

# A Subset of Cortical Areas Exhibit Adult-like Functional Network Patterns in Early Childhood

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## Highlights

- Previous studies primarily investigated age-specific networks in infants, with limited focus on how well adult networks describe infant functional connectivity (FC).
- Our analysis identified a subset of areas in infants showing adult-like network organization, where within-network FC shows less age-related variation and higher scan-to-scan reliability.
- These areas are positioned near locations with low variability in functional network identity in adults, indicating a potential link between developmental sequence and interindividual variability in functional network organization.

## Keywords

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## Abstract

The human cerebral cortex contains groups of areas that support sensory, motor, cognitive, and affective functions, often categorized into functional networks. These

43 networks show stronger internal and weaker external functional connectivity (FC), with  
44 FC profiles more similar within the same network. Previous studies have shown these  
45 networks develop from nascent forms before birth to their mature, adult-like structures in  
46 childhood. However, these analyses often rely on adult functional network definitions.  
47 This study assesses the potential misidentification of infant functional networks when  
48 using adult models and explores the consequences and possible solutions to this  
49 problem.

50 Our findings suggest that although adult networks only marginally describe infant  
51 FC organization better than chance, misidentification is primarily driven by specific  
52 areas. Restricting functional networks to areas with adult-like network clustering  
53 revealed consistent within-network FC across scans and throughout development.  
54 These areas are also near locations with low network identity variability. Our results  
55 highlight the implications of using adult networks for infants and offer guidance for  
56 selecting and utilizing functional network models based on research questions and  
57 scenarios.

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## 59 **1. Introduction**

60 The human cerebral cortex comprises specialized, large-scale, functional  
61 networks (Power et al., 2011; Yeo et al., 2011), supporting sensory, motor, higher-  
62 cognitive, and affective functions (Petersen & Sporns, 2015; Wig, 2017). These  
63 networks help segregate information processing across different sensory modalities and  
64 cognitive domains (Grayson & Fair, 2017; Petersen & Sporns, 2015). In adults, these  
65 networks consistently exhibit similar spatial topographies across various acquisition  
66 paradigms (task and resting states), and individuals (Gratton et al., 2018). They can  
67 also be disrupted by disease (Fornito et al., 2015; Fox & Greicius, 2010). Research  
68 indicates that functional networks develop from infancy through old age (Grayson &  
69 Fair, 2017; Sun et al., 2023; Wig, 2017), mirroring the progression of complex behavior  
70 functions (Grayson & Fair, 2017; Petersen & Sporns, 2015). Preliminary forms of adult  
71 functional networks are detectable in utero (Thomason et al., 2013; Turk et al., 2019).  
72 Robust, sometimes bilateral, segregated networks for somatomotor, primary auditory,  
73 primary visual, and extrastriate visual cortex are present in infants, whereas higher-  
74 order networks appear less mature in early infancy (Eyre et al., 2021; Fransson et al.,  
75 2007; Gao, Alcauter, Elton, et al., 2015, 2015; Moore et al., 2024; Myers et al., 2024;  
76 Smyser et al., 2010; Sylvester et al., 2022). By 1-2 years, the default mode network  
77 becomes more adult-like in some studies (Gao, Alcauter, Elton, et al., 2015; Gao,  
78 Alcauter, Smith, et al., 2015; Gao et al., 2009) but remains localized in others  
79 (Eggebrecht et al., 2017; Kardan et al., 2022; Marrus et al., 2018; F. Wang et al., 2023).

80 Researchers analyzing infant neuroimaging data often face a dilemma in  
81 choosing an appropriate representation model. Some use the adult network models to  
82 describe the relationships between functional connectivity (FC) and behavioral  
83 phenotypes in infants (Nielsen et al., 2022; Rudolph et al., 2018; Tooley et al., 2024) or  
84 to compare infants and adults (Yates et al., 2023). This choice is sometimes justified by  
85 the need to enhance biological interpretability and facilitate communication using  
86 consistent terminology across different research groups. However, applying exact adult  
87 topography to define functional networks in infants is prone to inaccuracies and may  
88 cause the mixing of fMRI BOLD signals (Smith et al., 2011) across different functional

89 networks, reducing statistical power. Additionally, differences in FC may stem from  
90 variations in network topography or identity (Bijsterbosch et al., 2018, 2019). Prior-  
91 based precision functional mapping using an adult network atlas is also commonly  
92 employed in pediatric cohorts (Hermosillo et al., 2024; Moore et al., 2024; Sun et al.,  
93 2023). However, these methods assume that infant network organization closely  
94 resembles that of adults, which may not be valid.

95 An alternative approach involves deriving data-driven putative functional  
96 networks specific to each developmental stage (Eggebrecht et al., 2017; Kardan et al.,  
97 2022; Marrus et al., 2018; Tu et al., 2024; Wheelock et al., 2019). This method could  
98 potentially address the issue of poor FC representation within functional networks and  
99 improve reproducibility. However, the utility and interpretability of these putative  
100 functional networks are less clear, as these putative functional networks have not been  
101 validated through task activation studies. Ultimately, the choice of network model should  
102 depend on the research goal. It is also crucial to understand the extent to which adult  
103 network topography fits infant data. If the adult functional network topography differs  
104 significantly from that of infants, using adult functional networks in infant studies could  
105 lead to low reliability (Marek et al., 2022). Here, we aim to investigate this issue further  
106 and examine the similarities and differences between adult and infant networks in  
107 describing the modular structure of FC.

108 Converging evidence from various modalities indicates that the human cortex  
109 develops non-uniformly across different areas. Primary sensory and motor cortex areas  
110 mature earlier than higher-order association cortex areas (Ahmad et al., 2023; Flechsig,  
111 1901; Garcia et al., 2018; Grayson & Fair, 2017; Hill et al., 2010; Sydnor et al., 2021;  
112 Truzzi & Cusack, 2023). Early maturation in some areas results in limited future  
113 plasticity (Hill et al., 2010), which may lead to lower interindividual variability and  
114 reduced susceptibility to environmental influences (Gao et al., 2017) and  
115 psychopathological factors (Sydnor et al., 2021). We hypothesize that some areas  
116 would exhibit early signs of adult-like organization, especially in sensorimotor areas  
117 (Gao, Alcauter, Elton, et al., 2015; Sydnor et al., 2021). Additionally, we hypothesize  
118 that areas with adult-like organization would overlap with regions showing low  
119 interindividual variability in functional network assignments (Dworetzky et al., 2021;  
120 Gordon, Laumann, Adeyemo, et al., 2017; Gratton et al., 2018; Hermosillo et al., 2024;  
121 Kong et al., 2019; Langs et al., 2016; Seitzman et al., 2019).

122 In the present work, we used fMRI datasets from two groups: 120 adults (aged  
123 19-32 years) and 181 typically developing infants (aged 8-60 months). We aimed to  
124 quantify how well the adult and infant networks describe the modular structure in both  
125 adult and infant FC. We also examined if adult networks fit some areas better than  
126 others by mapping the spatial distribution of this fit. We identified a subset of areas  
127 where infant FC was more similar within their assigned adult networks than within  
128 alternative adult networks. We demonstrate the consequences of network model choice  
129 by comparing the relationship between chronological age and within-network FC in our  
130 area subset to that of all areas. Lastly, we compared the spatial distribution of our area  
131 subset to locations with low variance in functional network identity across individuals  
132 and demonstrate their proximity to each other. Our findings will help researchers  
133 working with infant neuroimaging data understand the pros and cons of using adult and

134 infant functional network models, interpret current results in the literature, and select  
135 appropriate models for future research.

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## 137 **2. Materials and Methods**

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### 139 **2.1. Data Collection**

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#### 141 **2.1.1. Washington University 120 (WU 120)**

142 This dataset has been previously described in detail (Power et al., 2017). Briefly,  
143 data were collected from 120 healthy young adult subjects during relaxed eyes–open  
144 fixation (60 females, mean age = 25 years, age range = 19–32 years). All subjects were  
145 native speakers of English and right-handed. Subjects were recruited from the  
146 Washington University community and were screened with a self-report questionnaire to  
147 ensure that they had no current or previous history of neurological or psychiatric  
148 diagnosis, as well as no head injuries resulting in a loss of consciousness for more than  
149 5 minutes. Informed consent was obtained from all subjects. The study was approved  
150 by the Washington University School of Medicine Human Studies Committee and  
151 Institutional Review Board.

152 Structural and functional MRI data were obtained with a Siemens MAGNETOM  
153 Trio Tim 3.0-T Scanner (Erlangen, Germany) and a Siemens 12-channel Head Matrix  
154 Coil. A T1-weighted sagittal magnetization-prepared rapid acquisition gradient-echo  
155 (MP-RAGE) structural image was obtained [time echo (TE) = 3.08 ms, time repetition,  
156 TR (partition) = 2.4 s, time to inversion (TI) = 1000 ms, flip angle = 8°, 176 slices with 1  
157 × 1 × 1 mm voxels]. An auto-align pulse sequence protocol provided in the Siemens  
158 software was used to align the acquisition slices of the functional scans parallel to the  
159 anterior commissure–posterior commissure plane of the MP-RAGE and centered on the  
160 brain. This plane is parallel to the slices in the Talairach atlas (Talairach & Tournoux,  
161 1988).

162 During functional MRI data acquisition, subjects were instructed to relax while  
163 fixating on a black crosshair that was presented against a white background. Functional  
164 imaging was performed using a BOLD contrast-sensitive gradient-echo echo-planar  
165 imaging (EPI) sequence (TE = 27 ms, flip angle = 90°, in-plane resolution = 4 × 4 mm).  
166 Whole-brain EPI volumes (MR frames) of 32 contiguous, 4-mm-thick axial slices were  
167 obtained every 2.5 s. A T2-weighted turbo spin-echo structural image (TE = 84 ms, TR  
168 = 6.8 s, 32 slices with 1 × 1 × 4 mm voxels) in the same anatomical planes as the BOLD  
169 images was also obtained to improve alignment to an atlas. Anterior→Posterior (AP)  
170 phase encoding was used for fMRI acquisition. The number of volumes collected from  
171 subjects ranged from 184 to 724 (mean = 336 frames, 14.0 min).

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#### 173 **2.1.2. Baby Connectome Project (BCP)**

174 Full-term (gestational age of 37-42 weeks) infants free of any major pregnancy  
175 and delivery complications were recruited as part of the Baby Connectome Project  
176 (Howell et al., 2019). All procedures were approved by the University of North Carolina  
177 at Chapel Hill and the University of Minnesota Institutional Review Boards. Informed  
178 consent was obtained from the parents of all participants. In the final cohort used  
179 following fMRI data quality control (described below), we retained 313 fMRI sessions

180 from 181 individuals (95 females, 8-60 months, mean 19.1 months, and standard  
181 deviation 8.3 months) during natural sleep (Supplementary Figure 1A). The number of  
182 longitudinal points range from 1 to 6: 90 individuals with 1 time point, 60 individuals with  
183 2 time points, 24 individuals with 3 time points, 5 individuals with 4 time points, 1  
184 individual with 5 time points and 1 individual with 6 time points (Supplementary Figure  
185 1B). In a supplementary analysis, we used an additional 15 fMRI sessions collected  
186 while participants were watching a movie clip.

187 All MRI images were acquired on a Siemens 3T Prisma scanner with a 32-  
188 channel head coil at the University of Minnesota and the University of North Carolina at  
189 Chapel Hill during natural sleep without the use of sedating medications. T1-weighted  
190 (TR=2400 ms, TE=2.24 ms, 0.8 mm isotropic; flip angle = 8°), T2-weighted images  
191 (TR=3200 ms, TE=564 ms, 0.8 mm isotropic), spin echo field maps (SEFM) (TR=8000  
192 ms, TE=66 ms, 2 mm isotropic, MB=1), and fMRI data (TR=800 ms, TE=37 ms, 2 mm  
193 isotropic, MB=8) were collected. A mixture of Anterior→Posterior (AP) and  
194 Posterior→Anterior (PA) phase encoding directions was used for fMRI acquisition in  
195 each session, but they were concatenated into one time series. A subset of data had a  
196 720-ms TR (N = 95 out of 313 sessions). The number of low-motion volumes collected  
197 from subjects ranged from 840 to 2100 (mean = 1306 frames, 16.9 min).

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## 199 **2.2. fMRI analysis**

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### 201 **2.2.1. MRI data preprocessing**

202 While both datasets were acquired on Siemens 3T scanners, acquisition  
203 parameters and preprocessing of the structural and functional MRI data were optimized  
204 for each specific cohort. For a detailed comparison of the acquisition, processing, and  
205 quality control procedures, please refer to Supplementary Table 1.

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#### 207 **2.2.1.1. MRI data preprocessing – WU120**

208 Functional images were first processed to reduce artifacts including (1)  
209 Correction of odd versus even slice intensity differences attributable to interleaved  
210 acquisition without gaps, (2) correction for head movement within and across runs, and  
211 (3) across-run intensity normalization to a whole-brain mode value of 1000. Atlas  
212 transformation of the functional data was computed for each individual using the MP-  
213 RAGE scan. Each run was then resampled to an isotropic 3-mm atlas space (Talairach  
214 & Tournoux, 1988), combining movement correction and atlas transformation in a single  
215 cubic spline interpolation (Lancaster et al., 1995).

216 Additional preprocessing steps were applied to the functional data to reduce the  
217 effect of high-motion frames. This was performed in two iterations. In the first iteration,  
218 the processing steps were (1) demeaning and detrending, (2), multiple regression  
219 including whole-brain, ventricular cerebrospinal fluid (CSF), and white matter signals,  
220 and motion regressors derived by Volterra expansion and (3) a band-pass filter (0.009  
221 Hz < f < 0.08 Hz). Following the initial FC preprocessing iteration, temporal masks were  
222 created to flag motion-contaminated frames. Motion-contaminated volumes were  
223 identified by framewise displacement (FD), defined as the squared sum of the motion  
224 vectors (Power et al., 2012). Volumes with FD > 0.2 mm and data segments lasting  
225 fewer than 5 contiguous volumes were censored.



226 The data were then reprocessed in a second iteration, incorporating the temporal  
227 masks described above. This reprocessing was identical to the initial processing stream  
228 but ignored censored data. Data were interpolated across censored frames using least  
229 squares spectral estimation (Power et al., 2014) of the values at censored frames, so  
230 that continuous data could be passed through the band-pass filter ( $0.009 \text{ Hz} < f < 0.08$   
231  $\text{Hz}$ ) without contaminating frames near high motion frames. Censored frames were  
232 ultimately ignored during functional connectivity matrix generation.

233 Individual surfaces were generated from the structural images and the functional  
234 data was sampled to surface space (Glasser et al., 2013). First, following volumetric  
235 registration, anatomical surfaces for the left and right hemispheres were generated from  
236 each subject's MP-RAGE image using FreeSurfer's default recon-all processing pipeline  
237 (v5.0)(Fischl, 2012). This pipeline included brain extraction, segmentation, generation of  
238 white matter and pial surfaces, inflation of the surfaces to a sphere, and surface shape-  
239 based spherical registration of the subject's "native" surface to the fsaverage surface.  
240 The fsaverage-registered left and right hemisphere surfaces were then brought into  
241 register with each other (Van Essen et al., 2012), resampled to a resolution of 164000  
242 vertices using Caret tools (Van Essen et al., 2001) and subsequently down-sampled to  
243 a 32492 vertex surface (32k fs\_LR ). The BOLD volumes were sampled to each  
244 subject's individual "native" midthickness surface (generated as the average of the white  
245 and pial surfaces) using the ribbon-constrained sampling procedure available in  
246 Connectome Workbench (v0.84) and then deformed and resampled from the  
247 individual's "native" surface to the 32k fs\_LR surface. Finally, the time courses were  
248 smoothed along the 32k fs\_LR surface using a Gaussian smoothing kernel ( $\sigma = 2.55$   
249 mm).

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#### 251 **2.2.1.2. MRI data preprocessing – BCP**

252 MRI data were processed using the DCAN-Labs infant-abcd-bids-pipeline  
253 (v0.0.22) largely following steps described previously (Feczko et al., 2021). Structural  
254 MRI data underwent HCP-style processing (Feczko et al., 2021; Glasser et al., 2013),  
255 including ANTS N4 bias correction, ANTS denoising, T1/T2 distortion  
256 correction/registration, and finally ANTS SyN algorithm deformation alignment to an  
257 infant MNI template. In addition, a refined brain mask was generated from data that was  
258 segmented using in-house age-specific templates via Joint Label Fusion (JLF). The  
259 toddler-specific mask and segmentation were substituted into the FreeSurfer (Fischl,  
260 2012) pipeline and used to refine the white matter segmentation and guide the  
261 FreeSurfer surface delineation. The native surface data were then deformed to the 32k  
262 fs\_LR template via a spherical registration.

