

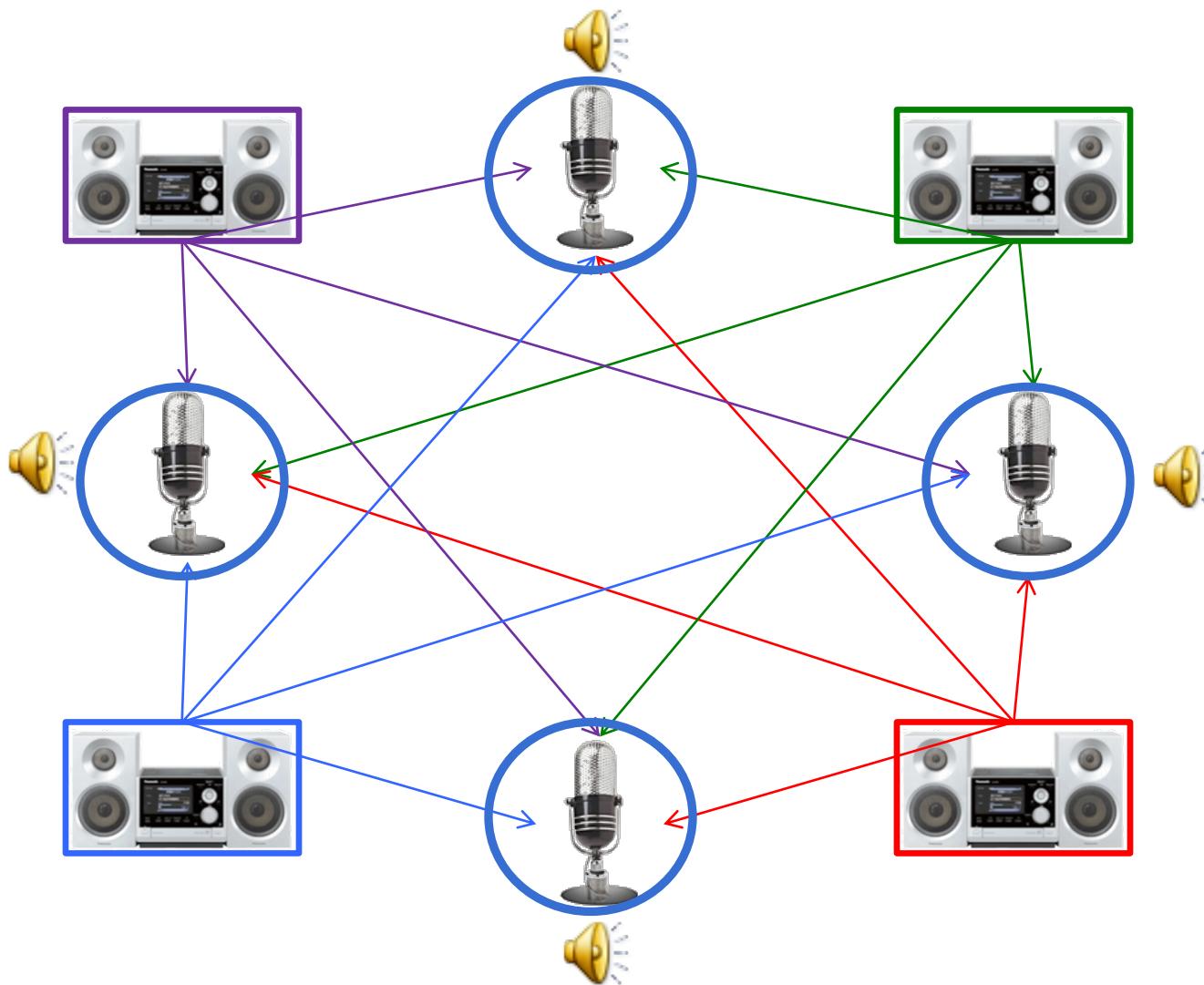
# Week 14 Dimensionality Reduction

L14-03 Independent Component Analysis: Concept

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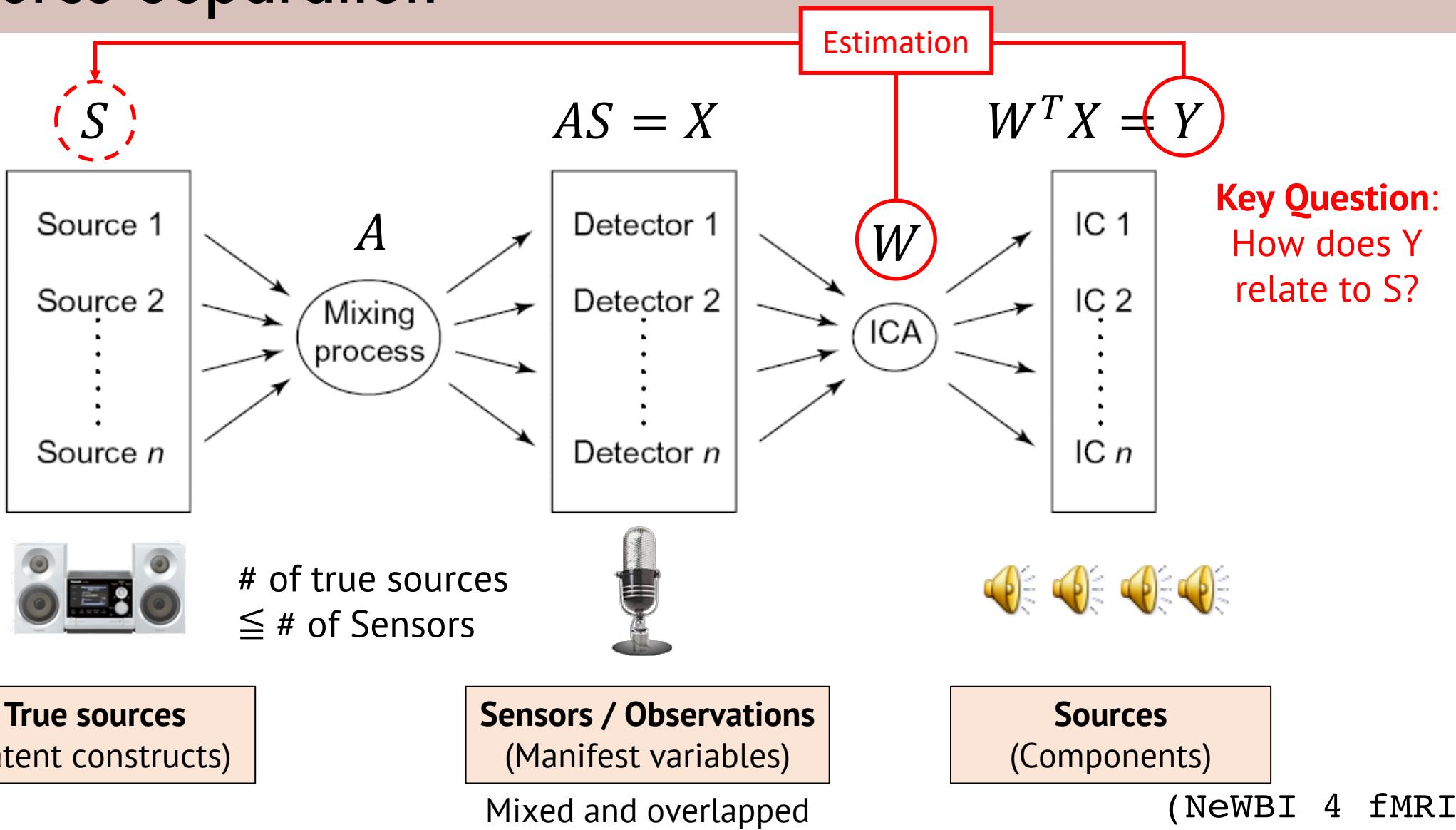
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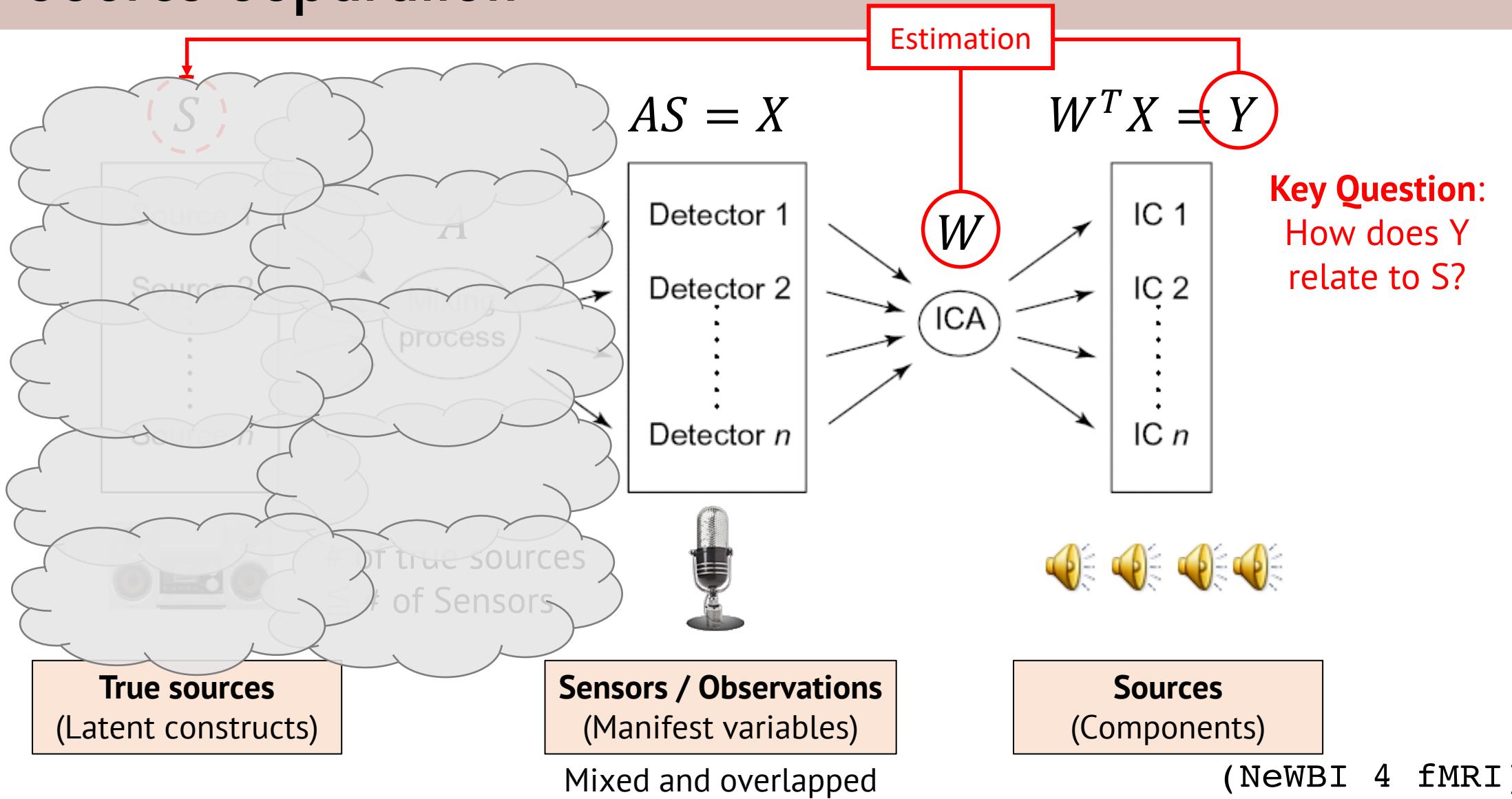
(NeWBI 4 fMRI)



