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# Understanding Human Brain Connectivity

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# Dataset



The Consortium for Neuropsychiatric Phenomics at Semel Institute aims to facilitate discovery of the genetic and environmental bases of variation in psychological and neural system phenotypes, to elucidate the mechanisms that link the human genome to complex psychological syndromes, and to foster breakthroughs in the development of novel treatments for neuropsychiatric disorders

**Made available the scan of 272 subjects affected by different diseases and during various activities**

43 ADHD

49 BIPOLAR DISORDER

50 SCHIZOPHRENIA

130 CONTROL

Resting State  
Different tasks

Demographic data

**Details on dataset and tasks:**

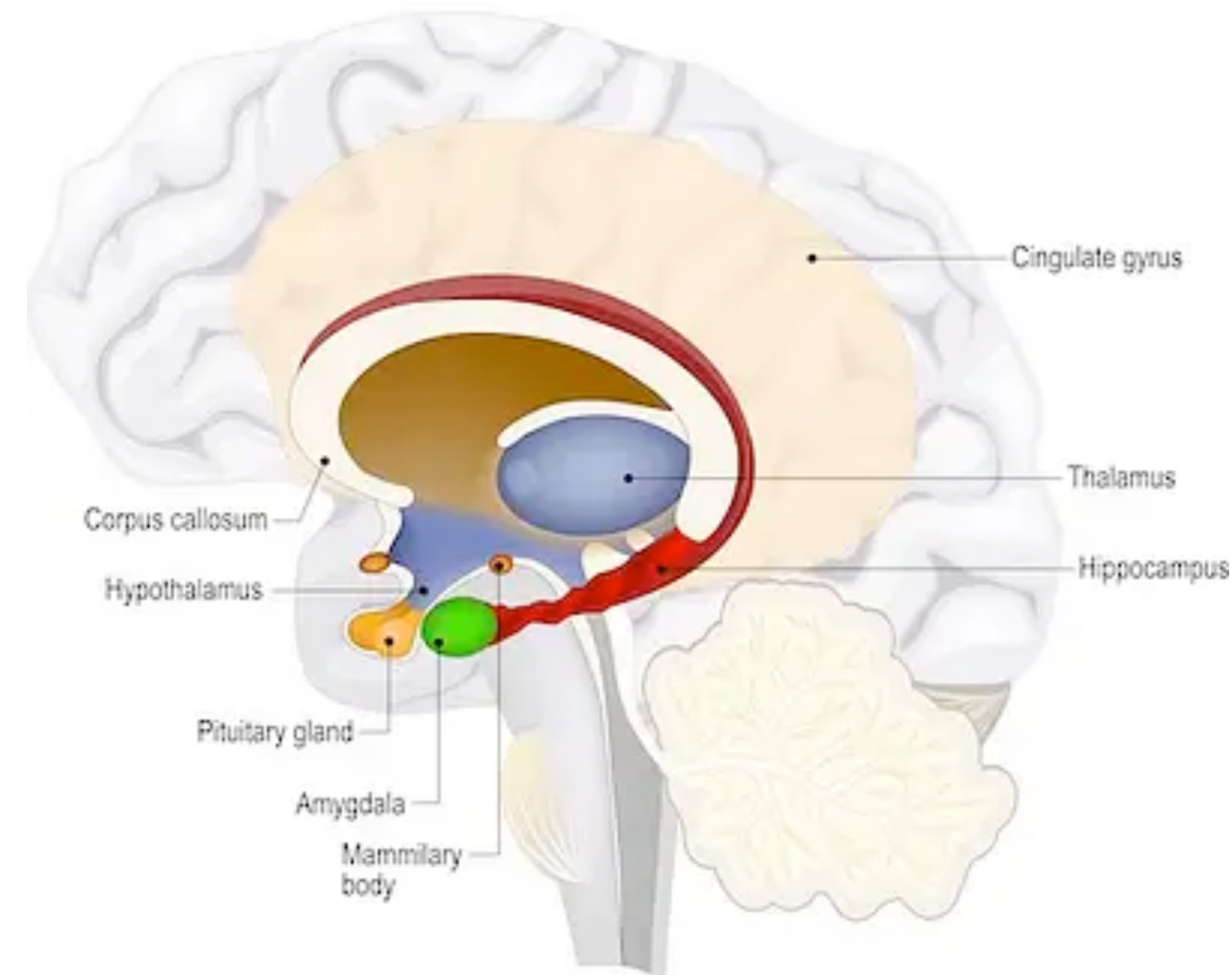
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**! not all subjects  
perform all tasks**