263 A scout image (frame 16 in each run) was selected from the fMRI time series for  
264 functional MRI preprocessing. The scout was distortion-corrected via spin-echo field  
265 maps, served as the reference for motion correction via rigid-body realignment (Feczko  
266 et al., 2021), and was registered to the native T1. Across-run intensity normalization to a  
267 whole-brain mode value of 10,000 was then performed. These steps were combined in  
268 a single resampling with the MNI template transformation from the previous step, such  
269 that all fMRI frames were registered to the infant MNI template. Manual inspection of  
270 image quality of structural and functional data was conducted to exclude sessions with  
271 bad data quality.

272 To prepare the functional data for FC analysis, further processing steps were  
273 applied after sampling the BOLD data to the 32k fs\_LR surface space using steps  
274 described in 2.2.1.1. First, functional data were demeaned and detrended in time.  
275 Denoising was then performed using a general linear model with regressors including  
276 signal and motion variables. Signal regressors included mean CIFTI gray-ordinate time  
277 series, Joint Label Fusion (JLF)-defined white matter, and JLF-defined CSF. Motion  
278 regressors included volume-based translational and rotational components and their 24-  
279 parameter Volterra expansion. The movement of the head was measured by FD and an  
280 age-specific respiratory notch filter (0.28-0.48 Hz) was applied to the FD traces and  
281 motion parameter estimates to mitigate the effects of factitious head motion due to  
282 infant respiration (Fair, 2020; Kaplan et al., 2022). Frames were censored during  
283 demeaning/detrending if their post-respiratory filtering FD value exceeded 0.3 mm to  
284 generate the denoised beta values in the general linear model. Bandpass filtering was  
285 applied using a second-order Butterworth filter (0.008–0.09 Hz). To preserve the  
286 temporal sequence and avoid aliasing caused by missing time points during bandpass  
287 filtering, interpolation was used to replace missing frames, and residuals were acquired  
288 from the denoising general linear model. In addition, zero-padding was applied to both  
289 ends of the BOLD data before filtering to minimize the distortions in the edges of the  
290 time series. The data were originally minimally spatially smoothed with a geodesic 2D  
291 Gaussian kernel ( $\sigma = 0.85$  mm). A further smoothing with a geodesic 2D Gaussian  
292 kernel ( $\sigma = 2.40$  mm) was applied to give a final effective smoothing of  $\sigma = 2.55$  mm to  
293 match the smoothing used in the adult dataset (WU 120). Finally, the time series were  
294 concatenated across all complete and partially completed scan runs with good data  
295 quality. The first 7 frames from each run, frames with  $> 0.2$  mm FD post-respiratory  
296 filtering (Kaplan et al., 2022), and outlier frames whose across-vertex standard deviation  
297 was more than 3 median absolute deviations from the median of the low FD frames  
298 were censored and ignored for functional connectivity matrix construction.  
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### 300 **2.2.2. Functional Connectivity Matrix Construction**

301 The preprocessed BOLD time series data of each session were parcellated into  
302 333 non-overlapping areas using the Gordon parcellation (Gordon et al., 2016). This  
303 choice of parcellation was justified by recent work by our group that demonstrated that  
304 the Gordon parcellation had the best fit among a set of adult parcellations and  
305 performed comparably to most available infant parcellations in data from infants aged  
306 around 8-30 months (Tu et al., 2024). After that, a total number of frames equivalent to  
307 7.2 minutes of data (560 frames for TR = 0.72 and 600 frames for TR = 0.8) were  
308 randomly sampled from the full censored time series in each fMRI session. Pearson's  
309 correlation between the parcellated time series was computed to create a 333 x 333  
310 functional connectivity (FC) matrix. This matrix was then Fisher-Z-transformed. The  
311 group-average FC matrix was calculated as the mean FC across fMRI sessions.  
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### 313 **2.3. Infant and Adult Functional Network Schemes**

314 We used the Gordon network assignments (Gordon et al., 2016) for “Adult  
315 Networks” (Figure 1A) and Kardan network assignments (Kardan et al., 2022) for “Infant  
316 Networks” (Figure 1B). These network assignments were derived from group-average  
317 adult and infant FC on the 333 areas using an Infomap community detection algorithm

318 (Rosvall & Bergstrom, 2010) optimized for identifying networks in FC data (Power et al.,  
319 2011). Among the 333 areas, some were originally assigned in communities with fewer  
320 than 5 areas and considered unassigned (named “None” and “Unspecified”). These  
321 areas commonly fall under locations subjected to the biggest susceptibility artifact  
322 (Ojemann et al., 1997). We removed them from all analyses and had 286 areas left for  
323 the adult networks (“Gordon”) and 328 areas left for the infant networks (“Kardan”).

324 The 12 Gordon networks include the auditory (Aud), cingulo-opercular (CON),  
325 parietal memory (PMN), default mode (DMN), dorsal attention (DAN), fronto-parietal  
326 (FPN), retrosplenial temporal (RTN), somatomotor hand (SMN hand), somatomotor  
327 mouth (SMN mouth), salience (Sal), ventral attention (VAN), and visual (Vis) networks.  
328 The 10 Kardan networks include somatomotor (SMN), temporal (Tem), posterior  
329 frontoparietal (pFPN), posterior default mode (pDMN), lateral visual (lVis), medial visual  
330 (mVis), dorsal attention (DAN), anterior fronto-parietal (aFPN), anterior default mode  
331 (aDMN).

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#### 333 **2.4. Functional Network Overlap**

334 The overlap between a network in the Gordon networks and a network in the  
335 Kardan networks can be measured with the Dice coefficient, with 0 indicating no overlap  
336 and 1 indicating complete overlap. For this analysis, each network is represented with a  
337 333 x 1 vector with 1 for the areas in the network and 0 for the areas outside the  
338 network.

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#### 340 **2.5. Silhouette Index Calculation**

341 Following prior procedures in the literature (Rousseeuw, 1987; Yeo et al., 2011),  
342 we calculated the silhouette index (SI) for each area with the correlation distance (i.e. 1-  
343 Pearson’s correlation) in the FC profiles:

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$$345 \quad SI = \frac{b - a}{\max(a, b)} \quad (\text{Equation 1})$$

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347 where  $b$  is the mean between-network correlation distance of the FC profiles, and  $a$  is  
348 the mean within-network correlation distance of the FC profiles. FC profiles here refer to  
349 the FC from each area to all other areas (i.e., one row in the FC matrix).

350 Intuitively, the SI ranges from +1 to -1 with the sign indicating whether the area  
351 has a more similar FC profile to areas in its own network (+) or to areas in an alternative  
352 network (-). The magnitude indicates the confidence of this assignment, with a higher  
353 magnitude suggestive of strong confidence. The average SI for the FC in a network  
354 scheme was defined as the average SI across all areas.

355 We also calculated the silhouette index with the average of all networks rather  
356 than just the alternative network in the Supplementary Materials.

357 To obtain a confidence interval for the average SI across individual sessions, we  
358 used a bootstrap 95% confidence interval estimate in 1000 random draws of individual  
359 sessions from the full sample (N = 120 for WU120 and N = 313 for BCP) with  
360 replacement. The p-value for the average SI different from zero was calculated using  
361 the bootstrap distribution of the average SI. The p-value for the difference in the



362 average SI across two samples was calculated using the bootstrapped distribution of  
363 the difference in the average SI. Both assumed a two-tailed test.

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## 365 **2.6. Identify the Subset of Areas with Similar Network Organization to the Gordon** 366 **Networks in Infants**

367 A positive SI indicates that the area has a more similar FC profile to areas in its  
368 own network. We obtained the subset of areas that had a similar network organization  
369 to other areas defined in the Gordon network scheme in infants by only retaining the  
370 areas with a positive SI in the group-average infant FC. We refer to this set of positive  
371 SI areas as our “area subset”.

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## 373 **2.7. Distance Between High Consensus Regions of Interests (ROIs) and the** 374 **“Gordon Subset” Areas**

375 To quantify the spatial distribution similarity between the locations of low  
376 interindividual variability and our area subset, we calculated the Euclidean distance  
377 between the high consensus cortical ROIs and the centers of those areas. We used  
378 published coordinates of 153 high consensus ROIs calculated previously by identifying  
379 locations that demonstrated consistent network assignment across a large majority (i.e.  
380  $\geq 75\%$ ) of subjects in the Dartmouth dataset (N = 69 subjects, 56 female, average age  
381 20.2 years)(Gordon et al., 2016) when a template-matching procedure (Gordon,  
382 Laumann, Adeyemo, et al., 2017) was applied to identify individual network  
383 assignments (Dworetsky et al., 2021). The distances in mm were obtained from the ROI  
384 locations on a standard adult brain template (a.k.a. MNI coordinates).

385 For each of the “high consensus” ROIs, we found its distances to the nearest  
386 area within and outside our area subset. An average of this difference was recorded  
387 and named “distance difference”. A negative distance difference indicates that on  
388 average, the high consensus regions were closer to the areas within compared to  
389 outside our area subset. To account for the potential effect of differences in the number  
390 of areas within (N = 166) and outside (N = 120) our area subset, we repeated the  
391 analysis but with the labels of within and outside area subset randomly assigned 1000  
392 times to obtain a null distribution.

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## 394 **2.8. Moving Average Analysis Across Age**

395 To examine the FC fit to different network schemes across infancy, we used a  
396 moving average analysis across age. For this analysis, we limited our data to the 281  
397 sessions collected at the age of 8-27 months because the data became very sparse and  
398 less evenly distributed after 27 months (Supplementary Figure 1A). We first sorted the  
399 fMRI sessions by age at scan. Sessions were arranged chronologically by age, and FC  
400 averages were computed for consecutive windows of 20 sessions, with each window  
401 representing the mean age within it. This window was then shifted by one session at a  
402 time until all 281 sessions were accounted for. Subsequently, we calculated the average  
403 similarity index (SI) using the same method.

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## 405 **2.9. Intraclass Correlation Coefficient**

406 To assess the differences in the reliability of within-network edges for using the  
407 Gordon networks with our area subset versus all areas. We quantified the test-retest

408 reliability of FC with the intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC). We assessed the  
409 consistency among measurements under the fixed levels of the session factor (Tozzi et  
410 al., 2020), referred to as ICC 'C-1' (McGraw & Wong, 1996) or ICC (3,1) (Shrout &  
411 Fleiss, 1979).

412 For this analysis, we re-calculated the FC matrices for each individual with two  
413 non-overlapping time windows of data from each session. "Test" and "re-test" were  
414 defined as the first 6 min and last 6 min of low-motion data, separated by at least 1.2  
415 min low motion data in between to reduce the impact of temporal autocorrelation (i.e.  
416 total > 13.2 min low-motion data). Only 167 sessions had enough low-motion data for  
417 this analysis. First, the FC values in the upper triangle of each subject's connectivity  
418 matrix were entered as rows in two large matrices (one matrix for "test" and another for  
419 "re-test", one row per subject in each matrix). Then, the corresponding columns of these  
420 matrices were compared to obtain an ICC value for each edge. The mean and standard  
421 error of the mean of the ICCs within each of the Gordon networks were calculated for  
422 our area subset and all areas.

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### 424 **3. Results**

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#### 426 **3.1. Adult and Infant functional connectivity clustering was best described by the 427 adult and infant network assignments respectively**

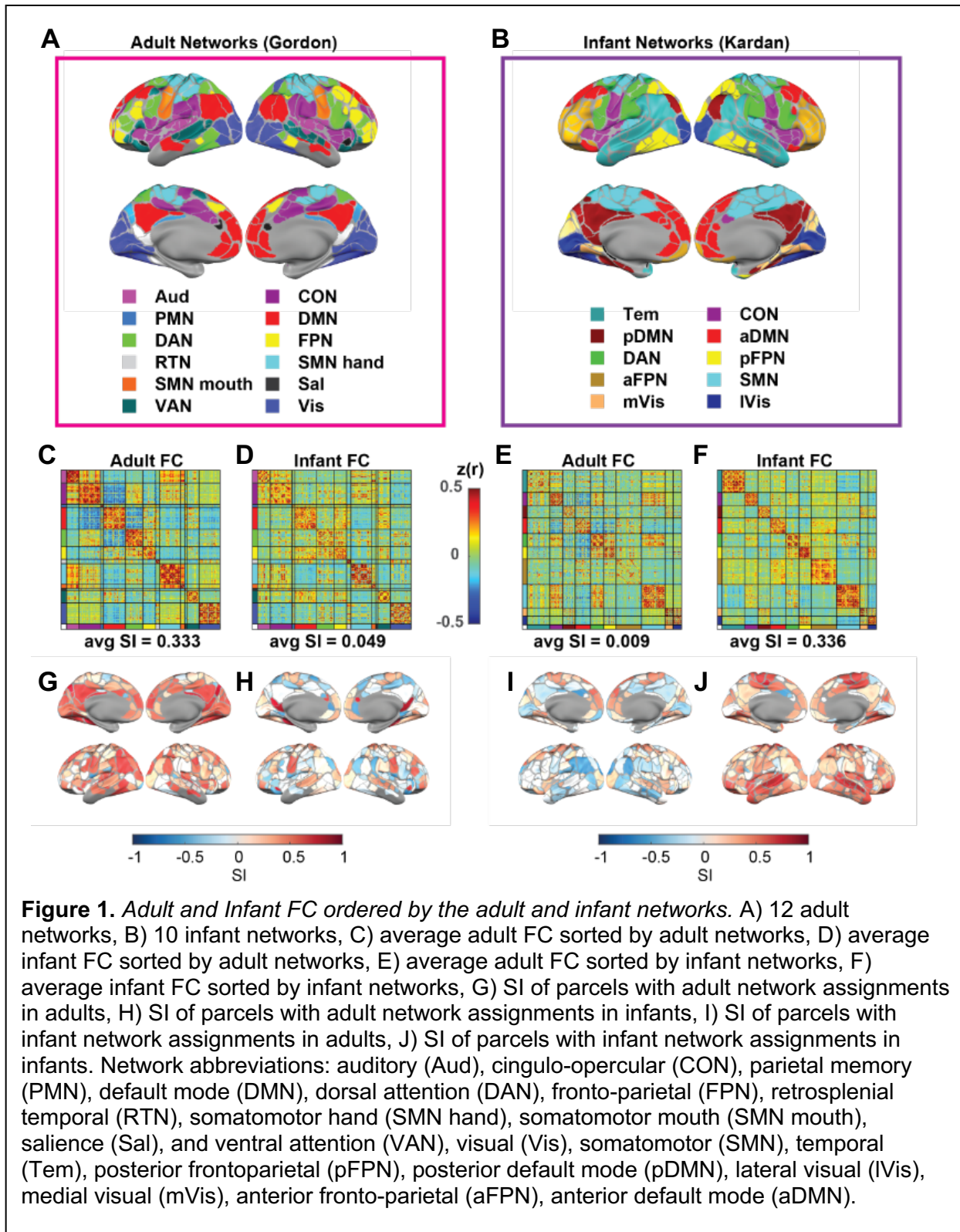
428 Adult networks ("Gordon") (Figure 1A) and Infant networks ("Kardan") (Figure 1B)  
429 assignments derived using data-driven methods demonstrate a moderate degree of  
430 agreement: Normalized Mutual Information (NMI) = 0.5 for the overlapping 281 areas  
431 after excluding the "None"/"Unspecified" network in both adult and infant network  
432 assignments. The CON, pDMN, aDMN, SMN, mVis and IVis networks in the Kardan  
433 networks tend to have a large dice overlap with a single Gordon network, but Tem,  
434 DAN, pFPN, aFPN have a match to multiple Gordon networks (Supplementary Figure 2,  
435 network full names defined in section 2.3).

