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3 ***Automated, efficient, and accelerated knowledge modeling of the***
4 ***cognitive neuroimaging literature using the ATHENA toolkit***

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48 **0. Abstract**

49 Neuroimaging research is growing rapidly, providing expansive resources for synthesizing
50 data. However, navigating these dense resources is complicated by the volume of research
51 articles and variety of experimental designs implemented across studies. The advent of
52 machine learning algorithms and text-mining techniques has advanced automated labeling
53 of published articles in biomedical research to alleviate such obstacles. As of yet, a
54 comprehensive examination of document features and classifier techniques for annotating
55 neuroimaging articles has yet to be undertaken. Here, we evaluated which combination of
56 corpus (abstract-only or full-article text), features (bag-of-words or Cognitive Atlas terms),
57 and classifier (Bernoulli Naïve Bayes, k -nearest neighbors, logistic regression, or support
58 vector classifier) resulted in the highest predictive performance in annotating a selection of
59 2,633 manually annotated neuroimaging articles. We found that, when utilizing full article
60 text, data-driven features derived from the text performed the best, whereas if article
61 abstracts were used for annotation, features derived from the Cognitive Atlas performed
62 better. Additionally, we observed that when features were derived from article text,
63 anatomical terms appeared to be the most frequently utilized for classification purposes
64 and that cognitive concepts can be identified based on similar representations of these
65 anatomical terms. Optimizing parameters for the automated classification of neuroimaging
66 articles may result in a larger proportion of the neuroimaging literature being annotated
67 with labels supporting the meta-analysis of psychological constructs.

68 **1. Introduction**

69 Neuroimaging research offers the potential to improve understanding of the neural
70 mechanisms supporting a wide range of mental operations linked with mental health
71 disorders and impacted by treatment interventions. These research endeavors are increasing
72 in volume and scope, requiring “big data” methods to harness and translate this
73 accumulated knowledge into improved cognitive models and ultimately intervention
74 strategies. For example, a search of the National Center for Biotechnology Information
75 PubMed engine (pubmed.gov) identified over 121,000 publications from 2007-2012
76 matching the terms “fMRI” or “functional magnetic resonance imaging”. That number has
77 risen to nearly 150,000 in the last five years, indicating that continued growth is to be
78 expected. This body of literature represents a vast knowledge archive capturing a system-
79 level perspective of functional brain organization. This includes a variety of motor (e.g.,
80 hand/body movements, speech), perceptual (e.g., visual, auditory), cognitive (e.g.,
81 memory, language, attention), affective (e.g., personality, emotion, mood), and
82 interoceptive (e.g., hunger, thirst, micturition) systems. Capturing and discriminating the
83 neurocognitive concepts across this plethora of information in an automated fashion for
84 harvesting and data synthesis has yet to be sufficiently accomplished.

85 Biomedical text mining approaches have shown to be increasingly beneficial for
86 extracting knowledge locked within text (Wang et al., 2007; Van Aken et al., 2012; Funk
87 et al., 2014; Torii et al., 2014; Collier et al., 2015; Kim et al., 2015). Journal articles, patient
88 electronic records, and social media posts may be mined to identify and predict relations
89 among entities; for example, “*drug X causes adverse event Y*”. In various genomics or
90 proteomics knowledge repositories, one focus has been to identify specific relationships
91 between concepts such as “*protein X phosphorylates receptor Y*” (Torrecilla et al., 2007).
92 However, these annotations often depend on identifying specific words such as the name
93 of the gene, drug or protein, or specific phrases such as “*opioid dependence*” present in the
94 text, or their variant forms or known synonyms from a dictionary, i.e., fairly simple design
95 patterns (Castellini et al., 2012). In cognitive neuroscience, researchers seek to identify
96 underlying neurobiological mechanisms, specifically relations between brain regions and
97 mental functions. These include forward inferences, “*mental function X activates brain*
98 *network Y*”, or reverse inferences, “*brain network Y is engaged during mental function X*”

99 (Poldrack et al., 2011). The challenge for cognitive neuroscience is that the particular name
100 of the mental function, experimental paradigm, or brain network often does not appear *per*
101 *se* in the text, nor does any simple synonym because there is an inherent variance in how
102 authors describe experimental design. Automated labeling of the concepts requires
103 *inferring* the concepts from large and non-contiguous sections of the text. To that end,
104 Neurosynth (neurosynth.org; Yarkoni et al., 2011) was developed as an automated platform
105 for archiving the results of neuroimaging articles, along with associated weightings of
106 terms based on frequency of appearance in the articles' abstracts. While this approach is
107 capable of fast automated annotation of a substantial proportion of the literature, the
108 annotations for a given article may lack sensitivity and specificity to relevant psychological
109 constructs discussed in the article. An optimal platform would be one which utilizes the
110 automated approach implemented in Neurosynth in conjunction with the structured
111 vocabulary established by a more formalized ontology.

112 While initial progress has been made in developing an efficient and accurate
113 machine learning classification approach for automated labeling on the abstracts of
114 neuroimaging papers (Turner et al., 2013; Chakrabarti et al., 2014), a comprehensive
115 assessment of predictive performance using different features and classifiers across
116 abstracts or full article text has yet to be conducted. We therefore sought to expand our
117 prior work by (1) developing a framework for automated annotation of neuroimaging
118 publications, (2) evaluating classifier performance across a range of variable parameters
119 (i.e., corpus, feature space, classification algorithm), and (3) characterizing relationships
120 between labels by assessing the similarities between persistent vocabularies extracted from
121 article text.

122 **2. Material and Methods**

123 *2.1 Corpora*

124 In an effort to build an automated text-mining algorithm capable of classifying
125 published neuroimaging articles, we utilized 2,633 articles from the BrainMap database
126 (brainmap.org; [Fox and Lancaster, 2002](#); [Laird et al., 2005; 2009](#)) that were published
127 between 1992 and 2016 and their associated metadata labels derived by manual (i.e.,
128 human) annotation (<http://brainmap.org>). We extracted the text contained in the published
129 abstracts using the PubMed API in Biopython (biopython.org). In addition, each
130 neuroimaging publication was manually downloaded in PDF format, and the PDFMiner
131 tool (github.com/euske/pdfminer) was applied to extract full document text. Image-based
132 PDFs were excluded from further analysis. This yielded the full text available in the
133 manuscript, including title, authors, keywords, main body of the publication, and
134 references, the totality of which includes text describing the study purpose, neuroimaging
135 methodology, results, and interpretations of findings in using specific, author-determined
136 terminologies. Thus, two text corpora were generated for this study (i.e., “abstracts-only”
137 and “full-text”), which were separately analyzed to determine if similar knowledge can be
138 extracted from succinct study descriptions as compared to the document as a whole.

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140 *2.2 Metadata labels*

141 For automated article annotation, a classifier must be established using a training
142 dataset with labeled articles. The Cognitive Paradigm Ontology (CogPO; [Turner and Laird,](#)
143 [2012](#); cogpo.org) is a taxonomy of labels utilized to represent experimental conditions
144 based on the stimuli presented, the instructions given, and the responses requested. Each
145 neuroimaging article was annotated with the established system of labels defined by
146 CogPO. In total, there are 358 CogPO terms that are separated into distinct dimensions,
147 including: *Behavioral Domain*, *Paradigm Class*, *Diagnosis*, *Context*, *Instruction*, *Stimulus*
148 *Modality*, *Stimulus Type*, *Response Modality*, and *Response Type*. Typically, CogPO terms
149 are assigned to experimental contrasts, which are defined by a reported set of activation (or
150 deactivation) coordinates. *Behavioral Domain* describes the construct or mental process
151 ostensibly isolated by the experimental contrast, according to the participant behaviors
152 elicited during the performed task, the latter of which is described by a *Paradigm Class*

153 term. *Diagnosis* refers to the participant population scanned during the neuroimaging study
154 (including healthy individuals or participants with a disease or disorder), whereas *Context*
155 describes what type of population effect was investigated (e.g., Disease Effects, Gender
156 Effects, etc.). *Instruction* describes what the participant was instructed to do during the
157 experiment, while *Stimulus Type* and *Modality* are descriptors for what stimuli were
158 presented to the participants. Finally, *Response Modality* and *Response Type* describe the
159 format for how the participant was instructed to overtly respond (if any), during the task.
160 A complete list of all included CogPO terms is available in **Supplemental Table 1**.

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162 2.3 Manual annotations

163 Each *experimental contrast* from the 2,633 neuroimaging publications archived in
164 the BrainMap database was extracted, along with the set of metadata annotations derived
165 from the CogPO labeling schema. Each experimental contrast was manually annotated by
166 trained experts with a set of CogPO labels, and each publication may contain multiple
167 experimental contrasts. Thus, in order to predict metadata label annotation for each
168 publication, we collapsed all labels from each experimental contrast into one set of labels
169 per neuroimaging article.

170 Importantly, the Behavioral Domain and Paradigm Class dimensions are organized
171 hierarchically. For example, the Behavioral Domain *Cognition.Memory* includes two sub-
172 types, *Cognition.Memory.Working* and *Cognition.Memory.Explicit*. Therefore, to enhance
173 the ability of machine-learning classifiers to distinguish, at the highest level, between
174 parent Behavioral Domains (i.e., *Action*, *Cognition*, *Emotion*, *Interoception*, *Perception*),
175 we performed a hierarchical expansion procedure whereby all parent labels in a hierarchy,
176 were assigned to the article in addition to the original label. For example, if a publication
177 were assigned the Behavioral Domain *Cognition.Memory.Working*, it would have also
178 been assigned the labels *Cognition.Memory* and *Cognition*. While Paradigm Classes do not
179 necessarily have the same hierarchical structure across all labels, certain tasks do exhibit
180 multiple variants, such as *Covert* and *Overt Word Generation*, and in such cases parent
181 labels were assigned accordingly. To increase the power of certainty associated with label
182 assignments using our machine-learning classifier, we only examined those labels with at
183 least 80 instances (Figueroa et al., 2012) across neuroimaging publications. That is, if a

184 specific metadata term, regardless of dimension, did not appear in at least 80 articles, it
185 was not considered for assessment, reducing the total number of CogPO labels assessed
186 from 358 to 86 (**Supplemental Table 2**).

