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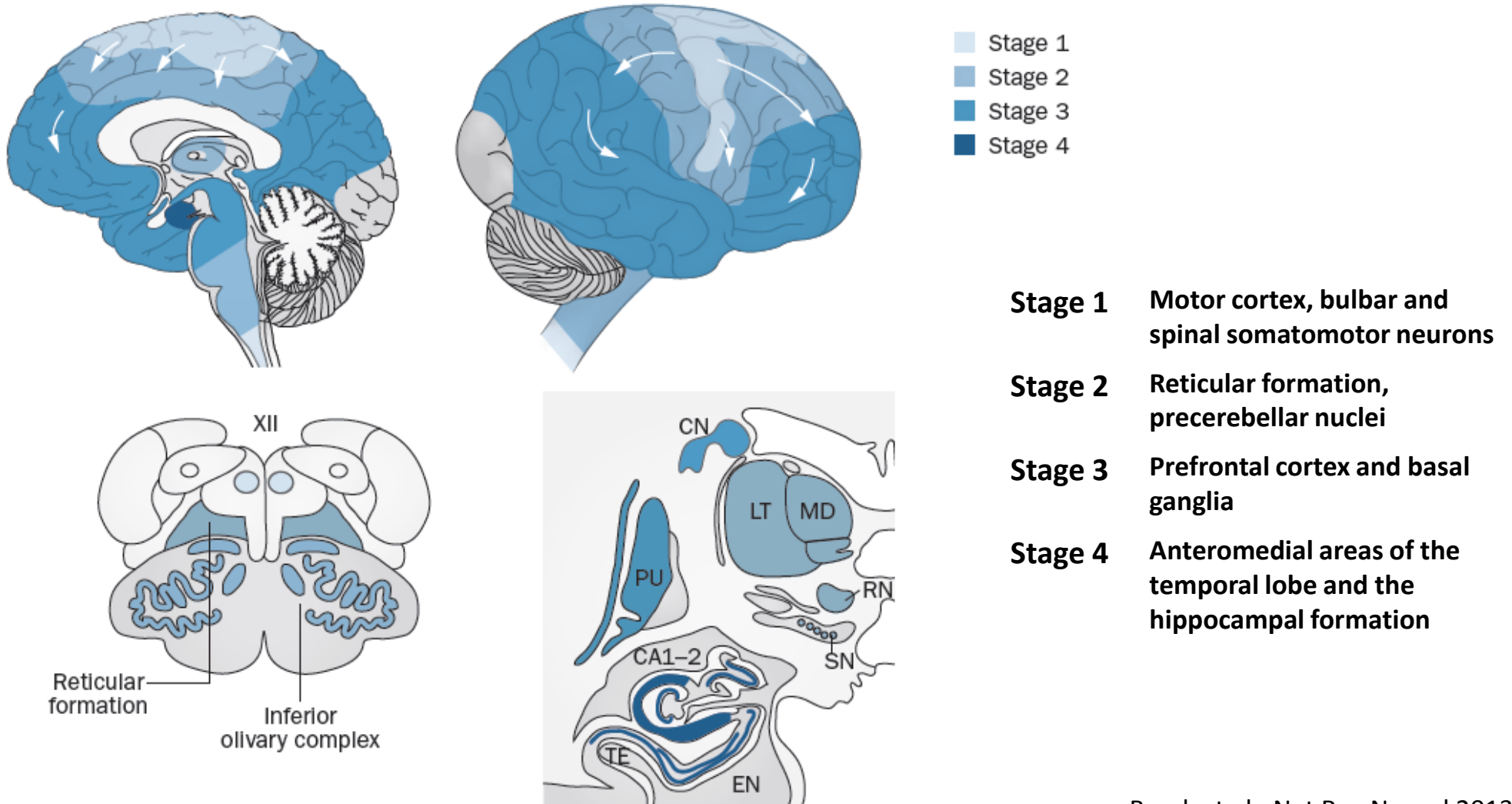
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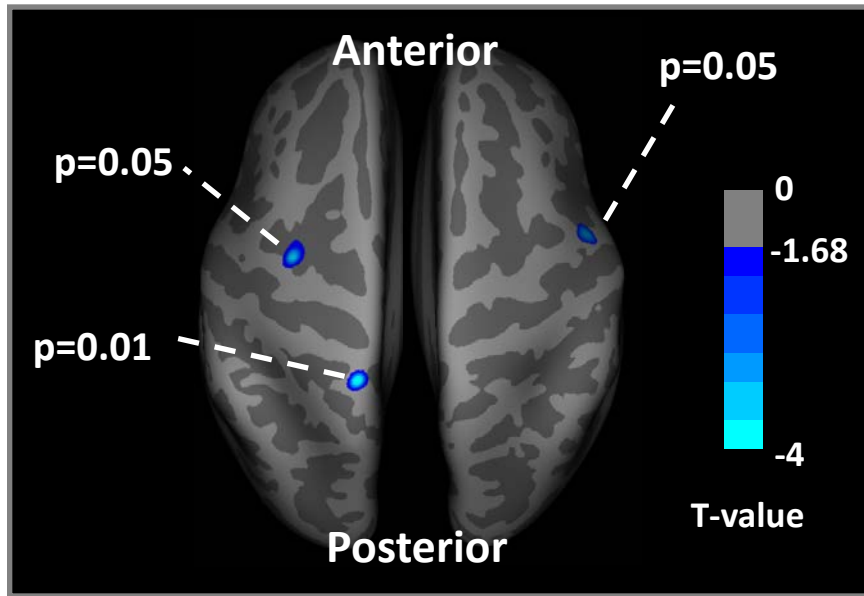
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Background

