



# Wave-CAIPI for efficient TSE and QSM acquisitions with application in brain tumors

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# Insights

- ❖ Wave-CAIPI dramatically reduces the g-factor SNR penalty in both 3D and SMS acquisitions
- ❖ Neuroimaging application of Wave-CAIPI is powerful
  - Highly accelerated 3D-GRE enables whole-brain Quantitative Susceptibility Mapping (QSM) with high-resolution and high-contrast
  - SMS at high MultiBand (MB) factor with novel pulse design enables whole-brain isotropic TSE with high-resolution and low-SAR

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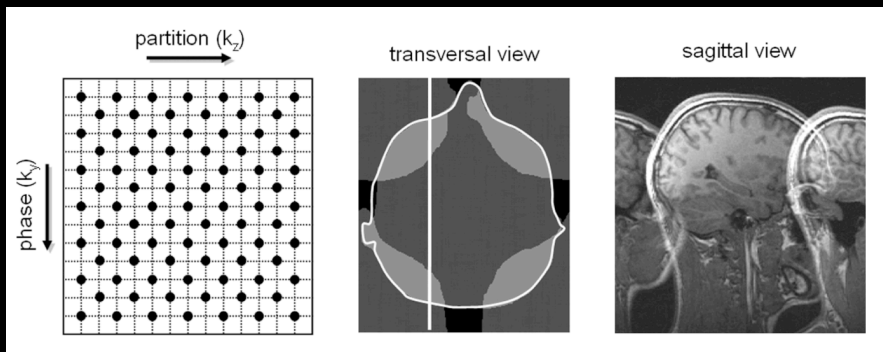
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# Controlled Aliasing in Parallel Imaging (CAIPI)

Increase distance btw aliasing voxels to make better use of 3D coil sensitivities

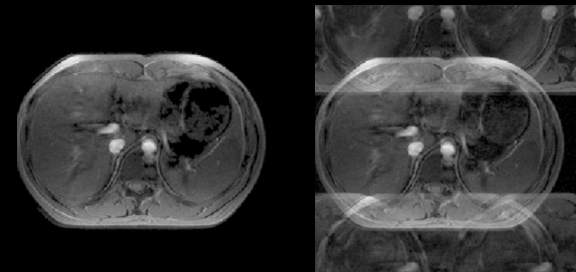
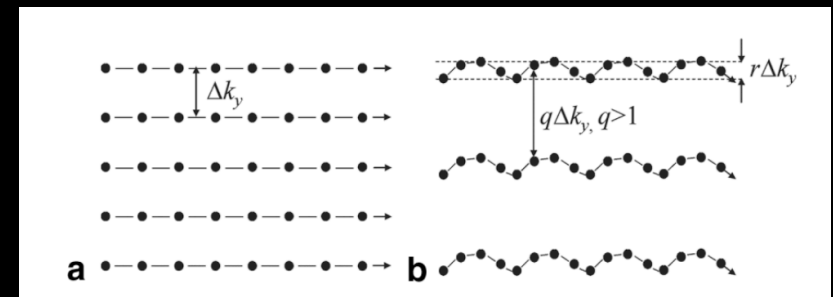
3D imaging

2D-CAIPI<sup>1</sup> (y-z)



2D imaging

Bunched Phase Encoding<sup>2</sup>  
Zigzag sampling<sup>3</sup> (x-y)



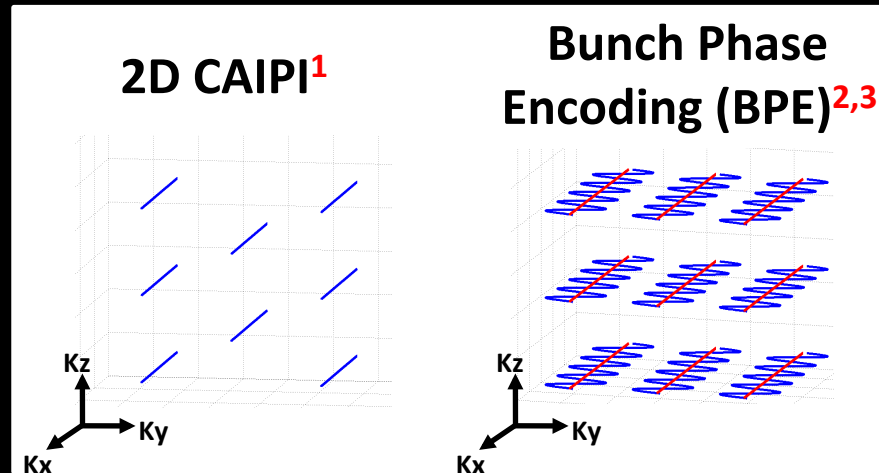
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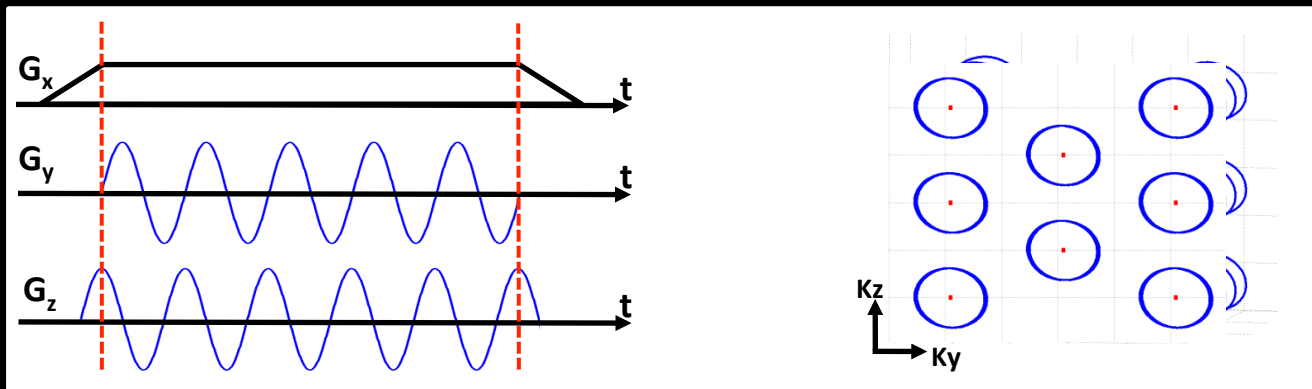
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# Wave-CAIPI Sampling<sup>4</sup>

- Recent modifications to rectilinear k-space sampling provided more robust reconstructions of highly under-sampled datasets



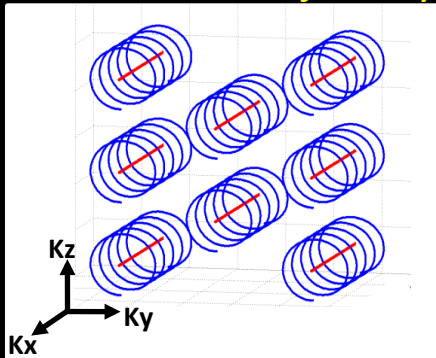
- Wave-CAIPI: 2D CAIPI + BPE in 2 directions
- Spread aliasing in 3D to take full advantage of 3D coil profiles



# Wave-CAIPI Improves G-factor

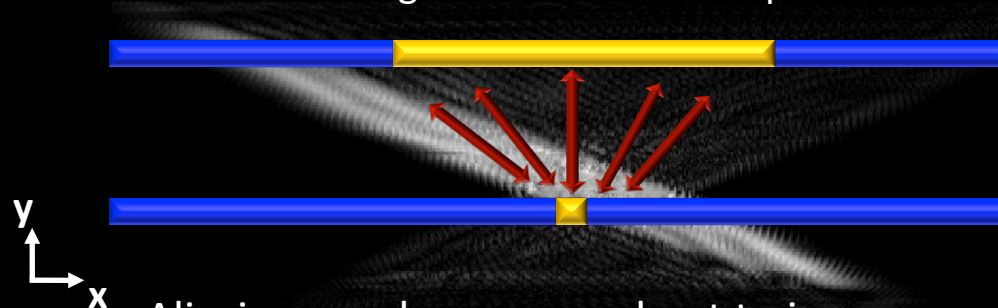
- Wave-CAIPI corkscrew trajectory incurs voxel spreading in the readout (x) direction
- For accelerated acquisitions, this spreads the aliasing in all 3D dimensions to substantially improve parallel imaging

Wave-CAIPI trajectory



## Wave-CAIPI: R=2 acceleration

aliasing voxels are further apart



Aliasing voxels are spread out to increase the variation in coil sensitivity profiles:

