

# Is My Correlation of Biological Origin?

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# Outline:

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- Physiological Signals

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- Between Slice Distant Correlation
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# 1. Biological Associations: Between Discovered

**Biological association between regions of brain have been seen.**

# 1. Biological Associations: Between Discovered Functional Connectivity in the Motor Cortex of Resting Human Brain Using Echo-Planar MRI

Bharat Biswal, F. Zerrin Yetkin, Victor M. Haughton, James S. Hyde

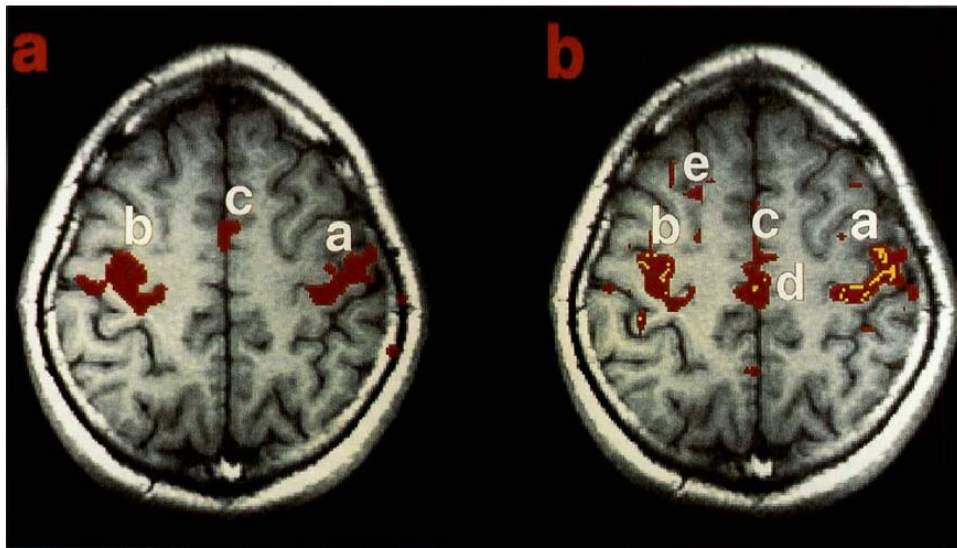


FIG. 3. (Left) fMRI task-activation response to bilateral left and right finger movement, superimposed on a GRASS anatomic image. (Right) Fluctuation response using the methods of this paper. See text for assignment of labeled regions. Red is positive correlation, and yellow is negative.

MRM 34:537–541 (1995)

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# 1. Biological Associations: Within Applied

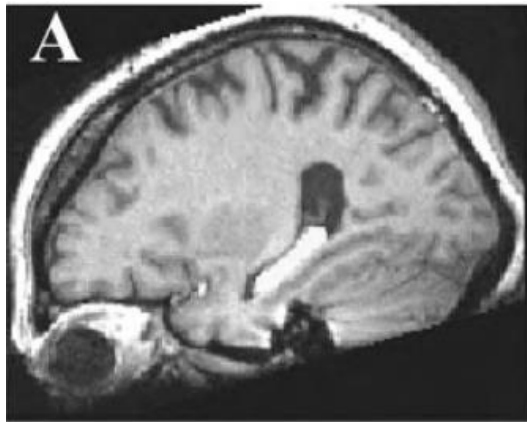
**Biological Associations within regions have been used to detect Neurological Disease.**

# 1. Biological Associations: Within Applied Alzheimer Disease: Evaluation of a Functional MR Imaging Index as a Marker<sup>1</sup>

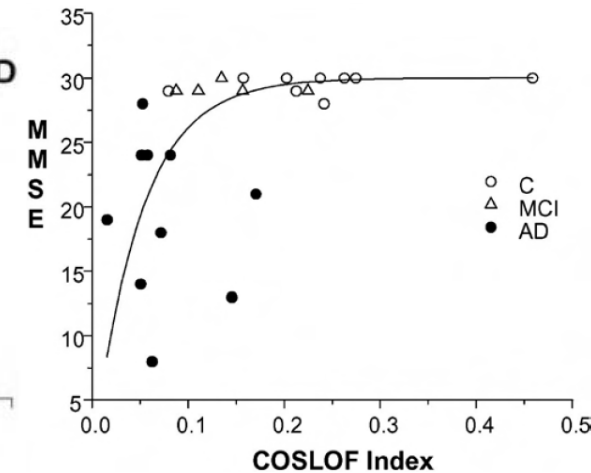
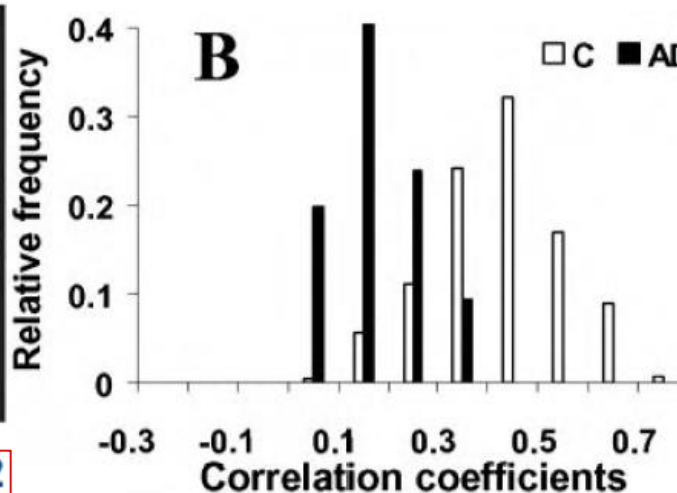
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Malgorzata Franczak, MD  
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$$\text{COSLOF} = \frac{2}{K(K-1)} \sum_{i,j=1,i>j}^K cc_{ij}$$



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# 1. Biological Associations: Physiological Signals

**It has been noticed that there are physiological signals that need to be subtracted.**

# 1. Biological Associations: Physiological Signals

Magnetic Resonance in Medicine 44:162–167 (2000)

## Image-Based Method for Retrospective Correction of Physiological Motion Effects in fMRI: RETROICOR

Gary H. Glover,<sup>1\*</sup> Tie-Qiang Li,<sup>1</sup> and David Ress<sup>2</sup>

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NeuroImage 31 (2006) 1536 – 1548

## Separating respiratory-variation-related fluctuations from neuronal-activity-related fluctuations in fMRI

Rasmus M. Birn,<sup>\*</sup> Jason B. Diamond, Monica A. Smith, and Peter A. Bandettini

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## 2. Induced Correlation:

**It has been noticed that the data has an intrinsic correlation and is spatially dependent.**

## 2. Induced Correlation: Within Local



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### Reducing inter-scanner variability of activation in a multicenter fMRI study: Role of smoothness equalization

Lee Friedman,<sup>a,\*</sup> Gary H. Glover,<sup>b</sup> Diana Krenz,<sup>c</sup> and Vince Magnotta<sup>d</sup>  
The FIRST BIRN<sup>1</sup>

In summary, we have described important scanner differences in activation effect size and smoothness that will affect the results of multicenter fMRI studies. Vendor differences in image smoothness were documented and are likely due to differences in k-space filtering regimes. We have shown that smoothness equalization can reduce scanner differences in activation effect size within a field strength and also reduce the field strength effect on activation effect size.

