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FDG-PET: Data Processing and Analysis Using SPM

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Code





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A brief
introduction to
FDG-PET

Access and
checking data

Preprocessing

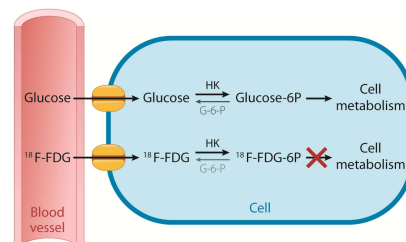
Data analysis

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A brief introduction to FDG-PET

- [^{18}F]Fluorodeoxyglucose
- Half life of ^{18}F = 109.8 min
- Cerebral glucose consumptions
 - Neurons
 - Astrocytes



Rahman et al., 2019, in Biomed Pharmacother

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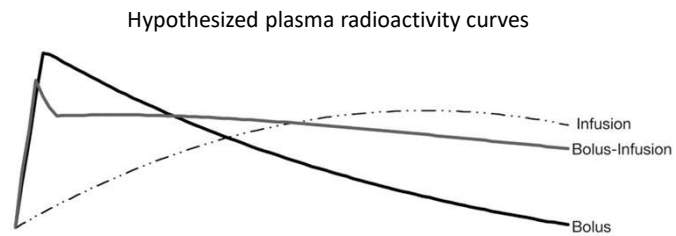


- Two aspects of PET imaging data

- Static
- Dynamic

- Radiotracer administration

- Bolus
- Constant infusion

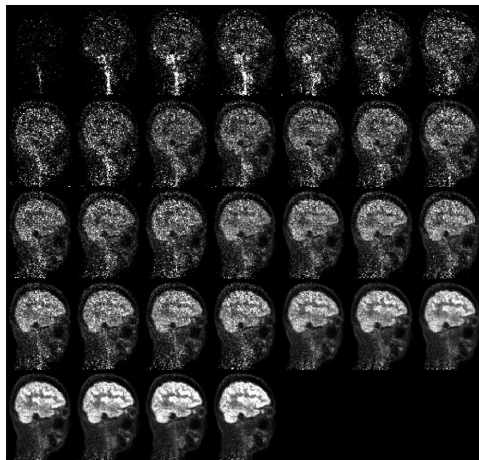


Jamadar et al., 2022, in GigaScience

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Quantifications

- Static image (average)
- Standardized uptake value (SUV)
- Regional cerebral metabolic rate of glucose consumption (rCMRGlc)
- Kinetic modeling

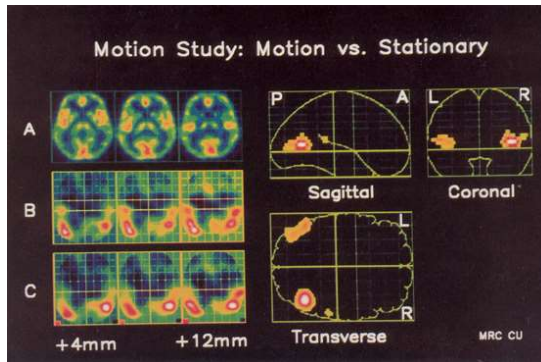
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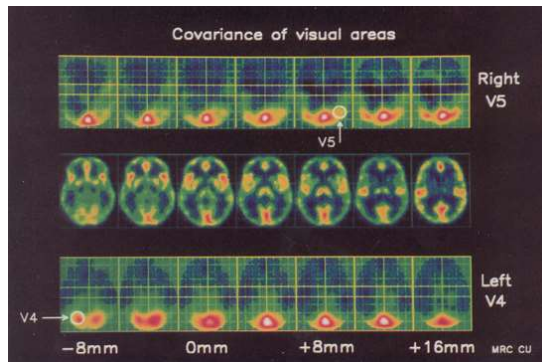
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Activation analysis



Connectivity (covariance) analysis



Zeki et al., 1991, in J Neurosci.

