

BENEFRI Workshop 2019

Methods in Experimental Neurosciences:
From Animal Models to Humans

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fMRI in Neuroscience

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roadmap

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9:15-10:00

Basic concepts of functional Neuroimaging

fMRI Signal, task-dependent fMRI, resting state fMRI, Functional Network Analysis, processing pipeline, statistical testing, Random Effects, General Linear Model and MRI physics.

10:15-11:00

Basic concepts of **structural** Neuroimaging

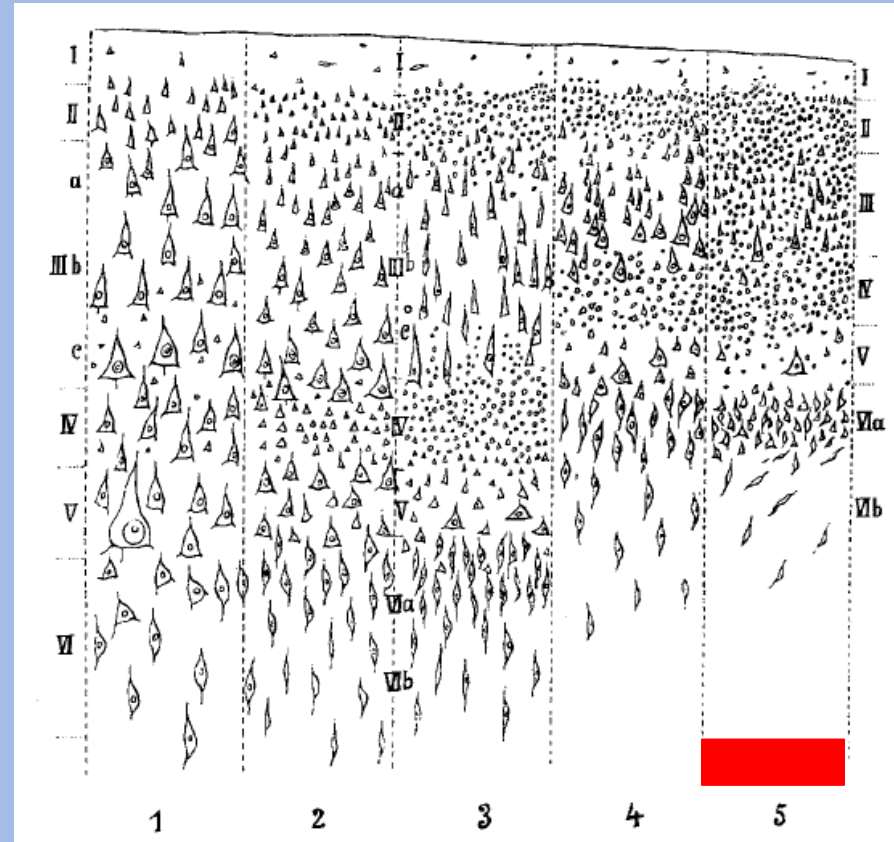
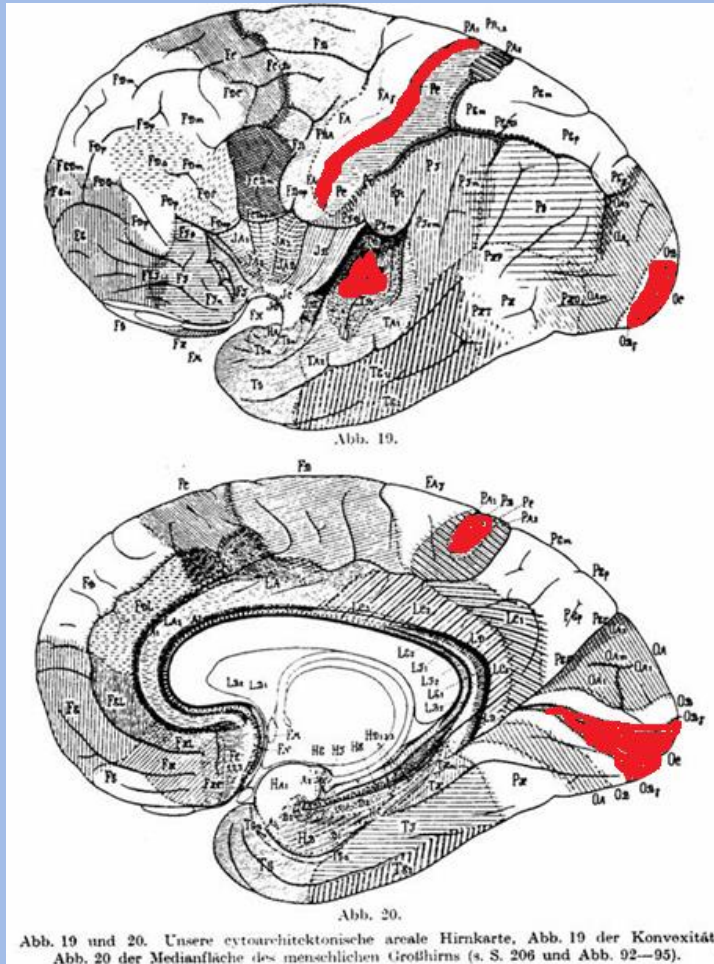
Voxel Based Morphometry, Cortical Thickness, Cortex based inter-subject alignment, Diffusion Tensor Imaging, Tract-Based Spatial Statics.

11:15-12:00

Advanced Neuroimaging Methods in Neurosciences

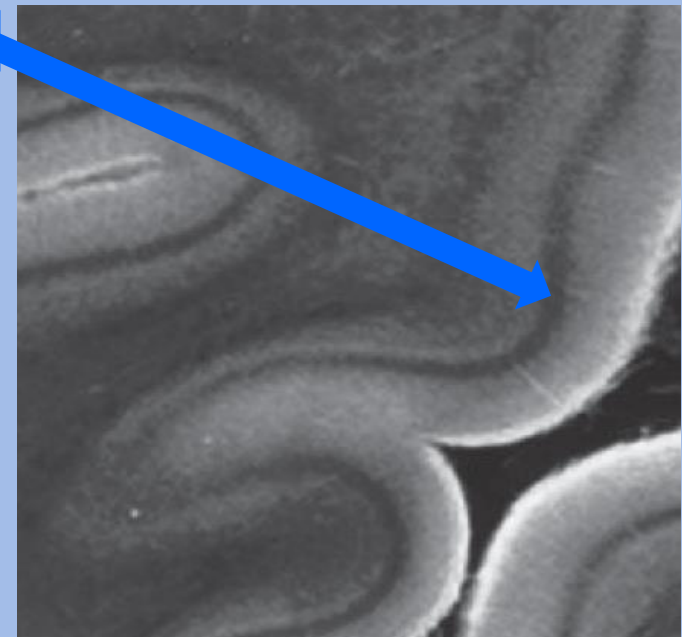
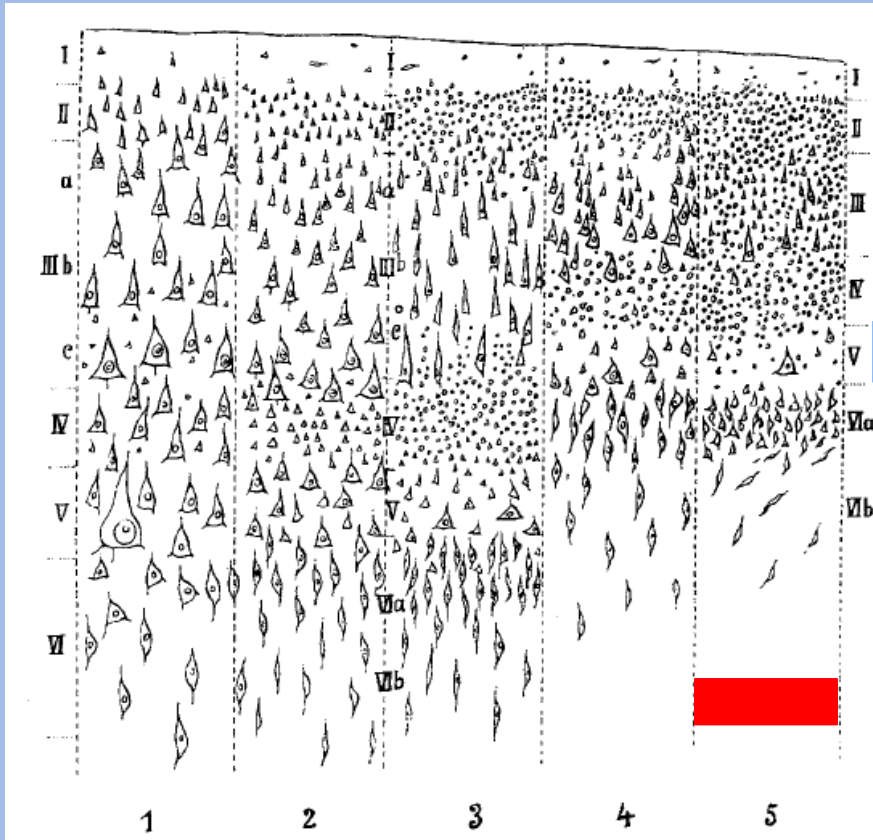
Non-BOLD fMRI, Cerebral Blood flow (CBF), calibrated fMRI, Multimodal Imaging.

Cytoarchitecture „von Economo“ 1927

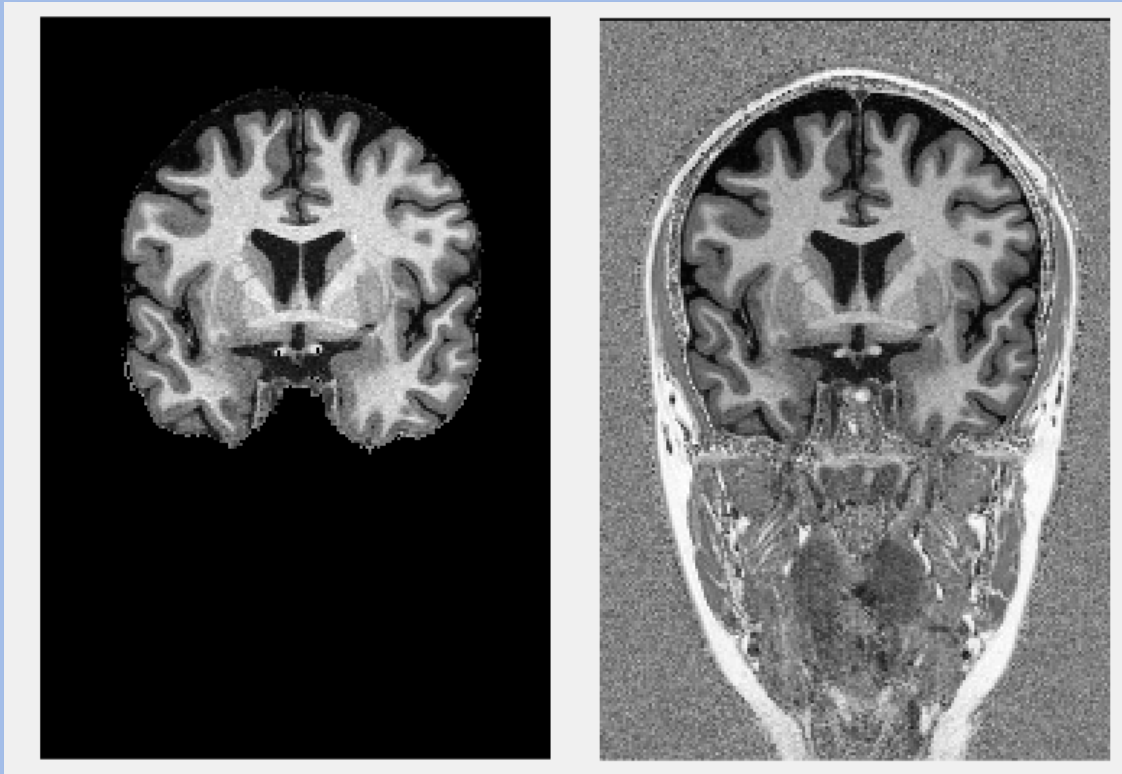


Primary sensory Cortex

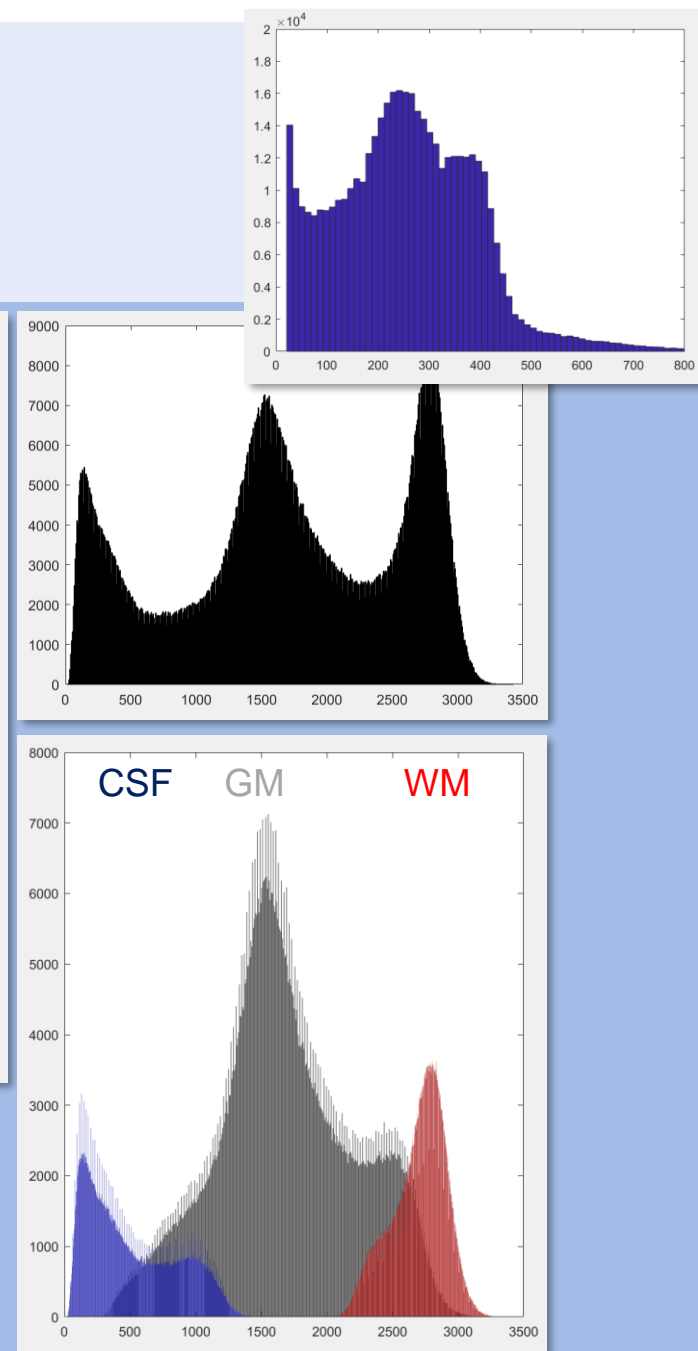
- > Primary sensory Cortex
- > Granular Cells
- > Reduced Thickness
- > High Cell density



