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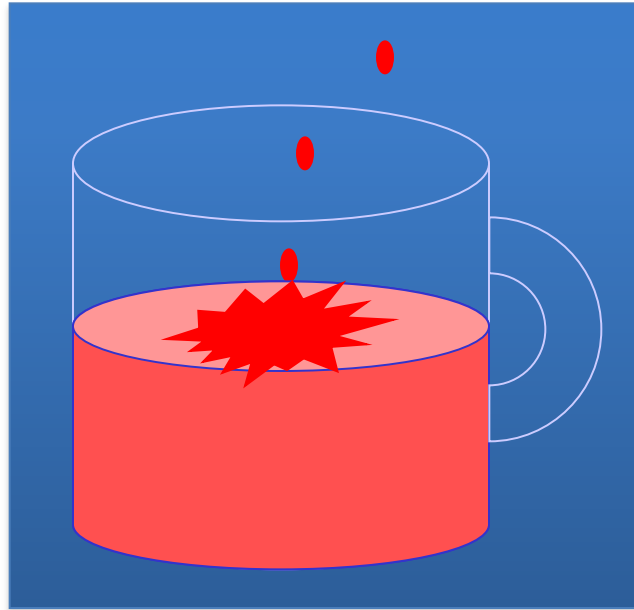
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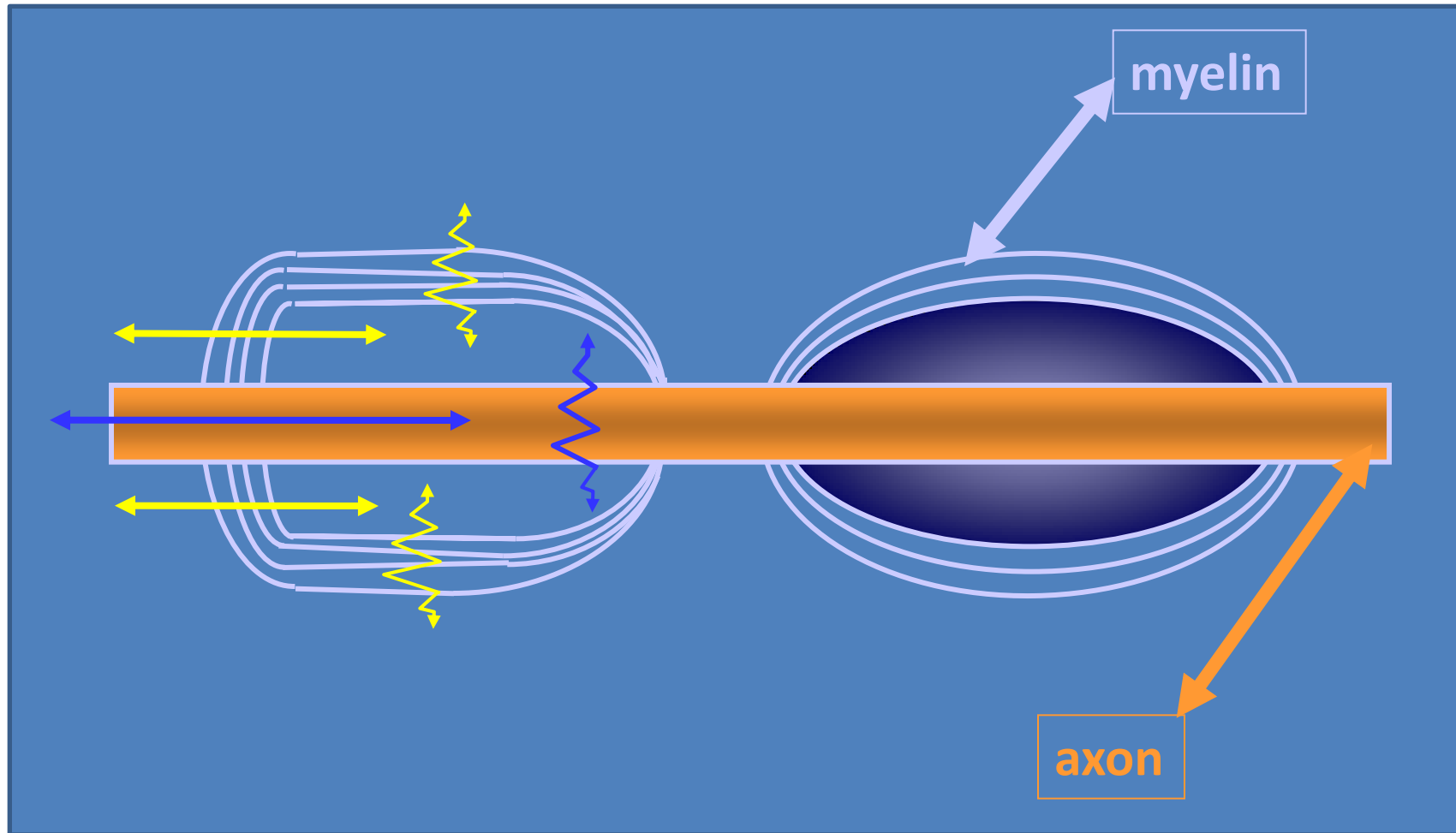
Basic principles



Diffusion results from a microscopic random motion known as Brownian motion

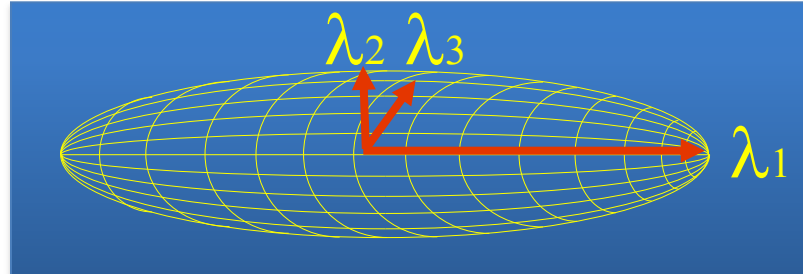
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Diffusion anisotropy in white matter

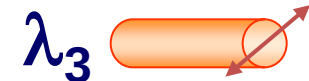
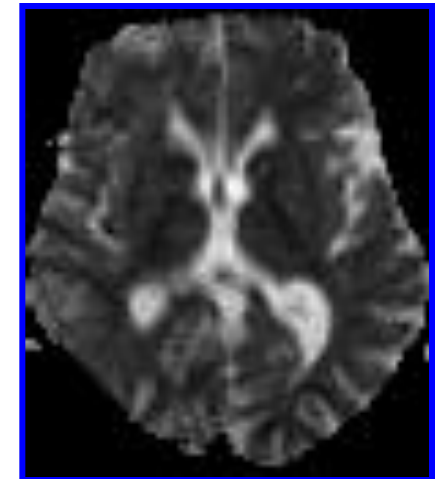
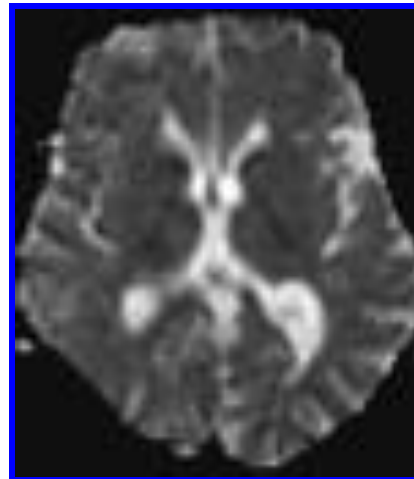
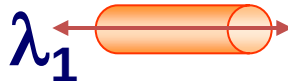
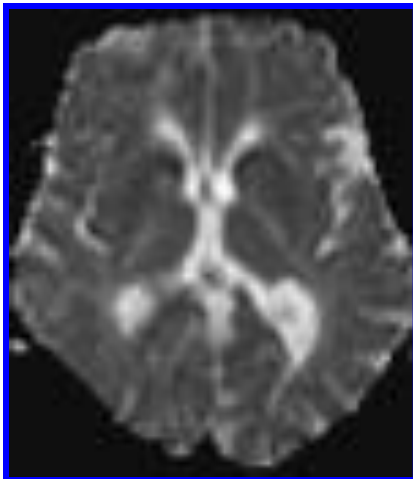


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Tensor model



- Principal diffusivities:
diffusivities along the three principal directions

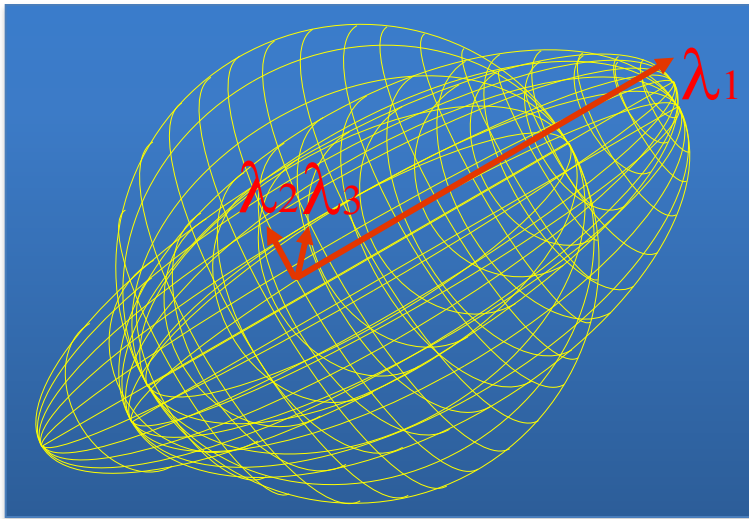


$$MD = (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3) / 3$$

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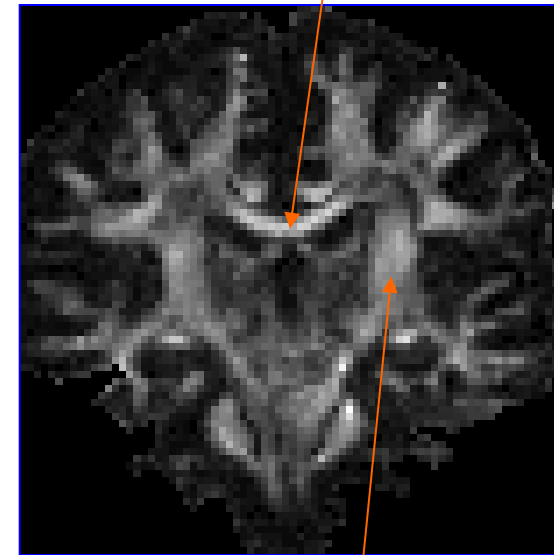
- Shape



- Fractional anisotropy index (FA):

$$FA = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} \frac{\sqrt{(\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)^2 + (\lambda_2 - \lambda_3)^2 + (\lambda_3 - \lambda_1)^2}}{\sqrt{\lambda_1^2 + \lambda_2^2 + \lambda_3^2}}}$$

