

# Subject\_Demo

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## 1 GLM Express: Subject / First-Level Demonstration

```
[1]: # You can safely ignore this cell - just for local setup
%load_ext autoreload
%autoreload 2

import os
here = os.getcwd()

if '/demo' in here:
    os.chdir('..')
```

```
[2]: # Imports
from glm_express import Subject
import nilearn.plotting as nip
from bids import BIDSLayout
import nibabel as nib
```

Hello and welcome! **GLM Express** is a lightweight package for building simple GLMs for functional neuroimaging data. Before running, consider several assumptions that this package makes:

- Your dataset is **BIDS validated!** This check is done implicitly at initialization, and the Subject object will fail if your dataset has any fatal errors
- Your dataset has been preprocessed using **fmriprep!** We assume that your raw data and events files are stored in the root of your BIDS project, and that all of your preprocessed data (confound regressors and preprocessed BOLD NifTis) are stored in a **derivatives/fmriprep** sub-directory

See below for an example dataset structure, and **see the docs** for a much more verbose explanation of BIDS and its philosophy:

```
[3]: %%bash
tree ./bids_test/ -d

./bids_test/
  derivatives
    fmriprep
      sub-10159
        func
```

sub-10171  
func  
sub-10189  
func  
sub-10206  
func  
sub-10217  
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sub-10225  
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sub-10227  
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sub-10228  
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func  
sub-10235  
beh  
func  
sub-10249  
beh  
func

52 directories

Instantiating a `BIDSLayout` object is a solid sanity check to make sure your data is BIDS-compliant (this happens under the hood in GLM Express)

```
[4]: bids = BIDSLayout('./bids_test/')
```

```
[5]: print(bids.get_subjects())
```

```
['10159', '10171', '10189', '10206', '10217', '10225', '10227', '10228',  
'10235', '10249']
```

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## 1.1 Using the `glm_express.Subject` object

Several parameters are required to instantiate a `Subject` object in GLM Express:

- `sub_id`: Subject ID, which should match the subject's label in your BIDS project
- `task`: The name of the functional task, which will match all relevant files
- `bids_root`: The top of your BIDS project (we assume that you **are not** running GLM Express inside your BIDS project, but rather from at least one directory level above)

In addition, there are multiple parameters with **default parameters**:

- `suppress`: Defaults to `False` | Determines if a dictionary of Subject attributes print at `__init__`
- `template_space`: Defaults to `MNI152NLin2009` | This is the template that your data was preprocessed to in `fmriprep`
- `repetition_time`: Defaults to `1.` | The TR from you functional run
- `dummy_scans`: Defaults to `0` | Any non-steady state volumes detected by `fmriprep`; these can be updated programatically before creating your design matrix

The `Subject` object also creates a output directory when instantiated - this is where all of your contrast maps, plots and other data derived from your first level models will be stored

```
[6]: # Instantiate your Subject object
```

```
subject = Subject('10159', task='stoppsignal', bids_root='./bids_test/')
```

```
{  
    "Subject ID": "10159",  
    "Task": "stoppsignal",  
    "# of Functional Runs": 1,  
    "Output Directory": "./bids_test/derivatives/first-level-  
output/sub-10159/task-stoppsignal",  
    "Defined Contrasts": "default",  
    "Confound Regressors": [  
        "GlobalSignal",  
        "FramewiseDisplacement",  
        "WhiteMatter",  
        "stdDVARs"  
    ]  
}
```

```
]
}
```

```
[7]: subject.first_level_output
```

```
[7]: './bids_test/derivatives/first-level-output/sub-10159/task-stopsignal'
```

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### 1.1.1 Subject Attributes

