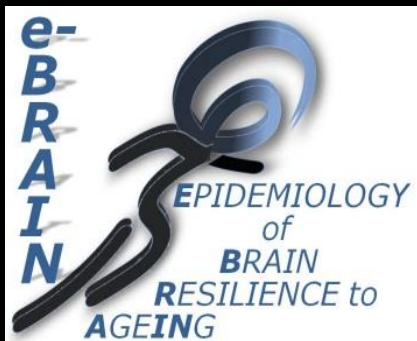
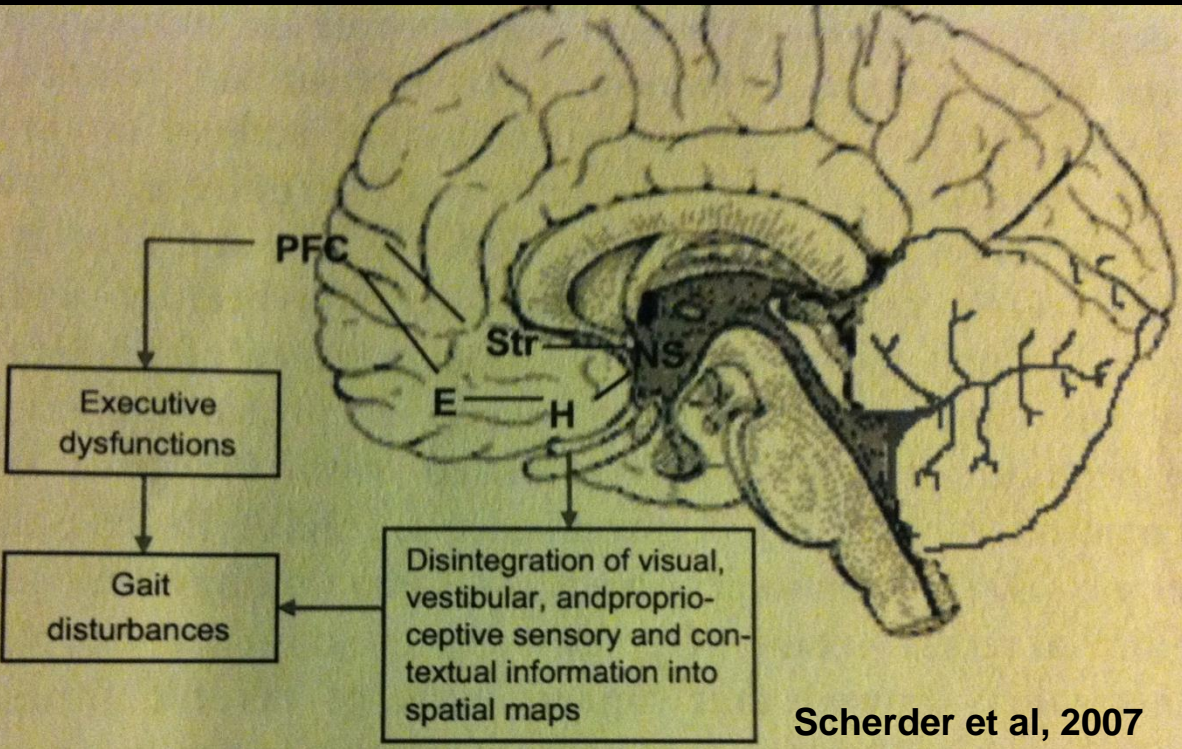


# Imaging on mobility and cognition

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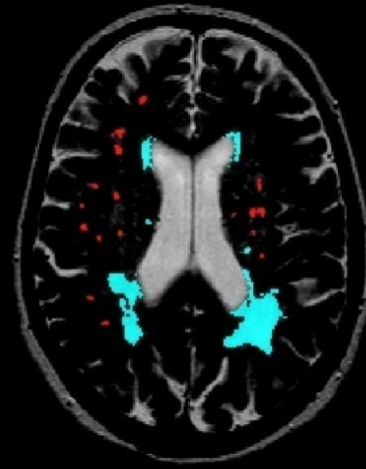
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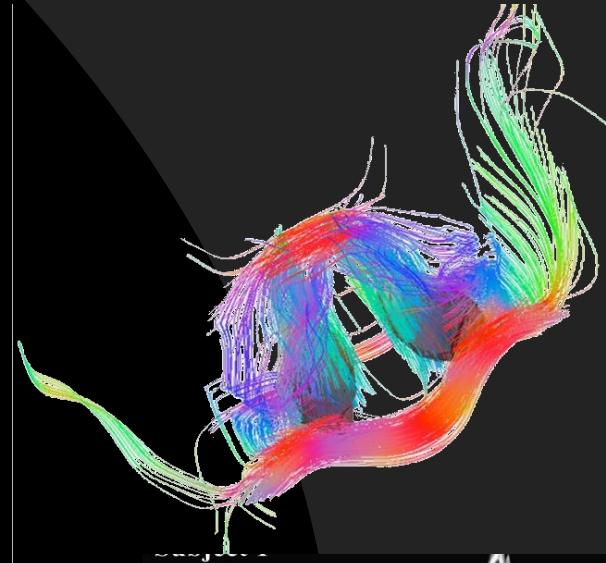
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# Multimodal neuroimaging

MACRO-structure (volume)

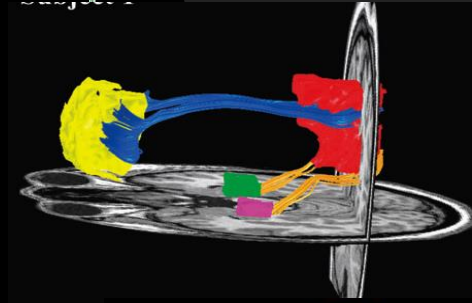


MICRO-structure (MTI, DTI)

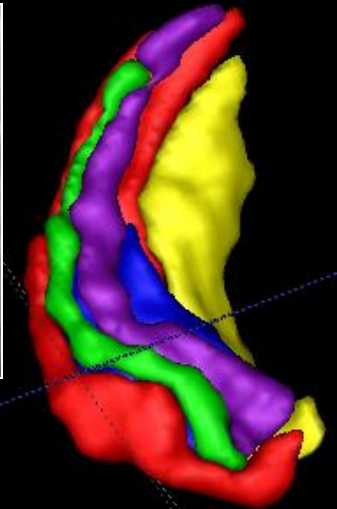
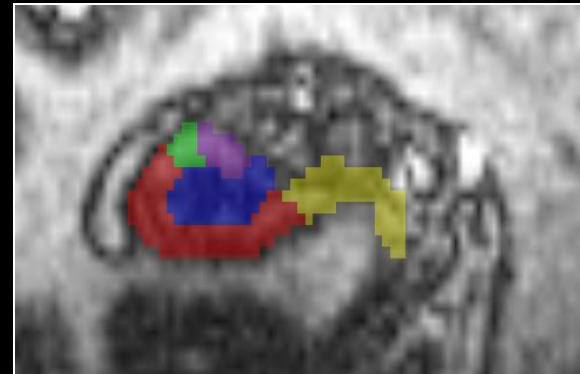
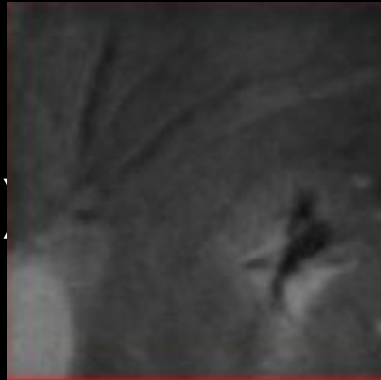


