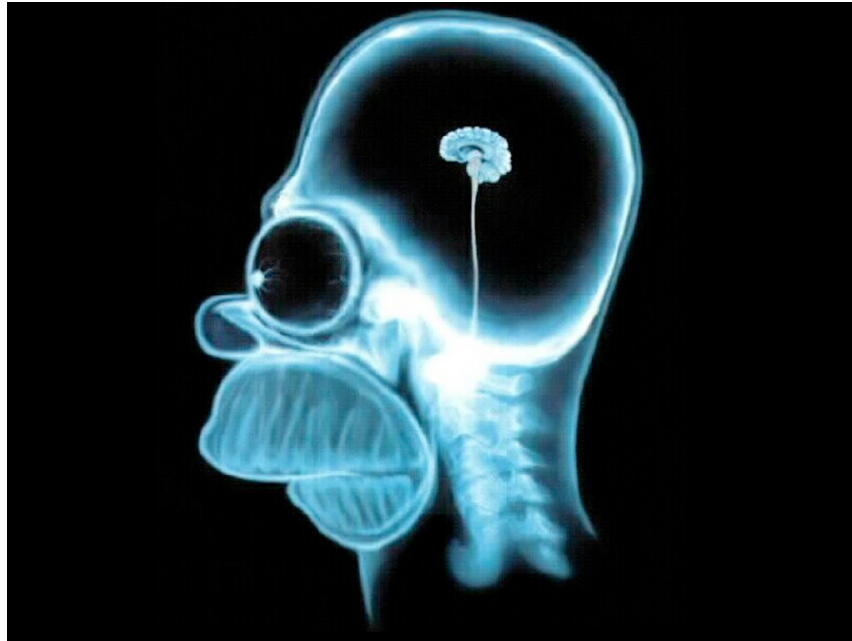


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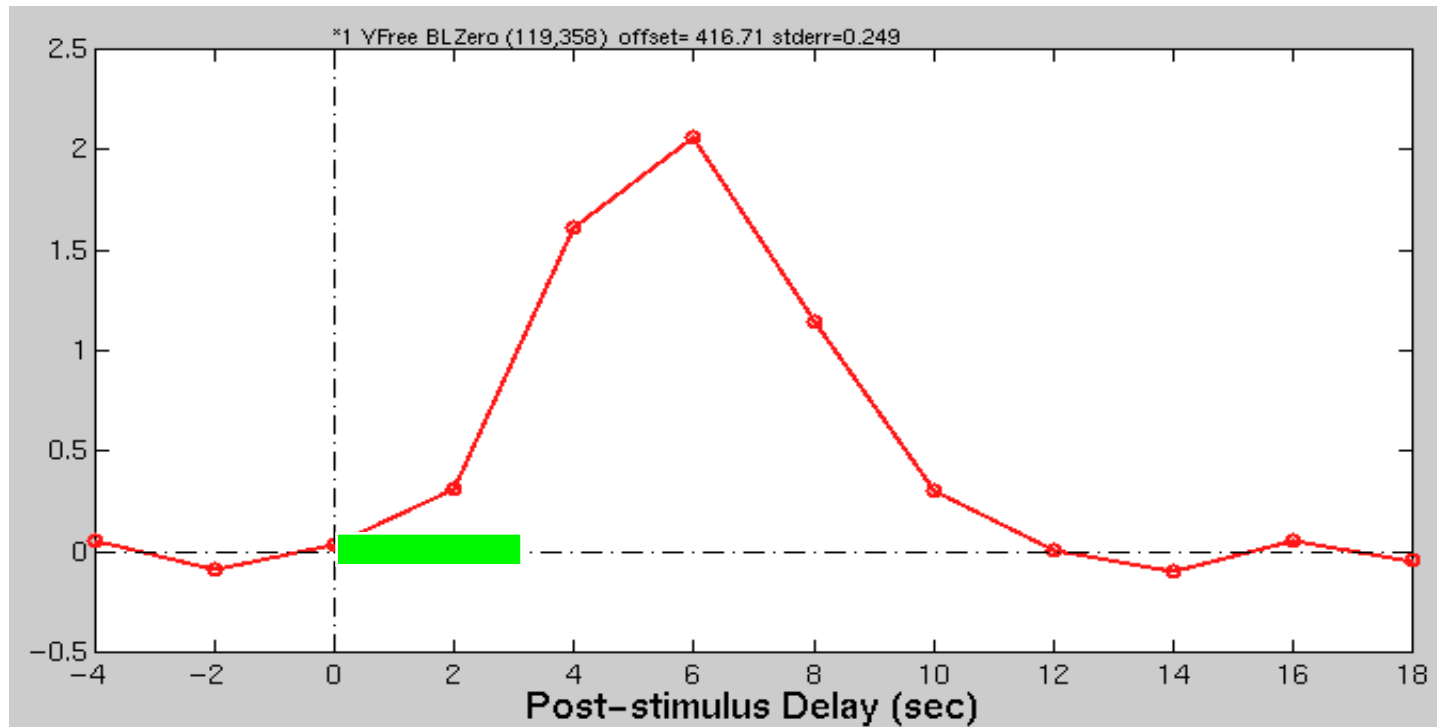
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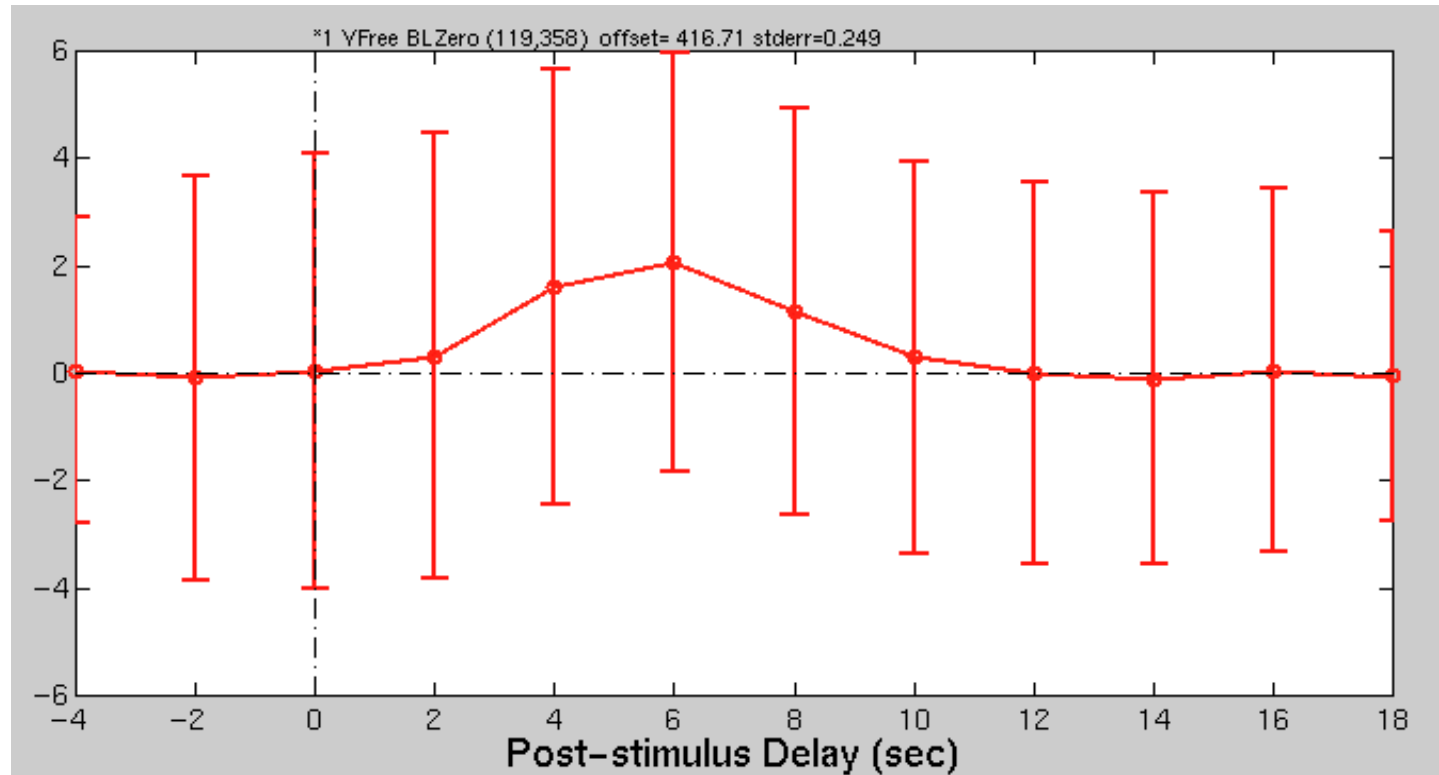
Fact of (fMRI) Life #1: Dispersion



- How closely can trials/events be spaced?

