



Multimodal Patho-Connectomics: Towards personalize medicine

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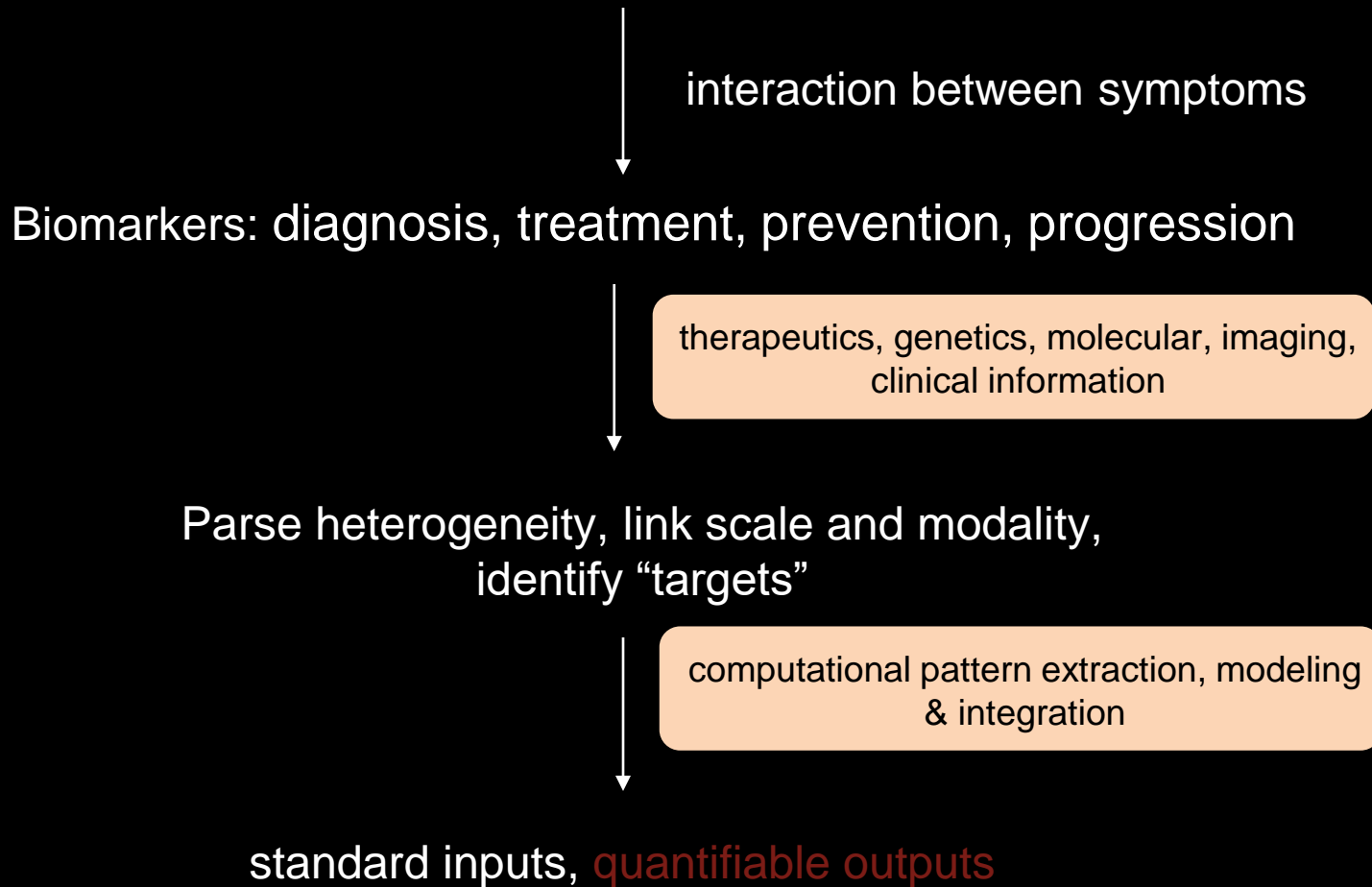
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Connectomics for Pathology

- Imaging
 - Connectivity
 - Volume
 - Distance
- Genetic
- Behavioral
- Clinical

Using more than one source of information

Personalized Medicine



big data instead of big mess

Focal Pathology: Subject-specific analysis

DTI is increasingly used for planning

- Identify WM tracts, especially eloquent ones (arcuate, CST, OR)

Pre-operatively

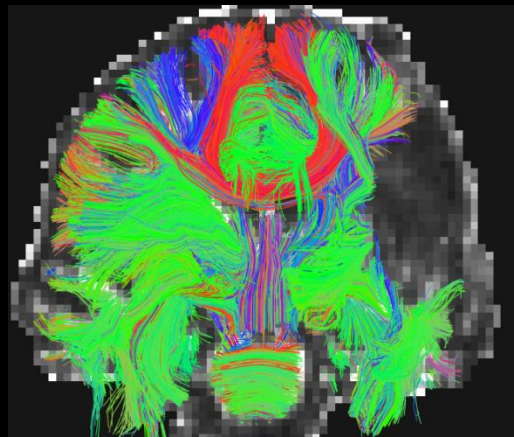
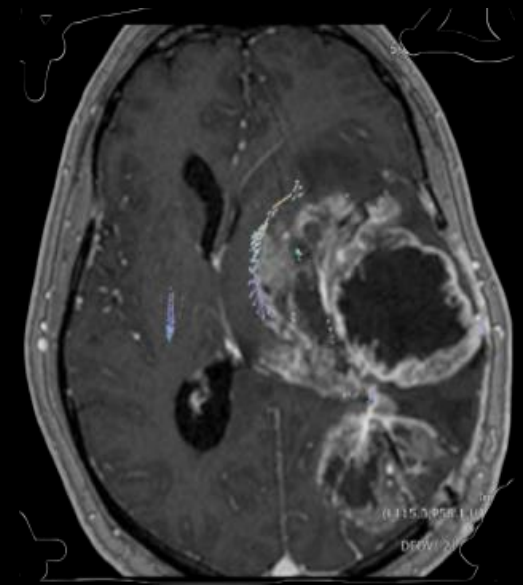
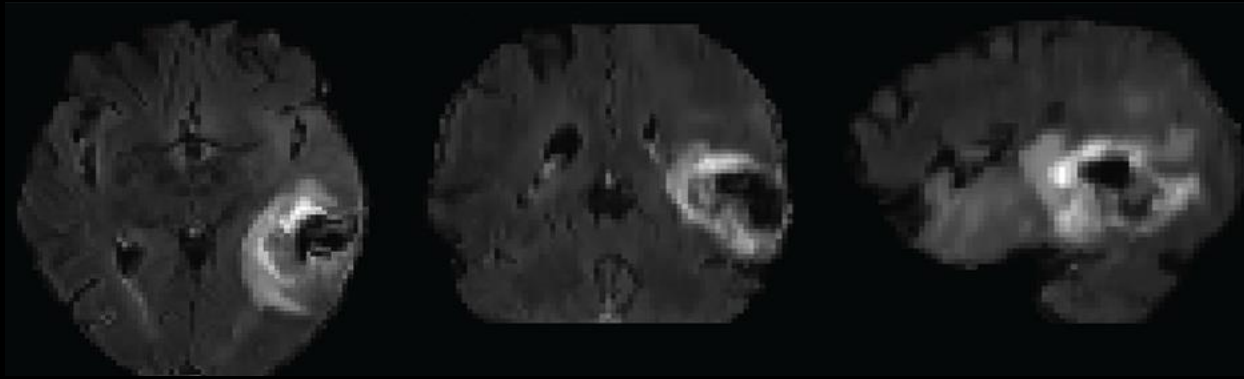
- Aid in choice of optimal resection margin by avoiding damage to tracts associated with eloquent function

Post-operatively

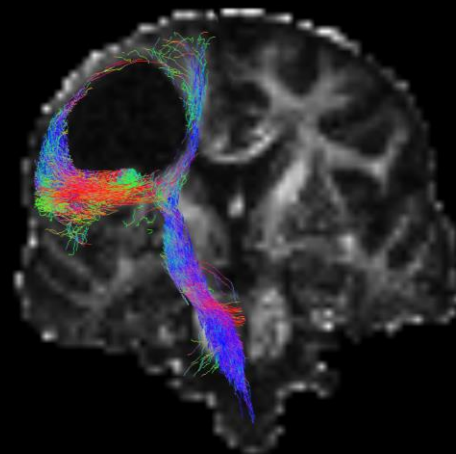
- Tissue is differentially affected by the tumor (proximity, tissue type) – apply radiation preferentially



Tumors: as personalized as it gets

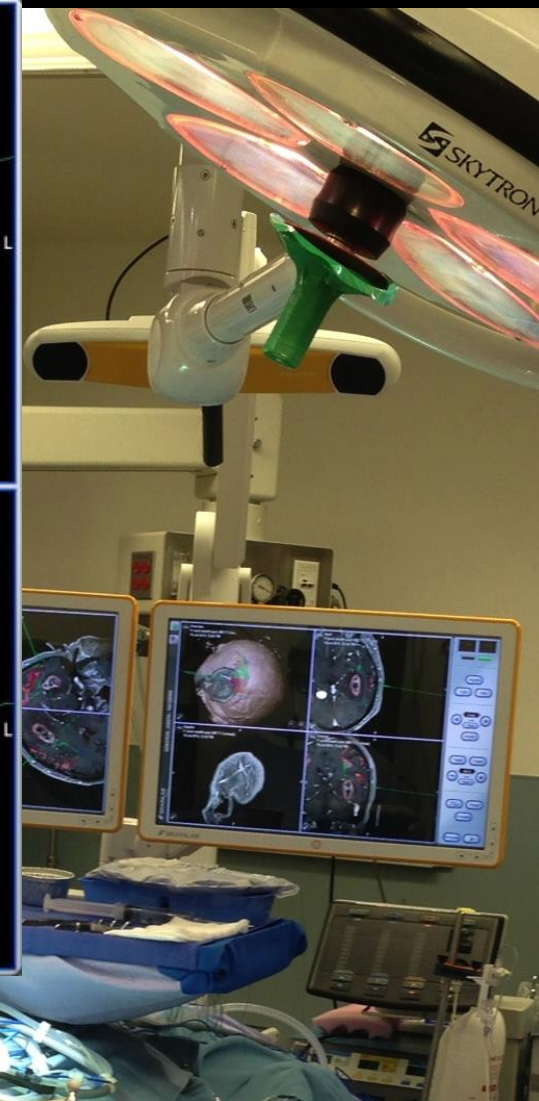
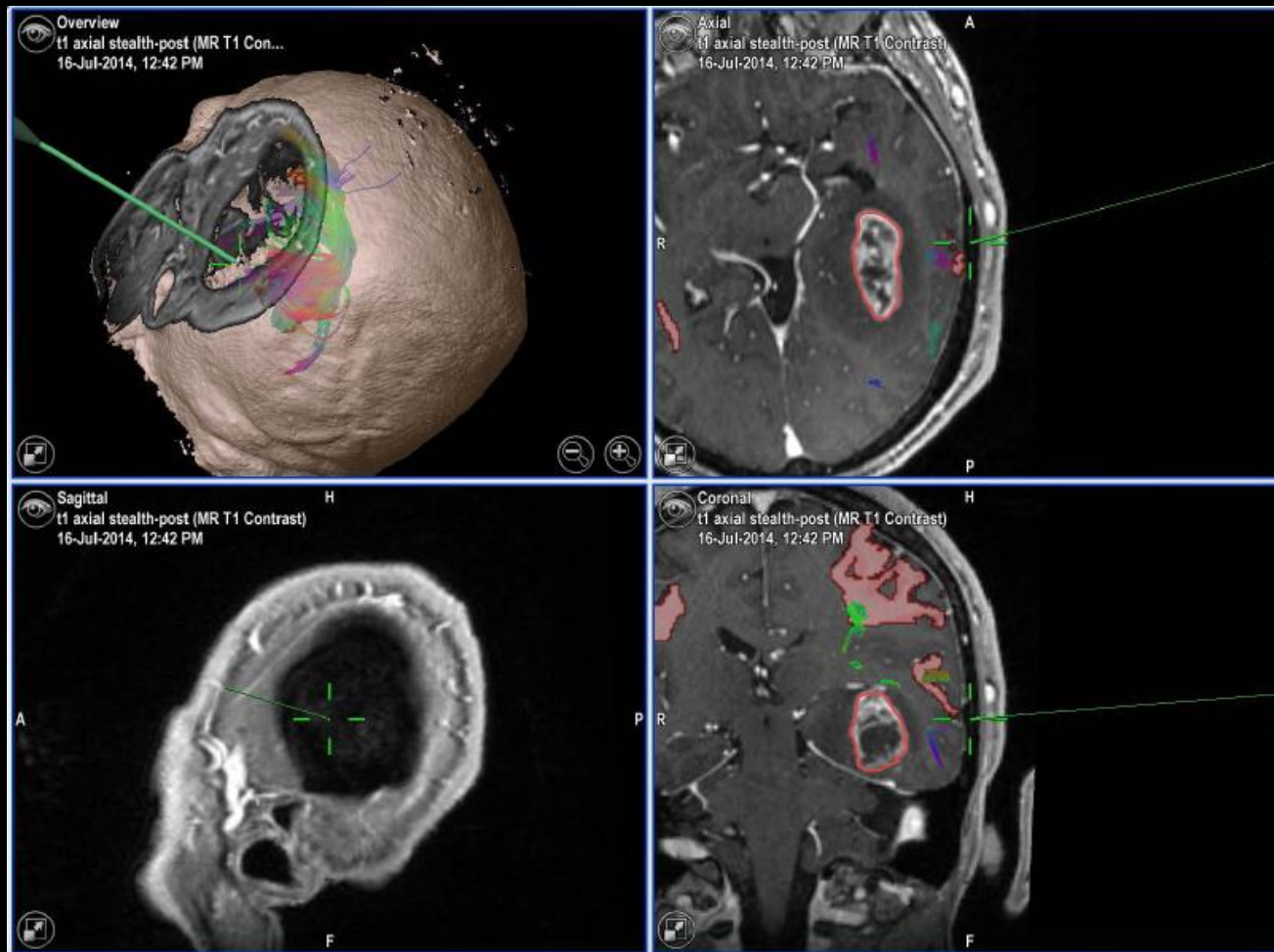


