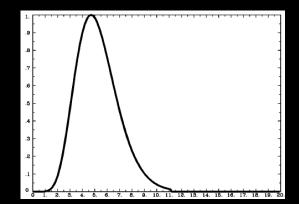
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From stimulus to the BOLD response

How tissue properties, blood flow, and magnetic properties interact

Creating contrast images from T1- and T2-weightings



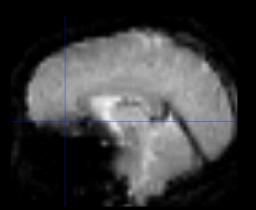
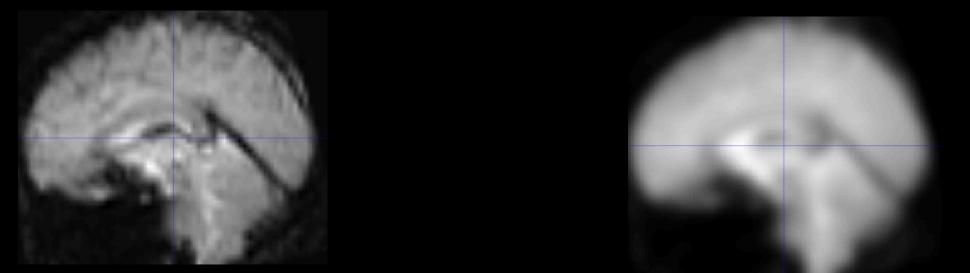


Image artifacts: How to preprocess and why

Quality assurance checks after each step

Parameters that stay the same, versus those you can modify



When would you want to use a smaller smoothing kernel?

A larger smoothing kernel? Why?

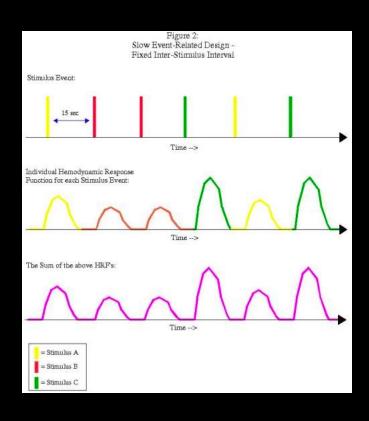
When would you not want to use slice-timing correction? Or should it always be used, no matter what?

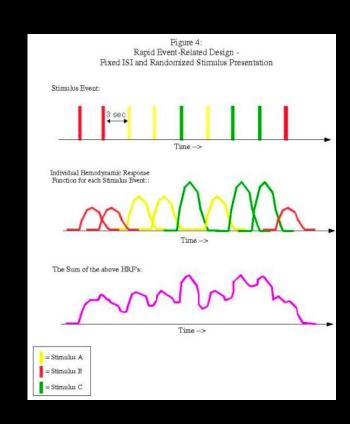
What is the argument for using the mean functional image as the Reference and the anatomical image as the Source? Would you ever want to swap them?

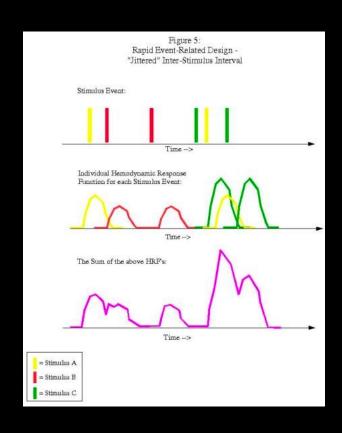
Experimental Design: Block vs. event-related

Slow vs. fast event-related

Jitter, collinearity, and power







What are the main advantages and disadvantages of each?

What is Reproducibility?

Replication: Arriving at the same result, using an independent dataset

Reproducibility: Ability to obtain the same result, using the same data and methods

Today: Use an open-access website to reproduce the results of that study

What is Reproducibility?

Replication and reproducibility have become more talked about in the past decade

Methods such as pre-registration can help to increase the likelihood of a successful replication

In other words: Minimize the researcher degrees of freedom

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Why Most Published Research Findings Are False

John P. A. Ioannidis

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Like we discussed previously, controlling for Type I Error rates isn't enough to guarantee that results are real

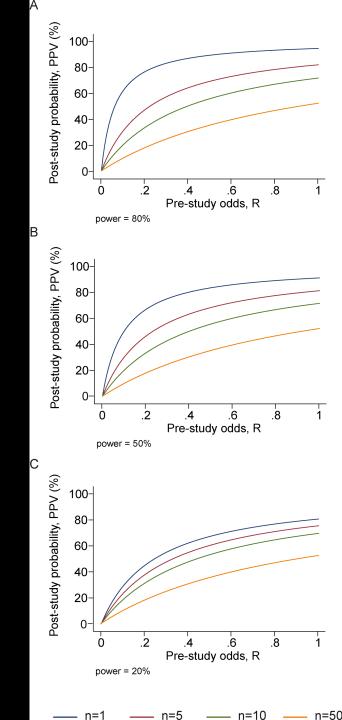
The crux of the paper rests on a formula called Positive Predictive Value (PPV)

PPV is the number of true positives, divided by the number of rejected tests

Let R be the ratio of the number of "true relationships" to "no relationships" (i.e., #HA/#H0)

Let α =alpha level, and $(1-\beta)$ =Power

$$PPV = \frac{R(1-\beta)}{\alpha + R(1-\beta)}$$



Lastly, let u=bias, the amount that a study is affected by biased practices (e.g., p-hacking); anything that tends to generate a positive results when it shouldn't

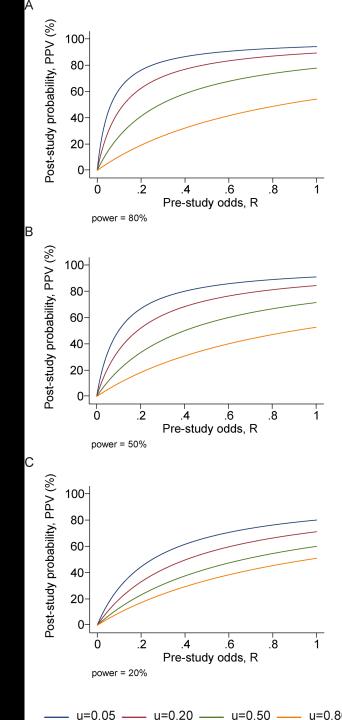


Table 4. PPV of Research Findings for Various Combinations of Power $(1 - \beta)$, Ratio of True to Not-True Relationships (R), and Bias (u)

1 – β	R	u	Practical Example	PPV
			•	
0.80	1:1	0.10	Adequately powered RCT with little bias and 1:1 pre-study odds	0.85
0.95	2:1	0.30	Confirmatory meta-analysis of good- quality RCTs	- 0.85
0.80	1:3	0.40	Meta-analysis of small inconclusive studies	0.41
0.20	1:5	0.20	Underpowered, but well-performed phase I/II RCT	0.23
0.20	1:5	0.80	Underpowered, poorly performed phase I/II RCT	0.17
0.80	1:10	0.30	Adequately powered exploratory epidemiological study	0.20
0.20	1:10	0.30	Underpowered exploratory epidemiological study	0.12
0.20	1:1,000	0.80	Discovery-oriented exploratory research with massive testing	0.0010
0.20	1:1,000	0.20	As in previous example, but with more limited bias (more standardized)	0.0015

