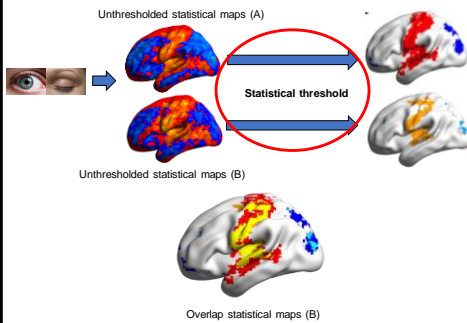


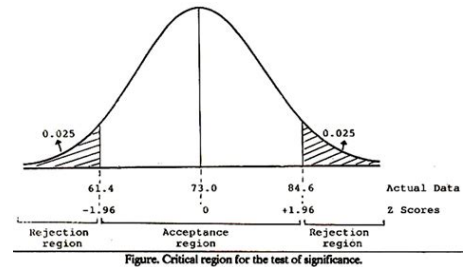


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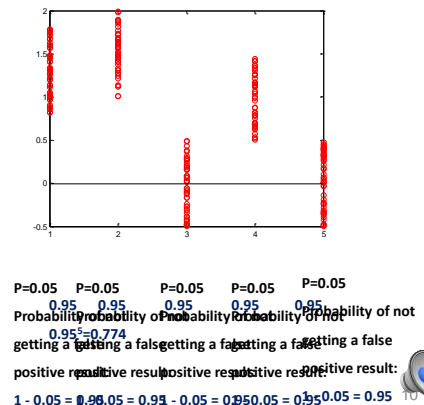
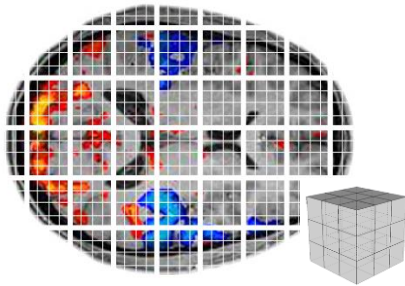
### Defining reproducibility



## Introduction



## Reproducibility and Multiple Comparison Correction



## Reproducibility and Multiple Comparison Correction

### Multiple Comparisons

#### Bonferroni correction

The Bonferroni correction rejects the null hypothesis for each  $p_i \leq \alpha/m$ , thereby controlling the FWER at  $\alpha$ .

$$\text{FWER} = P\left\{\bigcup_{i=1}^m \left(p_i \leq \frac{\alpha}{m}\right)\right\} \leq \sum_{i=1}^m P\left(p_i \leq \frac{\alpha}{m}\right) = m \frac{\alpha}{m} = \alpha.$$



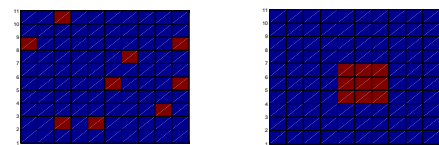
Carlo Emilio Bonferroni

## Reproducibility and Multiple Comparison Correction

### Multiple Comparisons

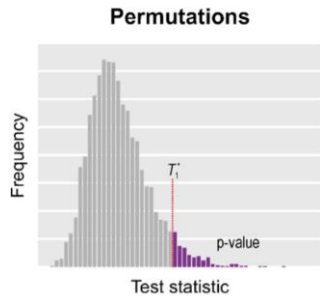
#### Gaussian Random Field Theory Correction

#### Monte Carlo simulations (AlphaSim)



## Reproducibility and Multiple Comparison Correction

### Permutation Test



Ronald Aylmer Fisher

Winkler et al., 2016. Neuroimage



## Reproducibility and Multiple Comparison Correction

### Threshold-Free Cluster Enhancement (TFCE)

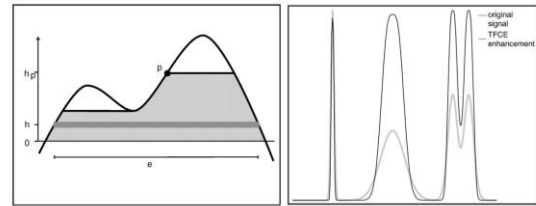


Fig. 1. Illustration of the TFCE approach. Left: the TFCE score at voxel  $p$  is given by the sum of the scores of all incremental supporting sections (one such is shown as the dark grey band) within the area of "support" of  $p$  (light grey). The score for each section is a simple function of its height  $h$  and extent  $e$ . Right: example input image and TFCE-enhanced output. The input contains a focal, high signal, a much more spatially extended, lower, signal and a pair of overlapping signals of intermediate extent and height. The TFCE output has the same maximal values for all three cases, and preserves the distinct local maximizing and the third case.

Smith et al., 2009. Neuroimage



## Multiple Comparison Correction



### Cluster failure: Why fMRI inferences for spatial extent have inflated false-positive rates

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Edited by Emery N. Brown, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA, and approved May 17, 2016 (received for review February 12, 2016)

#### Technology

### 15 years of brain research has been invalidated by a software bug, say Swedish scientists

Up to 70% of fMRI analyses produce at least one false positive, challenging the validity of over 40,000 studies.