Infiltration



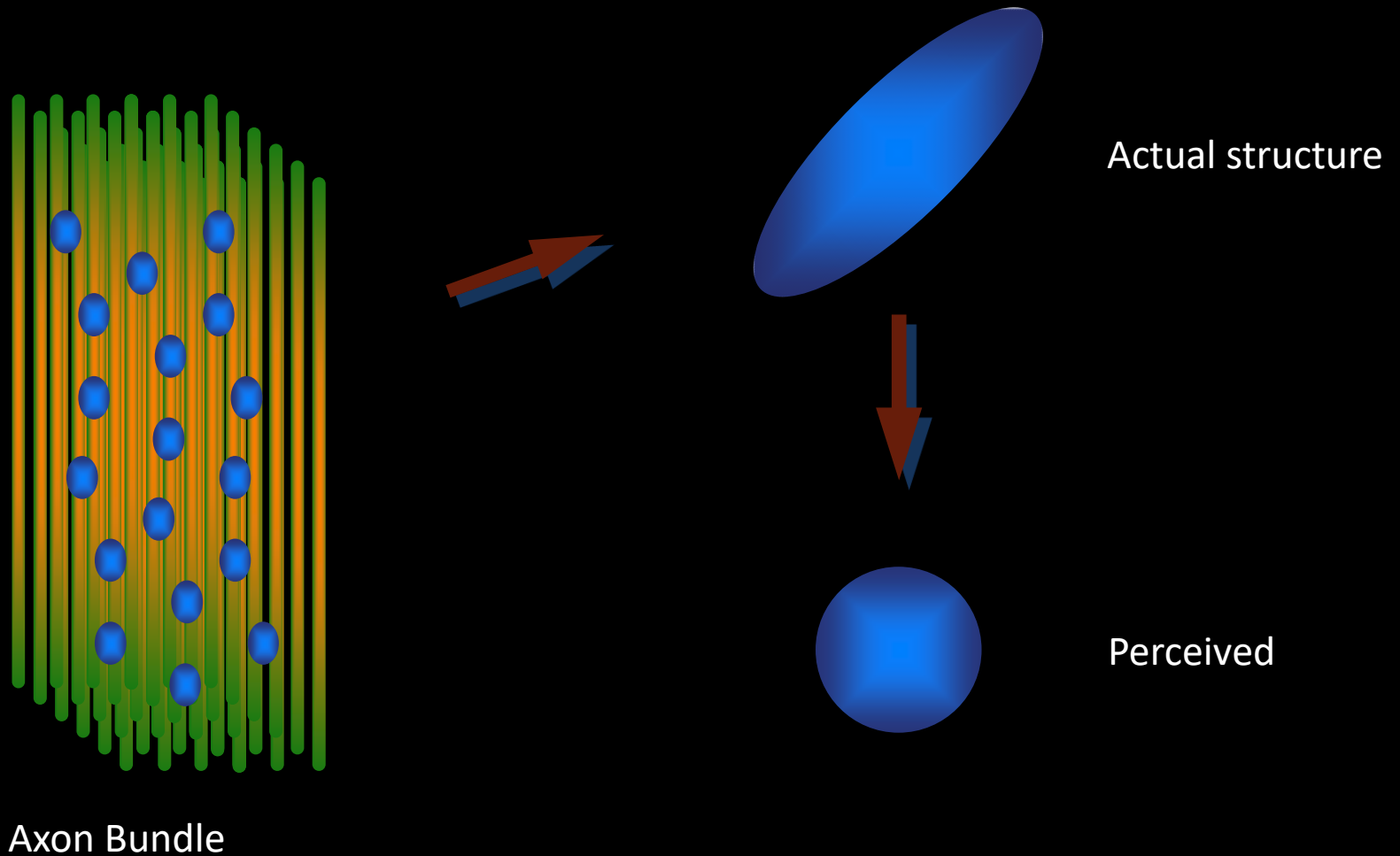
Mass effect

Existing Plans



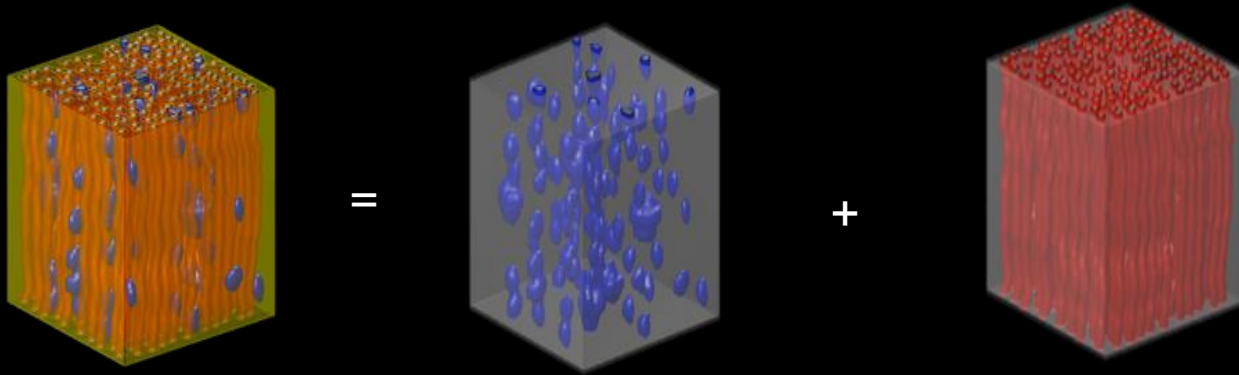
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Why is edema such a big problem?

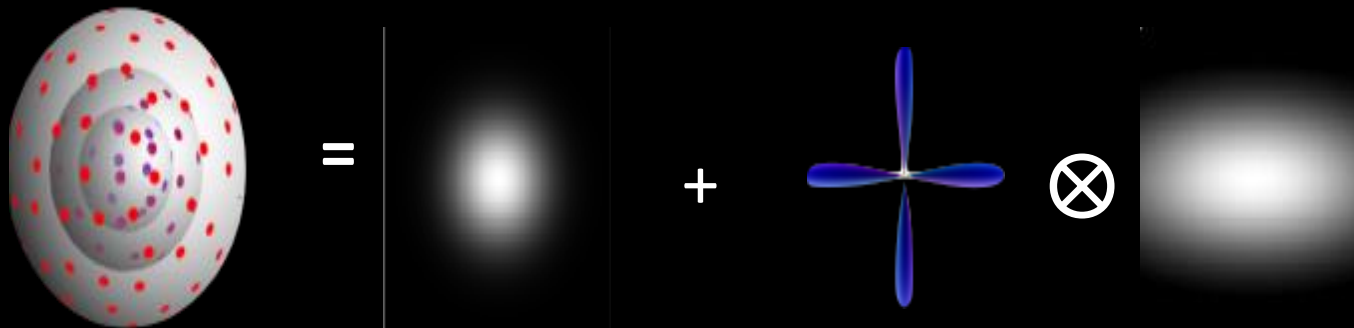


Addressing the problem of edema

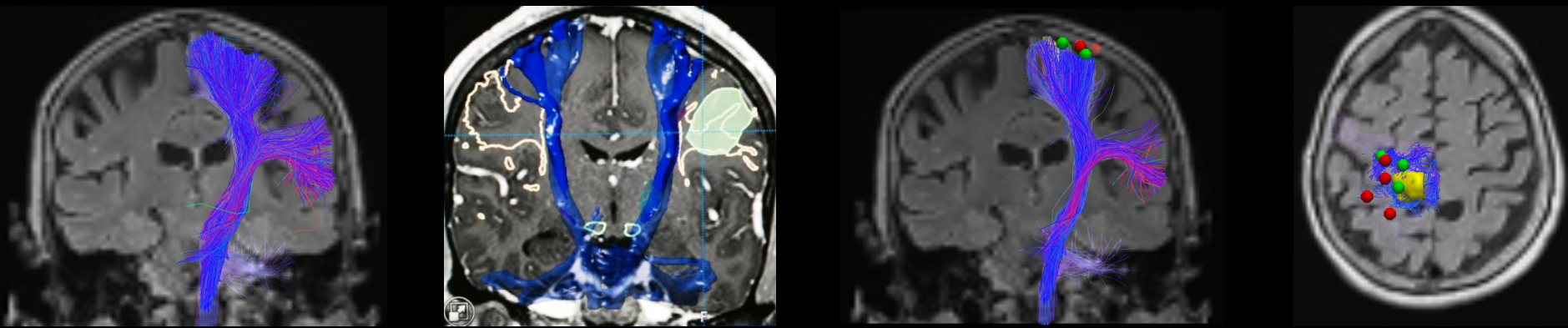
White Matter Tissue structure



Acquisition

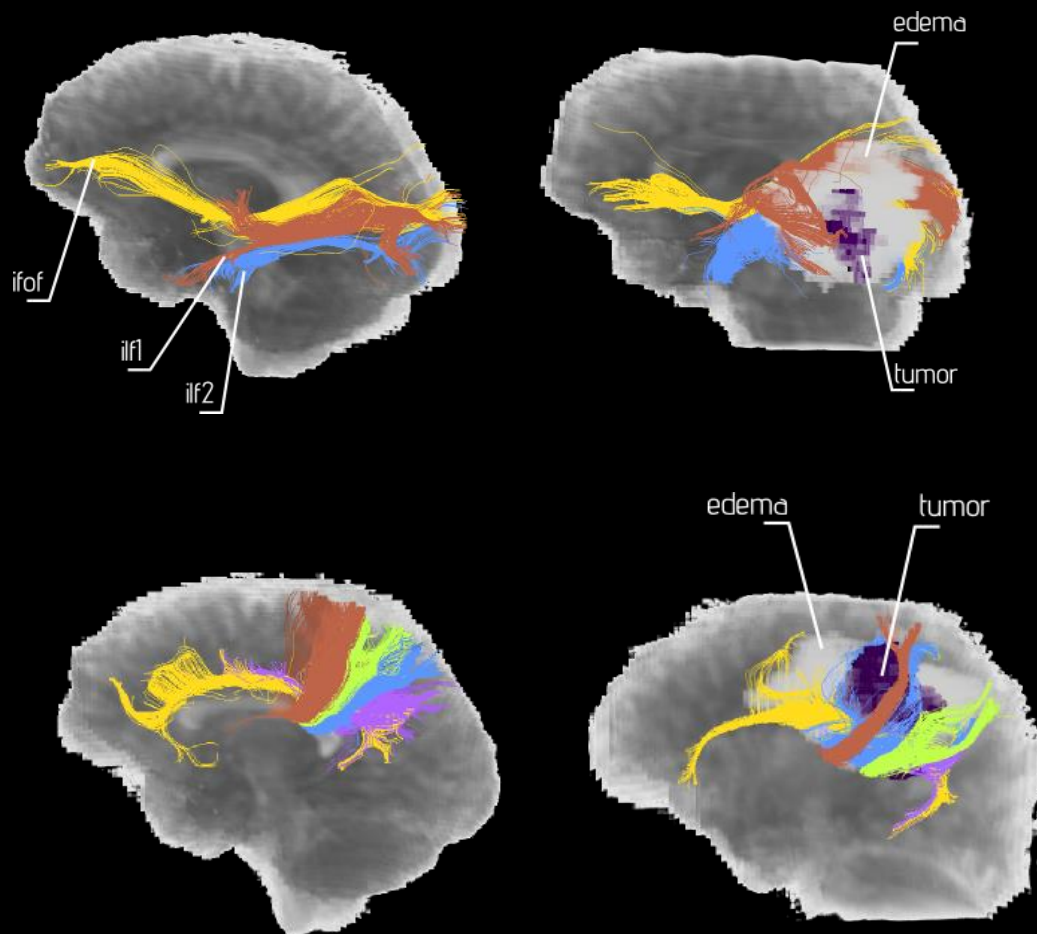


Tracking through edema ...

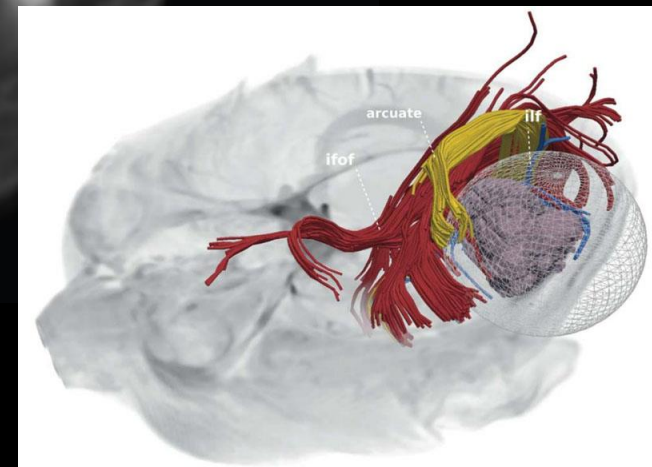
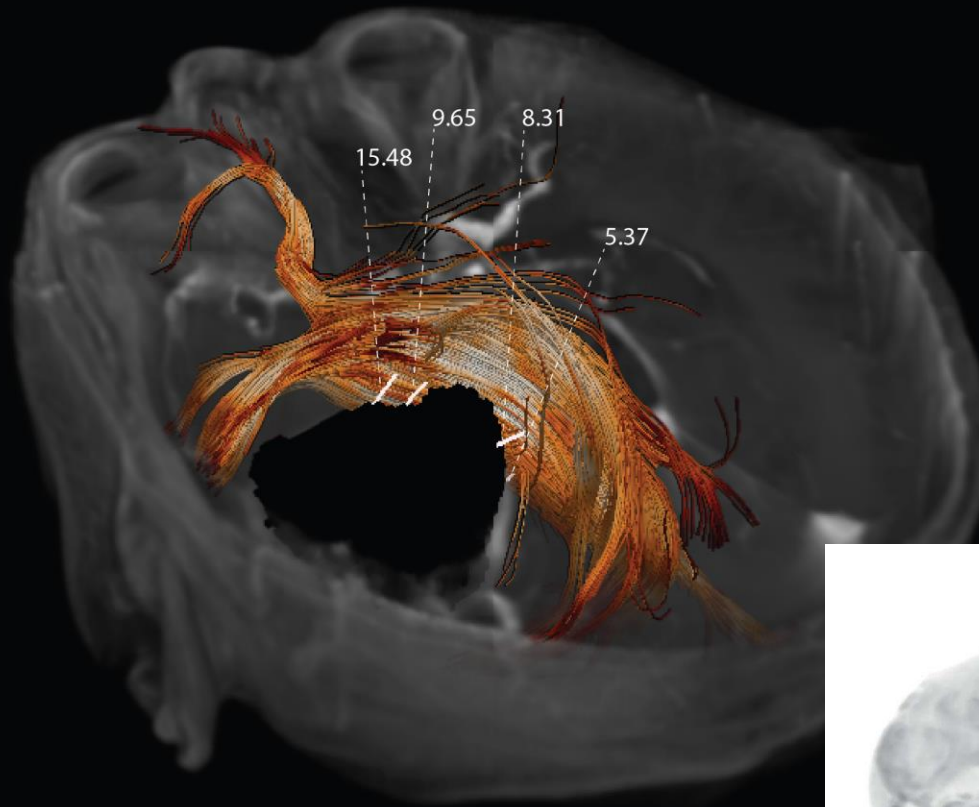
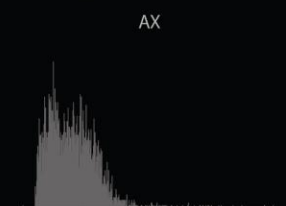
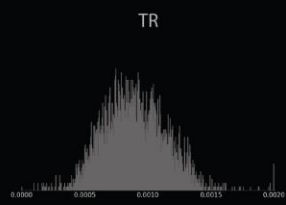
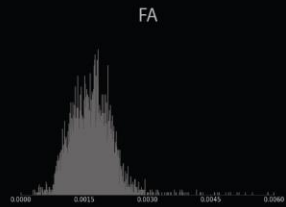
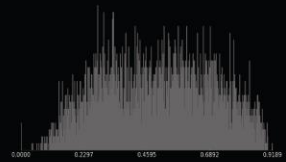