Proposed staging of pTDP-43 pathology in ALS

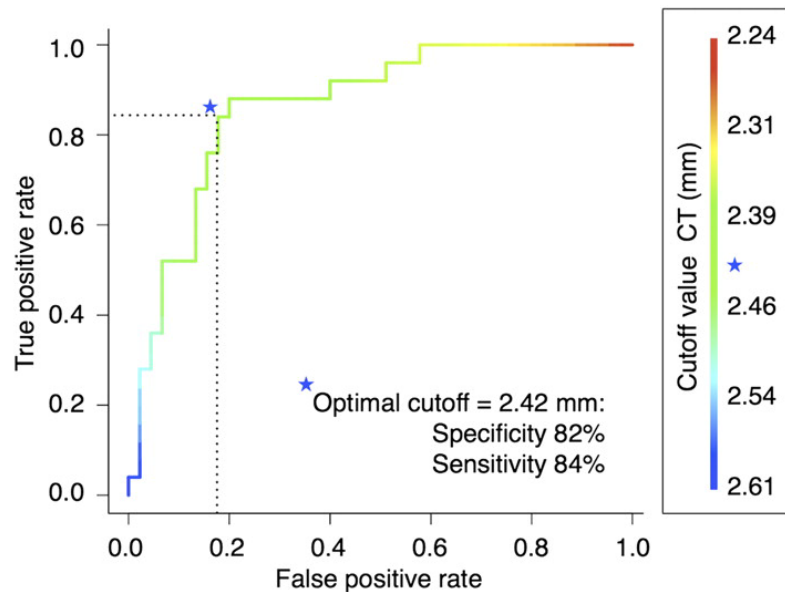


ALS vs controls



Agosta et al., PlosONE 2012

C-statistic ALS vs. controls 0.75
Progression rate: $r=-0.33$, $p=0.03$

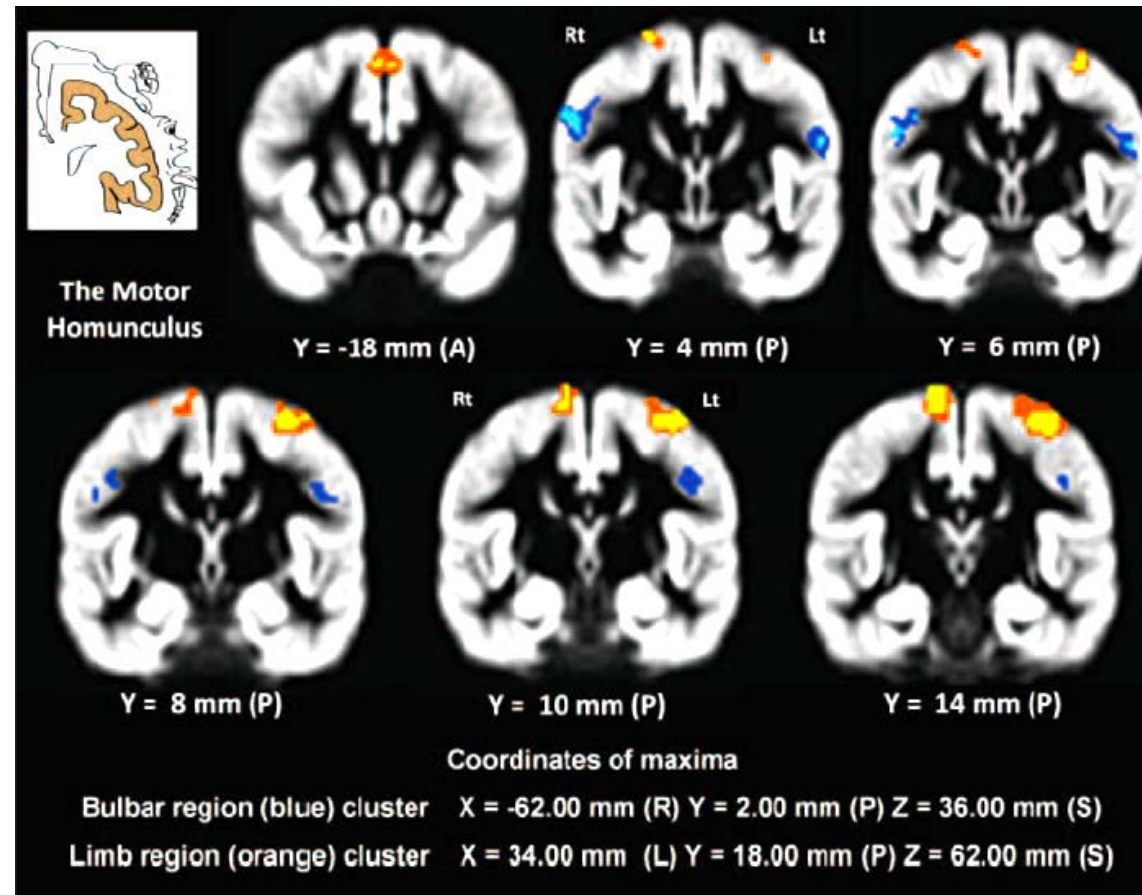


Verstraete et al., JNNP 2012

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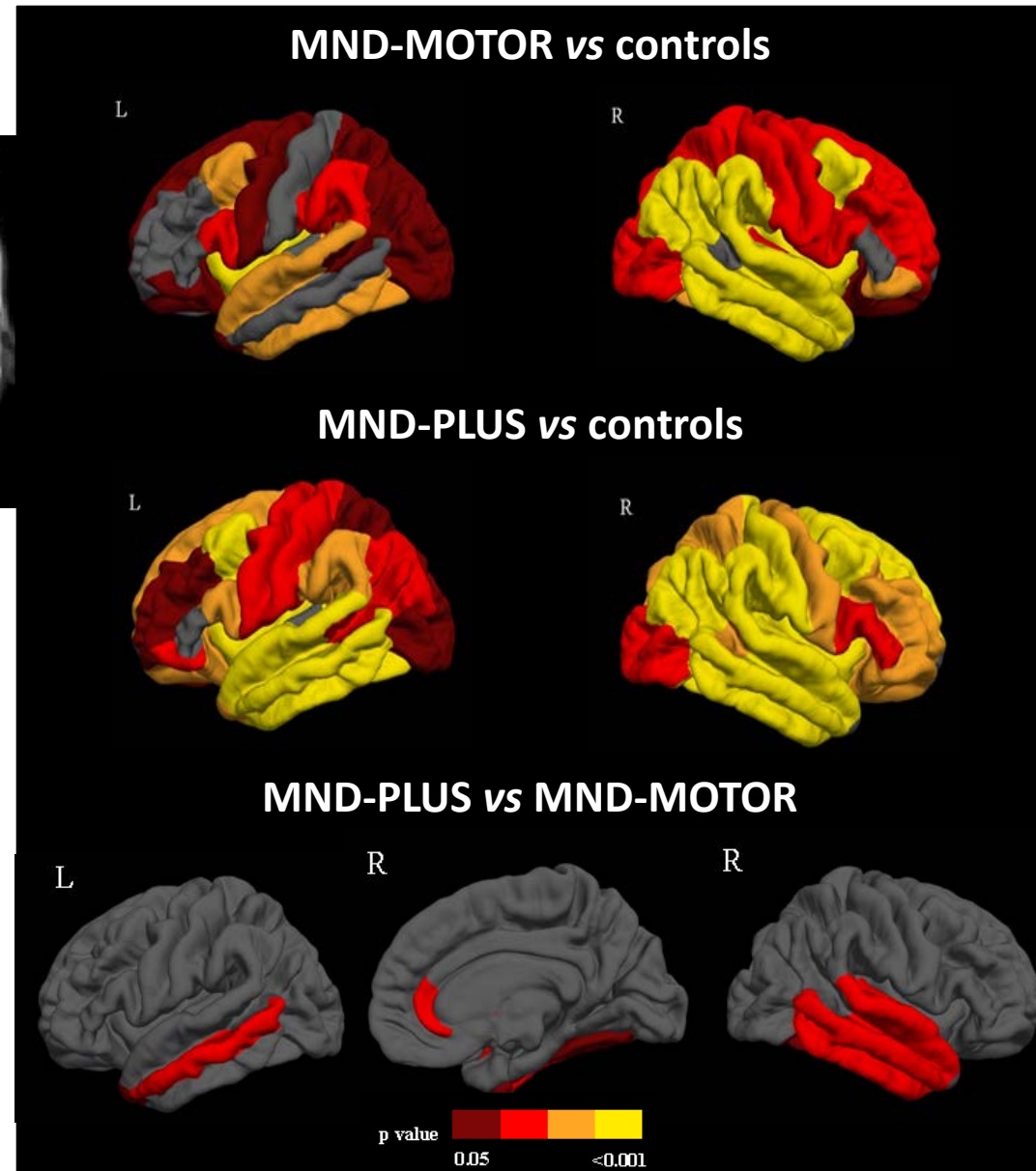
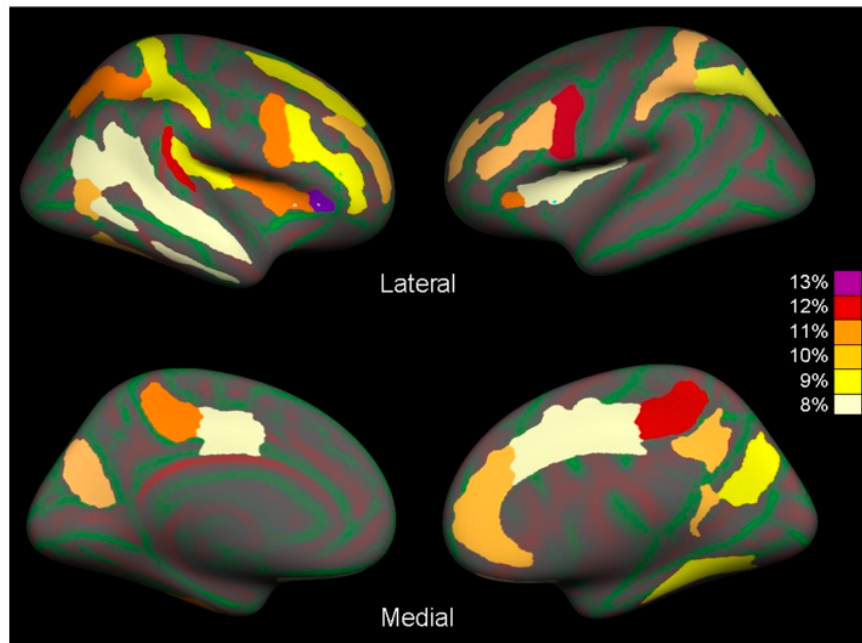