Corpus callosum



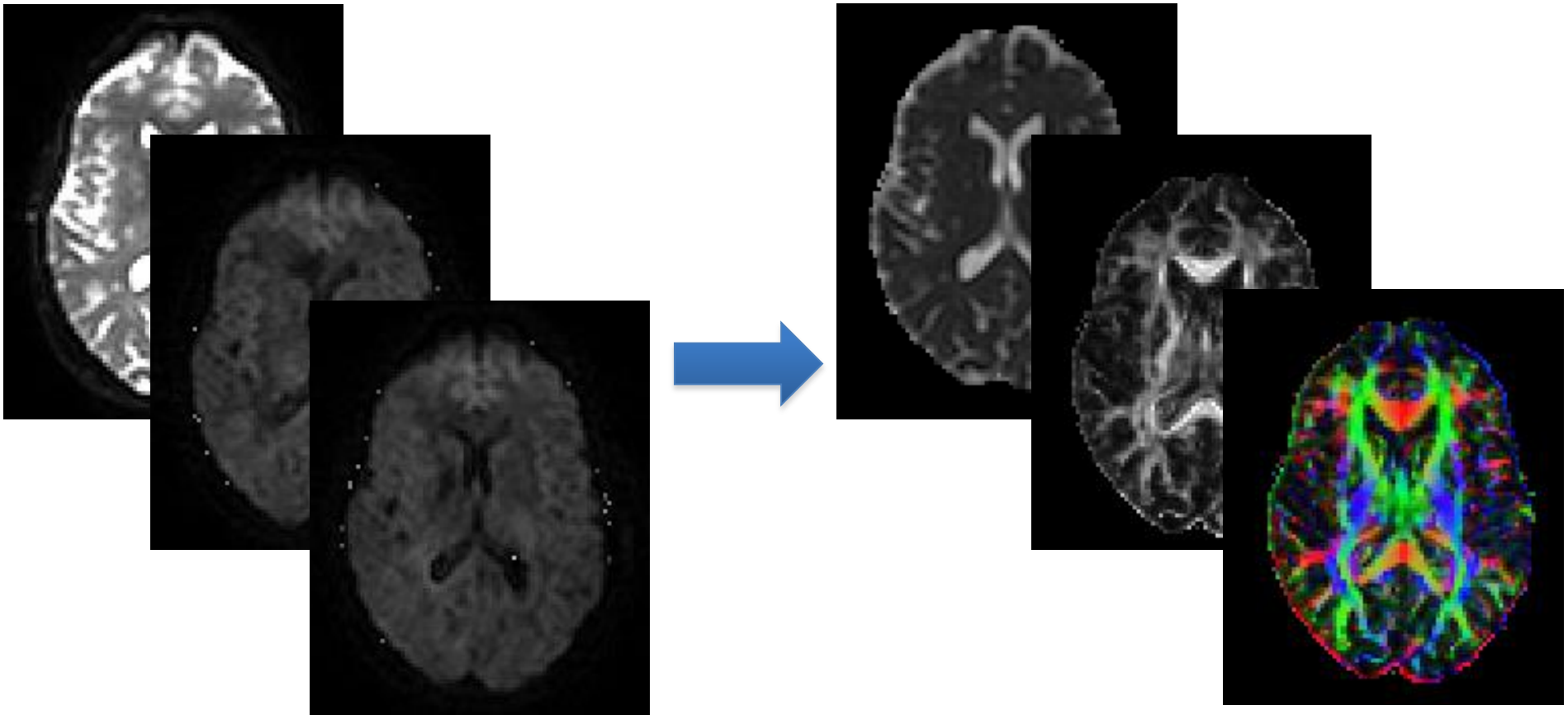
Internal capsule

$A \times D = \lambda_1$

$RD = (\lambda_2 + \lambda_3) / 2$

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Diffusion tensor estimation



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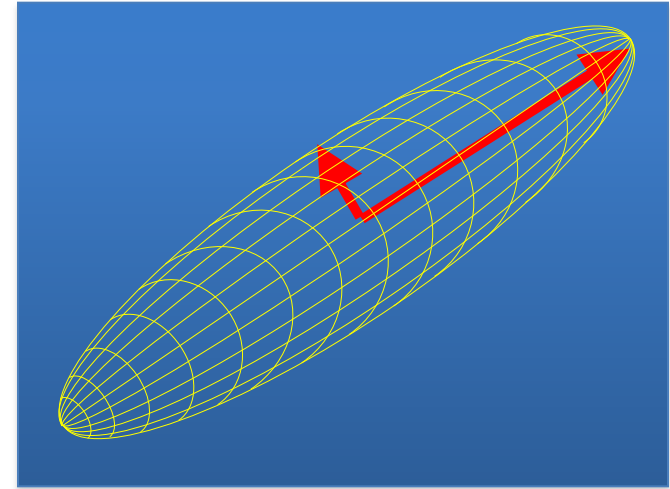
Diffusion techniques

- **ROI-based approaches**
- **Tractography-based approaches**
- **Voxel-wise approaches**
 - **Tract-based spatial statistics (TBSS)**
 - **Statistical parametric mapping (SPM)**

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Tractography

Assumption: only one direction is predominant in each voxel and diffusivity is greatest in this direction

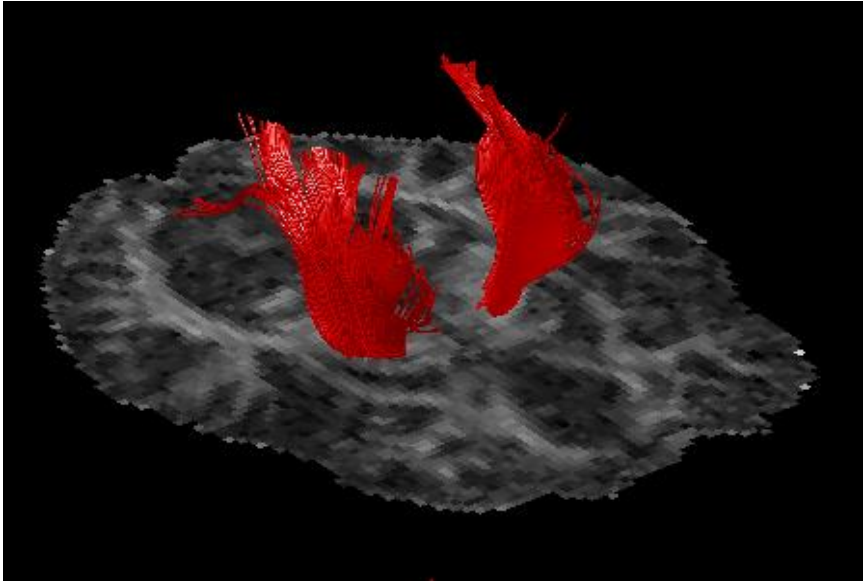


3D vector field representing fibre orientation in each voxel can be obtained through diagonalization of DT

Tracts are reconstructed by changing the fibre's direction as soon as a new pixel with a new information about direction is encountered.

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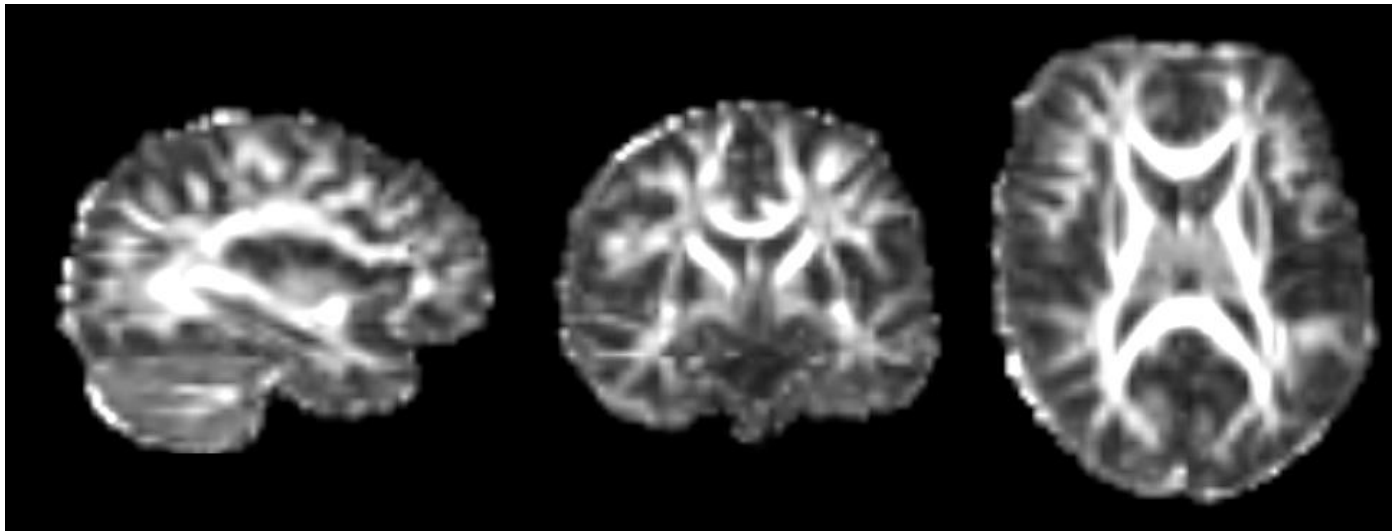
Tractography



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TBSS

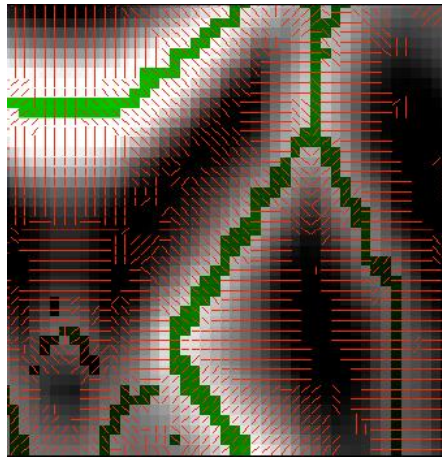
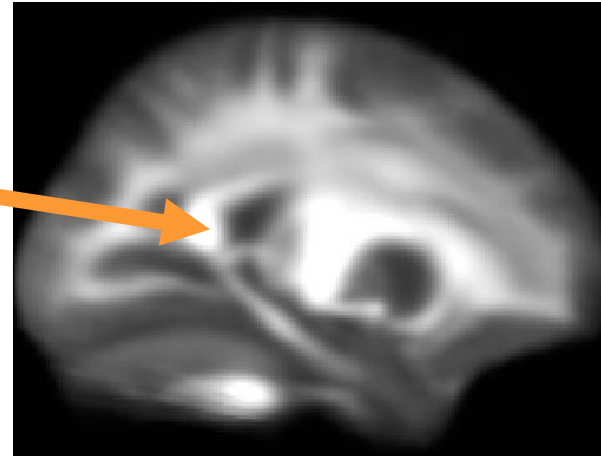
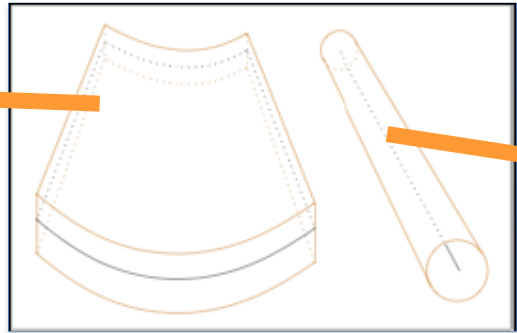
Use nonlinear registration to pre-align all subjects' FA
(nonlinear reg: FNIRT)