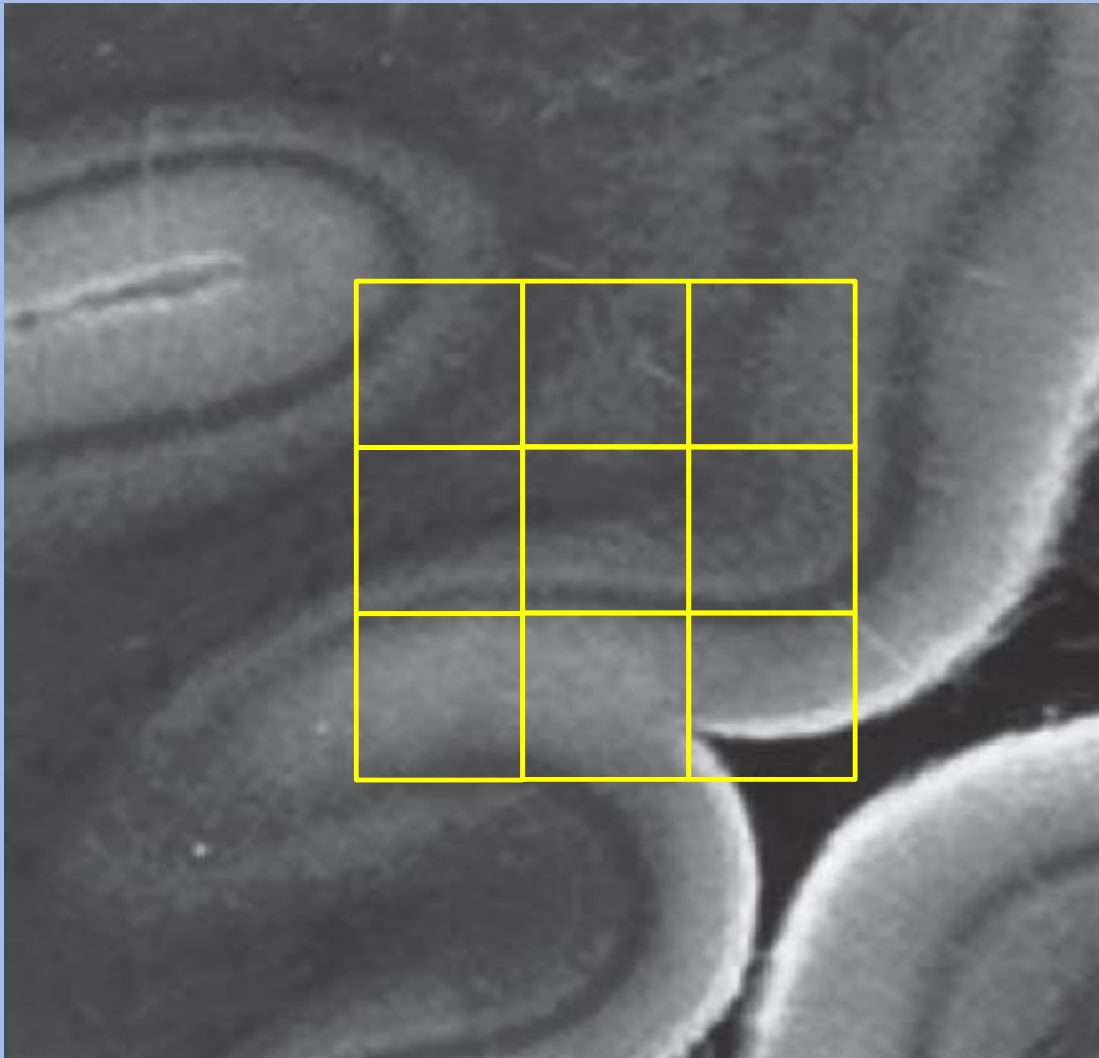
mp2rage: segmentation



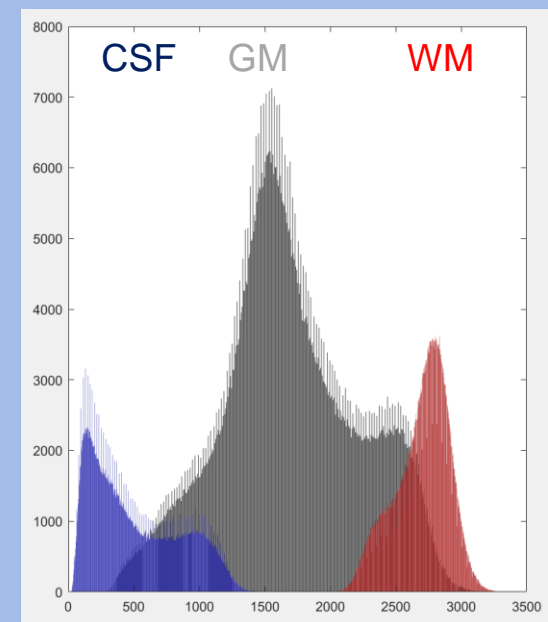
Improved segmentation;
optimal CNR;
homogeneous tissue



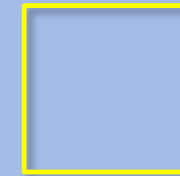
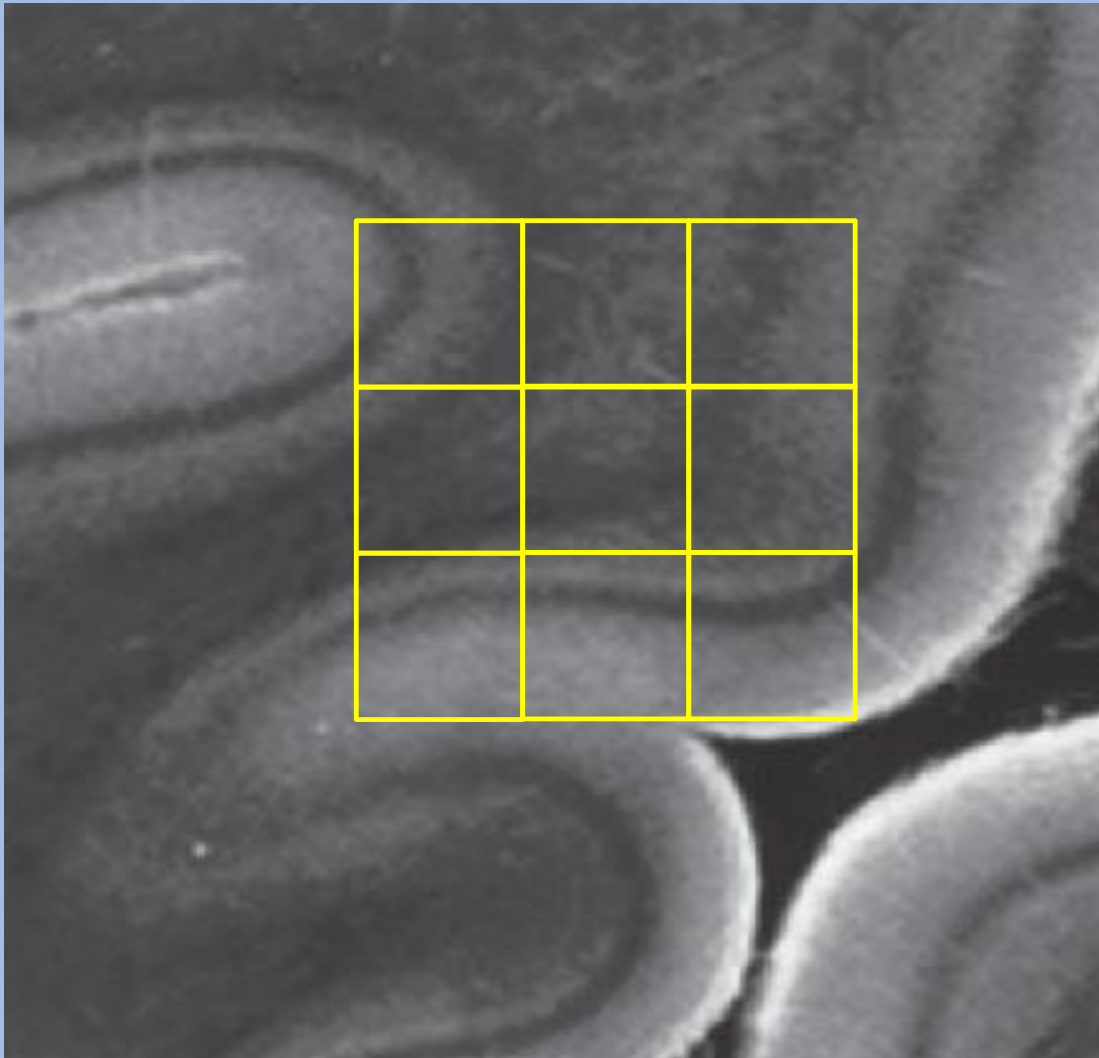
Tissue type within one voxel?



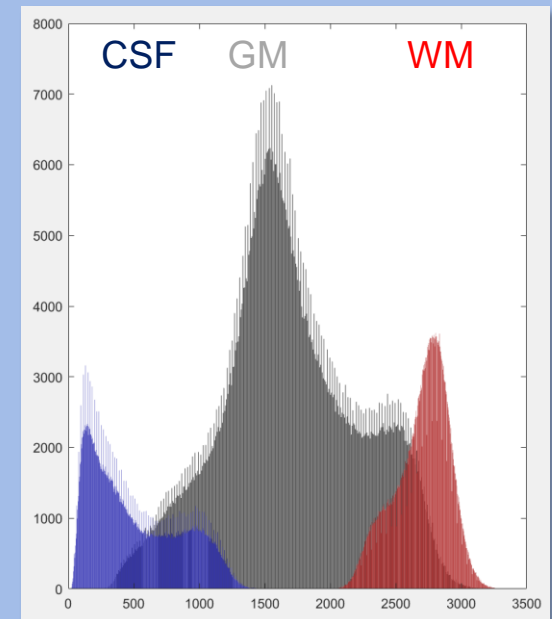
MR voxel Dimension:



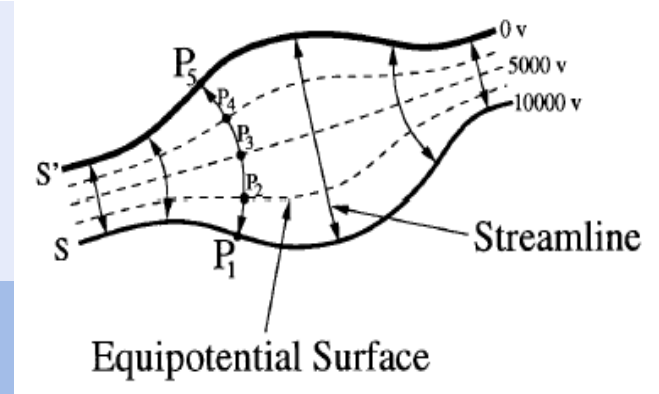
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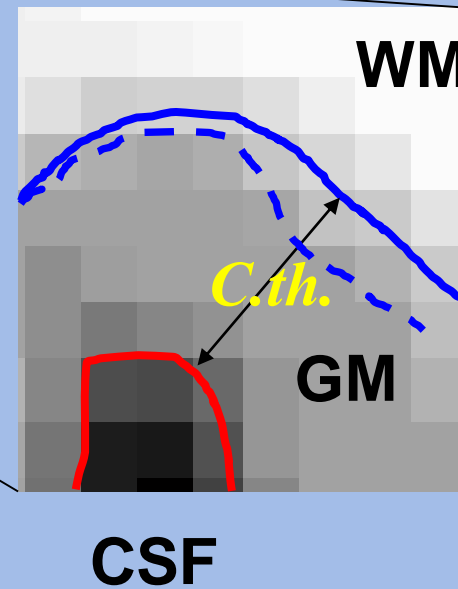
MR voxel Dimension:



Segmentation: Problem

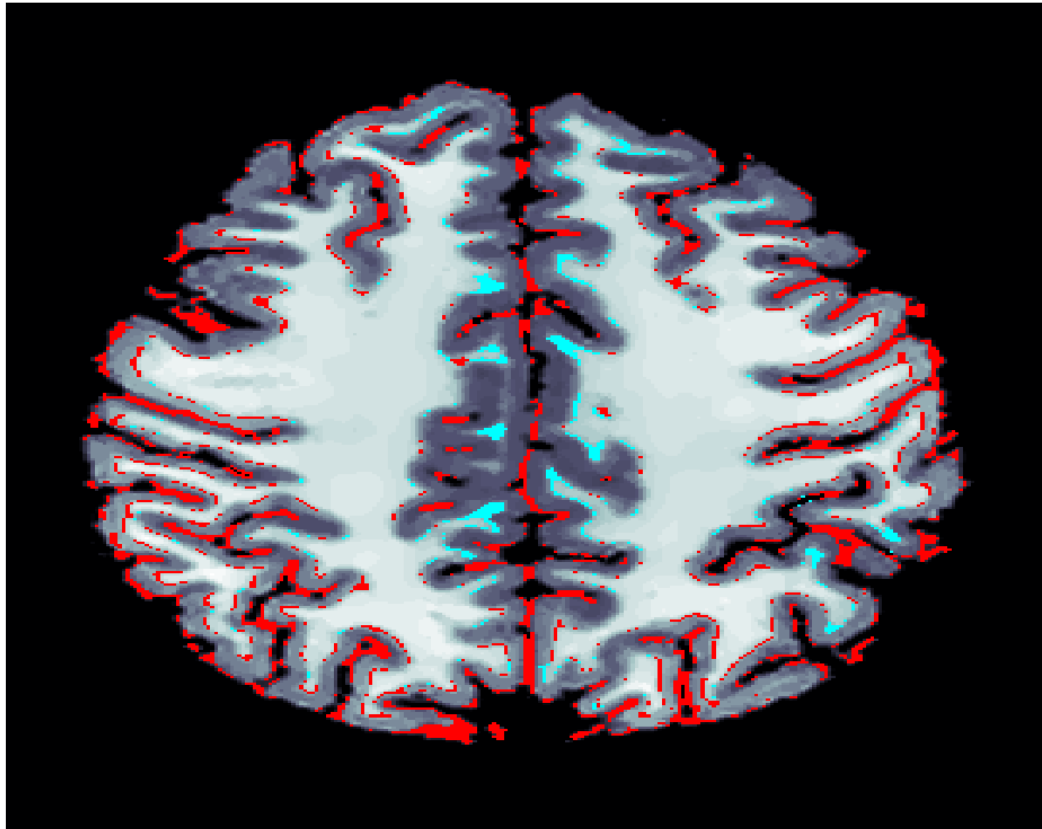


Jones et al. (2000)
Human Brain Mapping, 11, 12-32.

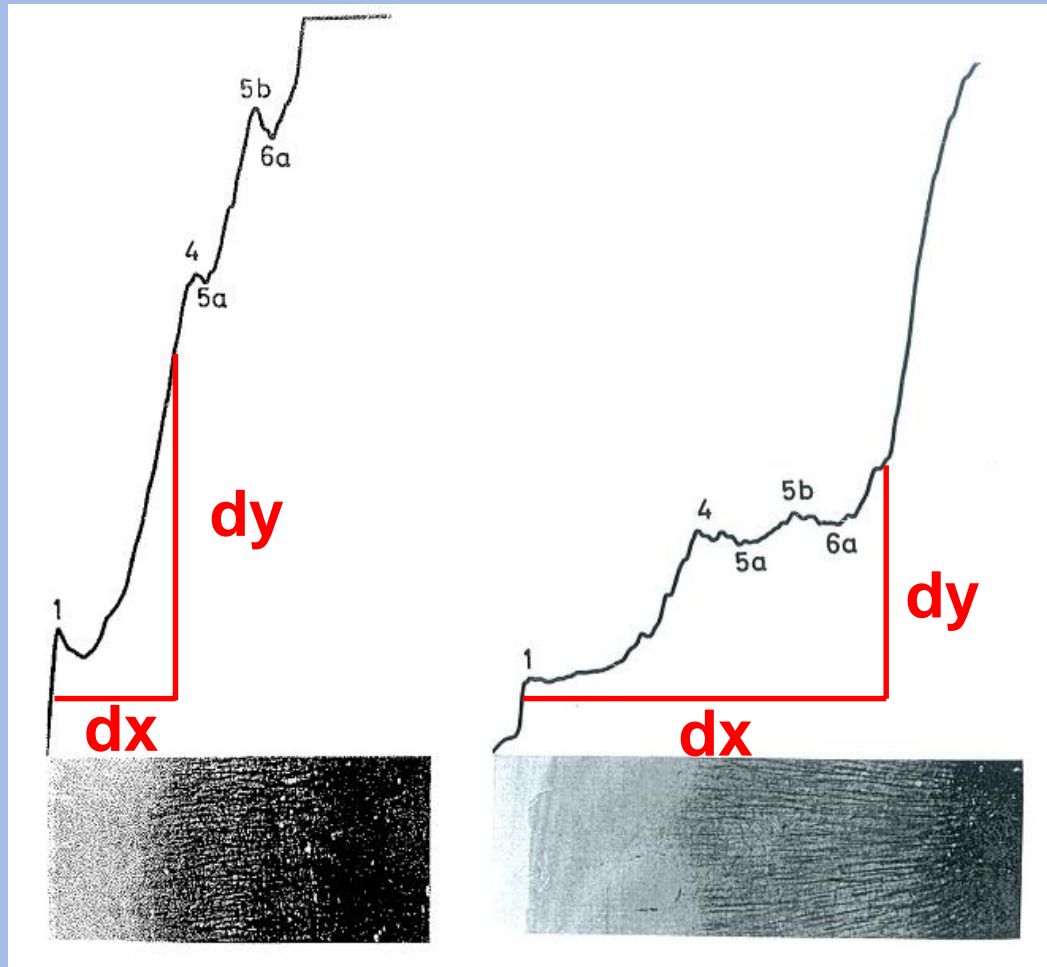


$$2 * \sqrt{2} \leq C.th. \leq 3 * \sqrt{2}$$

Partial Volume Correction (PVE)



Gradient

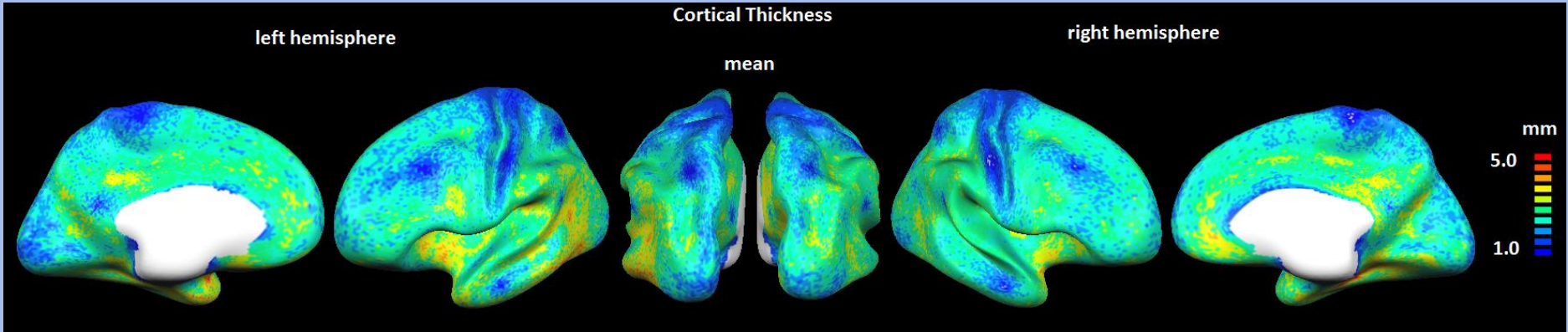
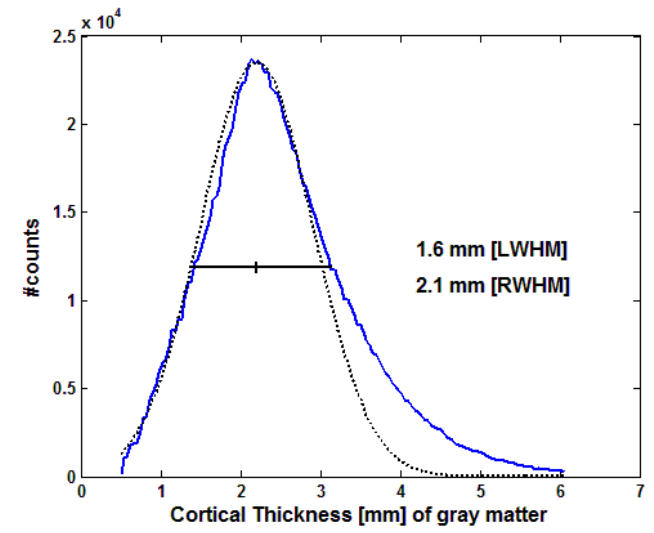
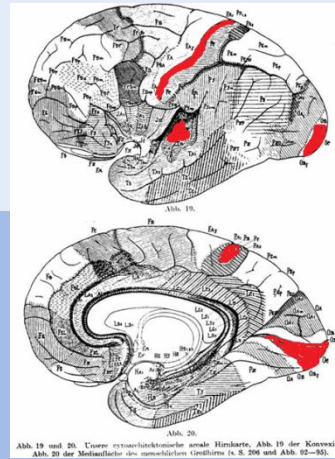


Gradient:

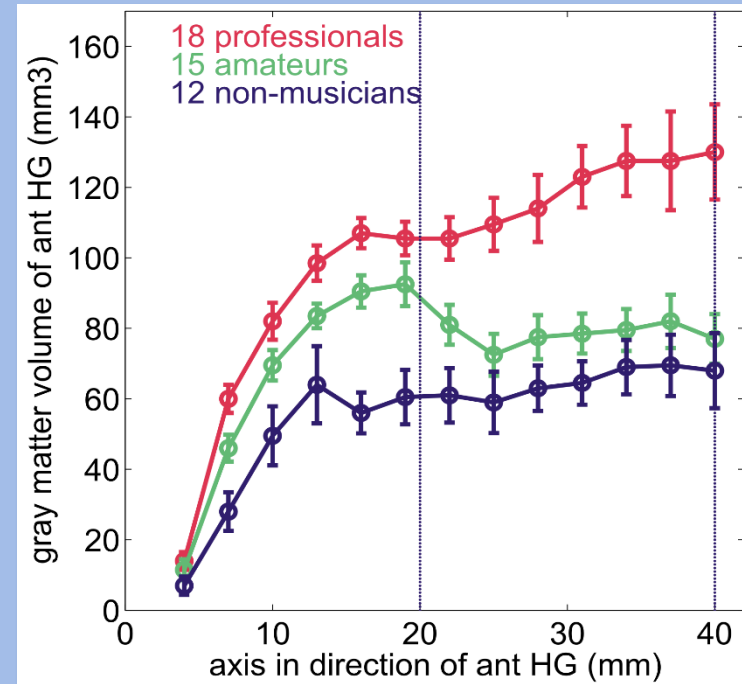
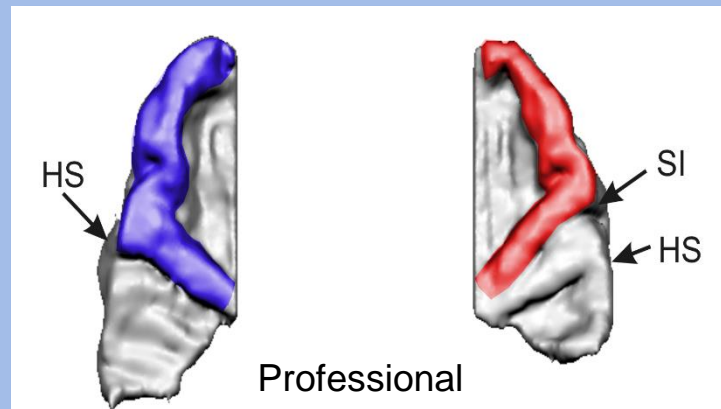
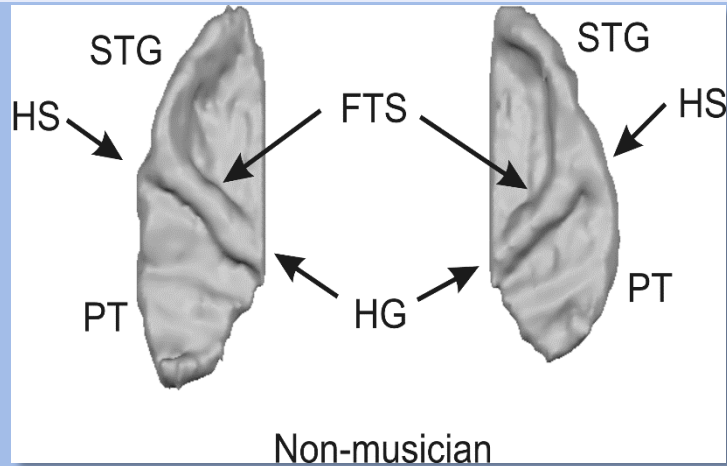
- Direction of the steepest change
- The higher the Gradient is, the better you can define borders between different tissues



