



Reviewing neuroimaging flexibility: Components and records of provenance

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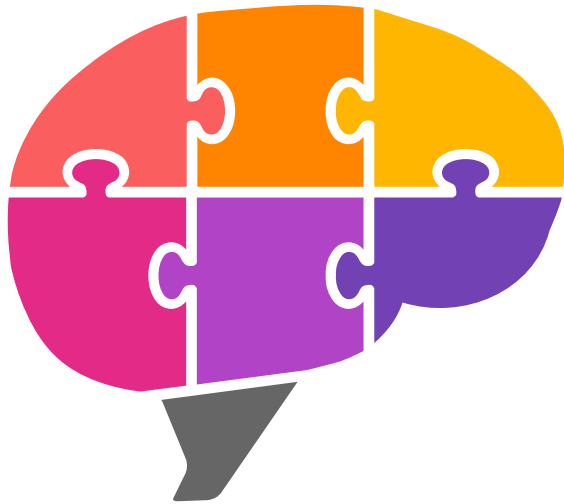
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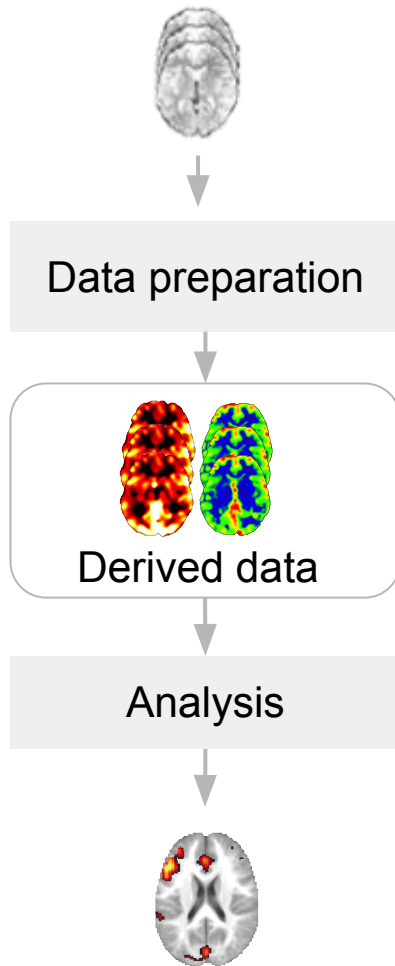
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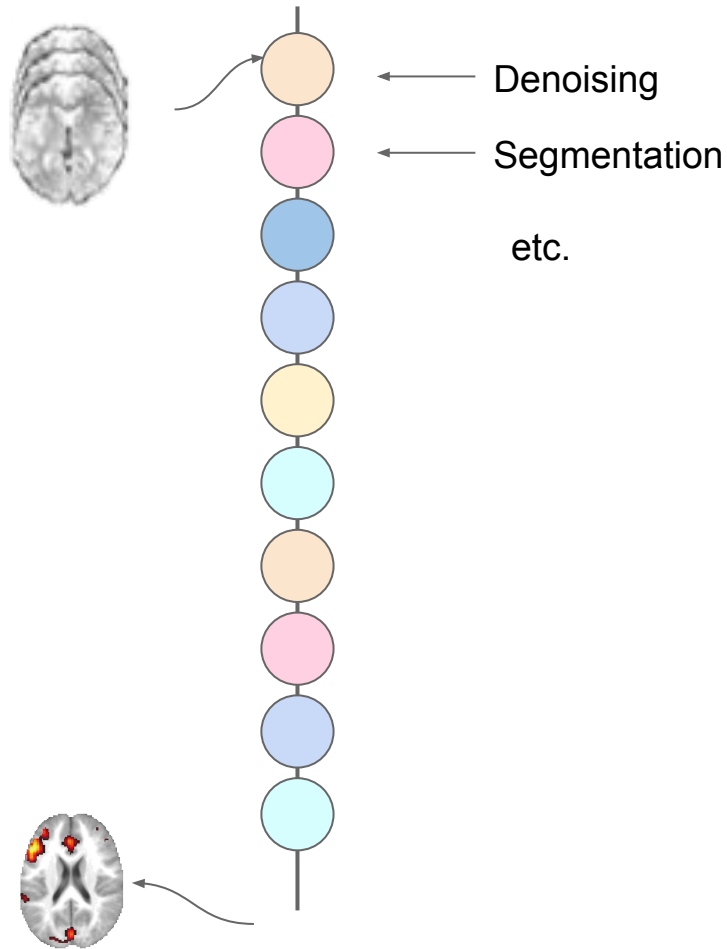
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Different types of **analytical variations**

