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# Dataset QC

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# The goal of Dataset QC is verify that a dataset's contents match its description.

In the narrow sense, this is a defined problem: are the expected files and structure present?

Organized files are necessary (BIDS is good!) but not sufficient: a valid dataset can still be unusable. ... contaminated by artifact, incorrect participant instructions, etc., etc.

Dataset QC is not only a chore to be done at the end of a project, but **procedures** to be **woven into all stages**: data acquisition, processing, and analysis.

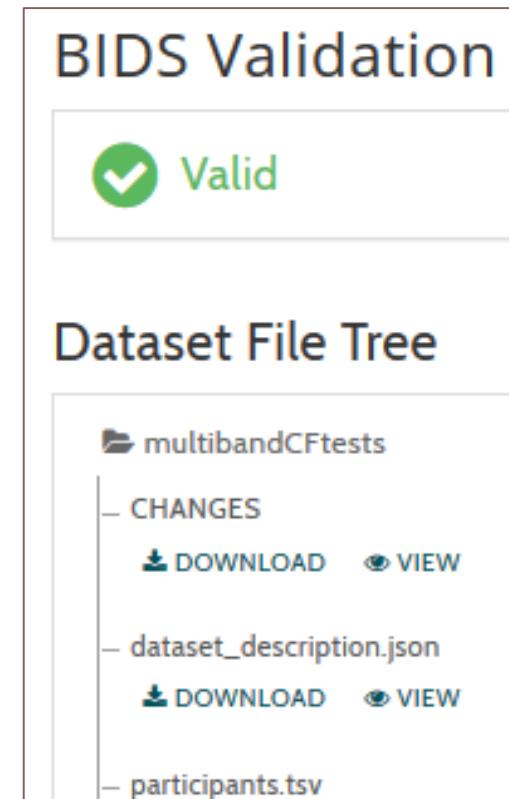
... this talk is organized into acquisition, processing, and analysis stages, but the concepts and suggestions are not that discrete.

## Why are Dataset QC procedures needed?

So that your dataset is **usable**, both by you now and by people (including you) in the future.

To maximize chances that analyses produce **accurate** results: very nice (but false) blobs can come from errors.

To prepare for **submitting** the dataset to a repository (e.g., NDAR, openneuro.org).



The image shows a screenshot of a BIDS Validation interface. At the top, a green circular icon with a white checkmark is followed by the word "Valid". Below this, the title "Dataset File Tree" is displayed. The file tree structure is as follows:

- multibandCFtests
- CHANGES
- dataset\_description.json
- participants.tsv

For each file, there are "DOWNLOAD" and "VIEW" links.

# What can Dataset QC look like in practice?

I'll start with how I ran an experiment back in 2007, which will probably still sound very familiar.

Two people were involved in data collection; we used scripts for key screening questions and instructions.

I put the files for each participant in separate directories, checking by eye that the naming was consistent.

I did preprocessing in SPM with a combination of clicking through menus and batch jobs, documented with Word notes and screenshots.

I later summarized analyses and results in Word, copy-pasting images and tables from SPM and R output.

Is this "manual" procedure horrible?

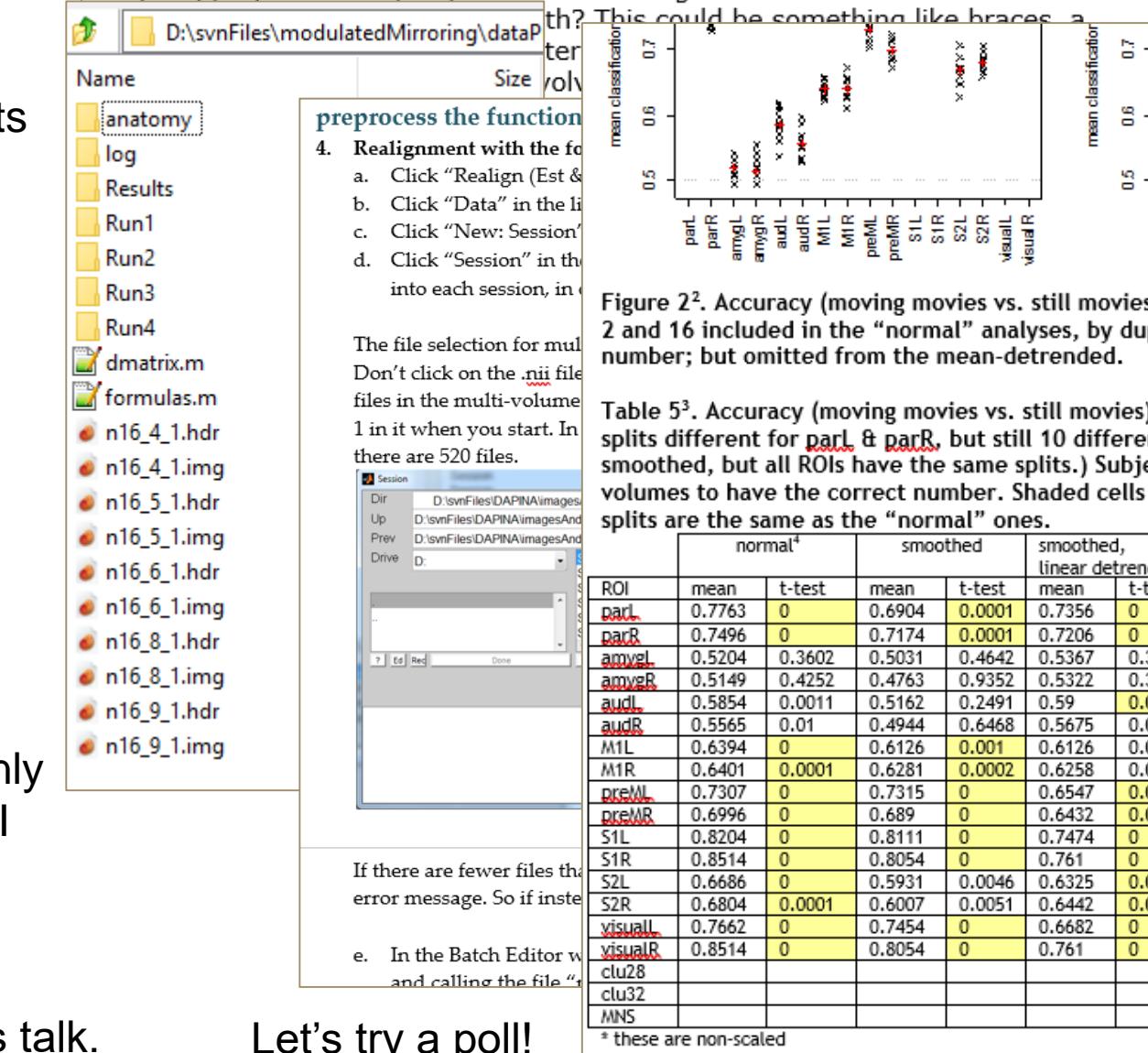
No. I **could** find the files and results after 12 years. With only 16 participants (!) and two people running the experiment, I think we did keep everything consistent and as described.

Is this "manual" procedure perfect?

No. I'll point out flaws and better solutions in the rest of this talk.

## English Questions for Telephone Screening

1. Do you have any metal in your body? This could be something like an insulin pump, a pacemaker, or pins after breaking a bone.



Let's try a poll!

## **Live Content Slide**

*When playing as a slideshow, this slide will display live content*

**Poll: How many participants are in a typical neuroimaging dataset you work with now?**

# A fundamental problem with manual workflows: they **don't scale up.**

In the DMCC project we have around 90 subjects (so far), each of whom have at least 3 scanning sessions; 8 task and 2 resting state runs per session.

<https://pages.wustl.edu/dualmechanisms>



And the DMCC is not an extraordinarily large project: 1200 participants in the Young Adult HCP, 500,000 in the UK Biobank.

... I won't be clicking through 100,000 files to confirm they're present and have sensible contents.

But even if I wanted to try, I'd probably make **mistakes**.

## Manual workflows are not robust to **human nature**.

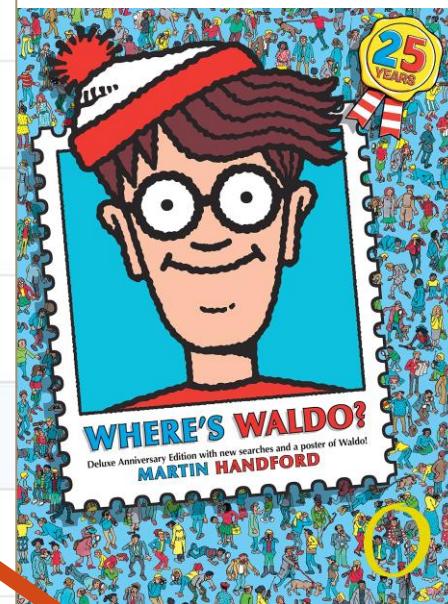
For example, we humans aren't great at visual search.

... that's a small error, but could cause large problems:

if the transposed ID matches another ID we could use the wrong file  
the file will appear missing when the dataset is submitted to a  
repository ... etc.

 849971_baseline
 849971_behavioral_eprime
 849971_proactive
 849971_reactive
 849971_toolbox
 849771_RedCap.csv <span>V2</span>
 849971_checklist.pdf
 849971_Credibility.csv
 849971_forms.pdf
 849971_MBSRFeedback.csv

Find the subject ID with a typo!



ID is 849771 instead of 849971

## File checking after data collection is **necessary**, but not sufficient.

We can of course automate that type of file checking: **use a script** to search the directory structures and report which files are present.

This questionnaire is missing because the RA forgot to bring a copy ...  
should we invite the participant back?

There's a file in this person's directory named `s_span` but not `sspan`;  
should I consider that just a typo and change its name?

etc., etc. ... it's so much better to collect the needed data properly than try to fix errors afterwards.

**Inconsistencies will multiply** with the scale and complexity of the project.

We're all human; mistakes and surprises will happen. The goal is not to eliminate all errors, but to **minimize** their likelihood and severity.

