

Narratives

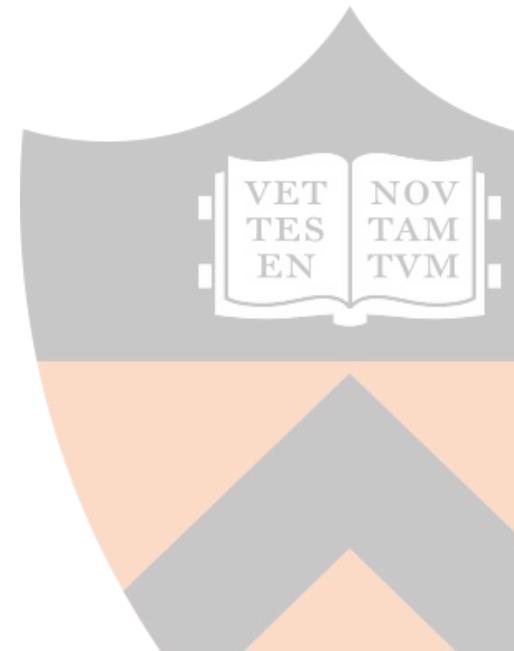
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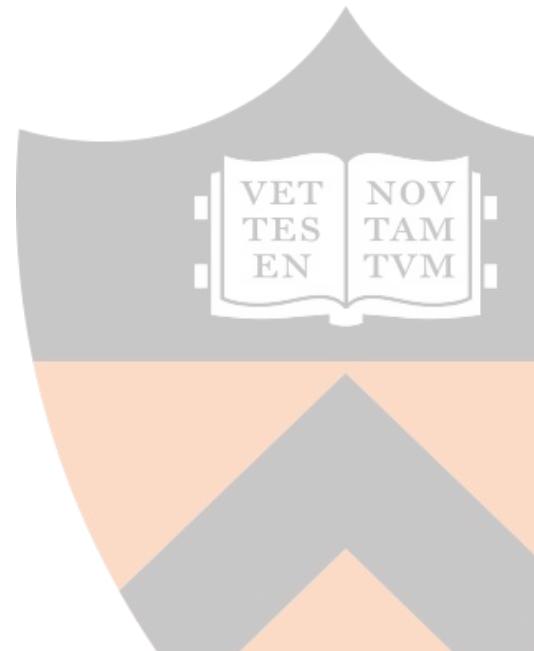
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OpenNEURO ds002345

<https://openneuro.org/datasets/ds002345>



The Narratives data collection

Sharing the “long tail” of neuroscience data

Public, well-curated datasets have been tremendously beneficial in fields like machine learning; e.g., ImageNet, MNIST, COCO, CIFAR.

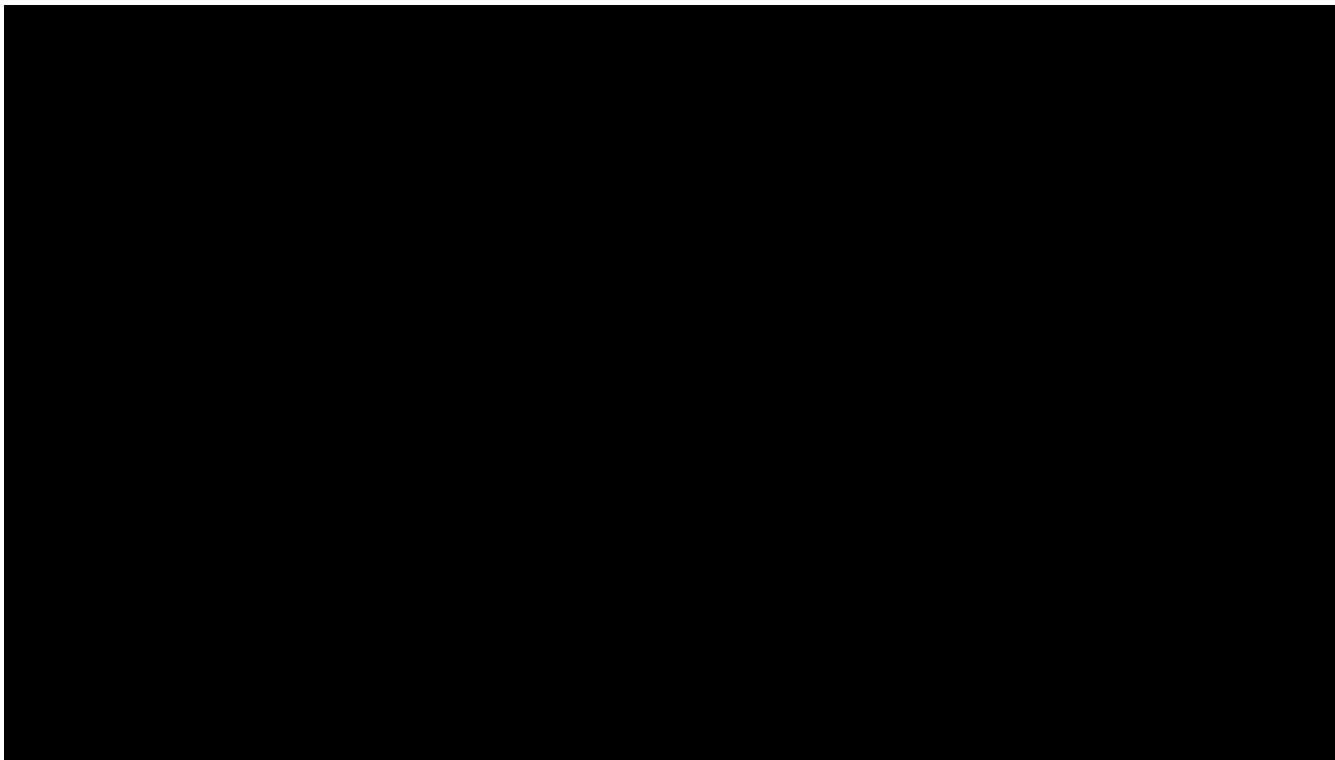
The re-use of publicly shared fMRI datasets from the INDI consortia has saved an estimated \$1.7 billion in data generation costs—and this doesn’t even include HCP, OpenNeuro, ABCD, or UK Biobank.