187 We computed several descriptive measures pertaining to multi-label classification
188 to provide reference for quantifying the variable range of label assignments to the
189 neuroimaging articles. Label cardinality (LC_{avg}) is the average number of labels per article.
190 In addition to label cardinality, the minimum (LC_{min}) and maximum (LC_{max}) number of
191 label assignments were calculated across all CogPO dimensions and for each dimension.
192 Furthermore, label set proportions (Read et al., 2011) provide a reference for variability in
193 label assignment across the articles and within dimensions. We subsequently calculated the
194 proportion of unique label sets (P_{unq}) across all dimensions and for each dimension, as well
195 as the proportion of the data that is assigned to the minimum (P_{min}) and maximum (P_{max})
196 number of labels.

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198 2.4 Analysis pipeline

199 To evaluate classification accuracy and consistency across a combination of
200 variable factors including corpora, features, and classifiers, we developed an analysis
201 pipeline (**Figure 1**) combining tools available in the *Natural Language Toolkit* (NLTK;
202 Loper and Bird, 2002; Bird et al., 2009; nltk.org) and machine learning algorithms from
203 *scikit-learn* (scikit-learn.org). For this purpose, we implemented a stratified, repeated
204 cross-validation approach (Dietterich, 1998; Rodríguez et al., 2010) to ensure equal
205 representation across folds, whereby for each combination of label, corpus, feature space,
206 classification algorithm, and CogPO label, the binary classifier model was trained using
207 an optimized set of parameters on the training dataset, and the subsequent predicted label
208 was recorded for the test dataset. We evaluated classification accuracy by aggregating
209 across macro F1-scores for each label across iterations. Then, we utilized a hierarchical
210 clustering analysis to observe which Behavioral Domains and Paradigms Classes
211 demonstrated similar representations of features selected for classification across
212 iterations. For reference, all code utilized to perform these analyses are available on GitHub
213 (<https://github.com/NBCLab/athena>).

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215 2.5 Feature Space Definition

216 For each corpus investigated, we considered two *feature spaces*, for reducing the
217 article text to terms (or features) used for classification purposes. In our analyses, the two
218 types of features we used were defined by either “bag-of-words” or Cognitive Atlas terms,
219 as described below.

220 2.5.1 Bag-of-words

221 In the bag-of-words method, every whitespace character in the text
222 indicated a separation of words, so every word with at least 3 letters can be
223 considered a single feature through a process called *tokenization*. Given the
224 complex description of psychological constructs and experimental design used in
225 the neuroimaging literature, we also allowed for terms composed of one, two or
226 three words (unigrams, bigrams, or trigrams). Any such combinations of terms were
227 considered as potential features for the classification procedure. We also
228 implemented an abbreviation expander (github.com/NBCLab/abbr), which was
229 used to identify the corresponding terms associated with an abbreviation defined in
230 the text. This procedure identified abbreviations appearing in parentheses and
231 associated them with the terms appearing before the parentheses and whose letters
232 began with the abbreviation letters. All instances of the abbreviation in the text were
233 identified and replaced with the full term. This process served to provide
234 consistency across article texts that are potentially representing similar information
235 in different formats. Additionally, all non-alphanumeric characters (such as
236 punctuation), except for hyphens, were removed from the text, and all terms using
237 British-English spelling were converted to American-English spelling using a
238 dictionary of spelling differences (tysto.com/uk-us-spelling-list.html). An
239 additional step for pre-processing the text included “stop word” removal.
240 Commonly used terms that serve transitional or descriptive purposes, such as “the”,
241 “and”, “are”, “at”, etc., are known as “stop words”, and are not beneficial for
242 classification. We therefore filtered out the list of “stop words” provided by NLTK,
243 available in the supplemental information (**Supplemental Table 3**). The final step
244 for bag-of-words text pre-processing consisted of removing suffixes from terms
245 such that each word was decomposed into its root form in a process called

246 “stemming.” We again relied on the NLTK package and the English language
247 *Snowball* stemmer (Bird, 2006) for this purpose. Here, the purpose of stemming
248 was to establish consistency across terms that have the same meaning and root form
249 but vary in the text based on usage. For example, the terms “viewing”, “viewed”,
250 and “views” are all variants of the root “view”, but would be considered separate
251 terms (and subsequently, features) if not for stemming procedure. During this
252 transformation, the features for the classification procedure are now composed of
253 lexical roots, which may or may not be a complete word.

254 *2.5.2 Cognitive Atlas*

255 The Cognitive Atlas (Poldrack et al., 2011; cognitiveatlas.org) is a
256 collaboratively developed ontology for the field of cognitive science. The majority
257 of items in the Cognitive Atlas are categorized as *Concepts*, *Tasks*, or *Disorders*,
258 and have been developed by experts in the fields of psychology, cognitive science,
259 and neuroscience. Furthermore, relationships between terms, called *assertions*,
260 permit for a structured hierarchy that informs associations between psychological
261 constructs and experimental manipulation. Although specialized relationships may
262 exist within and between item categories, we limited feature weighting to Concept-
263 Concept assertions; specifically, hypernym/hyponym (is-a). In a similar way that
264 hierarchical expansion was performed for the metadata labels, we also implemented
265 an ontological weighting schema between Cognitive Atlas terms defined by the “is-
266 a” relationship (Poldrack, 2017; see link in Acknowledgements section). For
267 example, if a Cognitive Atlas term appeared a given number of times in a document
268 and is a “kind of” another Cognitive Atlas term, then the second term would be
269 assigned the same count as the first term plus the count for the term itself. This
270 weighting system was applied iteratively until the entirety of all term relationships
271 was completed such that a term with multiple “is-a” relationships was influenced
272 by the appropriate proportion of those term frequencies. In total, there are 1,744
273 terms in the Cognitive Atlas that describe *Concepts*, *Tasks*, or *Disorders*, along with
274 10 categories, for a total of 1,754 Cognitive Atlas features.

275 Text preprocessing for the “Cognitive Atlas” *feature space* was carried out
276 in the same manner as the bag-of-words approach. The Cognitive Atlas provides

277 not only a dictionary of relevant cognitive neuroscience terms, but also synonyms
278 and alternate forms (e.g., “executive function” and “executive control”).
279 Supplementing the Cognitive Atlas recommended alternate forms, we generated
280 additional alternate forms of terms by removing hyphens and possessive
281 apostrophes, moving parenthetical statements to the beginning of the term, and
282 derived similar terms separated by a forward slash “/”. We additionally performed
283 the “stemming” procedure as described above to reduce all Cognitive Atlas terms
284 and their alternate forms to their roots.

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286 2.6 Feature Vectorization and Reduction

287 We transformed raw counts of feature (bag-of-words or Cognitive Atlas terms)
288 appearance by calculating the term frequency-inverse document frequency (*tf-idf*; see
289 **Supplemental Material** for a formal definition) for each feature in each article of the
290 training-dataset. Specifically, the number of appearances of a given feature was extracted
291 and sub-linearly scaled using $1 + \log(tf)$ to reduce the effect of high-frequency features, then
292 multiplied by the inverse document-frequency to account for feature presence across
293 articles. The inverse document-frequency values were smoothed by adding 1 to document
294 frequencies to prevent zero divisions. Additionally, a threshold was imposed requiring a
295 minimum frequency of 80 instances for each feature to reflect the minimum number of
296 instances necessary for a metadata label to receive consideration for classification. That is,
297 because we required a label to have a minimum of 80 instances, we also required a feature
298 to appear at least 80 times. Then, only for the case of the “bag-of-words” *feature space*, if
299 the total number of potential features for the classification procedure was greater than the
300 number of Cognitive Atlas terms, a chi-square test was utilized to subsequently identify
301 and eliminate the features that were irrelevant for classification. To this end, the chi-square
302 tests measured dependence between all potential features, and the top 1,754 “bag-of-
303 words” features that were *least likely* to be independent of class were retained. We chose
304 to limit the number of bag-of-words terms to match the number of Cognitive Atlas terms
305 to make the two feature spaces more directly comparable.

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307 2.7 Classifier, parameter tuning

308 We examined four different algorithms for classification, described below, to
309 determine which approach produced the most reliable and accurate results. The
310 performance of each classifier is dependent on the combination of different variables, or
311 *hyperparameters*, that impact how the algorithm calculates the model for generating
312 predictions. Each classifier is influenced by a unique set of *hyperparameters*. Thus, for
313 each classifier, we performed a grid-search over different combinations of
314 *hyperparameters* (from the classifier-specific set of *hyperparameters*) to determine which
315 arrangement resulted in the most optimal classifier performance based on the training-
316 dataset (Bergstra and Bengio, 2012). Then, once the optimal combination of
317 *hyperparameters* was identified, the classifier and *hyperparameters* were used to generate
318 predictions of metadata labels. This procedure was performed for each fold and each
319 iteration, and the distributions of *hyperparameters* chosen for each classifier can be found
320 in the *Supplemental Material* (**Supplemental Table 4**). Here, we briefly describe each
321 classifier and the associated parameters chosen for tuning.

322 2.7.1 Bernoulli naïve Bayes

323 The naïve Bayes algorithm is based on Bayes' theorem with the assumption
324 that each feature is independent. This classifier operates under the assumption that
325 the probability of assigning a label to an article based on the specific *tf-idf* vector is
326 proportional to the probability of that label occurring in the training-dataset
327 multiplied by the union of probabilities of each feature's association with that label
328 (McCallum and Nigam, 1998; Metsis, Androutsopoulos and Paliouras, 2006;
329 Manning, Raghavan and Scheutze, 2008). Essentially, the probability that an article
330 in the test-dataset is about a given label is calculated using the product of the
331 probabilities of the features (that appeared in the test-dataset) in the training-dataset
332 that were annotated with that label. Thus, this model is dependent on binary feature
333 occurrence rather than frequency of occurrence. In the Bernoulli naïve Bayes
334 approach, the non-occurrence of a feature is penalized, rather than ignored, in the
335 calculation of the probability that a feature is associated with the label. If the
336 resulting probability exceeds a threshold of 0.5, then it is assumed that the article
337 in question is considered to be about the label being evaluated.

