

Medical Image Processing and Analysis

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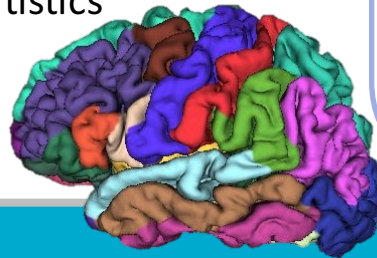
What we do

- Develop and apply advanced computational tools to turn individual (and populations of) images into information (imaging biomarkers).
 - Accurate and reliable automated image analysis (reduces costs and may improve care),
 - provide new insights (Validity, reproducibility and predictive value),
 - enables new and improved diagnostics, screening and treatments.

Medical Images

Image analysis team

- image processing
- registration
- segmentation
- pattern recognition
- machine learning
- statistics

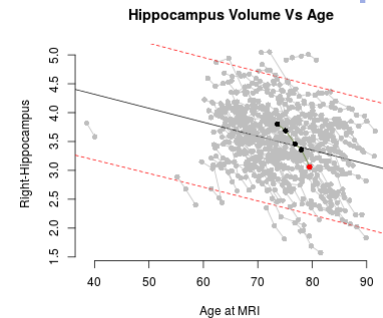


Personalized medicine

- Monitor individuals changes.
- Patient specific treatments
- Characterize phenotype variability of disease.

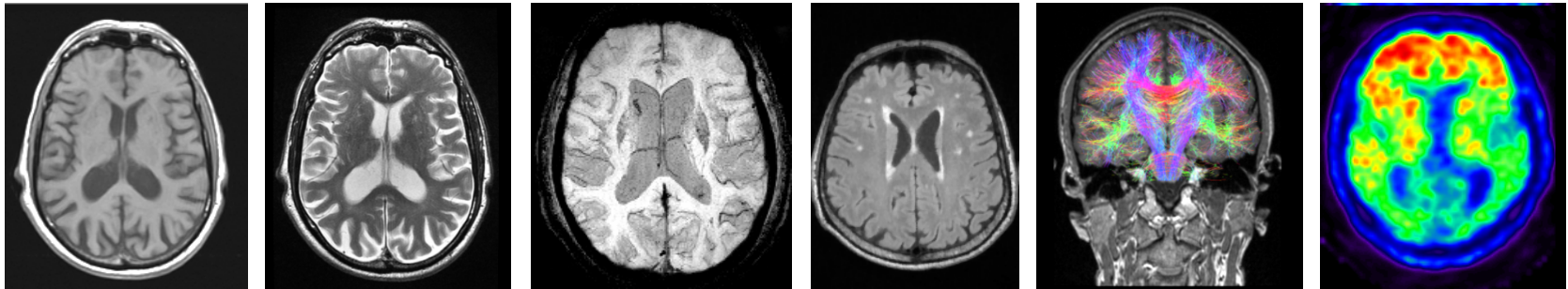
Preventing diseases

- Population studies
- Early detection/screening
- Diagnosis tools



Quantitative Image Analysis

Overview of Neuroimaging Biomarkers we extract



T1W

Anatomy

T2W

CSF and structures

SWI

Venous tree

FLAIR

White matter lesions

DWI

White matter connections

PET

Amyloid beta load
Glucose metabolism

Tissue atrophy

Microbleeds

White matter lesions

Connectivity strength

Neocortical uptake

Cortical thickness

Iron deposit

Axonal integrity

Pattern of uptake

Hippocampus volume

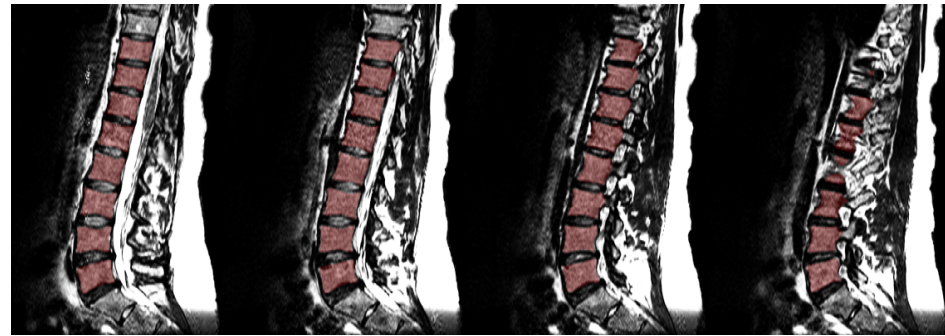
Atrophy patterns

Tissue contrast

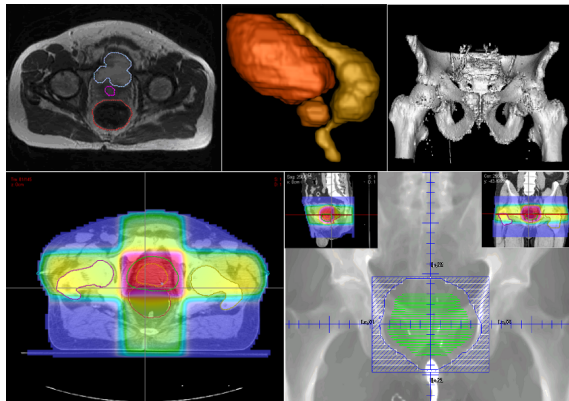
Quantitative Image Analysis



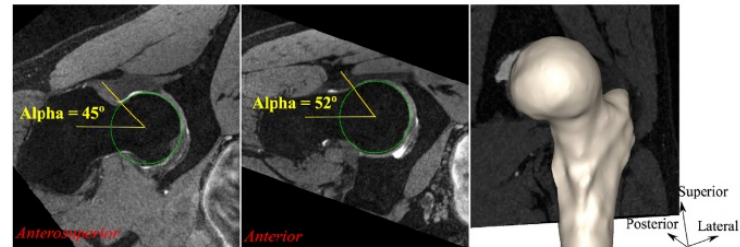
Knee



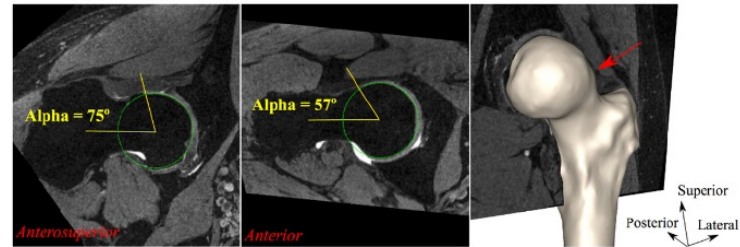
Vertebrae



Prostate radiotherapy planning with MRI



(a)



Hip

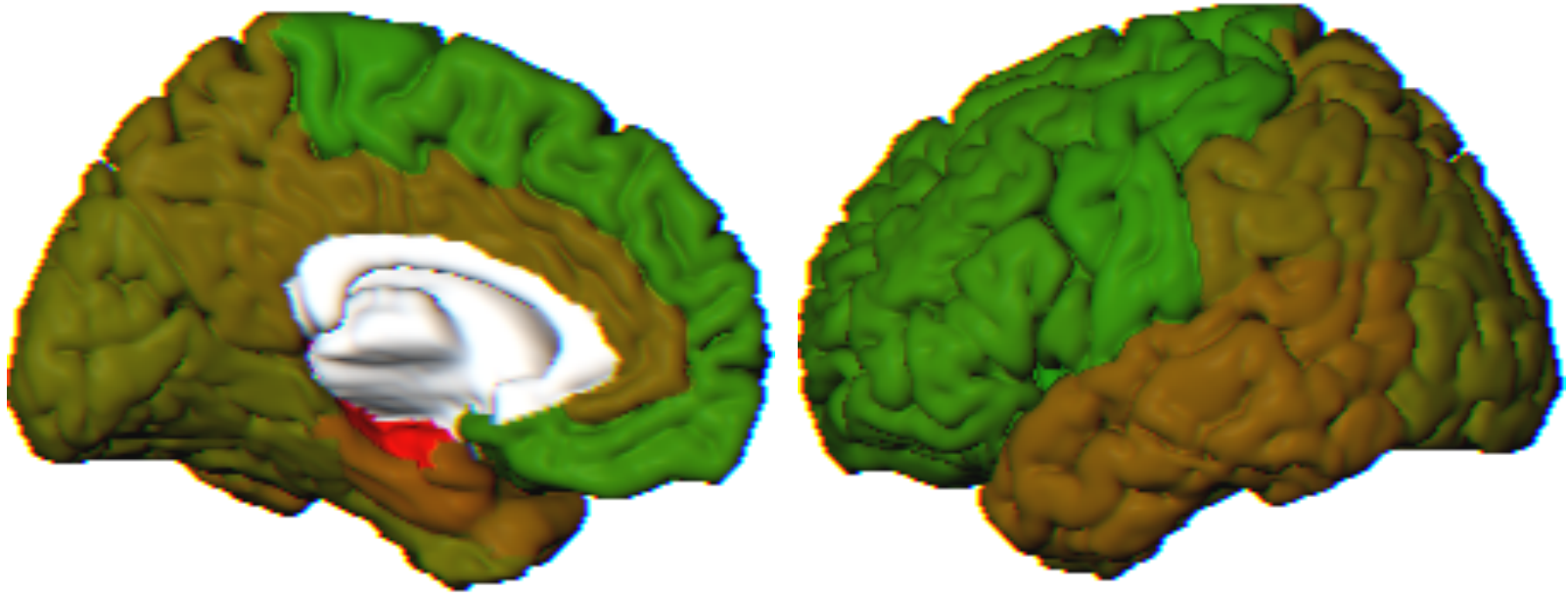
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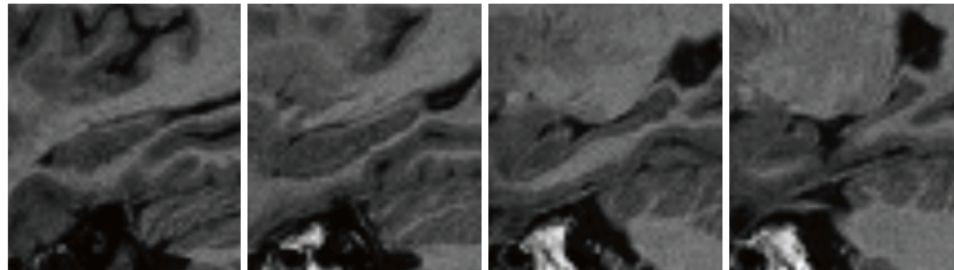
Normal