As we noted above, the `Subject` object defaults to several parameters but these can be easily overridden with the built-in `set_{ }` functions

```
[8]: subject.template_space
```

```
[8]: 'MNI152NLin2009'
```

```
[9]: subject.set_template_space('MNI152Lin6')
subject.template_space
```

```
[9]: 'MNI152Lin6'
```

```
[10]: subject.dummy_scans
```

```
[10]: 0
```

```
[11]: subject.set_dummy_scans(2)
subject.dummy_scans
```

```
[11]: 2
```

```
[12]: subject.t_r
```

```
[12]: 1.0
```

```
[13]: subject.set_tr(2.)
subject.t_r
```

```
[13]: 2.0
```

The `Subject` object also creates a `bids_container` attribute - this is a dictionary with keys per functional run AND keys per data type (e.g., functional, events, confounds)

```
[14]: subject.bids_container
```

```
[14]: {'run-1': {'func':
 './bids_test/derivatives/fmriprep/sub-10159/func/sub-10159_task-
 stopsignal_bold_space-MNI152NLin2009cAsym_preproc.nii.gz',
 'event': './bids_test/sub-10159/func/sub-10159_task-stopsignal_events.tsv',
```

```

    'confound': './bids_test/derivatives/fmriprep/sub-10159/func/sub-10159_task-
stopsignal_bold_confounds.tsv'},
    'all_func': ['./bids_test/derivatives/fmriprep/sub-10159/func/sub-10159_task-
stopsignal_bold_space-MNI152Nlin2009cAsym_preproc.nii.gz'],
    'all_events': ['./bids_test/sub-10159/func/sub-10159_task-
stopsignal_events.tsv'],
    'all_confounds':
    ['./bids_test/derivatives/fmriprep/sub-10159/func/sub-10159_task-
stopsignal_bold_confounds.tsv']]

```

This dictionary is also saved locally to the current subject's output directory in a JSON file

```
[15]: os.listdir(subject.first_level_output)
```

```
[15]: ['models', 'plots', 'sub-10159_task-stopsignal_bids-container.json']
```

### 1.1.2 Building a Model

To build a simple GLM, we need the **preprocessed NifTi files** and a **design matrix corresponding to each functional run** ... GLM Express is optimized to accept run arguments, but defaults to “ALL”, which gives you an aggregated DataFrame of either events or confounds

```
[16]: # We'll start with a fresh Subject to model with
subject = Subject('10159', task='stopsignal', bids_root='./bids_test/')

```

```

{
    "Subject ID": "10159",
    "Task": "stopsignal",
    "# of Functional Runs": 1,
    "Output Directory": "./bids_test/derivatives/first-level-
output/sub-10159/task-stopsignal",
    "Defined Contrasts": "default",
    "Confound Regressors": [
        "GlobalSignal",
        "FramewiseDisplacement",
        "WhiteMatter",
        "stdDVARs"
    ]
}

```

```
[17]: subject.load_events(run=1)
```

```

[17]:      onset  duration trial_type PresentedStimulusArrowDirection \
0      0.006134    1.500         GO                      LEFT
1      0.000000    2.250         NaN                      BLANKSCREEN
2      3.762595    1.500         GO                      RIGHT
3      0.000000    0.750         NaN                      BLANKSCREEN

```

4	6.013056	1.500	GO	LEFT
..	...	...	...	...
251	0.000000	0.500	NaN	BLANKSCREEN
252	347.888159	1.500	GO	LEFT
253	0.000000	1.500	NaN	BLANKSCREEN
254	350.883213	1.500	GO	RIGHT
255	0.000000	0.625	NaN	BLANKSCREEN

	ReactionTime	SubjectResponseButton	SubjectResponseButtonCode	\
0	0.416274	LEFT	5	
1	0.000000	NaN	0	
2	0.395370	RIGHT	28	
3	0.000000	NaN	0	
4	0.397906	LEFT	5	
..	...	...	...	
251	0.000000	NaN	0	
252	0.515824	LEFT	5	
253	0.000000	NaN	0	
254	0.383631	RIGHT	28	
255	0.000000	NaN	0	

