ON FINGERPRINTING AND FUNCTIONAL RECONFIGURATION OF FUNCTIONAL CONNECTOMES



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A whole-brain **functional connectome (FC)** is a representation of the level of functional coupling among pairs of brain regions for a specific subject, brain atlas, task/rest condition, and time window.

From a mathematical standpoint, when using Pearson's correlation coefficient to estimate the levels of functional coupling, a functional connectome is a

correlation matrix. Whole-brain **Functional Connectome** Time-series neural activity **Brain regions** Adapted from Garcia, J. O., et al. (2018). Proc. of the IEEE,



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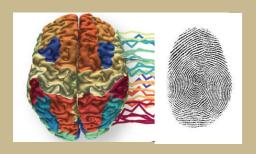
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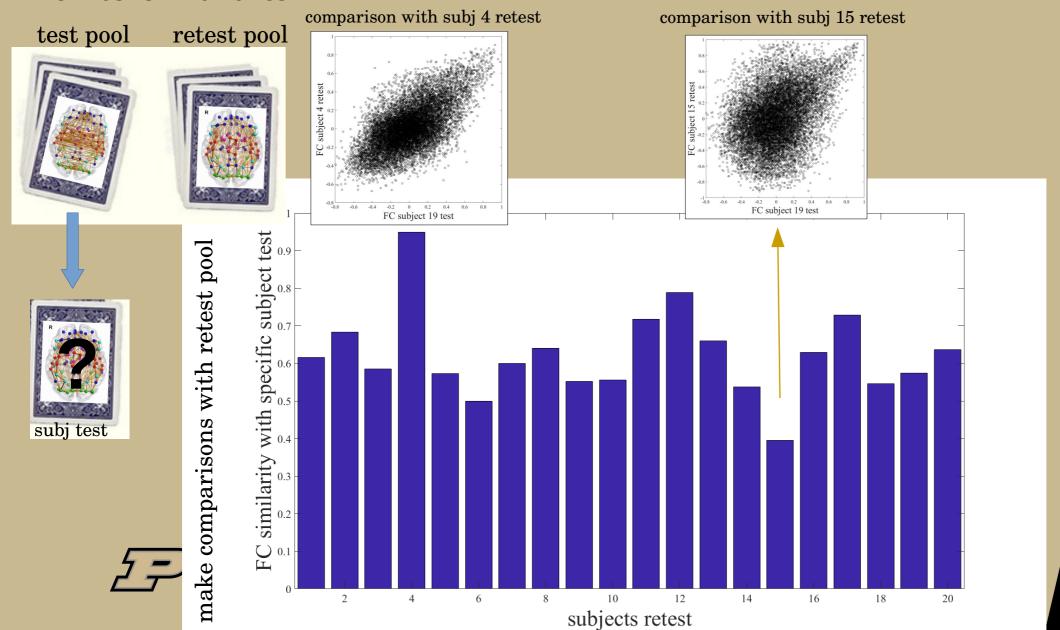
Brain connectivity fingerprinting



The study of whole-brain functional connectomes as an individual fingerprint.



Identification rate, or how often we can match two sessions of the same subject as the most similar ones



