



aa: magic explained (MRI)

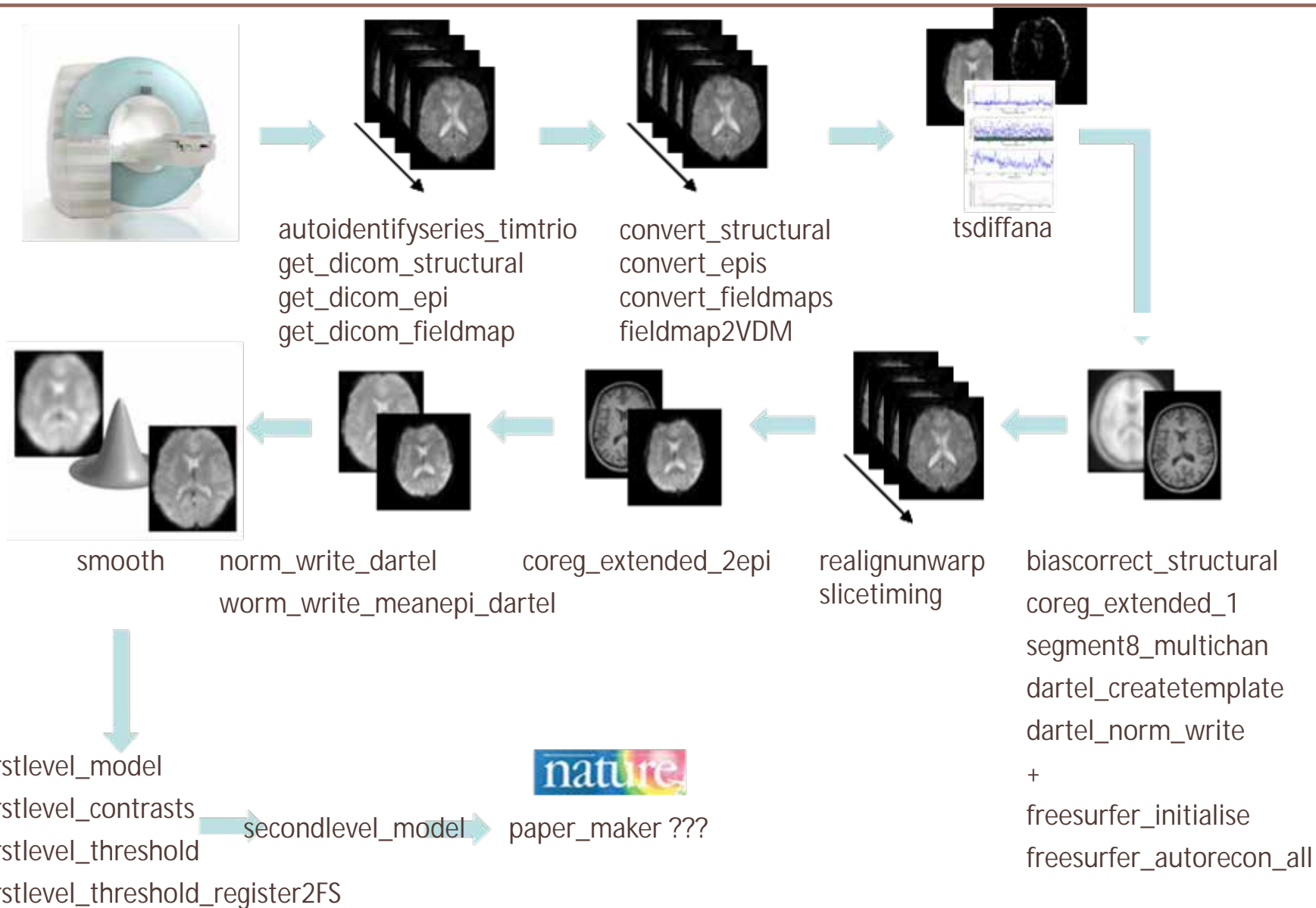
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Recap

aa-natomy



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Modules

- Header¹ – Data encapsulation
 - Defines inputs and outputs (streams)
 - Defines domain (i.e. once per study/subject/session/scan)
 - Set parameter defaults²
 - Ensures independence → Parallel processing on cluster or cloud
- Body¹ – Code encapsulation
 - Low overhead, Expandable



aamod_realignunwarp.xml



aamod_realignunwarp.m

Recap

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Data streams¹

- Modules explicitly define their inputs and outputs.