	SubjectResponseCorrectness	TrialOutcome	StopSignalDelay	LadderNumber	\
0	CorrectResponse	SuccessfulGo	0.0	0	
1	NaN	NaN	0.0	0	
2	CorrectResponse	SuccessfulGo	0.0	0	
3	NaN	NaN	0.0	0	
4	CorrectResponse	SuccessfulGo	0.0	0	
..	...	...	...	...	
251	NaN	NaN	0.0	0	
252	CorrectResponse	SuccessfulGo	0.0	0	
253	NaN	NaN	0.0	0	
254	CorrectResponse	SuccessfulGo	0.0	0	
255	NaN	NaN	0.0	0	

	LadderTime	LadderMovement	TimeCourse	onset_noTriggerAdjust	\
0	0	0	0.000	0.006134	
1	0	0	1.500	0.000000	
2	0	0	3.750	3.762595	
3	0	0	5.250	0.000000	
4	0	0	6.000	6.013056	
..	...	...	...	...	
251	0	0	347.375	0.000000	
252	0	0	347.875	347.888159	
253	0	0	349.375	0.000000	
254	0	0	350.875	350.883213	
255	0	0	352.375	0.000000	

	TimeCourse_noTriggerAdjust	run
0	0.000	1
1	1.500	1
2	3.750	1
3	5.250	1
4	6.000	1
..	...	...
251	347.375	1
252	347.875	1
253	349.375	1
254	350.875	1
255	352.375	1

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```
[18]: subject.load_confounds(run=1)
```