# PAMRET + ADHD

- Goal: Evaluate the impact of ADHD on associative memory. Among the cognitive impairments associated to ADHD there is memory deficit <sup>1,2</sup>
- Subjects: 82 healthy subjects + 36 ADHD patients
- Task: Paired Associate Memory Task
- Region of Interest: left hippocampus, a region associated with associative memory and affected by the presence of ADHD<sup>2</sup>
- Covariates:
  - ▶ Demographic and health
  - ▶ Performance, response time
  - ▶ California Verbal Learning Test (CVLT - II)<sup>3</sup>

## Limbic system



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- Neuropsychiatric test results
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- Connectivity map
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# Task Switch + SCHZ

- Background: Patients affected by schizophrenia tend to perform poorly in many cognitive tasks. When it comes to task switching previous literature has found contradictory results<sup>1,2</sup>, possibly due to compensation mechanisms
- Subjects: 125 healthy + 50 SCHZ
- Task: Task Switch Task
- Region of Interest: middle frontal gyrus region, where lies the dorsolateral prefrontal cortex (DLPFC) that has been associated to the ability of switching tasks<sup>3</sup>
- Covariates:
  - ▶ Demographic and health
  - ▶ Response time, given stimulus
  - ▶ Barratt Impulsiveness Scale (BIS - 11)<sup>4,5</sup>



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[2] Ravizza SM, Moua KC, Long D, Carter CS. The impact of context processing deficits on task-switching performance in schizophrenia. *Schizophr Res*. 2010 Feb;116(2-3):274-9. doi: 10.1016/j.schres.2009.08.010. Epub 2009 Sep 5. PMID: 19734013; PMCID: PMC2818092.

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[4] Leshem R. Relationships between trait impulsivity and cognitive control: the effect of attention switching on response inhibition and conflict resolution. *Cogn Process*. 2016 Feb;17(1):89-103. doi: 10.1007/s10339-015-0733-6. Epub 2015 Aug 6. PMID: 26245649.

[5] Vasconcelos, Alina Gomide, Leandro Malloy-Diniz, and Humberto Correa. "Systematic review of psychometric proprieties of Barratt Impulsiveness Scale Version 11 (BIS-11)." *Clinical Neuropsychiatry* 9.2 (2012).

