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Reducing T2-related bias in mq-BOLD derived maps of Oxygen Extraction Fraction by 3D acquisition

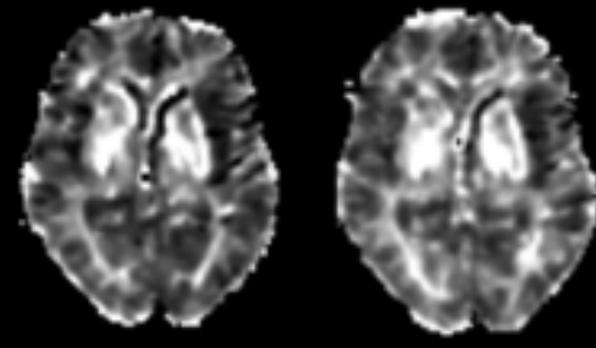
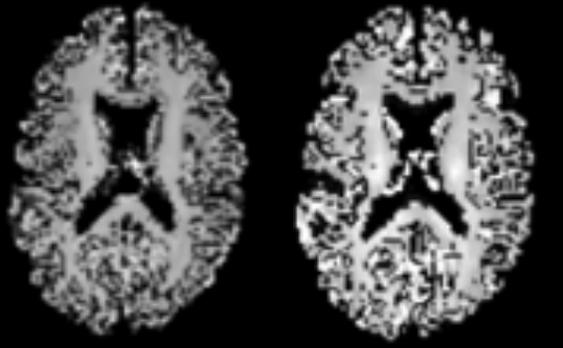
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Motivation

Background

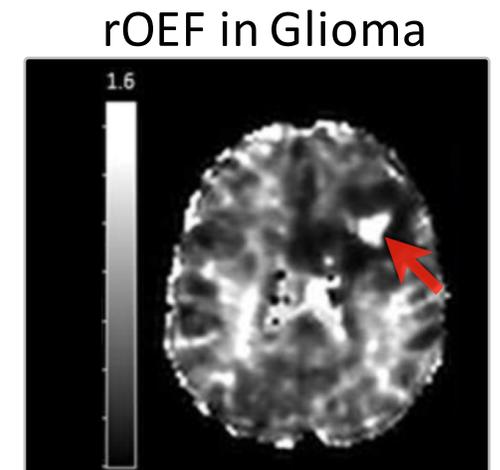
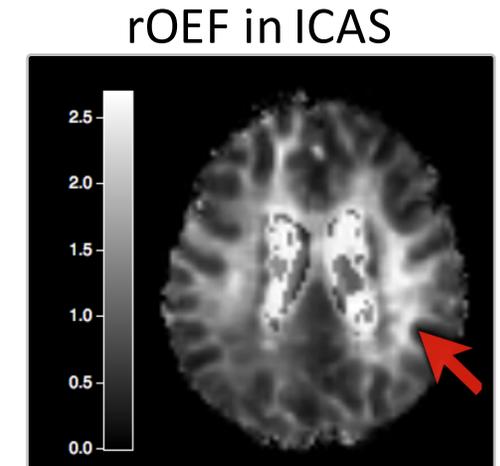
- Oxygen extraction fraction (OEF) is a fundamental marker of brain function
- Relative OEF (rOEF) can be measured by multiparametric quantitative BOLD (mq-BOLD) with 3 separate measurements of T_2 , T_2^* & rCBV
- mq-BOLD was successfully applied in stroke, tumor and cerebrovascular disease

