

# Not the neocortex: Modeling the hippocampus, basal ganglia, thalamus, and cerebellum in health and illness

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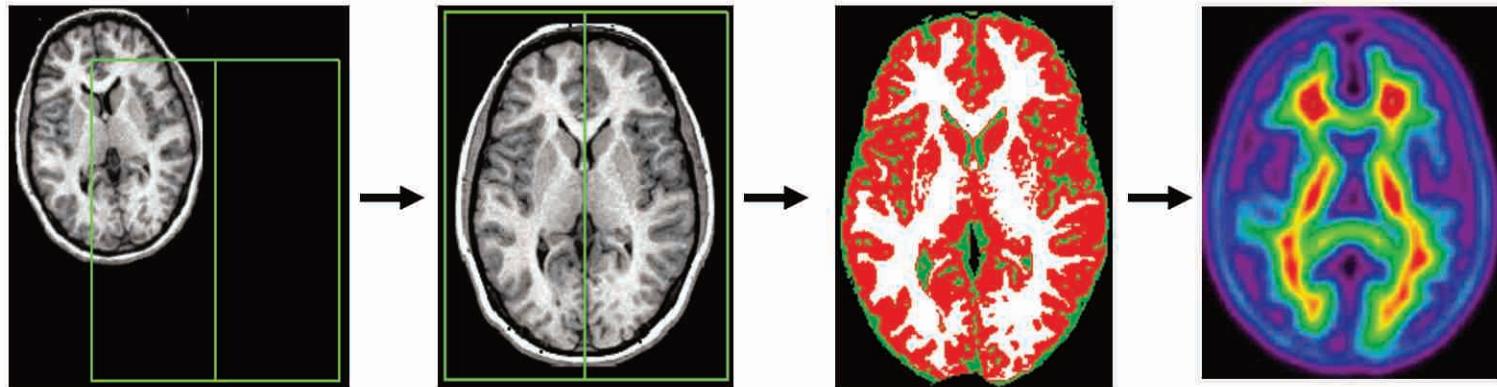
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# Subtle changes in brain morphology detected *in vivo*

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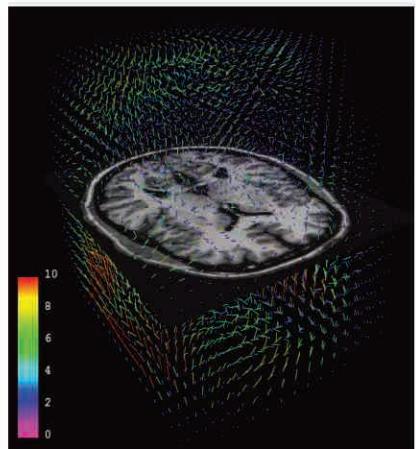


"Native" MRI

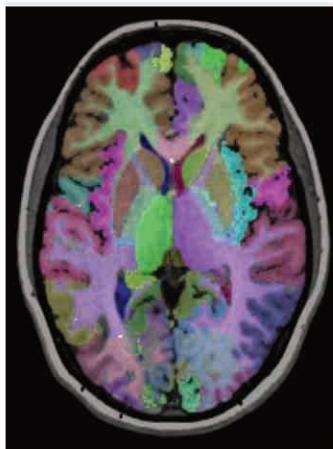
Registered MRI

Tissue  
Classification

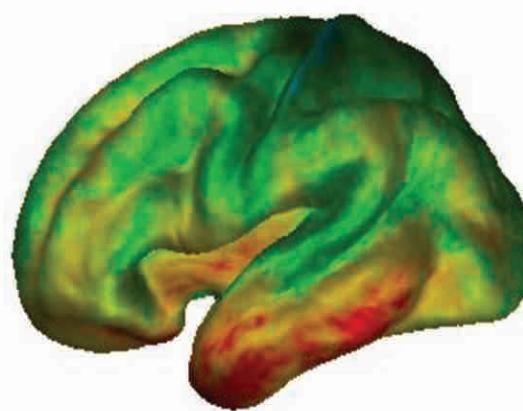
White-matter  
Density



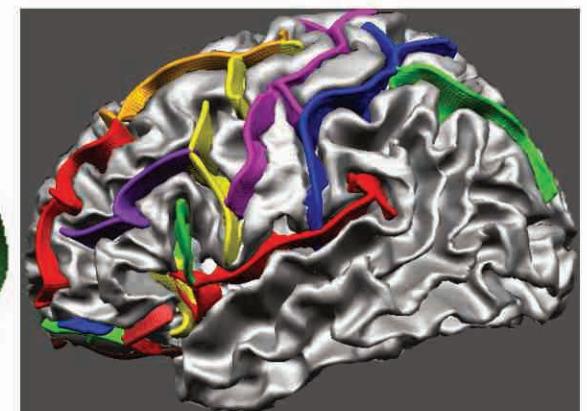
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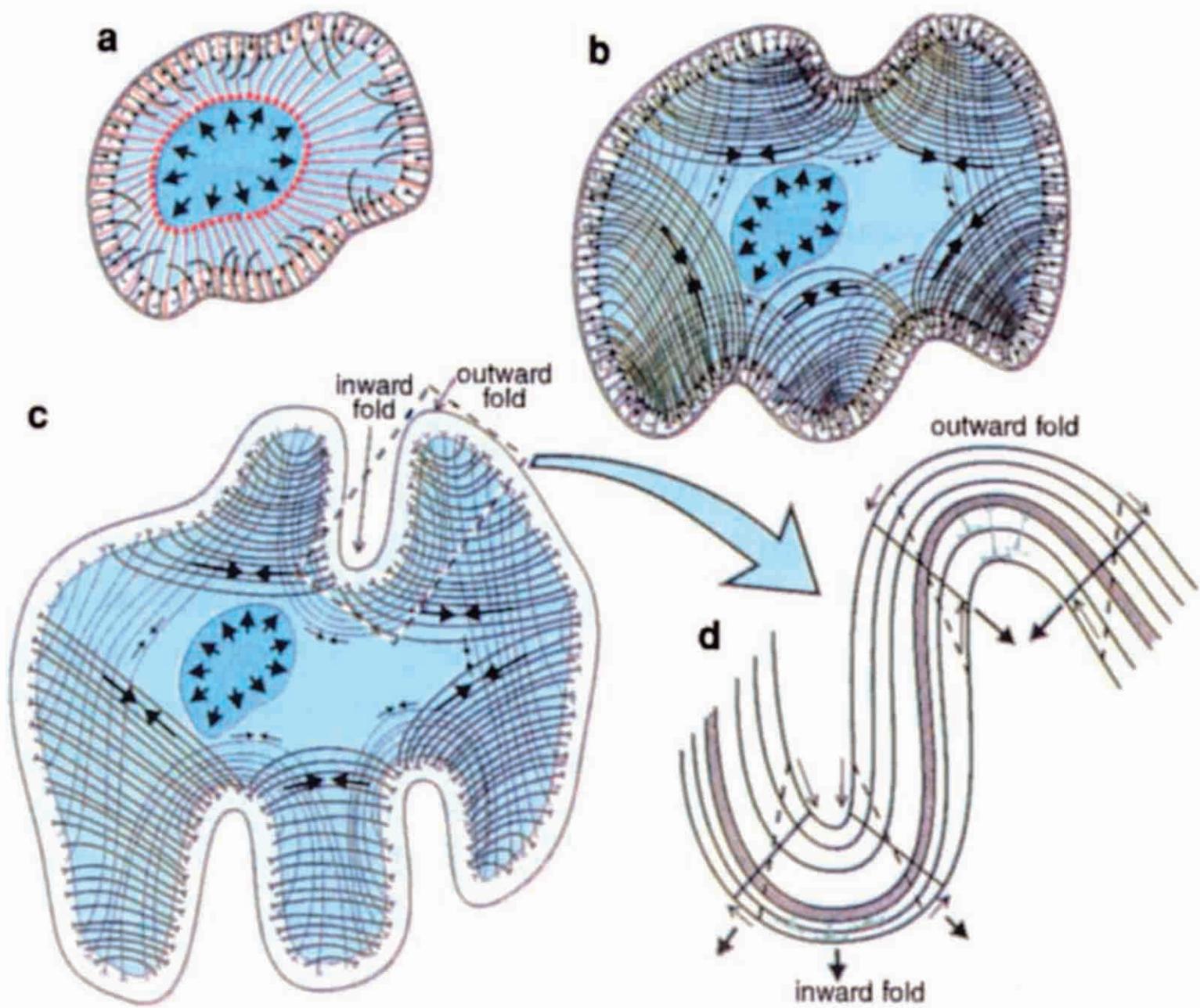
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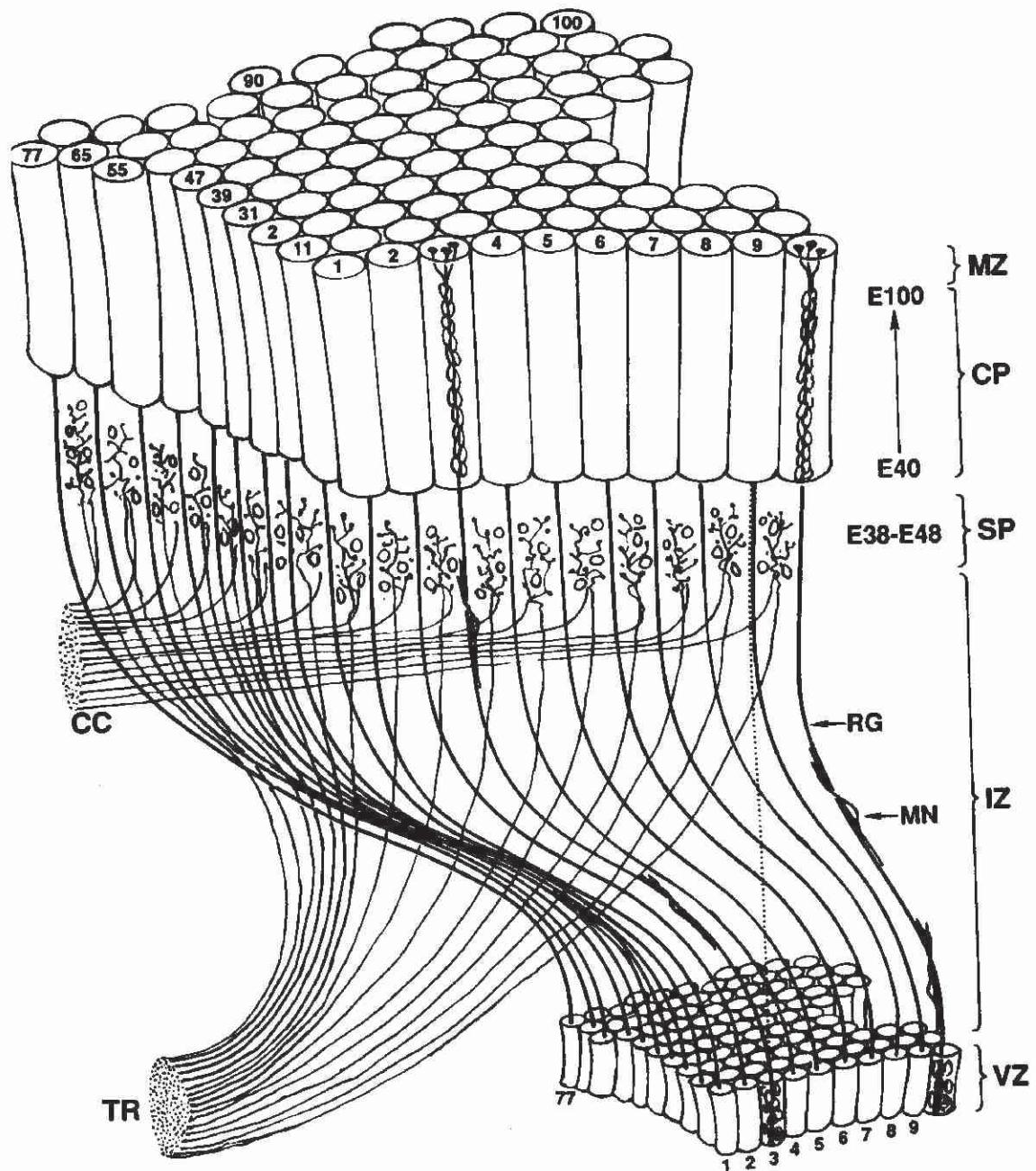


Cortical thickness

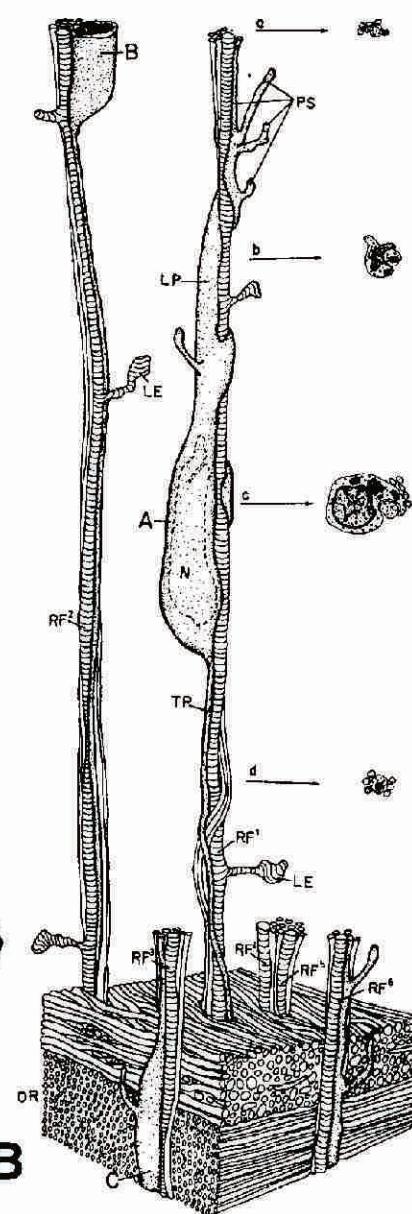
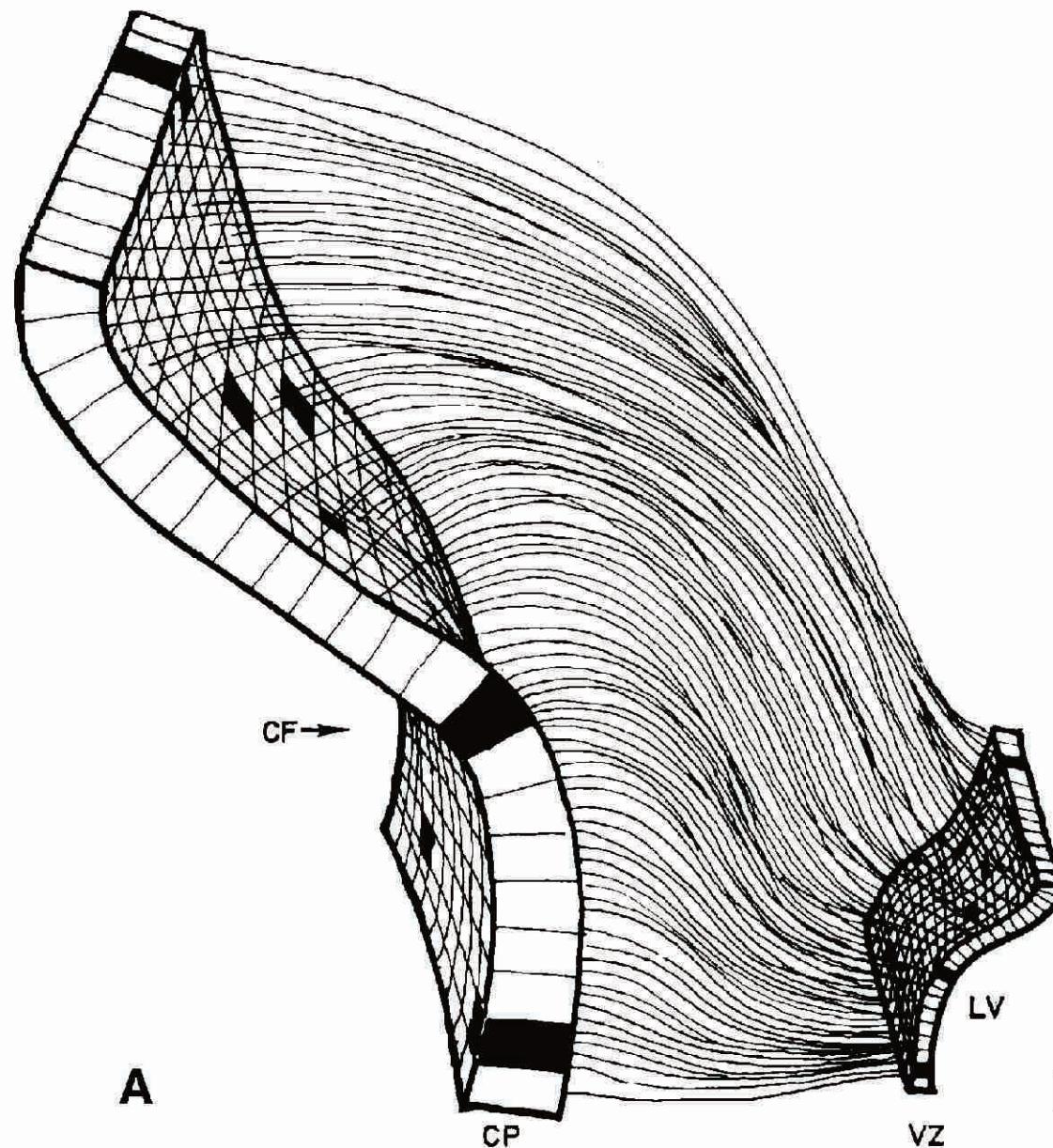


