

The Past, Present, and Future of Complex-Valued fMRI Activation

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FMRI Data is Truly Complex-Valued

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Historical Magnitude-Only Analysis

Complex-Valued R-I or M-P Analysis

•Present

Complex-Valued Time Series Analysis

Complex-Valued Bayesian Analysis

•Future

Bayesian image reconstruction.

Activation directly from k -space

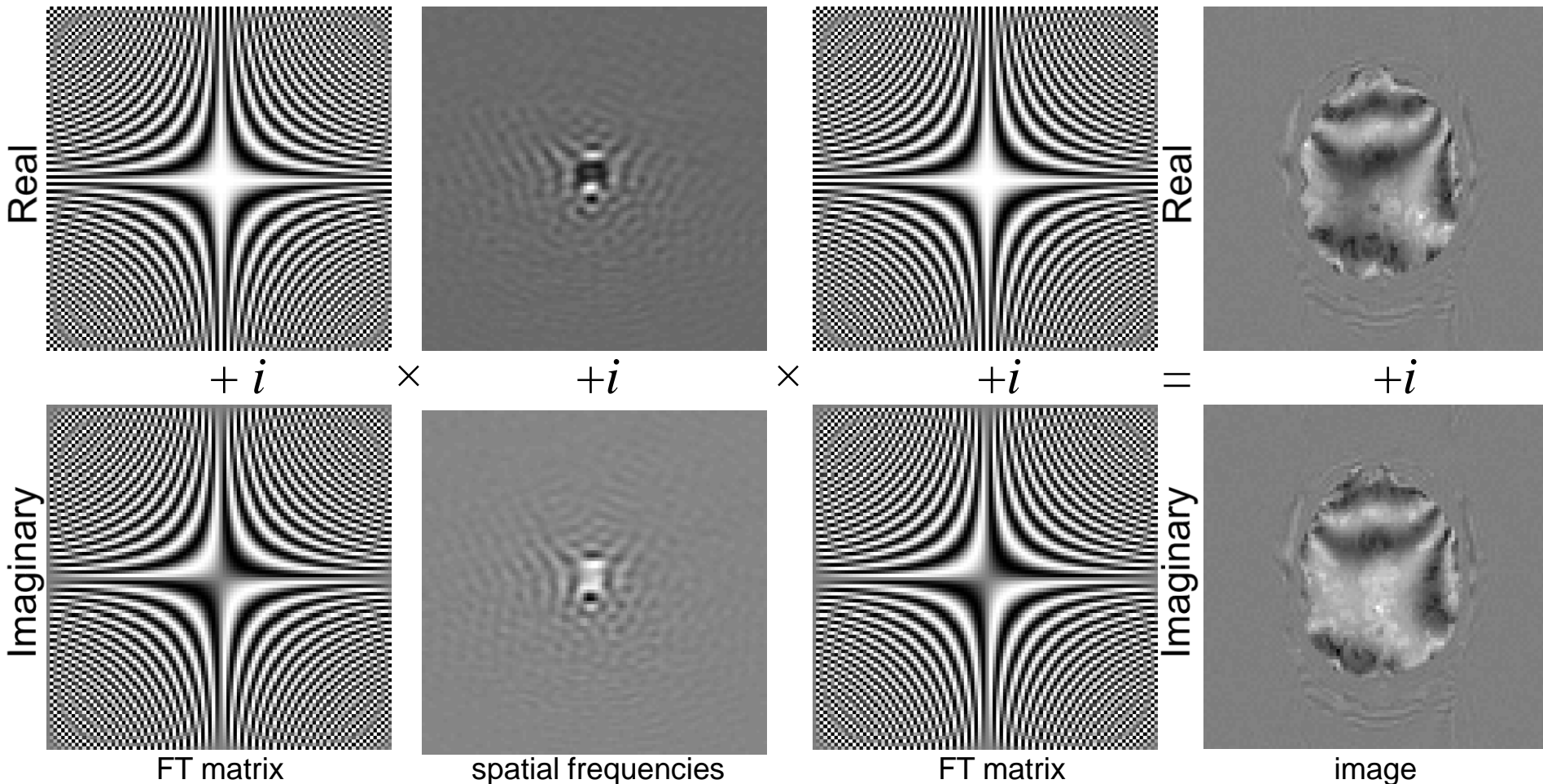
•Discussion

Increased sensitivity/specificity, information, opportunities.

*Similar presented at 2006 JSM

Introduction: Data Complex

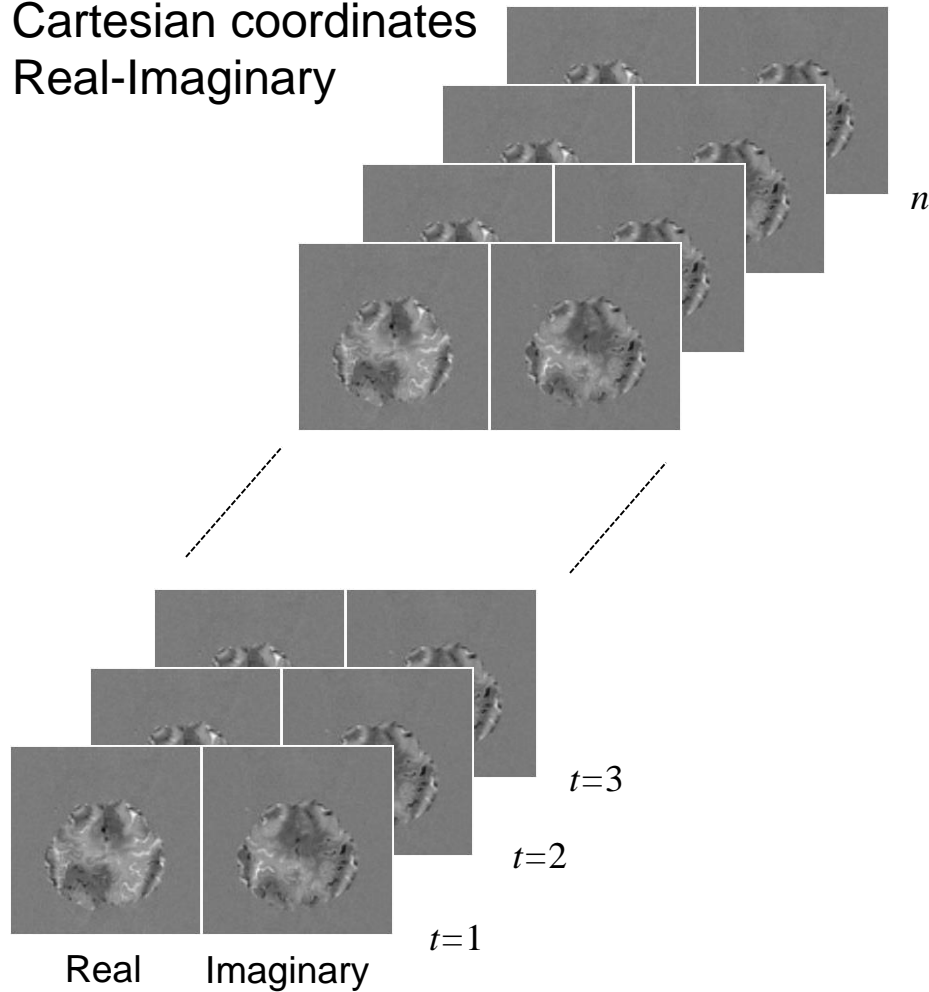
We inverse Fourier transform spatial freqs. to generate image.



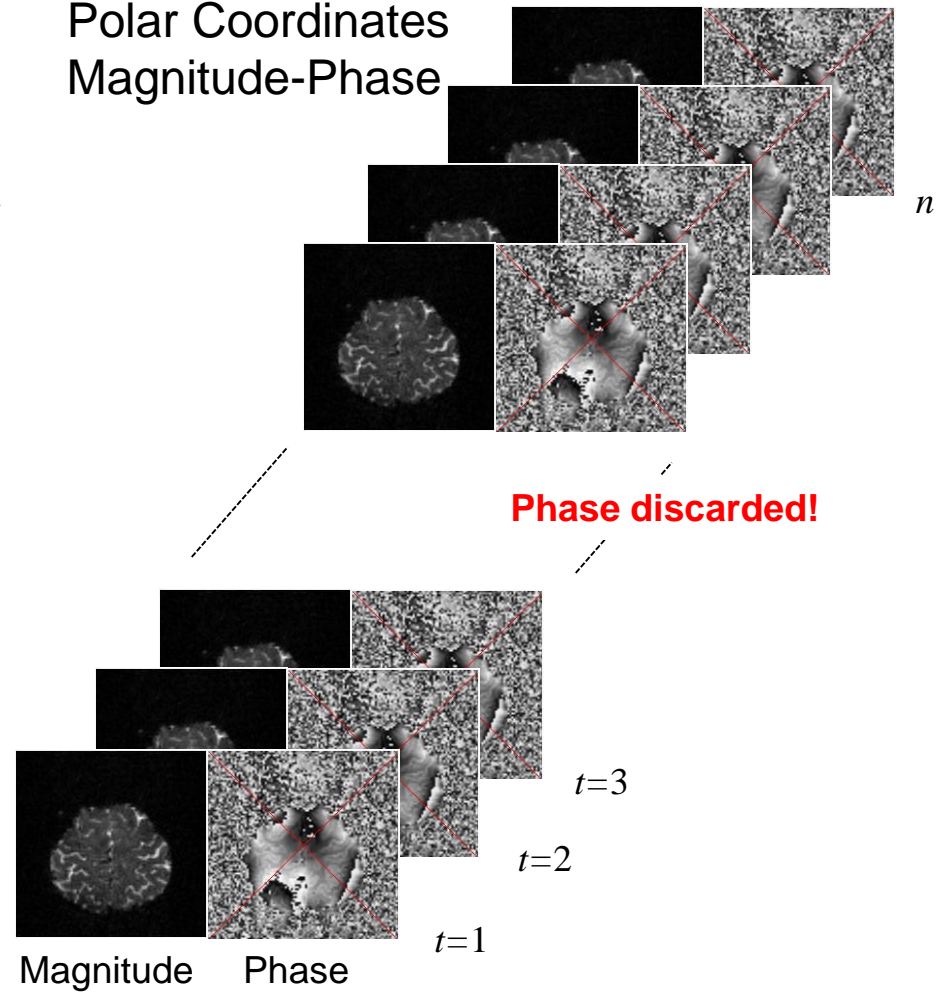
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Introduction: Data Complex

Cartesian coordinates
Real-Imaginary



Polar Coordinates
Magnitude-Phase



Past: Historical Magnitude-Only Analysis

- Thulborn et al. 1982 showed deoxyhemoglobin changed T2*.
- Ogawa et al. 1990 activation in rats with contrast agent.
- Bandettini et al. 1992, Kwong et al. 1992, Ogawa et al. 1992 in close succession demonstrated T2* activation with task
- Bandettini et al. 1993 processing strategies for fMRI
- Cox et al. 1995 real time fMRI correlation activation
- Friston et al. 1995 GLM fMRI activation

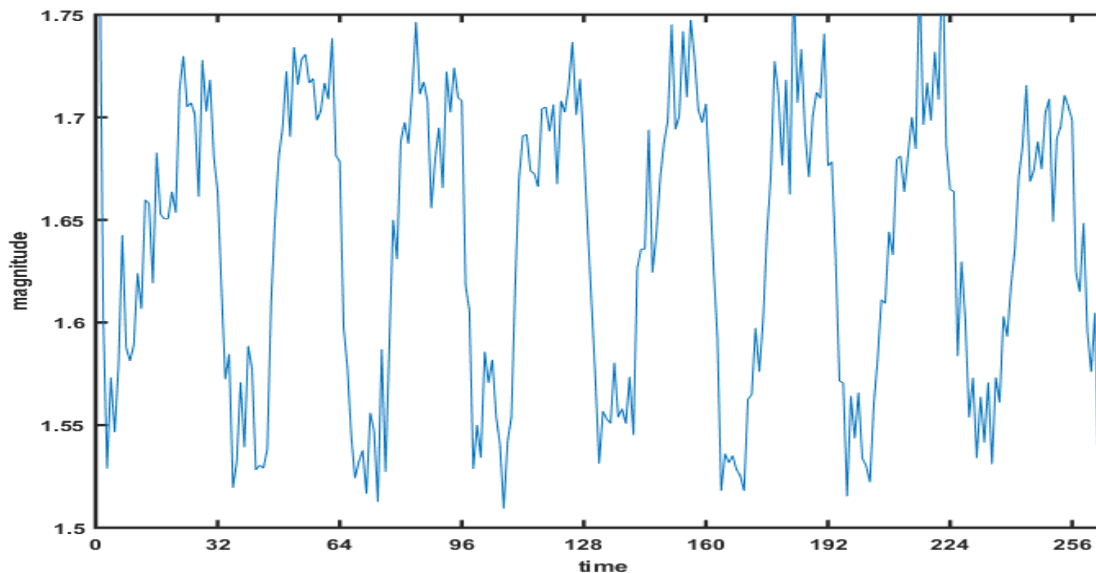
Since early 90's, magnitude-only analysis the norm.