Alzheimer's

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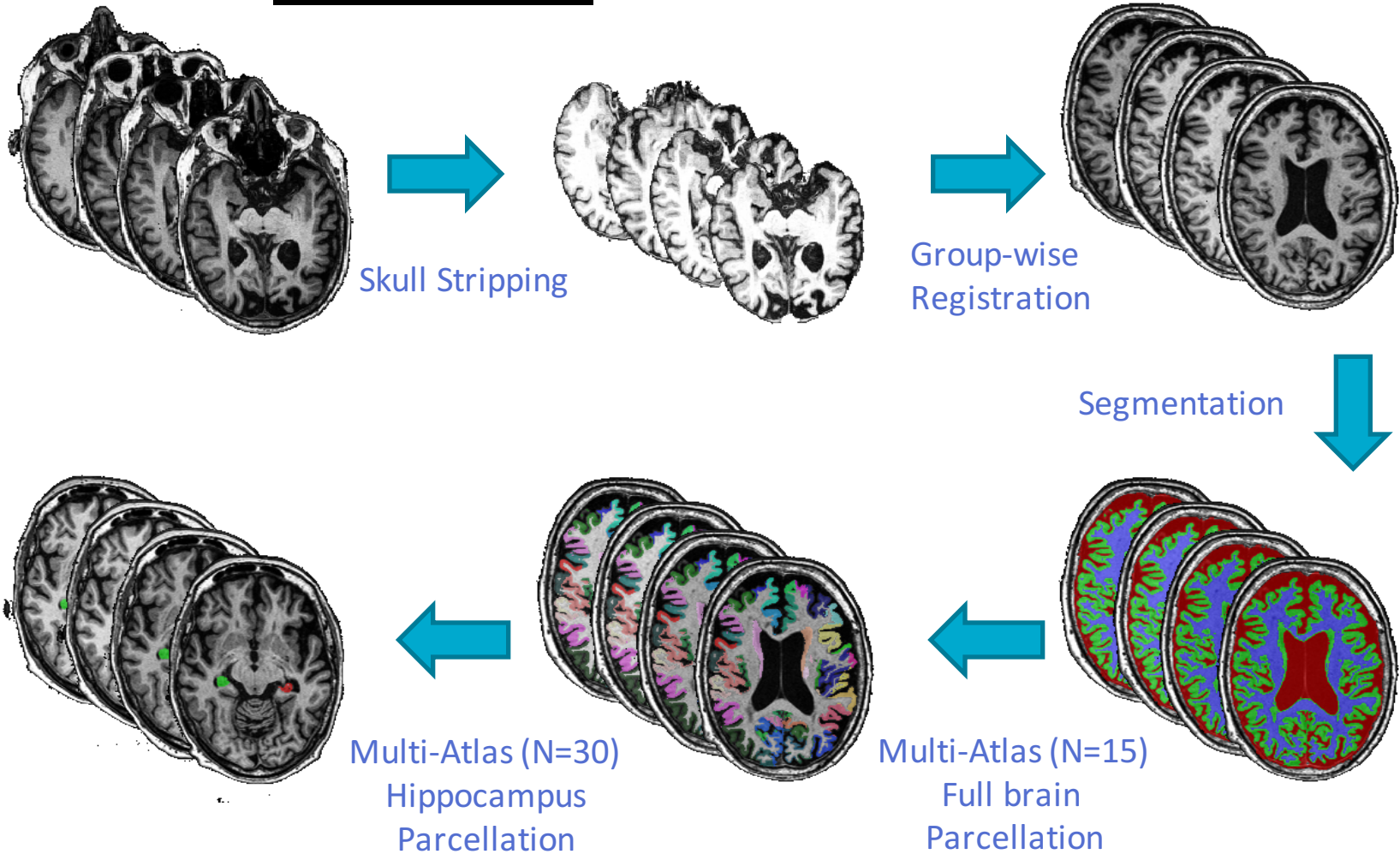


Atrophy compared to Healthy control in early Alzheimer's disease

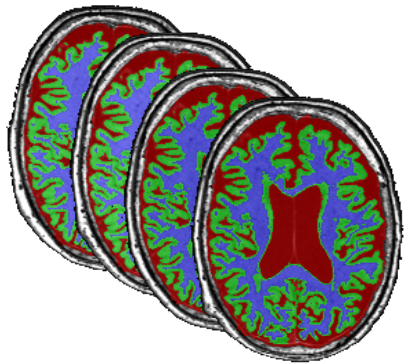


Structural MRI: Volumetric Analysis

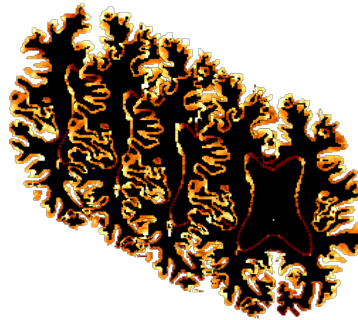
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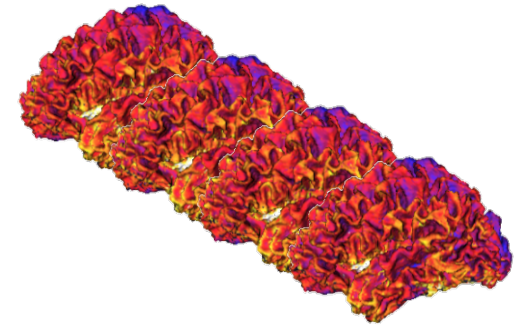
Structural MRI: Cortical thickness



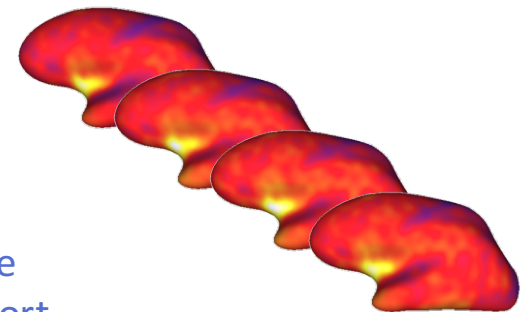
Cortical Thickness



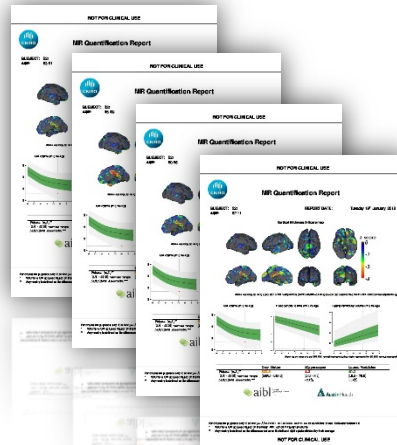
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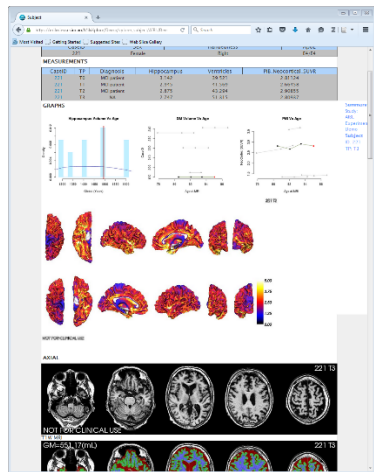
Smoothing and registration to template



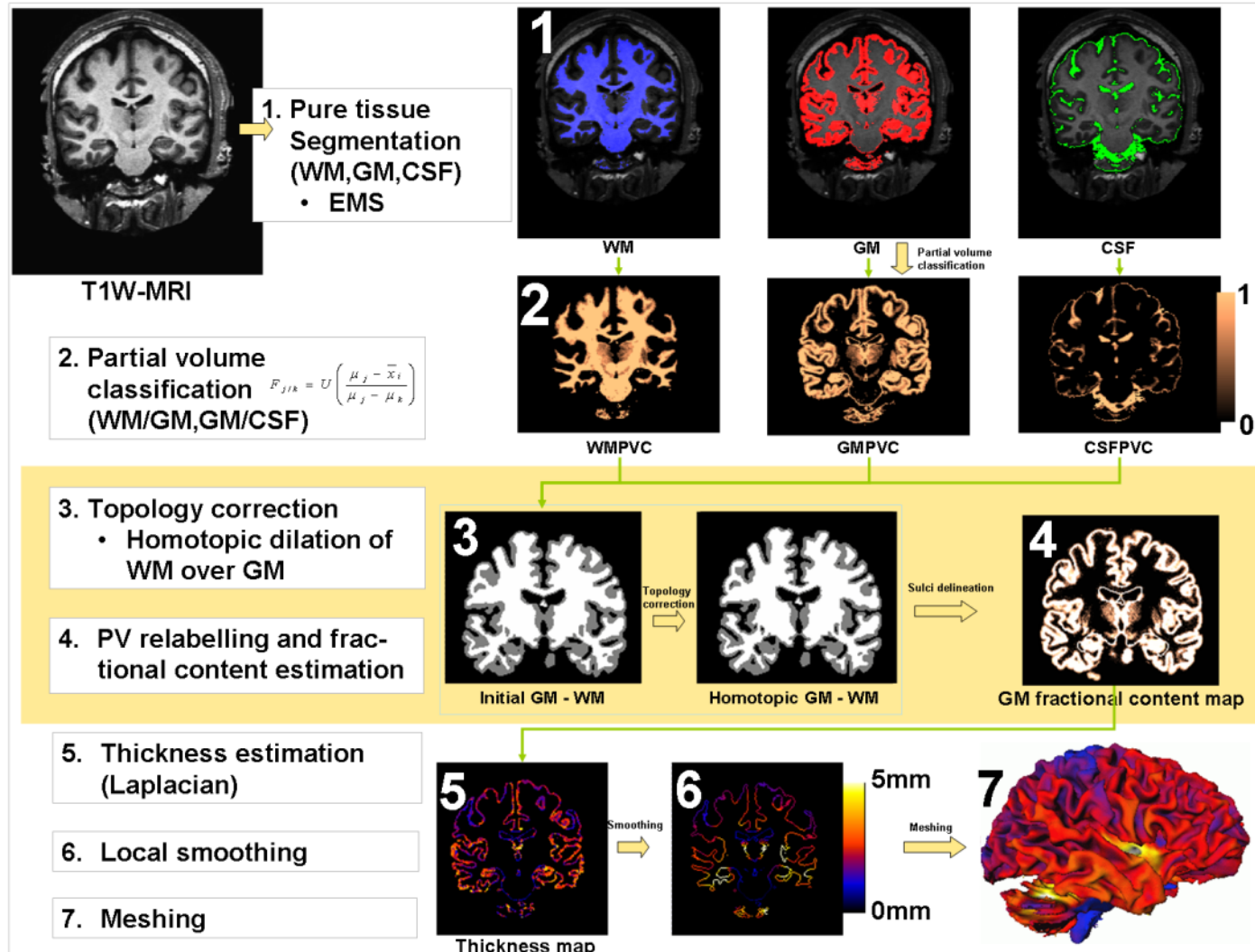
Z-score and report



Web interface



Structural MRI (cont.)



CurAIBL: MR Assessment of Neurodegeneration

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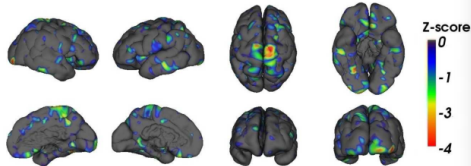
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MR Quantification Report

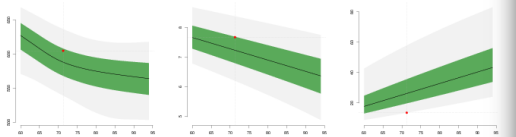
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Cortical thickness Z-score map



ZScore was computed using a population of 100 healthy controls (MMSE > 28, CRF0-0.3 negative low cardiovascular risk) from the AIBL cohort and was adjusted for age

GM volume (mL) Vs Age Hippocampus volume (mL) Vs Age Lateral Ventricular volume (mL) Vs Age



Green region represents the 25%-75% normative percentile. Gray region represents the 5%-95% normative percentile

	Gray Matter	Hippocampus	Lateral Ventricles
Volume (mL)*	604.9	7.7	13.6
[5% - 95%] normal range	[539.1 - 636.6]	[6.2 - 8.4]	[10.3 - 17.9]
Left/Right Asymmetry**		-1.5%	7.5%



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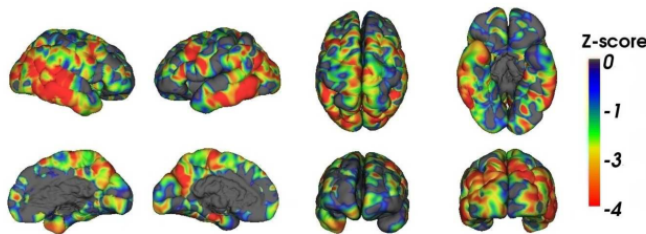
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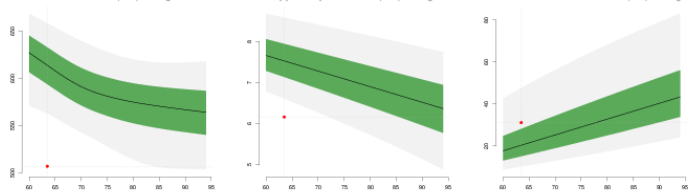
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Volume (mL)*	506.8	6.2	31.2
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Left/Right Asymmetry**		0.1%	-2.0%