The concept of individual fingerprinting





Finn et al. Nature Neurosci, 2015

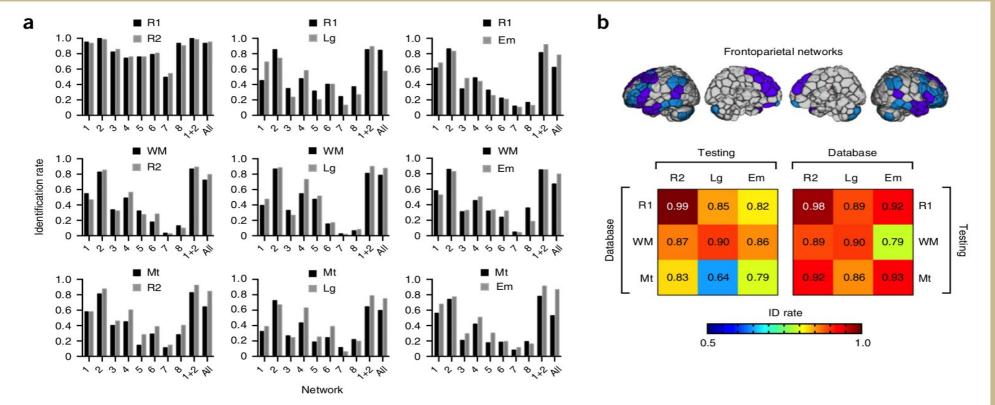
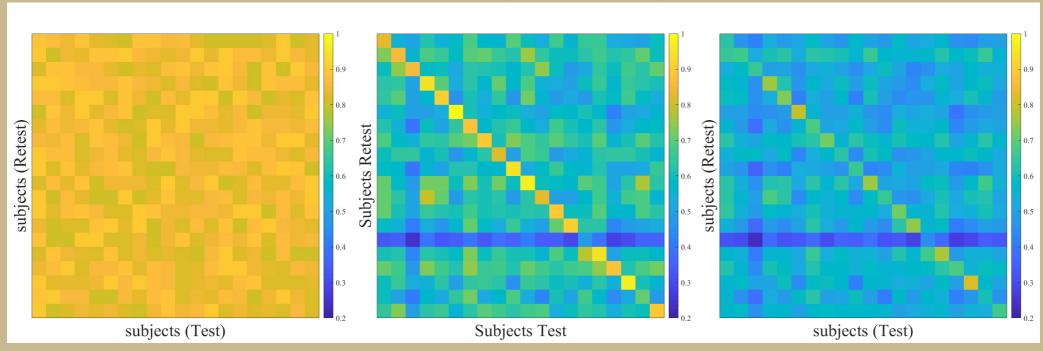


Figure 2 Identification accuracy across session pairs and networks. (a) Identification accuracy based on all nine database and target pairs, where each row shares the same database session and each column shares the same target session. Bar shading (black or gray) indicates which session was used as the database (with the other session serving as the target), according to the legend above each graph. Graphs show accuracy based on each

Example with 20 subjects, test-retest FCs, resting state.

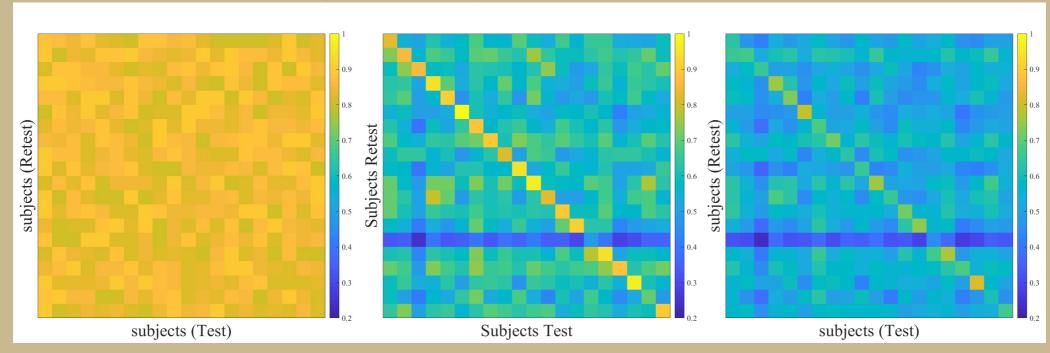
Three different fingerprinting scenarios





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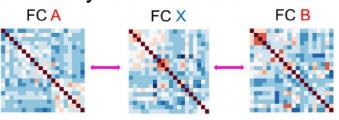
Three different fingerprinting scenarios (via identifiability matrix)



High Similarity between all FCs

Low Similarity between all FCs

A. Proximity of FC matrices



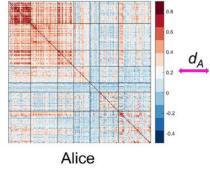
Is FC X closer/more similar to A or B?

A and B could be:

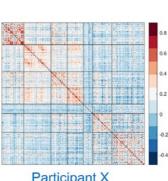
- different tasks
- different mental states
- different participants

C. Participant Identification

Is participant X, Alice or Bob?