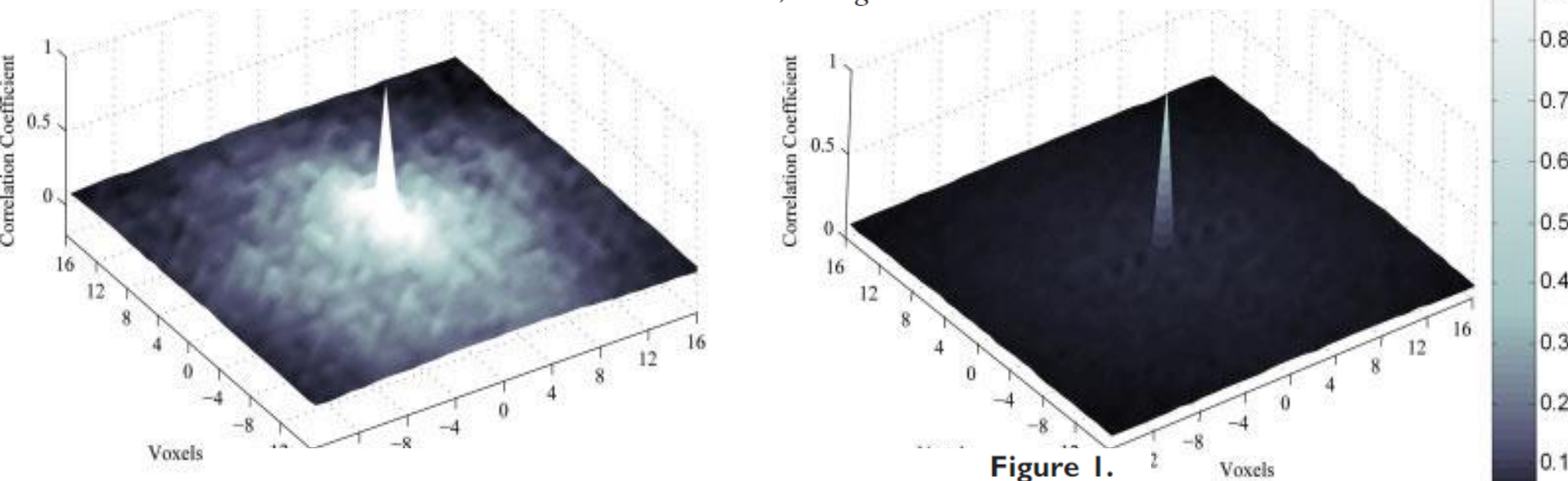
## 2. Induced Correlation: Within Local

♦ Human Brain Mapping 30:13–23 (2009) ♦

# Integrated Local Correlation: A New Measure of Local Coherence in fMRI Data

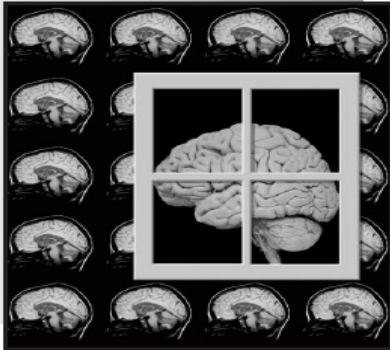
Gopikrishna Deshpande, Stephen LaConte, Scott Peltier, and Xiaoping Hu\*

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Mean spatial correlation functions. Left: brain tissue. Right: EPI phantom.

## 2. Induced Correlation: Within



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# Evaluating fMRI Preprocessing Pipelines

*Review of Preprocessing Steps for BOLD fMRI*

IEEE ENGINEERING IN MEDICINE AND BIOLOGY MAGAZINE MARCH/APRIL 2006

**The preprocessing steps interact with virtually every decision made in designing and performing an fMRI experiment.**

Empirical Evaluation of Preprocessing.

## 2. Induced Correlation:

**Efforts to precisely mathematically quantify the effects of processing.**

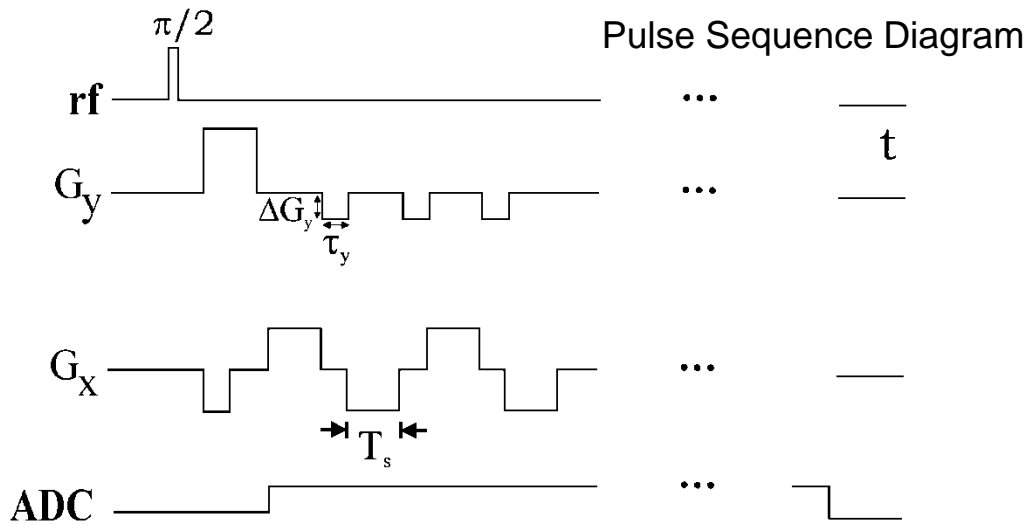
## 2. Induced Correlation:

Signal at  $t$

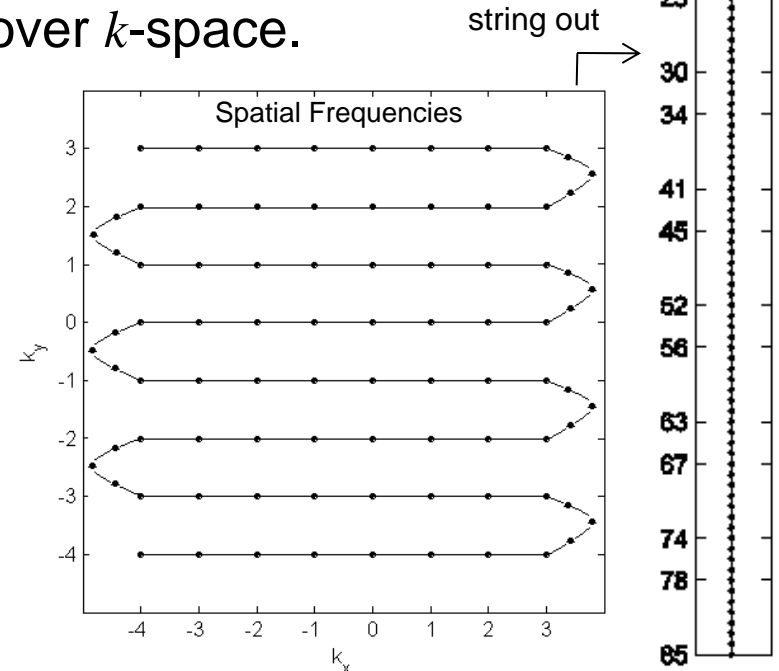
$$\mathcal{S}(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \underbrace{\rho(x, y) e^{-\frac{t}{T_2^*(x, y)}} e^{-i\gamma\Delta B(x, y)t}}_{\rho^*(x, y)} e^{-i2\pi(k_x x + k_y y)} dx dy$$

Generally ignored

where  $k_x(t) = \frac{\gamma}{2\pi} \int_0^t G_x(\tau) d\tau$  and  $k_y(t) = \frac{\gamma}{2\pi} \int_0^t G_y(\tau) d\tau$  are known.  
 By changing  $G_x$  and  $G_y$  over time . . . we cover  $k$ -space.



Adapted from Haacke et al., 1999.