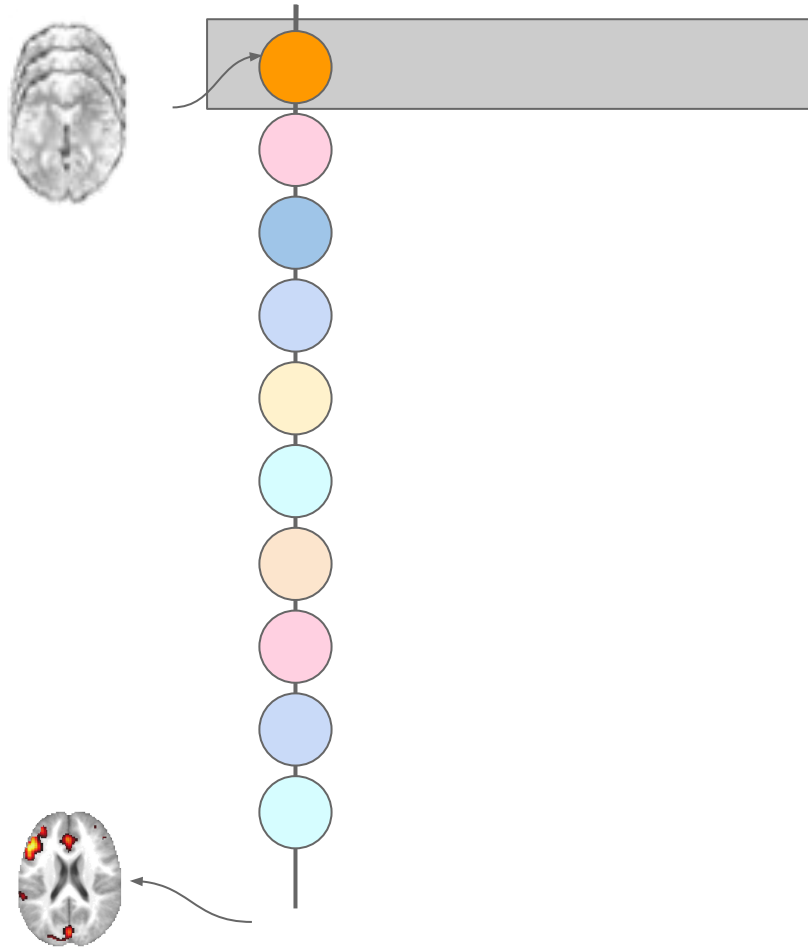
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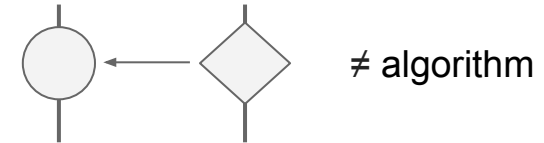
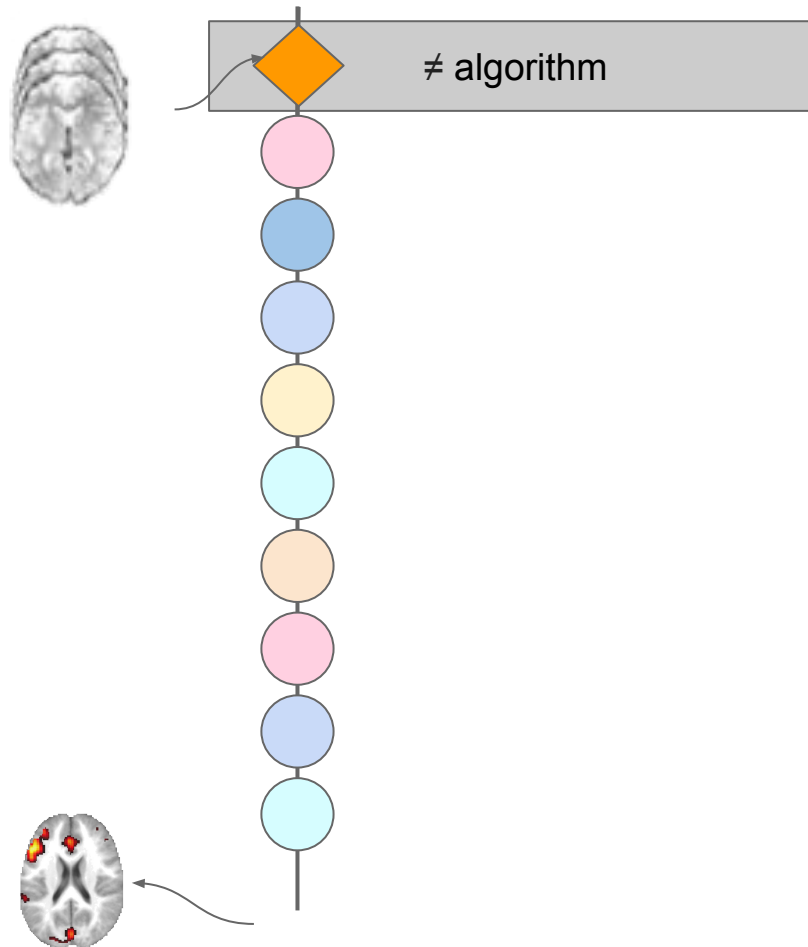
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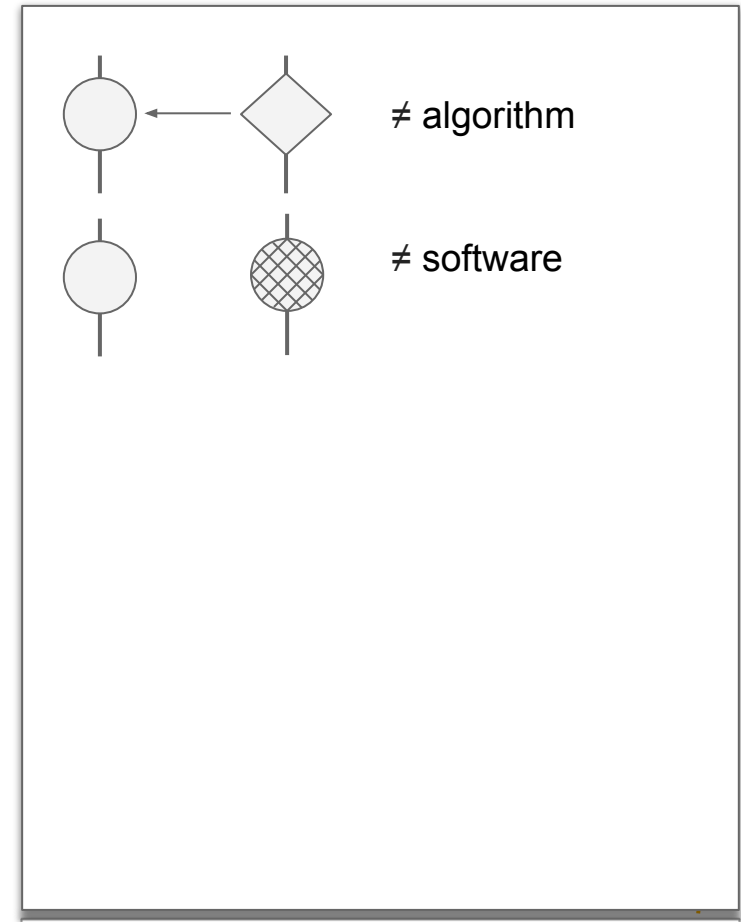
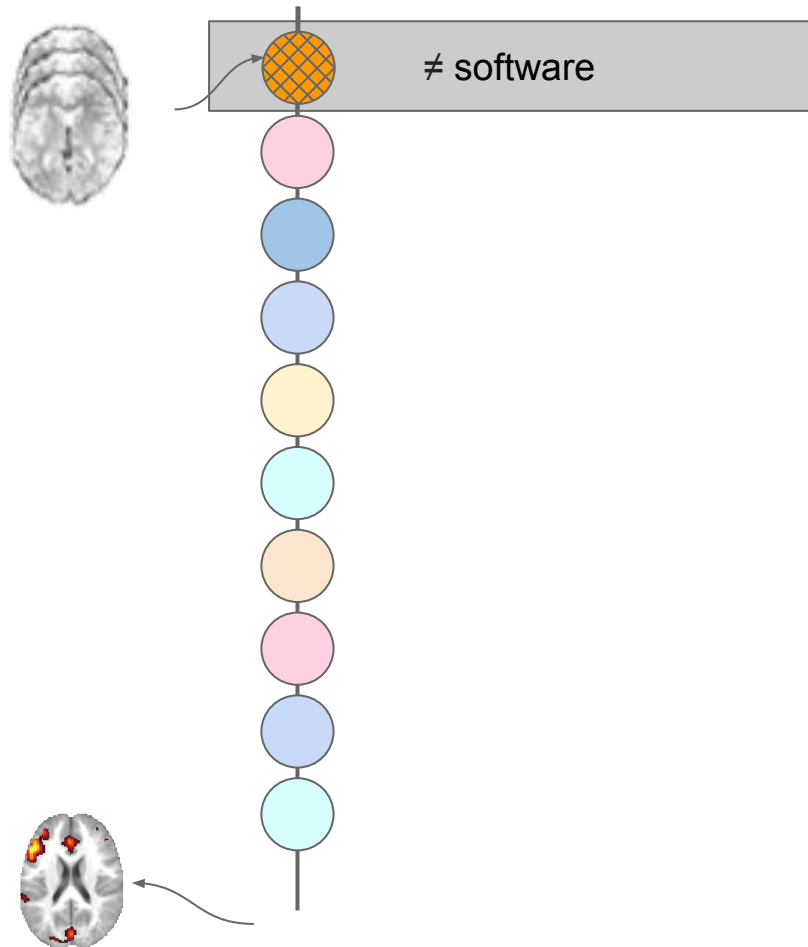
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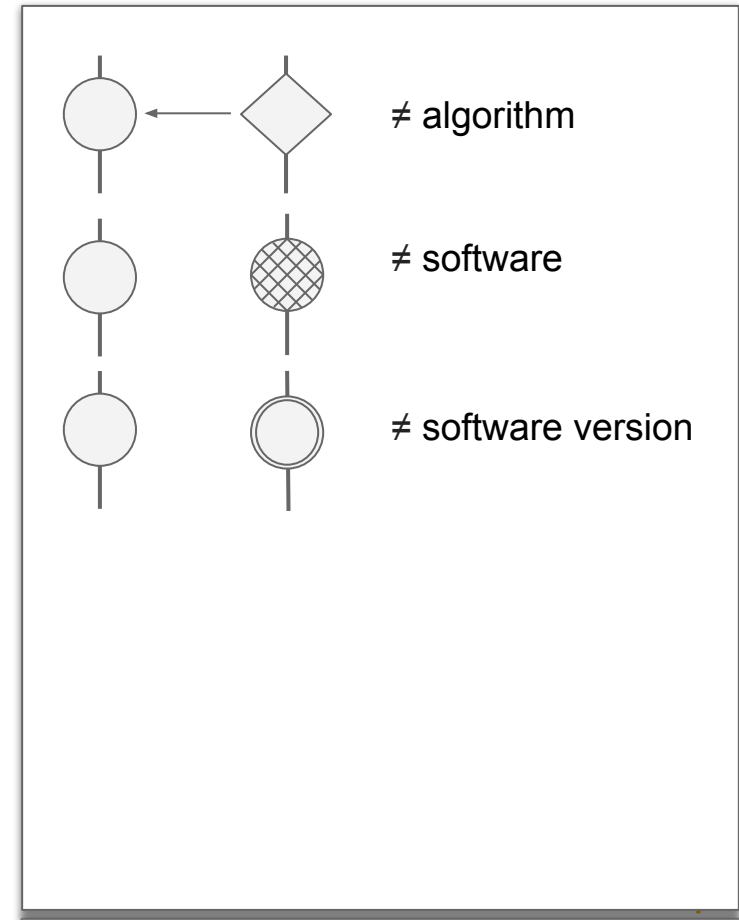
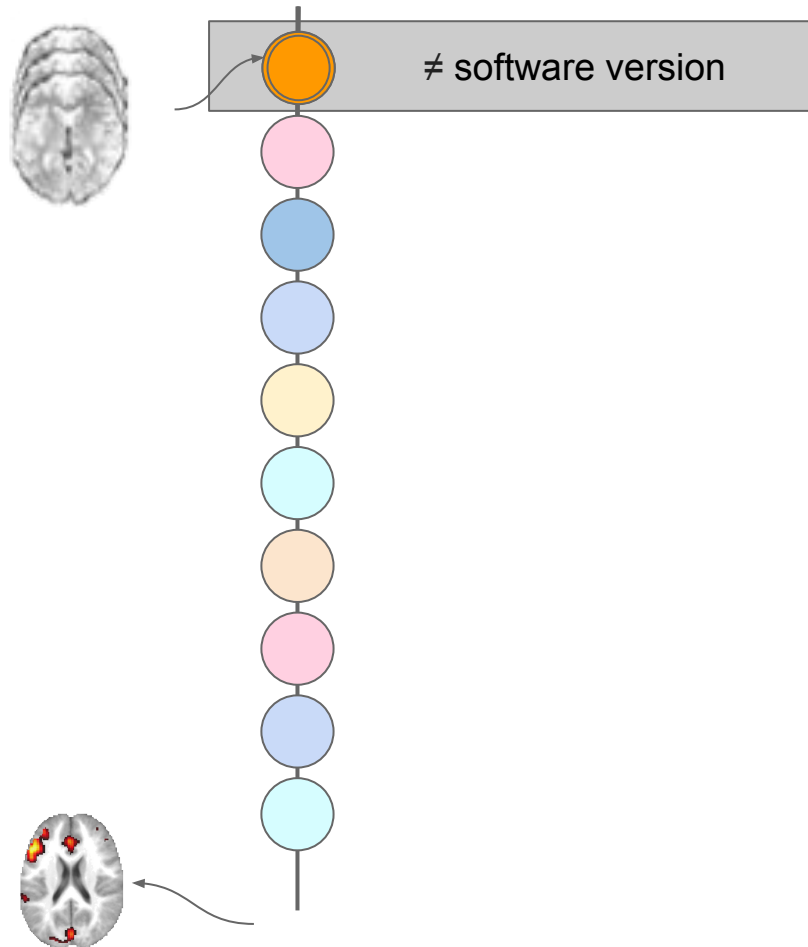
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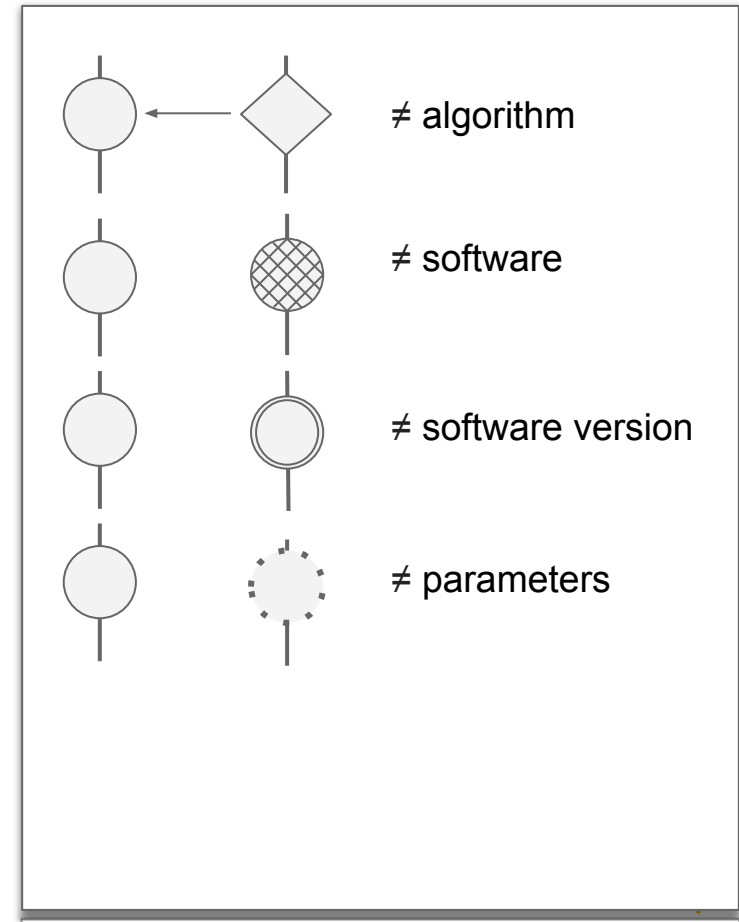
