

# FMRI Time Series Activation

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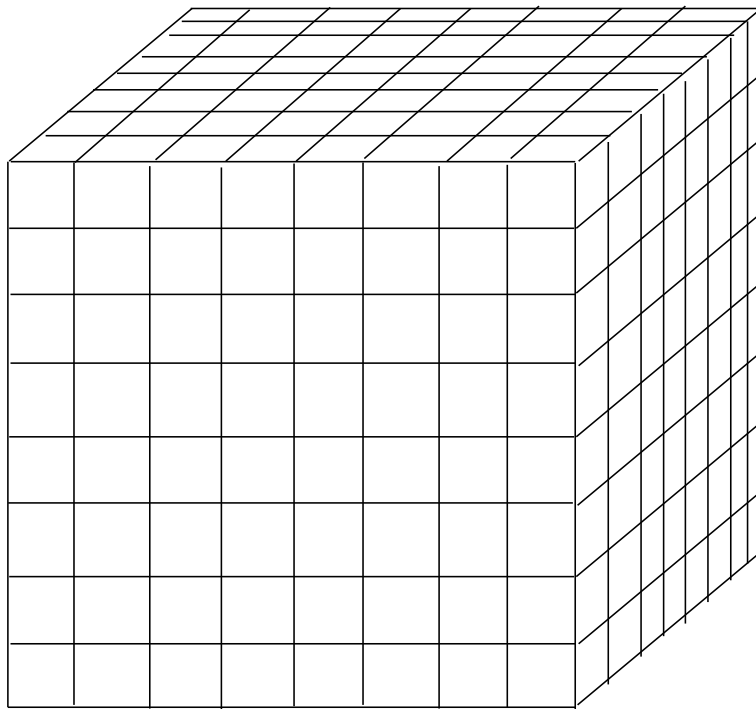


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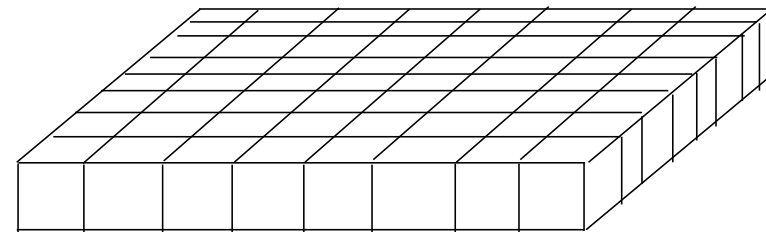
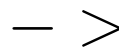
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## Complex Image Reconstruction Review

In MRI we image a real-valued 3D object,  $R(x, y, z)$ .  
Lattice of volume elements, voxels.



Volume



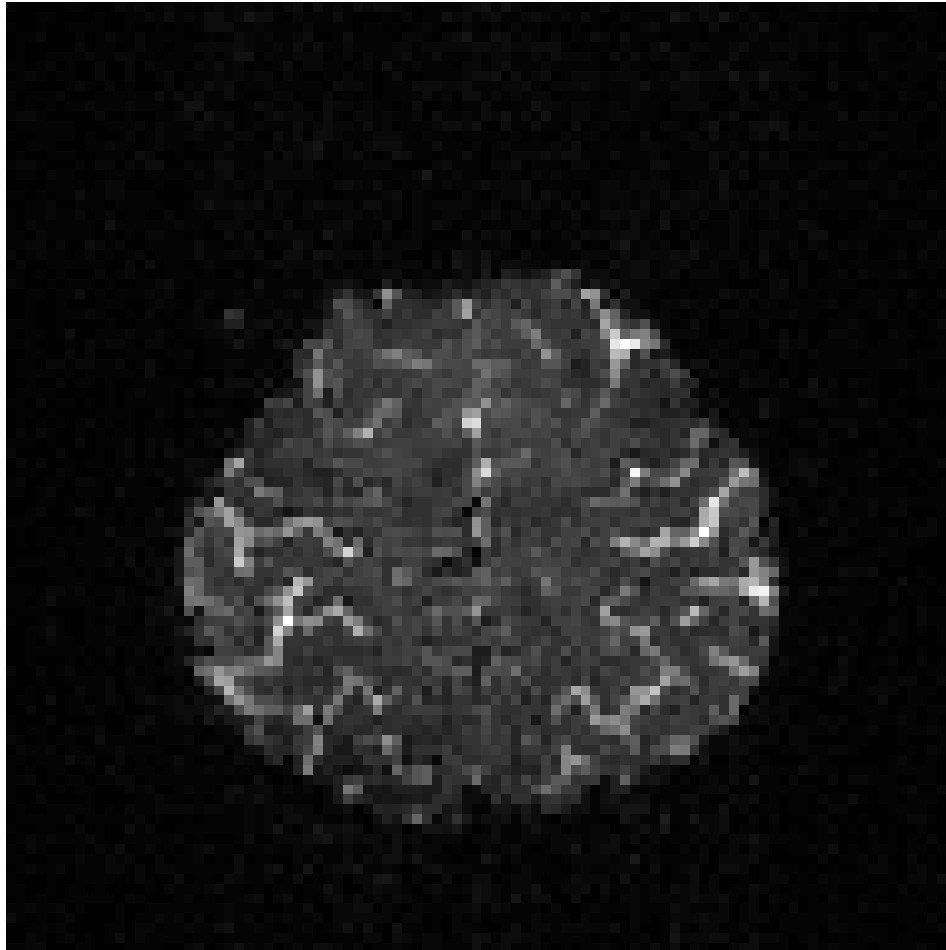
Slice

Generally echo planar imaging and not echo volume imaging.  
Consider a single slice  $R(x, y)$ .

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In MRI we aim to image a real-valued object,  $R(x, y)$ .

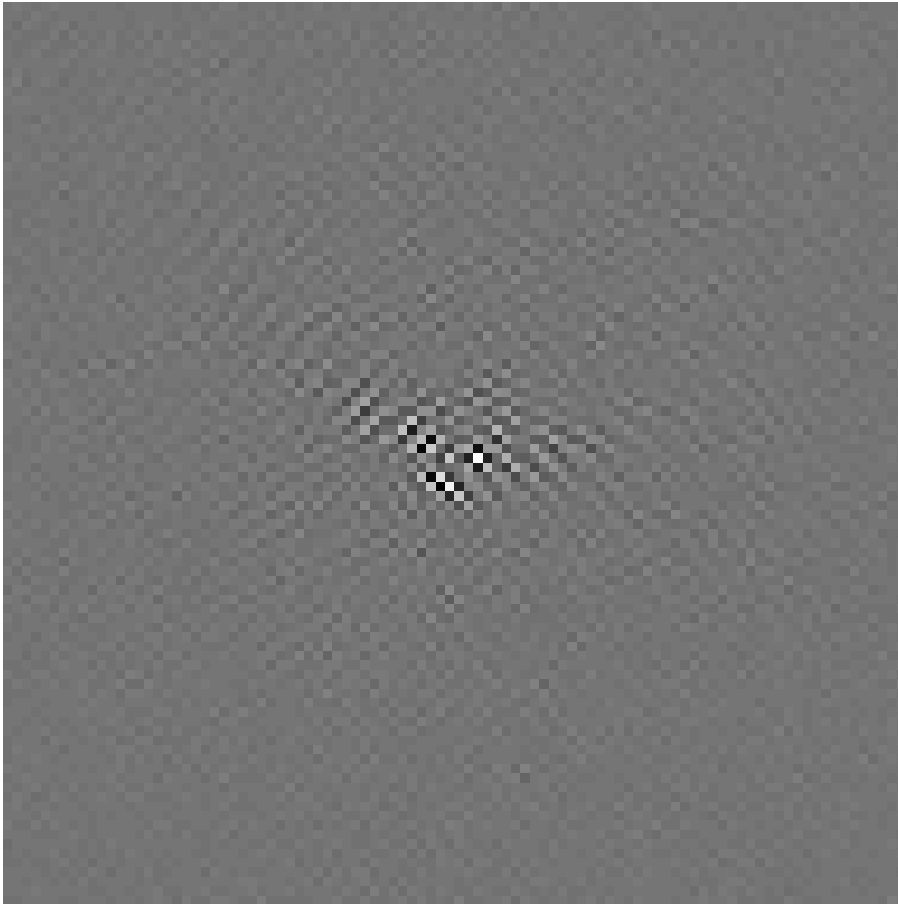
Different tissues have different magnetic properties yielding contrast.



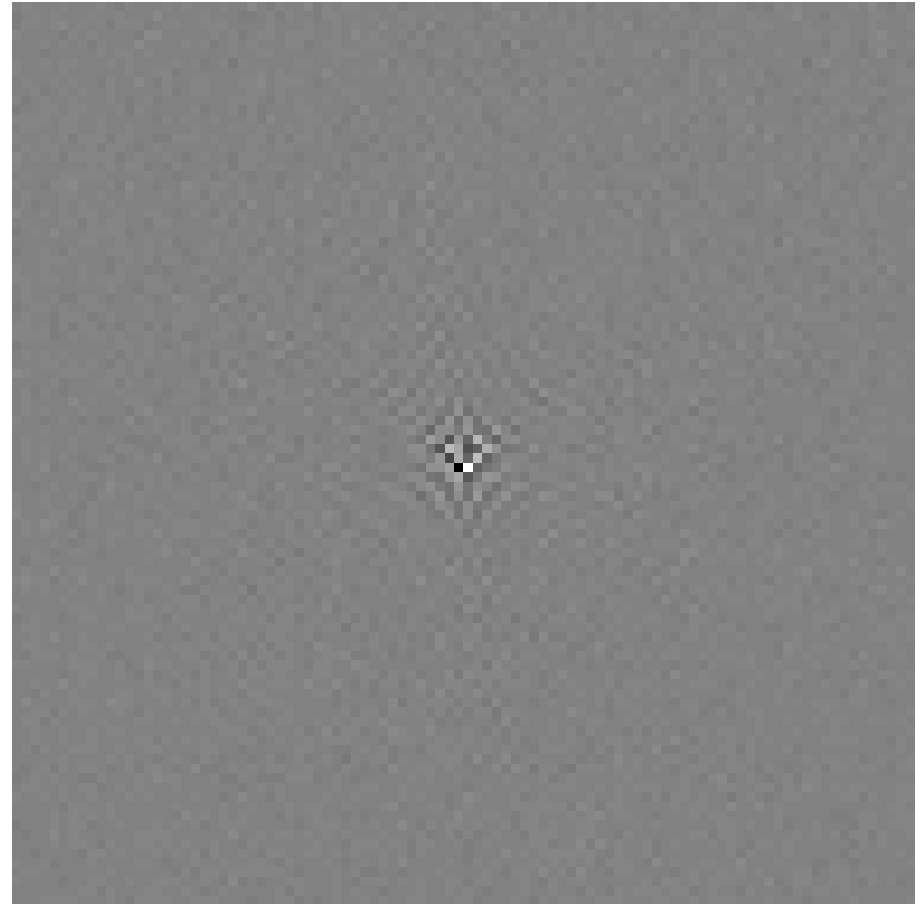
$T_2^*$  weighted image

## Complex Image Reconstruction Review: 2D

$F(k_x, k_y) = F_R(k_x, k_y) + iF_I(k_x, k_y)$ , the complex-valued DFT of object



(a) real:  $96 \times 96$



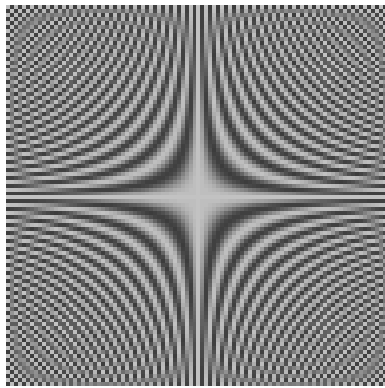
(b) imaginary:  $96 \times 96$

FOV=192 mm, mat= $96 \times 96$ , vox= $2 \text{ mm}^3$

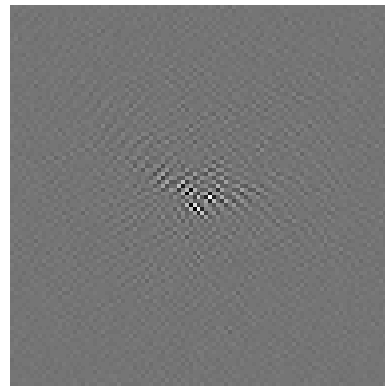
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complex-valued 2D IFT

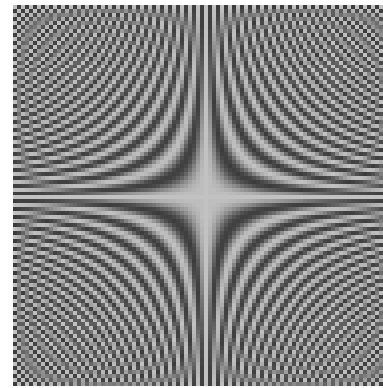
$$(\Omega_{yR} + i\Omega_{yI}) * (F_R + iF_I) * (\Omega_{xR} + i\Omega_{xI})^T = (Y_R + iY_I)$$



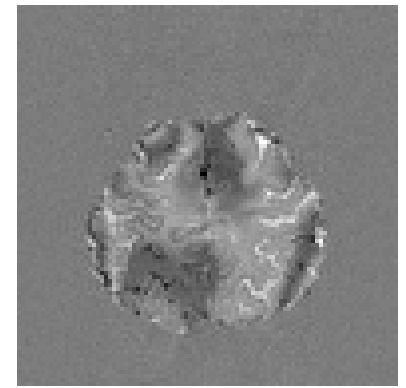
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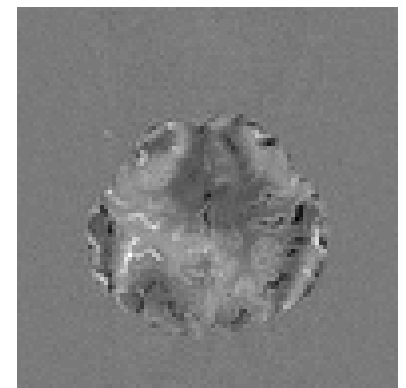
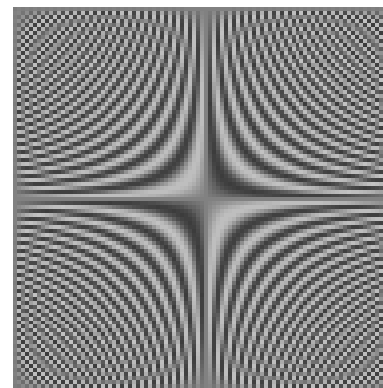
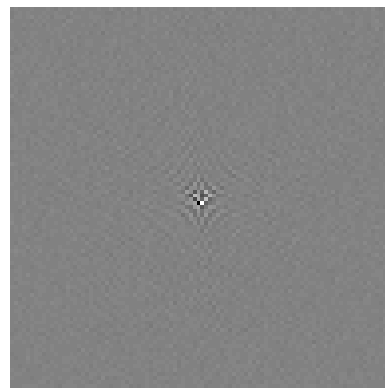
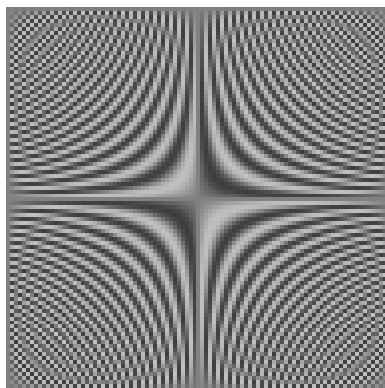
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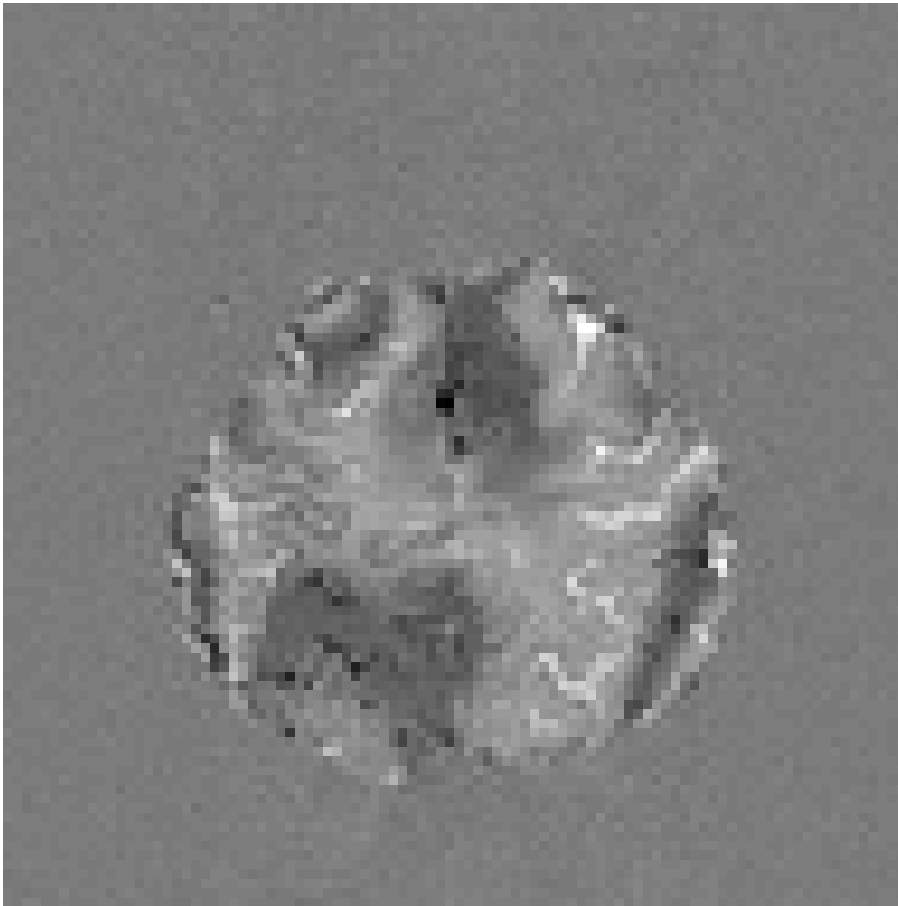
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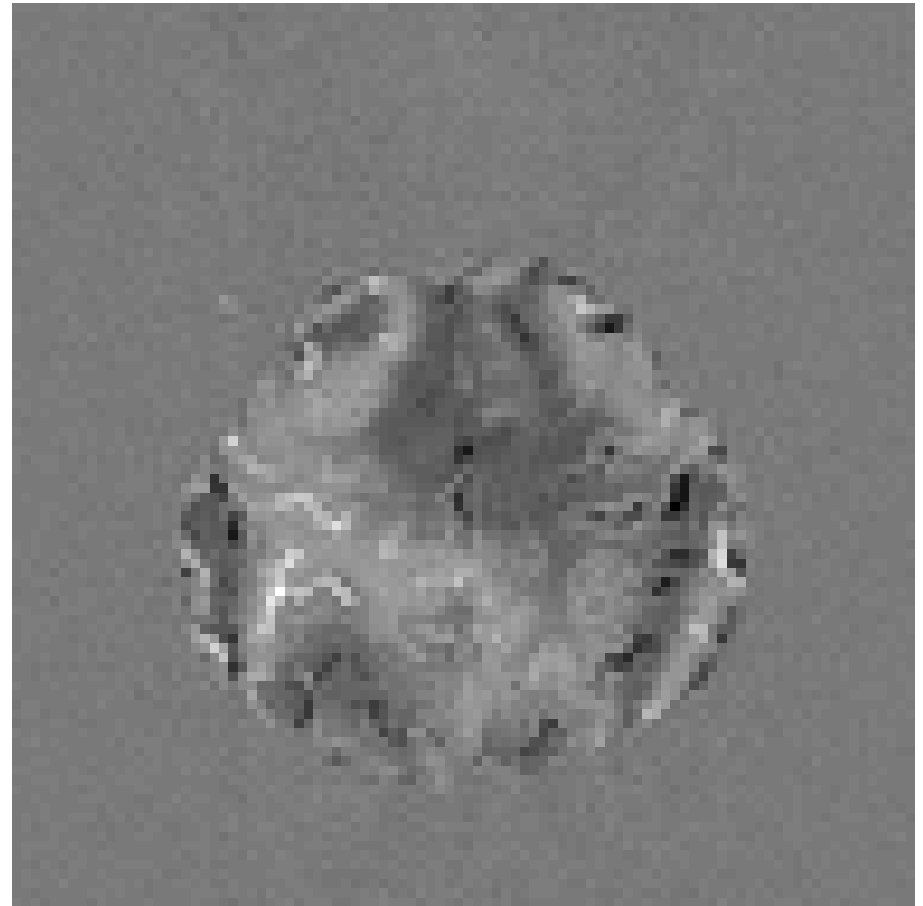
FOV=192 mm, mat=96×96, vox=2 mm<sup>3</sup>

## Complex Image Reconstruction Review: 2D

Due to the imperfect Fourier encoding, the IFT reconstructed object is complex-valued,  $Y(x, y) = Y_R(x, y) + iY_I(x, y)$ .



(a) Real image,  $y_R$

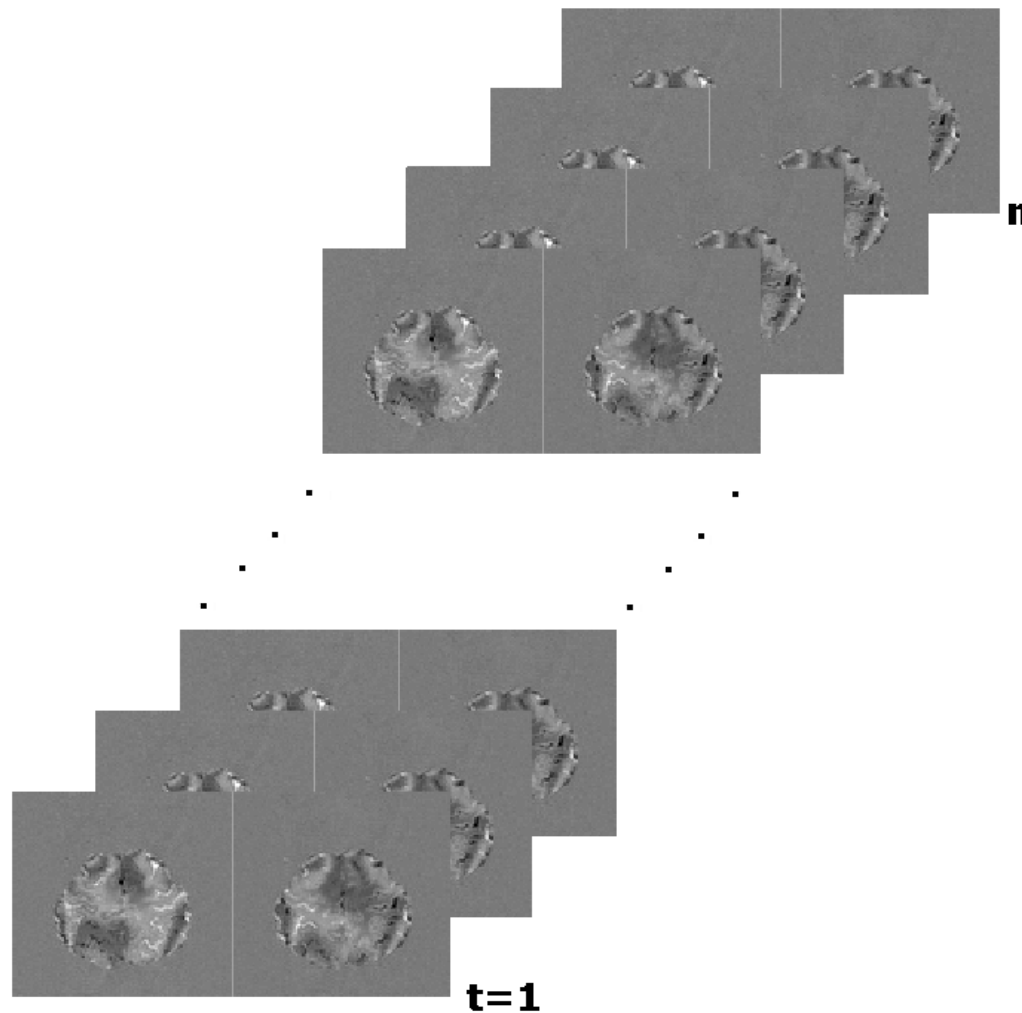


(b) Imaginary image,  $y_I$

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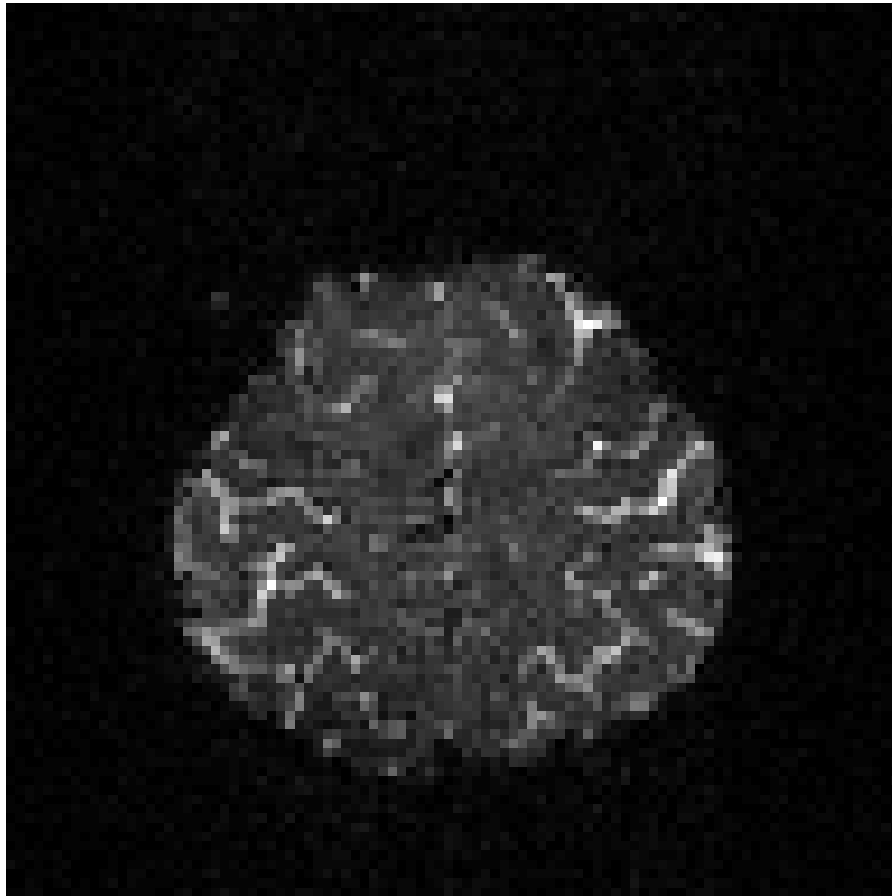
This occurs over time in fMRI and results in complex-valued images and voxel time course observations,  $y_t = y_{Rt} + iy_{It}$ .



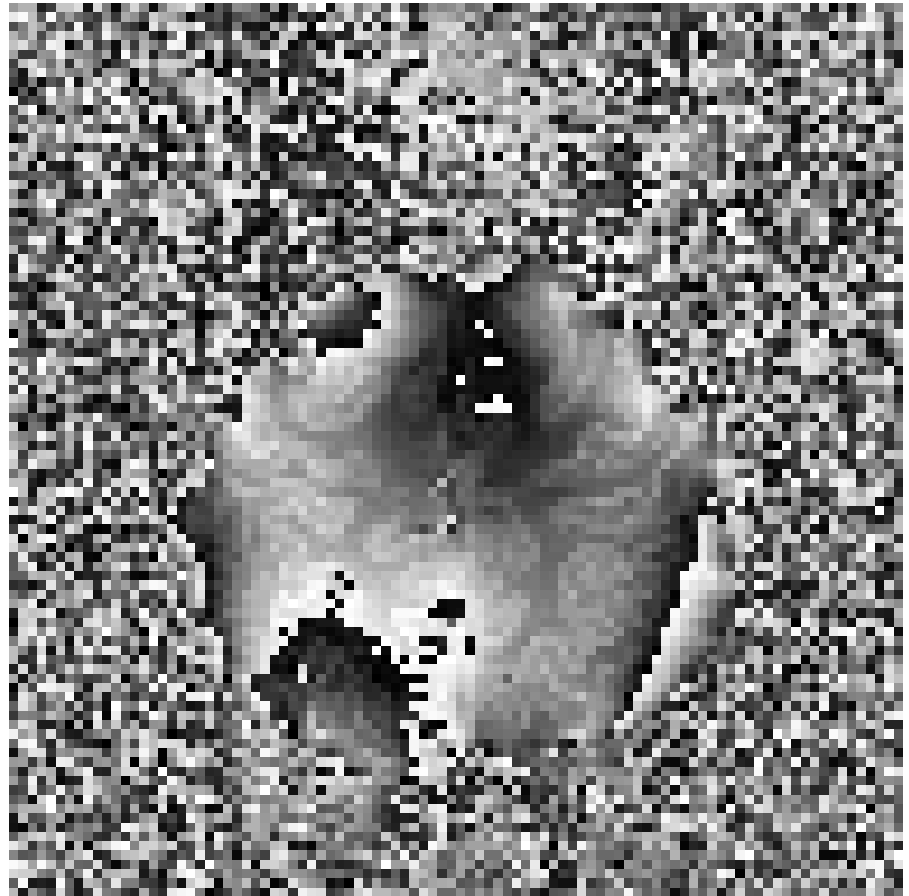


## Complex Image Reconstruction Review: 2D

Most fMRI studies transform from real-imaginary rectangular coordinates to magnitude-phase polar coordinates,  $Y(x, y) = r(x, y)e^{i\phi(x, y)}$ .