```
[18]:
```

	WhiteMatter	GlobalSignal	stdDVARs	non-stdDVARs	vx-wisestdDVARs	\
0	-0.899719	2.227516	NaN	NaN	NaN	
1	-1.246341	0.326954	1.090498	24.634428	1.026863	
2	0.366020	-1.068786	1.151430	26.010887	1.027507	
3	-0.564770	-1.443347	1.106344	24.992373	0.920317	
4	-1.436600	-3.153236	0.914109	20.649788	0.871629	
..	...	...	...	...	...	
179	0.513565	-0.389184	1.118991	25.278082	0.983155	
180	-0.904468	-4.511670	1.011077	22.840292	0.980504	
181	-1.420769	-6.542420	0.993432	22.441696	0.958697	
182	-1.746273	-5.993458	1.013192	22.888075	0.931125	
183	-2.754395	-4.735695	0.930990	21.031126	0.854723	

	FramewiseDisplacement	tCompCor00	tCompCor01	tCompCor02	tCompCor03	\
0	NaN	-0.118771	0.113172	-0.032137	0.041810	
1	0.099904	-0.181387	0.036984	0.113388	0.048676	
2	0.252018	-0.046286	-0.033369	-0.076722	0.032938	
3	0.122212	-0.043669	-0.053250	-0.036809	-0.024905	
4	0.014257	-0.074981	-0.079292	0.079099	-0.054966	
..	...	...	...	...	...	
179	0.183595	-0.089380	0.077009	0.035236	-0.036337	
180	0.085425	-0.113513	-0.016334	0.127348	-0.157195	
181	0.226487	-0.108002	-0.102629	0.051931	-0.220408	
182	0.086695	-0.099087	-0.080652	-0.075379	-0.196365	
183	0.058631	-0.091480	-0.032773	-0.024237	-0.147408	

	...	aCompCor03	aCompCor04	aCompCor05	X	Y	Z	\
0	...	0.018290	-0.106118	0.188625	0.143525	-0.052645	-0.274967	
1	...	0.058030	-0.015722	0.111118	0.163622	-0.028109	-0.263217	
2	...	-0.052342	-0.031574	-0.061752	0.118415	-0.006555	-0.167094	

3	...	0.010522	-0.061436	0.018885	0.096408	-0.006393	-0.137269
4	...	0.063985	-0.049137	0.070348	0.102231	-0.006412	-0.136650
..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
179	...	0.146618	0.032852	0.061648	-0.239208	0.295401	-0.695440
180	...	0.196972	-0.086517	0.093522	-0.239296	0.272096	-0.659105
181	...	0.158629	-0.156444	-0.031886	-0.222895	0.271756	-0.580863
182	...	0.161150	-0.022039	-0.135137	-0.239418	0.252843	-0.598063
183	...	0.180771	-0.010333	-0.025773	-0.261471	0.252864	-0.606944

	RotX	RotY	RotZ	run
0	0.001024	0.001434	0.000467	1
1	0.000837	0.002068	0.000516	1
2	0.001868	0.001368	0.000464	1
3	0.000894	0.000948	0.000454	1
4	0.001024	0.000948	0.000429	1
..	...	...	...	...
179	0.015381	0.000187	-0.008214	1
180	0.015512	0.000204	-0.008579	1
181	0.014104	0.000714	-0.009290	1
182	0.014242	0.000242	-0.009219	1
183	0.013995	0.000127	-0.009028	1

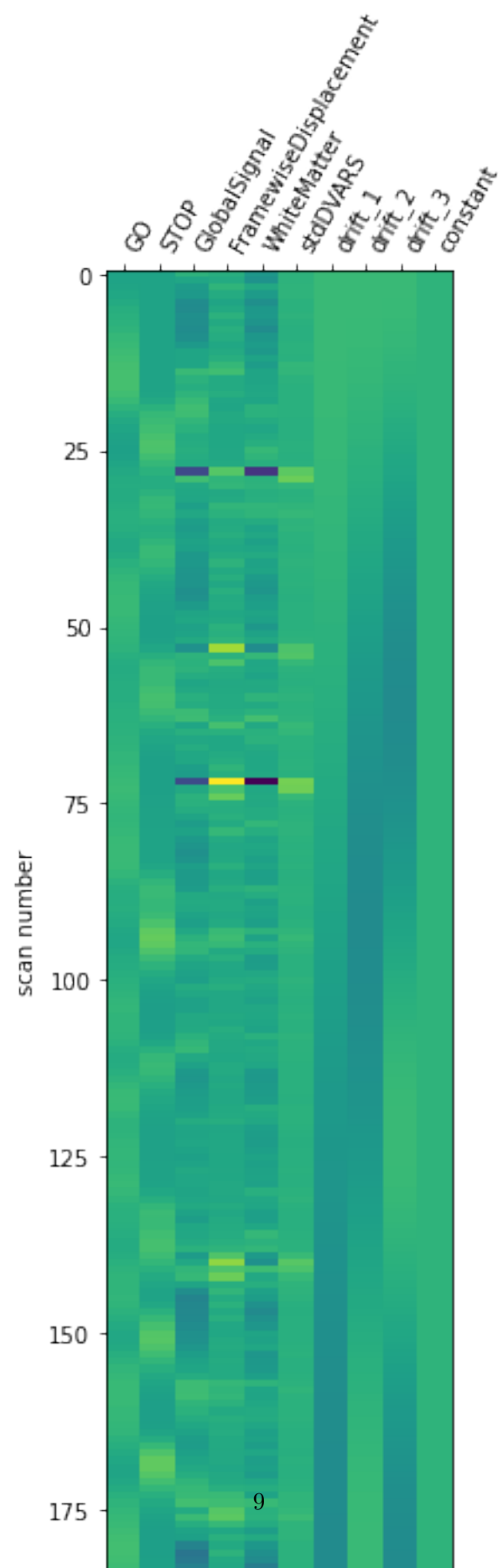
[184 rows x 25 columns]

Likewise, the `generate_design_matrix` function takes a `run` argument as well ... for each functional run, this function aggregates relevant columns from the events file and your selected confounds (defined externally in the `task_information.json` file)