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**Key Question:** How does  $Y$  relate to  $S$ ?

$$\cancel{AS} = X$$

$$W^T X = \textcolor{red}{Y}$$

If  $Y = S$  then

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} AY = X \\ W^T X = Y \end{array} \right\}$$

$$(W^T)^{-1} = A$$

“Weights matrix”  
“Unmixing matrix”

“Forward model”  
“Activation pattern”

(Mike X Cohen)



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  - $Y_1, Y_2$  are independent  $\Leftrightarrow p(y_1, y_2) = p(y_1)p(y_2)$
  - $Y_1, Y_2$  are independent  $\stackrel{\Rightarrow}{\not\Leftarrow} Y_1, Y_2$  are uncorrelated

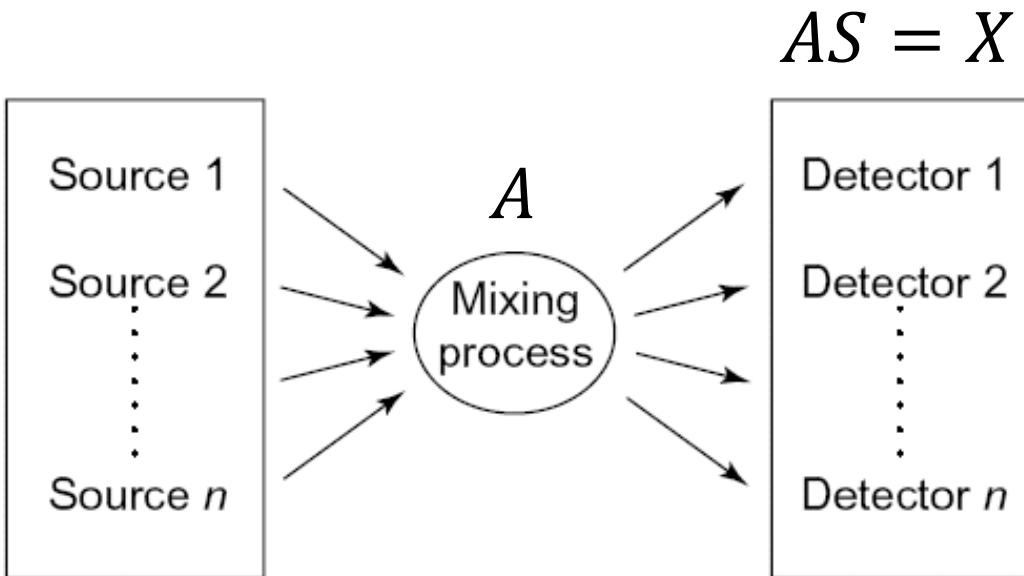


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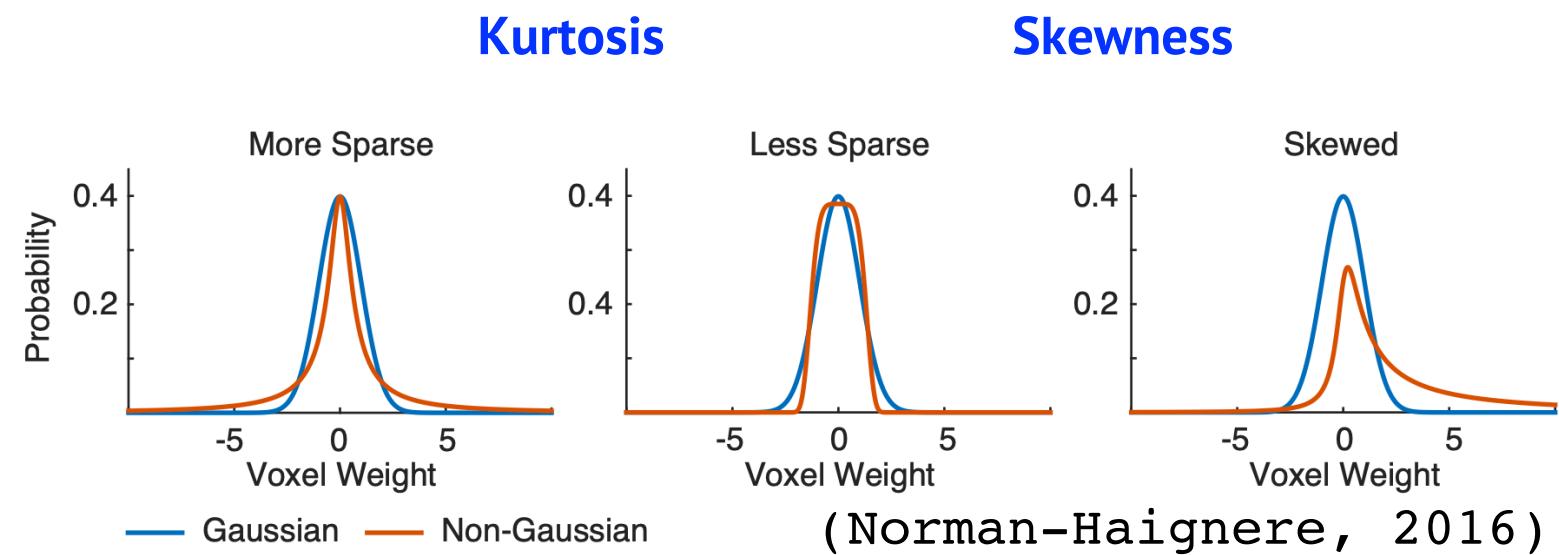
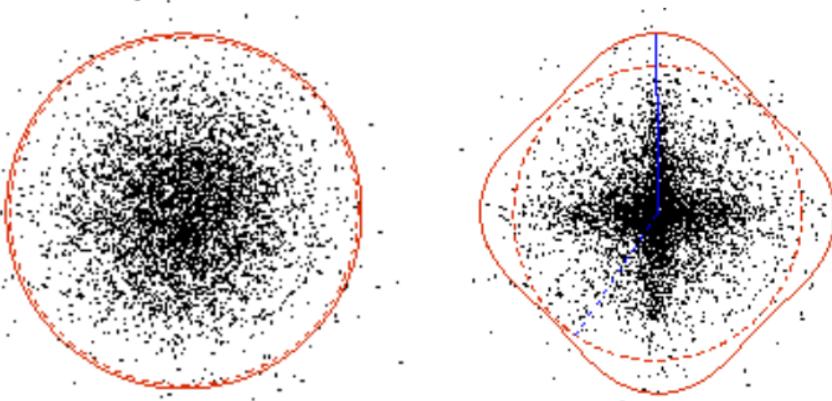
$$x_{ij} = a_{i1}s_{1j} + \cdots + a_{in}s_{nj} = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{ik}s_{kj}$$

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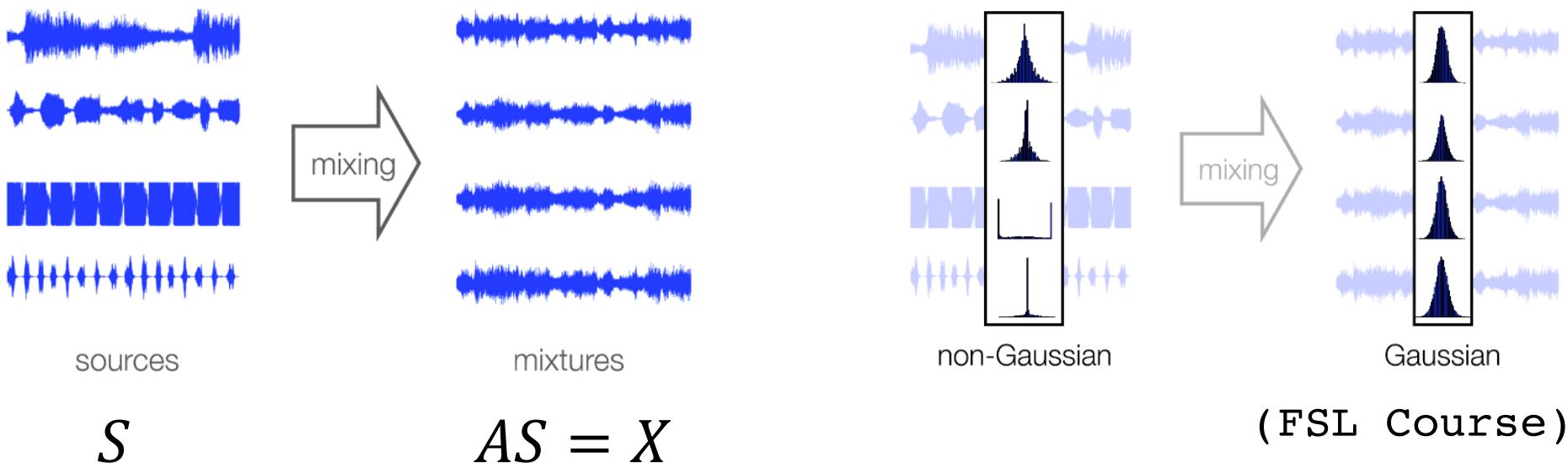
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  - Mixtures of sources have Gaussian distributions (**Central Limit Theorem; CLT**)

