

# Machine learning as signal processing

Mads Jensen, PhD

✉ mads@cas.au.dk



AARHUS UNIVERSITY



IMC  
INTERACTING MINDS CENTRE



## Contents

1. Signal and noise
2. Principle component analysis
3. Representational similarity analysis
  - Example: resolving human object recognition in space and time
4. Common spatial patterns

## Signal and noise

## What is signal?

## What is signal?

- Why care about signal?

## What is signal?

- Why care about signal?
  - ▶ variance is what we test

## What is signal?

- Why care about signal?
  - ▶ variance is what we test
  - ▶ task irrelevant variance is the experiment killer

## What is signal?

- Why care about signal?
  - ▶ variance is what we test
  - ▶ task irrelevant variance is the experiment killer
- what is signal?

## What is signal?

- Why care about signal?
  - ▶ variance is what we test
  - ▶ task irrelevant variance is the experiment killer
- what is signal?
  - ▶ data = signal + noise

## What is signal?

- Why care about signal?
  - ▶ variance is what we test
  - ▶ task irrelevant variance is the experiment killer
- what is signal?
  - ▶ data = signal + noise
  - ▶ signal = data - noise
  - ▶ noise = data - signal

## Global field power

$$\text{global } snr_i = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\text{amplitude}_i}{\text{std\_dev}(\text{baseline})}\right)^2}$$

## Global field power

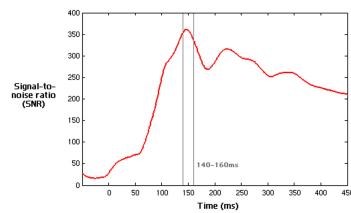
$$\text{global } snr_i = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\text{amplitude}_i}{\text{std\_dev}(\text{baseline})}\right)^2}$$

$$\text{global } snr_i = \frac{\text{amplitude}_i}{\text{std\_dev}(\text{baseline})}$$

## Global field power

$$\text{global } \text{snr}_i = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\text{amplitude}_i}{\text{std\_dev}(\text{baseline})}\right)^2}$$

$$\text{global } \text{snr}_i = \frac{\text{amplitude}_i}{\text{std\_dev}(\text{baseline})}$$



(Figure from Moseley et al., 2013)

Mads Jensen (RFR, IMC, & CFIN) machine learning as signal processing 5 / 34

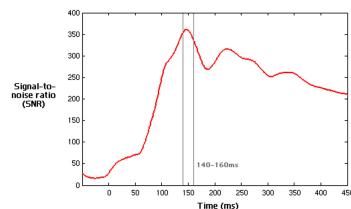
## Global field power

$$\text{global } \text{snr}_i = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\text{amplitude}_i}{\text{std\_dev}(\text{baseline})}\right)^2}$$

$$\text{global } \text{snr}_i = \frac{\text{amplitude}_i}{\text{std\_dev}(\text{baseline})}$$

root mean square:

$$rms = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2 = \sqrt{\frac{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_N^2}{N}}$$



(Figure from Moseley et al., 2013)

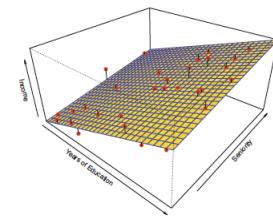
Mads Jensen (RFR, IMC, & CFIN) machine learning as signal processing 5 / 34

## Principle component analysis

Mads Jensen (RFR, IMC, & CFIN) machine learning as signal processing 6 / 34

## Dimensionality reduction

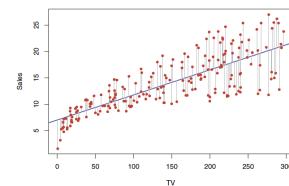
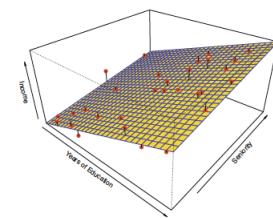
- data dimensions



(Figure from James et al., 2013)

