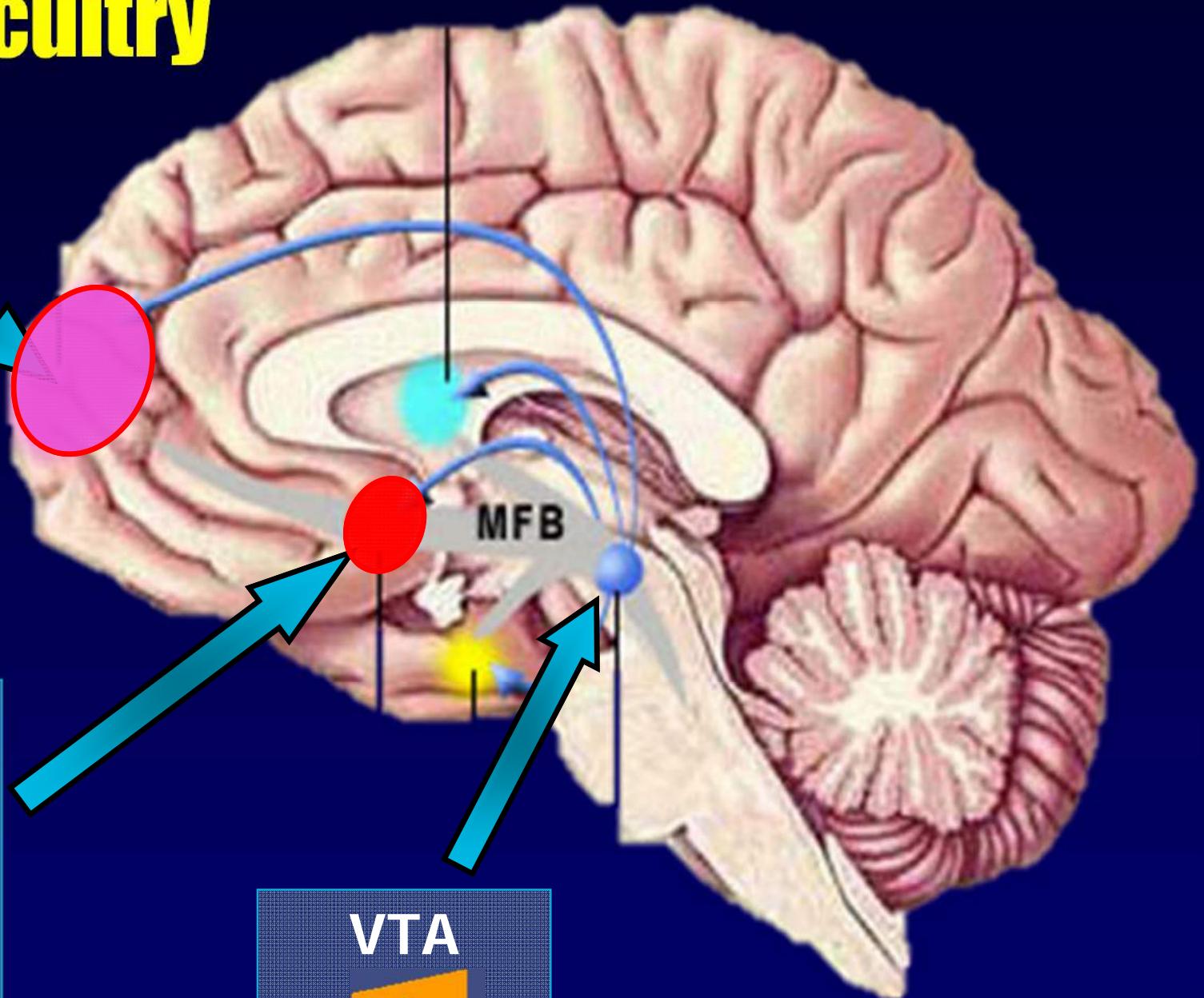
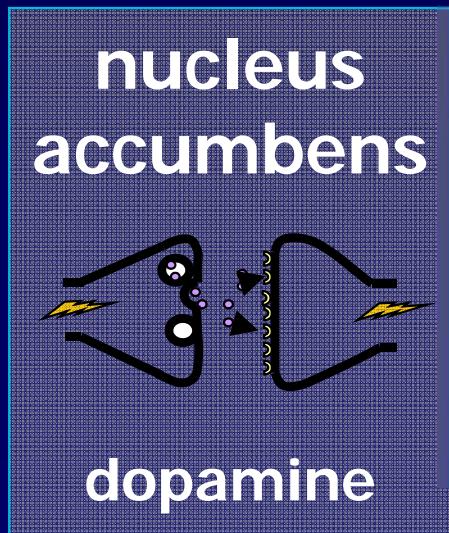
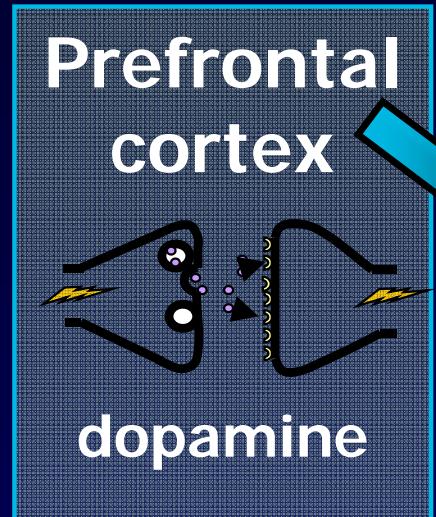