Eklund et al., 2016. PNAS



## Reproducibility and Multiple Comparison Correction

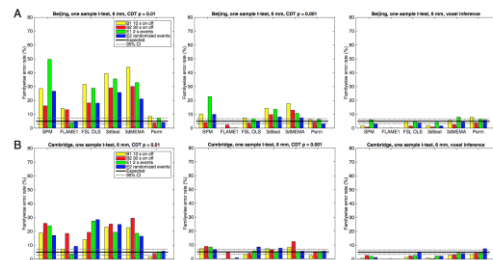


Fig. 1. Results for one-sample  $t$  test, showing estimated FWE rates for (A) Beijing and (B) Cambridge data analyzed with 6 mm of smoothing and four different activity paradigms (B1, B2, E1, and E2) for SPM, FSL, AFNI, and a permutation test. These results are for a group size of 20. The estimated FWE rates are simply the number of analyses with significant group activation divided by the number of analyses (1,000). From Left to Right: Cluster inference using a cluster-defining threshold (CDT) of  $P = 0.01$  and a FWE-corrected threshold of  $P = 0.05$ , cluster inference using a CDT of  $P = 0.001$  and a FWE-corrected threshold of  $P = 0.05$ , and voxel inference using a FWE-corrected threshold of  $P = 0.05$ . Note that the default CDT is  $P = 0.001$  in SPM and  $P = 0.01$  in FSL (AFNI does not have a default setting).

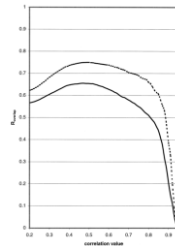
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### Statistical thresholds

Reproducibility is highly sensitive to the statistical threshold used to define significance

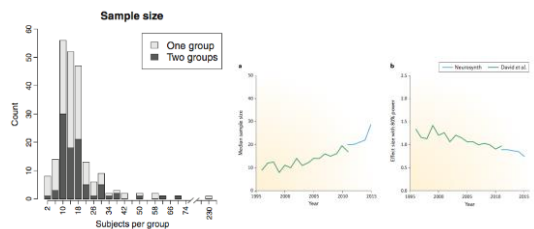


Rombouts et al., 1998



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### Small samples in neuroscience



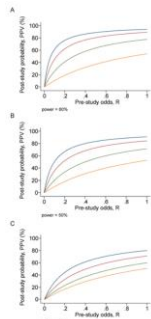
Median sample size: 15 for one group studies and 14.75 per group for two group studies (Carp, 2012)

Poldrack et al., 2017



## Introduction

### Low power studies are unlikely reflecting a true effect



John P. A. Ioannidis

### Why Most Published Research Findings Are False

**Summary**  
There is increasing concern that many research findings are false. This is because of the high rate of publication bias, the low power of many studies, and the fact that many studies are not properly designed or conducted. This leads to a high rate of false findings being published, which can lead to a high rate of false findings being used in clinical practice.

**Modeling the Framework for False Findings**  
The framework for false findings is based on the fact that many studies are not properly designed or conducted. This leads to a high rate of false findings being published, which can lead to a high rate of false findings being used in clinical practice.



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### Small samples in neuroscience

- The financial issue

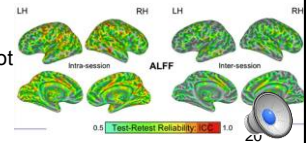
#### Why Does an MRI Cost So Darn Much?

Laura Cline / NeuroWire

When it comes to pricey hospital procedures, MRIs come to mind. Sure enough, according to recently released Medicare pricing data analyzed by NeuroWire Health, the average cost of an MRI in the U.S. is \$2,611. Here's what's behind that number.

- Good test-retest reliability

...However, reliability cannot guarantee replicability



## Introduction

### Summary

- The impact of **multiple comparison correction strategy** (considering FWER) on reproducibility (**test-retest reliability** and **replicability**)
- The impact of **sample size** on reproducibility (test-retest reliability)



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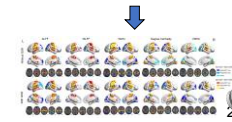
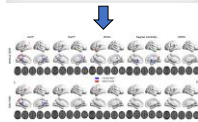
### Defining reproducibility

We sought to propose a quantitative method to calculate reproducibility of R-fMRI metrics

Sex differences



Eyes open eyes closed (EOEC) differences



## Materials and Methods

### Participants and Imaging Protocols



Consortium for Reliability and Reproducibility (CORR)

FCP Classic Data Sharing Samples			
Sample ID	Sample Name	Sample Type	Sample Description
1	1000 Functional Connectomes Project (FCP)	Functional Connectomes	1000 Functional Connectomes Project (FCP)
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10	1000 Functional Connectomes Project (FCP)	Functional Connectomes	1000 Functional Connectomes Project (FCP)