## Dimensionality reduction

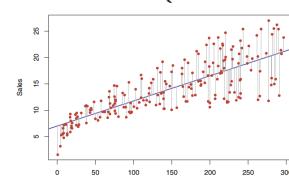
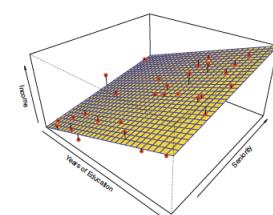
- data dimensions



(Figure from James et al., 2013)

## Dimensionality reduction

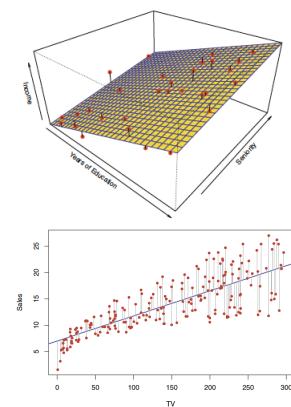
- data dimensions
- computation time



(Figure from James et al., 2013)

## Dimensionality reduction

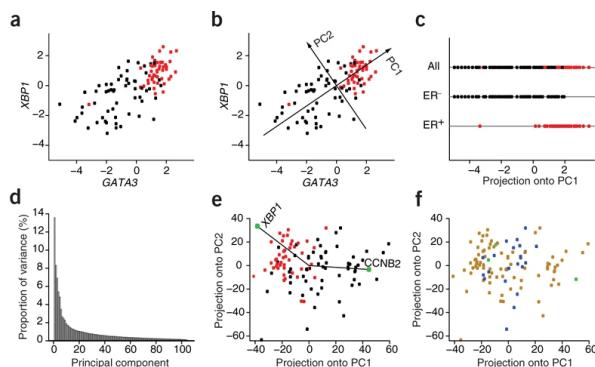
- data dimensions
- computation time
- increase SNR



(Figure from James et al., 2013)

Mads Jensen (RFR, IMC, & CFIN) machine learning as signal processing 7 / 34

## Principal component analysis



(Figure from Ringnér, 2008)

Mads Jensen (RFR, IMC, & CFIN) machine learning as signal processing 8 / 34

## Principal component analysis

Pros:

- reduced dimensions in data
- components are ordered

Mads Jensen (RFR, IMC, & CFIN) machine learning as signal processing 9 / 34

## Principal component analysis

Pros:

- reduced dimensions in data
- components are ordered

Cons:

- components are non-interpretable

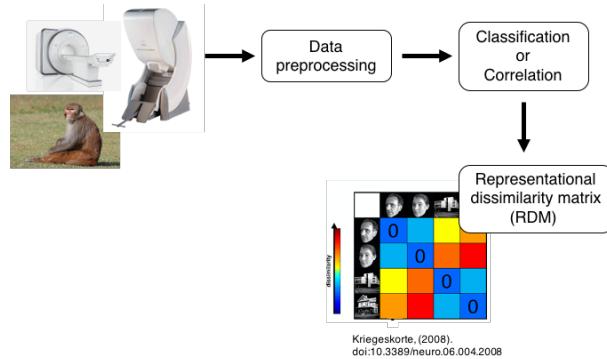
## Representational similarity analysis

## Representational similarity analysis

*"Representational Similarity Analysis (RSA) is used to perform summary statistics on supervised classifications where the number of classes is relatively high."*

