

Mapping Brain Circuit Targets for Neuromodulation

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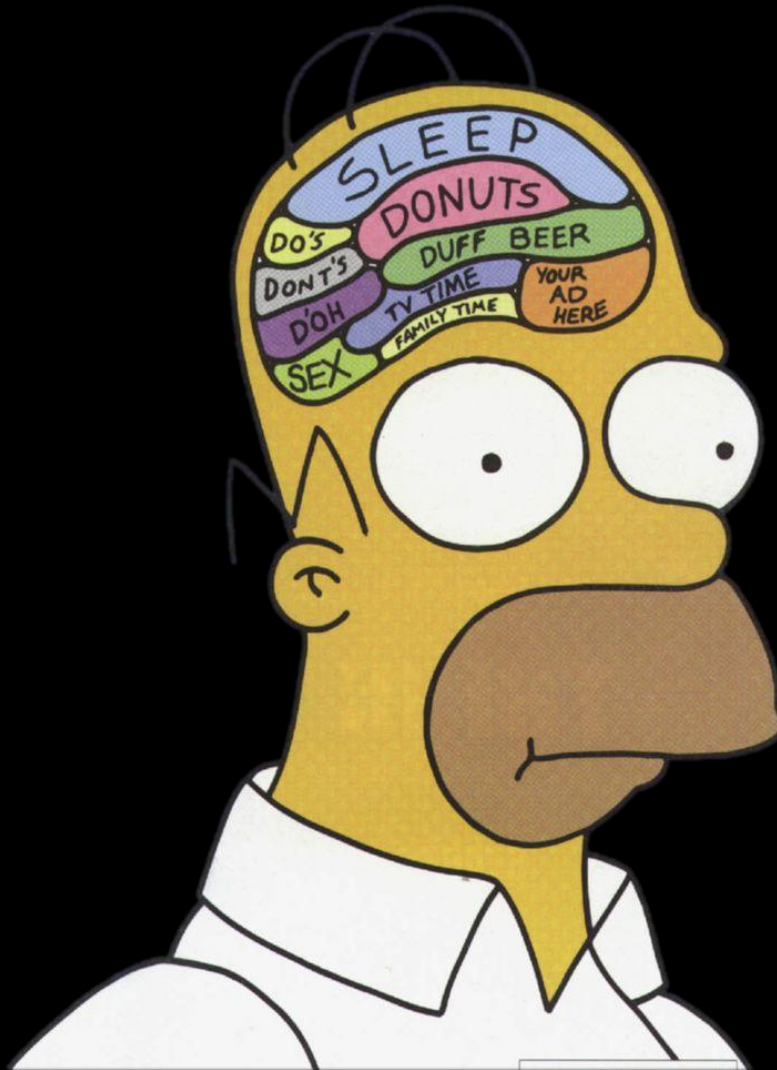
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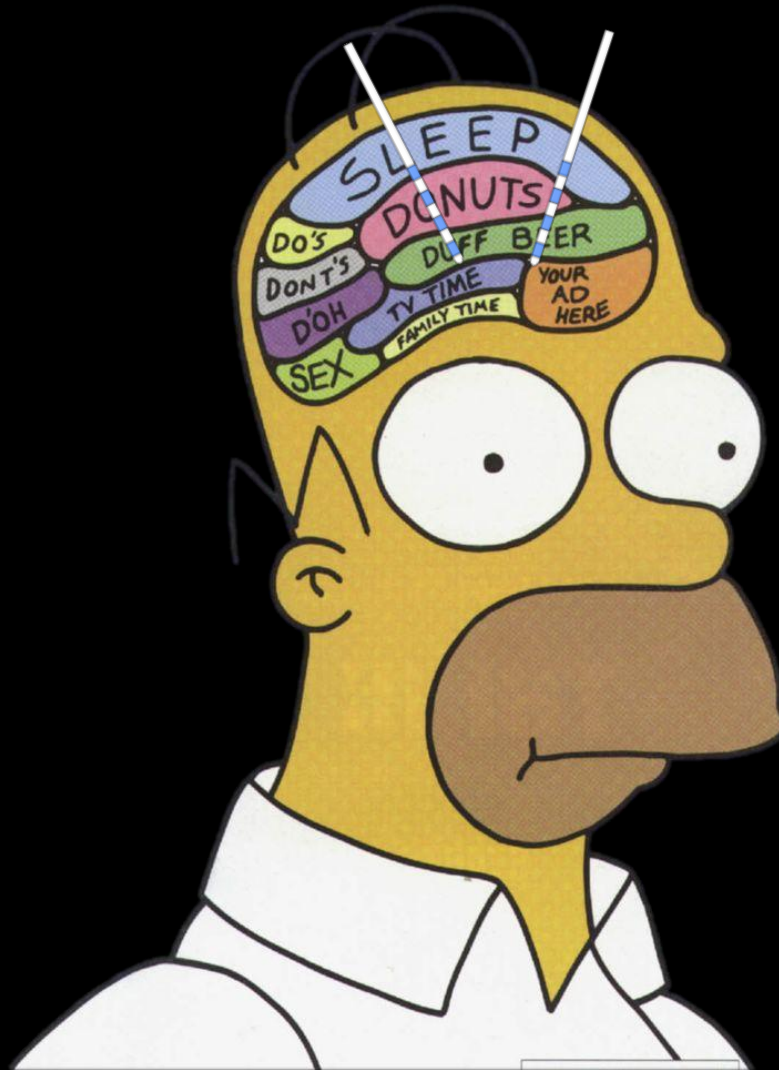
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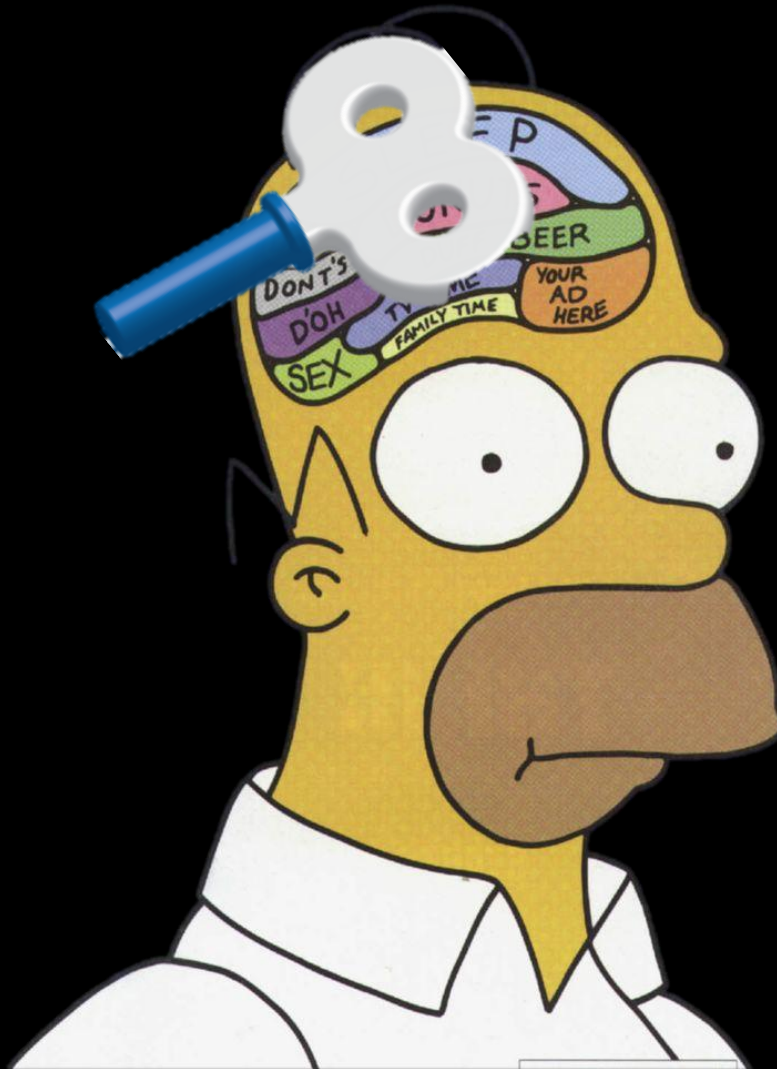
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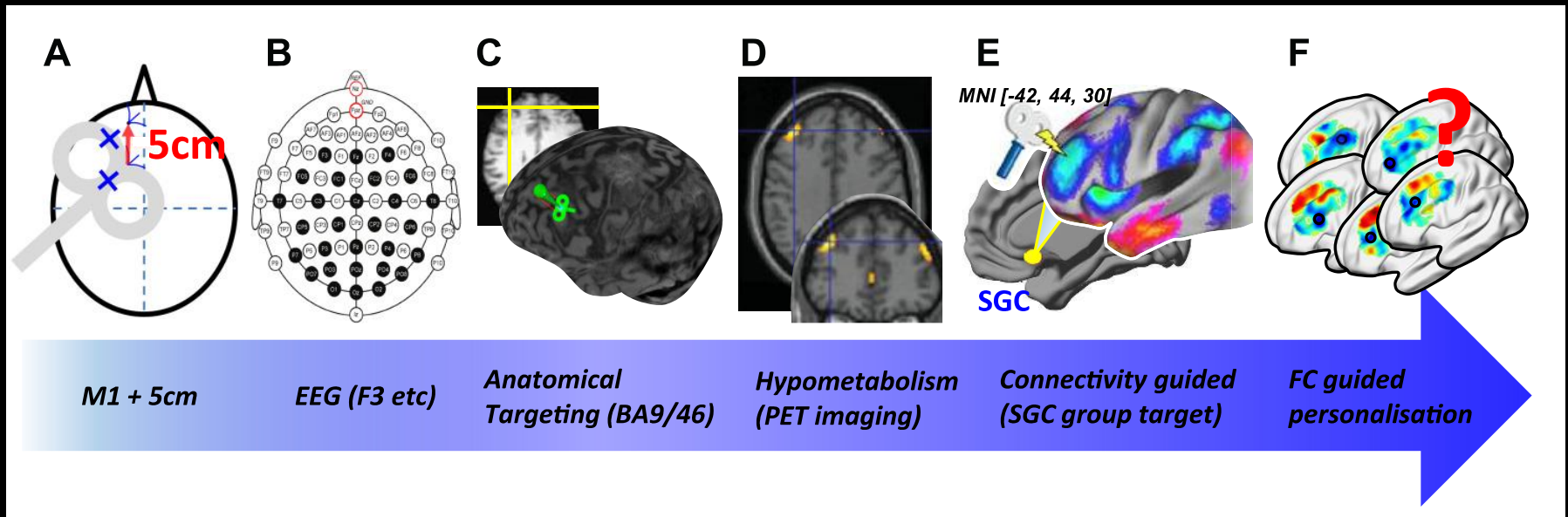
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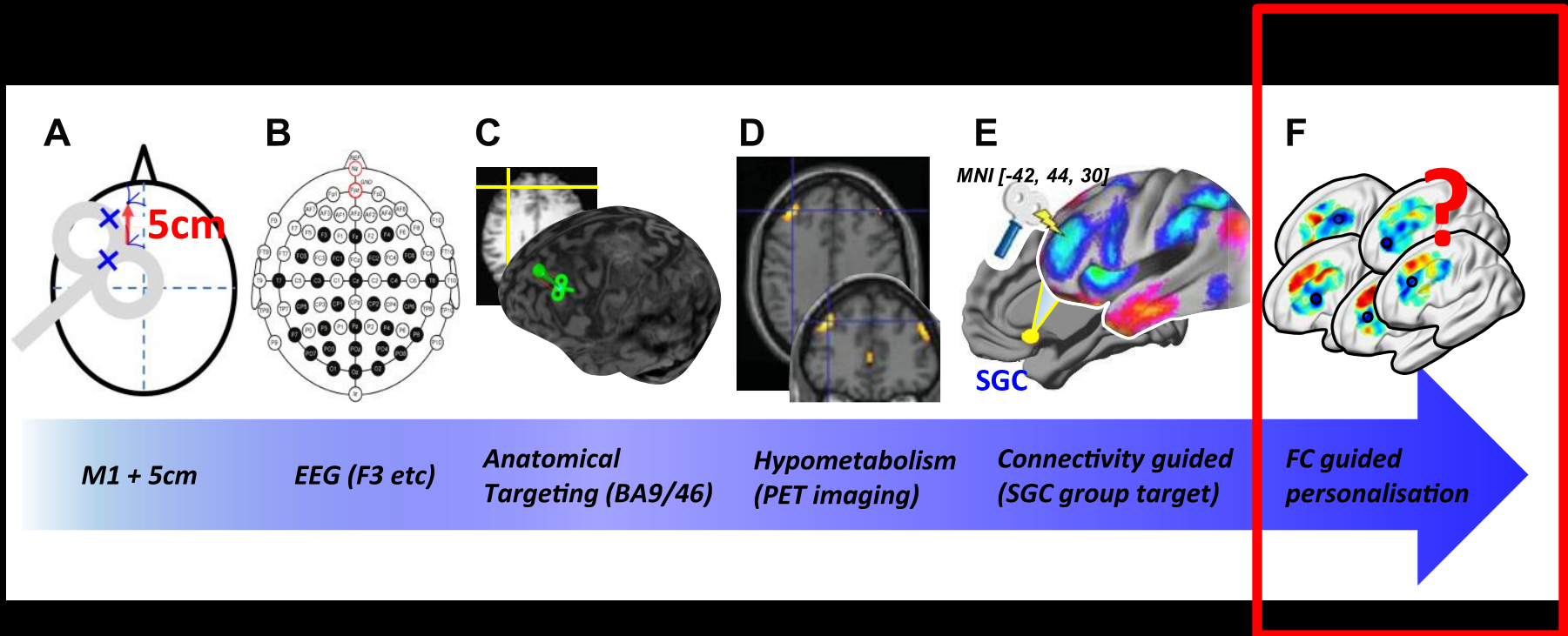
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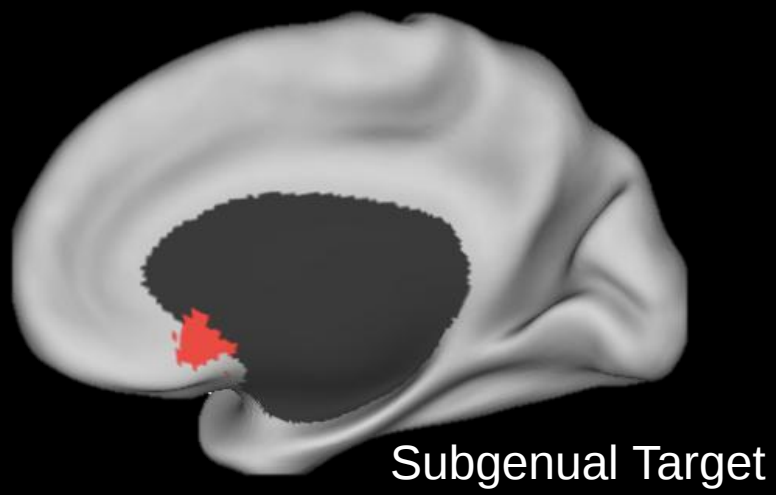