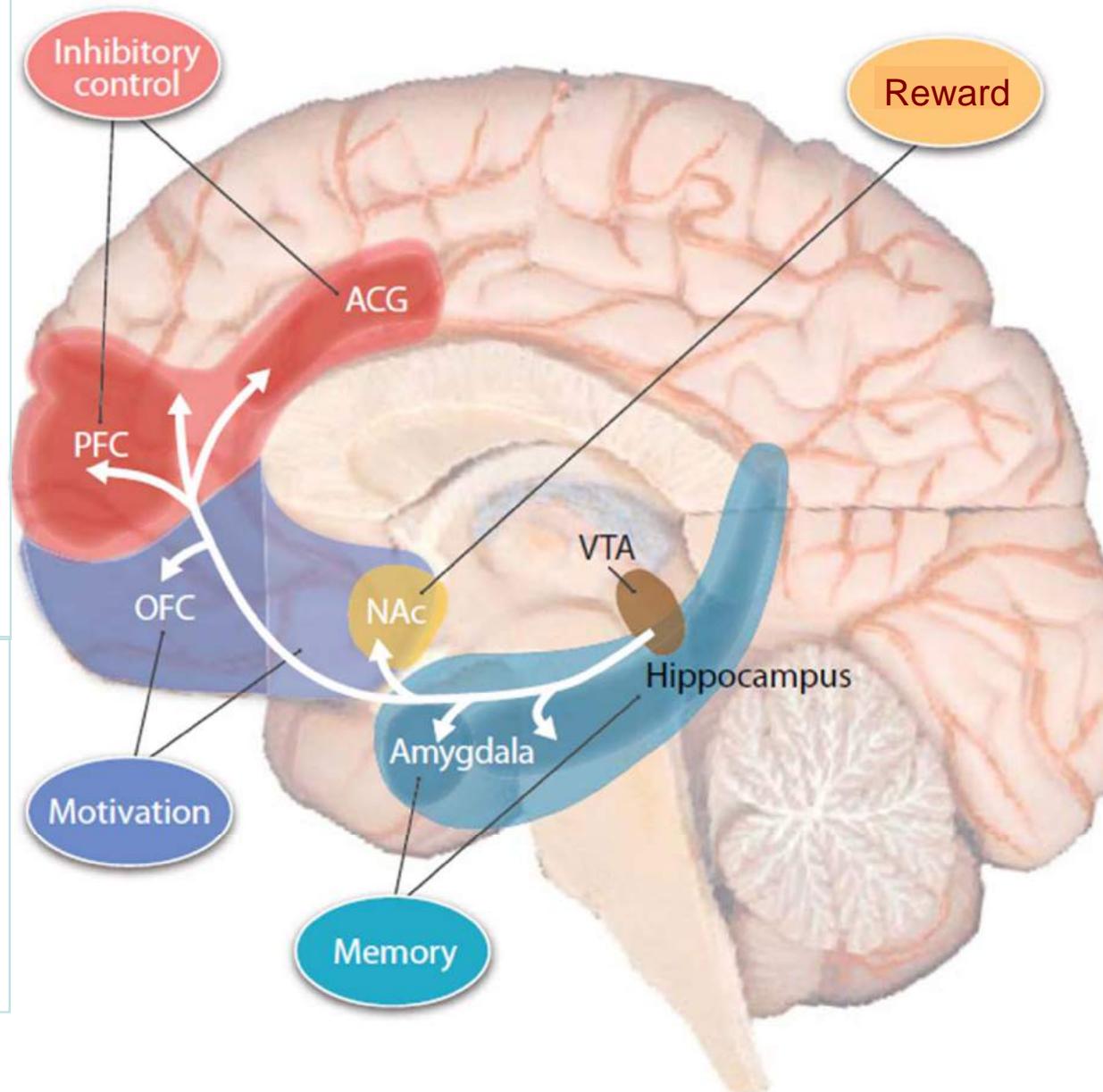
Reward circuitry



Il sistema motivazionale

Controllo inibitorio: controllo volontario dei comportamenti, processa la decisione di agire o non agire per procurare la sostanza