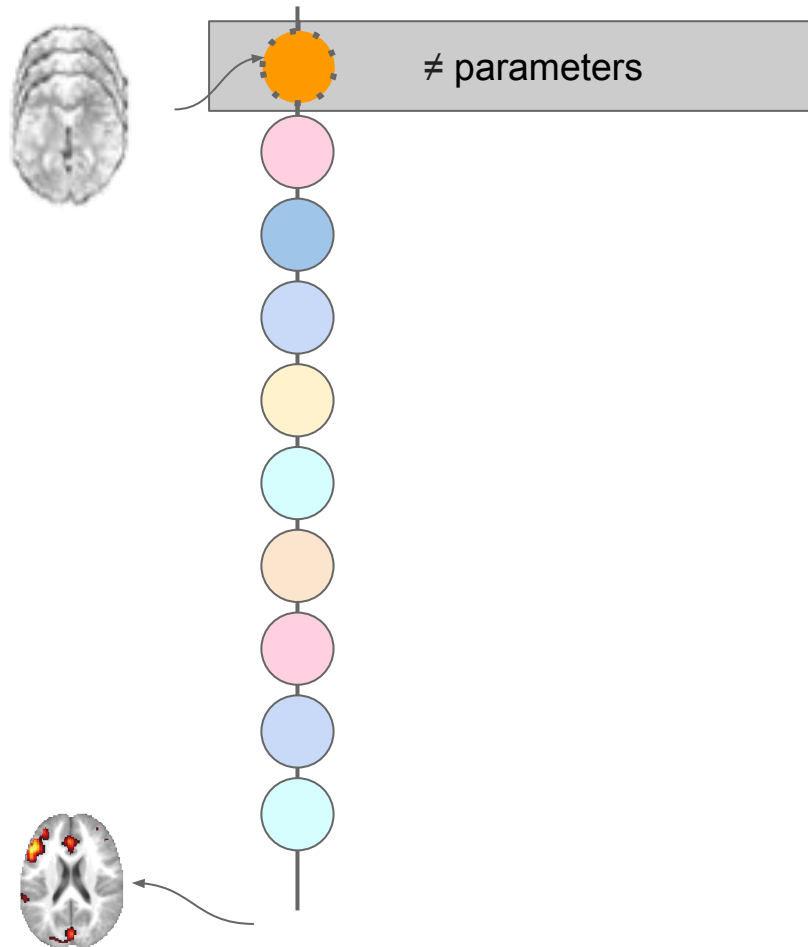
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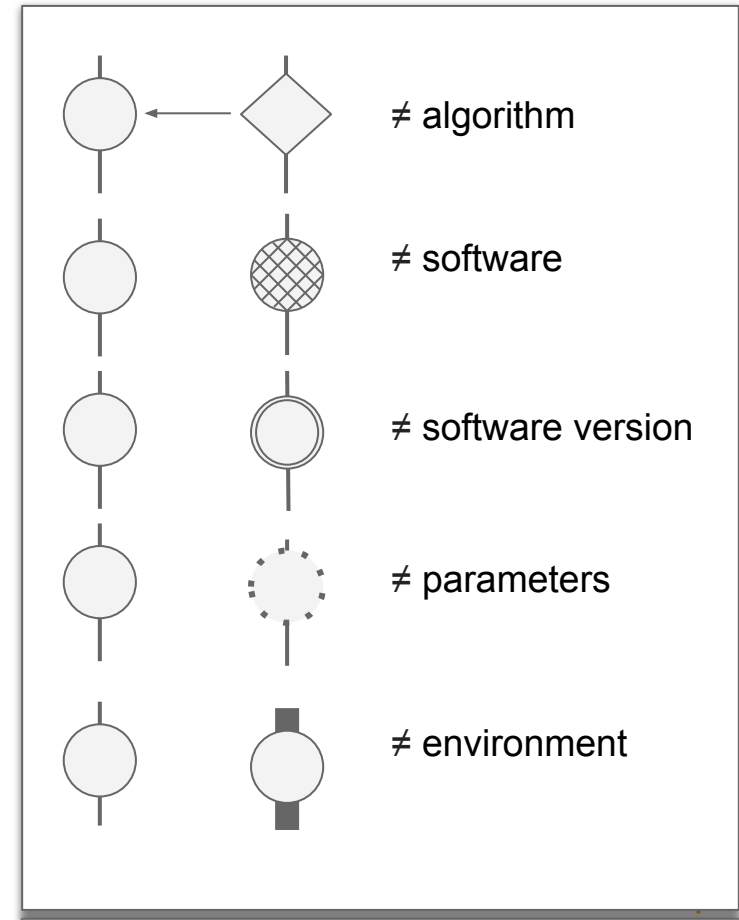
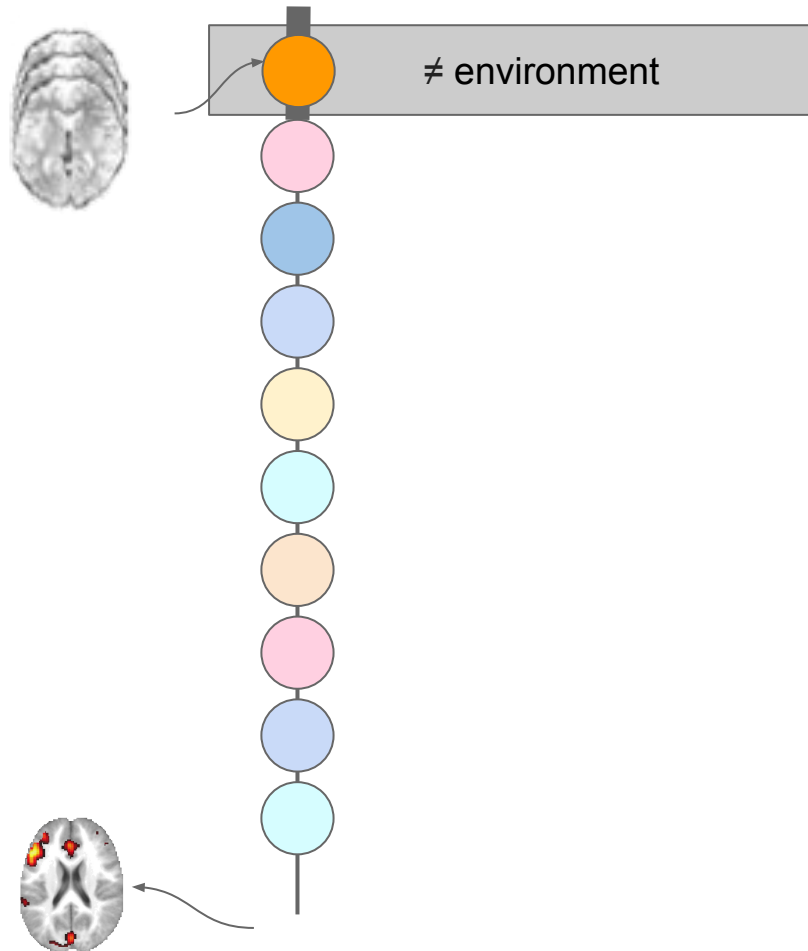
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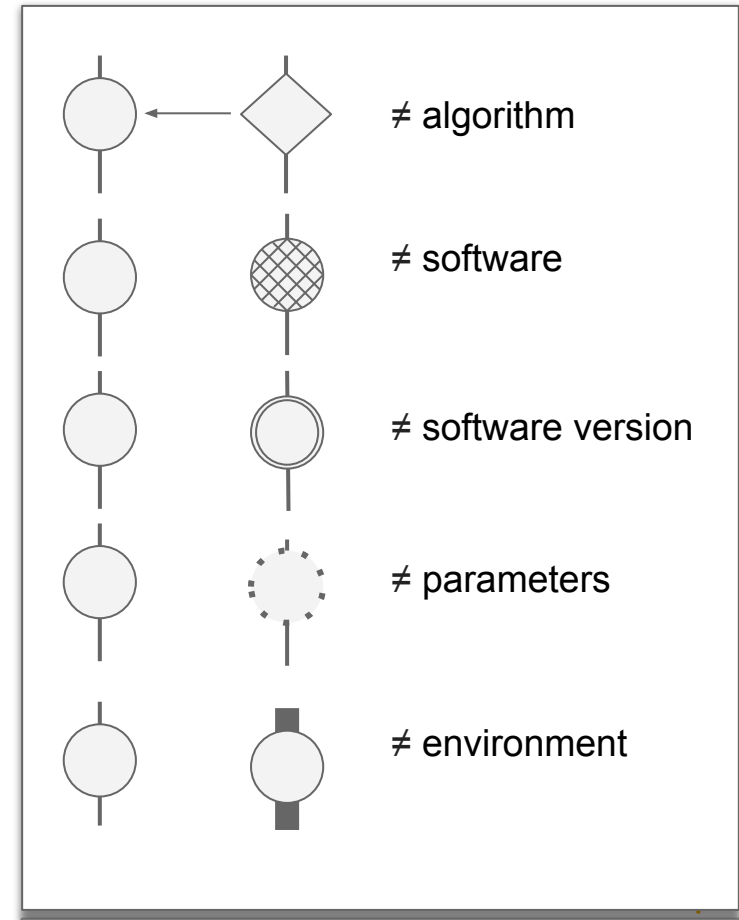
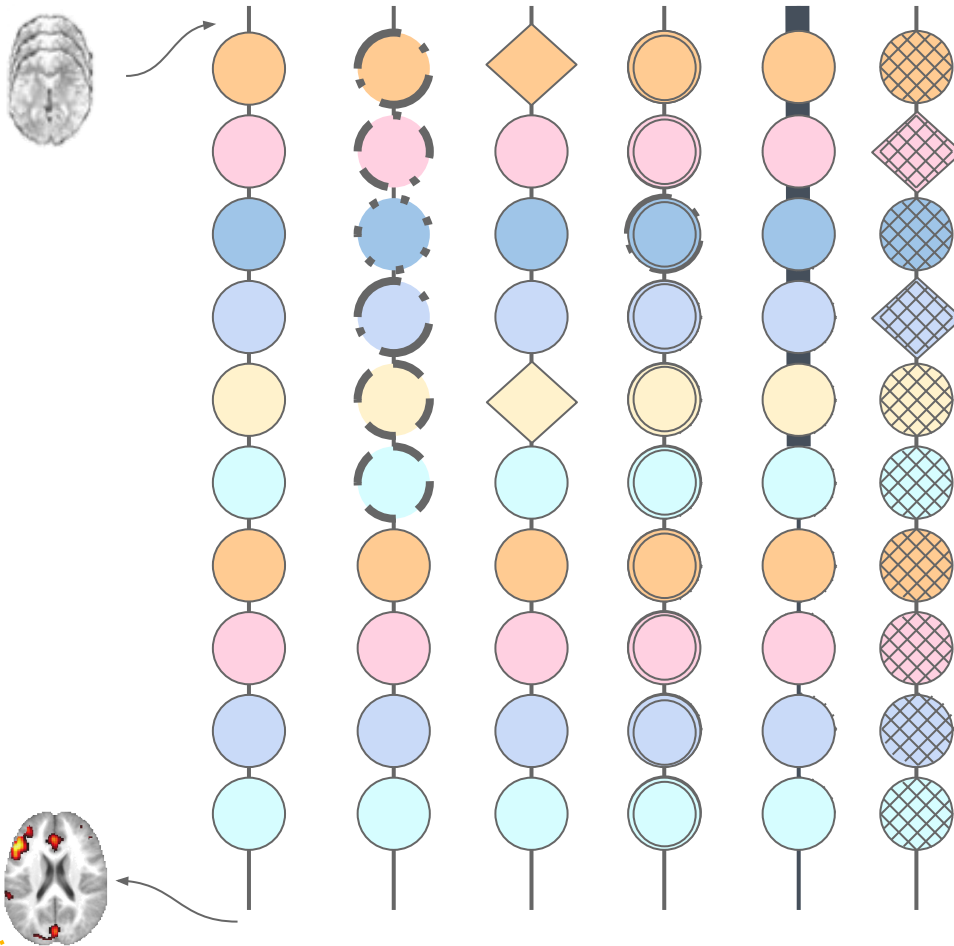
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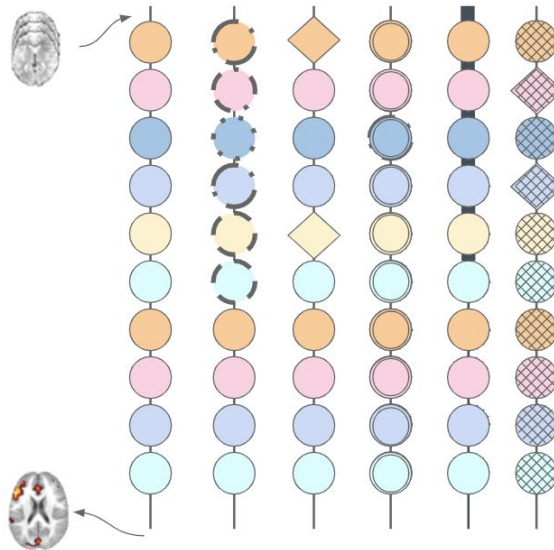
Can we explain this
analytical variability?