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Access FDG-PET data



- Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative ([ADNI](#))



- [OpenNeuro PET](#)



- Supplementary information By Sala et al., (2023) [link](#)

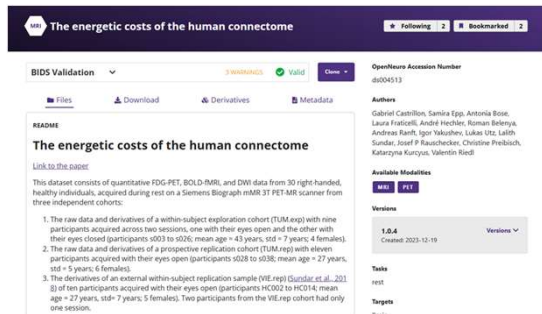
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Access FDG-PET data

Demonstration dataset

- The Energetic Costs of the Human Connectome ([ds003382](https://openneuro.org/datasets/ds003382))
- Total n = 20
- Eye open vs. eye closed: n = 9
 - FDG-PET
 - T1 MRI
 - fMRI
 - DWI
- 48.8 GB



<https://openneuro.org/datasets/ds004513/>

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Check data information


- Data integrity
- Number of images
- Frame duration
- Voxel dimension/size
- Brain coverage/origin

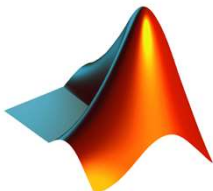

File types


- .json file
- .nii or .nii.gz files
- .tsv file

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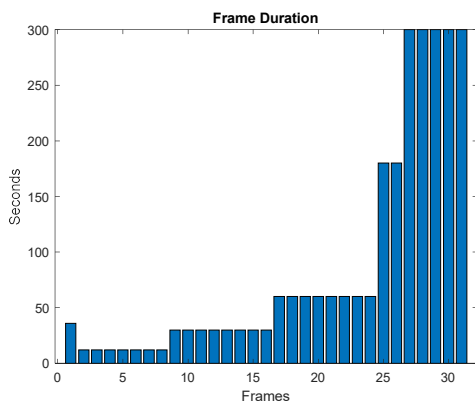
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PET information json file

- % Read PET information json file
- `fname = 'C:\PET_Munich\Data\sub-s003\ses-open\pet\sub-s003_ses-open_task-rest_pet.json';`
- `fid = fopen(fname);`
- `raw = fread(fid,inf);`
- `str = char(raw);`
- `fclose(fid);`
- `val = jsondecode(str);`

- % Plot frame duration for each frame
- `figure; bar(val.FrameDuration)`
- `title('Frame Duration')`
- `xlabel('Frames')`
- `ylabel('Seconds')`





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PET header information

- % Read PET image header information
- METADATA = niftiinfo('C:\PET_Munich\Data\sub-s003\ses-open\pet\sub-s003_ses-open_task-rest_pet.nii.gz');
- ImageSize: [256 256 256 31]
- PixelDimensions: [1.0431 1.0431 1.0156 1]

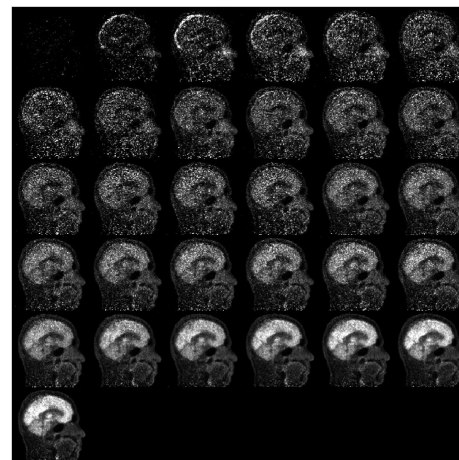
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Plot PET images

- % Read PET image
- v = spm_vol('C:\PET_Munich\Data\sub-s003\ses-open\pet\sub-s003_ses-open_task-rest_pet.nii.gz');
- y = spm_read_vols(v);
- % Select the middle sagittal slices for all the frames
- l = squeeze(y(size(y,1)/2,:,:));
- % Rotate the matrices for display
- J = imrotate(l,90);
- % Plot all the frames using montage
- figure; montage(J,'DisplayRange',[0 20000])