www.fmrib.ox.ac.uk/fsl/tbss/index.html

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TBSS/Skeletonise

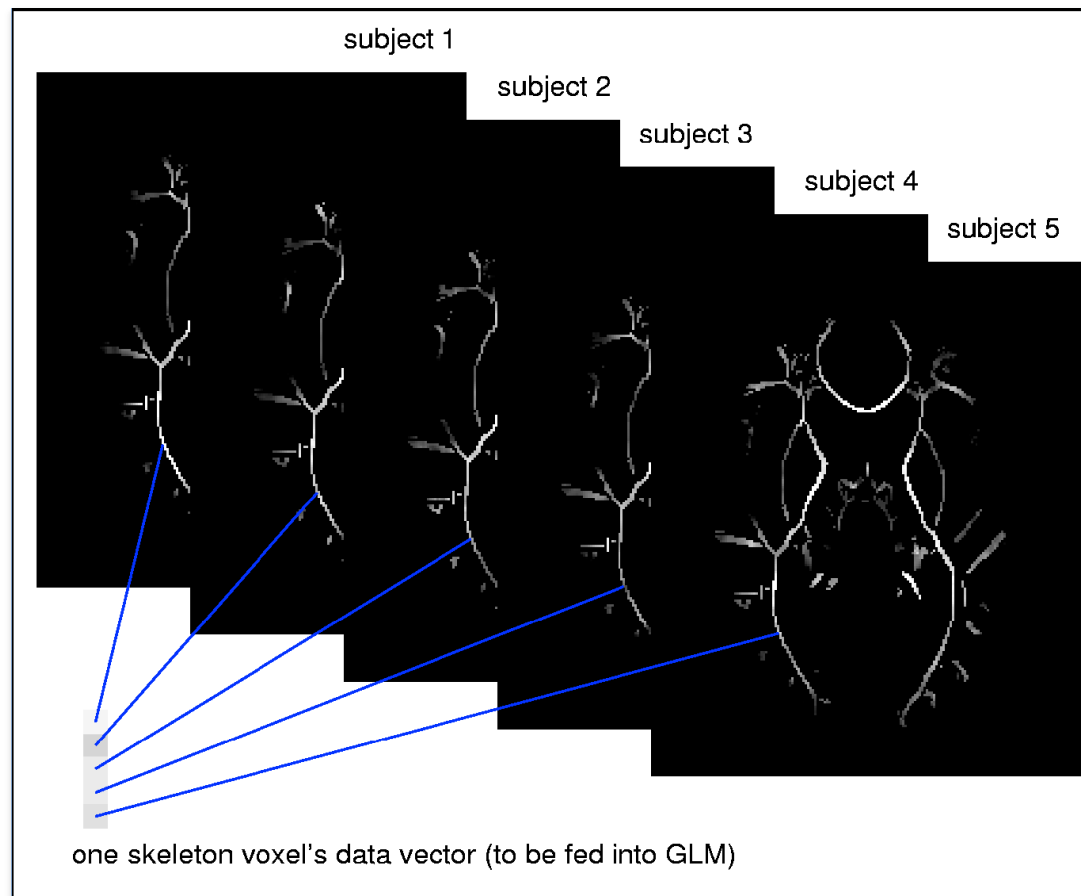


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TBSS

Do cross-subject voxelwise stats on skeleton-projected FA Threshold, (e.g., permutation testing, including multiple comparison correction)



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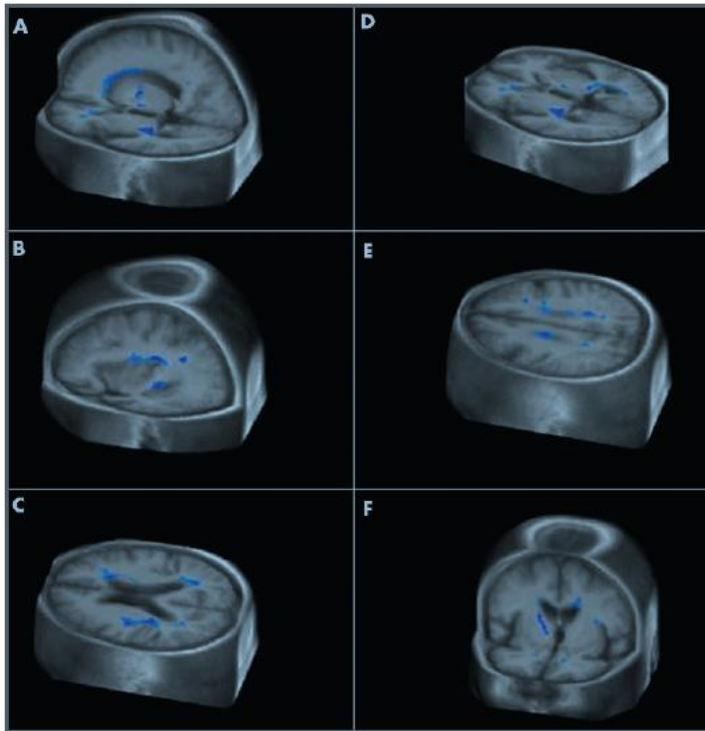
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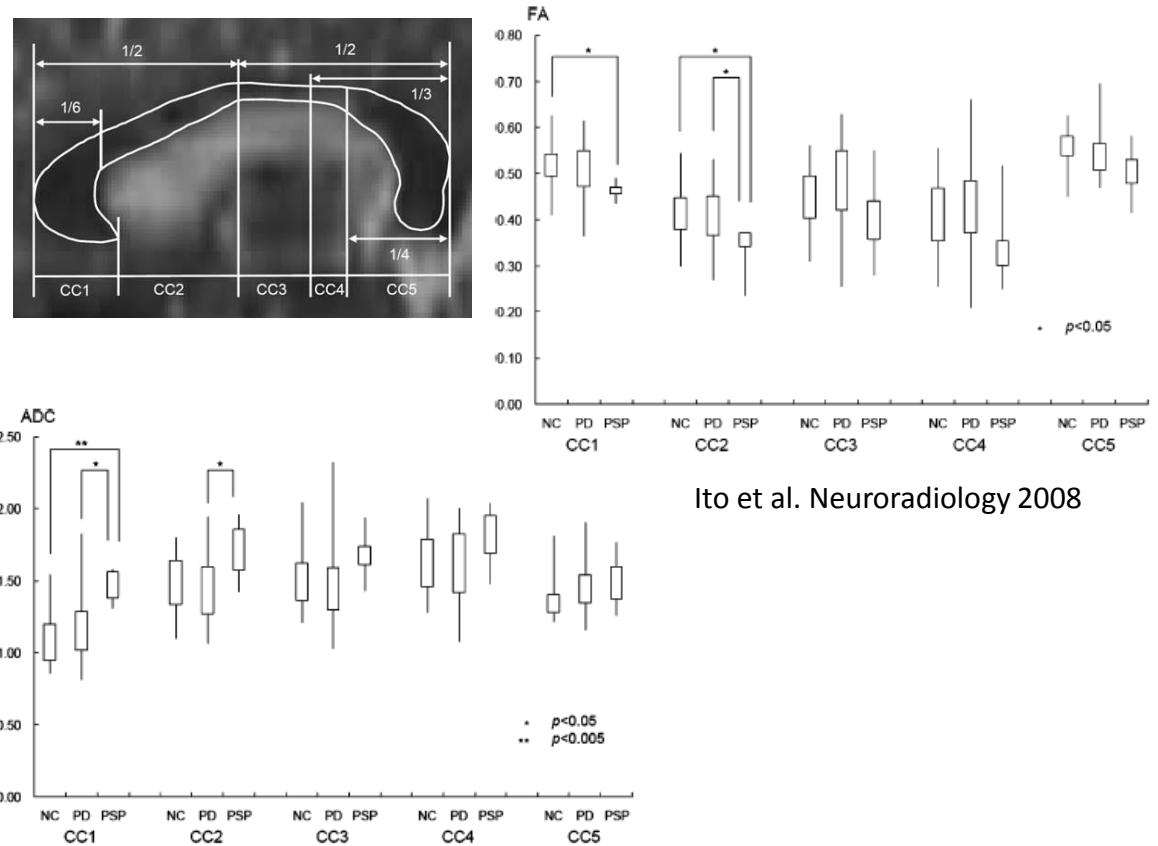
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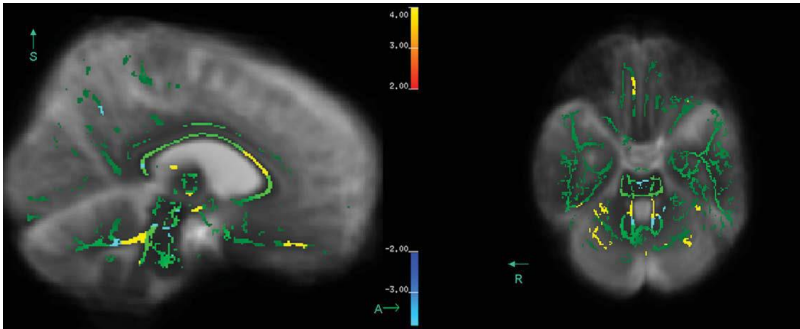
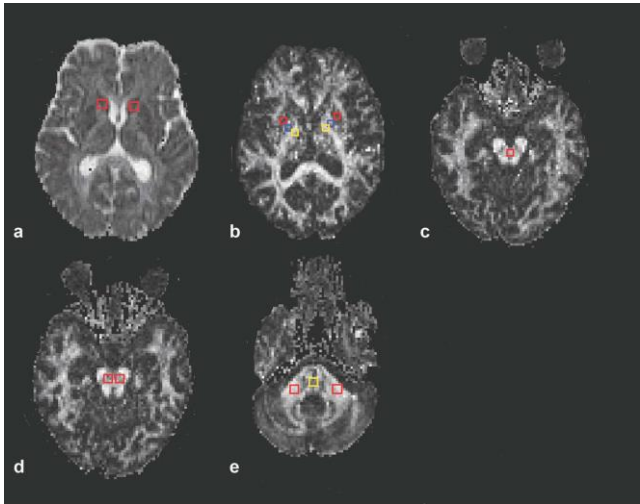
Padovani et al. JNNP 2006



Ito et al. Neuroradiology 2008

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Knake et al. Mov dis 2010

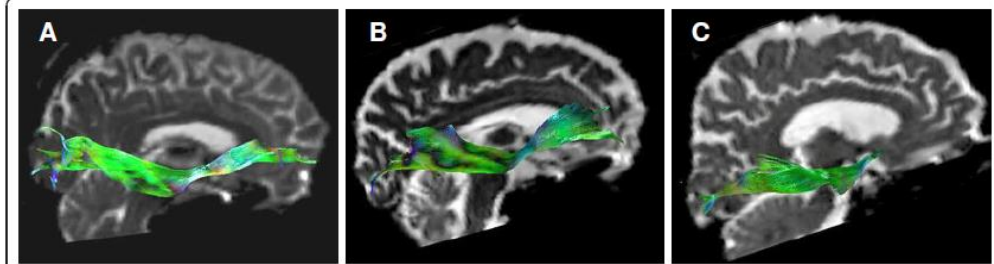
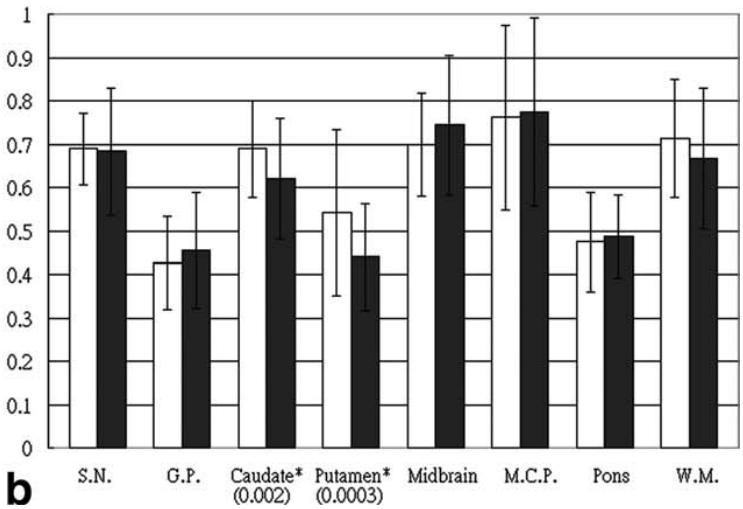


Figure 3 IFO morphology in patients and controls. Tractography of the right IFO in a control individual (A), a patient with PSP-parkinsonism (B) and a patient with PSP and dysexecutive problems, apathy and personality change (Richardson's syndrome; C). No difference in IFO morphology can be seen between the control (A) and the patient with PSP-parkinsonism (B), while the patient with PSP-Richardson's syndrome shows severe atrophy of the frontal part of the IFO (C).