Issue

However, rOEF values systematically elevated

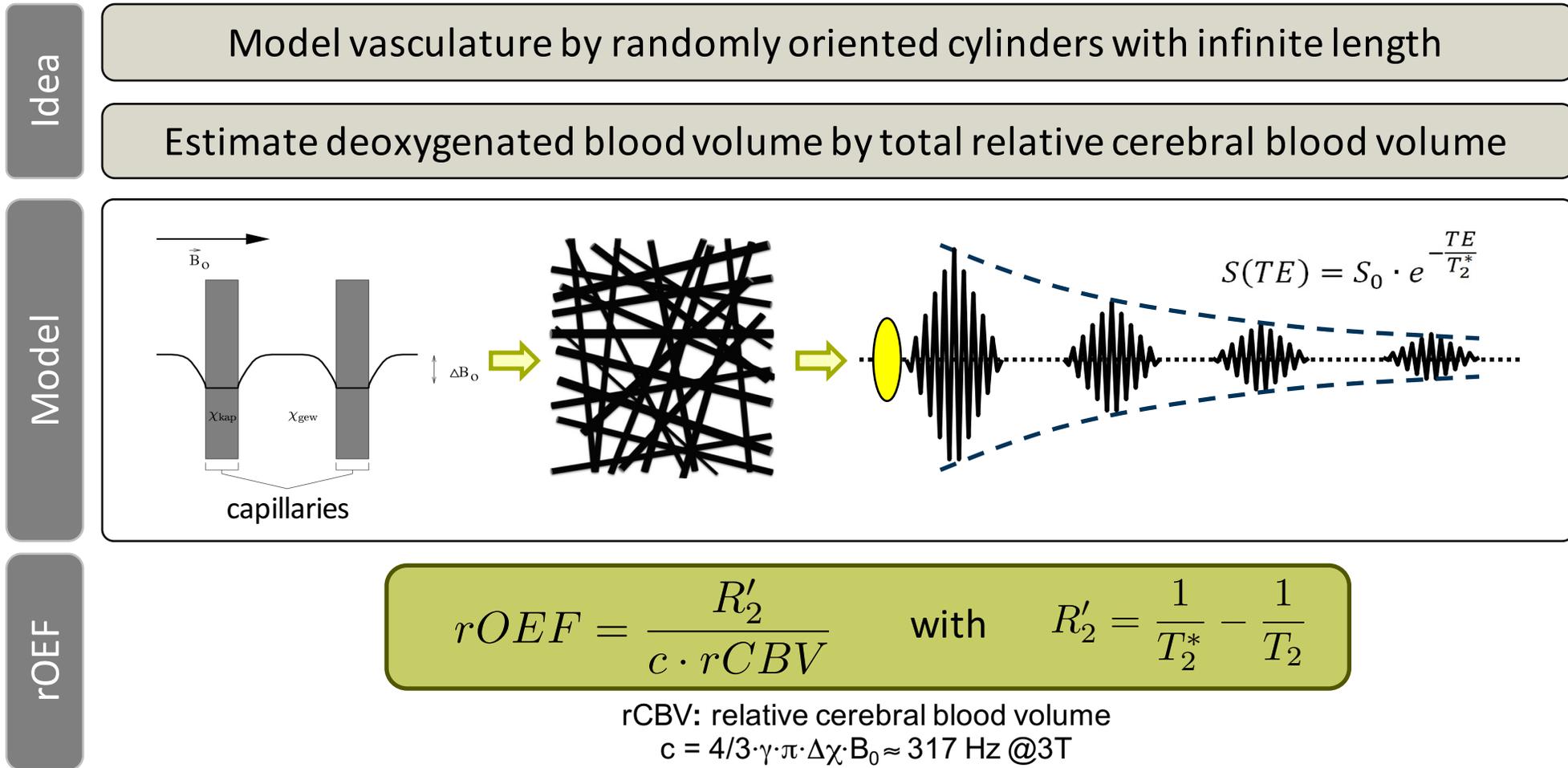
Hypothesis

- rOEF elevations caused by T_2 elevations
- rOEF elevations can be reduced by 3D GraSE T_2 acquisition



Material & Methods

Multi-parametric quantitative BOLD (mq-BOLD)



According to: Yablonskiy & Haacke, MRM 32(6) (1994); 749-763. Tóth et al. In J Neurooncol. 115 (2013): 197-207 ; Hirsch et al. in NMR Biomed, 27 (2014): 853-862 ; Christen et al. in MRM 68(3) (2012): 905-911.

Material & Methods

Participants



- 3T Philips Ingenia
- Software release 5.1.8
- 32 channel head coil
- Custom patches

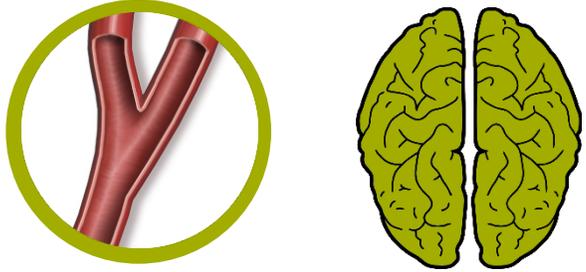
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Phantom



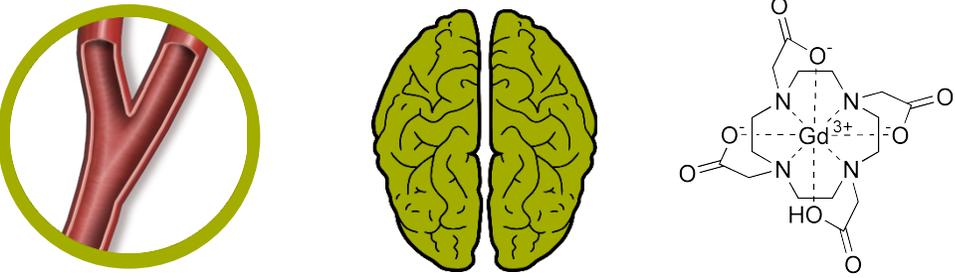
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Young healthy controls (YHC)