338 The only parameter that required tuning for the Bernoulli naïve Bayes
339 classifier was the additive (Laplace/Lidstone) smoothing parameter, which
340 primarily accounts for features which are not present in the training-dataset,
341 preventing the occurrence of a zero probability for those features in further
342 computations. The values for the smoothing parameter tested in the tuning grid-
343 search were 0.01, 0.1, 1, and 10.

344 *2.7.2 Support vector classifier*

345 Support vector machines construct a hyperplane in high-dimensional space
346 that separates data-points according to binary classification (is or is not annotated
347 with the label), where the optimal separation is achieved when the hyper-plane is
348 maximally distant from the nearest training data-points of different classes (the
349 maximum-margin hyperplane). In classification, the hyper-plane is constructed to
350 separate articles in the *tf-idf* matrix that were or were not about a given label, after
351 transformation by a radial basis function kernel which allows the feature space to
352 be non-linear (Smola and Schölkopf, 2004). Put another way, the radial basis kernel
353 function (defined in the **Supplemental Text**) incorporates a Gaussian function to
354 calculate the distance between feature vectors.

355 The parameters that required tuning for the support vector classifier were
356 the penalty of the error term and kernel coefficient for the kernel function. For the
357 *radial basis function* kernel, the error term trades misclassification of training
358 examples against the simplicity of the decision surface, and the kernel coefficient
359 defines the extent to which a single article in the training-dataset influences the
360 classifier. The error terms used for tuning in the grid-search were 1, 10, and 100,
361 and the potential kernel coefficients were 0.01, 0.1, and 1.

362 *2.7.3 Logistic regression*

363 The logistic regression algorithm is a classification algorithm based on
364 generalized linear models, where the probabilities that a given article is about a
365 label is modeled using a logistic function (Yu, Huang, Lin et al., 2011). In the
366 current approach, a binary classifier is independently developed for every label
367 where the model coefficients corresponding to each feature in the training-dataset
368 are calculated to minimize the error using a cost function. The LIBLINEAR library

369 utilizes a coordinate descent algorithm to optimize the regression model (Fan et al.,
370 2008). *tf-idf* weights from the testing-dataset article are entered into the resulting
371 regression model, and the log-odds is then modeled as a probability using the
372 logistic function.

373 The parameters tuned in the grid-search accounted for the regularization
374 strength and the function for penalty normalization. Regularization in machine
375 learning is a term that prevents the model from overfitting to the training-dataset,
376 and the lower the regularization, the more likely overfitting is to occur. Penalty
377 normalization essentially adds either square loss or absolute deviation loss of the
378 magnitude of the coefficients to the penalty term of the cost function. The
379 regularization strengths submitted for tuning were 0.01, 0.1, 1, 10, and 100; and the
380 penalty normalization functions were the *L1-norm* or the *L2-norm*.

381 *2.7.4 K-nearest neighbors*

382 The kNN algorithm identifies the k articles in the training-dataset closest in
383 distance between their respective *tf-idf* vectors and that of the test-article to be
384 classified. That is, the distance between all *tf-idf* vectors in the training-dataset and
385 the article to be classified was calculated using the appropriate distance metric, and
386 the k articles with the smallest distance were identified. Then, a majority vote is
387 calculated from those *k-nearest* articles to determine if the test-article should be
388 annotated with a given label. In this instance, if more of the *k-nearest* articles are
389 not classified with the label under consideration, then the model will not predict
390 that label for the given article.

391 The kNN algorithm is dependent on the chosen k , the distance metric, and
392 distance weighting for predictions. Our parameter-tuning grid-search operated on k
393 = 1,3,5,7,9; calculated distances between *tf-idf* vectors in the training- and test-
394 dataset, which have equivalent lengths (i.e., number of features) using both the
395 Manhattan and Euclidean distance algorithms; and based predictions on uniform
396 and weighted distances. Uniform distances indicated that all points in a
397 neighborhood were weighted equally, whereas points could also be weighted by the
398 inverse of their distance. In this case, closer neighbors of a query point had a greater
399 influence than neighbors that were further way. As the input datasets are large and

400 the kNN classification approach requires all the data available, distance calculation
401 algorithms can be used to identify the nearest neighbors. The algorithm (BallTree,
402 KDTree, brute-force) used to compute the nearest neighbors were automatically
403 determined based on the sparsity of the inputs (Bently 1975; Omohundro 1989).

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405 2.8 Classifier Training

406 For the unique combination of a given metadata label, corpora (“abstract only” or
407 “full text”), and feature space (“bag-of-words” or “Cognitive Atlas”), a repeated five-fold
408 cross-validation procedure was performed 100 times. In this scheme, for each iteration, the
409 publications were first randomly split into 5 groups. Then, within the iteration, each of the
410 groups was selected as the test dataset once (and the other four were combined into a
411 training dataset). The *tf-idf* vectorization and feature reduction techniques described above
412 were subsequently performed for the training-datasets in each fold and each iteration to
413 increase generalizability of the model and improve learning performance (Tang et al.,
414 2013). For the bag-of-words feature space, the vocabulary (i.e., the set of unigrams,
415 bigrams, and trigrams extracted from the text and used to train the classifier) was defined
416 independently based on the fold’s training dataset, while for the Cognitive Atlas feature
417 space the vocabulary was already defined. Bag-of-words features derived from the training
418 dataset or Cognitive Atlas terms were then subjected to a similar *tf-idf* vectorization
419 procedure in the test-dataset. This resulted in two independent matrices with dimensions
420 equal to the number of features derived from the training-dataset and number of articles in
421 the training-dataset and test-dataset, respectively (Manning, Raghavan and Schütze, 2008;
422 Baeza-Yates and Ribeiro-Neto, 2011). The procedure outlined above, consisting of
423 vectorization, feature reduction, and classifier training/testing was performed 5 times for
424 each of the 100 iterations which were performed for each combination of *feature space*,
425 *corpus*, and *classifier* for a total of 8000 permutations for each CogPO label. Within each
426 iteration and fold, classifiers were then trained using the training-dataset *tf-idf* feature
427 matrix, and predictions for articles in the test-dataset were made using the test-dataset *tf-*
428 *idf* feature matrix as input.

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430 2.9 Evaluation

431 *2.9.1 F1-scores*

432 To build and assess classifier performance in assigning CogPO labels to
433 neuroimaging articles, we explored two *corpora* (“abstracts-only” and “full-text”),
434 two *feature spaces* (“bag-of-words” and “Cognitive Atlas”), and four *classifiers*
435 (“Bernoulli naïve Bayes”, “support vector classifier”, “logistic regression”, and “k-
436 nearest neighbors”). Classifiers for each label were modeled using a repeated cross-
437 validation procedure, whereby for each of the 100 iterations, the neuroimaging
438 articles and associated labels were split into 5 training- and test-datasets (thus
439 producing 500 estimates of classifier performance per label and per combination of
440 corpus, feature space, and classifier). Macro F1-scores (see **Supplemental Text** for
441 F1-score derivation) were used as the standard measure of classifier performance
442 and calculated for each iteration for each label so that our results were not biased
443 toward the most frequently occurring metadata labels within and across dimensions
444 (Sokolova and Lapalme, 2009). For Macro-F1 calculation, the mean and standard
445 deviation of F1-scores across iterations and folds provided average levels of
446 performance and consistency of performance for each label. Then, to assess
447 classifier performance for each CogPO dimension, the mean and standard deviation
448 of F1-scores were calculated across iterations and folds for all labels within a
449 dimension. Additionally, we calculated Micro F1-scores to obtain a
450 characterization of classifier performance that does not over-emphasize classes that
451 are under-represented while under-emphasizing classes that are over-represented.
452 For Micro F1-score calculation, F1-scores were calculated across all labels within
453 a CogPO dimension for each combination of corpora, feature space, and classifier,
454 and averaged across iterations. Both Macro and Micro F1-scores can range from 0,
455 the worst score possible, and 1, for perfect precision and recall.

456 *2.9.2 Baseline Performance Estimation*

457 To compare the classifiers, we calculated the level of performance one
458 would expect based on simply choosing the most frequently occurring metadata
459 labels, derived using each combination of parameters. To do this, Macro F1-scores
460 were calculated for a pseudo-prediction matrix that was artificially generated by
461 “predicting” that all articles were annotated with the metadata labels within each

462 dimension that occurred most frequently across the dataset. First, the average label
463 cardinality (LC_{avg}) for each dimension was used to select the (rounded) LC_{avg} most
464 frequently occurring metadata labels. Then, the pseudo-prediction matrix was filled
465 in with a value of 1 for all articles using those selected metadata labels for each
466 dimension. F1-scores were calculated using this “prediction matrix” to obtain a
467 baseline level of classifier performance.

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469 2.9.3 *Hierarchical Recall and Precision*

470 Additional metrics for evaluating classifier performance are hierarchical
471 recall and precision. Due to the hierarchical nature of Behavioral Domains in
472 CogPO and the current implementation of hierarchical expansion for label
473 assignment, we explored evaluating these metrics to assess classifier performance.
474 The purpose for evaluating hierarchical recall and precision is to determine the
475 performance of predicting the parent label (e.g., Cognition.Memory) when an
476 article is also predicted to have been annotated with one of its child domains (e.g.,
477 Cognition.Memory.Working). However, the current classification problem is one
478 that generates binary classification models, and therefore label predictions are
479 independent of one another. That is, classifiers for Cognition.Memory and
480 Cognition.Memory.Working are trained, predicted, and evaluated independently of
481 one another across 5 folds and 100 iterations for each combination of corpora,
482 feature space, and classifier. Nonetheless, we derived hierarchical recall and
483 precision metrics for hierarchical Behavioral Domain labels *within* iterations, and
484 averaged over all iterations and Behavioral Domain labels.