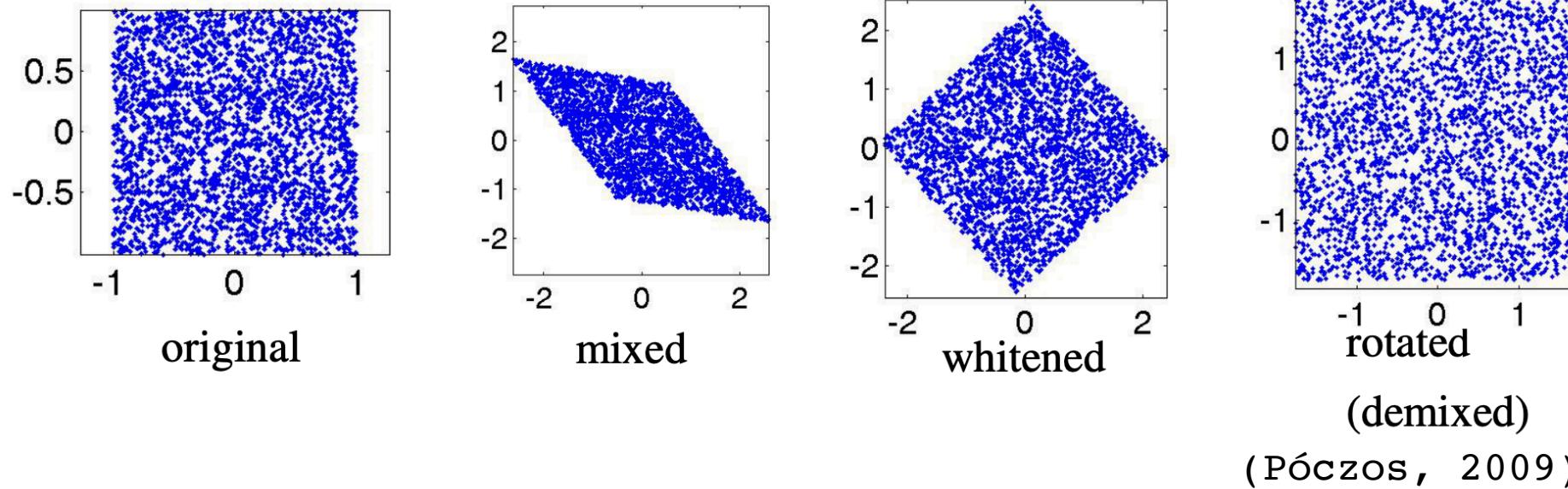


# The Idea of ICA

## ■ Two Steps

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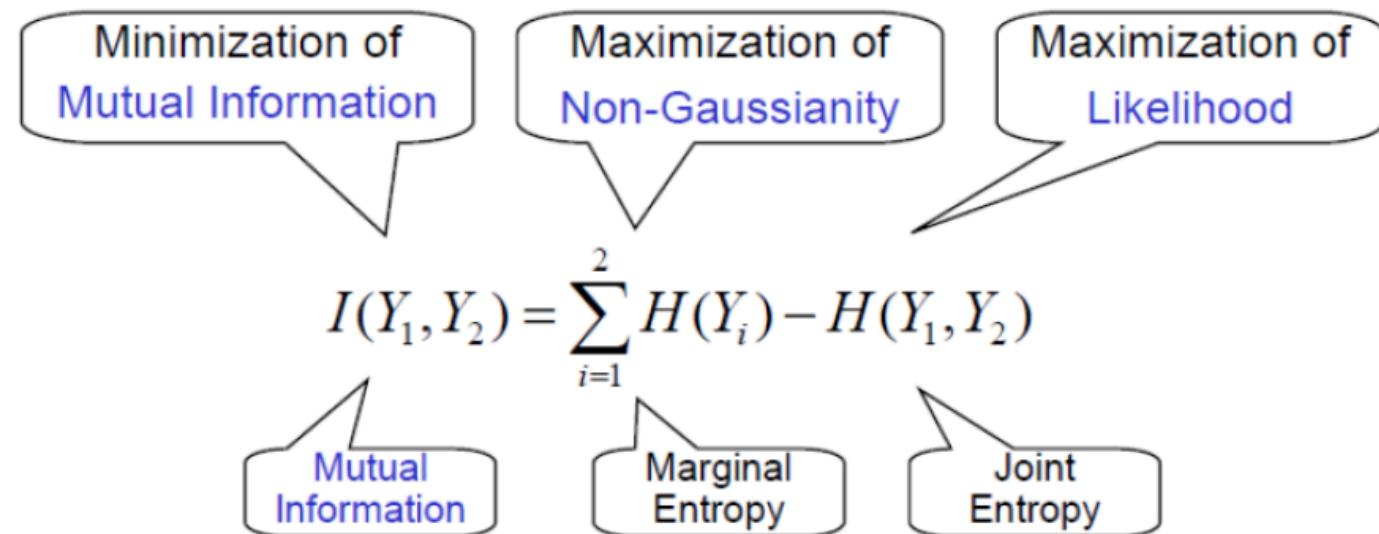
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  - = to minimize Mutual information(KL Divergence)
  - = to maximize Likelihood



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(Norman-Haignere, 2016)



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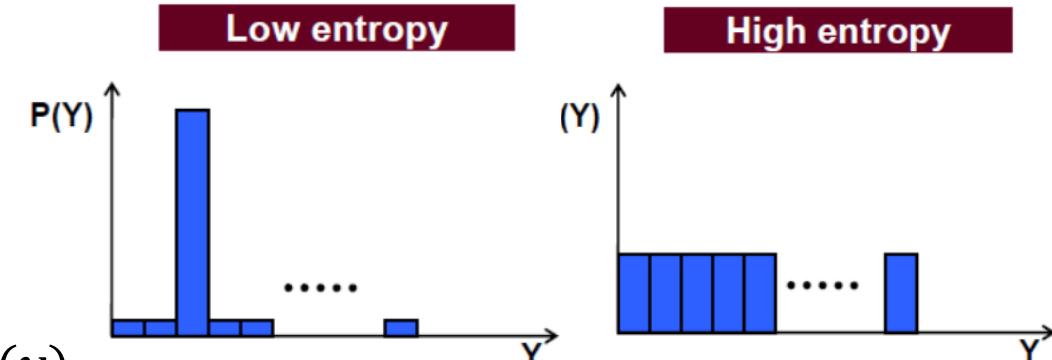
- Definition: difference in entropy from a Gaussian

$$J(y) = H(y_{gauss}) - H(y)$$

- Gaussian distribution is maximally entropic (for fixed variance)
  - Maximizing negentropy closely related to minimizing mutual information
  - Cons: in practice can be hard to measure and optimize

- Kurtosis (approximation)

- Skew (approximation)



(Norman-Haignere, 2016)

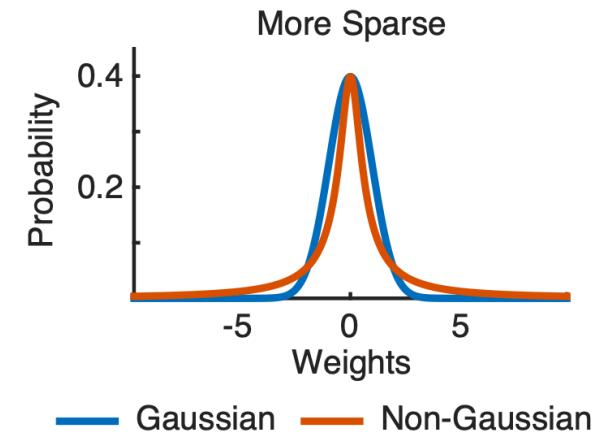


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  - Definition: 4<sup>th</sup> moment of the distribution  
$$\mathbb{E}[y^4]$$
  - Useful for sparse, ‘heavy tailed’ distributions (which are common)
  - Very easy to measure and optimize