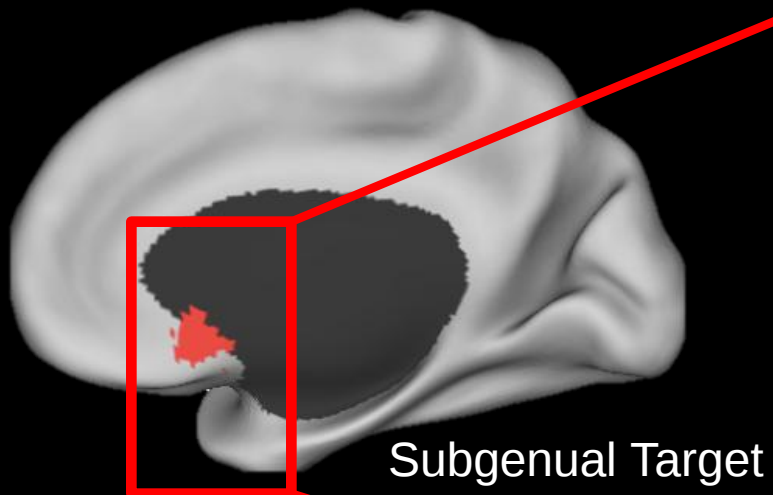
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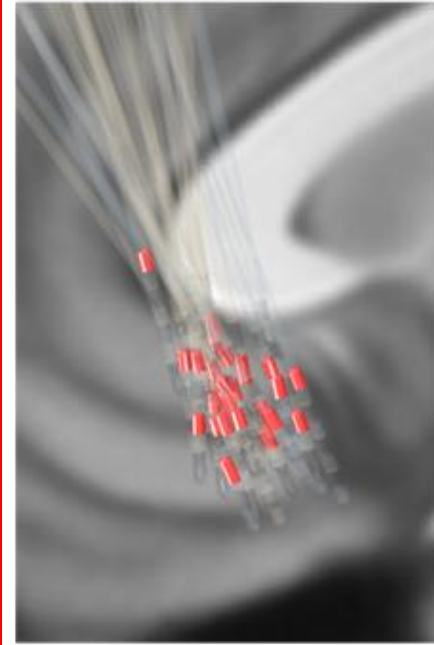
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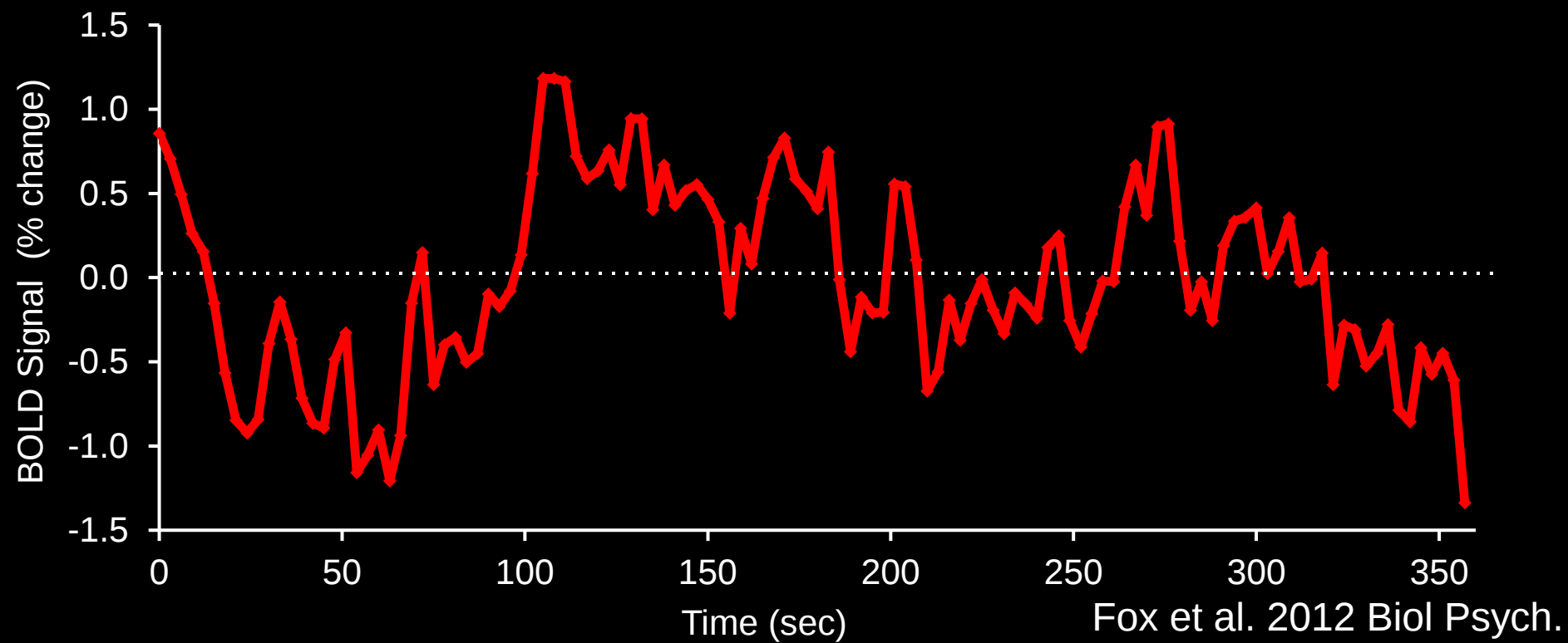
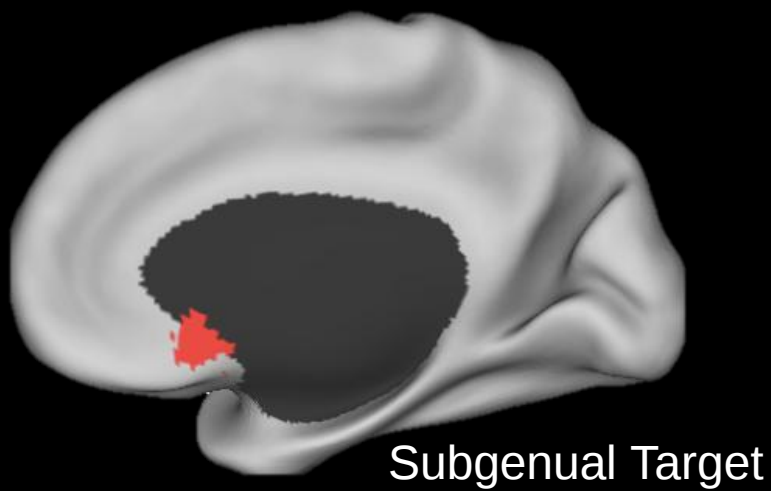


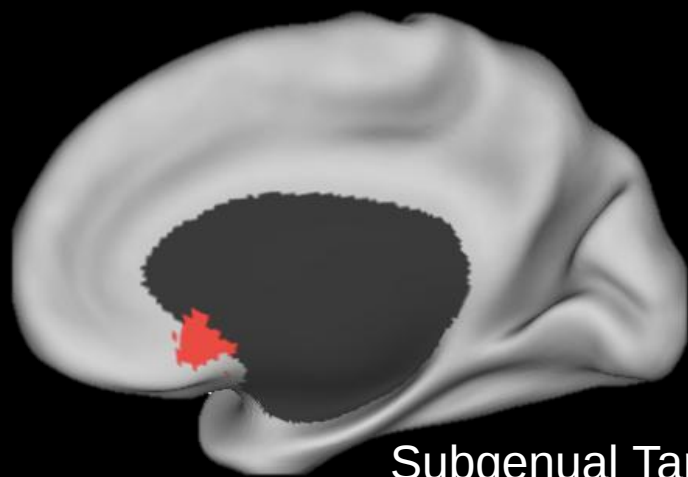




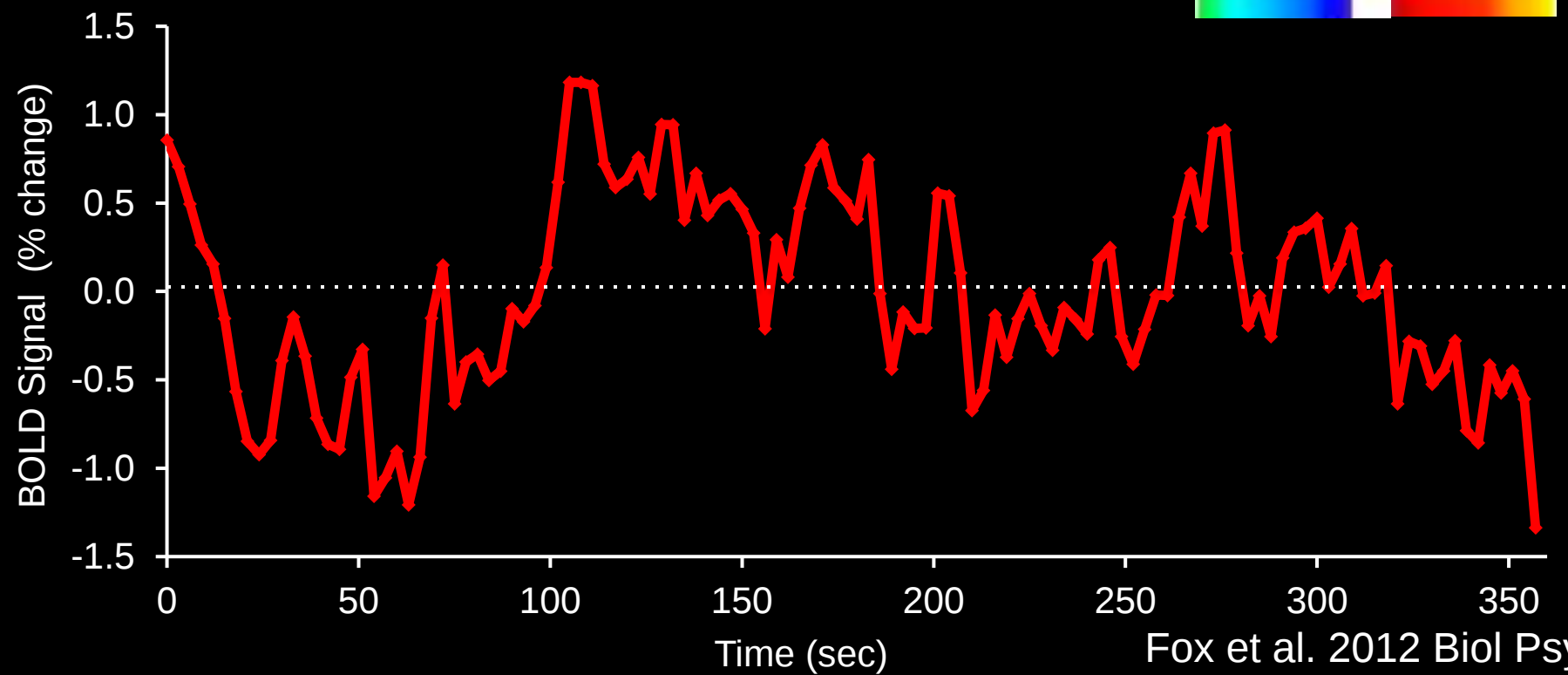
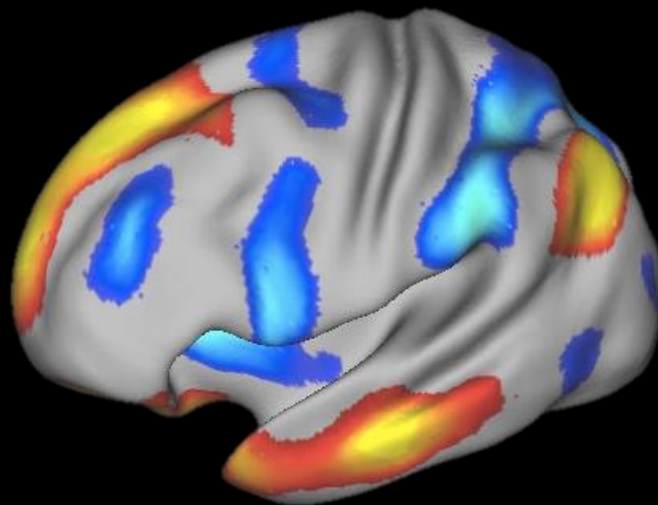
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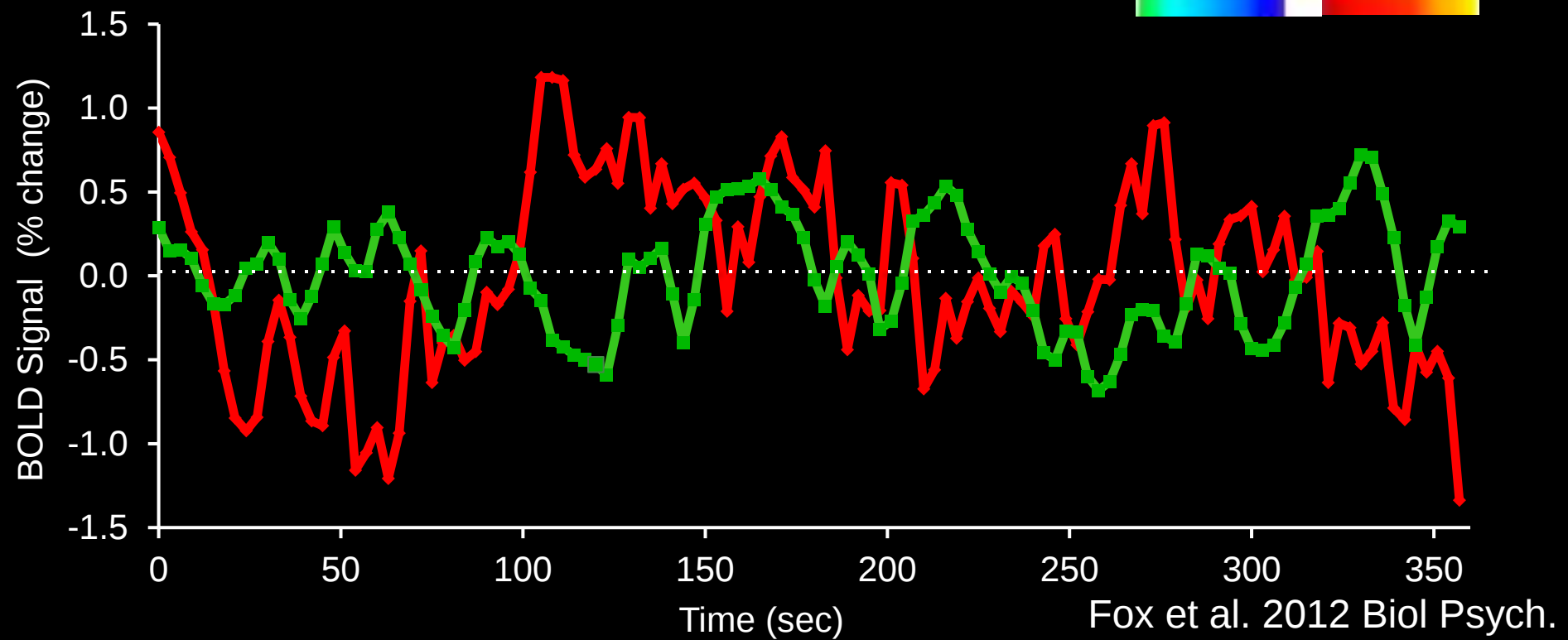
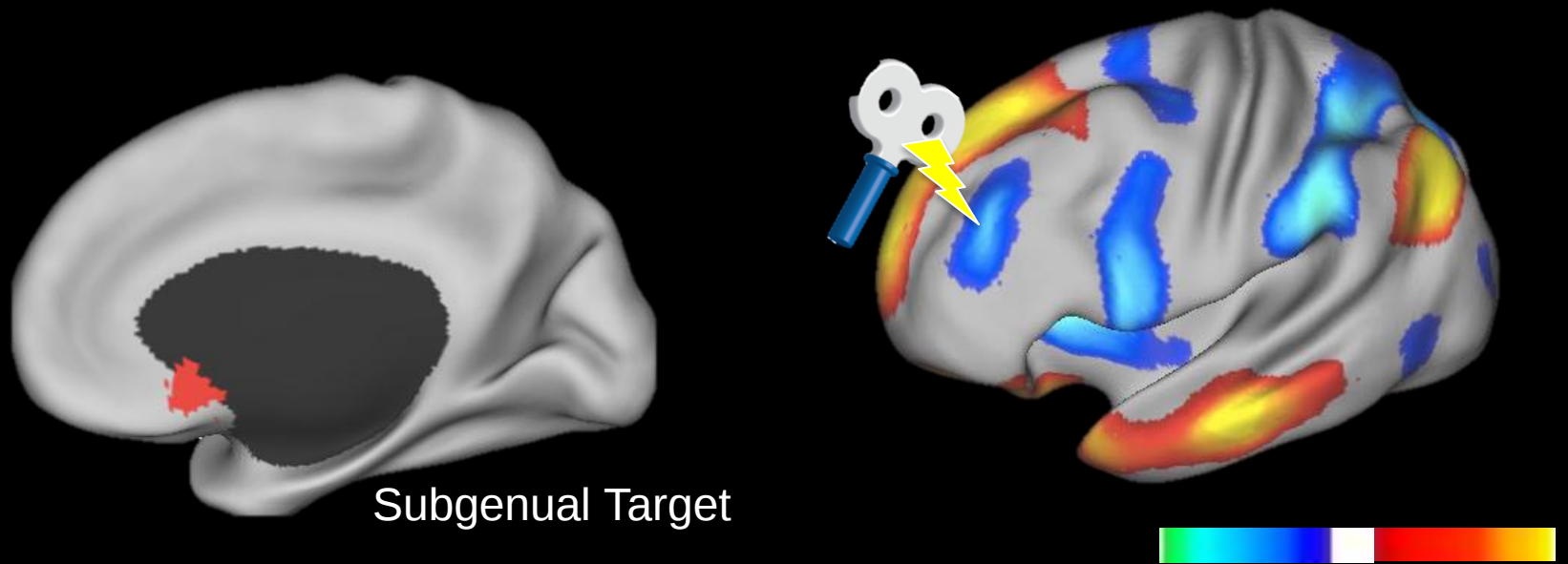