436 Next, we asked how closely the network assignments matched the similarity of  
437 FC profiles within and between different networks and quantified it with the silhouette  
438 index (SI; Rousseeuw, 1987; Yeo et al., 2011). We used the average FC across 120  
439 adult sessions and the average FC across 313 infant sessions. We found that adult FC  
440 had a more modular organization (Figure 1C) when grouping into adult networks (Figure  
441 1A) than infant networks (Figure 1E). The average SI for areas assigned to adult  
442 networks in adult FC (0.333, 95% bootstrap CI = [0.3088, 0.3417],  $p_{\text{bootstrap}} < 0.001$ ) was  
443 much higher ( $p_{\text{bootstrap}} < 0.001$ ) than the average SI for areas assigned to infant networks  
444 in adult FC (0.009, 95% bootstrap CI = [-0.0015, 0.0168],  $p_{\text{bootstrap}} = 0.042$ ). In contrast,  
445 the opposite was observed for infant FC, with a higher average SI ( $p_{\text{bootstrap}} < 0.001$ ) for  
446 areas assigned to infant networks in infant FC (0.336, 95% bootstrap CI = [0.3280,  
447 0.3397],  $p_{\text{bootstrap}} < 0.001$ ; Figure 1F) than the average SI for areas assigned to adult  
448 networks in infant FC (0.049, 95% bootstrap CI = [0.0406, 0.0560],  $p_{\text{bootstrap}} < 0.001$ ;  
449 Figure 1D). Furthermore, the results were also qualitatively validated across individual  
450 sessions (details in Supplementary Materials), with a much higher SI of adult networks  
451 than infant networks on adult FC (Cohen's  $d = 1.215$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ) (Supplementary Figure  
452 3C), and a much higher SI of infant networks than adult networks on infant FC (Cohen's  
453  $d = 2.744$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ) (Supplementary Figure 4C). Taken together, the adult networks

454 better describe the modular organization in adult FC than infant FC, and the infant  
455 networks better describe the modular organization in infant FC than adult FC. However,  
456 the SI is comparable for adult FC and infant FC using the best network model,  
457 suggesting the presence of modular organization in both cohorts. We also repeated the  
458 same analysis for 15 infant sessions scanned while the participants were awake and  
459 watching movies and 14 infant sessions scanned during natural sleep with similar age  
460 range (Supplementary Figure 5). The difference in average SI between the adult  
461 (“Gordon”) networks and infant (“Kardan”) networks on the awake sessions was not  
462 significant ( $p_{\text{bootstrap}} = 0.258$ , paired t-test on individual sessions = 0.71), unlike the  
463 difference in asleep sessions with matching age range ( $p_{\text{bootstrap}} < 0.001$ , paired t-test on  
464 individual sessions  $< 0.001$ ). The average SI for areas assigned to adult networks in  
465 awake infant FC (0.174, 95% bootstrap CI = [0.1048, 0.1895],  $p_{\text{bootstrap}} < 0.001$ ) was  
466 much higher ( $p_{\text{bootstrap}} = 0.002$ ) than that in sleeping infant FC (0.084, 95% bootstrap CI  
467 = [0.0355, 0.0962],  $p_{\text{bootstrap}} = 0.001$ ), but still lower ( $p_{\text{bootstrap}} < 0.001$ ) than that in adult  
468 FC.

469 Notably, some areas tend to have a positive SI for areas assigned to adult  
470 networks regardless of the FC age group (Figure 1G & I). Since the spatial distribution  
471 of SI across sessions (Supplementary 3A-B & 4A-B) was relatively consistent, it is  
472 unlikely that the low SI magnitude in infants was purely driven by high interindividual  
473 variability.

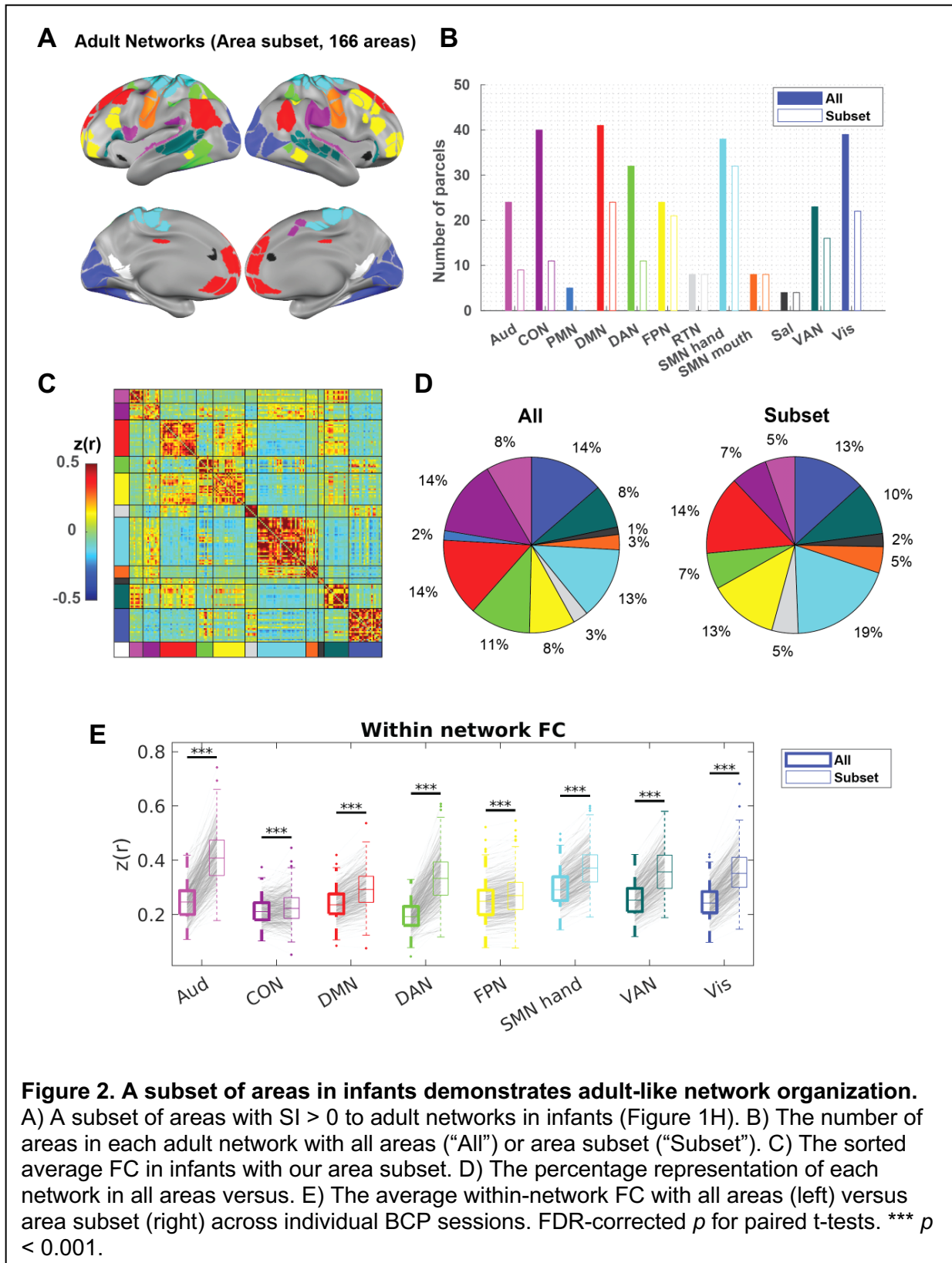
474 Because the Kardan networks were derived from a subset of BCP sessions used  
475 in the present analysis and this might inflate the SI in the infant FC data, we also  
476 replicated our analysis with networks derived from an independent 2-year-old dataset  
477 with similar acquisition and preprocessing protocols (Tu et al., 2024) (Supplementary  
478 Figure 6). The SI of the independently derived infant 2-year-old networks was lower  
479 than the Kardan networks. This may be partially attributed to the wider age range of the  
480 BCP data relative to the toddler data used to derive the 2-year networks. However, it  
481 may also suggest that the high average SI with Kardan networks is partially attributable  
482 to data leakage. However, importantly, the independently derived infant networks  
483 demonstrate significantly higher SI compared to Gordon adult networks when applied to  
484 infant FC ( $p_{\text{bootstrap}} < 0.001$  for the Tu-12networks and Tu-19networks).



486 **3.2. A subset of areas demonstrates adult-like network organization throughout**  
487 **development**

488 An SI above zero for an area indicates that its FC profile is more similar to the FC  
489 profiles in areas from the same network than areas from any alternative network within  
490 a given network scheme (e.g., adult Gordon networks). Therefore, we selected the  
491 subset of areas with an SI above zero when the adult networks were applied to the  
492 infant FC (166 in total, Figure 2A, Supplementary Table 2). These areas fell into all 11  
493 out of the 12 Gordon networks (i.e., all except for PMN), with the whole RTN, SMN  
494 mouth, and Sal networks retained, and the remaining eight networks partially retained  
495 (Figure 2B). We validated that the areas with SI above zero are highly consistent across  
496 bootstrap samples, with 156 out of the 166 areas having SI above zero in at least 950  
497 out of 1000 bootstraps (Supplementary Figure 7).





499 As expected, the average SI for areas assigned to adult networks in infant FC  
500 was much higher ( $p_{\text{bootstrap}} < 0.001$ ) using our area subset (0.388, 95% bootstrap CI =  
501 [0.3792, 0.3925],  $p_{\text{bootstrap}} < 0.001$ ; Figure 2C) than using all areas. In addition, the  
502 average SI for areas assigned to adult networks in adult FC was also marginally higher  
503 ( $p_{\text{bootstrap}} < 0.001$ ) using our area subset (0.419, 95% bootstrap CI = [0.3925, 0.4300],  
504  $p_{\text{bootstrap}} < 0.001$ ) (Supplementary Figure 8A) than using all areas. Our results suggest  
505 that this subset captures the part of the adult networks with more within-network  
506 consistency in both infants and adults. Compared with all areas, our area subset was  
507 disproportionately enriched in the SMN networks (SMN hand and SMN mouth) (Figure  
508 2D). As expected, the within-network FC was significantly higher across infant sessions  
509 (paired t-test, FDR-corrected  $p < 0.05$ ) for all eight partially retained networks when our  
510 area subset was used instead of all areas, with little change in variability (Figure 2E).  
511 Similarly, within-network FC was significantly higher across adult sessions (paired t-test,  
512 FDR-corrected  $p < 0.05$ ) for all seven out of eight partially retained networks  
513 (Supplementary Figure 8B). Because our data spanned a wide developmental window,  
514 we further investigated whether our observation was influenced by chronological age.  
515 We found that within-network FC for all eight partially retained networks was higher in  
516 our area subset in most sessions and that there was no correlation (FDR corrected  $p >$   
517 0.05) between the within-network FC differences and age (Supplementary Figure 9). In  
518 general, the within-network FC differences between “All” and “Subset” were larger in  
519 infants than in adults (Table 1).

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521 **Table 1.** *Cohen’s d of the within-network FC differences in All V.S. Subset.*

	Aud	CON	DMN	DAN	FPN	SMN hand	VAN	Vis
Infant FC	-2.41	-0.29	-1.80	-2.23	-1.54	-2.81	-2.64	-2.91
Adult FC	-1.13	-0.31	-0.46	-1.47	0.70	-1.09	-1.53	-2.10

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523 Specifically, for seven out of the eight partially retained Gordon networks the  
524 adult FC was significantly higher (FDR-corrected  $p < 0.05$ ) than the infant FC with all  
525 areas (Figure 3A, Table 2). On the other hand, only five out of the eight still  
526 demonstrated significantly higher within-network FC when using the subset (FDR-  
527 corrected  $p < 0.05$ ) in adults compared to infants, and two out of the eight demonstrated  
528 significantly lower within-network FC (FDR-corrected  $p < 0.05$ ) (Figure 3B, Table 2).

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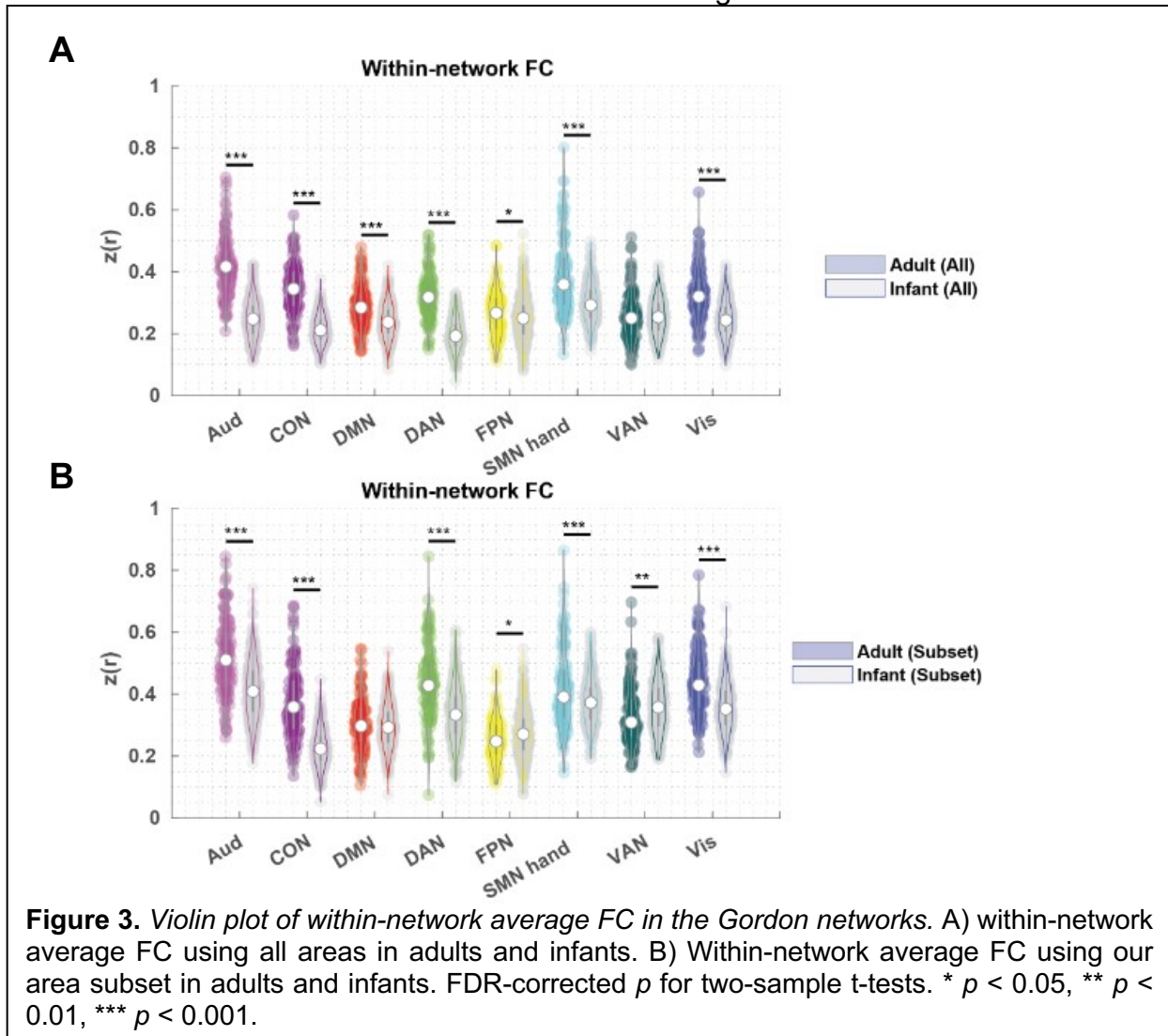
530 **Table 2.** *Cohen’s d of the within-network FC differences in adults V.S. infants*

	Aud	CON	DMN	DAN	FPN	SMN hand	VAN	Vis
All	2.35	2.35	0.80	2.11	0.23	1.04	0.03	1.22
Subset	1.04	1.88	0.13	1.04	-0.26	0.43	-0.34	0.94

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532 Additionally, we found that the effect of chronological age on within-network FC  
533 within the infant cohort was also reduced when our area subset was used in place of all  
534 areas (Supplementary Figure 10).

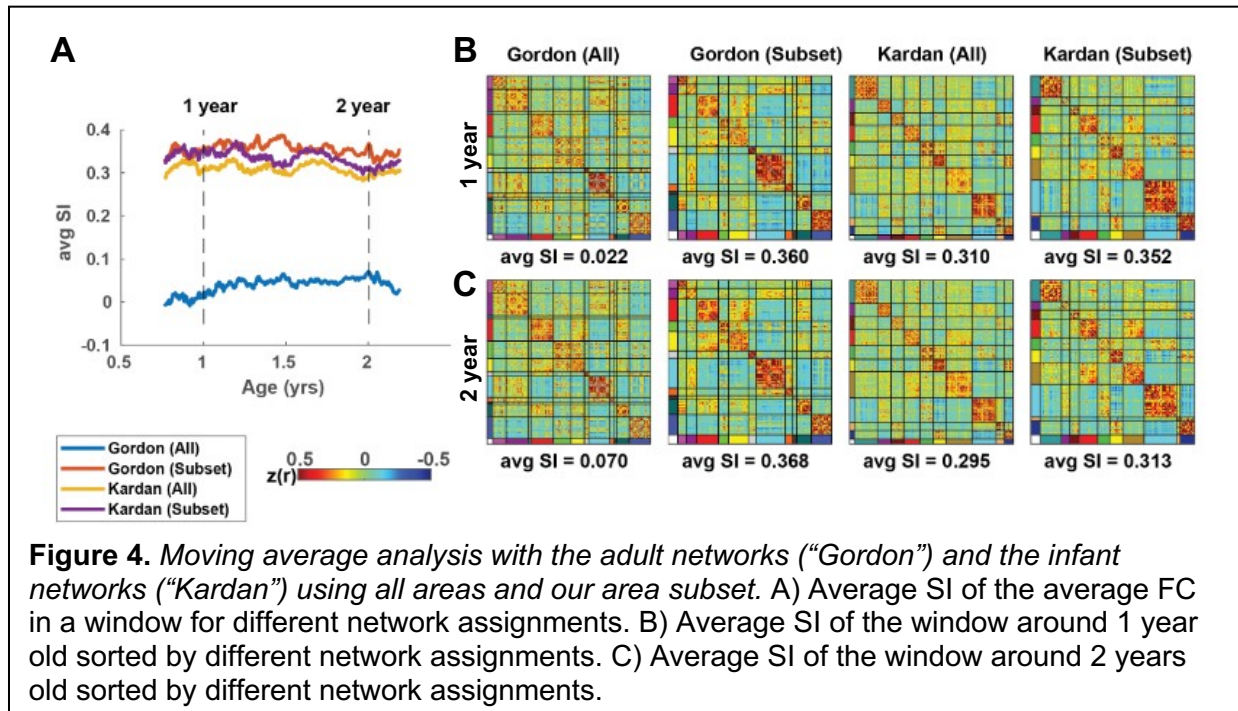
535 Taken together, our results suggest that while the within-network FC within our  
536 area subset was higher than that within all areas in both infant and adult datasets, using  
537 our area subset would reduce the difference across age.