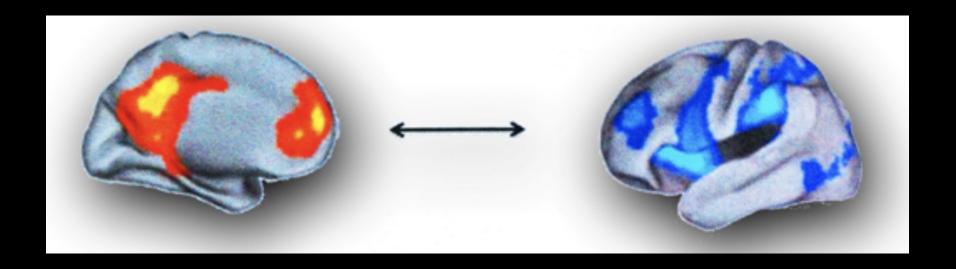
Corollaries

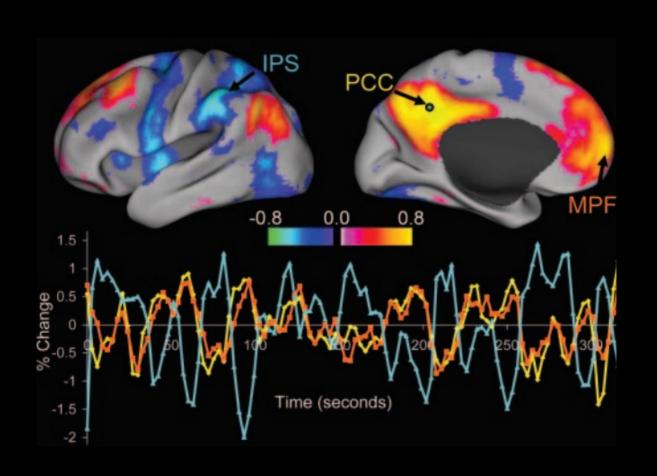
Theory-driven: Based on previous studies, reasonable predictions about what a region does

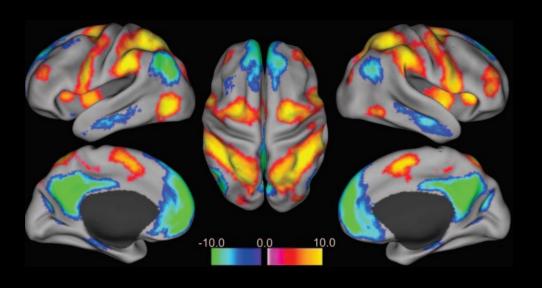
Data-driven: Uses the data itself to identify patterns, and then possibly create theories

Theory-driven approaches have usually been more popular

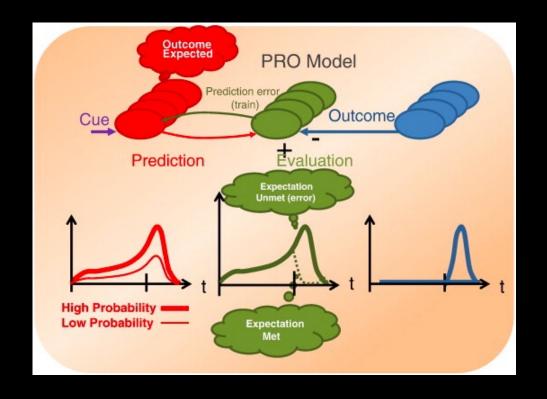
Example: Fox et al., 2005



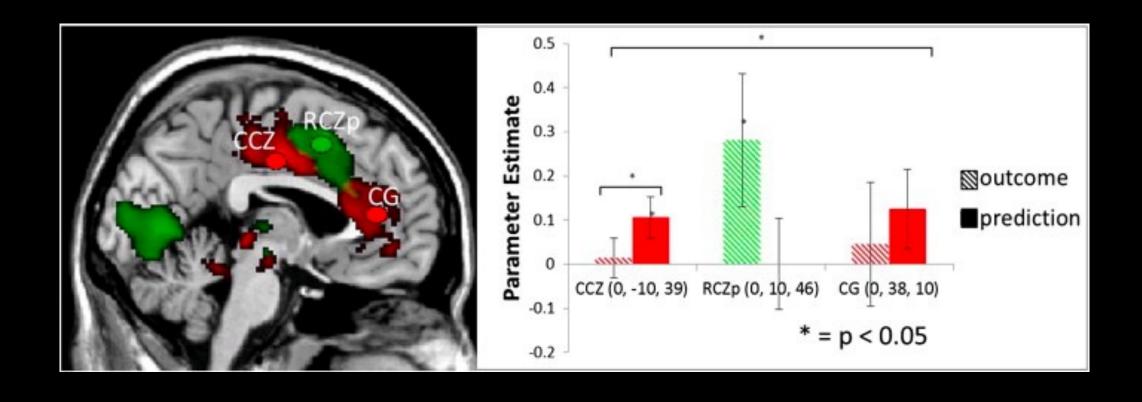




Can also use a theoretical framework to create regressors



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Data-driven

Popular data-driven method: Multivariate Pattern Analysis

Usually requires a large number of observations or subjects

Other methods can be used: e.g., clustering

Machine Learning to Detect Skin Cancer

Features



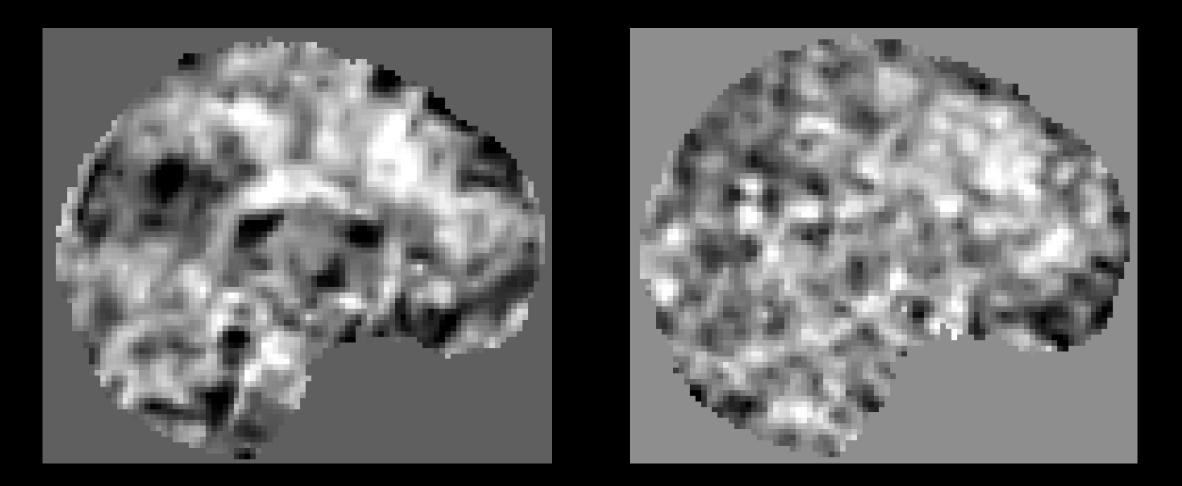
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False Positive



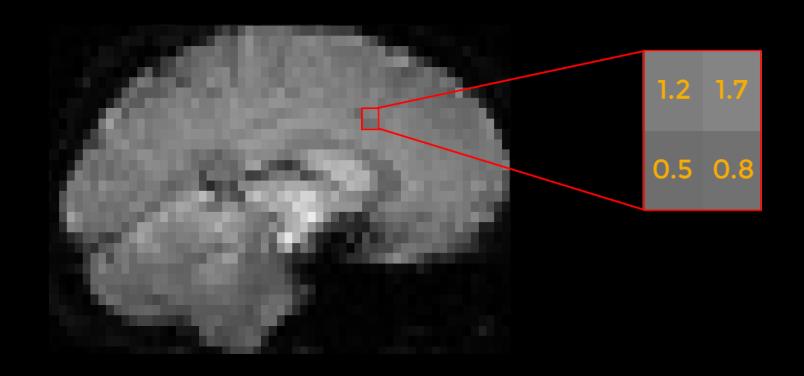
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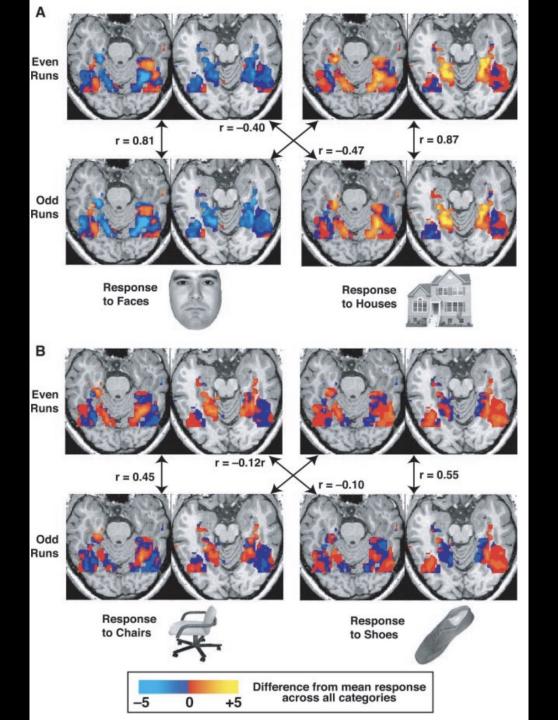