Motivazione: rilevanza dello stimolo (contesto e esperienze precedenti)

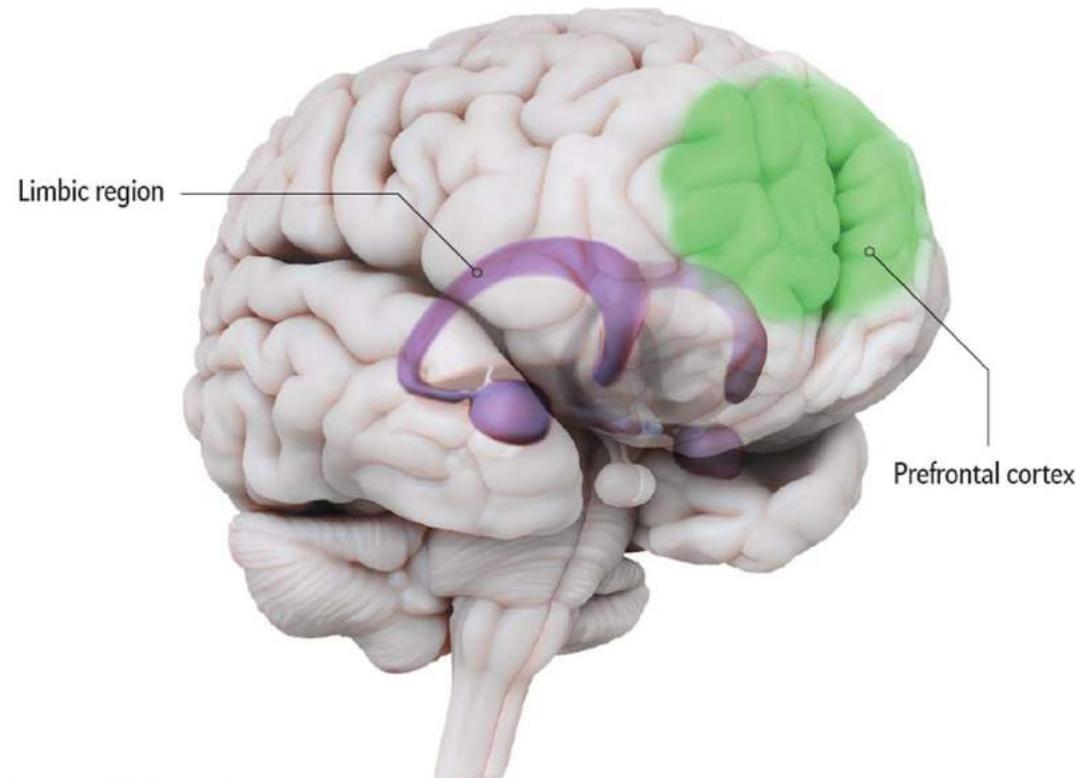


Reward: proprietà gratificanti

Memoria: il cervello impara ad associare uno stimolo ad un'esperienza piacevole o avversiva; in presenza dello stimolo lo «ricorda» e anticipa la gratificazione (cue)