Past: Historical Magnitude-Only Analysis

A linear model is applied to magnitude-only time series

$$y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_q + \dots + \beta_q x_q + \varepsilon \quad E(\varepsilon) = 0$$
$$\text{cov}(\varepsilon) = \Sigma$$

Statistical significance for task coefficient!



Past: Complex-Valued R-I or M-P Analysis

- Lai and Glover 1997.

$$cc = \frac{\{[\Sigma(x - \bar{x})(r - \bar{r})]^2 + [\Sigma(y - \bar{y})(r - \bar{r})]^2\}^{1/2}}{(N-1) \sigma_r \sqrt{\sigma_x^2 + \sigma_y^2}}$$

- Nan and Nowak 1999.

$$\mathbf{x} = (a\mathbf{1} + b\mathbf{r})(\cos \vartheta + i \sin \vartheta) + \sigma \cdot \mathbf{n}_c.$$

$$L_3(\mathbf{y}) = \frac{2\|P_S^\perp \mathbf{y}\|^2}{\|P_H^\perp \mathbf{y}\|^2 + \|P_S^\perp \mathbf{y}\|^2 - \sqrt{\|P_H \mathbf{y}\|^4 + \|P_S \mathbf{y}\|^4 + 2\|P_H \mathbf{y}\|^2 \|P_S \mathbf{y}\|^2 \cos 2\varphi}}$$

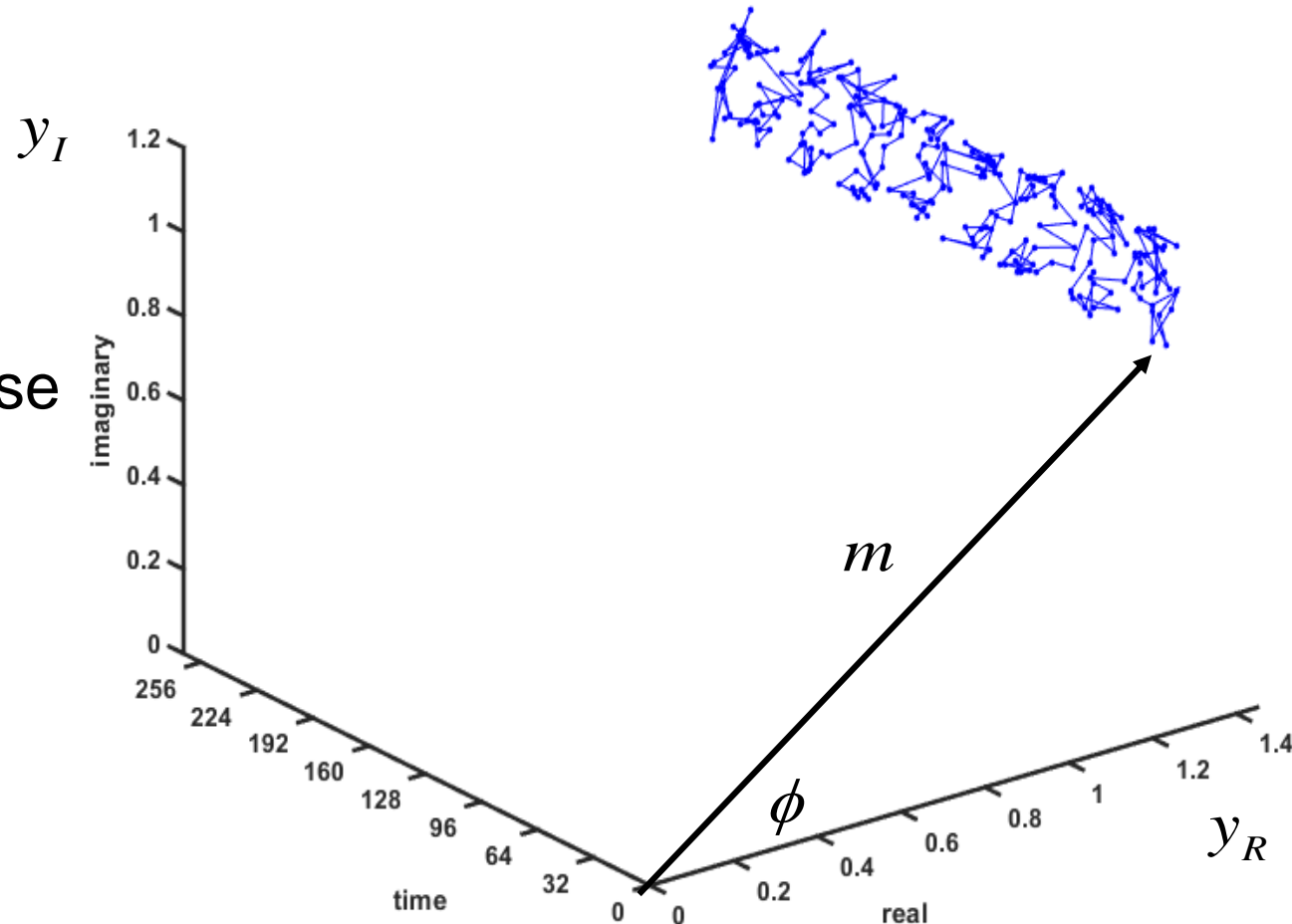
These initial models were limiting.

Past: Complex-Valued R-I or M-P Analysis

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Complex-valued
activation and/or
Complex-valued
correlation?

Magnitude and Phase
or equivalently
Real and Imaginary

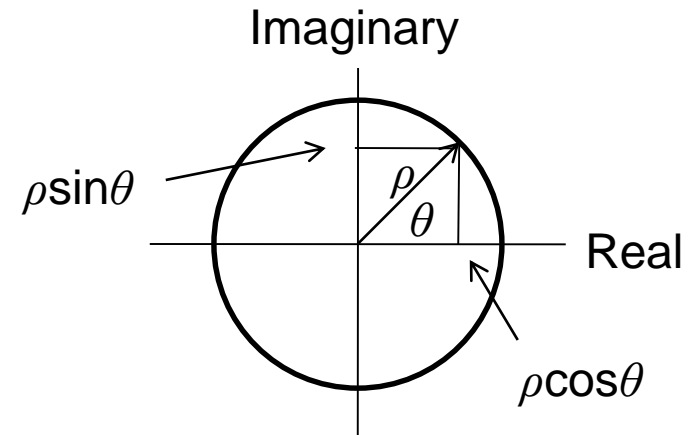


Past: Complex-Valued R-I or M-P Analysis

Voxel measurements are described as
(absorption/dispersion, in-phase/quadrature)

$$y_R = \rho \cos \theta + \eta_R$$

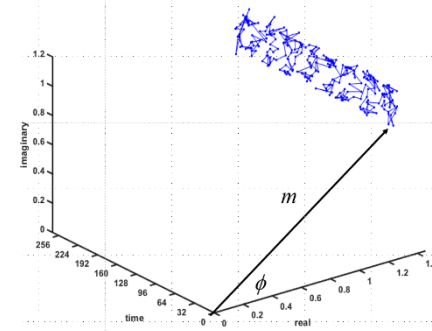
$$y_I = \rho \sin \theta + \eta_I$$



y_R and y_I are measurements for the real and imaginary parts

η_R and η_I are error terms for the real and imaginary parts

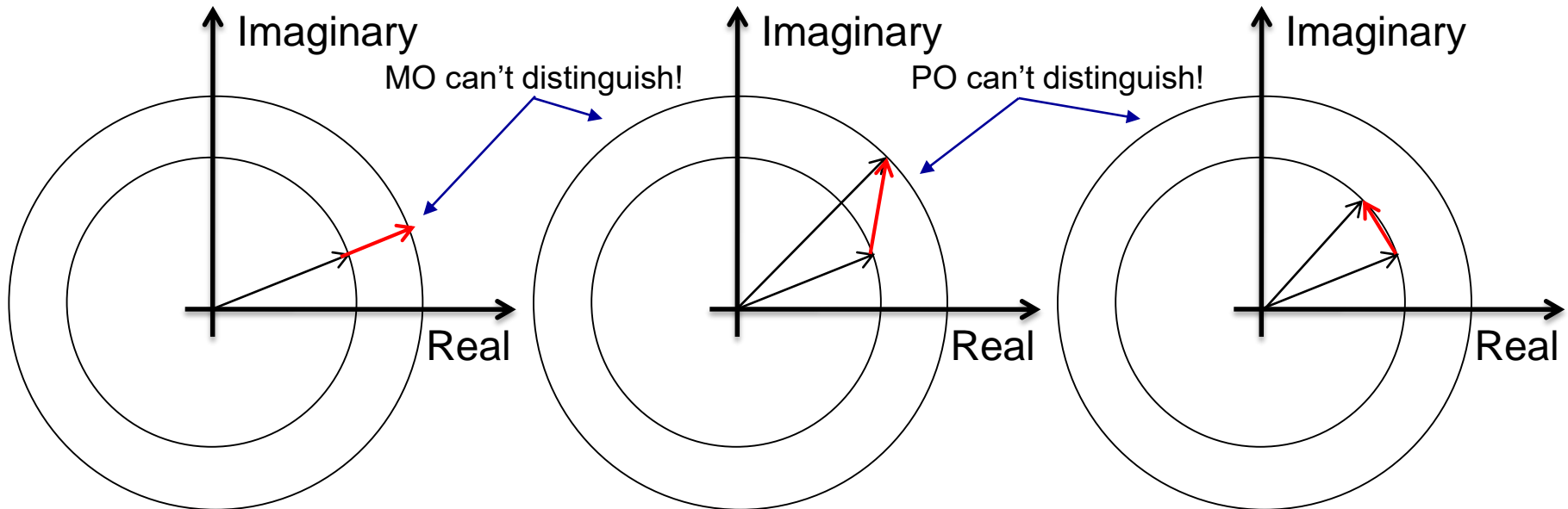
ρ and θ are the population magnitude and phase.



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Past: Complex-Valued R-I or M-P Analysis

Three non-zero changes possible



- Complex Magnitude w/ Constant Phase (CP) Activation^{1,2}
- Complex Magnitude and/or Phase (MP) Activation^{3,7}
- Real Magnitude-Only (MO/UP) Activation (Discard Phase)^{4,5}
- Complex Phase Constant Magnitude (CM) Activation⁶

¹Rowe and Logan: NIMG, 23:1078-1092, 2004.

³Rowe: NIMG, 25:1310-1324, 2005b.

⁵Rowe and Logan: NIMG 24:603-606, 2005.

⁷Rowe: MRM, 62:1356-1357, 2009.

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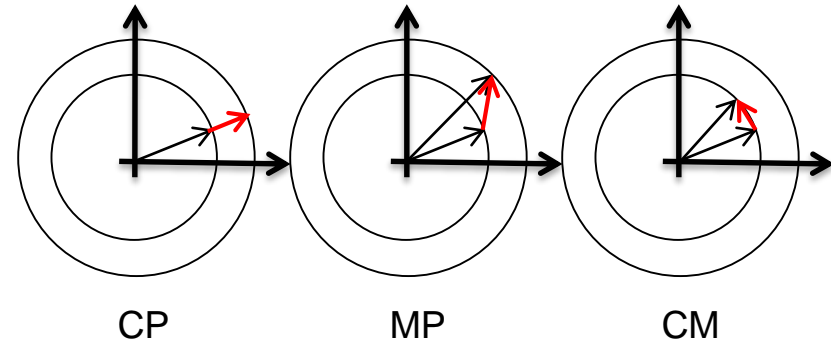
⁴Bandettini et al.: MRM, 30:161-173, 1993.