A	Y	Z	AA	
102008	0	1	1	sspan_mod-
107321	1	1	1	sspan_n
115825	1	1	1	sspan_mod-
123117	1	1	1	sspan_mod-
130114	1	1	1	sspan_mod-
130518	1	1	1	sspan_mod-
132017	1	1	1	sspan_mod-
135720	1	1	1	sspan_mod-
138837	1	1	1	sspan_mod-
141422	0	1	1	sspan_mod-
150423	1	1	1	sspan_mod-
155938	1	1	1	sspan_mod-
158136	1	1	1	sspan_mod-

How? Checklists and SOPs.

## Checklists?

Yes, I mean to follow and physically mark a checklist for every single participant.

if you (or your RAs) need convincing, consider:

My husband was a Jumpmaster. He had to know all the parachute and harness parts, how to tell if each was in working order, safety procedures, etc. He took courses and passed tests proving he knew all the details.

sensible: you don't want just anyone telling you it's ok to jump out of a plane.

But even after being fully qualified, he didn't rely on his memory or invent his own system for checking jumpers: he used a standard checklist. Pilots had checklists, too.



Why? Pilot and Jumpmasters are smart, educated, and experienced; can't we just trust them to do things right?

Well, no. **Expert humans are still human**; we all miss things. Strictly following well-designed checklists is a practical way to increase the chances that critical steps are completed every time.

I think checklists are more accepted for parachutists and pilots because the consequences of failure are so obvious and immediate, but they're serious for us, too:

... an unusable dataset is a tremendous waste of time and money.

There's no perfect or all-purpose checklist. Start with what you think are the key steps and critical information for your experiment, then **update as needed**. (something missed with a participant? add it to the checklist!)

### DMCC2

SUBJECT ID: <b>DMCC3963378</b> BEHAVIORAL DATE: <b>12/21/18</b>	
MB: <b>4</b>	MBSR Class Order: <b>1</b>
Intake	<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Consent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RedCap Demographics <input type="checkbox"/> 5. DNA (oragene)
Notes:	<input type="checkbox"/> 2. Screener <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Measure: BP/HR, Height: <b>5'4"</b> Weight: <b>121</b>
Day One Behavioral Session	
RA: <b>AL</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Ospan (2 blocks) <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Letter Sets <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Symspan (2 blocks) <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Number Series <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Raven's <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Toolbox (DMCC2): ORR, Flanker's, Pattern Completion <input type="checkbox"/> SRS? (See Day 2 for list) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Online/In-Session
Baseline Scan BASELINE SCAN DATE: <b>12/14 - 12/14</b>	
RA: <b>MF</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Baseline Practice <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Baseline Pre-Task Questions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3. Pre-Scan BP & Cortisol (if cortisol collected pre-baseline) Time of scan start: <b>5:57pm</b> Gender, Handedness: <b>FR</b> Access Code: <b>M-1005-46535</b> Counterbalanced Task Order: <b>CTS, Stern, AX, Stroop</b> MR lenses?: <b>no</b> Prescription: L <b>_____</b> R <b>_____</b> T1 rating: <b>2.5 (or 2)</b> T2 rating: <b>2.5</b> Rest 1 participant report: <b>“weak”</b> eye read= <b>poor, occluded</b> Rest 2 participant report: eye read= <b>poor, occluded</b> (open/closed, mostly open/closed, drowsy, occluded by coil, jumpy/poor read, X then...Y)  Cort 5 not w/ coils 15 min PDF Scanner functional? ↓ Nvr.  Post-Scan Storage
<input type="checkbox"/> passed Stroop audiotest <input type="checkbox"/> Re-ran Stroop Test Subjective measure of p comfort in scanner (1-5)= <b>5</b> When did you last eat? <b>5:28?</b> Did you have any caffeine today (oz estimate)? <b>0.07</b> Is this intake in line with your normal routine? <b>yes</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Baseline Post-Task Questions <input type="checkbox"/> Send Scan <input type="checkbox"/> Pull scan-linked eprime, physio, and eyelink data <input type="checkbox"/> Pull behavioral eprime data <input type="checkbox"/> Send intake info to RedCap & Toolbox data to iCloud <input type="checkbox"/> Scan checklist and upload to Box > Scanned Checklists	

### DMCC2

SUBJECT ID: <b>DMCC3963378</b> SCAN TWO DATE: <b>1/18/19</b>	
RA: <b>EF PL</b>	BP/Cortisol/DNA Time: <b>3:18pm</b>
Notes:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Proactive/Reactive Practice binder, button box not working <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2. Proactive/Reactive Pre-Task Questions after multiple attempts <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Pre-scan BP & Cortisol <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Screener Review
Time of scan start: <b>6:20pm</b> Access Code: <b>M-1005-46535</b> Counterbalanced Task Order: <b>CTS, Stern, AX, Stroop</b> MR lenses?: <b>no</b> Prescription: L <b>_____</b> R <b>_____</b> Rest 0/5 participant report= <b>weak</b> eye read= <b>poor</b> Rest 0/6 participant report= <b>weak</b> eye read= <b>poor</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> passed audiotest (for Stroop) <input type="checkbox"/> Re-ran Stroop Test	
<p><i>FIRMLY</i> <i>92% 99% 100%</i></p> <p>Subjective measure of p comfort in scanner (1-5)= <b>5</b></p> <p>When did you last eat? <b>5:00pm</b>  Did you have any caffeine today? <b>0.07 coffee</b>  Is this intake in line with your normal routine? <b>yes</b></p>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Proactive/Reactive Post-Task Questions <input type="checkbox"/> Post-Scan Cortisol <input type="checkbox"/> Send Scan	
Day Two/ Three Self-Report Questionnaires	
RA:	RedCap Self-Report Battery:
Notes:	<input type="checkbox"/> BSCS <input type="checkbox"/> SPSPRQ <input type="checkbox"/> GRAPES <input type="checkbox"/> FEQ <input type="checkbox"/> NEO <input type="checkbox"/> PSQI <input type="checkbox"/> STAI <input type="checkbox"/> DOSPERT <input type="checkbox"/> PHQ <input type="checkbox"/> NFC <input type="checkbox"/> FFMQ <input type="checkbox"/> Barratt Impulsiveness Scale <input type="checkbox"/> SWLS <input type="checkbox"/> ERQ <input type="checkbox"/> MAAS Trait <input type="checkbox"/> PANAS <input type="checkbox"/> BISBAS <input type="checkbox"/> SCS <input type="checkbox"/> PWB
Breath Counting Task	
<input type="checkbox"/> Breath Counting: <a href="http://ccpexpt.wustl.edu/phpFiles/DMCC/Test/Breath/ID_breath_DMCC_T.php">http://ccpexpt.wustl.edu/phpFiles/DMCC/Test/Breath/ID_breath_DMCC_T.php</a>	

It can work well to print a copy of the checklist for each participant; scan and archive afterwards.

Aim is for everyone to know that checklists are not optional; a sign of **project importance**, not lack of trust.

# Beyond Checklists: SOPs (“Standard Operating Procedures”)

SOPs explain **how** to do the steps listed on the checklists: recruitment, running the experiment, data storage, generating reports, etc.

SOP detail should increase with the number of people and time involved in data collection.

But every neuroimaging dataset has key procedures and settings – **if an experiment is important enough to be run, it should have an SOP.**

... I think every dataset release should include its SOP.

## Dual Mechanisms of Cognitive Control: Standard Operating Procedures

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DO NOT MOVE THE PROTOCOL OVER UNTIL BOTH PARTS OF THE HEAD COIL ARE PLUGGED IN- leave the window up without clicking anything. **\*\*ALSO APPLICABLE WHEN PARTICIPANT TAKES BREAK\*\***

### Hardware set up:

1. Check that FORP box is set to USB 000 HHSC-1X4-L BYGRT (located on the side of the desk under the Bay3 iMac) instructions for changing the setting (if not already set to 1x4) are located near box.
2. Turn on the Braver portable desktop computer- stored in middle storage area between bays 2 and 3. Roll the cart out and plug into outlet to left of control room counter. (Password: -)
3. Connect ~~Eprime~~ serial port (labeled and found in the bundle of cords behind the bay 3 mac computer, sometimes will need to be decoupled from an extension cable) to blue “5” USB converter (found on portable metal Braver cart). Setup:



4. Plug FOMRI-III optical microphone USB cord into computer (found in bundle of cords behind Mac) Turn on white FOMRI microphone box behind Mac by pressing power button (should be glowing blue). Make sure a pair of headphones is plugged into the green headphone jack on the Braver computer (our ~~Eprime~~ tasks are coded to expect speakers). Turn on ~~eyelink~~ power switch and ~~eyelink~~ computer by pressing Power on desktop CPU.

### Baseline Scan Session:

For all scans, communicate with participant by pressing the speaker button on the Siemens speaker device between scans, and hold down black button on the base of the microphone to talk to the participant. When scans are running, ensure that the speaker button is turned off to avoid very loud noise transmission from the scanner room.

Once p is registered, check in with him/her to ensure comfort, and click “confirm” on the selected protocol to bring the session into the active run. Once the participant is ready, run localizers. During localizers, rearrange scan order by clicking and dragging on the console, according to task order marked on checklist from scheduling spreadsheet.

Meanwhile, make sure that you have clicked the “physio” icon on the right hand side of the menu on the screen of the “exam” tab on scanner console to view physiology recordings during scan and inline viewer (will begin to show images during tasks); choose display=2 signals and choose “RESP” and “PULSE” from drop down menus to specify signals to display. Monitor the pulse ox and respiration signal during scanning. If signal degrades sufficiently, make a note and ask participant to readjust belt or finger position in clip, or enter the scanner room between scans to manually adjust.

Despite changing task order, the outline of the baseline scan will always be:

1. Localizers/~~SpinEchos~~
2. T1
3. T2
4. Rest 1
5. Task 1 (2 runs)
6. Task 2 (2 runs)
7. Rest 2
8. Task 3 (2 runs)
9. Task 4 (2 runs)

During localizers, click the green check mark on scanner console to approve FOV determination. If brain fits in the yellow outlined box on the (top) leftmost view of the brain in the “exam” tab, the green check mark can be clicked. However, if some part of the brain is not encompassed in the box, the FOV will need to be manually adjusted. The only view that needs to be considered to FOV determination is this leftmost view.