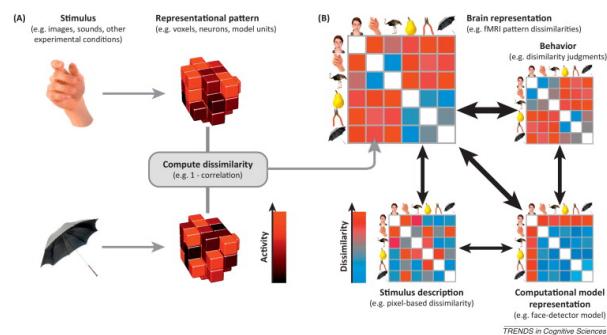
*(MNE-python RSA example)*

## RSA workflow



Mads Jensen (RFR, IMC, & CFIN) machine learning as signal processing 12 / 34

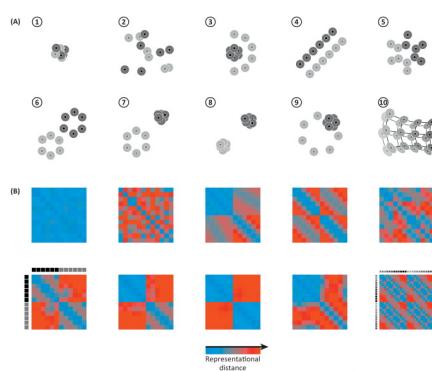
## RSA workflow



(Figure from Kriegeskorte & Kievit, 2013)

Mads Jensen (RFR, IMC, & CFIN) machine learning as signal processing 13 / 34

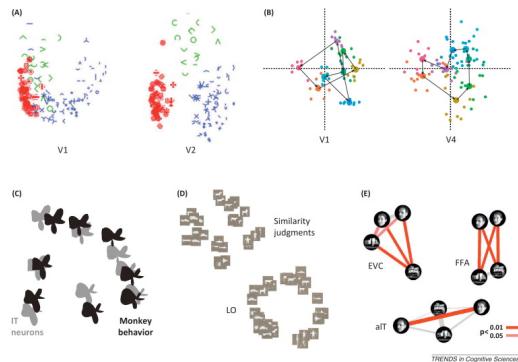
## RSA workflow



(Figure from Kriegeskorte & Kievit, 2013)

Mads Jensen (RFR, IMC, & CFIN) machine learning as signal processing 14 / 34

## RSA workflow



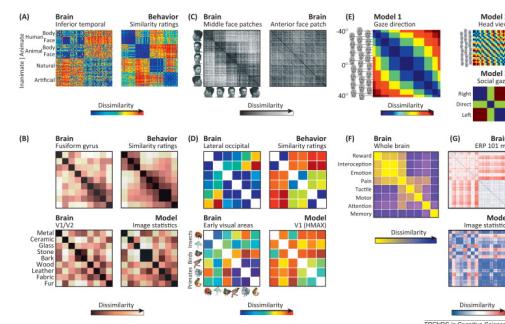
(Figure from Kriegeskorte & Kievit, 2013)

Mads Jensen (RFR, IMC, & CFIN)

machine learning as signal processing

15 / 34

## RSA workflow



(Figure from Kriegeskorte & Kievit, 2013)

Mads Jensen (RFR, IMC, & CFIN)

machine learning as signal processing

16 / 34

## Cichy et al. 2014

nature  
neuroscience

### Resolving human object recognition in space and time

Radoslaw Martin Cichy<sup>1</sup>, Dimitrios Pantazis<sup>2</sup> & Aude Oliva<sup>1</sup>

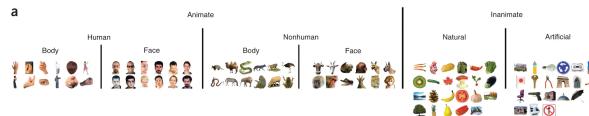
(Figure from Cichy et al., 2014)

Mads Jensen (RFR, IMC, & CFIN)

