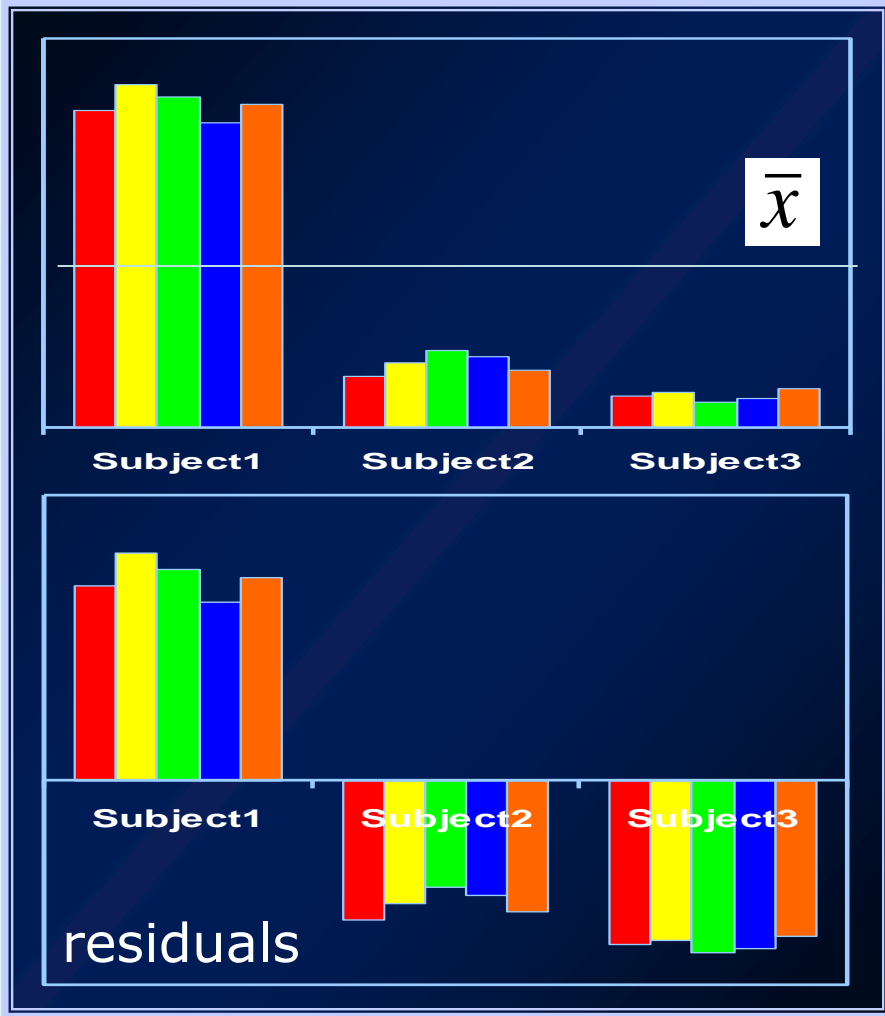


NeuroImaging Data Processing

aka. Statistical Parametric Mapping short
course

Course 6:
Random Effect Analysis

Random effects & variance components



- Fixed effects
 - Are you confident that a new observation from any of subjects 1-3 will be around their mean?
 - Yes! *using within-subjects variance*
 - infer for these subjects – *case study*
- Random effects
 - Are you confident that a new observation from a new subject will be around the mean of first 3?
 - No! *using between-subjects variance*
 - infer for any subject – *population*