  - Cons: only useful if the source distributions are sparse, sensitive to outliers
- Skew (approximation)



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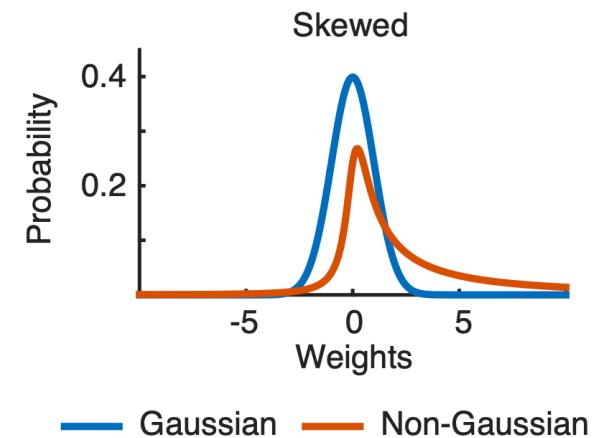


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- Brute-force search
  - E.g., iteratively rotate pairs of components to maximize non-Gaussianity
  - Easy-to-implement, effective in low-dimensional spaces
- Gradient-based

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- Gradient-based
  - More complicated to implement, effective in high dimensions

All optimization algorithms attempt to find local, not global, optima

- Useful to test stability of local optima
- E.g., run algorithm many times from random starting points

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## ■ Algorithms

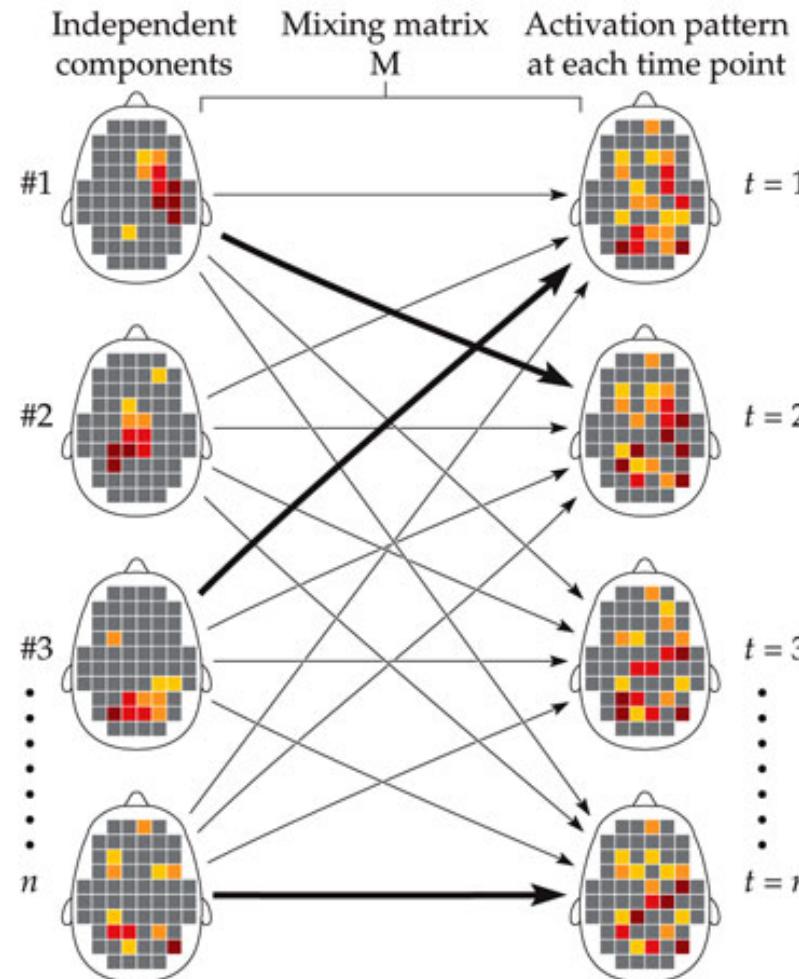
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*Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging 2e, Figure 11.2*

(Huettel, Song & McCarthy, 2008)



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## ■ How many components?