**Improved G-Factor**

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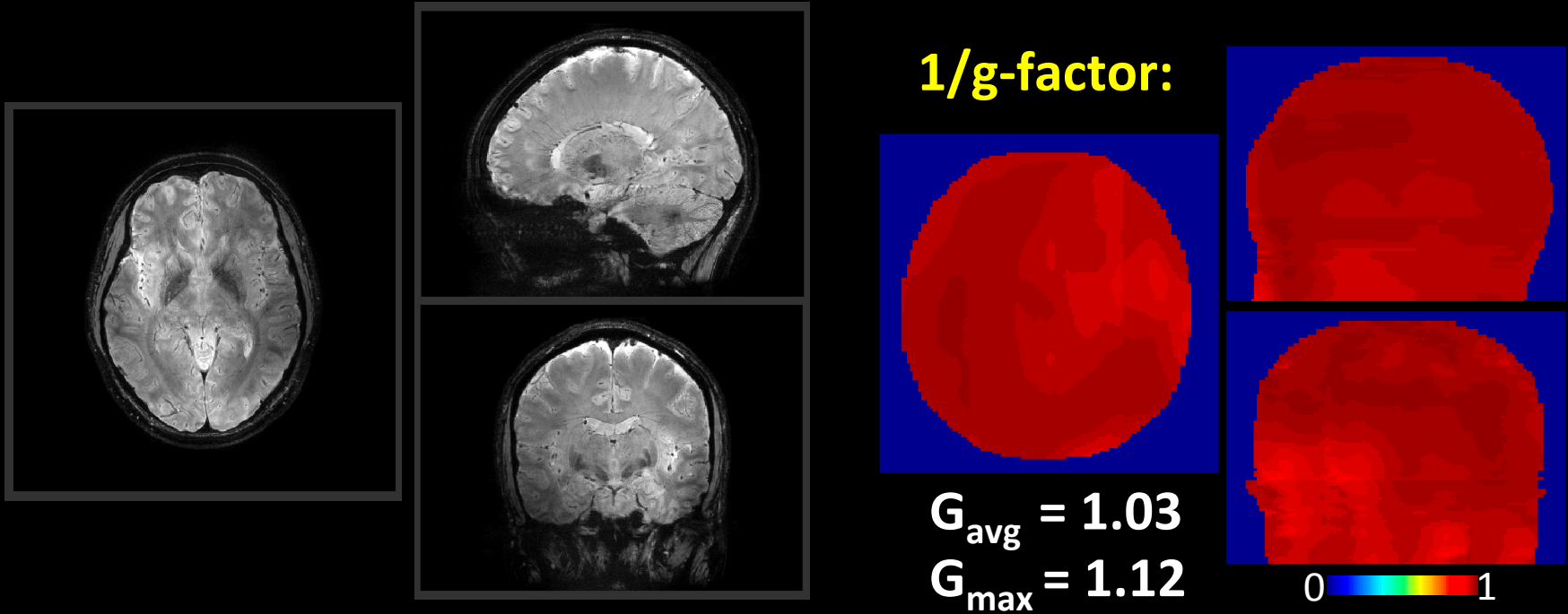
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# Rapid whole-brain, high resolution 3D-GRE @ 7T, 32 ch array

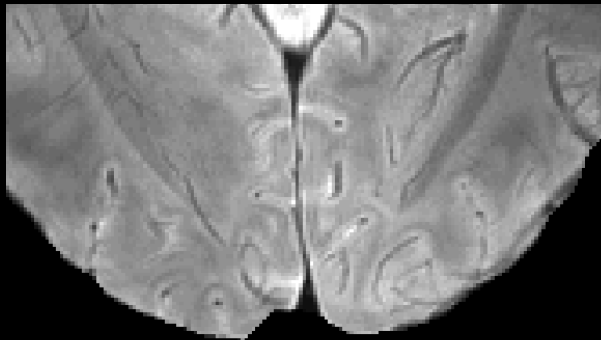


- Wave-CAIPI at  $R = 5 \times 3$  fold acceleration
- 5:35 min @ 0.5 mm iso
- TE / TR = 19.5 / 29 ms
- Maximum g-factor noise amplification is 12%

# 3D-GRE Phase for High CNR Imaging

- Phase signal from 3D-GRE acquisition provides dramatic contrast-to-noise ratio (CNR) boost over magnitude [1]

## 3D-GRE Magnitude

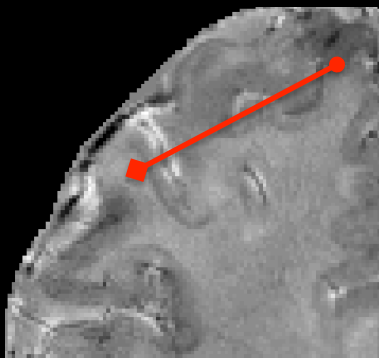


## 3D-GRE Phase

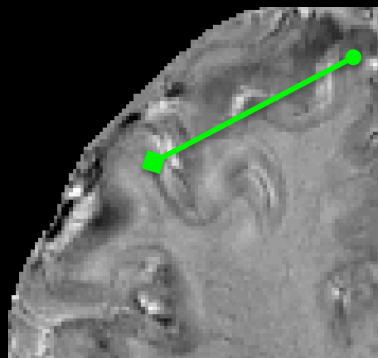


- Phase contrast is non-local, depends on head orientation relative to B0 and local tissue geometry

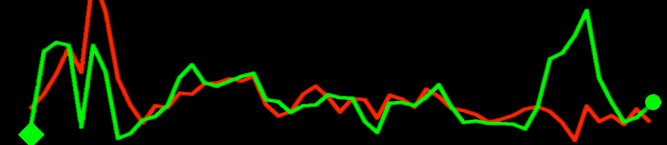
### Orientation #1



### Orientation #2



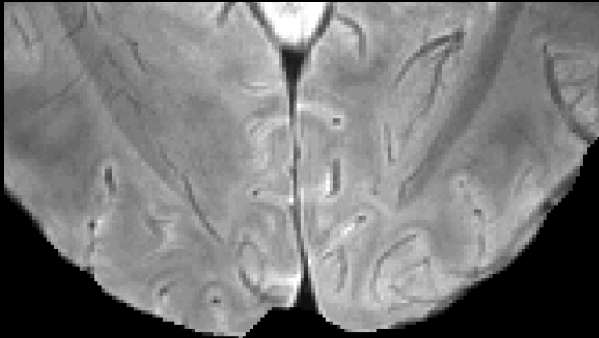
### cortical phase profiles



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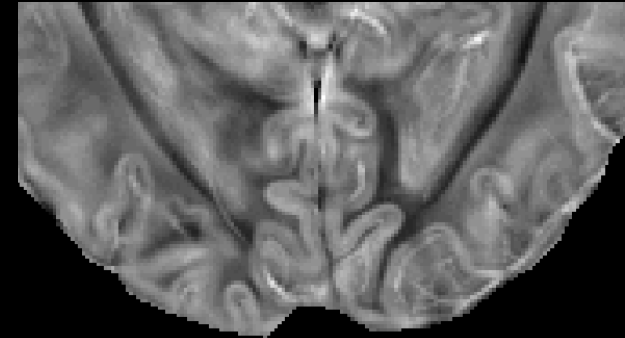
## 3D-GRE Magnitude



## 3D-GRE Phase



## QSM



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- Quantitative Susceptibility Mapping (QSM) resolves the orientation dependence, and yields exquisite & quantitative contrast

# Quantitative Susceptibility Mapping (QSM)

- QSM uses 3D-GRE phase to estimate the underlying magnetic susceptibility that gives rise to this phase signal
- Estimation of the susceptibility  $\chi$  from the tissue phase  $\varphi$  involves solving an inverse problem<sup>1</sup>,

$$\varphi = \mathbf{F}^{-1} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{F} \chi$$

measured      estimate

$\varphi$ : 3D-GRE phase

$\mathbf{F}$ : Discrete Fourier Transform

$\mathbf{D}$ : susceptibility kernel

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- Inversion is made difficult by zeros in kernel  $\mathbf{D}$

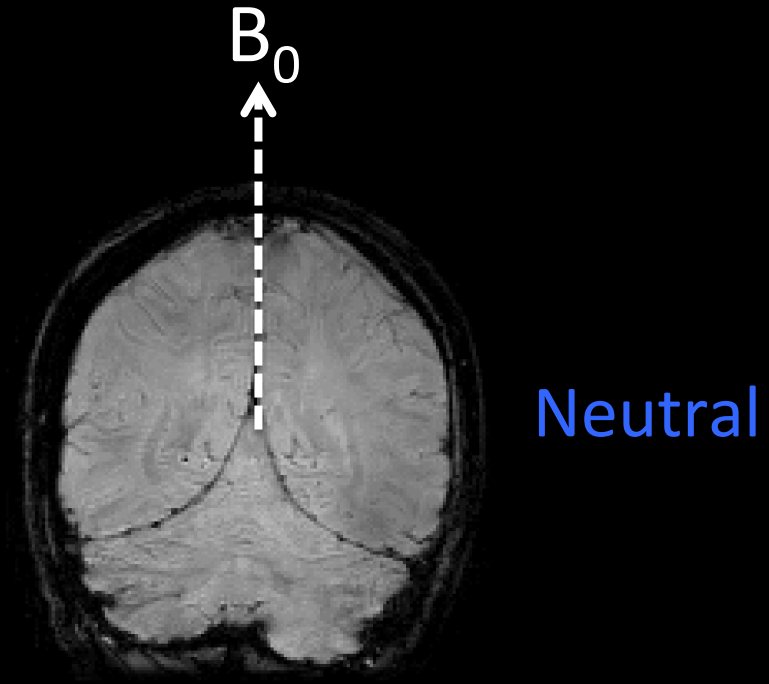
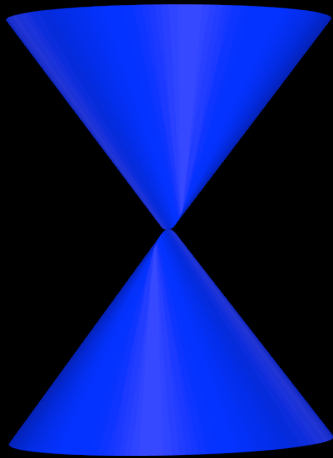
$$\mathbf{D} = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{k_z^2}{k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2}$$