Design

Fact of (fMRI) Life #2: Noise

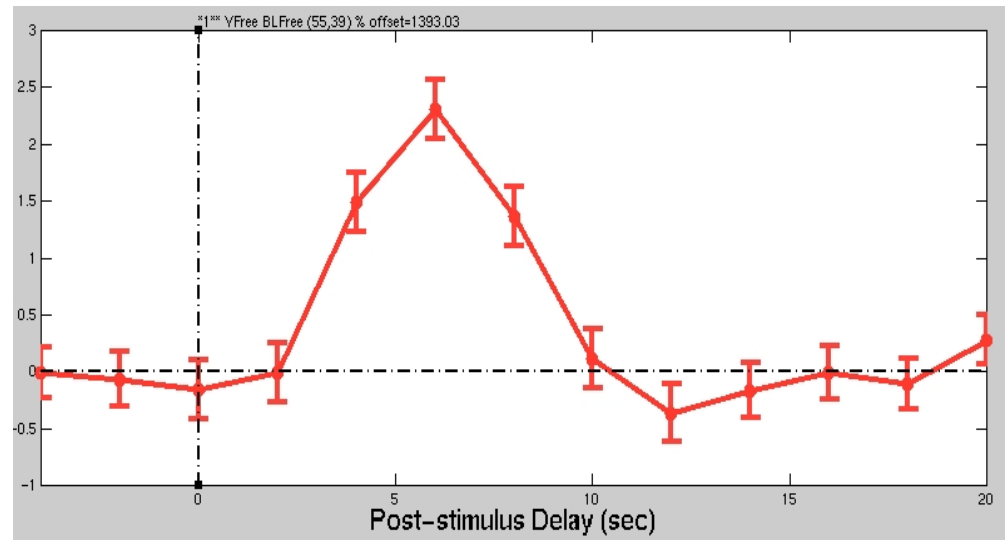


- How much data needs to be collected?

Design

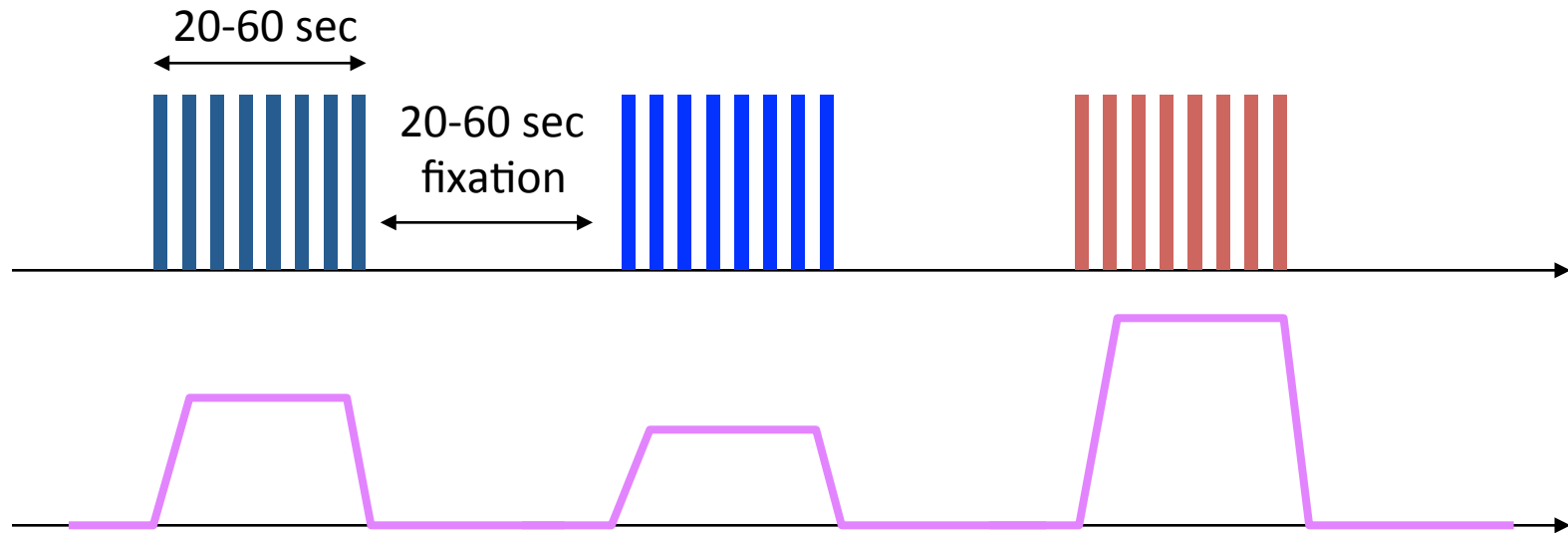
Fact of (fMRI) Life #3: Time

- Collect lots of observations to reduce noise
- Time is Money
- Subjects won't work forever



Design

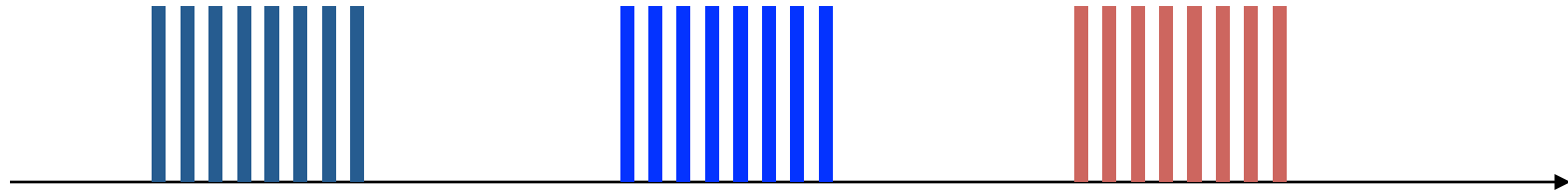
Blocked Design



- Consecutive, rapid presentation for long duration.
- Use overlap to build a larger signal.
- Simple analysis.
- Optimal for detection.

Design

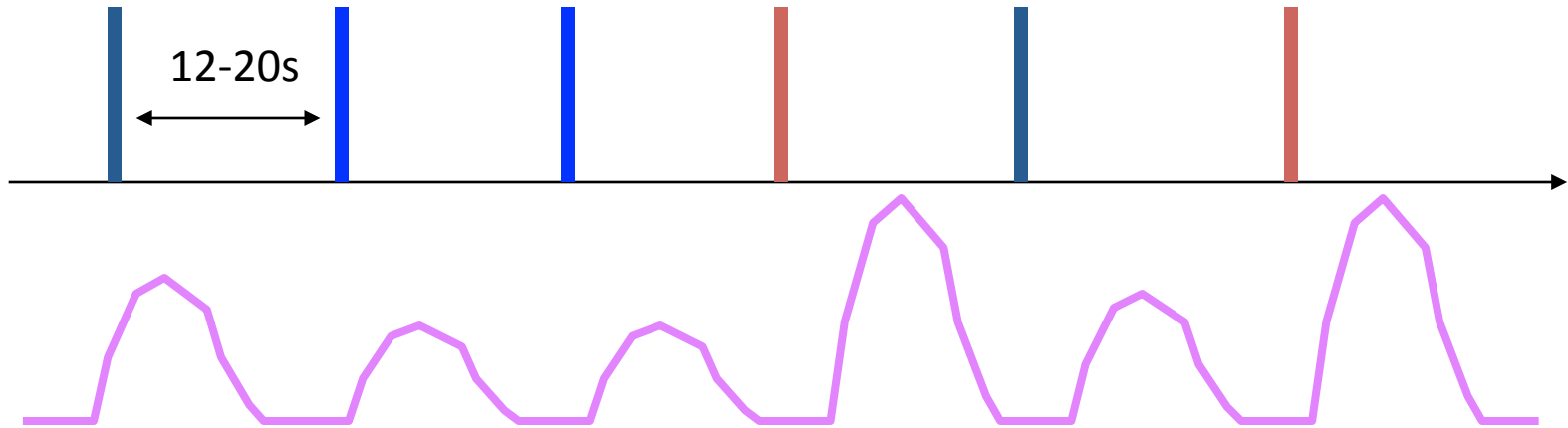
Blocked Design Drawbacks



- Lose ability to distinguish individual responses
- Confounding psychological and physiological effects
 - Habituation/Adaptation
 - Expectation
 - Set (Strategy)

