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WG I: Measuring Techniques:
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9.40 MR characterisation of minor brain damage in children born prematurely O. Haraldseth (NO)	
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Recent Advances in SWI

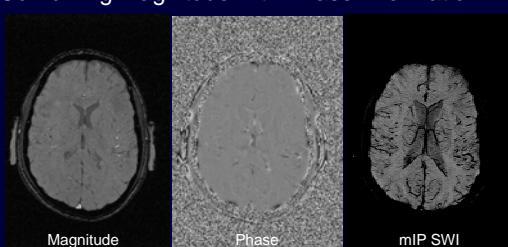
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Susceptibility-Weighted Imaging (SWI)

Combining Magnitude with Phase Information



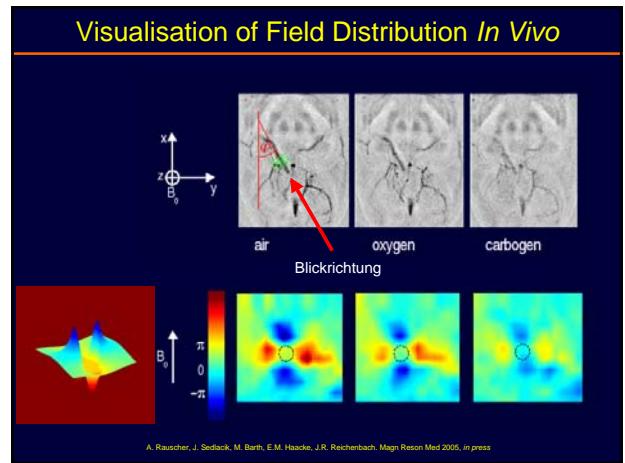
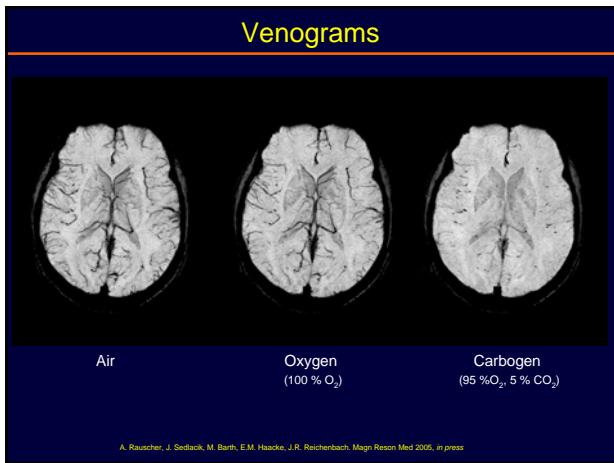
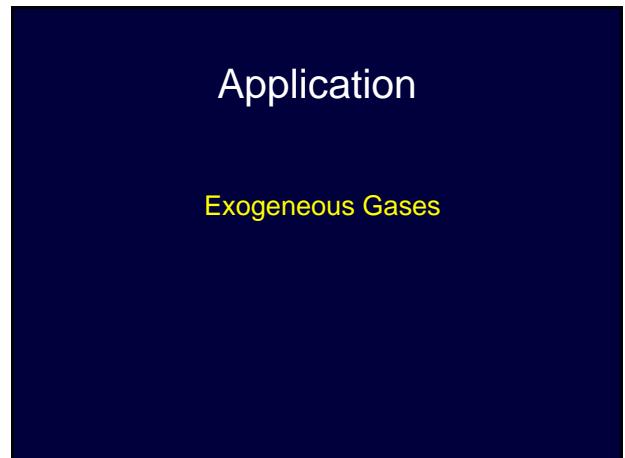
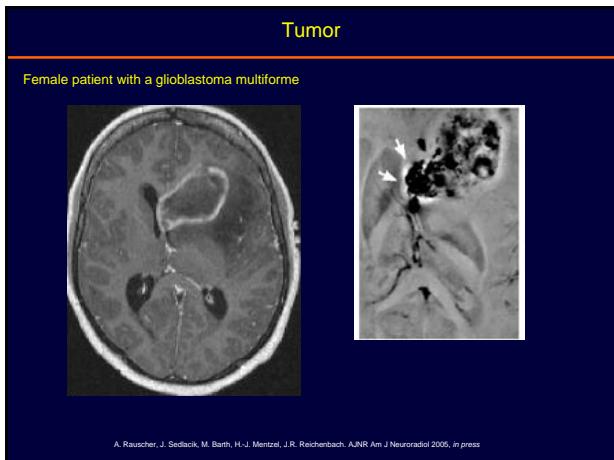
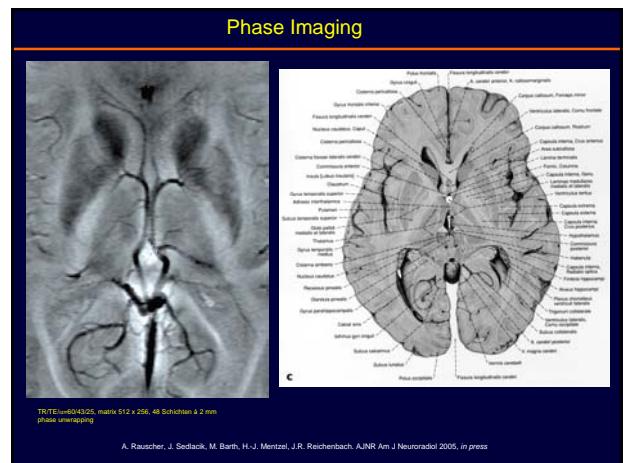
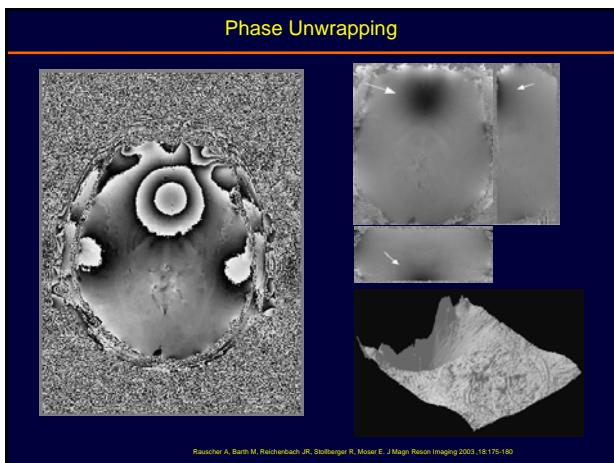
Magnitude Phase mIP SWI