MVPA

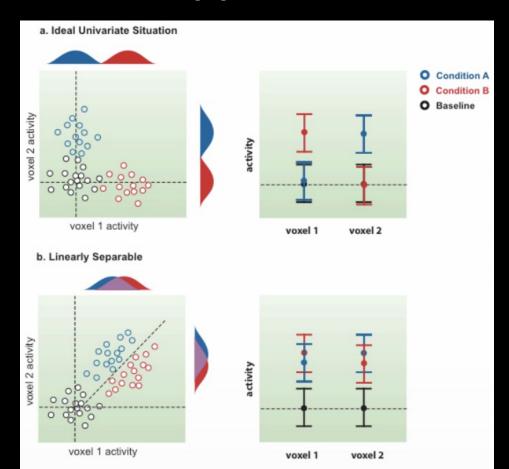
Applied to fMRI Data

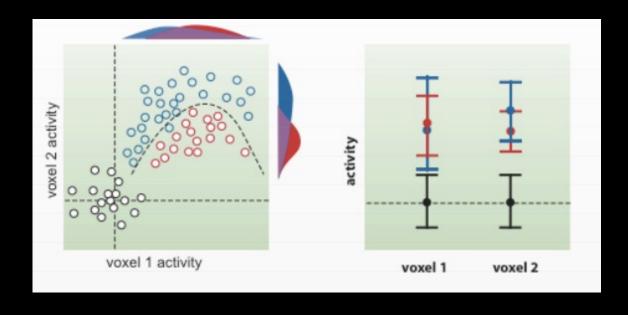




MVPA

Use Support Vector Machines to classify beta maps







Versions

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Visual object recognition

uploaded by Chris Gorgolewski on 2016-10-14 - almost 4 years ago last modified on 2018-07-14 - about 2 years ago authored by Haxby, J.V., Gobbini, M.I., Furey, M.L., Ishai, A., Schouten, J.L., Pietrini, P. & 807 © 15359

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Analyze on brainlife.io

OpenNeuro Accession Number: ds000105

Files: 1095, Size: 1.75GB, Subjects: 6, Session: 1

Available Tasks: object viewing
Available Modalities: T1w, bold

README

This dataset was obtained from the OpenfMRI project (http://www.openfmri.org).

Accession #: ds105

Description: Visual object recognition

Please cite the following references if you use these data:

Haxby, J.V., Gobbini, M.I., Furey, M.L., Ishai, A., Schouten, J.L., Pietrini, P. (2001). Distributed and overlapping representations of faces and objects in ventral temporal cortex. Science, 293(5539):2425-30

Hanson, S.J., Matsuka, T., Haxby, J.V. (2004). Combinatorial codes in ventral temporal lobe for object recognition: Haxby (2001) revisited: is there a "face" area? Neuroimage. 23(1):156-66

O'Toole, A.J., Jiang, F., Abdi, H., Haxby, J.V. (2005). Partially distributed representations of objects and faces in ventral temporal cortex. J Cogn Neurosci, 17(4):580-90

Release history: 10/12/2011: initial release

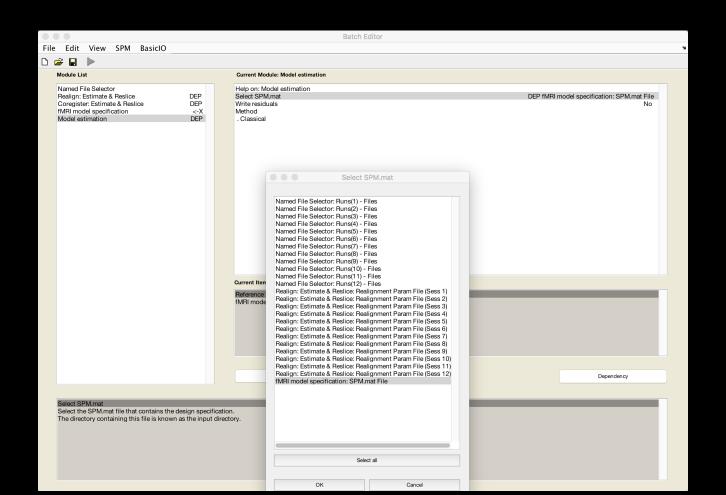
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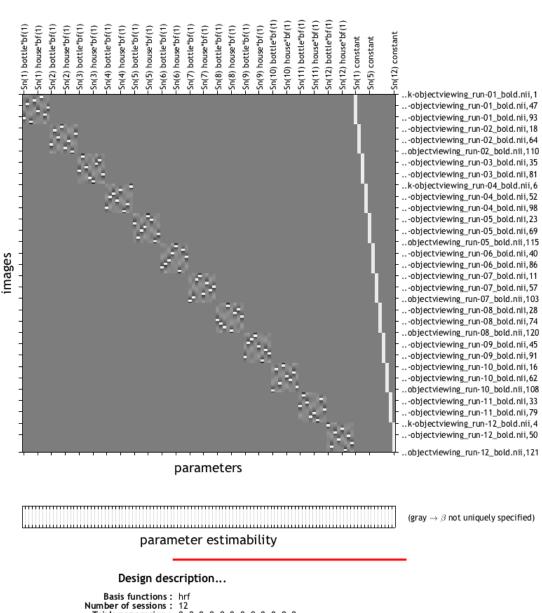
Dataset File Tree



Preprocessing an MVPA experiment is similar to fMRI, with the exception of smoothing

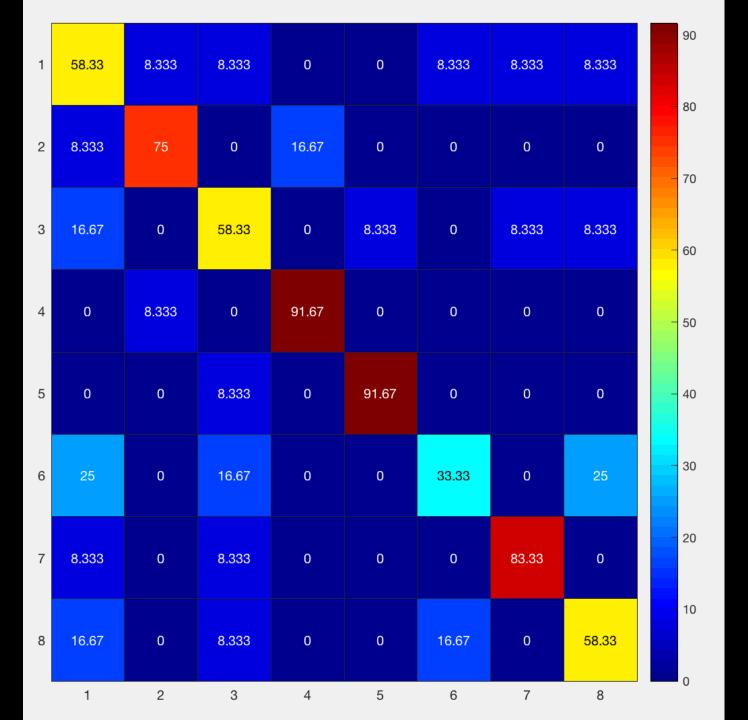


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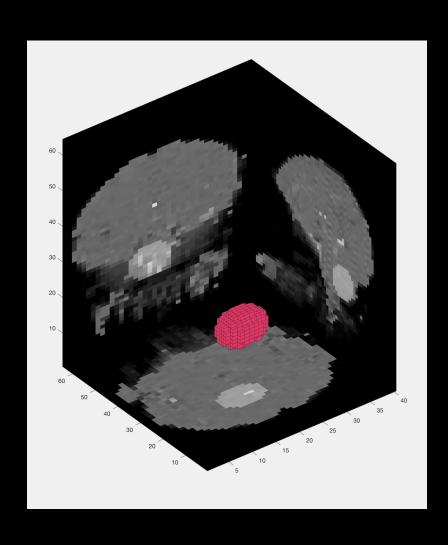