How to change FOV if needs adjusting after localizers (e.g., brain does not fit in the yellow outlined box in leftmost view): After autoalign scans are run, when suggested FOV

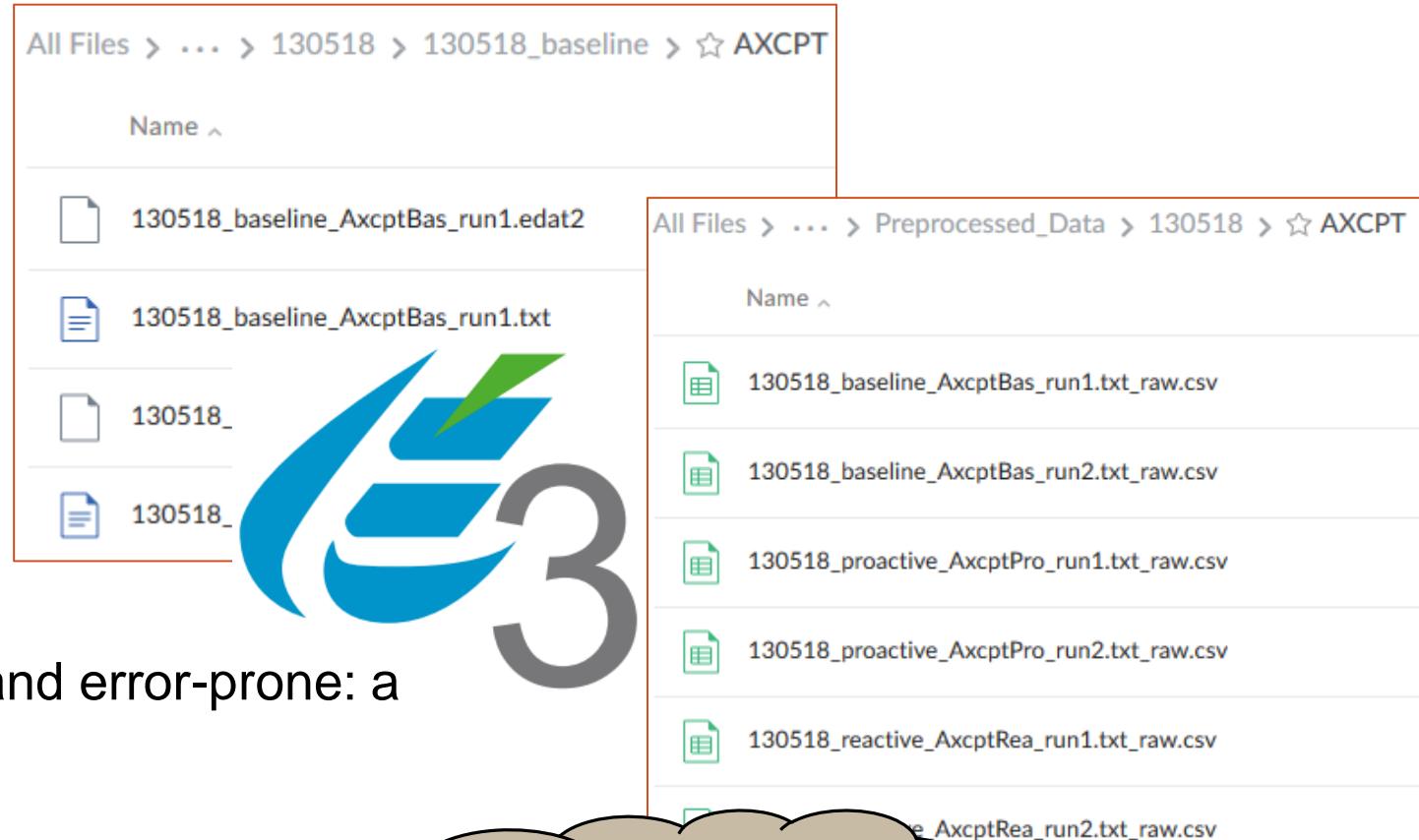
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# Practical QC Strategy: Don't click if you can script

A bit of scripting can make a big difference in how quickly errors are caught (and reducing how many are created).

Concrete example: converting eprime files to text.

- 1: click through box to the “raw” directory for the person, select, then download the files.
- 2: open each in eprime, click the menu conversion option, and save locally with the new name.
- 3: click through box to the person’s “preprocessed” directory and drag the converted files to upload.



This works ... but is incredibly tedious, slow, and error-prone: a perfect candidate for scripting.



## Practical QC Strategy: Don't click if you can script

This R script replaces all of that clicking

eprime conversion steps using the script:

1: navigate to the template script file in git; make a local copy if needed.

2: open the script in R and set the three variables at the top of the template (on.computer, sub.ID, which.DMCC) for the current person.

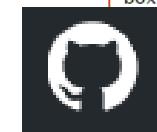
3: run the script, watching for error messages.

Why am I more confident of success with the scripted procedure?

Because it was **designed to fail** if something is **not exactly correct** (and updated whenever a problem or oversight is found).

For example: the input file name and box source directory is specified in this template code, so a typo will be immediately caught (file missing?). Important file contents can also be tested (e.g., is the start time plausible?).

Like the checklists and SOPs, these standard template scripts are part of the dataset; saved (and later potentially released) to increase reproducibility.



```
fname <- paste0("", sub.id, "_", session.ids[ssid], "_", task.ids.short[tid], session.ids.short[ssid], "_run", rid, "")  
boxr.in <- box_search(fname, type='file', content_types="name", file_extensions='txt', ancestor_folder_ids=folder.in[[1]]$id  
if (length(boxr.in) == 1) {  
  can't just read in the edat file from box, since it's binary. so download it locally first.  
  box_dl(boxr.in[[1]]$id, local_dir=out.path); # do the download  
local.fname <- paste0(out.path, "/", sub.id, "_", session.ids[ssid], "_", task.ids.short[tid], session.ids.short[ssid], "_run")  
if (file.exists(local.fname)) { # check that the file got downloaded  
  edat.tbl <- as.data.frame(edat(local.fname)); # read in the erecovery text file and convert to a data.frame.  
  
rm(list=ls()); on.computer <- "JoDesktop";  
# rm(list=ls()); on.computer <- "LeahDesktop";  
#rm(list=ls()); on.computer <- "JessDesktop";  
#rm(list=ls()); on.computer <- "AlexDesktop";  
  
sub.id <- "#####"; # change  
which.DMCC <- 2; # which.DMCC  
success message, h  
j
```

success message,  
so all is ok

# Practical QC Strategy: Pull out what's most important or diagnostic for you

Even the best automatically-generated summary won't be used if it's too long or difficult to navigate.

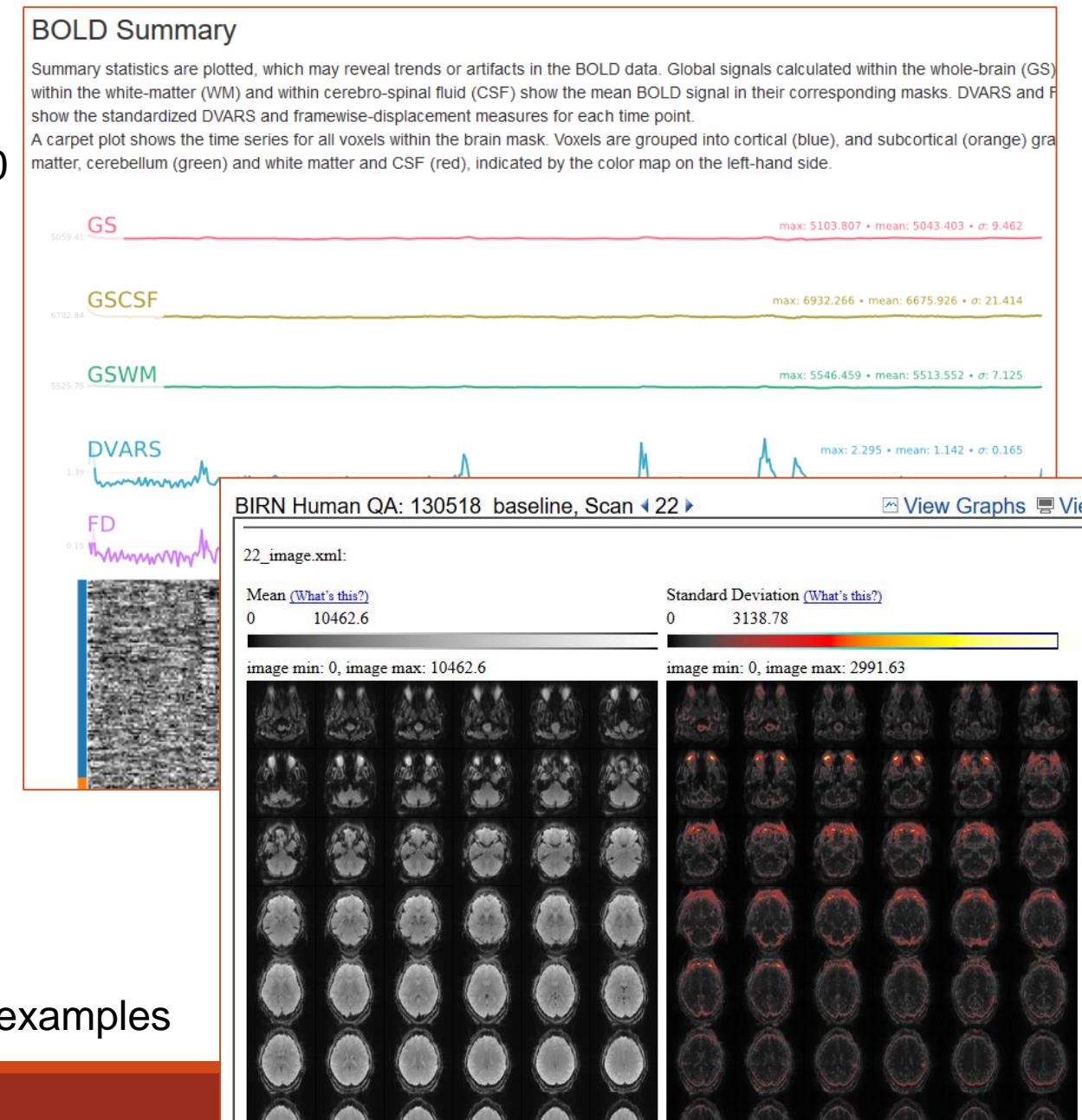
... fMRIPrep reports for a single DMCC participant are > 50 pages; impossible to quickly survey across runs or people.