Kvickström et al. BMC Neurology 2011



Wang et al. JMIR 2010

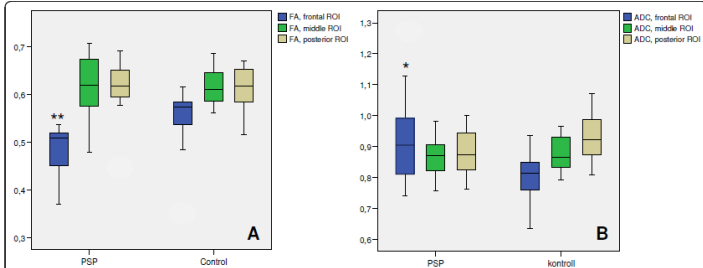
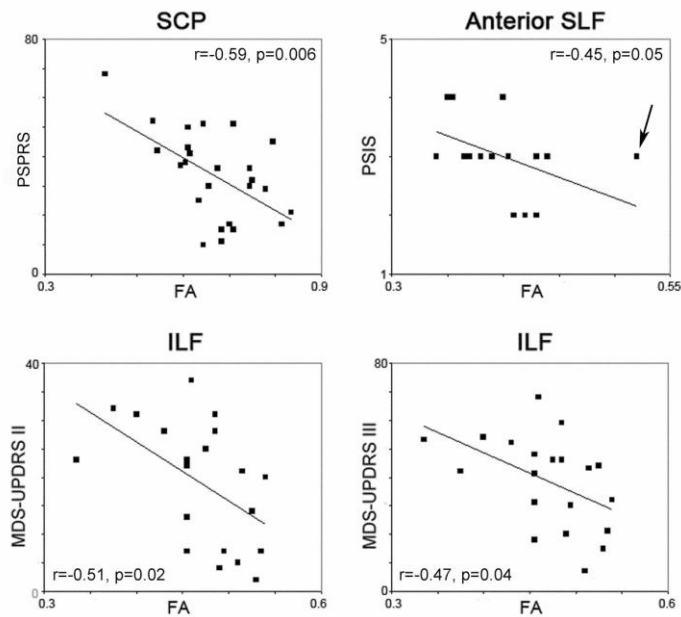
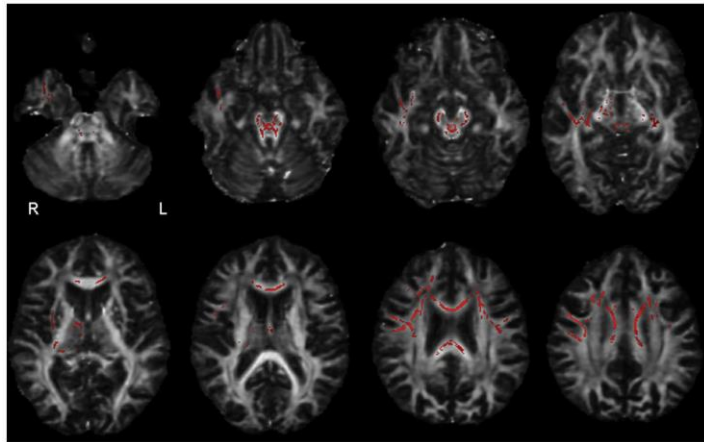


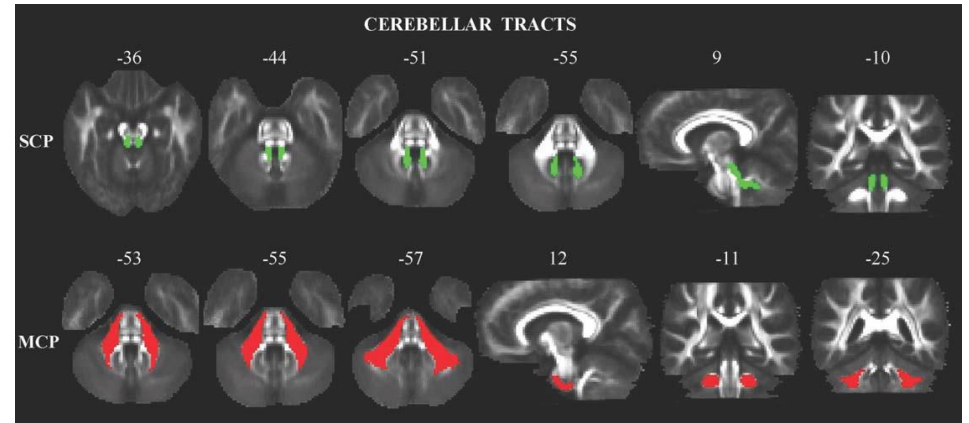
Figure 4 FA and ADC in the IFO. Box-plot of FA (A) and ADC (B; mm²/s) values in the frontal, middle and posterior ROIs of the IFO (see text for description of location). In the frontal ROI the FA value was significantly decreased (**; $p < 0.01$), while the ADC value was significantly increased (*; $p < 0.05$), compared to controls. No difference in either FA or ADC was seen between controls and patients with PSP for the middle or posterior ROIs.

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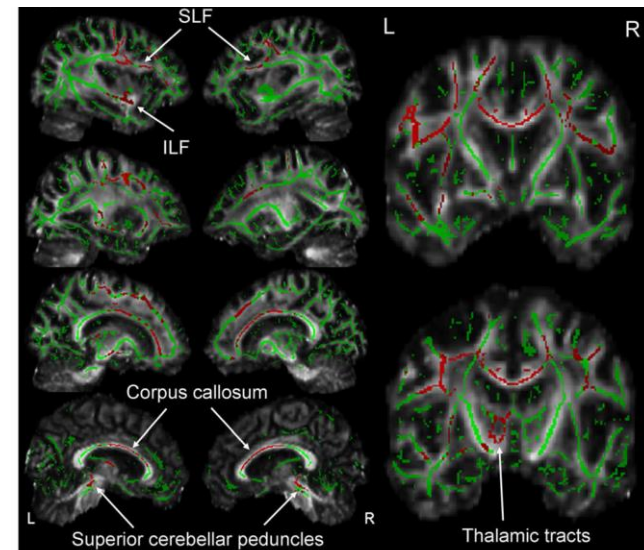


Whitwell et al. Arch Neurol. 2011



Selective damage of SCP

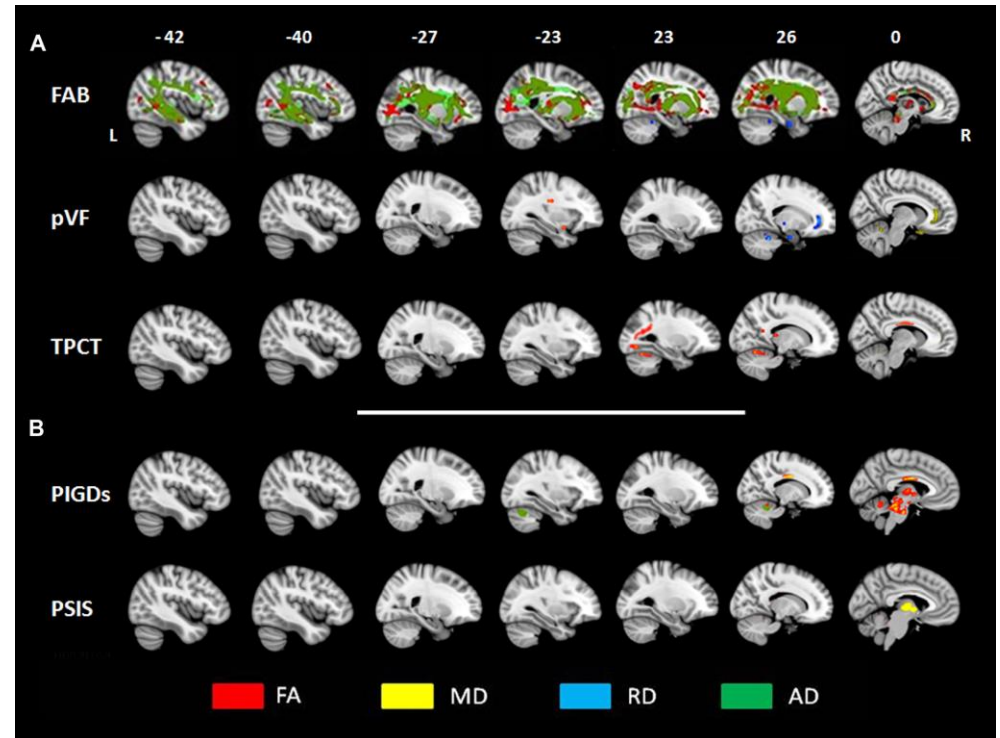
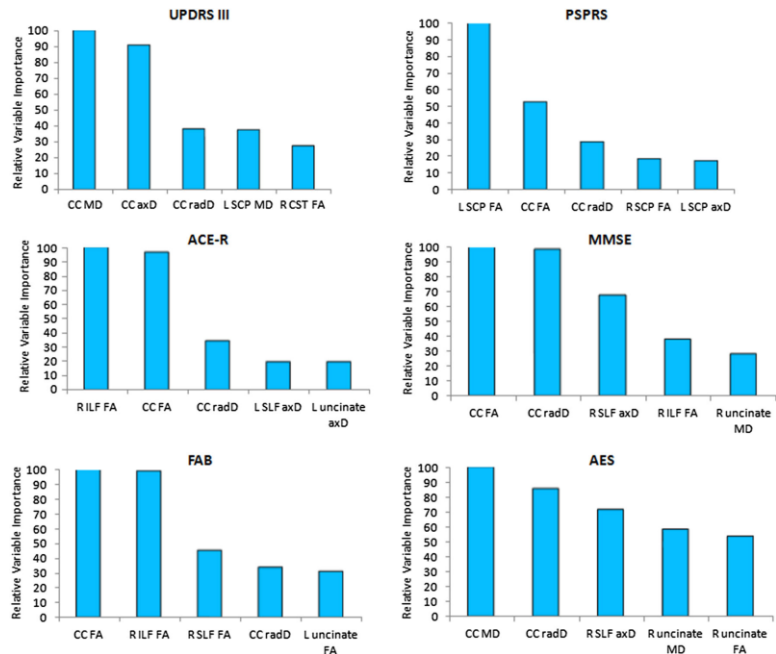
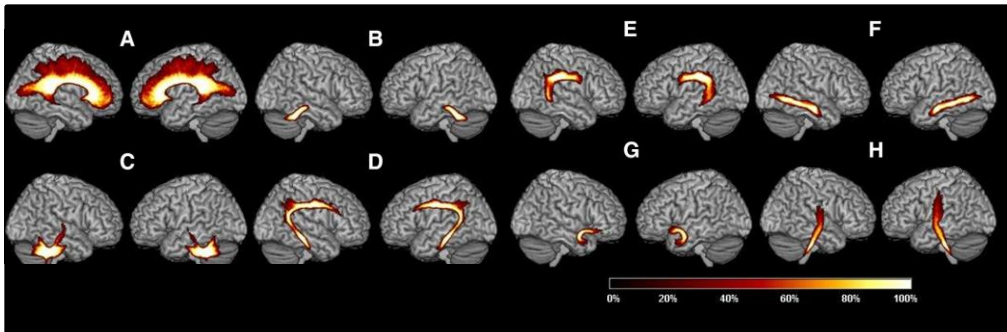
Canu et al. Mov Dis. 2011



