



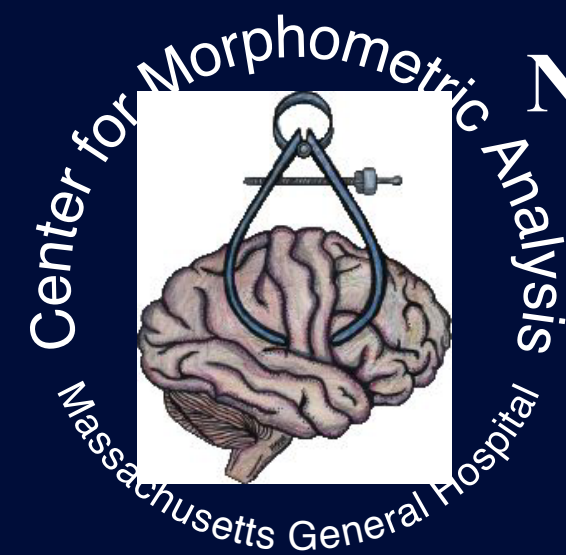
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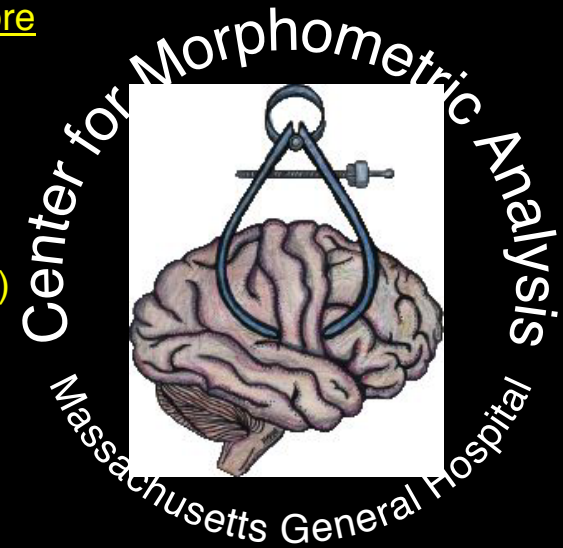
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Brain Development/Laptop Imaging Technology Development/Stroke

Schizophrenia/Imaging Technology Development/Aging/Brain Connectivity

Neurodegeneration/Aging/ITD/Brain Connectivity

Technology Development/MRI Safety/Deep Brain Stimulation

Stress Response/Sexual Dimorphisms/Aging/MDD/Schizophrenia

Schizophrenia/MDD/BPD/ADHD/Resting State Brain Connectivity

3D Imaging Visualizations Technology Development/Alcohol Dependence

OCD/PTSD/Anxiety Disorder/Neurosurgery

Nicotine Dependence/Alcohol Dependence

Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)/Bipolar Disorder (BPD)

Alcohol Dependence

Brain Connectivity

Aging in the Rhesus Monkey/Monkey Brain Connectivity

Traumatic Brain Injury/Imaging Technology Development

Neuroinformatics/Imaging Databasing

Stroke/Aphasia Research

Imaging Technology Development (ITD)/Program in Acupuncture Research

Brain Development

Cocaine Dependence

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Current Imaging Technology and its Impact in understanding functional anatomy of Neural Systems (i.e., Brain Circuitries)

Imaging of Neural Systems in

Cognitive Science, and

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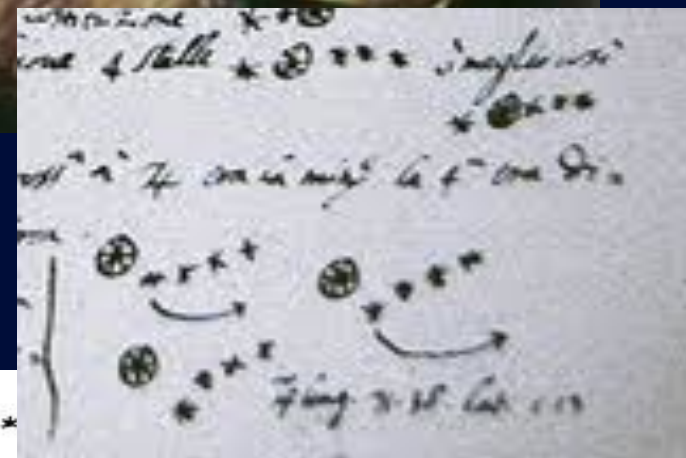
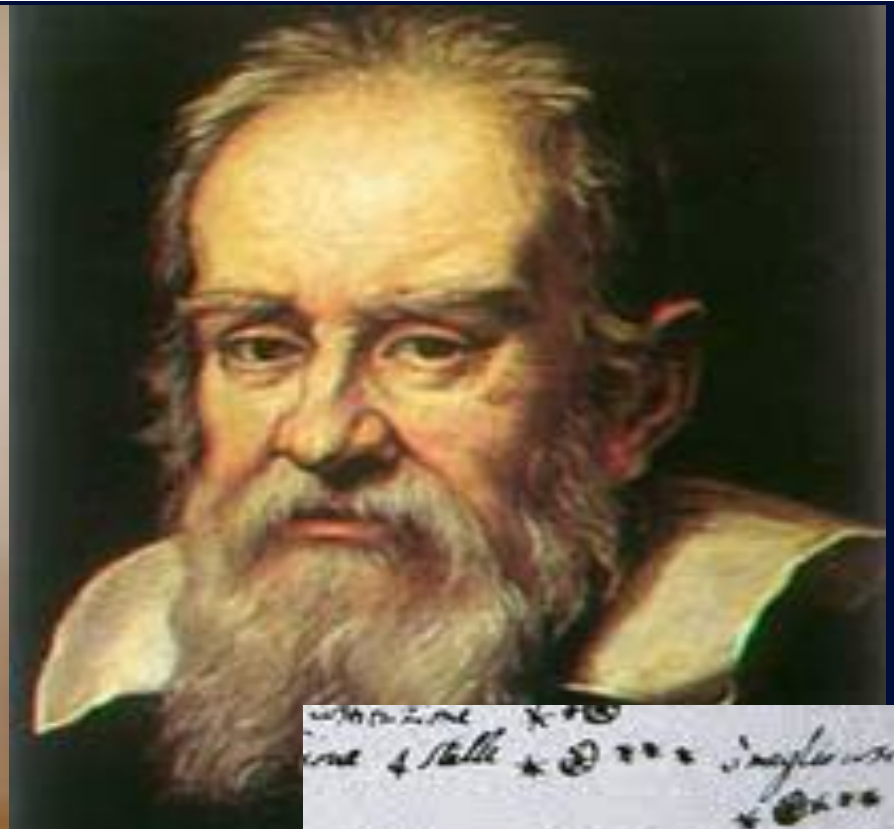
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Addiction

Neurodegeneration

Importance of Technology in Scientific Discovery

(Hypothesis: Great Tools to see lead to Great Discoveries)



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Importance of Technology in Medicine and Neuroscience

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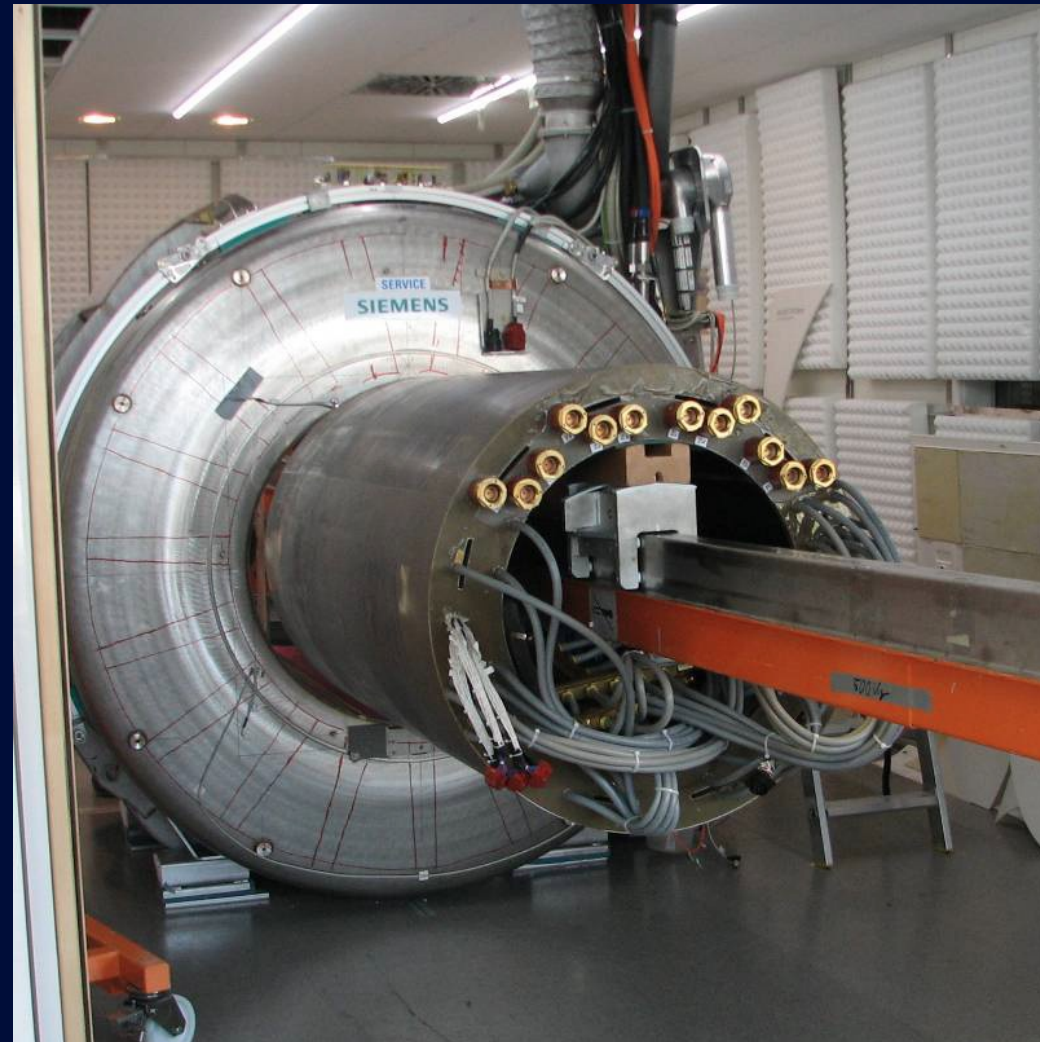
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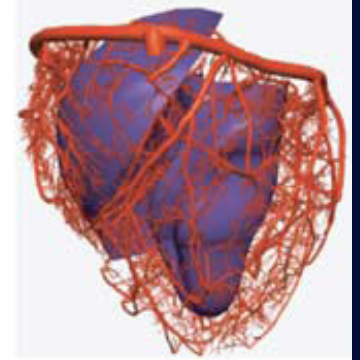
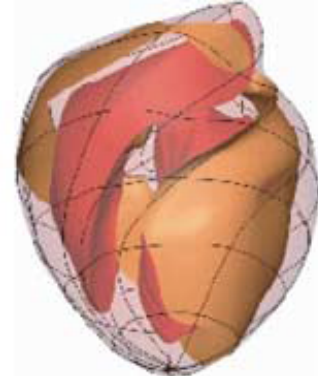
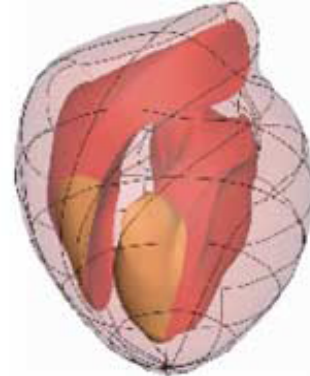
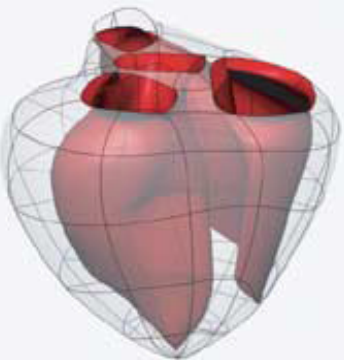
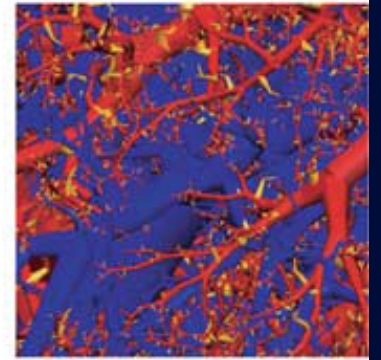
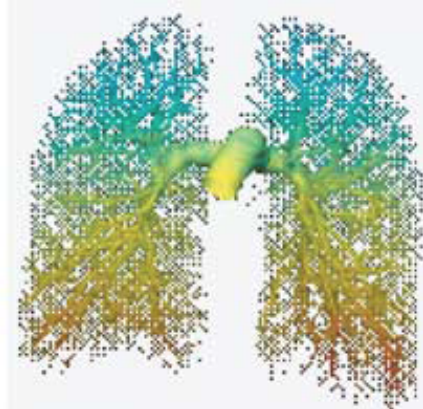
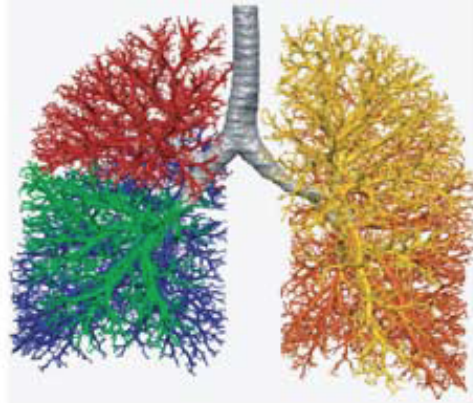
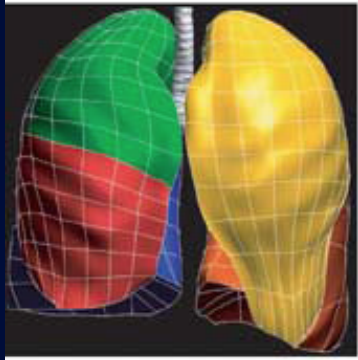


That our understating of the human brain has advanced more in the last two decades than in the rest of human history is a well-known fact.

This seems to be a consequence of **key technological discoveries** as has occurred in other fields of science in the course of history.



MRI was rated by general practitioners in the USA as the principal contributor to medical practice today over the last decade (i.e., 1991-2000) (Fuchs VR and Sox HC Jr. (2001) Physicians' Views Of The Relative Importance Of Thirty Medical Innovations, Health Affairs: Vol. 20, Number 5).



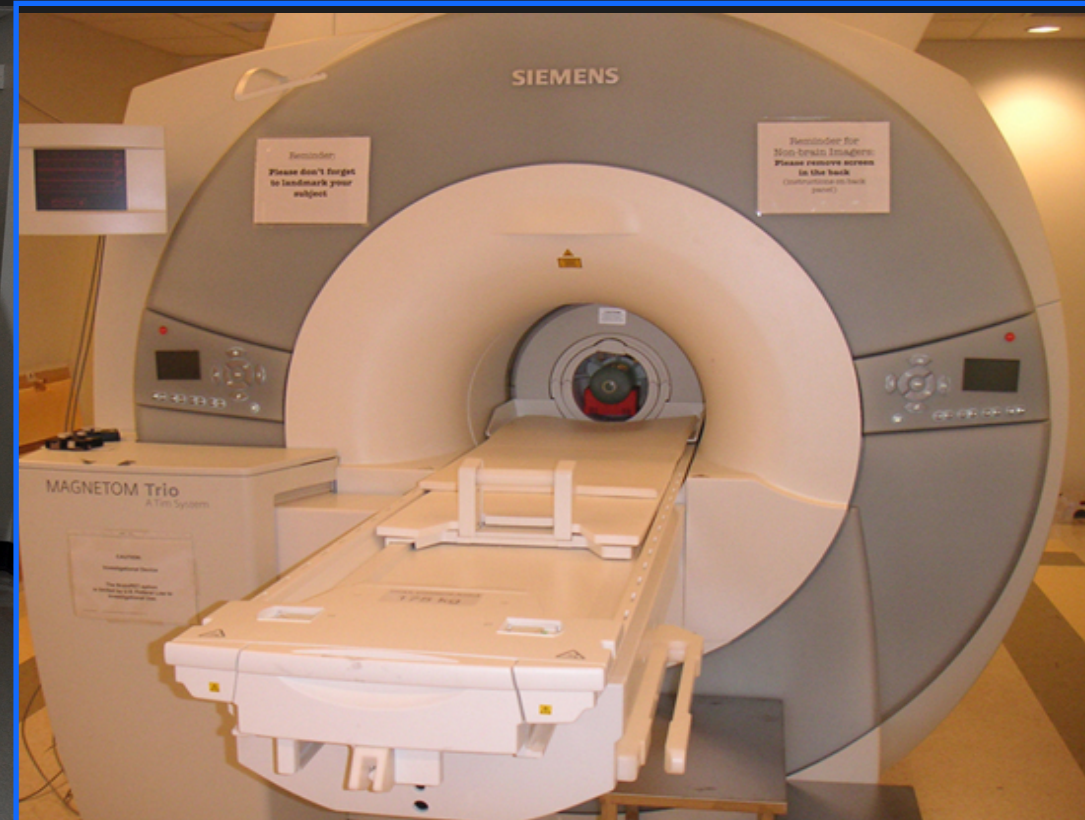
MRI-PET installations at MGH

Unique Instruments in New England

Nuclear Imaging two ways



Whole Body



Head-only

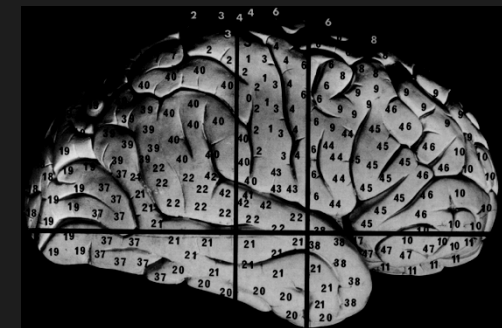
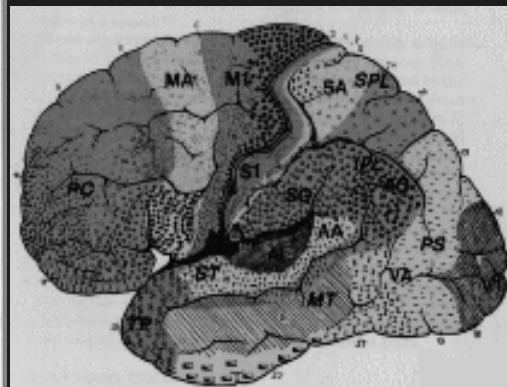
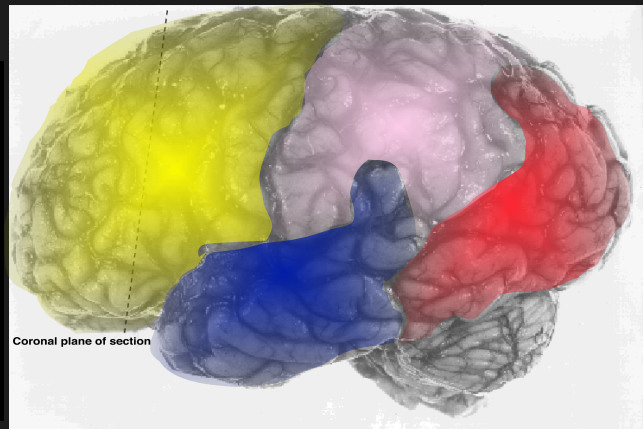
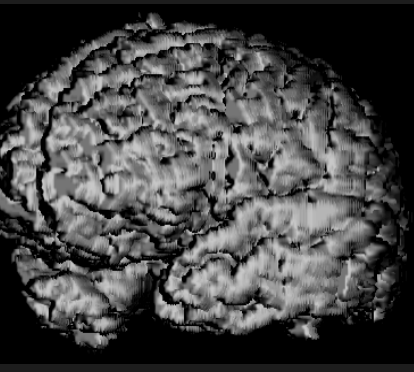
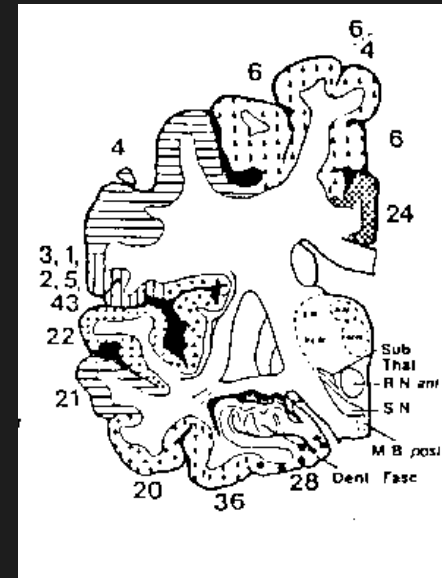
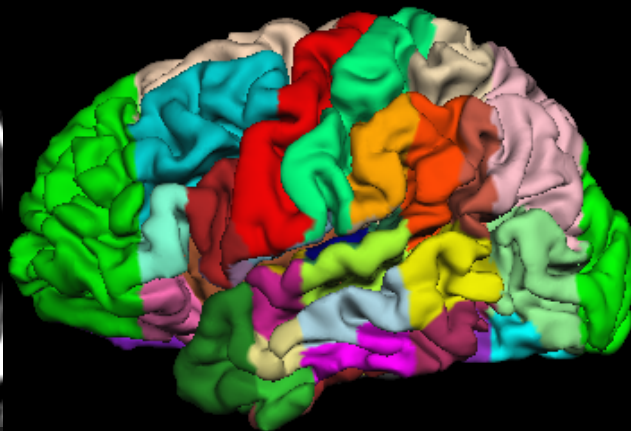
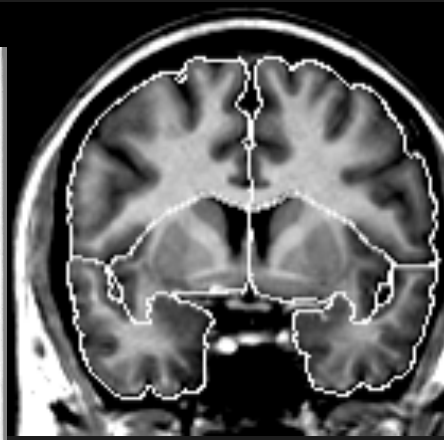
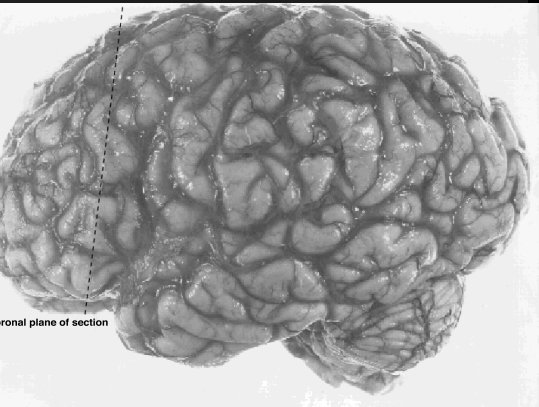
Importance of Technology in Neuroscience

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Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) technology had a critical role in understating of the human brain.

Besides the great cultural and intellectual value of the accrued information and novel conceptualizations in brain science, **these advances had a tremendous impact on the way we are currently facing neurological and psychiatric diseases and the neurosurgical approaches we adopt for diagnosis, surgical planning and treatment.**

Neuroanatomic Description Hierarchy:



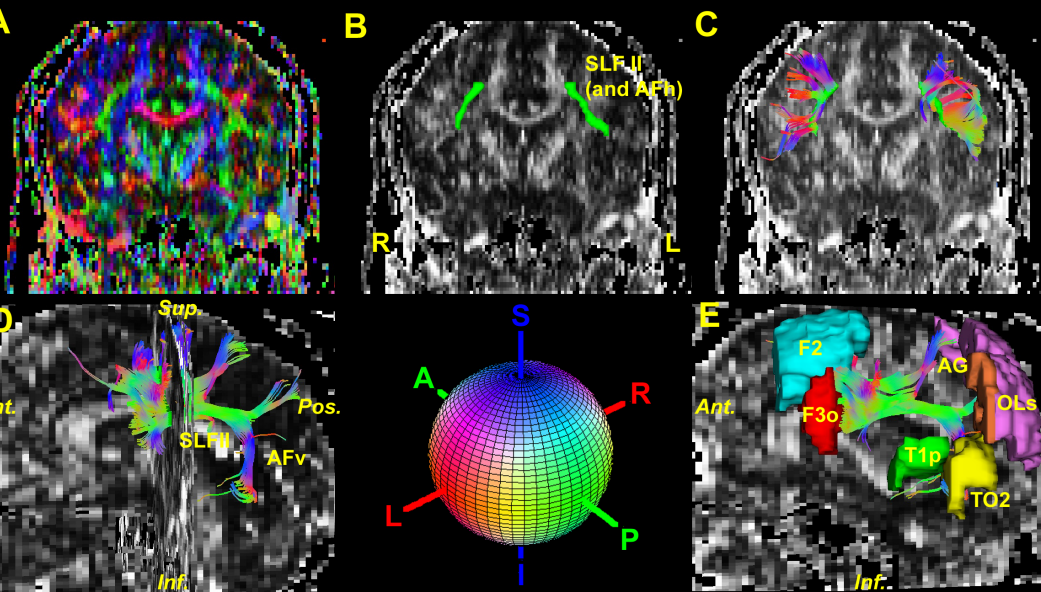
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BRAIN/STRUCTURE**

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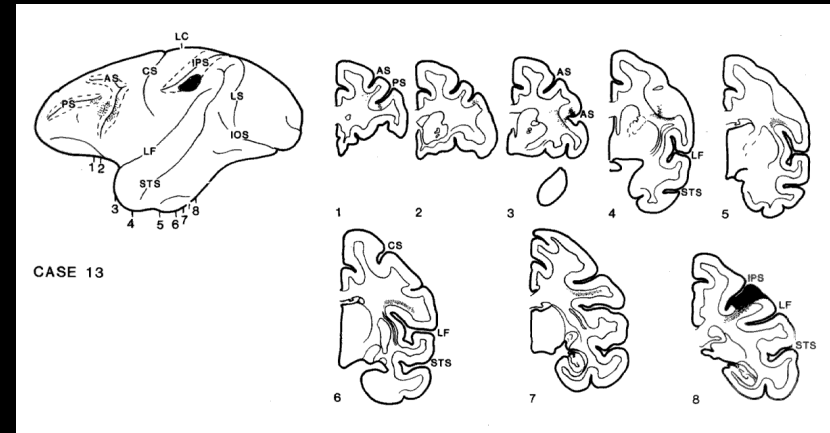
GYRI & SYSTEMS

**CYTO- & MYELO-
ARCHITECTURE**

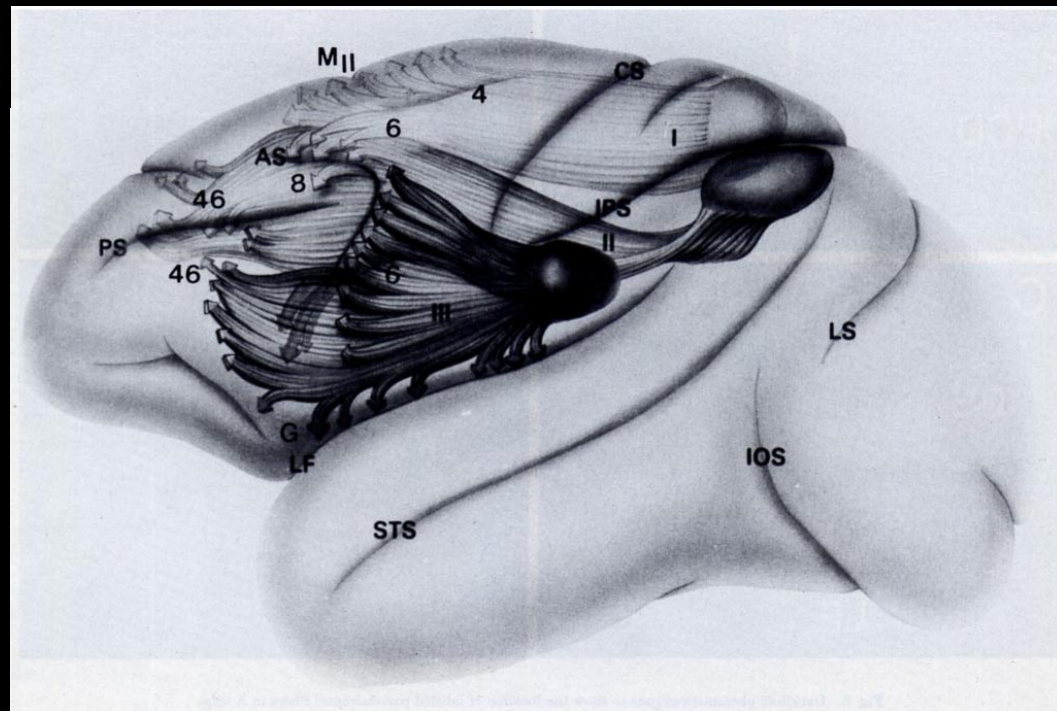
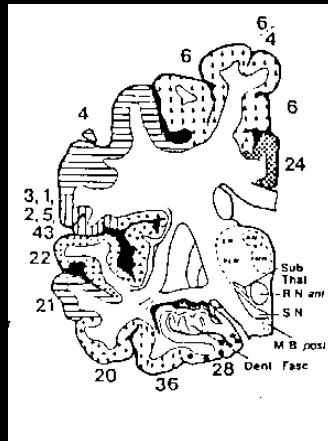
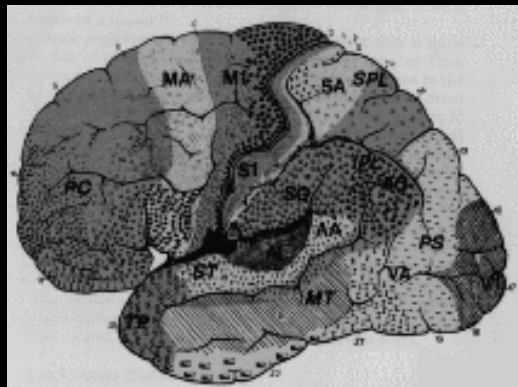
Brain Circuitries (Networks)



Makris, Pandya, et al. 2004

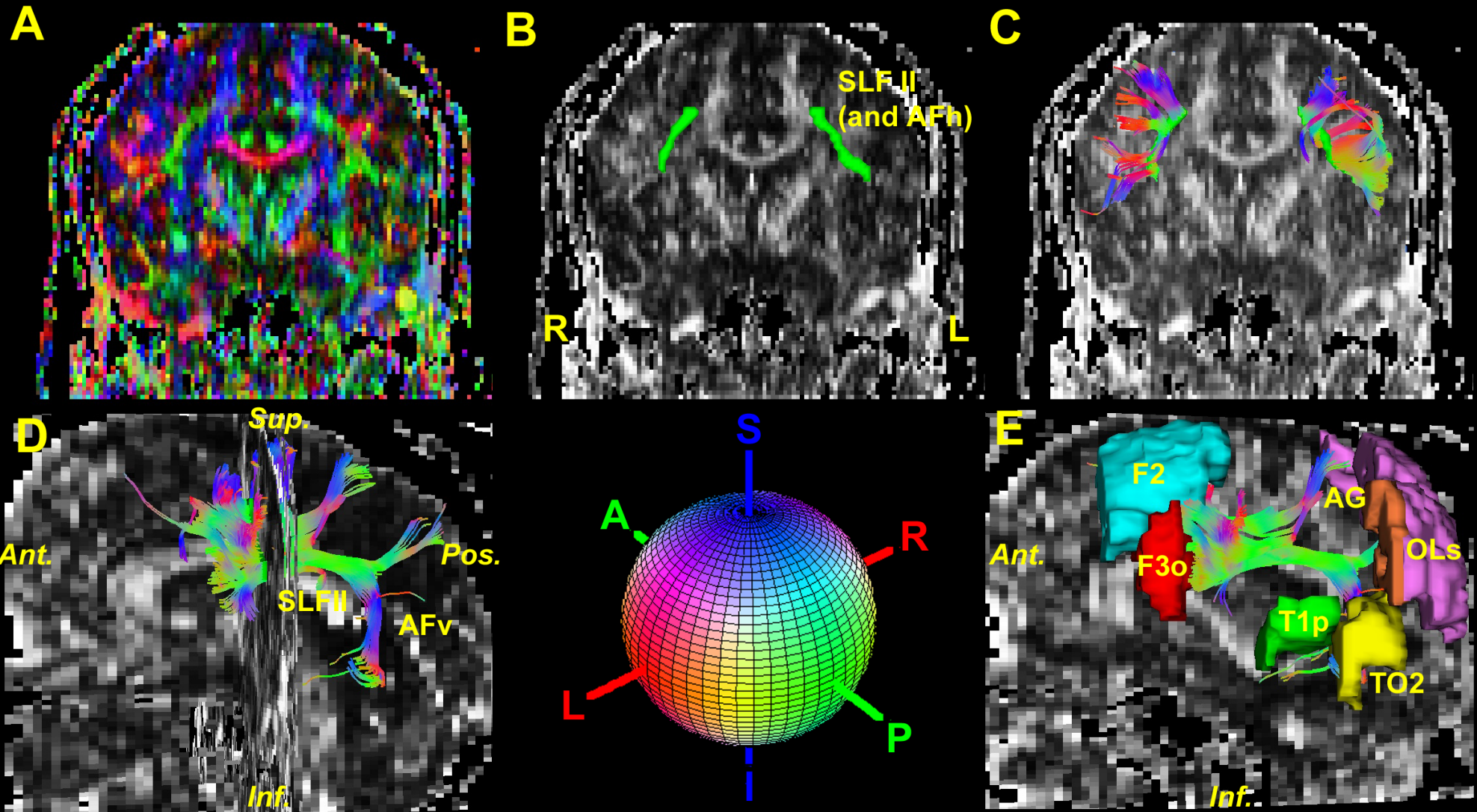


Petrides & Pandya, 1984



Brain connections are precise and architectonic

Brain Circuitries (Networks)

