NeuroImaging Data Processing

aka. Statistical Parametric Mapping short course

Course 4:

Multiple comparison problem

& levels of inference

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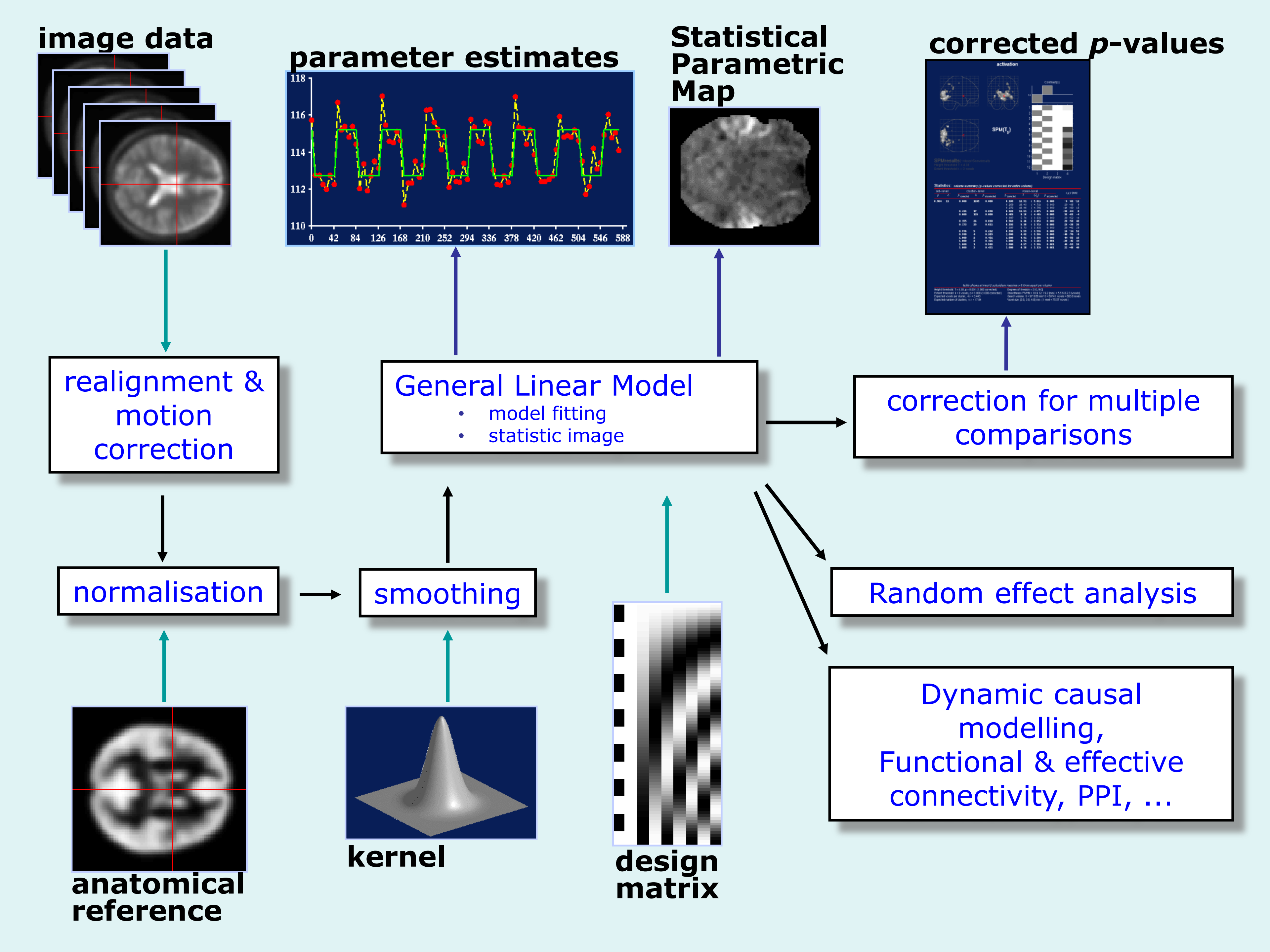

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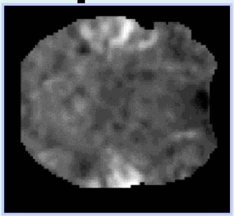

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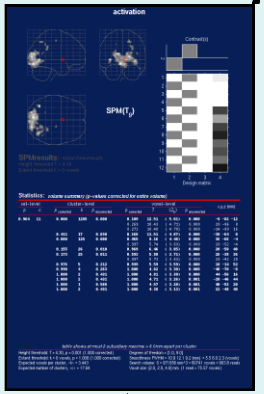

General Linear Model
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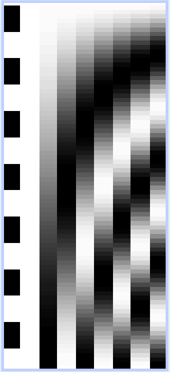
Random effect analysis



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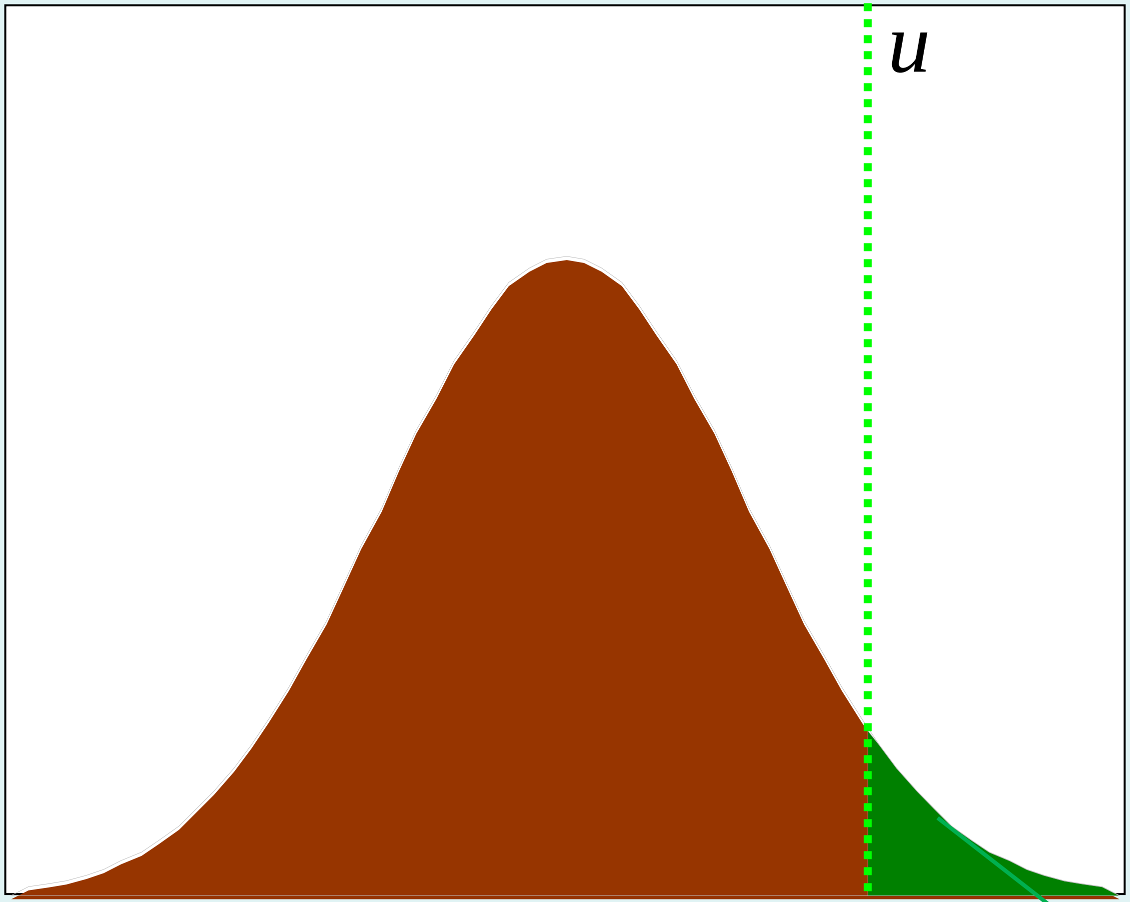
Single voxel inference



Null distribution of test statistic T

Null Hypothesis H_0:
zero activation

Decision rule (*threshold*) u:
determines false positive rate α

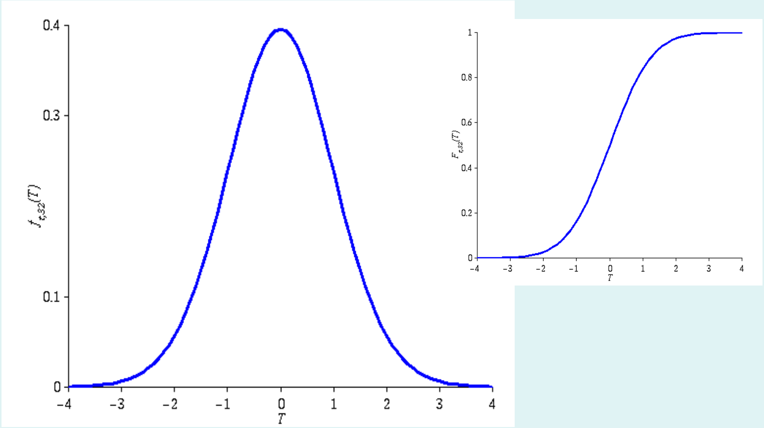
$\Rightarrow$ Choose u to give acceptable α under H_0

$$\boldsymbol{\alpha = p(t > u | H_0)}$$

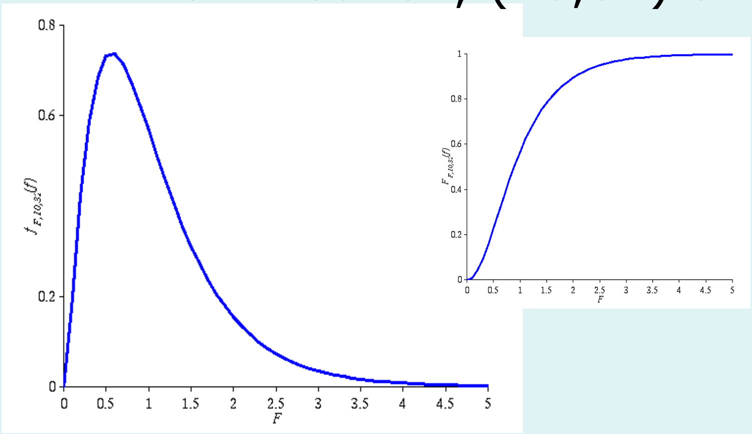
Classical hypothesis testing…

- Null hypothesis H
  - test statistic
  - null distributions
- Hypothesis test
  - control Type I error
    - incorrectly reject H
  - test *level* α
    - Pr("reject" H | H) $\leq \alpha$
- p –value
  - min α at which H rejected
  - $\Pr(T \geq t \mid H)$
  - characterising *"surprise"*

t –distribution, 32 df.



F –distribution, (10,32) df.



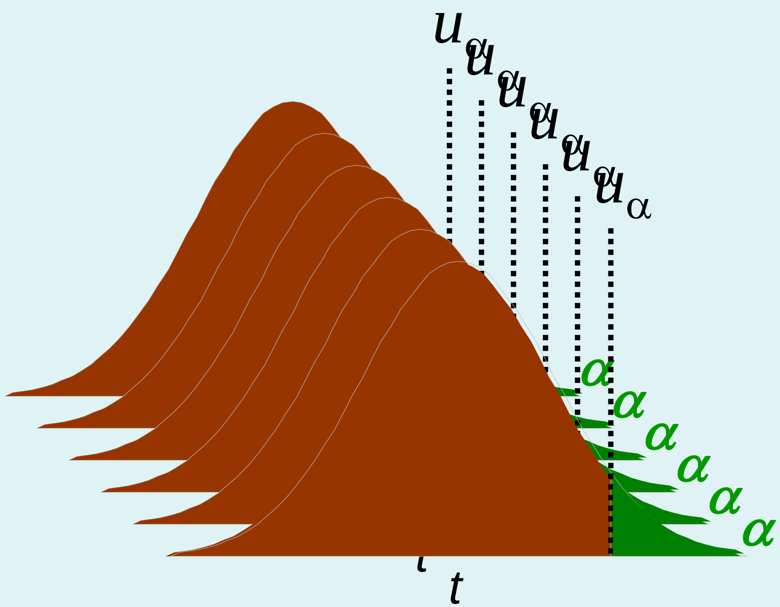
Sensitivity & specificity

		ACTION	
		Don't reject	Reject
TRUTH	H_0 true	True Negative	False Positive
	H_0 false	False Negative	True Positive

Sensitivity = TP/(TP+FN) = β
Specificity = TN/(TN+FP) = $1 - \alpha$

FP = Type I error or 'error'
FN = Type II error
α = p-value/FP rate/error rate/significance level
β = power

Multiple tests



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$\Rightarrow$ **5000 false positive voxels**.

This is clearly undesirable!
Need to define a *null hypothesis* for a *collection of tests*.

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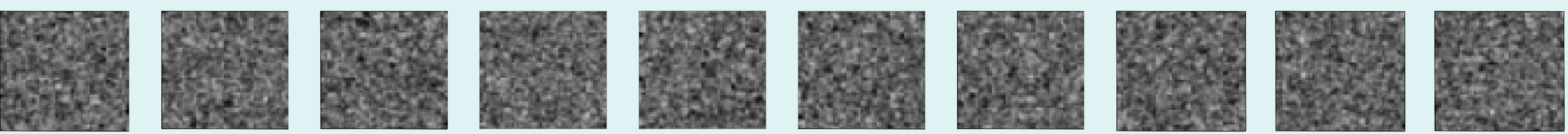

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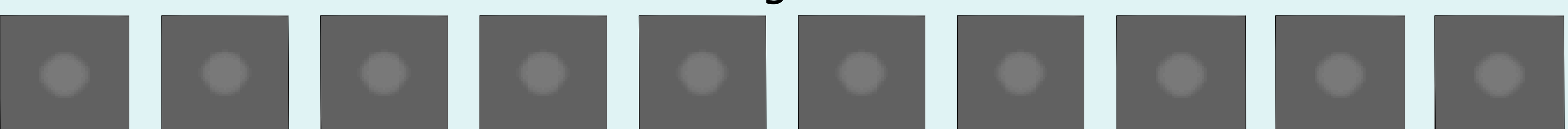

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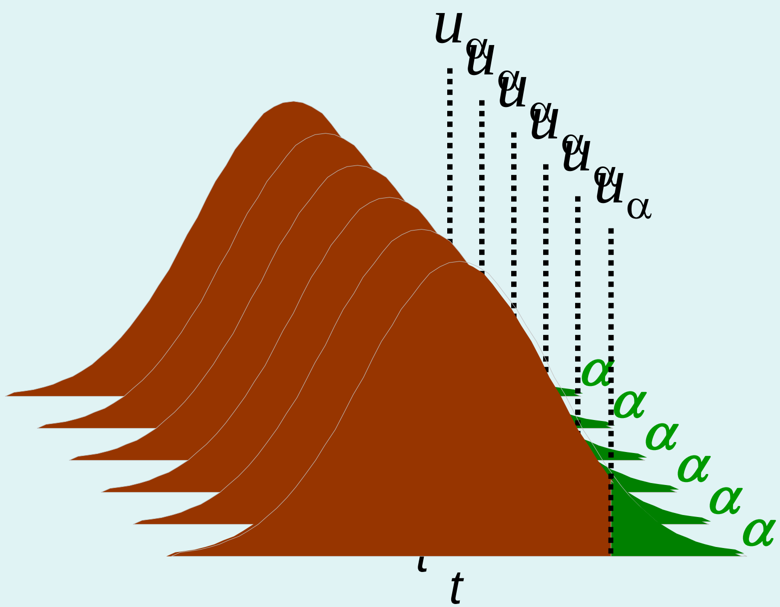