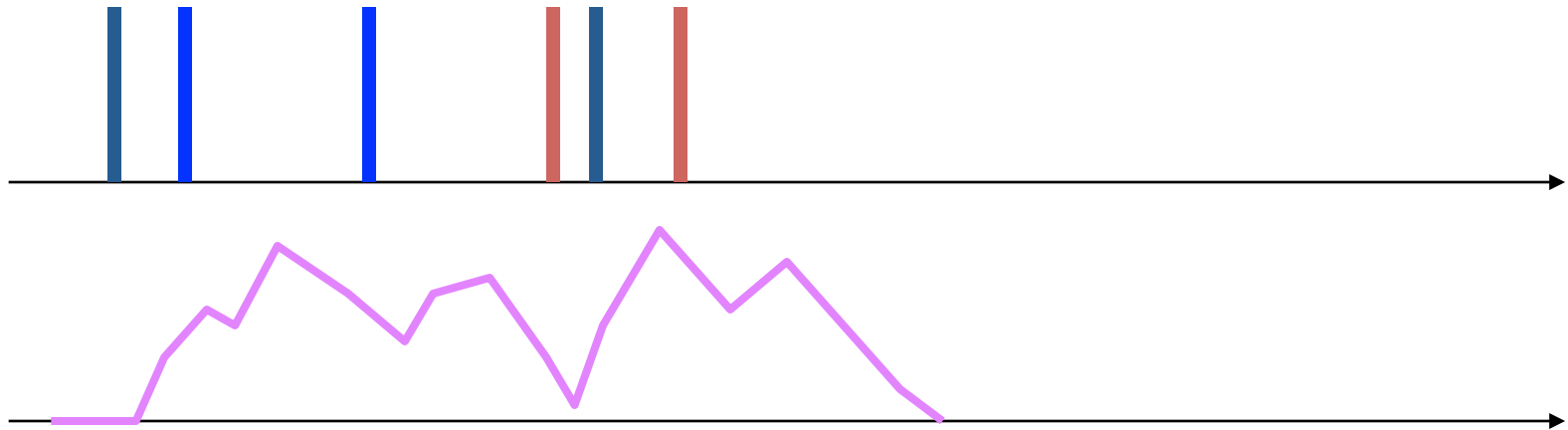
Design

Fixed-Interval Event-Related



- Push trials apart enough to prevent overlap.
- Interval fixed at minimum is most efficient.
- Random Sequence (Counter-balanced)
- Allows Post-Hoc Stimulus Definition
- Inflexible/Inefficient/Boring
- Good if limited by number of stimuli (not scanning time)

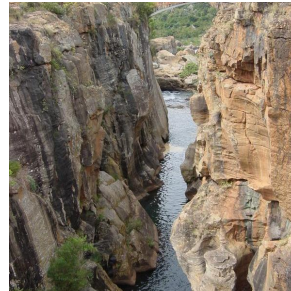
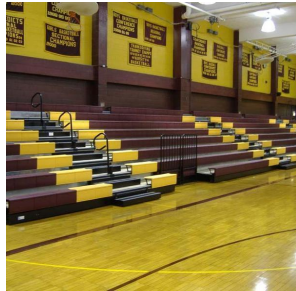
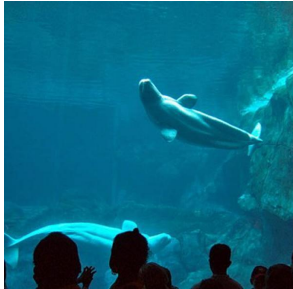
Rapid-Presentation Event-Related



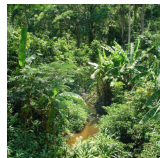
- Closely Spaced Trials (Overlap!)
- Raw signal uninterpretable
- More Stimulus Presentations for given scanning interval
- Random Sequence
- Jitter = “Random” Inter-Stimulus Interval (ISI/SOA)

Design

What's the question?



fMRI: pattern of activity for each exemplar



1s

+

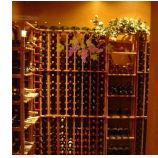
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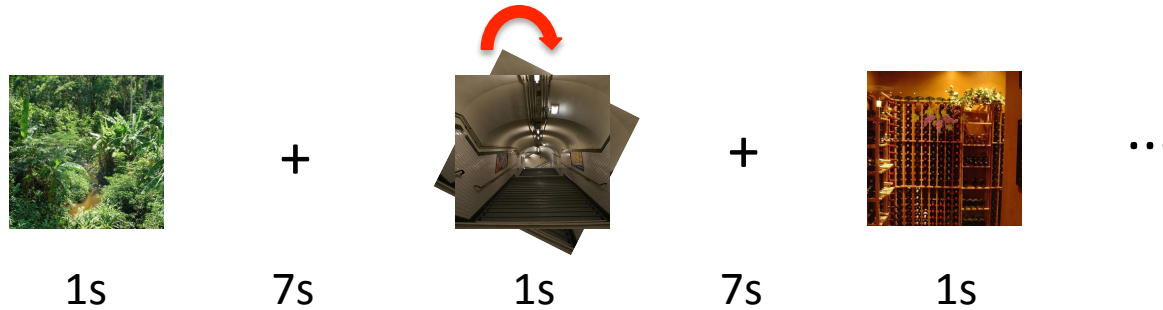
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Design



100 Stimuli = ~ 14 min

Time:

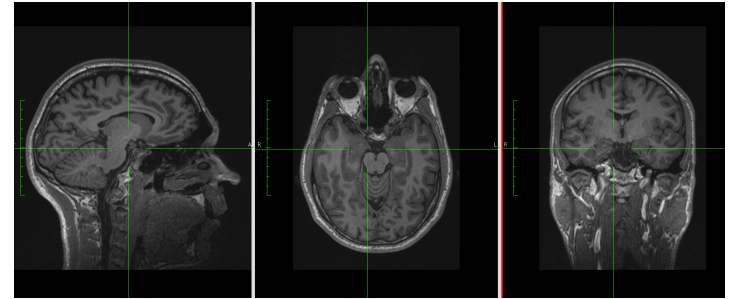
- Participant needs to stay still
- Participant needs to stay awake

2 Sessions – 6 total repetitions

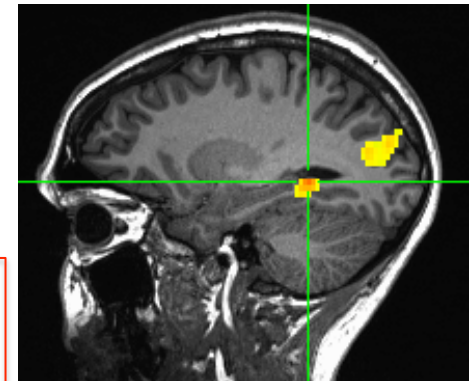
Design

Other Scans During Experiment

Hi Resolution Anatomical



Functional Localizer (vs. whole brain)