485

486 2.10 *Feature similarity across labels*

487 The *bag-of-words* approach uses the most frequently appearing one-, two-, or three-
488 word terms across all articles annotated with a given label for features when generating a
489 classification algorithm. Within each fold across iterations of the classification procedure,
490 we chose to use the top 1,754 features for each label from the *bag-of-words*, the same
491 number of Cognitive Atlas features, so that each feature space would be comparable in
492 size. We sought to determine if, across folds and iterations, different sets of features from

493 the *bag-of-words* approach were more frequently used for classification across the CogPO
494 dimensions *Behavioral Domain* and *Paradigm Class*. First, we calculated the average
495 feature frequency for a given label within the “full-text” corpora and “logistic regression”
496 classifier combination as it performed the best across the possible permutations when using
497 Macro F1-scores as a proxy for classification performance. Then, we calculated the
498 Spearman correlation coefficient between each possible pairing of feature frequency
499 distributions from *Behavioral Domain* and *Paradigm Class* labels. To control for
500 correlations that are influenced by labels that tend to be annotated together, we regressed
501 the frequency of co-occurrence (as estimated by the Dice Similarity Index (Dice, 1945)),
502 such that the resulting residuals represented a true similarity between the labels’ feature
503 distributions. Hierarchical clustering was then applied to the resulting cross-correlation
504 matrix (Laird et al., 2015; Riedel et al., 2018) using the “correlation distance” and
505 “weighted linkage” metrics in the MATLAB (Natick, MA) computing environment to
506 observe how similar labels were classified based on similar sets of terms.

507 The resulting clusters of labels from the hierarchical clustering analysis serve as a
508 proxy for demonstrating how articles assigned with similar labels tend to use similar
509 vocabulary. To demonstrate this effect, we then sought to present the most consistently
510 utilized features across iterations for each cluster. As indicated above, before the classifiers
511 were determined, the feature set for each label and each iteration was reduced from the full
512 bag-of-words to the top 1,754 features. We calculated the mean occurrence of each feature
513 across labels within a cluster and utilized the top ten percent of those bag-of-words features
514 and their corresponding frequencies to generate a “word cloud” visualization
515 (https://github.com/amueller/word_cloud). In this representation, the features exhibiting
516 the highest frequency across labels in a cluster appear in larger font sizes in the word cloud.

517 **3. Results**

518 A collection of 2,633 neuroimaging articles and their associated labels derived from
519 the CogPO vocabulary were submitted to a repeated
520 cross-validation technique to determine which combination of corpora, features, and
521 classifier resulted in an optimal performance of automated article labeling. A total of 100
522 iterations of five-fold cross-validation were performed for each combination and label.
523 Average predictive performance was assessed using the mean of Macro F1-scores across
524 iterations and folds, and performance consistency was assessed using the standard
525 deviation of Macro F1-scores for across iterations and folds. As indicated above, we
526 utilized Macro F1-scores as our measure of performance such that our results would not be
527 biased toward the most frequently occurring labels.

528 *3.1 Labels*

529 Our classification analysis included 26 Behavioral Domains, 17 Paradigm Classes,
530 3 Context terms, 5 Diagnoses, 12 Instructions, 4 Stimulus Modalities, 12 Stimulus Types,
531 3 Response Modalities, and 4 Response Types. Multi-label classification metrics, such as
532 label cardinality and label set proportions, provide a means for interpreting the variable
533 range of true label annotations to the neuroimaging articles. The average, minimum, and
534 mean label cardinality and set proportions were calculated across all CogPO dimensions
535 and for each dimension (**Table 1**). On average, each neuroimaging article was annotated
536 with ~12 labels across all CogPO dimensions, while 1 article was annotated with only 1
537 label (the minimum), and 2 articles were annotated with 37 labels (the maximum).
538 Although there are 9 dimensions in CogPO, the reason that one neuroimaging article was
539 only annotated with 1 label is because the other annotated labels did not occur in at least
540 80 instances across the entire neuroimaging corpora. The number of unique combinations
541 of label assignments across CogPO dimensions was about 87% of the total dataset,
542 indicating a diversity of experimental designs across the neuroimaging corpora. When
543 considering the individual CogPO dimensions, on average, each neuroimaging article was
544 assigned approximately 3 Behavioral Domains, whereas all other dimensions were
545 assigned on average about 1-1.5 labels. As previously mentioned, the minimum number of
546 label assignments across all dimensions was 0. This occurred the most frequently in the
547 Paradigm Class dimensions, where roughly 29% of the neuroimaging articles were not

548 assigned a label. It is also worth noting that every neuroimaging article had *at least* 1 label
549 assignment after thresholding.

550 *3.2 Evaluation*

551 *3.2.1 Overall Performance*

552 We ran an overall ANOVA to test for differences in Macro F1-scores when
553 considering different parameters and combinations of parameters for classification (**Figure**
554 **2, Table 2**). Two findings emerge from this analysis: that the interaction between the three
555 parameters we tested indicated results will significantly vary depending on the *corpus*,
556 *feature space*, and *classifier* chosen for article annotation, and importantly, that
557 performance does not vary across those parameters when considering CogPO dimensions.
558 This second point suggests that different classification parameters are NOT needed when
559 annotating Behavioral Domains and Paradigm Classes, for instance.

560 With respect to CogPO dimensions, *Diagnosis* labels demonstrated the highest
561 performance and *Stimulus Type* labels demonstrated the most consistent performance
562 across iterations (**Supplemental Table 5**). To provide insight into classification
563 performance at different levels of combinations of the parameters varied, first we examined
564 which combinations of *corpora*, *feature space*, and *classifier* independently performed the
565 best (**Supplemental Table 6**). On average, when only considering *corpus*, “full text” out-
566 performed “abstracts” and was the most consistent. When only considering *feature space*,
567 the “bag-of-words” approach out-performed the “Cognitive Atlas” and was the most
568 consistent; and when only considering the *classifiers*, “support vector classifiers” out-
569 performed all others and was most consistent. Second, we examined which combination of
570 parameters yielded the highest performance. We observed that the combination of “full-
571 text” and “support vector classifiers” out-performed all other combinations of *corpus* and
572 *classifier*, and was the most consistent; the combinations of “bag-of-words” and “support
573 vector classifiers” out-performed all other combinations of *feature space* and *classifier*,
574 and was the third-most consistent; and “full text” and “bag-of-words” out-performed all
575 other combinations of *corpus* and *feature space*, and was the most consistent. Interestingly,
576 when considering “abstracts-only”, the “bag-of-words” and “Cognitive Atlas” *corpora*
577 performed almost equivalently, with “bag-of-words” performing slightly better. Third, we

578 examined which combination performed the best across all three parameters. We observed
579 that the average levels of performance were highest according to Macro F1-scores across
580 all CogPO dimensions (**Table 3**) for the combination of “full text”, “bag-of-words”, and
581 the “logistic regression” classifier, though the performance for “full text”, “bag-of-words”,
582 and “support vector classifier” was not substantially different enough to indicate one
583 approach is truly superior to the other. However, the subsequent ancillary analyses focus
584 on the “logistic regression” classifier since it did perform the best. With respect to Micro
585 F1-scores, the combination of “full text”, “bag-of-words”, and the “support vector
586 classifier” performed best, though not substantially better than the same combination when
587 using the “logistic regression”. Thus, across evaluation metrics (Macro/Micro F1-scores)
588 performance was always highest when using the “full text” corpus, “bag-of-words” feature
589 space, and either the “logistic regression” classifier or “support vector classifier”.

590 *3.2.2 Baseline Performance Estimation*

591 Our baseline performance estimation in which Macro F1-scores were calculated for
592 a pseudo-prediction matrix yielded values for comparing our classifiers performance. In a
593 few instances, some combinations of *corpus*, *feature space*, and *classifier* failed to
594 outperform the baseline performance estimation for the CogPO dimensions *Response*
595 *Modality* and *Response Type*. However, the best performing combination of parameters for
596 each dimension *always* outperformed the baseline performance estimations.

597 *3.2.3 Hierarchical Recall and Precision*

598 Generally speaking, across all combinations of corpora, feature space, classifier,
599 and Behavioral Domain labels, hierarchical recall was roughly 0.55, while hierarchical
600 precision was 0.71. This difference between recall and precision indicates that more false
601 negatives were identified than false positives, meaning articles annotated with a sub-label
602 were not as frequently classified with the associated parent-label. This is not unexpected
603 as feature differentiation among the parent label is greater and non-specific compared to
604 the sub-label. Hierarchical recall and precision distributions calculated for each Behavioral
605 Domain assessed across every combination of corpora, feature space, and classifier can be
606 found in **Supplemental Figures 2** and **3**, respectively.

607

608 3.3 Feature similarity across labels

609 We implemented a hierarchical clustering analysis on a matrix of residual
610 correlation coefficients between pairwise Behavioral Domain and Paradigm Class label
611 feature representation distributions to observe which labels tended to demonstrate higher
612 similarities of terms usage in the “full-text” (**Figure 3**) and “abstracts-only”
613 (**Supplemental Figure 4**) extracted from neuroimaging articles. We chose an arbitrary
614 clustering threshold based on visual inspection of the resulting dendrogram to relate
615 CogPO labels assigned to individual clusters. We observed four clusters of CogPO labels
616 in the dendrogram and their corresponding word clouds indicate not only which features
617 were most consistently used across classifiers for each label in a cluster, but also represent
618 an associated vocabulary respective to the constructs in each cluster. A persistent
619 observation across all word clouds is the inclusion of a number of brain anatomy, structure,
620 or location descriptors such as “anterior cingul” (anterior cingulate), “cingul cortex”
621 (cingulate cortex), and “left amygdala”. Furthermore, terms corresponding to mental
622 constructs such as “work memori” (working memory), “intern affect” (internal affect), and
623 “express emot” (express emotion), coupled with experimental design descriptions like
624 “event rel” (event related) and “pictur system” (picture system) provide a broad overview
625 of psychological systems interrogated across a large set of studies. Additionally, diagnoses
626 such as “major depress” (major depressive disorder) and “bipolar disord” (bipolar disorder)
627 can provide insight into either the neural systems most *studied* in specific patient
628 populations or the neural systems most *affected* in specific patient populations. Finally,
629 journal titles and author names are also represented in these word clouds indicating specific
630 emphases on certain topics by journals (which may be subsequently biased due to study
631 inclusion in this analysis) or domain of study for different principal investigator’s labs.

