



# Cerebral Vascular Physiology Including Perfusion and Collaterals

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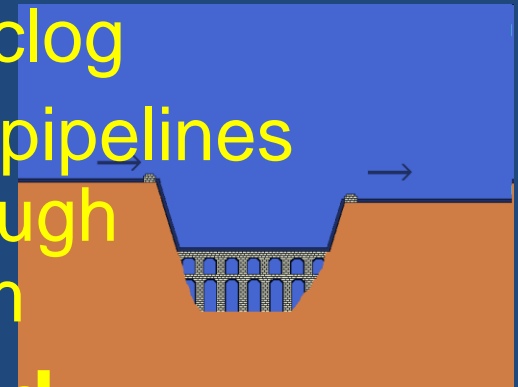
# Hydrodynamics of Roman Aqueducts

## ◆ Sophisticated construction

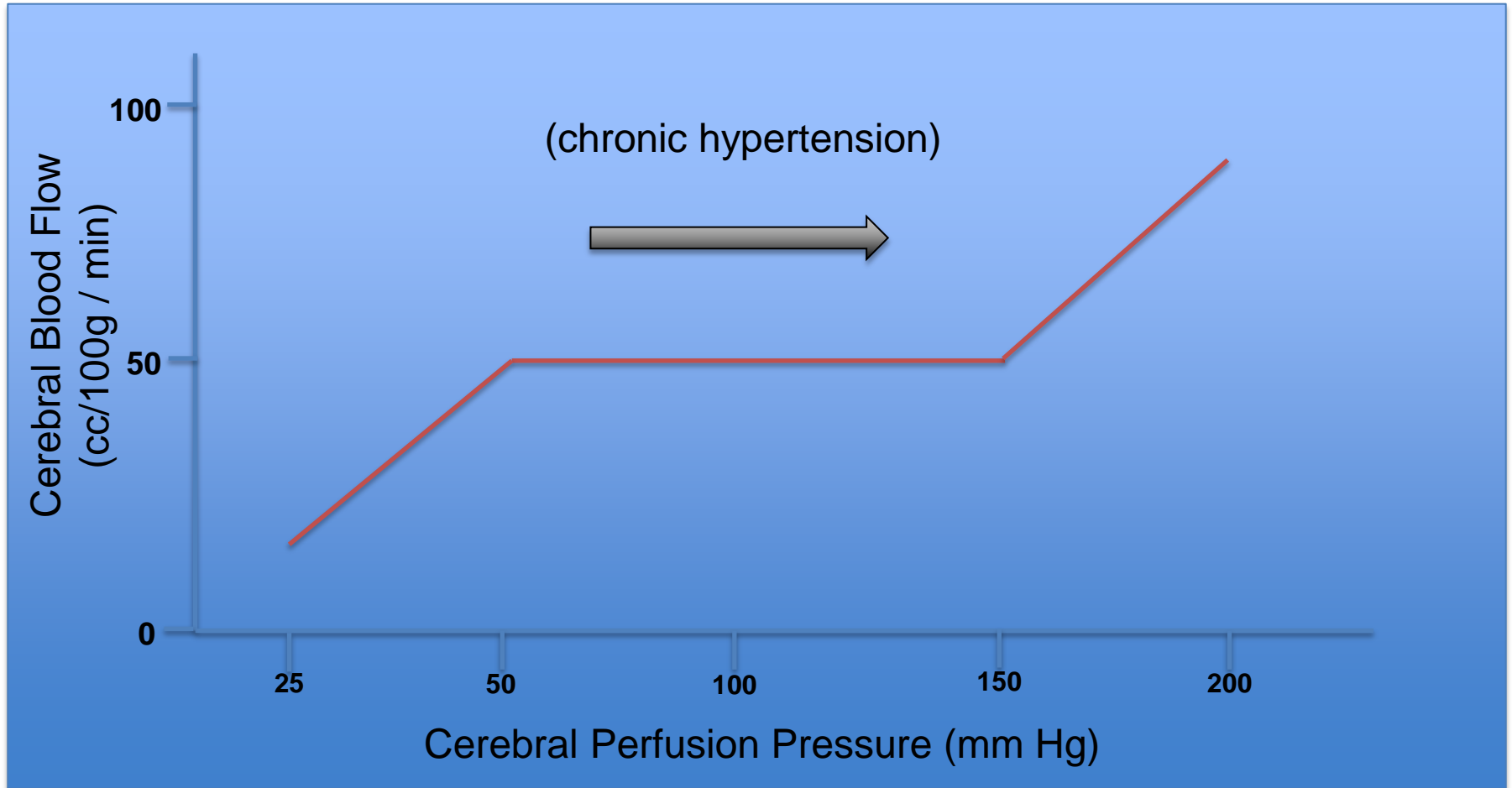
- gradient of 34cm per Km (descent of 17m over 50Km) – too steep → overflow; too flat → clog
- Gravity-pressurized pipelines (siphons) to get through depressions of >50m

## ◆ Supply and demand

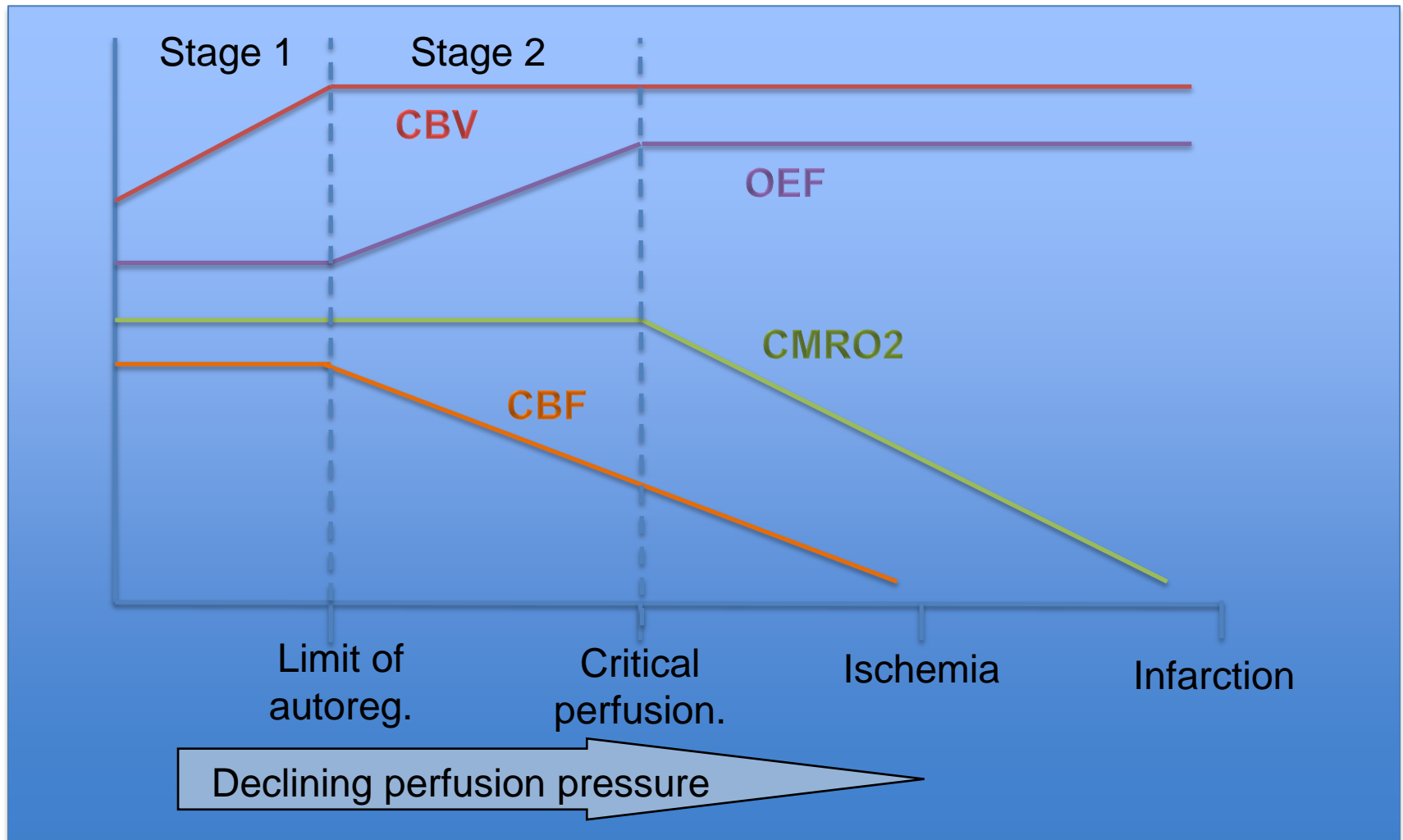
- Eleven combined aqueducts brought >50 million gallons to Rome