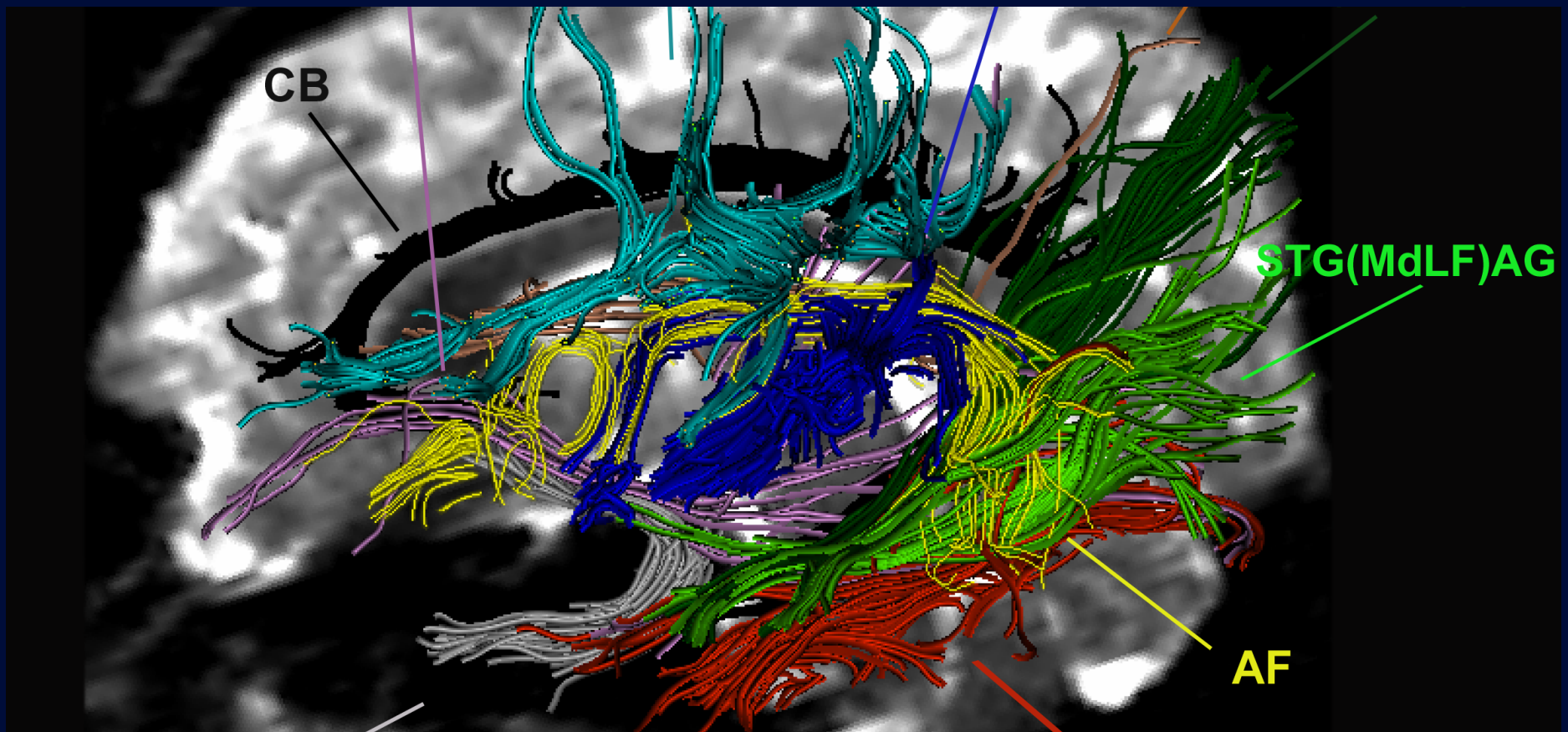


”Despite 4000 papers, not a single finding has changed routine clinical care in psychiatry”

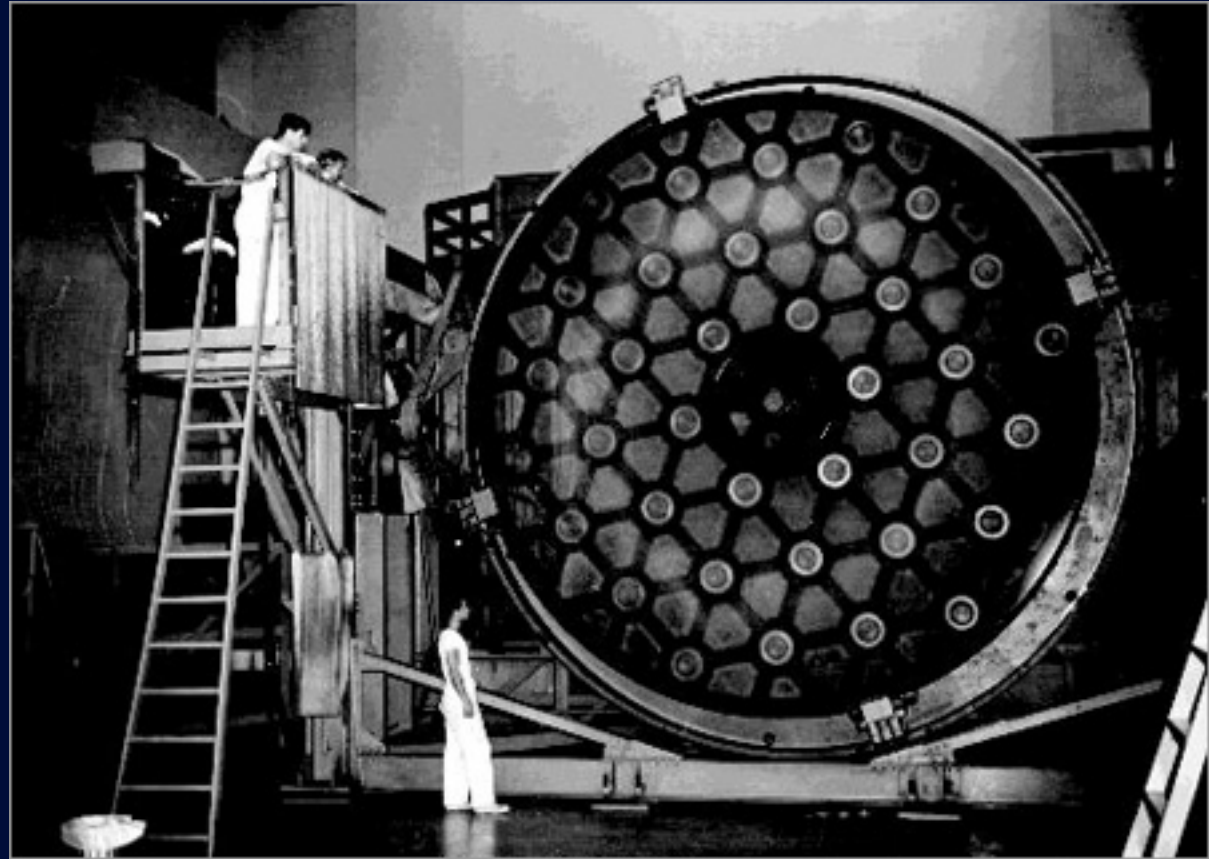
But this will change, and the change will revolve around a new definition of psychiatric diseases as disorders of brain *circuitry* - that this will change our definition of the illnesses, and “our understanding of their causes, treatments, and preventions”

Paraphrasing Tom Insel, Director, National Institute of Mental Health

In Imaging Research, Brain Connectivity is done with Diffusion MRI



In astronomy, the way to sensitivity and resolution is mirror diameter



Corning 200" mirror for the Hale Telescope at Mt Palomar

Human Connectome Project



$G_{max} = 300\text{mT/m}$
(7x Greater than conventional)

1.5 Ton gradient
24 MWatts peak power

*In **Diffusion** MRI, the way to see micro-structure is **gradient** strength*

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The NIH Human Connectome Project

WU-Minn Consortium

Harvard/MGH-UCLA Consortium

Neuroscience Blueprint

About

The NIH Human Connectome Project is an ambitious effort to map the neural pathways that underlie human brain function. The overarching purpose of the Project is to acquire and share data about the structural and functional connectivity of the human brain. It will greatly advance the capabilities for imaging and analyzing brain connections, resulting in improved sensitivity, resolution, and utility, thereby accelerating progress in the emerging field of human connectomics.

Altogether, the Human Connectome Project will lead to major advances in our understanding of what makes us uniquely human and will set the stage for future studies of abnormal brain circuits in many neurological and psychiatric disorders.

Consortia

The sixteen institutes and centers of the [NIH Blueprint for Neuroscience](#) have funded two major grants that will take complementary approaches to deciphering the brain's amazingly complex wiring diagram.



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[Sporns' 'Networks of the Brain': a roadmap to new](#)
Indiana University

The first of these projects is to develop a "virtual brain," a powerful computational model that can simulate brain function; and the second is called the Human Connectome Project, established to map the human brain's major connections. ...

[Data Overload: Scientists Struggle to Streamline](#)
LiveScience.com

The goal of the Human Connectome Project (HCP), for instance, is to map connections among neurons using evidence from brain-imaging studies and link the findings to behavioral tests and DNA samples from more than 1000 healthy adults. ...

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Reuters

No specifics were presented for how the money would be raised, but Walter Metcalf, an official of the foundation planning the project, said the cost would be \$578.5 million. He said funding was in the "early stage" but would use federal, ...

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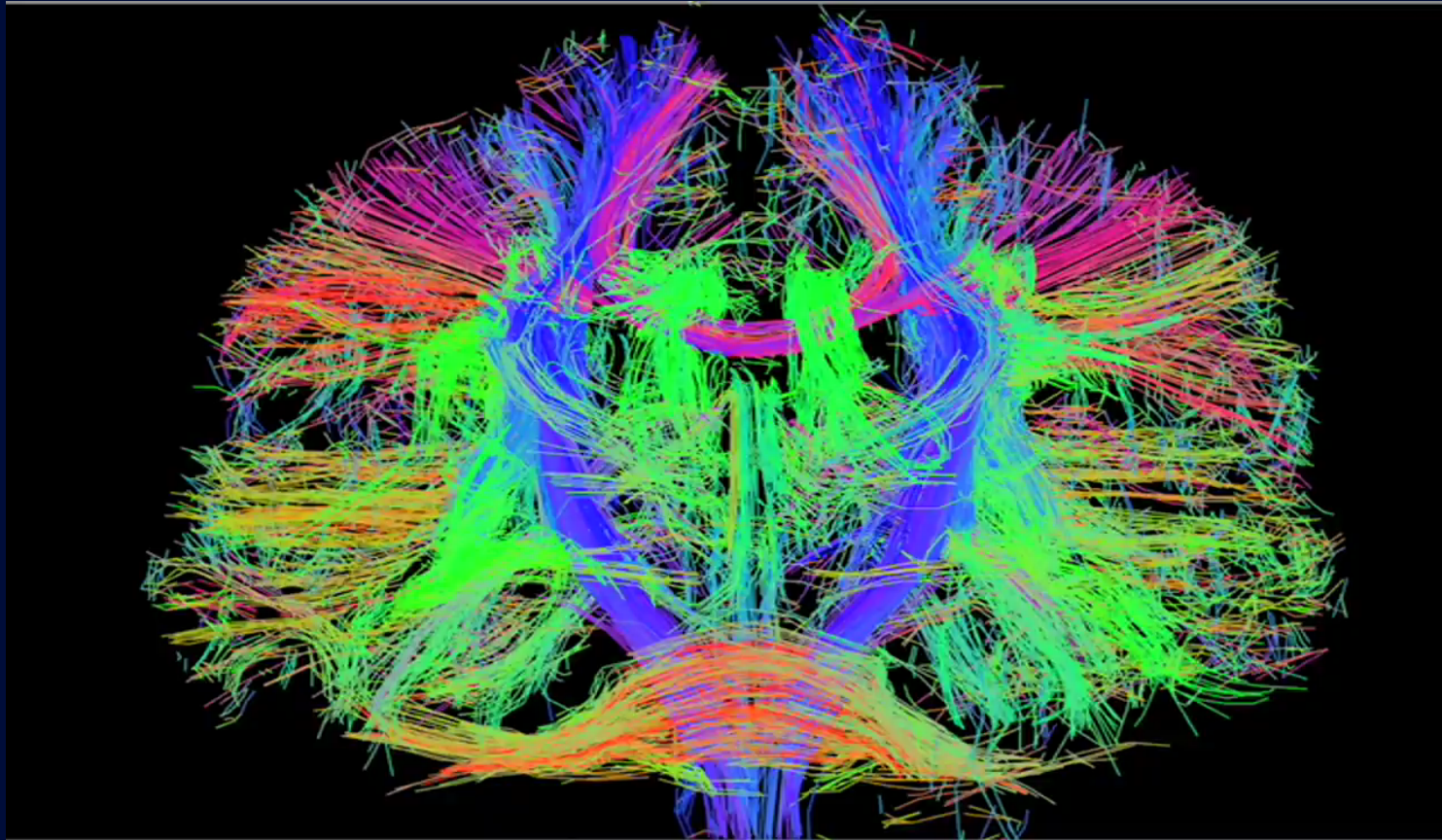
Το προηγούμενο έτος τα εργαστήρια της εταιρείας κατέθεσαν 2.537 αιτήσεις διπλωμάτων ευρεσιτεχνίας, ενώ στα νέα της εγχειρήματα συγκαταλέγεται το Human Connectome Project, μια απόπειρα να χαρτογραφηθούν οι συνδέσεις του ανθρώπινου εγκεφάλου. ...

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NIH HCP Initiative History

- Human Connectome Project grant published July 15, 2009. (RFA, Press Release)

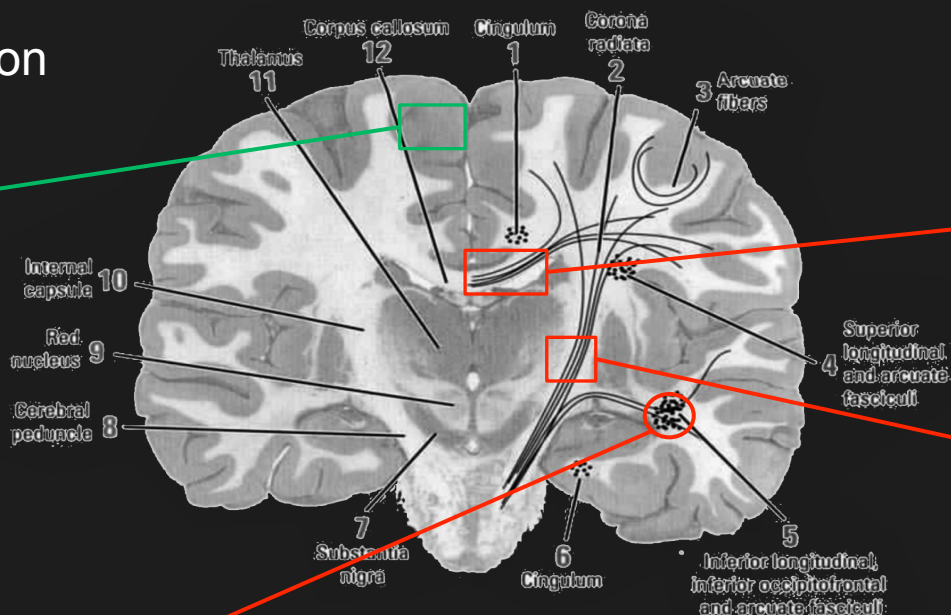
Diffusion Imaging of Microstructure



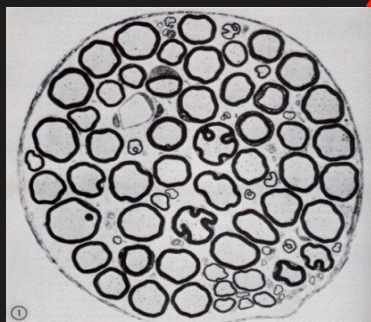
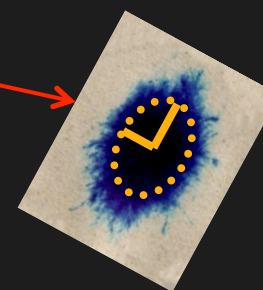
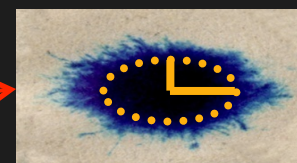
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Water Diffusion in the Brain has *Directionality*

Isotropic diffusion



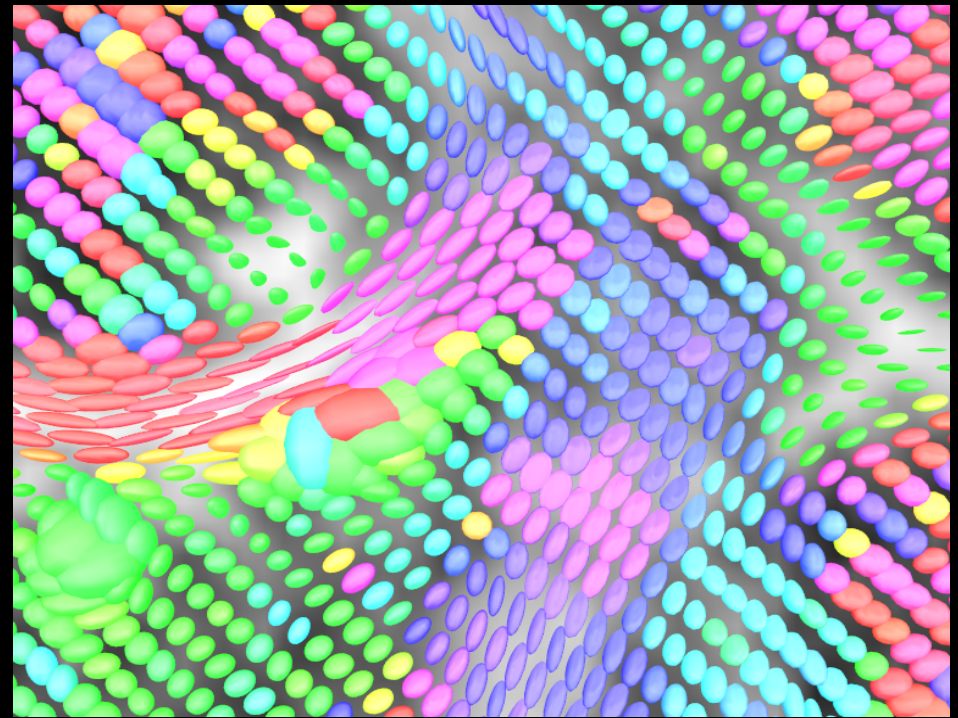
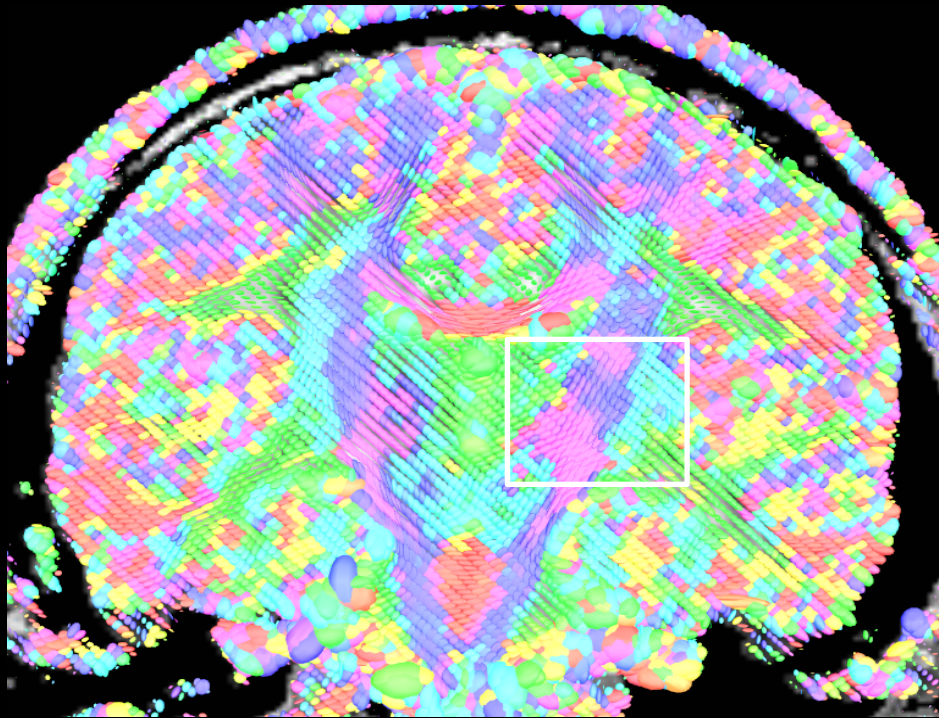
Anisotropic diffusion



Possible sources of anisotropy:

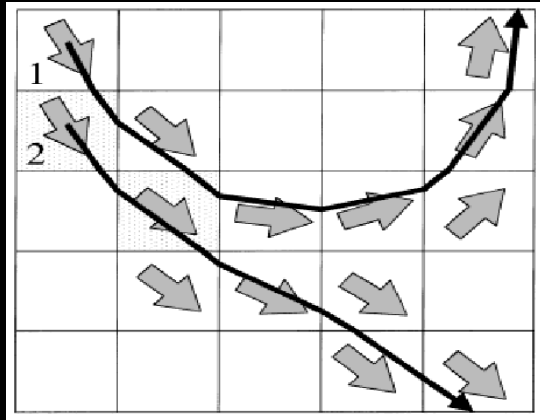
- Axonal membranes of *densely packed axons hinder diffusion perpendicularly* to the fiber long axis.
- Myelin may also modulate anisotropy.

Diffusion Tensor Imaging

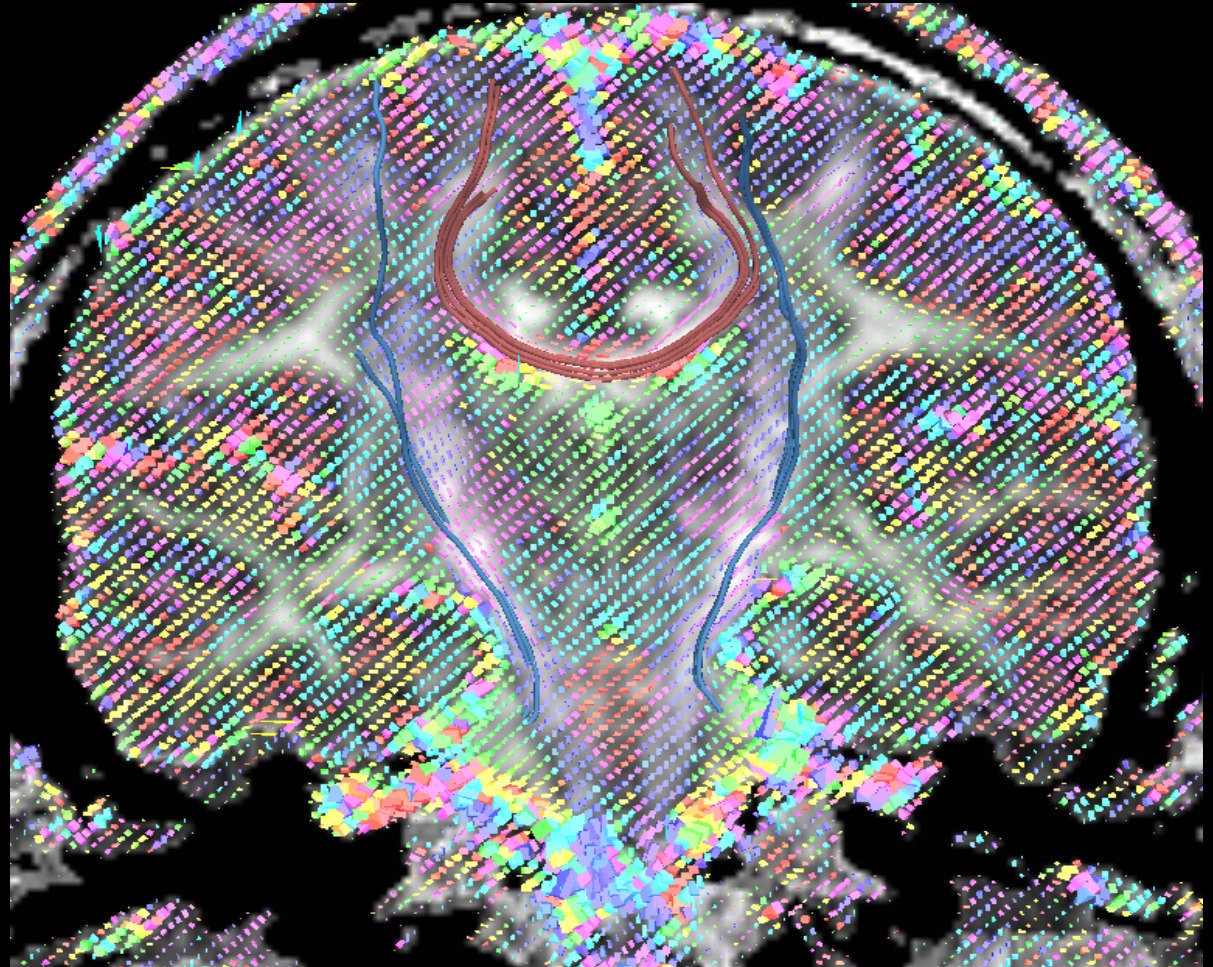


- At each location, the diffusion behavior of water is modeled as an ellipsoid.
- In medical imaging this ellipsoid is called a **diffusion tensor**.

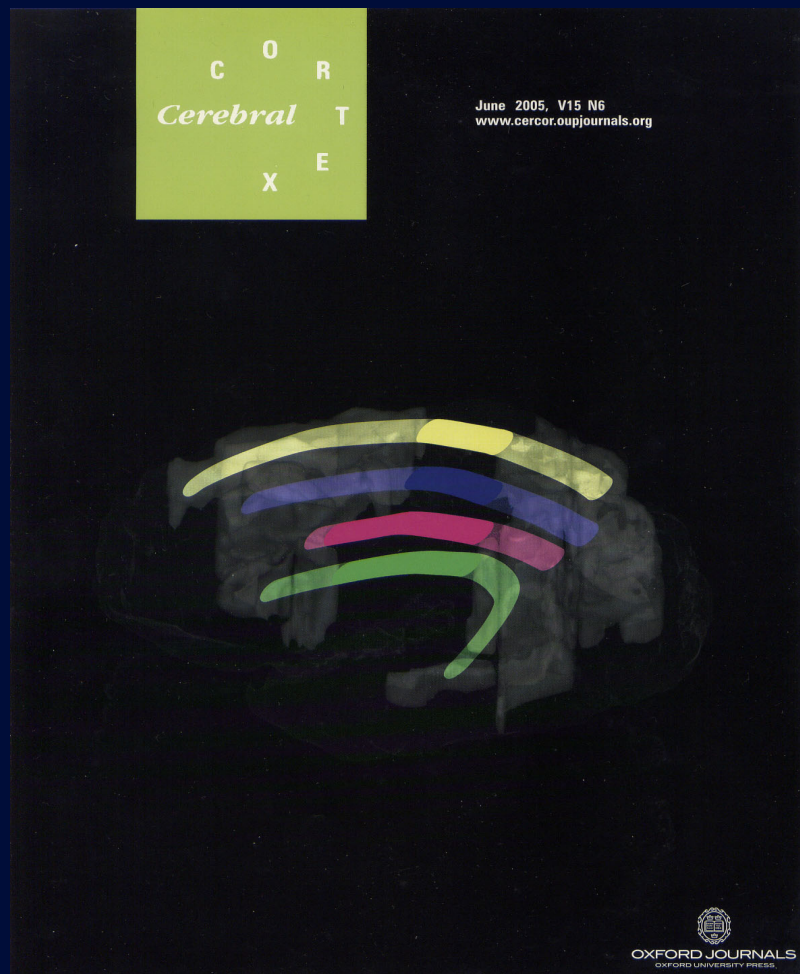
From Tensors to Tracts



- Associate the major diffusion direction with the tangent to a curve.
- Estimate the curve from its tangents.

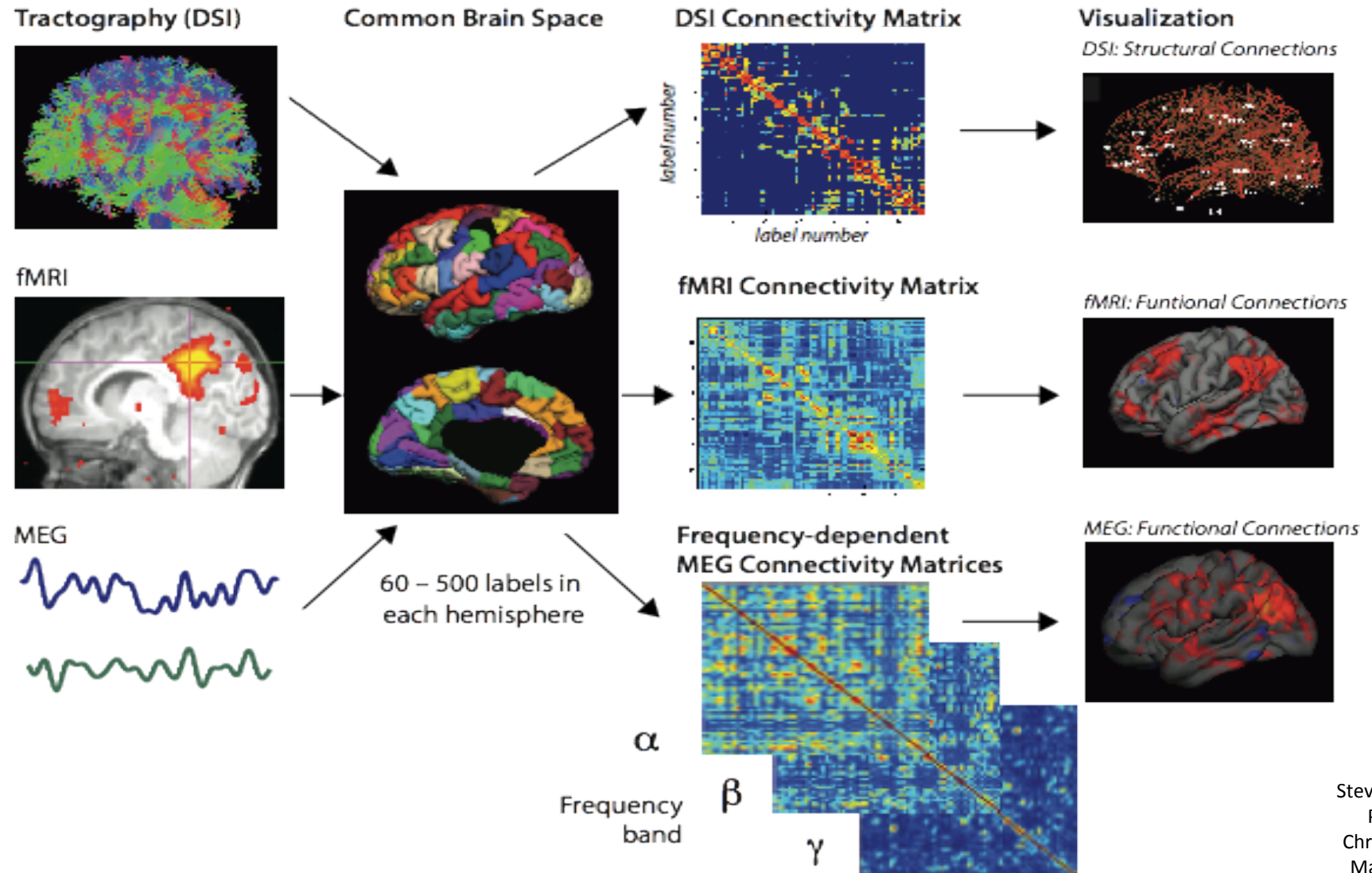


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Multimodal Brain Connectivity

Resting State Correlations Approach: DSI, fMRI, MEG Connections in a Common Brain Space



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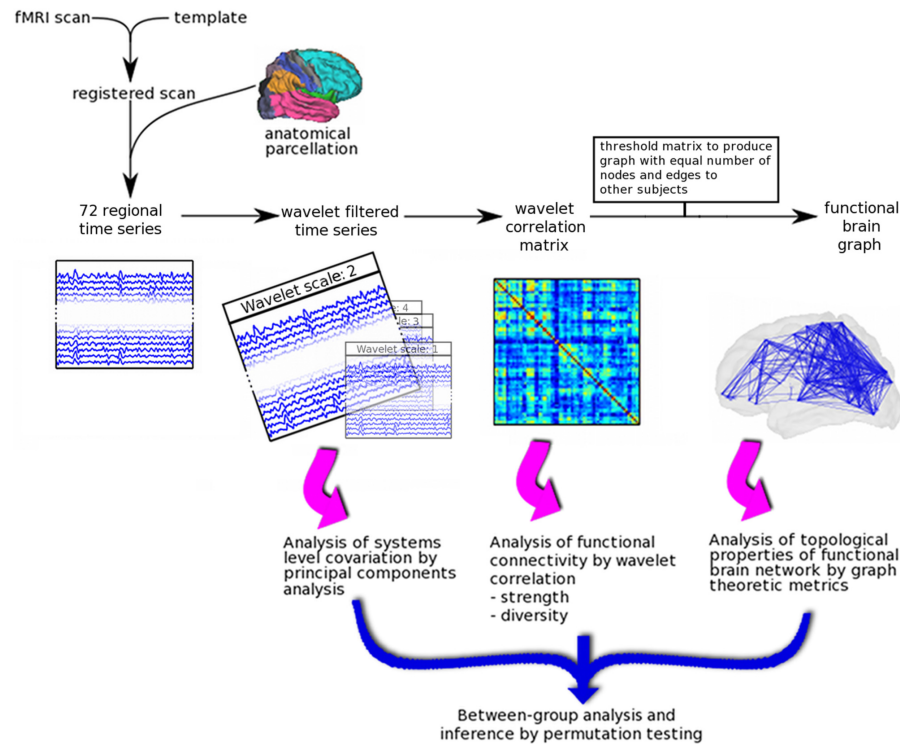


Figure 1. Schematic of fMRI data analysis pipeline. Regional mean fMRI time series were estimated by applying a prior anatomical template image to each individual fMRI dataset after its coregistration with the template in standard space; wavelet analysis was used to bandpass filter the regional time series and to estimate frequency-specific measures of functional connectivity between regions; functional connectivity matrices were thresholded to generate binary undirected graphs or brain functional networks; between-group differences in functional connectivity, principal components, and network topological metrics were assessed by permutation testing.

