1 We would like to thank the reviewers for their insightful comments which will help us improve the article. We begin by

- ² addressing concerns shared by several reviewers:
- 3 Impact of the noise parameter: We will add Fig.(a) below in appendix. We compute the accuracy of MultiviewICA on

4 the time-segment matching experiment (Fig.2 in the paper) on the sherlock dataset with 10 components when the noise

5 parameter varies. MultiviewICA performs consistently well for a wide range of noise parameter values, and only breaks

6 at very high values. It supports the theoretical claim of Sec.2.3 that the noise parameter is of little importance.

7 Model 1. is unrealistic: A more natural model is $\mathbf{x}^i = A^i \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{n}^i$ (*) where \mathbf{n}^i is iid. Unfortunately, this model can not

⁸ be fit in a reasonable amount of time, as reported many times in the literature (see paragraph L.179). For model (1),

9 $\mathbf{x}^i = A^i(\mathbf{s} + \mathbf{n}^i)$, noise can be interpreted as individual variability rather than sensor noise. It offers a way to capture

- ¹⁰ more structured noise, as is often the case in brain signals (cf. ICA based solutions for cleaning EEG or fMRI data). To
- test its robustness to model mis-specification, we generate data following model (*), and report the reconstruction error in Fig.(b). The difference between algorithms is small. Finally, we argue that whether realistic or not, MultiviewICA is
- a robust algorithm which in practice improves upon the state-of-the-art on multiple experiments. This discussion will
- ¹⁴ be added in Sec.3.
- ¹⁵ *Model expressivity, comparison to deep methods* Our method indeed lacks the expressivity of non-linear models.
- ¹⁶ However, linearity is still widespread for brain signal analysis, and non-linear methods are not necessarily better in this
- 17 setting where the number of samples is limited ([Deep learning for brains?: Different linear and nonlinear scaling in
- 18 UK Biobank brain images vs. machine-learning datasets, Schulz et al., 2019]). In appendix E.4, we obtain better results
- ¹⁹ than some non-linear deep-learning methods [21]. We will discuss this more thoroughly in Sec.3.
- 20 Rev.1: Difference in estimated components We did not perform qualitative comparison of the estimated components,
- 21 which is usually difficult due to the intrinsic randomness/non-convexity of ICA. We can only say that the reconstruction
- experiment (Fig.2) and the localization on MEG phantom data (Fig.3a) rely only on components, which are hence
- 23 different. We will add some component maps in the appendix, but leave a more qualitative comparison for future work.
- 24 Unclear experiment/metric: We will describe the experiments and metric at greater length, and give more intuitions.

25 **Rev.2:** *Method section is very dense*: We will do our best to unclutter it, and spend more time on important concepts.

- 26 Add CanICA: We will add CanICA in the synthetic and Phantom experiments (see Figs.(b), (c), (d)).
- 27 Rev.3: Shared response? We will do our best to introduce this key concept more clearly: subjects exposed to the same

stimulus should share a common response to it. Many methods have been proposed to reconstruct it (e.g [20]).

- 29 Show data: We will add in appendix figures showing data, mixing matrices and shared response
- 30 *Quantitative and qualitative results:* We will add a table summarizing our quantitative results. The only qualitative
- result in the paper is the Cam-CAN experiment, which uncovers relevant brain regions and clean evoked potentials.
- ³² While this is not a discovery, it illustrates the potential of MultiviewICA for unsupervised brain data exploration.
- 33 **Rev.4** Robustness to kurtosis: The proposed algorithm follows the route of infomax, and therefore only separates
- super-Gaussian sources. Arguably, most brain sources are super-Gaussian [24]. We plan to develop an extended version
- ³⁵ which switches between sub-and super-Gaussian density, like extended-Infomax, in a future work.
- ³⁶ *Response robustness:* We will add a synthetic experiment where we monitor reconstruction error (Fig.(c)).
- 27 Link with multiview CCA Thank you for this relevant works which we did not know about. We will mention these
- methods in Sec.3. We have added Bayesian Multiview CCA (BCorrCA) in the Phantom experiment (Fig.(d) below).
- *Dimension reduction*: All algorithms reported here rely on dimension reduction as preprocessing, hence the concerns of Artoni et. al. apply, but we believe that this problem is shared by all methods considered.
- 41 ICA of Lukic et al: We were not aware of this method. Unlike most ICA methods, it leverages non-stationarity of the
- sources rather than non-Gaussianity, which might result in very different decompositions [24]. We will mention this
- 43 work in Sec.3.
- 44 *Hyperparameters:* The only hyperparameters of competing algorithms are those of the ICA solver, Picard, that achieves
- ⁴⁵ robust convergence by default.
- 46 *CV in Fig 2*: The confidence interval is computed over runs and subjects. We will detail this.
- 47 Fig 2 "sherlock" and "forrest" high performance: Possible explanation: Sherlock data undergo a 6mm spatial
- 48 smoothing and Forrest data are acquired at a higher resolution (7T vs. 3T for other data). This affects SNR.



(a) Time segment match-(b) Synthetic experiment, (c) Synthetic experiment, ing experiment with different model: $x^i = A^i s + n^i \mod x^i = A^i (s + n^i)$ noise parameter values