(a) Magnitude,  $r_t = \sqrt{y_{Rt}^2 + y_{It}^2}$

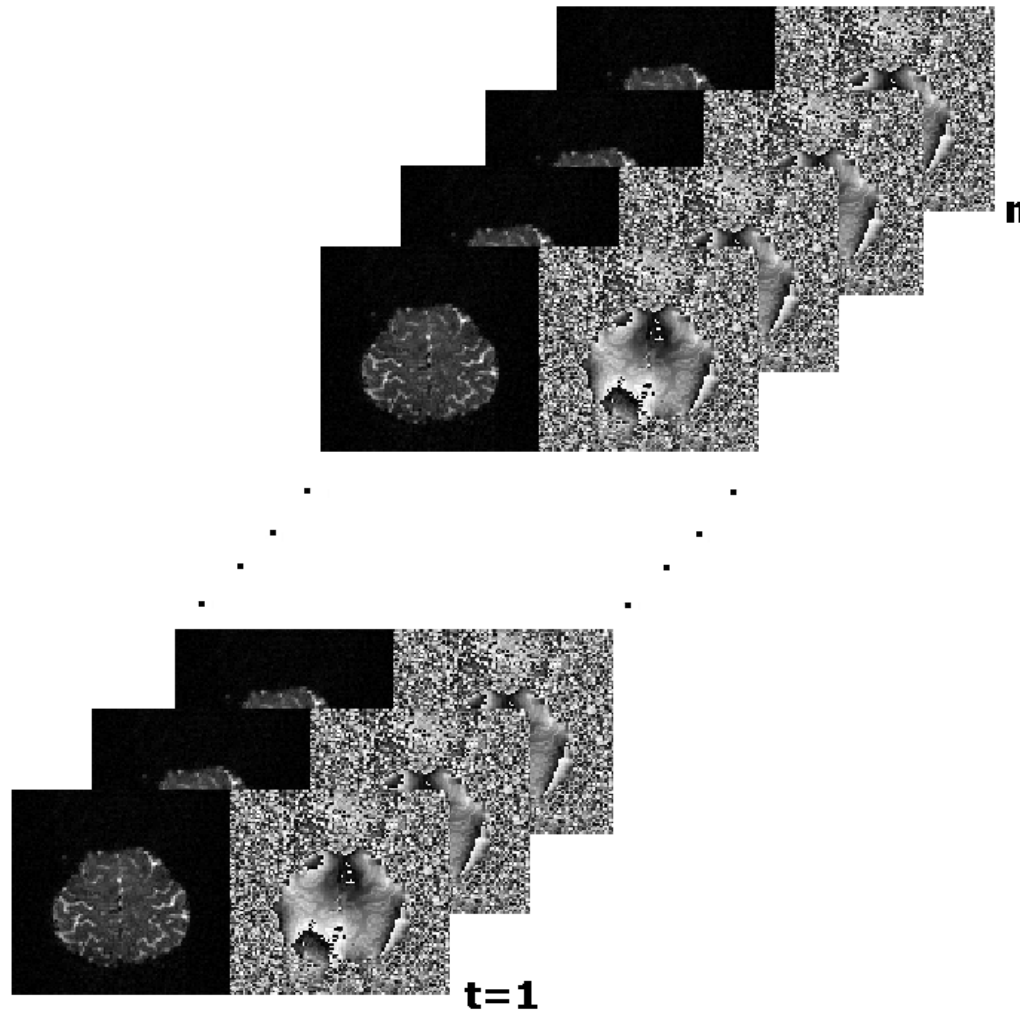


(b) Phase,  $\phi_t = \text{atan}_4(y_{It}/y_{Rt})$

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Collect a sequence of these reconstructed images over time.

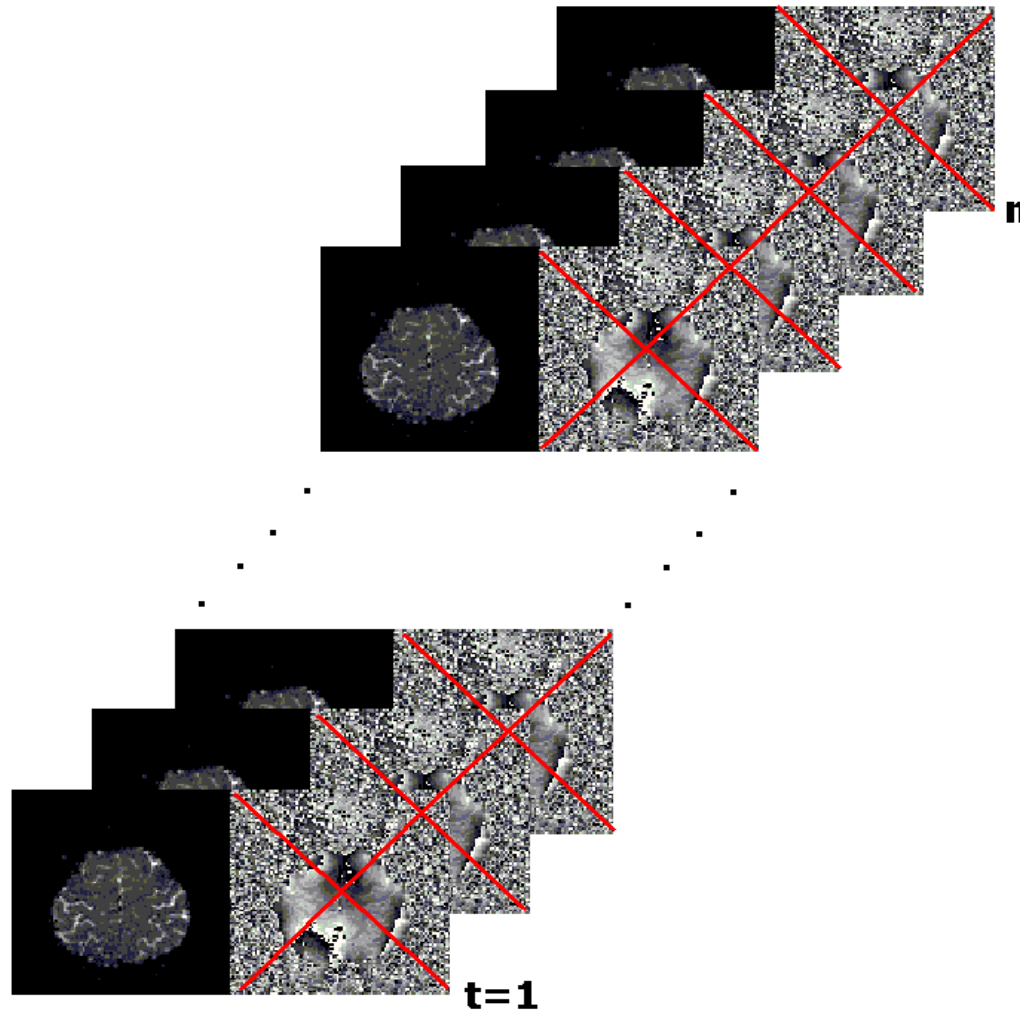
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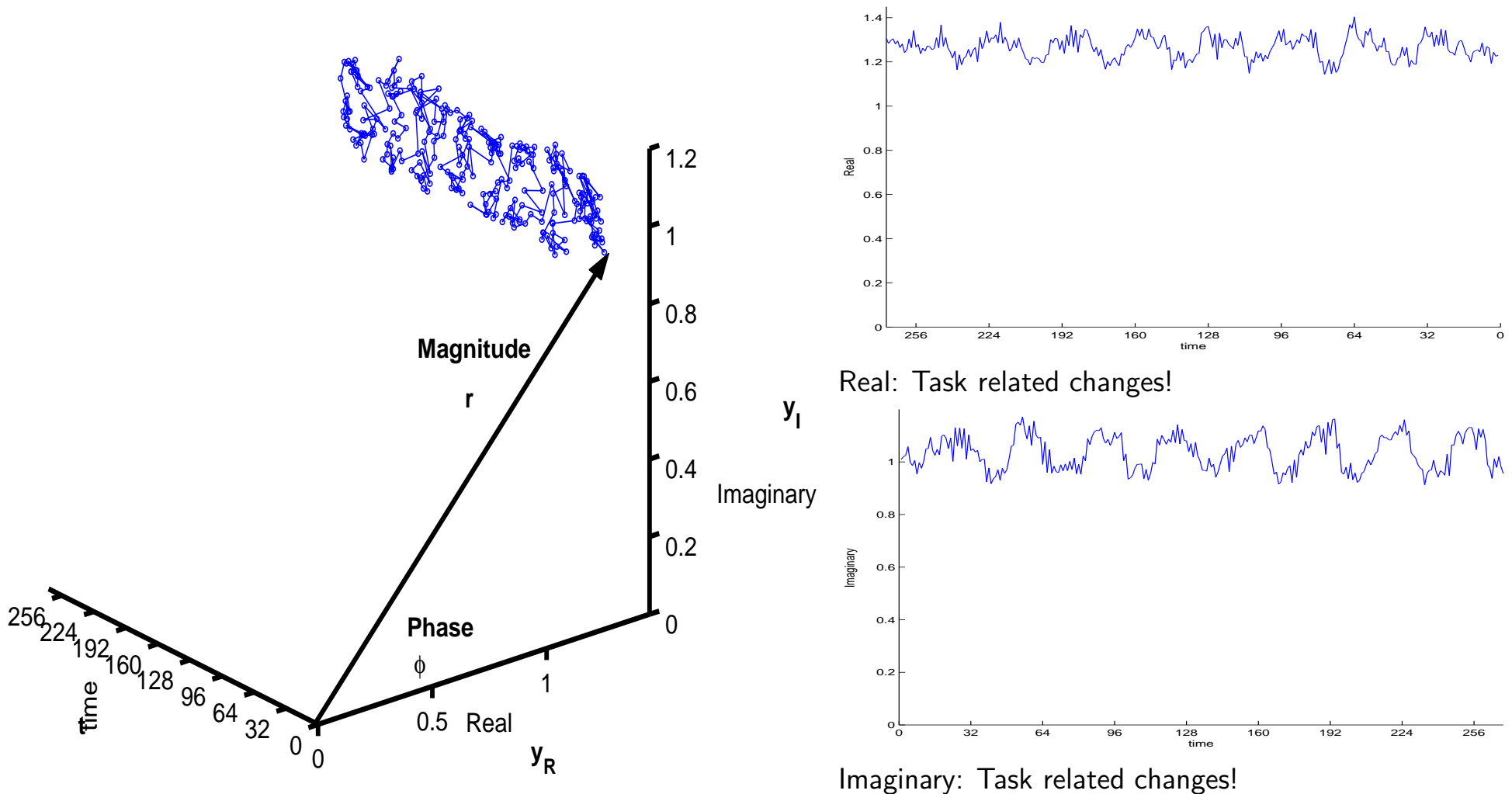
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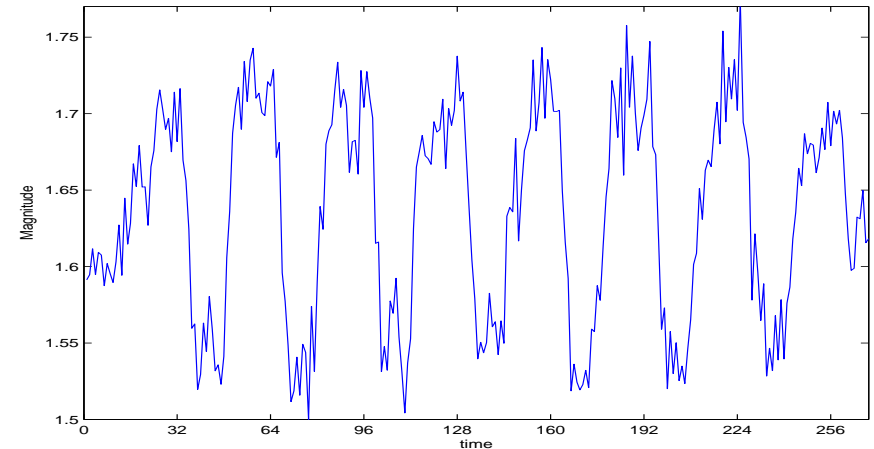
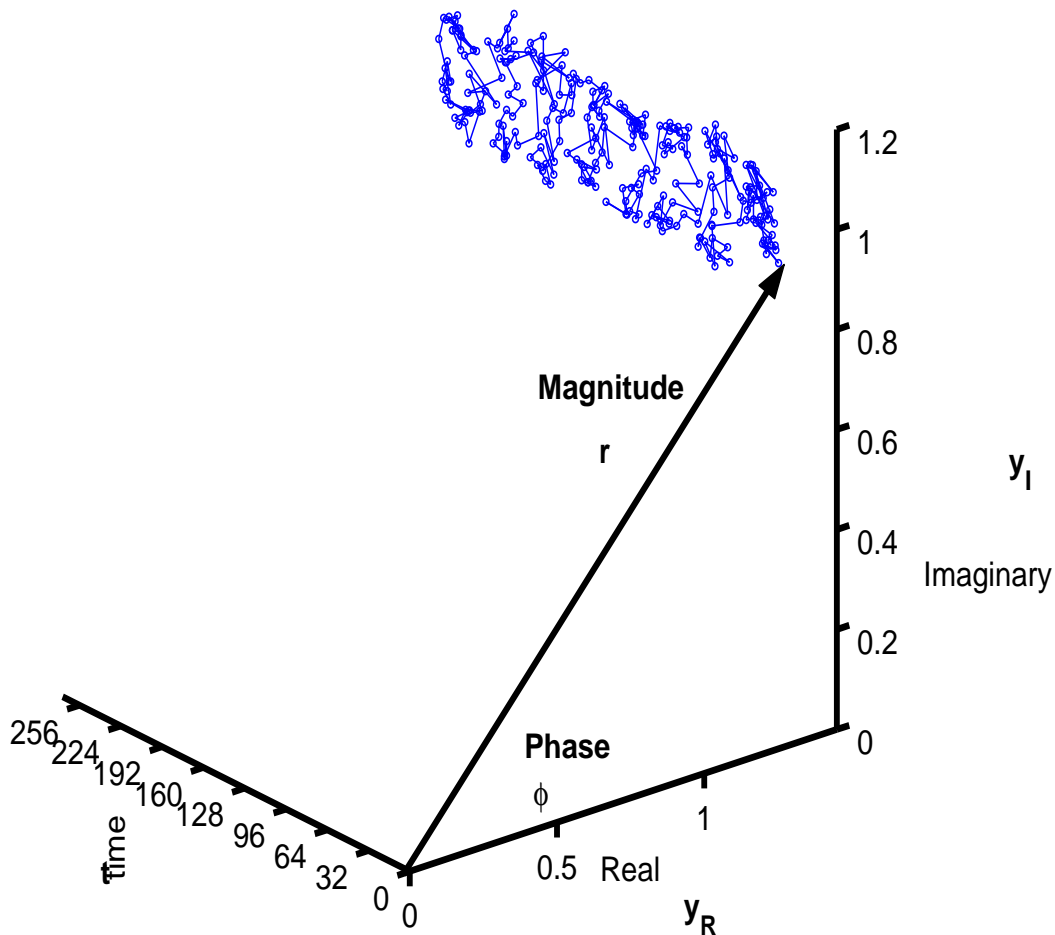


The  $y_R$  and  $y_I$  time courses have related vector length info!

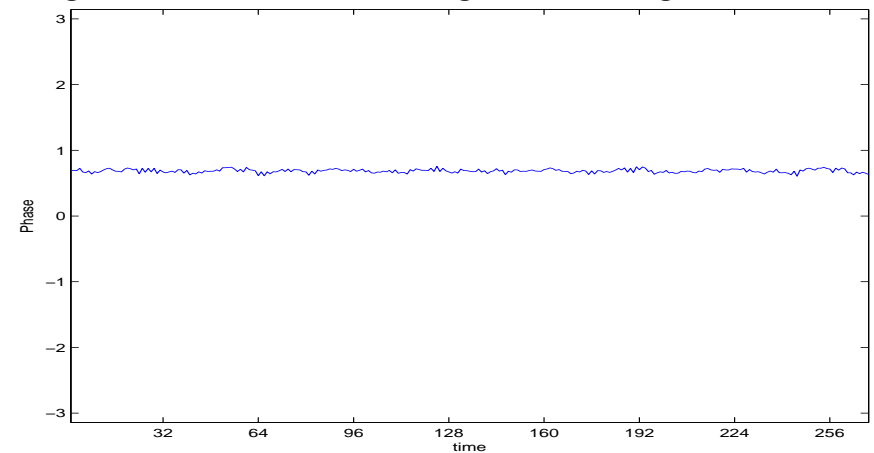
This is a time series from a actual human experimental data!

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Magnitude: Task related magnitude changes!



Phase: Often relatively constant temporally.

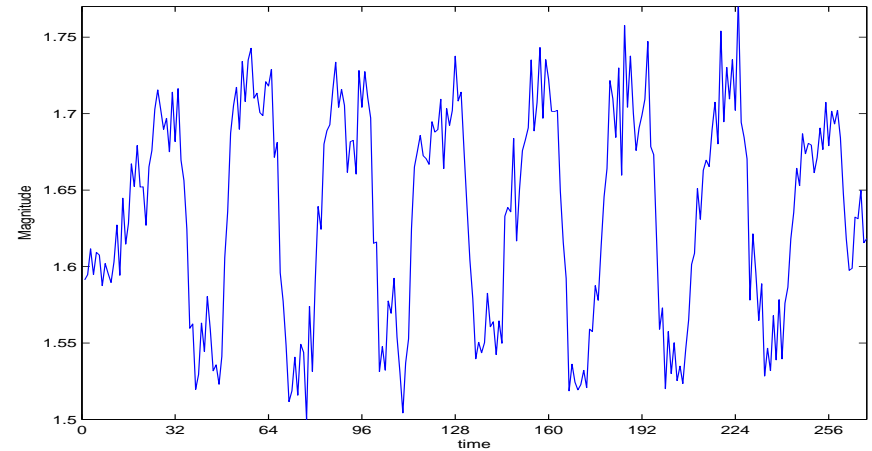
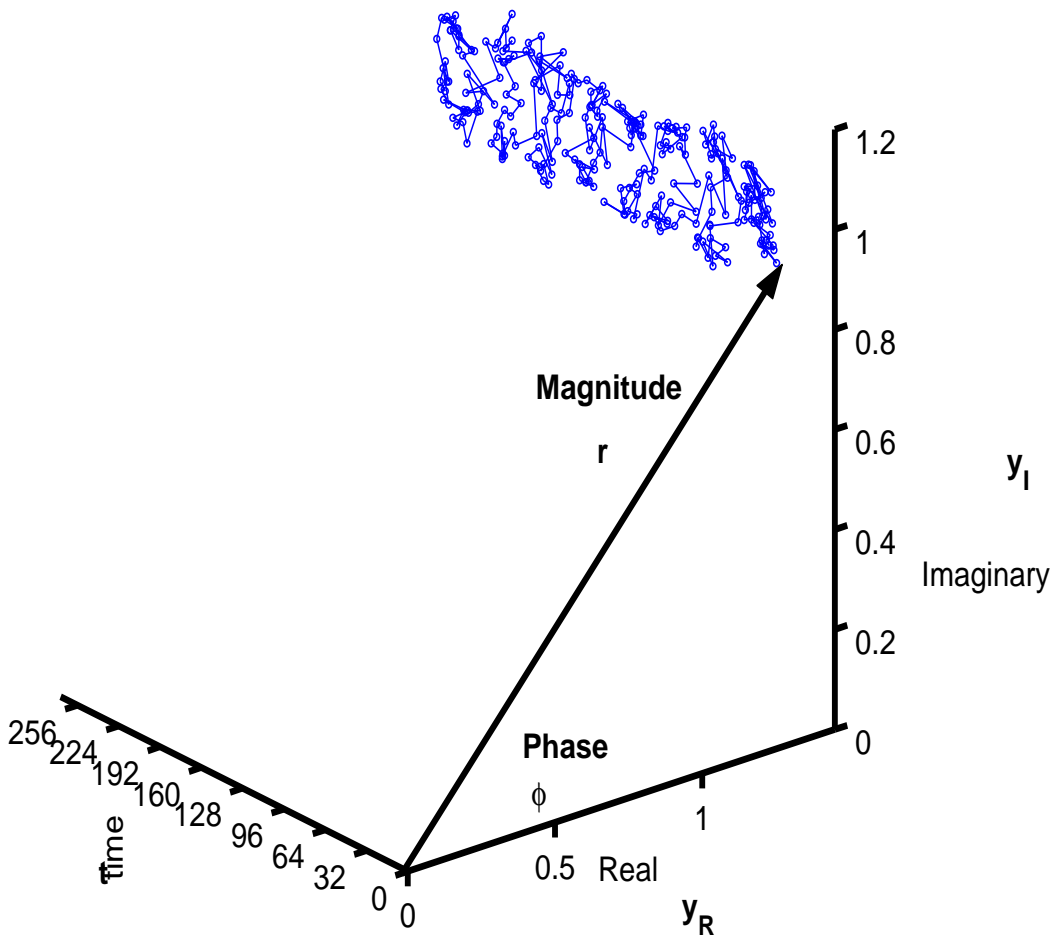
MO time courses only have vector length info!

PO time courses only has vector angle info!

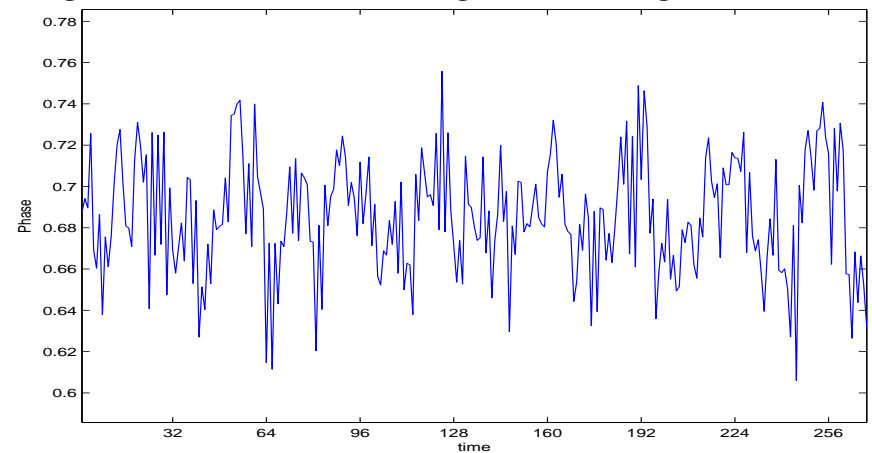
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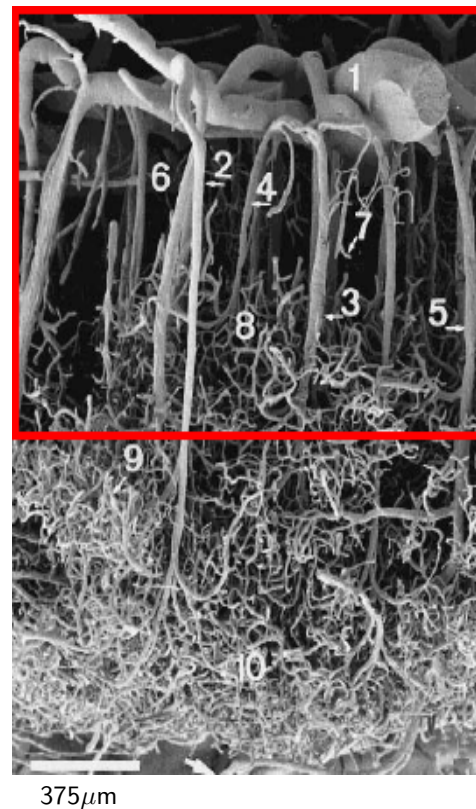
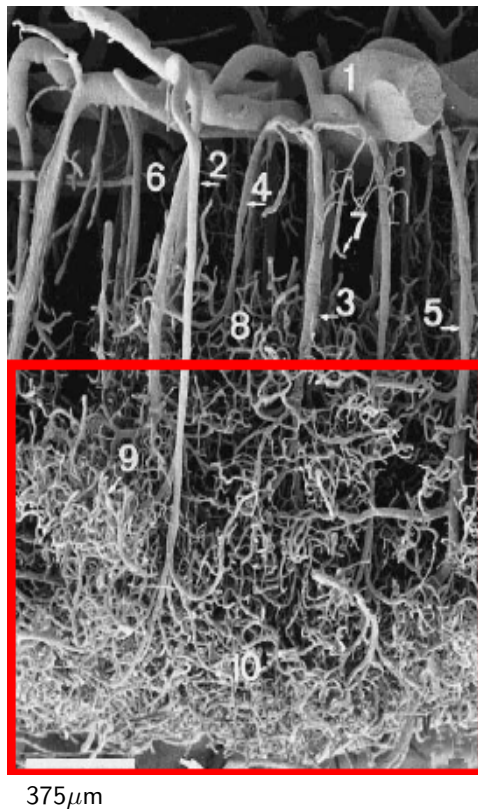
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Recent work indicates that phase time courses may exhibit TRPCs

Menon, 2002; Hoogenrad et al., 1998; Borduka et al., 1999; Chow et al., 2006;

## Phase Information: Vascular Structure and BOLD

- Voxels w/ small random veins, task related magnitude w/o phase change
- Voxels w/ large draining veins, task related magnitude w/ phase change



- 1) pial artery
- 2) long cortical artery
- 3) middle cortical artery
- 4) short cortical artery
- 5) cortical vein
- 6) subpial zone
- 7) precapillary vessels
- 8) superficial capillary zone
- 9) middle capillary zone
- 10) deep capillary zone.

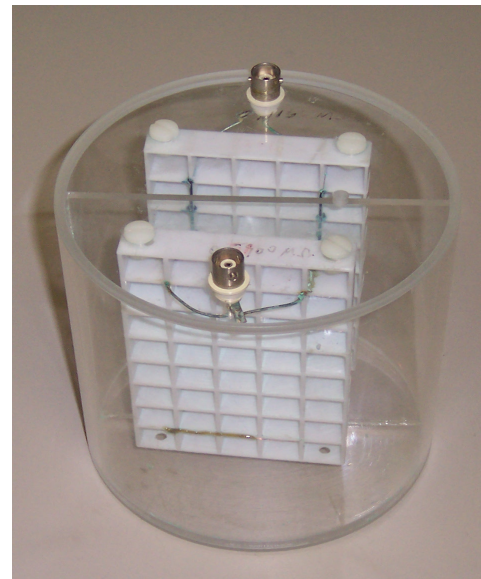
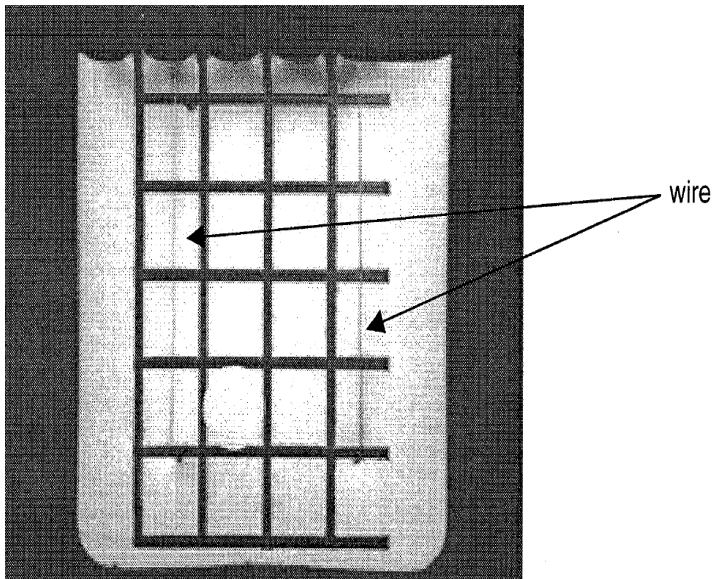
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<sup>2</sup>Hoogenraad: MRM, 45:233-246, 2001.

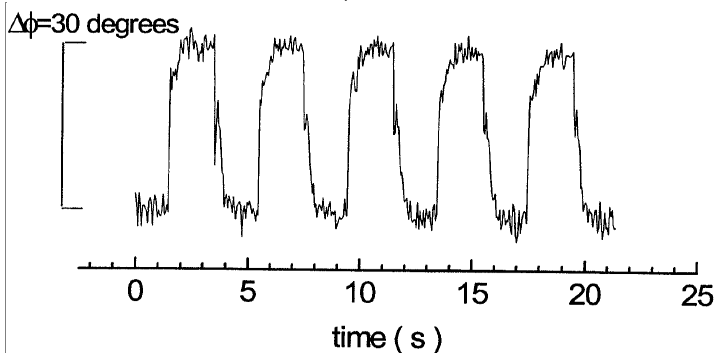
Figure from Reina-de la Torre et al.: The Anatomical Record, 251:87-96, 1998.