1000 Functional Connectomes Project (FCP)



## Materials and Methods

### CORR dataset

Sample size: 420 (212 M vs. 208 F)

Scanned 2 times

Inclusion criteria (from 549):

Age between 18 and 32

No extreme head motion

No poor T1 or functional images, low quality normalization or inadequate brain coverage

### Beijing EOEC1 dataset

Sample size: 48

Eyes-open vs. eyes-closed

Same Inclusion criteria

### 1000 Functional Connectomes Project (FCP) dataset

Sample size: 716 (296 M vs. 420 F)

Same inclusion criteria

### Beijing EOEC2 dataset

Sample size: 20

Eyes-open vs. eyes-closed

Same inclusion criteria

Chen, Lu, Yan, 2017, Human Brain Mapping



## Materials and Methods

### Preprocessing

1. The first 10 volumes were discarded
2. Slice-timing correction  
shifted to the slice at the mid-point of each TR
3. Realignment  
six-parameter (rigid body) linear transformation  
two-pass procedure
4. Co-registration and segment  
six degree-of-freedom linear transformation without re-sampling
5. Transformation from native space to MNI space  
Diffeomorphic Anatomical Registration Through Exponentiated Lie algebra tool (DARTEL)



## Materials and Methods

### Nuisance Regression

A General Linear Regression Model including: 
$$Y_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_{i1} + \beta_2 X_{i2} + \dots + \beta_{p-1} X_{i,p-1} + \epsilon_i$$

1. Head motion  
Friston 24-parameter model and mean FD
2. Global Signal Regression (GSR)  
Results both with and without GSR were evaluated
3. Other sources of spurious variance  
WM and CSF signals
4. Linear trends  
Temporal bandpass filtering (0.01–0.1 Hz)  
All time series except for ALFF and fALFF analyses



## Materials and Methods

### A Broad Array of R-fMRI Metrics

ALFF:

The mean of amplitudes within a specific frequency domain (here, 0.01–0.1Hz) from a fast Fourier transform of a voxel's time course

fALFF:

A normalized version of ALFF and represents the relative contribution of specific oscillations to the whole detectable frequency range

ReHo:

A rank-based Kendall's coefficient of concordance that assesses the synchronization among a given voxel and its nearest neighbors' (here, 26 voxels) time courses

Degree Centrality:

The number or sum of weights of significant connections for a voxel. The weighted sum of positive correlations with a threshold of  $r > 0.25$

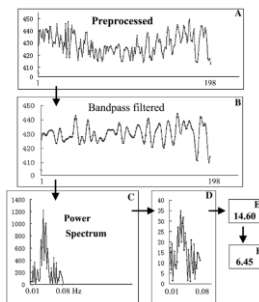
VMHC:

The functional connectivity between any pair of symmetric inter-hemispheric voxels



## Computational Methodology

### Amplitude of low frequency fluctuations

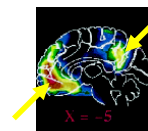


Zang et al., 2007

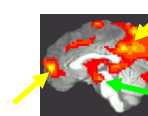


## Computational Methodology

### ALFF



PET  
(Raichle et al., 2001)



ALFF  
(Zang et al., 2007)