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### 3.3 Adult versus infant FC organizations across 1-2-year-olds

540 Next, we investigated whether there was any variation between how the different  
 541 network schemes fit the infant FC at various stages between 1 to 2 years (Gordon adult  
 542 networks and Kardan infant networks). In addition, we also included a comparison when  
 543 using our area subset (166 areas, Figure 2A). Using a moving average approach across  
 544 infant ages, we found a consistent order of the network schemes across 1 to 2 years,  
 545 with the Gordon (Subset), Kardan (All), and Kardan (Subset) having a similar average  
 546 SI, and Gordon (All) having a much lower average SI (Figure 4A). Nevertheless, we saw  
 547 a subtle decrease in difference between adult and infant networks on the infant FC with  
 548 increasing age. We further investigated this trend using average SI in individual



549 sessions spanning 8 to 60 months (Supplementary Figure 4). We found a weak to  
 550 moderate negative correlation ( $r = -0.21$ ,  $p < 0.001$ , Supplementary Figure 11A) in infant  
 551 networks (“Kardan”) fit (average SI) with age, and a weak positive correlation ( $r = 0.13$ ,  
 552  $p = 0.020$ , Supplementary Figure 11B) in adult networks (“Gordon”) fit (average SI) with  
 553 age. Together, this amounted to a moderate negative correlation in the difference in  
 554 average SI between infant and adult networks with age (Supplementary Figure 11C).

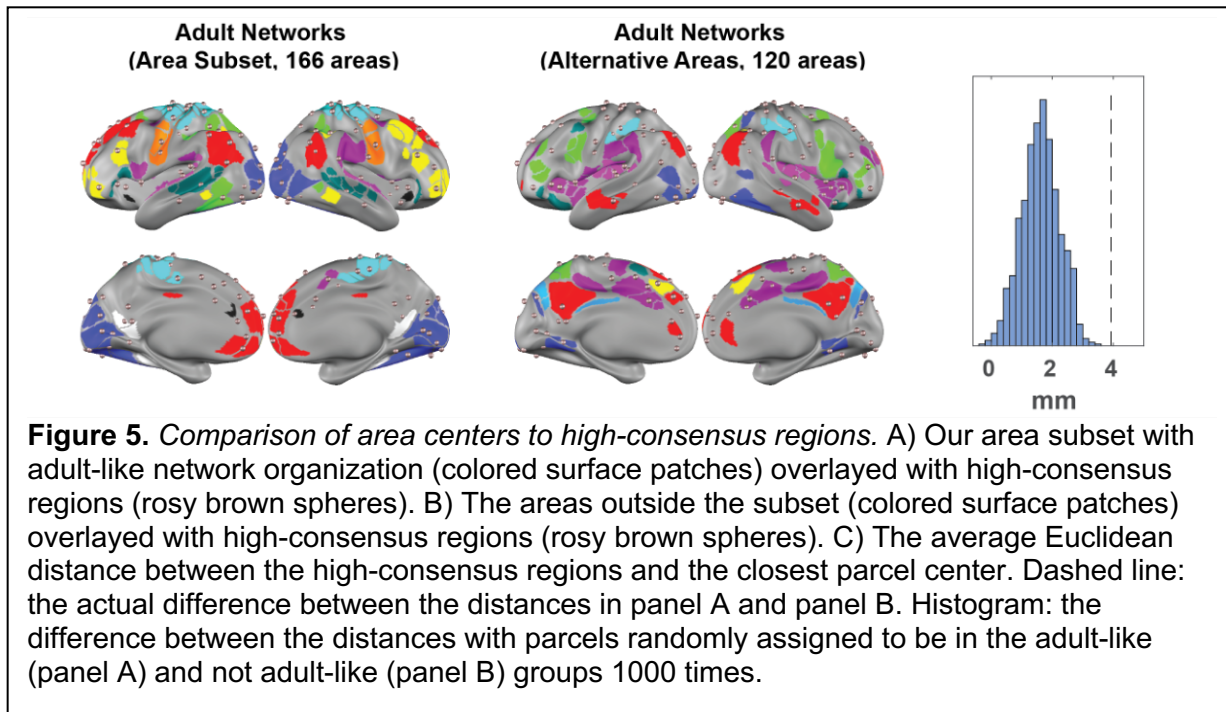
555 We also replicated Figure 4A with network parcellations derived from an  
 556 independent dataset to eliminate potential circularity in using the infant networks derived  
 557 from a subsample of our infant FC data (Supplementary Figure 12).  
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### 559 **3.4 Our area subset with adult-like network organization is in spatial proximity to** 560 **the high consensus regions across adult individuals**

561 To quantify the spatial distribution similarity between the locations of low  
 562 interindividual variability in network identity (“high consensus cortical ROIs”) (Dworetzky  
 563 et al., 2021) and our area subset, we calculated the Euclidean distance between the  
 564 centers of the areas within our area subset or alternative areas to the “high consensus  
 565 cortical ROIs” (Figure 5). Areas within our area subset were  $9.5 \pm 4.5$  mm to the closest



566 high consensus ROIs, whereas areas outside our area subset were  $13.5 \pm 6.6$  mm to  
567 the closest high consensus ROIs (Supplementary Figure 13). On average, areas within  
568 our area subset were 3.9 mm closer to the “high consensus cortical ROIs”. To rule out  
569 the possibility that this difference was driven by the differences in the number of areas  
570 within and outside our area subset, we repeated the same analysis by permuting the  
571 binary within and outside area subset labels 1000 times to generate a null distribution.  
572 We found that the actual difference (3.9 mm) was significantly higher than the null ( $p <$   
573  $0.001$ , permutation testing) (Figure 5C).

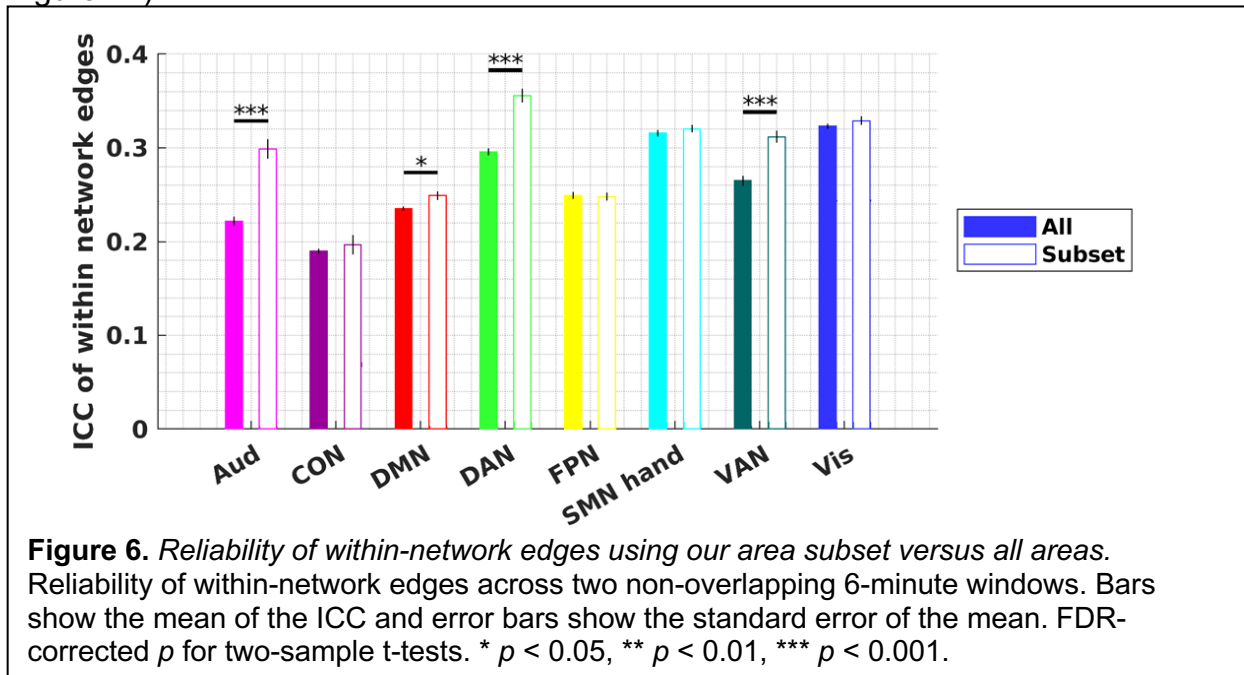


### 574 **3.6. Within-network FC edges in our area subset have a higher test-retest** 575 **reliability and a higher consistency across subjects**

576 Comparing FC computed from non-overlapping time windows in the same  
577 session demonstrated that our area subset had significantly higher within-session  
578 reliability than all areas. In particular, four out of eight networks partially retained (Figure  
579 2B) exhibited higher average ICC with our area subset than all areas (two-sample t-test,  
580 FDR-corrected  $p < 0.05$ ): Aud (Cohen's  $d = 0.68$ ), DMN (Cohen's  $d = 0.13$ ), DAN  
581 (Cohen's  $d = 0.55$ ), and VAN (Cohen's  $d = 0.43$ ) (Figure 6). To examine whether the  
582 contribution of FC edges to individual identification varied across the within- and  
583 between-network blocks by the three network schemes, we also quantified the FC  
584 group consistency ( $\phi$ ) and differential power (DP) (Finn et al., 2015). We found the FC-  
585 edges connecting our area subset tend to be the ones more consistent across scans  
586 and subjects (Supplementary Materials S4, Supplementary Tables 3-6, Supplementary



587 Figure 14).



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## 590 4. Discussion

### 591 4.1. Similarity and differences between adult and infant network organization

592 We observed that for infants at 8-60 months, adult networks captured some of the  
593 features in the infant FC (average SI>0), although much weaker than that in adult FC.  
594 Furthermore, it seemed that instead of being less modular and more random, the infant  
595 FC data were better described with notably different but related modular organization,  
596 including fragmented anterior and posterior segments of higher-order association  
597 networks (Eggebrecht et al., 2017; Eyre et al., 2021; Kardan et al., 2022; Marrus et al.,  
598 2018).

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### 600 4.2. Identification of a subset of areas that are stable across development

601 We found that a subset of the areas tended to exhibit more of an adult-like network  
602 FC clustering pattern even in infants, forming the cores of adult networks. While  
603 substantial attention has been devoted to the differences in infant network organization  
604 throughout development (F. Wang et al., 2023; Wen et al., 2019, 2020), it is also desirable  
605 to note their similarities to older children and adults (Fransson et al., 2007; Gao, Alcauter,  
606 Elton, et al., 2015). Here we observed that the difference in within-network FC across  
607 ages was reduced when an area subset was used instead of all areas. The FC within our  
608 area subset was also more consistent both within the session and across sessions. These  
609 areas likely form the early scaffold for what will eventually become the adult networks  
610 (Grayson & Fair, 2017).

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### 612 4.3. The possible role of childhood experience in shaping the interindividual 613 differences in functional networks

614 Our results suggest that interindividual variability in functional network topography  
615 might have a developmental origin. To a first approximation, the spatial topography of our

616 area subset closely matches the locations with low interindividual variability in network  
617 identity (Dworetsky et al., 2021; Gordon, Laumann, Gilmore, et al., 2017; Hermosillo et  
618 al., 2024). On the other hand, the other areas approximately correspond to previously  
619 identified hub nodes (Power et al., 2013) and integration zones (Hermosillo et al., 2024).

620 One potential explanation for this observation is that some parts of the brain  
621 mature earlier than others in terms of functional network organization. There might be  
622 biological or evolutionary reasons that parts of the adult networks mature later, such as  
623 to devote prenatal resources to regions most important for early survival (Hill et al., 2010).  
624 In addition, the regional variability of network stability might also be linked to variability in  
625 the expression of excitatory and inhibitory features across the cortex (Sydnor et al., 2021).  
626 The idea that areas with higher FC variability have more significance in interindividual  
627 differences is further reinforced by research demonstrating that FC in cortical areas with  
628 high FC variability has more predictive power in behavioral and cognitive domain features  
629 (Mueller et al., 2013). It is important that future researchers recognize the regional  
630 variability in functional network stability. This variability may serve as a useful biomarker  
631 for psychopathology (Sydnor et al., 2021), or may guide targeted brain stimulation  
632 interventions.

633 We did not observe a strong bias in the over-representation of sensorimotor  
634 networks compared to association networks in our area subset, despite the literature  
635 suggesting that sensorimotor networks mature earlier than association networks (Gao,  
636 Alcauter, Elton, et al., 2015; Sydnor et al., 2021). Our area subset spanned both  
637 sensorimotor and association networks along the functional hierarchy of the neocortex  
638 (Flechsig, 1901; Mesulam, 1998; Sydnor et al., 2021). One potential limitation is that our  
639 infant cohort was older than eight months and significant earlier neurodevelopmental  
640 changes along the sensorimotor-association hierarchy might have happened before eight  
641 months (Bethlehem et al., 2022; Flechsig, 1901). Another possibility is that the  
642 sensorimotor functional networks definition was inaccurate, e.g. the auditory network  
643 might have incorporated parts of secondary somatosensory regions (Raju & Tadi, 2024),  
644 leading to heterogeneous FC profiles within the auditory network

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#### 646 **4.4. Using an area subset to improve statistical power and interpretability**

647 There are pros and cons of using a pre-existing functional network model and a  
648 data-driven functional network model for infant neuroimaging research. Studies of  
649 functional networks in infants have often implemented unsupervised methods (i.e.  
650 clustering or similar types of community detection algorithms) to find age-specific modules  
651 and called them “functional networks” (Eggebrecht et al., 2017; Kardan et al., 2022;  
652 Marrus et al., 2018; Molloy & Saygin, 2022; Myers et al., 2024; Sylvester et al., 2022; F.  
653 Wang et al., 2023; Wen et al., 2019, 2020). These identified modules were by definition  
654 a good representation of the organizational structure in the data and may help alleviate  
655 the problem of reproducibility in brain-wise association studies (Hermosillo et al., 2024;  
656 Marek et al., 2022). However, unlike the adult networks that have been extensively  
657 validated with task fMRI data to corroborate their “functional” roles (Power et al., 2011;  
658 Wig, 2017; Yeo et al., 2011), those age-specific modules often lack biological support for  
659 their functions, reducing their relevance to a broader developmental context. On the other  
660 hand, using the adult-network topography directly on infants neglects the infant-specific  
661 organizational features and risks including spurious variability in neuroimaging

662 measurements (be they from fMRI, PET, or fNIRS), leading to reduced effect size and  
663 statistical power (Hermosillo et al., 2024), or an exaggerated difference across  
664 development. For example, our results in section 3.2 suggest that differences in within-  
665 network FC across age groups might be partially attributed to the misspecification of  
666 functional network identity.

667 Here, we propose an alternative strategy that uses an area subset that is relatively  
668 stable throughout development. This approach strikes a balance between  
669 interpretability/comparability across cohorts and reliability/reproducibility. This idea of  
670 using a subset of the brain areas to define ROIs as an approach to improve statistical  
671 power has been mentioned in prior literature (Dworetzky et al., 2021; Hermosillo et al.,  
672 2024). However, instead of focusing on the subset of brain areas with interindividual  
673 variability, we focus on excluding the subset of brain areas that had a potential network  
674 misidentification in the infant cohort. Alternatively, one might be interested in focusing on  
675 the areas that are unstable across development depending on the research question at  
676 hand, which may have behavioral or clinical significance.