Cortical Thickness



Gray matter volume: Heschel's Gyrus

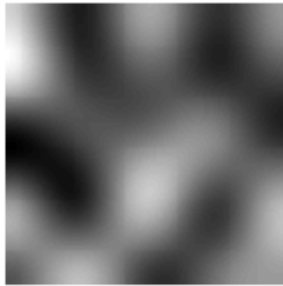


VBM/Cort.th. “roadmap” with SPM

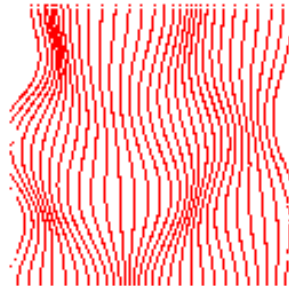
- > Coregistration (3D anatomy $t_1 \rightarrow$ 3D anatomy t_2)
- > Segmentation (3D anatomy)
- > Normalisation (3D anatomy)
Warp subject's image to a Template
- > Parcellation (3D anatomy)

Step 2: Non-linear Registration

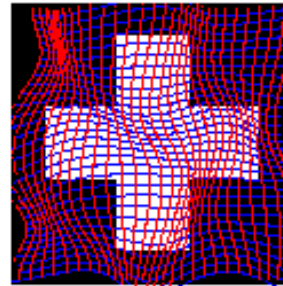
Dark – shift left, Light – shift right



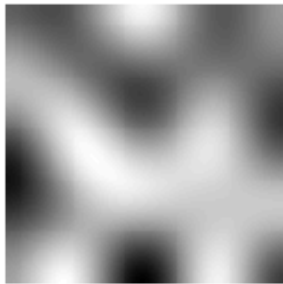
Deformation Field in X



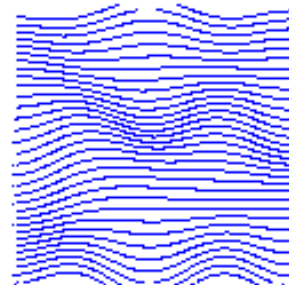
Field Applied To Image



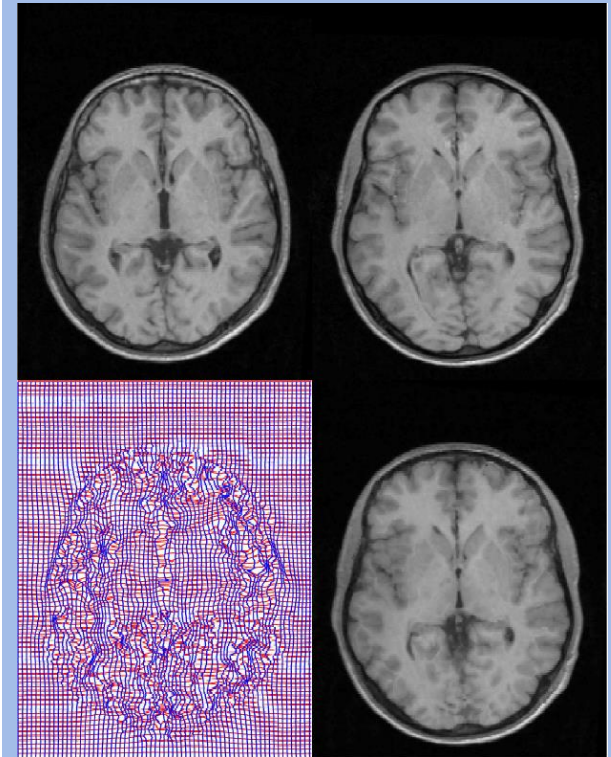
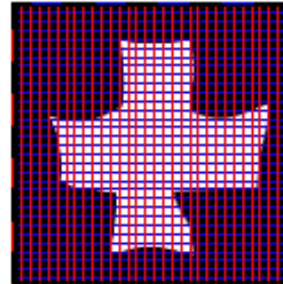
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Deformation Field in Y

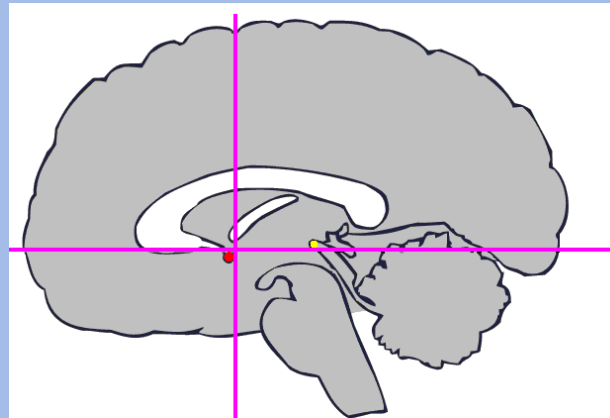
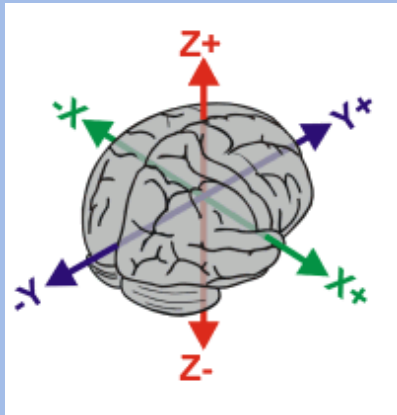


Deformed Image



- The model for defining nonlinear warps uses deformations consisting of a linear combination of low-frequency periodic basis functions.

Talairach Space



X-axis:	AC-PC line to left Point	= 68 mm
X-axis:	AC-PC line to right Point	= 68 mm
Y-axis:	AC to PC	= 23 mm
Y-axis:	Anterior Point to Point AC	= 70 mm
Z-axis:	Inferior Point to AC-PC line	= 42 mm
Z-axis:	Superior Point to AC-PC line	= 74 mm



Standardized Spaces

> **Talairach space** (proportional grid system)

- From atlas of Talairach and Tournoux (1988)
- Based on single subject (60y, Female, Cadaver)
- Single hemisphere
- Related to Brodmann coordinates

8 Parameter

> **Montreal Neurological Institute (MNI) space**

- Combination of many MRI scans on normal controls
 - All right-handed subjects
- Approximated to Talairach space
 - Slightly larger
 - Taller from AC to top by 5mm; deeper from AC to bottom by 10mm
- Used by SPM, National fMRI Database, International Consortium for Brain Mapping

**12 Parameter Affine
Transformations**

Subject # 1

Subject

Database Search Options

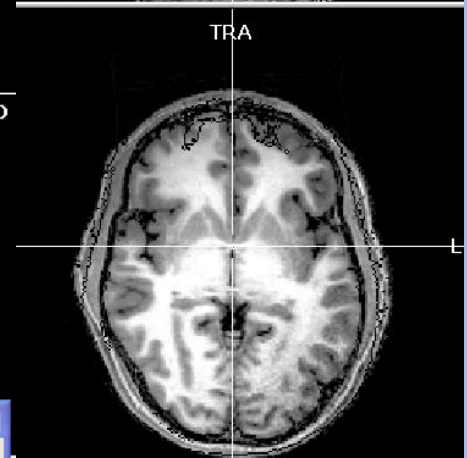
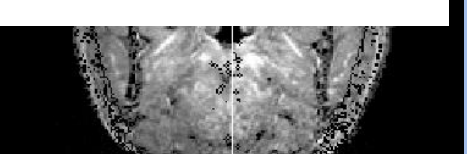
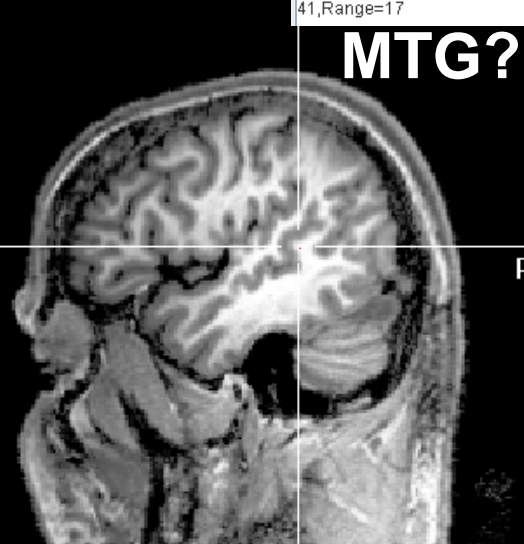
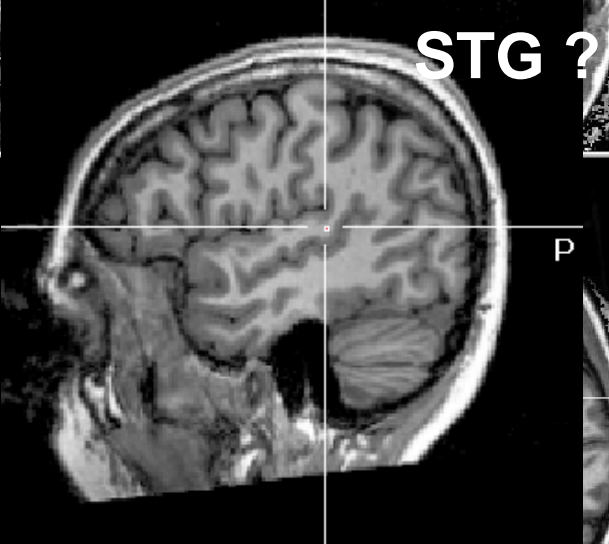
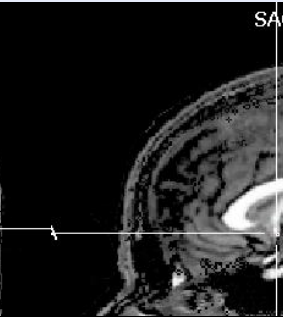
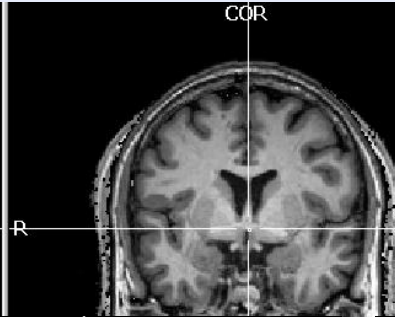
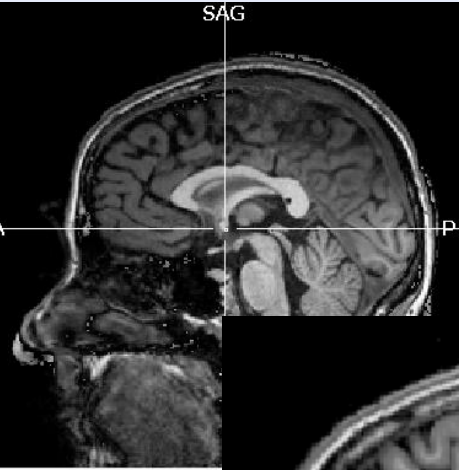
Single Point Nearest Gray Matter Cube Range 3 mm

Input file
Data file: None

Coordinate Search
X: 46 Y: -34 Z: 8

Result file
 Save to file: None

Welcome to the Talairach Daemon Client.
Right Cerebrum, Temporal Lobe, Superior Temporal Gyrus, Gray Matter, Brodmann area 41, Range=17



