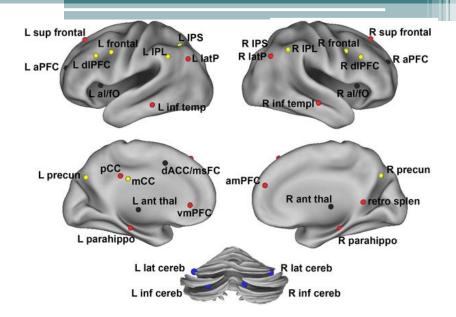
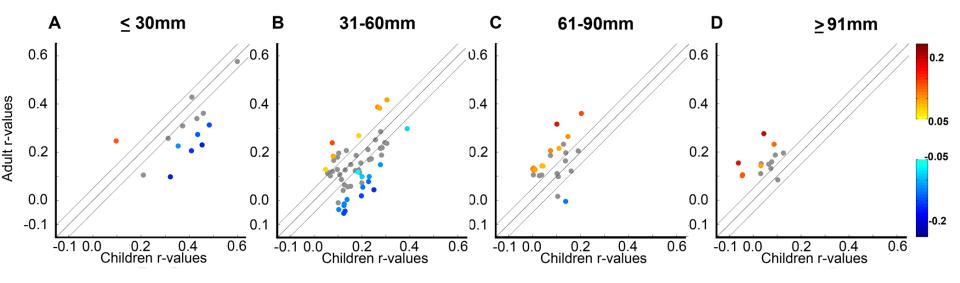
Motion in resting-state fMRI analysis: Comparing different preprocessing strategies

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Functional Brain Networks Develop from a "Local to Distributed" Organization

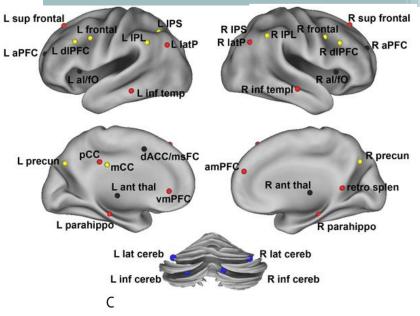


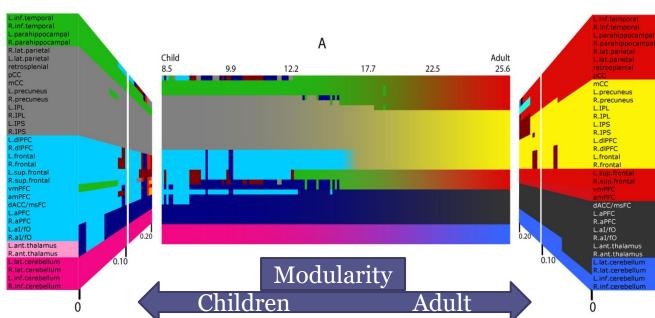


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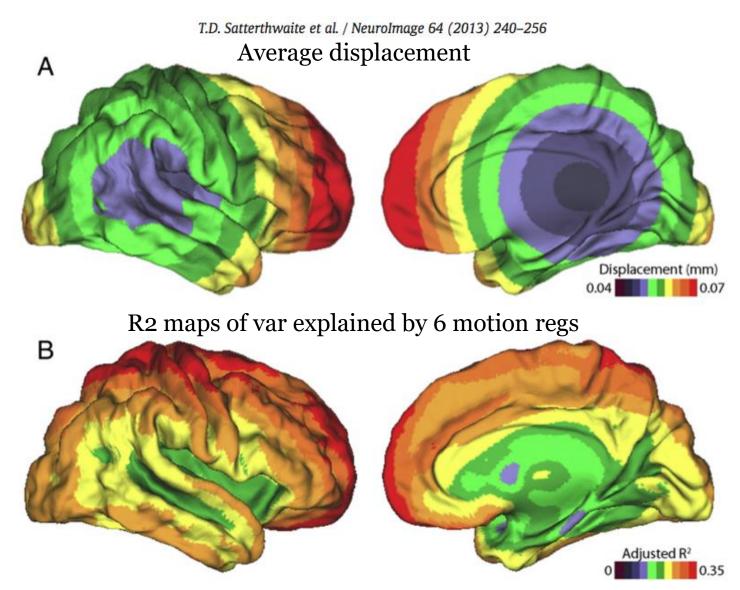
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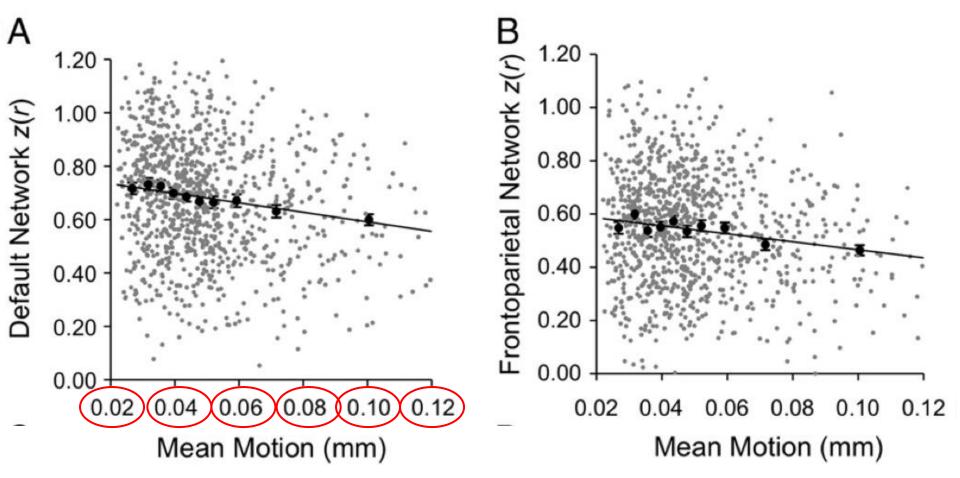


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Not all motion is created equal

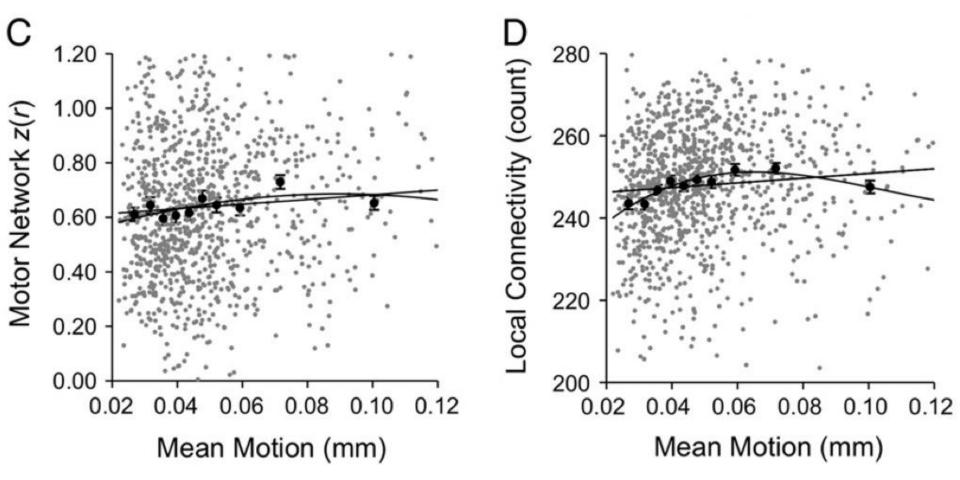


Long-range functional connectivity is diminished in wiggly subjects



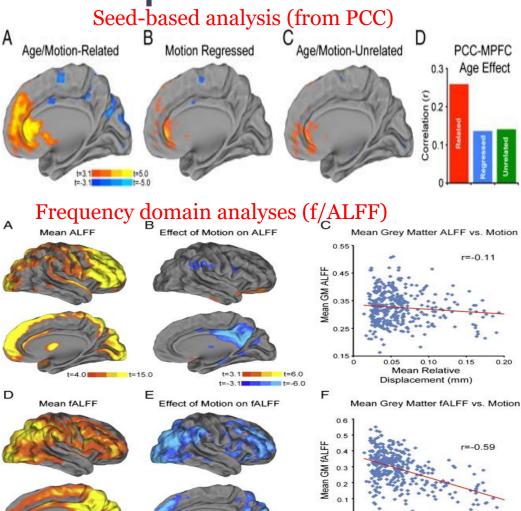
Van Dijk, Sabuncu, & Buckner (2012) NeuroImage

And short-range functional connectivity can be augmented in wiggly subjects



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This problem affects all techniques



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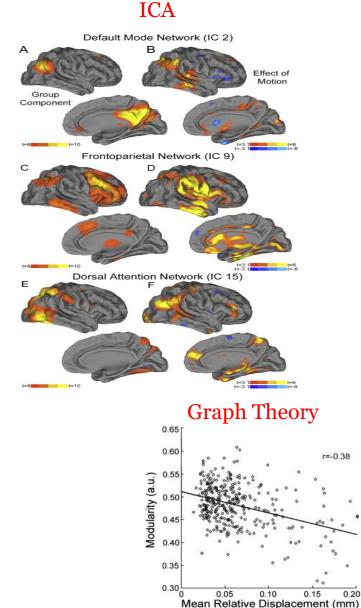
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Mean Relative

