

fMRI Course, Day 8:  
Design Optimization and  
2<sup>nd</sup>-Level Analysis

August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Questions from previous lecture?**

# How did the lab go?

Did the contrasts make sense?

What was the most confusing part of the lab?

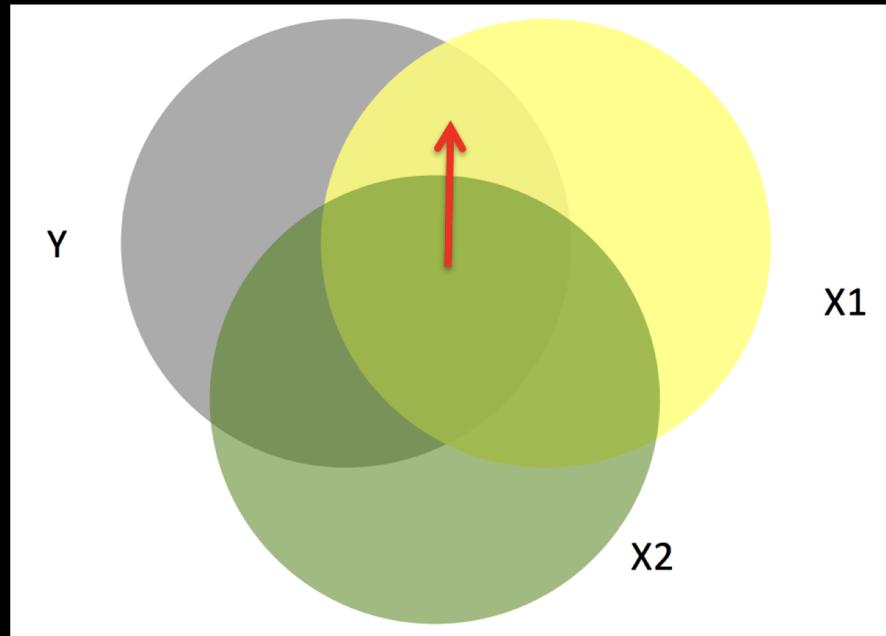
Questions:

1. How to increase the size of the t-statistic?
2. How to deal with low-frequency noise?
3. Should we lowpass filter fMRI data?

# How did the lab go?

What is collinearity? How can we reduce it?

If I orthogonalize  $X_2$  with respect to  $X_1$ , what does that mean?



# Today's Lecture

**Design optimization and power analysis**

**OptimizeX, Gpower, optseq**

**Group-level analysis options**

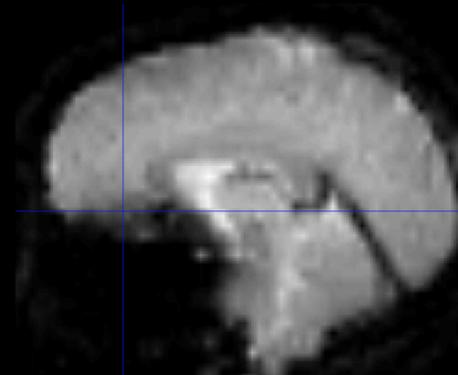
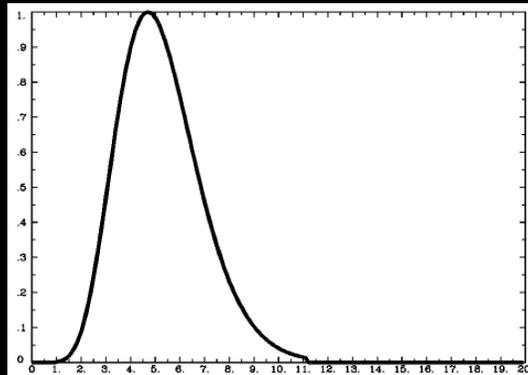
**Other Statistical Scenarios**

# Review So Far

From stimulus to the BOLD response

How tissue properties, blood flow, and magnetic properties interact

Creating contrast images from T1- and T2-weightings



# **Preprocessing Steps**

**Brain extraction (or “skull stripping”)**

**Motion Correction**

**Slice Timing Correction**

**Smoothing**

**Registration**

**Normalization**

**Temporal Filtering**

# **Review So Far**

**Overview of the General Linear Model**

**Parameter Estimates**

**Creating beta maps and contrast maps**

# The General Linear Model (GLM)

$$Y = \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_3 + \varepsilon$$

*Assume that:*

$$Y = \text{GPA}, X_1 = \text{IQ}, X_2 = \text{Drinks per week}, X_3 = \text{Height}$$

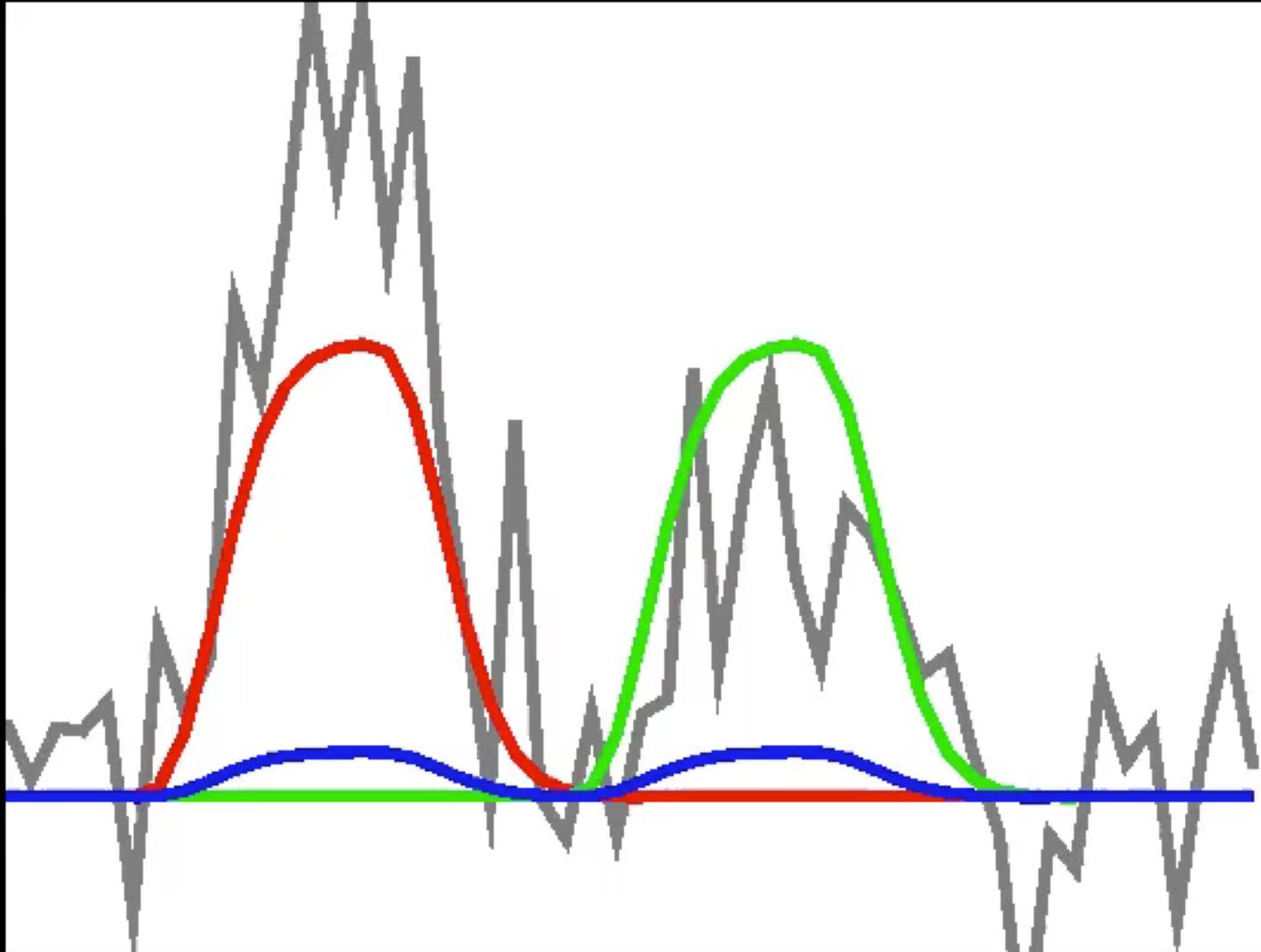


$$\text{GPA} = (\beta_1 * \text{IQ}) + (\beta_2 * \text{Drinks}) + (\beta_3 * \text{Height}) + \varepsilon$$



$$\beta_1 = 0.05^*, \beta_2 = -0.07^*, \beta_3 = 0.01 \text{ (not significant)}$$

**IQ and drinks per week contribute to GPA; height doesn't**



**Fit at each voxel ("mass univariate" approach)**

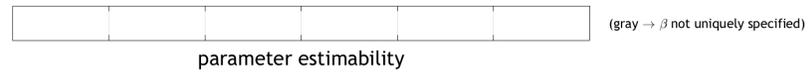
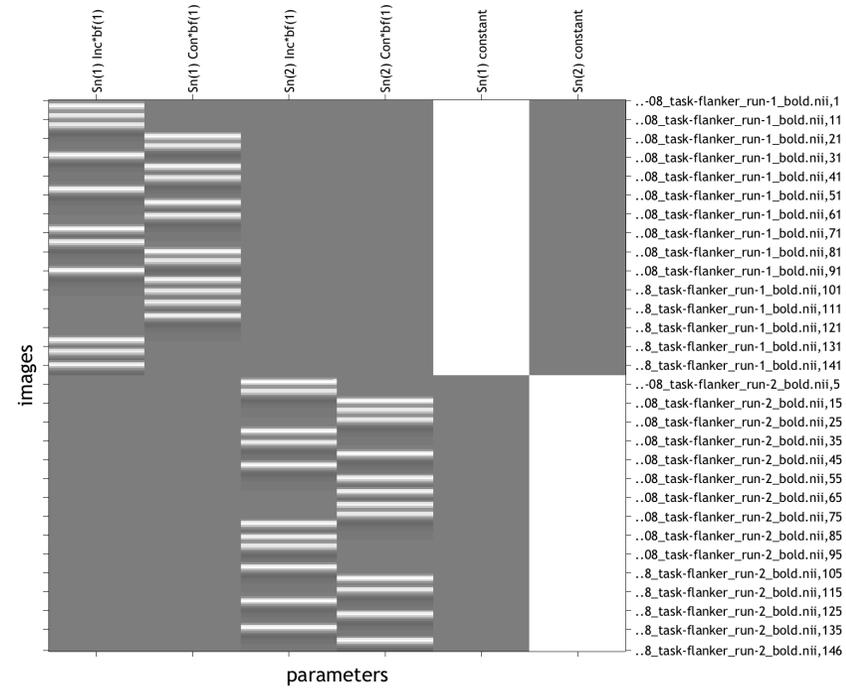
# Applying the GLM to fMRI Data

# Questions

**Let's look at some GLMs, and see if you can identify each part!**

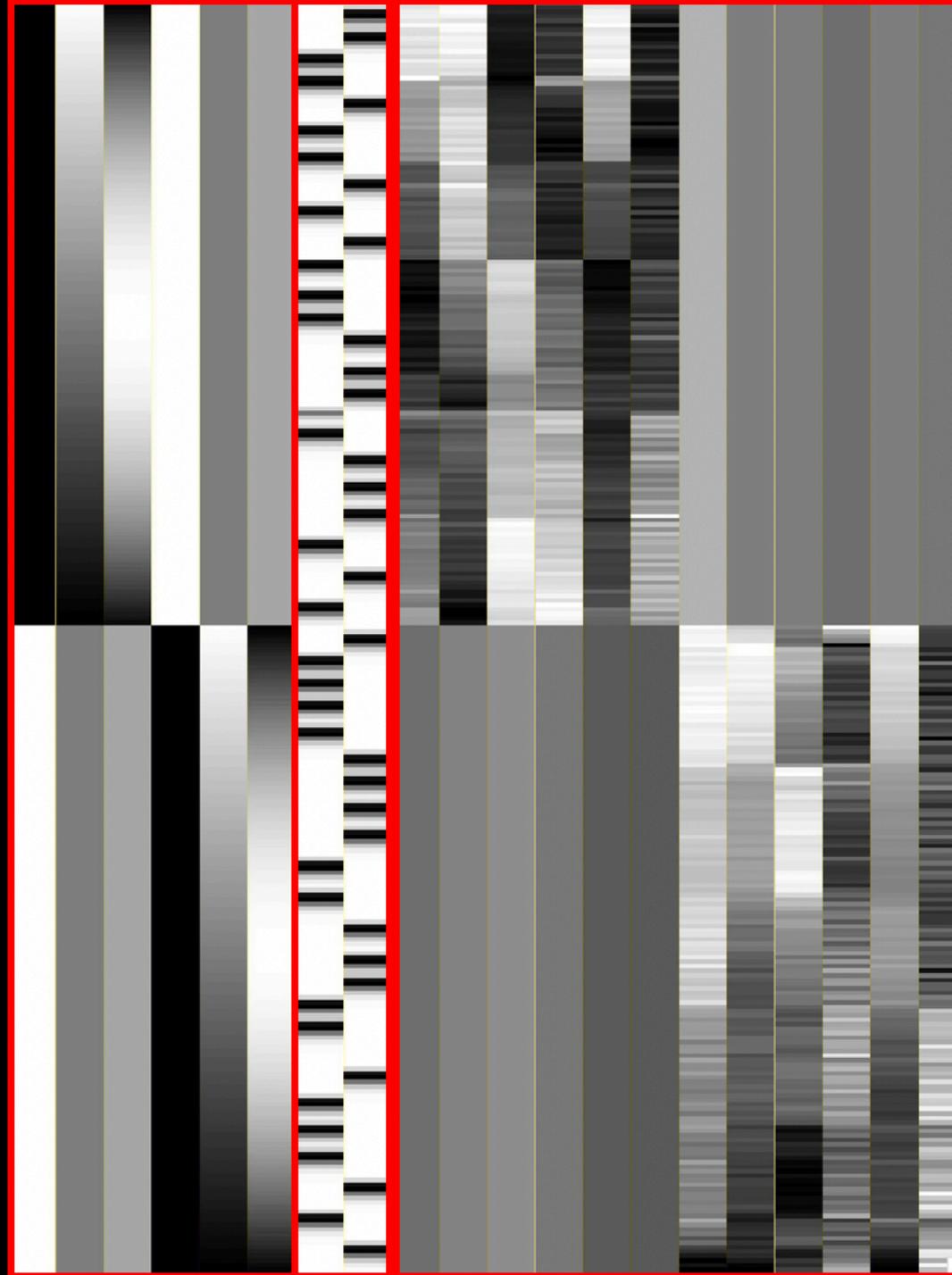


### Statistical analysis: Design



#### Design description...

Basis functions : hrf  
 Number of sessions : 2  
 Trials per session : 2 2  
 Interscan interval : 2.00 [s]  
 High pass Filter : [min] Cutoff: 128 [s]  
 Global calculation : mean voxel value  
 Grand mean scaling : session specific  
 Global normalisation : None



# Before we begin: SPM Terms for Analysis

**1<sup>st</sup>-Level Analysis: Individual subject (all trials across runs)**

**2<sup>nd</sup>-Level Analysis: Group-Level Analysis  
(all subjects within the experiment)**

# Review of Collinearity

Last week, we looked at a correlation matrix

SPM12 (7771): Menu

Realign (E... ▾) Slice timing Smooth

Coregiste... ▾ Normalise... ▾ Segment

Select your SPM.mat file

Specify 1st-level Review

Specify 2nd-level Estimate

Results

Dynamic Causal Modelling

SPM for functional MRI

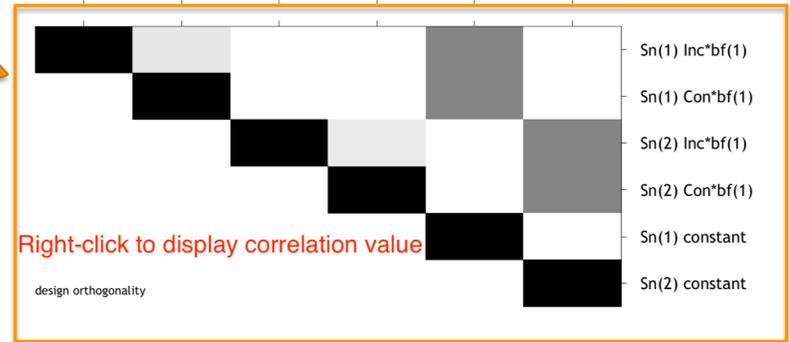
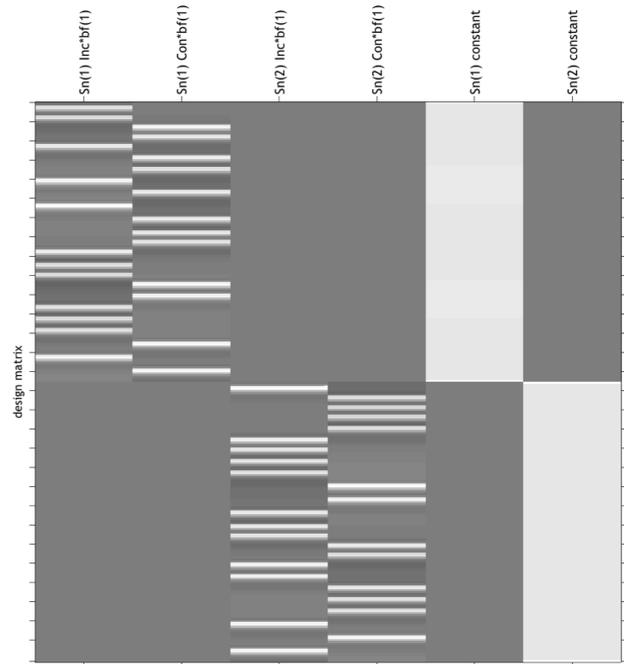
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Toolbox: PPIs ImCalc DICOM Import

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Design

### Statistical analysis: Design orthogonality



Measure : abs. value of cosine of angle between columns of design matrix  
 Scale : black - colinear (cos=+1/-1)  
 white - orthogonal (cos=0)  
 gray - not orthogonal or colinear

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% If you like to combine multiple designs in one cfg.
%% Decide whether you want to see the searchlight/ROI/... during
cfg.plot_selected_voxels = 500; % 0: no plotting, 1: every step
%% Add additional output measures if you like
% See help decoding_transform_results for possible measures
% cfg.results.output = {'accuracy_minus_chance', 'AUC'}; % 'acc
% You can also use all methods that start with "transres_", e.g
% cfg.results.output = {'SVM_pattern'};
% will use the function transres_SVM_pattern.m to get the patte
% linear svm weights (see Haufe et al, 2015, Neuroimage)
%% Nothing needs to be changed below for a standard leave-one-r
%% validation analysis.
% The following function extracts all beta names and correspond
% numbers from the SPM.mat
regressor_names = design_from_spm(['/Users/ajahn/Downloads/fmri
% Extract all information for the cfg.files structure (labels w
cfg = decoding_describe_data(cfg,labelnames,labels,regressor_na
% This creates the leave-one-run-out cross validation design:
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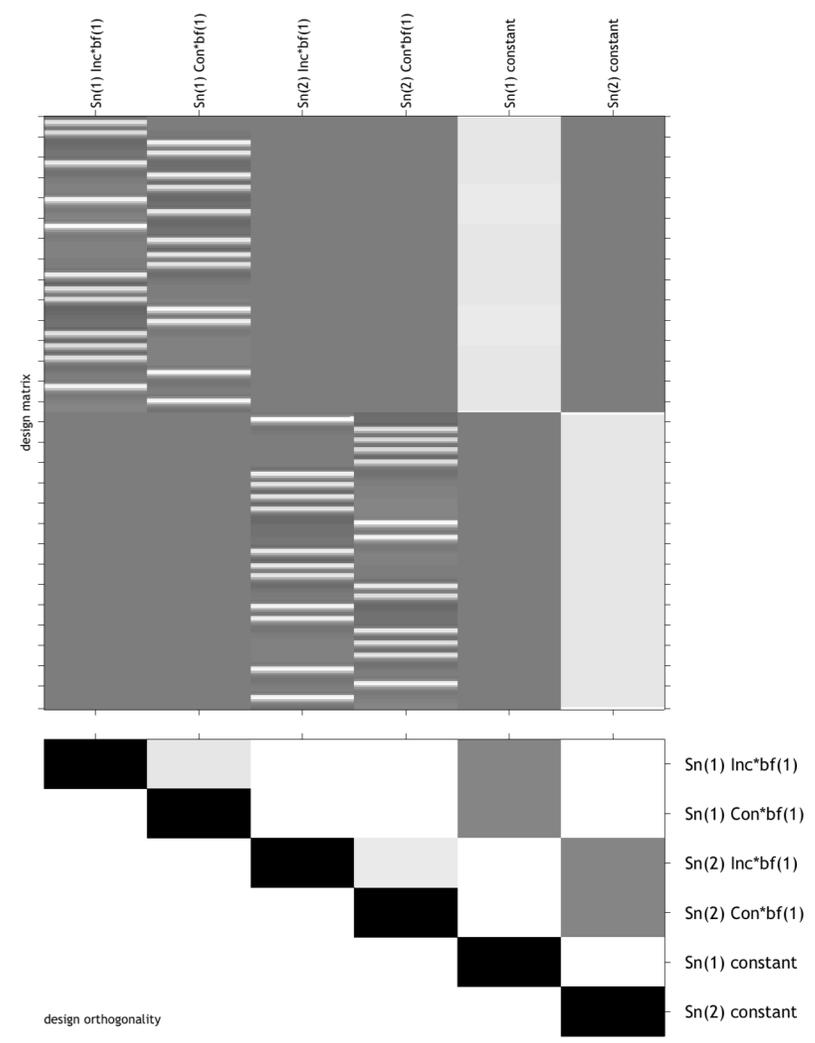
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Command Window