Multiple modalities for validation

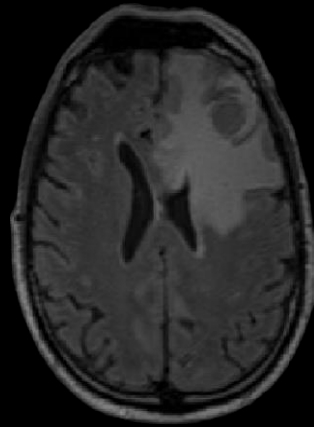
Tract Extraction in the presence of tumor



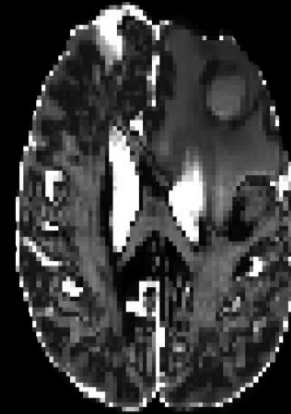
Augmenting an Existing Plan



Peritumoral Tissue Characterization



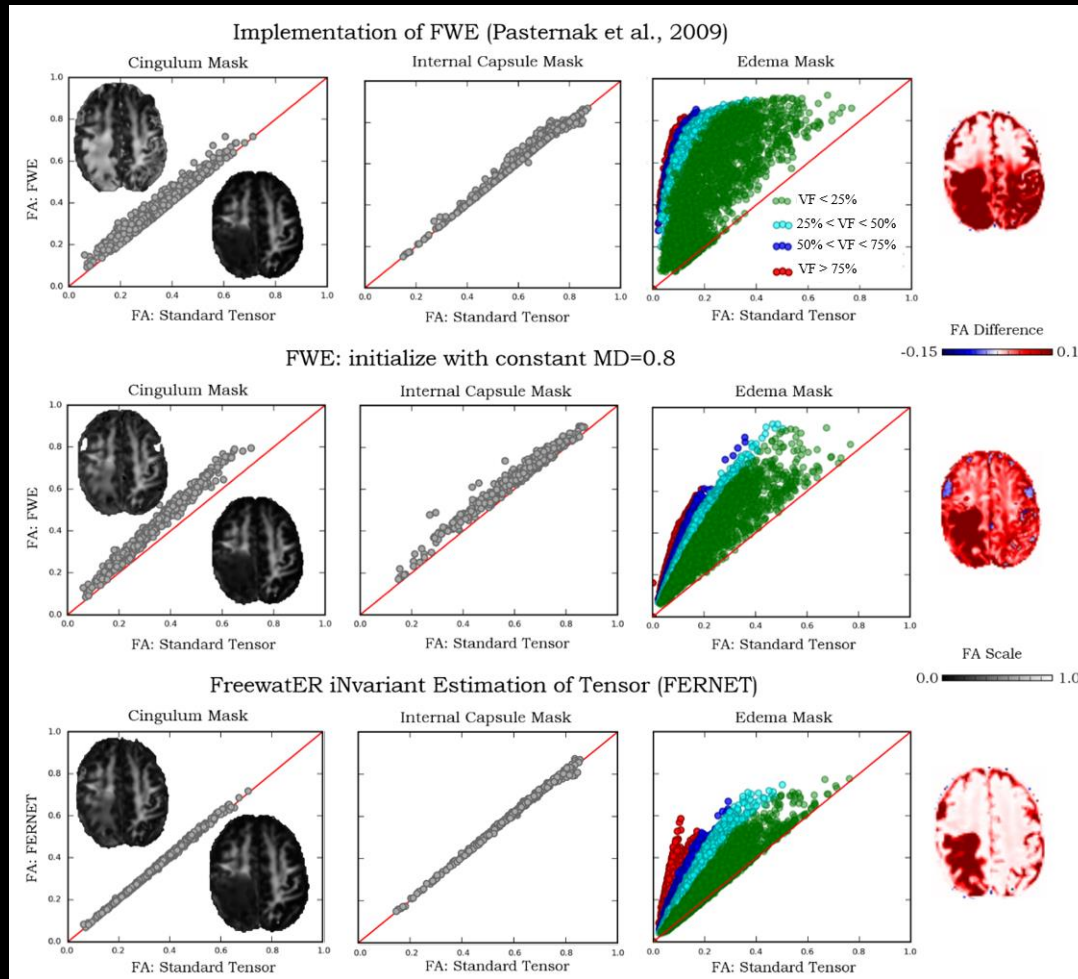
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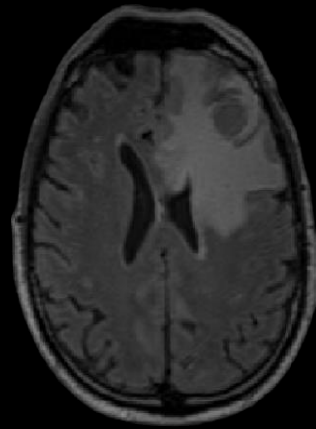
Free Water Map

Marker of peritumoral tissue heterogeneity

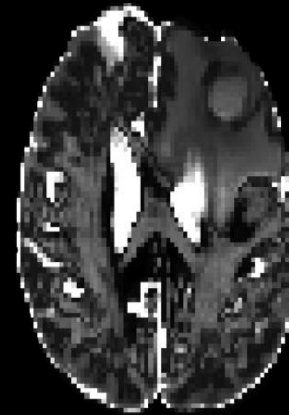
Living with clinical data



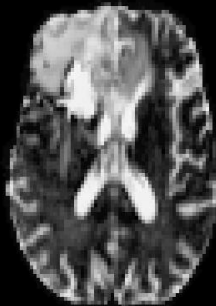
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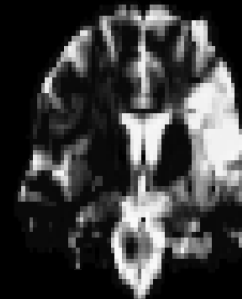
Free Water Map



GBM



Met

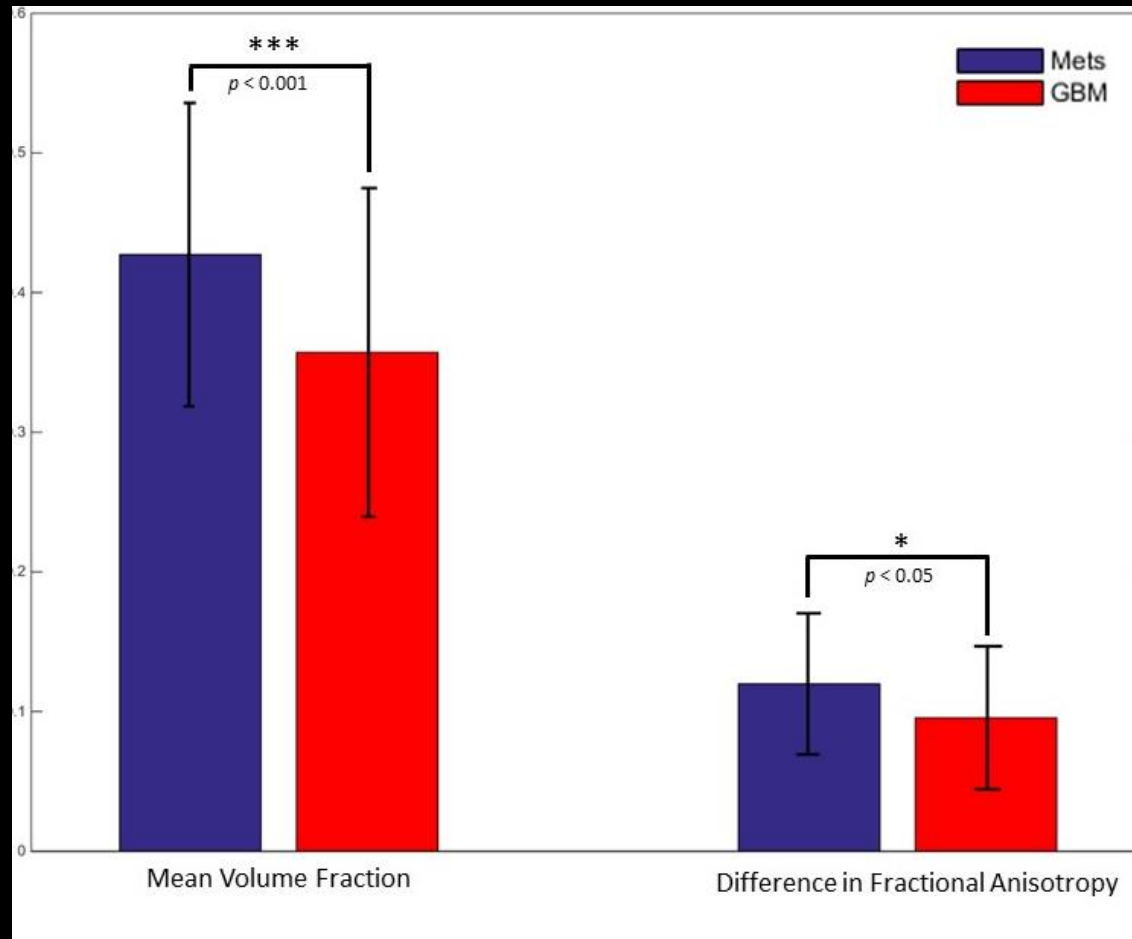


Non-GBM



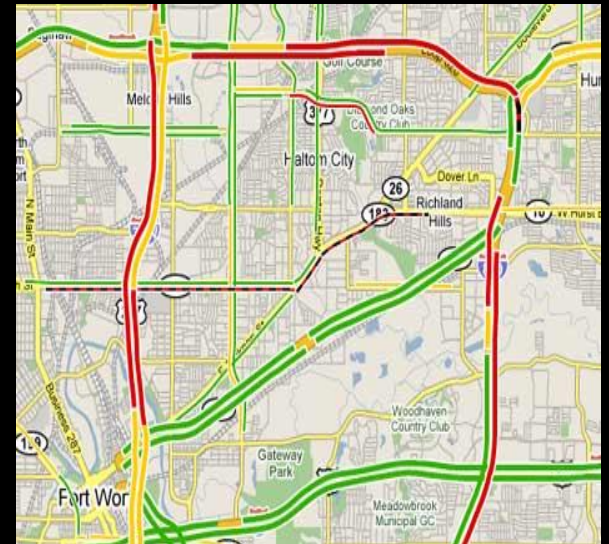
Rec-GBM

Heterogeneity of Water

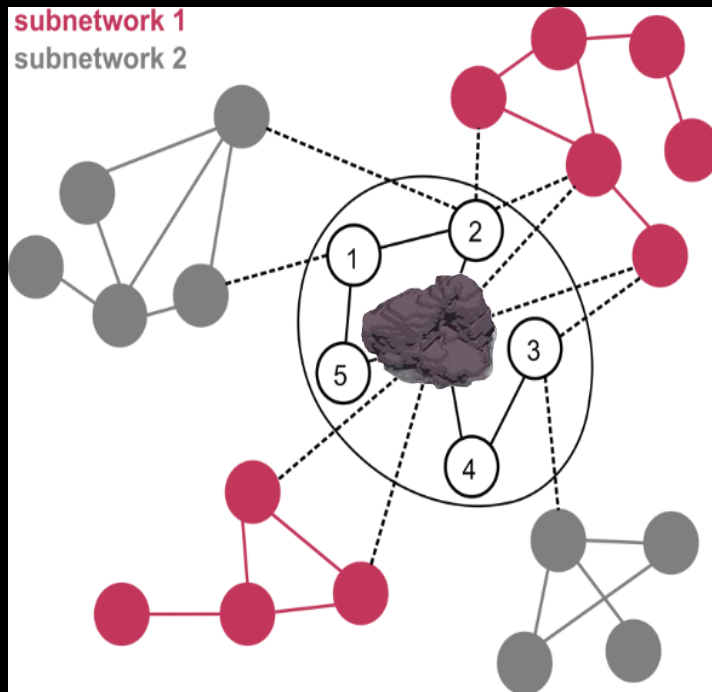




Far reaching effects of accident
Effects of resection/radiation



Tumor/trauma effects global information processing



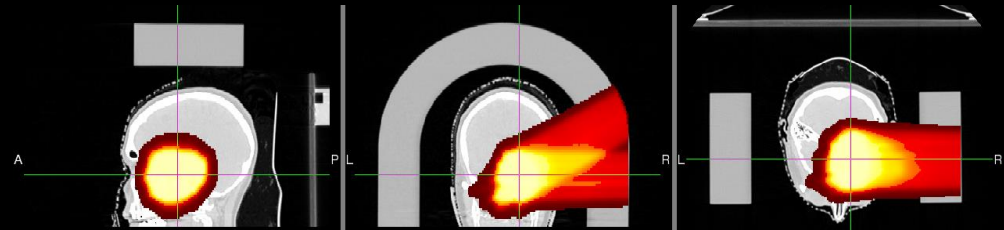
can we quantify effect of resection / treatment