- too many
  - splitting of components
  - hard to dig through
- too few
  - clumping of components
- some algorithms can estimate # components

## ■ How do you make sense of them?

- visual inspection
- sorting

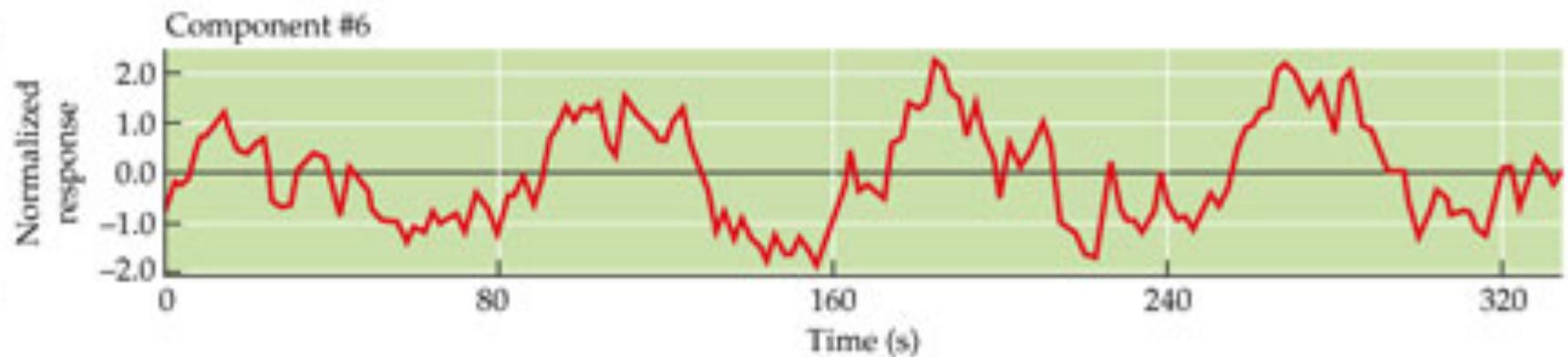
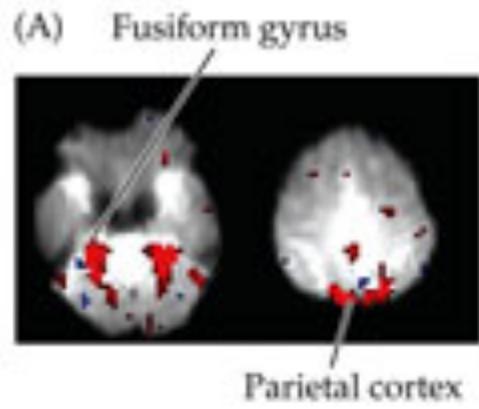
### Sorting components

- variance accounted for by component
- spatial correlation with known areas
  - regions of interest (e.g., fusiform face area)
  - networks of interest (e.g., default mode network)
- temporal correlation with known events
  - task predictors

(NeWBI 4 fMRI)



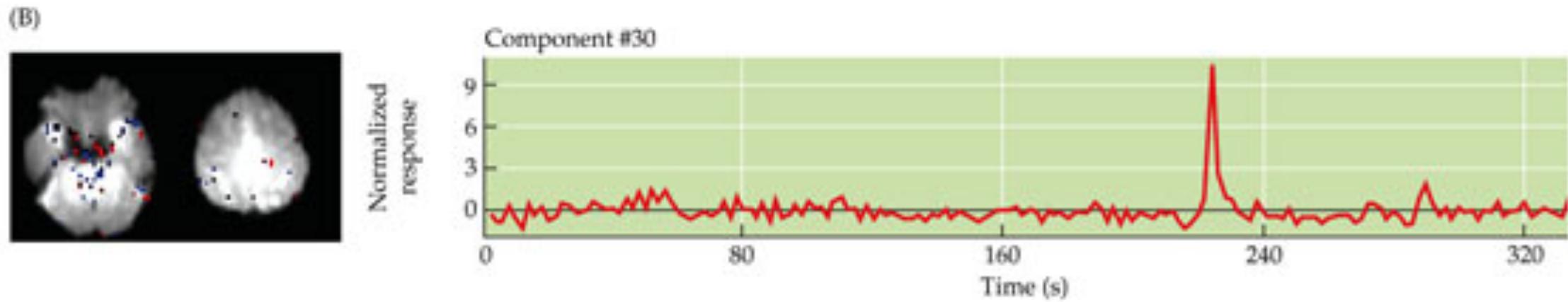
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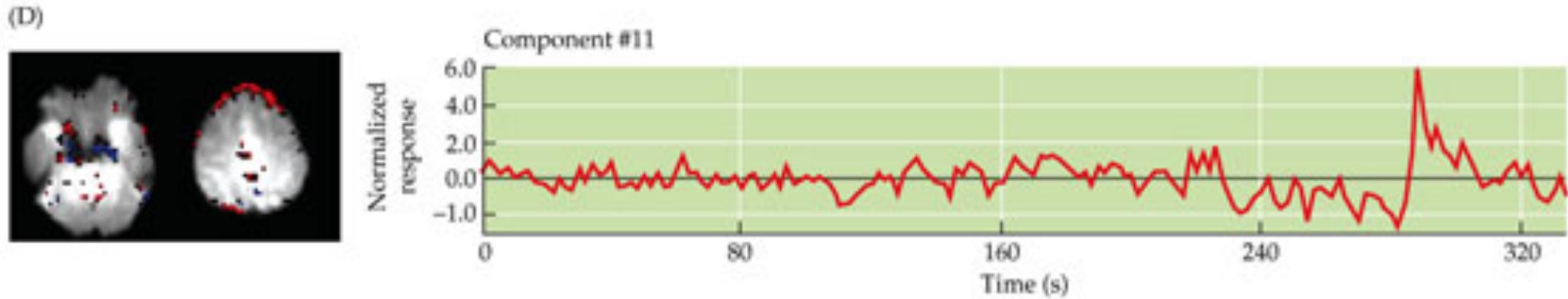
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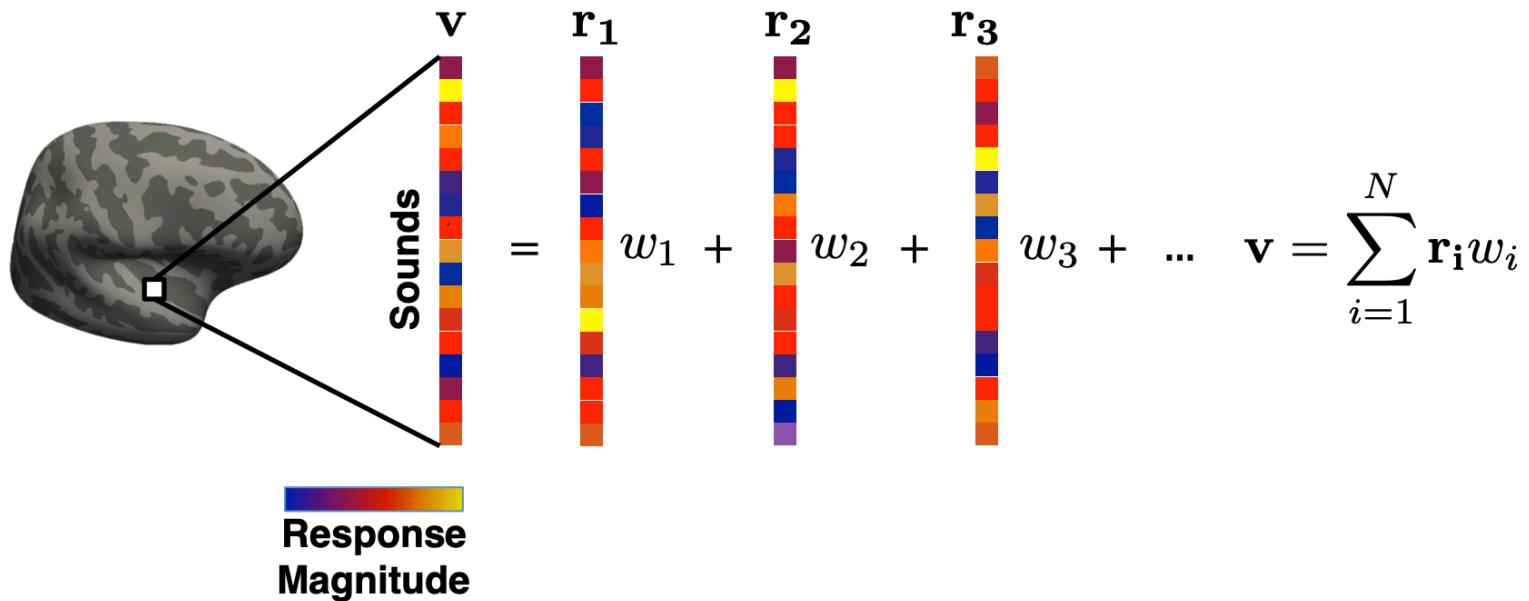
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## ■ Similarities

