

NeuroImaging Data Processing

aka. Statistical Parametric Mapping short course

Course 3:

General Linear Model, p.2
Contrast & Inference

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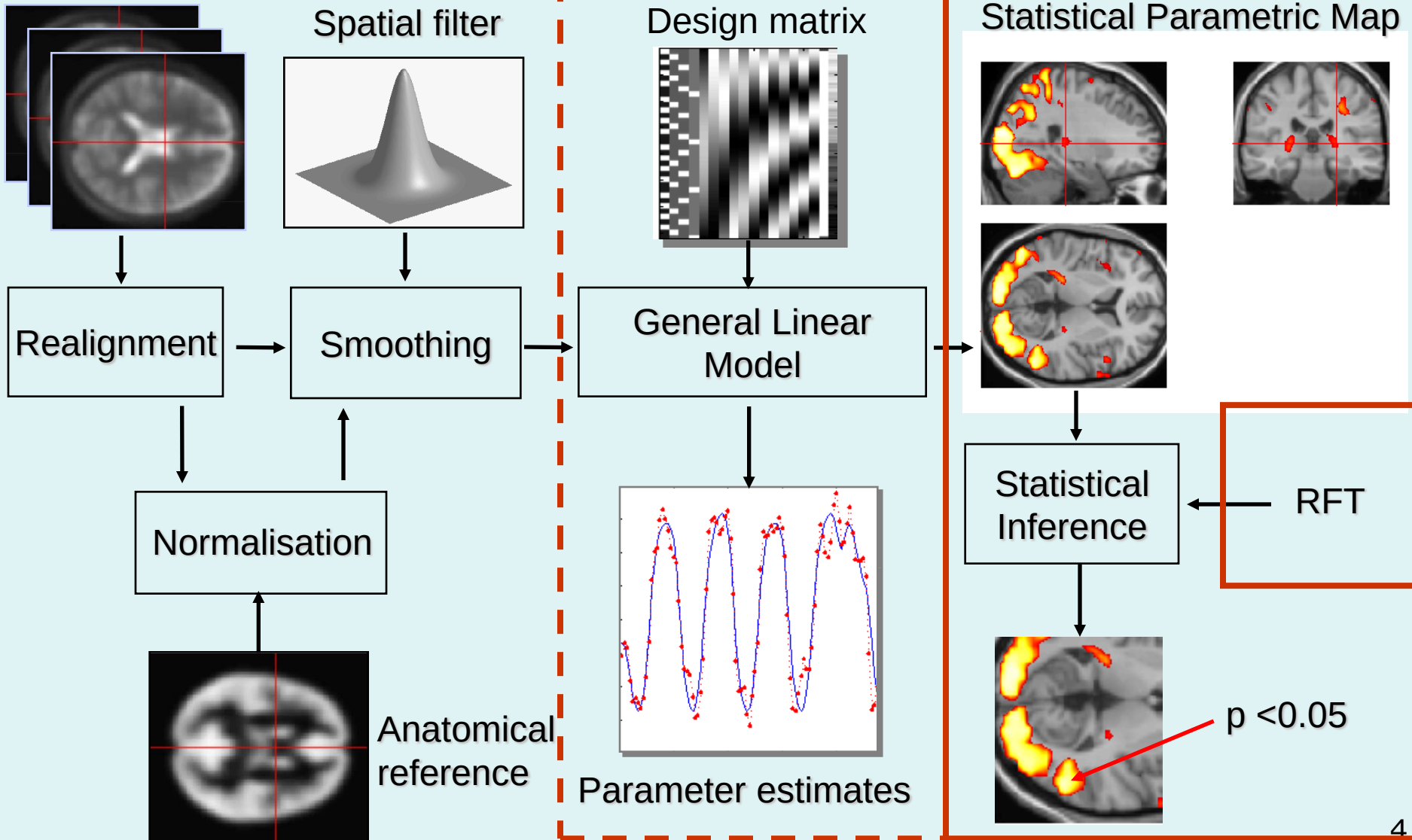
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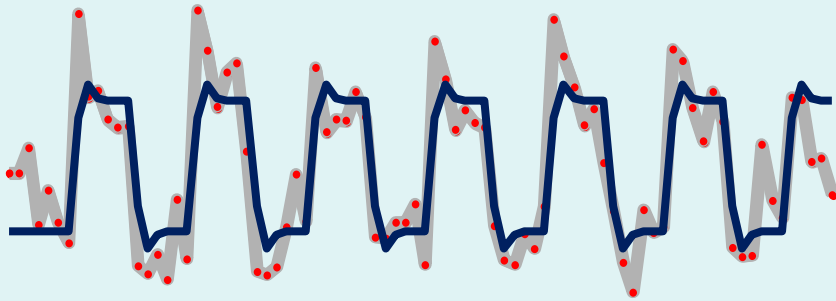
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SPM work flow

Image time-series



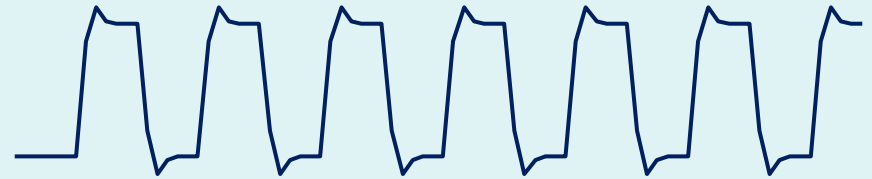
Estimation of the parameters



i.i.d. assumptions: $\varepsilon \sim N(0, \sigma^2 I)$

OLS estimates: $\hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$

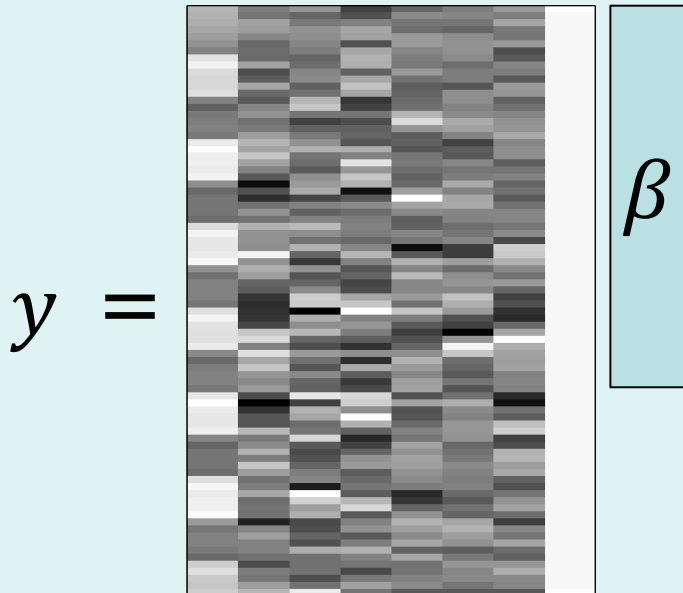
$$\hat{\beta}_1 = 3.9831$$



$$\hat{\beta}_{2-7} = \{0.6871, 1.9598, 1.3902, 166.1007, 76.4770, -64.8189\}$$



$$\hat{\beta}_8 = 131.0040$$



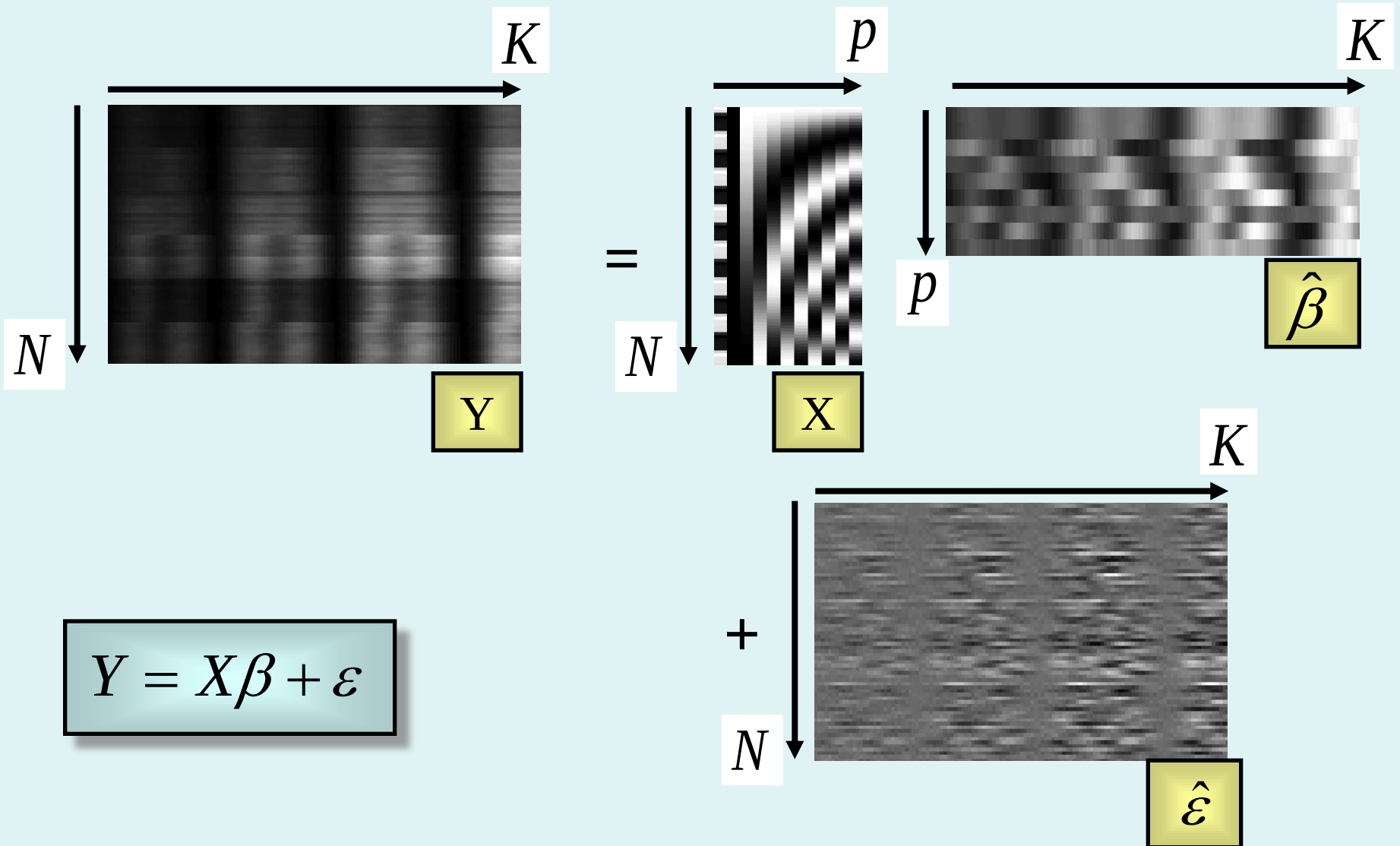
$+\varepsilon$

$$\hat{\varepsilon} =$$

$$\hat{\beta} \sim N(\beta, \sigma^2 (X^T X)^{-1})$$

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\hat{\varepsilon}^T \hat{\varepsilon}}{N-p}$$

GLM & Mass univariate approach



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Hypothesis testing

To test a hypothesis, we construct “test statistics”.

- **Null Hypothesis H_0**

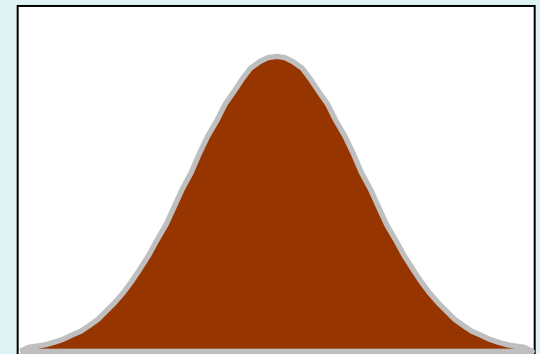
Typically what we want to disprove (no effect).

→ *Alternative Hypothesis H_A* expresses outcome of interest

- **Test Statistic T**

The test statistic summarises evidence about H_0 .

Typically, test statistic is small in magnitude when the hypothesis H_0 is true and large when false.



Null Distribution of T

→ We need to know the distribution of T under the null hypothesis.

Hypothesis testing & inference

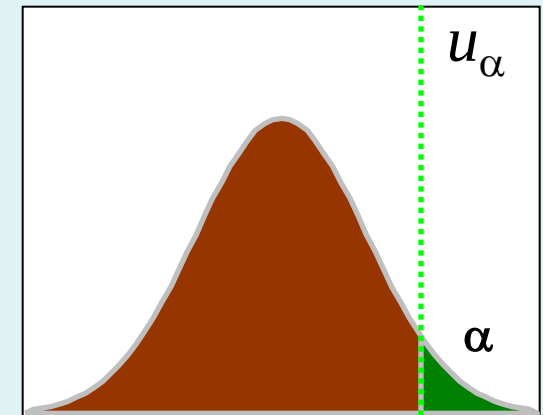
- **Significance level α :**

Acceptable *false positive rate* α .