3D Volume Tools

Talairach coords

X: 46
Y: -34
Z: 8

Link VMRs

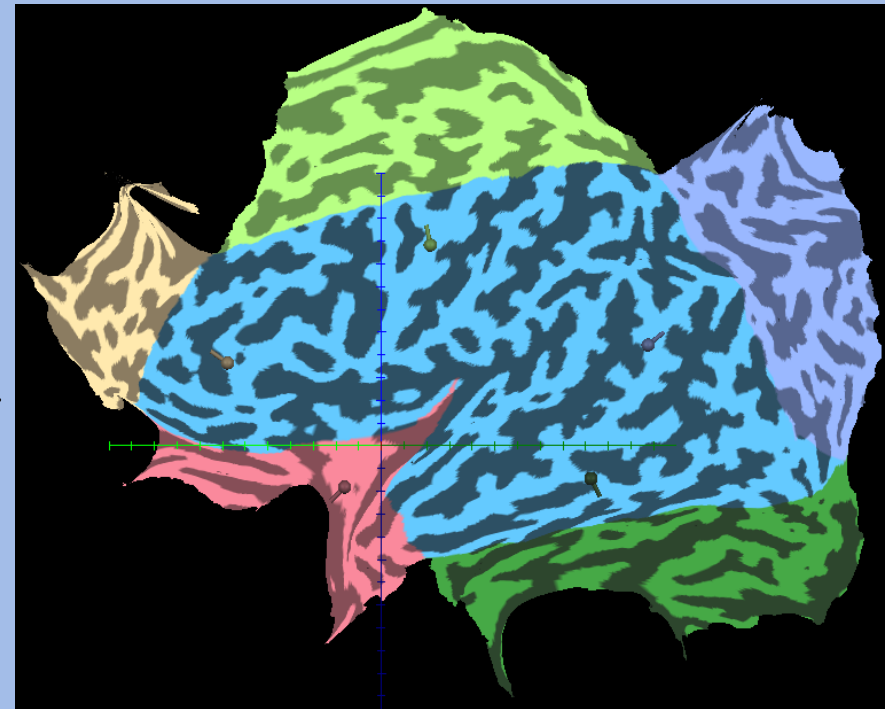
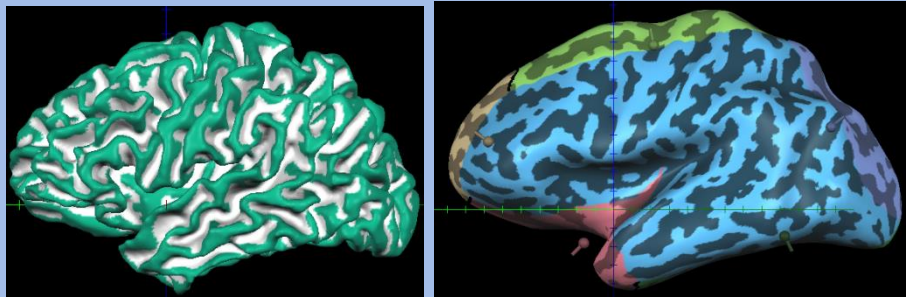
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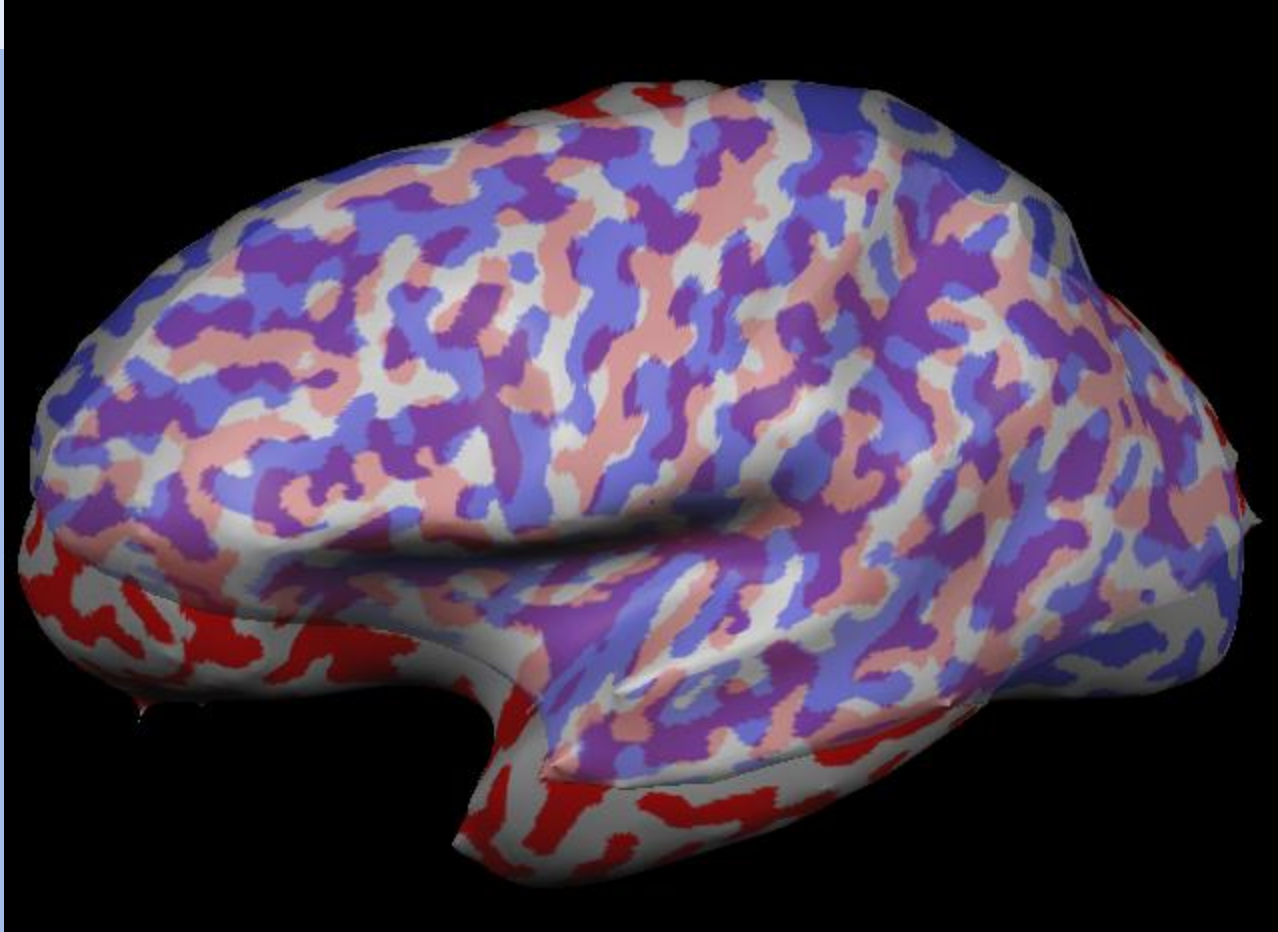
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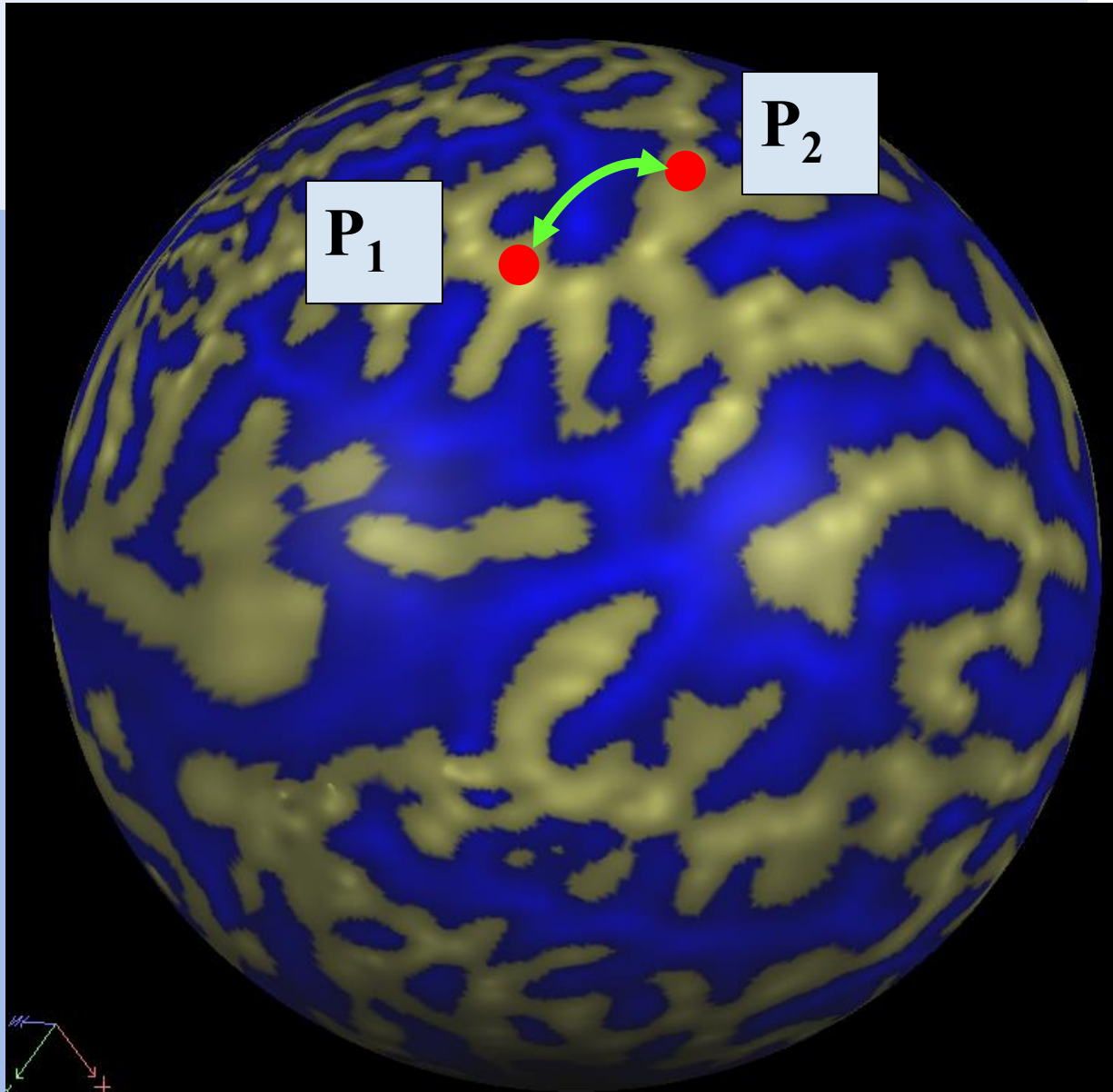
2D area on 3D sphere?



No distance-preserving Mapping of 3D Sphere \Rightarrow 2D curved
Therefore: angle-distortions or area-distortions !