# Cerebral Hemodynamics: Autoregulation



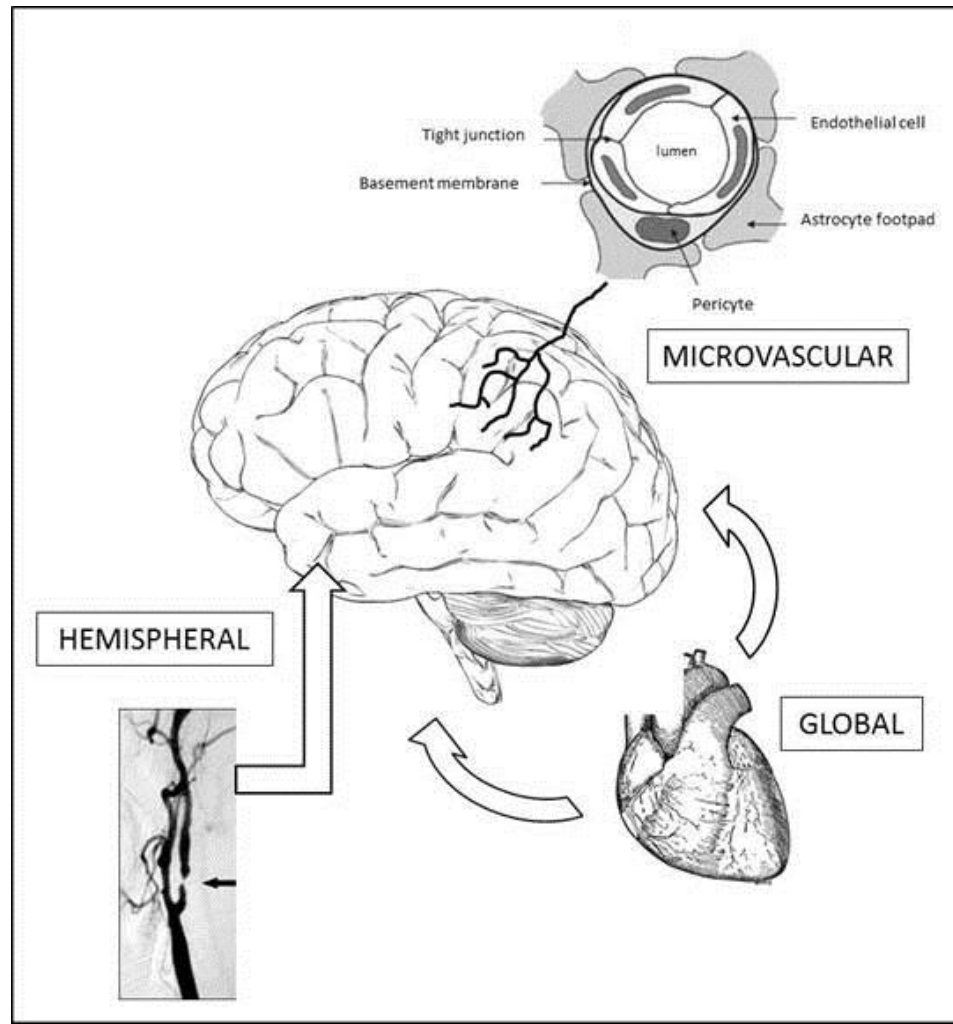
# Cerebral Response to Hypoperfusion



# Reasons for autoregulation

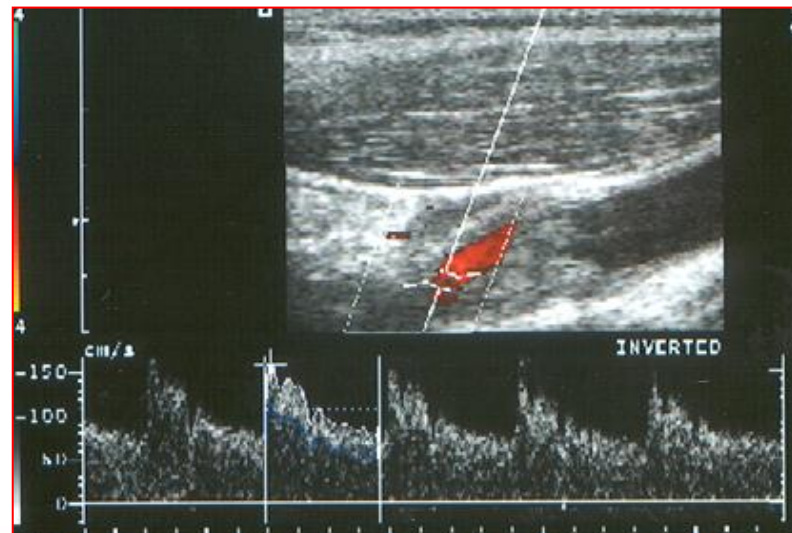
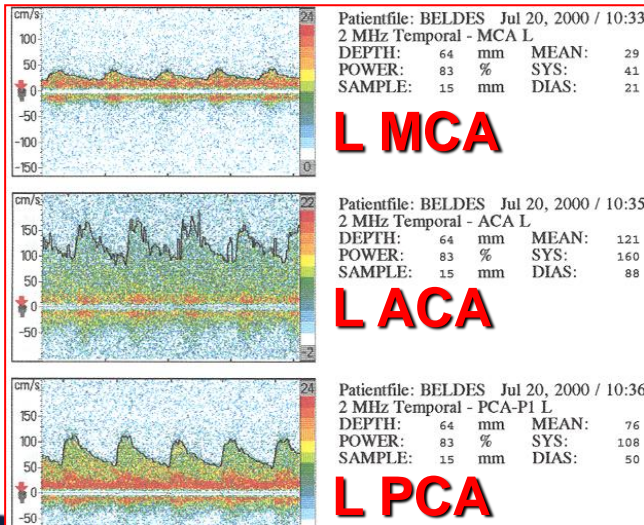
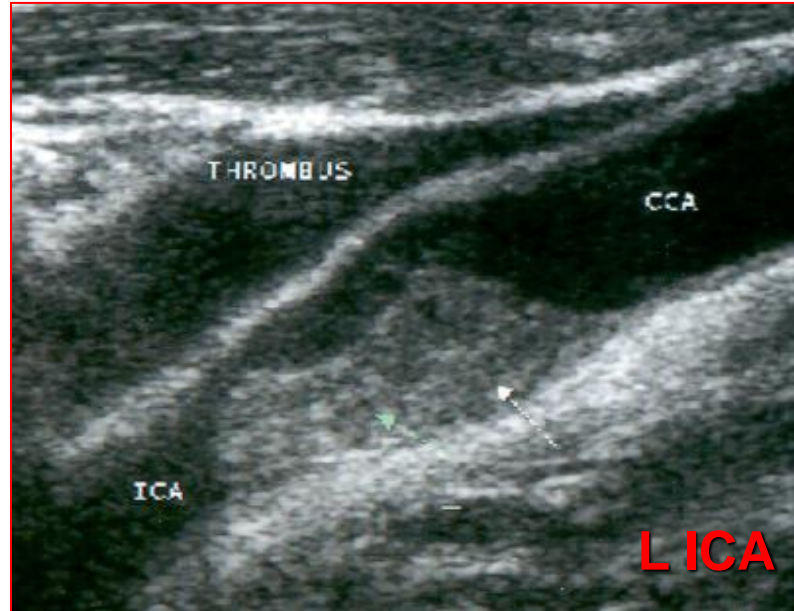
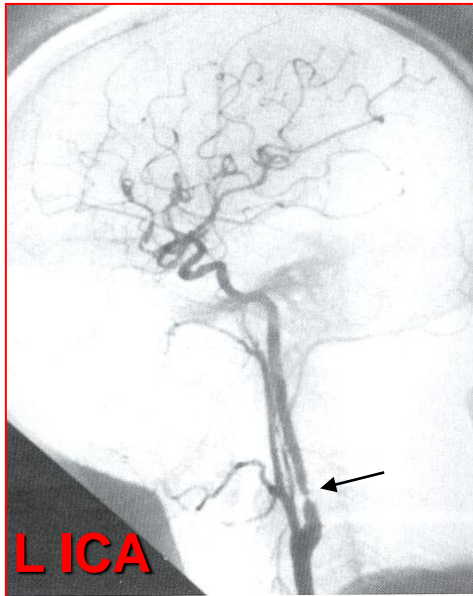
- **Protection of brain from extremes of hypoperfusion and hyperperfusion**
- **Maintain homeostasis: rapid CBF adjustments to fluctuating perfusion pressures within normal range**
- **Neurovascular coupling to ensure adequate blood flow for neural activity**