632 As a purely exploratory investigation, within these primary clusters, individual
633 groupings of labels that are combinations of Behavioral Domain and Paradigm Classes
634 emerge that represent similar psychological constructs. For instance, in one cluster (red), a
635 grouping of the Behavioral Domain labels “Perception.Somesthesia” and
636 “Perception.Somesthesia.Pain” and Paradigm Class label “Pain Monitor/Discrimination”
637 represent a very specific subset of functional neuroimaging studies investigating the neural
638 responses to “pain”. Further high-level psychological constructs that can be identified by

639 the dense grouping of similar CogPO labels include “Memory”, “Emotion”, and
640 “Language”. Following the same procedure for generating word clouds corresponding to
641 each cluster, we additionally created word clouds for each psychological construct to
642 determine if specific terminology in each sub-grouping would yield a more informative
643 knowledge base for describing these paradigms. The word clouds (**Figure 4**) associated
644 with these individual sub-groupings of labels provide an even more fine-grained
645 assessment of the most frequently used features in these inferred topics with terms such as
646 “nonspati work” (nonspatial working), “verbal work” (verbal working), “term memori”
647 (term memorization) in the “Memory” subset and “facial express” (facial expression),
648 “fusiform gyrus”, and “amygdala activ” (amygdala activation) in the “Emotion” subset.

649 **4. Discussion**

650 Neuroimaging meta-analyses for knowledge modeling are becoming increasingly
651 prevalent due to the increasing rate and number of publications. Curating and synthesizing
652 this data is time consuming, subjective, and prone to errors of omission simply because the
653 scientific literature is too large. We utilized 2,633 neuroimaging articles to determine the
654 most optimal combination of corpus (*abstract, full-text*), feature (*bag-of-words, Cognitive*
655 *Atlas*), and classifier (*Bernoulli naïve Bayes, support vector classifier, logistic regression,*
656 *k-nearest neighbors*), that resulted in the highest predictive performance. Our findings
657 indicate that if CogPO labels are to be used for synthesizing neuroimaging articles and full-
658 article text is available, using the *bag-of-words* feature space and the *logistic regression*
659 classifier will provide optimal performance of article annotation, though it only slightly
660 outperformed the full-text, bag-of-words, and support vector classifier combination,
661 whereas if only article abstracts are available, the *Cognitive Atlas* feature space and *support*
662 *vector* classifier should be used. These recommendations are expanded upon in the ensuing
663 discussion.

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665 *4.1 Full-text vs abstracts*

666 We sought to evaluate whether classifiers performed better when using the text
667 from the entire neuroimaging article or just the article abstract. The motivation for
668 performing this assessment was based on the idea that short, concise descriptors in article
669 abstracts would be used to convey psychological constructs and experimental design,
670 whereas phrases and terminology describing the study design would be captured by using
671 full article text. Previous research has illustrated techniques utilized for document
672 classification and short-text classification (e.g., [Turner et al., 2013](#)) and we identified one
673 paper ([Bui et al., 2016](#)) which attempted to classify text patterns according to which section
674 of an article it appeared in (i.e., title, abstract, text-body, etc.). In addition, within the
675 context of text-mining in genetics literature, structural differences existed between
676 abstract-only and full article text, with longer sentences and increased parenthesized
677 material in the article text (Cohen et al., 2010). Cohen et al., (2010) additionally found that
678 semantic classes (corresponding to gene, mutation, disease, and drug) exhibited differential
679 densities in article and abstract text, yielding the potential for characterizing articles based

680 on densities of CogPO dimensions across sections of the article. Overall, across all feature
681 spaces and classifiers, predictive performance was higher when using text extracted from
682 the full-text, rather than just the abstracts. One reason to suspect full-text classification
683 outperformed abstract-only classification could be based on a reduced total number of
684 features when considering the abstracts-only text. For instance, when considering the bag-
685 of-words feature space, the imposed 80-instance threshold more likely reduced the
686 total number of potential features for classification using abstract text because unique
687 phrases are less likely to occur frequently because of study and author specific terminology.
688 To this point, the number of unique features used to classify all labels using abstracts text
689 was 740, compared to 15,004 unique features using full article text. In addition, references
690 are included as components of the full article text, so authors and article titles are also
691 considered as features. References were included in the full-text assessments in part
692 because of the demonstrated networks of author collaborations in the AuthorSynth tool
693 (Sochat et al., 2015). Similarly, when considering the Cognitive Atlas feature space, terms
694 may have not been represented as frequently (if at all) in the abstract text compared with
695 the full article text. These findings are indicative of 1) more semantic variability across
696 abstracts yielding fewer features with high enough frequency for classification purposes,
697 and 2) less differentiation of features used for classification amongst labels, potentially
698 leading to less accurate predictive performance.

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700 *4.2 Bag-of-words vs. Cognitive Atlas*

701 Additionally, we sought to determine if a feature space derived from an expert
702 defined vocabulary, the *Cognitive Atlas*, describing psychological constructs, mental
703 operations, and experimental conditions could match or exceed the classification
704 performance when using features derived from neuroimaging article text. This assessment
705 was based on the premise that author-derived terms are non-specific with respect to the
706 context of the article, and the frequency of terms associated with cognitive concepts and
707 tasks from the *Cognitive Atlas* would be better suited for annotation using *CogPO* labels.
708 These hypotheses are driven by evidence supporting dictionary matching algorithms in
709 genetics research increasing prediction performance in concept recognition (Funk et al.,
710 2016). When considering classification using full article text, the *bag-of-words* features

711 outperformed the *Cognitive Atlas* features, though the difference (0.05) falls within the
712 error range of consistency (0.20) of prediction accuracy for the *bag-of-words* approach.
713 Additionally, if one considers the current scenario of article annotation using abstract text
714 until full article text becomes more readily available, the *Cognitive Atlas* feature space
715 actually outperforms *bag-of-words*. This finding, aside from gross feature representation
716 differences in article abstracts (as reported above), supports the notion that article abstracts
717 contain high-level, context specific terminology that *Cognitive Atlas* can leverage for
718 classification purposes, whereas the *bag-of-words* features, which are subjected to a
719 reduction technique that ensures sufficient power, show either 1) high semantic variability
720 within a single label, or 2) low heterogeneity across all CogPO labels. Thus, while we
721 generally identified comparable performance using the *Cognitive Atlas* feature space, we
722 acknowledge that these findings are contextualized within the cognitive neuroimaging
723 literature when using CogPO labels.

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725 4.3 Classification algorithm

726 Based on overall performance, average Macro F1-scores across Cog PO labels and
727 iterations were highest for the full-text *corpora* and bag-of-words *feature space* when using
728 the logistic regression algorithm; although the performance was almost equivalent when
729 using the support vector classifier algorithm. On average, the Bernoulli naïve Bayes and *k*-
730 nearest neighbors algorithms failed to achieve equivalent predictive performance as the
731 logistic regression and support vector classifiers, regardless of the *corpora* or *feature space*
732 chosen. The Bernoulli naïve Bayes algorithm is based on binary feature representation;
733 thus, frequency of appearance is not emphasized. The lack of emphasis on feature
734 representation could be detrimental in weighting key terms used frequently about a specific
735 cognitive domain, though it has been shown to be beneficial in document classification
736 (McCallum et al., 1998). The *k-nearest neighbors* algorithm annotates labels based on a
737 majority vote of the *k* labels from the training-dataset with the smallest distance with the
738 test-dataset. Annotation performance can thus vary based on the selected value of *k*,
739 exhibits a U-shaped relationship with the number of relevant features (Okamoto and
740 Yugami, 2003), and generally performs worse in the case of high-dimensional data
741 (Mitchell et al., 1990). Aside from reduced performance levels, another limitation of the *k*-

742 nearest neighbor algorithm is that it is computationally expensive regarding processing
743 time and storage requirements, as no model is actually trained and distances must be
744 calculated for every class. Support vector classifiers are robust and have been used for
745 classification of cancer (Fury et al., 2000; Guyon et al., 2002), image (Chapelle et al., 1999)
746 and audio (Guo et al., 2003) classification, and identifying smokers compare to non-
747 smokers (Pariyadath et al., 2014). In general, because of their ability to operate in high
748 dimensional spaces, support vector classifiers have few drawbacks, with the exception of
749 high processing times and memory consumption during the training and classification
750 stages (Khan et al., 2010). Logistic regression is another of the more popular classification
751 approaches for medical data classification (Dreiseitl and Ohno-Machado, 2002). Logistic
752 regression models are generally less prone to overfitting and thus have a higher degree of
753 generalizability. This is particularly important in the current context as there are
754 unbalanced representations of CogPO labels used for training classifiers, and annotation of
755 future articles may not be suspect to overfitting based on the data utilized in the current
756 work.

