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# MRI IN PD & PARKINSONISMS

## Outline of the presentation

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✓ Diagnosis

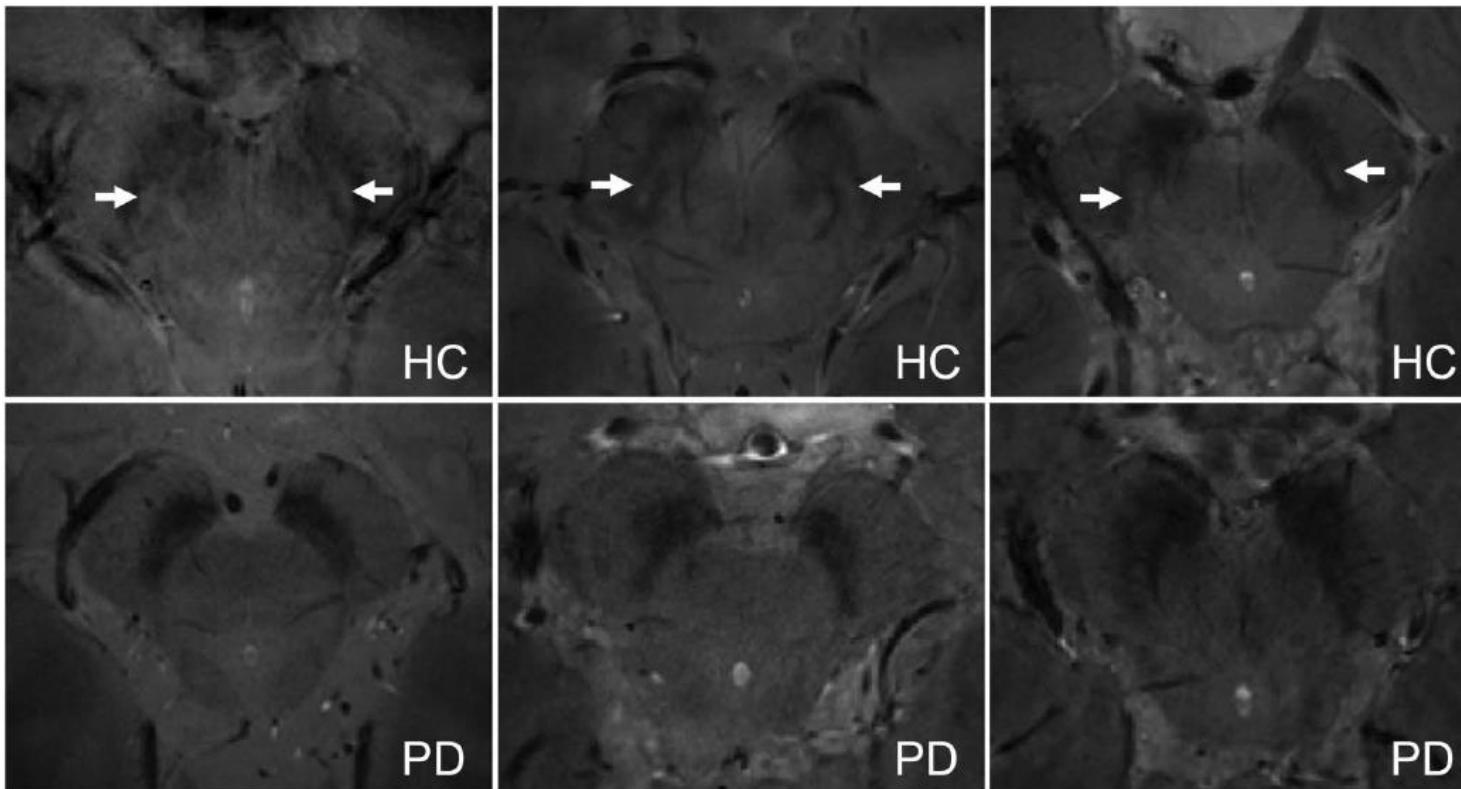
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## Diagnosis / Substantia nigra

7.0 T



Bilateral absence of Nigrosome 1 in PD

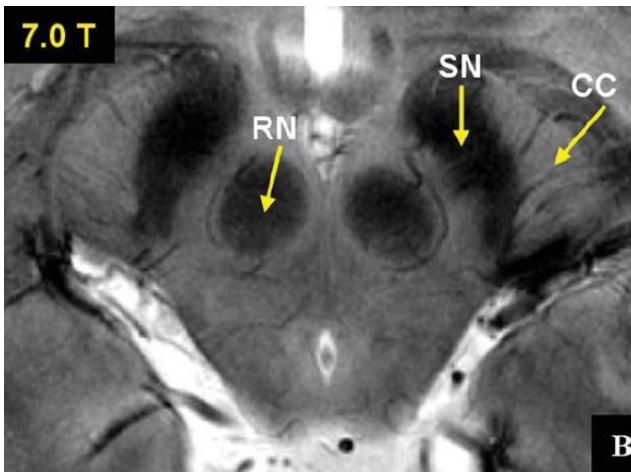
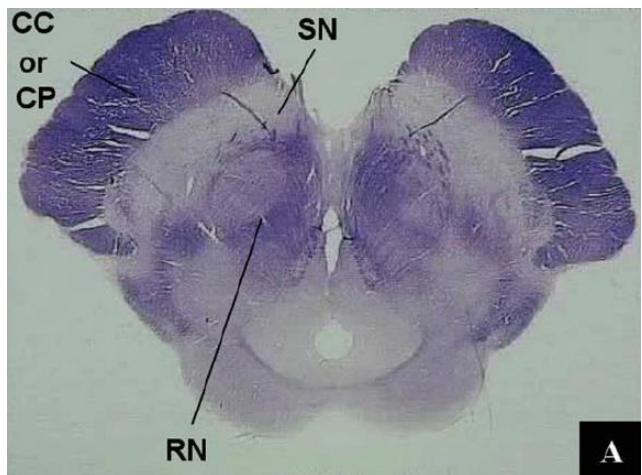
**7.0 T**      Sensitivity 93%, specificity 100%, accuracy 96%

**3.0 T**      Sensitivity 79%, specificity 94%, accuracy 86%

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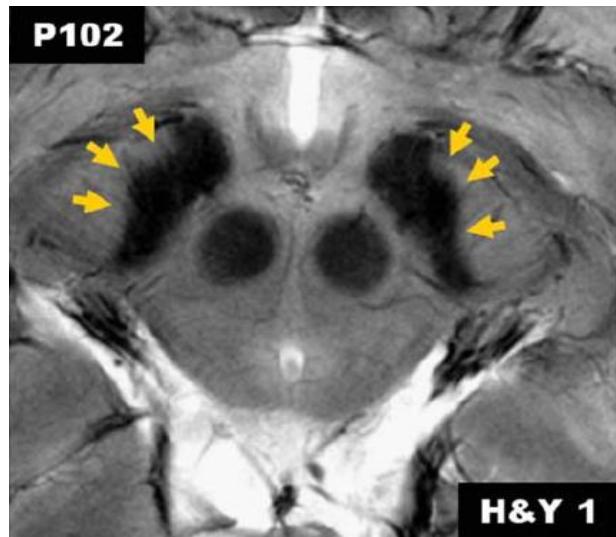
## Diagnosis / Substantia nigra

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SN: substantia nigra  
RN: red nucleus  
CC: crus cerebri

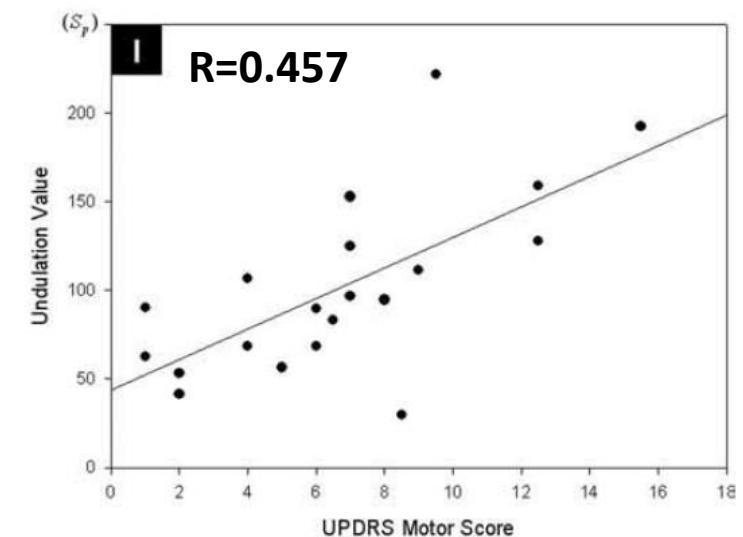
Early PD



Advanced PD



Sensitivity 90%, specificity 100%

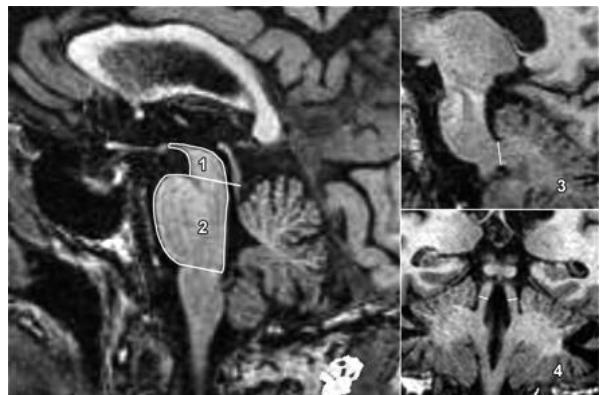


Cho et al., Mov Disord 2011; Ann Neurol 2012

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## Diagnosis / Brainstem structures

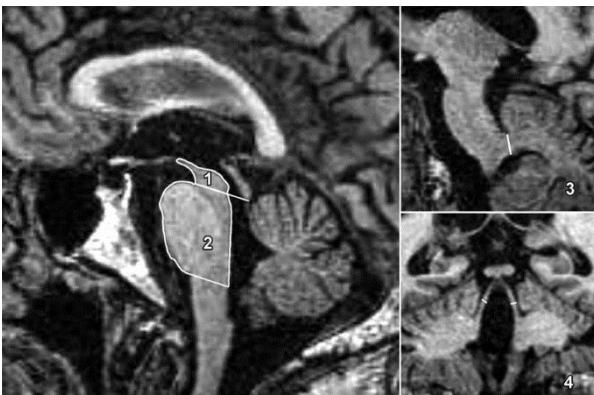
### Healthy control



Index:  $[(P/M) * (MCP/SCP)]$

Cutoff and Statistical Values	MR Parkinsonism Index Value	MCP/SCP Value	P/M Value
PSP patients vs PD patients			
Cutoff value	≥13.55	≥2.69	≥4.88
Sensitivity (%)	100	78.8	90.9
Specificity (%)	100	88.9	93.5
PPV (%)	100	68.4	81.1
PSP patients vs MSA-P patients			
Cutoff value	≥12.85	≥2.43	≥4.62
Sensitivity (%)	100	93.9	97.0
Specificity (%)	100	89.5	94.7
PPV (%)	100	93.9	97.0
PSP patients vs control participants			
Cutoff value	≥13.58	≥2.69	≥4.65
Sensitivity (%)	100	78.8	97.0
Specificity (%)	100	88.0	94.0
PPV (%)	100	81.2	91.4