Cerebral sulci

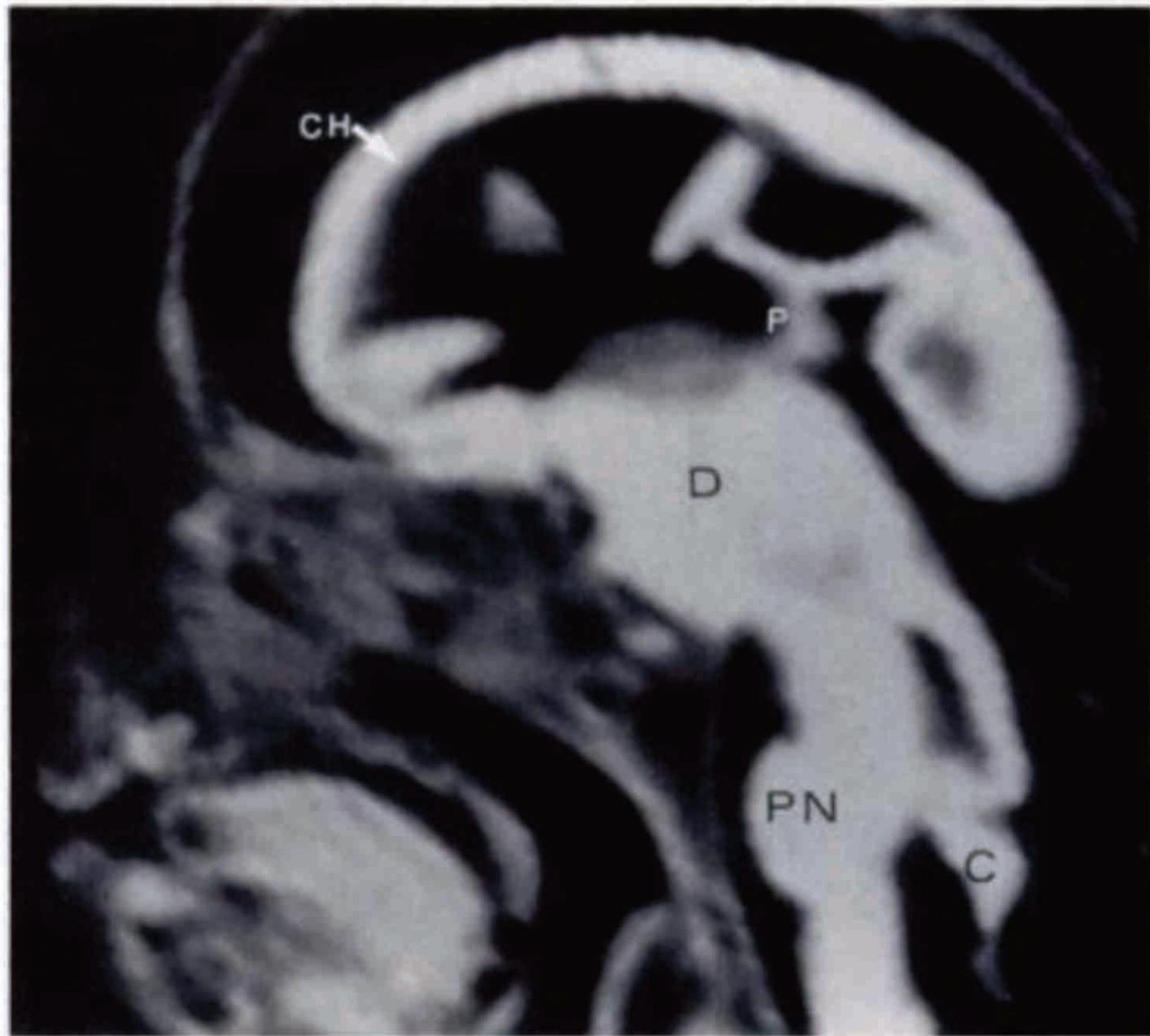




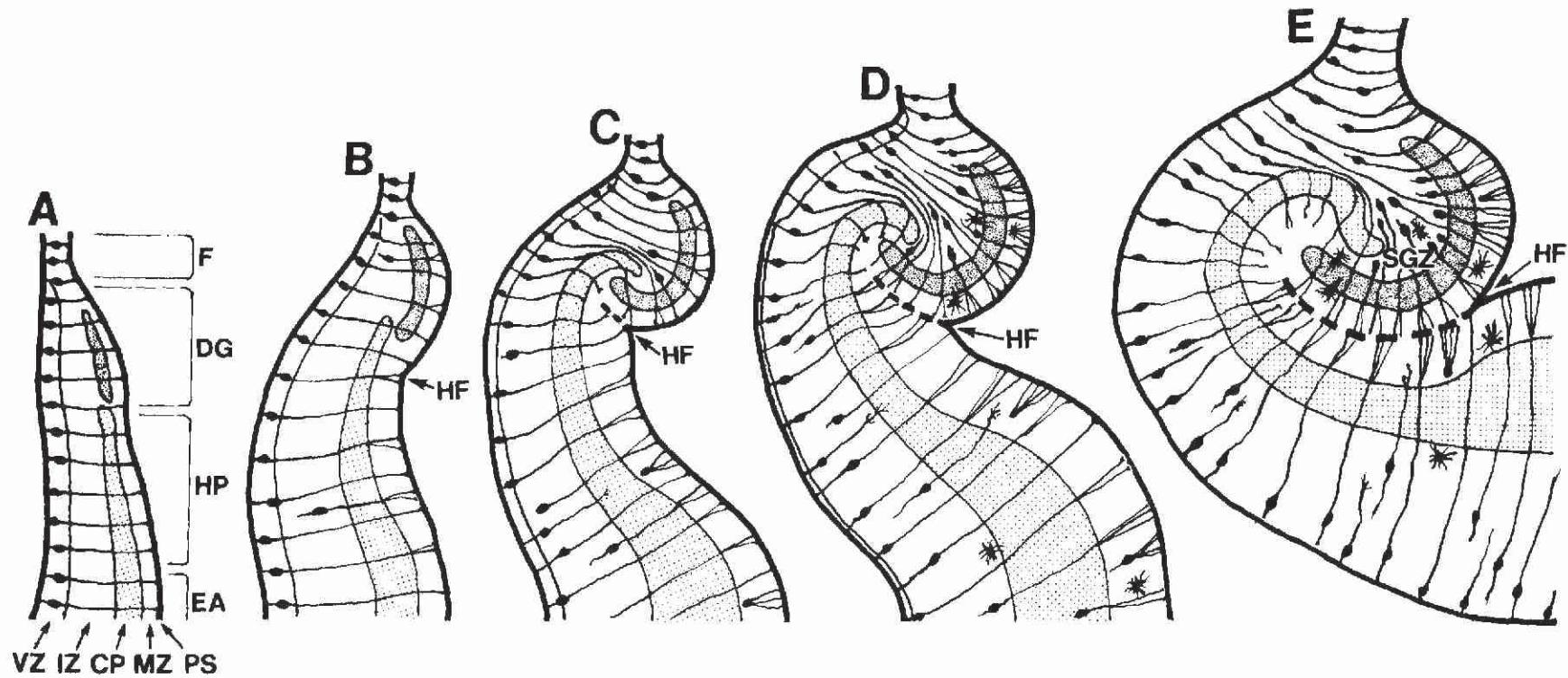
Rakic, Science, 1988



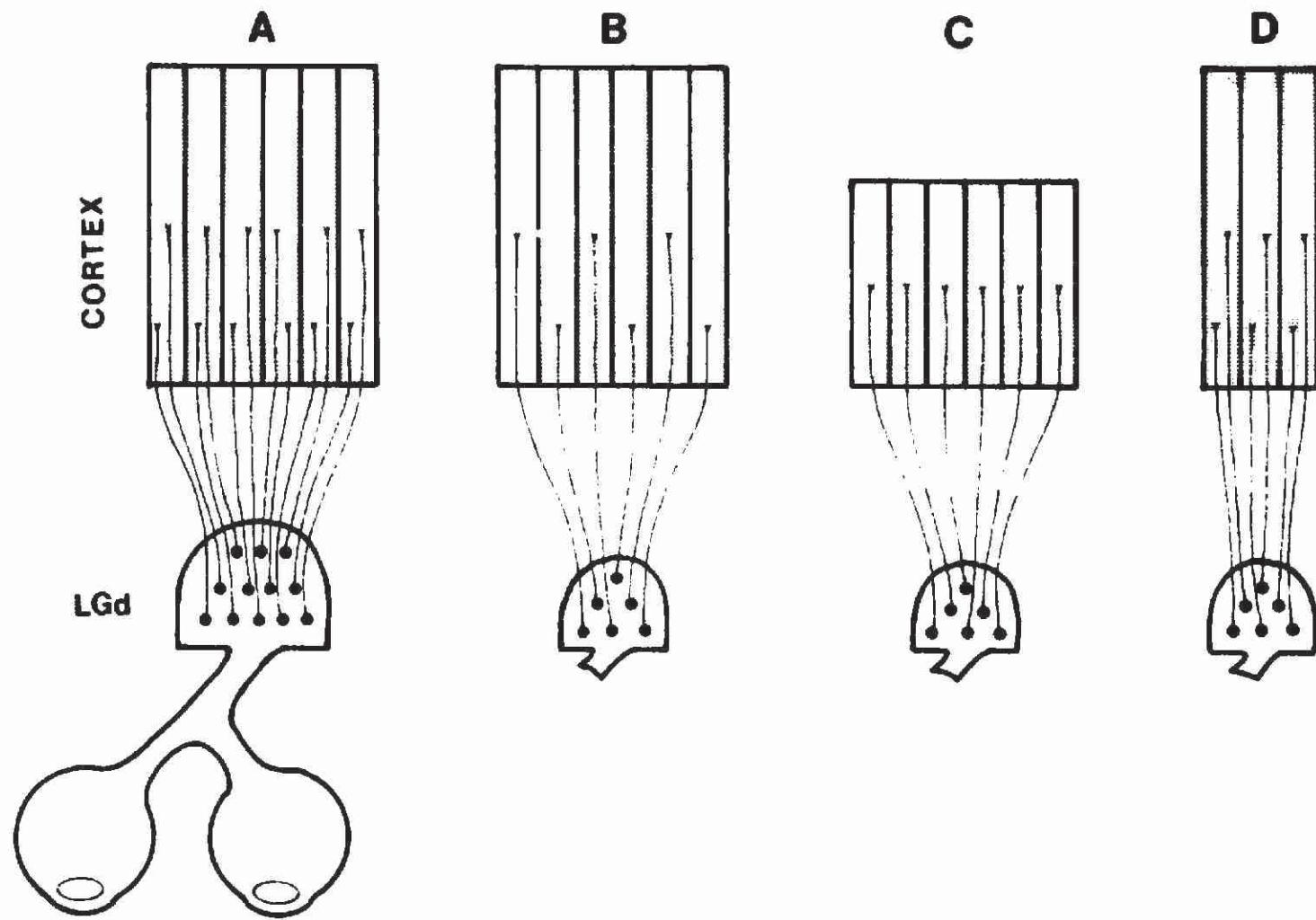
Rakic, Cerebral Cortex, 2003



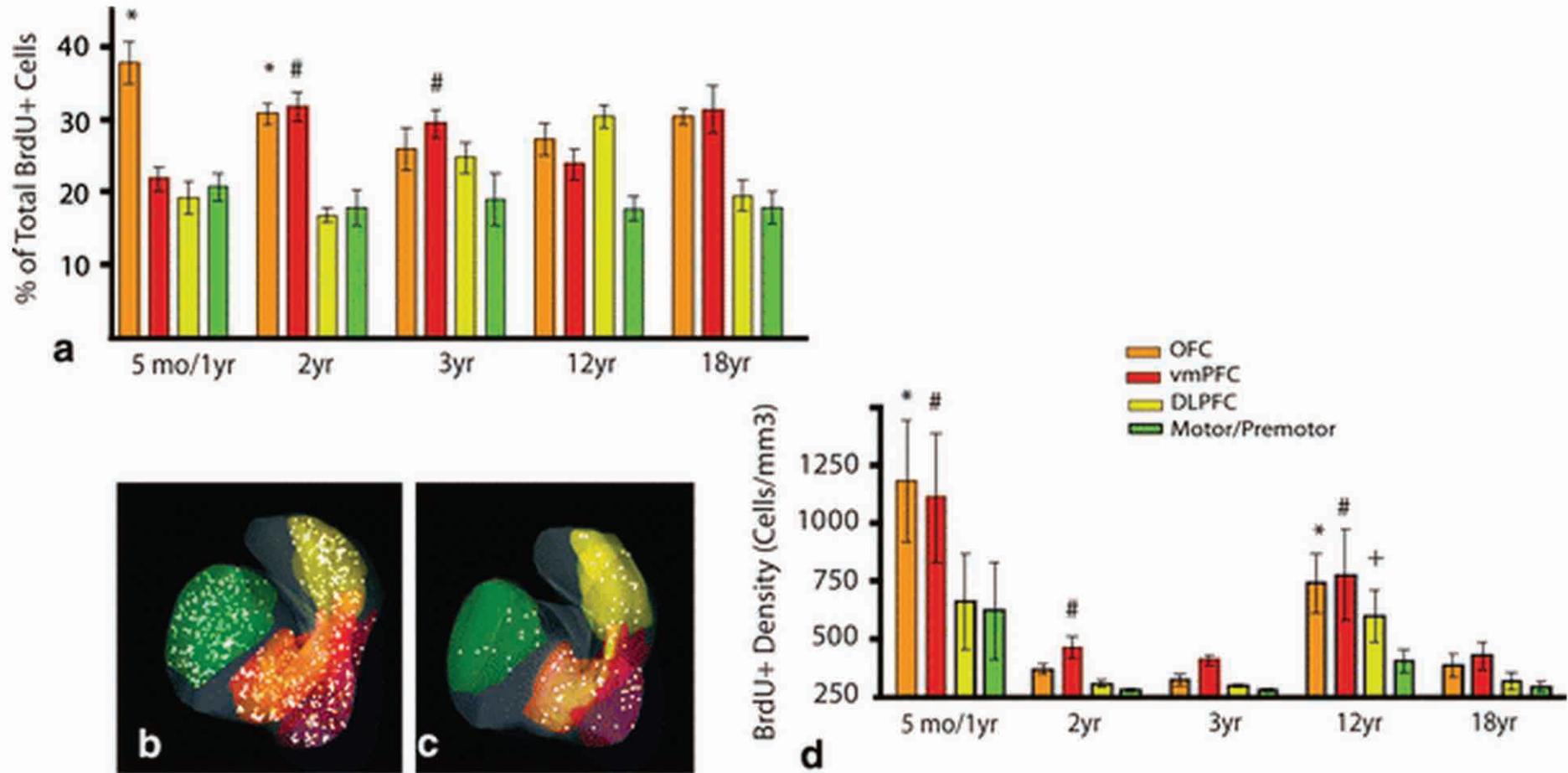
Hansen et al., Radiographics, 1993



Eckenhoff and Rakic, Journal of Comparative Neurology, 1984

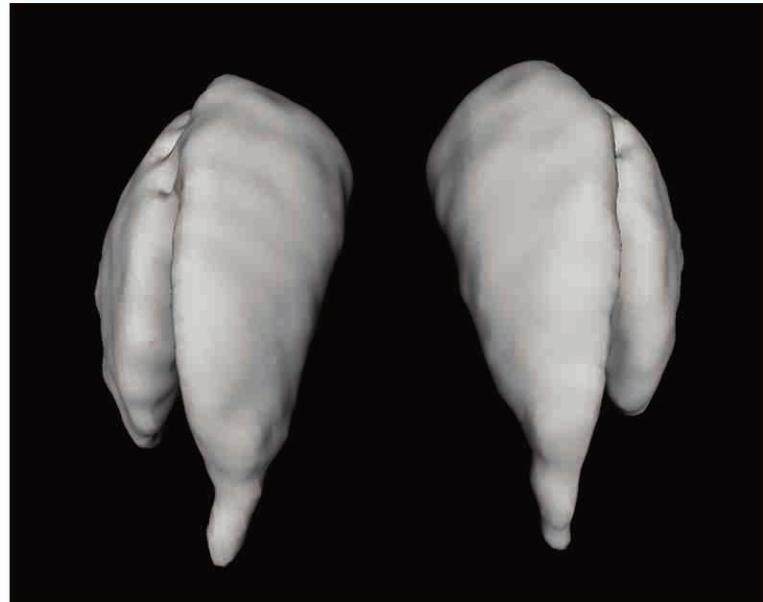


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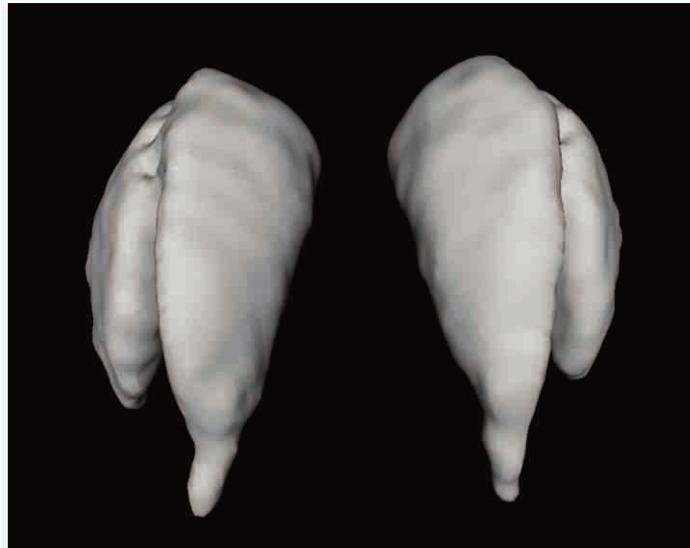


Stopczynski, Polosky, and Haber,  
Brain Structure and Function, 2008

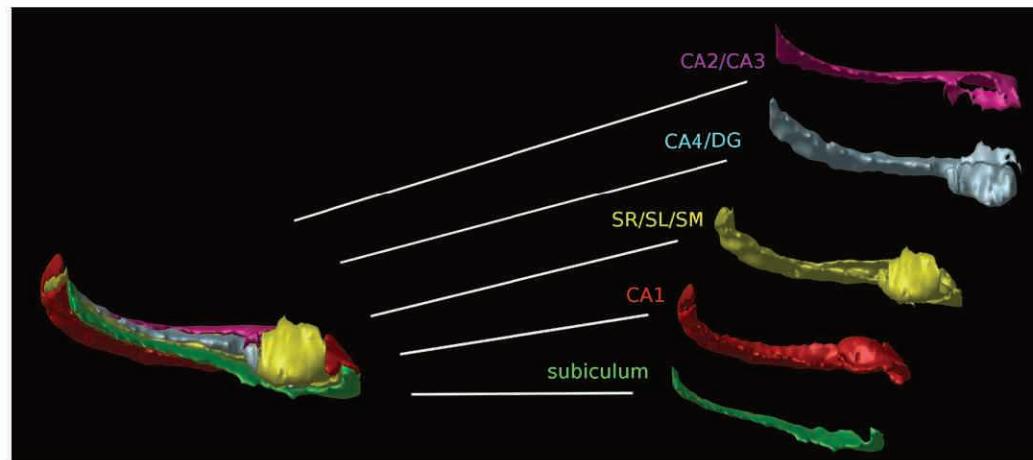
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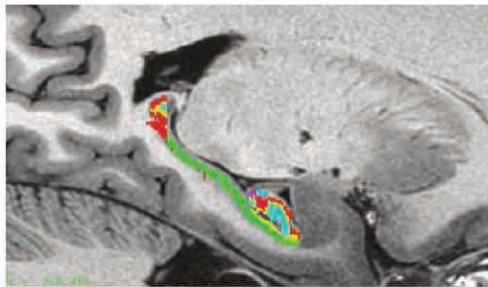
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2. Shape is a strong predictor of ageing and cognitive ability



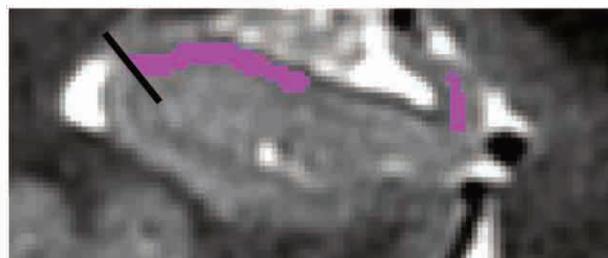
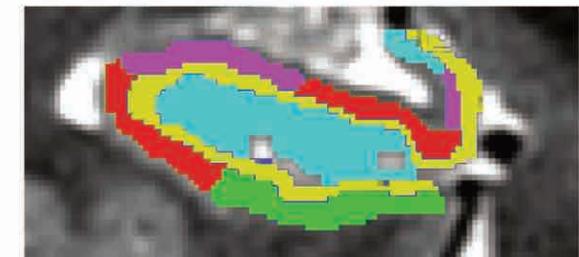
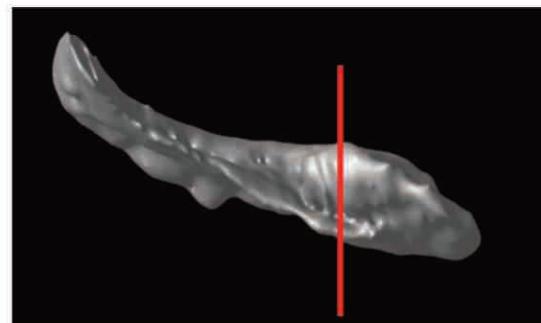
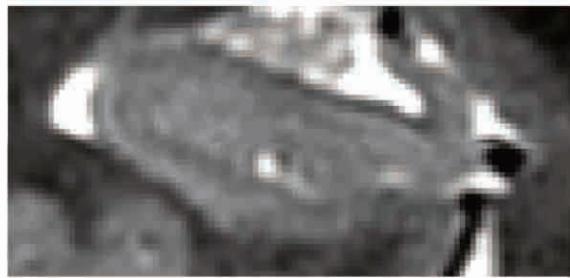
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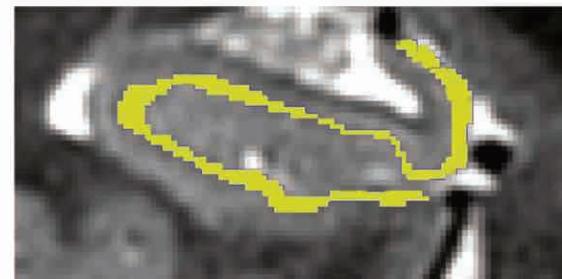
Idea: use manually segmented images (atlases)  
as **guides** when segmenting a new image

# Segmentation rules for the hippocampal head

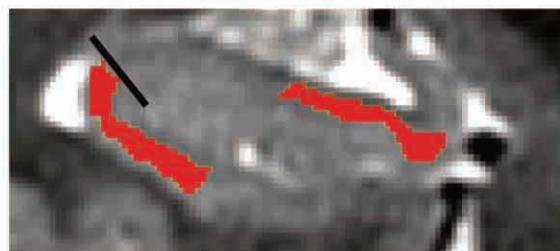
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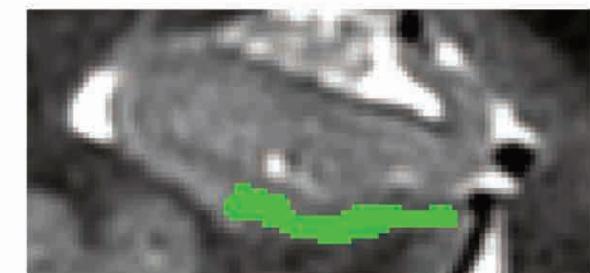
CA2/CA3



CA4/DG



CA1



sub

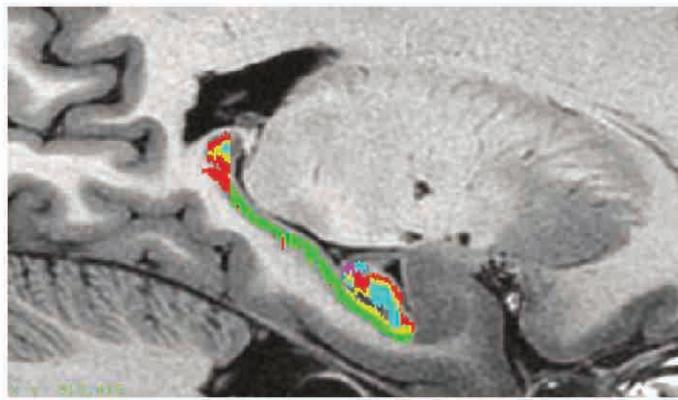
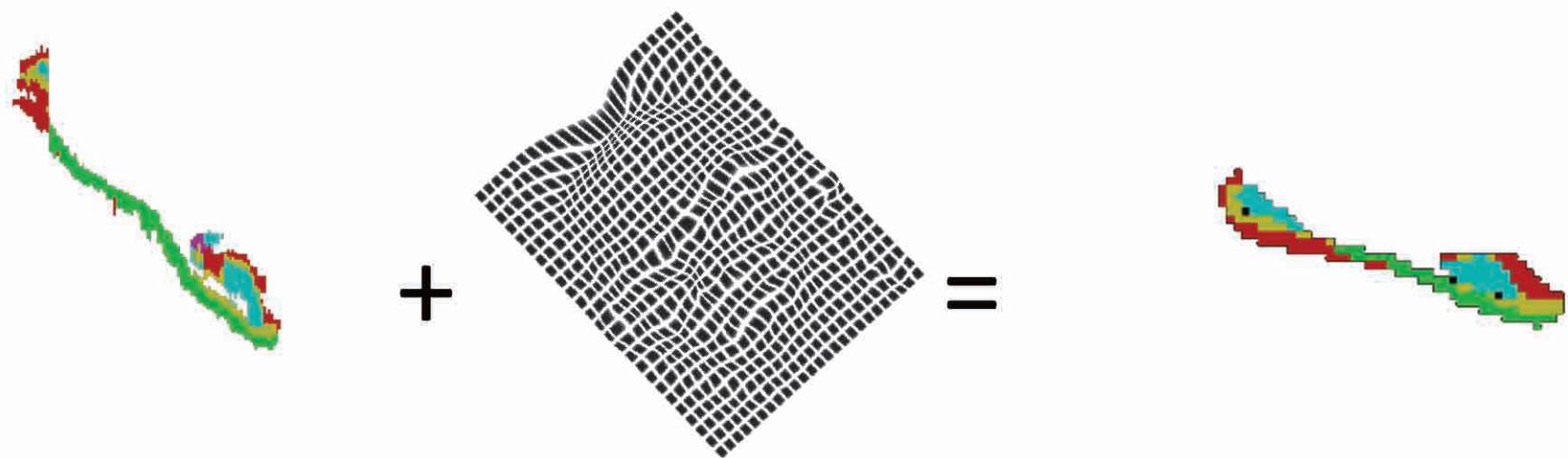
# Reliability data

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Region	Manual	0.3 mm Translation	0.99 Scaling	1.01 Scaling
CA1	0.78 (0.77 - 0.79)	0.66 (0.65 - 0.68)	0.64 (0.59 - 0.71)	0.67 (0.60 - 0.76)
CA2/CA3	0.64 (0.56 - 0.73)	0.54 (0.47 - 0.64)	0.35 (0.23 - 0.46)	0.43 (0.34 - 0.54)
CA4/Dentate Gyrus	0.83 (0.81 - 0.85)	0.70 (0.65 - 0.75)	0.68 (0.6 - 0.74)	0.67 (0.58 - 0.72)
SR/SL/SM	0.71 (0.68 - 0.73)	0.69 (0.66 - 0.72)	0.74 (0.69 - 0.79)	0.72 (0.67 - 0.8)
Subiculum	0.75 (0.72 - 0.78)	0.60 (0.52 - 0.66)	0.59 (0.42 - 0.67)	0.60 (0.41 - 0.68)
Whole Hippocampus	0.91 (0.90 - 0.92)	0.85 (0.84 - 0.86)	0.87 (0.86 - 0.91)	0.88 (0.86 - 0.91)