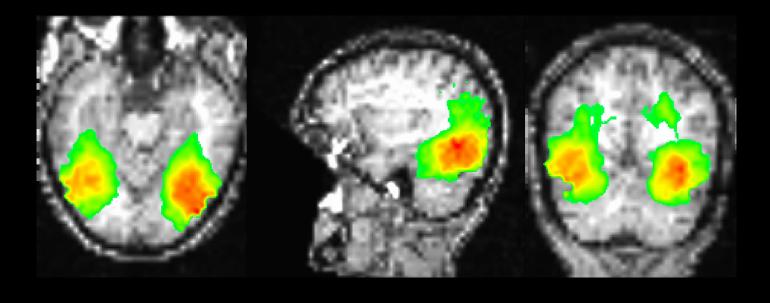
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labelname6 = 'scissors';
labelname7 = 'scrambledpix';
labelname8 = 'shoe';
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      % Set defaults
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      cfg = decoding defaults;
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      cfg.results.overwrite = 1:
      % Set the analysis that should be performed (default is 'searchlight')
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      cfg.analysis = 'ROI';
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      cfg.searchlight.radius = 3; % use searchlight of radius 3 (by default in voxels), see more details below
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      % Set the output directory where data will be saved, e.g. 'c:\exp\results\buttonpress'
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      cfg.results.dir = [pwd '/SPM_Results_1'];
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      % Set the filepath where your SPM.mat and all related betas are, e.g. 'c:\exp\glm\model_button'
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      beta_loc = [pwd '/SPM_Results_1'];
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      % Set the filename of your brain mask (or your ROI masks as cell matrix)
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      % for searchlight or wholebrain e.g. 'c:\exp\qlm\model button\mask.img' OR
      % for ROI e.g. {'c:\exp\roi\roimaskleft.img', 'c:\exp\roi\roimaskright.img'}
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      % You can also use a mask file with multiple masks inside that are
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      % separated by different integer values (a "multi-mask")
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Searchlight Analysis

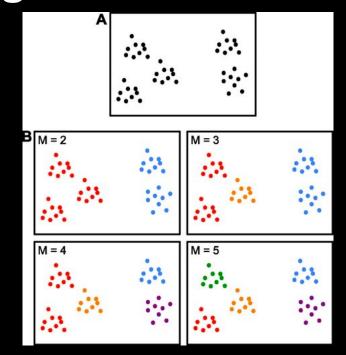




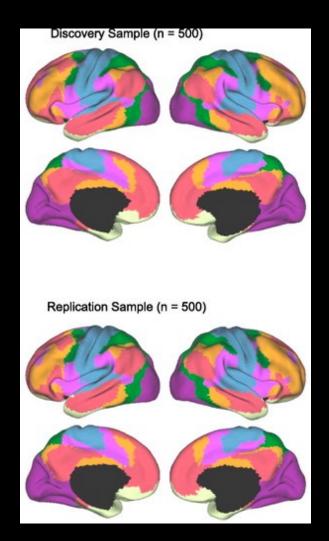
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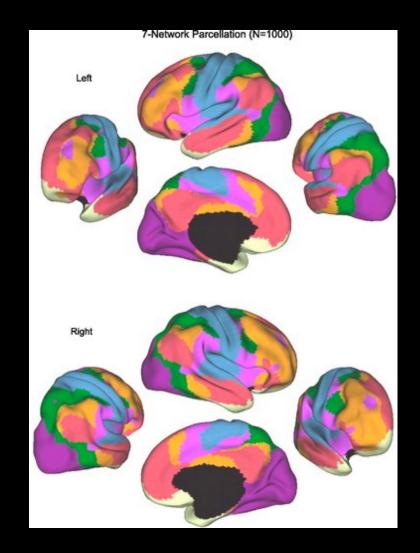
Example of Clustering: Yeo et al., 2011

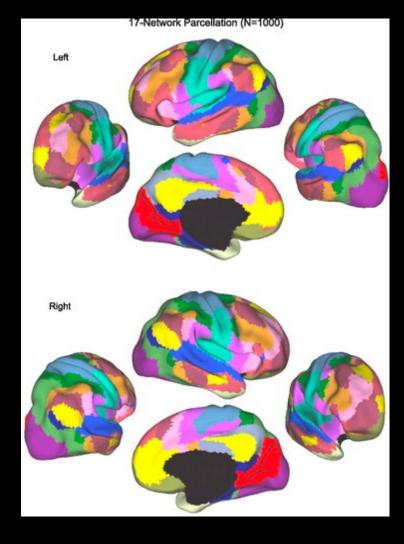
Used clustering to reveal intrinsic FC networks



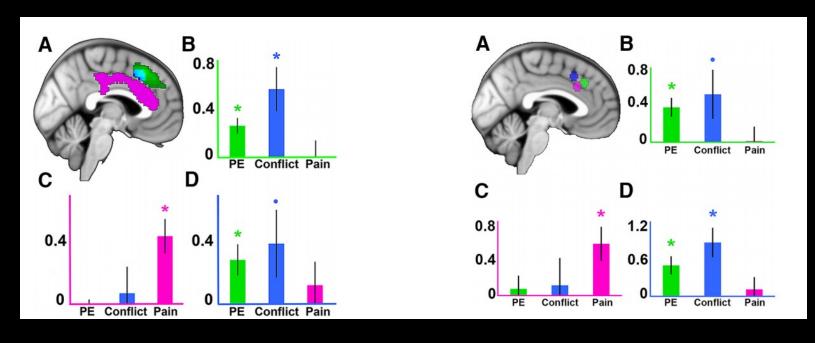
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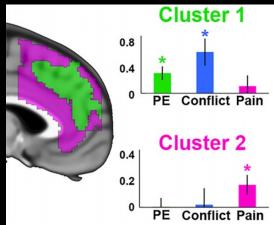






Data-driven





Summary: Comparison of each Approach

Theory-driven: Builds upon previous research; logically coherent; consecutive results; can be done with relatively few subjects

Data-driven: Can leverage large open-access datasets to answer new questions; depending on number of subjects and trials, has huge power

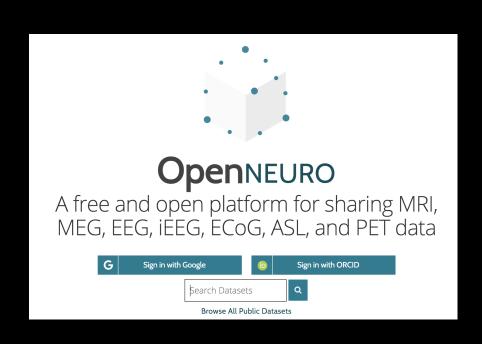
Word of Caution

Does not protect you from statistical fallacies discussed earlier

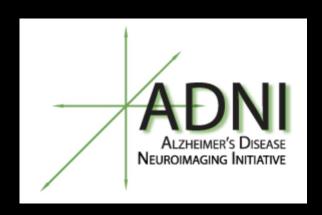
Large datasets provide more power; also, more opportunities for fishing and p-hacking

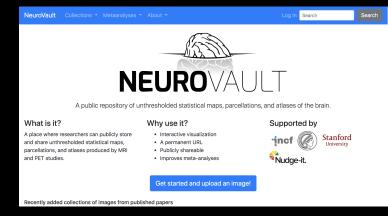
Tools for Reproducibility

Open-access repositories









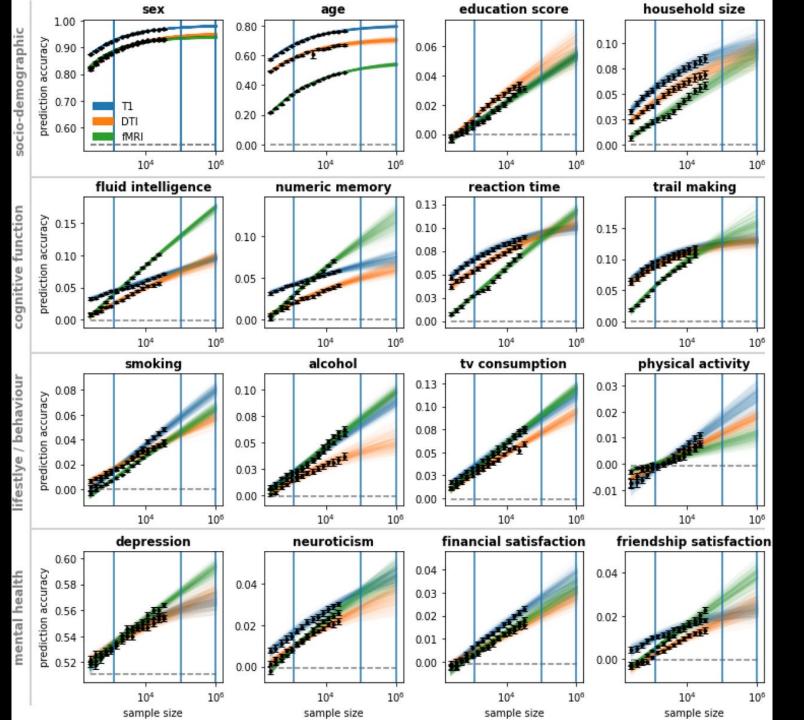
Overview of Openneuro

Growing use of large databases

Human Connectome Project (n=1,200)