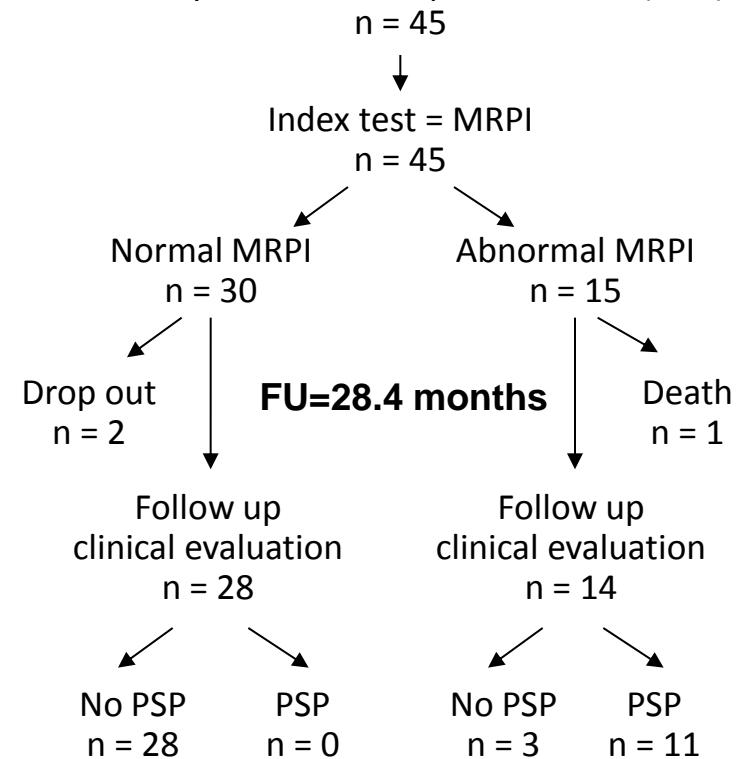
### PSPs patient



Quattrone et al., Radiology 2008

### Predicting PSP in unclassifiable parkinsonisms

Clinically unclassifiable parkinsonism (CUP) n = 45



**MRPI: accuracy= 92.9%**

**Vertical ocular slowness: accuracy= 61.9%**

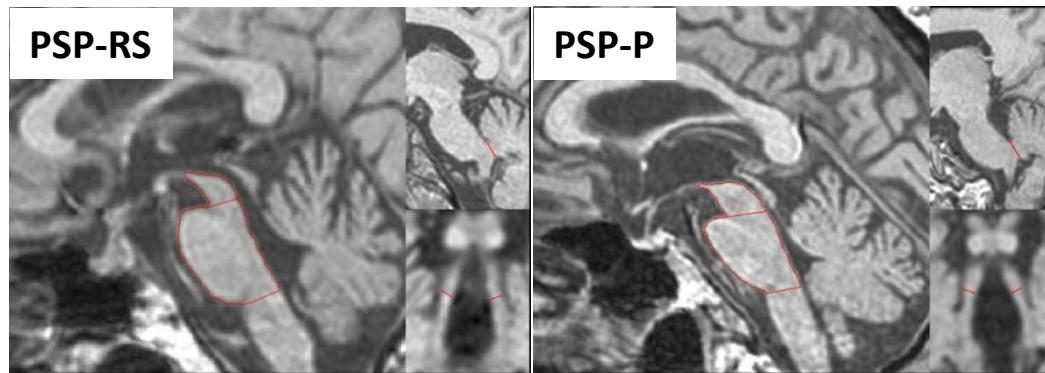
**First-year falls: accuracy= 73.8%**

Morelli et al., Neurology 2011

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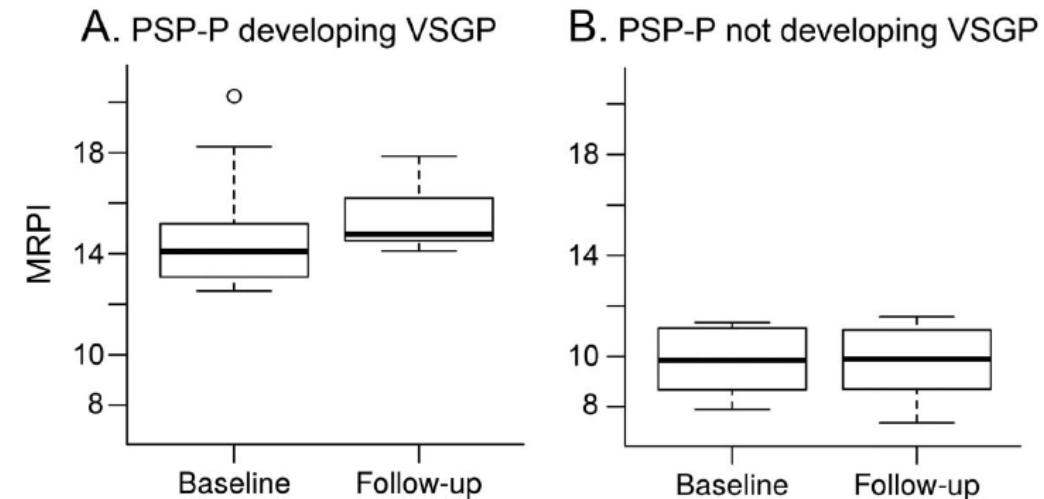
## Diagnosis / Brainstem structures

### PS-RS vs PSP-P



	Cut-off values	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)	Accuracy (%)
Pons/midbrain ratio				
PSP-RS vs. controls	$\geq 5.00$	100	87.5	91
PSP-P vs. controls	$\geq 4.52$	80	67	47
PSP-RS vs. PD	$\geq 6.01$	90	96	94
PSP-P vs. PD	$\geq 6.02$	60	96	86
PSP-P vs. PSP-RS	$< 7.32$	90	70	80
MR parkinsonism index				
PSP-RS vs. controls	$\geq 13.44$	100	92	94
PSP-P vs. controls	$\geq 15.40$	60	100	88
PSP-RS vs. PD	$\geq 13.57$	100	92	97
PSP-P vs. PD	$\geq 11.07$	70	68	40
PSP-P vs. PSP-RS	$< 17.50$	80	70	75

### Predicting vertical supranuclear gaze palsy in PSP-P

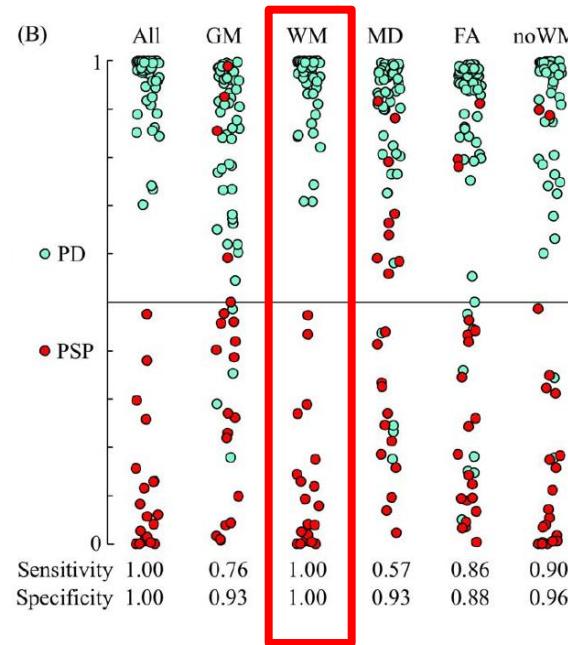
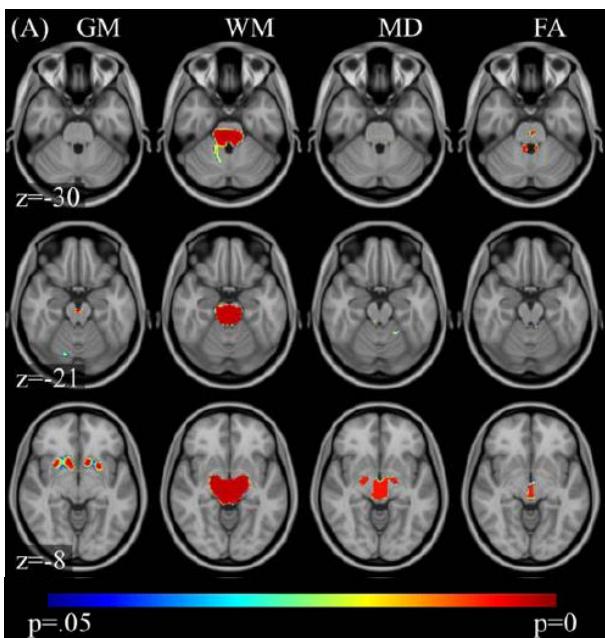


	Sensitivity, %	Specificity, %	PPV, %	NPV, %	Accuracy, %
<b>Clinical features</b>					
Isolated postural instability with backward falls after 2 y of disease onset	0	90	0	45	42.9
Slowness of vertical saccades after 2 y of disease onset	45.5	20.0	38.5	25.0	33.3
Postural instability with backward falls and slowness of vertical saccades after 2 y of disease onset	54.6	90.0	85.7	64.3	71.4
<b>MRI measurements</b>					
Midbrain area (cutoff value $\leq 95.0^a$ )	81.8	90	90	81.8	85.7
SCP width (cutoff value $\leq 3.41^a$ )	63.6	100	100	71.4	81.0
MRPI (cutoff value $\geq 12.52^a$ )	100	100	100	100	100

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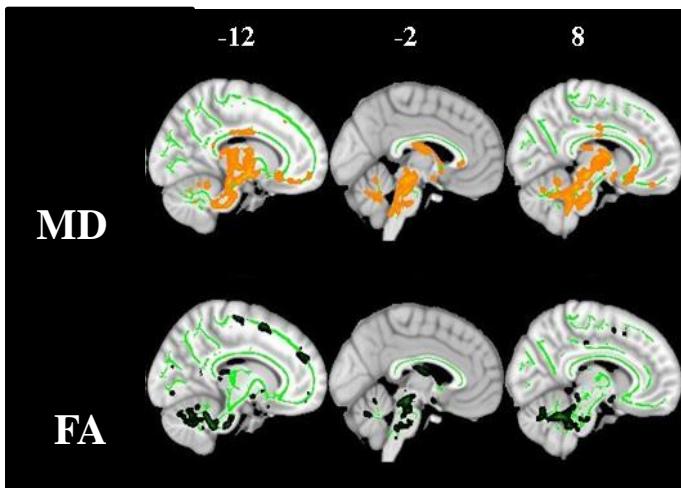
## Diagnosis / Whole brain

PD vs PSP-RS



Cherubini et al.,  
Mov Disord 2014

PSP-RS vs PSP-P



	MRPI	Composite MRI score (MRPI + DT MRI)	
		C-index (95% CI)	C-index (95% CI) Relative IDI (%)
PSP-RS vs HC	0.92 (0.85-0.99)	0.98 (0.94-1.00)	38
PSP-P vs HC	0.70 (0.54-0.86)	0.82 (0.67-0.97)	141
PSP-RS vs PSP-P	0.77 (0.61-0.93)	0.84 (0.73-0.99)	96

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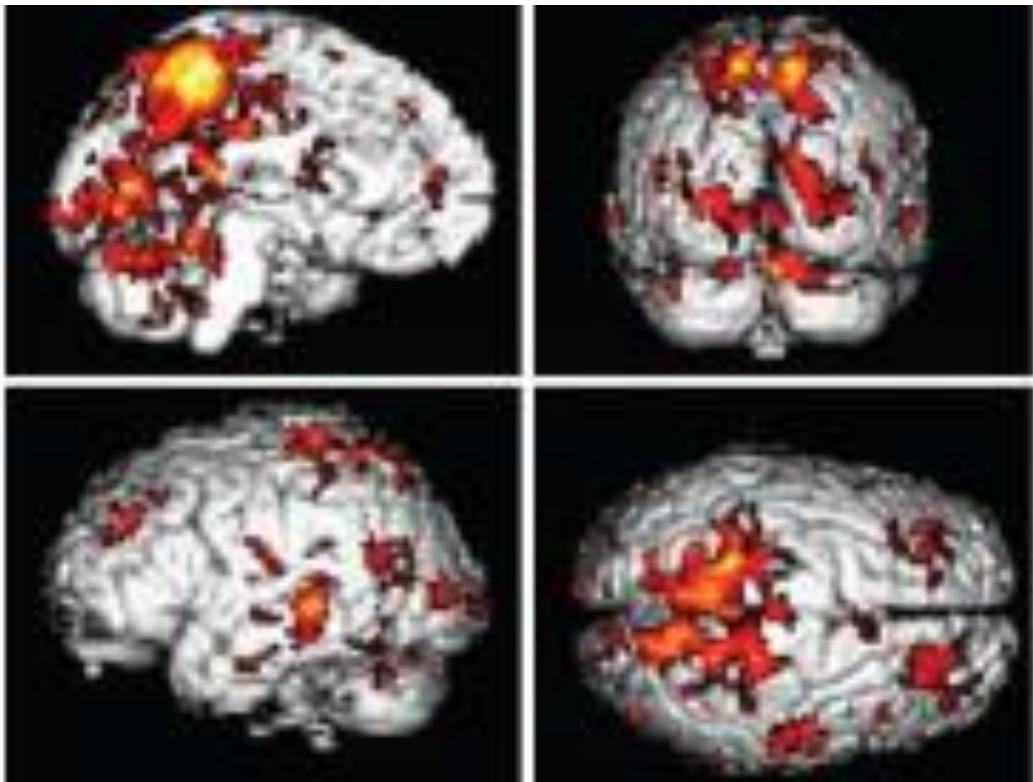
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## Bradykinesia / Brain functional changes

### Dual tasking

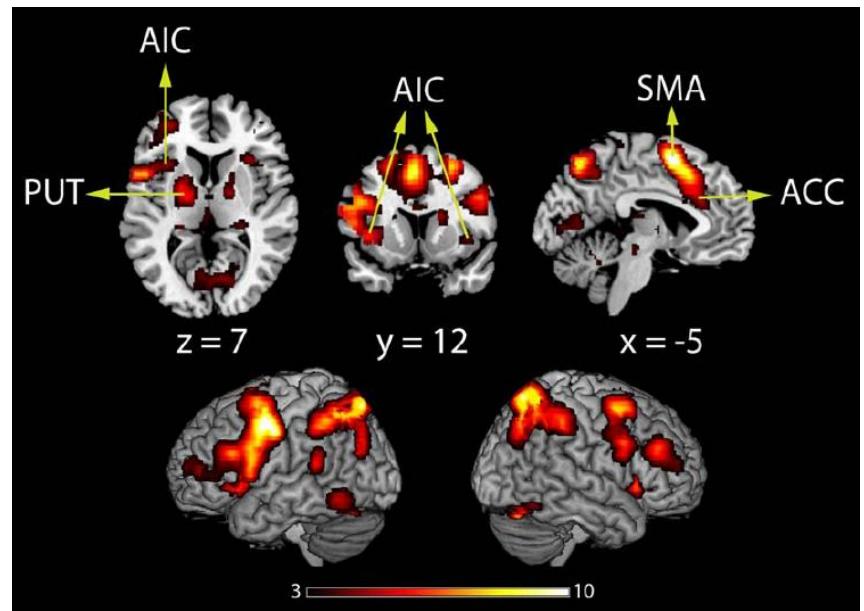
Right hand finger movement + counting letters

PD > controls

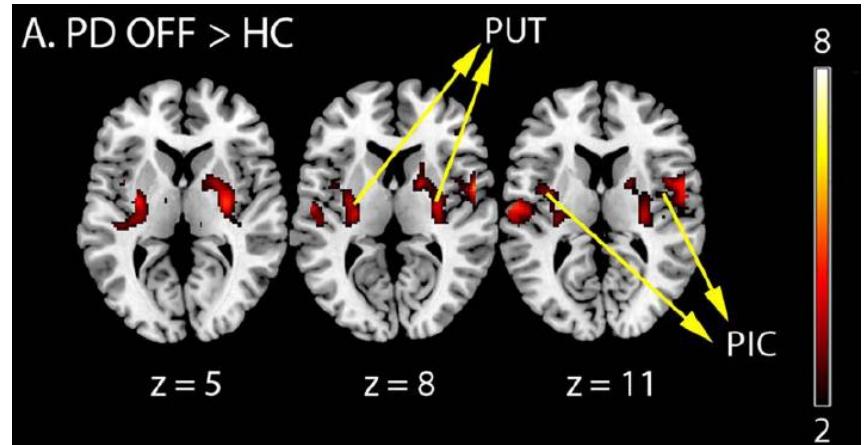


Wu & Hallett, JNNP 2008

Load-dependent activation  
(high-load minus low-load) in controls and PD



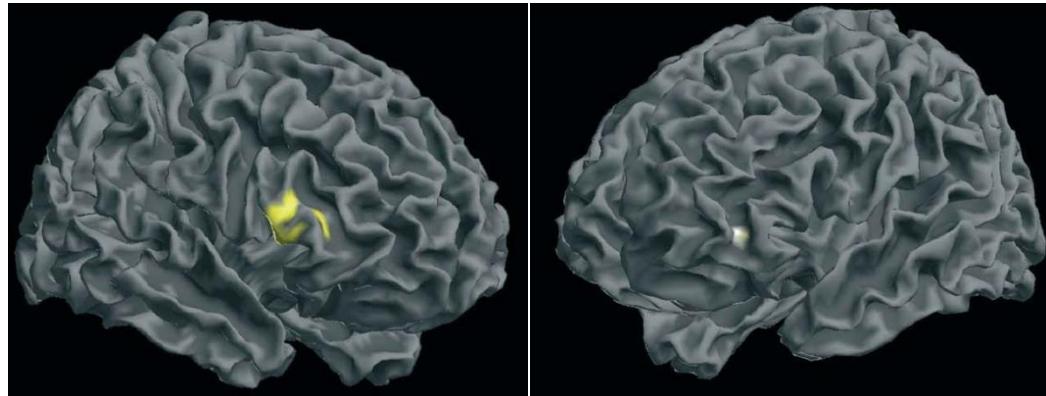
Load-dependent activation: PD > controls