e.g. (fragment from aamod_realignunwarp.xml)

```
<inputstreams>
```

```
  <stream>epi</stream>
```

à Takes a set of EPI volumes

```
  <stream>fieldmap</stream>
```

à and a fieldmap;

```
</inputstreams>
```

```
<outputstreams>
```

```
  <stream>realignment_parameter</stream>
```

à produces realignment parameters,

```
  <stream>epi</stream>
```

à another set of EPI volumes

```
  <stream>meanepi</stream>
```

à and a mean EPI volume

```
</outputstreams>
```

- Provenance (flow of data) à parallel computing, report generating
- Easy reordering of the modules without worrying for prefixes



diary.txt



aap_cmap.jpg

What you need

Tasklist

- Pipelines describing a series of modules to be executed



fmri_takslist.xml

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<aap>
  <tasklist>
    <initialisation>
      <module><name>aamod_checkparameters</name></module>
      <module><name>aamod_evaluatesubjectnames</name></module>
      <module><name>aamod_study_init</name></module>
      <module><name>aamod_newsubj_init</name></module>
    </initialisation>
    <main>
      <!-- Data -->
      <module><name>aamod_autoidentifyseries_timtrio</name></module>
      <module><name>aamod_get_dicom_structural</name></module>
      <module><name>aamod_get_dicom_epi</name></module>
      <module><name>aamod_get_dicom_fieldmap</name></module>
      <module><name>aamod_convert_structural</name></module>
      <module><name>aamod_convert_epis</name></module>
      <module><name>aamod_convert_fieldmaps</name></module>
      ...
    </main>
  </tasklist>
</aap>
```

What you need

Tasklist

- Pipelines describing a series of modules to be executed

```
<main>
```

```
...
```

```
<!-- Structural -->
```

```
<module><name>aamod_biascorrect_structural</name></module>
```

```
<module><name>aamod_coreg_extended_1</name></module>
```

```
<module><name>aamod_freesurfer_initialise</name></module>
```

```
<module><name>aamod_freesurfer_autorecon_all</name></module>
```

```
<module><name>aamod_segment8_multichan</name></module>
```

```
<module><name>aamod_structuralstats</name></module>
```

```
<module><name>aamod_dartel_createtemplate</name></module>
```

```
<module><name>aamod_dartel_normmni</name></module>
```

```
<module><name>aamod_normalisebytotalgrey</name></module>
```

```
<module><name>aamod_roi_extract</name></module>
```

```
<module><name>aamod_roi_valid_structural</name></module>
```

```
<module><name>aamod_dartel_norm_write</name></module>
```

```
...
```

```
</main>
```

What you need

Tasklist

- Pipelines describing a series of modules to be executed

```
<main>
...
<!-- Functional -->
<module><name>aamod_fieldmap2VDM</name></module>
<module><name>aamod_tsdiffana</name></module>
<module><name>aamod_realignunwarp</name></module>
<module><name>aamod_slicetiming</name></module>
<module><name>aamod_tsdiffana</name></module>
<module><name>aamod_coreg_extended_2epi</name></module>
<module><name>aamod_norm_write_dartel</name></module>
<module><name>aamod_norm_write_meanepi_dartel</name></module>
<module><name>aamod_tsdiffana</name></module>
<module><name>aamod_smooth</name></module>
<module><name>aamod_tsdiffana</name></module>

<!-- Modelling -->
<module><name>aamod_firstlevel_model</name></module>
<module><name>aamod_firstlevel_contrasts</name></module>
<module><name>aamod_firstlevel_threshold</name></module>
<module><name>aamod_firstlevel_threshold_register2FS</name></module>