Displacement (mm)

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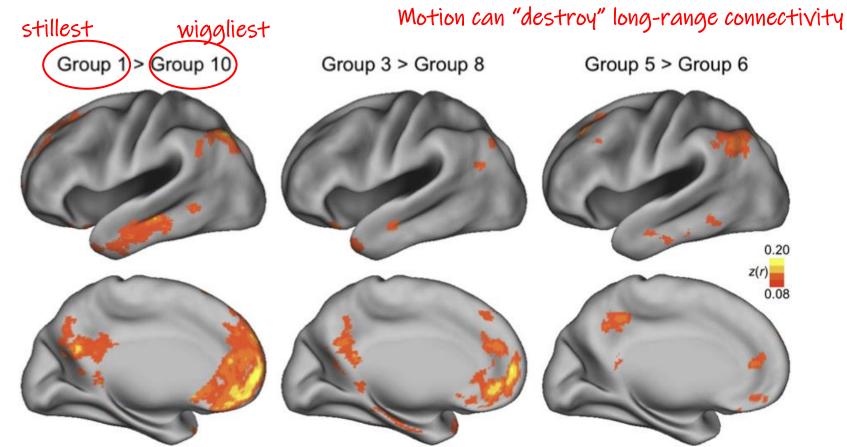
r=-0.38

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t=15.0

PCC connectivity X motion interaction



Default Mode Network connectivity (PCC seed) is reduced in subject groups with more motion, even when differences are miniscule (0.044mm vs. 0.048mm mean motion)

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Framewise displacement (FD)

- $FD_i = |\Delta d_{ix}| + |\Delta d_{iy}| + |\Delta d_{iz}| + |\Delta \alpha_i| + |\Delta \beta_i| + |\Delta \gamma_i|$ • Where $\Delta d_{ix} = d_{(i-1)x} - d_{ix}$
- This variable measures movement of any given frame relative to the previous frame (as opposed to relative to the reference frame of motion parameter estimation & regression).

DVARS

- **D** referring to temporal derivative of timecourses
- VARS referring to RMS variance over voxels
- Indexes the rate of change of BOLD signal across the entire brain at each frame of data.
- DVARS is a measure of how much the intensity of a brain image changes in comparison to the previous timepoint (as opposed to the global signal, which is the average value of a brain image at a timepoint).

$$\text{DVARS}(\Delta I)_{i} = \sqrt{\left\langle \left[\Delta I_{i}(\vec{x}) \right]^{2} \right\rangle} = \sqrt{\left\langle \left[I_{i}(\vec{x}) - I_{i-1}(\vec{x}) \right]^{2} \right\rangle}$$

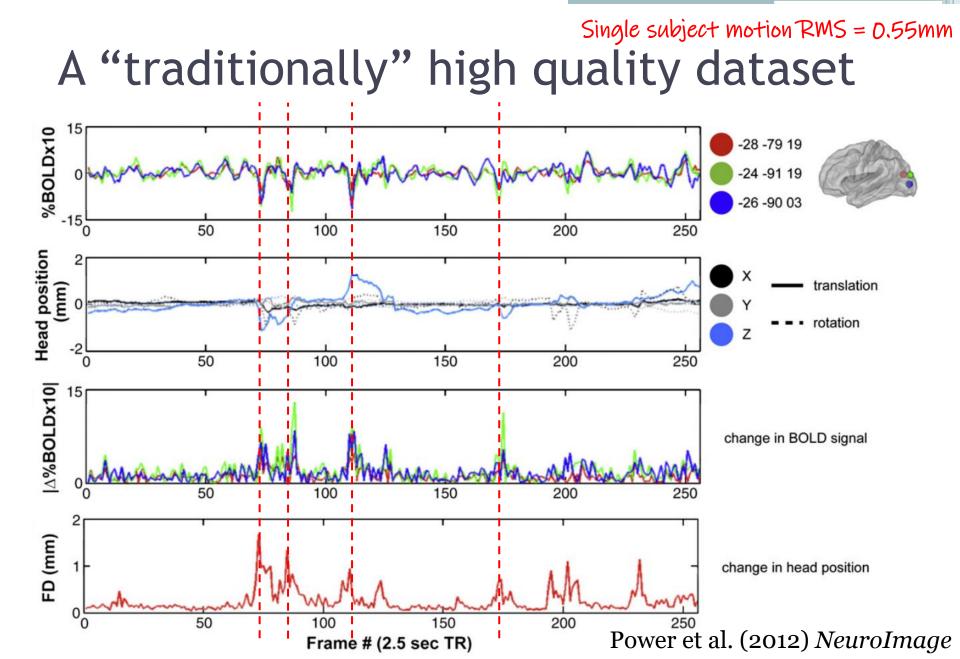
Power et al. (2012) *NeuroImage*

DVARS

• Because frame-to-frame changes in signal intensity related to movement are significantly greater than those caused by neurophysiologic changes in the BOLD signal, this measure provides a natural parameter with which to directly examine the relationship of movement measurements and the BOLD response (Fair et al 2013)

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Head motion & BOLD relationship

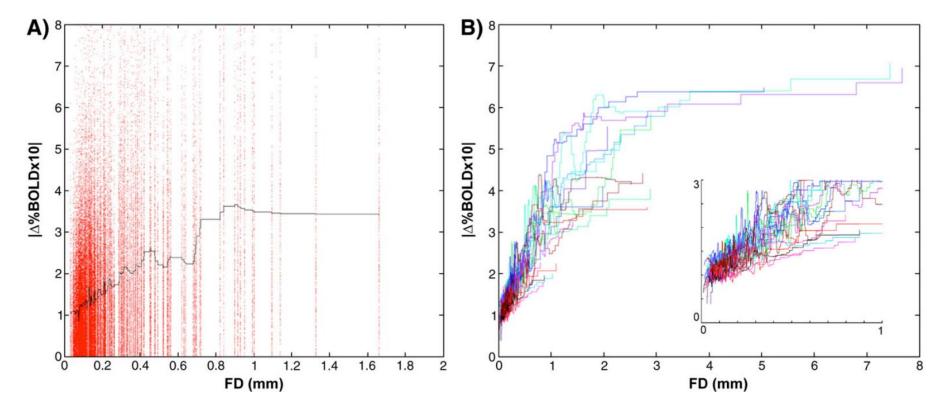


Fig. 2. Frame-by-frame head displacement is related to frame-by-frame changes in rs-fcMRI signal throughout the brain and across subjects. (A) For each frame of data in the same subject used in Fig. 1, the framewise displacement (FD) of a frame of data is plotted against the absolute values of the differentials of rs-fcMRI timecourses of 264 ROIs (locations listed and shown in Table S1 and Figure S3). These data are fitted with a loess curve (black line) sampling the nearest 5000 data points. (B) Identically produced loess curves from all 22 subjects in Cohort 1 are plotted against framewise displacement. There is a clear trend for larger frame-by-frame head displacement to co-occur with larger changes in rs-fcMRI signal. The inset magnifies the plot between framewise displacements of 0 and 1, demonstrating that this relationship exists even for very small movements.

Why does traditional motion correction not work?

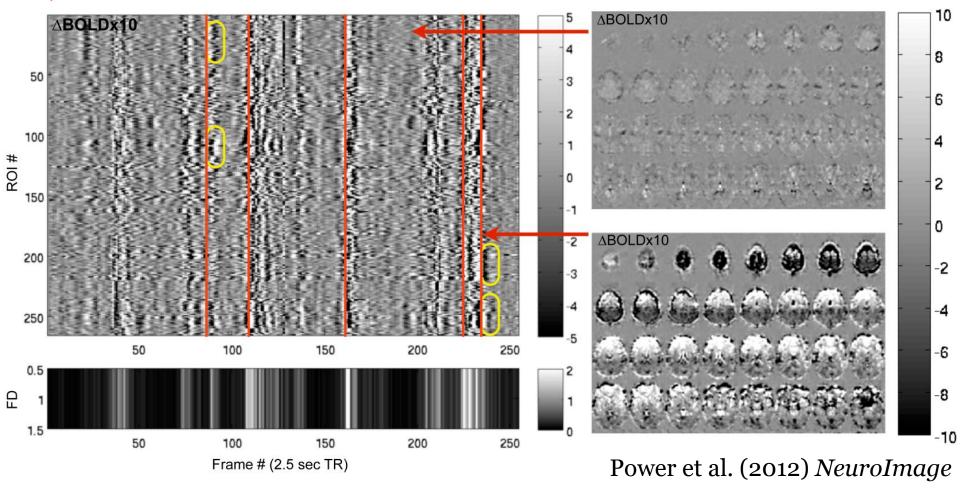
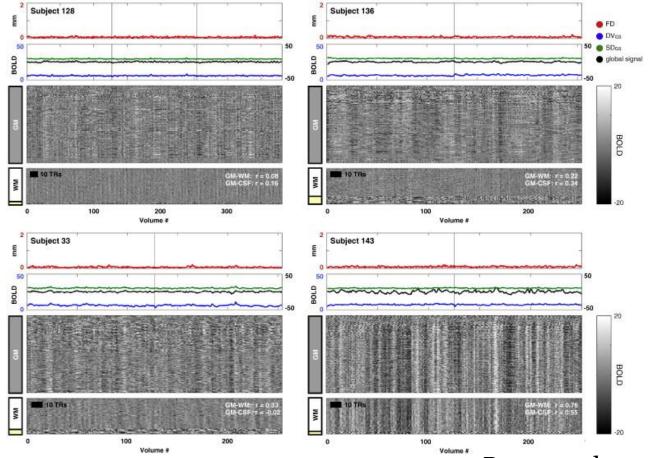