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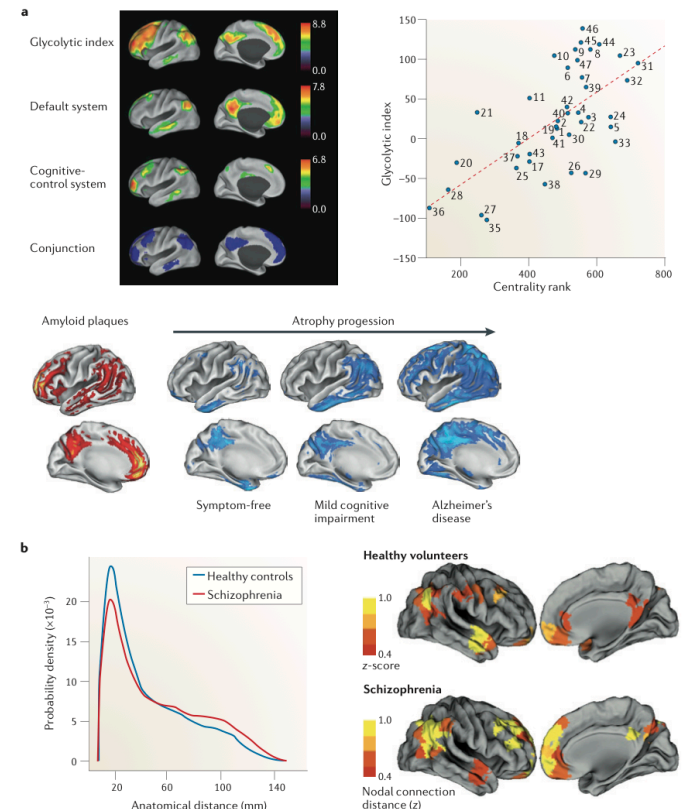
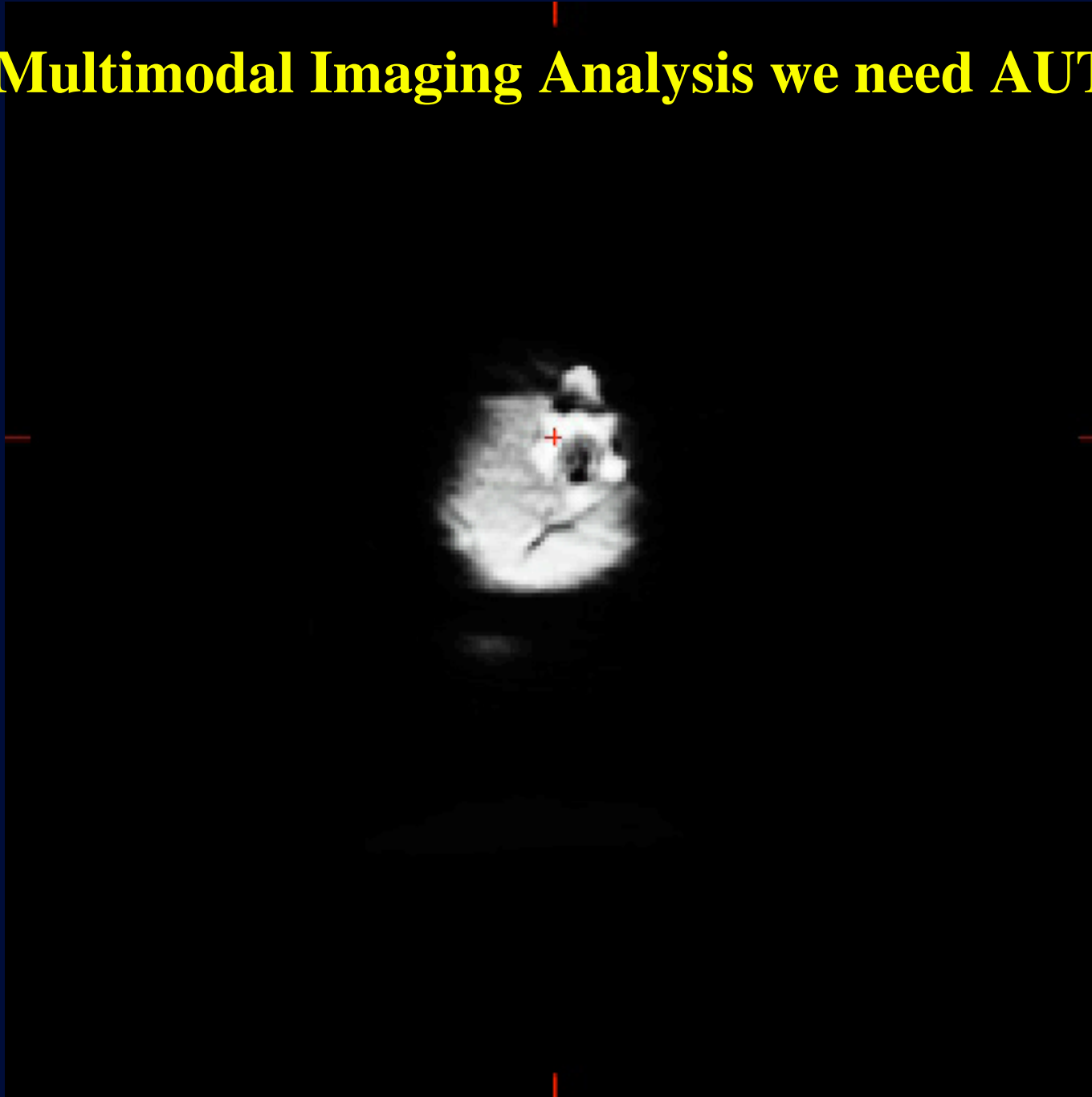
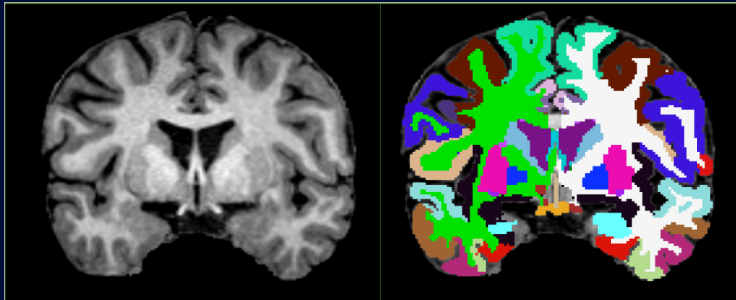


Figure 4 | Brain disorders affect high-cost components of networks. **a** Brain networks and brain metabolism. The top left panel shows the regional distribution of aerobic glycolysis (as measured using the glycolytic index), the default mode system and the cognitive control system (as mapped by resting-state functional MRI (fMRI)) and the conjunction of these two systems with the glycolytic index, illustrating their overlap¹⁰¹. The top right panel shows a scatter plot of the centrality rank (which is estimated from the betweenness centrality of the connectomes of five participants⁹⁹) and the glycolytic index¹⁰¹ for 41 Brodmann areas of the cerebral cortex. The correlation is highly significant, with $r = 0.66$ ($P < 0.00005$), indicating that areas with high centrality — that is, the structural hubs — have a high glycolytic index¹⁰¹. Several of these hub nodes are members of the default and cognitive control systems. The bottom panel shows that high-cost hub nodes (including regions comprising the default mode system and the cognitive control system; see top left panel) are typically first affected by amyloid deposition and grey-matter atrophy in Alzheimer's disease, leading to disruption of memory functions that are dependent on large-scale network integrity^{102,103}. **b** fMRI networks in patients with schizophrenia contain proportionally more long-distance connections than fMRI networks in healthy controls (left panel), perhaps owing to excessive developmental pruning of shorter-distance connections. Accordingly, inter-modular connector hubs that have a large number of long-distance connections (indicated by areas with high connection distance in the right panel) are more extensive in functional brain networks of people with schizophrenia than in healthy volunteers⁹⁸. Part **a** is reproduced, with permission, from REF. 161 © (2010) National Academy of Sciences, and from REF. 165 © (2008) New York Academy of Sciences. Part **b** is reproduced, with permission, from REF. 46 © (2012) Oxford Journals.

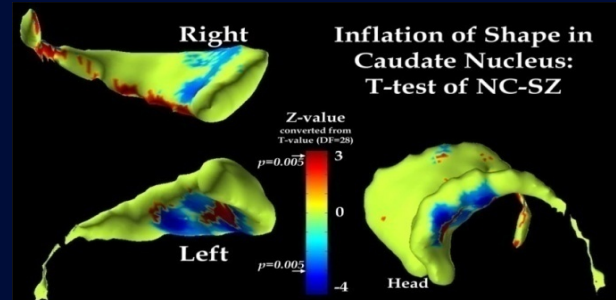
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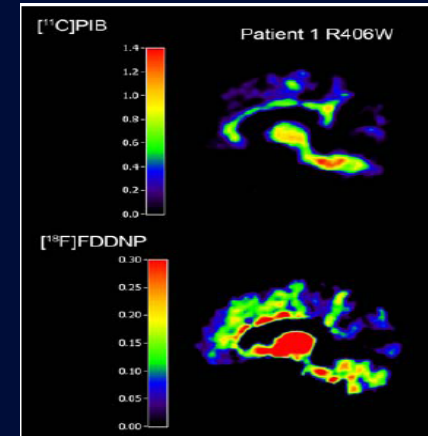
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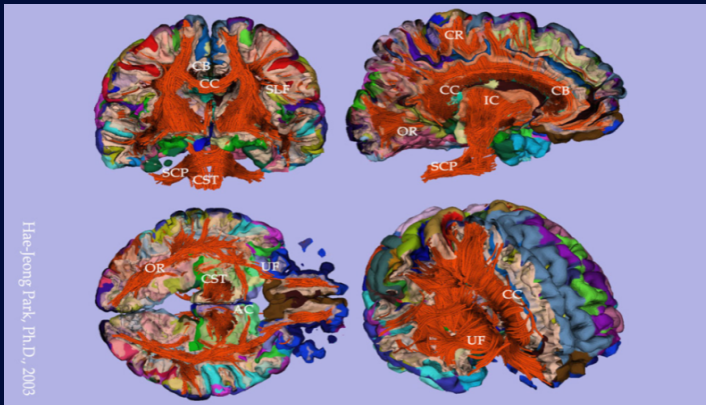
Volume - Morphometry



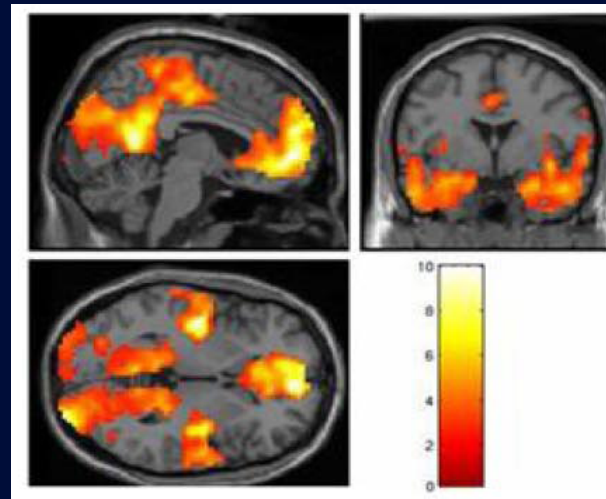
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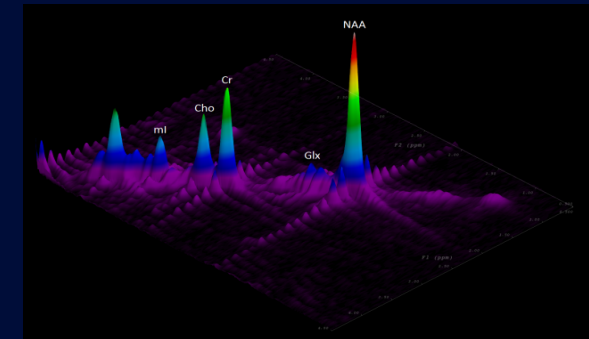
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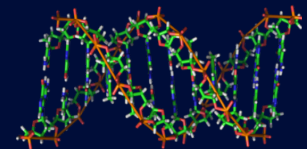
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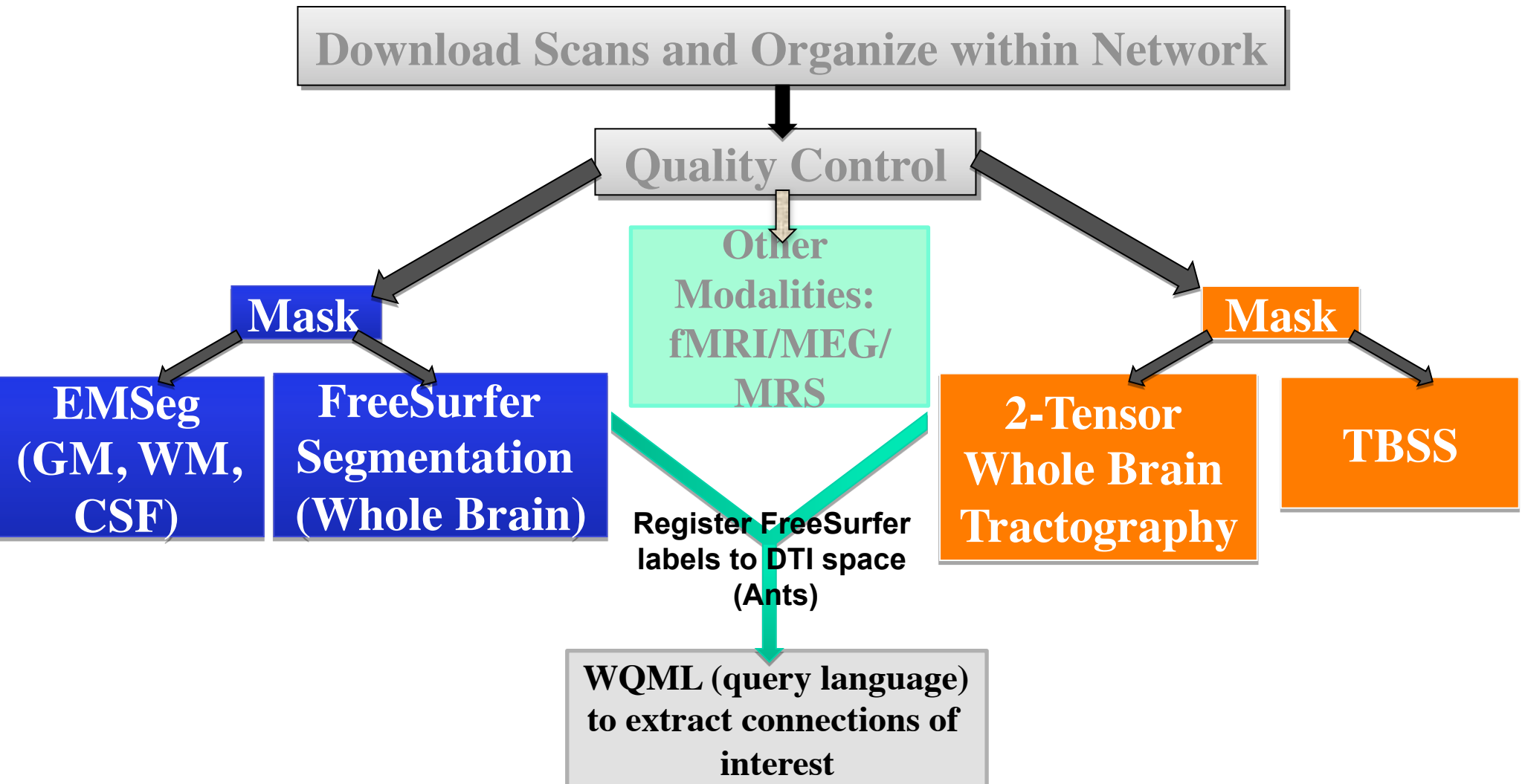


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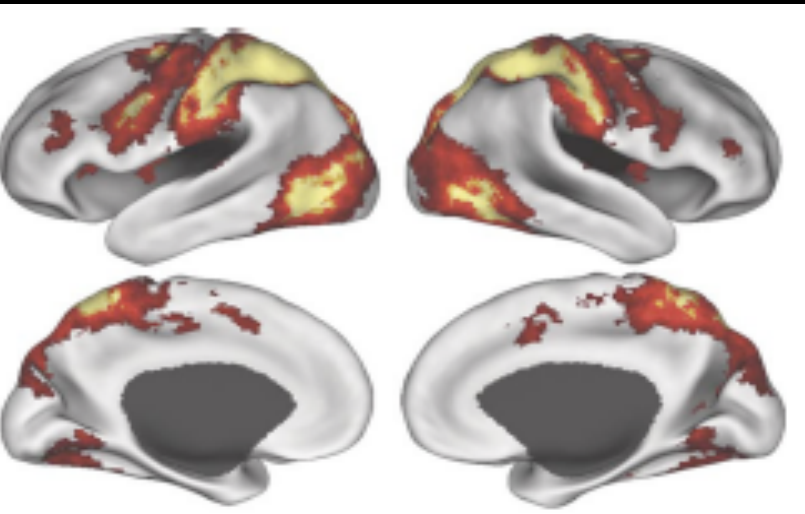
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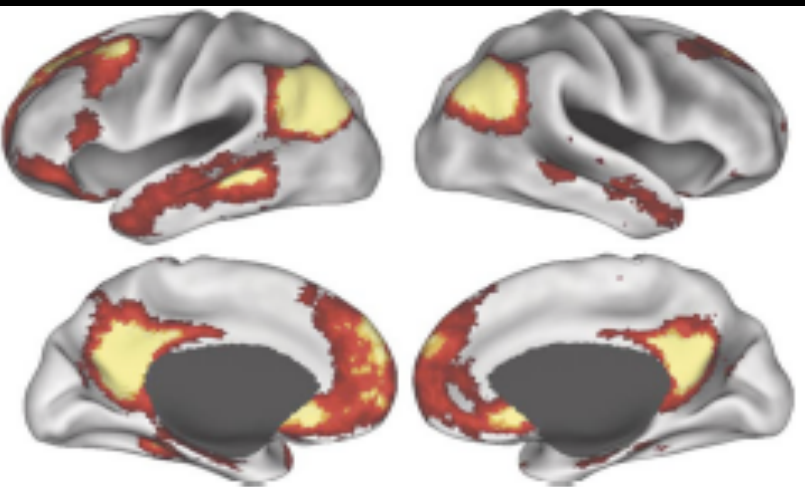
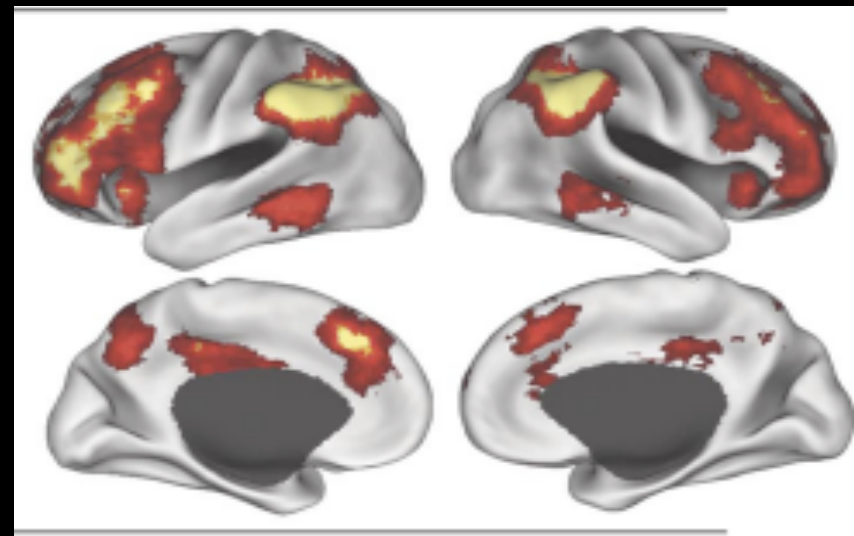
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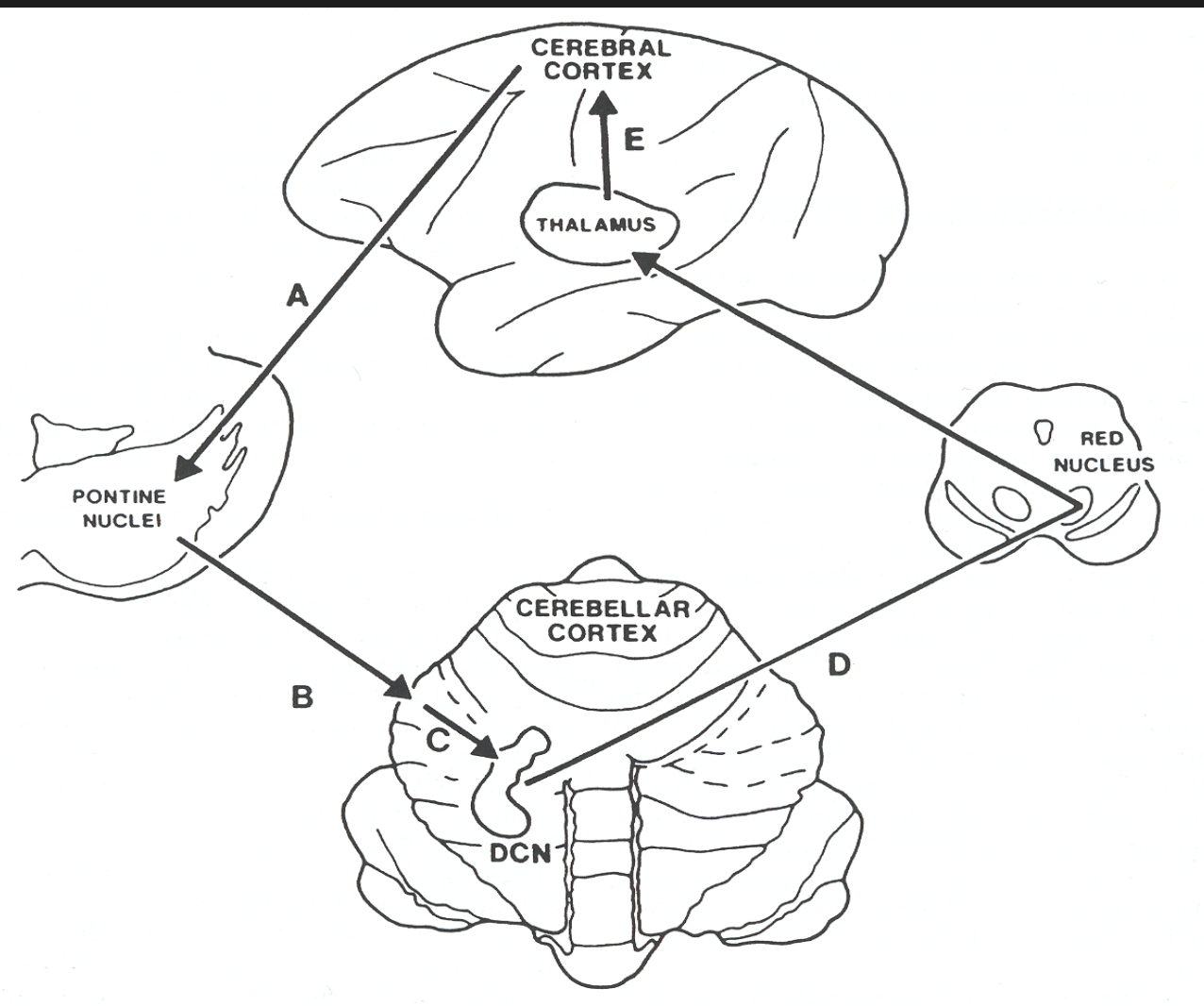
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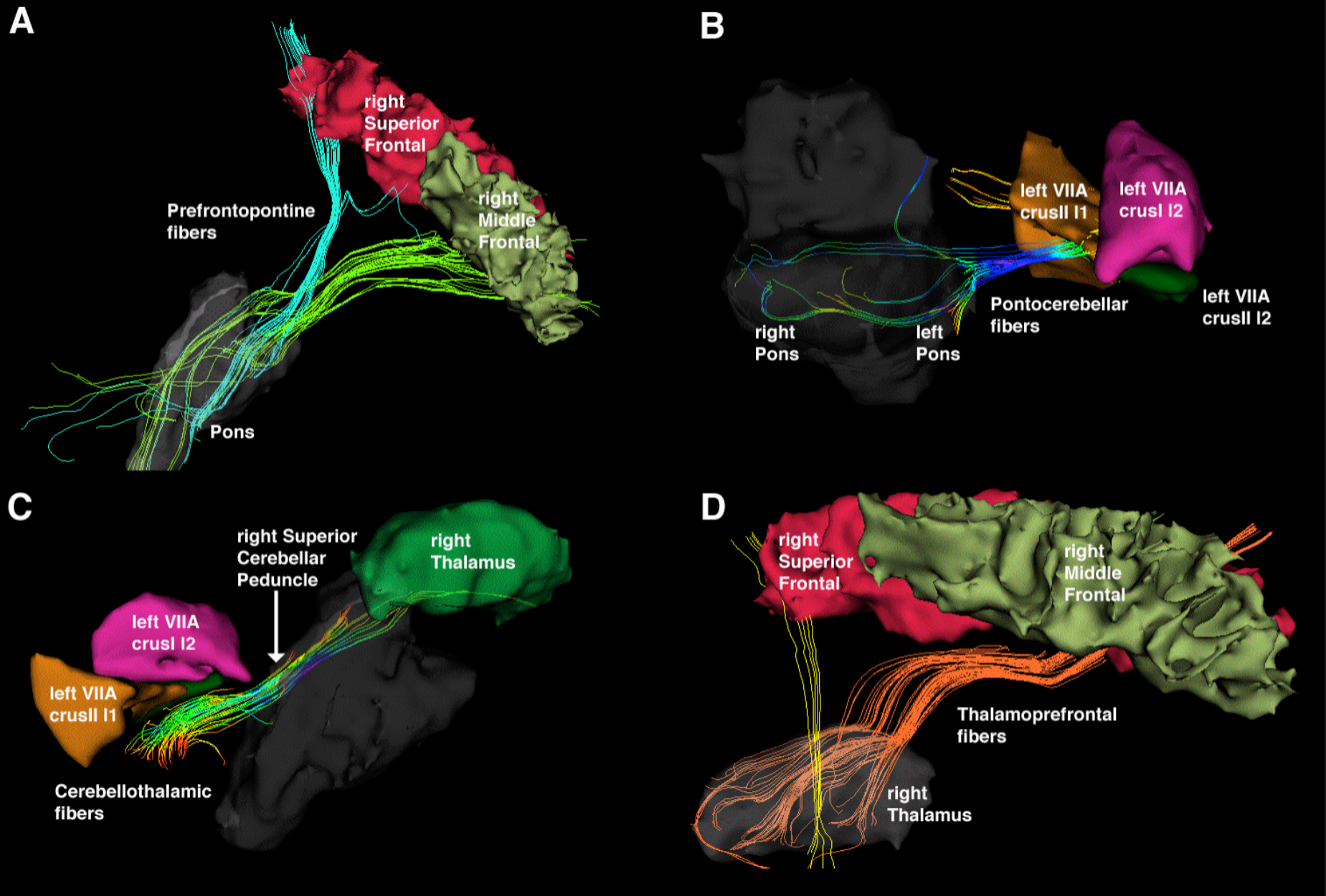
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From a structural point of view Neural Systems are:

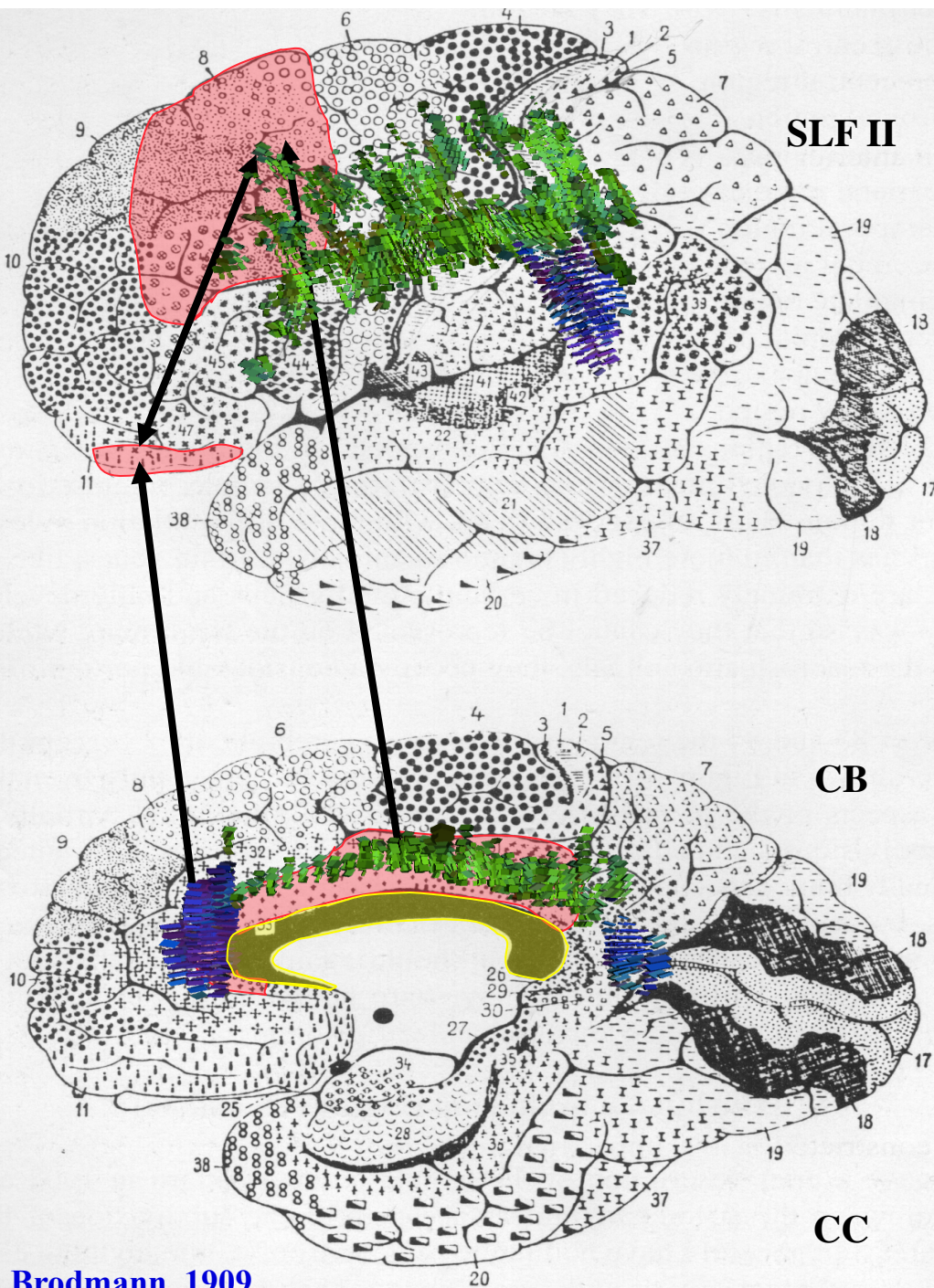
The Cortical and Subcortical Anatomical Structures and their connections within the White Matter that form the building blocks of a neural systems description of the human brain.



Diagrammatic representation of the cerebrocerebellar circuitry, including corticopontine connections which carry higher-order (*Cognitive*) information as well as sensorimotor inputs to the cerebellar cortex.