Function

Neuronal activation, resting activity, blood flow  
(task-related, resting state arterial spin labeling)

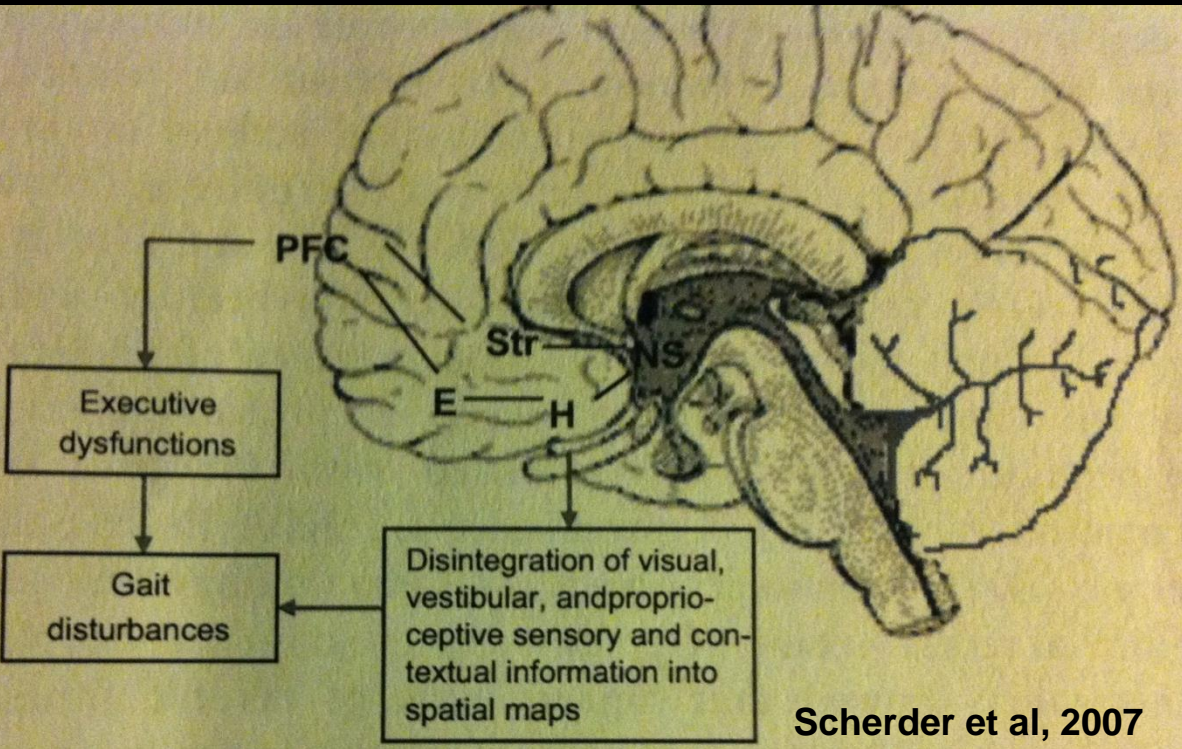


ULTRA-structure  
(7 Tesla, 100 micron)



**Quantitative, complementary information of  
network integrity.**





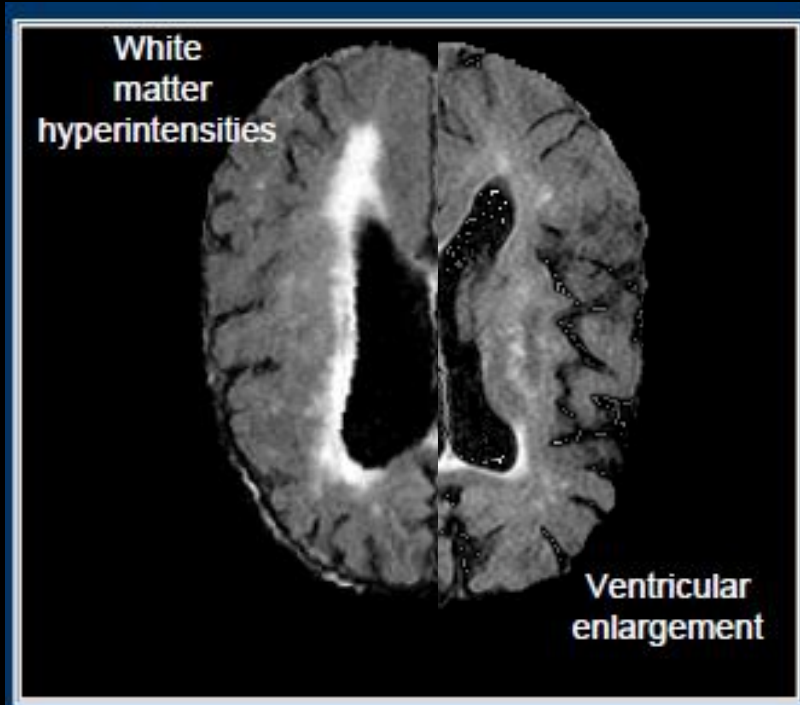
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# Macro-structure

Semiquantitative ratings, total brain



In older adults living in the community, white matter hyperintensities, ventricular enlargement and lacunar infarcts are associated with slower gait,\* balance difficulty and with greater risk of developing physical disability, independent of other risk factors

**GAIT SPEED** : lacunar infarcts in frontal lobe

(De Laat, *Stroke*. 2010)