Whitwell et al. Parkinsonism Relat Disord. 2011

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PSP/Correlations



Tessitore et al Neurobiol Aging. 2014

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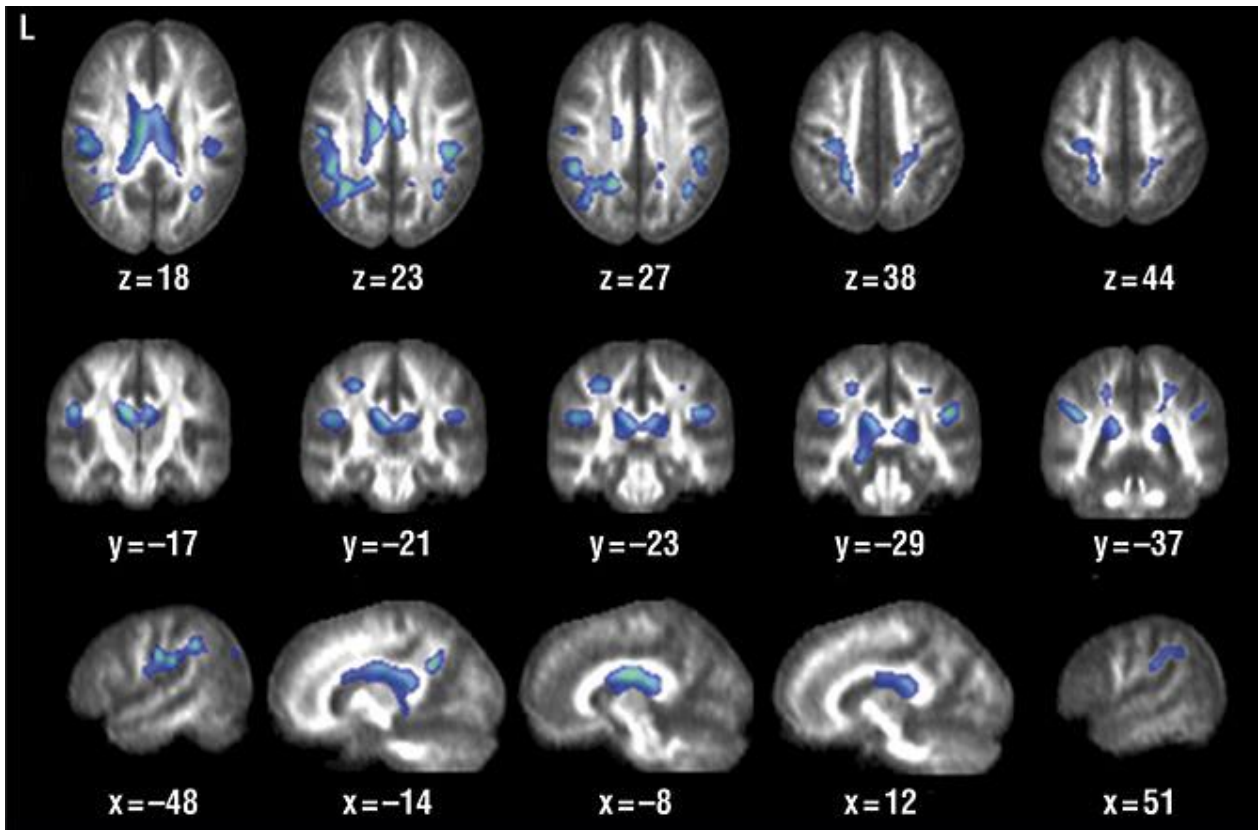
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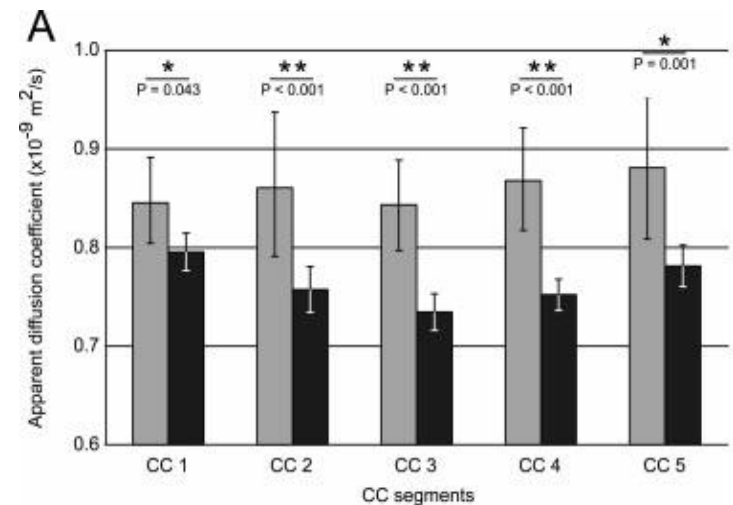
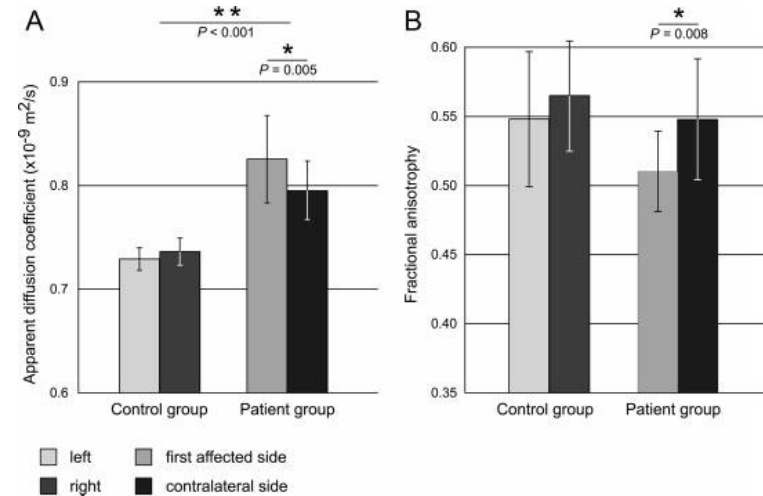
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CBS

FA: CBS patients vs. controls



Corpus callosum, fronto-parietal connections



Asymmetric damage

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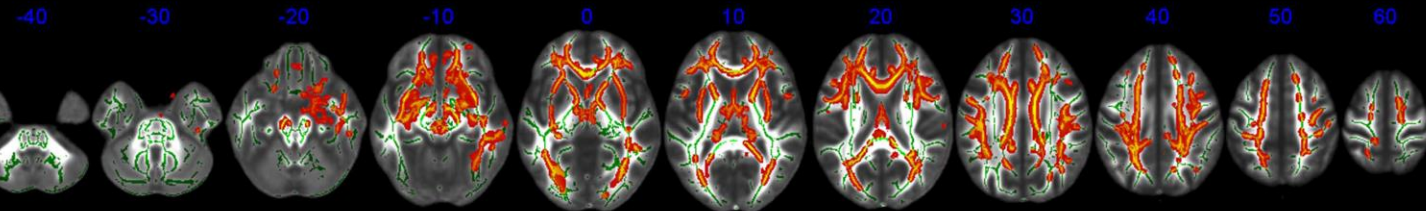
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DTI metrics changes in CBS

Most tracts are altered in CBS

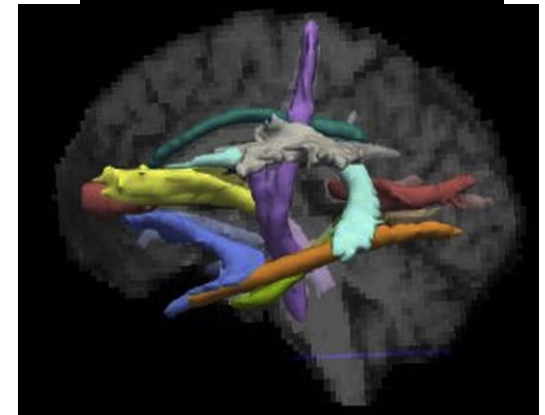
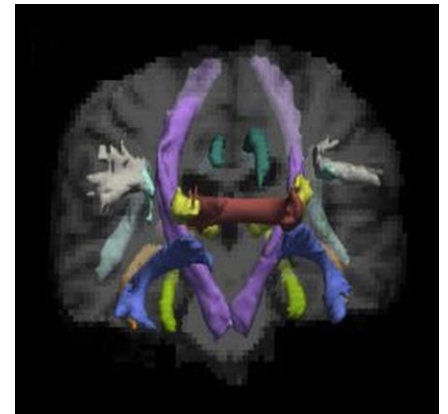
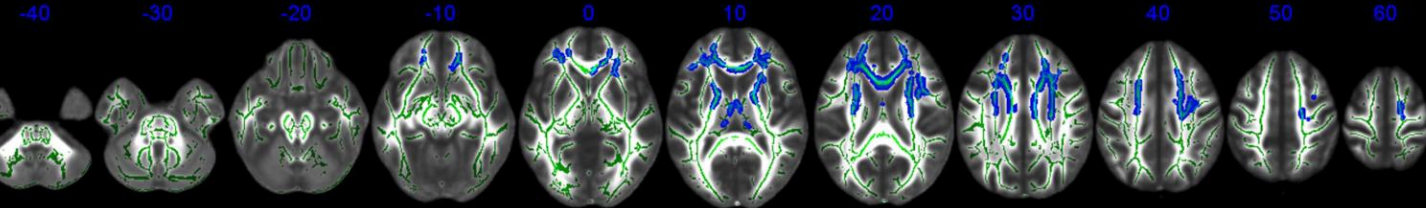
A FRACTIONAL ANISOTROPY

