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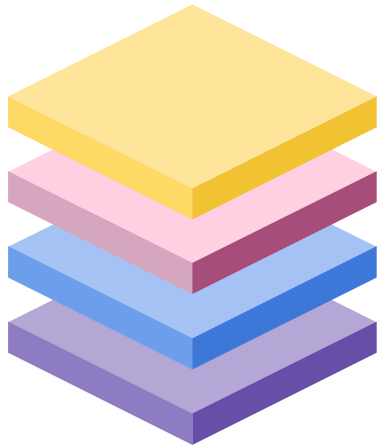
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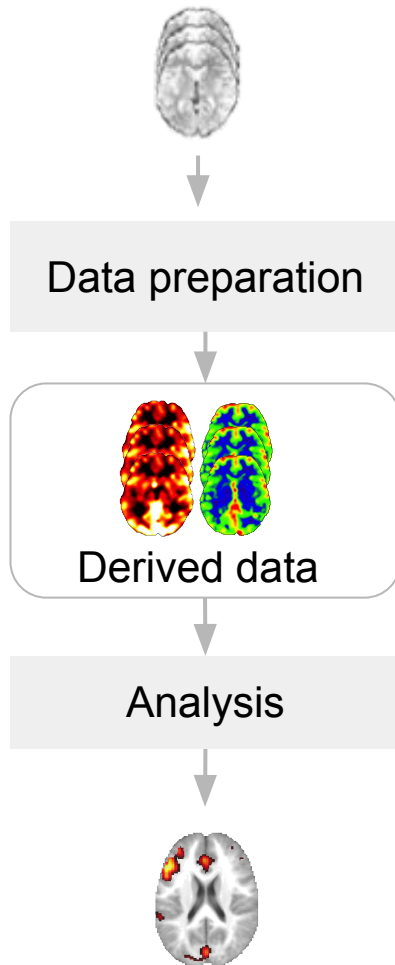
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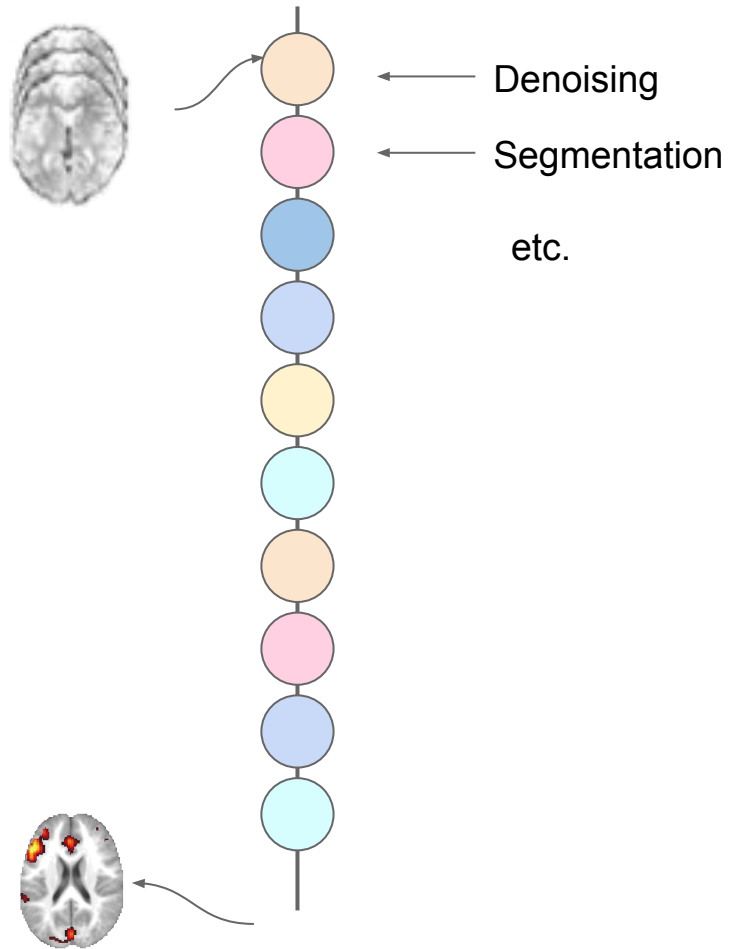
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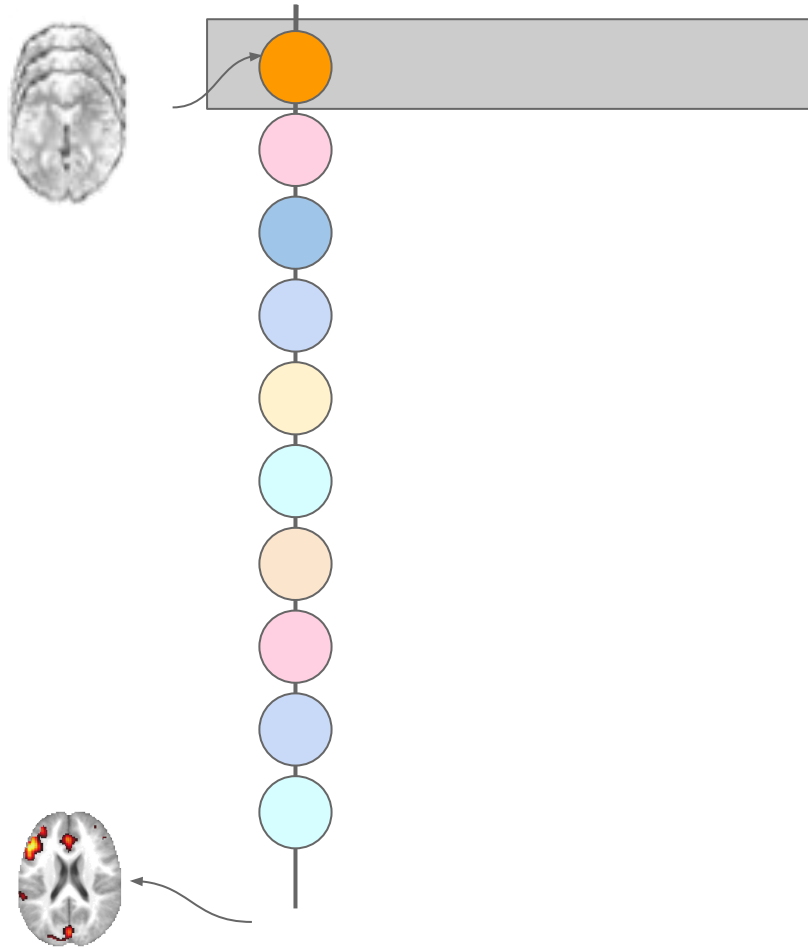
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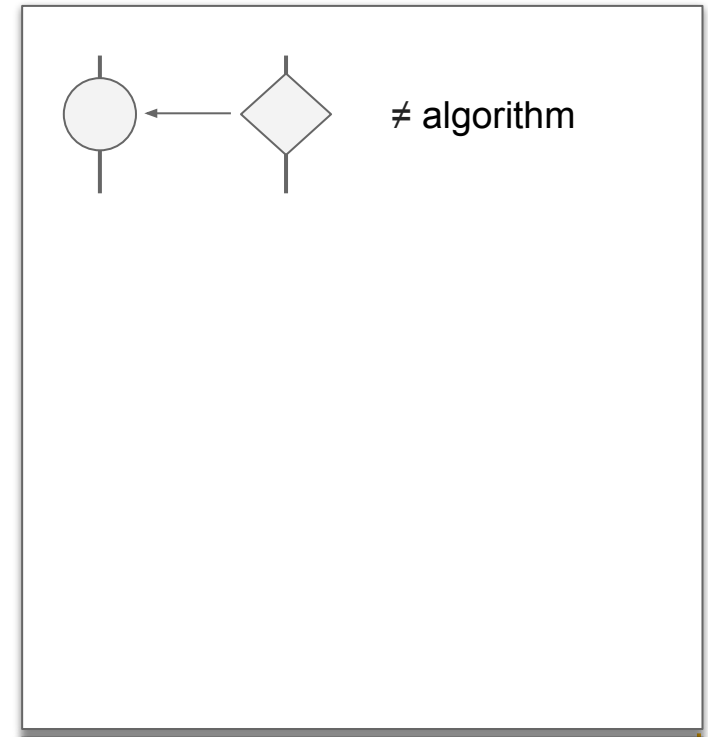
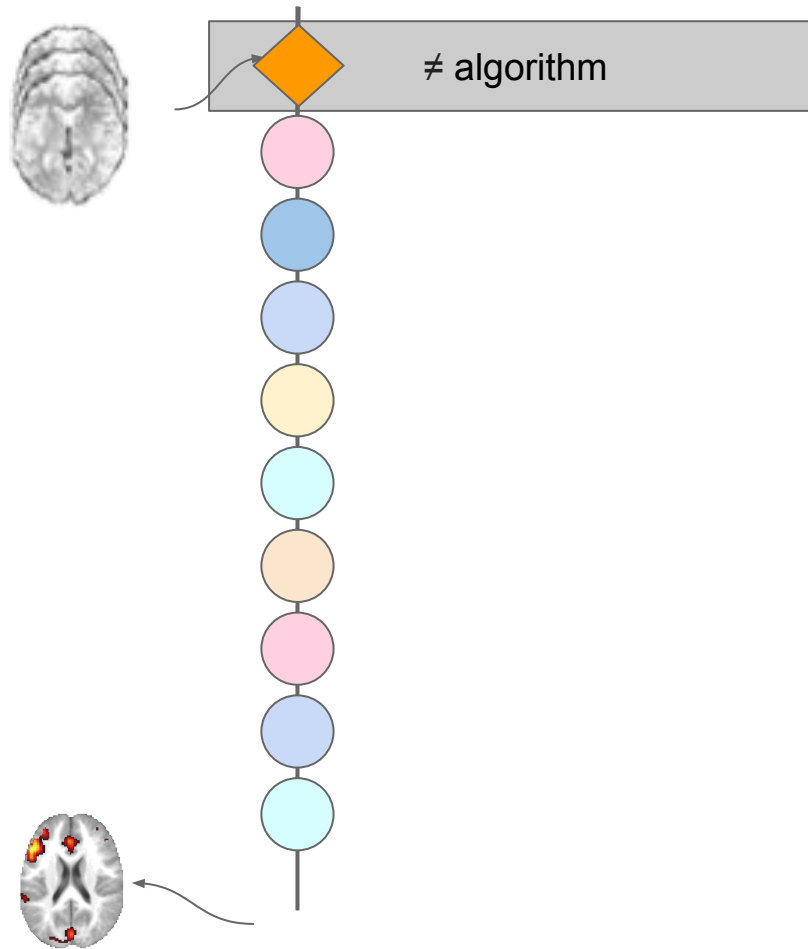
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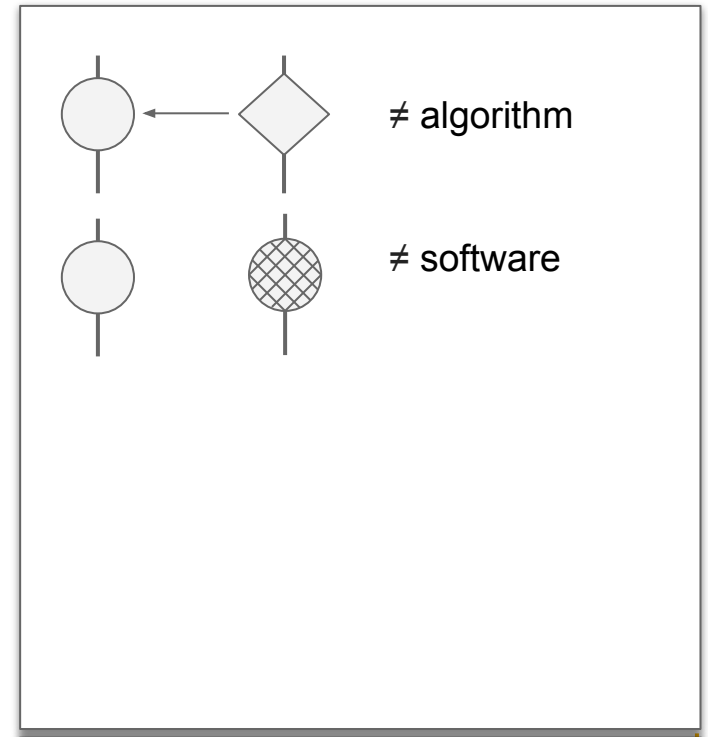
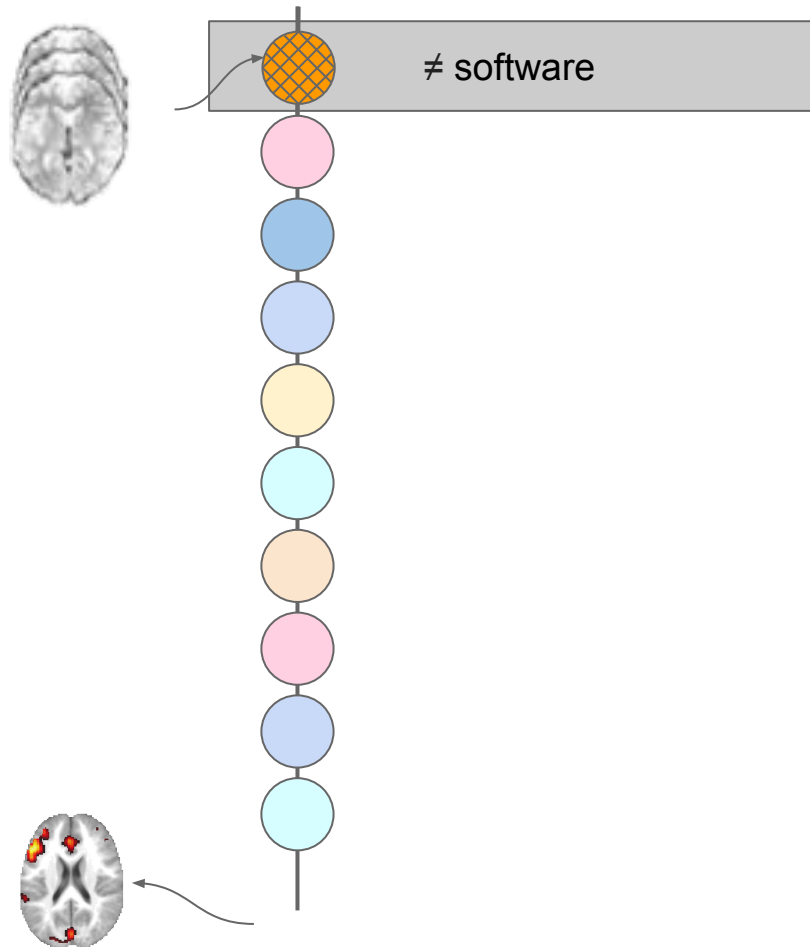
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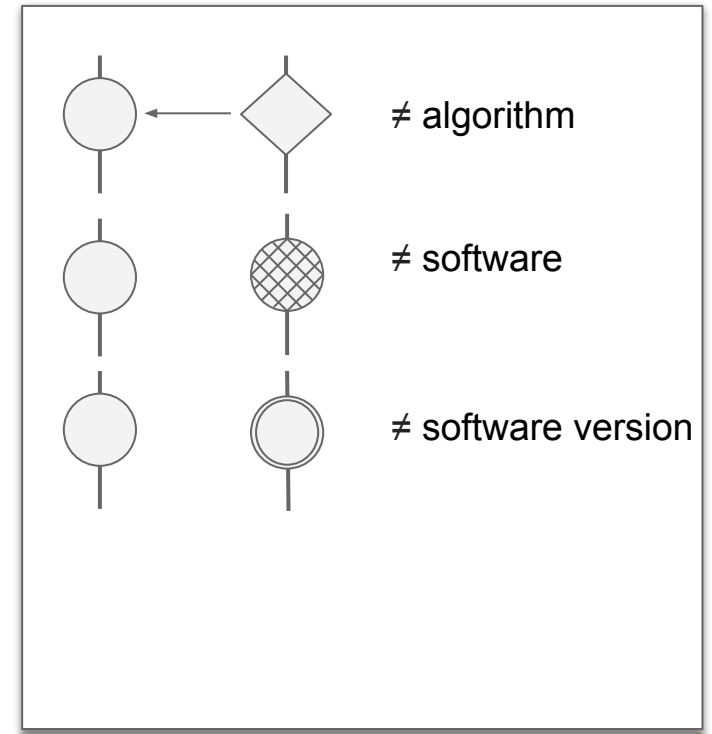
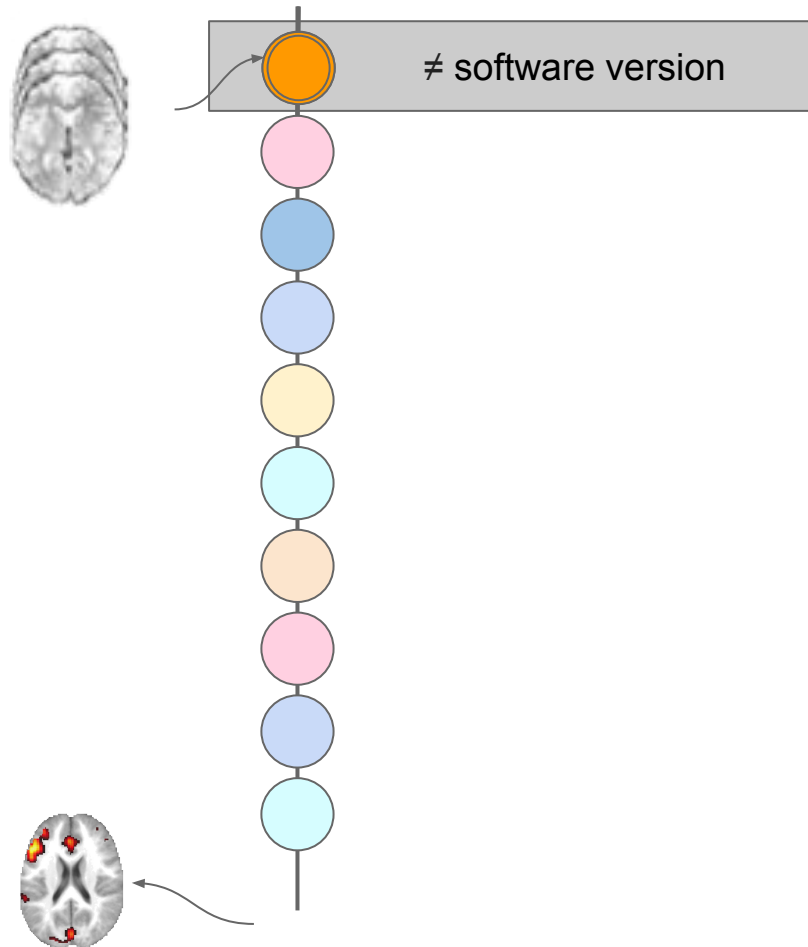
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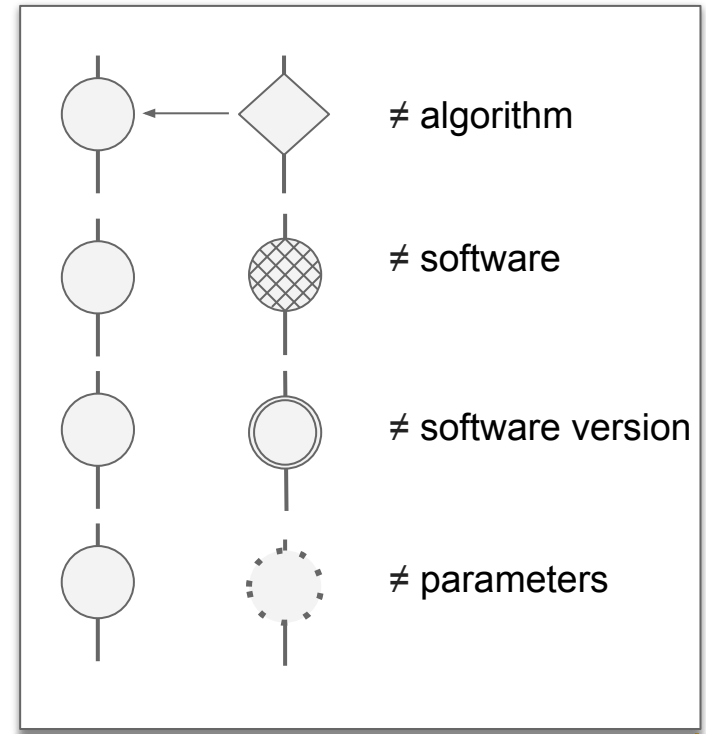
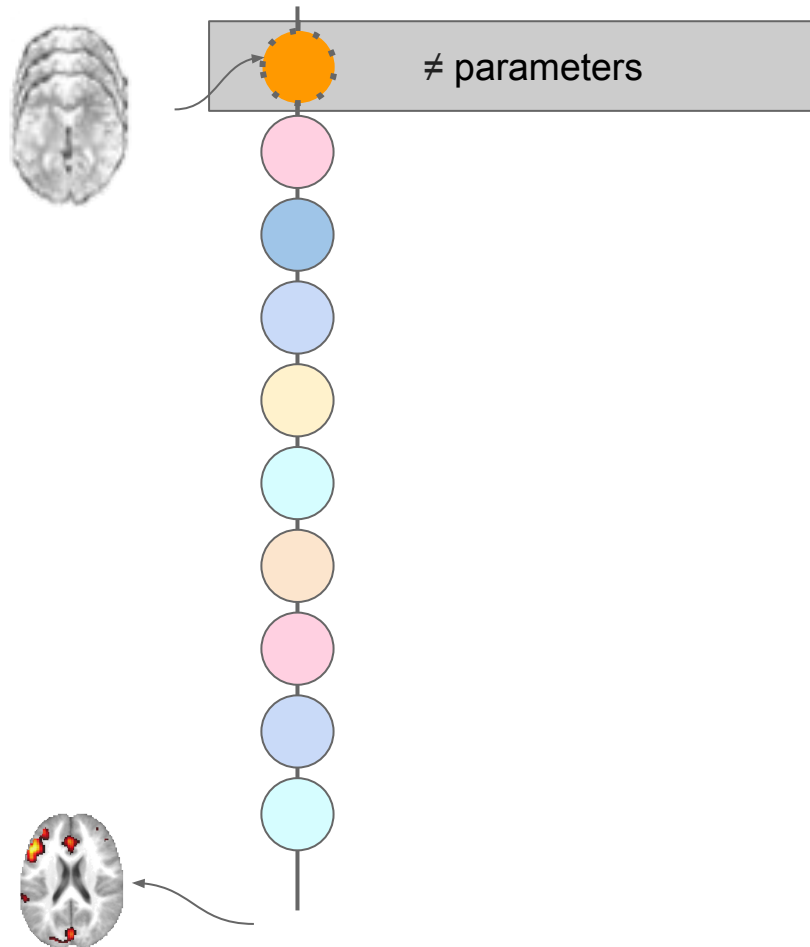