Why is it useful to study analytical variability?

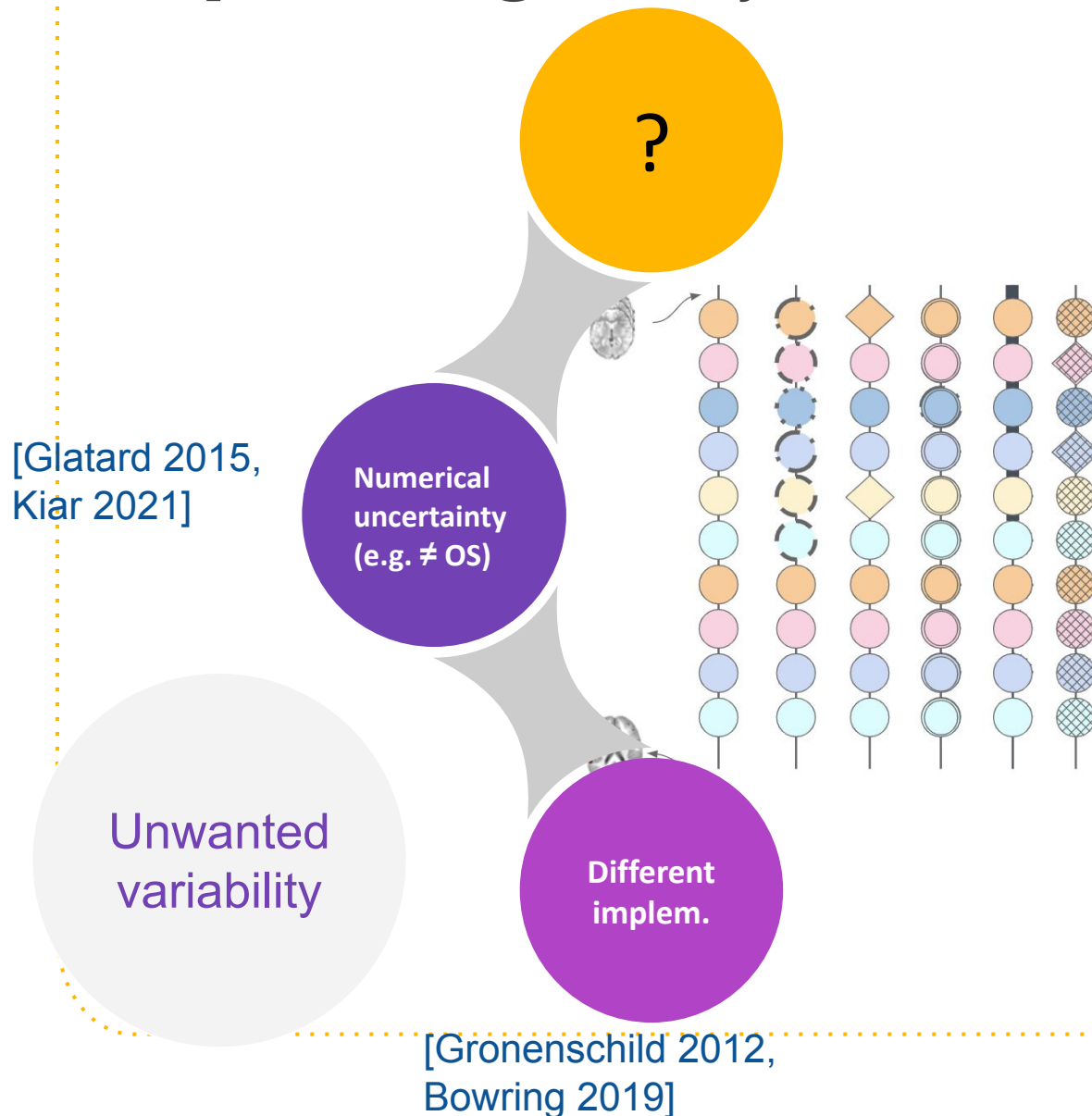
- Impacts the **reliability** of existing findings
- Impacts the **reusability** of derived datasets

Explaining analytical variability...