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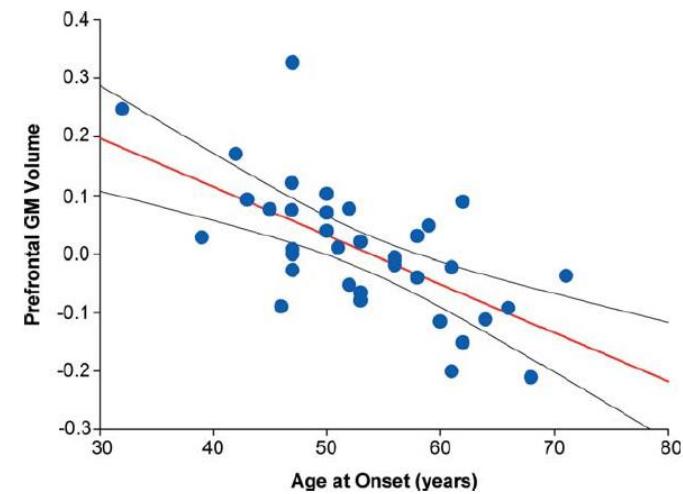
## Dyskinesia / Brain functional and structural changes

Dyskinetic > nondyskinetic PD (thickness)



Bilateral inferior frontal gyrus

Right frontal GM vs age at onset  
in dyskinetic PD

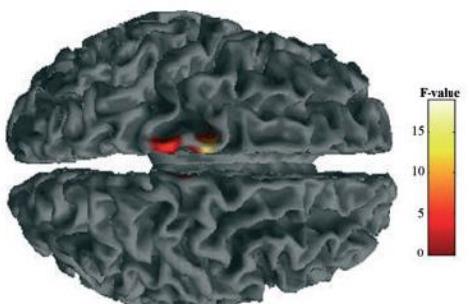


Cerasa et al., Mov Disord 2011

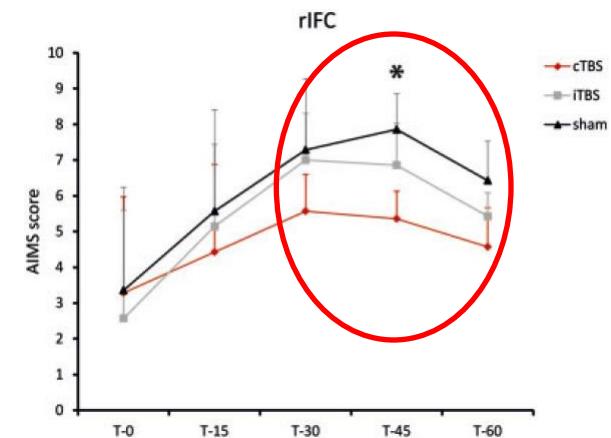
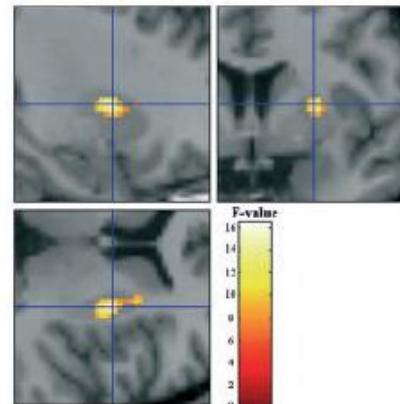
fMRI



Dyskinetic < nondyskinetic



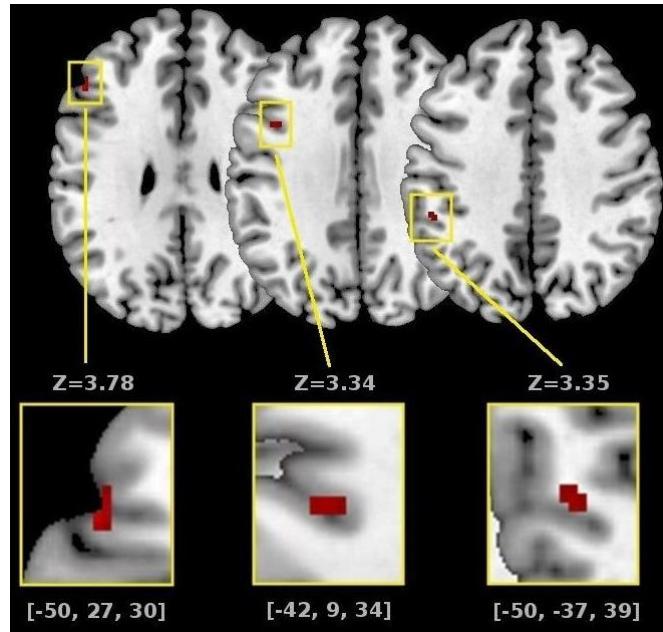
Dyskinetic > nondyskinetic



Cerasa et al., Brain 2015

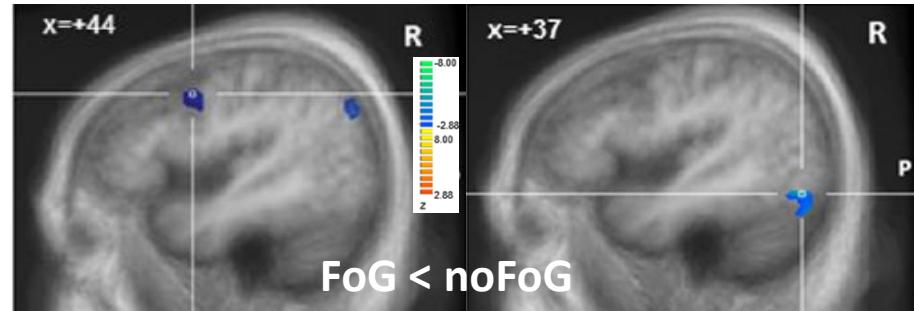
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## Freezing of gait / Brain functional and structural changes



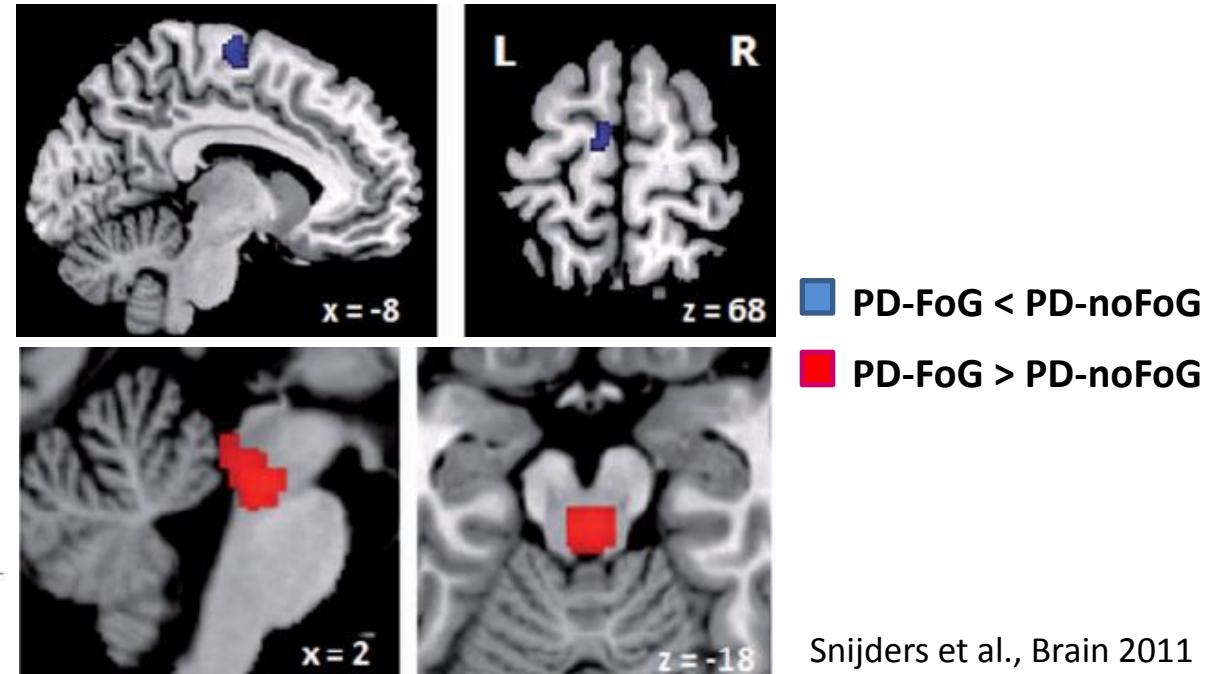
Kostic et al., Neurology 2012

### RS fMRI: PD-FoG vs PD noFoG



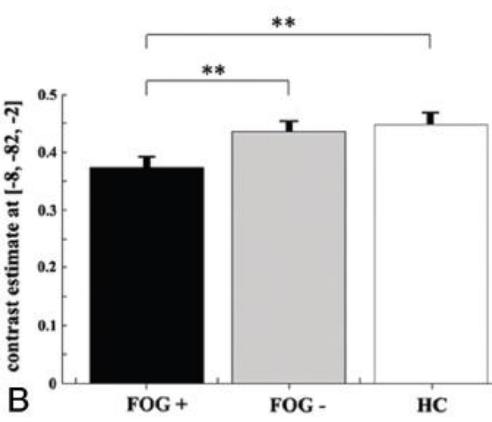
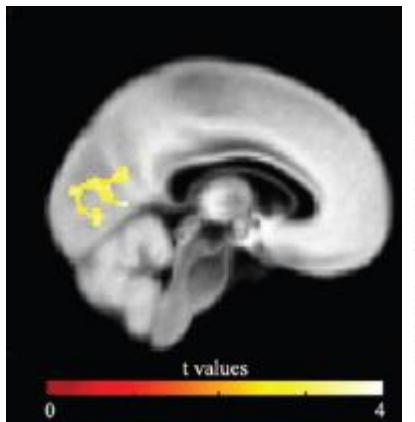
Tessitore et al.,  
Parkinsonism Relat Dis  
2012

### fMRI of imagined forward walking: PD-FoG vs PD-noFoG



Snijders et al., Brain 2011

### PD-FoG vs PD noFoG

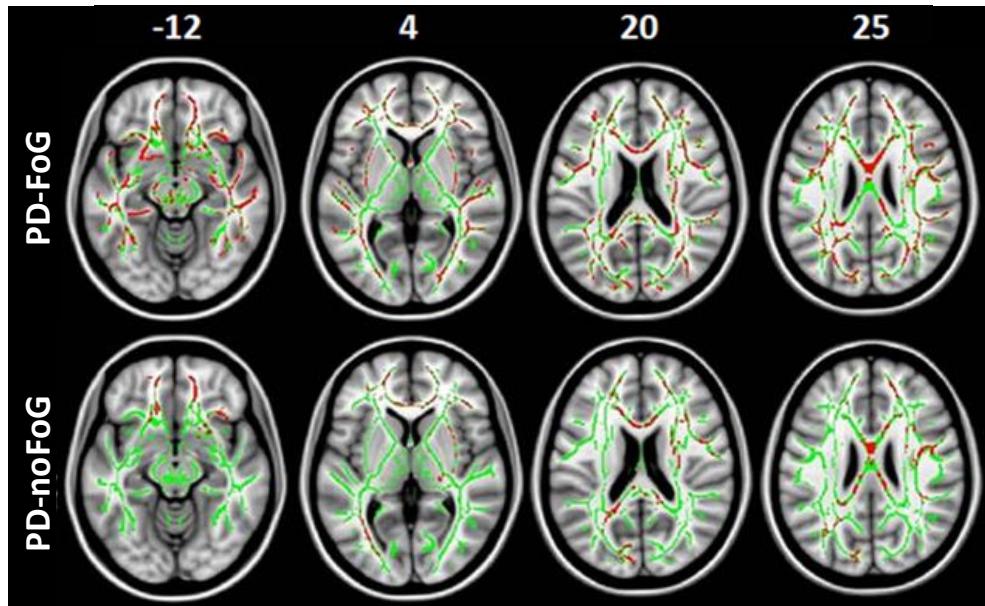


Tessitore et al., AJNR 2012

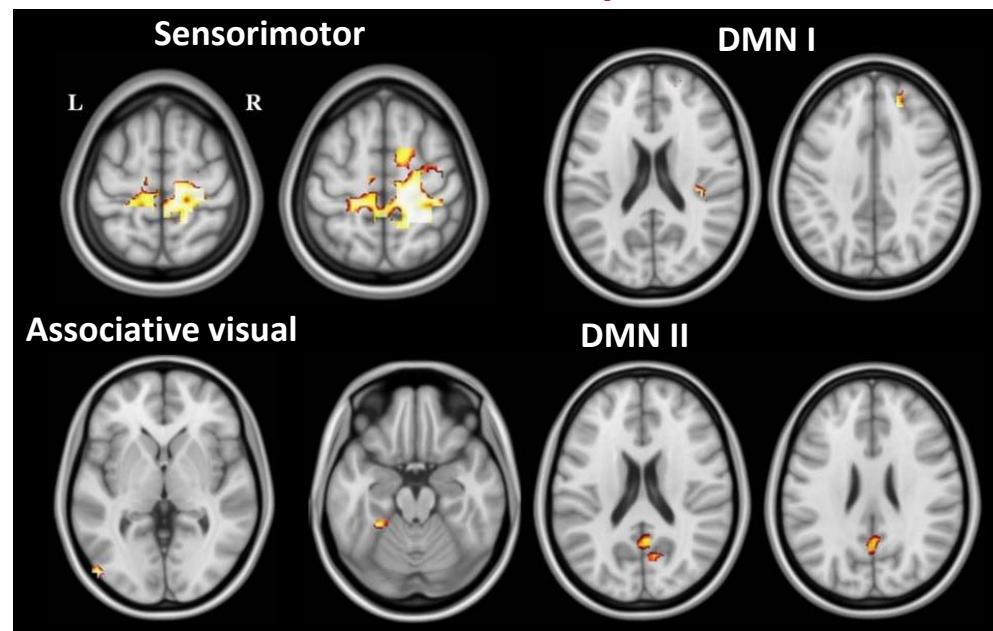
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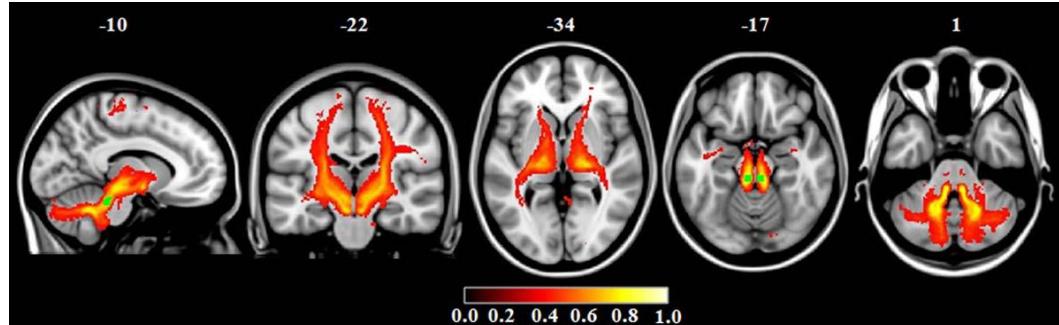
Decreased FA in PD-FoG and PD-noFoG