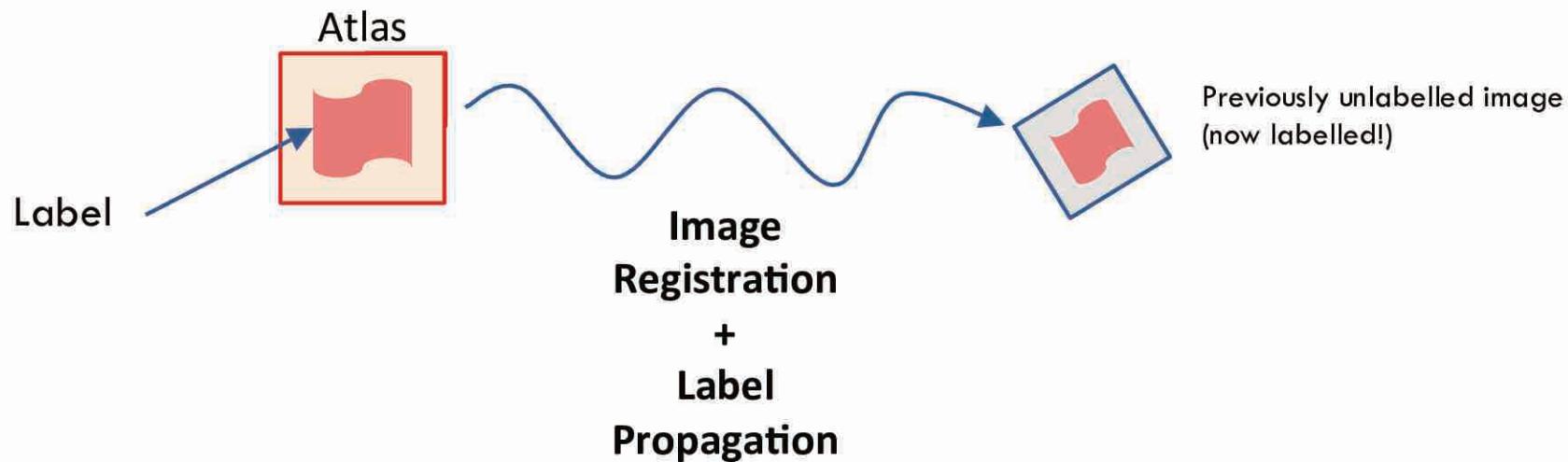
# Segmentation Label Propagation

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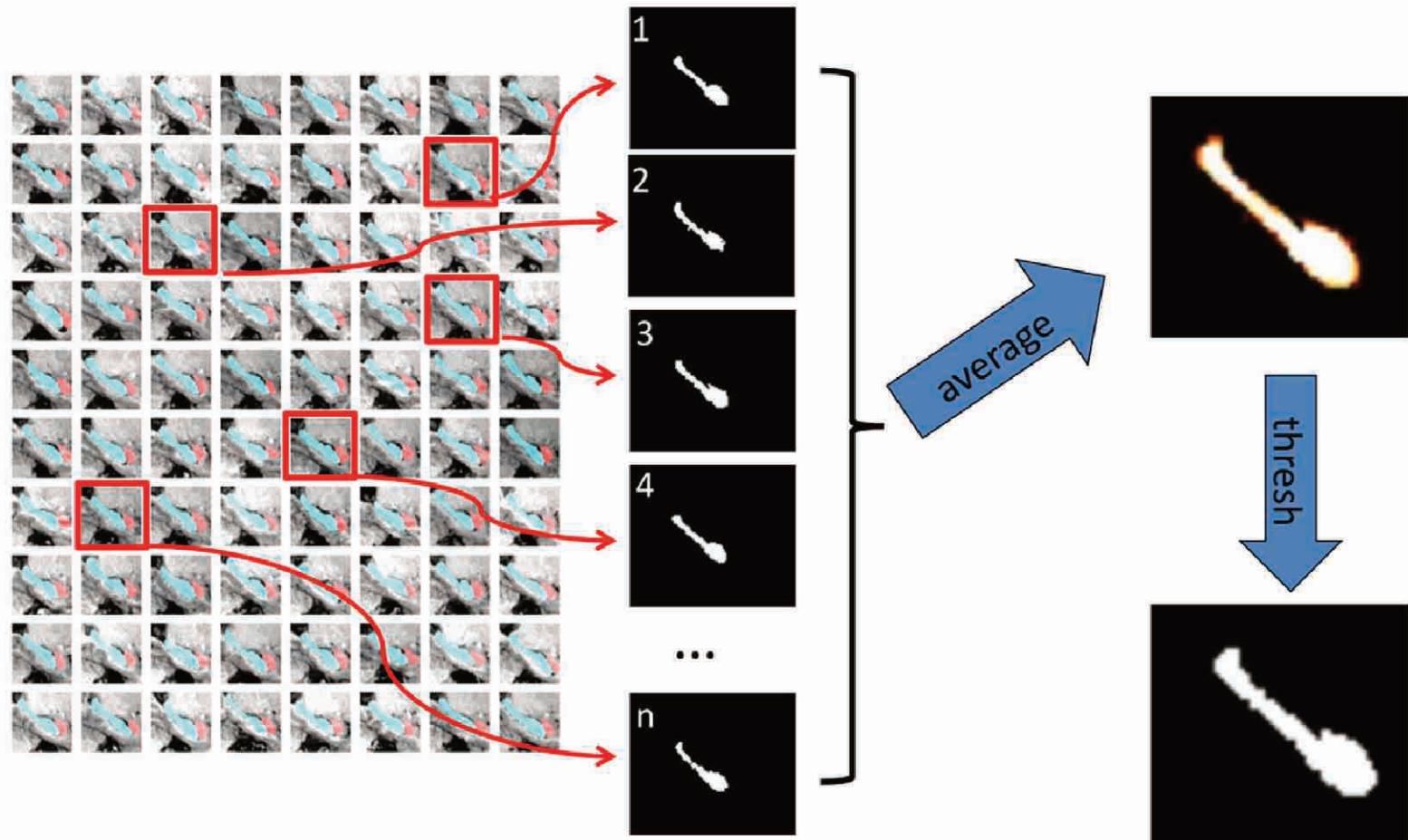
# Atlas-based segmentation

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- atlas segmentation errors
- registration errors
- resampling errors

# Multi-atlas based segmentation



# MAGeT Brain

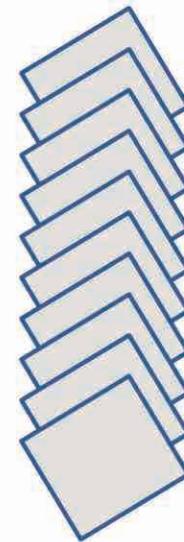
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**Multiple Automatically Generated Templates Brain segmentation**

Atlases



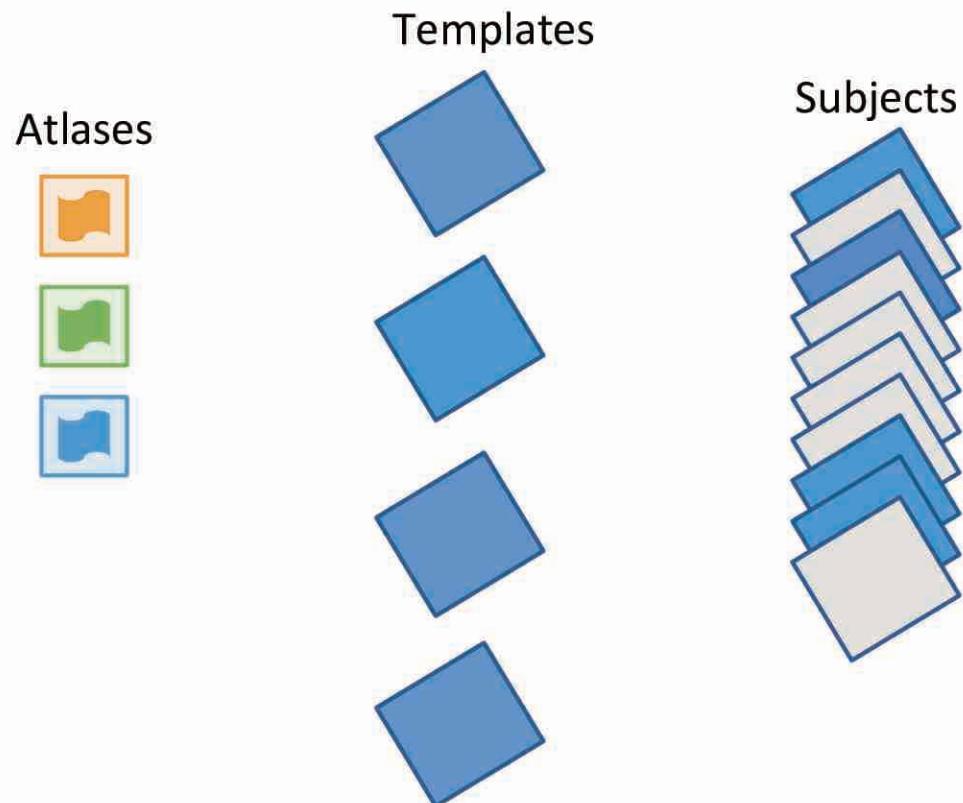
Subjects



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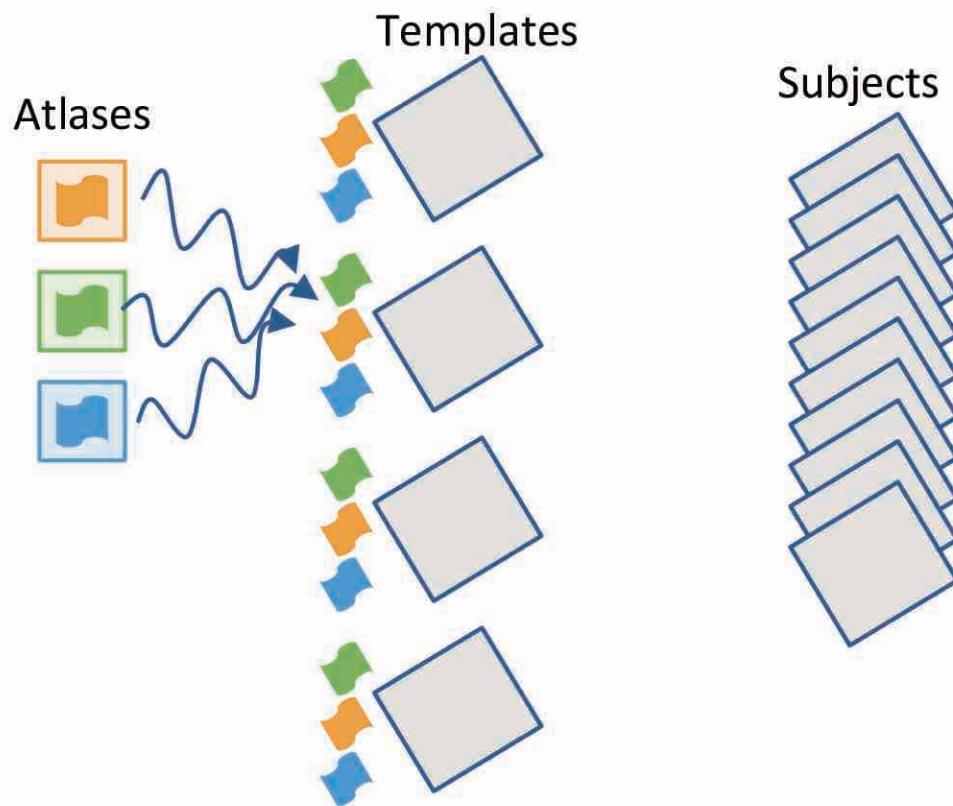
Step 1: Take a sample from the unlabelled subjects.



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Step 2: **Each** template image gets labelled by **each** atlas

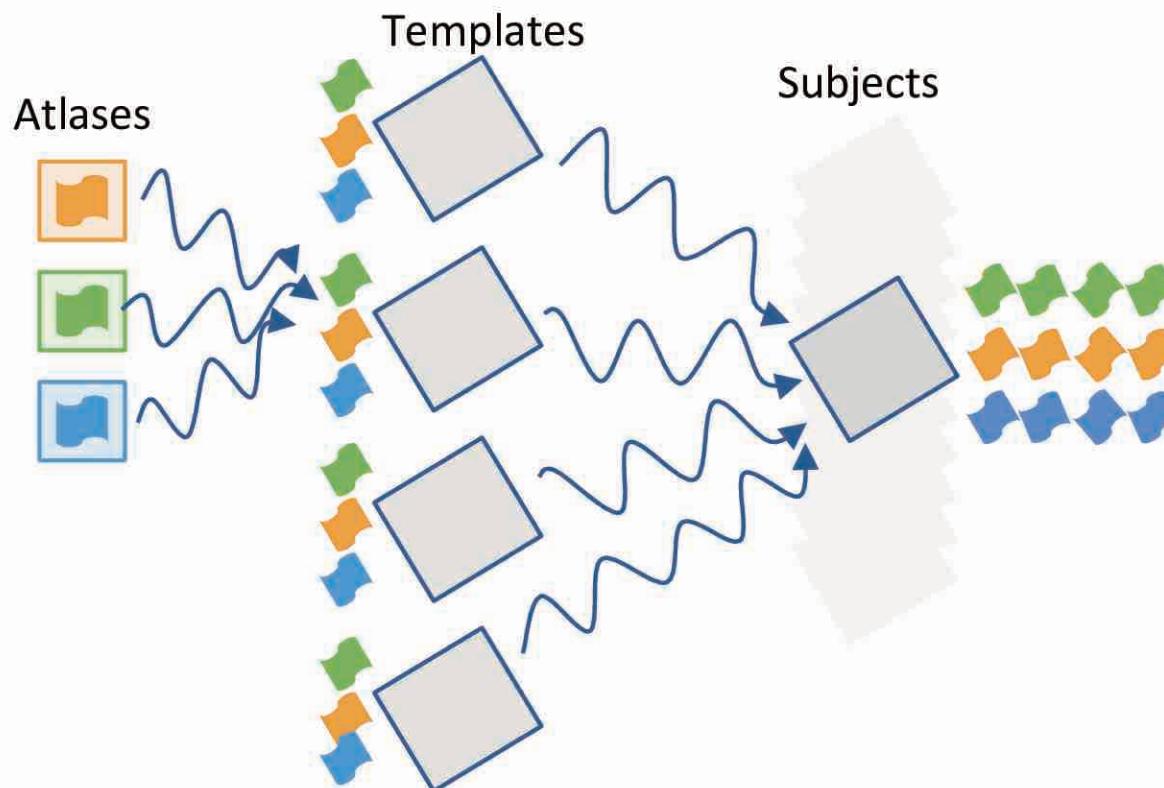


Chakravarty et al., Human Brain Mapping 2013

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Step 3: **Each** template labels **each** subject image

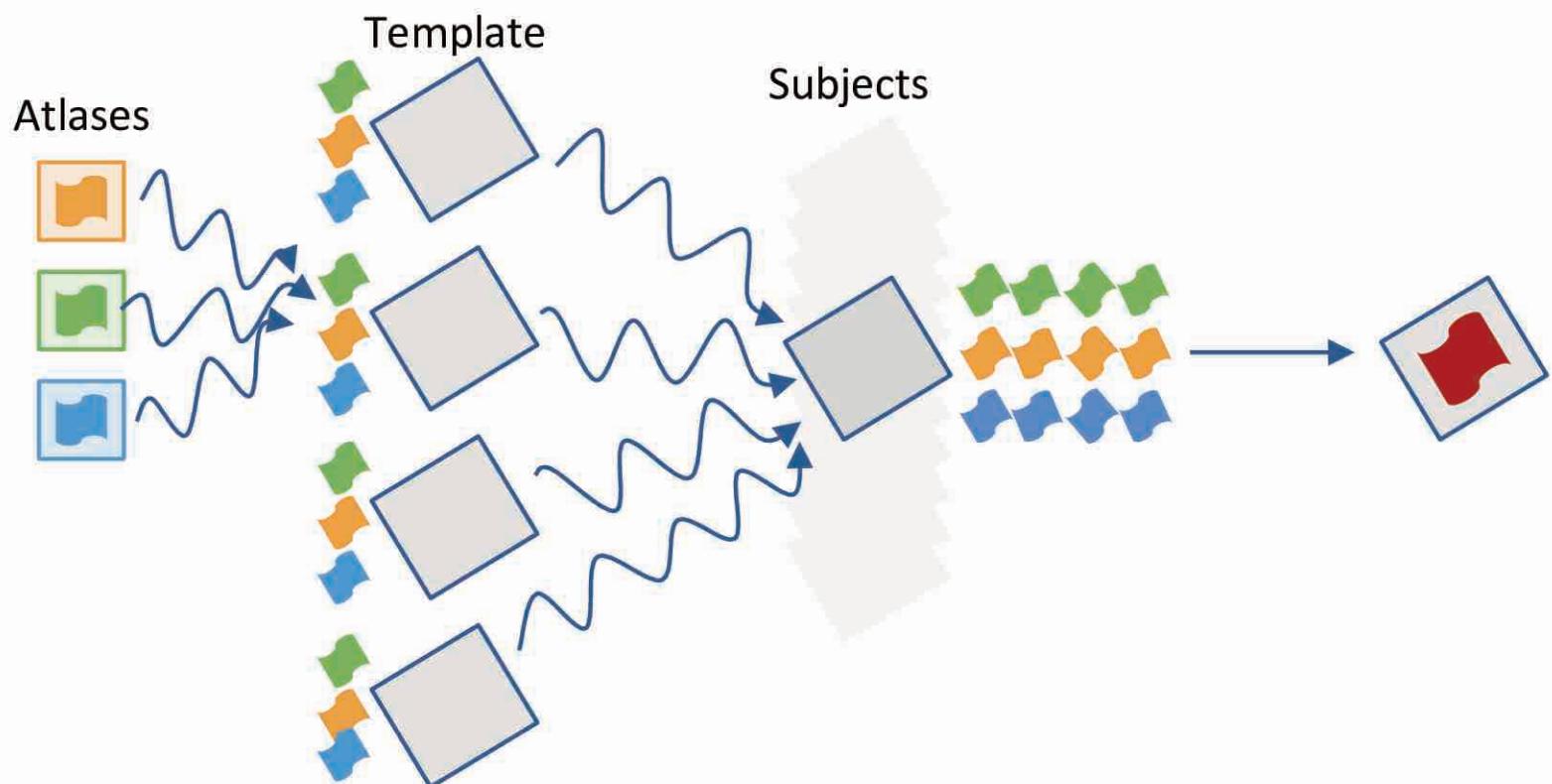


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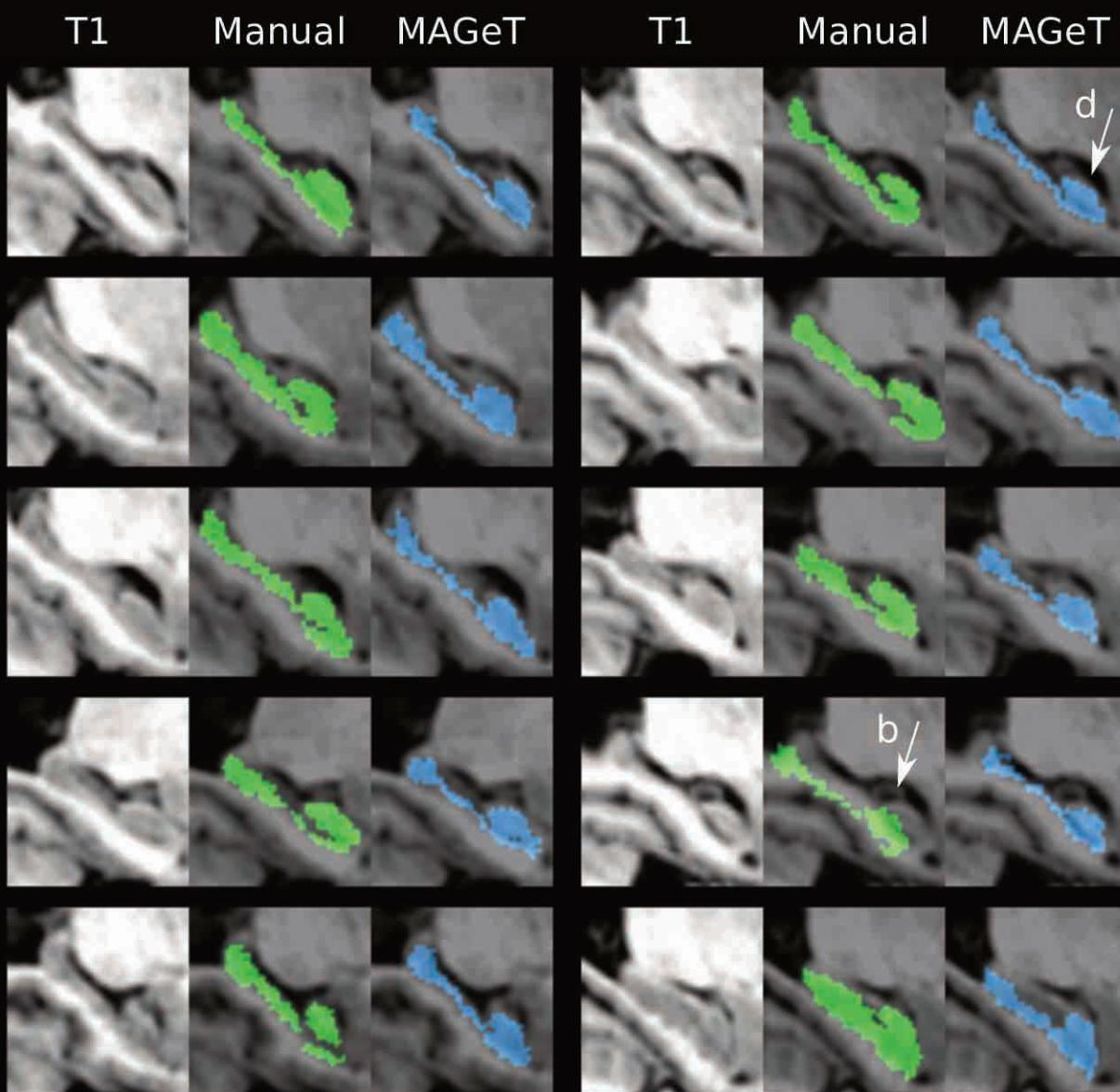
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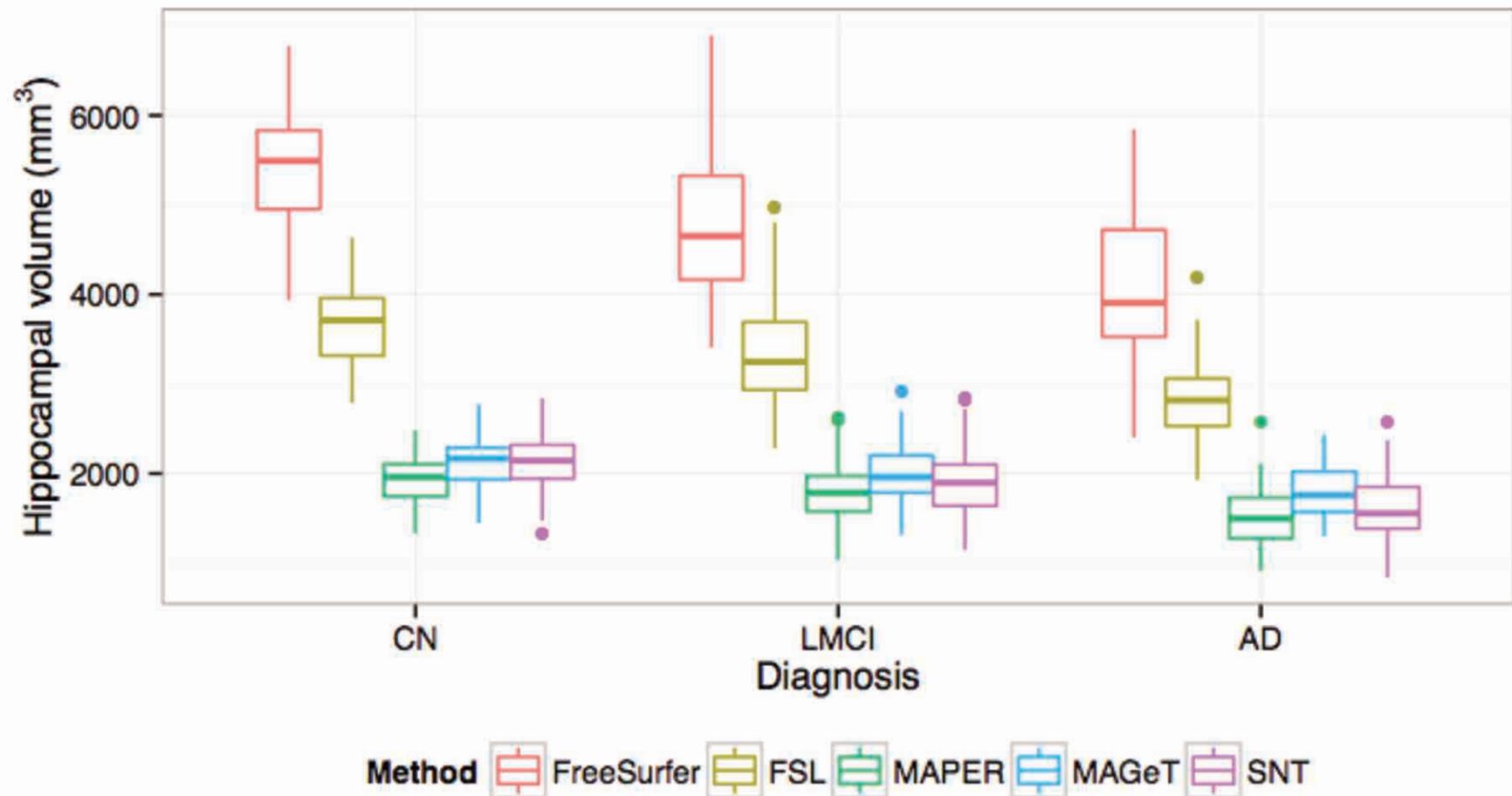
Step 4: **Fuse** all labels for a subject