Undersampling on  
conical surface

# QSM with Multiple Head Orientations

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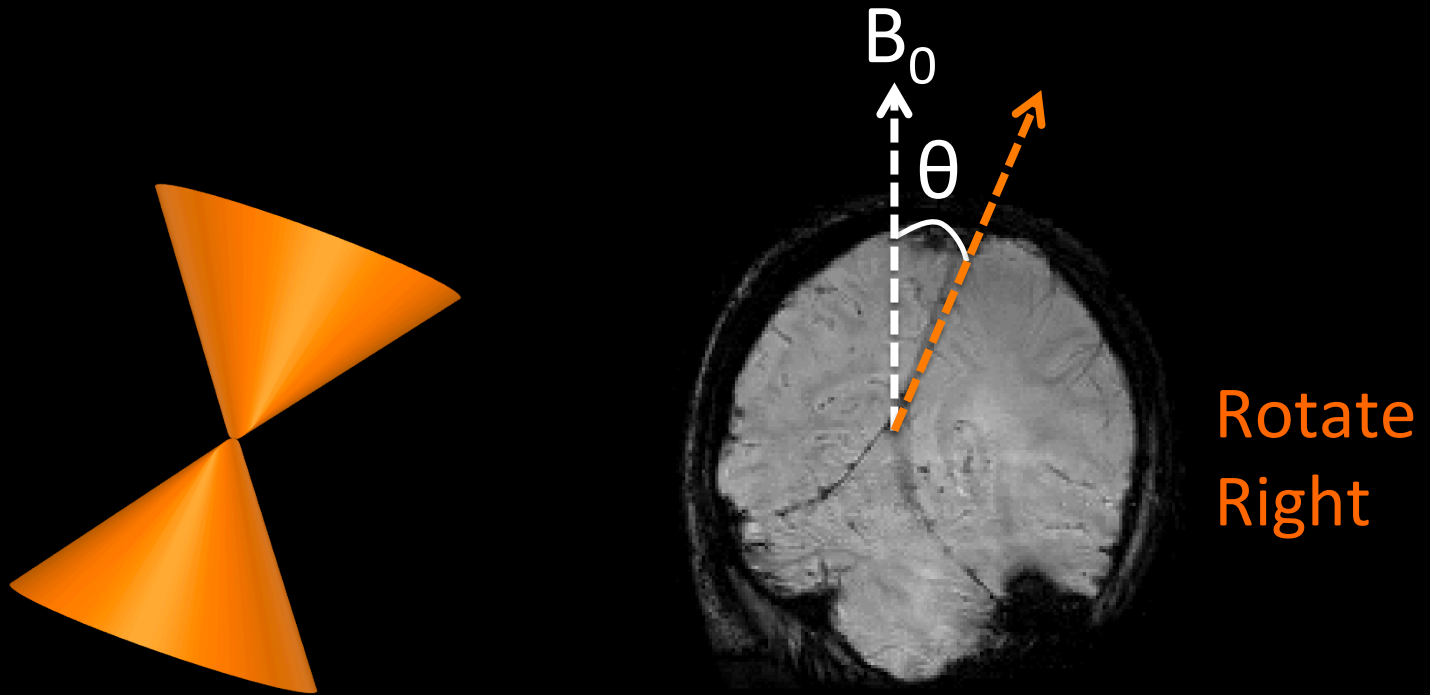


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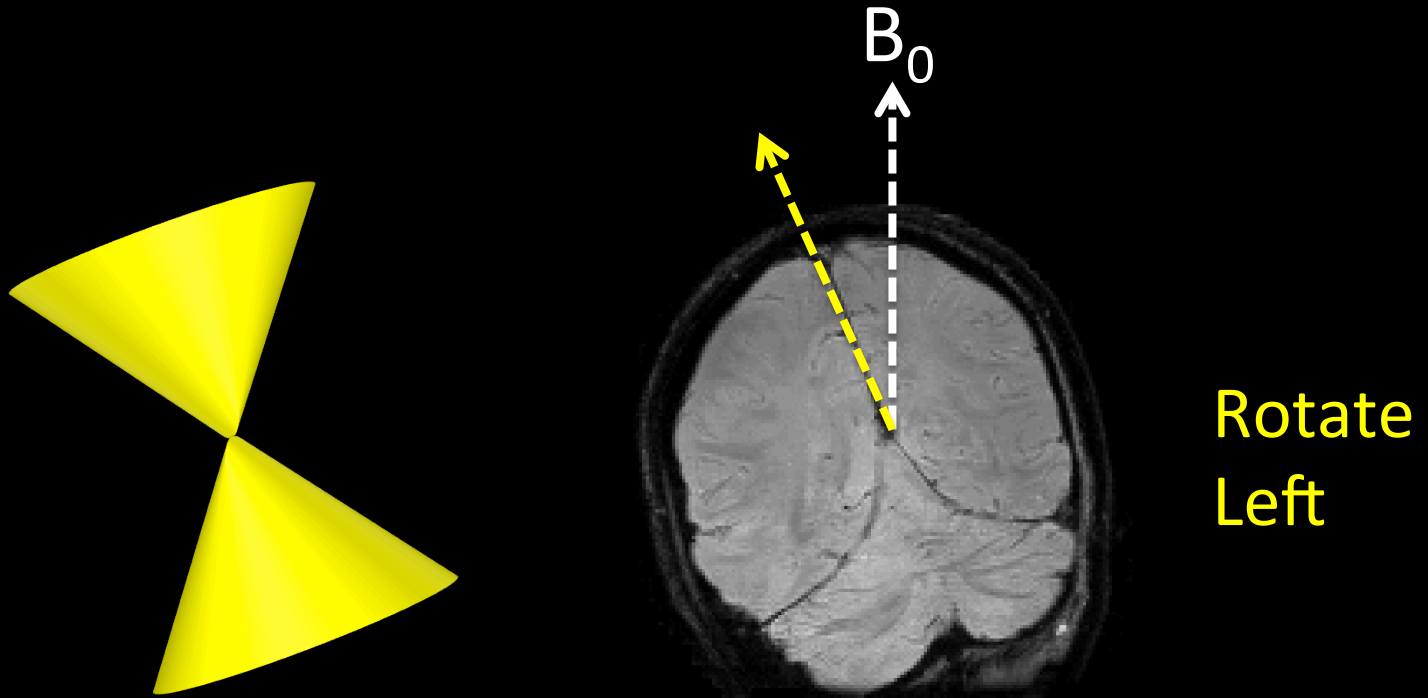


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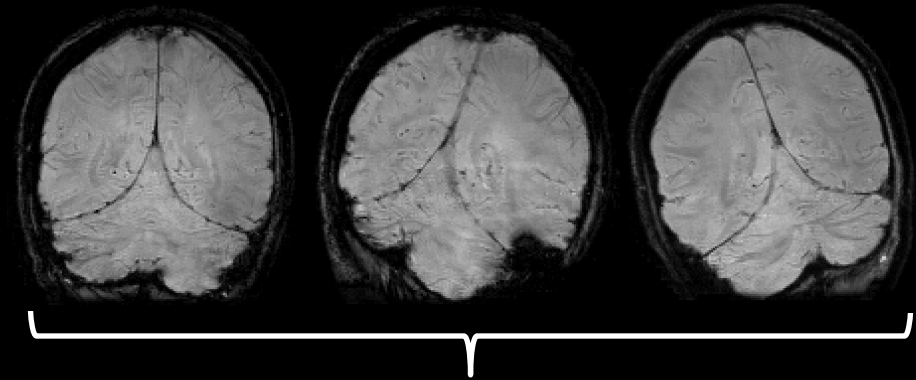
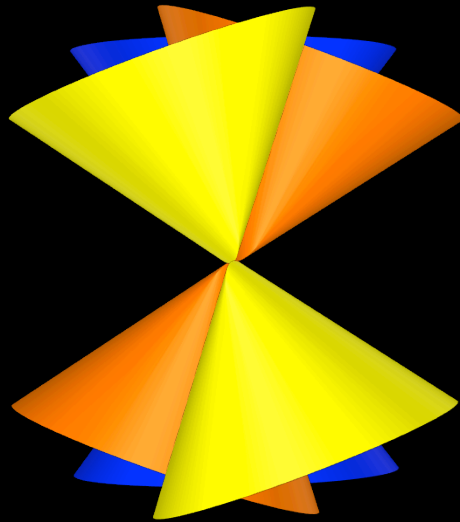
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Combine multi-orientation for QSM inversion