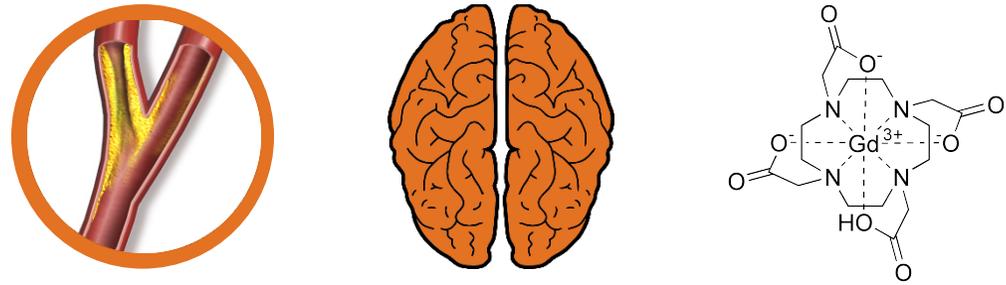
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Elderly healthy controls (EHC)



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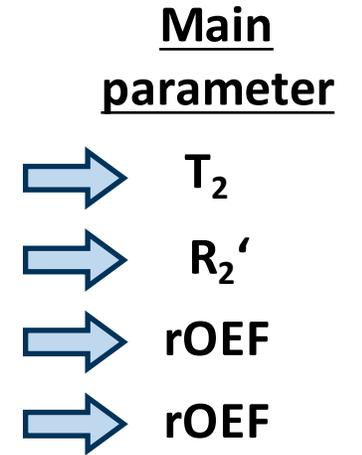
Internal carotid artery stenosis (ICAS)



Material & Methods

MR Sequences

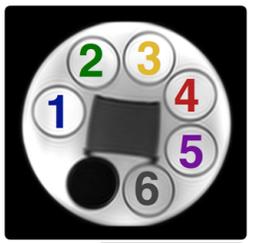
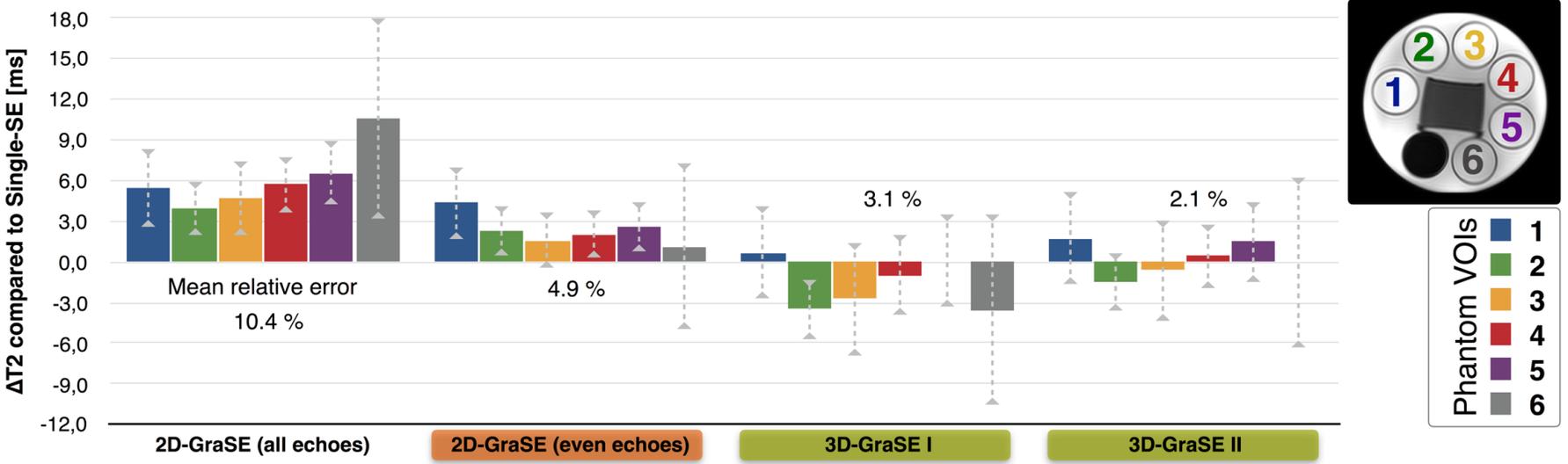
Subjects		T ₂ mapping				T ₂ *	DSC
		Single-SE	2D-GraSE	3D-GraSE I	3D GraSE II	multi GRE	GE-EPI
Stage 1	Phantom 6 different VOI's	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Stage 2	10 YHC age: 28.4 ± 4.1 y	(Literature)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Stage 3	8 EHC age: 69.5 ± 4.8 y		✓		✓	✓	✓
Stage 4	3 ICAS age: 63.0 ± 9.6 y		✓		✓	✓	✓
		TE = 60, 70, 80, 100, 120, 140, 160 ms	TE ₁ = ΔTE = 16 ms	TE ₁ = ΔTE = 16 ms	TE ₁ = ΔTE = 10 ms	TE ₁ = ΔTE = 5 ms	TE = 30 ms
		7 echoes	8/4 echoes	8 echoes	16 echoes	12 echoes	1 echo
		TR=3000 ms	TR=8596 ms	TR=251 ms	TR=487 ms	TR=1950 ms	TR=1513 ms
		3.5x4x4 mm ³	2x2x3 mm ³	2x2x3 mm ³	2x2x3 mm ³	2x2x3 mm ³	2x2x3.5 mm ³
		5 slices	30 slices	30 slices	30 slices	30 slices	26 slices
		each 2:36 min	2:23 min	2:09 min	4:09 min	6:08 min	2:01 min