# Causes of Cerebral Hypoperfusion





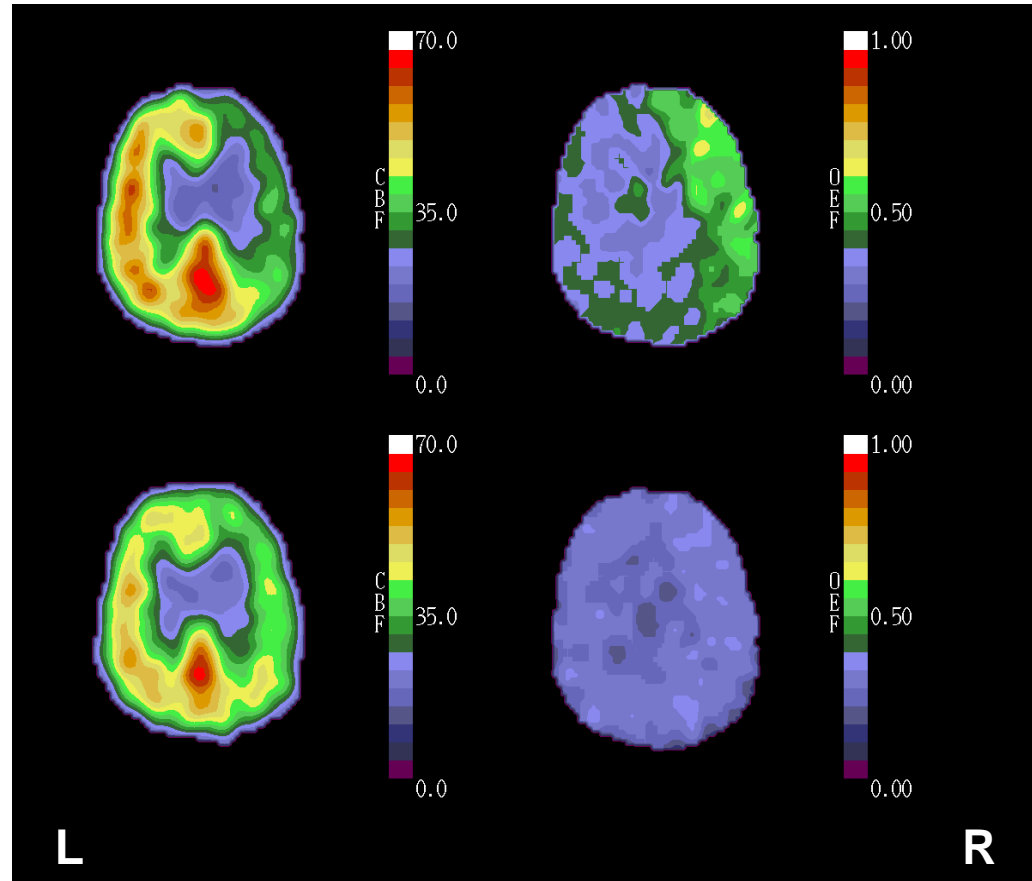
# Extracranial 80-90% ICA stenosis



# PET imaging of Stage 2 Hemodynamic Failure: Right Carotid Artery Occlusion

CBF

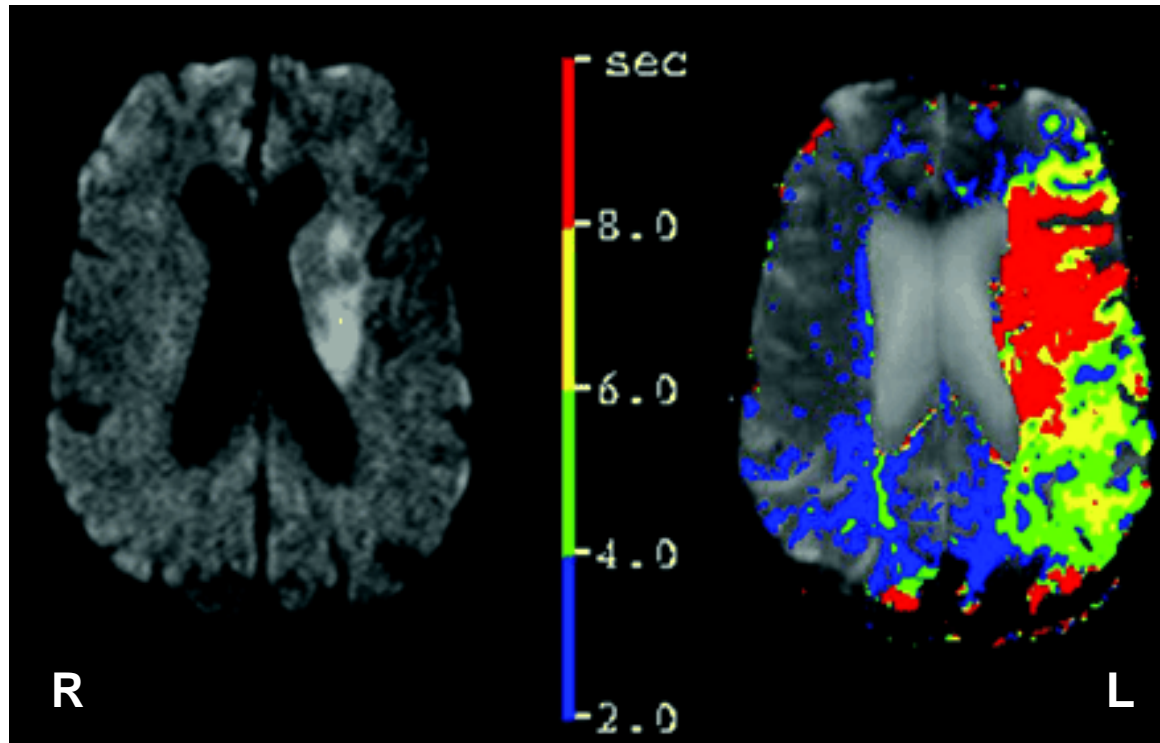
OEF



After EC/IC Bypass

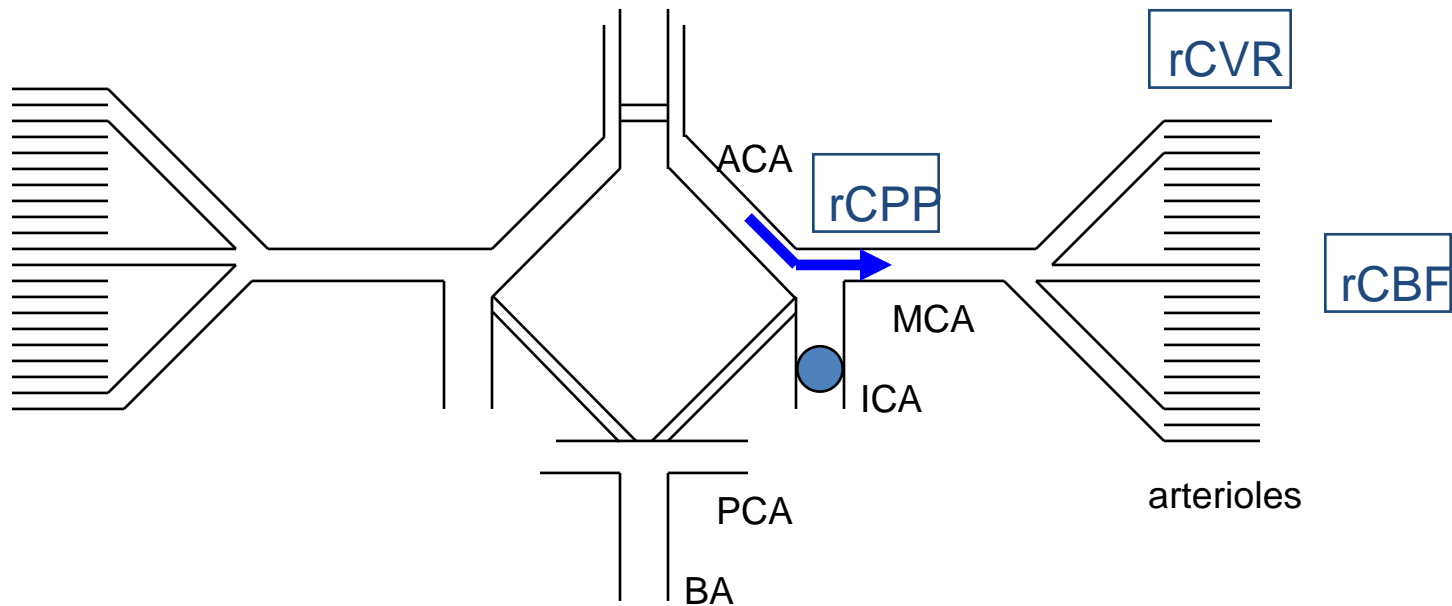
# MRI-guided Stroke Treatment Window

## Diffusion-Perfusion Mismatch

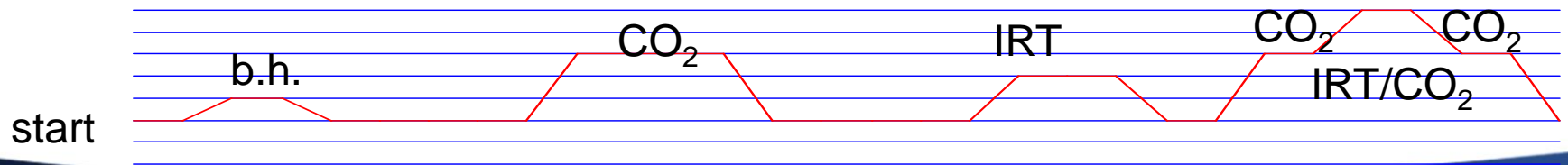
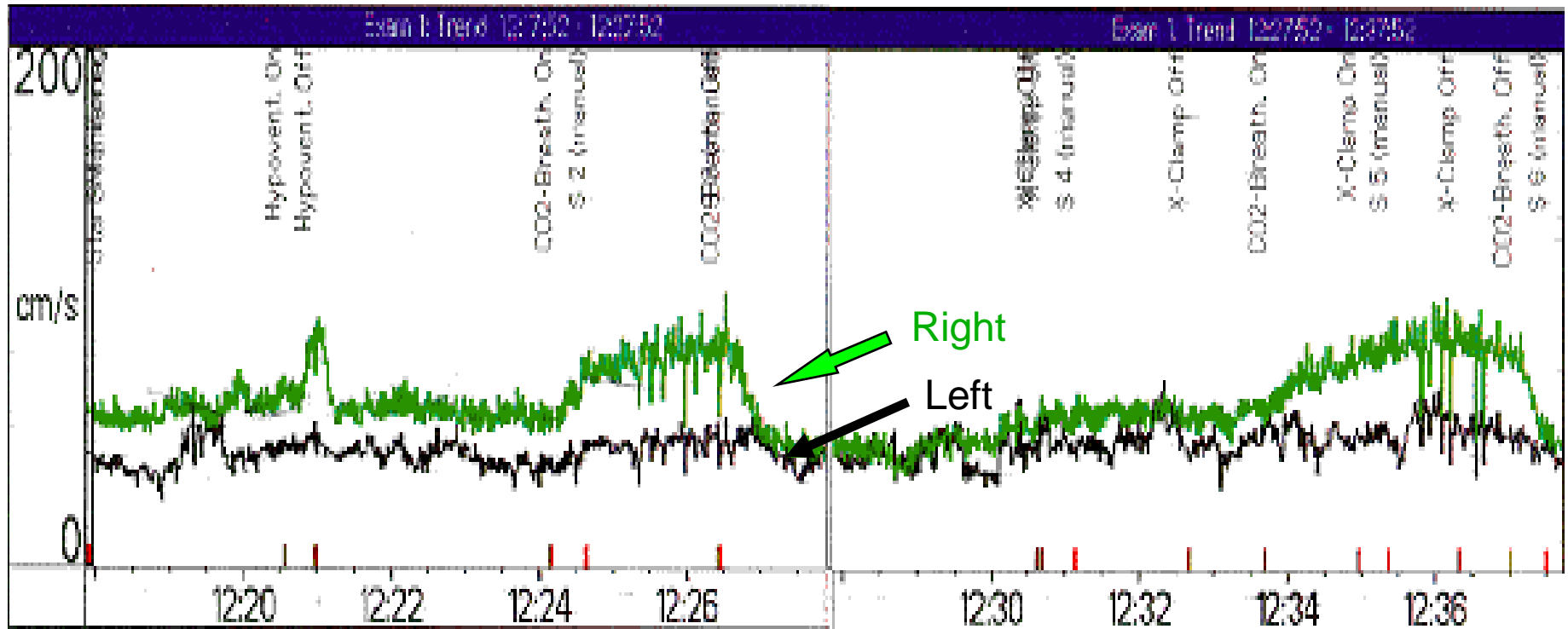