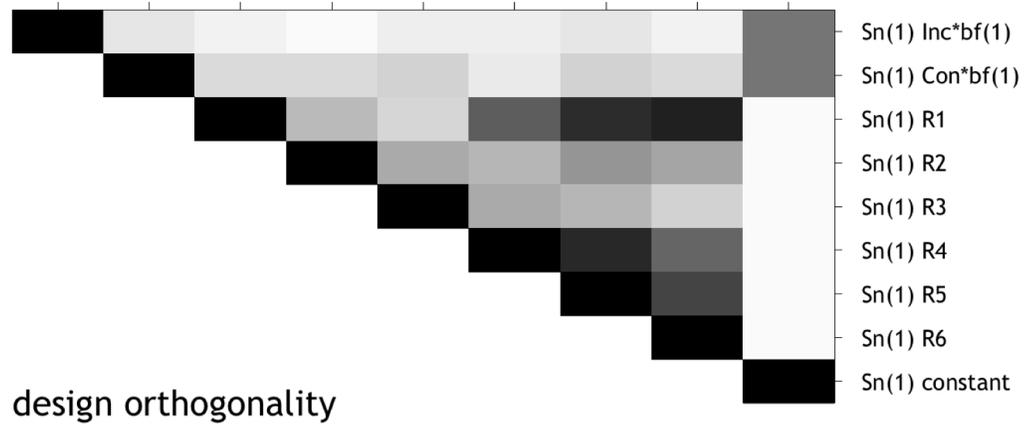
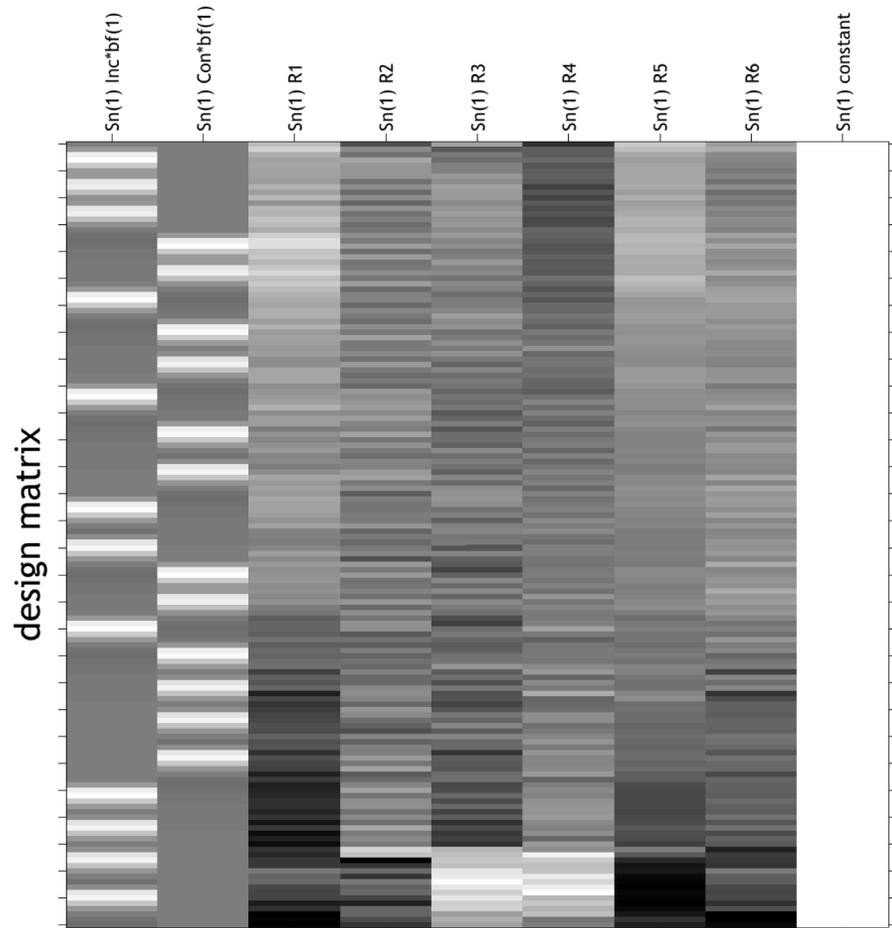
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### Statistical analysis: Design orthogonality



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# Review of Collinearity

**Rule of thumb: Correlations of 0.4 or greater are considered “moderate” (source: AFNI command xmat\_tool.py)**

**However, a high correlation between one set of regressors may not matter, given the regressors you are focused on**

**The challenge is to include as many regressors as is reasonable, without overfitting or introducing collinearity**

# Variance Inflation Factor

What what if one regressor is a linear sum of two or more other regressors? Pairwise correlations don't show this

e.g., does  $X_1 = X_2 + X_3$ ?

## Variance Inflation Factor

$$X_1 = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_2 + \beta_2 X_3 + \epsilon$$

$$\mathbf{R} = \text{Cor}(X_1, \hat{\beta}_0 + \hat{\beta}_1 X_2 + \hat{\beta}_2 X_3) = \text{Cor}(X_1, \widehat{X}_1)$$

# Example

$X_1$	$X_2$	$X_3$
1	1	0
2	2	0
3	3	0
4	4	0
5	5	0
1	0	1
2	0	2
3	0	3
4	0	4
5	0	5

$$\text{cor}(X_1, X_2) = \text{cor}(X_1, X_3) = .39$$

$$X_1 = \beta_1 X_2 + \beta_2 X_3$$

What's the solution for the betas?

$$X_1 = \widehat{X}_1 \implies \text{cor}(X_1, \widehat{X}_1) = 1$$

## Example

$$VIF = \frac{1}{1 - R^2} = \frac{1}{1 - [\text{cor}(X_1, \widehat{X}_1)]^2}$$

**Goal: VIF < 5**

**What is a cutoff? VIF no greater than 10**

**Repeat the same process for each regressor in the model**

## VIF: Summary

**Detects any collinearity from any combination of regressors**

**Matlab code: `vif = diag(inv(corrcoef(X)))'`;**

**Where “X” is the design matrix**

# VIF: Summary

Useful for checking whether a design has high collinearity

Solutions: Remove the regressor, or change the design

These edits can be done before scanning

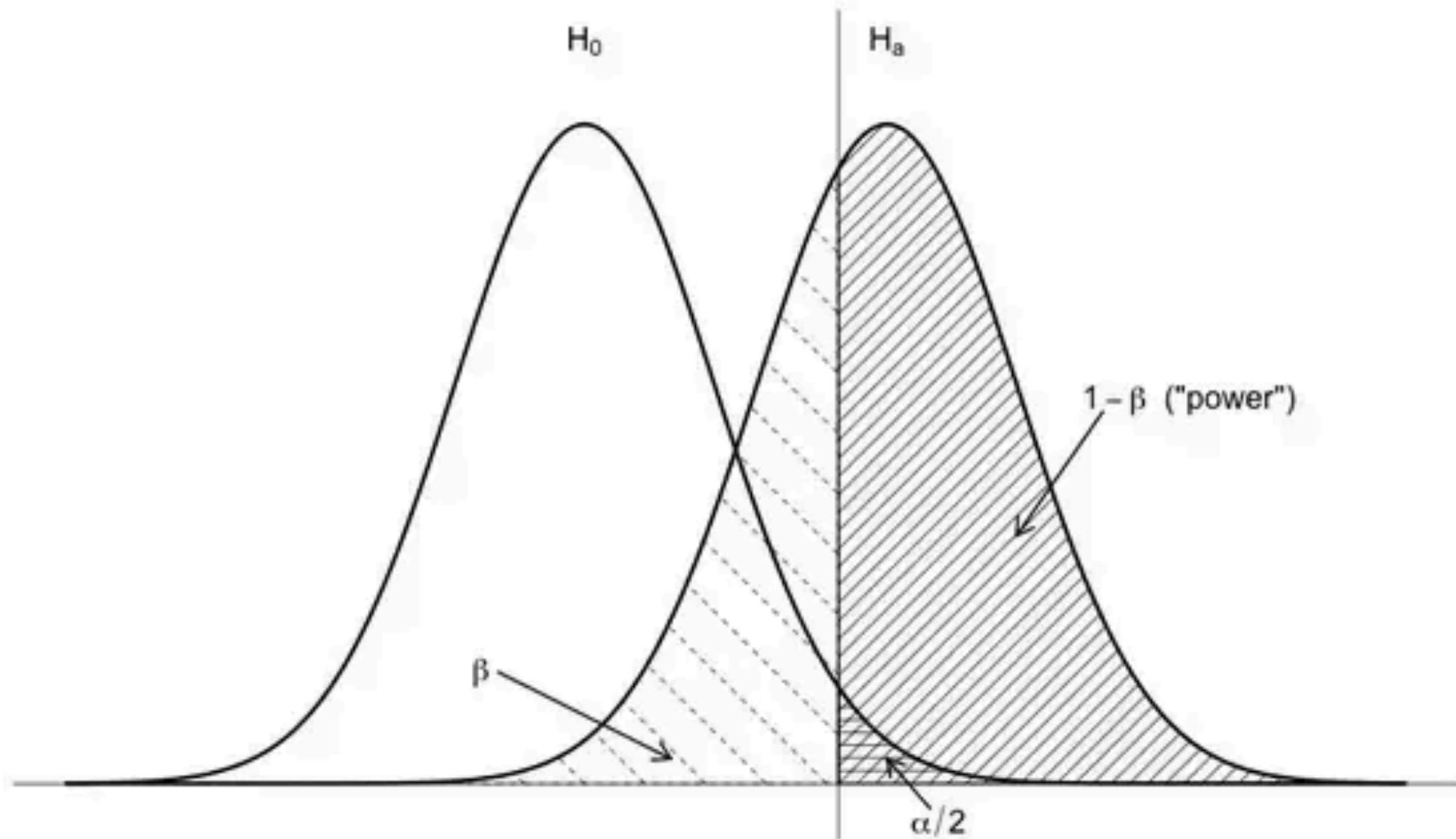
# Estimation vs. Detection

Two terms you will come across are Efficiency and Power

Let's begin with Power: Can you detect an effect  
if it is actually there?

As variance increases, power decreases

# Statistical Power



## Estimation vs. Detection

Efficiency is inversely proportional to variance

$$\frac{1}{c(X'X)^{-1}c'}$$

$$t = \frac{c(X'X)^{-1}X'Y}{\sqrt{\hat{\sigma}^2 c(X'X)^{-1}c'}}$$

All measures of efficiency are relative

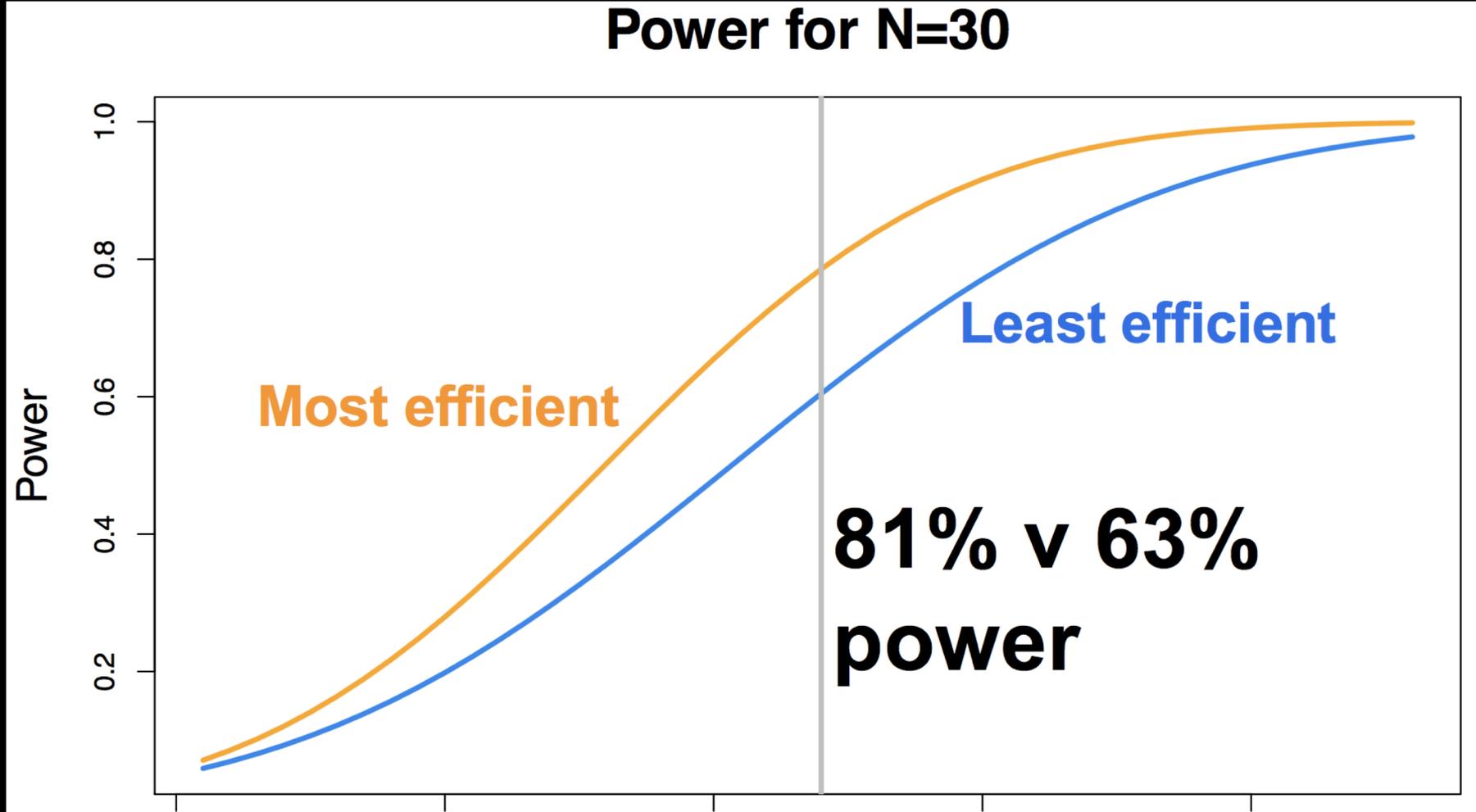
# Estimation vs. Detection

**Example: You have a fixed number of subjects that you can scan (due to budget, population, etc.)**

## **Options:**

- 1. Scan longer**
- 2. Include more trials**
- 3. Increase ITI**
- 4. Create a more efficient experiment**

# Estimation vs. Detection



# Estimation vs. Detection

Figure 2:  
Slow Event-Related Design -  
Fixed Inter-Stimulus Interval

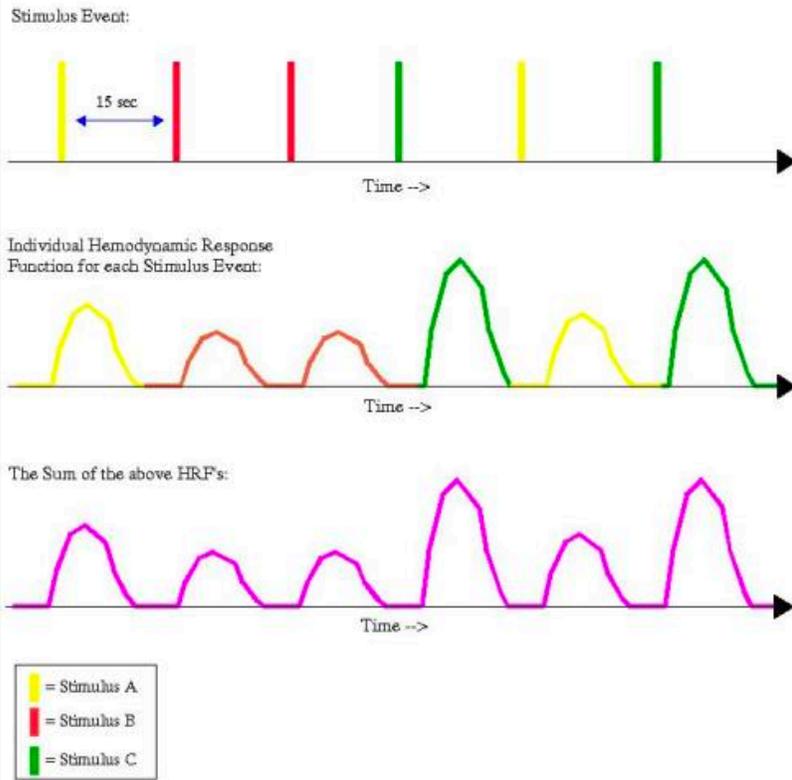


Figure 3:  
Rapid Event-Related Design -  
Fixed ISI and Nonrandom Stimulus Presentation

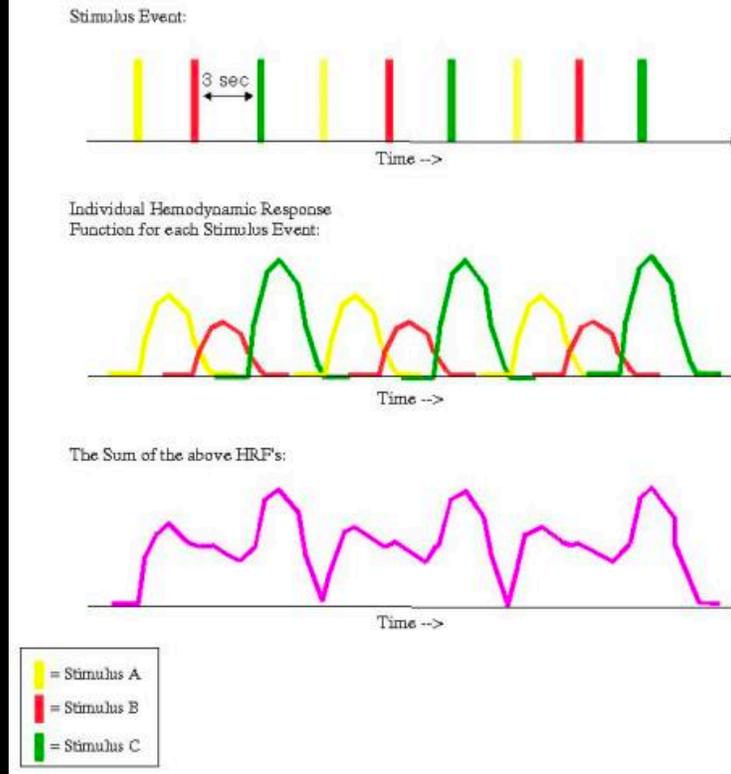
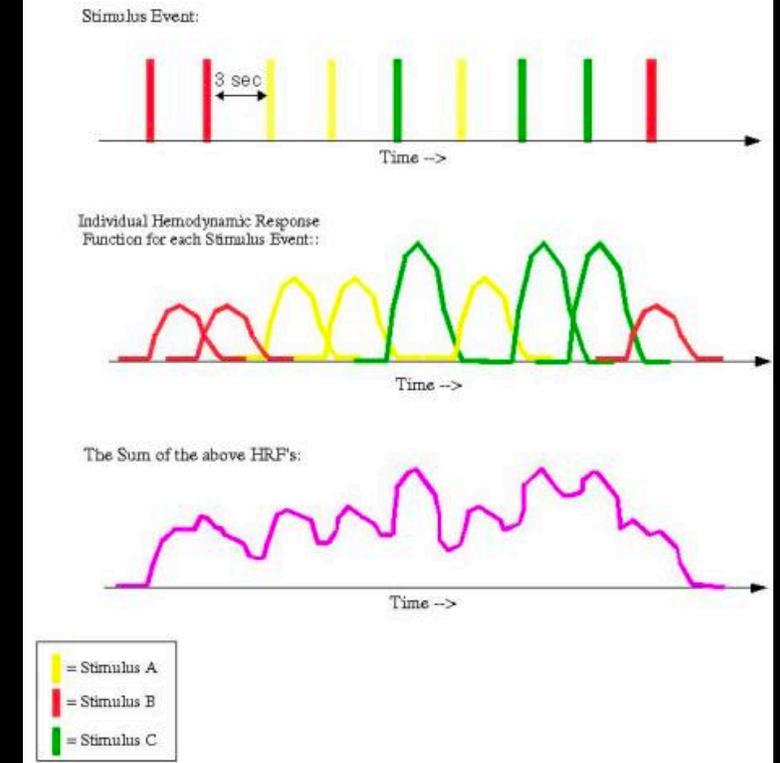


Figure 4:  
Rapid Event-Related Design -  
Fixed ISI and Randomized Stimulus Presentation