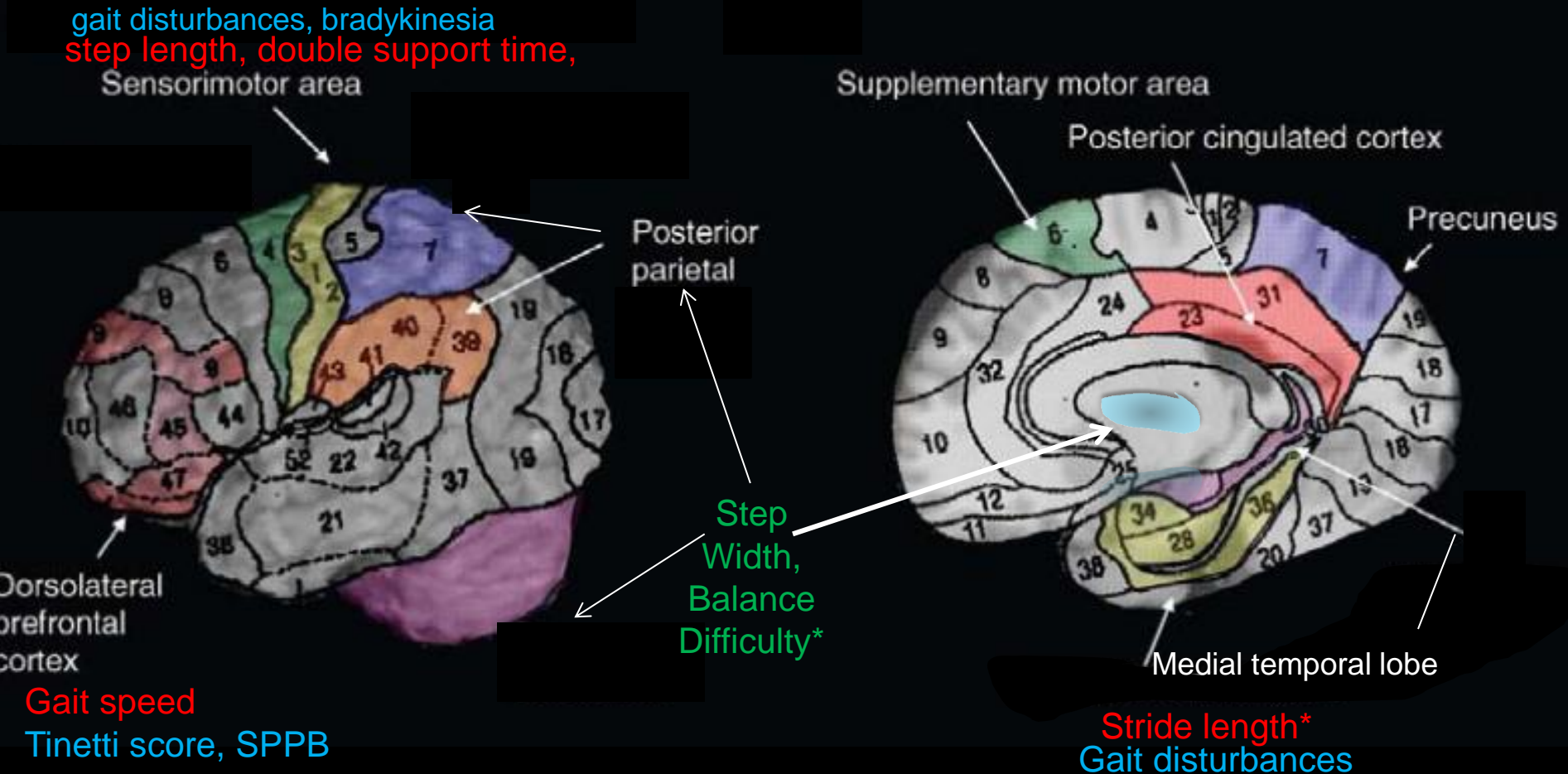
**BRADIKINESIA**: lacunar infarcts in the frontal lobe (De Laat, 2012)

\* longer DST, longer stride length

See "Understanding Gait in Aging: Finding the way forward" - Camicioli and Rosano, 2012 for references

# Macro-structure

## VOLUMETRIC METHODS: GM regions



\*pallidum

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## Step Width

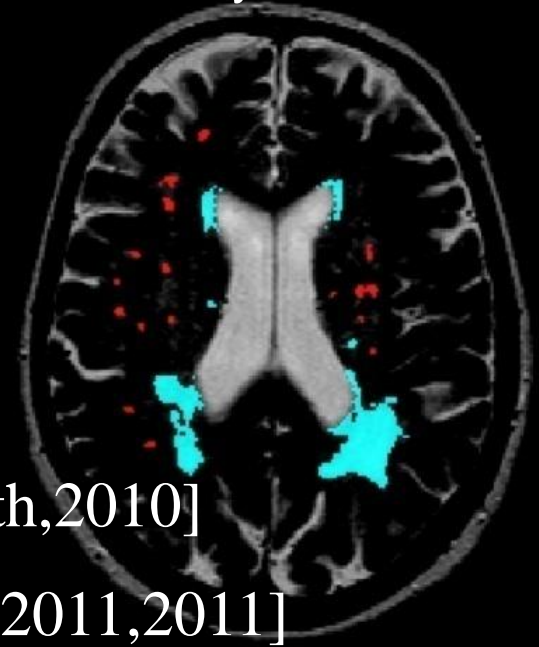
Regions of Interest	Standardized $\beta$ (p Value)
Pallidum, right	-.13 (.04)
Inferior parietal lobule, right	-.17 (.03)
Adjusted model, $r^2$	0.14

Associations remained similar when all the covariates entered the model forced in blocks.  
 for step width (adjusted  $r^2$  from models: 0.18)

Characteristics	Study Population (N=220)
<b>Demographics</b>	
Age, mean (SD)	78.0 (3.9)
Education, y, mean (SD)	14.0 (2.5)
Race, n (%) white	171 (77.7)
Gender, n (%) male	81 (36.8)
<b>Gait characteristics</b>	
Gait speed, mean (SD) m/s	1.05 (0.22)
Step length, mean (SD), m	0.58 (.10)
Step width, mean (SD), m	0.21 (0.04)
Stance time, mean (SD), s	0.73 (.10)
Step time, mean (SD), s	0.56 (0.06)
Double support time, mean (SD), s	0.16 (0.04)
<b>Peripheral risk factors of gait abnormalities</b>	
Body mass index, kg/m <sup>2</sup> , mean (SD)	26.1 (3.9)
Hip/knee arthritis, n (%)	74 (33.6)
Impaired vibration sensitivity <sup>*</sup> , n (%)	111 (50.5)
Hypertension, n (%)	71 (32.3)
Ankle arm ratio $\geq 0.9$ , N (%)	183 (85.1)
Prevalence of stroke, N (%)	8 (3.6)
<b>Central risk factors of gait abnormalities</b>	
<b>Brain structure measures (global markers)</b>	
Brain infarcts $\geq 1$ , N (%)	61 (27.7)
White matter hyperintensities $\geq 3$ , N (%)	70 (32)
Total brain volume, cm <sup>3</sup> , mean (SD)	1335.3 (131.2)
<b>Brain function measures</b>	
Modified Mini-Mental State Examination, mean (SD)	93.7 (5.3)
Digit Symbol Substitution Test, mean (SD)	47 (12.3)
CES-D score, mean (SD)	5.2 (4.3)
Dementia, n (%)	11 (5)



# Macro-structure: VOLUMETRIC METHODS, WMH by Tract



## Frontal

- SPPB [Benson,2002]
- Sway [Novak 2009]
- GAITRite composite [Srikanth,2010]
- Speed /stride length [DeLaat, 2011,2011]
- UPDRS [DeLaat,2012]

## Corpus callosum

- Speed/SPPB [total\*- Ryberg, 2007]
- Gait disorders [genu\*-Moretti, 2005]
- Speed [splenium - Moscufo,2011]