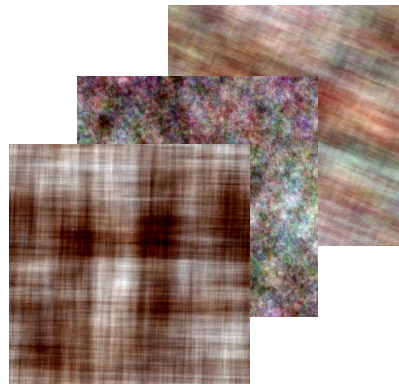
Scenes



Objects



Scrambled



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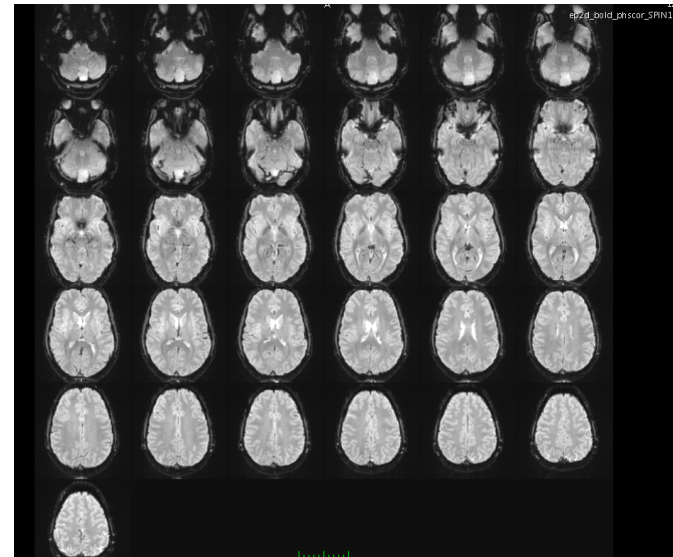
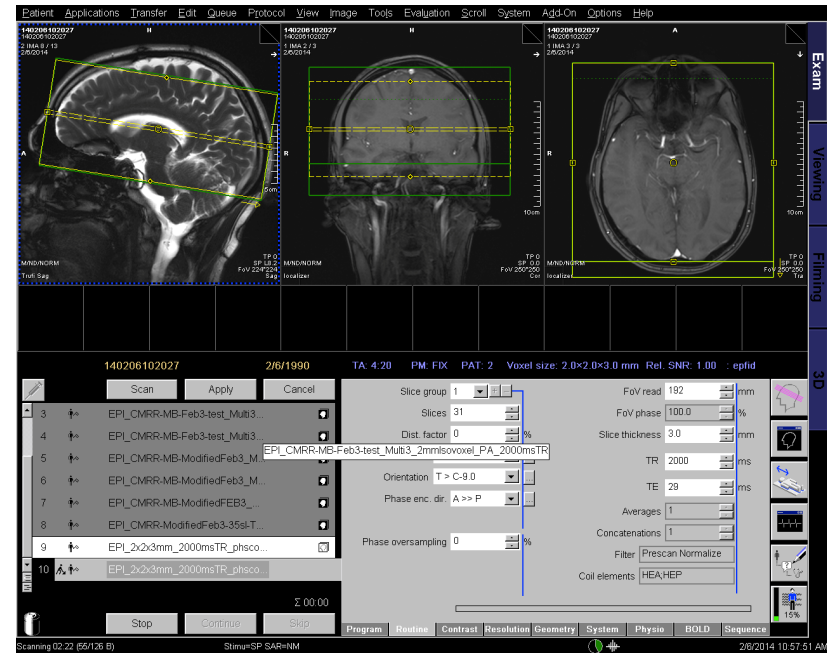
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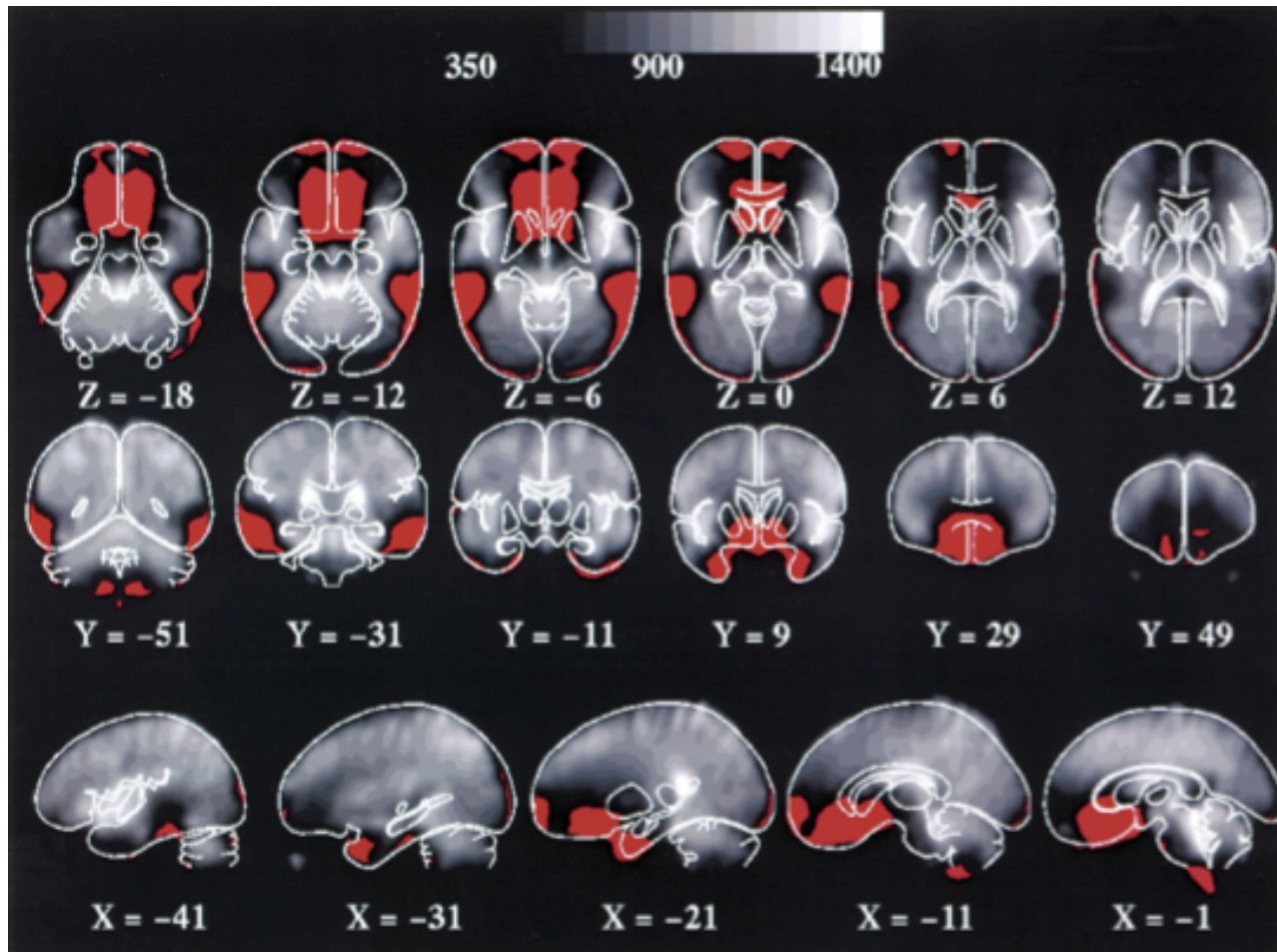
Collect Data

Acquisition Parameters

- # of slices
- Slice angle
- Slice thickness
- Voxel size
- TR (time of repetition)
- TE (time to echo)
- Field of view (FOV)
- Flip Angle
- Slice Acquisition Order
- Phase encoding
- Bandwidth
- Grappa/IPAT
- Diff in magnets/head coils