Random Effects Illustration

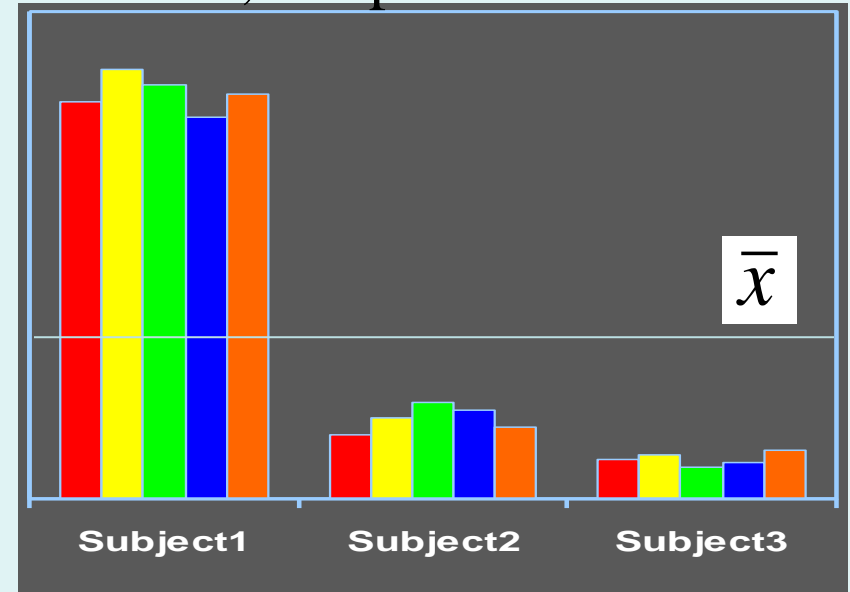
- Standard linear model

$$Y = X\beta + \varepsilon$$

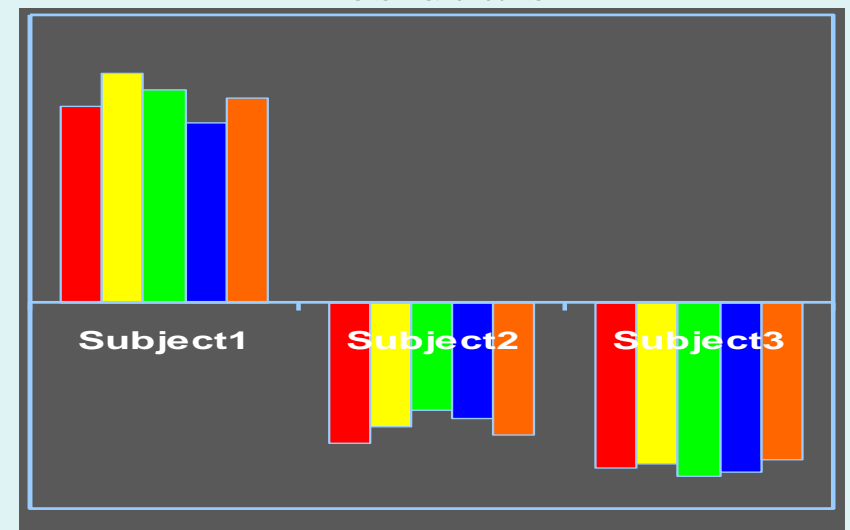
assumes only one source of *iid* random variation

- Consider this RT data
- Here, two sources
 - Within subject var.
 - Between subject var.
 - Causes dependence in ε