... XNAT BIRN QA reports have useful summaries, but clicking through every run is tedious.

Yes, this is whiny, but **practicality** and **human nature** matter. I can't efficiently or accurately compare across thousands of QC report pages.

Alternative: make summary files (using knitr or another **dynamic report generation** tool) for what you think are the most important or diagnostic metrics for the particular experiment; consult the full reports as needed.

a few concrete examples



# Practical QC Strategy: Pull out what's most important or diagnostic for you

example #1: SUBID\_fMRI\_movementSummary.pdf (<https://wustl.box.com/v/OHBM2019EtzelQC> GLM templates)

movement regressor & FD plots for each run, showing censored frames in relation to our task blocks.

3-slice views of mean, SD, and tSNR volumes for each run.

voxelwise standard deviation

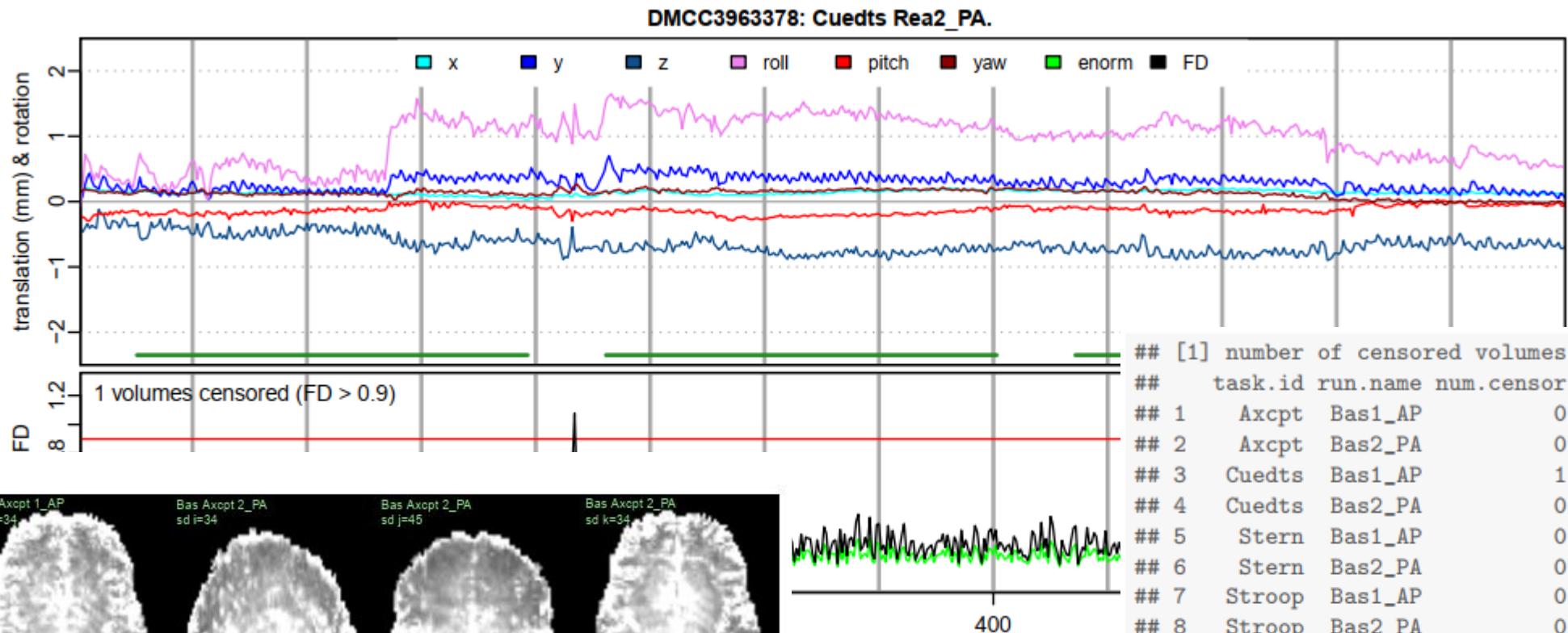
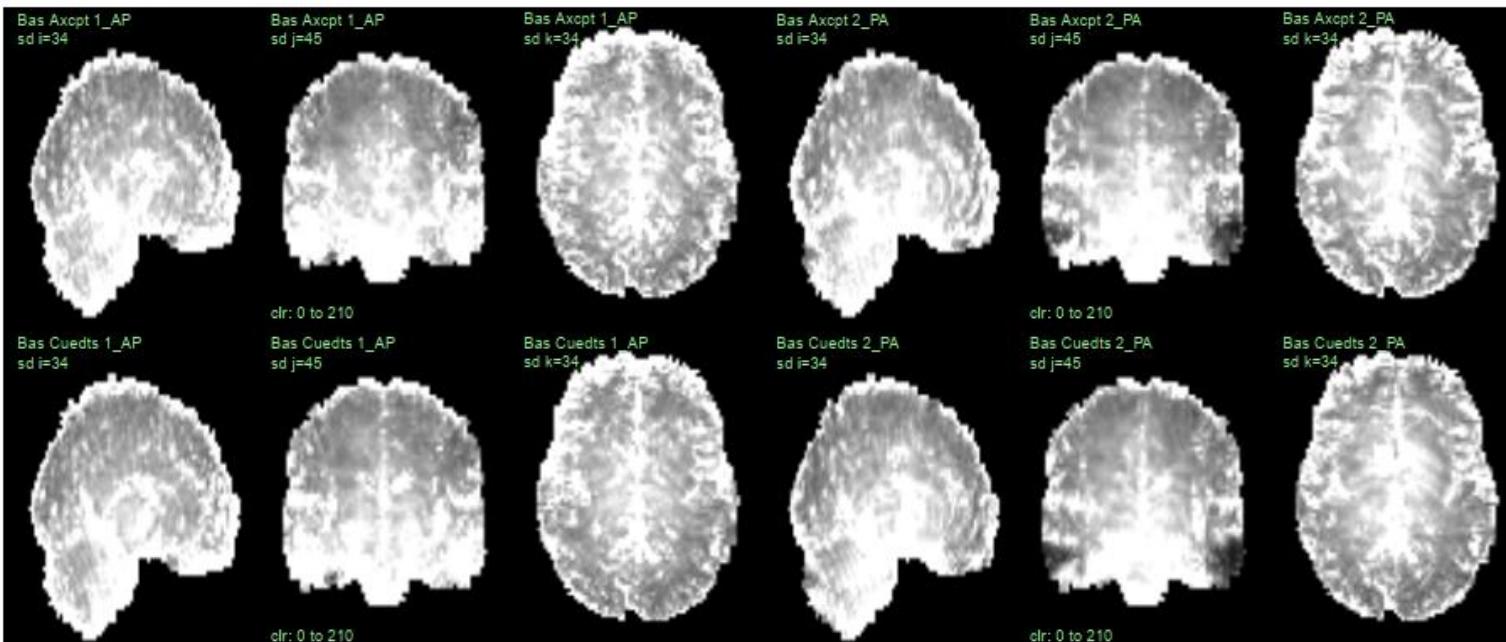
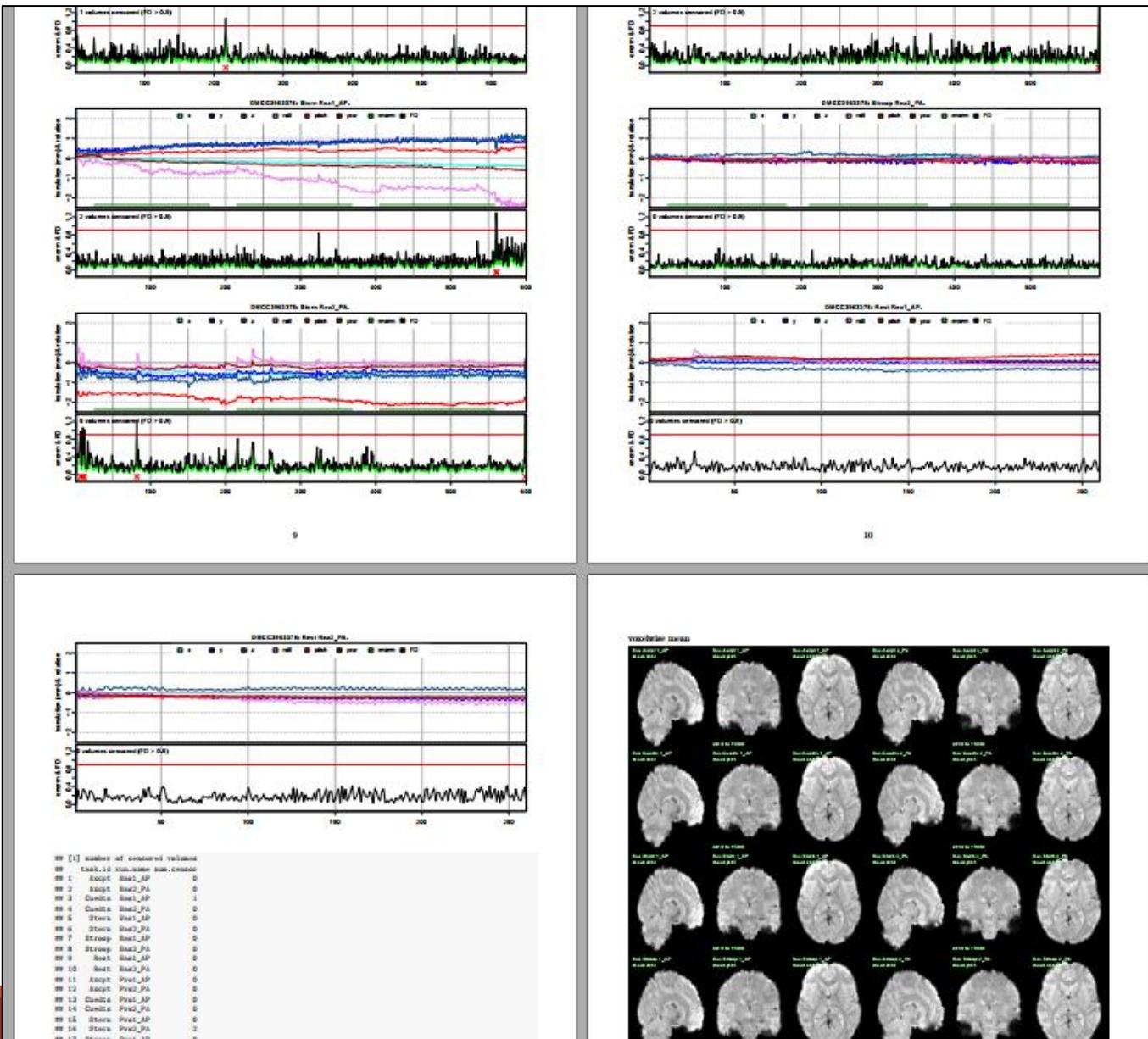