Susceptibility Artifacts



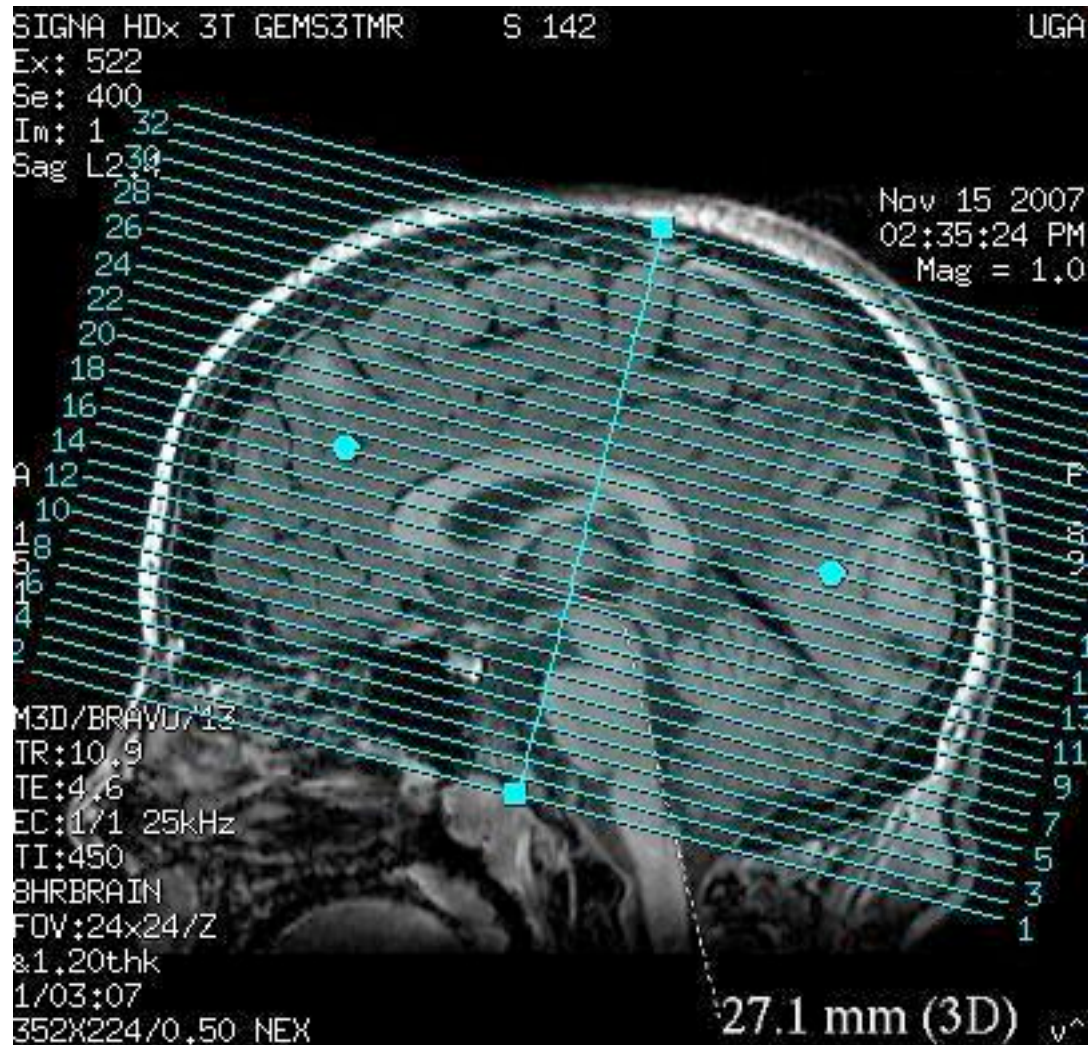
Ojemann, NeuroImage 1997

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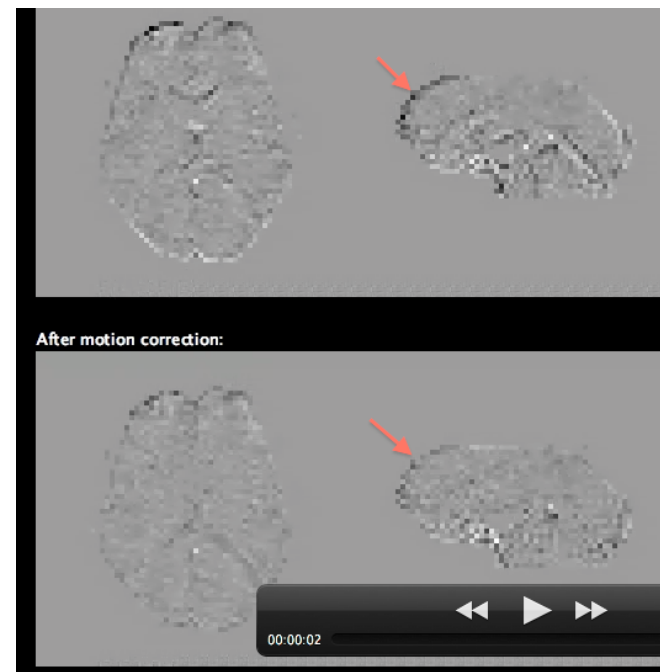
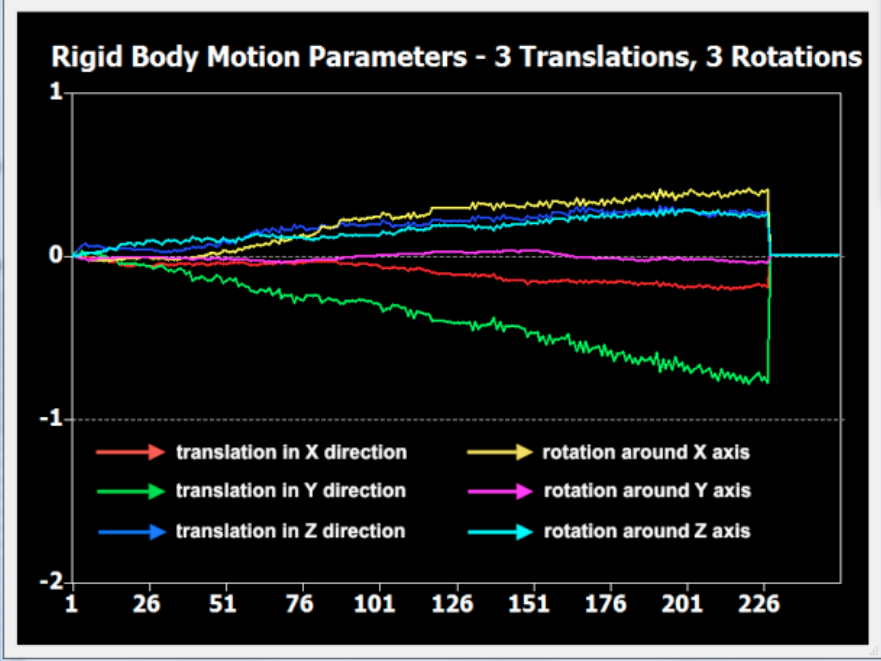
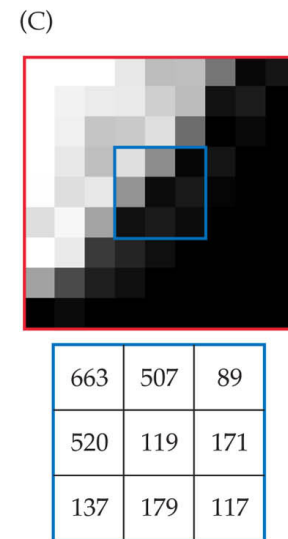
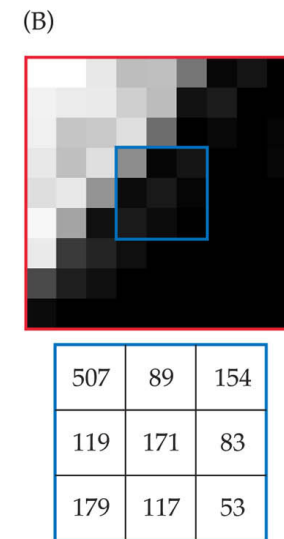
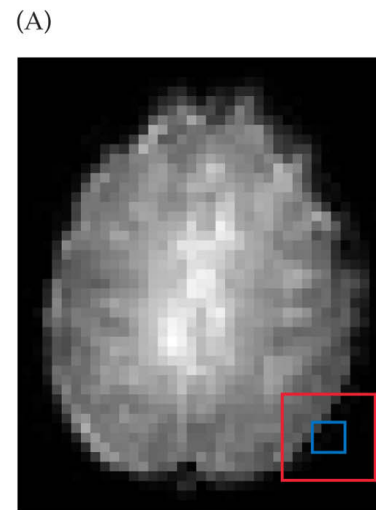
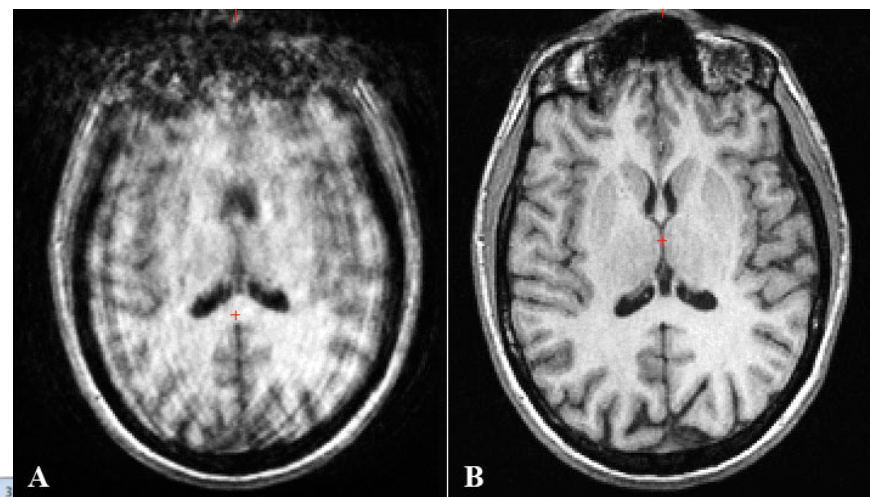
Preprocessing

Slice-Timing Correction



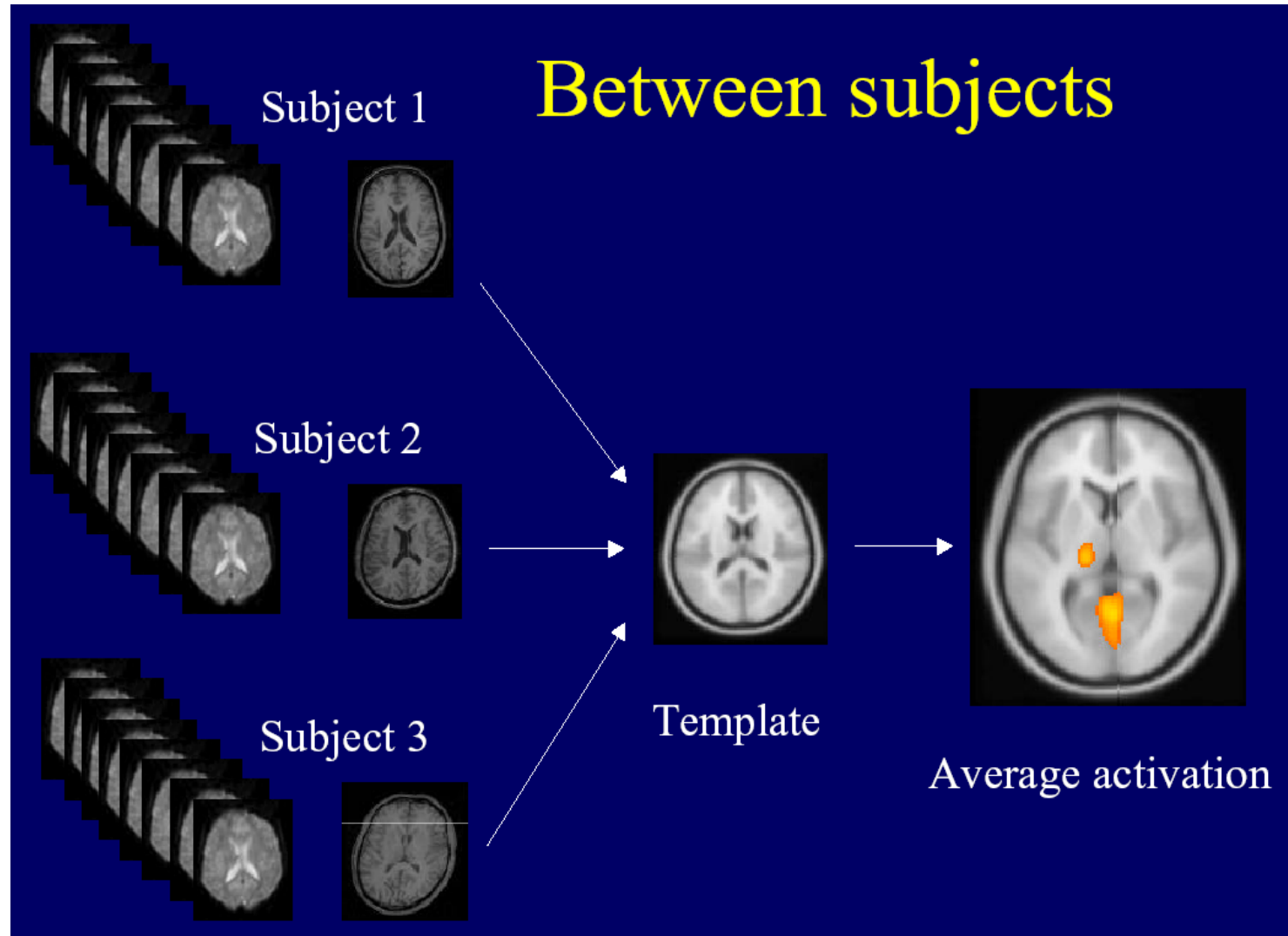
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Motion Correction