$\Rightarrow$ threshold u_α

Threshold u_α controls the false positive rate

$$\alpha = p(T > u_\alpha \mid H_0)$$



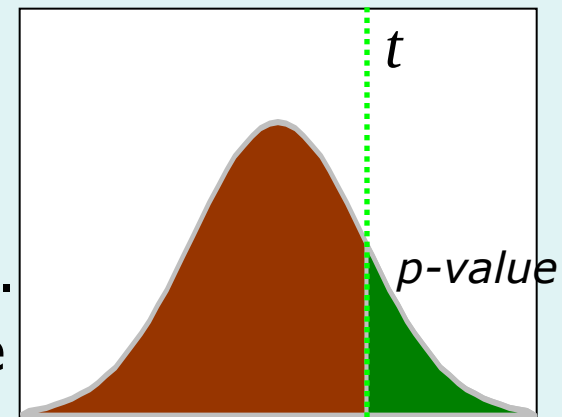
Null Distribution of T

- **Conclusion about the hypothesis:**

We reject the null hypothesis in favour of the alternative hypothesis if $t > u_\alpha$

- **p-value:**

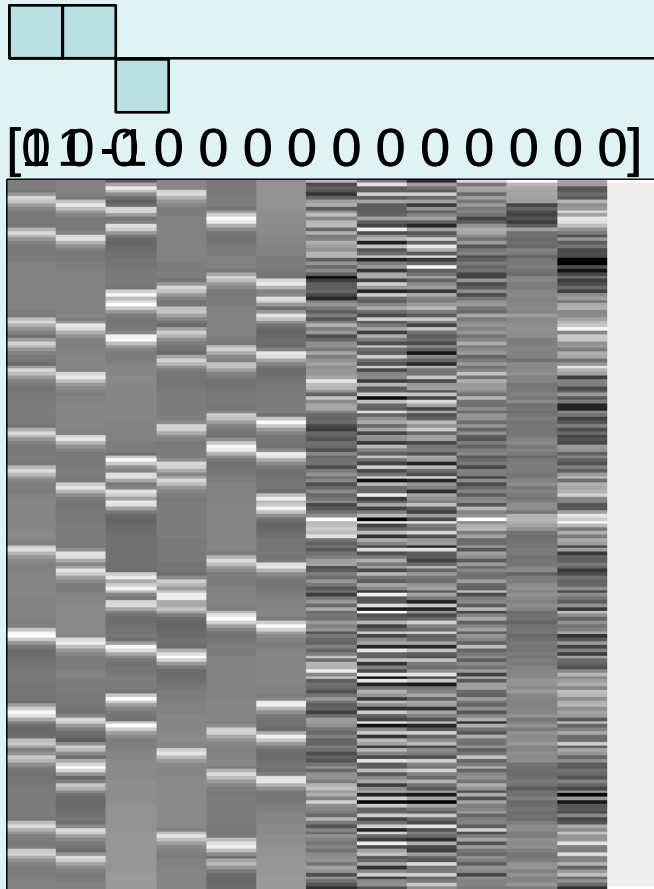
A *p-value* summarises evidence against H_0 . This is the chance of observing value more extreme than t under the null hypothesis.



Null Distribution of T

$$p(T > t \mid H_0)$$

Contrast & effect of interest



A contrast selects a **specific effect of interest**

- a contrast c is a vector of length p .
- $c^T \beta$ is a linear combination of regression coefficients β .

$$c = [1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ \dots]^T$$

$$c^T \beta = \mathbf{1} \times \beta_1 + \mathbf{0} \times \beta_2 + \mathbf{0} \times \beta_3 + \mathbf{0} \times \beta_4 + \dots$$
$$= \beta_1$$

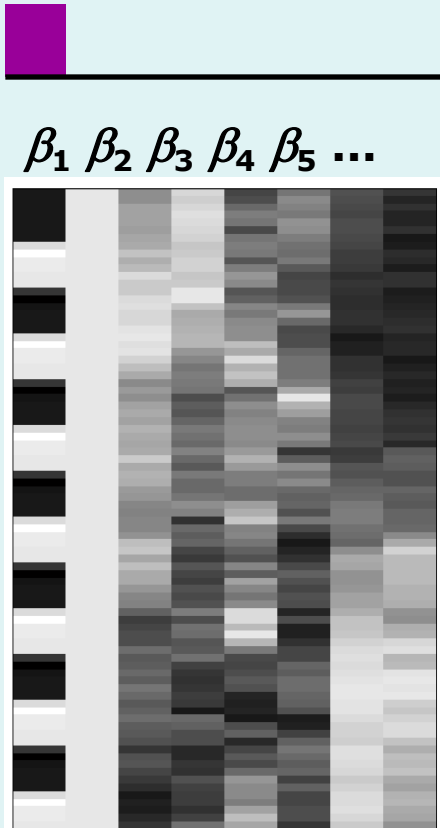
$$c = [0 \ 1 \ -1 \ 0 \ \dots]^T$$

$$c^T \beta = \mathbf{0} \times \beta_1 + \mathbf{1} \times \beta_2 + \mathbf{-1} \times \beta_3 + \mathbf{0} \times \beta_4 + \dots$$
$$= \beta_2 - \beta_3$$

$$c^T \hat{\beta} \sim N(c^T \beta, \sigma^2 c^T (X^T X)^{-1} c)$$

t-Test, one dimensional contrast

$$c^T = 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0$$



Question: box-car amplitude > 0 ?

$$\beta_1 = c^T \beta > 0 ?$$

Null hypothesis:

$$H_0: c^T \beta = 0$$

**contrast of
estimated
parameters**

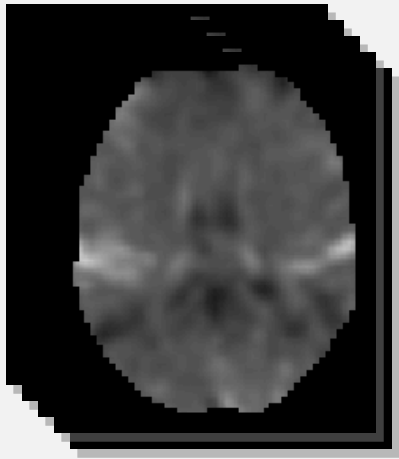
Test statistic:

$$T = \frac{\text{contrast of estimated parameters}}{\sqrt{\text{variance estimate}}}$$

$$T = \frac{c^T \hat{\beta}}{\sqrt{\text{var}(c^T \hat{\beta})}} = \frac{c^T \hat{\beta}}{\sqrt{\hat{\sigma}^2 c^T (X^T X)^{-1} c}} \sim t_{N-p}$$

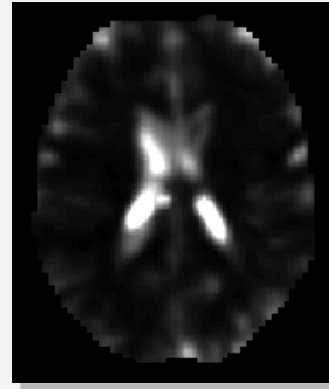
t-Test in SPM

For a given contrast c :



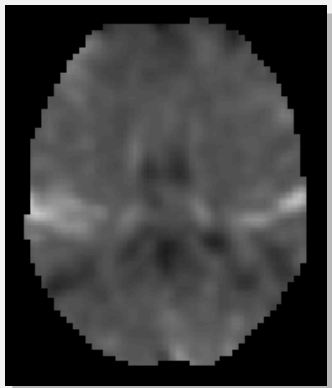
beta_???? images

$$\hat{\beta} = (X^T X)^{-1} X^T y$$



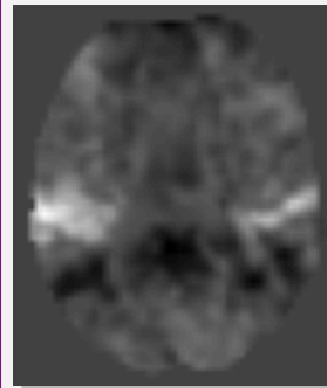
ResMS image

$$\hat{\sigma}^2 = \frac{\hat{\varepsilon}^T \hat{\varepsilon}}{N - p}$$



con_???? image

$$c^T \hat{\beta}$$



spmT_???? image

SPM $\{t\}$

t-Test, simple example

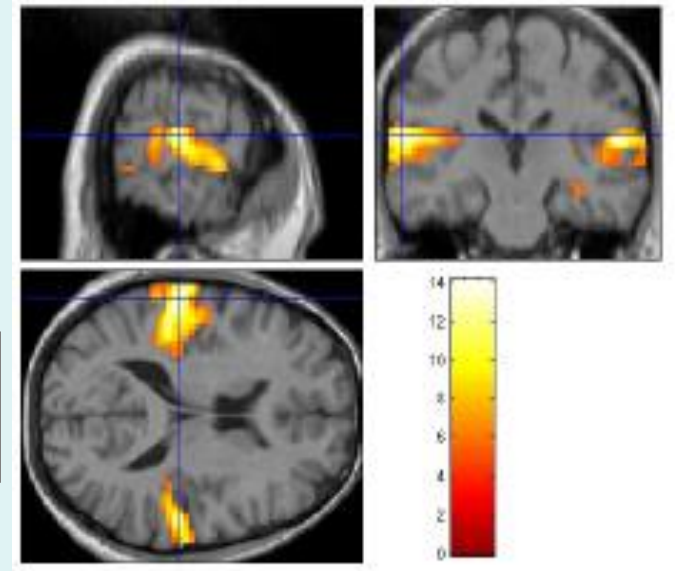
Passive word listening vs. rest

$$c^T = [1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0]$$

Q: activation during listening ?

Null hypothesis: $\beta_1 = 0$

$$t = \frac{c^T \hat{\beta}}{\sqrt{\text{var}(c^T \hat{\beta})}}$$



SPMresults:

Height threshold $T = 3.2057$ $\{p < 0.001\}$

voxel-level			mm mm mm		
T	(Z)	$p_{\text{uncorrected}}$			
13.94	Inf	0.000	-63	-27	15
12.04	Inf	0.000	-48	-33	12
11.82	Inf	0.000	-66	-21	6
13.72	Inf	0.000	57	-21	12
12.29	Inf	0.000	63	-12	-3
9.89	7.83	0.000	57	-39	6
7.39	6.36	0.000	36	-30	-15
6.84	5.99	0.000	51	0	48
6.36	5.65	0.000	-63	-54	-3
6.19	5.53	0.000	-30	-33	-18
5.96	5.36	0.000	36	-27	9
5.84	5.27	0.000	-45	42	9
5.44	4.97	0.000	48	27	24
5.32	4.87	0.000	36	-27	42

t-Test, summary

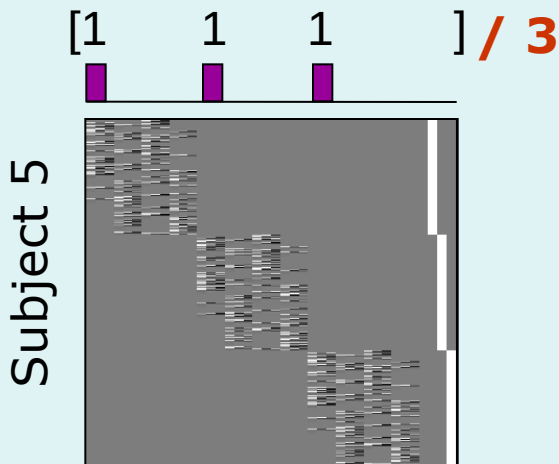
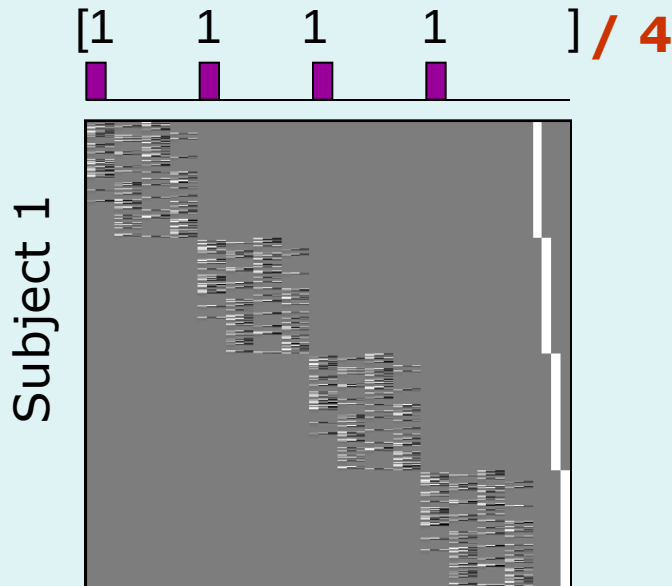
- T -test is a signal-to-noise measure (ratio of estimate to standard deviation of estimate).

- Alternative hypothesis:

$$H_0: c^T \beta = 0 \quad \text{vs} \quad H_A: c^T \beta > 0$$

- T -contrasts are simple combinations of the betas
- T -statistic *does not depend* on the scaling of the regressors or the scaling of the contrast.

t-Test, scaling issue



$$T = \frac{c^T \hat{\beta}}{\sqrt{\text{var}(c^T \hat{\beta})}} = \frac{c^T \hat{\beta}}{\sqrt{\hat{\sigma}^2 c^T (X^T X)^{-1} c}}$$

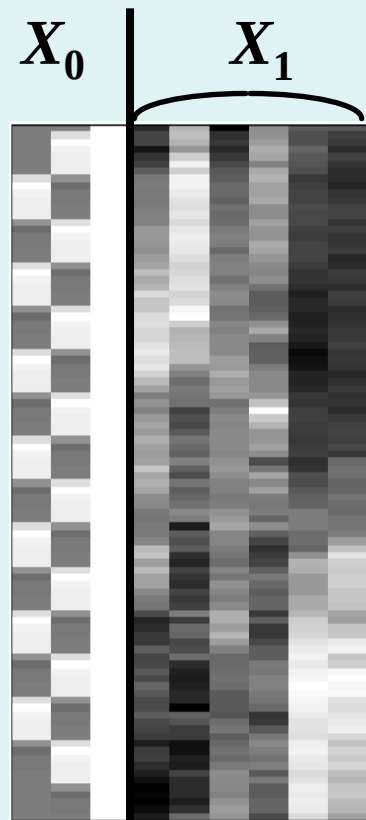
- The T -statistic does not depend on the scaling of the regressors neither of the contrast.
- Contrast $c^T \hat{\beta}$ does depend on scaling.
- Be careful of the interpretation of the contrasts $c^T \hat{\beta}$ themselves (e.g., for a second level analysis):

sum $\neq$ average

F-test, extra-sum-of-squares principles

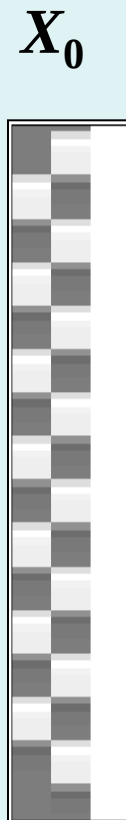
Model comparison:

Null Hypothesis H_0 : True model is X_0 (reduced model)



Full model ?

$$\longrightarrow \text{RSS} \\ \sum \hat{\varepsilon}_{full}^2$$



or Reduced model?

$$\longrightarrow \text{RSS}_0 \\ \sum \hat{\varepsilon}_{reduced}^2$$

Test statistic: ratio of explained variability and unexplained variability (error)

$$F \propto \frac{RSS_0 - RSS}{RSS}$$

$$F \propto \frac{ESS}{RSS} \sim F_{v_1, v_2}$$

$$v_1 = \text{rank}(X) - \text{rank}(X_0) \\ v_2 = N - \text{rank}(X)$$

F-test, multidimensional contrast

Tests *multiple* linear hypotheses:

H_0 : True model is X_0

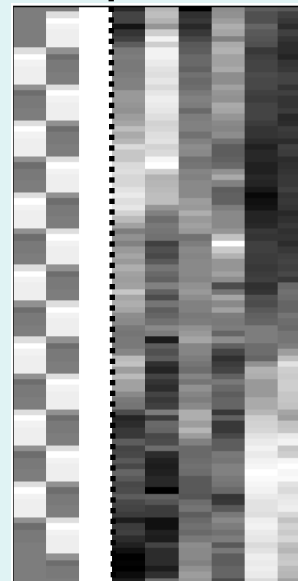
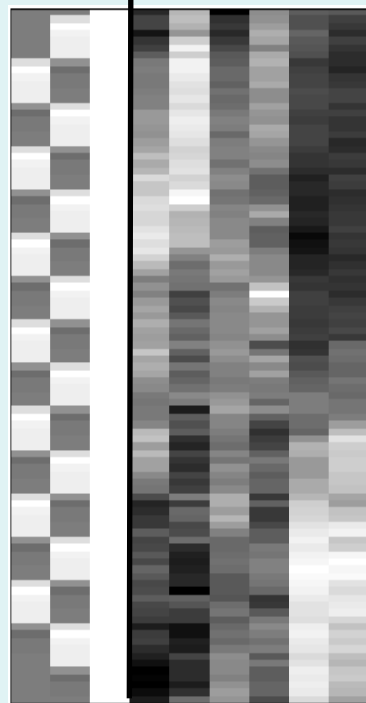
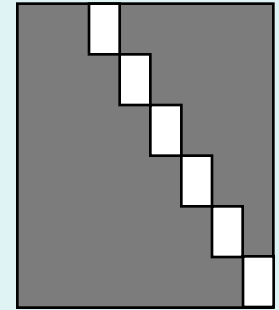
$H_0: \beta_4 = \beta_5 = \dots = \beta_9 = 0$

test $H_0: c^T \beta = 0$?

X_0 | X_1 (β_{4-9})

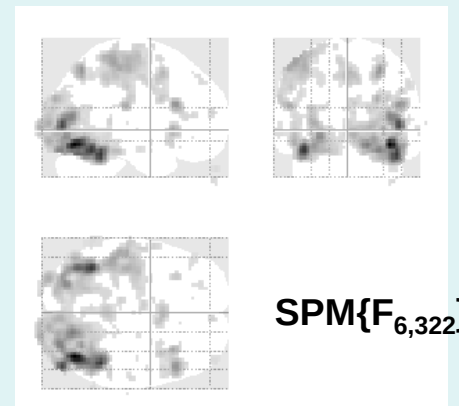
X_0

$$c^T = \begin{array}{cccccccc} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{array}$$

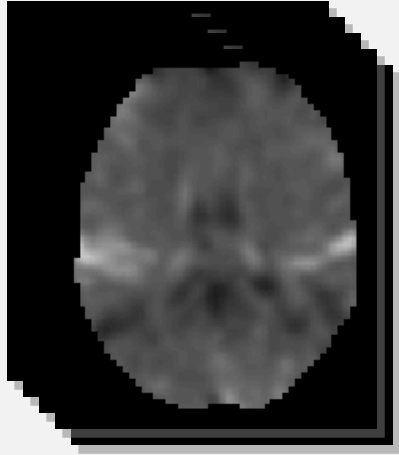


Full model?

Reduced model?

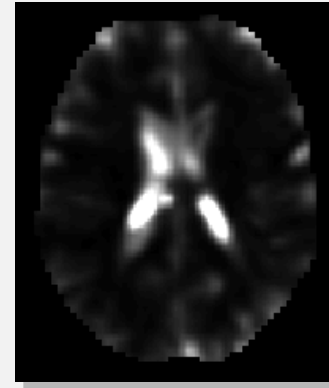


F-contrast in SPM



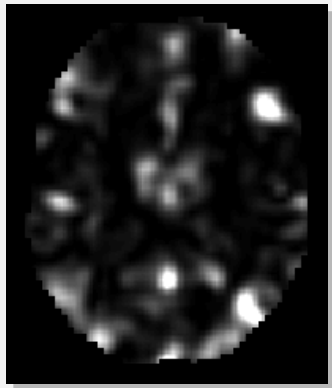
beta_???? images

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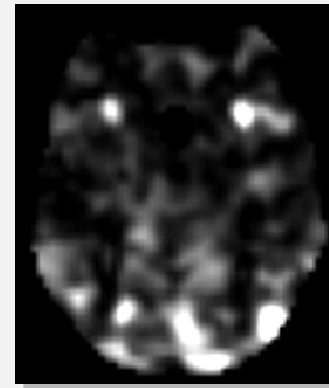
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ess_???? images

$$(RSS_0 - RSS)$$

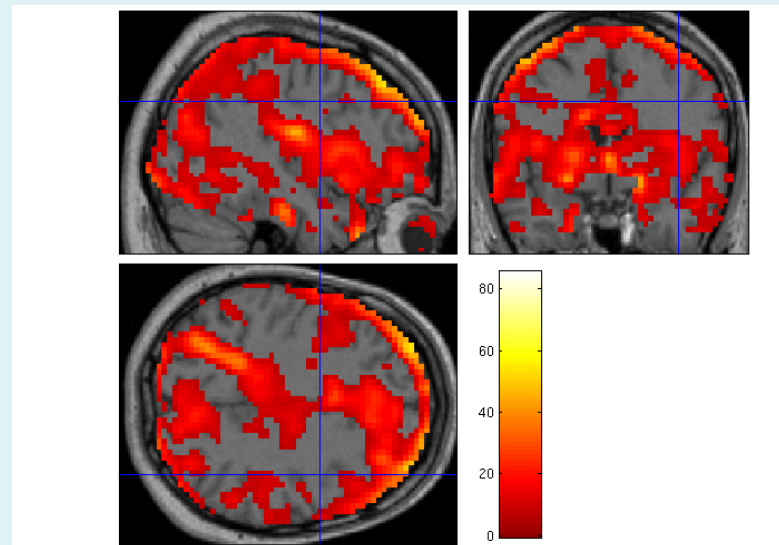
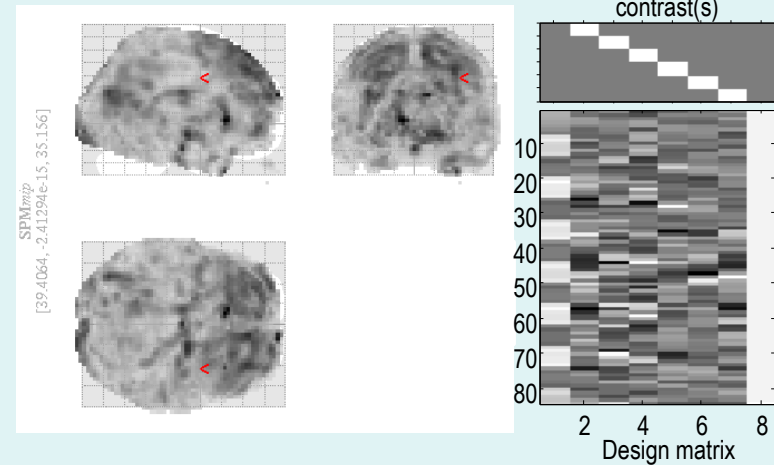
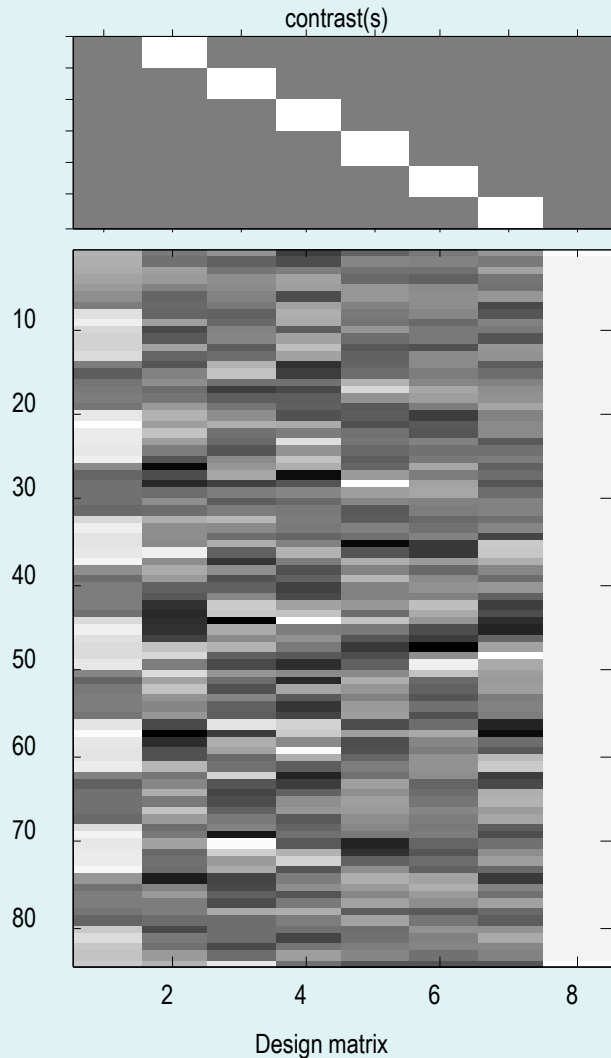


spmF_???? images

$$SPM\{F\}$$

F-test, example

Movement related effects



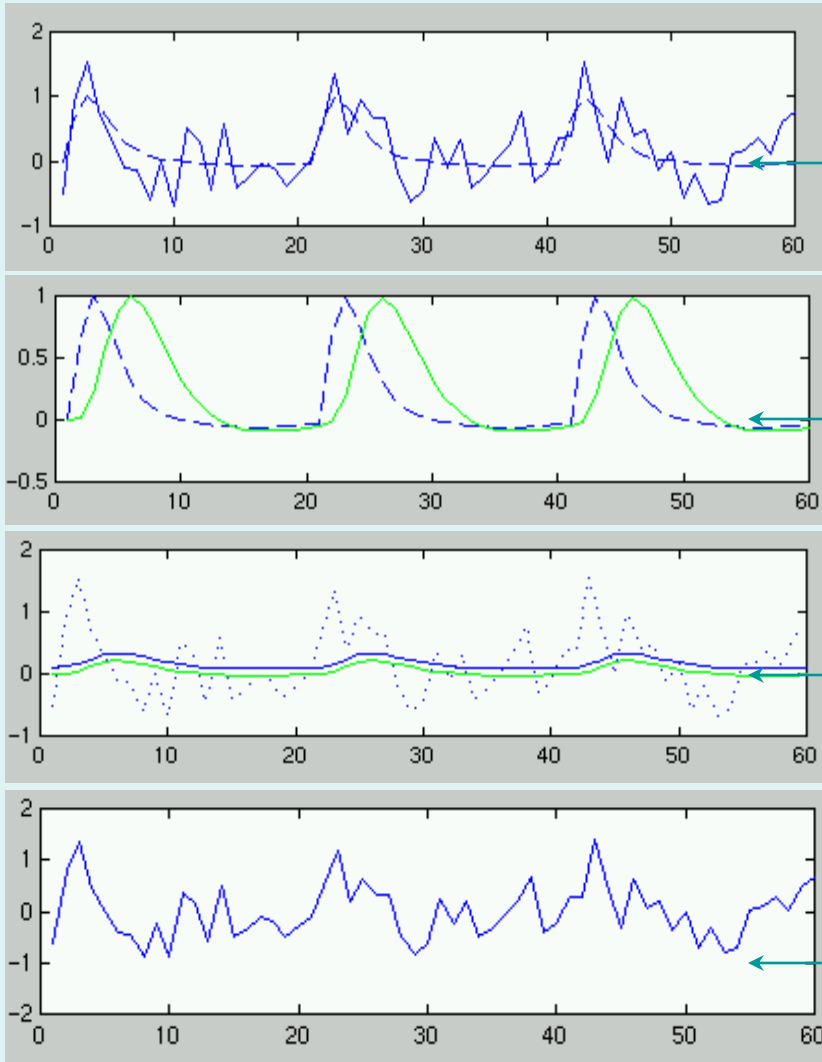
F-test summary

- F-tests can be viewed as testing for the additional variance explained by a larger model w.r.t. a simpler (*nested*) model → **model comparison**.
- F-tests a weighted ***sum of squares*** of one or several combinations of the coefficients β .
- In practice, no need to explicitly separate X into $[X_1 \ X_2]$ thanks to multidimensional contrasts.
- Hypotheses:
Null Hypothesis $H_0 : \beta_1 = \beta_2 = \beta_3 = 0$
Alternative Hypothesis $H_A : \text{at least one } \beta_k \neq 0$
$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
- In 1D contrast with an F-test, testing $\beta_1 - \beta_2$ is the same as testing $\beta_2 - \beta_1$.