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Degree of Maturation

Limbic region



Development mismatch

Prefrontal region



Age: 0

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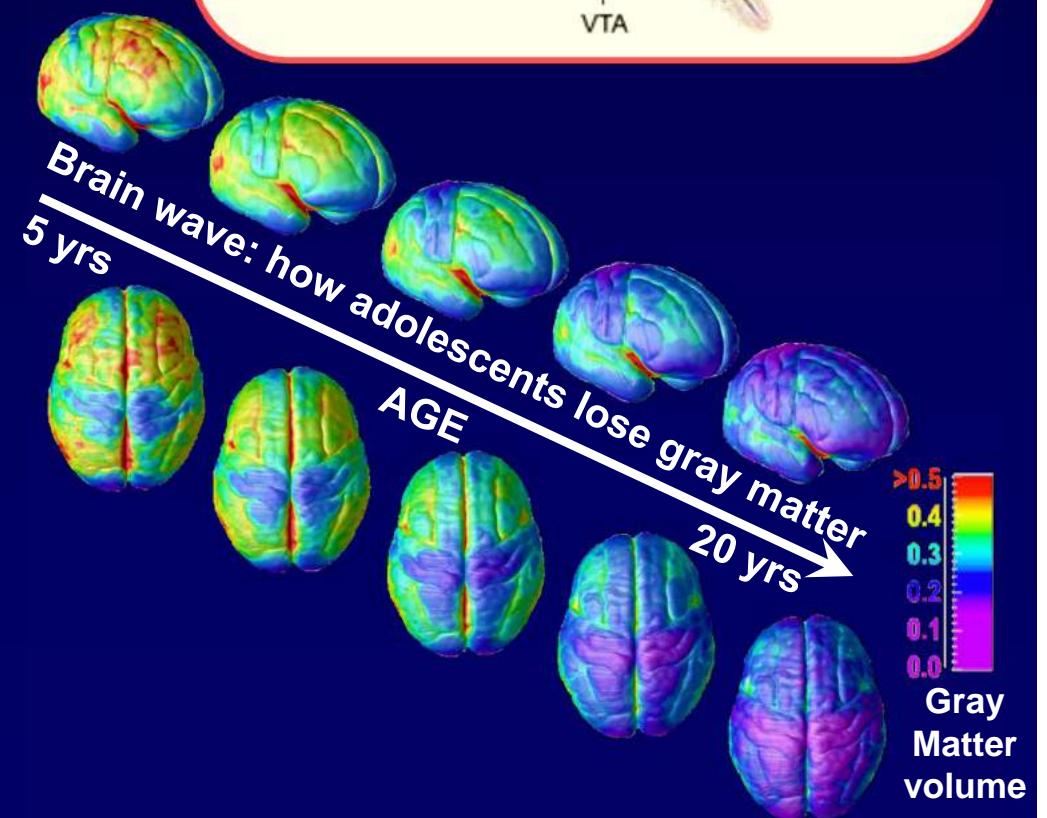