in workings of distant processes

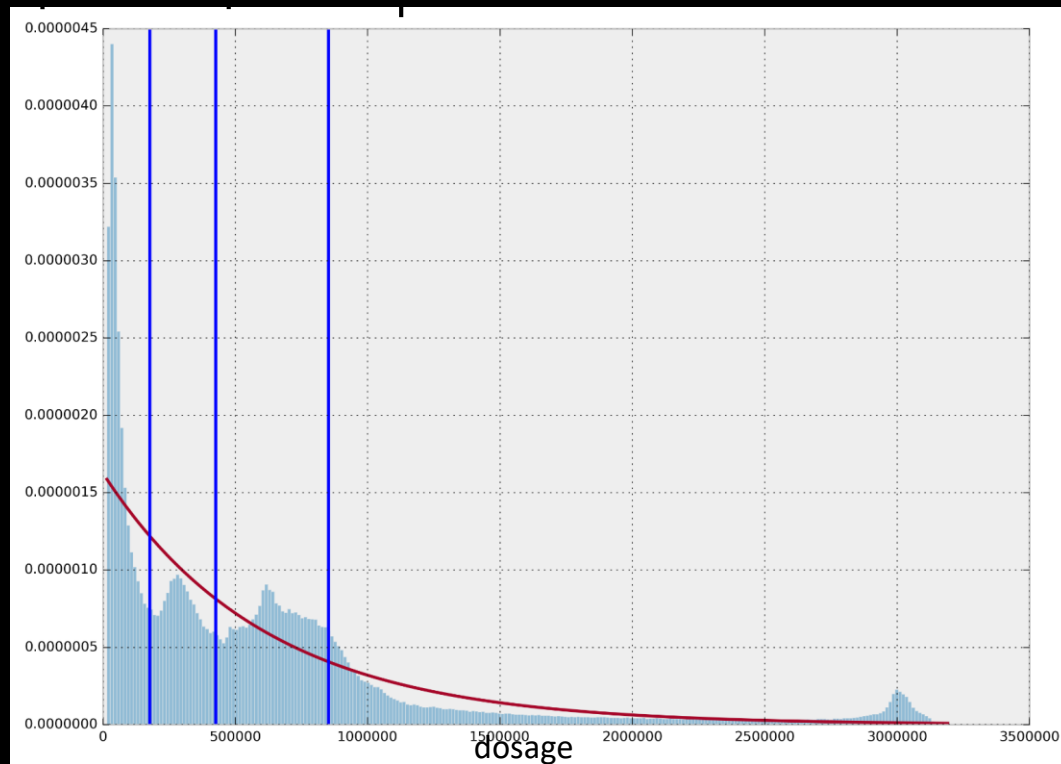
functions that are not localized around resection volume/ area radiated

Radiation Therapy

Parsing dose maps



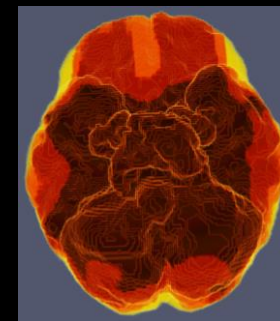
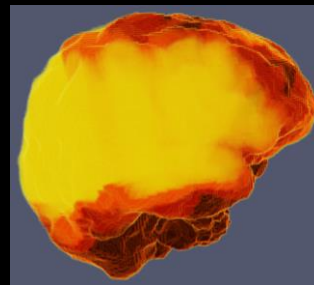
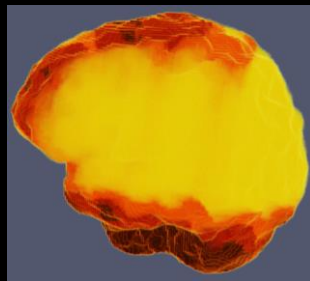
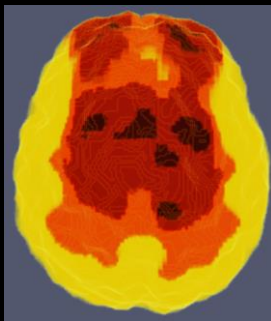
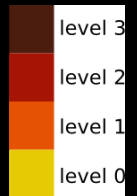
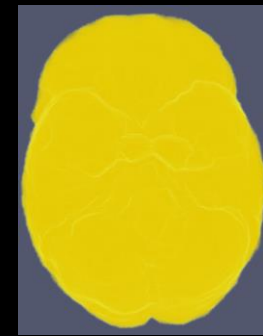
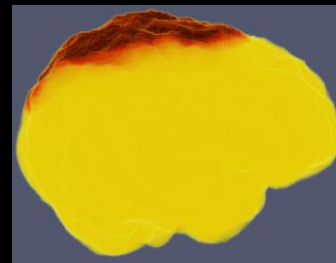
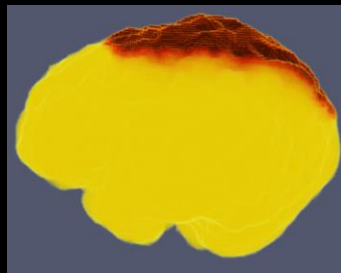
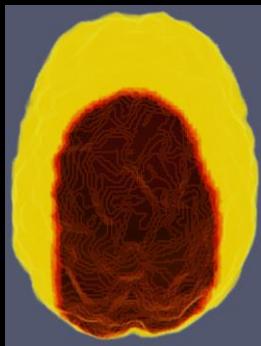
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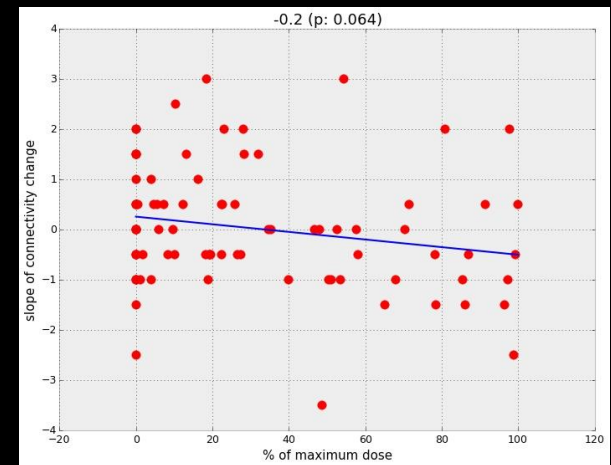
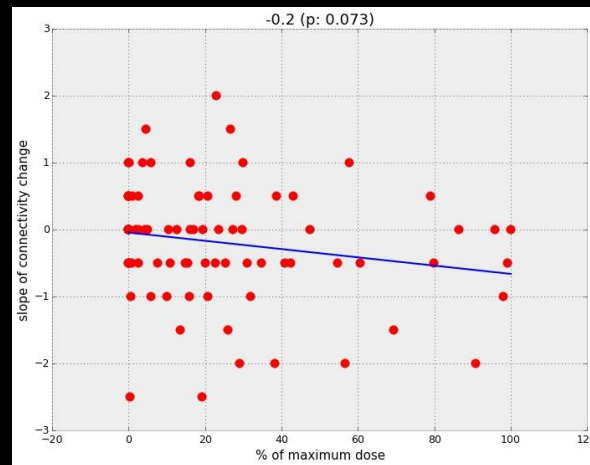
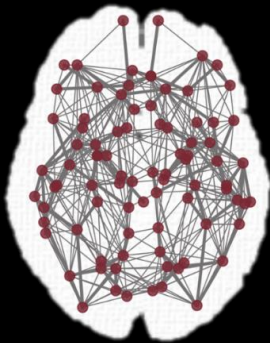
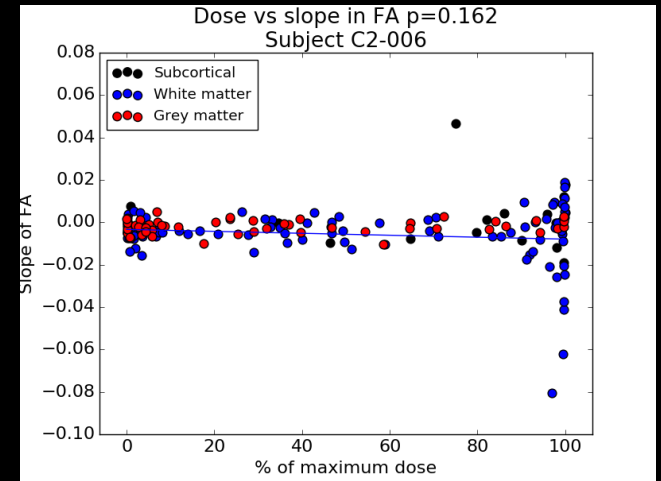
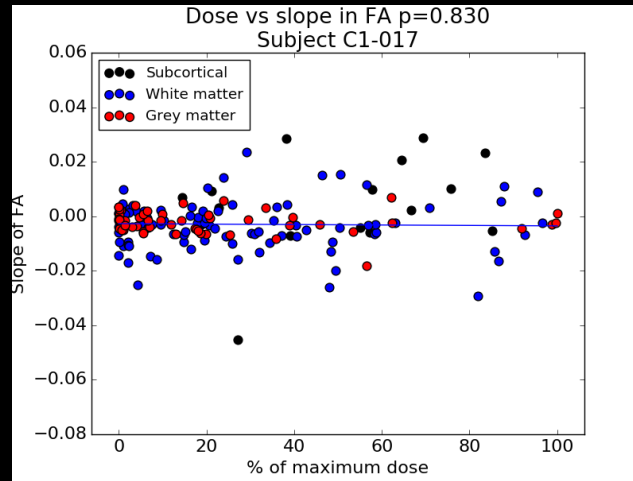
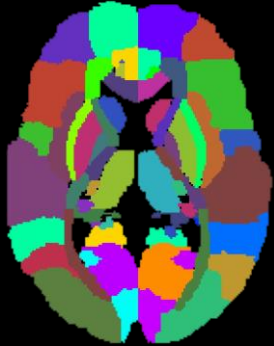
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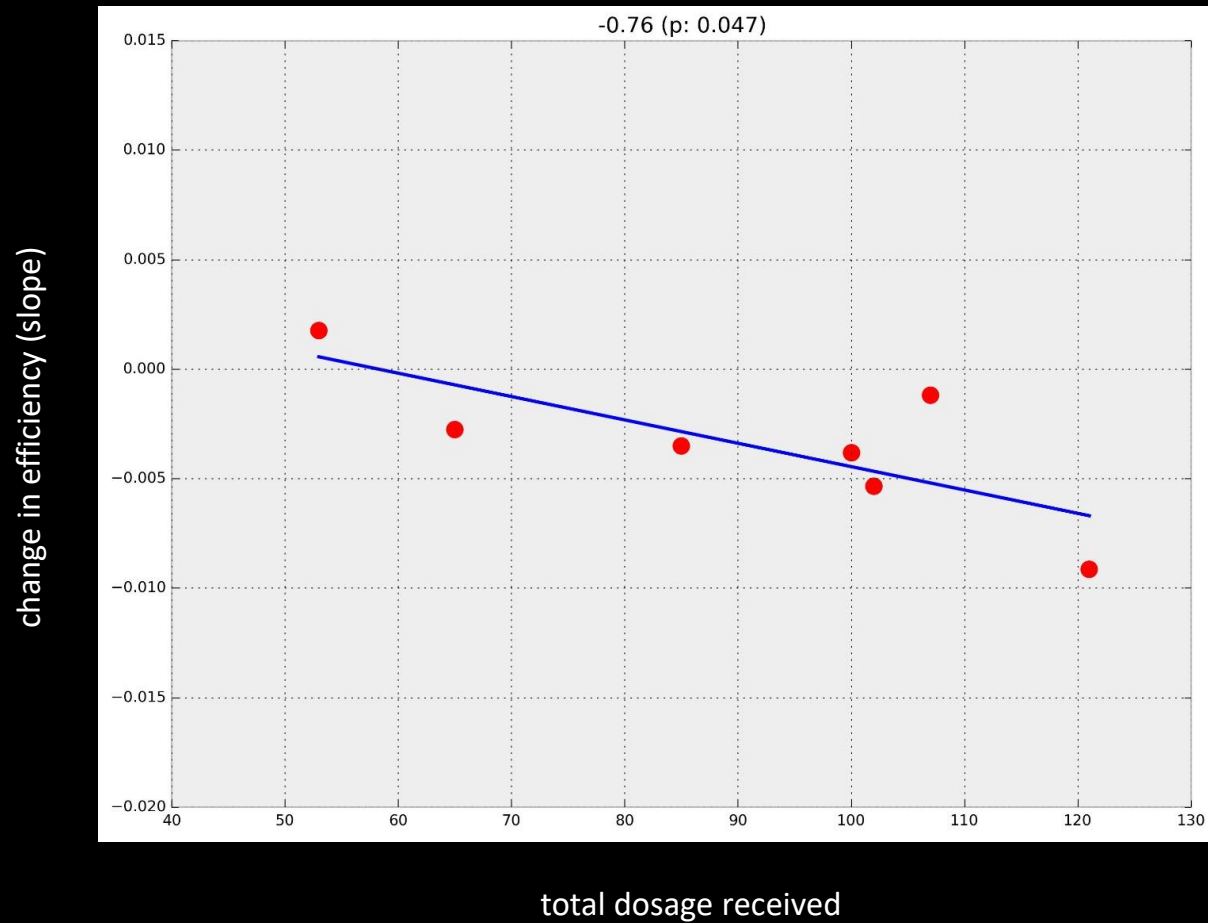
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Effect on diffusion measures