Naturalistic paradigms—e.g., movie-watching, story-listening—yield rich data with high re-use potential.

Ferguson et al., *Nat Neurosci*, 2014
Milham et al., *Nat Commun*, 2018
DuPre et al., *PsyArXiv*, 2019

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“Pie Man” by Jim O’Grady



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I began my illustrious career in journalism in the Bronx where I toiled as a hard-boiled reporter for the Ram, the student newspaper at Fordham University. And one day I’m walking toward the campus center and out comes the elusive Dean McGowan, architect of a policy to replace Fordham’s traditionally working- to middle-class students with wealthier, more prestigious ones. So I whip out my notebook and I go up to him and I say, “Dean

McGowan, is it true that Fordham University plans to raise inflation rate, and if so, wouldn’t that be a betrayal of its mi

me and he says, “Listen up, punk.” And right then, there’s a blur in the corner of my eye

which becomes this figure holding a cream pie which becomes mashing a cream pie into Dean McGowan’s face. And then

covered with cream. So I give him a moment, and then I say, “Dean McGowan, would you

care to comment on this latest attack?” And the Dean says, “Fuck you.” So I race back to the newsroom with my scoop

28 diverse spoken story stimuli ranging from ~3 minutes to ~56 minutes (mean ≈ 10 minutes) for a total of ~5 hours of unique stimuli.

315 unique subjects (mean age = 22.4 years, range = 18–53 years; 183 reported female) participating in 788 functional scans with accompanying anatomical data.

In total, over 350,000 TRs of story-listening fMRI data with accompanying stimuli—that is, ~150 hours or 6.2 days.

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Data are organized into a machine-readable format according to the BIDS standard with exhaustive metadata derived from the original DICOMs.

Anonymized subject labels are linked across sessions and include demographic and behavioral variables including age, gender, condition, and comprehension score.

Original stimuli will be supplemented with phoneme-, word- and sentence-level time-stamped transcripts.

Story	Duration	Subjects
“Pie Man”	07:03	82
“Tunnel Under the World”	25:34	23
“Lucy”	09:02	16
“Pretty Mouth and Green My Eyes”	11:17	40
“Milky Way”	06:50	53
“Slumlord”	15:03	18
“Reach for the Stars One Small Step at a Time”	13:45	18
“It’s Not the Fall That Gets You”	09:45	18
“Merlin”	15:15	36
“Sherlock”	18:01	36
The “Schema” suite	23:17	31
“Shapes”	07:38	59
“The 21st Year”	55:38	25
“Pie Man (PNI)”	06:57	46
“Running from the Bronx (PNI)”	09:21	47
“I Knew You Were Black”	13:21	46
“The Man Who Forgot Ray Bradbury”	13:57	46

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Gorgolewski et al., *Sci Data*, 2016

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sub-001_task-pieman_bold.json

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Nichols et al., *Nat Neurosci*, 2017

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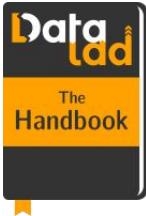
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Data provenance

All stages of data processing version-controlled using DataLad, allowing researchers to analyze raw or processed data.