↓ RS functional connectivity in PD-FoG vs HC

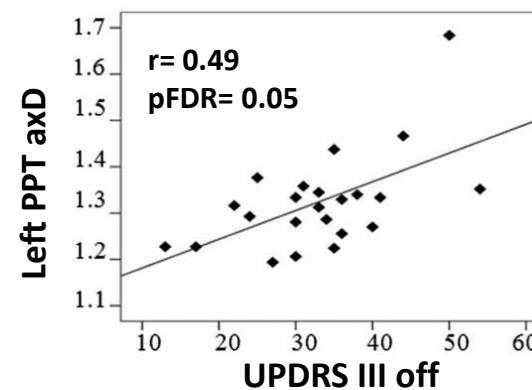


Increased axD of L pedunculopontine tract  
in PD-FoG vs HC



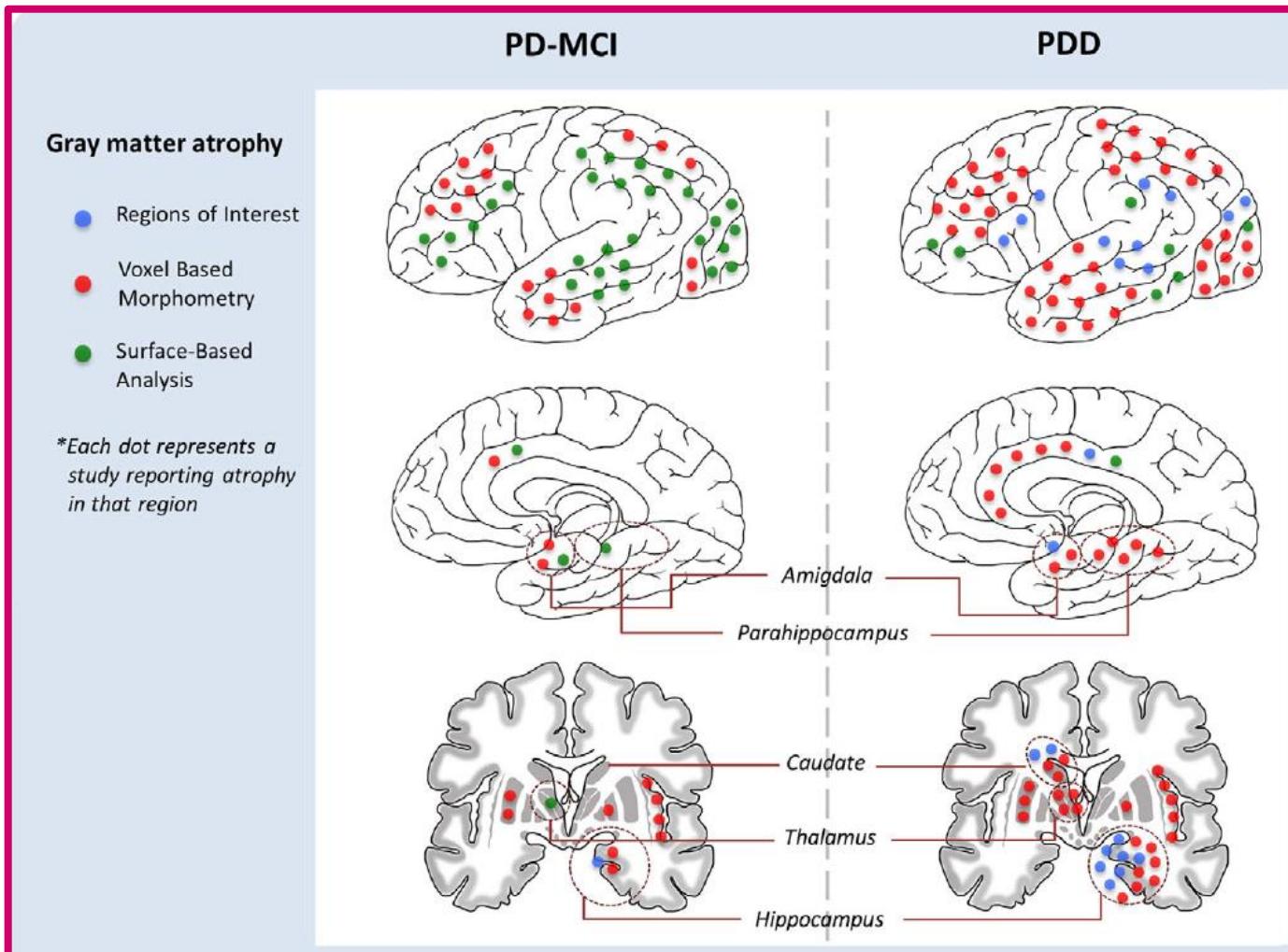
Probability map of PPT in PD-FoG

Left PPT axD vs UPDRS III



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## Cognitive impairment / Brain structural changes



### DTI: Tract damage

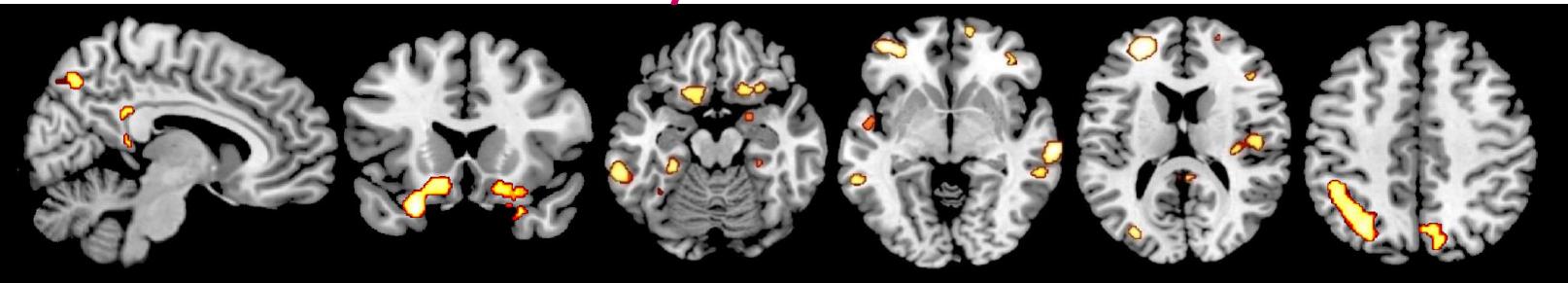
Superior longitudinal, inferior fronto-occipital and uncinate fasciculi, cingulum, corpus callosum, corona radiata

Widespread WM, superior and inferior longitudinal, inferior fronto-occipital and uncinate fasciculi, cingulum, internal capsule, substantia nigra, hippocampus

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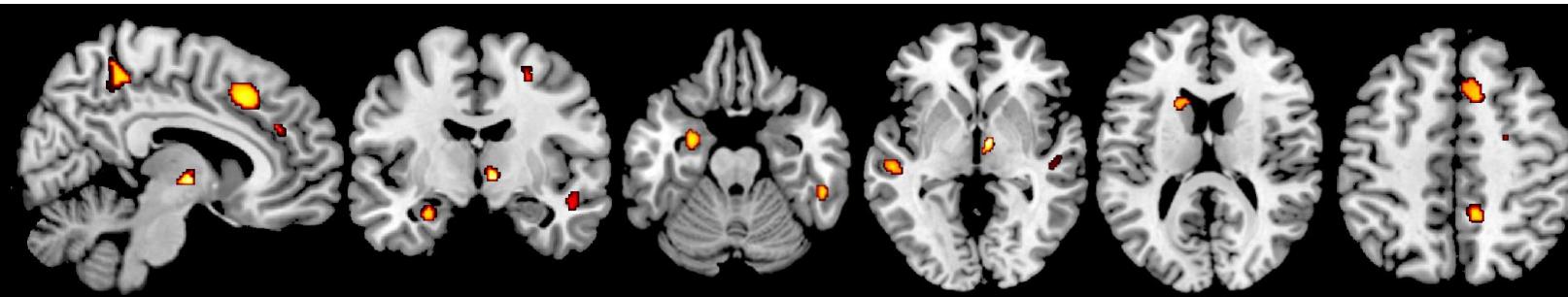
## Cognitive impairment / Brain structural changes

Early PD vs controls



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Moderate vs mild PD

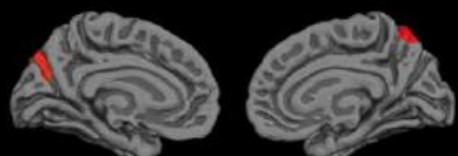


Agosta et al., Hum Brain Mapp 2012

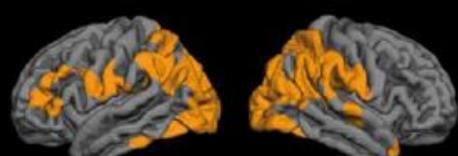
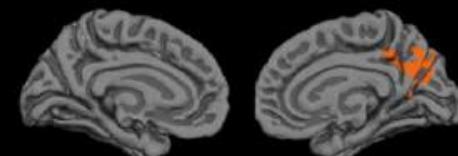
PD MCI < HC



PD non-MCI < HC



PD MCI < PD non-MCI

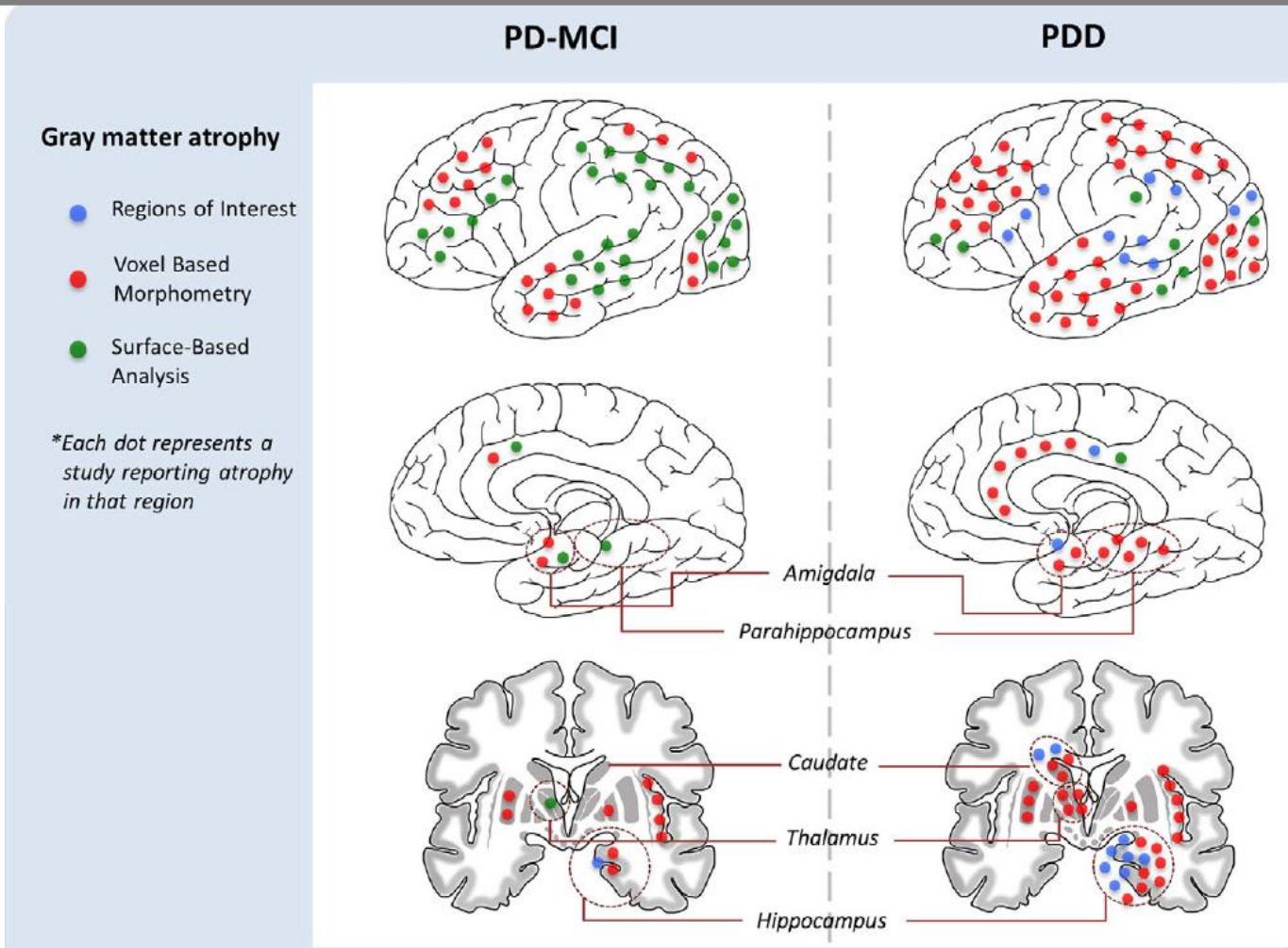


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Segura et al.,  
Mov Disord 2014