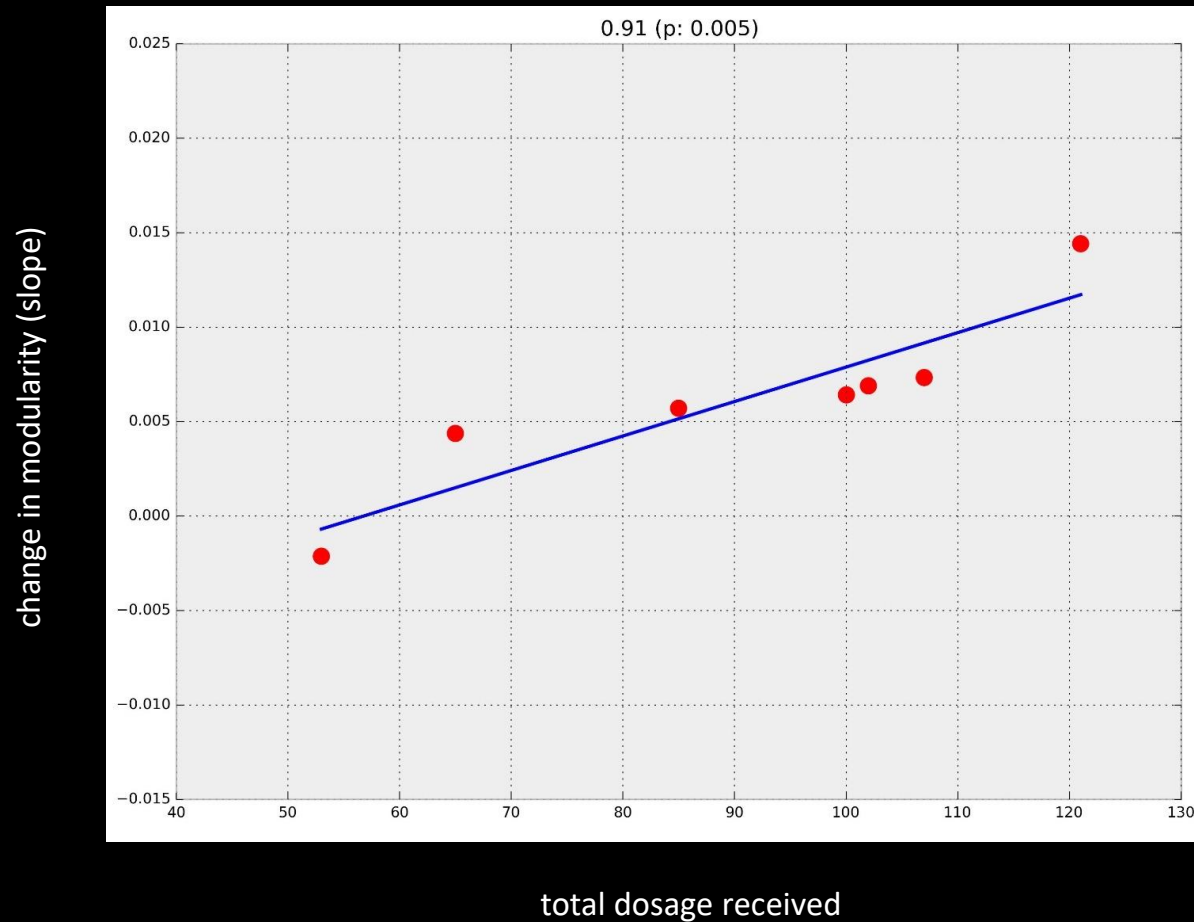
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Global change in connectivity with radiation

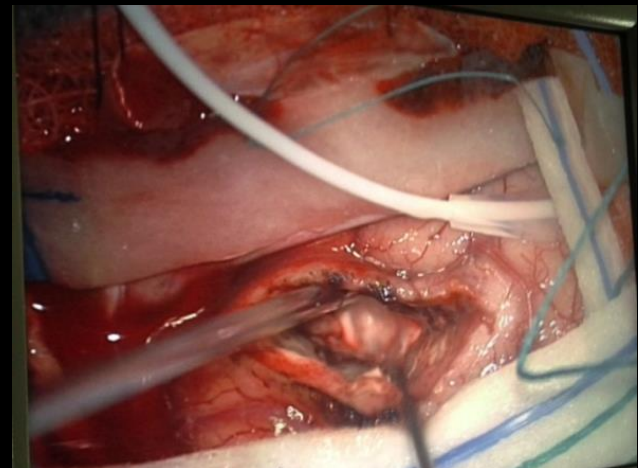
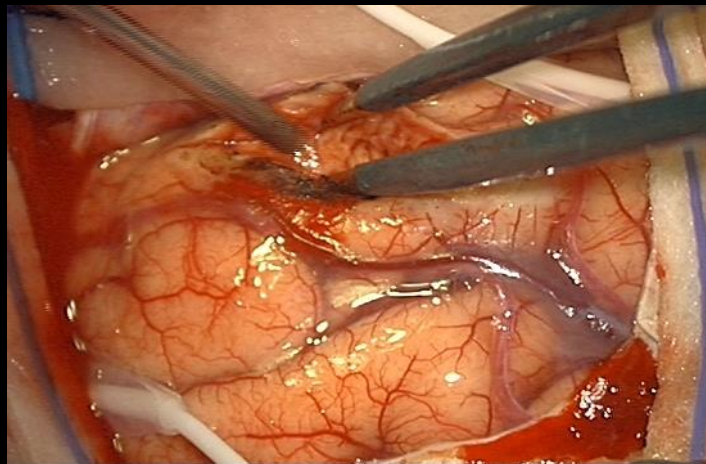
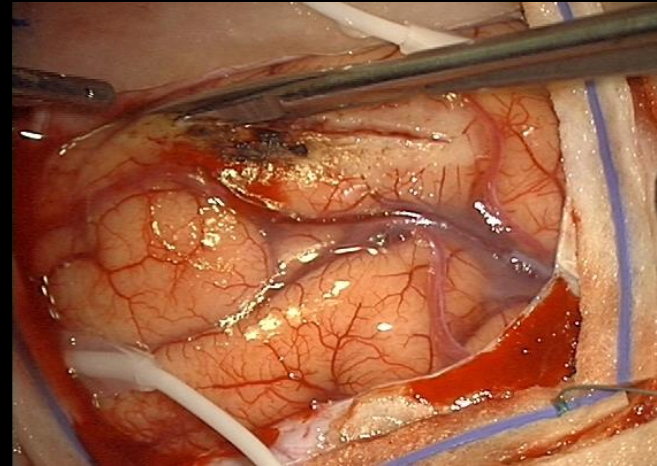
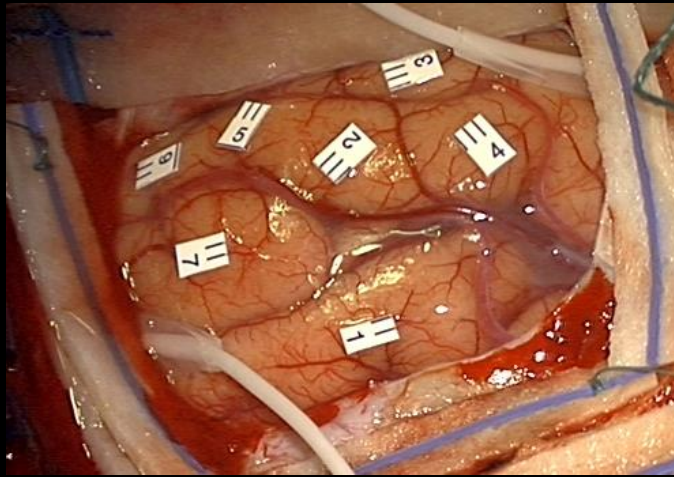


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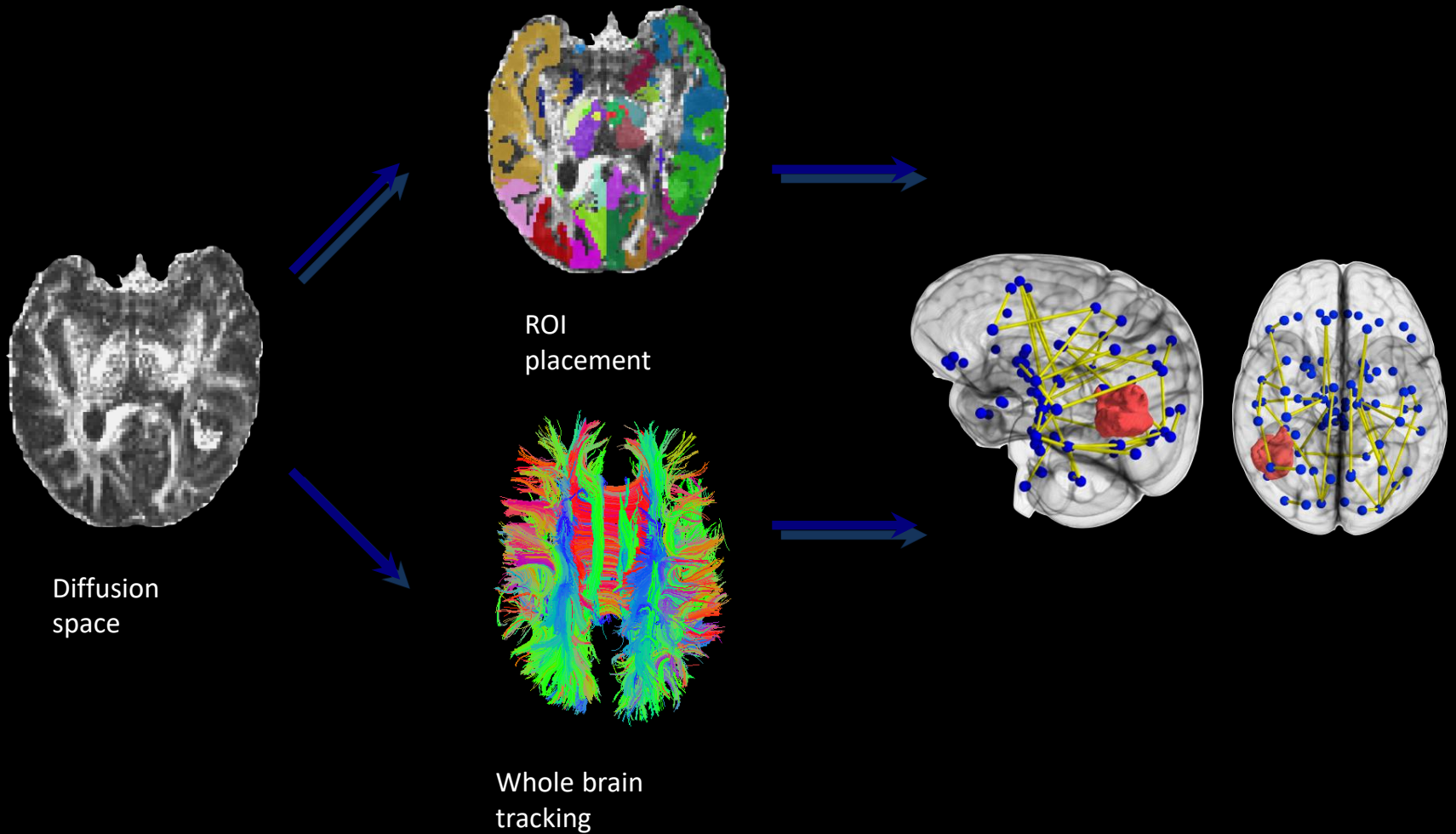
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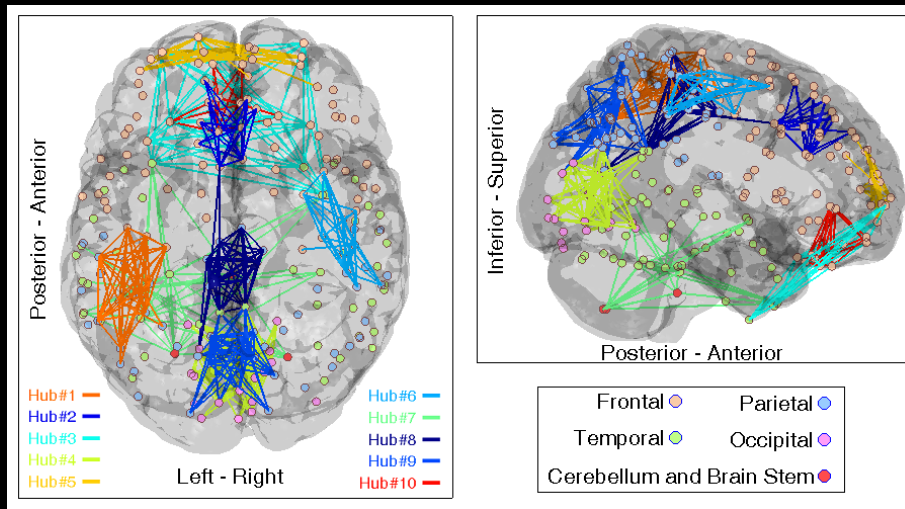
Effect on surrounding healthy tissue



Tumor Connectome



Tumor/trauma effects global information processing

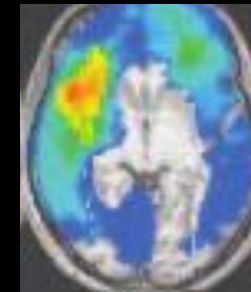
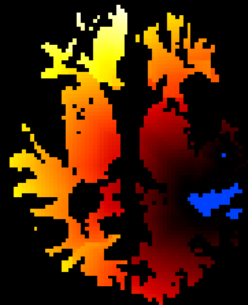


determine the damage score around the tumor to determine extent / effect of resection/radiation

Longitudinally: Determine how the vulnerability / damage score changes with treatment

Identify vulnerability of subnetworks

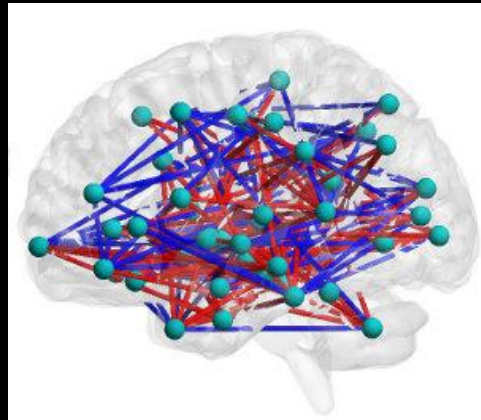
Design a *vulnerability map* of a *tumor connectome* quantifying importance of regions to functional systems