```
[19]: nip.plot_design_matrix(subject.generate_design_matrix(run=1))
```

```
[19]: <AxesSubplot:label='conditions', ylabel='scan number'>
```





The confounds below were selected for demonstrative purposes, but can be overridden by either:

- Updating the `task_information.json` file manually, or
- Updating the Subject attributes using `set_confound_regressors`

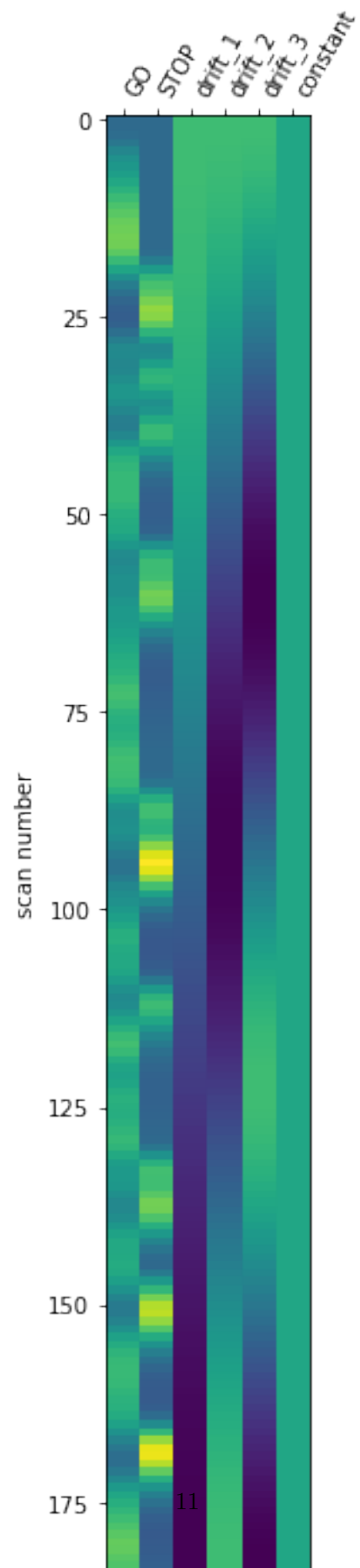
```
[20]: subject.confound_regressors
```

```
[20]: ['GlobalSignal', 'FramewiseDisplacement', 'WhiteMatter', 'stdDVARs']
```

```
[21]: subject.set_confound_regressors([])
```

```
[22]: nip.plot_design_matrix(subject.generate_design_matrix(run=1))
```

```
[22]: <AxesSubplot:label='conditions', ylabel='scan number'>
```



The contrasts for each task are 'default' when the `task_information.json` file is created ... you can either update the file with a dictionary of contrasts, or feed your Subject a dictionary of contrasts

In either case, you should follow `{contrast_name: column1 - column2}` format

```
[23]: subject.contrasts
```

```
[23]: 'default'
```

```
[24]: subject.set_design_contrasts({'new_contrast': 'STOP - GO'})
```

```
[25]: subject.contrasts
```

```
[25]: {'new_contrast': 'STOP - GO'}
```

Your subject's first level output directory is empty by default:

```
[26]: %%bash
tree ./bids_test/derivatives/first-level-output/sub-10159/task-stopsignal/
```

```
./bids_test/derivatives/first-level-output/sub-10159/task-stopsignal/
  models
    condition-maps
    contrast-maps
  plots
    condition-maps
    contrast-maps
  sub-10159_task-stopsignal_bids-container.json
```

6 directories, 1 file

Calling the `run_first_level_glm` function will create design matrices for each functional run, and fit a model to your specifications:

```
[27]: subject.run_first_level_glm()
```

Running first-level designs for STOPSIGNAL with the following parameters:

Non-steady state regressors:	False
Modulators:	False

Auto-block regressors:	False
Motion outliers:	True
Fixation trials:	True

=== Fitting GLM ===