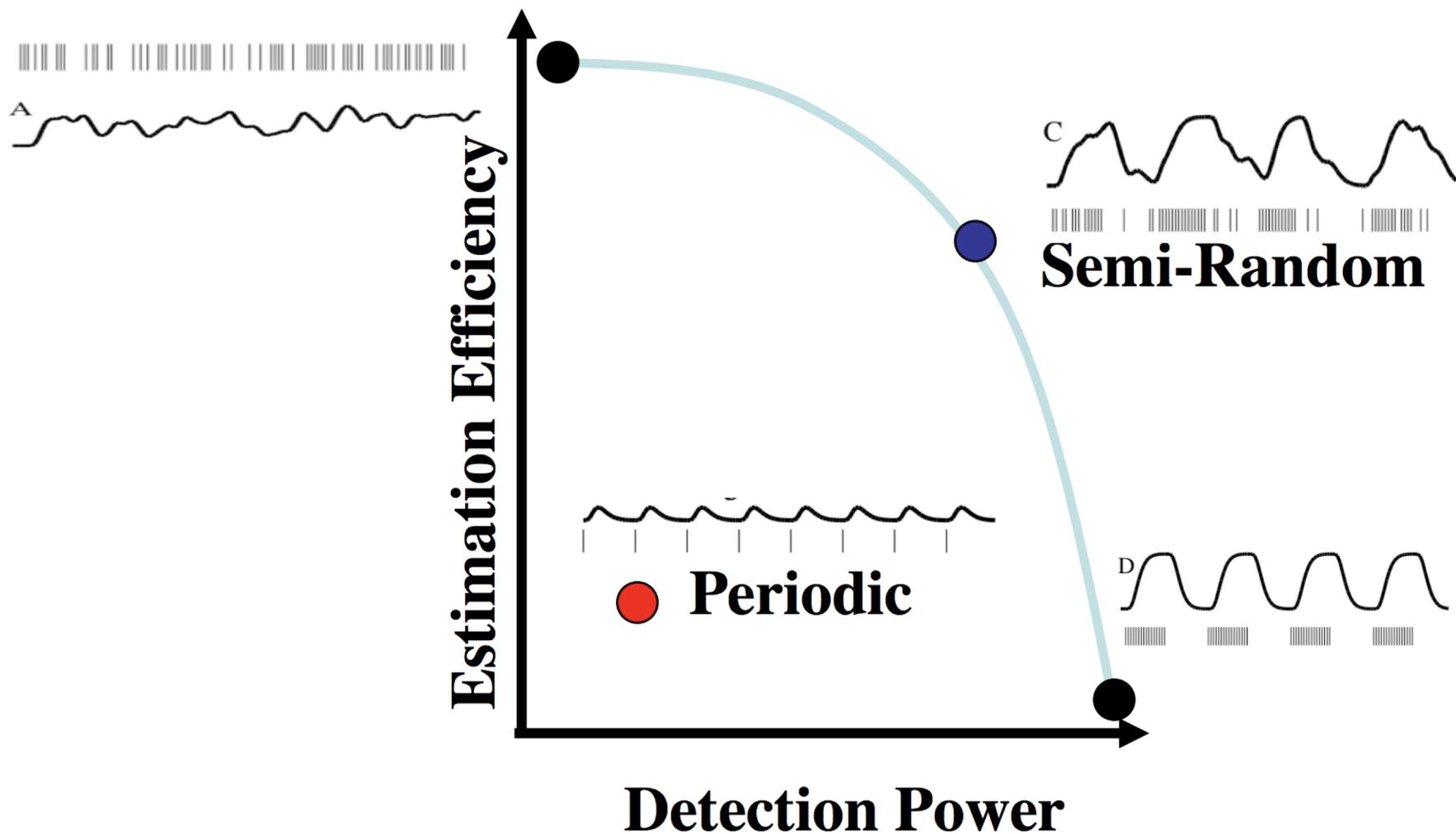
# Estimation vs. Detection

**Detection is observing a signal if it is really there**

**Estimation is the analysis of the finer details of the signal, such as the shape of the BOLD response**

**There tends to be a tradeoff between the two**

# Fundamental Trade-off



# Optimization Strategies

**Let's say we just want to increase our efficiency;  
how to choose?**

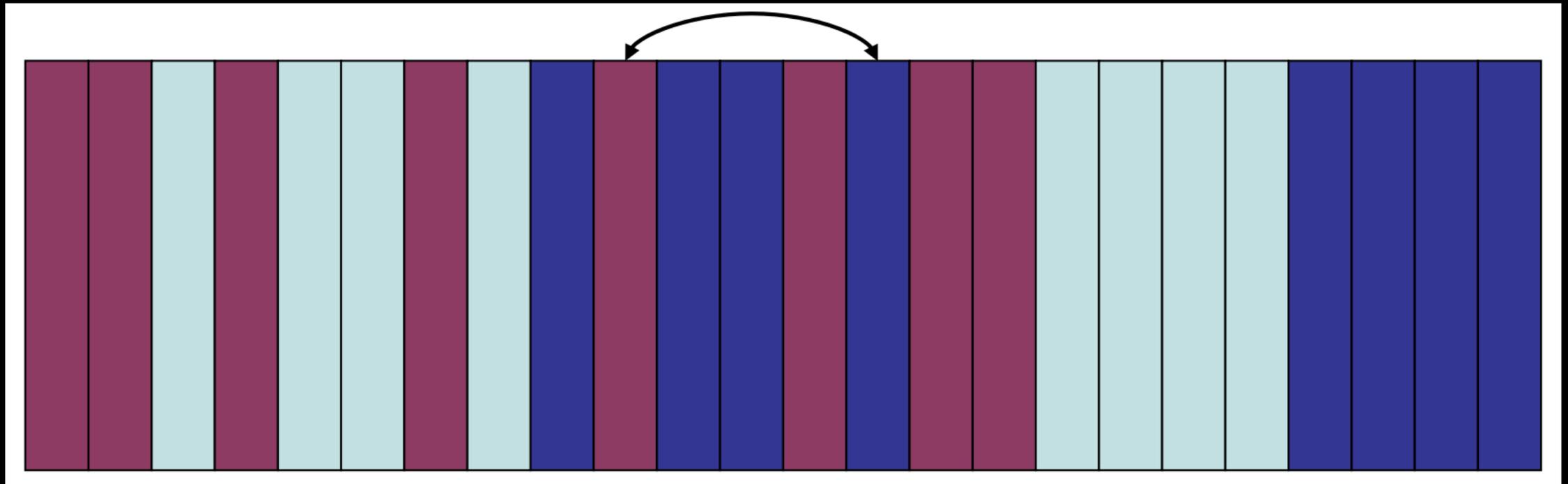
**You could just create designs, calculate efficiency, and repeat**

**Drawbacks of this approach?**

# Optimization Strategies

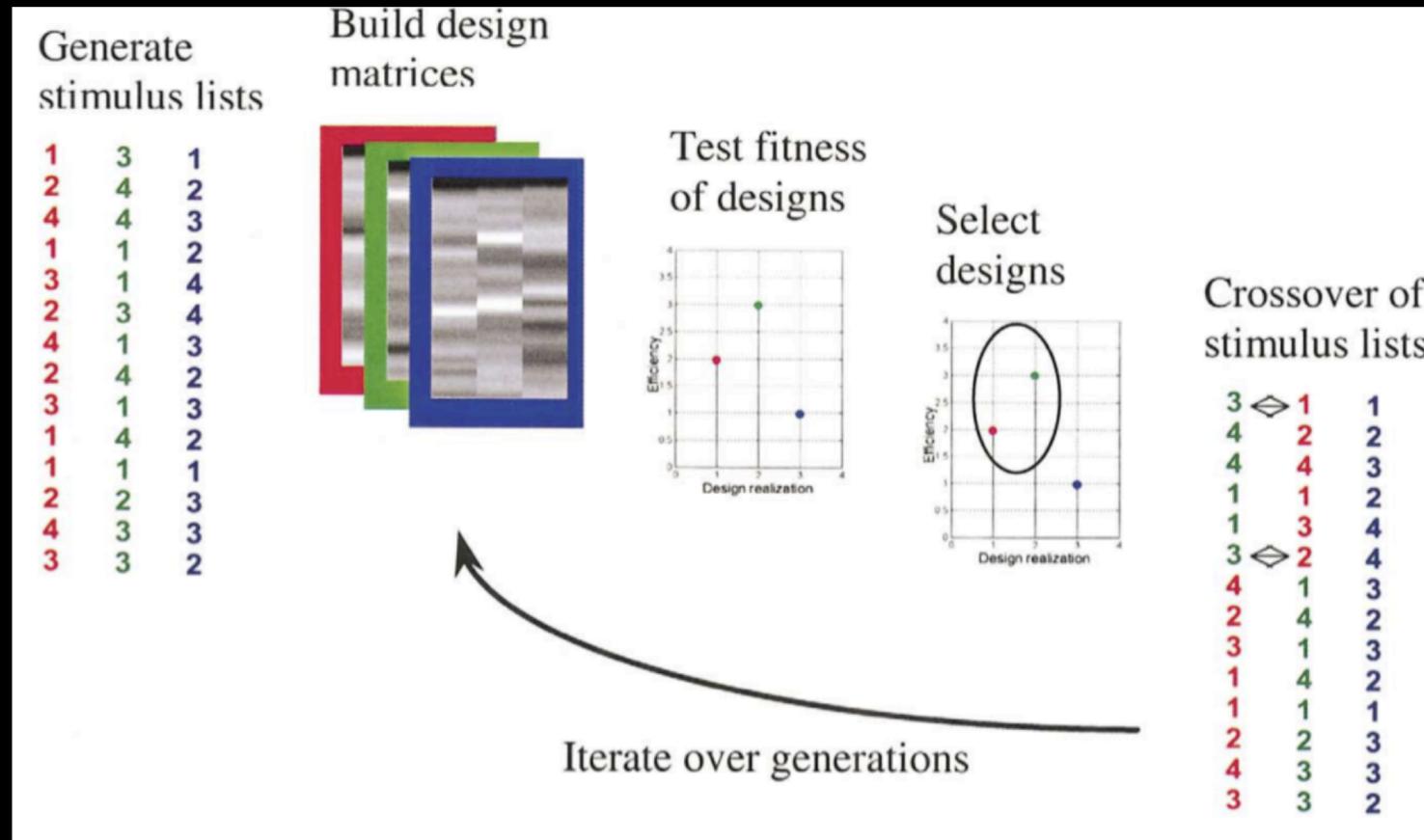
## Permuted block design

Start with stimuli blocked and then randomly permute



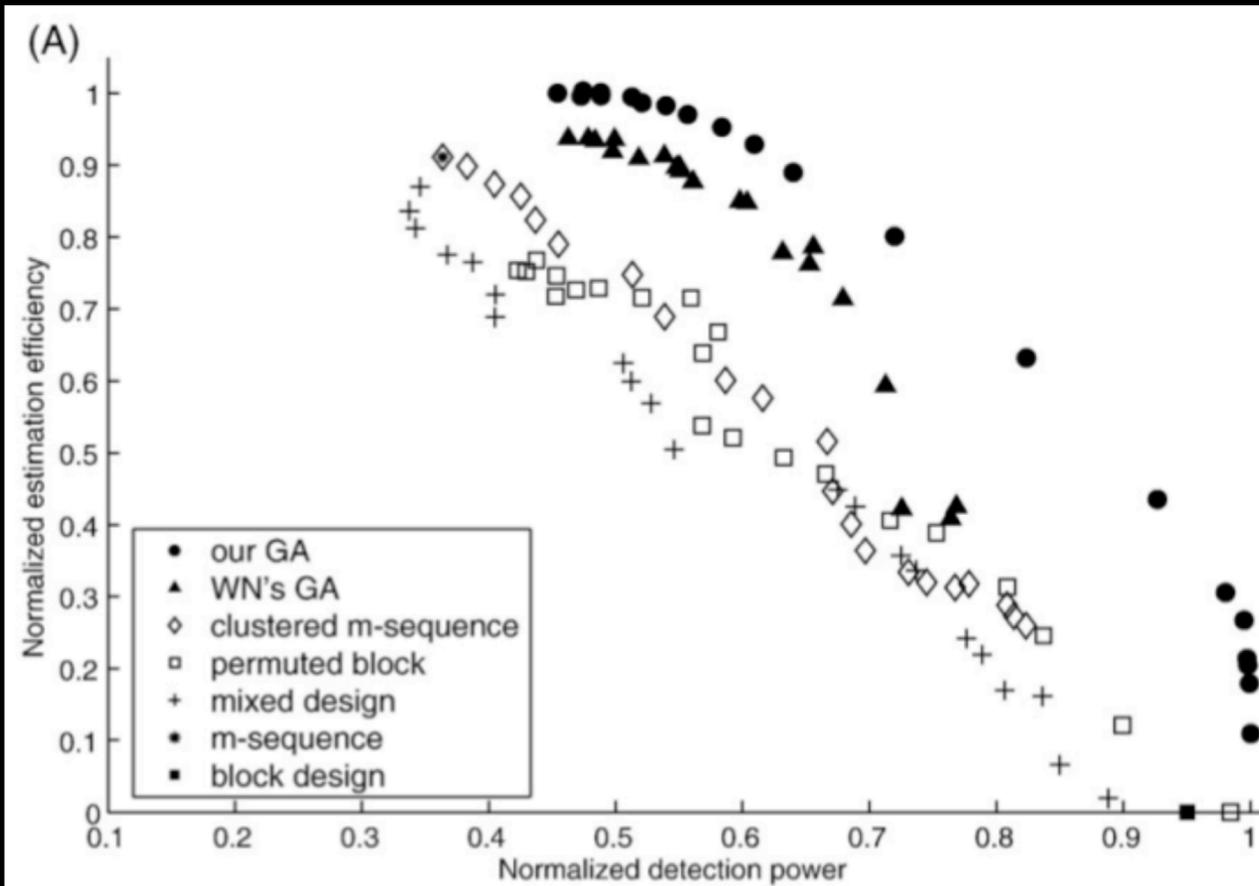
# Optimization Strategies

## Genetic algorithm



# Optimization Strategies

## Improved Genetic algorithm



More recently, based upon the interaction of individual entities called “particles,” Kennedy and Eberhart [4], [5] proposed a new heuristic algorithm called “particle swarm optimization” (denoted as PSO). The development of this algorithm follows from observations of social behaviors of animals, such as bird flocking and fish schooling. The theory of PSO describes a solution process in which each particle flies through the multi-dimensional search space while the particle's velocity and position are constantly updated according to the best previous performance of the particle or of the particle's neighbors, as well as the best performance of the particles in the entire population. Compared with GA, PSO has some attractive characteristics. It has memory, so knowledge of good solutions is retained by all the particles; whereas in GA, previous knowledge of the problem is discarded once the population changes. It has constructive cooperation between particles; that is, particles in the swarm share information among themselves. To date, PSO has been

# Optimization Strategies

## Resources

### Welcome to the Optseq Home Page

optseq2 is a tool for automatically scheduling events for rapid-presentation event-related (RPER) fMRI experiments (the schedule is the order and timing of events). Events in RPER are presented closely enough in time that their hemodynamic responses will overlap. This requires that the onset times of the events be jittered in order to remove the overlap from the estimate of the hemodynamic response. RPER is highly resistant to habituation, expectation, and set because the subject does not know when the next stimulus will appear or which stimulus type it will be. RPER is also more efficient than fixed-interval event related (FIER) because more stimuli can be presented within a given scanning interval at the cost of assuming that the overlap in the hemodynamic responses will be linear. In SPM parlance, RPER is referred to as 'stochastic design'.

The flexibility of RPER means that there are a huge number of possible schedules, and they are not equal. optseq2 randomly samples the space of possible schedules and returns the 'best' one, where the user can control the definition of 'best'. Cost functions include: average efficiency, average variance reduction factor (VRF), and a weighted combination of average and stddev of the VRF. The user can also specify that the first order counter-balancing of the sequence of stimuli be pre-optimized.

Download the [Linux version](#) of optseq2.

Download the [Linux x86\\_64 version](#) of optseq2.

Download the [MacOSX-PowerPC version](#) of optseq2.

Download the [MacOSX-Intel version](#) of optseq2.

Download the [Cygwin version](#) of optseq2.

# Optimization Strategies

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--ev disgustingPic 2 20 --ev attractivePic 2 15 --ev neutralPic 2 30 --evc 1 -1 0 --nkeep
3 --o IAPS --tnullmin 2 --tnullmax 8 --nsearch 1000
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8.0000	1	2.000	1.0000	disgustingPic
10.0000	0	2.000	1.0000	NULL
12.0000	3	2.000	1.0000	neutralPic
14.0000	0	4.000	1.0000	NULL
18.0000	1	2.000	1.0000	disgustingPic
20.0000	0	2.000	1.0000	NULL
22.0000	3	2.000	1.0000	neutralPic
24.0000	0	2.000	1.0000	NULL
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Why not just use the best one?

# Optimization Strategies

## Resources

NeuroPowerTools

NeuroPower ▾

NeuroDesign ▾

OVERVIEW

MAIN INPUT

CONTRASTS AND PROBABILITIES

REVIEW

CONSOLE

RESET

SETTINGS

### NeuroDesign

This toolbox helps researchers with the planning of experimental designs for fMRI experiments. In short: depending on the exact time and order of stimulus presentations, a study can achieve higher statistical power or efficiency for estimating the brain signal. As such, depending on the design criteria, you'll have more power with fewer subjects or with shorter experiments. For more details about the methods, please see [the methods section](#), or take a look at the [step-by-step tutorial](#) on this page. Do you want to know how to run an optimisation on your computer without the GUI, go to the [package information page](#).

Help Wanted

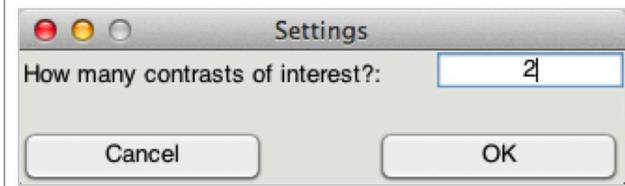
# Optimization Strategies

## Resources

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number of generations to test →	N Generations to Run:	<input type="text" value="50"/>
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# Optimization Strategies

## Resources

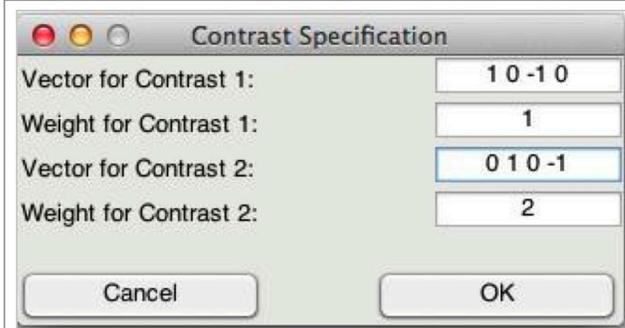


Settings

How many contrasts of interest?:

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This is me telling the software that I am looking for a design that maximizes the efficiency of two contrasts among my conditions.



Contrast Specification

Vector for Contrast 1:

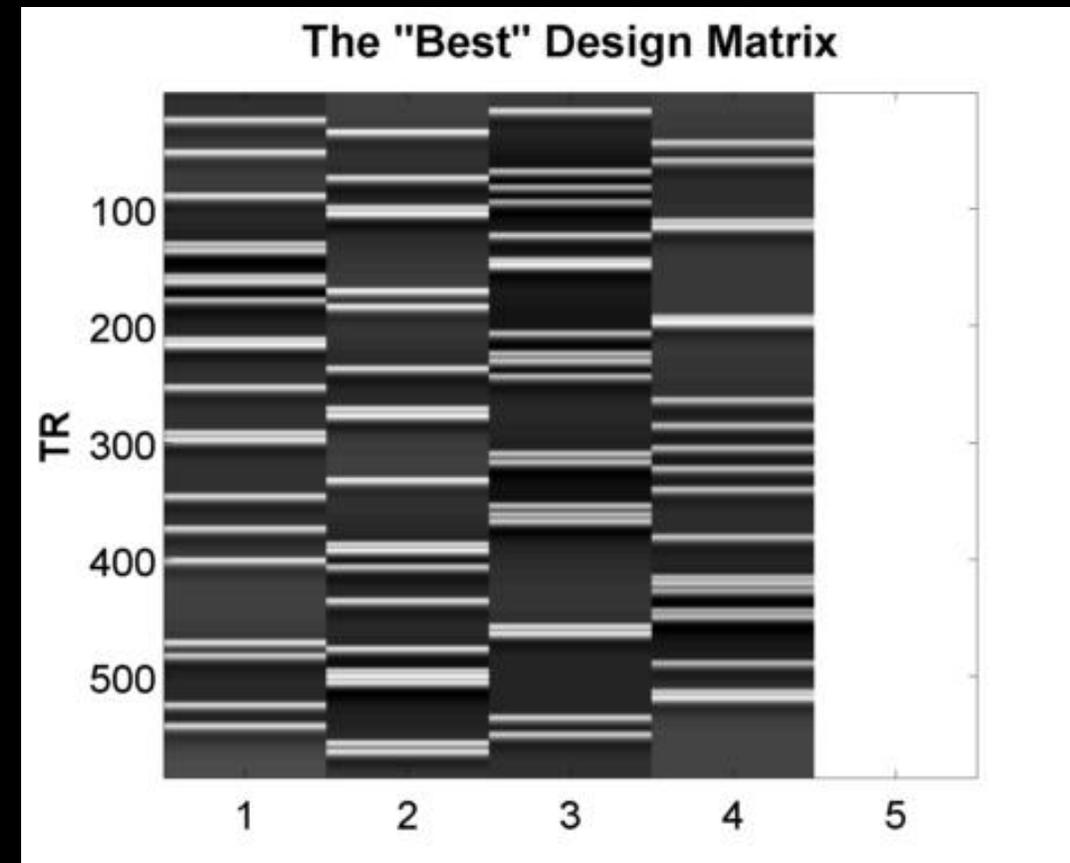
Weight for Contrast 1:

Vector for Contrast 2:

Weight for Contrast 2:

Cancel OK

This is me telling the software that although I do care about the comparison among predictors 1 and 3 (**Contrast 1**), I actually care *more* about the comparison of predictors 2 and 4 (**Contrast 2**).