Prefrontocerebellar circuitry: A) Prefrontopontine ipsilateral projection, B) crossing pontocerebellar projection, C) crossing cerebellothalamic projection, and D) thalamoprefrontal ipsilateral projection



Brodman, 1909

Executive Function Cortical System (Bilateral)

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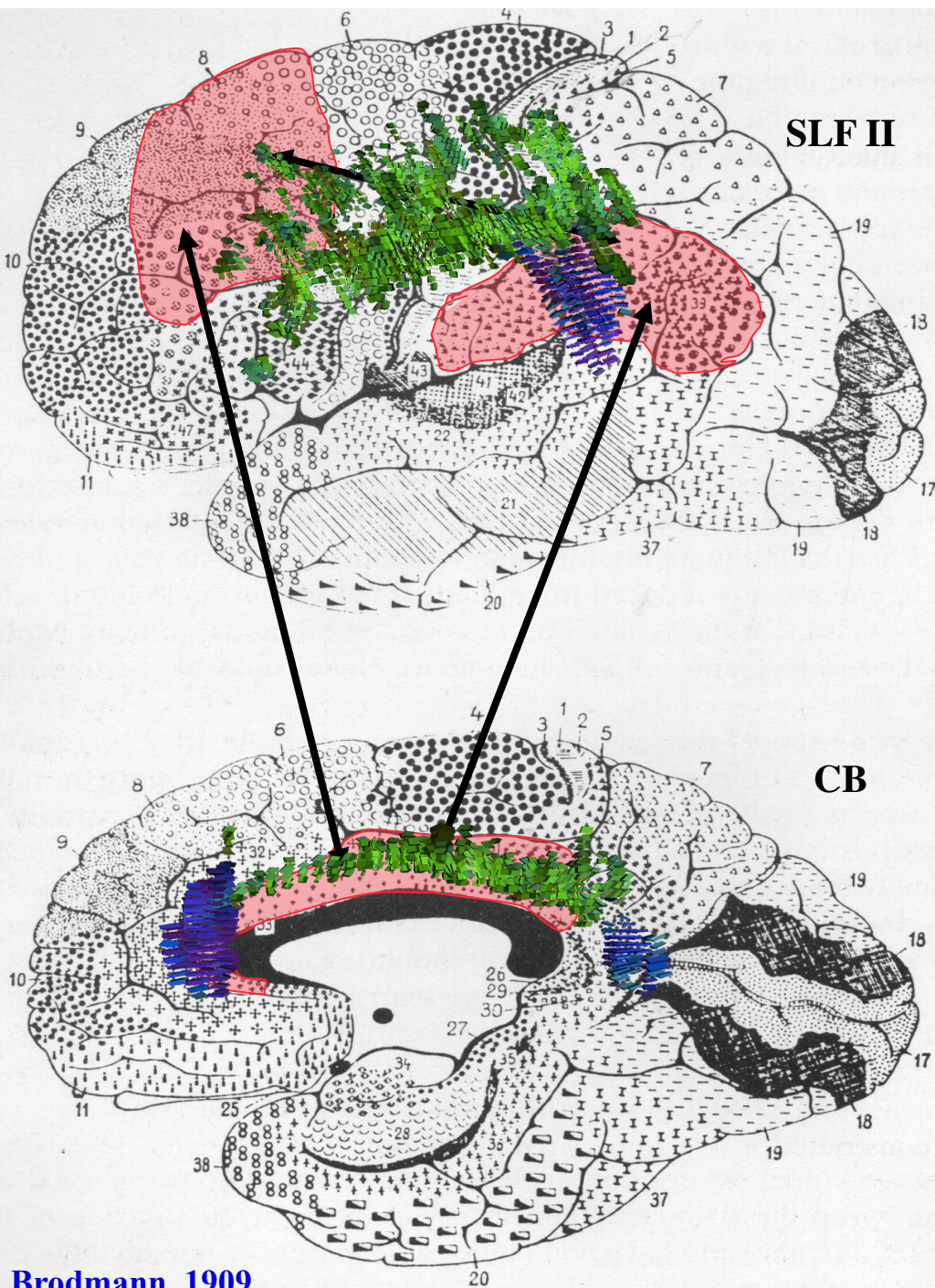
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(BA 8, 9, 46)

Cingulate Gyrus
(BA 24, 23)

Orbital Frontal Cortex
(BA 11, 12, 13 14)

Fiber Tracts:

CB, CC and SLF II



Attention Cortical System

(Lateralized on Right hemisphere)

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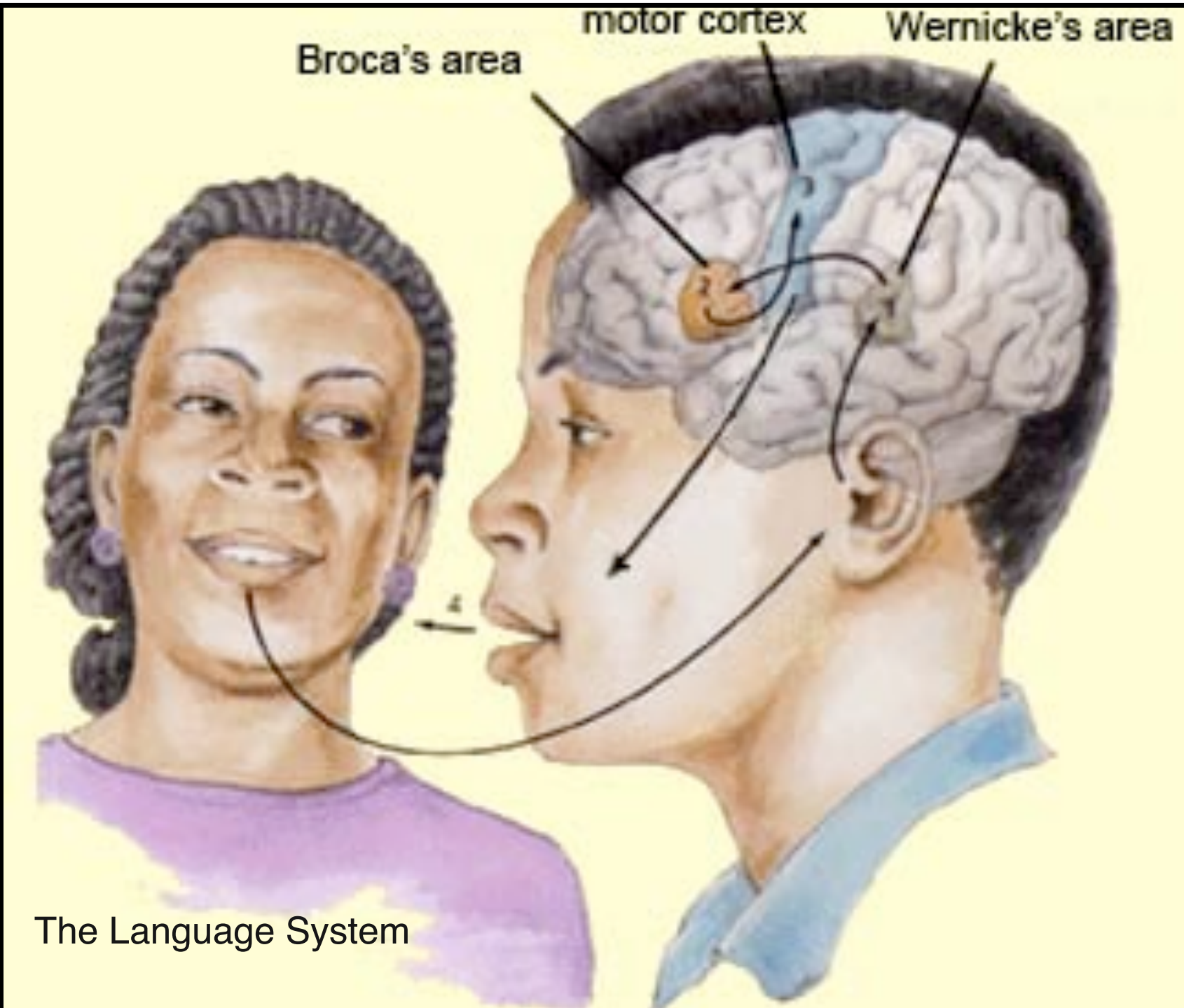
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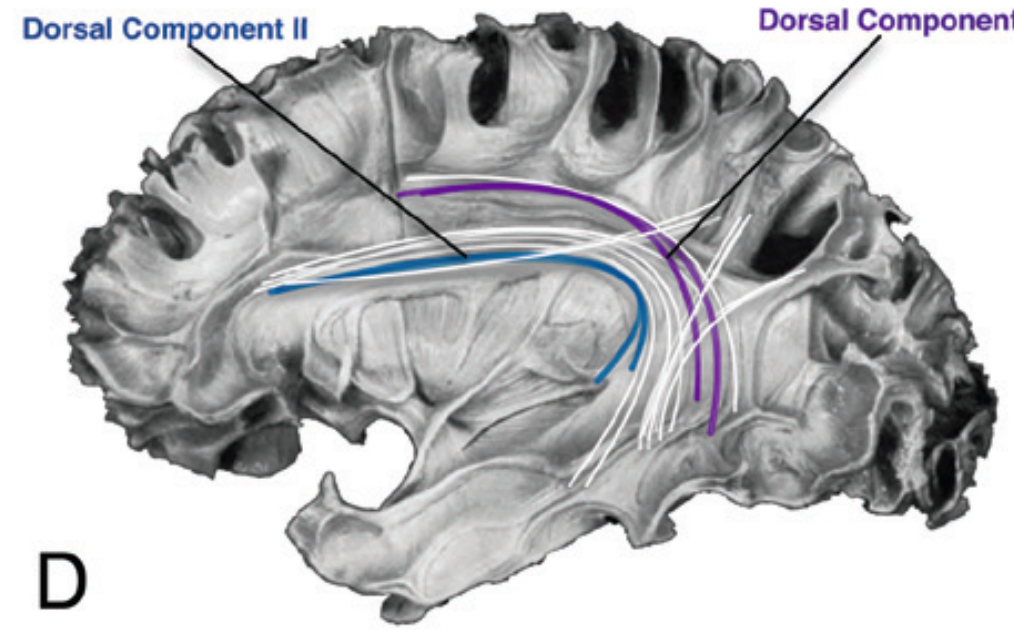
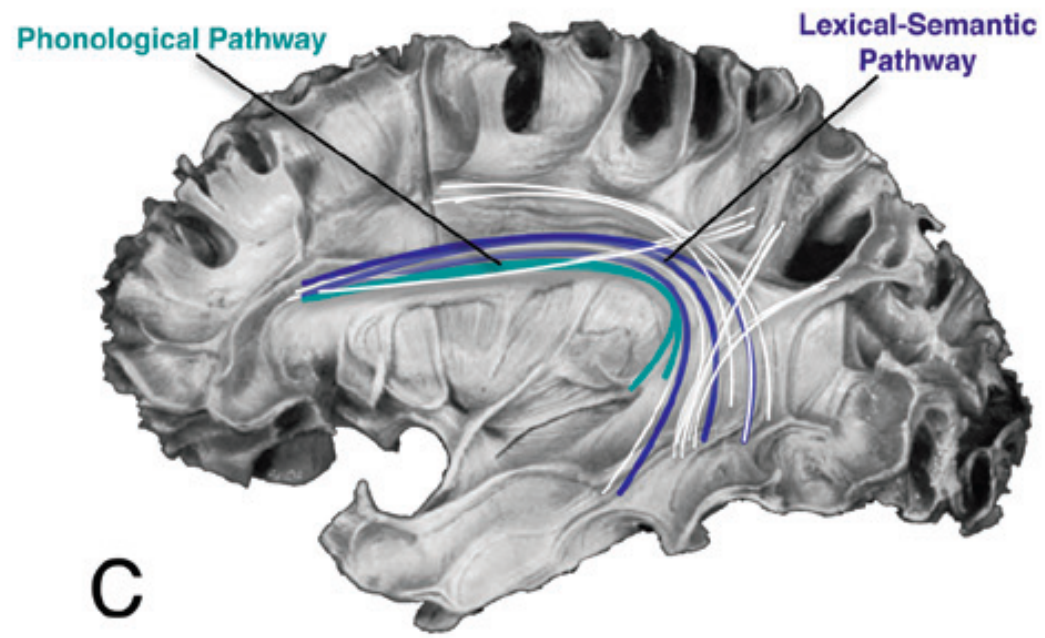
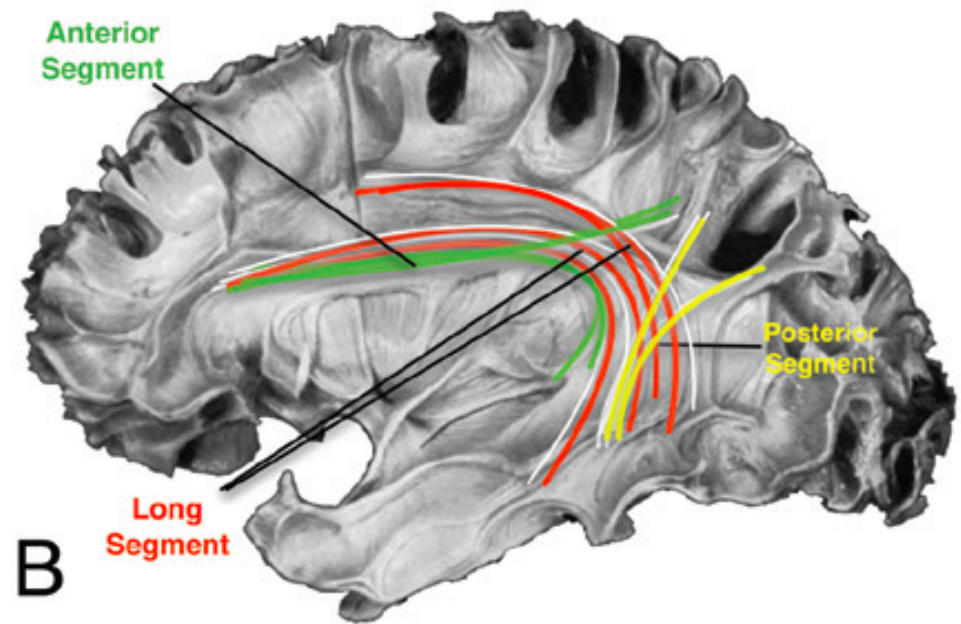
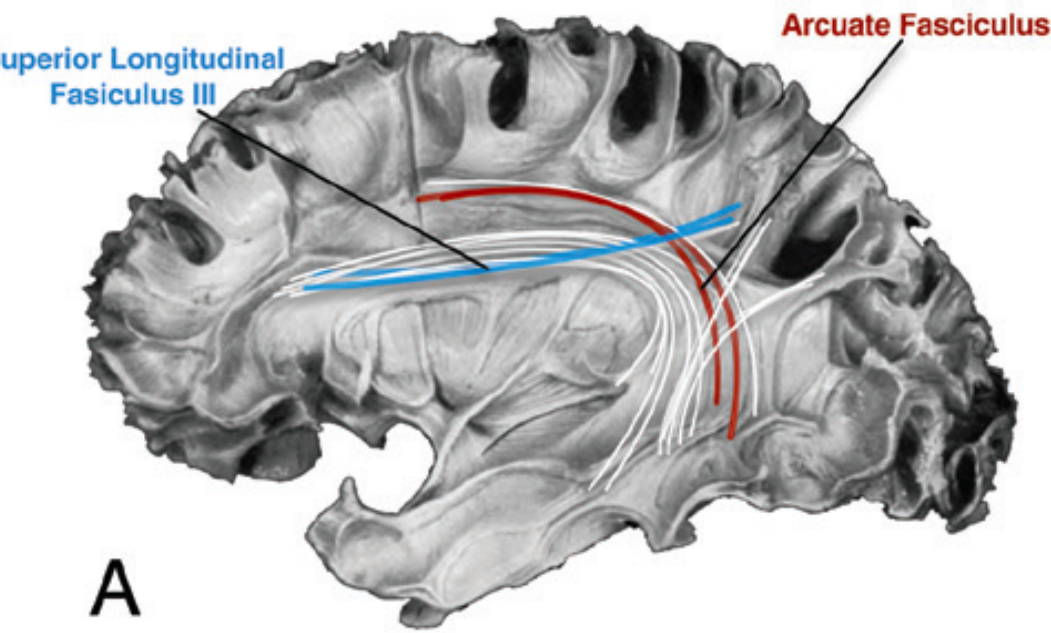
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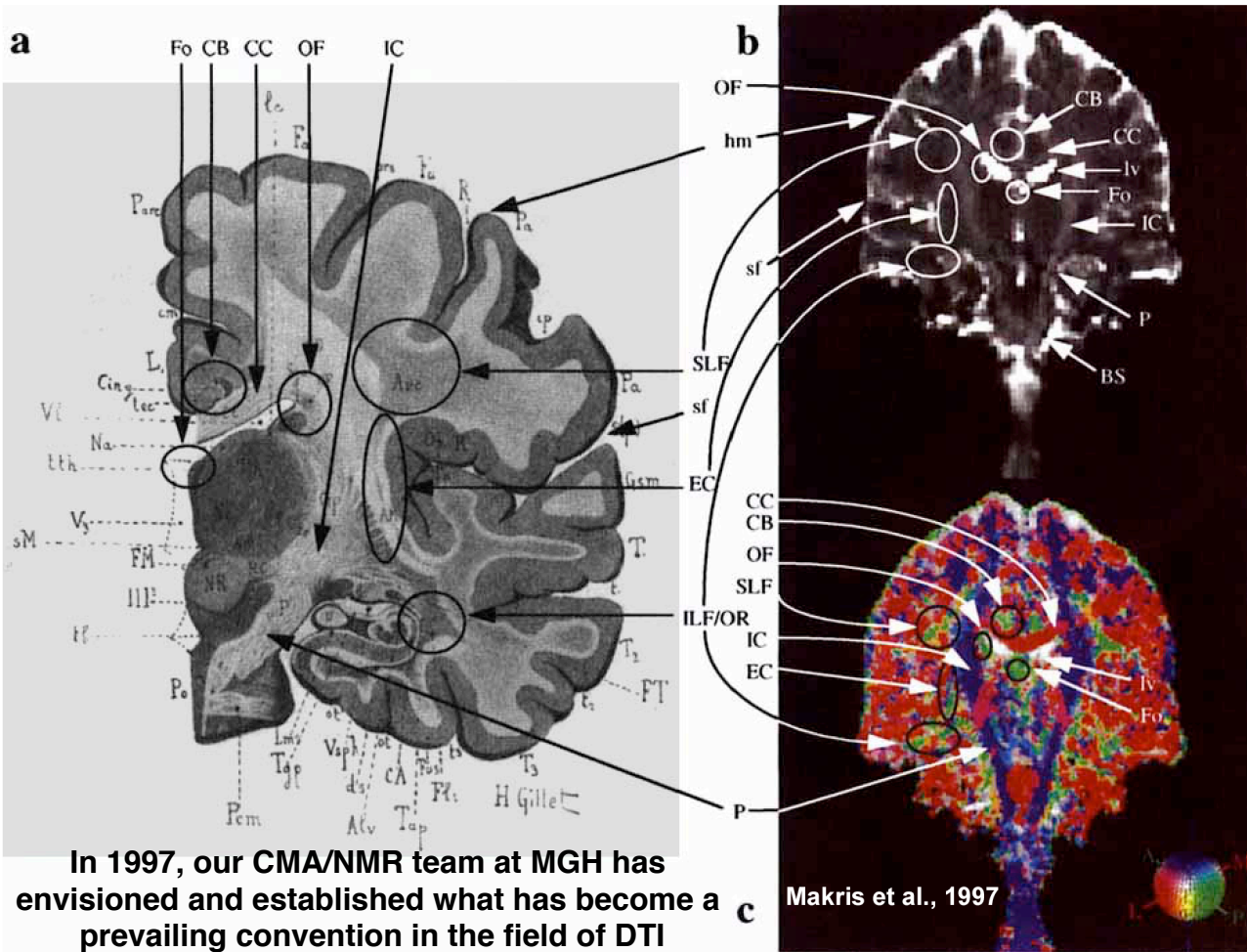
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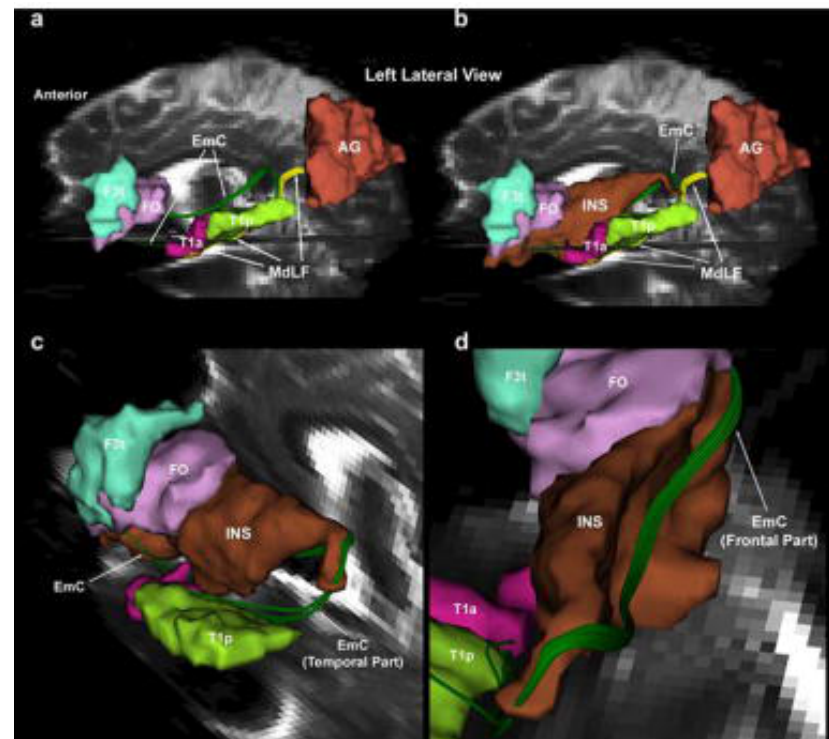
The Language System

Dorsal Streams





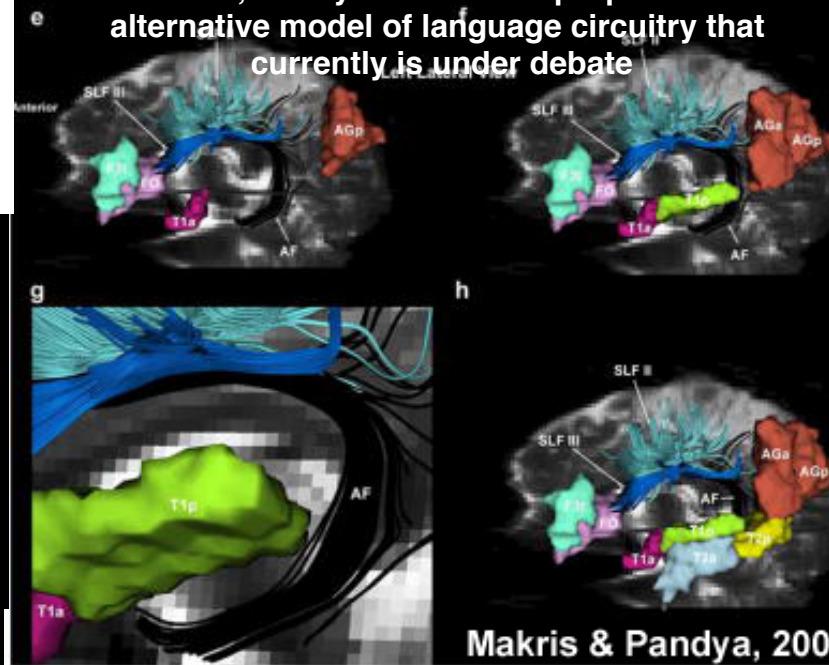
In 1997, our CMA/NMR team at MGH has envisioned and established what has become a prevailing convention in the field of DTI



In 2008, Pandya and Makris proposed an alternative model of language circuitry that currently is under debate

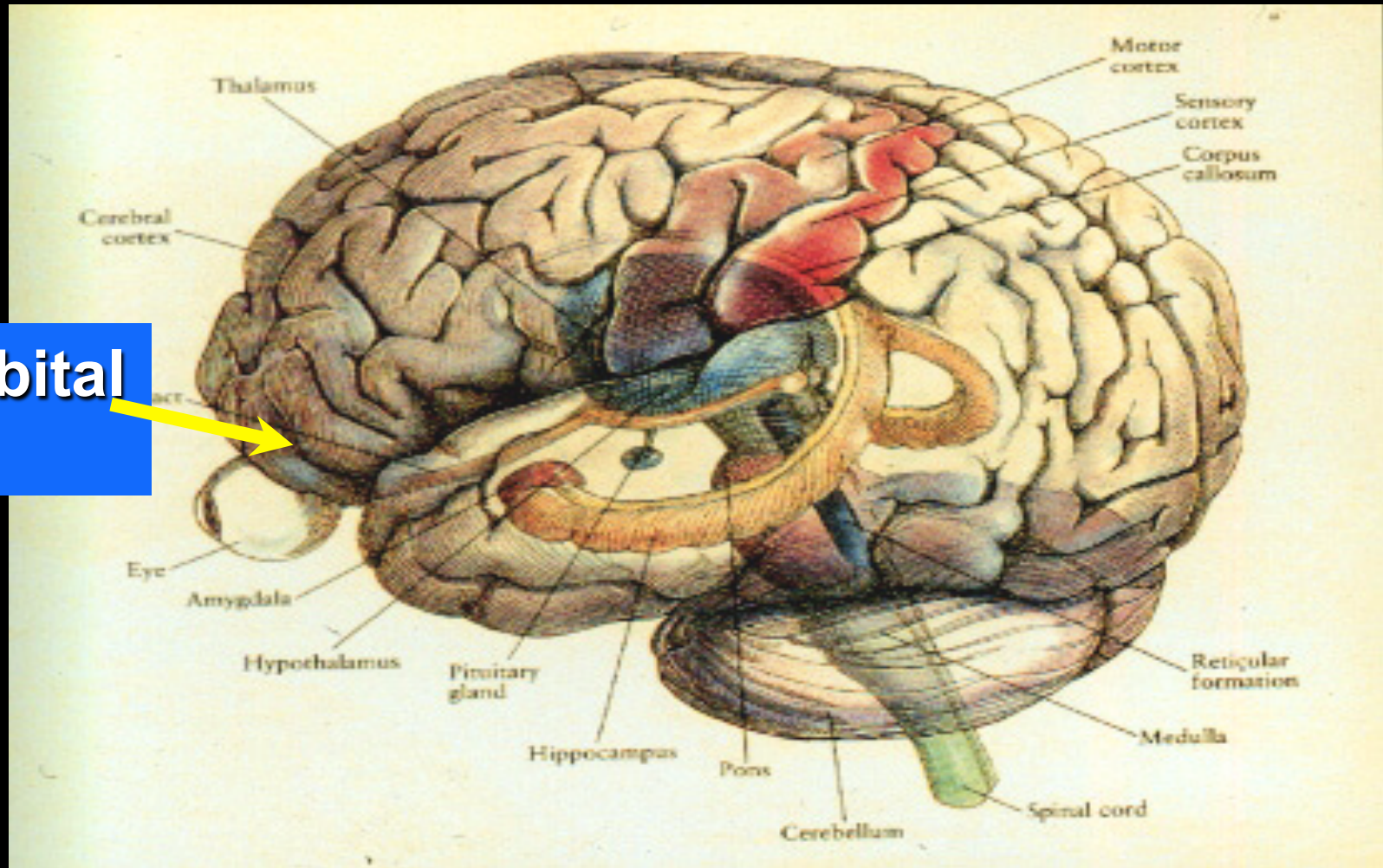


Between 1999 (Makris PhD thesis) and 2012 (Makris et al., 2008, 2012, 2013), Makris and Pandya have provided evidence for a novel fiber tract in humans, named, by them, the “Middle Longitudinal Fascicle” (MdLF) (Makris, Pandya, et al., *Cer Cor*, 2008)



Emotions: Limbic and Paralimbic Systems

Frontoorbital Cortex



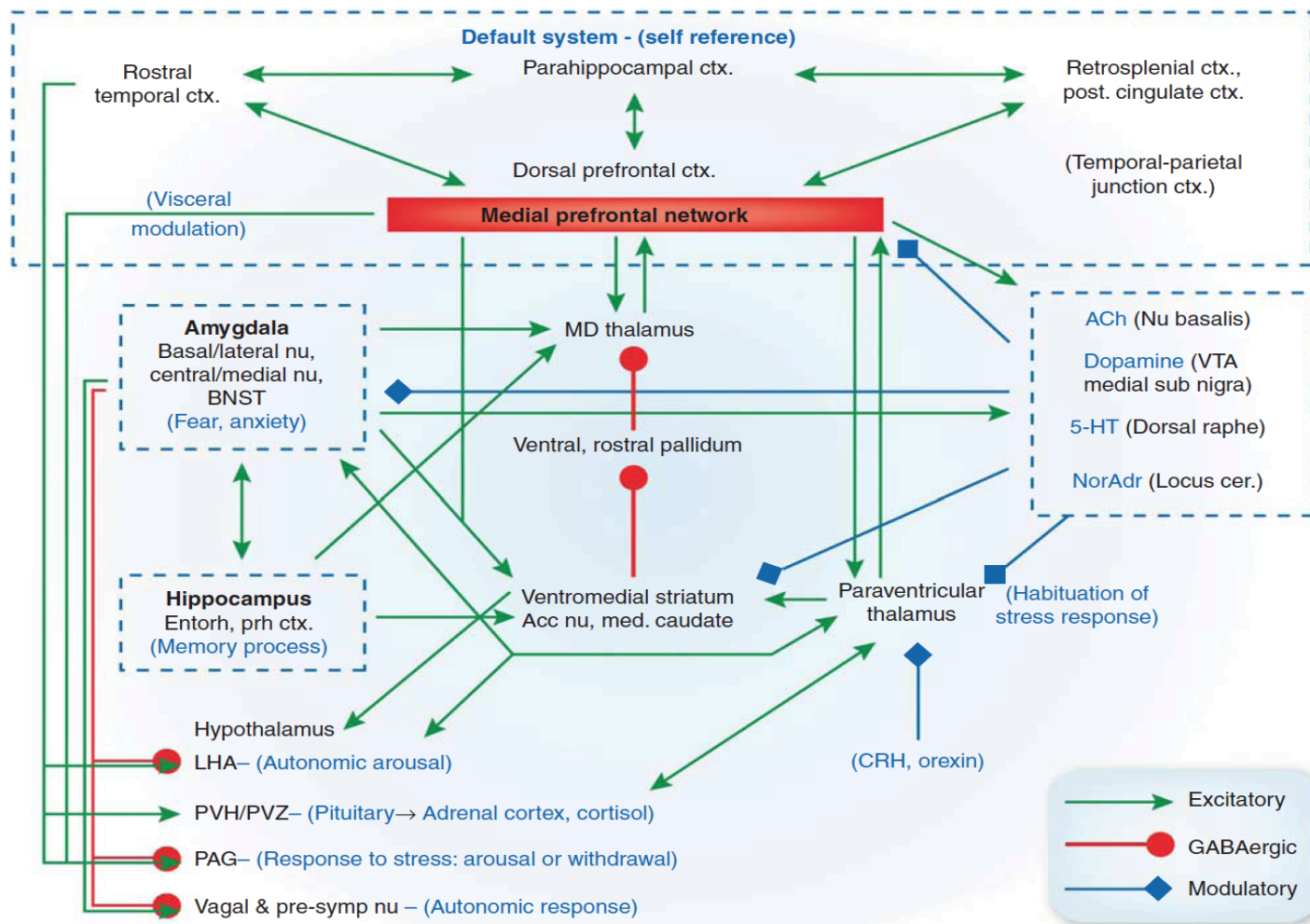
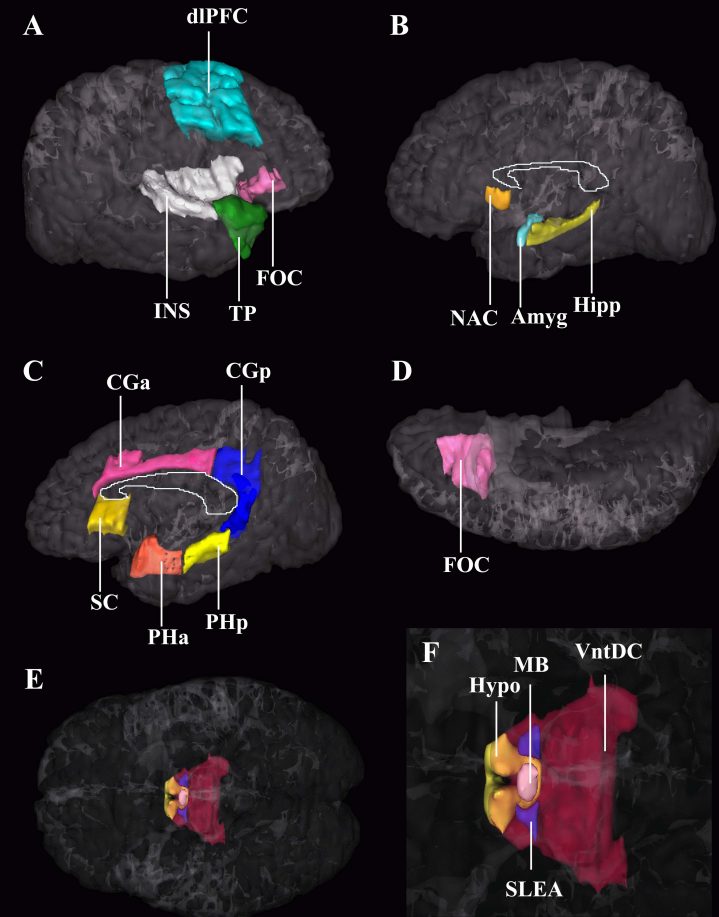
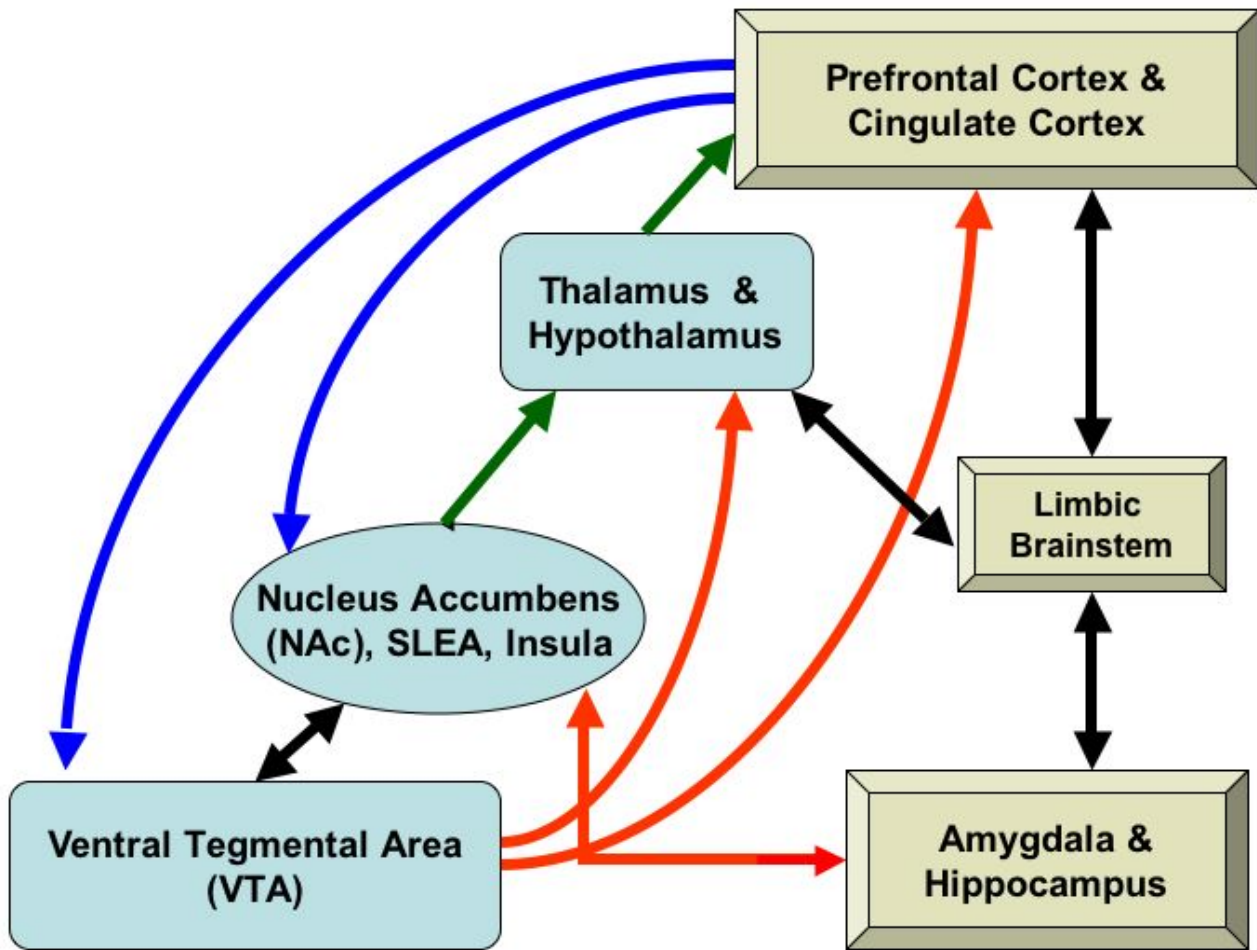


Figure 10. Anatomical circuits involving the medial prefrontal network (medial prefrontal network) and amygdala. Glutamatergic, presumed excitatory projections are shown in green, GABAergic projections are shown in orange, and modulatory projections in blue. In the model proposed here, dysfunction in the amygdala and/or the medial prefrontal network results in dysregulation of transmission throughout an extended brain circuit that stretches from the cortex to the brainstem, yielding the emotional, cognitive, endocrine, autonomic, and neurochemical manifestations of depression. Intra-amygdaloid connections link the basal and lateral amygdaloid nuclei to the central and medial nuclei of the amygdala and the bed nucleus of the stria terminalis (BNST). Parallel and convergent efferent projections from the amygdala and the medial prefrontal network to the hypothalamus, periaqueductal gray (PAG), nucleus basalis, locus ceruleus, dorsal raphe, and medullary vagal nuclei organize neuroendocrine, autonomic, neurotransmitter and behavioral responses to stressors and emotional stimuli (Davis and Shi, 1999, LeDoux, 2003). In addition, the amygdala and medial prefrontal network interact with the same cortico-striatal-pallidal-thalamic loop, through prominent connections both with the accumbens nucleus and medial caudate, and with the mediadorsal and paraventricular thalamic nuclei, which may function to control and limit responses to stress. Finally, the medial prefrontal network is a central node in the cortical 'default system' that appears to support self-referential functions such as mood. Other abbreviations: 5-HT—serotonin; ACh—acetylcholine; Cort.—corticosteroid; CRH—corticotrophin releasing hormone; Ctx—cortex; NorAdr—norepinephrine; PVN—paraventricular nucleus of the hypothalamus; PVZ—periventricular zone of hypothalamus; STGr—rostral superior temporal gyrus—VTA—ventral tegmental area.

