



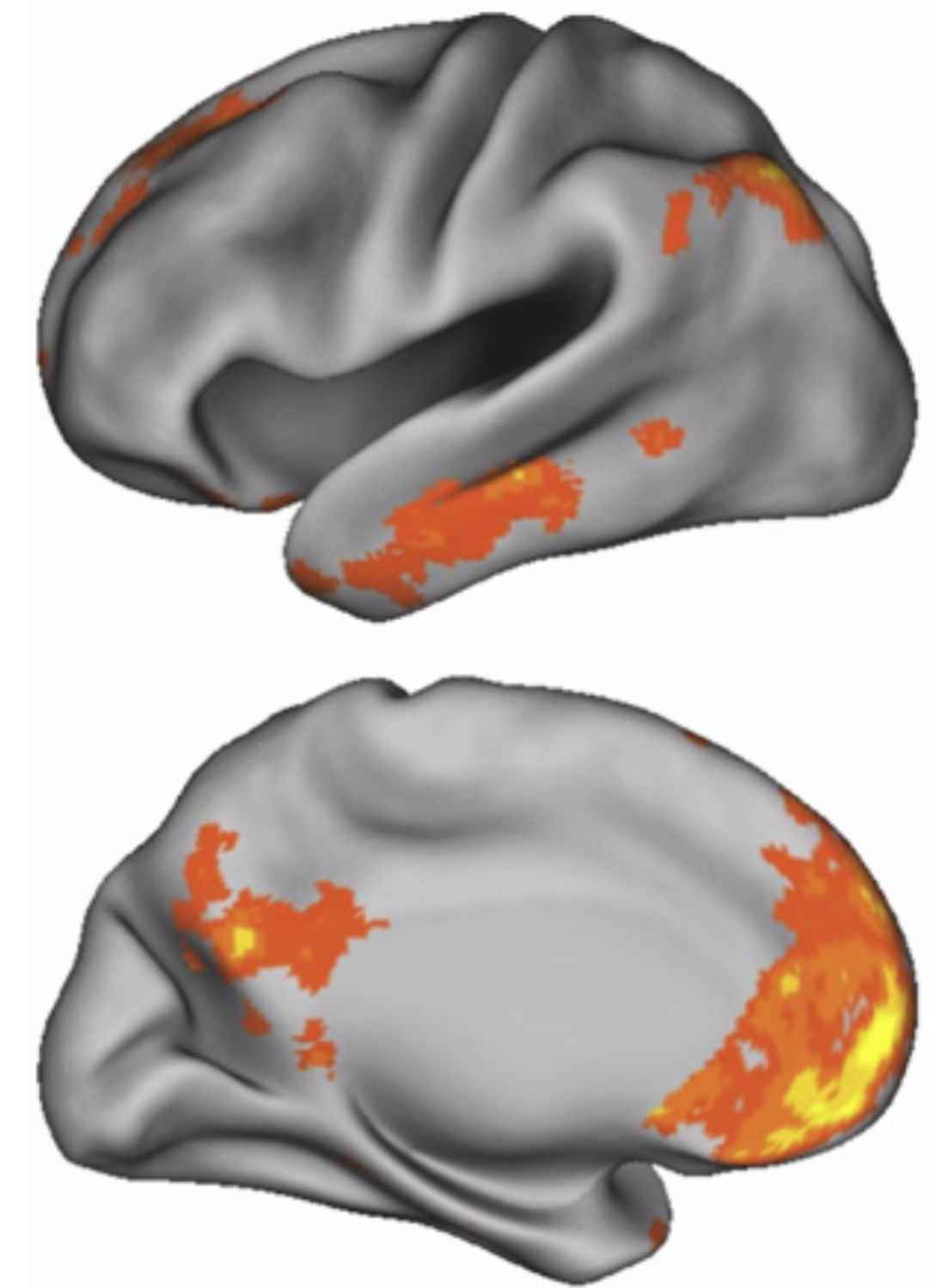
Network modeling analysis

- Resting state preprocessing
- Node definition and edge calculation
- Group analysis and challenges
- Comparison of resting state methods

Careful cleanup required

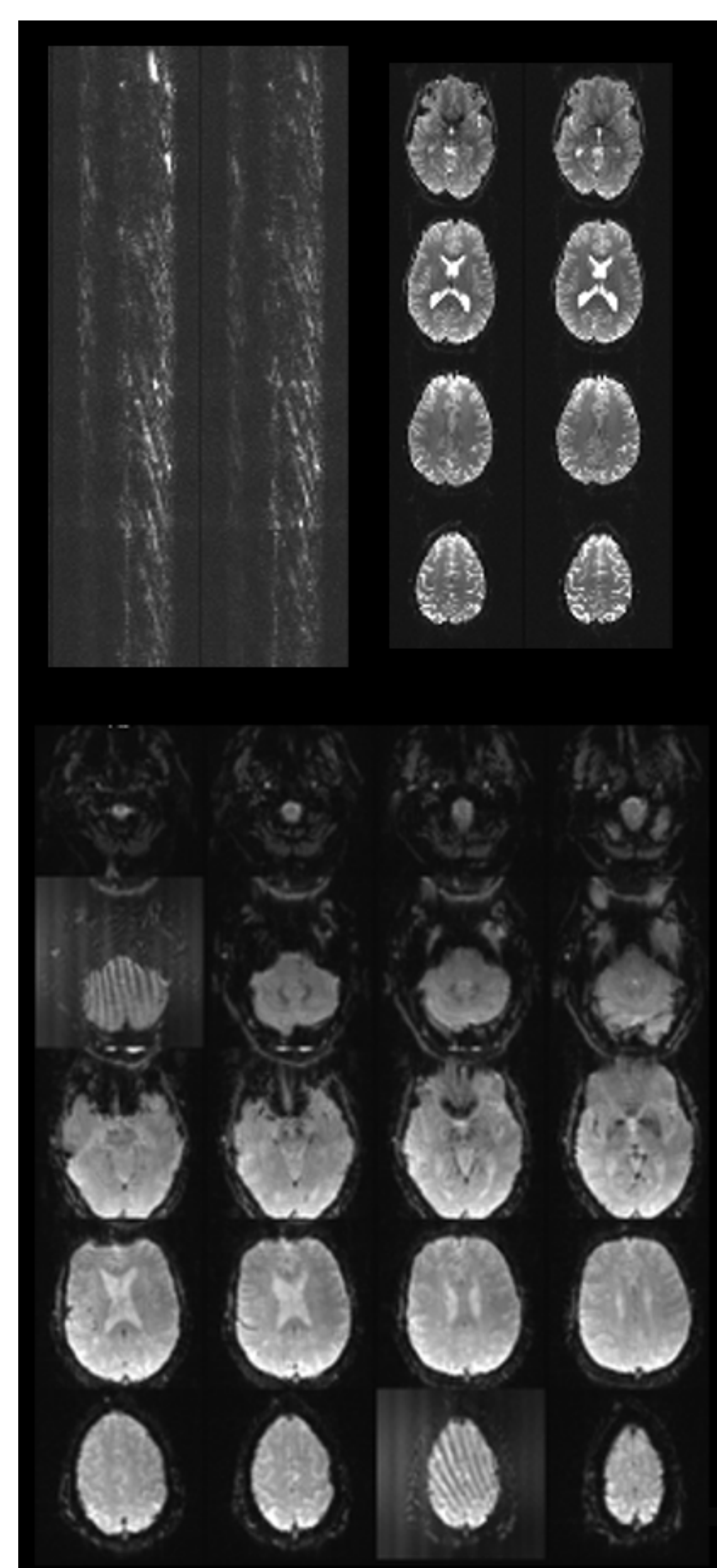
- Structured artefacts much more of a problem for rfMRI than task-fMRI
- No model of expected activation
- Instead based on correlating timeseries with each other

