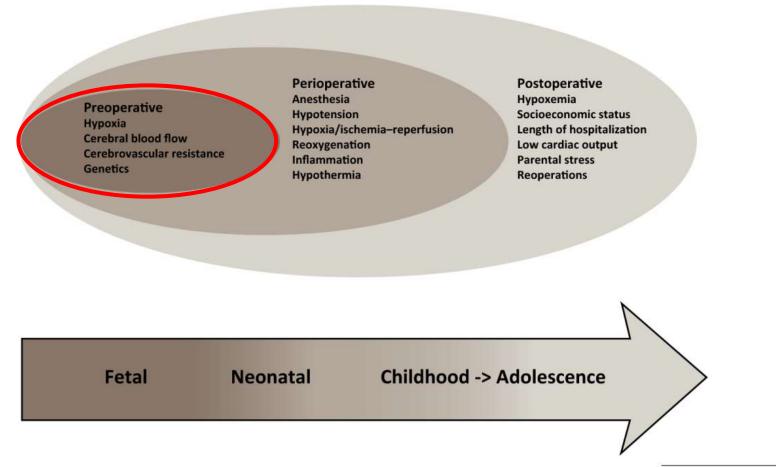
Development of Piglet Brain Atlas

Madison Harris

Congenital Heart Disease (CHD)

Multifactorial causes of neurological deficits associated with CHD



TRENDS in Neurosciences

Why Pigs?

- Similar white matter to grey matter ratio as humans
- Develop at similar speed
- They can fit inside coil



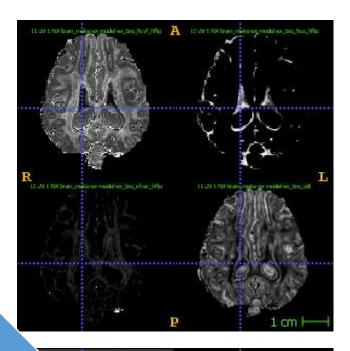


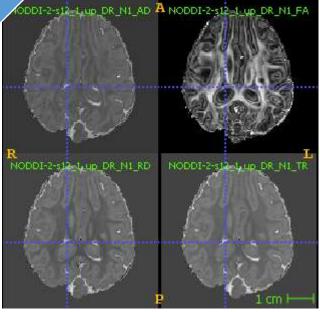
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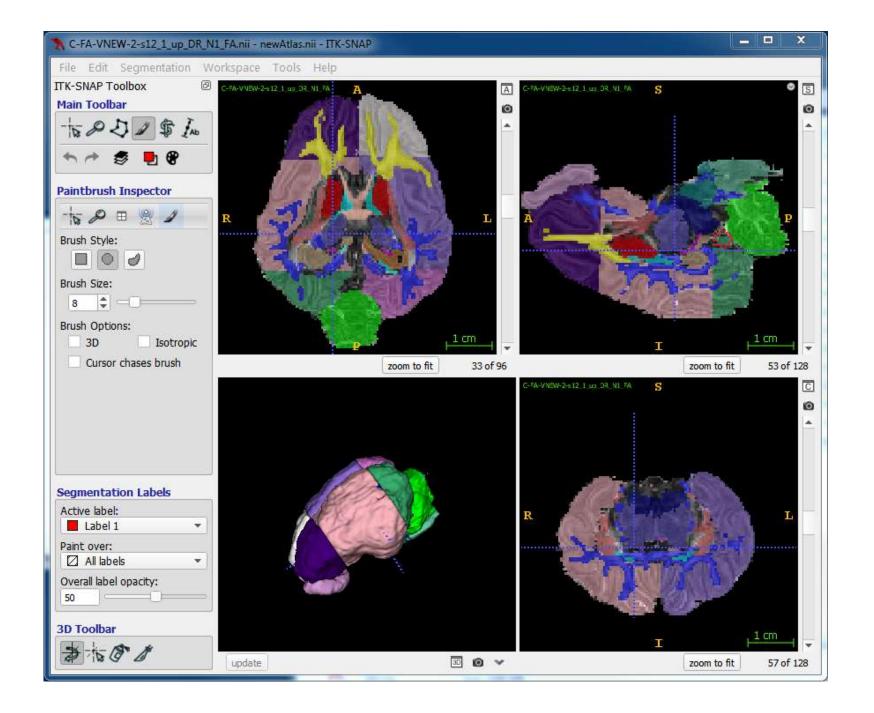
- Hypoxia
 - 3 pigs
 - 10.5% oxygen for 2 weeks
- Normoxia
 - 4 pigs
 - Regular cage for 2 weeks
- Brain Atlas
 - 3D map of brain that can have data about hydrogen molecule diffusion