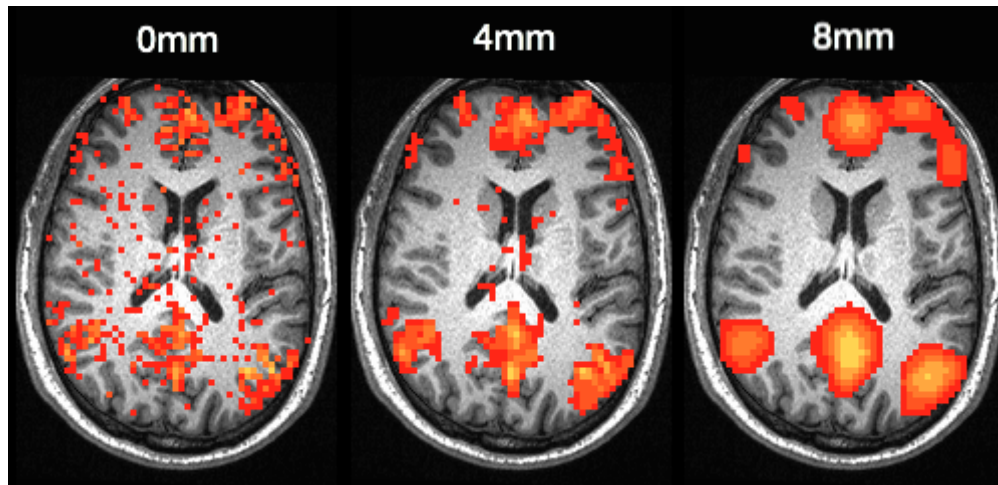
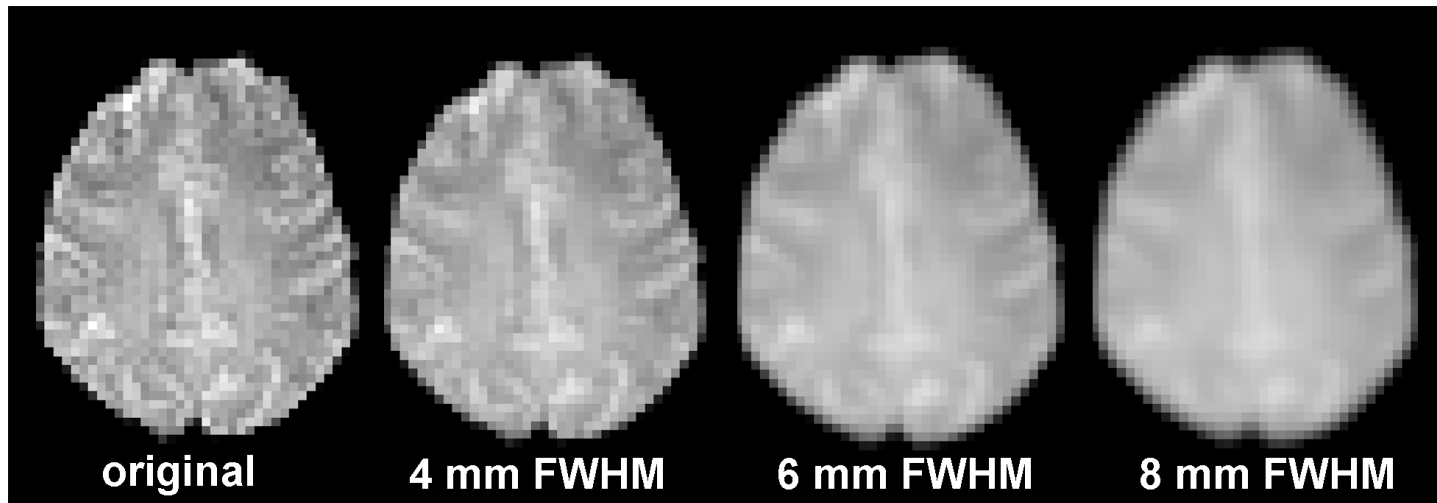
Preprocessing

Normalization (only when averaging)



Preprocessing

Spatial Smoothing

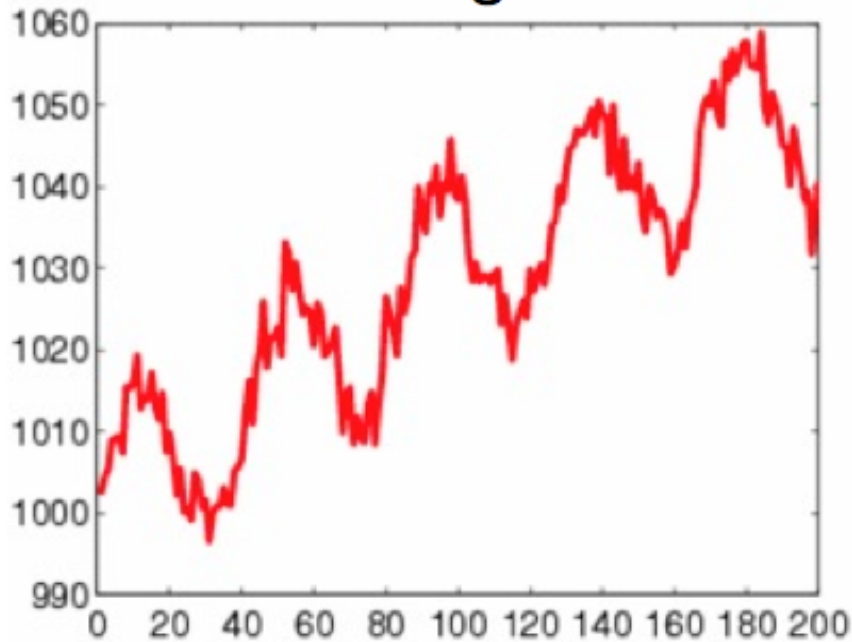


- + average activity within a large region
- + removing noise
- + averaging
- - subtle effects
- - pattern of activity