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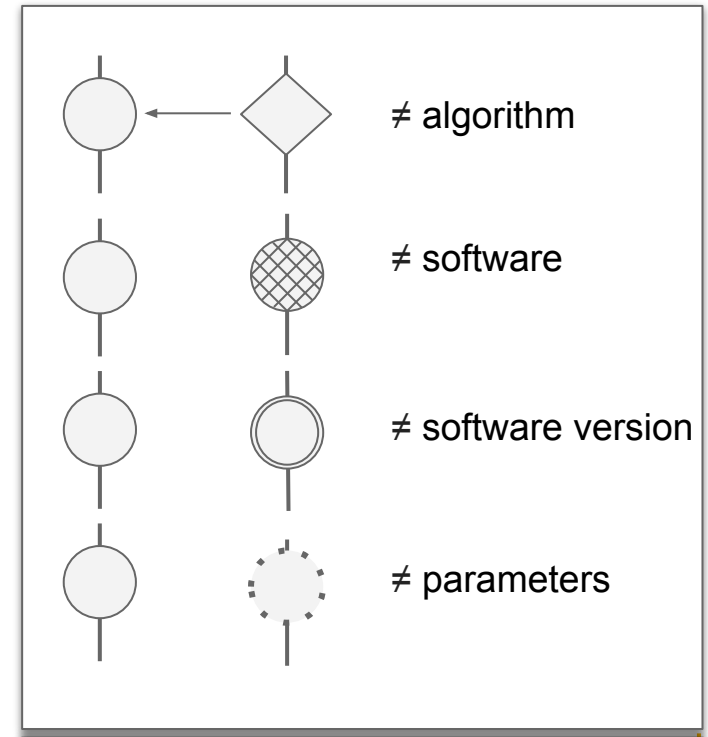
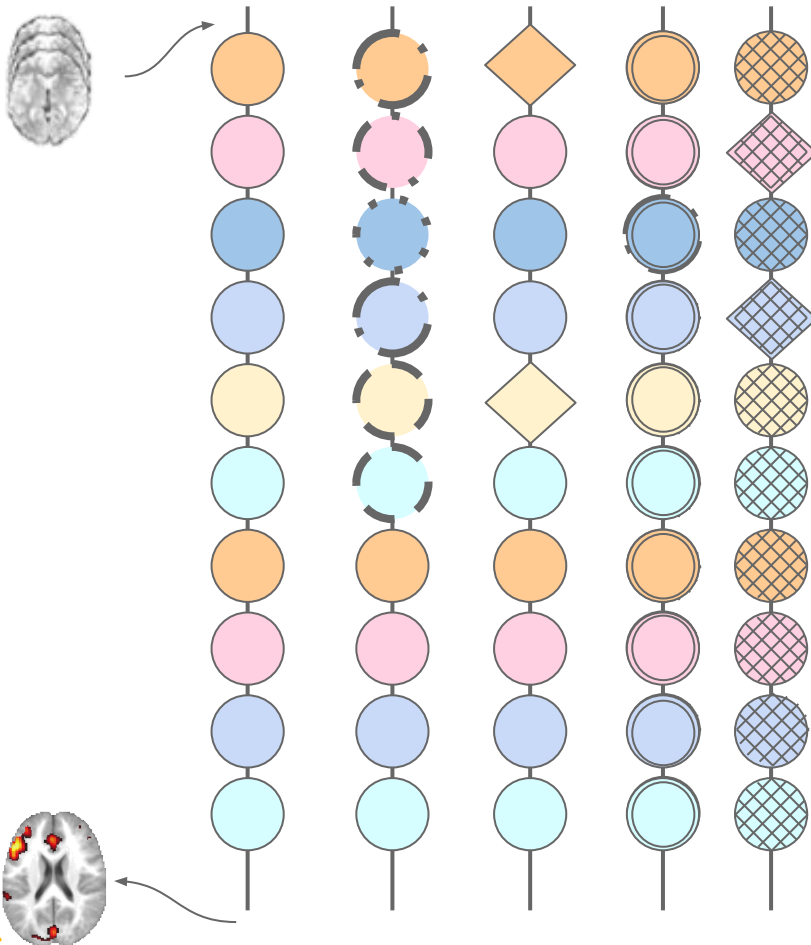