Low motion > high motion



Noise sources

- Head motion
- Cardiac & breathing cycles
- Scanner artifacts



Preprocessing overview

Conventional preprocessing steps

Motion & distortion correction

Slice timing correction

High pass temporal filtering

Spatial smoothing

Registration

Noise reduction steps (use at least one of these)

Nuisance regression

Low pass temporal filtering

Volume censoring

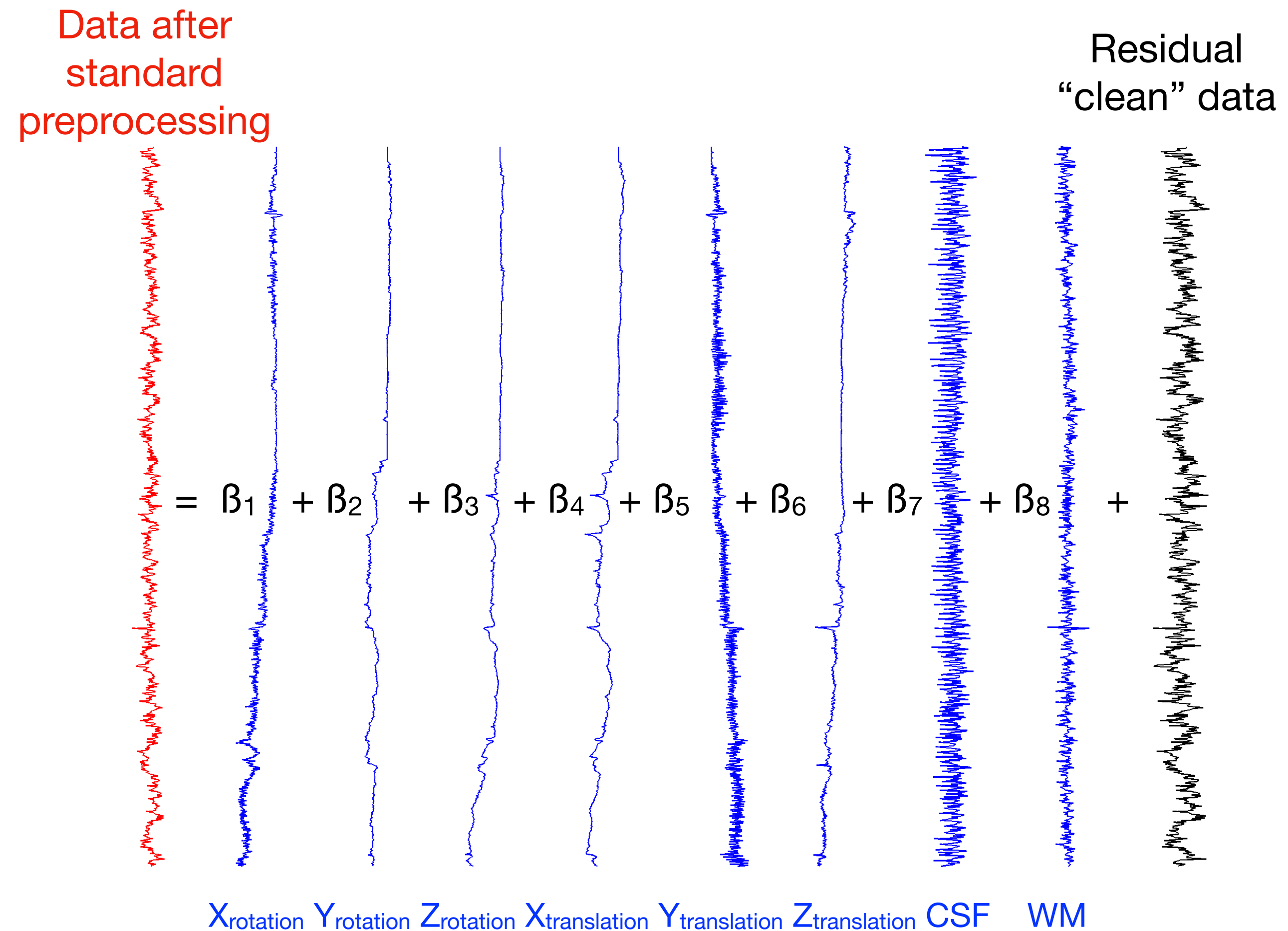
Global signal regression

ICA-based clean-up

