

# "In Vivo Characterization of Brain Ultrashort-T2 Components" Supporting Information

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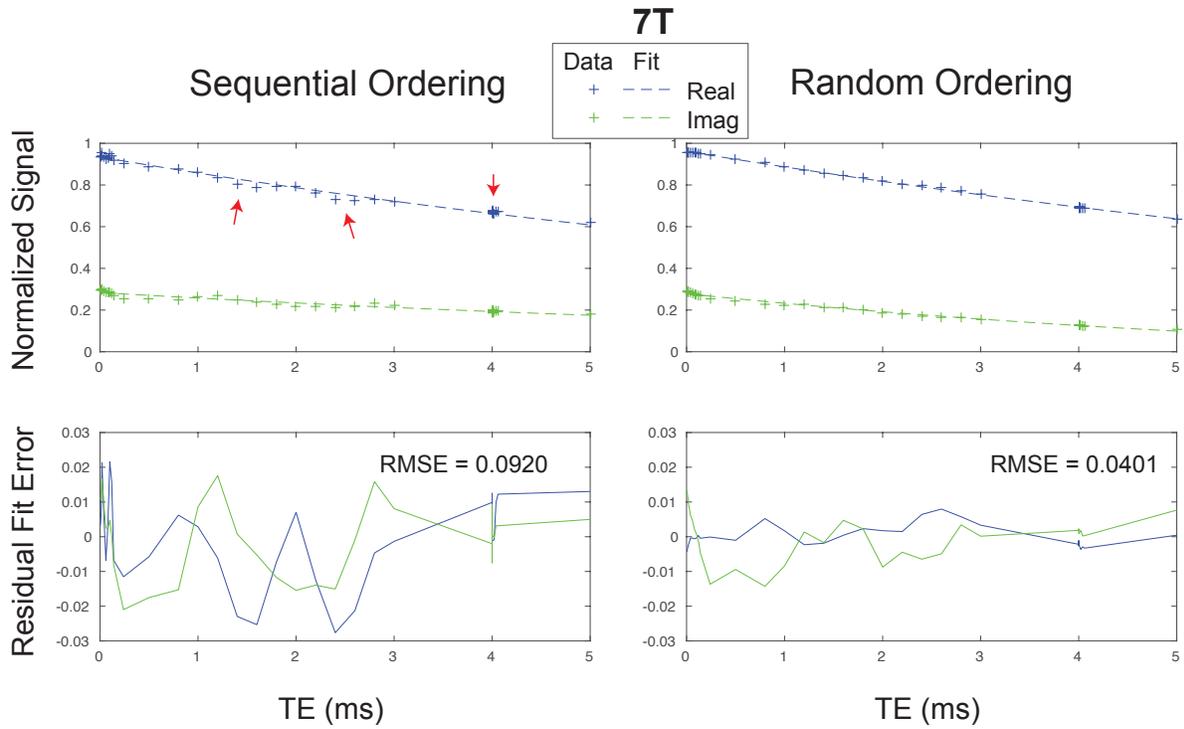


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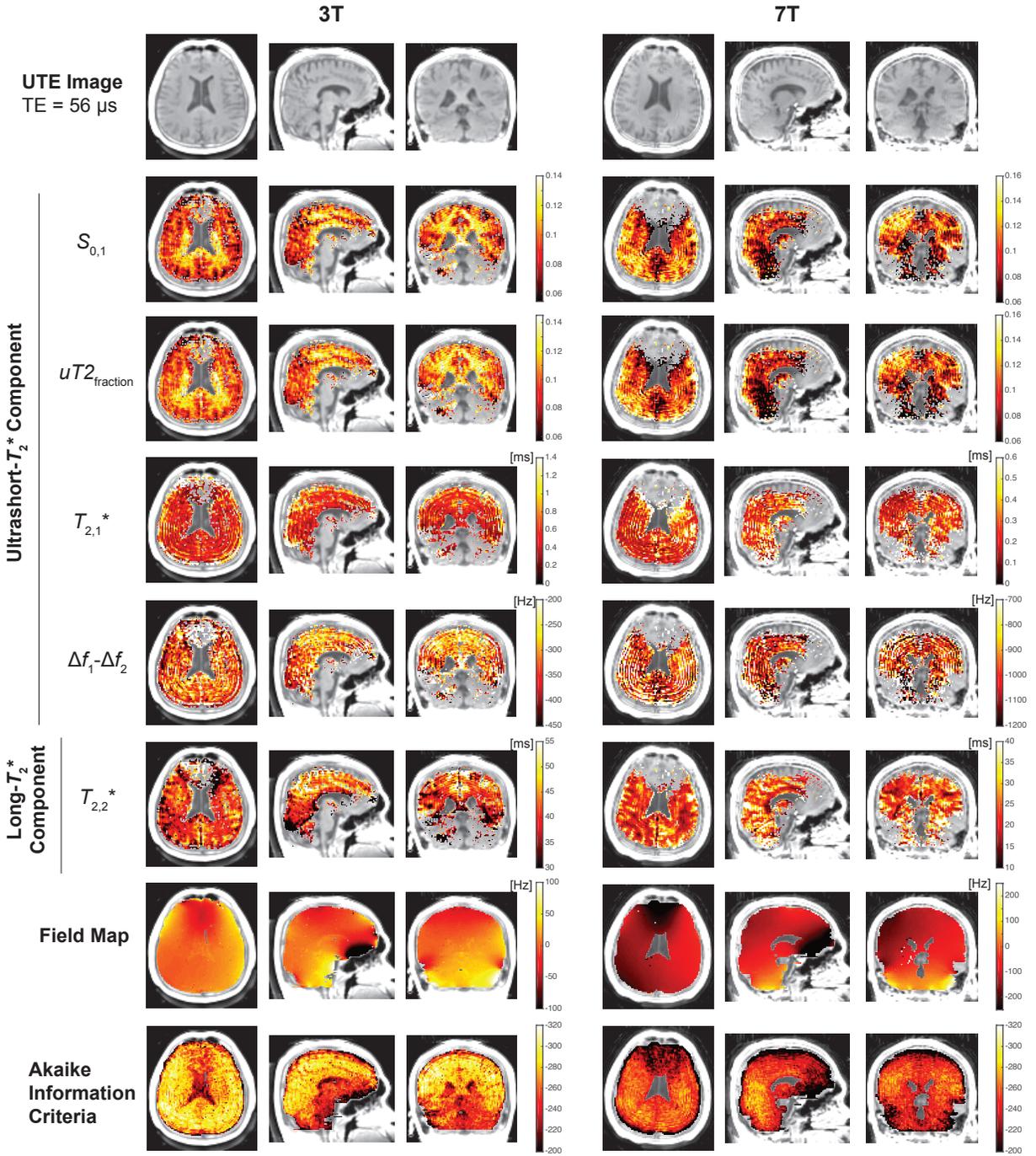