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758 *4.4 Feature representation*

759 Our exploratory analysis yielded word clouds for different clusters and
760 demonstrated that anatomical terms appeared to dominate the most frequently utilized
761 features for article classification across labels. This finding is important for two reasons:
762 first, it suggests that semantic variability is greater for functional terms or task descriptors
763 than anatomical labels; and second, frequently used anatomical terms are represented in a
764 meaningful way that exhibit dense associations with similar cognitive concepts. For
765 instance, it is not surprising to find that “superior temporal gyrus” is one of the most
766 commonly utilized anatomical terms used to classify CogPO labels related to language
767 (Friederici et al., 2003), or likewise the association between “amygdala” and emotion labels
768 (Gallagher et al., 1996). However, these anatomical terms are not domain-specific, and
769 leveraging a feature space that weighs heavily toward anatomical descriptors could result
770 in less confidence for article annotation, particularly in the cases where experimental
771 designs are increasingly complex, interrogating multiple cognitive domains or brain
772 networks. For instance, recent meta-analytic endeavors (Laird et al., 2015; Riedel et al.,

773 2018; Bottenhorn et al., 2018) have demonstrated robust brain network activation across
774 activation maps associated with distinct neuroimaging task paradigms. In this respect, a
775 classification system whereby features are derived from an ontology of psychological
776 concepts, such as the Cognitive Atlas, would rely more on authors' discussion of
777 experimental design and findings related to cognitive neuroscience and psychology. In this
778 respect, efforts in text-mining the neuroimaging literature can be enhanced by referencing
779 the genomics classification methodologies, as advanced concept and synonym recognition
780 techniques are prevalent (Funk et al., 2016). Nonetheless, relationships between brain
781 regions and neurological disorders can be delineated, providing invaluable knowledge of
782 the either brain regions most commonly associated with specific disorders or, given the
783 association between brain location with cognitive domains, which disorders are most
784 commonly studied within a given domain. Finally, it is somewhat surprising that canonical
785 brain networks did not emerge as frequently used features. Some of the most highly studied
786 networks, such as the "default-mode" and "salience" networks reflect very little semantic
787 variability. To this end, it would seem that authors tend to discuss their findings in terms
788 of constituent components of these networks. Alternatively, the majority of the publications
789 included in this assessment occurred prior to and including the year 2008, while seminal
790 brain-network papers were published around that time (Seeley et al., 2007; Menon 2011),
791 indicating a lack of representation in the current database.

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793 *4.5 Limitations and Future Directions*

794 During the planning phase of our analyses, we considered the distinctions between
795 CogPO and the Cognitive Atlas as developed ontologies for classification purposes.
796 Ultimately, we believed that the Cognitive Atlas is more suitable to be leveraged as a
797 feature space than as a label set because CogPO is meant to be more static, which fits the
798 function of stable article annotations, whereas the Cognitive Atlas is meant to evolve. To
799 this end, relationships between concepts in the Cognitive Atlas can be evaluated as weights
800 between features for each classifier, and prediction performance can be improved as these
801 relationships are further refined and Cognitive Atlas becomes more fully specified through
802 crowd-sourcing efforts. Furthermore, evolving the Cognitive Atlas vocabulary to

803 incorporate synonyms based on constituent parts of the features may serve to strengthen
804 prediction performance (Funk et al., 2016).

805 Following best standards and practices, we only utilized CogPO labels that were
806 annotated at least 80 times, which drastically reduced the number of labels used for
807 classification. Thus, the context with which these results should be interpreted are with
808 respect to those 86 labels that were trained and tested here. Public release will include
809 classifiers for CogPO labels trained on the entire dataset. Additionally, as there were
810 varying levels of performance across combinations of parameters, it is difficult to conclude
811 that one combination is superior to the other. Using the full-text, bag-of-words, and logistic
812 regression approach resulted in the best overall performance, but this was only slightly
813 greater than when using the support vector machine classifier (and full-text, bag-of-words).
814 Thus, subtle differences in classifier performance should be considered, and annotation
815 performance in smaller datasets according to the classification algorithm should be
816 investigated.

817 We utilized the largest known corpus of studies with manual annotations for
818 deriving classifiers for CogPO labels, and as such, included all articles for training and
819 testing purposes for labels to reach a sufficient power for analysis. An independent dataset
820 is necessary for validation of the classifiers, and future work includes using manually
821 annotated datasets to evaluate the ATHENA derived classifiers in the domain of executive
822 function, social cognition, decision making, and cue reactivity. Furthermore, we are meta-
823 analytically assessing whether spatial distinctions exist between executive control network
824 depending on the specific nomenclature authors used to describe it (e.g., cognitive control
825 network, executive function network, dorsal attention network, etc.).

826 All classifiers produced by the work performed may be integrated into existing
827 tools, including Neurosynth, Brainspell & MetaCurious, and NiMARE. Neurosynth is a
828 platform in which automated methods are used to extract relevant information from
829 neuroimaging articles for the purpose of large-scale meta-analysis. These classifiers may
830 be used to provide a new set of labels by which users can perform meta-analyses using
831 Neurosynth's database. Further development of the ATHENA classifiers through formal
832 comparison with Neurosynth's bag-of-words annotation approach is ongoing. Brainspell
833 and MetaCurious allows researchers to search across the literature, manually curate

834 collections of articles for meta-analyses, and add human annotation to the existing
835 automated annotations for Neurosynth, which form the basis of the Brainspell database.
836 The curation process involves adding labels to the articles, which can be used to improve
837 ATHENA classifiers. Additionally, the classifiers may be used to improve the accuracy of
838 targeted searches in MetaCurious, which will make comprehensive literature searches
839 easier for meta-analysts. NiMARE is a Python package that implements a wide range of
840 tools for neuroimaging meta-analysis, and it is in NiMARE that the ATHENA classifiers
841 may be implemented and interact with Neurosynth and MetaCurious.

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852 *Software Dependencies*

853 As described above, the analyses presented in this work rely on the following
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855 2010), statsmodels (Seabold & Perktold, 2010), SciPy (Jones, Oliphant, & Peterson, 2014),
856 scikit-learn (Pedregosa et al., 2011), IPython (Perez & Granger, 2007), nltk (Bird, Klein,
857 & Loper, 2009), pdfminer (Shinyama, 2007), seaborn (Waskom et al., 2017), and many
858 core libraries provided with Python 2.7.11. Additionally, the ontological expansion of
859 Cognitive Atlas term weights was influenced by Poldrack (2017):
860 https://github.com/poldrack/cognitive_encoding_model/blob/master/neurosynth_prep/exp_and_ontology.py (Poldrack, 2017)

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863 *Data will be shared and freely available on GitHub.*

864 Code and partial data (article text is copyrighted and can not be shared) for this study are
865 publicly available in a GitHub repository (<https://github.com/NBCLab/athena>). The
866 manual annotations in the analysis are not openly available due to BrainMap's data sharing
867 policies; however, anyone interested in acquiring these annotations may contact the
868 BrainMap Development Team and request access to these data through a collaborative use
869 agreement (<http://www.brainmap.org/collaborations.html>).