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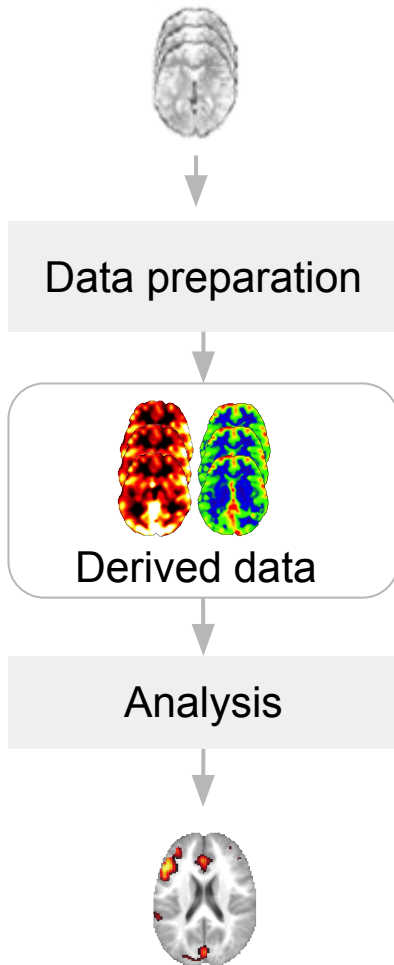