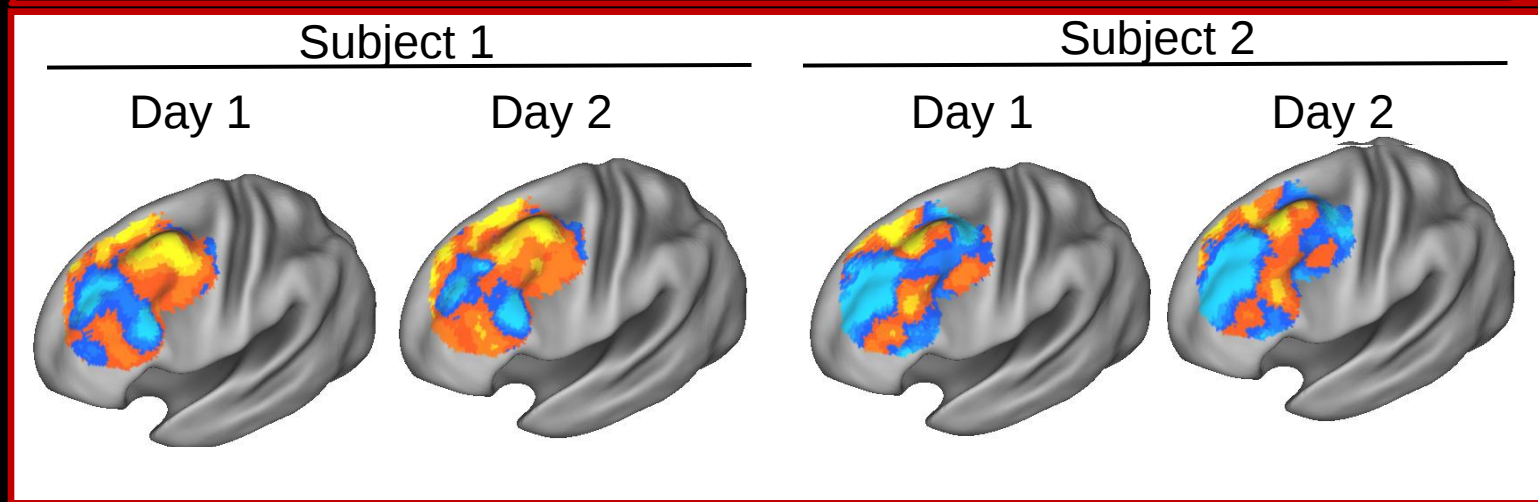
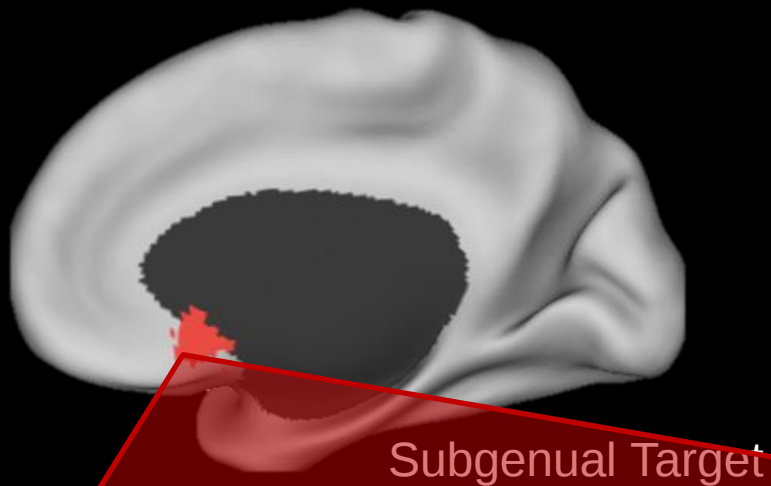


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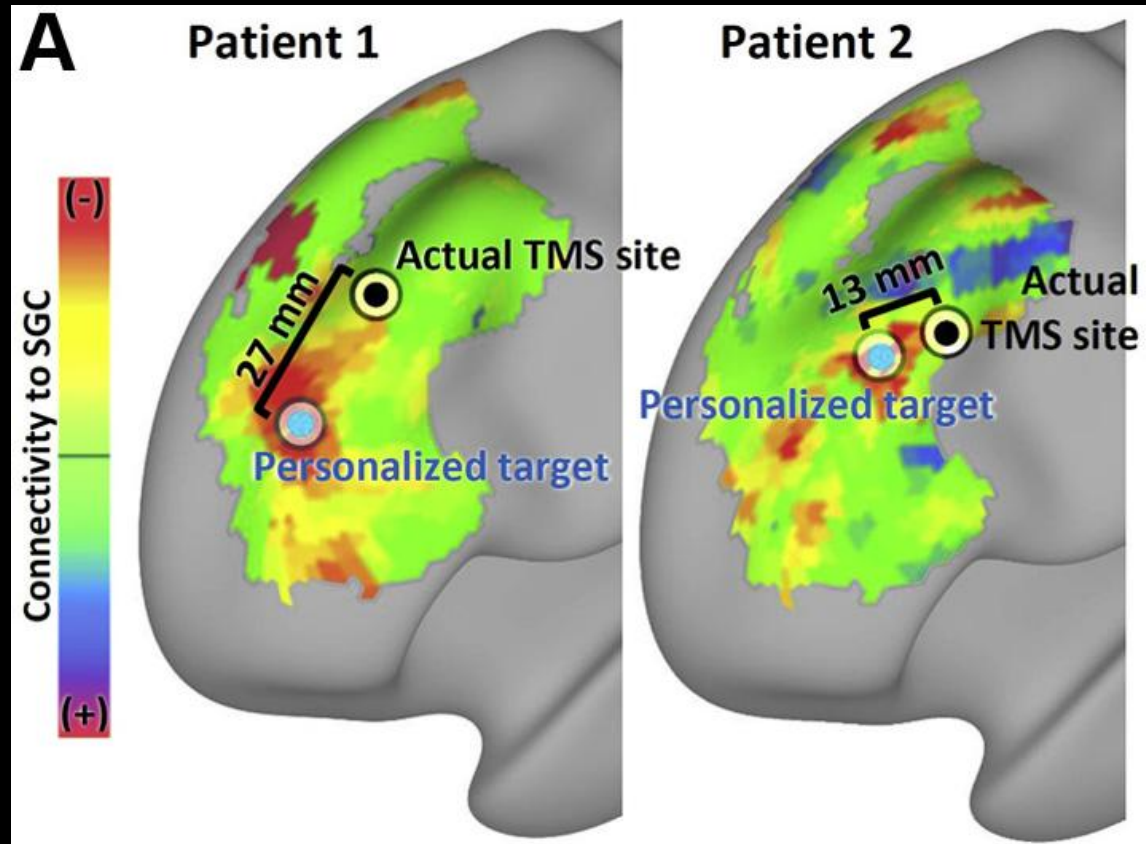




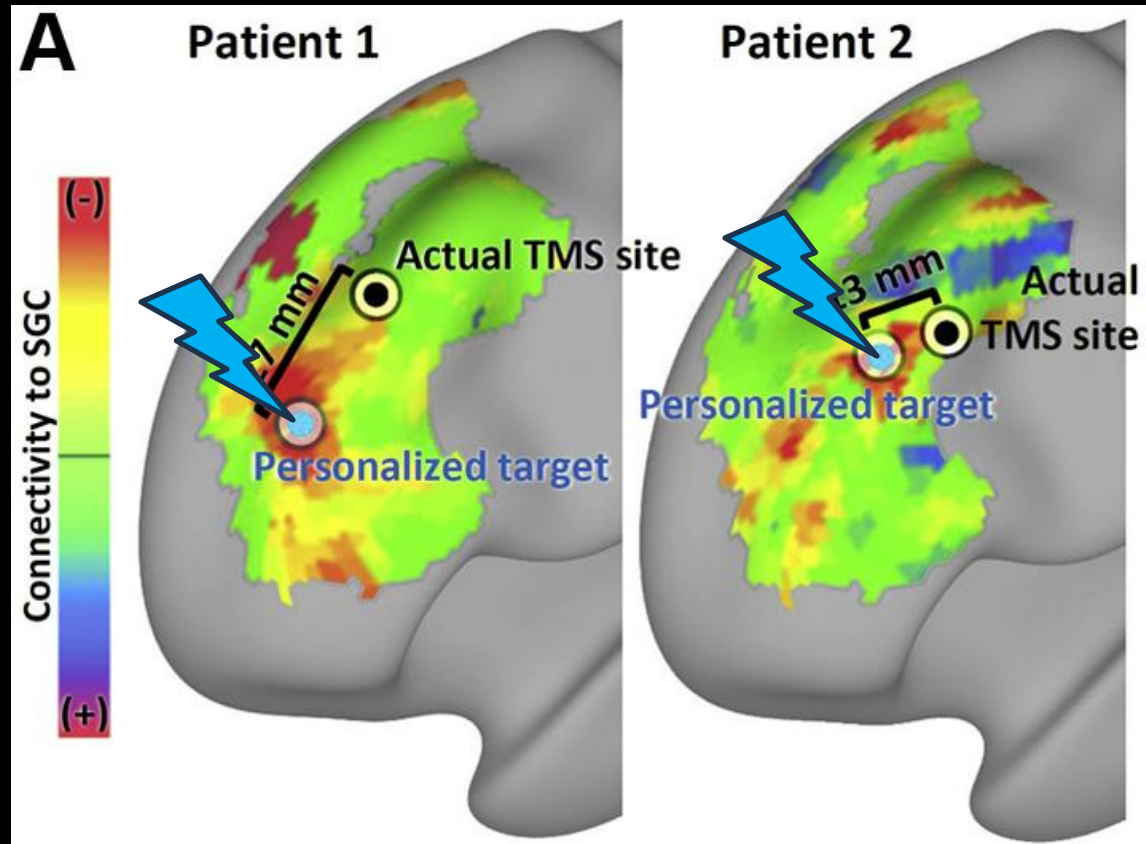
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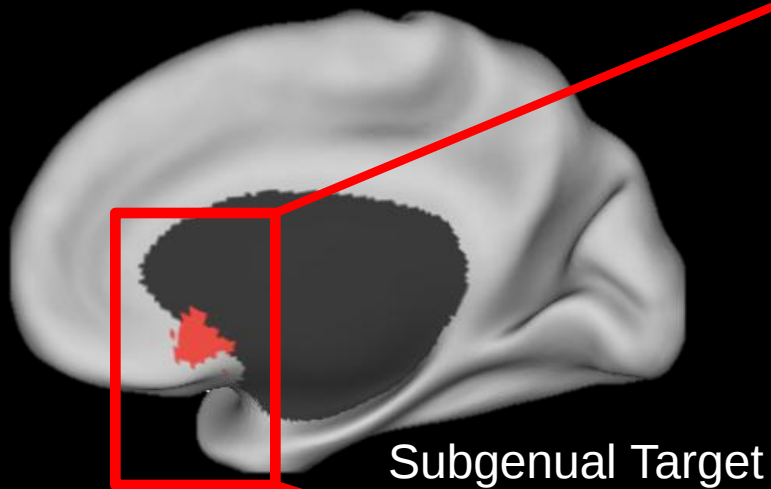


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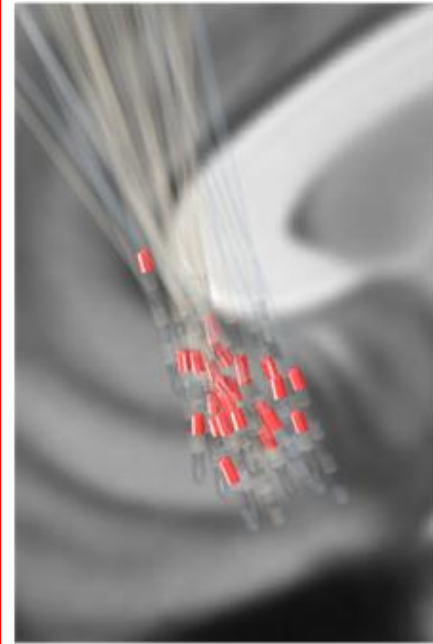


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Cole et al. 2020 AJP, Cole et al. 2021 AJP : >80% response rate