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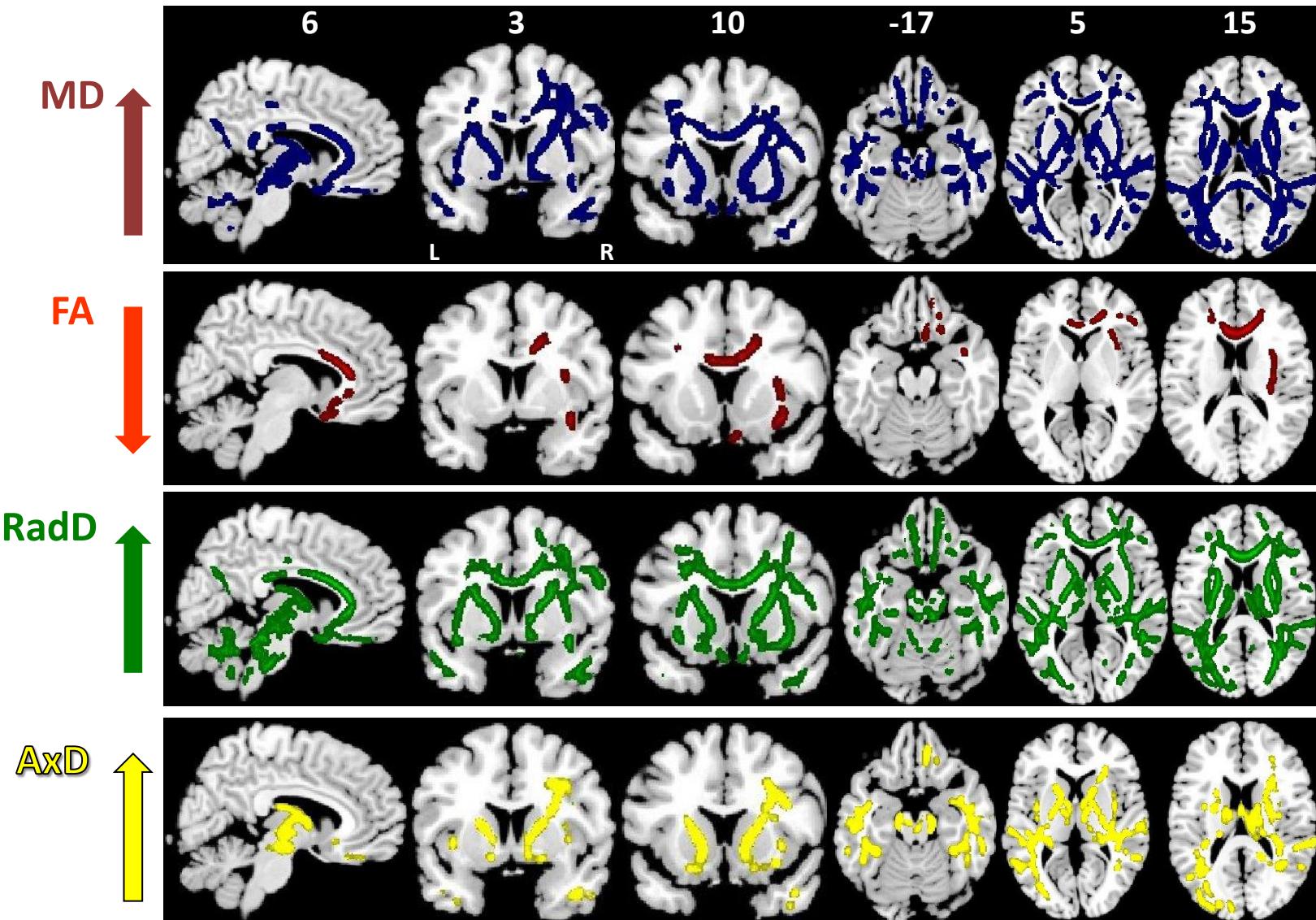
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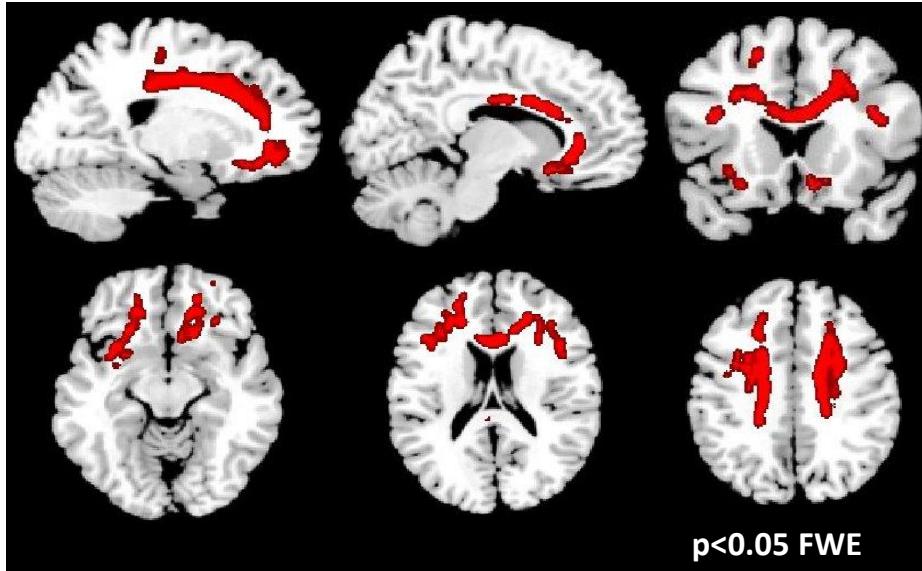
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Moderate + Severe PD vs Early + Mild PD

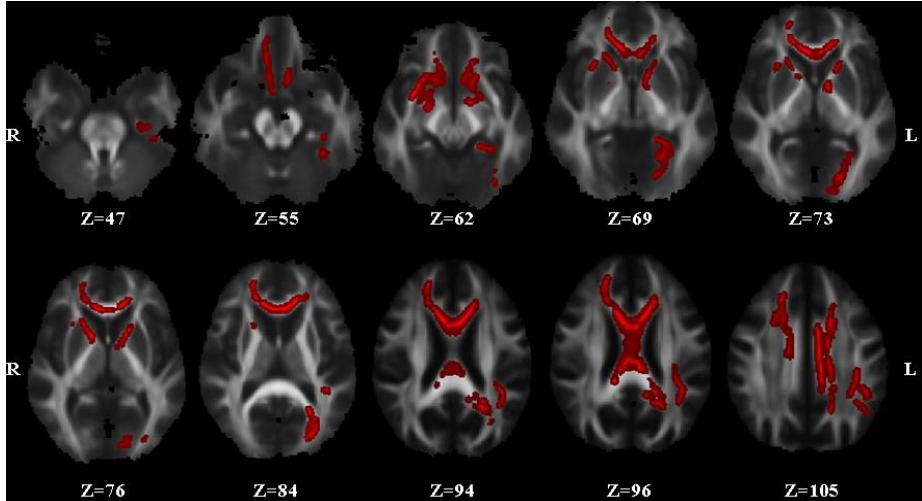


## PD-MCI vs PD-NC patients



Agosta et al., Hum Brain Mapp 2014

## FA decrease in GBA-PD

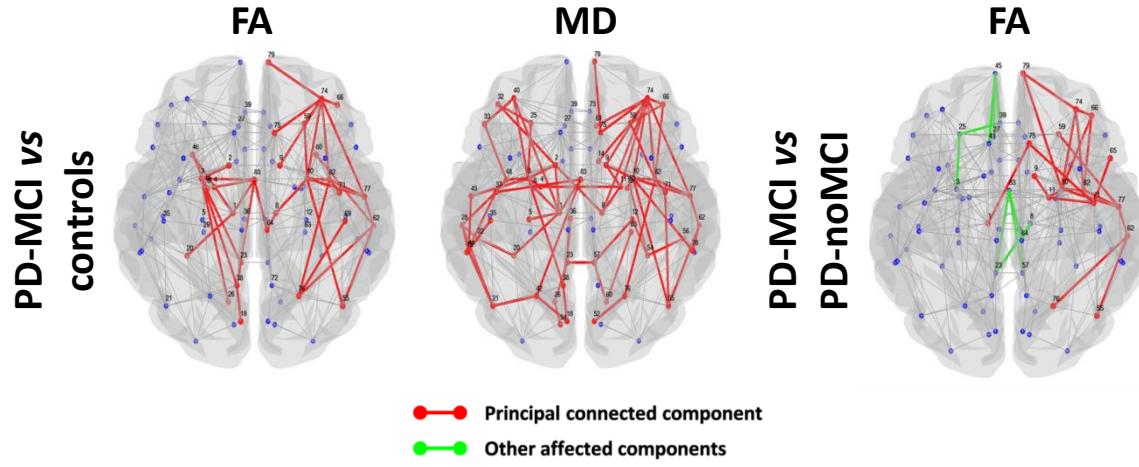


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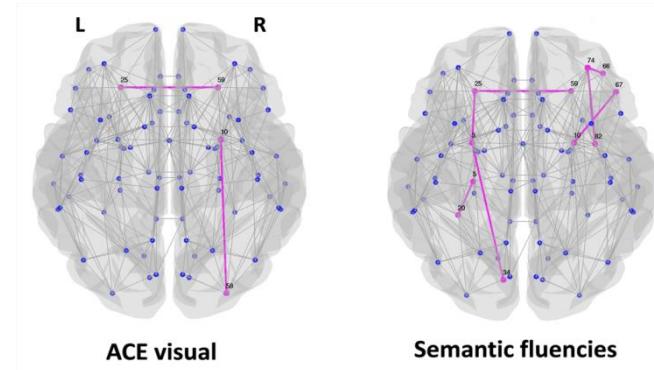
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## Cognitive impairment / Brain structural changes

### Altered structural connections



### Decreased FA vs cognitive deficits

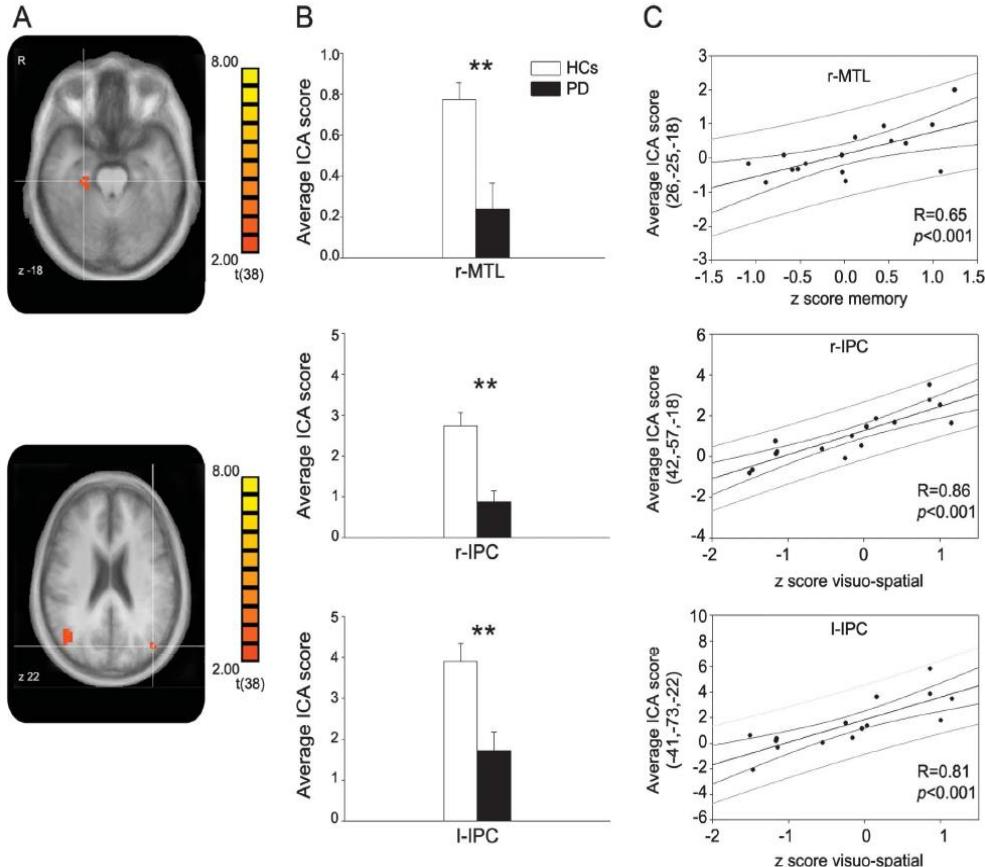


Galantucci et al., Radiology 2017

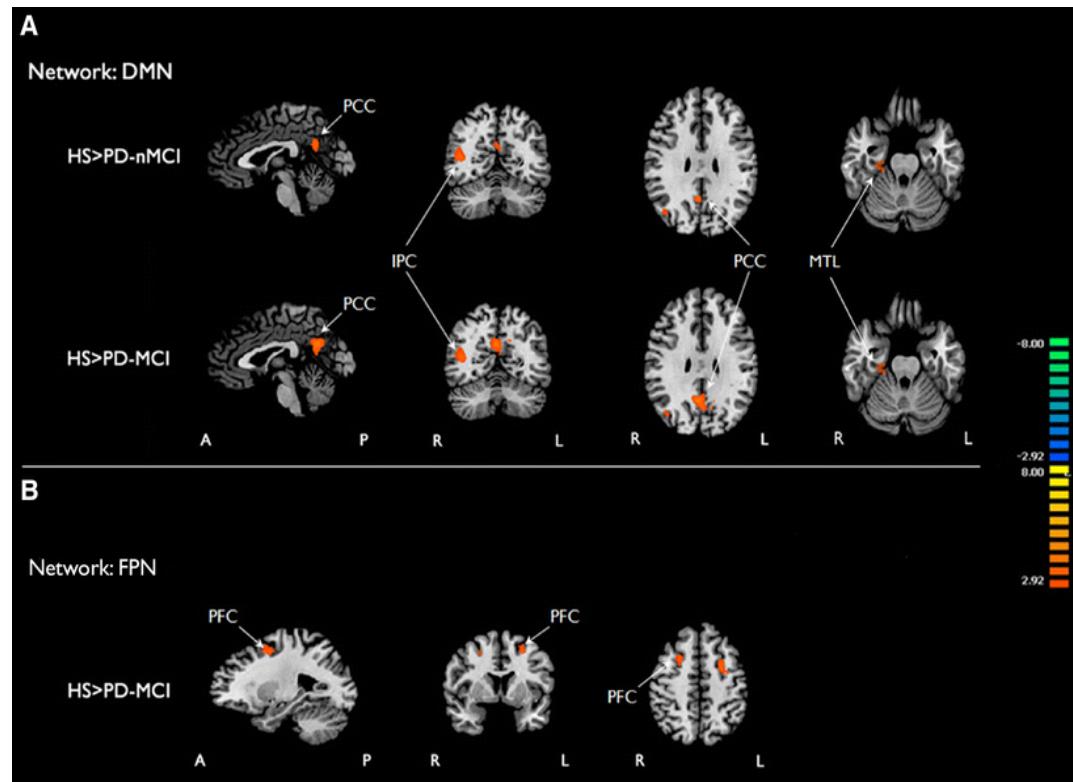
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## Cognitive impairment / Brain functional changes