Physiological noise regression

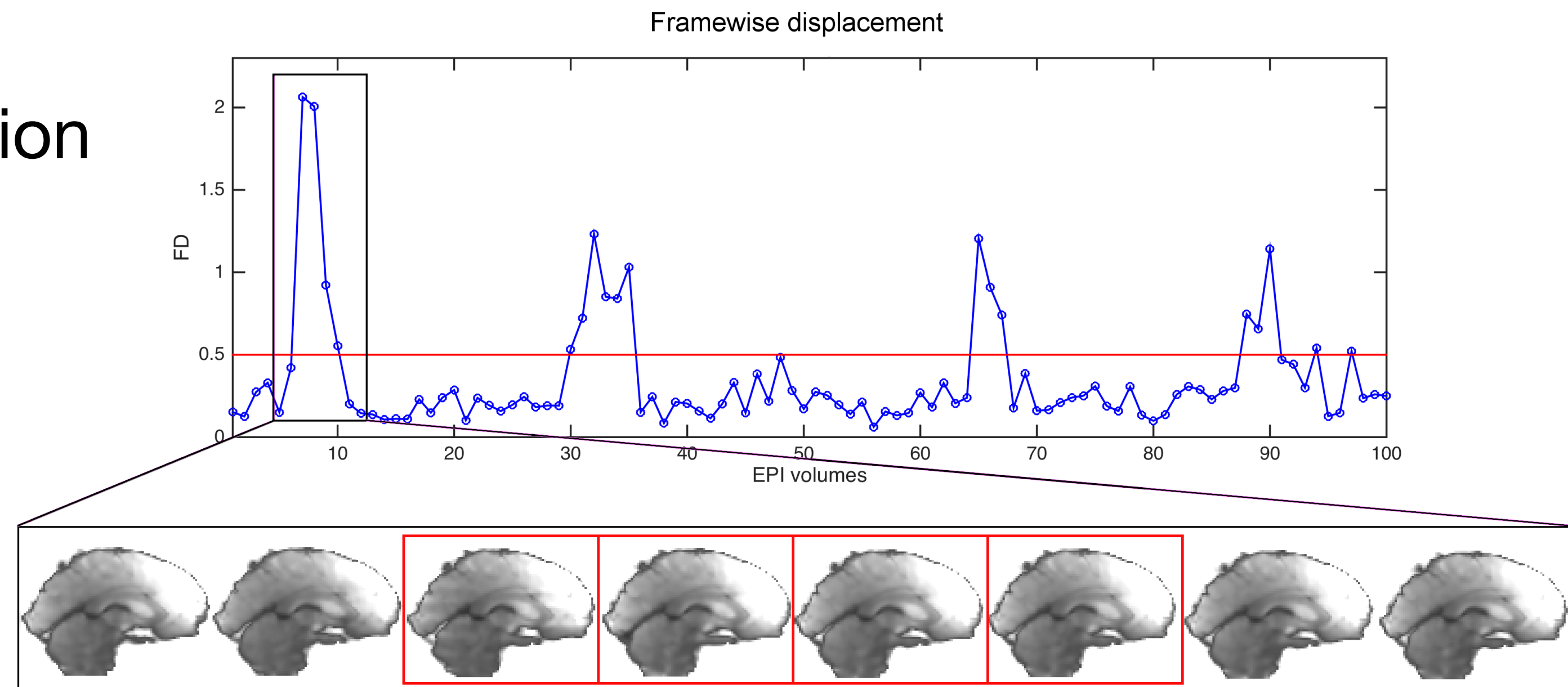
Nuisance regression

- Head motion parameters
- White-matter / CSF
- Use GLM to remove nuisance timeseries
- Perform analysis on residuals
- “CompCor” method (PCA-based)



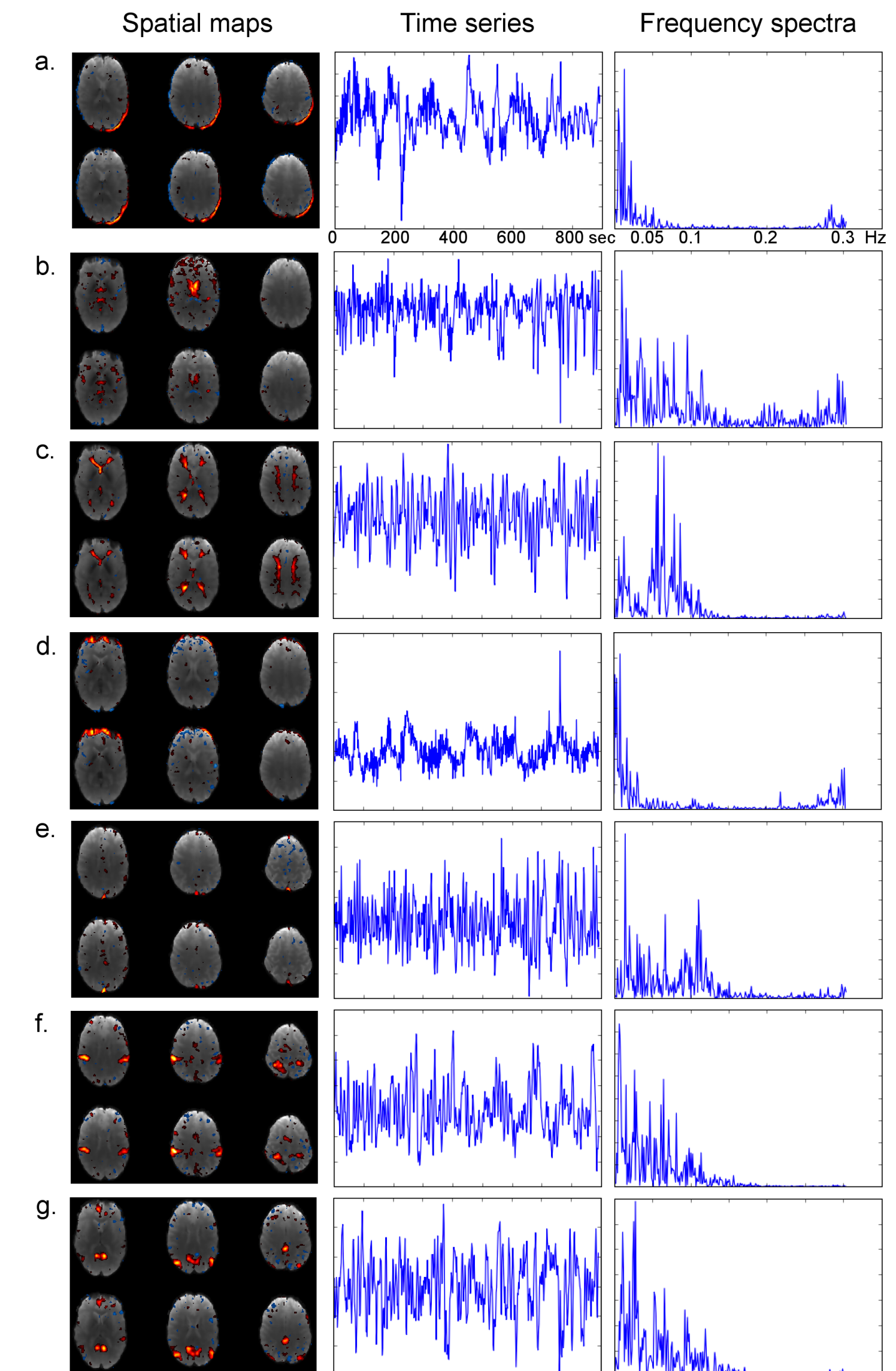
Volume censoring

- Remove volumes with high motion
- Very effective to fully remove large motion effects
- But, does not remove small motion effects and other noise sources
- Also known as scrubbing, spike regression, de-spiking