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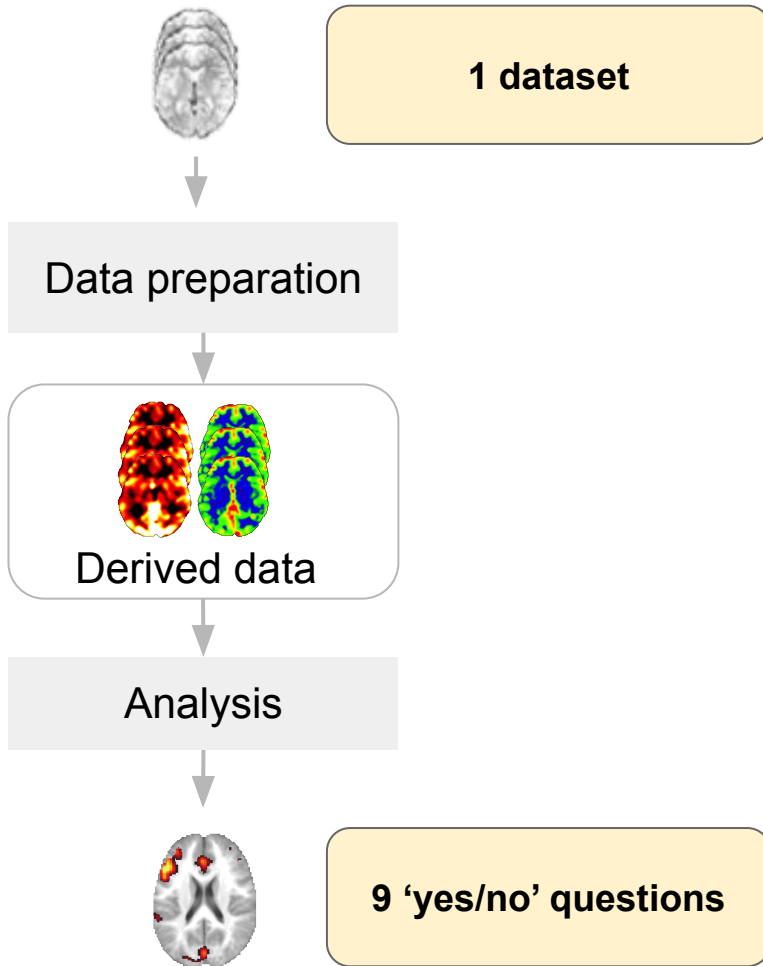


A family of "acceptable" pipelines  
over  $10^{30}$  combinations...