### Cognitively unimpaired PD



### PD-MCI vs PD-nMCI



### Decreased DMN activity

Tessitore et al., Neurology 2012

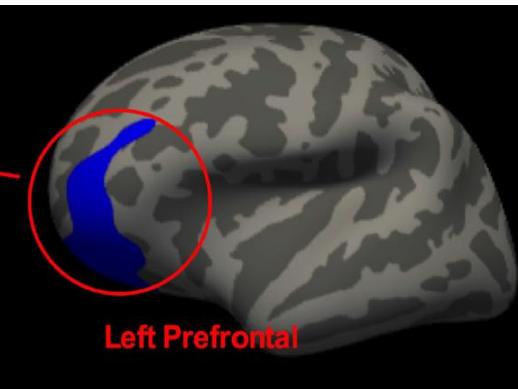
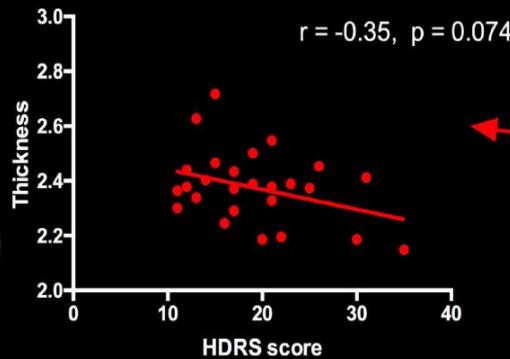
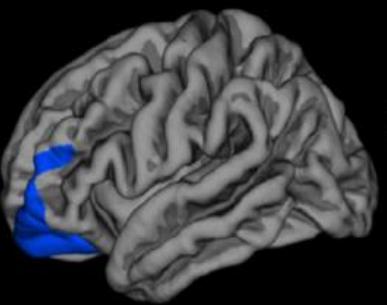
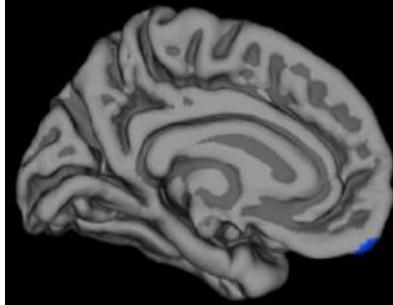
Amboni et al., J Neurol 2015

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## Depression / Brain structural changes

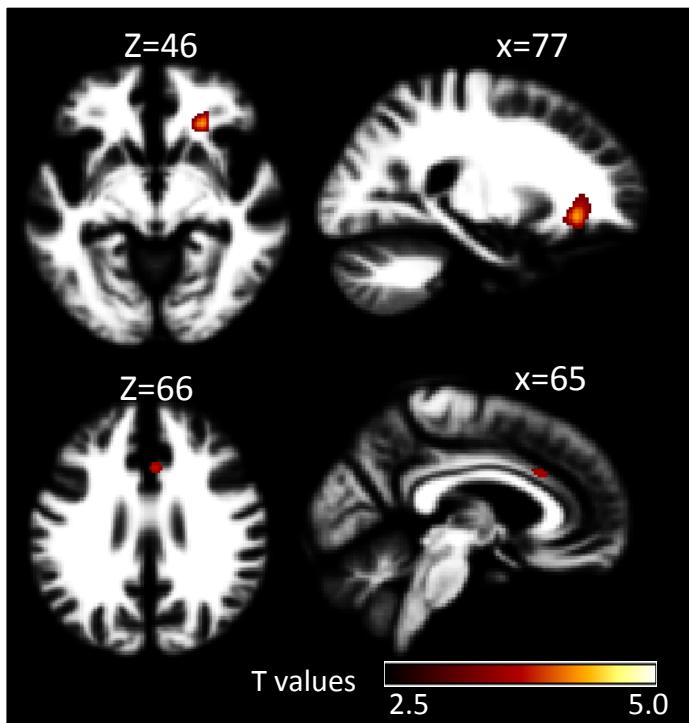
Cortical thickness: PD-dep < PD-NDep

PD-Dep < PD-NDep

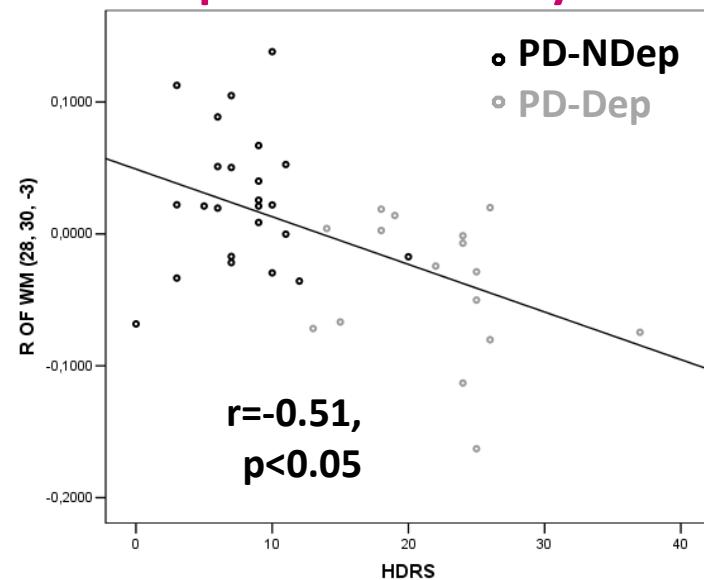


Luo et al., J Neurol 2016

WM volume:  
PD-dep <  
PD-NDep



R orbitofrontal WM atrophy vs  
depression severity scale

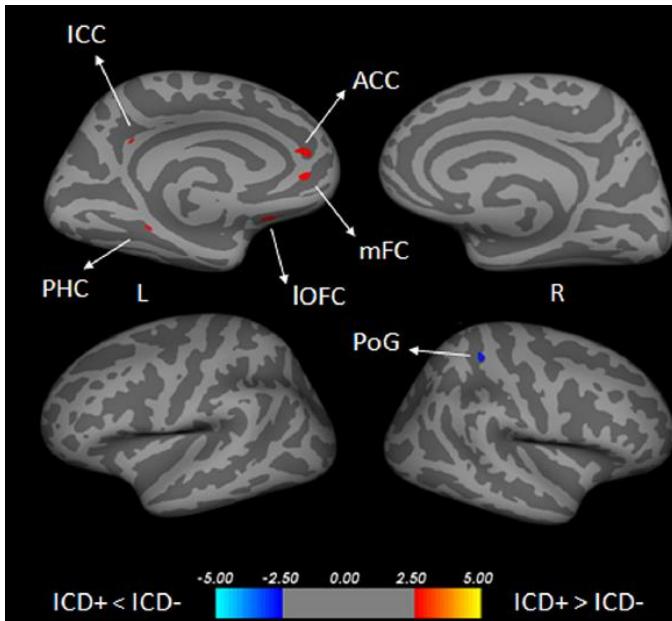


Kostic et al., Neurology 2010

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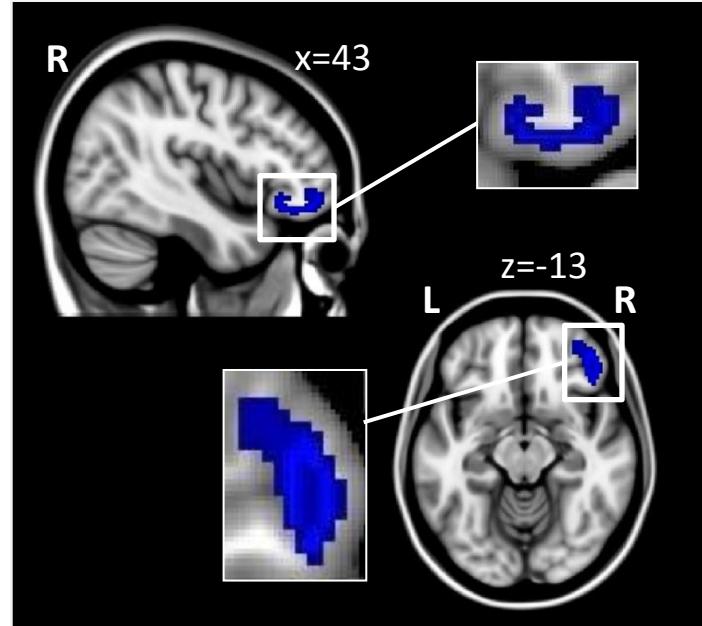
## Impulsive-compulsive behaviours / Brain structural changes

### PD-ICB vs PD no-ICB



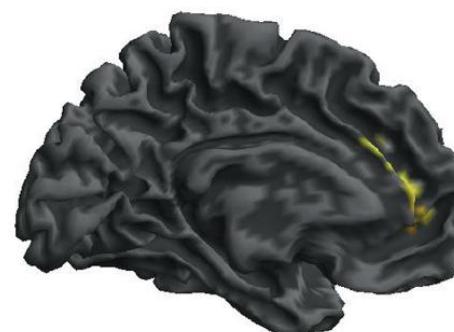
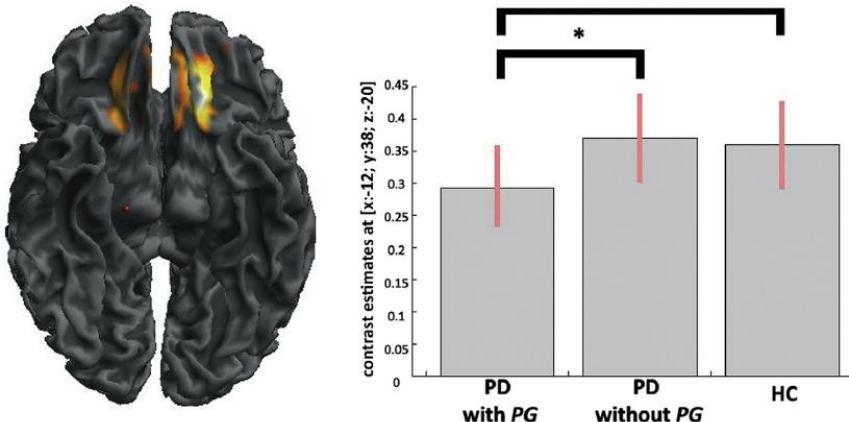
Tessitore et al.,  
Parkinsonism Relat Disord 2016

