SYMPTOM NETWORK MODULATION BY DEEP BRAIN STIMULATION IN OBSESSIVE-COMPULSIVE DISORDER

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INTRODUCTION



Heterogeneity of symptom presentation in patients with obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) is a key source of outcome variability following deep brain stimulation (DBS) [1].



While targeting a dedicated fiber bundle in the internal capsule is successful in "average" patients [2,3,4], personalized treatment may require modulating a blend of multiple symptom tracts [5].

To segregate the global OCD response tract into a set of subcircuits related to improvements of obsessions, compulsions, depression, anxiety, cognitive control, cognitive flexibility, & global functioning

METHODS



PATIENT COHORT:

N = 70 OCD patients with bilateral DBS to five different stereotactic targets - anterior limb of the internal capsule (ALIC), bed nucleus of the stria terminalis (BNST), inferior thalamic peduncle (ITP), subthalamic nucleus (STN), & ALIC / STN combined

SYMPTOM IMPROVEMENTS:



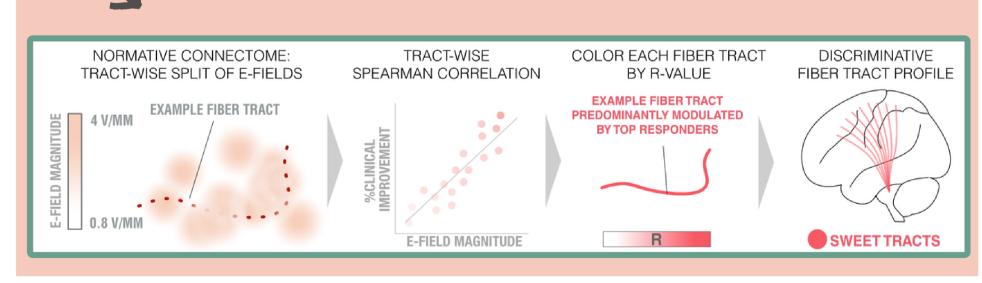
Obsessions vs. compulsions (Yale-Brown Obsessive Compulsive Scale), depression (Beck Depression Inventory / Montgomery Asperg Depression Rating Scale / Hamilton Depression Inventory), anxiety (Hamilton and Beck Anxiety Inventories / state section of the State-Trait Anxiety Inventory), cognitive control (Stroop), cognitive flexibility (Intra-Extra Dimensional Set Shift Task / Trail Making Test, Part B, and general level of functionality (Global Assessment of Functioning)



LEAD-DBS BASED PREPROCESSING PIPELINE [6]: Electrode reconstructions & estimation of local DBS impact (electric field modeling)

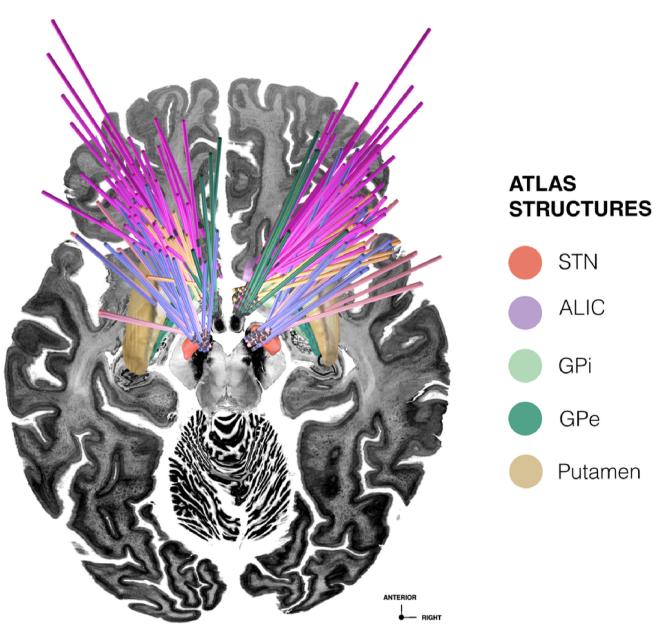


DBS FIBER FILTERING [7]: Identification of streamlines from a normative group connectome discriminative for beneficial stimulation effects per symptom domain and confirmation of these tract models using in-sample correlations as well as five-fold cross-validations (CV)