Atlas of Vulnerability:
connectomic
resection/radiation marker
to quantify the effect on brain connectivity

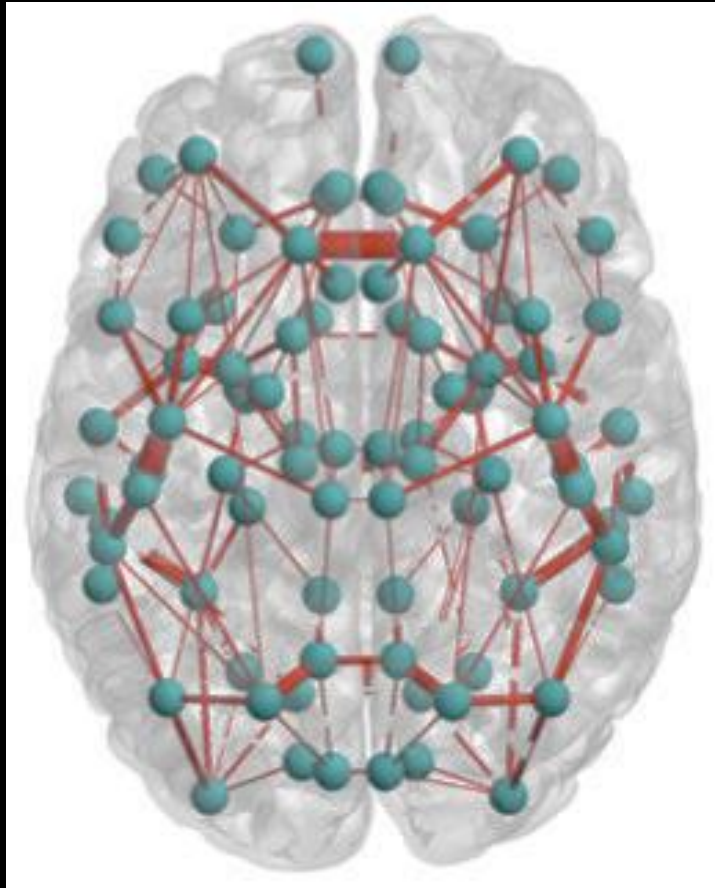
Diffuse Differences

TBI
population

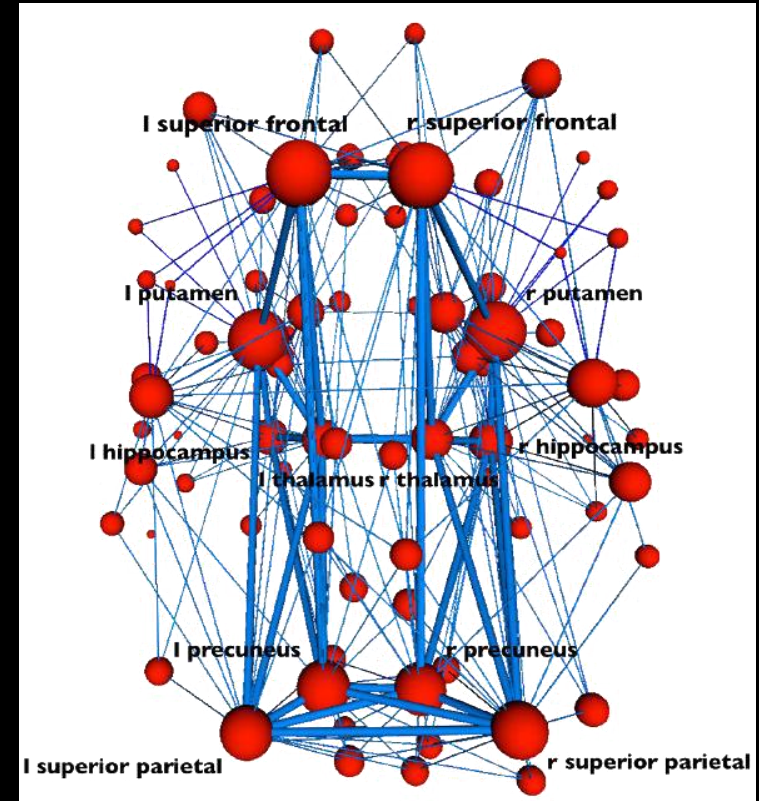


Brain: information processing unit

identify contribution of edges to communication: “importance”

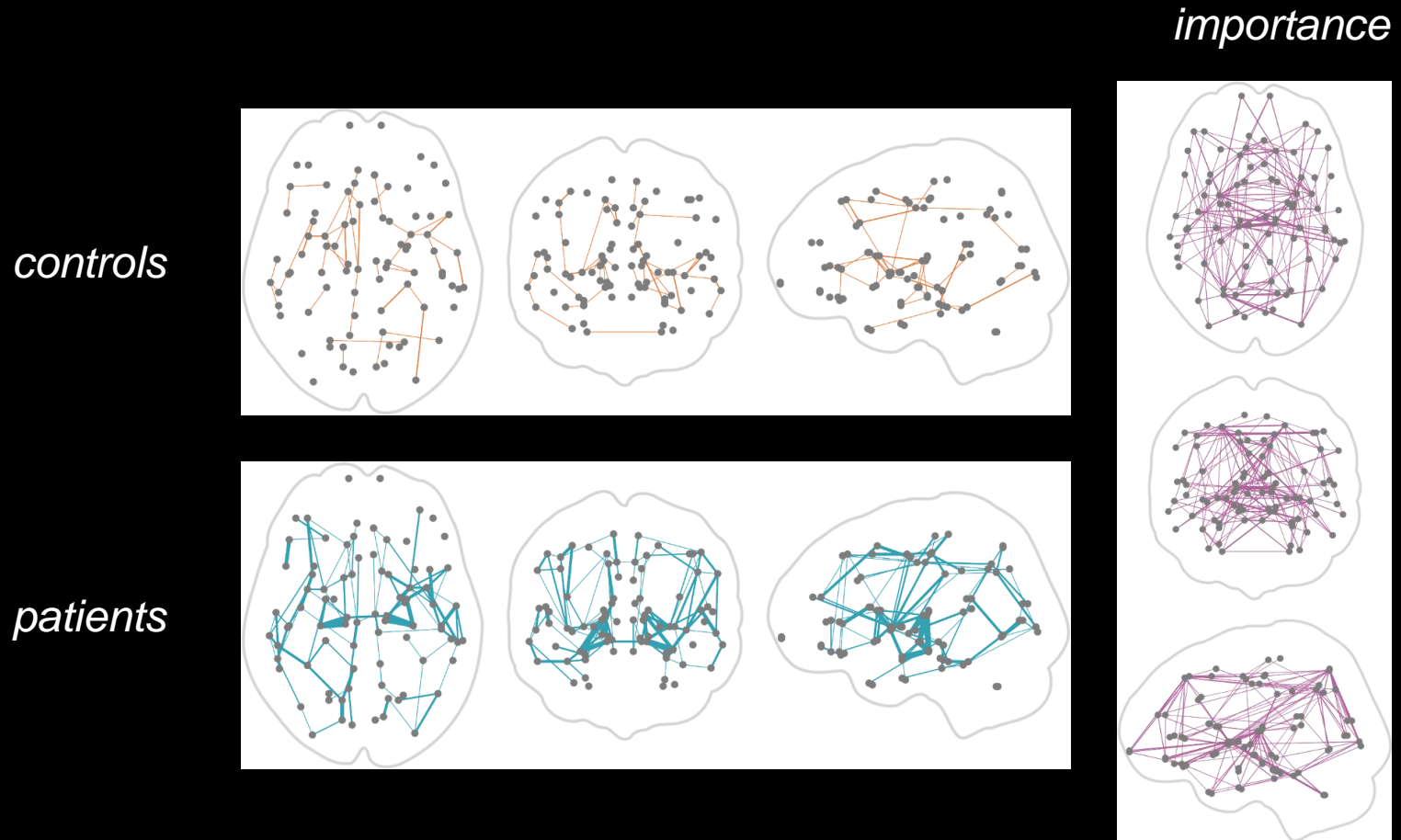


Tunc, Selmaz et al. submitted HBM



van den Heuvel et al. The J. Neuroscience, 2011

Global measure of brain injury

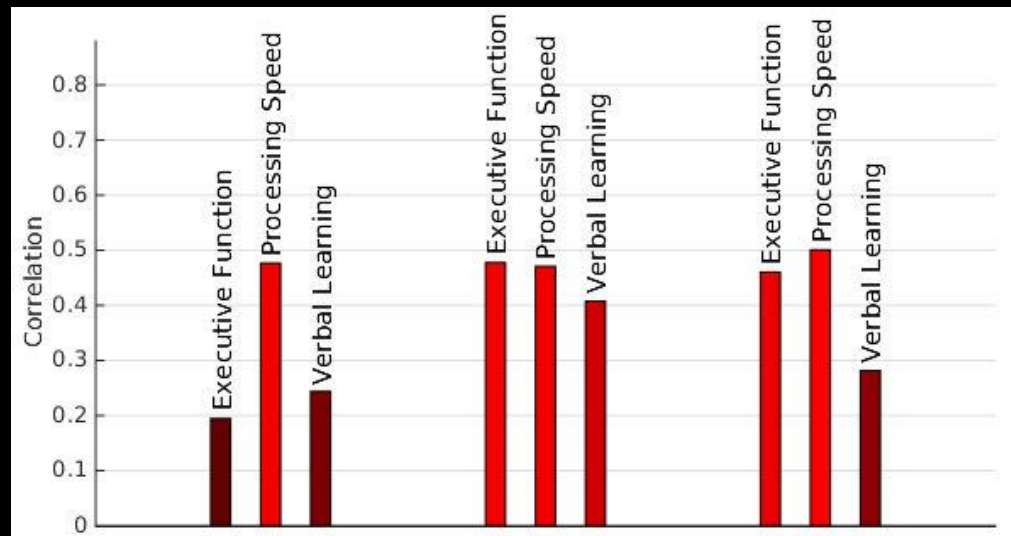


Global Brain Injury Scale

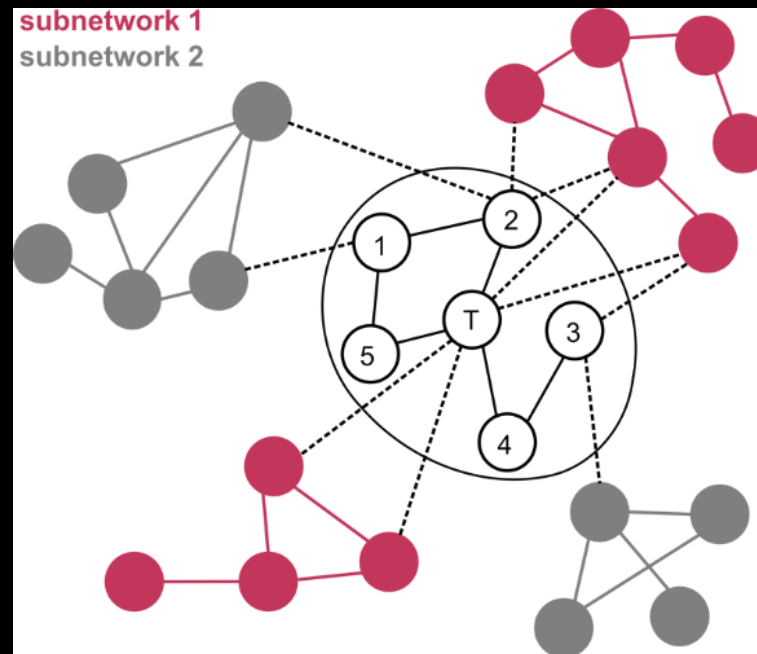
TBI < CNT

	# subjects	t	p-val
TBI (combined) / Controls	79/33	-3.98	0.000143
TBI (3-months) / Controls	33/33	-3.24	0.00201
TBI (6-months) / Controls	24/33	-2.65	0.0116
TBI (9-months) / Controls	22/33	-2.59	0.0136