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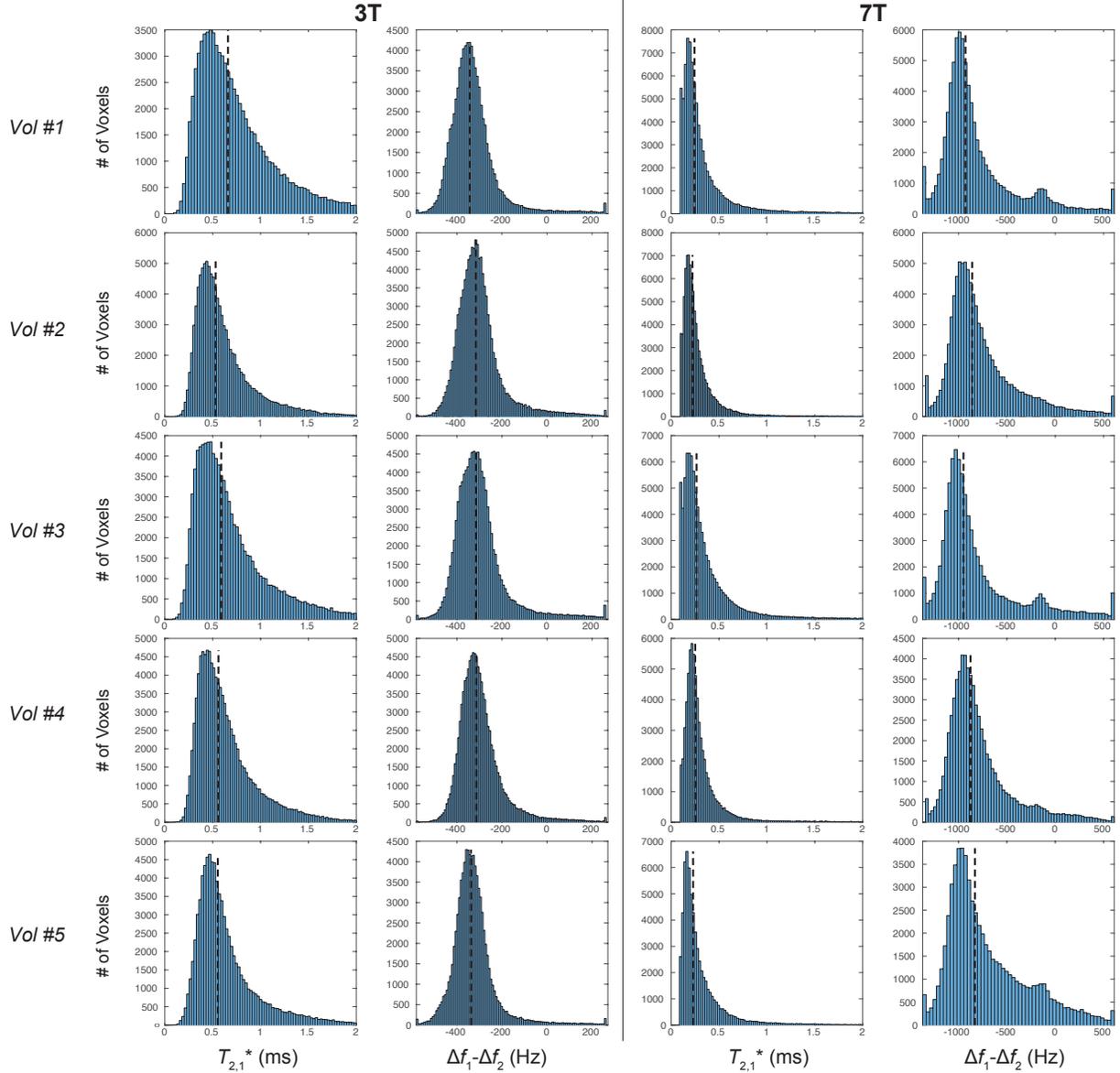


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