CTL > CBS



B MEAN DIFFUSIVITY

CTL < CBS



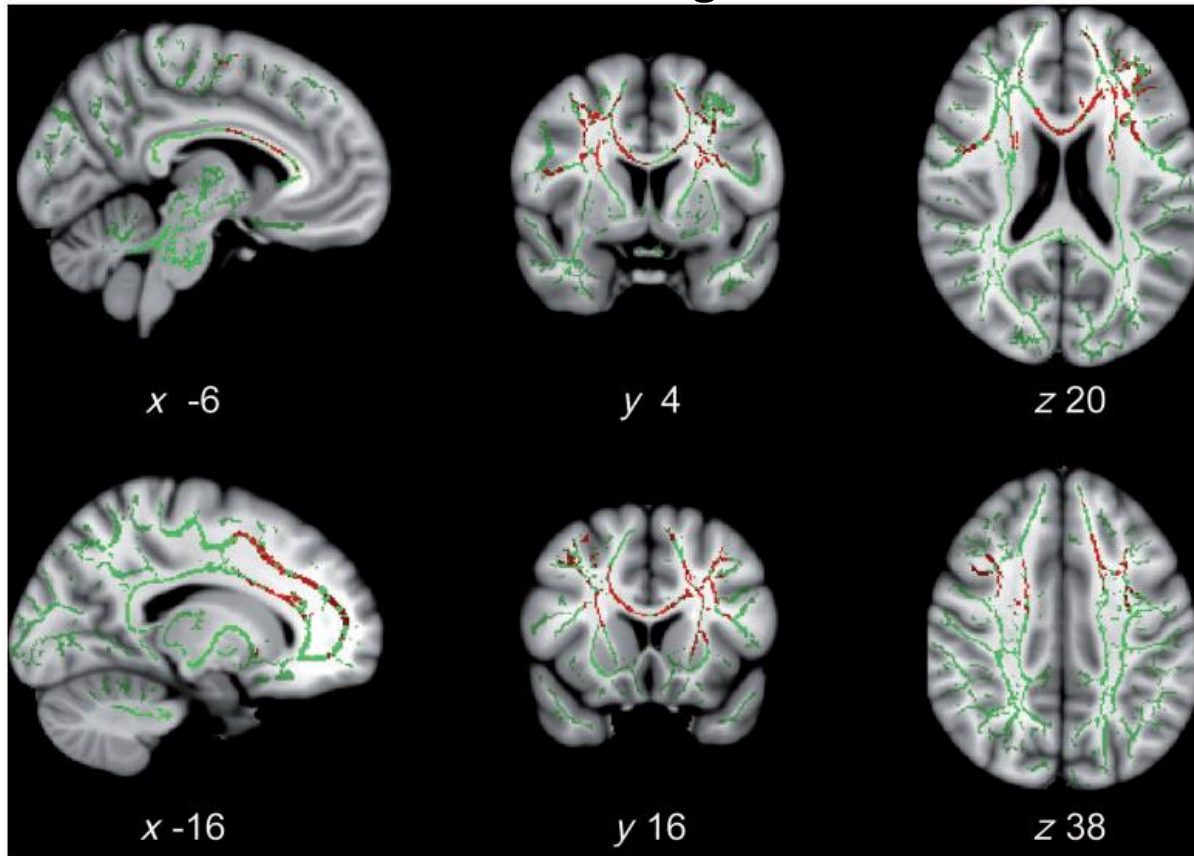
Tovar-Moll et al. Plos One. 2014

Upadhyay et al. Neurobiol Aging. 2016

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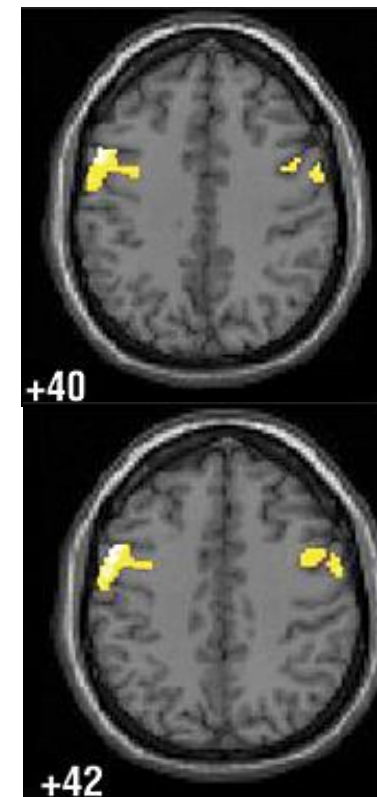
CBS/Correlations

MD correlates to action binding in CBS



Wolpe et al., Brain. 2014

Sensorimotor WM FA decrease vs. limb apraxia



Borroni et al., Arch Neurol. 2008

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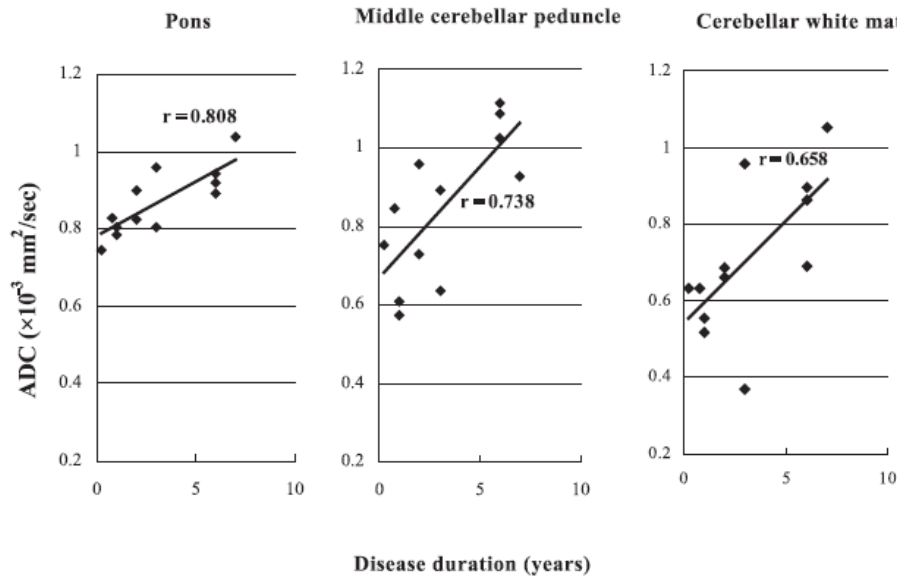
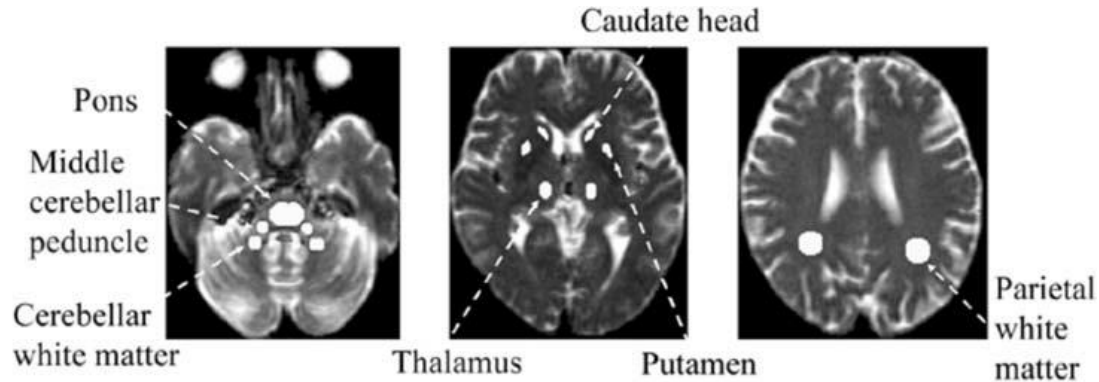
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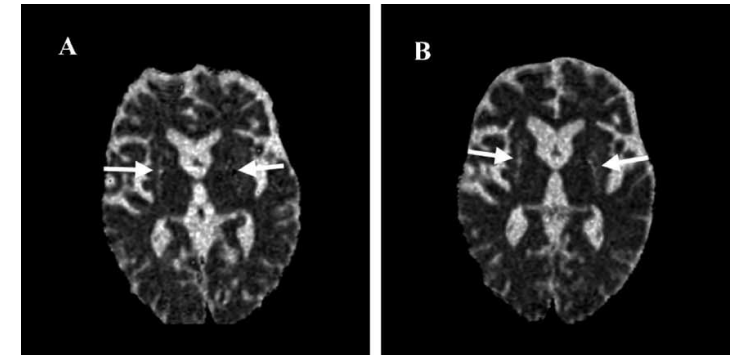
MSA

Altered ADC in the pons and MCP of MSA-C patients

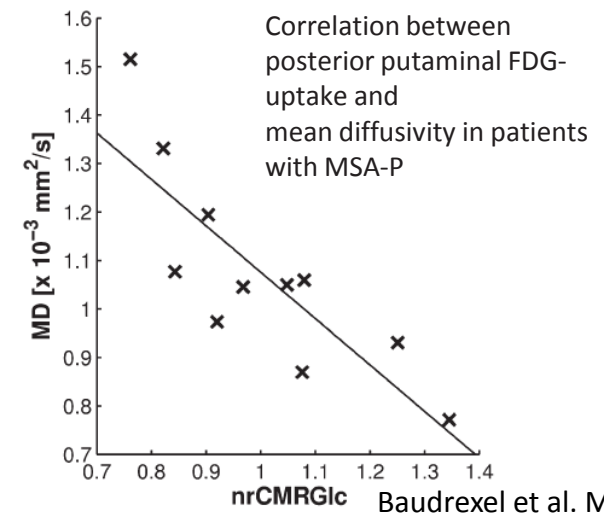


Kanazawa et al. J Neurol. 2004

Putaminal degeneration in MSA-P



Seppi et al. Neuroimage 2006

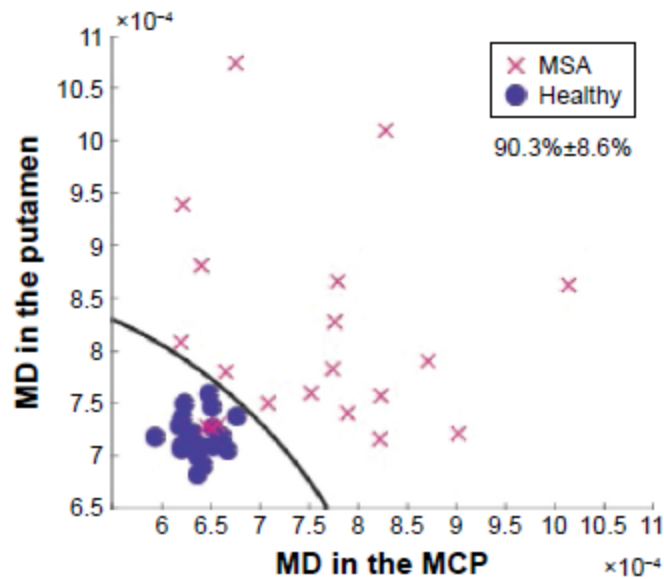
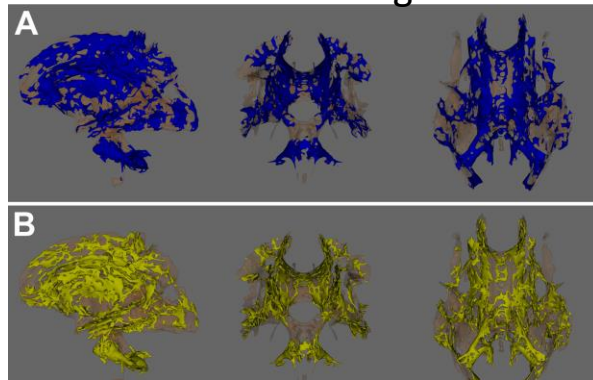


Baudrexel et al. Mov Dis. 2014

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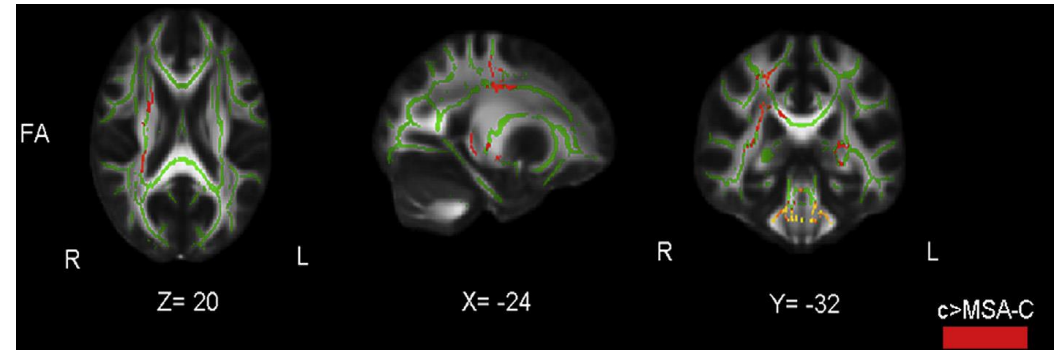
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MSA WM damage