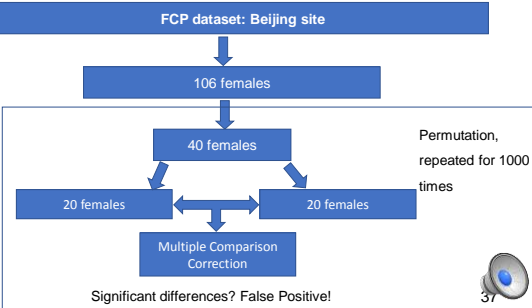
noise





## Materials and Methods

### Evaluating FWER of Different Strategies to Correct for Multiple Comparisons

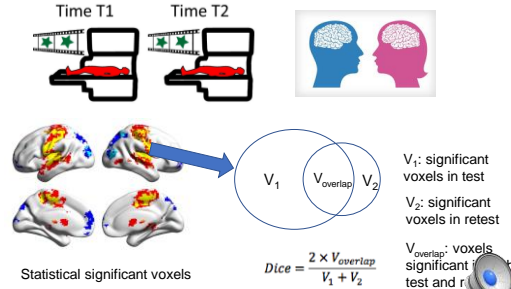


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### Test-retest reliability

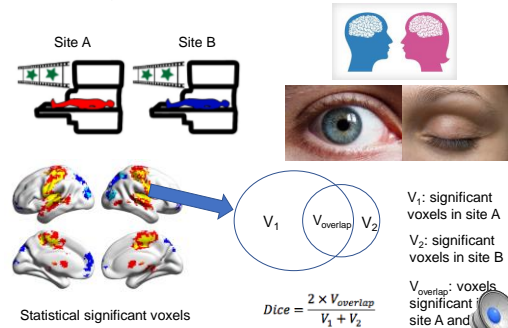
Sex differences in test and retest



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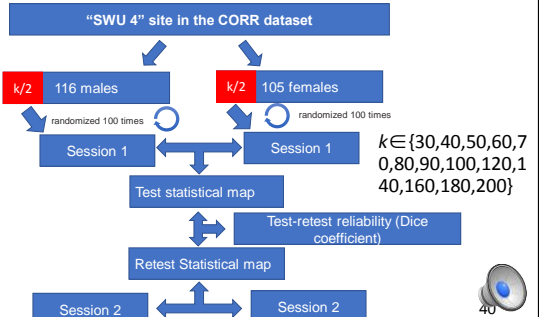
### Replicability



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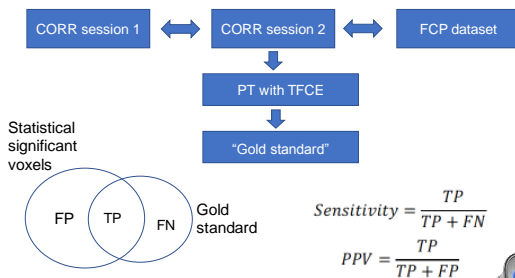
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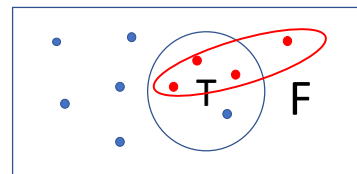
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Positive Predictive Value, PPV

After a research finding has been claimed based on achieving formal statistical significance, the post-study probability that it is true

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

Table 1. Research Findings and True Relationships

Research Finding	True Relationship	Yes	No	Total
Yes	$\alpha$ (Type I Error)	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\alpha + \beta$
No	$\beta$ (Type II Error)	$\beta$	$1 - \alpha$	$\beta + 1 - \alpha$
Total		$\alpha + \beta$	$1 - \alpha$	1

See text for definitions of symbols

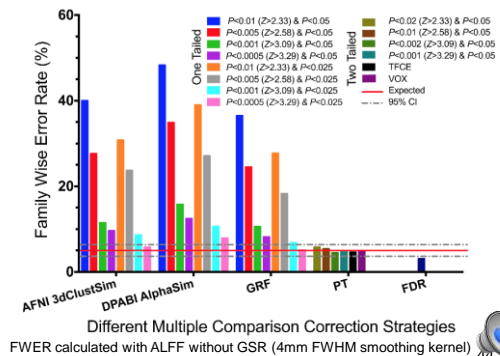
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(One-tailed twice)		AFNI 3dClustSim		DPABI AlphaSim		GRF	
Voxel threshold	Cluster threshold	FWER	Cluster size	FWER	Cluster size	FWER	Cluster size
$P < 0.01$ ( $Z > 2.33$ )	$P < 0.05$	40.0%	66.05 ± 0.73	48.3%	60.24 ± 1.68	36.9%	69.35 ± 1.09
$P < 0.005$ ( $Z > 2.58$ )	$P < 0.05$	27.6%	43.59 ± 0.42	34.9%	39.45 ± 1.13	24.5%	46.70 ± 0.75
$P < 0.001$ ( $Z > 3.09$ )	$P < 0.05$	11.5%	19.98 ± 0.34	15.8%	18.40 ± 0.61	10.6%	21.29 ± 0.46
$P < 0.0005$ ( $Z > 3.29$ )	$P < 0.05$	9.6%	14.53 ± 0.25	12.5%	13.93 ± 0.54	8.2%	15.82 ± 0.39
$P < 0.01$ ( $Z > 2.33$ )	$P < 0.025$	30.8%	74.50 ± 1.14	39.0%	67.72 ± 2.36	22.7%	78.96 ± 1.24
$P < 0.005$ ( $Z > 2.58$ )	$P < 0.025$	23.7%	47.01 ± 0.59	27.1%	44.48 ± 1.60	18.3%	53.48 ± 0.85
$P < 0.001$ ( $Z > 3.09$ )	$P < 0.025$	9.9%	22.63 ± 0.25	10.6%	21.00 ± 0.87	6.9%	24.94 ± 0.41
$P < 0.0005$ ( $Z > 3.29$ )	$P < 0.025$	9.9%	17.33 ± 0.22	7.9%	16.03 ± 0.71	5.1%	18.51 ± 0.30



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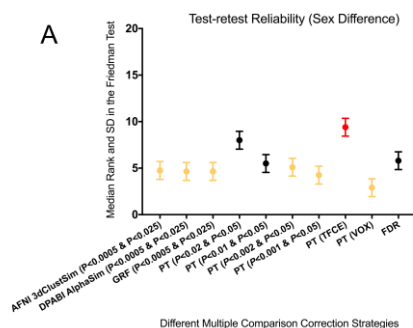
Test-retest reliability of between-subject sex difference