# Hemodynamics of Circle of Willis

$$rCBF = rCPP / rCVR$$

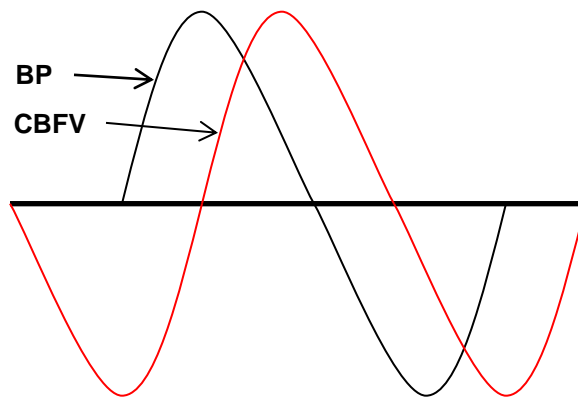


# Cerebral Vasodilatory Capacity (CVC): Symptomatic LICA occlusion

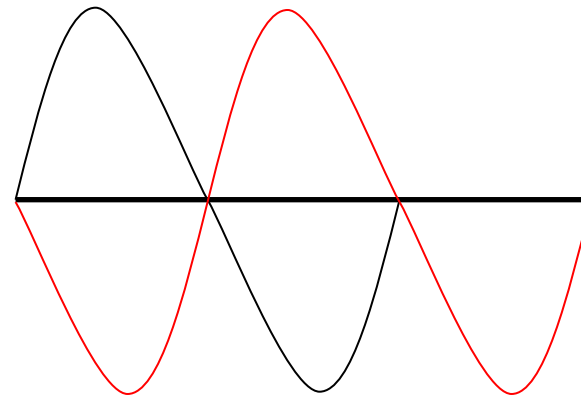


# Dynamic Cerebral Autoregulation (DCA)

- Analogous to a ‘correlation’ statistic
  - But applied to two data streams
- Allows calculation of:
  - Coherence: the ‘frequency dependence’ in specific frequency domains (Fourier transform)
  - Phase shift: relative separation of signals