### Linear Model of Voxel Responses



Voxel responses modeled as weighted sum of response profiles

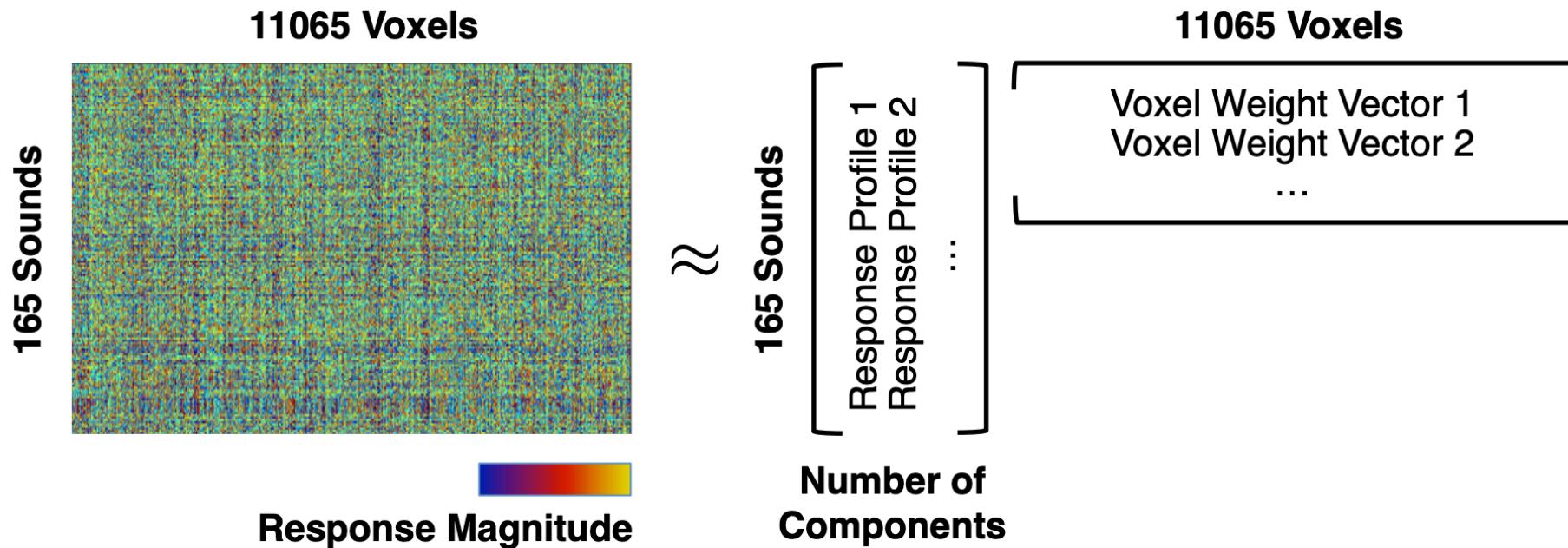
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## ■ Similarities

### Matrix Factorization



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# ICA vs. PCA

## ■ Differences

ICA

- $X = AS$
- **Non-Gaussianity**
- ICA does **not** do compression
  - Same # of features ( $M=N$ )
- ICA just removes correlations,  
**and** higher order dependence  
( $3^{\text{rd}}$  and  $4^{\text{th}}$  orders)
- Components are **equally important**

PCA

- $X = US (U^T U = I)$
- **Variance = Relevance**
- PCA does **compression**
  - $M < N$
- PCA just removes correlations,  
**not** higher order dependence  
( $2^{\text{nd}}$  order)
- Some components are **more important** than others (based on eigenvalues)

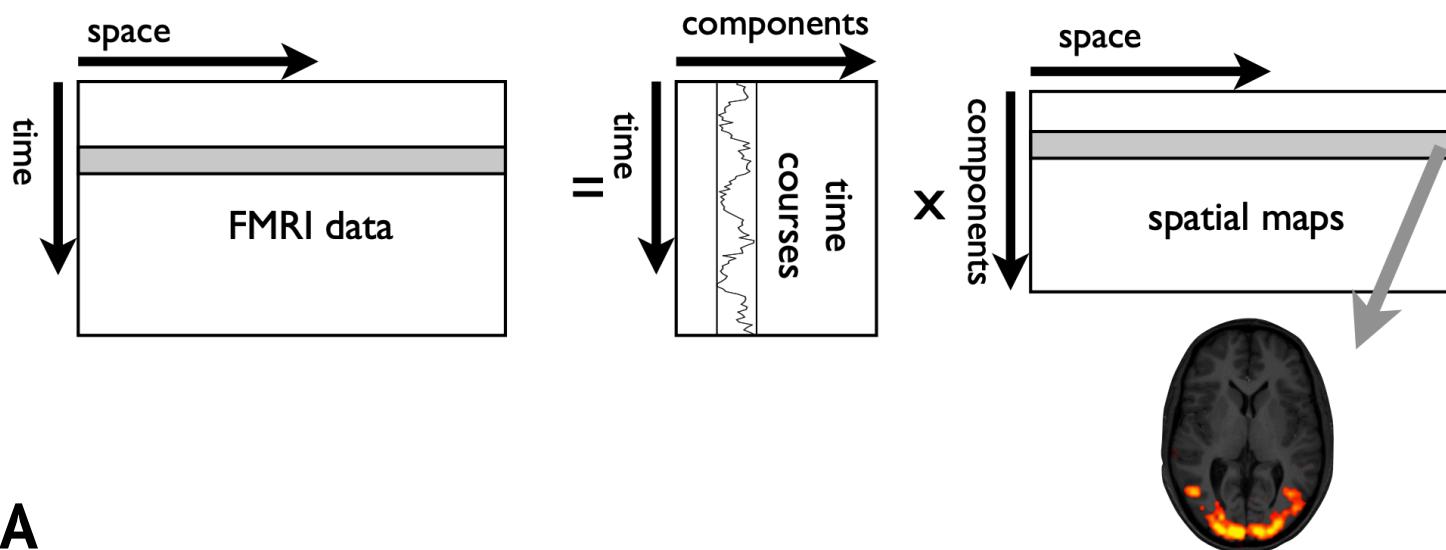
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# ICA Types

## ■ Spatial ICA

- Independent components are estimated by maximizing independence in space (spatially independent)  $\Rightarrow$  common approach