Magnetic Resonance Imaging



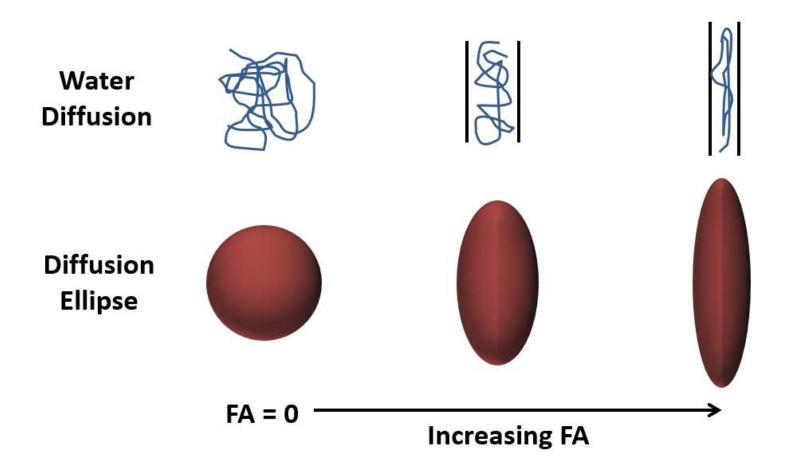


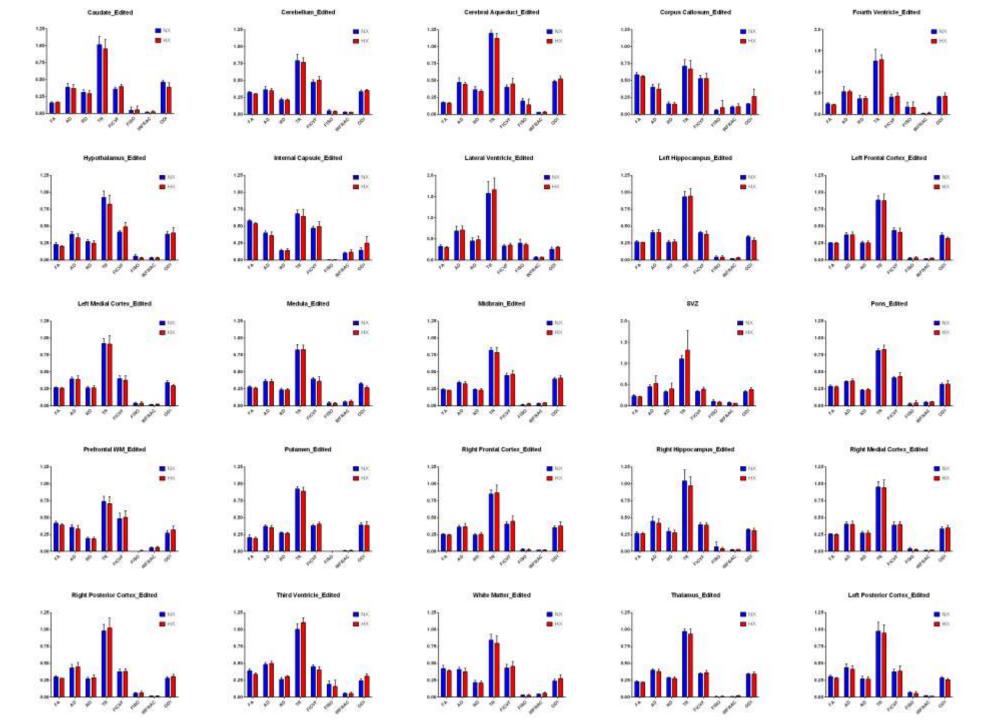




What is Fractional Anisotropy?

