

Functional Connectivity

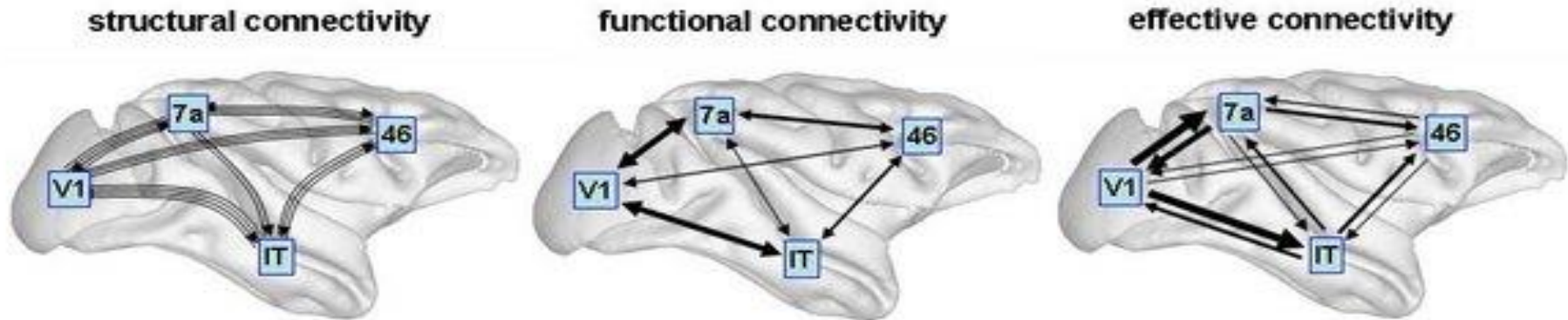
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Structural, functional & effective connectivity

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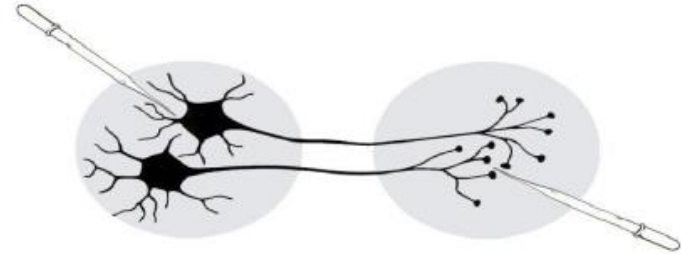
- **Structural/anatomical connectivity**
= presence of axonal connections / white matter tracks (eg, DWI)
- **Functional connectivity**
= statistical dependencies between regional time series (eg, ICA)
- **Effective connectivity**
= causal (directed) influences between neuronal populations (eg, DCM)
(based on explicit network models)

Structural vs Functional connectivity

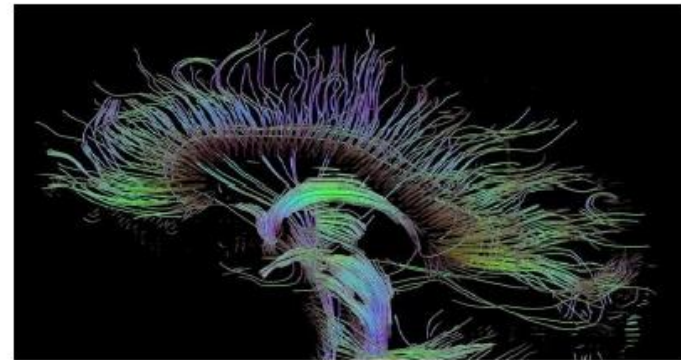
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- Tracing studies

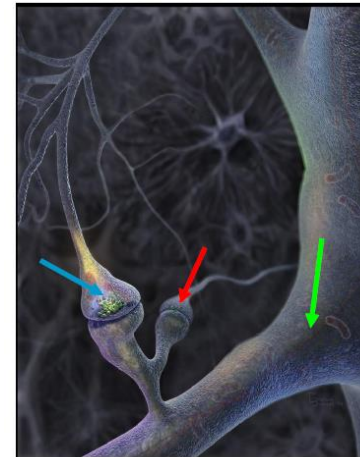


- Tractography from DWI



But functionally, effect of one neuron on another can depend on:

- Activity of a third (gating)
- Rapid changes in plasticity



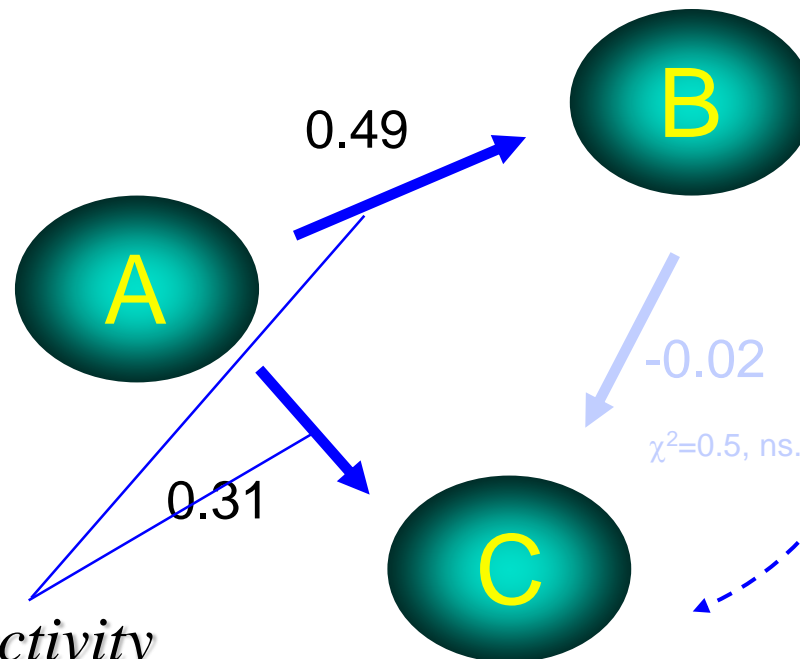
Functional vs Effective connectivity

No connection between B and C,
yet B and C correlated because
of common input from A, eg:

$A = \text{V1 fMRI time-series}$

$B = 0.5 * A + e1$

$C = 0.3 * A + e2$



Effective connectivity

Correlations:

A	B	C
1		
0.49	1	
0.30	0.12	1

*Functional
connectivity*

Functional/Effective Connectivity for fMRI

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- Useful when no model, no experimental perturbation (eg resting state)
- Popular examples: seed–voxel correlations, PCA, ICA, etc
- Graph–theory summaries of functional networks
- Correlations in fMRI timeseries could be spurious haemodynamics (e.g, effects of heart–rate/breathing; movement confounds...)
- Condition–dependent changes in functional connectivity (e.g, PPIs...)

Effective-connectivity: Definitions of Causality?

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2. Indirect experimental manipulations (e.g, PPI, DCM)
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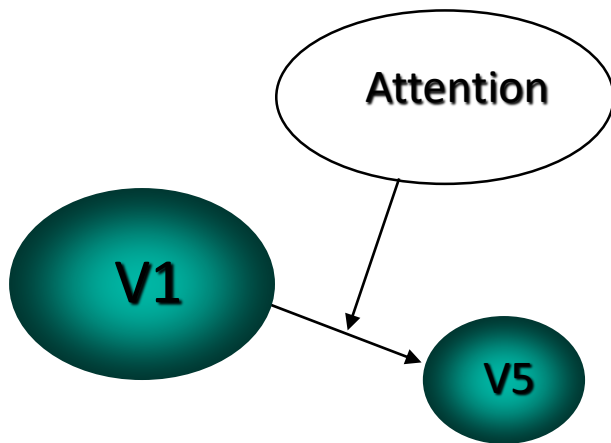
2. Condition-dependent changes: eg PPI

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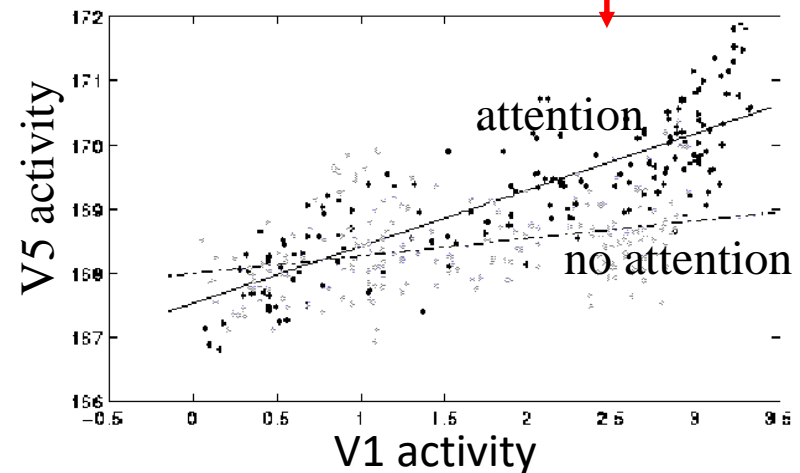
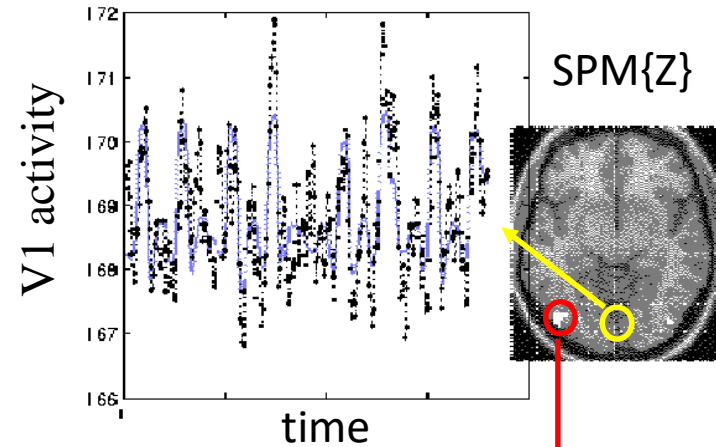
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Parametric, factorial design, in which one factor is **psychological** (eg attention)

...and other is **physiological** (*viz. activity extracted from a brain region of interest*)



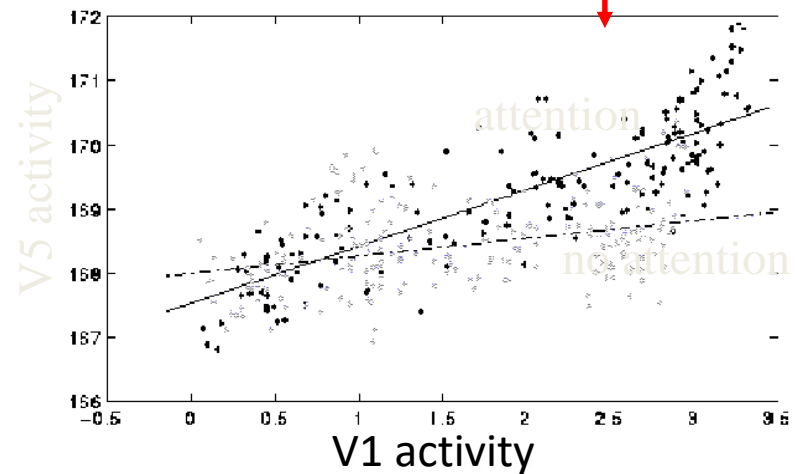
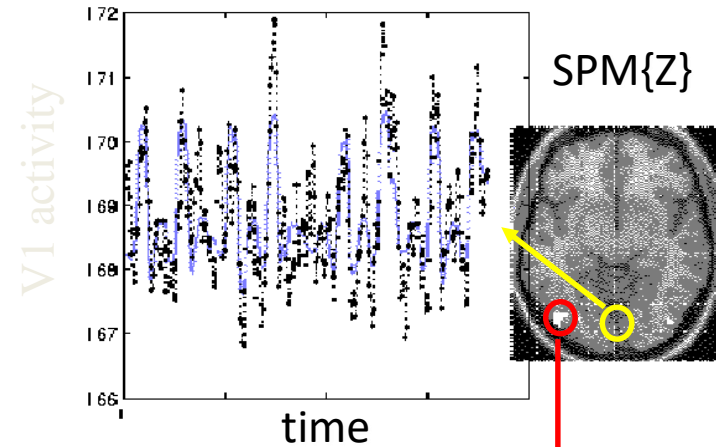
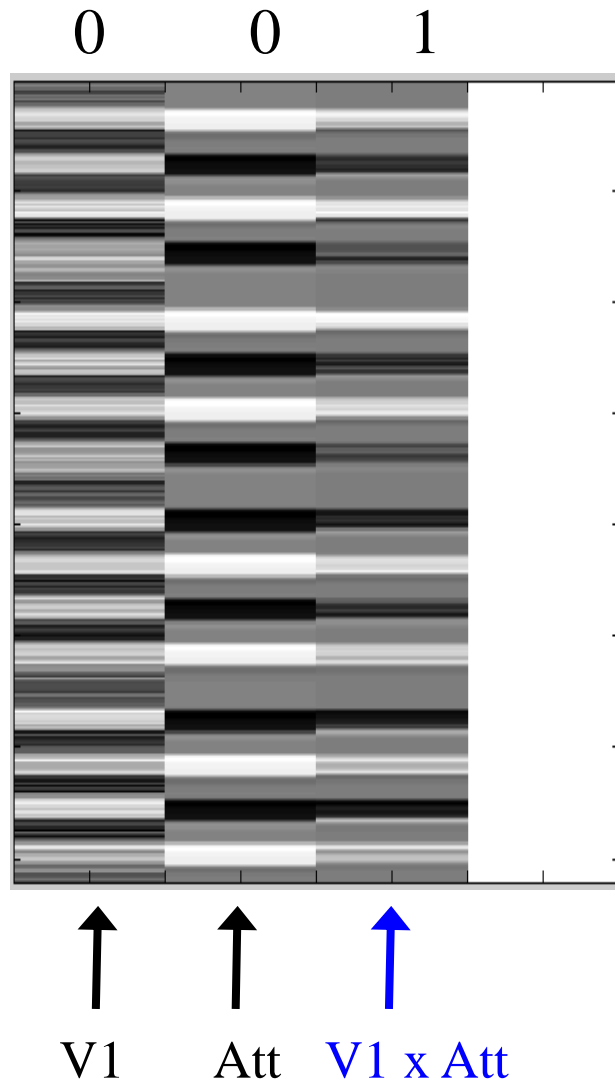
**Attentional modulation of
V1 - V5 connectivity**



