

# Single-Session Analysis

Voxel-wise single-subject analysis





# FMRI Modelling and Statistics

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- T and F Contrasts
- Null hypothesis testing
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## Two different views of the data



A "smallish" number of volumes A large number of time series



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#### An FMRI adaptation of a classical PET experiment

• Three types of events

Verb is presented

Walk

Screen

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- 2nd type:Word Shadowing





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- For 24 events of each type







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What is our predicted response to the word generation events?



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Well, hardly like this...



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That looks better!



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What is our predicted response to the word generation events?



And this is the prediction for the whole time-series



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So, if we spot a time-series like this



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What is our predicted response to the word generation events?



And then check it against our prediction we can conclude that this pixel is into word generation



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And we can do the same for the word shadowing events?



This time we used the onset times for the shadowing events to get the predicted brain response for those



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And we can look for voxels that match that



## Formalising it: Multiple regression























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### One model to fit them all









## Summary of what we learned so far

- The "Model" consists of a set of "regressors" i.e. tentative time series that we expect to see as a response to our stimulus
- The model typically consists of our stimulus functions convolved by the HRF
- The estimation entails finding the parameter values such that the linear combination of regressors "best" fits the data
- Every voxel has its own unique parameter values, that is how a single model can fit so many different time series
- We can also get an estimate of the error through the "residuals"



# General Linear Model (GLM)

• This is placed into the General Linear Model (GLM) framework





# "Demeaning" and the GLM

- The mean value is uninteresting in an FMRI session
- There are two equivalent options:
  - I.remove the mean from the data and don't model it
  - 2.put a term into the model to account for the mean

In FSL we use option #1 for first-level analyses and #2 for higher-level analyses

A consequence is that the baseline condition in firstlevel analysis is **NOT** explicitly modelled (in FSL)

option #I



option #2





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• A contrast of parameter estimates (COPE) is a linear combination of PEs:

$$[I \ 0]: \ COPE = I \times \widehat{\beta}_1 + \ 0 \times \widehat{\beta}_2 \qquad = \qquad \widehat{\beta}_1$$
$$[I \ -I]: \ COPE = I \times \widehat{\beta}_1 + \ -I \times \widehat{\beta}_2 \qquad = \qquad \widehat{\beta}_1 - \widehat{\beta}_2$$

• Test null hypothesis that COPE=0

**t-statistic:** 
$$t = \frac{COPE}{std(COPE)}$$









The Model & the Contrast

and the Residual Error





- [1 0] : EVI only (i.e. Generation vs rest)
- [0 1] : EV2 only (i.e. Shadowing vs rest)



t-contrasts



Mode

Contrast weight vector:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ 

Asks the question: Where do we need this regressor to model the data, i.e. what parts of the brain are used when seeing nouns and generating related verbs?



Mode

### Contrast weight vector: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ COPE = $1 \times 1.04 + 0 \times -0.10 = 1.04$









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- [I I] : EVI + EV2 (Mean activation)



Mode

### Contrast weight vector: $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ COPE = $1 \times 1.10 + 1 \times 1.02 = 2.12$











- [1 0] : EVI only (i.e. Generation vs rest)
- [0 1] : EV2 only (i.e. Shadowing vs rest)
- [I I]: EVI + EV2 (Mean activation)
- [-1 1]: EV2 EV1 (More activated by Shadowing than Generation)
- [1 -1]: EV1 EV2 (More activated by Generation than Shadowing (*t*-tests are directional))



Mode

Contrast weight vector: [1 -1]COPE =  $1 \times 1.04 - 1 \times -0.10 = 1.14$ 













We have two conditions: Word Generation and Shadowing

We want to know:

Is there an activation to any condition?



# First we ask: is there activation to Generation? $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$



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Contrasts 2 🚔 F-tests 1 🚔			
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Is equivalent to:

Does any regressor explain the variance in the data?



Then we add the OR

















- Two conditions: A,B
- Is any condition significant?

- Set of COPEs form an F-contrast

- Or: "Is there a significant amount of power in the data explained by the combination of the COPEs in the F-contrast?"

- F-contrast is F-distributed





# Summary

- The GLM is used to summarise data in a few parameters that are pertinent to the experiment.
- GLM predicts how BOLD activity might change as a result of the experiment.
- We can test for significant effects by using t or f contrasts on the GLM parameters

#### That's all folks