UK Biobank (n=36,735)

Typical fMRI study n = ~25

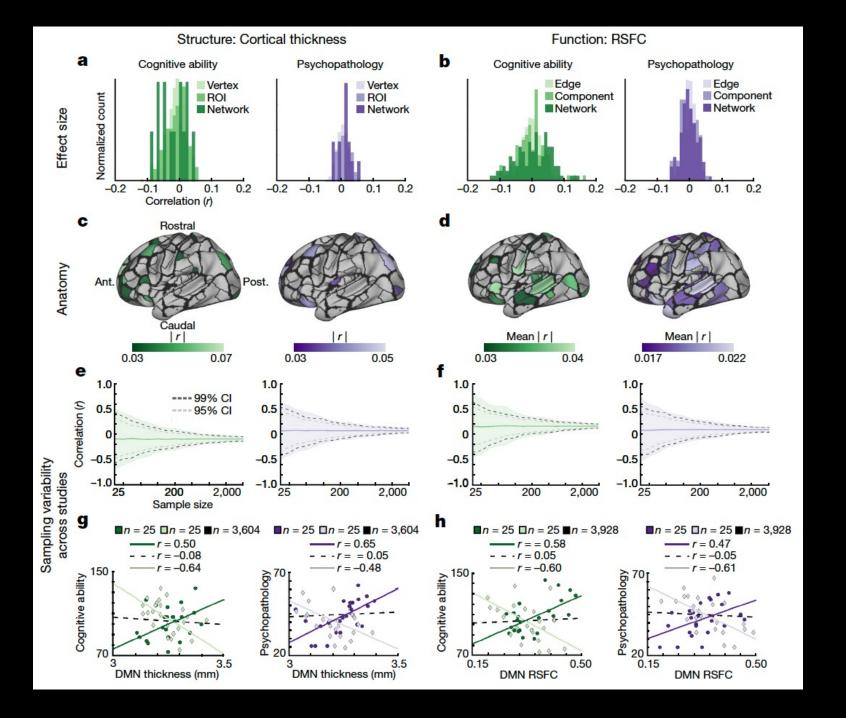


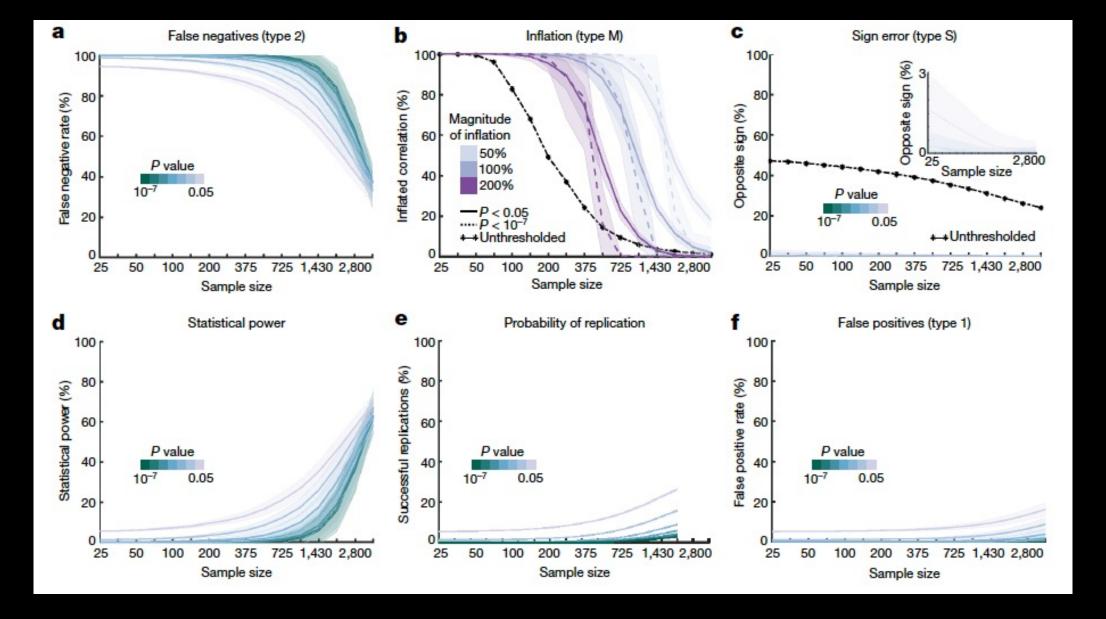
Large database issues

Can be collected from different sites

Changes in acquisition protocols over time (e.g., ADNI phases 1-3)

Current study: Look at ABCD, HCP, and UK Biobank





Summary

Although not all measures were studied, we can assume the effect sizes are similar (e.g., with EEG)

Compared to GWAS, BWAS requires fewer subjects

Ways to boost power: Within-study designs, Multivariate methods, interventions vs. observations

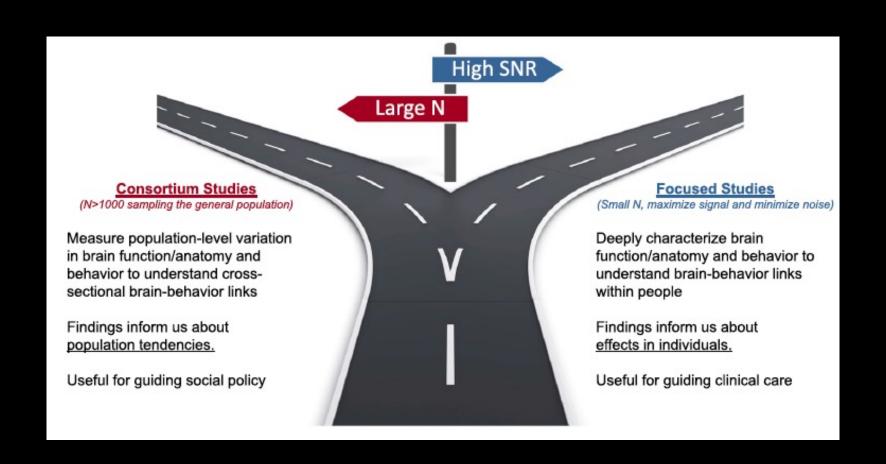
Gratton's Response

Cross-sectional studies with small N are useless

Consortia studies may have small effect sizes, but they are comparable to others that are useful

Nevertheless, they usually avoid novel experimental questions and designs

Gratton's Response



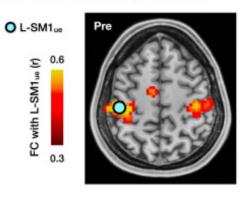
Other possibilities

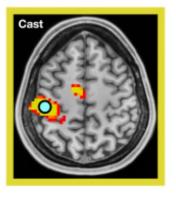
Over-reliance on large-scale studies can limit funding opportunities for junior researchers

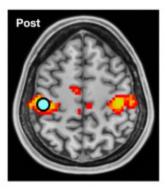
Smaller studies can still yield useful results through higher signal and lower noise designs

e.g., within-subjects designs, using designs that induce large alterations in behavior