machine learning as signal processing

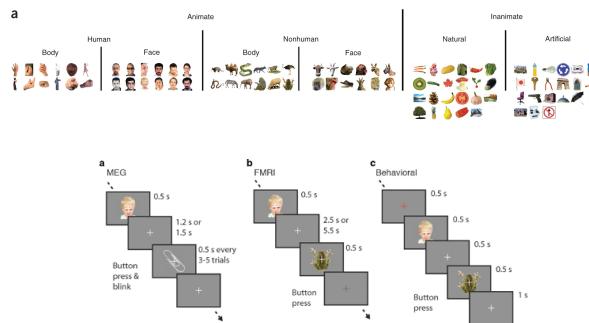
17 / 34

## Resolving human object recognition in space and time



Mads Jensen (RFR, IMC, & CFIN) machine learning as signal processing 18 / 34

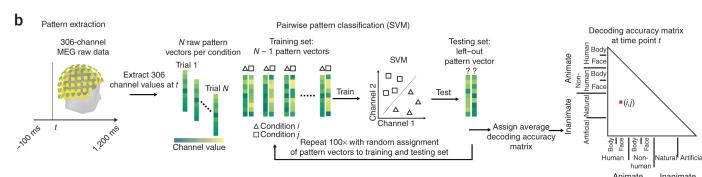
## Resolving human object recognition in space and time



(Figure from Cichy et al., 2014)

Mads Jensen (RFR, IMC, & CFIN) machine learning as signal processing 18 / 34

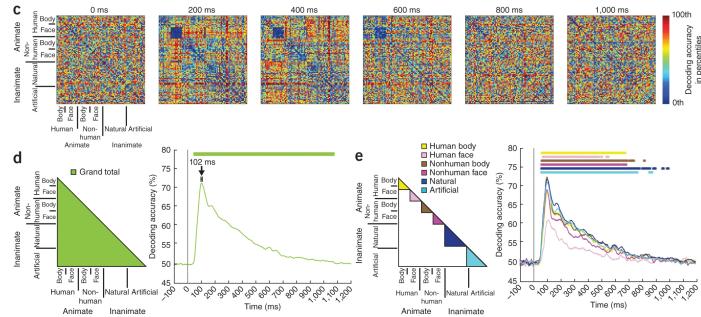
## Resolving human object recognition in space and time



(Figure from Cichy et al., 2014)

Mads Jensen (RFR, IMC, & CFIN) machine learning as signal processing 19 / 34

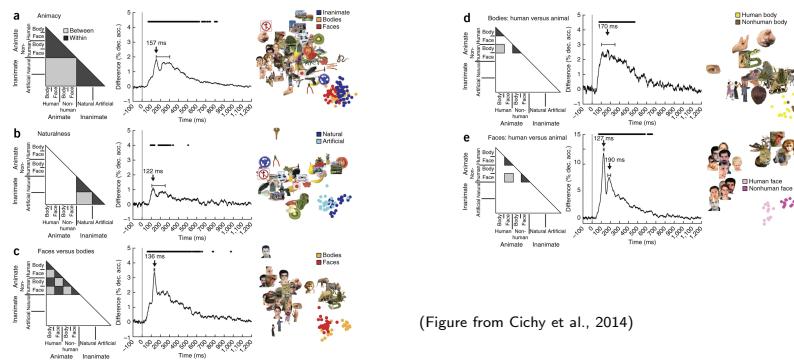
# Resolving human object recognition in space and time



(Figure from Cichy et al., 2014)

Mads Jensen (RFR, IMC, & CFIN) machine learning as signal processing 20 / 34

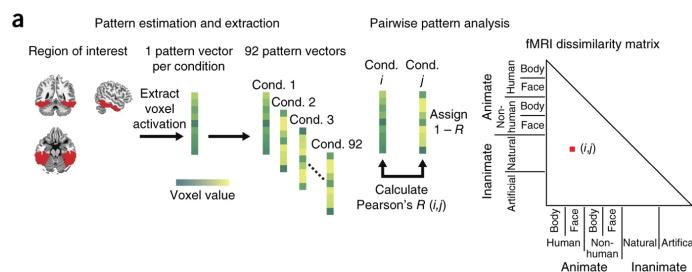
# Resolving human object recognition in space and time



(Figure from Cichy et al., 2014)