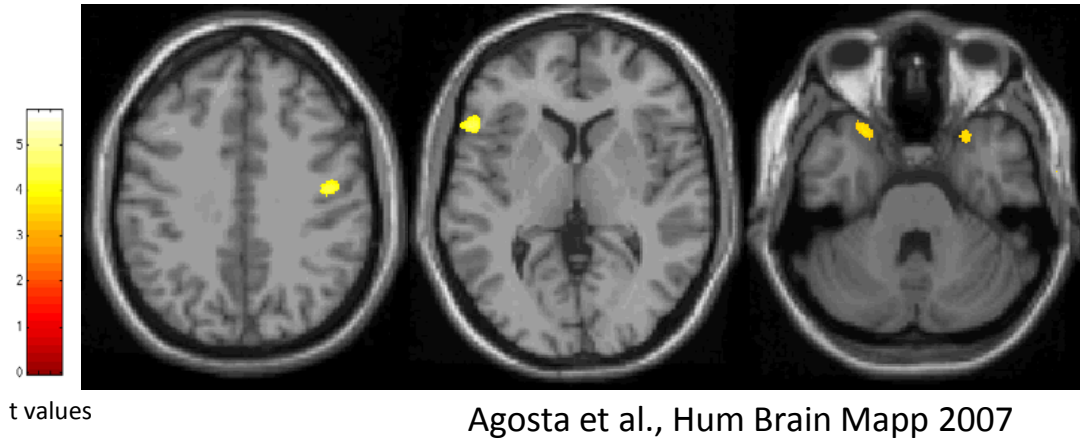
GM damage / Motor cortex & clinical correlations

Bulbar and limb-onset ALS vs controls



Bede et al., JNNP 2012

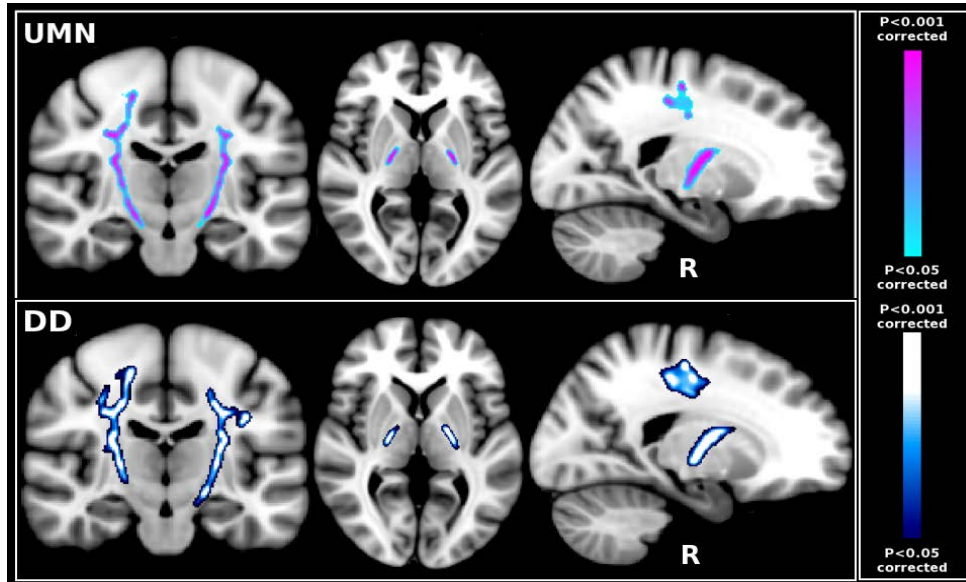
MRI IN ALS GM damage / Extramotor damage & cognition



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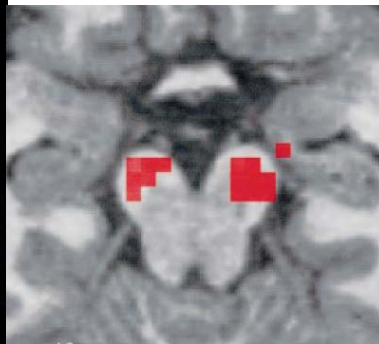
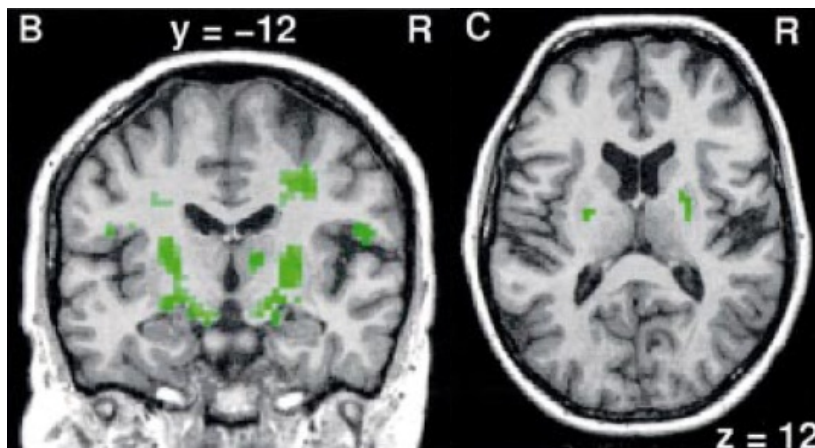
WM damage / CST