		Test-retest reliability (dice coefficient)							
Voxel threshold	Cluster threshold	ALFF	fALFF	ReHo	DC	VMHC	ALFF with GSR	fALFF with GSR	ReHo with GSR
AFNI 3dClustSim ( $P < 0.0005$ )	$P < 0.025$	0.65	0.51	0.50	0.34	0.39	0.64	0.48	0.44
DPABI AlphaSim ( $P < 0.0005$ )	$P < 0.025$	0.65	0.51	0.50	0.35	0.39	0.64	0.48	0.45
GRF ( $P < 0.005$ )	$P < 0.025$	0.64	0.51	0.50	0.35	0.39	0.63	0.48	0.43
PT cluster extent correction ( $P < 0.01$ )	$P < 0.025$	0.65	0.70	0.56	0.45	0.40	0.62	0.68	0.45
PT cluster extent correction ( $P < 0.001$ )	$P < 0.025$	0.67	0.66	0.52	0.32	0.33	0.60	0.63	0.46
PT TICE ( $P < 0.005$ )	$P < 0.025$	0.63	0.55	0.51	0.36	0.38	0.63	0.52	0.47
PT VOX ( $P < 0.001$ )	$P < 0.025$	0.64	0.51	0.48	0.37	0.38	0.64	0.48	0.44
FDR correction	$P < 0.025$	0.68	0.75	0.54	0.48	0.44	0.66	0.74	0.44

- ◆ Moderate test-retest reliability
- ◆ ALFF, fALFF, ReHo are better than DC and VMHC



## Test-retest Reliability



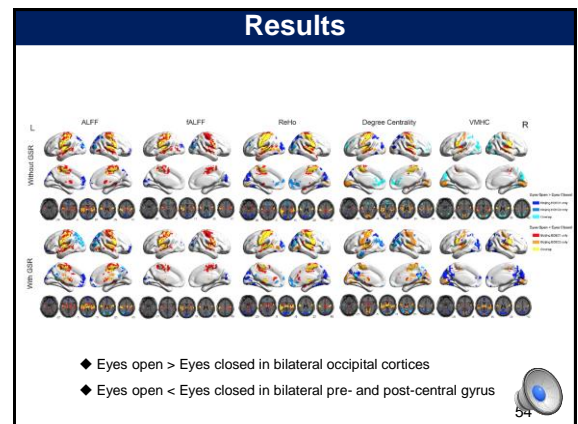
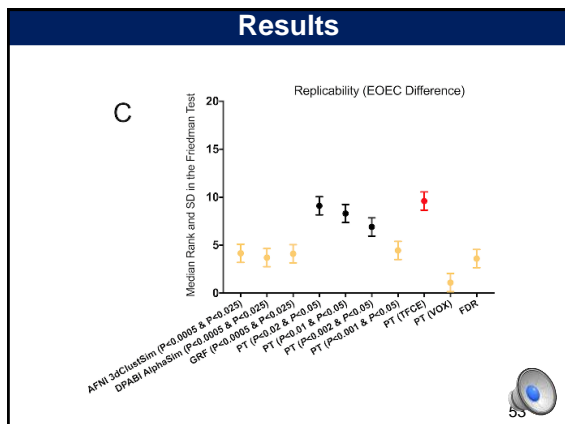
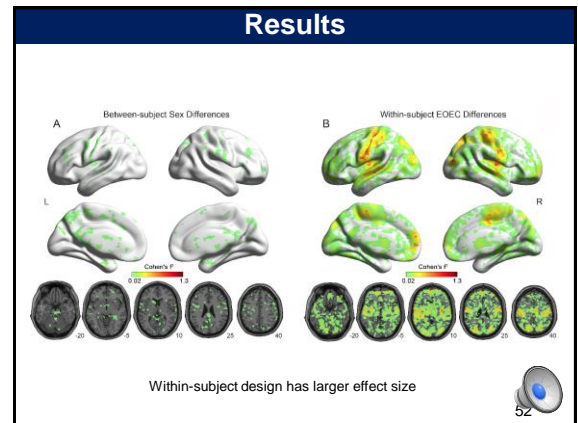
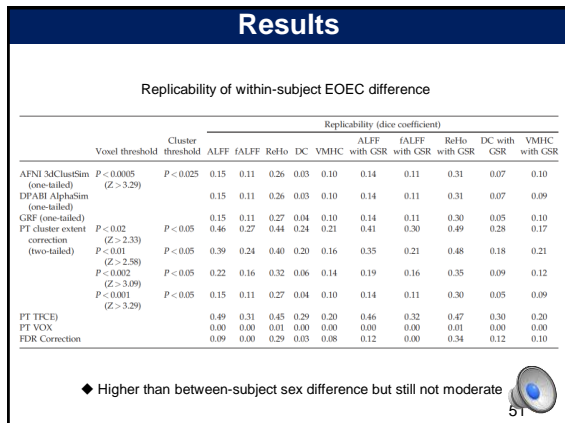
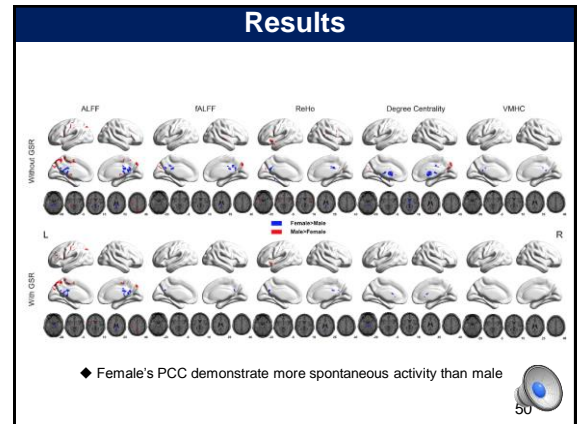
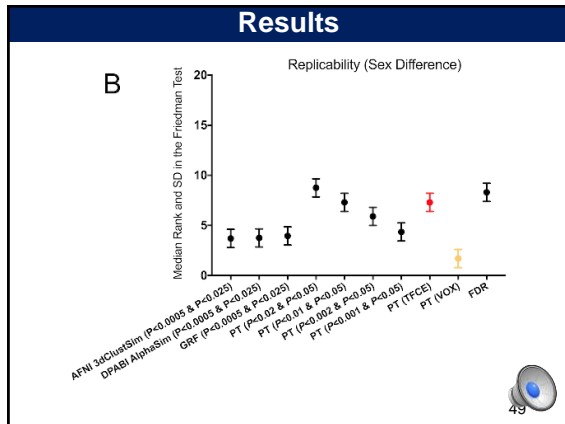
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Replicability of between-subject sex difference