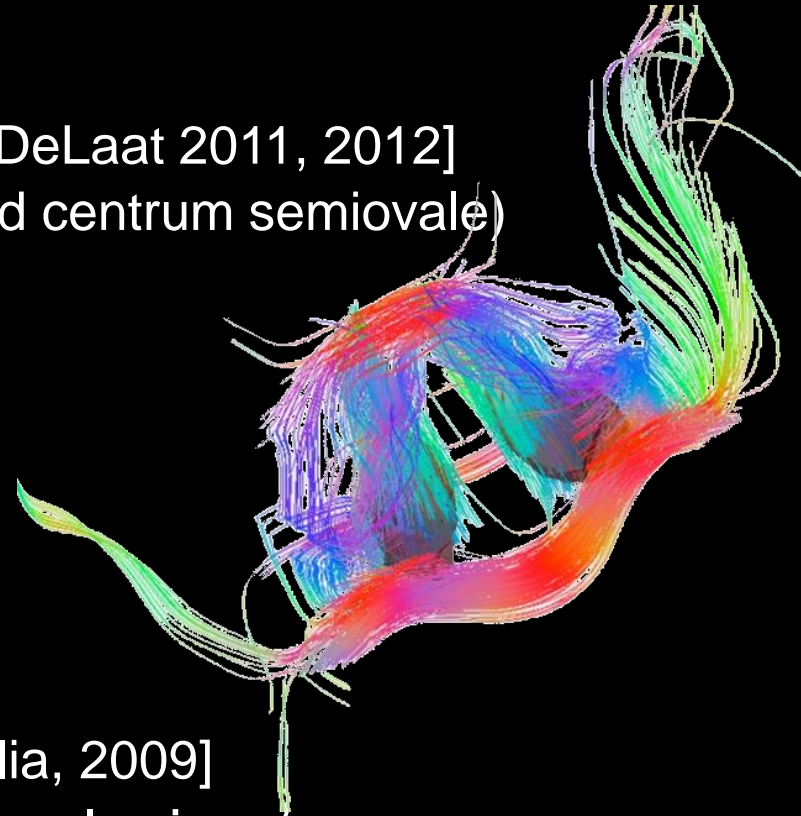
Basal ganglia/ Limbic system : gait speed [DeLaat, 2011];



# Micro-structure: DIFFUSION TENSOR— normal appearing White M.

Frontal:

-Parkinsonian signs- [DeLaat 2011, 2012]  
(n.s. in posterior horns and centrum semiovale)

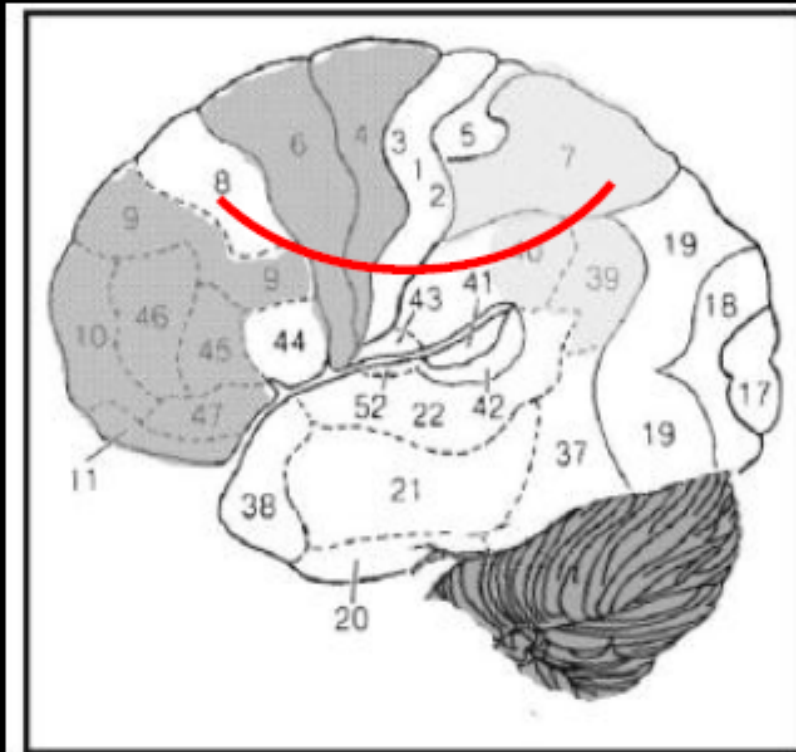
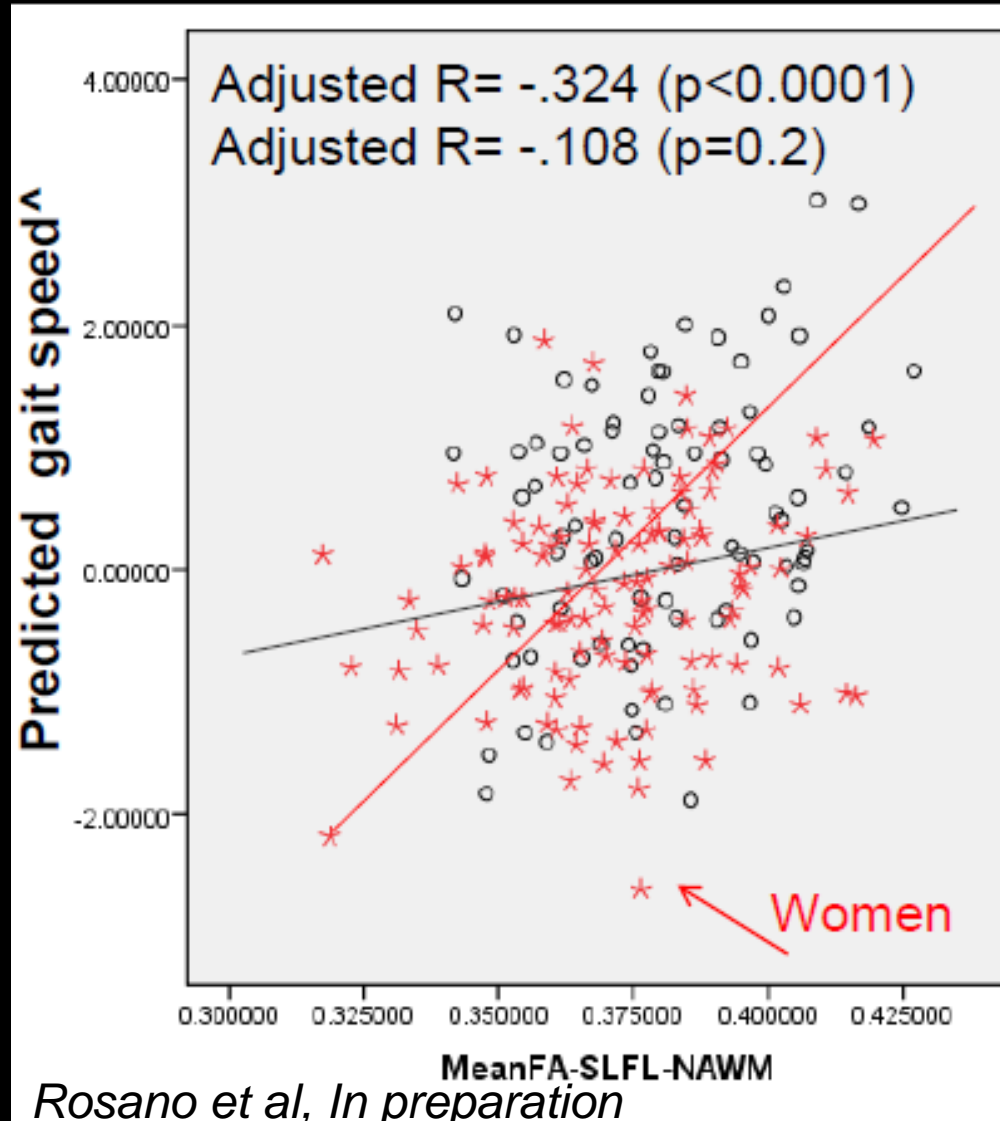


Corpus Callosum :

Tinetti - genu\* [Bhadelia, 2009]