Brain Reward Circuitry:

Consists of cortical and subcortical structures involved in controlling emotion and regulating sensitivity to reinforcements.



Neural Systems in Clinical Conditions

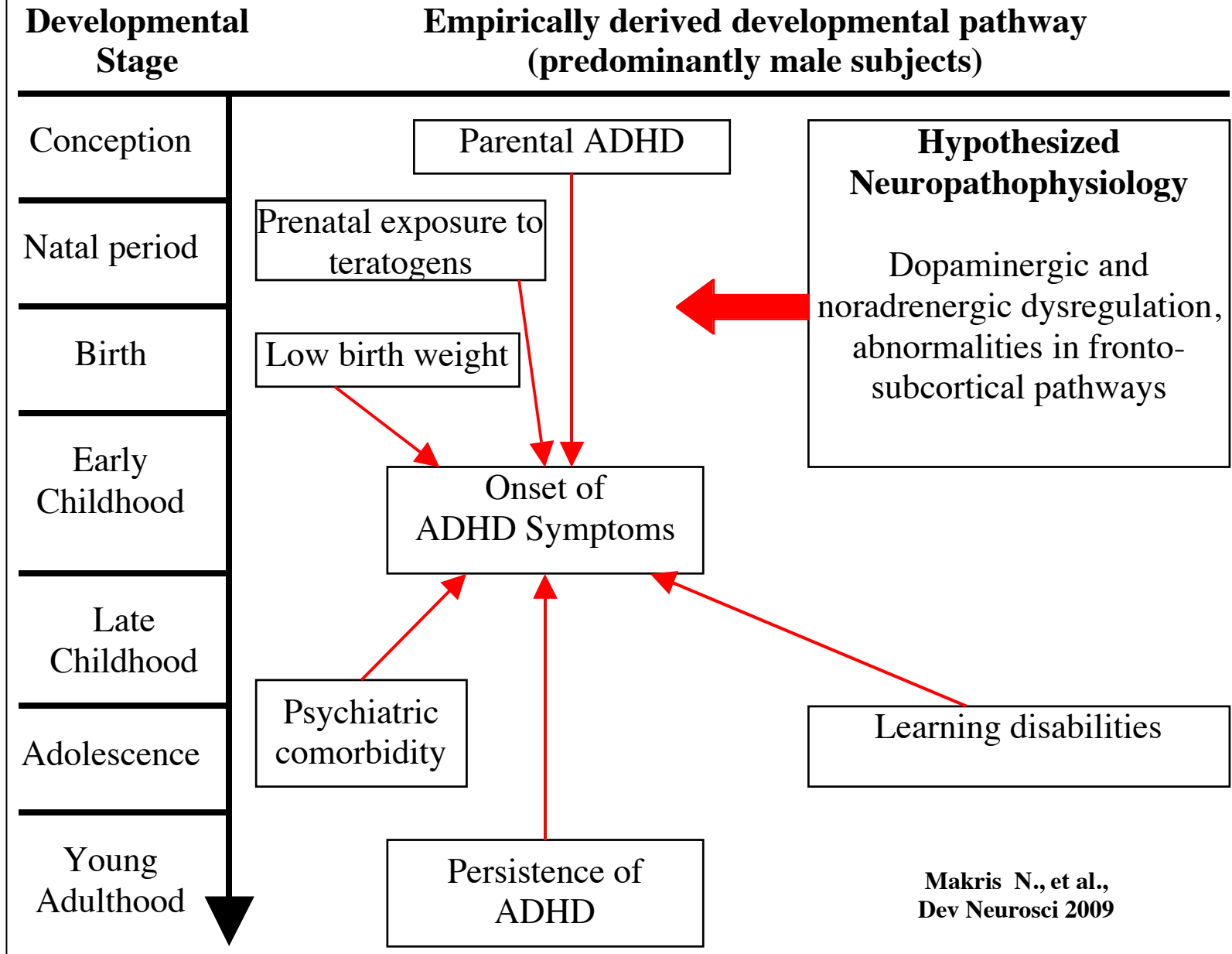
Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder

(ADHD)

Neural Systems approach addresses at least three questions

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- 2) Do these structural neural systems correlate with specific behaviors?**
- 3) Are these neural systems associated with specific genotypes?**

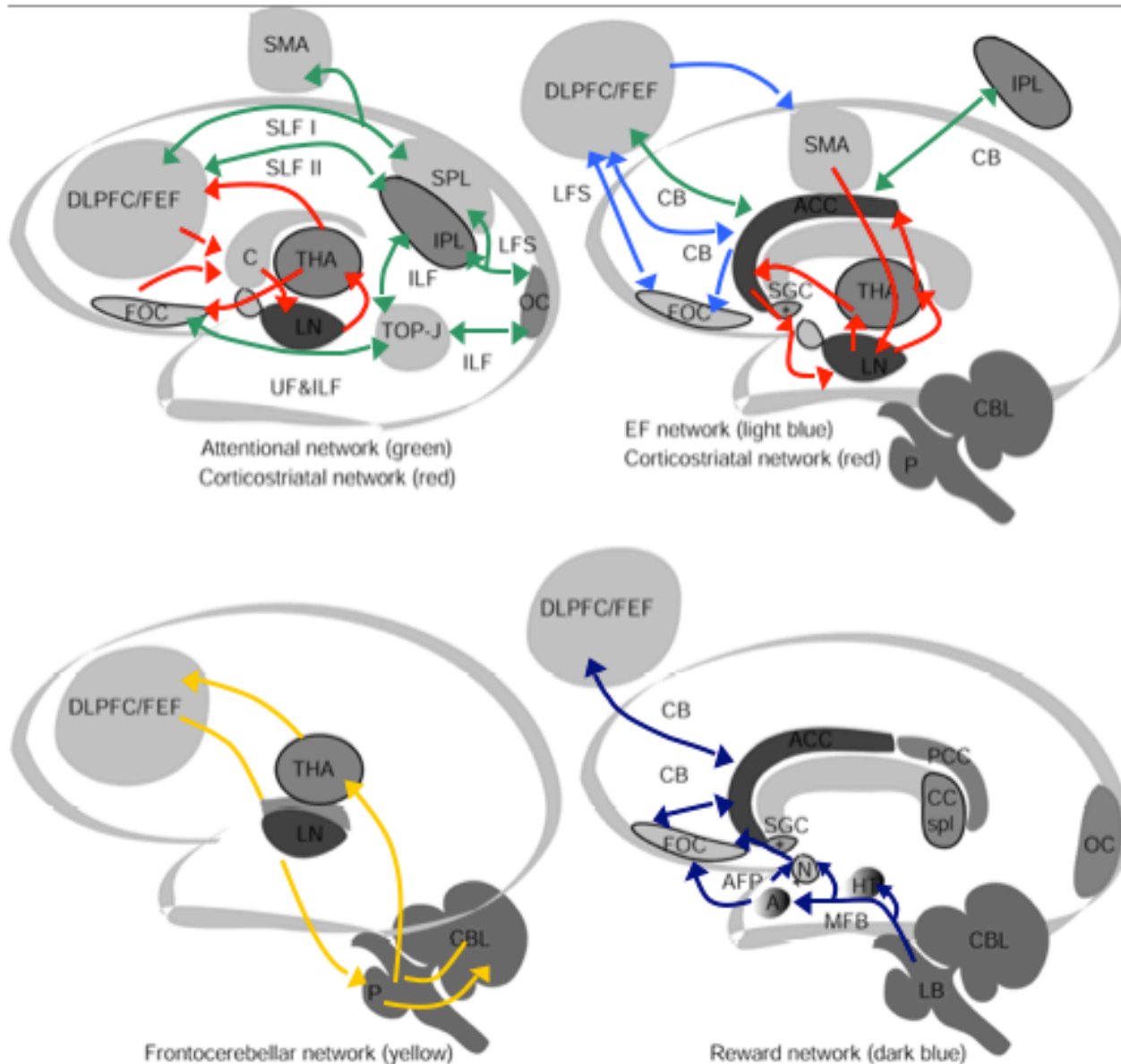
Figure 1: Conceptual model of the pathophysiology and etiology of ADHD



Neural Systems approach in ADHD (cont.d)

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Figure 2: Functional neuroanatomy of circuits involved in the pathophysiology of ADHD

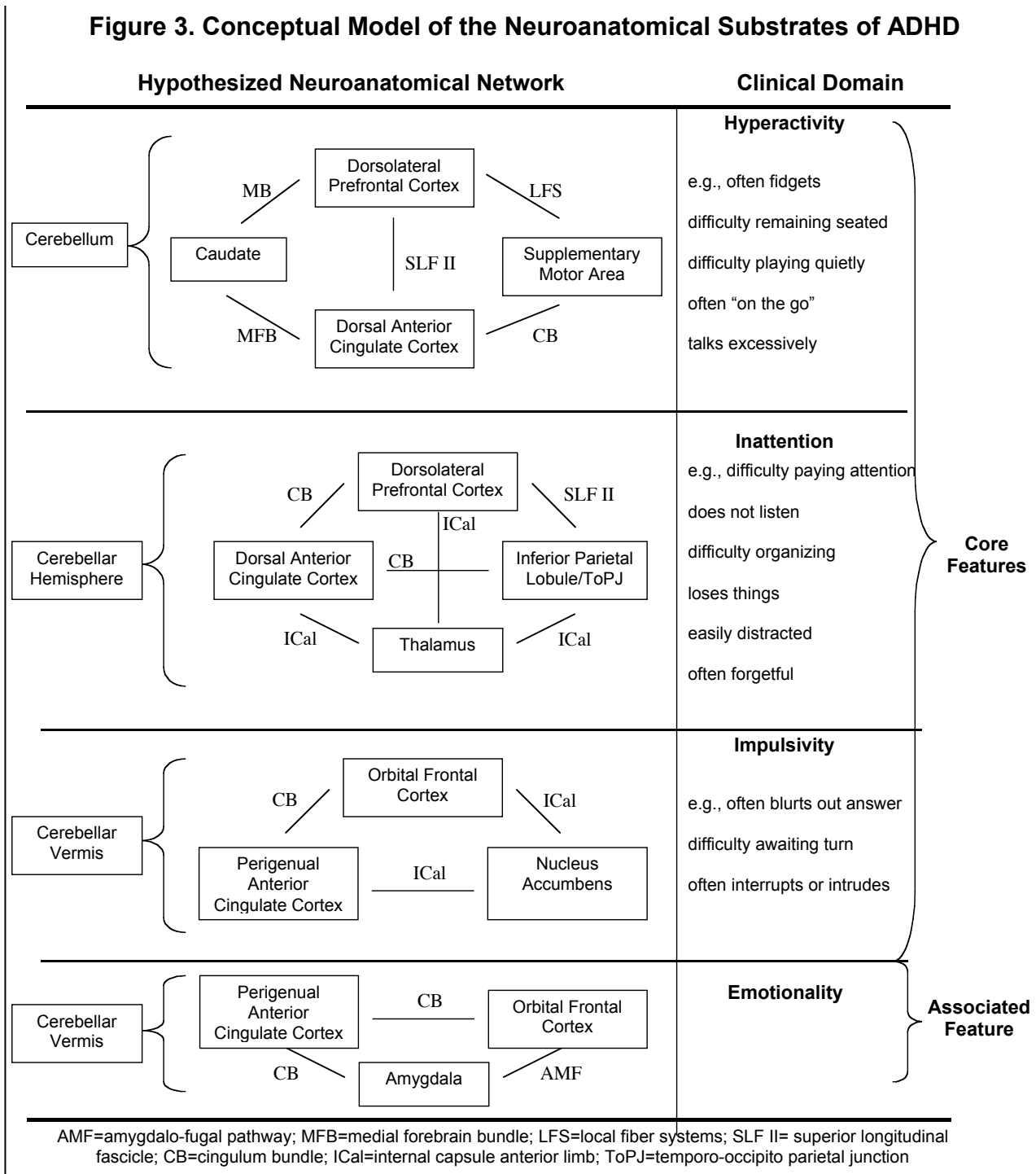


A=amygdala; ACC=anterior cingulate cortex; AFP=amygdalofugal pathway; C=caudate nucleus; CB=cingulum bundle; CBL=cerebellum; CCspl=splenium of corpus callosum (incl. isthmus); DLPFC=dorsolateral prefrontal cortex; FEF=frontal eye field; FOC=fronto-orbital cortex; HT=hypothalamus; ILF=inferior longitudinal fascicle; IPL= inferior parietal lobule; LB=limbic brainstem; LFS=local fiber system; LN=lenticular nucleus; MFB=medial forebrain bundle; N=nucleus accumbens; OC=occipital cortex; P=pons; PCC=posterior cingulate cortex; SGC=subgenual cingulate cortex; SLF=superior longitudinal fascicle; SMA=supplementary motor area; SPL=superior parietal lobule; THA=thalamus; TOP-J=temporo-occipito-parietal junction; UF=uncinate fascicle

Neural Systems approach in ADHD (cont.d)

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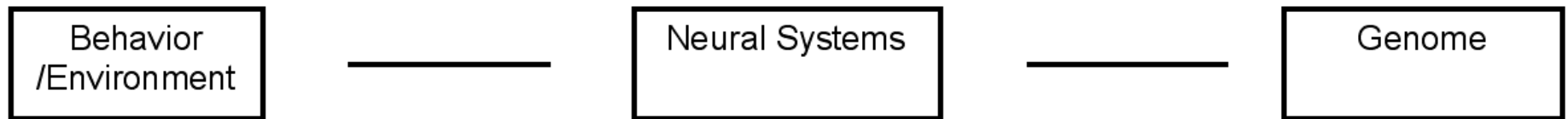
Figure 3. Conceptual Model of the Neuroanatomical Substrates of ADHD



Neural Systems approach in ADHD (cont.d)

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Figure 4: Neural systems biology acts as an interface between behavior and the genome



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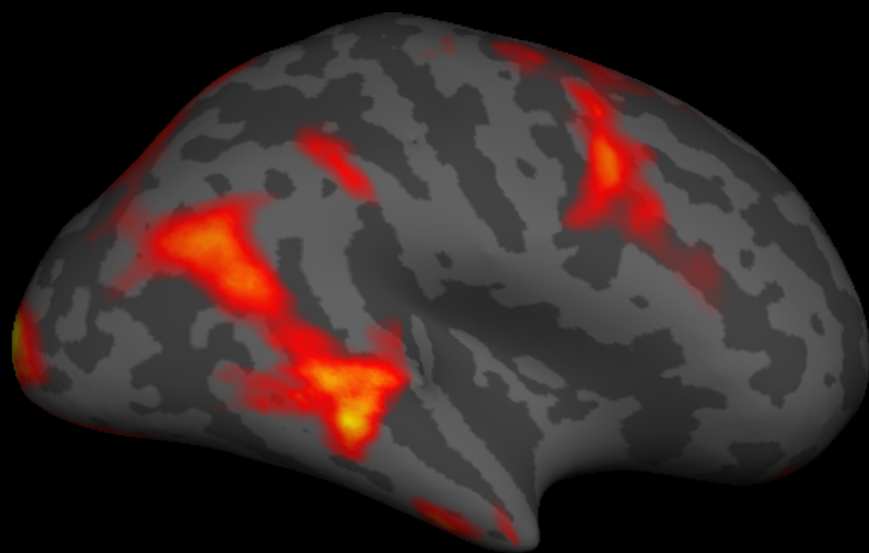
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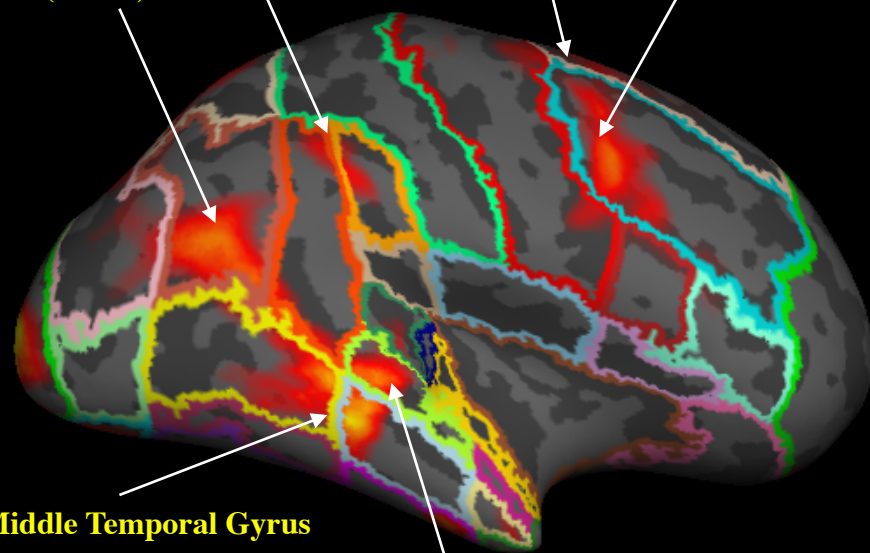
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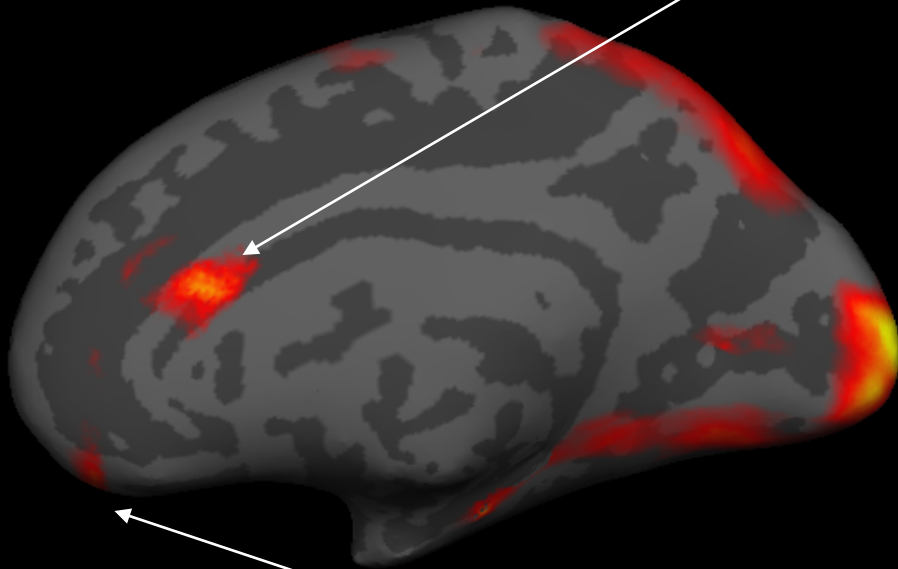
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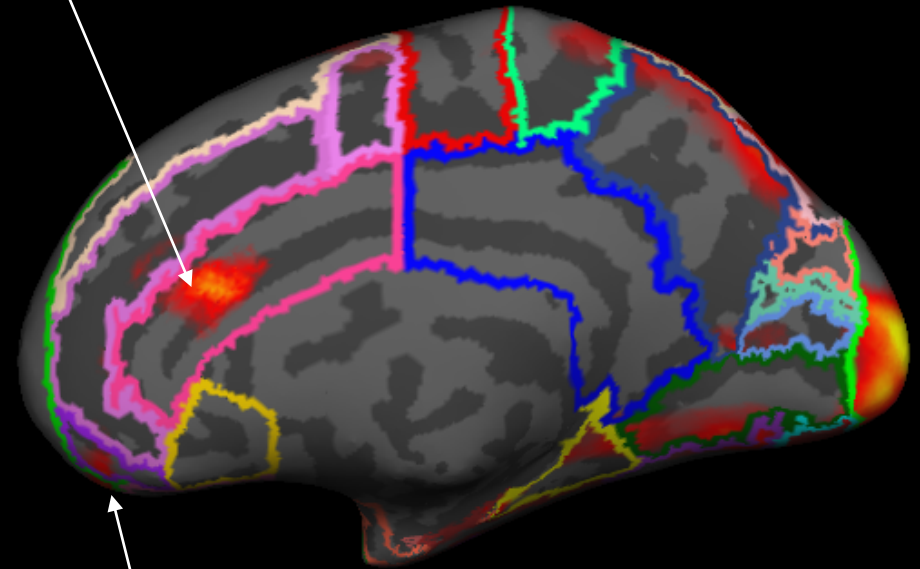
- Supramarginal Gyrus (BA 40)
- Angular Gyrus (BA 39)
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- Middle Temporal Gyrus (BA 21)
- Superior Temporal Gyrus (BA 22)



• Anterior Cingulate Gyrus
(BA 24)

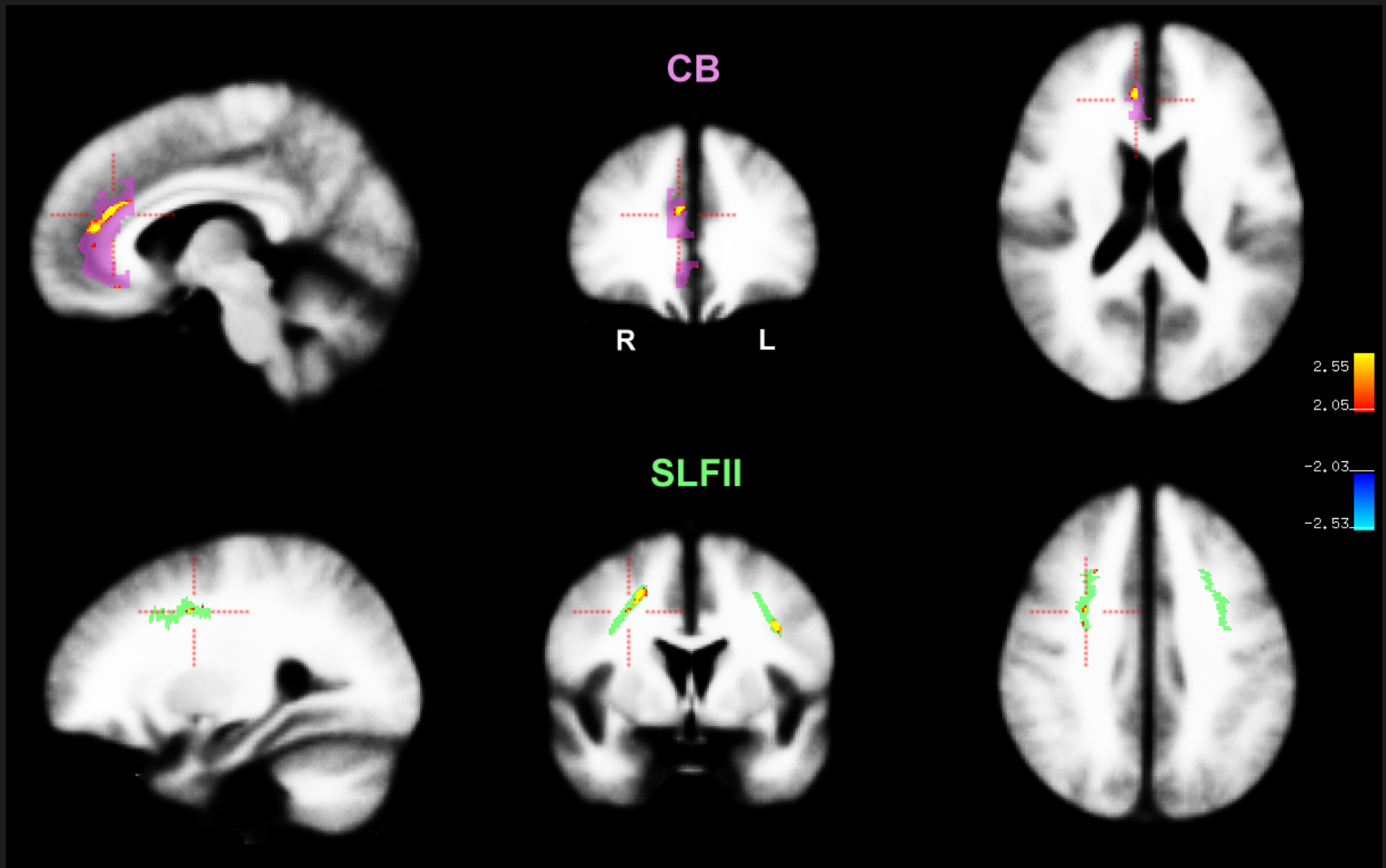


• Orbital Frontal Cortex
((BA 11, 12, 13, 14))



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Fractional anisotropy decrease in ROIs for the cingulum bundle and the superior longitudinal fascicle II (SLF II) in adults with ADHD

Cortical Thickness Differences

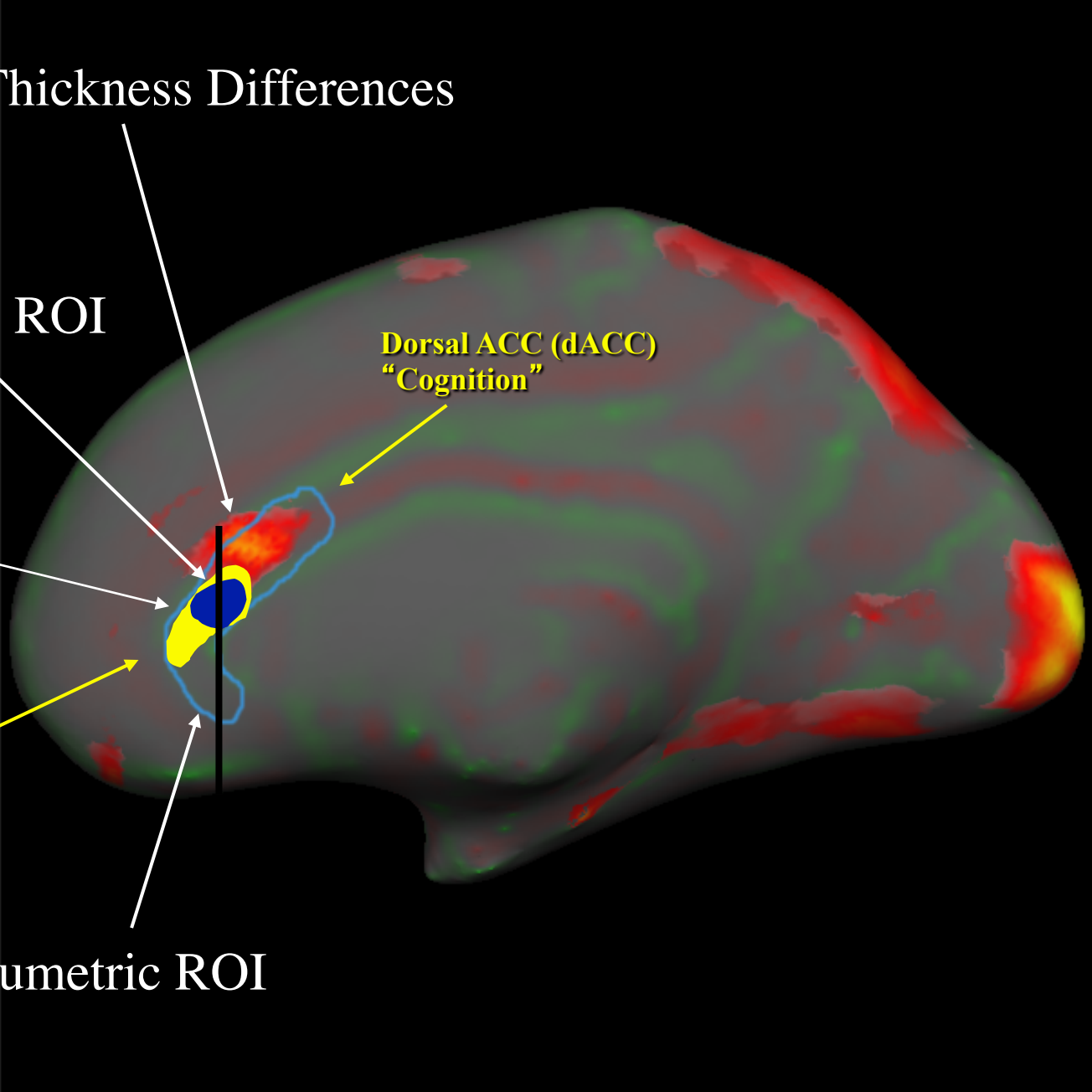
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Dorsal ACC (dACC)
"Cognition"

DTI ROI

Perigenual ACC (pACC)
"Emotion"