3 Ss, 5 replicated RT's



Residuals



Fixed vs. Random effects

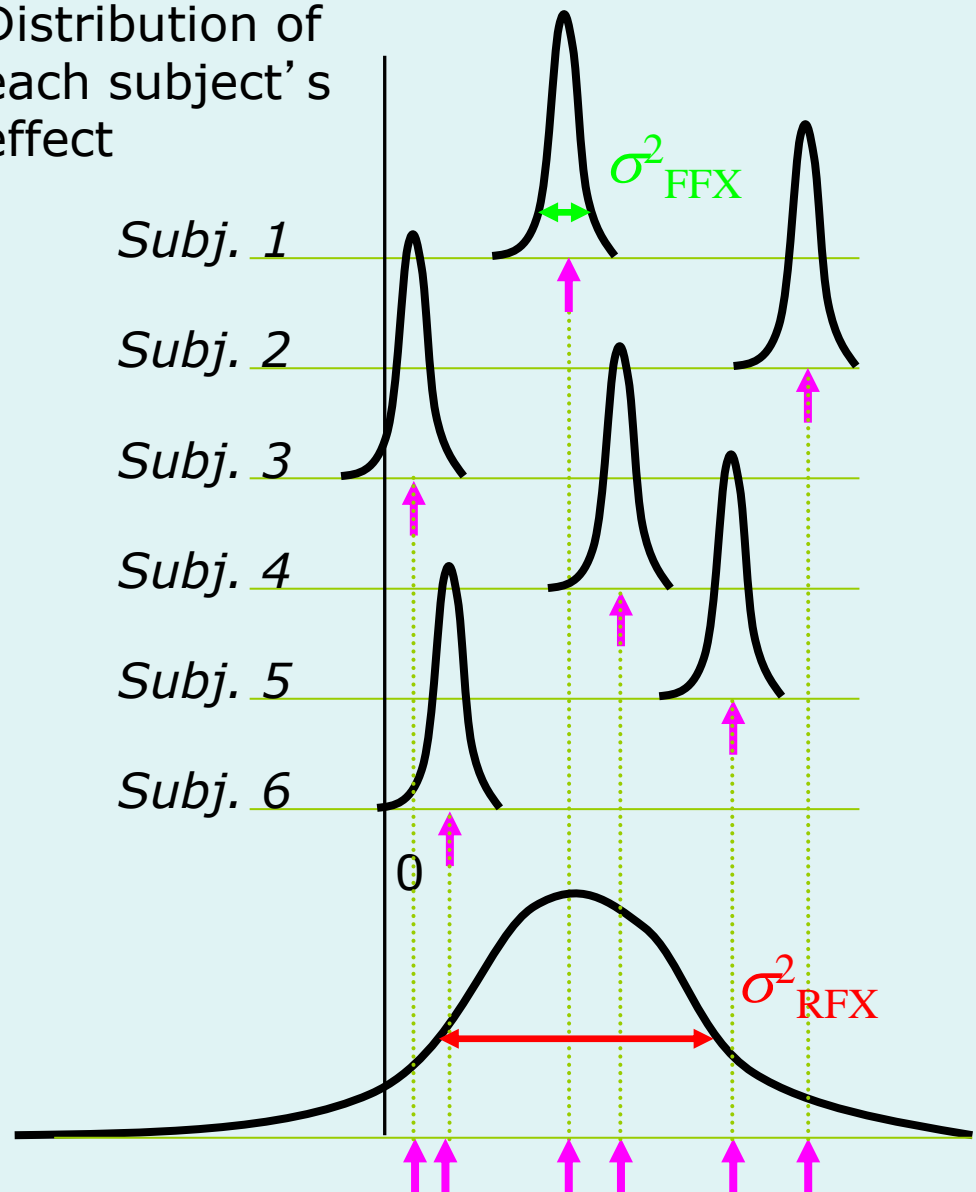
- Fixed Effects

Intra-subject variation suggests *all these subjects* different from zero

- Random Effects

Intersubject variation suggests *population* not very different from zero

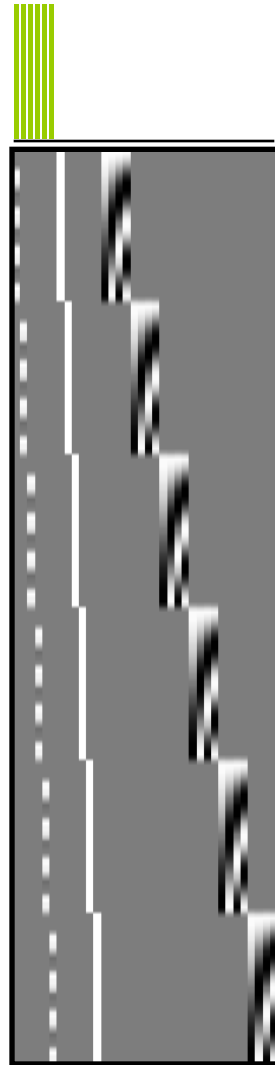
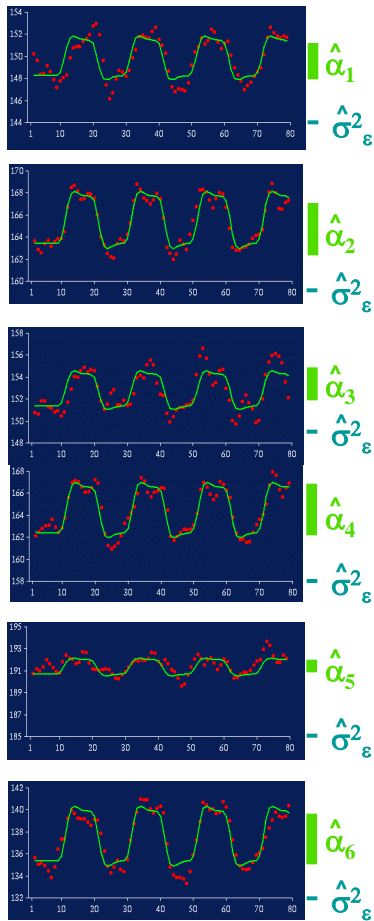
Distribution of each subject's effect



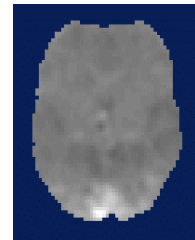
Fixed vs. Random

- Fixed is not “wrong,” just usually is not of interest
- Fixed Effects Inference
 - “I can see this effect in this cohort”
- Random Effects Inference
 - “If I were to sample a new cohort from the population I would get the same result”

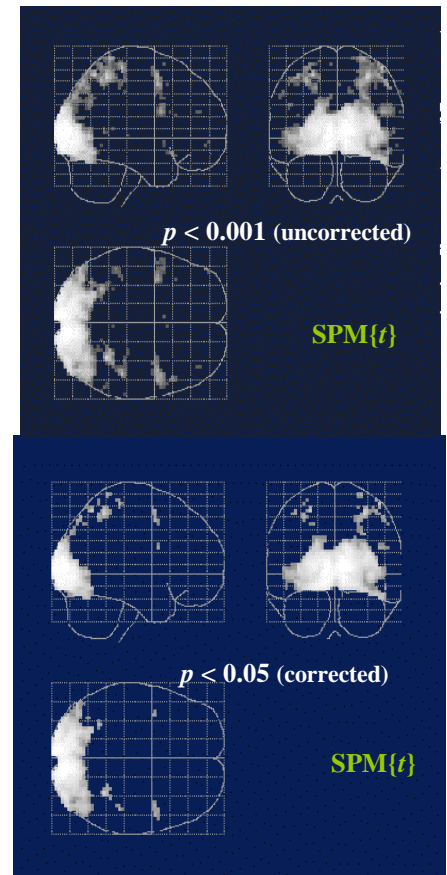
Multi-subject analysis...?



**estimated mean
activation image**

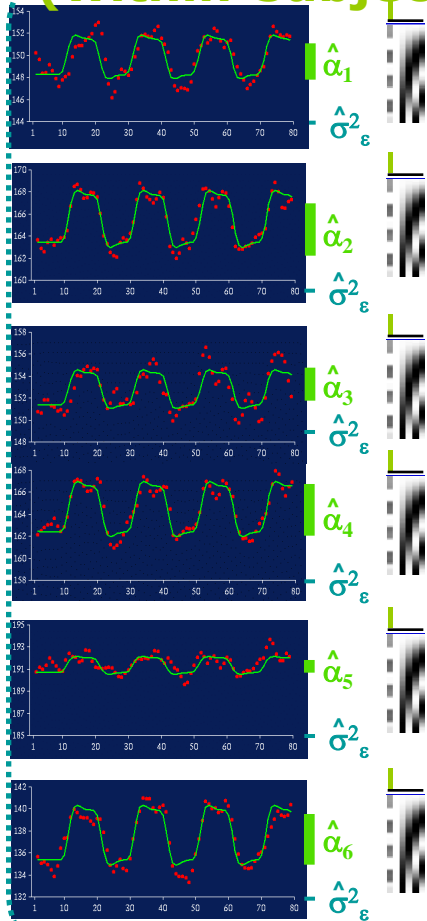


$\overline{\hat{\alpha}_\cdot}$ – c.f. $\sigma_\varepsilon^2 / nw$
 $\hat{\sigma}_\varepsilon^2$ – c.f. -



Two-stage analysis of random effect...