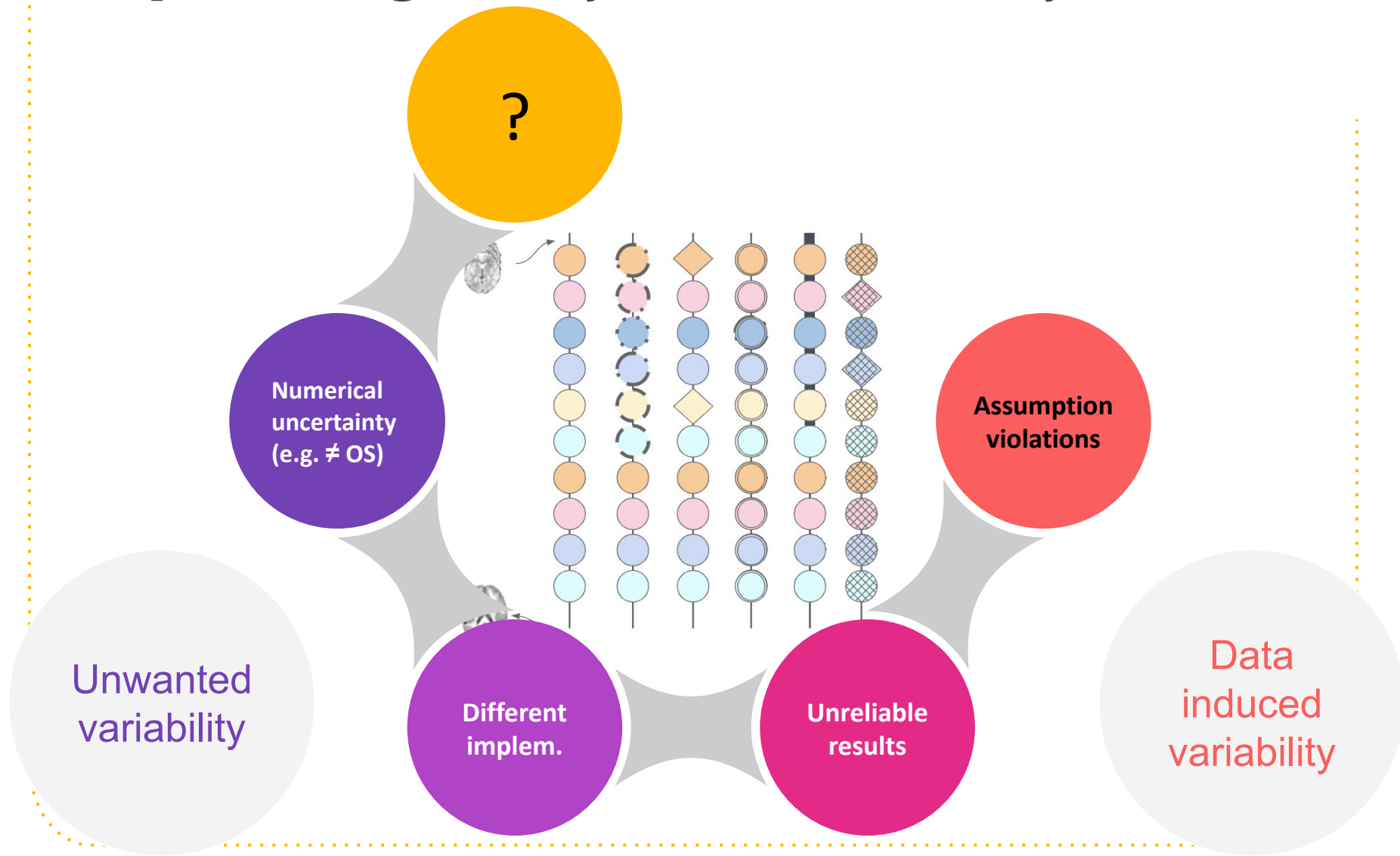
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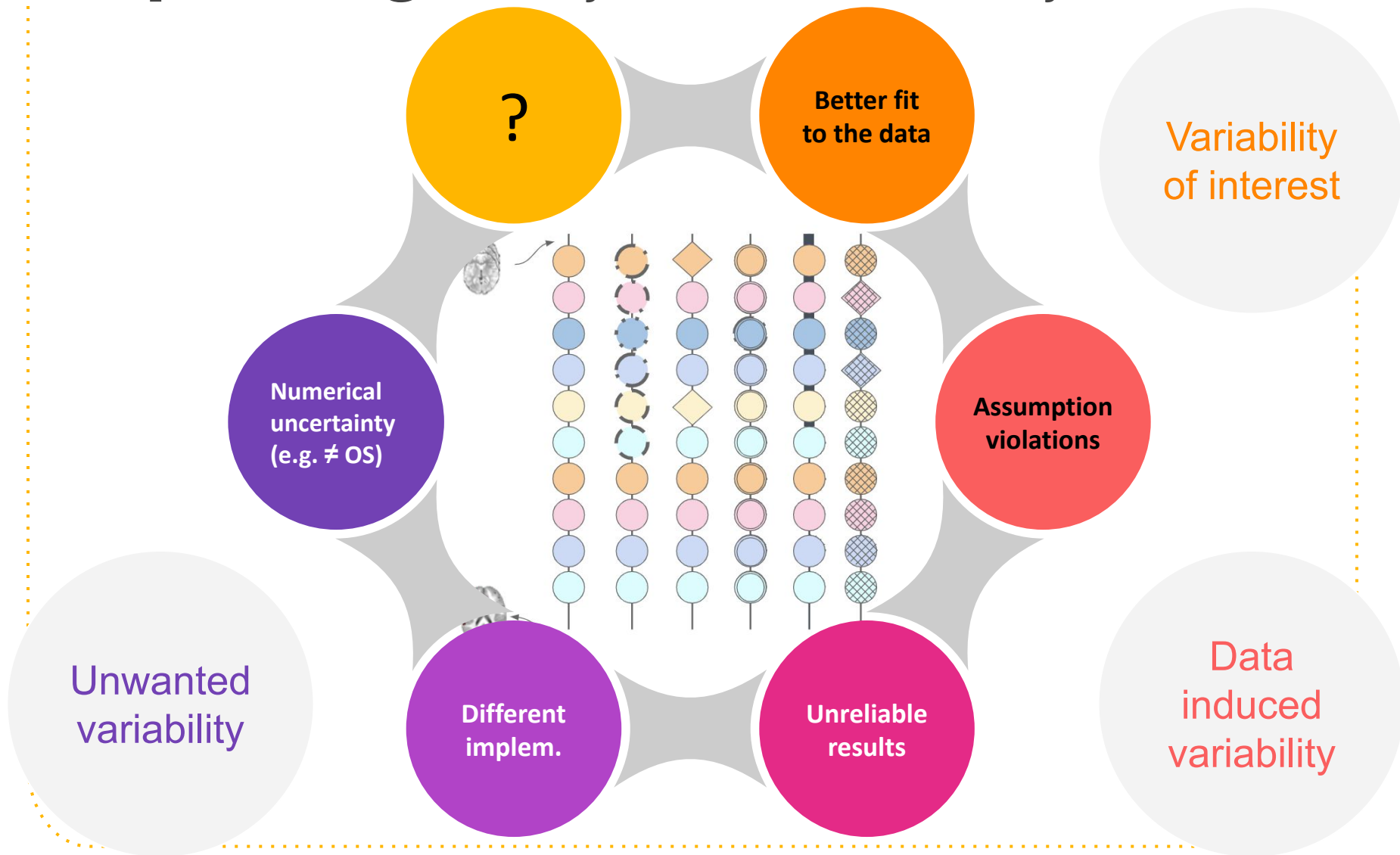
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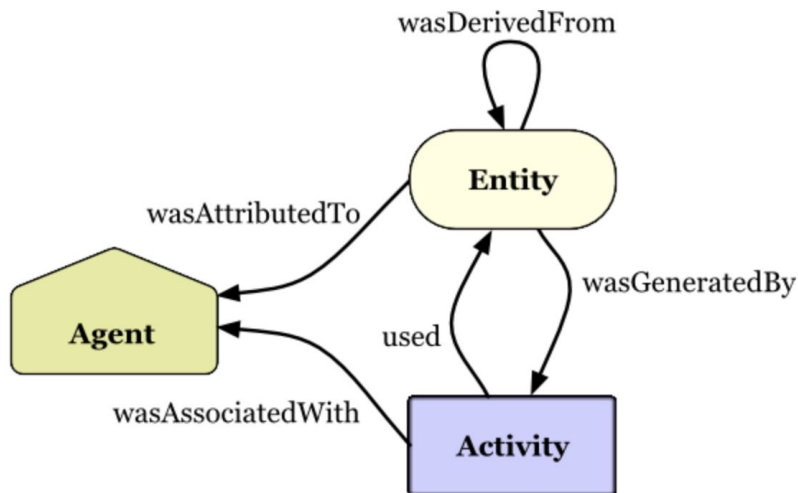


How can **recording
provenance** help
manage analytical
variability?

Provenance

“**Provenance** describe how an artifact or set of artifacts was produced” [Wikipedia](#)

“**Provenance** is information about entities, activities, and people involved in producing a piece of data [...]” [W3C PROV](#).



W3C PROV model

<https://www.w3.org/TR/2013/NOTE-prov-primer-20130430/>

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SPM was used?