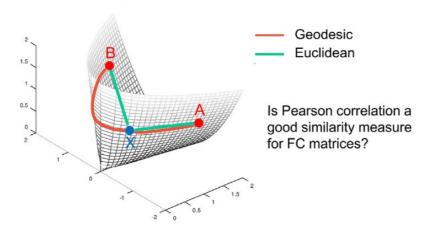


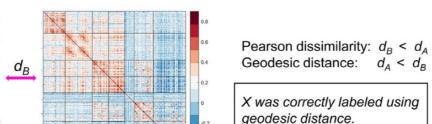




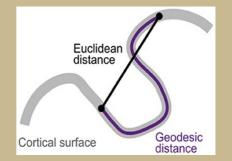


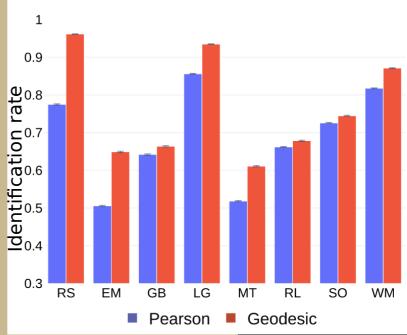
B. Geometry-aware visualization





Bob





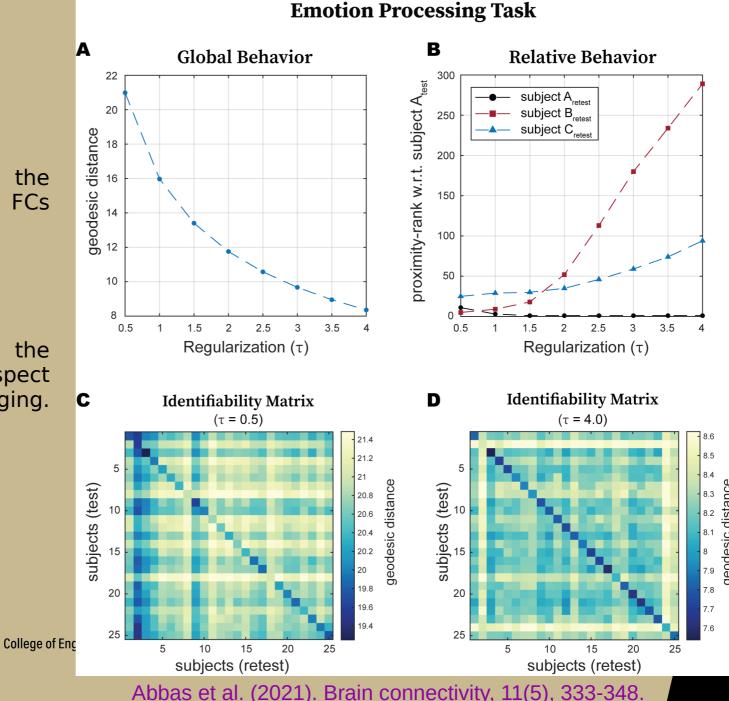
Venkatesh et al. (2020) Neurolmage, 207, 116398.

$$d_G(Q_1, Q_2) = \sqrt{\operatorname{trace}\left(\log^2\left(Q_1^{\frac{-1}{2}}Q_2Q_1^{\frac{-1}{2}}\right)\right)} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \left(\log(\lambda_i)\right)^2}$$

Abbas et al. (2021). Brain connectivity, 11(5), 333-348.

 As we increase regularization, the average global distance among FCs diminishes (as expected).

As we increase regularization, the similarity ranking of FCs with respect a reference FC keeps changing.