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#### 678 **4.5. Implications for Precision Functional Mapping in Developmental Cohorts Using** 679 **Adult Group Priors**

680 As demonstrated in our results, on average the adult functional networks did not  
681 well represent the organization of infant FC into internally similar clusters. This  
682 observation might have important implications for research using an adult functional  
683 network model to generate individual-specific functional networks in pediatric cohorts  
684 (Hermosillo et al., 2024; Moore et al., 2024; Sun et al., 2023). Motivated by recent  
685 research findings showing that functional network topography across human individuals  
686 qualitatively differs from group-average estimates (Gordon, Laumann, Gilmore, et al.,  
687 2017; Gratton et al., 2018; Laumann et al., 2015), researchers have emphasized the  
688 importance of precision functional mapping (Gratton et al., 2022). However, reliable  
689 identification of individualized functional networks with unsupervised clustering or  
690 community detection procedures requires extended data acquisition. For example, with  
691 the Infomap algorithm (Power et al., 2011; Rosvall & Bergstrom, 2008), more than 90  
692 minutes of data are required to achieve an average network overlap dice coefficient of  $>$   
693 0.75 (Gordon, Laumann, Gilmore, et al., 2017). Therefore, researchers have developed  
694 several semi-supervised methods using adult networks as priors to derive individual  
695 functional networks in data with shorter acquisition time (Cui et al., 2020; Gordon,  
696 Laumann, Adeyemo, et al., 2017; Hacker et al., 2013; Kong et al., 2019; D. Wang et al.,  
697 2015). However, these approaches generally assume that the individual functional  
698 networks are highly similar to the adult group average template. This assumption might  
699 not be suitable for developmental cohorts. As we demonstrate in this paper, the adult  
700 functional networks poorly represent the organization of the infant FC into internally  
701 coherent clusters. Two unwanted consequences might arise from this observation. First,  
702 the network templates generated by averaging the FC profiles within a poorly defined  
703 network might be noisy and inaccurate. Second, the algorithms may incorrectly force a  
704 categorical label for locations that poorly match all available networks. Future studies  
705 using adult-based priors in developmental cohorts should keep those limitations in mind  
706 and develop strategies to mitigate them.

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#### 708 **4.6. Limitations and Future Directions**

709 The differences in state (asleep in infants and awake in adults) may contribute to  
710 the worse fit of adult networks to infant FC. Sleep and the level of arousal are known to  
711 modify the FC structure in adults (Chang et al., 2016; Mitra et al., 2017; Tagliazucchi et  
712 al., 2012), and FC patterns in sleeping 6- and 12-month-old infants more closely resemble  
713 FC patterns in sleeping adults (Mitra et al., 2017). Based on our results from a small  
714 sample of awake fMRI in 36-to-60-month-olds, the difference in the quality of clustering  
715 between awake adult and awake infant FC using the adult Gordon networks is smaller  
716 than the difference in sleeping infant FC. Taken together with the existing literature, these  
717 results tentatively support the hypothesis that infant network clustering quality is driven  
718 by the interaction of both brain development and sleeping state.

719 Other differences in the acquisition and processing of the two datasets might  
720 introduce further confounds. Additionally, while we observed minimal effects of age on  
721 within-network FC, this could be due to the narrow age range of our sample (mostly  
722 between 1 and 3 years). The mixing of fMRI signals within the ill-defined areas using an  
723 adult parcellation might contribute to the low SI observed in some of those areas which  
724 could be improved with the use of infant specific areas (Tu et al., 2024).

725 Future studies could examine the cellular, molecular, and genetic properties of the  
726 areas that have already developed an adult-like organization in infancy to fully understand  
727 the biological underpinning of our observation. Furthermore, future studies with larger  
728 samples and well-defined behavior measures can explicitly test our deduction that the  
729 use of our area subset could improve statistical power and reproducibility for brain-wide  
730 association studies. Moreover, it is worth investigating whether the topography and  
731 diversity of thalamocortical projections would relate to the variability of functional network  
732 stability across the neocortex.

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#### 734 **4.7. Conclusions**

735 We found that there exists a subset of cortical areas whose FC profiles  
736 demonstrate adult-like network organization even in infants, despite the noticeable  
737 differences in FC organization between infants and adults. These areas were spatially  
738 closer than alternative areas to previously described locations of high network identity  
739 consensus in adults. Additionally, within-network FC defined with our area subset was  
740 higher in magnitude and more reliable across scans, individuals, and chronological age.  
741 We propose the use of adult networks defined by our area subset as a complementary  
742 approach of studying infant FC than using age-specific functional networks derived from  
743 data-driven methods. This would strengthen reliability, yet at the same time encourage  
744 interpretability and comparability across developmental stages. The biological basis of  
745 our observations as well as their psychopathological and behavioral impacts may  
746 become interesting topics for future research.

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764 The WU 120 data can be downloaded from

765 <https://legacy.openfmri.org/dataset/ds000243/>.

766 The BCP data can be downloaded from the National Institute of Mental Health  
767 Data Archive (NDA) at [https://nda.nih.gov/edit\\_collection.html?id=2848](https://nda.nih.gov/edit_collection.html?id=2848). The  
768 preprocessing scripts are available at [https://github.com/DCAN-Labs/dcan-infant-](https://github.com/DCAN-Labs/dcan-infant-pipeline)  
769 [pipeline](https://github.com/DCAN-Labs/dcan-infant-pipeline). The analysis scripts used to generate the results and figures are available on  
770 <https://github.com/cindyhfis/Tu-2024-GordonSubset-DCN>.

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## 1117 **Supplementary Materials**

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## 1119 **Supplementary Results**

### 1120 **S1. Silhouette index in individual sessions**

1121 We calculated the silhouette index in group-average data because individual  
1122 sessions are noisy and have a relatively short acquisition time. However, our group  
1123 level results were consistent with results obtained by calculating silhouette index in  
1124 individual sessions (Supplementary Figures 3-4). Specifically, the average SI ( $-0.0054 \pm$   
1125  $0.0714$ ) was not different from zero in individual adult sessions (two-tailed t-test,  $p =$   
1126  $0.41$ ) for adult (“Gordon”) networks. On the other hand, the average SI ( $-0.0859 \pm$   
1127  $0.0318$ ) was significantly smaller than zero in individual adult sessions for infant  
1128 (“Kardan”) networks (two-tailed t-test,  $p < 0.001$ ). In addition, the average SI ( $-0.0636 \pm$   
1129  $0.0492$ ) was smaller than zero in individual infant sessions (two-tailed t-test,  $p < 0.001$ )  
1130 for adult (“Gordon”) networks. On the other hand, the average SI ( $0.0492 \pm 0.0472$ ) was  
1131 significantly greater than zero in individual adult sessions for infant (“Kardan”) networks  
1132 (two-tailed t-test,  $p < 0.001$ ).

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### 1134 **S2. Silhouette index of adult networks in infant FC with the mean in all alternative** 1135 **networks**

1136 By default, the silhouette index compares the current network to the best  
1137 alternative network, which also depends on the quality of alternatives. However, other  
1138 researchers have chosen to use a similar metric that compares the average within-  
1139 network similarity to the average between-network similarity across all alternative  
1140 networks, rather than just the best alternative (Ji et al., 2019). This approach tends to be  
1141 less conservative and generally results in a higher silhouette index when calculated in  
1142 this manner.

1143 When the SI was calculated using the mean in all alternative networks rather  
1144 than the mean of the best alternative network, they were still moderately correlated with  
1145 the SI reported in the main results (Pearson’s  $r = 0.74$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ). However, since the  
1146 mean of similarity to all alternative networks (especially to the ones spatially distant from  
1147 the area in question) would tend to be lower than the best alternative, the SI is positively  
1148 shifted with almost all parcels having  $SI > 0$  (Supplementary Figure 15).

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### 1150 **S3. Age effect on within-network (Gordon networks) FC is smaller in magnitude** 1151 **with our area subset than with all areas**

1152 To test the hypothesis that our area subset has relatively stable within-network  
1153 FC across chronological age in infants, we compared the age effect on within-network  
1154 FC when the networks include only our area subset versus all areas. The age effect of  
1155 within-network FC was quantified with a Spearman’s correlation ( $\rho$ ). The significance of  
1156 the difference between the correlation between chronological age and within-network  
1157 FC in our area subset versus all areas is calculated with a Z-test on Fisher-Z-  
1158 transformed  $r$  values.

1159 We additionally examined the within-network FC in infants across chronological  
1160 age. We computed within-network FC across age using full versus our area subset. For  
1161 the eight networks that were partially retained, five networks demonstrated a significant  
1162 correlation between within-network FC and age ( $p < 0.05$ , Spearman’s  $\rho$ ): the within-

1163 network Aud, SMN hand and Vis networks were negatively correlated with age and the  
1164 within-network FC in DAN and the FPN were positively correlated with age. The age  
1165 effect was greater in magnitude with the full set of areas (Figure 3A) than with only the  
1166 partially retained areas (Figure 3B) for the SMN hand network, although not significant  
1167 when comparing the Fisher-Z-transformed  $\rho$  values ( $Z = 1.588$ , one-sided  $p = 0.056$ ).  
1168 Similar results were found for other networks, where the age effect was less negative  
1169 for Aud, SMN hand and Vis networks, and less positive for DAN and FPN, but none of  
1170 them had a significant ( $p < 0.05$ ) Z-test. To examine the robustness of our result to the  
1171 selection of data samples, we generated 1000 bootstrapped samples of the infant  
1172 sessions. We found that the sign of the difference was consistent across bootstrap  
1173 samples (i.e., on average the networks using our area subset was less correlated with  
1174 age than all areas) (Figure 3C). The mean and 95% confidence interval for the  
1175 bootstrap showed a mean difference in Fisher-Z-transformed  $\rho$  values for full versus  
1176 subset was  $-0.1139$   $[-0.1721, 0.0129]$  for Aud,  $-0.1386$   $[-0.1684, -0.0814]$  for SMN hand,  
1177  $0.0020$   $[-0.0887, 0.0348]$  for Vis,  $-0.0205$   $[-0.0120, 0.1439]$  for DAN and  $0.0089$   $[0.0071,$   
1178  $0.0511]$  for FPN (Figure 3C).

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#### 1180 **S4. Group consistency and differential power of FC edges**

1181 Prior studies suggested that it was possible to identify individuals using FC in  
1182 infants from the BCP dataset (Hu et al., 2022; Kardan et al., 2022). To assess which FC  
1183 edges (i.e. connections between a pair of areas) are more consistent across individuals  
1184 versus distinct across individuals, we calculated the group consistency ( $\phi$ ) and  
1185 differential power (DP) measures (Finn et al., 2015). We aim to describe the distribution  
1186 of highly consistent edges and highly differentiating edges with respect to adult and  
1187 infant network models. For this analysis, we only use the one session from each of the  
1188 115 unique subjects with at least 13.2 min low-motion data. Given two sets of  
1189 connectivity  $[X_i^{R1}], [X_i^{R2}]$  obtained from the two resting scan windows ( $R1$  and  $R2$ ) after  
1190 z-score normalization, the edgewise product vector  $\varphi_i$  was computed as

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$$1192 \varphi_i(e) = X_i^{R1}(e) * X_i^{R2}(e), e = 1, \dots, M \text{ (Equation 2)}$$

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1194 where  $i$  indexed the subject,  $e$  indexed the edge, and  $M$  indexed the total number of FC  
1195 edges. The sum of  $\varphi_i$  over all edges is the correlation between  $[X_i^{R1}], [X_i^{R2}]$ . The group  
1196 consistency  $\phi$  was computed as the mean of  $\varphi_i$  across all subjects. We defined the  
1197 edges with the top 10%  $\phi$  values to be “highly consistent”.

1198 Similarly, the edgewise product vector  $\varphi_{ij}$  was calculated between patterns from  
1199 different subjects, for example:

$$1200 \varphi_{ij}(e) = X_i^{R1}(e) * X_j^{R2}(e), e = 1, \dots, M, i \neq j \text{ (Equation 3)}$$

$$1201 P_i(e) = P|\varphi_{ij}(e) > \varphi_{ii}(e) \text{ or } \varphi_{ji}(e) > \varphi_{ii}(e)| \text{ (Equation 4)}$$

$$1202 DP(e) = \sum_i \{-\ln(P_i(e))\} \text{ (Equation 5)}$$

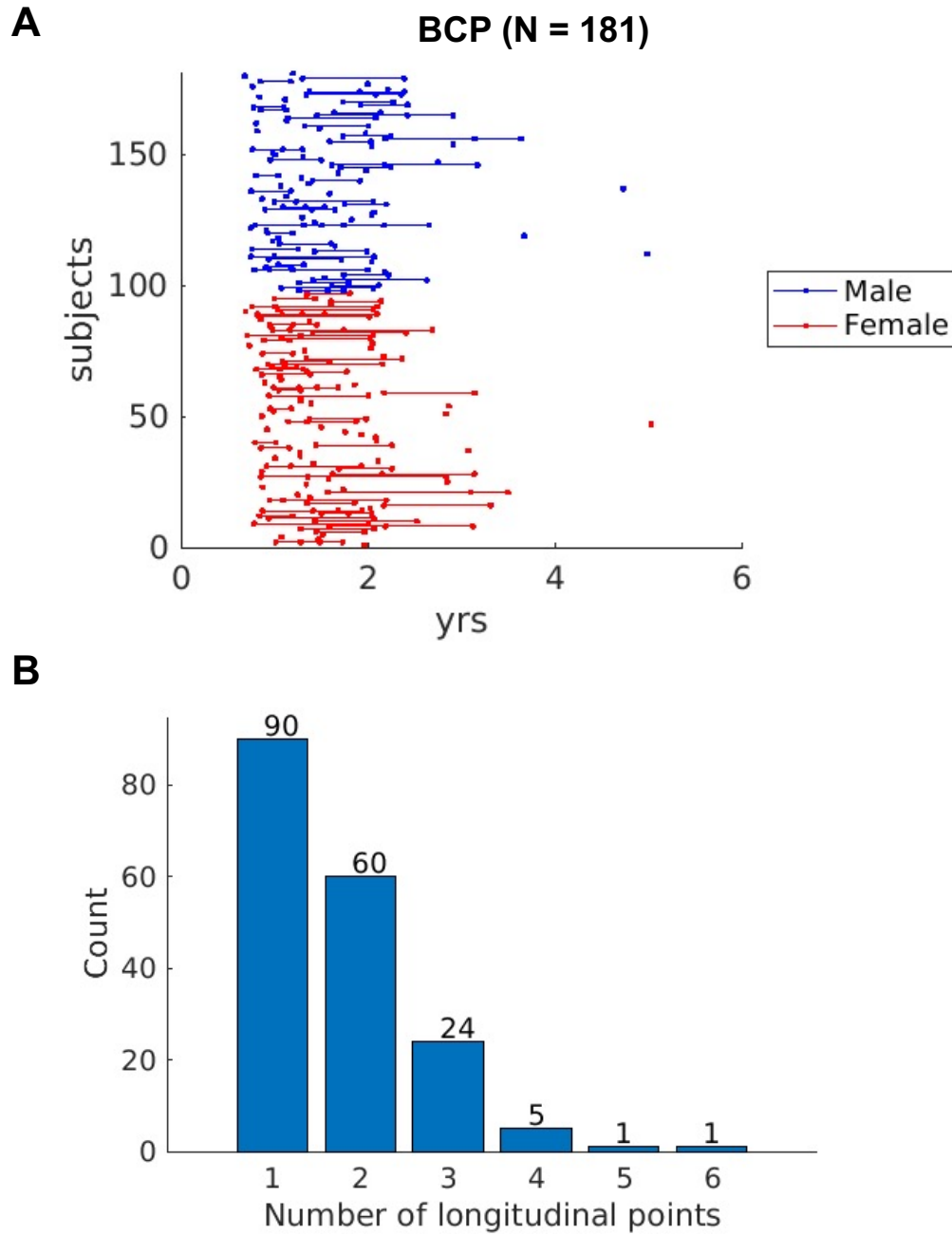
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1204 We defined the edges with the top 10% DP values as “highly differentiating”.

1205 Consistent with the findings in previous literature, we observed that a large  
1206 percentage (~50%) of FC edges in the within-network blocks tend to be highly  
1207 consistent. On the other hand, much fewer FC edges in between-network blocks (~6%)

1208 were highly consistent (Supplementary Figure 14; Supplementary Table 3). The  
1209 sensorimotor networks especially had a large proportion of highly consistent within-  
1210 network FC edges (Supplementary Table 4). Moreover, using adult networks defined by  
1211 our area subset, the percentage of highly consistent edges within networks increased  
1212 substantially for all eight partially retained networks (Supplementary Table 4), indicating  
1213 that the adult network spanned by our area subset over-represented areas with highly  
1214 consistent FC between them.