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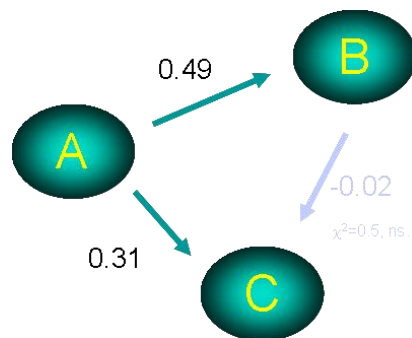


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3. Explicit Network Models of Causality

- (Bivariate) correlations do not use an explicit network (graph) model



- Structural Equation Modelling (SEM) can test different network models, by simply comparing *predicted* with *observed* covariance matrices, but...
 - has no dynamical model (stationary covariances)
 - has no neural-BOLD model
 - cannot test some graphs, eg loops (no temporal definition of direction)
 - restricted to classical inference comparing nested models

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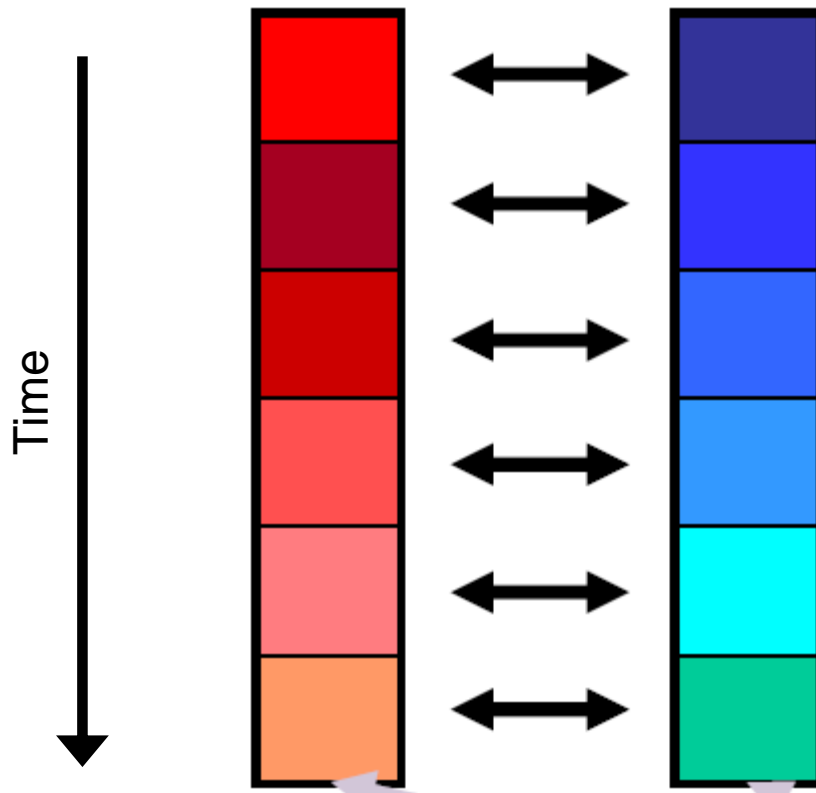
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4. Temporal definition of Causality

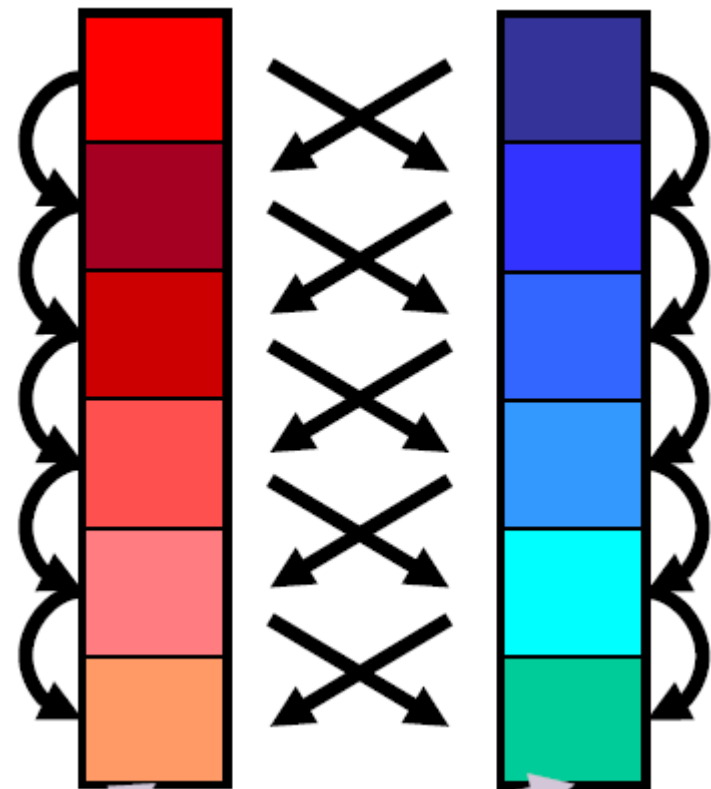
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Stationary
(correlations, SEM)



Dynamic
(Granger, DCM)



(“unfolding” in time is one way to infer direction of connectivity)

4. Note on temporal causality and fMRI

- Problem with time-based measures of connectivity arises with fMRI: **BOLD** timeseries is not direct reflection of **Neural** timeseries
 - (e.g, peak BOLD response in motor cortex can precede that in visual cortex in a visually-cued motor task, owing to different neural-BOLD mappings)
- This compromises methods like Granger Causality and Multivariate Auto-Regressive models (MAR) that operate directly on fMRI data
(Friston, 2010; Smith et al, 2011)
- Note that this does not preclude these methods (eg MAR) for MEG/EEG timeseries, assuming these are more direct measures of neural activity

=> Development of DCM

1. *Dynamic*: based on first-order differential equations
 - at level of neural activity, with separate haemodynamic model for fMRI
2. *Causal*: based on explicit directed graph models
3. *Modelling*: designed to test experimental manipulations
 - “bilinear” approximation to interactive dynamics
4. (Estimated in a Bayesian context, allowing formal comparison of any number/type of models...)

Rough comparison of popular methods?

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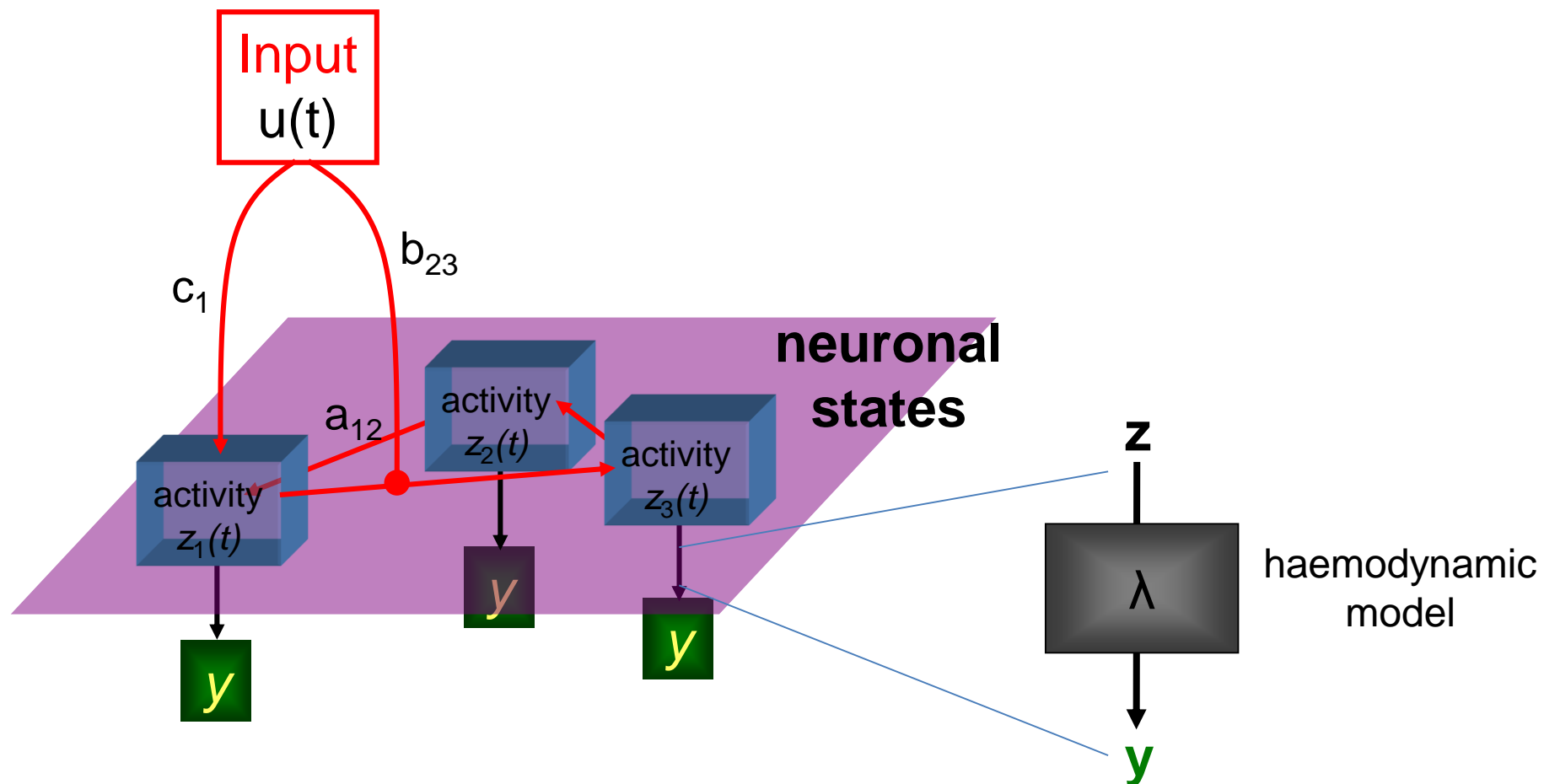
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	Experimental modulation	Temporal/ Dynamical	Network model	Haemodynamic Model (for fMRI)
Correlation / ICA / PCA				
PPI	Y			
Granger		Y		
SEM			Y	
DCM	Y	Y	Y	Y

DCM overview

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DCM Neural Level

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Ordinary Differential Equations:


$$\frac{dz_1}{dt} = -sz_1 \quad \rightarrow \quad z_1(t) = z_1(0)\exp(-st), \quad z_1(0) = 1$$

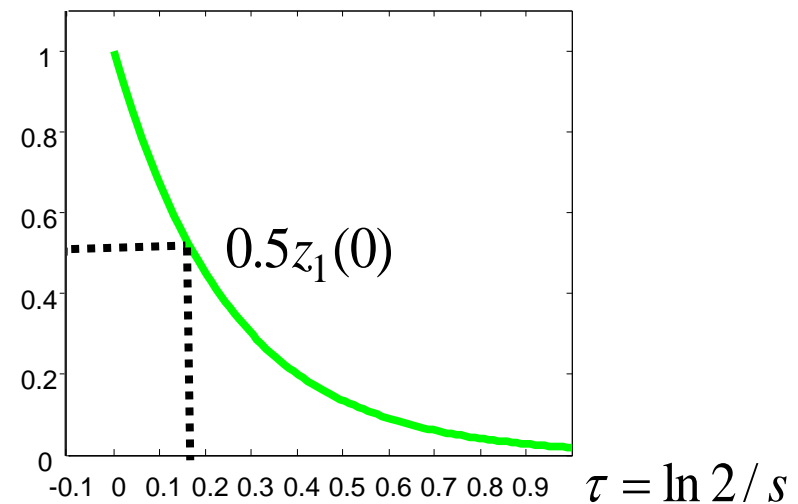
Half-life τ

$$\begin{aligned} z_1(\tau) &= 0.5z_1(0) \\ &= z_1(0)\exp(-s\tau) \end{aligned}$$



$$s = \ln 2 / \tau$$

Decay function

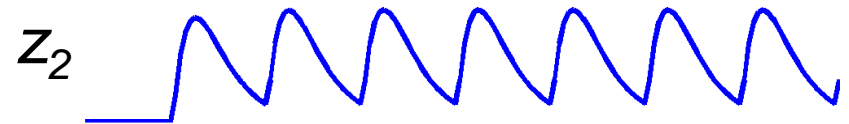
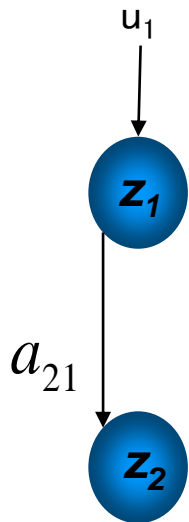


Neurodynamics:

2 nodes, 1 driving input

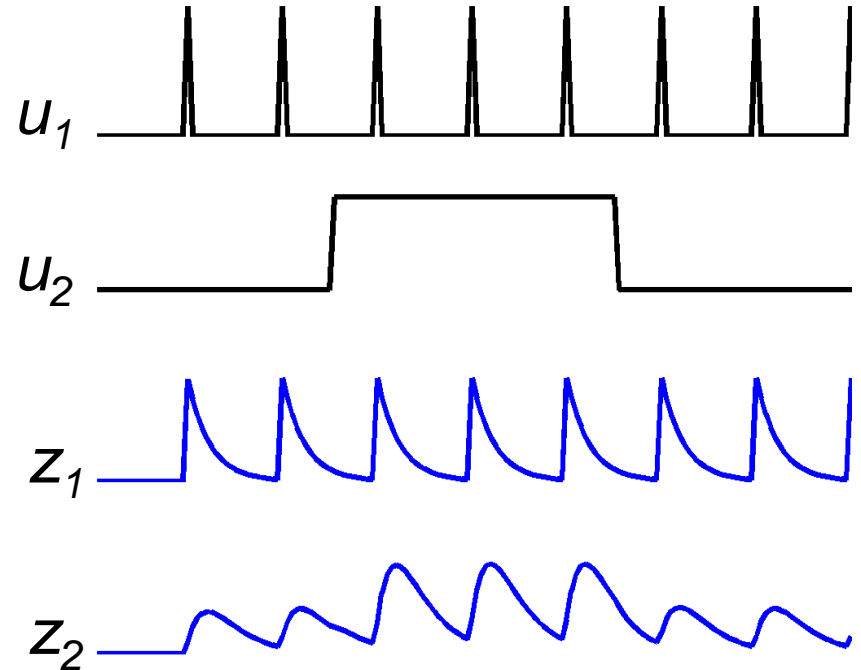
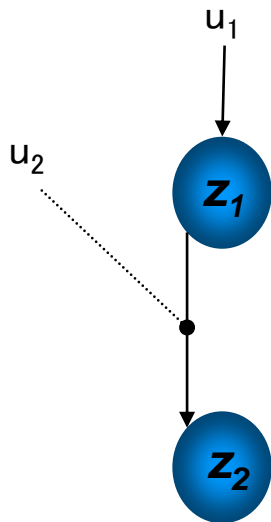
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$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{z}_1 \\ \dot{z}_2 \end{bmatrix} = s \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ a_{21} & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u_1 \quad a_{21} > 0$$