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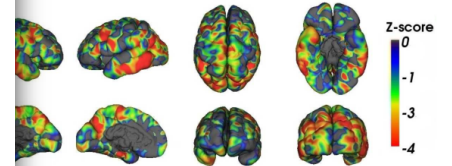
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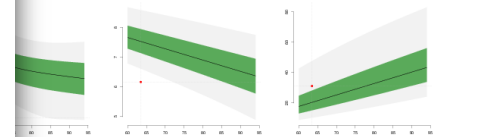
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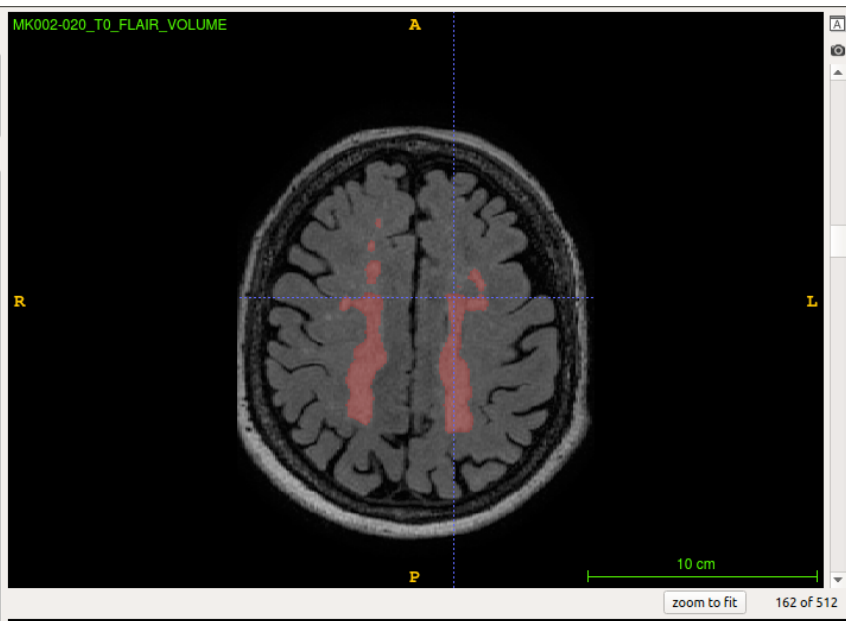
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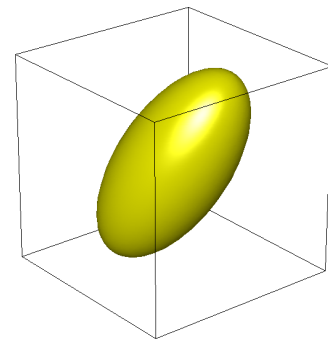
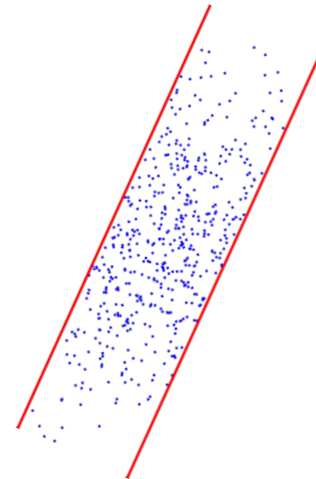
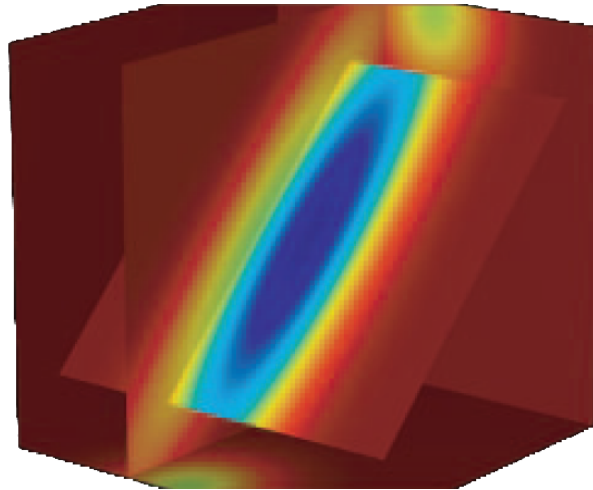
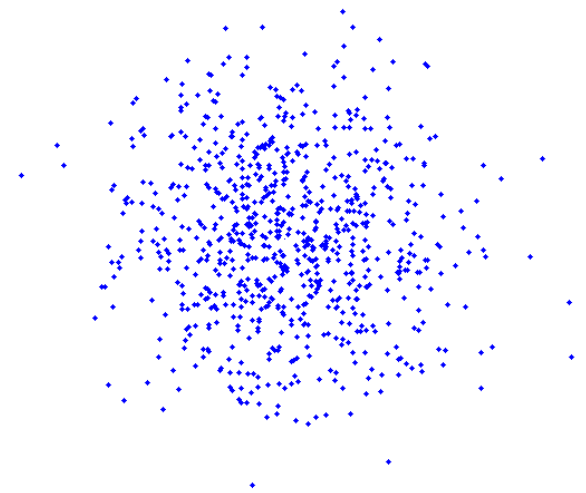
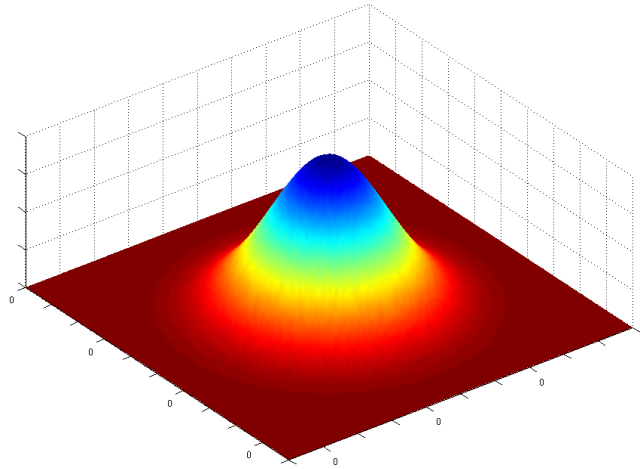
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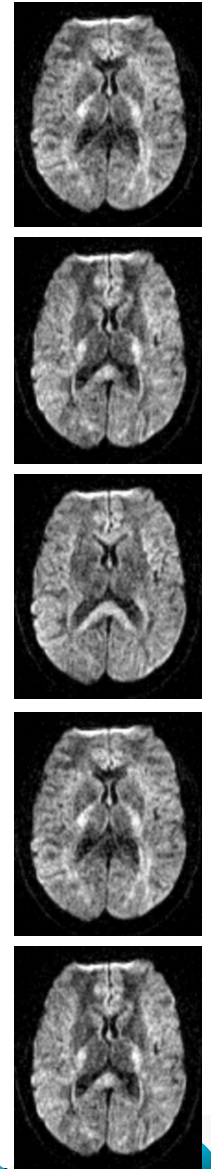
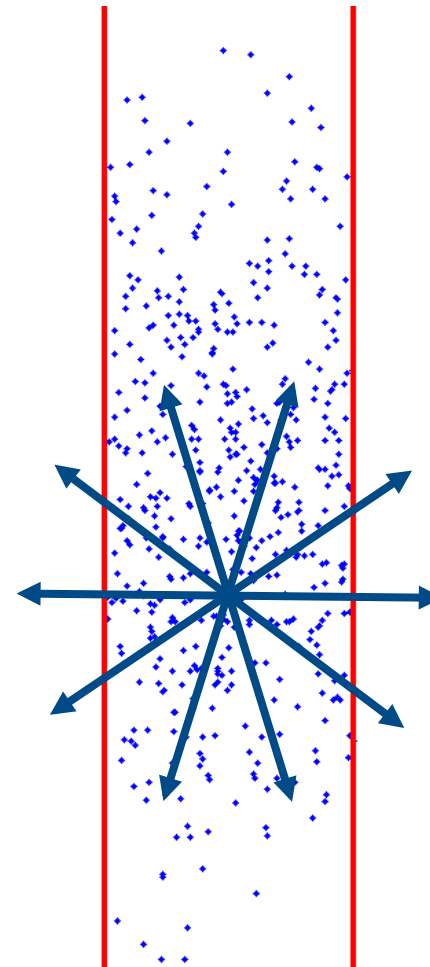
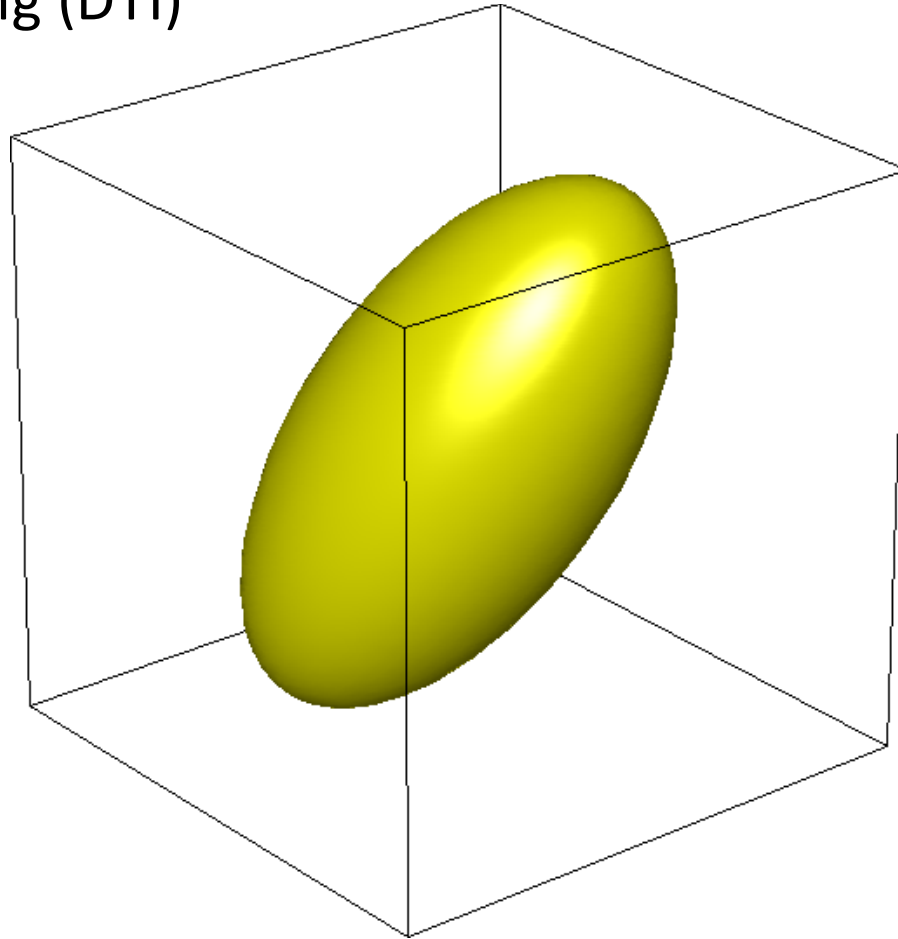
Diffusion MRI: Background