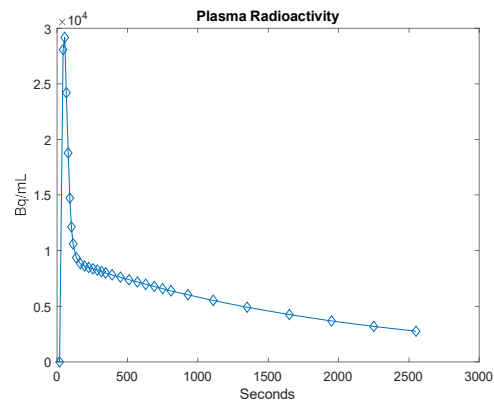


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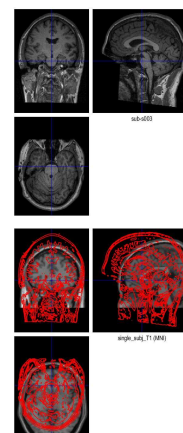
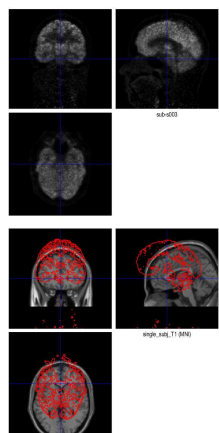
Blood recording TSV file

- % Read blood sample recording data TSV file
- T_recording =
readtable('C:\PET_Munich\Data\sub-s003\ses-open\pet\sub-s003_ses-open_task-rest_recording-autosampler_blood.tsv','FileType','text');
- % Plot plasma radioactivity data
- figure;
plot(T_recording.time,T_recording.plasma_radioactivity,'-d');
- title('Plasma Radioactivity')
- xlabel('Seconds')
- ylabel('Bq/mL')



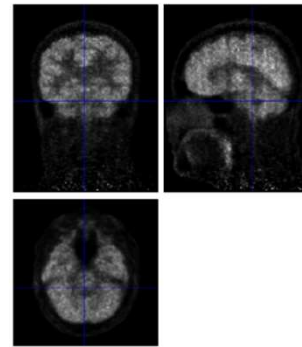
Check image initial position

- 'Check Reg' button in SPM
- 'Contour'



Set origin

- 'Display' button in SPM
- The origin of the image far from the anterior commissure may cause failures in image normalization and coregistration



Crosshair Position		Origin
mm:	0.0	0.0
vc:	58.6	75.7
Intensity:	8413.93	

File: ..open_task-rest_pet.nii	
Dimensions: 192 x 192 x 256	
Datatype: float32	
Intensity: Y = 1 X	
PSI 8.0	

Automated steps

- Place origin in the center
- Linear transformation

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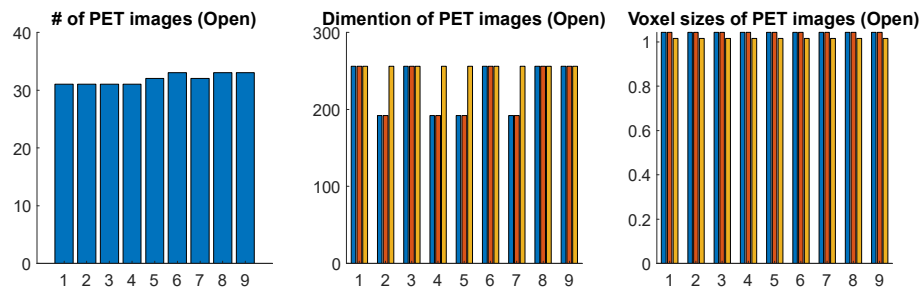
Preprocessing of FDG-PET images

- Quality control
 - Check imaging parameters across participants
 - Check to make sure each preprocessing step finished successfully
- Motion correction and calculation of a static image
 - Realign
- Spatial normalization to a standard space
 - Segmentation of anatomical MRI image
 - Apply deformation field to normalize the mean PET image
- Spatial smoothing