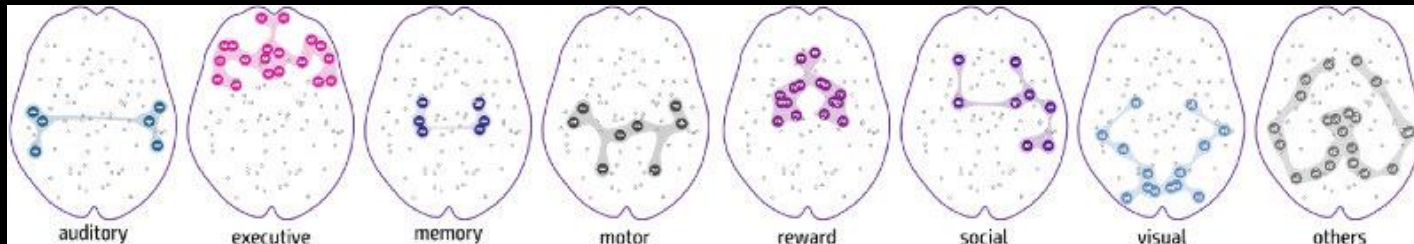
correlations with phenotype



Dominant Patterns of Connectivity in Pathology

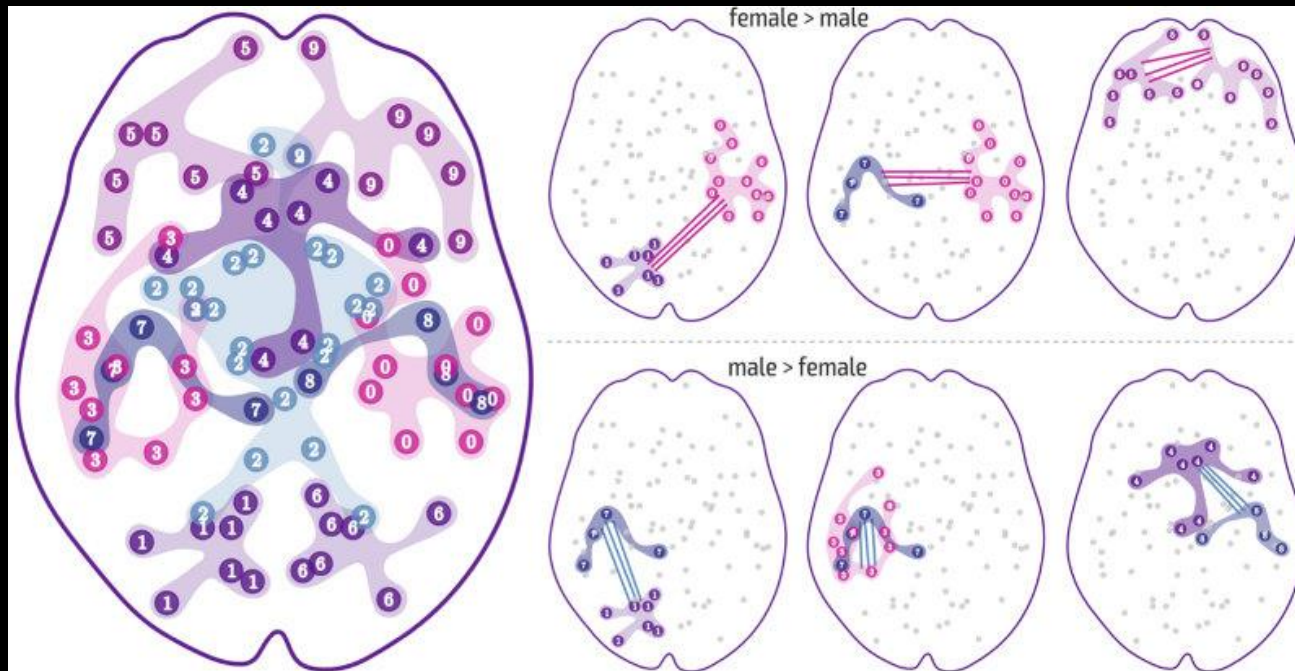


Functionality-based subnetworks



Auditory	Banks Of Superior Temporal Sulcus, Superior Temporal, Transverse Temporal
Executive	Caudal Middle Frontal, Medial Orbitofrontal, Pars Triangularis, Frontal Pole, Caudal Anterior Cingulate, Pars Opercularis, Pars Orbitalis, Rostral Anterior Cingulate, Rostral Middle Frontal
Memory	Hippocampus, Entorhinal, Parahippocampal, Amygdala
Motor	Paracentral, Post Central, Precentral, Cerebellum
Reward	Caudate, Putamen, Pallidum, Hippocampus, Nucleus Accumbens, Ventral Dc, Amygdala, Medial Orbitofrontal
Social	Amygdala, Fusiform (Right), Banks Of The Superior Temporal Sulcus (Right), Superior Temporal (Right), Insula (Right), Lateral Orbitofrontal
Visual	Cuneus, Entorhinal, Fusiform, Inferior Temporal, Lateral Occipital, Lingual, Pericalcarine

Sex Differences



Connectivity	Mean (SD)		Statistical Analysis	
	Male	Female	Statistic (t)	p Value (FDR)
motor - executive	27.50 (7.58)	23.11 (5.93)	3.75	0.003
motor - auditory	23.13 (7.70)	19.67 (6.76)	4.79	0.000
reward - auditory	18.00 (6.36)	19.00 (6.49)	-3.66 ^f	0.003
memory - auditory	22.43 (7.94)	22.95 (7.58)	-2.82 ^f	0.045

Data driven subnetworks

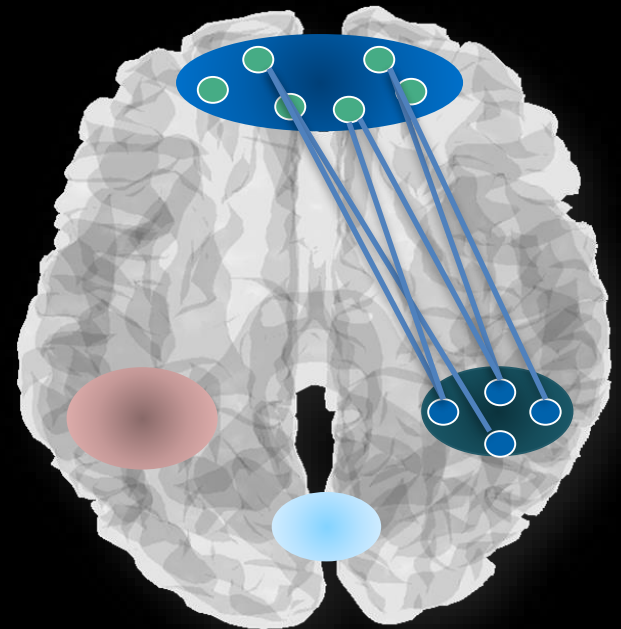
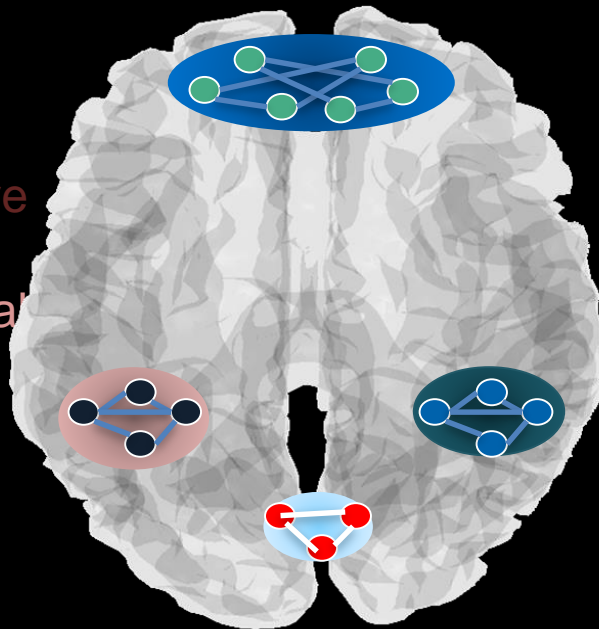
$$\mathbf{S}^{(m)} \gg \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^k \mathring{\mathbf{a}}_{ii} / \binom{m}{ii} \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^T}_{\text{Intra-connectivity}} + \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^k \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j>i}}^k \mathring{\mathbf{a}}_{ij} / \binom{m}{ij} (\mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_j^T + \mathbf{u}_j \mathbf{u}_i^T)}_{\text{Inter-connectivity}}$$



Intra-connectivity

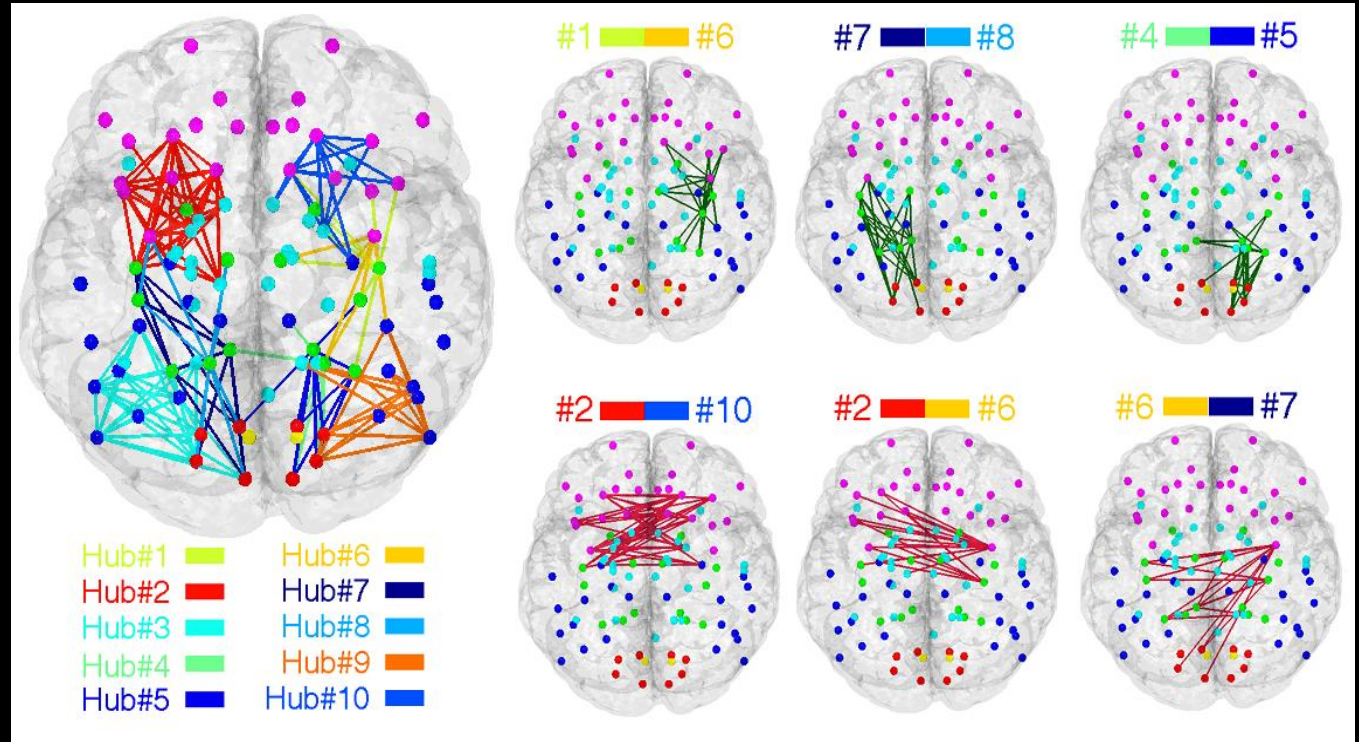
Inter-connectivity

Non-negative
Symmetric
Non-diagonal

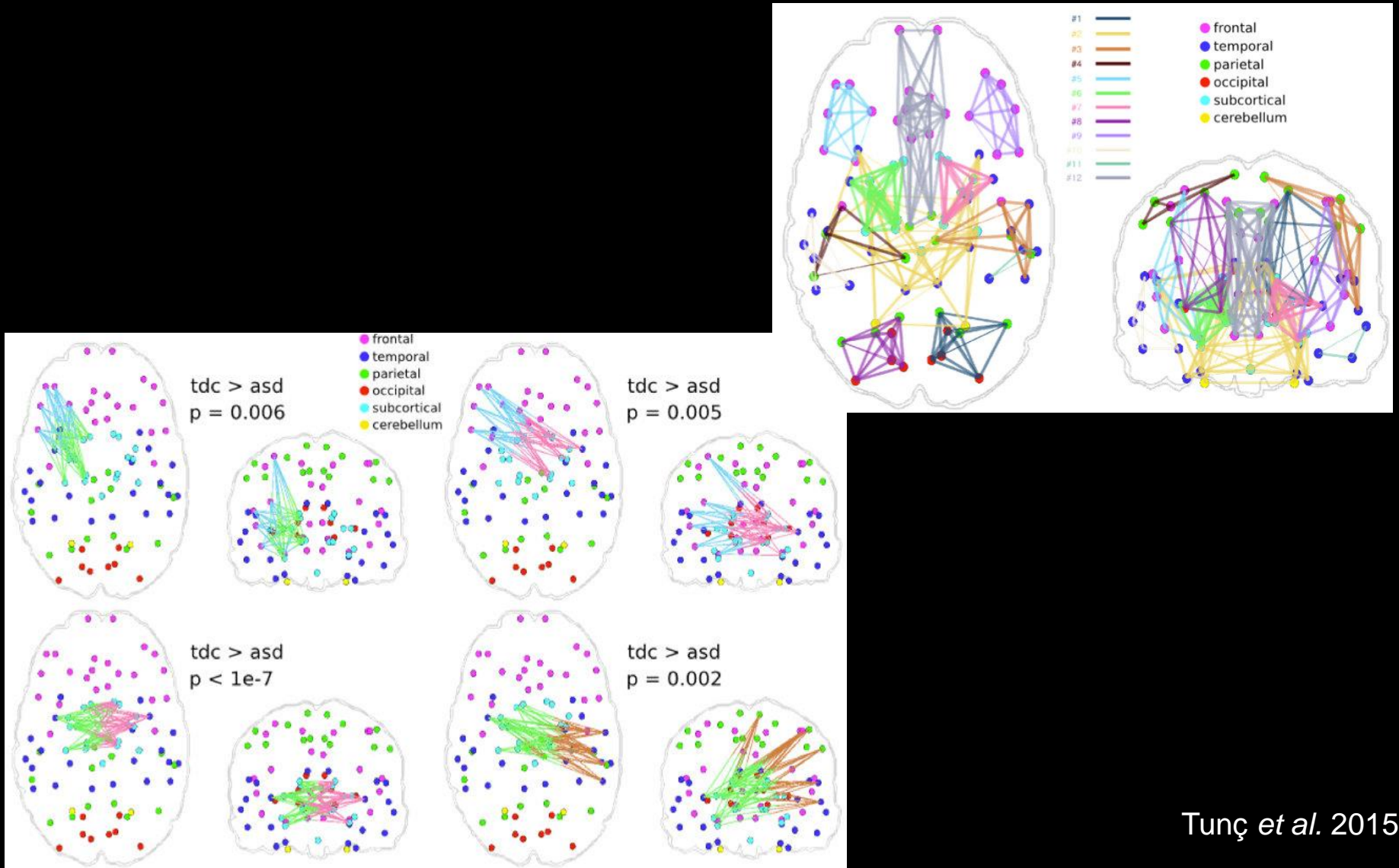


Gender Sub-networks

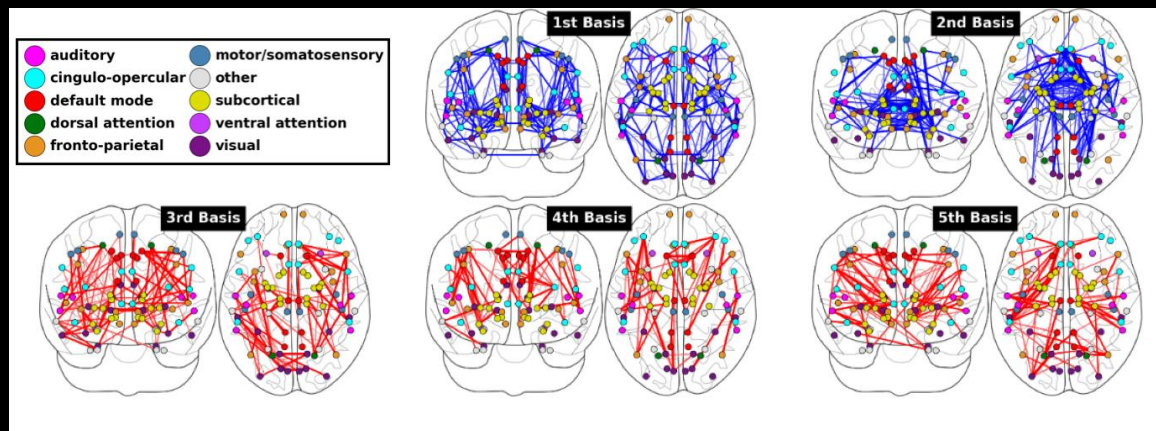
DTI-based connectivity in a healthy population 8-23 years of age