## Phase Information: Direct Neuronal Current

- Voxels w/ wire, task related magnitude & phase change
- Voxels w/ optic nerve, task related magnitude & phase change



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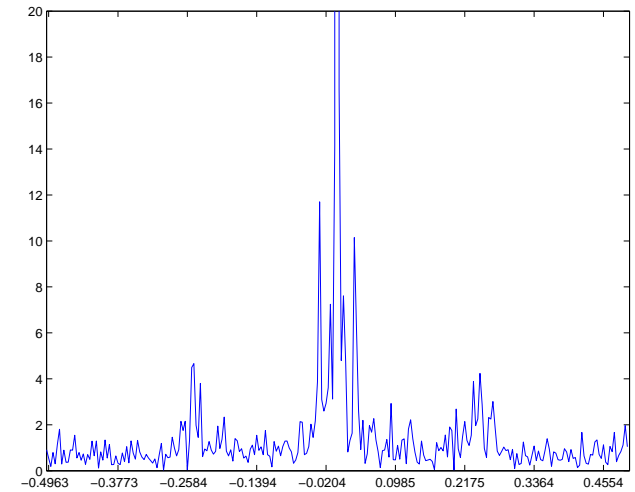
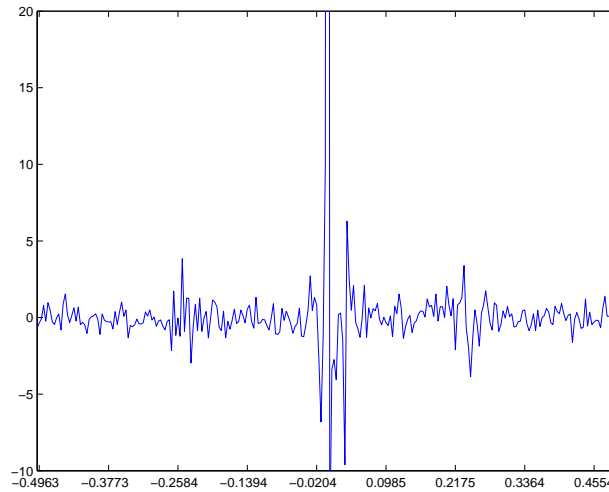
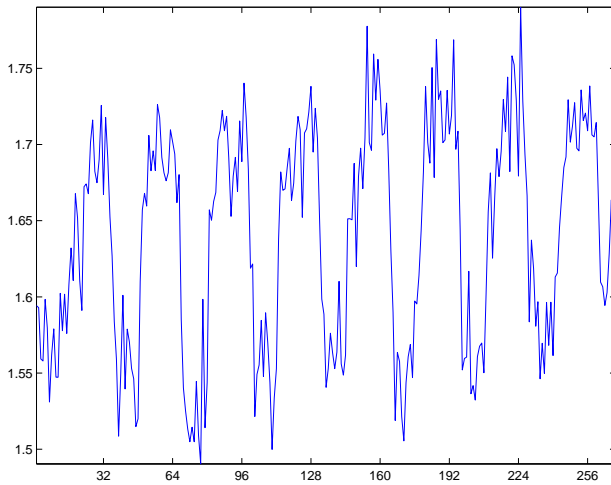


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# Phase Information: Other Magnetic Field Changes

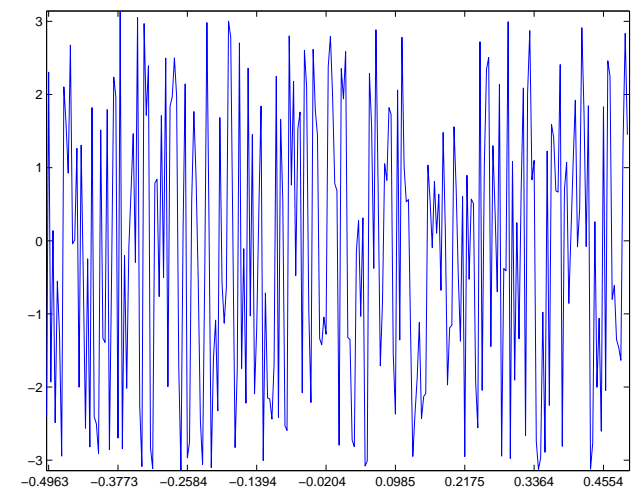
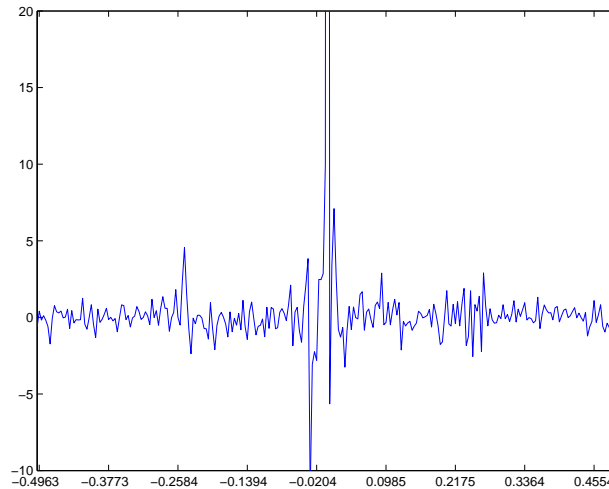
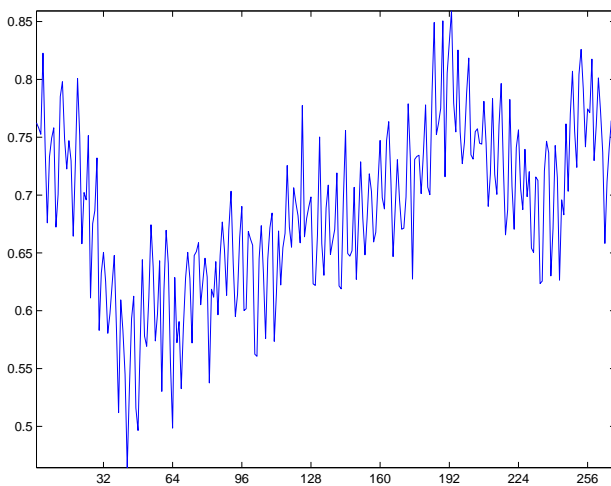
Some voxels phase contain other info: respiration, cardiac, motion



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TS FT real

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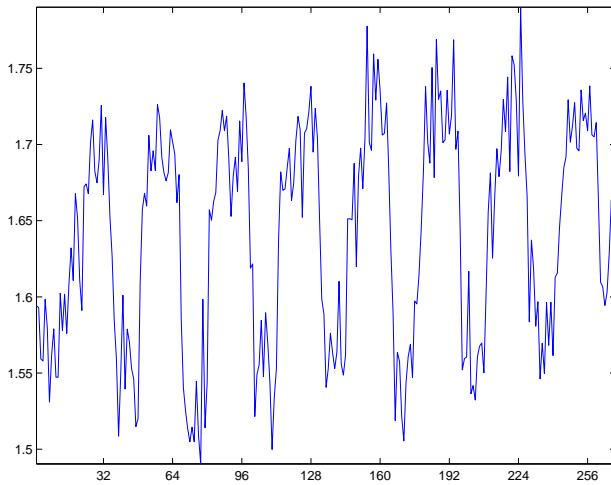
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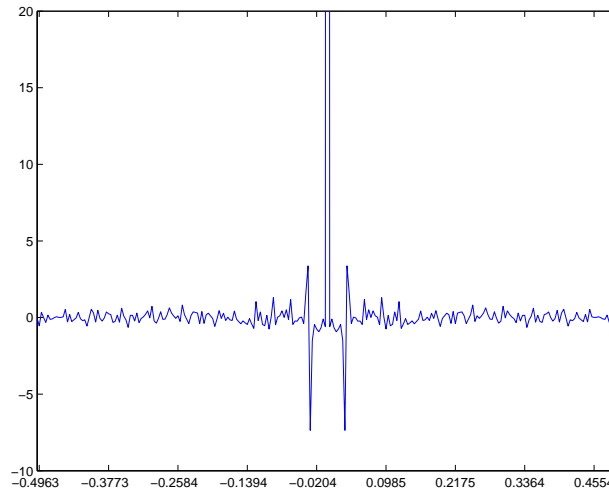
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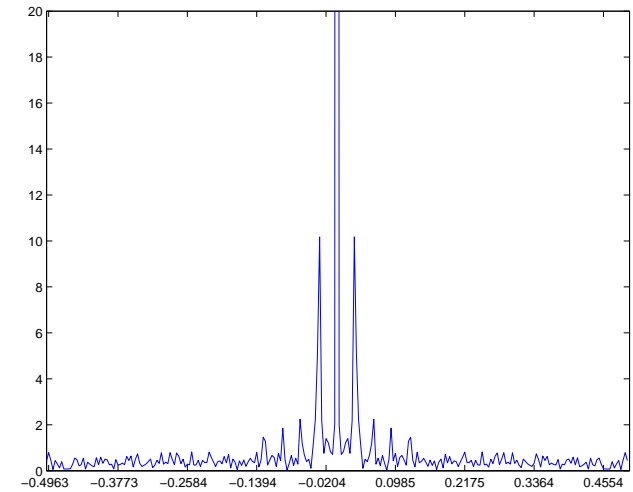
Let's consider only the magnitude of the time series and its FT.



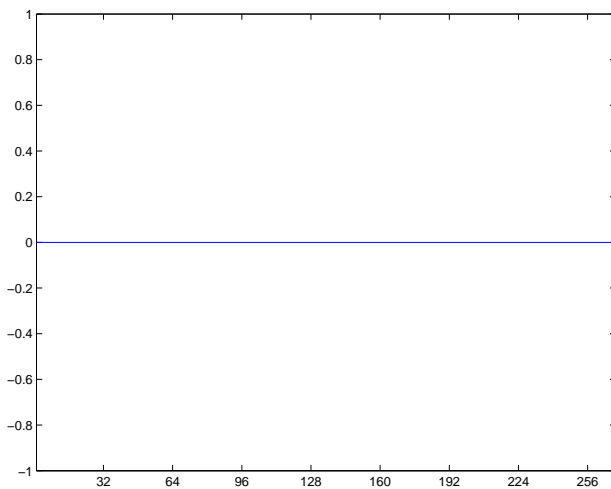
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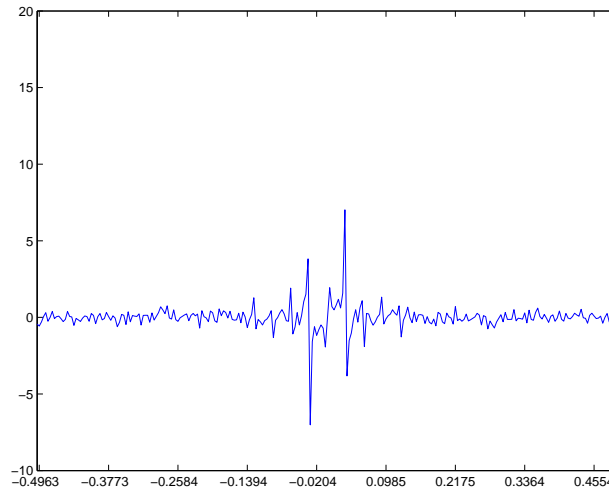
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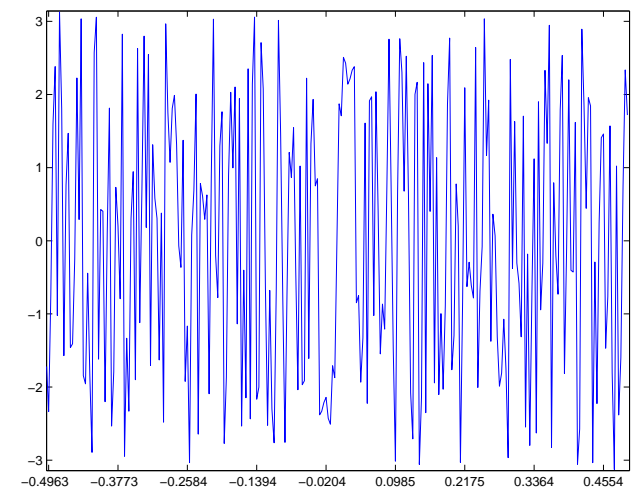
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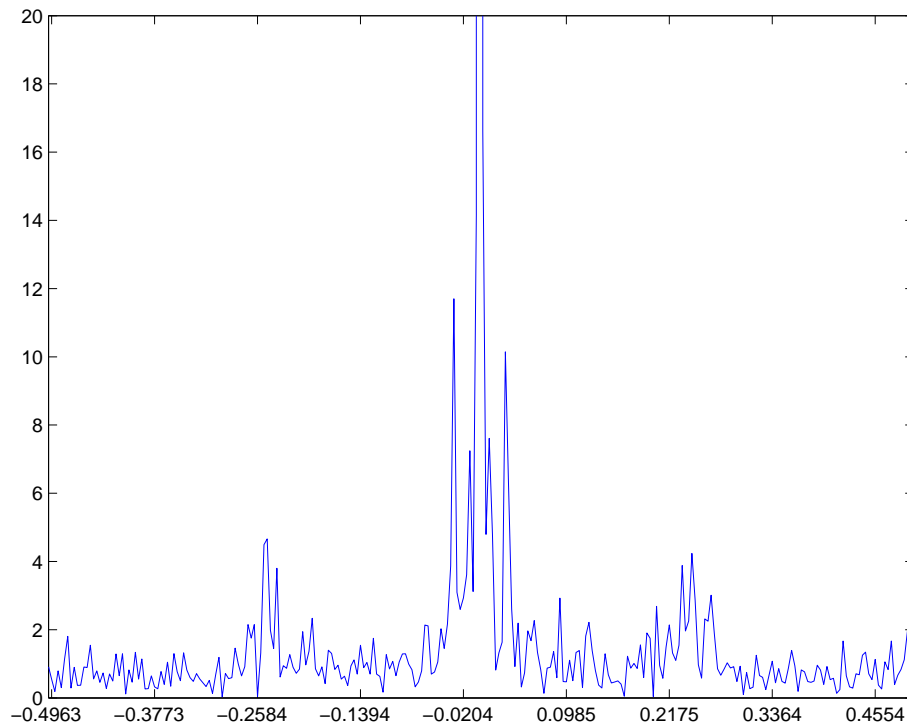


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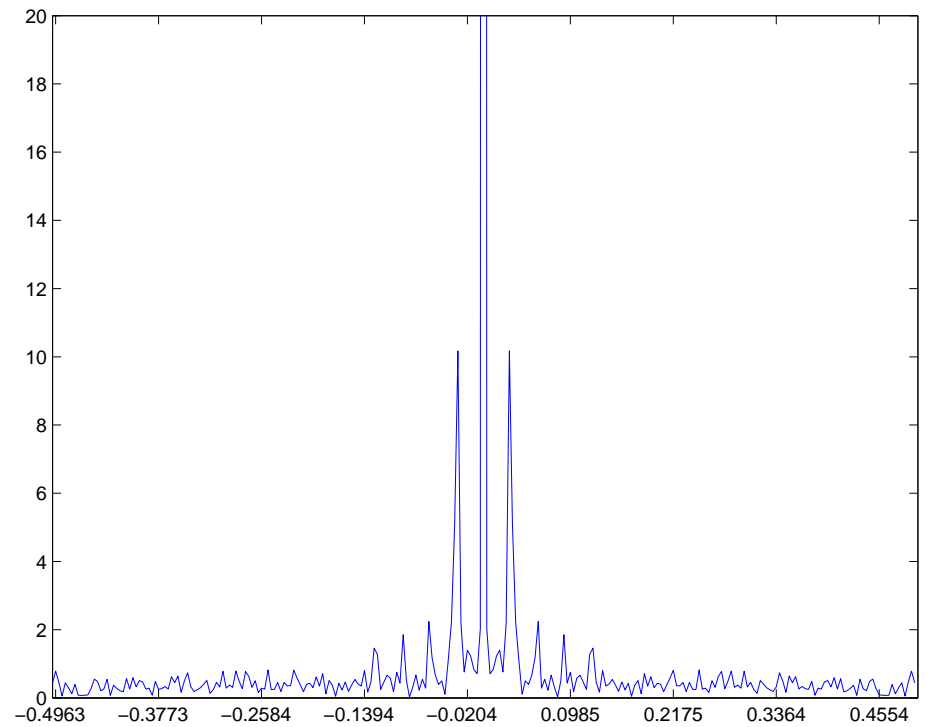


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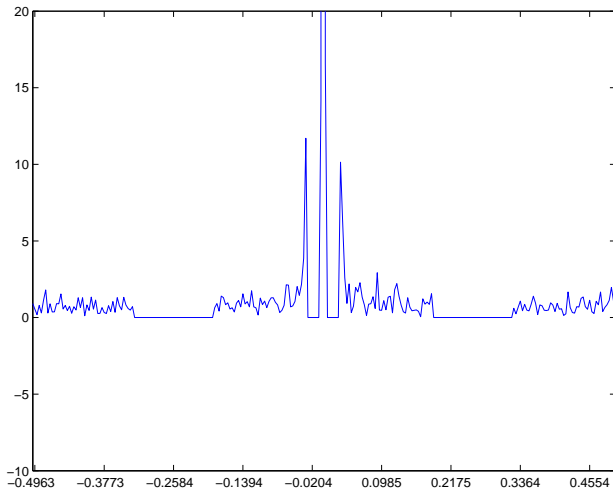
Original Time Series FT Mag.



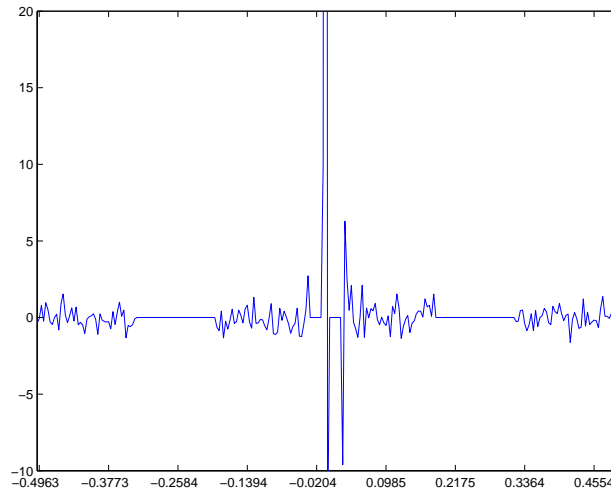
Magnitude Time Series FT Mag.

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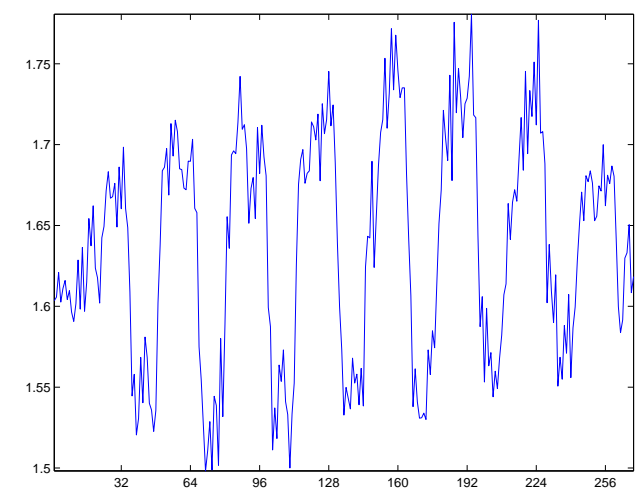
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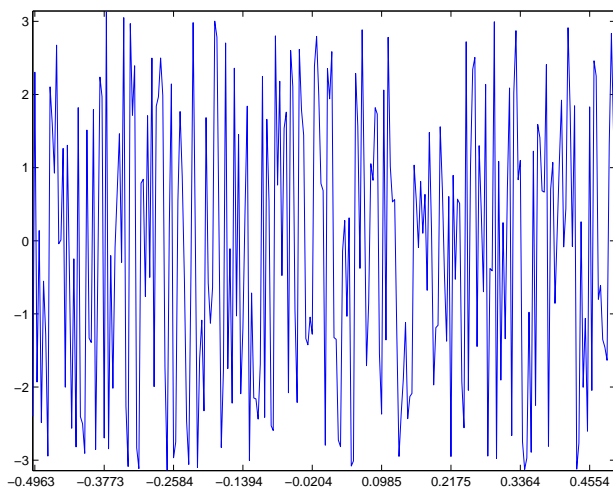
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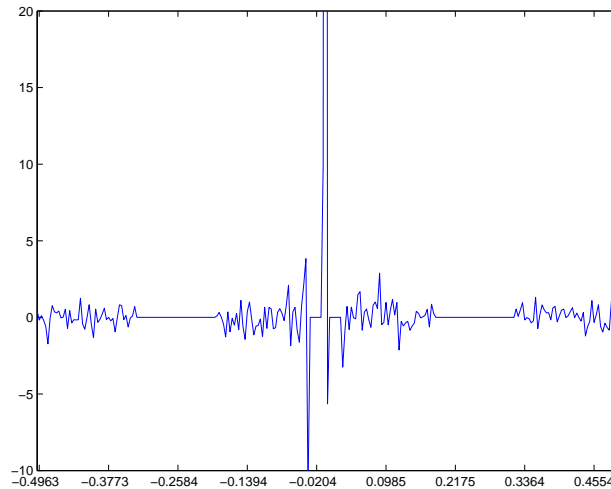
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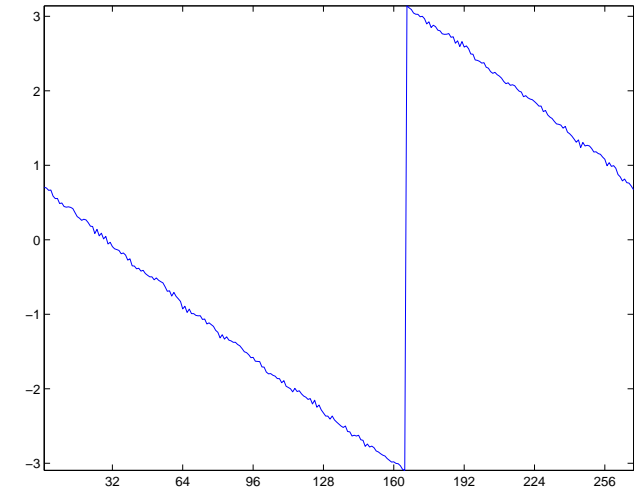
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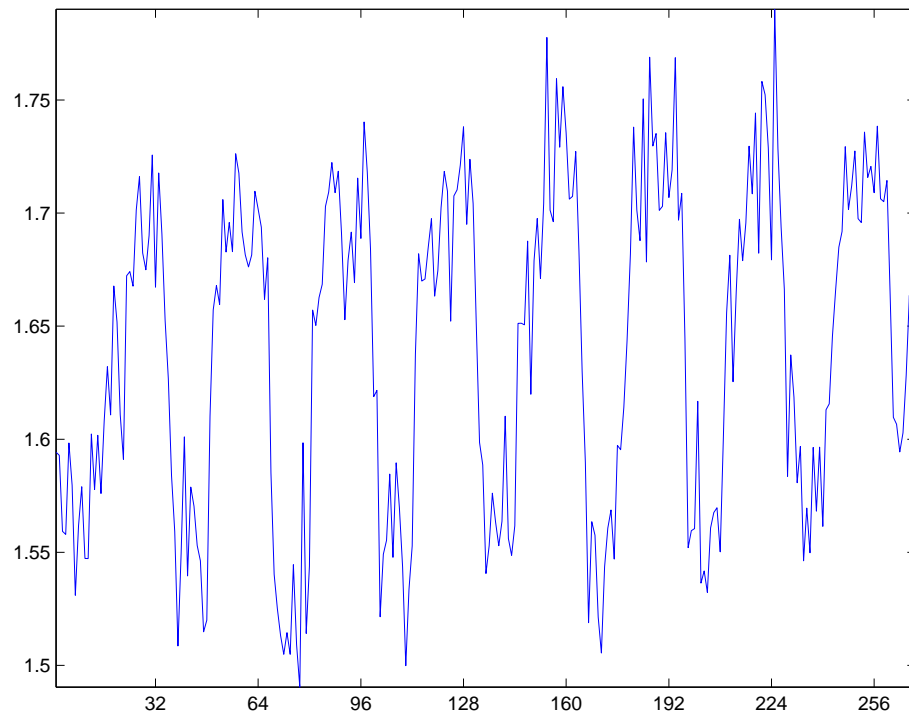


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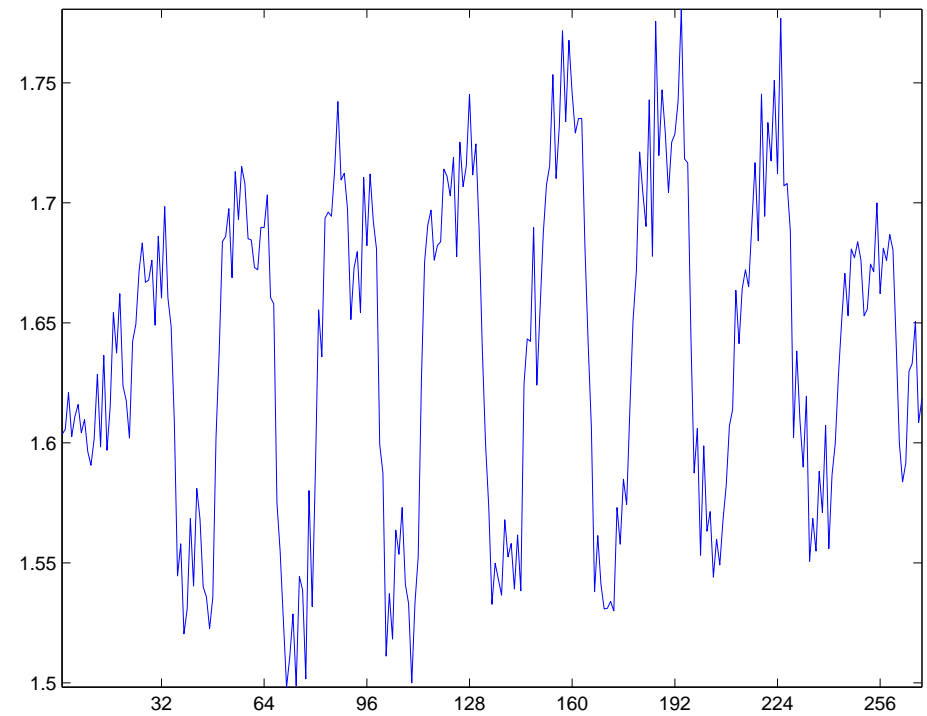