# Optimization Strategies

## Resources

	A	B	C	D	E
1	Trial	Condition	Onset	Duration	ISI
2	1	3	10.00	3.00	4.77
3	2	1	17.77	3.00	7.32
4	3	2	28.10	3.00	6.03
5	4	4	37.13	3.00	5.20
6	5	1	45.33	3.00	4.04
7	6	4	52.37	3.00	6.31
8	7	3	61.68	3.00	2.69
9	8	2	67.37	3.00	4.92
10	9	3	75.29	3.00	4.45
11	10	1	82.74	3.00	2.13
12	11	3	87.88	3.00	2.04
13	12	2	92.91	3.00	2.87
14	13	2	98.78	3.00	2.56
15	14	4	104.35	3.00	2.59
16	15	4	109.93	3.00	3.53
17	16	3	116.46	3.00	4.43
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# **Optimization Strategies: Summary**

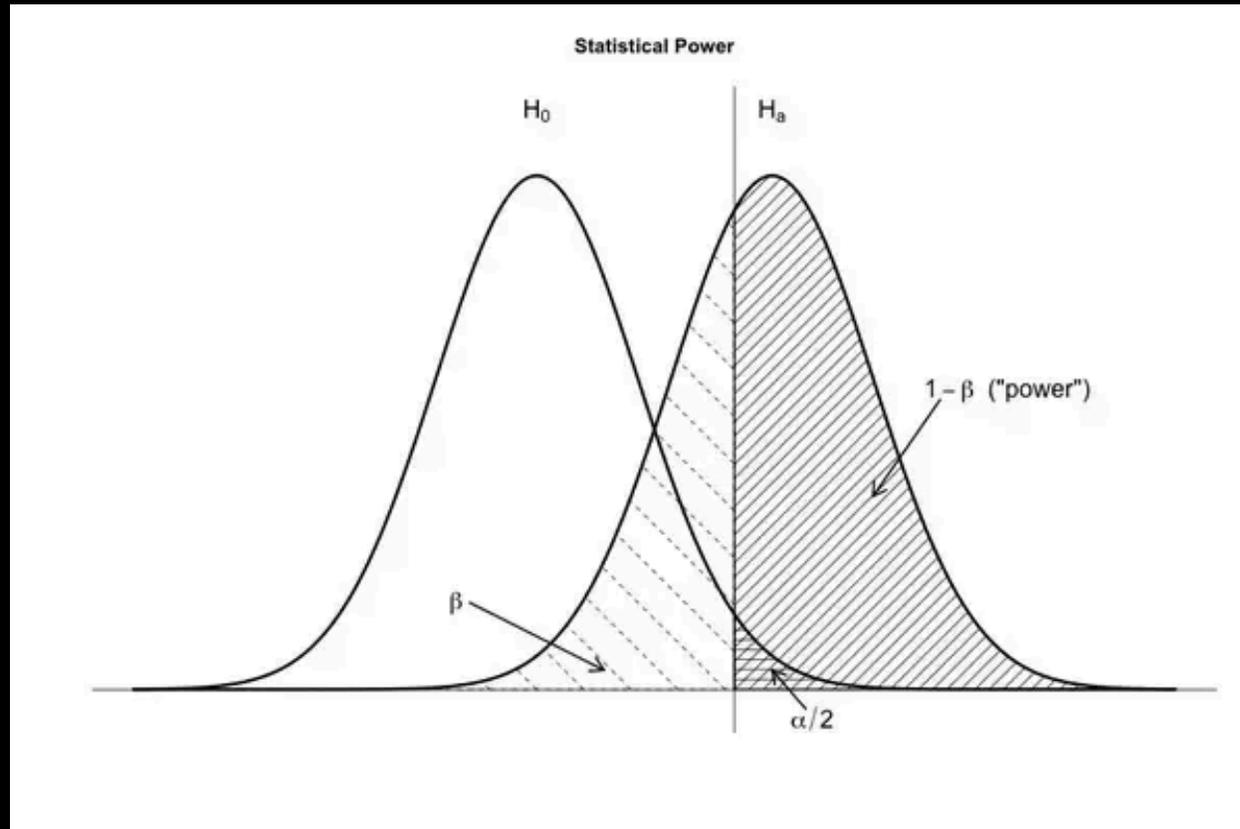
**Each resource generates multiple designs**

**There is no best design; all efficiencies are relative!**

**Also need to consider whether the design “feels” right**

# Power Analysis

Remember this?



# Power Analysis

**Power analyses for behavioral studies are simpler:**

**Easier to recruit large N**

**Relatively inexpensive to run lots of subjects**

**Behavioral effects can be very strong**

# Power Analysis

**Now for imaging studies:**

**More difficult to recruit large N (e.g., >50 per study)**

**Expensive to run lots of subjects (\$500-\$900 per hour)**

**Imaging effects can be very weak**

**Several sources of noise**

# Power Analysis

What happens during grant writing?

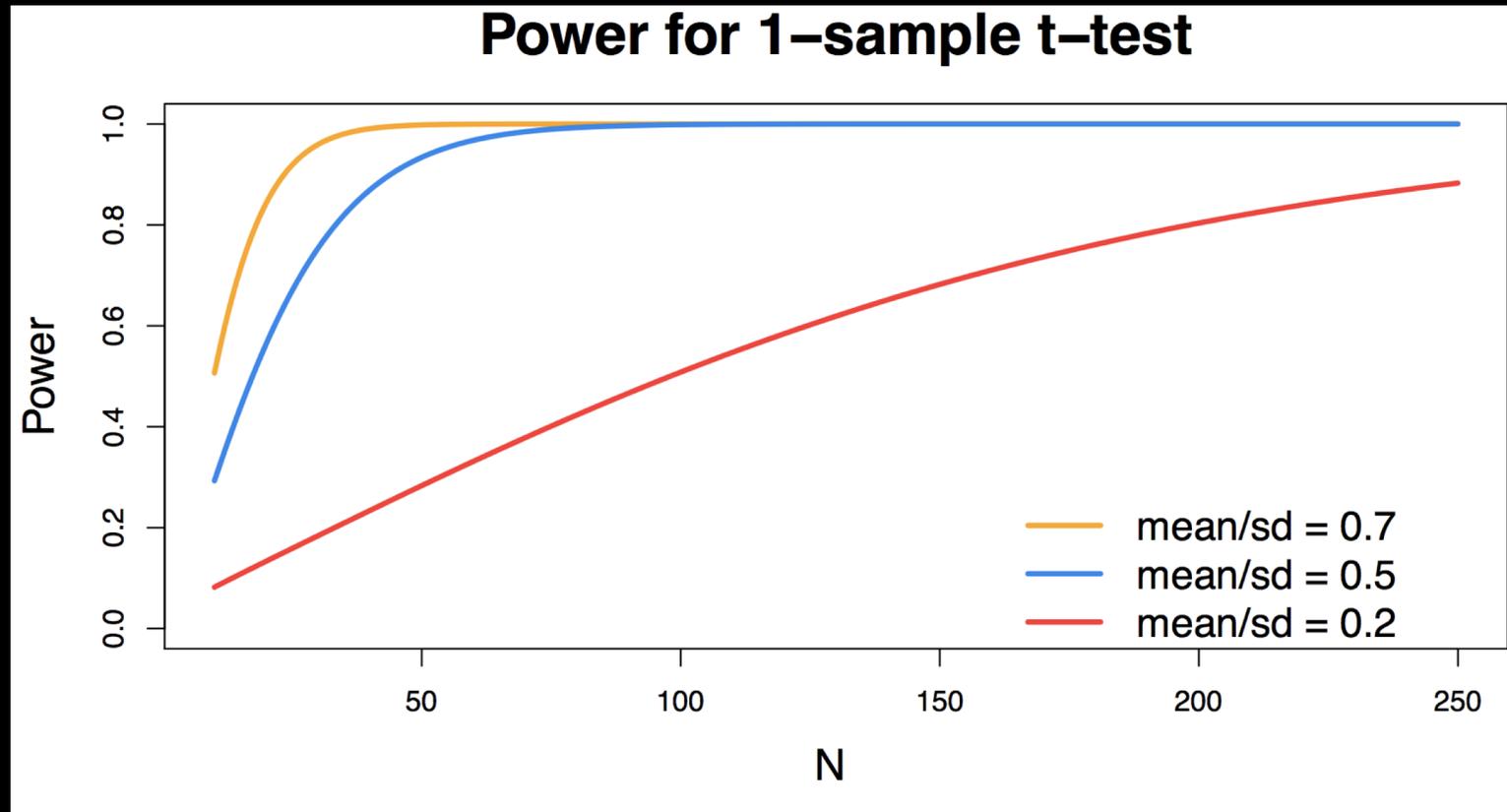
Becomes a hunt for 80% power

Most fMRI studies won't have this kind of power,  
for the reasons listed above

Does that mean we shouldn't even do it in the first place?

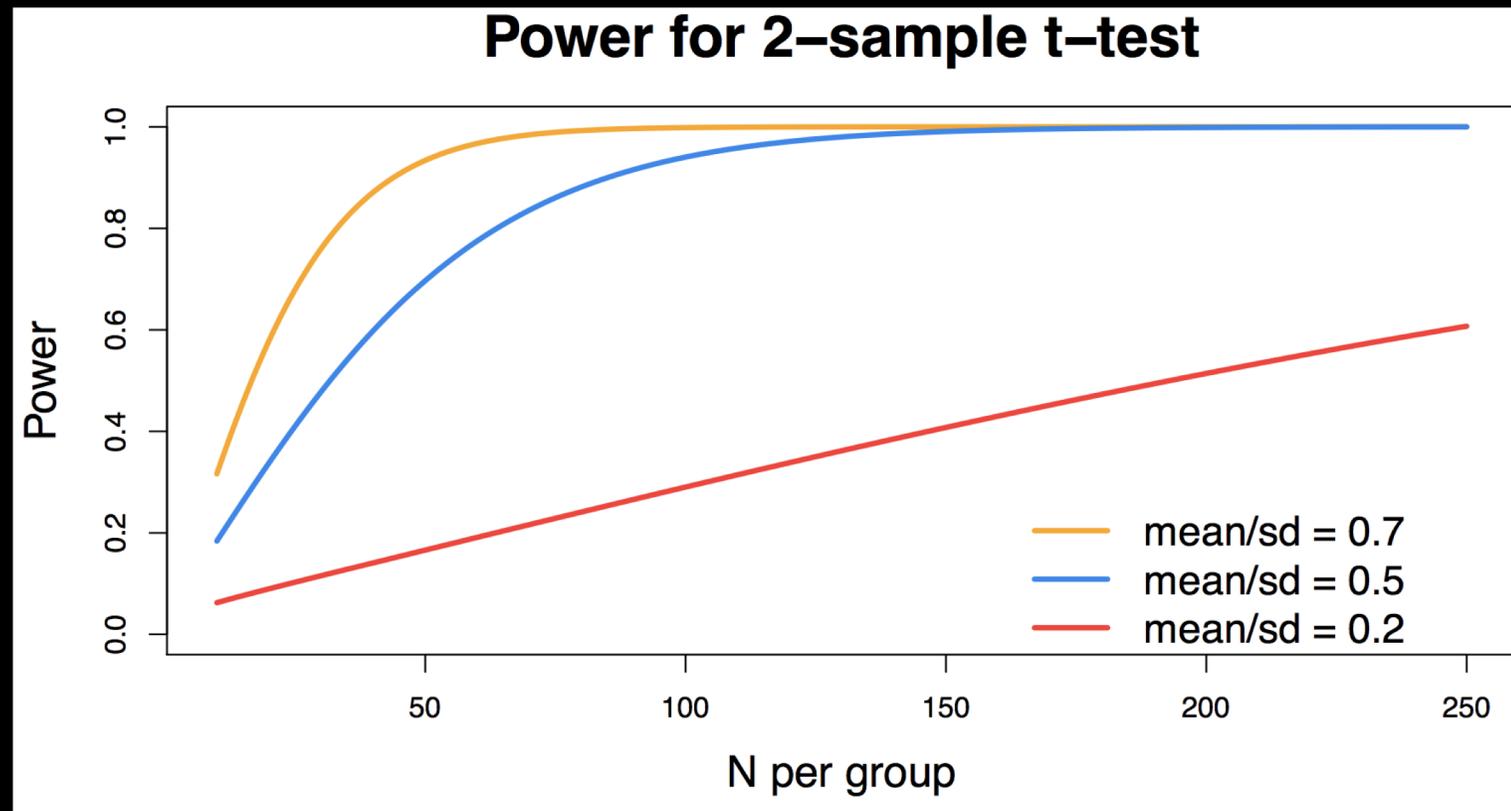
# Power Analysis

What are reasonable ranges for power, given effect size?



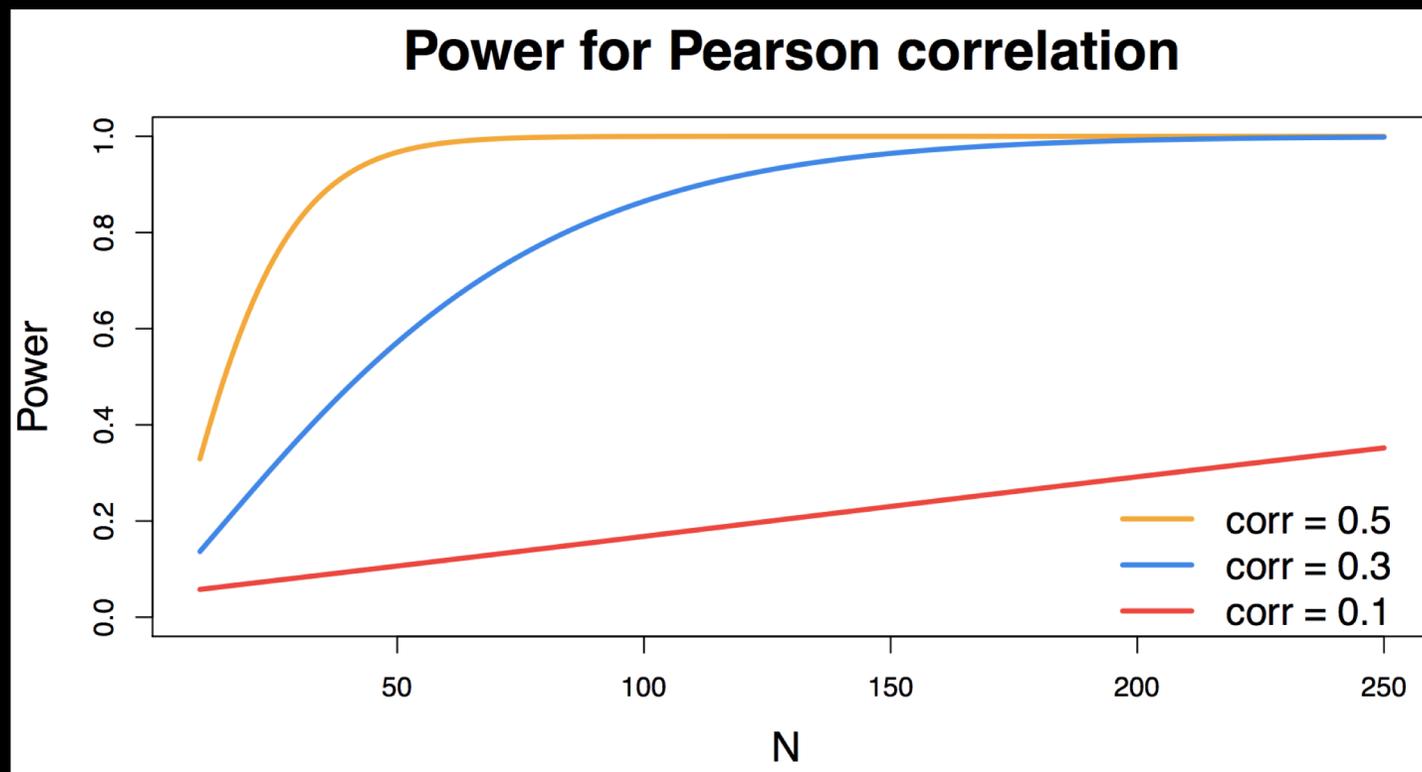
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# Power Analysis

What is the best way to estimate power?

Home > Education > Teaching Tools > G\*Power



## G\*Power for Mac

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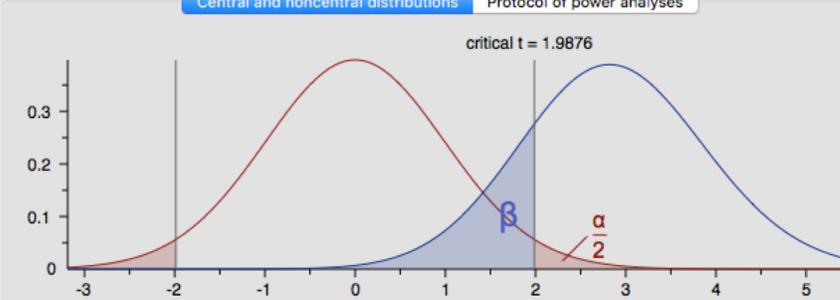
Statistical power analysis program.

[Follow this app](#) [Developer website](#)



# Power Analysis

Central and noncentral distributions Protocol of power analyses



critical t = 1.9876

Test family: t tests

Statistical test: Linear bivariate regression: One group, size of slope

Type of power analysis: A priori: Compute required sample size - given alpha, power, and effect size

Input parameters

Tail(s): Two

Determine

Slope H1: 0.1

alpha err prob: 0.05

Power (1-beta err prob): 0.8

Slope H0: 0

Std dev sigma\_x: 1

Std dev sigma\_y: 0.3464102

Output parameters

Noncentrality parameter delta: 2.8444520

Critical t: 1.9876083

Df: 87

Total sample size: 89

Actual power: 0.8031595

Input mode: p, residual sigma, sigma\_x => slope, sigma\_y

Correlation rho: 0.5

Std dev residual sigma: 0.3

Std dev sigma\_x: 1

Std dev sigma\_y: 0.3464102

Calculate

Slope H1: 0.1732051

Calculate and transfer to main window

Close effect size drawer

X-Y plot for a range of values Calculate

# Power Analysis

**What about estimating power from another published study?**

**Keep in mind that only significant results are usually published; this may just contribute to the file drawer problem (to be discussed more on Tuesday)**

# Power Analysis

What about calculating power after a study is run?  
(e.g., post-hoc power analysis?)

This is a statistical fallacy, since the null hypothesis has already been either rejected or not rejected; there is no “power” to calculate!

# Power Analysis

## Statistical Practice

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### The Abuse of Power: The Pervasive Fallacy of Power Calculations for Data Analysis

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It is well known that statistical power calculations can be valuable in planning an experiment. There is also a large literature advocating that power calculations be made whenever one performs a statistical test of a hypothesis and one obtains a statistically nonsignificant result. Advocates of such post-experiment power calculations claim the calculations should be used to aid in the interpretation of the experimental results. This approach, which appears in various forms, is fundamentally flawed. We document that the problem is extensive and present arguments to demonstrate the flaw in the logic.

calculations as a matter of policy (Anon. 1995; Anon. 1998). We emphasize that these calculations are sought primarily with the thought that they are useful for explaining the observed data, rather than for the purpose of planning some future experiment. We even found statistical textbooks that illustrate the flawed approach (e.g., Rosner 1990; Winer, Brown, and Michels 1991; Zar 1996). Researchers need to be made aware of the shortcomings of power calculations as data analytic tools and taught more appropriate methodology.

It is important to understand the motivation of applied scientists for using power analysis to interpret hypothesis tests with nonsignificant results. The traditional, widely ac-

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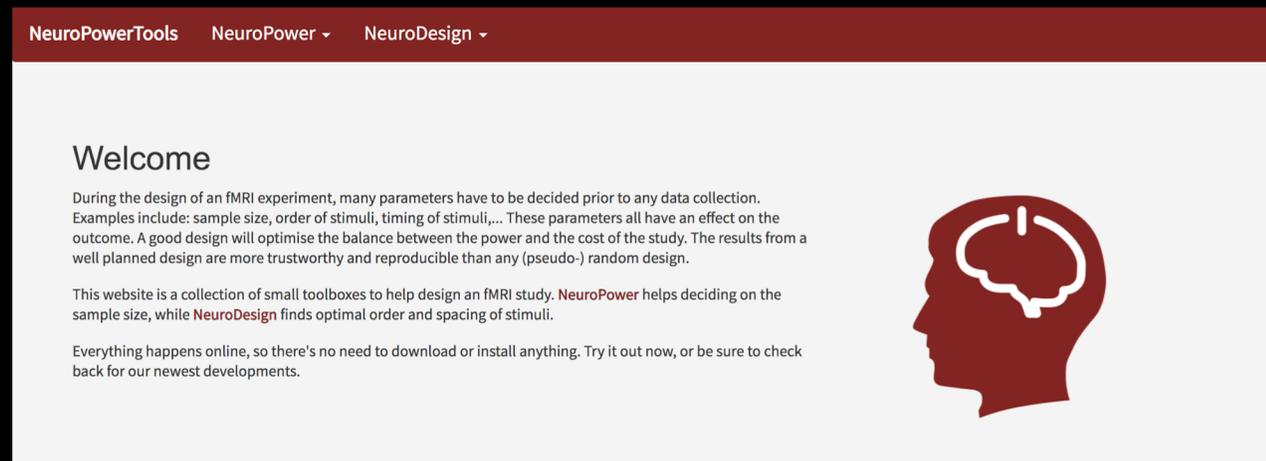
## Tools for power analysis

### Fmripower

#### What happened to the fmripower tool?

The fMRIPower tool hit old age and was starting to have quite a few issues. I have chosen to replace the tool with a set of instructions so you can carry out power analyses on your own. I will post that information soon! In a nutshell, all you really need to do is perform an ROI analysis, get your effect size and carry out a power analysis using that effect size. Of course, don't forget, you must use an a priori ROI. I realize it is super frustrating, but you cannot use the ROI that was active in the same data set from which you are running the power analysis.