CST FA vs UMN score and disease duration



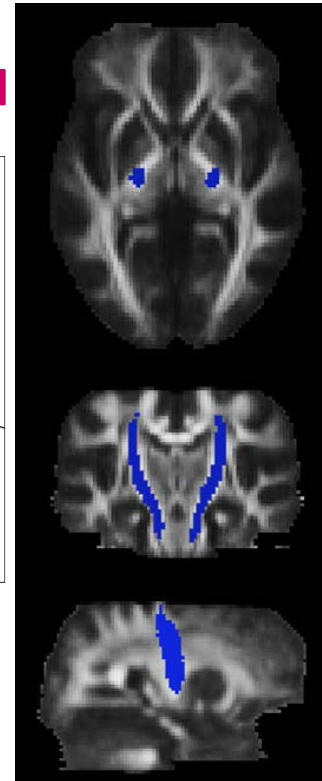
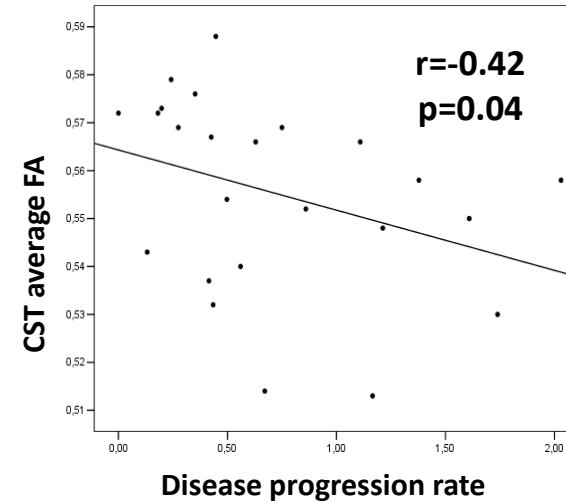
Filippini et al., Neurology 2010

CST FA decrease in patients without UMN signs at the time of MRI



Sach et al., Brain 2004

CST damage vs progression rate and survival



Independent predictors of **survival**:

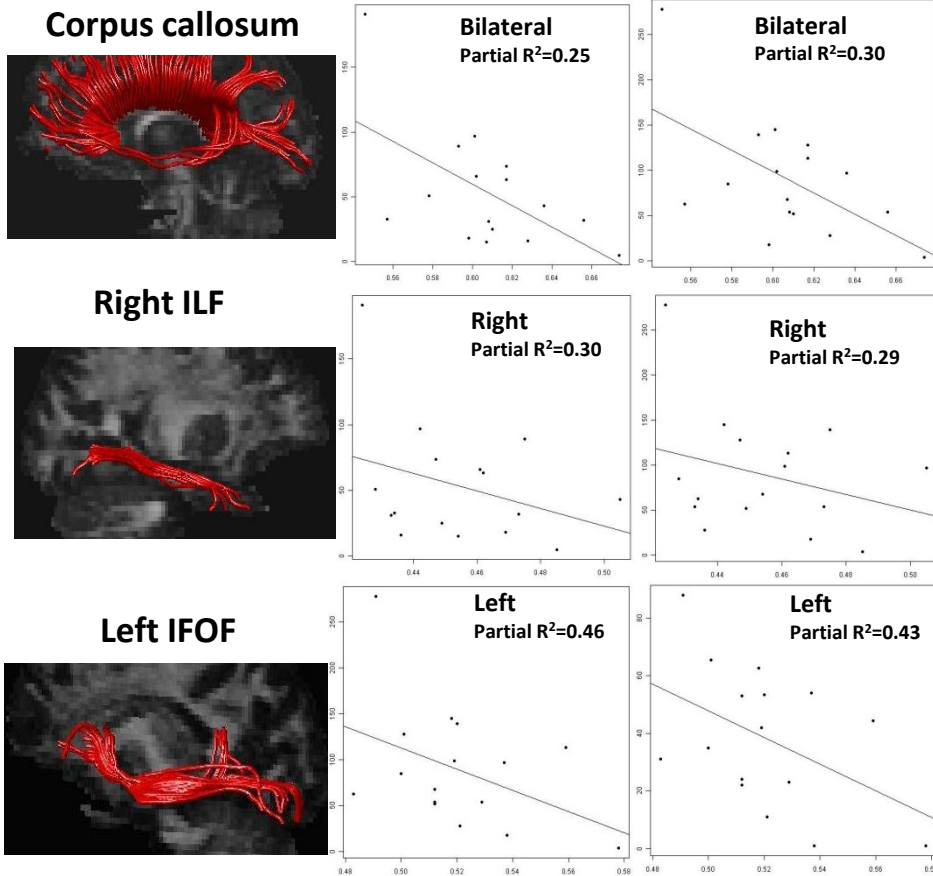
- ALSFRS deterioration rate
($p = 0.01$, HR = 2.2, 95% CI = 1.2-3.9)
- CST FA
($p = 0.06$, HR = 0.94, 95% CI = 0.89-1.00)

Agosta et al., Eur J Neurosci 2010

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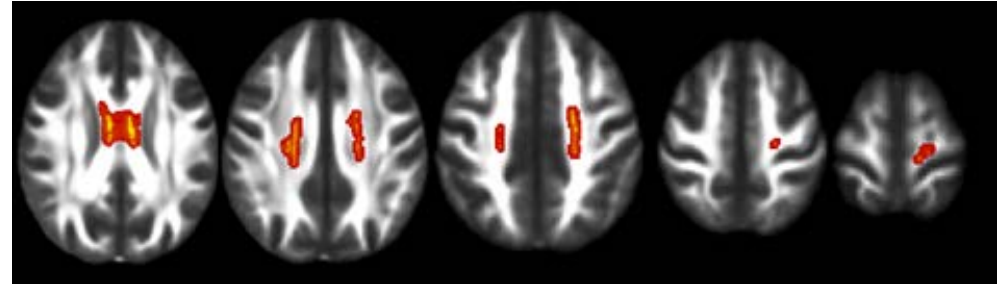
Extramotor WM damage