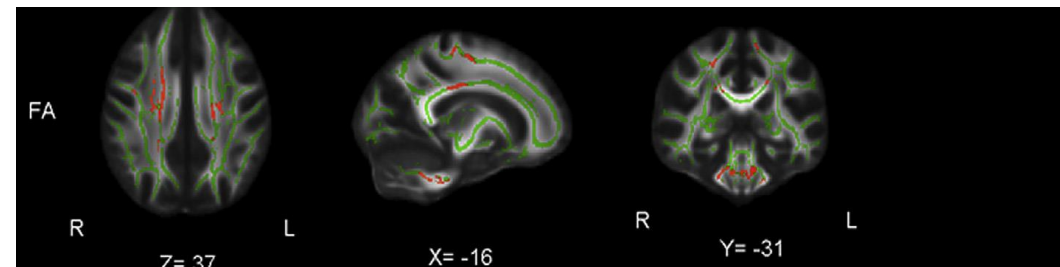


Rulseh et al. Neuropsychiatr Dis Treat. 2016

MSA-C vs HC



MSA-P vs HC



Ji et al. Parkinsonism Relat Disord. 2014

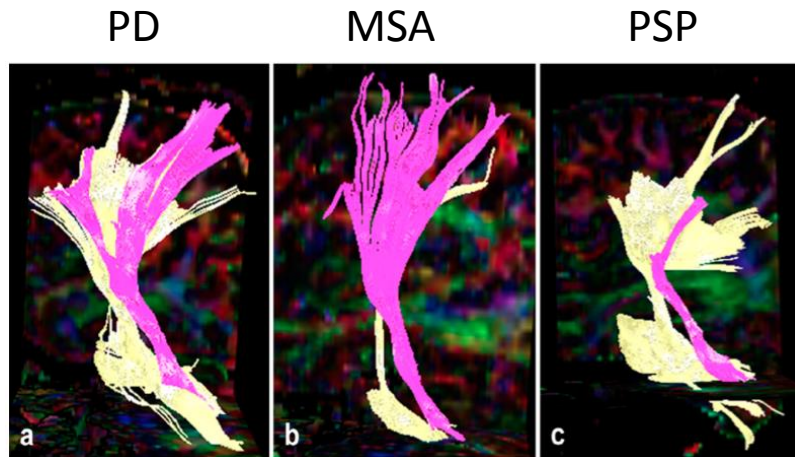
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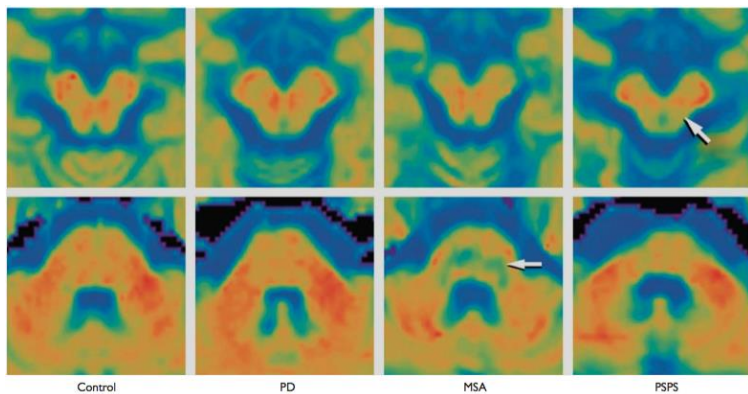
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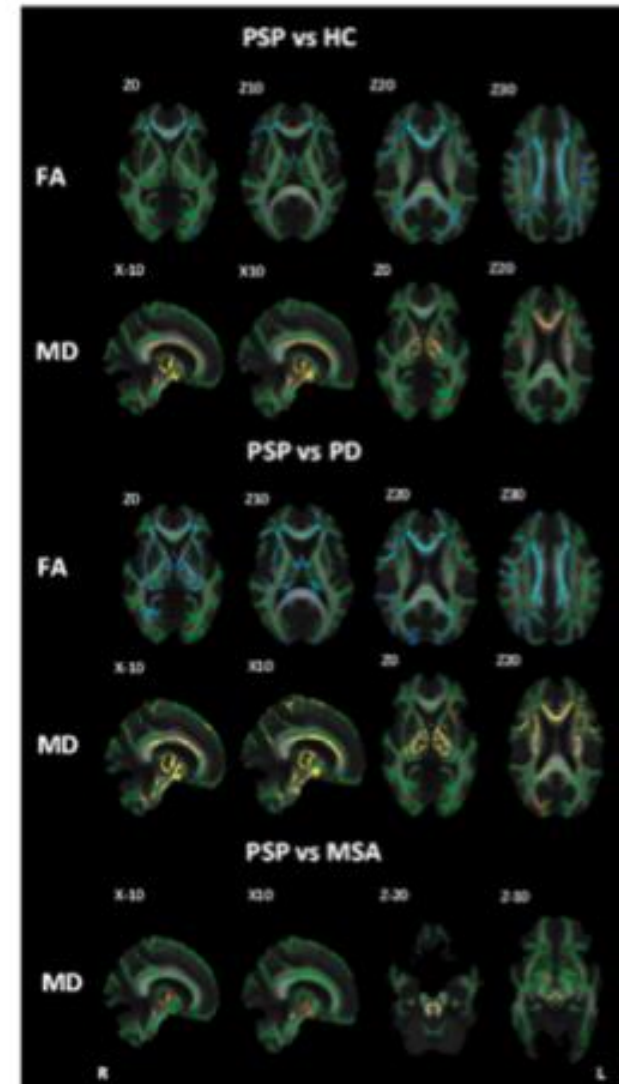
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Nilsson et al. Neuroradiology. 2007



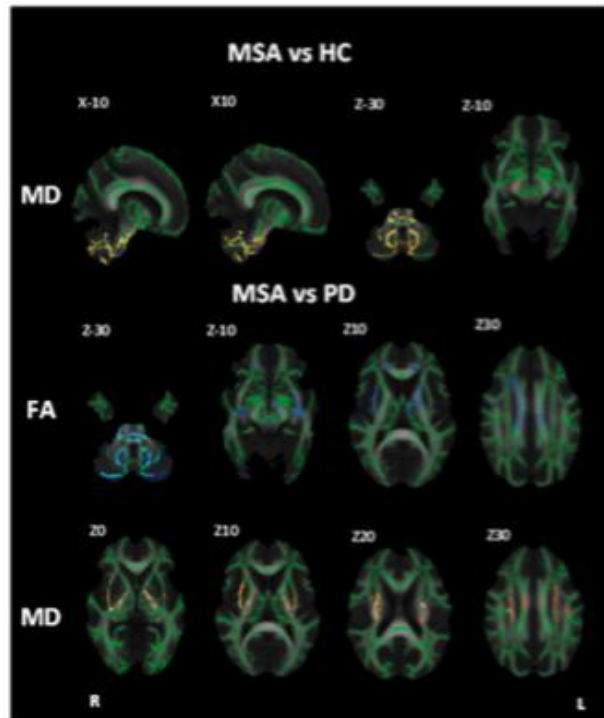
Ito et al. Neuroreport. 2015



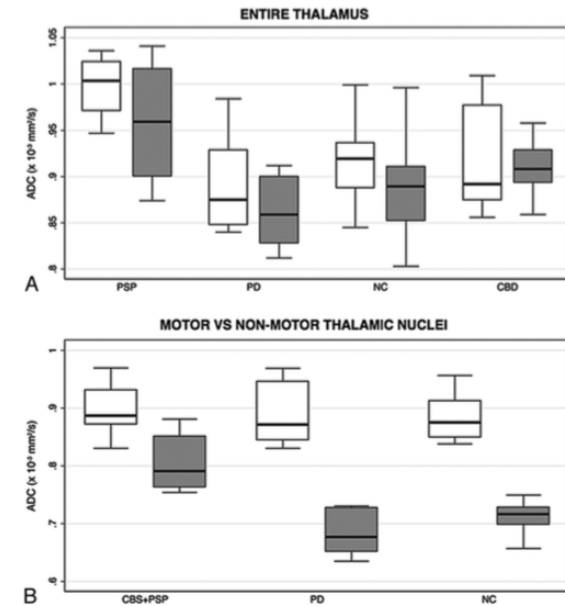
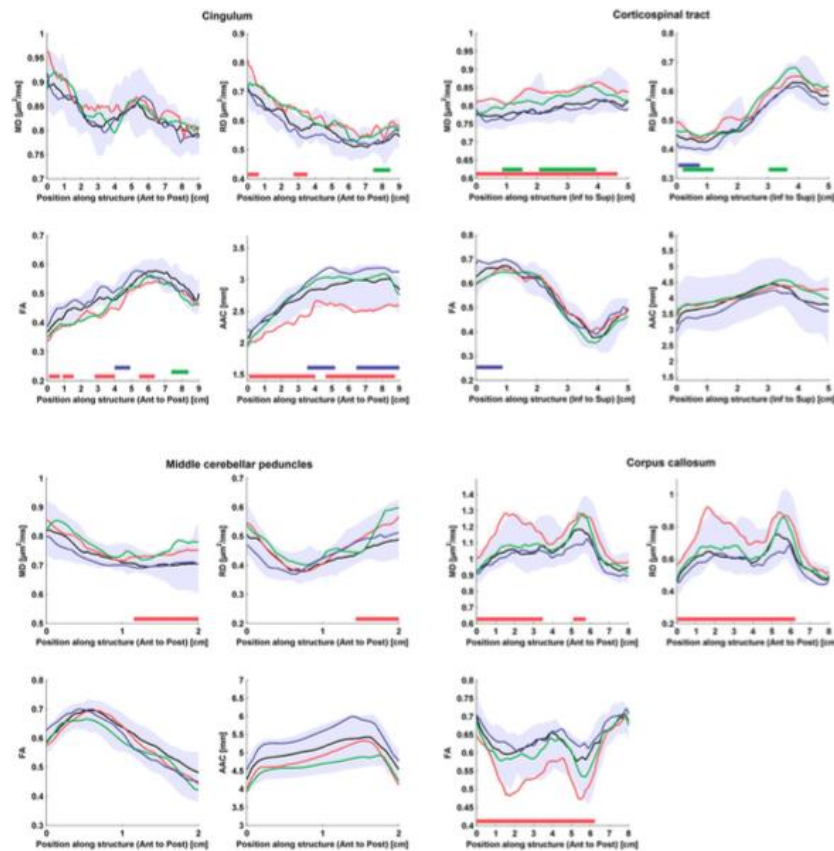
Worker et al. Plos one. 2014