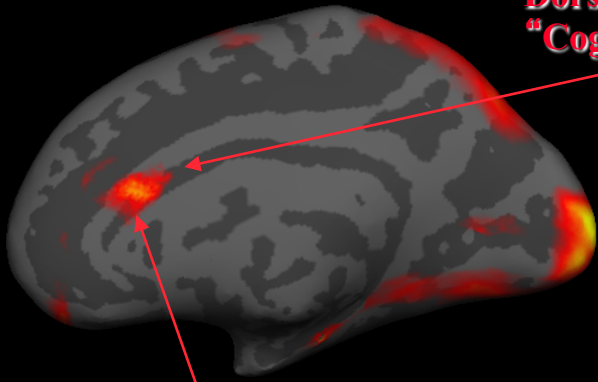
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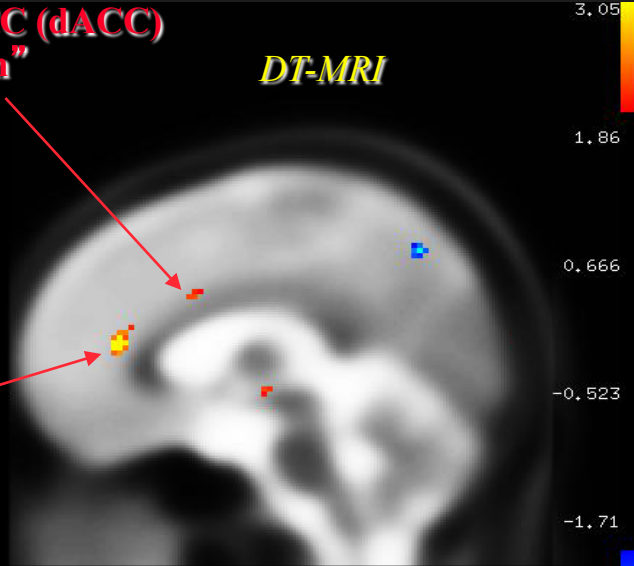
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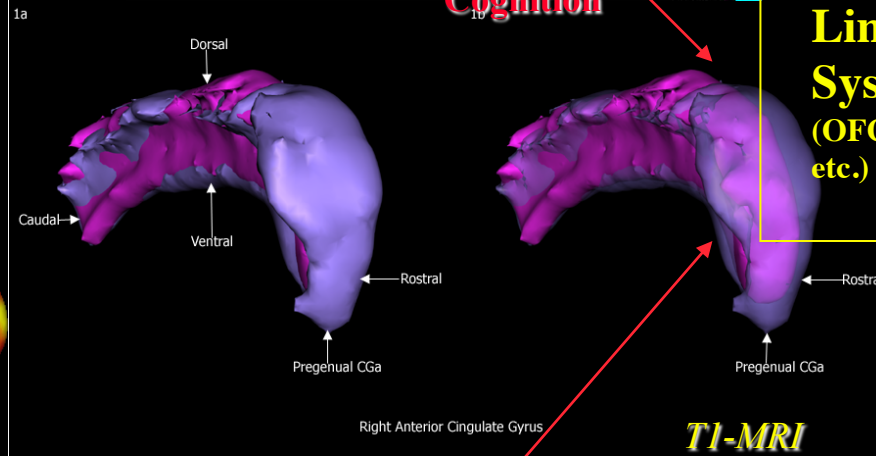
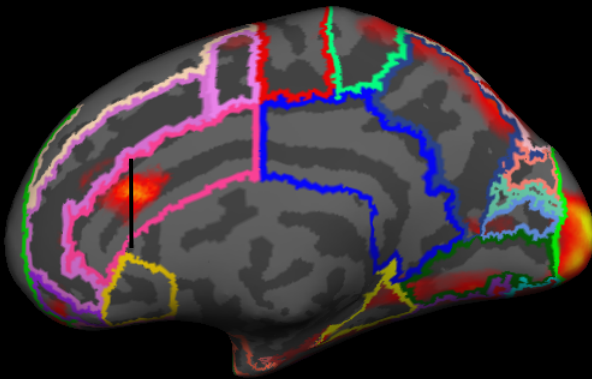
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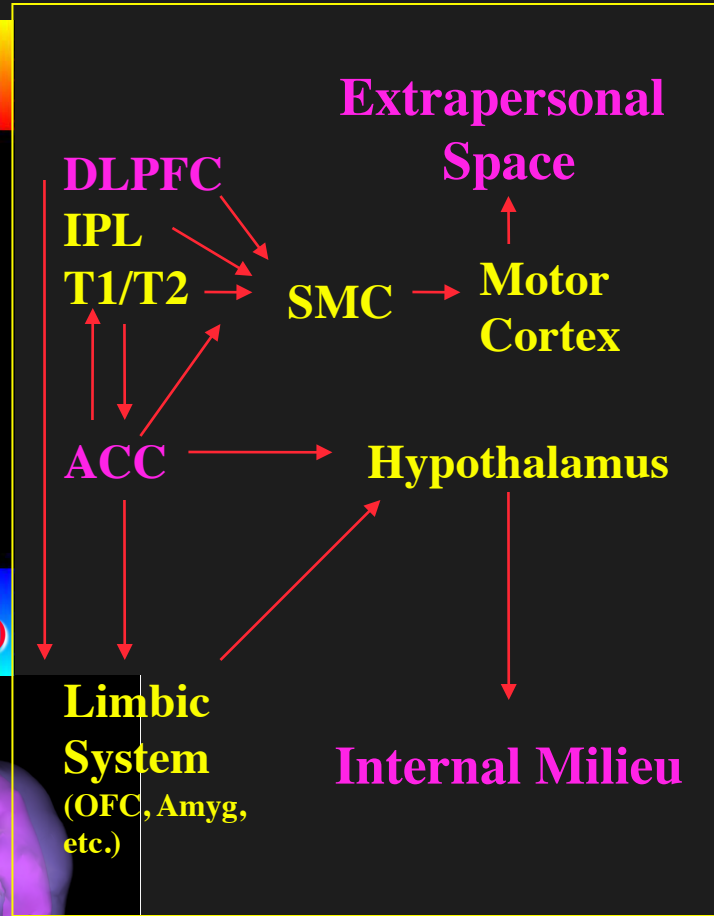


Perigenual ACC (pACC)
BA 24b



Dorsal ACC (dACC)
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Perigenual ACC (pACC)
BA 24b
13.2% volume change

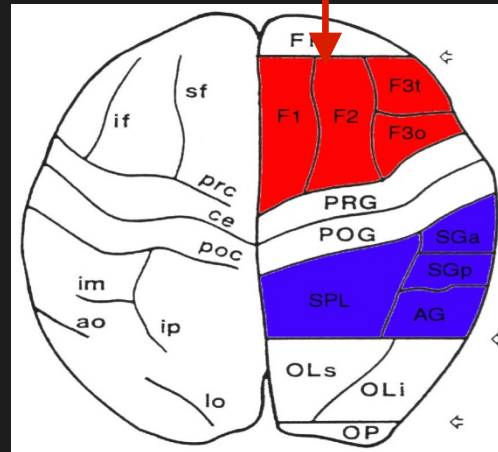


ADHD: Neurobiological Basis – Neural Systems

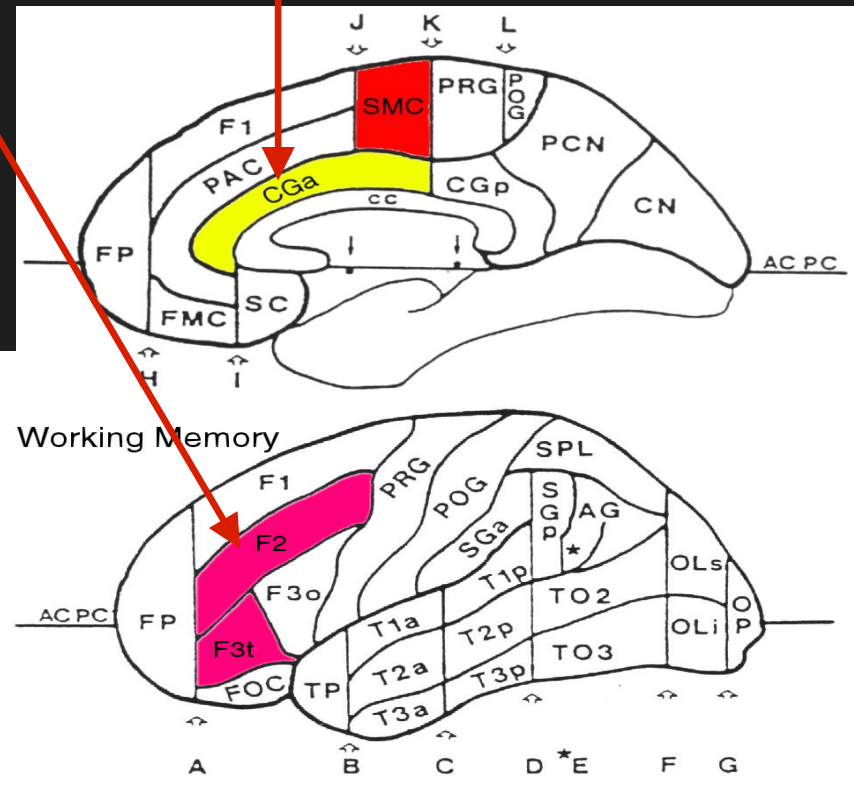
Attention Networks

ORIENTING (SELECTIVE ATTENTION)

ALERTING

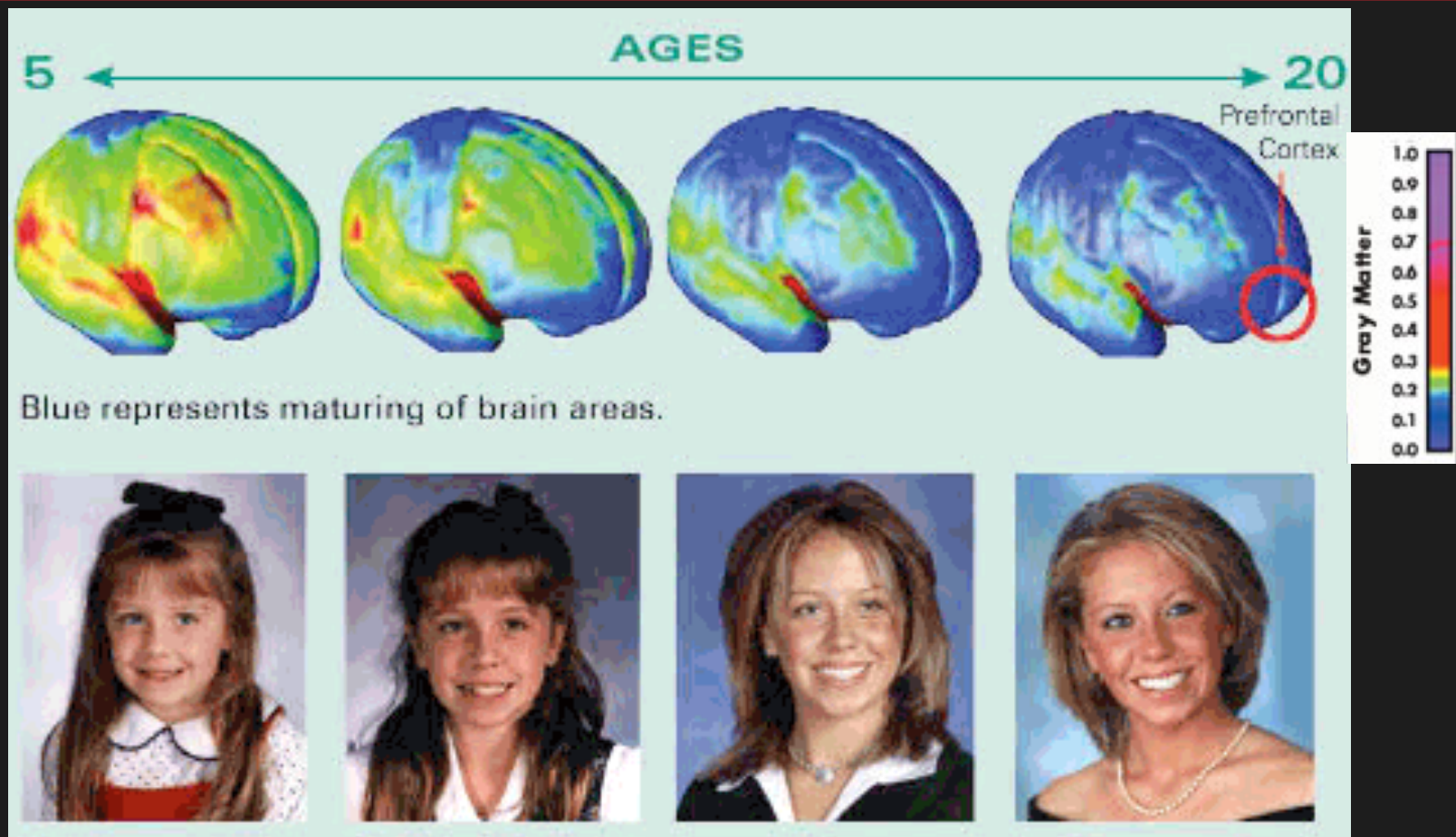


EXECUTIVE CONTROL



Drug Abuse and Brain Reward System

The Developing Brain



The above composite MRI brain images show top views of the sequence of gray matter maturation over the surface of the brain.

The Developing Brain

Prefrontal Cortex

- Planning behavior
 - Use of strategies
 - Cognitive flexibility (can you change your mind)
 - Fluid methods of solving problems
- The *Executive Office* of the brain is still being built during the teenage years--

The Developing Brain

- The brain matures from the back to the front, so the frontal cortex is the last area to be completed.
- Insight, judgment, decision-making, risk taking, impulse control, are all impaired in adolescents.
- During this most vulnerable period is when teens are more likely to experiment with drugs and other damaging activities.

Tobacco
Marijuana
Alcohol
Cocaine

In all these conditions there are observed brain alterations using neuroimaging.

Tobacco: Role in Drug of Abuse

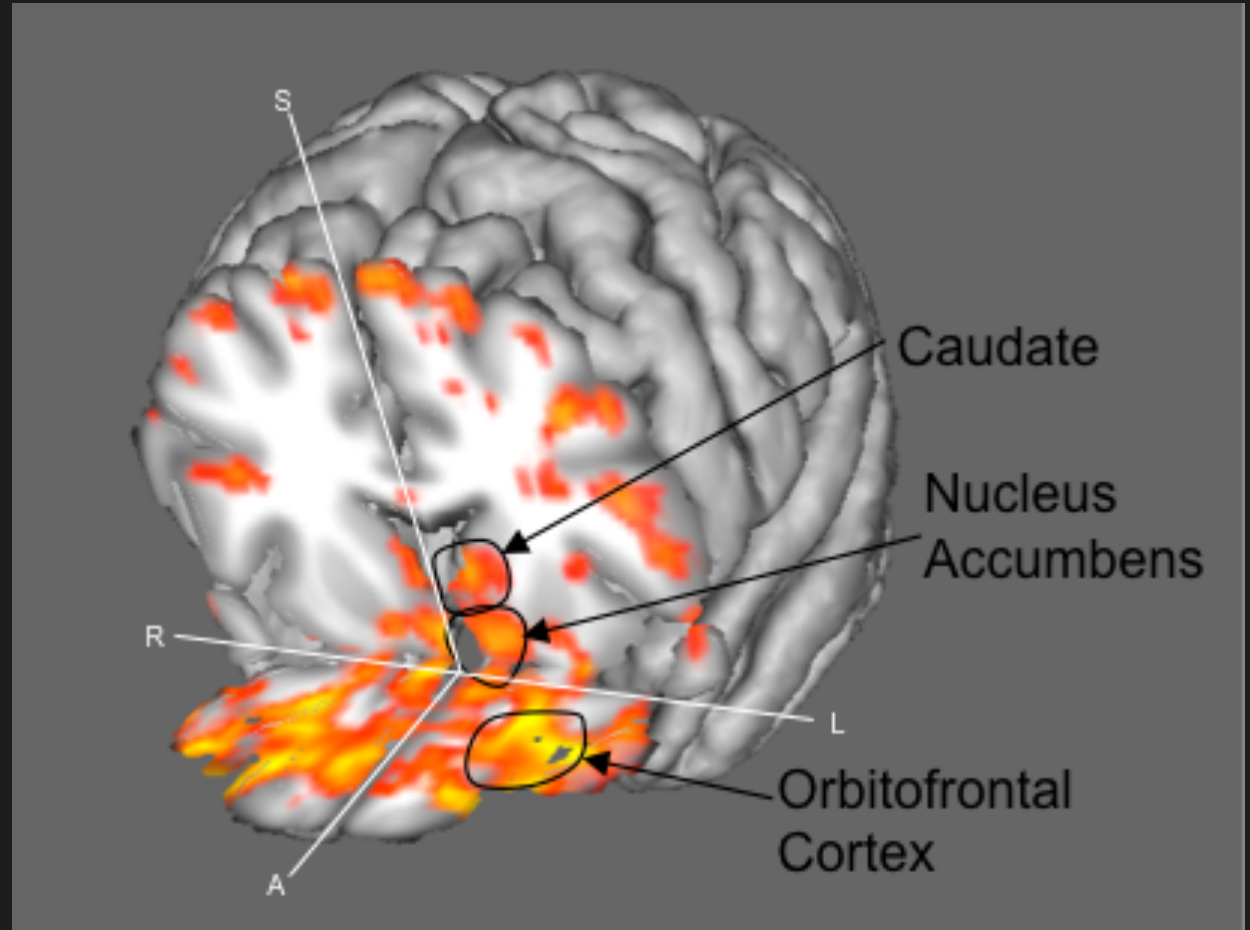
Reduced brain metabolism in smokers



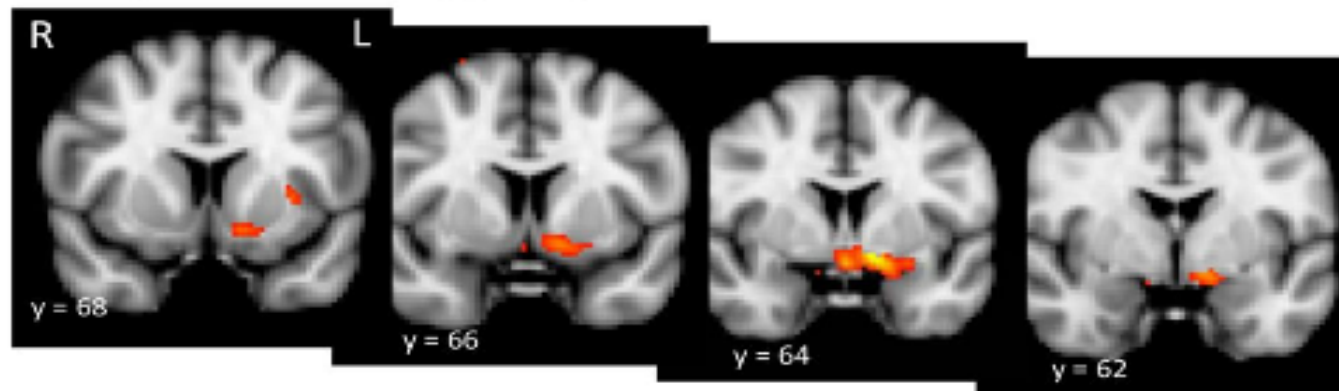
- Lower test scores
- Poor athletic ability
- Lower cognitive function
- Poor decision making

Smoked Marijuana and fMRI

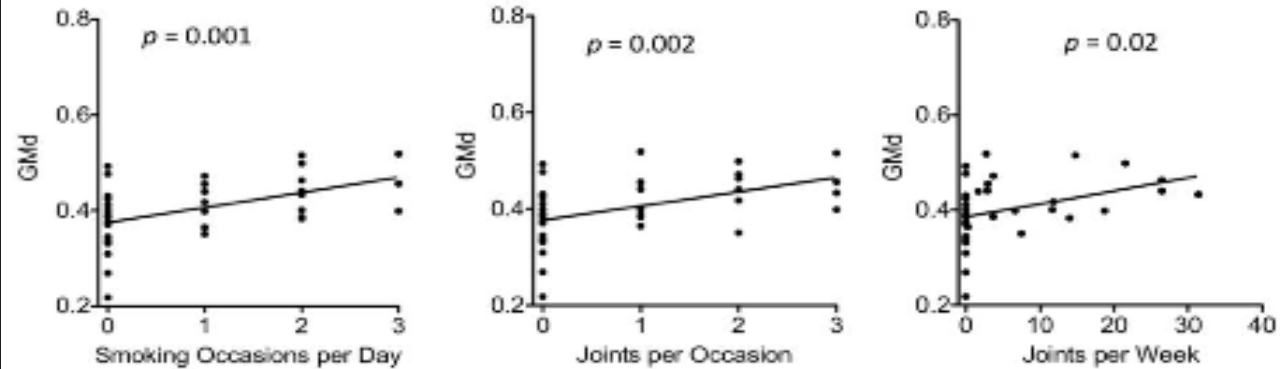
GLM analyses reveals extensive orbitofrontal and ventromedial prefrontal cortical regions with significant group differences (marihuana > placebo smoking ($p < 0.05$ corrected, shown in red-yellow). The single-group analysis shows that marihuana activated these regions and bilateral caudate and nucleus accumbens, while placebo smoking did not.



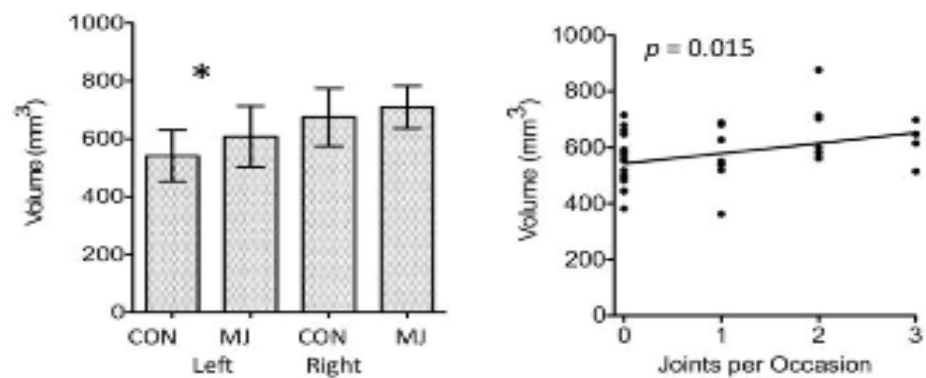
A. Gray Matter Density (GMd) : MJ > CON



B. Associations Between Drug Use Behavior and NAc GMd



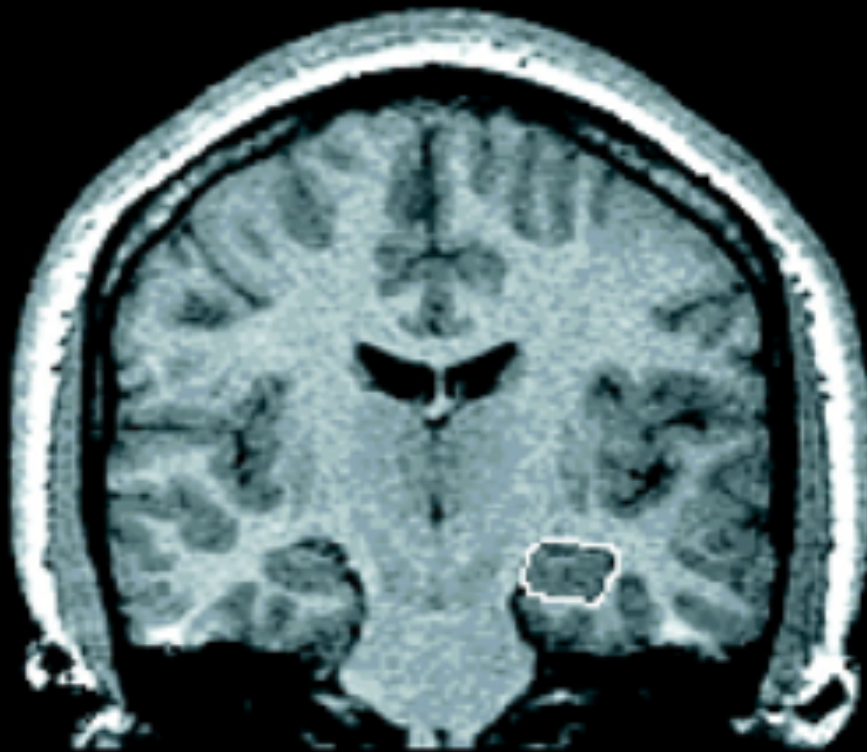
C. NAc Volume and Associations with Drug Use in Left NAc



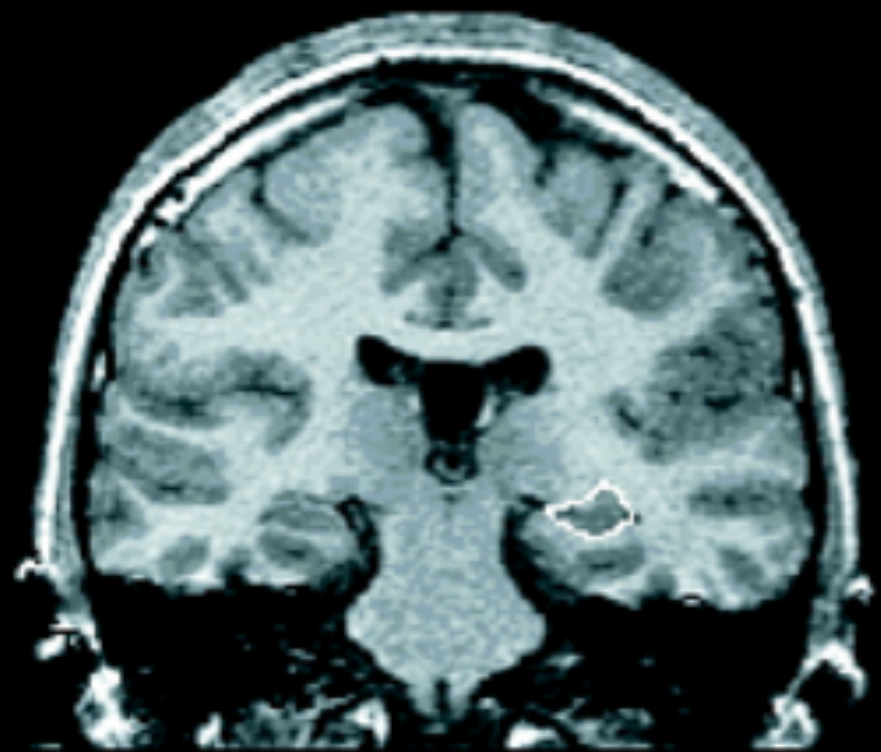
Health Consequences in Alcohol dependence

Alcohol Dementia--Adolescents

Healthy Control



Alcoholic



Courtesy of Dr. Scott Lukas

Health Consequences

Brain Activity--Adolescents

15-year-old male
non-drinker

15-year-old male
heavy drinker

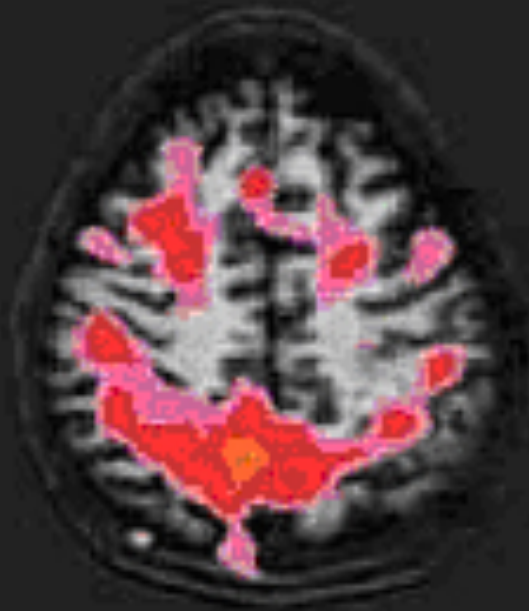
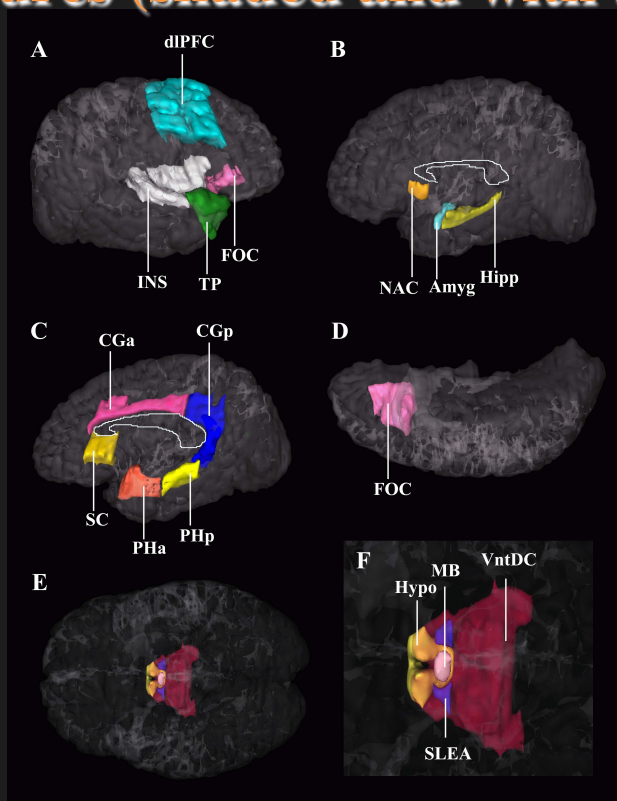
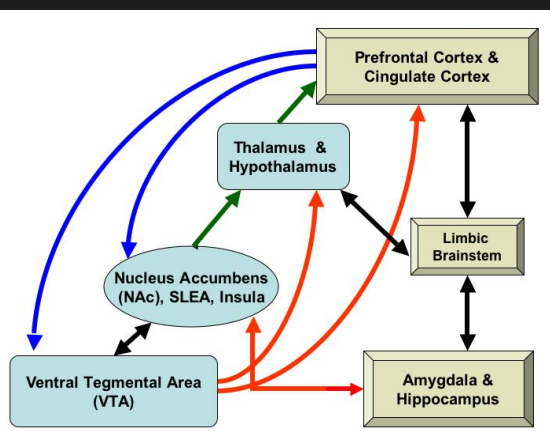


Image by Dr. Susan Tapet, UCA

Brain Reward Circuitry:

The Extended Reward and Oversight System (**EROS**) consists of cortical and subcortical structures involved in controlling emotion and regulating sensitivity to reinforcements.

As a whole, **EROS** is smaller in alcoholics than in nonalcoholic controls. Four separate structures (shaded and with asterisks*) are especially involved.



Amygdala *

Cingulate Cortex *

Dorsolateral Prefrontal Cortex

Orbitofrontal Cortex

Hippocampus

Hypothalamus

Insula *

Mammillary Bodies

Nucleus Accumbens

(dopamine)*

Parahippocampal Gyrus

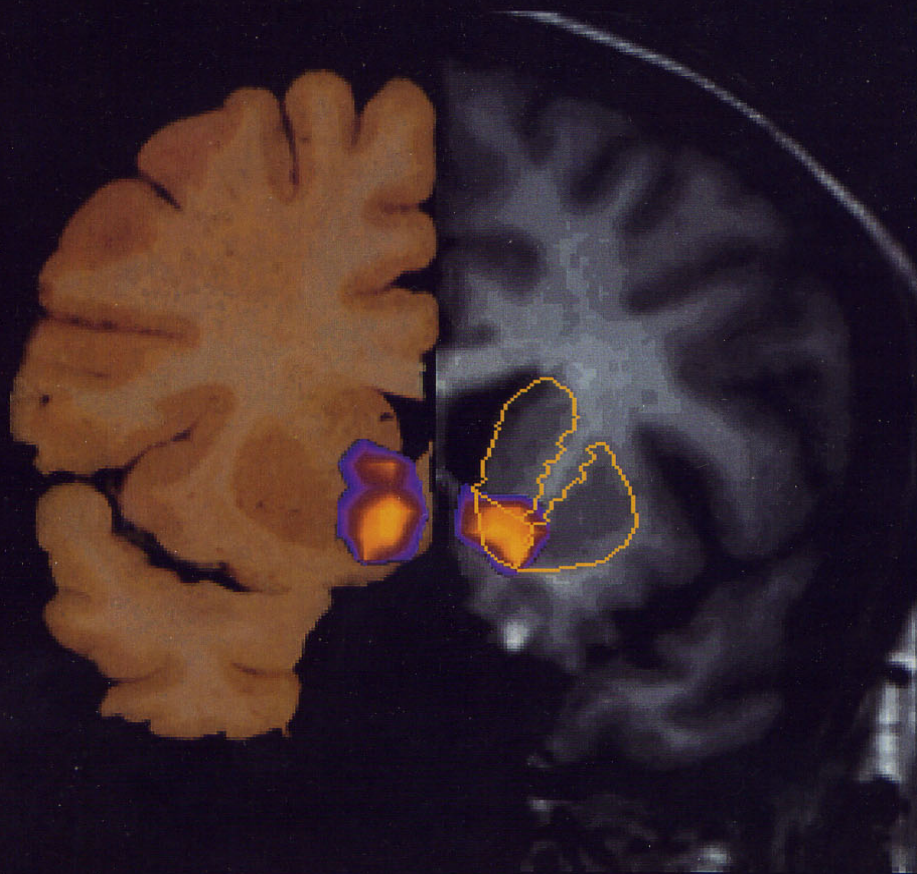
Subcallosal Cortex

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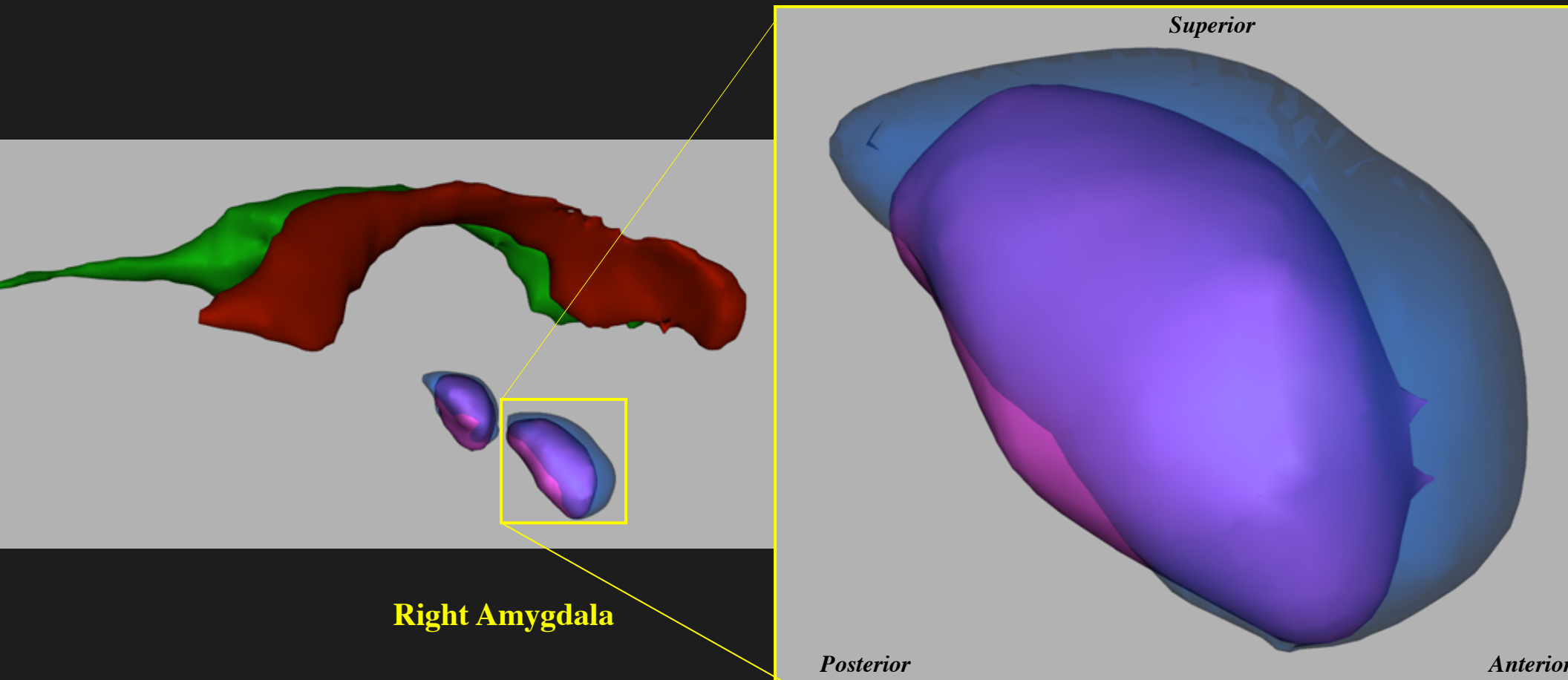