Mads Jensen (RFR, IMC, & CFIN) machine learning as signal processing 21 / 34

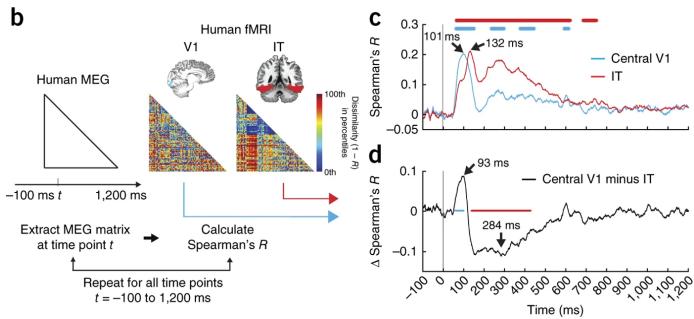
# Resolving human object recognition in space and time



(Figure from Cichy et al., 2014)

Mads Jensen (RFR, IMC, & CFIN) machine learning as signal processing 22 / 34

## Resolving human object recognition in space and time



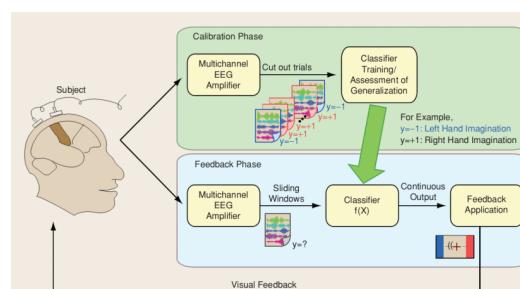
(Figure from Cichy et al., 2014)

Mads Jensen (RFR, IMC, & CFIN) machine learning as signal processing 23 / 34

## Common spatial patterns

Mads Jensen (RFR, IMC, & CFIN) machine learning as signal processing 24 / 34

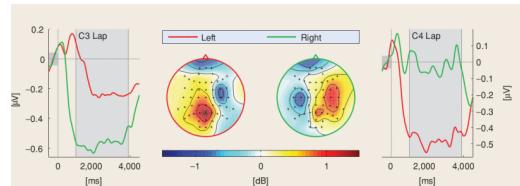
## Brain-computer interface



(Figure from Blankertz et al., 2008)

Mads Jensen (RFR, IMC, & CFIN) machine learning as signal processing 25 / 34

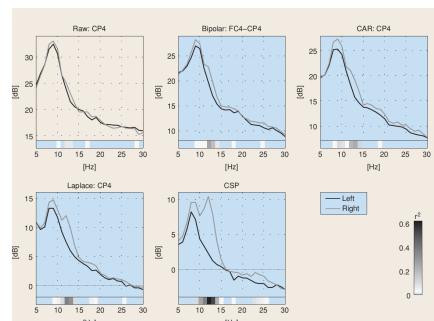
## Brain-computer interface



(Figure from Blankertz et al., 2008)

Mads Jensen (RFR, IMC, & CFIN) machine learning as signal processing 26 / 34

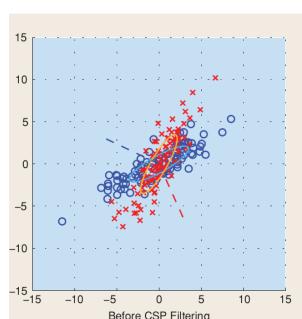
## Common spatial patterns



(Figure from Blankertz et al., 2008)

Mads Jensen (RFR, IMC, & CFIN) machine learning as signal processing 27 / 34

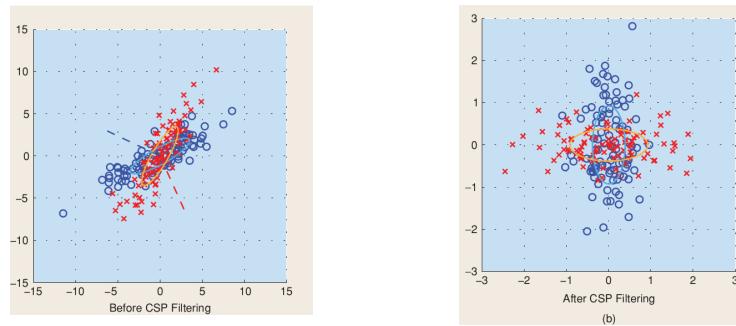
## Common spatial patterns



(Figure from Blankertz et al., 2008)