level-one (within-subject)



timecourses at [03, -78, 00] contrast images

level-two (between-subject)

variance $\hat{\sigma}^2$

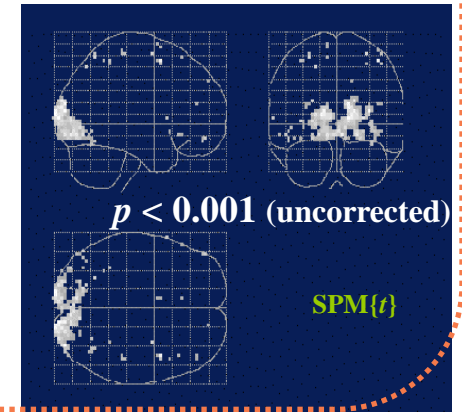
an estimate of the mixed-effects model variance

$$\sigma^2_{\alpha} + \sigma^2_{\epsilon} / w$$

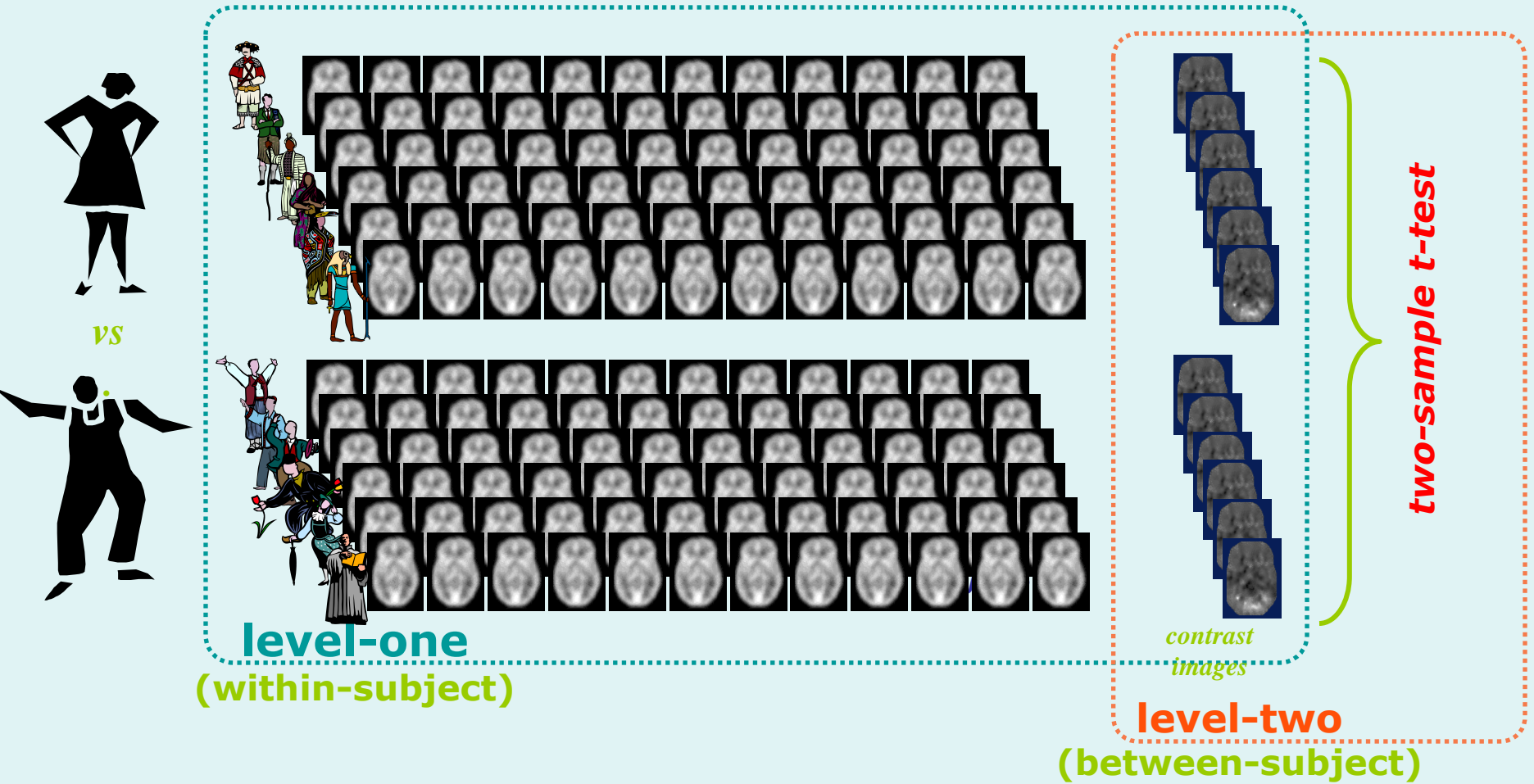
(no voxels significant at $p < 0.05$ (corrected))

$$\hat{\alpha}_{\cdot} - \text{c.f. } \sigma^2/n = \sigma^2_{\alpha} / n + \sigma^2_{\epsilon} / nw$$

— c.f. |



Two stage random effects, group comparison

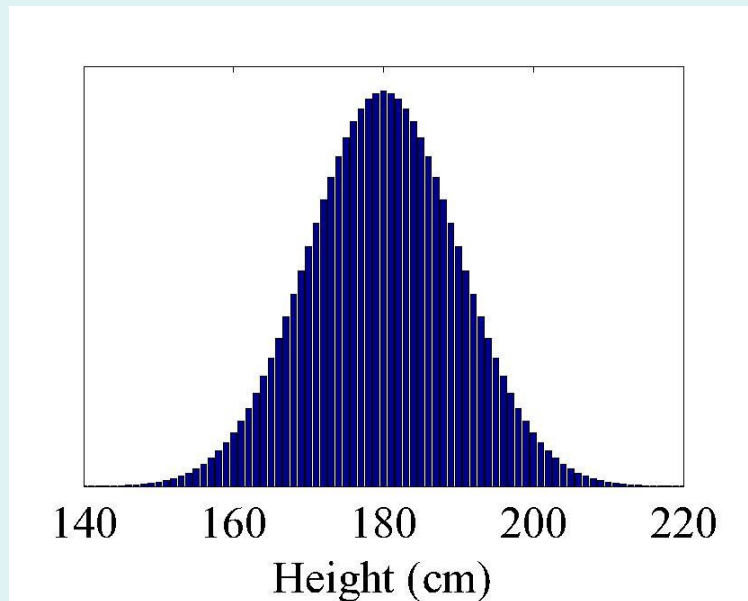


Summary

- Analyse subjects individually
 - Build within-subject models
 - Calculate contrast(s) of interest
- Use contrast images in a 2nd level (Random Effect, RFX) analysis
 - Build between-subject model
 - Calculates SPMs of interest
- Draw conclusions for the population