**Dynamic Mapping of Circuits Activated by Cocaine
in the Human Brain**

Breiter, Hyman, et al., Neuron, 1997

In cocaine abuse
there are also
observed alterations
in the brain network
for reward

Amygdala in Cocaine Addiction



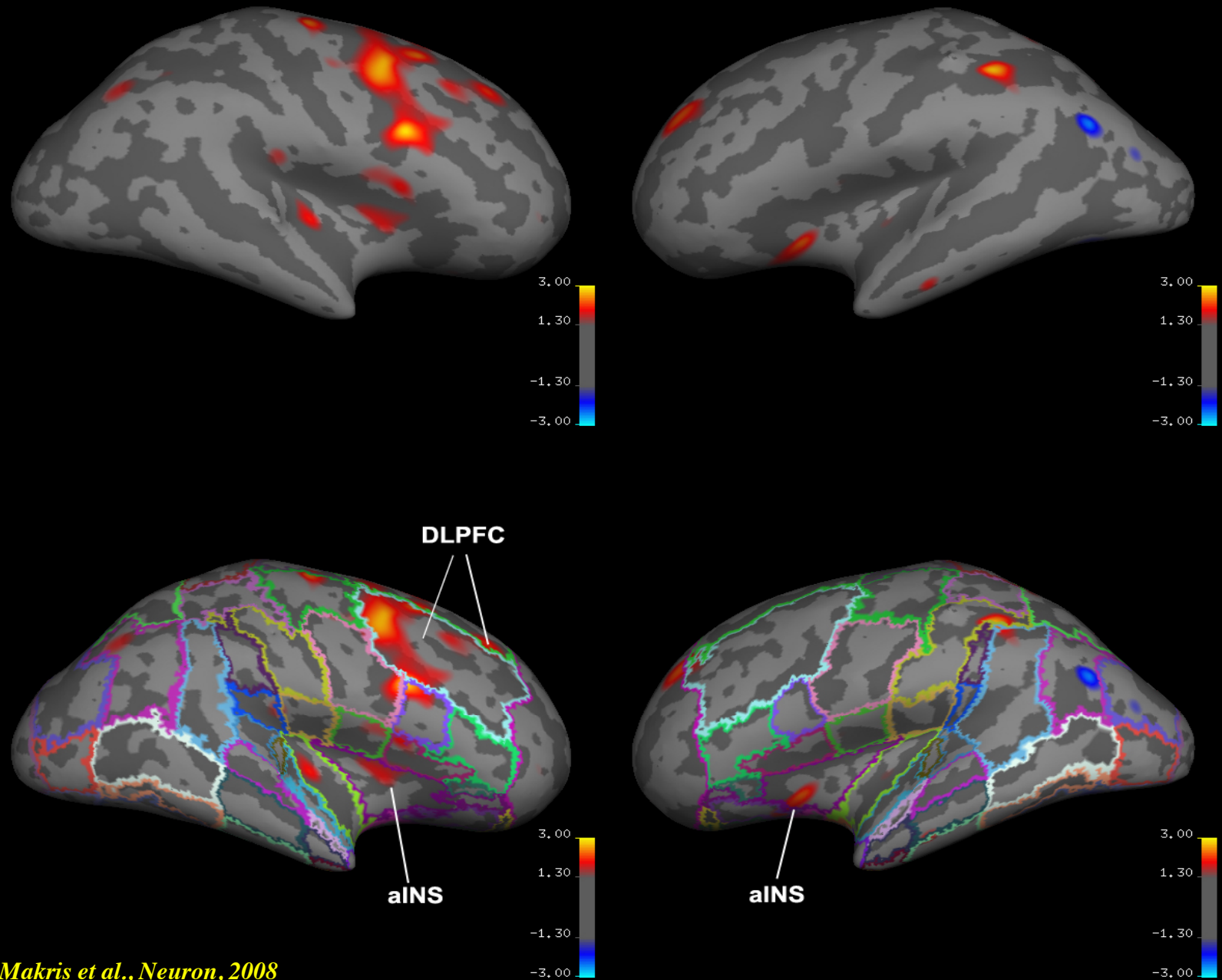
Right Amygdala

Right Lateral Ventricle = red
Left Lateral Ventricle = green

Patients (pink)
Normal Controls (light blue)
Common (dark blue)

23% Volume Reduction

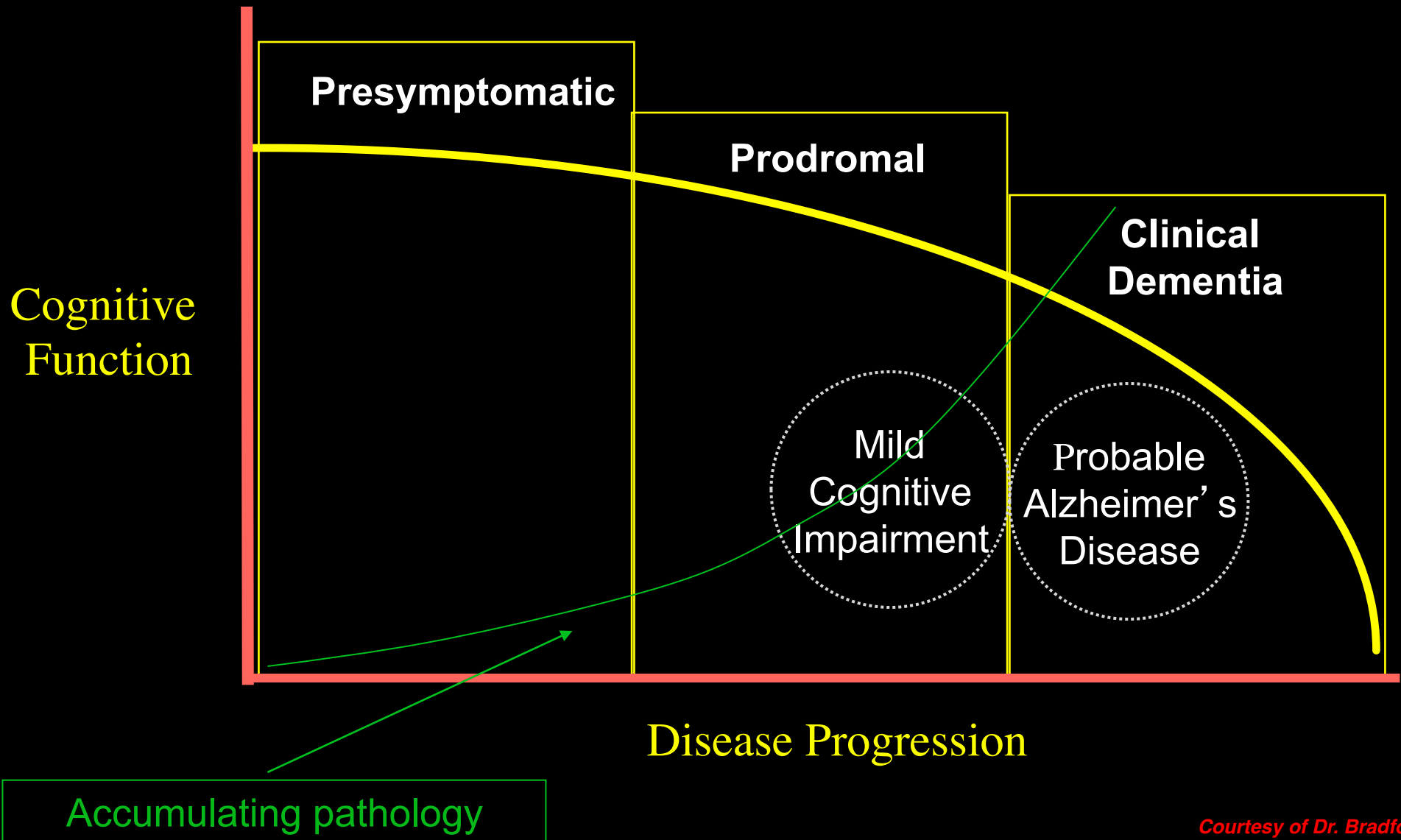
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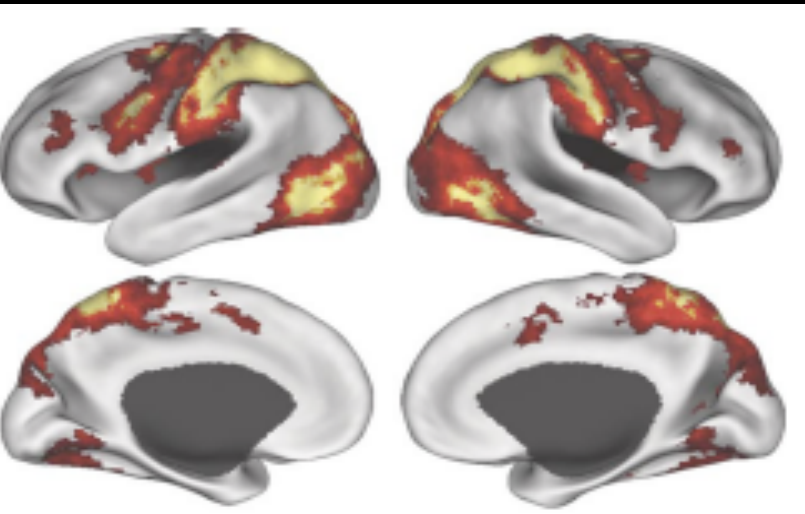
Makris et al., Neuron, 2008

Neurodegeneration

Progression of Alzheimer's Disease: similar model for many other diseases

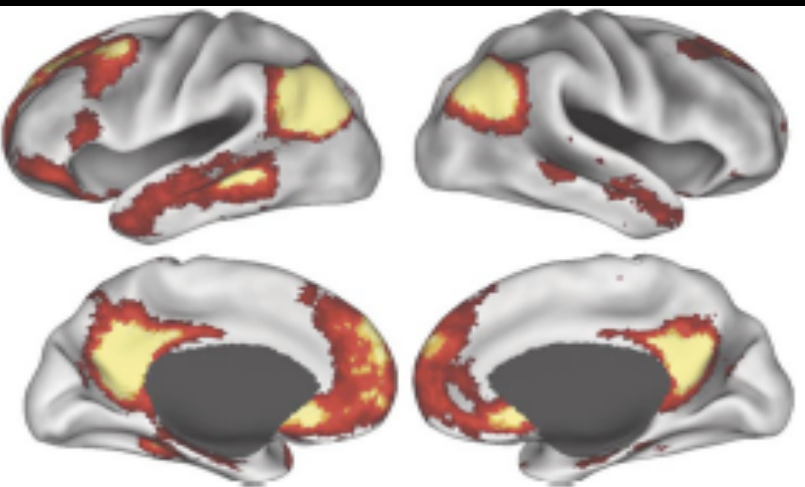
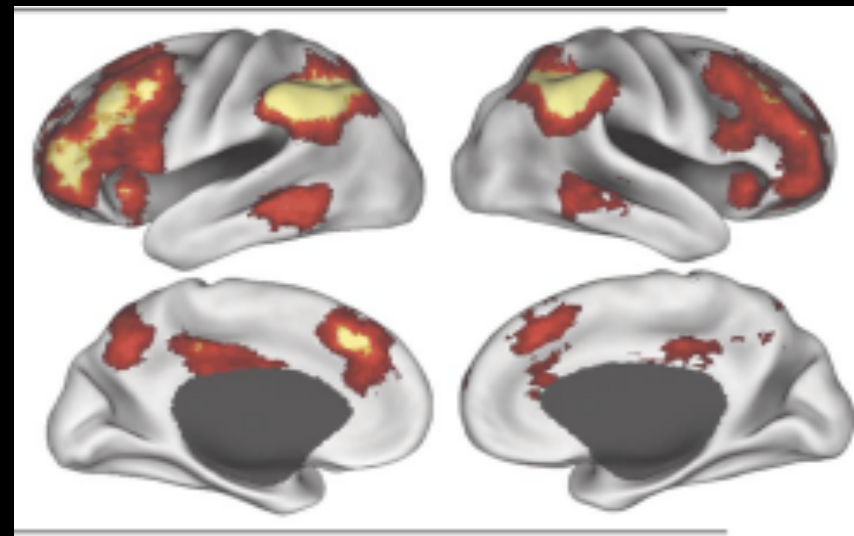


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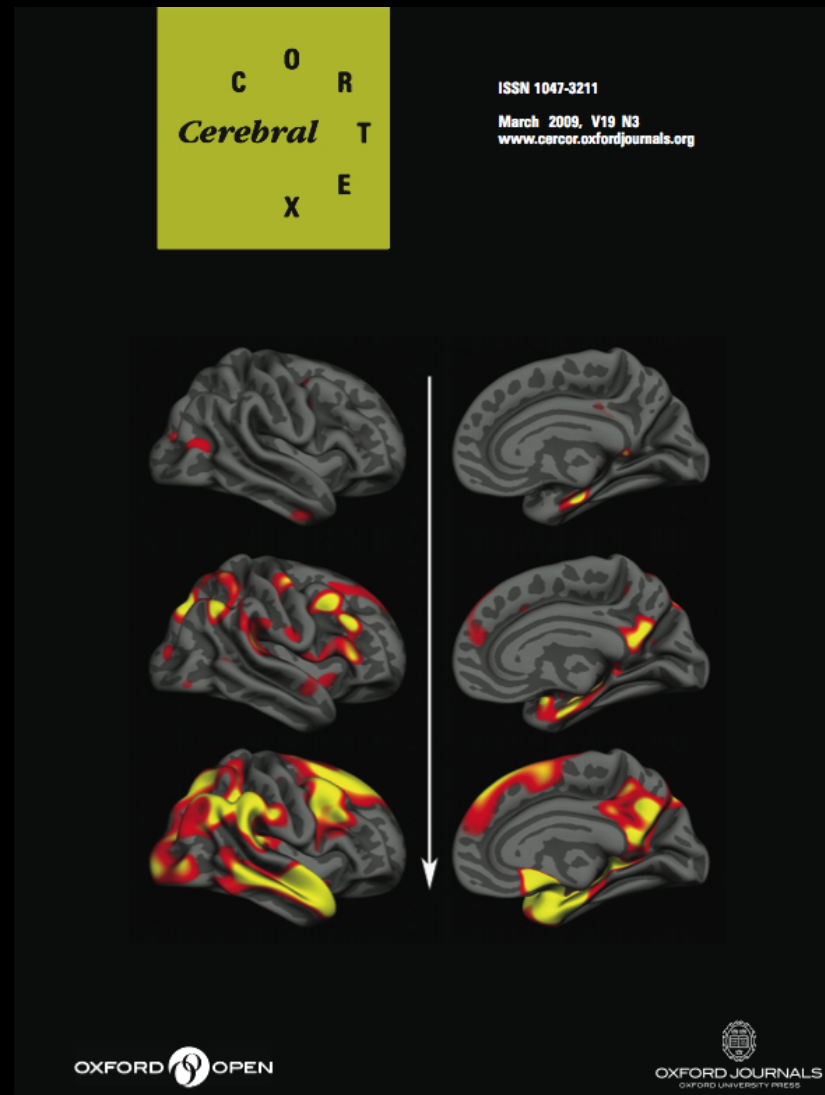
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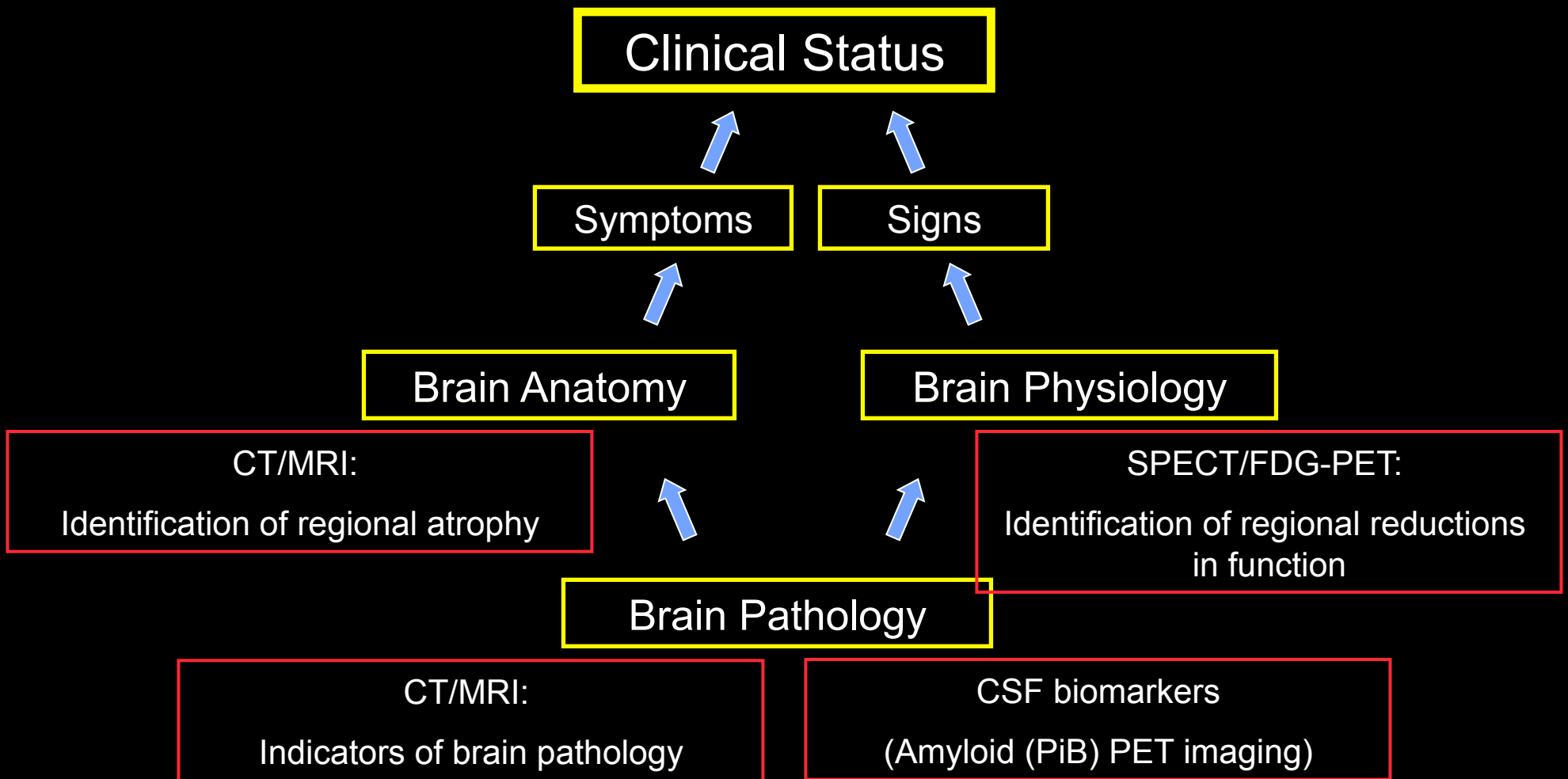
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AD cortical signature: Cortical atrophy compared to normals



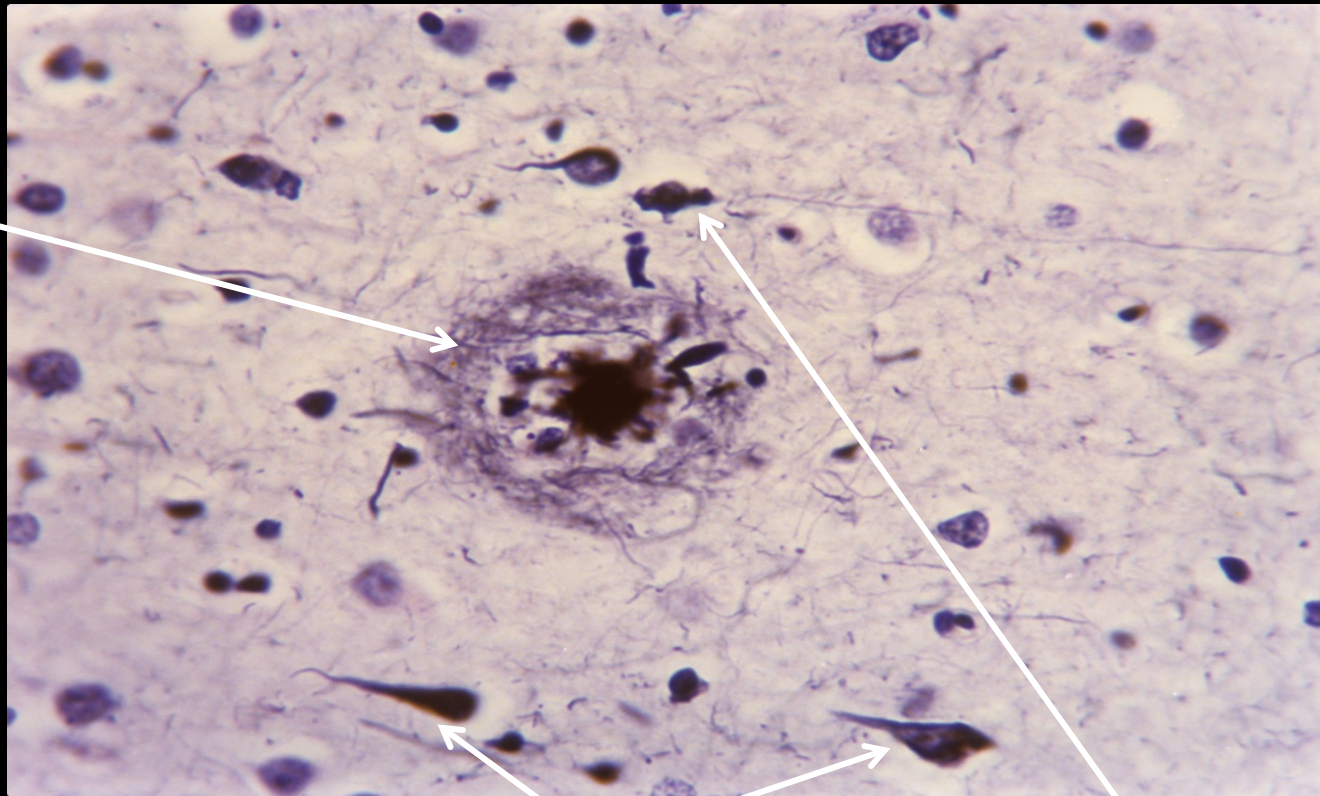
Dickerson et al, Cerebral Cortex 2009

Roles of biomarkers in dementia: Clinical practice, 2014



Plaque and Tangles

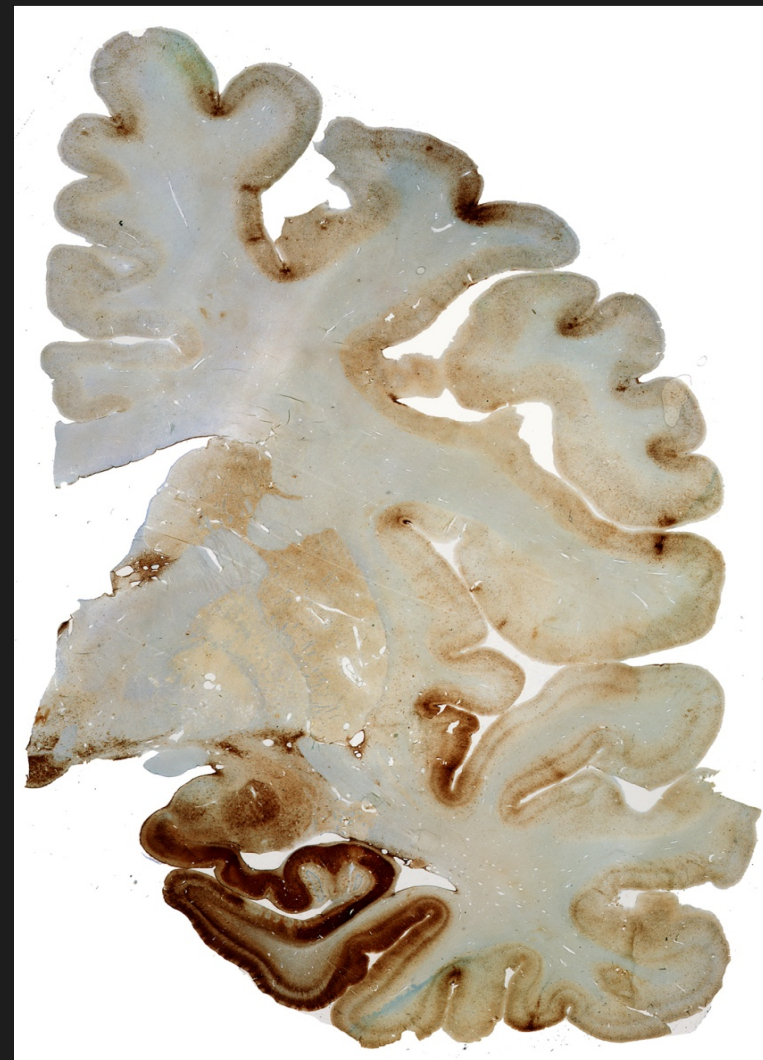
(Bielschowsky silver stain, association cortex of the temporal lobe)



Neuritic
plaque

Neurofibrillary tangles, in neurons and as tomb-stones,
where neurons used to be

Only Post-Mortem Tau Pathology

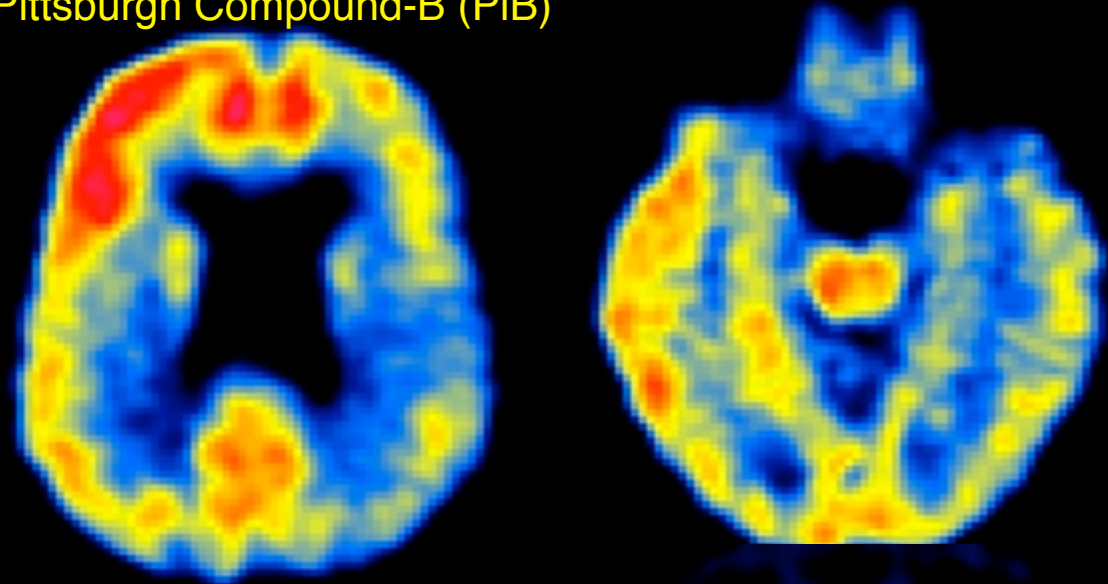


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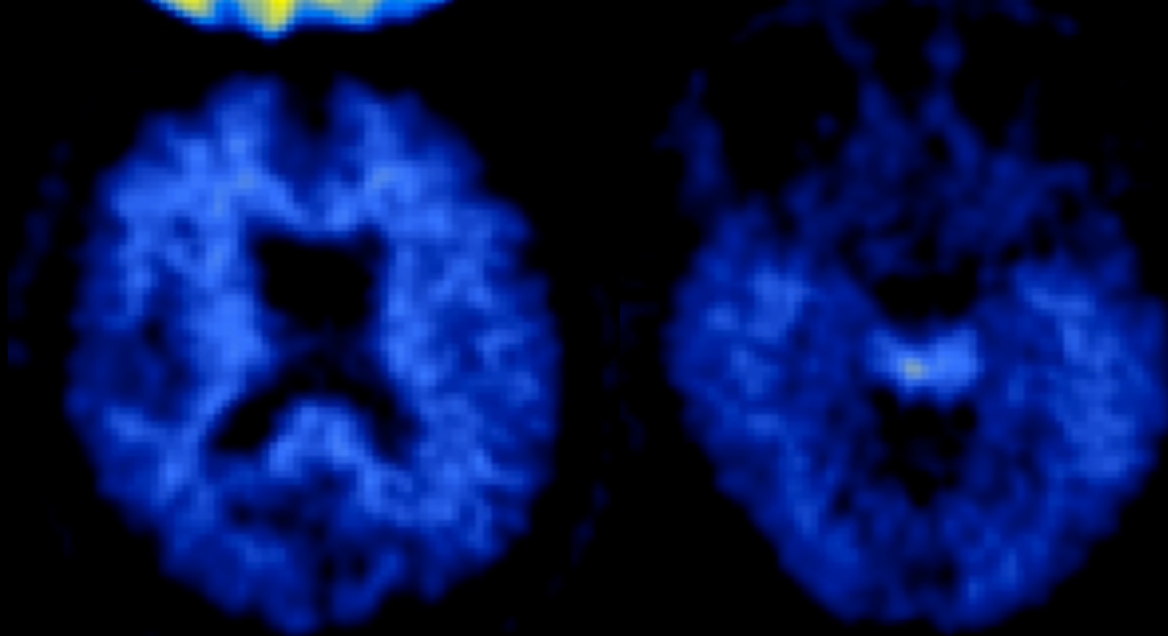
Amyloid imaging with PET

Pittsburgh Compound-B (PiB)