Results

Stage 1: Phantom T₂

Sequence	T ₂ in phantom volumes of interest [ms]						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
Single-SE	32,4 ± 1,7	48,6 ± 0,7	61,1 ± 0,9	62,6 ± 1,0	61,9 ± 0,9	105,1 ± 2,7	
2D-GraSE	all echoes	37,9 ± 1,2	52,5 ± 1,2	65,8 ± 1,8	68,3 ± 1,0	68,5 ± 1,4	115,7 ± 4,7
	even echoes	36,7 ± 0,9	50,9 ± 1,0	62,8 ± 1,0	64,7 ± 0,8	64,5 ± 1,0	106,2 ± 3,4
3D-GraSE I	33,1 ± 1,7	45,1 ± 1,5	58,4 ± 3,3	61,6 ± 1,9	62,0 ± 2,6	101,6 ± 4,3	
3D-GraSE II	34,1 ± 1,6	47,1 ± 1,4	60,5 ± 2,7	63,1 ± 1,4	63,4 ± 2,1	105,1 ± 3,6	



- 1
 - 2
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 - 4
 - 5
 - 6
- Phantom VOIs

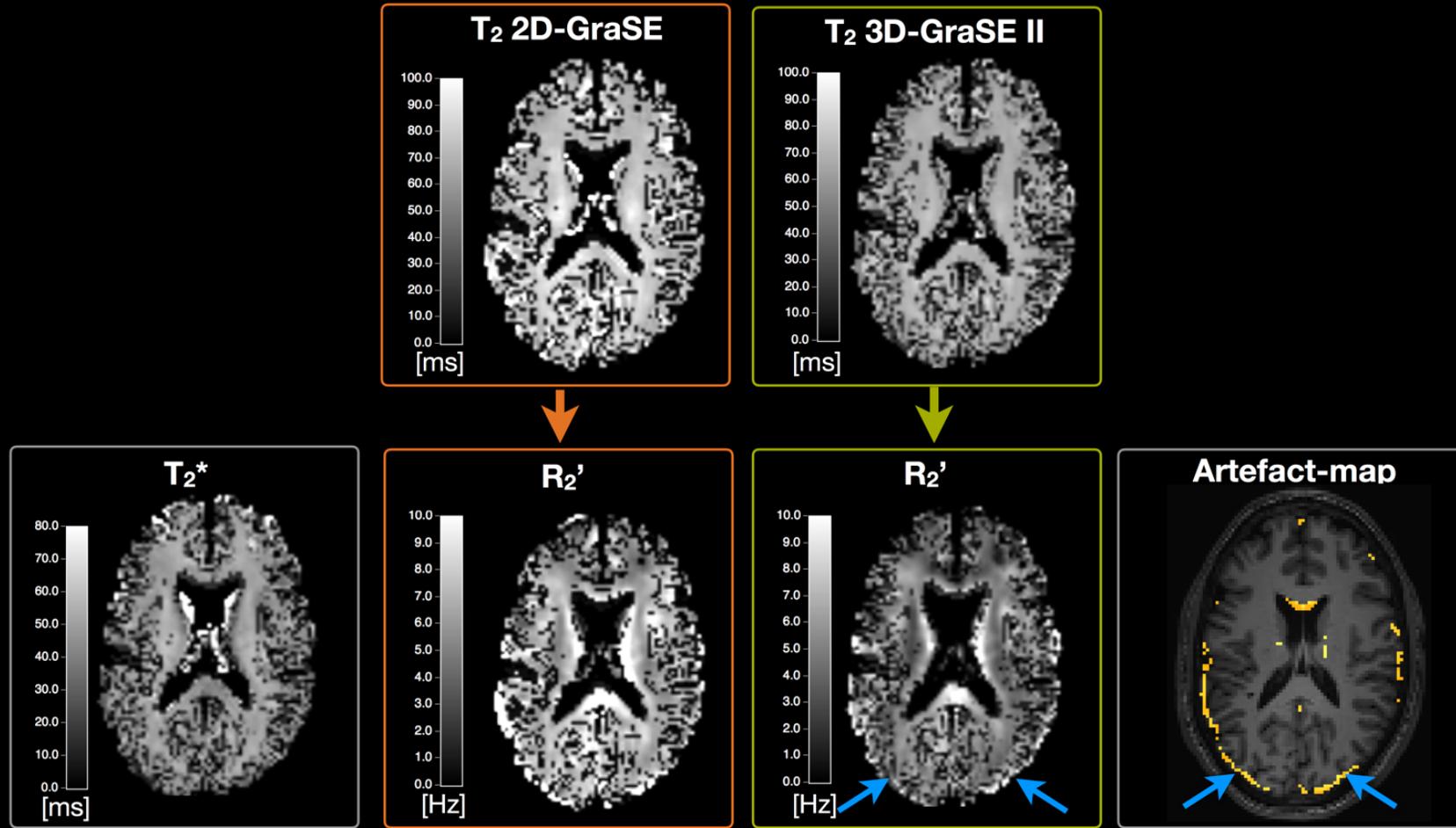
As expected, less stimulated echoes bias by even echo fitting of 2D-GraSE