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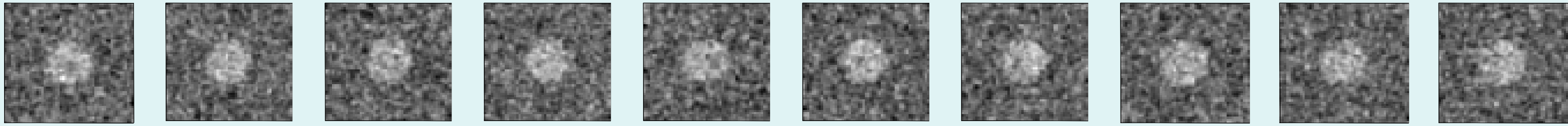
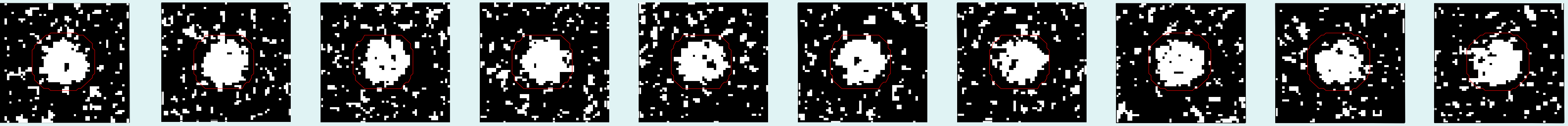


Use of ‘uncorrected’ *p*-value, α =0.1



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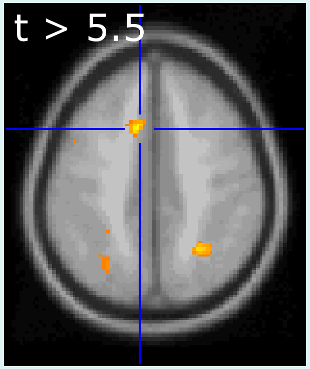
Percentage of Null Pixels that are False Positives

Assessing statistics images

Where's the signal?

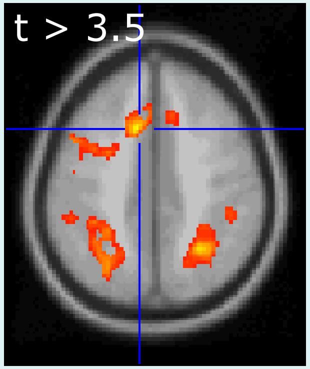
High Threshold



Good Specificity

Poor Power
(risk of false
negatives)

Med. Threshold



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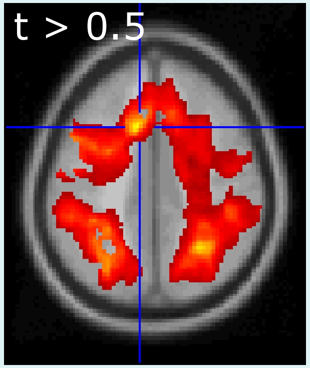

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Family-Wise Null Hypothesis

Family-Wise Null Hypothesis:
Activation is zero everywhere

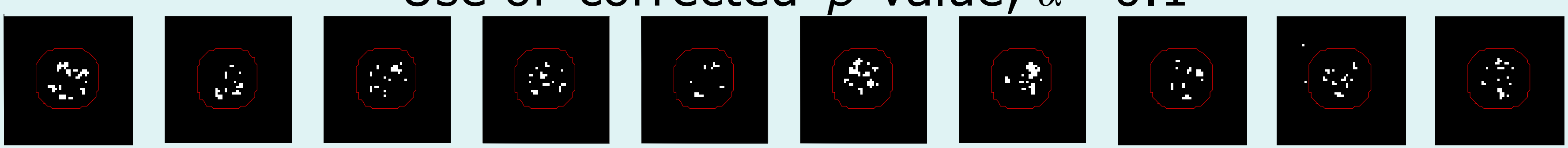
If we reject a voxel null hypothesis at *any* voxel, we reject the family-wise Null hypothesis

A FP ***anywhere*** in the image gives a **Family Wise Error** (FWE)

Family-Wise Error rate (FWER) = '*corrected*' *p*-value

Use of 'uncorrected' *p*-value, α =0.1

Use of 'corrected' *p*-value, α =0.1



FWE

Bonferroni correction

The Family-Wise Error rate (FWER), α_{FWE}, for a family of *N* tests follows the inequality:

$$\alpha_{FWE} \leq N\alpha$$

where α is the test-wise error rate.

Therefore, to ensure a particular FWER choose:

$$\alpha = \frac{\alpha_{FWE}}{N}$$

This correction does not require the tests to be independent but becomes very stringent if dependence.

Bonferroni correction, example

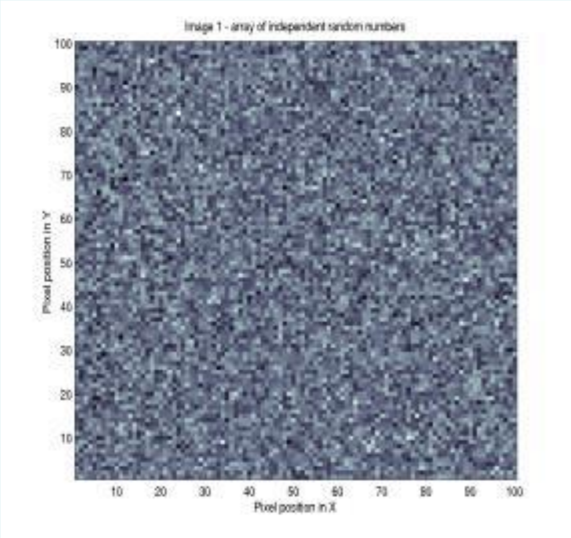
- Experiment with N = 100000 *independent* voxels and 40 d.f.
  - v = unknown corrected probability threshold,
  - find v such that family-wise error rate $\alpha = 0.05$
- **Bonferroni correction**:
  - probability that all tests are below the threshold,
  - use $v = \alpha / N$
  - here $v=0.05/100000=0.0000005$

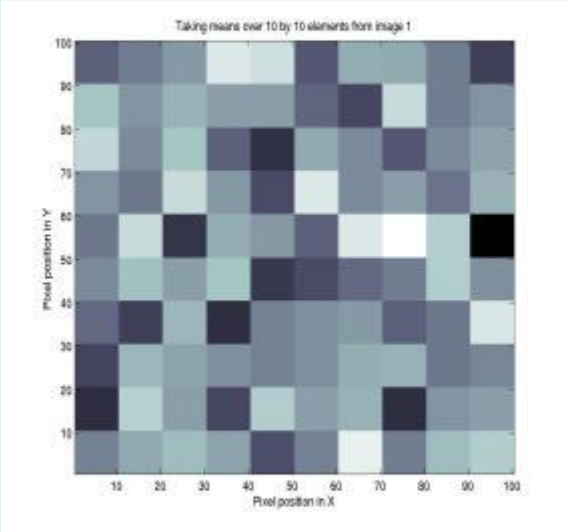
    $\Rightarrow$ threshold $t = 5.77$
- **Interpretation**:

  Bonferroni procedure gives a corrected p-value,

  i.e. for a *t* statistics = 5.77,
  - uncorrectd *p* value = 0.0000005
  - corrected *p* value = 0.05

Bonferroni & independent observations





100 by 100 voxels.
10000 independent measures
Fix the $P^{FWE} = 0.05$, z threshold ?

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$v = 0.05 / 10000 = 0.000005$
$\Rightarrow$ threshold $z = 4.42$

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Bonferroni:
$v = 0.05 / 100 = 0.0005$
$\Rightarrow$ threshold $z = 3.29$

$v=\alpha/n_i$ where n_i is the number of independent observations.

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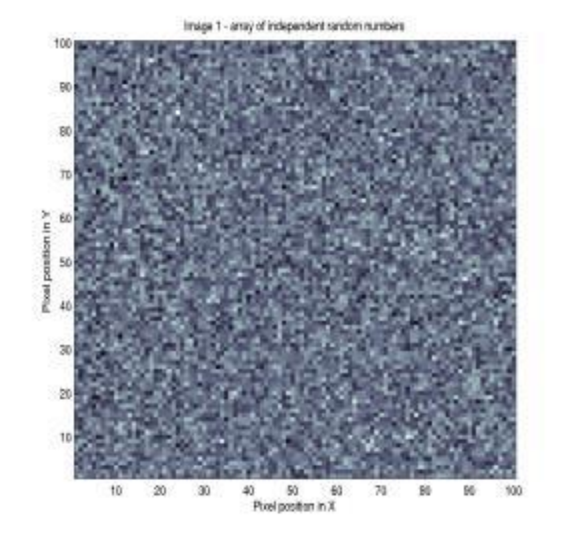

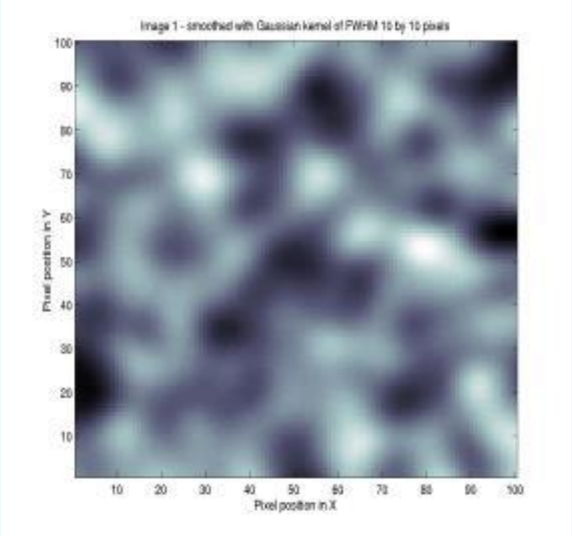

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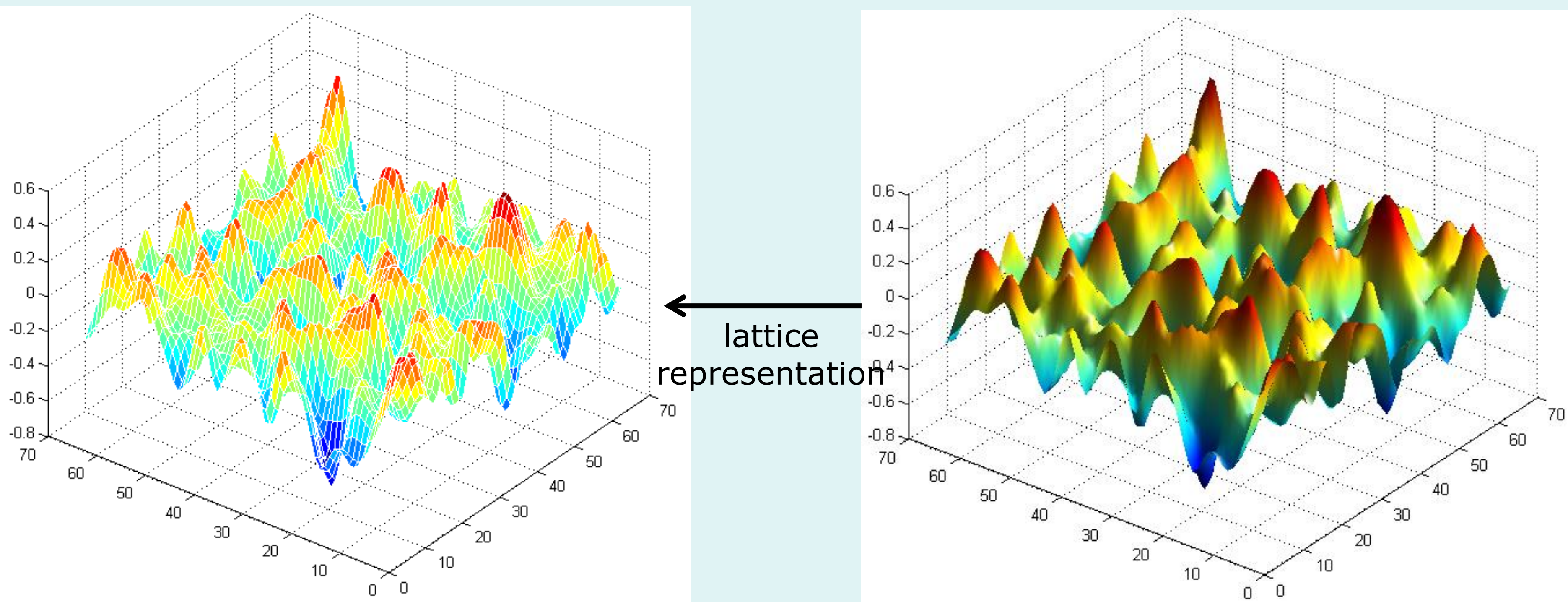
How many independent measures ???

Random Field Theory

⇒ Consider a statistic image as a discretisation of a continuous underlying random field.

⇒ Use results from continuous **random field theory**.