Neurodynamics: ...+1 modulatory input

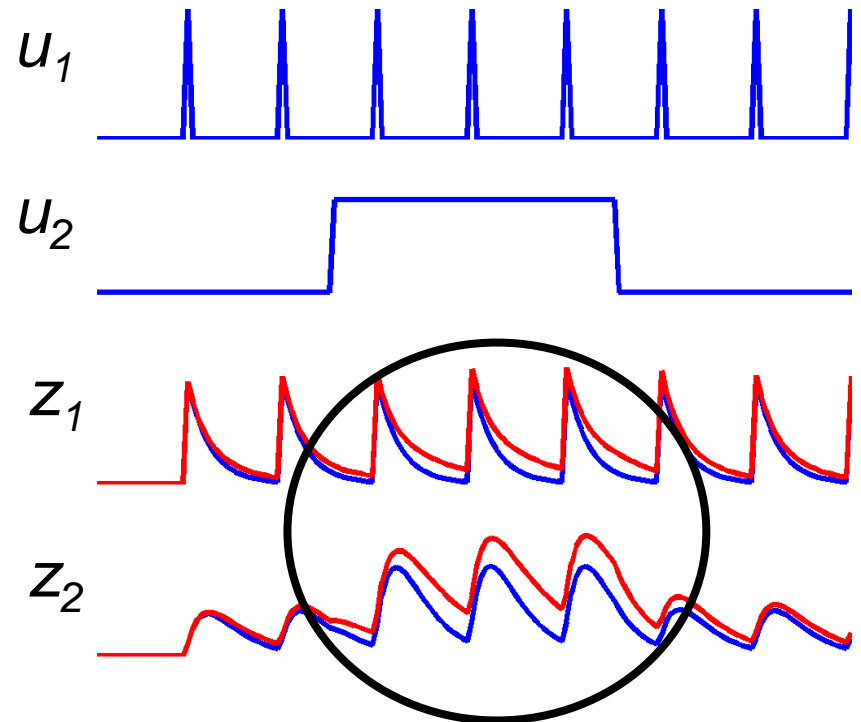
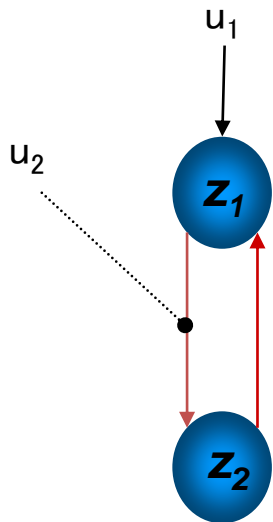


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Neurodynamics: ...+ reciprocal connections

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reciprocal connection
disclosed by u_2

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{z}_1 \\ \dot{z}_2 \end{bmatrix} = s \begin{bmatrix} -1 & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix} + u_2 \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ b_{21} & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ z_2 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} u_1$$

$$a_{12}, a_{21}, b_{21} > 0$$

Bilinear state equation

modulatory inputs

intrinsic connectivity

↓

modulatory connectivity

↓

direct inputs

↘

driving inputs

↓

$$\begin{bmatrix} \dot{z}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \dot{z}_n \end{bmatrix} = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} & \cdots & a_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & \cdots & a_{nn} \end{bmatrix} + \sum_{j=1}^m u_j \begin{bmatrix} b_{11}^{(j)} & \cdots & b_{1n}^{(j)} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{n1}^{(j)} & \cdots & b_{nn}^{(j)} \end{bmatrix} \right\} \begin{bmatrix} z_1 \\ \vdots \\ z_n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} c_{11} & \cdots & c_{1d} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ c_{n1} & \cdots & c_{nd} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} u_1 \\ \vdots \\ u_d \end{bmatrix}$$

n regions

m mod inputs

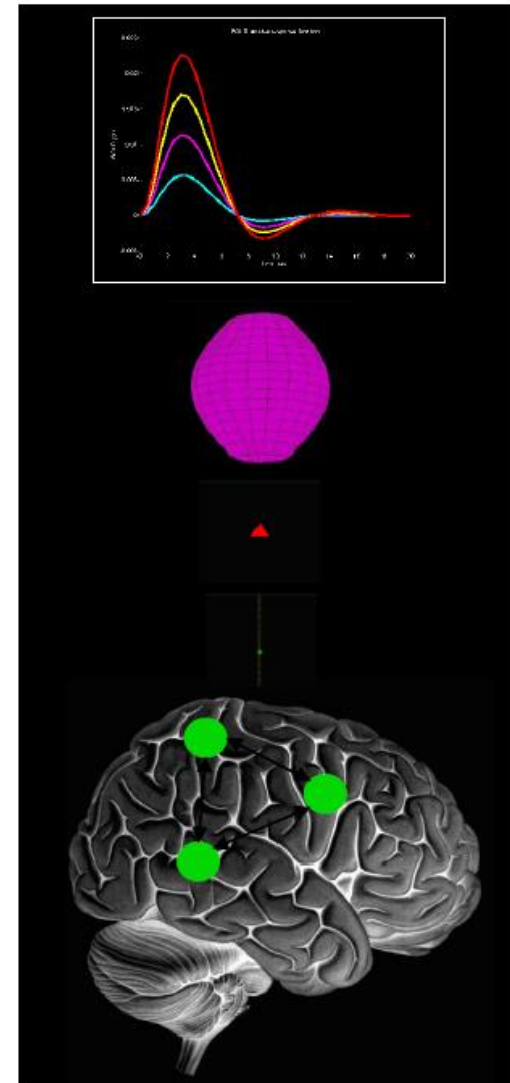
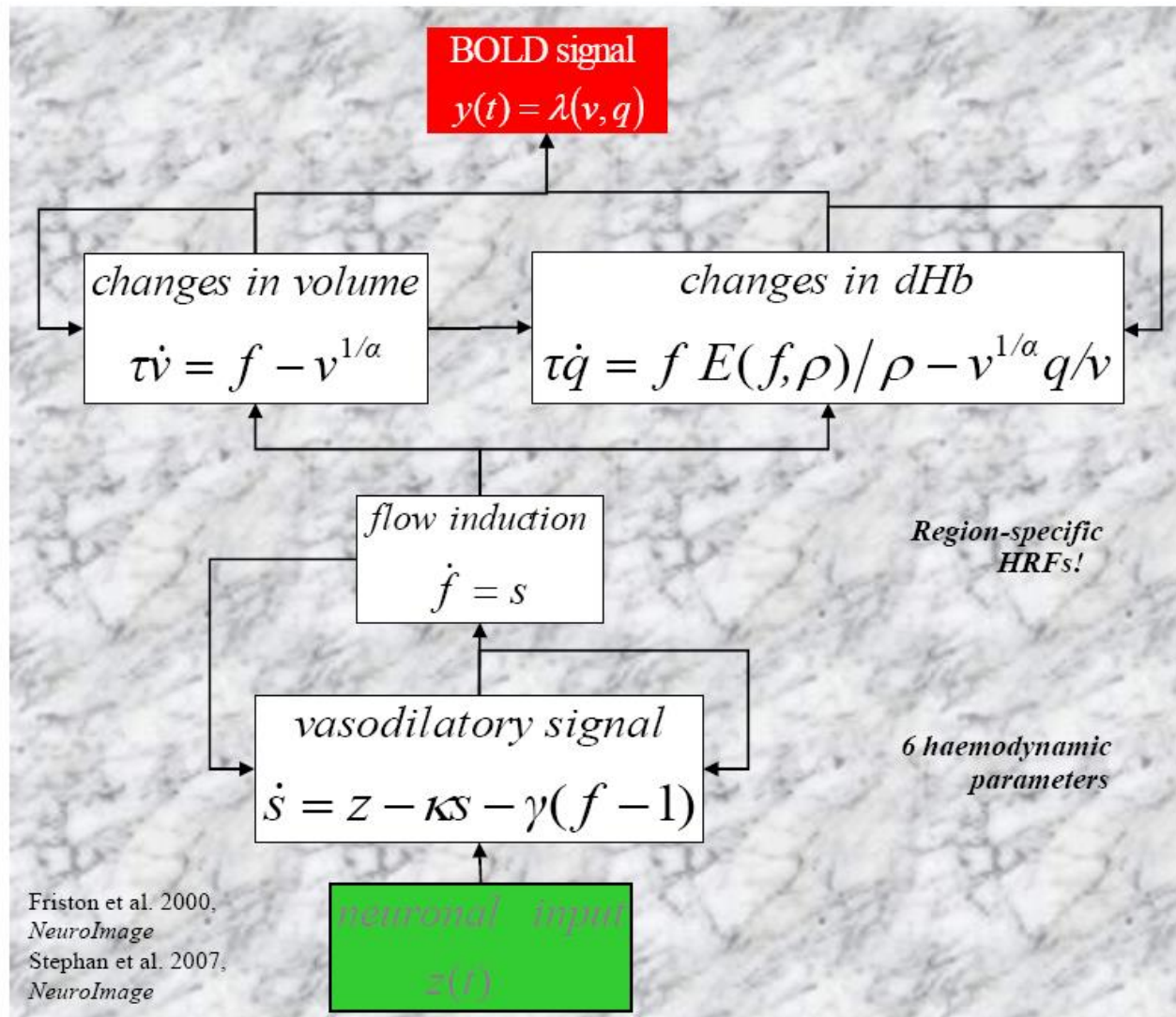
d drv inputs

$$\dot{z} = \left(A + \sum_{j=1}^m u_j B^{(j)} \right) z + C u$$

The haemodynamic “Balloon” model

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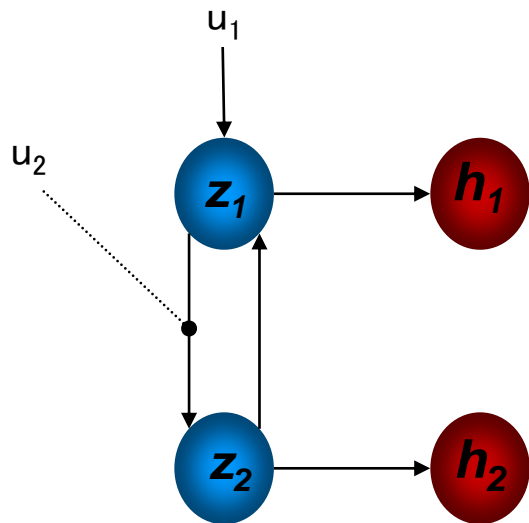
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Haemodynamics: reciprocal connections

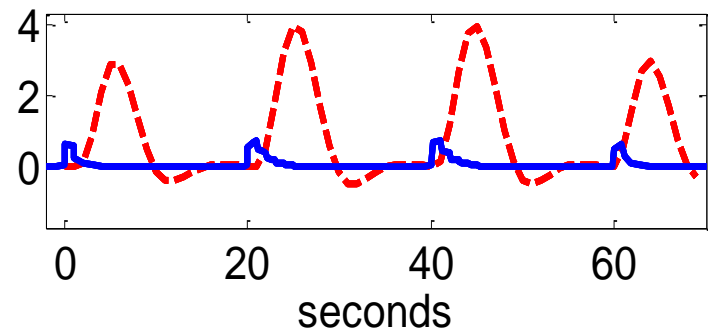
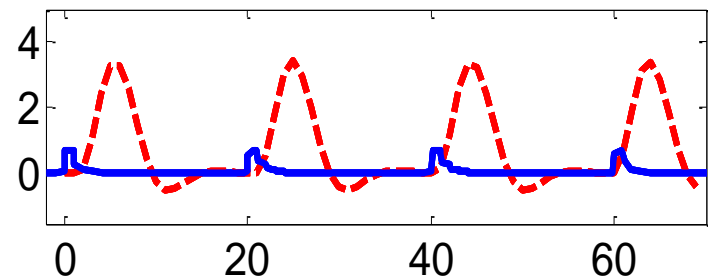
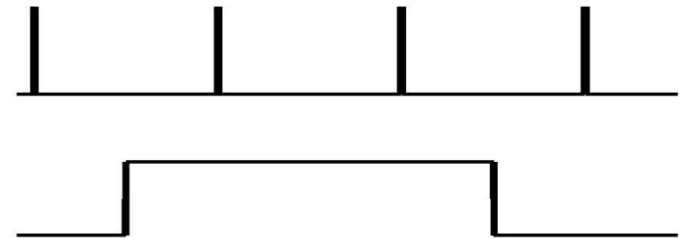
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BOLD
(without noise)

BOLD
(without noise)



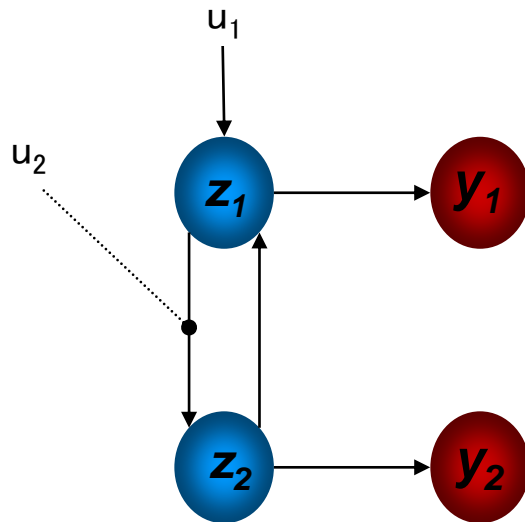
$h(u, \theta)$ represents the BOLD
response (balloon model) to input

blue: neuronal activity
red: BOLD response

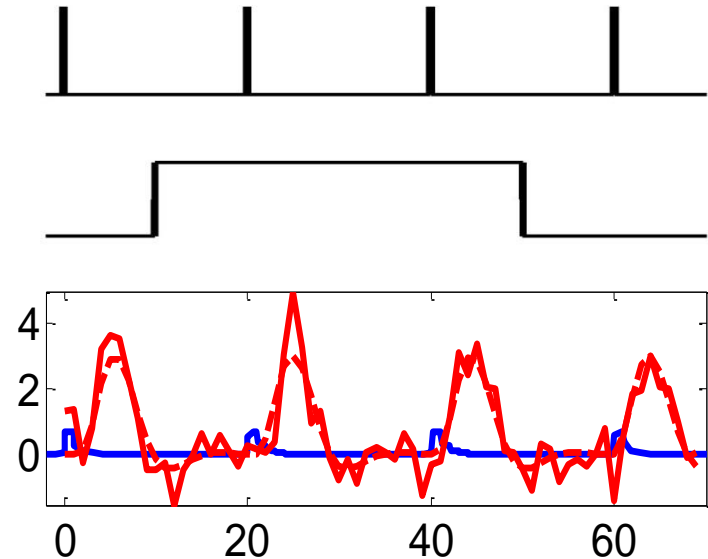
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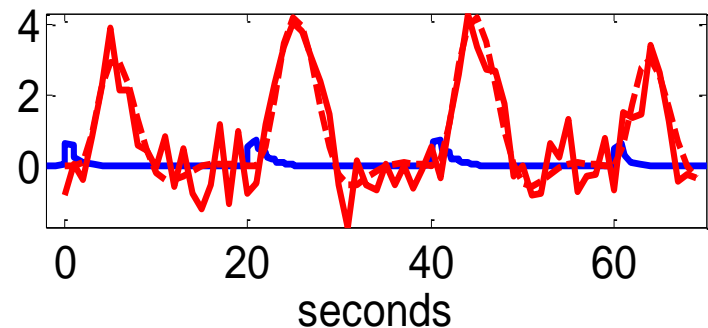
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BOLD
with
Noise added