Table listing total numbers of censored frames.

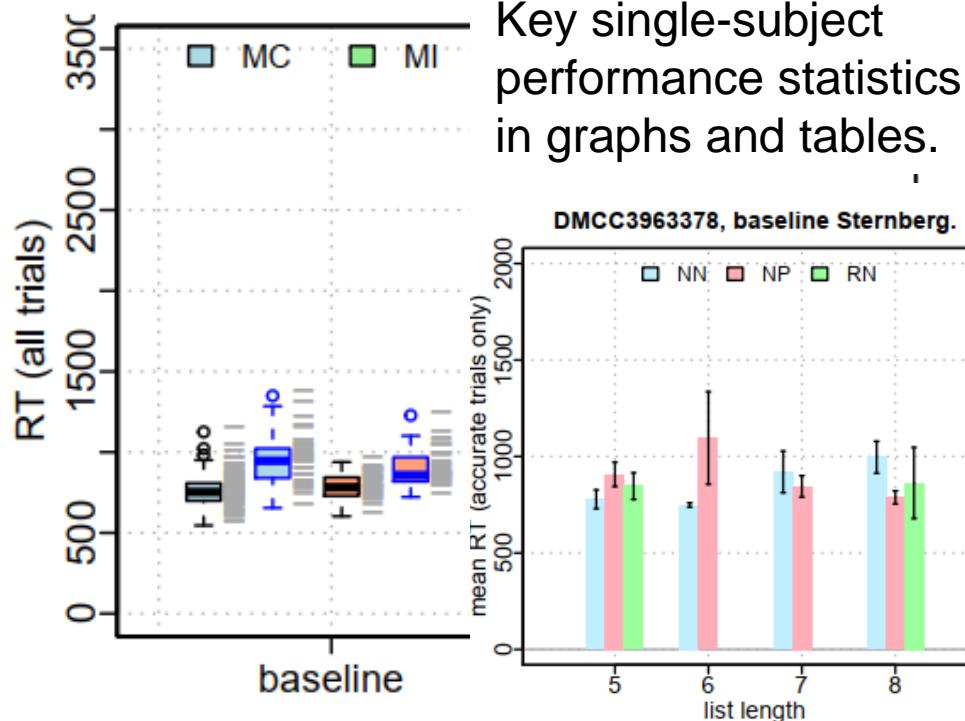
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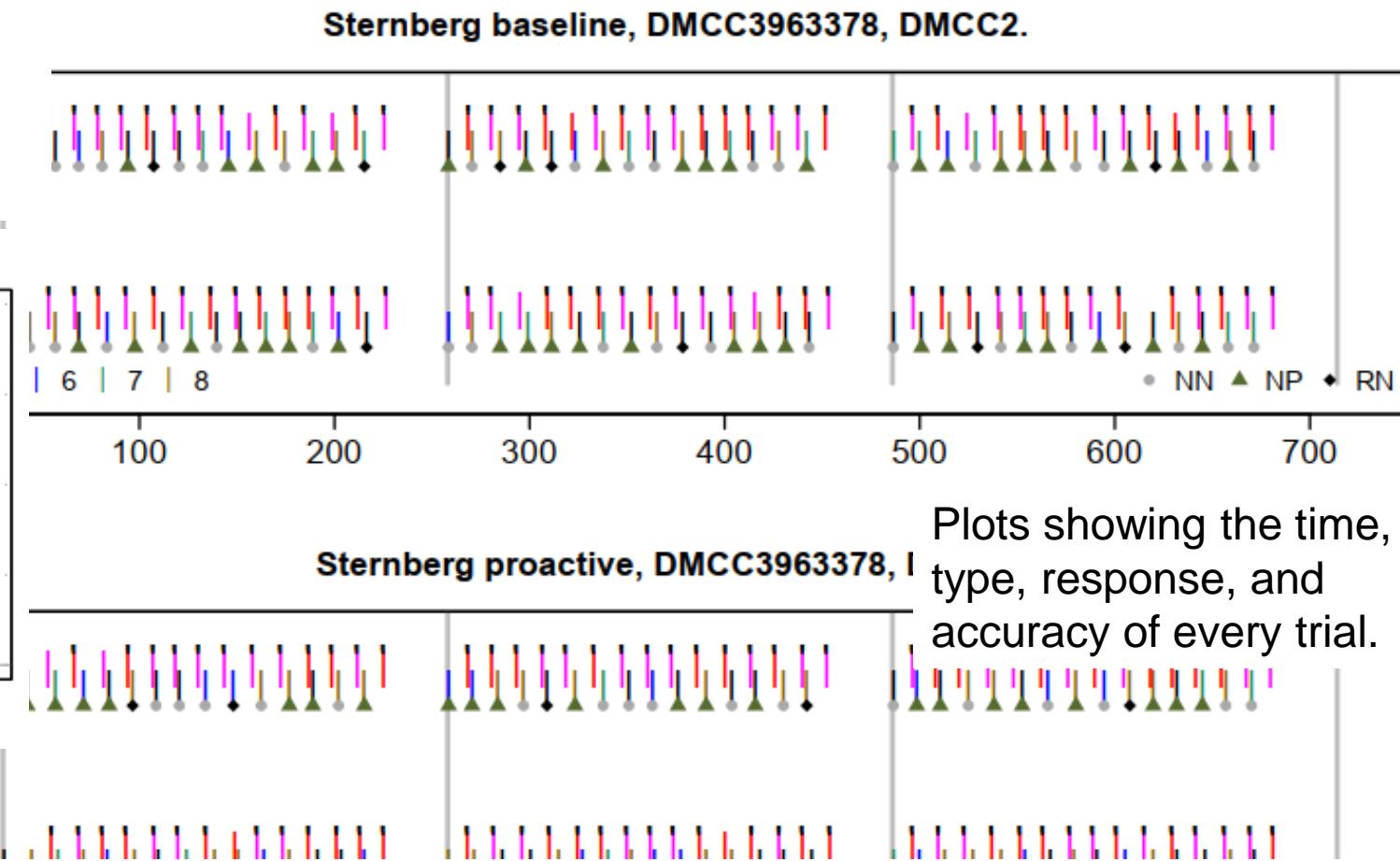
example #2: SUBID\_fMRI\_behavioralSummary.pdf (at <https://github.com/ccplabwustl/dualmechanisms>)



Checks that the expected number and types of trials were presented in each task.

```
## [1] "Found an error in the AX-CPT trial counting or stimulus matching? FALSE"
```

```
## [1] "was there an error with the NN, NP, or RN trial words? FALSE"
```



# Practical QC Strategy: Dynamic Report Generation

Those were dynamic reports: pdfs compiled from knitr code templates.

(I really like R and knitr, and will be giving a “lightning talk” on them in the open science room Tuesday – ask me for more!)

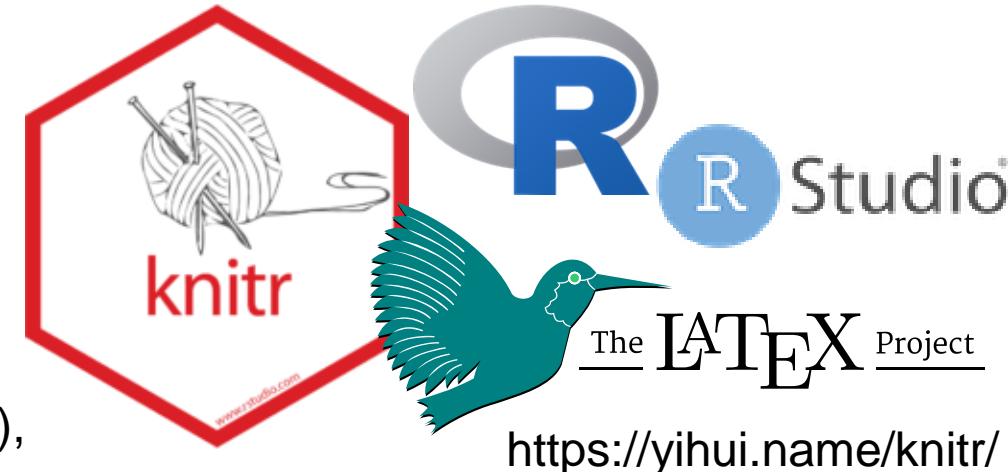
Dynamic report generation is not restricted to R, LaTeX, or pdfs: other language options exist for the code (e.g., python), text (e.g., markdown), and the output (e.g., html).

What is “dynamic report generation”?