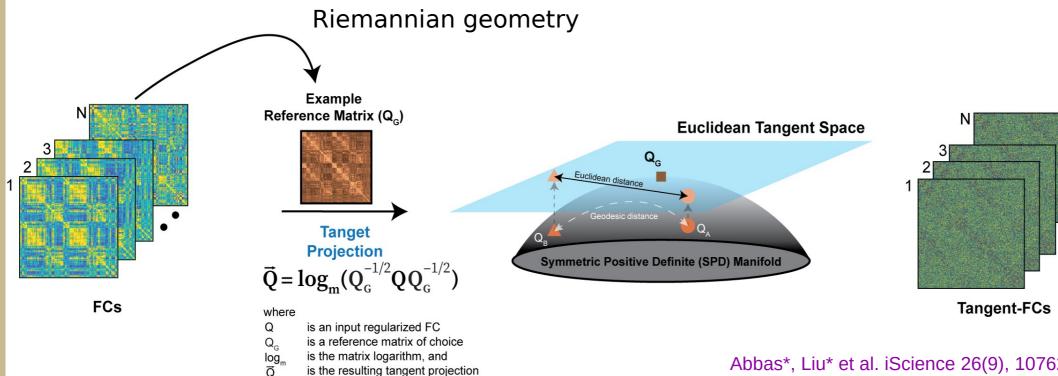
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Identification Rates for MMP1.0 parcellation emotion gambling resting-state language 166 1.99 2.92 243 1190 14 3.5 1050 150 of frames scan length (min) 12 2.5 200 250 850 10 1.5 2.5 0.9 2 200 8 650 150 100 6 number 150 1.5 8.0 Rate 450 1.5 100 100 250 0.7 Identification 0.6 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 0.5 relational social working-memory motor 0.4 2.66 2.5 222 3.17 3 264 250 4.5 250 200 0.3 350 of frames scan length (min) 2.5 300 2.5 200 3.5 2 200 0.2 150 250 2 2 150 2.5 150 1.5 200 0.1 number 1.5 2 100 150 100 100 1.5 100 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 4 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 6 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 8 10 12 14 16 18 20 Regularization (τ) Regularization (τ) Regularization (τ) Regularization (τ)

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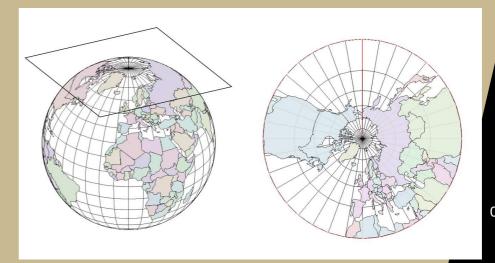