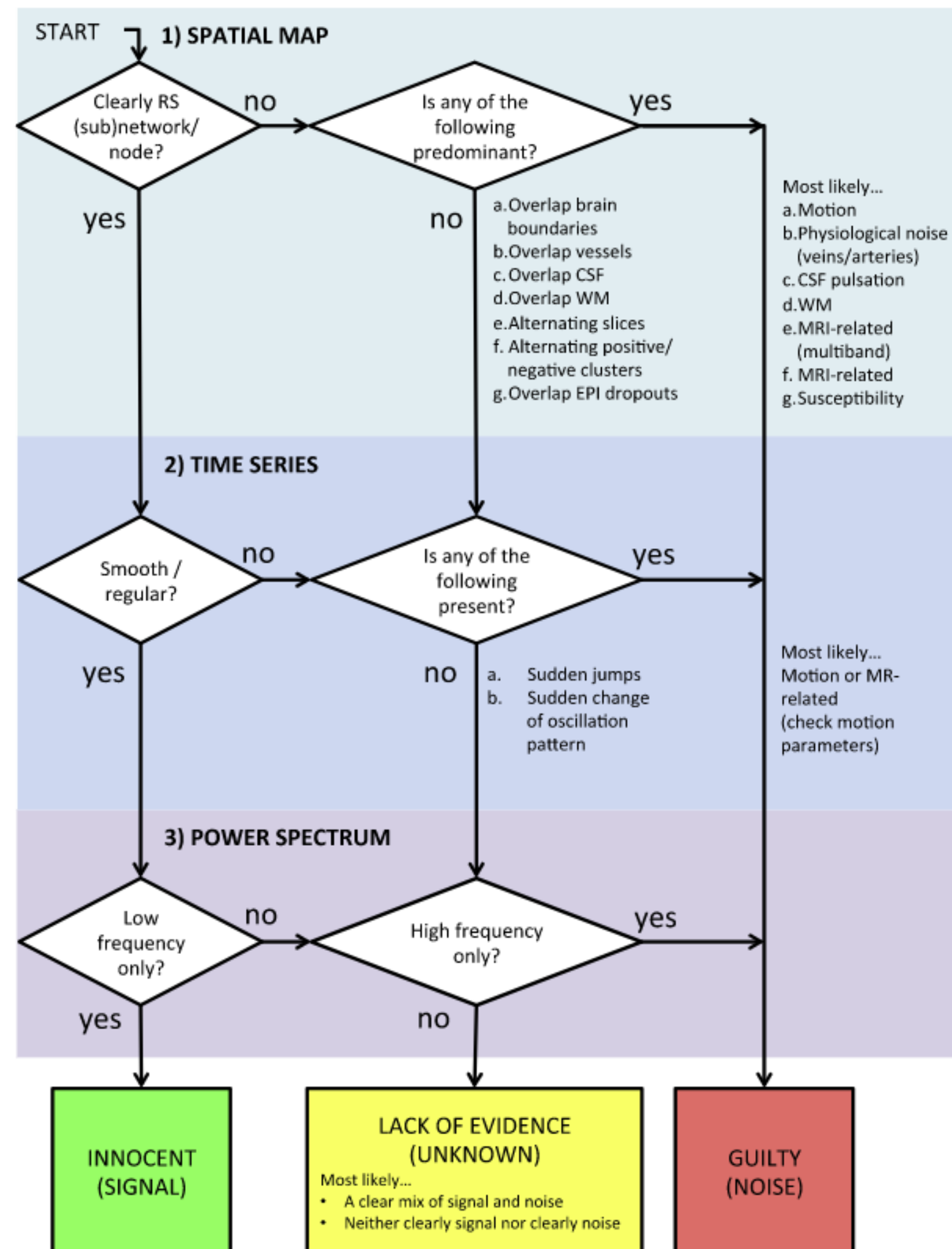


ICA based cleanup

- Semi-Automatic labelling methods available (ICA-FIX, ICA-AROMA)
- Removes most types of artefacts (motion, physiology, scanner)
- But, does not capture global (spatially extended) noise



Cleanup: classification



FIX

- fsl.fmrib.ox.ac.uk/fsl/fslwiki/FIX
- Classifier with many features
- Requires manually labelled training data
- 99% accuracy on high-quality data