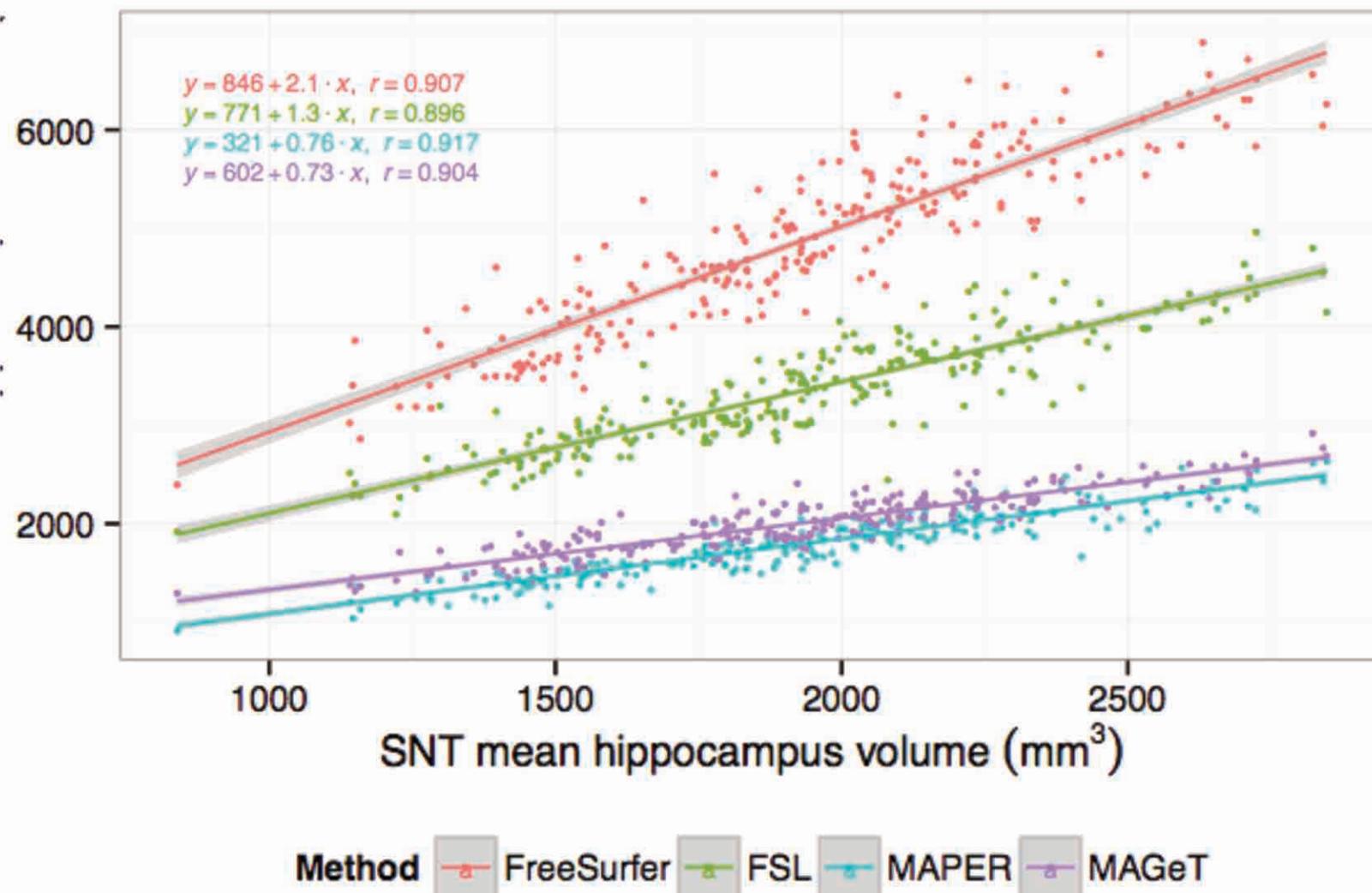
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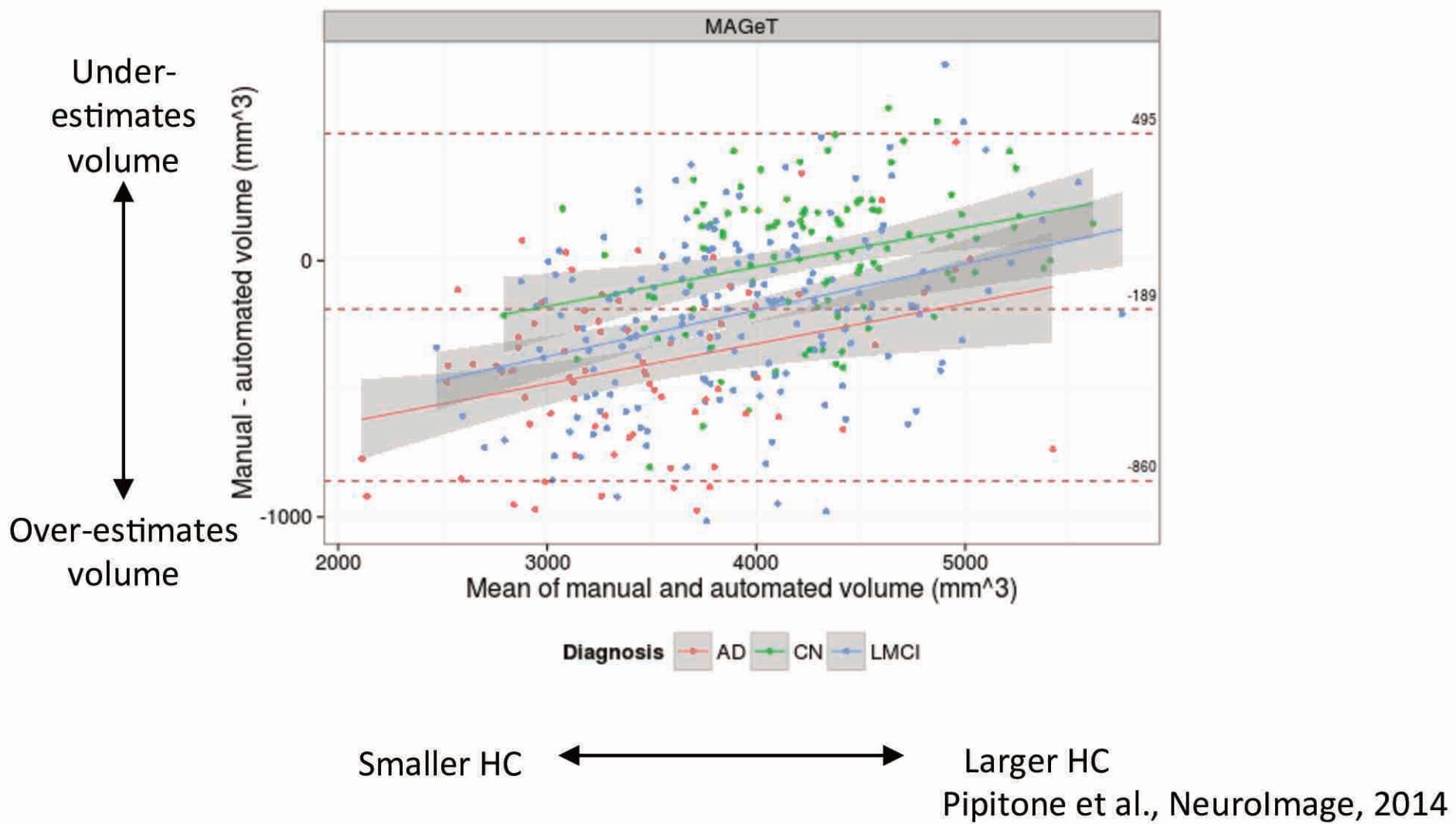
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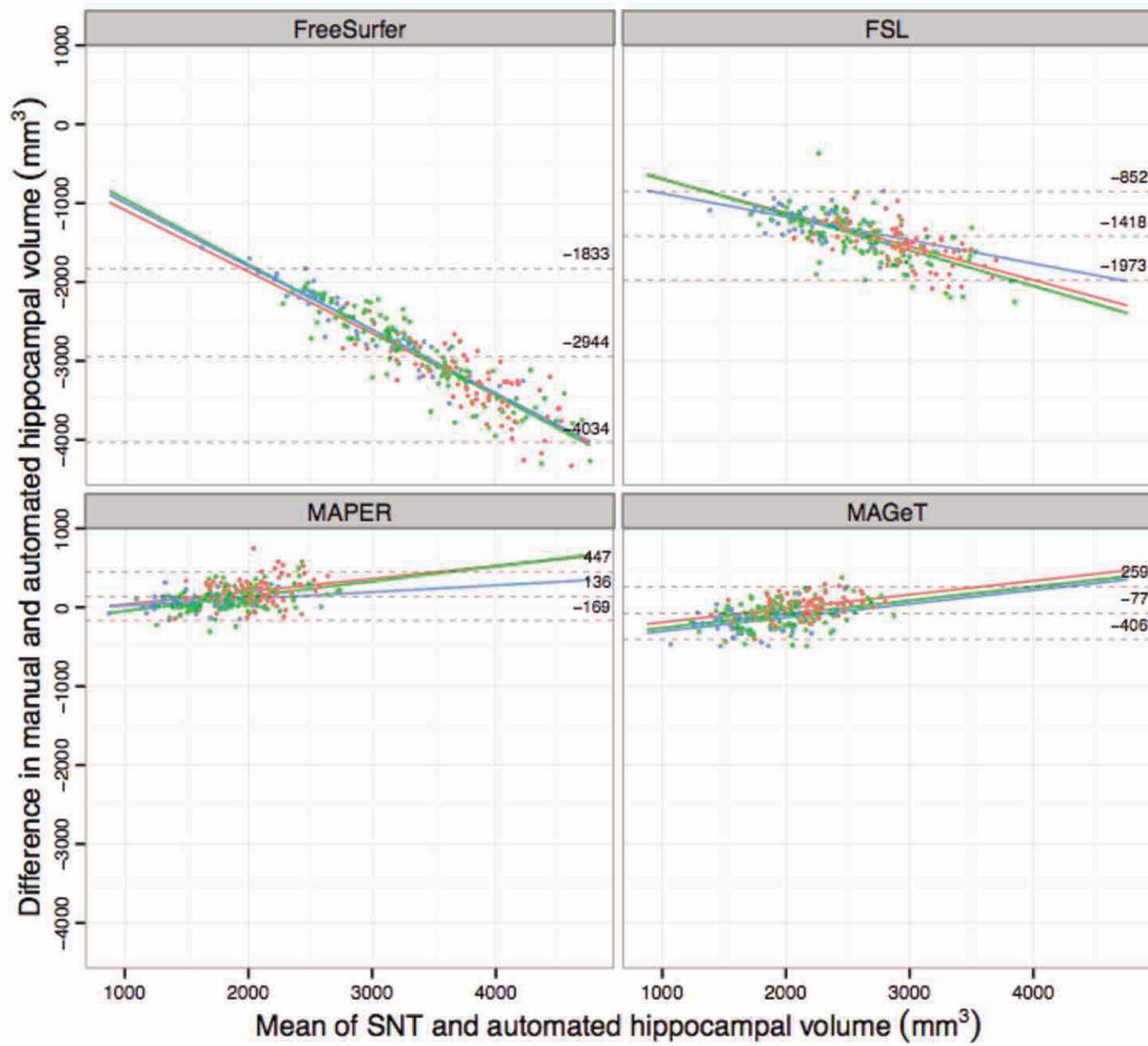


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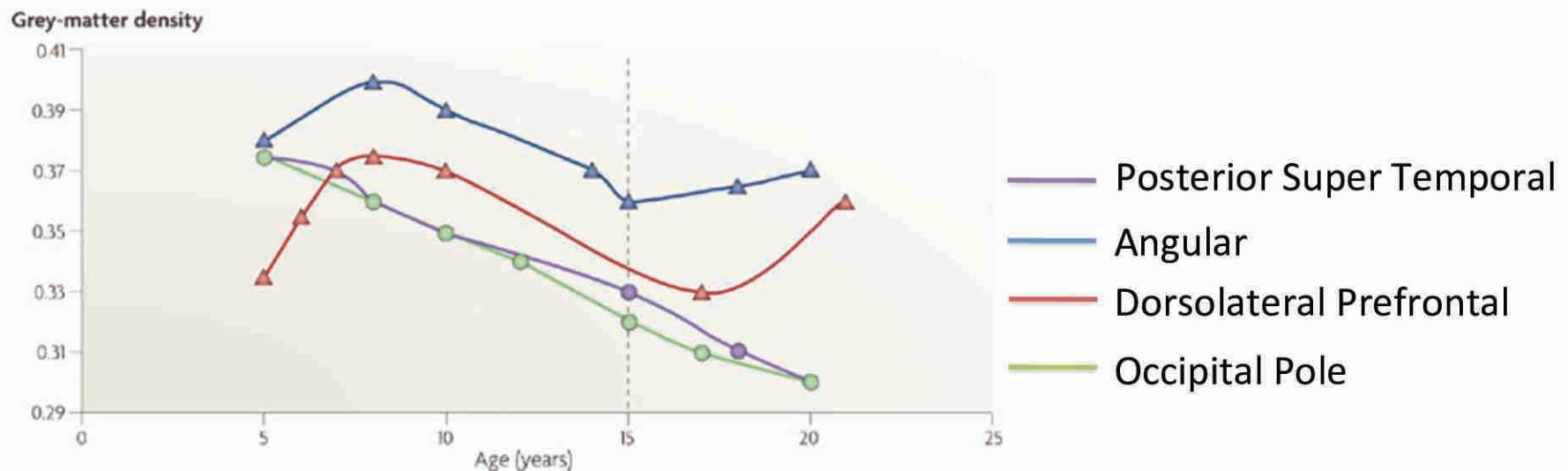
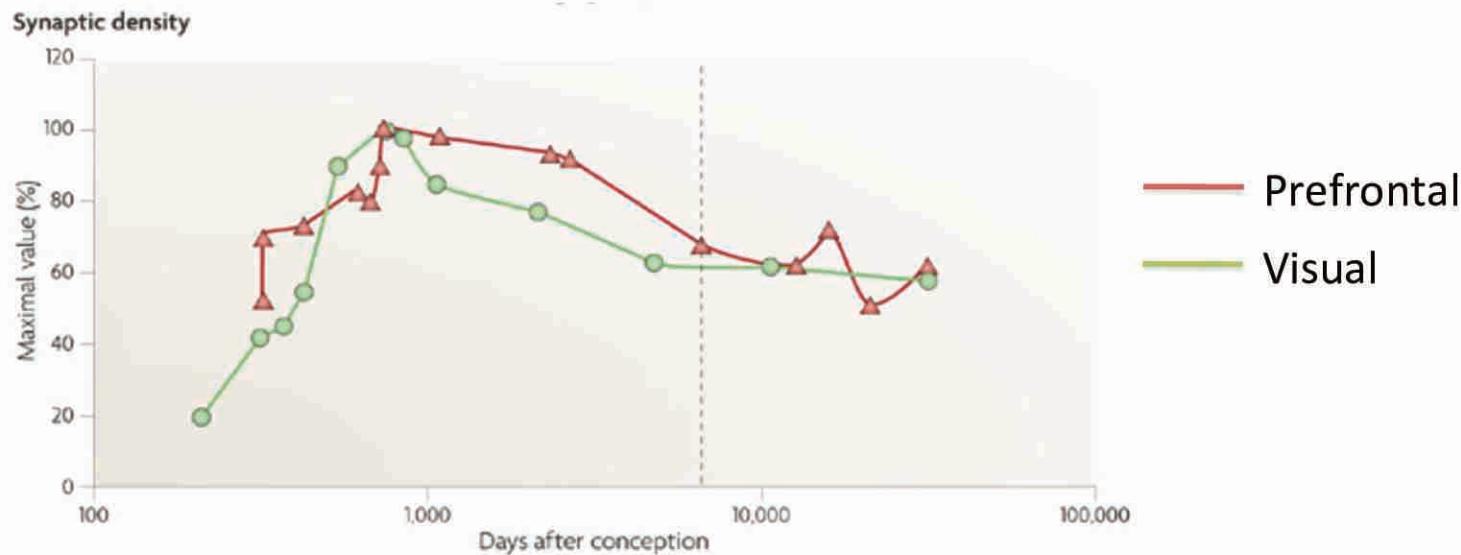
# Bias estimate – Bland Altman Plot





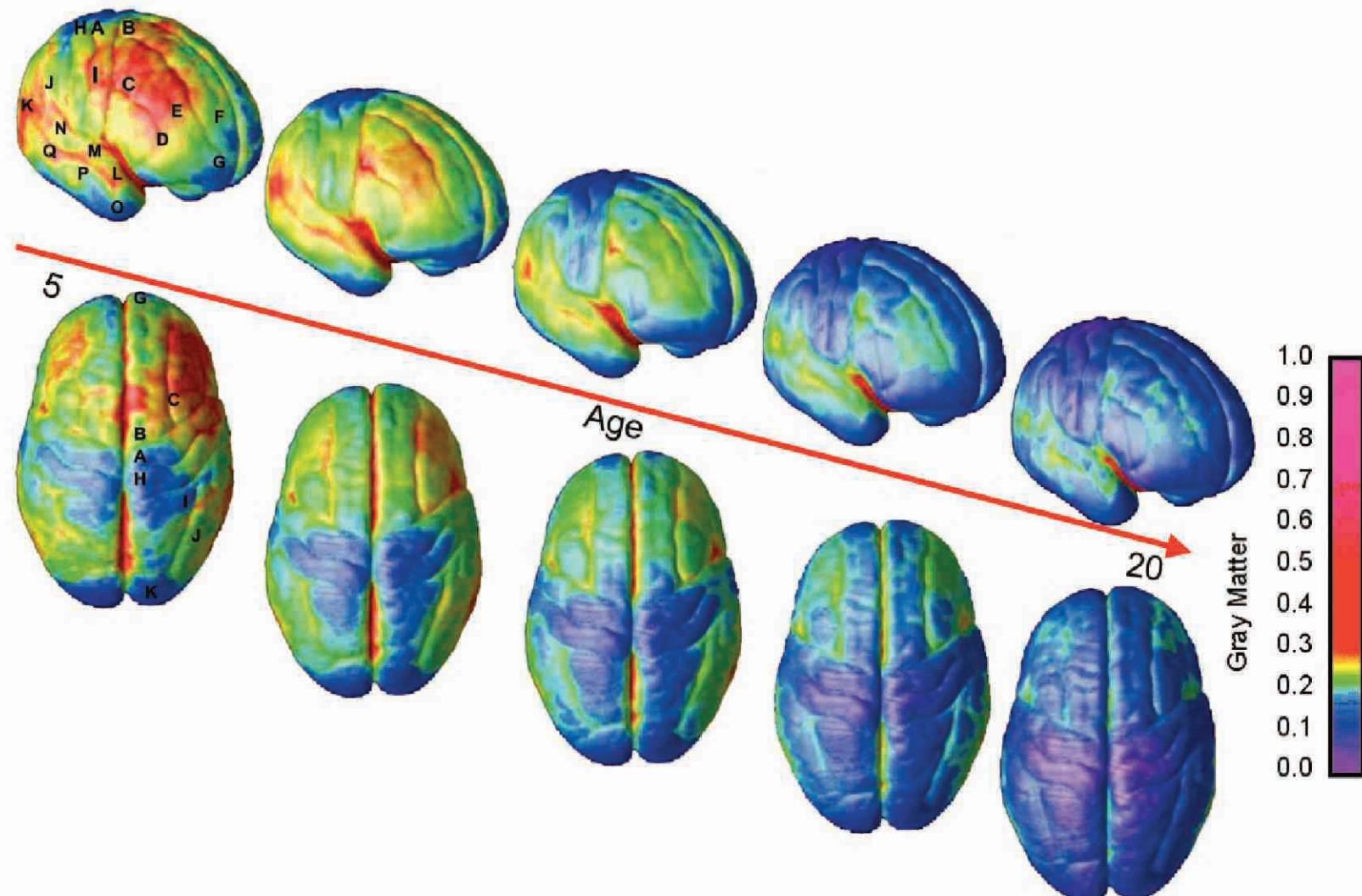
Pipitone et al., NeuroImage, 2014

# Normal brain development



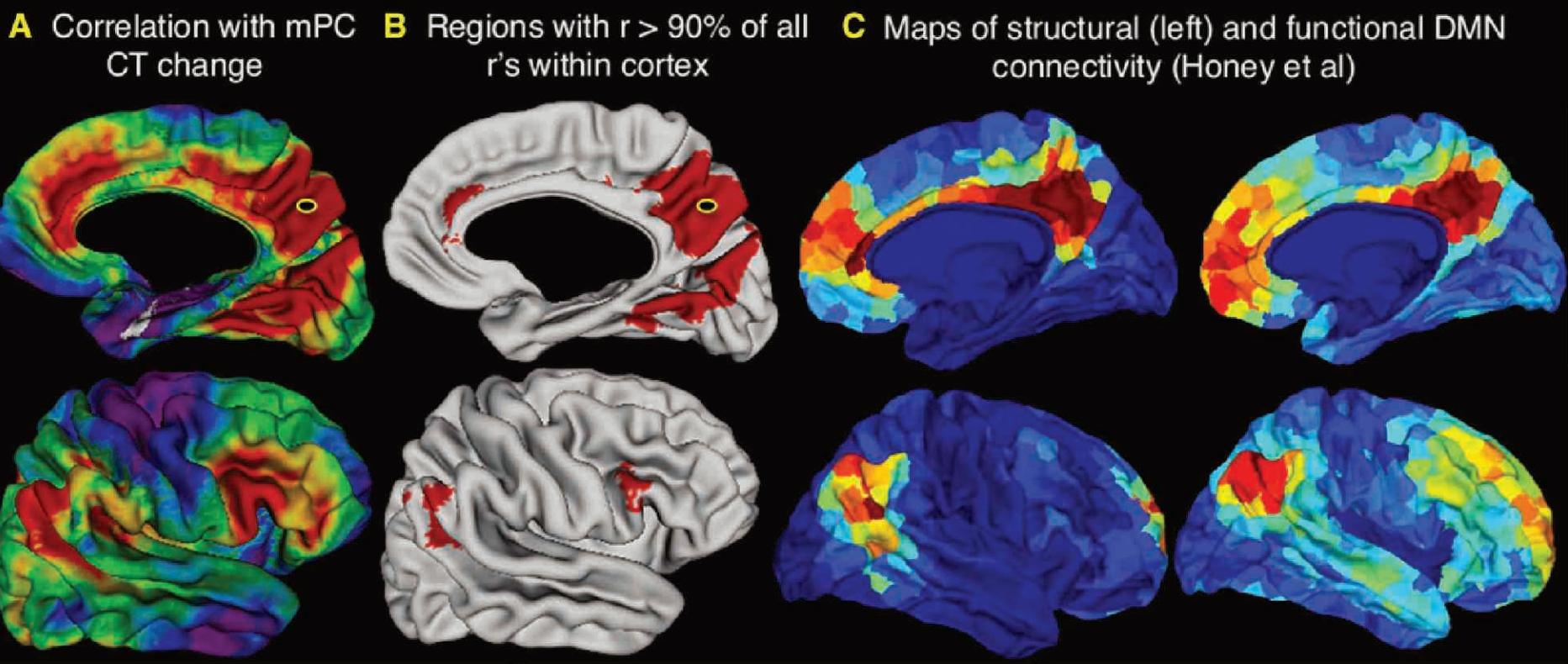
Paus, Keshavan, and Giedd. *Nat Rev Neurosci*. 2008.