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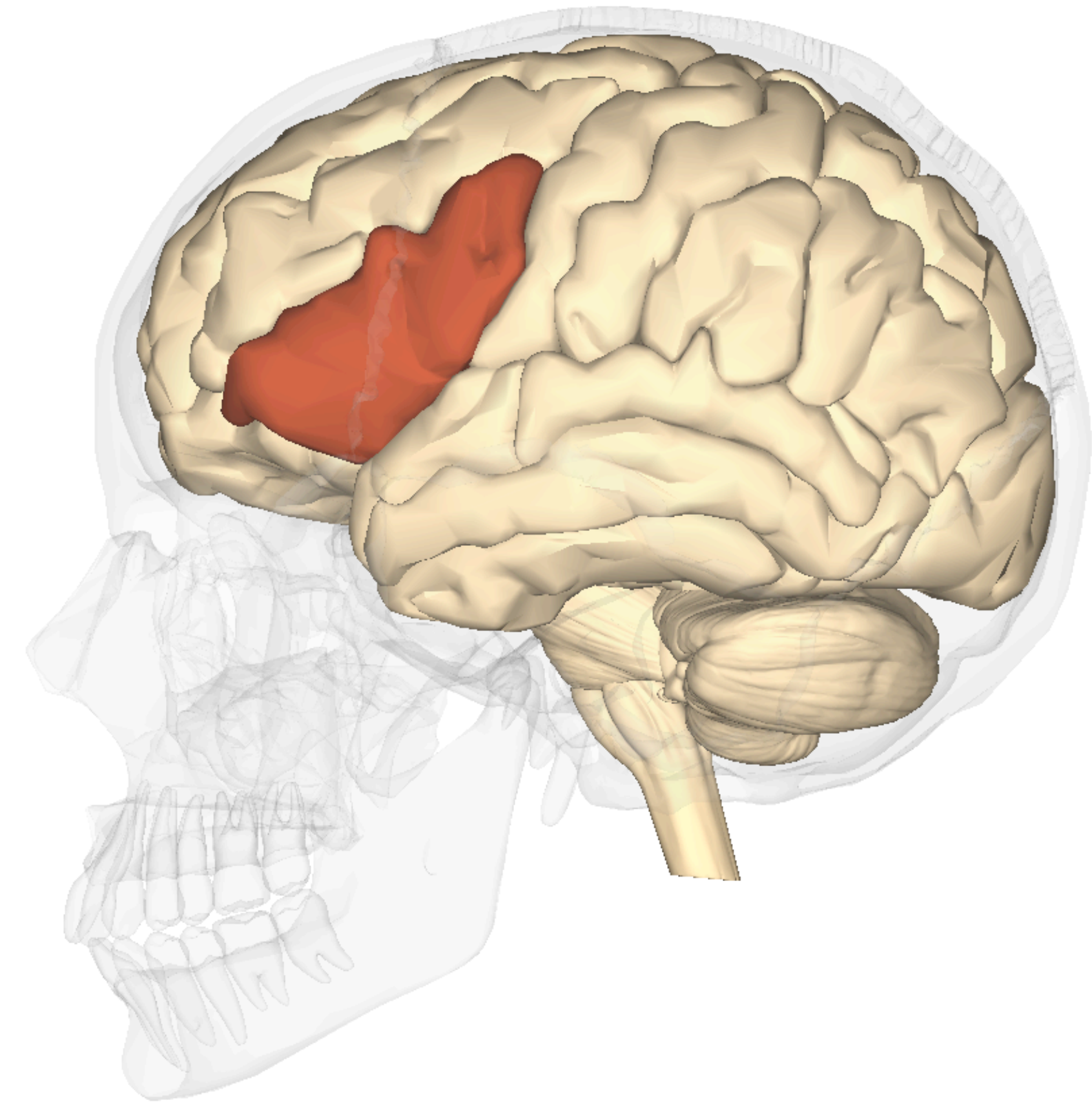
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# Stop Signal Task + Bipolar Disorder

- Background: Dysfunctional impulsivity is present in several psychiatric disorders that bring about risky behaviors, including bipolar disorder<sup>1</sup>
- Subjects: 126 healthy subjects + 49 patients affected by bipolar disorder
- Task: Stop Signal Task
- Region of Interest: right Inferior Frontal Gyrus<sup>2,3</sup>
- Covariates:
  - ▶ Demographic and health
  - ▶ Stimulus, response time, outcome (correct/incorrect)
  - ▶ Dickman Functional and Dysfunctional Impulsivity Scale<sup>4</sup>



[1] Bakhshani, Nour-Mohammad. "Impulsivity: a predisposition toward risky behaviors." *International journal of high risk behaviors & addiction* 3.2 (2014).

[2] Hughes ME, Johnston PJ, Fulham WR, Budd TW, Michie PT. Stop-signal task difficulty and the right inferior frontal gyrus. *Behav Brain Res*. 2013 Nov 1;256:205-13. doi: 10.1016/j.bbr.2013.08.026. Epub 2013 Aug 21. PMID: 23973765.