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A bad model



True signal (---) and observed signal

Model (green, peak at 6sec) and TRUE signal (blue, peak at 3sec)

Fitting :

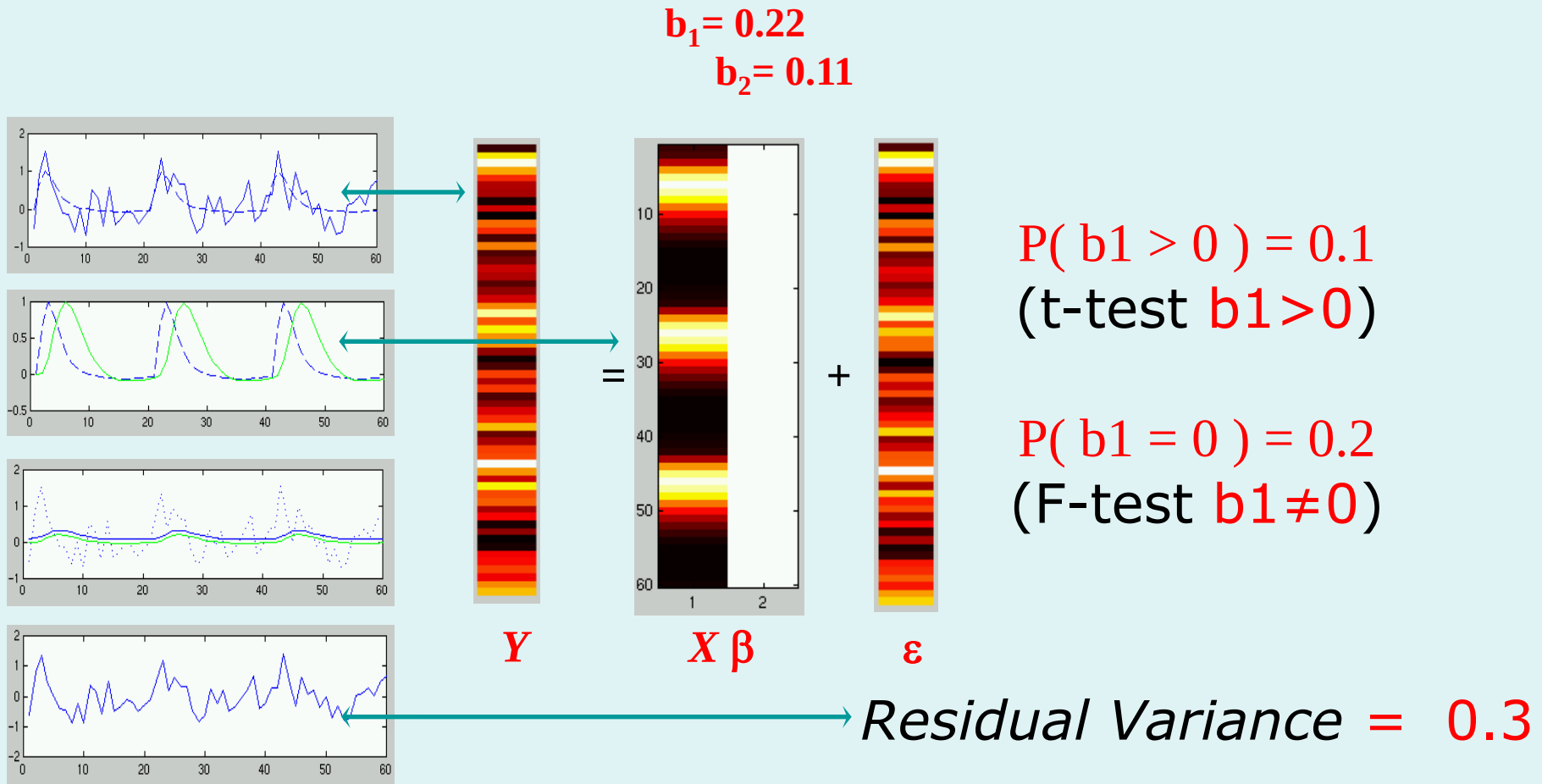
$b1 = 0.2$, mean = .11

Noise

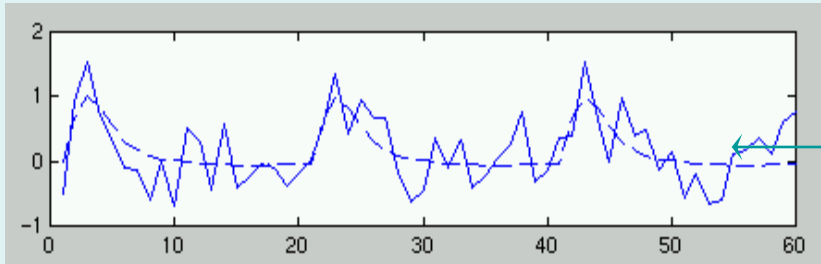
(still contains some signal)

⇒ Test for the green regressor not significant

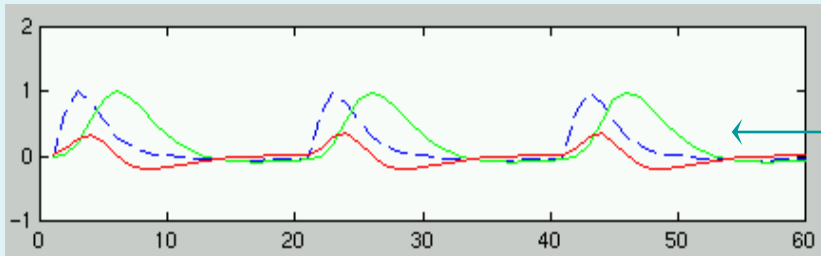
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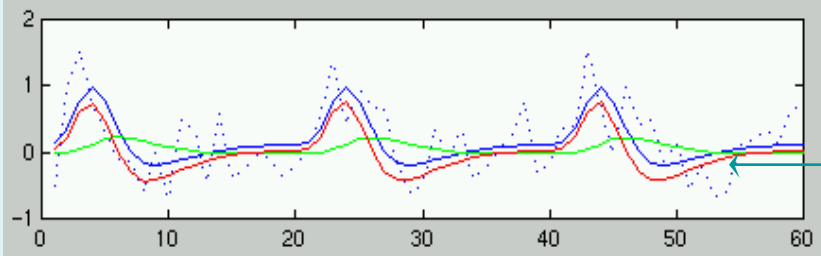
A better model...



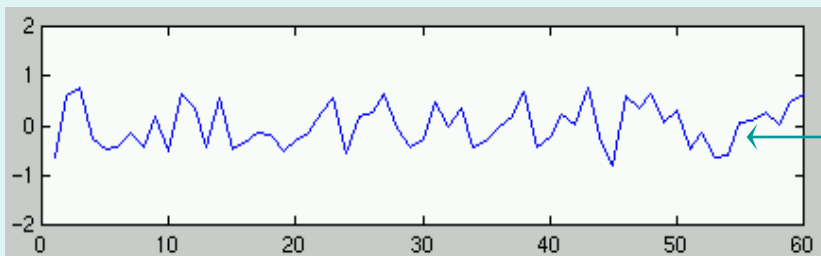
True signal + observed signal



Model (green and red) and true signal (blue ---)
Red regressor : temporal derivative of the green regressor

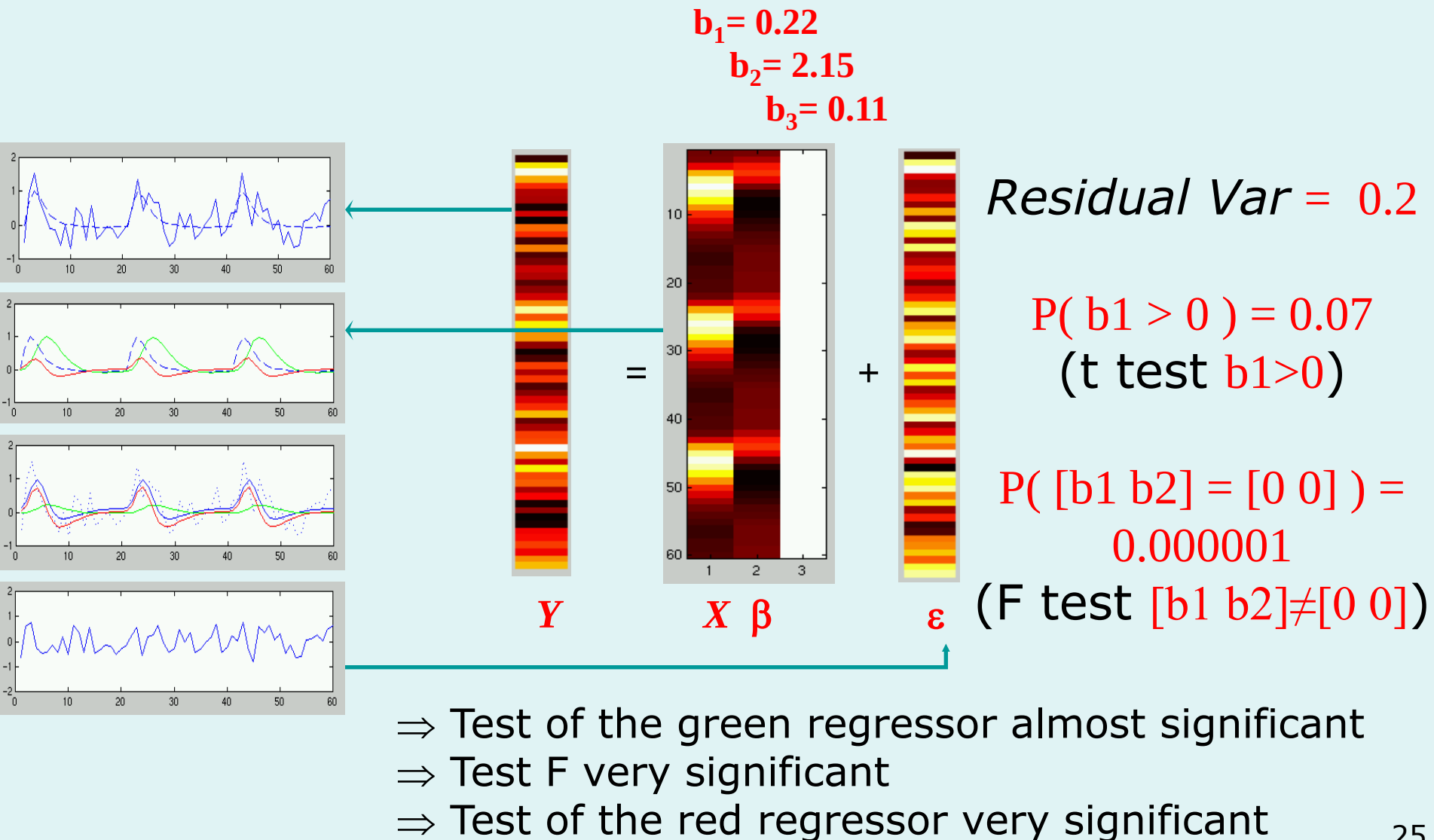


Global fit (blue) and partial fit (green & red)
Adjusted and fitted signal

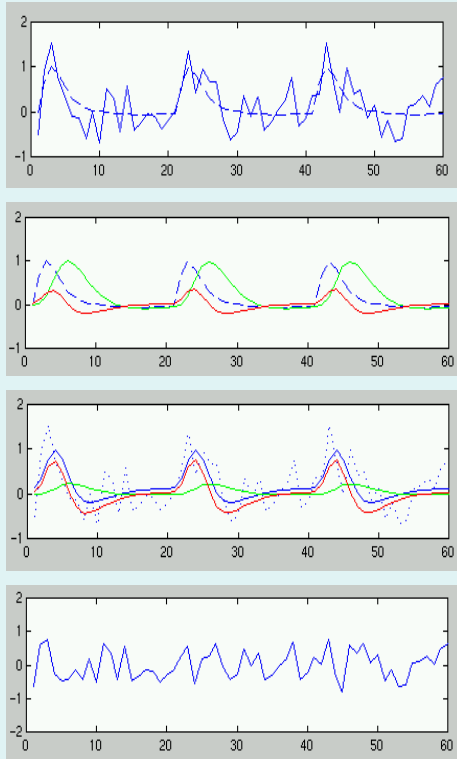


Noise (a smaller variance)

A better model

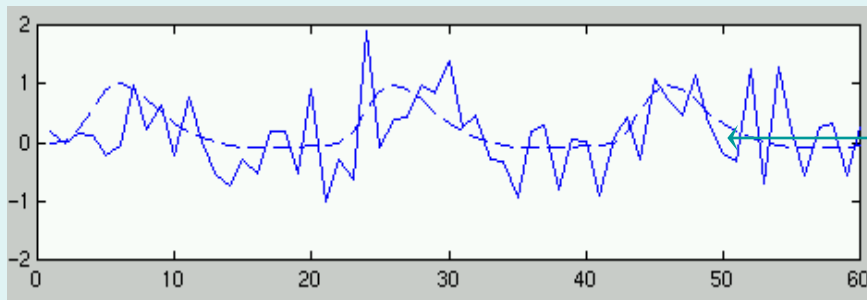


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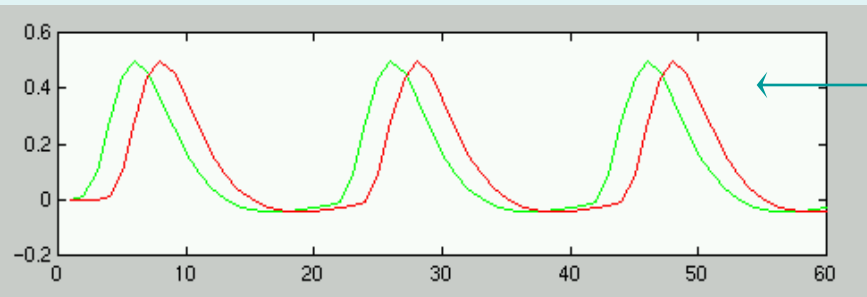


- *The residuals should be looked at ... (non random structure ?)*
- *We rather test flexible models if there is little a priori information, and precise ones with a lot a priori information*
- *In general, use the F-tests to look for an overall effect, then look at the betas or the adjusted signal to characterise the origin of the signal*
- *Interpreting the test on a single parameter (one function) can be very confusing: cf. the delay or magnitude situation*