⁶Rowe, et al.: JNSM, 161:331-341, 2007.

Past: Complex-Valued R-I or M-P Analysis

In each voxel at time t :

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_{Rt} \\ y_{It} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_t \cos \theta_t \\ \rho_t \sin \theta_t \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \eta_{Rt} \\ \eta_{It} \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\text{CP}^{1,2}: \quad \begin{aligned} \rho_t &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1t} + \cdots + \beta_{q_1} x_{q_1t} \\ \theta_t &= \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{MO/UP}^{4,5}: \quad \begin{aligned} \rho_t &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1t} + \cdots + \beta_{q_1} x_{q_1t} \\ \theta_t &\neq \theta_{t'} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{MP}^{3,7}: \quad \begin{aligned} \rho_t &= \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_{1t} + \cdots + \beta_{q_1} x_{q_1t} \\ \theta_t &= \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 u_{1t} + \cdots + \gamma_{q_2} u_{q_2t} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{PO/UM}^6: \quad \begin{aligned} \beta_t &\neq \beta_{t'} \\ \theta_t &= \gamma_0 + \gamma_1 u_{1t} + \cdots + \gamma_{q_2} u_{q_2t} \end{aligned}$$

$$E \begin{pmatrix} \eta_{Rt} \\ \eta_{It} \end{pmatrix} = 0, \quad \text{cov} \begin{pmatrix} \eta_{Rt} \\ \eta_{It} \end{pmatrix} = \Sigma_t$$

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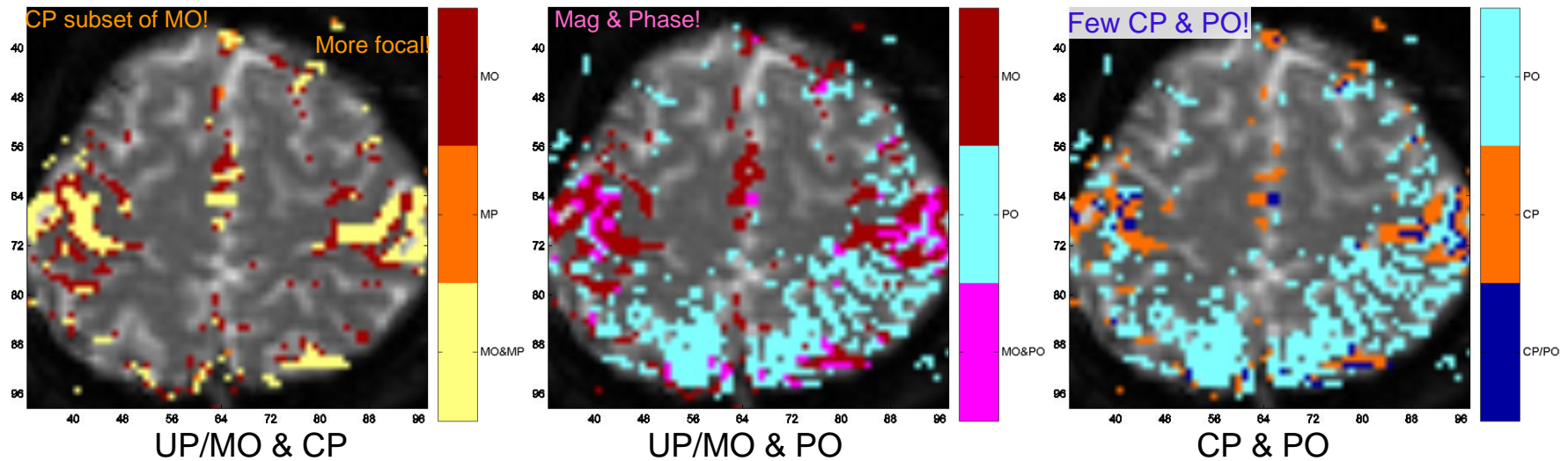
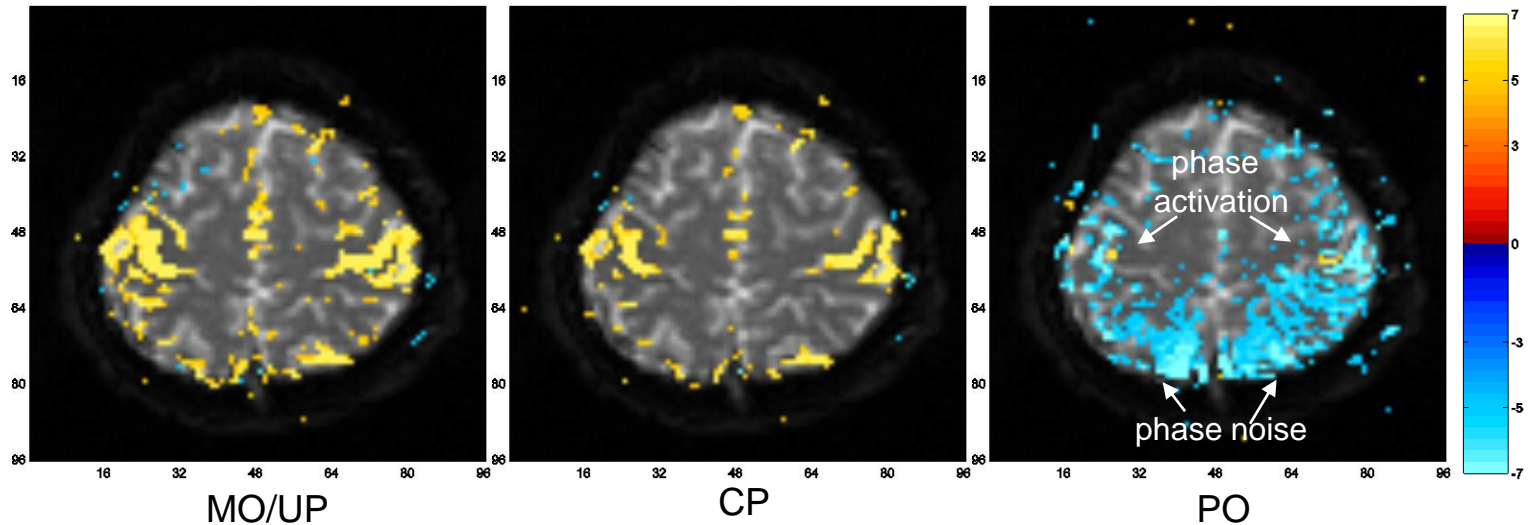
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Past: CV R-I or M-P Analysis

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Past: CV R-I or M-P Analysis

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20s off+16×(8 s on 8 s off), 276 TRs
 12 axial slices, 96 × 96, FOV = 24 cm
 TH = 2.5 mm, TR = 1 s, TE = 34.6 ms
 FA = 45°, BW = 125 kHz, ES = .708 ms

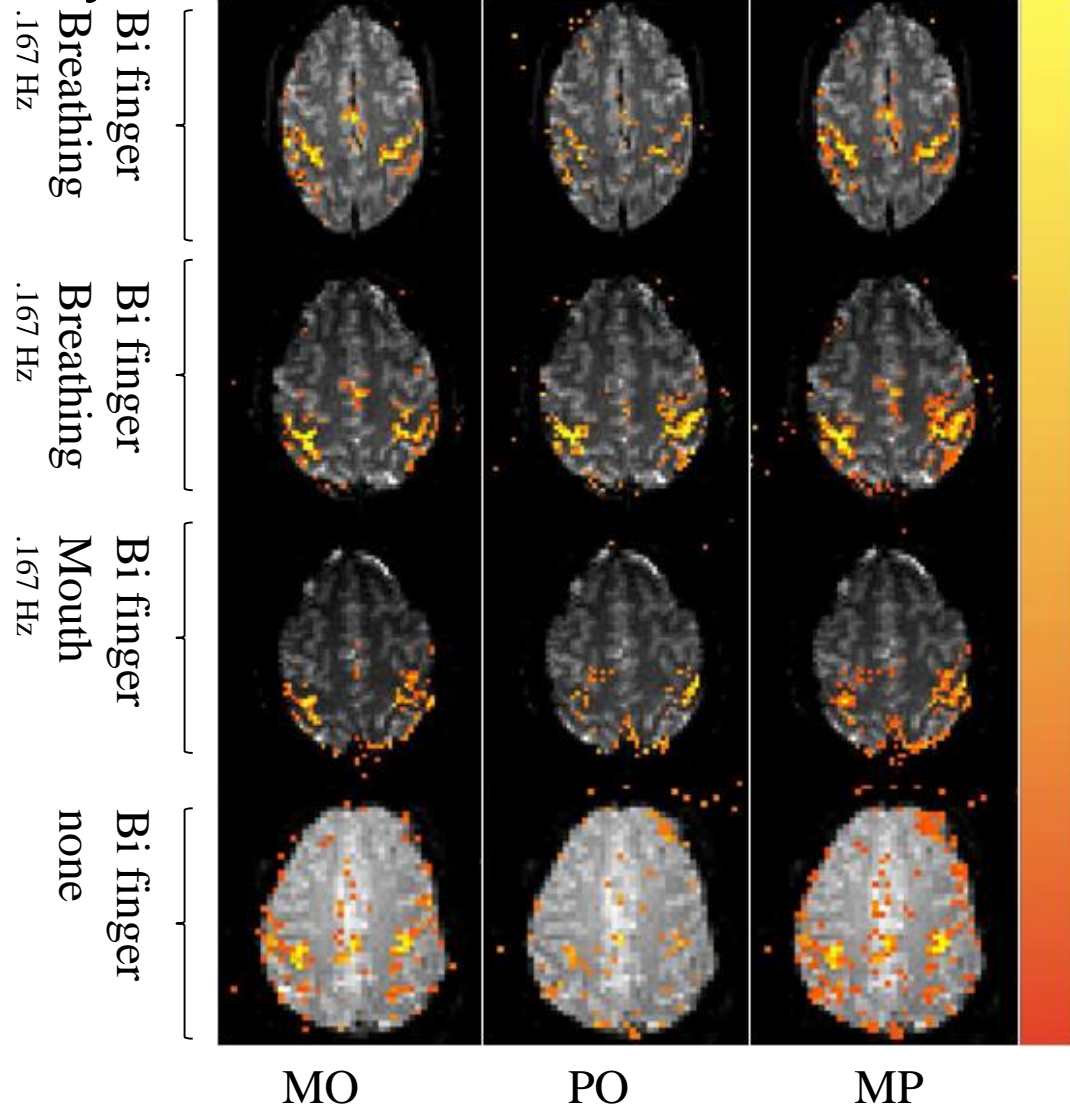
20s off+16×(8 s on 8 s off), 276 TRs
 10 axial slices, 96 × 96, FOV = 24 cm
 TH = 2.5 mm, TR = 1 s, TE = 42.8 ms
 FA = 45°, BW = 125 kHz, ES = .768 ms

20s off+16×(8 s on 8 s off), 276 TRs
 10 axial slices, 96 × 96, FOV = 24 cm,
 TH = 2.5 mm, TR = 1 s, TE = 42.8 ms
 FA = 45°, BW = 125 kHz, ES = .768 ms

20s off+10×(8 s on 8 s off), 180 TRs
 9 axial slices, 64 × 64, FOV = 24 cm
 TH = 3.8 mm, TR = 1 s, TE = 26.0 ms
 FA = 45°, BW = 125 kHz, ES = .680 ms

Hahn, Nencka, Rowe: HBM, 33:288–306, 2012.