Tangent Space Projection

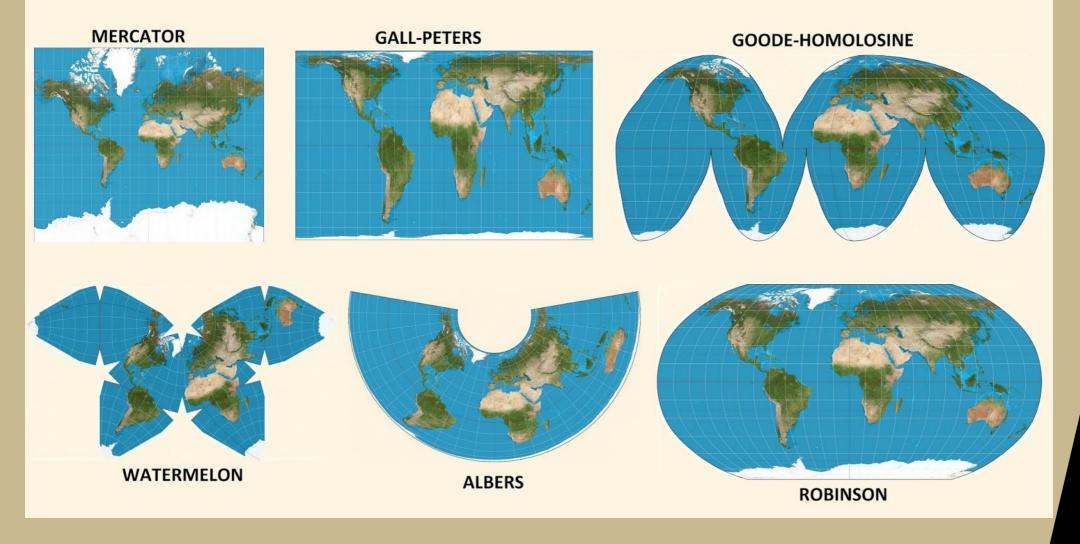


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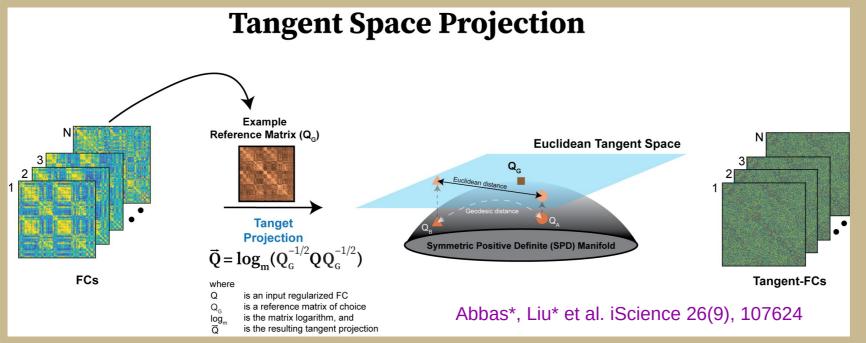




MAP PROJECTIONS





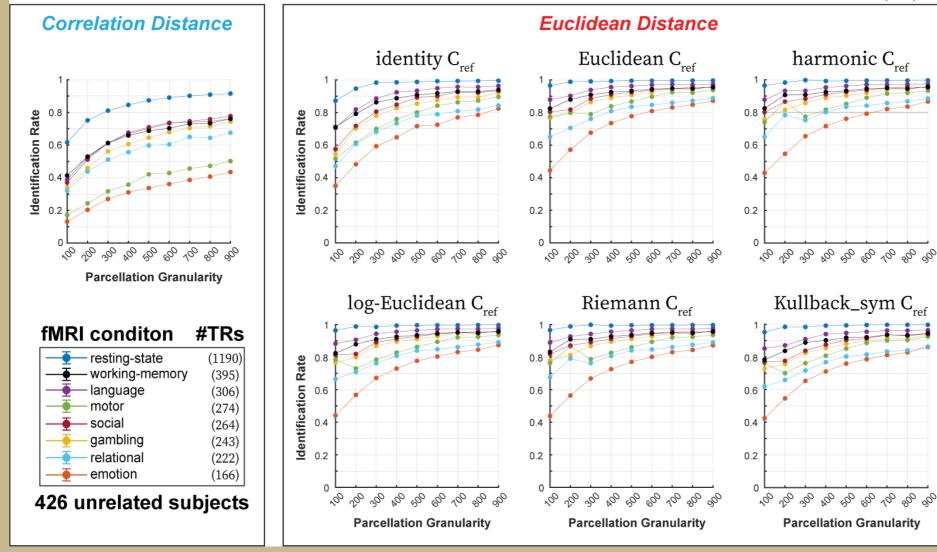


- Euclidean distance between tangent FCs preserve the underlying geodesic distances between FCs (in the SPD manifold)
- When performing a tangent space projection wrt a reference Q_G , tangent FCs become orthogonal to the reference. In essence, we are removing common connectivity patterns from each individual FC (also known as whitening).
- A tangent FC **is not a correlation matrix**. It is in between a correlation matrix and a precision matrix. (Dadi et al. 2019)
- Tangent Functional couplings are i.i.d (Varoquaux et al. 2010, Dadi et al. 2019) This is a key property for developing models that associate functional couplings with behavior, cognition or disease progression.