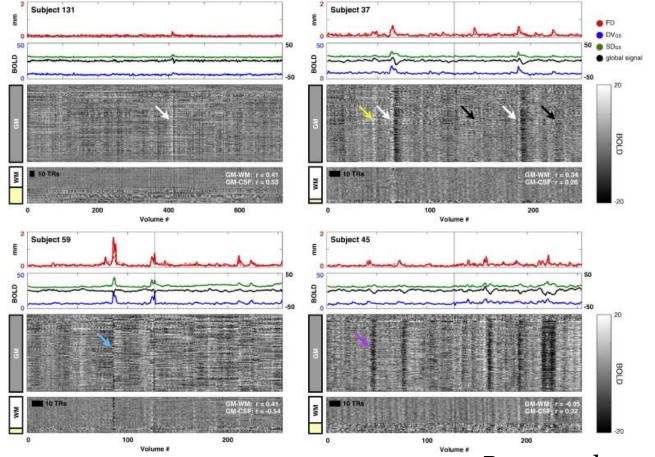
Figure S4: **Head motion simultaneously induces changes in BOLD signal in opposite directions in various parts of the brain.** In a single subject, the derivatives of 264 timecourses are plotted in grayscale, with time on the x-axis. Here, white indicates positive displacements of BOLD signal, and black indicates negative displacements of BOLD signal. Below this plot the framewise displacement (FD) is plotted in grayscale. Several periods of movement are indicated by the red lines in the upper plot. Looking directly to the right of the lines (using the red lines as a reference point), note that at identical time points, that BOLD signal is dramatically increased in some ROIs, and simultaneously dramatically decreased at other ROIs. Some examples are circled in yellow. At right, whole-brain images of the derivative of the BOLD signal are plotted for a low-motion frame (top) and a high-motion frame (bottom). Note the ringing artifact, as well as dorsal-ventral and anterior-posterior orientations of artifactual signal change. Plots in other subjects have similar characteristics.

Low-motion subjects



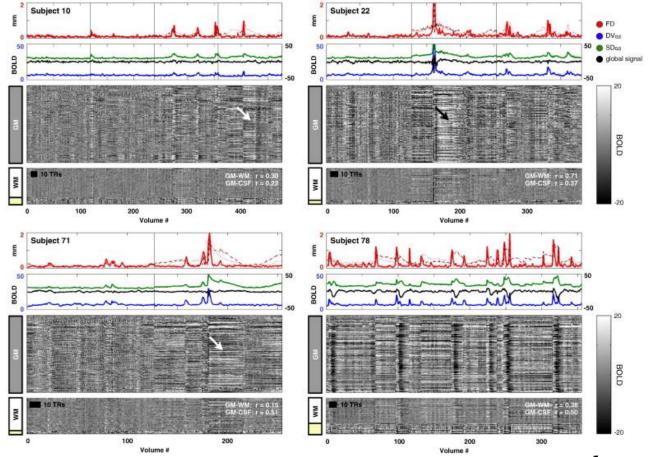
Power et al 2014, Neuroimage

Intermittent-motion subjects



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Head shift-motion subjects

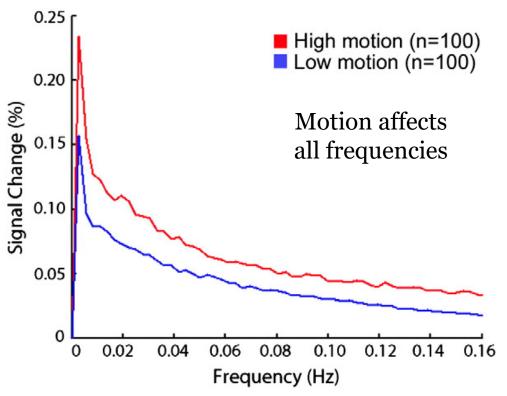


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Expand motion parameters (+Spikes)

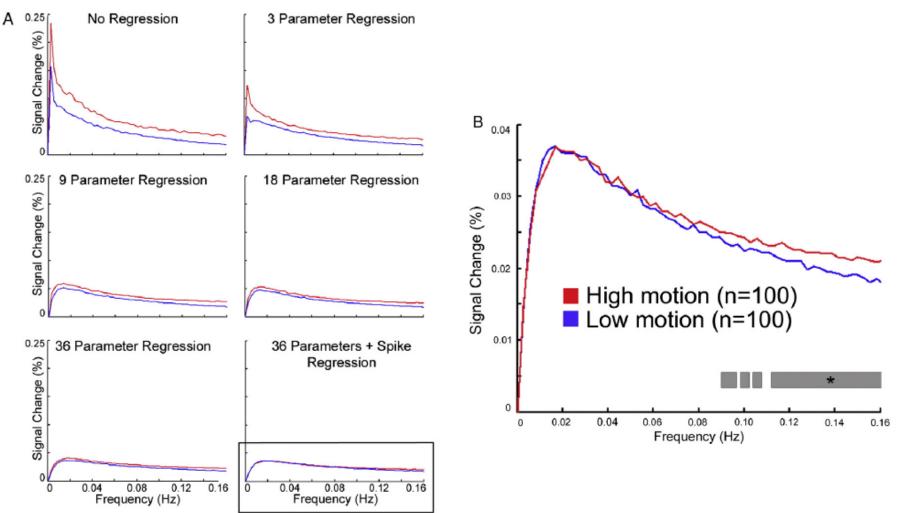
- 3 par: GMS, WM, CSF
- 9 par: 3par + 6Motion (tra,rot)
- 18 par: 9par + f'(t)
- 36 par: 18 par + f''(t)

Including the temporal derivatives and quadratic terms of the realignment estimates in the confound model to account for delayed and non-linear motion-induced spin history effects.



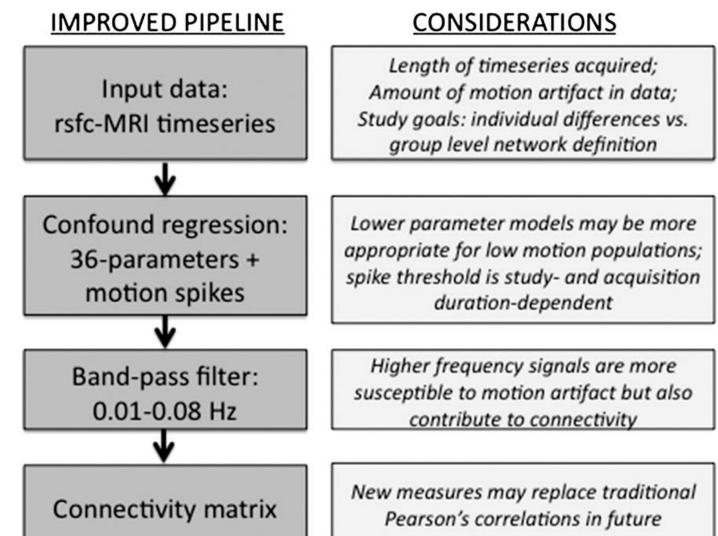
Satterthwaite et al. (2013)

Expand motion parameters (+Spikes)



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Expand motion parameters (+Spikes)



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Volume #

Include global signal regression

From a perspective of eliminating artifactual variance, especially motionrelated variance, GSR is unquestionably powerful. However, GSR is a contentious step in processing [e.g., mean centering of correlations will induce false anticorrelations and potentially remove signal]

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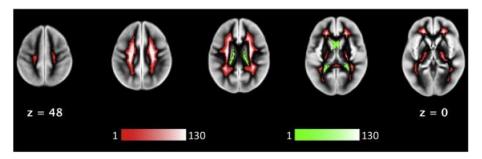
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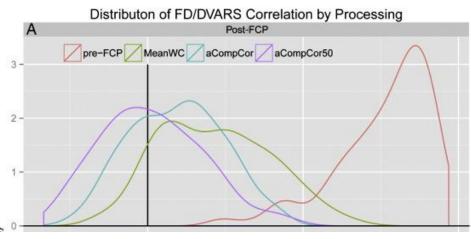
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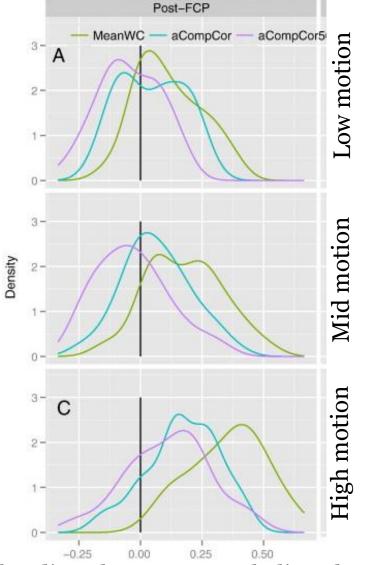
CompCor: component based noise correction method