		Replicability (dice coefficient)							
Voxel threshold	Cluster threshold	ALFF	fALFF	ReHo	DC	VMHC	ALFF with GSR	fALFF with GSR	ReHo with GSR
AFNI 3dClustSim ( $P < 0.0005$ )	$P < 0.025$	0.12	0.10	0.07	0.07	0.01	0.10	0.11	0.02
DPABI AlphaSim ( $P < 0.0005$ )	$P < 0.025$	0.13	0.09	0.07	0.07	0.02	0.10	0.11	0.02
GRF ( $P < 0.005$ )	$P < 0.025$	0.13	0.10	0.07	0.07	0.01	0.10	0.11	0.02
PT cluster extent correction ( $P < 0.01$ )	$P < 0.025$	0.21	0.13	0.14	0.17	0.05	0.21	0.06	0.12
PT cluster extent correction ( $P < 0.001$ )	$P < 0.025$	0.19	0.11	0.11	0.16	0.02	0.17	0.09	0.08
PT TICE ( $P < 0.005$ )	$P < 0.025$	0.14	0.10	0.08	0.11	0.02	0.12	0.10	0.03
PT VOX ( $P < 0.001$ )	$P < 0.025$	0.12	0.10	0.07	0.07	0.01	0.10	0.11	0.02
FDR correction	$P < 0.025$	0.25	0.06	0.13	0.20	0.01	0.25	0.03	0.09

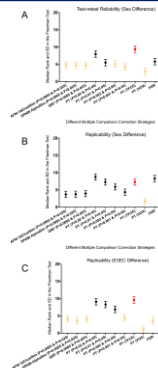
- ◆ Poor replicability





## PT with TFCE outperforms

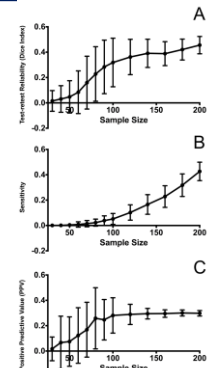
Permutation test TFCE, a strict multiple comparison correction strategy, reached the best balance between family-wise error rate (under 5%) and test-retest reliability / replicability



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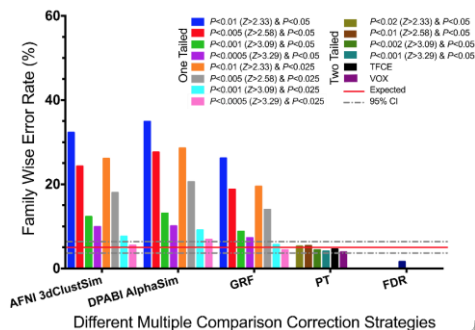
## Sample Size Matters

Randomly draw k subjects from the "SWU 4" site in the CORR dataset, which has two sessions of 116 males and 105 females