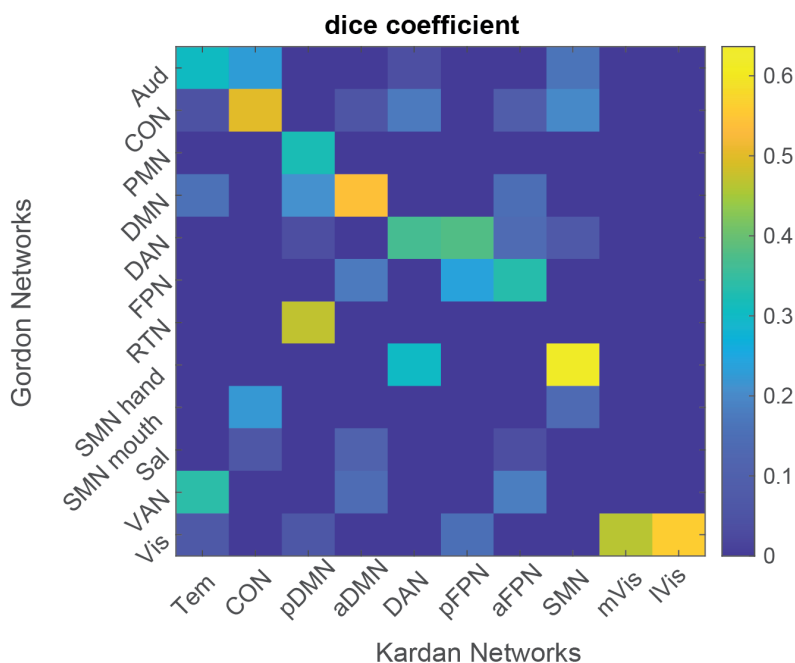
1215 On the other hand, within-network blocks tend to have only a slightly larger  
1216 percentage of highly differentiating FC edges (~15%) than between-network blocks  
1217 (~10%) (Supplementary Table 5-6), with both increased and decreased proportion of  
1218 highly differentiating edges when using our area subset instead of all areas.  
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**Supplementary Figure 1.** *Distribution of age and sex of individual infants in the BCP dataset.* A) The age time points of 181 infants ordered by sex. B) The count of number of individuals with 1-6 longitudinal points.

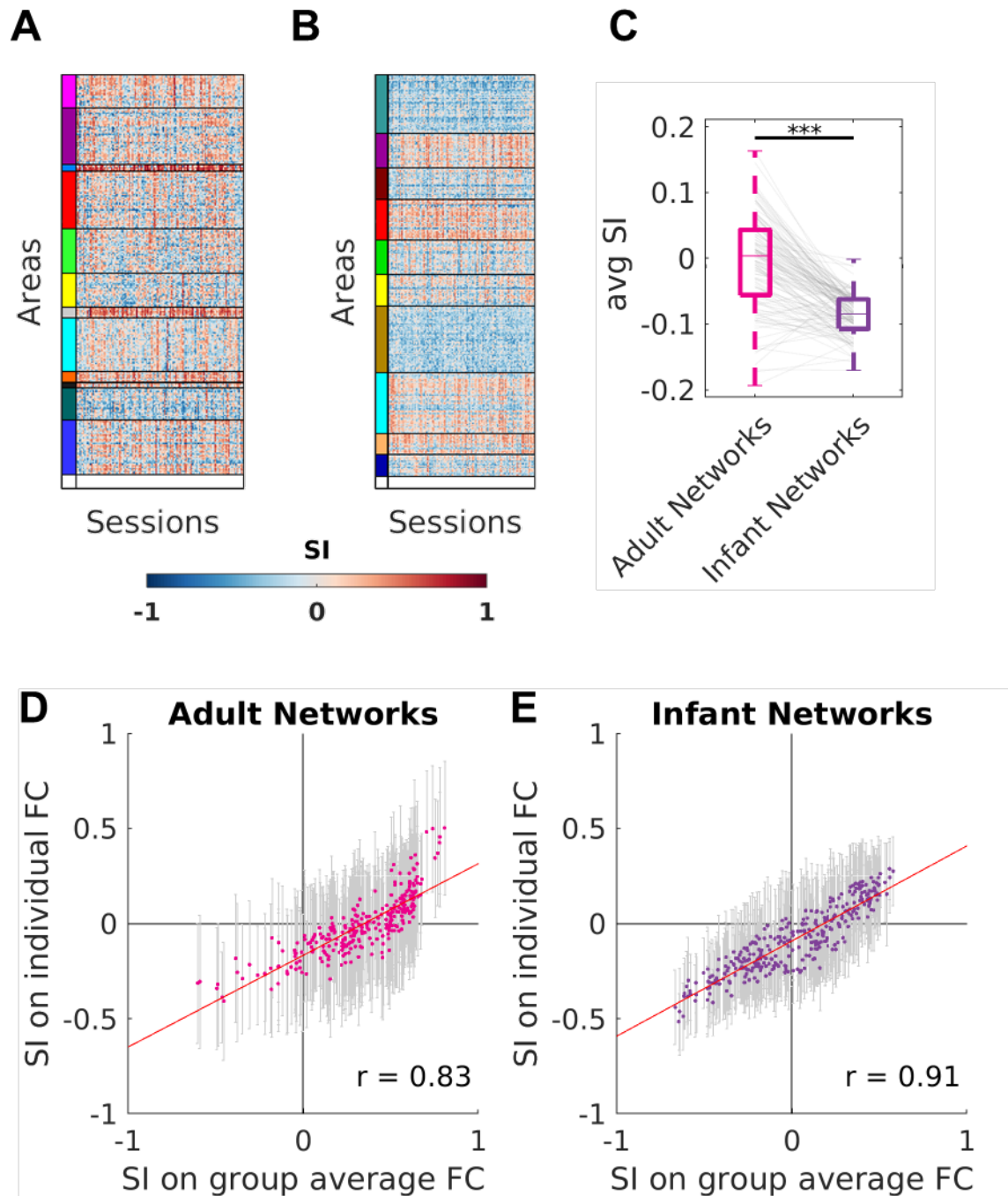
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**Supplementary Figure 2.** Dice overlap between Adult Networks (“Gordon”) and Infant Networks (“Kardan”). Network abbreviations: auditory (Aud), cingulo-opercular (CON), parietal memory (PMN), default mode (DMN), dorsal attention (DAN), fronto-parietal (FPN), retrosplenial temporal (RTN), somatomotor hand (SMN hand), somatomotor mouth (SMN mouth), salience (Sal), and ventral attention (VAN), visual (Vis), somatomotor (SMN), temporal (Tem), posterior frontoparietal (pFPN), posterior default mode (pDMN), lateral visual (IVis), medial visual (mVis), anterior frontoparietal (aFPN), anterior default mode (aDMN).

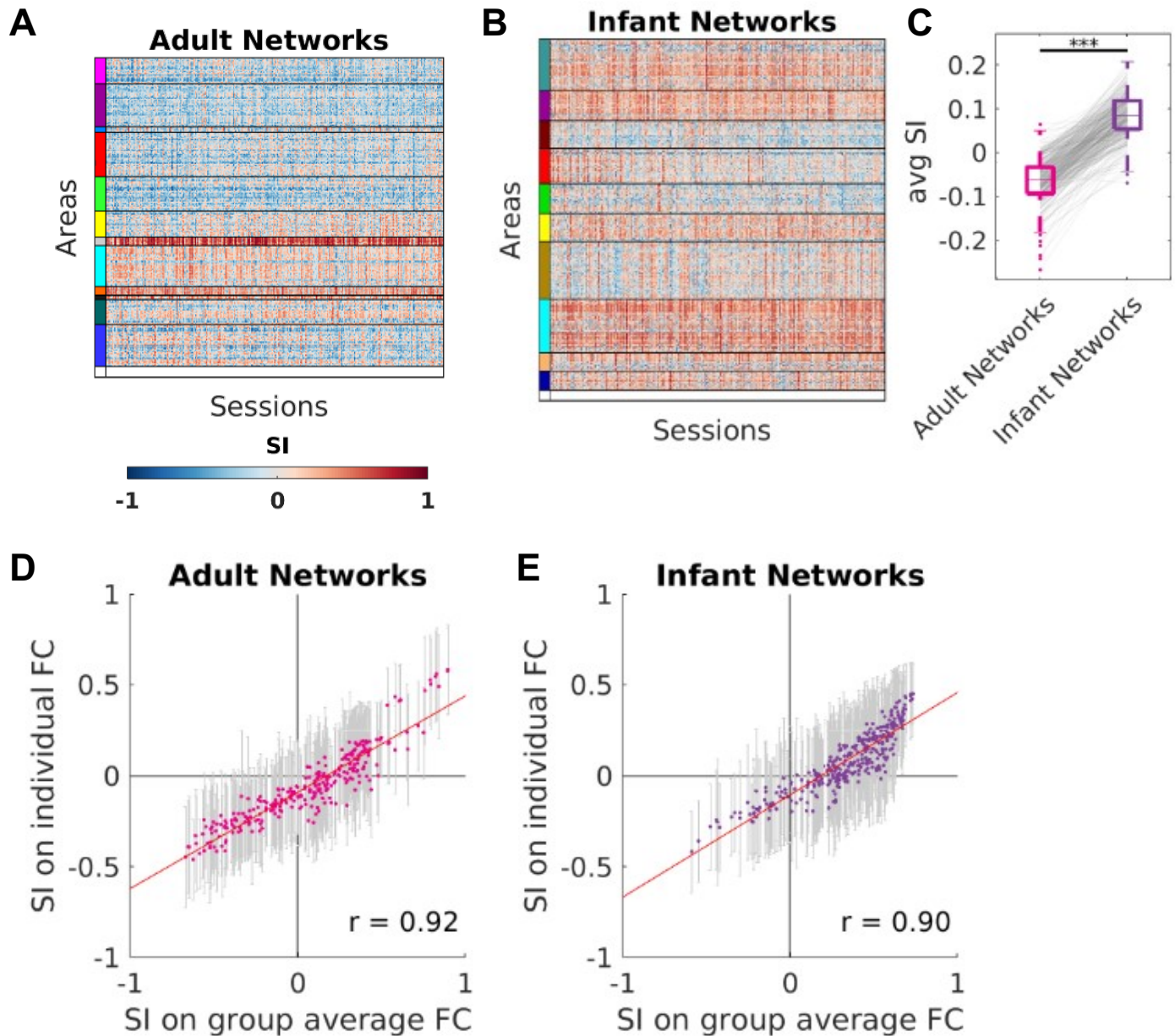


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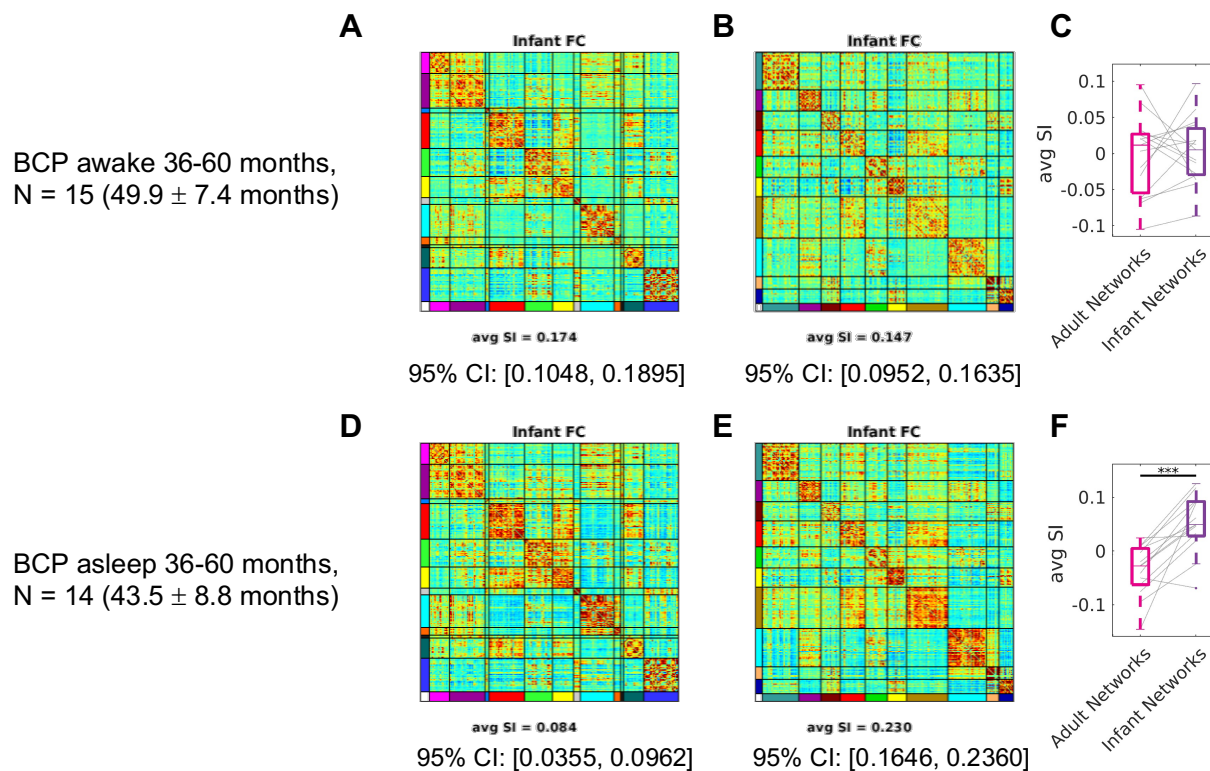


**Supplementary Figure 3.** *Silhouette index (SI) of adult and infant networks on individual adults' FC.* A) SI across adult networks ("Gordon", 286 areas). B) SI across infant networks ("Kardan", 328 areas). C) average SI of adult and infant networks across areas on individual adults' FC. \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$  in paired t-test. D) Pearson's correlation of SI of adult networks on group average FC and the mean of SI on individual FC across 286 areas. E) Pearson's correlation of SI of infant networks on group average FC and the mean of SI on individual FC across 328 areas.

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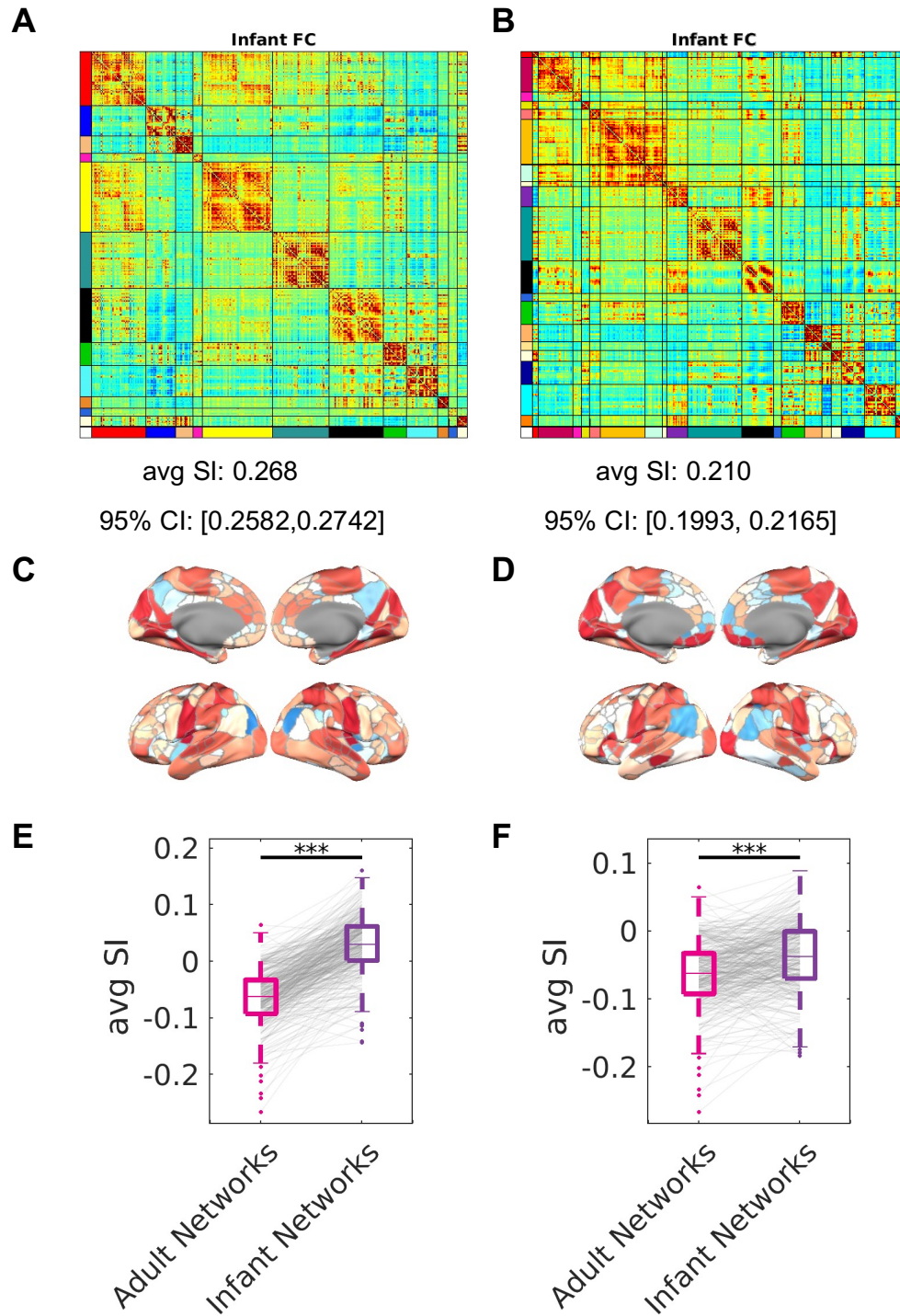
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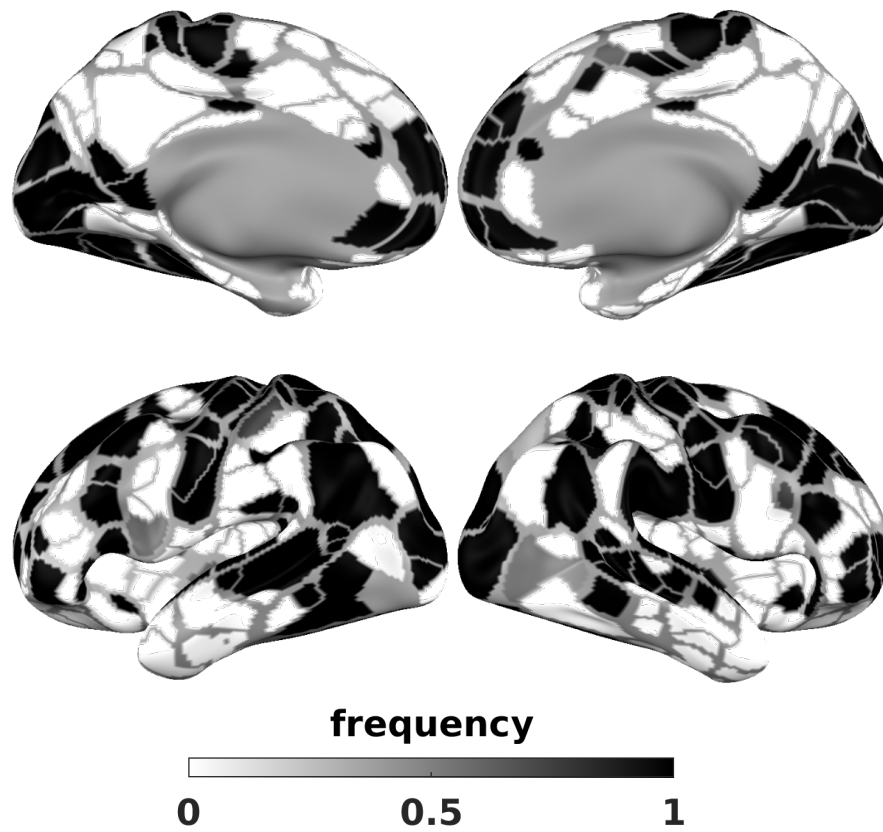
**Supplementary Figure 5.** Awake V.S. sleeping infant FC organized by adult (“Gordon”) and infant (“Kardan”) networks. A) The average FC for 15 BCP sessions sorted by adult networks (“Gordon”). B) The average FC for 15 BCP sessions sorted by infant networks (“Kardan”). C) Average silhouette index for individual sessions. D-F) Same as A-C, but for 14 BCP sessions also in approximately the same age range (36-60 months). \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$  in paired t-test.