Full history of data collection is visible via `git log`



Code: <https://github.com/snastase/narratives>
<http://datalad.org> — discover
<http://github.com/datalad/datalad> — contribute
<http://handbook.datalad.org> — learn

Datalad
Halchenko et al., 2019

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commit ea46e14fd0dc949acd654947e136fe2c354ef780 (HEAD -> master)
Author: Sam Nastase <sam.nastase@gmail.com>
Date:   Thu Oct 17 00:40:28 2019 -0400

    Updated some missing condition labels (prettymouth)

commit a46de0940b96057d7b0297a48ab2f7a8d08alc1e
Author: Sam Nastase <sam.nastase@gmail.com>
Date:   Tue Oct 15 18:06:08 2019 -0400

    Added audio files to stimuli subdataset

commit a1019e628f4e6a40730941d3ec467e15fbdc850
Author: Sam Nastase <sam.nastase@gmail.com>
Date:   Tue Oct 15 15:38:40 2019 -0400

    Added subdataset for stimuli

commit e93be6b469e7e664abc2dd6c0790002a9d0171c0
Author: Sam Nastase <sam.nastase@gmail.com>
Date:   Mon Oct 14 18:45:51 2019 -0400

    Added subdatasets for code and derivatives

commit bee66631b402f4a048244c8c3cb1ebda2ad33c3a
Author: Sam Nastase <sam.nastase@gmail.com>
Date:   Mon Oct 14 18:35:07 2019 -0400

    Populated raw NIfTIs and metadata (BIDS valid)

commit daf3b89009b9bde93fabffdb2f11d2788ea44688
Author: Sam Nastase <sam.nastase@gmail.com>
Date:   Mon Oct 14 17:39:19 2019 -0400

    Instruct annex to add text files to Git

commit bc03620e50865195228e46c1ab3da3a2fa87e6cf
Author: Sam Nastase <sam.nastase@gmail.com>
Date:   Mon Oct 14 17:39:17 2019 -0400

    [DATALAD] new dataset
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Derivatives

Machine-readable file organization and rich metadata allow for automated processing using containerized “BIDS Apps”, e.g.:

MRIQC: advancing the automatic prediction of image quality in MRI from unseen sites

fMRIPrep: a robust preprocessing pipeline for functional MRI

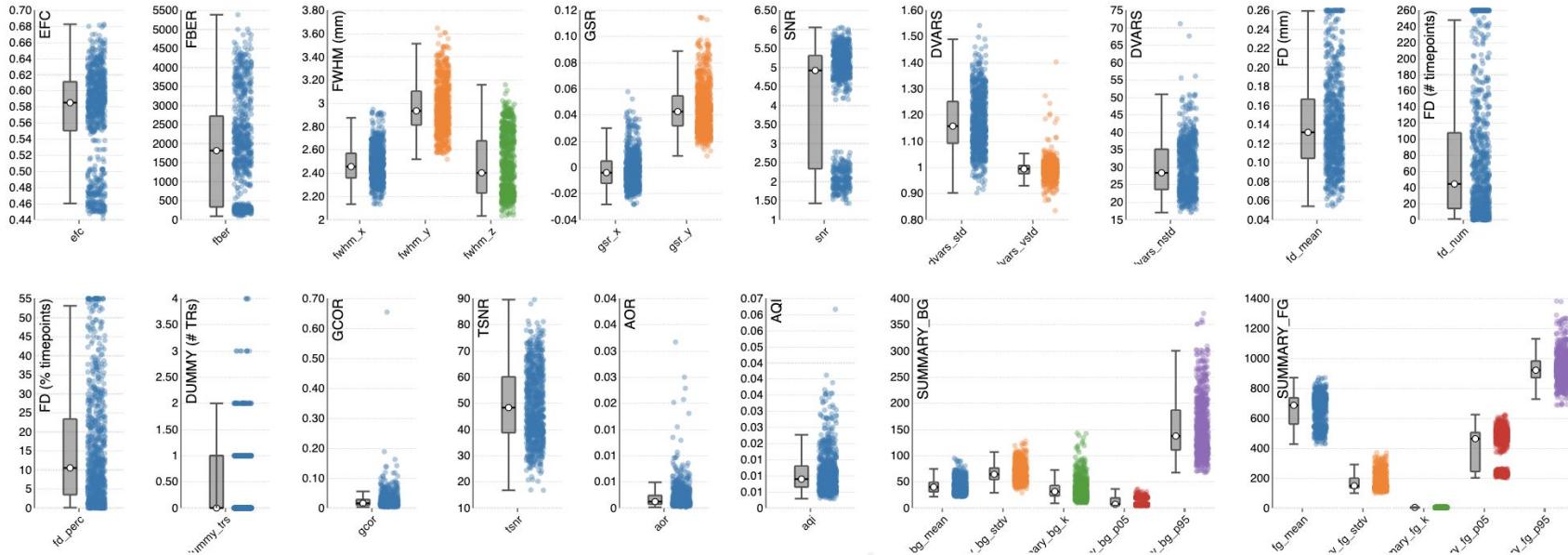
Gorgolewski et al., *PLOS Comp Biol*, 2017
Esteban et al., *PLOS One*, 2017
Esteban et al., *Sci Data*, 2019

Derivatives—MRIQC

MRIQC: group bold report

Summary

- Date and time: 2019-10-17, 00:34.
- MRIQC version: 0.15.1.



