Integrating **local dynamics** and **pairwise coupling** from functional neuroimaging time series across **neuropsychiatric disorders** 

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#### Complex system dynamics can be viewed as a multivariate time series



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#### Representing the brain as a complex system



## Project aims: Systematically compare time series feature representations across four neuropsychiatric disorders



**Aim 1:** Compare representations of fMRI activity that include different statistics of local dynamics and pairwise coupling structures

Aim 2: Within each representation, compare the performance of multiple distinct timeseries features that capture diverse properties of restingstate activity

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**Ucla** Data preprocessed by Dr Kevin Aquino

ABIDE Data preprocessed by Traut et al. Neurolmage (2022)

catch22: Lubba et al. (2019). pyspi: Cliff et al. (2023).

### Comparing case-control classification across fMRI representations



SVM animation from https://torchbearer.readthedocs.io/en/0.1.7/examples/svm\_linear.html

Dynamical signatures of fMRI activity in individual brain regions can distinguish cases vs. controls with up to 72% accuracy **i**. Local dynamics in an individual region





SCZ and BPD exhibit the most similar classification performance based on brainwide maps of local dynamics, while ADHD is markedly different from the other three

**ii.** Whole-brain maps of an individual feature







**fALFF** and **Pearson correlation coefficient** rank among the top-performing features  $\rightarrow$  properties suited for **Gaussian**, **linear**, **stochastic** processes are well suited for resting-state fMRI



#### Balanced Accuracy (%)

| periodicity -    | 62.6 | 61   | 58.3 | 52.6 |
|------------------|------|------|------|------|
| SD -             | 68.9 | 57.7 |      | 59.4 |
| fALFF -          | 63.6 | 62.9 |      | 53.7 |
| embedding_dist - | 60.8 | 60.8 |      | 52.9 |
| ACF_timescale -  | 58.7 | 60.1 |      | 54.4 |
| entropy_pairs -  | 60.6 | 58.1 |      | 54.2 |
| centroid_freq -  | 61.2 | 57.1 |      | 53.9 |
| low_freq_power - | 60.6 | 59.2 |      | 52   |
| mean -           | 64.7 | 60.9 |      |      |
| DFA -            | 63.1 |      |      | 52.4 |
|                  | scz  | BPD  | ADHD | ASD  |

Disorder



## Most pairwise functional connectivity metrics are more informative with the inclusion of brain-wide maps of local regional dynamics





# Thank you 😊



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