Unrestricted diffusion
Brownian motion



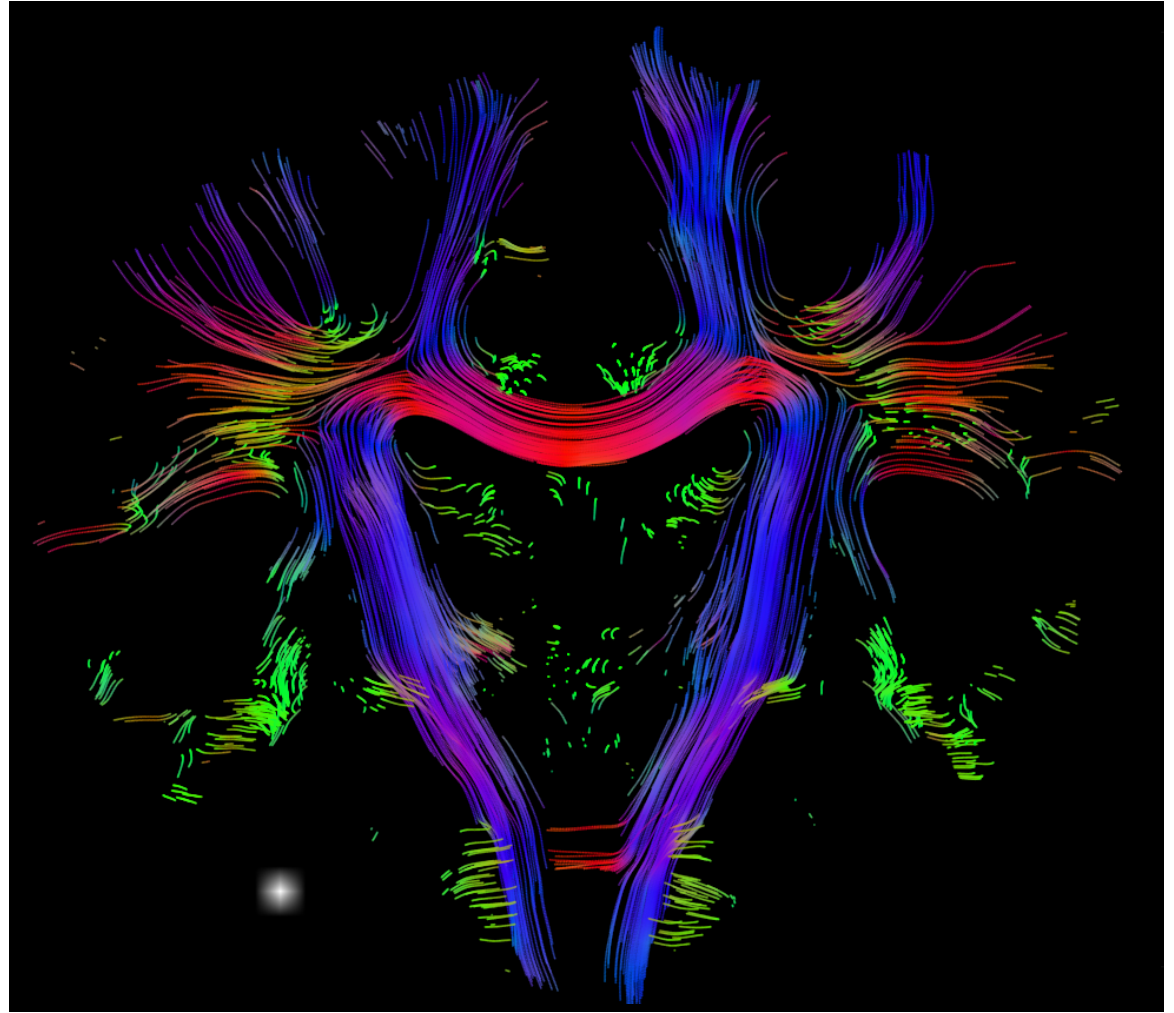
Diffusion MRI: Background

Diffusion Tensor Imaging (DTI)

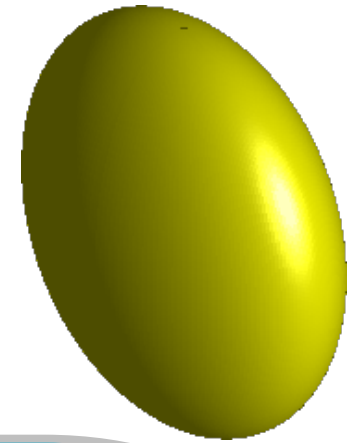
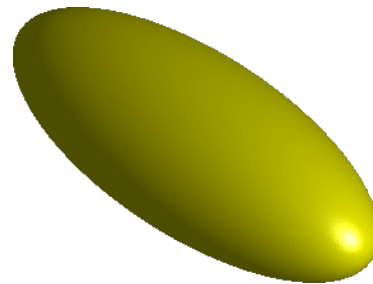
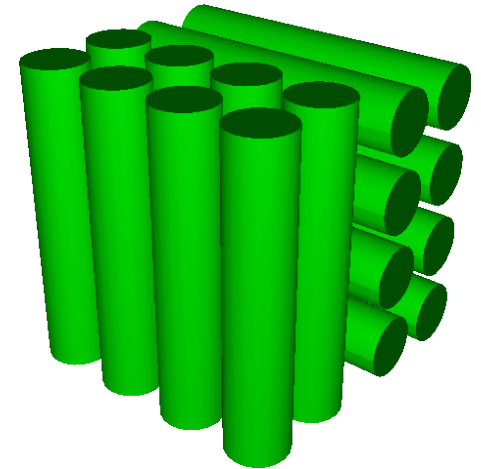
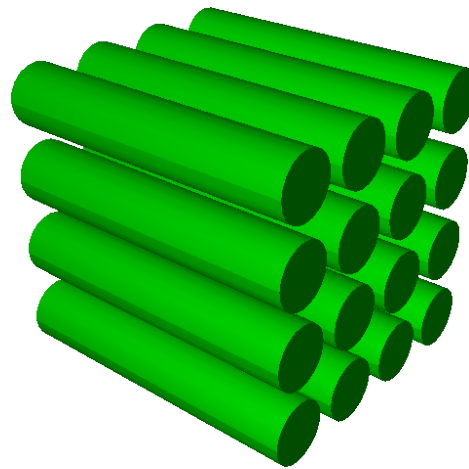
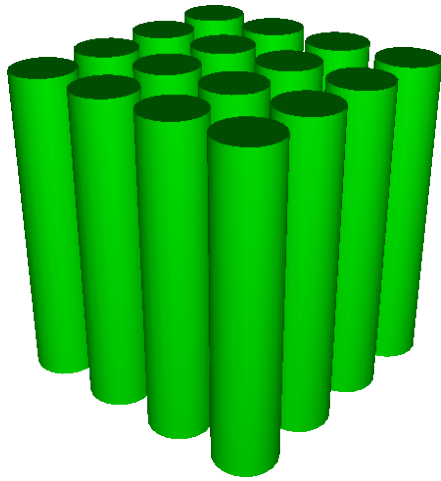


Diffusion MRI: Background

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for orientation

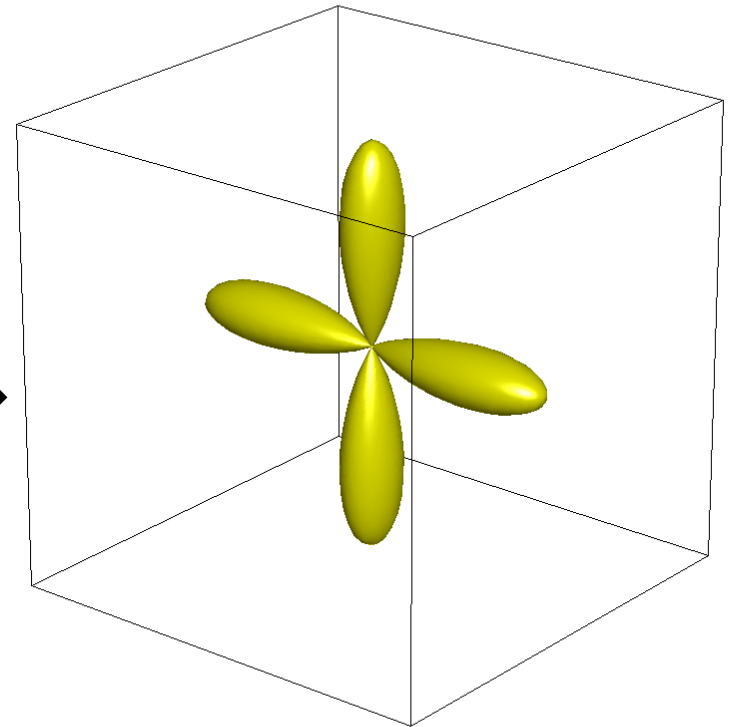
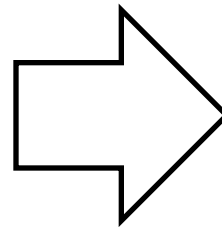
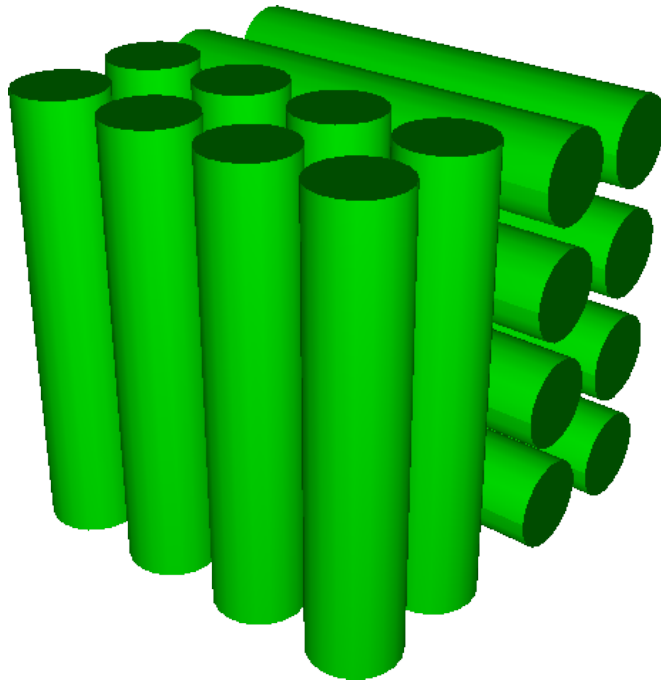


Diffusion MRI: Background



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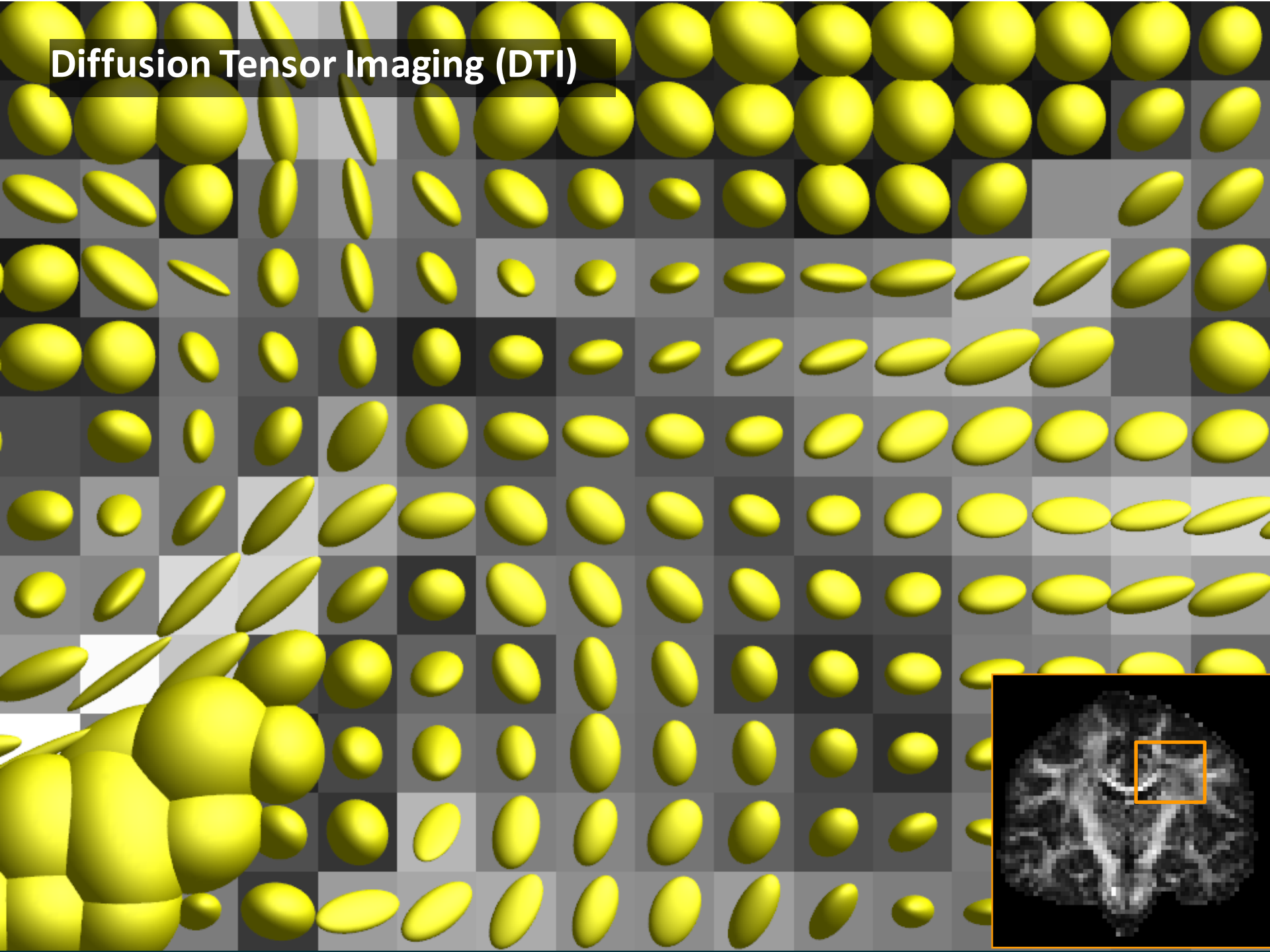
- Fibre Orientation Distribution (FOD)
 - Constrained spherical deconvolution (Tournier *et al.*, 2008)