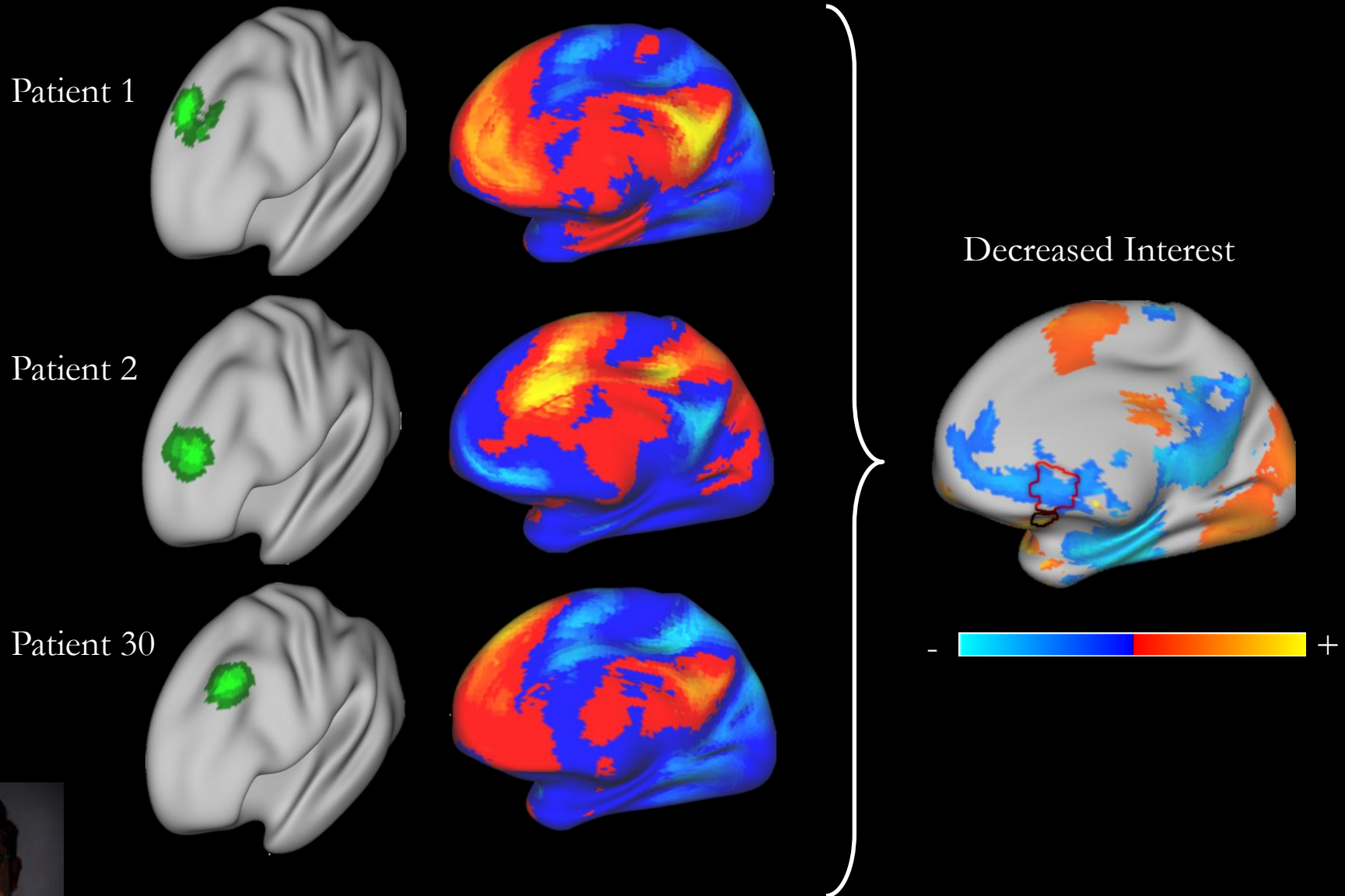
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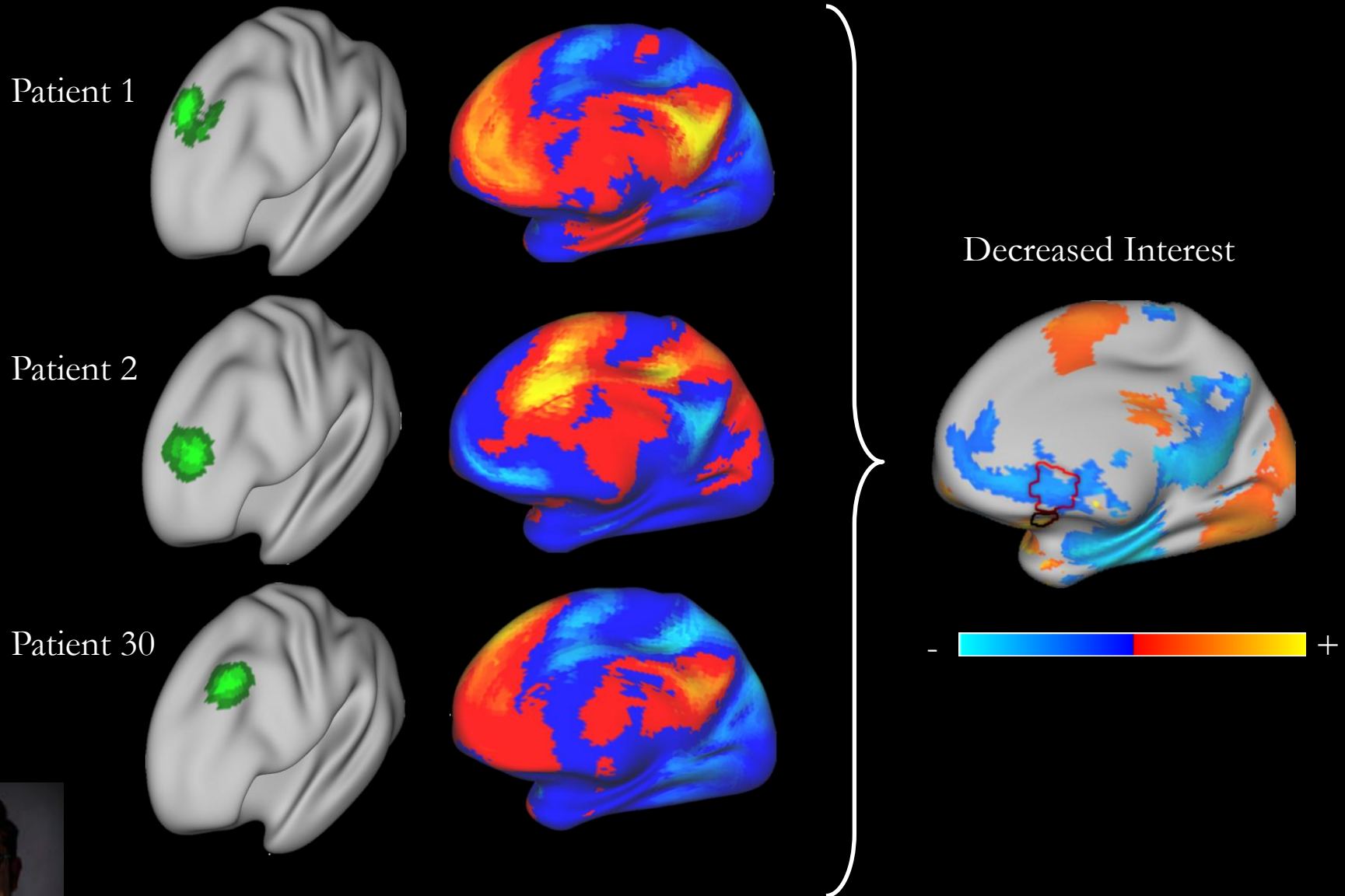
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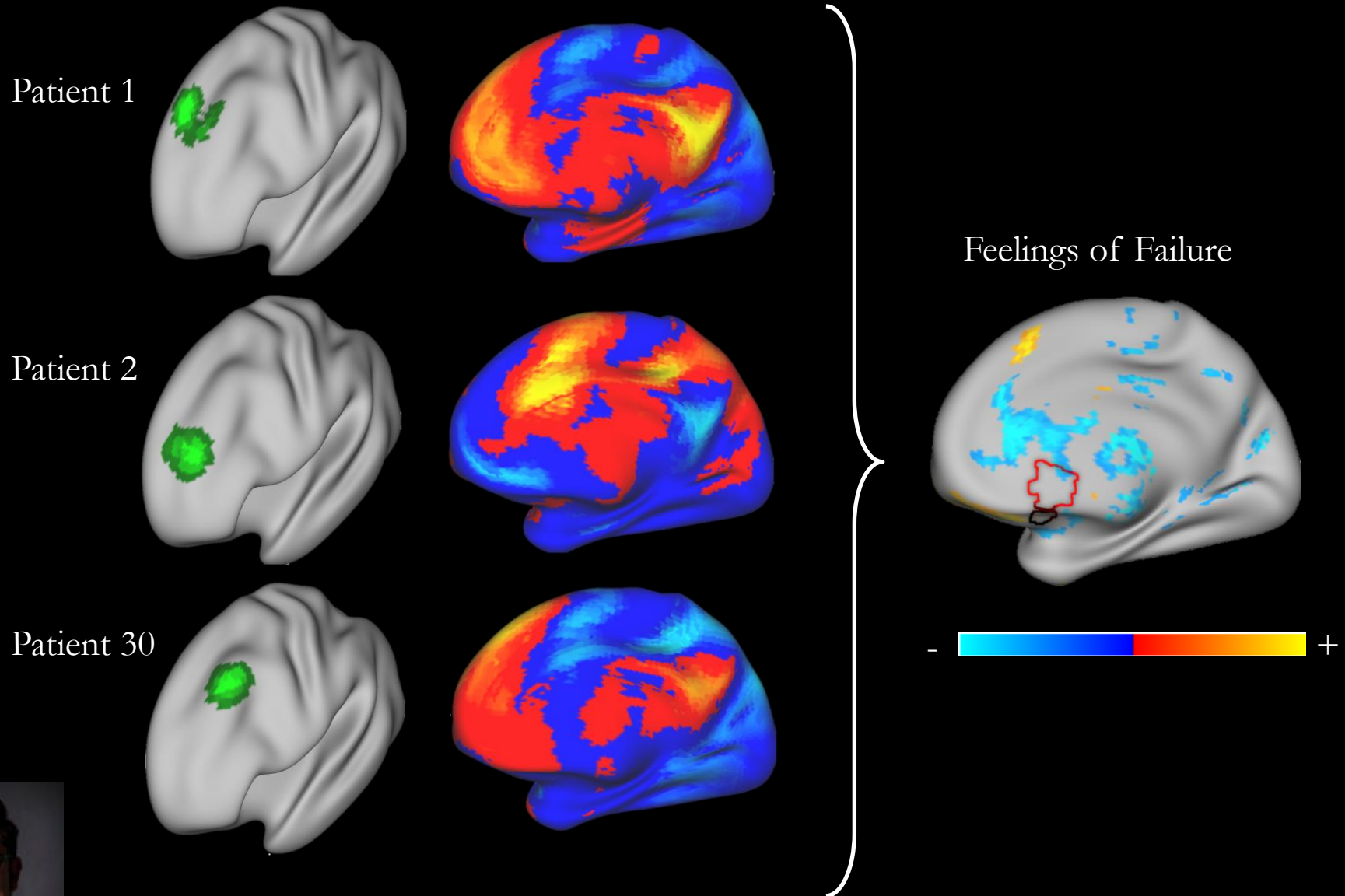
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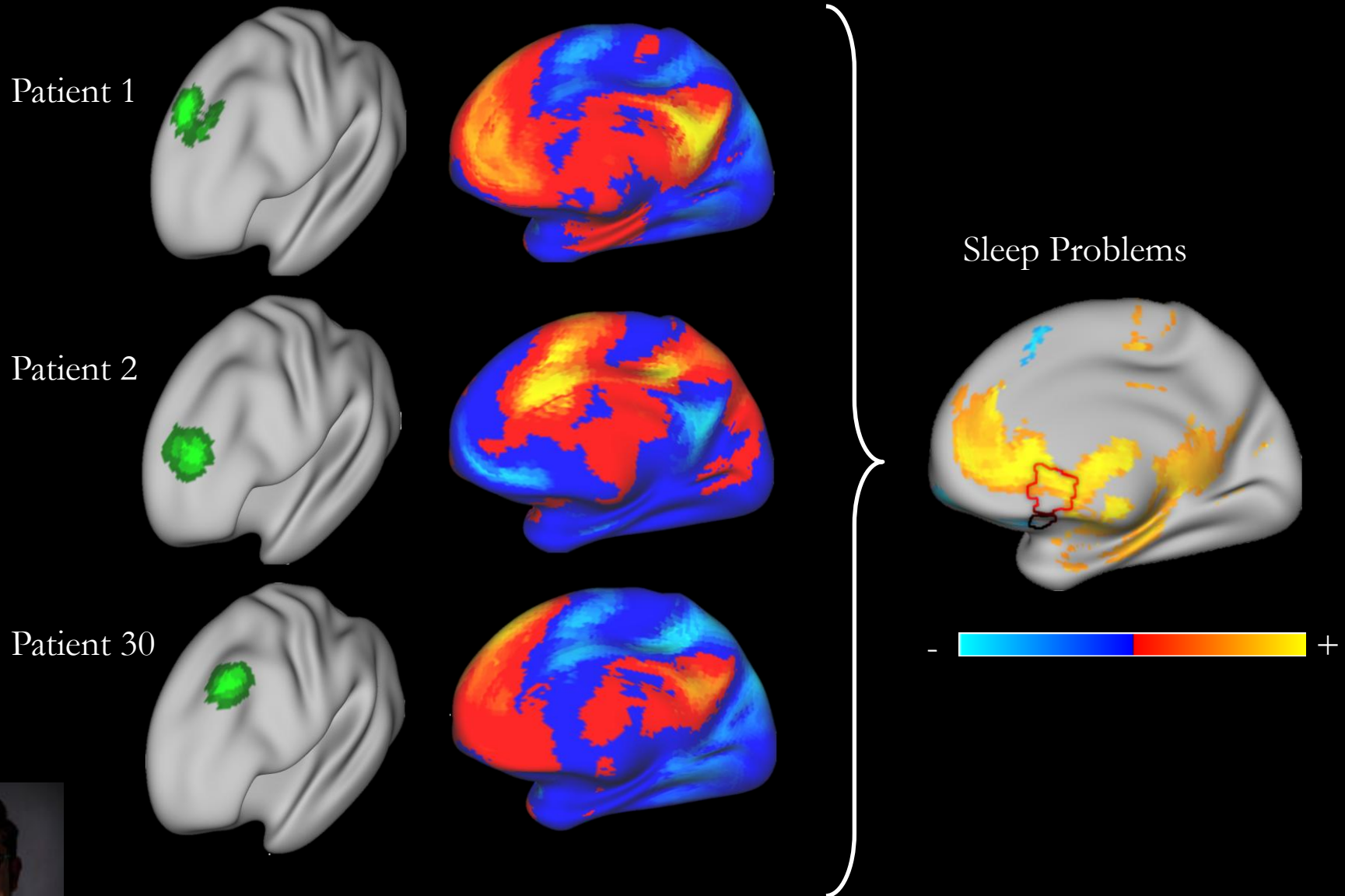
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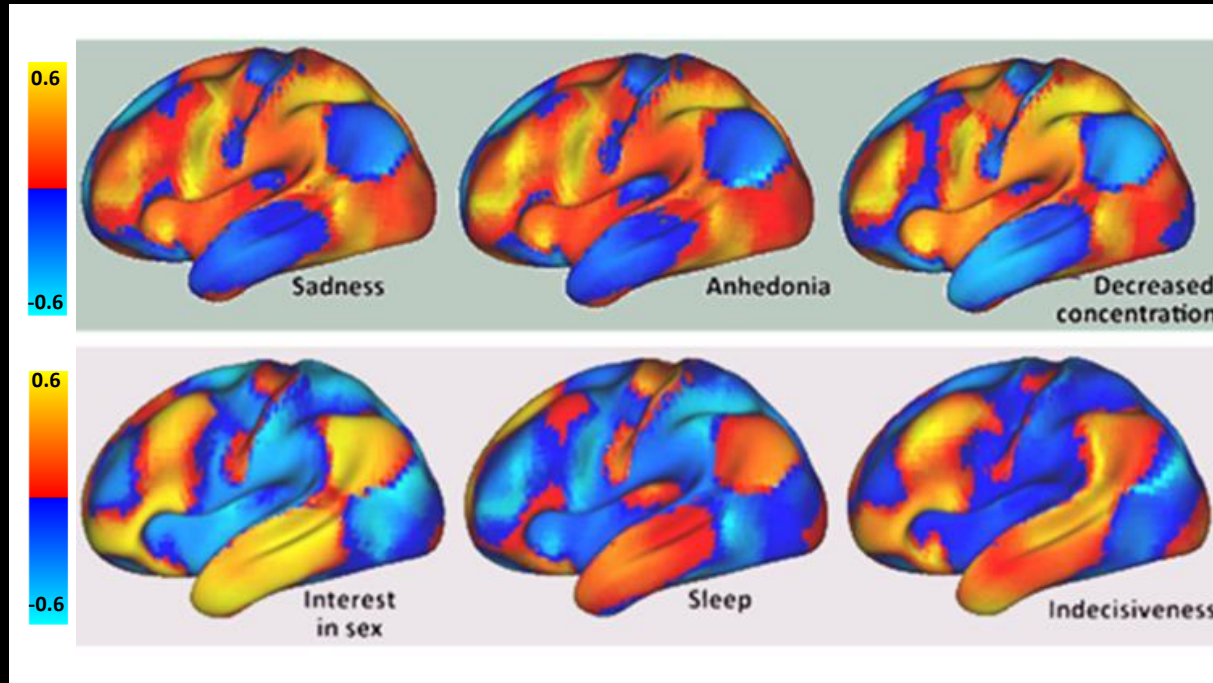
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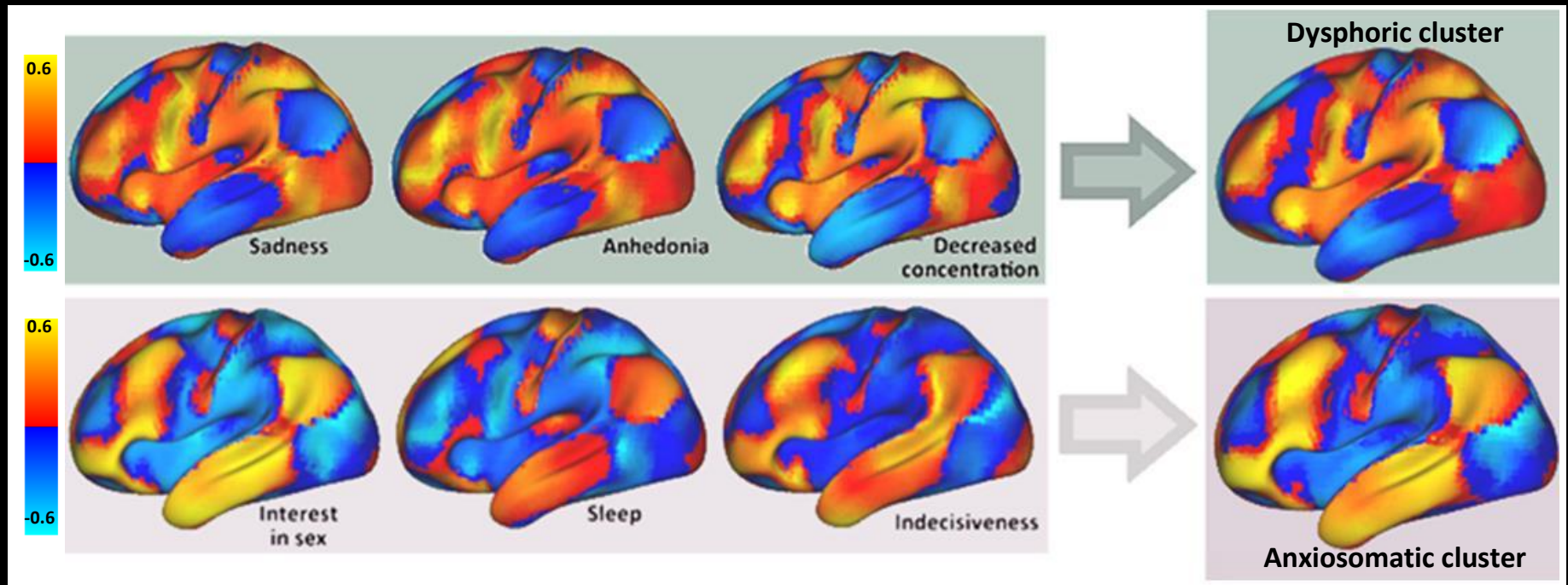
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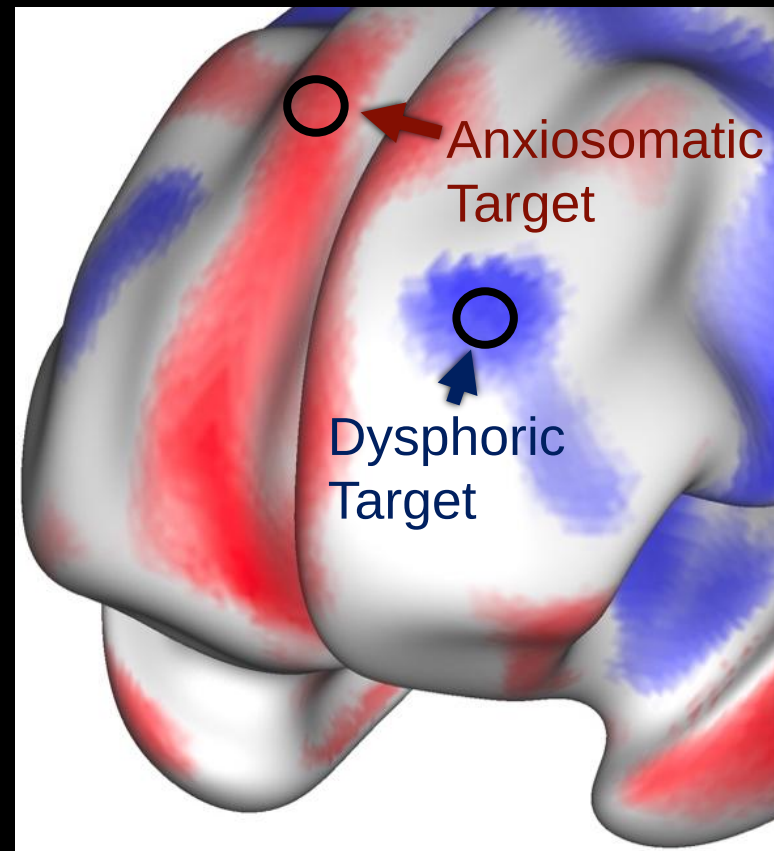
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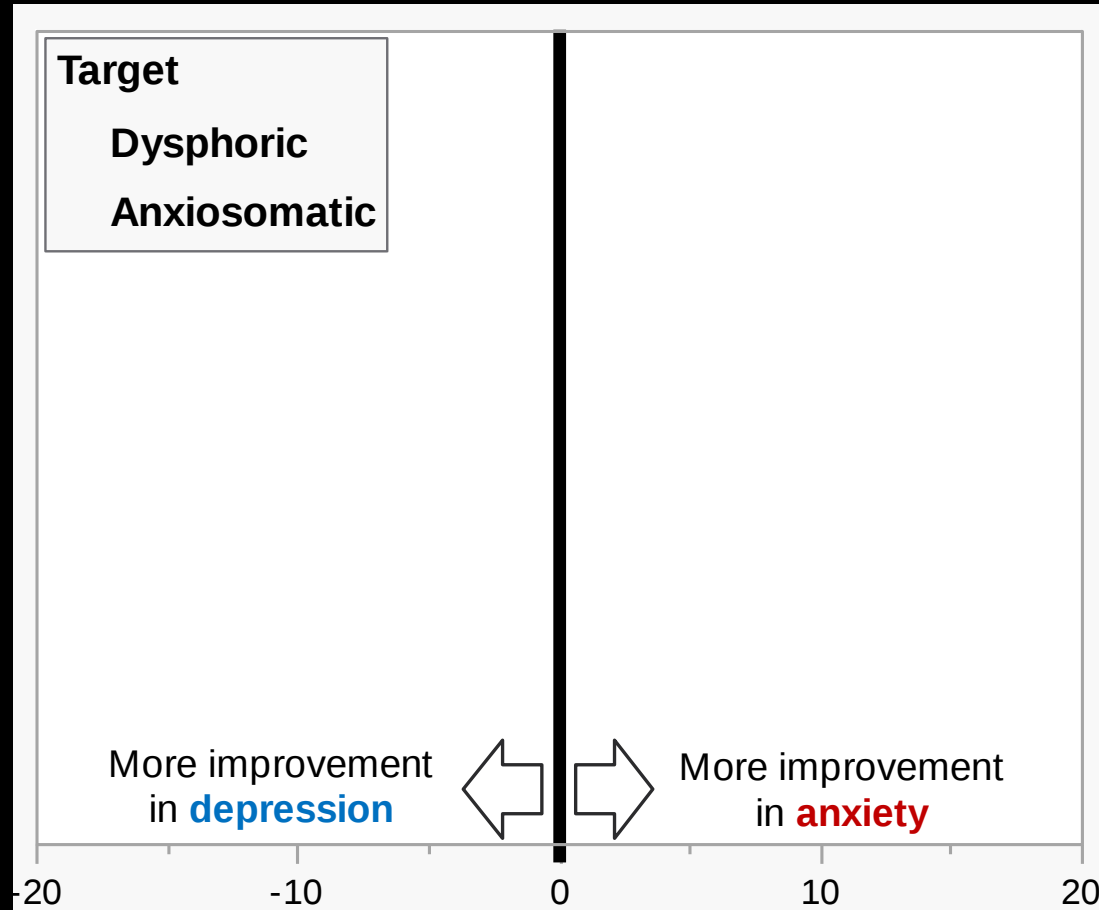
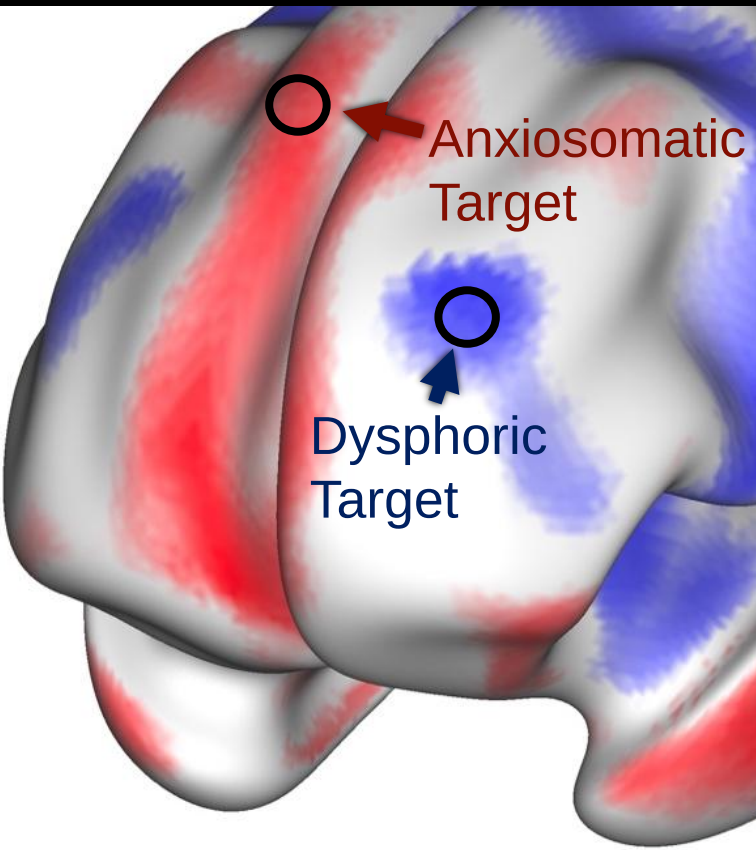