Cognitive impairment vs WM damage in ALS

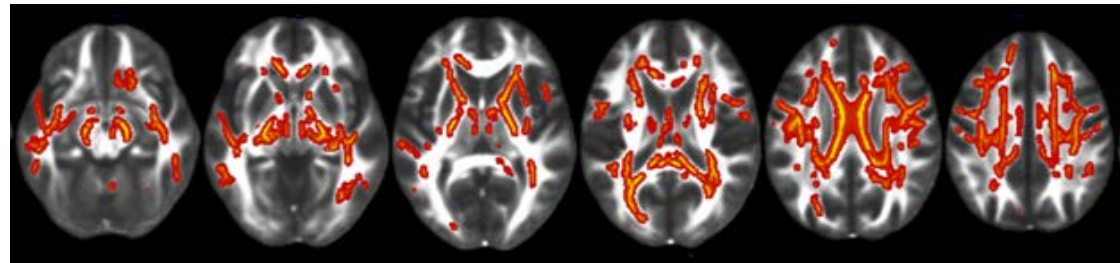


Sarro et al., AJNR 2011

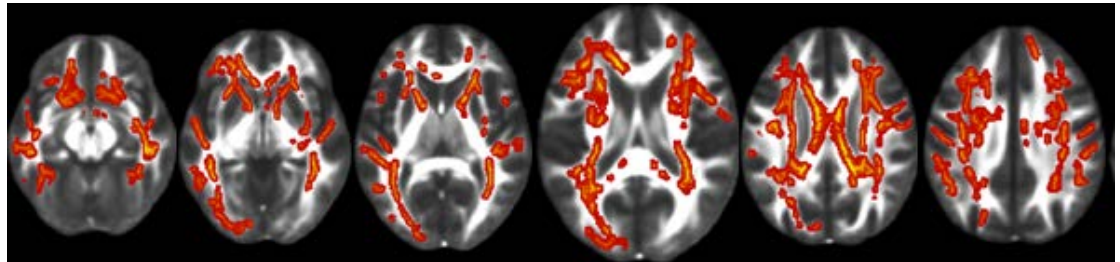
PLS without cognitive deficits vs controls



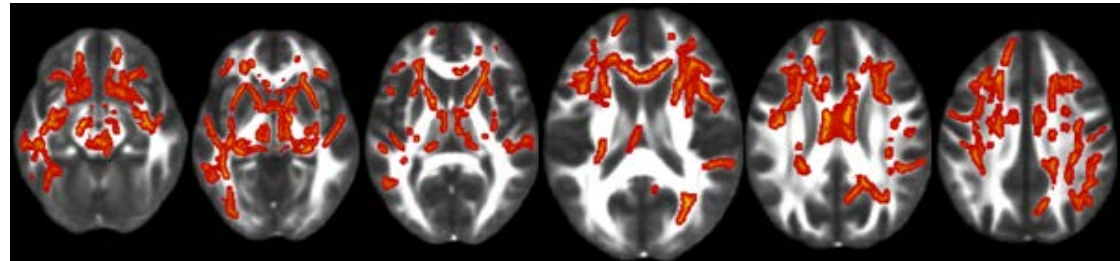
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FA vs semantic fluency