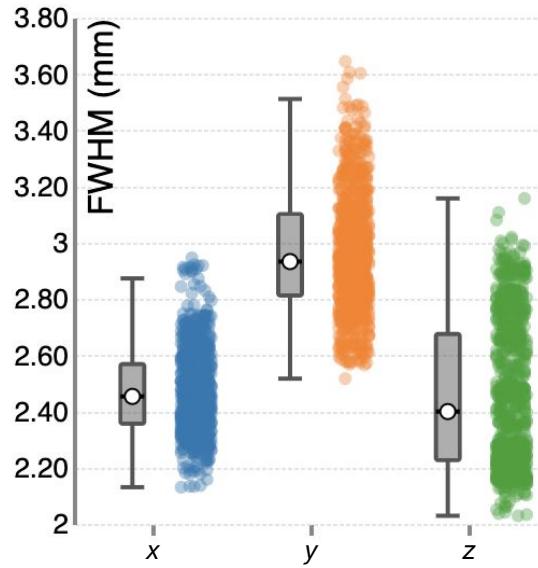
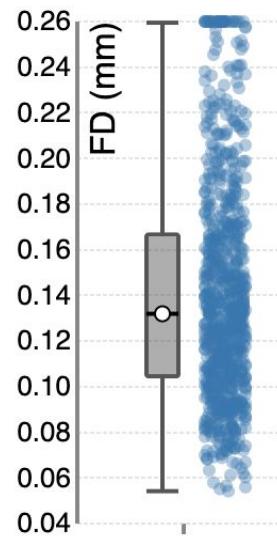
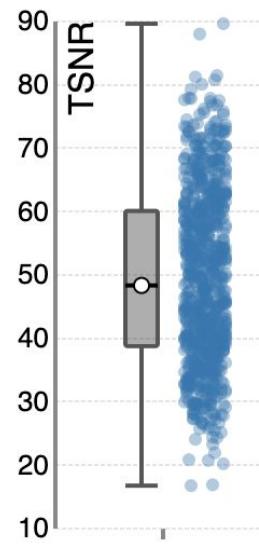
Derivatives—MRIQC

Image quality metrics (IQMs) include:

Temporal signal-to-noise ratio (TSNR): median = 48.5

Head motion (framewise displacement; FD): median = 0.13 mm

Spatial smoothness (FWHM): median \approx 2.4 mm



Derivatives—fMRIPrep

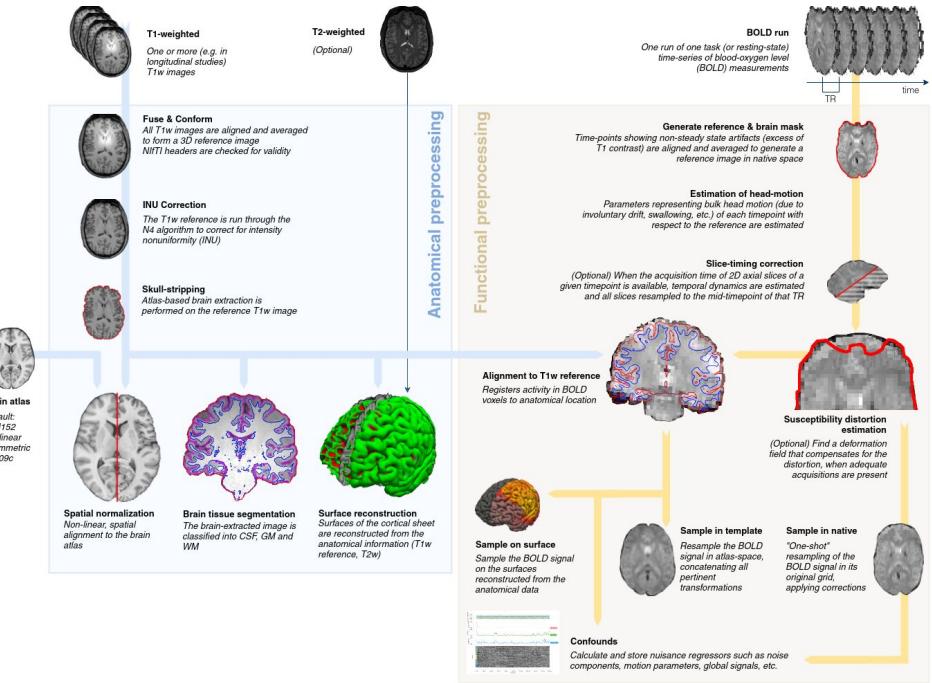
All MRI data were preprocessed using fMRIPrep, a state-of-the-art pipeline for BIDS-formatted data.