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Checking image parameters



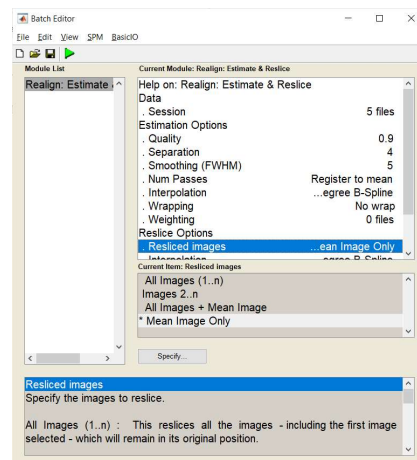
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Realign of PET images



- Realign the last five PET images to correct for head motion
- Calculate a mean image

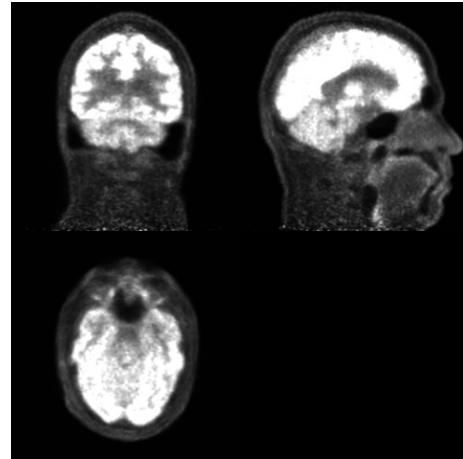


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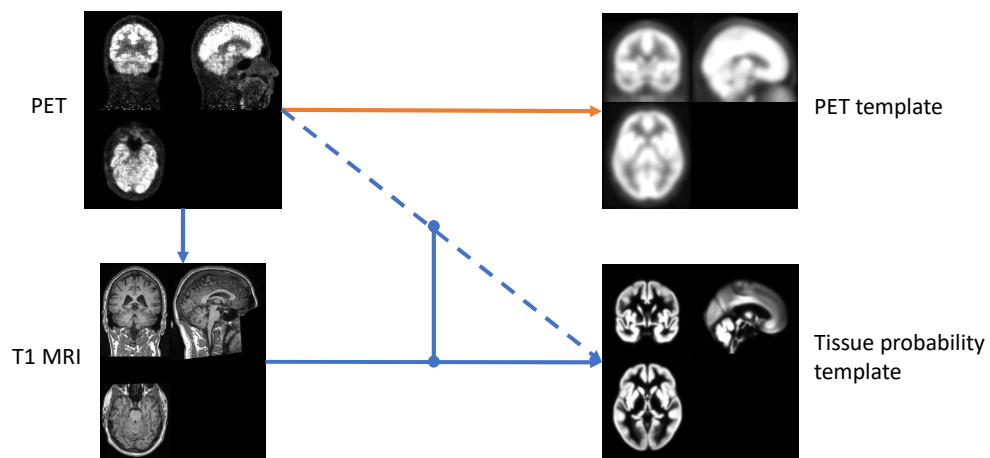
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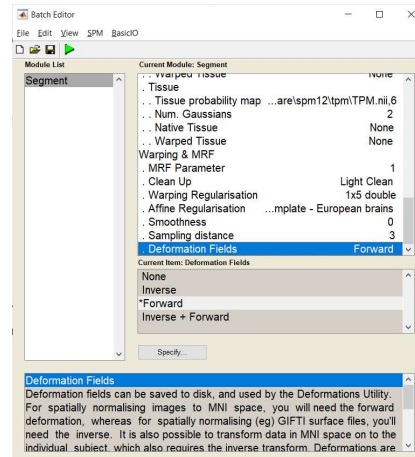
Spatial normalization



Segmentation of T1 weighted image



- Segment the T1 weighted MRI image into GM, WM, CSF, and so on.
- Obtain a deformation field map that maps native space to MNI space.