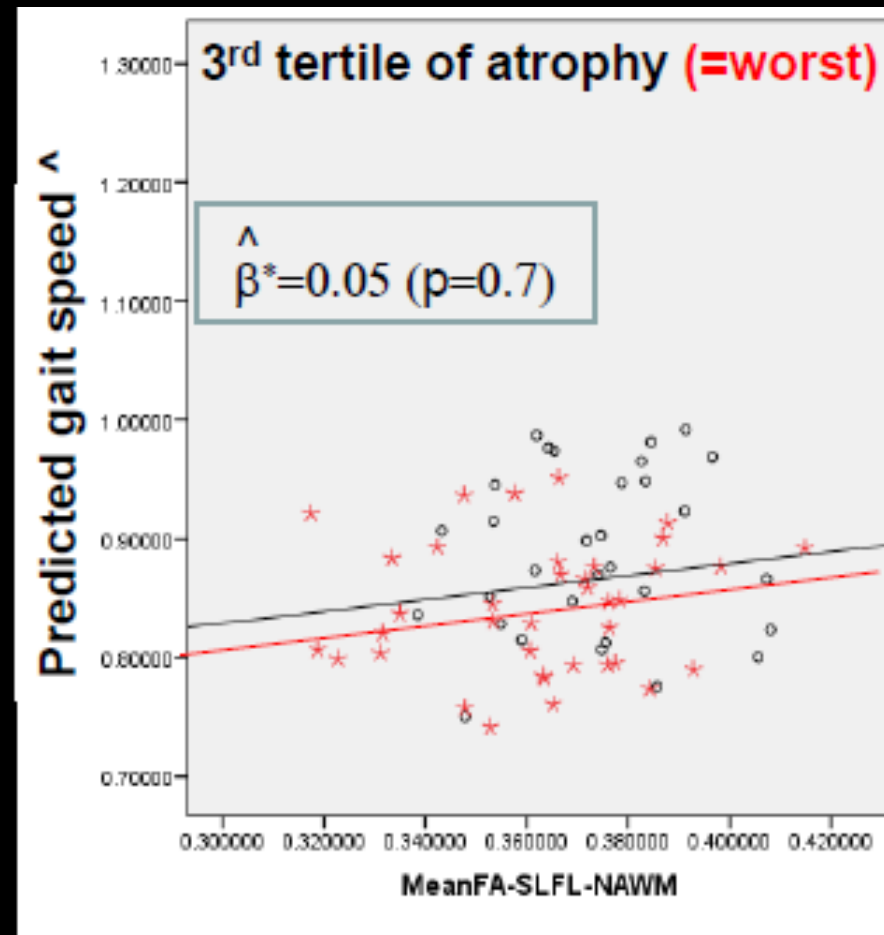
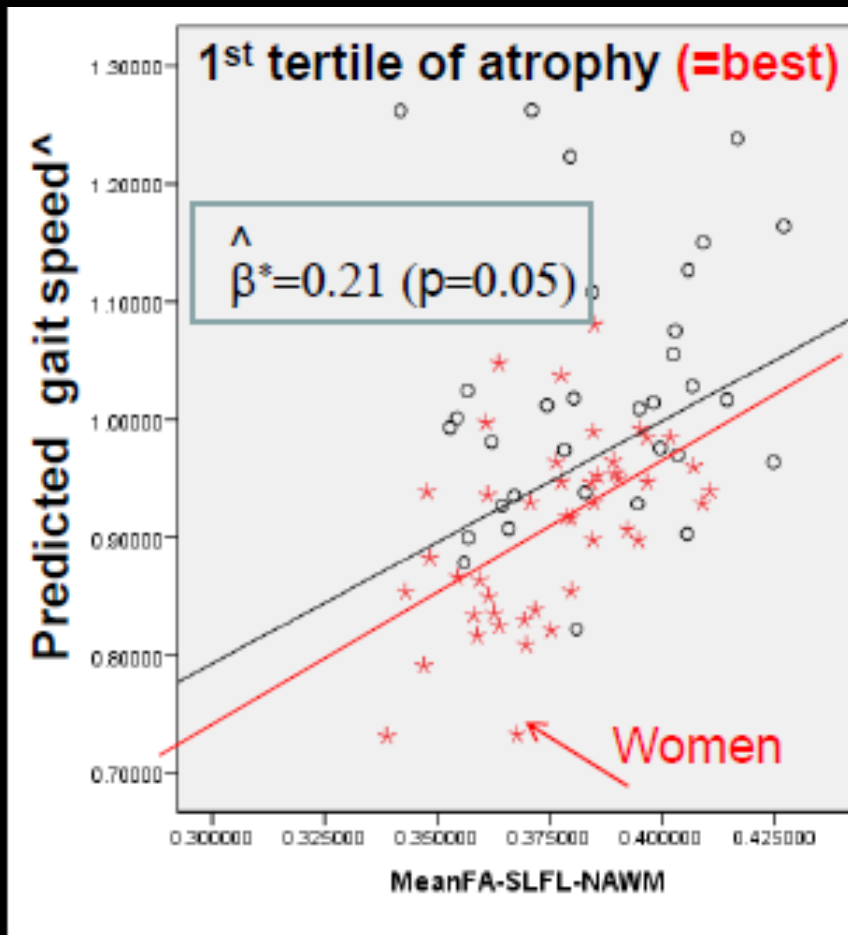
Gaitmat measures -- splenium/genu [DeLaat, 2011]