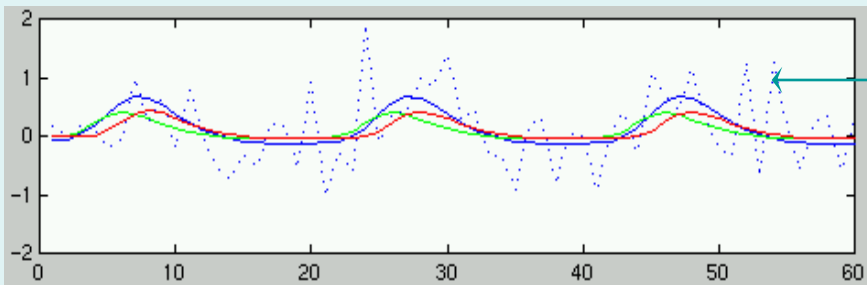
Correlation between regressors



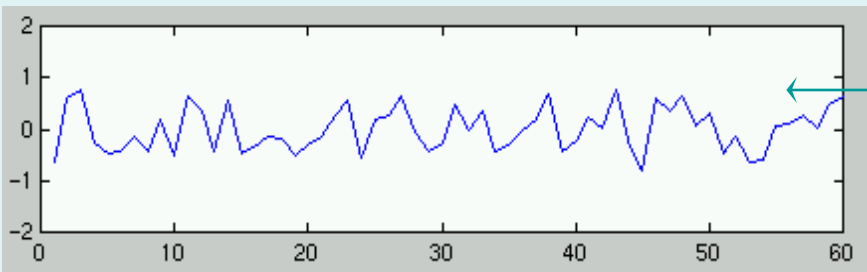
True signal



Model (green and red)

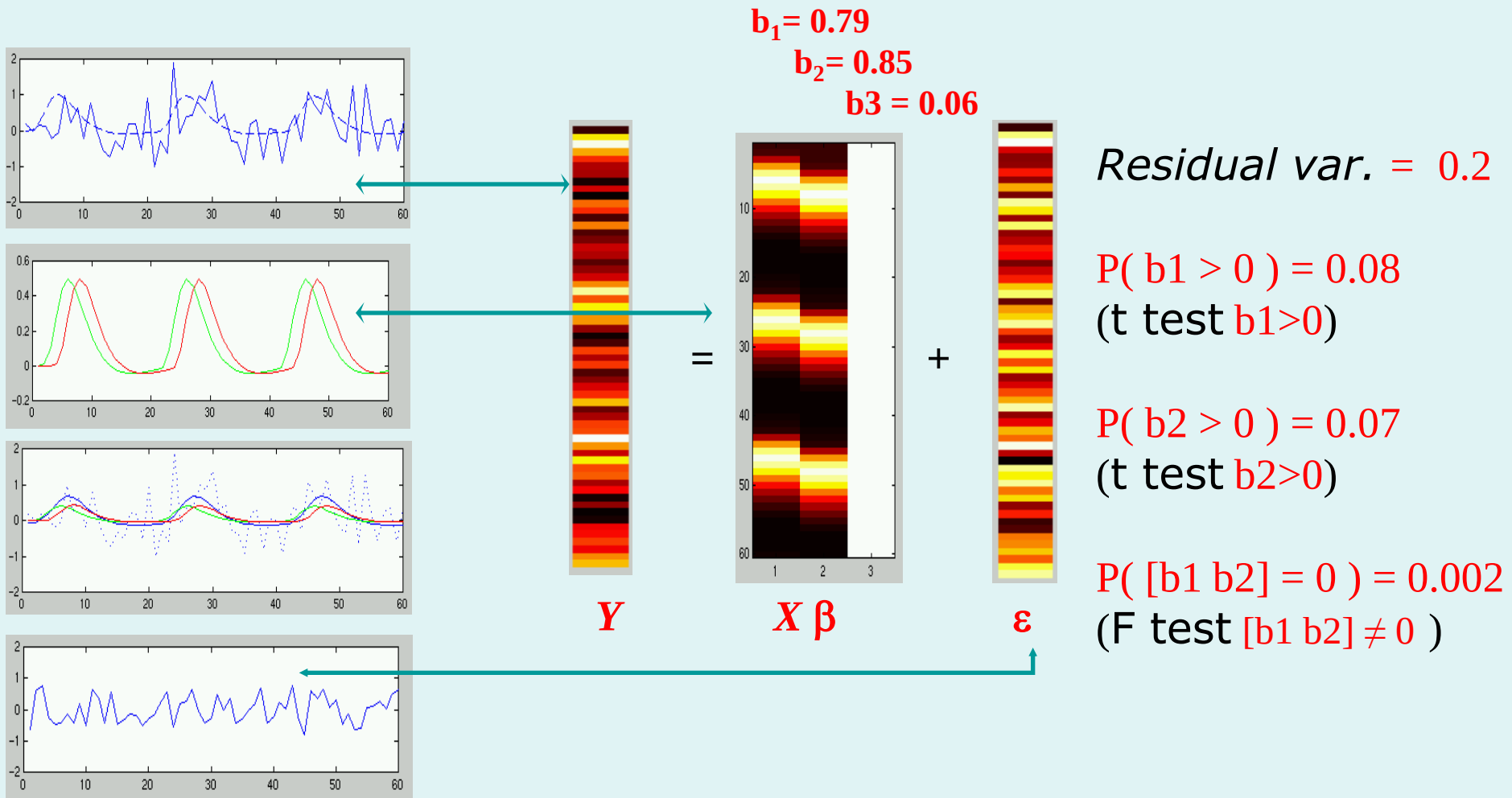


Fitting (blue : global fit)

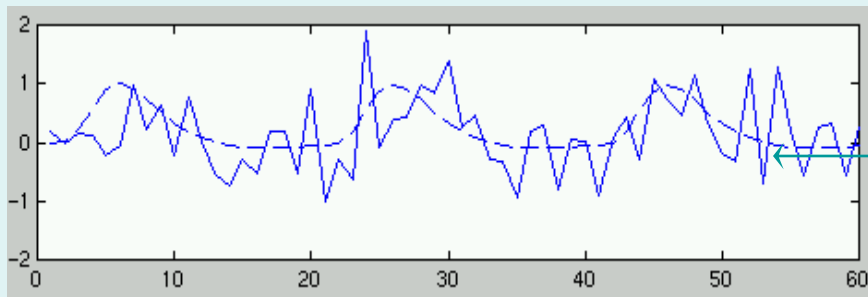


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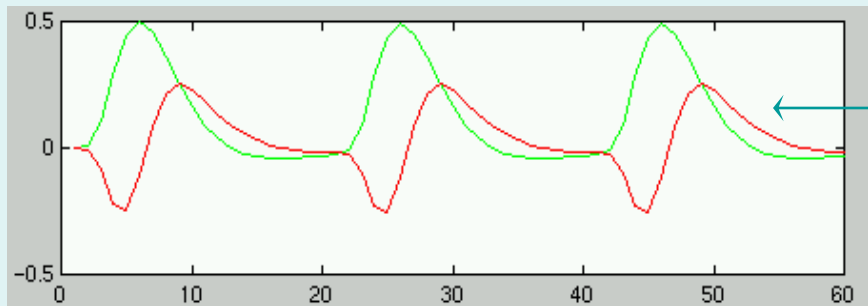
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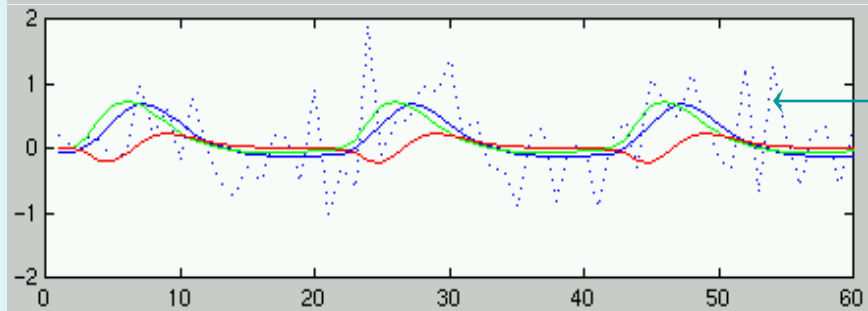
Decorrelated regressors



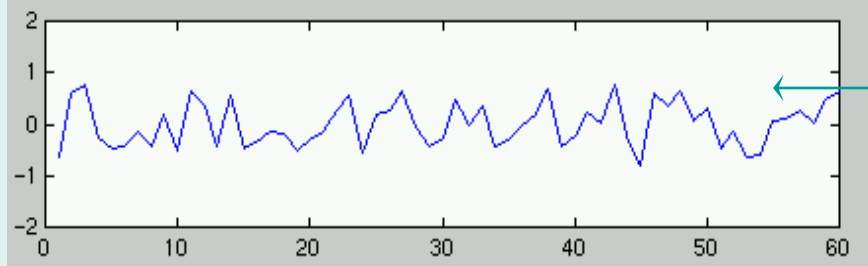
→ true signal



Model : **red** regressor
orthogonalised with respect to
the **green** one = remove every
thing that can correlate with
the **green** regressor