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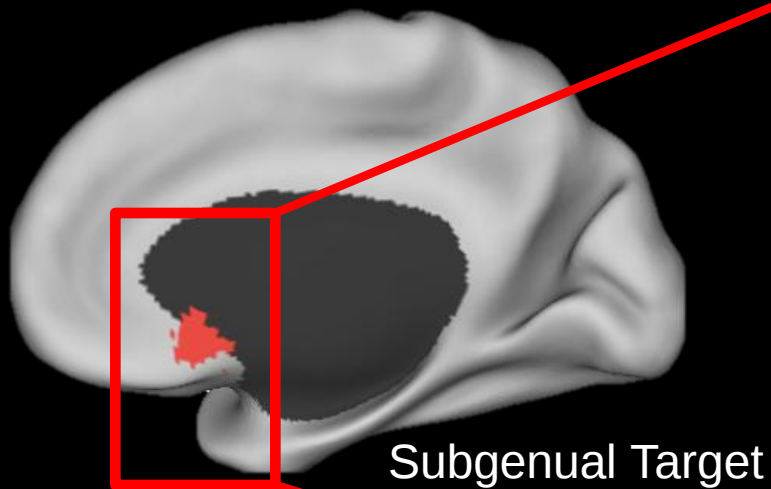


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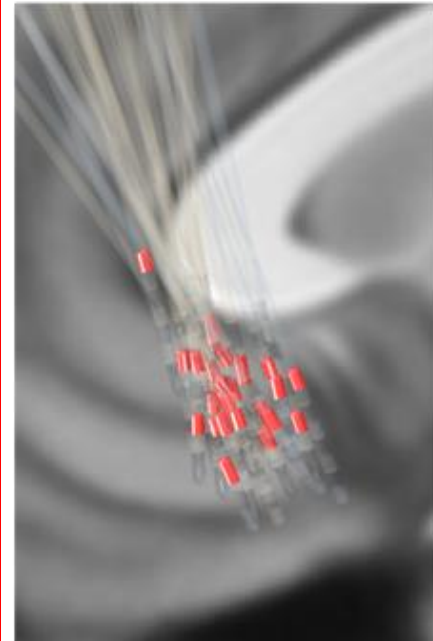
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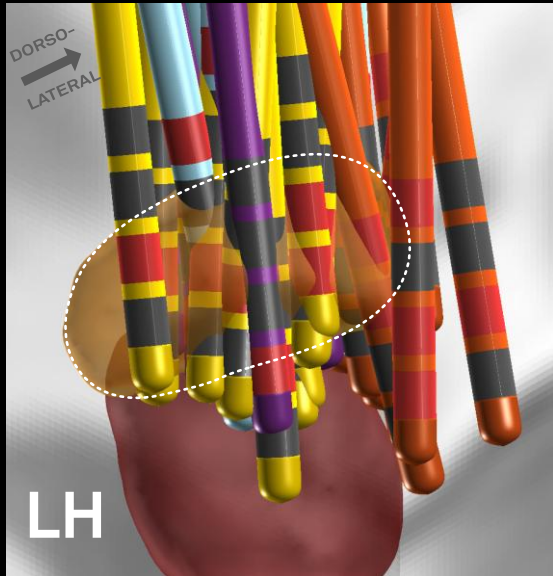