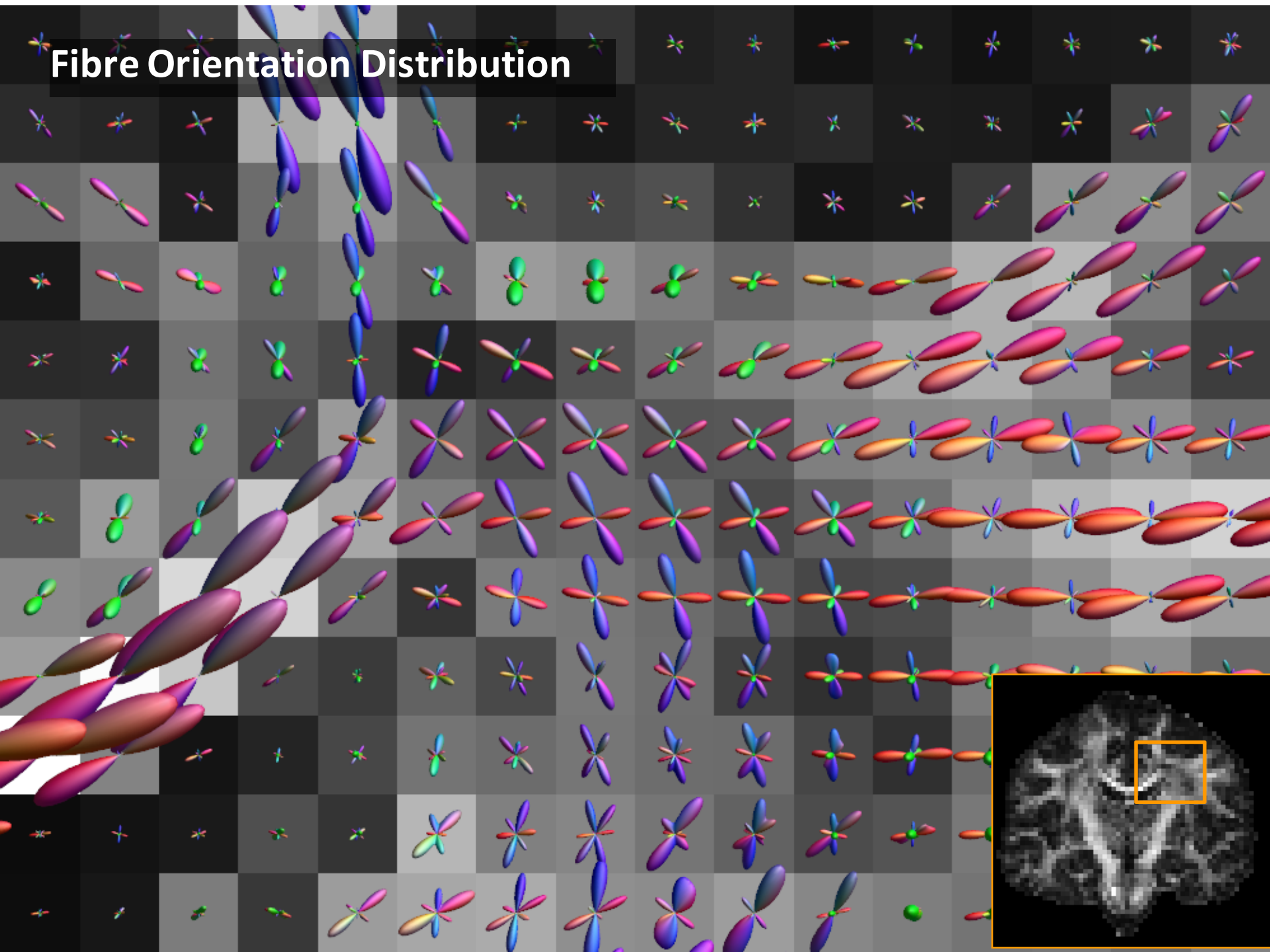
Fibre Orientation Distribution (FOD)

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Diffusion Tensor Imaging (DTI)

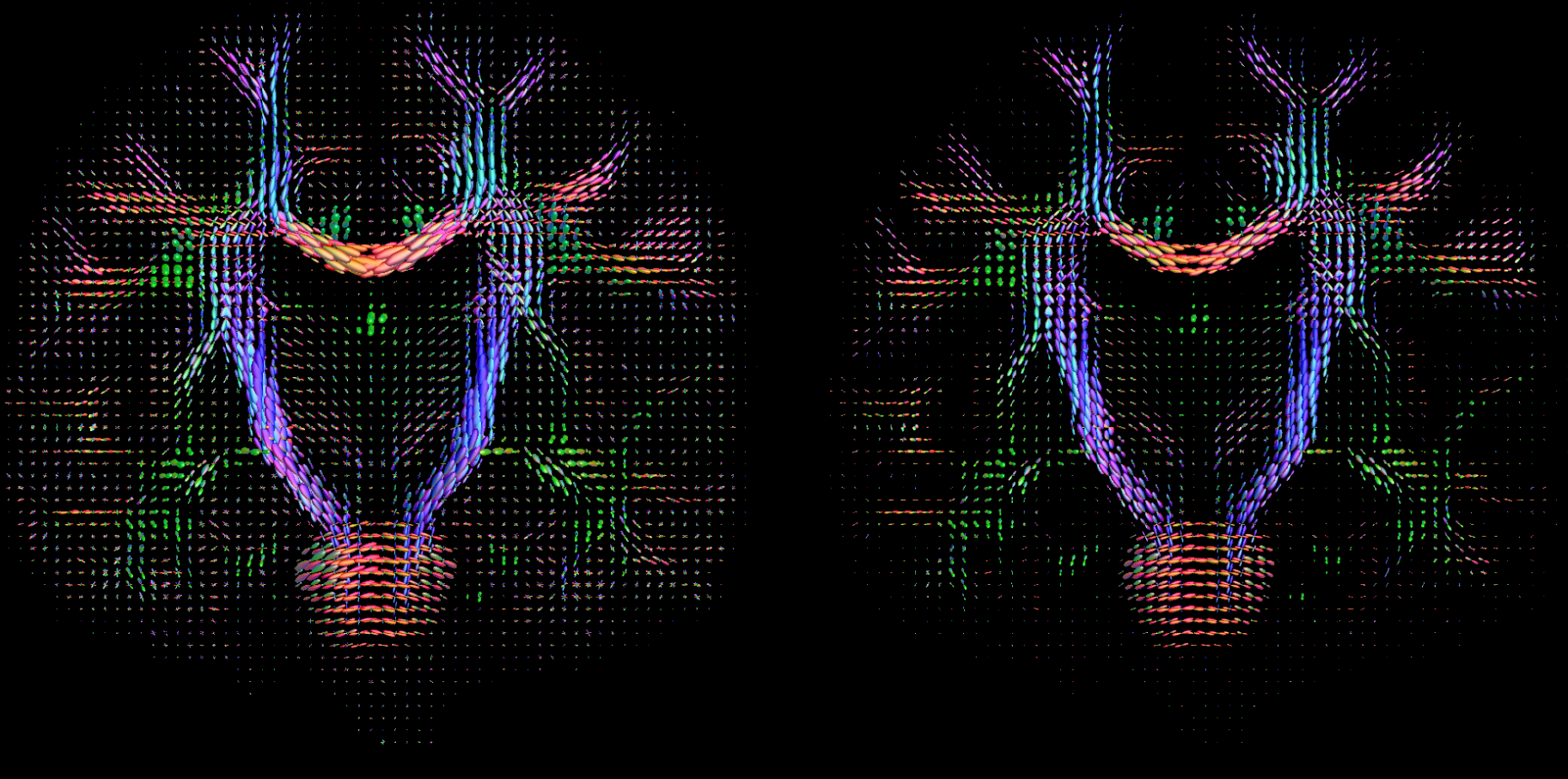


Fibre Orientation Distribution



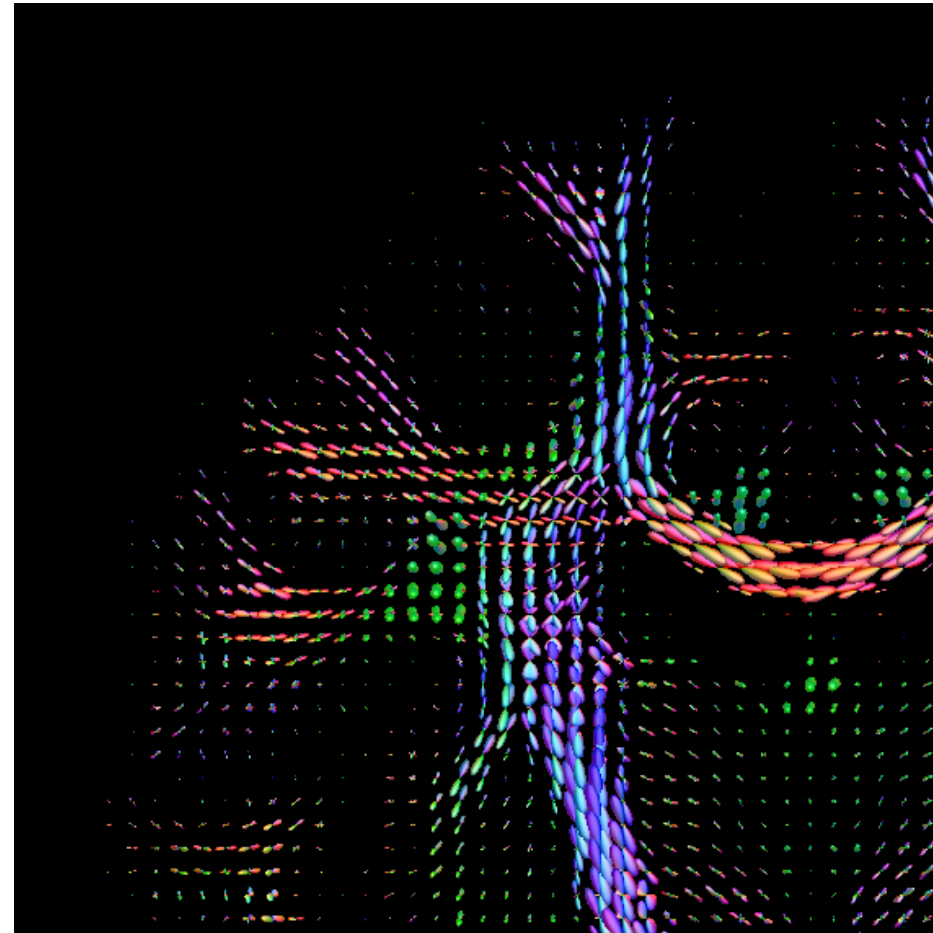
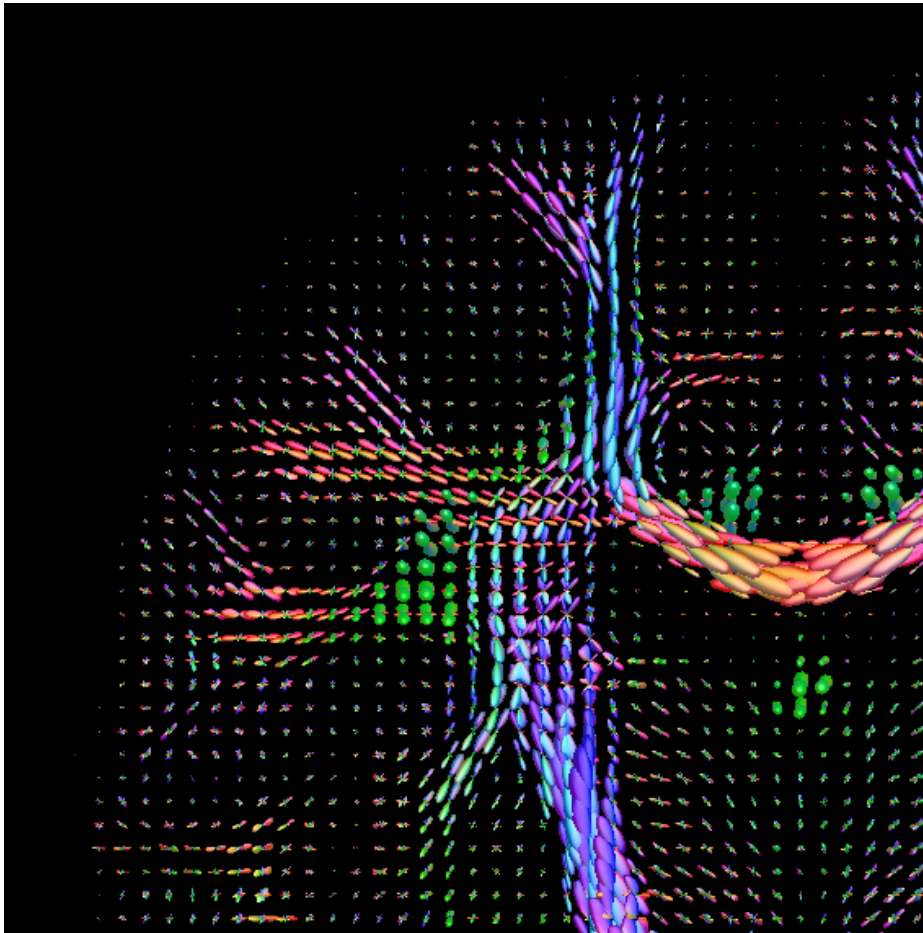
single-shell single-tissue FOD ($b = 3000 \text{ s/mm}^2$)