<module><name>aamod_secondlevel_model</name></module>

<module><name>aamod_rois_dartel_denormepi</name></module>
</main>
```

What you need

User Master Script (UMS)

- **Specifies and runs the analysis**
 - Initialise: setup aa
 - Loads in: default parameters and the tasklist
 - Customises: parameters and tasks
 - Specifies: data and model
 - **Runs and cleans up: the main (p)art**
 - Generates: report

What you need

User Master Script (UMS)

- **Specifies and runs the analysis**
 - Initialise: setup aa

```
% Automatic analysis
% User master script example (aa version 5.*.*) - c.a. 2.5h
%
% Tibor Auer, MRC-CBSU
% 01-02-2016

clear

aa_ver5
```

What you need

User Master Script (UMS)

- **Specifies and runs the analysis**
 - Loads in: default parameters and the tasklist

```
%% DEFINE SPECIFIC PARAMETERS
```

```
% Default recipe with model
```

```
aap = aarecipe('aap_parameters_defaults_CBSU.xml', '/imaging/xy01/Workshop/Material/4_aa/fmri_takslist.xml');
```

```
aap = aas_configforSPM12(aap);
```

What you need

User Master Script (UMS)

- **Specifies and runs the analysis**
 - Customises: parameters and tasks

```
% Modify standard recipe module selection here if you'd like
aap.options.wheretoprocess = 'qsub'; % queuing system           % OPTIONS: 'localsingle' | 'qsub' for aa engine, typical value 'qsub'
aap.options.email = 'xy01@mrc-cbu.cam.ac.uk';
aap.options.autoidentifyfieldmaps = 1;
aap.tasksettings.aamod_roi_extract_structural.ROIfile = '/imaging/camcan/templates/Juelich-maxprob-thr25-2mm.nii';
aap.tasksettings.aamod_realignunwarp.mfp.run = 1;               % Motion FingerPrint, typical value 0
% Set slice order for slice timing correction
aap.tasksettings.aamod_slicetiming.autodetectSO = 1;
aap.tasksettings.aamod_slicetiming.refslice = 16;              % reference slice (first acquired)
aap.tasksettings.aamod_smooth.FWHM = 5;                       % smoothing kernel size, typical value 10
aap.tasksettings.aamod_roi_extract_epi.ROIfile = '/imaging/camcan/templates/Juelich-maxprob-thr25-2mm.nii';
aap.tasksettings.aamod_firstlevel_model.xBF.name = 'hrf (with time and dispersion derivatives)';
aap.tasksettings.aamod_firstlevel_model.xBF.UNITS = 'secs';    % OPTIONS: 'scans' | 'secs' for onsets and durations, typical value 'secs'
aap.tasksettings.aamod_firstlevel_model.includemovementpars = 1; % Include/exclude Moco params in/from DM, typical value 1
aap.tasksettings.aamod_firstlevel_threshold.threshold.correction = 'FWE';
aap.tasksettings.aamod_firstlevel_threshold.threshold.p = 0.05;
aap.tasksettings.aamod_secondlevel_threshold.threshold.correction = 'none';
aap.tasksettings.aamod_secondlevel_threshold.threshold.p = 0.1;
aap.tasksettings.aamod_secondlevel_threshold.threshold.extent = 1000;
```

What you need

User Master Script (UMS)

- **Specifies and runs the analysis**

- Specifies: data

```
% Directory for analysed data
```

```
aap.acq_details.root = '/imaging/xy01/Workshop';  
aap.directory_conventions.analysisid = 'aa_fMRI1';  
aap.directory_conventions.subject_directory_format = 3;
```

```
% Add data
```

```
aap = aas_addsession(aap,'Loc');  
aap = aas_addsubject(aap,'S1',90973,'structural',2,'functional',{7});  
aap = aas_addsubject(aap,'S2',90979,'structural',2,'functional',{7});
```