### PD-punding vs PD no-ICB

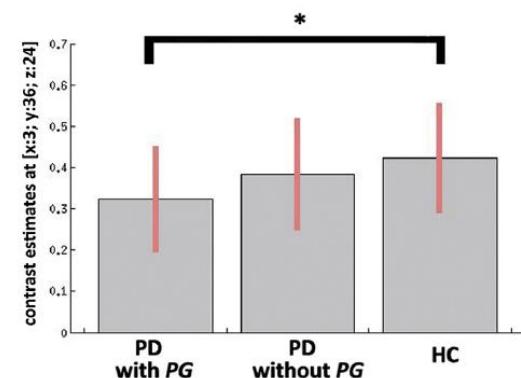


Agosta et al., Neurology 2017

### PD-gambling vs PD no gambling \*



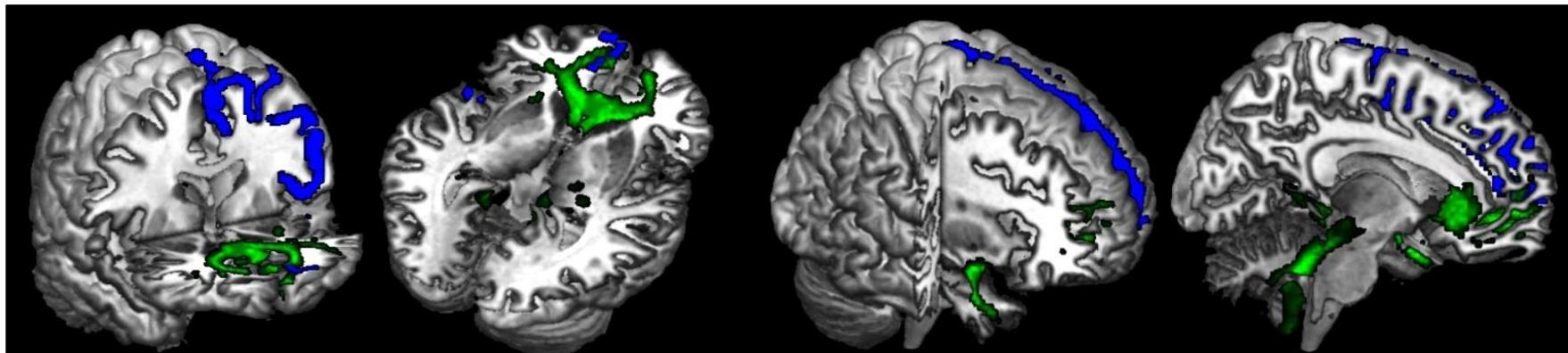
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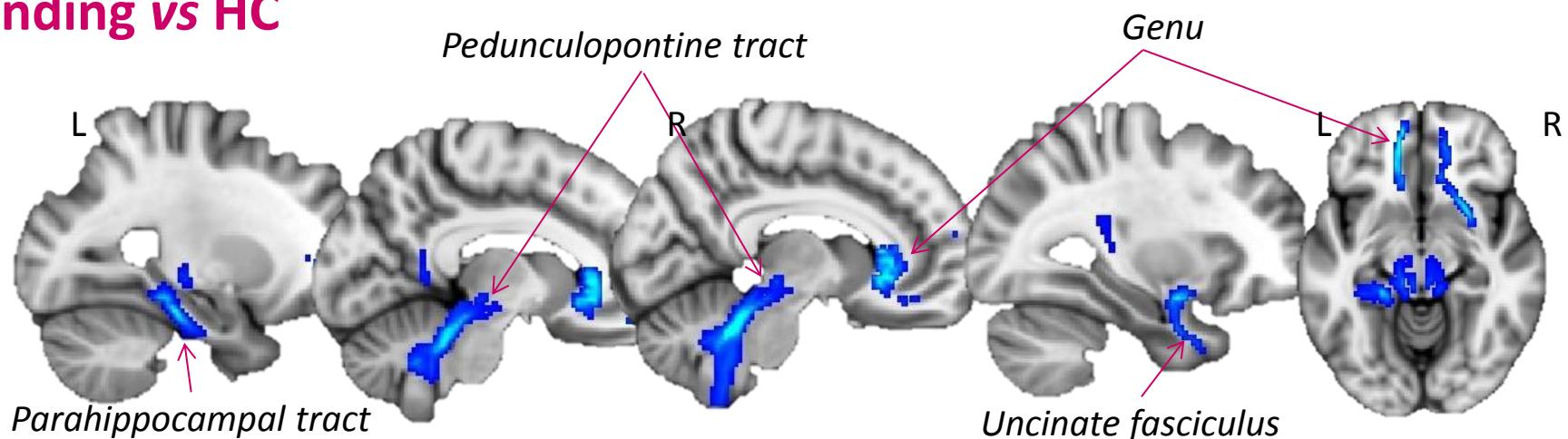
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Imperiale et al., Mol Psychiatry 2017

### PD-punding vs HC

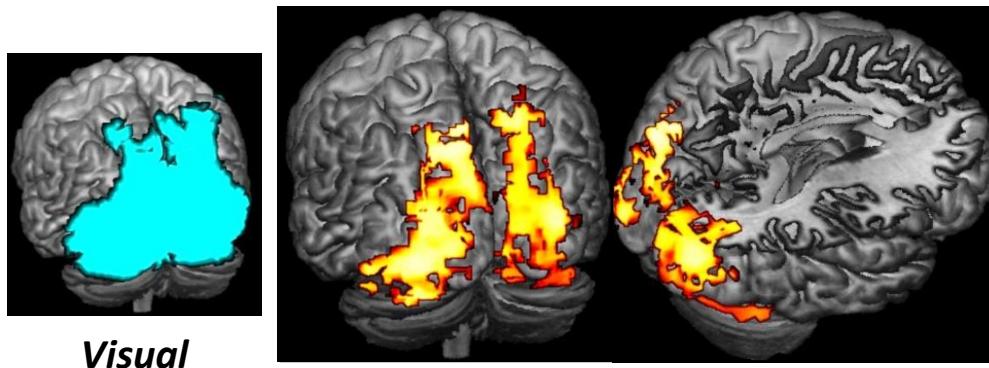


M. Filippi et al., unpublished data

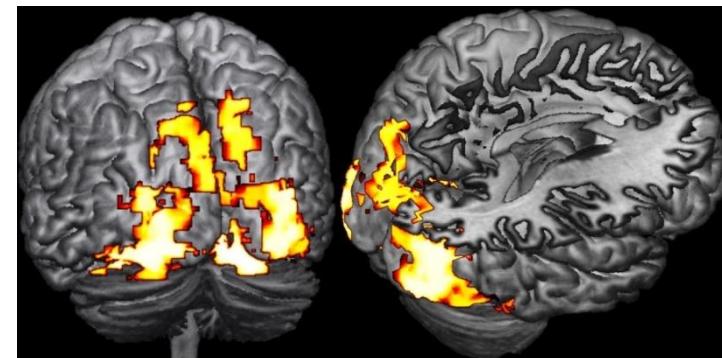
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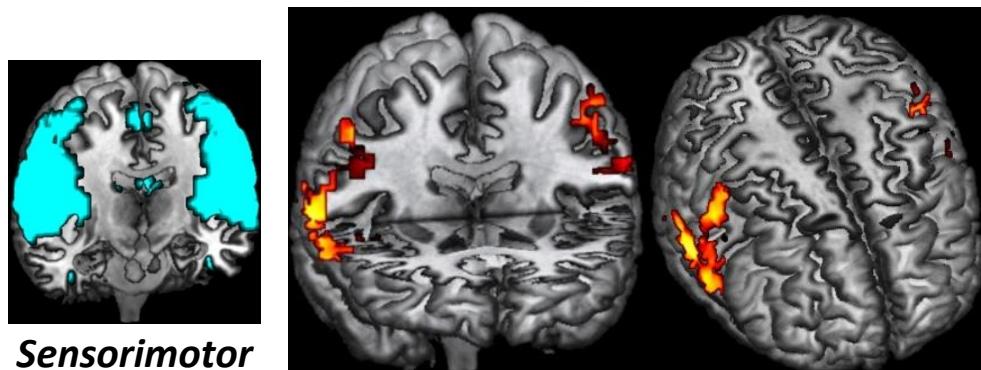
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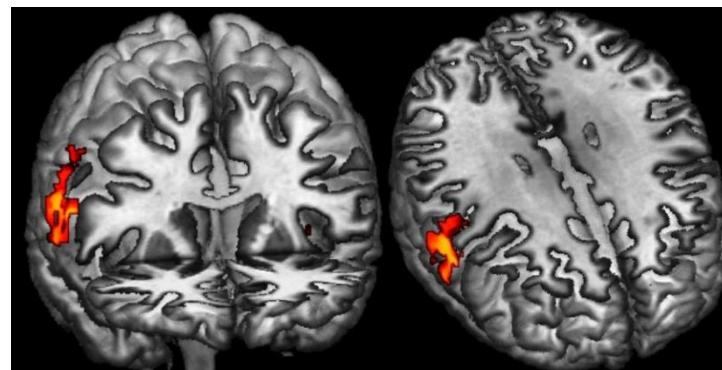
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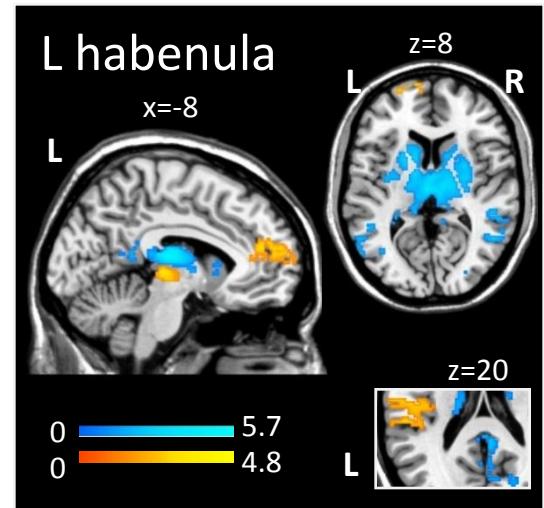
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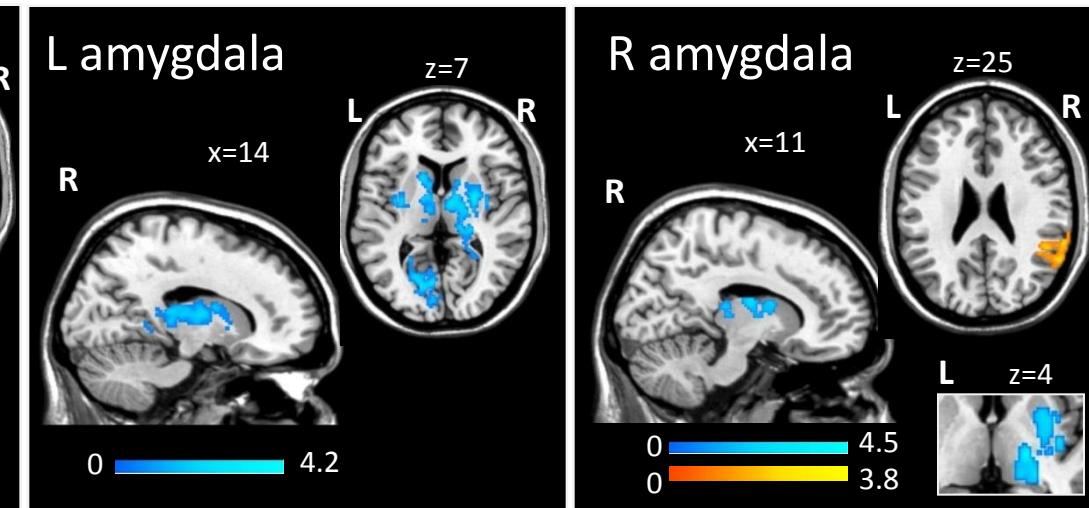
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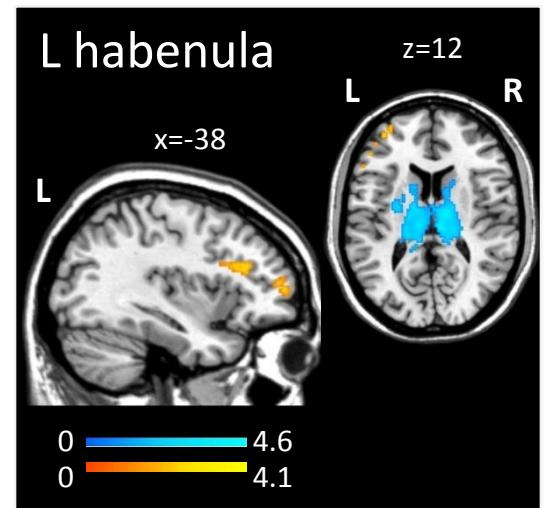
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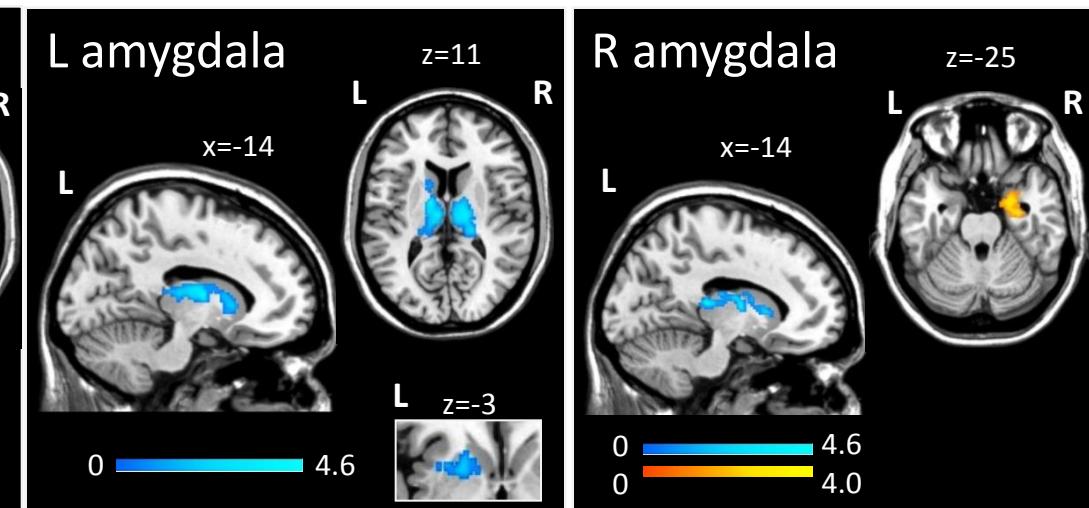
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## Outline of the presentation

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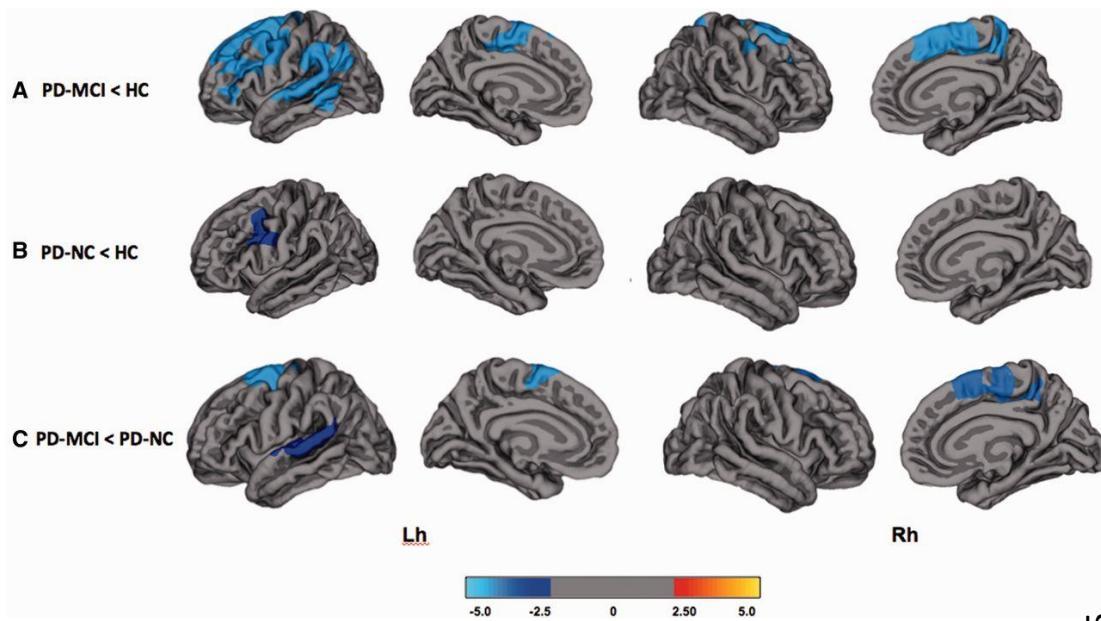
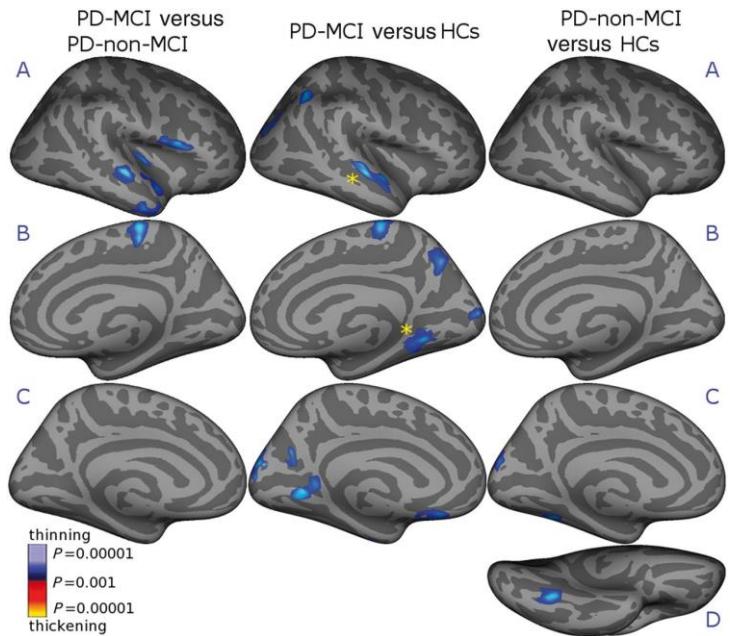
- ✓ Diagnosis
- ✓ Structural and functional correlates of motor and non-motor features
- ✓ Monitoring disease progression