multi-shell multi-tissue FOD



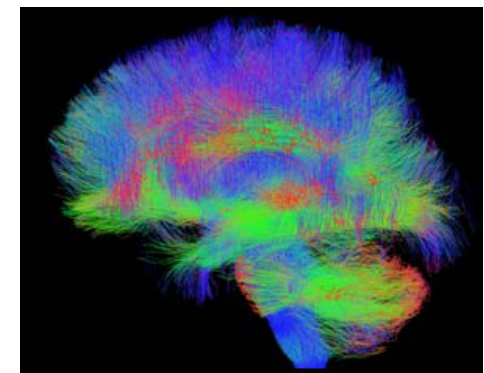
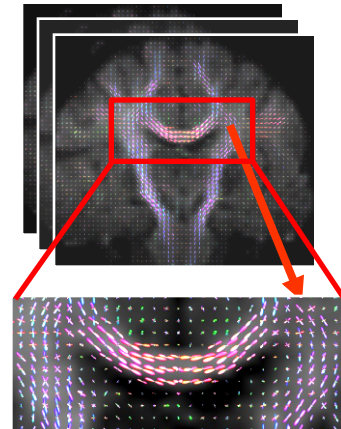
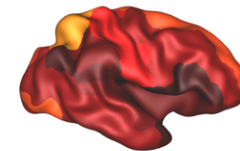
FOD @ $b = 3000 \text{ s/mm}^2$

multi-shell multi-tissue FOD



Genetic influence on connectivity

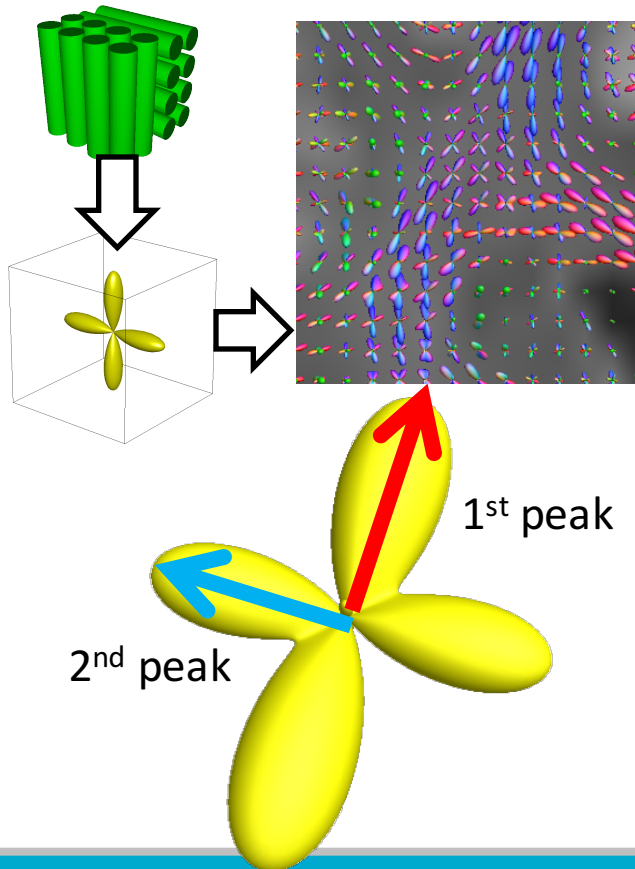
- Aims
 - To develop new insights into brain development
 - To understand how our brains work in health, illness, youth, and old age
 - To study the cerebral cortex and the underlying neural connectivity, from the structural and diffusion MR images
 - To investigate the influence of genes by imaging monozygotic (MZ) and dizygotic (DZ) twins
- Twin Study
 - Queensland Twin IMaging study (QTIM)
 - CSIRO and Queensland Institute of Medical Research (QIMR)



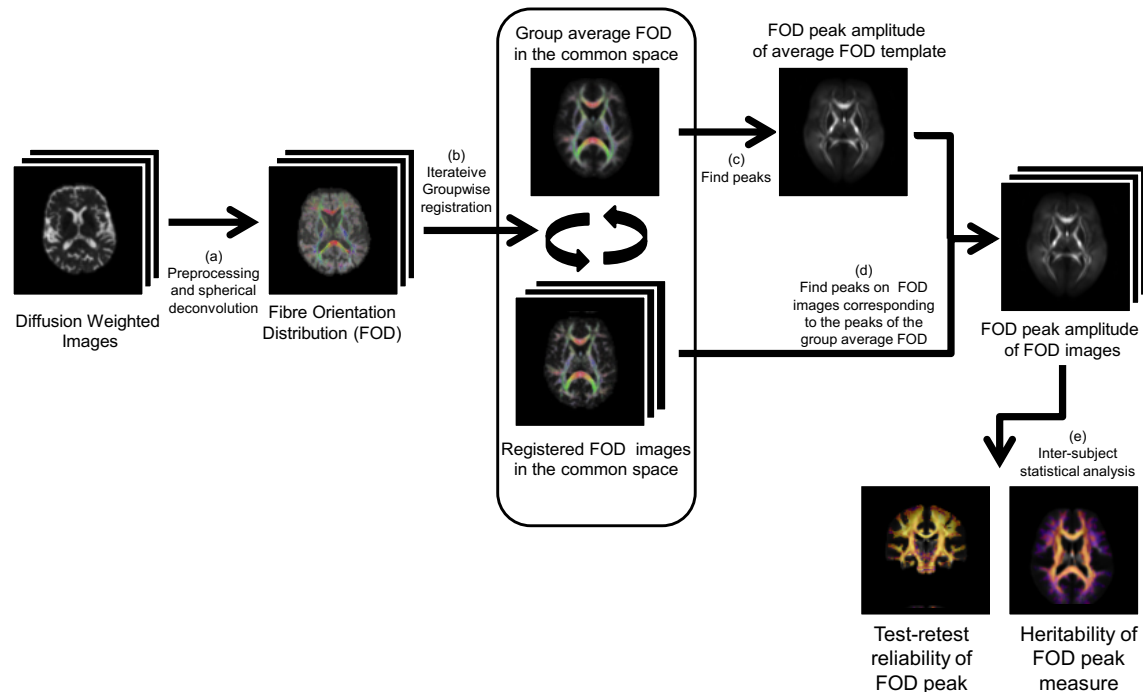
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Genetic influence on connectivity: Methods

- Measure the FODs
 - Peak amplitude



- Processing/Analysis framework
 - Raffelt *et al.*, 2012



Raffelt, D., *et al.*, 2012. Apparent Fibre Density: A novel measure for the analysis of diffusion-weighted magnetic resonance images. *NeuroImage* 59, 3976–3994.

Genetic influence on connectivity: Methods

- Diffusion MR: 94 gradient directions at $b = 1159 \text{ s/mm}^2$
- Twin cohort
 - $N=328$ subjects (118M, 210F), age 22.7(2.3)
 - 71 pairs ($N=142$, 48M, 94F) of monozygotic twins (MZ) + 90 pairs ($N=180$, 69M, 111F) of dizygotic twins (DZ)
- Heritability
 - ACE model: Additive genetics + Common environment + unique Environment