FA vs action naming

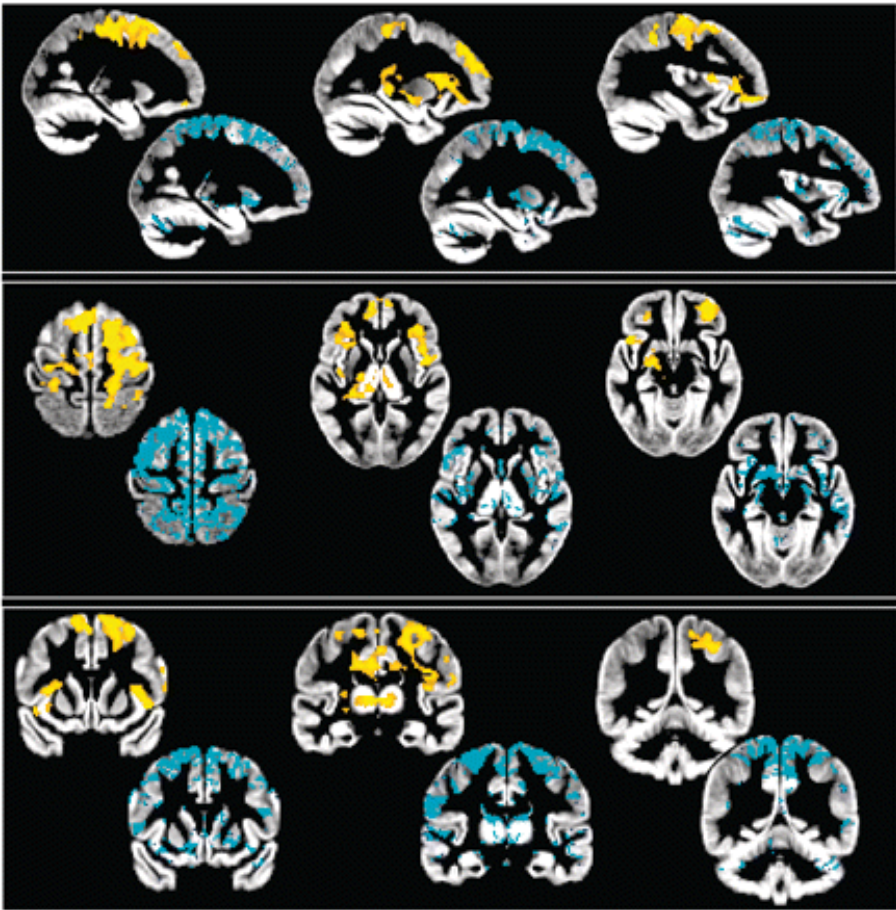


Canu et al., PlosONE 2013

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Functional connectivity

ALS vs controls

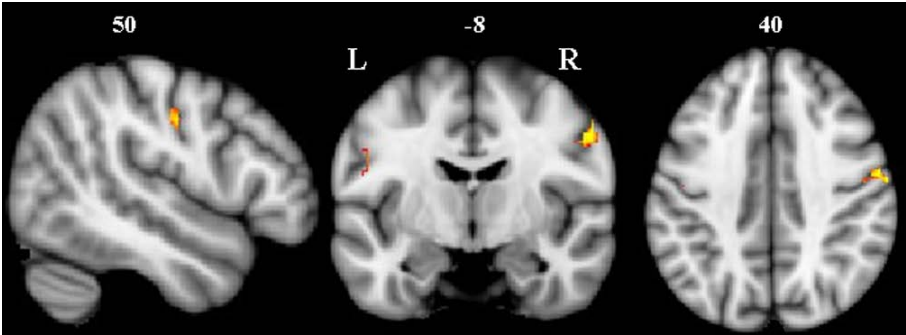


Increased FC
Reduced structural connectivity

Douaud et al., Brain 2011

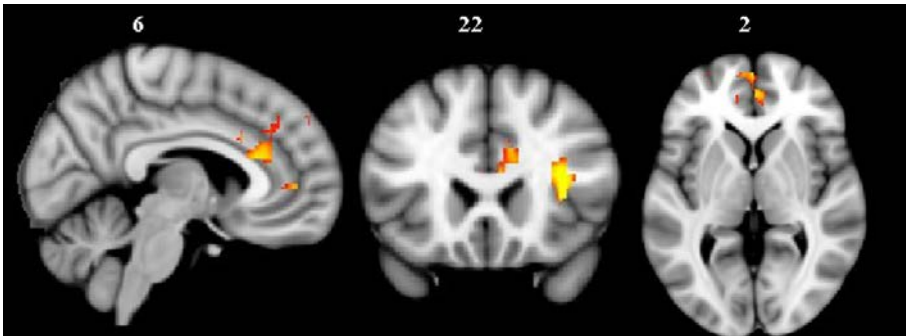
Increased FC in PLS vs controls

Sensorimotor Network



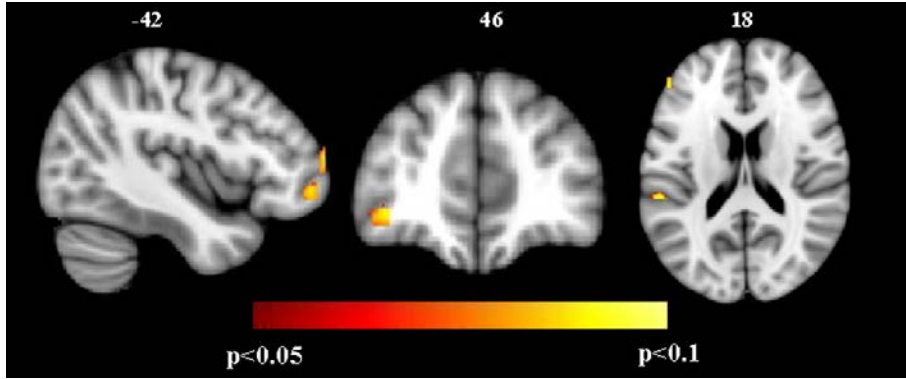
ALSFRS-R
Progr-rate
FA CC-PMC
FA CC-SMA

Frontal Network



Fluency
FA CC-body

Left frontoparietal Network



Agosta et al., Neurobiol Aging 2013

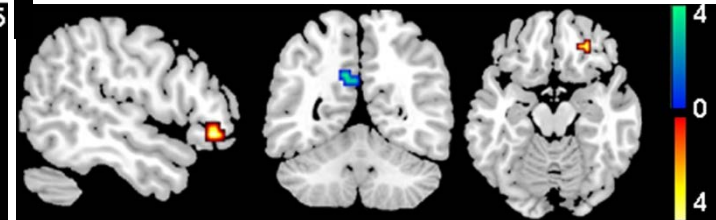
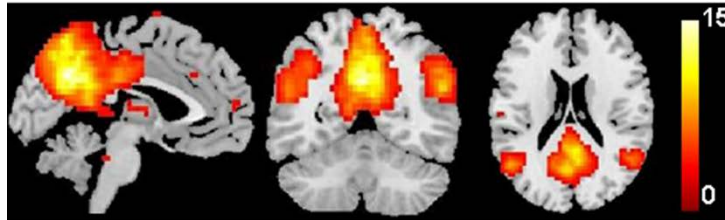
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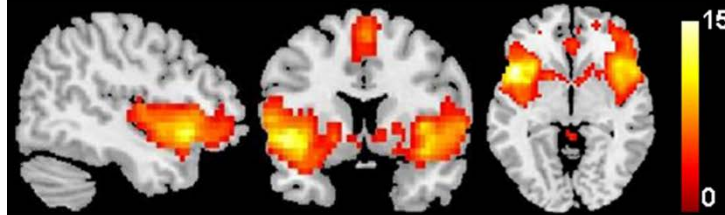
RS networks

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DMN



Salience



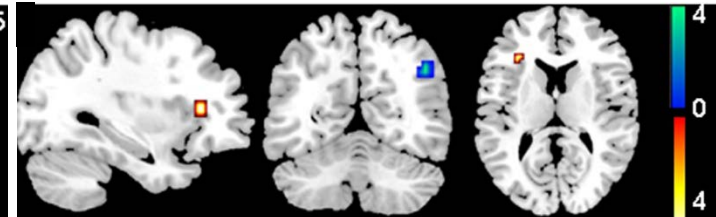
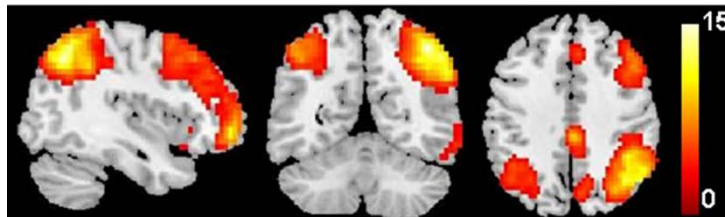
DMN:
WCST score vs connectivity of
L precuneus ($\beta=-0.087$) and
L angular gyrus ($\beta=-0.040$)

Executive

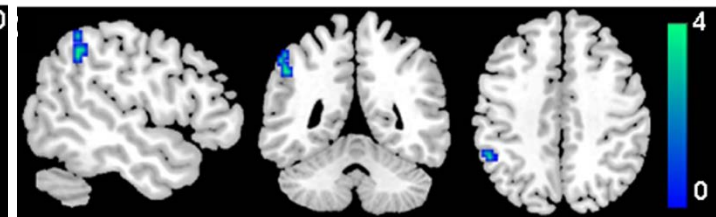
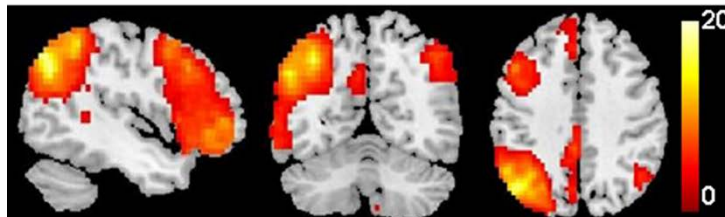


Right fronto-parietal:
WCST score vs connectivity of
R angular gyrus ($\beta=-0.055$) and
L PCC ($\beta=-0.022$)