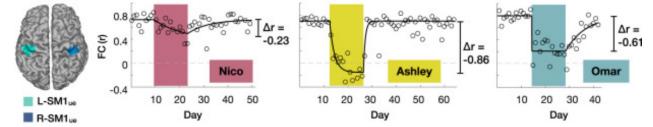
Functional connectivity (FC) seed maps



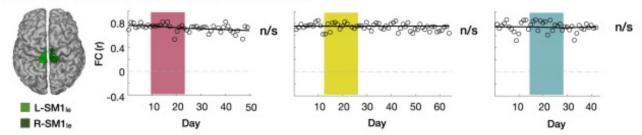




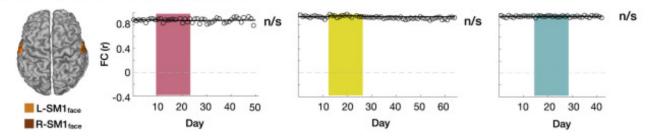
Daily time course of FC: upper extremity



Daily time course of FC: lower extremity (negative control)



Daily time course of FC: face (negative control)



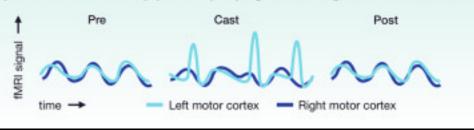
Disuse of brain circuits causes functional disconnection Two weeks of casting Right upper extremity Left motor cortex Functional connectivity Functional disconnection begins within hours to days Functional connectivity: left to right motor cortex

Spontaneous activity pulses propagate through disused circuits

Day

Right motor cortex

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Background to the IronTract Challenge

Historically, several issues with reconstructing pathways

Demands for higher spatial and angular resolution

Advanced acquisition parameters were developed by the Human Connectome Project (HCP)

Need for comparing different methods

Round 1

Allowed to use analysis methods of choice

Both probabilistic and deterministic tractography were used

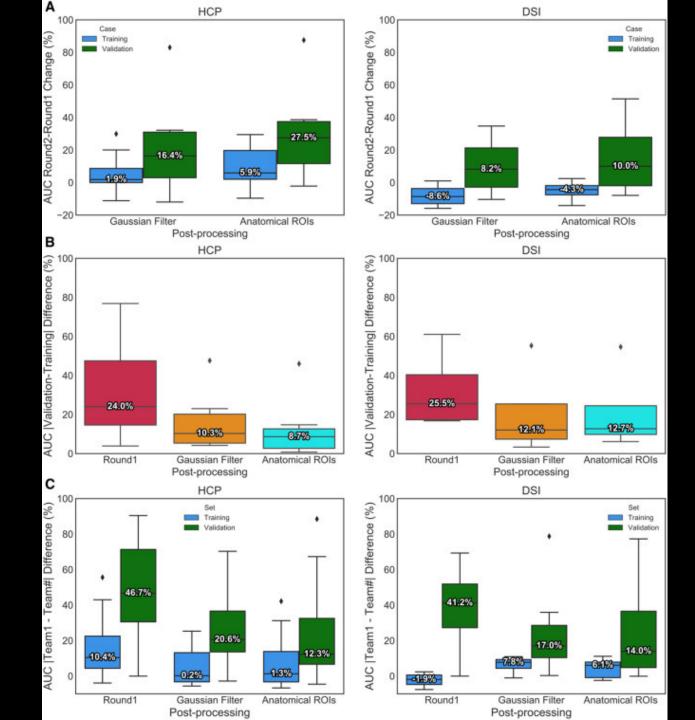
Training case: Could repeat analysis any number of times

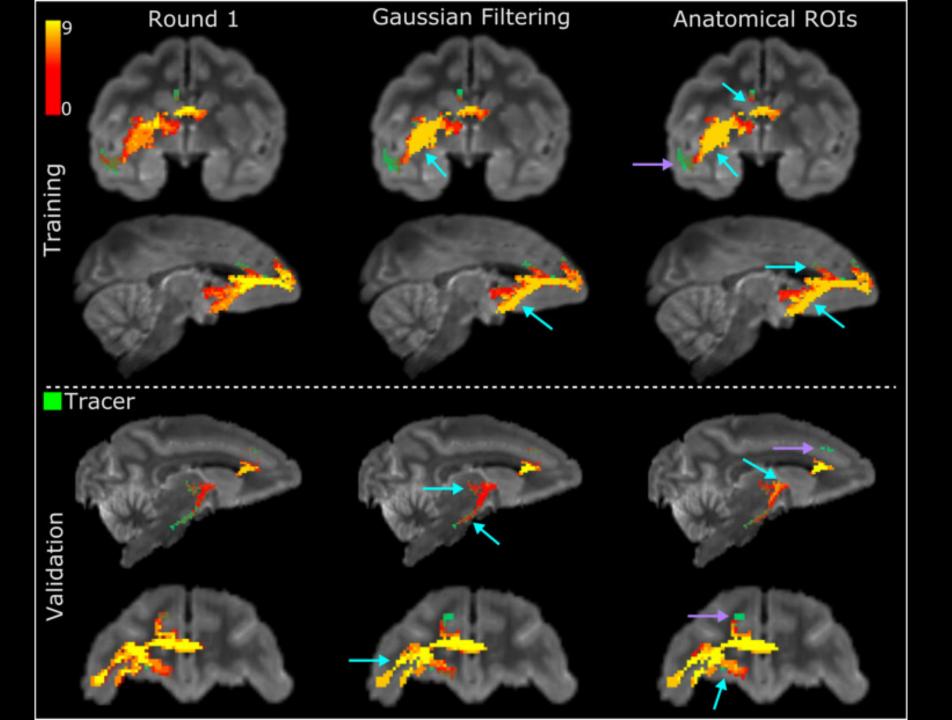
Round 2

Pre- and post-processing was standardized

Choice of orientation reconstruction and tractography

ROIs analyzed: Cingulum, CC genu, external capsule, internal capsule, and uncinate fasciculus





Questions?

Pre-registration

Posit hypotheses before collecting data

Specify parameters such as sample size, analysis options, dependent variables, and exclusion criteria

Pre-registration

Example: Open Science Framework



Improve your research with preregistration. By writing out specific details such as data collection methods, analysis plans, and rules for data exclusion, you can make important decisions early on and have a clear record of these choices. This can help reduce biases that occur once the data are in front of you.

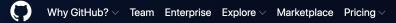
Pre-registration

Alternative: AsPredicted.org

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Participating Authors (Up to 5)				
Order	First	Last	email	Affiliation
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2				
3				
4				
5				
AsPredicted Questions				
This blog post on how to answer pre-registration questions may be a useful resource.				
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	Yes, we alrea	ady collected the data.		
	○ No, no data h	have been collected for this stu	dy yet.	
	Olt's complicated. We have already collected some data but explain in Question 8 why readers may consider this a valid <u>pre</u> -registration nevertheless. (Note: "Yes" is not an accepted answer.)			
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Other Tools

Github



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Achievements





Popular repositories

AndysBrainBook

This repository contains the files that generate Andy's Brain Book on ReadTheDocs.

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OpenScience_Scripts

Scripts to use with Open Science materials such as fMRIPrep

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AFNI_Scripts

Scripts used for fMRI data analysis in AFNI

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FSL_Scripts

Scripts for analyzing fMRI data using FSL

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MRtrix_Analysis_Scripts

Scripts for analyzing diffusion data with MRtrix

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440 contributions in the last year



Downloading the "git" command

Installer for Macintosh: https://git-scm.com/download/mac

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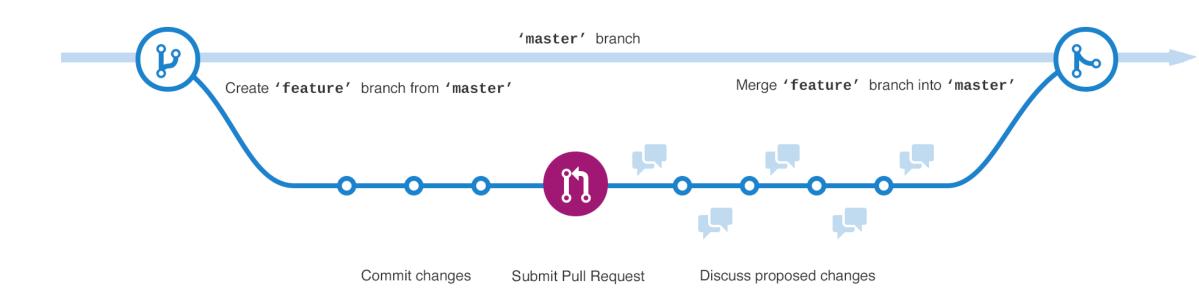
Github has a technical (and sometimes confusing!) vocabulary