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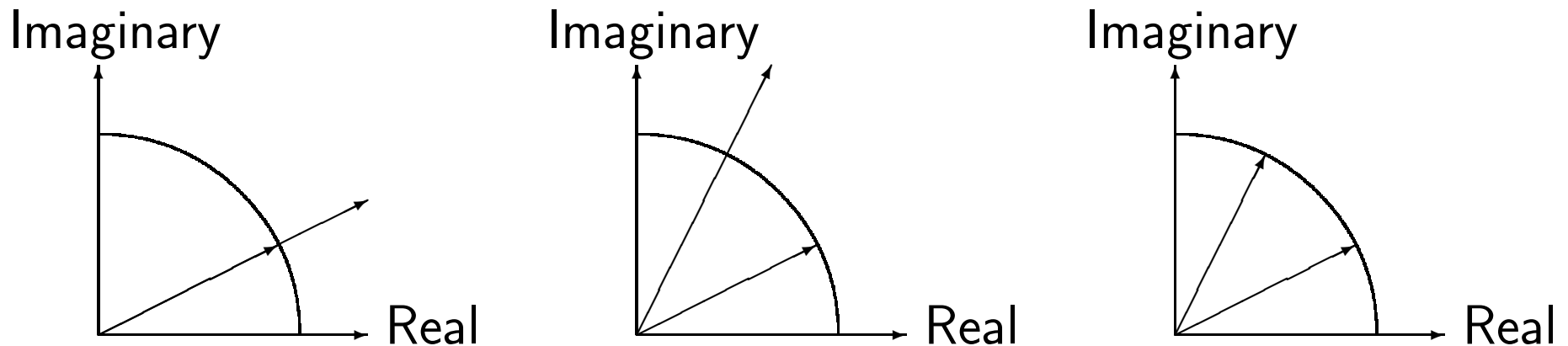
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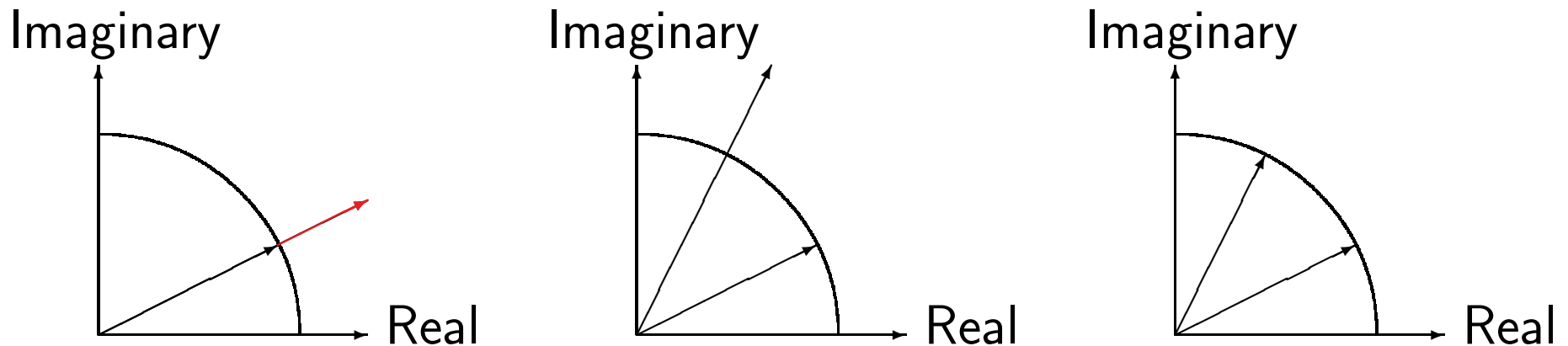
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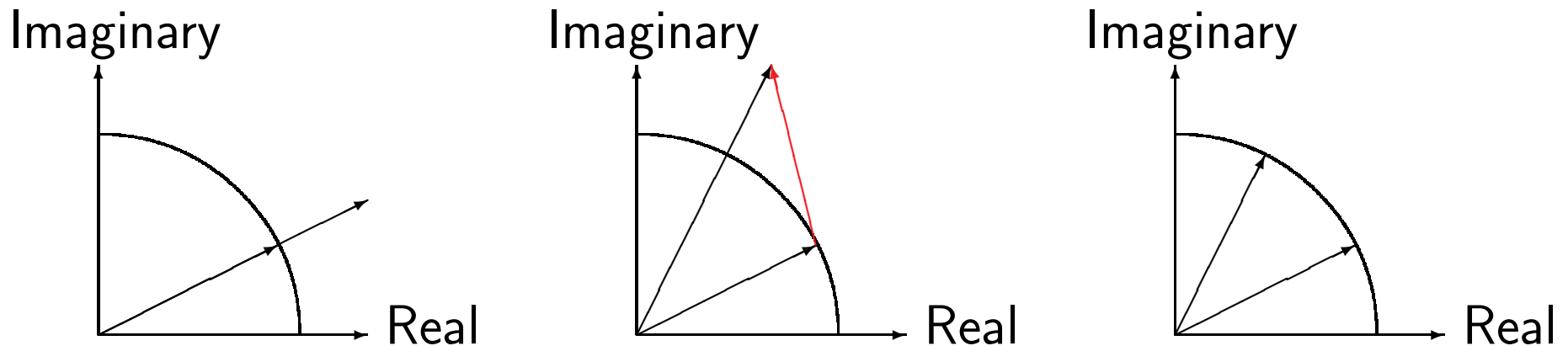
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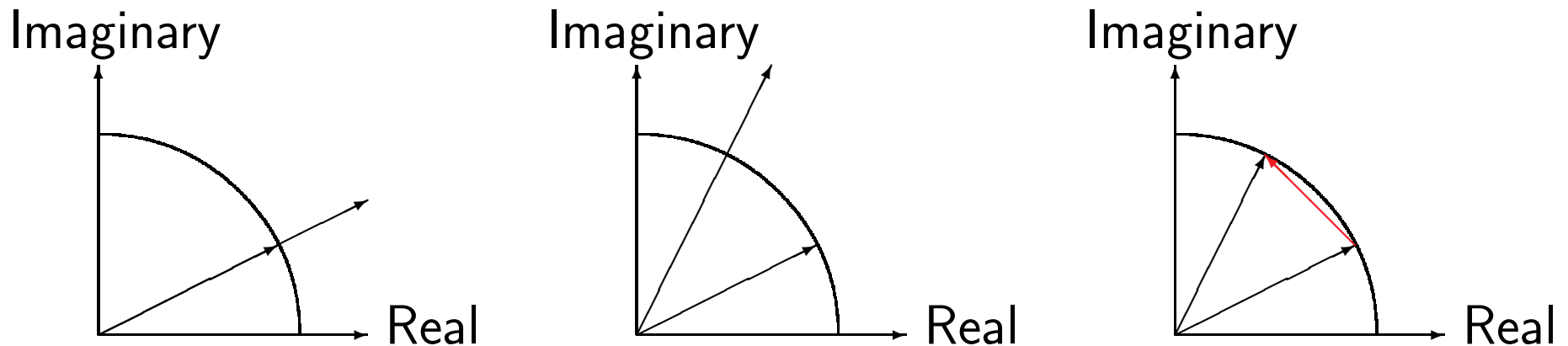
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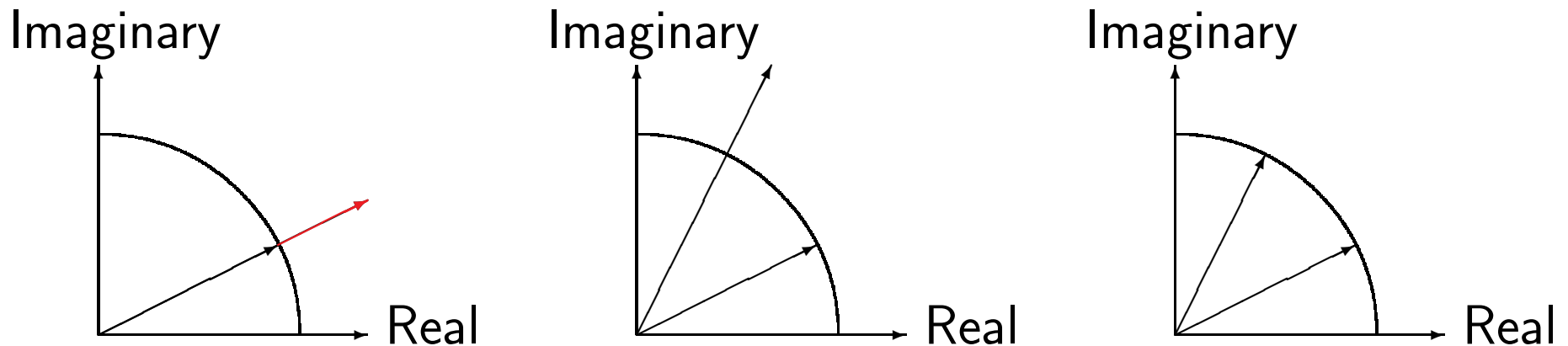
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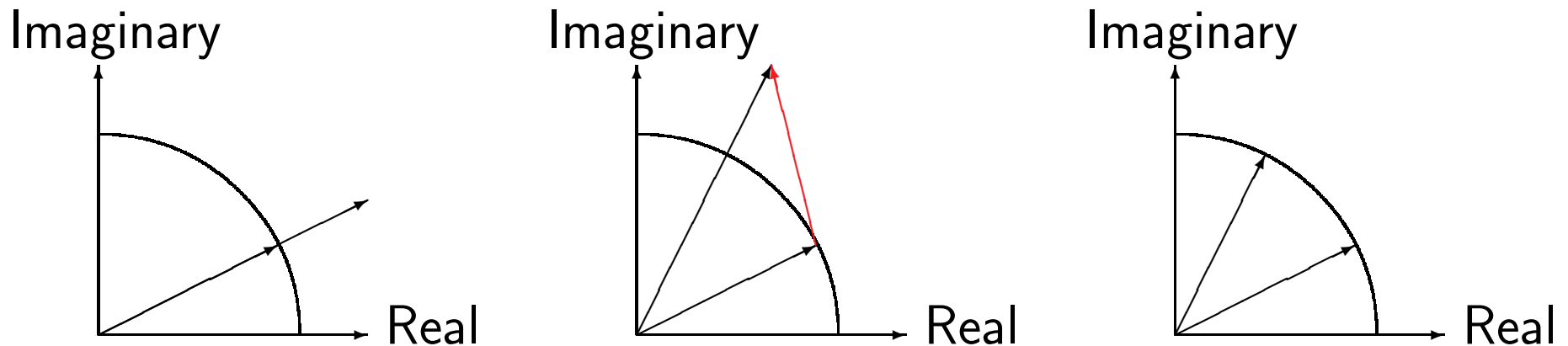
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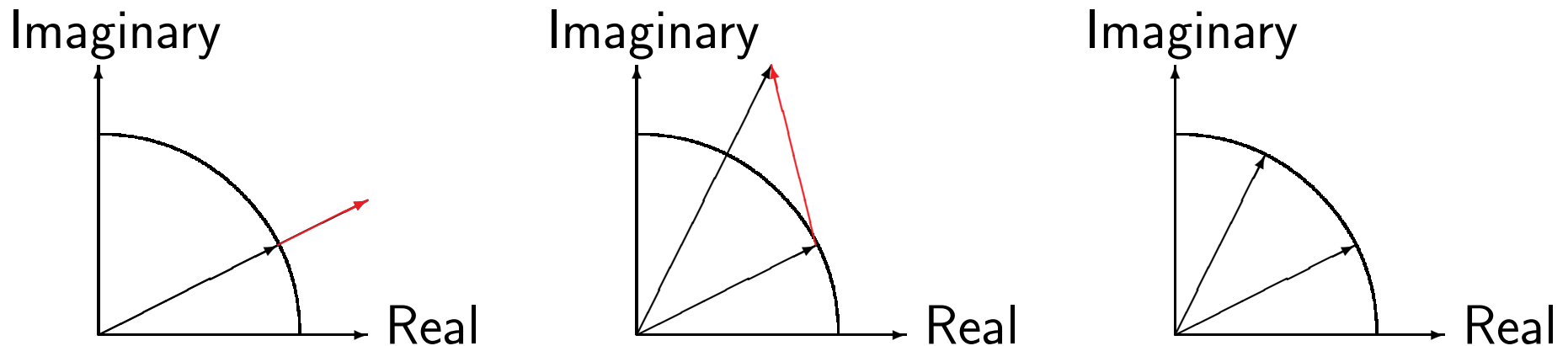
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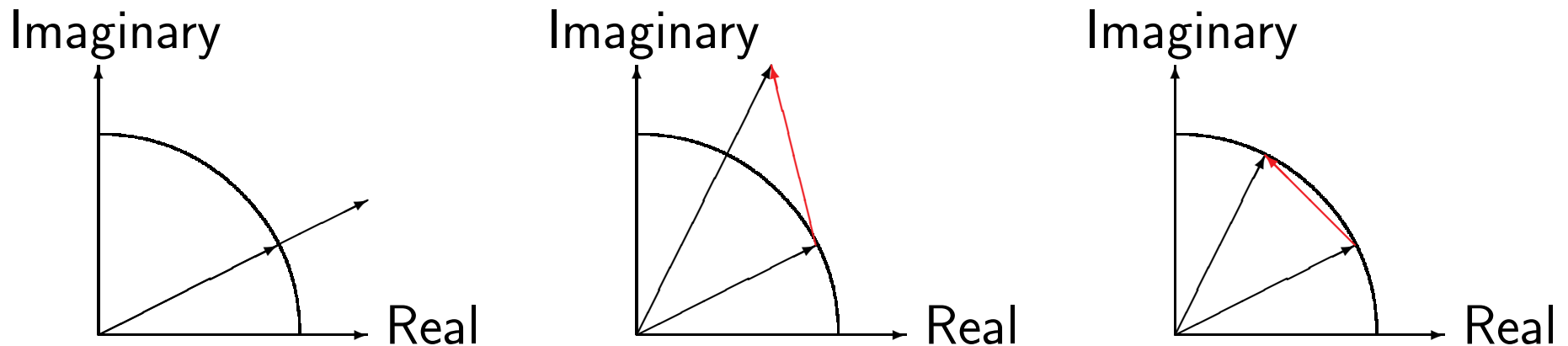
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Want to describe the temporal changes in  $\rho_t$  and  $\theta_t$  in terms of a smaller number of parameters,

$$\rho_t = \rho_t(\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots) \text{ and } \theta_t = \theta_t(\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \dots).$$

Can use a Taylor series expansion argument and write

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_t &= x_t' \beta = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1t} + \dots \\ \theta_t &= u_t' \gamma = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 u_{1t} + \dots, \quad t = 1, \dots, n \end{aligned}$$

$x_t'$  is the  $t^{\text{th}}$  row of a design matrix  $X$  for the magnitude and  
 $u_t'$  is the  $t^{\text{th}}$  row of a design matrix  $U$  for the phase.

## Complex Statistical Activation Methods

### Complex Magnitude with Constant Phase Activation

➤ Magnitude activation in complex data<sup>1</sup>

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_{Rt} \\ y_{It} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_t \cos \theta \\ \rho_t \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \eta_{Rt} \\ \eta_{It} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \eta_{Rt} \\ \eta_{It} \end{pmatrix} \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I_2) .$$

$$\rho_t = x_t' \beta = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1t} + \dots + \beta_{q_1} x_{q_1 t}$$

$\theta$  = temporally constant voxel-wise phase angle.

➤  $y_R$  and  $y_I$  are the  $n$  reals and  $n$  imaginaries

➤  $X$  &  $\beta = (\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2)'$  same as MO,  $C\beta = 0$  vs  $C\beta \neq 0$ ,  $C = (0, 0, 1)$

➤ A LRT<sup>1</sup> activation,  $\chi^2$ ,  $F$ , or  $z$  and threshold<sup>2,3</sup>

$$\chi_{CP}^2 = -2 \log(\lambda_{CP}) \Rightarrow z_{CP} = \text{sign}(C\hat{\beta}) \sqrt{-2 \log(\lambda_{MO})}$$

➤ Large sample  $\chi^2$  &  $z$  checked by complex permutation resampling<sup>1,3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Rowe and Logan: NeuroImage, 23:1078-1092, 2004.

<sup>2</sup>Logan and Rowe: NeuroImage, 22:95-108, 2004.

<sup>3</sup>Nichols and Holmes: Hum Brain Mapp, 15:125, 2002.

## Complex Statistical Activation Methods

### Complex Magnitude and/or Phase Activation

➤ Now both magnitude and phase change linearly over time.

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_{Rt} \\ y_{It} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_t \cos \theta_t \\ \rho_t \sin \theta_t \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \eta_{Rt} \\ \eta_{It} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \eta_{Rt} \\ \eta_{It} \end{pmatrix} \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I_2) .$$

$$\rho_t = x'_t \beta = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1t} + \cdots + \beta_{q_1} x_{q_1 t}$$

$$\theta_t = u'_t \gamma = \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 u_{1t} + \cdots + \gamma_{q_2} u_{q_2 t}, \quad t = 1, \dots, n$$

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➤  $u'_t$  is the  $t^{\text{th}}$  row of a design matrix  $U$  for the phase.

Form GLR test statistic,  $\lambda$ ,  $-2 \log \lambda$ , and  $\text{sign}(C \hat{\beta}) \sqrt{-2 \log(\lambda)}$ .

## Complex Statistical Activation Methods

### Real Usual Magnitude-Only Activation

➤ Convert to magnitude series discarding phase info,  $p(r) = \int p(r, \phi) d\phi$

$$r_t = \sqrt{y_{Rt}^2 + y_{It}^2}$$

➤ Assume a high SNR to approximate Ricean noise by normal noise<sup>1</sup>

$$\frac{r_t}{\sigma^2} e^{-\frac{(r_t^2 + \rho_t^2)}{2\sigma^2}} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} \frac{1}{2\pi} e^{\frac{r_t \rho_t}{\sigma^2} \cos(\phi_t - \theta_t)} d\phi_t \approx \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(r_t - \rho_t)^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

➤ Use GLM on the magnitudes<sup>2</sup>,  $C\beta = 0$  vs  $C\beta \neq 0$ ,  $C = (0, 0, 1)$

$$r = X\beta + \epsilon, \quad \epsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I_n), \quad \beta = (\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2)'$$

➤ A LRT<sup>3</sup> activation,  $\chi^2$ ,  $F$ , or  $z$  and threshold<sup>4</sup>

$$\chi_{MO}^2 = -2 \log(\lambda_{MO}) \Rightarrow z_{MO} = \text{sign}(C\hat{\beta}) \sqrt{-2 \log(\lambda_{MO})}$$

<sup>1</sup>Gudbjartsson and Patz: MRM, 34:910-914, 1995. <sup>2</sup>Rowe: NeuroImage, 25:1124-1132, 2005a.

<sup>3</sup>Rowe and Logan: NeuroImage, 23:603-606, 2005a. <sup>4</sup>Logan and Rowe: NeuroImage, 22:95-108, 2004.

## Complex Statistical Activation Methods

Complex Unrestricted Phase (UP) Model,  $\theta_t \neq \theta_{t'} \forall t, t'$

- Assume nothing about the phase in voxels?
- Unique phase at each time point.

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_{Rt} \\ y_{It} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_t \cos \theta_t \\ \rho_t \sin \theta_t \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \eta_{Rt} \\ \eta_{It} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \begin{pmatrix} \eta_{Rt} \\ \eta_{It} \end{pmatrix} \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I_2) .$$

$$\rho_t = x_t' \beta = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1t} + \dots + \beta_{q_1} x_{q_1 t}$$

$$\theta_t \neq \theta_{t'}$$

- Same regression coefficients and activation statistics as MO model<sup>1</sup>.
- In essence deriving the MO model from complex data!
- MO=UP

<sup>1</sup>Rowe and Logan: NeuroImage, 24:603-606, 2005.

## Complex Statistical Activation Methods

### Real Phase-Only Activation OLS & FL

➤ Convert to phase series discarding magnitude info,  $p(\phi) = \int p(r, \phi) dr$

$$\phi_t = \text{atan}_4(y_{It}/y_{Rt})$$

➤ Assume a high SNR for complicated phase dist. to be normal<sup>1</sup>

$$\frac{e^{-\frac{\rho^2}{2\sigma^2}}}{2\pi} \left[ 1 + \frac{\rho \cos(\phi_t - \theta_t)}{2\pi\sigma} e^{\frac{\rho^2 \cos^2(\phi_t - \theta_t)}{2\sigma^2}} \Phi\left(\frac{\rho \cos(\phi_t - \theta_t)}{\sigma}\right) \right] \\ \approx [2\pi (\sigma/\rho)^2]^{-1/2} e^{-\frac{(\phi_t - \theta_t)^2}{2(\sigma/\rho)^2}}$$

➤ Use GLM on the phases<sup>1</sup>,  $D\gamma = 0$  vs  $D\gamma \neq 0$ ,  $D = (0, 0, 1)$

$$\phi = U\gamma + \delta, \quad \delta \sim N(0, \tau^2 I_n), \quad \gamma = (\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \gamma_2)'$$

➤ No high SNR assumption made, von Mises angular distribution<sup>1,2</sup>

$$p(\phi_t) = e^{\kappa \cos(\phi_t - \theta_t)} / [2\pi I_0(\kappa)]$$

➤ Estimation in Fisher & Lee with  $z = \hat{\gamma}_2 / \sqrt{\text{var}(\hat{\gamma}_2)}$  activation statistic

<sup>1</sup>Rowe, Meller, Hoffmann: J Neurosci Meth, 161:331-341, 2007. <sup>2</sup>Fisher and Lee: Biometrics, 48:665-677, 1992.

## Complex Statistical Activation Methods

Magnitude-only GLM individually for each voxel

$$\rho_t = x_t' \beta = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1t} + \cdots + \beta_q x_{qt}.$$

$$y_t = x_t' \beta + \epsilon_t, \quad t = 1, \dots, n$$

Also written as

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} y & = & X & \beta & + & \epsilon \\ n \times 1 & & n \times (q+1) & (q+1) \times 1 & & n \times 1 \end{array}$$

and  $\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2 \Phi)$ ,  $\Phi$  is the temporal correlation matrix usually  $\Phi = I_n$ .

## Complex Statistical Activation Methods

The magnitude-only GLM activation likelihood is given by

$$p(y|\beta, \sigma^2, X) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{n}{2}} (\sigma^2)^{-\frac{n}{2}} e^{-\frac{(y-X\beta)'(y-X\beta)}{2\sigma^2}}.$$

We want to see if the observed time course has a component related to the reference function.

$$H_0 : C\beta = \delta \text{ vs } H_1 : C\beta \neq \delta$$

i.e. Is the coefficient for the reference function zero.

$$C = (0, \dots, 0, 1), \beta' = (\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_q), \delta = 0$$



## Complex Statistical Activation Methods

By maximizing the MO likelihood under the unconstrained alternative

$$\hat{\beta} = (X'X)^{-1}X'y,$$
$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \left( y - X\hat{\beta} \right)' \left( y - X\hat{\beta} \right) .$$

By maximizing the MO likelihood under the constrained null hypotheses

$$\tilde{\beta} = \Psi\hat{\beta} + (X'X)^{-1}C'[C(X'X)^{-1}C']^{-1}\delta,$$
$$\tilde{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{n} \left( y - X\tilde{\beta} \right)' \left( y - X\tilde{\beta} \right)$$

$$\Psi = I_{q+1} - (X'X)^{-1}C'[C(X'X)^{-1}C']^{-1}C .$$

## Complex Statistical Activation Methods

A non-linear complex-valued GLM can be introduced in which

$$\rho_t = x_t' \beta = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1t} + \cdots + \beta_q x_{qt}$$

as in the magnitude model, with

$$\theta_t = \theta$$

then written in terms of matrices as

$$y \quad = \quad \begin{pmatrix} X & 0 \\ 0 & X \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \beta \cos \theta \\ \beta \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} + \eta$$

$2n \times 1 \quad \quad 2n \times 2(q+1) \quad 2(q+1) \times 1 \quad \quad 2n \times 1$

where  $y = (y_R', y_I')'$  and  $\eta = (\eta_{Rt}', \eta_{It}')' \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma \otimes \Phi)$

$$\Sigma = \sigma^2 I_2, \quad \Phi = I_n.$$

## Complex Statistical Activation Methods

The non-linear complex-valued GLM

$$y_{2n \times 1} = \begin{pmatrix} X & 0 \\ 0 & X \end{pmatrix}_{2n \times 2(q+1)} \begin{pmatrix} \beta \cos \theta \\ \beta \sin \theta \end{pmatrix}_{2(q+1) \times 1} + \eta_{2n \times 1}$$

$$y = (y'_R, y'_I)', \eta = (\eta'_{Rt}, \eta'_{It})' \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma \otimes \Phi), \Sigma = \sigma^2 I_2 \text{ and } \Phi = I_n.$$

The complex-valued GLM likelihood is

$$p(y|\beta, \theta, \sigma^2, X) = (2\pi)^{-\frac{2n}{2}} (\sigma^2)^{-\frac{2n}{2}} e^{-\frac{h}{2\sigma^2}}$$

where

$$h = \left[ y - \begin{pmatrix} X & 0 \\ 0 & X \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \beta \cos \theta \\ \beta \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} \right]' \left[ y - \begin{pmatrix} X & 0 \\ 0 & X \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \beta \cos \theta \\ \beta \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} \right].$$

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$$\hat{\theta} = \frac{1}{2} \tan_4^{-1} \left[ \frac{\hat{\beta}'_R (X'X) \hat{\beta}_I}{(\hat{\beta}'_R (X'X) \hat{\beta}_R - \hat{\beta}'_I (X'X) \hat{\beta}_I) / 2} \right]$$

$$\hat{\beta} = \hat{\beta}_R \cos \hat{\theta} + \hat{\beta}_I \sin \hat{\theta},$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{2n} \left[ y - \begin{pmatrix} X & 0 \\ 0 & X \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\beta} \cos \hat{\theta} \\ \hat{\beta} \sin \hat{\theta} \end{pmatrix} \right]' \left[ y - \begin{pmatrix} X & 0 \\ 0 & X \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\beta} \cos \hat{\theta} \\ \hat{\beta} \sin \hat{\theta} \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\beta}_R &= (X'X)^{-1} X' y_R, \\ \hat{\beta}_I &= (X'X)^{-1} X' y_I. \end{aligned}$$

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$$\tilde{\beta} = \Psi[\hat{\beta}_R \cos \tilde{\theta} + \hat{\beta}_I \sin \tilde{\theta}] + (X'X)^{-1} C' [C(X'X)^{-1} C']^{-1} \delta,$$

$$\tilde{\sigma}^2 = \frac{1}{2n} \left[ y - \begin{pmatrix} X & 0 \\ 0 & X \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\beta} \cos \tilde{\theta} \\ \tilde{\beta} \sin \tilde{\theta} \end{pmatrix} \right]' \left[ y - \begin{pmatrix} X & 0 \\ 0 & X \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \tilde{\beta} \cos \tilde{\theta} \\ \tilde{\beta} \sin \tilde{\theta} \end{pmatrix} \right]$$

$$\Psi = I_{q+1} - (X'X)^{-1} C' [C(X'X)^{-1} C']^{-1} C .$$

## Complex Magnitude with Constant Phase

In each voxel, simulate complex valued time courses like real data.

$$y_t = [(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1t} + \beta_2 x_{2t}) \cos(\hat{\theta}) + n_{Rt}] \\ + i[(\beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1t} + \beta_2 x_{2t}) \sin(\hat{\theta}) + n_{It}]$$

From a real dataset, fitted complex model, took  $\hat{\beta}_C$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_C^2$  from a “highly activated” voxel.  $\hat{\theta}$ 's from whole image.

Created complex data where the coefficients in each voxel were the first two elements of  $\hat{\beta}_C$ .  $CNR = \beta_2 / \hat{\sigma}_C$ .

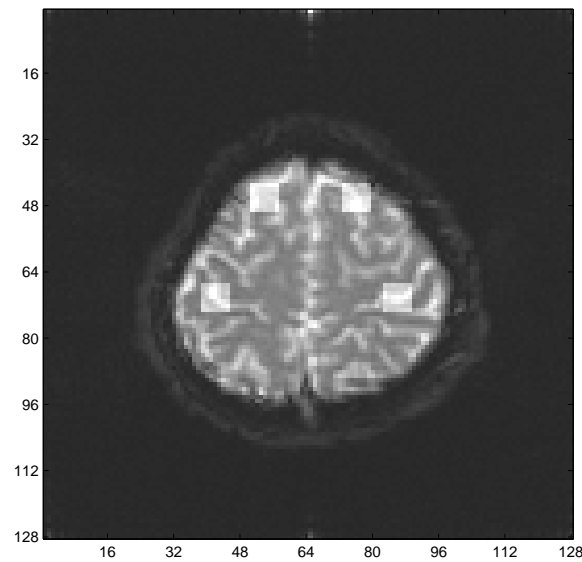
Created four  $7 \times 7$  square ROI's,  $CNR = 1, 1/2, 1/4, 1/8$ ,  $\beta_2 = 0$  outside ROI's.

Added normal noise  $\mathcal{N}(0, \hat{\sigma}_C^2)$ . Varied  $SNR = \beta_0 / \sigma$ .

## Complex Magnitude with Constant Phase: Simulation

Repeated simulation 1000 times.

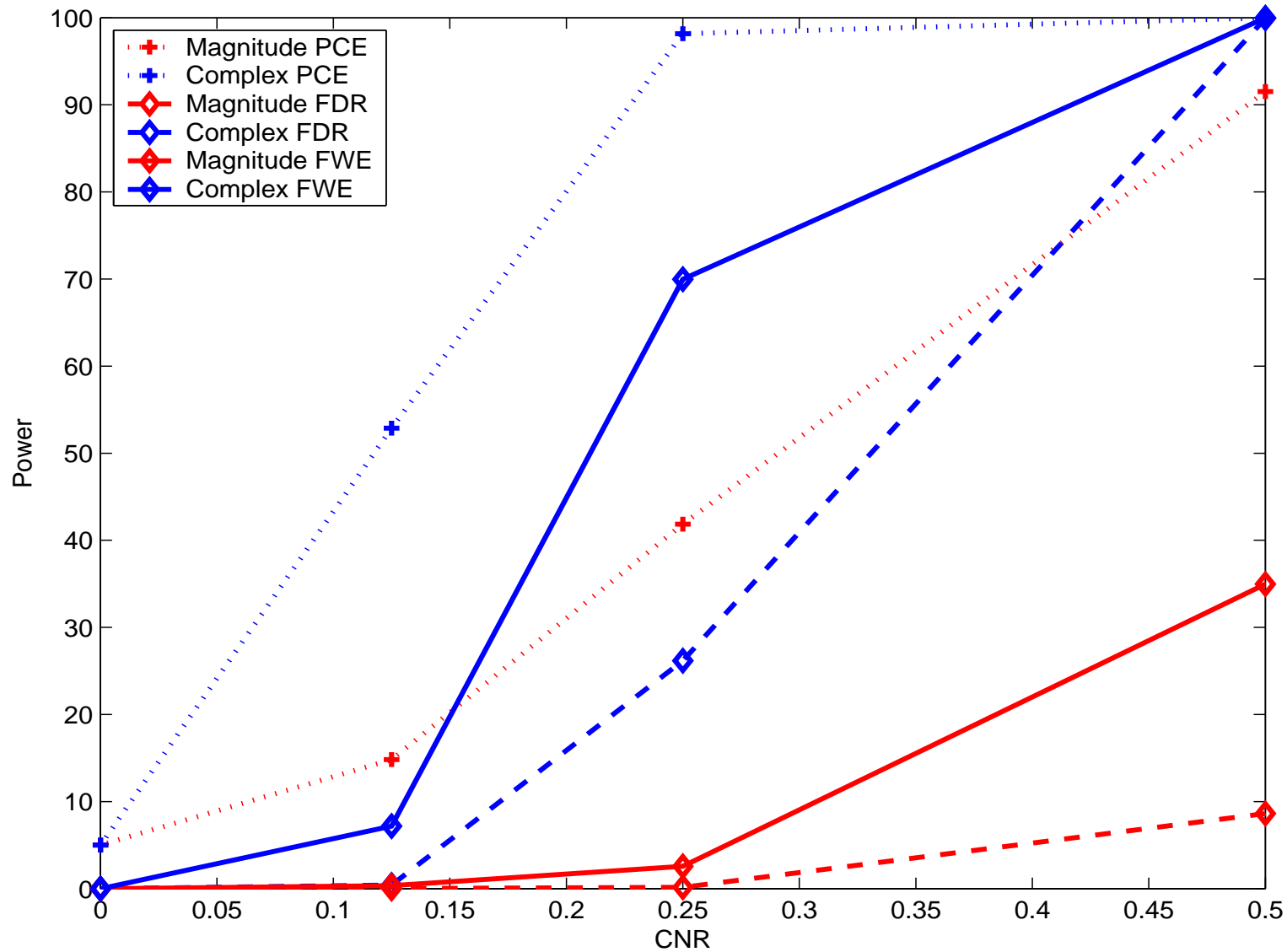
For each thresholding method, the power in, or relative frequency over the 1000 simulated images with which each voxel was detected as active, was recorded.



5% Unadjusted, 5% FDR, and 5% Bonferroni thresholds.