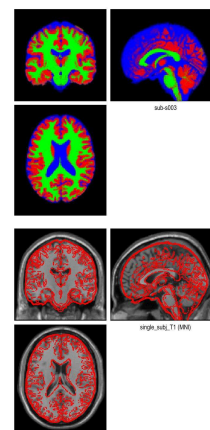
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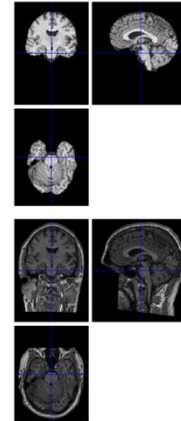
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Coregistration of mean PET image to T1 weighted image



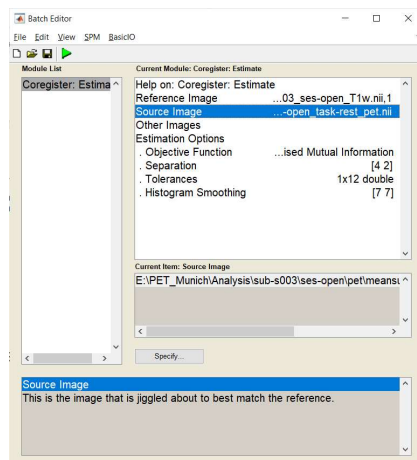
- Skull stripping
 - Image calculator
 - $i1.*((i2+i3+i4)>0.5)$
- Setting origin if necessary



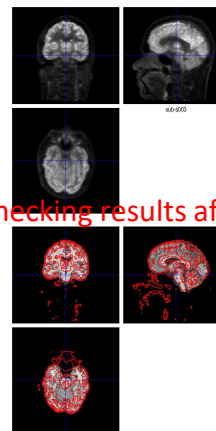
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Coregistration of mean PET image to T1 weighted image



Always checking results after this step!

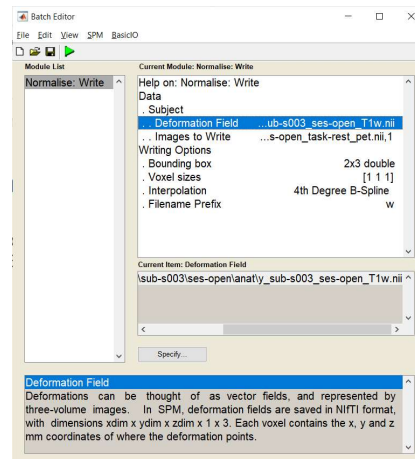


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Spatial Normalize

- Apply the deformation field maps to the mean PET data
- Voxel sizes

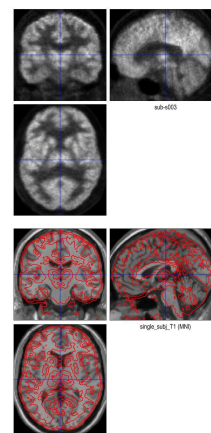


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Spatial Normalize

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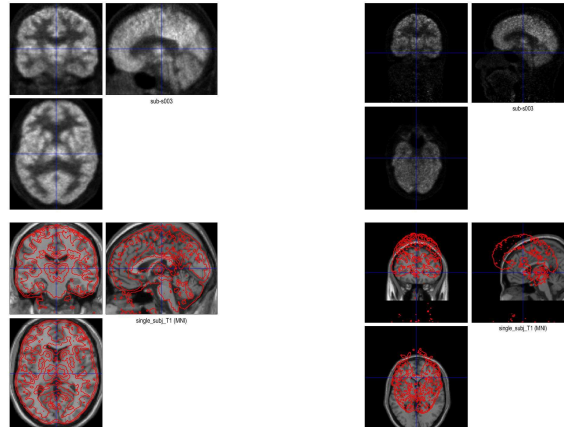
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Spatial Normalize



