Intermediately Synchronised Brain States optimise Trade-off between Subject Identifiability and Predictive Capacity

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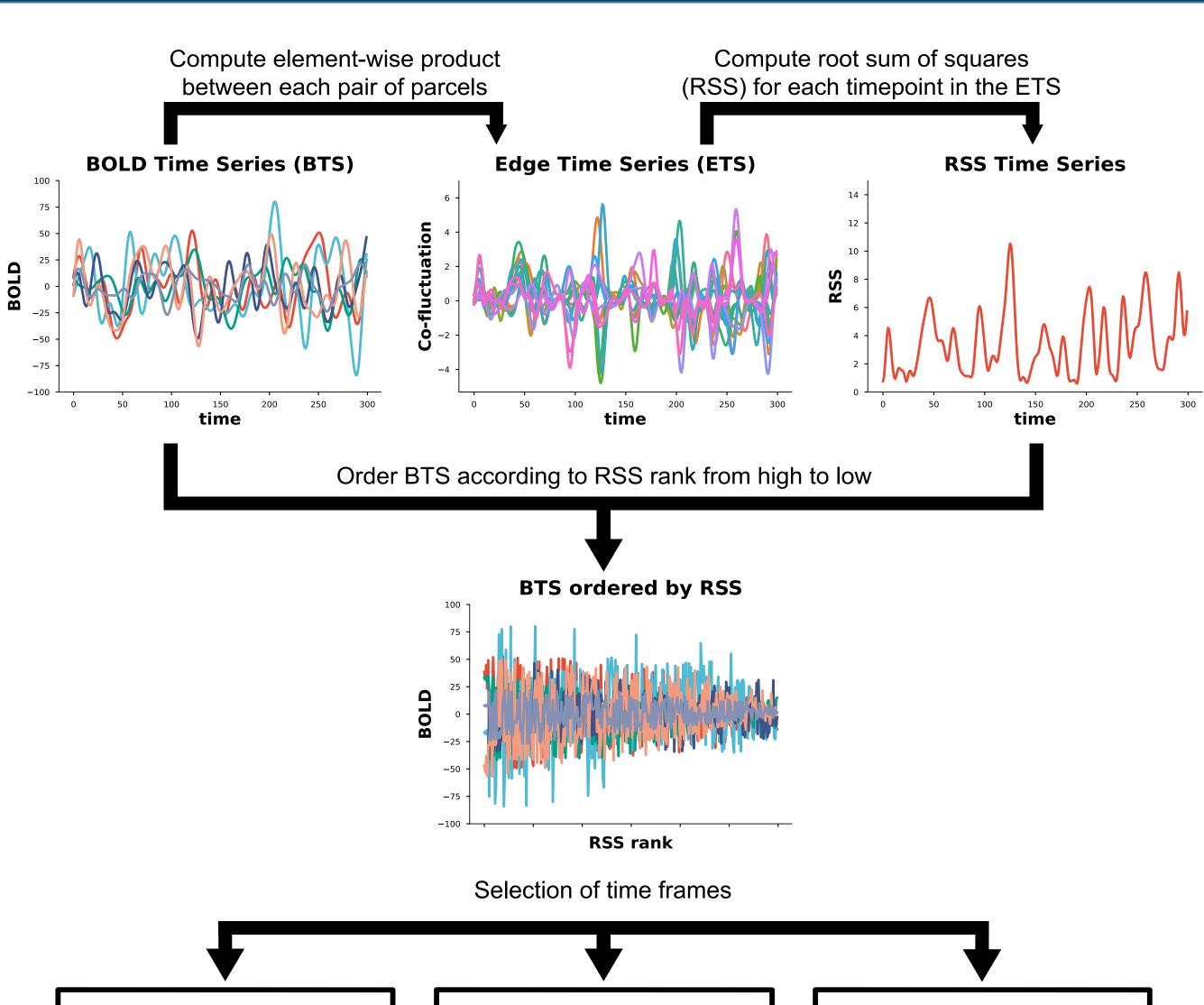
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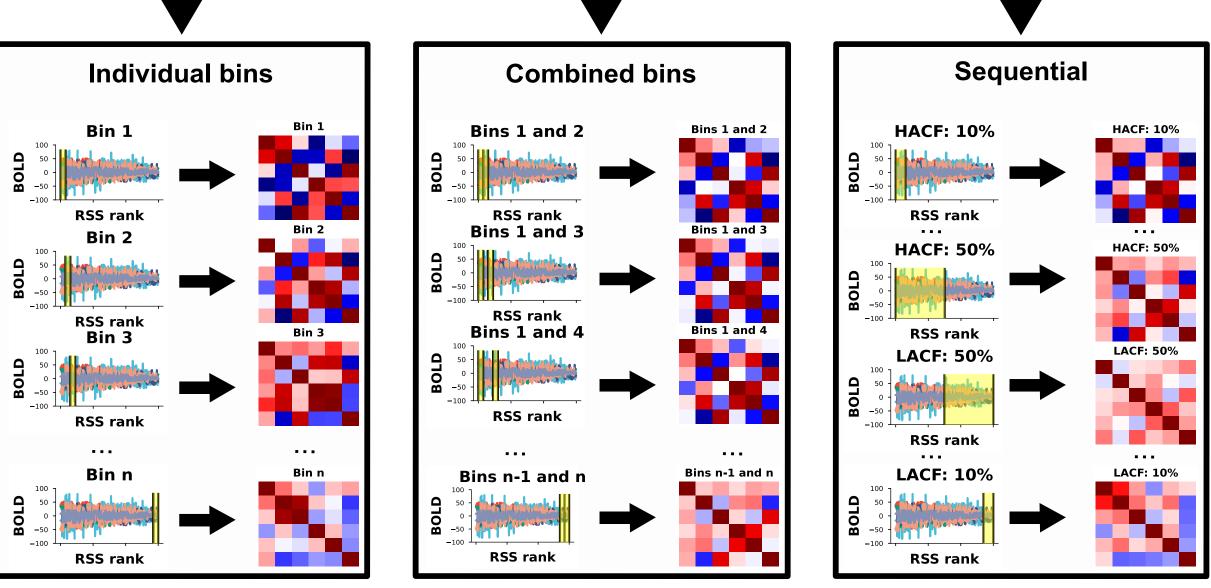
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Introduction