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## Monitoring disease progression in PD

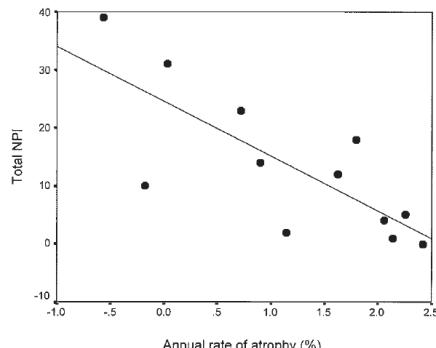
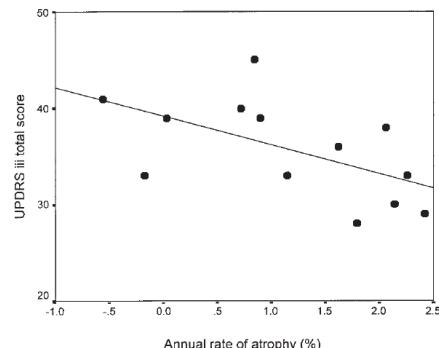
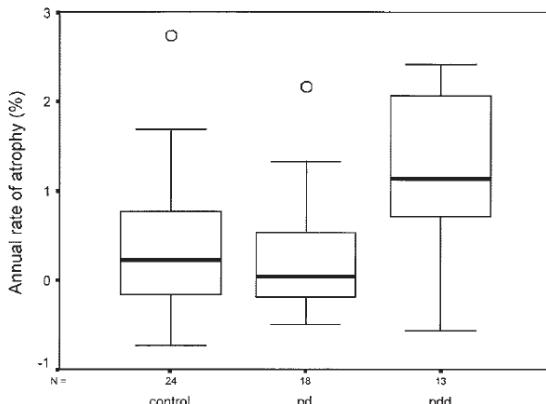
### Rate of change of cortical thickness vs cognitive decline

Hanganu et al., Brain 2014



Mak et al., Brain 2015

### Annual rate of atrophy %

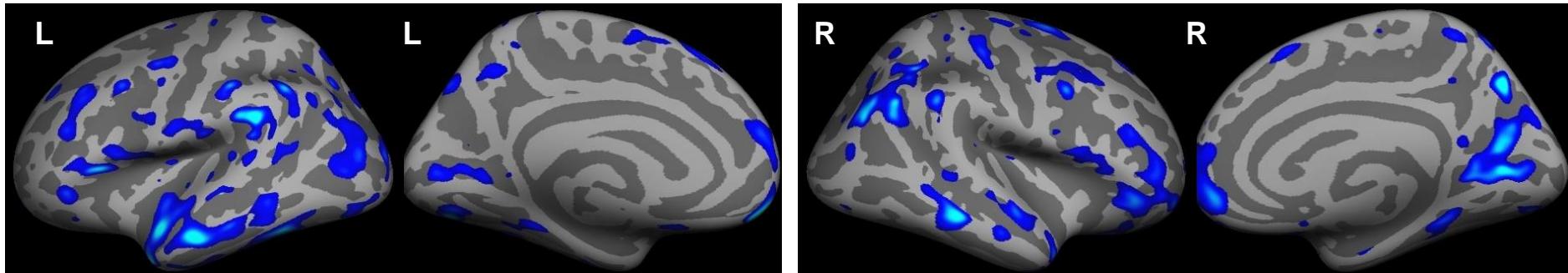


Burton et al., Mov Disord 2005

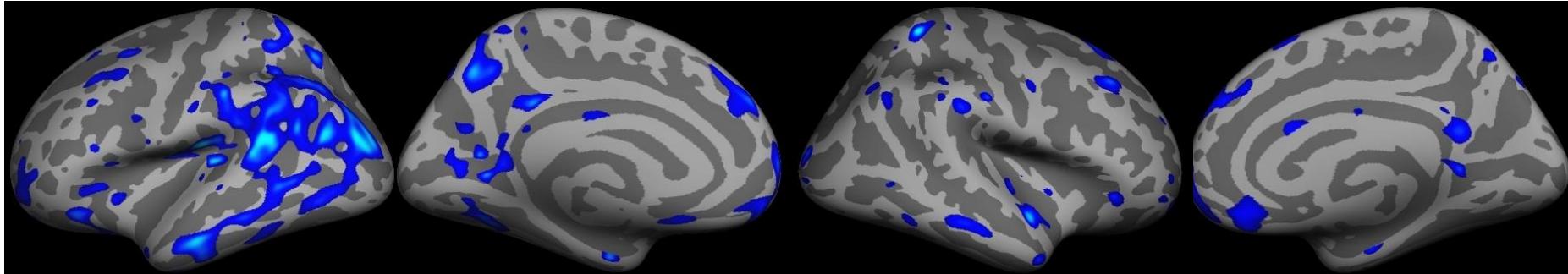
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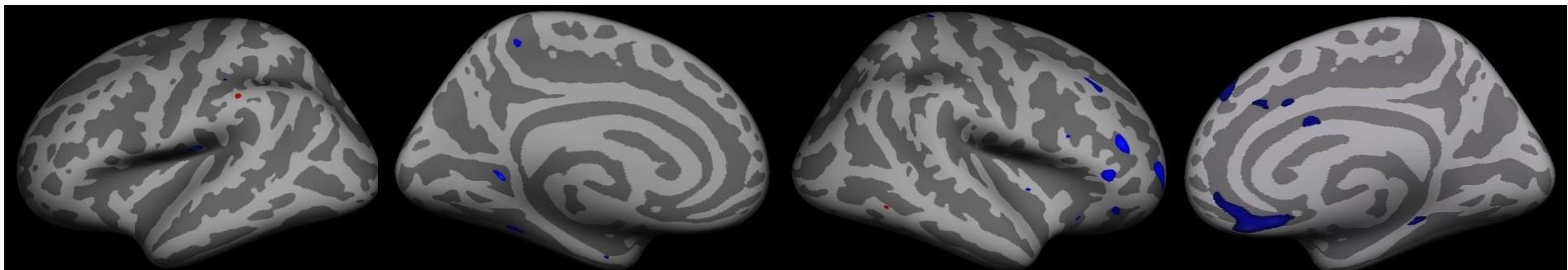
35 ICB-negative patients



20 ICB-positive patients (at least 1 ICB)



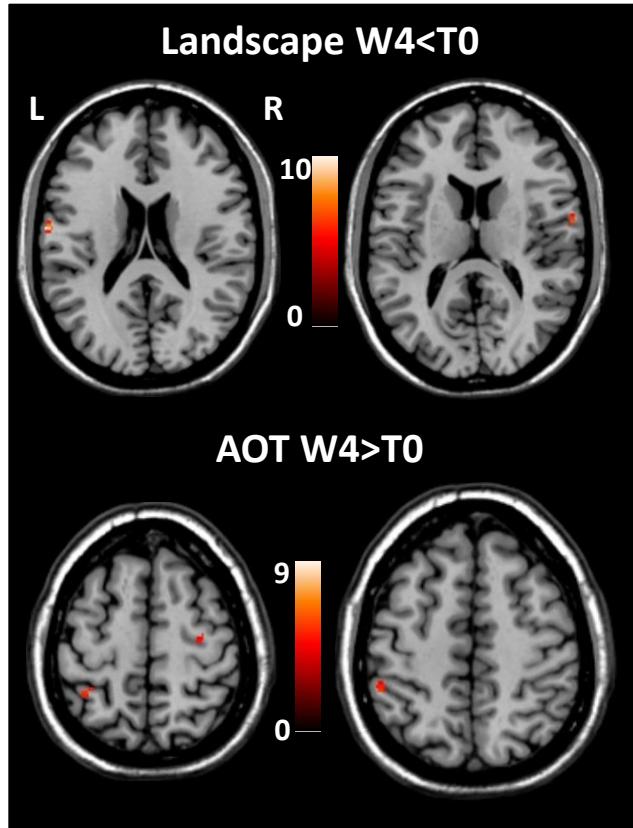
ICB-positive > ICB-negative, 4 years



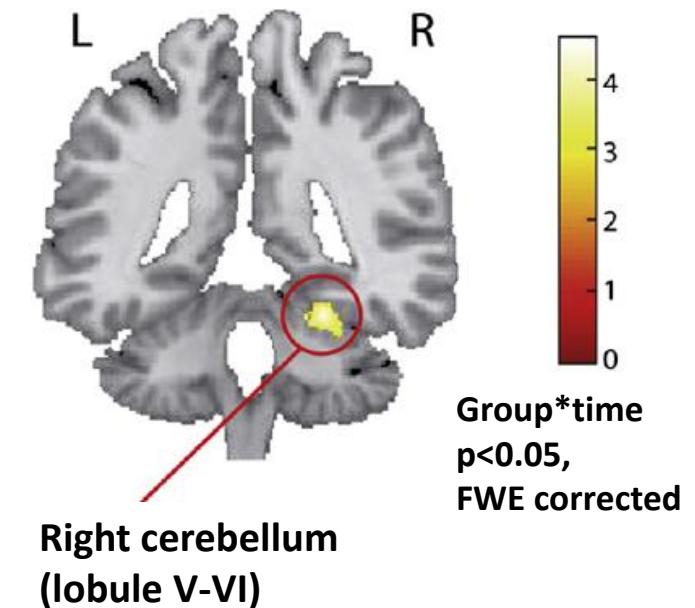
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## Monitoring disease progression in PD

Freezing of gait / Action observation training & fMRI



Learning balance tasks (6 w):  
structural changes

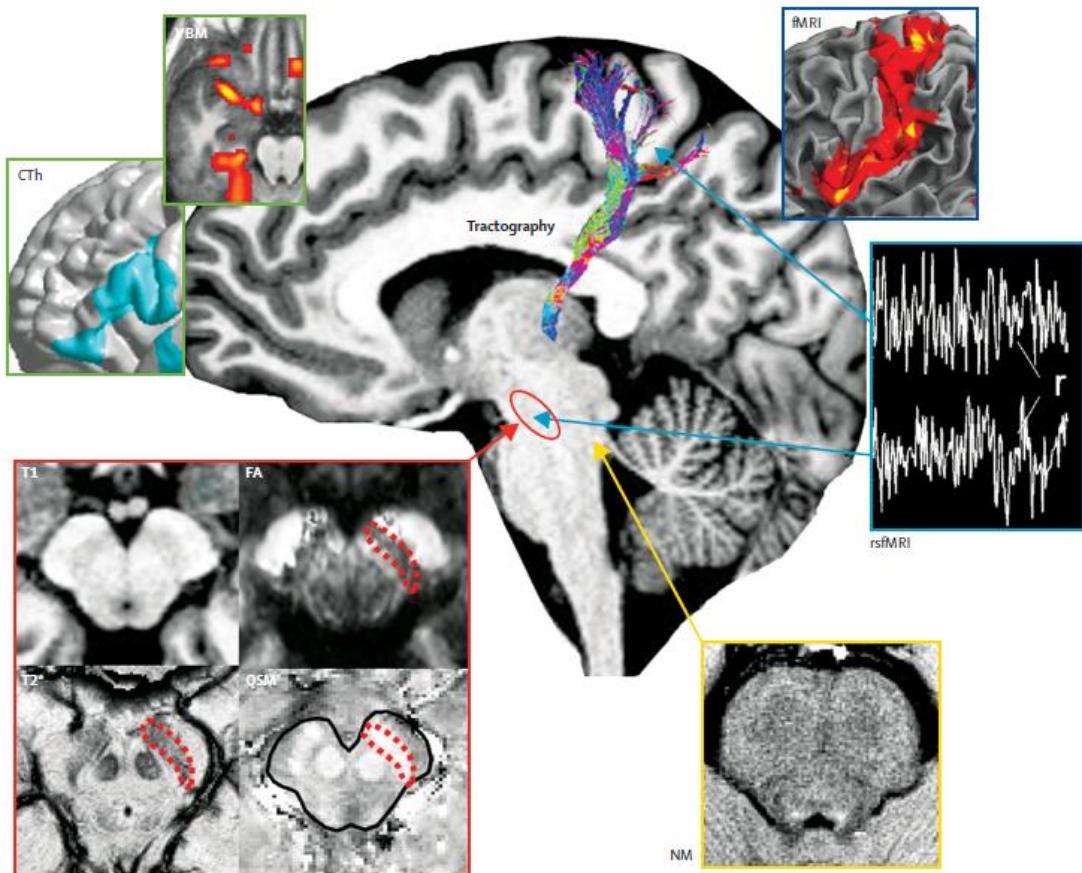


Agosta et al., J Neurol 2017

Sehm et al, Neurobiol Aging 2014

**From a basal ganglia  
network alteration...**

**..to a whole-brain  
dysfunction**





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