8x8 image

R-I Points

R-I Vector

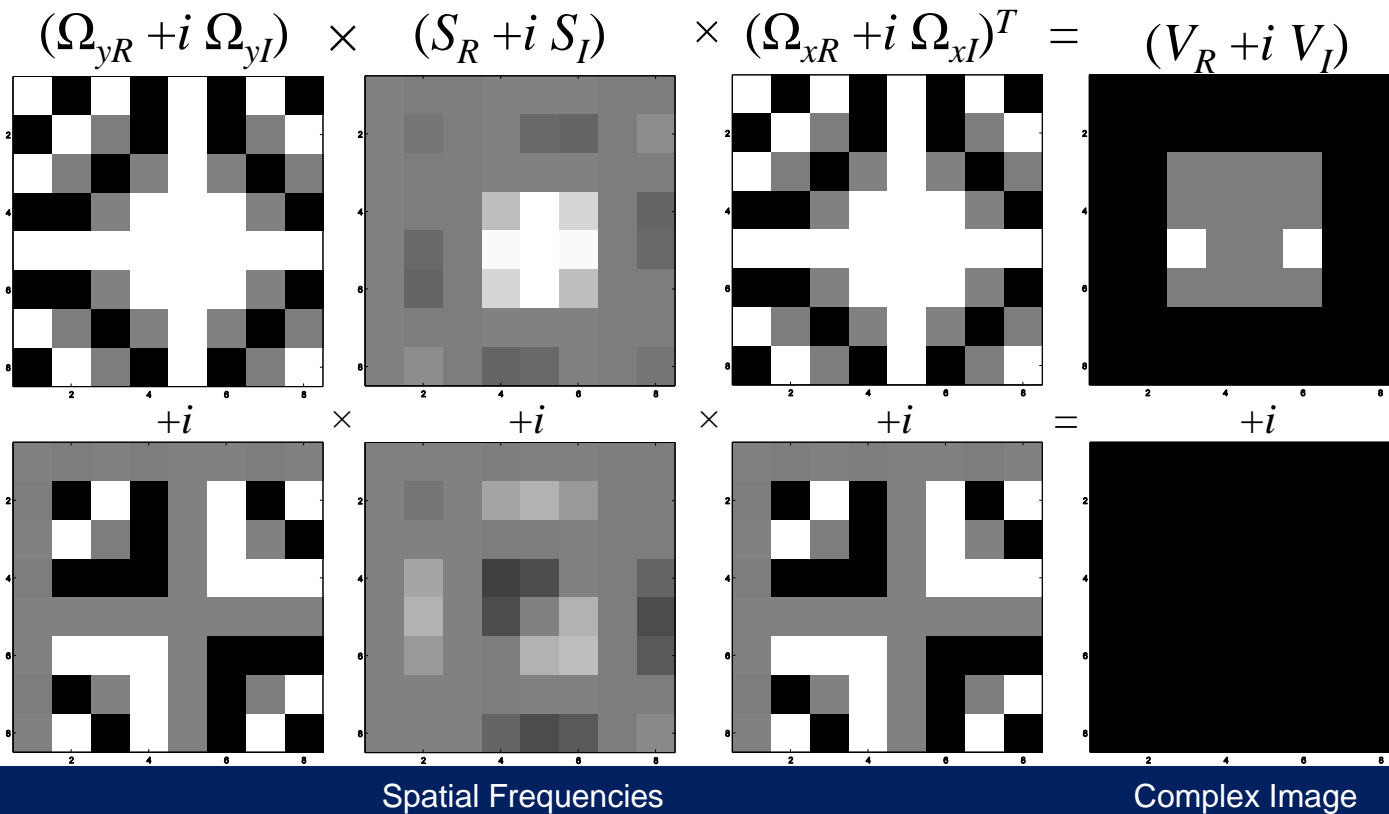
## 2. Induced Correlation: Representation

Signal and noise of Fourier reconstructed fMRI data

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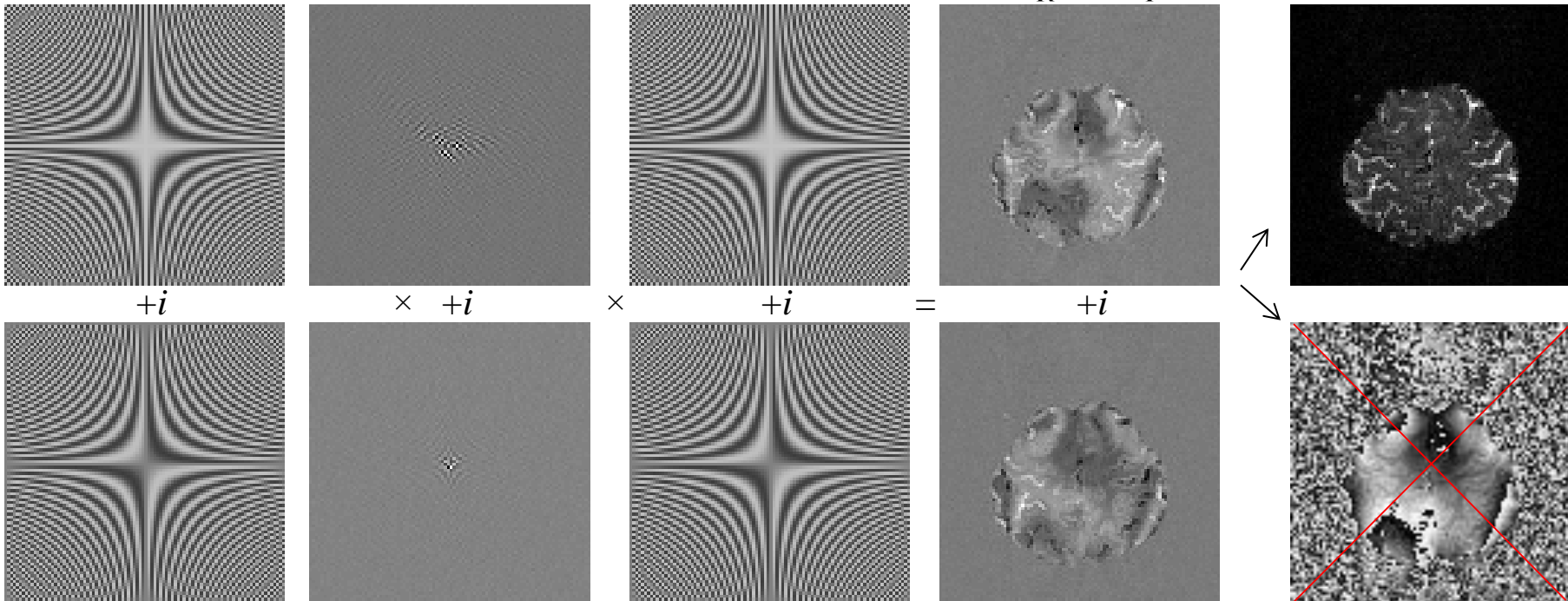
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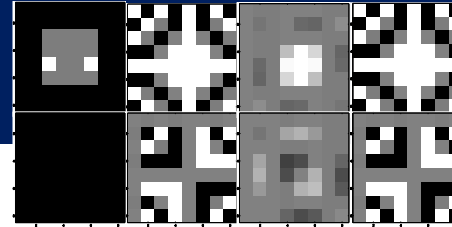
$$(\Omega_{yR} + i \Omega_{yI}) \times (S_R + i S_I) \times (\Omega_{xR} + i \Omega_{xI})^T = (V_R + i V_I)$$



Spatial Frequencies

Complex Image





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Signal and noise of Fourier reconstructed fMRI data

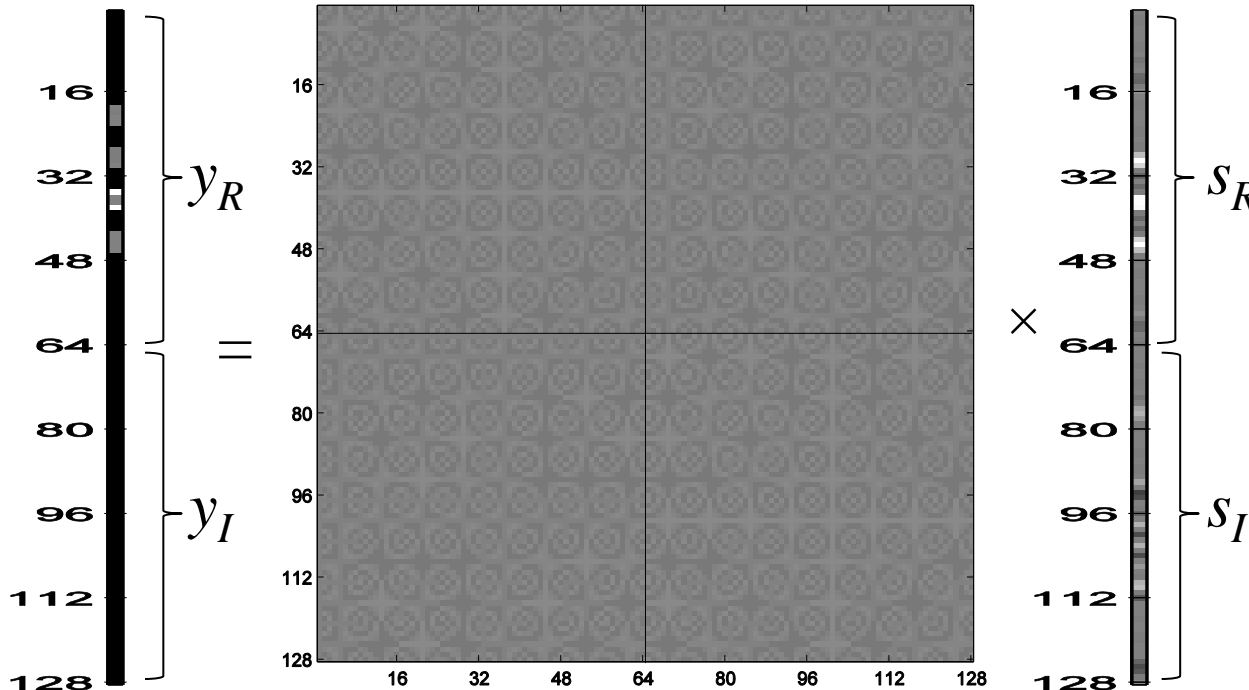
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real rows on  
imag rows