RFT and Euler Characteristic

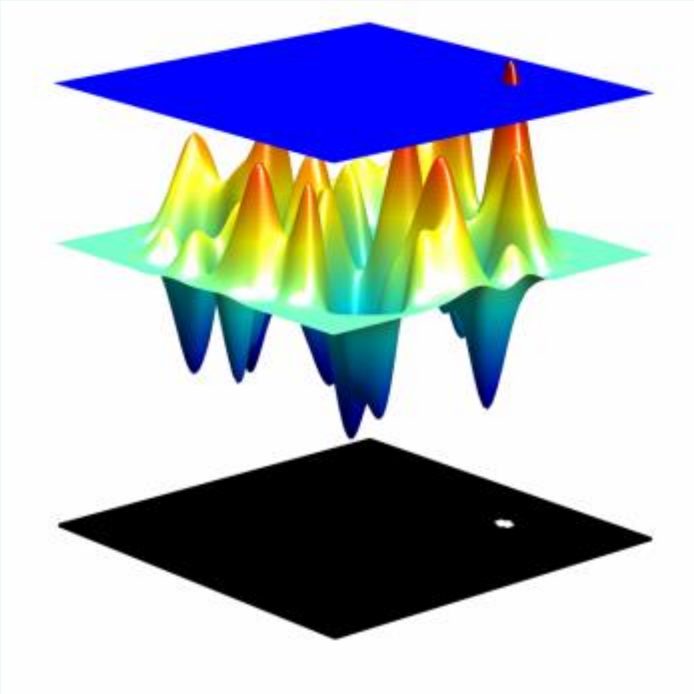
Euler Characteristic χ_u:

- Topological measure

  χ_u = # blobs - # holes

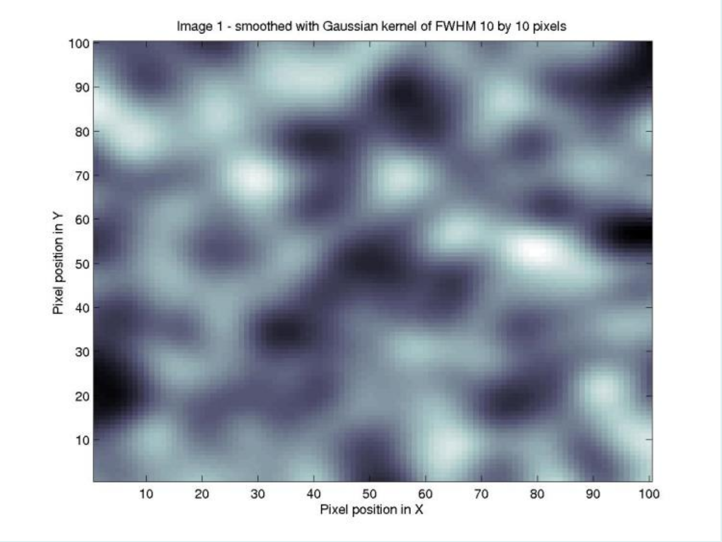
- at high threshold u:

  χ_u = # blobs



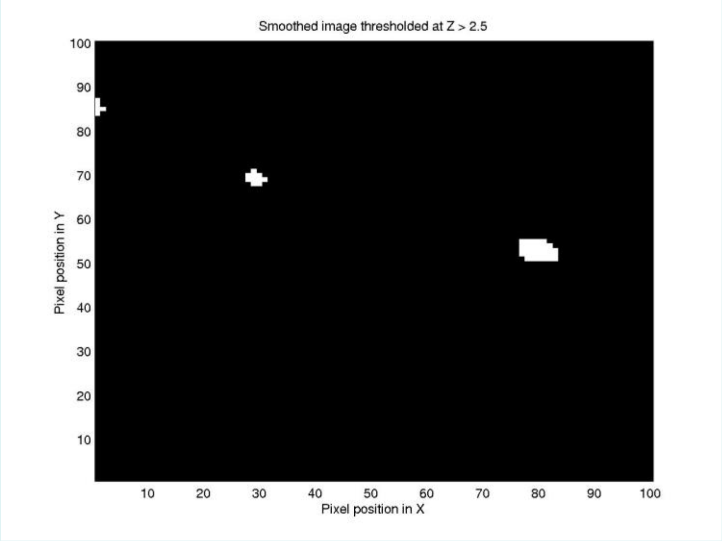
$$FWER = p(FWE) \approx E[\chi_u]$$

Euler characteristic…



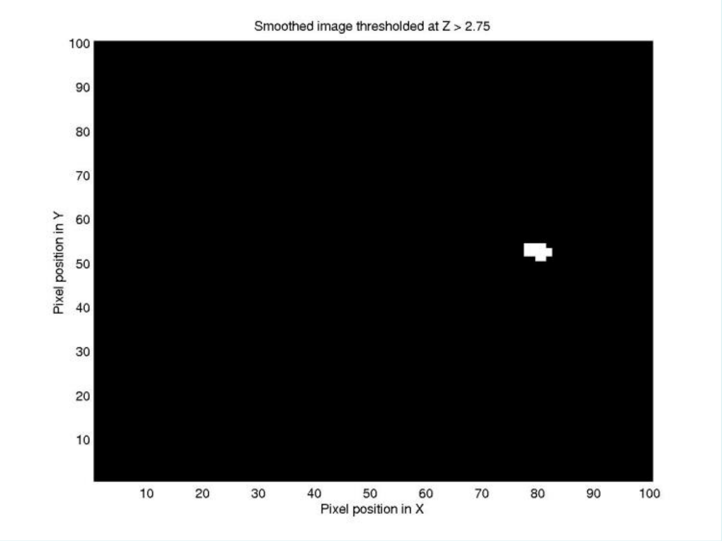
Threshold *z*-map at 2.50

EC = 3



Threshold *z*-map at 2.75

EC = 1



Expected Euler Characteristic

2D Gaussian Random Field

$$E[\chi_u] = \lambda(\Omega)|\Lambda|^{1/2}\, u \exp(-u^2/2)/(2\pi)^{3/2}$$

Search volume

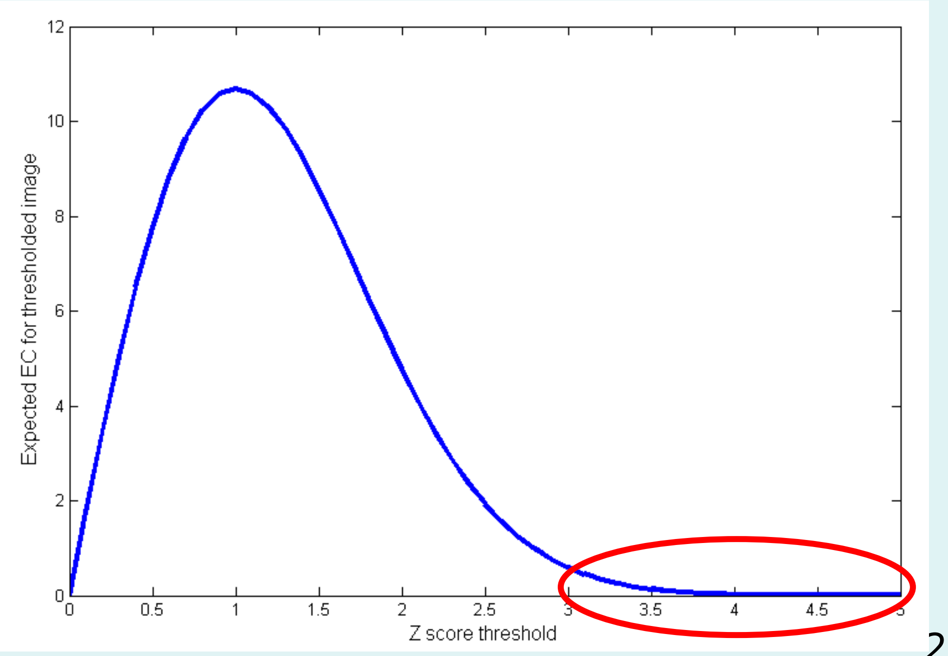
Roughness
(1/smoothness)

Threshold

100 x 100 Gaussian Random Field
with FWHM=10 smoothing

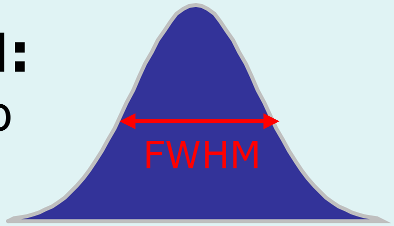
$\alpha_{FWE} = 0.05 \Rightarrow u_{RFT} = 3.8$

$(u_{BONF} = 4.42,\ u_{uncorr} = 1.64)$

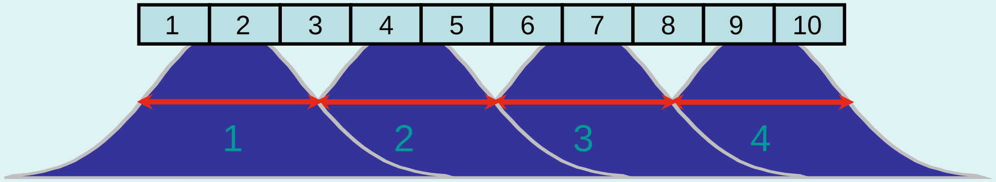


Smoothness

Smoothness parameterised in terms of FWHM:
Size of Gaussian kernel required to smooth i.i.d. noise to have same smoothness as observed null (standardized) data.



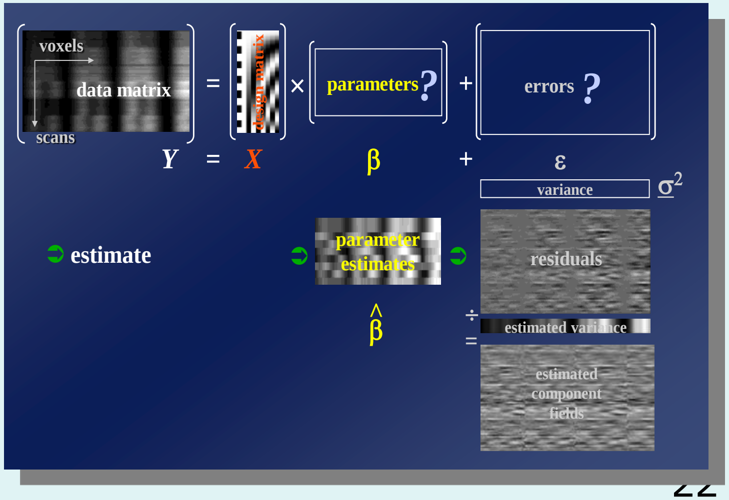
RESELS (Resolution Elements):
1 RESEL = $FWHM_x FWHM_y FWHM_z$
RESEL Count R = volume of search region in units of smoothness



Eg: 10 voxels, 2.5 FWHM, 4 RESELS

The number of resels is similar, but not identical to the number independent observations.

Smoothness estimated from spatial derivatives of standardised residuals:
Yields an RPV image containing local roughness estimation.



RFT intuition

Corrected *p*-value for statistic value *t*

$$
\begin{aligned}
p_c &= p(\max T > t) \\
&\approx E[\chi_t] \\
&\propto \lambda(\Omega)|\Lambda|^{1/2}\, t \exp(-t^2/2)
\end{aligned}
$$

- Statistic value *t* increases ?
  - p_c decreases (better signal)
- Search volume increases ($\lambda(\Omega)\uparrow$) ?
  - p_c increases (more severe correction)
- Smoothness increases ($|\Lambda|^{1/2}\downarrow$) ?
  - p_c decreases (less severe correction)

RFT, unified theory

General form for expected Euler characteristic

• t, F & χ^2 fields • restricted search regions • D dimensions •

$$E[\chi_u(\Omega)] = \sum_{d=0}^{D} R_d(\Omega)\rho_d(u)$$

$R_d(\Omega)$: d-dimensional Lipschitz-Killing curvatures of Ω (≈ *intrinsic volumes*):

– *function of dimension,* space Ω and smoothness:

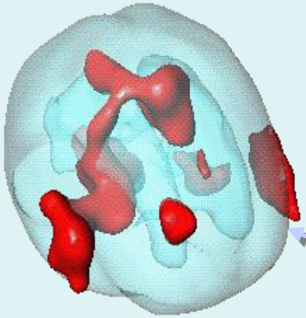
$R_0(\Omega) = \chi(\Omega)$ Euler characteristic of Ω
$R_1(\Omega)$ = resel diameter
$R_2(\Omega)$ = resel surface area
$R_3(\Omega)$ = resel volume

$\rho_d(u)$: d-dimensional EC density of the field

– *function of dimension and threshold, specific for RF type:*

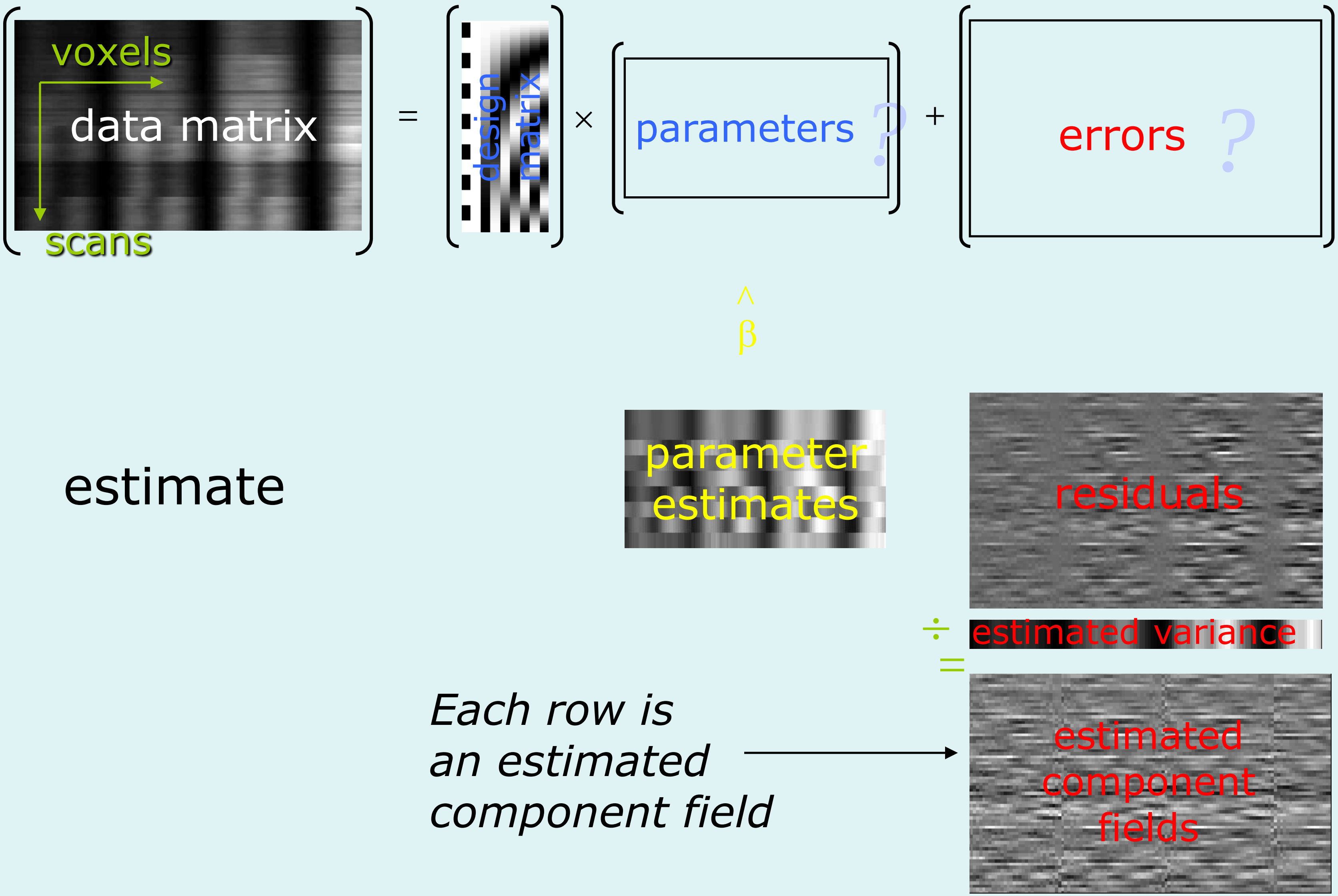
E.g. Gaussian RF:

$\rho_0(u) = 1 - \Phi(u)$
$\rho_1(u) = (4 \ln 2)^{1/2} \exp(-u^2/2) / (2\pi)$
$\rho_2(u) = (4 \ln 2) \quad u \quad \exp(-u^2/2) / (2\pi)^{3/2}$
$\rho_3(u) = (4 \ln 2)^{3/2} (u^2 - 1) \quad \exp(-u^2/2) / (2\pi)^2$
$\rho_4(u) = (4 \ln 2)^2 \quad (u^3 - 3u) \quad \exp(-u^2/2) / (2\pi)^{5/2}$



Ω

Estimated component fields

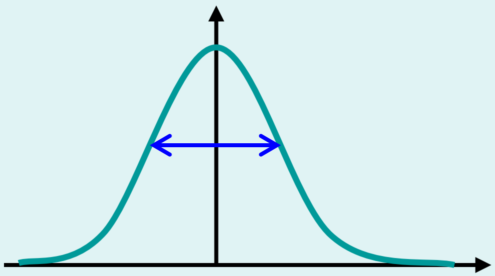


Smoothness, PRF, ResEls...