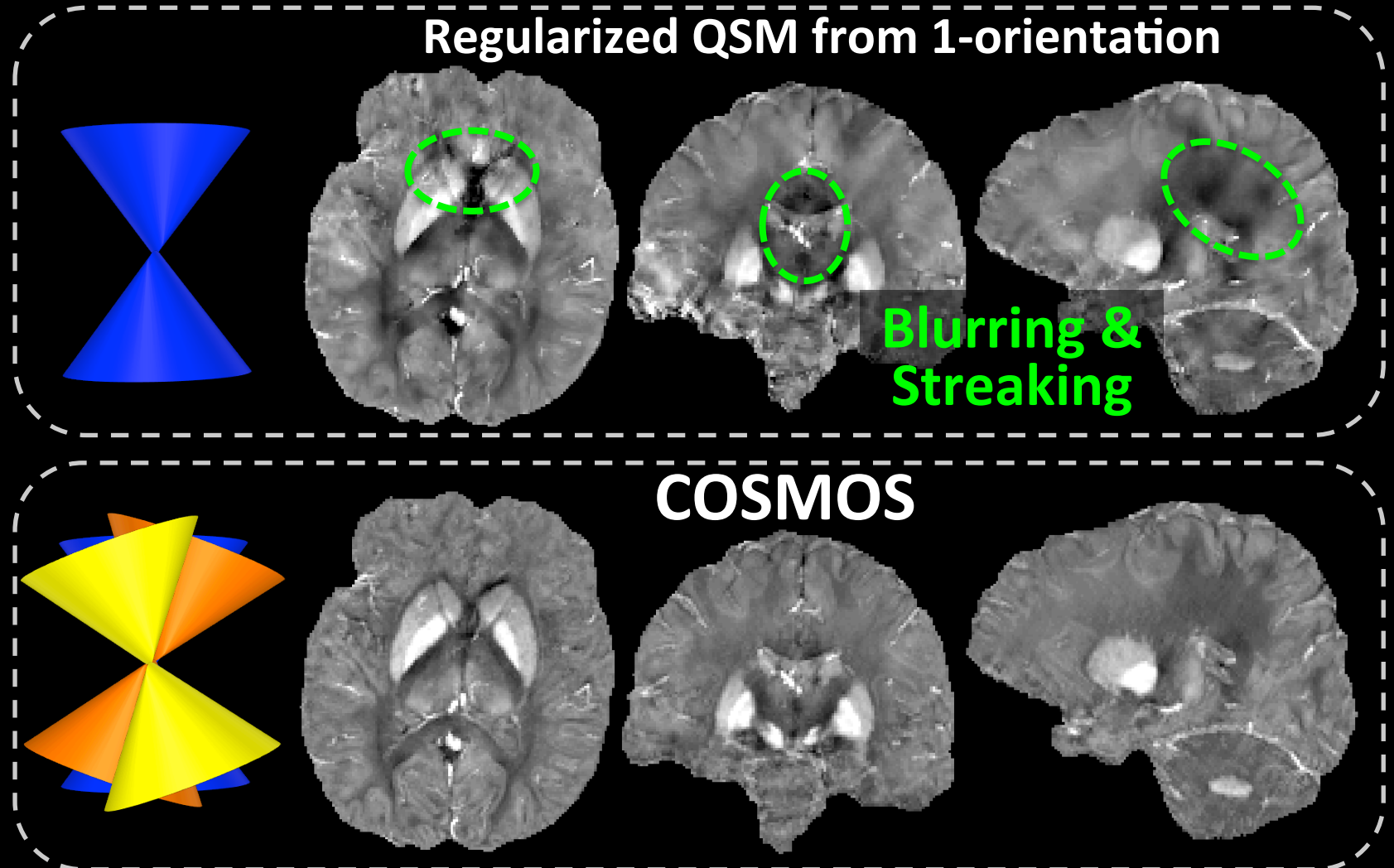
- **Undersampling is substantially mitigated**  
Calculation of Susceptibility Through Multiple Orientation Sampling (COSMOS) [1,2]

[1] T Liu et al, MRM'09

[2] T Liu et al, MRM'11

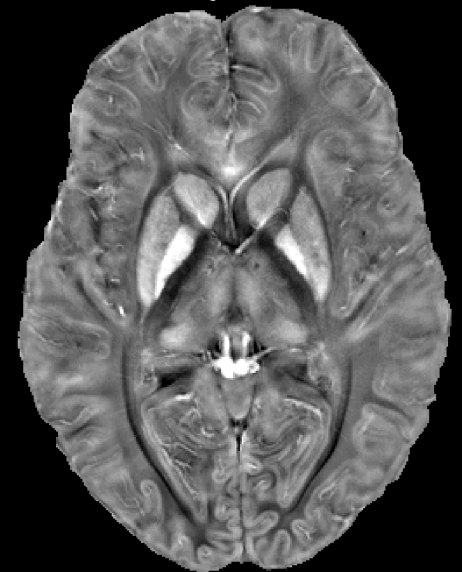
# COSMOS v Single-Orientation

- COSMOS yields exquisite susceptibility maps
- **Whole-brain COSMOS acquisition substantially increases scan time**



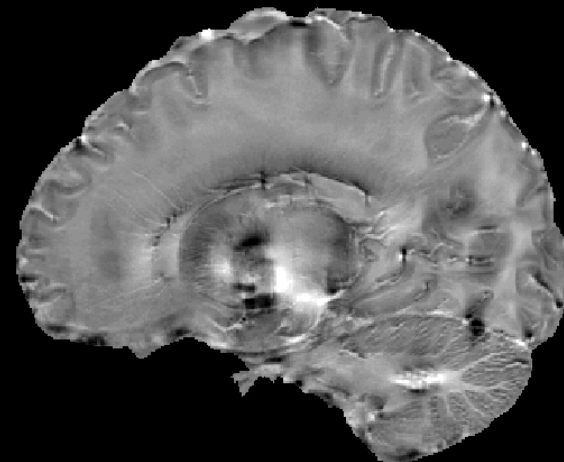
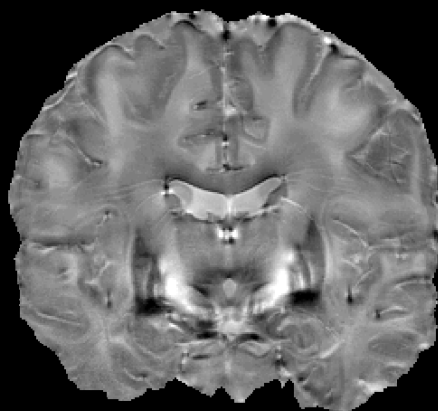
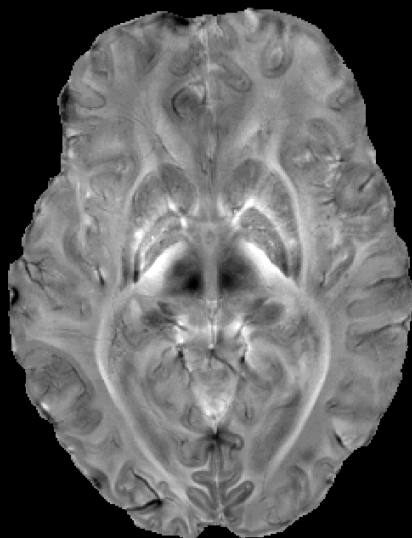
# Towards in vivo Histology with QSM

- High-resolution COSMOS at ultra high field yields superb contrast to reflect the underlying anatomy [1-3]
- **High-resolution COSMOS requires > 1 hour of scanning [1-3]**
- **For the first time, Wave-CAIPI enables whole-brain COSMOS in clinically relevant scan time**
- **Whole-brain, high resolution COSMOS @ 7T**
  - ❖ 5:35 min / rotation @ 0.5 mm iso
  - ❖ **20 min total protocol for 3-orientations**



# Rapid whole-brain, high resolution COSMOS @ 7T

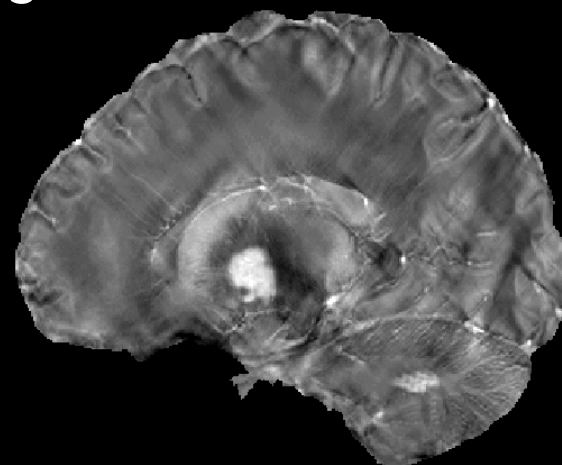
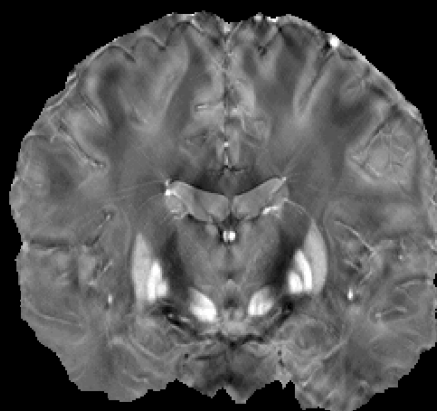
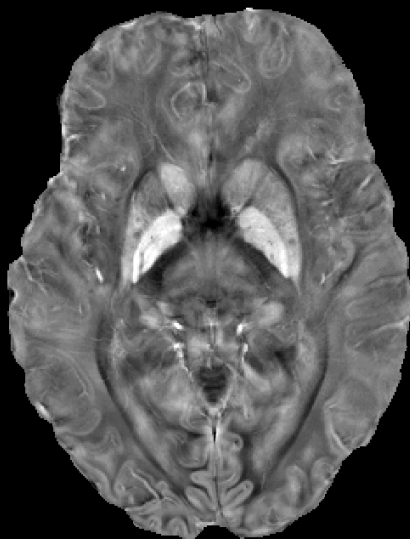
Tissue Phase