aCompCor50



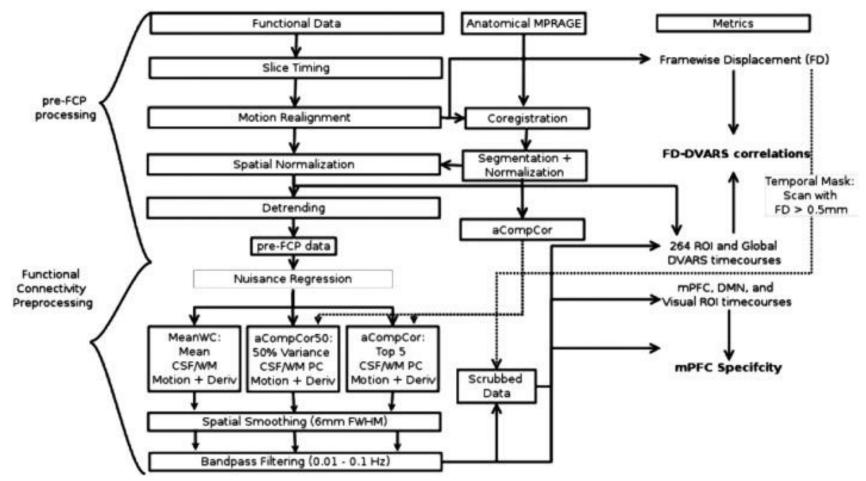


FD/DVARS correlation



Behzadi et al., 2007; Muscheli et al 2014

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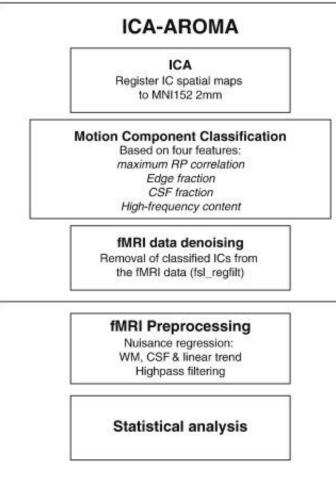
Participant level

fMRI Preprocessing Motion correction

4D mean intensity normalization Spatial smoothing (6mm FWHM)

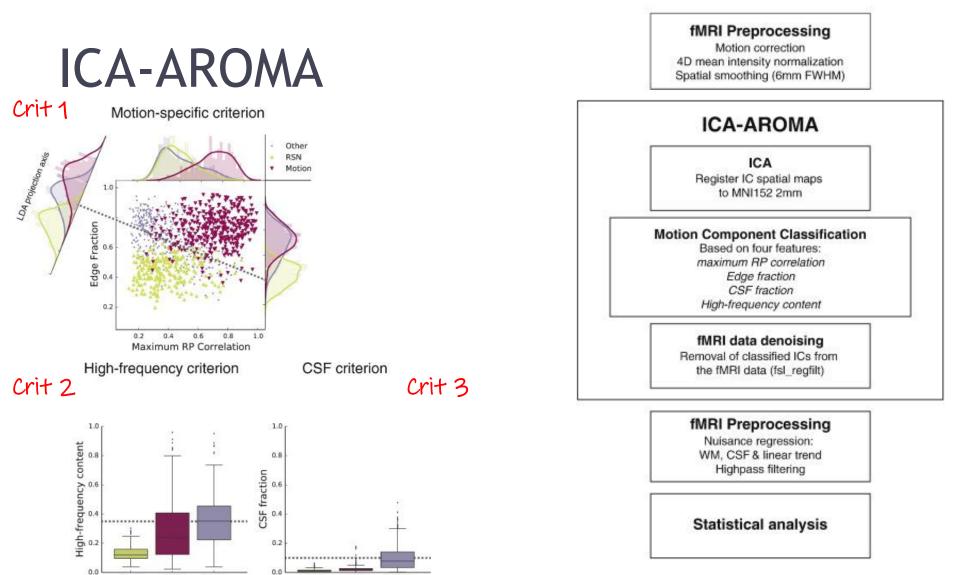
ICA-AROMA

- ICA strategy focused on removing motion artifacts.
- Uses small set of spatial and temporal rules (4) to define motion components:
- 1. High frequency
- 2. Correlated with Motion Parameters
- 3. Fraction near borders
- 4. Fraction in CSF





Participant level



RSN

Motion

Other

RSN

Motion

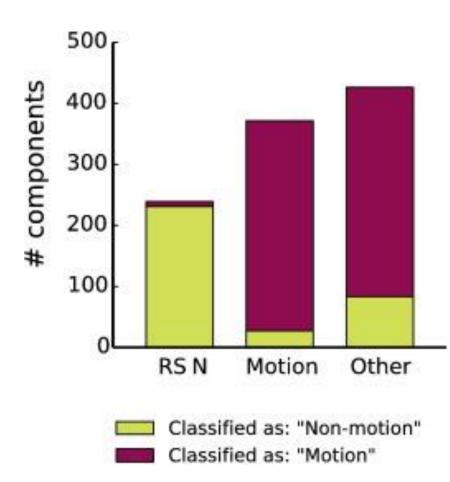
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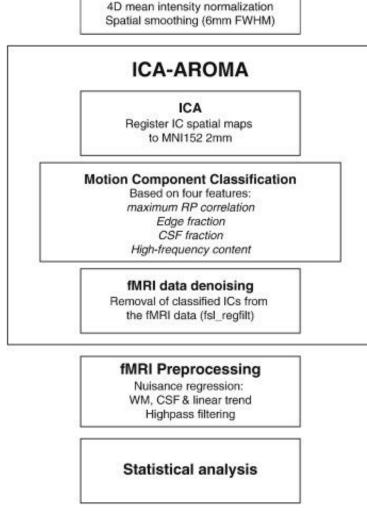


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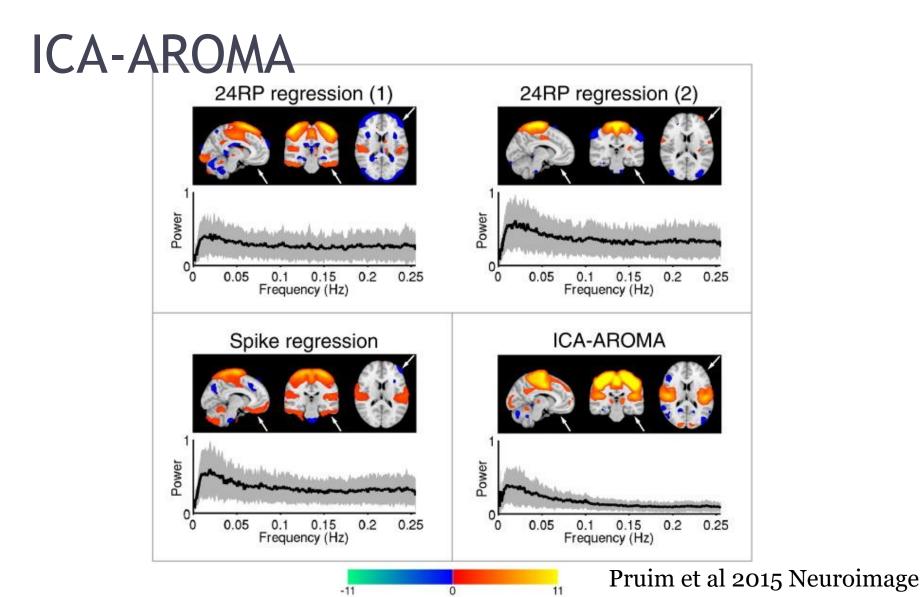
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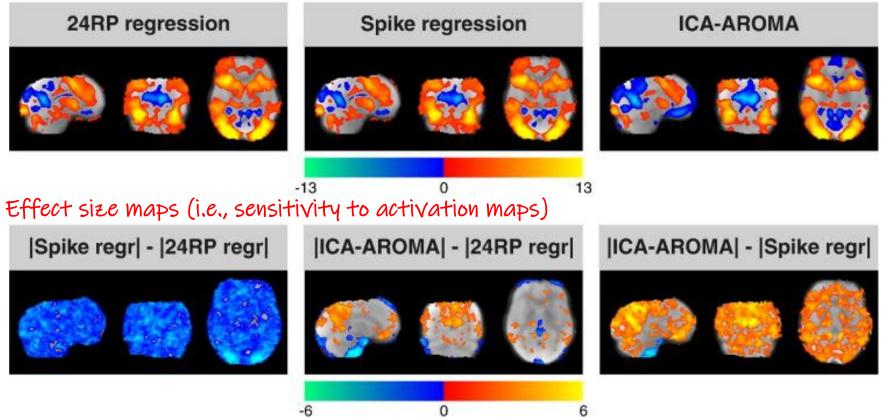
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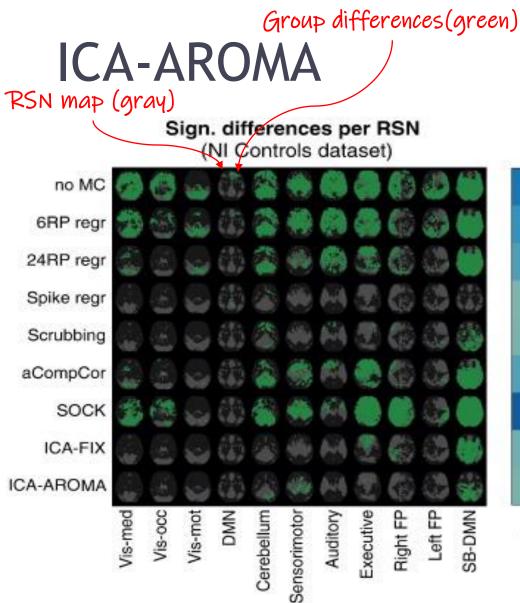