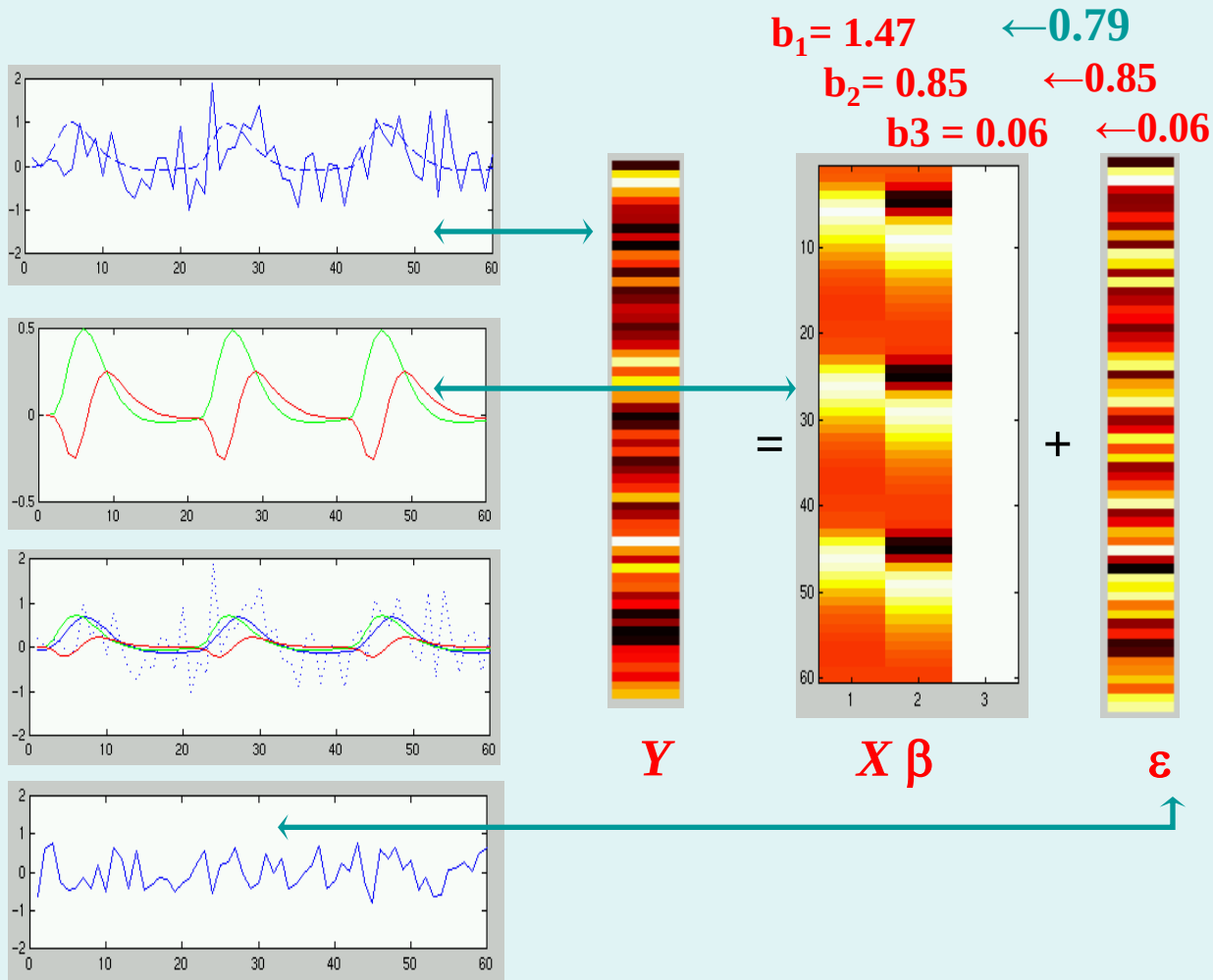


→ Fit

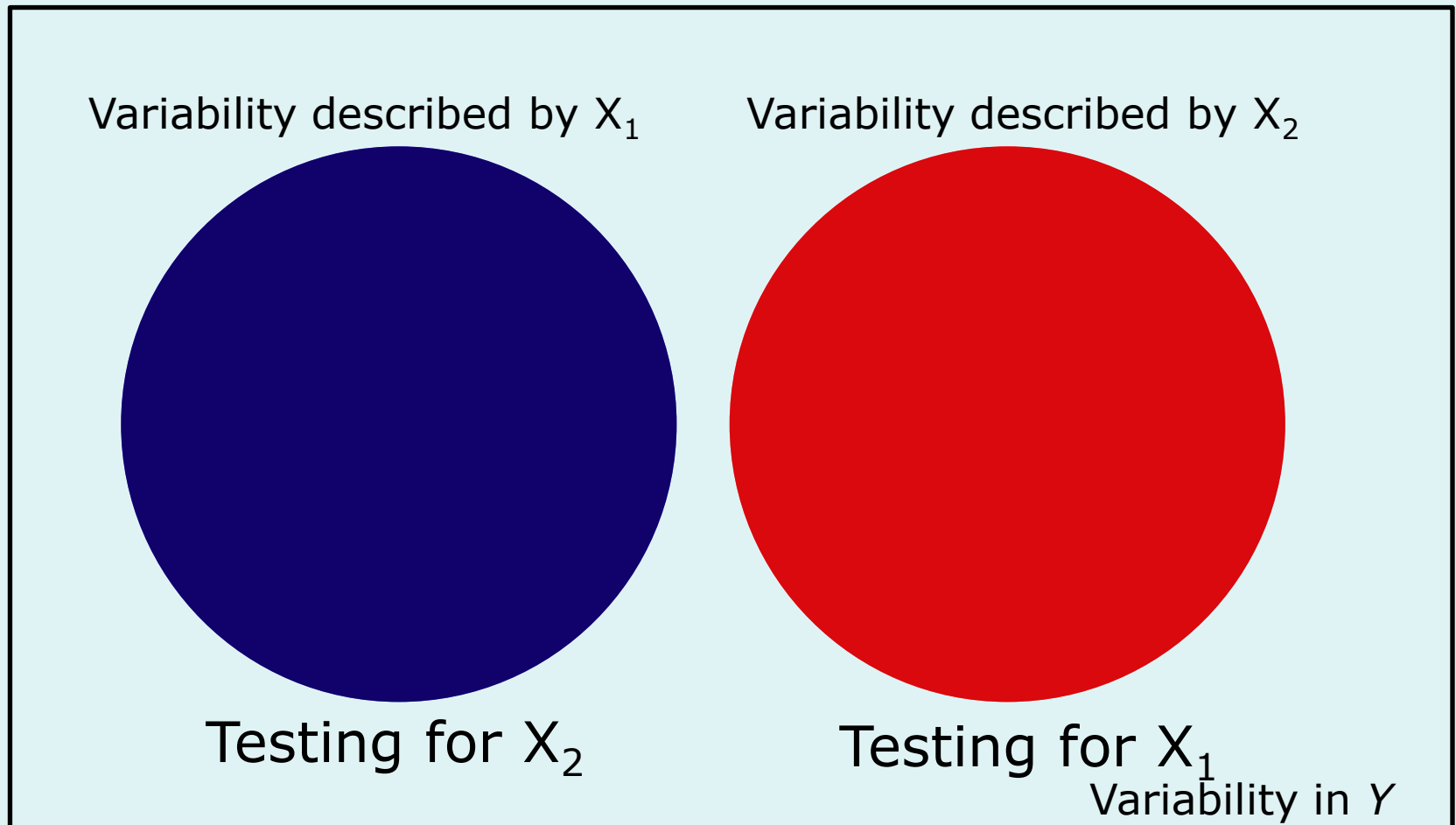


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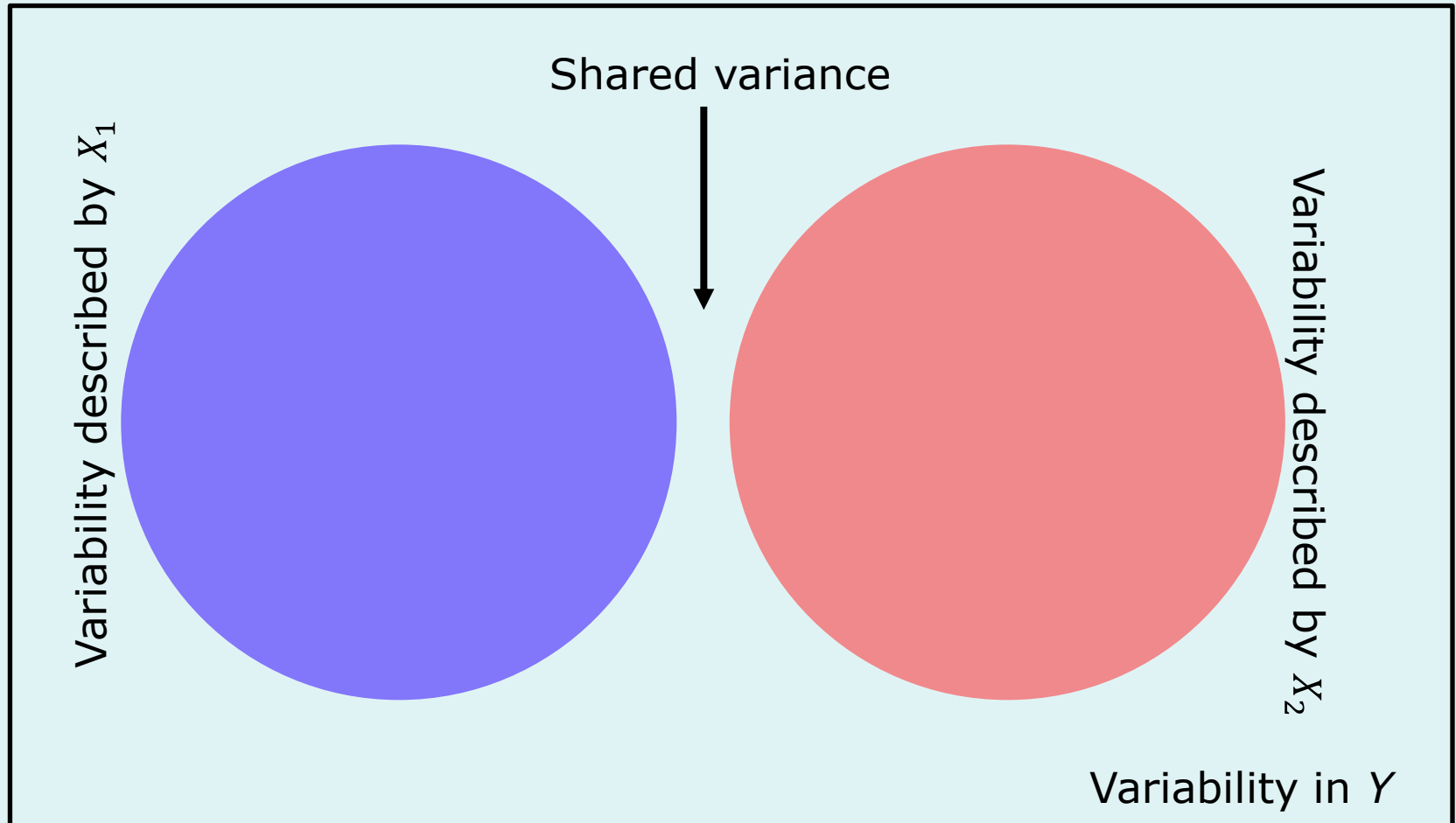
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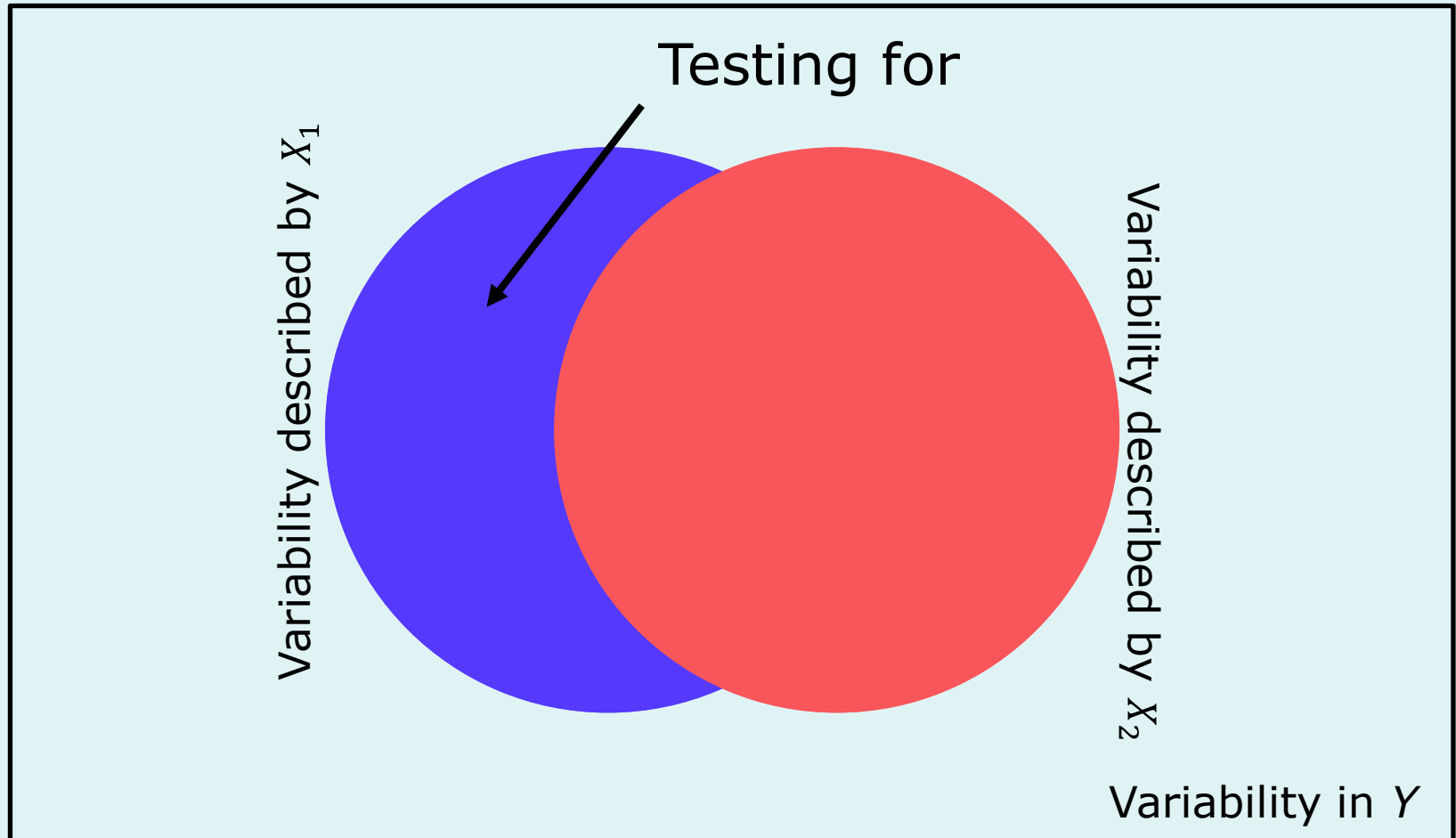
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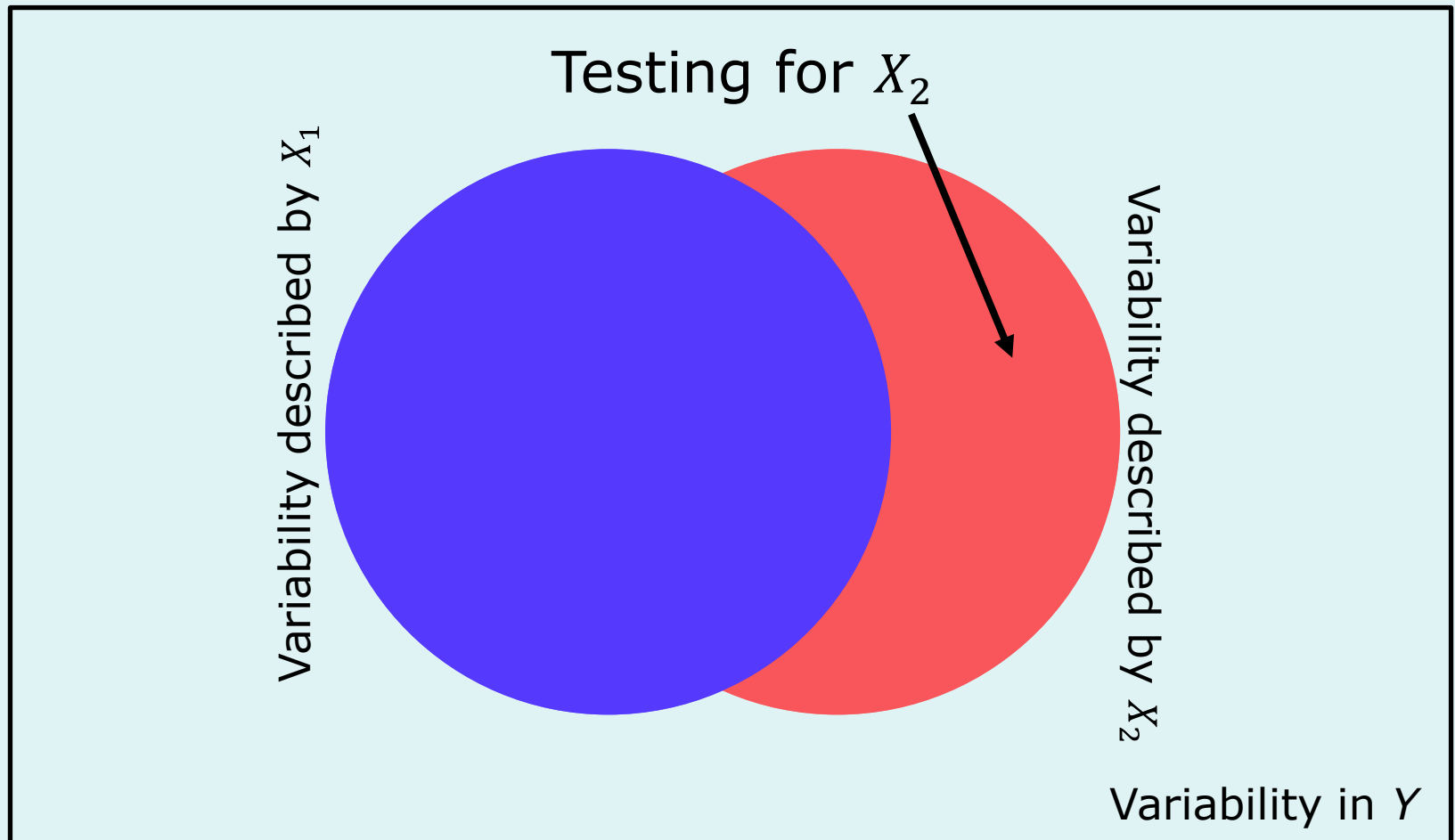
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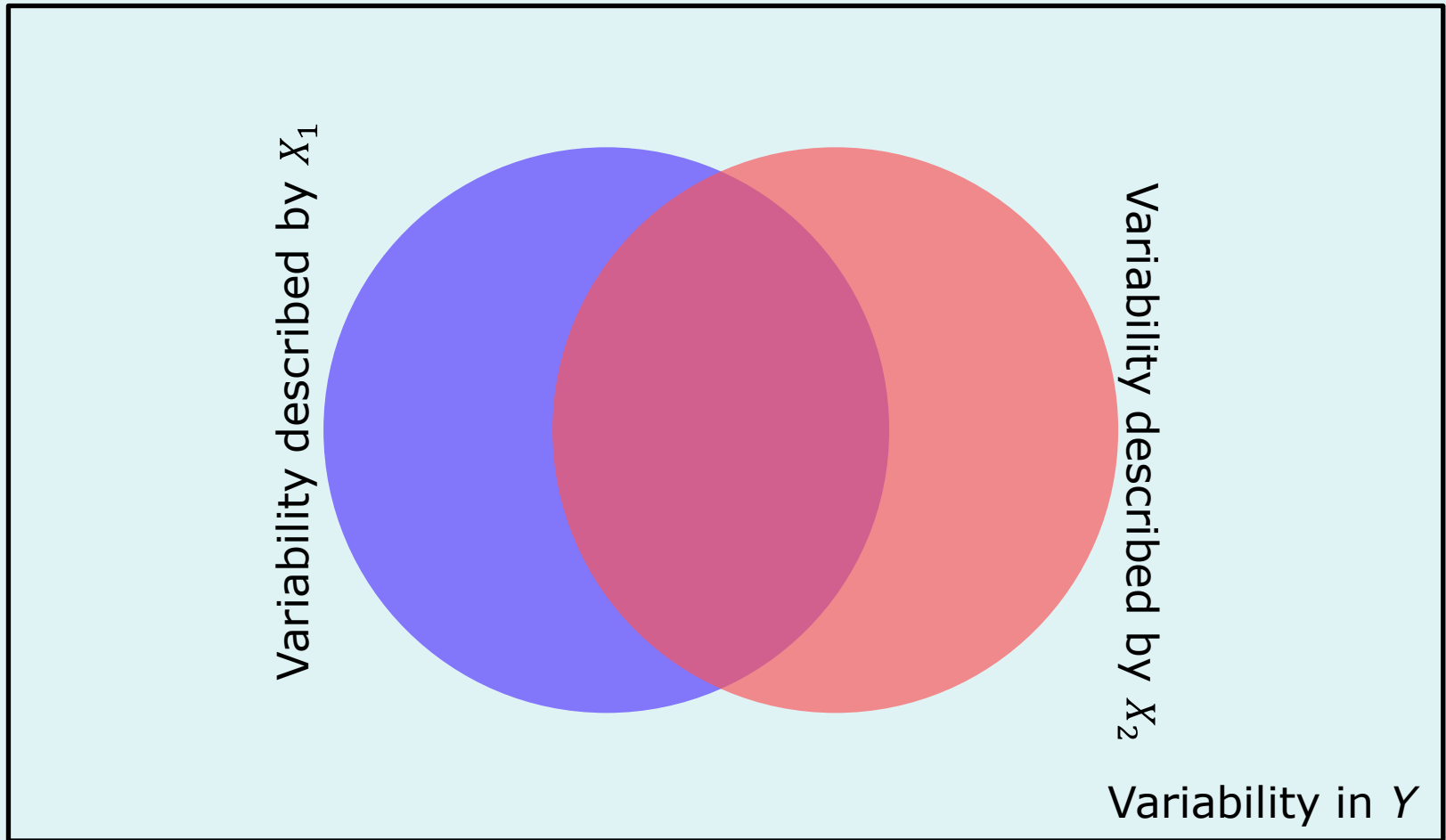