A bit like Jupyter notebooks (mixed code and text in a single source file), but compiled to produce a static document.

LaTeX descriptions and headers

NIfTI images read in an R code loop, plotted with a function (code at [mvpablog.blogspot.com](http://mvpablog.blogspot.com), knitr tag)



## 123117\_GLMs.Buttons.brains.censored.rnw

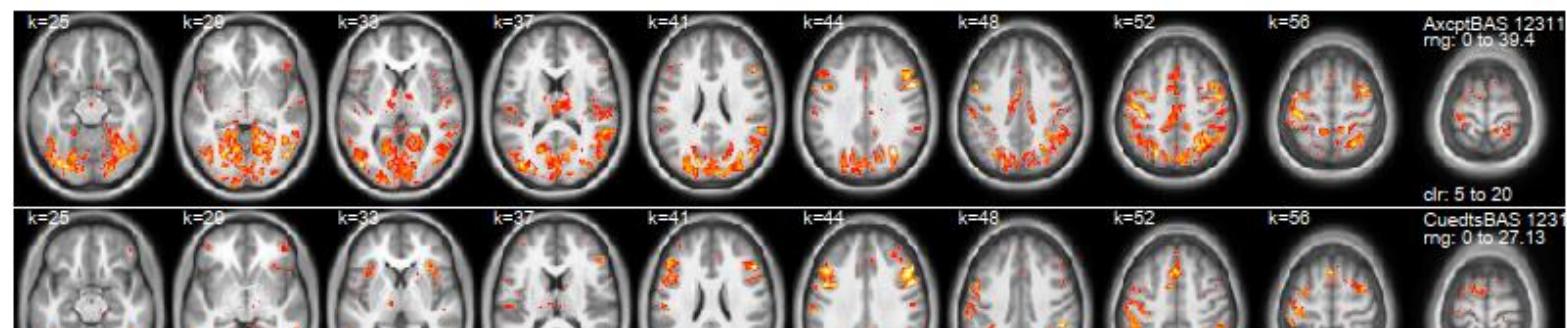
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set 2aFix: with blockONandOFF, polort A, BLOCK (convolved block); durations fixed.

123117, DMCC Phase 2, who was scanned at MB4. Buttons GLM results, for the AX-CPT, CuedTS, and Sternberg tasks. All are REML, not ICA-FIX, 2 TRs for each TENT knot for MB4, 3 TRs for MB8 knots. TENTS are mean coefficients. In each task the contrast was button1 - button2 == B1.B2; only the button and block-related regressors were in the model.

## Buttons GLMs: button1\_Fstats

```
## [1] "123117 BAS: Buttons GLM button1_Fstat"
```



# Practical QC Strategy: Dynamic Report Generation

In that 2007 study I summarized results for my collaborators by copy-pasting images and tables into Word. Dynamic (knitr) documents serve the same purpose, but have major advantages for reproducibility: the source of images, tables, and figures can be checked, and much more efficiently updated.

Is that the correct image for this GLM contrast?

- look in the corresponding .rnw code block and check if the correct contrast image path and thresholds were sent to the plotting function.
- look in the Word document (or other notes) for a description of which image file corresponds to the contrast; open the statistic image as an overlay (e.g., in afni); apply the statistical threshold and slicing; compare to plotted image.

The confirmation is much easier (and unambiguous) with the knitr ... if **both** the compiled .pdf and source .rnw files are kept together.



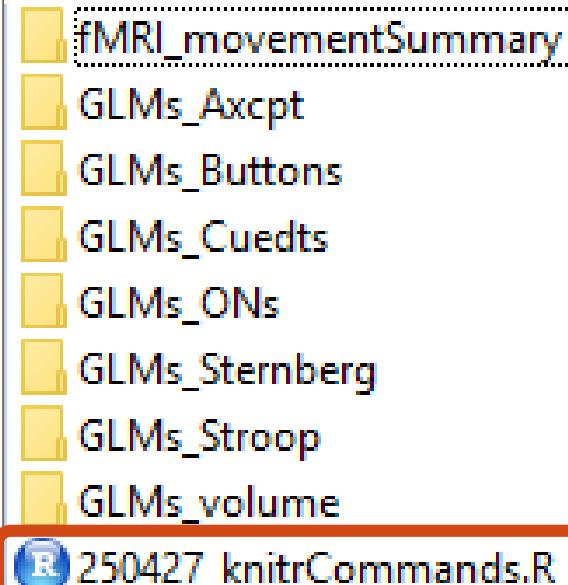
# Practical QC Strategy: Automate report generation

It's fine to compile several knitr "by hand," but not dozens at once: automate with templates.

Templates are normal knitr code, except that key variables are blank.

A "startHERE" script copies the templates and fills in their blanks, so to make a set of reports you change then run the startHERE script ...

```
sub.id <- "###";  
MB.1b1 <- "###"; # MB.1b  
dir.suffix <- "###"; #  
which.DMCC <- 0; # filler  
#
```



which generates the needed set of directories with ready-to-compile .rnw files ... along with a script, which, when sourced, compiles all the knitr and moves each resulting .pdf and .rnw to a single directory for easy checking and archiving.

```
library(knitr); # for knit2pdf  
  
setwd('/scratch1/AlexaRakusin/250427vo1/fMRI_movementSummary/');  
knit2pdf('250427_fMRI_movementSummary.rnw');  
  
setwd('/scratch1/AlexaRakusin/250427vo1/GLMs_Axcpt/GLMs_Axcpt_brains/');  
knit2pdf('250427_Axcpt_brains_censored.rnw');  
file.copy(from='/scratch1/AlexaRakusin/250427vo1/GLMs_Axcpt/GLMs_Axcpt_b  
file.copy(from='/scratch1/AlexaRakusin/250427vo1/GLMs_Axcpt/GLMs_Axcpt_b
```

We've found this process to work well: an expert initially writes and then maintains the scripts and templates, but anyone can generate the reports, and they can be altered for new projects.

## Practical QC Strategy: Control analyses

Before running the key analyses, run a **positive control**: is a strong effect that must be present, actually present?

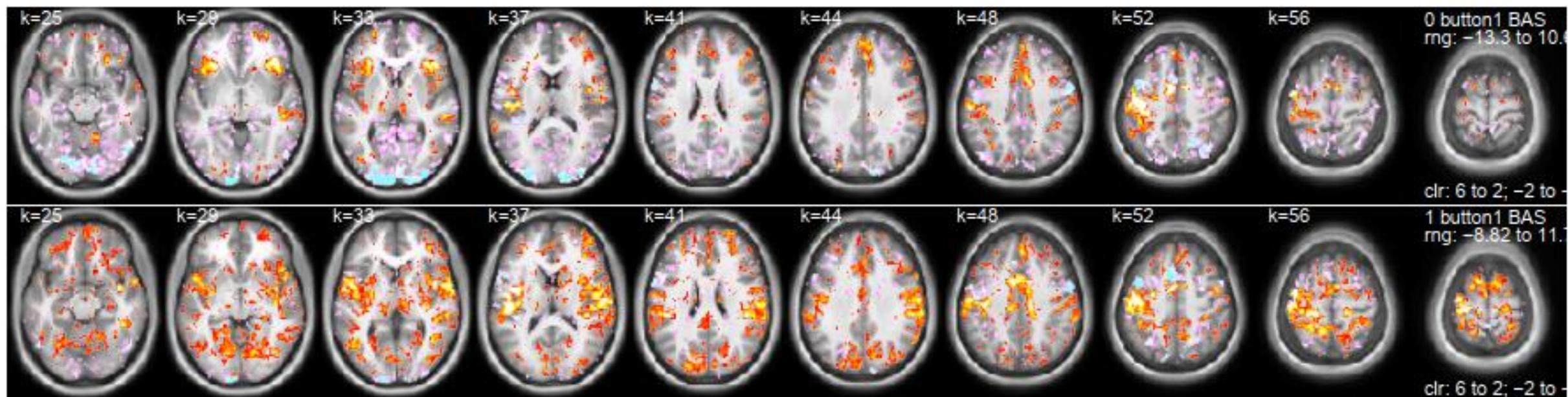
One of my favorites is button-pressing: we know when the person made a motor response, and M1's location.

If a GLM (or whatever) fit to the button presses doesn't find motor activation, something is wrong!

... **should I believe** a cognitive effect that appears if the (presumably) stronger and focal motor effect does not?

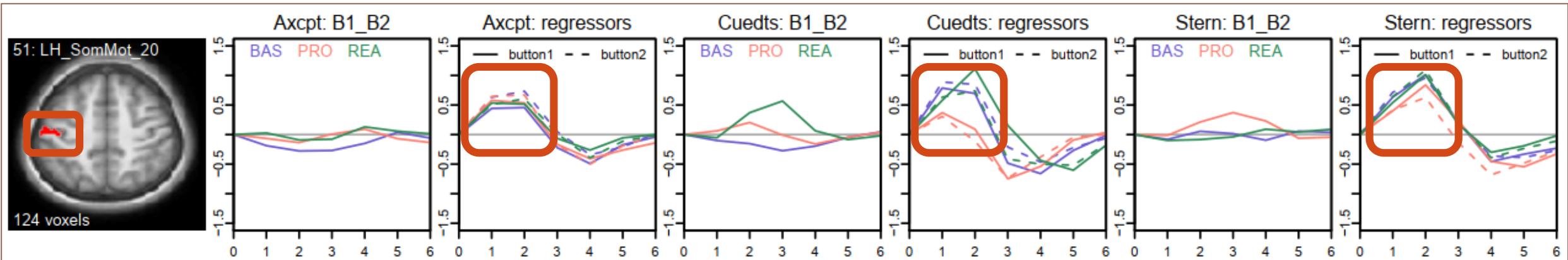
Including controls in the standard (automated) reports make it easy to check any subject or group.

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## [1] "Stern Buttons GLM TENT Tstats, baseline: button1"
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# Practical QC Strategy: Control analyses

The positive control analyses are a **powerful quality check** of the dataset as a whole, especially when combined with scripts, automation, and dynamic report generation.



TENT coefficient increases in a left motor ROI at the proper time in all tasks and sessions.