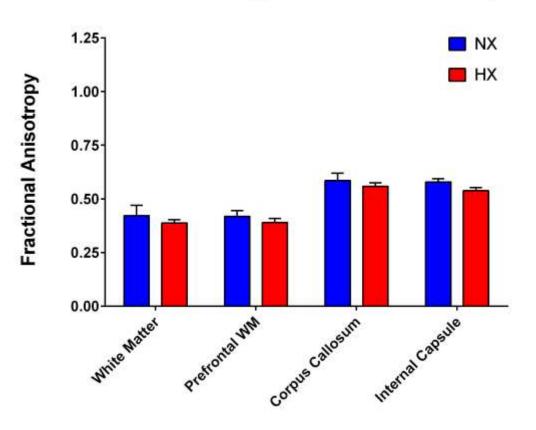
FA is a scalar value between 0 and 1 that describes the 3D ellipsoidal directionality of water diffusion within brain tissue





Results

Fractional Anisotropy in Atlas Defined WM Regions



Overall decrease in fractional anisotropy for white matter in hypoxic brains

Chronology

Week 1: Leaning how to use software and shading in brain images

Week 2: Registering brain Images, brain atlas development

Week 3, 4: Brain atlas development

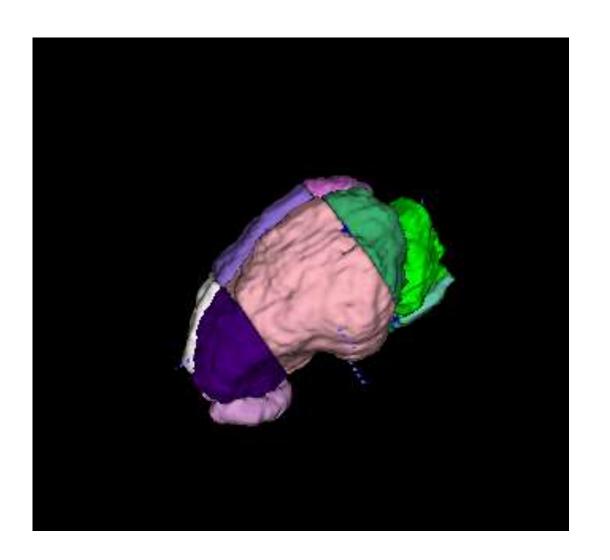
Weeks 5, 6: Registering Atlas to other brains, editing by hand

Week 7: Data Analysis



Lessons

- Science can be tedious
- Collaboration is key
- Mistakes are okay!
- So is asking lots of questions



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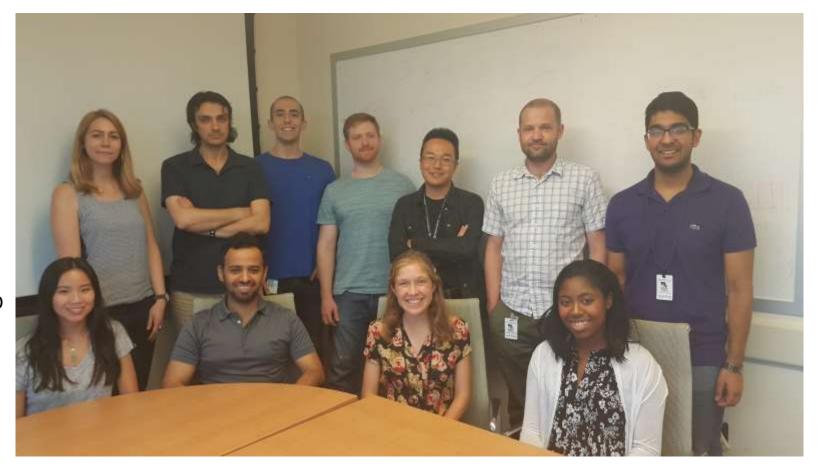
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