Walter Schneider on 60 Minutes

LRDC Senior Scientist Walter Schneider’s High Definition Fiber Tracking (HDFT) images were part of 60 Minutes’ “Apps for Autism,” which aired on Sunday, October 23, 2011, at 7PM EDT on CBS (Watch the segment here). Karen Sughrue, the CBS producer who coordinated the interview at LRDC in early June, commented “As you'll see, the focus . . . is on the “human interest” part of the story though Pitt gets the “last word.” An exclusive interview with Walt is also available on the CBS website and can be found here. This segment, called “Temple Grandin’s Unique Brain” features the well-known autism patient, Temple Grandin, whose brain scans were made with Walt’s technology and first attracted the attention of 60 Minutes. It has been a good year for media interest in Walt, the University of Pittsburgh, and LRDC, with 60 Minutes, the Discovery Channel, Scientific American (see link below), and Pittsburgh Quarterly highlighting the High Definition Fiber Tracking technology his group has developed. Walt believes this technology has the potential to be transformative to our understanding of brain systems and the medical treatment of brain disorders. Informing the public is part of igniting that transformation. His work as a member of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center’s neurosurgery team was described in the February 2011 LRDC Newsletter. 