3D-GraSE I better than 2D-GraSE

3D-GraSE II closest to reference

Results

Stage 2: YHC exemplary data

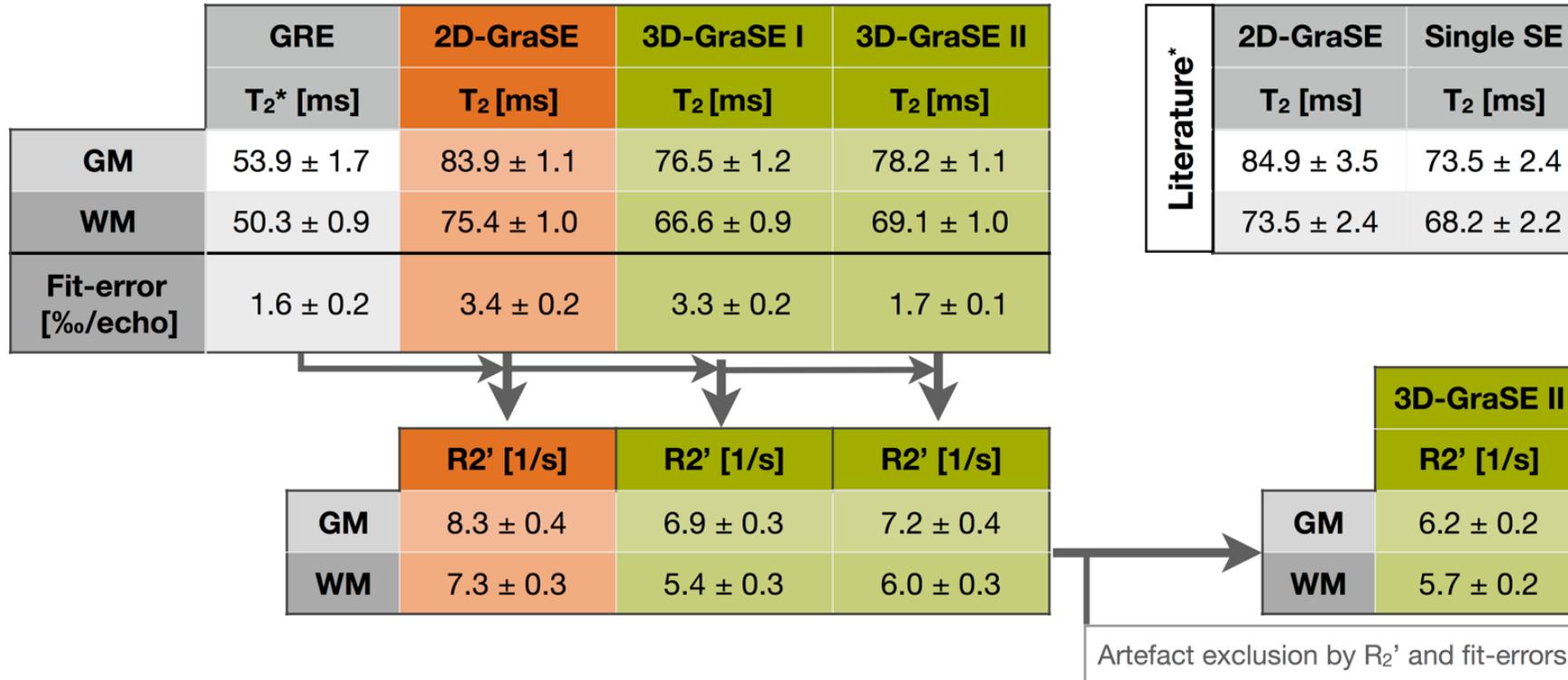


Globally decreased T_2 & R_2' by 3D-GraSE II

GM & WM mean of all YHC

Results

Stage 2: YHC R_2'