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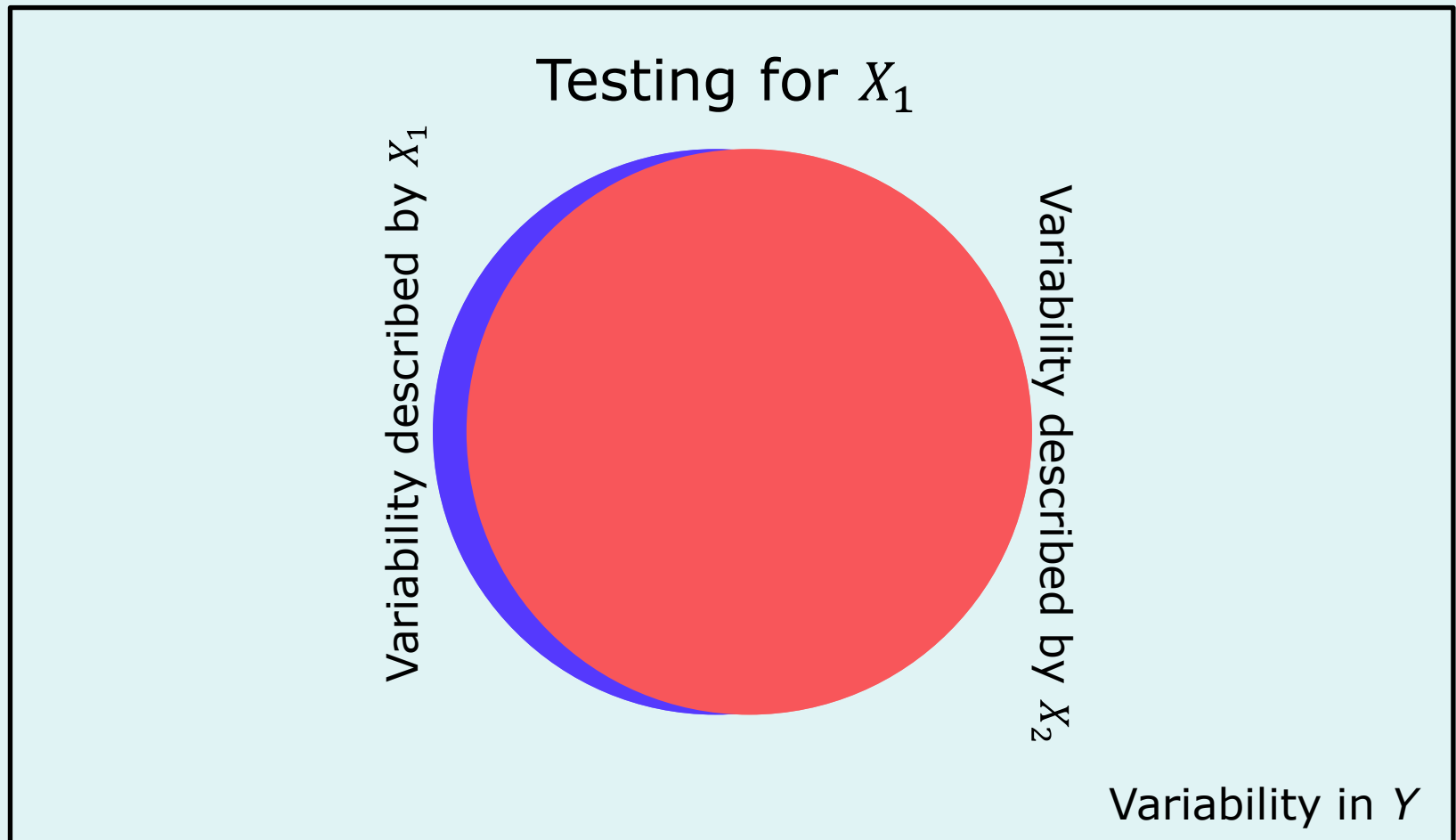
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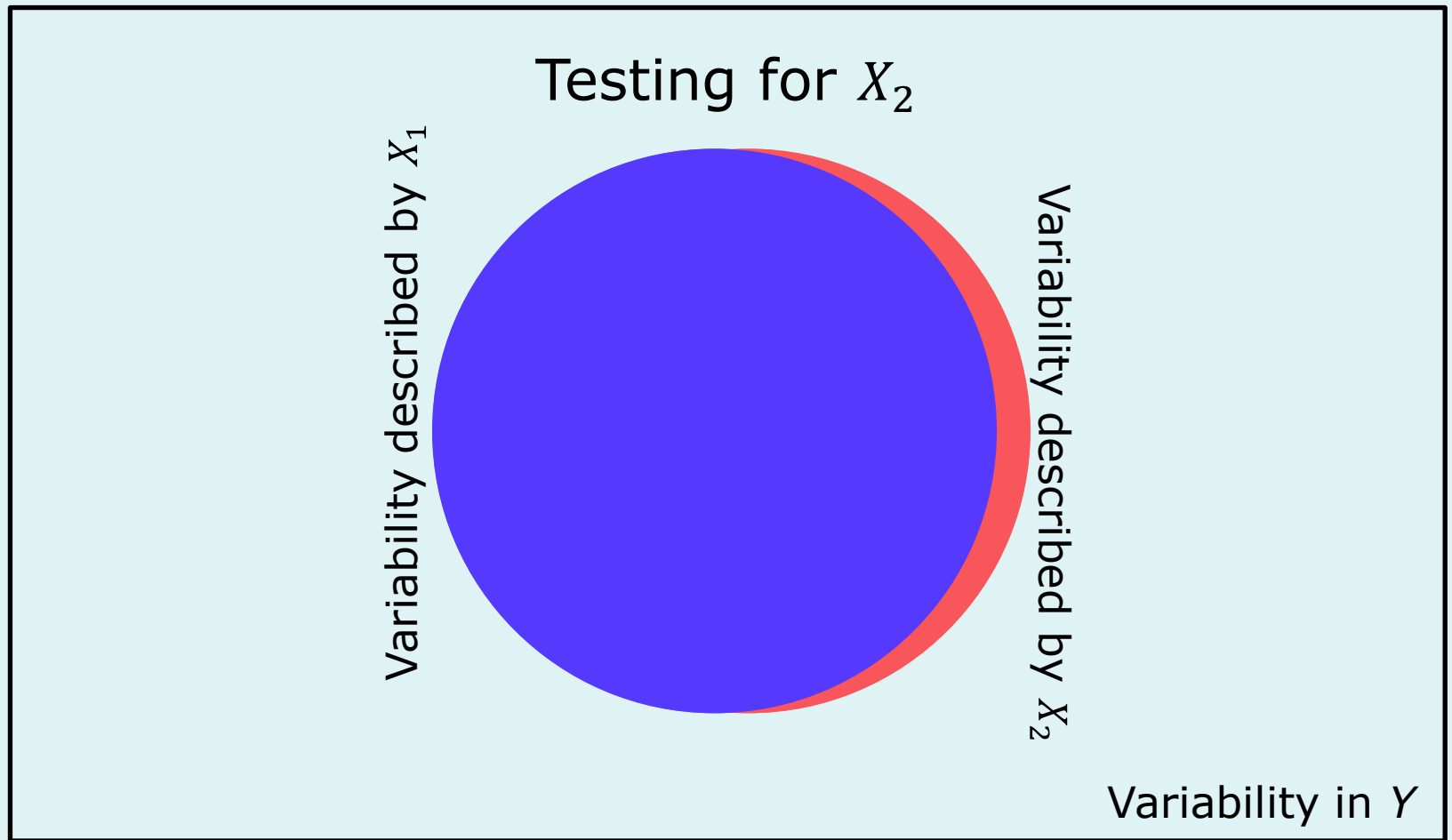
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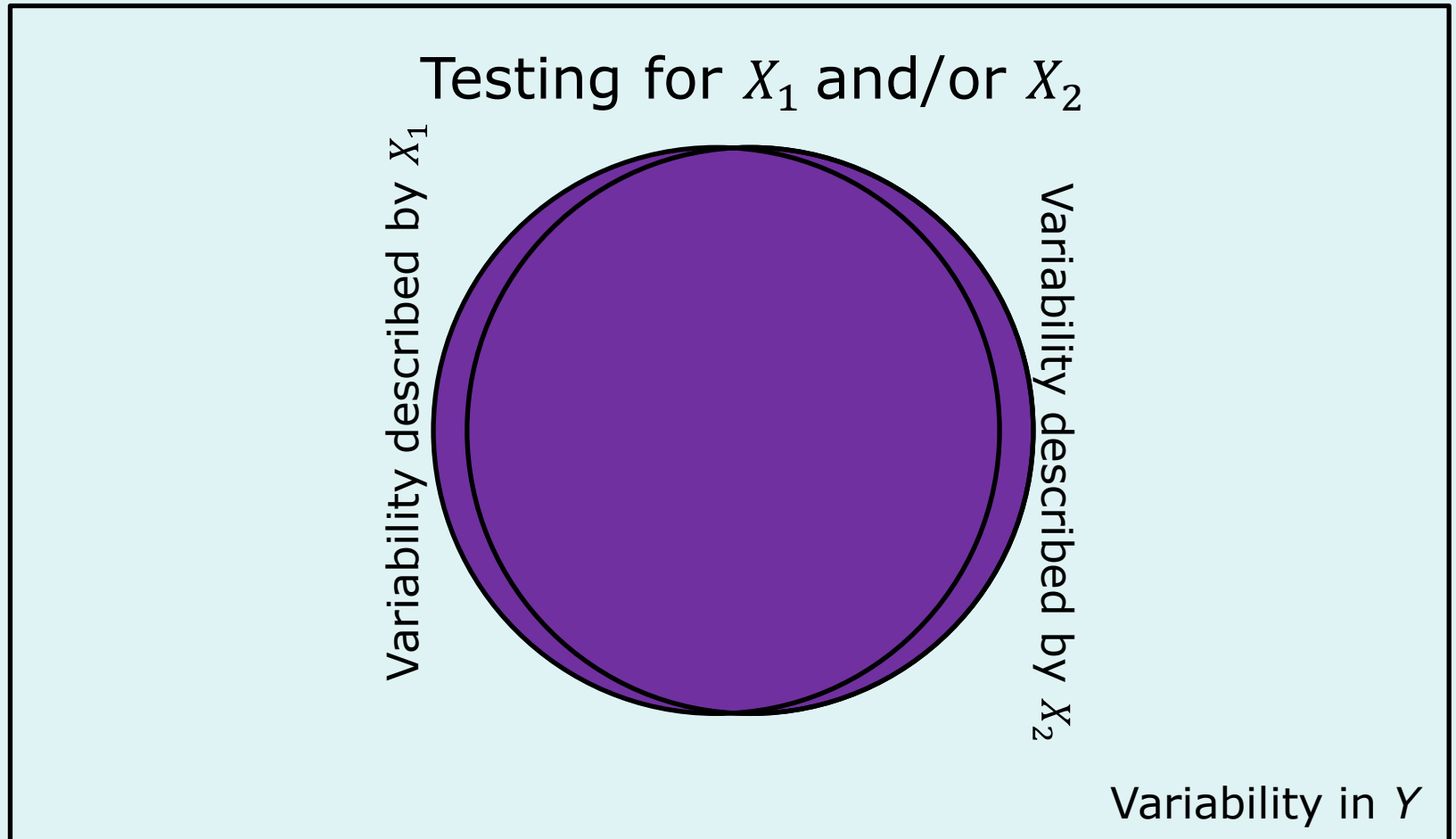
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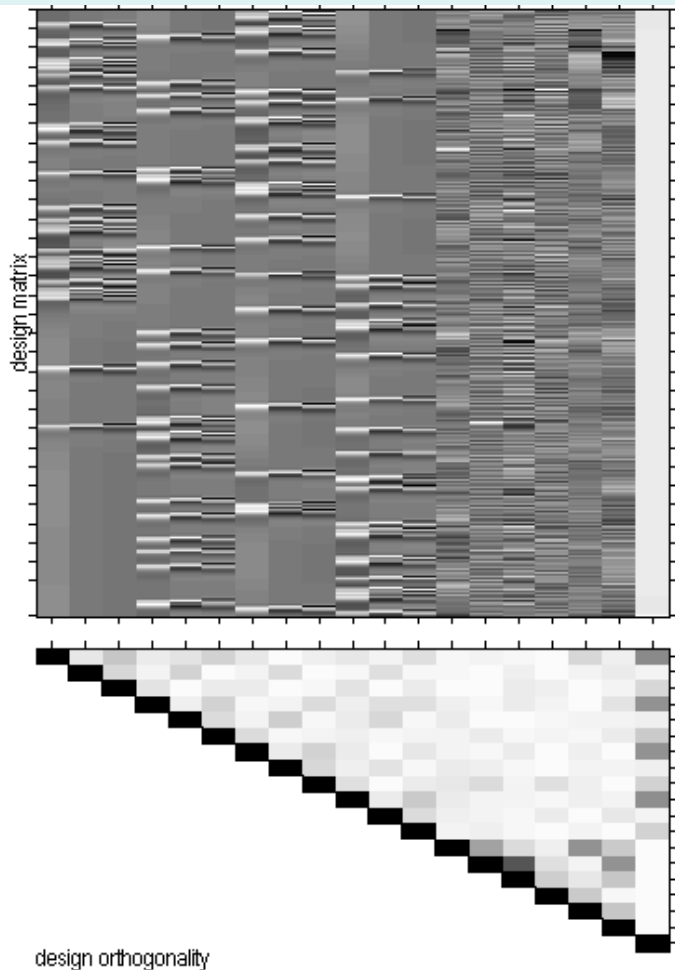
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Orthogonal regressors