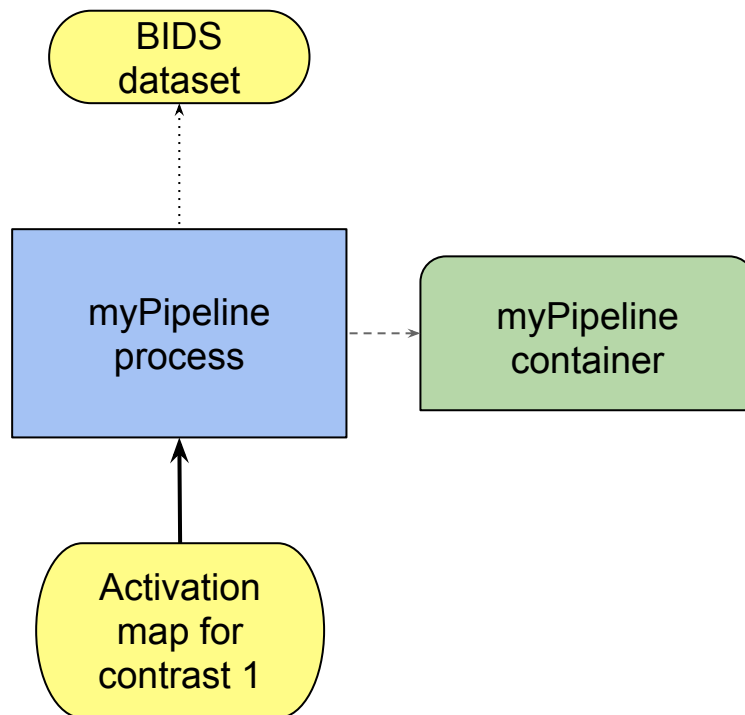
Which registration
algorithm was
selected?

How was the brain
mask computed?

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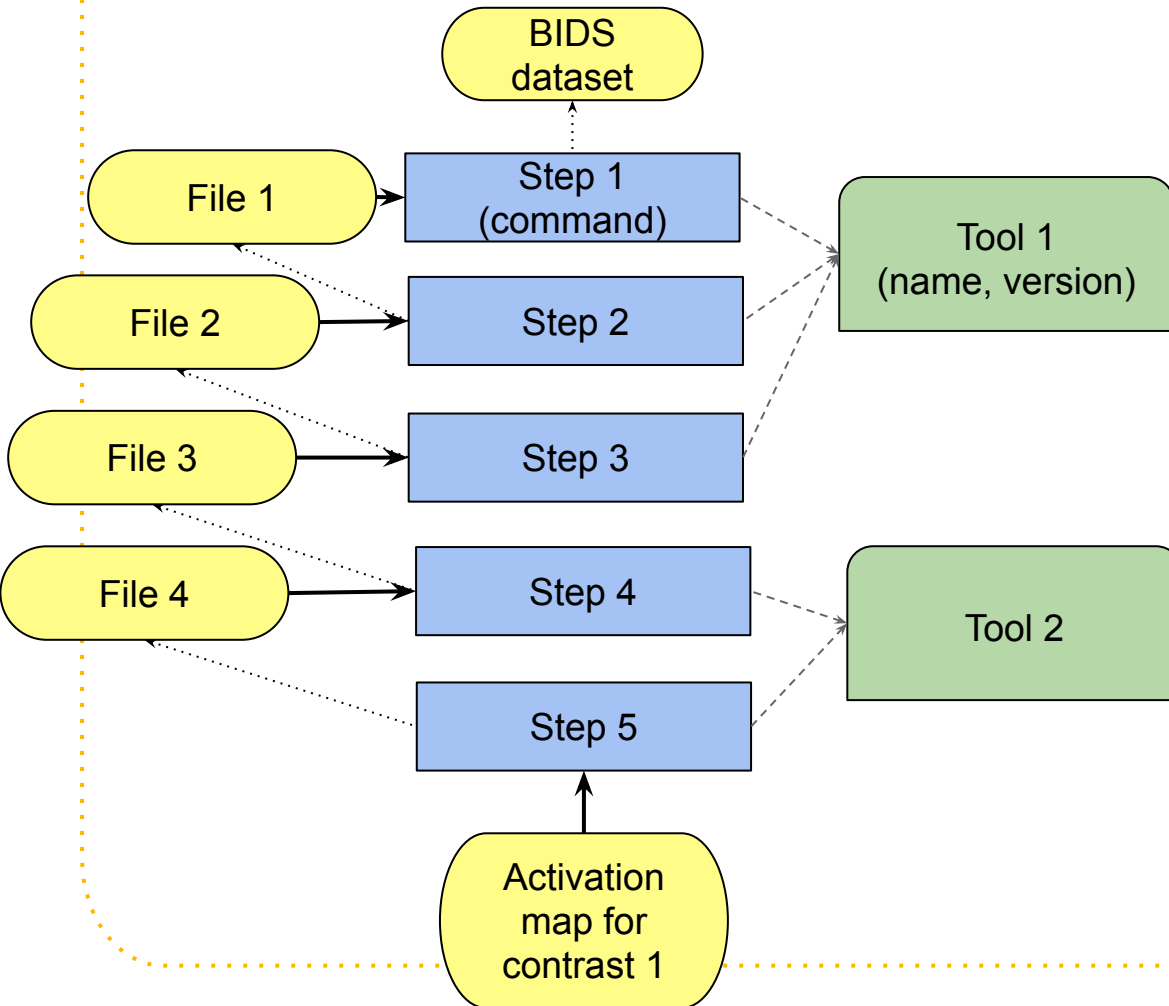
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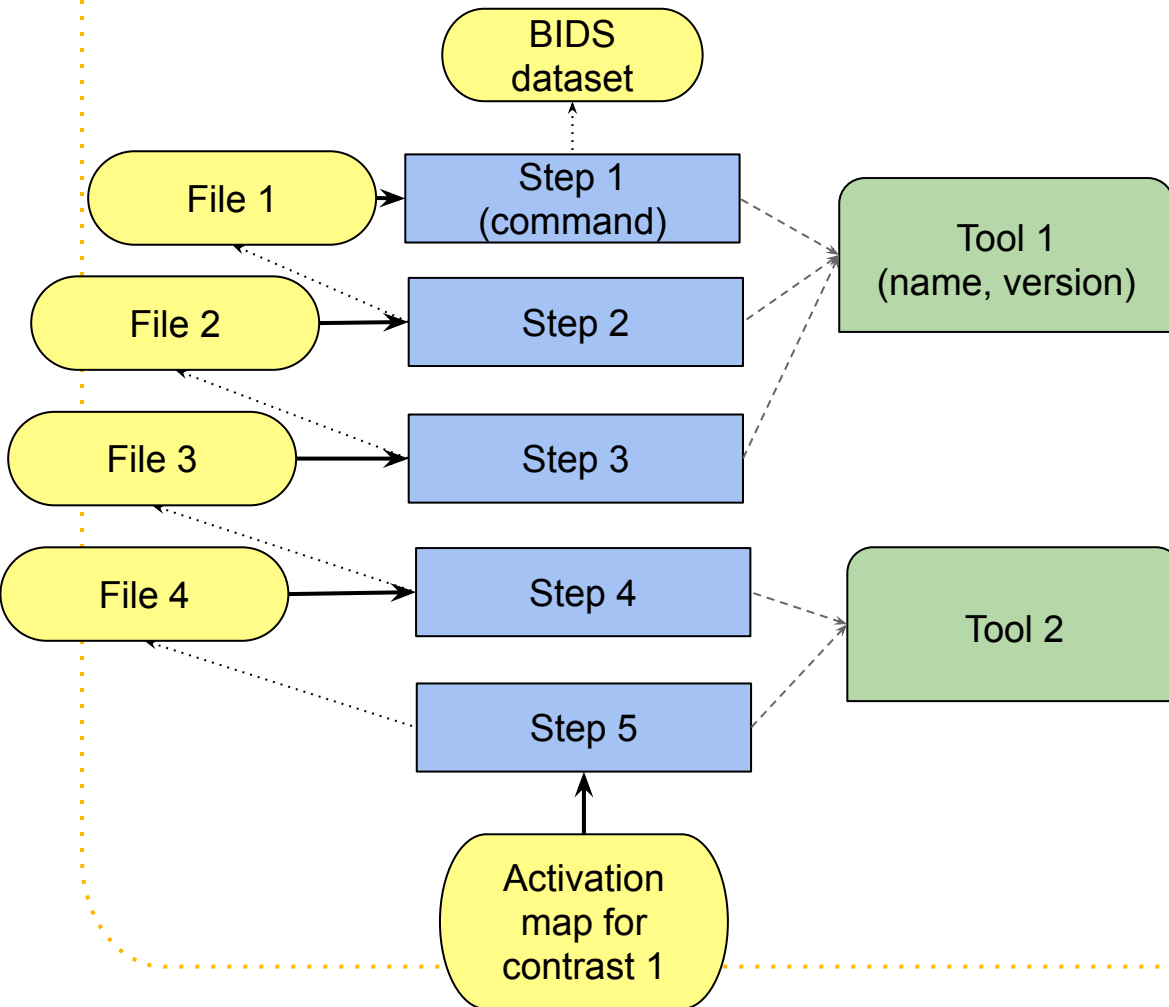
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Low level: Are my conclusions dependant on the **size of the smoothing kernel** used at Step 5?

