

# Some AFNI Scripts

For Nonlinear Warping  
and For Time Series Regression:

*Real* Scripts Used Recently by

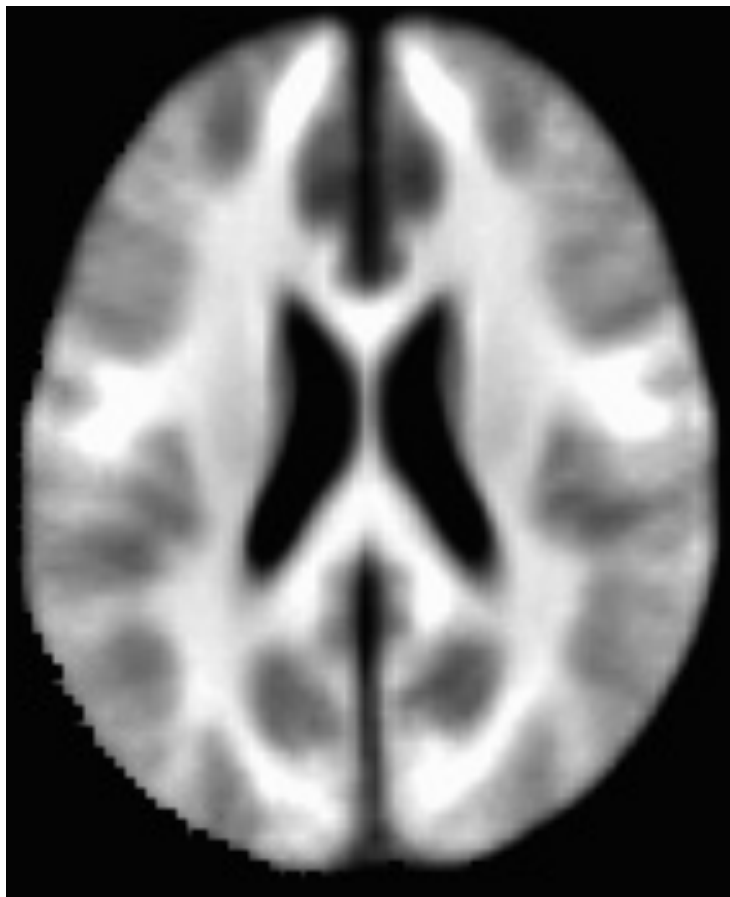
**RW Cox**

Also see <https://arxiv.org/abs/1709.07471>  
Appendix has processing scripts

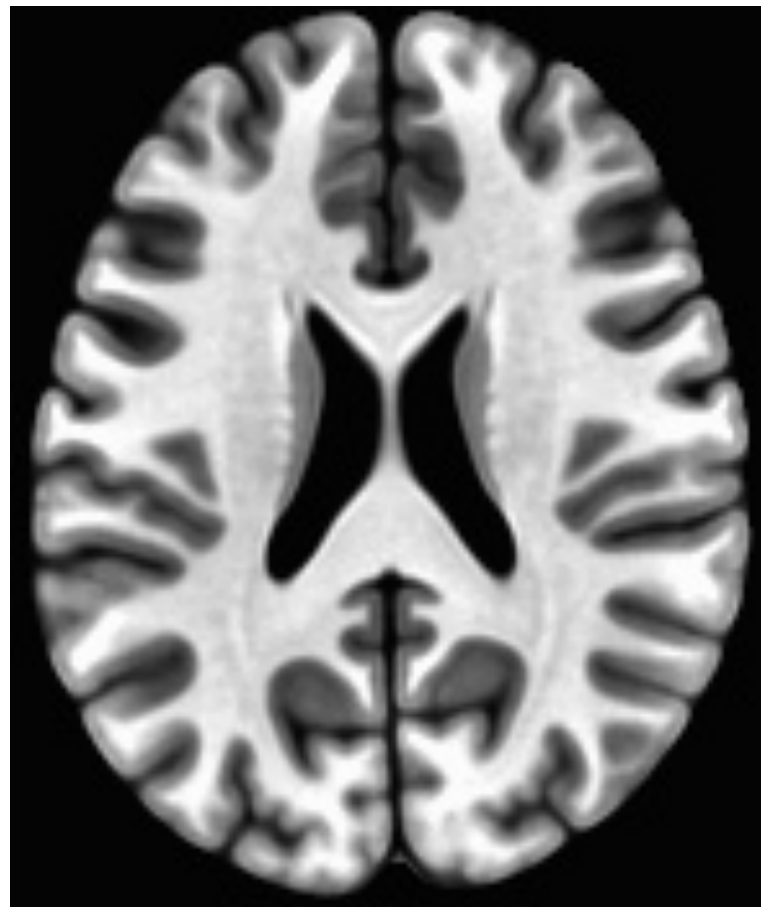
# Nonlinear Warping to MNI Template

- afni\_proc.py *can* do the nonlinear warping for you
  - But, nonlinear warping is slow
  - If you need to re-rerun subject analysis, nonlinear warping will slow the re-run script down *a lot*