$$\text{FOD} = A + C + E$$

- Heritability

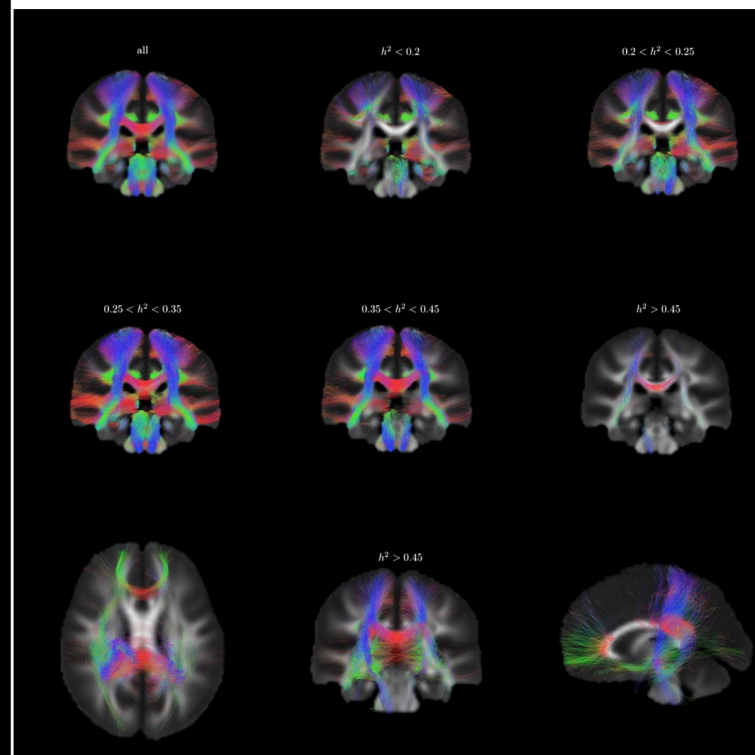
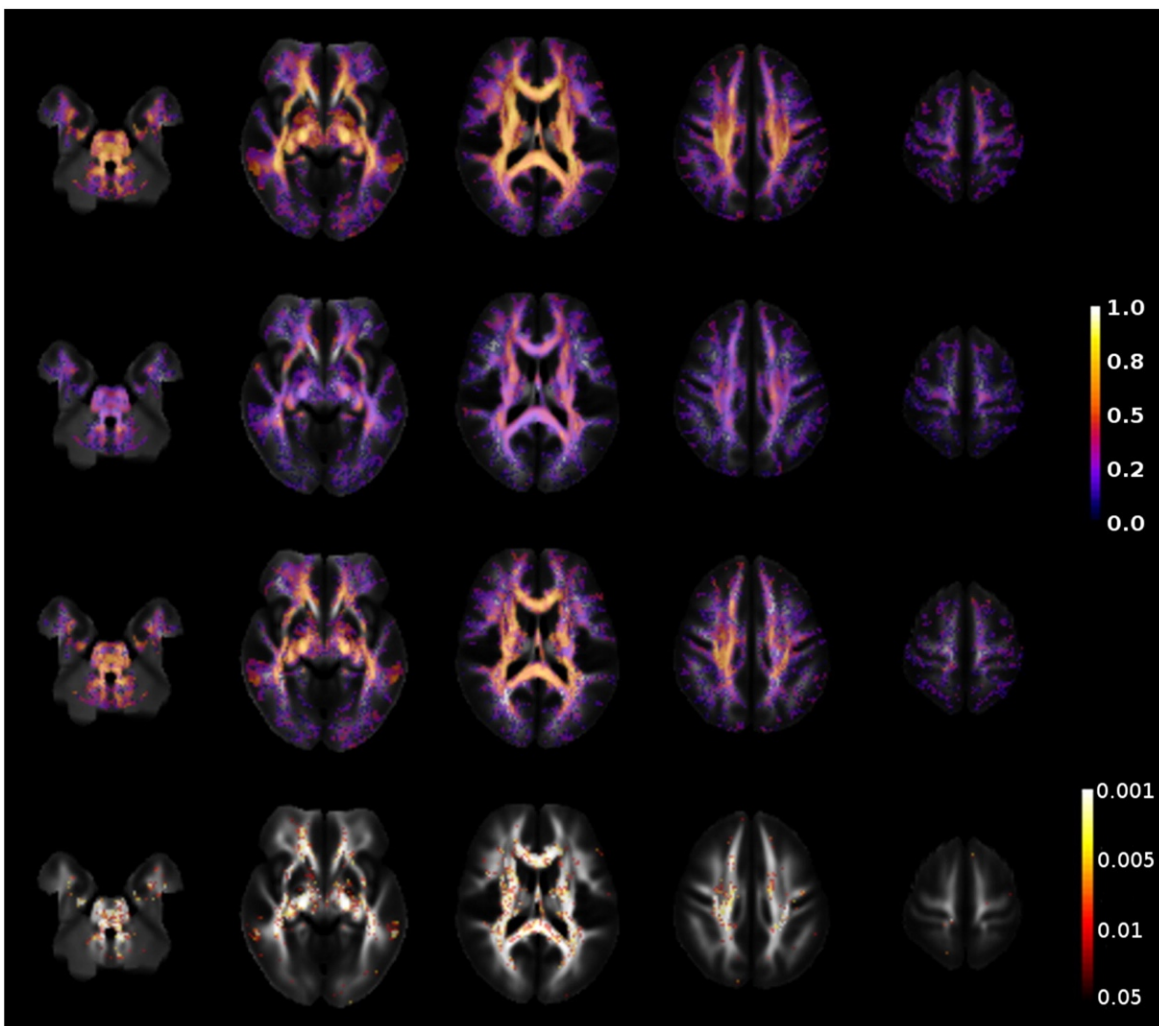
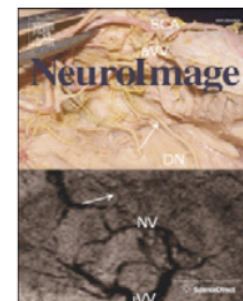
$$h^2 = \frac{\text{Var}(A)}{\text{Var}(A) + \text{Var}(C) + \text{Var}(E)}$$

Falconer's formula

$$h^2 = 2(r_{\text{MZ}} - r_{\text{DZ}})$$

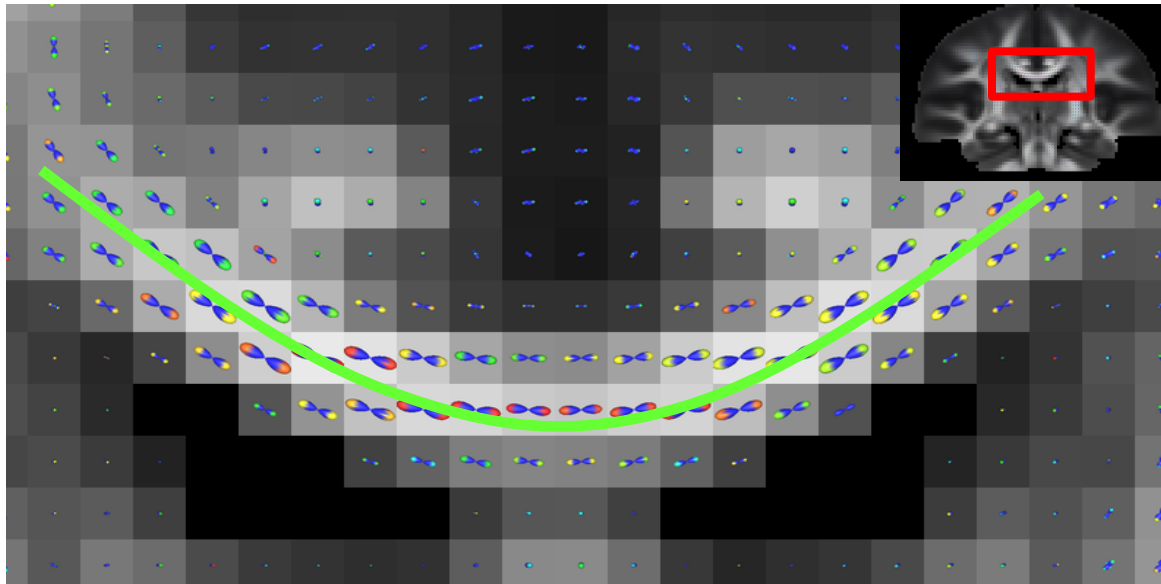
Investigating brain connectivity heritability in a twin study using diffusion imaging data

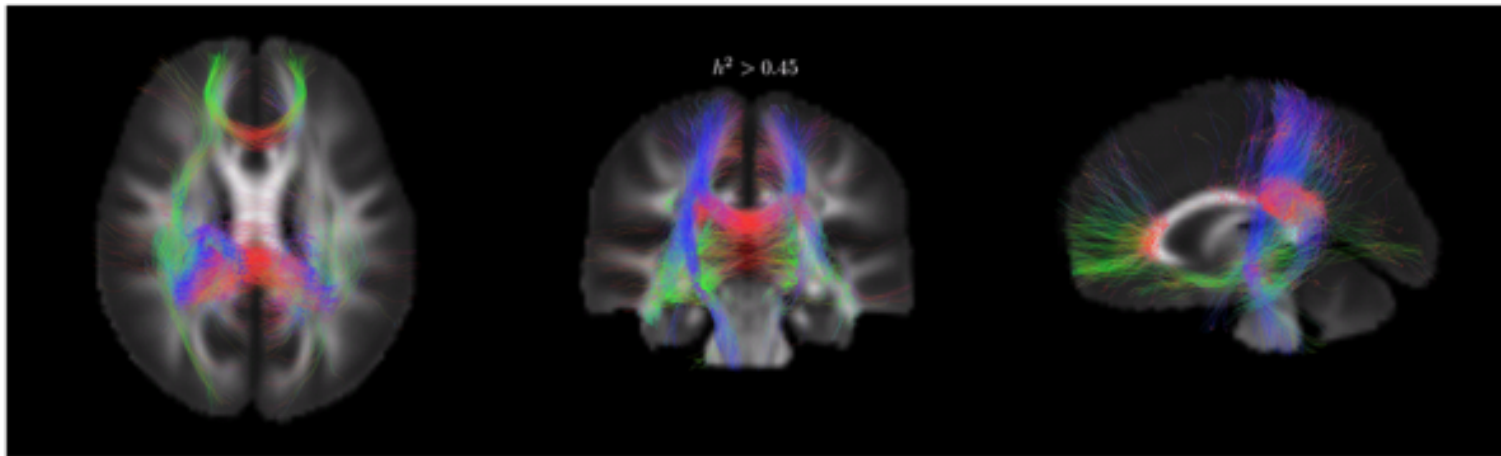
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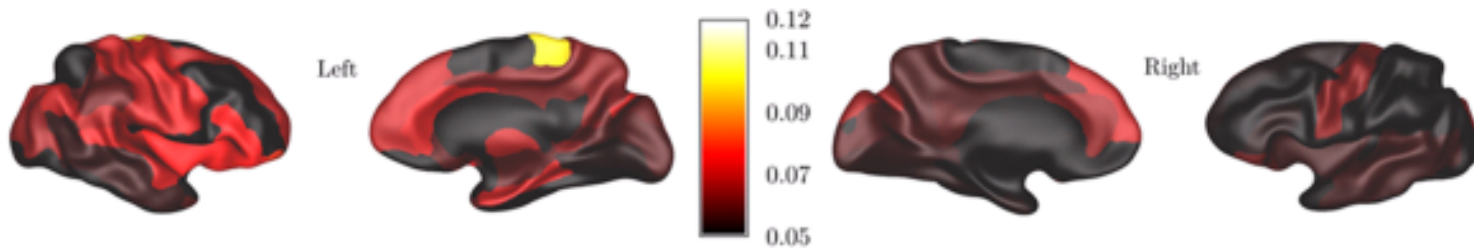
Genetic influence on connectivity: Methods

- Tractography
 - Whole brain, probabilistic using FOD
- Tract-wise heritability
 - Interpolation of heritabilities of nearest peaks
 - Tract average heritability





(a) A tractogram of fiber tracts with average $h^2 > 0.45$.

