Large-scale collaborations: ManyBabies

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What is ManyBabies?

Common theme: Early development

- Large-scale collaboration / network of developmental scientists
- Promote open science, best practices
- Consensus-based replications to address
 - Theoretical and
 - Methodological open questions
 - → Sources of variability?





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The ManyBabies approach

Ultimately built on trust, collaborativeness

- → Sign up to support the "big" project
- → Commit to core values
- Get support for involvement at the level that works
- → Learning and growth opportunities







Open science opportunities (with a safety net)

- ★ Which OS tools to pick?
 - Others will help / make the choice
- ★ Try out OS tools (R, OSF, Github)
 - With guidance and documentation
 - With others in the same boat
- ★ Watch others how it's done
 - And see them struggle as well!
- ★ Leading teams (analysis, materials...) or whole projects



ManyBabies projects

Small group of leads

→ Propose question to the governing board

Benefit from existing community, infrastructure, standards (CoC, agreements on data use, etc), and experience

Open call for contribution at all levels (next slide), commitment to openness (i.e. open to input from all who want to contribute), transparency





ManyBabies projects

Empirical

MB1: Infant-Directed Speech Preference

MB2: Theory of Mind in Infancy

MB3: Rule Learning

MB4: Social Evaluation

MB5: The Hunter & Ames model

- Completed

- Piloting

- Planning Design

- Piloting

- Planning

Methodological

MB-AtHome: Online Infant Data Collection

- Soon piloting



ManyBabies 1 - Timeline

Idea 2015-03-19/21 (SRCD 2015)

Vote results 2016-01-22

Pilot 2016-09-01

Submission Stage 1 RR 2016-12-12

Acceptance Stage 1 RR 2017-04-27

Data collection start 2017-05-01

Data collection end 2018-06-15

Analysis (first pass) 2018-07-12

Submission Stage 2 RR 2019-03-07

Acceptance Stage 2 RR 2019-09-23



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Spin-off projects

Derived from "main" projects, like MB1



Spin-off projects

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|----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------|
| Vote results | 2016-01-22 | | |
| Pilot | 2016-09-01 | | |
| Submission Stage 1 R | R 2016-12-12 | Bilingual infants | 2016-09-12 |
| Acceptance Stage 1 R | R 2017-04-27 | Test-Retest | 2017-10-10 |
| Data collection start | 2017-05-01 CD | I at 18/24 months | 2017-11-22 |
| Data collection end | 2018-06-15 | | |
| Analysis (first pass) | 2018-07-12 | | |
| Submission Stage 2 R | R 2019-03-07 Me | ta-analysis comp. | 2019-05-03 |
| Acceptance Stage 2 RR 2019-09-23 | | | |

My ManyBabies Timeline

| 2015 | (PostDoc in Paris) Join early discussions via mailing list |
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| 2016 | Participate in MB1 design (stimuli, procedure) |
| | Co-author "Theory Paper" - specifically ECR section |
| 2017 | (New job in NL) Data processing, analysis, checking |
| | Join MB Governing Board |
| 2019 | (Leave) Write up MB1 paper |
| | Start MB1-Meta Spin-off project |
| | Join MB5 as co-lead |
| 2020 | Start MB-AtHome |



What kinds of contributions are there?

- Leadership Team
- Planning
 - Stimulus creation
 - Procedure
 - Background information
 - Adaptation to different languages / cultures
- Writing
 - Registered Reports
- Data Processing and Analysis
- Management
- ...



What level of involvement is needed?

- ★ Fluctuation over time ok
 - Coming in late not a problem
- ★ Any level of initiative, from helping out as instructed to leading teams (e.g. analysis)



Contribution tracking!

Author Contributions

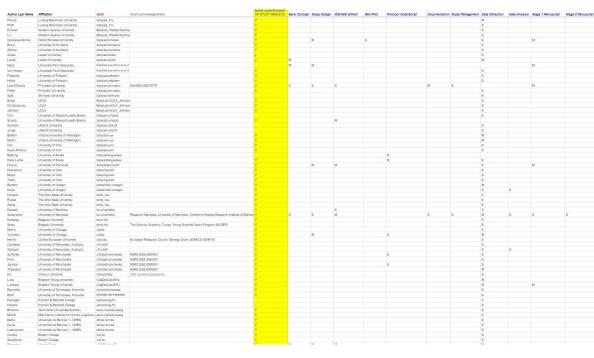
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Contribution tracking!

- Early Concept
- Study Design
- IDS/ADS Stimuli
- ☐ Ran Pilot
- □ Protocol Code/Script
- Documentation
- ☐ Study Management
- Data Collection
- Data Analysis
- Stage 1 Manuscript
- ☐ Stage 2 Manuscript
- ☐ Other (briefly describe)





Open Science outputs of ManyBabies1

- Data standard / codebooks (see also psych-DS and ACLEW)
- 2. Data peeking agreement (honor system, in the process of formalization)
- 3. Centralized analysis scripts (re-usable with the data standard)
- 4. Introduction to OSF
- 5. Population documentation (participant questionnaires)
- 6. Setup and documentation instructions



What did ManyBabies teach me (so far)

Preregistration and Registered Reports:

How to deal with deviations, unexpected events



Lessons learned - Preregistration









An infant research preregistration checklist

Infant Preregistration Checklist

This checklist corresponds to [Citation of article]

Checklist

Hypothesis

See section 2.1 of article

- Included rationale for research hypothesis
- Specified hypothesis or hypotheses as clear statements about outcomes, including directionality where applicable
 - For instance: Infants will increase their looks to target after hearing X /Only infants in X condition will look longer at the screen in the test trials, but not infants from Y condition.
- Made sure that the analysis you selected enables you to evaluate your expected outcomes and hypotheses

Sample size

See section 2.2.1 of article

- · Specified sample size
- Specified sample size rationale
 - You can mention a power analysis, technical constraints, simulations or other motivations. Consider preregistering a sequential analysis

Common problems and proposed solutions

- Prediction allows several patterns of results
 - Clearly state these different possible patterns

- End of data collection is constrained by practical constraints
 - Specify these practical constraints (e.g., end date, budget limit, parental consent)
- No adequate literature to base power analyses on
 - Lean on studies that are as close as possible and consider the outcome of power analysis as an approximation of your desired sample size
- Effect size is small and required sample size is not feasible



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Example:

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Best coding practices

Validation

Co-piloting or independent review



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 - We need to document much more
 - Walkthrough videos



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- Appreciation for unexpected variation in experimenting
 - We need to document much more
 - Walkthrough videos
- Collaborative mindset in everyday research



How can a collaborative mindset help in day-to-day lab life?

- "Replication buddies"
- Cross-lab mentorship and training opportunities
- Turn conceptual discussions into fruitful collaborations



Gains beyond tangible open science practices

- Appreciation for unexpected variation in experimenting
 - We need to document much more
 - Walkthrough videos
- Collaborative mindset in everyday research
- International network, lower hurdles to contacting MB team members
- Openness means open to everyone



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