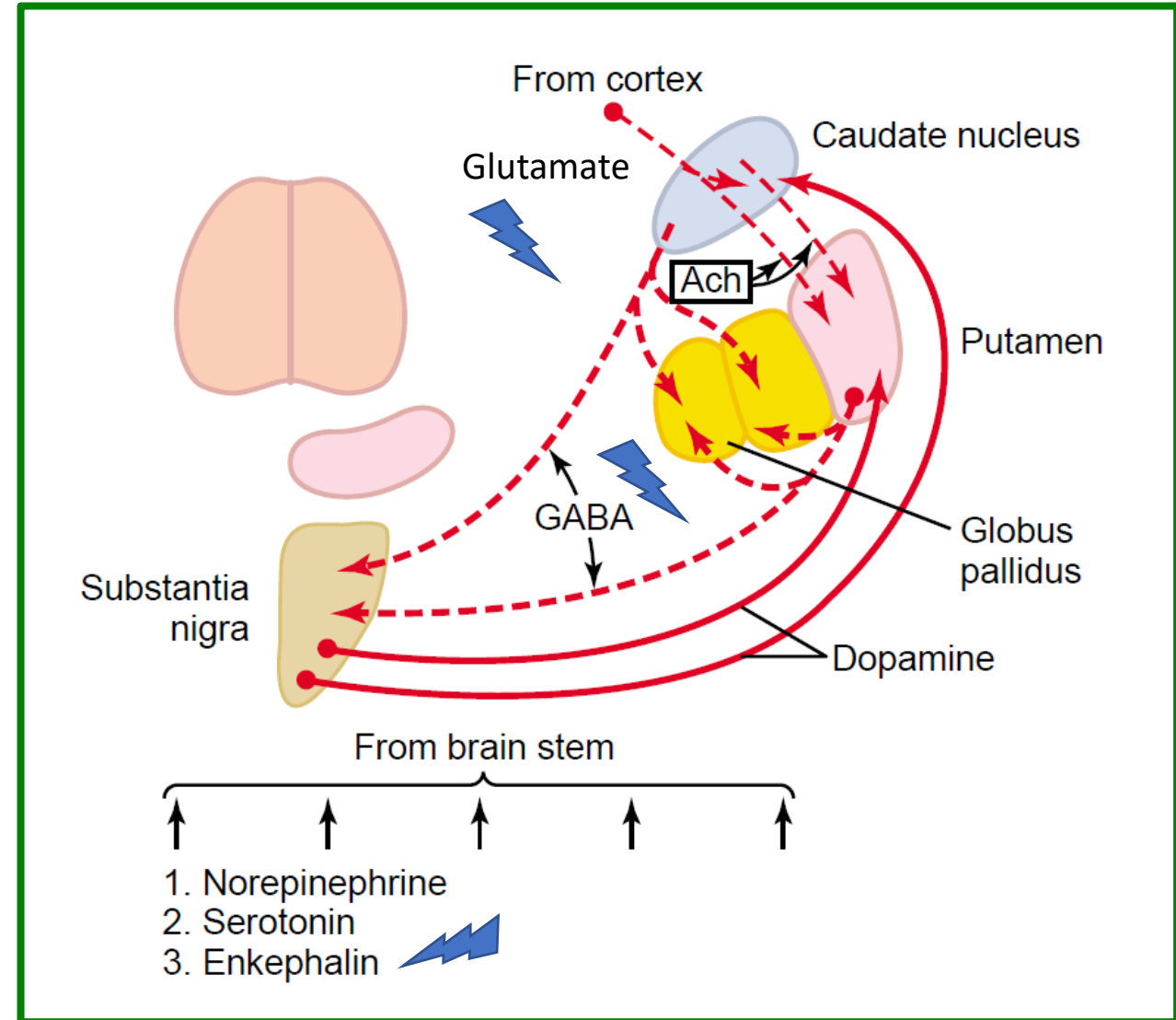
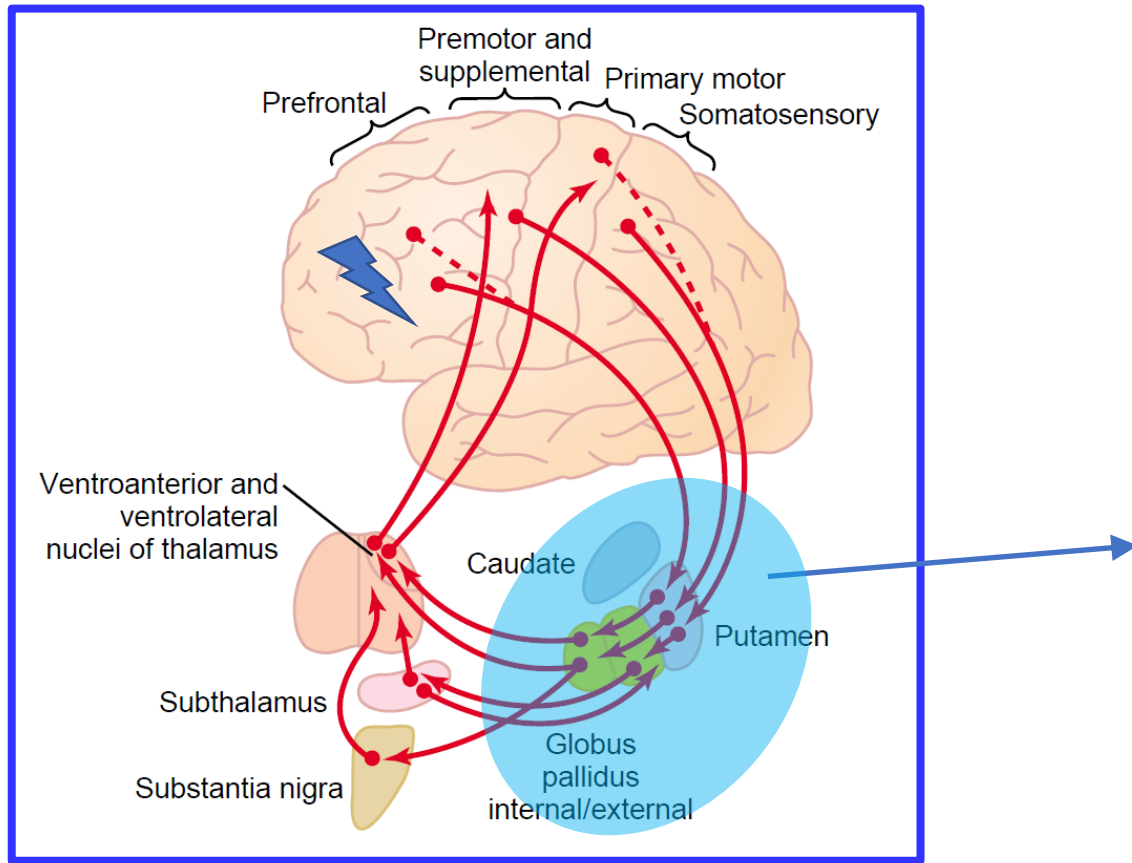
B.G. (Caudate): Conscious Sequential Execution



Neurotransmitter Basis of Motor Tract via Basal Ganglia

Neurotransmitters in Cerebrum : Glutamate/Glutamine ↑ GABA ↓ (γ NH₂-butyric acid)

Enkephalin



Recap:

Maintaining Long-term Tone in Brain:

Four Neurotransmitters in Spinal Cord / Brain Stem

- Acetylcholine,
- Norepinephrine,
- Dopamine,
- Serotonin