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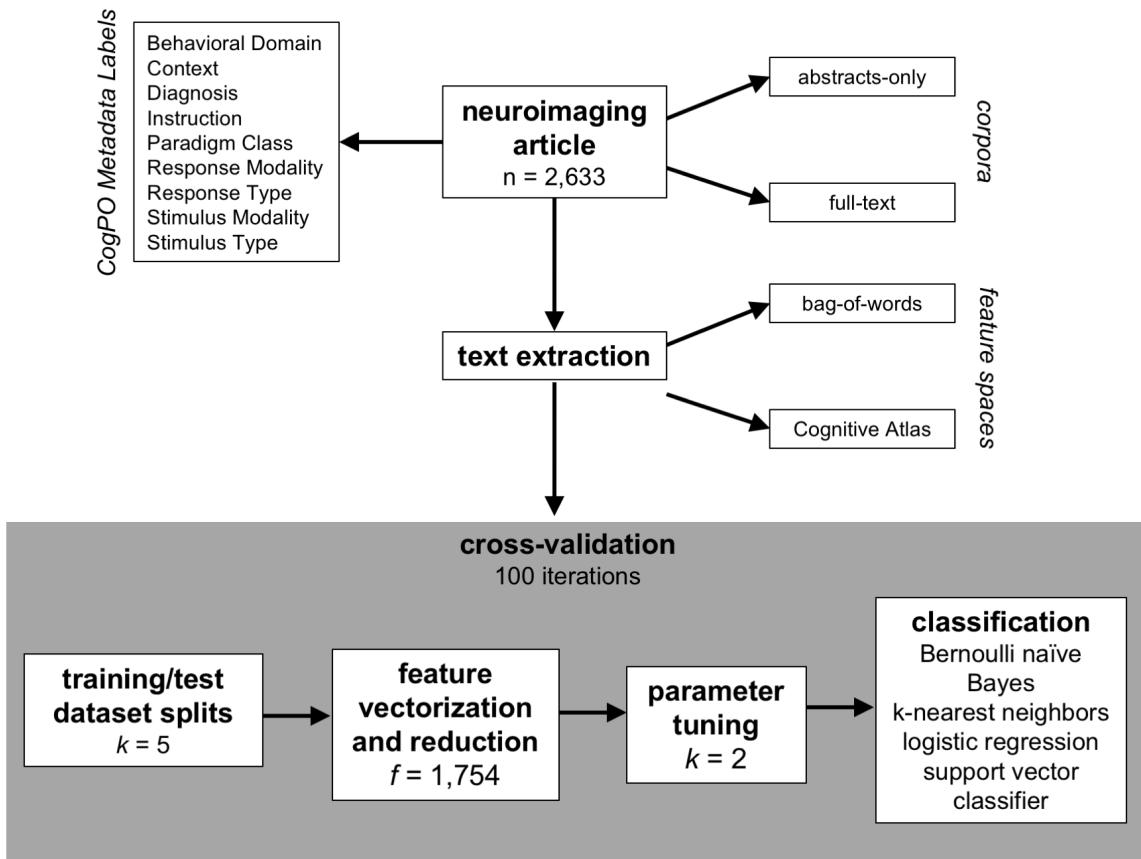
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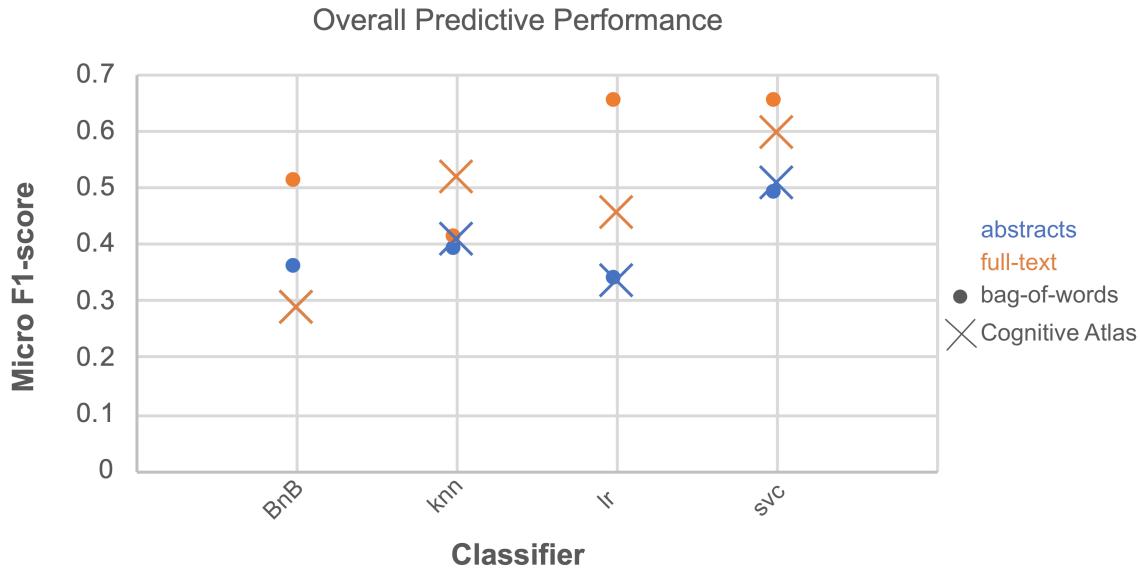
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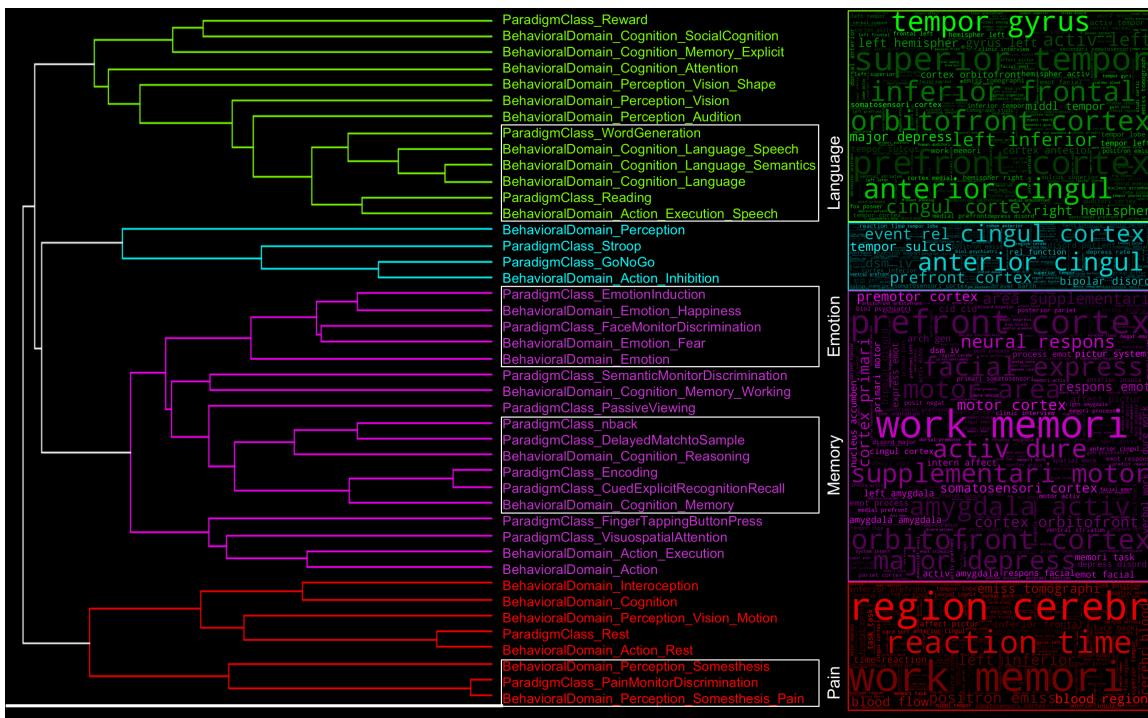
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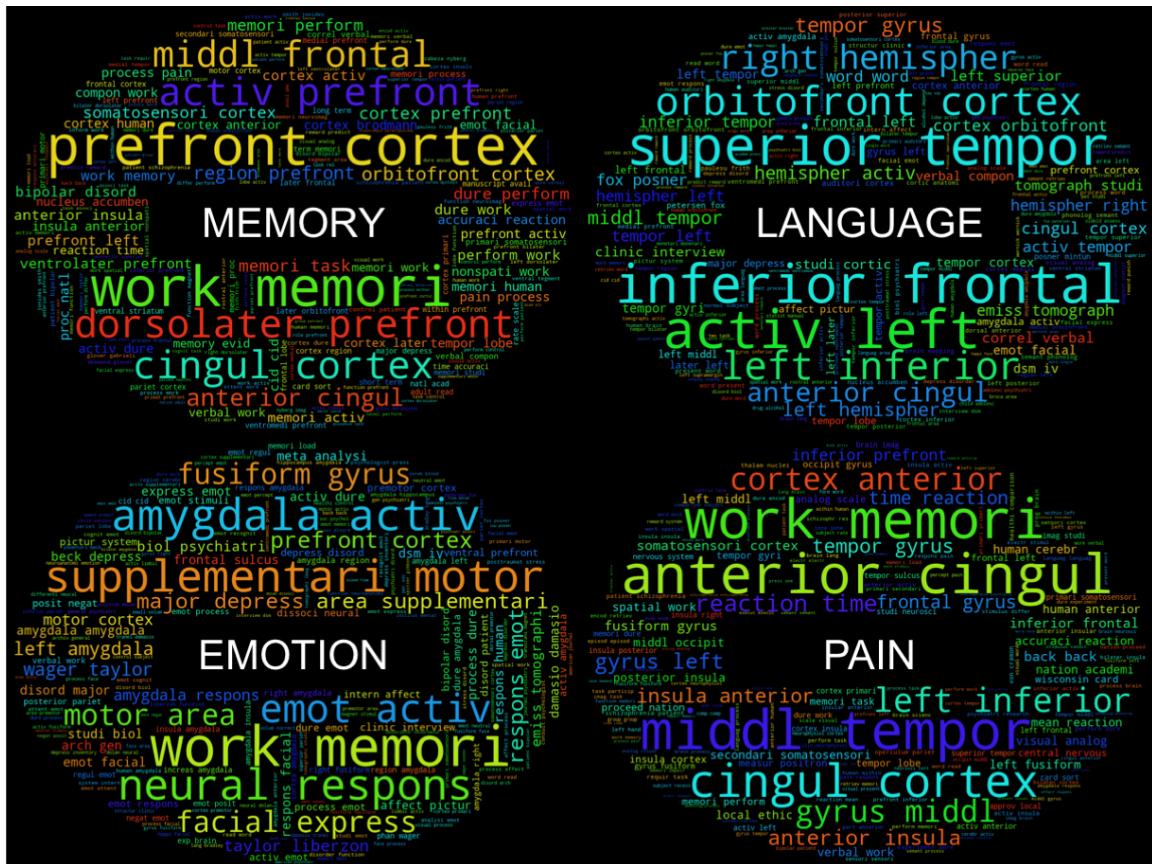
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Figure 2. Overall predictive performance across classifiers. Predictive performance evaluated as the average of Micro F1-scores for each combination of parameters over all CogPO dimensions provides an outlook of comparative performances. The combination of parameters with the highest performance occurred for *bag of words*, *full-text*, and *logistic regression*; however, *bag of words*, *full-text*, and *support vector classifier* performed nearly equivalently. Performance levels for the Bernoulli Naïve Bayes classifier, Cognitive Atlas feature space and full-text and abstract-only analyses were the same, indicating why it does not appear in the current figure.



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1110 **Figure 3. Label similarity dendrogram.** Similarity between Behavioral Domain and
1111 Paradigm Class metadata labels based on features selected for classification across folds
1112 and iterations. Clusters are representative of labels and their corresponding manuscript in
1113 which similar language was used throughout the whole text. The associated “word clouds”
1114 were generated by using the top 10% of the most frequently used bag-of-words features
1115 across labels and iterations in each cluster.



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1117 **Figure 4. Feature “word clouds” from cluster subsets.** “Word clouds” for the four
1118 subsets of clusters were generated by utilizing the top 10% of the most frequently used
1119 bag-of-words features across labels in each subset. Larger words indicate a larger
1120 representation of feature frequency within each distribution.

Table 1. Label cardinality and set proportions. Label cardinality metrics, such as the average (LC_{avg}), minimum (LC_{min}), and maximum (LC_{max}) number of labels assigned to a neuroimaging article, were calculated for each Cognitive Paradigm Ontology dimension and across all dimensions. These metrics were derived using the known manual annotations. Additionally, label set proportions were calculated, such as the proportion of articles assigned with the minimum (P_{min}) or maximum (P_{max}) number of labels and the proportion of unique label set combinations (P_{uniq}) across all neuroimaging articles.

Dimension	Behavioral Domain	Context	Diagnosis	Instruction	Paradigm Class	Response Modality	Response Type	Stimulus Modality	Stimulus Type	Overall
LC_{avg}	2.96	0.98	1.02	1.52	0.85	1.27	1.22	1.19	1.40	12.41
LC_{min}	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
LC_{max}	13	3	3	6	4	3	3	4	7	37
P_{uniq}	12.19	15.34	0.61	7.41	5.36	0.30	0.57	0.61	6.84	86.86
P_{min}	2.16	16.82	6.68	2.96	29.05	1.14	2.73	1.48	6.27	0.04
P_{max}	0.04	0.61	0.49	0.15	0.19	0.76	0.76	0.08	0.04	0.08

Table 2. ANOVA Results. An overall ANOVA test was performed to test differences between F-scores for each potential combination of parameters tested in our analysis. Interactions between parameters were also included to inform the effect of different combinations parameters on the resulting F-scores.