- Smoothness $\sqrt{|\Lambda|}$
  - variance-covariance matrix of partial derivatives *(possibly location dependent)*

$$\Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \mathrm{var}\left[\frac{\partial e}{\partial x}\right] & \mathrm{cov}\left[\frac{\partial e}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial e}{\partial y}\right] & \mathrm{cov}\left[\frac{\partial e}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial e}{\partial z}\right] \\ \mathrm{cov}\left[\frac{\partial e}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial e}{\partial y}\right] & \mathrm{var}\left[\frac{\partial e}{\partial y}\right] & \mathrm{cov}\left[\frac{\partial e}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial e}{\partial z}\right] \\ \mathrm{cov}\left[\frac{\partial e}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial e}{\partial z}\right] & \mathrm{cov}\left[\frac{\partial e}{\partial y}, \frac{\partial e}{\partial z}\right] & \mathrm{var}\left[\frac{\partial e}{\partial z}\right] \end{pmatrix}$$

- Point Response Function PRF



- Full Width at Half Maximum FWHM. *Approximate the peak of the Covariance function with a Gaussian*

- Gaussian PRF
  - Σ – kernel var/cov matrix
  - ACF 2Σ
  - $\Lambda = (2\Sigma)^{-1}$

  $\Rightarrow$ FWHM $f = \sigma \sqrt{(8\ln(2))}$
  - $\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} f_x & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & f_y & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & f_z \end{bmatrix} \frac{1}{8\ln(2)}$

  ignoring covariances

  $\Rightarrow \sqrt{|\Lambda|} = (4\ln(2))^{3/2} / (f_x \times f_y \times f_z)$

- Resolution Element (ResEl)
  - Resel dimensions $(f_x \times f_y \times f_z)$
  - $R_3(\Omega) = \lambda(\Omega) / (f_x \times f_y \times f_z)$

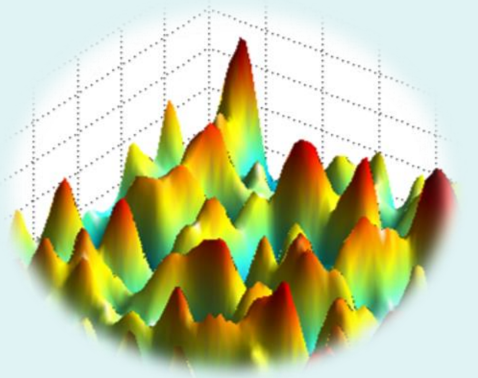
  if strictly stationary

$E[\chi(A_u)] = R_3(\Omega)\,(4\ln(2))^{3/2}\,(u^2 - 1)\exp(-u^2/2) / (2\pi)^2$

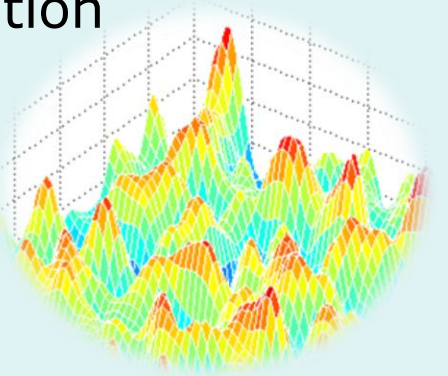
$\approx R_3(\Omega)\,(1 - \Phi(u))$

for high thresholds u

RFT assumptions



- The statistic image is assumed to be a good lattice representation of an underlying random field with a multivariate Gaussian distribution.
- These fields are continuous, with an autocorrelation function twice differentiable at the origin.



- ➢ The threshold chosen to define clusters is high enough such that the expected EC is a good approximation to the number of clusters.
- ➢ The lattice approximation is reasonable, which implies the smoothness is relatively large compared to the voxel size.
- ➢ The errors of the specified statistical model are normally distributed, which implies the model is not misspecified.

- Smoothness of the data is unknown and estimated: very precise estimate by pooling over voxels $\Rightarrow$ stationarity assumption.

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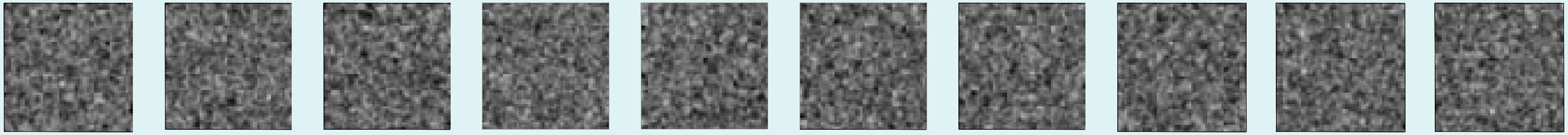
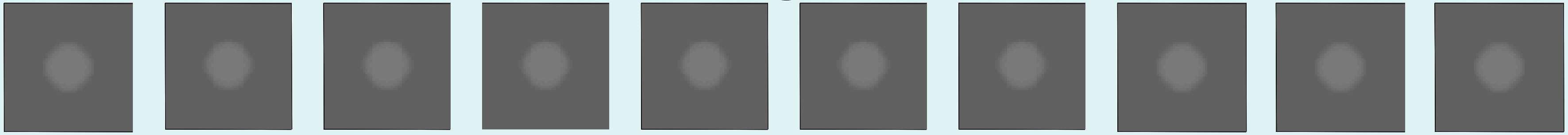
FDR illustration:

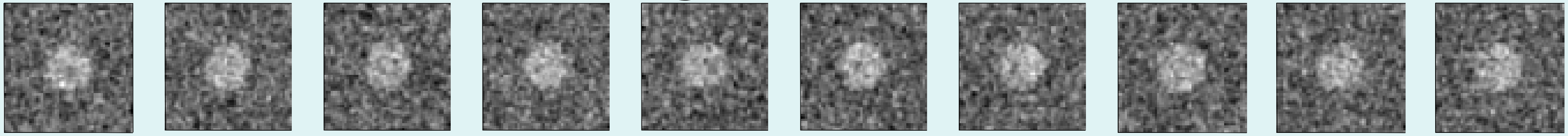
Noise



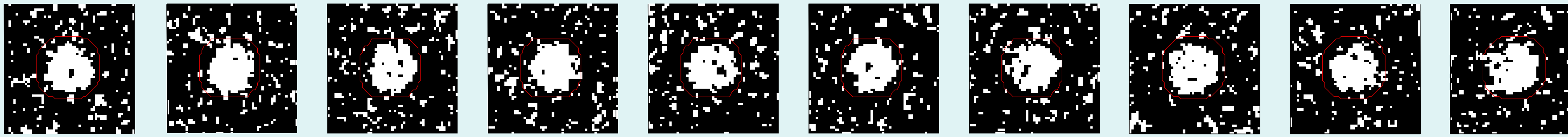
Signal



Signal+Noise



Control of Per Comparison Rate at 10%



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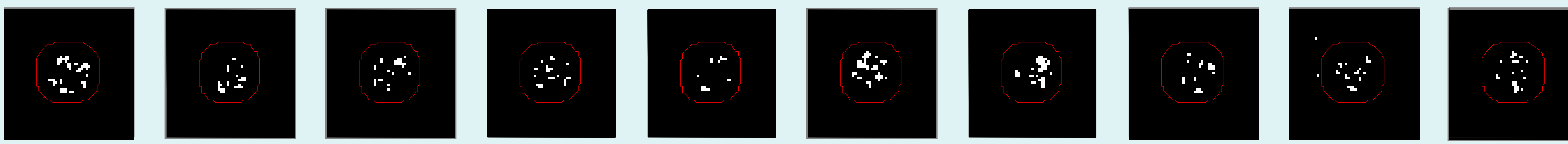
Percentage of Null Pixels that are False Positives

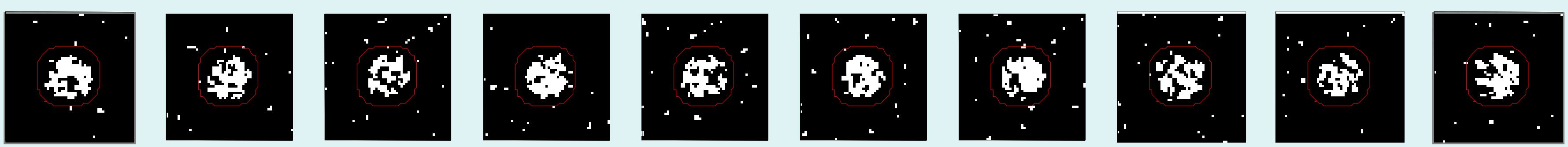
Control of Familywise Error Rate at 10%



FWE

Occurrence of Familywise Error

Control of False Discovery Rate at 10%



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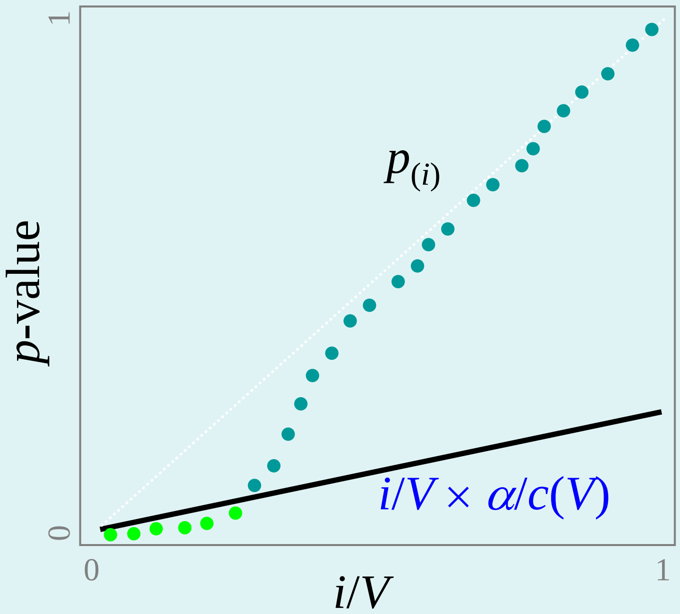
Percentage of Activated Pixels that are False Positives

Benjamini & Hochberg Procedure

- Select desired limit α on E(FDR)
- Order p-values, $p_{(1)} \leq p_{(2)} \leq \ \dots \leq p_{(V)}$
- Let r be largest i such that

$$p_{(i)} \leq i/V * \alpha$$

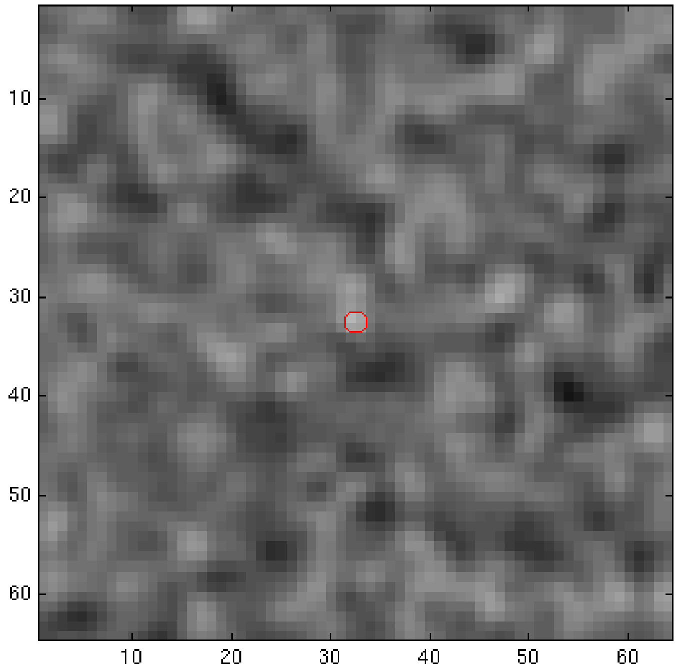
- Reject all hypotheses corresponding to $p_{(1)}, \dots, p_{(r)}$.

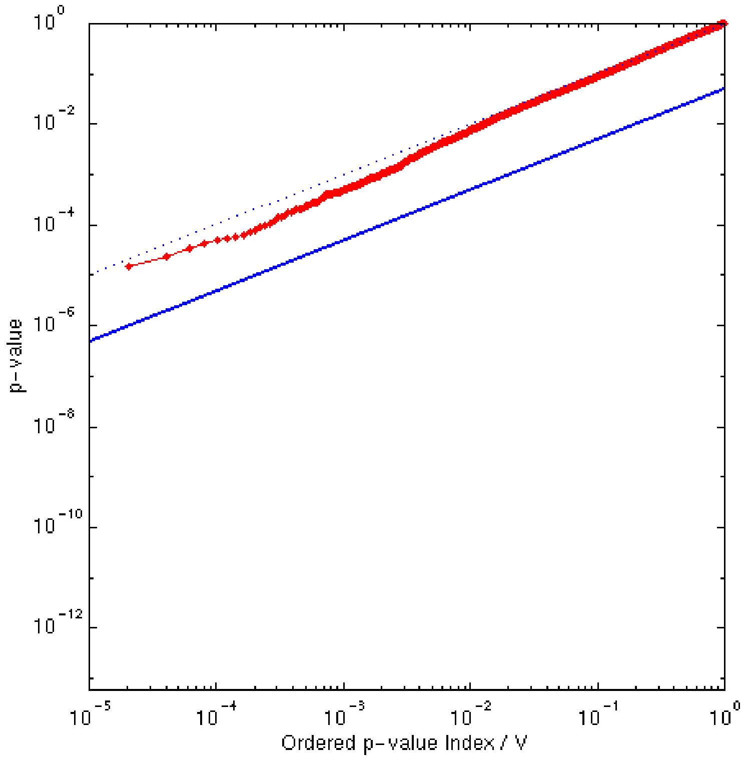


JRSS-B (1995) 57:289-300

B&H: Varying Signal Extent

$p =$ $z =$





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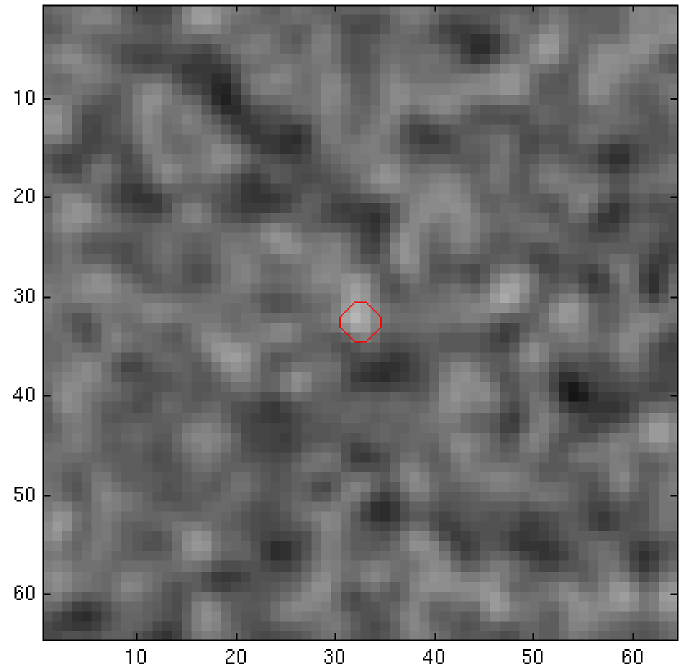