EX. Task data

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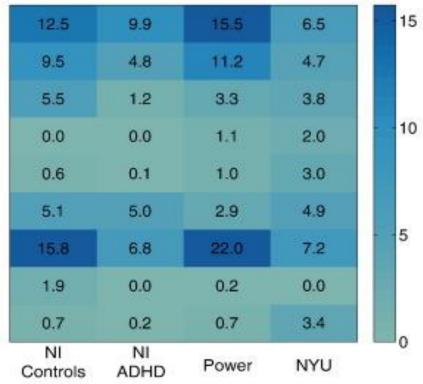
Group effects



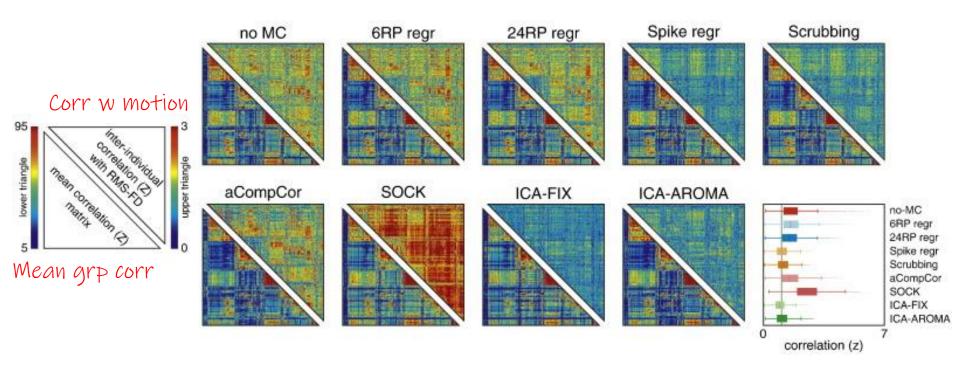


High-motion grp V Low-motion grp

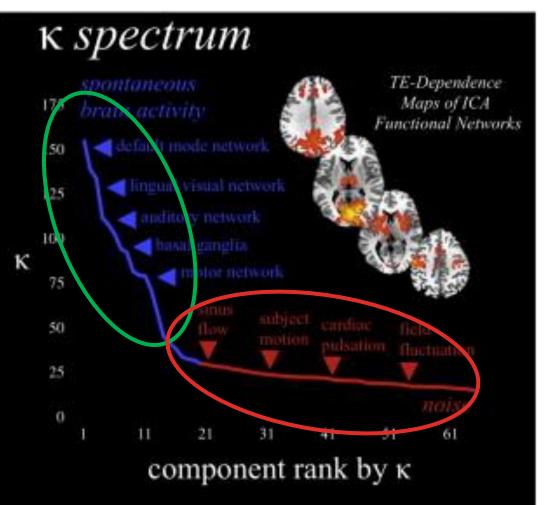
% Sign. differences per Dataset



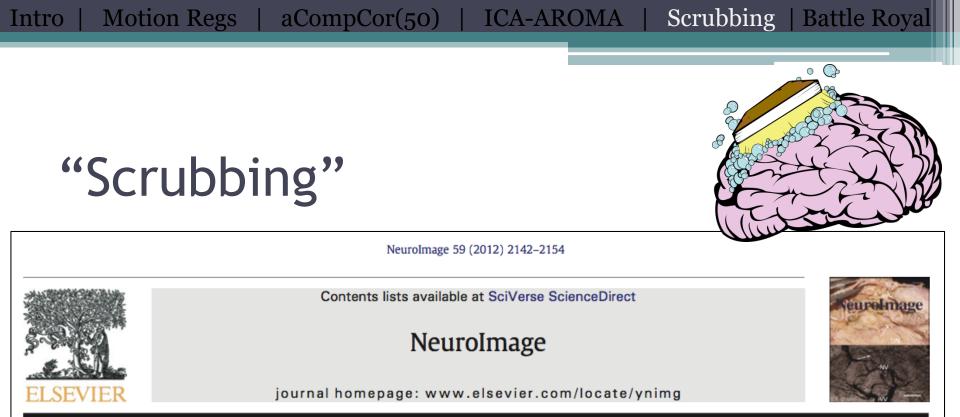
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Multi-echo fMRI (remember?)



 Use multi-echo data and discard any component which does not exhibit the expected T2 decay



Spurious but systematic correlations in functional connectivity MRI networks arise from subject motion

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Choice of a cut-off threshold

- From Power et al. (2012): "After studying the plots of dozens of healthy adults, values of 0.5 mm for framewise displacement and 0.5% ΔBOLD for DVARS were chosen to represent values well above the norm found in still subjects."
 - Also removed 1 TR before and 2 TRs after bad frame
- Fair et al. (2013) used an even more stringent FD cut-off of 0.2 mm and DVARS cut-off of 0.4%
- Power et al. (2013) FD 0.2 mm or DVARS 0.3%
- Power et al. (2014) iterative procedure and DVARS 0.2%

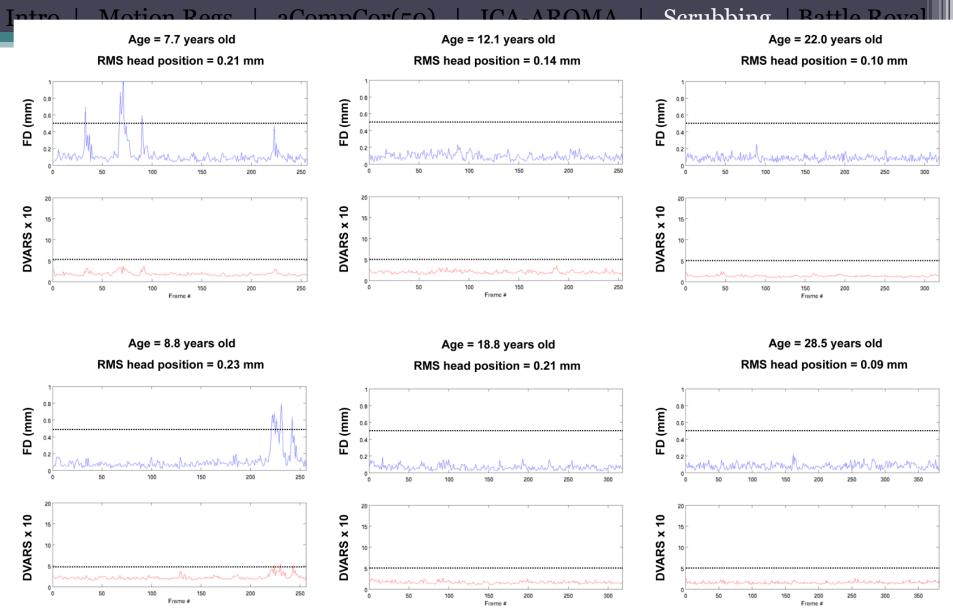
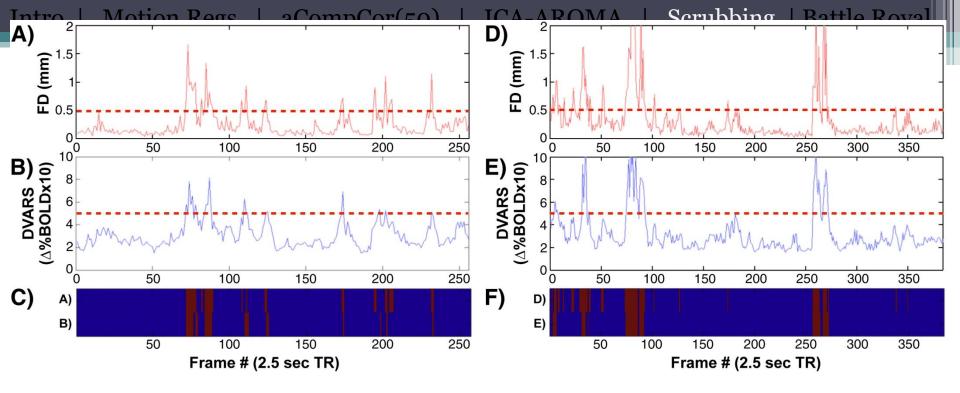


Figure S5: Floors in DVARS and framewise displacement values exist at all age ranges. Data from six relatively still subjects are shown, including the age, RMS head position, the framewise displacement (FD), and the DVARS calculations on the functional connectivity image. A floor in FD and DVARS values exists across all ages. Examination of these plots in hundreds of subjects gave rise to the standard thresholds used in this study to identify periods of movement, indicated by the horizontal black lines in the plots (0.5 mm framewise displacement and $0.5\% \Delta BOLD DVARS$ (5 on the scales of this figure)).