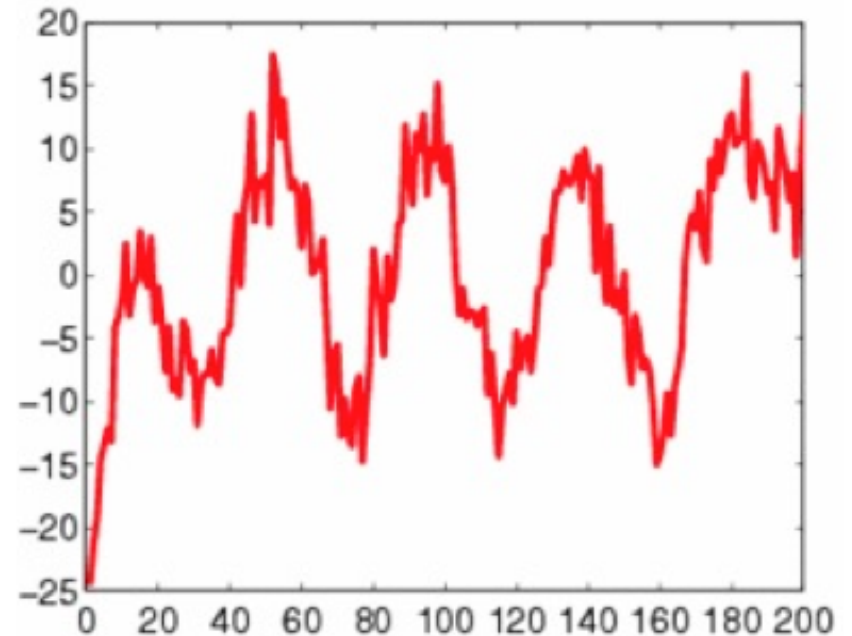
Preprocessing

Temporal Filtering

Raw Signal



Highpass Filtered

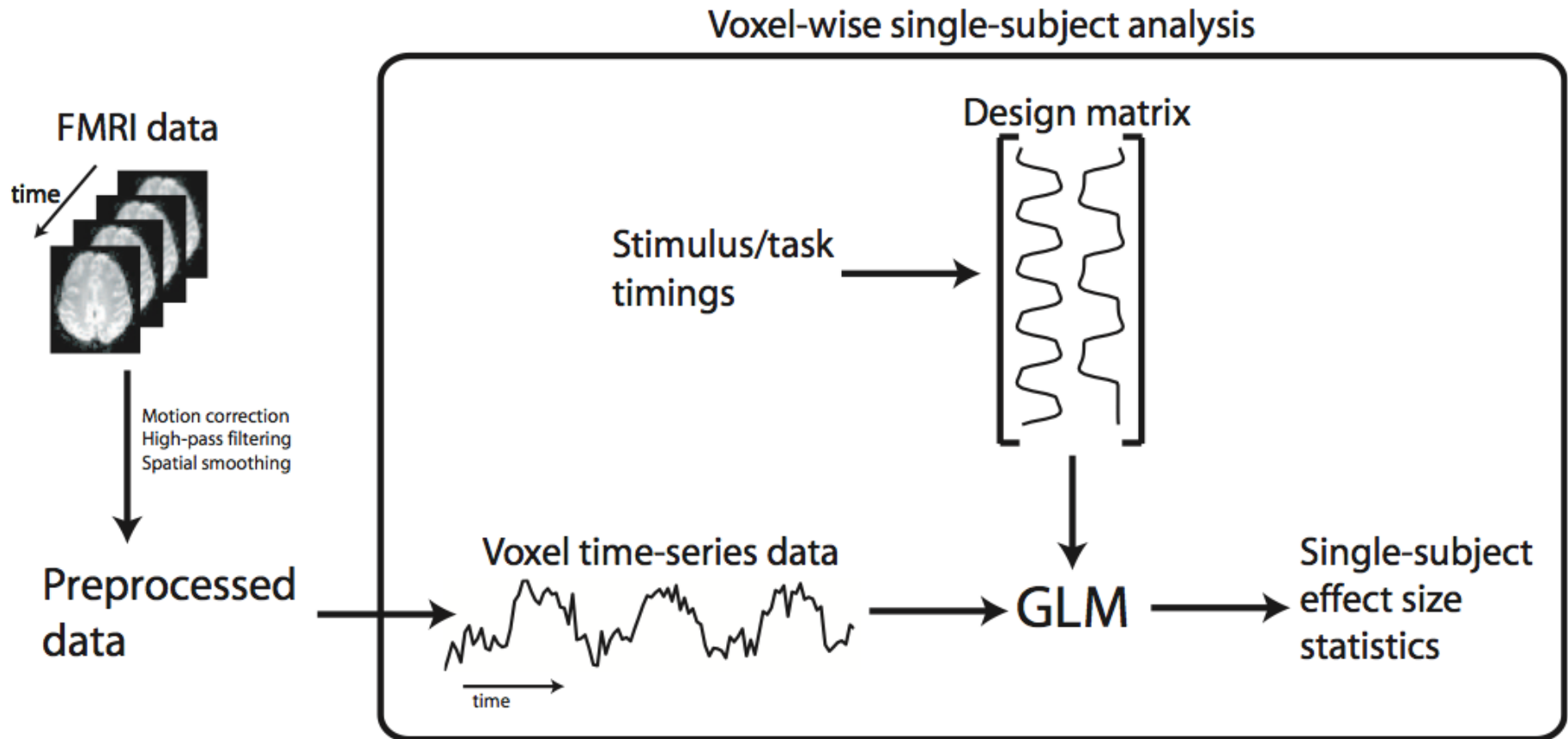


Removes low frequency signals – including linear drift

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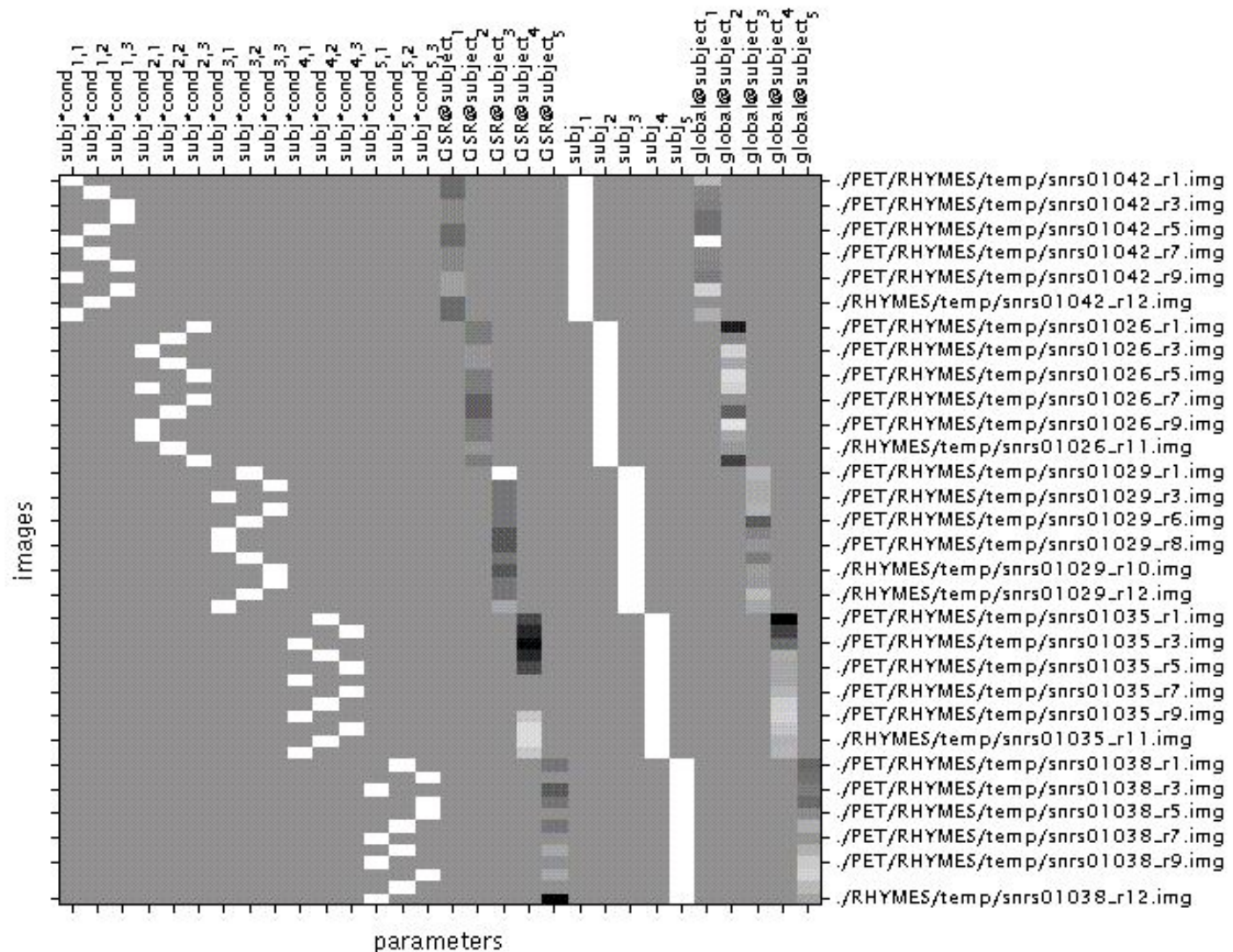
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Individual data analysis



Individual data analysis

Statistical analysis: Design



Individual data analysis

General Linear Model (GLM)