# Normal brain development: GM Volume

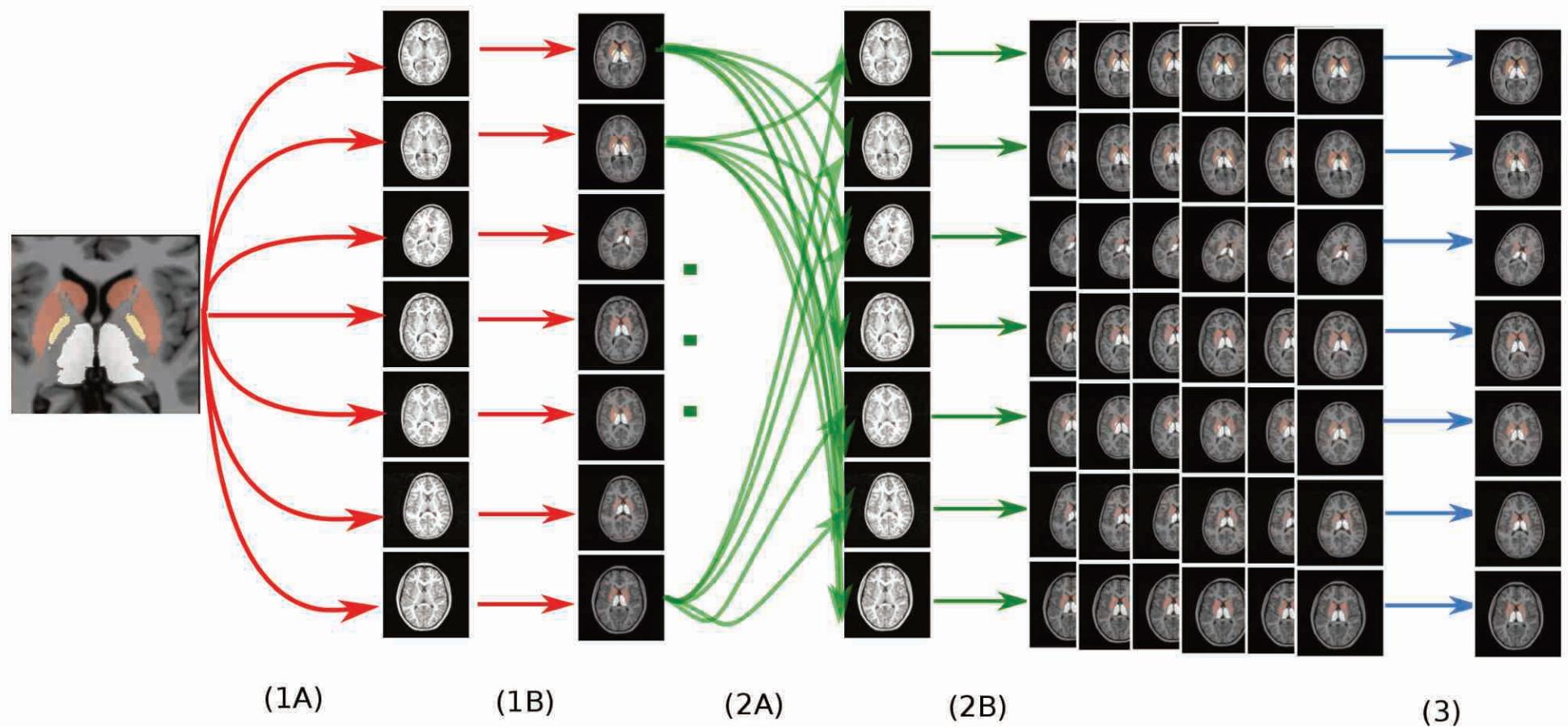


Gogtay *et al.* PNAS. 2004.

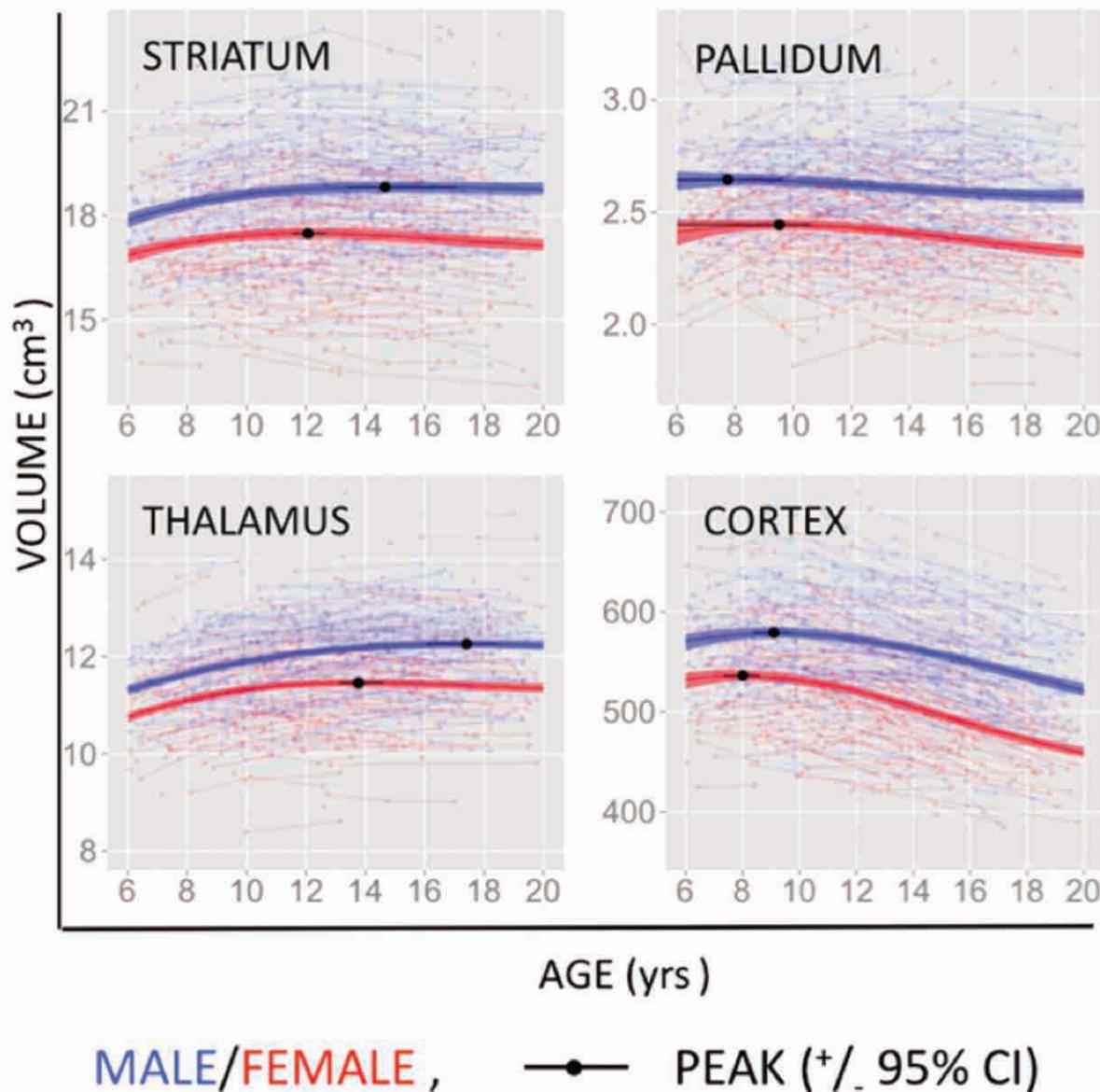
# Neuroanatomical coupling through development



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Chakravarty et al., Human Brain Mapping, 2013.



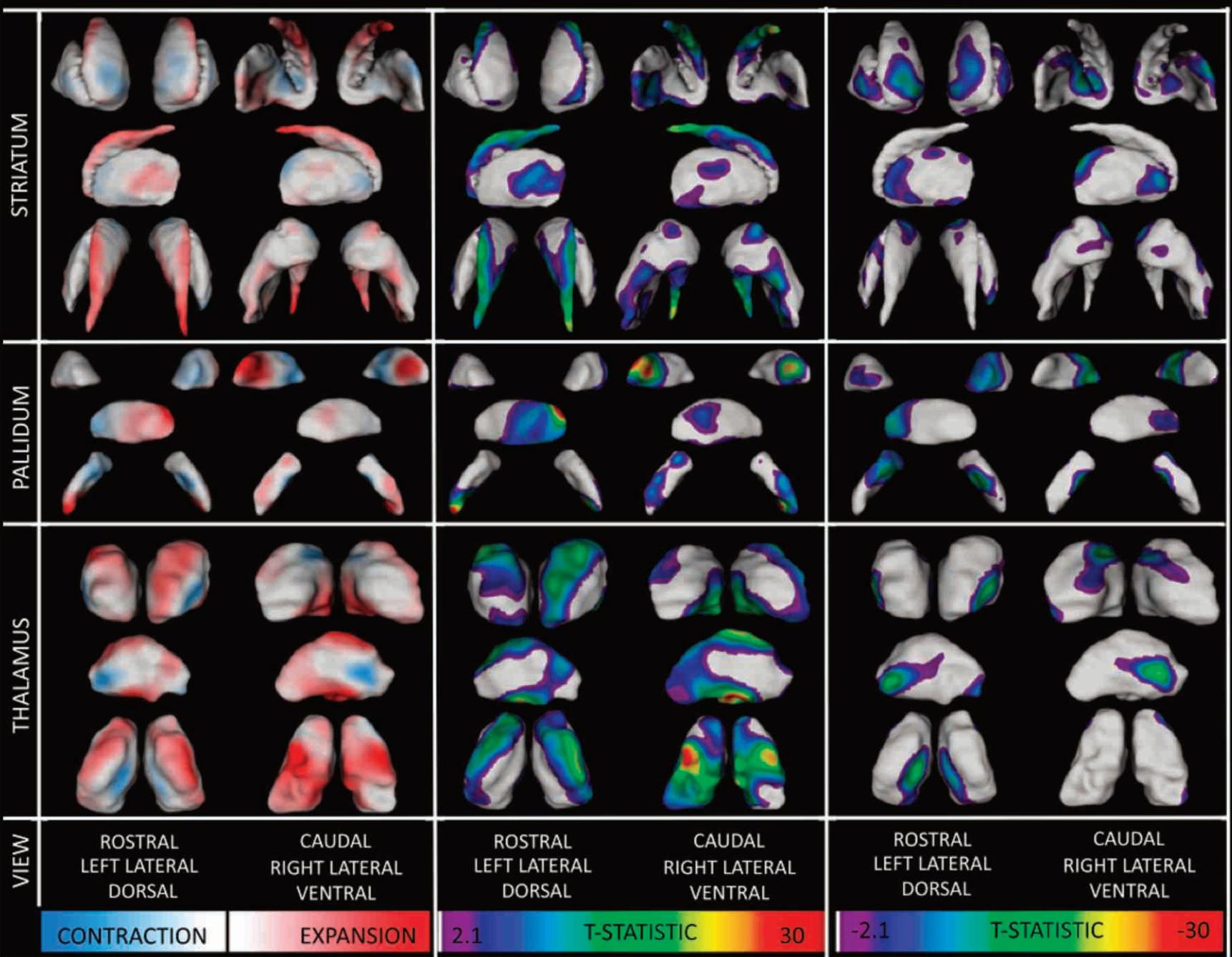
Longitudinal mapping of >600 individuals  
Over 1,300 MRI volumes

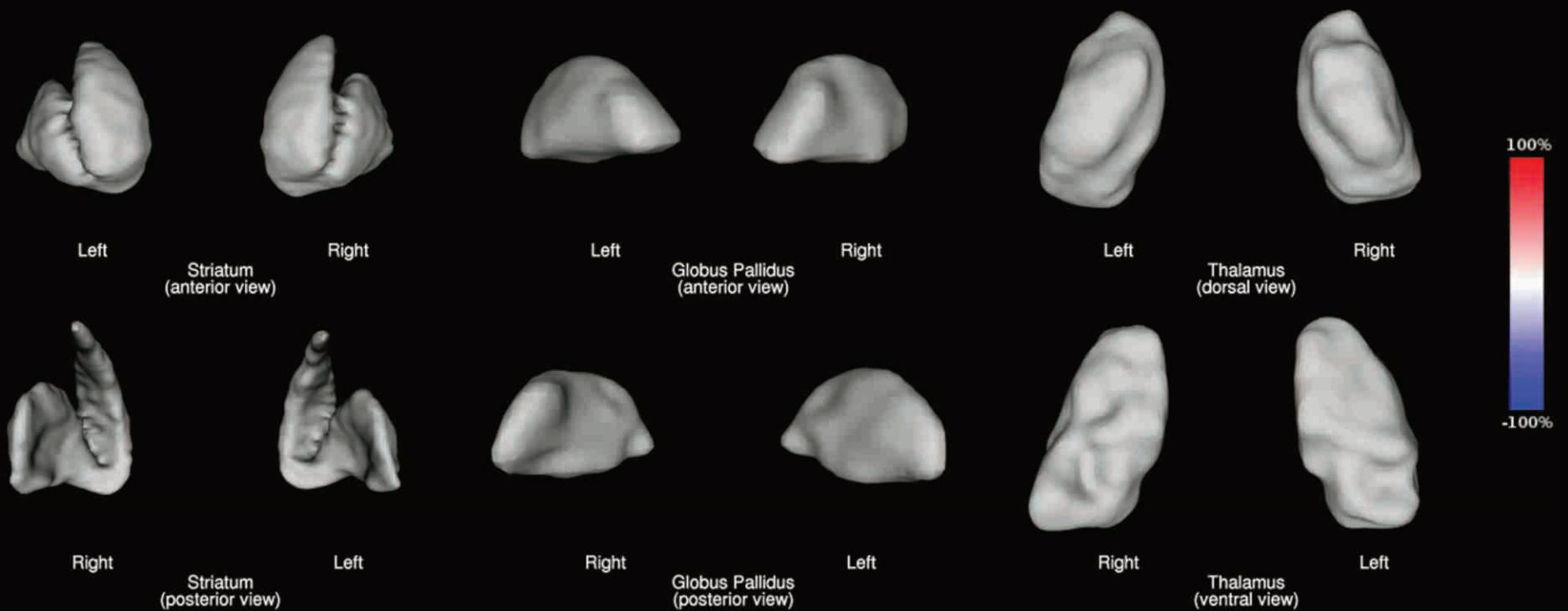
Raznahan et al., PNAS, 2014.

**A** UNTHRESHOLDED MAP OF  
CHANGE WITH AGE

**B** SIGNIFICANT EXPANSION WITH  
AGE

**C** SIGNIFICANT CONTRACTION  
WITH AGE

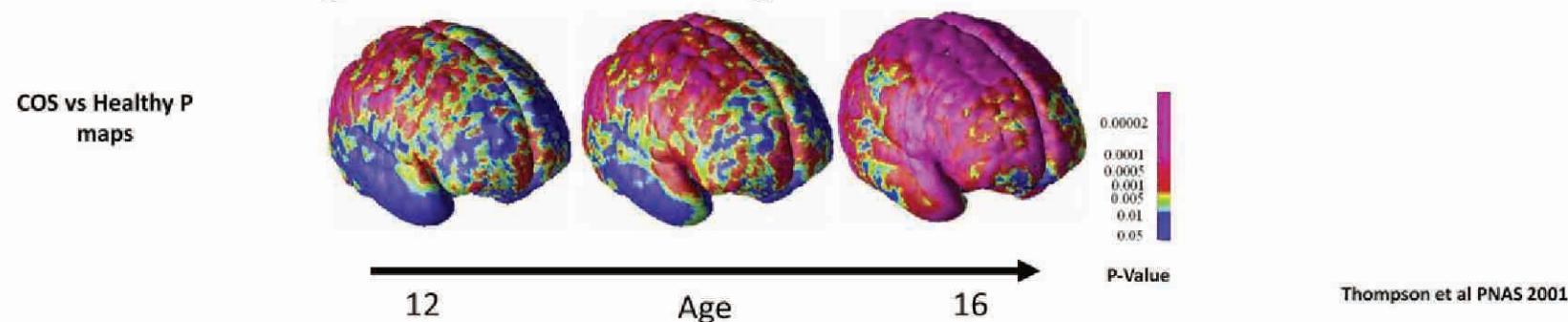




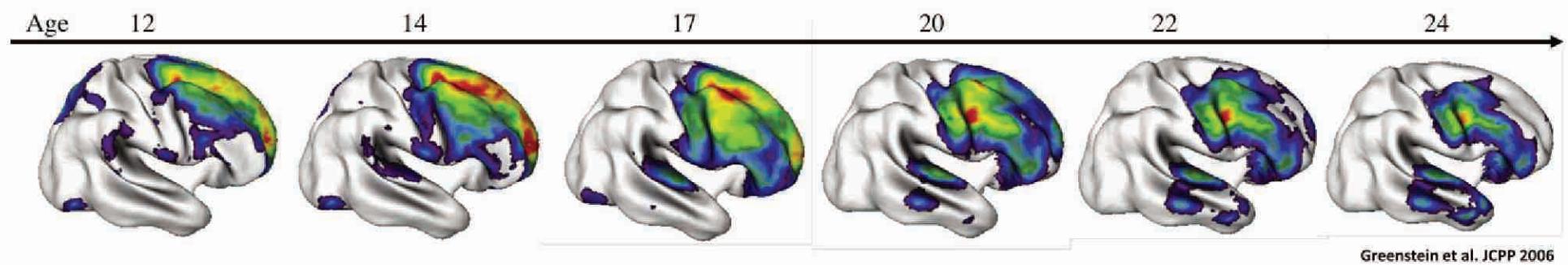
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# Grey matter deficits in childhood onset schizophrenia (COS)

A. Parietal-Frontal Progression of GM Loss During Adolescence



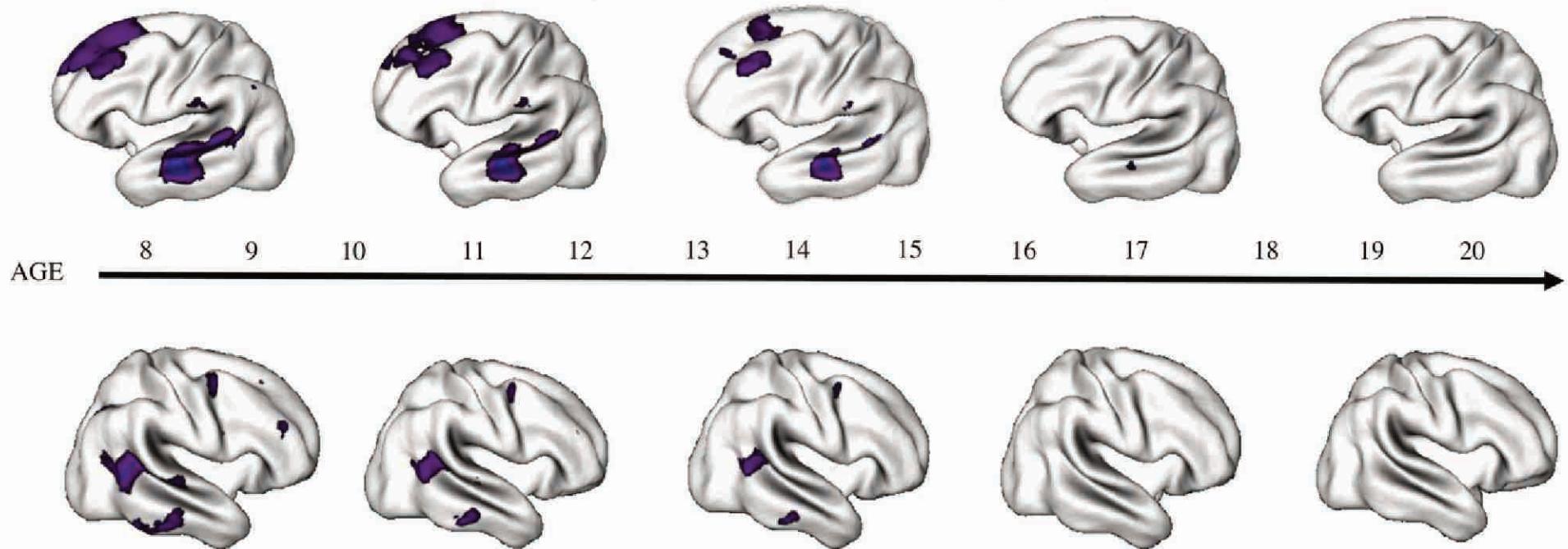
B. The GM loss Declines and is Circumscribed to Prefrontal and Temporal Cortices By Age 24



