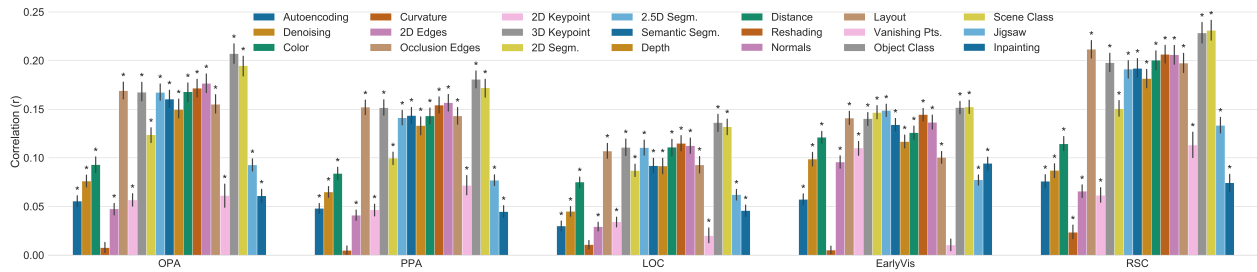
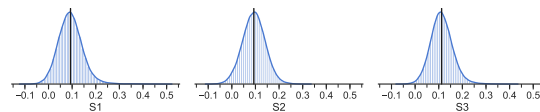


1 We thank the reviewers for their useful feedback.

2 **R1&R3, Accuracy baseline and ceiling:** P-values under the assumption of independence can be problematic, but
3 here: (1) We have fMRI events that are separated by 10 seconds. (2) Before training, we z-scored within sessions and
4 runs. We trained and predicted with shuffled, unordered single trials, but not a time series of data. (3) The BH FDR
5 controls the false discovery rate under positive dependence which is a very common assumption for fMRI. To further
6 minimize assumptions on the underlying distributions, we ran permutation test where we shuffled responses 5000 times,
7 computed the correlation scores, and obtained FDR corrected p -values for both ROI results (shown in figure below for
8 Subject 1; * = FDR corrected $p < 0.00001$) and whole brain results.



9 Across the whole brain, p -values obtained through permutation tests show more significant voxels across tasks. To
10 provide a better estimate of the variance ceiling, we ran ridge regression to predict between subjects. In the figure below
11 we show the prediction correlation for each subject from other two subjects (each subfigure is a histogram of correlation
12 scores across voxels). The average correlation between predictions and true responses across voxels for each subject
13 are: 0.0931, 0.0932, 0.112, as shown by the black lines on each plot (this includes low SNR voxels that are not engaged
by the task). The accuracy we obtained on the significant voxels across the task is close to the ceiling.



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15 **R1, Other Taskonomy tasks:** Out of the 25 tasks that are provided by the Taskonomy pre-trained task bank, 4 of them
16 take multiple images as input and therefore are excluded in this analysis since brain responses are to single images. For
17 the 21 single image tasks, 2 of them (jigsaw and inpainting) were not included in the paper since they are less human
18 related. Nevertheless, the features from these tasks still encode important information and significantly predict both
19 whole brain voxels and ROIs, as shown in first figure above. Because of limited space, we do not include the whole
20 brain prediction map.

21 **R1-3,** To quantify the consistency of results across subjects, we computed correlations of prediction accuracy across
22 subjects: 0.7957 (S1 vs. S2), 0.9034 (S1 vs. S3) and 0.9345 (S2 vs. S3). It would be more difficult to quantify
23 consistency outside of ROIs since structurally projecting one whole brain onto another blurs functional data. We also
24 computed correlations of task distance matrices across subjects: 0.9128 (S1 vs. S2), 0.9304 (S1 vs. S3) and 0.8884 (S2
25 vs S3). Tree structures of tasks can be obtained through hierarchical clustering on these pairwise distance matrices.
26 Therefore the high correlations across subjects reinforce the **stability of task tree structures (R1)**. **(R2&R3)** Task
27 similarity does not necessarily imply similar predictions in the brain. It depends on the degree of overlap between tasks
28 - if they have very high overlap they will predict basically the same brain data. But if tasks overlap less (say 50% of the
29 variance), then there is plenty of “room” for each task to predict unique brain areas based on the non-shared variance.

30 **R3&R1** For all encoding models, we predict an average of TR3 and TR4. Regression regularization hyperparameters
31 are fit for individual voxels and individual subjects. To avoid overfitting, only validation data but not test data is used to
32 pick the hyperparameters. The task similarity matrix presented in Figure 5 in our paper is an average of distances from
33 3 subjects (using cosine similarity). Curvature and autoencoding have < 1 similarity to themselves because for some
34 subjects they predict zero significant voxels (zero vectors is undefined for cosine distance, and 0 was returned). We also
35 used other similarity metrics and the patterns were very similar. **(R1)** Prediction maps in the whole brain do predict
36 novel areas beyond the pre-defined ROIs. However, making claims about new functionally-defined brain areas would
37 be premature given our current data and analyses - to the detriment of the field, such claims are often made based on
38 inconclusive data (so-called “fishing expeditions”). To make a robust claim about new “functional territories” we expect
39 to first run additional validation experiments in which specific, theory-driven manipulations were used to establish that
40 specific brain regions are sensitive to the task in question.