Repository:

contains all of the project files (including documentation), and stores each file's revision history

Branch: Current copy of the finalized edits

Each repository by default has a "main" branch



Fork: Create a copy of a repository

Any edits made to this copy will not be seen by the public until the changes are merged

Commit: Snapshot of an edit that can be later merged into the main branch

Commits can be labeled with messages describing what the change was

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       Example of repositories on a Github page.
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    * Clone: Copying a repository to your local machine. For example, if I want to clone the repository ``SPM_Scripts`` from Andy's Github page, I would need to know
     the link to the page (i.e., <a href="https://github.com/andrewjahn/SPM Scripts">https://github.com/andrewjahn/SPM Scripts</a>), and then use it with the ``git`` command:
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     This will clone the SPM_Scripts repository to my local machine, from where I ran the ``git`` command.
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    * Branching: Each repository has a ``main`` branch, which contains all of the final edits that are seen by the public. A new branch is created to make edits, and
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     can be called anything you like; when the edits are approved by whoever owns the repository, they are merged into the main branch.
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Commit changes

Add Branching and Clone Definitions

This edit defines what Branching and Cloning mean in Github.

- O Commit directly to the master branch.
- 17 Create a **new branch** for this commit and start a pull request. Learn more about pull requests.

Commit changes

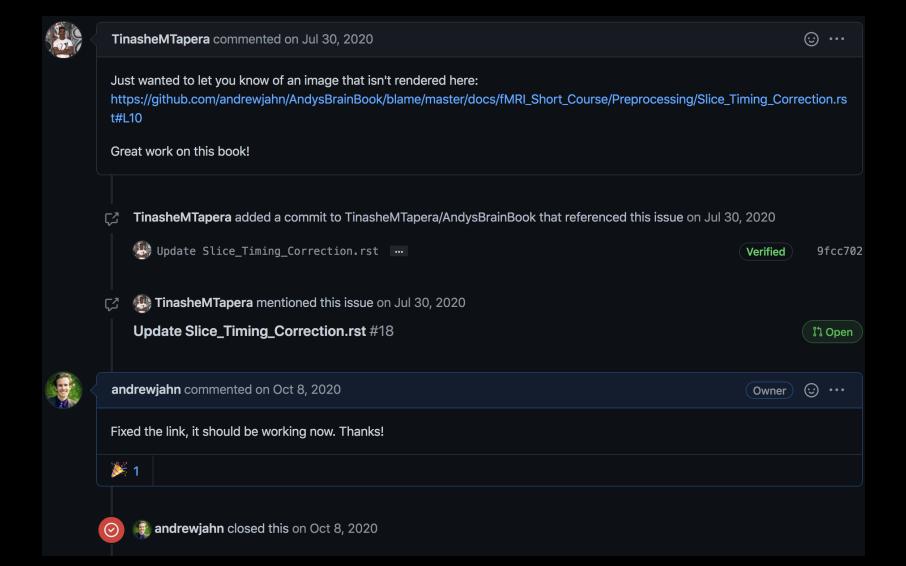
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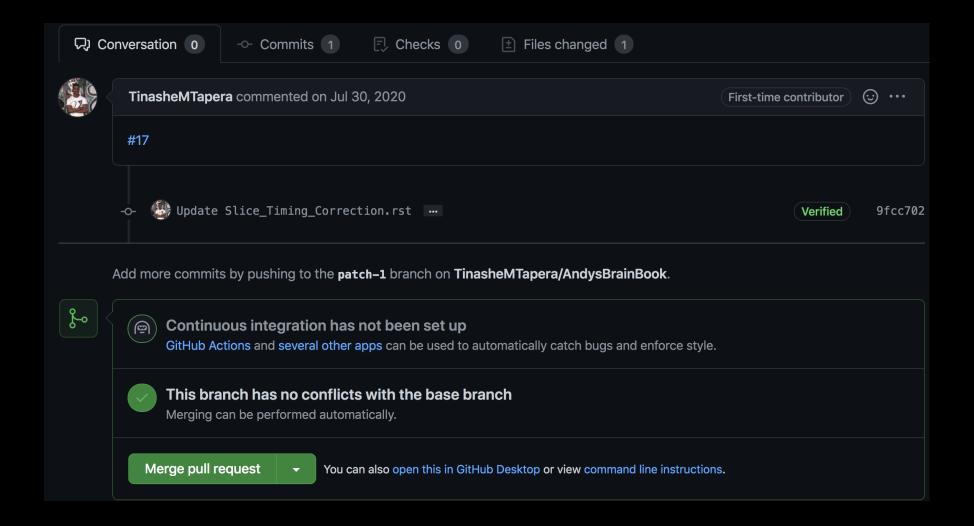
Push: Send changes to your repository, even if they are created locally (need permissions)

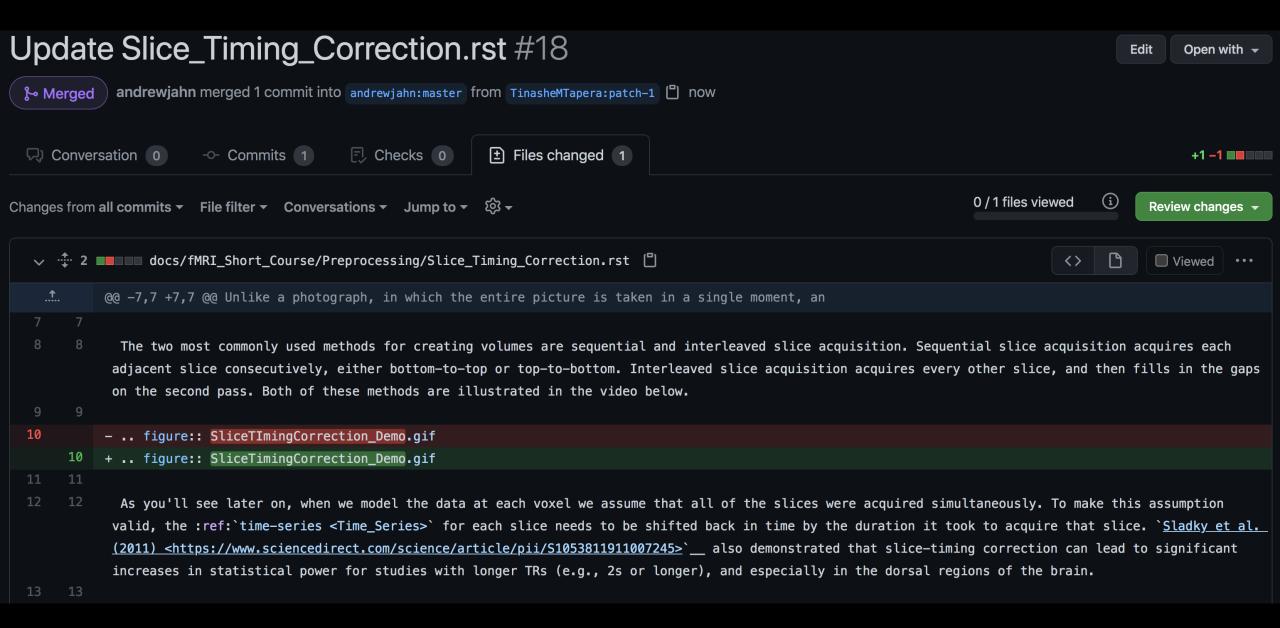
Pull request: Ask for a review of your commits before they are merged into the main branch