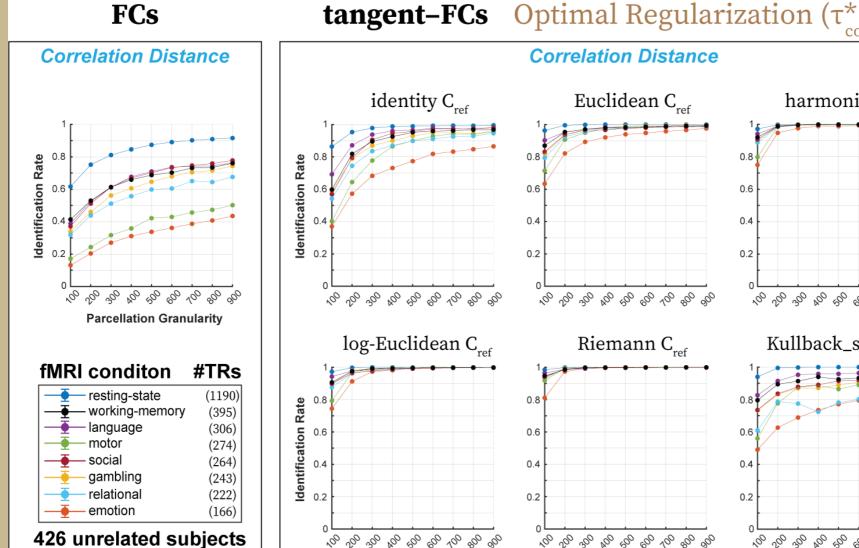
FCs

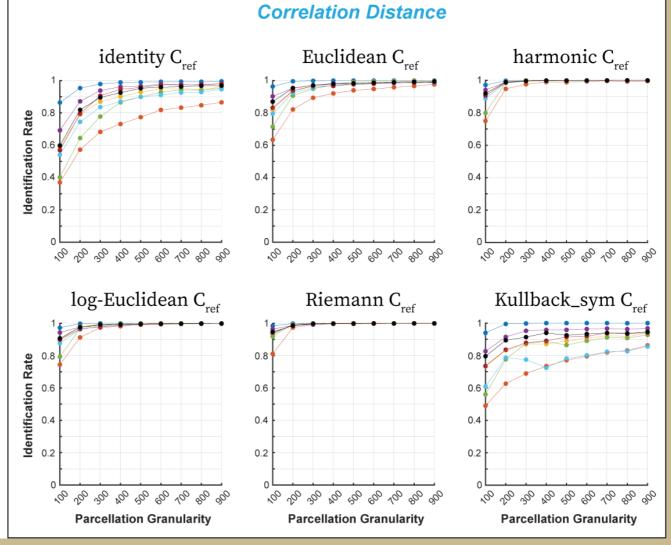
tangent–FCs Optimal Regularization (τ*_{Eud(tan)})





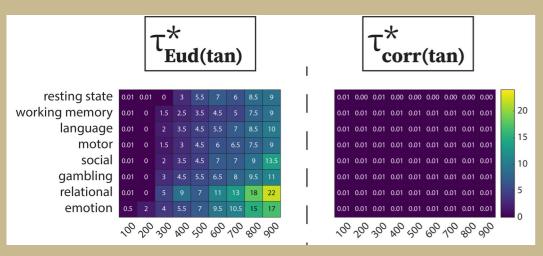
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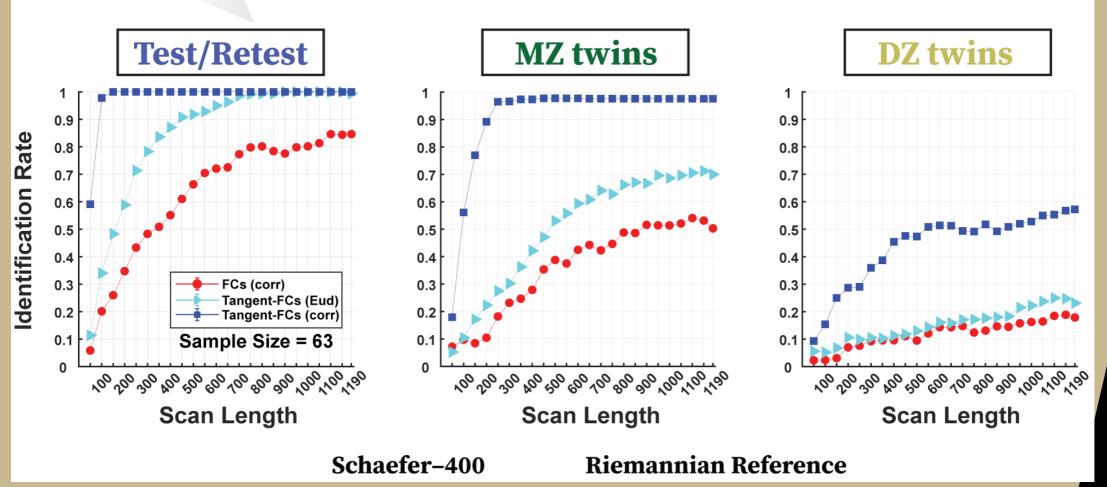