# Many analysts project : NARPS

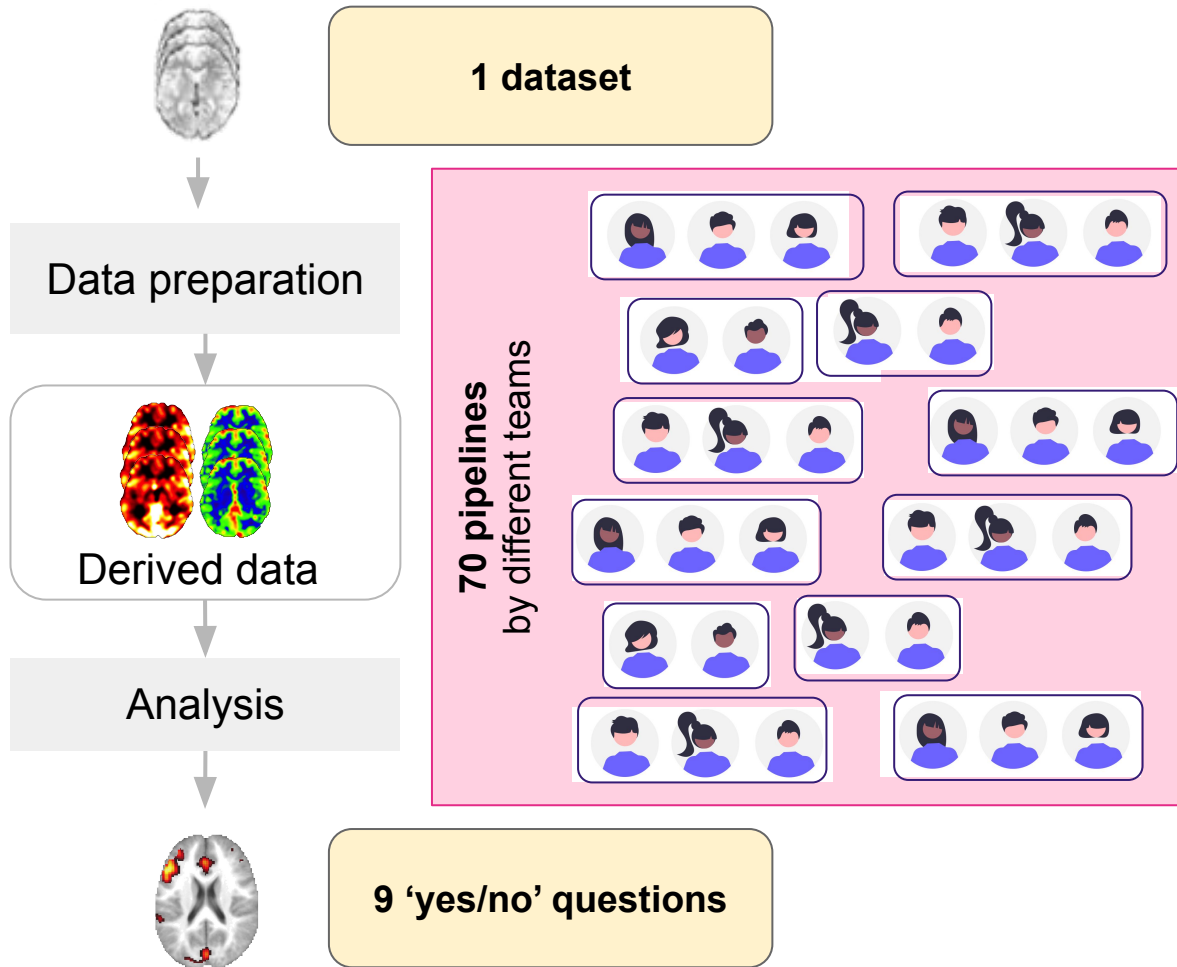


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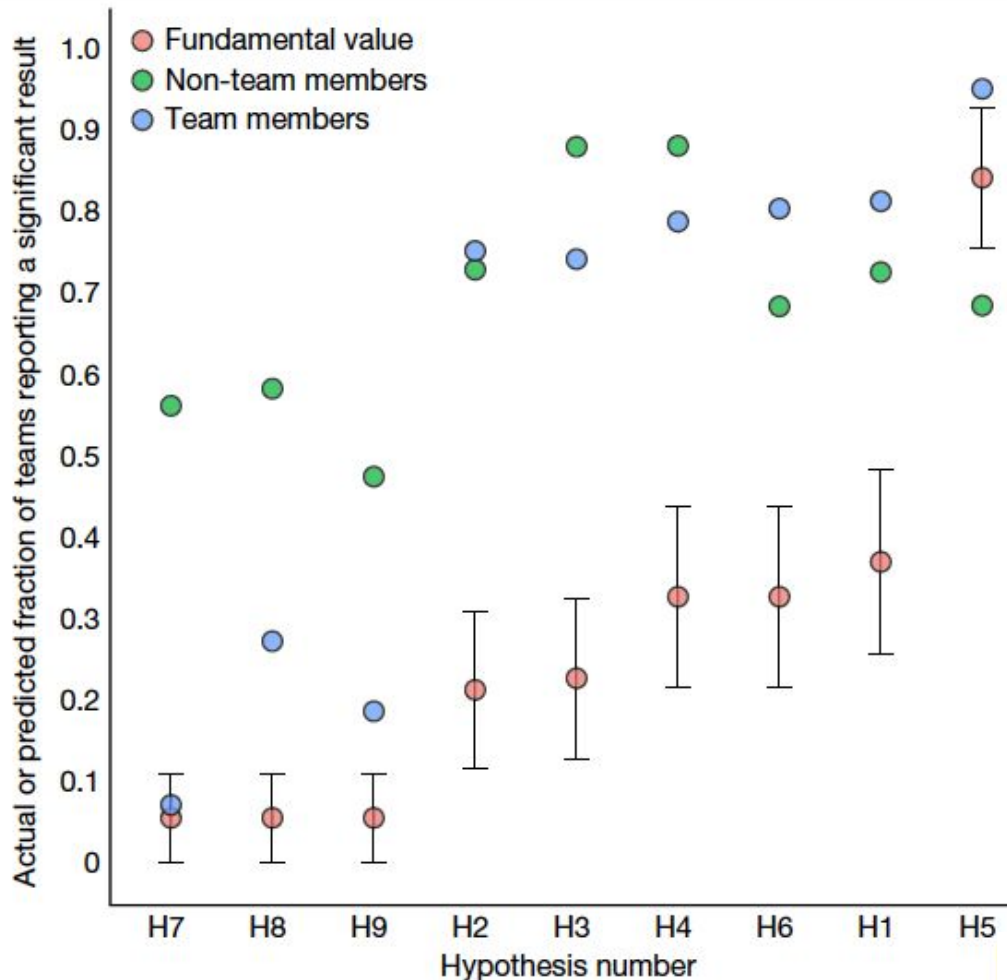
*e.g. Is there a parametric effect of gain:  
Positive effect in ventromedial PFC -  
for the equal indifference group?*

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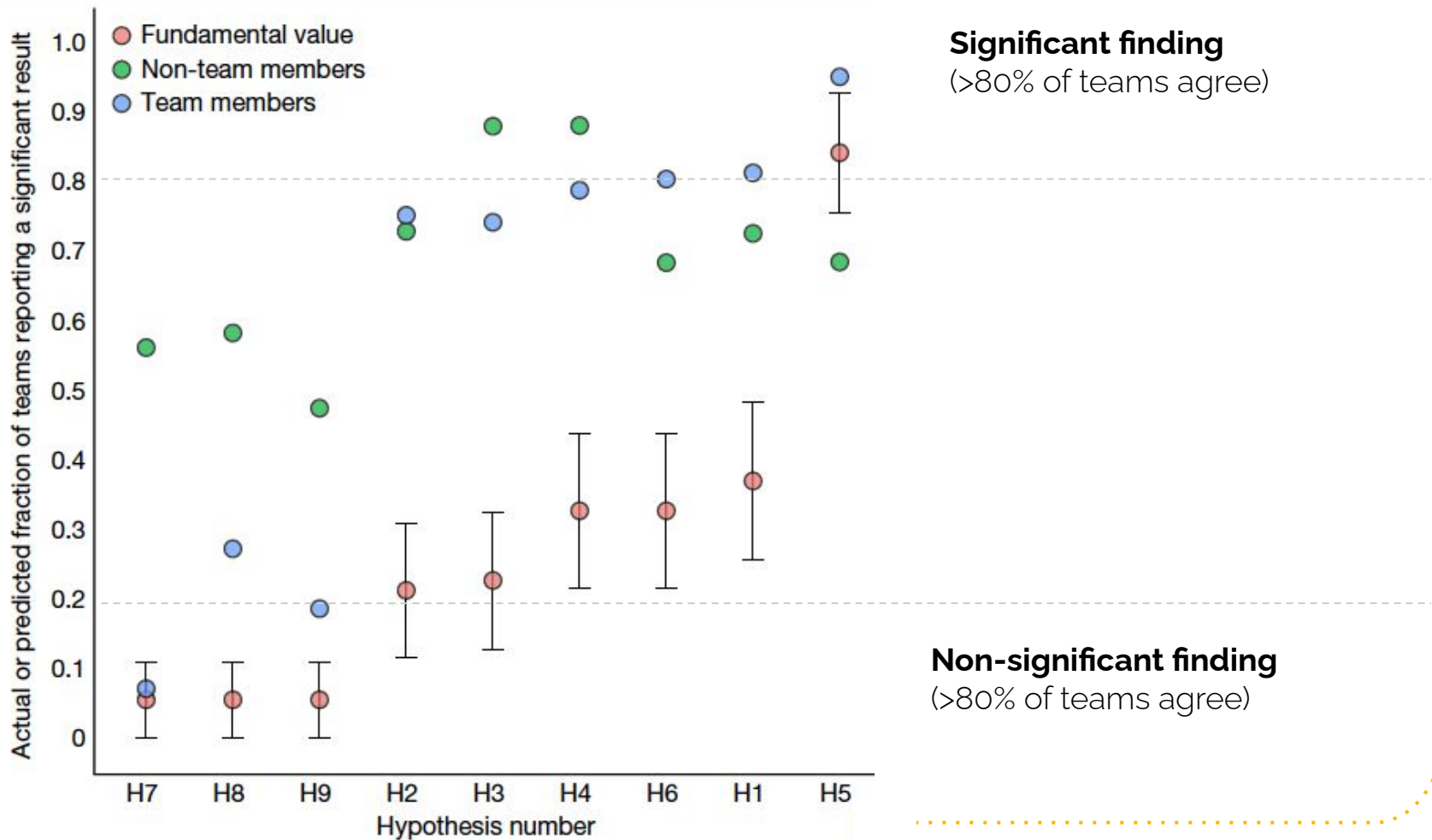
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[Botvinik-Nezer et. al, Nature 2020]