Mads Jensen (RFR, IMC, & CFIN) machine learning as signal processing 28 / 34

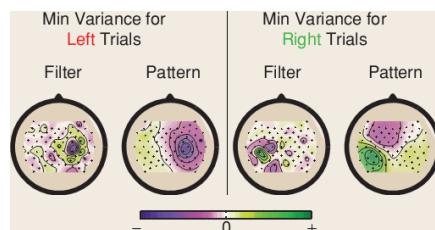
## Common spatial patterns



(Figure from Blankertz et al., 2008)

Mads Jensen (RFR, IMC, & CFIN) machine learning as signal processing 28 / 34

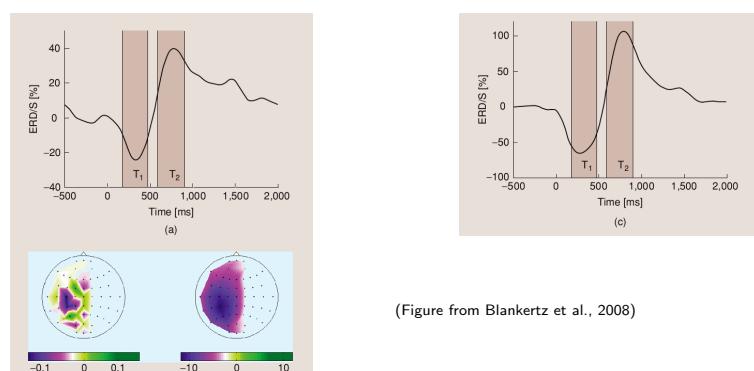
## Common spatial patterns



(Figure from Blankertz et al., 2008)

Mads Jensen (RFR, IMC, & CFIN) machine learning as signal processing 29 / 34

## Common spatial patterns



(Figure from Blankertz et al., 2008)

Mads Jensen (RFR, IMC, & CFIN) machine learning as signal processing 30 / 34

## Practical class on Wednesday

- Create your own RSA analysis
- a large file is needed (~6 GB), make sure to have it downloaded before class
- description of the task is available on BlackBoard and in *practical\_classes* folder on GitHub

## Feedback on papers

- submit one paper for feedback
- deadline for paper submission: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> of November
- no extention
- feedback will be given on December 7<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

## References I

- Blankertz, B., Tomioka, R., Lemm, S., Kawanabe, M., & Muller, K.-R. (2008). Optimizing spatial filters for robust EEG single-trial analysis. *IEEE Signal processing magazine*, 25(1), 41–56.
- Cichy, R. M., Pantazis, D., & Oliva, A. (2014). Resolving human object recognition in space and time. *Nature Neuroscience*, 17(3), 455–462. <https://doi.org/10.1038/nn.3635>
- James, G., Witten, D., Hastie, T., & Tibshirani, R. (2013). *An Introduction to Statistical Learning* (Vol. 103). Springer New York. [faculty.marshall.usc.edu/gareth-james/ISL/](http://faculty.marshall.usc.edu/gareth-james/ISL/)
- Kriegeskorte, N., & Kievit, R. A. (2013). Representational geometry: Integrating cognition, computation, and the brain. *Trends in cognitive sciences*, 17, 401–412. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.tics.2013.06.007>

## References II

- Moseley, R. L., Pulvermüller, F., & Shtyrov, Y. (2013). Sensorimotor semantics on the spot: Brain activity dissociates between conceptual categories within 150 ms. *Scientific Reports*, 3, 1928. <https://doi.org/10.1038/srep01928>
- Ringnér, M. (2008). What is principal component analysis? *Nature Biotechnology*, 26(3), 303–304. <https://doi.org/10.1038/nbt0308-303>