```
aap = aas_addinitialstream(aap,'rois',{...  
    '/imaging/xy01/Workshop/Material/4_aa/SMC_L.nii',...  
    '/imaging/xy01/Workshop/Material/4_aa/SMC_R.nii',...  
    '/imaging/xy01/Workshop/Material/4_aa/SSC_L.nii',...  
    '/imaging/xy01/Workshop/Material/4_aa/SSC_R.nii' ...  
});
```

What you need

User Master Script (UMS)

- Specifies and runs the analysis

- Specifies: model

% Add model

% Obtain TR from the first session

h = dicominfo(mri_finddcm(aap, 90973,7));

TR = h.RepetitionTime/1000; % in seconds

% The "hard"(-coded) way

aap = aas_addevent(aap, 'aamod_firstlevel_model', 'S1', '*', ...

'REST', ... % name

[30.0560 100.1620 160.2800 200.3700 280.5340 340.6670]-aap.acq_details.numdummies*TR, ... % onsets

[10.0070 10.0230 10.0230 10.0220 10.0210 10.0230]); % durations

aap = aas_addevent(aap, 'aamod_firstlevel_model', 'S1', '*', ...

'RIGHTFINGER', ... % name

[70.0960 140.2360 170.3030 240.4600 320.6220 350.6890]-aap.acq_details.numdummies*TR, ... % onsets

[10.0220 10.0220 10.0220 10.0220 10.0230 10.0230]); % durations

aap = aas_addevent(aap, 'aamod_firstlevel_model', 'S2', '*', ...

'REST', ... % name

[30.0570 100.1310 160.1990 200.2380 270.3610 330.4300]-aap.acq_details.numdummies*TR, ... % onsets

[10.0070 10.0220 10.0060 10.0220 10.0070 10.0220]); % durations

aap = aas_addevent(aap, 'aamod_firstlevel_model', 'S2', '*', ...

'RIGHTFINGER', ... % name

[70.0970 140.1860 170.2050 240.3110 310.4020 340.4510]-aap.acq_details.numdummies*TR, ... % onsets

[10.0060 10.0070 10.0210 10.0220 10.0210 10.0220]); % durations

aap = aas_addcontrast(aap, 'aamod_firstlevel_contrasts', '*', 'singlesession:Loc', '+1xRIGHTFINGER|-1xREST', 'Loc_RightFinger-Rest', 'T');

What you need

User Master Script (UMS)

- **Specifies and runs the analysis**
 - Specifies: model (alternative way)
 - Prerequisite: condition files in “SPM format”¹
 - One per subject and per session²

```
for s = 1:numel(aap.acq_details.subjects)           % for each subject
    load(['/imaging/xy01/Workshop/Material/4_aa/condition_vol_' aas_getsubjname(aap,s) '-Loc.mat']);
    for ev = 1:numel(names)                         % for each EV
        aap = aas_addevent(aap,'aamod_firstlevel_model',aas_getsubjname(aap,s),'*',...
            names{ev},...                           % name
            onsets{ev}-aap.acq_details.numdummies*TR,... % onsets
            durations{ev});                          % durations
    end
end
```

What you need

User Master Script (UMS)

- **Specifies and runs the analysis**

- Specifies: data and model (alternative way – aa-specific)

- Prerequisite:

- “Input list”: CSV-file¹



- Condition files

- *'condition_vol_<subject name>-<session name>.mat'*
- “SPM format”

```
aap.acq_details.input.list = '/imaging/xy01/Workshop/Material/4_aa/Input.txt';  
aap.acq_details.input.selected_sessions = 1; % Only session "Loc"  
aap.acq_details.input.referencedirectory_tmpl = '/imaging/xy01/Workshop/Material/4_aa';  
aap = aas_processinput(aap);
```

What you need

User Master Script (UMS)

- **Specifies and runs the analysis**
 - Specifies: data and model (alternative way – standard)
 - Prerequisite: dataset in BIDS-format

```
aap.directory_conventions.rawdatadir = '/imaging/xy01/Workshop/Material/4_aa/BIDS';  
aap.acq_details.numdummies = 0;  
aap = aas_processBIDS(aap);
```


What you need

User Master Script (UMS)

- **Specifies and runs the analysis**
 - **Runs and cleans up: the main (p)art**

```
aa_doprocessing(aap);
```

What you need

User Master Script (UMS)

- **Specifies and runs the analysis**
 - Generates: report

```
aa_report(fullfile(aas_getstudypath(aap),aap.directory_conventions.analysisid));
```

Congratulations!