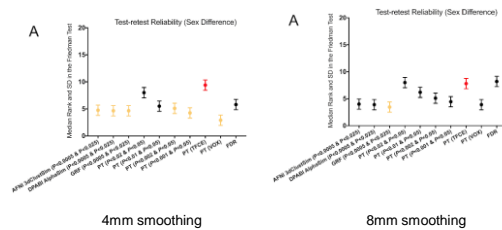
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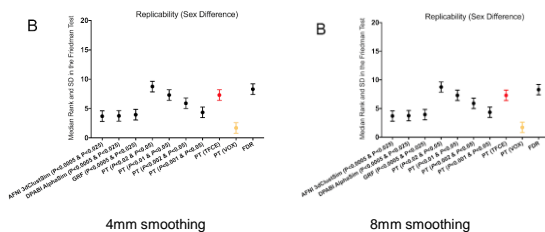
Different Multiple Comparison Correction Strategies  
FWER calculated with ALFF without GSR (8mm FWHM smoothing kernel)

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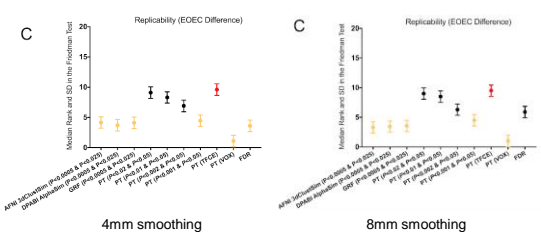
Friedman test of 10 different correction strategies on test-retest reliability regarding sex difference

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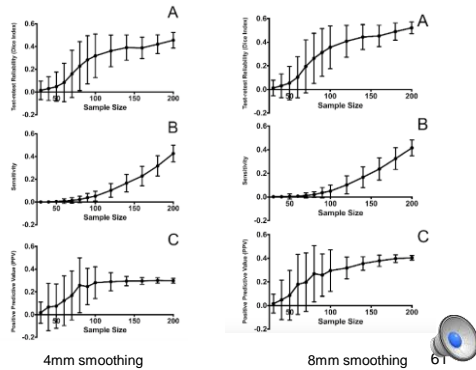
Friedman test of 10 different correction strategies on replicability regarding sex difference

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Friedman test of 10 different correction strategies on replicability regarding EOEC difference

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## Discussion

### Main findings:

- ◆ Liberal correction strategies yield unacceptable high FWERs
- ◆ PT with TFCE reach the best balance between FWER and reproducibility
- ◆ Between-subject design has moderate test-retest reliability but poor replicability
- ◆ Within-subject design has better replicability but still not moderate
- ◆ Larger sample size increases reproducibility, sensitivity as well as PPV

### What correction strategy can be used?

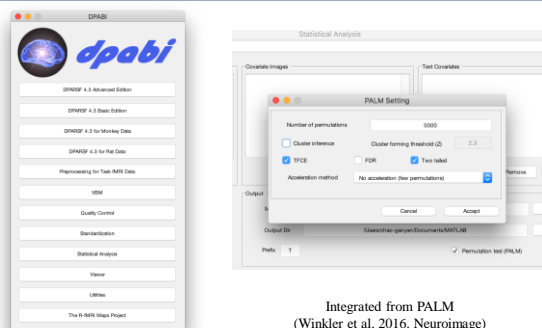
According to FWER...

- ◆ GRF correction with strict p values (voxel wise  $P < 0.0005$  and cluster wise  $P < 0.025$  for each tail)
- ◆ Four kinds of PT with extent thresholding
- ◆ PT with TFCE
- ◆ PT with VOX
- ◆ FDR correction

According to reproducibility...

Strict strategies cannot achieve moderate reproducibility, except PT with TFCE

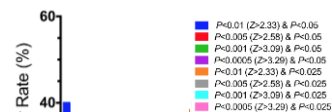
## Permutation Test with TFCE



Integrated from PALM  
(Winkler et al. 2016. Neuroimage)

Yan\* et al., 2016. Neuroinformatics  
ESI Top 1% highly cited (>60 times)

## Discussion



### One- or two-tailed?

FWER cannot be controlled to the nominal level by doing one tailed correction twice

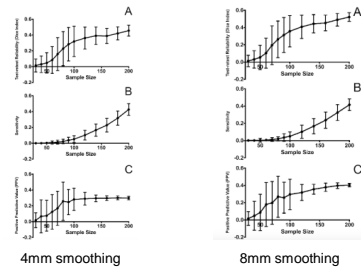
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Sample size (k)	Test-retest reliability (dice index)	Sensitivity	PPV
30	0.02 ± 0.08	0.001 ± 0.004	0.02 ± 0.09
40	0.03 ± 0.11	0.001 ± 0.01	0.07 ± 0.21
50	0.05 ± 0.13	0.004 ± 0.01	0.07 ± 0.19
60	0.08 ± 0.17	0.01 ± 0.02	0.12 ± 0.22
70	0.16 ± 0.21	0.04 ± 0.02	0.17 ± 0.22
80	0.23 ± 0.22	0.02 ± 0.03	0.26 ± 0.26
90	0.28 ± 0.21	0.04 ± 0.04	0.25 ± 0.16
100	0.32 ± 0.19	0.05 ± 0.04	0.28 ± 0.14
120	0.36 ± 0.14	0.10 ± 0.06	0.29 ± 0.08
140	0.39 ± 0.11	0.17 ± 0.08	0.29 ± 0.04
160	0.39 ± 0.09	0.23 ± 0.09	0.30 ± 0.03
180	0.42 ± 0.08	0.32 ± 0.09	0.30 ± 0.02
200	0.46 ± 0.07	0.43 ± 0.07	0.30 ± 0.02