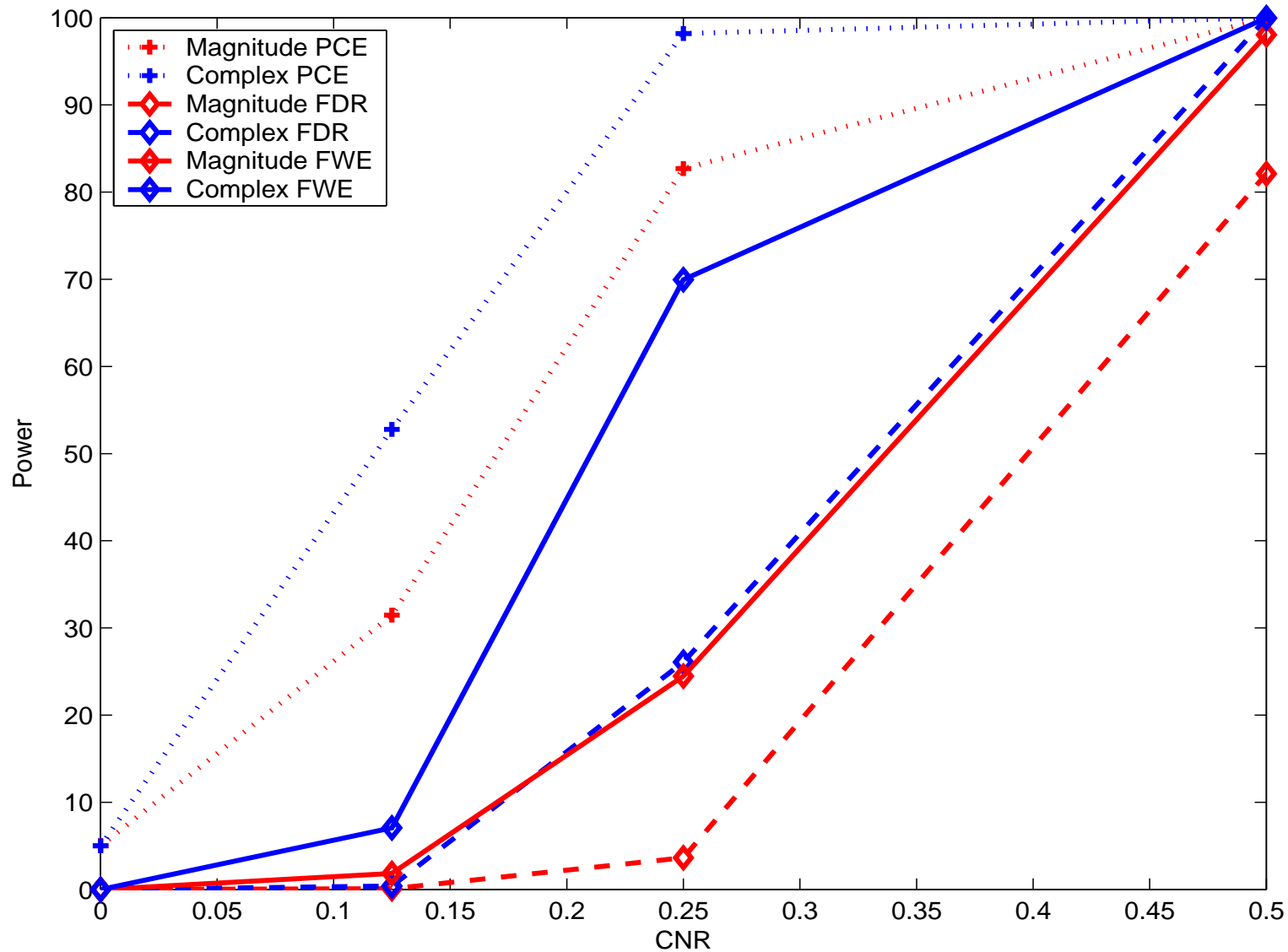


# Power versus CNR: Complex (blue) and magnitude (red)



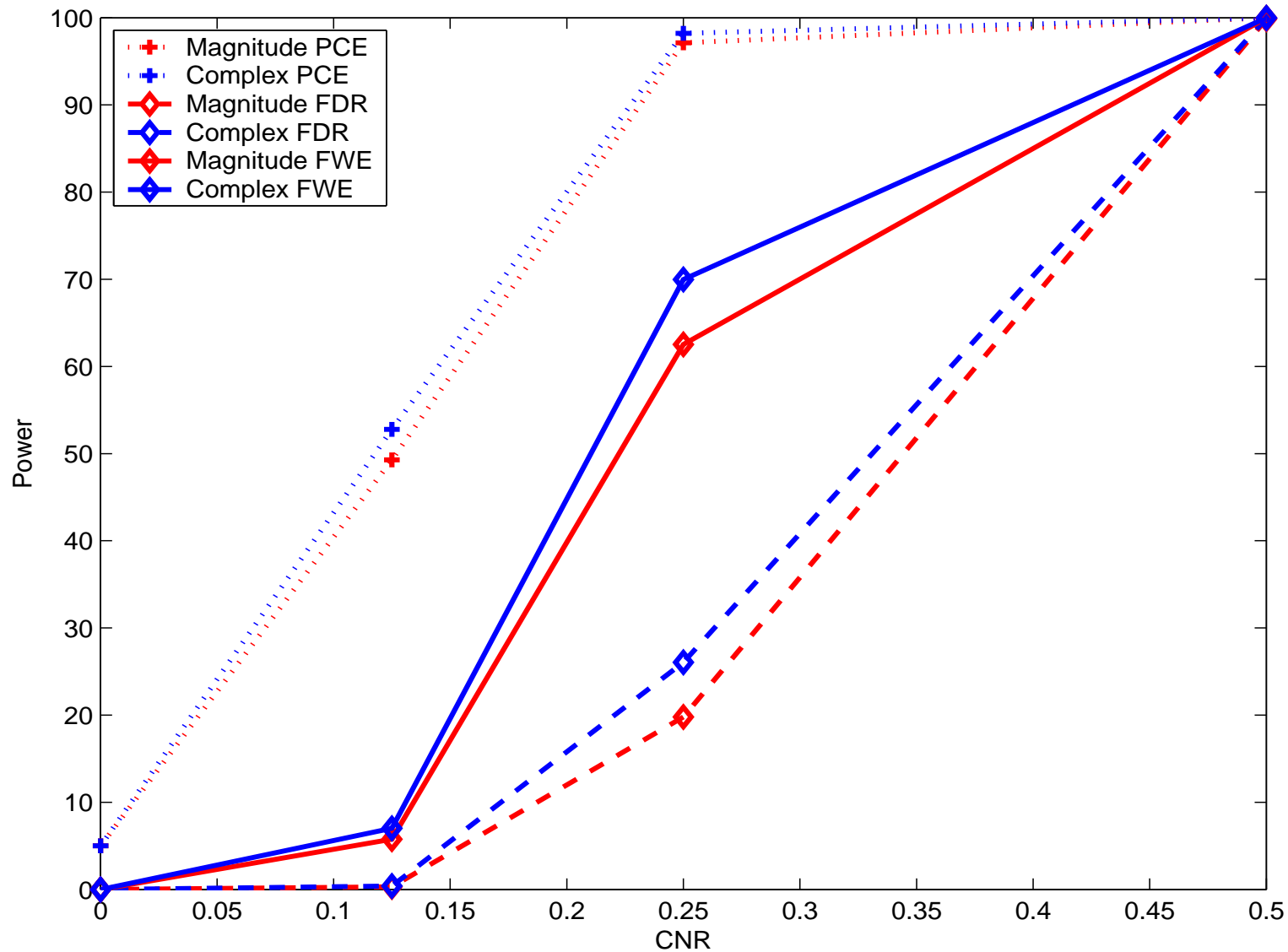
SNR = 1

# Power versus CNR: Complex (blue) and magnitude (red)



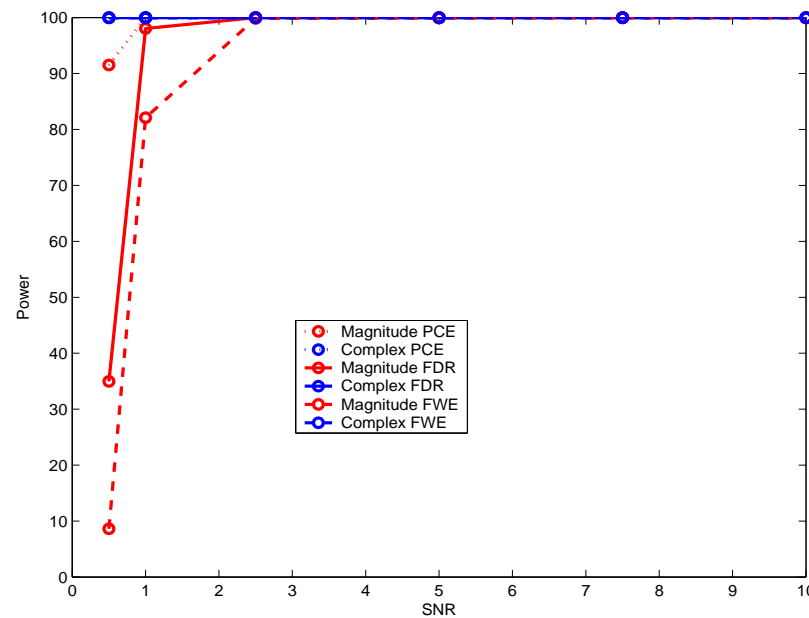
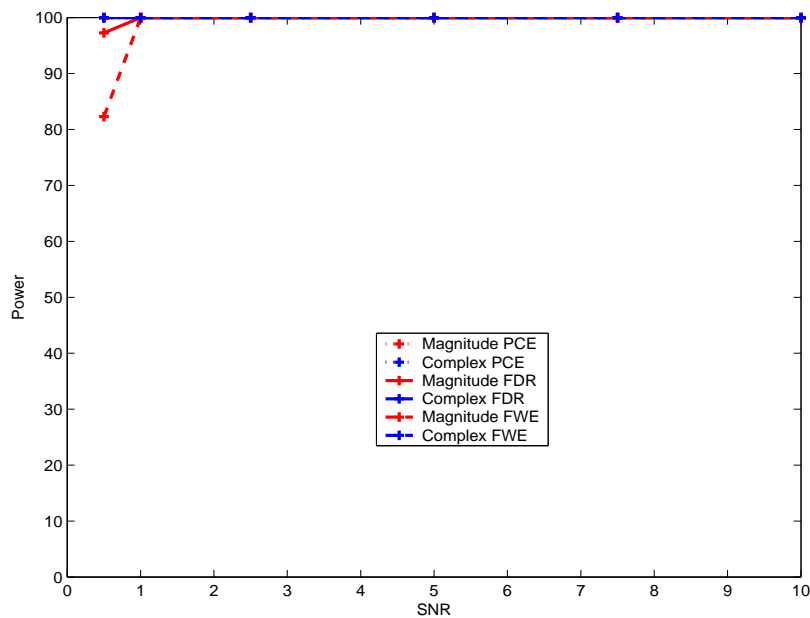
SNR = 2.5

# Power versus CNR: Complex (blue) and magnitude (red)

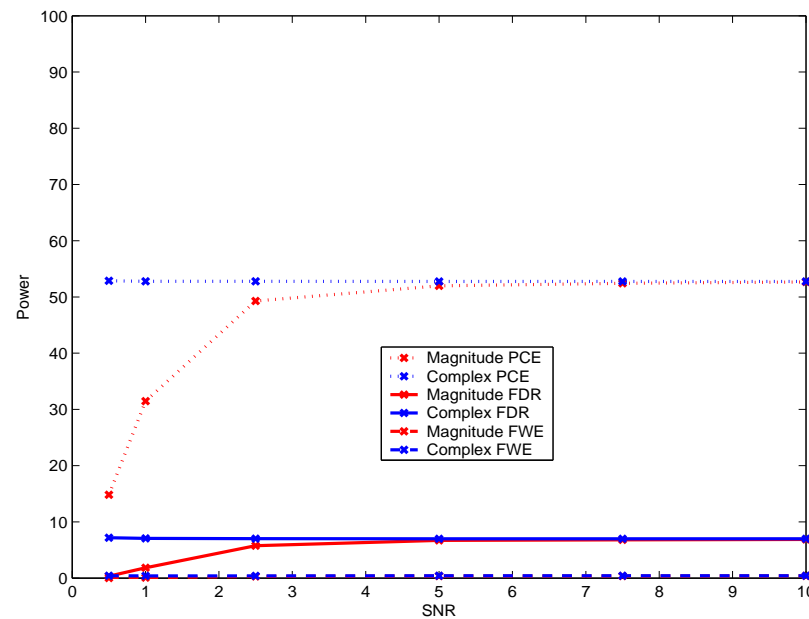
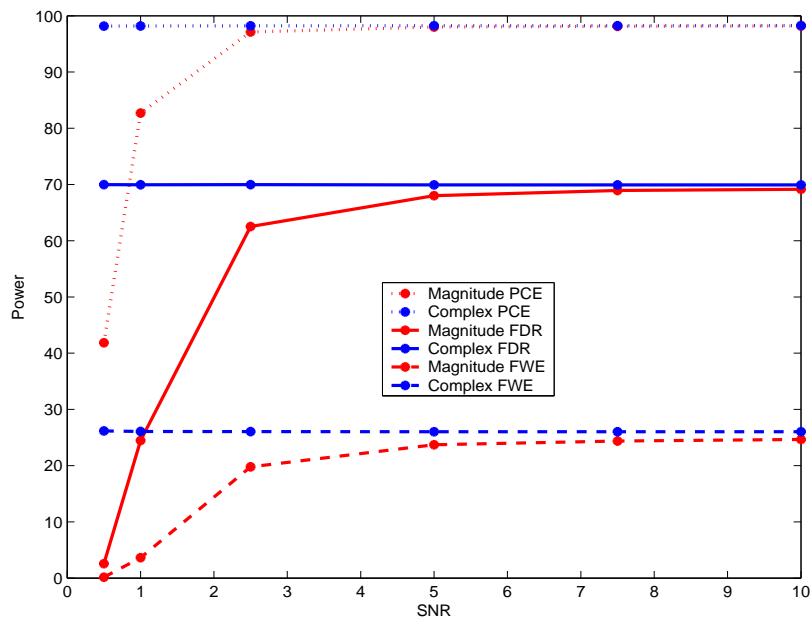


SNR = 5

# Power versus SNR: Complex (blue) and magnitude (red)



CNR=  
1,1/2

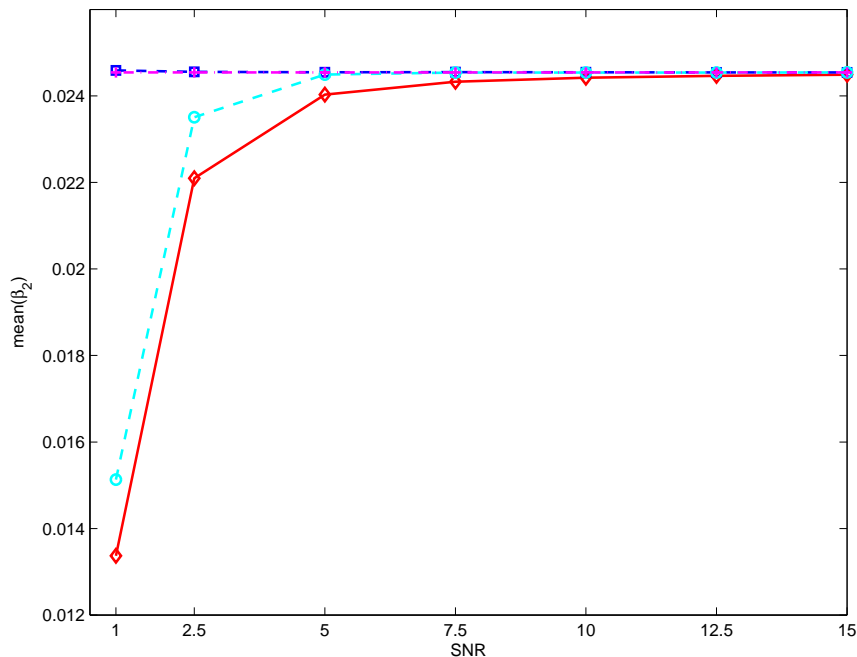


CNR=  
1/4,1/8

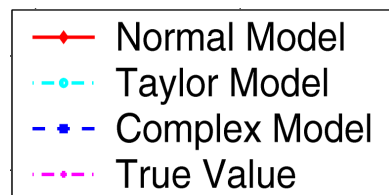
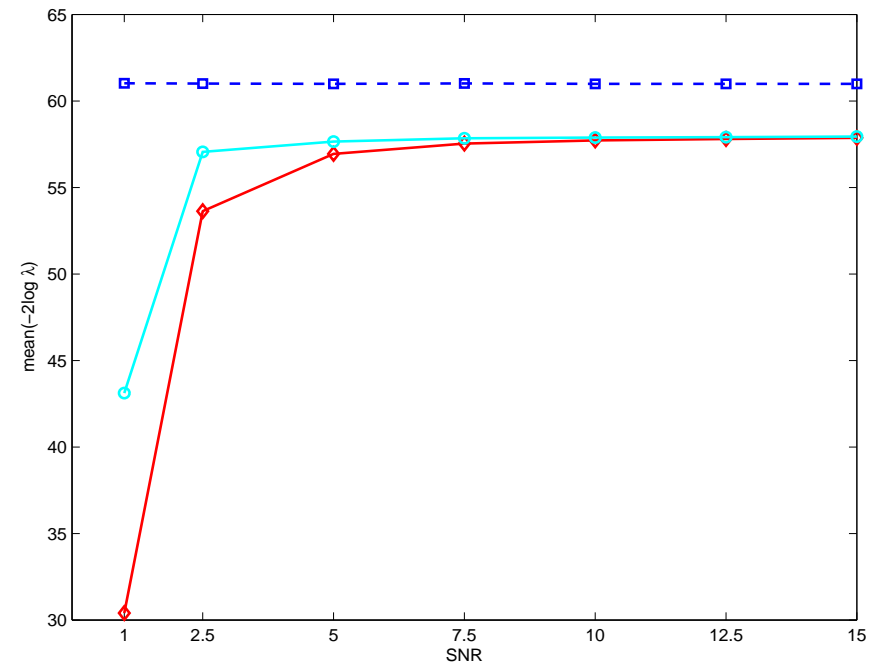
# Complex Magnitude with Constant Phase Activation

When voxel phase is relatively constant get<sup>1</sup>: (CNR=1/2)

- unbiased parameter estimators



- increased activation statistic



- SNR decreases as voxel volume decreases
- SNR decreases in voxels of susceptibility dropout

<sup>1</sup>Rowe: NeuroImage, 25:1124-1132, 2005a. <sup>2</sup>Logan and Rowe: NeuroImage, 22:95-108, 2004.

## Complex Magnitude with Constant Phase: Real Data

Imaging Parameters:

1.5T GE Signa

5 axial slices of 128x128

96 acq.-2.0833mm<sup>2</sup>

128 recon.-1.5625mm<sup>2</sup>

FOV =20cm

TR=1000ms

TE=47ms

FA=90°

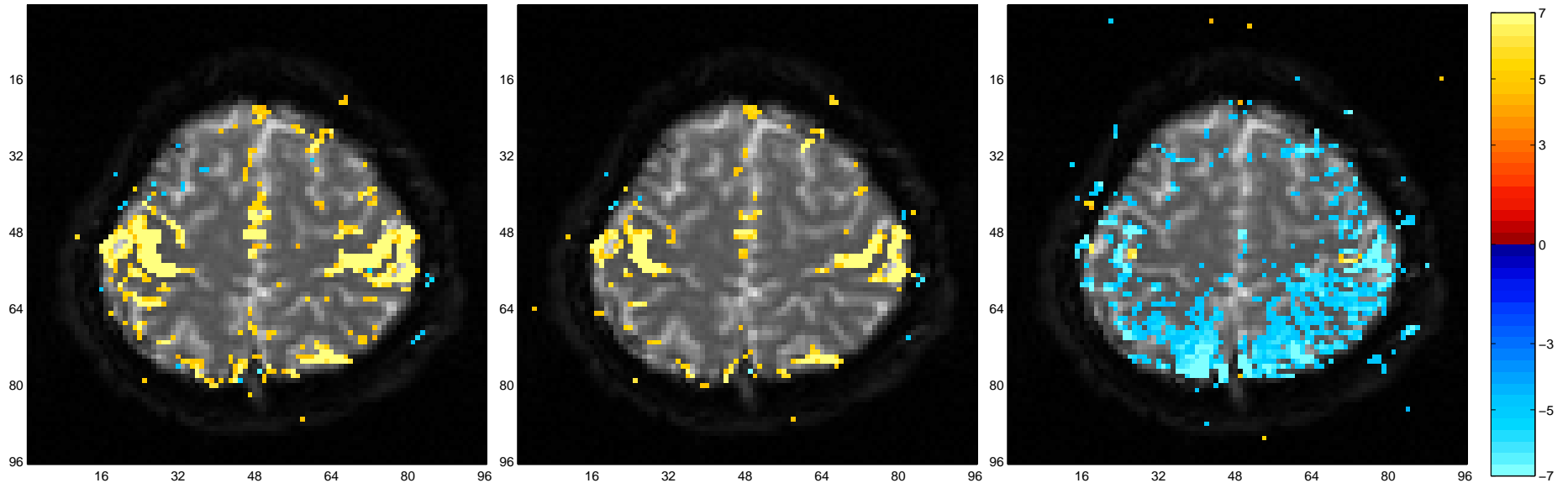
Task:

RH male Bilateral sequential finger tapping light triggered

Block design

16 off + 8×(16on+16off);

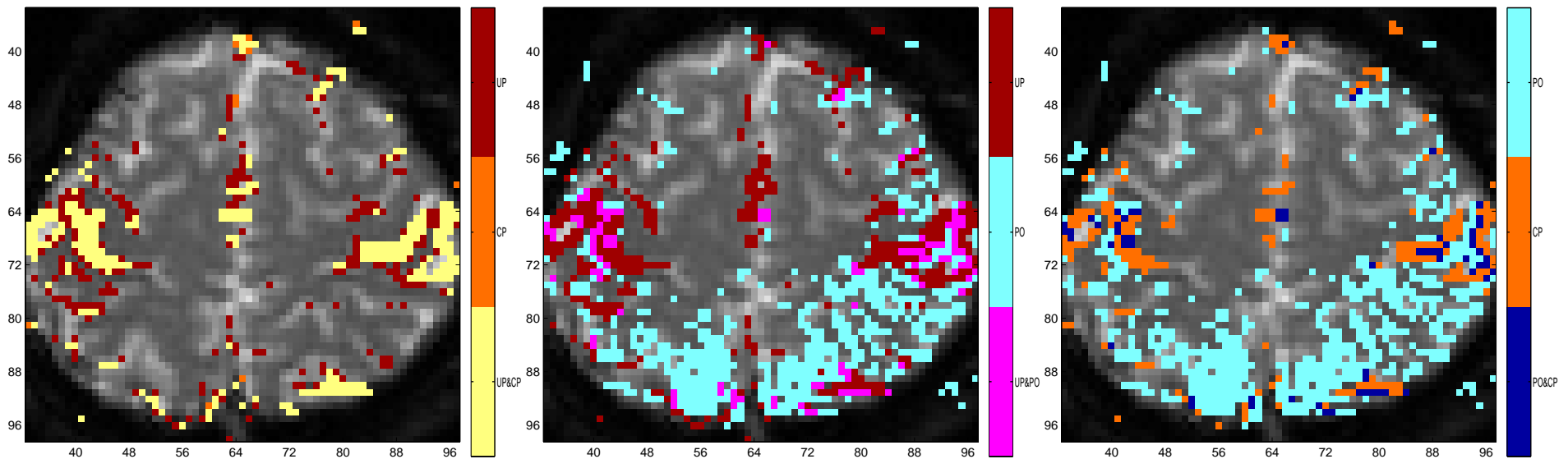
# $z$ Maps: 5% Bonferroni Threshold



(a) UP/MO

(b) CP

(c) PO



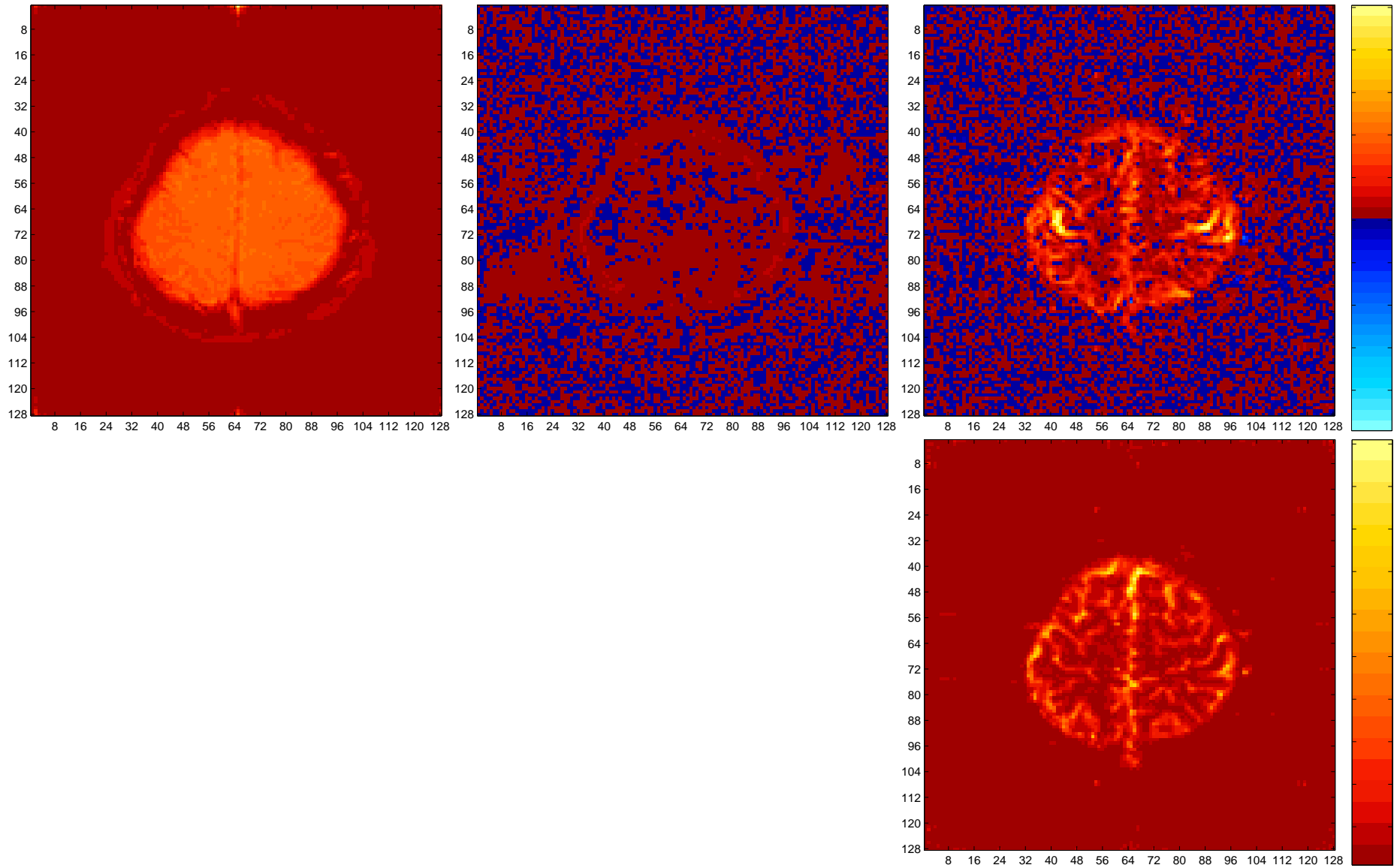
(d) UP/MO & CP

(e) UP/MO & PO

(f) CP & PO

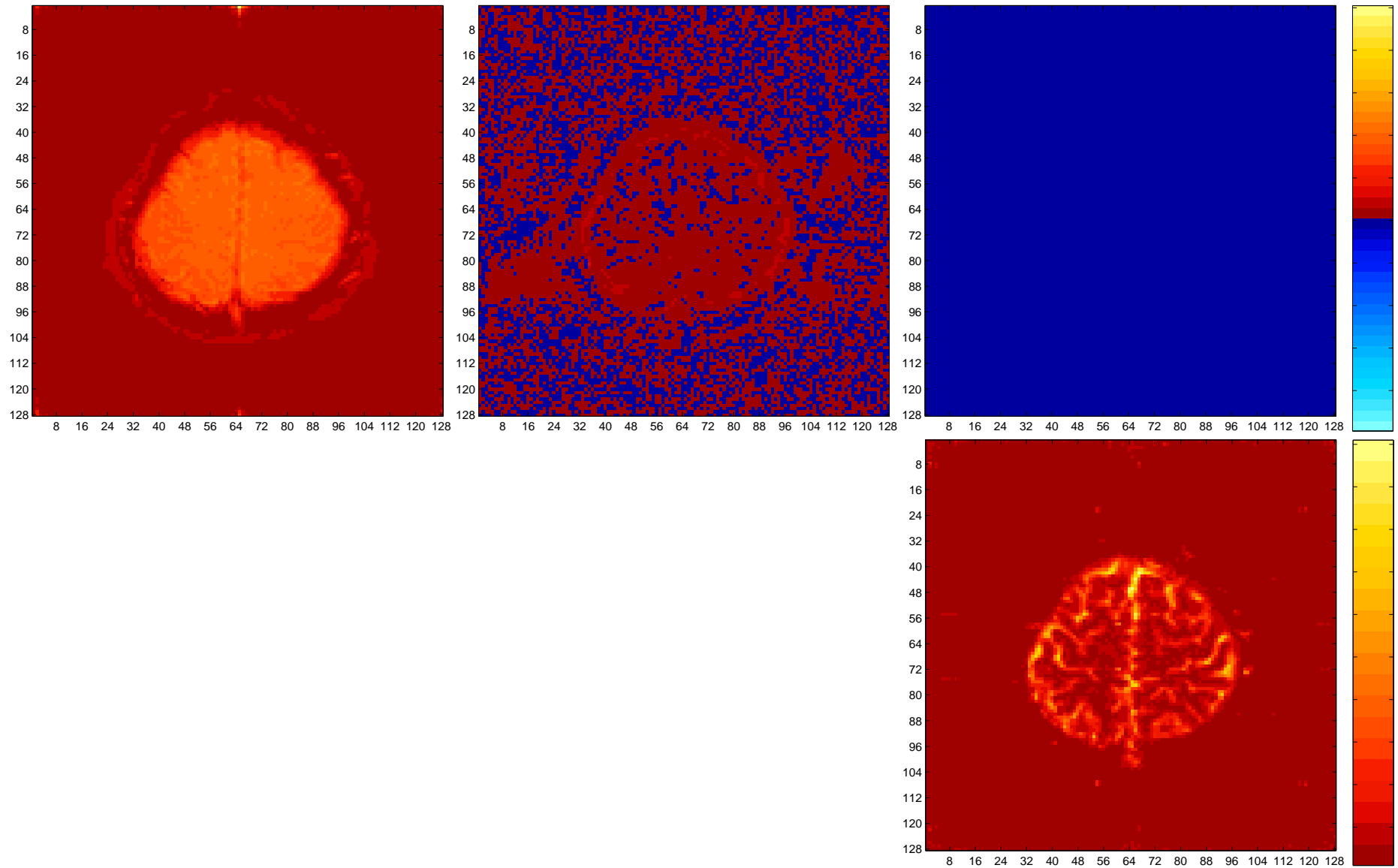
<sup>1</sup>Rowe and Logan: NeuroImage, 23:1078-1092, 2004. <sup>2</sup>Logan and Rowe: NeuroImage, 22:95-108, 2004.