Motion correction, slice-timing correction

Nonlinear spatial normalization to MNI space using ANTs

Surface reconstruction and spatial normalization to FreeSurfer's fsaverage

“Fieldmap-less” susceptibility distortion correction



Regression with confound regressors including using AFNI’s 3dTproject: polynomial detrending, high-pass filtering, head motion parameters, framewise displacement, and aCompCor principal component time series from CSF

Esteban et al., *Sci Data*, 2019
Cox, *NeuroImage*, 2012

Stimuli

All stimuli and transcripts are freely available online and provided for non-commercial scholarly research under *fair use* and *fair dealing* provisions.

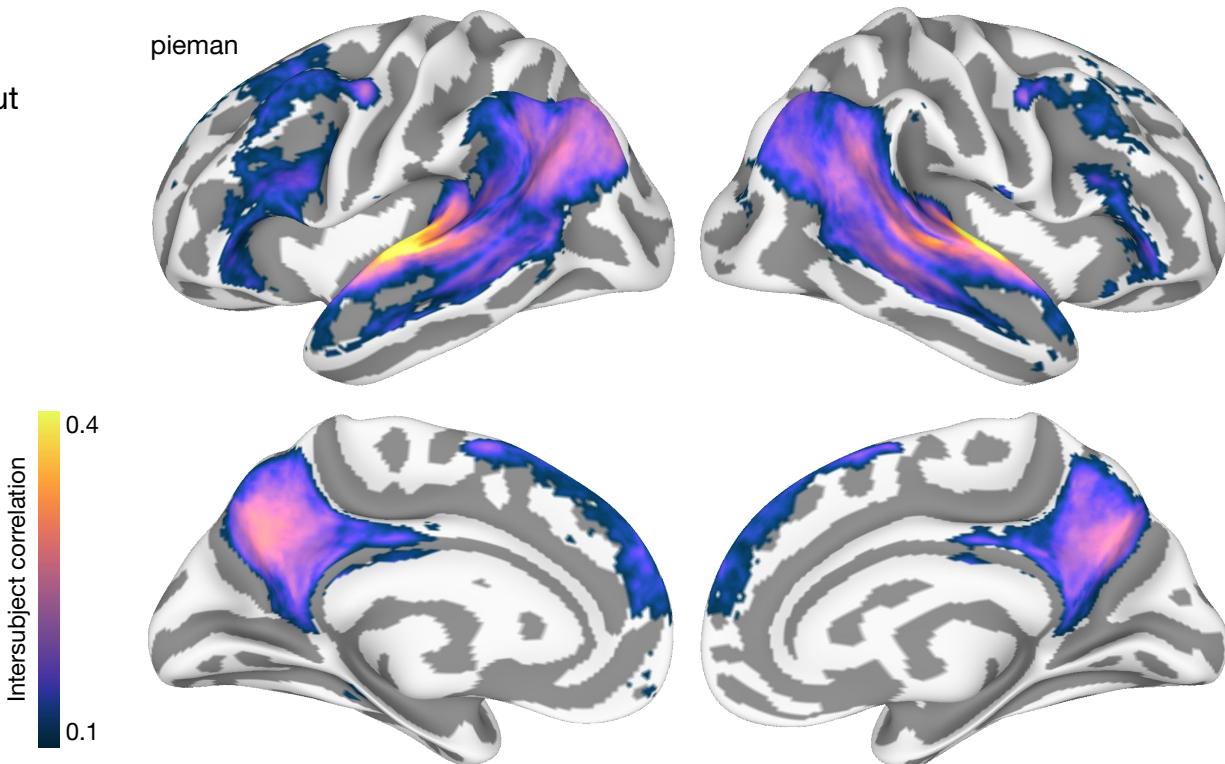
We use the **Gentle** forced-alignment software to extract phoneme-, word-, and sentence-level time-stamped transcripts.

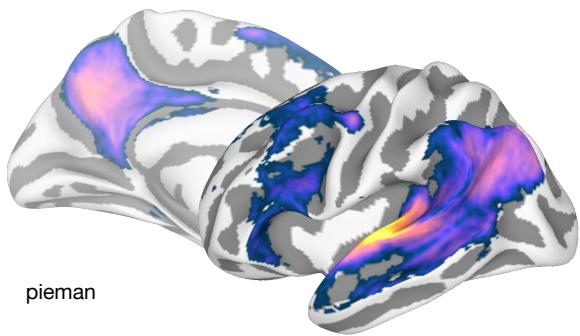
I began my illustrious career in journalism in the Bronx where I toiled as a hard-boiled reporter for the Ram, the student newspaper at Fordham University. And one day I'm walking toward the campus center and out comes the elusive Dean McGowan, architect of a policy to replace Fordham's traditionally working- to middle-class students with wealthier, more prestigious ones. So I whip out my notebook and I go up to him and I say, "Dean McGowan, is it true that Fordham University plans to raise tuition substantially above the inflation rate, and if so, wouldn't that be a betrayal of its mission?" And he stops and looks at me and he says, "Listen up, punk." And right then, there's a blur in the corner of my eye