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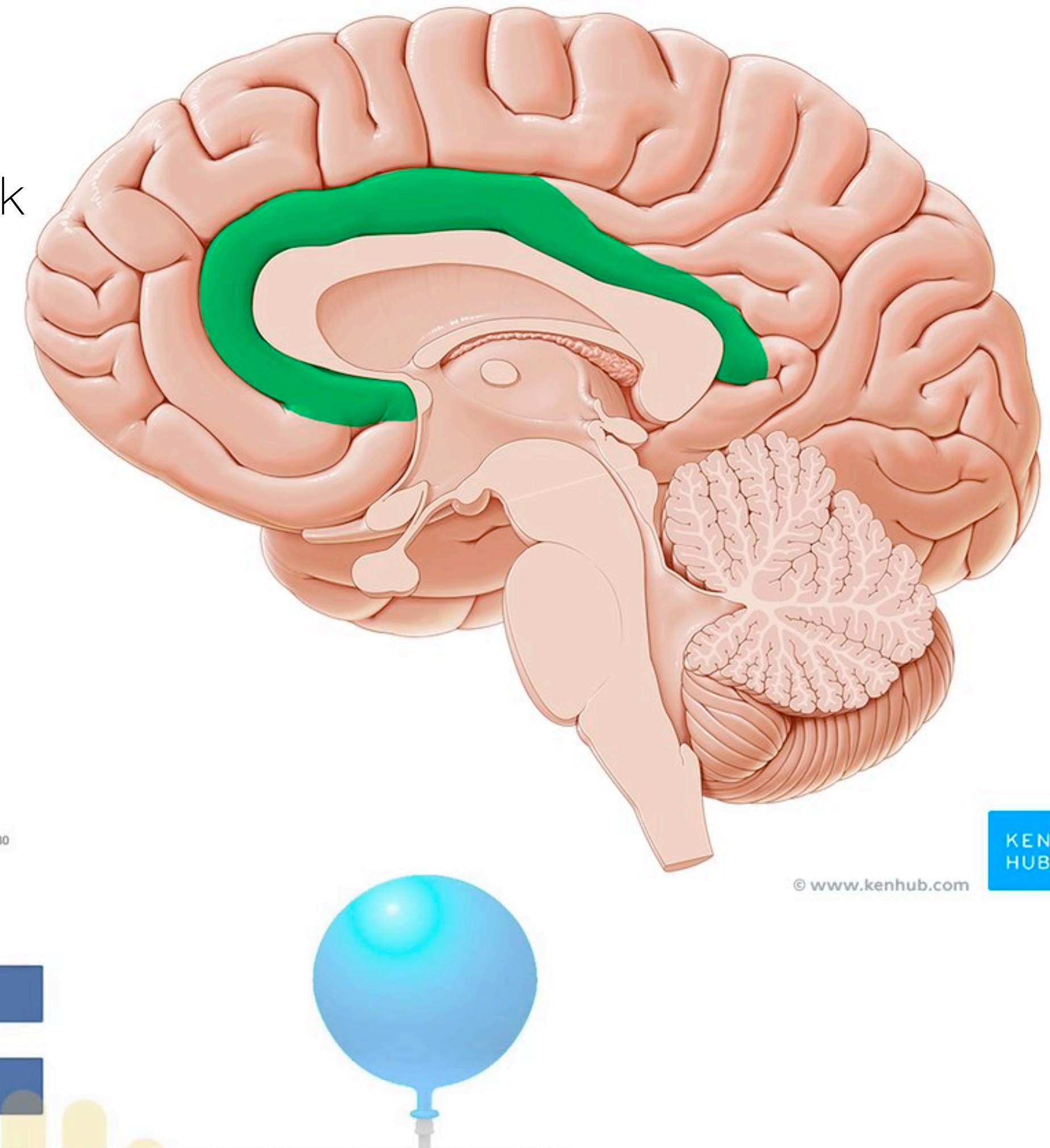
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## Application 3:

- Goal: patients affected with schizophrenia have been reported to be more risk averse than healthy subjects <sup>1</sup>, investigate this phenomenon through connectivity maps
- Subjects: 121 healthy subjects + 29 patients affected by schizophrenia
- Task: Balloon Analog Risk Task (BART)
- Region of Interest: left Anterior Cingulate Gyrus<sup>2</sup>
- Covariates:
  - ▶ Demographic and health
  - ▶ Amount collected, decision taken (inflate/cash out)
  - ▶ Scale for the Assessment of Negative Symptoms (SANS) and Scale for the Assessment of Positive Symptoms (SAPS) <sup>3</sup>



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