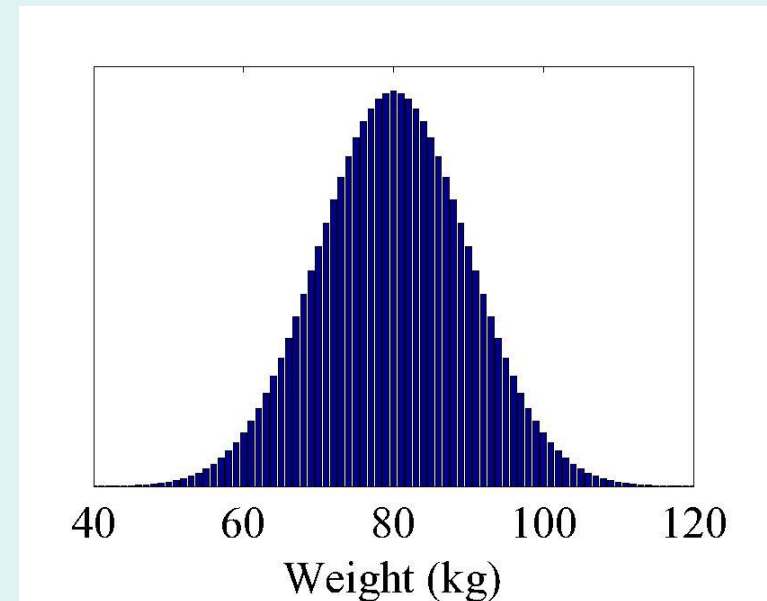
Variance-Covariance matrix

Height of Swedish men



$\mu=180\text{cm}$, $\sigma=14\text{cm}$ ($\sigma^2=200$)

Weight of Swedish men



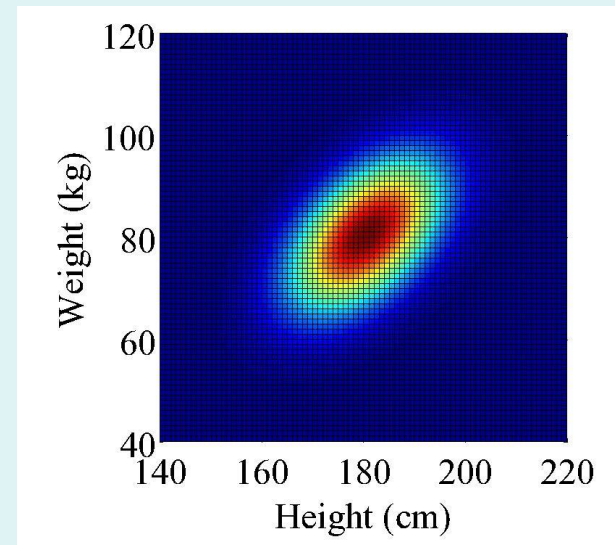
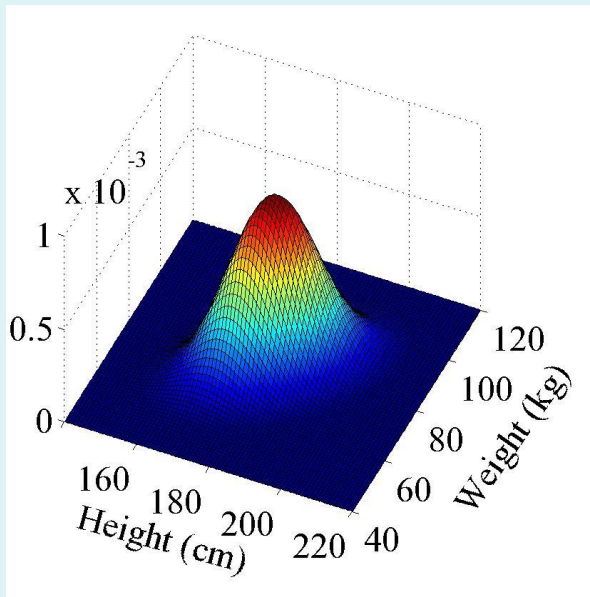
$\mu=80\text{kg}$, $\sigma=14\text{kg}$ ($\sigma^2=200$)

Each completely characterised by μ (mean) and σ^2 (variance),

i.e. we can calculate $p(l|\mu,\sigma^2)$ for any l

Variance-Covariance matrix

- Now let us view height and weight as a 2-dimensional stochastic variable ($p(l,w)$).