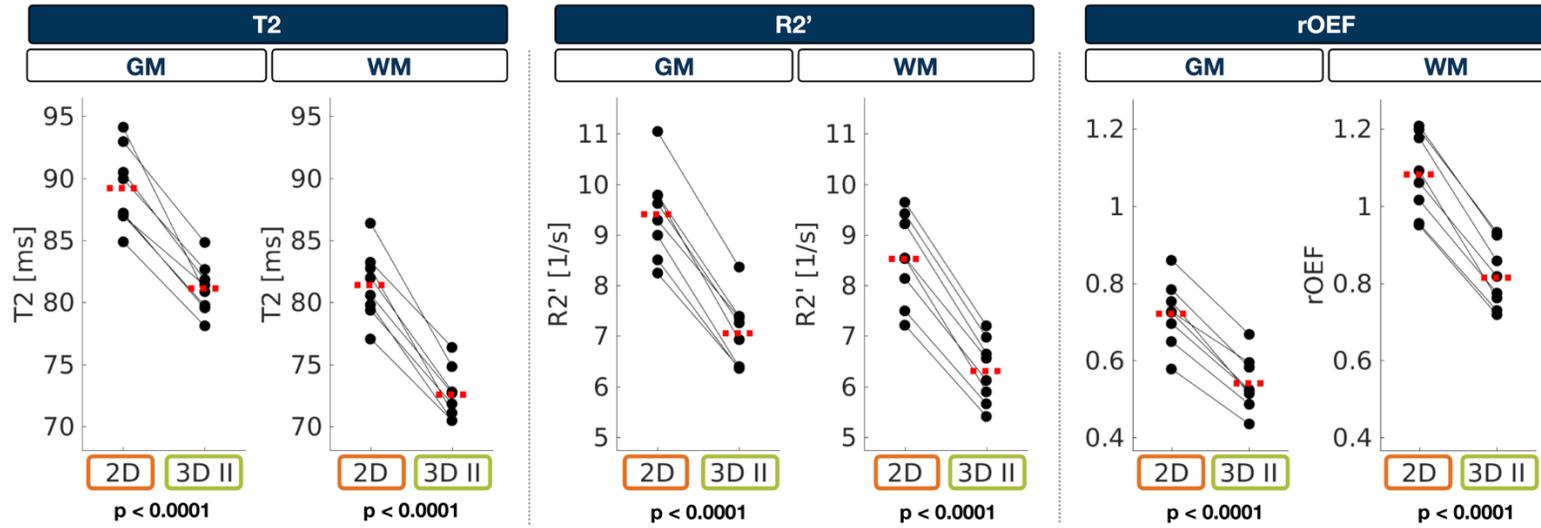
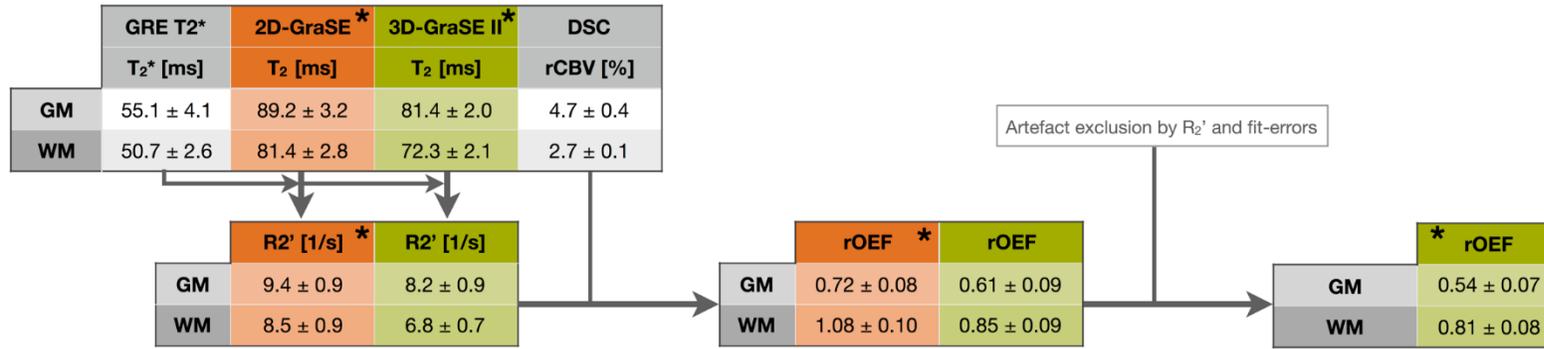
- 3D-GraSE I & II closer to reference
- 3D-GraSE II with less fit-errors
- Artefact exclusion further decreases R_2'