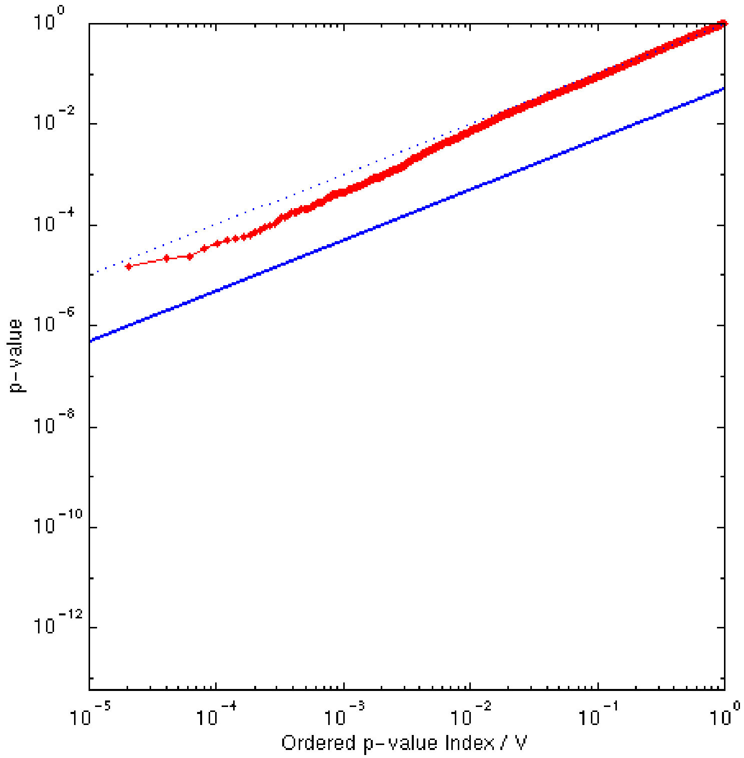

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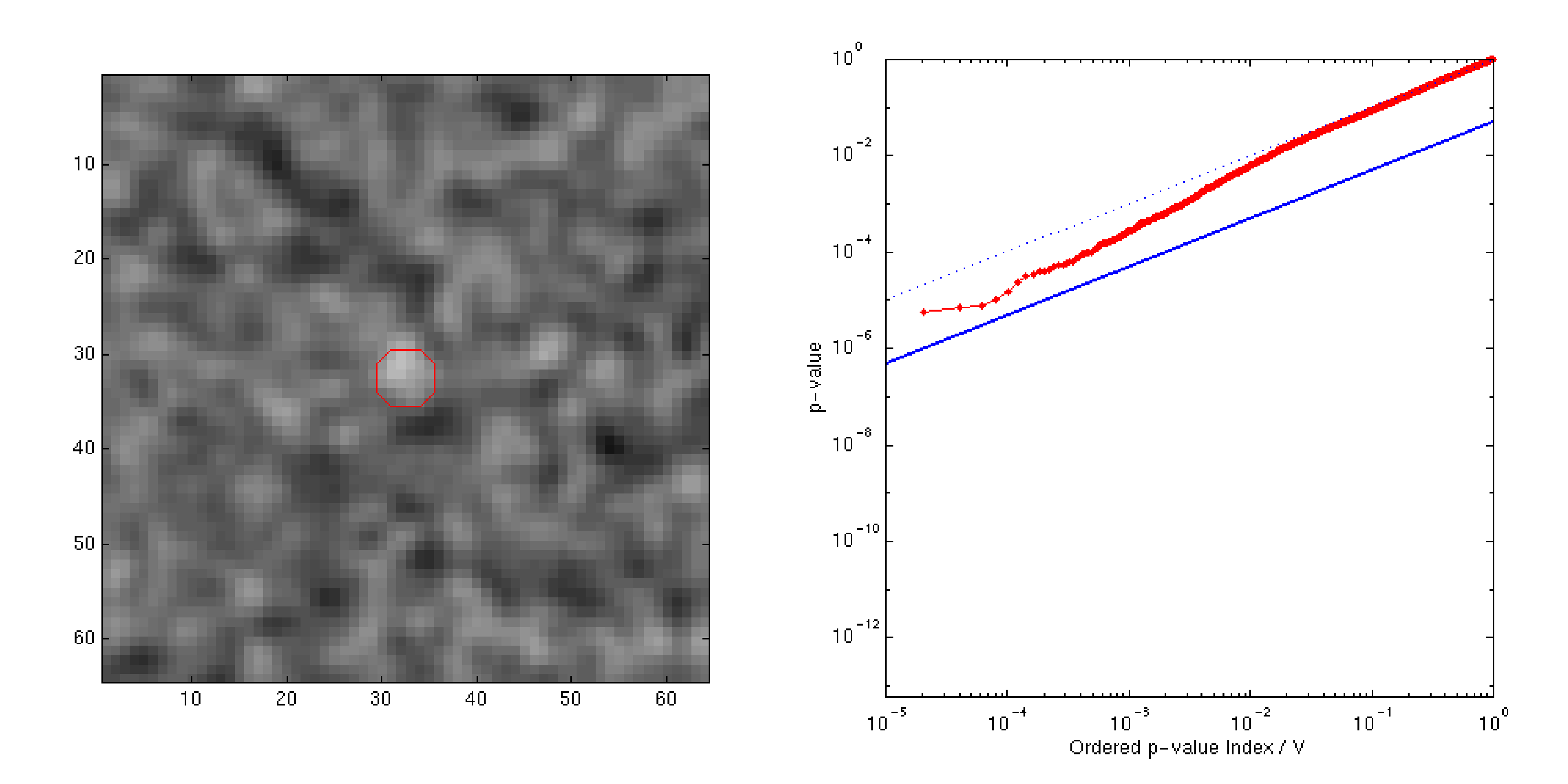

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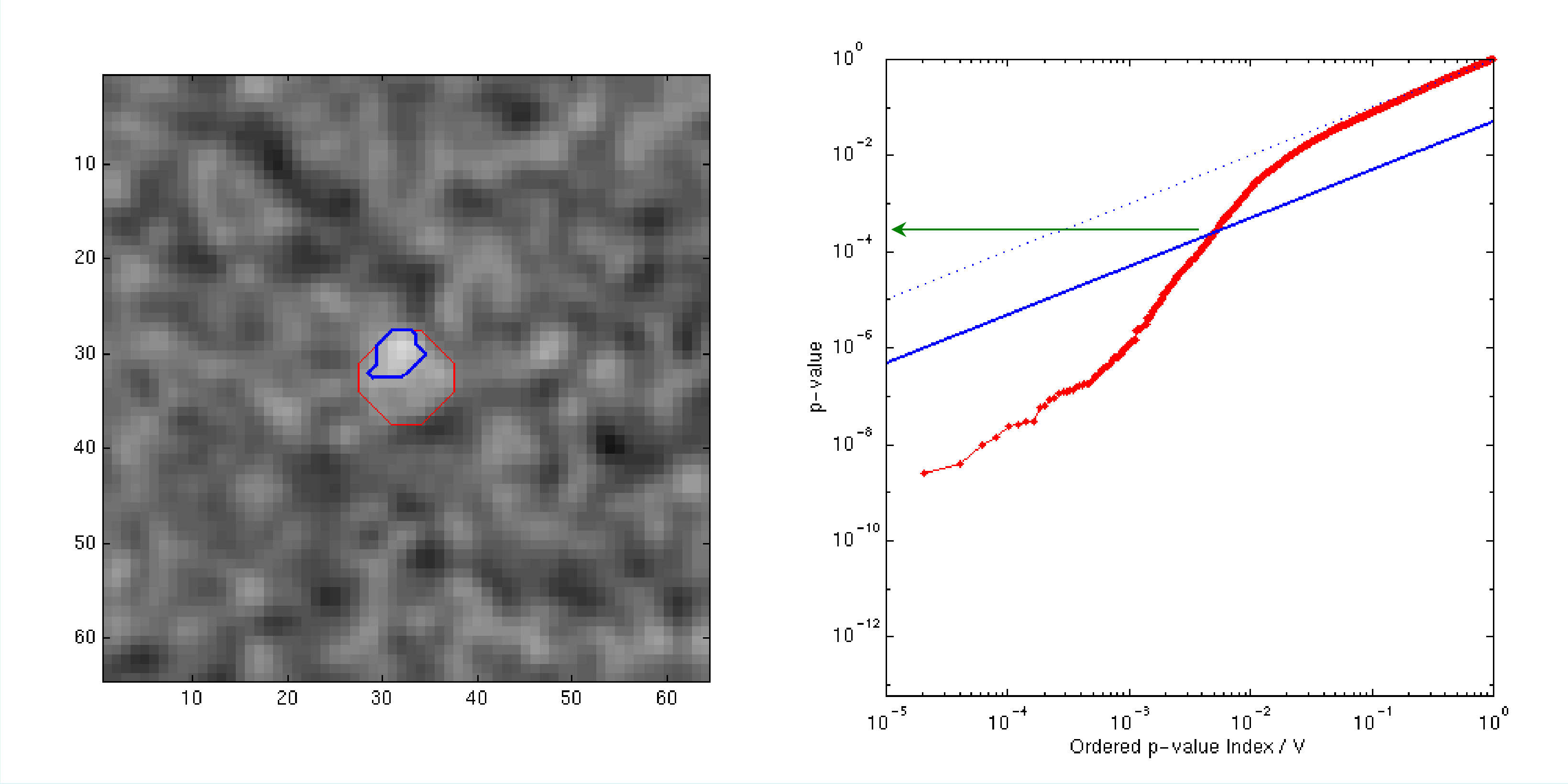

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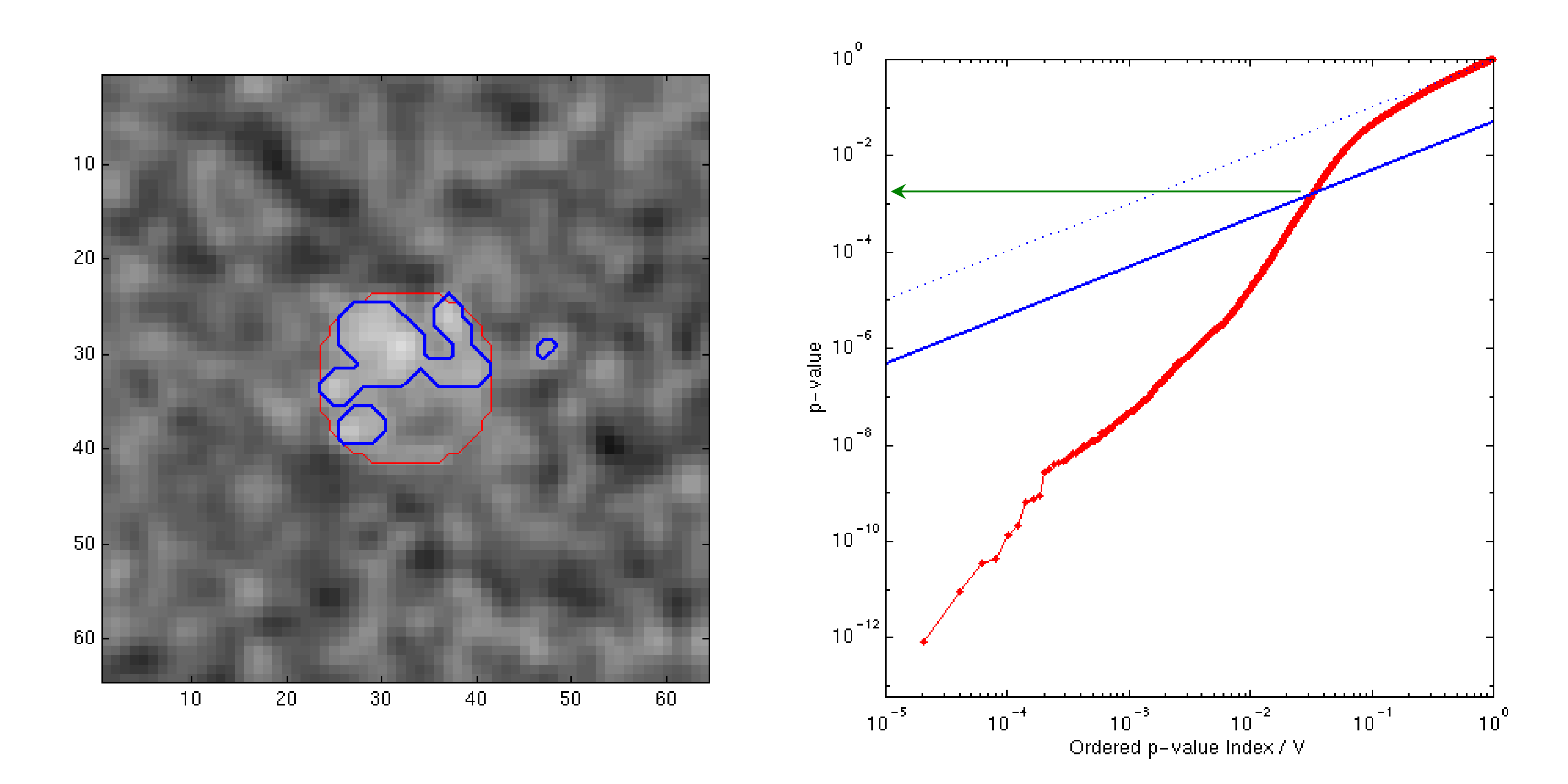
B&H: Varying Signal Extent