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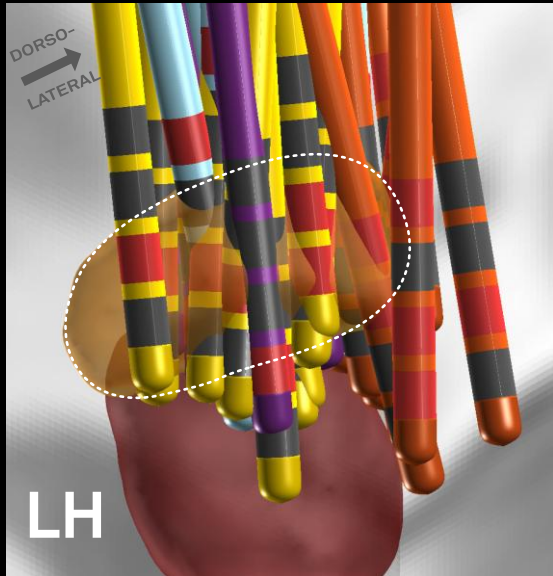
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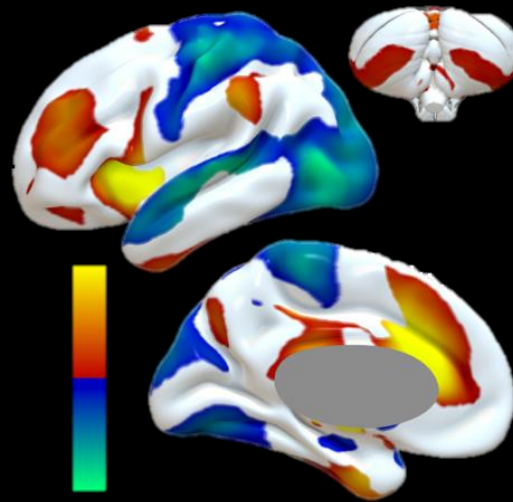
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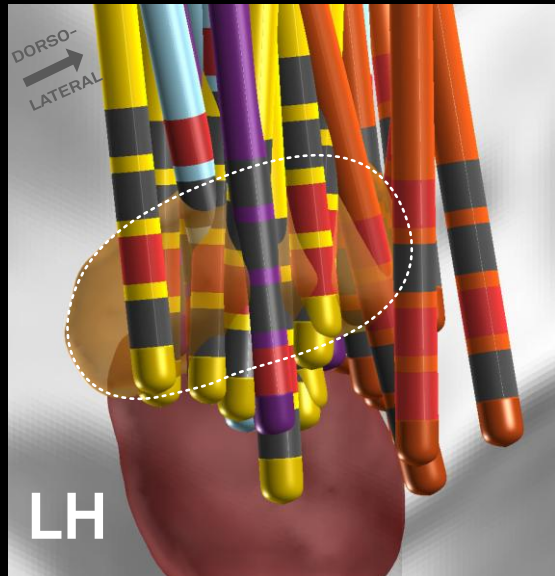
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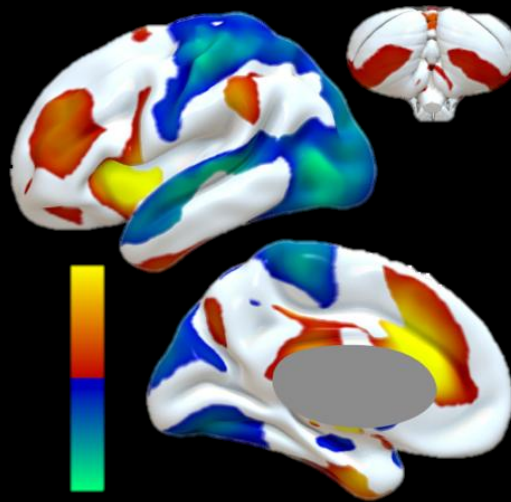
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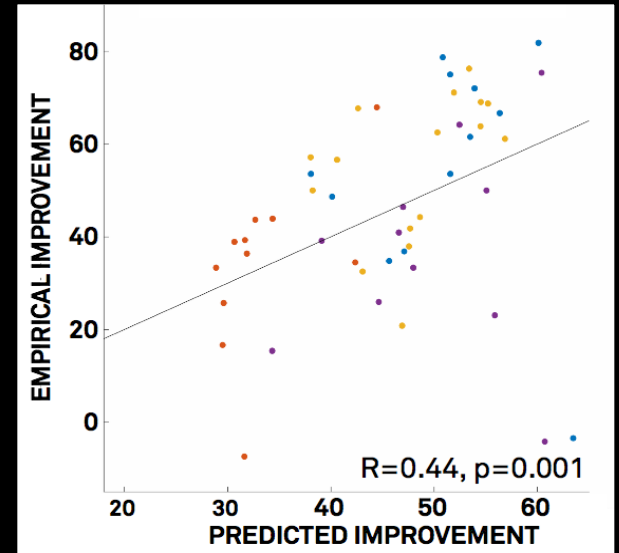
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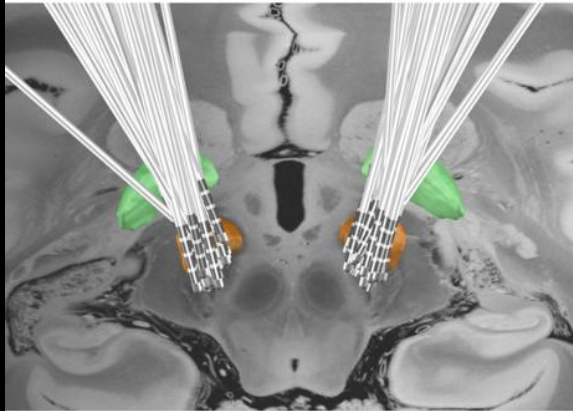
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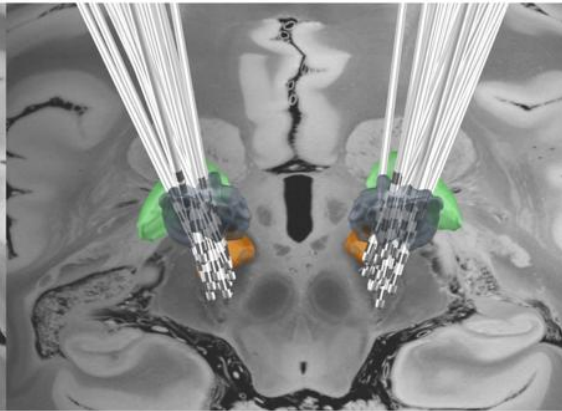
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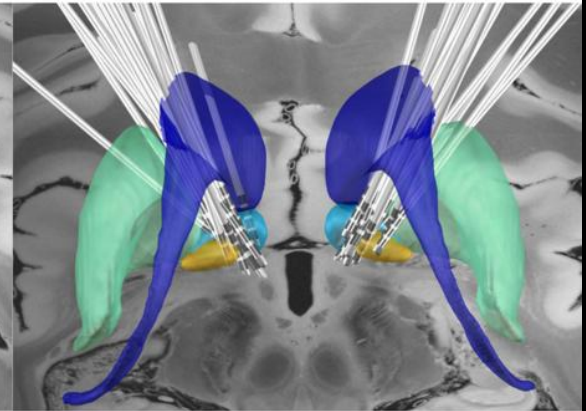
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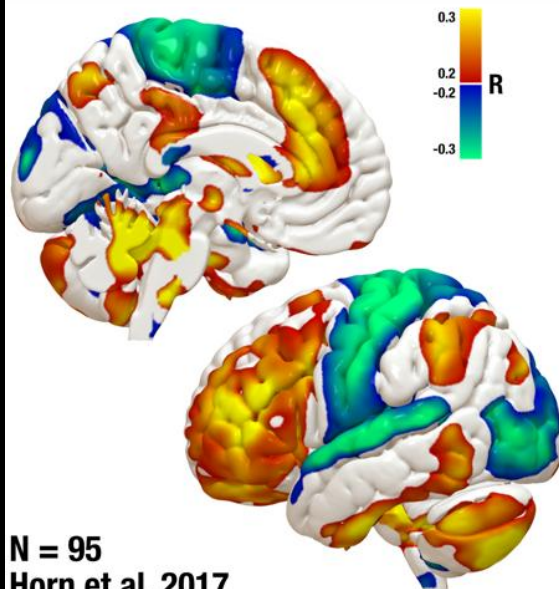
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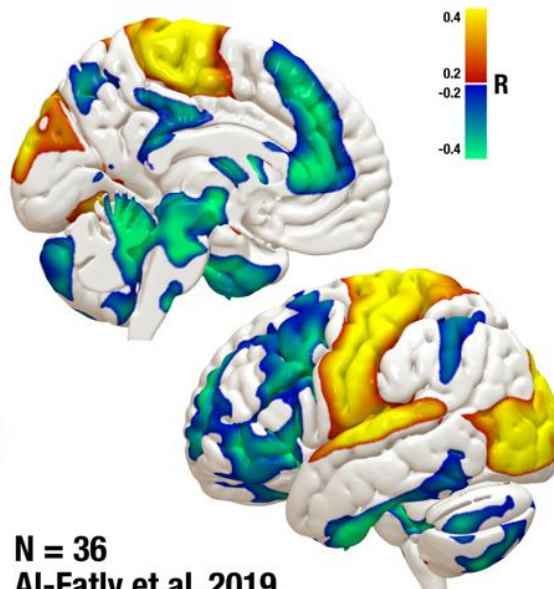
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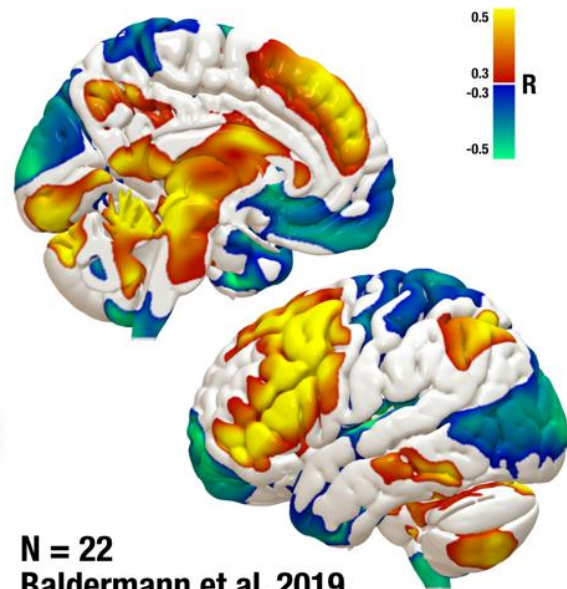
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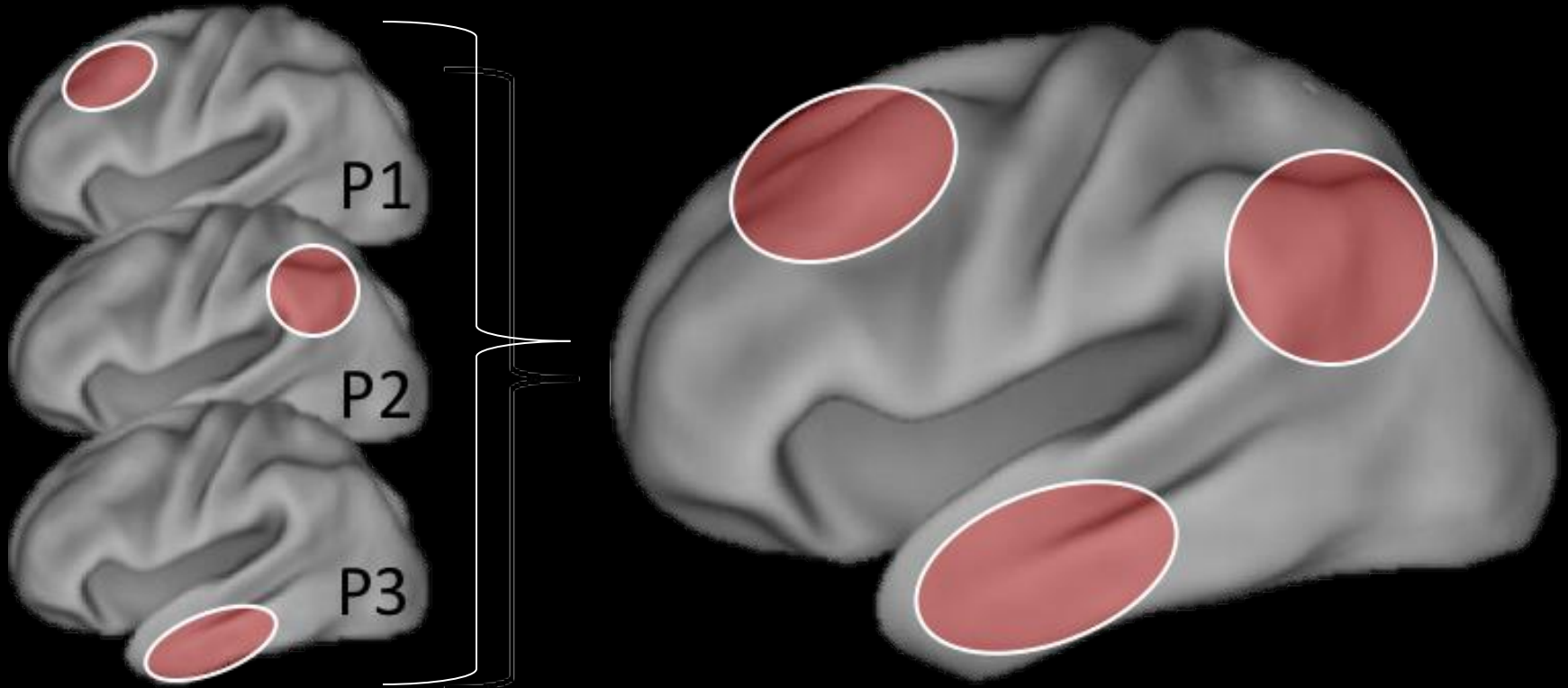
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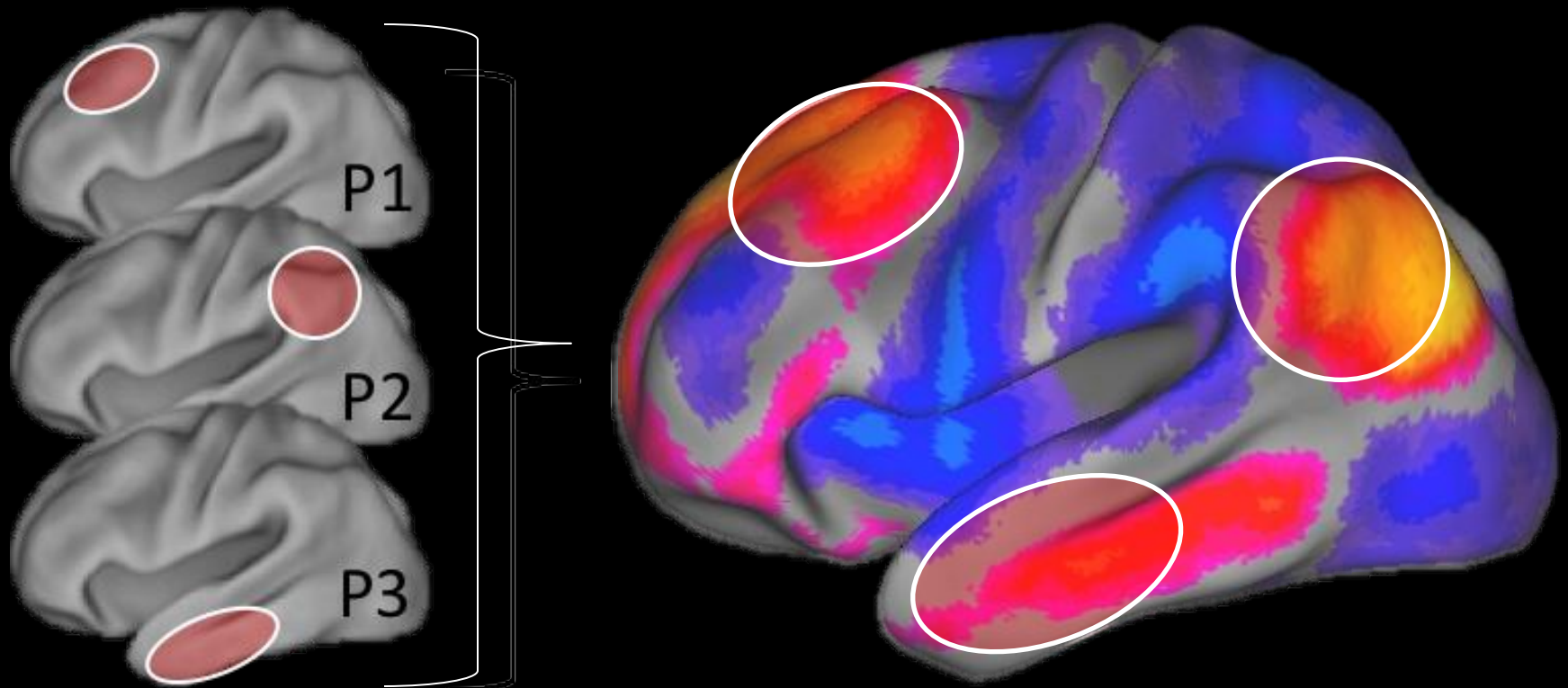