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ID Rates $\mathbf{ID}^{\mathsf{\tau}^{\star}_{\mathrm{Eud(tan)}}}$ T* corr(tan) Eud(tan) **Euclidean Distance** 0.97 0.98 0.94 0.99 0.96 0.93 0.88 0.85 0.83 working memory 0.22 0.03 0.04 0.01 0.02 0.02 0.01 0.8 language 0.6 0.76 0.87 0.79 0.83 0.86 0.89 0.92 0.92 0.94 social 0.82 0.87 0.89 0.91 0.93 0.94 0.95 0.96 0.95 0.4 gambling 0.78 0.16 0.04 0.02 0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01 0.01 0.78 0.81 0.87 0.89 0.91 0.93 0.95 0.94 0.96 relational 0.68 0.79 0.76 0.81 0.84 0.85 0.86 0.88 0.89 0.68 0.24 0.07 0.04 0.02 0.02 0.02 0.01 0.02 emotion 0.44 0.56 0.67 0.73 0.77 0.80 0.83 0.84 0.87 0.42 0.08 0.04 0.02 0.03 0.02 0.02 0.02 0.02 00,00,00,00,00,00,00,00,00,00,00 $\mathbf{ID}^{\mathsf{T}^{\star}_{\mathrm{Eud}(\mathrm{tan})}}$ T* corr(tan) Correlation Distance corr(tan) resting state working memory 0.8 language social 0.4 gambling relational 0.2 emotion 0.76 0.88 0.92 0.94 0.95 0.97 0.98 0.97 0.98



Fingerprint Gradient



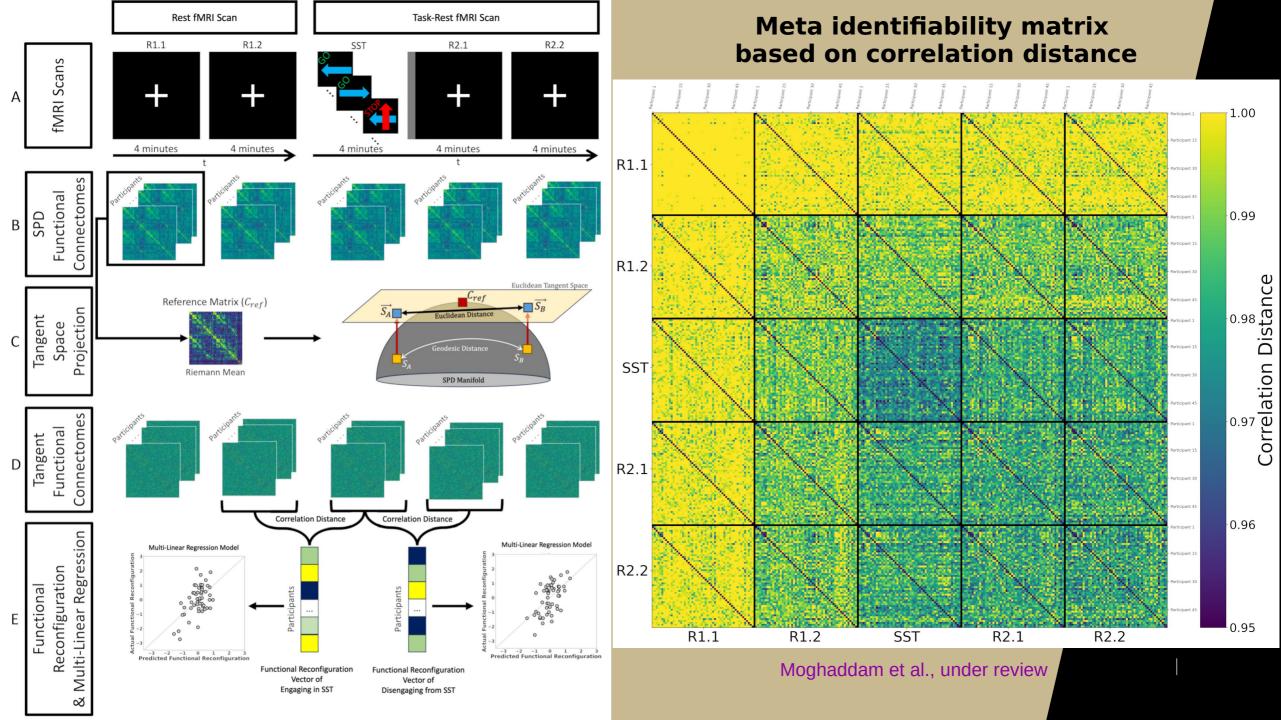
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Our results showed that identification rates are systematically higher when using tangent-FCs. Specifically, we found:

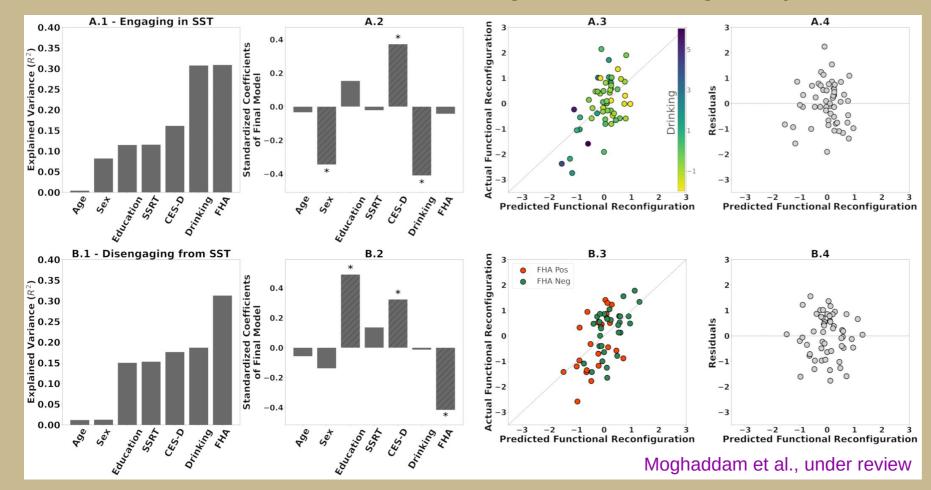
- (i) Riemann and log-Euclidean matrix references systematically led to higher ID rates.
- (ii) In tangent-FCs, main-diagonal **regularization prior to tangent space projection was critical for ID rate when using Euclidean distance**, whereas barely affected ID rates when using correlation distance.
- (iii) ID rates were dependent on condition and fMRI scan length.
- (iv) Parcellation granularity was key for ID rates in FCs, as well as in tangent-FCs with fixed regularization, whereas optimal regularization of tangent-FCs mostly removed this effect.
- (v) Correlation distance in tangent-FCs outperformed any other configuration of distance on FCs or on tangent-FCs across the fingerprint gradient (here sampled by assessing test-retest, Monozygotic and Dizygotic twins).



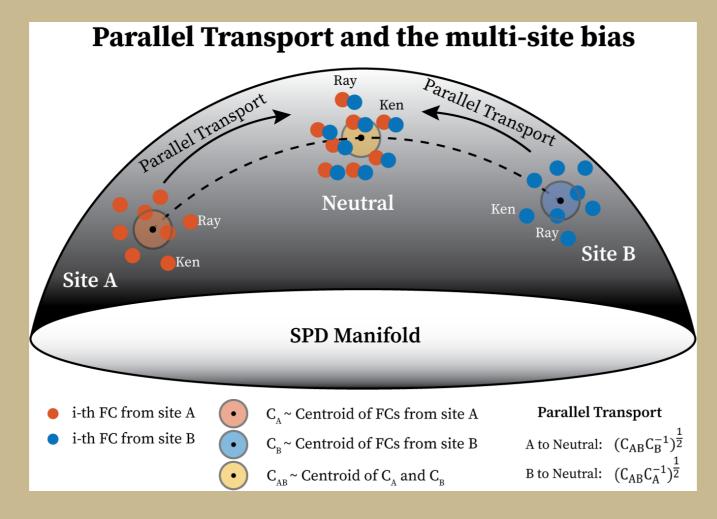


Hypothesis: functional reconfigurations when transitioning in/from a task would be influenced by family history of alcohol use disorder (FHA) and other AUD risk factors.

Results: Multilinear regression model results showed that engaging and disengaging functional reconfiguration were driven by different AUD risk factors. Functional reconfiguration when engaging in the SST was negatively associated with recent drinking. When disengaging from the SST, however, functional reconfiguration was negatively associated with FHA.



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