Subnetworks in Autism Spectrum Disorder



Discriminative Subnetwork Detection – manifold regularization

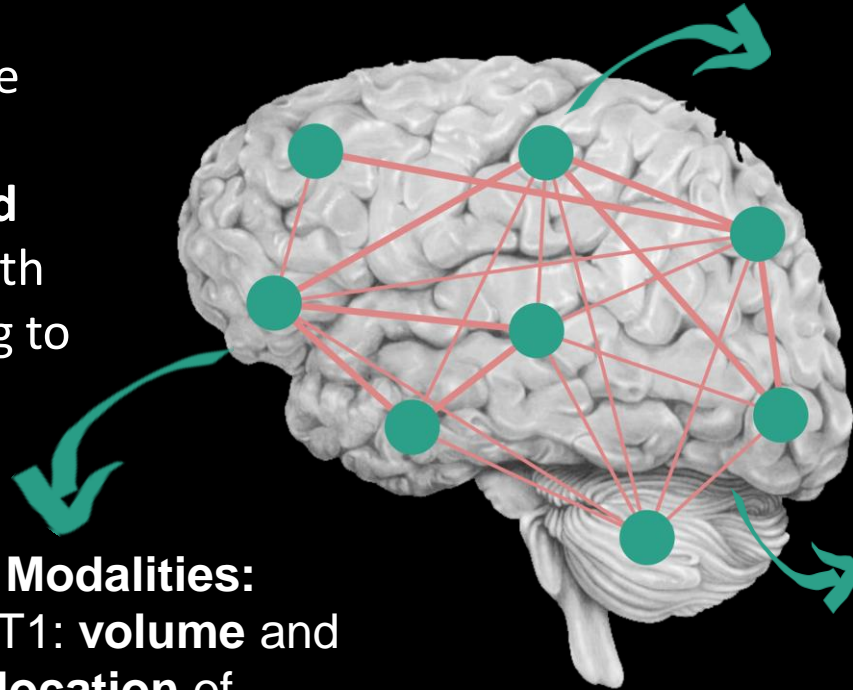


- Reconstructive: can be interpreted in a neurobiologically meaningful way
- Discriminative: emphasizes group differences by accounting for label information
- captures the variation in disease severity by respecting the intrinsic manifold structure underlying the data - subjects with similar disease-severity to share similar network representations

Classifier	Accuracy	Sensitivity	Specificity	BSR
SVM	76.6%	77.2%	75.0%	76.1%
SVM + L1	69.4%	73.4%	59.4%	66.4%
LogReg + L1	67.6%	70.9%	59.4%	65.1%
Proposed NMF + SVM	82.0%	82.3%	81.3%	81.8%

Enriched Structural Connectome

Given parcellation of the brain into n regions, construct a **weighted undirected graph** with nodes corresponding to brain regions



Two Modalities:

- ✓ T1: **volume** and **location** of regions
- ✓ DTI: **node strength**

Node Features:

- ✓ Region Volume
- ✓ Spatial Location
- ✓ Node Strength

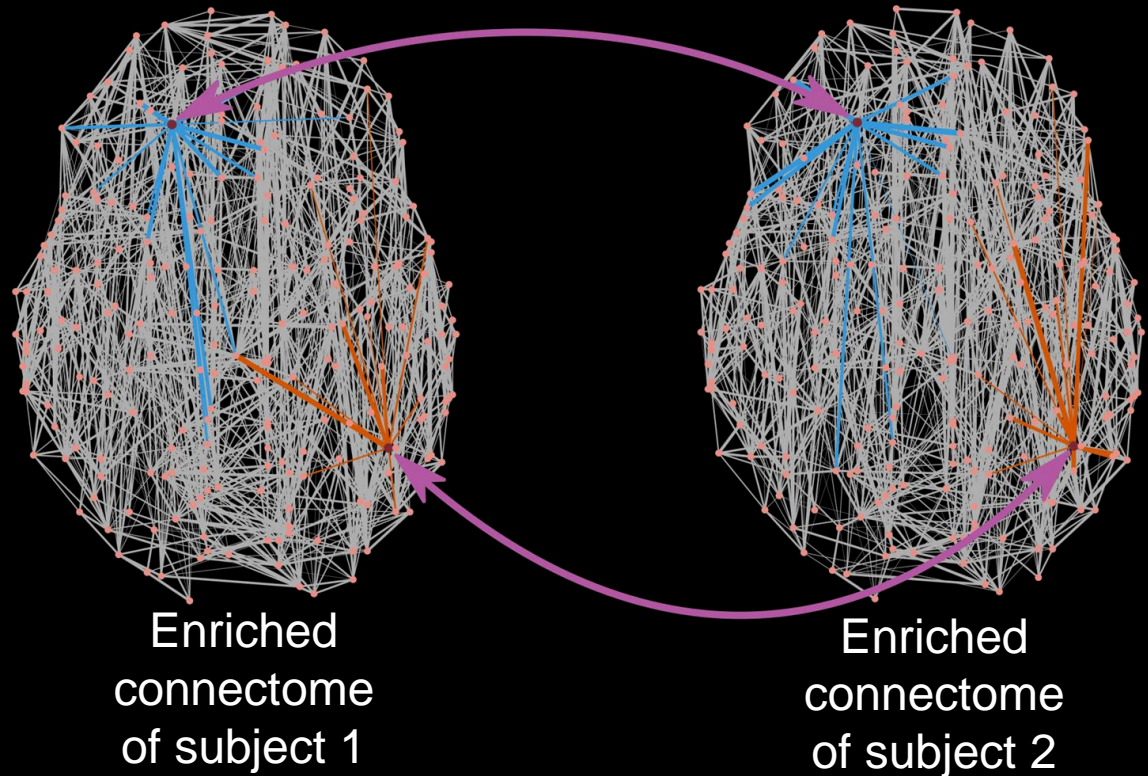
Edge Feature:

- ✓ Structural Connectivity

Similarity Measure: Graph Matching

Graph Matching:

- ✓ Defines a **similarity measure** between two enriched connectomes
- ✓ Finds a **one-to-one mapping** between their nodes



Evaluate graph matching as an instance of the quadratic assignment problem (QAP): find the optimal bijective (one-to-one) mapping between the nodes of the two enriched connectomes

Application: TBI Classification

35 TBI patients
35 Healthy
Controls



Siemens 3.0 T Trio
30 Gradient
directions
 $b = 1000 \text{ s/mm}^2$
TR/TE = 6500/84
isotropic voxels =
2.2mm



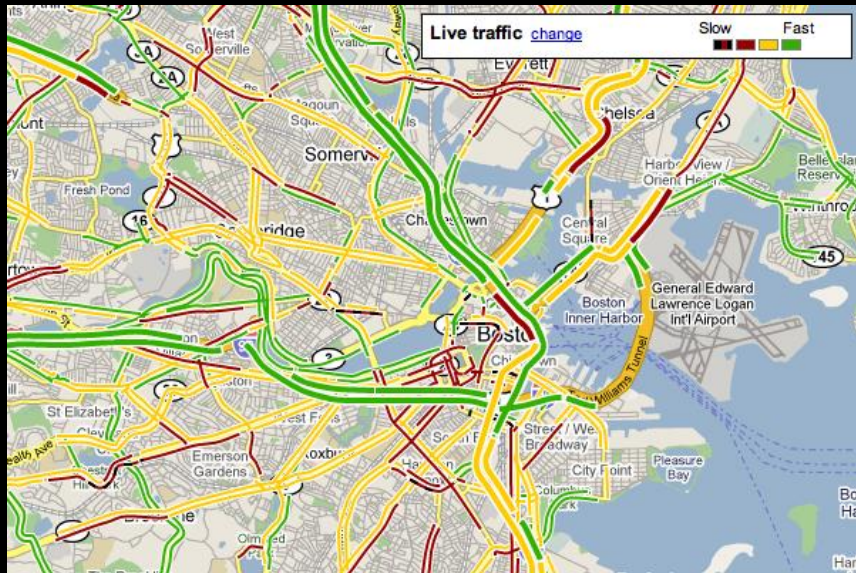
86 Brain Regions
Probabilistic
tractography



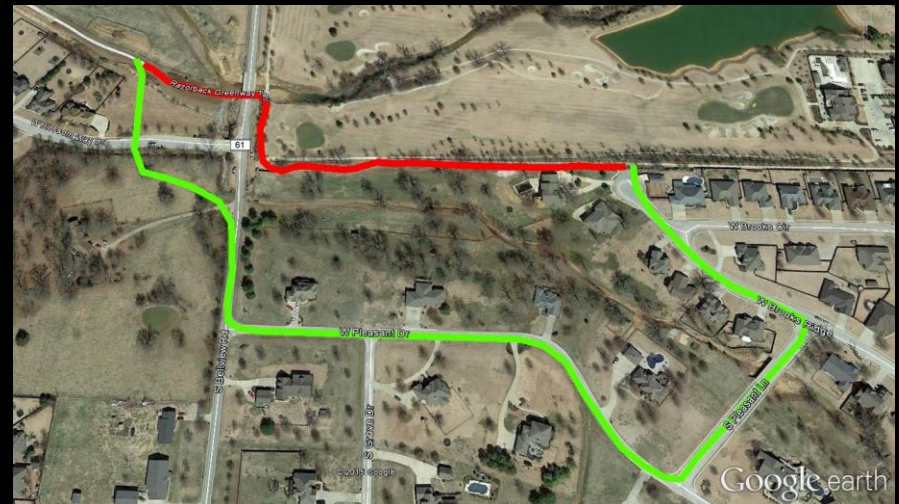
- Cross validation: nested leave-one-out
- Training: multi-level grid search
- Baseline: a traditional connectome (TC) where edge weights are represented in a vector form without a graph representation (VEC)

Scenario	Accuracy	Sensitivity	Specificity	
TC & VEC	61.43	62.86	60	
EC & QAP _{PD}	71.43	62.86	80	
Volume	Spatial Location	Node Strength	Combined	
Accuracy	61.43	70.00	55.71	81.43

Multi-parametric map of brain pathology



- differences in traffic pattern (new multimodal representation)
- hubs and subnetworks affected (better features)
- re-rerouting (nature of tissue beyond connectivity)

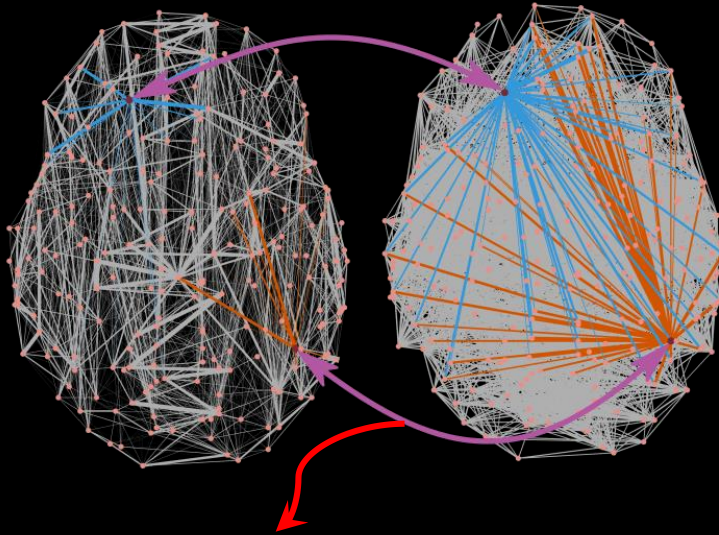


Structure-Function Coupling

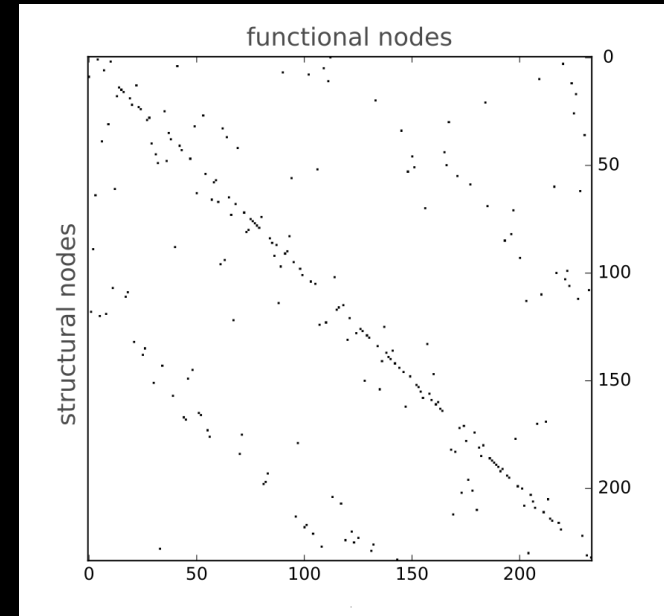
Graph
representation of

structural
connectome

functional
connectome



Used Hungarian algorithm for matching
nodes of structural graphs with that of
functional graphs



Structure-function matching matrix

Philadelphia Neurodevelopmental Cohort

793 subjects
Age range
[8,22]



234 Brain Regions
Deterministic
tractography



- ✓ Calculate structure function coupling for each subject
- ✓ Permutation test: randomly shuffle edges of the structural graph while preserving the degree distribution

Postdoc Positions available

- Positions in
 - microstructure modeling for the clinic
 - connectomics (graph theory)
 - biomarker (machine learning)
- Technical advances with clinical applications
- Interaction with clinical faculty
- Available immediately
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