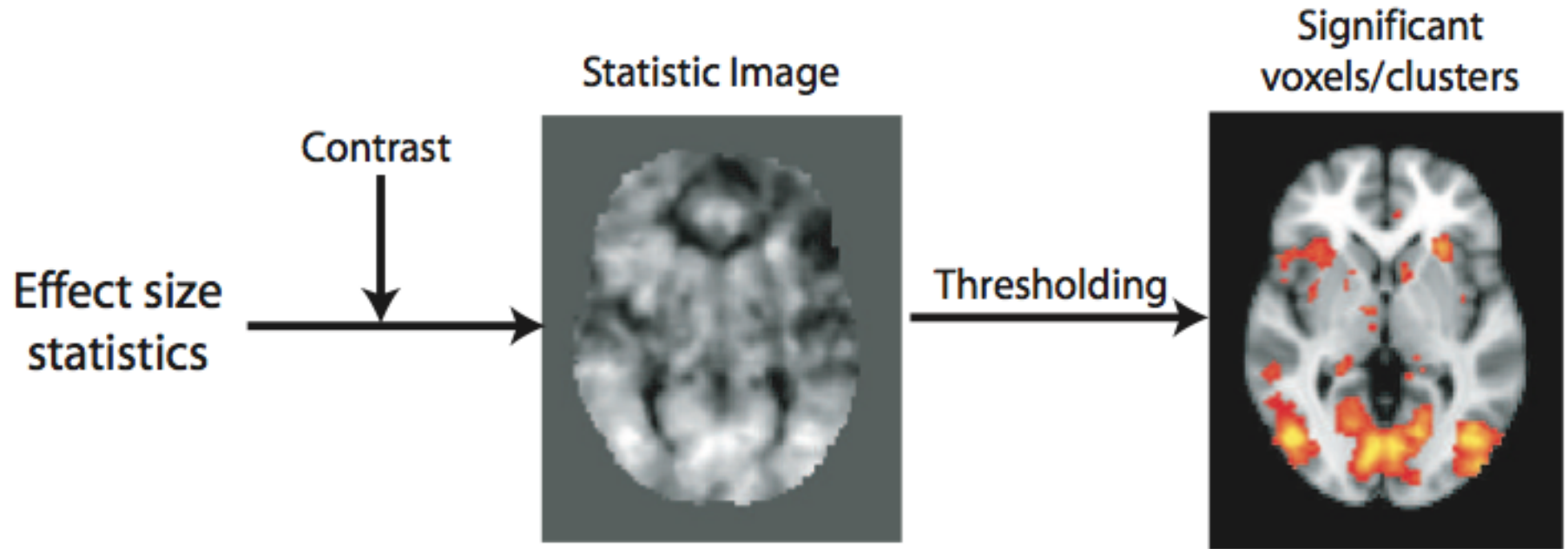
This is placed into the General Linear Model (GLM) framework

The diagram illustrates the General Linear Model (GLM) equation with the following components and labels:

- Regressors, Explanatory Variable (EV):** Points to the columns x_1 and x_2 of the Design Matrix X .
- Regression parameters, Effect sizes:** Points to the vector β containing β_1 and β_2 .
- Data from a voxel:** Points to the vector y .
- Design Matrix:** Points to the matrix X .
- Gaussian noise (temporal autocorrelation):** Points to the vector e .

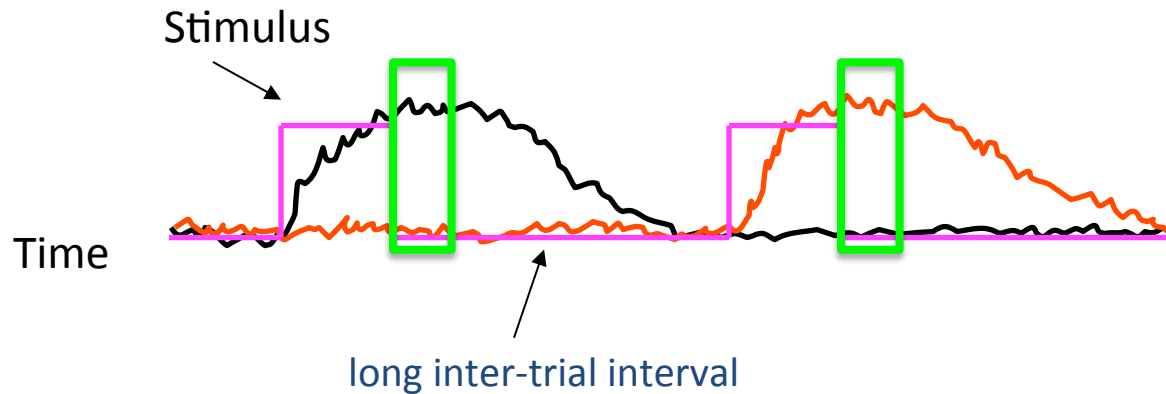
$$y = X\beta + e$$

Individual data analysis



Individual data analysis

NEIL Data does not use a GLM



100 Scenes presented 6 times

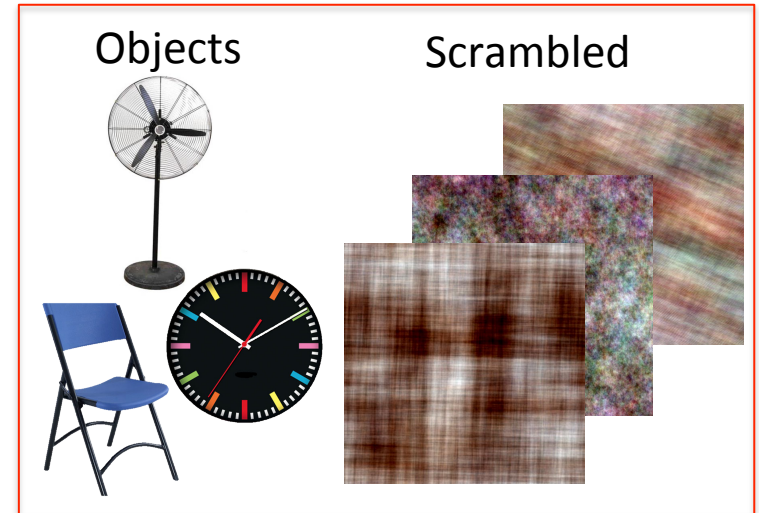
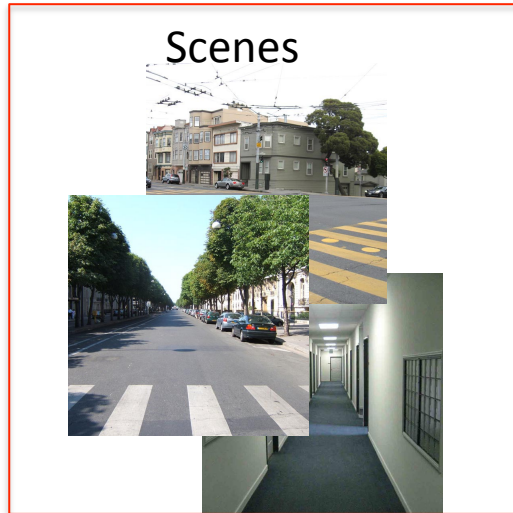
- Apply scene onsets for all data
- Extract data from peak time points
- Average across trials/sessions

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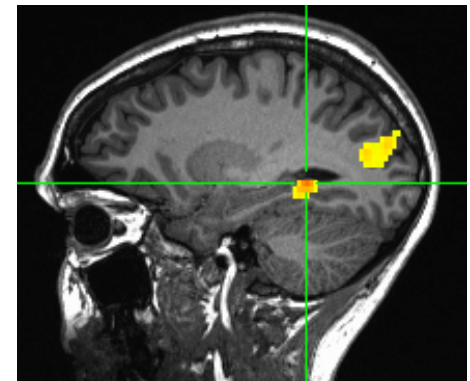
Individual data analysis

Functional Localizer

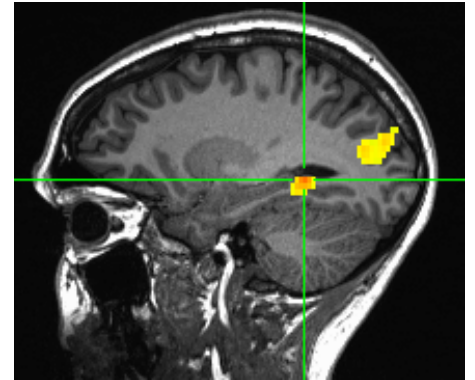
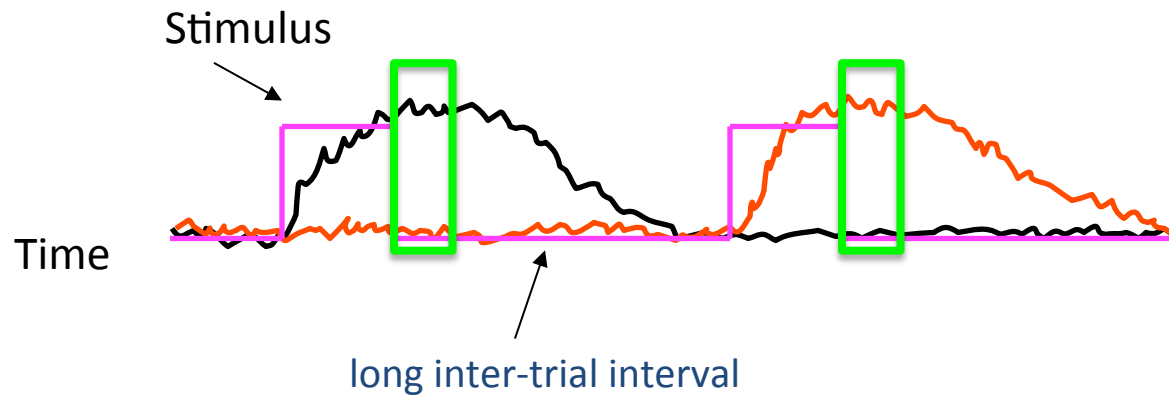


GLM for this data (block design)

- Canonical HRF
- Parameter estimates for each condition
- T contrast
- Define regions of interest (ROI)



Individual data analysis



DATA!

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6. More stats on data