Right fronto-
parietal



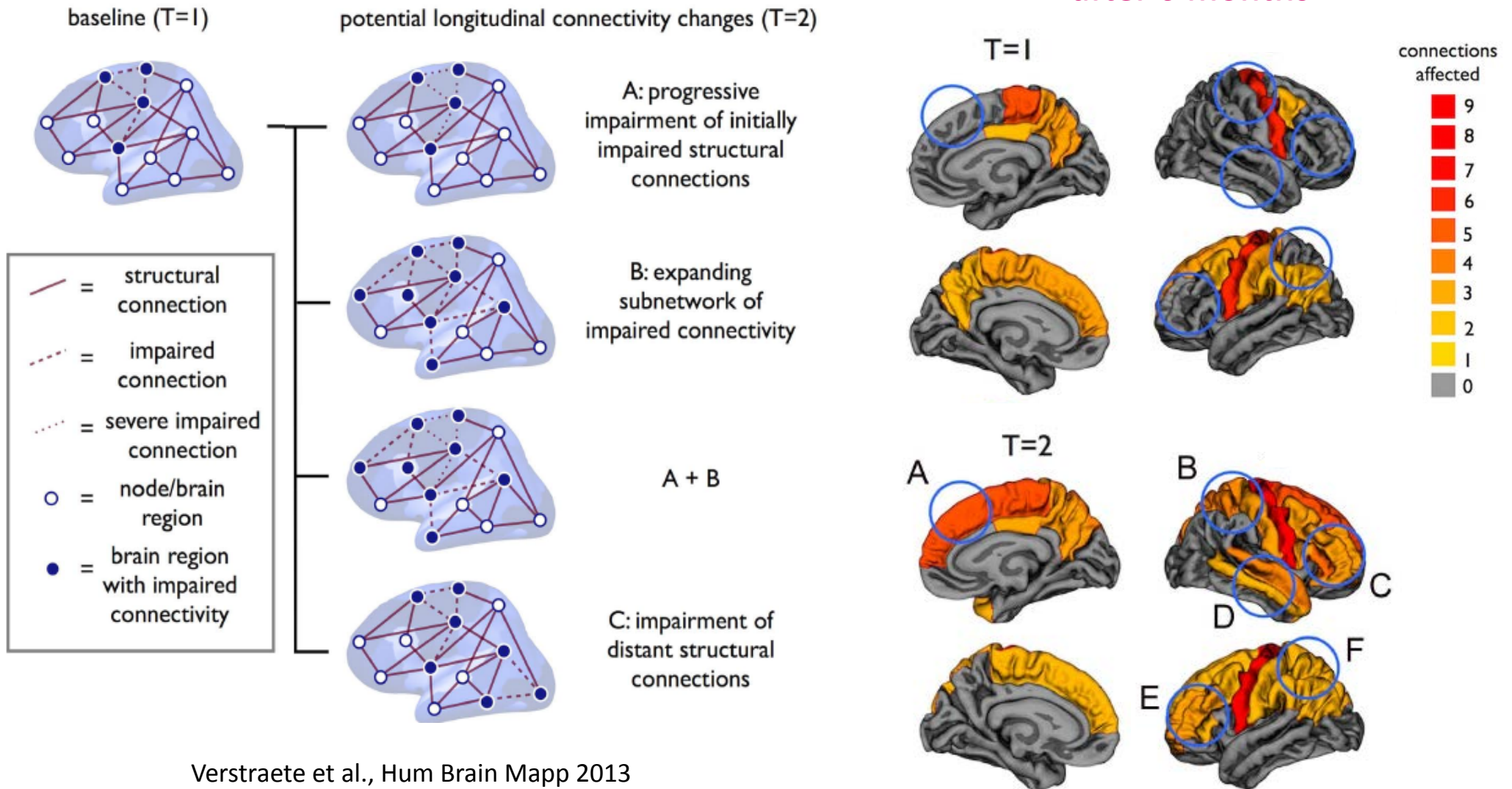
Left fronto-
parietal



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Network analysis

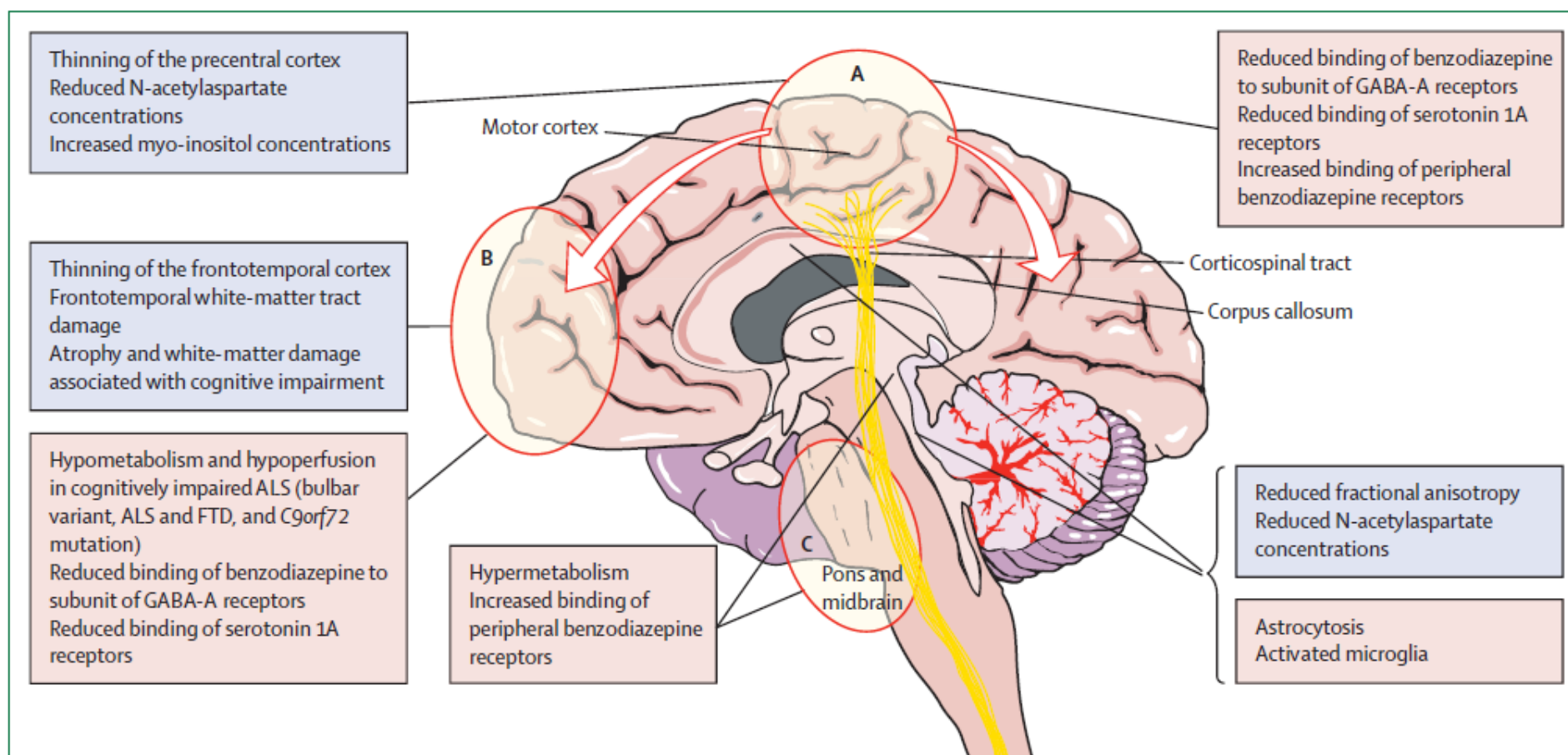
Affected subnetwork
after 6 months





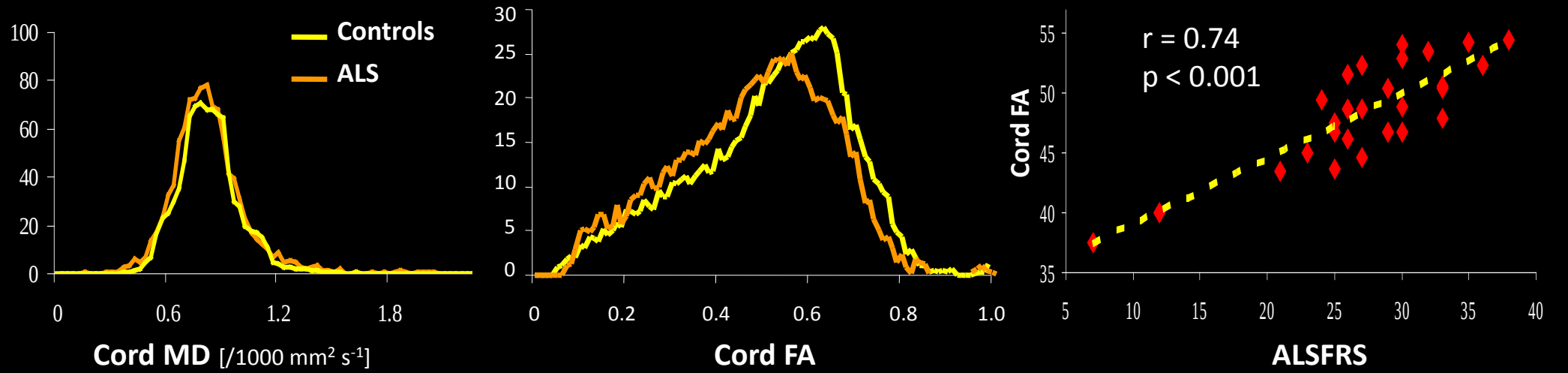
Neuroimaging in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis: insights into structural and functional changes

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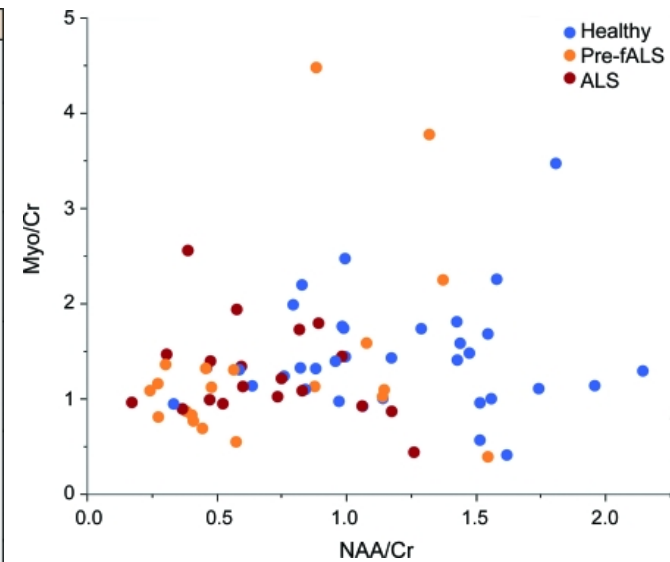
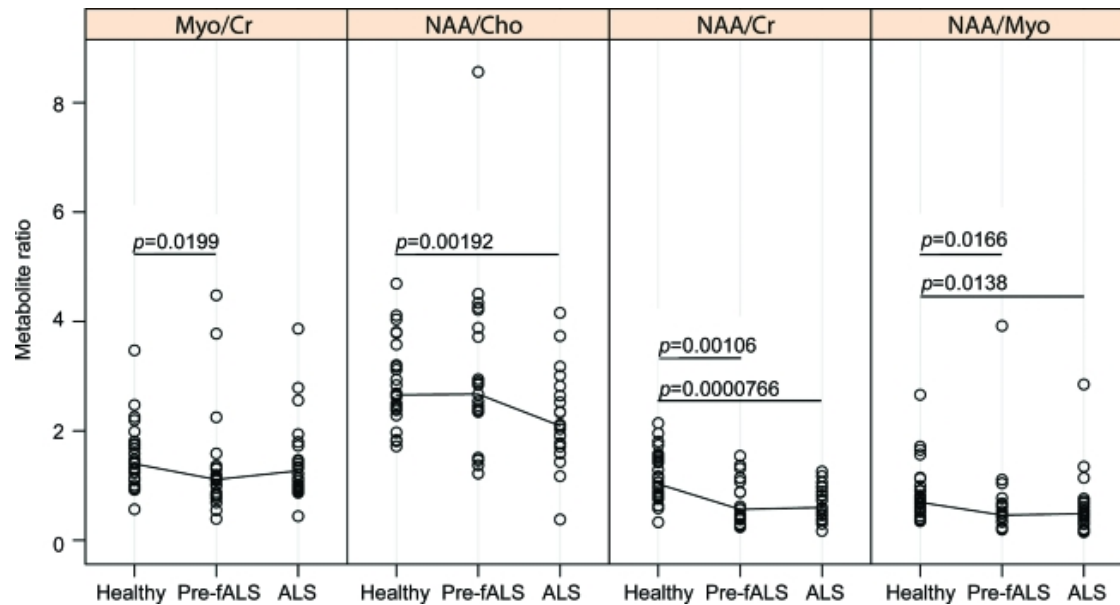