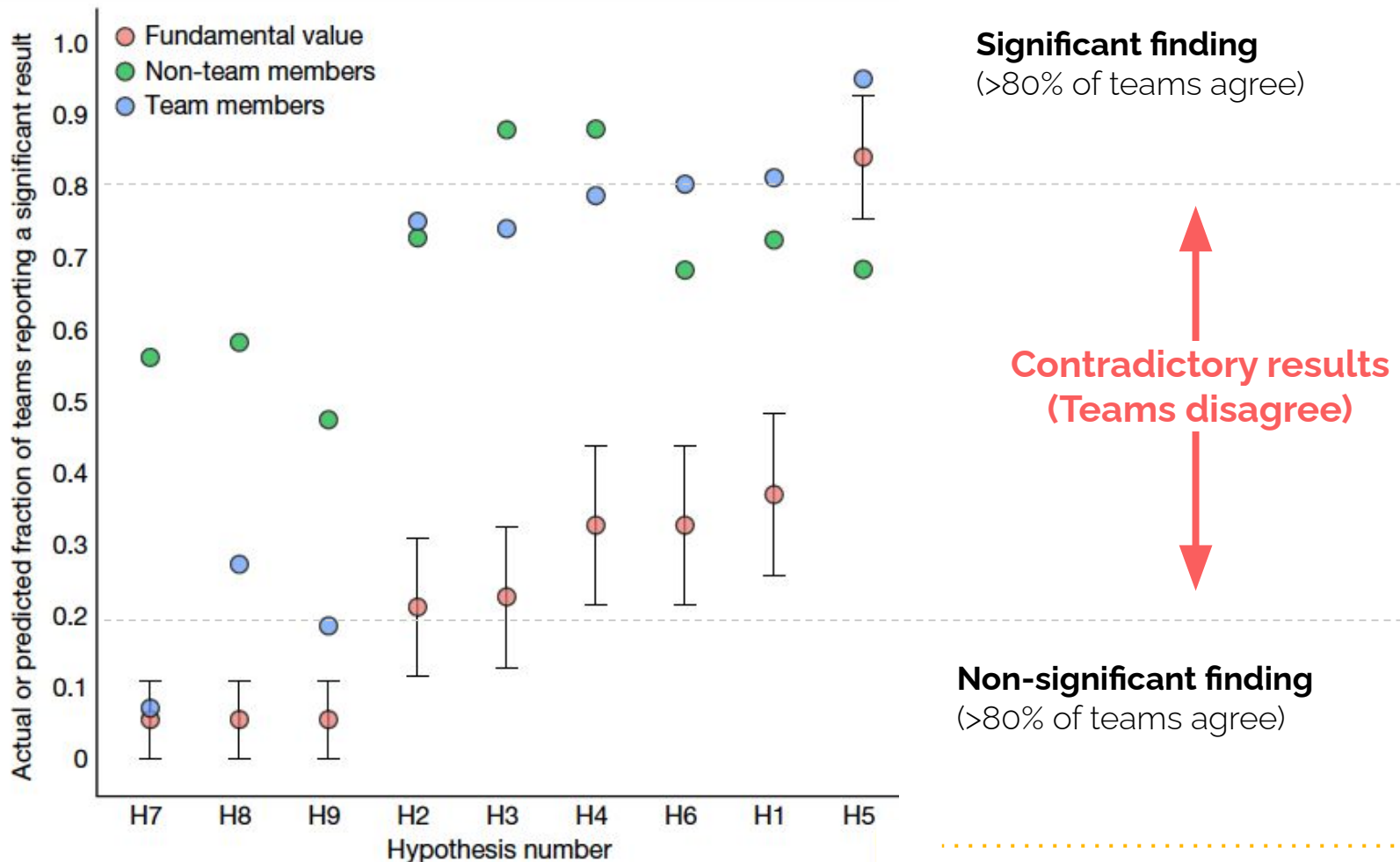
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# Different levels of variability in analytical pipelines

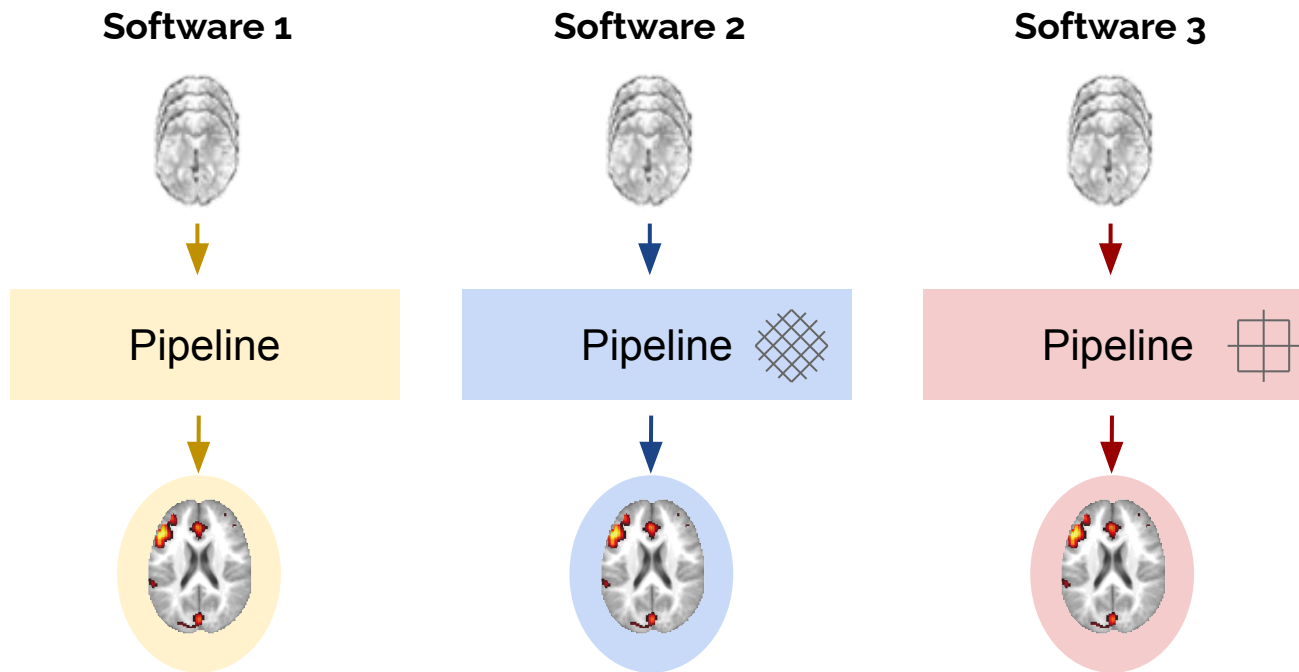
- Different end-to-end pipelines using different algorithms+parameters [[Churchill 2012](#), [Carp 2013](#), [Li 2021](#), [Dafflon 2022](#)]
- Different Software Version [[Gronenschild 2012](#)]
- Different operating system [[Glatard 2015](#), [Kiar 2021](#)]
- Different software packages [[Bowring 2019](#),
- and more...

# Variability across software

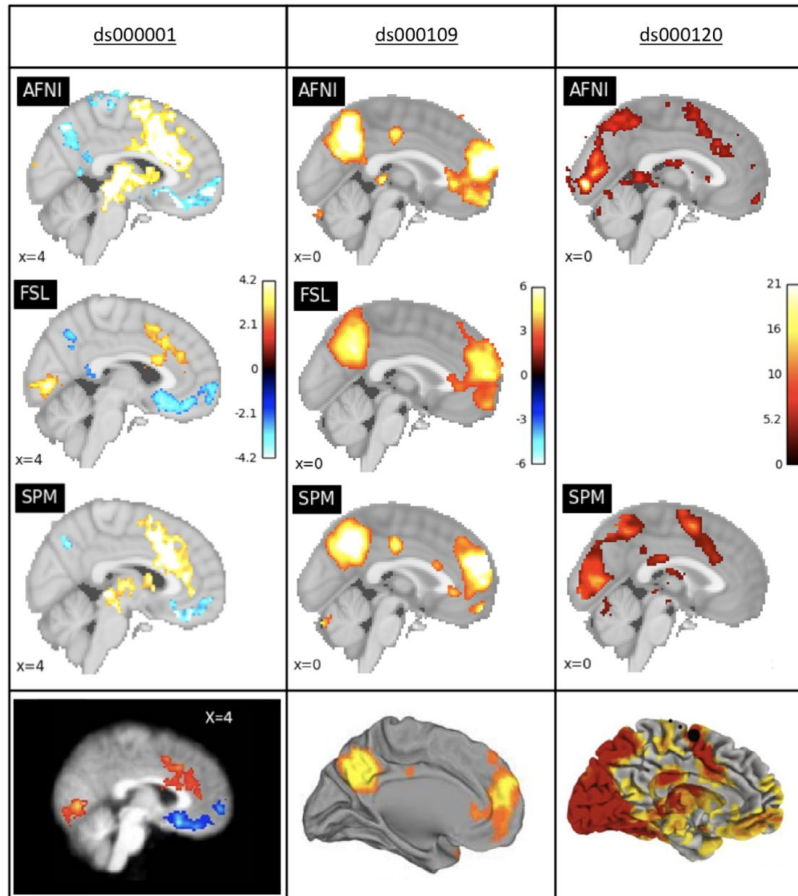
- Reproduced 3 published functional MRI studies
  - ds001, ds109, ds120 (from [Openneuro](#))
- Using 3 different software packages
  - AFNI, FSL, SPM