Real fMRI-Magnitude H1 Estimated:  $\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\beta}_2, \hat{\sigma}^2$

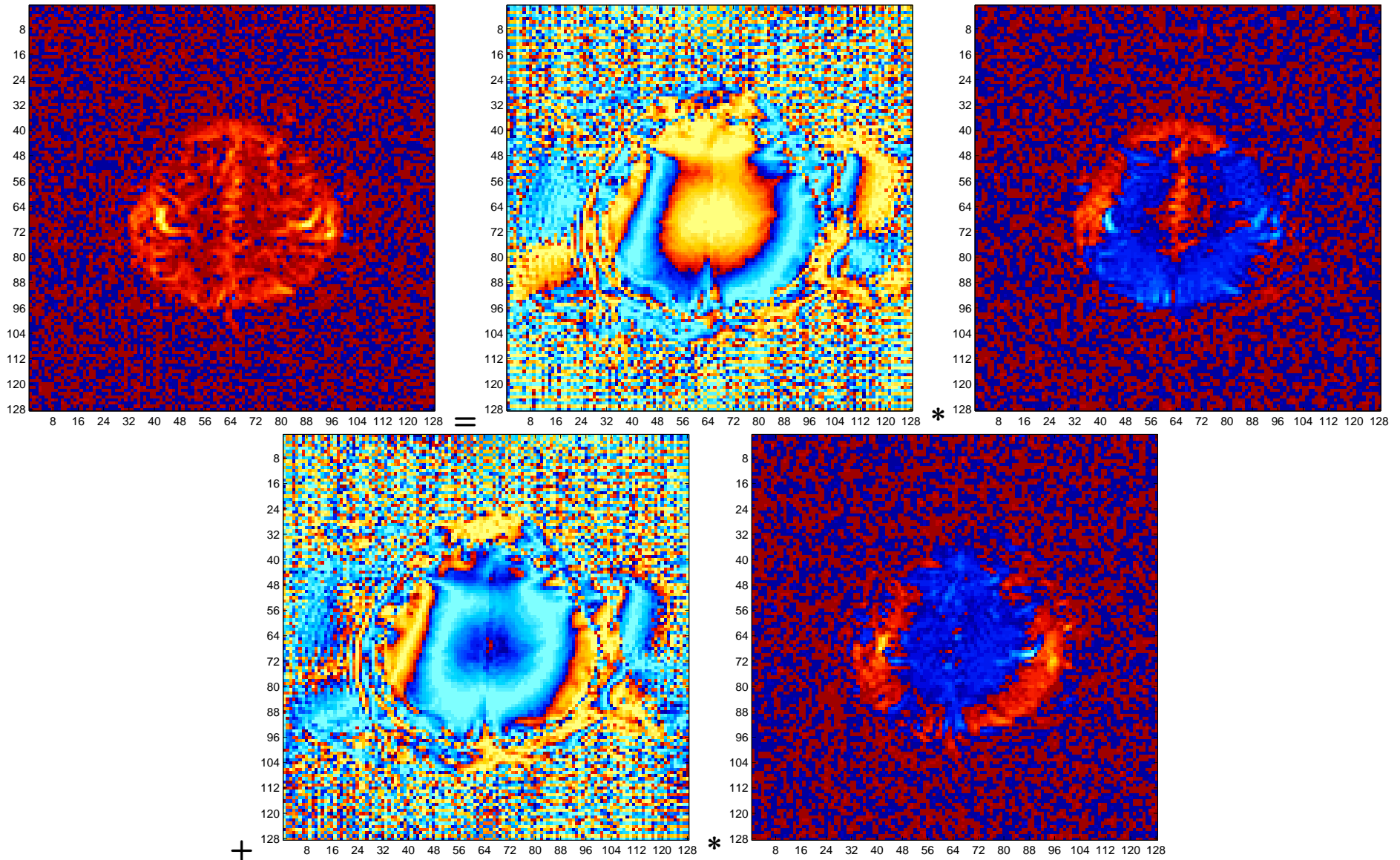




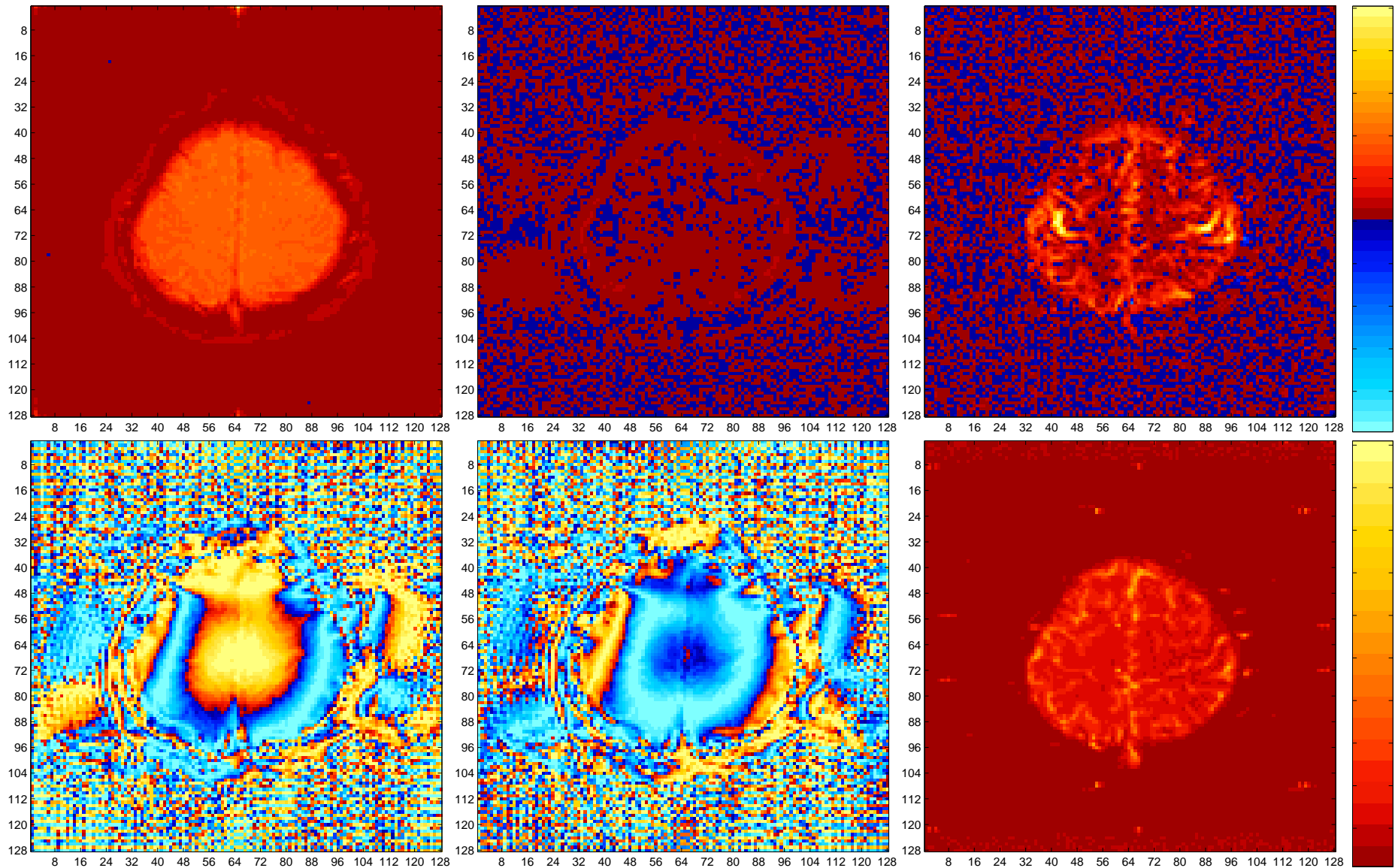
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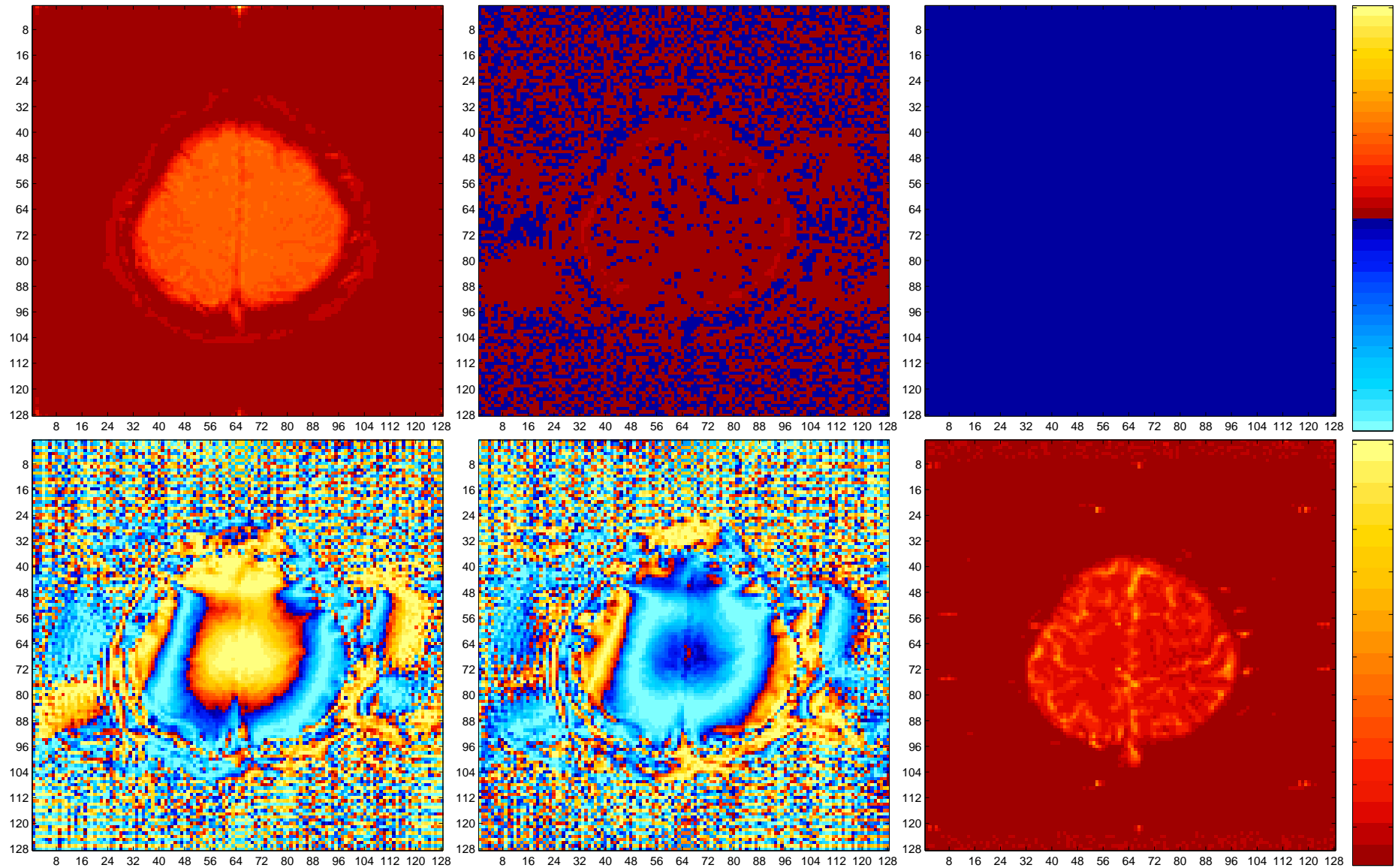
Real fMRI-Complex H1 Estimated:  $\hat{\beta} = \hat{\beta}_R \cos \hat{\theta} + \hat{\beta}_I \sin \hat{\theta}$



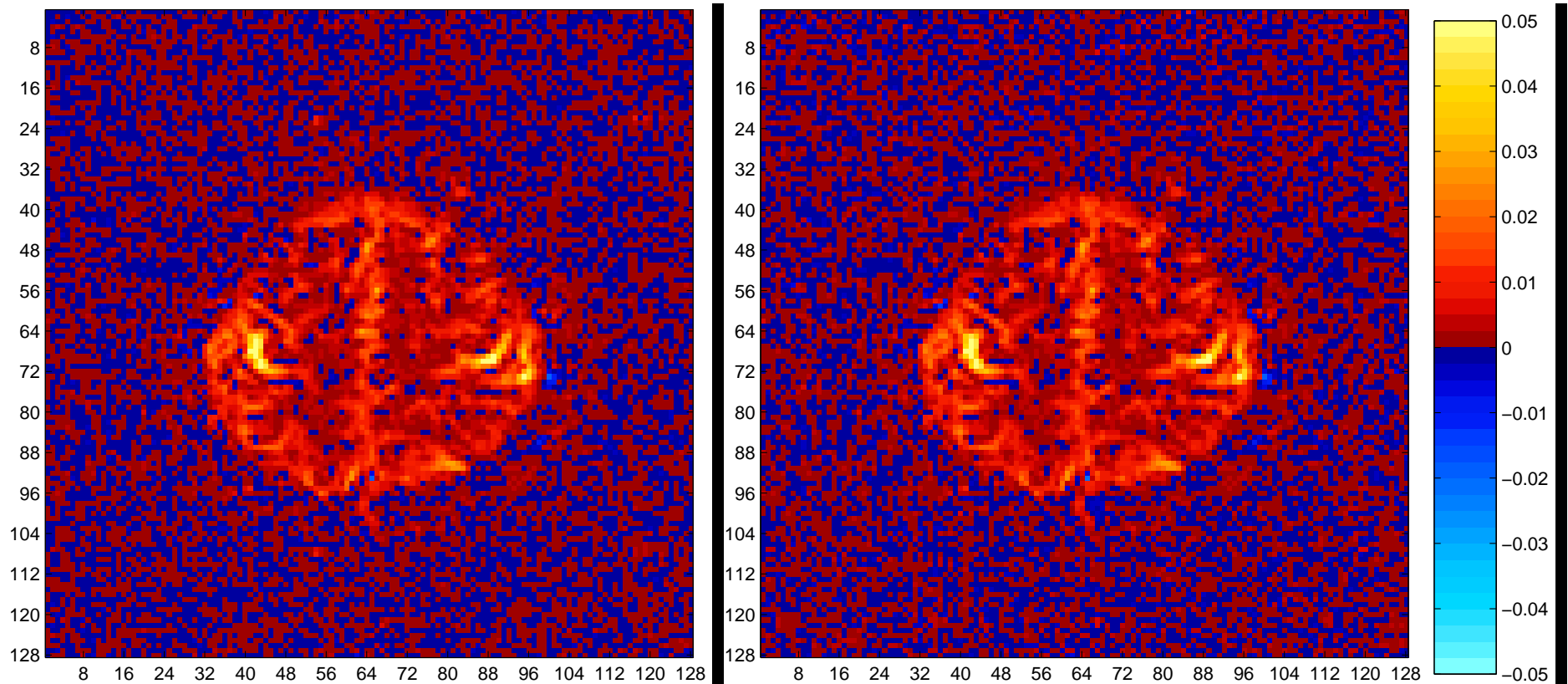
Real fMRI-Complex H1 Estimated:  $\hat{\beta}_0, \hat{\beta}_1, \hat{\beta}_2, \cos \hat{\theta}, \sin \hat{\theta}, \hat{\sigma}^2$



Real fMRI-Complex H0 Estimated:  $\tilde{\beta}_0, \tilde{\beta}_1, \tilde{\beta}_2, \cos \tilde{\theta}, \sin \tilde{\theta}, \tilde{\sigma}^2$



# Real fMRI-Magnitude/Complex H1 Estimated $\hat{\beta}_2$

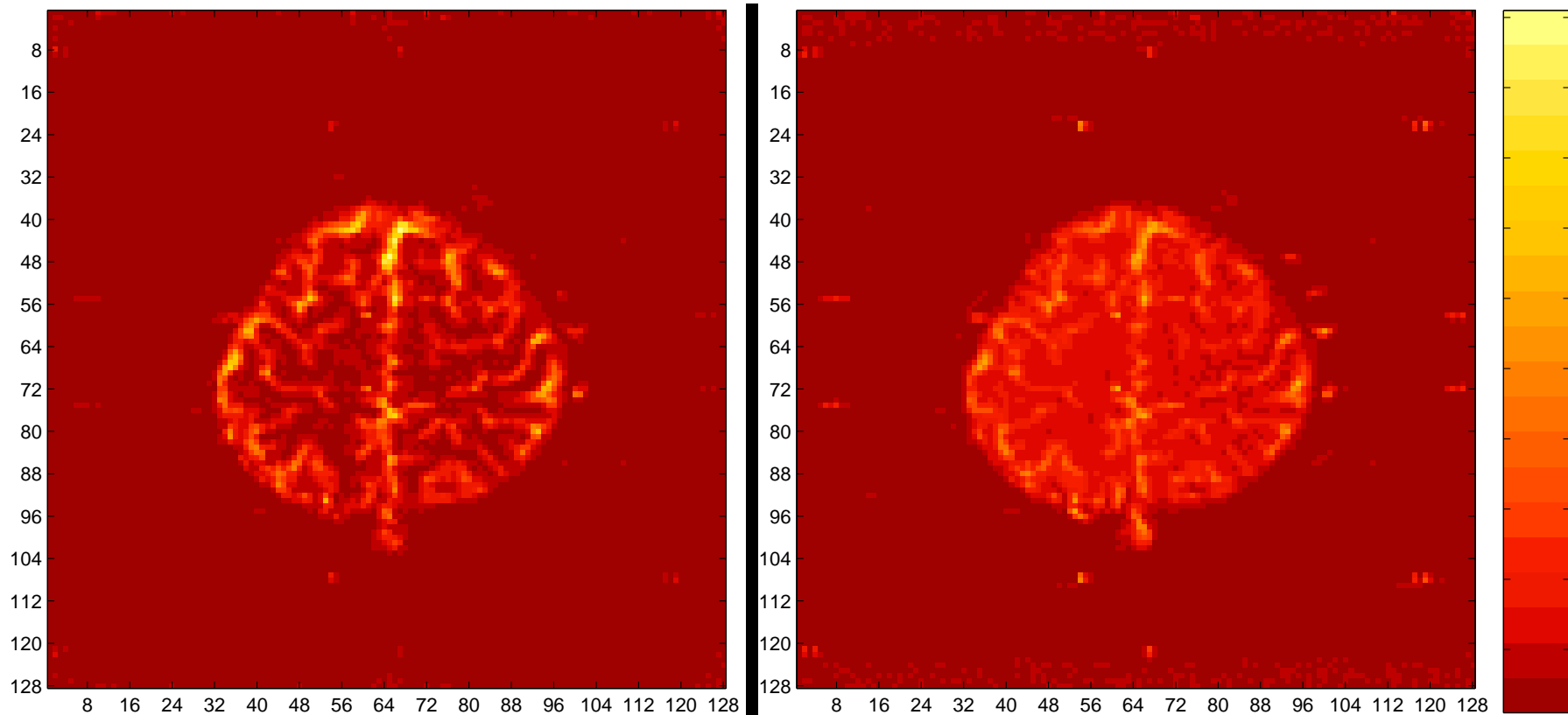


MO Act. Coefs.

CP Act. Coefs.

Coefficients are not visually that different but slightly numerically different.

# Real fMRI-Magnitude/Complex H1 Estimated $\hat{\sigma}^2$



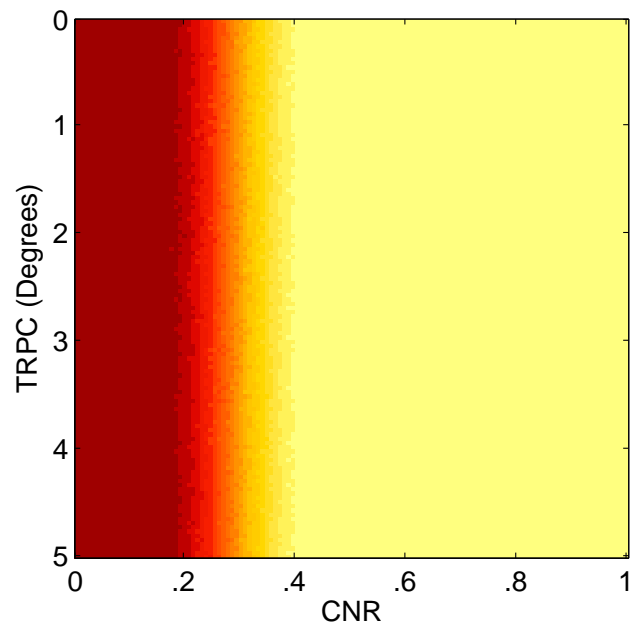
MO Act. Variances

CP Act. Variances

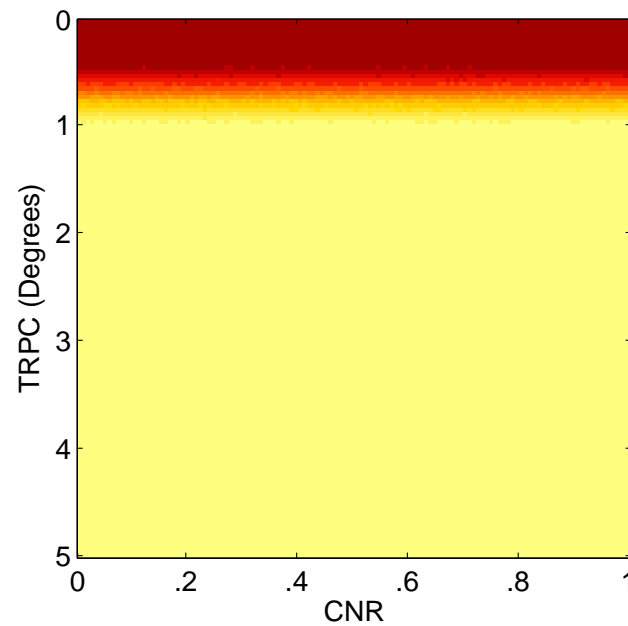
Variances are visually different and numerically different.

# Complex Time Course Model

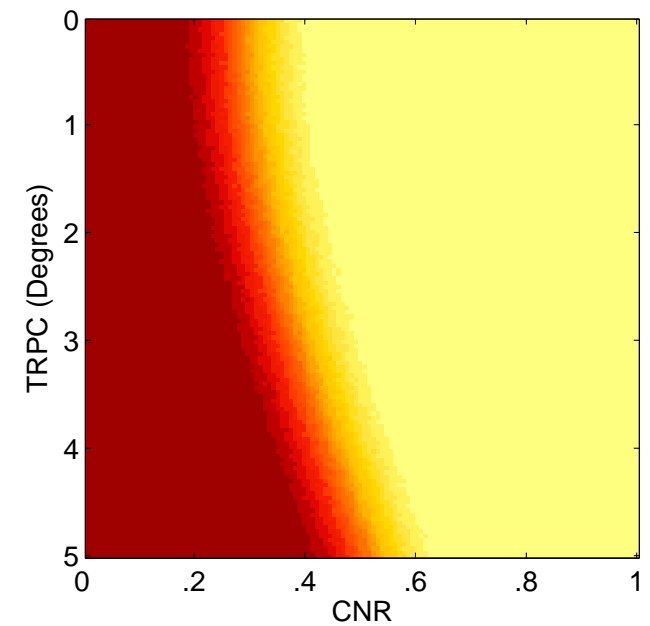
Using phase to eliminate venous BOLD. Nencka & Rowe, NIMG, Accepted 2007.



MO Act. Power  
 $SNR = 20$

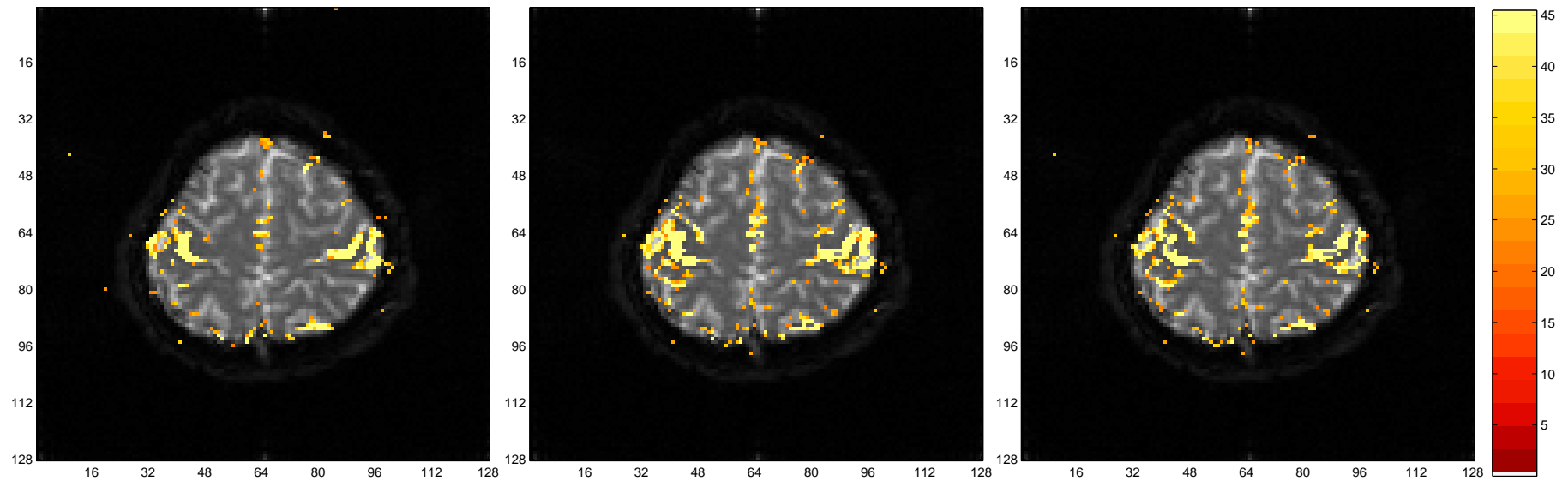
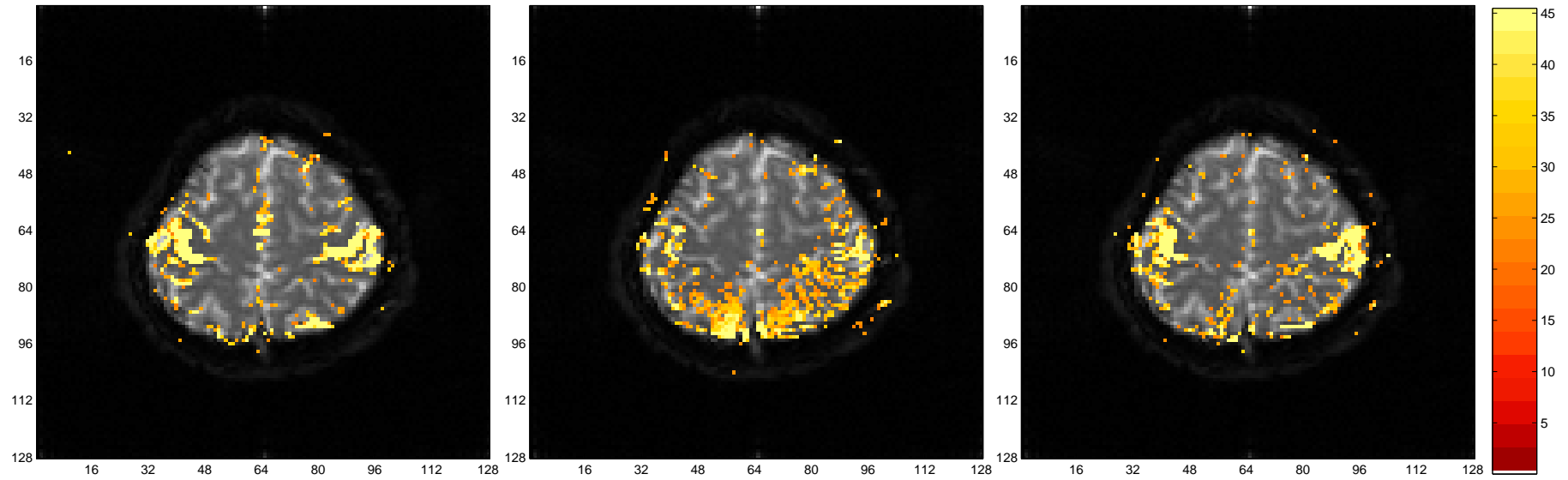


PO Act. Power



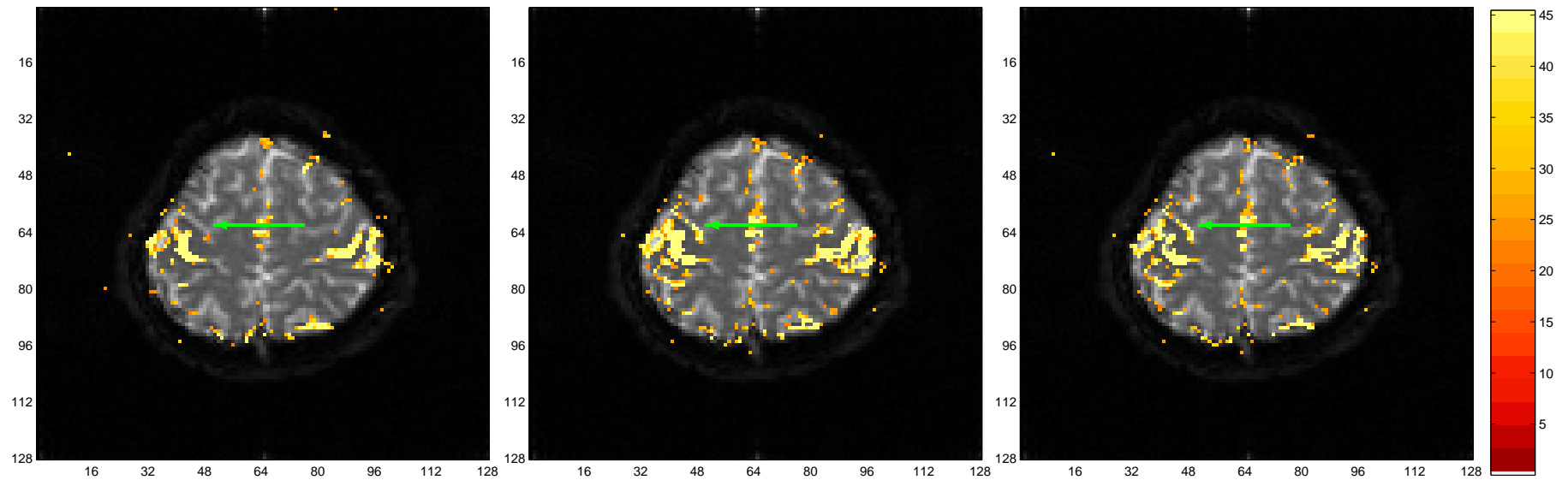
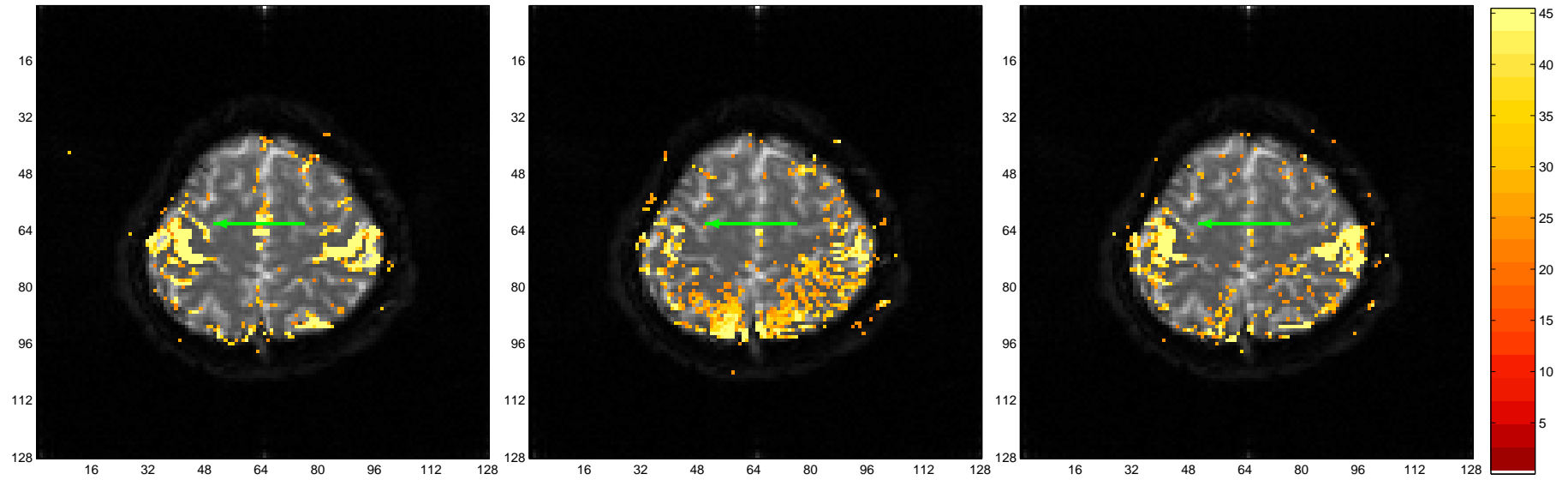
CP Act. Power