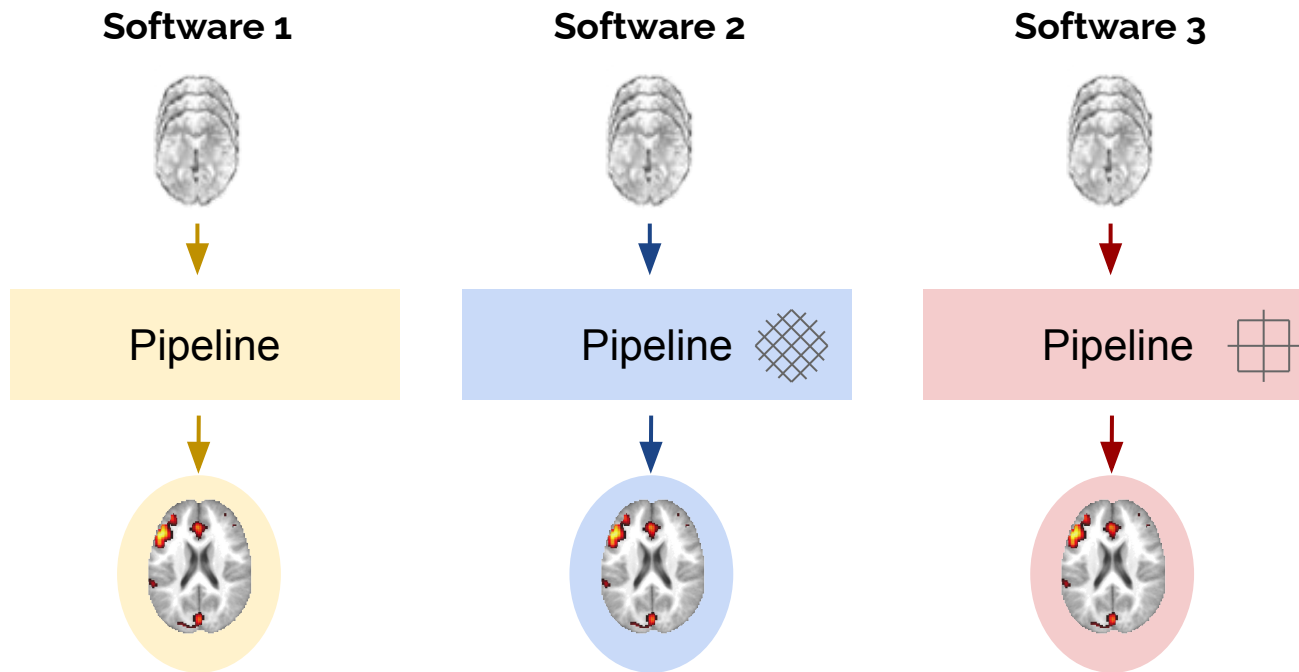
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Variability across software

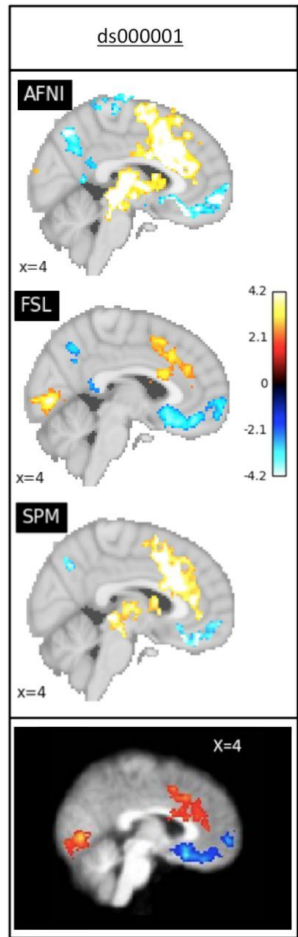
- Reproduced 3 published functional MRI studies
- Using 3 different neuroimaging software packages