**Supplementary Figure 6.** Infant FC sorted by the Tu (326) 12 and 19 networks. A) The average FC for 313 BCP sessions sorted by Tu (326) 12 networks. B) The average FC for 313 BCP sessions sorted by Tu (326) 19 networks. C-D) Silhouette index for each area parcel for A-B. E-F) Average silhouette index for individual sessions. \*\*\*  $p < 0.001$  in paired t-test.

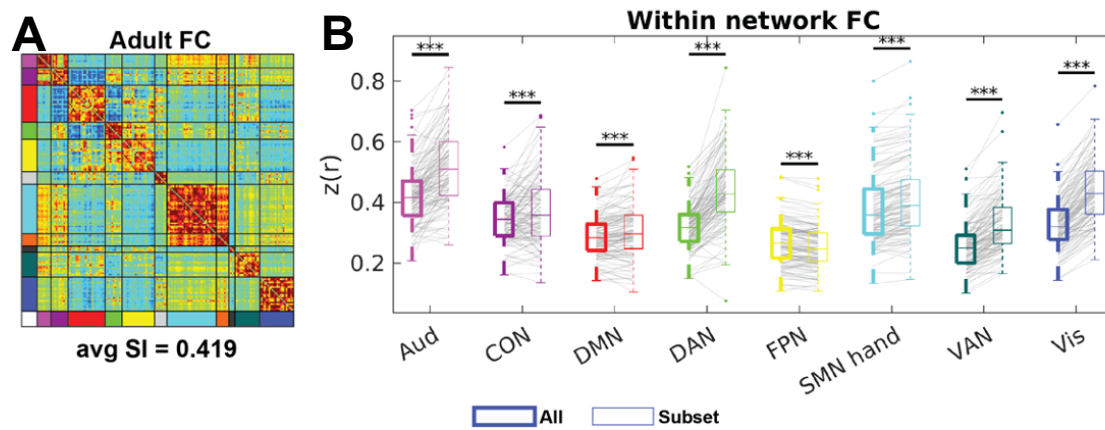
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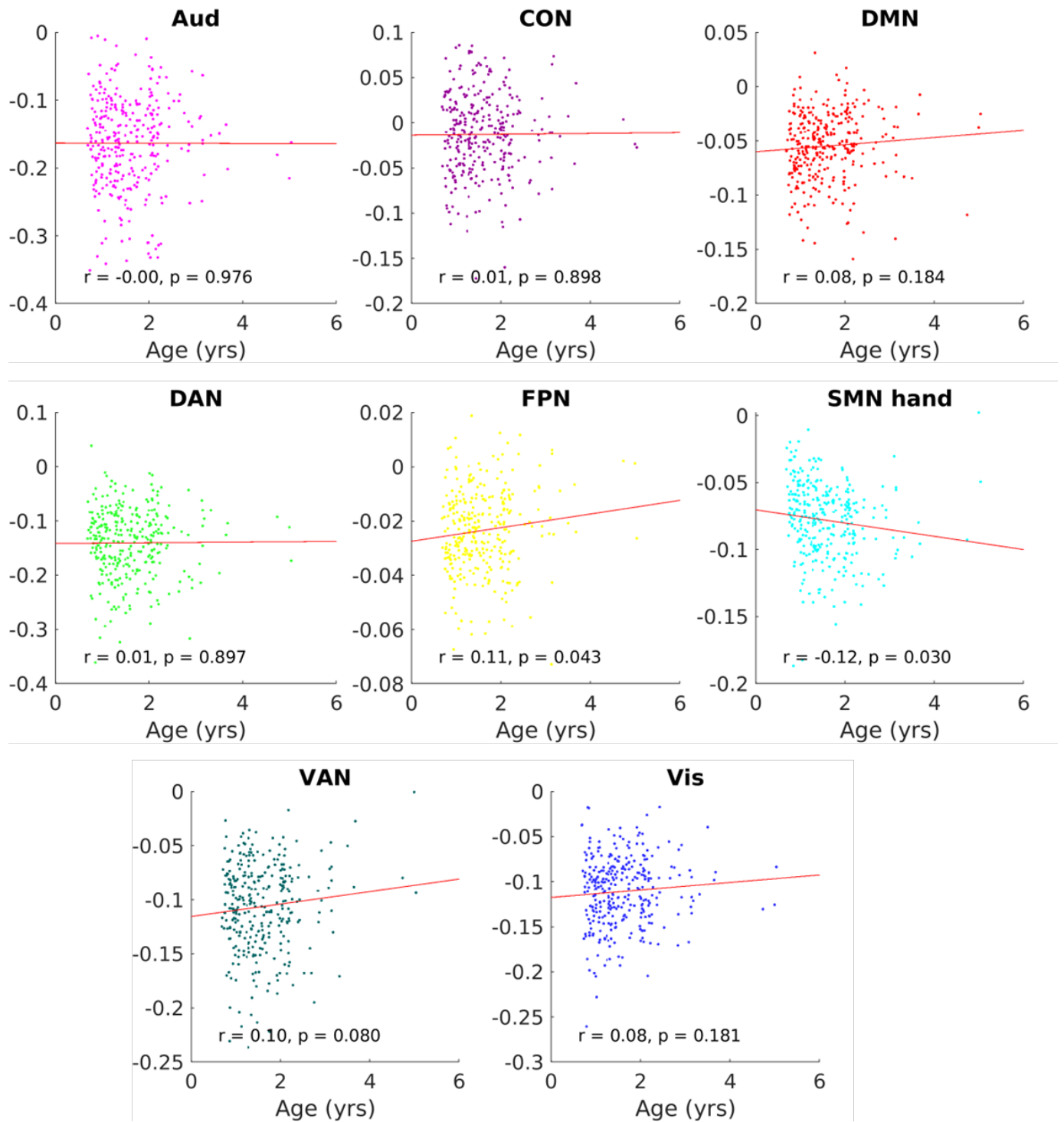
**Supplementary Figure 7.** *Frequency of  $SI > 0$  across 1000 bootstraps.*



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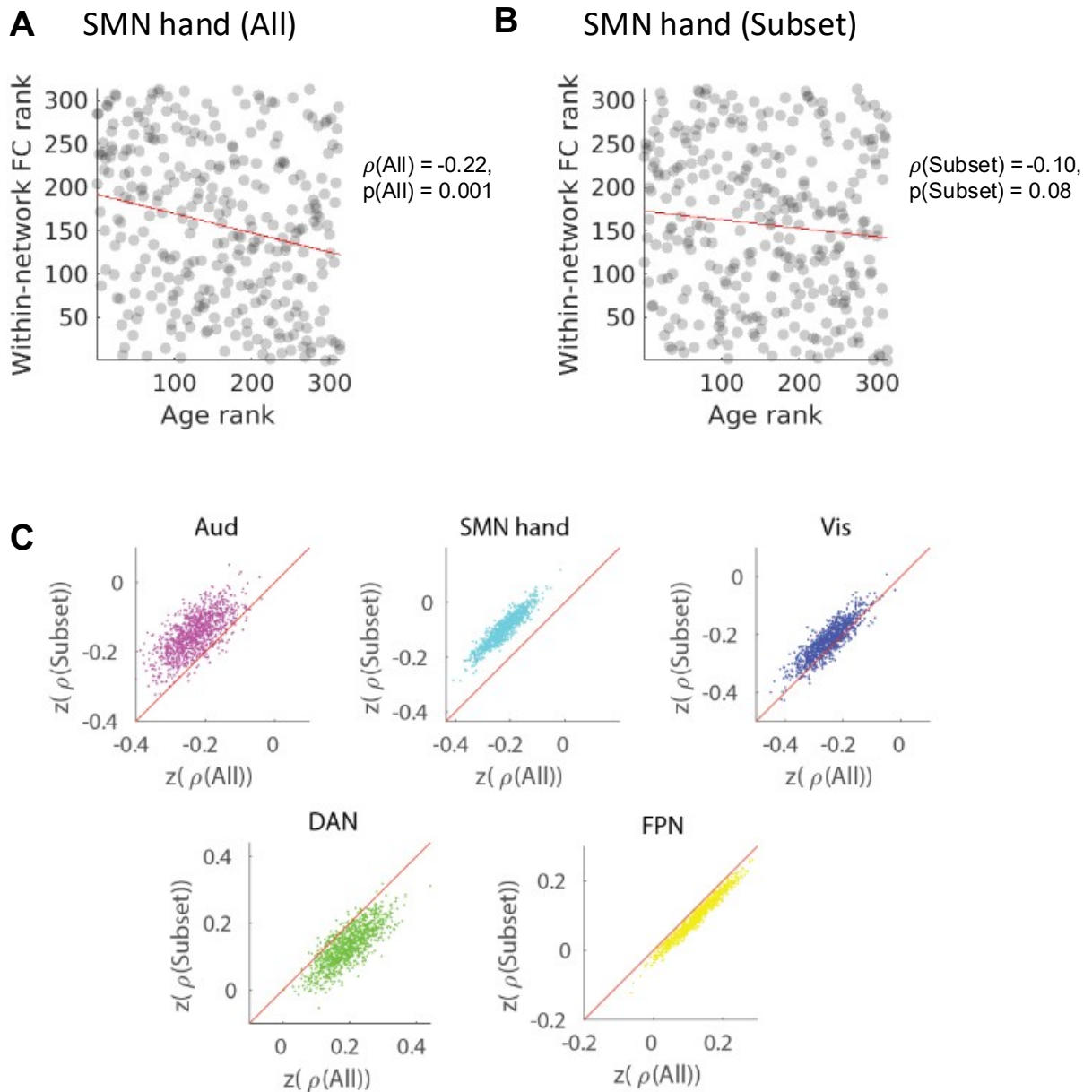
**Supplementary Figure 8.** Adult FC using our area subset. A) The sorted average FC in adults with our area subset. B) The average within-network FC with all areas (left) versus our area subset subset (right) across sessions.



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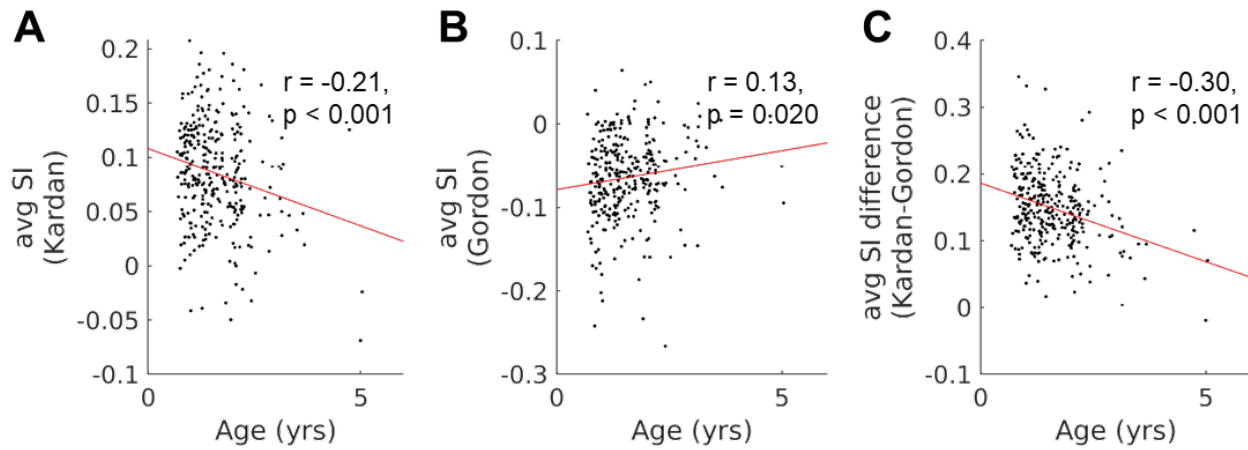
**Supplementary Figure 9.** Within-network FC difference (All – Subset) across eight partially-retained networks.

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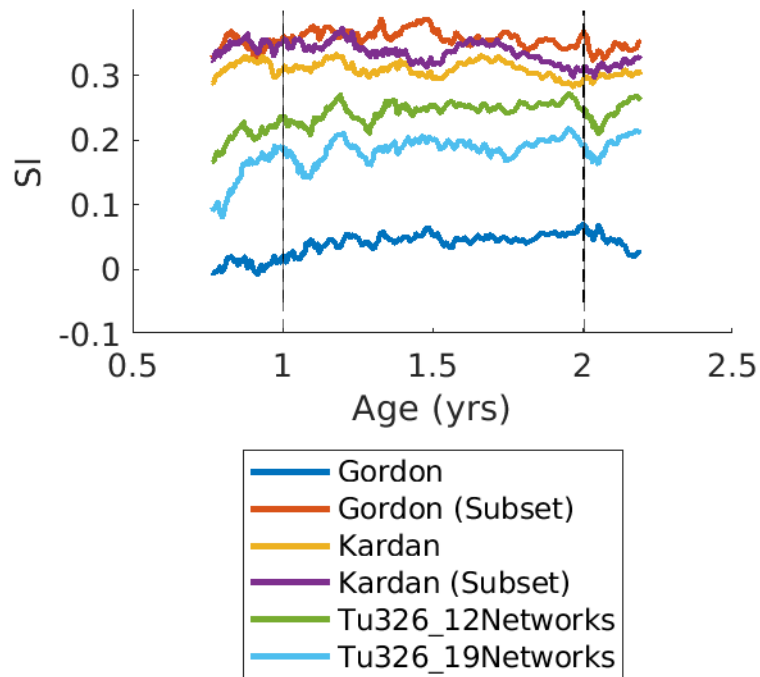
**Supplementary Figure 10.** Correlation between age and within-network FC in using our area subset versus all areas. A) Scatter plot of within-network FC versus age for SMN hand network using all areas. B) Scatter plot of within-network FC versus age for SMN hand network using our area subset. C) The within-network FC for three networks is negatively correlated with age (Aud, SMN hand, Vis), and the within-network FC for two networks is positively correlated with age (DAN, FPN). The x-axis is the Fisher-Z-transformed Spearman's correlation ( $\rho$ ) between within-network FC using all areas and age. The y-axis is the Fisher-Z-transformed Spearman's correlation ( $\rho$ ) within-network FC using our area subset and age). Each data point represents a bootstrap sample of sessions ( $N = 1000$ ). Red line shows the line of least-squared fit in A-B and the line of identity in C.