-0.033ppm 0.033ppm

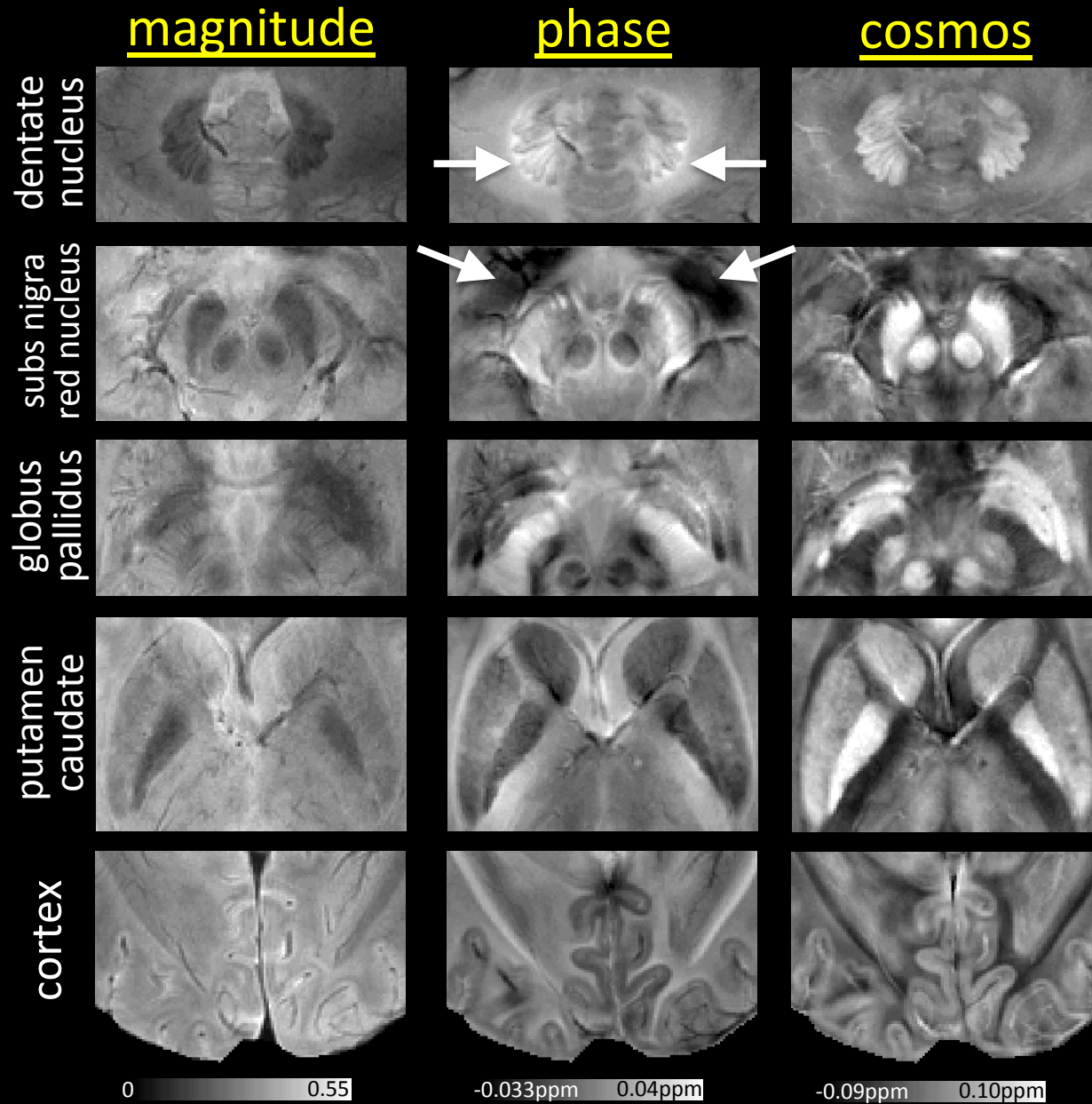
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3-Orientation COSMOS



-0.09ppm 0.11ppm

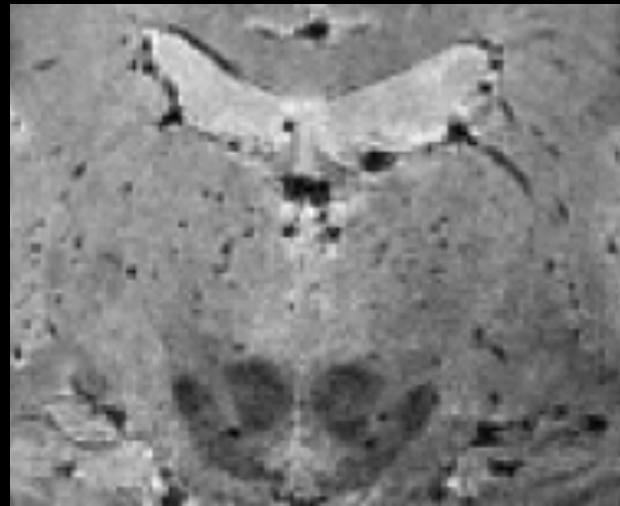
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## Thalamic substructures

magnitude



0.05 0.6

phase



-0.03ppm 0.035ppm

cosmos



-0.08ppm 0.09ppm

1. Medial dorsal
2. Centromedian
3. Ventral posterior
4. Ventral lateral
5. Intralaminar nuclei

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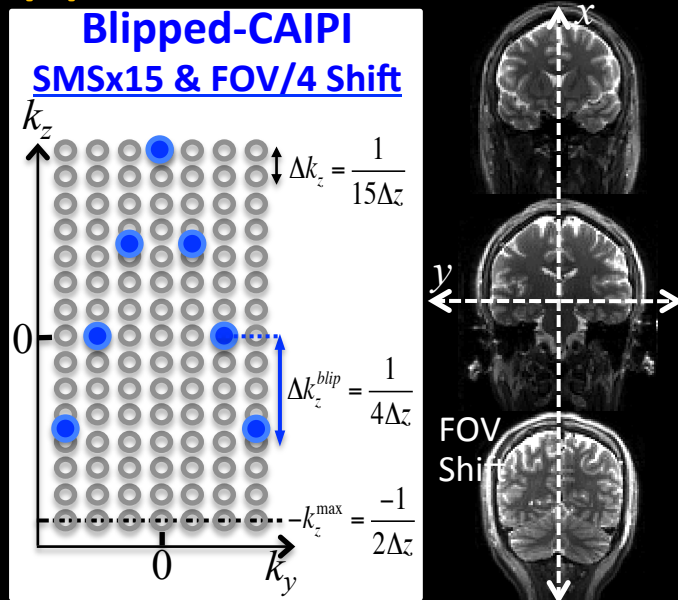
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# SMS Wave-CAIPI for Turbo Spin Echo (TSE)