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Results

GM & WM mean of all EHC

Stage 3: EHC rOEF

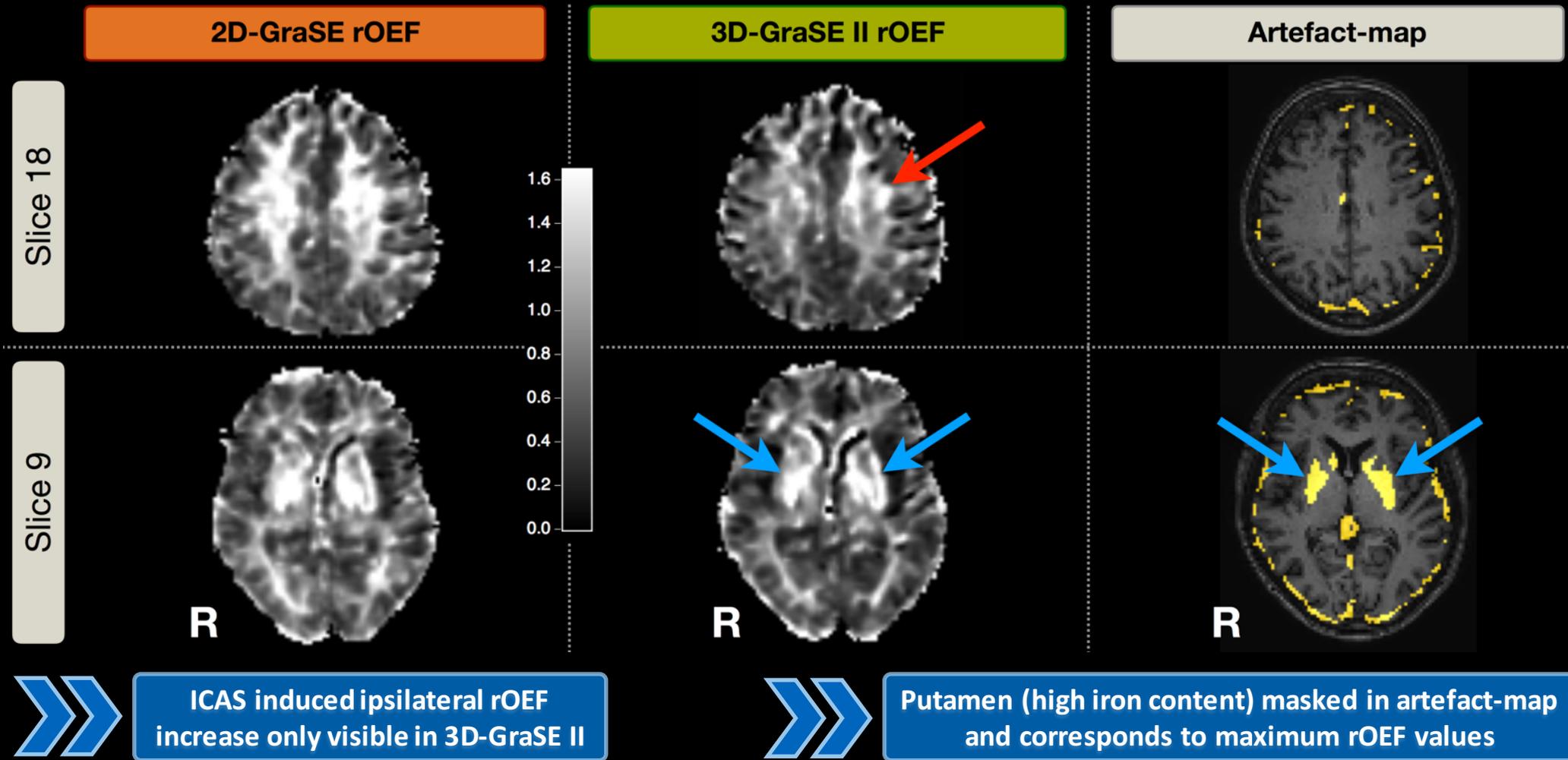


3D-GraSE II with significant decrease of T₂, R₂' & rOEF

Results

High-grade left sided unilateral ICAS
69y, female

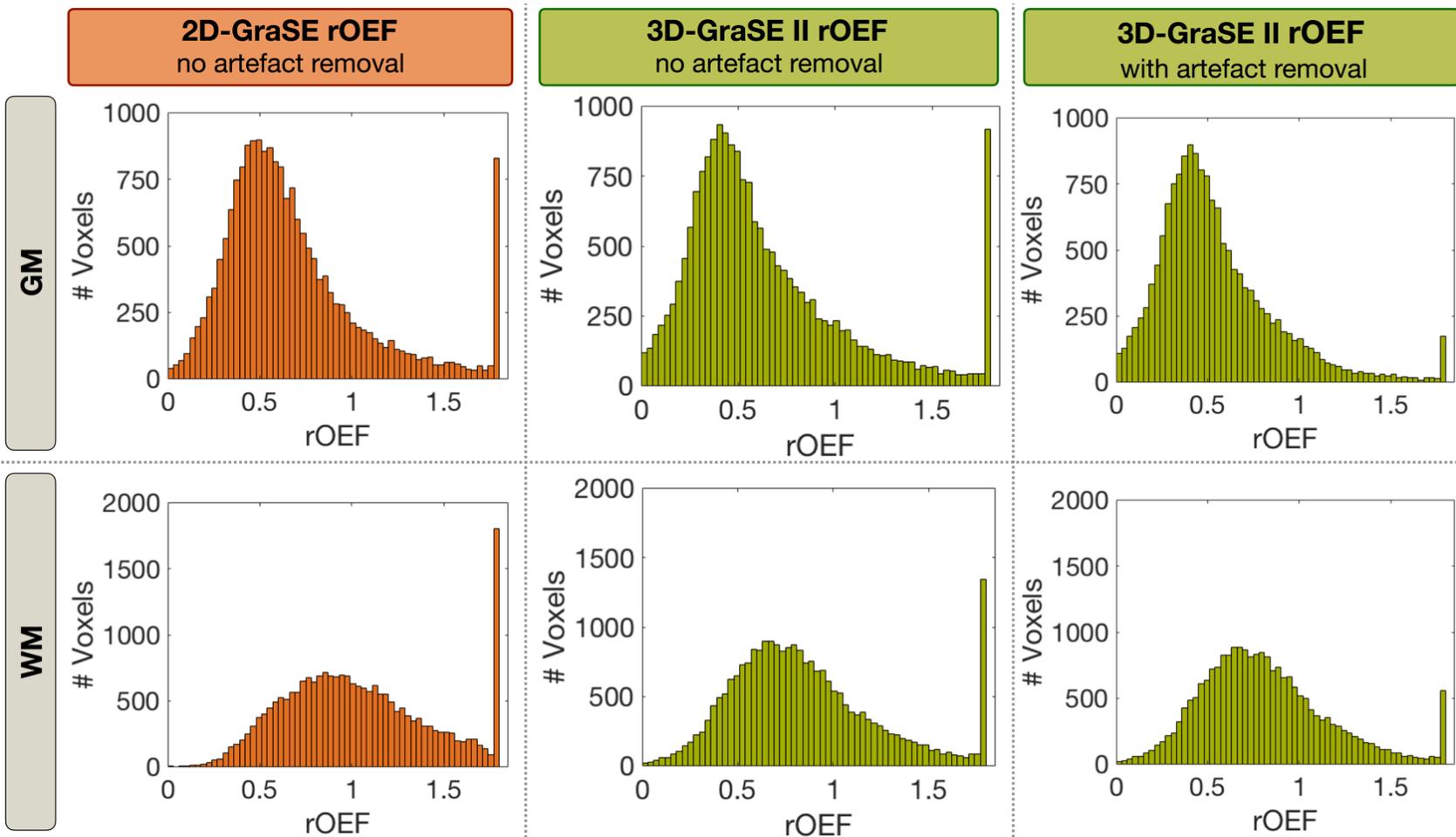
Stage 4: ICAS exemplary data



Results

High-grade left sided unilateral ICAS
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Stage 4: ICAS rOEF



- Strong clipping for 2D-GraSE
- Lower rOEF peak position by 3D-GraSE II
- Artefact removal reduces clipping

Summary

Systematically elevated rOEF values biased by elevated T_2

3D-GraSE I significantly reduces T_2 and shortens scan time

3D-GraSE II with increased echo sampling (10ms)
and prolonged echo train (160 ms) shows even better results

rOEF significantly decreased (to 0.81 in WM & 0.54 in GM)
& focal hyperintensities become visible

Remaining bias requires further analysis,
e.g. by CSF induced partial volume effects



3D-GraSE T_2 -mapping further improves mq-BOLD
by lowering rOEF-values closer to physiological values

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