Hopefully that's enough for now, but I will make a video and blog post with instructions soon.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the NeuroPowerTools website. At the top, there is a dark red navigation bar with the text "NeuroPowerTools", "NeuroPower" with a dropdown arrow, and "NeuroDesign" with a dropdown arrow. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is white. On the left side, there is a "Welcome" section with the following text: "During the design of an fMRI experiment, many parameters have to be decided prior to any data collection. Examples include: sample size, order of stimuli, timing of stimuli,... These parameters all have an effect on the outcome. A good design will optimise the balance between the power and the cost of the study. The results from a well planned design are more trustworthy and reproducible than any (pseudo-) random design." Below this, it says: "This website is a collection of small toolboxes to help design an fMRI study. NeuroPower helps deciding on the sample size, while NeuroDesign finds optimal order and spacing of stimuli." At the bottom of the welcome section, it states: "Everything happens online, so there's no need to download or install anything. Try it out now, or be sure to check back for our newest developments." On the right side of the page, there is a dark red silhouette of a human head in profile, facing left, with a white outline of a brain inside.

# Power Analysis

## Data location

Either paste a link to the online nifti-file OR upload your statistical map.

URL

Upload

Currently: [/maps/spmT\\_0001.nii](#)

Change:

No file chosen

## Mask location (optional)

Upload a full brain mask or a Region-of-Interest mask. If no mask is selected, all non-null voxels are used.

Maskfile

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## Design specifications

Are the data Z- or T-values?\*

What is the screening threshold, also known as the clusterforming threshold or the excursion threshold (either p-value or z-value units)?\*

How many subjects does the group map represent?\*

Is this a one-sample or a two-sample test?\*

At which alpha-level are the statistical tests carried out?

Do you want to manually specify the smoothness or estimate from the data?

Note though that estimating smoothness on statistical maps leads to [biases](#). It is preferable to manually specify the data.\*

Manual

Estimate

What is the smoothness of the data in mm?

What is the voxel size in mm?



# Power Analysis

**When evaluating a power analysis, make sure that the estimates seem to fall within reasonable bounds, and that the parameters were clearly defined**

**Regarding power tools:**

**May need to just do ROI power analyses for now**

# Group-Level Analysis

Once we have estimated a model for each individual subject (1<sup>st</sup>-level analysis), we combine them into a 2<sup>nd</sup>-level analysis

In SPM: Usually focus on just the mean of the parameter estimate; variance is discarded at the group level

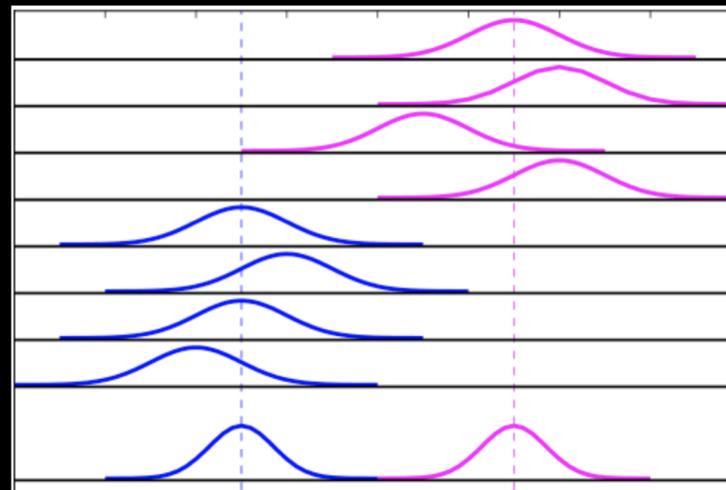
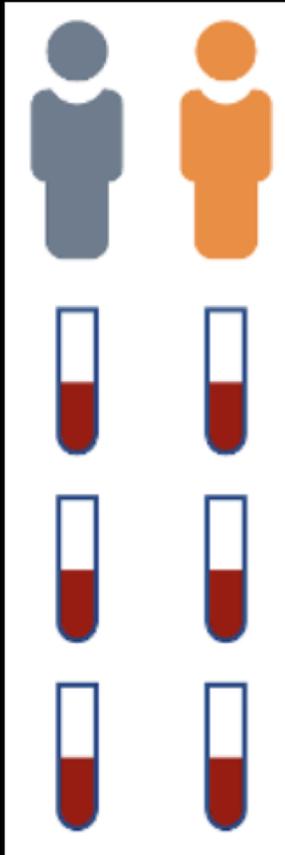
# Group-Level Analysis

**N.B.: The way that betas are calculated in the 1<sup>st</sup>-level is different than how they are estimated at the 2<sup>nd</sup>-level**

**The difference can be expressed as “Fixed-Effects” vs.  
“Random-Effects”**

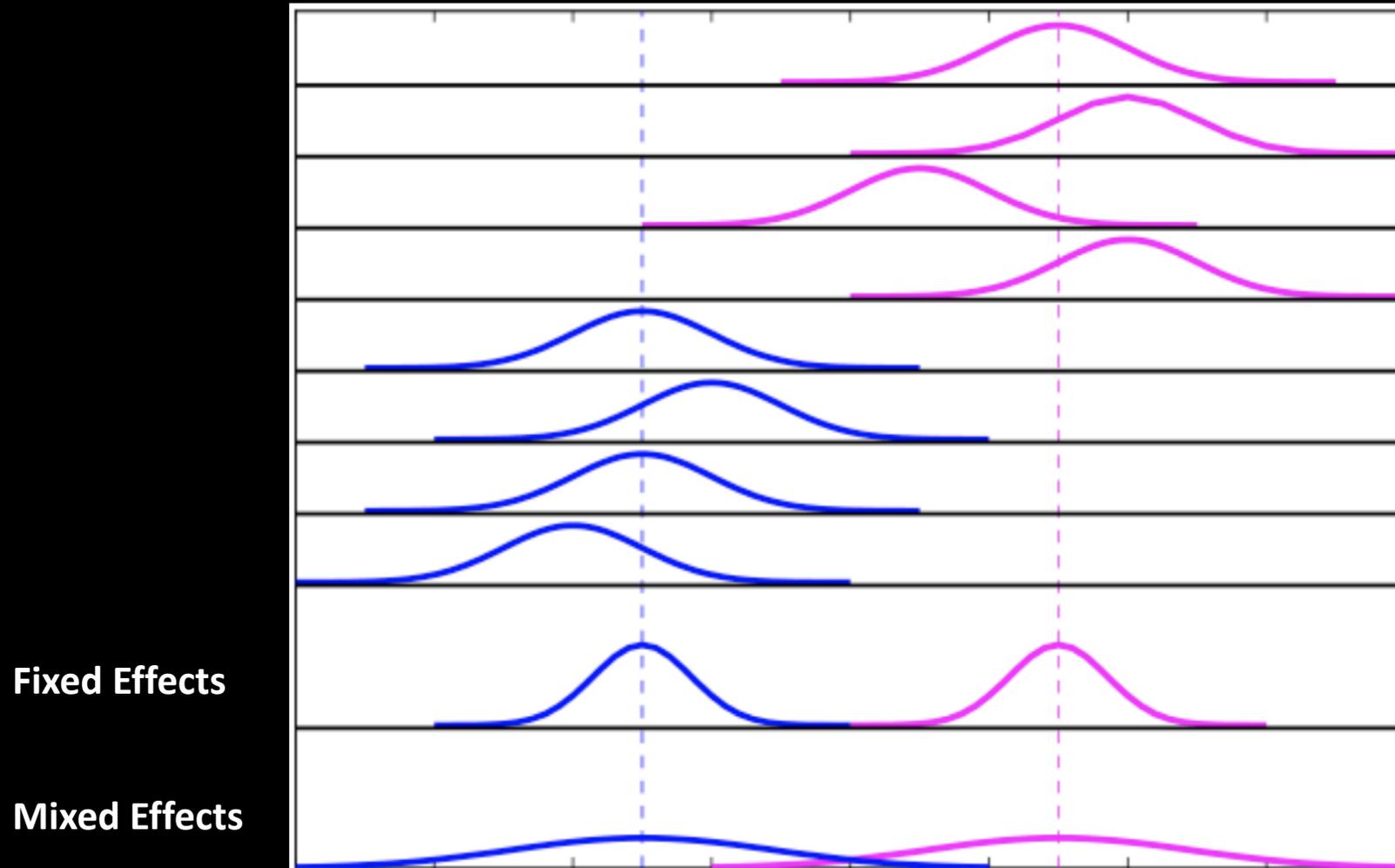
**Combining both generates “Mixed-Effects”**

# Group-Level Analysis



Fixed Effects

# Group-Level Analysis



# Group-Level Analysis

**Summary: Fixed Effects applies only to the subjects you sampled**

**Random effects assumes that the subjects were randomly sampled from the population, and that you're trying to make an inference about the population (i.e., parameters)**

**Mixed effects combines the two**

**Question: To reduce overall variance, should we collect more samples, or more subjects?**

# Group-Level Analysis

**Simplest model: 1-sample t-test**

**A parameter estimate (or contrast of parameter estimates, also called a contrast estimate) is submitted to a t-test**

**Is the average of the parameter (or contrast) estimates significantly different from zero?**

# Group-Level Analysis

However, this typically isn't very interesting

Since fMRI signal is arbitrary, it is more useful  
to contrast one condition to another

You can then run a one-sample t-test on this contrast  
(to be discussed in a little bit)

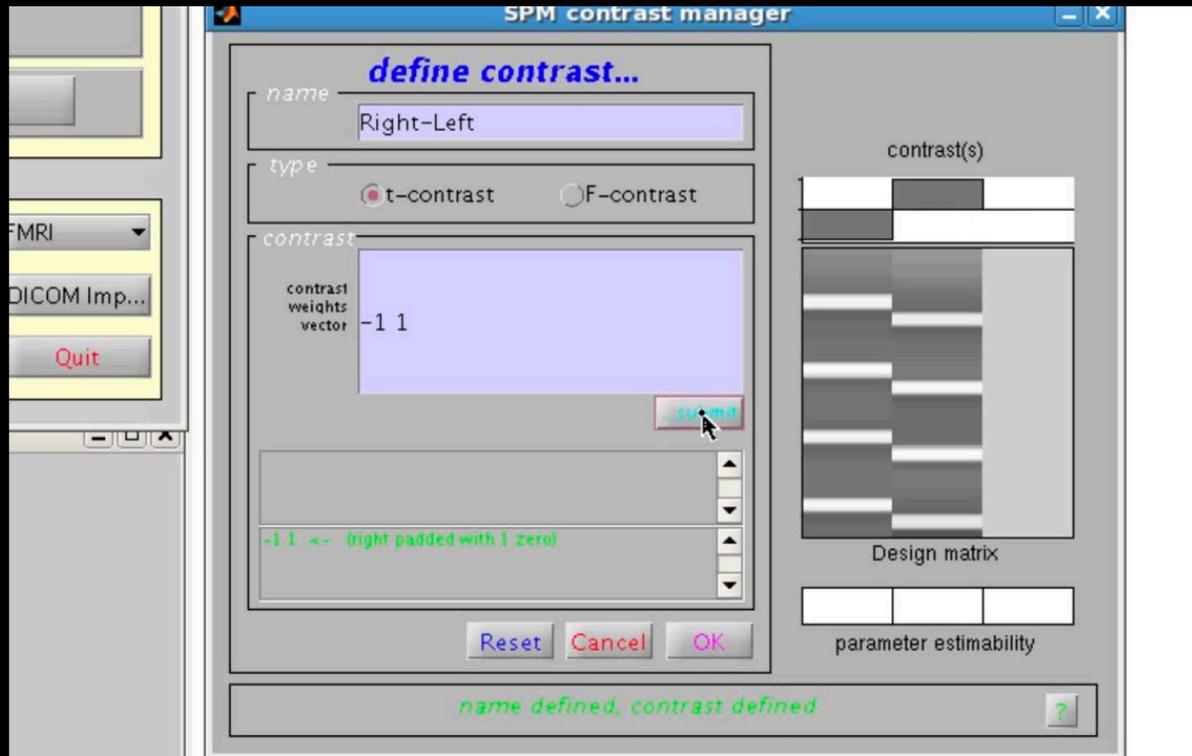
# Group-Level Analysis

e.g., button presses



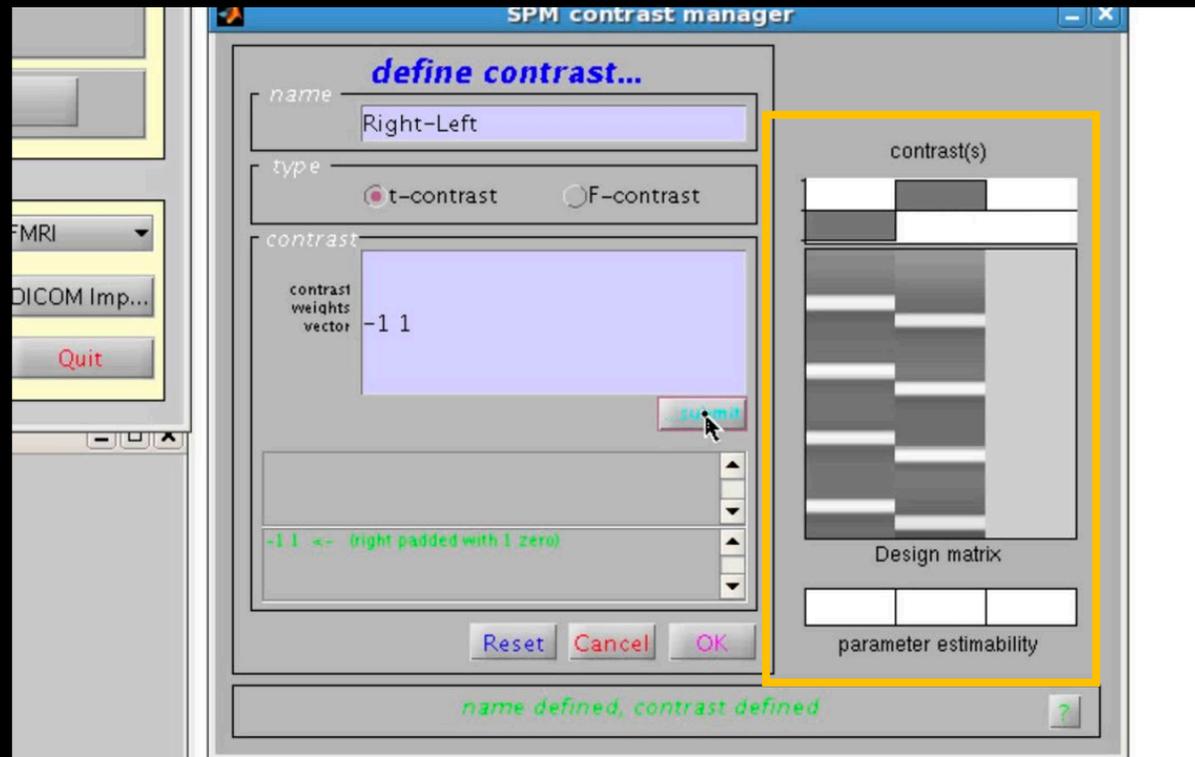
# Group-Level Analysis

Very simple contrast (and useful to check whether your timings are correct!)



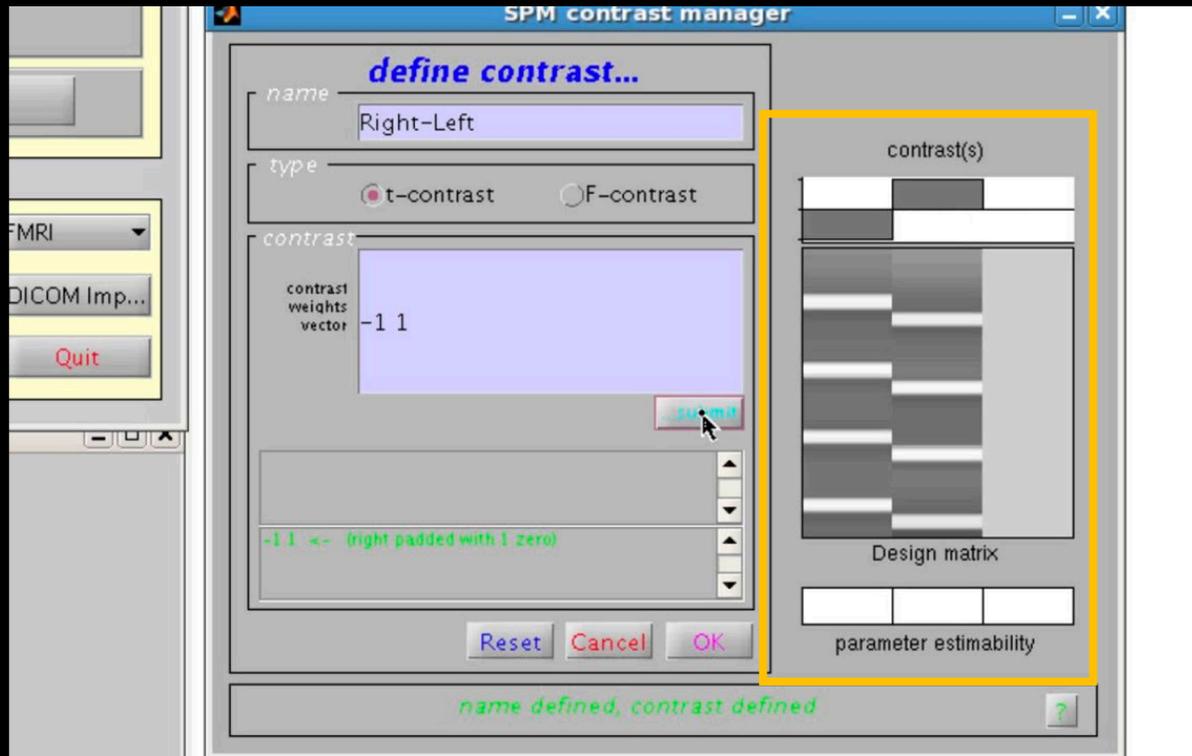
# Group-Level Analysis

What is this?