BOLD
with
Noise added



y represents simulated observation of BOLD response, i.e. includes noise

$$y = h(u, \theta) + e$$

Conceptual overview

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Neuronal state equation $\dot{z} = F(z, u, \theta^n)$

The bilinear model $\dot{z} = (A + \sum u_j B^j)z + Cu$

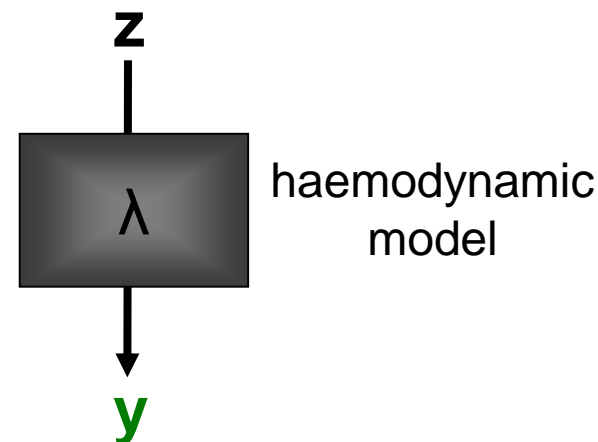
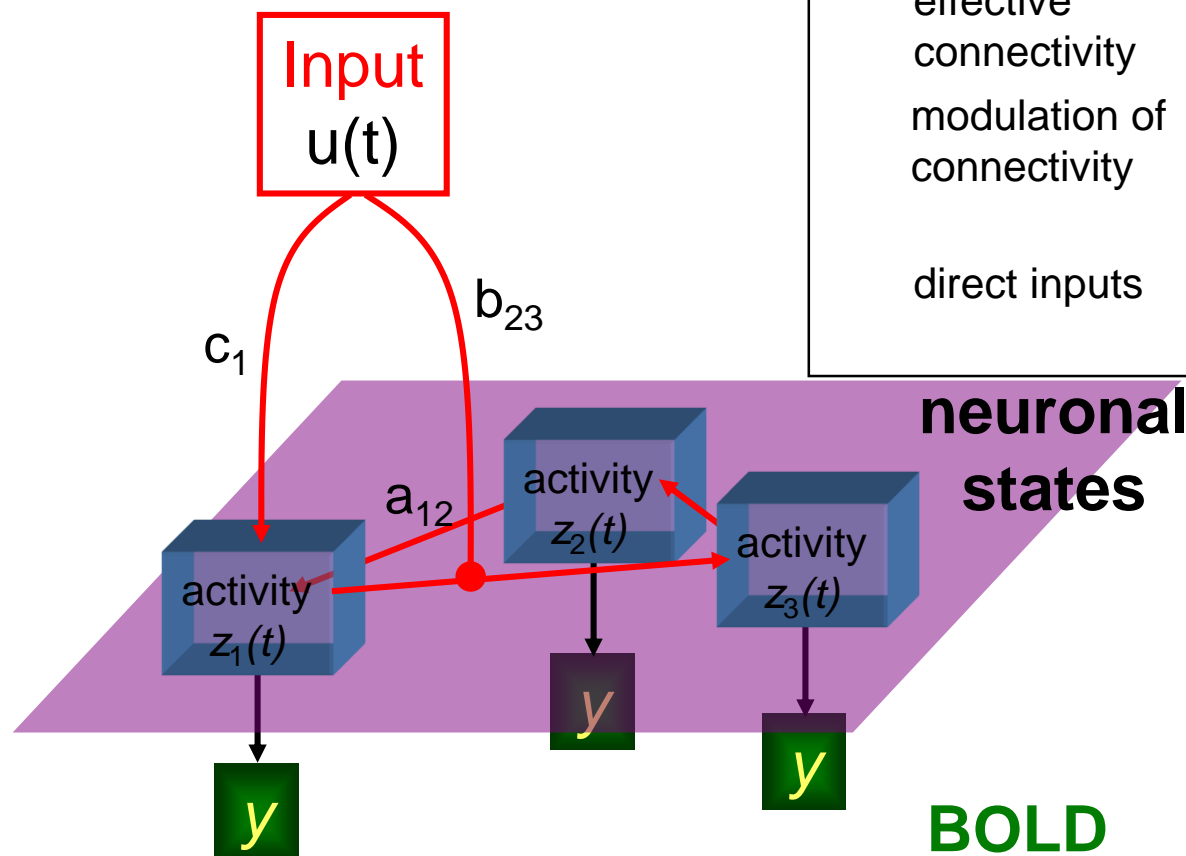
effective
connectivity
modulation of
connectivity

$$A = \frac{\partial F}{\partial z} = \frac{\partial \dot{z}}{\partial z}$$

$$B^j = \frac{\partial^2 F}{\partial z \partial u_j} = \frac{\partial}{\partial u_j} \frac{\partial \dot{z}}{\partial z}$$

direct inputs

$$C = \frac{\partial F}{\partial u} = \frac{\partial \dot{z}}{\partial u}$$



Friston et al. 2003, *NeuroImage*

Inference on model space

Model evidence: The optimal balance of fit and complexity

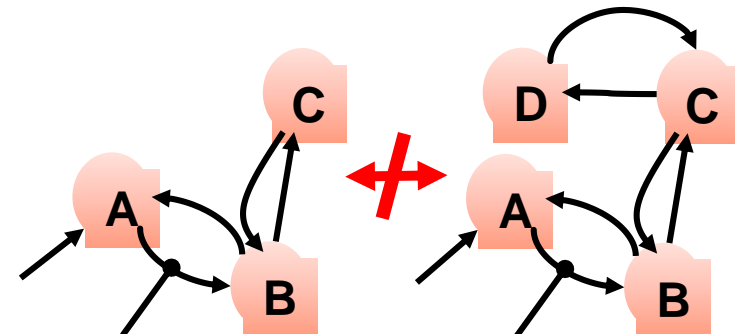
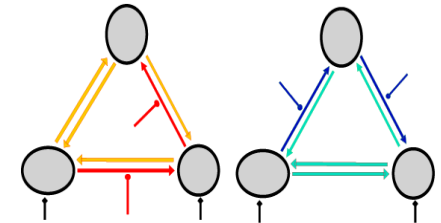
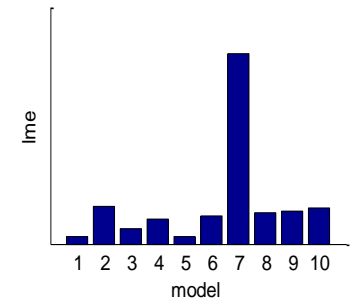
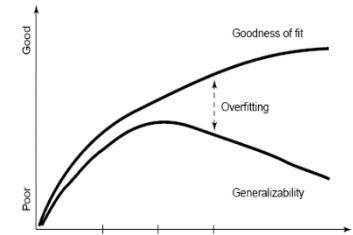
Comparing models

- Which is the best model?

Comparing families of models

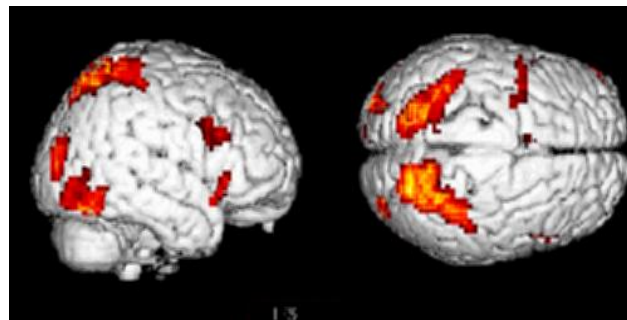
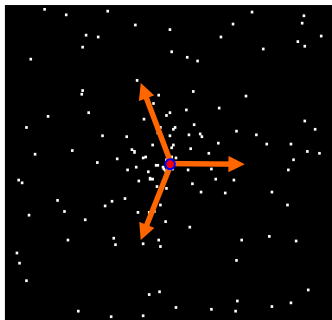
- What type of model is best?
 - Feedforward vs feedback
 - Parallel vs sequential processing
 - With or without modulation

Only compare models with the same data



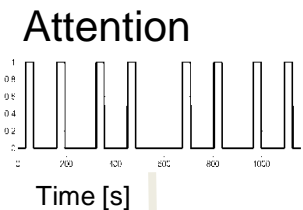
Example DCM: Attention to motion

What is site of **attention modulation** during *visual motion processing*



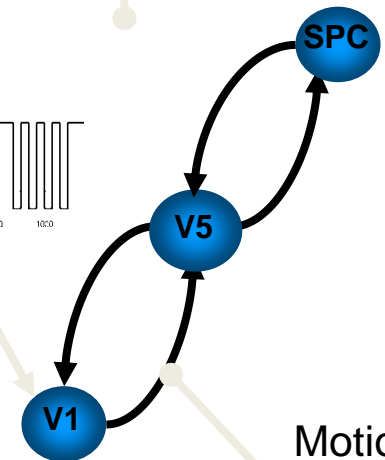
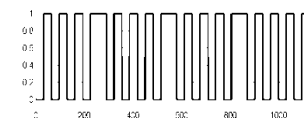
- fixation only
 - observe static dots
 - observe moving dots
 - task on moving dots
- + photic
 - + motion
 - + attention

→ V1
→ V5
→ V5 + parietal cortex

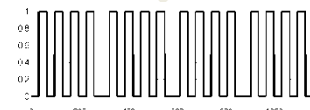


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Photic



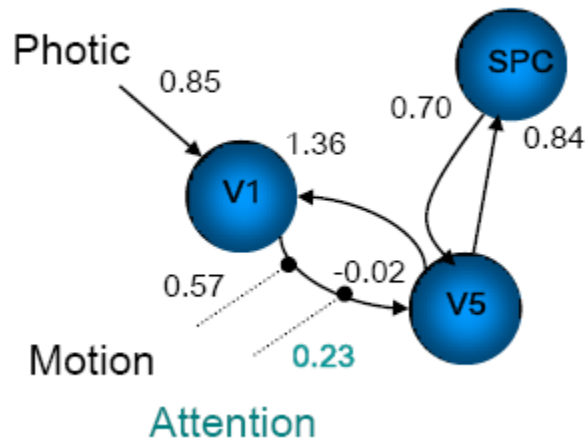
Motion



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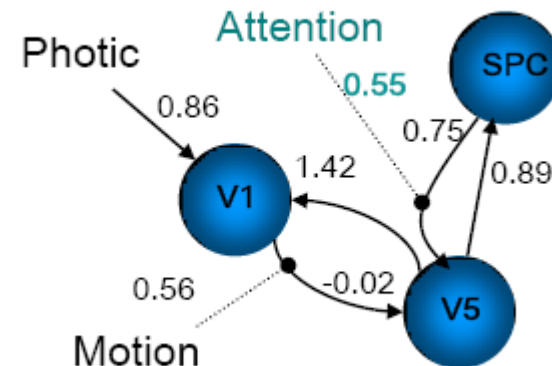
Model 1:

attentional modulation
of $V1 \rightarrow V5$



Model 2:

attentional modulation
of $SPC \rightarrow V5$



Bayesian model selection: Model 1 better than model 2

$$\log p(y | m_1) \gg \log p(y | m_2)$$

→ attention primarily modulates $V1 \rightarrow V5$ (in these data)

So, DCM...

- enables one to **infer hidden neuronal processes**
- allows one to **test mechanistic hypotheses** about observed effects
 - uses a deterministic differential equation to model neuro-dynamics (represented by matrices A, B and C)
- is informed by anatomical and physiological principles
- uses a **Bayesian framework** to estimate model parameters
- is a generic approach to modelling experimentally perturbed dynamic systems
 - provides an observation model for neuroimaging data, e.g. fMRI, M/EEG
 - DCM is **not model or modality specific** (models will change and the method extended to other modalities e.g. LFPs)

Variants of DCM

- DCM for fMRI
 - “non-linear” DCM: modulatory input (B) equal to activity in another region
 - “two-state” DCM: inhibitory and excitatory neuronal subpopulations
 - “stochastic” DCM: random element to activity (e.g, for resting state)
- DCM for E/MEG
 - “evoked” responses (complex neuronal model based on physiology)
 - “induced” responses (within/across frequency power coupling; no physiological model (more like DCM for fMRI))
 - “steady-state” responses
 - with (e.g, EEG/MEG) or without (e.g, LFP, iEEG) a forward (head) model

Functional/Effective Connectivity for MEG/EEG

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- Much interest in functional connectivity in fMRI
- And yet many neural interactions (e.g, coupled oscillations) occur at a timescale faster than visible by fMRI
- So, real promise of MEG/EEG is functional connectivity?