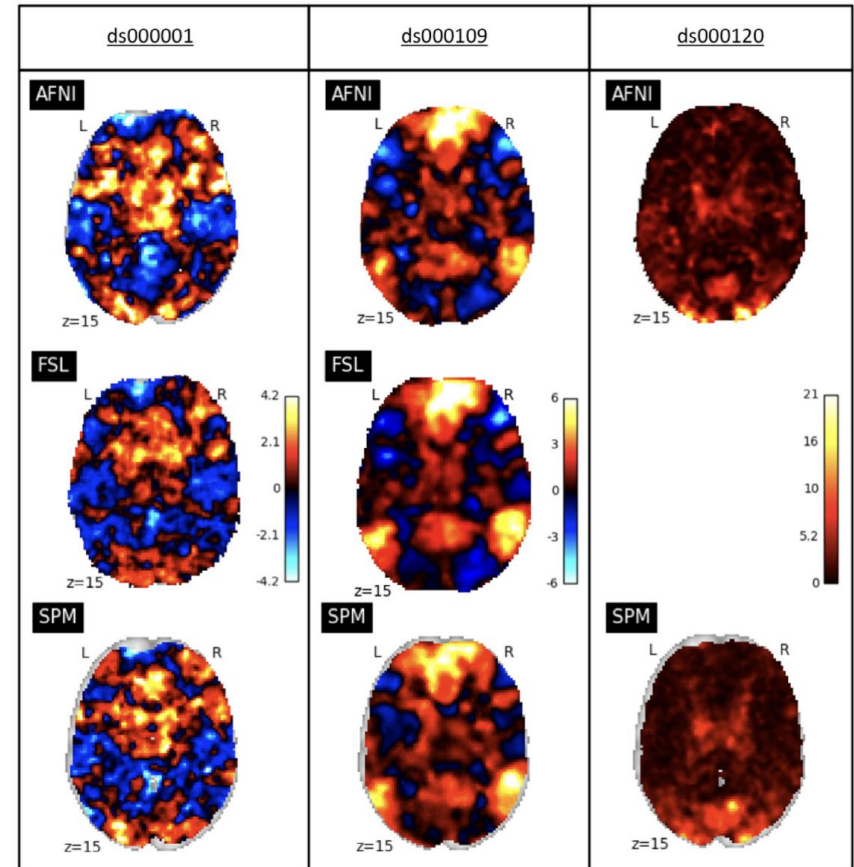
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# Software Comparison Project



Comparison of the final results

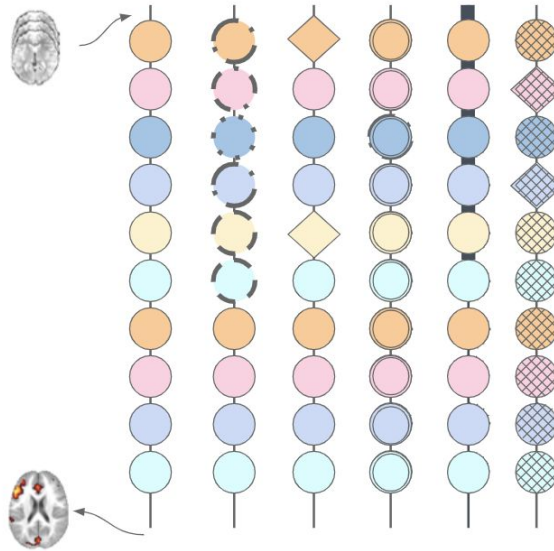


Comparison of the statistic maps

# **Understanding** analytical variability

# Explaining analytical variability...

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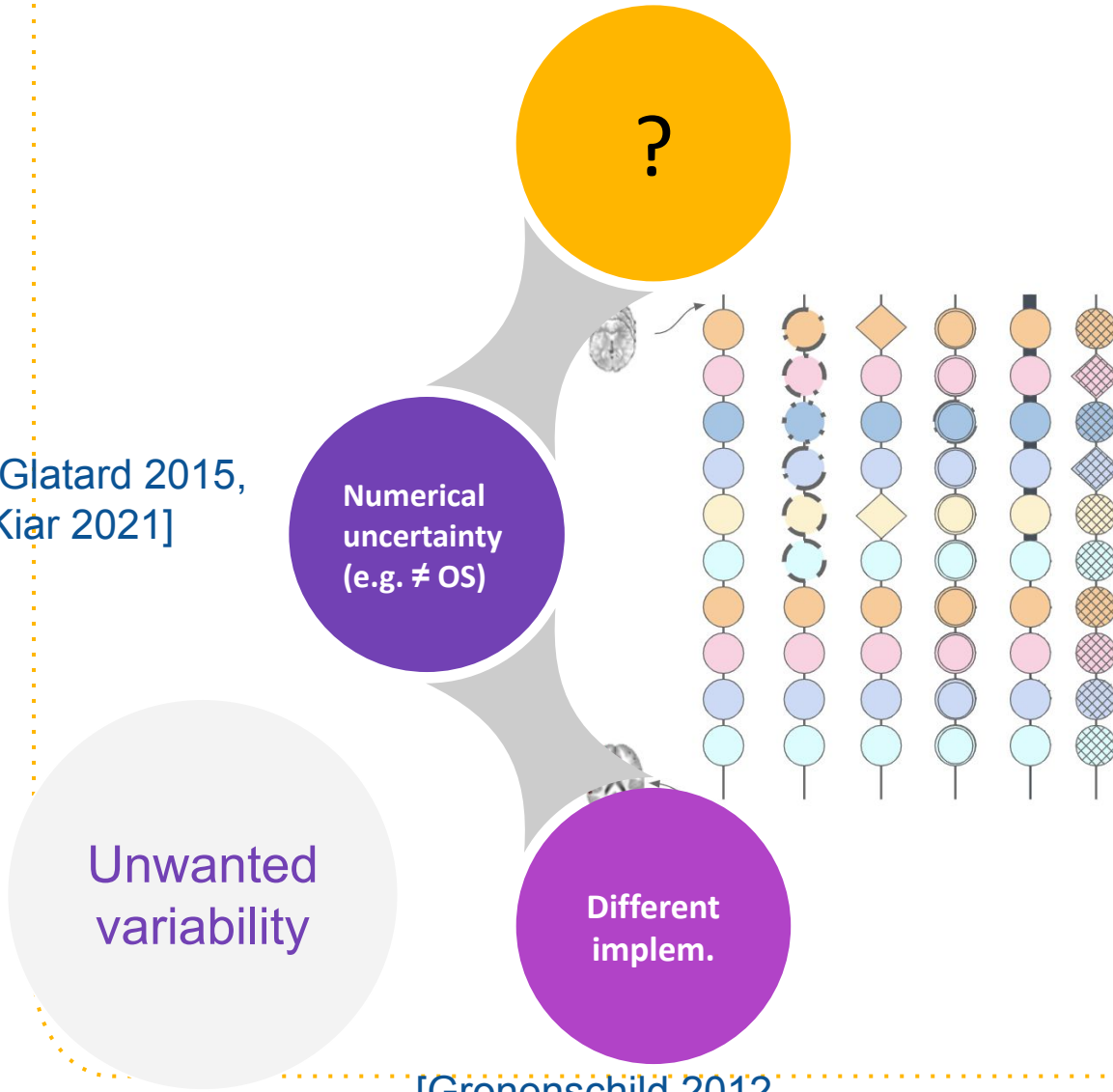
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Numerical  
uncertainty  
(e.g.  $\neq$  OS)