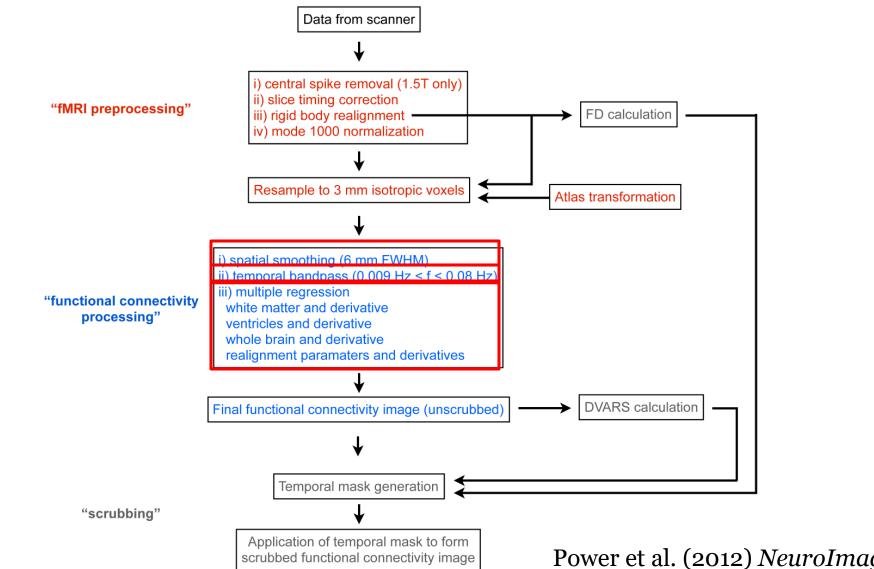
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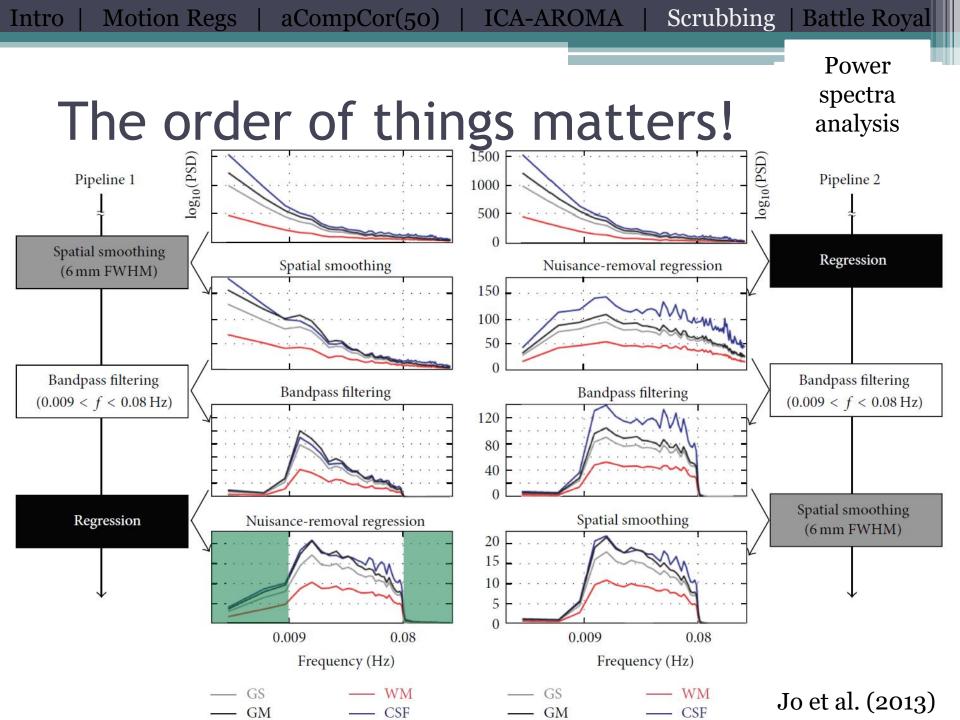


- Temporal masks (red bars) were augmented by also marking the frames 1 back and 2 forward
- All removed frames must *both*:
 - 1) be high-motion frames (based on FD)
 - 2) display evidence of widespread and/ or large amplitude changes in BOLD signal (based on DVARS)

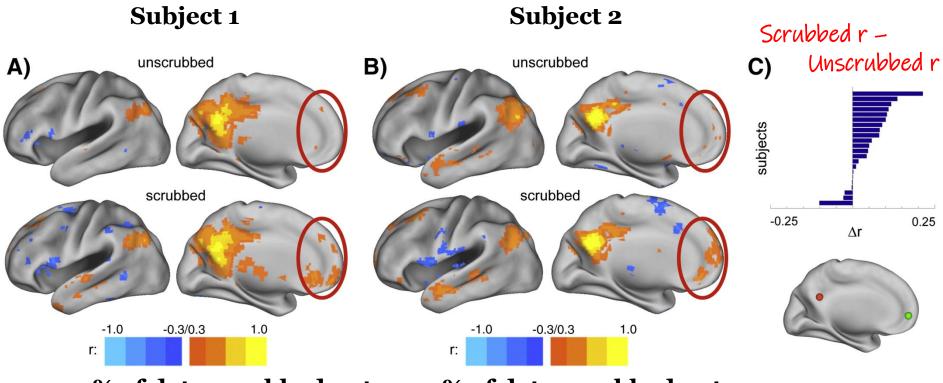
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Example data processing workflow





Impact of scrubbing on rs-fMRI data

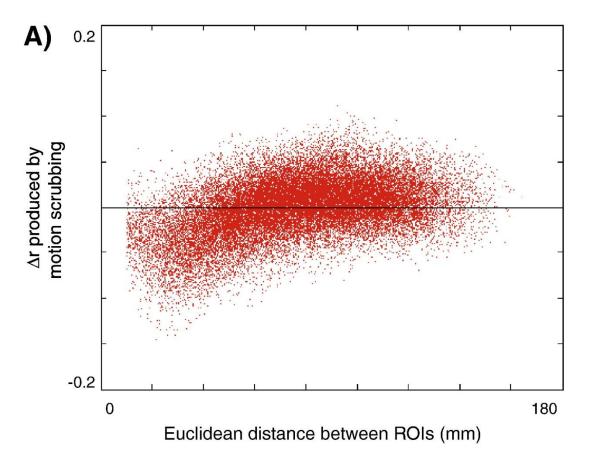


35% of data scrubbed out

39% of data scrubbed out

• Scrubbing increases this long-distance correlation in most subjects, does not substantially alter it in others, and reduces it in a small number of subjects. Power et al. (2012) *NeuroImage*