- Functional connectivity (FC) refers to the statistical dependencies between activity of distinct brain areas [1].
- To study temporal fluctuations in FC researchers have proposed the computation of an edge time series (ETS) and their derivatives.
- Evidence suggests that FC is driven by a few time frames of highamplitude co-fluctuation (HACF) in the ETS, which may also contribute disproportionately to interindividual differences [2].
- It remains unclear to what degree different time points actually contribute to brain-behaviour associations. Here, we systematically evaluate this question in the Human Connectome Project (HCP) dataset [3]

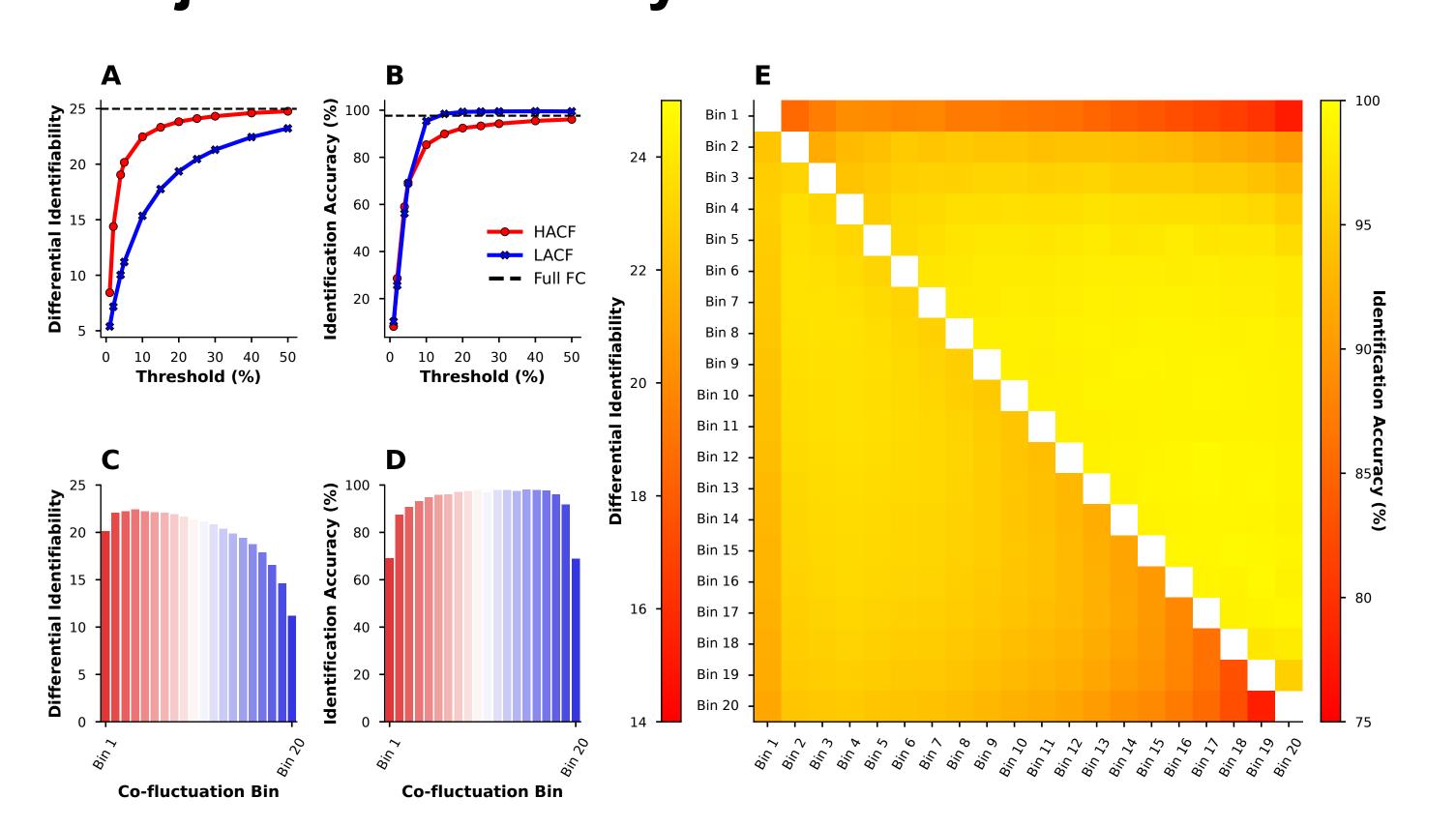
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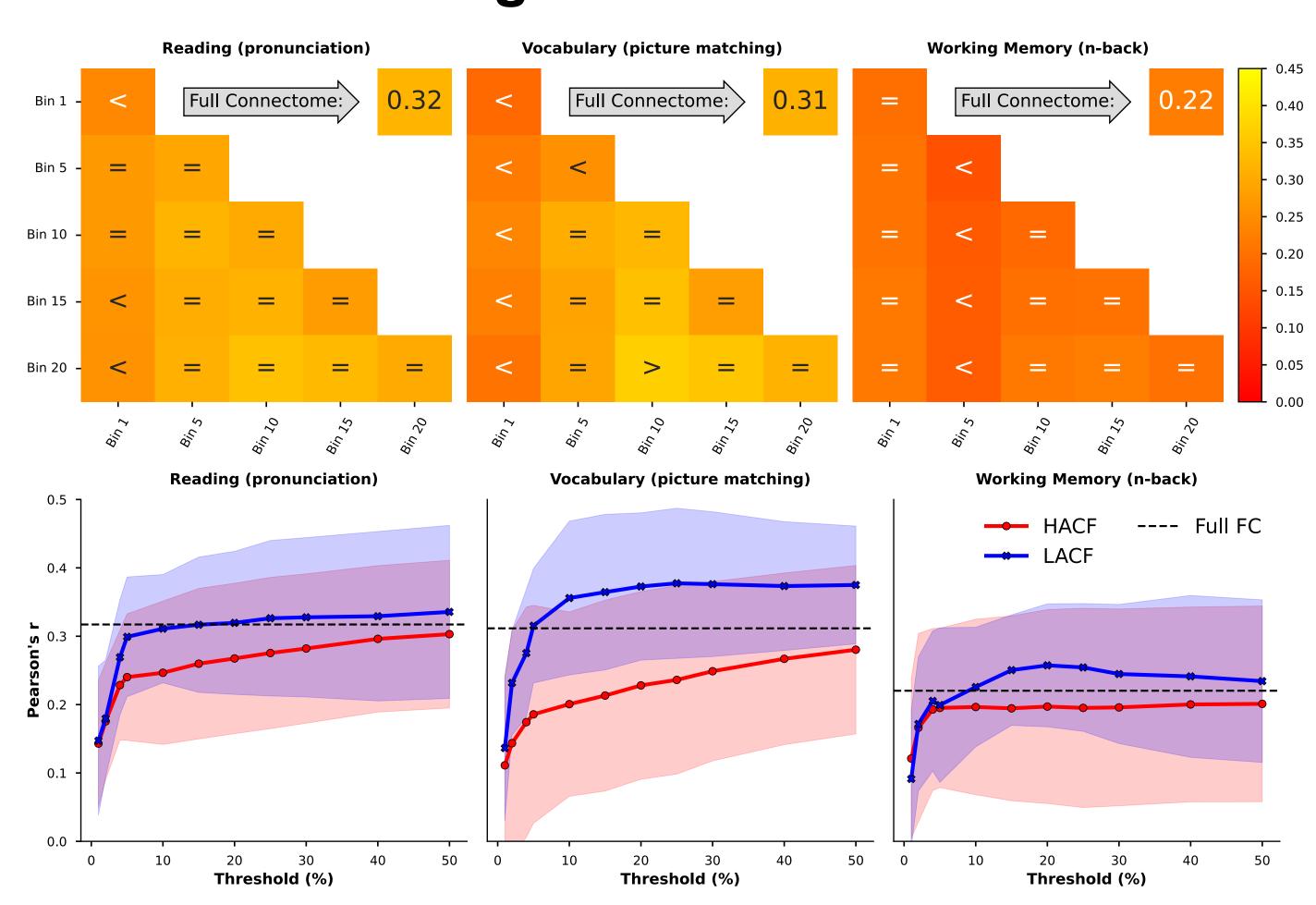