```
0%|          | 0/2 [00:00<?, ?it/s]
```

=== Mapping condition z-scores ===

```
100%|        | 2/2 [00:08<00:00, 4.27s/it]
0%|          | 0/1 [00:00<?, ?it/s]
```

=== Mapping contrast z-scores ===

```
100%|        | 1/1 [00:05<00:00, 5.69s/it]
```

=== STOP SIGNAL contrasts computed! Subject 10159 has been mapped ===

All contrast maps, plots, and summary data files have been successfully stored in your subject's first level output directory:

```
[28]: %%%bash
tree ./bids_test/derivatives/first-level-output/sub-10159/task-stopsignal/

./bids_test/derivatives/first-level-output/sub-10159/task-stopsignal/
models
  condition-maps
    sub-10159_condition-G0_smoothing-8mm_z-map.nii.gz
    sub-10159_condition-STOP_smoothing-8mm_z-map.nii.gz
  contrast-maps
    sub-10159_contrast-new_contrast_smoothing-8mm_z-map.nii.gz
plots
  condition-maps
    sub-10159_condition-G0_smoothing-8mm_contrast-summary.html
    sub-10159_condition-G0_smoothing-8mm_plot-stat-map.png
```

```

sub-10159_condition-STOP_smoothing-8mm_contrast-summary.html
sub-10159_condition-STOP_smoothing-8mm_plot-stat-map.png
contrast-maps
sub-10159_contrast-new_contrast_smoothing-8mm_contrast-summary.html
sub-10159_contrast-new_contrast_smoothing-8mm_plot-stat-map.png
sub-10159_task-stopsignal_run-1_design-matrix.jpg
sub-10159_task-stopsignal_bids-container.json

```

6 directories, 11 files

The `smoothing` parameter defaults to 8., but can be updated as you see fit. This also updates the naming conventions for all output files, so you don't have to worry about files being overwritten:

```
[29]: subject.run_first_level_glm(smoothing=4.)
```

Running first-level designs for STOPSIGNAL with the following parameters:

Non-steady state regressors:	False
Modulators:	False
Auto-block regressors:	False
Motion outliers:	True
Fixation trials:	True

```
=== Fitting GLM ===
```

```
0%|          | 0/2 [00:00<?, ?it/s]
```

```
=== Mapping condition z-scores ===
```

```
100%|        | 2/2 [00:09<00:00, 4.69s/it]
0%|          | 0/1 [00:00<?, ?it/s]
```