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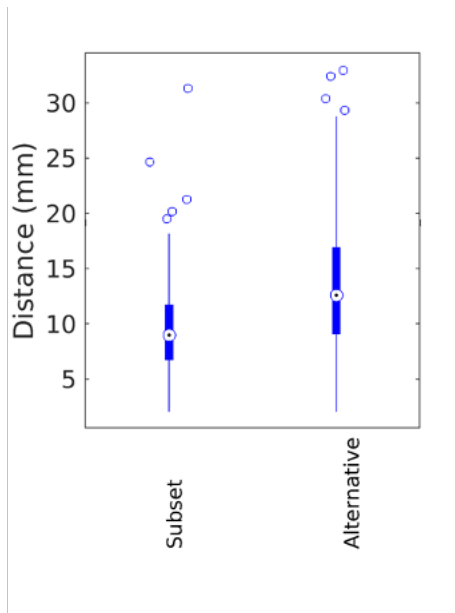
**Supplementary Figure 11.** A scatter plot between chronological age in years and average SI for individual BCP sessions. A) infant networks (“Kardan”). B) adult networks (“Gordon”). C) Difference in infant networks (“Kardan”) and adult networks (“Gordon”).

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**Supplementary Figure 12.** *Moving average analysis (Figure 4A) adding the results using infant networks from an independent dataset.*

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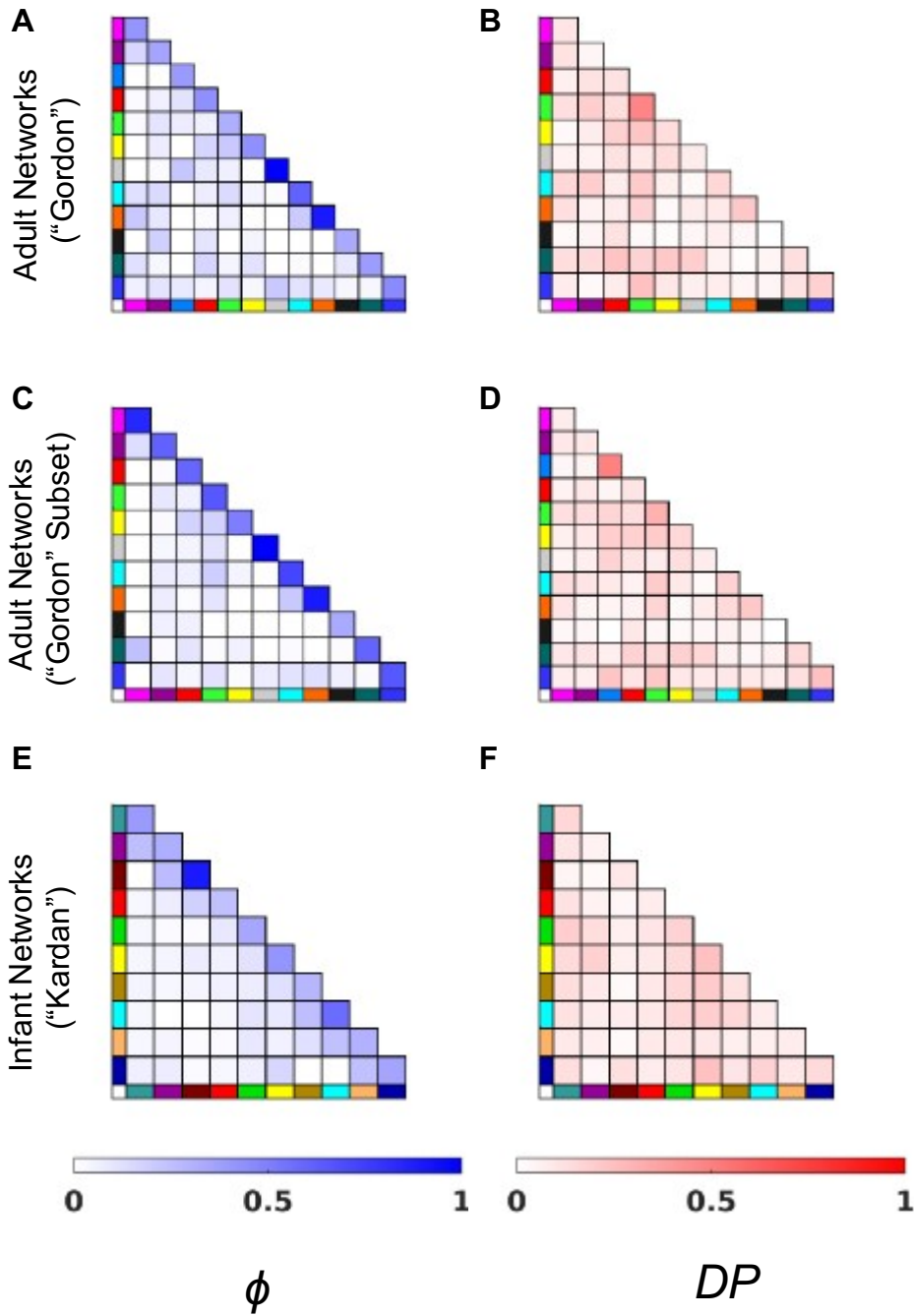


**Supplementary Figure 13.** Distance between our area subset and alternative areas to the 153 Dworestky high consensus ROI.

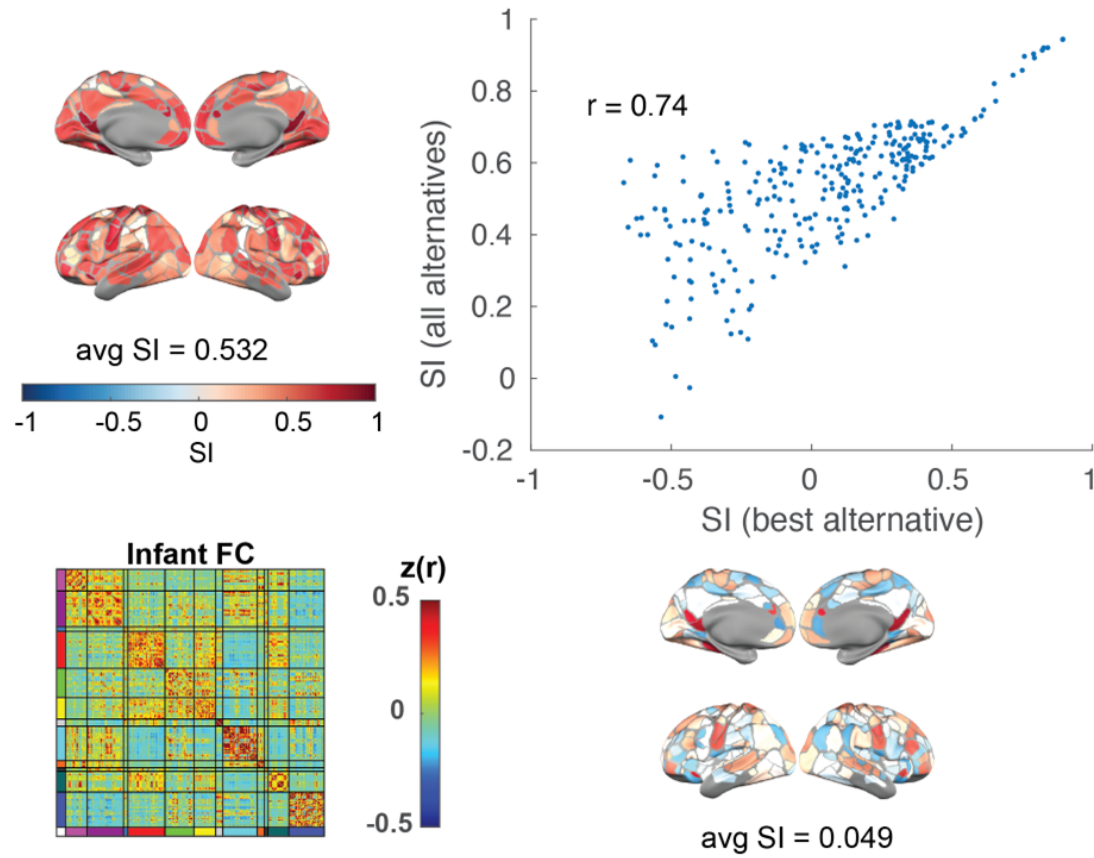


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**Supplementary Figure 14.** Fraction of high consistency ( $\phi$ ) and high differential power ( $DP$ ) edges (top 10%) across (A-B) adult networks ("Gordon"), (C-D) adult networks ("Gordon" Subset), (E-F) infant networks ("Kardan").



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**Supplementary Figure 15.** Correlation between silhouette index calculated with the best network or with all alternative networks.

<b>Supplementary Table 1</b>			
	Cohort	BCP	WashU 120
<b>Acquisition</b>	Location	University of Minnesota	Washington University in St. Louis
	Scanners	Siemens Prisma 3T Scanner	Siemens 3T Trio Tim
	Headcoil	32-channel	12-channel
	Sequence type	Gradient-echo EPI	Gradient-echo EPI
	Resolution (BOLD)	2mm isotropic	4 mm isotropic
	Phase encoding direction	AP+PA	AP
	TR (s)	UMN - 0.72 (N = 70), 0.8 (N = 107)	2.5
	TE (ms)	37	27
	Resolution (T1)	0.8 mm	1 mm
	Multi-band factor	8	N/A
	State	Natural Sleep	Fixation on crosshair
	Average clean data frames		14.0 min
	Frames per BOLD run	420	120
	BOLD runs	2-4	2
<b>Processing</b>	Processing pipeline version	DCAN-Infant (0.0.22)	adult EPI (BOLD) preprocessing pipeline using the 4dfp tool suite
	Distortion correction	ANTs SyN registration	None
	Bias field correction	N4 method	None
	Denoising	Respiratory notch filter, demean, detrend, 24 parameters nuisance regression, remove FD>0.3mm to apply bandpass filtering (0.008-0.09 Hz) then interpolate the missing frames	Demeaning and detrending, , multiple regression including: whole-brain, ventricular and white matter signals, and motion regressors derived by Volterra expansion (Friston et al. 1996), and a band-pass filter (0.009 Hz < f < 0.08Hz).
	Scrubbing threshold	filtered FD<0.2mm, outlier (across-vertex STD on low FD frames >3MAD of the median of all frames)	FD<0.2mm, at least 5 consecutive low-motion frames
	Tissue Segmentation	ANTs Joint Label Fusion was performed using a set of ALBERT atlases with segmentations generated and manually corrected by DCAN for ages 0-5 months old. For older ages, the atlases used for JLF were a set of 10 ABCD subjects for which we generated segmentations. Manual	FreeSurfer's default recon-all processing pipeline (version 5.0)

		curation of tissue segmentation was performed where necessary.	
	Surface reconstruction & registration	Modified FreeSurfer reconstruction (no hires, aseg from JLF, adjusted class means of tissue to fit T1w contrasts), registered to fs_LR32k using spherical registration (with MSMsulc).	FreeSurfer's default recon-all processing pipeline (version 5.0)
	BOLD data geodesic smoothing	$\sigma = 2.55$ mm	$\sigma = 2.55$ mm
<b>Quality Control</b>			
		BrainSwipes crowdsourcing ratings with average aggregated passing rate >75% for anatomical or functional images + manual screening.	N/A
	Data availability	<a href="https://nda.nih.gov/edit_collection.html?id=2848">https://nda.nih.gov/edit_collection.html?id=2848</a>	<a href="https://legacy.openfmri.org/dataset/ds000243/">https://legacy.openfmri.org/dataset/ds000243/</a>

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-18.8	-48.7	65
-51.8	-7.8	38.5
-18.4	-85.5	21.6
-47.2	-58	30.8
-38.1	48.8	10.5
-55.9	-47.7	-9.3
-14.4	-57.8	18.4
-8.8	-49.8	4.2
-11.3	-83.2	3.9
-1.7	-17.7	39.1
-10	33.9	21.5
-10.7	-47.5	60.3
-15.6	-33.1	66.1
-10.9	-29.3	69.5
-6.6	-20.4	74.2
-10.8	-41.1	64.9
-5	-28.2	60.4
-5.4	-15.9	48.8
-35.8	-29.7	54.5
-41.5	-12.5	50.4
-42.1	-4.5	47.3
-27.3	1.9	52.9
-19.8	6.4	55.7
-19.5	30.1	45.5
-36.8	-22.8	61.9
-20.5	-24.9	64.5
-23.4	-13.8	64.2
-17.2	-8.6	67.9
-28.6	-44.7	61.7
-31.1	-48.9	47.1
-42.9	-45	43
-51.5	-11.9	29.7
-51.7	-30.9	39.9
-27.5	-37.2	61.4
-47.2	-31.4	54.8
-46.1	-17.8	52.7
-44.8	-54	14.6
-51.6	-55.9	11.4
-48.1	-40	2.4

-46.3	-41.4	25.9
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-58.7	-29.9	11.1
-40.6	-38.3	14.5
-38.7	-16	-5.3
-50	20.8	10.6
-37.7	2.9	11.7
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-44.3	33.2	-7.2
-45.4	28.8	0.8
-20.4	-64.6	51.4
-34.1	-61	42.4
-31.3	-84.2	9
-34.2	-86.6	-0.5
-46.2	-57.7	-7.9
-55.1	-32.3	23
-43	19.4	33.5
-40.2	23.6	23.3
-48.6	7.5	11.1
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7.2	48.4	-10.1
34.6	-35.6	-12.3
34.6	-23.9	-20.4
26.9	-69.1	-6.6
34.9	-44	-20
13.8	-92.3	14.7
10.5	-73.8	-1.5
20.4	-87.3	-6.6
5.1	-80.2	23.1
24.5	-36.2	-13.2
21	32.8	42.1
21.4	42.8	35.1
23.5	59.1	4.9
30.9	52.2	9.9
8.2	53.8	14
5.9	54.9	29.4
13.8	46.7	42.1
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55.8	2	-2
57.1	-6.3	-7.7
46.6	-21.5	-8.5

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**Supplementary Table 3.** Percentage of highly consistent ( $\phi$ ) edges across different network assignment schemes

	<b>Gordon All</b>	<b>Gordon Subset</b>	<b>Kardan</b>
within-network	44.1%	63.1%	49.5%
between-network	8.3%	6.5%	5.4%

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**Supplementary Table 4.** Percentage of highly consistent ( $\phi$ ) edges across different network assignment schemes. The eight partially retained networks were bolded and had an asterisk.

<b>within-network</b>	<b>Gordon All</b>	<b>Gordon Subset</b>
<b>Aud*</b>	41.30%	84.21%
<b>CON*</b>	35.64%	61.73%
PMN	40.00%	/
<b>DMN*</b>	43.17%	59.07%
<b>DAN*</b>	31.45%	65.17%
<b>FPN*</b>	43.12%	50.84%
RTN	100%	100%
<b>SMN hand*</b>	61.45%	72.82%
SMN mouth	89.29%	89.29%
Sal	33.33%	33.33%
<b>VAN*</b>	38.34%	60.94%
<b>Vis*</b>	45.89%	65.17%

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**Supplementary Table 5.** Percentage of high differential power (*DP*) edges across different network assignment schemes.

	<b>Gordon All</b>	<b>Gordon Subset</b>	<b>Kardan</b>
within-network	16.50%	14.73%	12.79%
between-network	10.81%	10.98%	9.93%



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**Supplementary Table 6.** Percentage of high differential power (*DP*) edges across different network assignment schemes. The eight partially retained networks were bolded and had an asterisk.

<b>within-network</b>	<b>Gordon All</b>	<b>Gordon Subset</b>
<b>Aud*</b>	7.97%	10.53%
<b>CON*</b>	8.33%	4.94%
PMN	50.00%	/
<b>DMN*</b>	10.73%	11.59%
<b>DAN*</b>	30.24%	47.19%
<b>FPN*</b>	15.58%	13.91%
RTN	7.14%	7.14%
<b>SMN hand*</b>	17.92%	15.82%
SMN mouth	21.43%	21.43%
Sal	0%	0%
<b>VAN*</b>	14.62%	12.02%
<b>Vis*</b>	24.97%	18.43%