# Siblings of childhood onset schizophrenia patients (COSSIBs)

**Healthy COS Siblings show cortical GM Deficits in Early Ages that *Normalize* by Age 18**

(Healthy COS siblings: n= 52, 113 scans Vs Healthy Controls: n= 52, 108 scans)



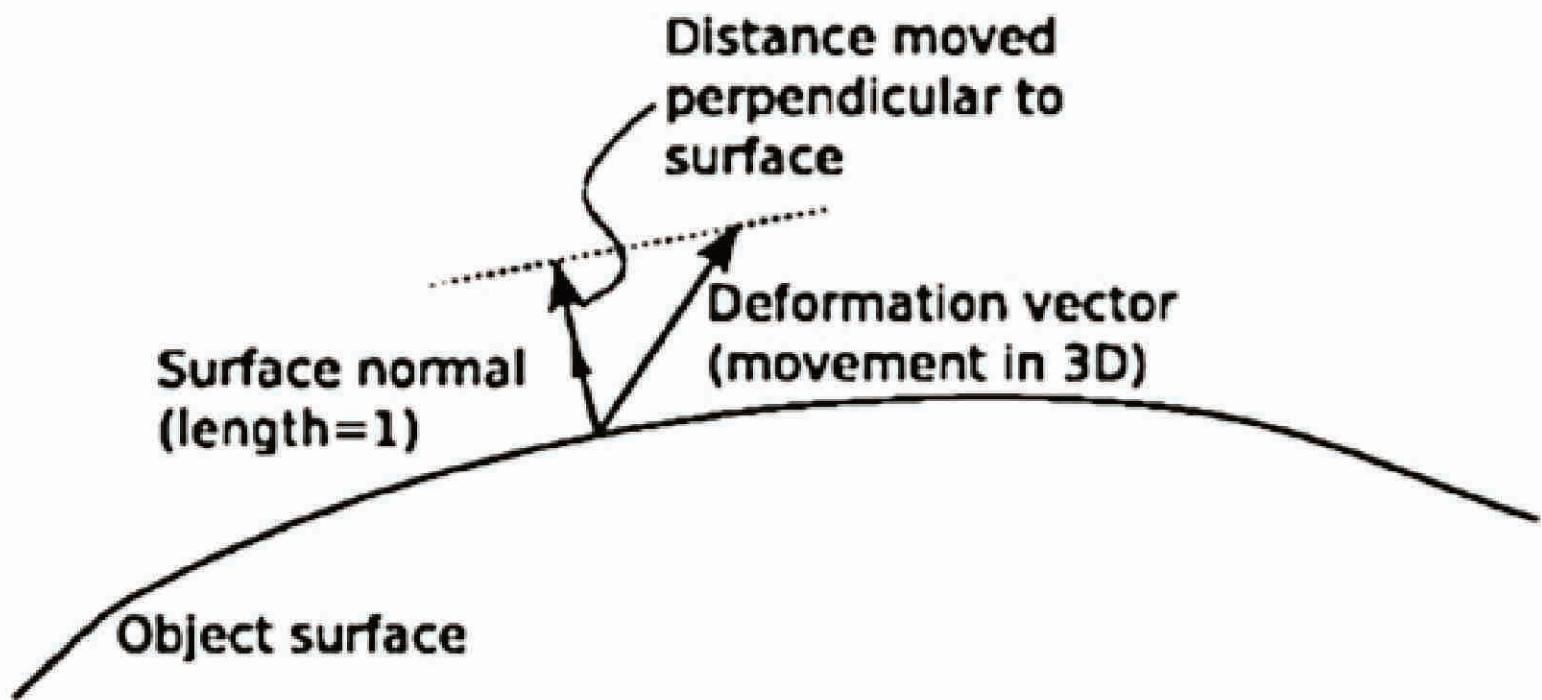
## Striatal volume and morphology in COS and COSSIBs

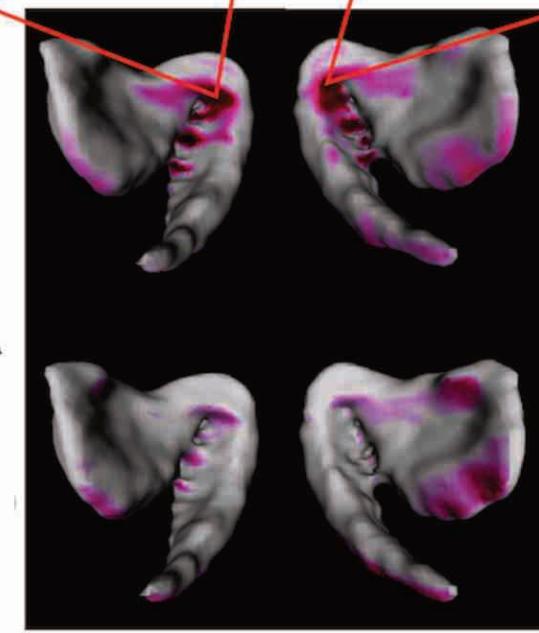
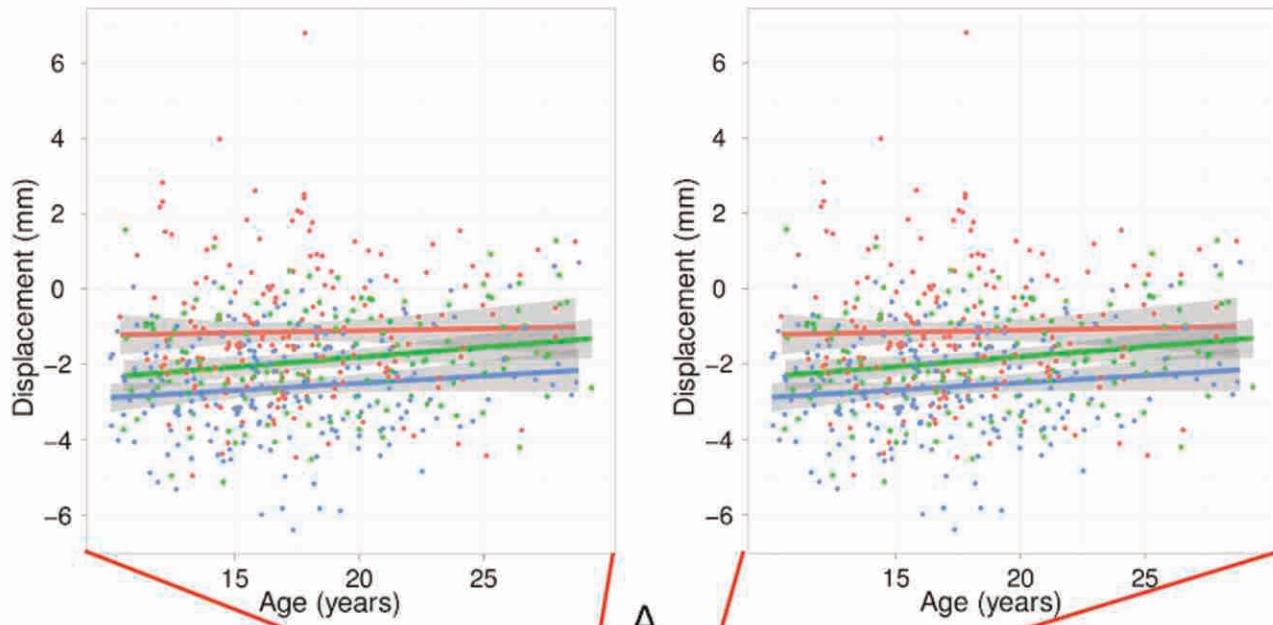
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- National Institute of Mental Heath COS Cohort
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) since 1990
  - Longitudinal data acquisition
  - 94 COS (208 scans)
  - 86 Healthy COS sibilings (171 scans)
  - 110 match healthy controls (270 scans)
- GE Signa 1.5T MR system
  - coronal (3D) SPGR
  - TR = 14ms, TE = 3 ms
  - 256 x 192 acquisition matrix
  - 124mm slices; voxel size:  $0.94 \times 0.94 \times 1.5 \text{ mm}^3$

# Surface-based shape analysis

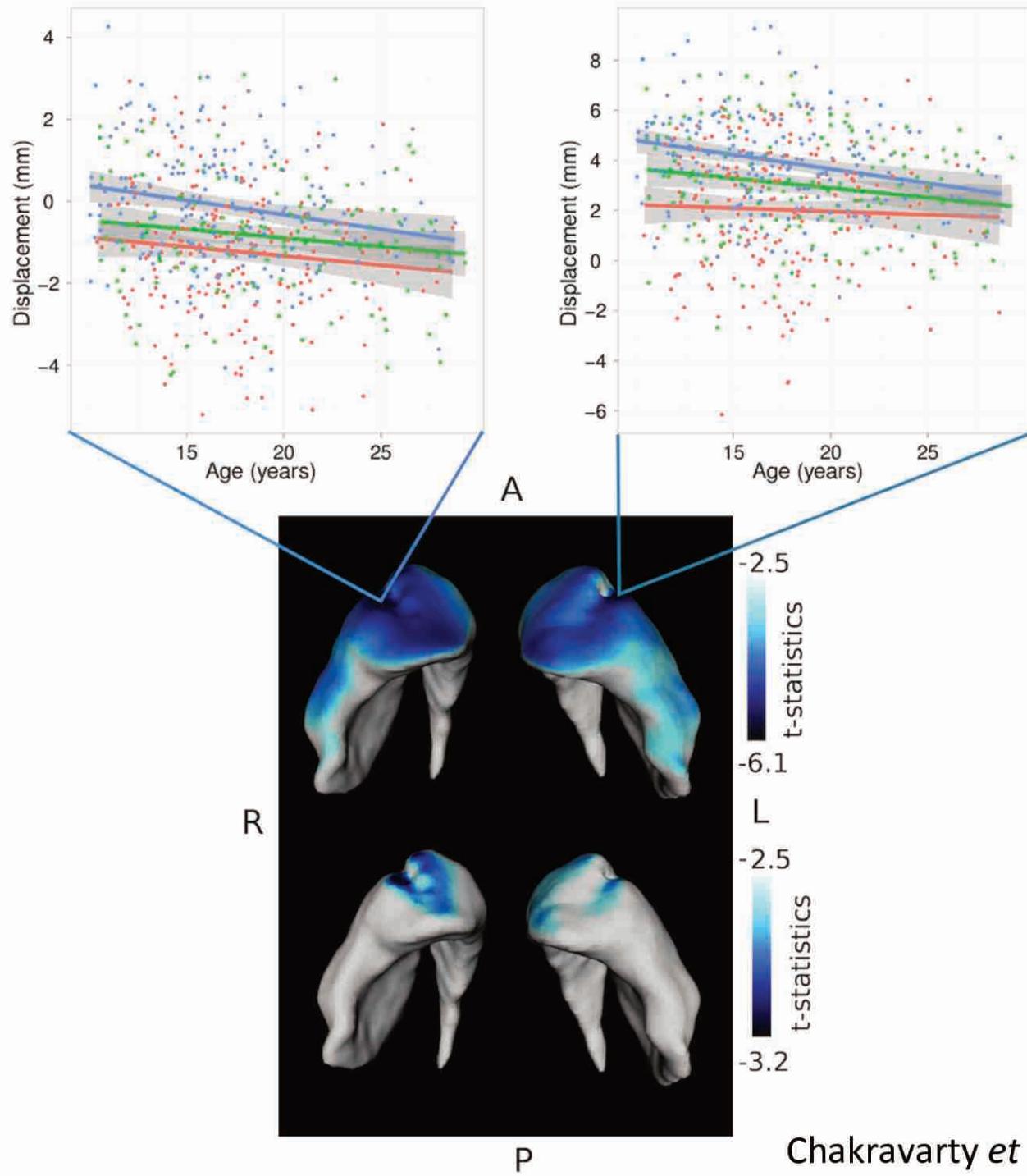
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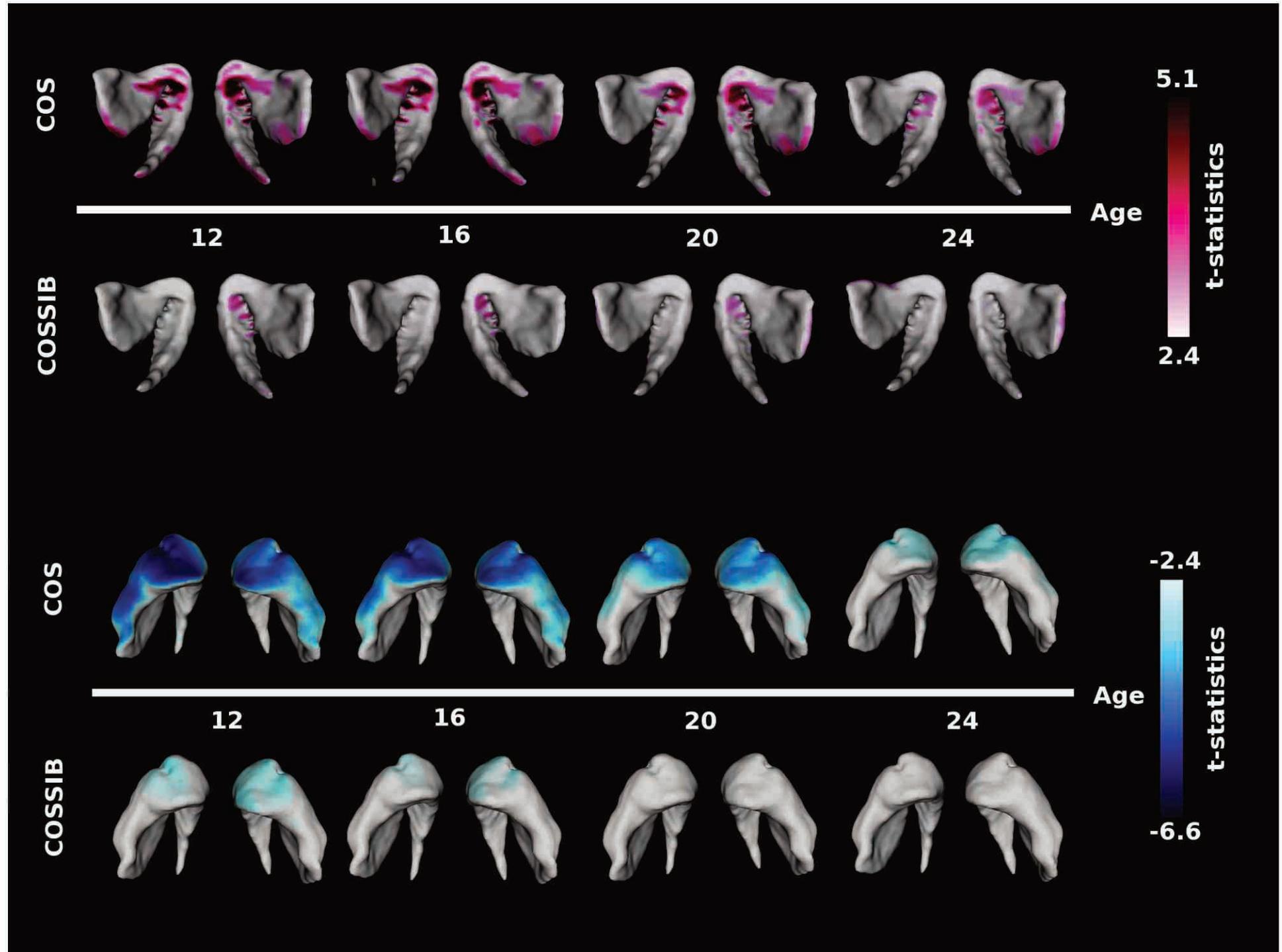




Chakravarty *et al.* HBM, in press

**GROUP**  
COS  
COSSIB  
NV





# Hippocampal subfields through the lifespan

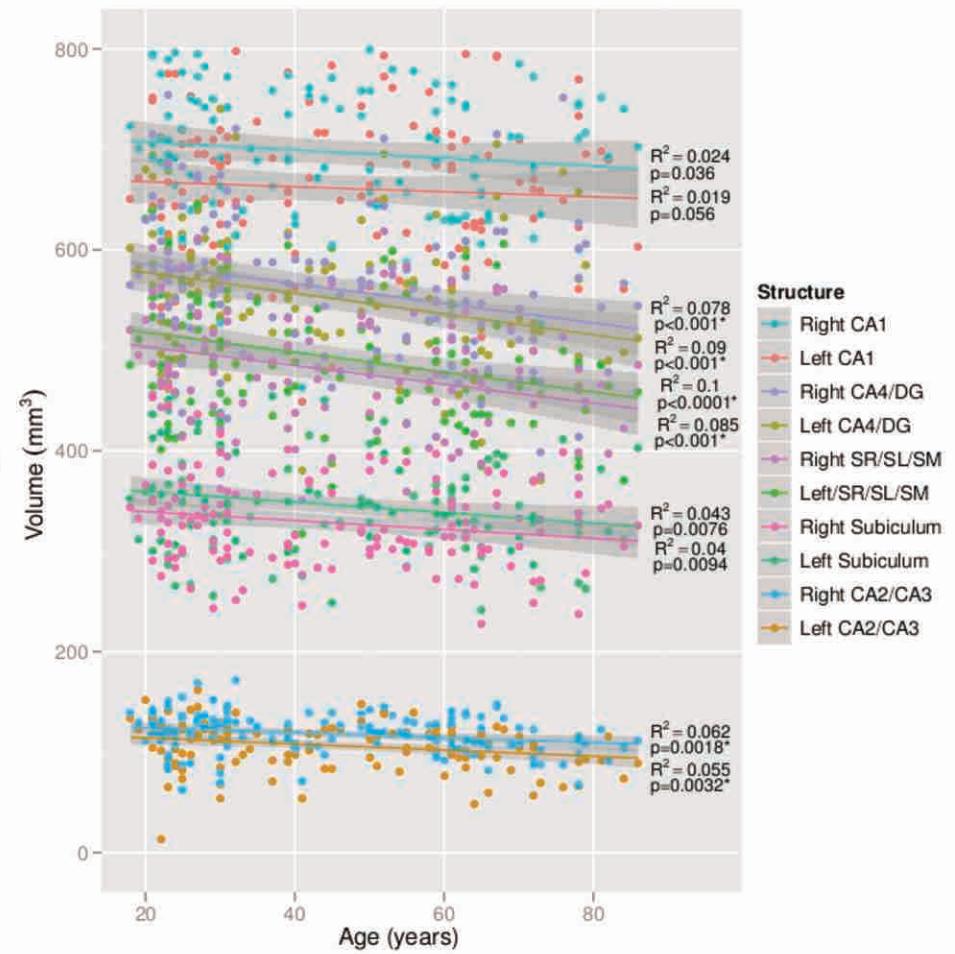
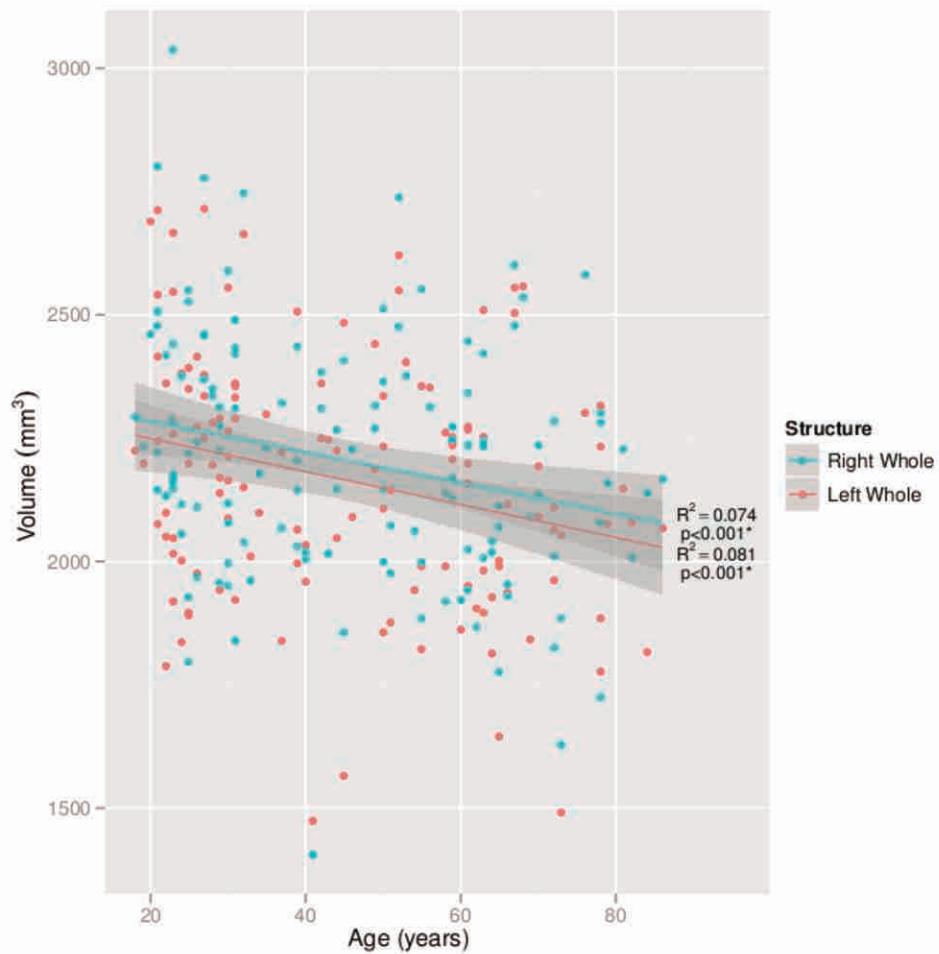
Demographic	Healthy Controls (n=137)	
	Mean	SD
Age	45.39	19.02
Education (years)	15.42	1.95
WTAR (IQ)	117.87 (3 NA)	7.83
MMSE	29.33 (2 NA)	0.92
	N	
Gender	72M	65F
Handedness	129 R	9 L