$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} 180 \\ 80 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} 200 & 100 \\ 100 & 200 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$p(l,w|\boldsymbol{\mu},\boldsymbol{\Sigma})$$

Sphericity

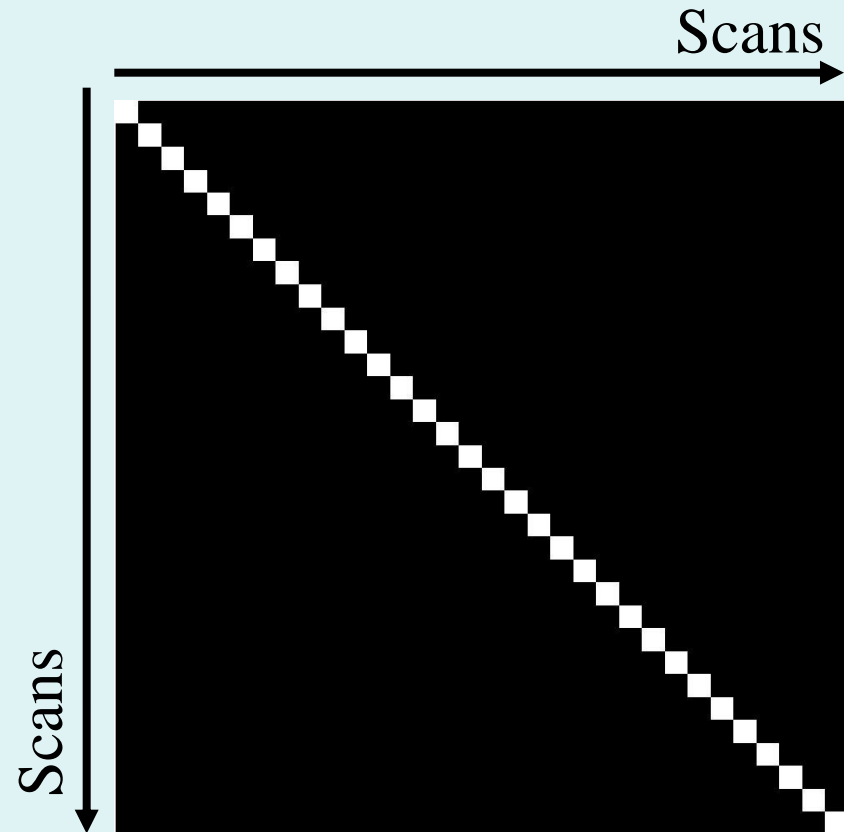
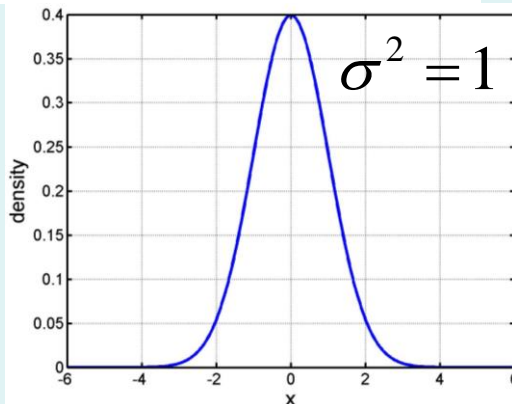
$$y = X\beta + \varepsilon$$

$$C_{\varepsilon} = \text{Cov}(\varepsilon) = E(\varepsilon\varepsilon^T)$$

„sphericity“ means:

$$\text{Cov}(\varepsilon) = \sigma^2 I$$

i.e. $\text{Var}(\varepsilon_i) = \sigma^2$

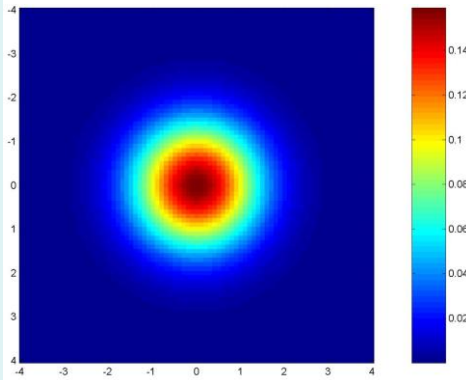


Non-sphericity

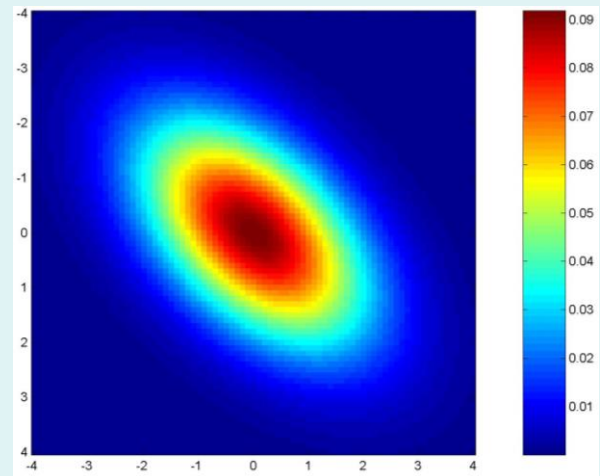
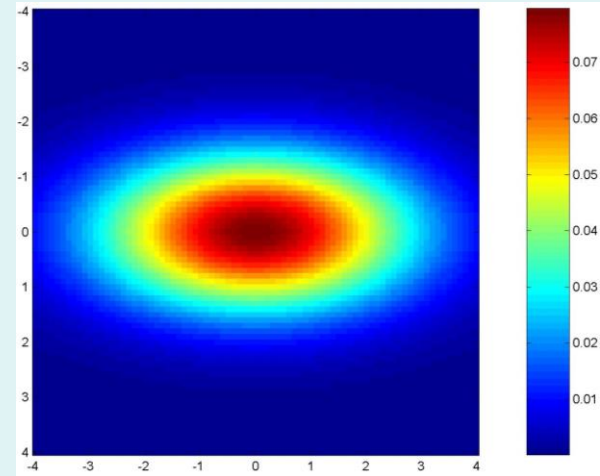
$$\text{Cov}(\varepsilon) = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

non-sphericity means that the error covariance doesn't look like this:

$$\text{Cov}(\varepsilon) = \sigma^2 I$$



$$\text{Cov}(\varepsilon) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\text{Cov}(\varepsilon) = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