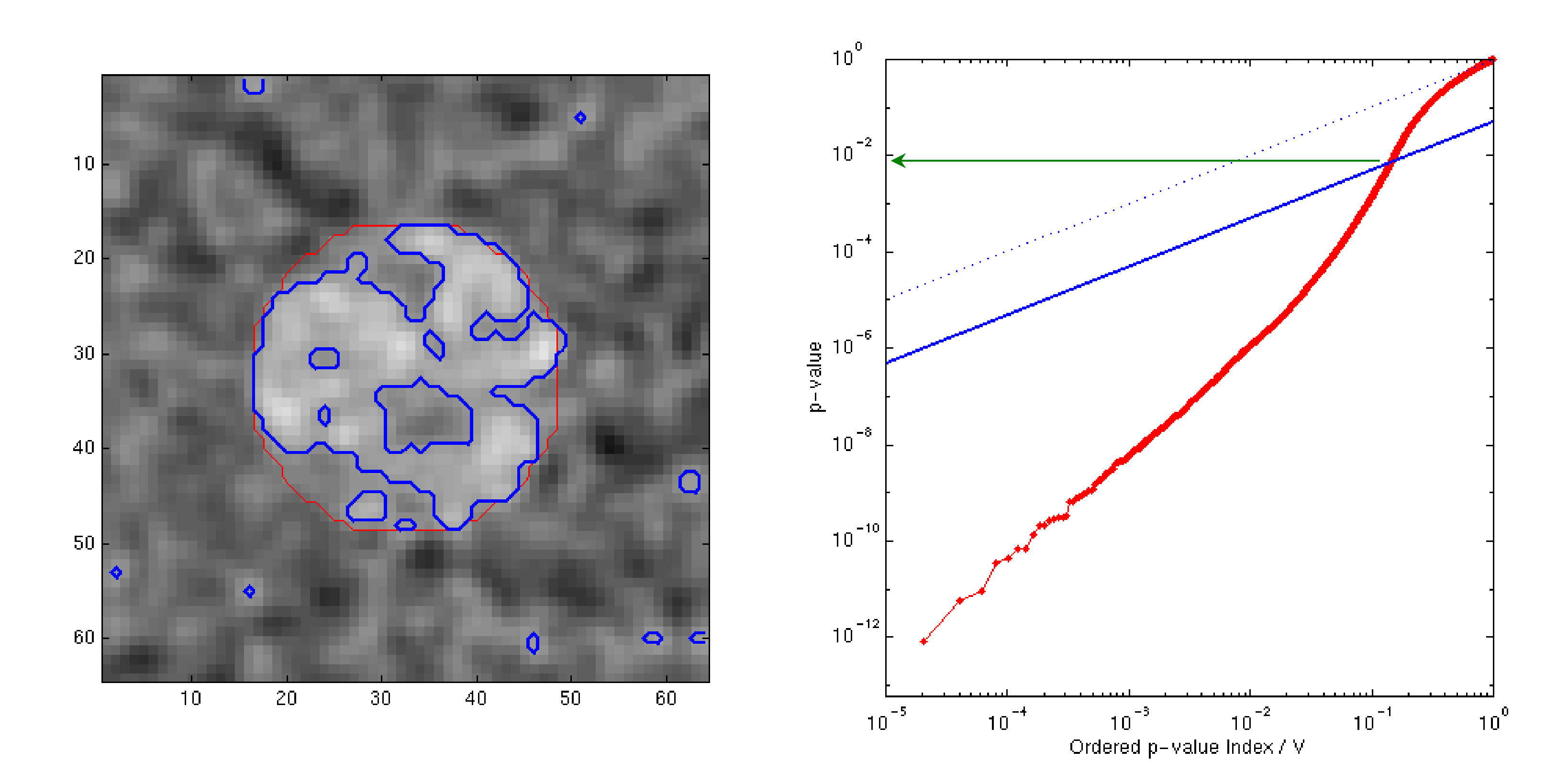
$p = 0.001628 \qquad z = 2.94$



Signal Intensity 3.0 Signal Extent 9.5 Noise Smoothness 3.0

B&H: Varying Signal Extent

$p = 0.007157 \qquad z = 2.45$



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B&H: Varying Signal Extent

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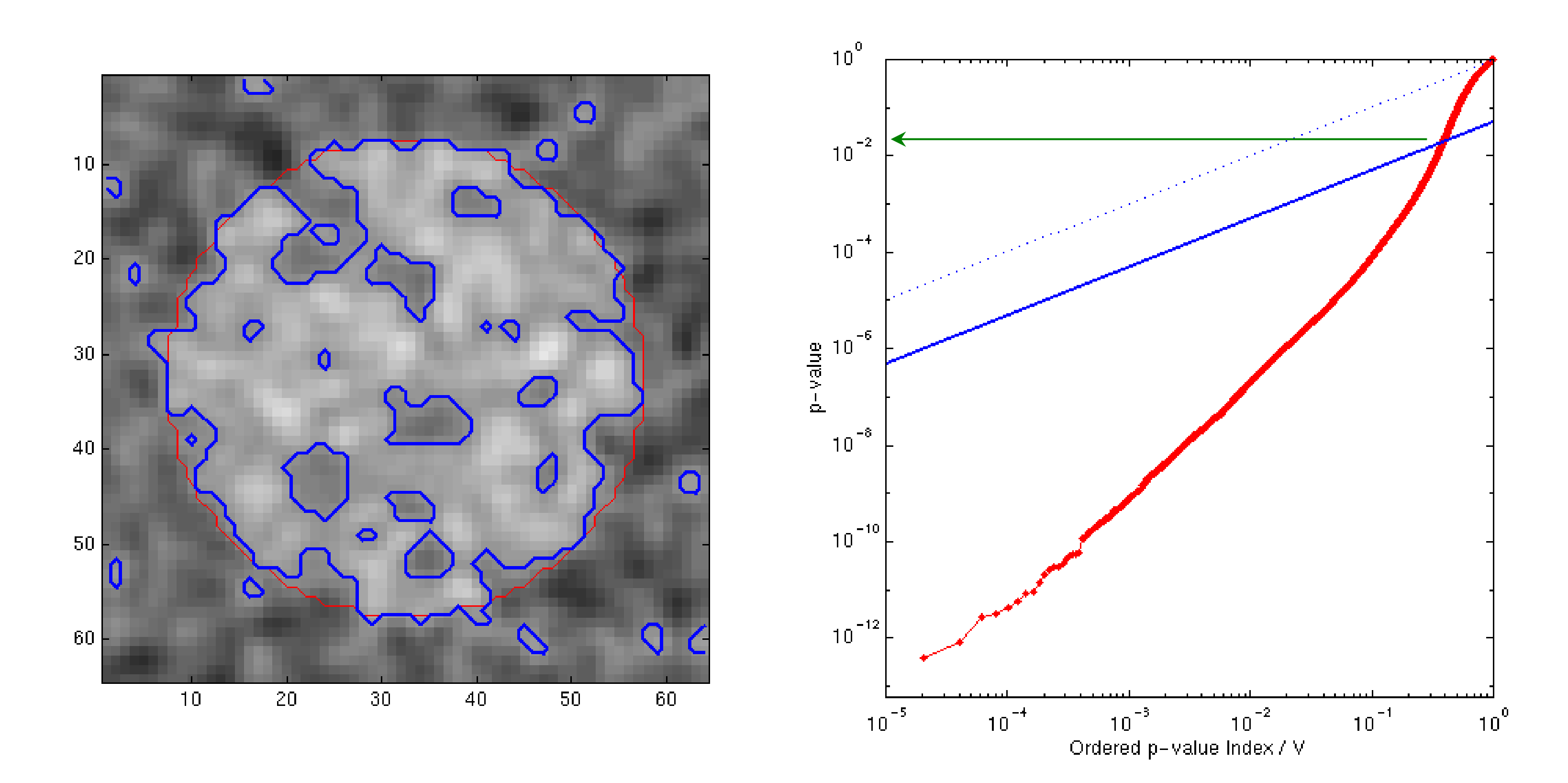

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Benjamini & Hochberg: Properties

- Adaptive
  - Larger the signal, the lower the threshold
  - Larger the signal, the more false positives
    - False positives constant as fraction of rejected tests
    - Not a problem with imaging's sparse signals
- Smoothness OK
  - Smoothing introduces positive correlations

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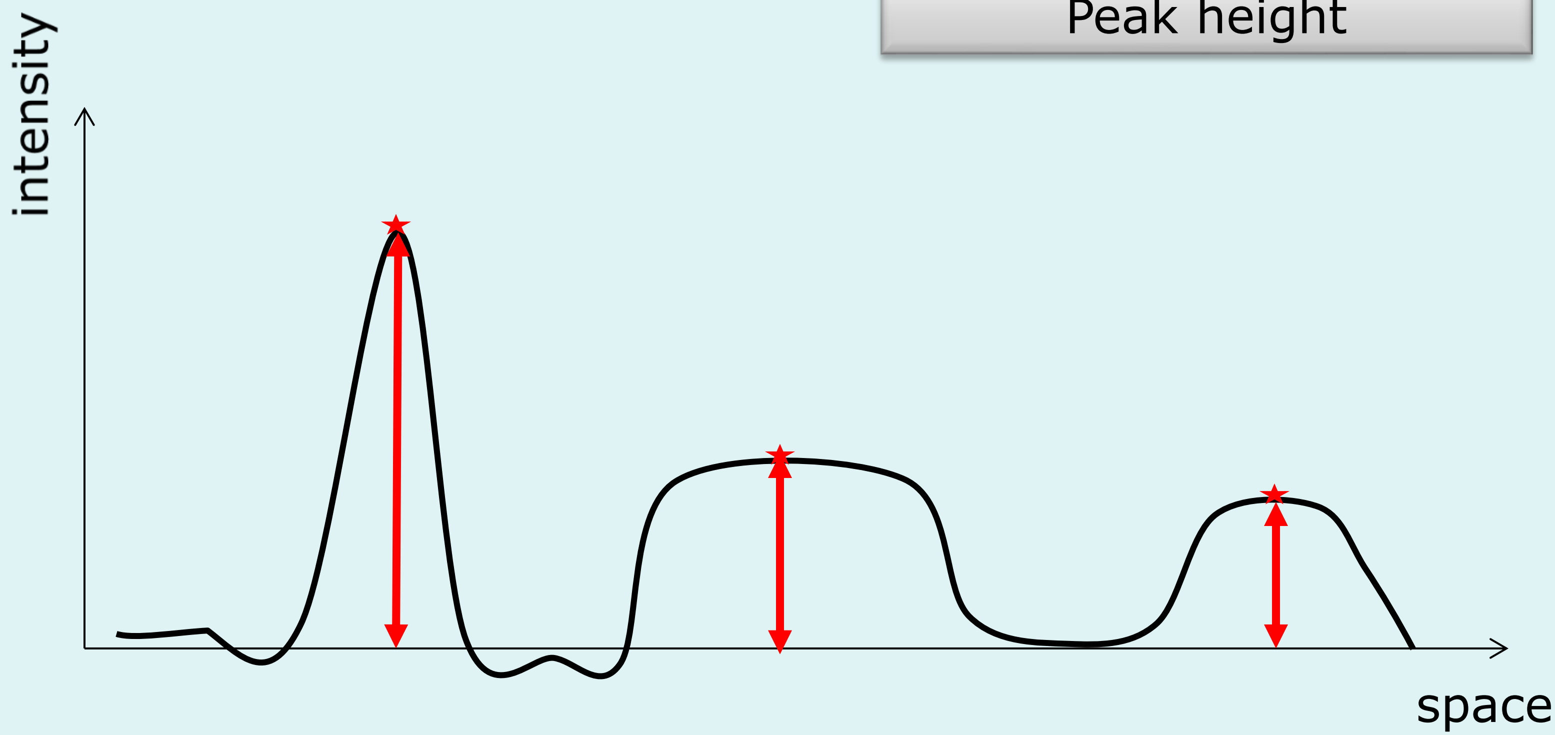
Topological inference

Peak level inference

Topological feature:
Peak height

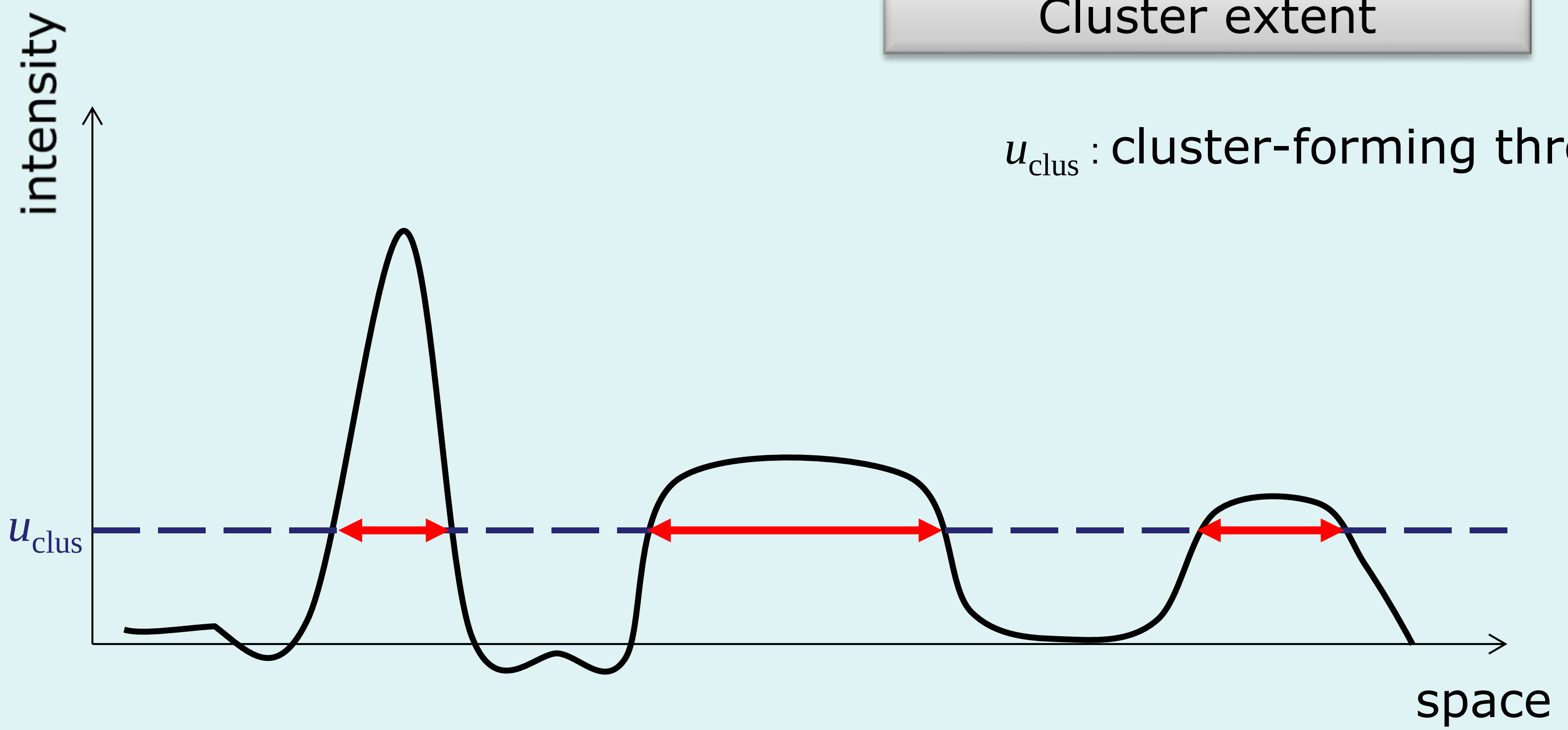


Topological inference

Cluster level inference

Topological feature:
Cluster extent

u_{clus} : cluster-forming threshold

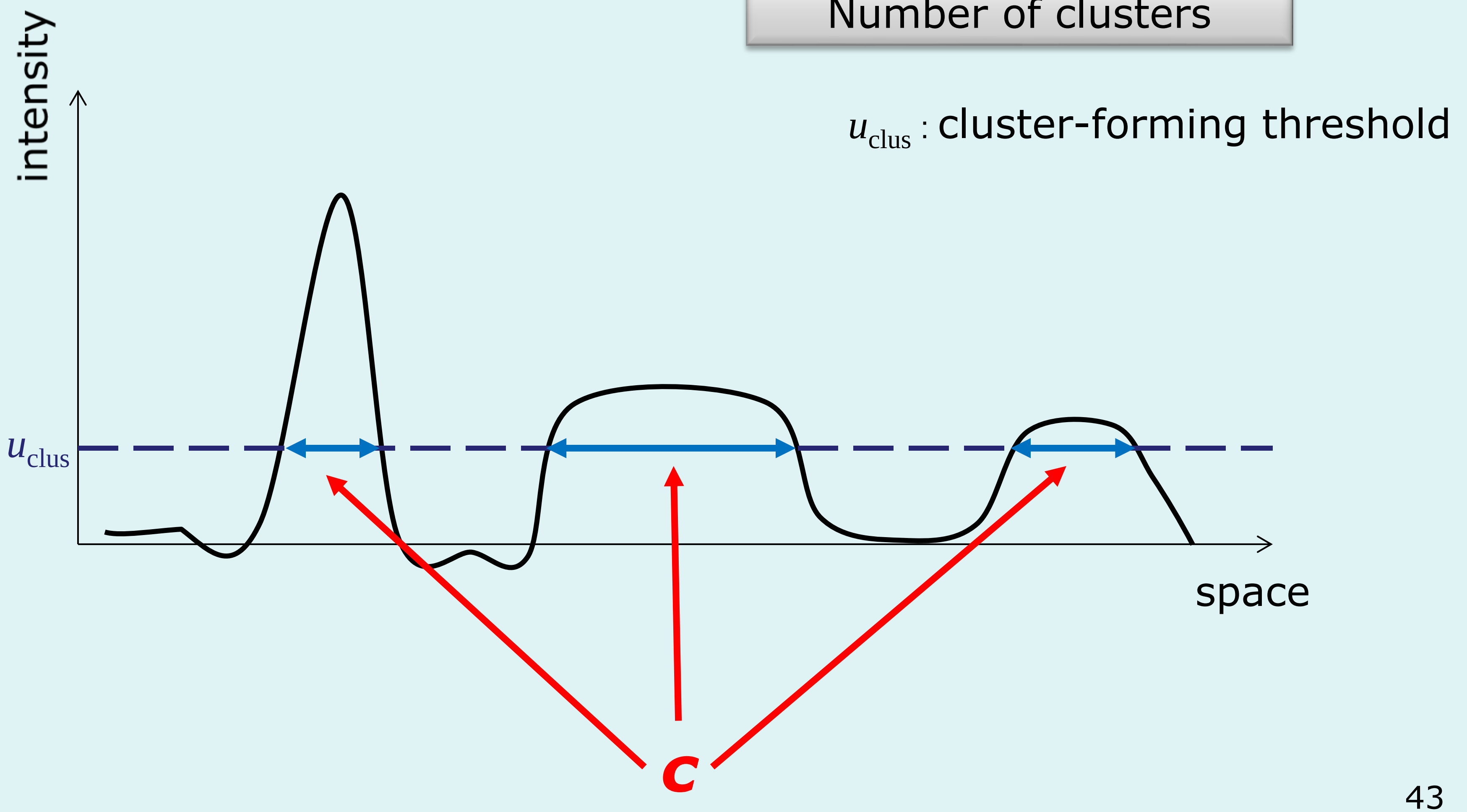


You MUST use a sufficiently high cluster-forming threshold u_{clus}, i.e. $\mathbf{p_{unc} < .001}$