Impact of scrubbing on rs-fMRI data

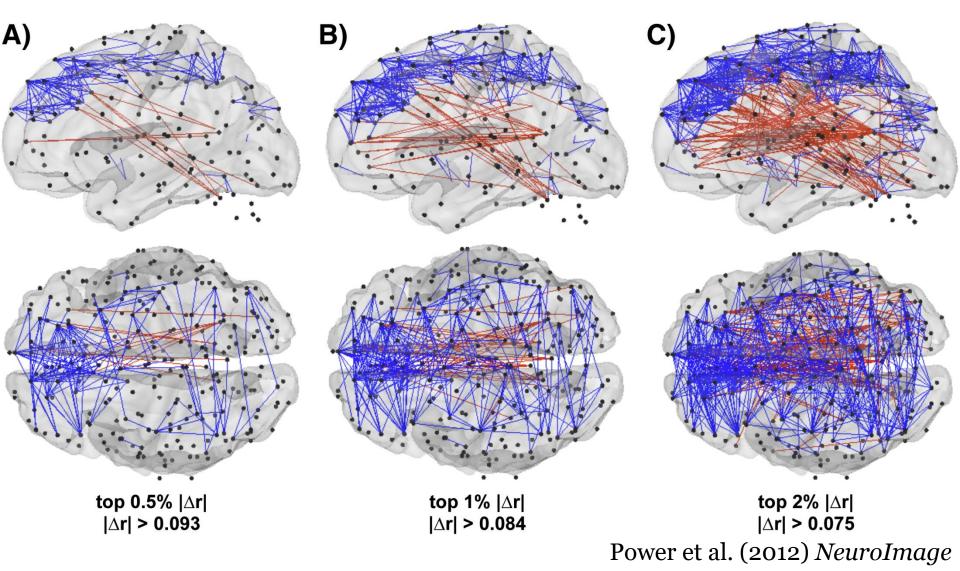


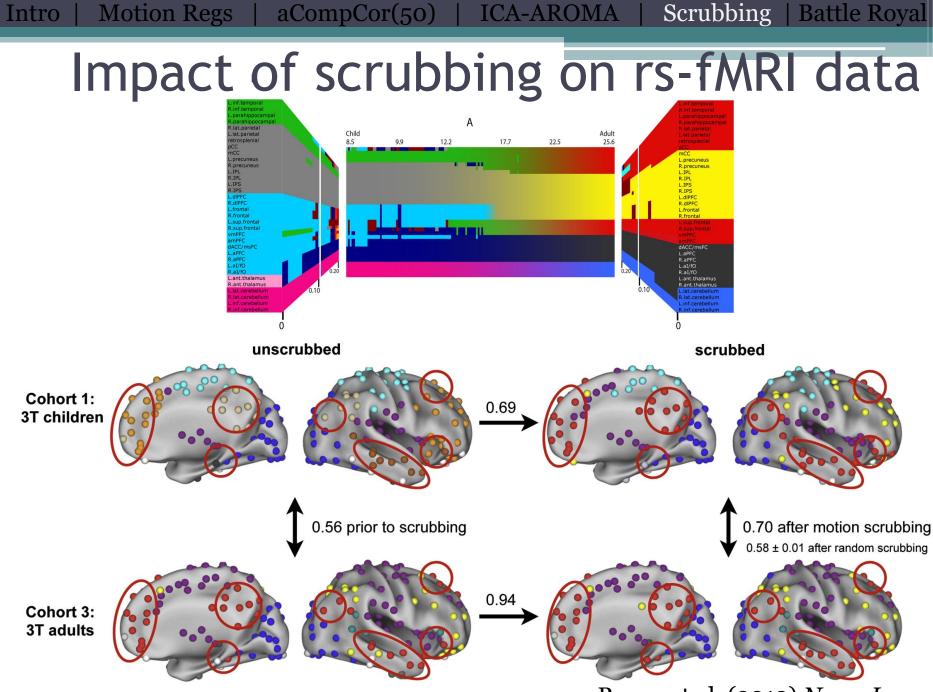
 Scrubbing high-motion frames decreases short-distance correlations and augments long-distance correlations

Power et al. (2012) NeuroImage

Spatial distribution of scrubbing on rsfc

Most **blue vectors** are short/medium range; most **red vectors** are medium/long range.

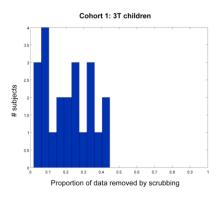


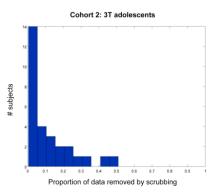


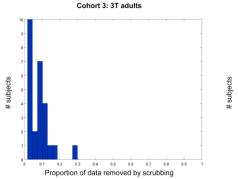
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So is scrubbing the thing?

Exclusion of TRs might have unwanted effects:
 1. Loss of dfs (might/might not be a big deal at 1st lvl)









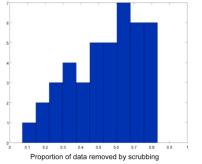
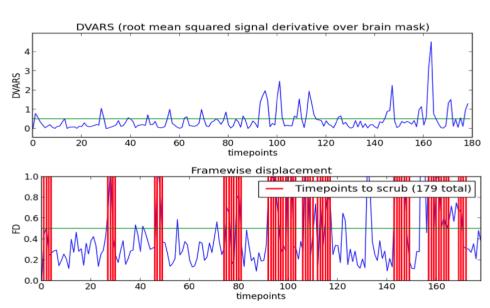


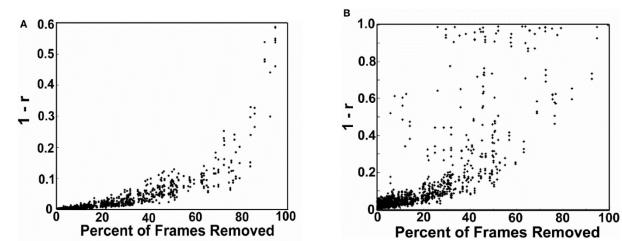
Figure S7: The impact of scrubbing on data retention. For each cohort analyzed in this report, the proportion of data removed within each subject is plotted as a histogram. More data was removed in younger subjects, who tended to move more than older subjects (see Table 1). All subjects had more than 125 frames (~5 min) of data remaining after scrubbing.



Power et al. (2012) NeuroImage

So is scrubbing *the* thing?

- Exclusion of TRs might have unwanted effects:
 1. Loss of dfs (might/might not be a big deal at 1st lvl)
 - 2. Uneven loss of dfs across groups/conditions
 - Randomly remove equal # of TRs from 'good' runs?
 - Turns out, that might be problematic too (A)
 - Using interpolations to "impute" excised data is also problematic (B)



So is scrubbing *the* thing?

- Exclusion of TRs might have unwanted effects:
 - 1. Loss of dfs (might/might not be a big deal at 1^{st} lvl)
 - 2. Uneven loss of dfs across groups/conditions
 - 3. Destroys autocorrelation structure (Lose the ability to perform any frequency-based analysis)

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So, which one should I use?



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ABSTRACT

Estimates of functional connectivity derived from resting-state functional magnetic resonance imaging (rs-fMRI) are sensitive to artefacts caused by in-scanner head motion. This susceptibility has motivated the development of numerous denoising methods designed to mitigate motion-related artefacts. Here, we compare popular retrospective rs-fMRI denoising methods, such as regression of head motion parameters and mean white matter (WM) and cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) (with and without expansion terms), aCompCor, volume censoring (e.g., scrubbing and spike regression), global signal regression and ICA-AROMA, combined into 19 different pipelines. These pipelines were evaluated across five different quality control benchmarks in four independent datasets associated with varying levels of motion. Pipelines were benchmarked by examining the residual relationship between in-

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Summary of quality control metrics.

Ouality control Summarv References benchmark OC-FC correlations The cross-subject correlation (Ciric et al., 2017; Power between framewise et al., 2015, 2012; displacement (FD) and Satterthwaite et al., 2013, functional connectivity at 2012) each pair of regions after noise correction. OC-FC distance-The dependence of QC-FC (Ciric et al., 2017; Power correlations on the distance dependence et al., 2012; Satterthwaite between brain regions. et al., 2012) Motion-BOLD Statistical parametric (Yan et al., 2013a) contrasts mapping of the association between FD and voxelwise BOLD time courses, to identify regions showing significant motion contamination. The mean difference in high-motion vs low-(Pruim et al., 2015a; Satterthwaite et al., 2013; motion contrasts functional connectivity (HLM contrasts) between healthy control Van Dijk et al., 2012) participants split into highand low-motion subgroups FD-DVARS The cross-subject correlation (Muschelli et al., 2014) correlations between motion and the temporal Derivative of root mean square VARiance over voxelS (DVARS), which indexes the rate of change of BOLD signal across the entire brain between consecutive time points. tDOF-loss The loss in temporal degrees (Ciric et al., 2017; Yan of freedom (tDOF) sustained et al., 2013a) due to noise correction, calculated as the number of nuisance regressors input to the general linear model used to model noise in the BOLD data. The test-retest reliability of (Birn et al., 2014; Van Dijk Test-retest reliability (TRT) functional connectivity, et al., 2012; Yan et al., quantified using intra-class 2013a) correlation coefficients in longitudinally acquired data.

So, which one shoul

Table 2

Characteristics of 19 denoising pipelines analysed here.

	Pipeline	e Noise corrections methods	No. of regressors
Motr		6HMP 6HMP+2Phys	6 8
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Motr	60	24HMP+8Phys+4GSR 24HMP+aCompCon	36 34
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ICA-	A1KO 16	WLA ICA-AROMA+8Phys ICA-AROMA+8P+4GSR	8+k 12+k
Ceons	17 50181110 19		36+k 36+k 30+k
	19	24HMP+4Phys+2GSR+JP14Scrub	30+k

Notes. HMP, head motion parameters. Phys, average white matter (WM) and cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) signals. GSR, global signal regression. aCompCor, anatomical component correction using top the 5 components in each of WM and CSF compartments. aCompCor50, anatomical component correction using enough components to explain 50% of the variance in each of WM and CSF compartments. SpikeReg, spike regression. JP12Scrub, basic scrubbing. JP14Scrub, optimized scrubbing. *k* denotes an arbitrary number of additional regressors estimated automatically by the denoising method and which can vary from person to person.

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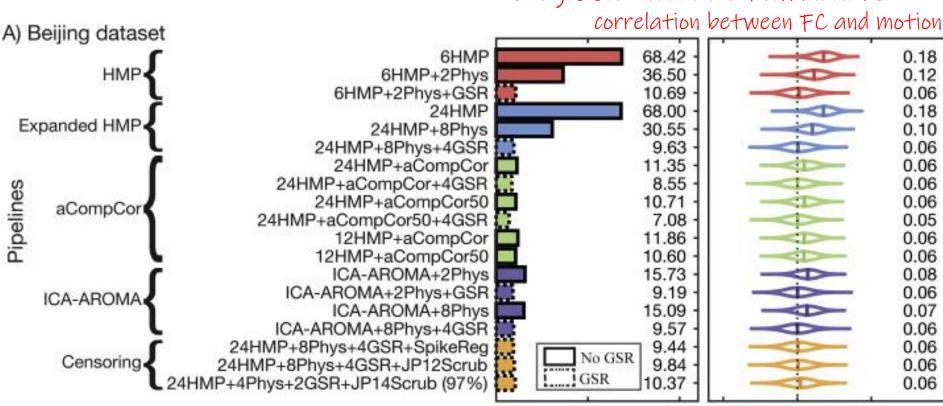
70 edges still correlated with motion &

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QC-FC (Pearson's r)