Talk Overview

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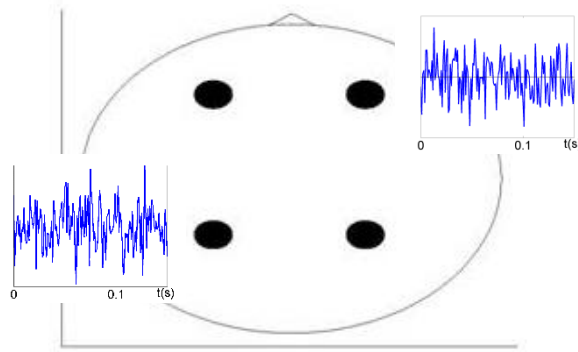
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1. Problem of Field Spread (Volume Conduction)
2. Linear vs Nonlinear measures
3. Directed vs Undirected measures
4. Direct vs Indirect measures
5. Generative Models

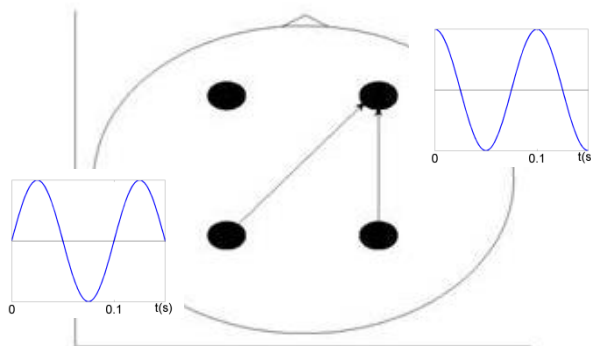
Field Spread Problem

Many (zero-lag) measures of functional connectivity between sensors can be spurious, i.e, reflect activity from single source

No true source connectivity



True source connectivity



Source reconstruction reduces field spread problem...

...and allows easier comparison with fMRI connectivity

BUT spurious connections between sources can remain (“point-spread”)

Hillebrand et al (2012) Neuroimage

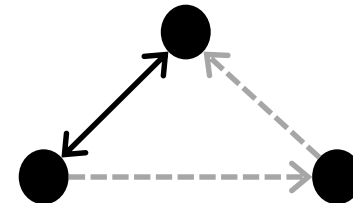
One approach is to orthogonalise raw data, then correlate (0-lag) power envelopes...

Colclough et al (2015) Neuroimage

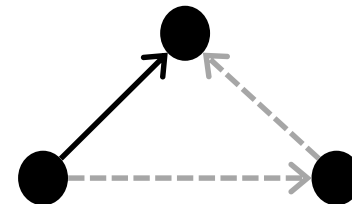
...another uses fact that field-spread is instantaneous, so time- or phase-lagged measures are immune to field spread (though assume no true zero-lag connectivity)

Different Types of Connection

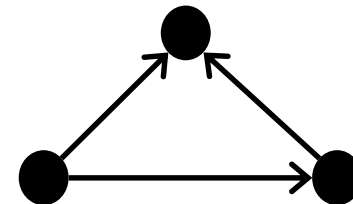
Undirected, Indirect (bivariate)



Directed, Indirect (bivariate)



Directed, Direct (multivariate)
("effective connectivity")



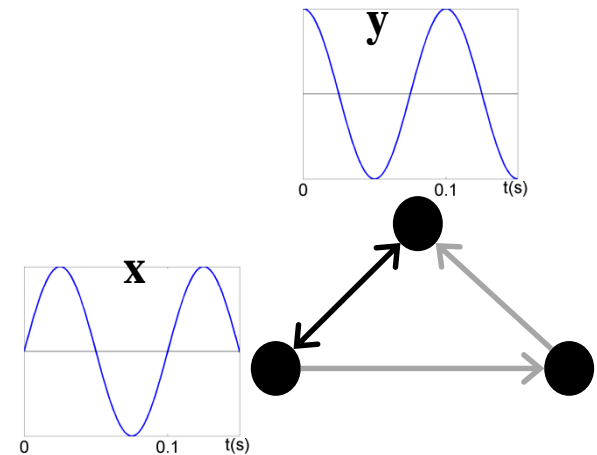
Cross-Correlation

Undirected, Indirect, Linear (sensitive to Field-spread when $l=0$)

$$c_{xy}(l) = \left\langle (x_t - \bar{x})(y_{t+l} - \bar{y}) \right\rangle_t$$

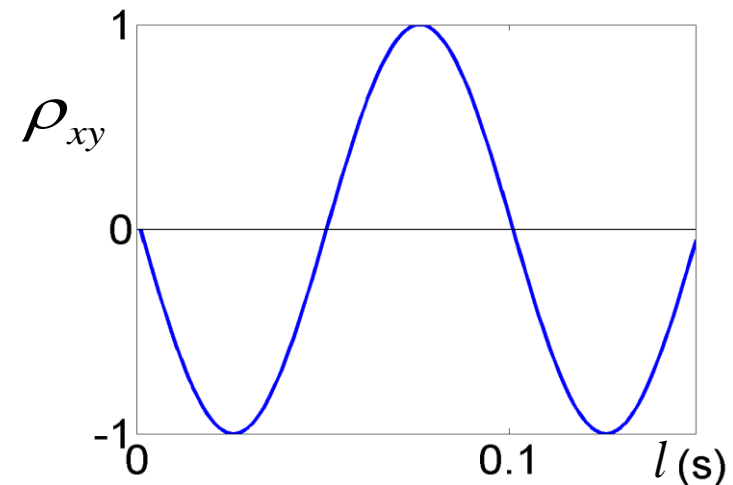
Cross-covariance

$l = \text{"lag"}$



$$\rho_{xy}(l) = \frac{c_{xy}(l)}{\sigma_x \sigma_y}$$

Cross-correlation



Coherency

(Fourier transform of cross-covariance)

Undirected, Indirect, Linear, sensitive to Field-spread

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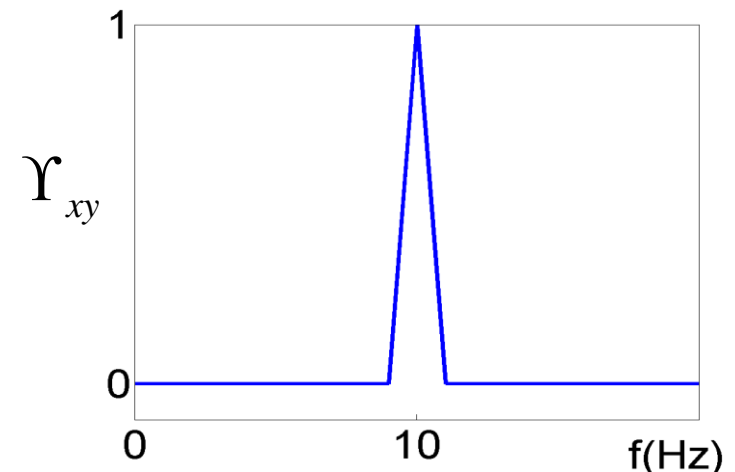
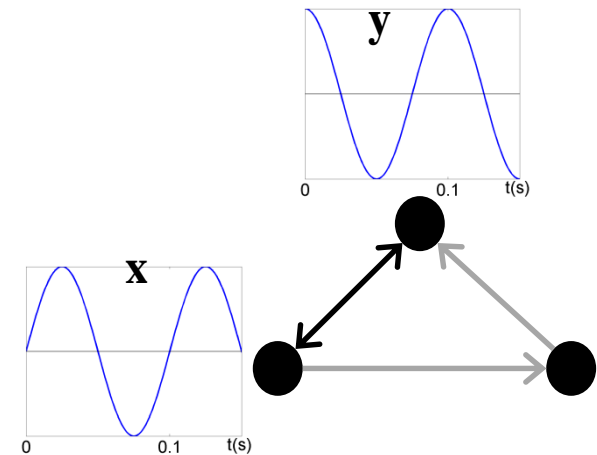
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$$C_{xy}(f) = \sum_l c_{xy}(l) e^{-2\pi i \cdot l \cdot f}$$

Coherency

$$\Upsilon_{xy}(f) = \frac{|C_{xy}(f)|^2}{|C_{xx}(f)| |C_{yy}(f)|}$$

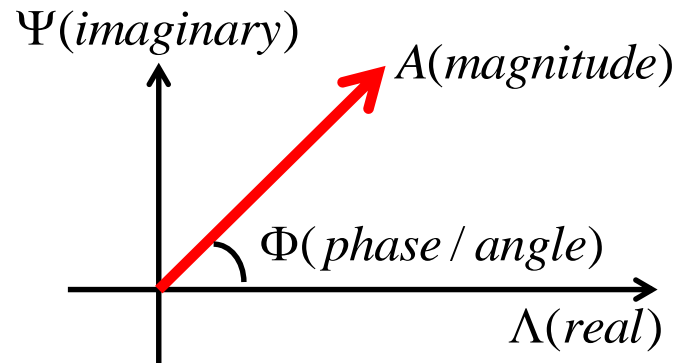
(Magnitude-squared) Coherence



Digression on Complex Numbers

An oscillation of frequency f can be represented in terms of amplitude and phase (polar coordinates), which can also be represented by a complex number

$$\begin{aligned} C(f) &= A(f)e^{i\Phi(f)} \\ &= \Lambda(f) + i\Psi(f) \end{aligned}$$



$$A(f) = |C(f)| = \sqrt{\Lambda^2(f) + \Psi^2(f)}$$

$$\Phi(f) = \arctan(\Psi(f) / \Lambda(f))$$

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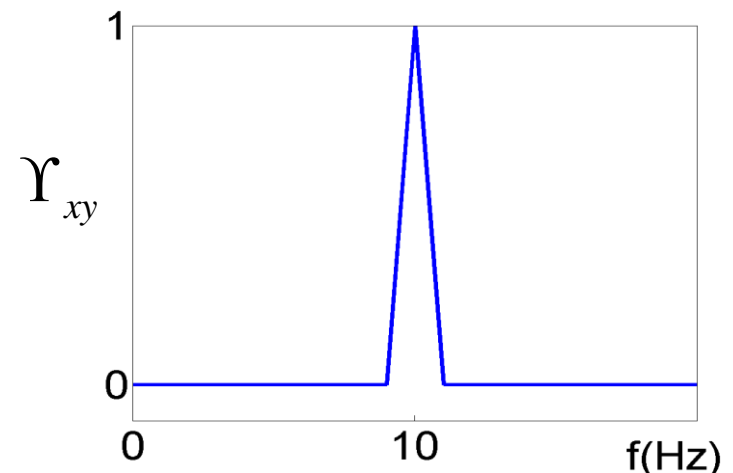
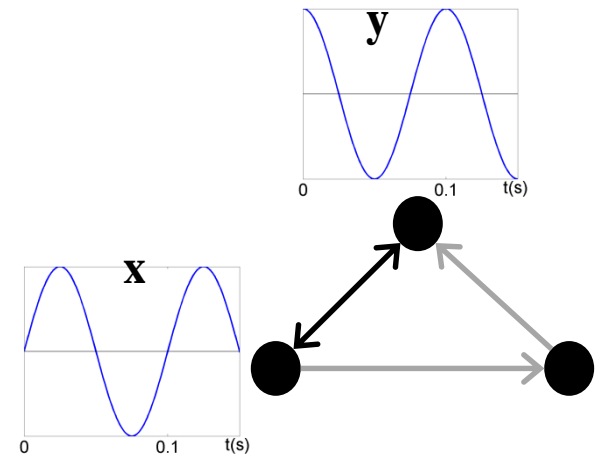
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Imaginary Coherency

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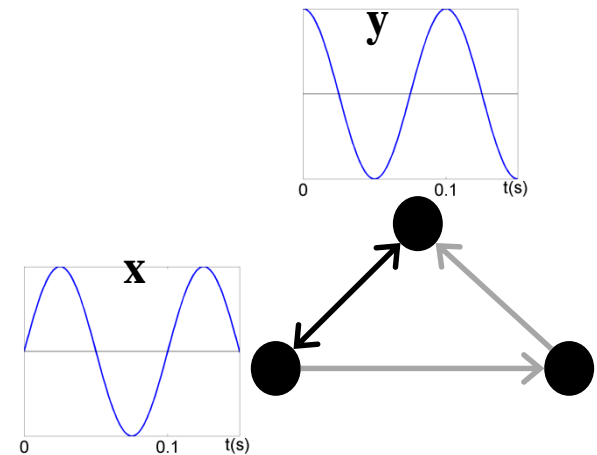
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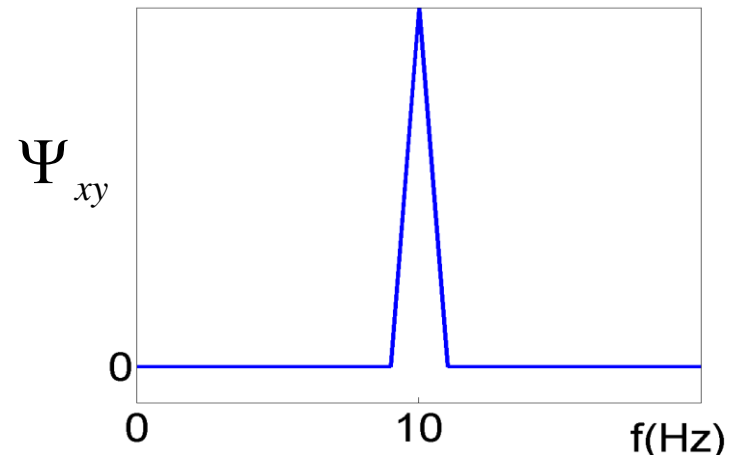
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Coherency



$$\Psi_{xy}(f) = \text{imag}(C_{xy}(f))$$

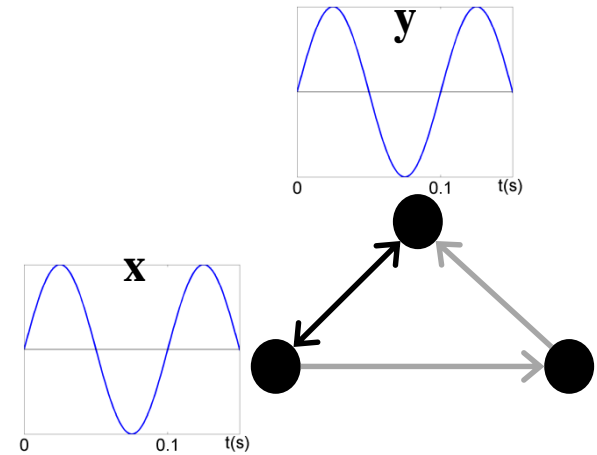
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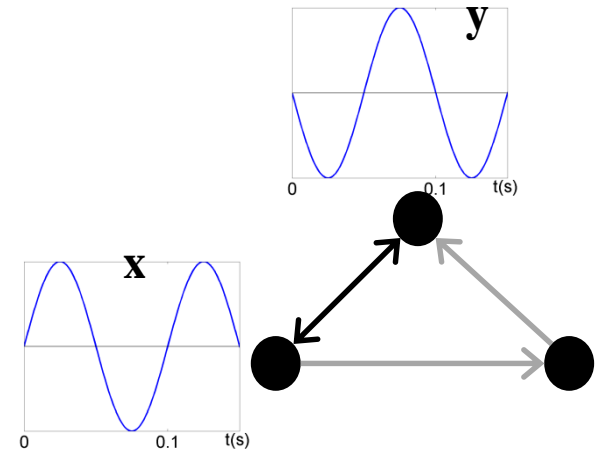
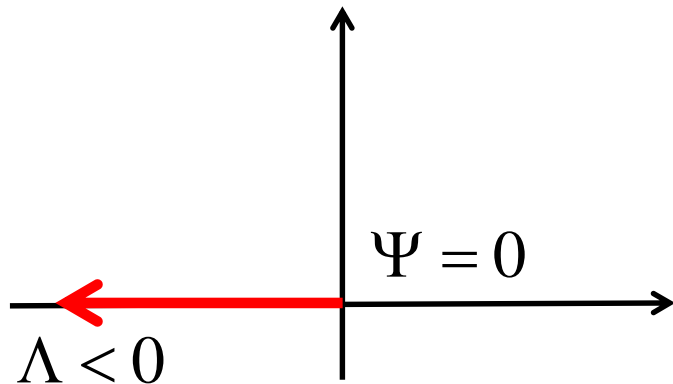
A diagram showing a coordinate system with a horizontal axis and a vertical axis. A red arrow points to the right along the positive horizontal axis. The label $\Psi = 0$ is located in the second quadrant. The label $\Lambda > 0$ is located below the red arrow.