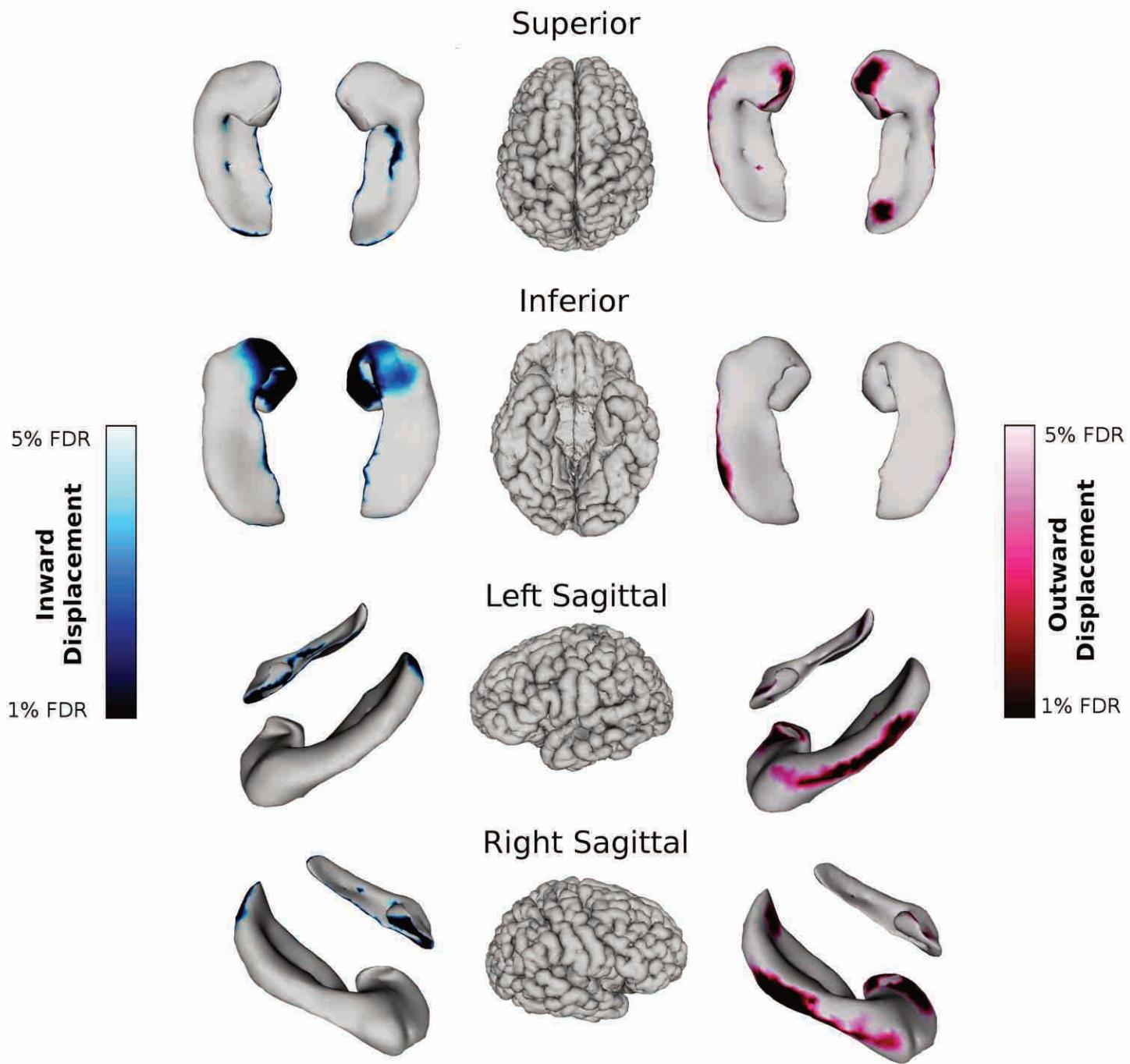
NA = Test not administered

WTAR = Wechsler Test of Adult Reading

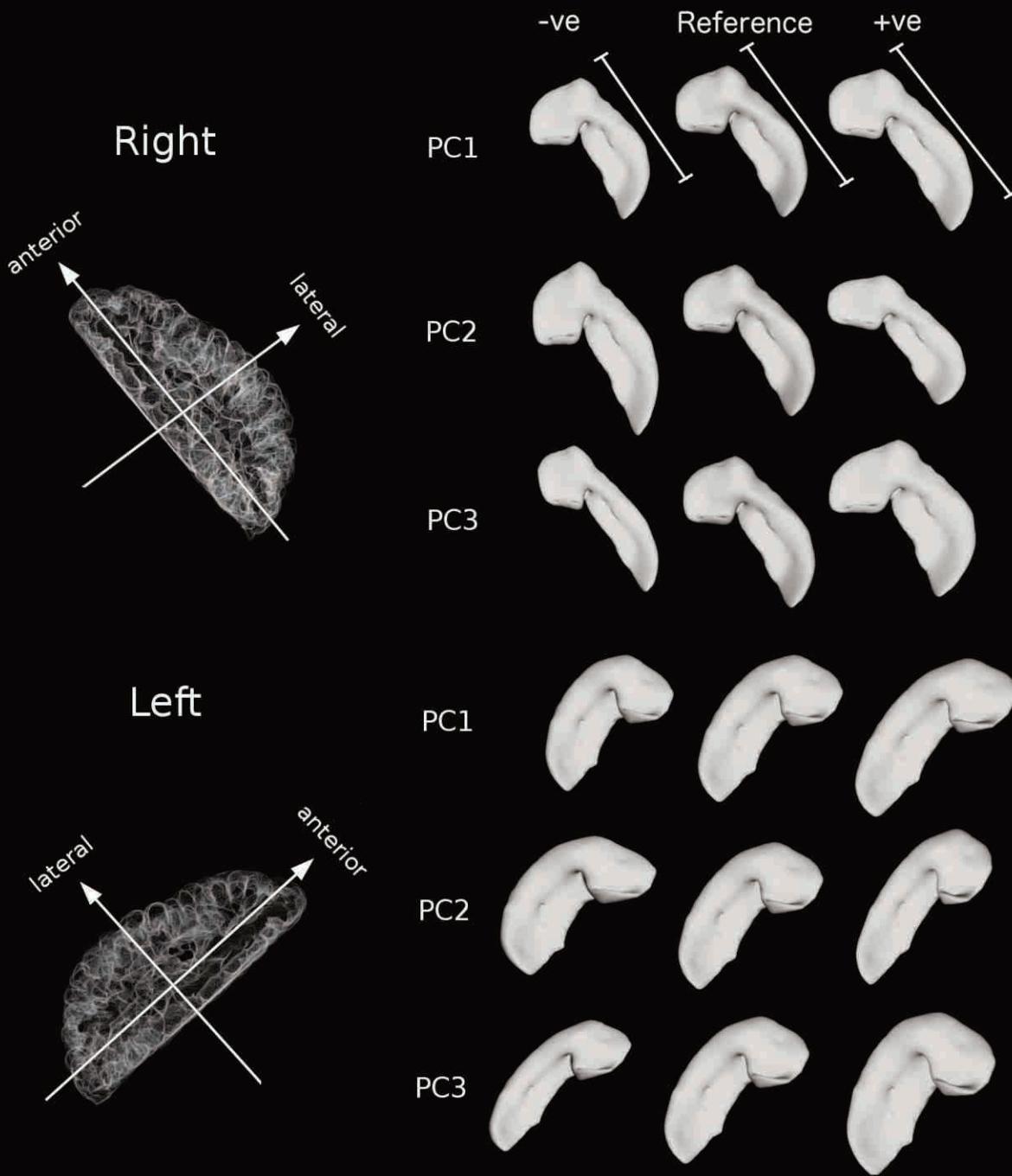
MMSE = Mini Mental State Examination

Age Range 18-86





Voineskos, Winterburn et al., submitted



# Cognitive ability and shape

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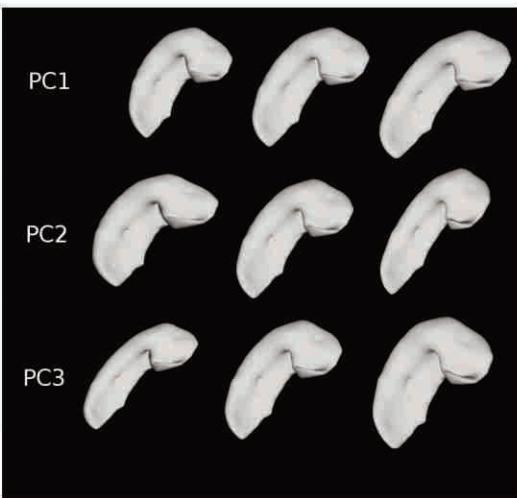
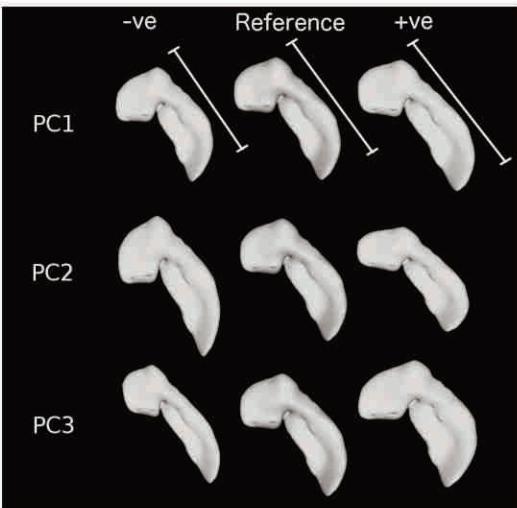
Changes in cognitive scores with age based on a general linear model (with sex included in the model). Rates of decrease are normalized to population means. R<sup>2</sup> values are adjusted and apply to the effect of age only.

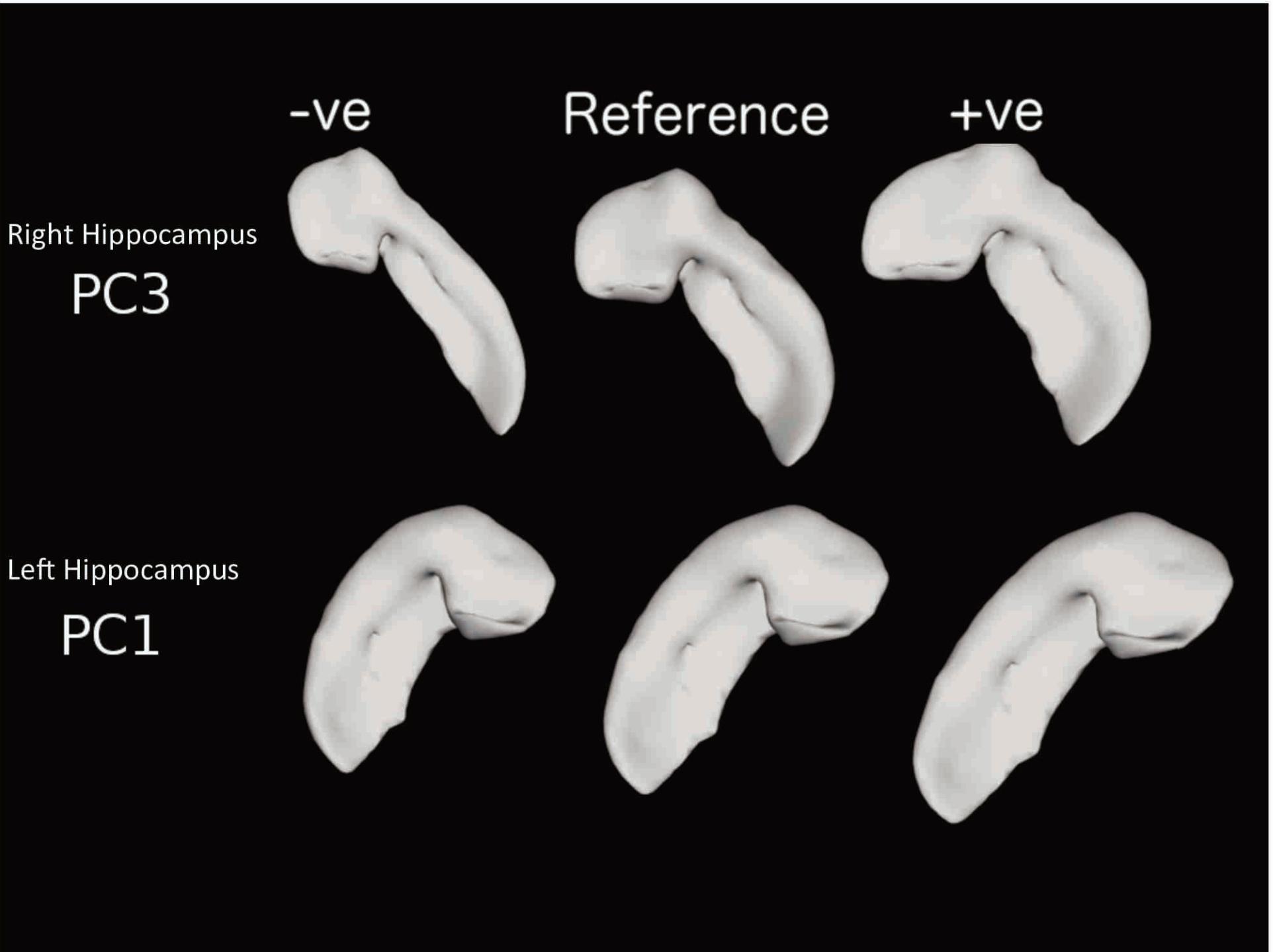
Cognitive Task	Mean Score (SD)	Rate of Decrease (%/yr)	p	R <sup>2</sup>	t-stat
Letter Number Sequence (LNS)	16.17 (3.35)	-0.22%	0.021	0.033	-2.33
Cumulative Episodic Memory	97.42 (10.42)	0.11%	0.023	0.026	2.30
List Recall	7.20 (2.15)	-0.59%	<0.0001*	0.14	-4.66
Figure Recall	11.87 (11.87)	-0.71%	<0.0001*	0.14	-4.80
Story Recall	10.28 (1.52)	-0.22%	<0.01*	0.070	-3.31

\*Indicates significance after Bonferroni correction for 5 comparisons (p<0.01)

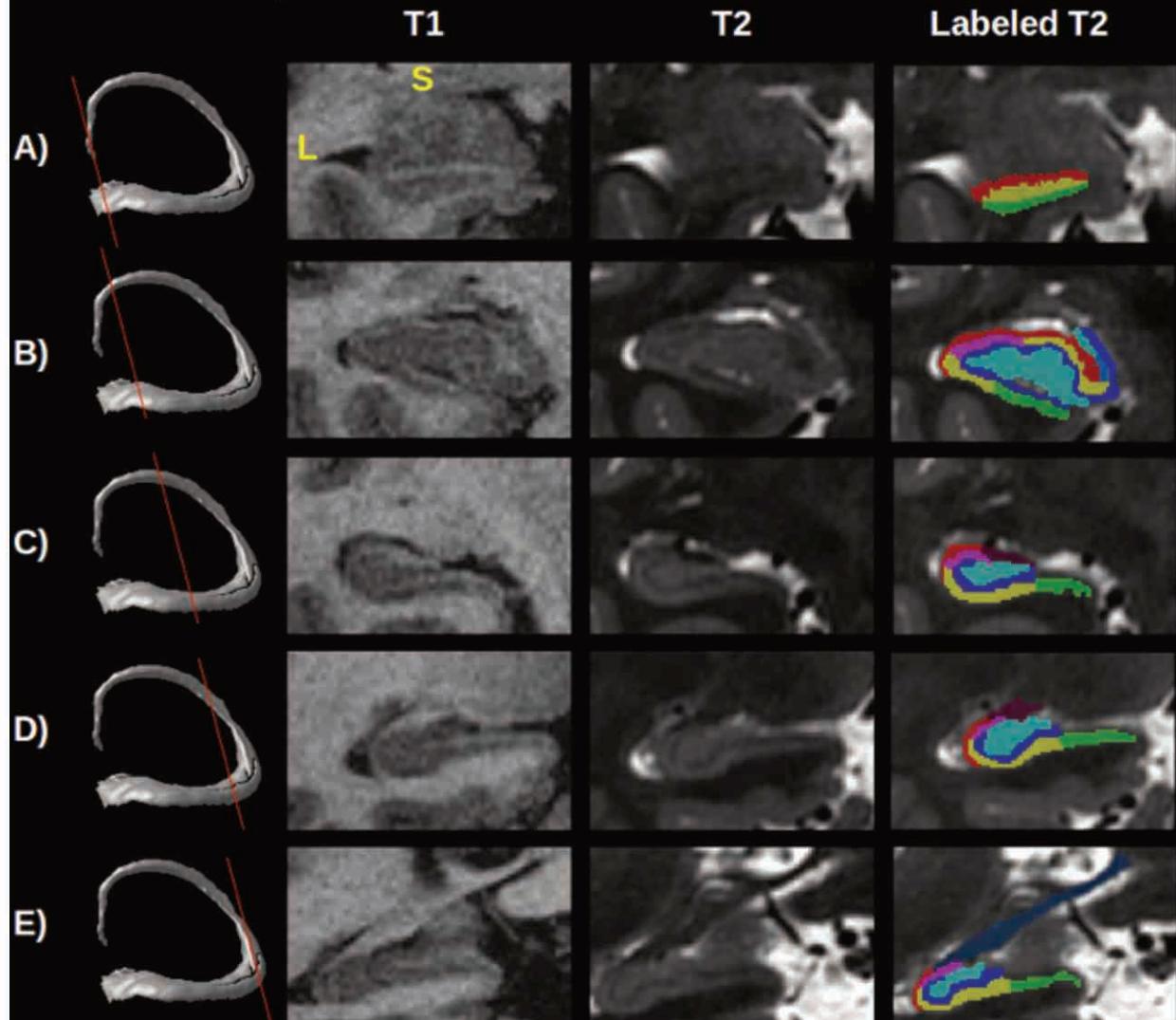
<b>Principal Component</b>	<b>Eigenvalue</b>	<b>Variance Explained</b>	<b>Linear Variables</b>	<b>R<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>p</b>
Right PC1	5.40	74.19%	Age	0.039	0.010
Right PC2	3.24	9.59%	----	----	----
Right PC3	3.05	7.51%	Figure Recall	0.049	0.011
			Letter Number Sequence	0.030	0.044
			APOE ε4 Status	0.021	0.048
Left PC1	4.92	65.23%	Letter Number Sequence	0.087	0.0005*
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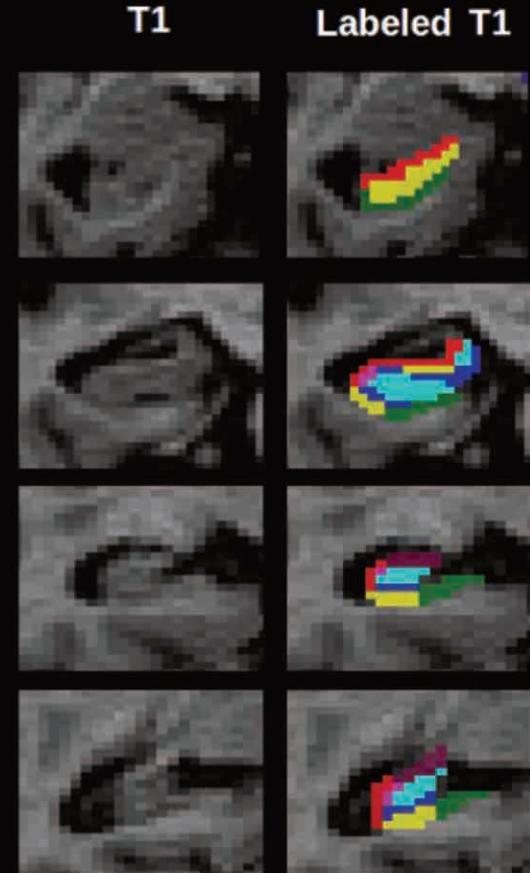