Results from a sample size <80 (40 per group) should be considered preliminary, given their low reliability (< 0.23), sensitivity (< 0.02) and PPV (< 0.26)



## Discussion



Larger smoothing kernel (8 mm) improves reproducibility and is more likely reflecting true effect



## Discussion

### Take-home message:

- ◆ PT with TFCE reach the best balance between FWER and reproducibility
- ◆ Within-subject design has better replicability and larger effect size
- ◆ Larger sample size (>80, 40 in each group) increases reproducibility, sensitivity as well as PPV



## Discussion

### The R-fMRI Maps Project

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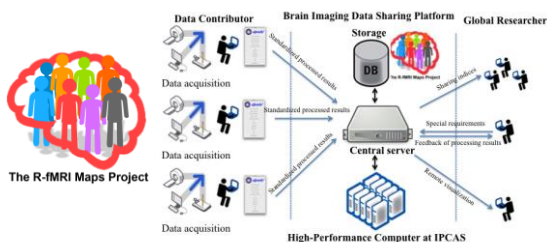
All statistical maps have been shared through the R-fMRI Maps project (<http://rfmri.org/maps>)

Key source code have been shared through ([https://github.com/Chaogan-Yan/PaperScripts/tree/master/Chen\\_2017\\_HBM](https://github.com/Chaogan-Yan/PaperScripts/tree/master/Chen_2017_HBM))

Thus our findings could be easily reproduced by any researchers



## The R-fMRI Maps Project



Part of the Human Brain Data Sharing Initiative (HBDSI), IPCAS



## The R-fMRI Maps Project

### Shared data of 4770 subjects:

1. Amplitude of low frequency fluctuations (ALFF)
2. Fractional ALFF (fALFF)
3. Regional Homogeneity (ReHo)
4. Voxel-mirrored homotopic connectivity (VMHC)
5. Degree Centrality (DC)
6. Functional Connectivity Matrices
  - a. Automated Anatomical Labeling (AAL) atlas
  - b. Harvard-Oxford atlas
  - c. Craddock's clustering 200 ROIs
  - d. Zalesky's random parcellations
  - e. Dosenbach's 160 functional ROIs

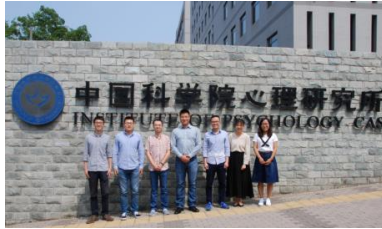
In addition, gray matter, white matter and CSF density and volume files were shared

Downloaded by 593 researchers





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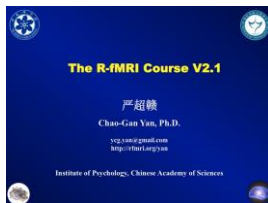
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## Further Help



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Preprints of the R-fMRI Network (PRN) is a preprint, open-access, free-submission, open-discussion, community funded Preprints of R-fMRI related research. The goal of PRN is to supplement the peer reviewed journal publication system - by more rapidly communicating the latest research achievements across the global.

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## 数据分析与深度培训



### 静态功能磁共振成像深度数据分析

功能磁共振成像越来越成为一种主流的科研手段,然而功能磁共振的数据分析却是一项具有高度挑战性的工作。海量的原始数据,繁多的分析步骤,复杂的分析方法都让研究者无所适从。恰当的分析方法可以从普通的数据中挖掘出富有创造性的结果,而不恰当的分析则可能让精心收集的数据黯然失色。深度大脑公司联合中国科学院 The R-fMRI Lab 的专业功能磁共振研究团队推出一站式功能磁共振数据分析解决方案,帮助您从容应对功能磁共振数据带来的挑战。



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从您见到这条消息开始,您便将有与中国科学院 The R-fMRI Lab 的静态功能磁共振专家团队共同探索大量的奥秘!深度课程培训期间,您将会亲身体验:

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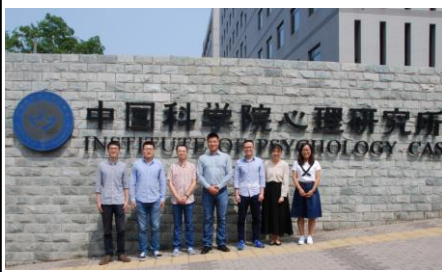


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