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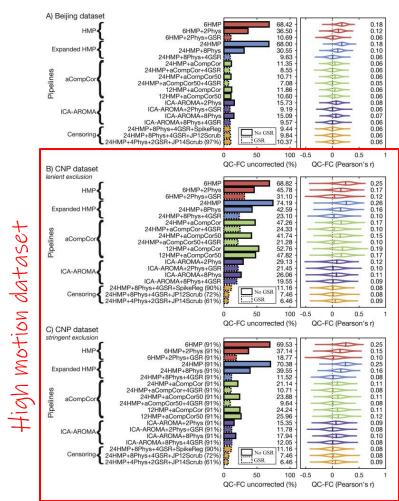
QC-FC uncorrected (%)

R) CNP dataset

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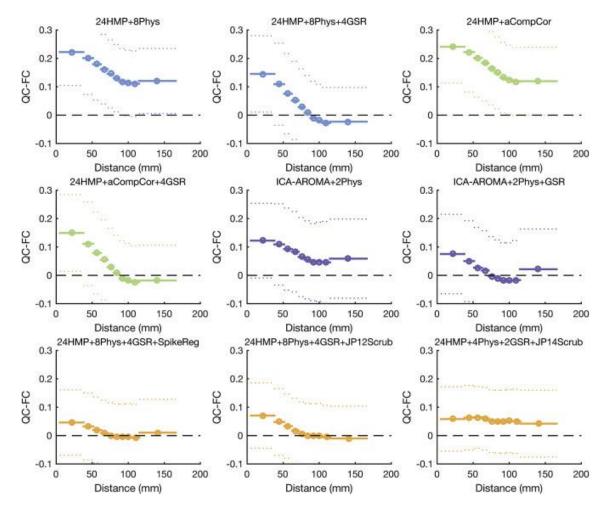
So, which one should I use?

- No pipeline reduces corrs to o
- Head Motion Param approaches were the worst ones
- aCorrComp50 worked well with low motion, but not well with more motion
- Scrubbing worked typically the best
- ICA-AROMA second best



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So, which one should I use?

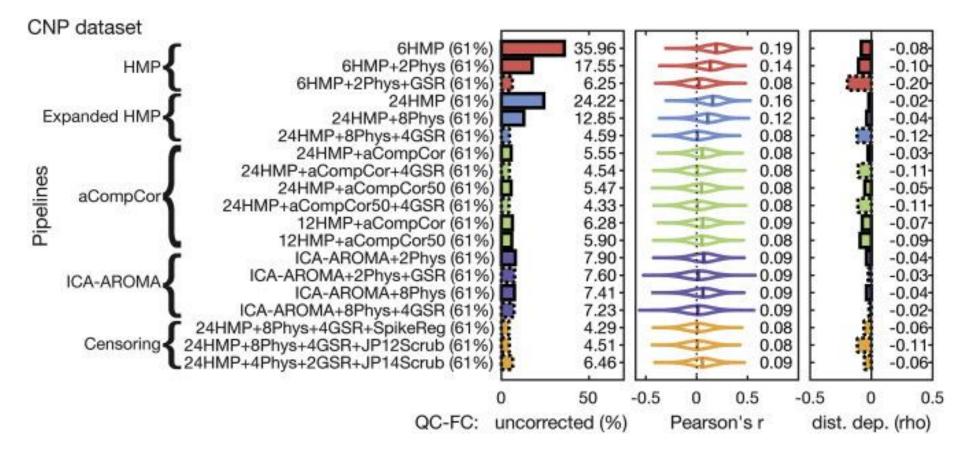


Is the correlation between FC and motion spatial dependent?

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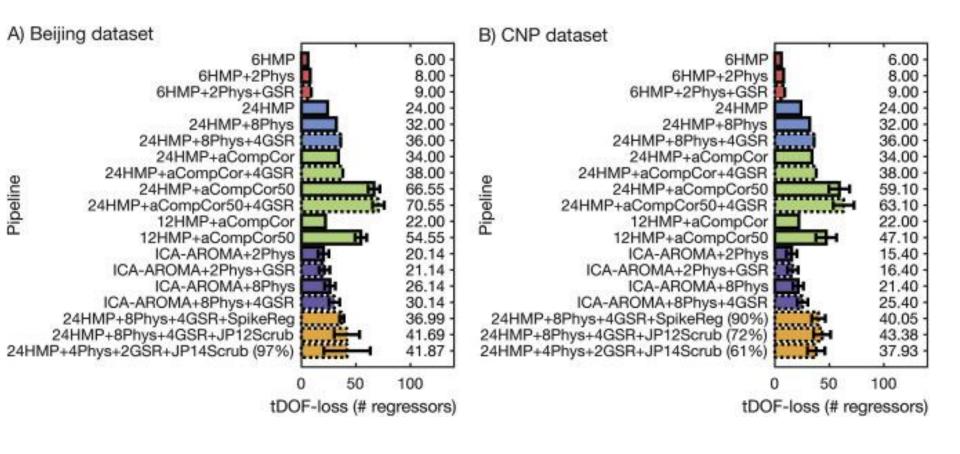
Stringent subject selection (subs with < 4 min of data after scrubbing) works best!!



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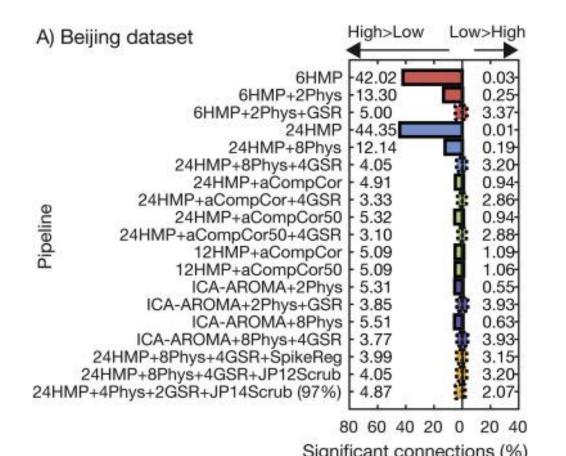
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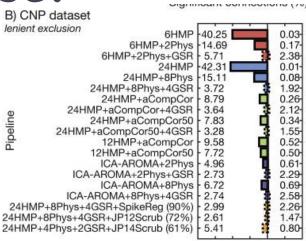


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Significant connections (%)

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	ngent exclusion	6HMP	(91%)	-39.43		0.04
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	6HMF	+2Phys+GSR	(91%)	- 5.24		2.76
		24HMP	(91%)	-35.29	9 - 19 - 18	0.03-
	2	4HMP+8Phys	(91%)	-15.61		0.10
		+8Phys+4GŚR		- 3.23	_	2.16-
		IP+aCompCor		- 7.78	п	0.35
		mpCor+4GSR		- 3.27	3	2.08-
ne		+aCompCor50		- 8.91	- n	0.20
Pipeline	24HMP+aComp			- 3.08	- 3	1.65-
<u>ā</u>		IP+aCompCor			- fí	0.66-
۵.		+aCompCor50		- 8.49		0.34-
		ROMA+2Phys			1	0.45
		A+2Phys+GSR		- 2.87	- 1	2.50
		ROMA+8Phys		100000000000000000000000000000000000000	ň.	0.57-
				- 2.99	- 3	2.67-
24	ICA-AROMA+8Phys+4GSR (91%) - 2.99 24HMP+8Phys+4GSR+SpikeReg (90%) - 2.99					
	24HMP+8Phys+4GSR+JP12Scrub (72%) - 2.61					2.26
	IMP+4Phys+2GS			- 5.41	1	0.80

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- HMP + Phys models without GSR are ineffective at mitigating motionrelated artefact regardless of the level of motion, exclusion criteria applied, or the use of expansion terms
- GSR dramatically improves the performance of the pipelines
- aCompCor pipelines may only be viable in low-motion datasets and perform poorly in high motion data
- ICA-AROMA & censoring pipelines are superior to other strategies, with the lowest QC-FC correlations, lowest QC-FC distance-dependence, & minimal differences between high- and low-motion healthy controls
- Censoring performs well because it excludes Ss with <4 min of uncensored data. When this criterion is applied to all pipelines, performance differences are marginal (except HMP pipel without GSR)
- aCompCor and censoring pipelines yield high tDOF-loss.
- Methods that were more effective at denoising were associated with reduced test-retest reliability, suggesting that noise signals in BOLD data are reproducible.

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- *Head motion regression:* this strategy is not effective even in lowmotion datasets, unless GSR is also applied. "[A]*nalyses that rely on HMP models alone are likely to be heavily contaminated by motion.*"
- *GSR:* led to major improvements in QC-FC correlations for HMP & aCompCor, and (though little) for ICA-AROMA pipelines. However, controversial, leads to false anti-correlations. Need more work..
- *aCompCor/aCompCor50*: outperform HMP & Phys models (but best in low-motion data), not as effective in high-motion data, but as effective as ICA-ARMOA/Scrubbing if you drop high motion Ss. High loss of DOFs.
- *ICA-AROMA:* performed well across all datasets. Less in high-motion data but still more effective than HMP and aCompCor/aCompCor50. Robust/consistent results with slightly different pipelines.
- *Censoring (i.e., scrubbing):* the primary advantage of censoring is exclusion of Ss with high FDs. Applying same criterion increased dramatically all pipelines. However, distorts the temporal properties of the data, precluding analysis of time-resolved dynamics

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