- Solution: do the nonlinear warping *before* using afni\_proc.py, then supply the warping results so that afni\_proc.py will skip doing the warping itself
- Mechanism: the **@SSwarper** script (tcsh)
  - Does Skull Stripping ("SS") and nonlinear warping
  - Base dataset is **MNI152\_2009\_template.nii.gz**
    - Nonlinearly warped, not too blurry

# Two MNI Templates



**MNI152\_1mm\_uni+tlrc**  
Affine alignments

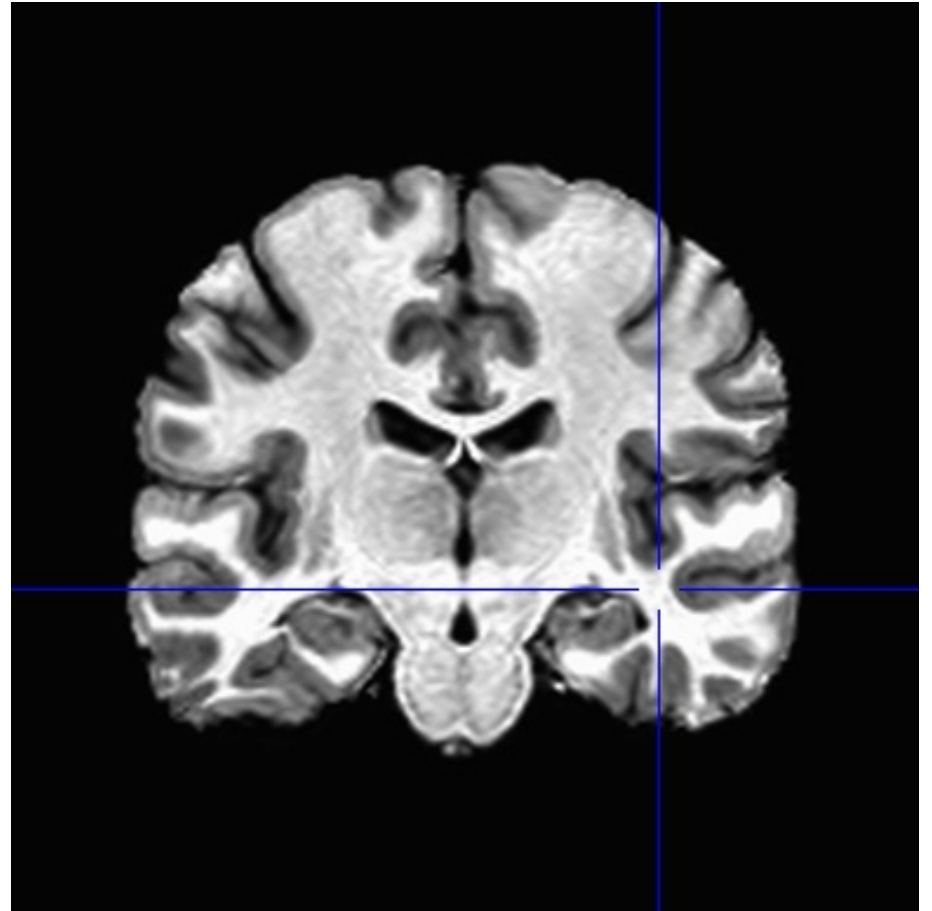
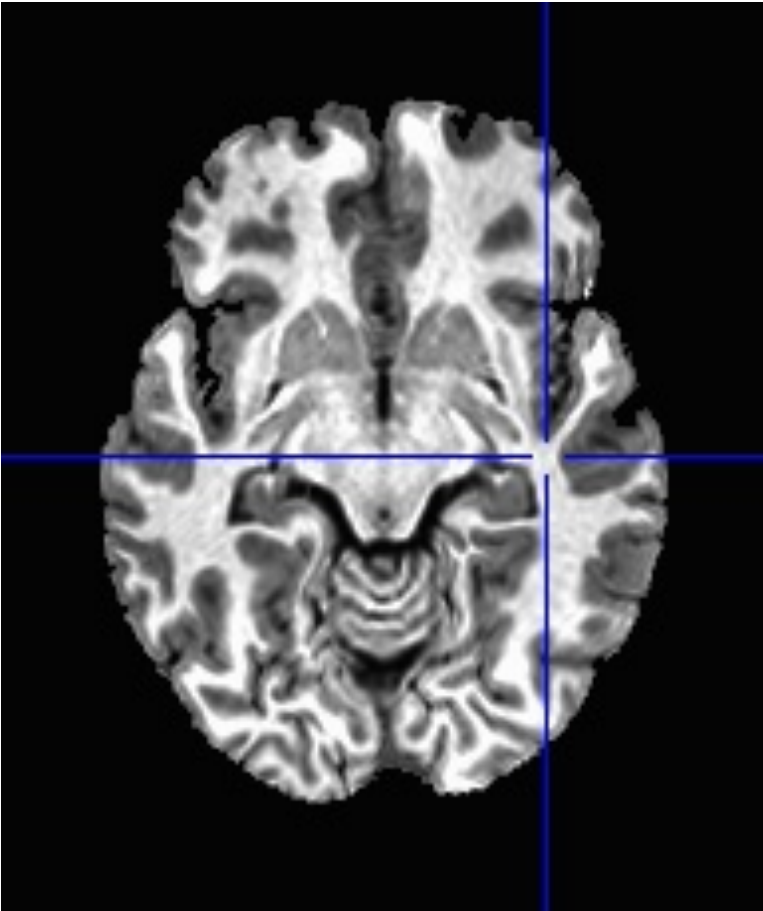