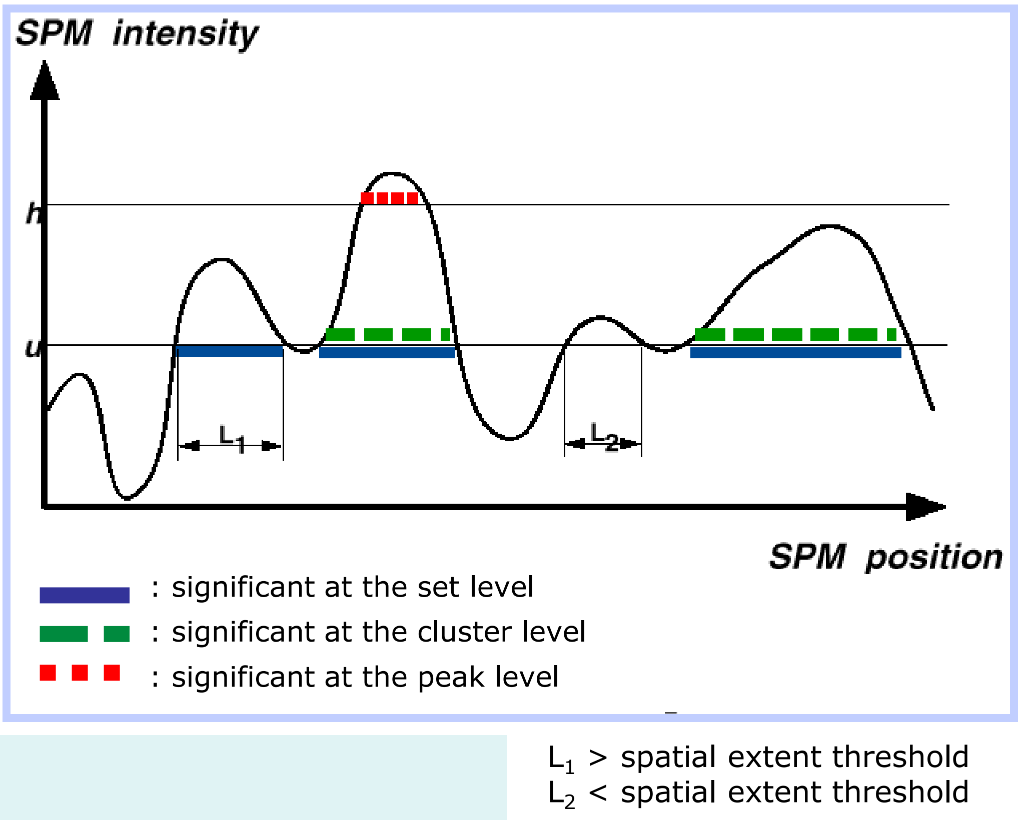
Topological inference

Set level inference

Topological feature:
Number of clusters



Peak, cluster & set level inference



Sensitivity

Regional specificity

Peak level test:
height of local maxima

Cluster level test:
spatial extent above u

Set level test:
number of clusters above u

Levels of inference…

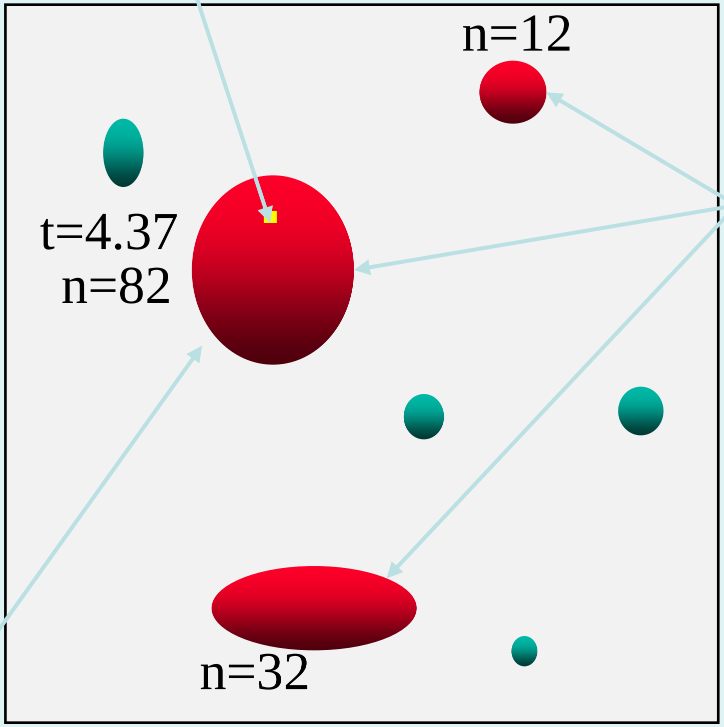
Voxel-level

$P(c \geq 1 \mid n \geq 0, t \geq 4.37) = 0.048$ (corrected)

$P(t \geq 4.37) = 1 - \Phi\{4.37\} < 0.001$ (uncorrected)

Omnibus

$P(c \geq 7 \mid n \geq 0, t \geq 3.09) = 0.031$



Set-level

$P(c \geq 3 \mid n \geq 12, t \geq 3.09) = 0.019$

Cluster-level

$P(c \geq 1 \mid n \geq 82, t \geq 3.09) = 0.029$ (corrected)

$P(n \geq 82 \mid t \geq 3.09) = 0.019$ (uncorrected)

Parameters

u	- 3.09
k	- 12 voxels
S	- 32^3 voxels
FWHM	- 4.7 voxels
D	- 3

Small volume correction

If one has some *a priori* idea of where an activation should be, one can pre-specify a small search space and make the appropriate correction instead of having to control for the entire search space

- mask defined by (probabilistic) anatomical atlases
- mask defined by separate "functional localisers"
- mask defined by orthogonal contrasts
- search volume around previously reported coordinates

With no prior hypothesis:

1. Test whole volume.
2. Identify SPM peak.
3. Then make a test assuming a single voxel.

Small Volume Correction

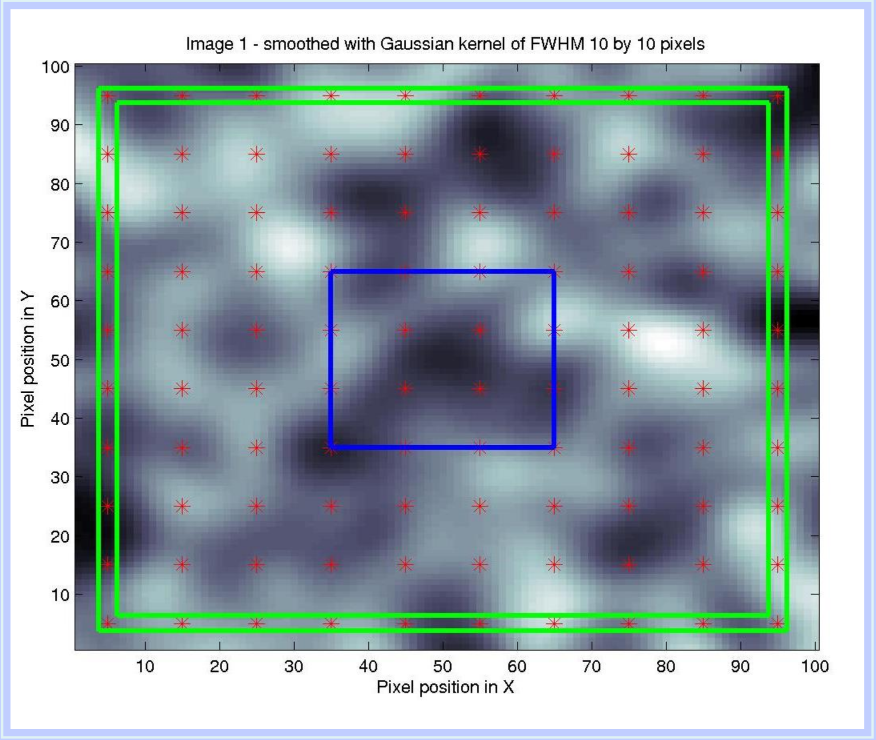
SVC = correction for multiple comparison in a user's defined volume 'of interest'.

Shape and size of volume become important for small or oddly shaped volume !

Example of SVC (900 voxels)

- compact volume: samples from maximum 16 resels
- spread volume: sample from up to 36 resels

$\Rightarrow$ threshold higher for spread volume than compact volume.



Small volume correction, topology

Table 3. Representative examples of resel counts and critical values.

Search region V	Vol. (cc)	Resel counts $R_0(V)$	$R_1(V)$	$R_2(V)$	$R_3(V)$	t for $P(M \geq t) =$ 0.10	0.05	0.01
Single voxel	0	1	0	0	0	1.28	1.64	2.33
Head Of Caudate	7	0	6.18	4.63	0.65	2.75	3.02	3.55
Putamen	12	1	7.32	6.80	1.18	2.89	3.15	3.66
Globus Pallidus	3	0	4.03	2.29	0.24	2.49	2.78	3.35
Thalamus	11	1	4.94	5.14	1.13	2.79	3.05	3.59
Anterior Cingulate Gyrus	9	1	8.20	5.79	0.86	2.86	3.11	3.63
Posterior Cingulate Gyrus	6	1	5.32	3.85	0.58	2.70	2.97	3.51
Cingulate Gyri	15	0	12.89	9.63	1.44	3.03	3.27	3.77
Superior Frontal Gyrus	80	1	15.64	25.69	8.97	3.38	3.60	4.07
Middle Frontal Gyrus	57	1	14.89	21.14	6.23	3.31	3.53	4.00
Inferior Frontal Gyrus	37	1	11.22	14.25	4.06	3.17	3.41	3.89
Precentral Gyrus	32	1	12.30	14.23	3.40	3.16	3.40	3.88
Frontal Gyri	207	1	19.30	53.39	23.63	3.63	3.84	4.28
Occipital Lobe	65	-1	10.68	23.11	7.17	3.32	3.55	4.02
4mm shell	254	2	0.54	207.27	15.88	3.85	4.04	4.45
Whole brain	1294	1	20.43	107.09	153.42	4.05	4.23	4.63

FWHM=20mm

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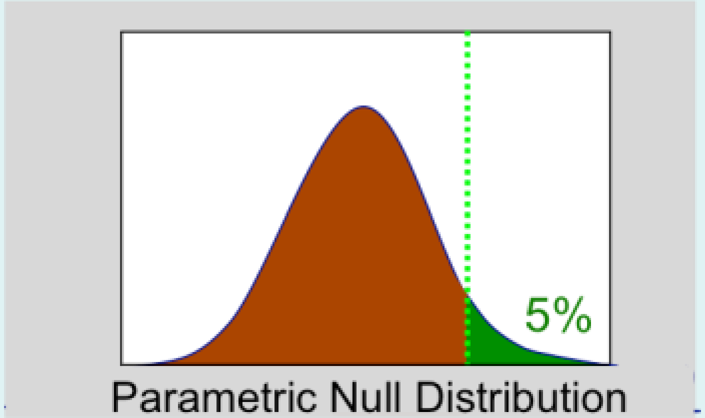
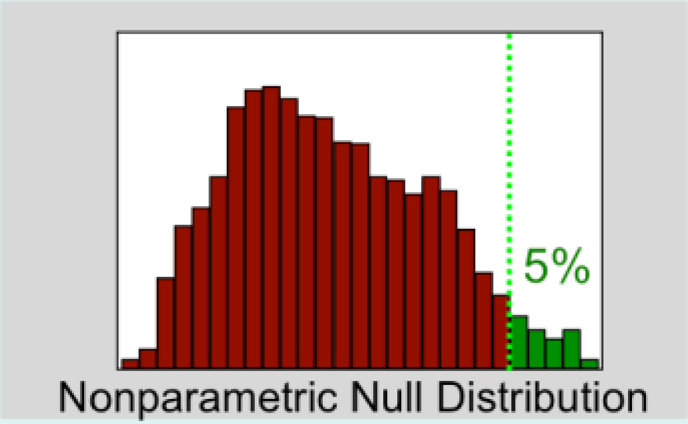
Non-parametric permutation test

- Parametric methods
  - Assume distribution of statistic under null hypothesis



- Nonparametric methods
  - Use *data* to find distribution of statistic under null hypothesis
  - Any statistic!



Permutation Test : Toy Example

- Data from V1 voxel in visual stim. experiment

  A: Active, flashing checkerboard   B: Baseline, fixation

  6 blocks, ABABAB   Just consider block averages...