Intersubject correlation

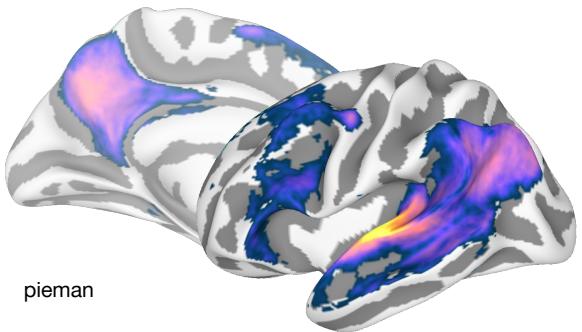
Measuring shared responses

Whole-brain leave-one-subject-out
intersubject correlation analysis.

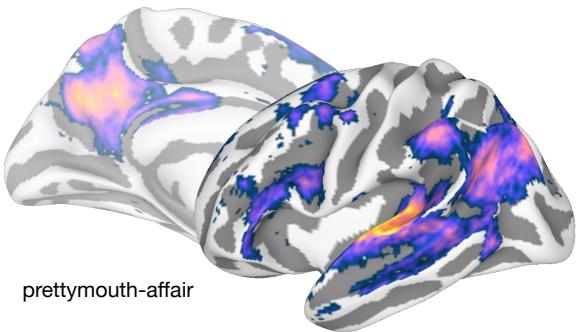




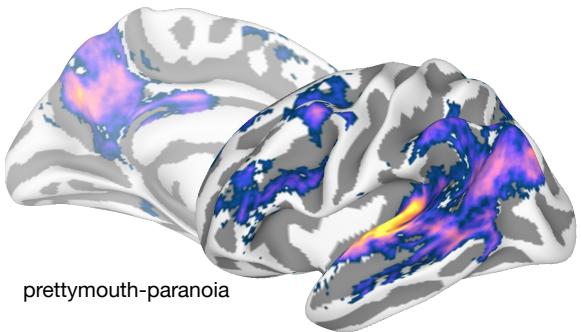
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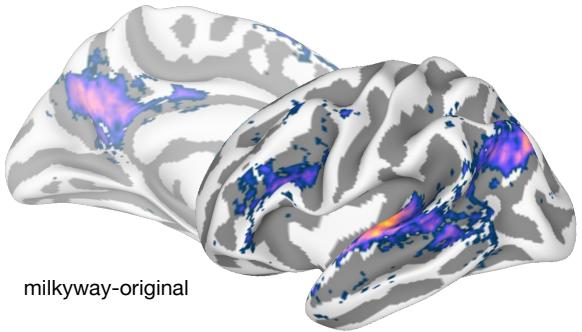
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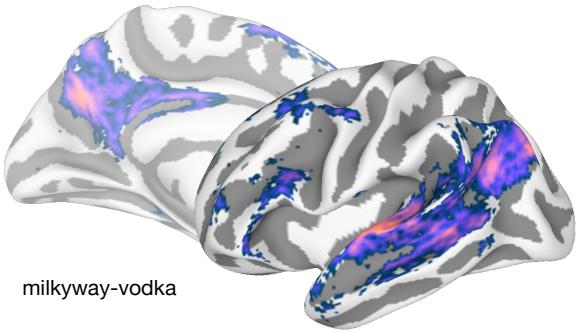
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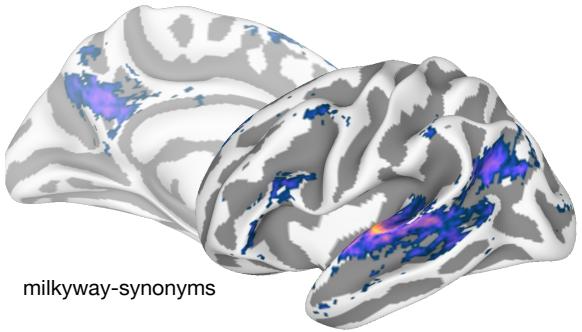
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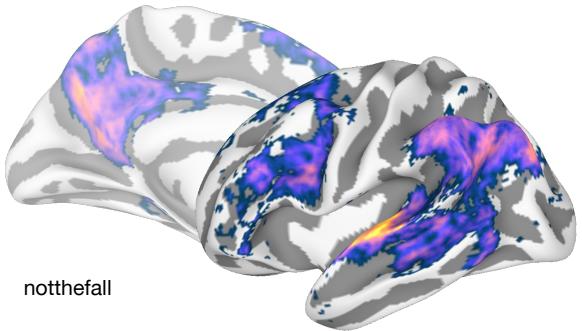
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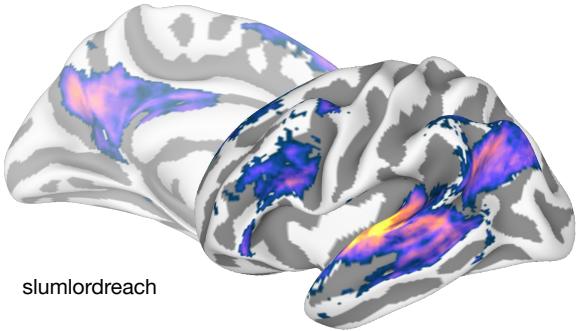
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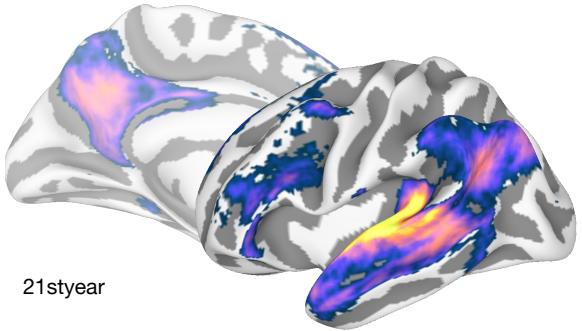
milkyway-synonyms