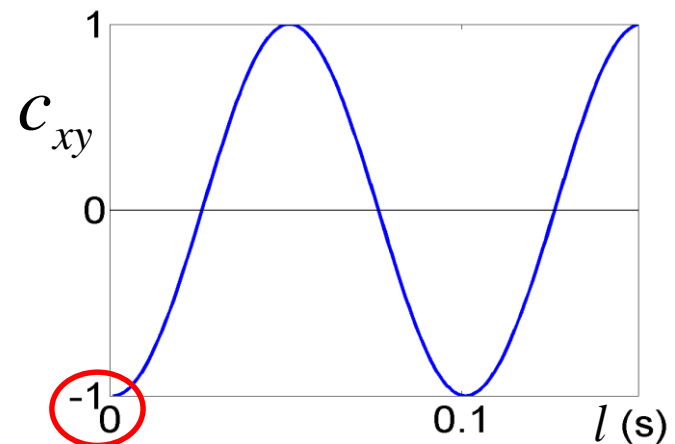
A graph showing the correlation coefficient C_{xy} on the vertical axis versus the time lag l (s) on the horizontal axis. The vertical axis ranges from -1 to 1, with a horizontal line at 0. The horizontal axis has a tick mark at 0.1. A blue cosine wave starts at $C_{xy} = 1$ when $l = 0$, crosses the zero line at $l = 0.025$ s, reaches a minimum of -1 at $l = 0.05$ s, crosses the zero line again at $l = 0.075$ s, reaches a maximum of 1 at $l = 0.1$ s, and crosses the zero line a third time at $l = 0.125$ s. The value 1 on the vertical axis is circled in red.

Imaginary Coherency

A zero imaginary component implies a phase of the coherency of either 0° or 180° , which could be caused by field-spread...

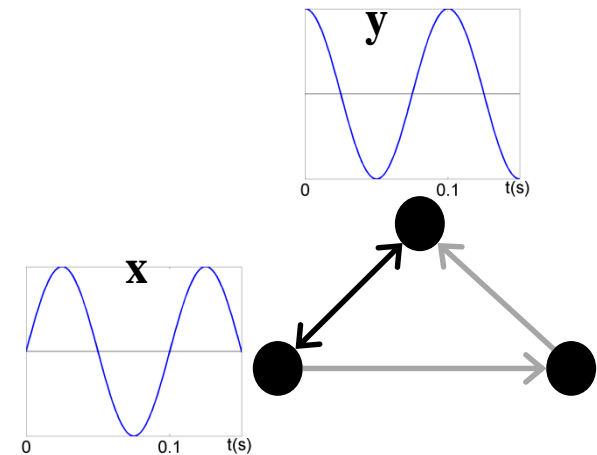
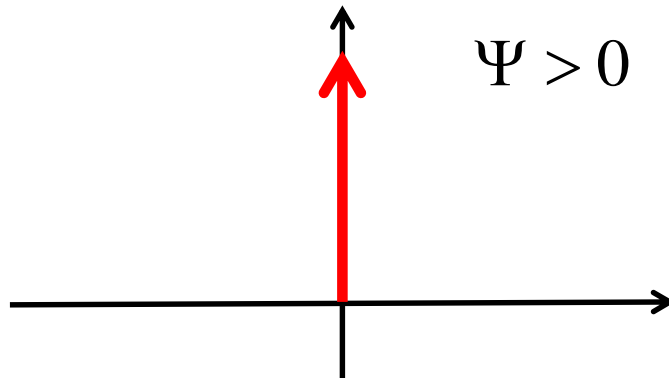


$$\Psi_{xy}(f) = \text{imag}(C_{xy}(f))$$

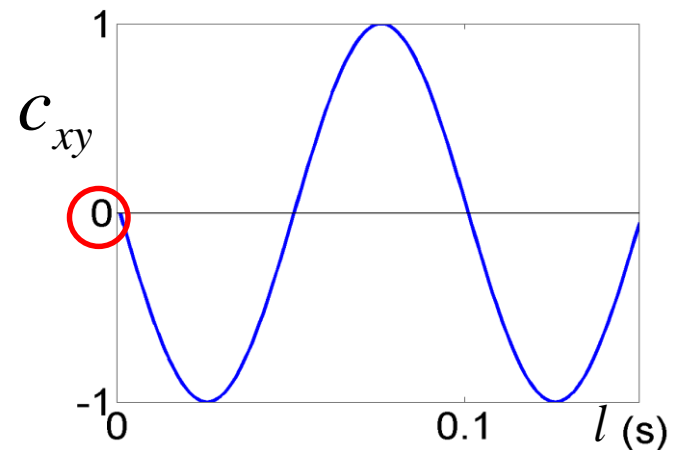


Imaginary Coherency

...whereas a NON-zero imaginary component implies a phase of the coherency other than 0° or 180° , which can NOT be caused by field-spread



$$\Psi_{xy}(f) = \text{imag}(C_{xy}(f))$$



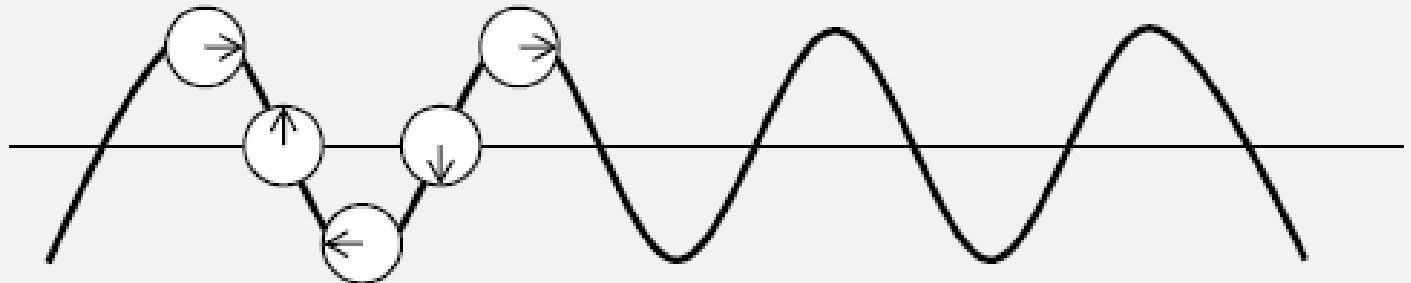
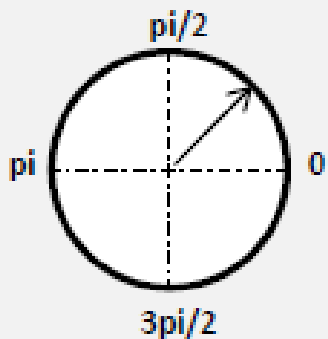
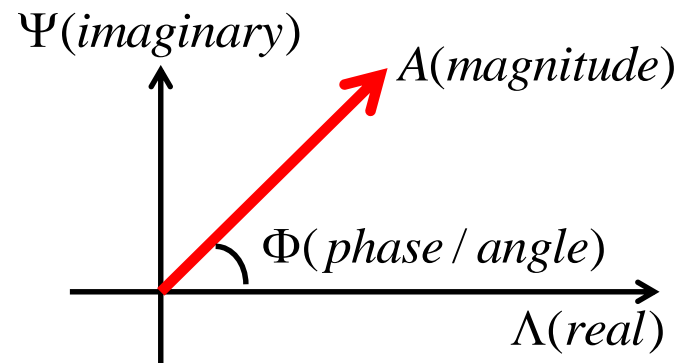
Digression on Analytic Signals

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A signal can be represented analytically in terms of its amplitude and phase over time (within a narrow frequency band) (e.g, using Hilbert transform)

$$x(t, f) = A(t, f)e^{i\Phi(t, f)}$$



Phase-related Measures

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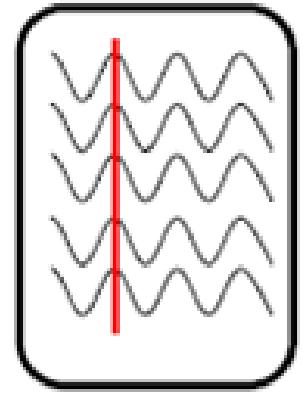
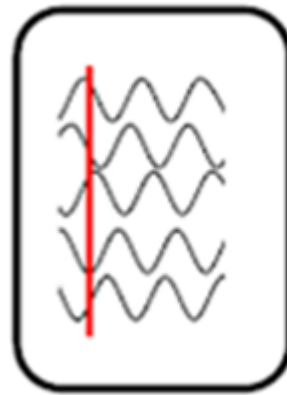
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Undirected, Indirect, Linear, **immune** to Field-spread (when $\Delta\Phi \neq 0$)

$$x(t) = A_x(t)e^{i\Phi_x(t)}$$

$$y(t) = A_y(t)e^{i\Phi_y(t)}$$

$$\Delta\Phi(t) = \Phi_x(t) - \Phi_y(t)$$



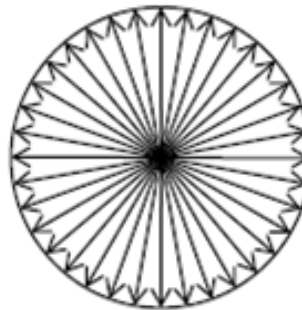
$$PLV = \left\langle e^{i\Delta\Phi(t)} \right\rangle_t$$

Phase-Locking Value

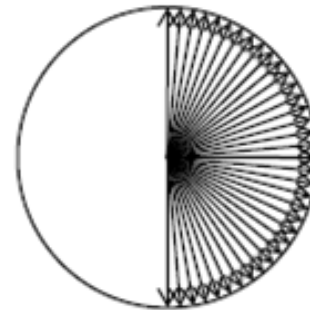
$$PLI = \left\langle \text{sign}(\Delta\Phi(t)) \right\rangle_t$$