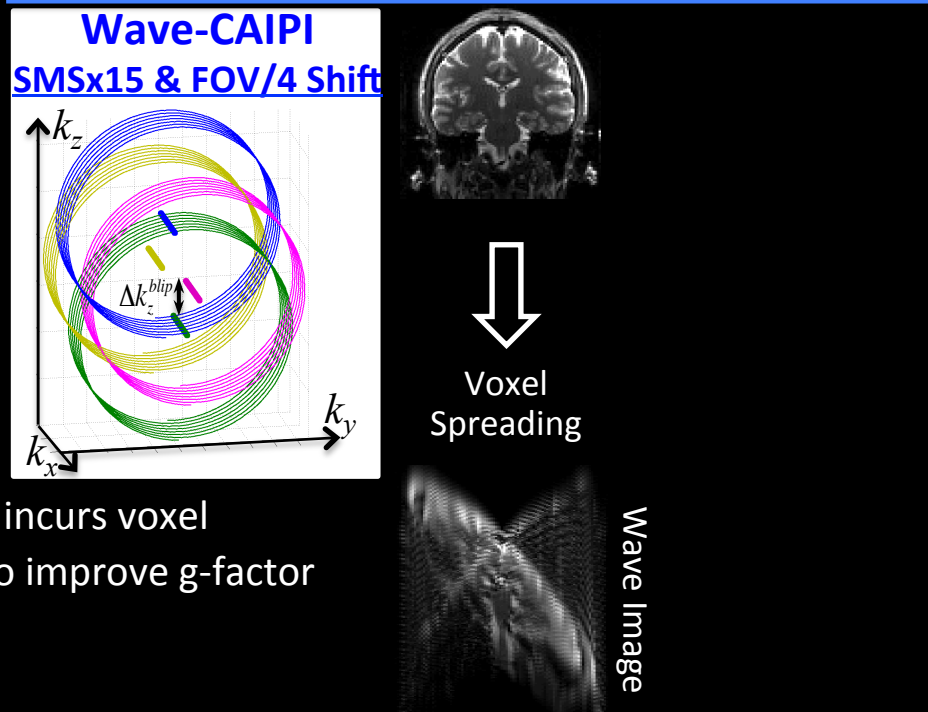
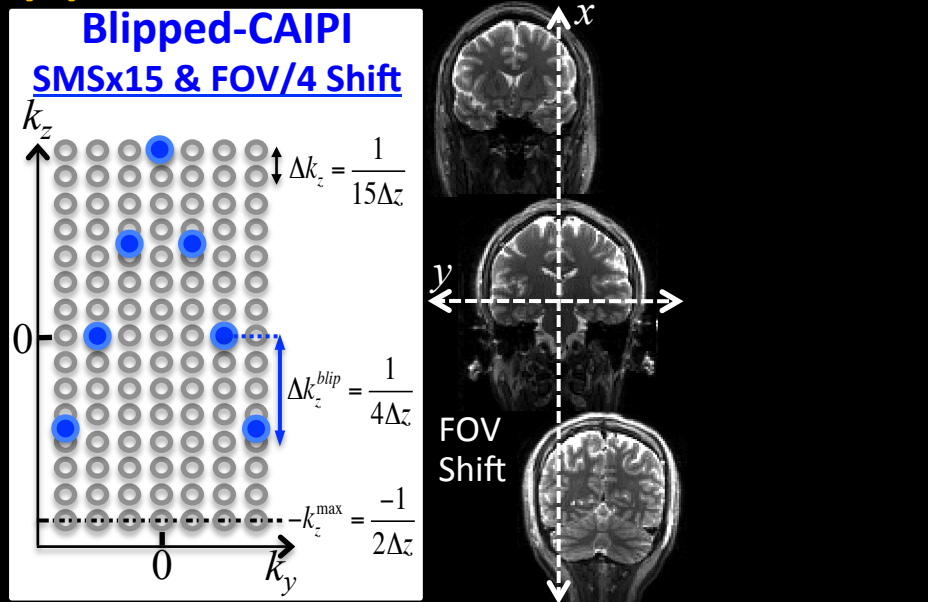
- TSE is the most commonly used clinical sequence, allowing rapid acquisition by sampling multiple k-space lines per  $90^\circ$  RF
- In-plane acceleration can improve efficiency, but suffers from intrinsic  $\sqrt{R}$  SNR penalty and g-factor noise amplification
- SMS enables acceleration without  $\sqrt{R}$  penalty, since number of k-space lines is not reduced
- SMS Wave-CAIPI further improves g-factor [1]
- MultiPINS pulses allow low-SAR refocusing [2]



# Blipped- and Wave-CAIPI for SMS

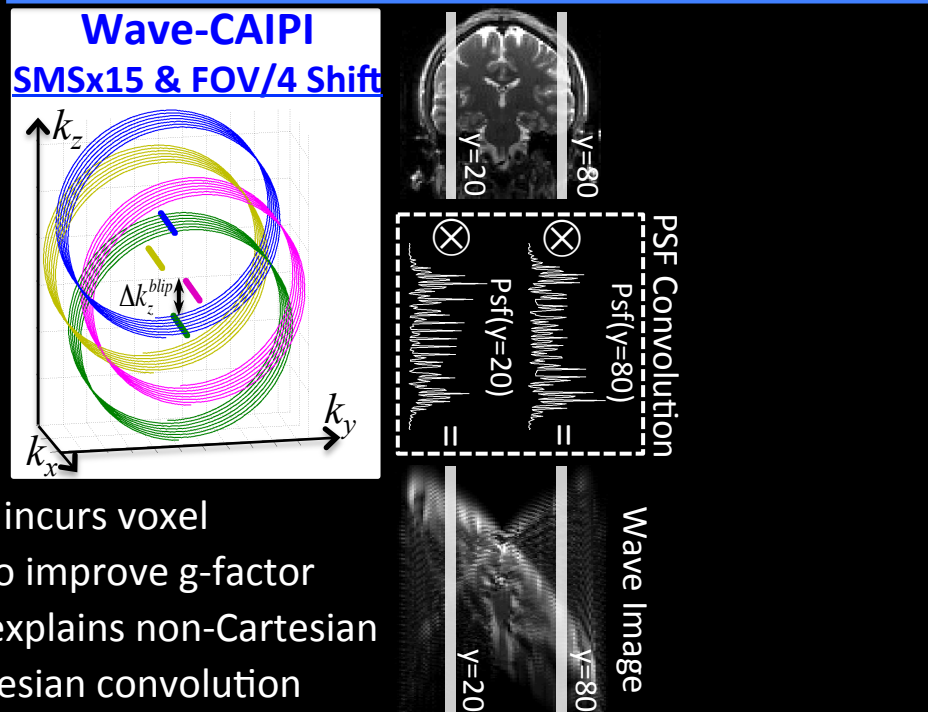
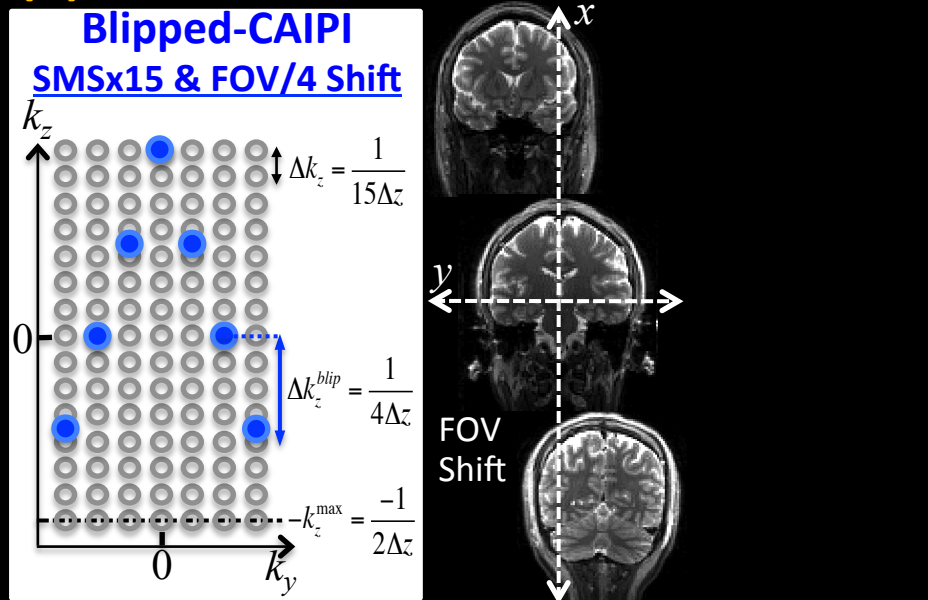


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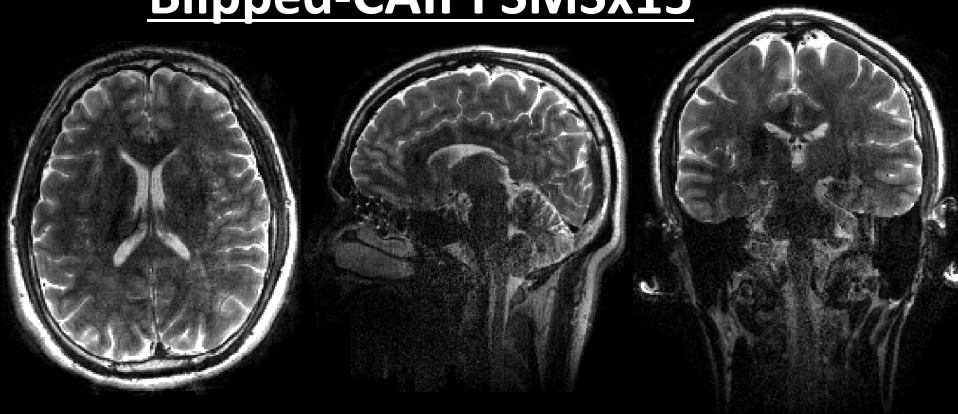


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- PSF formalism explains non-Cartesian sampling via Cartesian convolution

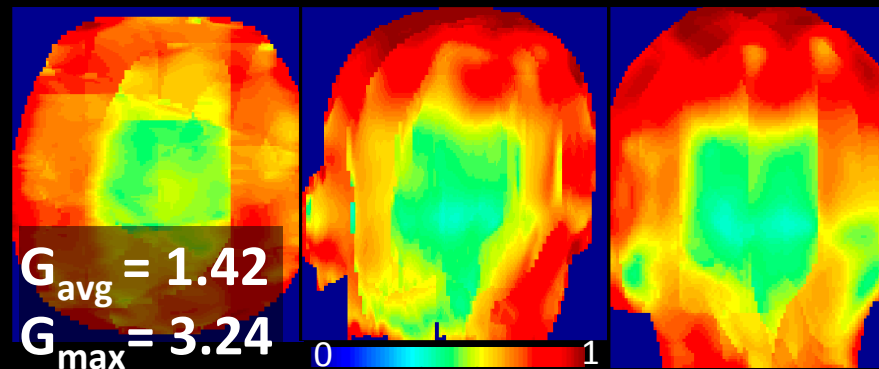
TSE @ 3T, 1 mm<sup>3</sup> voxels, T<sub>acq</sub>=70 sec