ANOVA Results	F	Df	Pr(>F)	Sig
dimension	3.734	8	0.000976	***
classifier	128.301	3	<2E-16	***
dimension x classifier	1.758	24	0.0187	*
corpora	104.061	1	5.99E-16	***
dimension x corpora	0.242	8	0.981	
feature	20.504	1	2.14E-05	***
dimension x feature	2.065	8	0.0496	*
classifier x corpora	52.56	3	<2E-16	***
dimension x classifier x corpora	0.68	24	0.869	
classifier x feature	85.522	3	<2E-16	***
dimension x classifier x feature	2.142	24	0.00214	**
corpora x feature	34.221	1	1.13E-07	***
dimension x corpora x feature	1.124	8	0.357	
classifier x corpora x feature	45.15	3	<2E-16	***
dimension x classifier x corpora x feature	0.98	24	0.493	

*** (p < 0.001) ** (p<0.01) * (p<0.05)

Table 3. Macro F1-scores for combinations of variables. Performance measures for each possible combination of options from all potential variables, as indicated by average and standard deviations of the Macro F1-scores across iterations for each Cognitive Paradigm Ontology dimension.

Dimension	Behavioral Domain	Context	Diagnosis	Instruction	Paradigm Class	Response Modality	Response Type	Stimulus Modality	Stimulus Type	Overall
Baseline										
	0.06	0.31	0.21	0.09	0.01	0.49	0.36	0.30	0.07	
Corpora + Feature Space + Classifier										
abstract-only + bag-of-words										
Bernoulli naïve Bayes	0.38 (0.26)	0.62 (0.32)	0.45 (0.26)	0.28 (0.23)	0.26 (0.21)	0.57 (0.20)	0.45 (0.27)	0.53 (0.20)	0.27 (0.19)	0.36 (0.26)
k-nearest neighbor	0.45 (0.25)	0.61 (0.36)	0.65 (0.32)	0.24 (0.22)	0.33 (0.24)	0.54 (0.27)	0.42 (0.30)	0.57 (0.24)	0.21 (0.21)	0.39 (0.28)
logistic regression	0.43 (0.33)	0.58 (0.41)	0.69 (0.34)	0.12 (0.25)	0.28 (0.32)	0.49 (0.33)	0.36 (0.37)	0.55 (0.34)	0.15 (0.27)	0.34 (0.36)
support vector classifier	0.56 (0.23)	0.69 (0.31)	0.73 (0.30)	0.33 (0.24)	0.44 (0.23)	0.61 (0.19)	0.50 (0.25)	0.66 (0.19)	0.31 (0.21)	0.49 (0.27)
abstract-only + Cognitive Atlas										
Bernoulli naïve Bayes	0.38 (0.31)	0.52 (0.38)	0.45 (0.31)	0.16 (0.22)	0.22 (0.27)	0.46 (0.33)	0.35 (0.35)	0.49 (0.31)	0.09 (0.19)	0.29 (0.31)
k-nearest neighbor	0.51 (0.20)	0.51 (0.37)	0.57 (0.29)	0.30 (0.18)	0.38 (0.24)	0.52 (0.26)	0.43 (0.27)	0.55 (0.22)	0.18 (0.15)	0.41 (0.25)
logistic regression	0.44 (0.30)	0.53 (0.38)	0.68 (0.34)	0.20 (0.27)	0.29 (0.35)	0.48 (0.34)	0.42 (0.32)	0.51 (0.32)	0.06 (0.17)	0.34 (0.34)
support vector classifier	0.57 (0.18)	0.62 (0.28)	0.72 (0.27)	0.41 (0.15)	0.50 (0.21)	0.60 (0.20)	0.52 (0.23)	0.62 (0.18)	0.32 (0.15)	0.51 (0.22)
full-text + bag-of-words										
Bernoulli naïve Bayes	0.54 (0.17)	0.70 (0.28)	0.61 (0.15)	0.41 (0.16)	0.46 (0.15)	0.64 (0.17)	0.57 (0.21)	0.64 (0.16)	0.39 (0.13)	0.51 (0.18)
k-nearest neighbor	0.46 (0.21)	0.58 (0.27)	0.69 (0.20)	0.28 (0.19)	0.36 (0.21)	0.64 (0.19)	0.49 (0.30)	0.59 (0.16)	0.25 (0.15)	0.41 (0.24)
logistic regression	0.70 (0.13)	0.85 (0.10)	0.87 (0.08)	0.51 (0.19)	0.63 (0.19)	0.76 (0.09)	0.63 (0.26)	0.77 (0.13)	0.51 (0.23)	0.65 (0.20)
support vector classifier	0.69 (0.14)	0.86 (0.10)	0.87 (0.09)	0.51 (0.17)	0.62 (0.19)	0.77 (0.09)	0.66 (0.21)	0.77 (0.14)	0.50 (0.21)	0.65 (0.20)
full-text + Cognitive Atlas										
Bernoulli naïve Bayes	0.37 (0.28)	0.55 (0.39)	0.64 (0.19)	0.12 (0.22)	0.22 (0.24)	0.49 (0.33)	0.40 (0.33)	0.41 (0.35)	0.07 (0.17)	0.29 (0.31)
k-nearest neighbor	0.61 (0.18)	0.64 (0.29)	0.71 (0.18)	0.39 (0.18)	0.50 (0.19)	0.64 (0.17)	0.52 (0.25)	0.64 (0.20)	0.29 (0.21)	0.52 (0.23)
logistic regression	0.58 (0.28)	0.58 (0.41)	0.85 (0.07)	0.21 (0.27)	0.46 (0.31)	0.61 (0.24)	0.49 (0.32)	0.58 (0.35)	0.17 (0.26)	0.46 (0.34)
support vector classifier	0.67 (0.14)	0.73 (0.22)	0.87 (0.07)	0.49 (0.15)	0.60 (0.19)	0.69 (0.13)	0.60 (0.21)	0.71 (0.16)	0.39 (0.19)	0.60 (0.21)

Table 4. Micro F1-scores for combinations of variables. Performance measures for each possible combination of options from all potential variables, as indicated by average and standard deviations of the Micro F1-scores across iterations for each Cognitive Paradigm Ontology dimension.

Dimension	Behavioral Domain	Context	Diagnosis	Instruction	Paradigm Class	Response Modality	Response Type	Stimulus Modality	Stimulus Type	Overall
Baseline										
	0.06	0.31	0.21	0.09	0.01	0.49	0.36	0.30	0.07	
Corpora + Feature Space + Classifier										
abstract-only + bag-of-words										
Bernoulli naïve Bayes	0.57 (0)	0.64 (0)	0.83 (0)	0.85 (0)	0.8 (0)	0.86 (0)	0.47 (0)	0.38 (0)	0.36 (0)	0.61 (0.16)
k-nearest neighbor	0.61 (0)	0.63 (0)	0.84 (0)	0.81 (0.01)	0.85 (0.01)	0.85 (0)	0.38 (0)	0.4 (0)	0.33 (0.01)	0.64 (0.19)
logistic regression	0.63 (0)	0.68 (0)	0.88 (0)	0.89 (0.01)	0.89 (0.01)	0.91 (0)	0.43 (0)	0.5 (0)	0.4 (0.01)	0.63 (0.19)
support vector classifier	0.62 (0.01)	0.68 (0.01)	0.84 (0)	0.83 (0)	0.89 (0.01)	0.89 (0)	0.42 (0)	0.49 (0)	0.44 (0.01)	0.68 (0.17)
abstract-only + Cognitive Atlas										
Bernoulli naïve Bayes	0.62 (0)	0.75 (0)	0.83 (0)	0.91 (0.01)	0.8 (0.01)	0.91 (0)	0.52 (0)	0.61 (0)	0.46 (0)	0.58 (0.21)
k-nearest neighbor	0.59 (0)	0.72 (0)	0.85 (0)	0.86 (0.01)	0.87 (0.01)	0.89 (0)	0.36 (0)	0.45 (0.01)	0.34 (0.01)	0.62 (0.19)
logistic regression	0.6 (0)	0.77 (0)	0.84 (0)	0.92 (0)	0.9 (0)	0.93 (0)	0.46 (0)	0.61 (0)	0.41 (0.01)	0.60 (0.20)
support vector classifier	0.71 (0)	0.75 (0.01)	0.87 (0)	0.89 (0.01)	0.9 (0.01)	0.92 (0)	0.5 (0)	0.57 (0.01)	0.54 (0)	0.66 (0.15)
full-text + bag-of-words										
Bernoulli naïve Bayes	0.44 (0)	0.68 (0)	0.69 (0)	0.66 (0)	0.69 (0)	0.71 (0)	0.76 (0)	0.39 (0)	0.33 (0)	0.65 (0.14)
k-nearest neighbor	0.41 (0.01)	0.67 (0.01)	0.7 (0)	0.65 (0.01)	0.68 (0.01)	0.7 (0)	0.73 (0.01)	0.23 (0.01)	0.21 (0.02)	0.64 (0.20)
logistic regression	0.51 (0)	0.71 (0)	0.72 (0)	0.69 (0)	0.71 (0)	0.77 (0)	0.8 (0)	0.34 (0)	0.39 (0)	0.76 (0.11)
support vector classifier	0.53 (0)	0.68 (0)	0.71 (0)	0.67 (0)	0.7 (0)	0.73 (0)	0.77 (0)	0.28 (0)	0.4 (0)	0.77 (0.12)
full-text + Cognitive Atlas										
Bernoulli naïve Bayes	0.66 (0)	0.72 (0)	0.8 (0)	0.71 (0)	0.79 (0.01)	0.75 (0)	0.85 (0)	0.45 (0)	0.59 (0.01)	0.59 (0.22)
k-nearest neighbor	0.56 (0)	0.69 (0)	0.74 (0)	0.68 (0)	0.73 (0.01)	0.71 (0)	0.79 (0)	0.22 (0)	0.37 (0)	0.69 (0.16)
logistic regression	0.65 (0)	0.75 (0)	0.81 (0)	0.73 (0.01)	0.8 (0.01)	0.79 (0)	0.86 (0)	0.31 (0)	0.58 (0)	0.68 (0.17)
support vector classifier	0.63 (0)	0.74 (0)	0.77 (0)	0.72 (0.01)	0.75 (0)	0.8 (0)	0.83 (0)	0.42 (0)	0.5 (0)	0.74 (0.13)