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Spinal cord



Valsasina et al., JNNP 2007



Carew et al., Neurology 2012

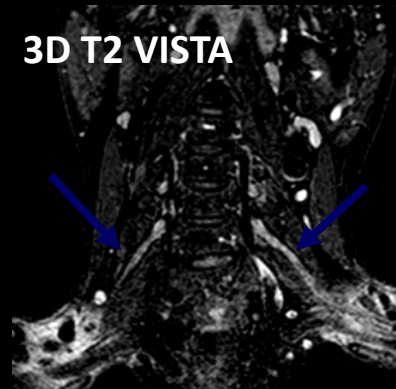
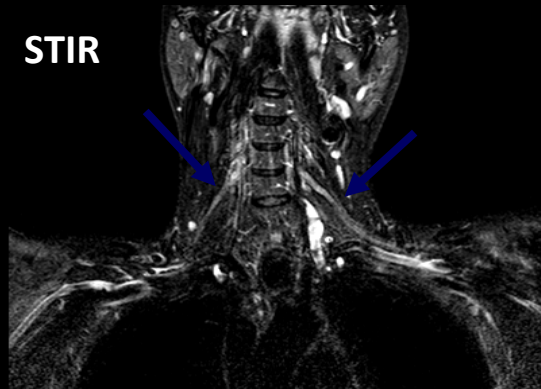
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Peripheral NS

Healthy control



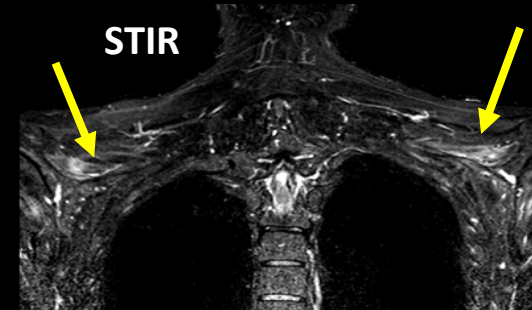
Nerve root increased signal



Nerve root T2 signal vs
disease progression:
 $r = 0.40$

Supraspinatus muscle edema

Healthy control



Adipose tissue deposition
between trapezius and
supraspinatus muscle



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