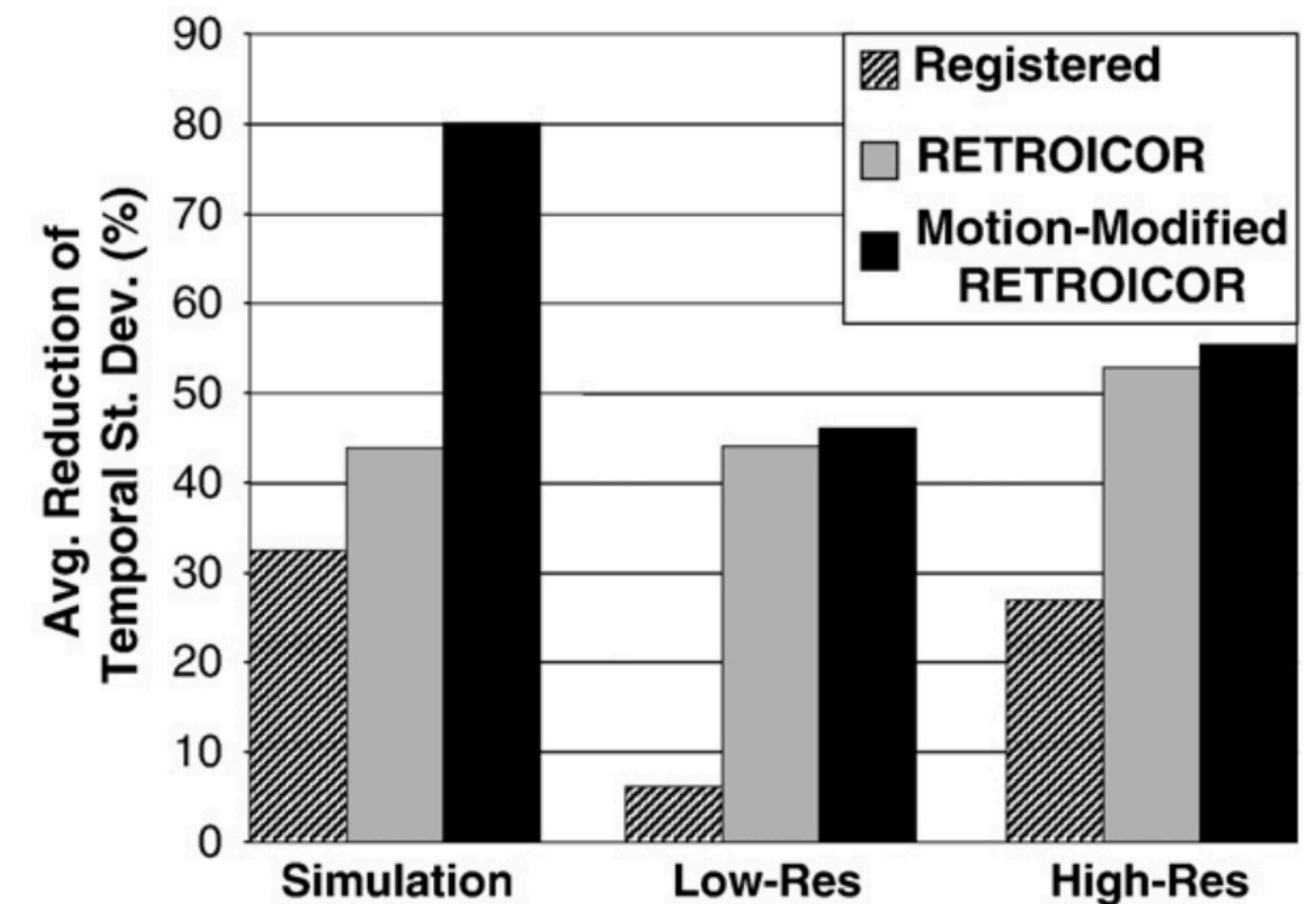
ICA-AROMA

- github.com/rhr-pruim/ICA-AROMA
- Simple classifier with only 4 features
- No training data required
- Mainly designed for motion artefacts



Physiological noise regression

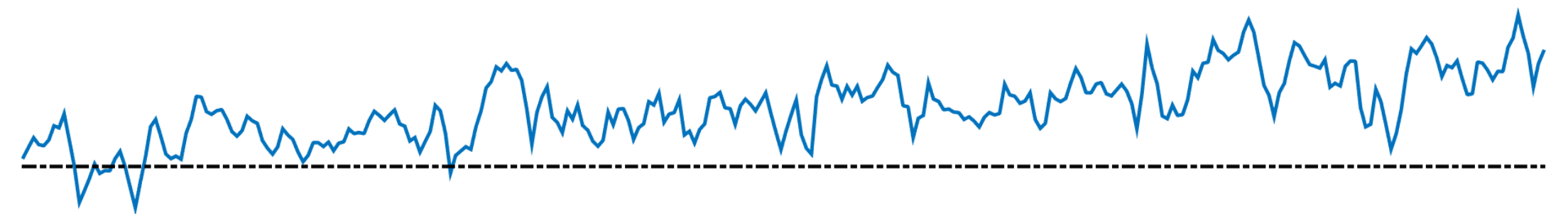
- PNM, RETROICOR
- Requires physiological measurements during scan
- Generates regressors based on physiological data



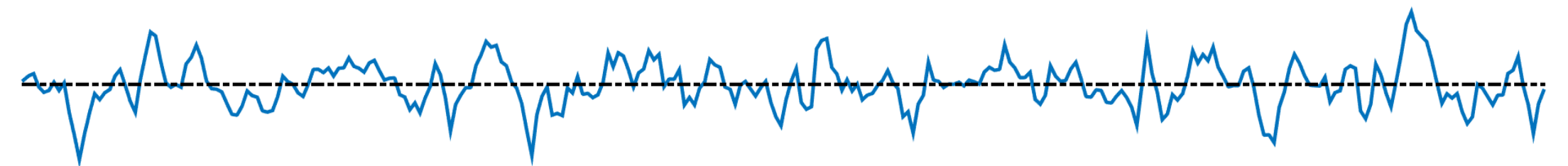
Lowpass temporal filtering

- E.g., common to remove frequencies $> 0.1\text{ Hz}$
- May remove useful signal
- Not guaranteed to remove much artefact

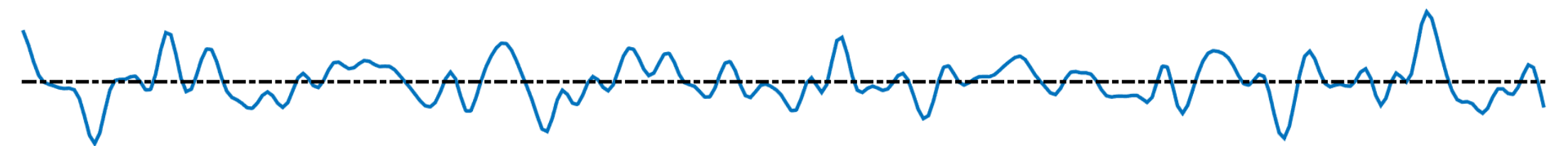
Original BOLD data



Highpass filtered data ($>0.01\text{ Hz}$)

