



Report from 2015 OHBM Hackathon (HI)

Human Connectome Project to Nipype

Project URL: http://github.com/hcp_nipype/hackathon

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1 Introduction

To convert the Human Connectome Project (HCP) Minimal Preprocessing Pipelines into Nipype code.

The HCP minimal preprocessing pipelines [1] represent a significant advance in image processing pipelines in our time. They provide preprocessed volume and surface data in native and atlas space, for both functional and structural data. Nipype is an open source neuroimaging project for designing imaging pipelines which has been around since 2011 and provides many excellent features for provenance and reliability of processing pipelines. Together, these two pieces of software would allow for a more robust, more flexible synergy of pipeline design and operability.

2 Approach

The first goal was to train the would-be Nipype developers on the Nipype python standards for writing and running interfaces. Distributing this knowledge from two experts to nine novices over two days was not an easy beginning task. Once trained, the plan was to implement the HCP scripts into Nipype interfaces from the top-level inward to the sub-level scripts. The secondary goal was to make these sub-level scripts more flexible and require less specific scans to run the pipelines. The collection of nine ultimate pipelines to implement were with or without T1s or T2s and with or without Fieldmap or Reverse-Phase-Encode EPIs as seen in the below table.

3 Results

The scope of the project was too big for two days of on and off coding, even among eleven developers. However, a collaborative team of interested Nipype devel-

opers were trained and are ready to continue collaborating across seven institutions on a vastly beneficial project to all of our work.

4 Conclusions

This is where the conclusions go.

Availability of Supporting Data

More information about this project can be found at:

http://github.com/hcp_nipype/hackathon. Further data and files supporting this project are hosted in the *GigaScience* repository REFXXX.

Competing interests

None

Author's contributions

EE wrote the software and the report.

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Table 1 This is the caption for the table.

EPI	T1	T2	Diffusion Field Map	Reverse Phase Encode EPI
N	N	N	1	0
N	N	0	1	0
N	0	N	1	0
N	N	N	0	N
N	N	0	0	N
N	0	N	0	N
N	N	N	0	0
N	N	0	0	0
N	0	N	0	0