# Brain Decoding Using Connectivity Informed Models

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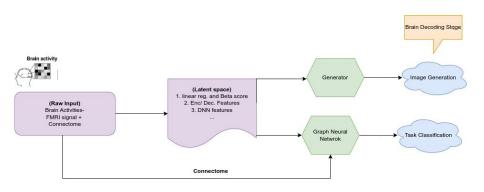


# What is Brain Decoding?

 Reconstruction of sensory and other stimuli from information that has already been encoded and represented in the brain by networks of neurons [1]. For example: Image generation, task classification, ...



## Background and Related Work

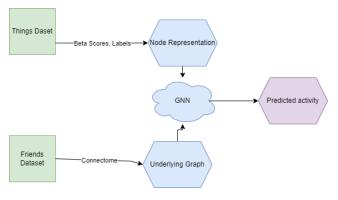




# Major Perspective

**Problem Definition:** Stimuli Classification based on the Graph Neural Network.

- Input: Brain activities and  $\beta$  scores extracted from Voxel FMRI.
- Output: Image Stimuli classification



# **Graph Neural Networks**

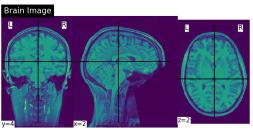
- Layer Expression:  $H^{l+1} = \sigma(A.H^l.\Theta)$ ,  $H^0 = X$ , H is the layer representation, and A is the Adj. Matrix.  $\Theta$  is the learnable parameters.
- ChebNet: suggested in tutorial [2] 3x[ChebConv(.) + Relue(.)] + 3x[Linear(.) + Relue(.)] + SoftMax(.)



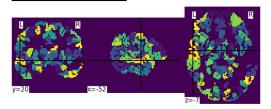


### Dataset

• Friends-Dataset To extract Connectomes:



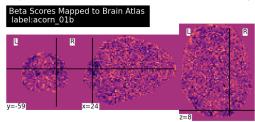
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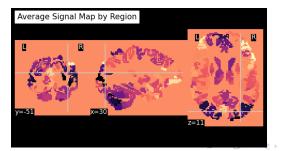




### **Dataset**

• Things-Dataset (To project Beta scores to each parcel):







## Dataset: Highlevel-Categories

• Highlevel-Categories (labels) things Dataset:

Top 8 labels and their counts:

**animal**: 336 **food**: 294

vegetable: 144

fruit: 132 clothing: 126

**tool**: 102

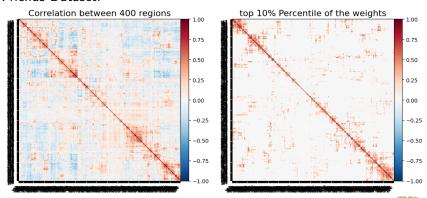
sports equipment: 96

insect: 84



## Connectom Representation

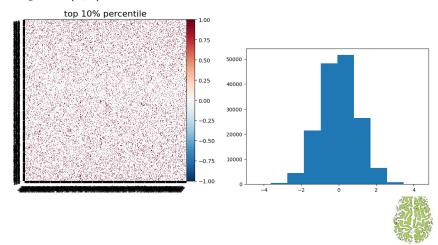
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# Random Graph

• weights *N*(0,1):



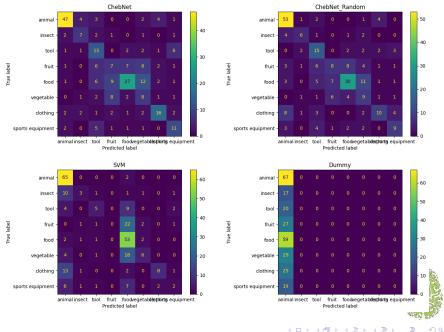
### Results: Performance Metrics for Different Methods

Method	F1 Score (weighted)	Accuracy
Dummy Classifier	0.1034	0.2548
SVM	0.4603	0.5399
Chebnet	0.5280	0.5170
Chebnet (with Random Graph)	0.5252	0.5320

Table: F1 Score and Accuracy for Different Methods

- Graph Effect
- Generalized classes





### Tools and Deliverables

#### Tools

- model training: torch\_geometric
- result visualization and pre processing:nilearn, matplotlib, numpy, pandas
- Deliverables
  - Jupyter Book (online): https://aarian.github.io/BrainDecoding/intro.html
  - Jupyter notebook for the experiments: https://github.com/Aarian/BrainDecoding



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