real rows on imag rows



If  $E(s) = s_0$

and

$cov(s) = \Gamma$

then if

$y = \Omega s$ ,

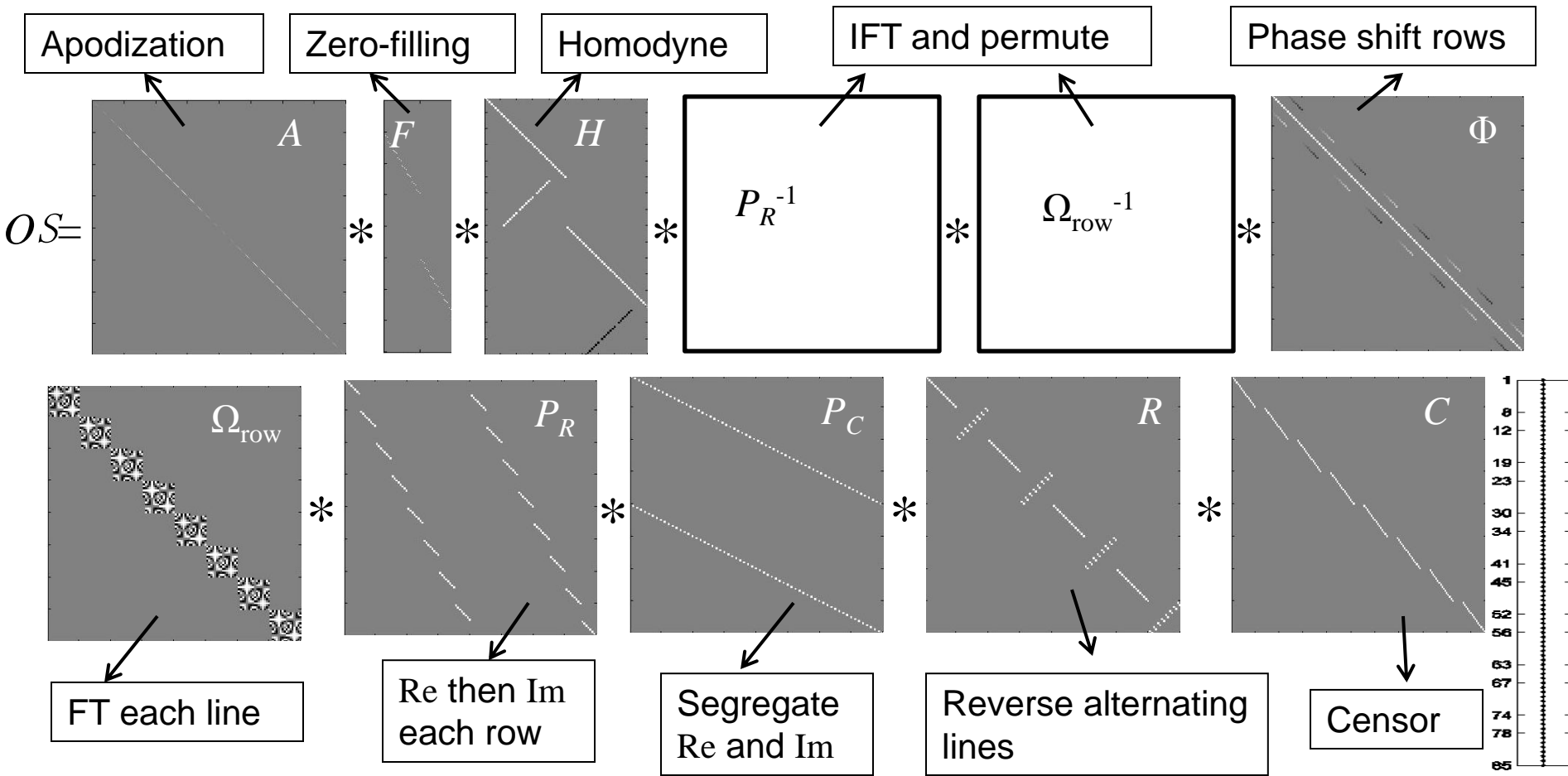
$E(y) = \Omega s_0$

and

$cov(y) = \Omega \Gamma \Omega'$

$\Omega \sigma^2 I \Omega' = \frac{\sigma^2}{P_x P_y} I$

# 2. Induced Correlation: Data Processing

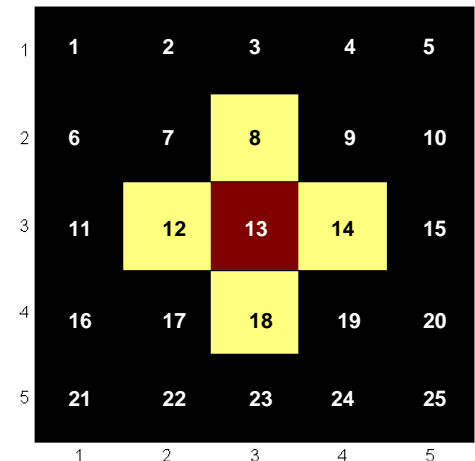
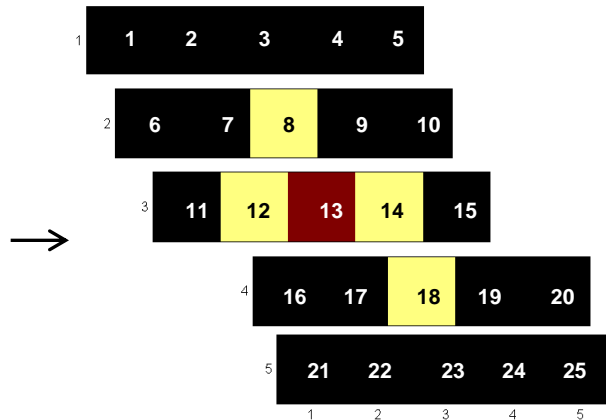
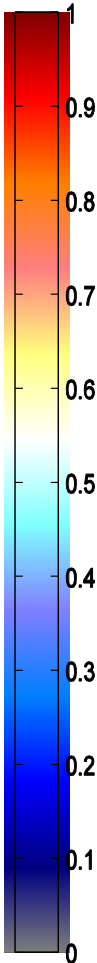
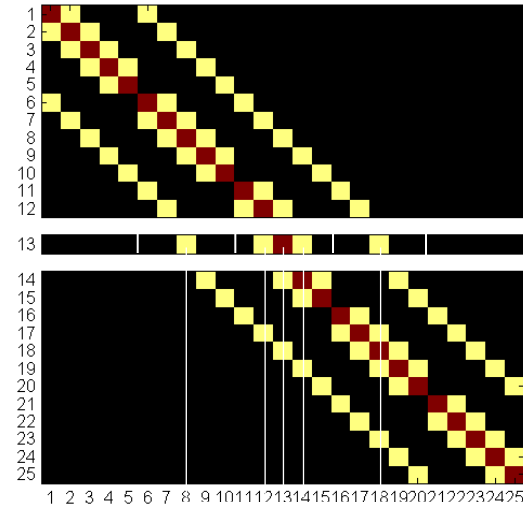
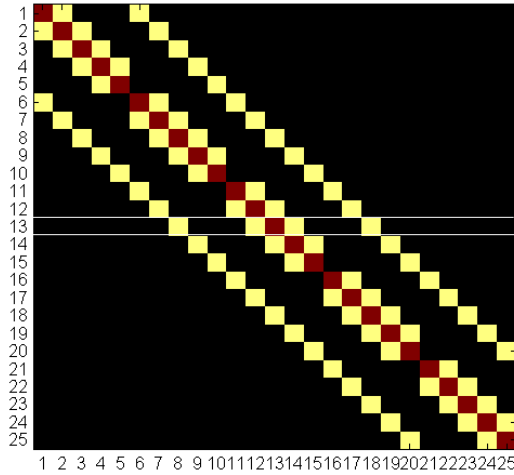