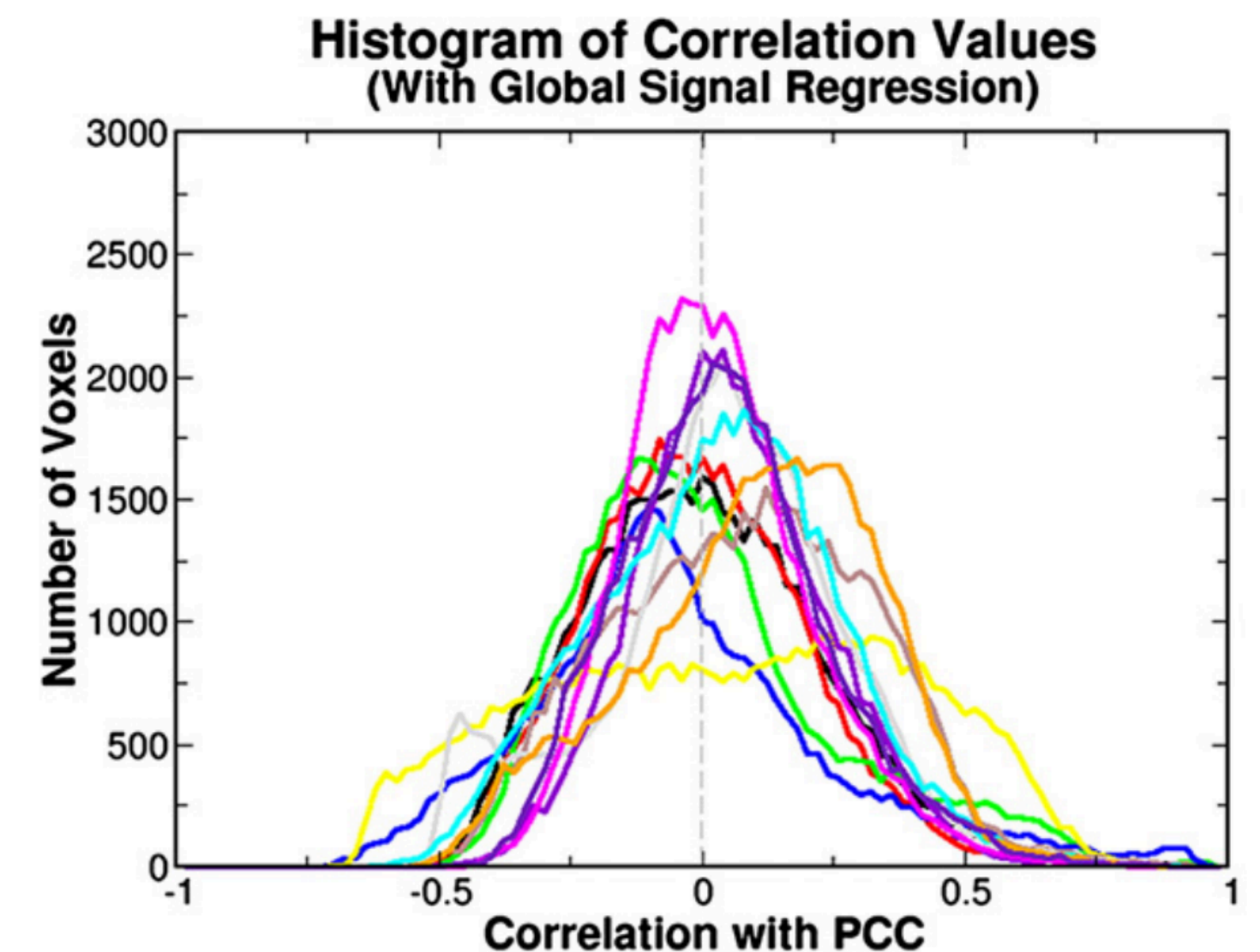
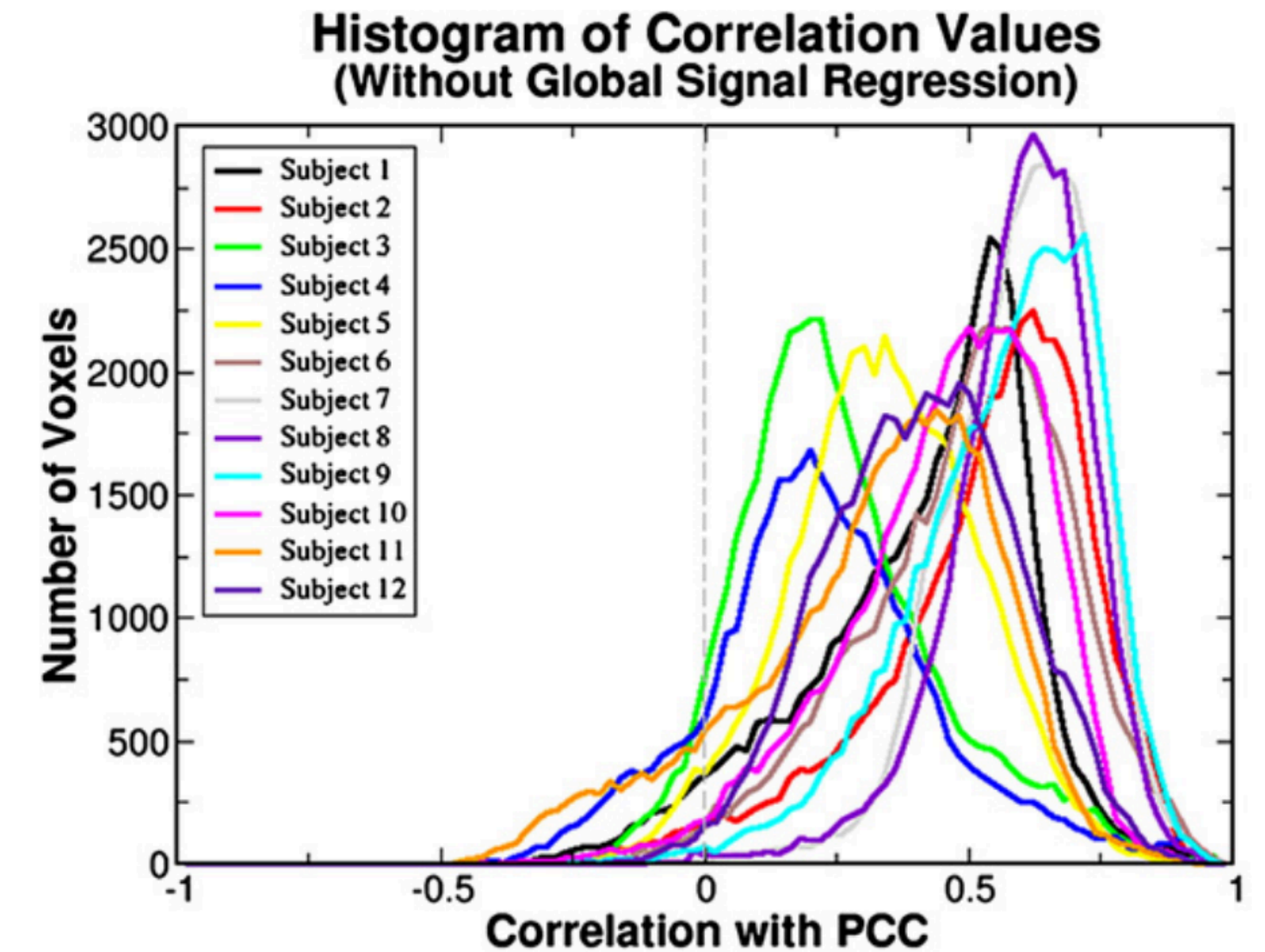