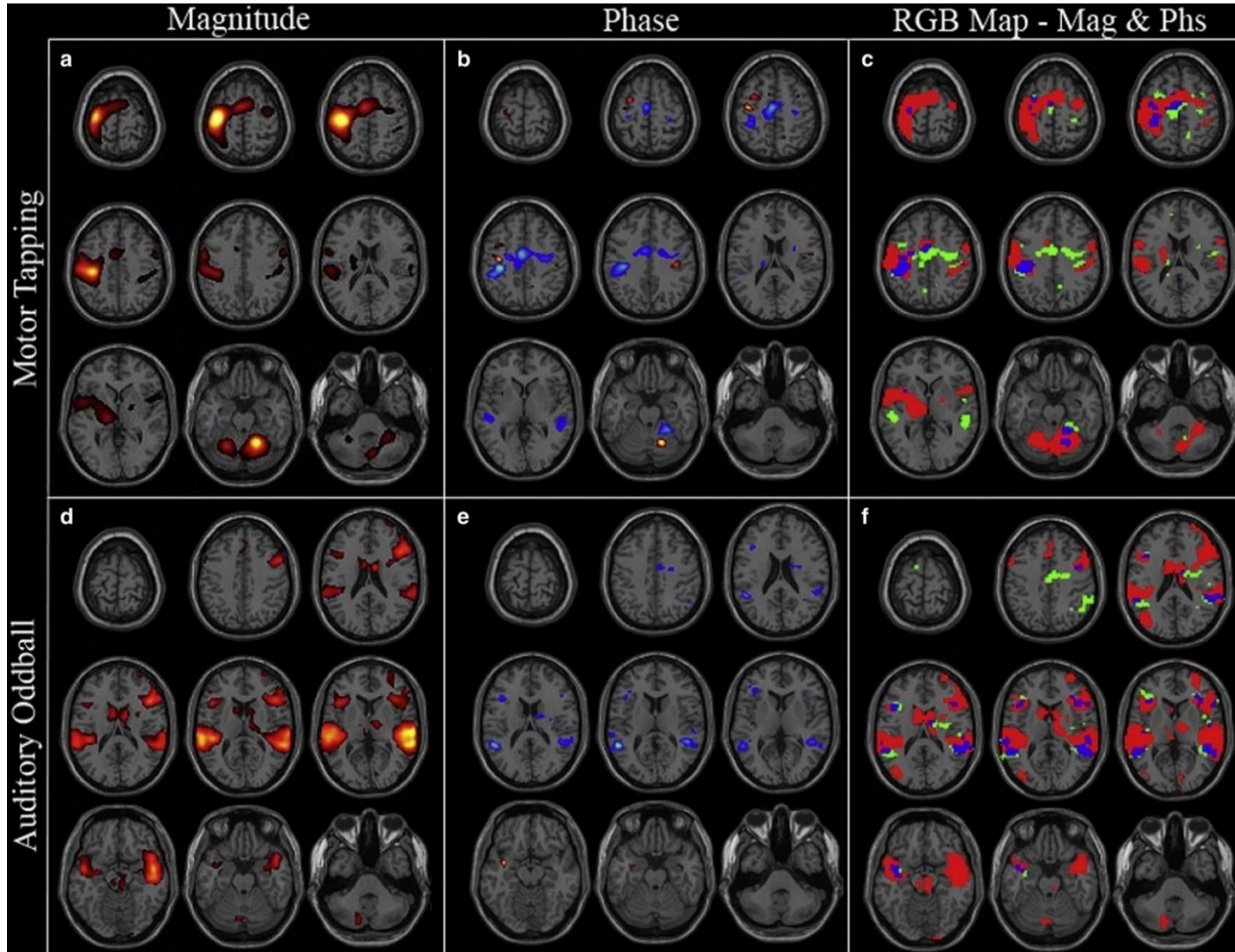
Information in the phase.



Past: CV R-I or M-P Analysis

Group analysis.
Not just single
subject effect!

$n=20$



$n=34$

No MP analysis!

Present: Complex-Valued Time Series Analysis

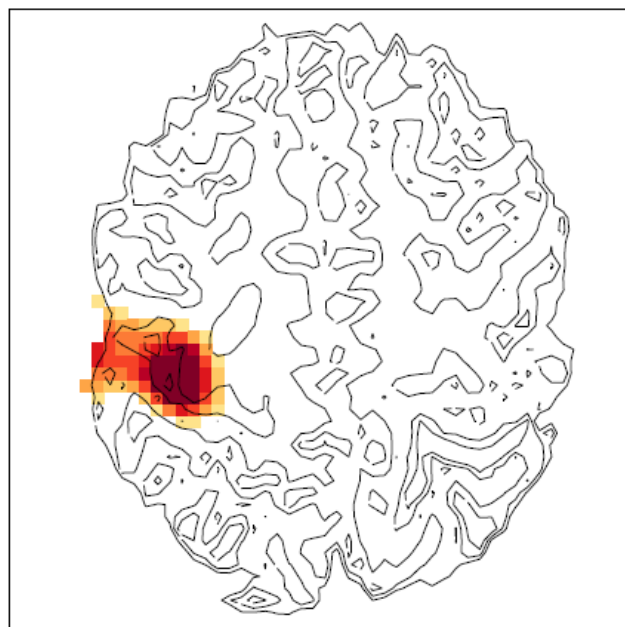
Complex-valued AR model

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{y}_R \\ \mathbf{y}_I \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X}\beta \cos \theta \\ \mathbf{X}\beta \sin \theta \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\eta}_R \\ \boldsymbol{\eta}_I \end{pmatrix}$$

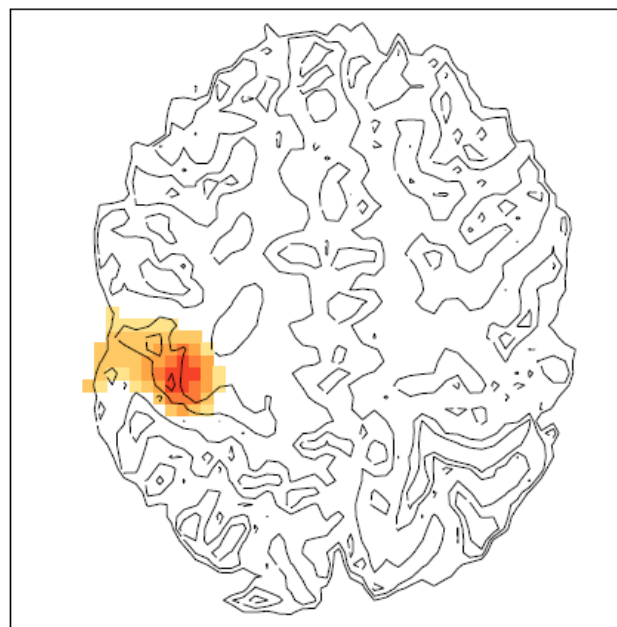
$$(\boldsymbol{\eta}'_R, \boldsymbol{\eta}'_I)' \sim N(\mathbf{0}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \otimes \boldsymbol{\Phi})$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Phi} = \mathbf{R}_n$$

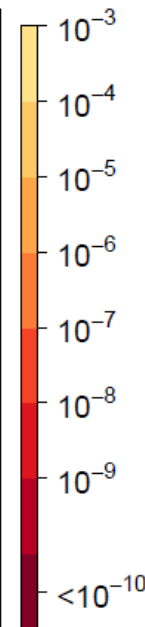
$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_R^2 & \rho\sigma_R\sigma_I \\ \rho\sigma_R\sigma_I & \sigma_I^2 \end{pmatrix}$$



(a) Complex-valued AR(1) model



(b) Magnitude-only AR(1) model



Present: Complex-Valued Bayesian Analysis

Bayesian Complex-valued model

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{y}_{Re}^v \\ \mathbf{y}_{Im}^v \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{X} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{X} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{Re}^v \\ \boldsymbol{\gamma}_{Im}^v \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\eta}_{Re}^v \\ \boldsymbol{\eta}_{Im}^v \end{pmatrix} \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_v = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{Re,Re}^v & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{Re,Im}^v \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{Im,Re}^v & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{Im,Im}^v \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{y}^v = \mathbf{X}\boldsymbol{\gamma}^v + \boldsymbol{\eta}^v, \quad \boldsymbol{\eta}^v \sim CN_T(\mathbf{0}, 2\sigma_v^2 \mathbf{I}, \mathbf{0}),$$

$$\gamma_j^v | \psi_j^v \sim (1 - \psi_j^v) CN_1(0, 2v_0\sigma_v^2, 0)$$

$$+ \psi_j^v CN_1(0, 2v_1\sigma_v^2, 0), \quad j = 1, \dots, p,$$

$$\sigma_v^2 \sim IG(a_\sigma, b_\sigma), \quad \psi_j^v | \theta_j \sim \text{Bernoulli}(\theta_j),$$

$$\theta_j \sim \text{Beta}(a_\theta, b_\theta).$$

Yu, Prado, Ombao, Rowe: JASA, 2018.

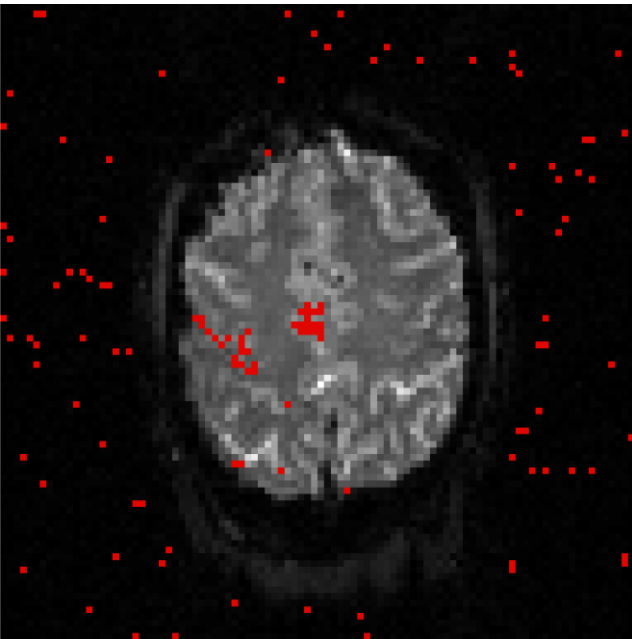
$$\text{T2* Model} \quad y_{t_{DT}} = \mathbf{M}_t (\cos \theta + i \sin \theta) + (\eta_{R_t} + i\eta_{I_t}).$$

$$\mathbf{M}_t = \left[M_{t-1} \exp\left(-\frac{TR}{T_1}\right) \cos(\phi) + M_0 \left(1 - \exp\left(-\frac{TR}{T_1}\right)\right) \right] \sin(\phi) \exp\left(-\frac{TE_t}{T_2^* + \delta z_t}\right) + x'_t \beta_1$$

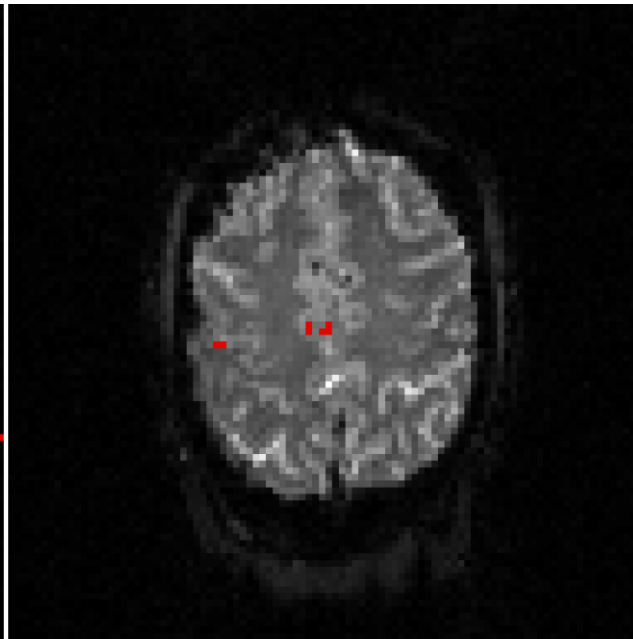
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Present: Complex-Valued Bayesian Analysis