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Going forward

The “Narratives” collection will continue to evolve...

Time-stamped phoneme-, word-, and sentence-level transcripts coming soon!

Standardized, authoritative preprocessed fMRI derivatives (e.g., via fMRIprep)

Growing collection of low- and high-level stimulus features (e.g., via NeuroScout)

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Research questions for naturalistic speech... what can I do with these data?

Intersubject correlation (ISC) analysis and intersubject network estimation (ISFC)

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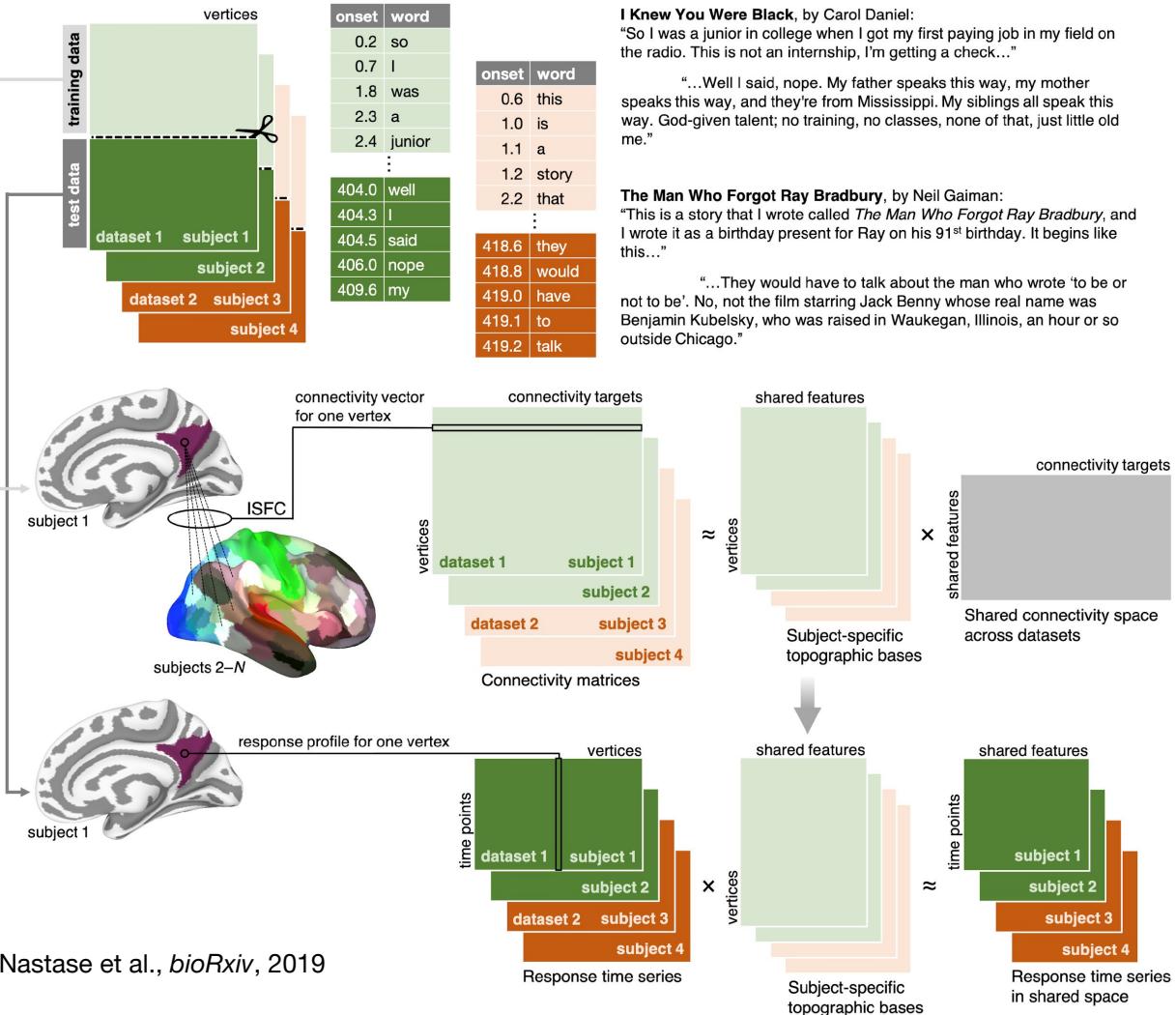