Bandpass filtered data ($0.01 - 0.1\text{ Hz}$)



Global signal regression

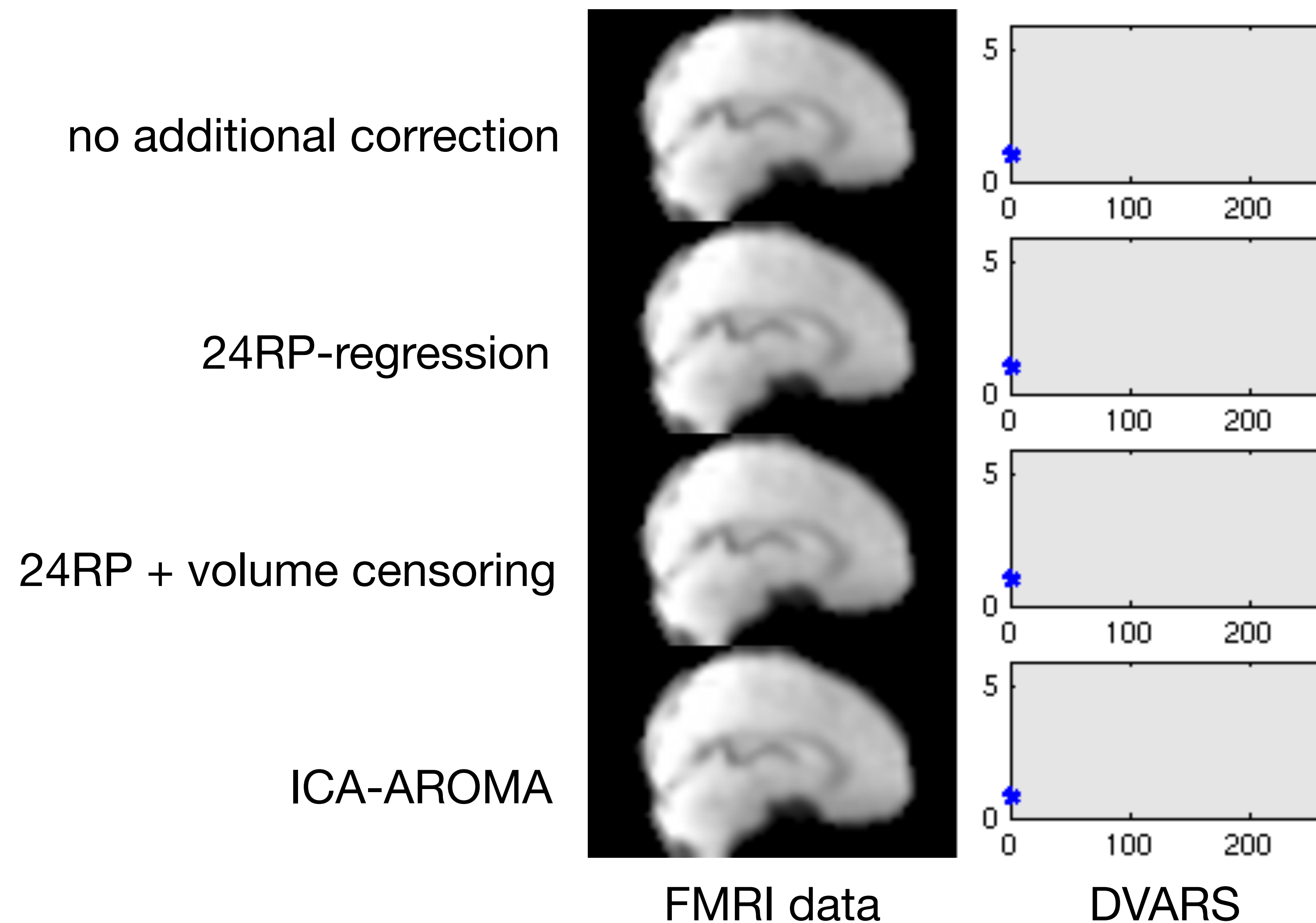
- Regress out mean timeseries across all voxels (or all grey matter voxels)
- Shifts connectivity values to be zero mean
- Therefore, more negative correlations
- Not necessary if using partial correlation