# Group-Level Analysis

How you specify the contrast weights depends on the order of the regressors

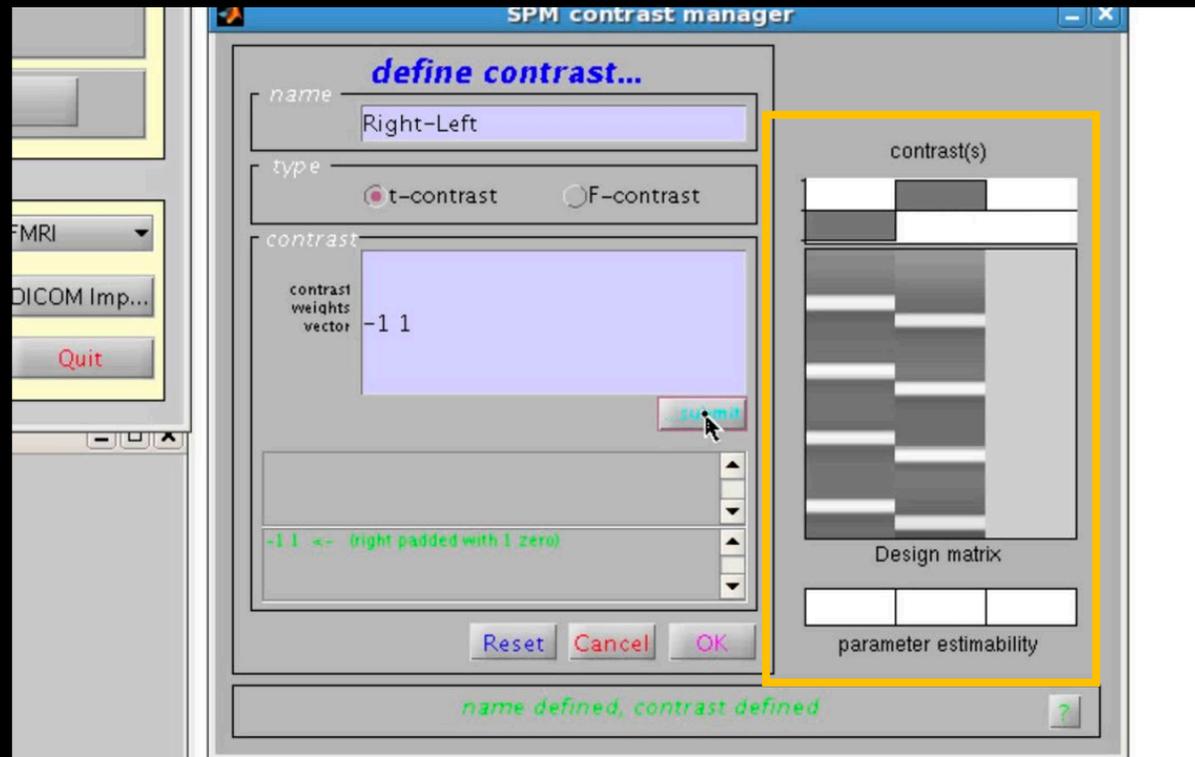


$$c = [-1 \ 1]$$

# Group-Level Analysis

In this example: Left was first, Right was second

How would I specify the contrast of Left-Right?



$$c = [-1 \ 1]$$

# Group-Level Analysis

In a group-level context

One-sample:

$$\begin{bmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \\ \vdots \\ Y_N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \beta_0 \\ \beta_0 \\ \vdots \\ \beta_0 \end{bmatrix} + \epsilon$$

# Group-Level Analysis

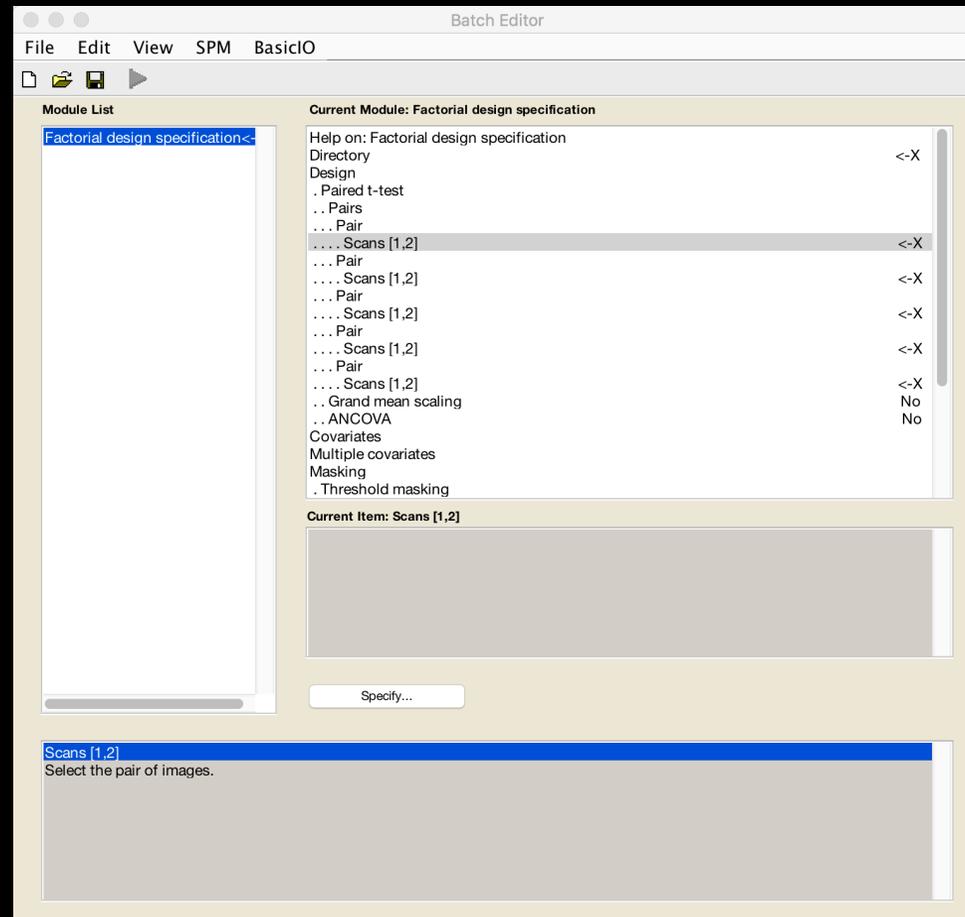
In a group-level context

Two-sample:

$$\begin{bmatrix} Y_1 \\ Y_2 \\ Y_3 \\ Y_4 \\ Y_5 \\ Y_6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \end{bmatrix} + \epsilon$$

# Group-Level Analysis

## What about a paired t-test?



# Group-Level Analysis

What about an interaction?

If each subjects has two conditions (A,B) with two levels (1,2) then you can do the following contrast:



# Group-Level Analysis

What if we perform a one-sample t-test on contrasts?

e.g., calculate  $A-B$  for each of 10 subjects, to create 10 contrasts

Is this valid?

# Summary Statistics

The above is called a “summary statistics” approach

Valid if the intra-subject variabilities are relatively similar across subjects

For most studies, this assumption is true  
(Penny & Holmes, 2004)

# Summary Statistics

**Pros: Easy to implement, simplifies interactions**

**Cons: Assumptions may not be valid; check whether the variance and number of runs is similar for each subject**

**Example: Using Summary Statistics to run a one-sample t-test on an interaction term**



## Module List

Factorial design specification&lt;-

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Design	
.Paired t-test	
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Specify...

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Global calculation

. Omit

Global normalisation

. Overall grand mean scaling

. . No

. Normalisation None

Enter Contrast estimates here

## Current Item: Scans

Specify...

## Scans

Select the images. They must all have the same image dimensions, orientation, voxel size etc.

# F-tests

Also called "omnibus" tests

Tests whether one or more contrasts is significant

Question: Does this maximize Detection or Estimation?

# F-tests

Instead of a contrast vector, F-tests require contrast matrices

*define contrast...*

*name*

*type*  t-contrast  F-contrast

*contrast*

contrast	1 0 0 0
weights	0 1 0 0
matrix	0 0 1 0
	0 0 0 1

or eye(4)

or

columns for reduced design

contrast(s)

# F-tests

You can also specify multiple contrasts, e.g.:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

# Demonstration of Group-Level Analysis

# Correcting for Multiple Comparisons

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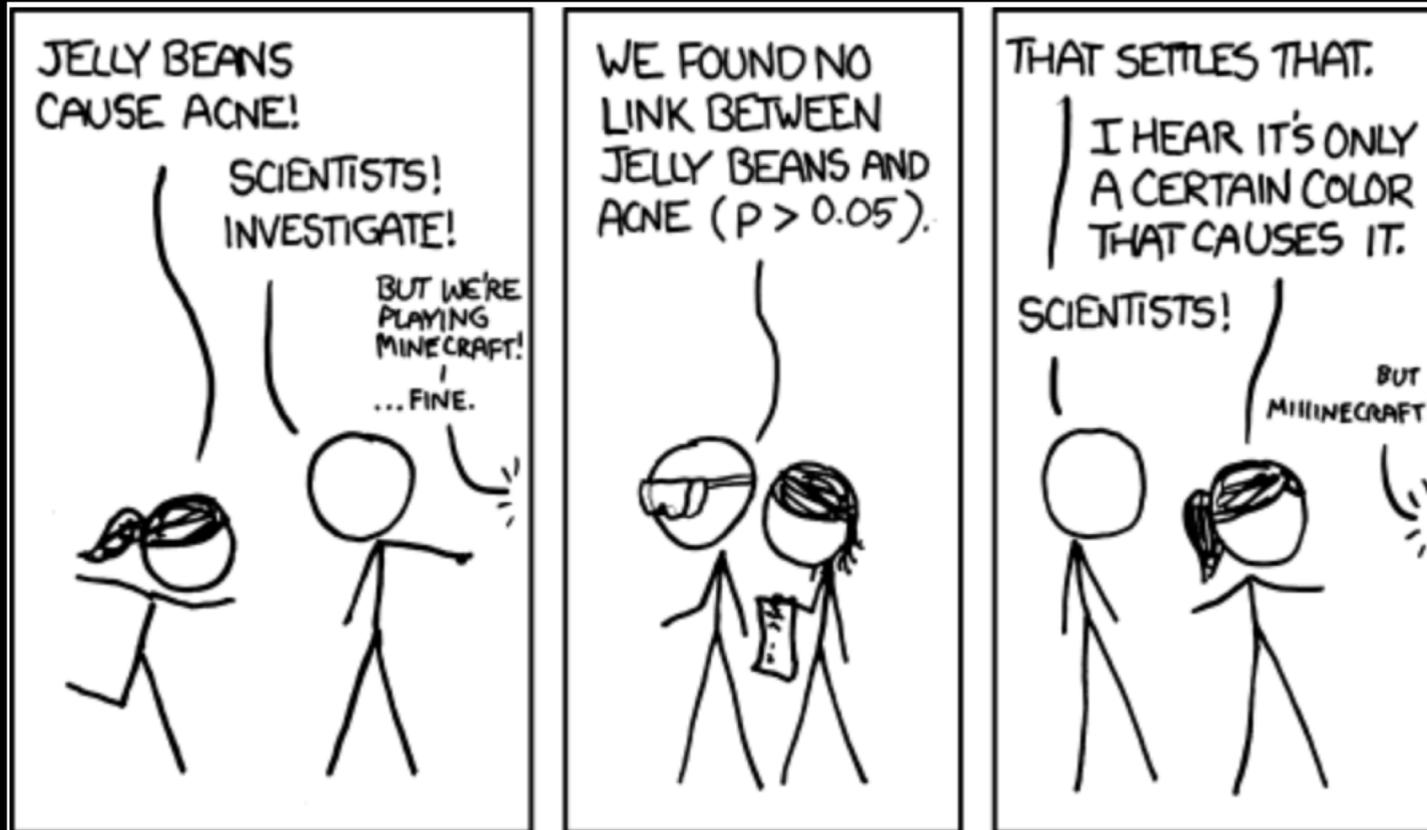
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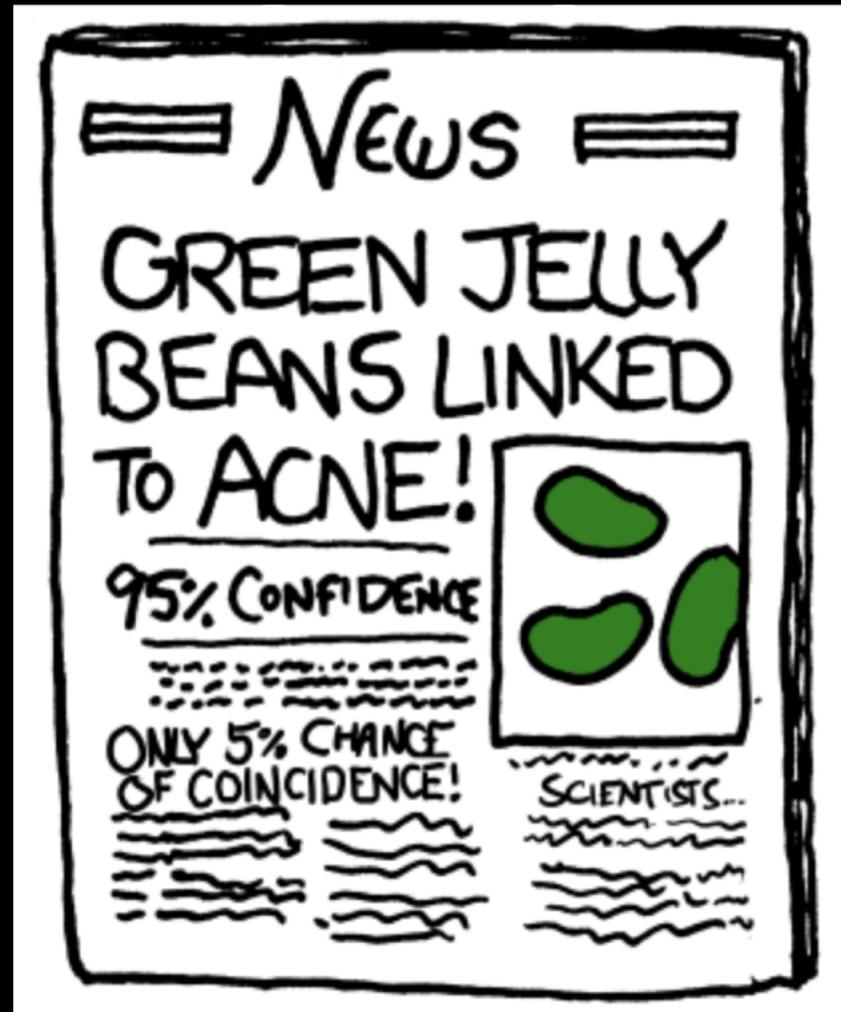
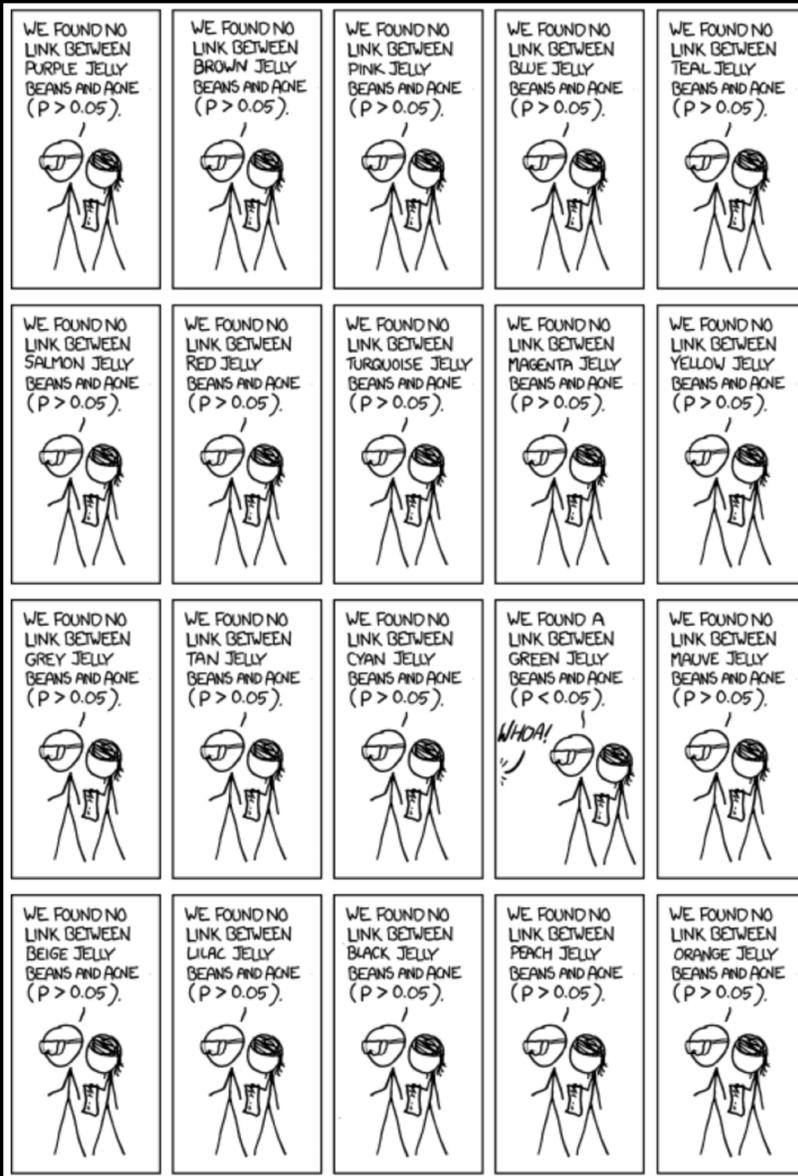
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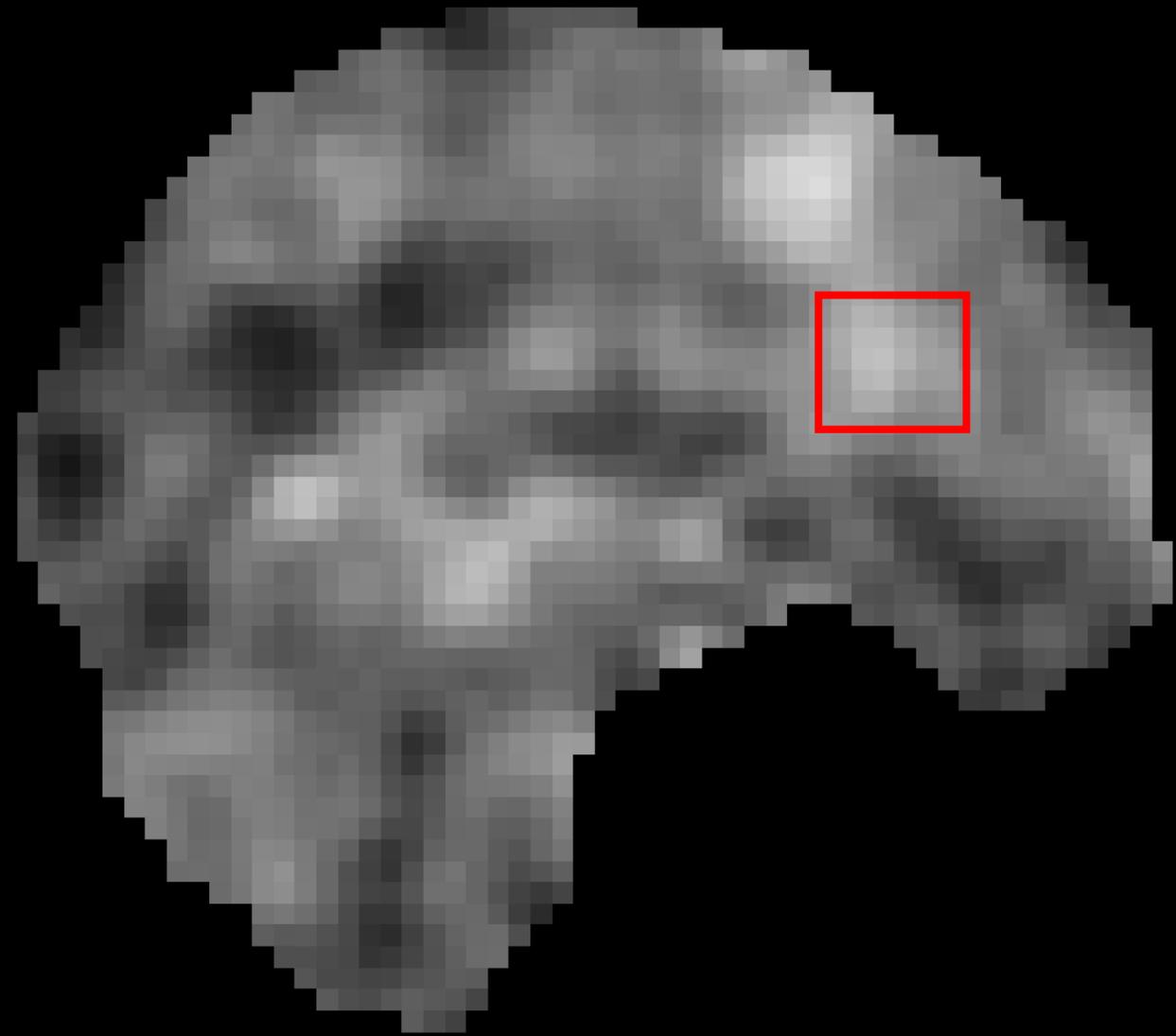


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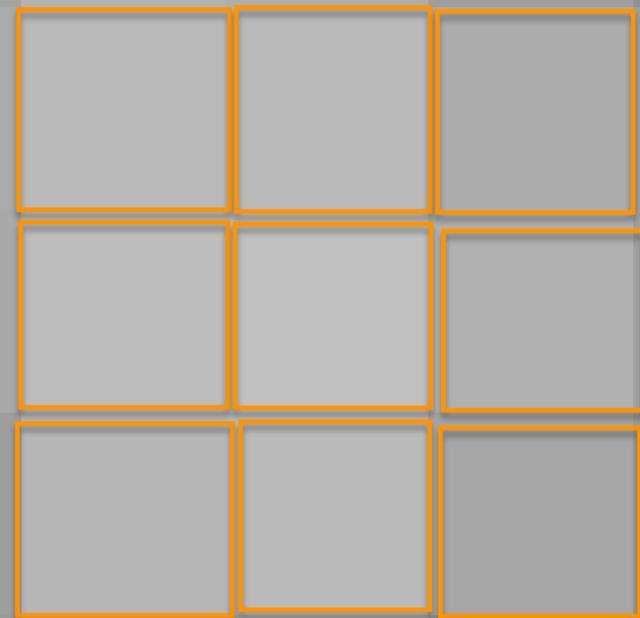
Now consider an fMRI dataset

Quick poll: How many voxels in a typical volume?

Depends on voxel size, but usually between 100k-300k



Test for significance in each voxel



# Correcting for Multiple Comparisons

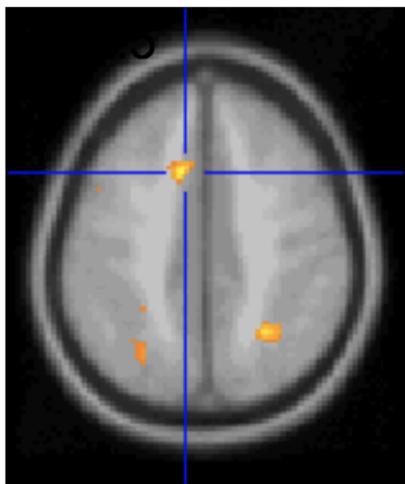
Balancing act between Type I and Type II errors

## Legal Errors

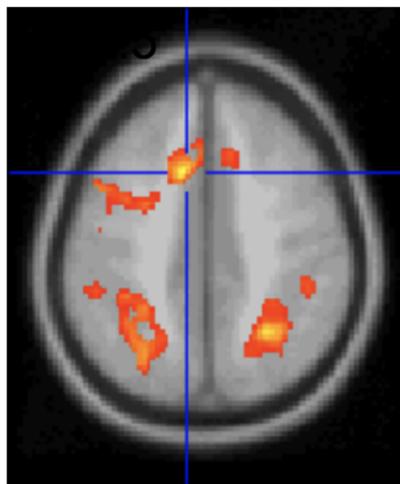
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# Correcting for Multiple Comparisons

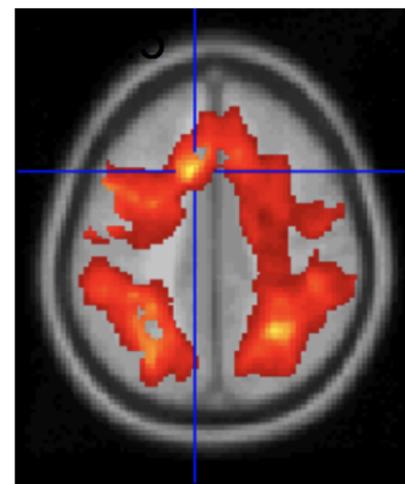
High Threshold



Med. Threshold



Low Threshold



Good Specificity

Poor Power

(risk of false negatives)

Poor Specificity  
(risk of false positives)

Good Power

# Correcting for Multiple Comparisons

What can be done?