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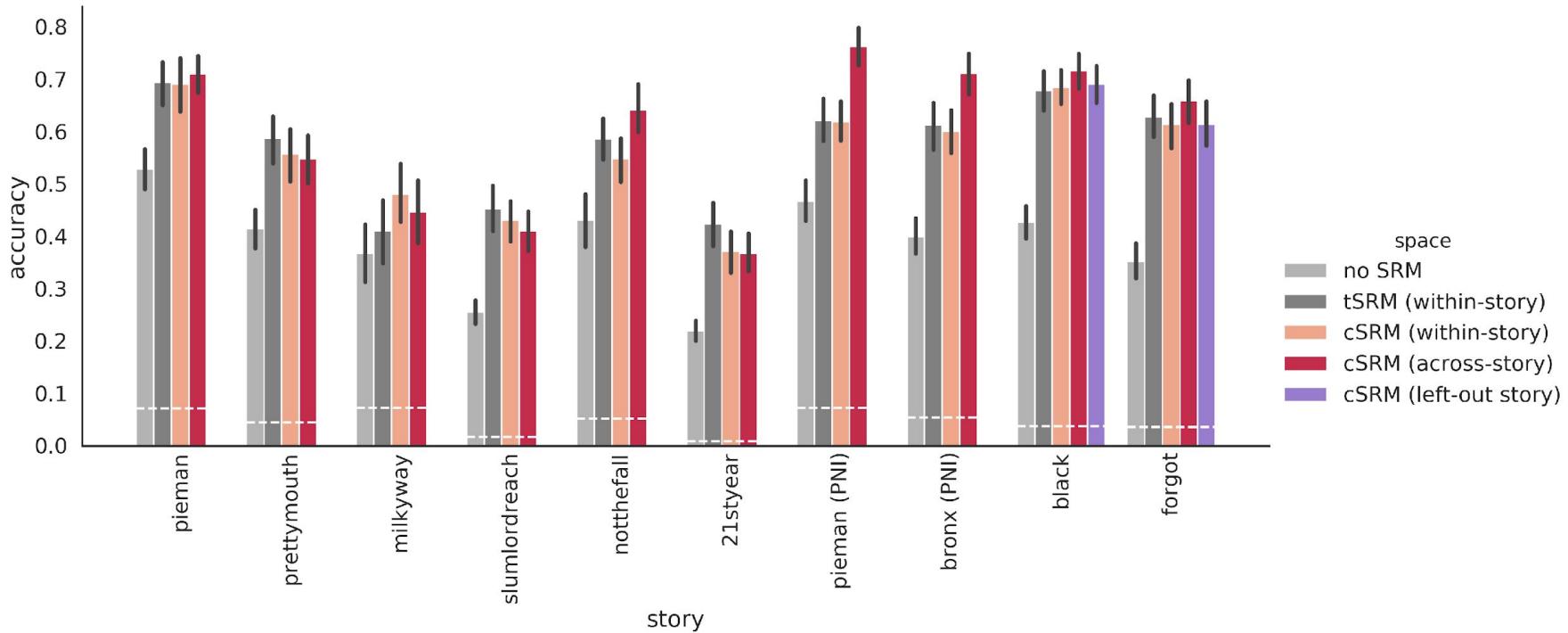
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The Narratives data collection

An invitation to all “research parasites”

28 diverse spoken story stimuli ranging from ~3 minutes to ~56 minutes (mean ≈ 10 minutes) for a total of ~5 hours of unique stimuli.

315 unique subjects (mean age = 22.4 years, range = 18–53 years; 183 reported female) participating in 788 functional scans with accompanying anatomical data.

In total, over 350,000 TRs of story-listening fMRI data with accompanying stimuli—that is, ~150 hours or 6.2 days.



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