Variance quiz

Height

Weight

hours watching
telly per day

Variance quiz

Height

Weight

hours watching
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Variance quiz

Height

Weight

hours watching
telly per day

Shoe size

Variance quiz

Height

Weight

hours watching
telly per day

Shoe size

Height	Weight	# hours watching telly per day	Shoe size
Red	Red	White	Red
Red	Red	Red	White
White	Red	Red	White
Red	White	White	Red

Example I

Stimuli:

Auditory Presentation (SOA = 4 secs) of
(i) words and (ii) words spoken
backwards

e.g.
"Book"
and
"Koob"

Subjects:

(i) 12 control subjects
(ii) 11 blind subjects

Scanning:

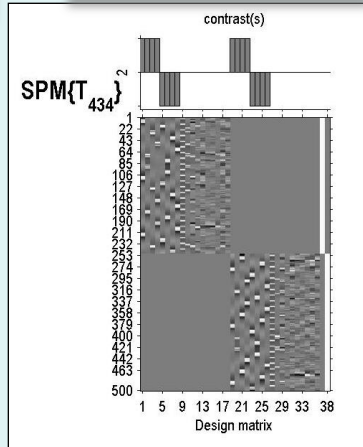
fMRI, 250 scans per
subject, block design

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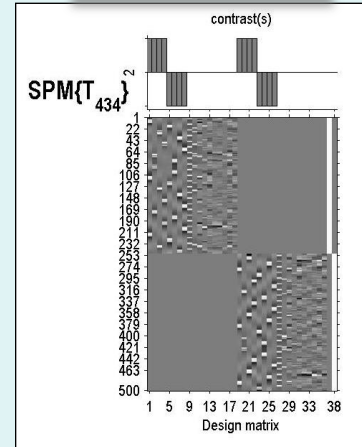
Population differences

1st level:

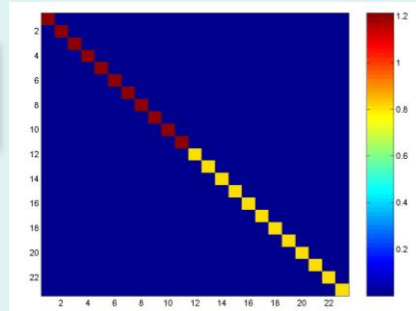
Controls



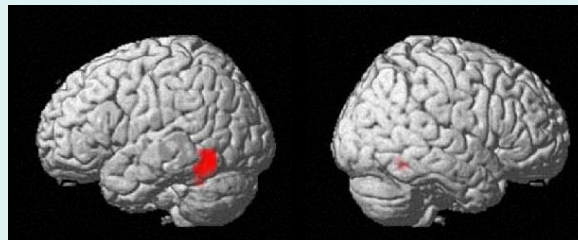
Blinds



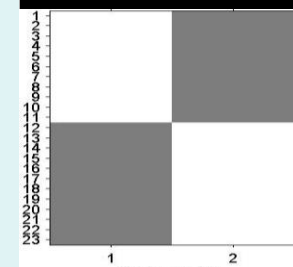
2nd level:



V



$$c^T = [1 \quad -1]$$



X

Example II

Stimuli:

Auditory Presentation (SOA = 4 secs) of words

Motion	Sound	Visual	Action
“jump”	“click”	“pink”	“turn”

Subjects:

(i) 12 control subjects

Scanning:

fMRI, 250 scans per subject, block design

Question:

What regions are affected by the semantic content of the words?

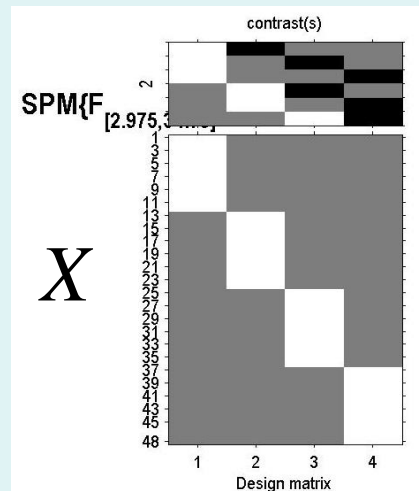
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SPM Notation: iid case

$$y = X \theta + \varepsilon$$

$N \times 1$ $N \times p$ $p \times 1$ $N \times 1$

- 12 subjects, 4 conditions
 - Use F-test to find differences btw conditions
- Standard Assumptions
 - Identical distribution
 - Independence
 - “Sphericity” ... but here not realistic!