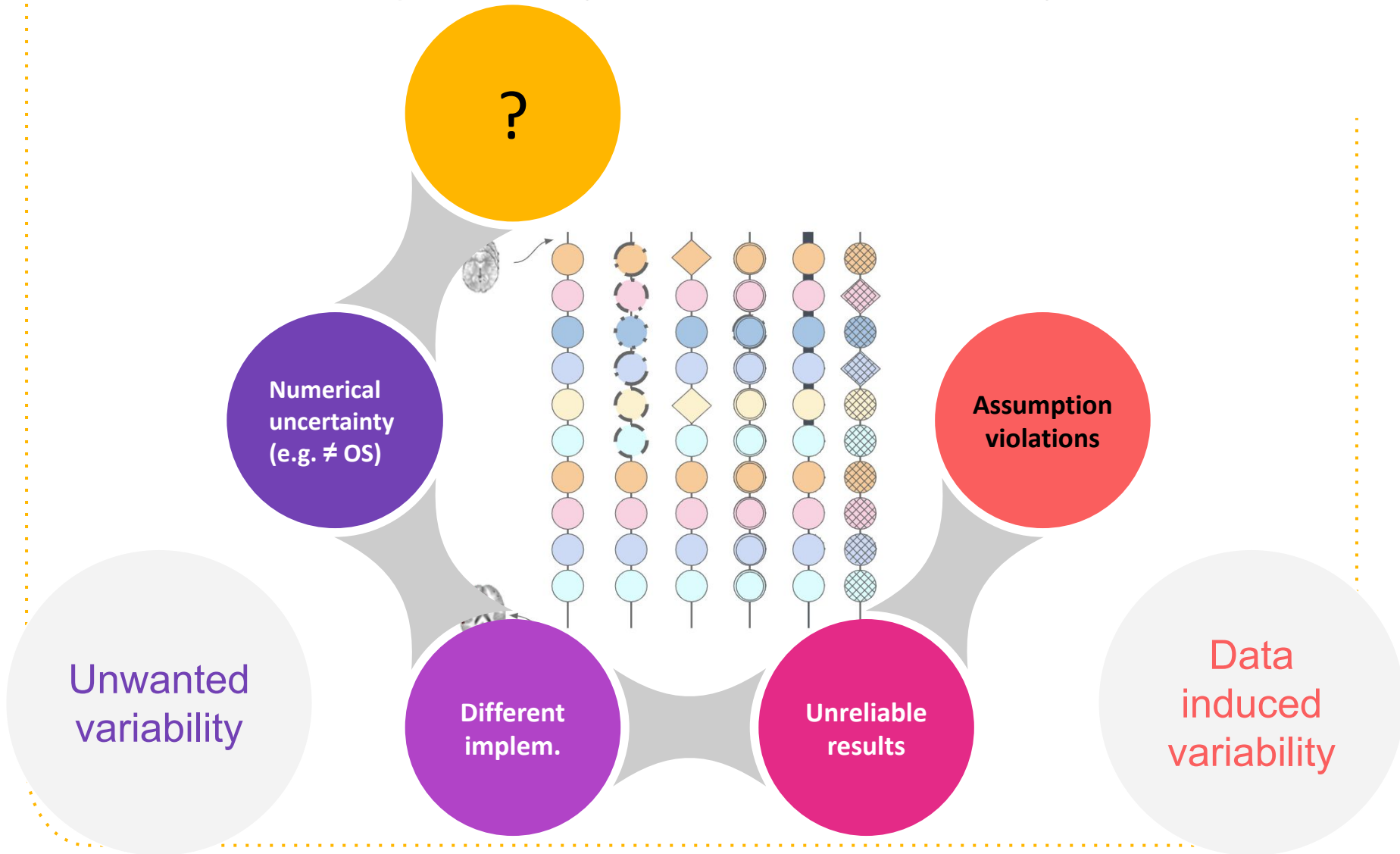
Unwanted  
variability

Different  
implem.

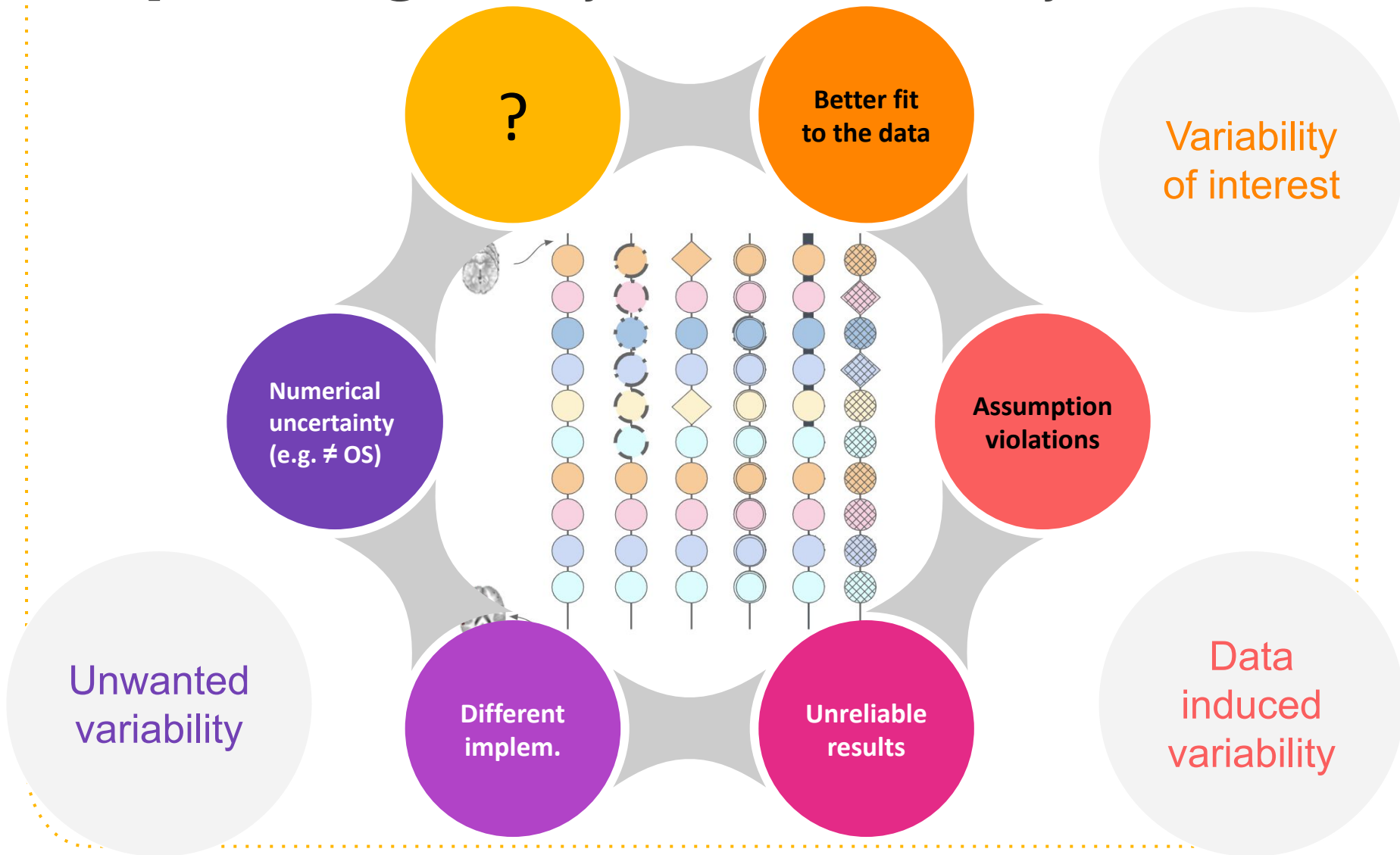
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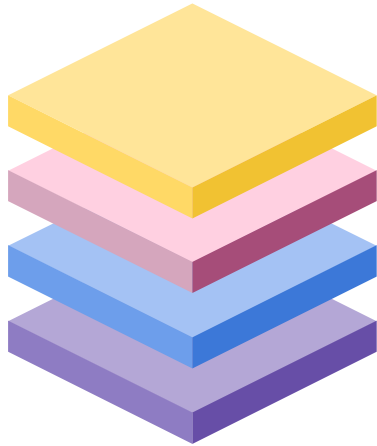




# On our way...

- Sharing a **variety of research artefacts** and in particular **code** along with paper
- Storing and **sharing provenance** (BIDS-Prov)
- **Benchmarking** different methods

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Thank you!