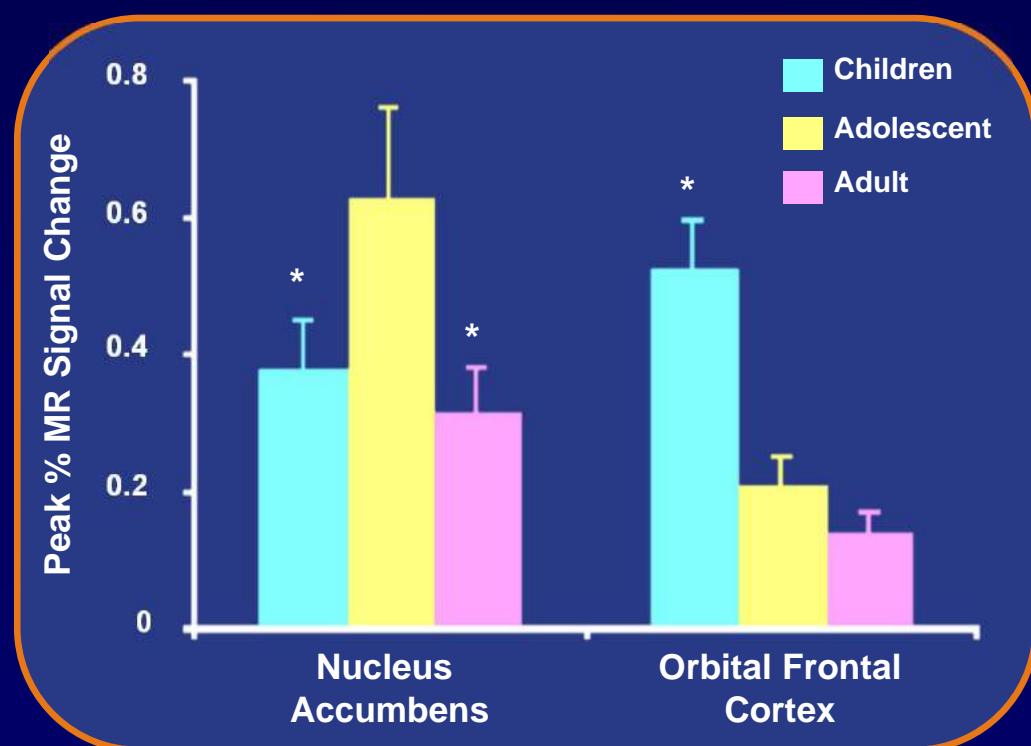
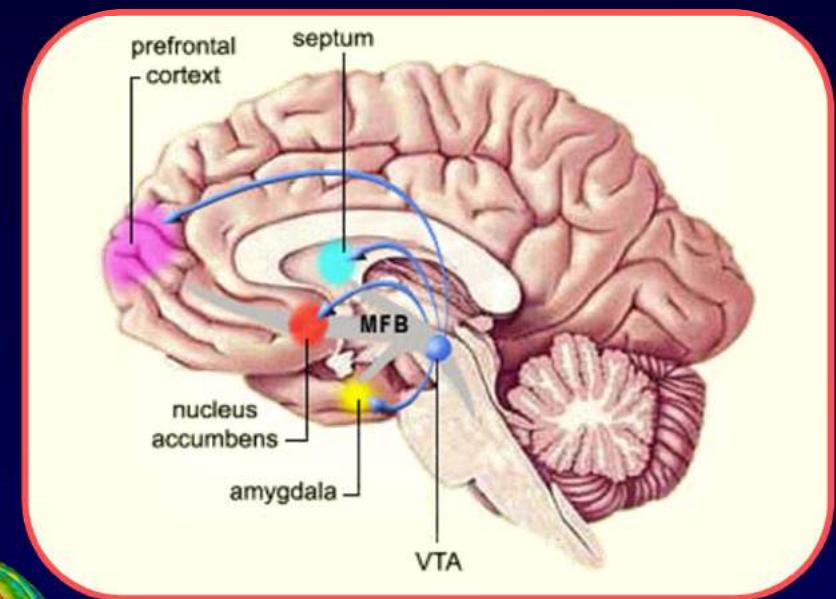
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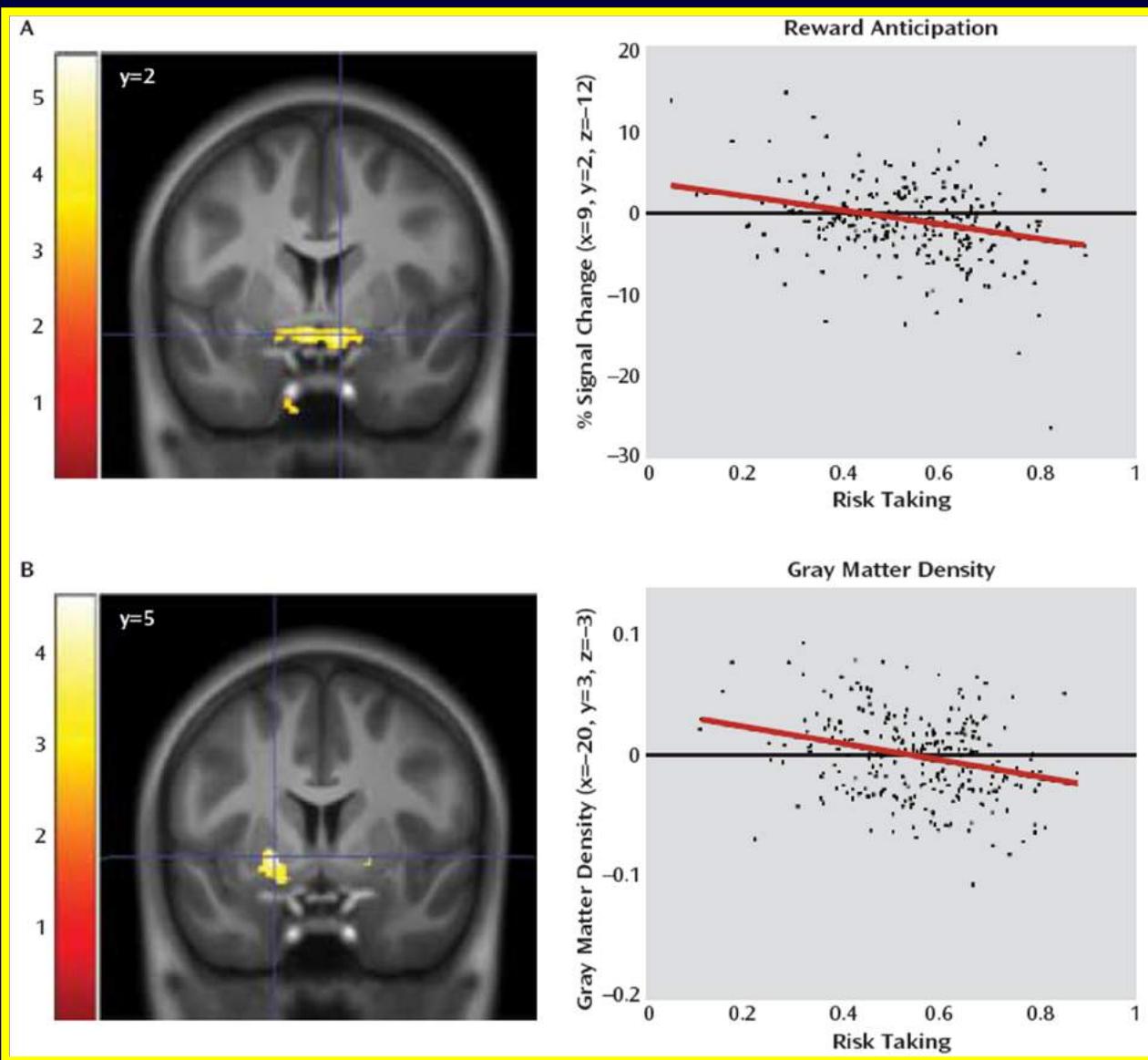