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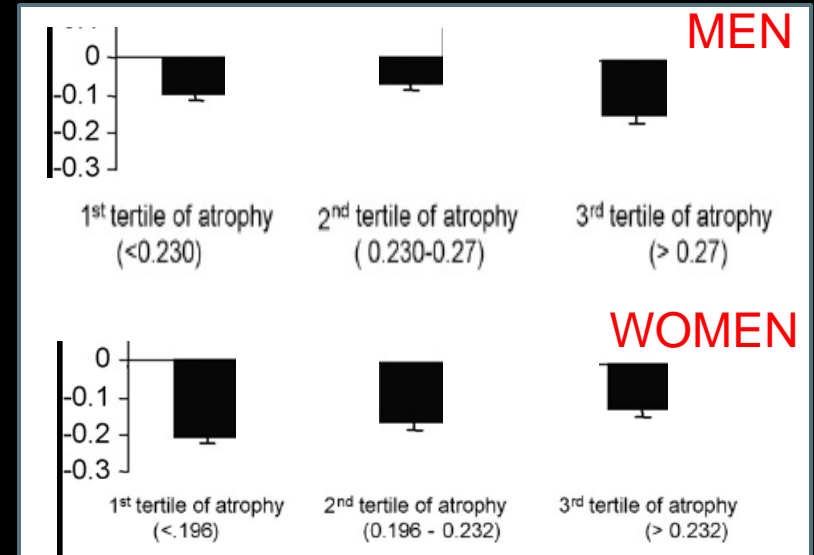
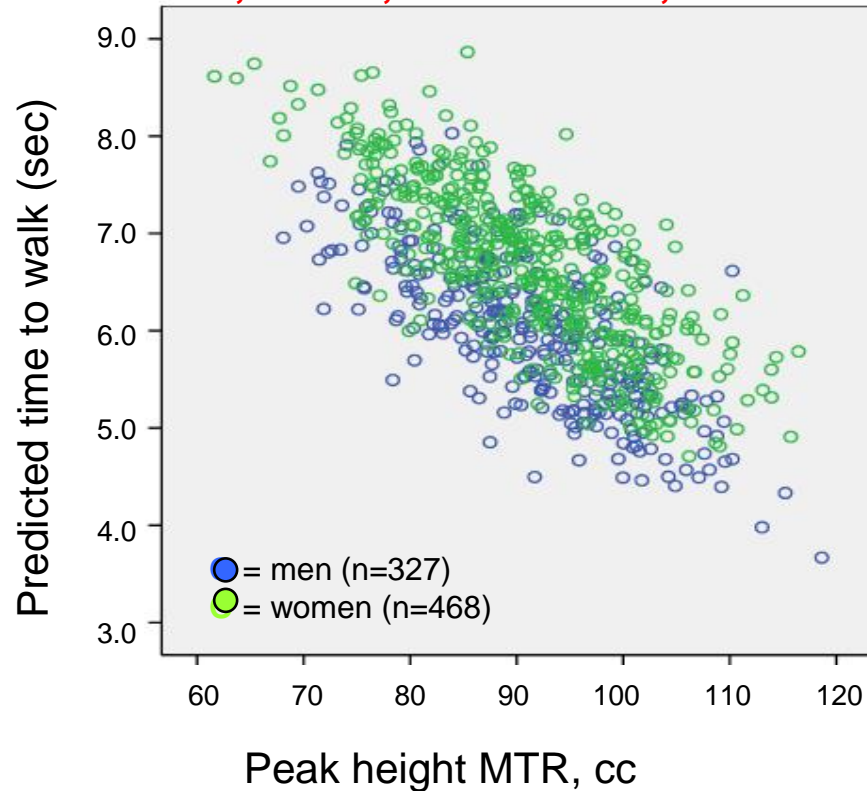


*Eliminated in those in the 3<sup>rd</sup> tertile of atrophy*

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# Micro-structure: Magnetization transfer— normal appearing White M

AGES-RS, n=833, Rosano et al, NBA 2008



Age head size, BMI, coronary artery calcium, physical activity, hip/knee, OA

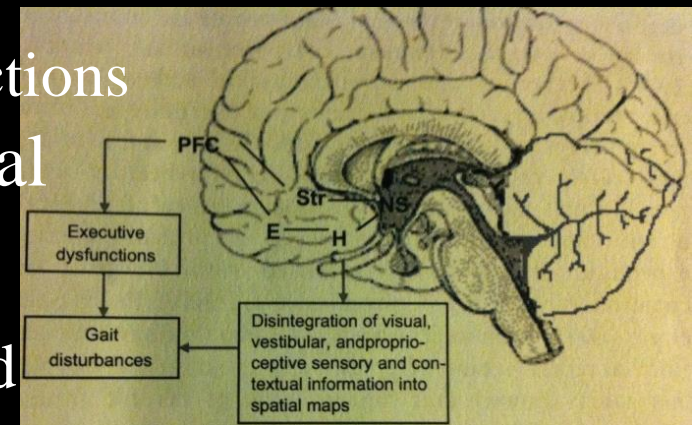
*Eliminated in men after adjustment for brain infarcts and WMH.*

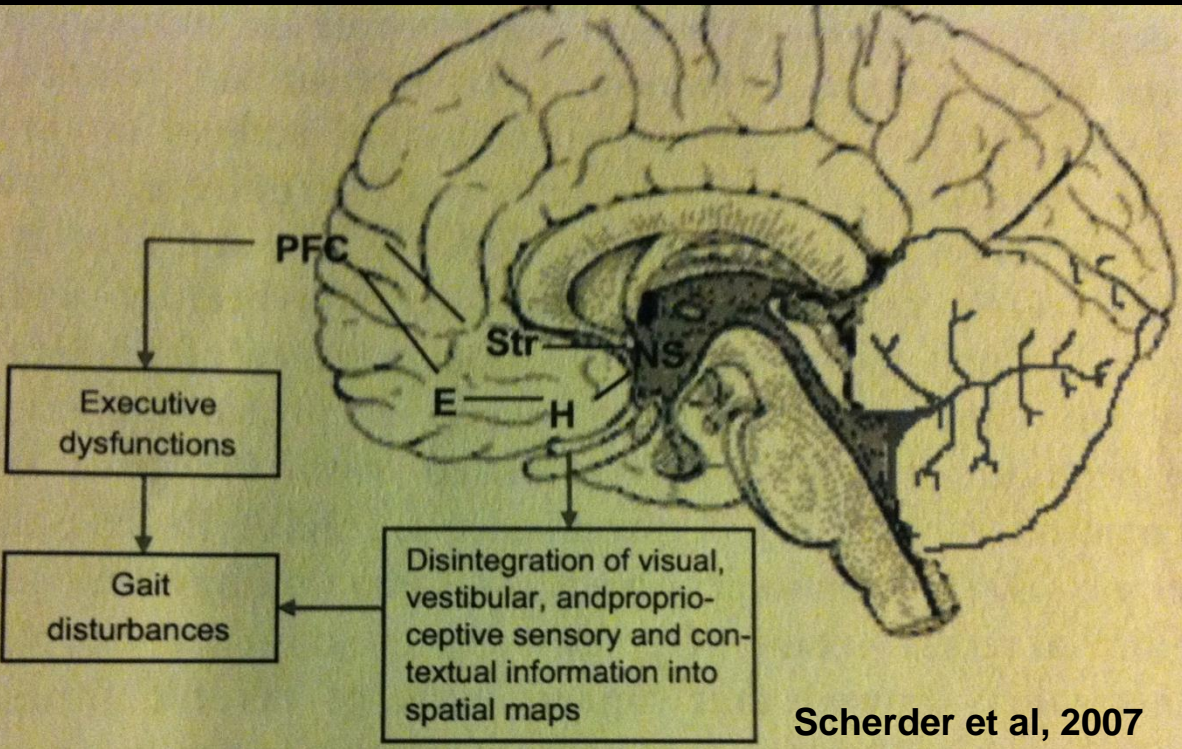


# 1. EVIDENCE FOR THE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN BRAIN AND MOBILITY IN OLDER ADULTS: SUMMARY

Findings somewhat consistent with the traditional model of mobility control

- WMH- Frontal, interhemispheric connections
- Lacunar infarcts in fronto-subcortical
- GM atrophy:
  - Dorsolateral prefrontal: gait speed
  - Basal ganglia (-)
  - Sensorimotor: bradykinesia/slowness
  - Medial temporal: gait disturbances
- Micro-structure: (*in those with lower atrophy*)
  - Fronto-parietal , interhemispheric connections