Alex Bowring Tom Nichols



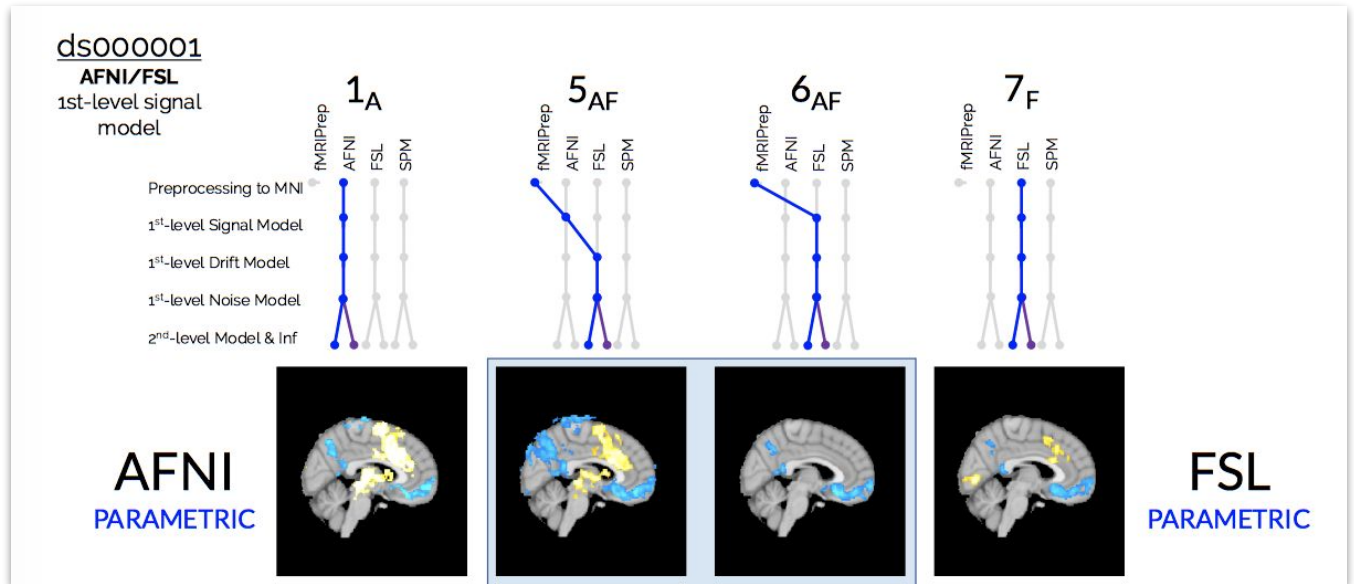
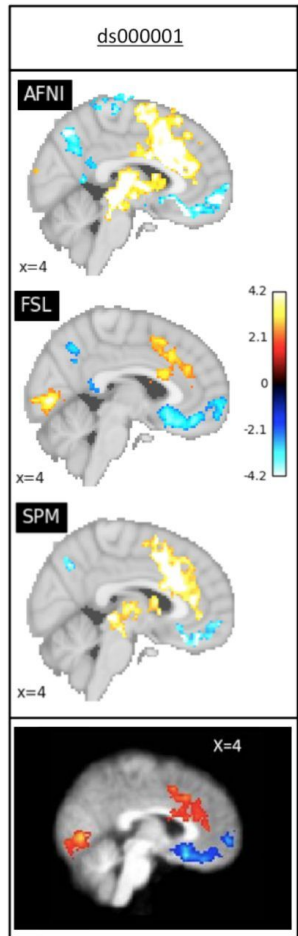
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Thresholded maps in AFNI,
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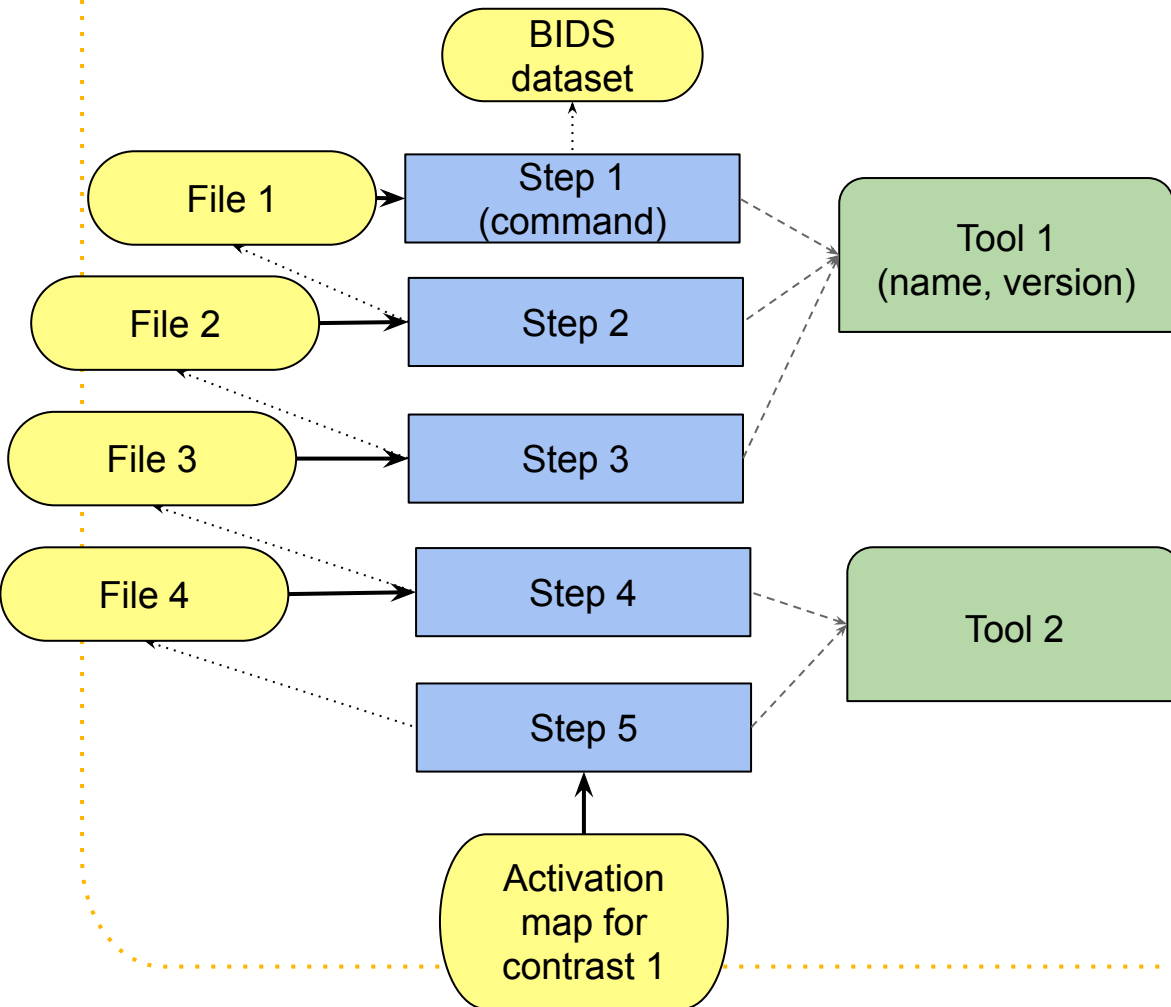
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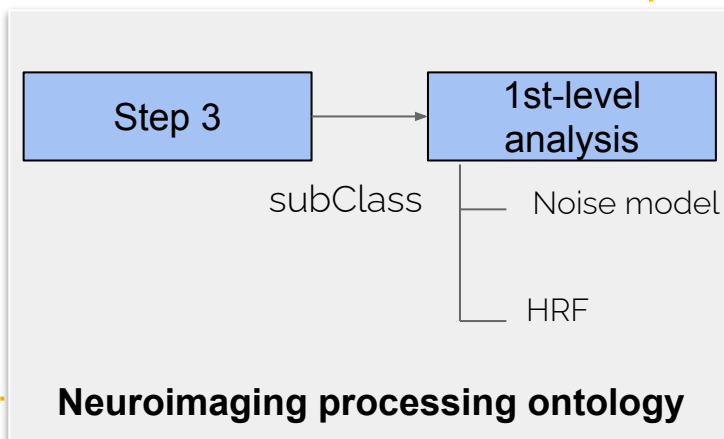
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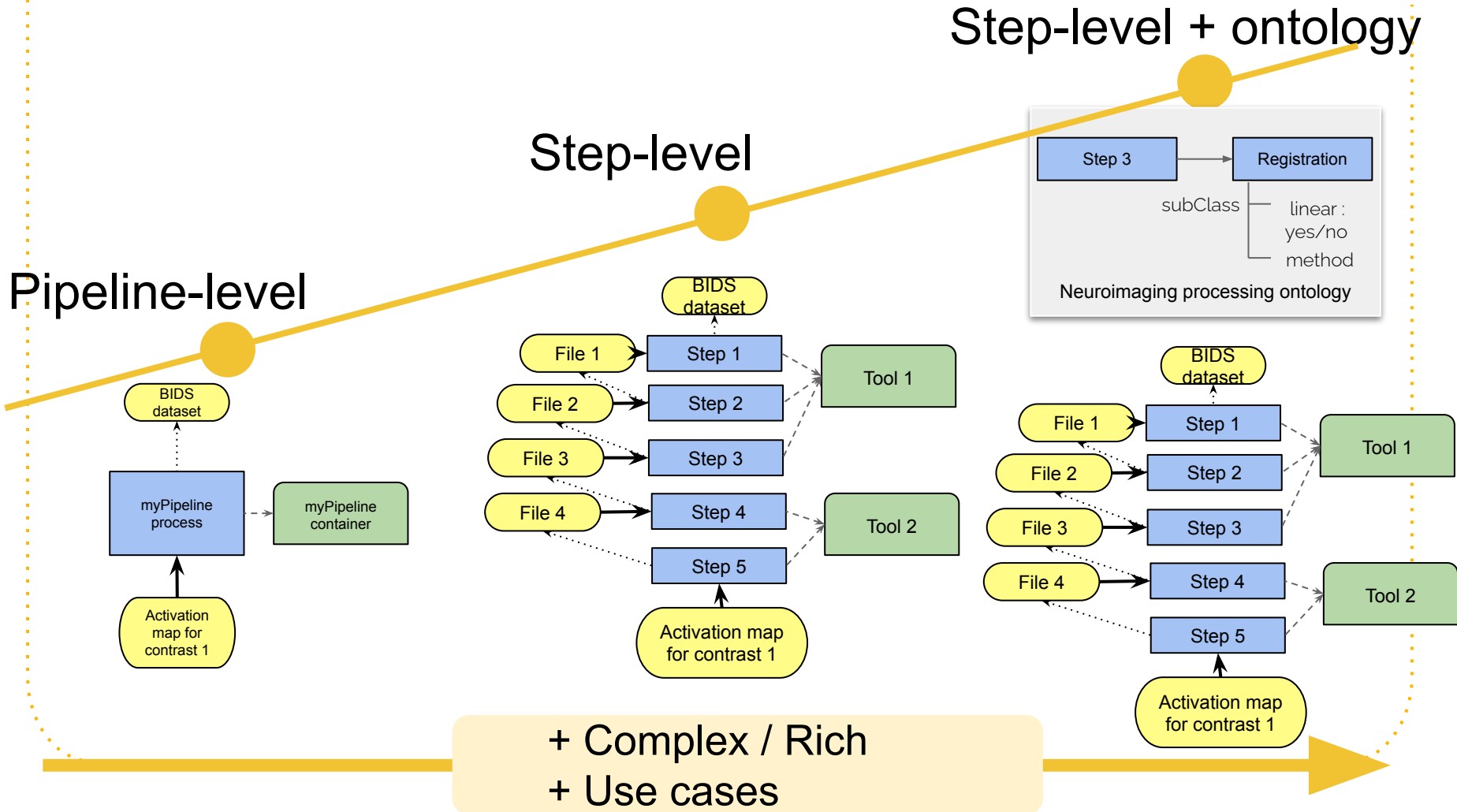
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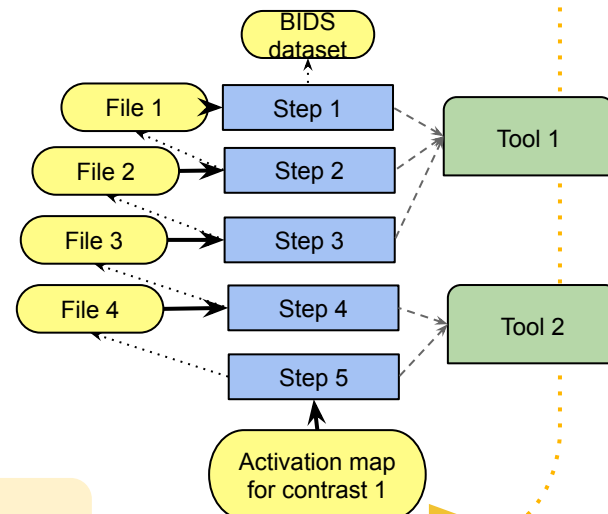
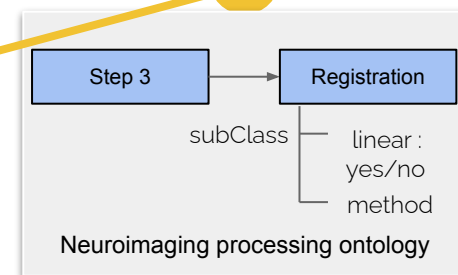
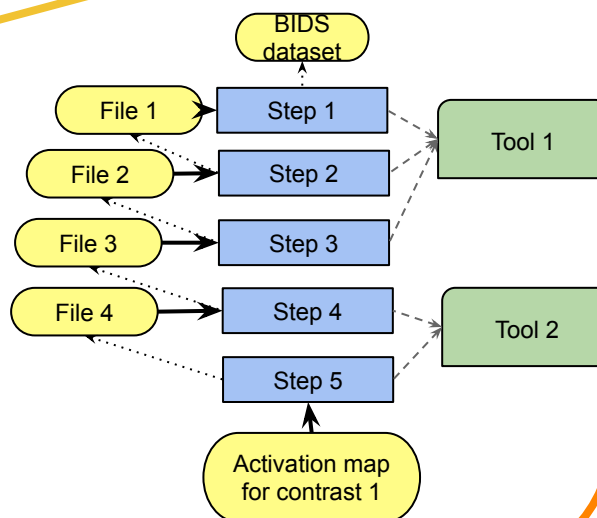
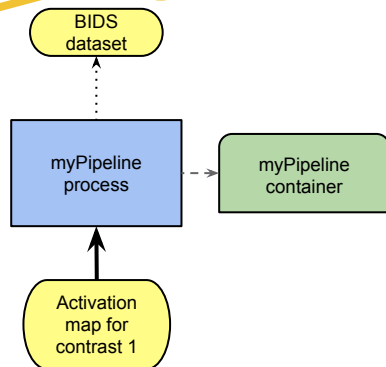
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Step-level + ontology

BIDS-Prov

Pipeline-level

Step-level



+ Complex / Rich
+ Use cases



BIDS Extension Proposal 28

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Thank you!

BIDS-Prov is open for community feedback

https://github.com/bids-standard/BEP028_BIDSprov

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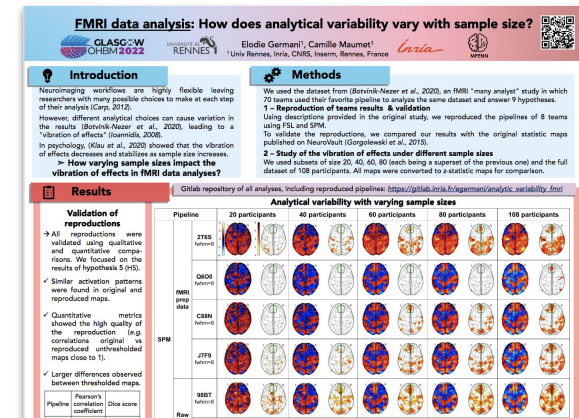
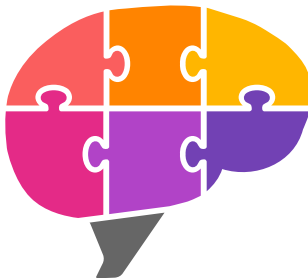
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Poster WTh872 *How does analytical variability vary with sample sizes?* **Elodie Germani**

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