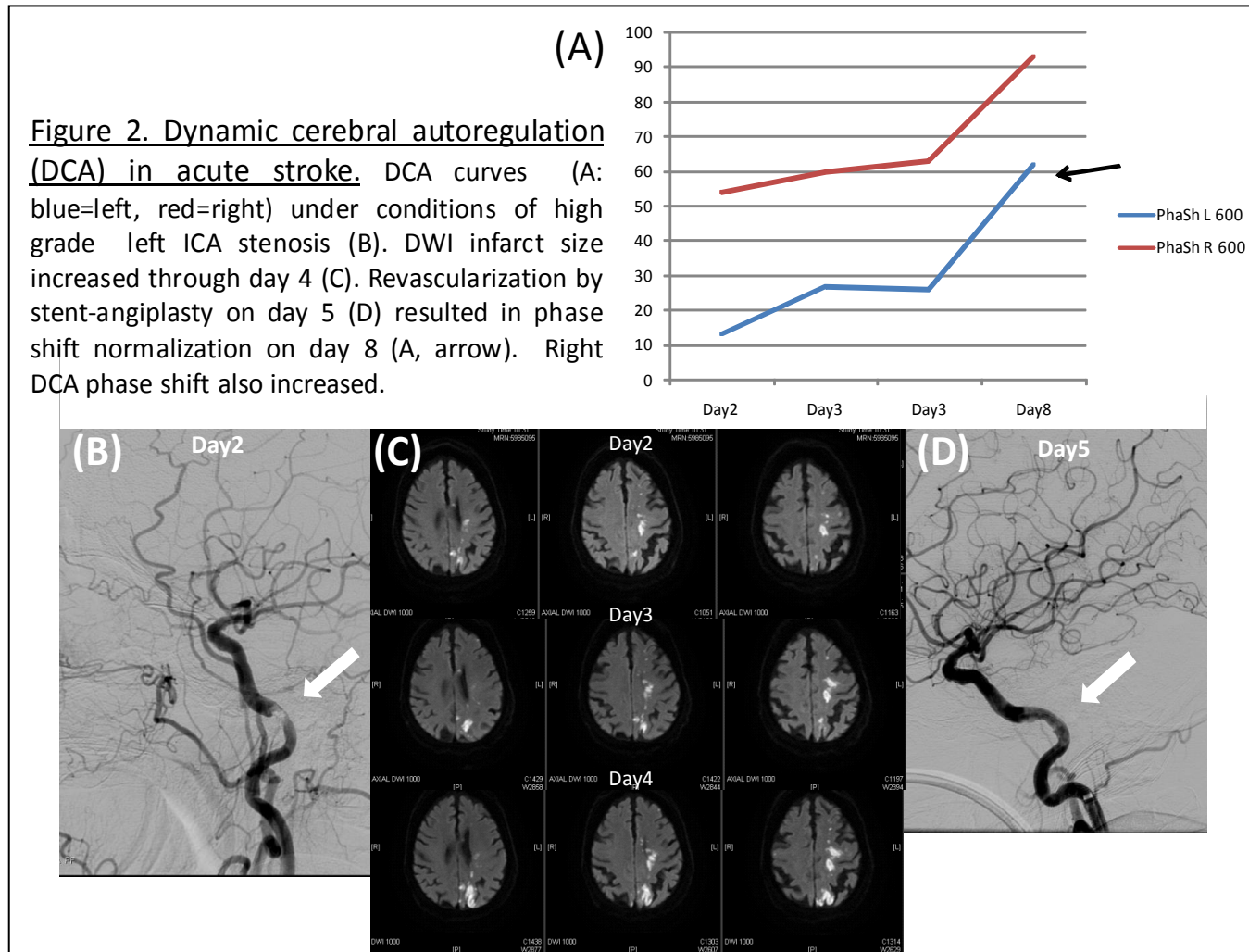


90 degrees out of phase



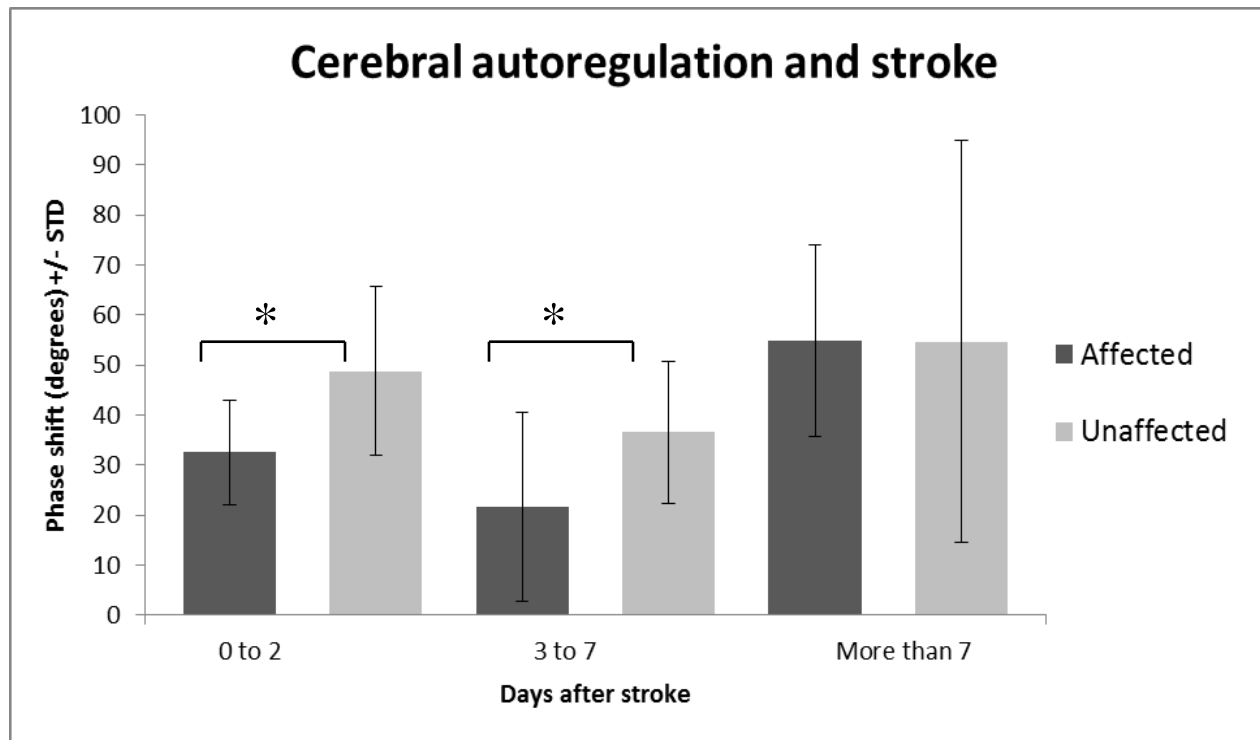
180 degrees out of phase

# DCA Before and After Revascularization



# DCA normalization after Acute Stroke

32 patients (mean NIHSS=10±7.3; age=62.9±16.9; 17F) with acute, (embolic, large) ischemic stroke in the middle cerebral artery territory. DCA was assessed on days 0-2, 3-7 and >7 after stroke. Transfer function analysis was applied to calculate average phase shift (PS) in the low frequency range (0.06-0.12 Hz). At mean 1.1±0.6 days after stroke the average PS in the affected hemisphere was **32.5±10.4** degrees versus **48.8±16.9** degrees in the unaffected hemisphere (p=0.026). At 4.6±1.3 days, the PS in affected and unaffected hemisphere was **21.6±18.9** vs. **36.5±14.3** degrees, respectively (p=0.029). At mean 10.3±2.1 days stroke there was no difference between affected and unaffected hemisphere (**54.8±19.1** versus **54.7±40.28** degrees, p=0.99).