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# FUNCTIONAL MRI

## *Cross-sectional*

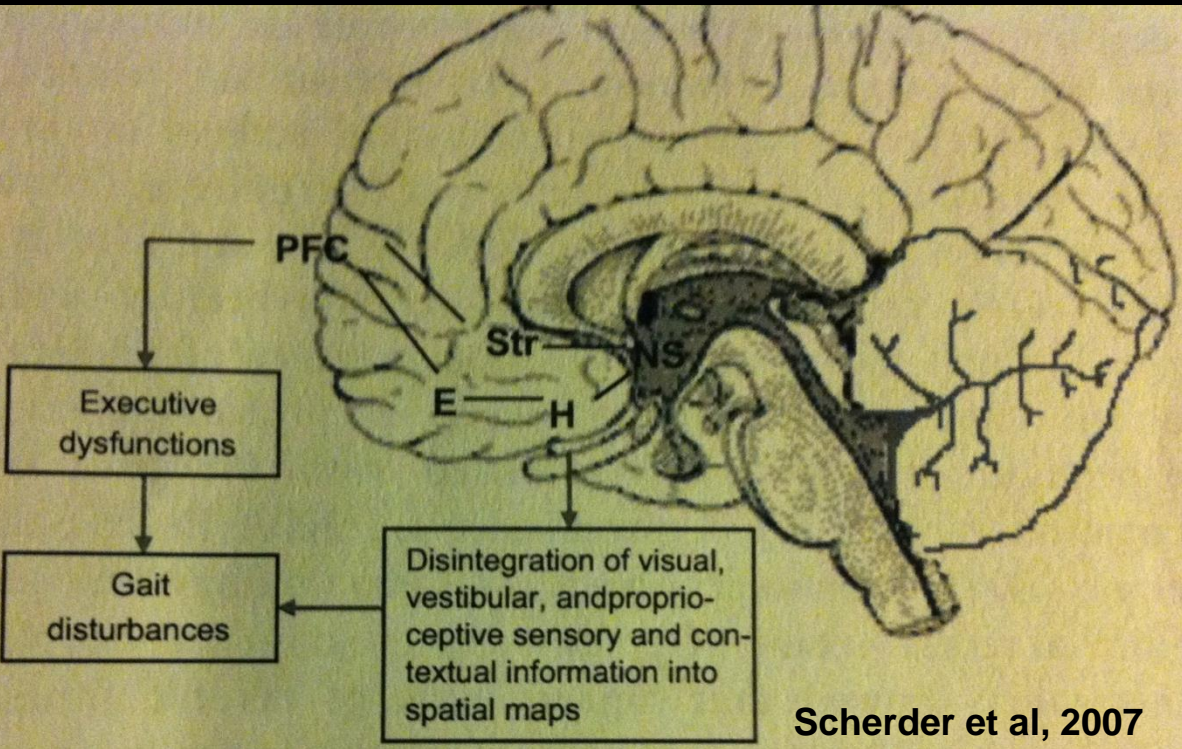
Functional neuroimaging studies indicate a role of basal ganglia and prefrontal motor regions in relationship with gait

[Ben-Salem, 2008; Iseki, 2010; la Fougere, 2010, .....]

Need to do.

find papers examining  
areas activated while dual-tasking on gait





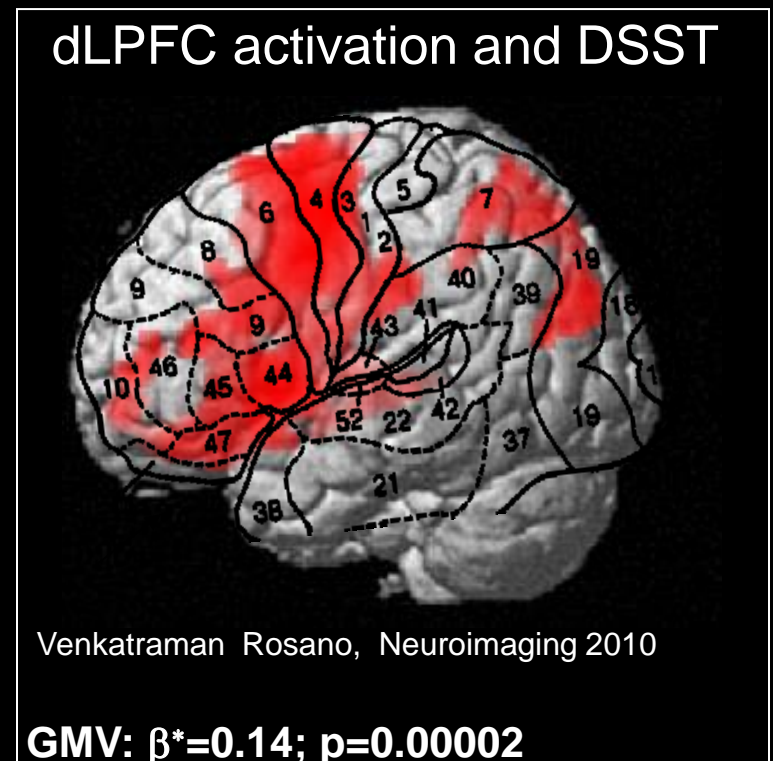
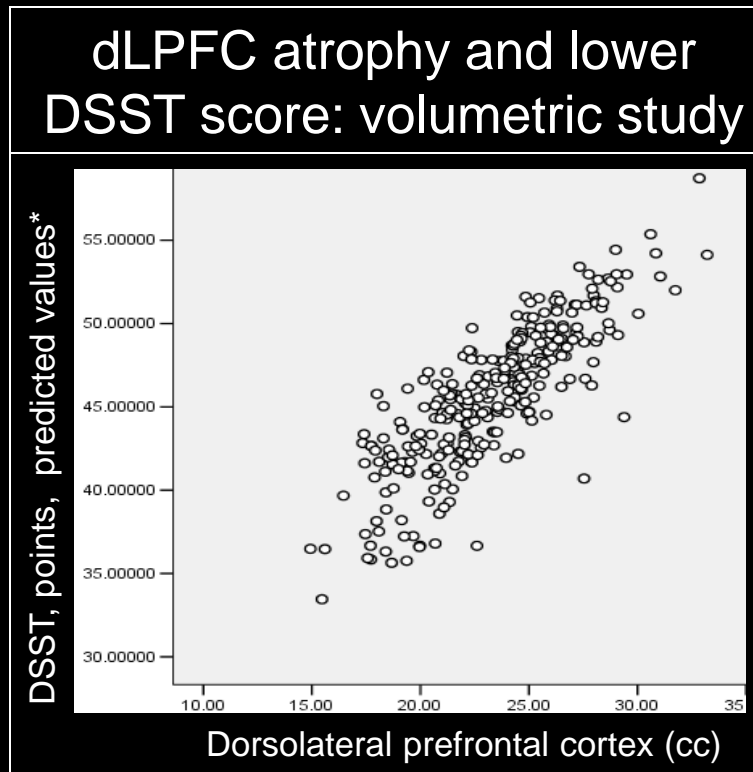
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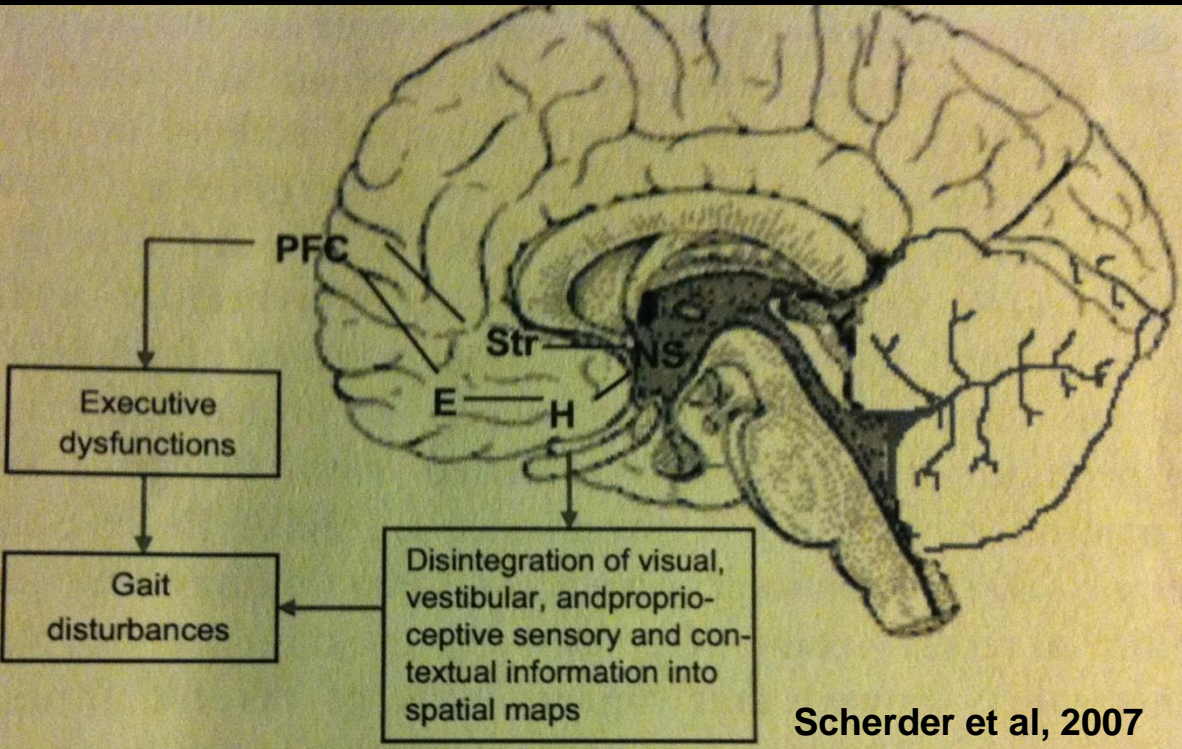
# Implications: Insights into mechanisms