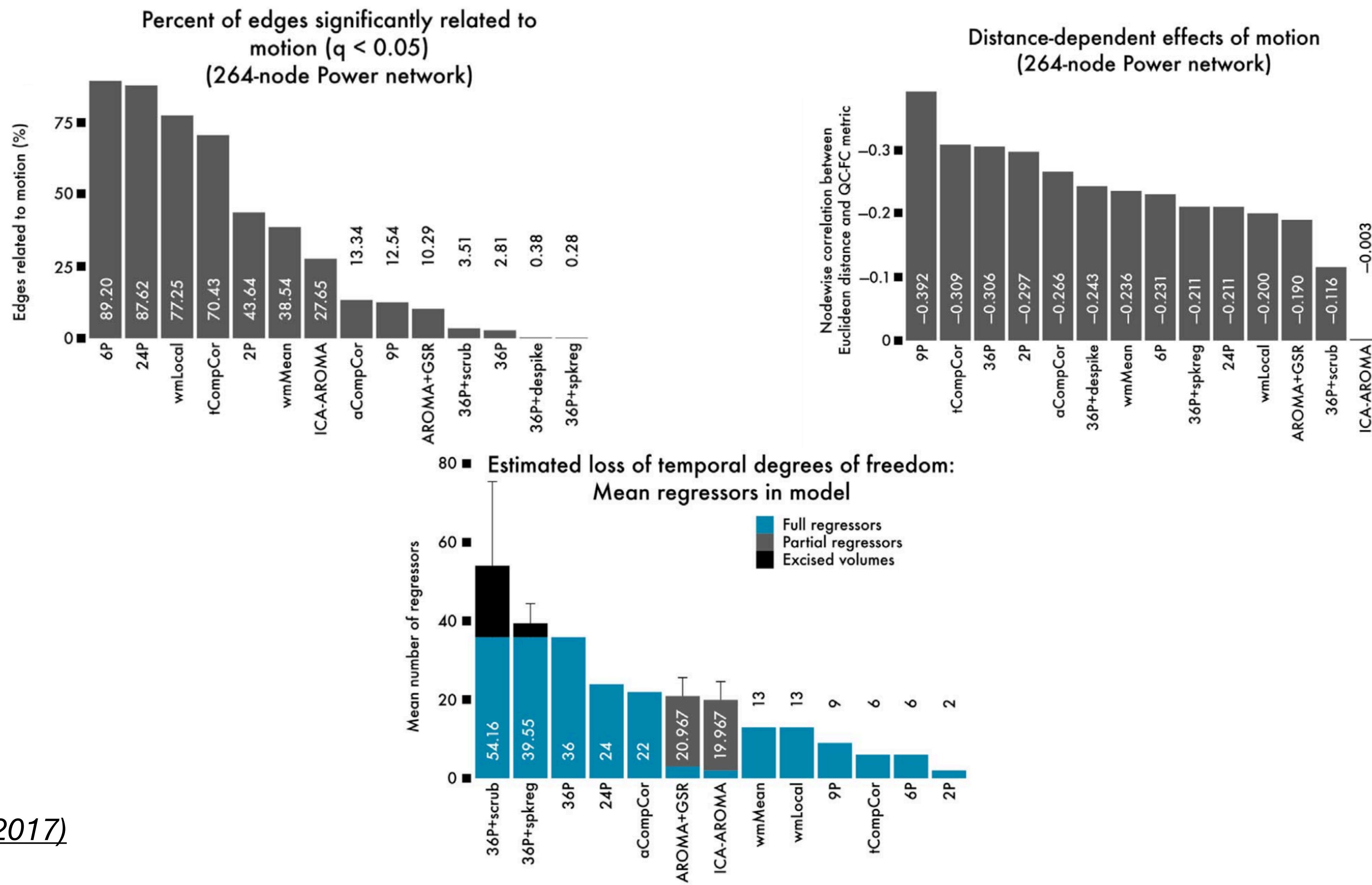


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Summary and advice

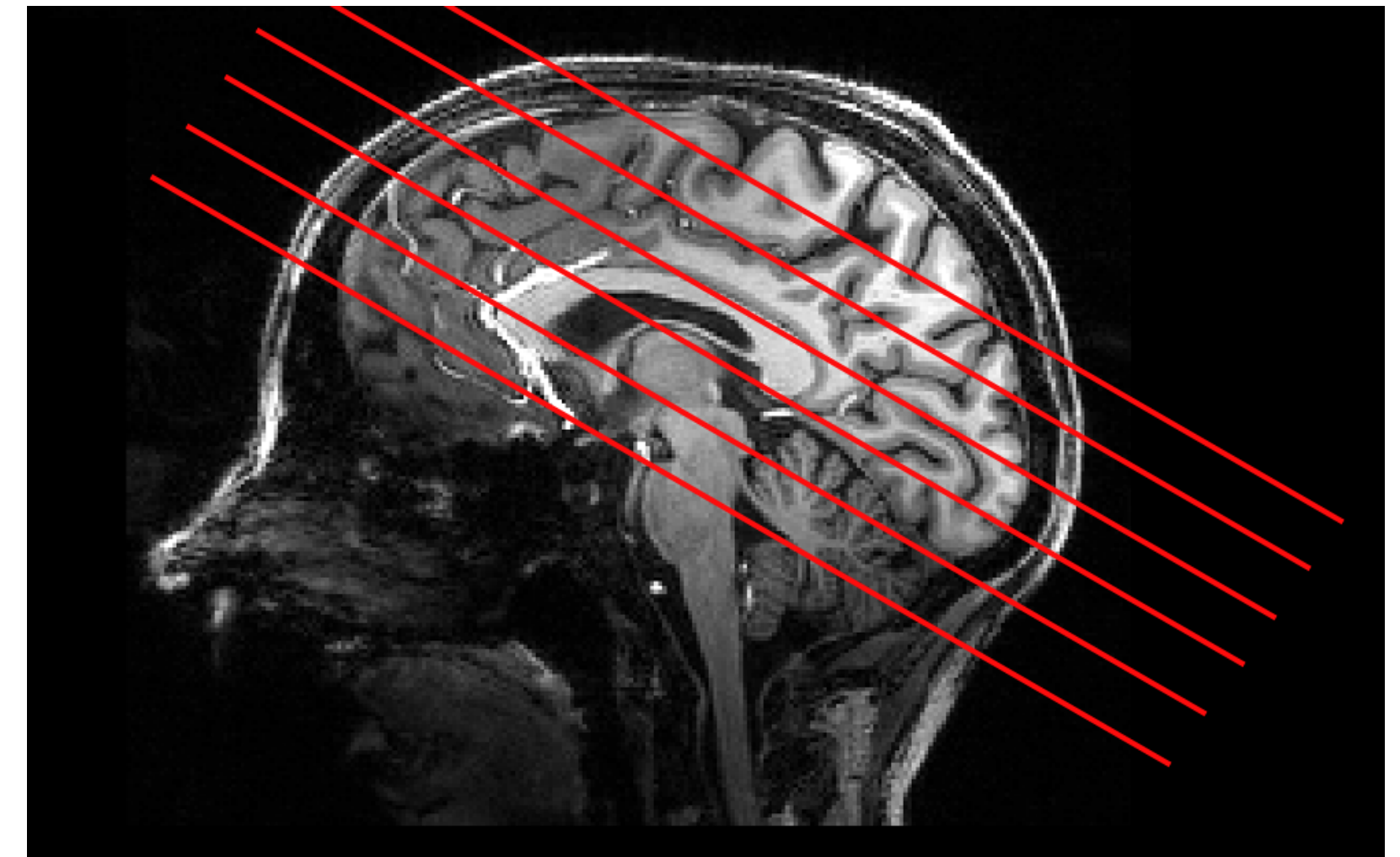


Preprocessing advice

- Read up on the latest literature
- Nuisance regression is not enough
- Low-pass filtering is not enough & often not necessary when using other approaches
- Use ICA-based methods and/or volume censoring
- Use physiological noise regression when interested in brainstem or other vulnerable brain regions
- If using global signal regression, also show results without

Data acquisition advice

- Just a guide, may vary depending on study aims!
- Whole brain coverage, voxelsize: 2 - 3 mm
- Scan duration:
 - 10-15 minutes per scan
 - Potentially multiple scans
- Repetition time: ideally close to 1 second (multiband/ multiplexed imaging)
- Paradigm: eyes open, fixation cross
- Auxiliary data: physiology, sleep





Resources

- [FSL mailing list](#)
- Book ([Amazon](#)/ [OUP](#))
- All references on the bottom of slides contain 'clickable' links