Design orthogonality

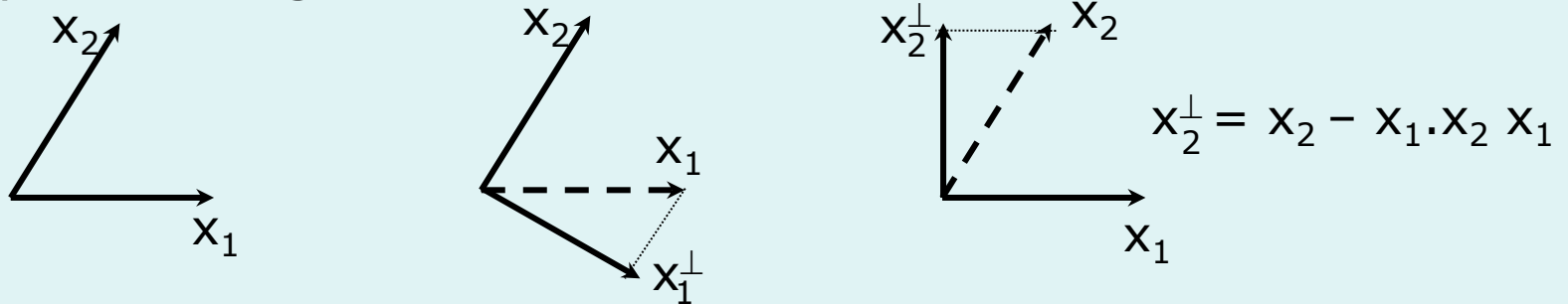


- For each pair of columns of the design matrix, the orthogonality matrix depicts the magnitude of the **cosine of the angle** between them, with the range 0 to 1 mapped from white to black.
- If both vectors have **zero mean** then the cosine of the angle between the vectors is the same as the **correlation** between the two variates.

Measure : abs. value of cosine of angle between columns of design matrix
Scale : black - colinear ($\cos=+1/-1$)
white - orthogonal ($\cos=0$)
gray - not orthogonal or colinear

Correlated regressors

- We implicitly test for an additional effect only. When testing for the first regressor, we are effectively removing the part of the signal that can be accounted for by the second regressor → implicit orthogonalisation.

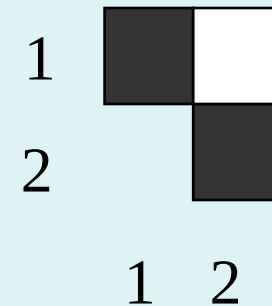
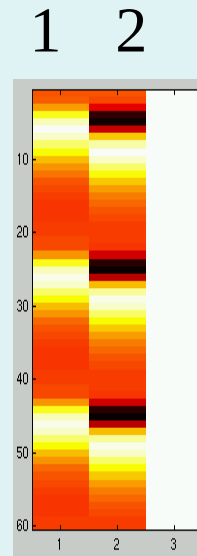
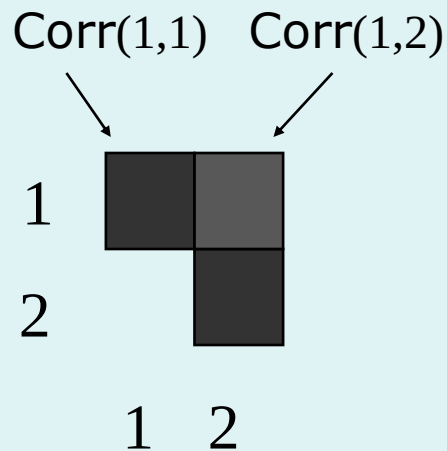
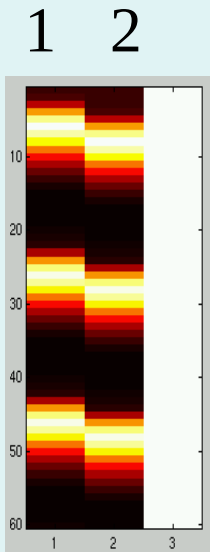


- Orthogonalisation = decorrelation. Parameters and test on the non modified regressor change.
Rarely solves the problem as it requires assumptions about which regressor to uniquely attribute the common variance.
→ change regressors (i.e. design) instead, e.g. factorial designs.
→ use F-tests to assess overall significance.
- Original regressors may not matter: it's the contrast you are testing which should be as decorrelated as possible from the rest of the design matrix

Design orthogonality

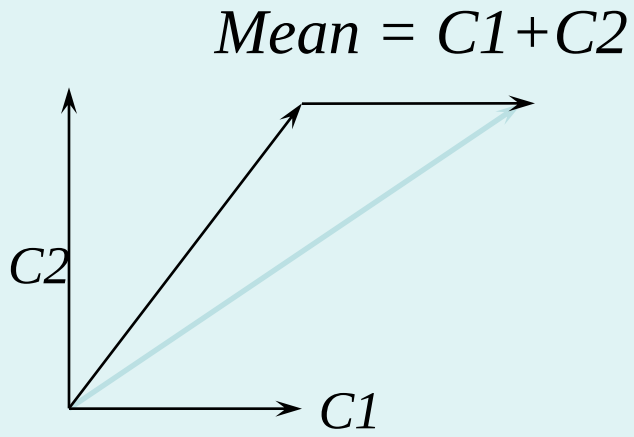
Black = completely correlated

White = completely orthogonal



Beware : when there is more than 2 regressors ($C_1, C_2, C_3, \dots$), you may think that there is little correlation (light grey) between them, but $C_1 + C_2 + C_3$ may be correlated with $C_4 + C_5$

Rank-deficient model

$$Y = Xb + e$$
$$X = \begin{matrix} & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ \swarrow & \uparrow & \nwarrow & \\ \text{Cond 1} & \text{Cond 2} & \text{Mean} & \end{matrix}$$


Parameters are **not unique** in general !

Some contrasts have no meaning: **NON ESTIMABLE**

Example here :

- $c' = [1 \ 0 \ 0]$ is not estimable
(= no specific information in the first regressor);
- $c' = [1 \ -1 \ 0]$ is estimable.

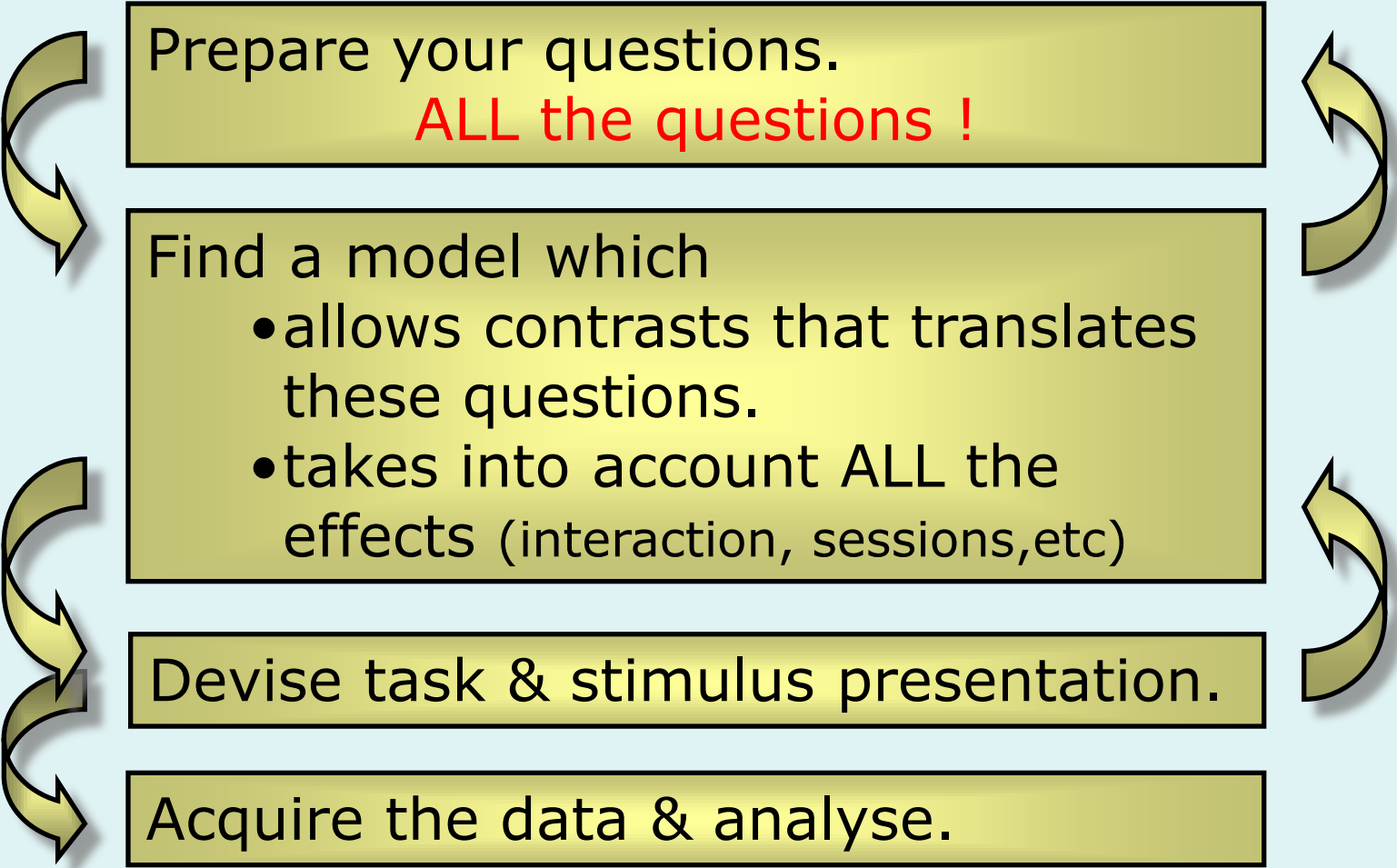
Summary

- We are implicitly testing additional effect only, so we may miss the signal if there is some correlation in the model using t tests
- Orthogonalisation is not generally needed - parameters and test on the changed regressor don't change
- It is always simpler (when possible !) to have orthogonal (uncorrelated) regressors
- In case of correlation, use F-tests to see the overall significance. There is generally no way to decide where the « common » part shared by two regressors should be attributed to
- In case of correlation and you need to orthogonalise a part of the design matrix, there is no need to re-fit a new model : the contrast only should change.

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Way to proceed



Prepare your questions.

ALL the questions !

Find a model which

- allows contrasts that translates these questions.
- takes into account ALL the effects (interaction, sessions, etc)

Devise task & stimulus presentation.

Acquire the data & analyse.

Not the other way round!!!

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