## SMSx15

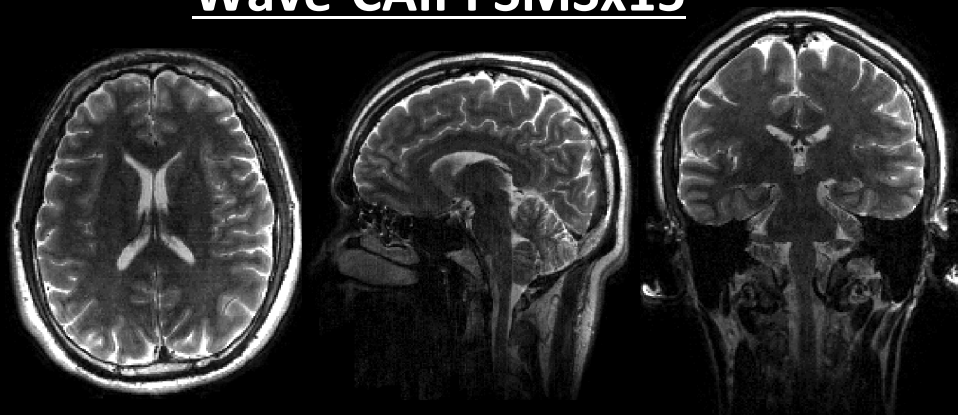
### Blipped-CAIPI SMSx15



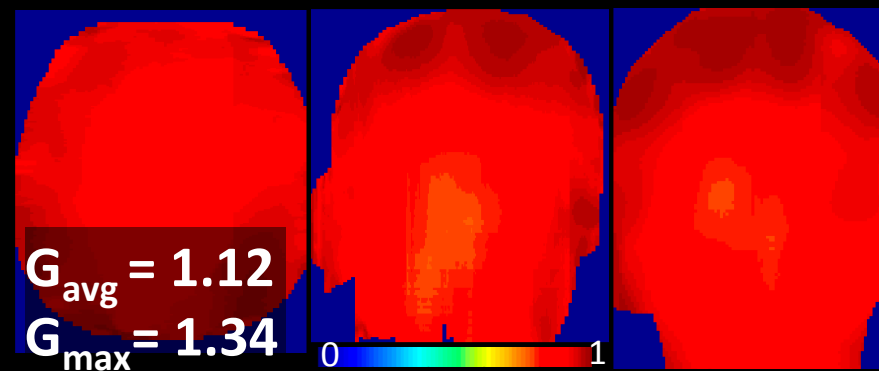
### 1/g-factor: Blipped-CAIPI SMSx15



### Wave-CAIPI SMSx15



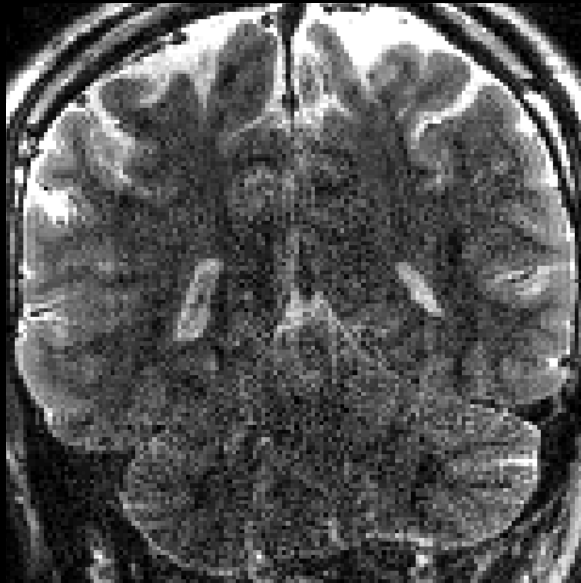
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SENSE

R=5x In-plane



both g-factor  
and sqrt(R)  
noise penalty

Blipped-CAIPI

SMSx15



only g-factor  
no sqrt(R)  
noise penalty

Wave-CAIPI

SMSx15



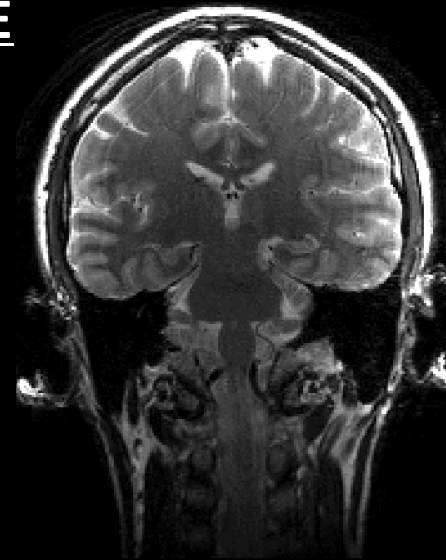
small g-factor  
no sqrt(R)  
noise penalty

# SMS Wave-CAIPI at SMSx15 allows whole-brain TSE @ 1 mm<sup>3</sup> iso in 70 sec

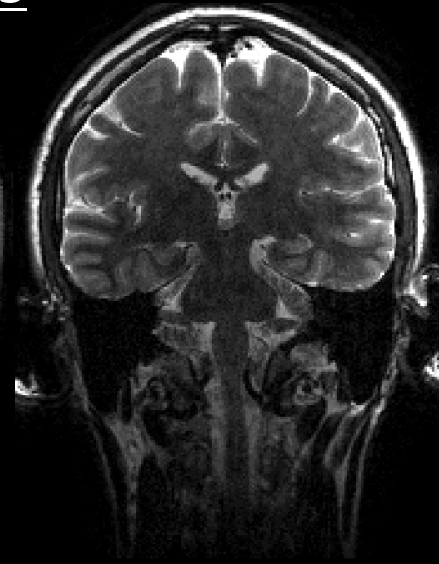
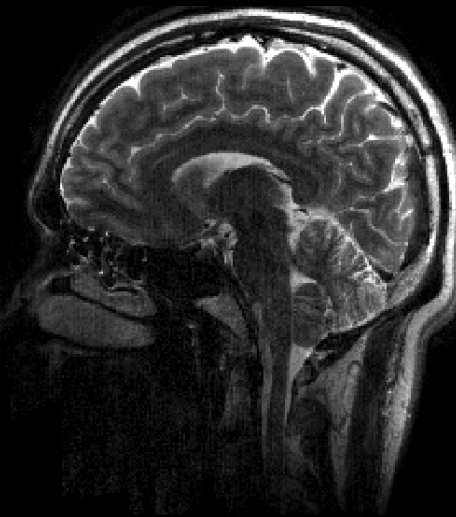
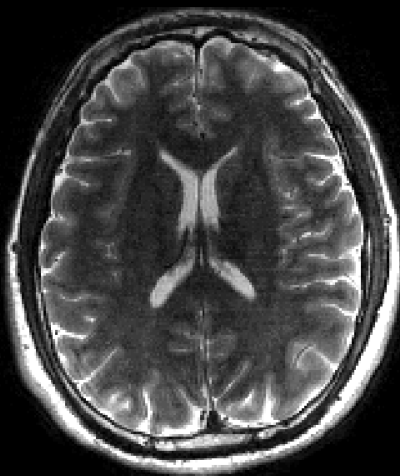


avg over 3mm slabs

## Fully-Sampled TSE



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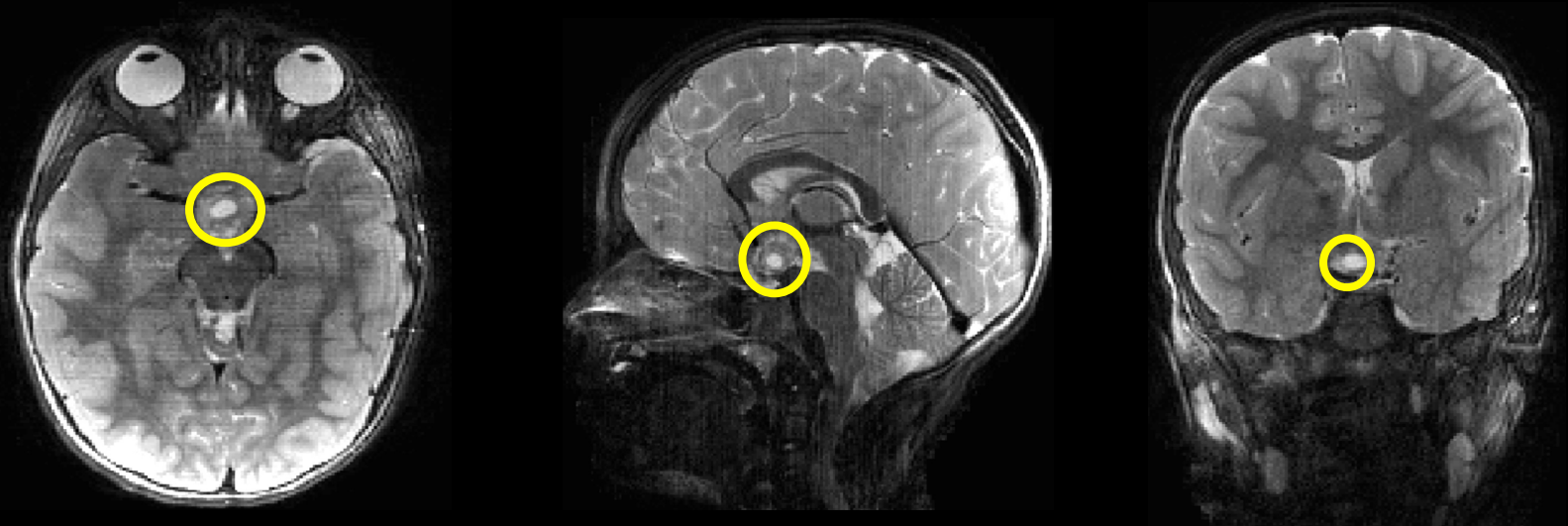
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TSE: 15x SMS Wave-CAIPI: 1-mm iso in 70 sec