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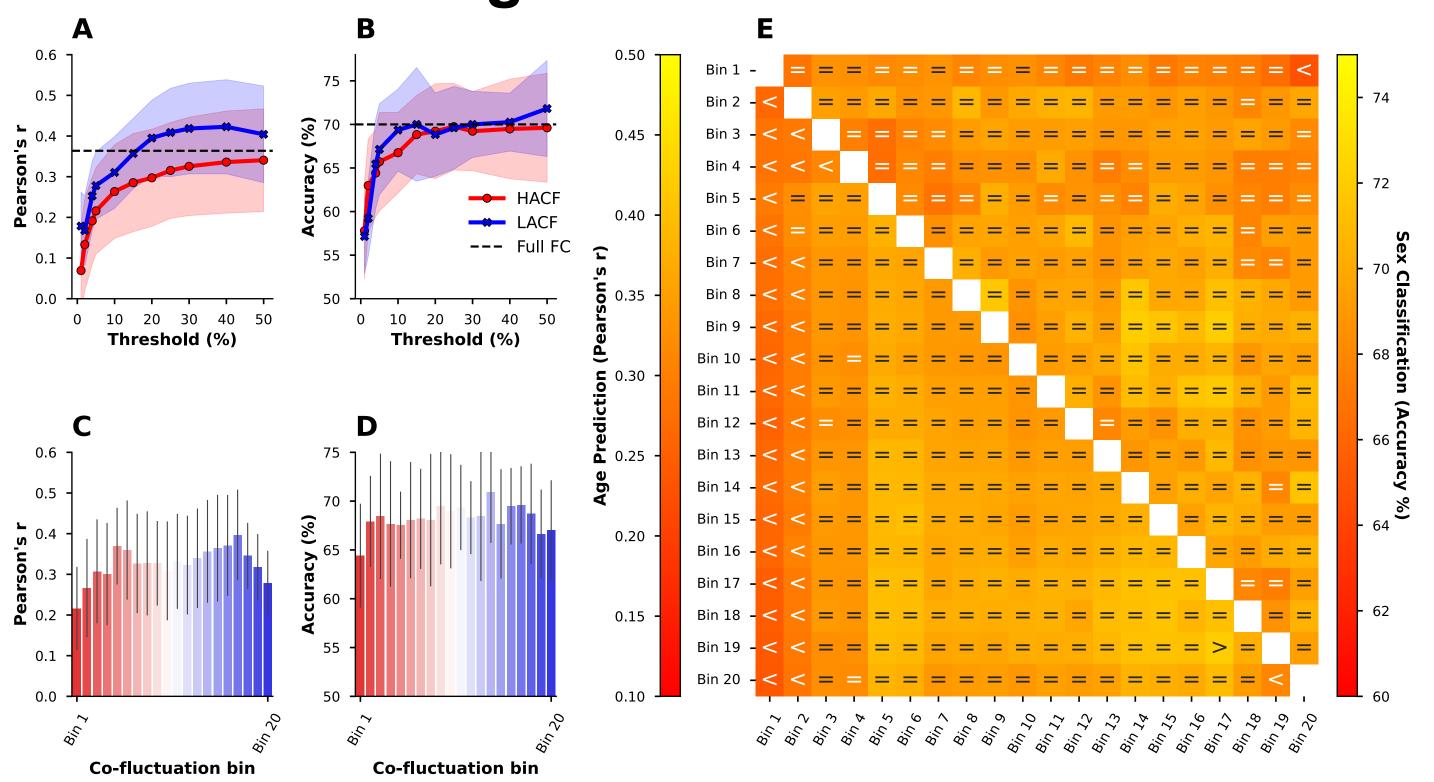
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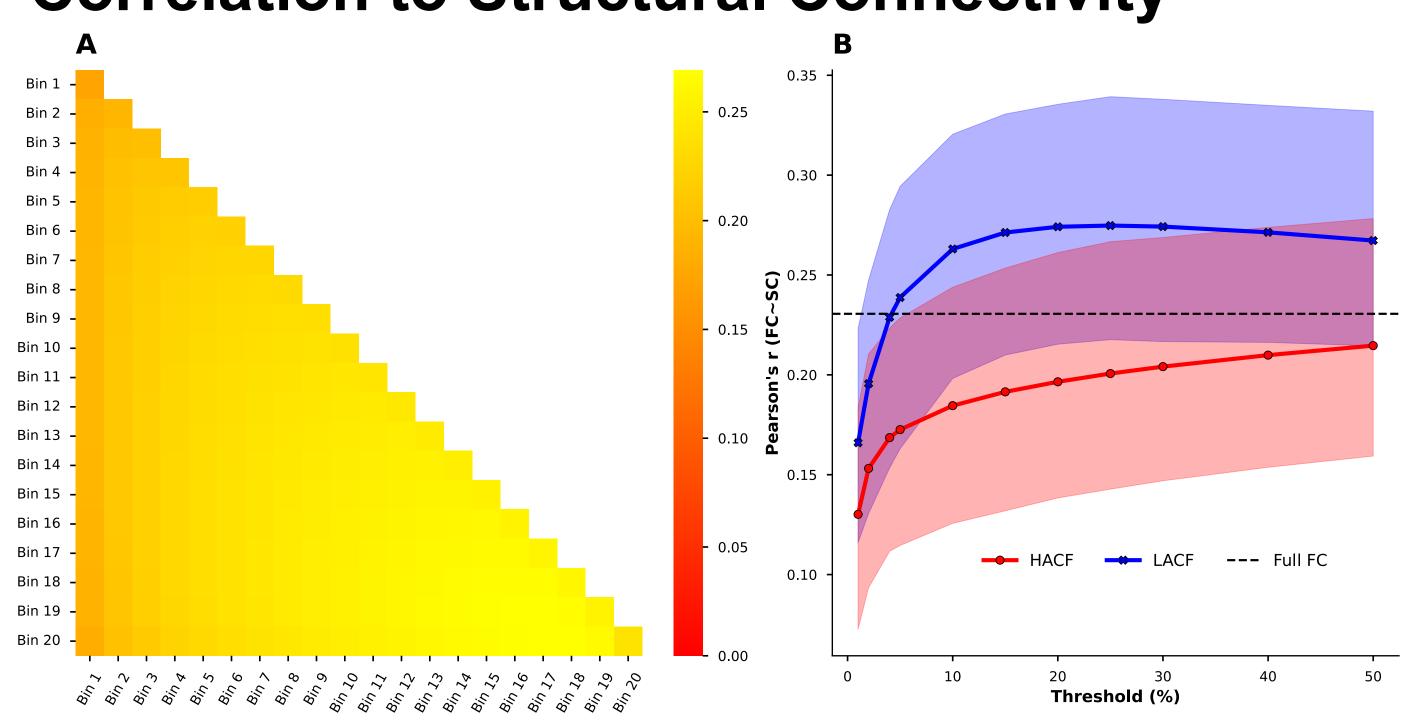
Prediction of Cognition



Prediction of Age and Sex



Correlation to Structural Connectivity



Discussion

- Intermediate levels of co-fluctuation yield highest subject identifiability and predictive capacity.
- Assessments of subject identifiability provide more robust conclusions when multiple metrics are used.
- Results may inform future preprocessing strategies aiming at identifying robust brain-based biomarkers.

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