# 2. Induced Correlation: Representation

1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25

5x5 image

$cor(y) =$   
25x25  
correlation  
matrix



5x5 correlation image

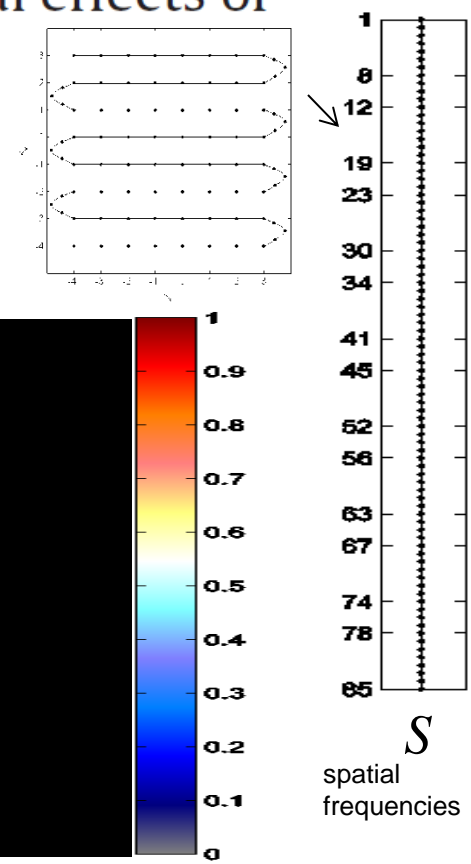
## 2. Induced Correlation: Within Local

A Mathematical Model for Understanding the Statistical effects of  $k$ -space (AMMUST- $k$ ) preprocessing on observed voxel measurements in fcMRI and fMRI

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$$y = \underbrace{S_m \Omega_a A F H P_R^{-1} \Omega_{row} \Phi P_R P_C R C S}_{O}$$

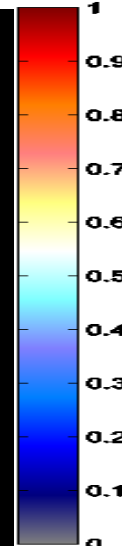
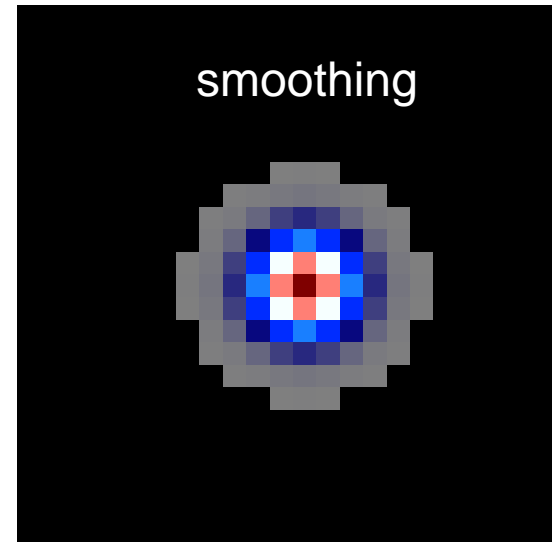
$O$  ← processing & reconstruction  
spatial frequencies

$$y = OS$$

$$E(y) = OS_0$$

$$\text{cov}(y) = O\Gamma O'$$

$$\text{cor}(y) = D^{-1/2} O\Gamma O' D^{-1/2}$$



$S$   
spatial frequencies

## 2. Induced Correlation: Within Distant

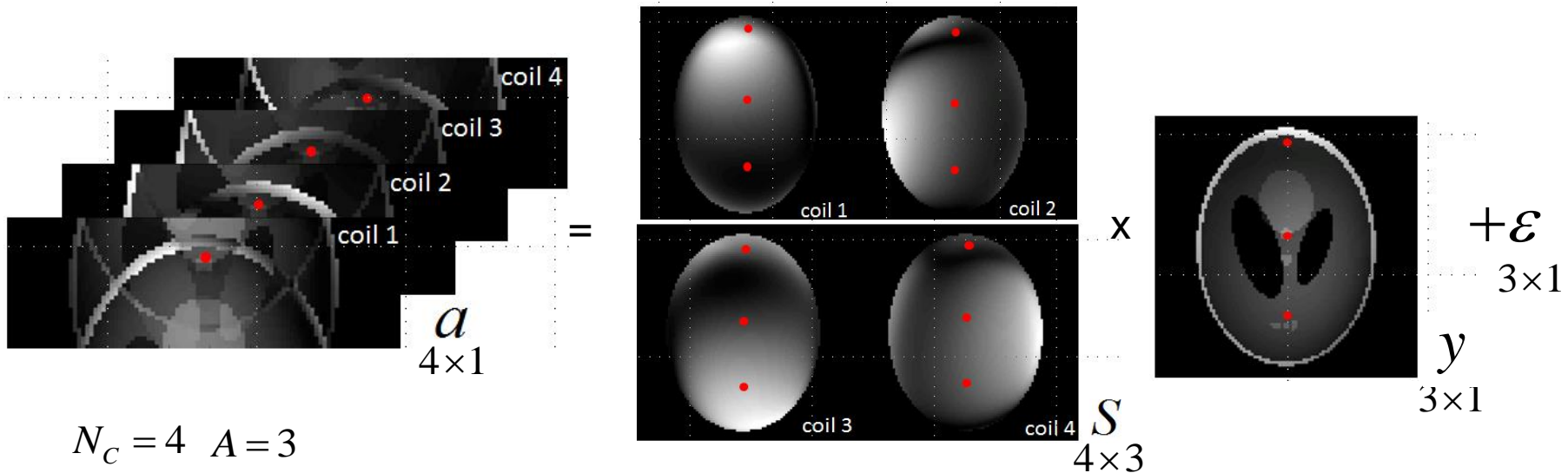
29 (2011) 1267–1287

A statistical examination of SENSE image reconstruction via an isomorphism representation

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can insert processing on unfolded image vector