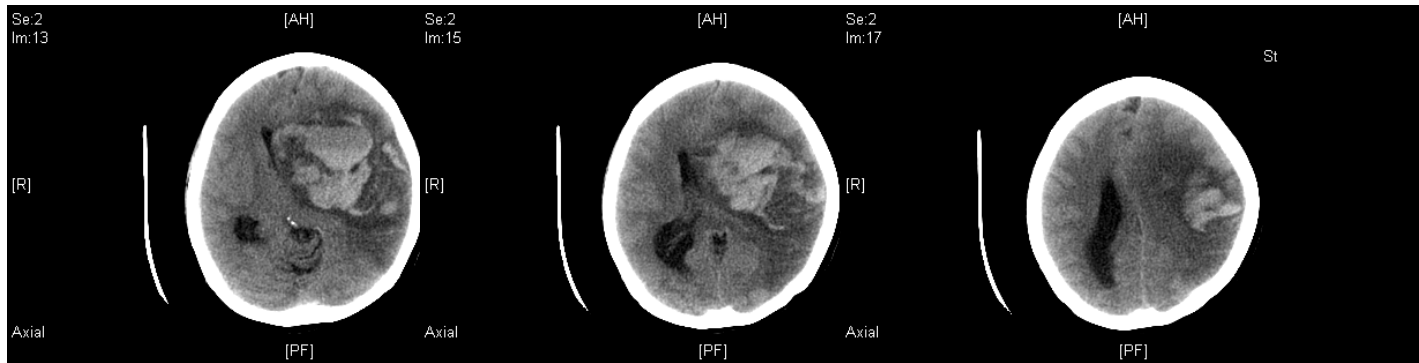




# Good Collaterals in Acute Stroke



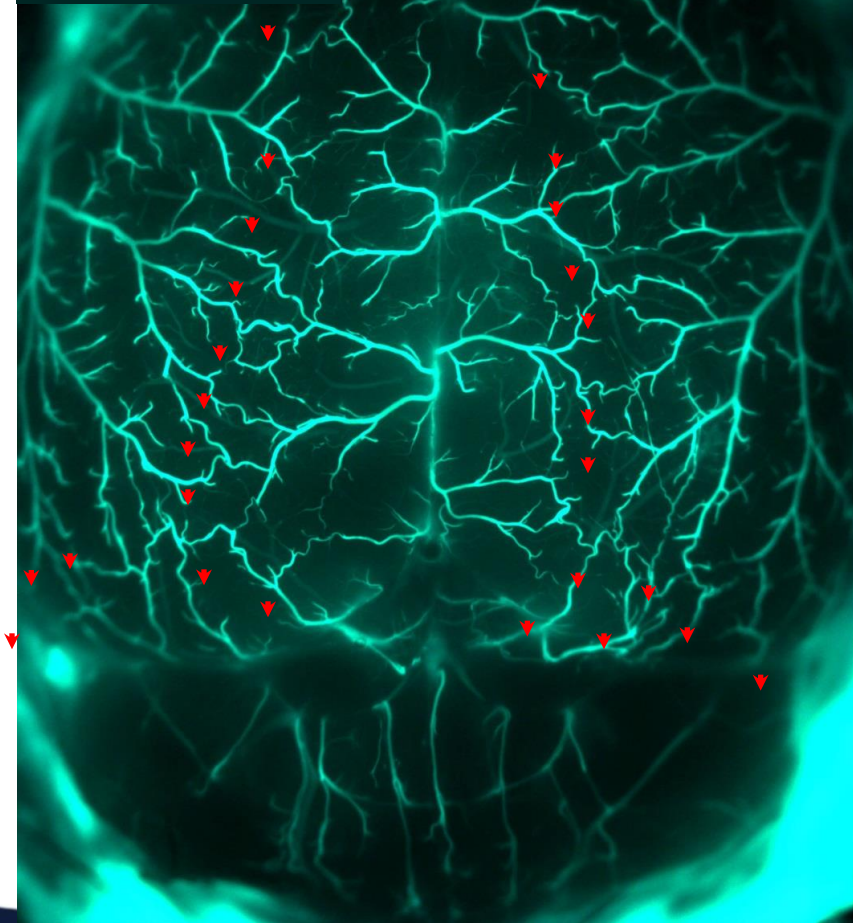
# Poor Collaterals in Acute Stroke



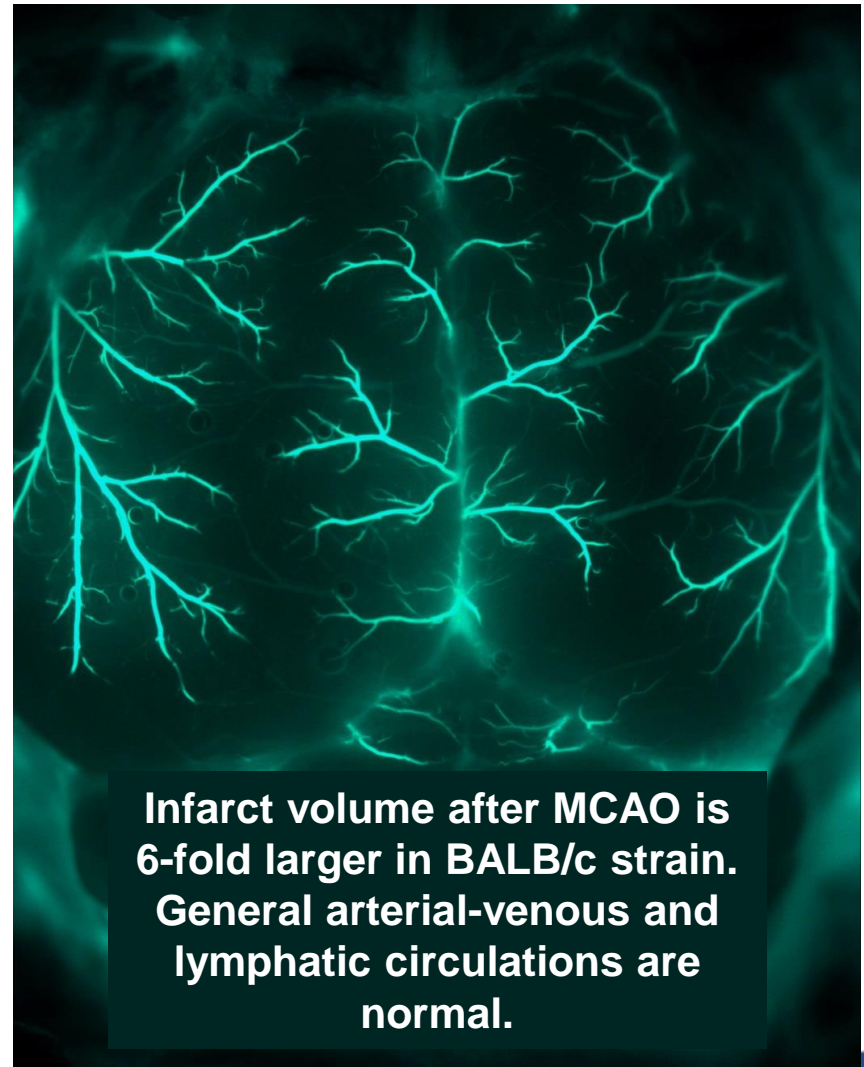
# Wide variation in mouse cerebral collaterals