**Bonferroni correction**

**FDR correction**

**Cluster correction**

# Bonferroni Correction

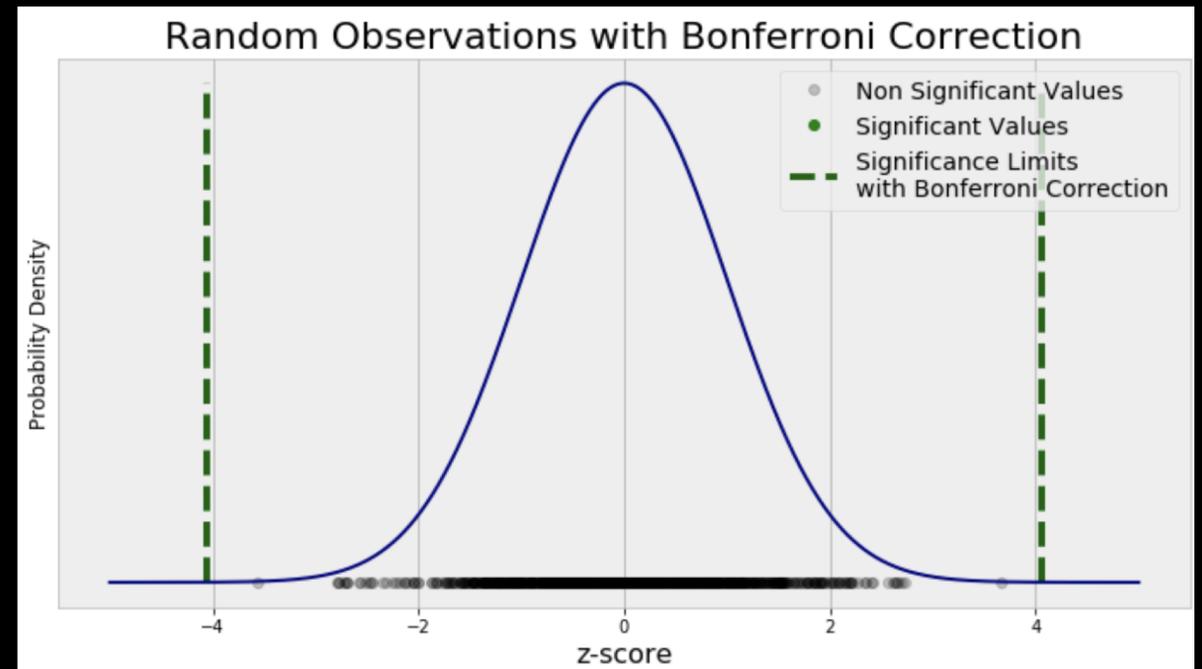
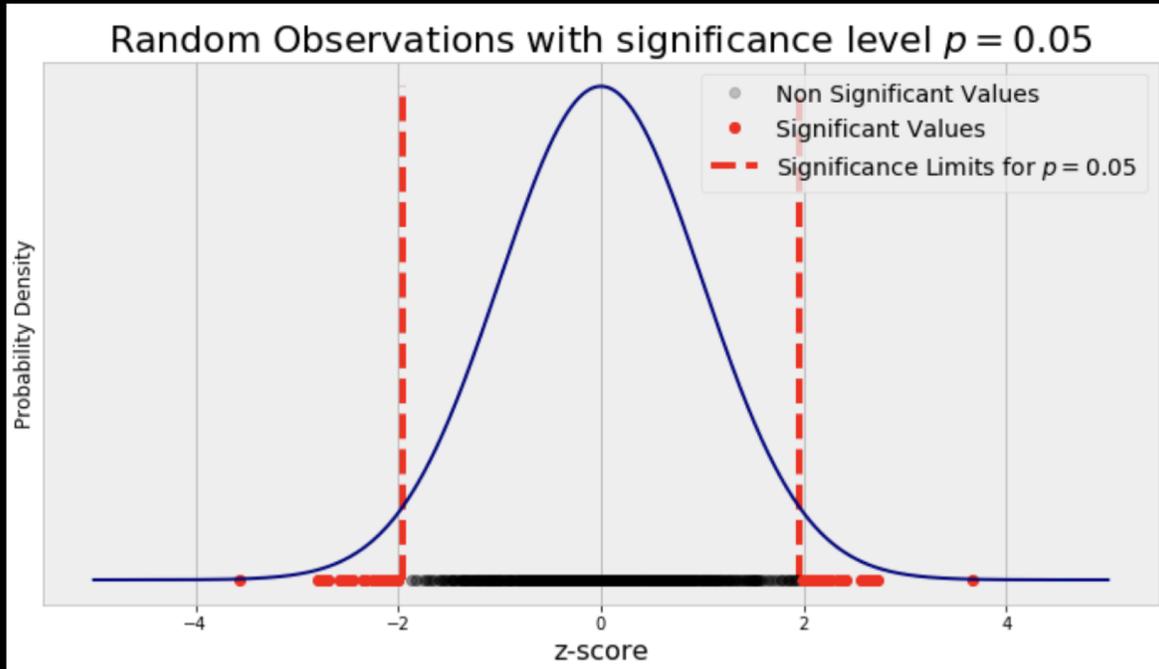
Simplest correction method to understand and calculate

Given an alpha level  $\alpha$  and number of tests  $n$ ,  
the corrected alpha level can be found by  $\alpha/n$

Example:  $\alpha=0.05$ ,  $n=10$

$$\alpha = 0.005$$

# Bonferroni Correction



# Bonferroni Correction

Example:  $\alpha=0.05$ ,  $n=100,000$

$$\alpha = 0.000005 (!)$$

This revised alpha is then used at each voxel in the analysis

# Bonferroni Correction

**Pros: Easy to understand, easy to use**

**Excellent for guarding against Type I error**

**Cons: Conservative, too severe for fMRI**

**Inflates the probability of Type II errors**

## **Alternative: False Discovery Rate (FDR)**

**Bonferroni and other correction methods control for the Probability of observing a single false positive**

**FDR: Control the fraction of false positives**

**i.e.: You know there will be a certain percentage of false positives, but you can live with it**

# Alternative: False Discovery Rate (FDR)

- FDR

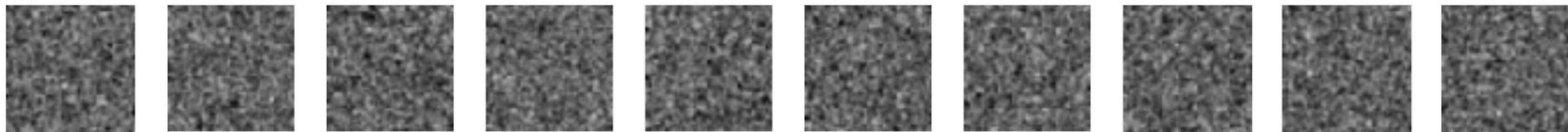
- E (# of true null declared active / # voxels declared active)

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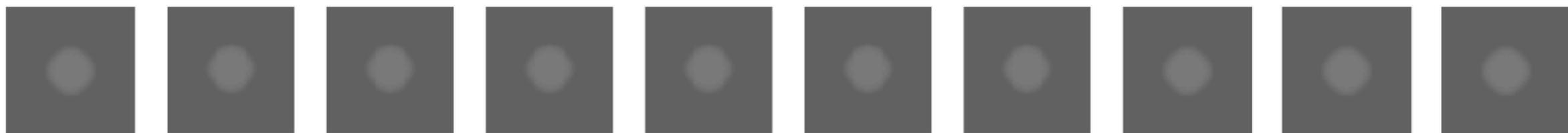
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Non-active	50	950	1000
Active	80	20	100
Total	130	970	1100

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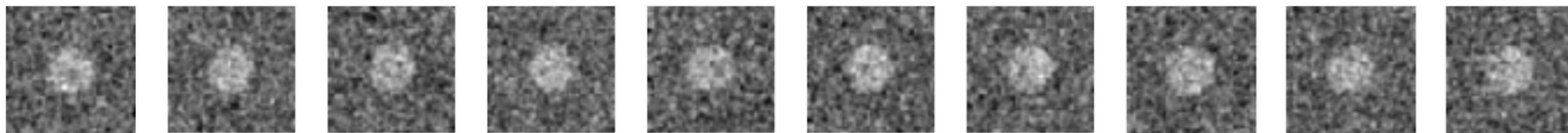
Noise



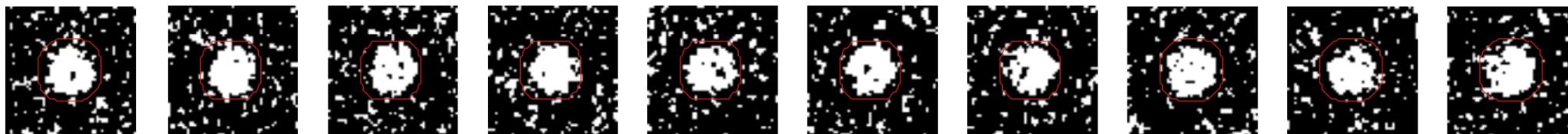
Signal



Signal+Noise



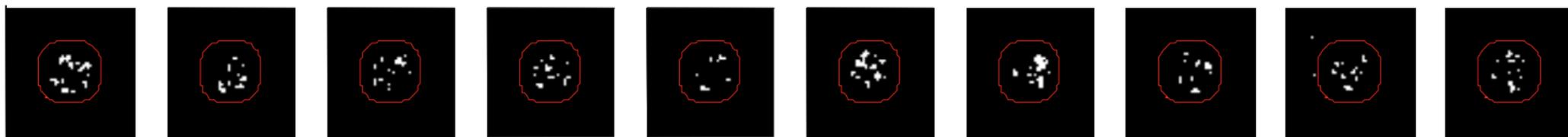
## Control of Per Comparison Rate at 10%



11.3% 11.3% 12.5% 10.8% 11.5% 10.0% 10.7% 11.2% 10.2% 9.5%

Percentage of Null Pixels that are False Positives

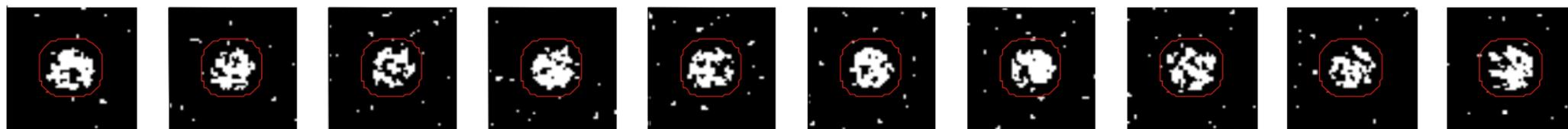
## Control of Familywise Error Rate at 10%



FWE

Occurrence of Familywise Error

## Control of False Discovery Rate at 10%



6.7% 10.4% 14.9% 9.3% 16.2% 13.8% 14.0% 10.5% 12.2% 8.7%

Percentage of Activated Pixels that are False Positives

## **FDR: Pros and Cons**

**FDR is more liberal than Bonferroni, but can be too conservative when voxels are highly correlated**

**Changes the interpretation of your results slightly**

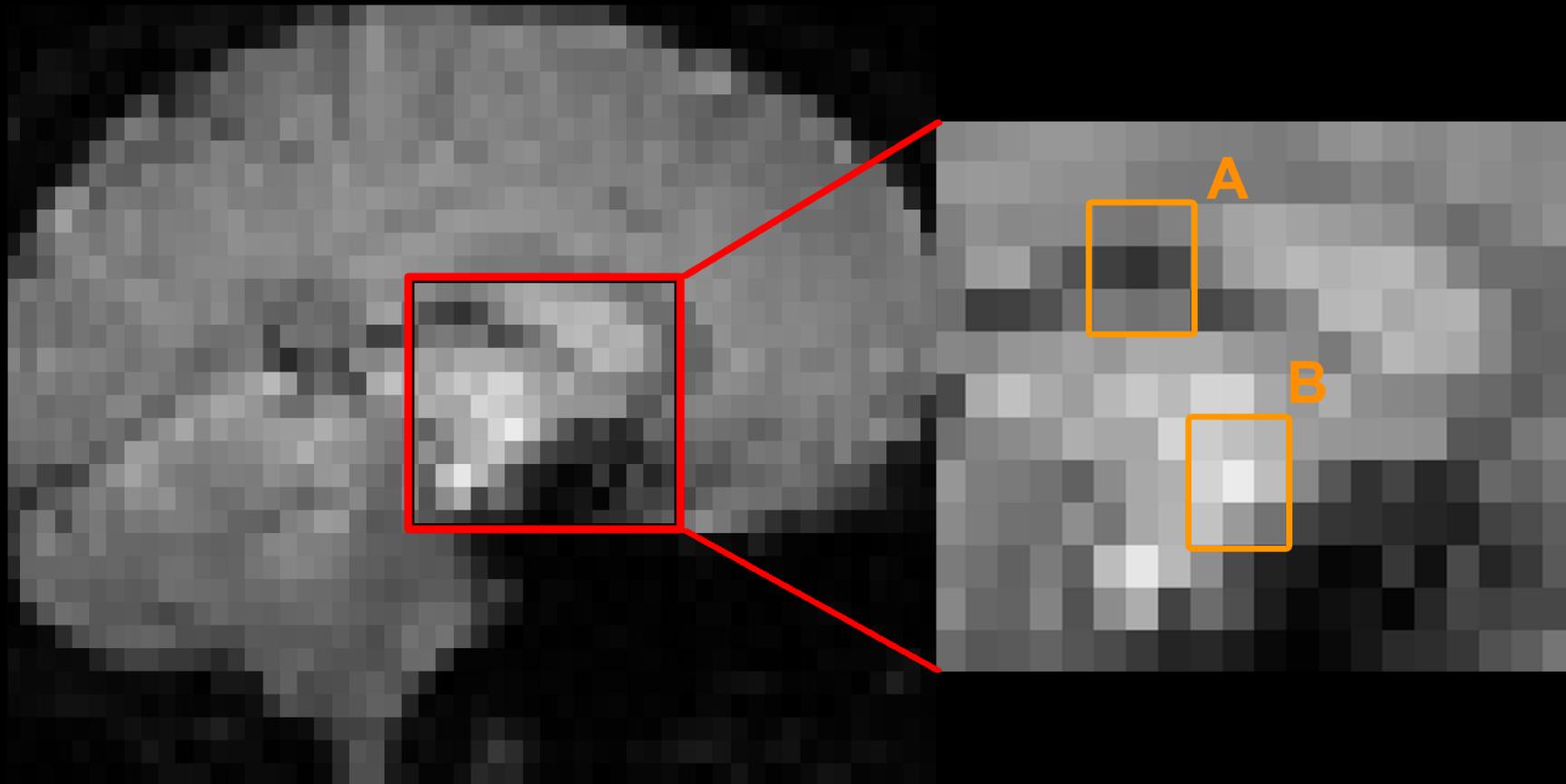
# Cluster Correction

**Bonferroni might be appropriate if each voxel were independent**

**But are they? Consider how the brain is designed**

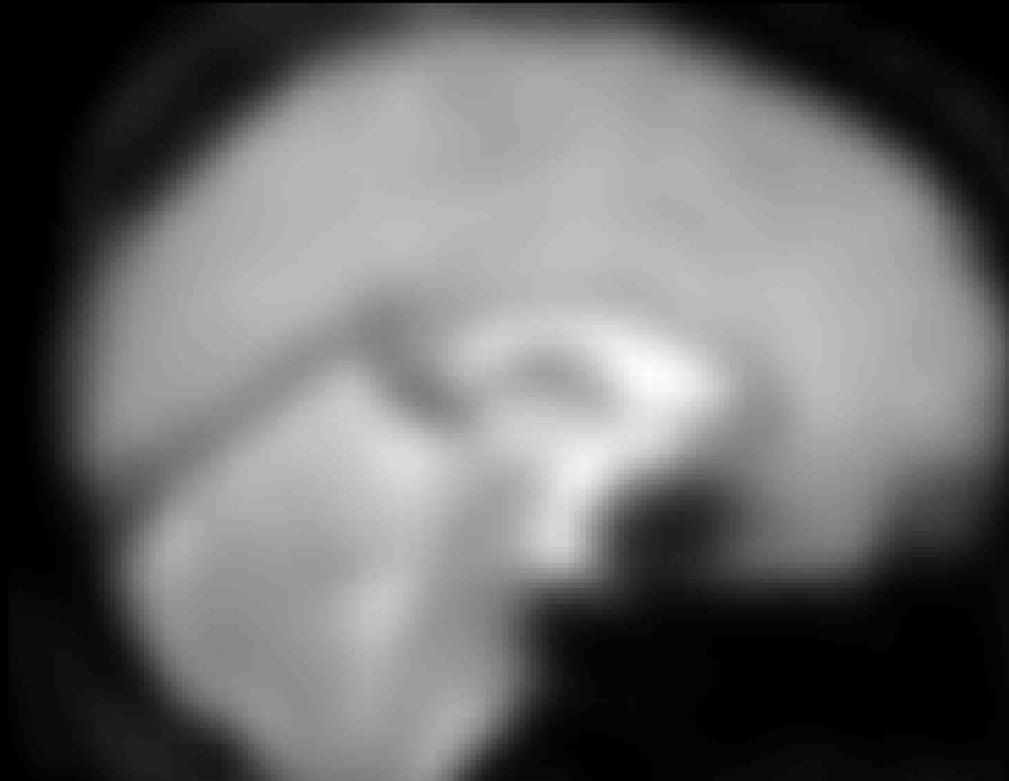
# Cluster Correction

Functional image, unsmoothed



# Cluster Correction

Functional image, smoothed



# Cluster Correction

In SPM, cluster correction thresholds are calculated with  
Random Field Theory (RFT)

Accounts for the spatial smoothness of the data

Based on the estimated FWHM<sub>x</sub> (not the same as  
applied FWHM<sub>x</sub>!)