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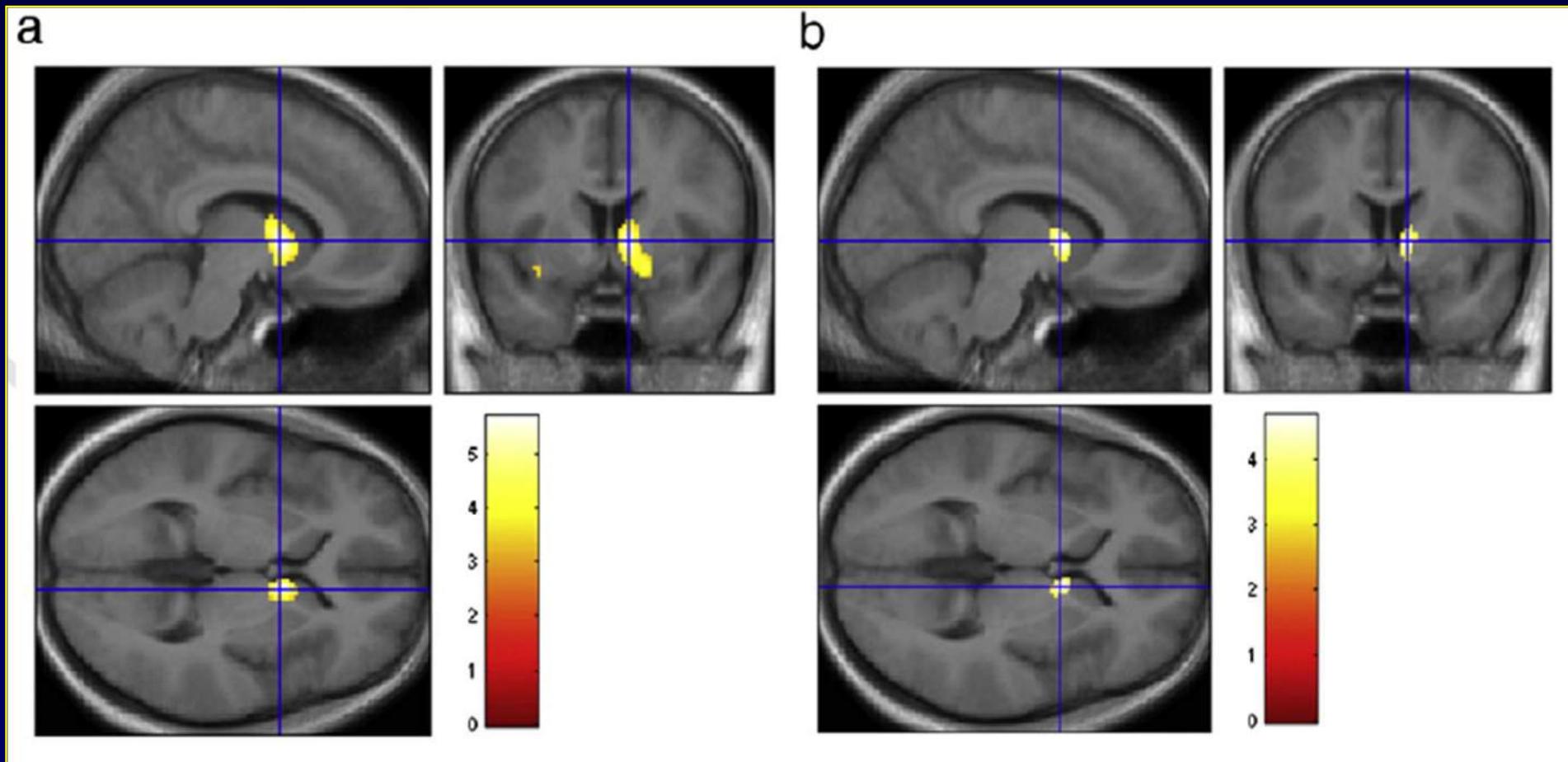
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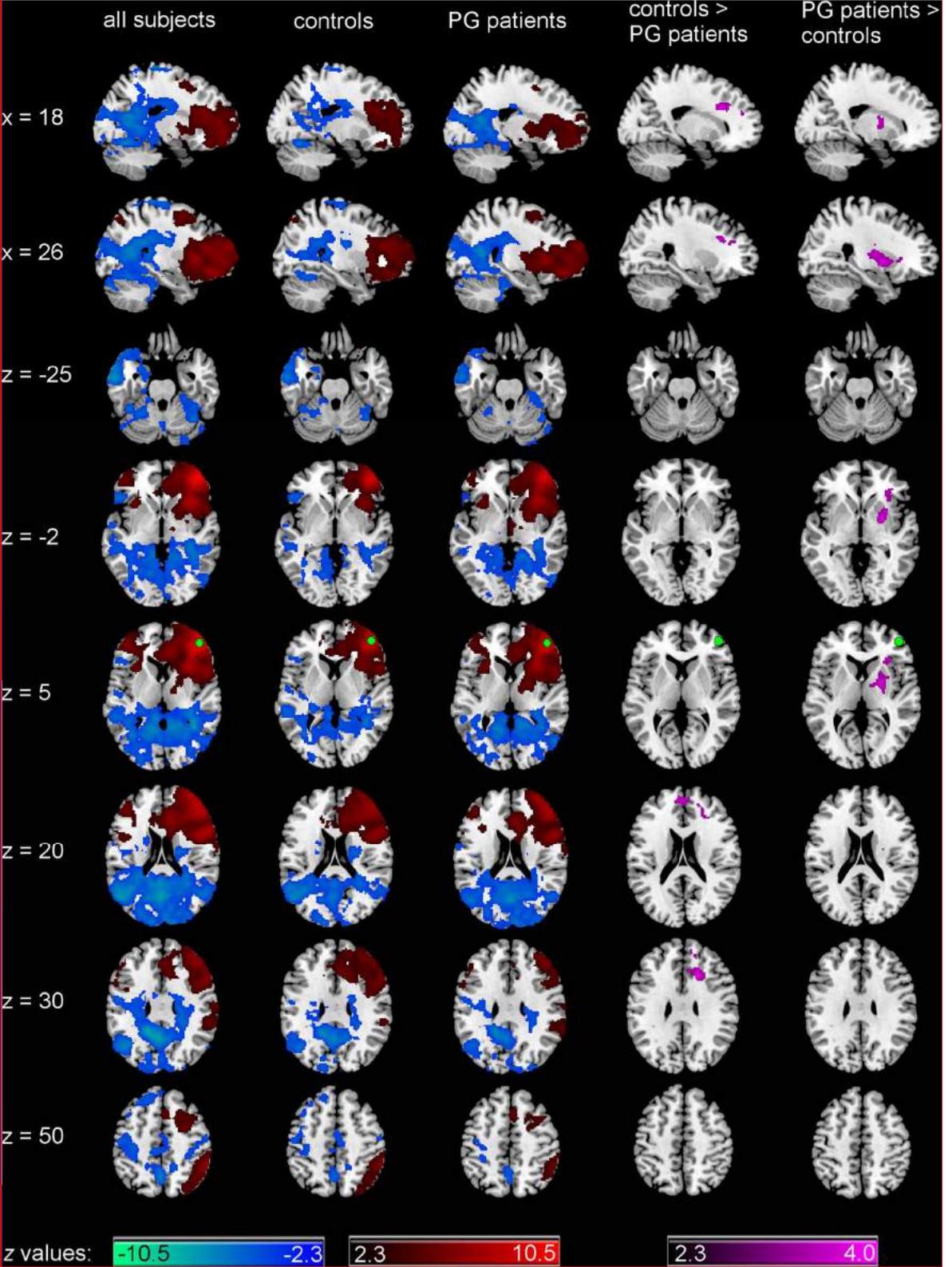
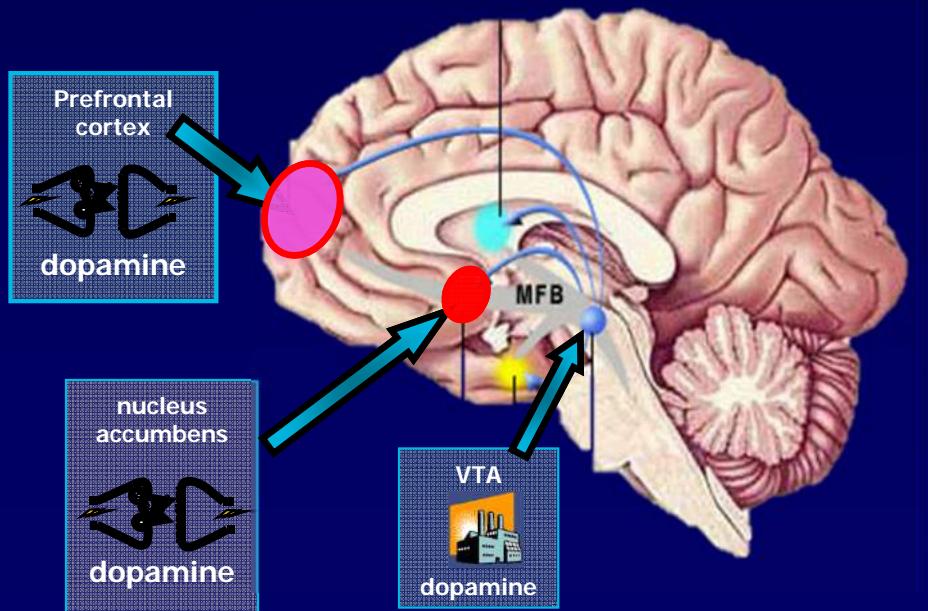