Opening an Issue



Closing an Issue

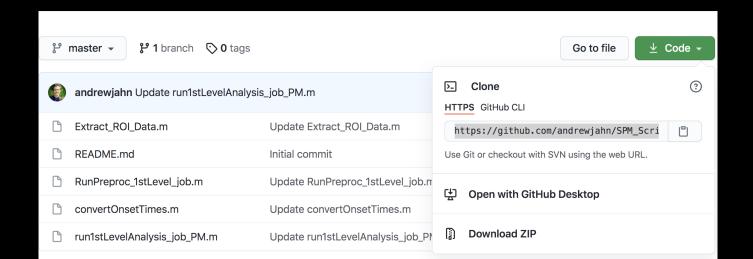




Vocabulary

Clone: Copy of a repository that lives on your computer

Sample usage: git clone < repository address>

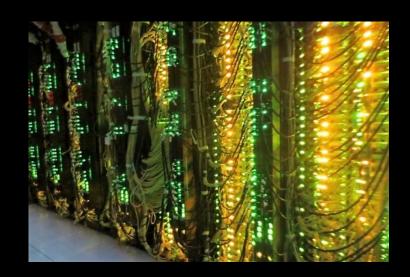


```
(base) ajahn:~/Desktop$ git clone https://github.com/andrewjahn/SPM_Scripts.git
Cloning into 'SPM_Scripts'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 40, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (40/40), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (39/39), done.
remote: Total 40 (delta 19), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0
Unpacking objects: 100% (40/40), done.
(base) ajahn:~/Desktop$ ls
Archived Flanker_fMRIPrep SPM_Scripts
BTC_preop Gambles ds002422-download
CONN_Demo Haxby_Data network_TDA_tutorial
FSL_Flanker Haxby_Data_Umich
Flanker NeuroNav
(base) ajahn:~/Desktop$ cd SPM_Scripts/
(base) ajahn:~/Desktop/SPM_Scripts$ ls
Extract_ROI_Data.m convertOnsetTimes.m
                         run1stLevelAnalysis_job_PM.m
README.md
RunPreproc_1stLevel_job.m
(base) ajahn:~/Desktop/SPM_Scripts$
```

Supercomputing

What is a supercomputer?

Great Lakes is a supercomputing cluster, i.e., a large collection of computers



Supercomputing at the University of Michigan

LSA students can apply for a supercomputing account through Michigan's Advanced Research Computing (ARC) center

Usually requires a shortcode from the PI

Can apply for a Umich Research Computing Package (UMRCP)

80,000 CPU hours and 10TB of storage per year, 100TB archive storage

Supercomputing at the University of Michigan

Uses Batch computing

i.e., you specify the resources for a job or several jobs

Jobs are run by a job manager, which is told when to run by a job scheduler

These are run with a computing language called SLURM

```
#------
#-----#
#SBATCH --job-name=mri_prep_0000004_01_01_T1
#----- log file
#SBATCH -o /scratch/precisionhealth_project_root/precisionhealth_project1/shared_data/brainmri/slogs/mri_prep_0000004_01_01_T1.log
#----- Cancel job after d-hh:mm:ss
#SBATCH --time=09:00:00
#----- Number of cores
#SBATCH --nodes=1
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=1
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=5
#---- GB Memory
#SBATCH --mem=10g
#----- Account will pay job
#SBATCH --account=precisionhealth_project1
#----- Partition where job "lives"?
#SBATCH --partition=standard
#----- No e-mail notifications of job start/end/error
#SBATCH --mail-type=NONE
echo "Working in dir ${PWD}:"
#----#
module purge
module load fsl/6.0.5.1
module load afni/18.0.27
```

#!/bin/bash

module load freesurfer

EXAMPLE JOBS AND THEIR CHARGES¹

To help illustrate how the job charges work, here are some examples of differently-sized jobs.

Partition	Total CPU Cores Used	Total Memory Used	Total GPUs Used	Cost Per Minute
standard	1	1 GB	N/A	\$0.000250
standard	1	10 GB	N/A	\$0.000500
standard	36	5 GB	N/A	\$0.009000
standard	1	50 GB	N/A	\$0.002000
largemem	1	180 GB	N/A	\$0.003852
gpu	1	20 GB	1	\$0.002739

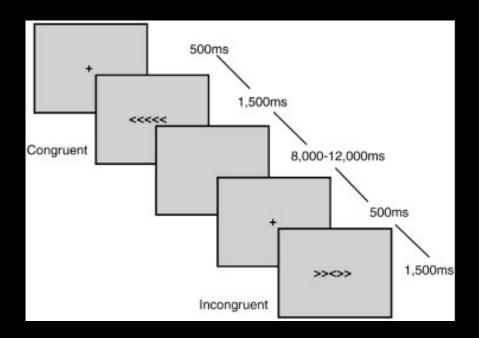
Example: Analyzing a dataset from openneuro.org

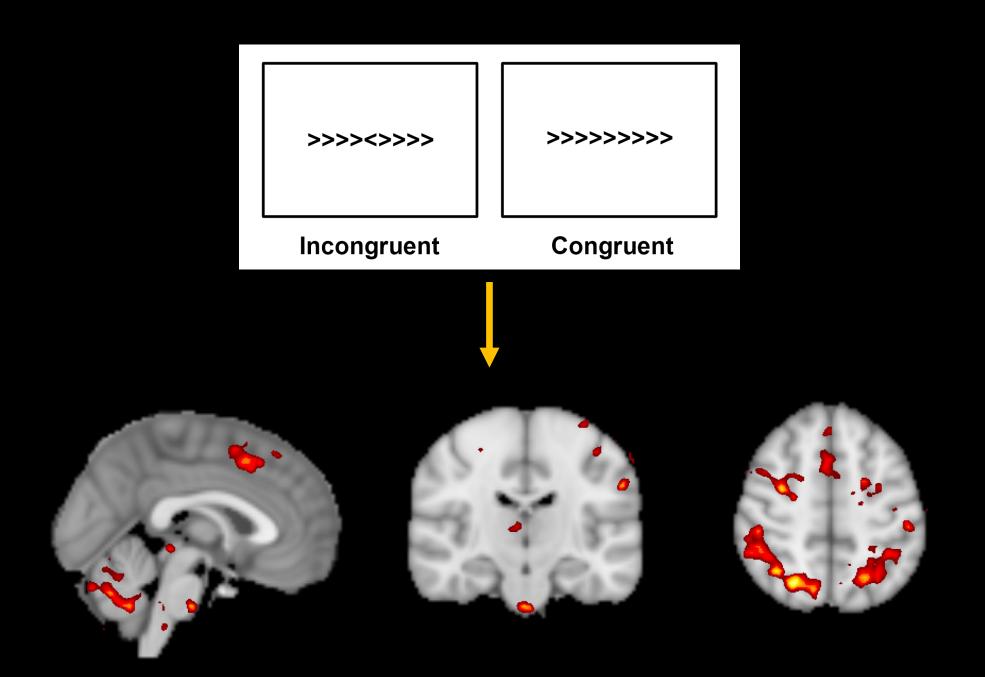
The Dataset

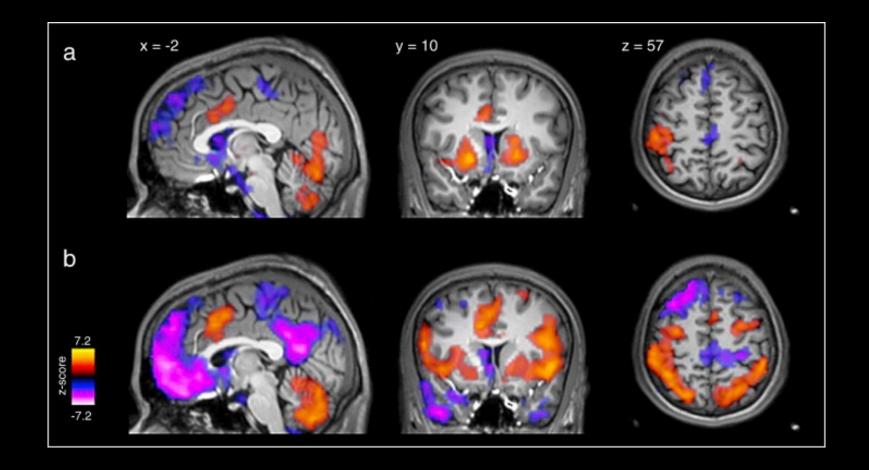
Flanker Task (Kelly et al., 2008)

Cognitive Control

Filtering out irrelevant stimuli to perform a task







Demonstration: Download the data and analyze it

General Q & A Session

Any questions about the material covered since last Friday?

PSY808 Course in the Fall and Winter will build upon what you've learned in the course

Future trends in neuroimaging analysis

Difficult to predict

What I think will happen:

Greater emphasis on standardized pipelines, software

More labs using large open-access datasets

Wider use of supercomputers

Concluding Remarks