Subject # 1 **Subject # 2**
Talairach-Normalized on 2D

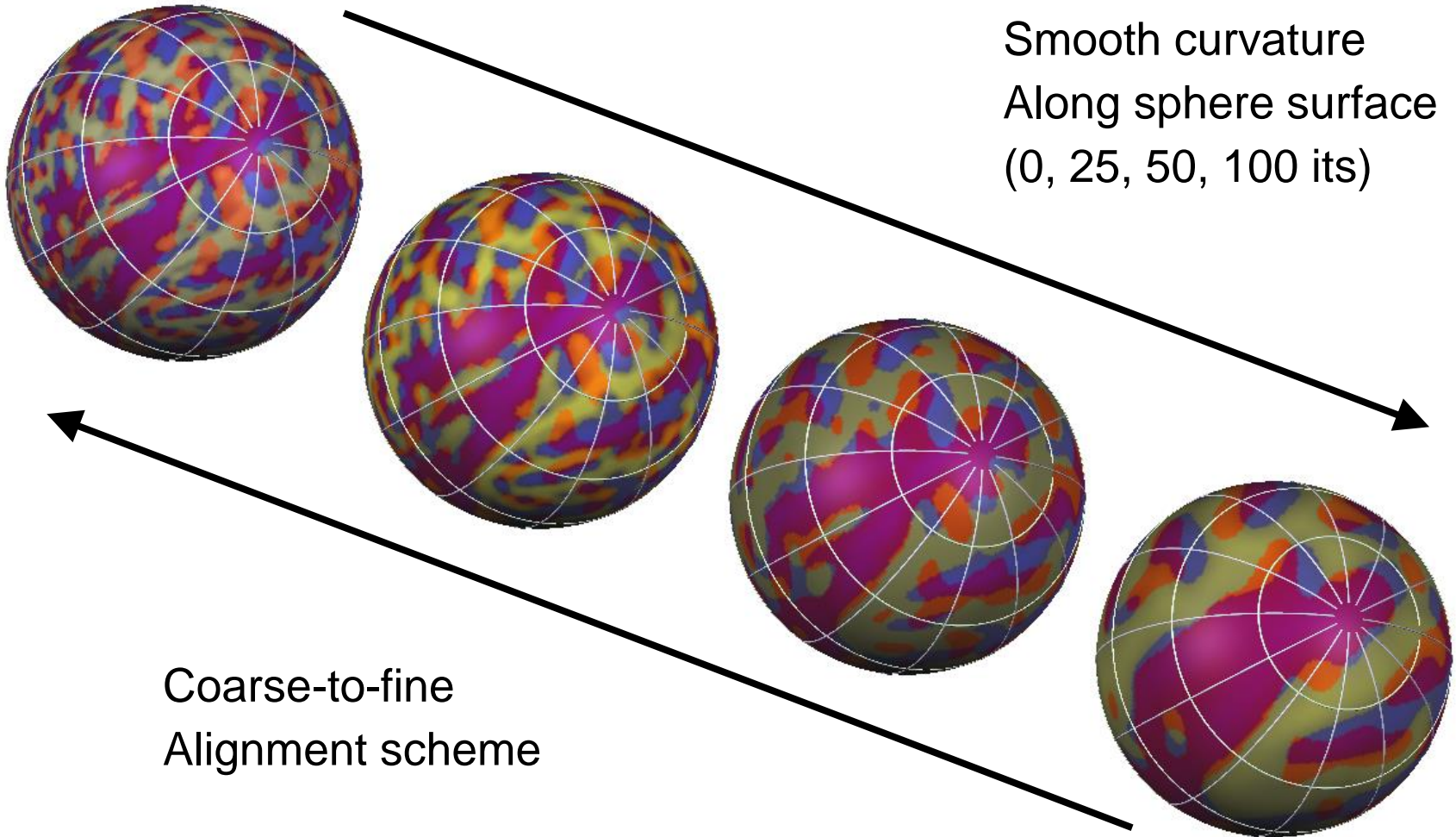




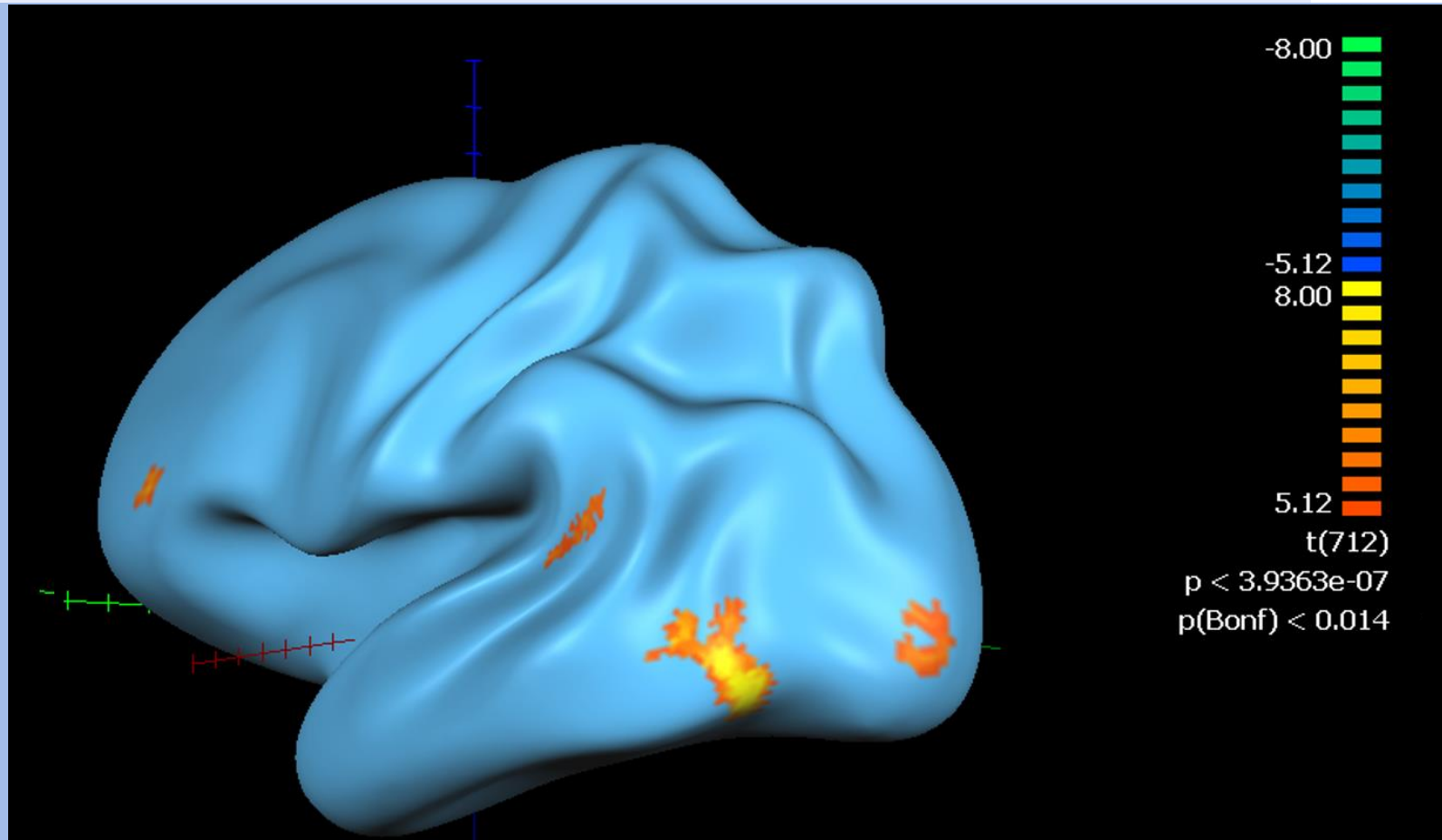
Cortex based intersubject alignment

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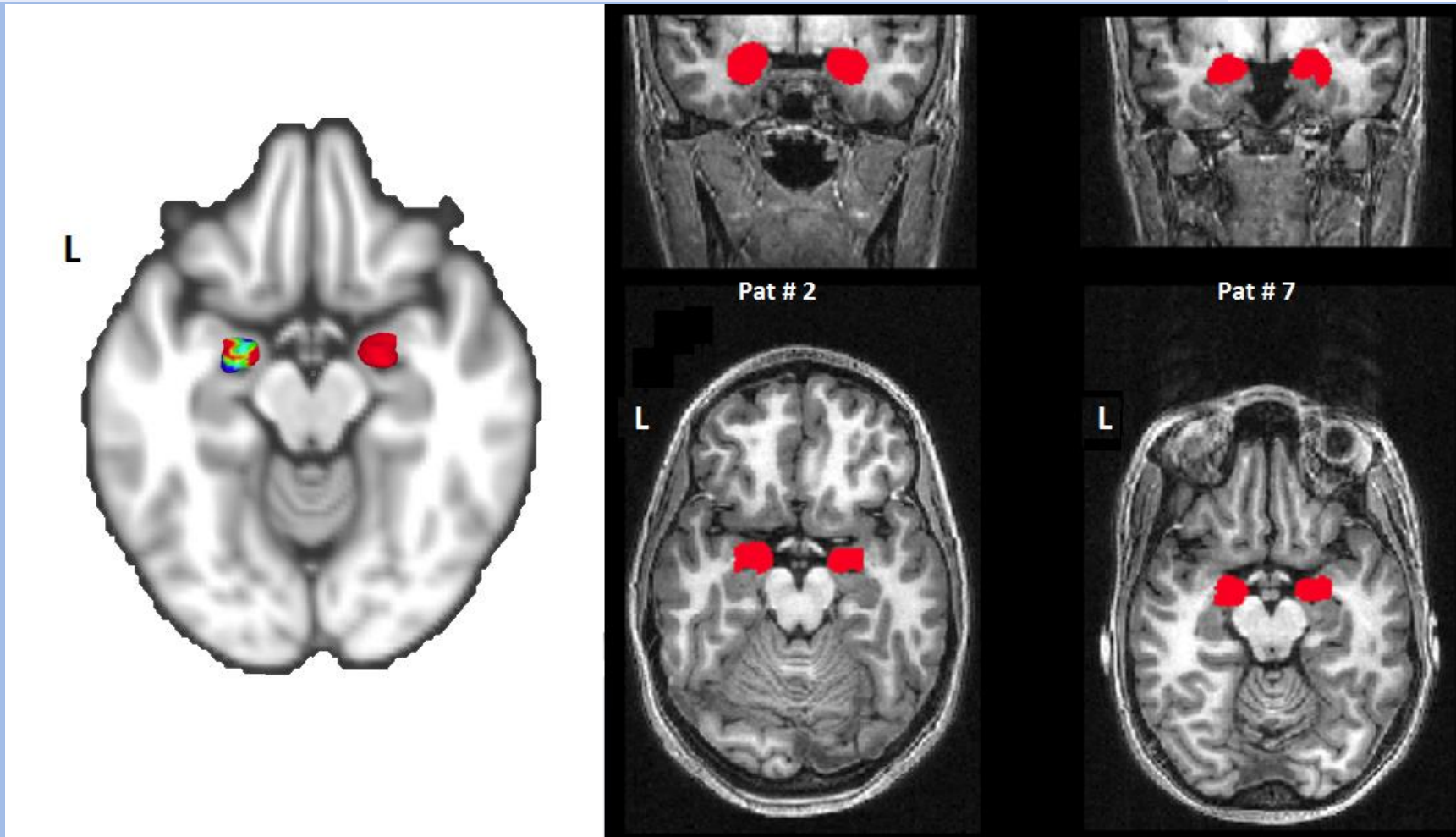
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Talairach statistics vs CBA statistics

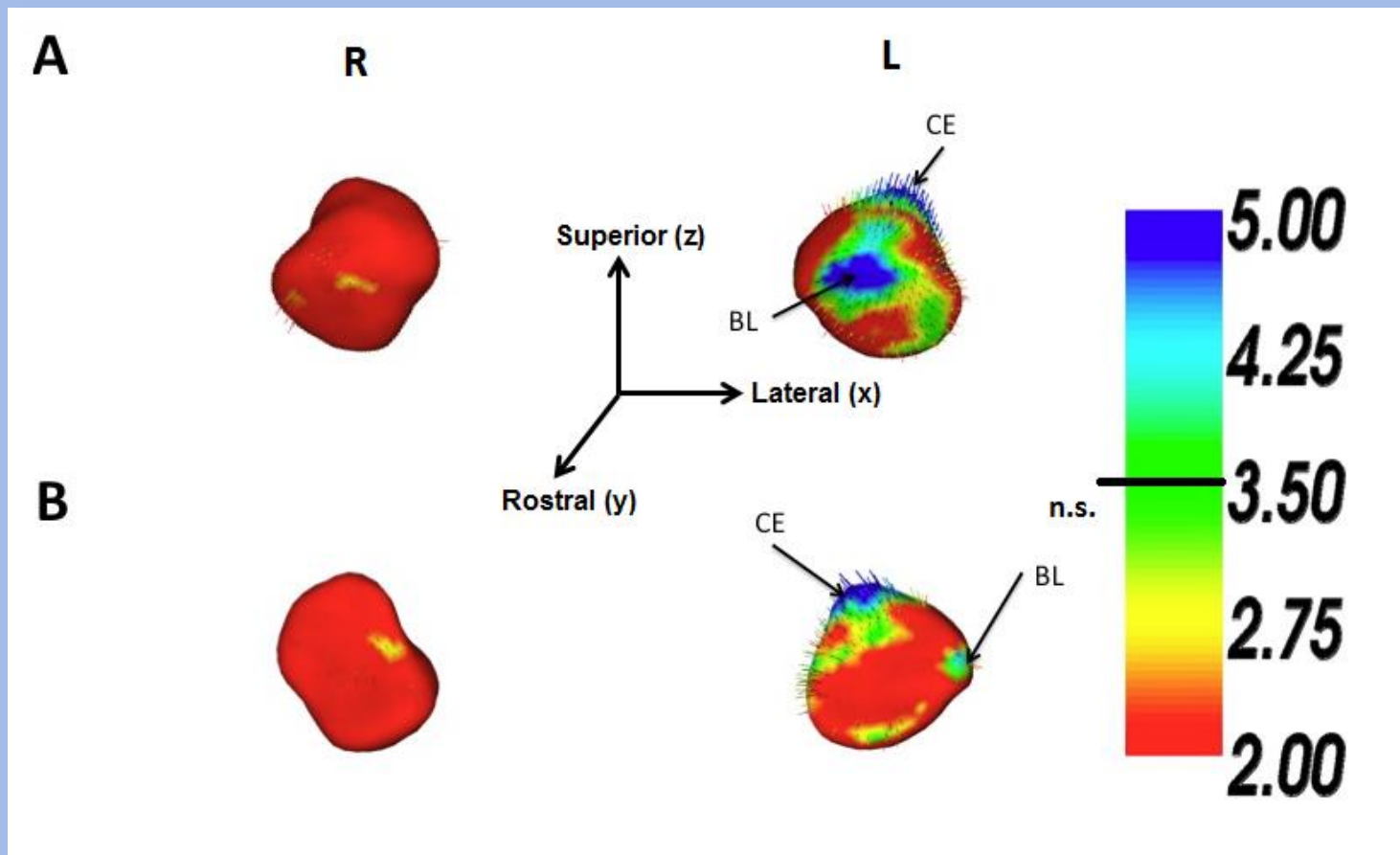


Shape analysis



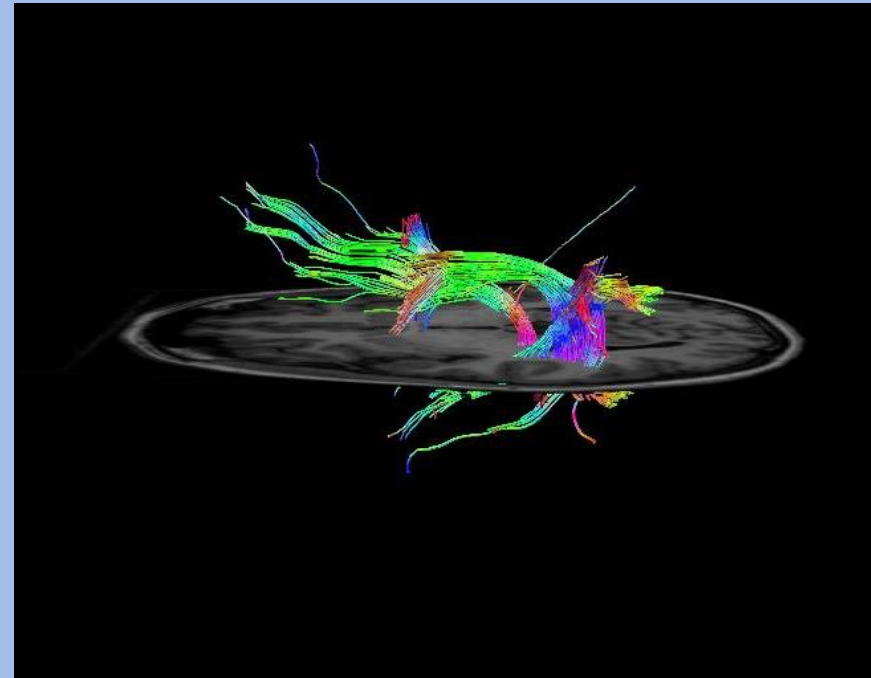
Shape analysis

Left Amygdala in Spider Phobia patients
stat.sig. smaller
as compared to controls