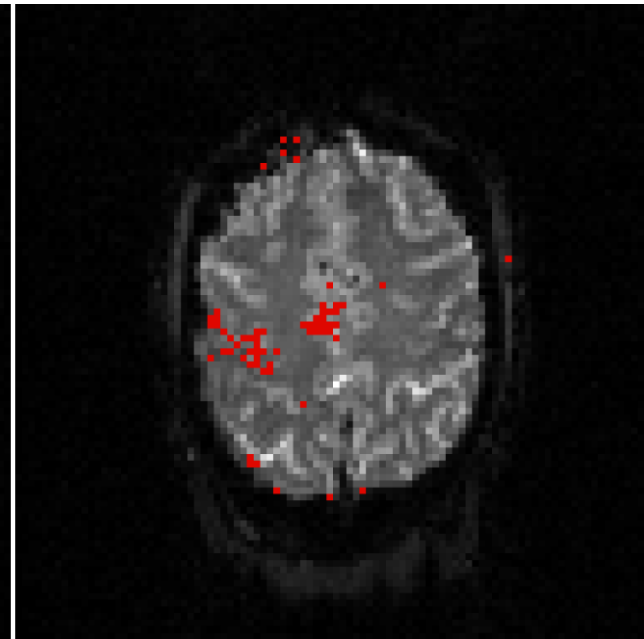
Bayesian Complex-valued model



CV Bayesian Model



MO Bayesian Model



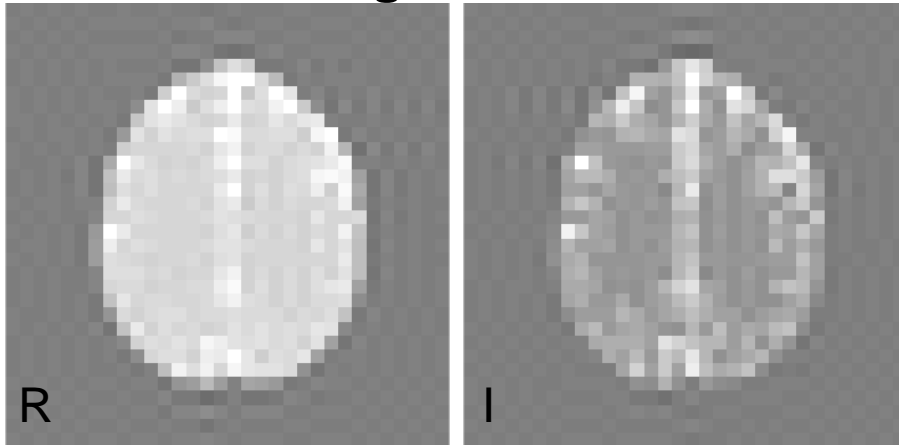
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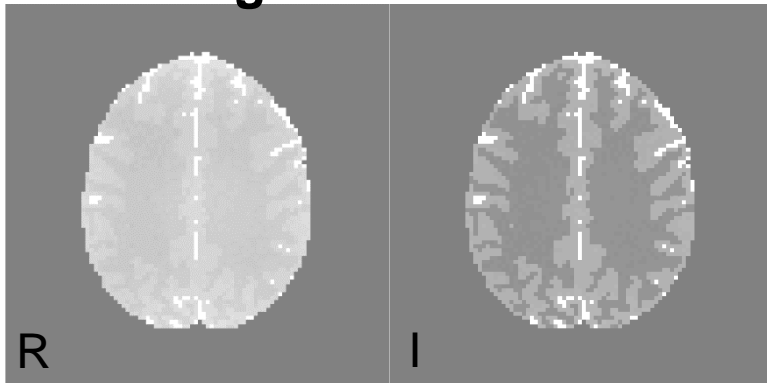
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Future: Bayesian image reconstruction
Less time per image by measuring less data.

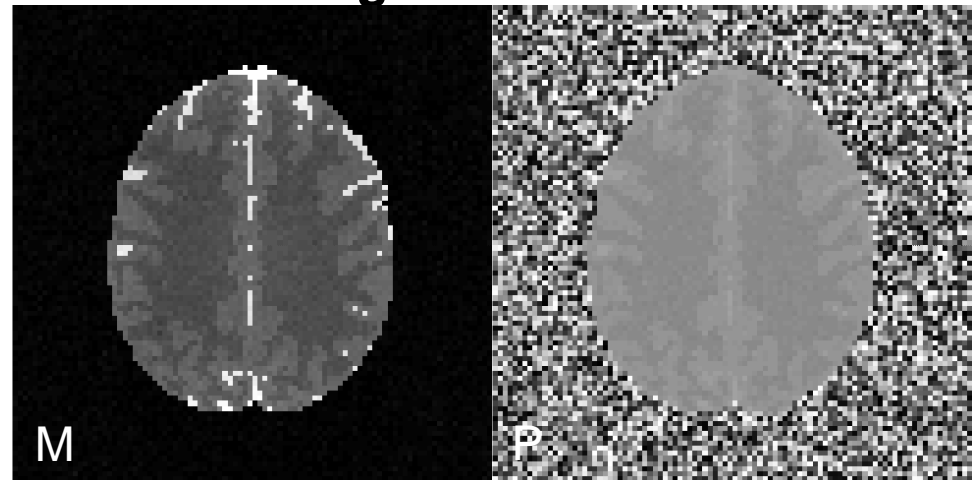
Observed image at time t



Prior image



Posterior image at time t



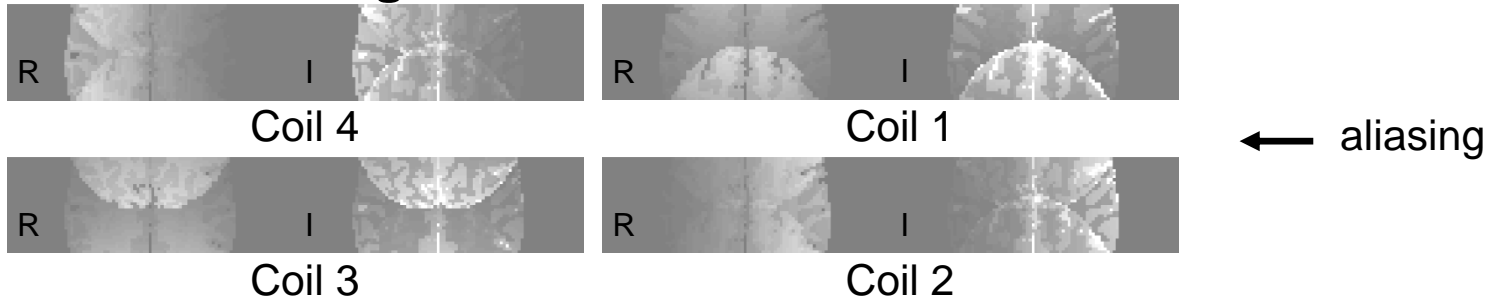
Illustration

Future: Bayesian (SENSE) image reconstruction

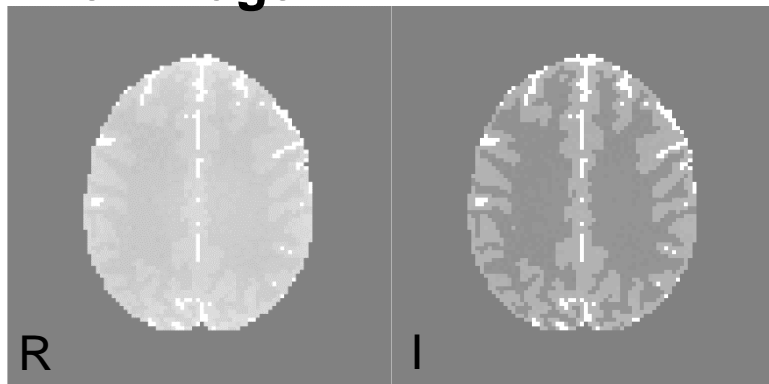
Less time per image by measuring less data.