The PFC areas associated with gait speed partially overlap with the areas related to information processing speed in aging.



Adjustment for tests of information processing speed partially explains the associations between dLPFC volume and gait  
(Zheng, 2012; Carmelli, 2000; Rosano, 2008; Rosano, 2010)—cross-sectional

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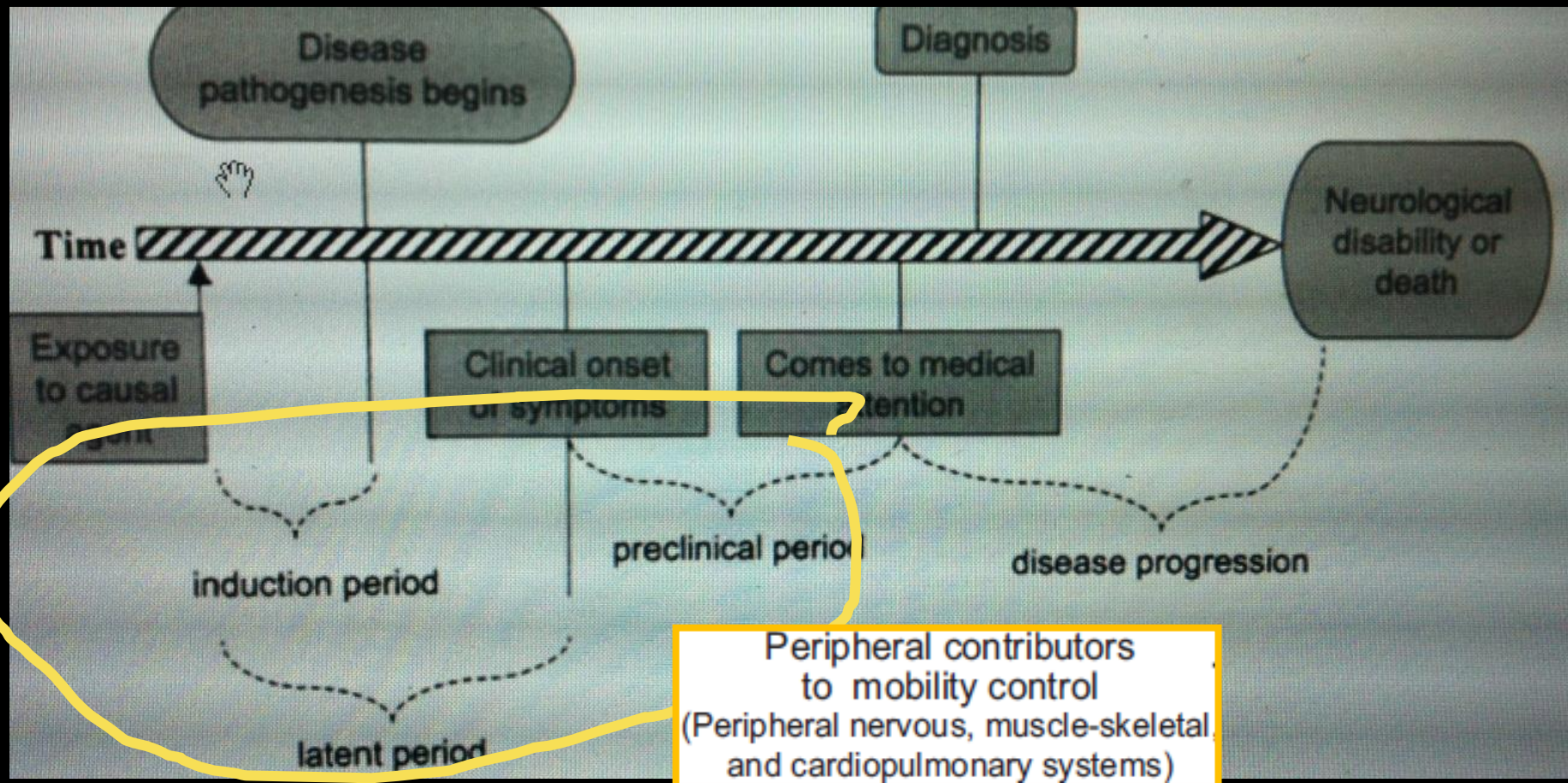
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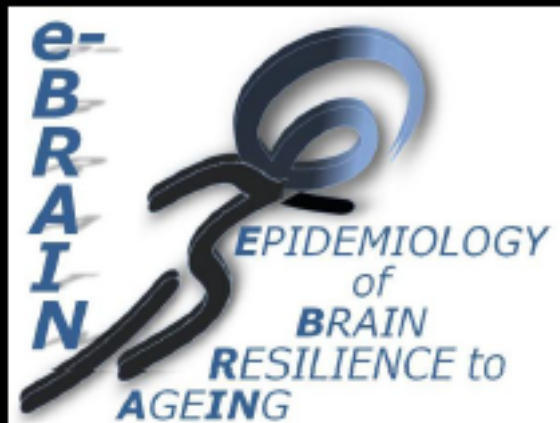
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# Challenges and opportunities

- The manifestations of CNS abnormalities as gait/mobility problems will depend on a number of other conditions that exist outside the CNS.



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