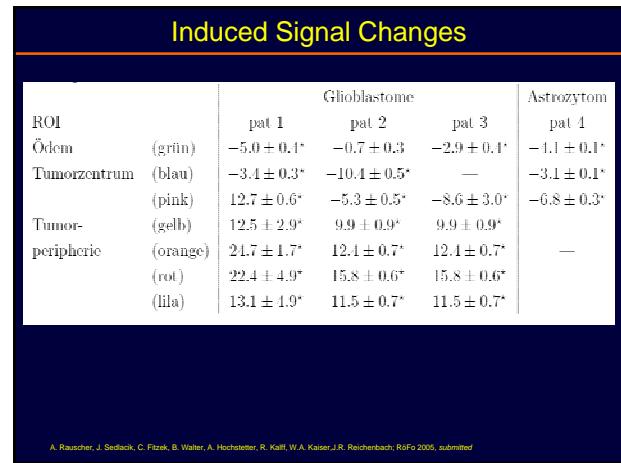
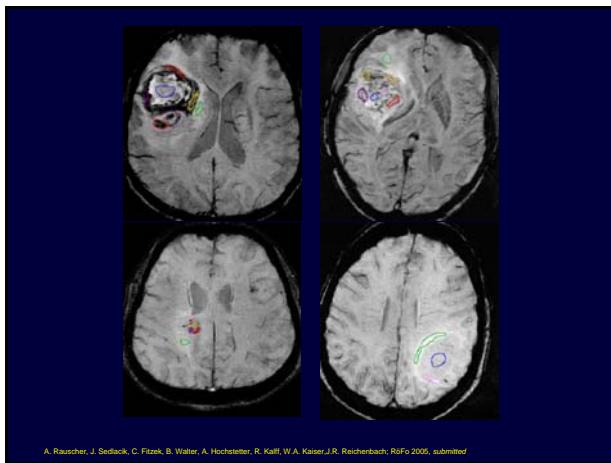
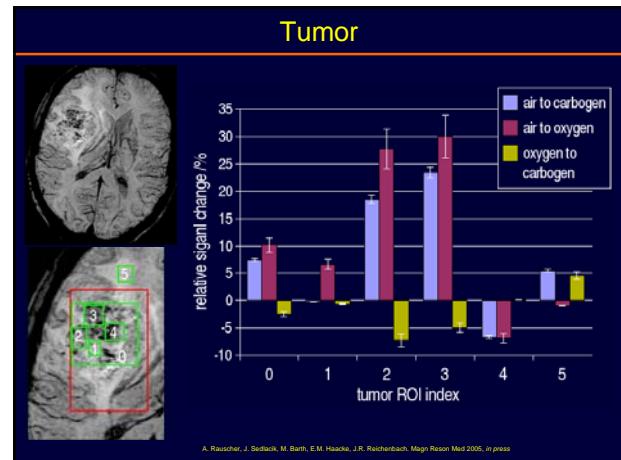
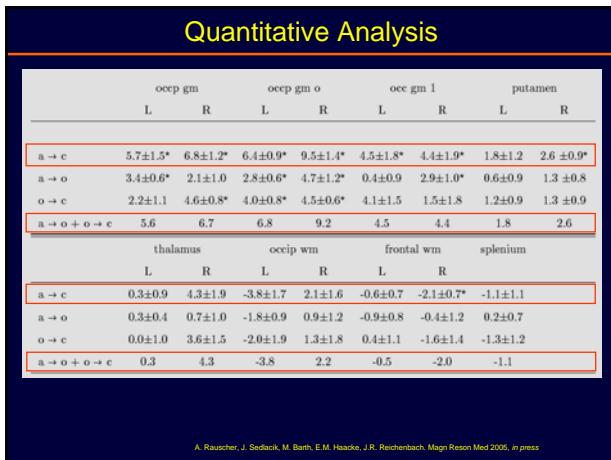
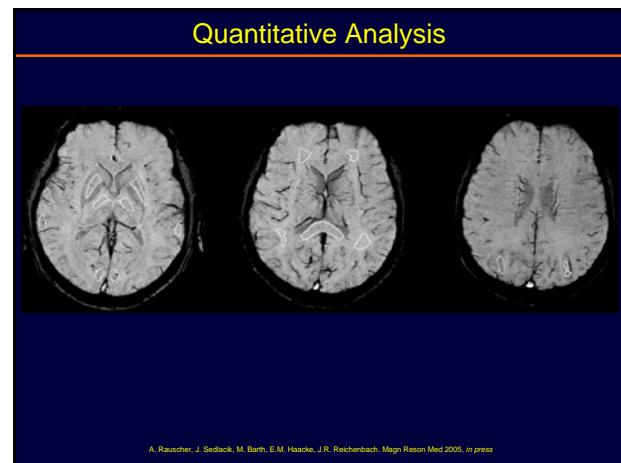
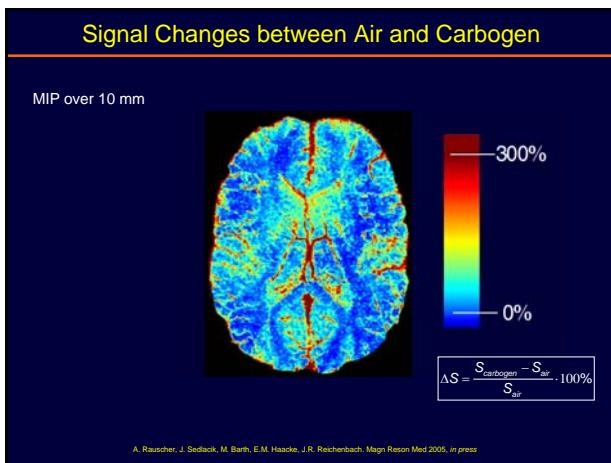
- resolution 0.5 x 0.65 x 1.5 mm³
- conventionally acquired with a single TE