can insert processing on each coil image vector

can insert processing on each coil k-space vector

$$v = P_U$$

$U$

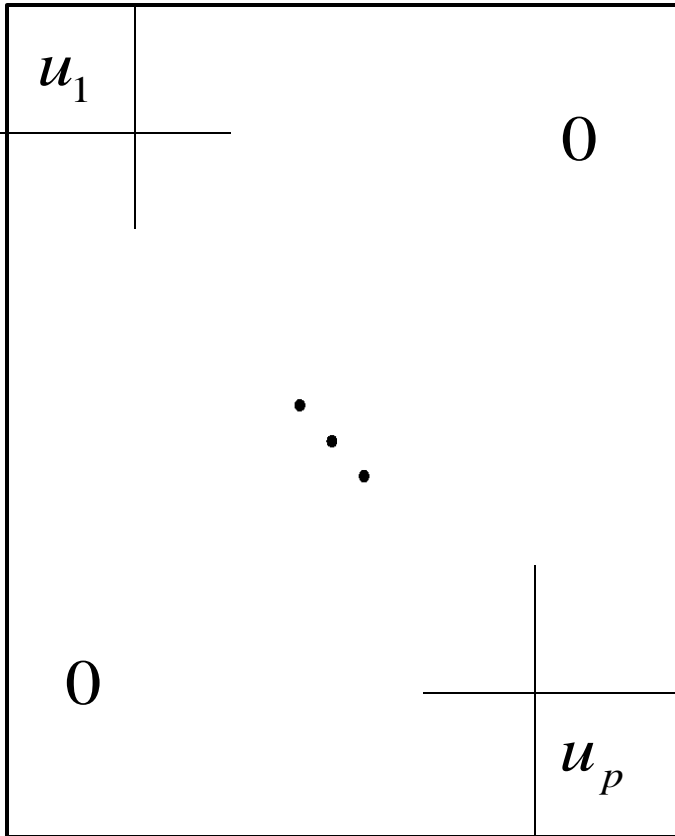
$$P_{CS}$$

$\Omega$

$$S$$

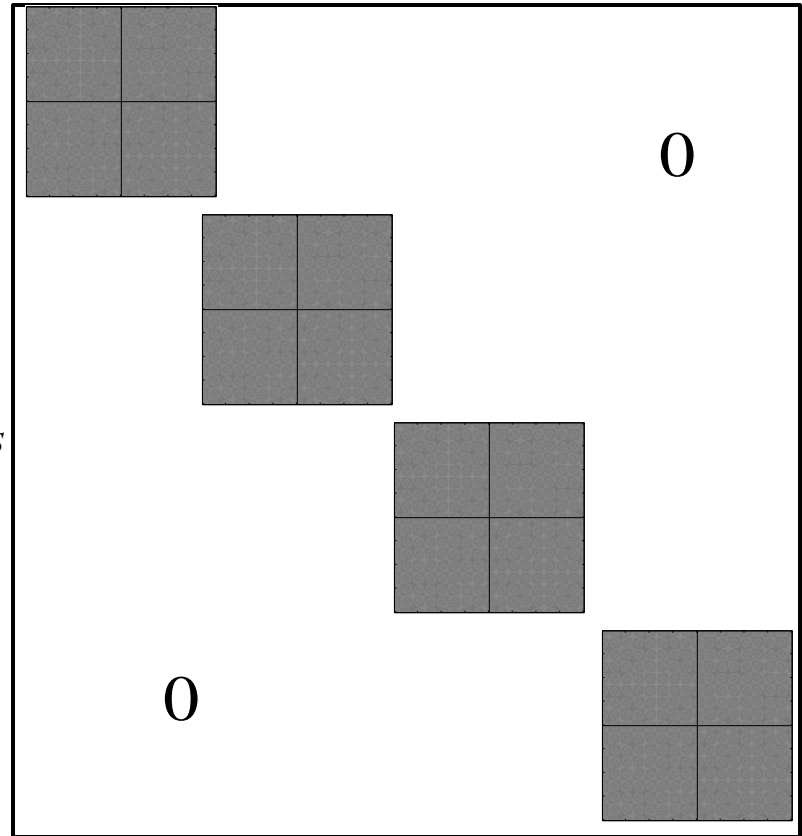


$$= P_U$$



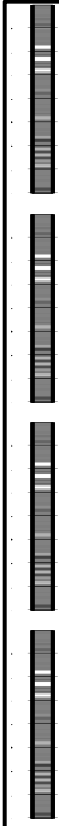
unfold matrix  
 $u$ 's have  $S$  and  $\Psi$

permute to by  
folded voxel



reconstruct  $N_c=4$  images

$k$ -space vector  
of  $N_c$  images



## 2. Induced Correlation: Within Distant

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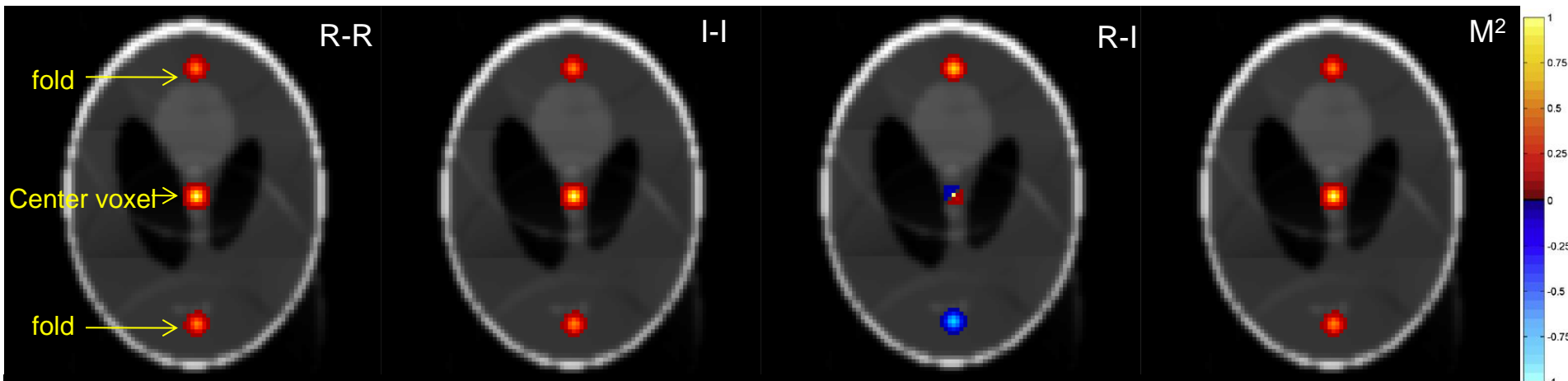
Iain P. Bruce<sup>a</sup>, M. Muge Karaman<sup>a</sup>, Daniel B. Rowe<sup>a, b, \*</sup>

$$y = \underbrace{O_I P_U U P_S P_C (I_{n_C} \otimes \Omega) O_K}_O s \quad \leftarrow \text{k-space vectors for all voxels}$$

$O \leftarrow$  processing & reconstruction

$$\Sigma = \text{cov}(y) = O \Gamma O'$$

$$O_I = S_m$$



## 2. Induced Correlation: Within Distant

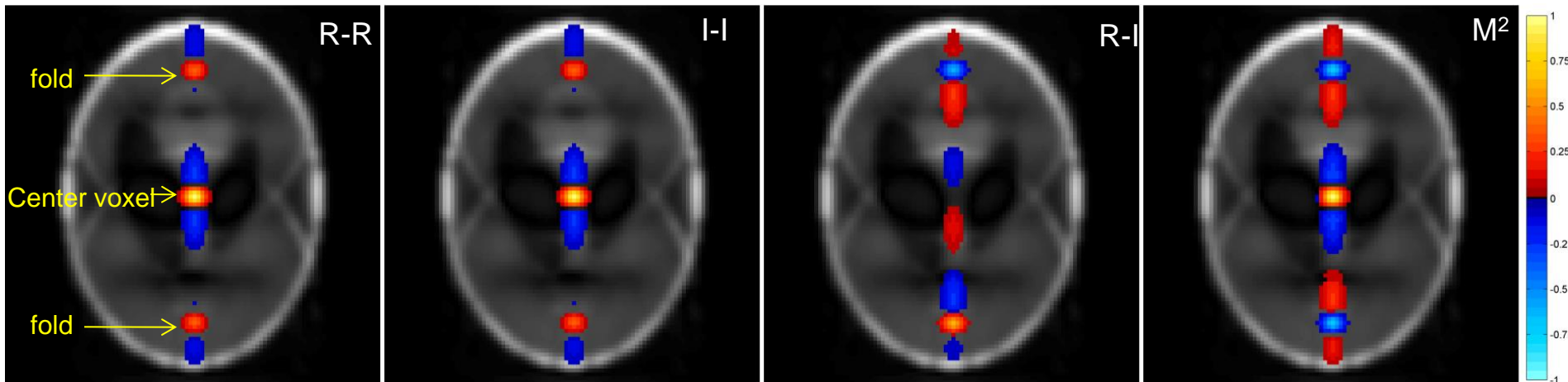
### GRAPPA: Submitted Unpublished Results

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$$y = \underbrace{O_I C(I_n \otimes \Omega O_K) P_{C2} P_{G2} G P_{G1} P_{C1}}_O s \quad \Sigma = \text{cov}(y) = O \Gamma O'$$

$O \leftarrow$  processing & reconstruction     
  $y = Os$      
  $\leftarrow$  k-space vectors for all voxels     
  $O_I = S_m$





# 2. Induced Correlation: Between

## Separation of Two Simultaneously Encoded Slices with a Single Coil

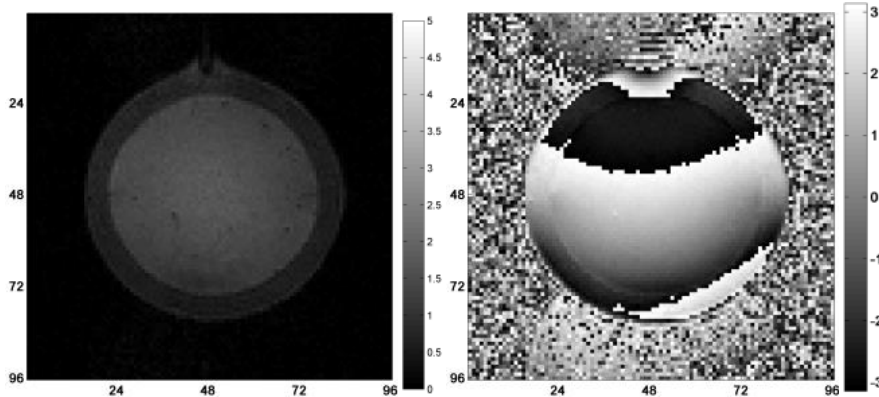
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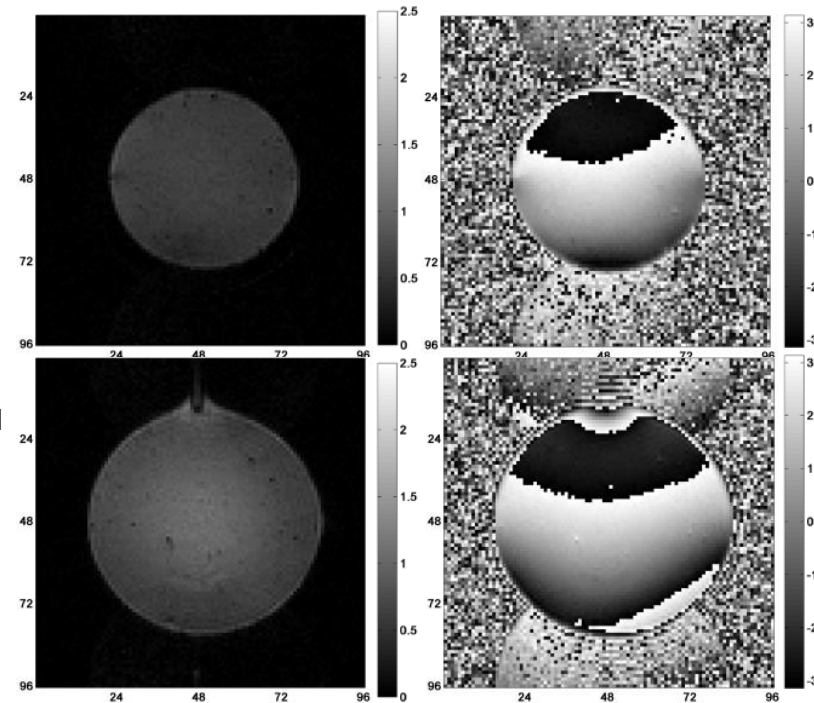
Proc. Intl. Soc. Mag. Reson. Med.  
21 (2013), 0123.