```
=== Mapping contrast z-scores ===
```

100%| | 1/1 [00:06<00:00, 6.84s/it]

=== STOPSIGNAL contrasts computed! Subject 10159 has been mapped ===

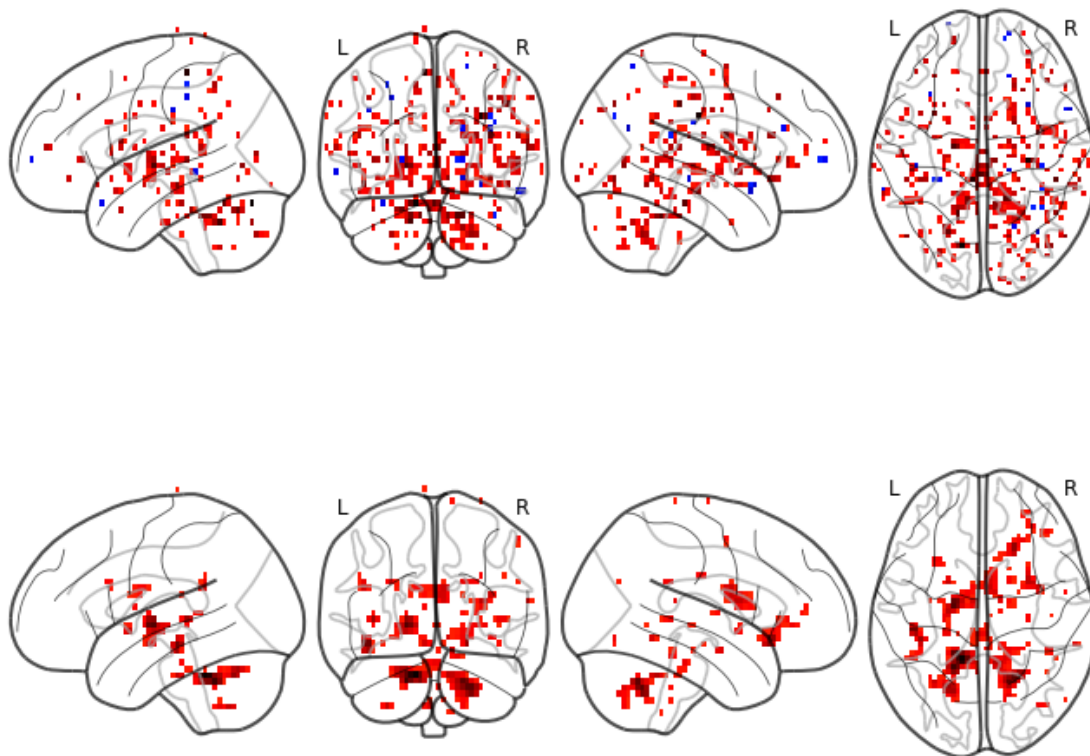
```
[30]: %%%bash
tree ./bids_test/derivatives/first-level-output/sub-10159/task-stopsignal/

./bids_test/derivatives/first-level-output/sub-10159/task-stopsignal/
models
  condition-maps
    sub-10159_condition-GO_smoothing-4mm_z-map.nii.gz
    sub-10159_condition-GO_smoothing-8mm_z-map.nii.gz
    sub-10159_condition-STOP_smoothing-4mm_z-map.nii.gz
    sub-10159_condition-STOP_smoothing-8mm_z-map.nii.gz
  contrast-maps
    sub-10159_contrast-new_contrast_smoothing-4mm_z-map.nii.gz
    sub-10159_contrast-new_contrast_smoothing-8mm_z-map.nii.gz
plots
  condition-maps
    sub-10159_condition-GO_smoothing-4mm_contrast-summary.html
    sub-10159_condition-GO_smoothing-4mm_plot-stat-map.png
    sub-10159_condition-GO_smoothing-8mm_contrast-summary.html
    sub-10159_condition-GO_smoothing-8mm_plot-stat-map.png
    sub-10159_condition-STOP_smoothing-4mm_contrast-summary.html
    sub-10159_condition-STOP_smoothing-4mm_plot-stat-map.png
    sub-10159_condition-STOP_smoothing-8mm_contrast-summary.html
    sub-10159_condition-STOP_smoothing-8mm_plot-stat-map.png
  contrast-maps
    sub-10159_contrast-new_contrast_smoothing-4mm_contrast-summary.html
    sub-10159_contrast-new_contrast_smoothing-4mm_plot-stat-map.png
    sub-10159_contrast-new_contrast_smoothing-8mm_contrast-summary.html
    sub-10159_contrast-new_contrast_smoothing-8mm_plot-stat-map.png
  sub-10159_task-stopsignal_run-1_design-matrix.jpg
  sub-10159_task-stopsignal_bids-container.json
```

6 directories, 20 files

```
[31]: contrast_dirs = os.path.join(subject.first_level_output, 'models/contrast-maps')
      contrasts = [os.path.join(contrast_dirs, x) for x in os.listdir(contrast_dirs)]

      for file in contrasts:
          nip.plot_glass_brain(file, threshold=2.8, plot_abs=False,
                               ↪display_mode='lyrz')
```



C'est voila! Two different smoothing kernels have been successfully applied to the data, and now we can repeat for all subjects in our BIDS Project. Happy modeling!

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