Diffusion Tensor Imaging (DTI)

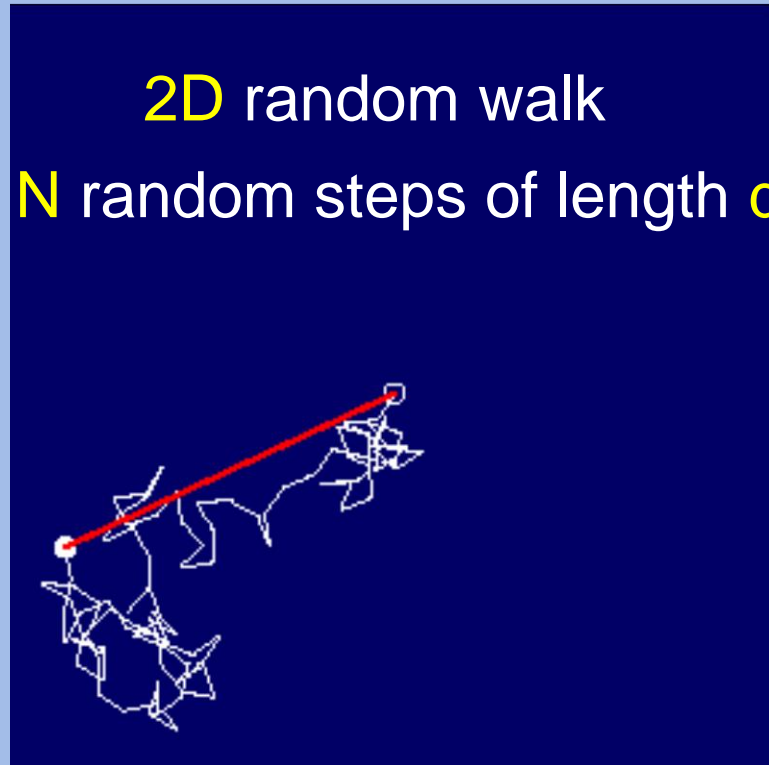
White Matter structure



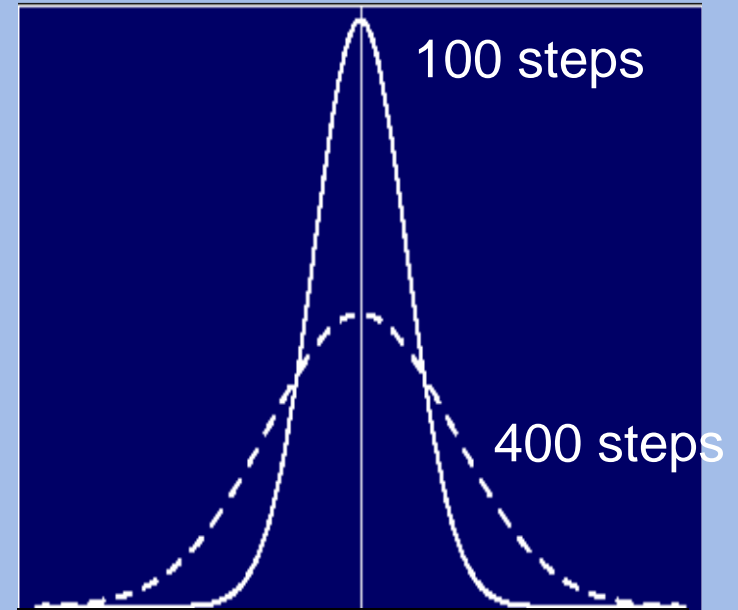
Diffusion

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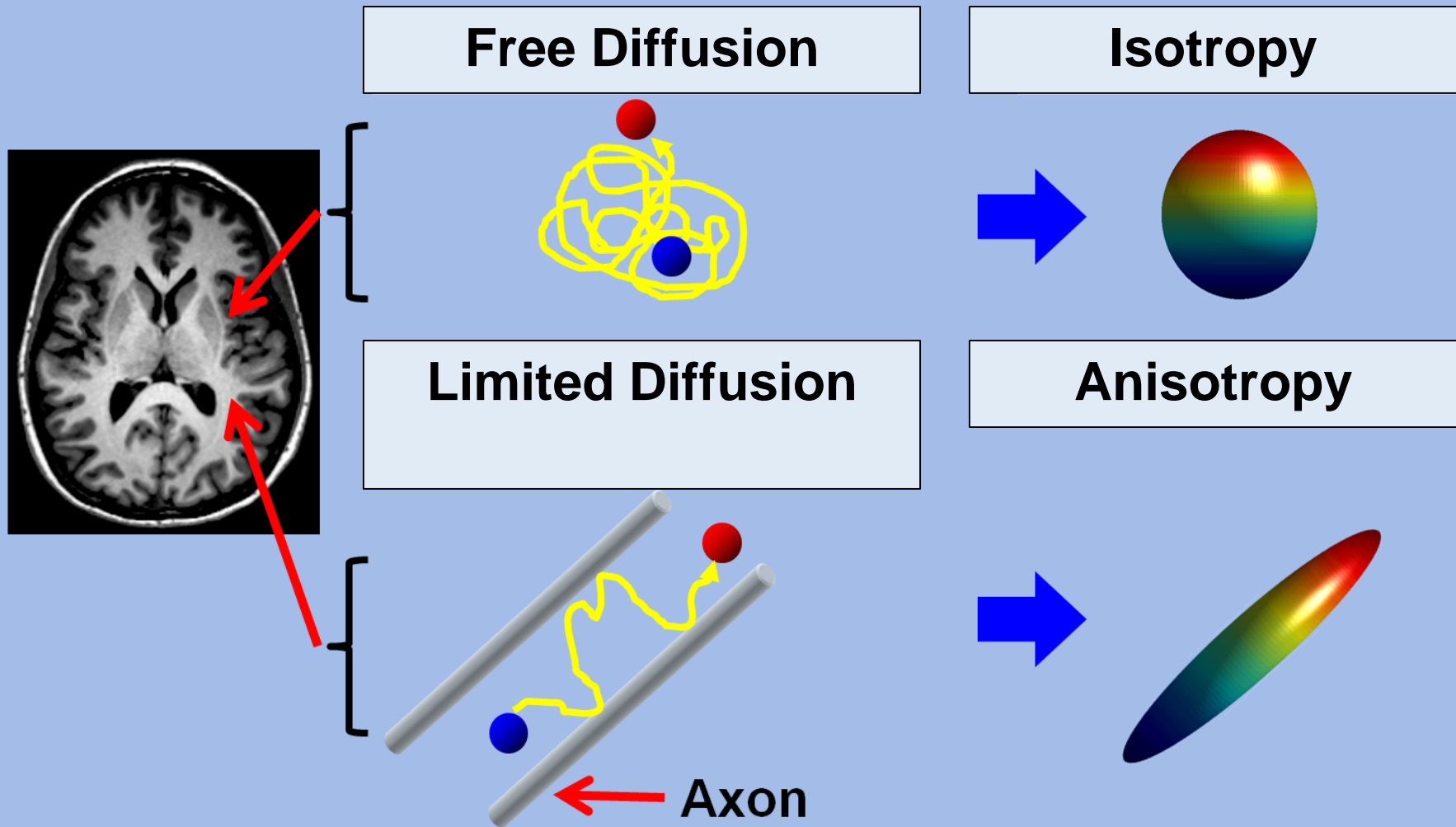


$$\overline{\Delta x^2} = Nd^2 = 2DT$$



In brain: Δx
 $D \cong 0.00112 \text{ mm}^2/\text{s}$
For $T=100 \text{ msec}$,
 $\Delta x \cong 15 \mu$

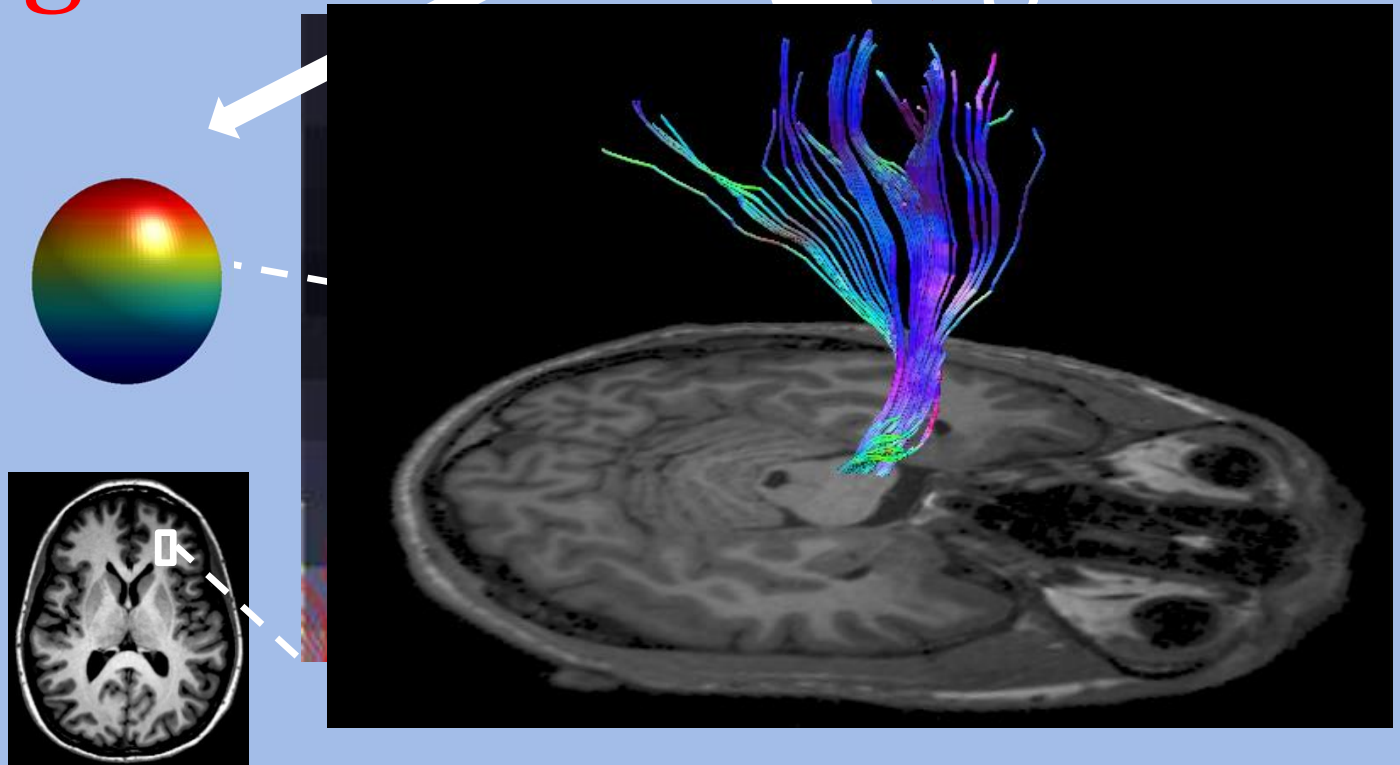
Anisotropy of the white Matter



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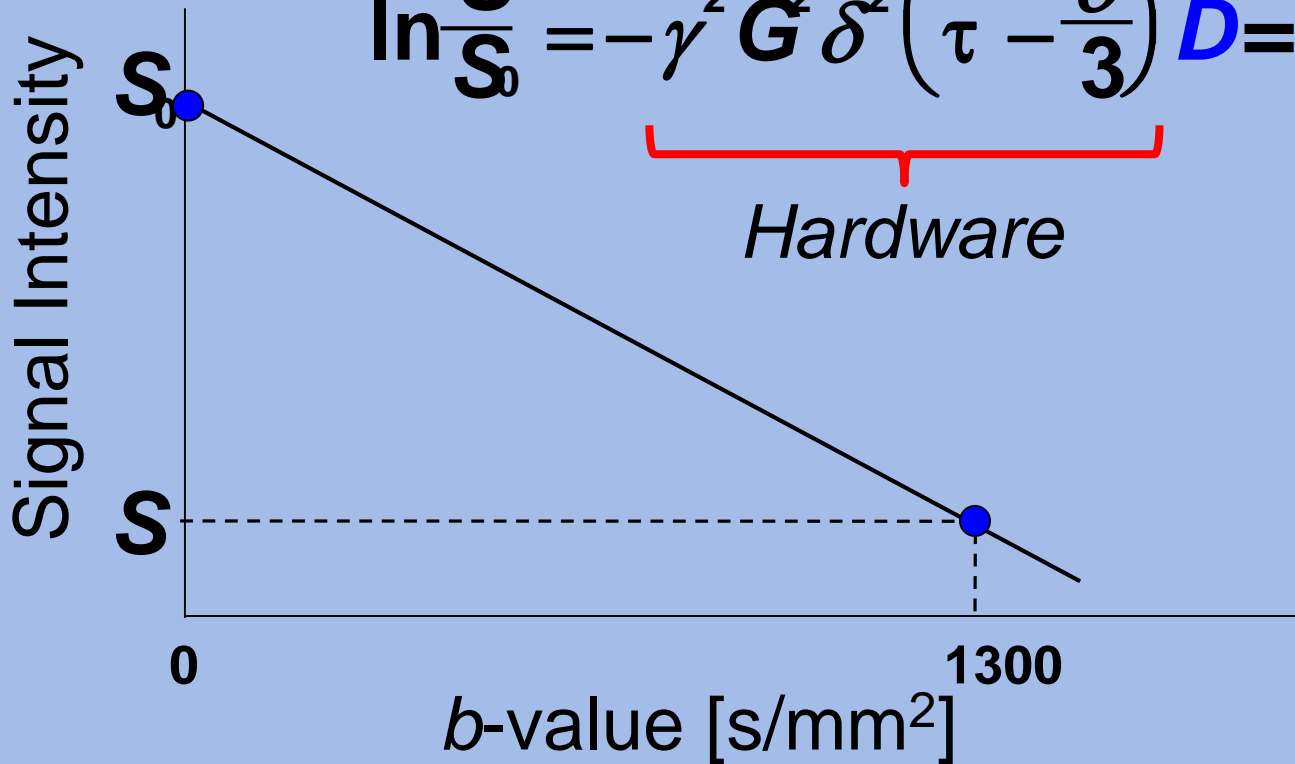
$$\mathbf{D}_{\text{Diffusion Tensor}} \times \vec{\mathbf{V}} = \lambda \times \vec{\mathbf{V}}$$