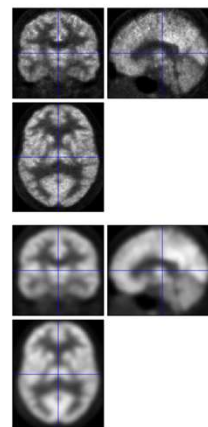
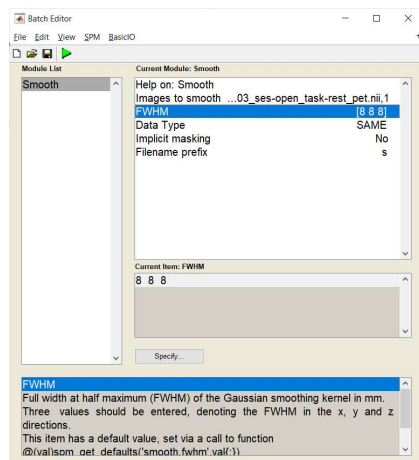
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Smoothing



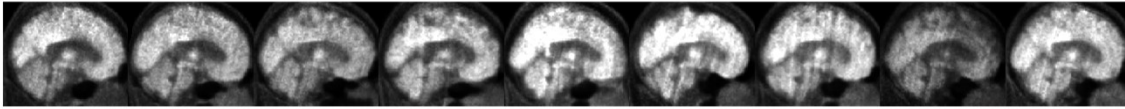
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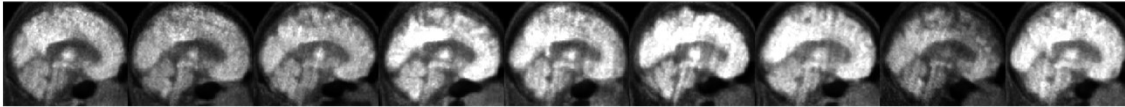
Statistical analysis



Eye open



Eye closed



Participants

- Where in the brain is there higher glucose metabolism when the eyes are open compared to when they are closed?

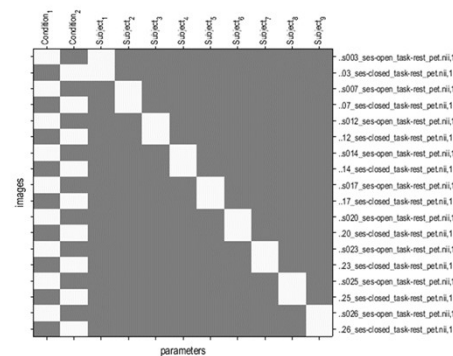
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Statistical analysis



- Voxel-wise generalized linear model (GLM)
 - Global Normalization
 - Proportional
 - ANCOVA (additive)
 - Global Calculation
 - Mask



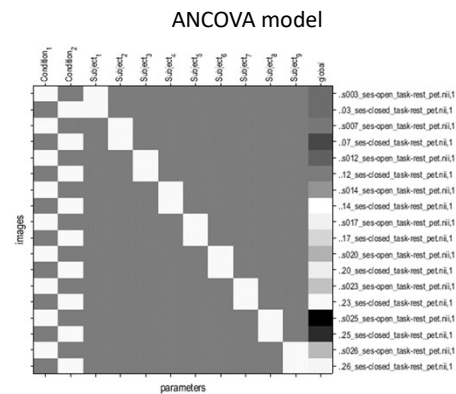
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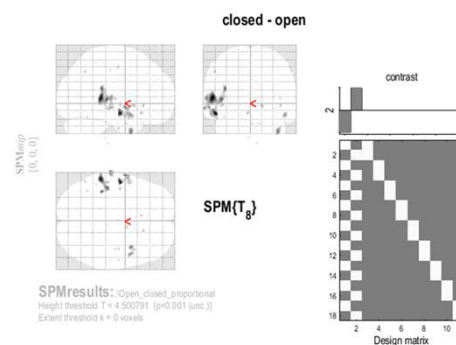
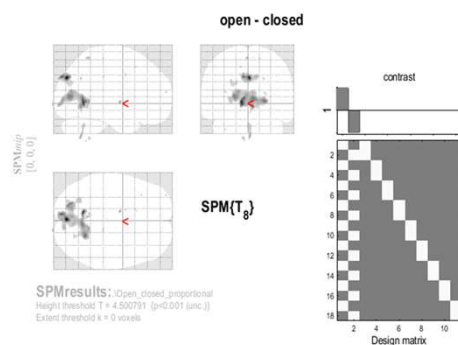
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