## ■ Temporal ICA

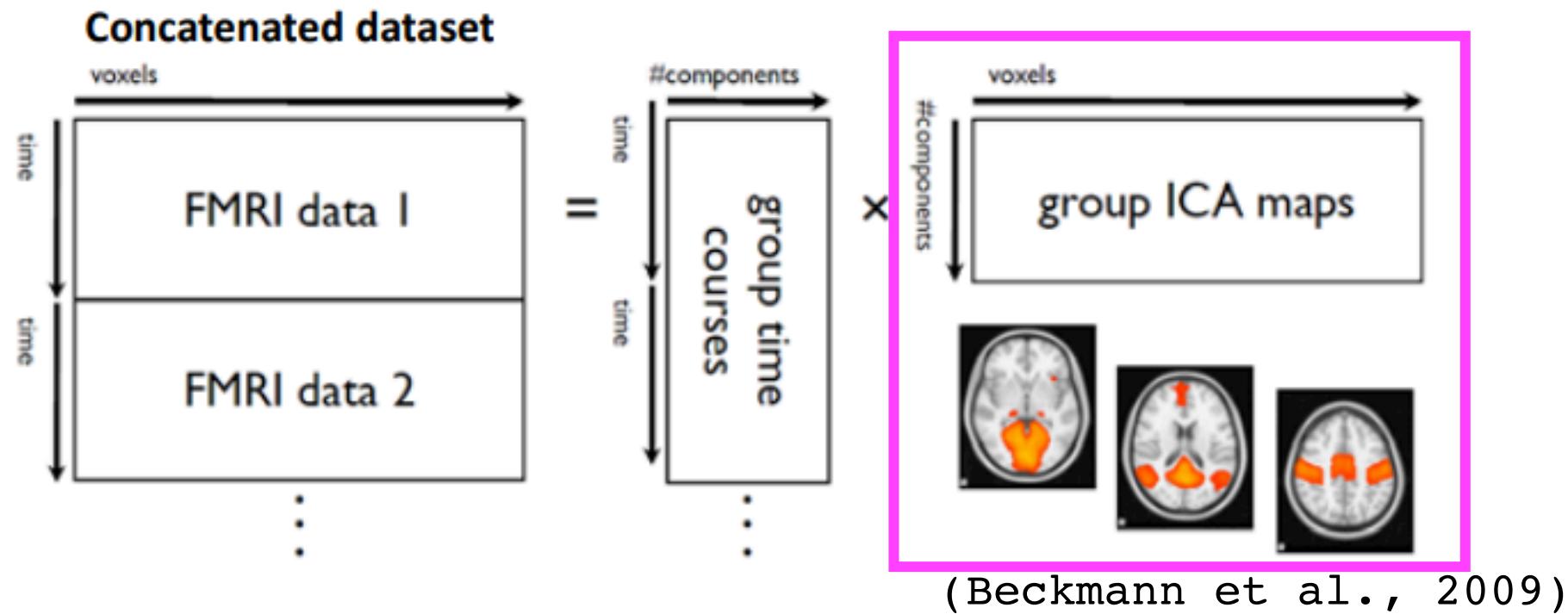
- Independent components are estimated by maximizing independence in time

(FSL Course)



# Group ICA

- Concatenate all participants' data temporally/spatially, then run ICA.

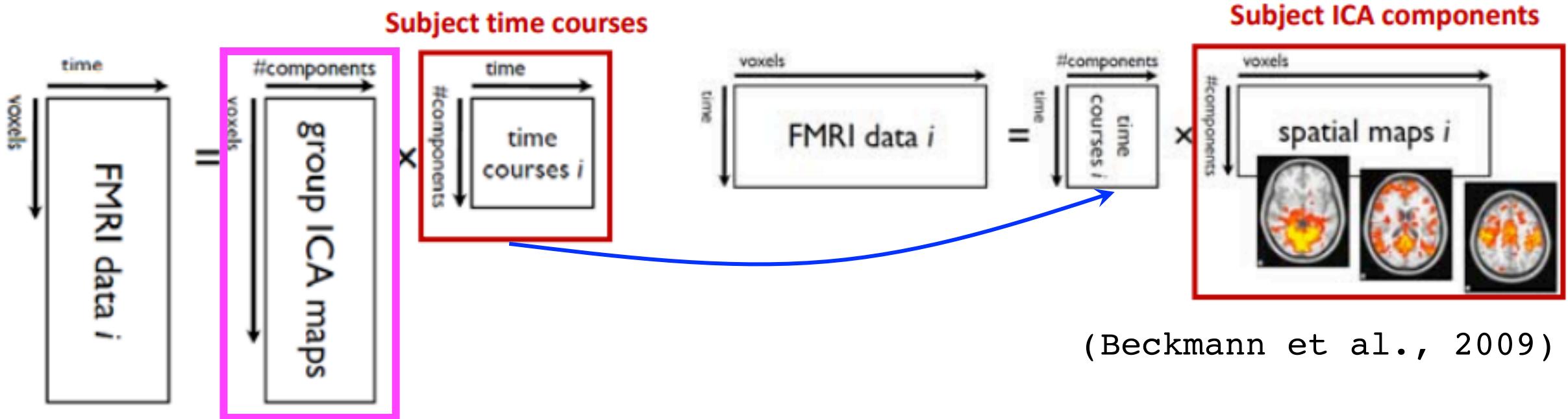


(Lu, 2019)



# Reconstructed Subject ICA

## ■ Dual Regression



1. Regress group maps into each subjects' 4D data to find subject-specific timecourses

2. Regress these timecourses back into the 4D data to find subject-specific spatial maps

(Lu, 2019)



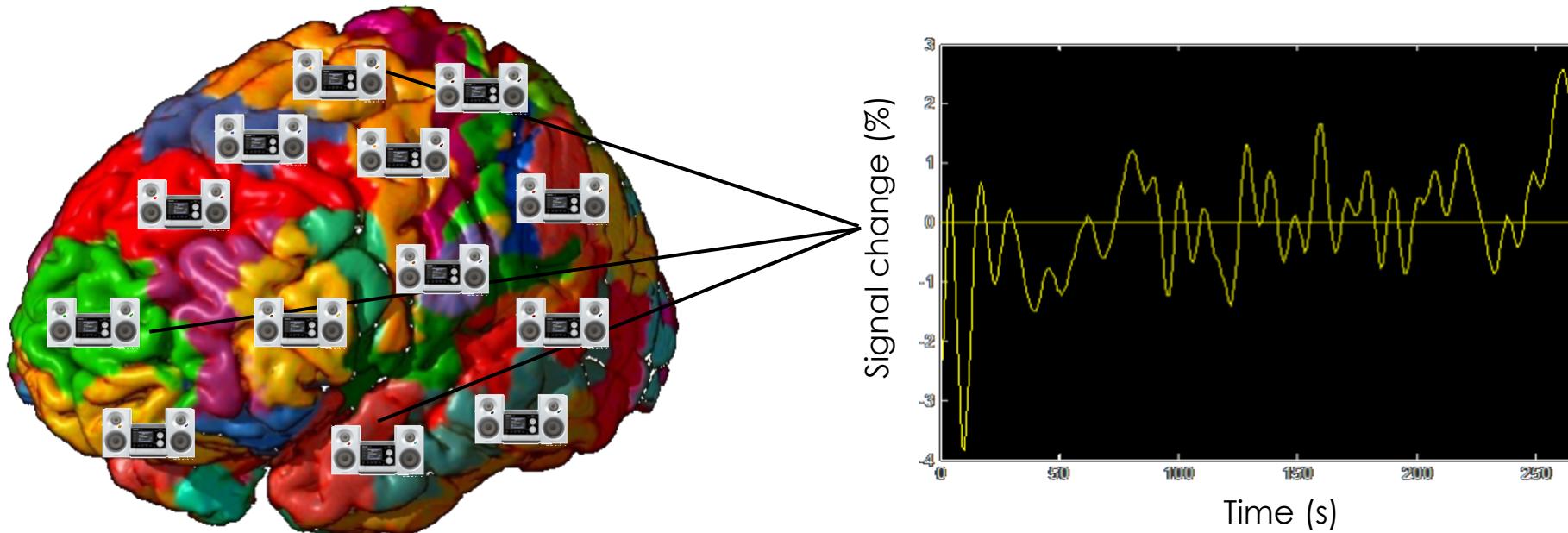
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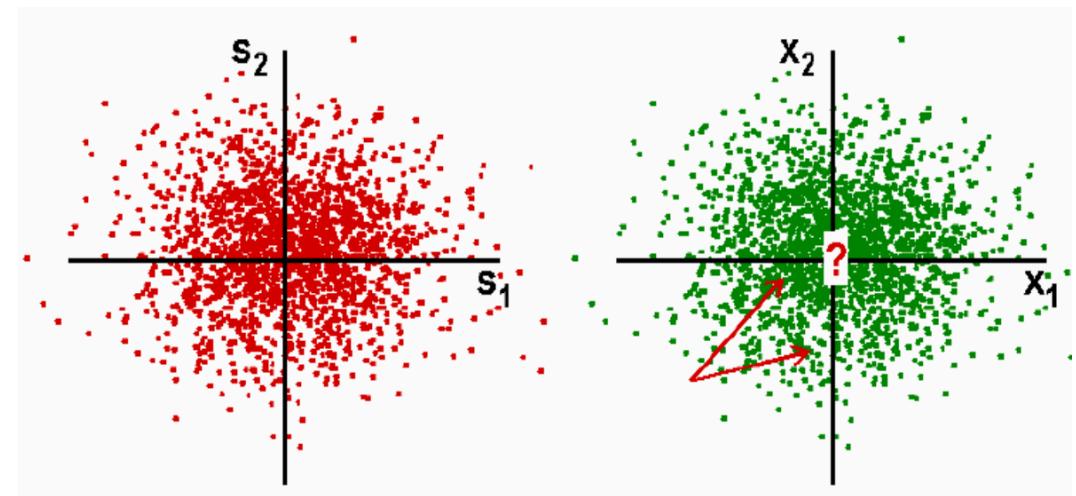