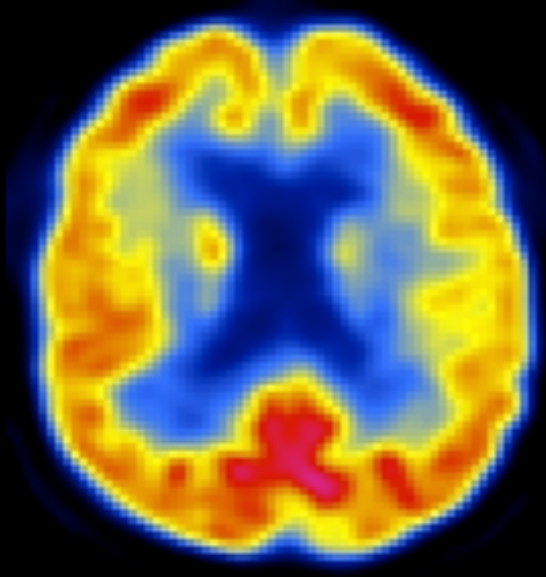
*Alzheimer's
disease*



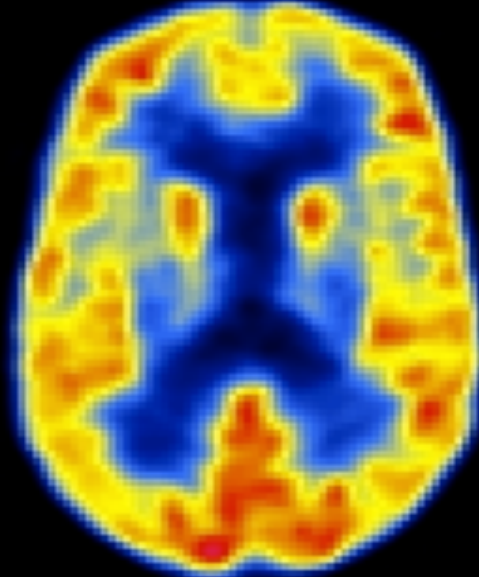
*Normal
aging*



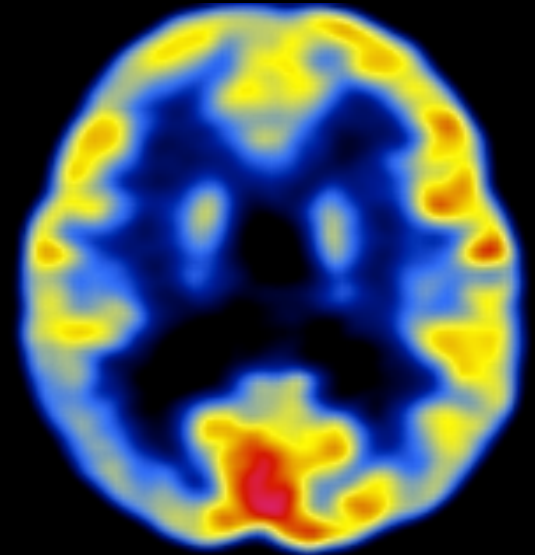
Aging, MCI, AD: FDG-PET



**Cognitively intact
older adult**



**Mild Cognitive
Impairment**



**Alzheimer's
Disease**

Pre-Clinical PET Tracer Used in Animals

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Next Step PET in Humans

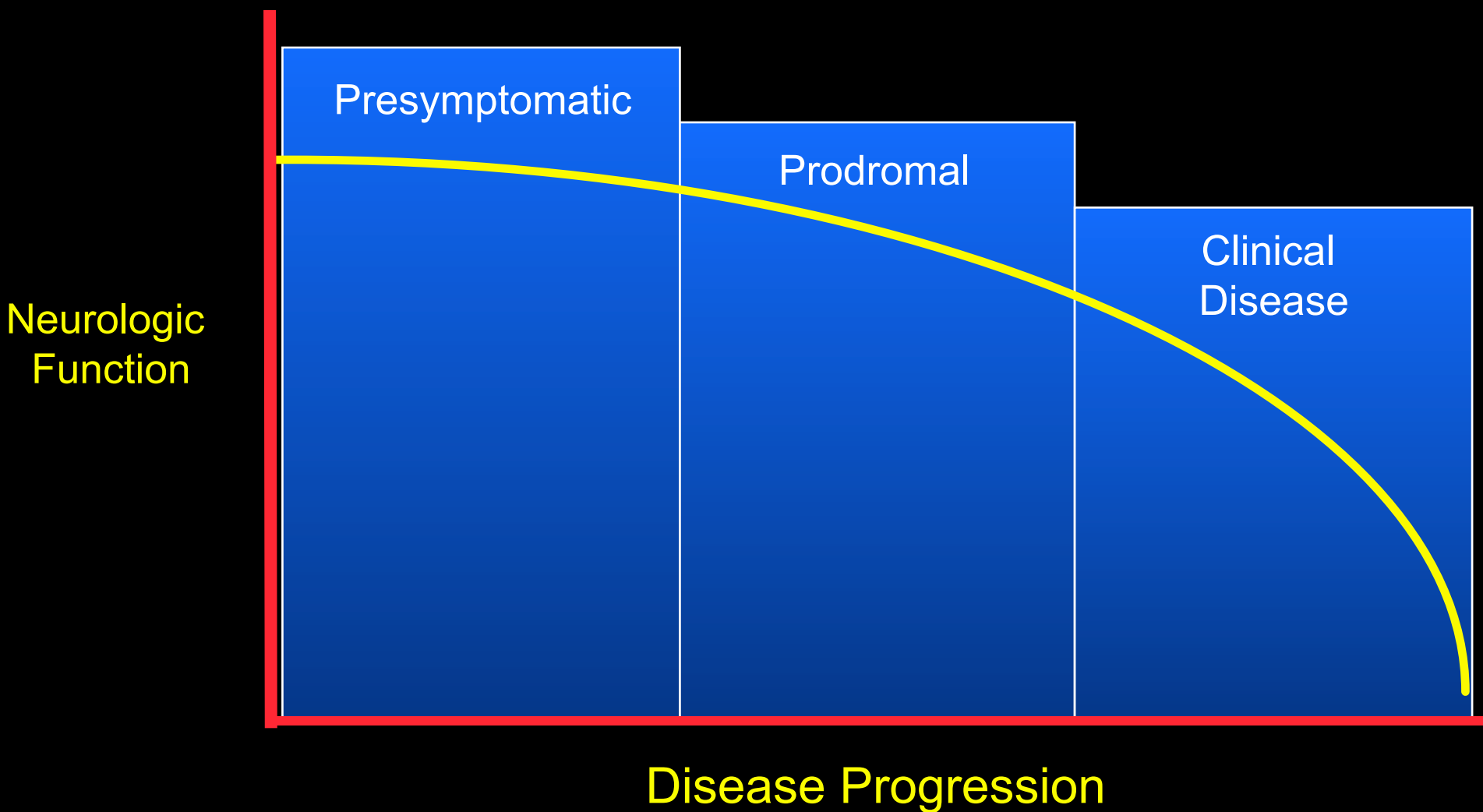
- Rule out Alzheimer's Disease (AD) in suspected CTE.
- Rule in Tauopathy in CTE – the Holy Grail. Positive *in vivo* tau imaging (paired helical filament Tau) using new PET Tau ligand from Siemens.
- Predictions: Amyloid-Beta retention in AD, but not CTE or controls (PiB), and Tau retention in AD and CTE but not controls (Tau; see table, below).

| | AD | CTE | Control |
|-----|----|-----|---------|
| PiB | + | - | - |
| Tau | + | + | - |

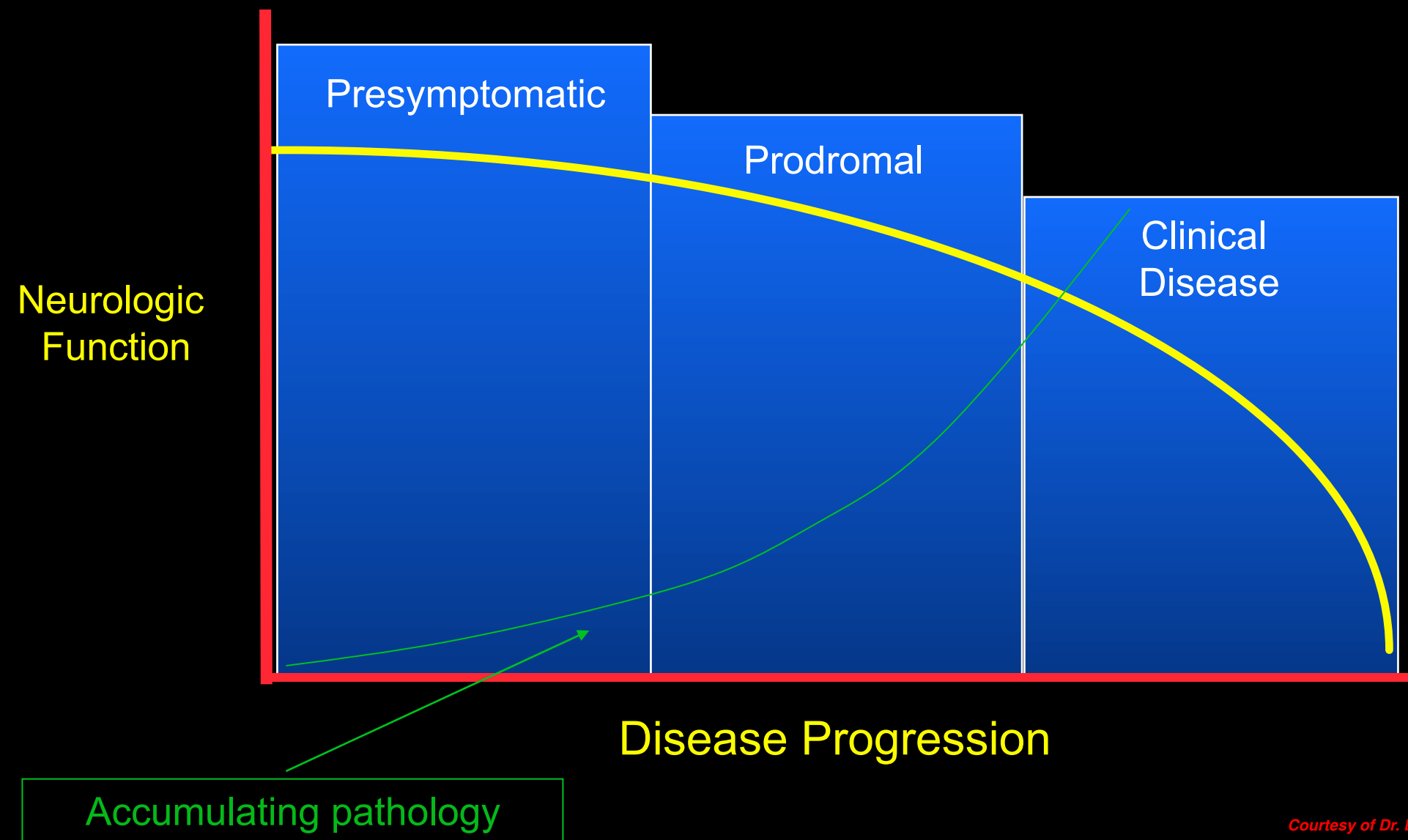
Imaging technology is not just making pretty pictures or even simply increasing our scientific understanding of Alzheimer's and related diseases; it is in fact enabling new revolutions in testing treatments that may lead to real benefits for patients, possibly even forms of prevention.

e.g., anti-amyloid treatment with monoclonal antibodies in mildly symptomatic patients (MCI) or even asymptomatic individuals with brain amyloid.

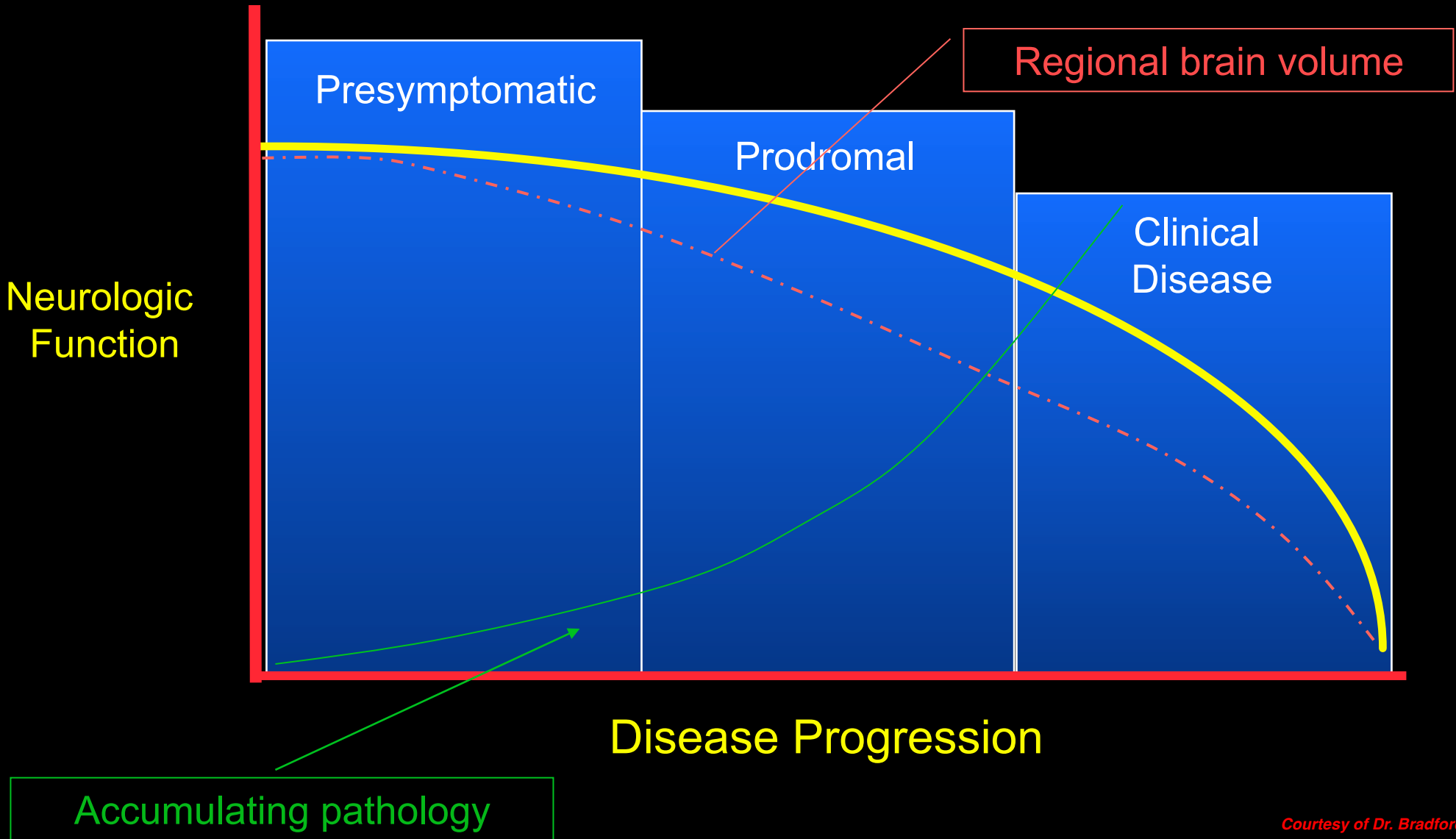
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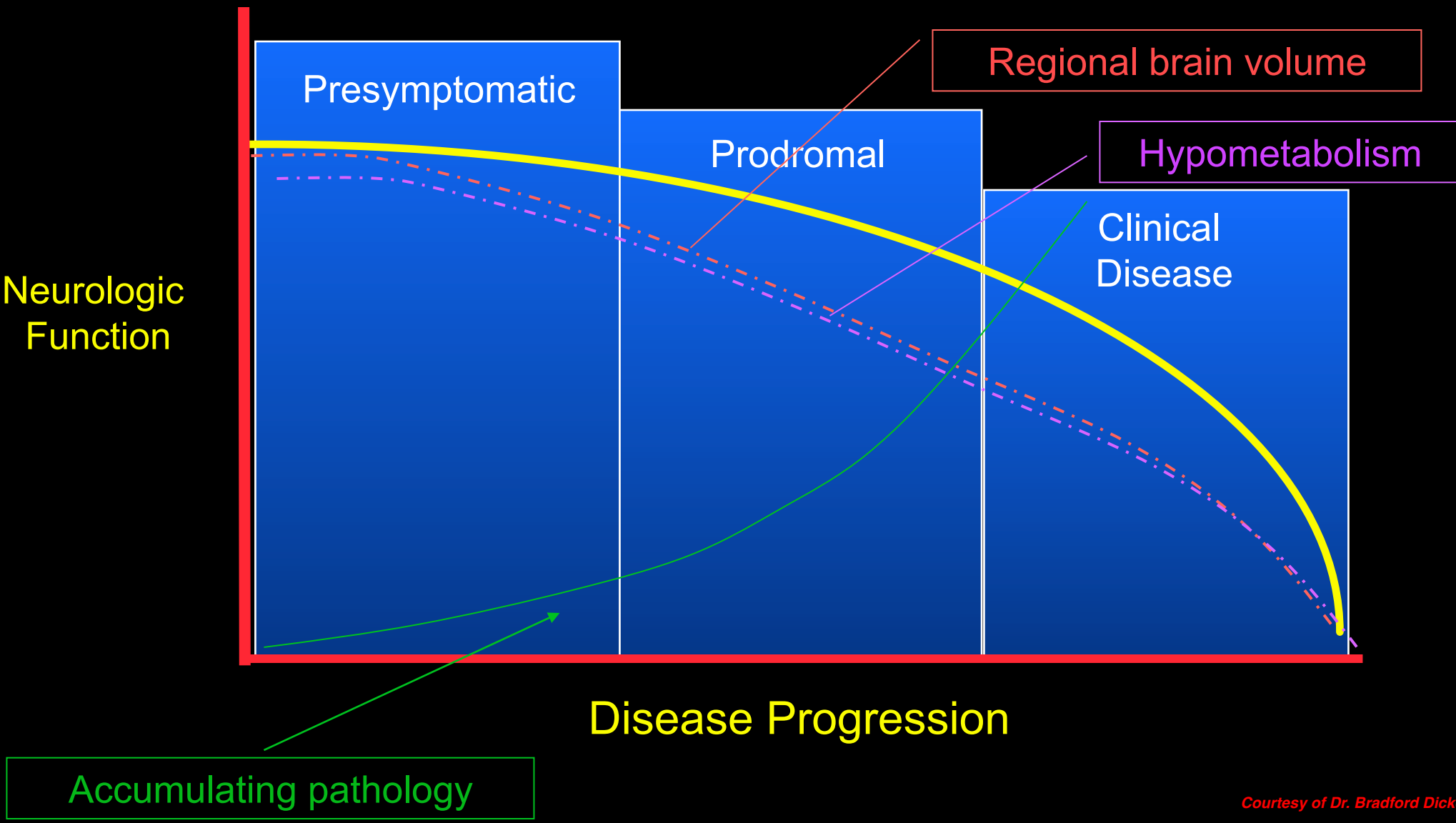
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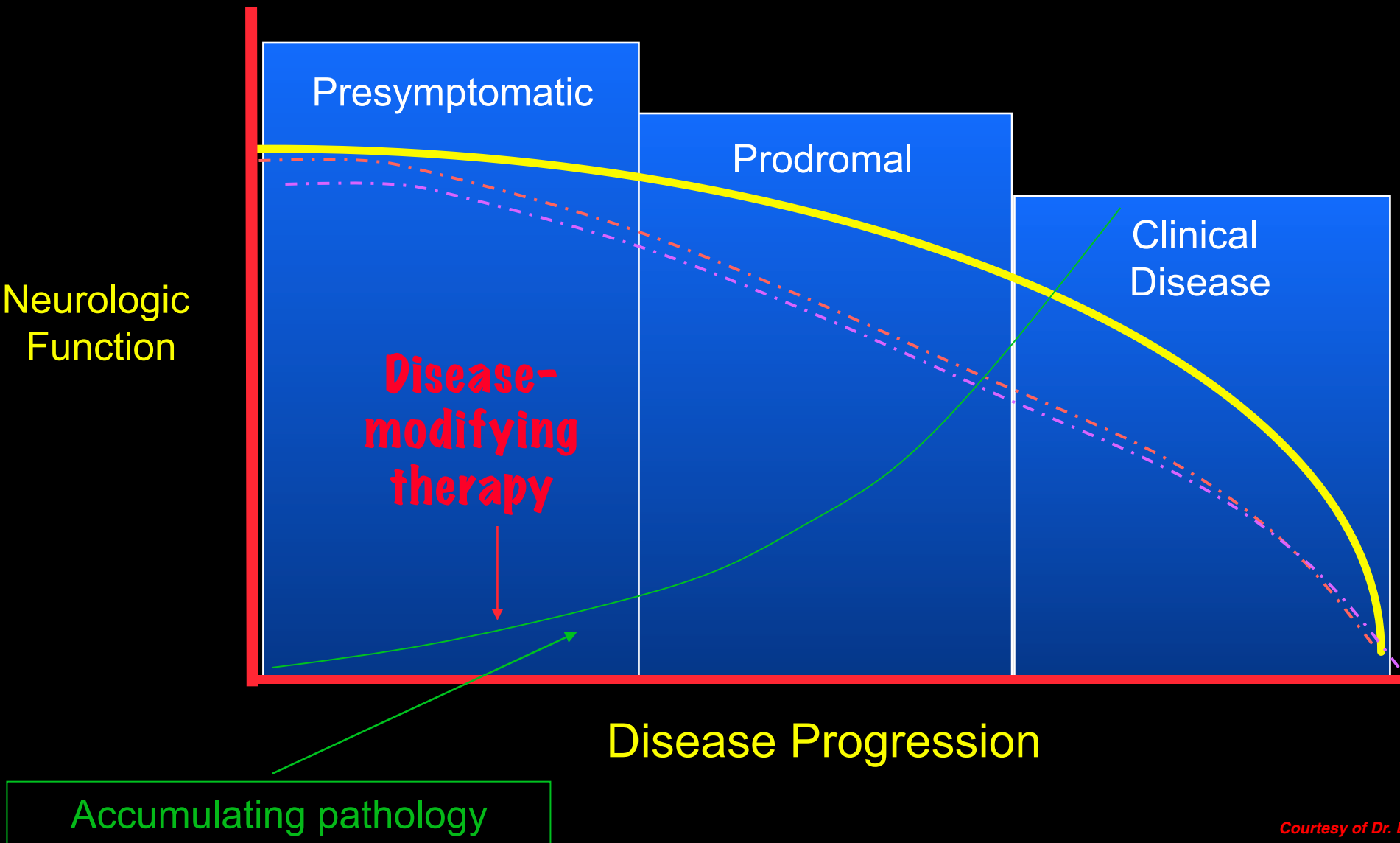
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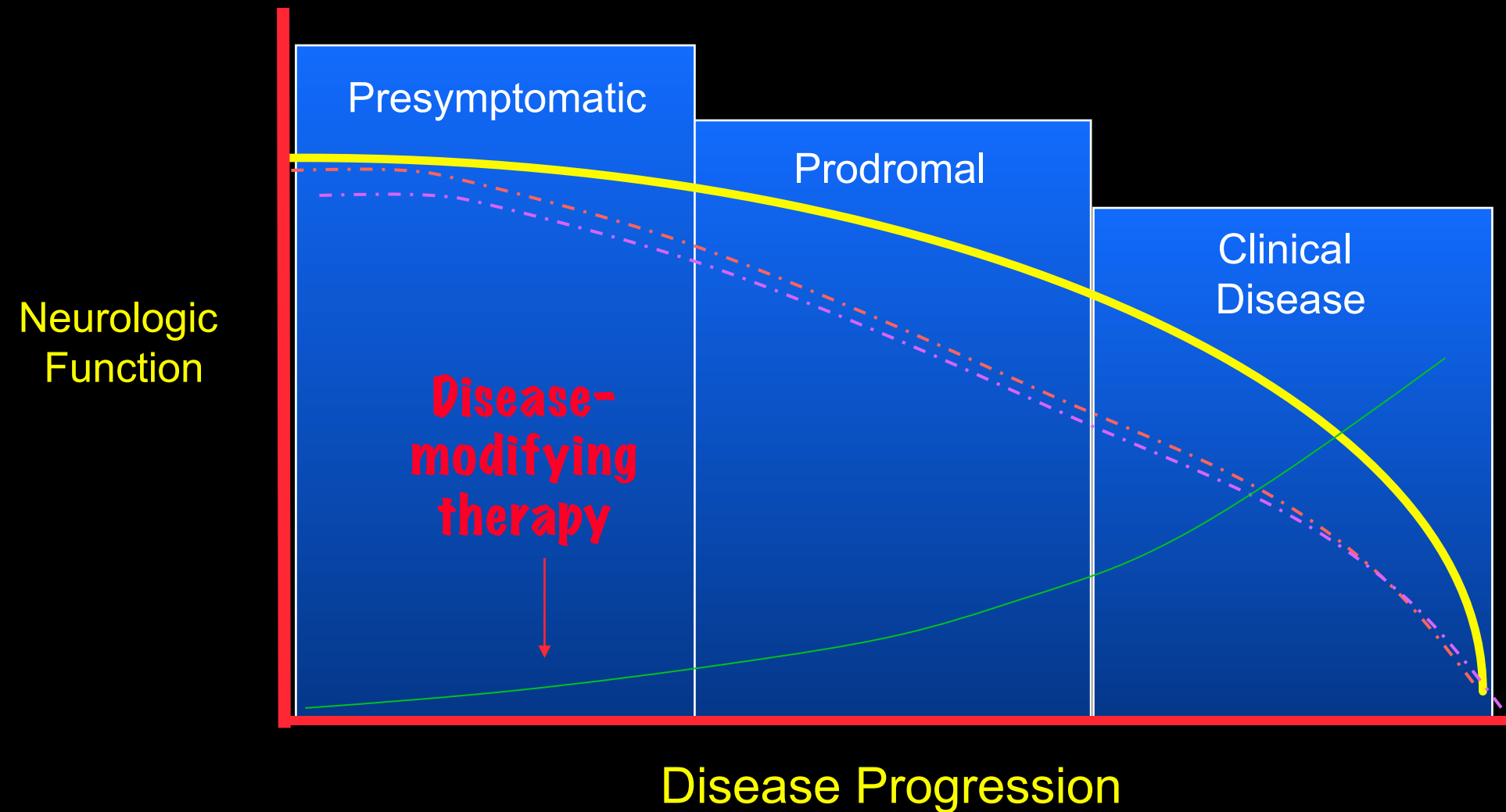
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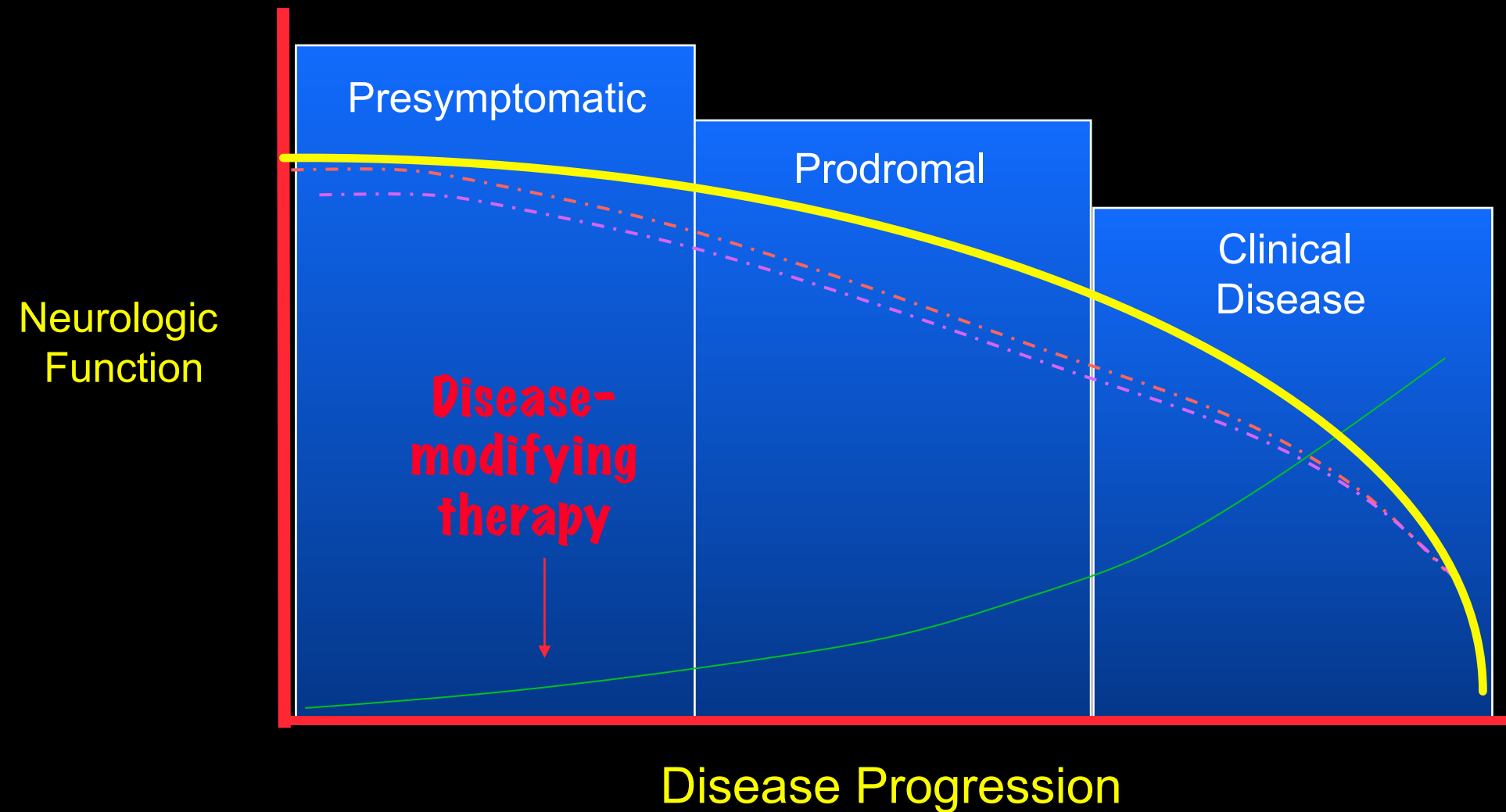
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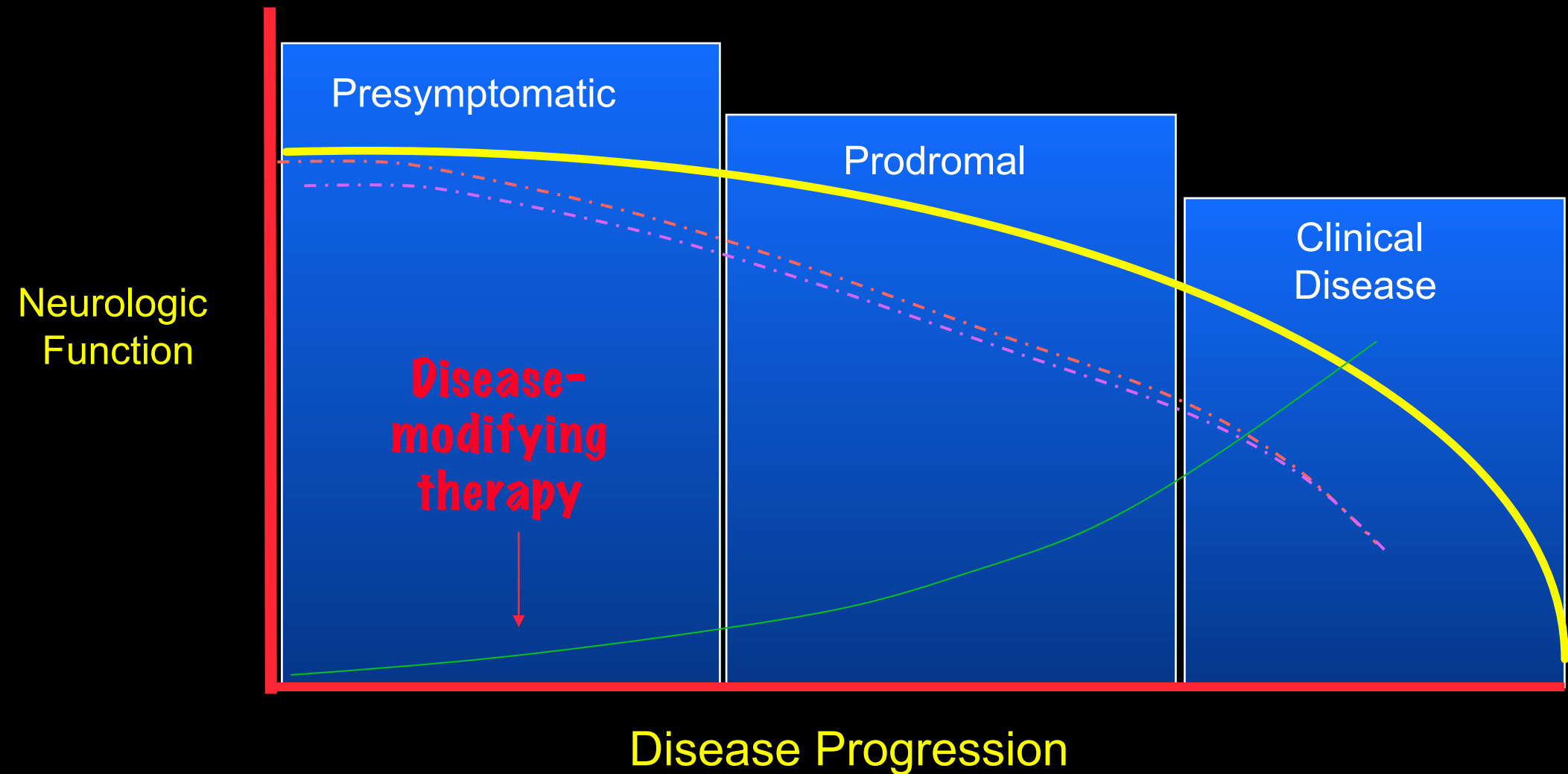
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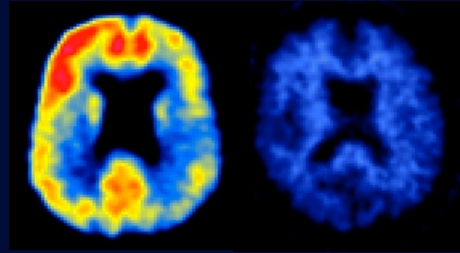
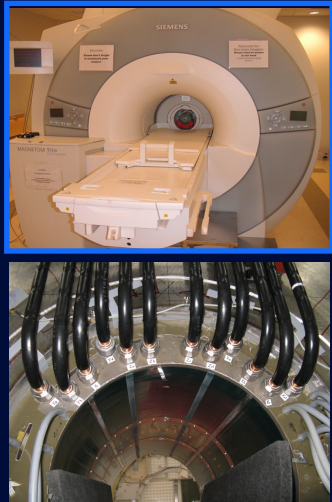


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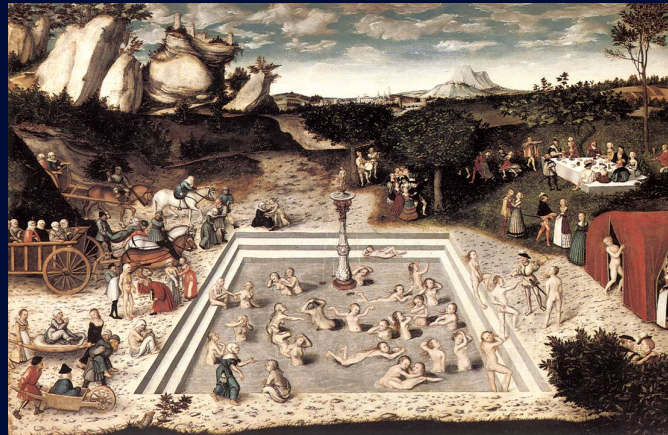
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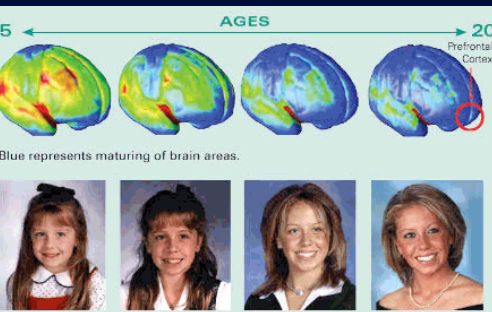
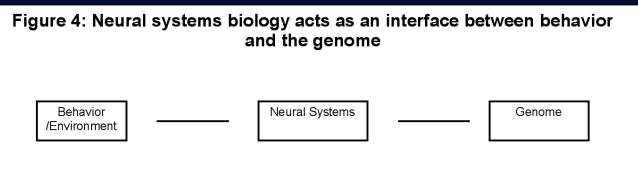
**Automation
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Databasing**



Translational (from bench to bedside)



Translational (from experimental animal to human)



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