$$N_C=4, A=3$$

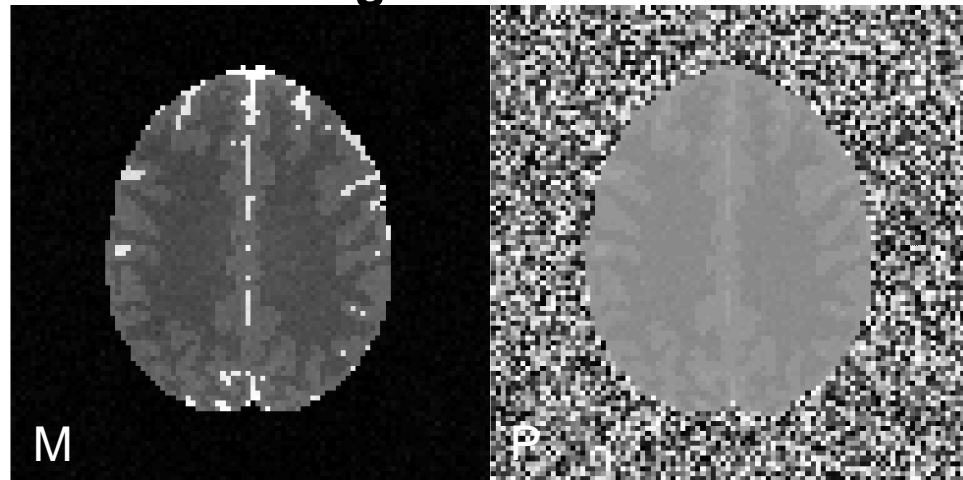
Observed image at time t

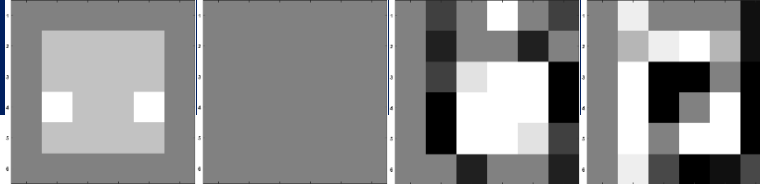


Prior image



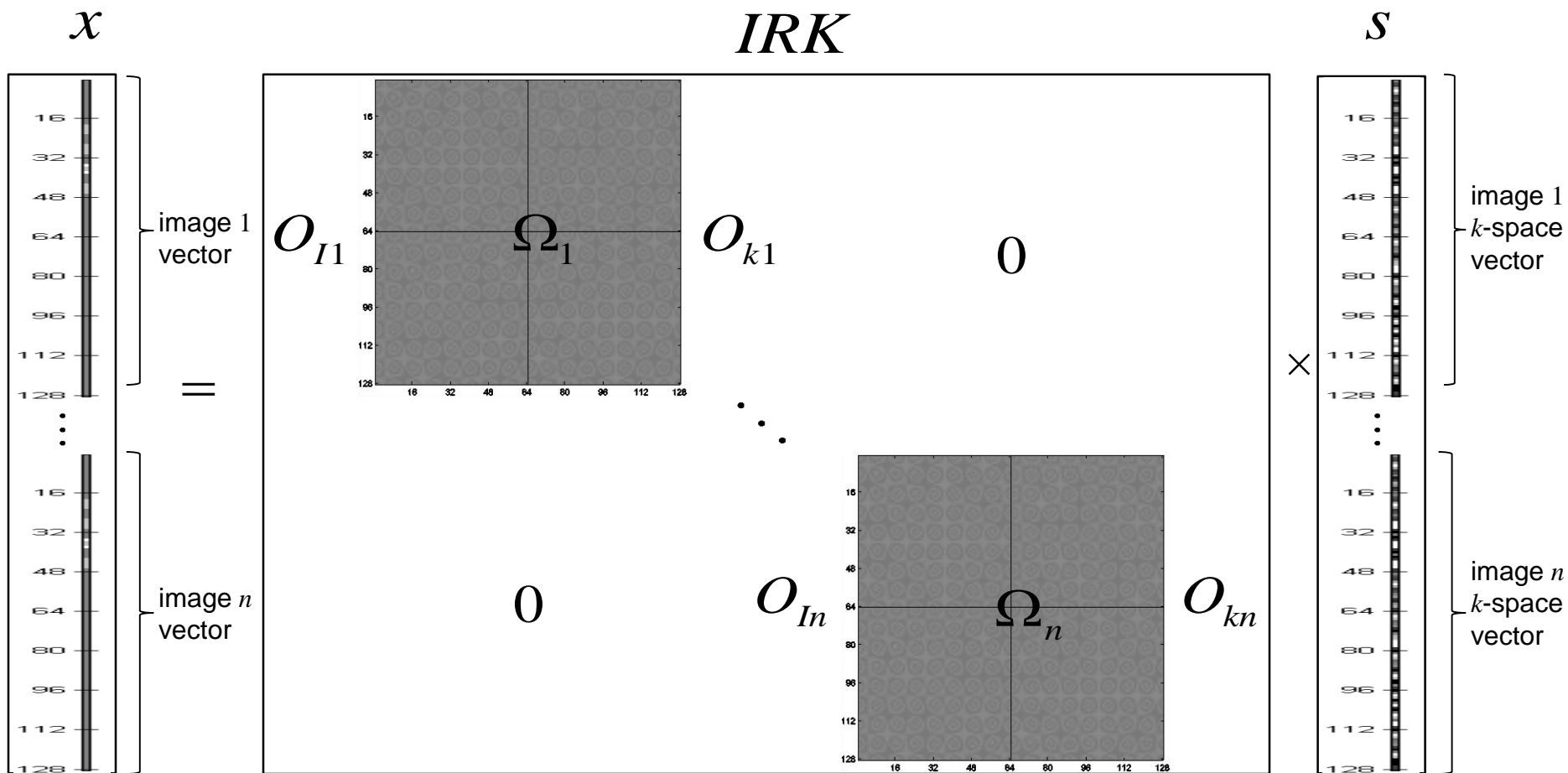
Posterior image at time t

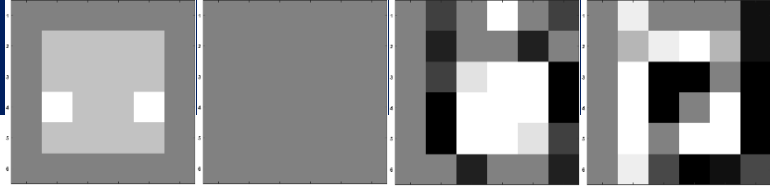




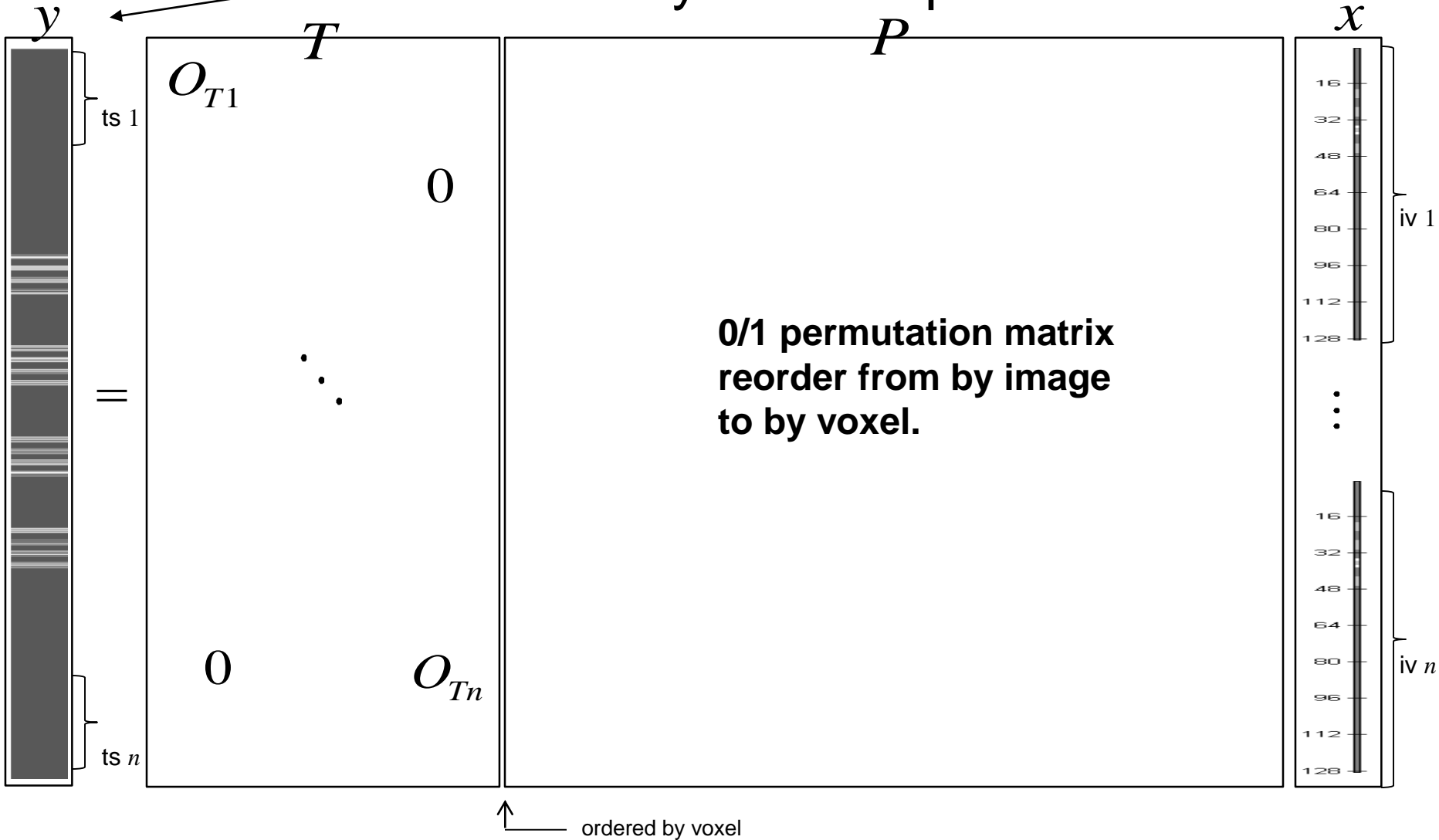
Future: Activation directly from k -space

$$x = TIRKs$$





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Model:

$$y = TIRKs$$

$$y = \Theta X \beta + \eta$$

←
← equate

$$\varepsilon = K^{-1}R^{-1}I^{-1}T^{-1}\eta$$

Invert:

$$s = K^{-1}R^{-1}I^{-1}T^{-1}\Theta X \beta + \varepsilon$$

original data
processing/reconstruction known
fMRI model unknown parameters
original error

Now activation in image space in terms of k -space.

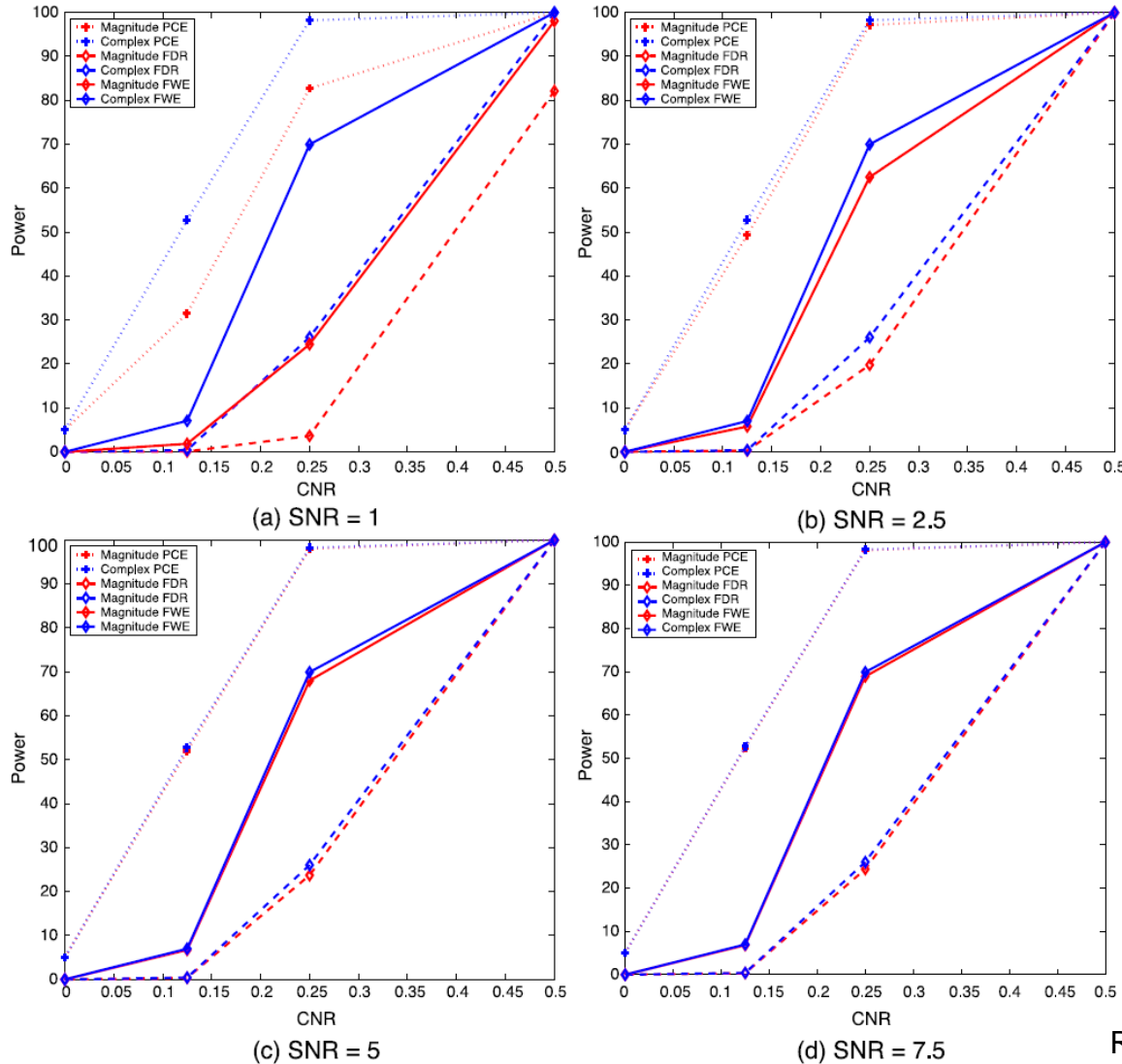
Discussion: Why Complex-valued?