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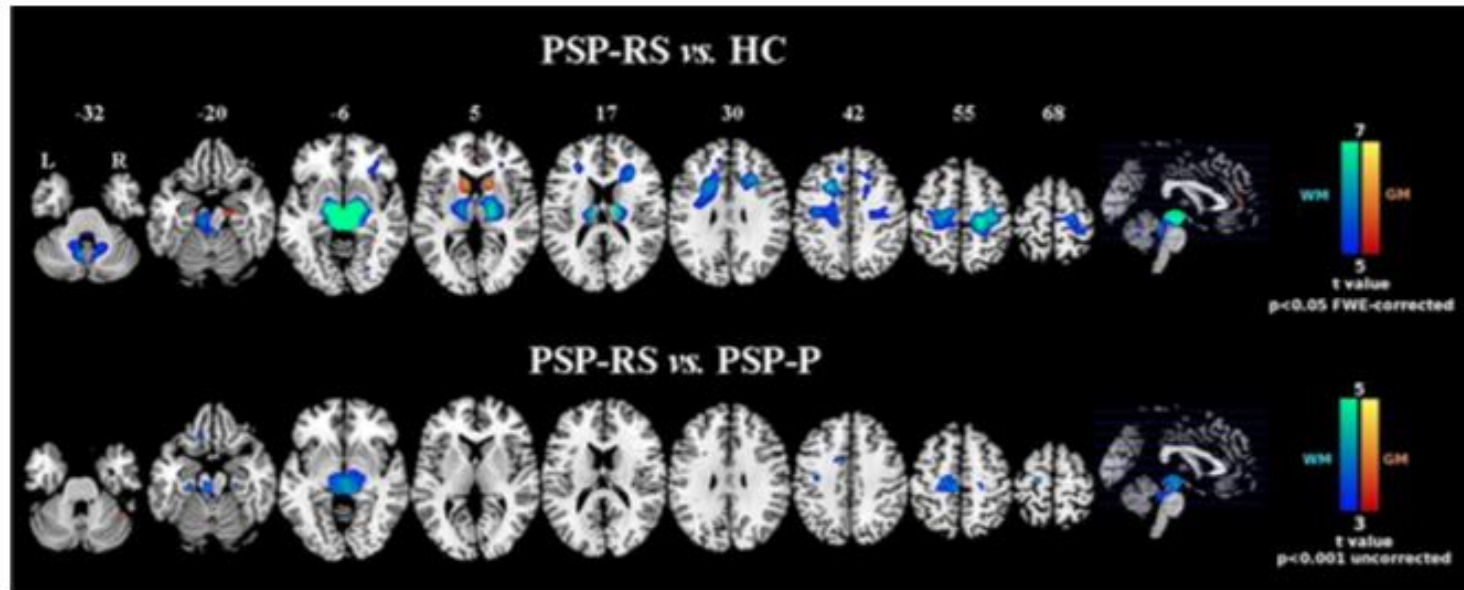


Hess et al. Brain. 2014

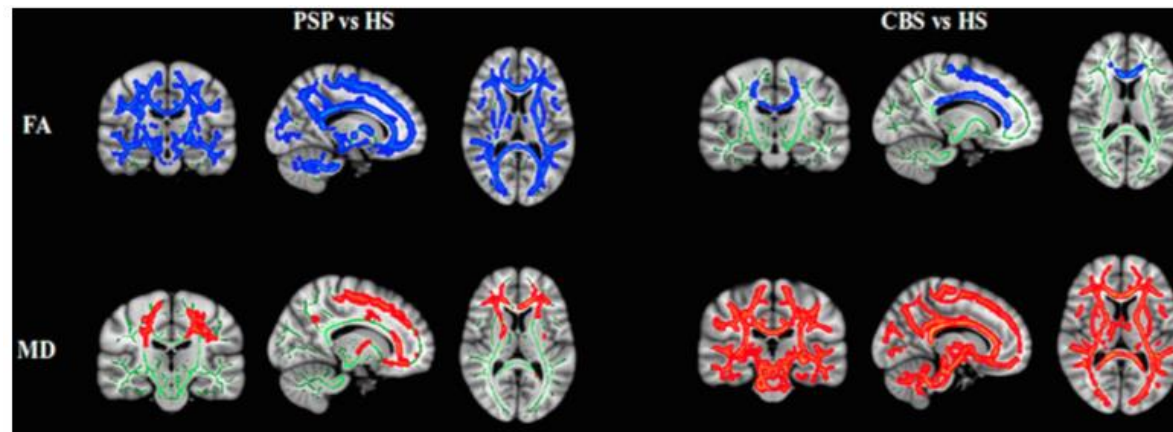
Surova et al. Plos one. 2013

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Agosta et al. Neurobiol Aging. 2012

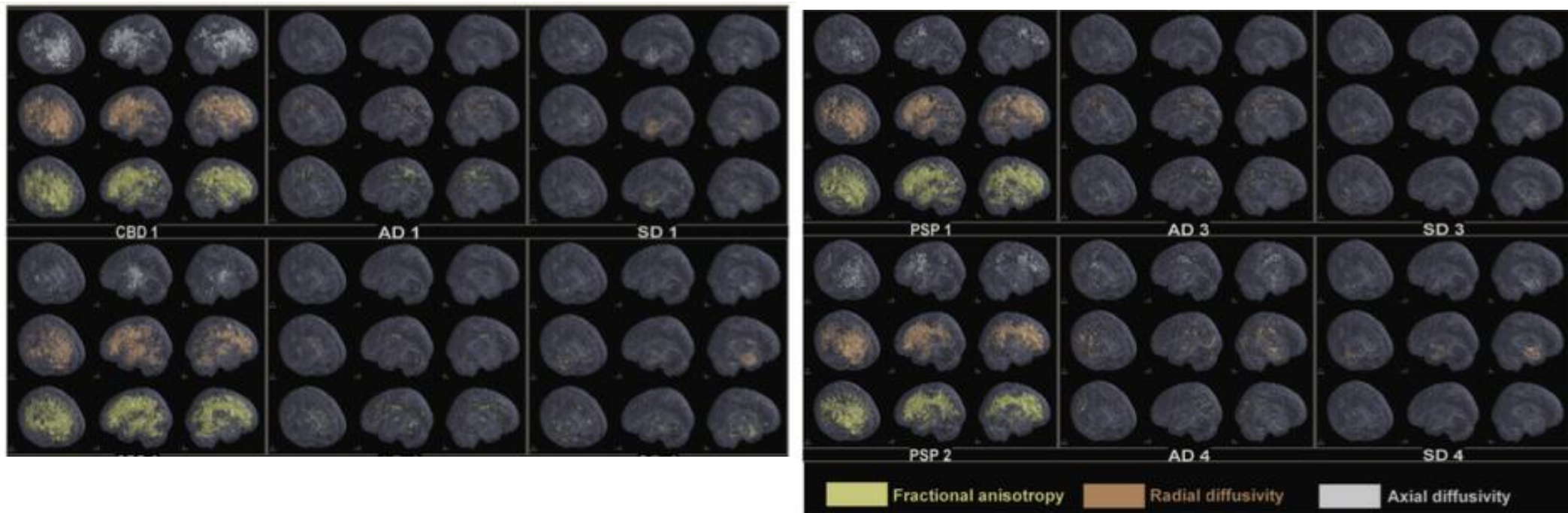


Upadhyay et al. J Neurol. 2016

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Differential diagnosis/Single subject

Single subject diagnosis of PSP or CBD

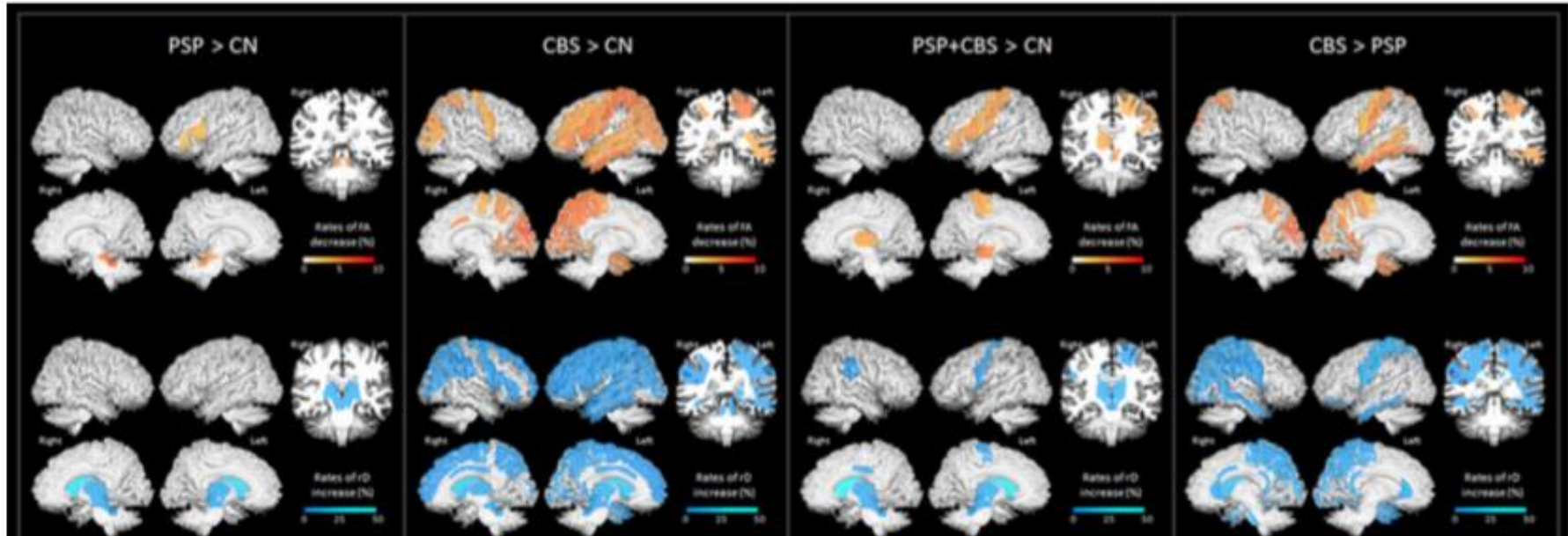


Sajjadi et al. Brain. 2013

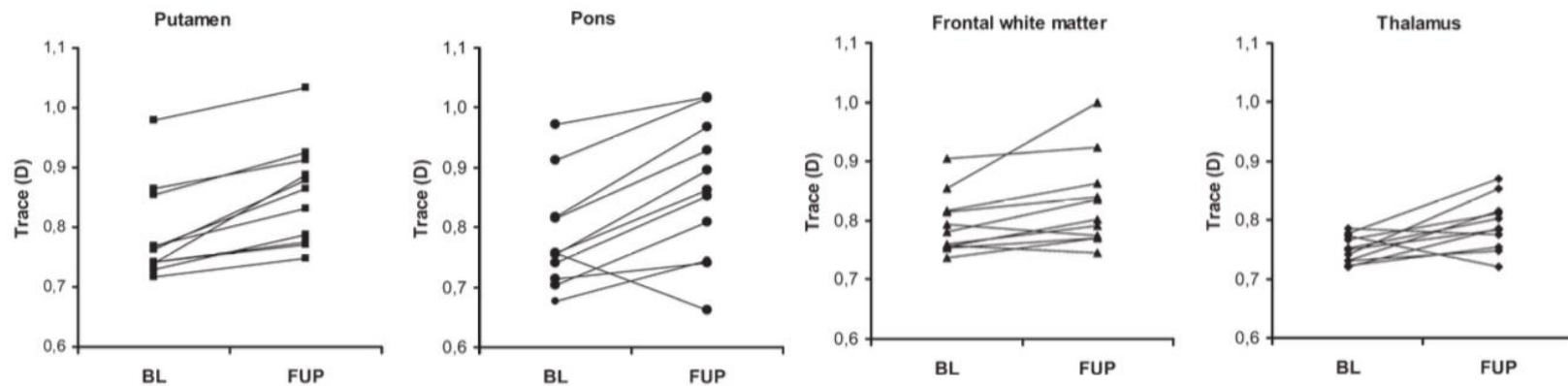
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Monitoring disease progression

Zhang et al. Plos one. 2016



Pellecchia et al. Mov Dis. 2011





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