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Lesion Localization



Lesion “Network” Localization



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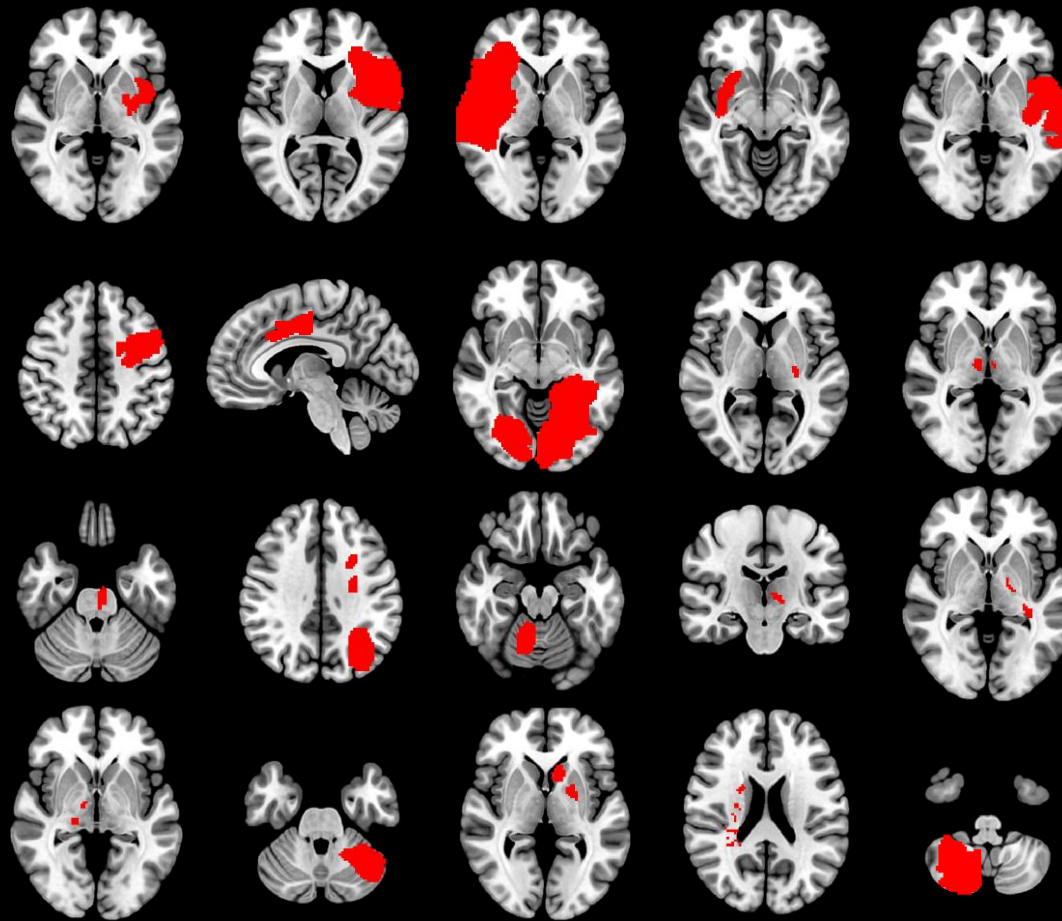
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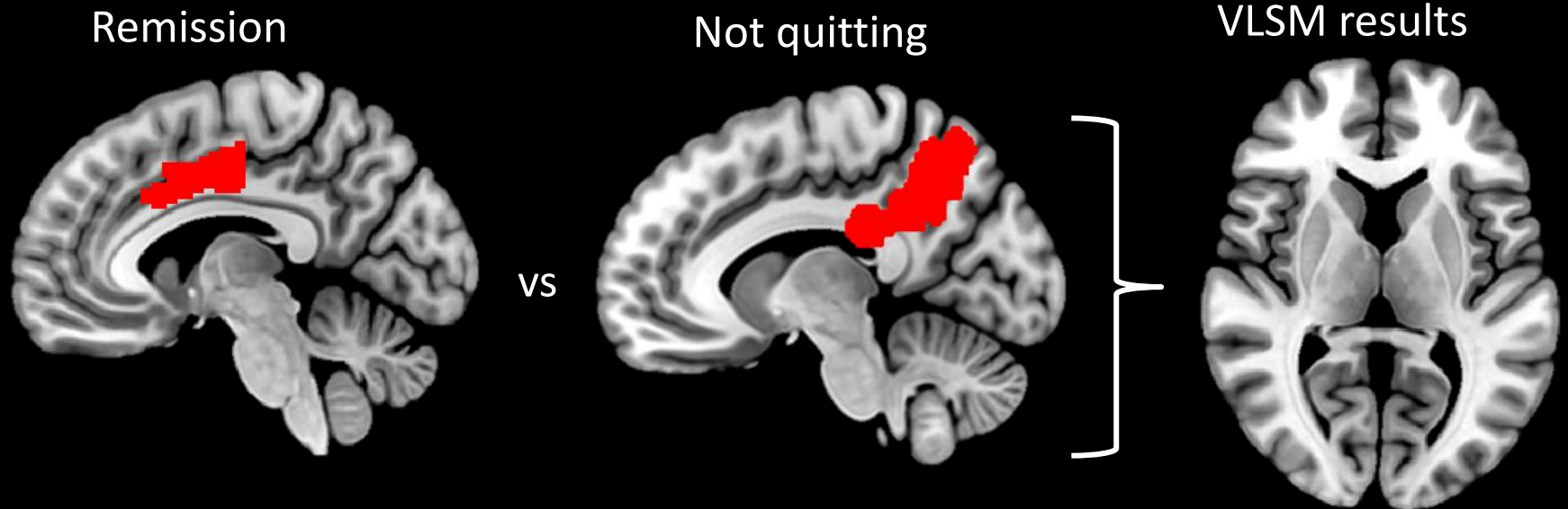
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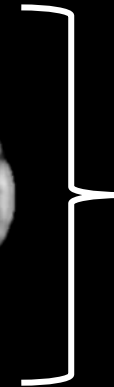
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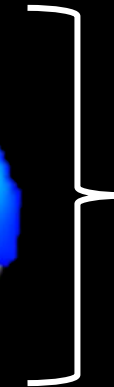
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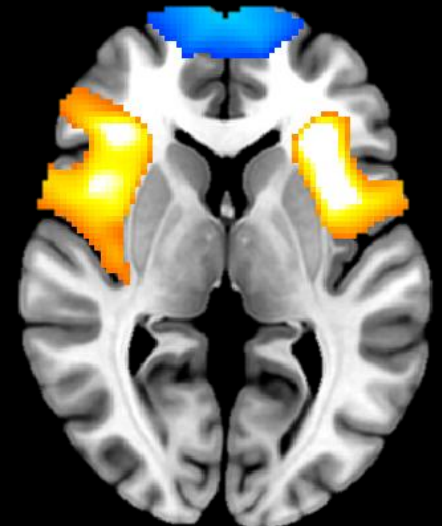
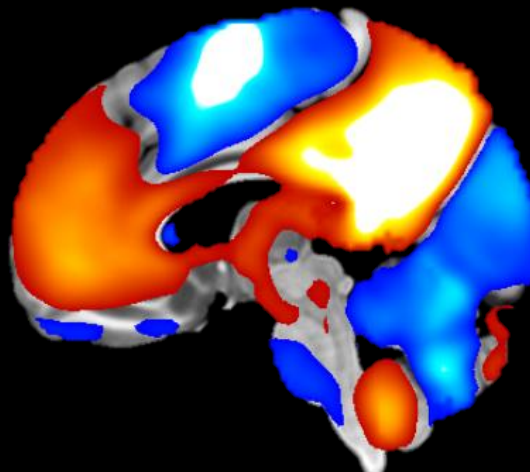
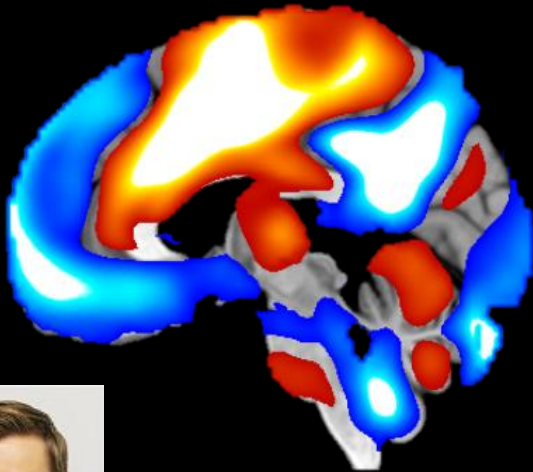
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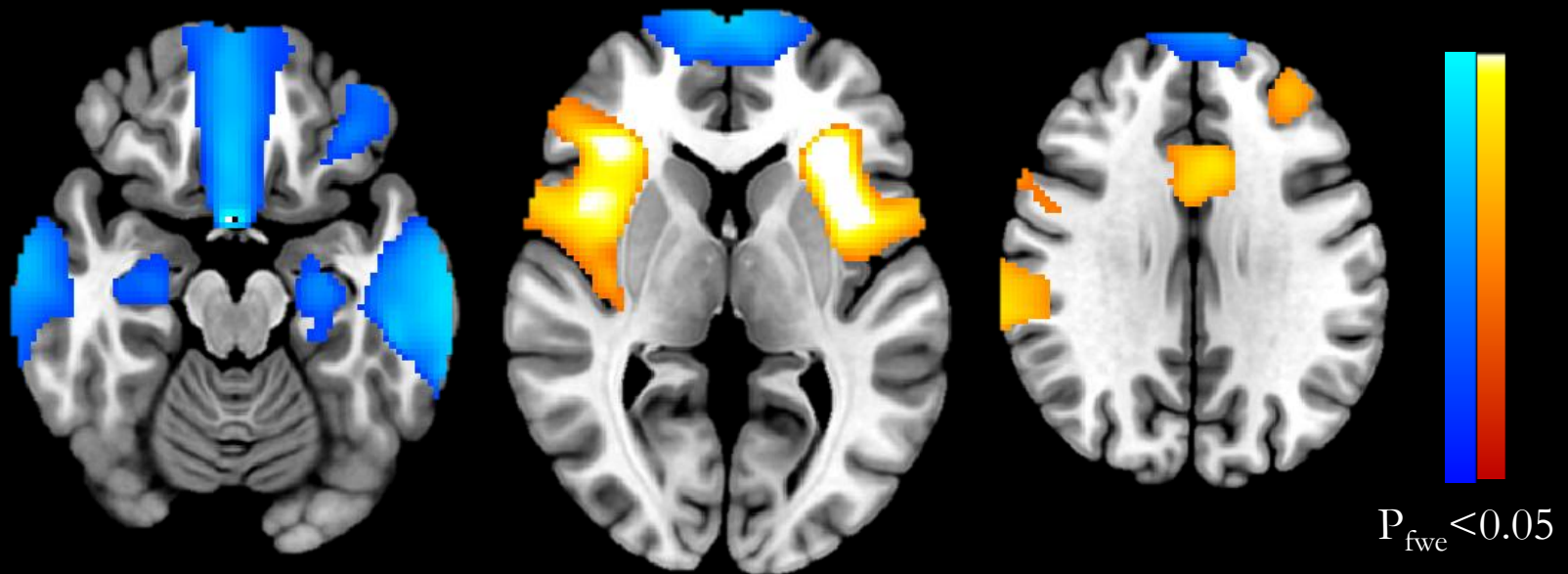
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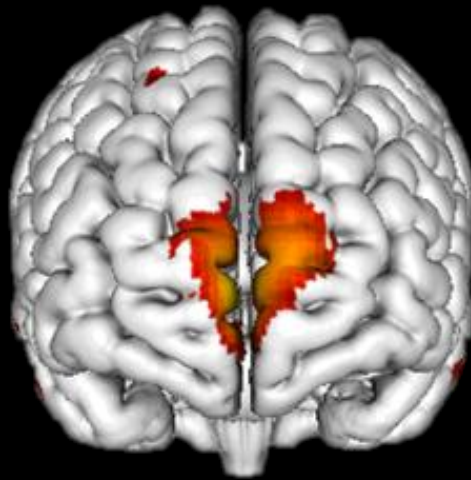
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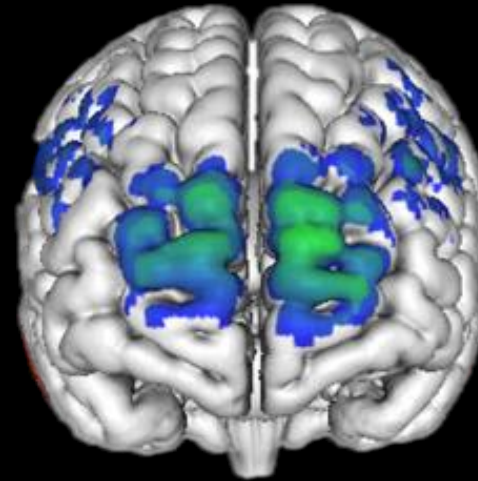


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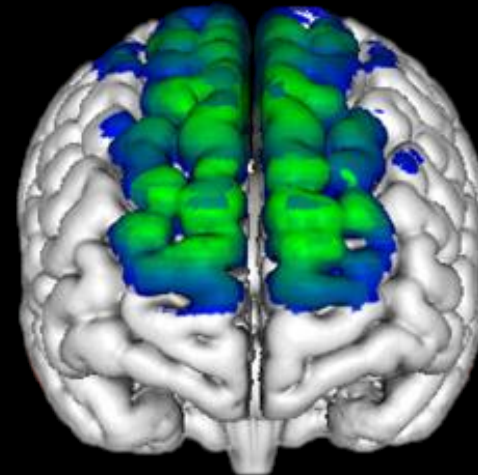
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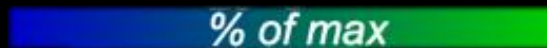


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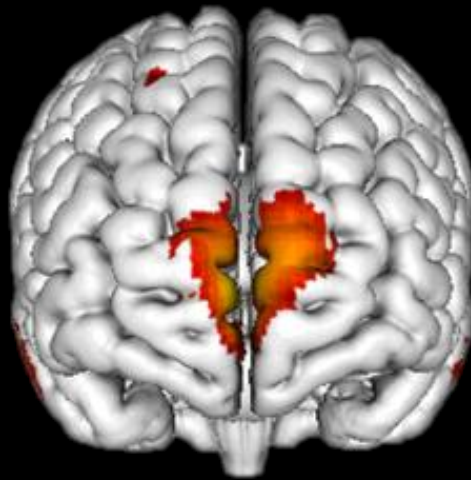


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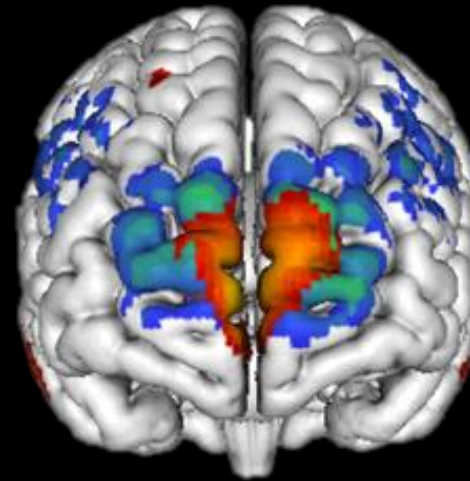
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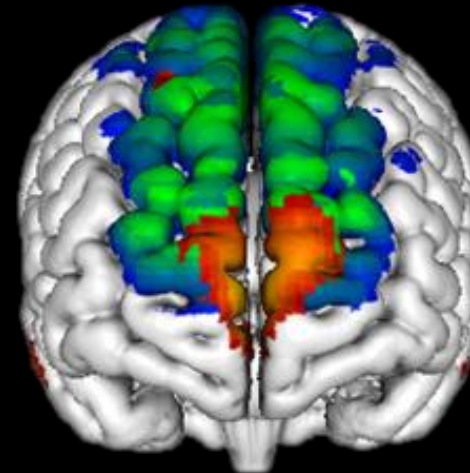
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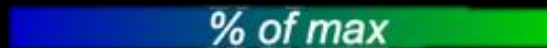