**MNI152\_2009\_template.nii.gz**  
Nonlinear alignments

# What @SSwarper Produces

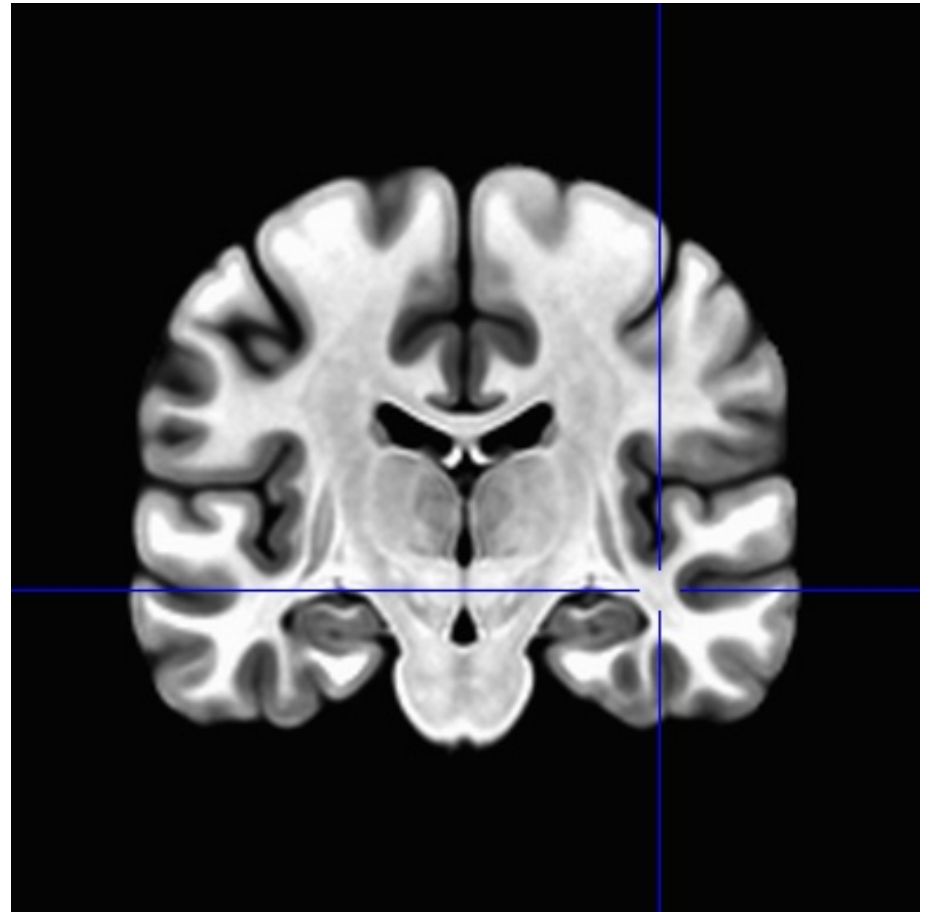
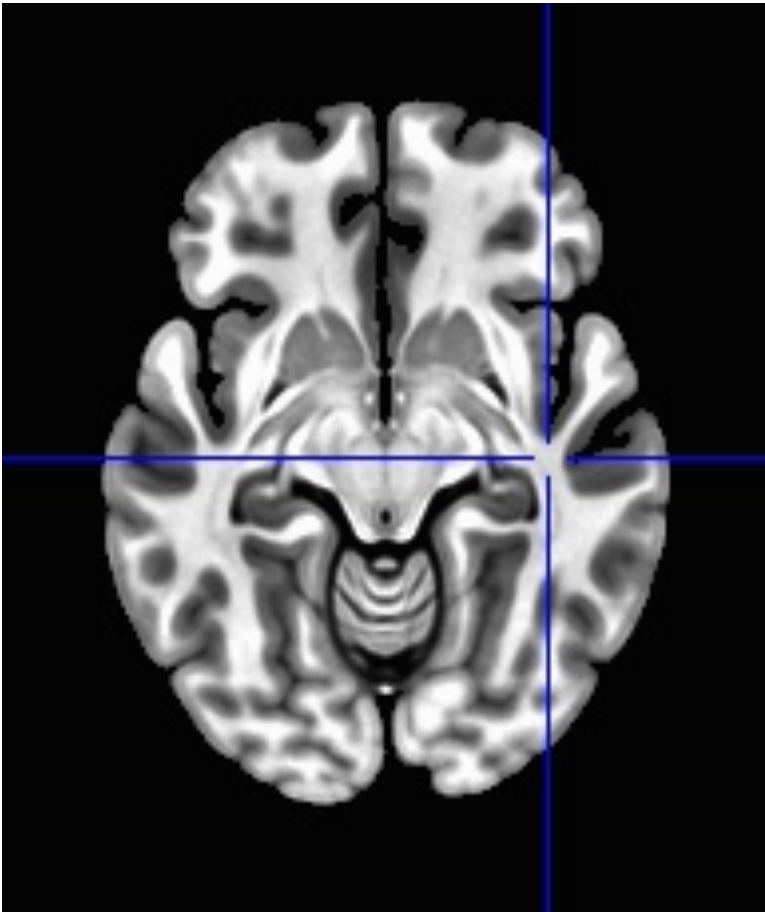
- Inputs:
  - T1-weighted anatomical image of subject (skull-on)
  - Subject ID code, for names of output files
- Outputs (subject ID = **sub007**):
  - **anatSS.sub007.nii**
    - skull-stripped dataset in original coordinates
  - **anatQQ.sub007.nii**
    - skull-stripped dataset, nonlinearly warped to MNI template
  - **anatQQ.sub007.aff12.1D**
    - affine matrix to transform original dataset to MNI template
  - **anatQQ.sub007\_WARP.nii**
    - incremental warp from affine transformation to nonlinearly aligned dataset
- These files are needed for later use in `afni_proc.py`

# @SSwarper Results



sub00440 from Beijing-Zang  
in the FCON-1000 collection

# MNI Template Slices



For comparison

# Script to Warp One Dataset – page 1

```
#!/bin/tcsh
```

```
### Only command line argument is subject ID
```

```
set sub = $argv[1]
```

Shell variable **sub**

```
# set thread count if we are running SLURM
```

```
if( $?SLURM_CPUS_PER_TASK )then
```

```
  setenv OMP_NUM_THREADS $SLURM_CPUS_PER_TASK
```

```
endif
```

```
# don't log AFNI programs in ~/.afni.log
```

```
# don't try any version checks
```

```
# don't auto-compress output files
```

```
setenv AFNI_DONT_LOGFILE YES
```

```
setenv AFNI_VERSION_CHECK NO
```

```
setenv AFNI_COMPRESSOR NONE
```

```
# topdir = directory above this Scripts directory
```

```
set topdir = `dirname $cwd`
```

```
# all input anat datasets are in this directory
```

```
cd $topdir/anat_orig
```