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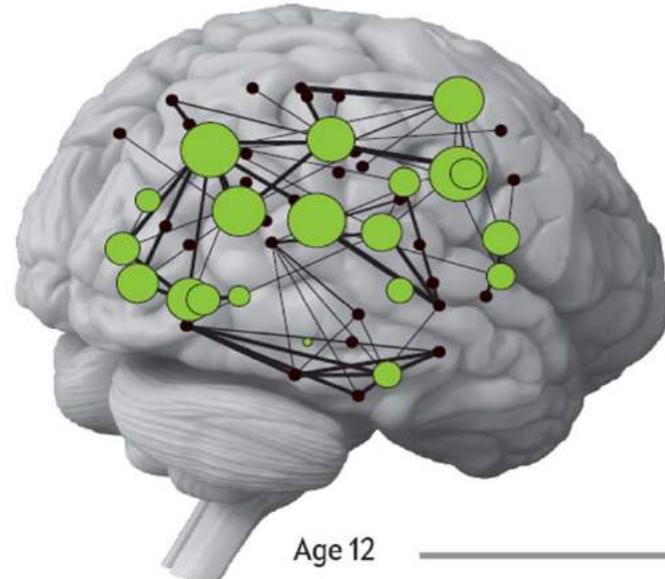
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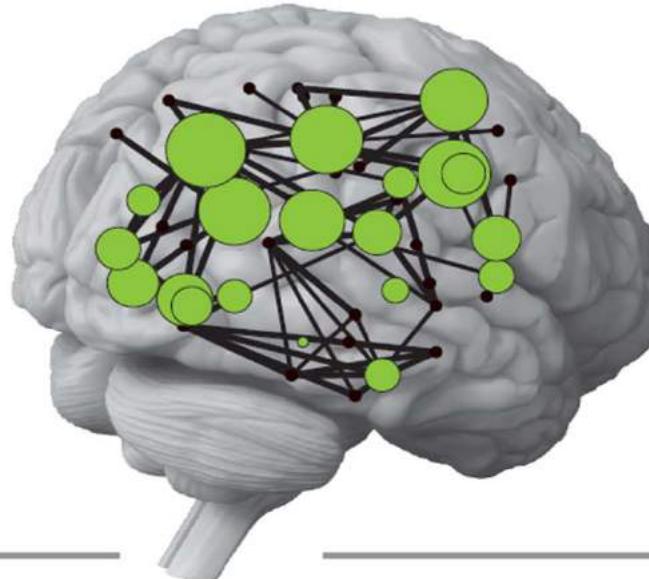