Eigenvector Eigenvalue



Steyskal Tanner Equation

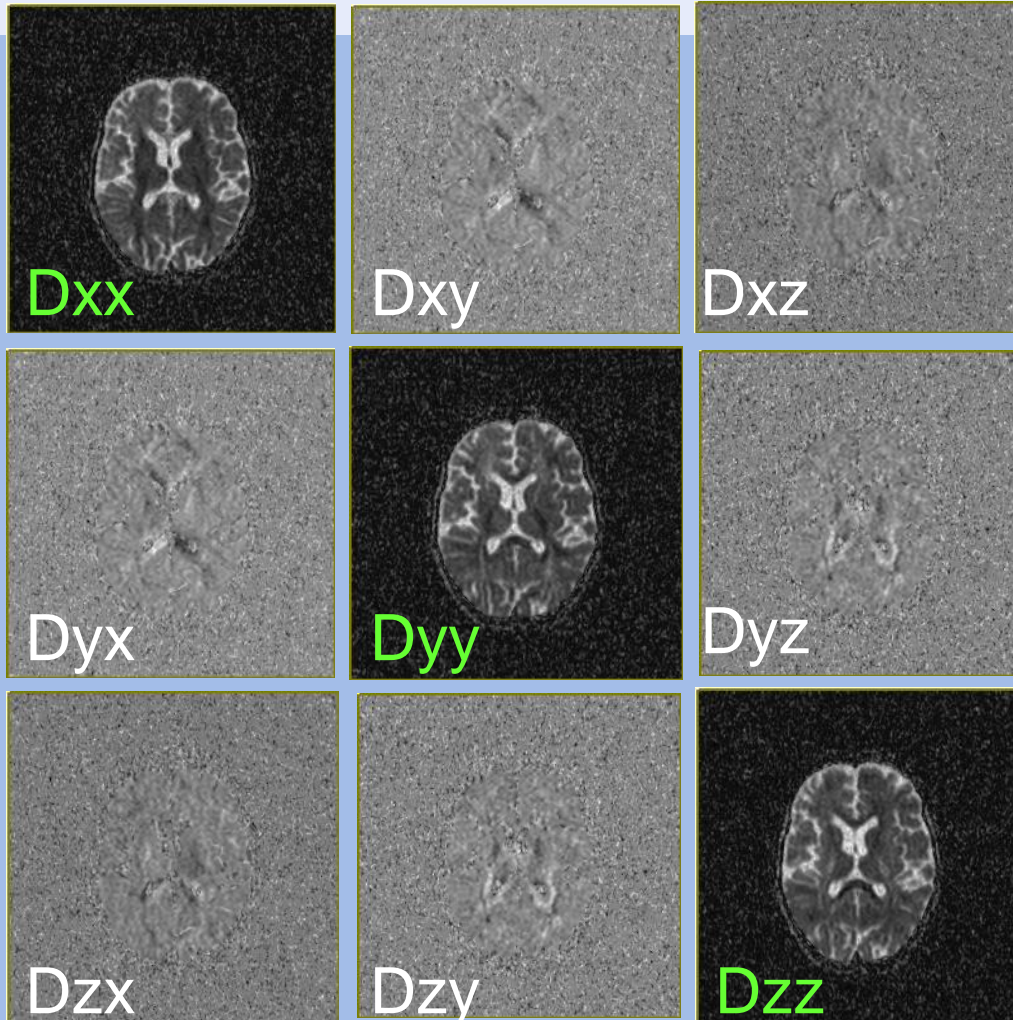
$$\ln \frac{S}{S_0} = - \underbrace{\gamma^2 G^2 \delta^2 \left(\tau - \frac{\delta}{3} \right)}_{\text{Hardware}} D = - bD$$



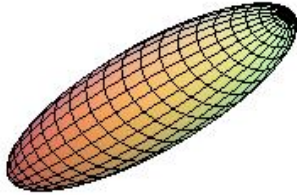
D: diffusion coefficient
δ: gradient width
τ: diffusion time
γ: gyromagnetic ratio
G: gradient amplitude

D: diffusion coefficient
δ: =24.5 ms
τ: =64.65
γ: =42.58 MHz*3 T
G: =40mT/m

Diffusion Tensor

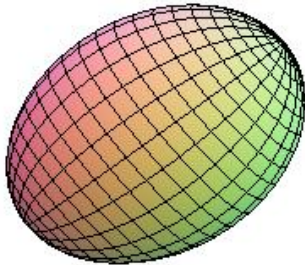


$$FA = \frac{\sqrt{3} \sqrt{(\lambda_1 - \lambda)^2 + (\lambda_2 - \lambda)^2 + (\lambda_3 - \lambda)^2}}{\sqrt{2} \sqrt{\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2 + \lambda_3^2}}$$



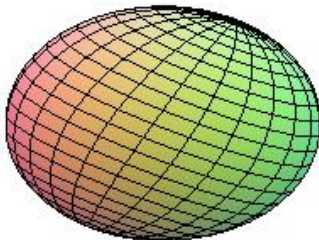
$$\lambda_1 \gg \lambda_2; \lambda_3 = 0$$

$$FA \sim 1$$



$$\lambda_1 > \lambda_2; \lambda_3 \sim 0$$

$$FA \ll 1$$

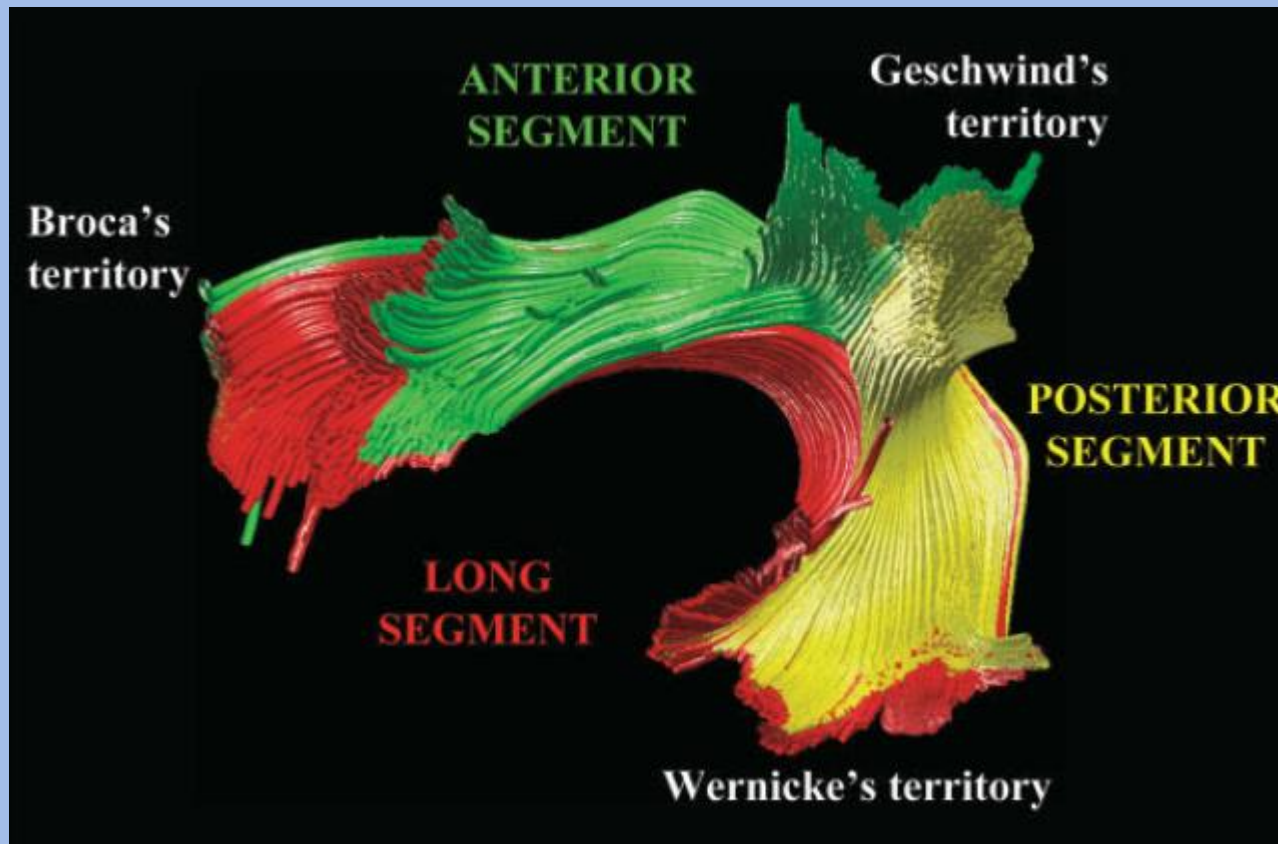


$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3$$

$$FA = 0$$

Path of language processing

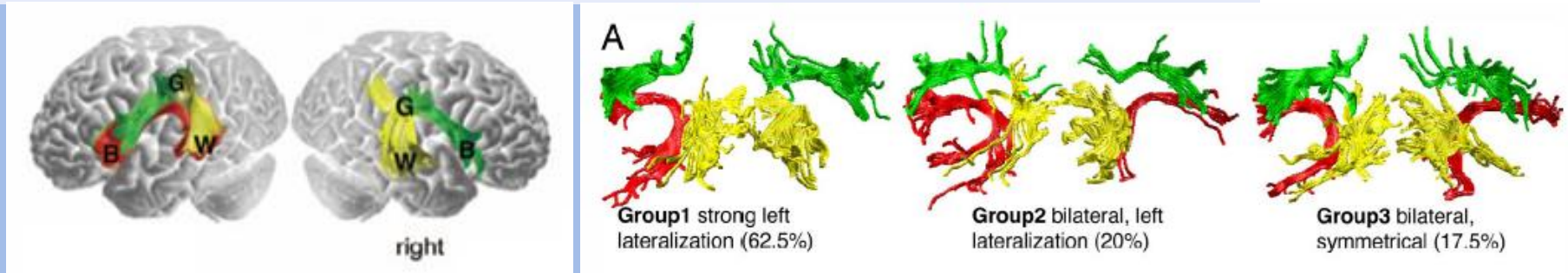
Indirect pathway



Direct pathway

Indirect pathway

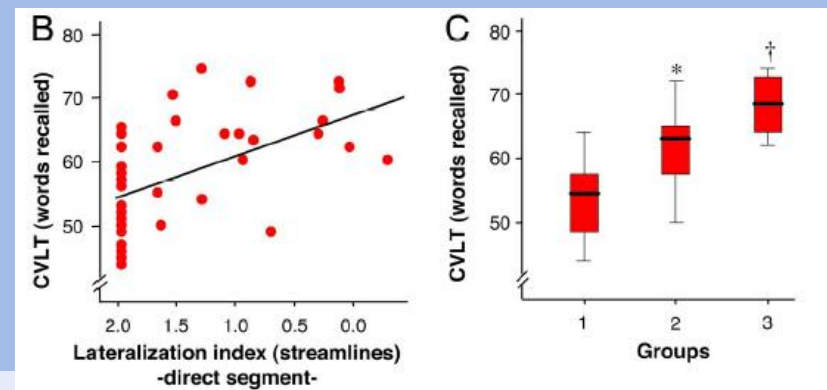
Lateralization of Language Regions



Anatomy of White Matter different in hemispheres.

Pattern of Lateralization is heterogeneous.

Bilateral Language Network favors the learning of words.



Axonal diameter (with DWI)

Mean R [mm]			
G1	0.0080	B2	0.0096
G2	0.0088	B3	0.0114
B1	0.0105	S1	0.0097
		S2	0.0073

Tab.1: mean regional estimated R