**Sample Manual Segmentation on  
High Resolution Images**



**Sample Output of Automatic  
Segmentation (MAGeT Brain)**

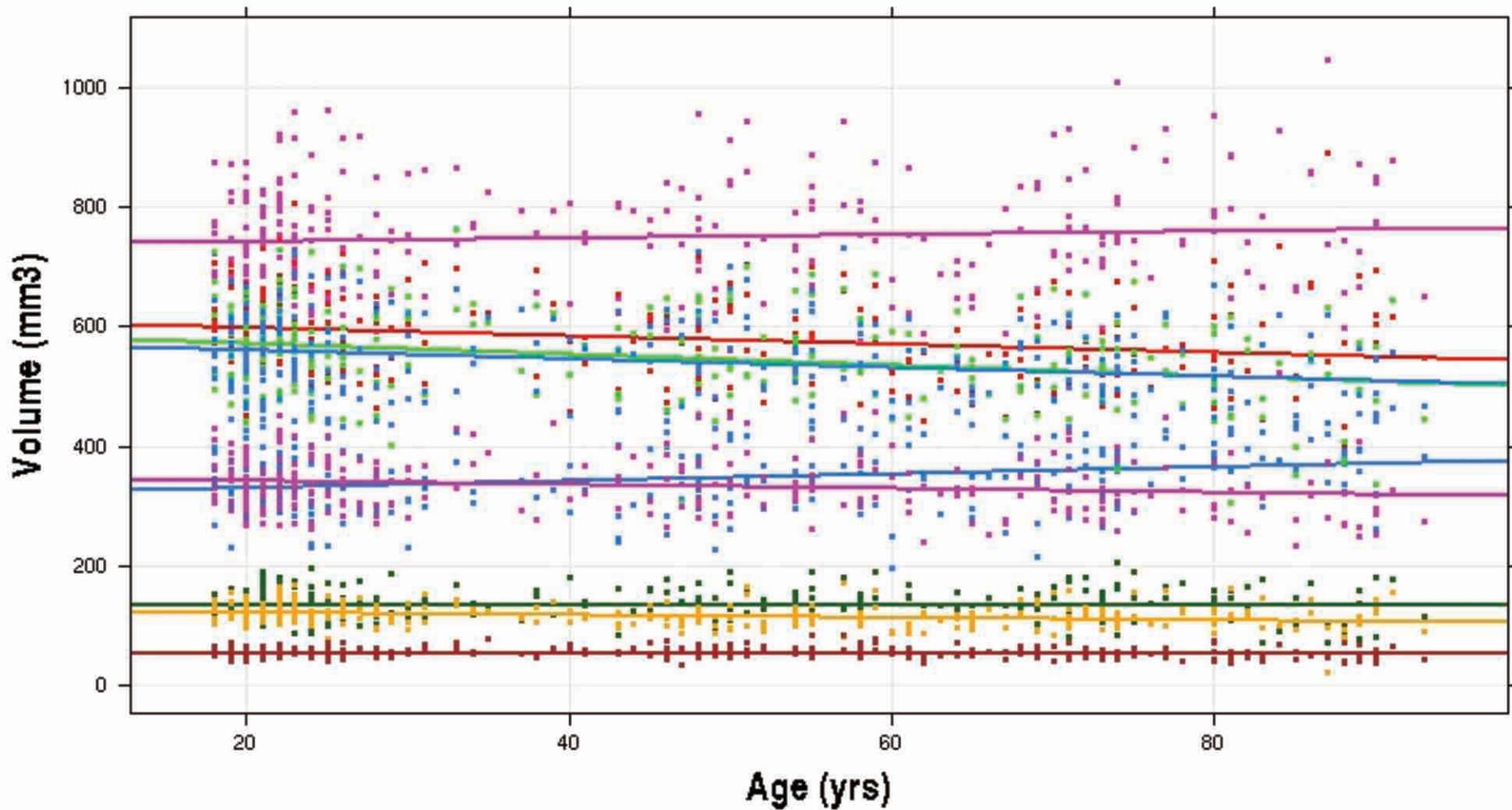


L = Left  
S = Superior

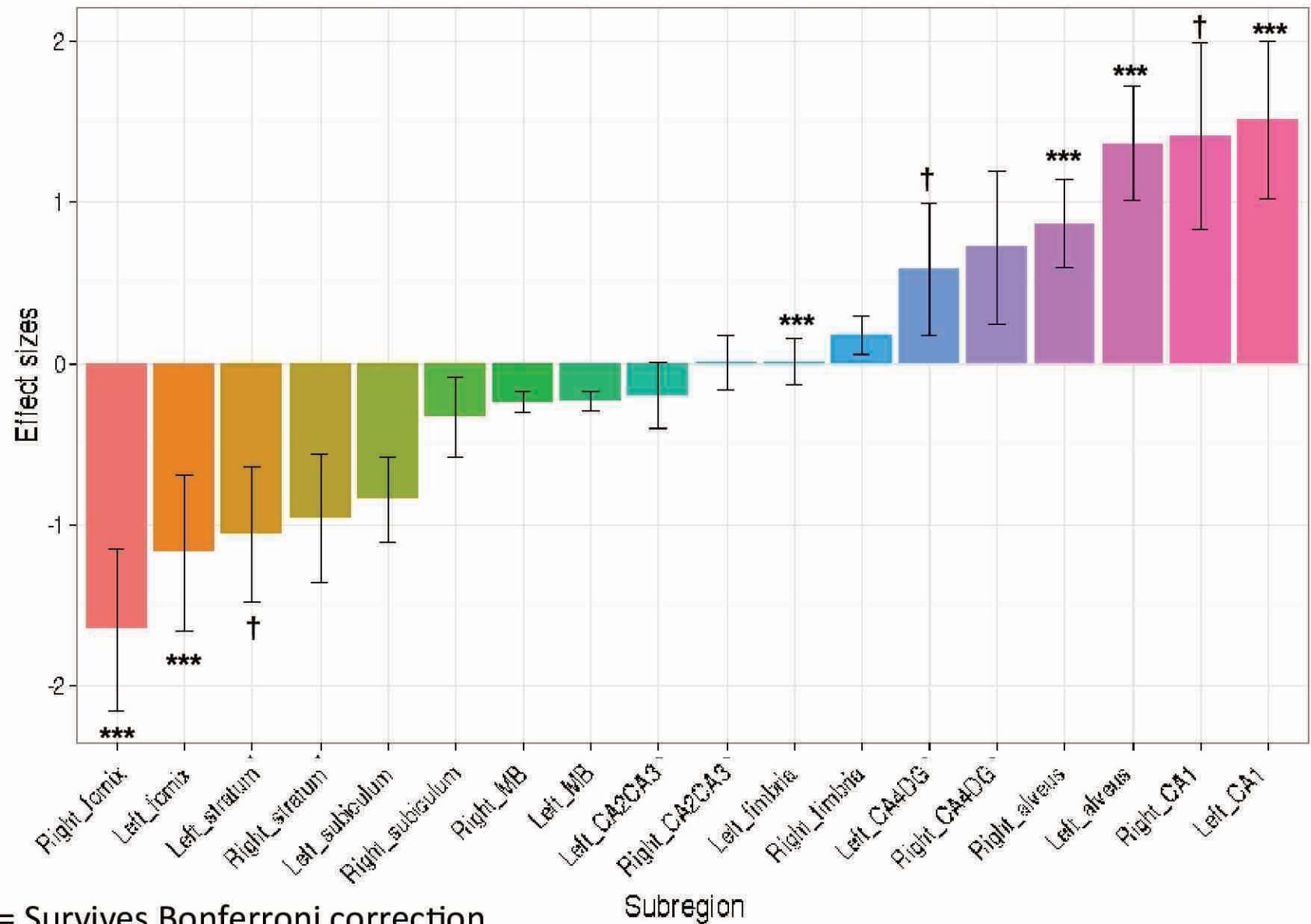
Alveus  
Fimbria  
Fornix

- CA1
- CA2/3
- CA4/DG
- SR/SL/SM
- Subiculum

L\_Alv  
L\_CA1  
L\_CA2/3  
L\_CA4/DG  
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L\_Fornix  
L\_Mam  
L\_SLRM  
L\_Sub



# Healthy Aging



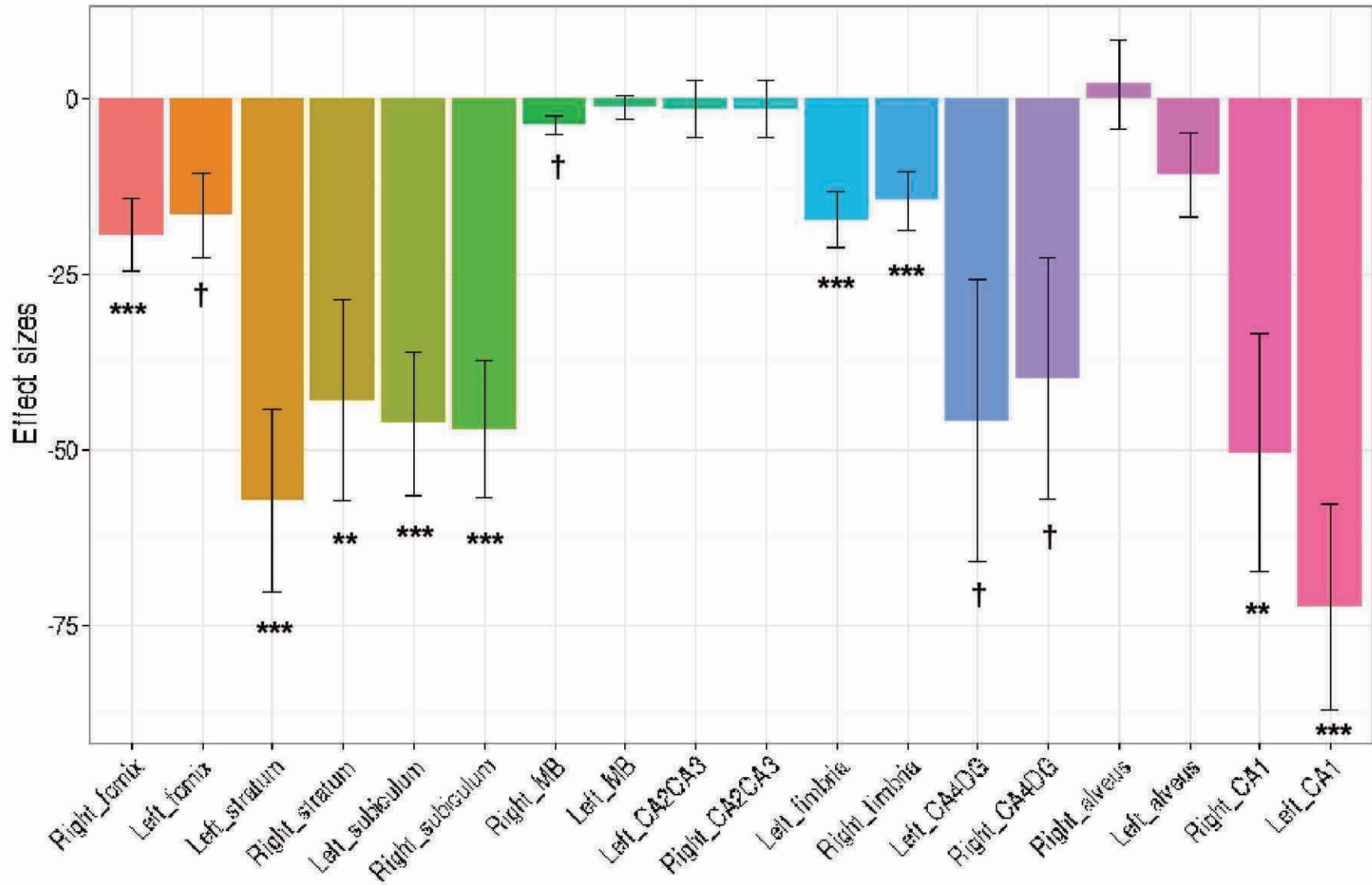
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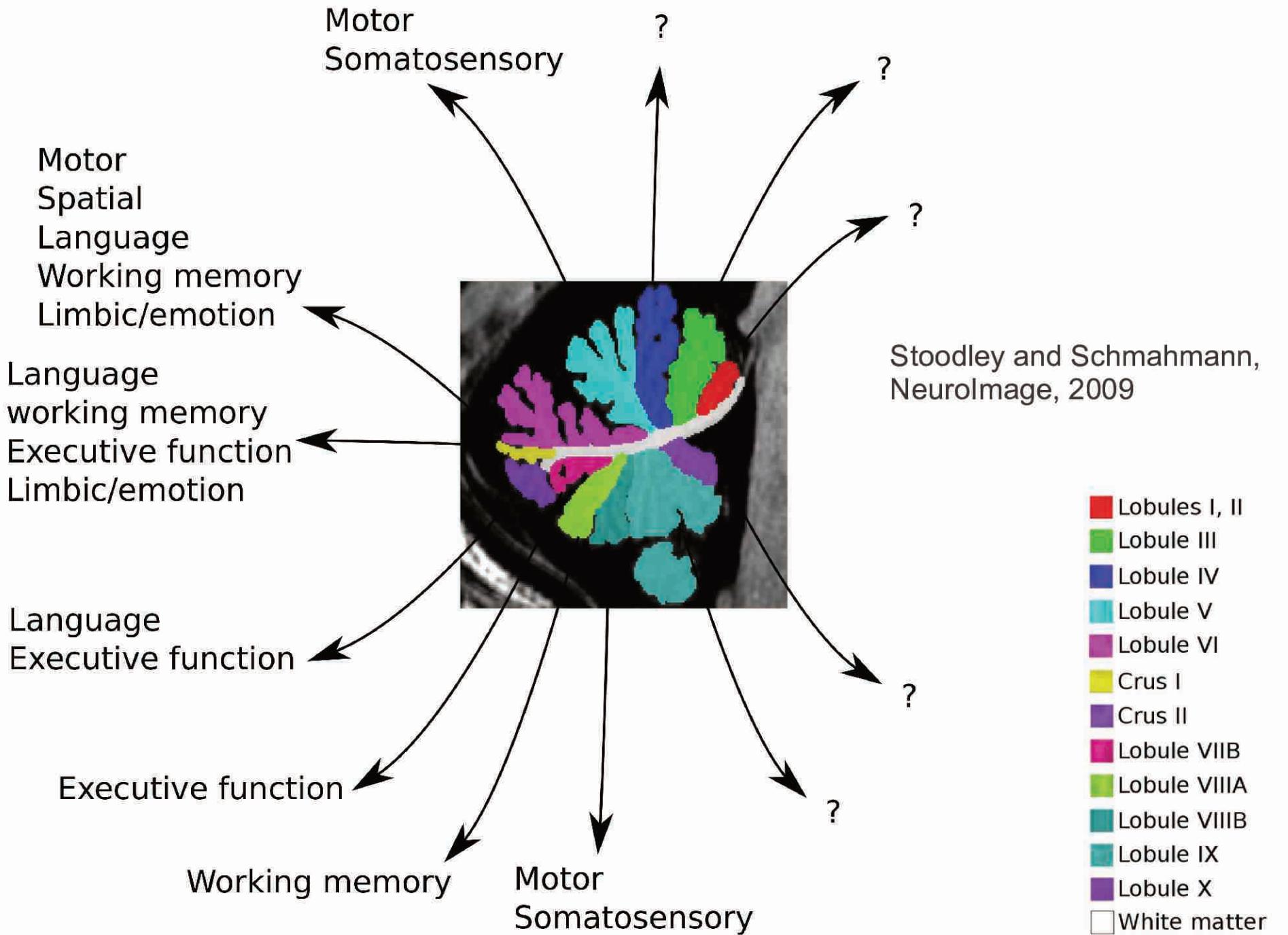


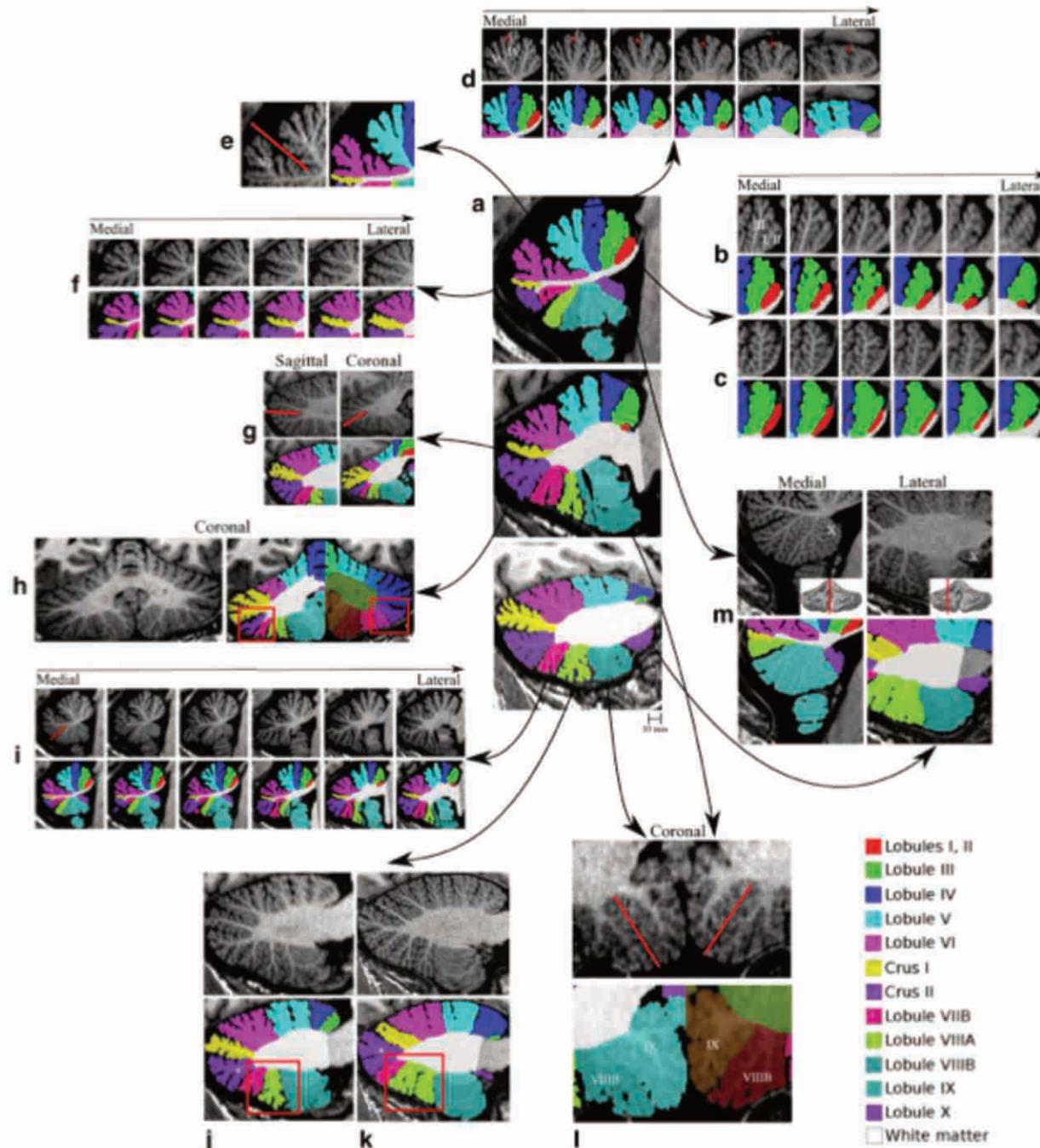
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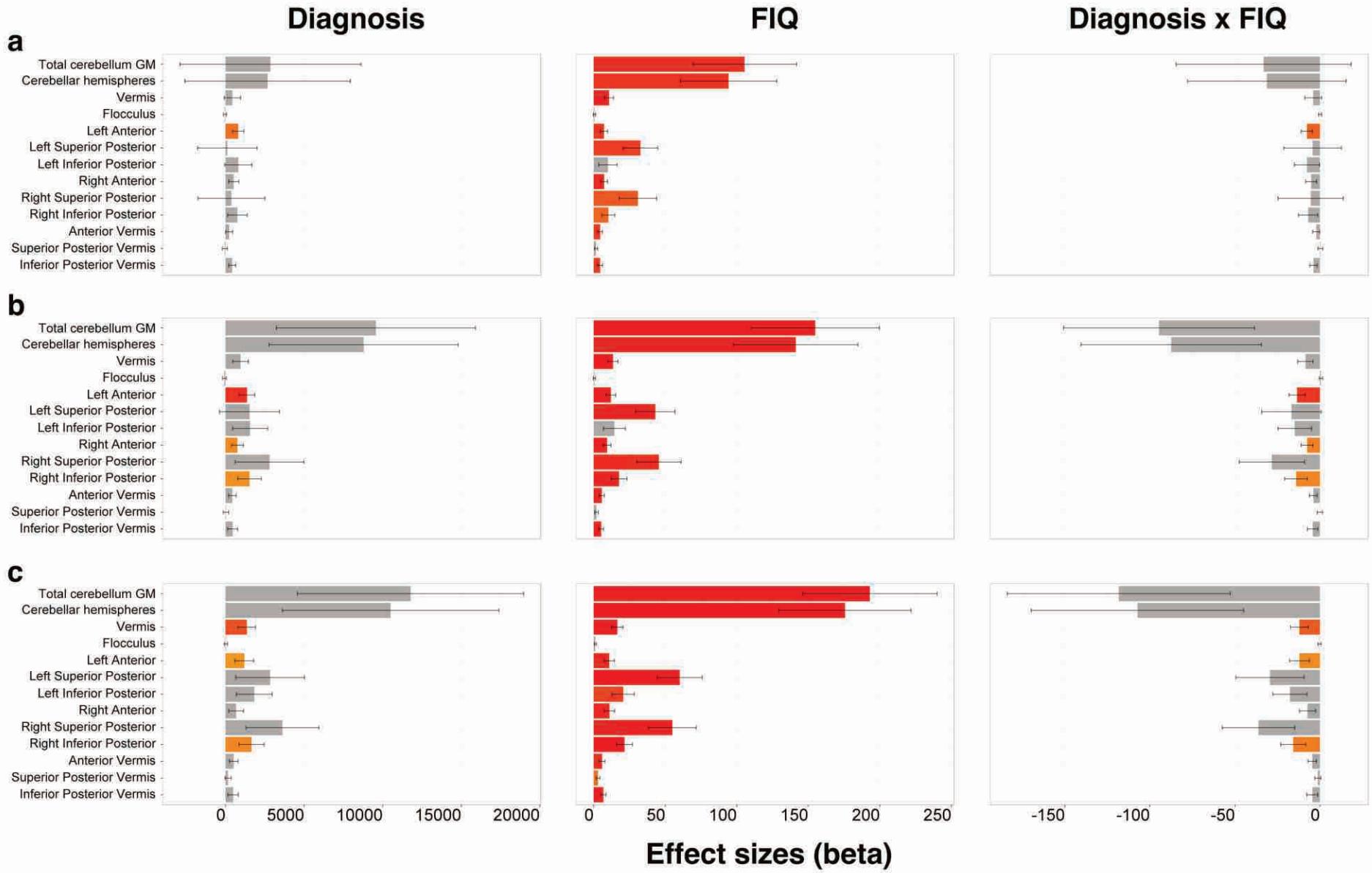
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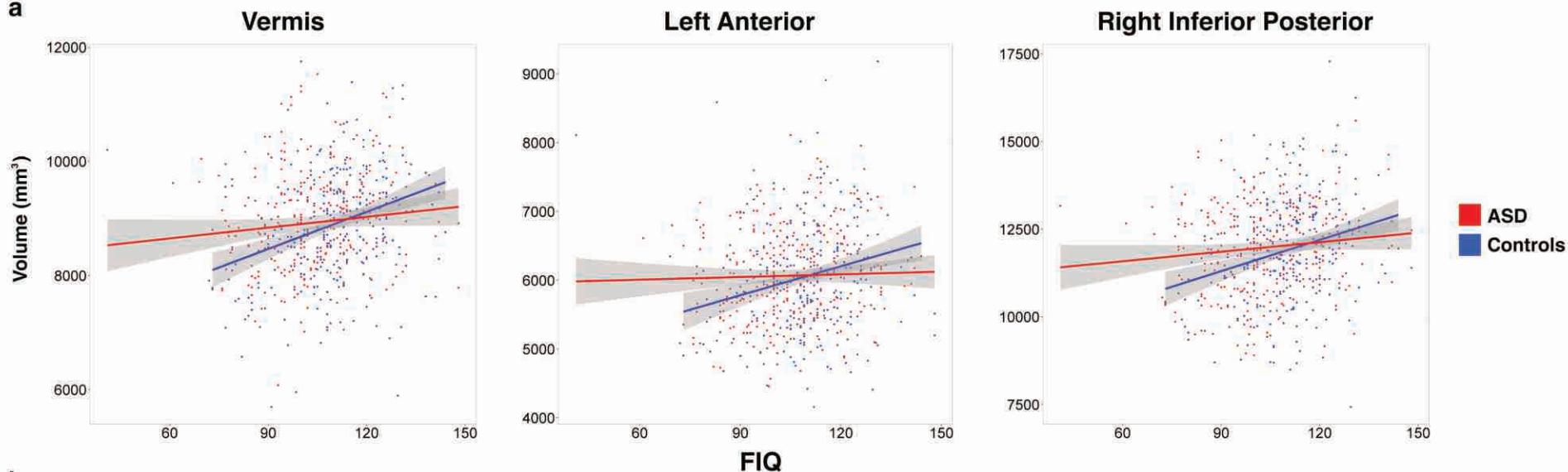
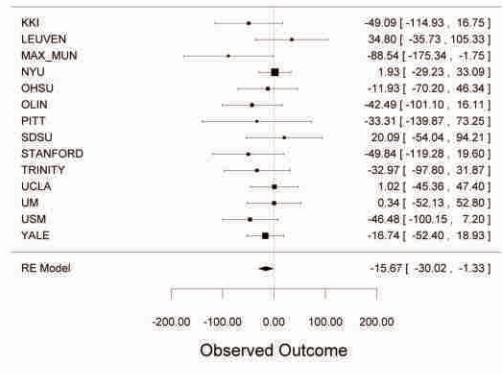
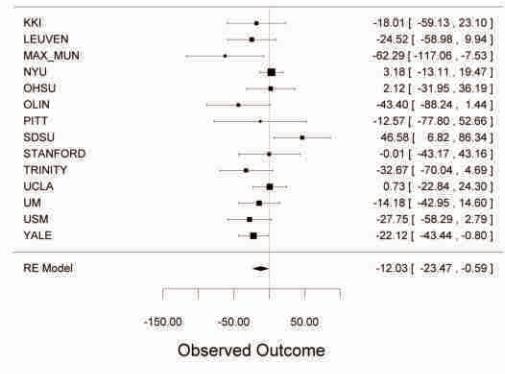
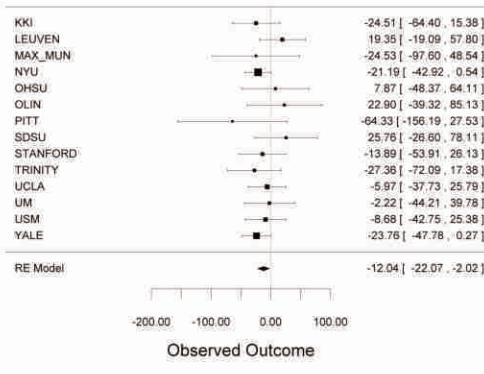




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