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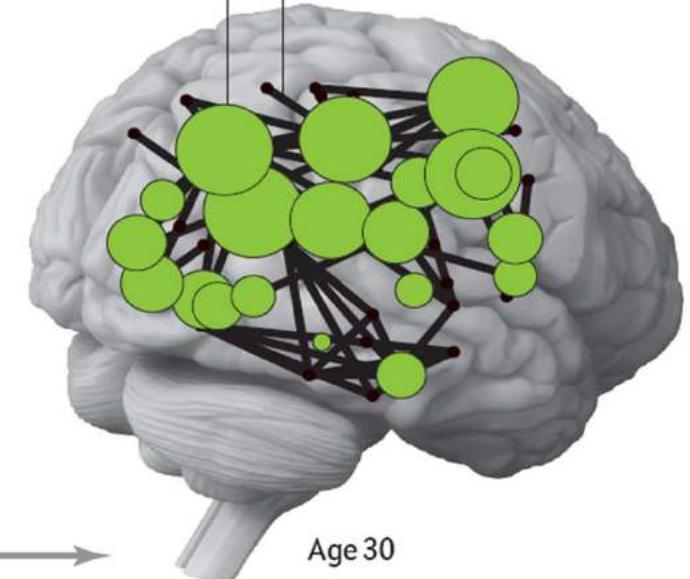
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Age 12



More connections Stronger connection



Age 30

Reward circuitry