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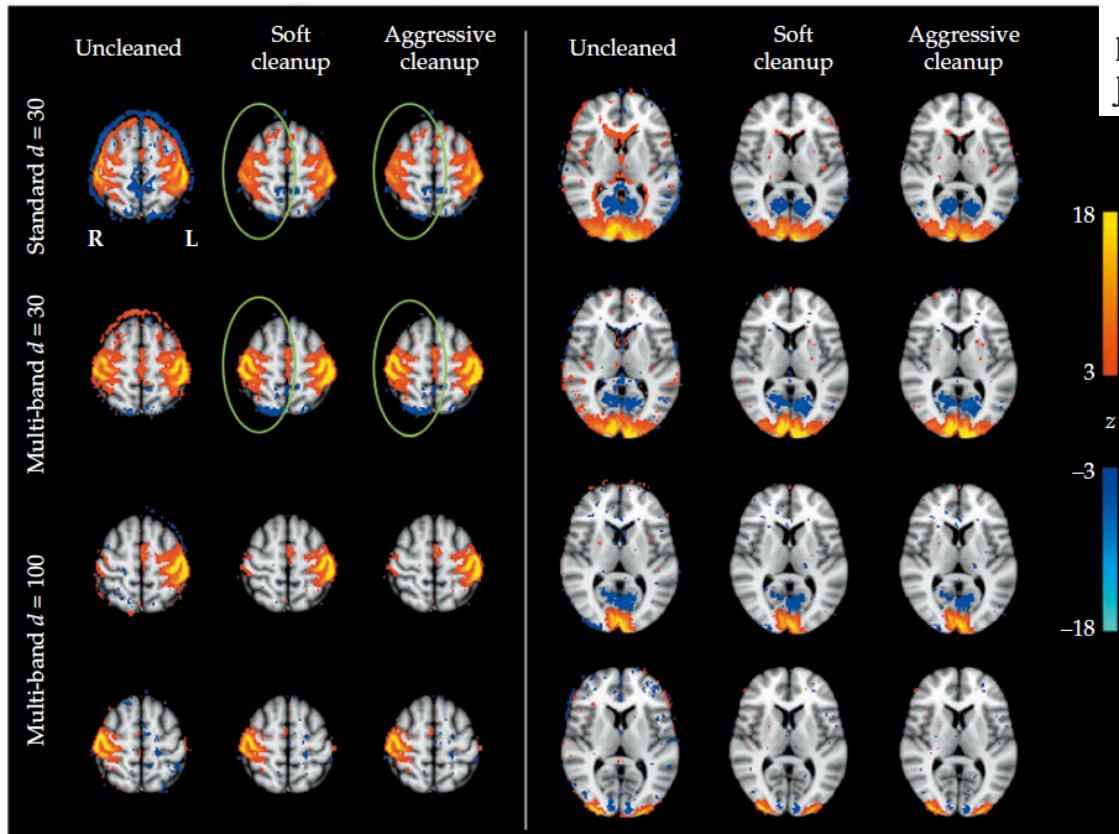
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ICA-AROMA: A robust ICA-based strategy for removing motion artifacts from fMRI data

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(Pruim et al., 2015, Neuroimage)

### PART 5 (b9-b10)

#### Functional images Smoothing and ICA-AROMA

##### b9: smoothing

- smoothing functional images with the FWHM 5 mm smoothing kernel.

##### b10: ICA-AROMA

- A data-driven method to identify and remove motion-related independent components from functional MRI data.
- <https://github.com/rhr-pruim/ICA-AROMA>

Cocoanlab's fMRI data preprocessing pipeline ([Link](#))

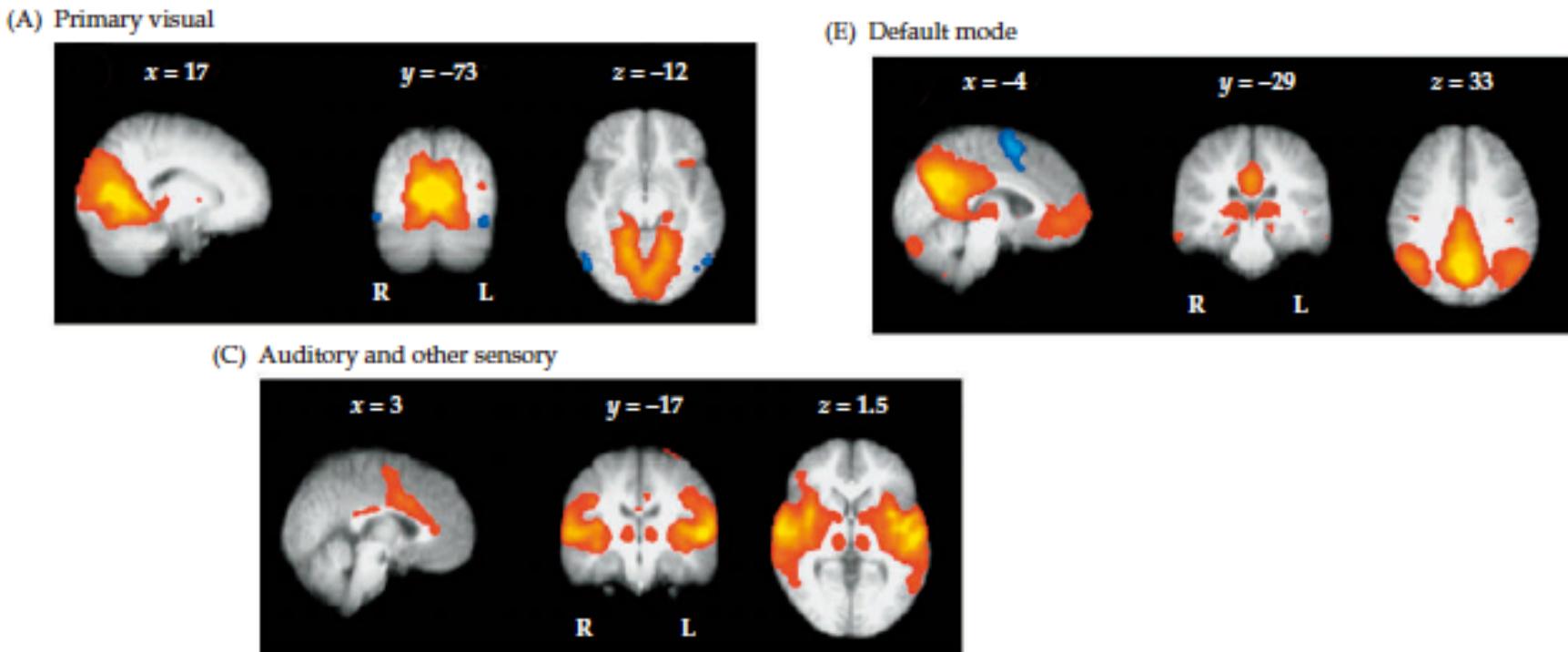
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# Conclusion

- For ICA to infer underlying components, they must have non-Gaussian and statistically independent sources (voxel weights for fMRI).
- When the assumptions hold, the method is very effective, and requires few additional assumptions about the nature of the underlying sources.
- While ICA is a powerful technique with few assumptions on the nature of the observations and the underlying sources, it must be remembered that ICA does have some intrinsic limitations.
- In fMRI data, ICA has showed quite good performance in both data denoising and network identification.



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