A	B	A	B	A	B
103.00	**90.48**	**99.93**	**87.83**	**99.76**	**96.06**

- Null hypothesis H_o
  - No experimental effect, A & B labels arbitrary
- Statistic
  - Mean difference

Permutation Test : Toy Example

- Under H_o
  - Consider all equivalent relabelings

AAABBB	**ABABAB**	**BAAABB**	**BABBAA**
AABABB	**ABABBA**	**BAABAB**	**BBAAAB**
AABBAB	**ABBAAB**	**BAABBA**	**BBAABA**
AABBBA	**ABBABA**	**BABAAB**	**BBABAA**
ABAABB	**ABBBAA**	**BABABA**	**BBBAAA**

Permutation Test : Toy Example

- Under H_o
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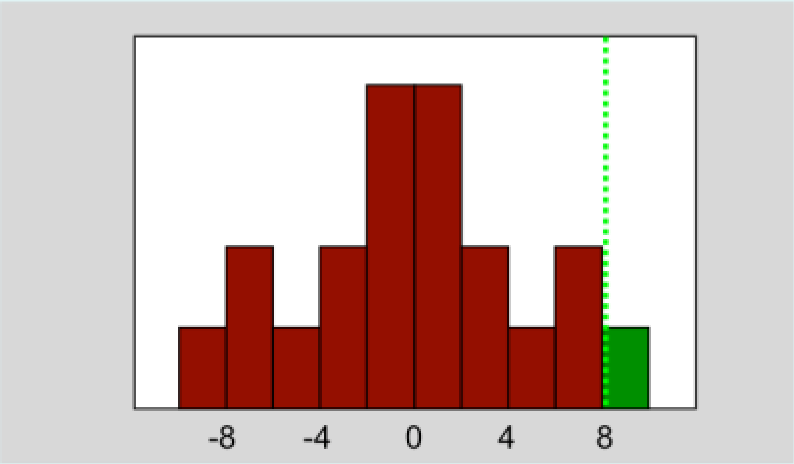

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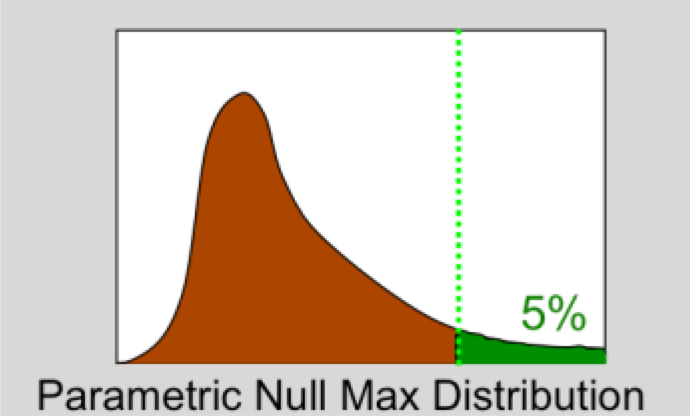
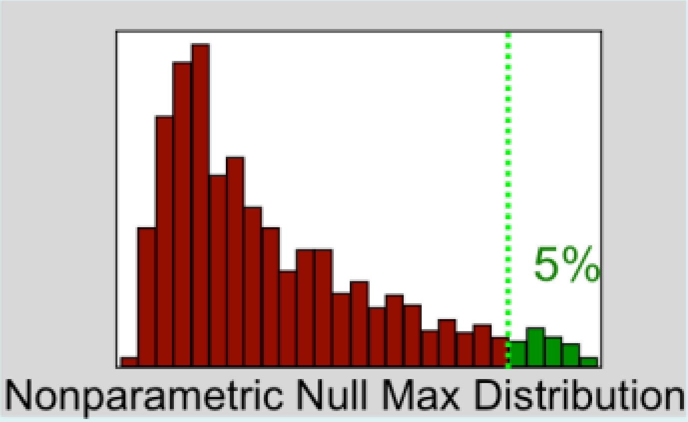
Controlling FWER: Permutation Test

- Parametric methods
  - Assume distribution of ***max*** statistic under null hypothesis



- Nonparametric methods
  - Use *data* to find distribution of ***max*** statistic under null hypothesis
  - Again, any max statistic!



Permutation Test & Exchangeability

- Exchangeability is fundamental
  - Def: Distribution of the data unperturbed by permutation
  - Under H_0, exchangeability justifies permuting data
  - Allows us to build permutation distribution

- Subjects are exchangeable
  - Under H_o, each subject's A/B labels can be flipped

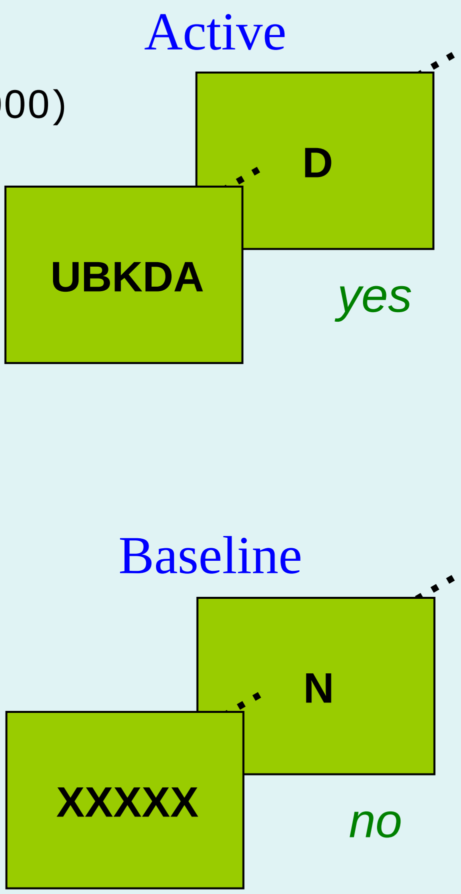
- Are fMRI scans exchangeable under H_o?
  - If no signal, can we permute over time?

Permutation Test & Exchangeability

- fMRI scans are *not* exchangeable
  - Permuting disrupts order, temporal autocorrelation
- *Intra*subject fMRI permutation test
  - Must decorrelate data, model before permuting
  - What is correlation structure?
    - Usually must use parametric model of correlation
  - E.g. Use wavelets to decorrelate
    - Bullmore et al 2001, HBM 12:61-78
- *Inter*subject fMRI permutation test
  - Create difference image for each subject
  - For each permutation, flip sign of some subjects

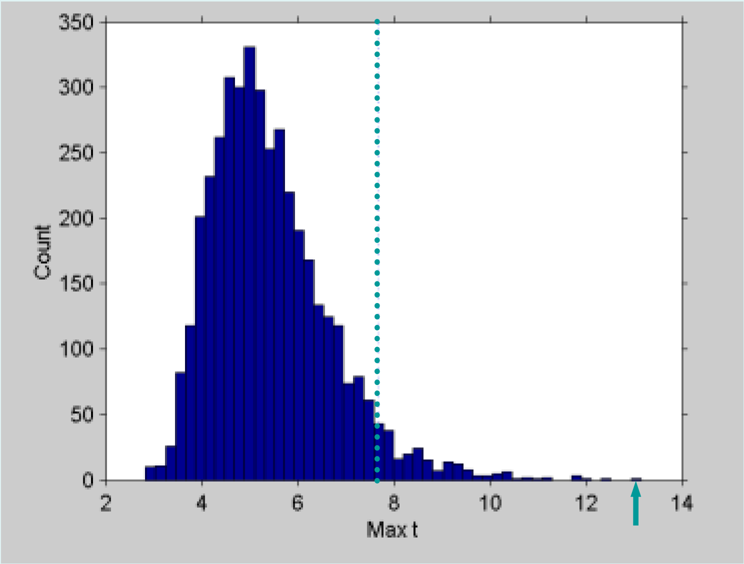
Permutation Test : Example

- fMRI Study of Working Memory
  - 12 subjects, block design Marshuetz et al (2000)
  - Item Recognition
    - Active:View five letters, 2s pause, view probe letter, respond
    - Baseline: View XXXXX, 2s pause, view Y or N, respond
- Second Level RFX
  - Difference image, A-B constructed for each subject
  - One sample, smoothed variance *t* test

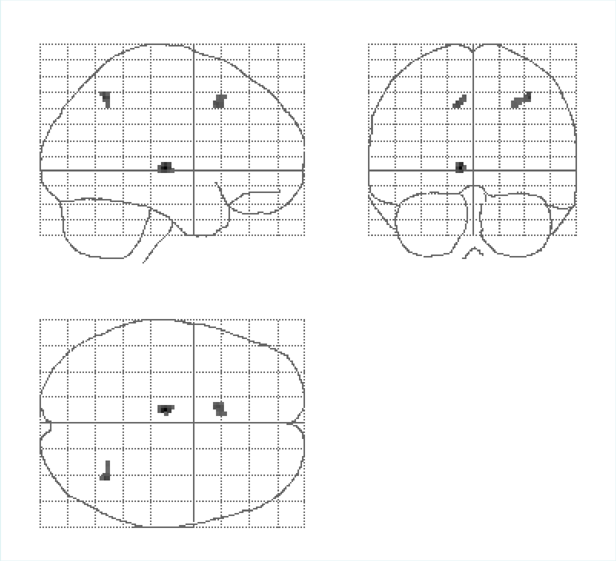


Permutation Test : Example

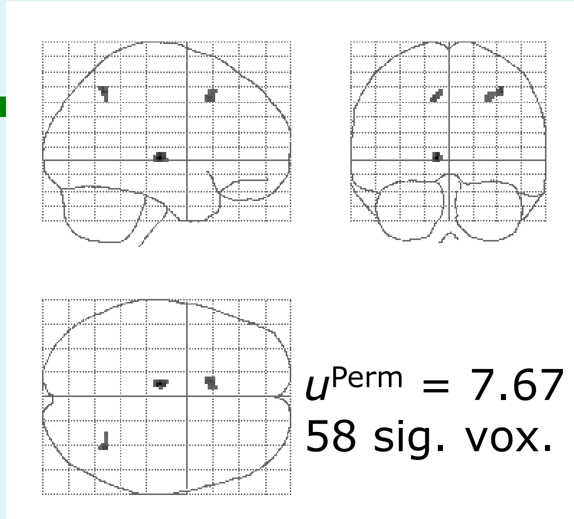
- Permute!
  - 2^{12} = 4,096 ways to flip 12 A/B labels
  - For each, note maximum of *t* image



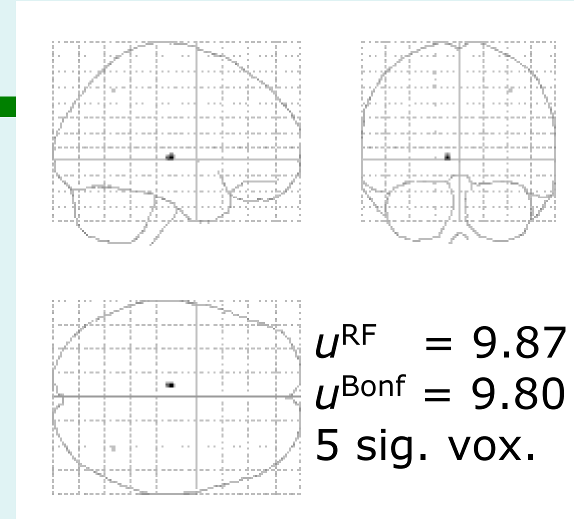
Permutation Distribution
Maximum *t*



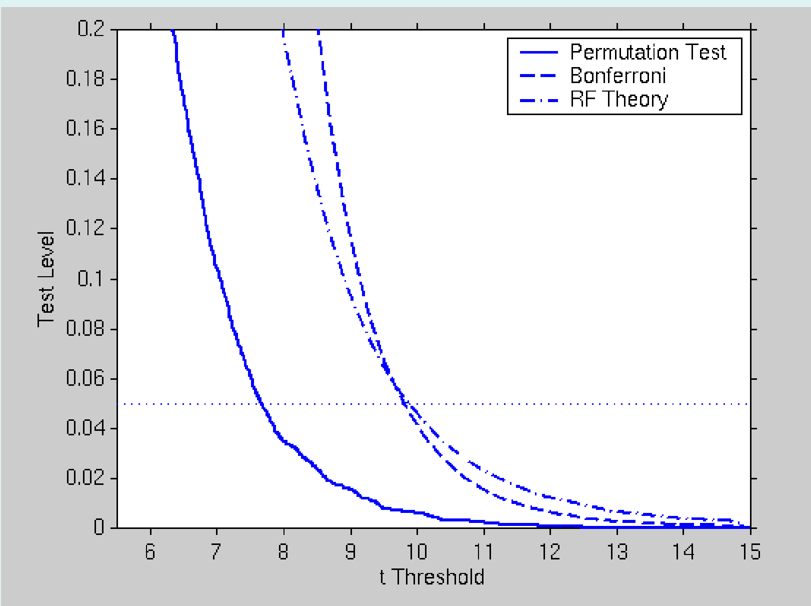
Maximum Intensity Projection
Thresholded *t*



t_{11} Statistic, Nonparametric Threshold



t_{11} Statistic, RF & Bonf. Threshold



Test Level vs. t_{11} Threshold

- Compare with Bonferroni
  $\alpha = 0.05/110{,}776$
- Compare with parametric RFT
  110,776 $2\times2\times2$mm voxels
  $5.1\times5.8\times6.9$mm FWHM

  smoothness
  462.9 RESELs

Generalization: RFT vs Bonf. vs Perm.

		t Threshold (0.05 Corrected)		
	df	RF	Bonf	Perm
Verbal Fluency	4	4701.32	42.59	10.14
Location Switching	9	11.17	9.07	5.83
Task Switching	9	10.79	10.35	5.10
Faces: Main Effect	11	10.43	9.07	7.92
Faces: Interaction	11	10.70	9.07	8.26
Item Recognition	11	9.87	9.80	7.67
Visual Motion	11	11.07	8.92	8.40
Emotional Pictures	12	8.48	8.41	7.15
Pain: Warning	22	5.93	6.05	4.99
Pain: Anticipation	22	5.87	6.05	5.05

RFT vs Bonf. vs Perm.

	df	No. Significant Voxels (0.05 Corrected) *t* RF	Bonf	Perm
Verbal Fluency	4	0	0	0
Location Switching	9	0	0	158
Task Switching	9	4	6	2241
Faces: Main Effect	11	127	371	917
Faces: Interaction	11	0	0	0
Item Recognition	11	5	5	58
Visual Motion	11	626	1260	1480
Emotional Pictures	12	0	0	0
Pain: Warning	22	127	116	221
Pain: Anticipation	22	74	55	182

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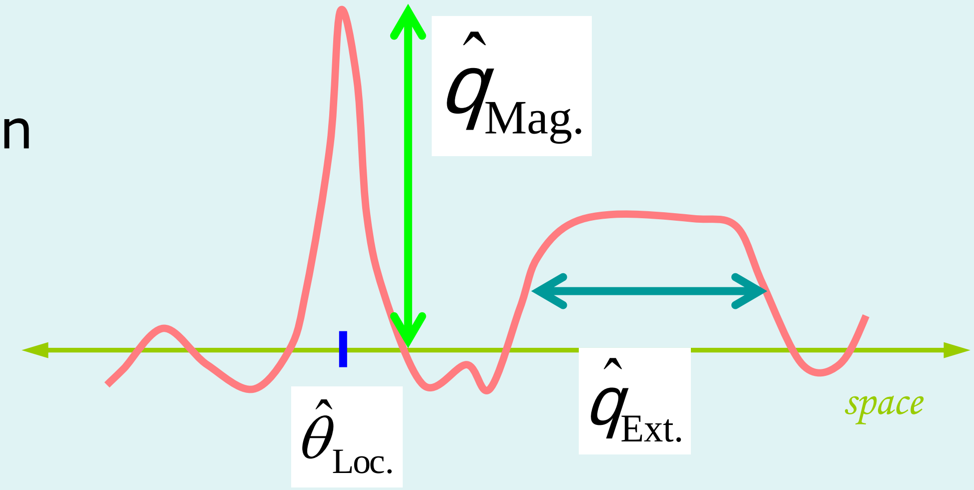
What we'd like

- Don't threshold, model the signal!
  - Signal location?
    - Estimates and CI's on (x,y,z) location
  - Signal magnitude?
    - CI's on % change
  - Spatial extent?
    - Estimates and CI's on activation volume
    - Robust to choice of cluster definition
- ...but this requires an explicit spatial model



Real-life inference: What we get

- Signal location
  - Local maximum – *no inference*
  - Center-of-mass – *no inference*
    - Sensitive to blob-defining-threshold
- Signal magnitude
  - Local maximum intensity – P-values (& CI's)
- Spatial extent
  - Cluster volume – P-value, no CI's
    - Sensitive to blob-defining-threshold

FWER vs. FDR

You **MUST** account for multiplicity

(Otherwise have a fishing expedition)

- FWER
  - Very specific, not very sensitive
- FDR
  - Less specific, more sensitive

(Sociological calibration still underway)

Conclusion

- There is a **multiple testing problem** and corrections *must* be applied on p-values, possibly for the volume of interest only (see SVC).

- Inference is made about **topological features** (peak height, spatial extent, number of clusters). Use results from the **Random Field Theory**. Or **permutation tests**.

- **Control of FWER** (probability of a false positive anywhere in the image) for a space of any dimension and shape.

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- And now a little demo!