Phase-Lag Index

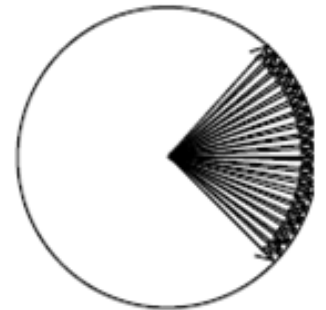
$PLV=0$



$PLV=0.5$



$PLV=0.75$

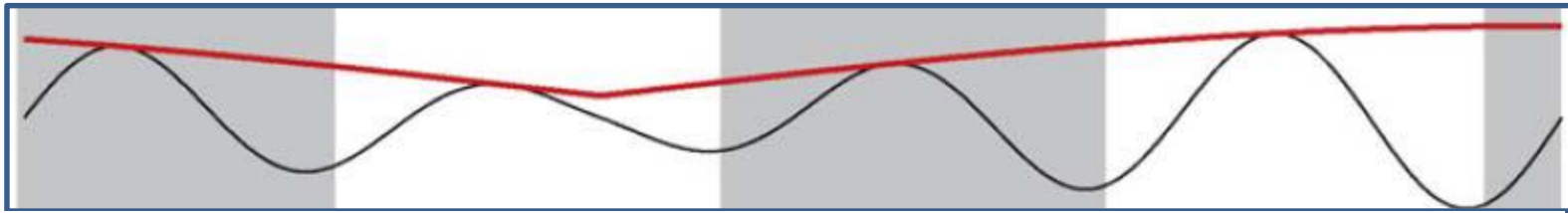


Cross-frequency coupling

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$x(t)$



$y(t)$

Power-Power

$$A_x(t) : A_y(t)$$

Phase-Phase

$$\Phi_x(t) : \Phi_y(t)$$

Phase-Freq

$$\Phi_x(t) : F_y(t)$$

Phase-Power

$$\Phi_x(t) : A_y(t)$$

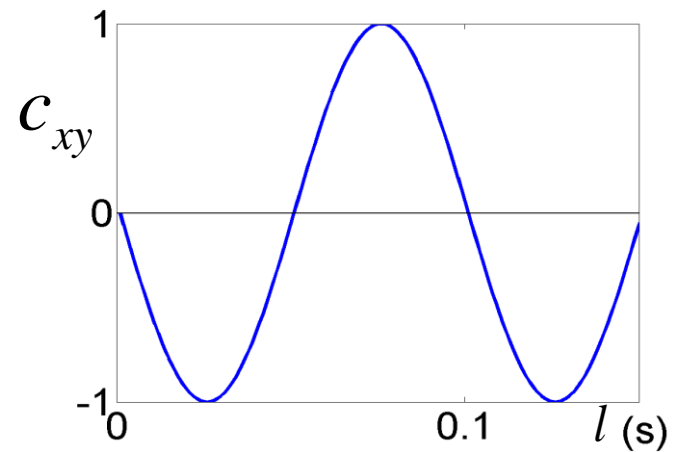
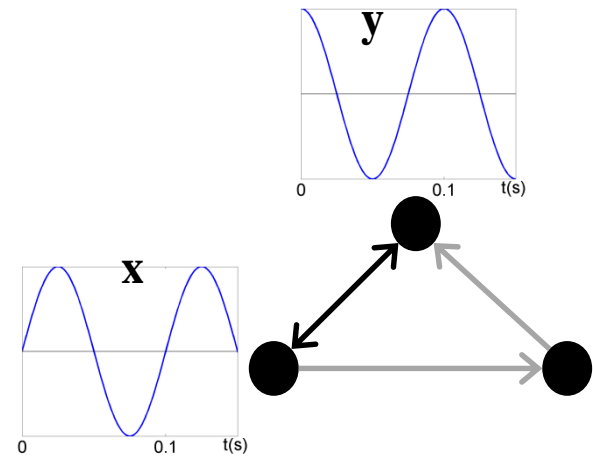
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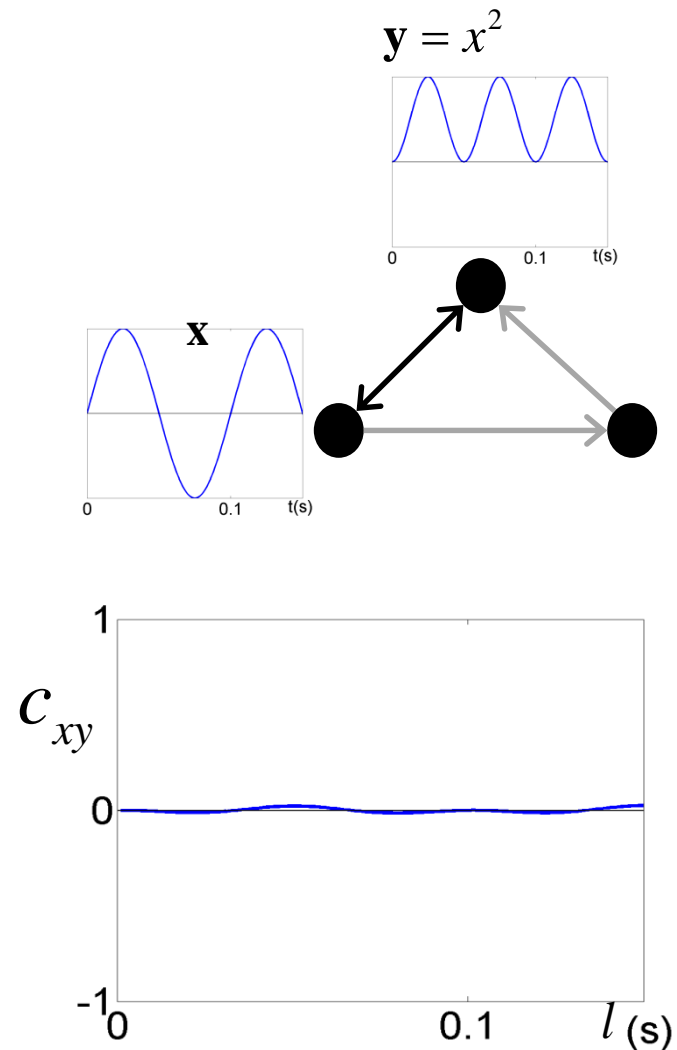
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Nonlinear Measures

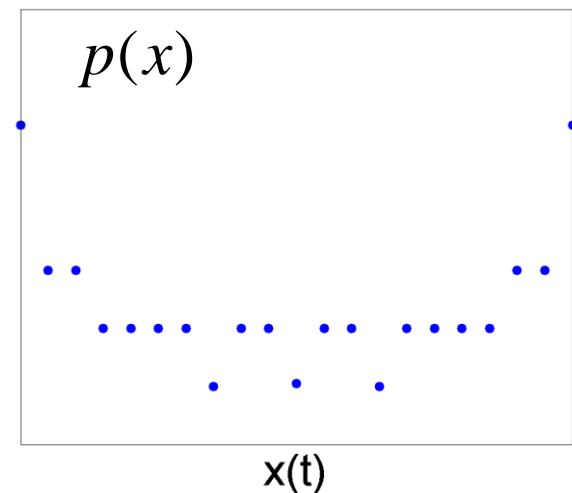
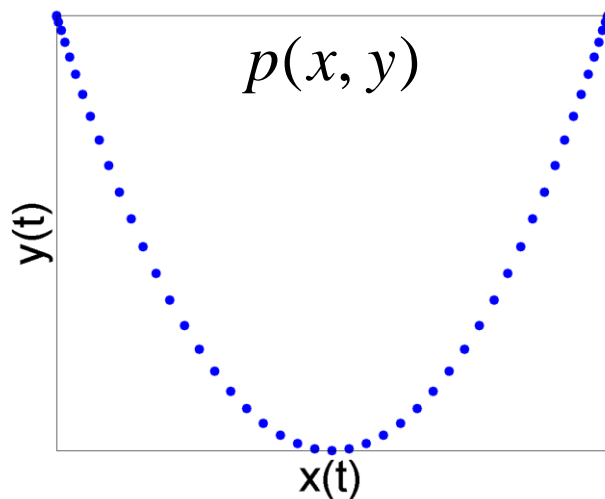
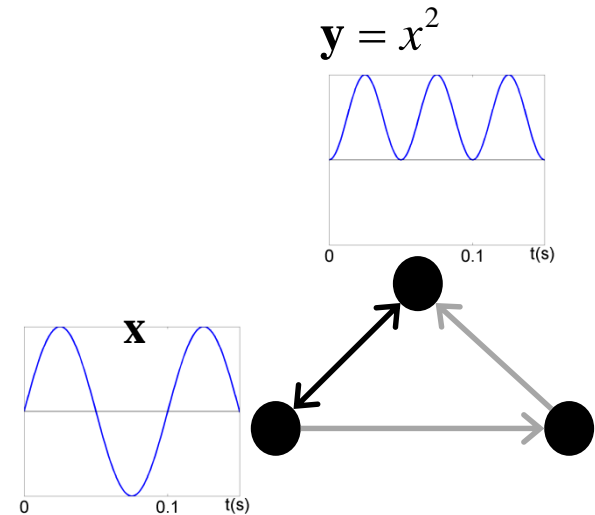


Cross-correlation/coherence insensitive to nonlinear dependencies



Mutual Information

$$MI(x, y) = \sum_{x, y} p(x, y) \log \left(\frac{p(x, y)}{p(x)p(y)} \right)$$



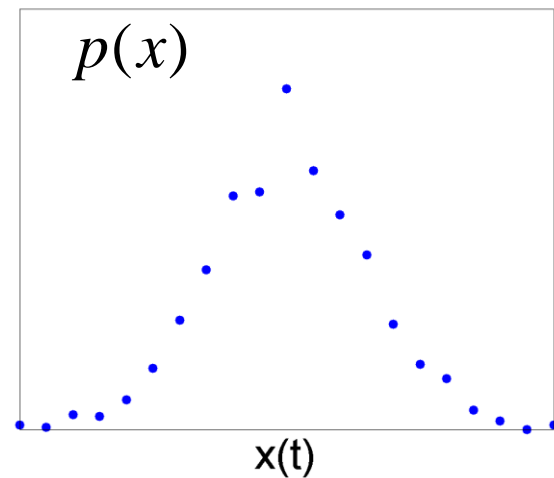
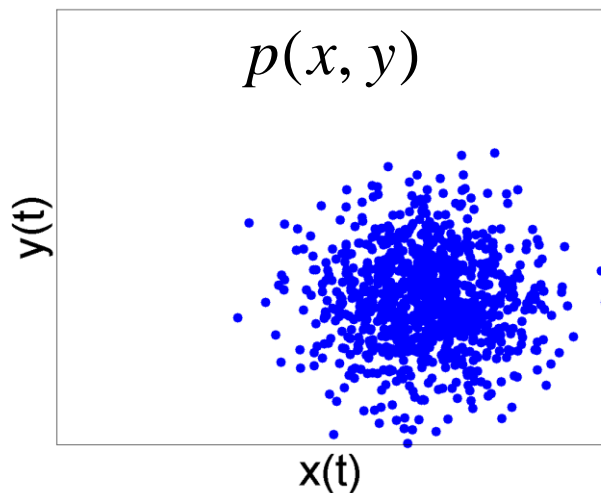
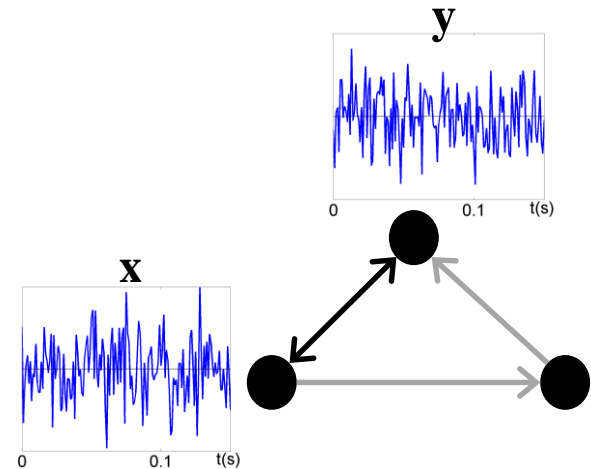
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Sensitive to Field-spread, Undirected, Indirect, **Nonlinear**

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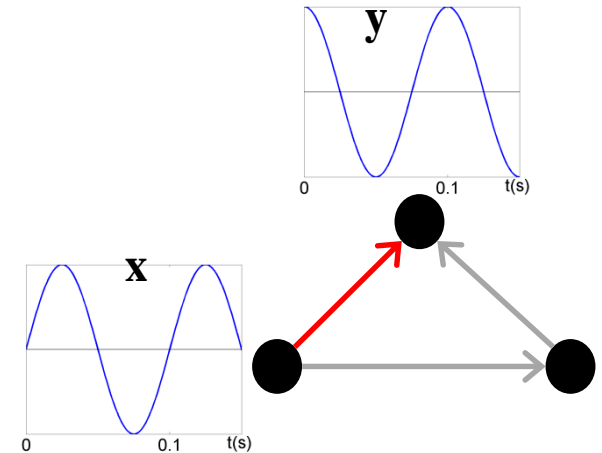
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(bivariate) Granger Causality

Immune to Field-spread, Directed, Indirect, Linear

Auto-regressive model to order p
(assuming mean-corrected, with residuals e)

$$y_y(t) = a_1 y(t-1) + \dots + a_p y(t-p) + e(t)$$
$$= \sum_{l=1}^p a_l y(t-l) + e(t)$$



Augmented model including past values of x (to order q)

$$y_{y \leftarrow x}(t) = \sum_{l=1}^p a_l y(t-l) + \sum_{l=1}^q b_l x(t-l) + e(t)$$

If classical F-test shows b parameters are non-zero, then x “Granger-causes” y
(special case of MVAR; see later)

Transfer Entropy (lagged generalisation of mutual information)

Immune to Field-spread, Directed, Indirect, Nonlinear

$$TE_{y \rightarrow x}(l) = \sum_{x_{n+l}, x_n, y_n} p(x_{n+l}, x_n, y_n) \log \left(\frac{p(x_{n+l} | x_n, y_n)}{p(x_{n+l} | x_n)} \right)$$

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Schreiber (2000) Phys Rev Letters

Generalised Synchronisation

Sensitive to Field-spread, Directed, Indirect, Nonlinear

$$x_t = [x_t, x_{t+l}, \dots, x_{t+(m-1)l}]$$

$$y_t = [y_t, y_{t+l}, \dots, y_{t+(m-1)l}]$$

$$S(x | y) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^N \frac{D_t(x)}{D_t(x | y)}$$

m is the embedding dimension and l lag

D is the Euclidean distance between x_t and embedded neighbours

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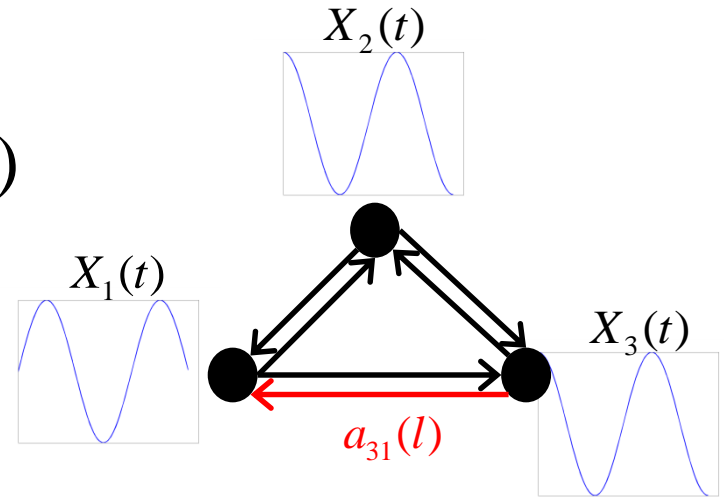
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Multivariate Autoregressive Modelling (MVAR)

Immune to Field-spread, Directed, Direct, Linear

$$X_i(t) = \sum_{j=1}^N \sum_{l=1}^p a_{ij}(l) X_j(t-l) + u_i(t)$$



Various summary measures, eg,
Partial Directed Coherence (PDC):

$$PDC_{ij}(f) = \frac{A_{ij}(f)}{\sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^M |A_{kj}(f)|^2}}$$

$$A_{ij}(f) = F(a_{ij}(l))$$

Generalised form of Granger Causality

Though insensitive to true zero-lag dependencies (occur in reality?)