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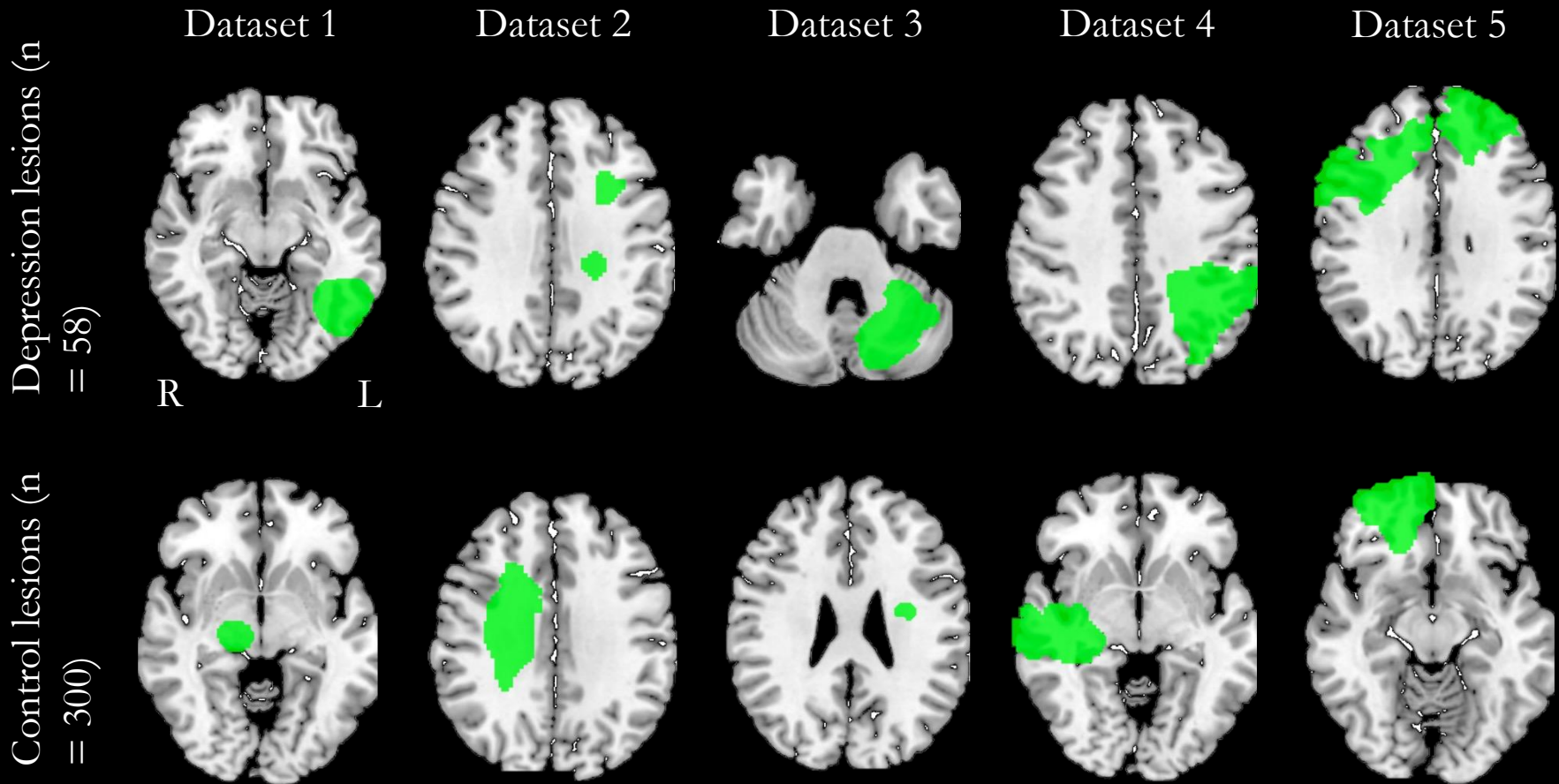
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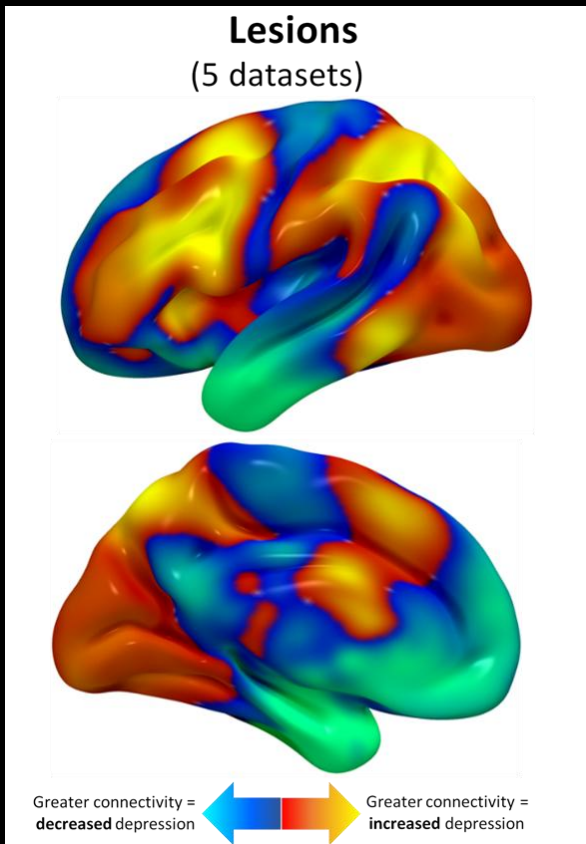
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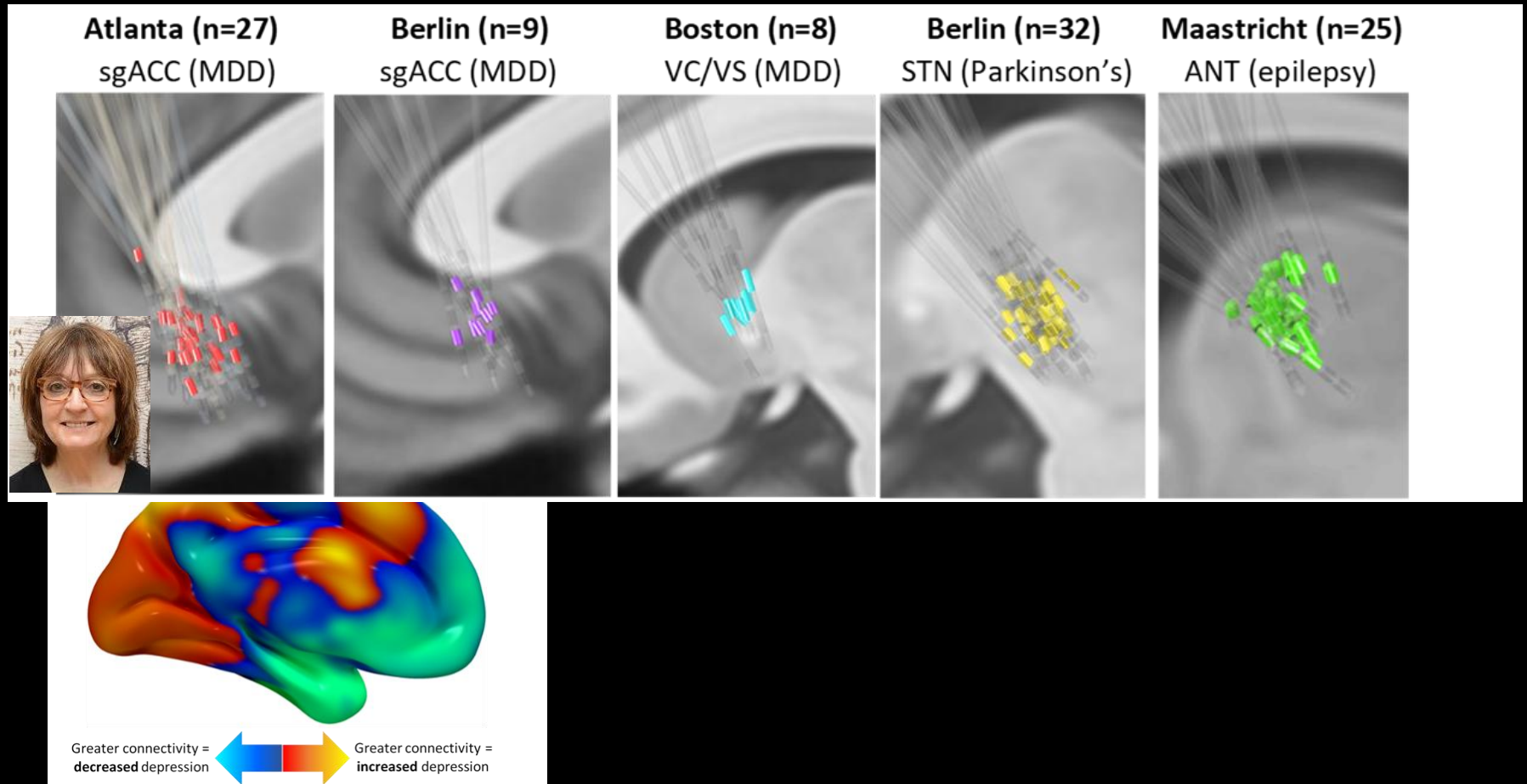


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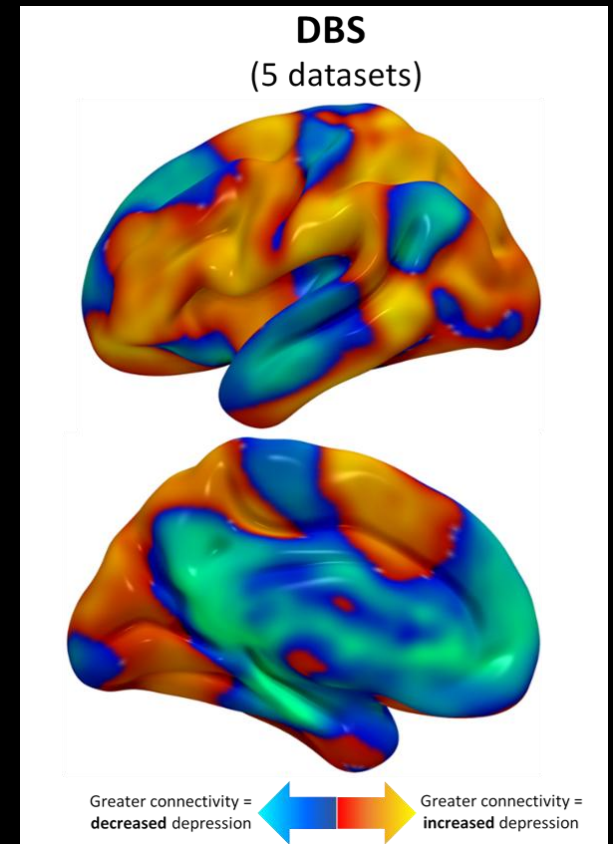
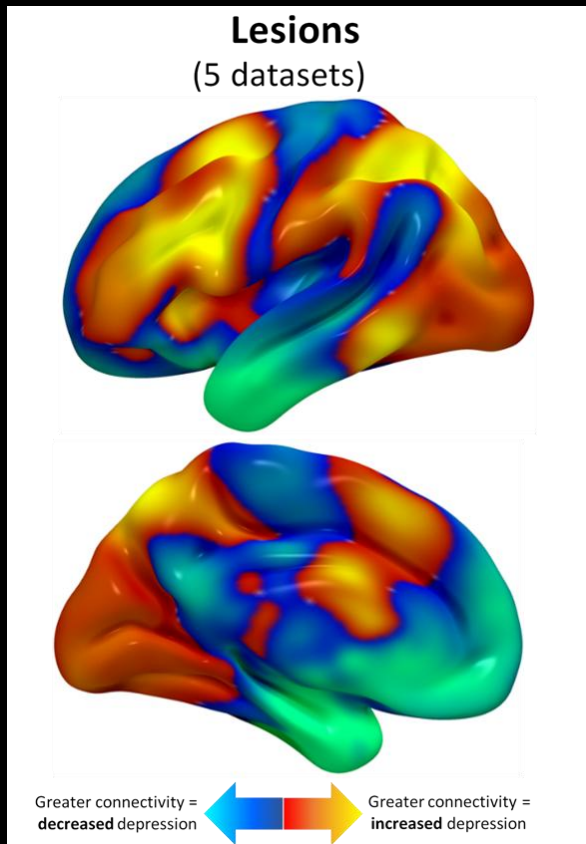


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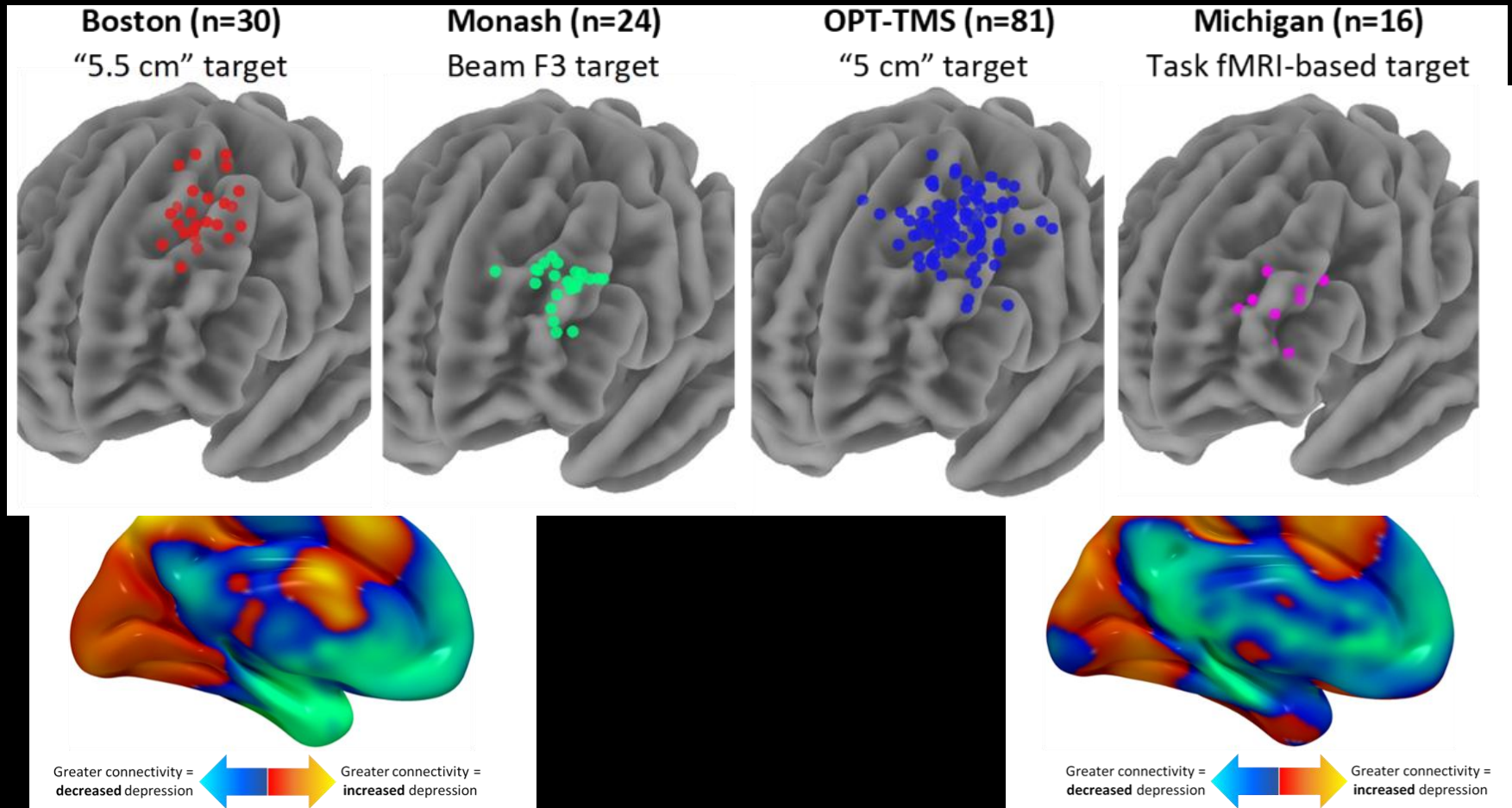
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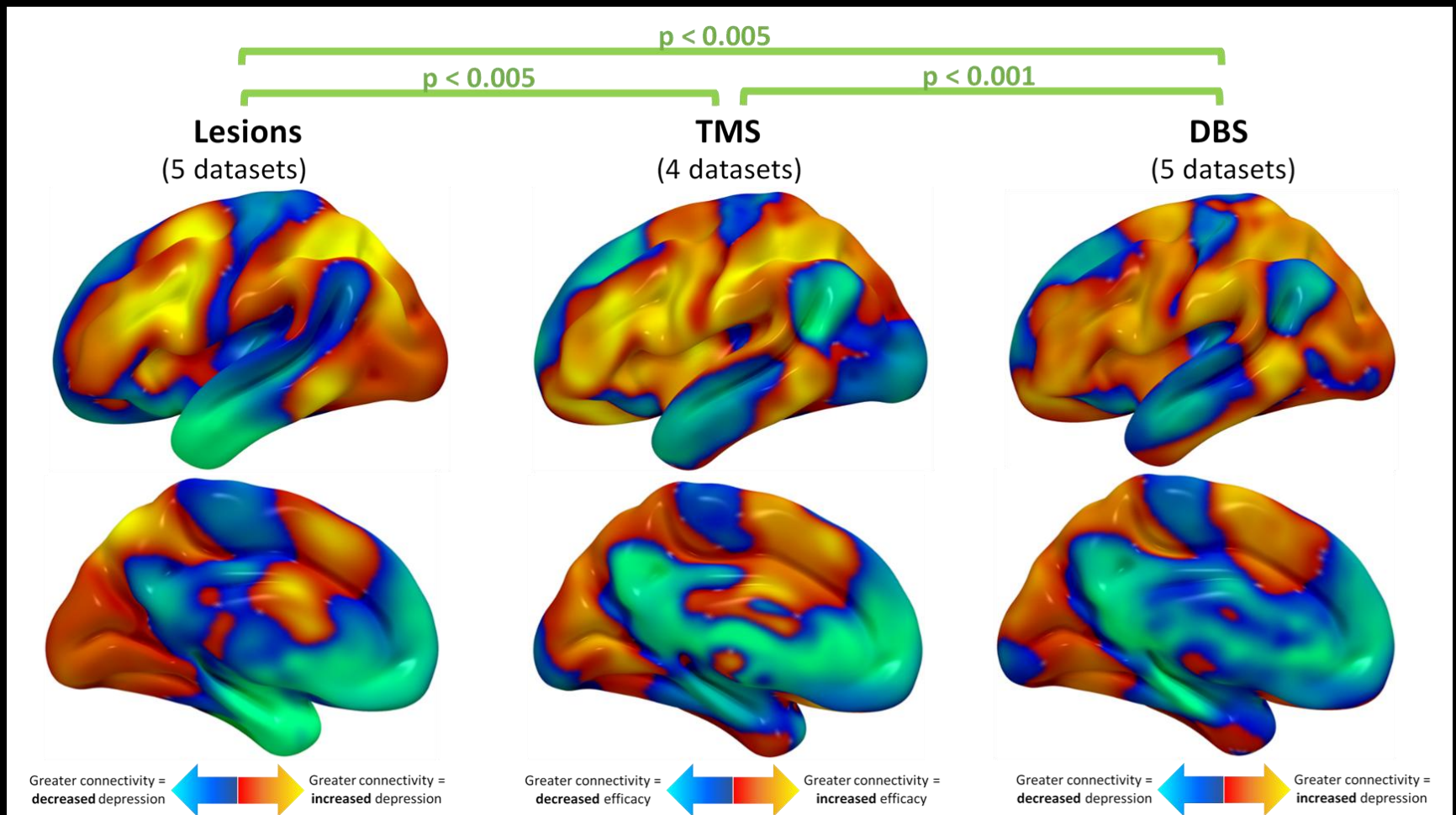
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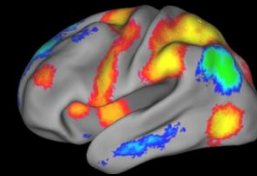
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Conclusions



- Neuromodulation effects propagate beyond the target region to modulate brain circuits
- The human connectome can be used to map neuromodulation effects onto brain circuits
- These brain circuits may provide improved targets for neuromodulation treatments



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