C57BL/6

Postmortem  
fluorescent  
arteriogram

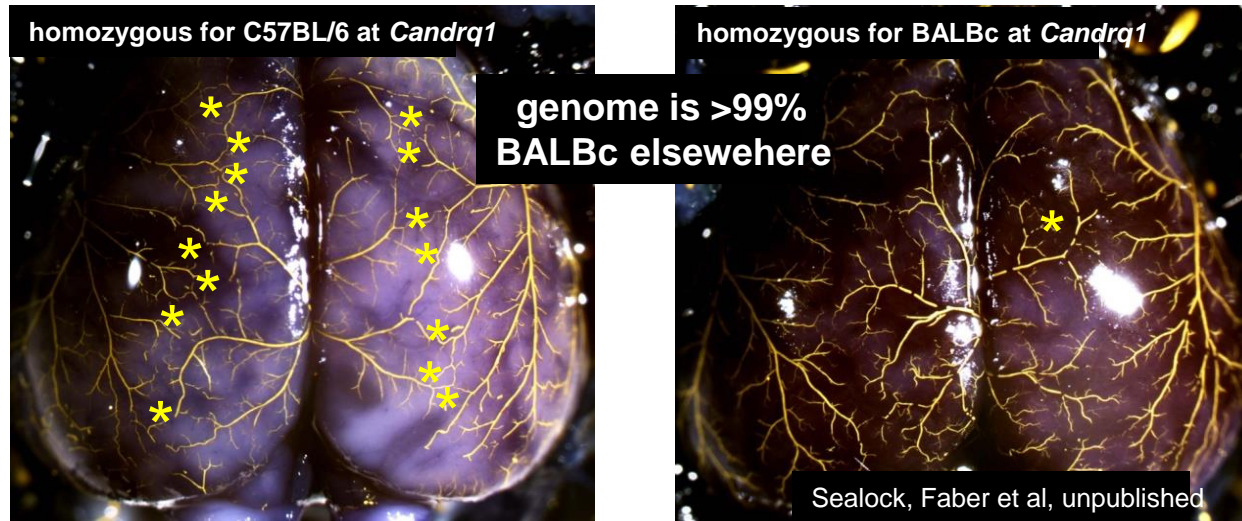


BALB/c



Infarct volume after MCAO is 6-fold larger in BALB/c strain. General arterial-venous and lymphatic circulations are normal.

Substitution of the “high” collateral 744Kb *Candrq1* allele of the C57BL/6 strain into the BALB/c strain with poor collateral number and diameter largely corrects the defect:



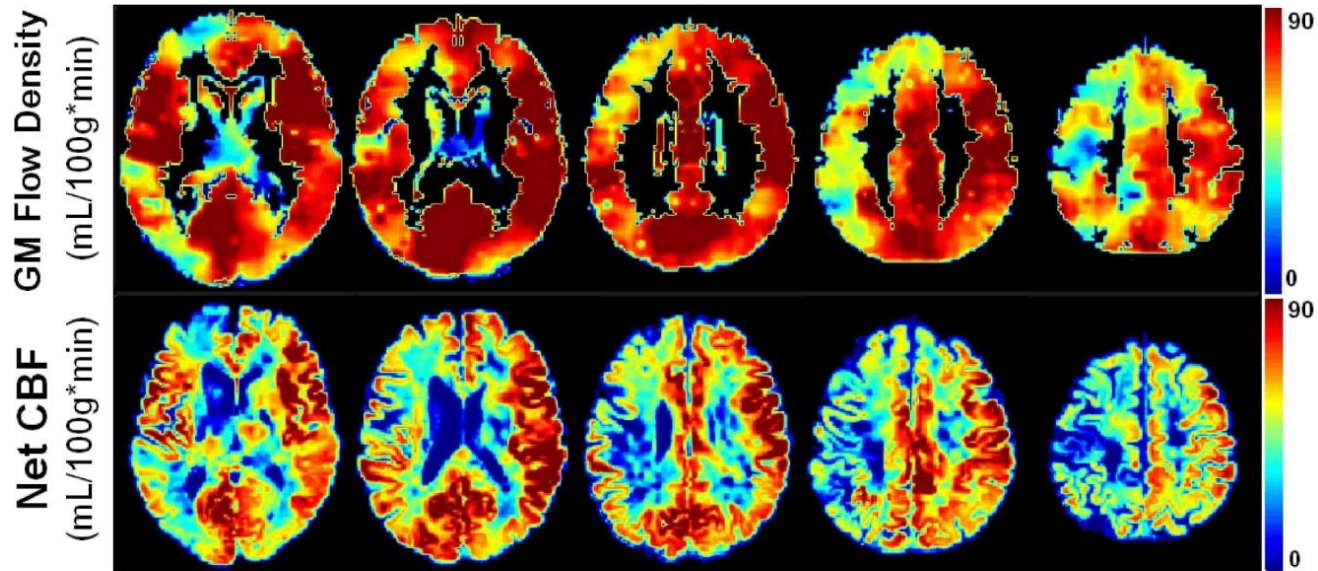
## ➤ GENEDCSS study (James Faber, P.I. –UNC)

- Looking for genetic polymorphisms for collaterals in humans in acute stroke
- Buccal swab for *Candrq1* equivalent
- Imaging collateral status
- Clinical outcomes

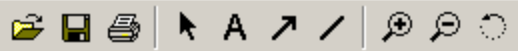
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# Quantitative CBF by ASL MRI

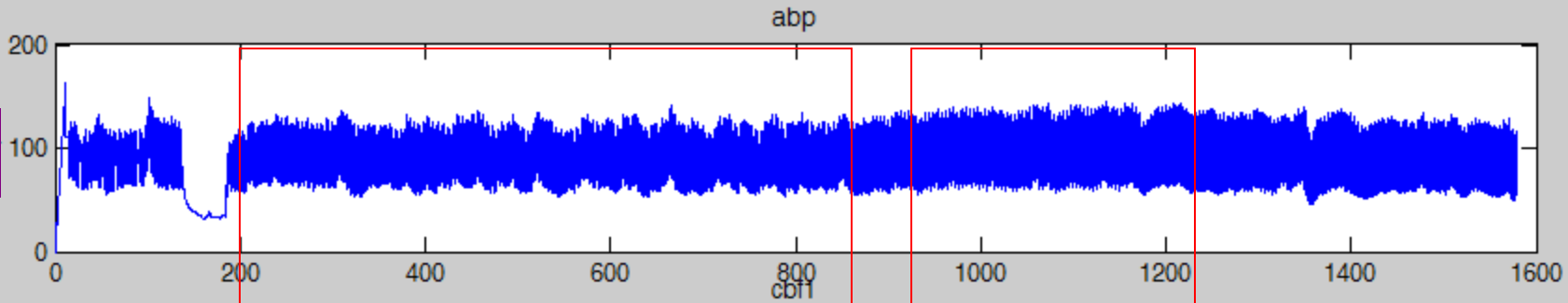


**Fig.4:** GM flow density (1<sup>st</sup> row, obtained as per Eq.[1], section 5.4) and net CBF images (2<sup>nd</sup> row, obtained as per Eq.[5], section 5.4) from the 84 year old patient with 100% left ICA occlusion. Note the asymmetry between the affected and unaffected hemispheres. GM flow density does not include tissue content information and as such is expected to be fairly homogenous across the brain in healthy subjects.