ELECTRODE PLACEMENT IN MULTICENTRIC OCD-DBS PATIENT COHORT

OCD COHORTS BY **DBS TARGET ZONE**



Putamen

RESULTS 3

SEGREGATION BY

OCD SUB-SYMPTOMS

JUST LIKE A

PRISM BREAKS

UP THE LIGHT,

THERAPEUTIC SYMPTOM NETWORK SPECTRUM IN DBS FOR OCD

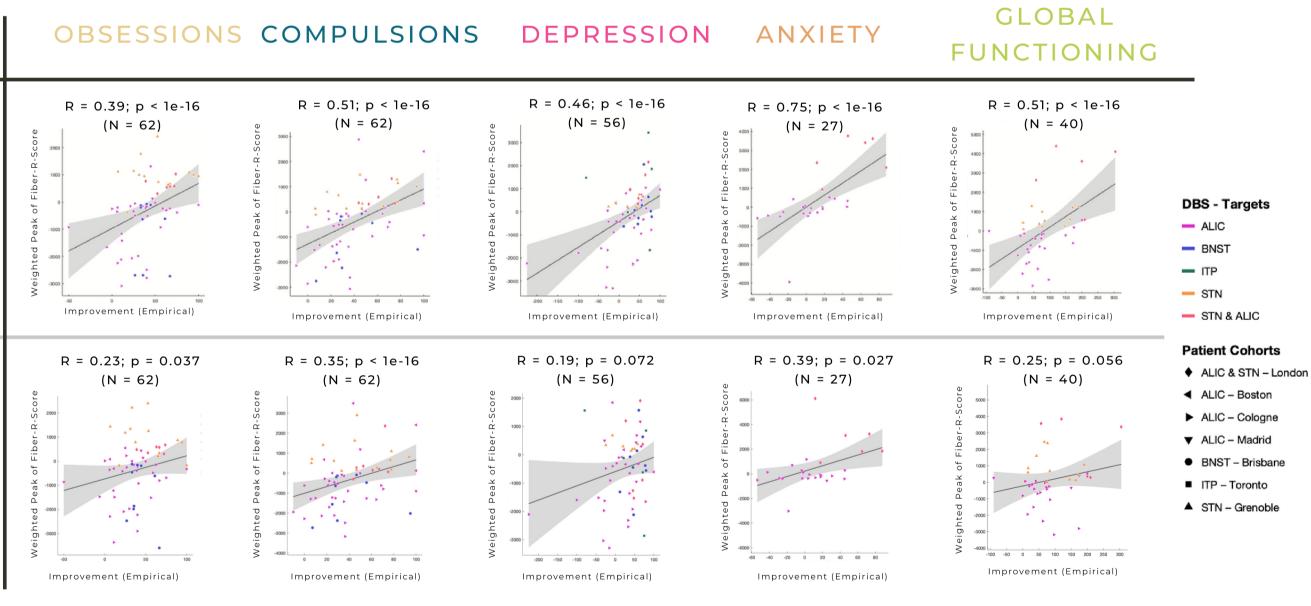
Across variable DBS electrode placement as a function of centers and surgeons (see panel A), therapeutic stimulation effects on **global obsessive-compulsive** symptomatology converged on a **shared prefronto-cortical** streamline bundle passing through the ALIC (see panel B.a).

This model showed positive insample associations (R = 0.46, p < 1e-16) and was robust to five-fold CV (R = 0.28, p = 0.024).

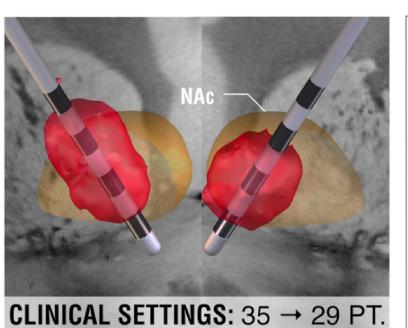
This global OCD response tract could be segregated into symptomwise bundles (see panel B.b).

GLOBAL GLOBAL OBSESSIVE-COMPULSIVE SYMPTOMATOLOGY **OCD RESPONSE** TRACT

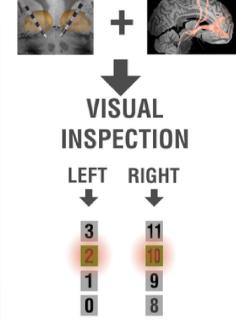
VALIDATION OF SYMPTOM-NETWORK MAPPINGS

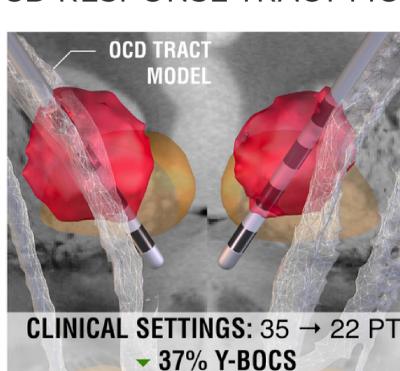


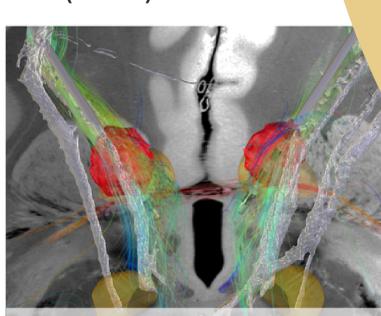
PROSPECTIVE VALIDATION OF GLOBAL OCD RESPONSE TRACT MODEL (N = 1)



→ 17% Y-BOCS







PATIENT-SPECIFIC STREAMLINES

DBS CAN BE **USED AS A TOOL** TO SEGREGATE **BRAIN CONNEC-**TOMES INTO SYMPTOM TRACTS.

DISCUSSION

- The identified networks may improve our understanding of the underlying pathophysiology and mechanism of action of DBS attributed to various OCD symptoms.
- Further, they may prove valuable in the context of transdiagnostic symptoms or in personalized tailoring of treatment to symptom constellations of individual patients [1,5].

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