$$\begin{pmatrix} y_R \\ y_I \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \rho_1 \cos \theta_1 \\ \rho_1 \sin \theta_1 \\ \rho_2 \cos \theta_2 \\ \rho_2 \sin \theta_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_R \\ \epsilon_I \end{pmatrix}$$

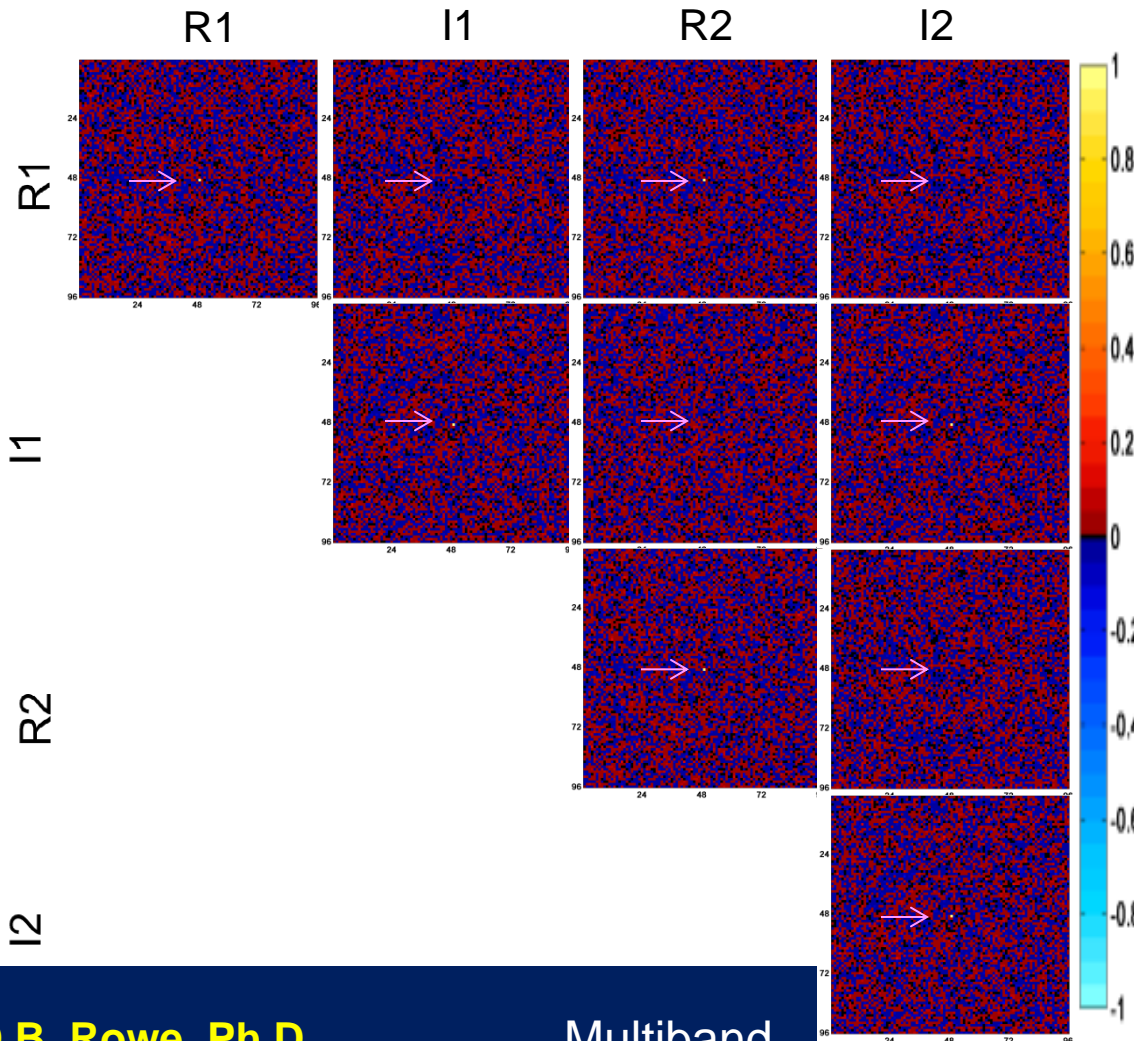
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separated



## 2. Induced Correlation: Between

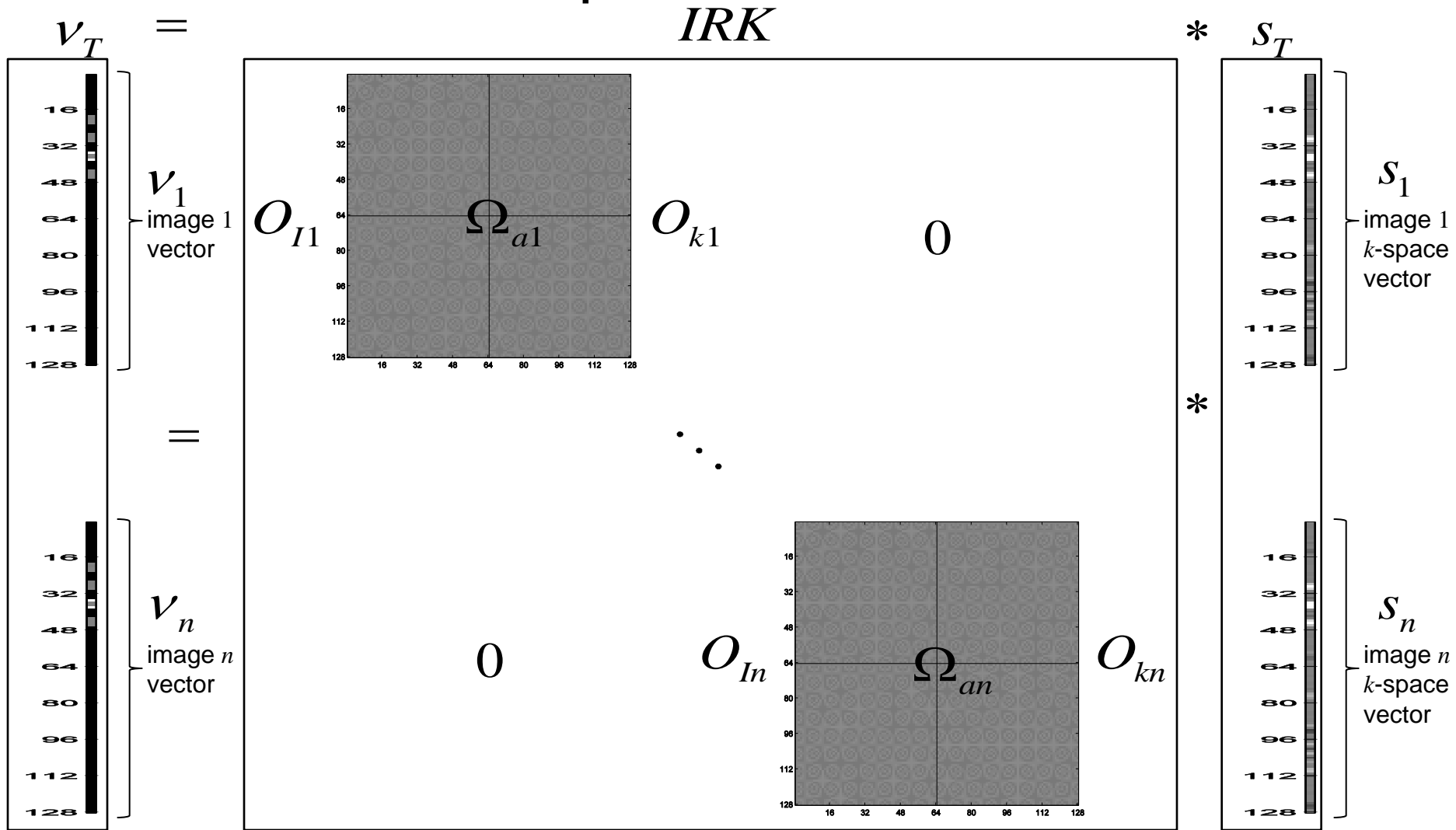


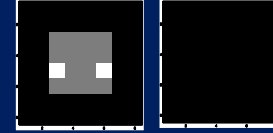
Rowe, Jesmanowicz,  
Bruce, Hyde, Nencka  
In Submission, 2013.