# Activation Maps 5% Bonferroni Combination Threshold

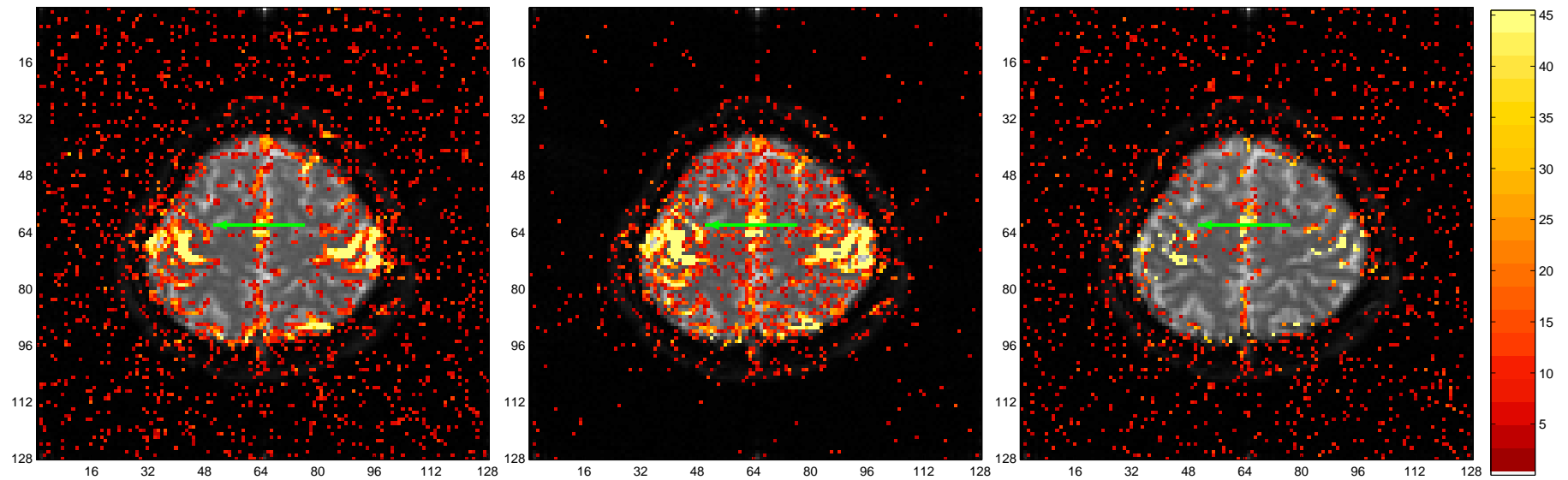
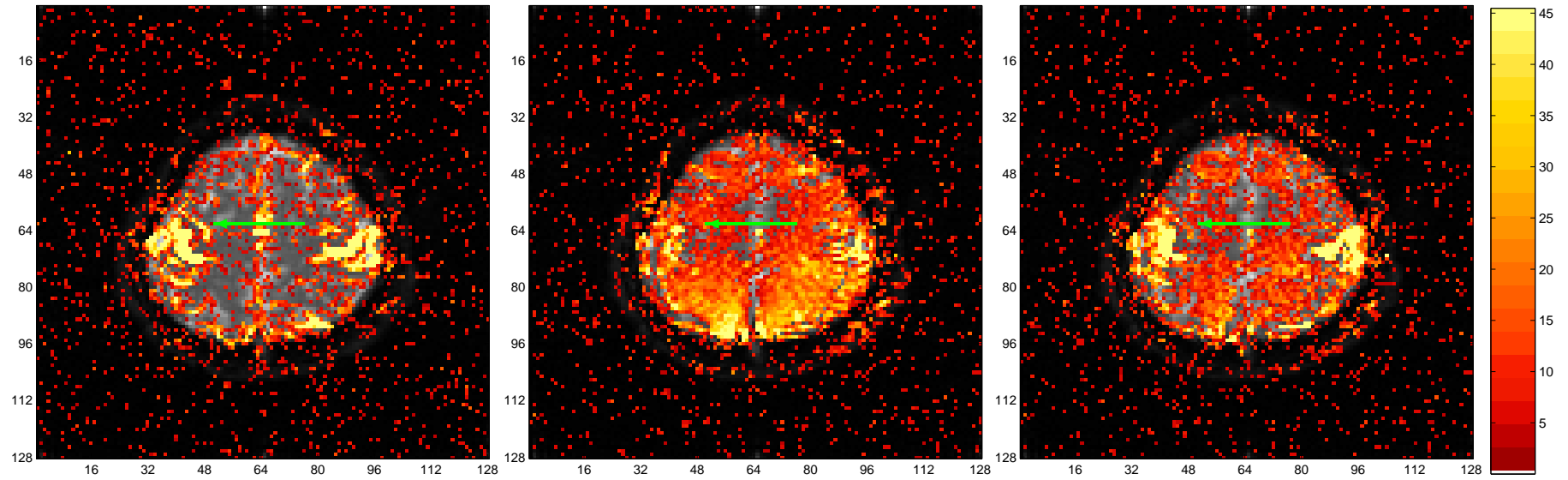




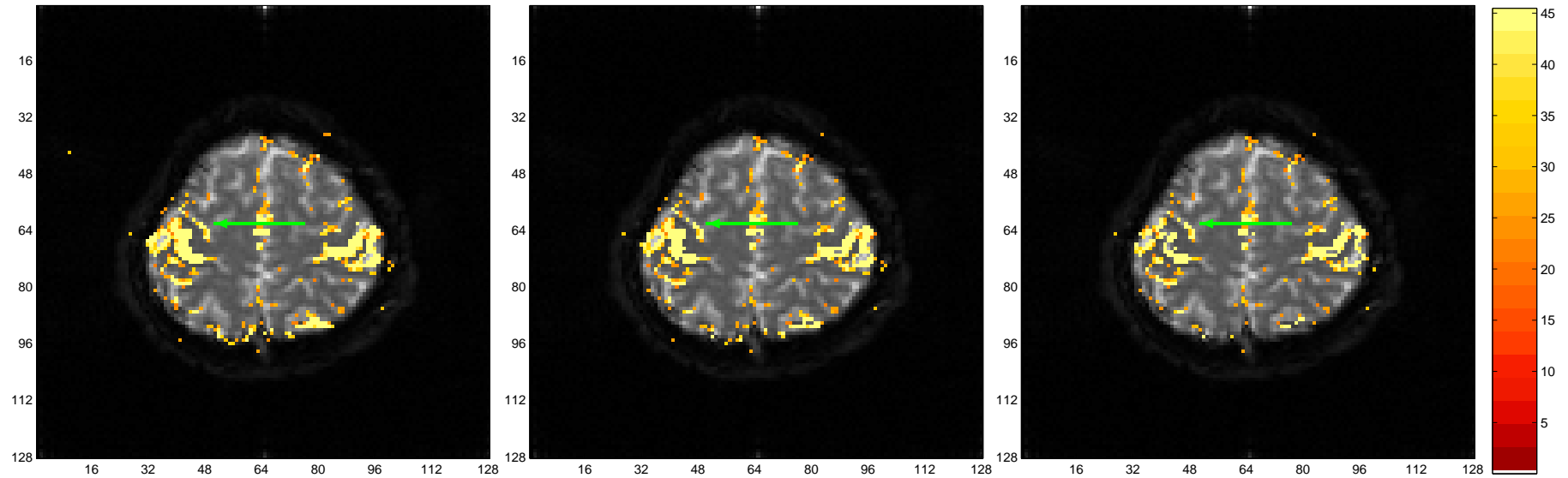
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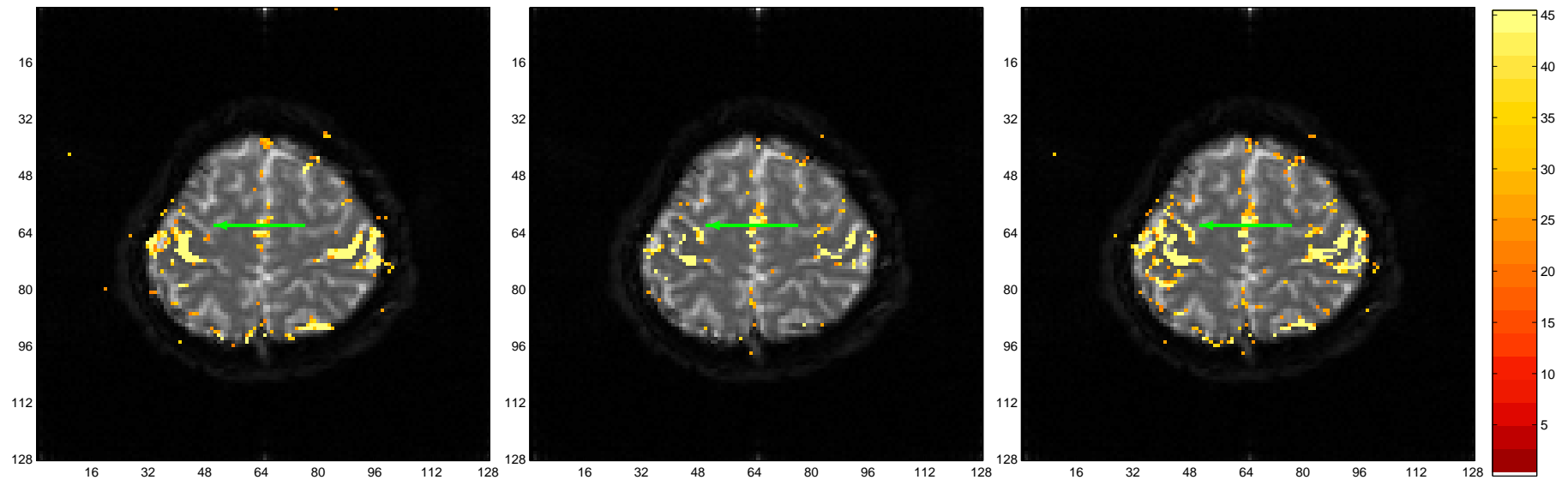
# Activation Maps 5% Unadjusted Combination Threshold



# Activation Maps 5% Bonferroni Combination Threshold



(a) UP/MO

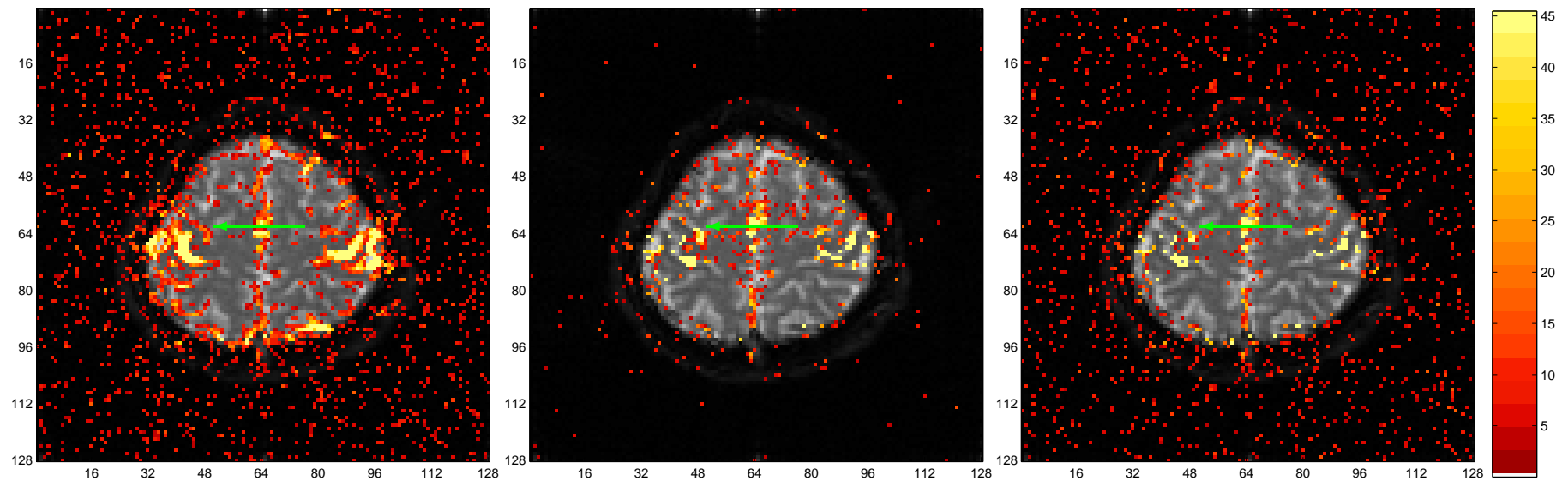
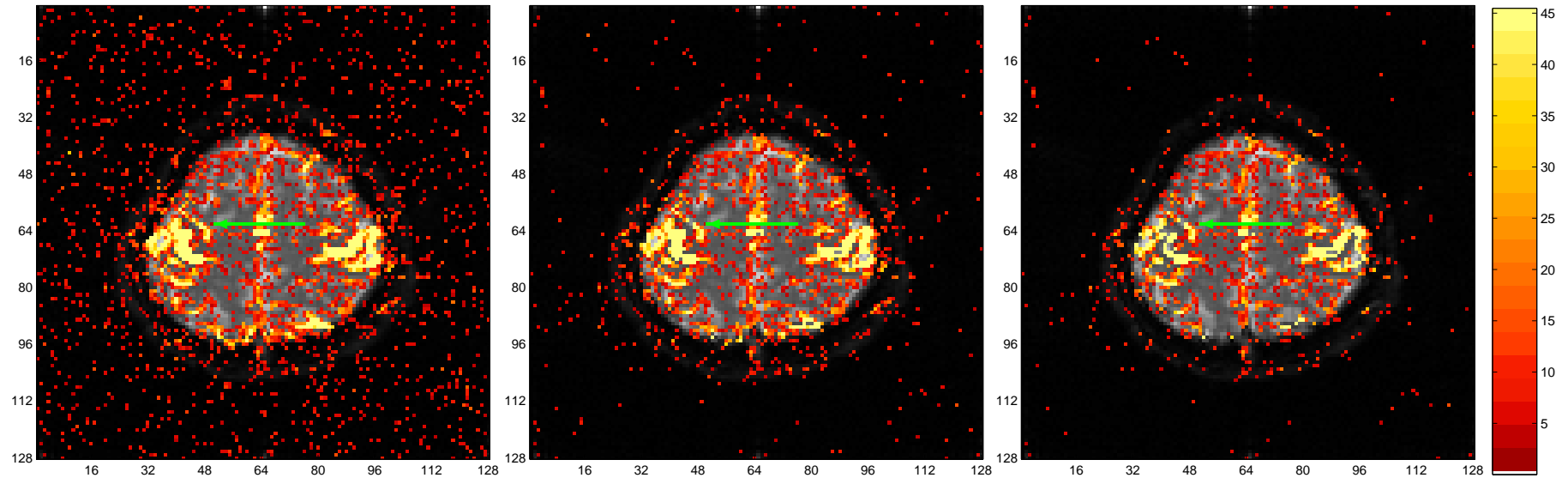
(b)  $|TRPC| < 1^\circ$ (c)  $|TRPC| < 1/2^\circ$ 

(d) CP

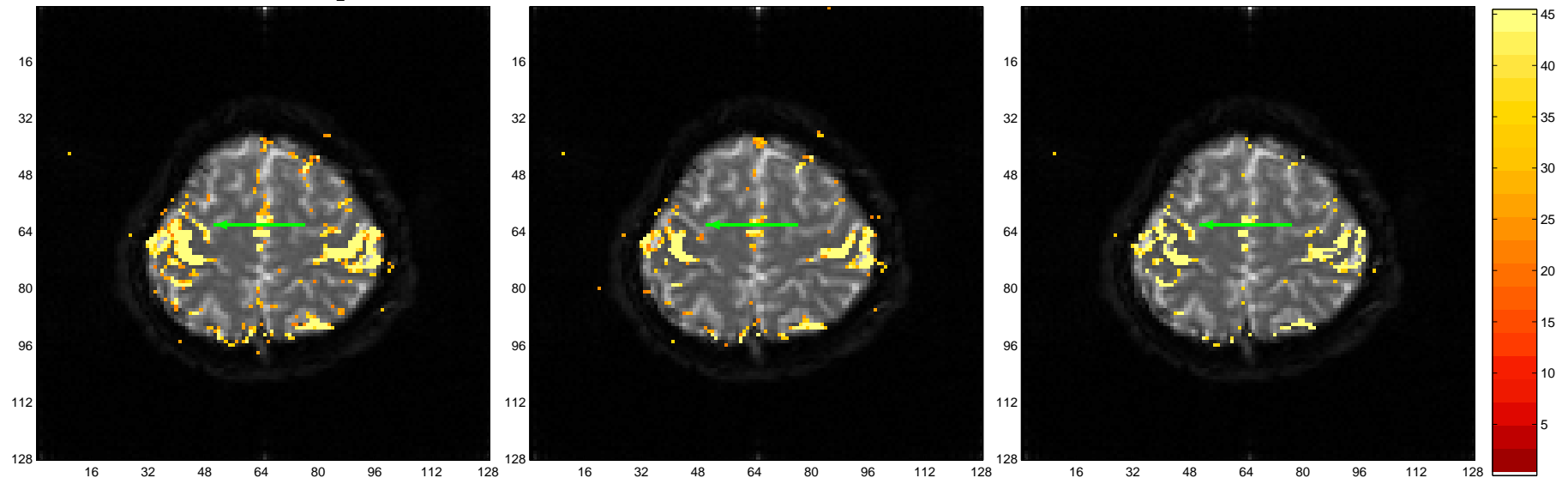
(e)  $|TRPC| < 1/4^\circ$ 

(f) MO &amp; PO 5% Bonf.

# Activation Maps 5% Unadjusted Combination Threshold



## Activation Maps Combination Threshold



(a) UP/MO 5% Bonf

(b) CP 5% Bonf

(c) MO &amp; PO Combo Thresh

$\alpha = 5\%$ ,  $p = 16384$  voxels

TRMC  $> \chi^2(\alpha/100/p) = 30.67433022214556$

TRPC  $< \chi^2(\alpha/p) = 21.78373828128818$

But  $p(r_t, \phi_t) \neq p(r_t)p(\phi_t)$ !

They should be considered jointly as the complex model does and not independently as the ad hoc thresholds I applied do!

## Activations in Human Experimental Data

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Imaging Parameters: Venogram

FOV =  $24 \times 18 \times 6 \text{ cm}^3$

$512 \times 256 \times 60$

TR=46 ms

TE=28 ms

FA=20°

minimum intensity projection

Imaging Parameters: EPI

FOV =  $24 \text{ cm}^2$

$96 \times 96 \times 19$  (2.5 mm<sup>3</sup>)

TR=2000 ms

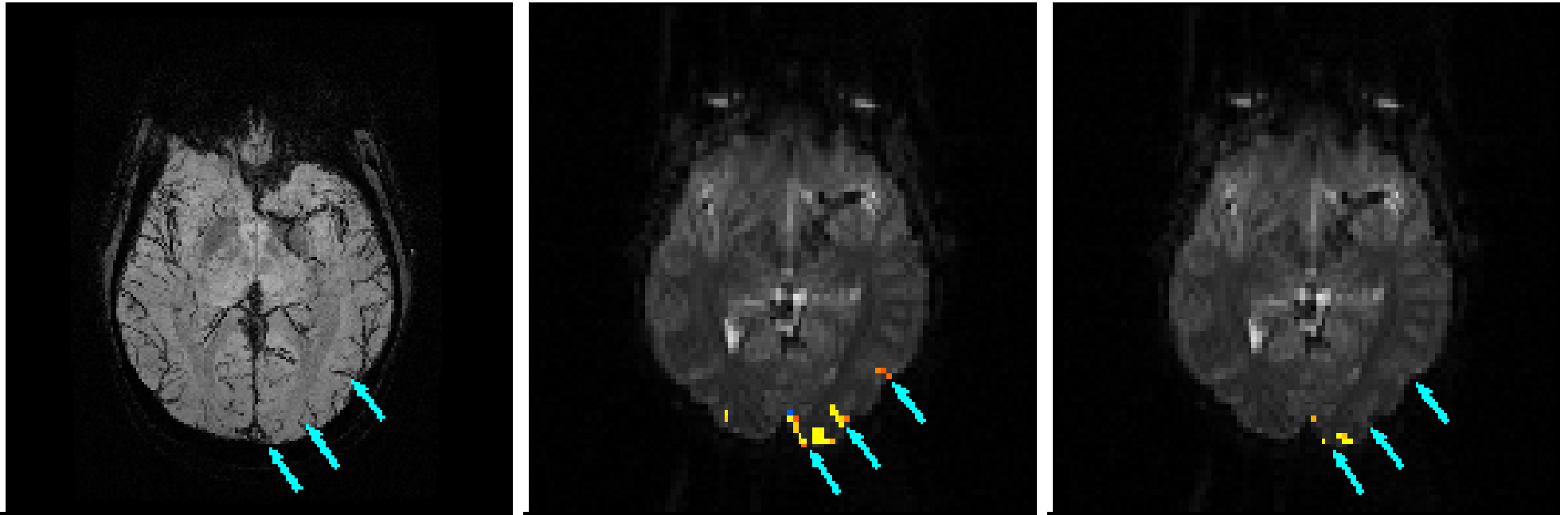
TE=45.3 ms

FA=77°

Task: RH male, fixation vs. flashing checkerboard at 4 Hz

Design: Block 20s off +  $8 \times (16s \text{ on} + 16s \text{ off})$ ;

## Activations in Human Experimental Data



Venogram Anatomical

Magnitude-only

Complex CP

- (a) Minimum intensity projection venogram with veins (arrows)
- (b) Magnitude-only activations with correspondence to draining veins
- (c) Complex constant phase activations exclude draining vein activations preserving a cluster where no large draining veins are observed.

## Complex Magnitude with GLM Phase

We want to see if there is anything in either the magnitude or phase of the observed complex valued time course has a component related to the reference function.

i.e.

$$C = (0, \dots, 0, 1), \beta = (\beta_0, \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{q_1})'$$

$$D = (0, \dots, 0, 1), \gamma = (\gamma_0, \gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_{q_2})'$$

MLE's from both under null and alternative hypotheses.

Form GLR test statistic,  $\lambda$ .



## Complex Magnitude with GLM Phase

Four readily visible hypotheses for testing.

$$H_a : C\beta \neq 0, D\gamma \neq 0$$

$$H_b : C\beta = 0, D\gamma \neq 0$$

$$H_c : C\beta \neq 0, D\gamma = 0$$

$$H_d : C\beta = 0, D\gamma = 0$$

We can combine these four hypotheses in different ways to form specific hypothesis pairs to detect different Mag/Phase changes.

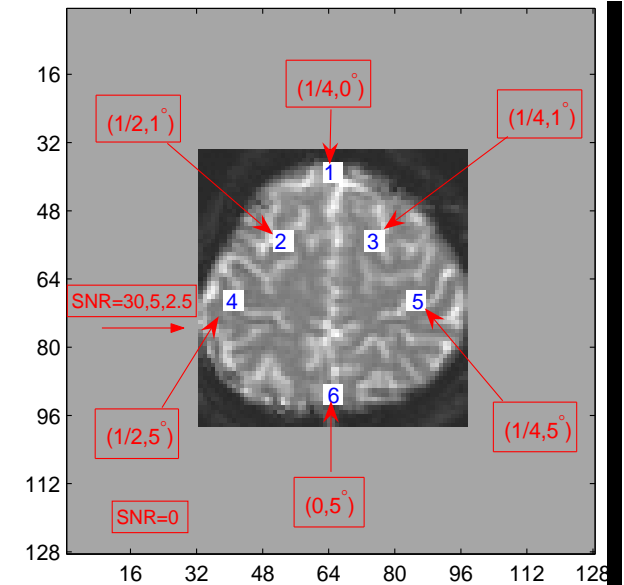
Can write down the likelihood and Log likelihood.

Can maximize the log likelihood under each hypothesis using various Lagrange constraints.

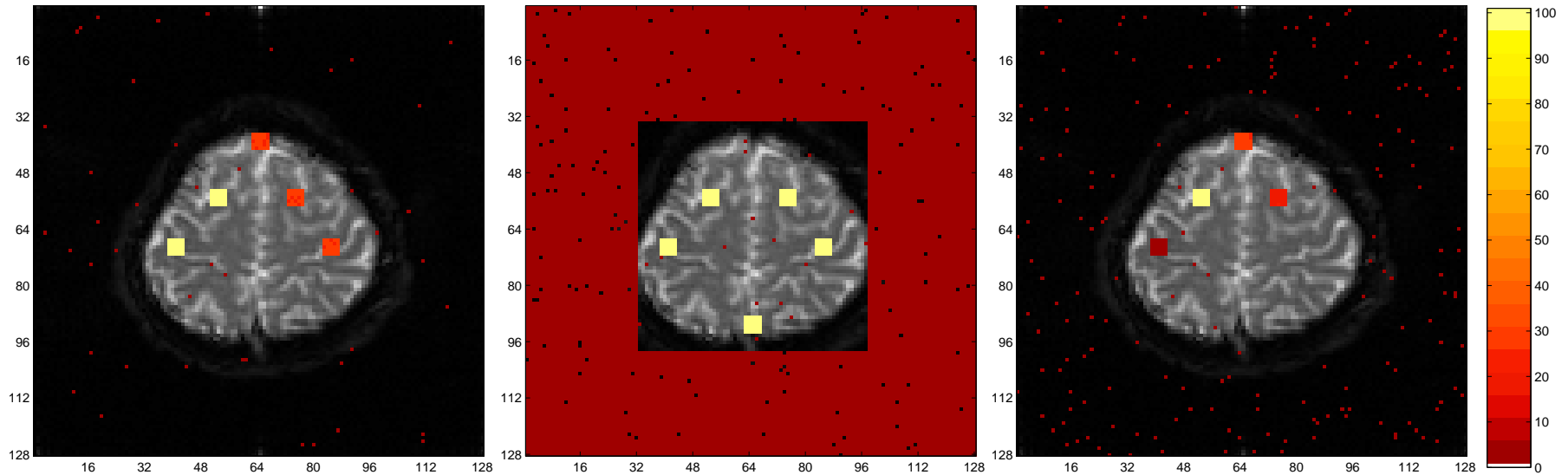
# Complex Magnitude with GLM Phase: Simulation

## ➤ Simulation

- A  $128 \times 128$  image was created, central  $64 \times 64$  represent the brain
- SNR outside brain equal zero, and inside set to 30, 5 or 2.5 in different trials.
- Complex-valued time series were generated for all voxels in the array
- Six ROIs were created in which the time series were made “active” with different CNR-TRPC combinations:
  - 1:  $(\frac{1}{4}, 0^\circ)$ , 2:  $(\frac{1}{2}, 1^\circ)$ , 3:  $(\frac{1}{4}, 1^\circ)$ ,  
4:  $(\frac{1}{2}, 5^\circ)$ , 5:  $(\frac{1}{4}, 5^\circ)$ , 6:  $(0, 5^\circ)$



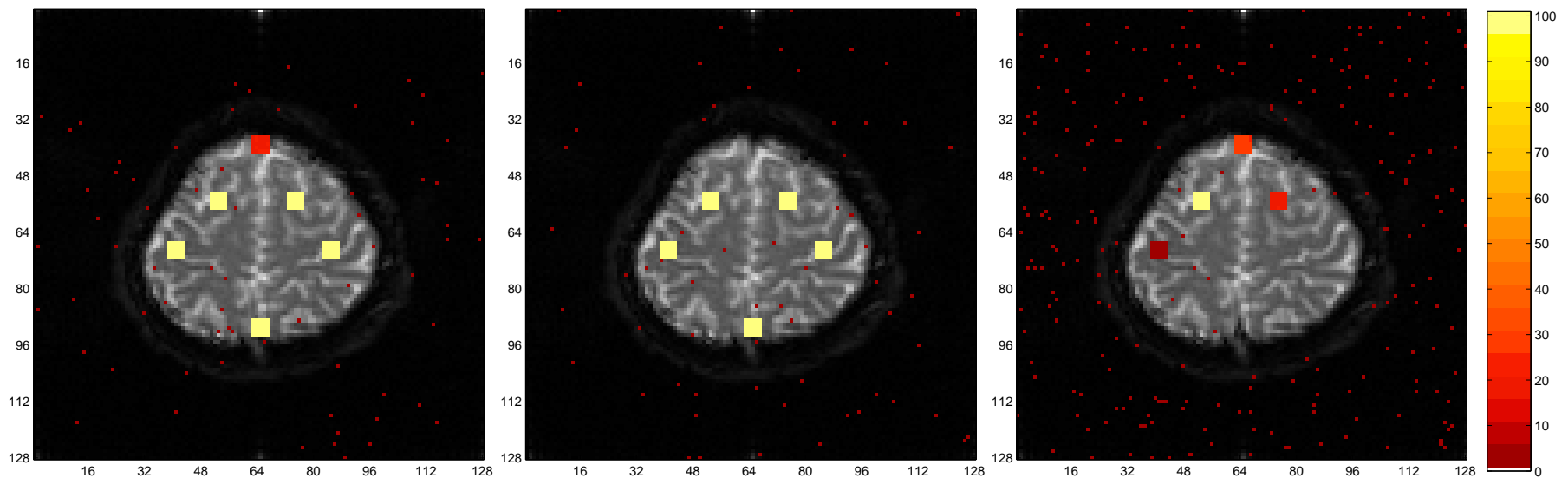
# Simulated Data Power Maps: SNR=30



(a) Unrestricted Phase

(b) Phase-Only Data

(c) Constant Phase

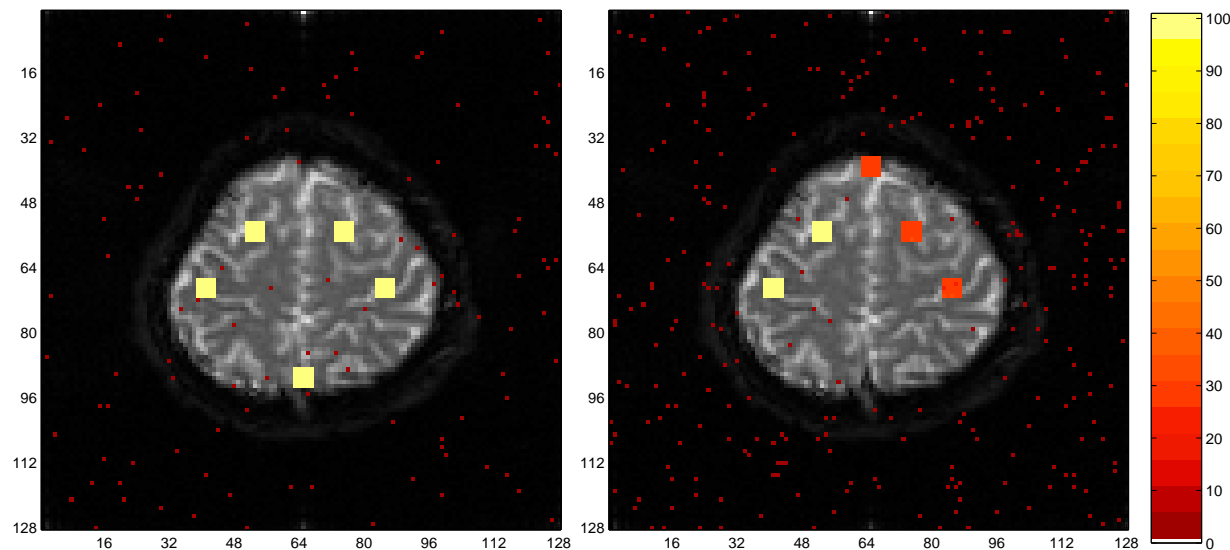
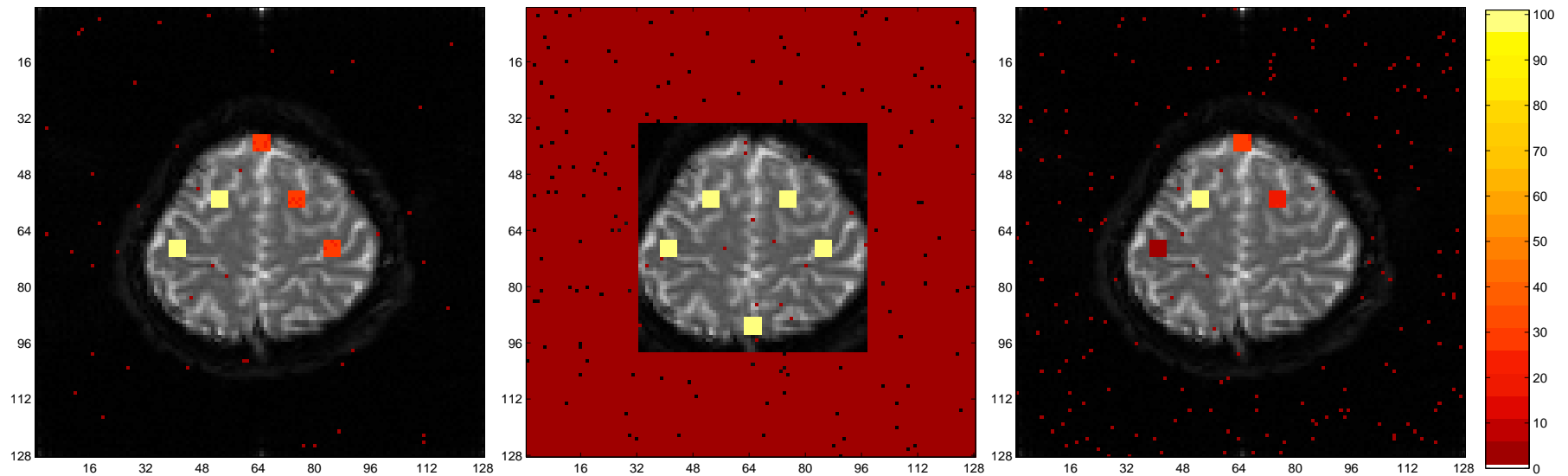