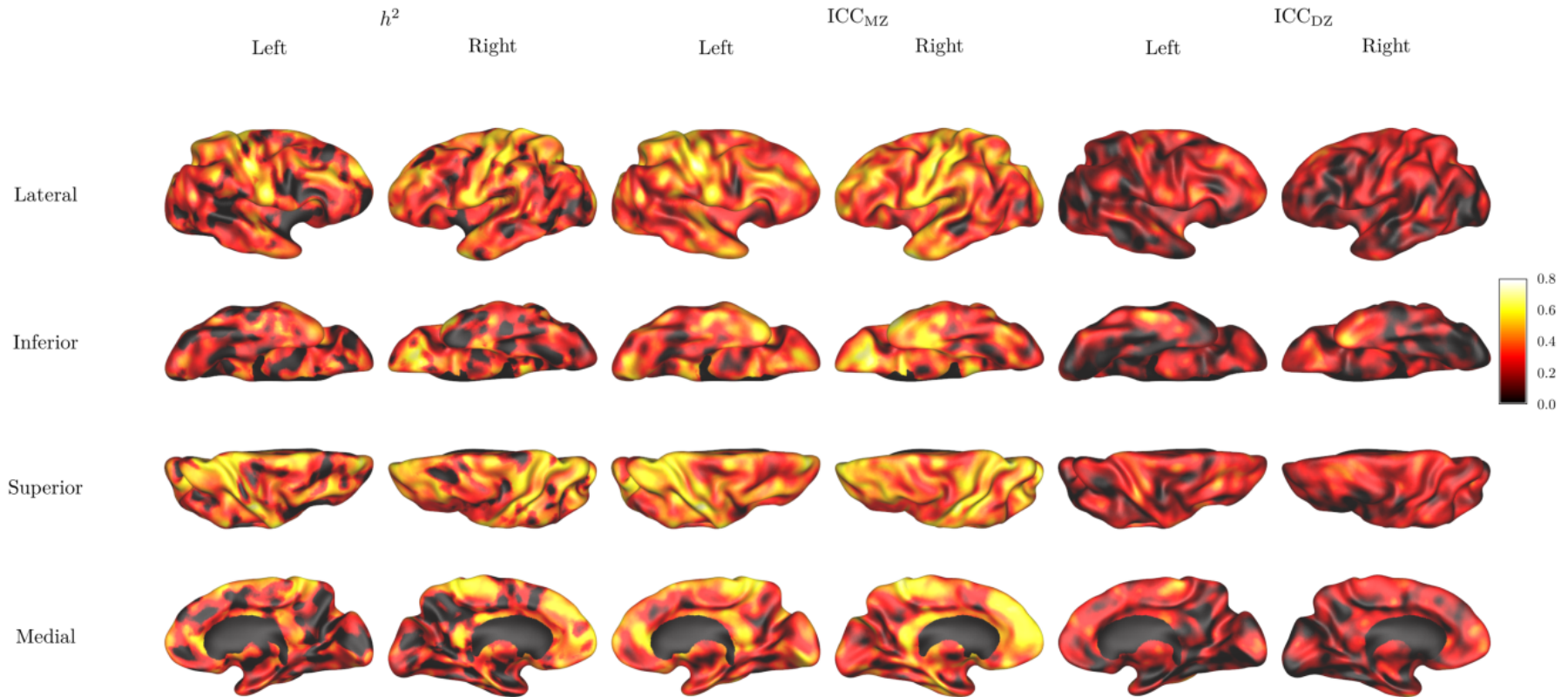


(b) mean h^2 of fiber tracts connected to each cortical region

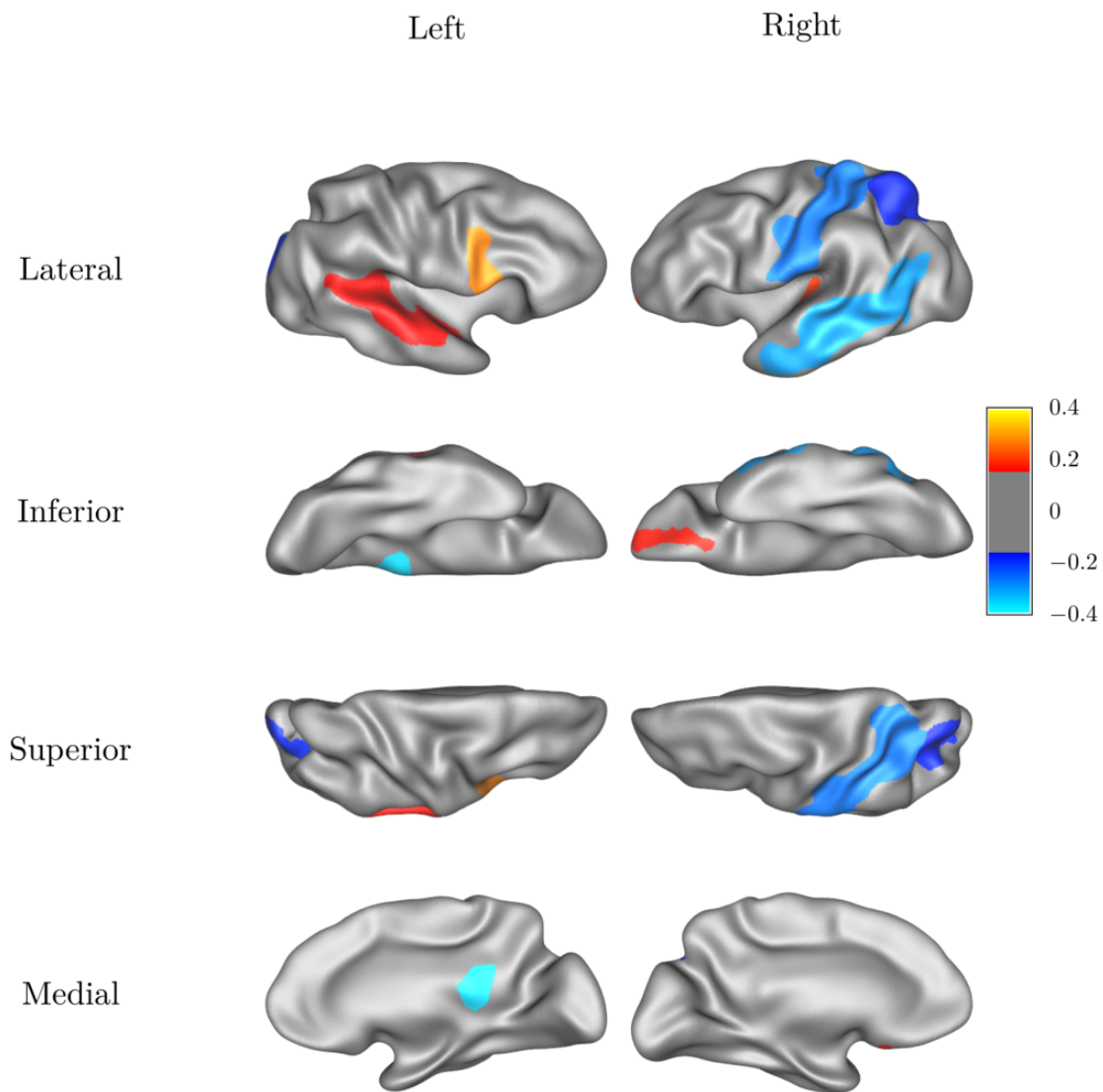
Human Brain Mapping

Volume 37, Issue 6, pages 2331-2347, 23 MAR 2016 DOI: 10.1002/hbm.23177

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Heritability maps of cortical thickness. From left to right: heritability index h^2 , intraclass correlation between monozygotic twins ICC_{MZ} , intraclass correlation between dizygotic twins $ICCDZ$.



The genetic correlation r_g between the cortical thickness and white matter connectivity measured for each cortical region.

Positron Emission Tomography (PET)

- β -amyloid plaque in Alzheimer's disease
- PET ^{11}C -PiB has been used as the tracer in many clinical studies since 2006

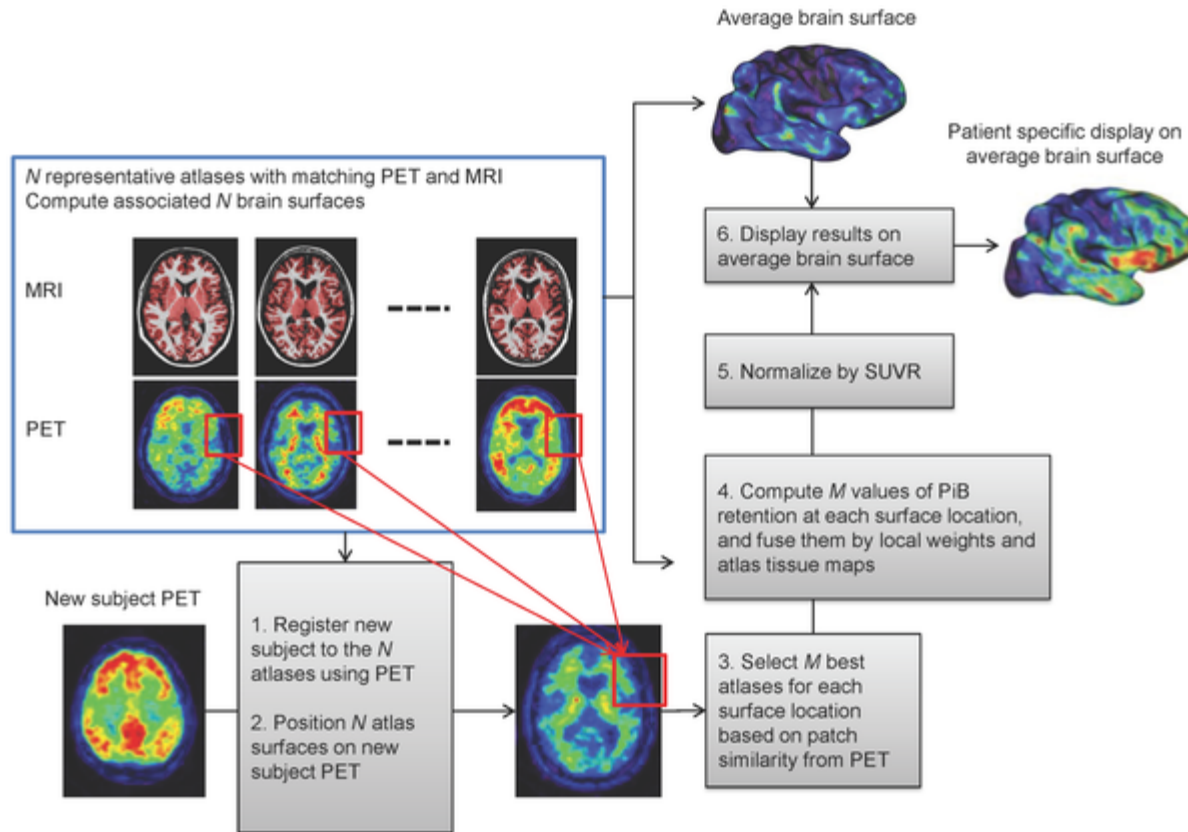


Healthy



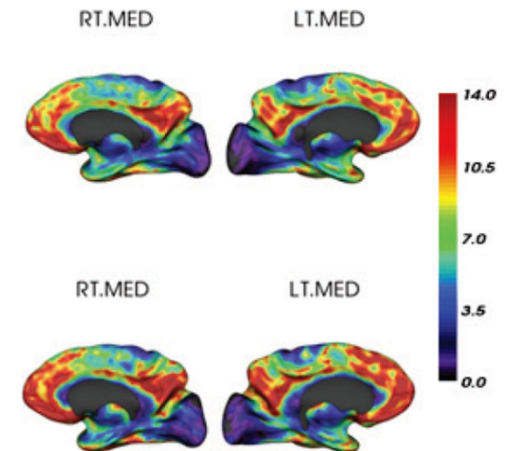
Alzheimer

PET: Quantification



Multi-atlas

- Local Patch based selection.
- Bayesian Fusion
- Estimated GM



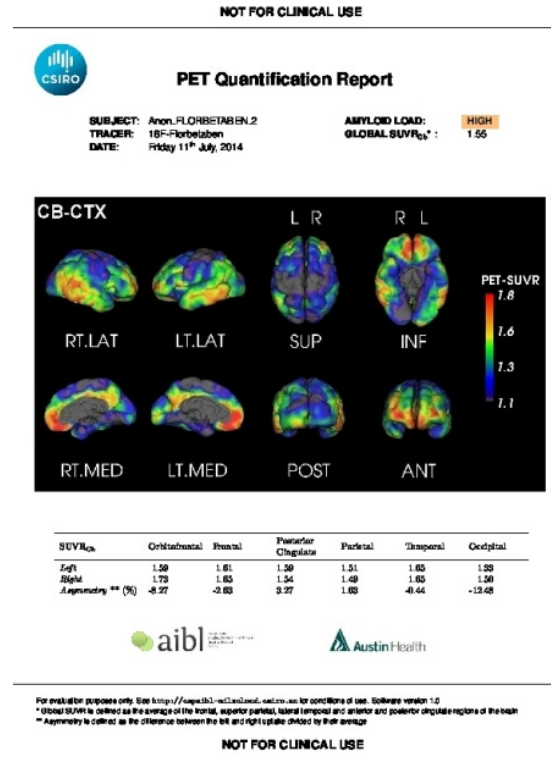
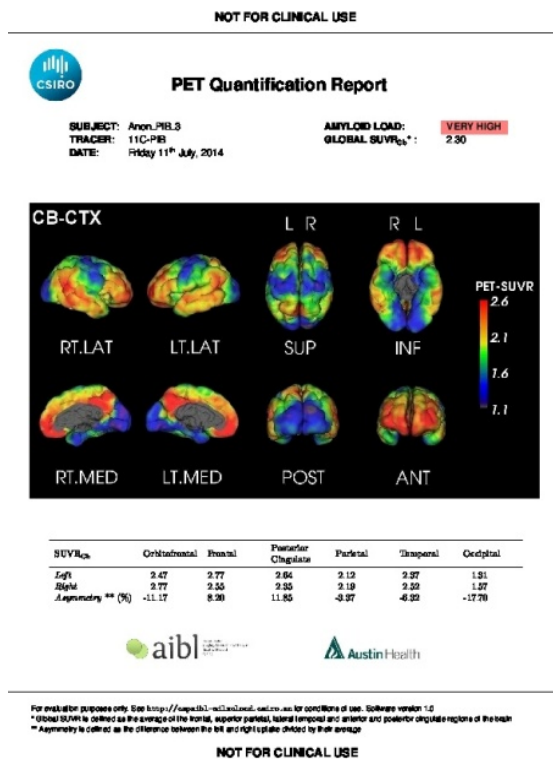
Results:

MR based top
PET only bottom

CapAIBL: PET Assessment of Neurodegeneration

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- CapAIBL: PET quantification
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