# Cluster Correction

## Example after 8mm smoothing kernel

*table shows 3 local maxima more than 8.0mm apart*

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Height threshold:  $T = 2.34$ ,  $p = 0.010$  (1.000)  
Extent threshold:  $k = 30$  voxels,  $p = 0.107$  (0.999)  
Expected voxels per cluster,  $\langle k \rangle = 11.965$   
Expected number of clusters,  $\langle c \rangle = 7.21$   
FWEp: 4.869, FDRp: Inf, FWEc: 198, FDRc: 198

Degrees of freedom = [1.0, 278.0]  
FWHM = 10.5 10.5 10.2 mm mm mm; 3.5 3.5 3.4 {voxels}  
Volume: 1811403 = 67089 voxels = 1431.6 resels  
Voxel size: 3.0 3.0 3.0 mm mm mm; (resel = 41.85 voxels)

# Cluster Correction

Statistics: *p-values adjusted for search volume*

set-level		cluster-level			
$p$	$c$	$p_{\text{FWE-corr}}$	$q_{\text{FDR-corr}}$	$k_E$	$p_{\text{uncorr}}$
0.846	5	0.026	0.024	198	0.000
		0.537	0.175	85	0.011
		0.999	0.794	31	0.102
		0.489	0.175	89	0.010
		0.105	0.050	146	0.002

# Multiple Comparisons Correction: Summary

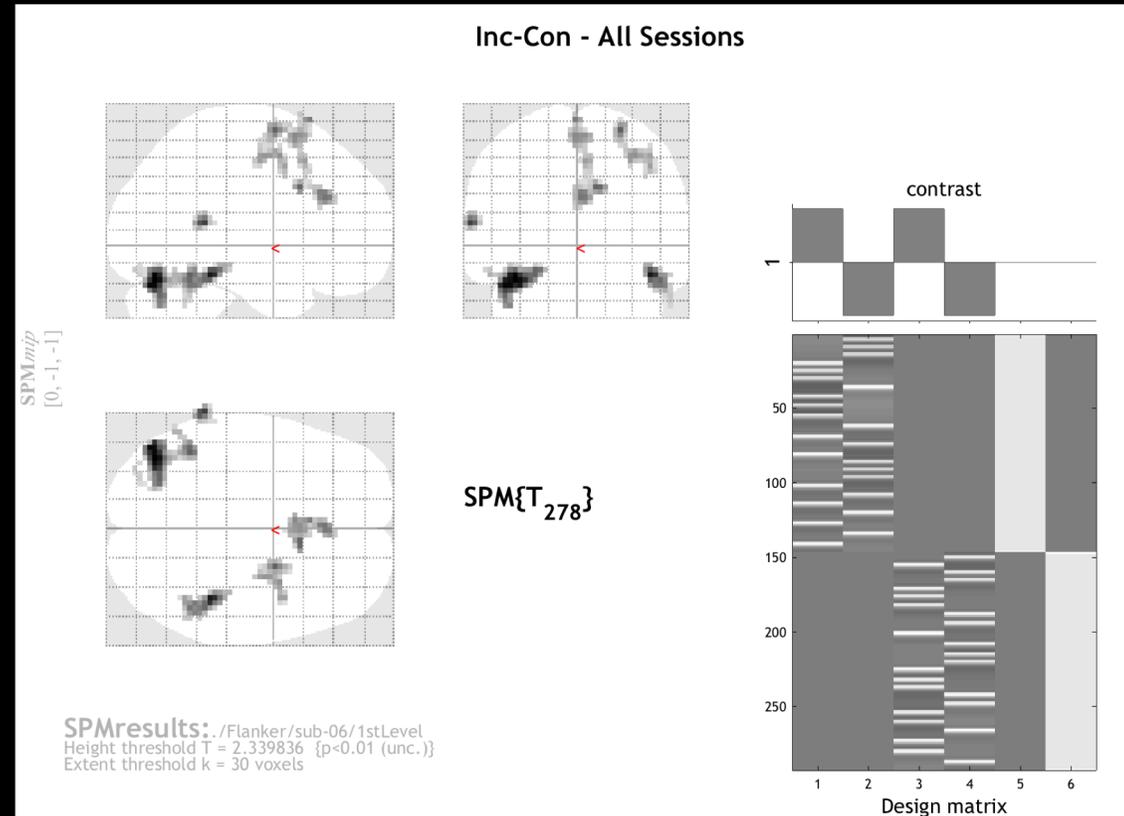
Most common method is cluster-wise thresholding

Cons: Loss of spatial specificity

As we will see tomorrow, you should use a  
Cluster-forming threshold of  $p=0.001$  for most experiments

Non-parametric options seem to be getting more popular

# Applying this to a dataset



Statistics: *p-values adjusted for search volume*

set-level		cluster-level				peak-level					mm mm mm		
$p$	$c$	$p_{\text{FWE-corr}}$	$q_{\text{FDR-corr}}$	$k_E$	$p_{\text{uncorr}}$	$p_{\text{FWE-corr}}$	$q_{\text{FDR-corr}}$	$T$	$(Z_E)$	$p_{\text{uncorr}}$			
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						1.000	0.996	3.24	3.20	0.001	-27	-70	-16
		0.537	0.175	85	0.011	0.912	0.996	3.79	3.74	0.000	42	-40	-19
						1.000	0.996	3.12	3.09	0.001	48	-52	-25
						0.999	0.794	31	0.102	0.998	0.996	3.48	3.44
		0.489	0.175	89	0.010	1.000	0.996	3.26	3.22	0.001	24	-1	65
						1.000	0.996	2.91	2.89	0.002	33	2	50
						1.000	0.996	2.89	2.86	0.002	30	-7	50
		0.105	0.050	146	0.002	1.000	0.996	3.24	3.20	0.001	9	14	32
						1.000	0.996	3.11	3.08	0.001	0	29	26
						1.000	0.996	3.04	3.01	0.001	-3	20	71

# Applying this to a dataset

**Set-level: Probability of finding that many clusters**

**Cluster-level: Probability of finding a cluster of a given size**

**Peak-level: Probability of a statistic that size in that voxel**

# Applying this to a dataset

Statistics: *p-values adjusted for search volume*

set-level		cluster-level				peak-level					mm	mm	mm
$p$	$c$	$p_{\text{FWE-corr}}$	$q_{\text{FDR-corr}}$	$k_E$	$p_{\text{uncorr}}$	$p_{\text{FWE-corr}}$	$q_{\text{FDR-corr}}$	$T$	$(Z_E)$	$p_{\text{uncorr}}$			
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						1.000	0.996	3.04	3.01	0.001	-3	20	71

# Demonstration

## **Other Statistical Scenarios**

**Once you calculate a contrast, are you done?**

**Consider this: My brother and I both play basketball. If I tell you that I am slightly better than he is, does that mean:**

**We are both really good, but I'm just a little better?**

**I'm a little above average, and he's a little below average?**

**Maybe we're both terrible, and I'm just a little better than he is**

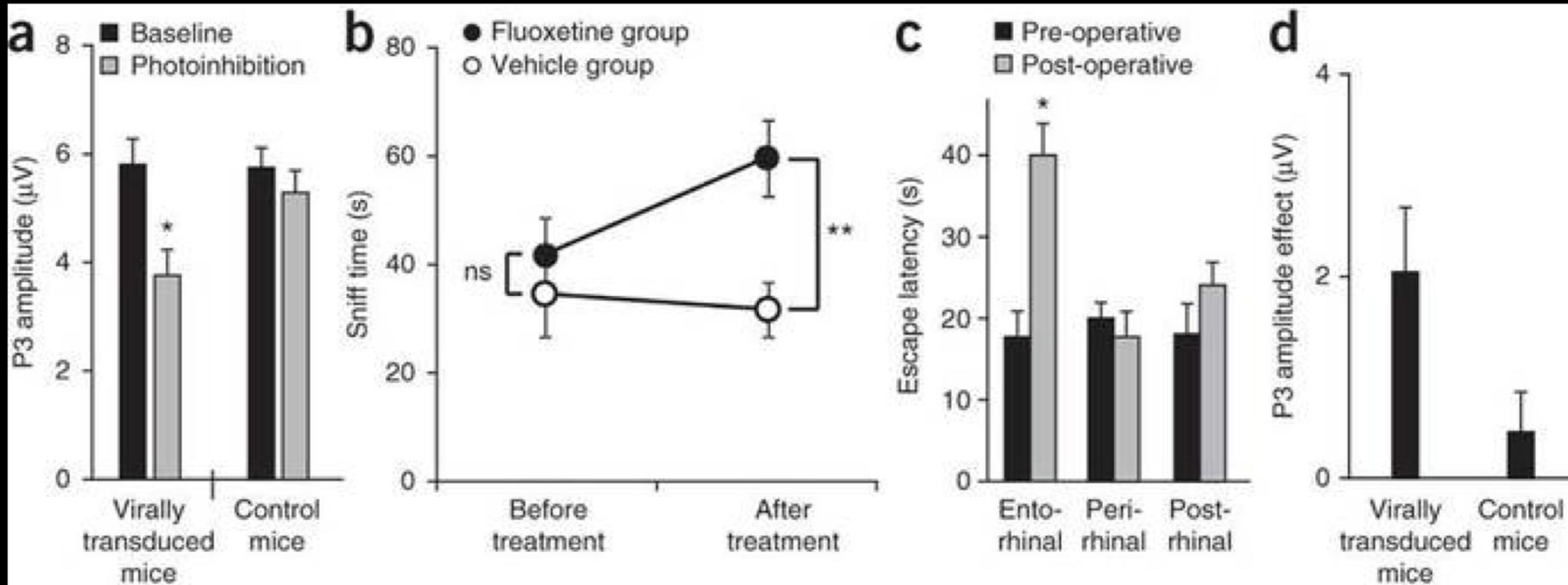


# Double Dissociations

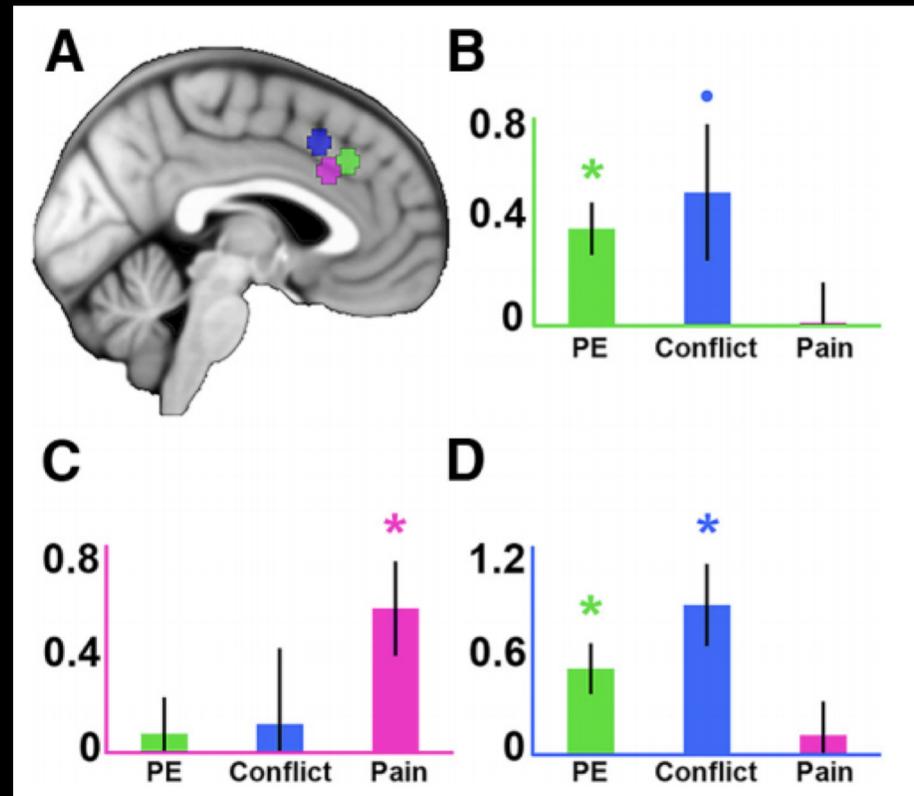
**Condition A is significant in region A but not region B, and condition B is significant in region B but not region A**

**Remember to run a paired t-test within each region,  
and also a Region x Condition interaction**

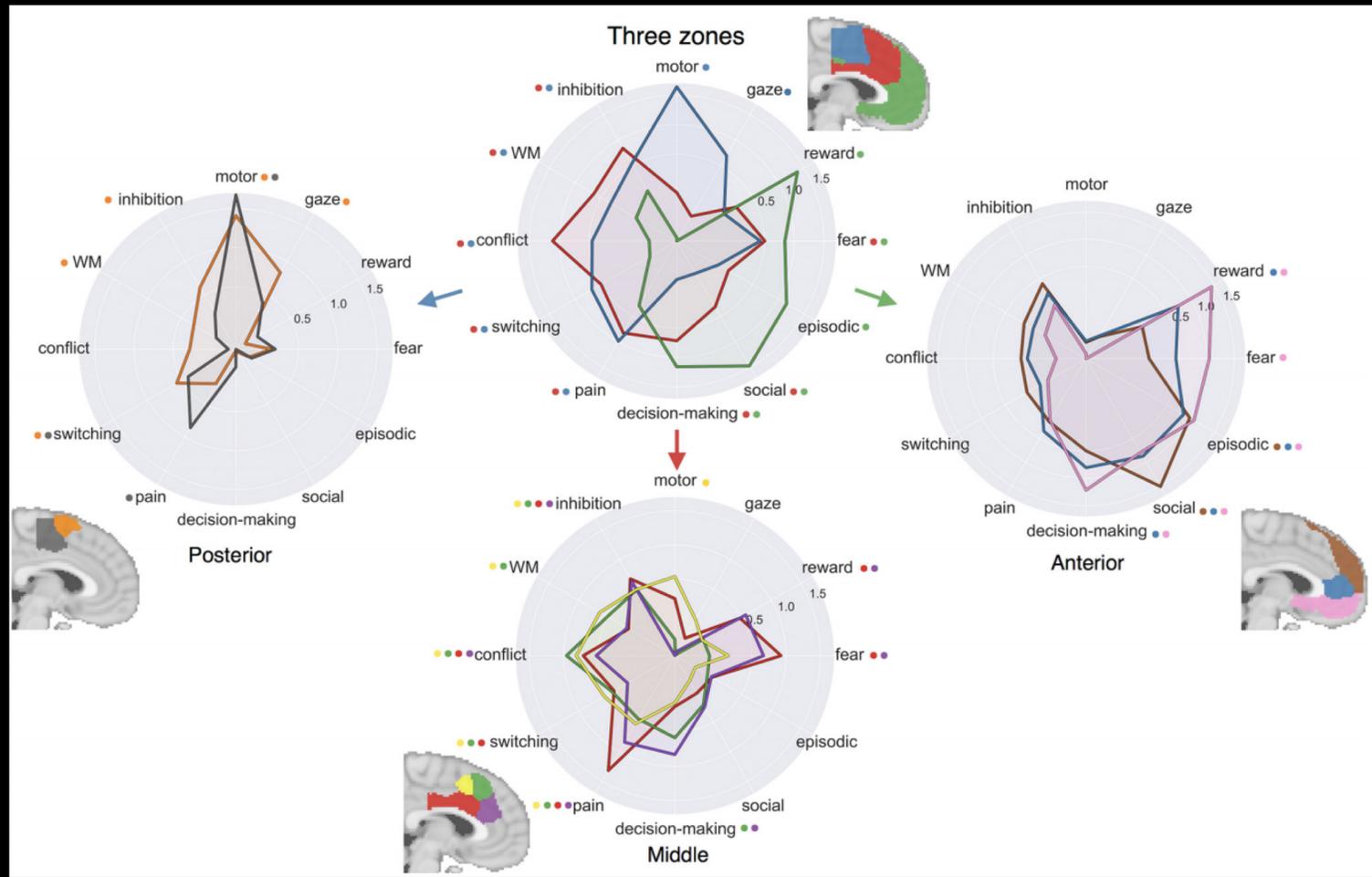
# Double Dissociations



# Double Dissociations



# Triple Dissociations (!)



## **Preview: ROI Analysis**

**In the examples just shown, the data was extracted from  
Regions of Interest (ROIs)**

**That is, subsets of voxels that we are interested in**

- HUMAN ATLAS->TD brodmann areas+
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  - brodmann area 46
  - brodmann area 47
  - Amygdala
  - Anterior Commissure
  - Caudate Body
  - Caudate Head
- Atlas Information

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DILATE:

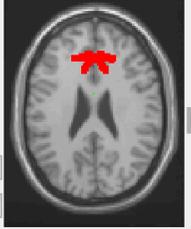
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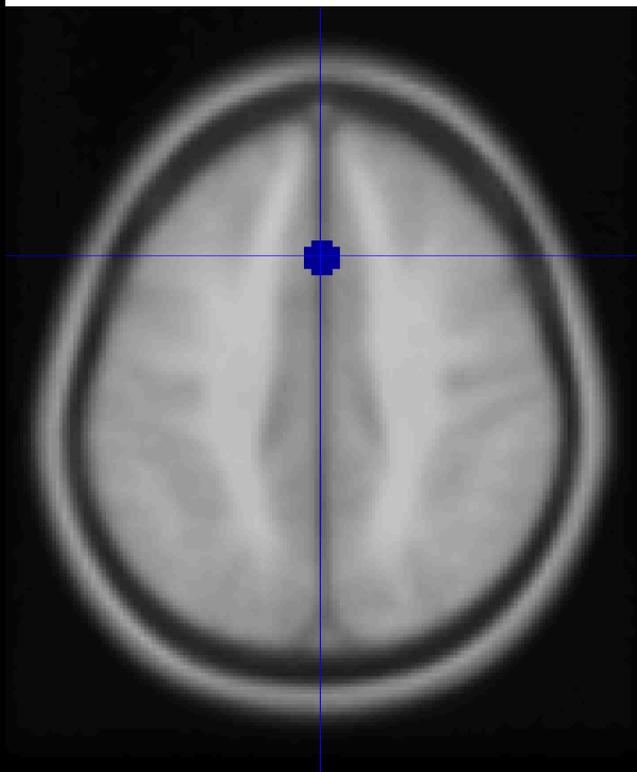
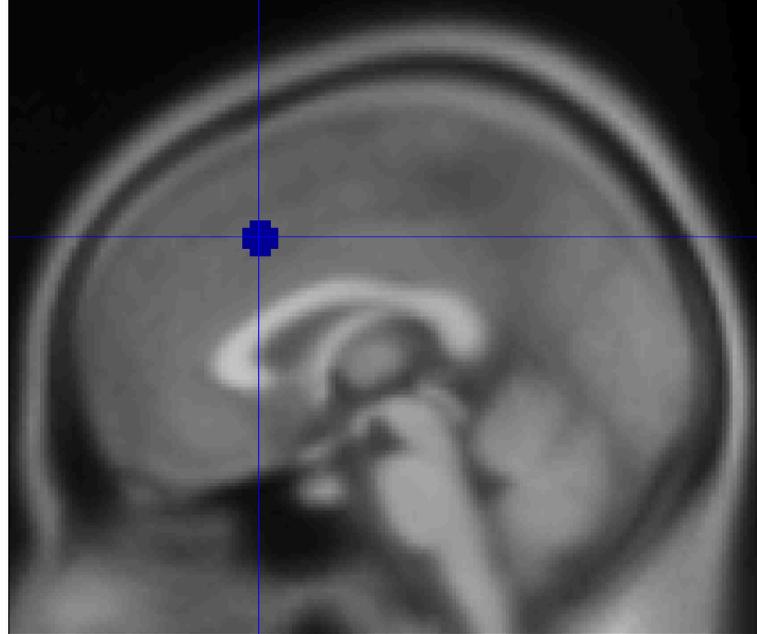
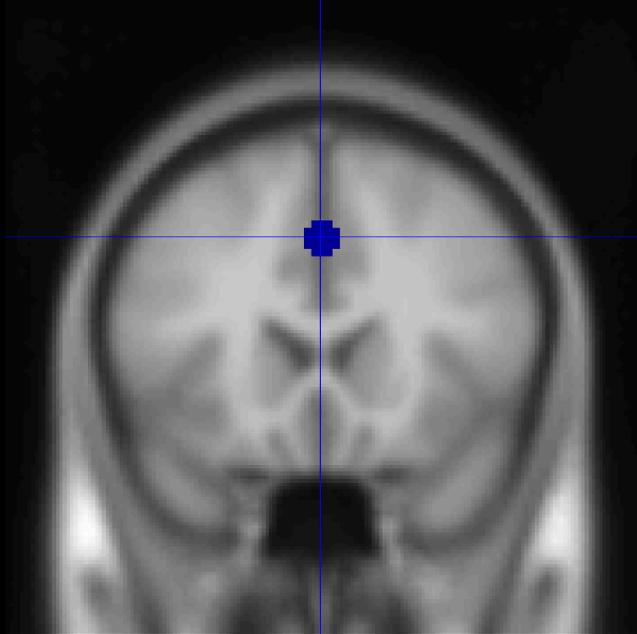
Write Independent Regions

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WORKING REGION1

brodmann area 32

	CUBE	46	64	37	GO	ATLAS	SUBREGION	VALUE
MNI		0	0	0	GO	TD brodmann areas+	NA	1000
Tal		0	0	0	GO	TD Lobes	NA	1500



1: dACC\_Sphere

Label: dACC\_Sphere

Centre of mass: 0 20 40

Volume (mm): 648.00

Max/min X(mm): -4 4

Max/min Y(mm): 16 24

Max/min Z(mm): 36 44

# Lab Preview

Create an ideal experimental design, *before* collecting data

For AFNI users: Similar to using the `-nodata` option  
in `3dDeconvolve`, calculating correlations

Parameters to change: ISI, number of trials, and contrasts

# Lab Preview

```
ts = output.X0;           % get the raw timeseries from 'output'
tr = output.TR;           % do the same for the TR
irf = spm_hrf(tr);        % create the impulse response function
cts = conv(ts, irf);      % convolve the timeseries with the IRF
cts = cts(1:length(ts)); % ensure that the long tail of the hemodynamic response hasn't
lengthened our image timeseries
```

# Lab Preview

Using OptimizeX to specify which contrasts you are interested in



A dialog box titled "Contrast Specification" with a standard macOS window title bar (red, yellow, and grey buttons). The dialog contains four rows of input fields. The first row is "Vector for Contrast 1:" with the value "1 0 -1 0". The second row is "Weight for Contrast 1:" with the value "1". The third row is "Vector for Contrast 2:" with the value "0 1 0 -1". The fourth row is "Weight for Contrast 2:" with the value "2". The "Weight for Contrast 2:" field is highlighted with a blue border. At the bottom of the dialog are two buttons: "Cancel" on the left and "OK" on the right.

Vector for Contrast 1:	1 0 -1 0
Weight for Contrast 1:	1
Vector for Contrast 2:	0 1 0 -1
Weight for Contrast 2:	2

Cancel OK

# Lab Preview

**Create several design matrices, calculate VIF**

**We will provide the code for this**

# Lab Preview

## Exploring the SPM.mat file

### details on experiment:

SPM.xY.RT - TR length (RT ="repeat time")

SPM.xY.P - matrix of file names

SPM.xY.VY - # of runs x 1 struct array of mapped image volumes (.img file info)

SPM.modality - the data you're using (PET, FMRI, EEG)

SPM.stats.[modality].UFp - critical F-threshold for selecting voxels over which the non-sphericity is estimated (if required) [default: 0.001]

SPM. stats.maxres - maximum number of residual images for smoothness estimation

SPM. stats.maxmem - maximum amount of data processed at a time (in bytes)

SPM.SPMid - version of SPM used

SPM.swd - directory for SPM.mat and img files. default is pwd

### basis function:

SPM.xBF.name - name of basis function

SPM.xBF.length - length in seconds of basis

SPM.xBF.order - order of basis set

SPM.xBF.T - number of subdivisions of TR

SPM.xBF.T0 - first time bin (see slice timing)

SPM.xBF.UNITS - options: 'scans'!'secs' for onsets

SPM.xBF.Volterra - order of convolution

SPM.xBF.dt - length of time bin in seconds

SPM.xBF.bf - basis set matrix