5 year old w/ Craniopharyngioma: monitoring exam



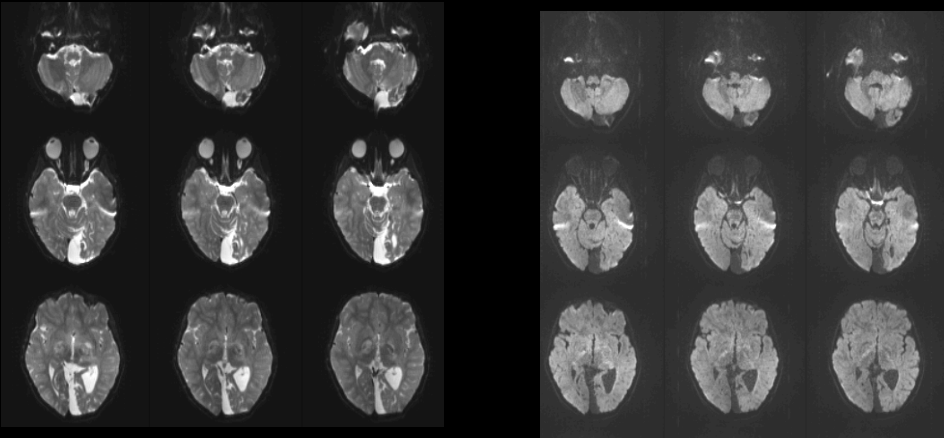


# 7 year old w/ tumor removed: monitoring exam

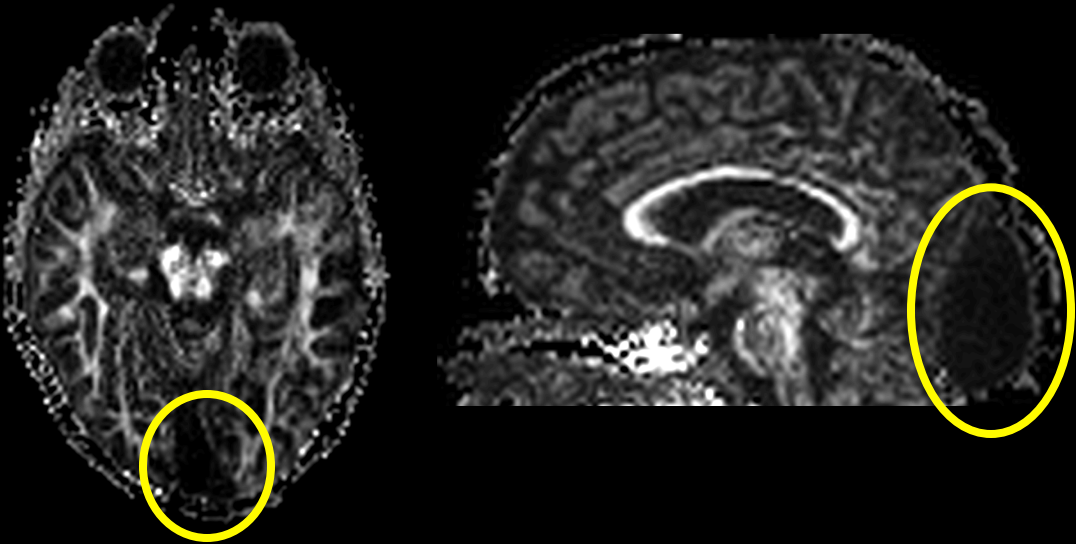
DTI w/ Blipped-CAIPI SMS-EPI

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b 1k



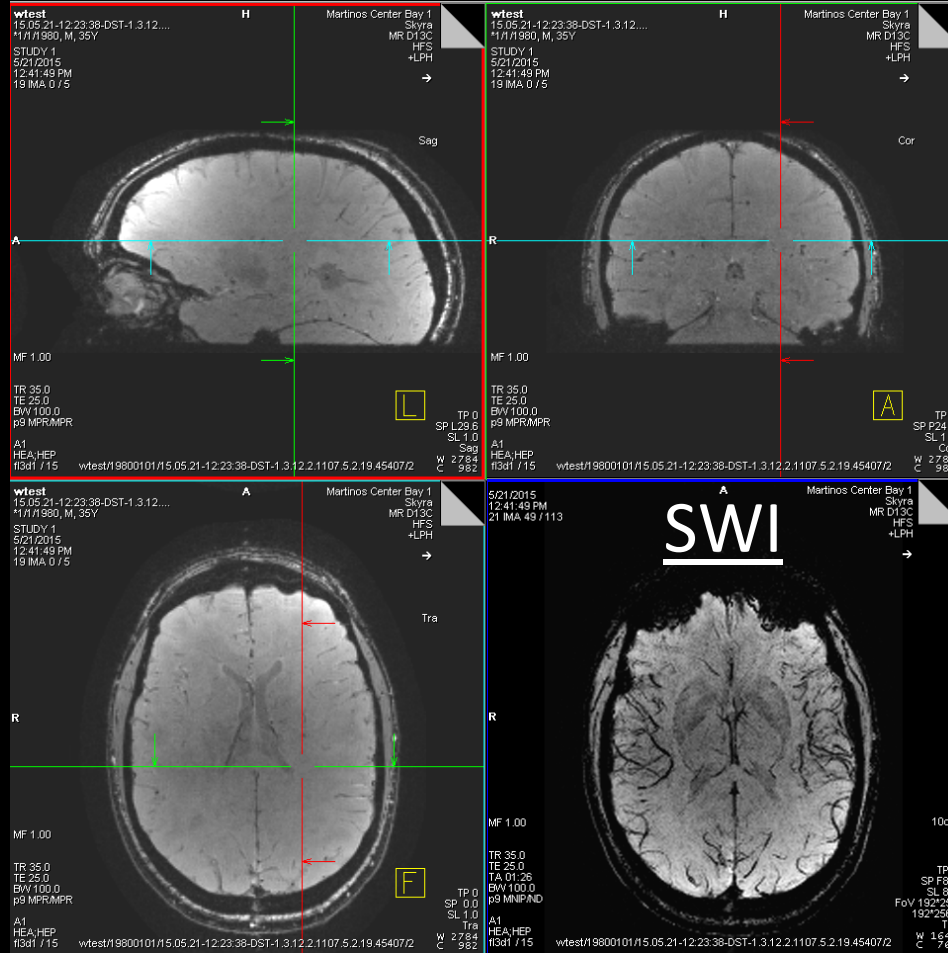
Functional Anisotropy (FA)



TSE: 15x SMS Wave-CAIPI



# Online Recon for 3D-GRE Wave-CAIPI



R = 3x3 acceleration

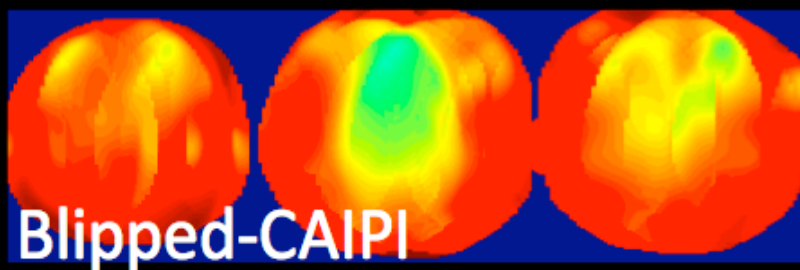
Acquisition: 1 mm iso in 90 seconds

Reconstruction: 80 seconds

# Wave-CAIPI for SMS-EPI

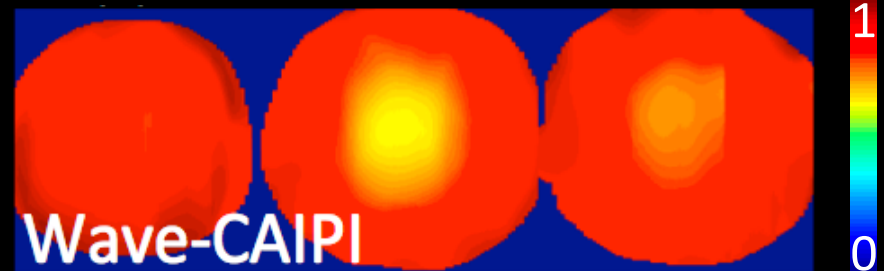
- Wave-CAIPI is also applicable to high bandwidth EPI acquisition
- Potential to provide substantial g-factor improvement over blipped-CAIPI

1/g-factor simulation  $R_{\text{inplane}} 3 \times \text{MB3 @ BW 1000 Hz/pixel}$



$$G_{\text{avg}} = 1.4$$

$$G_{\text{max}} = 2.4$$



$$G_{\text{avg}} = 1.2$$

$$G_{\text{max}} = 1.5$$



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- Matlab software and data online for 3D and SMS Wave-CAIPI:

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