For this part of the knitr to be automatically created and have the expected activation:

R read the GLM output files from the expected locations, which means the afni scripts completed properly, which mean the event onsets were specified correctly, which means the eprime files were processed, which means the event files are in the expected location, etc. etc. etc.

I could make similar arguments about the fMRI image quality, preprocessing, subject behavior, etc.

## Some Final Dataset QC Thoughts

I started by stating that the goal of Dataset QC is to “verify that the dataset’s contents match its description”; something that must be true for a dataset to be usable.

Dataset QC is not a chore to be done once at the end of a project, but rather **woven into all its stages**: checklists, SOPs, scripts, dynamic reports, and control analyses are all valuable strategies to increase the chance of a high-quality dataset.

The consequences may not be as severe as for a failed parachute, but they are serious. I’ve been involved in projects in which problems were found late (fraud, missed artifacts, unacceptable movement, etc.), and recovery is slow and difficult, if possible at all.

There is no perfect solution; nothing that will guarantee a flawless dataset for every experiment. Instead, we should aim to create an environment in which problems are **less likely** to occur – and **discovered quickly** when they do – because surprises and errors will happen.



# Dataset QC

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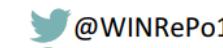
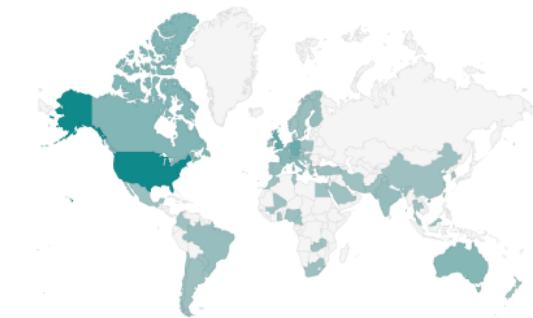
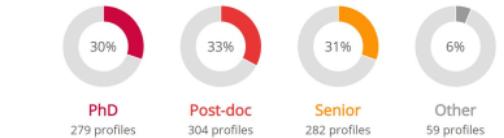


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Can it be useful to minimize error-checking,  
designing code to fail?

**Yes:** when the error requires immediate attention.

**No:** code should always complete, but with warning messages.

Is dynamic report generation only an option if using R?

**Yes.**

**No.**

Are control analyses (e.g., of motor responses) good practice for dataset QC?

**Yes:** they can help identify problems

**No:** GLMs should be run on the experimental questions only to avoid double-dipping

**Sometimes:** if a problem is suspected

## **Live Content Slide**

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**Poll: What do you think of dynamic report generation?**

+ New list

To-dos 2886/2963

View as... ▾

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BC & NS Preprocess 

- 448347 DMCC2 1  Maria G.
- DMCC6484785 DMCC3  1  Maria G.
- DMCC6484785 DMCC2  4  Maria G.
- DMCC6755891 DMCC2  1  Alex K.

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Preparcellated GLMs 

- 568963 DMCC2 
- 214524 DMCC2 
- 198855 DMCC2 
- 179245 DMCC2 
- 162026 DMCC2 
- 182840 DMCC2 
- 205220 DMCC2 
- ...

2 MJ

RS\_FC 

- 127895 (DMCC2)  Blue/Blank 1  Mitch J.
- 123117 (DMCC2)  Blue/Blank 2  Mitch J.
- 594156 (DMCC2)  Blue/Blank 1  Mitch J.
- 250427 (DMCC2)  Blue/Blank 1  Mitch J.

...

GLM re-runs 

- 198855 DMCC2 
- 568963 DMCC2 
- 623844 DMCC2 
- 205220 DMCC2 (MB8) 
- 182840 DMCC2 (MB8) 

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Surface Knitr 

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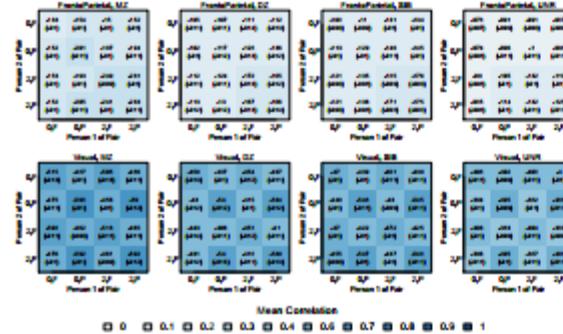
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Meditation Log Entry 

- OMBSR83  Katya N.
- DMCC2834766  Katya N.
- OMBSR95  Katya N.
- OMBSR17  Katya N.

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Correlation matrices. Numbers printed on each cell are the mean and SEM (in brackets). Both are robust statistics, trimmed at 0.1. The diagonal has matched conditions (e.g., 0-back Face with 0-back Face) and are the same as in Figure 7 and S3.2.



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and  $p$  (in parentheses) values from two-sided t-tests of the differences between the ( $t$ -transformed) correlations in each subject group. Asterisks and shading mark differences with  $p < 0.001$ , Bonferroni-corrected threshold for  $p < 0.05$  with 6 comparisons.

FrontalParital, 0-back Face					
MZ	DZ	SIB	UNR		
ME	2.00 (0.01)				
DZ	1.09 (0.01)	<sup>**</sup> 1.28 (0.01)			
SIB	1.29 (0.005***)	<sup>**</sup> 1.11 (0.01)	2.77 (0.005*)		
UNR	1.29 (0.005***)	<sup>**</sup> 1.11 (0.01)	2.77 (0.005*)		

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UNR	1.29 (0.005***)	<sup>**</sup> 1.07 (0.01)	2.77 (0.005*)		

FrontalParital, 2-back Face					
MZ	DZ	SIB	UNR		
ME	2.00 (0.01)				
DZ	1.29 (0.005***)	<sup>**</sup> 1.07 (0.01)			
SIB	1.29 (0.005***)	<sup>**</sup> 1.07 (0.01)	2.77 (0.005*)		
UNR	1.29 (0.005***)	<sup>**</sup> 1.07 (0.01)	2.77 (0.005*)		

FrontalParital, 2-back Place					
MZ	DZ	SIB	UNR		
ME	2.00 (0.01)				
DZ	1.29 (0.005***)	<sup>**</sup> 1.07 (0.01)			
SIB	1.29 (0.005***)	<sup>**</sup> 1.07 (0.01)	2.77 (0.005*)		
UNR	1.29 (0.005***)	<sup>**</sup> 1.07 (0.01)	2.77 (0.005*)		

Visual, 0-back Face					
MZ	DZ	SIB	UNR		
ME	2.00 (0.01)				
DZ	1.29 (0.005***)	<sup>**</sup> 1.07 (0.01)			
SIB	1.29 (0.005***)	<sup>**</sup> 1.07 (0.01)	2.77 (0.005*)		
UNR	1.29 (0.005***)	<sup>**</sup> 1.07 (0.01)	2.77 (0.005*)		

Visual, 0-back Place					
MZ	DZ	SIB	UNR		
ME	2.00 (0.01)				
DZ	1.29 (0.005***)	<sup>**</sup> 1.07 (0.01)			
SIB	1.29 (0.005***)	<sup>**</sup> 1.07 (0.01)	2.77 (0.005*)		
UNR	1.29 (0.005***)	<sup>**</sup> 1.07 (0.01)	2.77 (0.005*)		

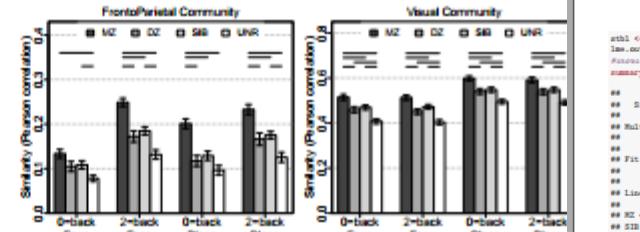
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MZ	DZ	SIB	UNR		
ME	2.00 (0.01)				
DZ	1.29 (0.005***)	<sup>**</sup> 1.07 (0.01)			
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Visual, 2-back Place					
MZ	DZ	SIB	UNR		
ME	2.00 (0.01)				
DZ	1.29 (0.005***)	<sup>**</sup> 1.07 (0.01)			
SIB	1.29 (0.005***)	<sup>**</sup> 1.07 (0.01)	2.77 (0.005*)		
UNR	1.29 (0.005***)	<sup>**</sup> 1.07 (0.01)	2.77 (0.005*)		

### S3.2 Pairwise similarity of matched conditions

Mean similarity of each stimulus type separately; error bars are standard error of the mean (SEM). Both are robust statistics, trimmed at 0.1. Horizontal lines indicate bars that significantly ( $p < 0.001$ , Bonferroni correction of  $25$  for  $6$  comparisons) differ in a t-test; see below for t-test t and p values. Note that the y-axis scaling differs between the two plots.



Mean (SEM) of each stimulus type separately, as plotted above and Figure 7. Both are robust statistics, trimmed at 0.1.