More data quantities. 100% of data

Increased sensitivity/specificity

Increased information content

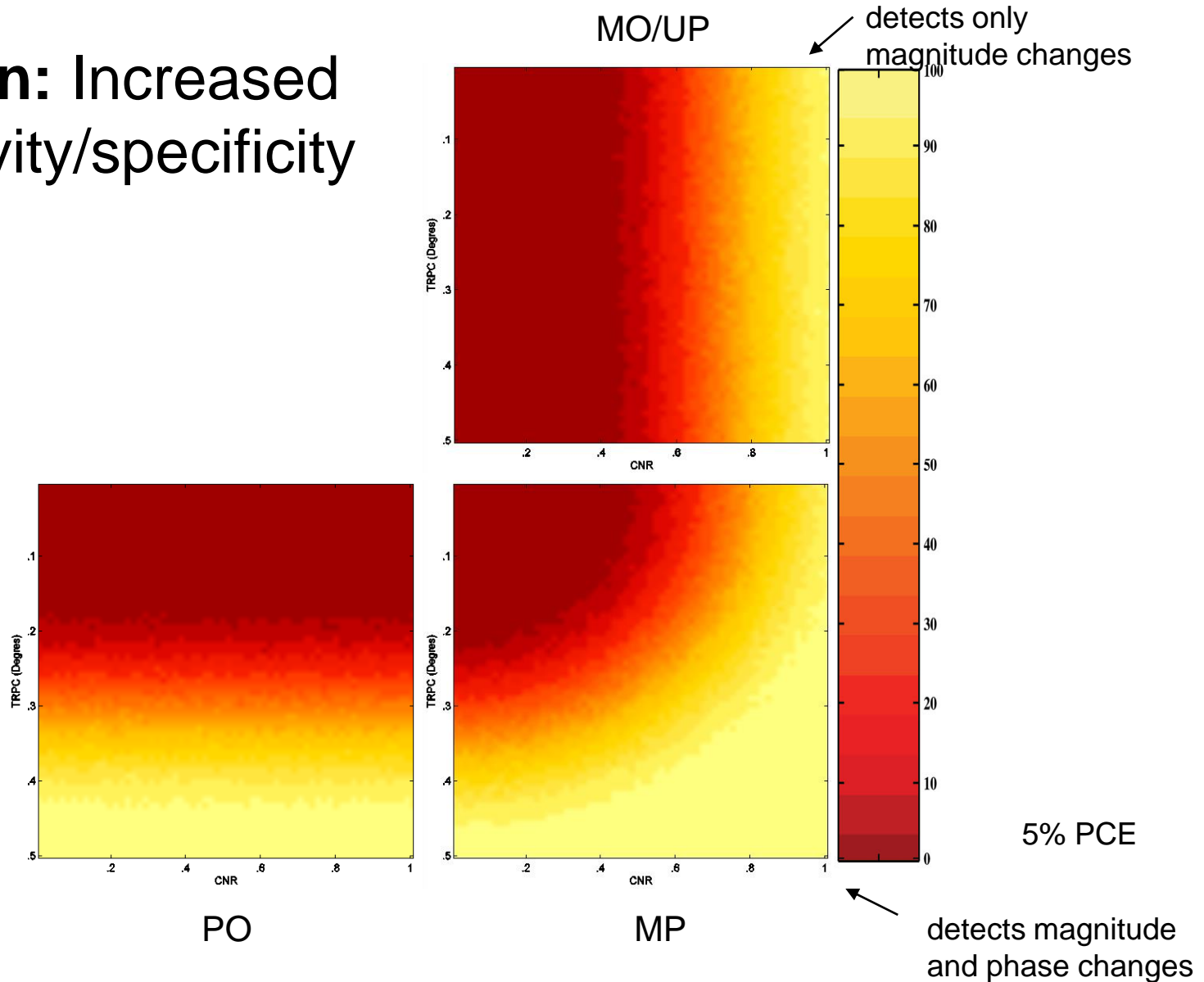
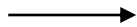
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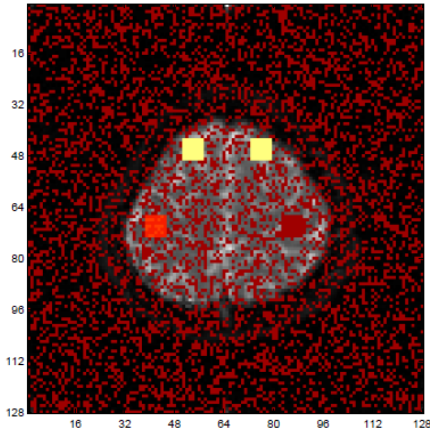
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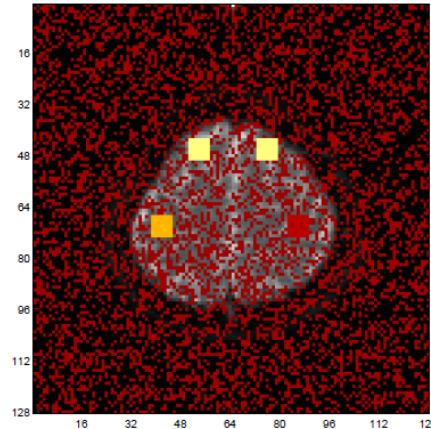
Hernandez-Garcia, Vazquez, Rowe, MRM 62:1597-1608, 2009.

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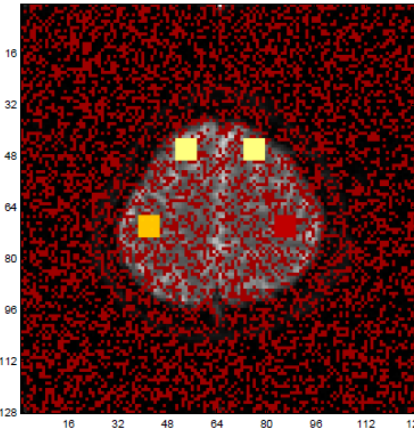
Power: 5% FDR



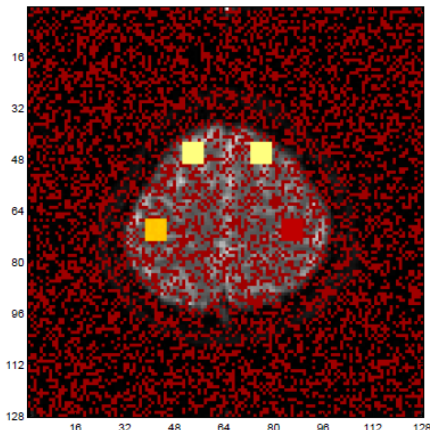
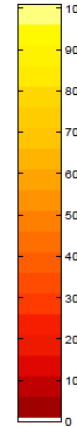
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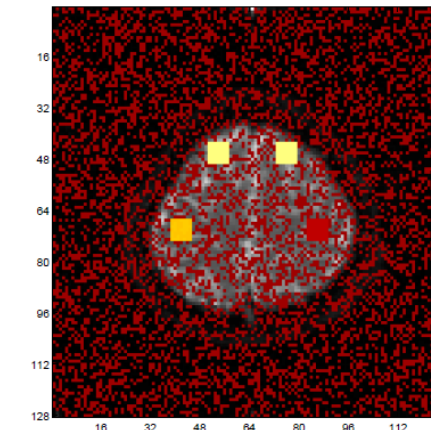
M: SNR = 2.5



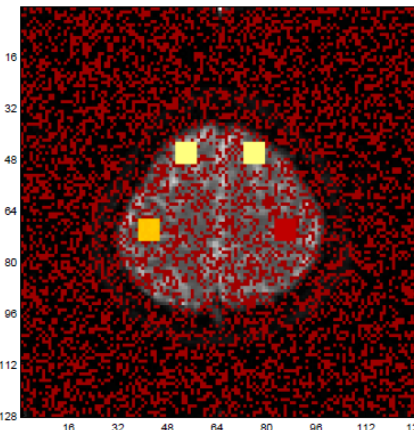
M: SNR = 5



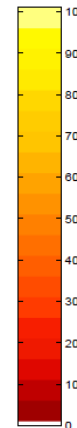
C: SNR = 1



C: SNR = 2.5



C: SNR = 5

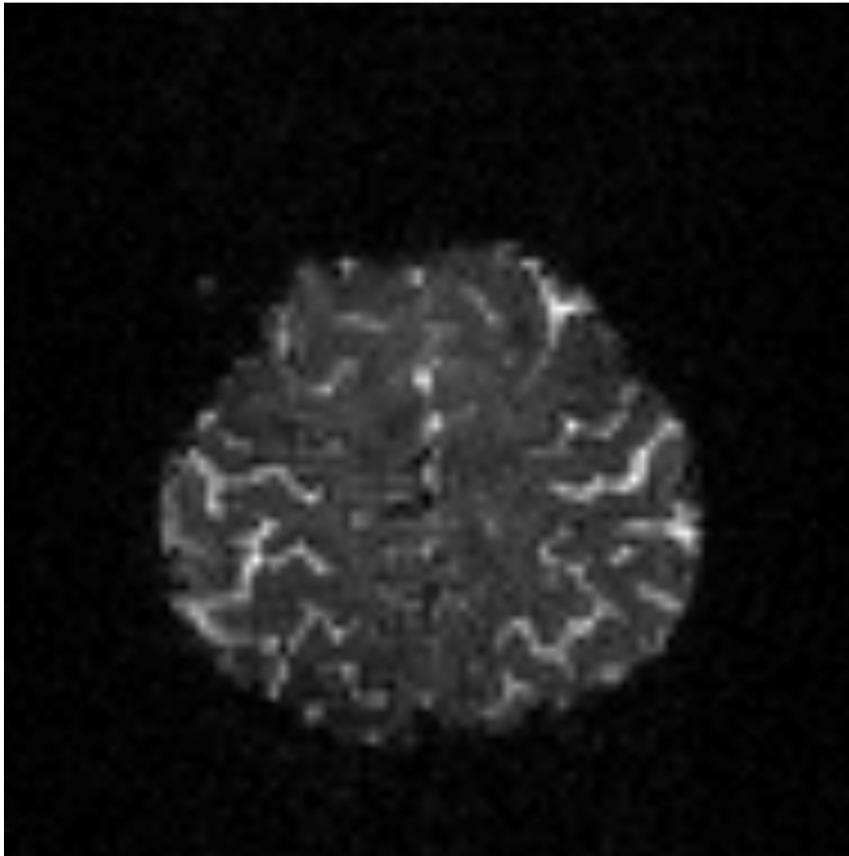


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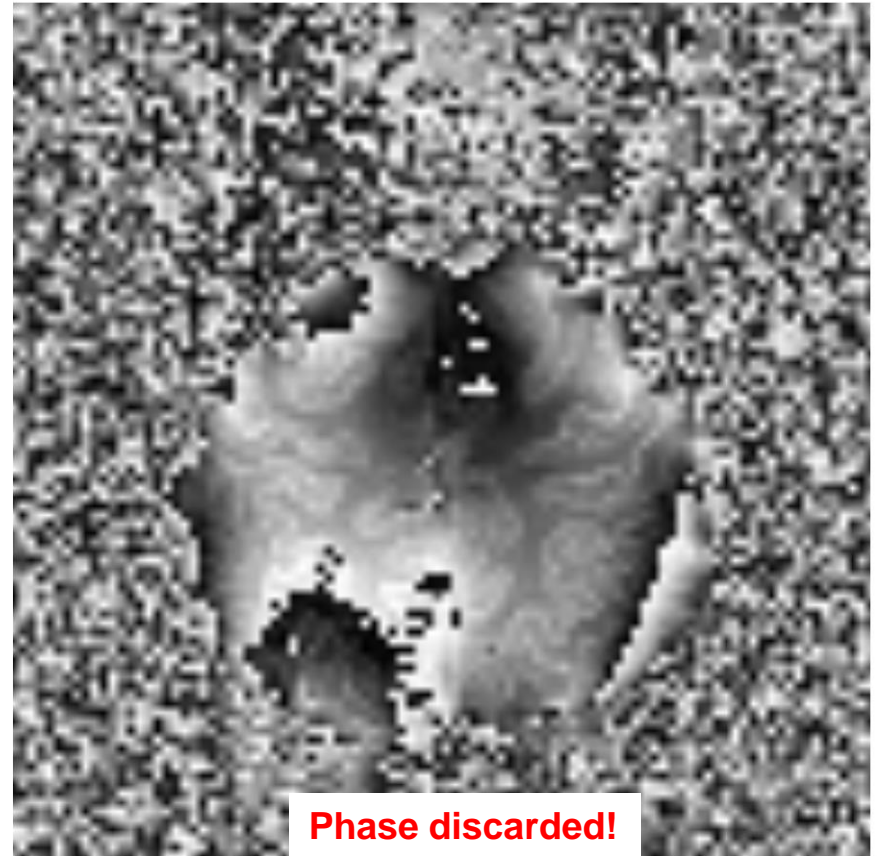
Discussion: Increased Information

There is biological information in the phase!