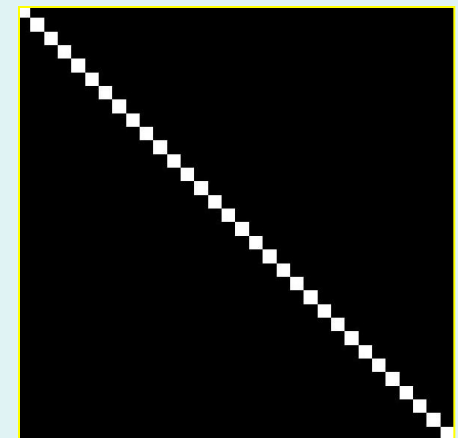


$$\text{Cor}(e) = I$$

Error covariance

N

N



Multiple Variance Components

$$y = X \theta + \varepsilon$$

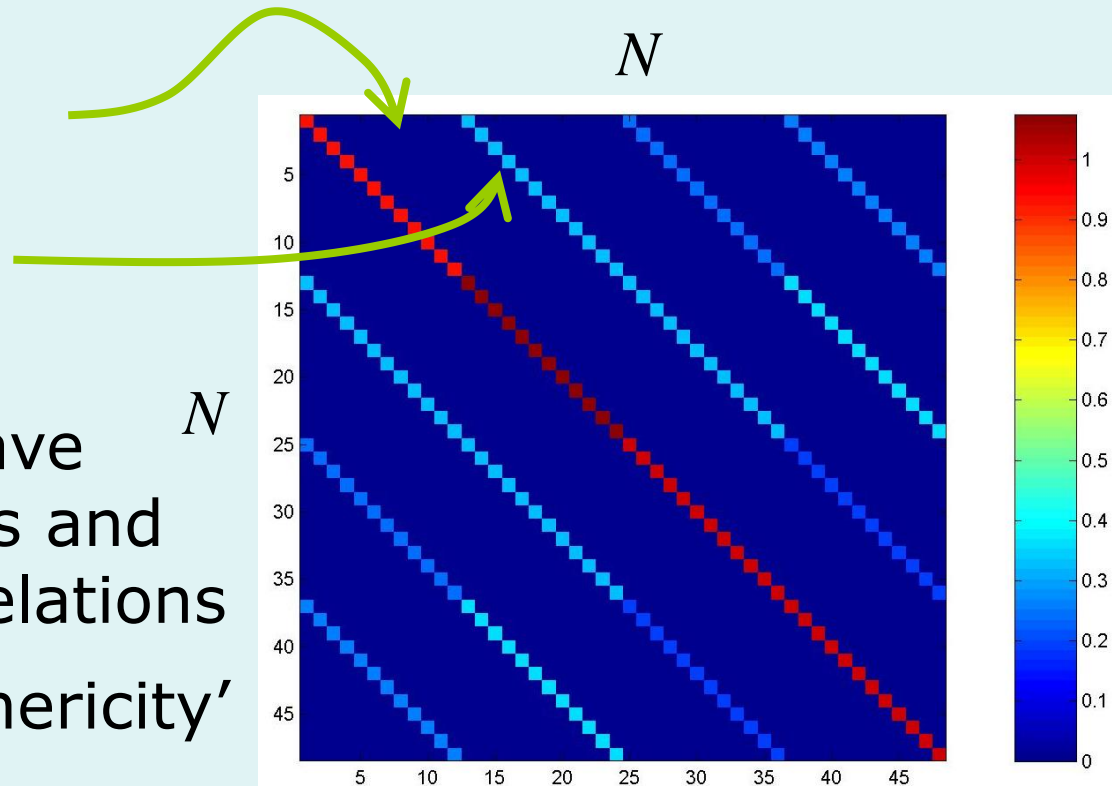
$N \times 1$ $N \times p$ $p \times 1$ $N \times 1$

$$Cor(\varepsilon) = \sum_k \lambda_k Q_k$$

- 12 subjects, 4 conditions
- Measurements btw subjects uncorrelated
- Measurements w/in subjects correlated

Error covariance

Errors can now have
different variances and
there can be correlations
Allows for 'nonsphericity'



Repeated measures Anova

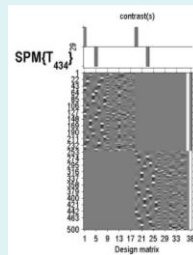
1st level:

Motion

Sound

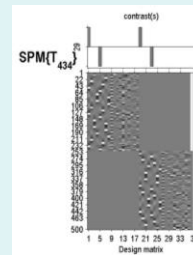
Visual

Action



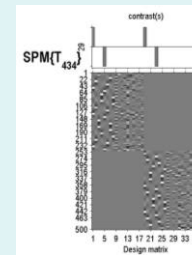
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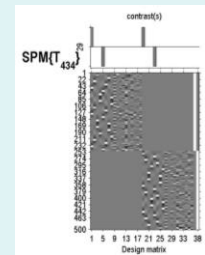
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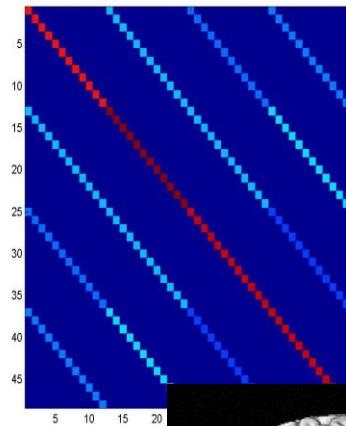


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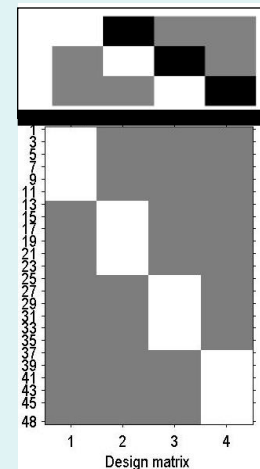
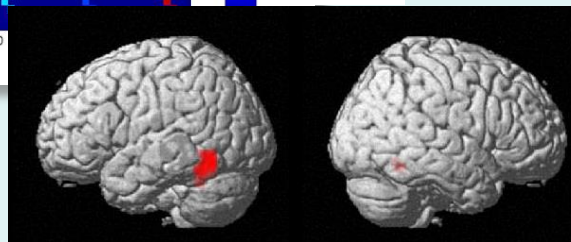
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2nd level:



V



X

$$c^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$

A little demo...