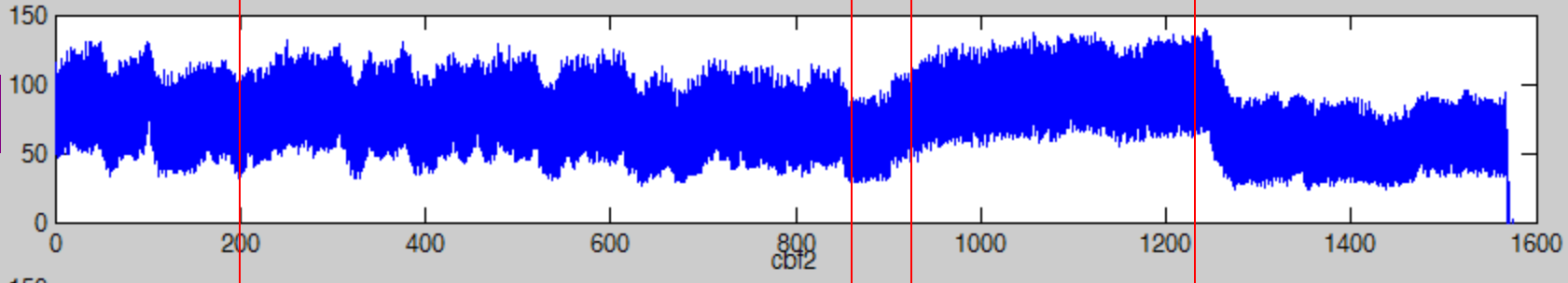


# raw tcd data

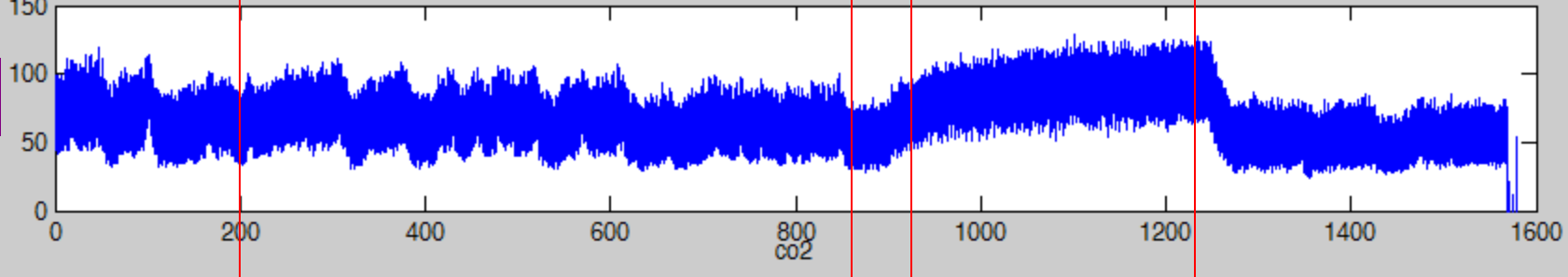
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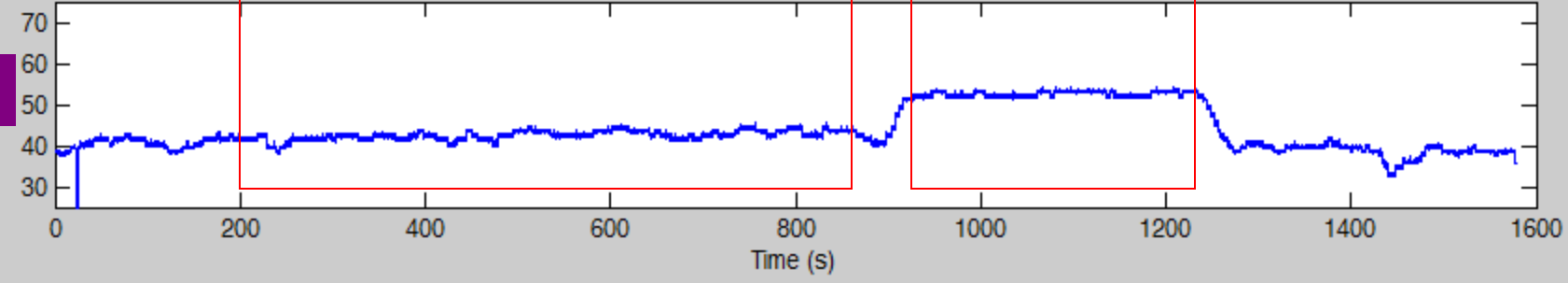
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mfv-L

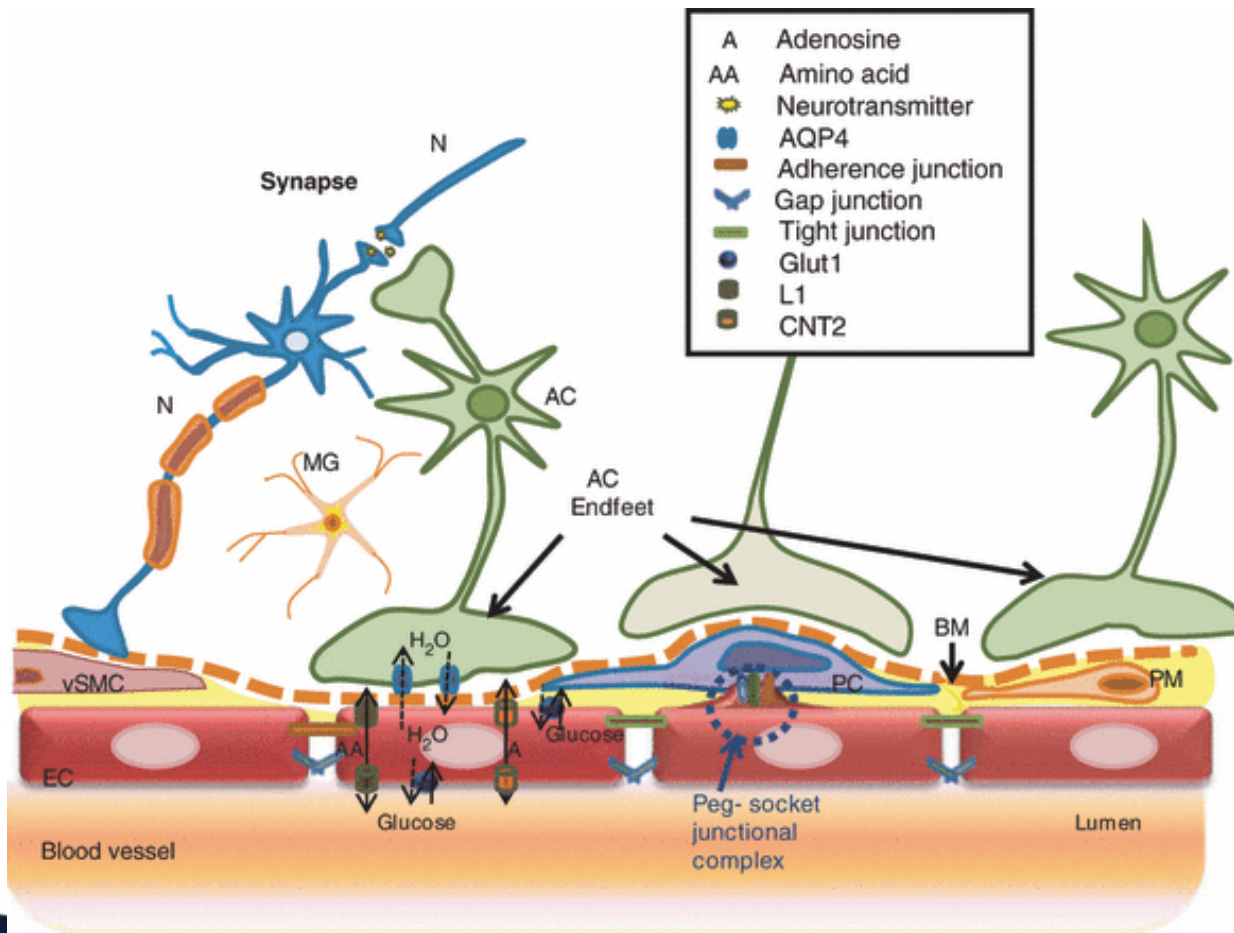


ETCO2



Time (s)

# Cellular communication at the neurovascular interface



The neurovascular unit consists of neurons (N), endothelial cells (EC), astrocytes (AC), pericytes (PC), vascular smooth muscle cells (vSMC), microglia (MG) and perivascular macrophages (PM). Endothelial cells form a blood–brain barrier characterized by tight, adherence and gap junctions, as well as a specialized transporter system. Pericytes share basement membranes with blood vessels and directly contact endothelial cells via peg–socket junction complexes. Astrocytes stretch their endfeet toward blood vessels and neuronal synapses to integrate neuronal activity with the vascular response. A single astrocyte contacts  $>10^5$  neurons.