Community	Condition	MZ	DZ	SIB	UNR
FrontalParital	0-back Face	.113 (.009)	.105 (.013)	.108 (.009)	.105 (.009)
FrontalParital	2-back Face	.109 (.009)	.112 (.013)	.115 (.009)	.112 (.009)
FrontalParital	0-back Place	.117 (.012)	.120 (.013)	.115 (.011)	.118 (.010)
FrontalParital	2-back Place	.123 (.011)	.126 (.014)	.125 (.011)	.126 (.010)
Visual	0-back Face	.115 (.012)	.116 (.014)	.115 (.008)	.115 (.011)
Visual	2-back Face	.115 (.012)	.116 (.014)	.115 (.008)	.115 (.010)
Visual	0-back Place	.121 (.011)	.121 (.012)	.121 (.009)	.121 (.010)
Visual	2-back Place	.128 (.012)	.129 (.013)	.128 (.009)	.128 (.010)

## Signif. codes: '0'\*\*\* '0.001'\*\* '0.01'\* '0.05'.' '0.1' '1'  
## Adjusted p values reported via step-down method

### S3.4 Similarity of matched conditions: ACE modeling

For MZ and DZ:

Community	Condition	s2	c2	e2
FrontalParital	0-back Face	0.01 (0.01)	0.00 (0.01)	0.97 (0.05)
FrontalParital	2-back Face	0.16 (0.1,0.21)*	0.09 (0.05,0.14)*	0.75 (0.73,0.77)
FrontalParital	0-back Place	0.16 (0.1,0.22)*	0.04 (0.01,0.06)	0.85 (0.78,0.82)
FrontalParital	2-back Place	0.13 (0.07,0.13)*	0.1 (0.05,0.15)*	0.76 (0.74,0.78)
Visual	0-back Face	0.1 (0.05,0.15)*	0.41 (0.36,0.43)*	0.49 (0.48,0.51)*
Visual	2-back Face	0.13 (0.07,0.15)*	0.38 (0.34,0.43)*	0.49 (0.47,0.51)*
Visual	0-back Place	0.12 (0.08,0.16)*	0.48 (0.44,0.52)*	0.41 (0.39,0.42)*
Visual	2-back Place	0.1 (0.06,0.13)*	0.49 (0.47,0.52)*	0.41 (0.48,0.43)*

For MZ and DZ+SH:

Community	Condition	s2	c2	e2
FrontalParital	0-back Face	0.01 (0.00)	0.00 (0.01)	0.97 (0.05)
FrontalParital	2-back Face	0.14 (0.09,0.18)*	0.11 (0.08,0.14)*	0.75 (0.73,0.77)
FrontalParital	0-back Place	0.15 (0.1,0.2)*	0.05 (0.02,0.09)	0.8 (0.78,0.82)
FrontalParital	2-back Place	0.12 (0.08,0.17)*	0.11 (0.08,0.15)*	0.76 (0.75,0.78)
Visual	0-back Face	0.09 (0.05,0.14)*	0.41 (0.38,0.43)*	0.49 (0.48,0.51)*
Visual	2-back Face	0.11 (0.06,0.15)*	0.4 (0.37,0.44)*	0.49 (0.47,0.51)*
Visual	0-back Place	0.11 (0.07,0.15)*	0.48 (0.46,0.51)*	0.41 (0.39,0.42)*
Visual	2-back Place	0.1 (0.06,0.13)*	0.49 (0.47,0.52)*	0.41 (0.48,0.43)*

## Signif. codes: '0'\*\*\* '0.001'\*\* '0.01'\* '0.05'.' '0.1' '1'

### S3.5 Comparison of variance components with other studies

Reference	Mean Age	MZ <sub>similarity</sub> (standard error)	DZ <sub>similarity</sub> (standard error)	UNR <sub>similarity</sub> (standard error)	s2	c2	e2	Reference table or figure
East FPN	22-36	13-25	11-19	10-13	5-15%**	5-15%	75-87%	Figure 7, S3.2, S3.4
East View	22-30	13-22	10-15	10-13	40%*	40%	40%	Figure 7, S3.2, S3.4
Polk (2007)	16-20	7.5 (1.13)	7.6 (1.11)	7.7 (1.12)	20%*	10%*	60%*	Figure 2 (face)
Polk (2015)	21-27	7.49 (1.16)	7.25 (1.13)	7.27 (1.14)	30%*	10%*	60%*	Figure 5 (face)
Polk (2015)	20-30	7.49 (1.16)	7.25 (1.13)	7.27 (1.14)	30%*	10%*	60%*	Table 1 (face)
Blakland (2008)	21-27	19-42	21-30	21-20	11-30%**	11-35%	81-85%	Table 2
Blakland (2011)	21-30	19-42	21-30	21-20	12%*	12%	75%	Figure 2
Blakland (2017)	16-30	16-54	16-55	16-53	11%*	11%	59%	Supplement

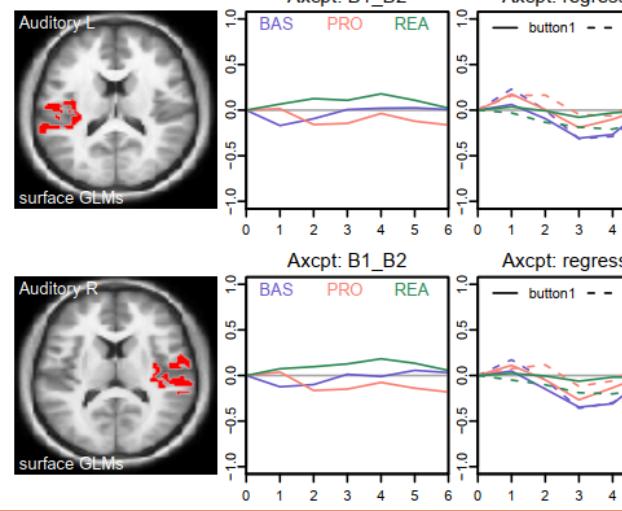
N.B. MZ and DZ similarity coefficients (typical correlations) are defined as a measure of heritability ( $s^2$ ). Figures where no precise estimate of the correlation was not provided; similarly, a '\*' in the estimate of additive genetic ( $s^2_A$ ), common environment ( $s^2_C$ ) and individual-specific environment ( $s^2_E$ ) denotes that these estimates were computed for the purpose of this table, based on  $s^2_A$ = $s^2_D$ (MZ-DZ); and  $s^2_E$ = $s^2_{UNR}$ , where  $s^2_{UNR}$  was not provided in the study either using such equations or via formal model-fitting (latter denoted by '\*\*'). # study does not specify number of unrelated pairs.

▪ Individual-specific environment: The estimate of individual-specific environment ( $s^2_E$ ) is roughly derived from subtracting the MZ correlation from unity; this estimate is typically estimated with reasonable power even in smaller samples and includes an estimate of measurement error. With the exception of Polk (2007), which includes the MZ/DZ pairs and thus may have derived a higher  $s^2_E$  (the feature selection procedure may also have increased the  $s^2_E$ ), estimates of  $s^2_E$  are  $>0.05$ , and often  $>0.08$ , although less so for Visual in the current study. The observation that  $s^2_E$  estimates are the highest for FPN also support our hypothesis that this network's structure is more idiosyncratic (and so has additional sources of person-specific variance).

▪ Additive genetics, or heritability: Despite the larger sample size of the current study, estimates of heritability ( $s^2_A$ ) were lower for both FrontalParital (FPN) and Visual in the current study, although when compared to Blakland (2011), heritability of behavioral performance (accuracy and mean reaction time, see Table 2 in Blakland and S1.6 in current study) were quite comparable for the 2-back in Blakland (2011) suggesting that the lower heritability in our study may be attributed to our analytic approach and our communities of interest.

▪ Common environment: Importantly, unlike a majority of the other studies, we were able to parse familial effects (i.e.,  $s^2_MZ$ ) into its heritable and common environmental sources, where the latter reflects these environments that are received or perceived equivalently by members of MZ and DZ pairs (and, in our case, non-twin siblings) as our analyses did. The estimate of common environmental effects is considerably lower than half the former.

## Gordon communities



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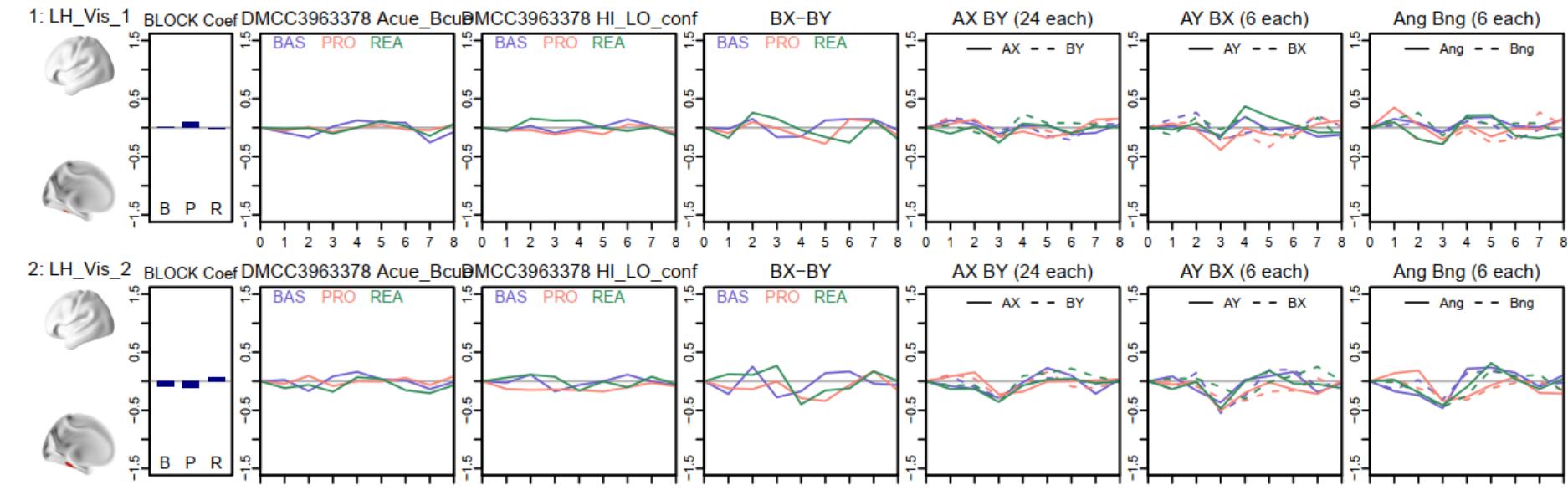
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**DMCC3963378**, DMCC2, scanned at MB4. All are REML, not ICA-FIX, 2 TRs for each TENT knot for MB4.

contrasts in the Cues GLM:

- $(AX+AY) - (BX+BY) == \text{Acue\_Bcue}$
- $(AY+BX) - (AX+BY) == \text{HI\_LO\_conf}$
- $(\text{Ang}+\text{Bng}) - (AX+AY+BX+BY) == \text{Nogo\_Go}$  (calculated, but replaced here with BX - BY)



**more example knitr:** parcel-average TENT GLM results, with brain images to show parcel locations.