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Immune to Field-spread, Directed, Direct, Nonlinear, model-driven

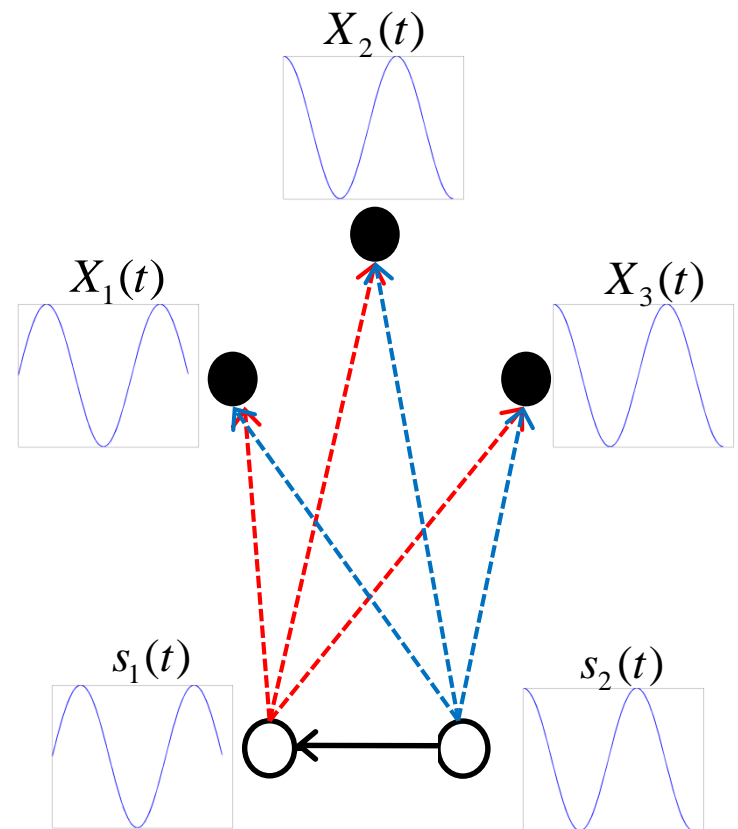
Connectivity modelled between
sources

Projected to sensors via headmodel

Typically a handful of sources, and
a range of networks fit to data

Bayesian methods for comparing
which network model is best

Dynamic Causal Modelling (DCM)
is one approach



Chen et al, 2009, Neuroimage

Measure	Immune to Field Spread	Directed	Nonlinear	Direct
Cross-Correlation	Y ($I > 0$)	N	N	N
Coherence	Y (imaginary)	N	N	N
PLV/PLI	Y	N	N	N
Granger (bivariate)	Y	Y	N	N
Mutual Information	N	N	Y	N
Generalised Synchrony	N	Y	Y	N
Transfer Entropy	Y	Y	Y	N
MVAR (eg, PDC)	Y	Y	N	Y
Generative (eg, DCM)	Y	Y	Y	Y

The End

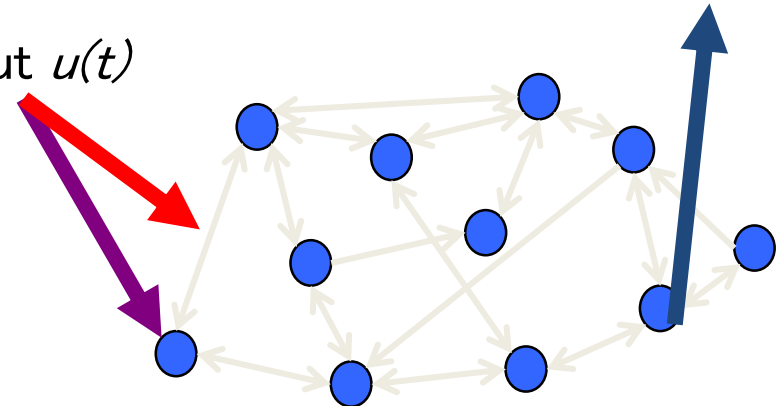
DCM Neural Level

System changes depend on:

- the current state z
- the connectivity θ
- external inputs u
 - driving (to nodes)
 - modulatory (on links)
- time constants & delays

(cf GLM, “inputs” to all nodes simultaneously!)

Input $u(t)$

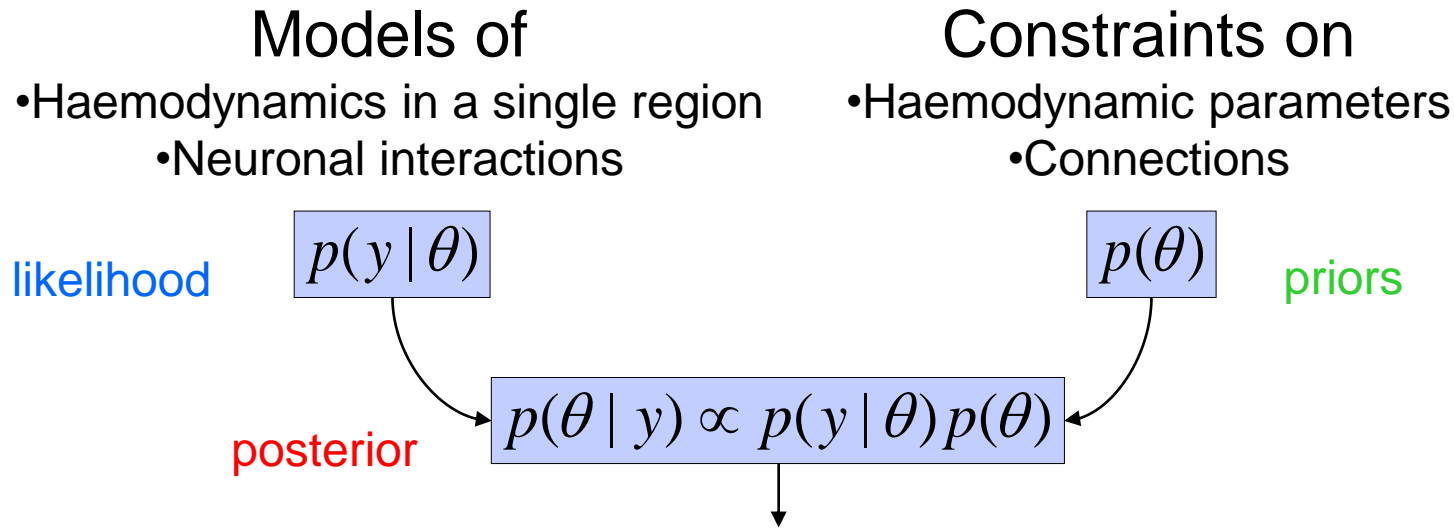


connectivity parameters θ

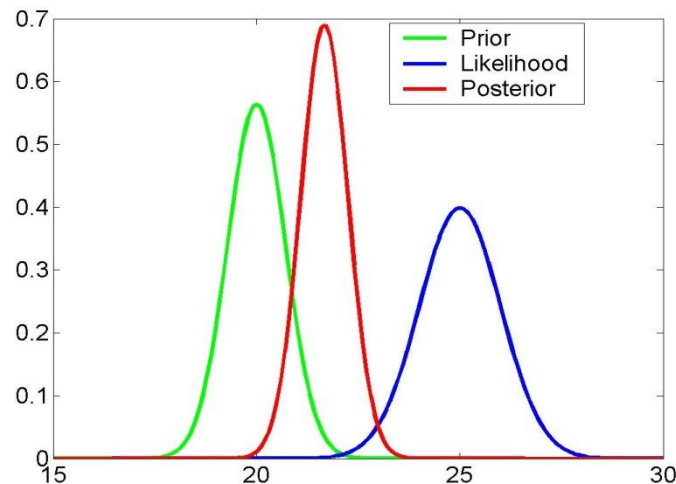
system
 $z(t)$ state

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = F(z, u, \theta)$$

DCM Estimation: Bayesian framework



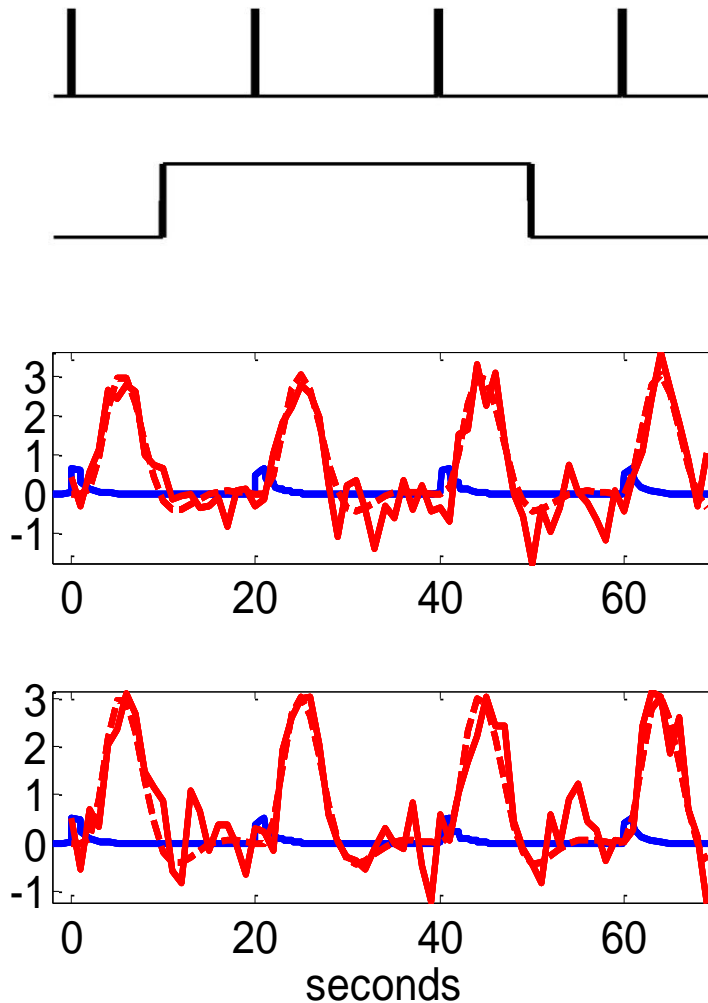
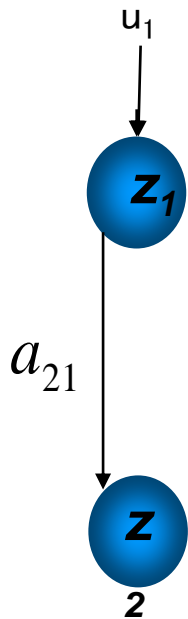
Bayesian estimation



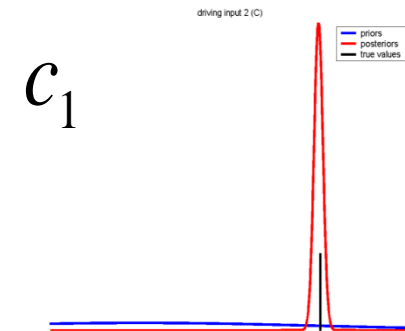
Inferences on:

1. *Parameters*
2. *Models*

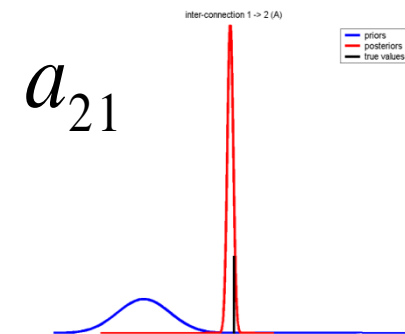
Parameter estimation: an example



Input coupling, c_1



Forward coupling, a_{21}



Prior density —

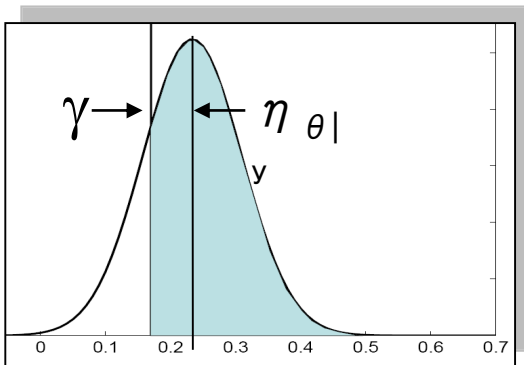
Posterior density —

true values —

Inference about DCM parameters

Bayesian single subject analysis

- The model parameters are distributions that have a mean $\eta_{\theta|y}$ and covariance $C_{\theta|y}$
 - Use of the cumulative normal distribution to test the probability that a certain parameter is above a chosen threshold γ :



Classical frequentist test across Ss

- Test summary statistic: mean $\eta_{\theta|y}$
 - One-sample t-test: Parameter > 0?
 - Paired t-test:
parameter 1 > parameter 2?
 - rmANOVA: e.g. in case of multiple sessions per subject

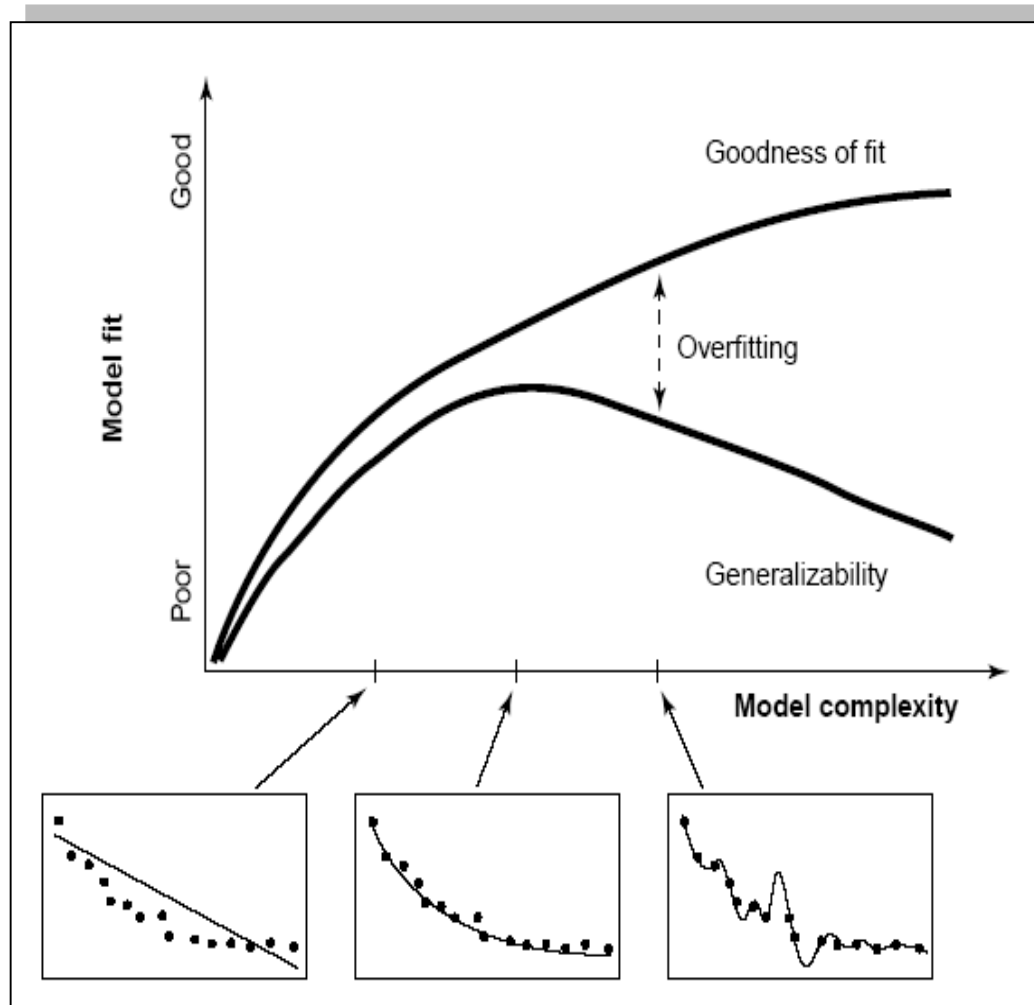
Model comparison and selection

Given competing hypotheses,
which model is the best?



$$\log p(y | m) = \text{accuracy}(m) - \text{complexity}(m)$$

$$B_{ij} = \frac{p(y | m = i)}{p(y | m = j)}$$



Pitt & Miyung (2002) *TICS*