GRE EPI Image



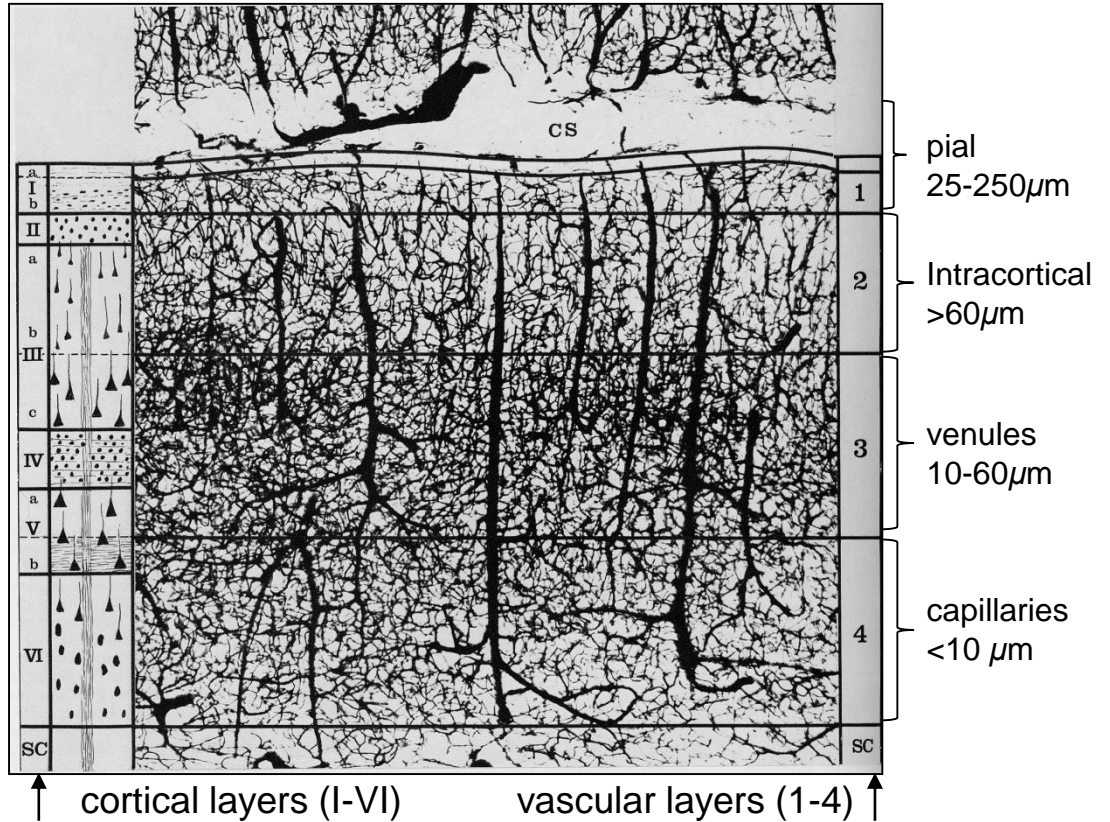
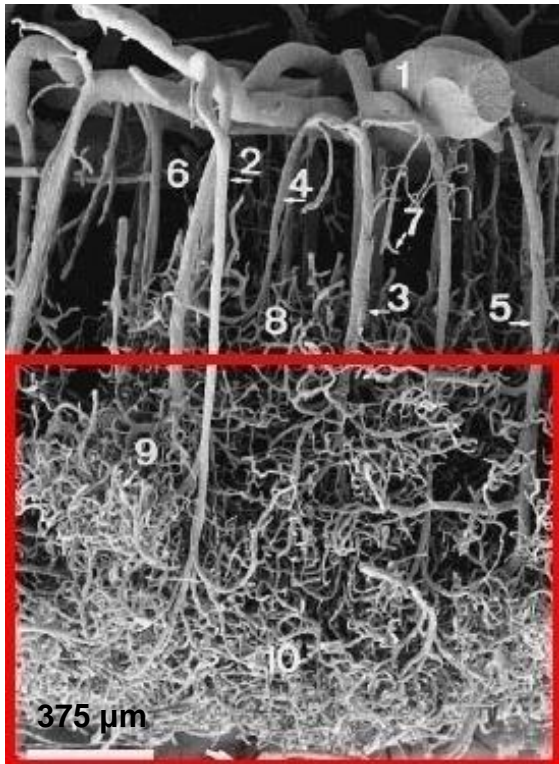
Magnitude Image



Phase Image

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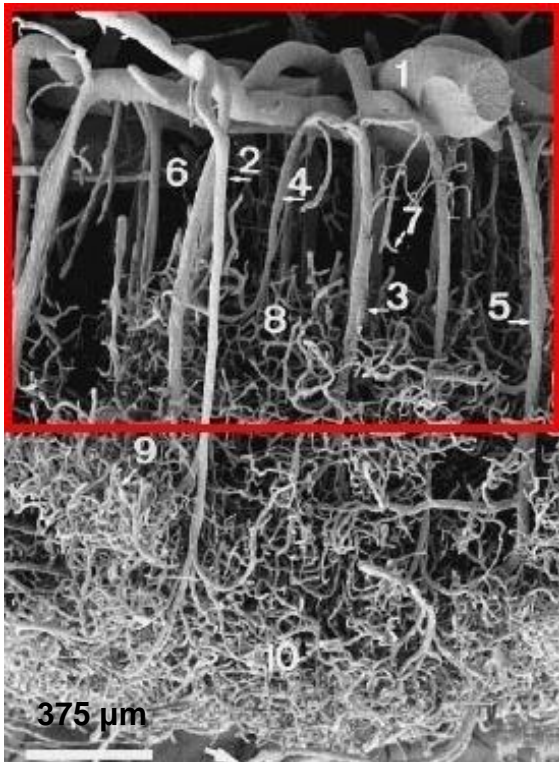


- 1. pial artery
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- 3. middle cortical artery
- 4. short cortical artery
- 5. cortical vein
- 6. subpial zone
- 7. precapillary vessels
- 8. superficial capillary zone
- 9. middle capillary zone
- 10. deep capillary zone

Figure (left) Reina-de la Torre et al.: The Anatomical Record, 1998.
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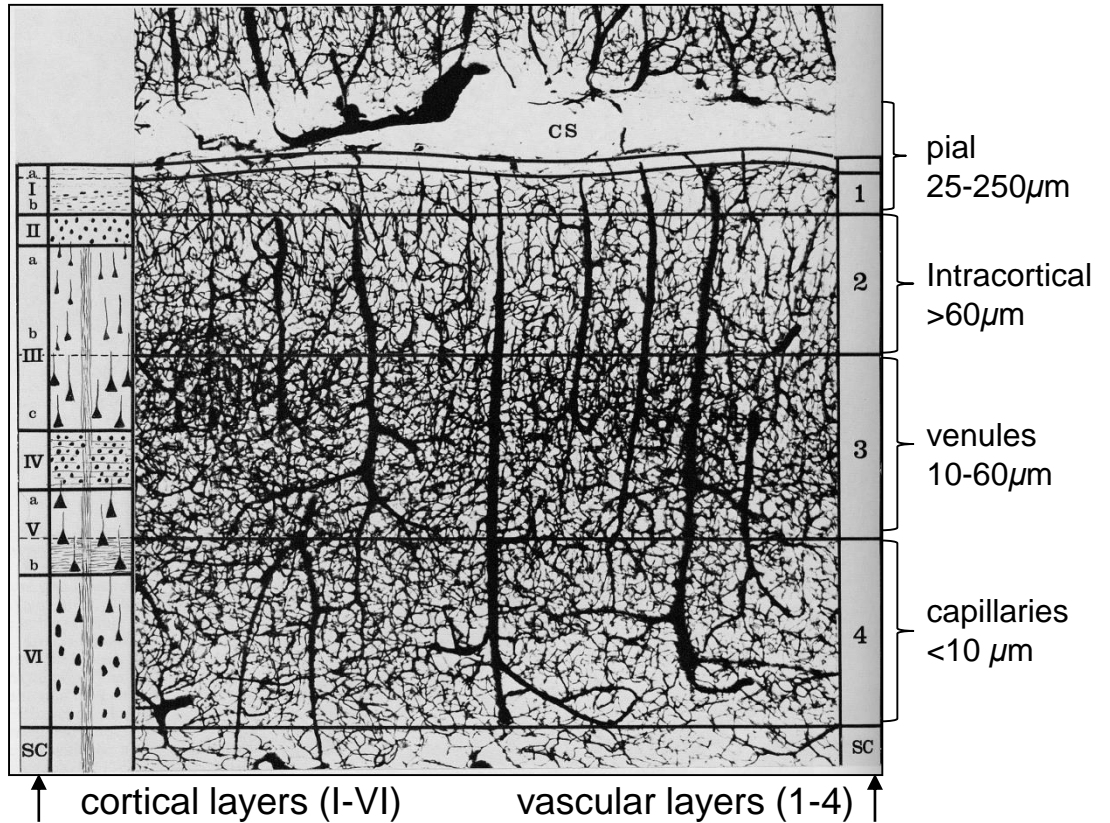
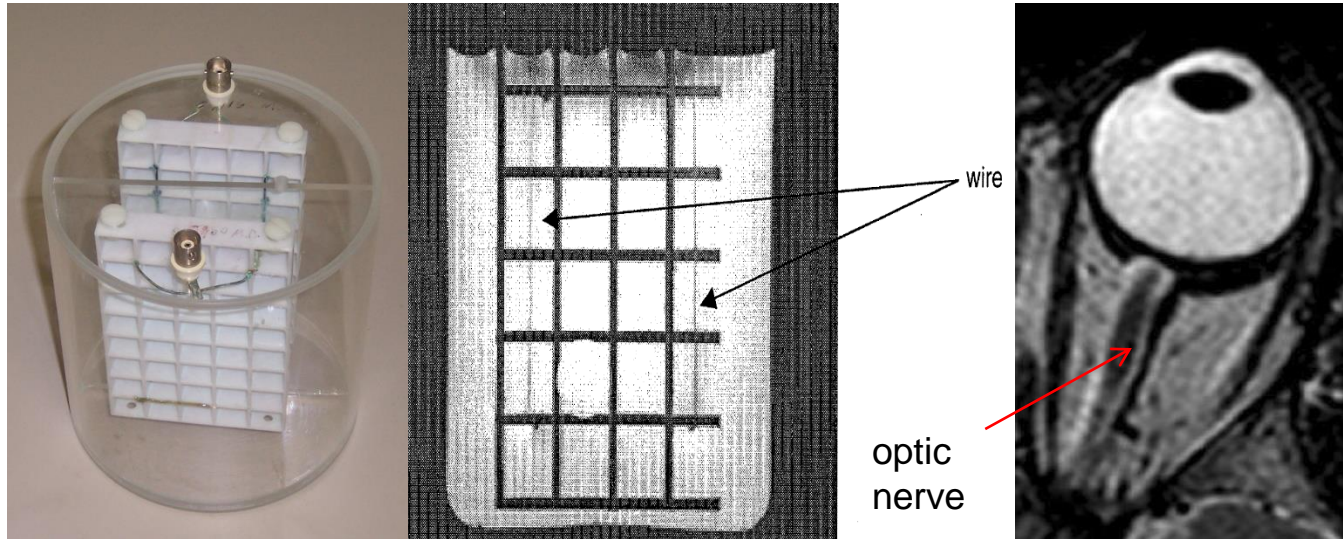


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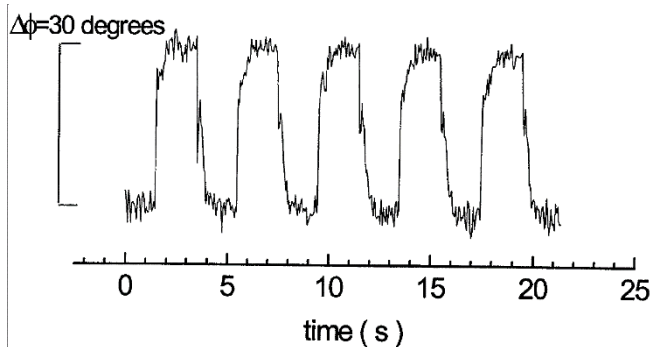
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There is biological information in the phase!



Bodurka et al.: JMR, 1999.

Chow et al.: NIMG, 2006.



phase time series

**Phase contains
other magnetic
field change info:
respiration, motion!**

Discussion

Time for Statisticians to ask for 100% of data!

More can be extracted from complex-valued data!

Still many opportunities for CV research!



Discussion:

Started work on complex-valued fMRI 15 years ago.

First talk given at U. Wisconsin.

TITLE: A COMPLEX WAY TO COMPUTE fMRI ACTIVATION

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ABSTRACT:

In functional magnetic resonance imaging, Fourier "image reconstruction" results in complex valued proton spin densities that make up our voxel time course observations. The complex part of the proton spin density is a result of phase errors due to magnetic field inhomogeneities. Nearly all fMRI studies obtain a statistical measure of functional "activation" based on magnitude image time courses. However, it is the real and imaginary parts of the original signal that are measured with (normally distributed) error, and not the magnitude. The two error specifications are equivalent for "large" signal to noise ratios. The image information is contained in both the real and imaginary parts or in the magnitude and phase. A more accurate model should use the correct distributional specification and all the information contained in the data. A model is presented that uses the original complex form of the data and not the magnitude. By doing this, there are approximately twice as many quantities used to estimate the model parameters which results in improved power.

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