# Script to Warp One Dataset – page 2

```
# create final output directory
mkdir -p $stopdir/anat_warped
# create temporary directory to hold the work, copy anat there
mkdir -p temp_${sub}
cp anat_${sub}.nii.gz temp_${sub}
cd temp_${sub}
### process the anat dataset
@SSwarper anat_${sub}.nii.gz $sub
# move the results to where they belong
\mv -f anatSS.${sub}.nii anatQQ.${sub}.nii \
    anatQQ.${sub}.aff12.1D anatQQ.${sub}_WARP.nii
$stopdir/anat_warped
# delete the temporary directory
cd ..
\rm -rf temp_${sub}
time
exit 0
```



# Above Script is Submitted for Each Subject

```
#!/bin/tcsh
# This script submits the jobs for the nonlinear warping.
# Uses the 'swarm' command, part of the Linux cluster software SLURM.
unset noclobber
set site = Beijing
# subject ID list
set Slist = ( `cat $site.list.txt` )
# create a file, with 1 line for each case to run
set sname = junk.swarm.warper
if( -f $sname ) \rm $sname
touch $sname
foreach sub ( $Slist )
  echo "tcsh Script_1.warper.csh $sub" >> $sname
end
# run this file via swarm (16 threads per job)
# the 'nimh' partition is local to NIH.
swarm -f $sname -g 24 -t 16 --usecsh --time 2:59:00 \
  --partition nimh,norm --job-name Warper
```

# Using Above Results

- Time series processing via `afni_proc.py` (*of course*)
- Use output files from `@SSwarper` to do the nonlinear warping
- Next pages show the `afni_proc.py` command for processing *one* subject
  - First part (not shown) of entire script is set up
    - Setting shell variables with values to control processing
- One copy of script is submitted for each subject, for each processing case
  - e.g., different HRF models "`$stimresp`"

# afni\_proc.py command – all of it

```
afni_proc.py -subj_id $subj
             -script proc.$subj      -scr_overwrite
             -blocks despike tshift align tlrc volreg
               mask scale regress
             -copy_anat $warpdir/anatSS.${subj}.nii
               -anat_has_skull no
             -dsets $rest_dset
             -tcat_remove_first_trs 0
             -align_opts_aea -giant_move
               -cost lpc+ZZ
             -volreg_align_to MIN_OUTLIER
             -volreg_align_e2a
             -volreg_tlrc_warp
             -tlrc_base $basedset
             -volreg_warp_dxyz 2.0
             -tlrc_NL_warp
             -tlrc_NL_warped_dsets
               $warpdir/anatQQ.${subj}.nii
               $warpdir/anatQQ.${subj}.aff12.1D
               $warpdir/anatQQ.${subj}_WARP.nii
             -regress_anaticor_fast
             -regress_anaticor_fwhm 20
             -regress_stim_times $stimfile
             -regress_stim_labels $stimcase
             -regress_basis "$stimresp"
             -regress_censor_motion 0.2
             -regress_censor_outliers 0.04
             -regress_3dD_stop
             -regress_make_ideal_sum sum_ideal.1D
             -regress_est_blur_errts
             -regress_reml_exec
             -regress_run_clustsim no
```

Fragment  
from a larger  
script to run  
regression  
analysis on  
one subject  
(out of  
hundreds)

# afni\_proc.py command – part 1

```
afni_proc.py -subj_id $subj \
  -script proc.$subj -scr_overwrite \
  -blocks despike tshift align tlrc volreg \
    mask scale regress \
  -copy_anat $warpdir/anatSS.${subj}.nii \
    -anat_has_skull no \
  -dsets $rest_dset \
  -tcats_remove_first_trs 0 \
  -align_opts_aea -giant_move \
    -cost lpc+ZZ \
  -volreg_align_to MIN_OUTLIER \
  -volreg_align_e2a \
  -volreg_tlrc_warp \
  -tlrc_base $basedset \
  -volreg_warp_dxyz 2.0 \
```





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