Reichenbach JR et al., MAGMA, 1998, 6(1), 62-9

Application

Phase Imaging



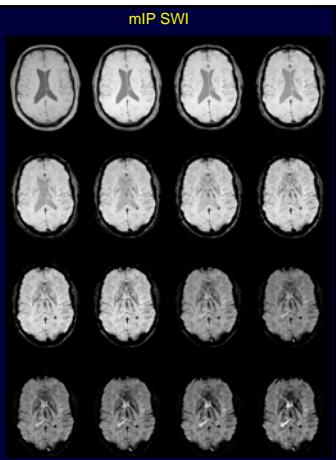


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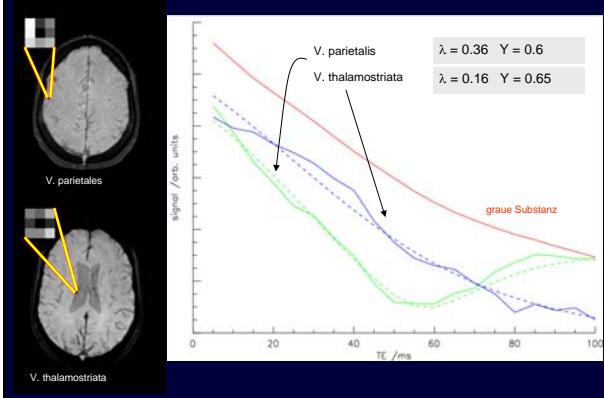
Multi-Echo Acquisition

In vivo Measurement

- 1.5 T gradient echo
- flow compensation
- 16 echoes:
 - TE 5 ms - 80 ms, $\Delta TE = 5$ ms
- TR = 80 ms
- $\alpha = 25^\circ$
- matrix: 256 x 192 x 42
- FoV: 256 x 192 x 96 mm³



Signal-Time-Courses In vivo



MR signal for random cylinders

$$S(TE) = S_0 \cdot (1 - \lambda) \cdot e^{-\lambda \cdot f(\delta\omega \cdot TE)} \cdot e^{-TE/T_2}$$

$$\text{mit } f(x) = \frac{1}{3} \cdot \int_0^1 du \cdot (2 + u) \cdot \sqrt{1 - u} \cdot \frac{1 - J_0\left(\frac{3}{2} \cdot x \cdot u\right)}{u^2}$$

und $\delta\omega = \gamma \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \Delta\chi_{do} \cdot (1 - Y) \cdot B_0$

Asymptotische Näherungen:

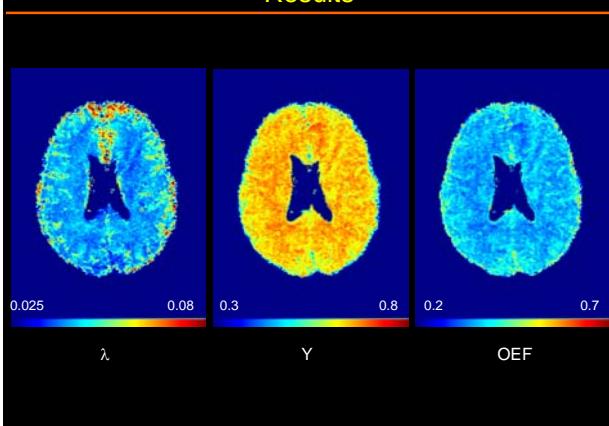
$$S_{short}(TE) = S_0 \cdot (1 - \lambda) \cdot e^{-0,3 \cdot \lambda \cdot (\delta\omega \cdot TE)^2} \cdot e^{-TE/T_2} \quad \text{für } TE \leq \frac{1,5}{\delta\omega}$$

$$S_{long}(TE) = S_0 \cdot (1 - \lambda) \cdot e^{-(\lambda \cdot \delta\omega) \cdot |TE - \frac{1}{\delta\omega}|} \cdot e^{-TE/T_2} \quad \text{für } TE \geq \frac{1,5}{\delta\omega}$$

mit $\delta\omega = \gamma \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \Delta\chi_{do} \cdot (1 - Y) \cdot B_0$

Yablonsky DA, Haacke EM. Magn Reson Med. 1994;32(6):749-63.

Results



Application

Caffeine

Introduction / Purpose

- Caffeine enhances the BOLD effect, as shown by fMRI studies
- BOLD is the underlying principle of vascular contrast in SWI
- to investigate the potential of caffeine to improve contrast in SWI
- to reduce scan time

Methods / Measurement

- 5 volunteers
- T_2^* -weighted, velocity compensated, 3D gradient echo sequence (1.5 T)
 - TE / TR = 40/67, 30/50 or 20/34 ms
 - $\alpha = 15^\circ$
 - FOV = $256 \times 192 \times 48 \text{ mm}^3$
 - matrix = $512 \times 256 \times 32$

Methods / Measurement

Measurement protocol:

- long scan = 10 min (TE = 40 ms, n = 2)
- shorter scans = 5 min (TE = 20 ms, n = 2) or 7 min (TE = 30 ms, n = 1)
- Application of approx. 300 mg caffeine
- repeated acquisition up to 45 min

Results / SWI mIP

Minimum Intensity Projection (mIP) of SWI data over a 7.5 mm thick slab

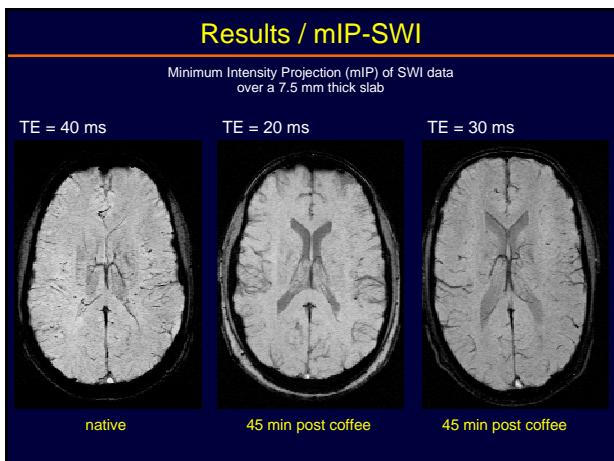
Results / Relative Maps

Native vs. 45 min post coffee
TE = 40 ms

Results / Dynamics

Relative changes of magnitude as a function of time post coffee

Time post coffee (min)	white matter	gray matter	sinus sag.	v. thalamostriata
0	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
10	0.95	0.90	0.85	0.80
30	0.90	0.85	0.75	0.70
45	0.85	0.80	0.65	0.60



Discussion

- Phase is of great importance
- SWI has clinical potential
- Induced physiological changes lead to contrast changes (carbogen, caffeine)
- Caffeine as a “contrast booster” (time savings)
- Multi echo SWI allows extraction of physiological parameters
- Further studies are necessary for validation

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