(d)  $C\beta=0, D\gamma=0; C\beta\neq 0, D\gamma\neq 0$

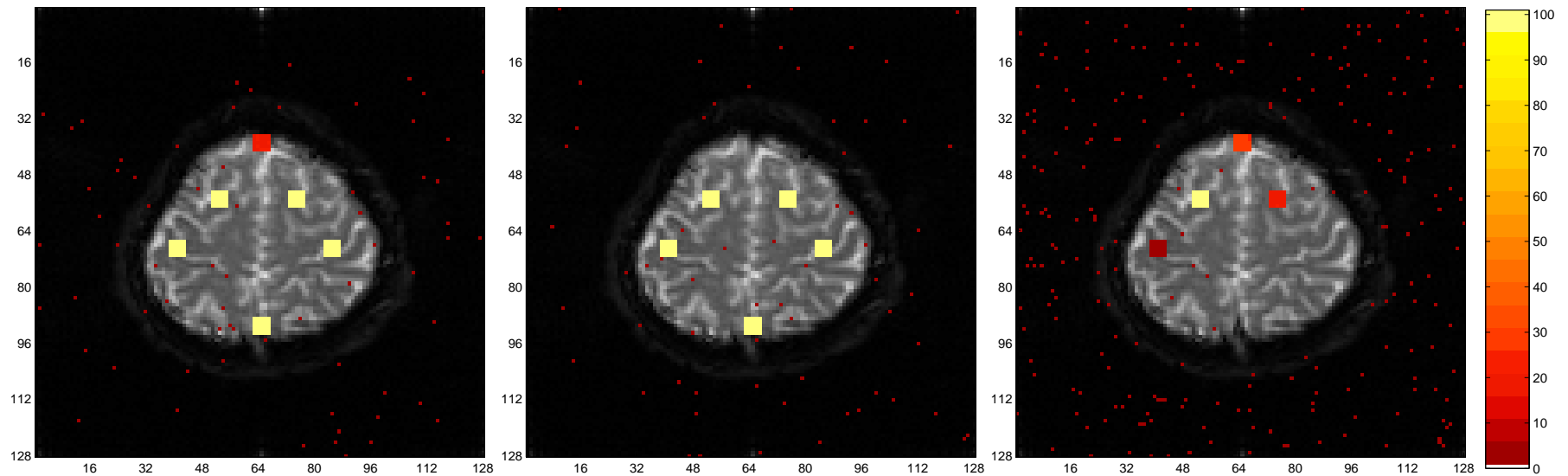
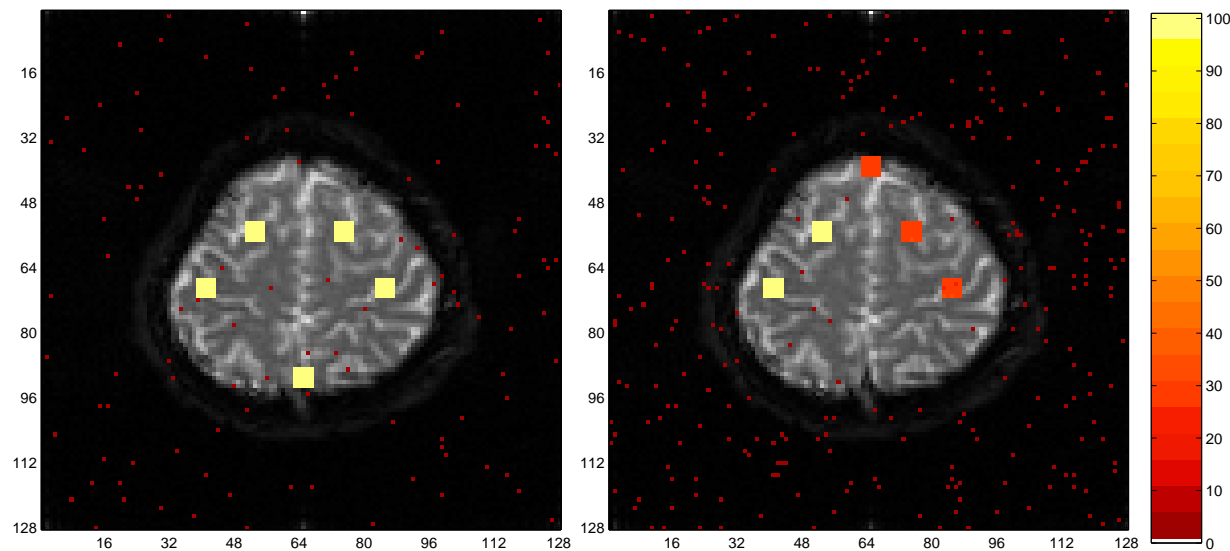
(e)  $C\beta=0, D\gamma=0; C\beta=0, D\gamma\neq 0$

(f)  $C\beta=0, D\gamma=0; C\beta\neq 0, D\gamma=0$

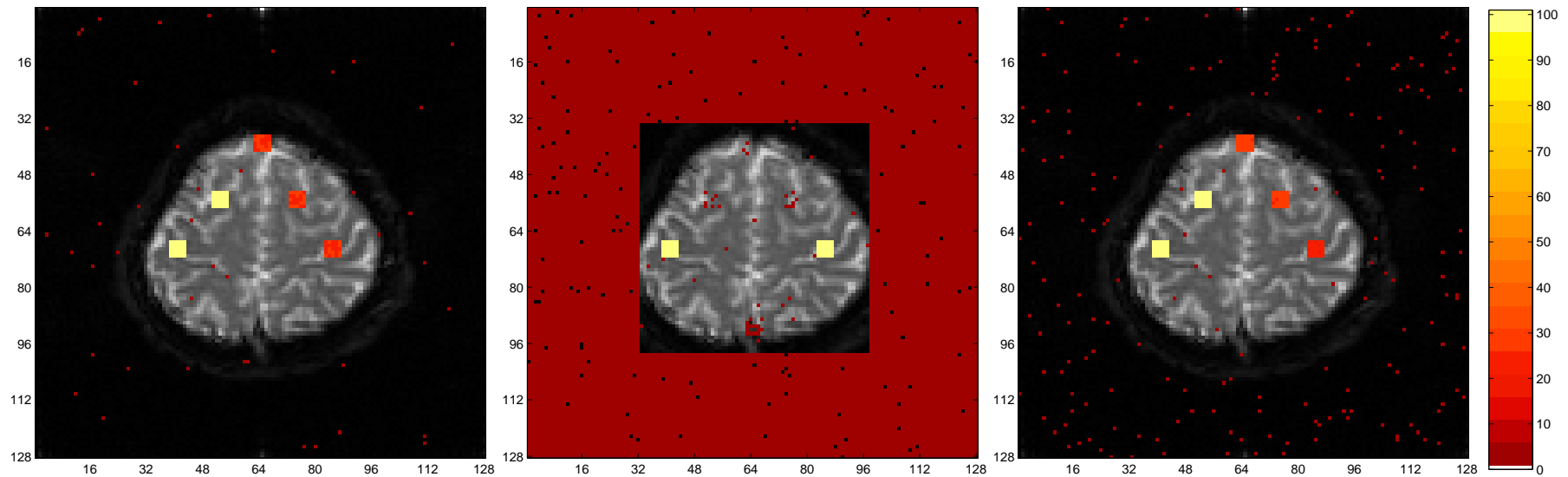
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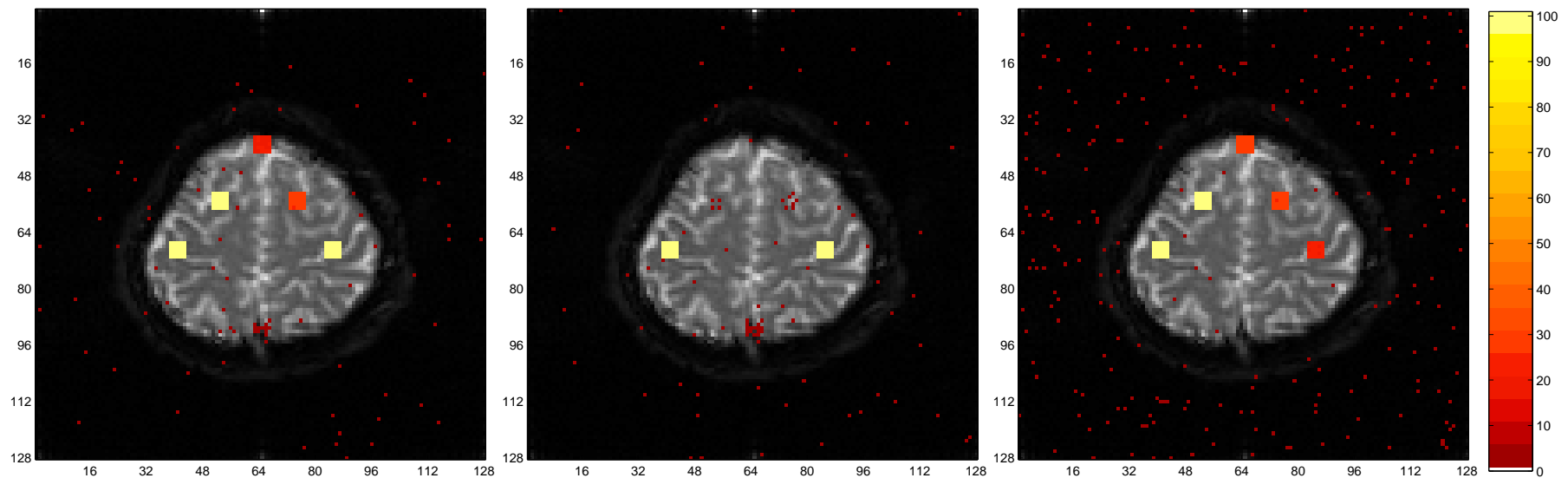
# Simulated Data Power Maps: SNR=5



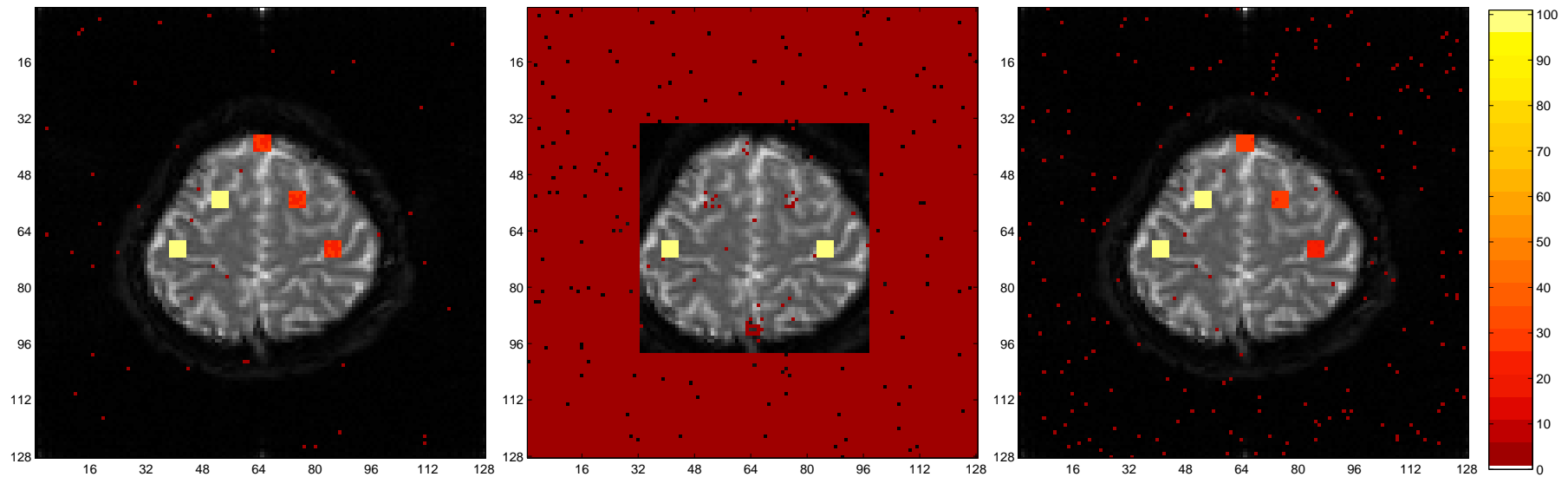
(a) Unrestricted Phase

(b) Phase-Only Data

(c) Constant Phase

(d)  $C\beta=0, D\gamma=0; C\beta\neq 0, D\gamma\neq 0$ (e)  $C\beta=0, D\gamma=0; C\beta=0, D\gamma\neq 0$ (f)  $C\beta=0, D\gamma=0; C\beta\neq 0, D\gamma=0$

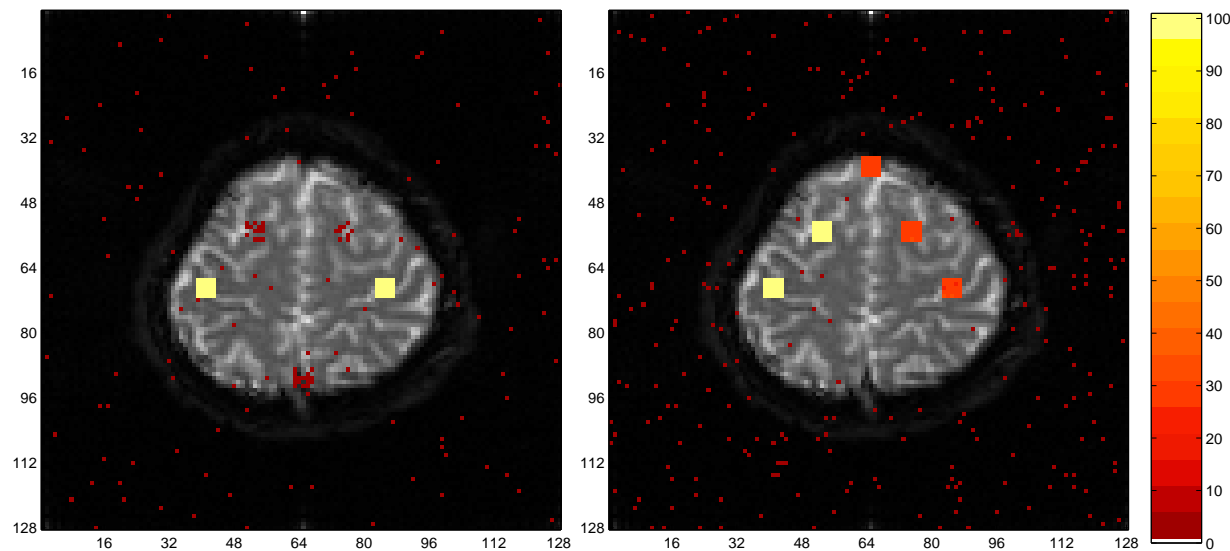
# Simulated Data Power Maps: SNR=5



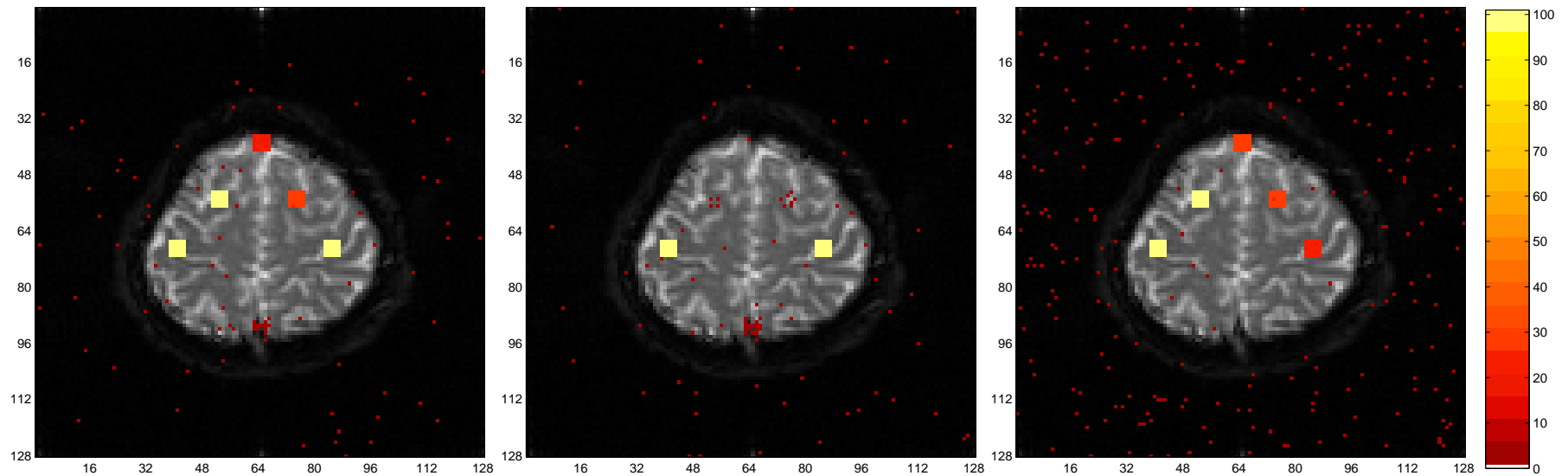
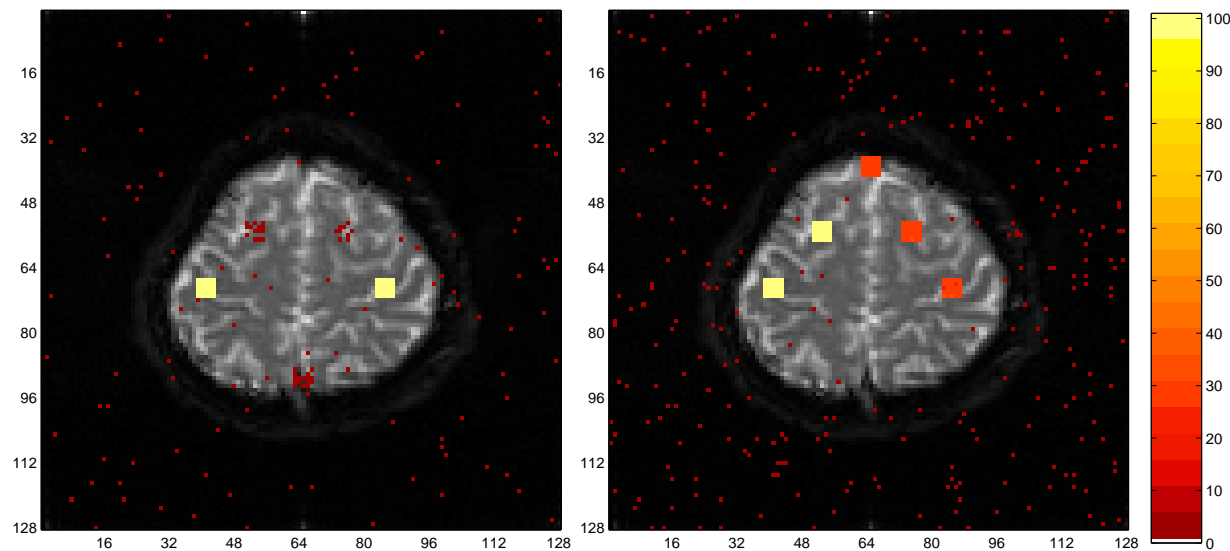
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(b) Phase-Only Data

(c) Constant Phase

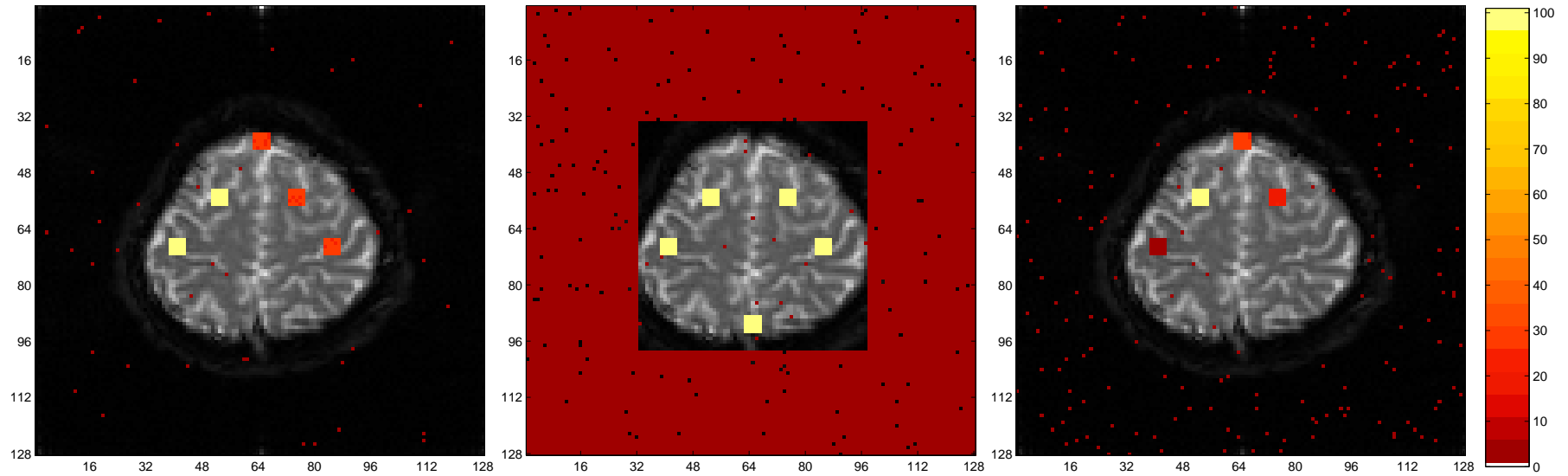
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## Simulated Data Power Maps: SNR=5

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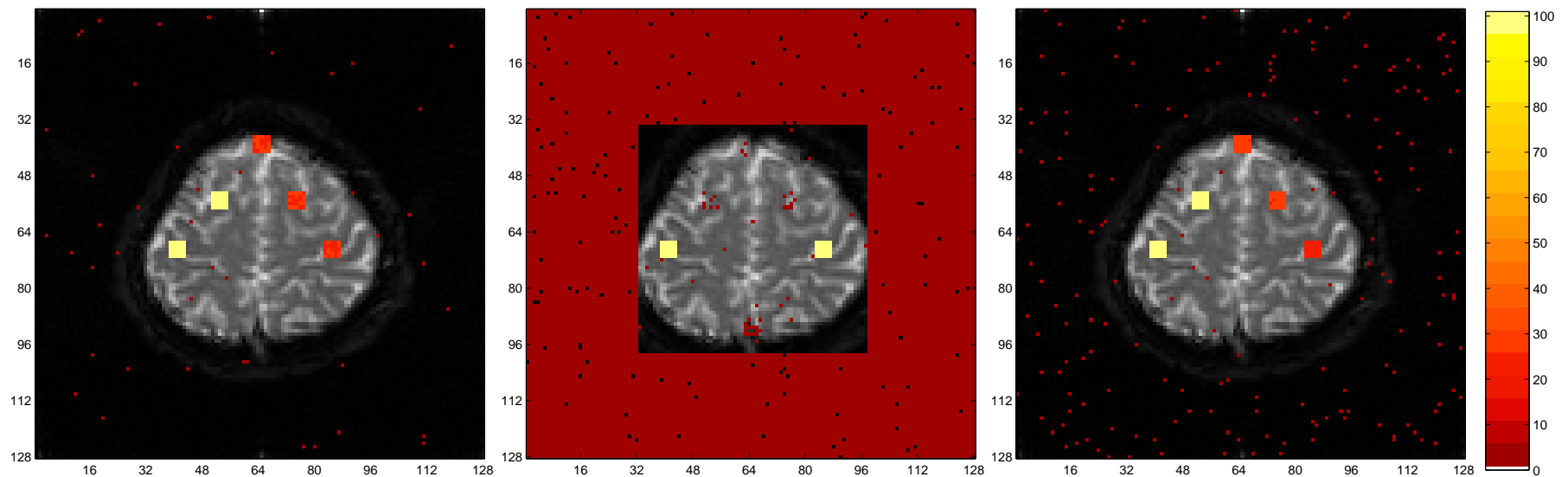
# Simulated Data Power Maps: SNR=30 vs SNR=5



(a) Unrestricted Phase

(b) Phase-Only Data

(c) Constant Phase

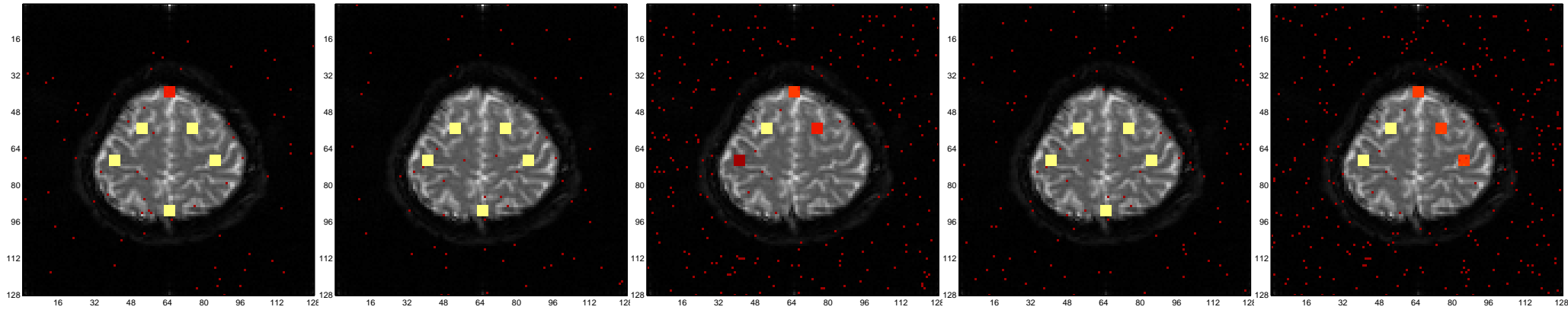


(d) Unrestricted Phase

(e) Phase-Only Data

(f) Constant Phase

# Simulated Data Power Maps: SNR=30 vs SNR=5



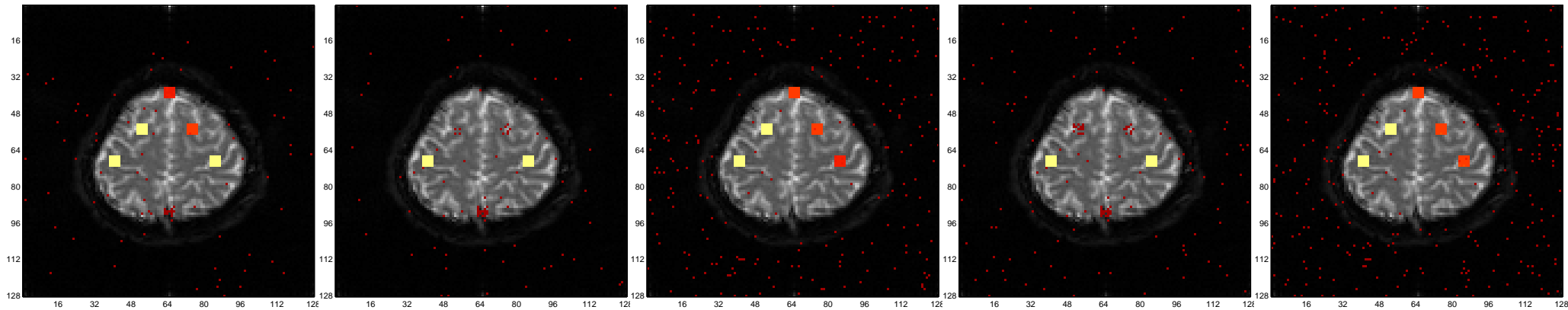
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## Discussion

Complex Image Reconstruction Review.

Phase Information.

Complex Statistical Activation Methods.

Complex Magnitude with Constant Phase.

Complex Magnitude with GLM Phase.

Further research is needed.

## Thank You.

Should complex activation be part of the future of fMRI analysis?

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