$$\text{cov}(y) = \Sigma$$

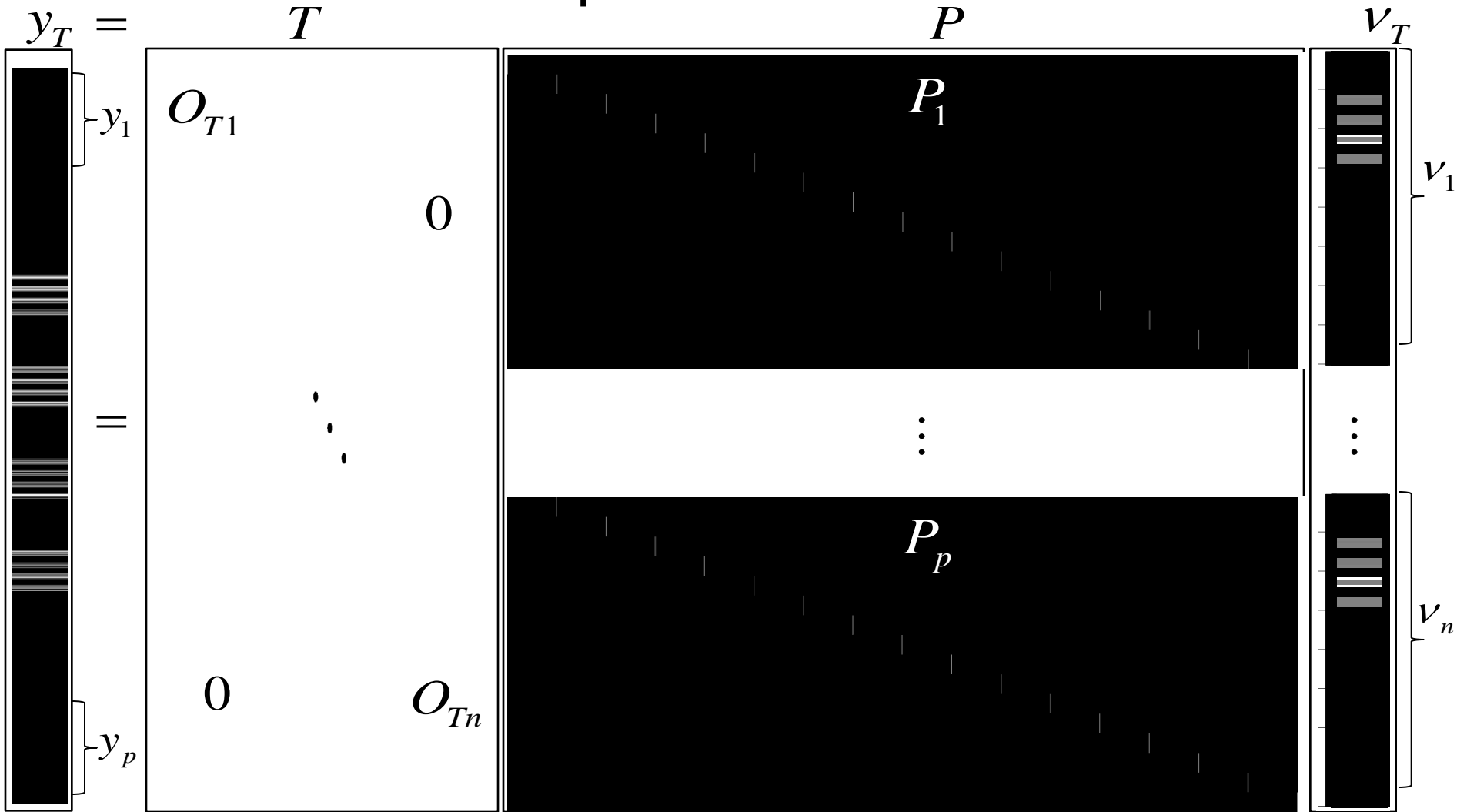
$$\Sigma = \frac{\sigma^2}{4} \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} R1 & I1 & R2 & I2 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} R1 \\ I1 \\ R2 \\ I2 \end{matrix} & \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

## 2. Induced Correlation: Temporal





## 2. Induced Correlation: Temporal



↑ ordered by voxel



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## 2. Induced Correlation: Temporal

### TEMPORAL PROCESSING OF FMRI DATA INDUCES FUNCTIONAL CORRELATIONS AND POTENTIALLY ALTERS FUNCTIONAL ACTIVATIONS

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$$s_T = (s'_1, \dots, s'_n)'$$

$$y_T = O_T s_T$$

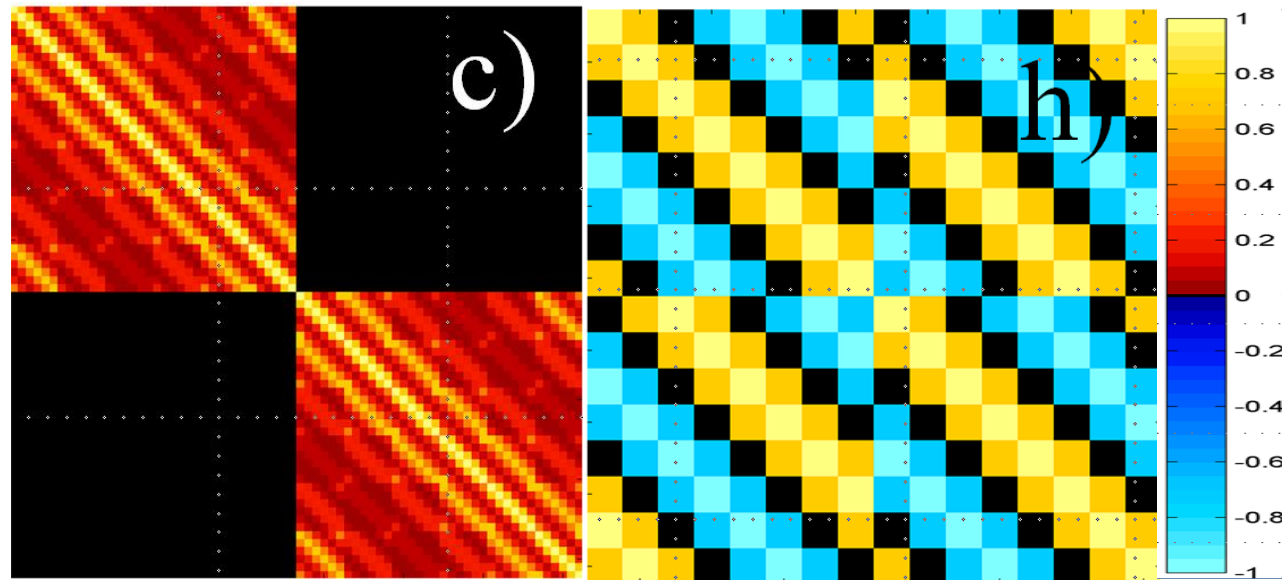
$$O_T = TIRK$$

$$E(s_T) = s_{T0}$$

$$\text{cov}(s_T) = \Gamma$$

$$E(y_T) = O_T s_{T0}$$

$$\Sigma = O_T \Gamma O_T'$$



### 3. Discussion

Neuroscientists rely upon Statisticians to model and analyze their data.

Statisticians aim for a model that best describes the data.

Statisticians get data that is processed without their knowledge.

The results and interpretations are confounded by induced correlations that are of no biological origin.

The preprocessing needs to be characterized and accounted for when making biological interpretations.

We should model and analyze the original data that we measure, not a processed version of our data.