

CPCZurich2023 Practical Tutorial H – Dynamic Causal Modeling for fMRI

Installation Guide

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This description guides you through the installation of the code and data needed for the DCM for fMRI tutorial. In case additional files are needed, we will inform you in time, so that you can also download them before the tutorial.

A) MATLAB

Make sure you install MATLAB and that you can open and run it:

<https://www.mathworks.com/products/get-matlab.html>

We have not fully tested this, but to our knowledge you should be able to run the tutorial with the student version.

B) Download and Setup

Download the folder **cpc2023_dcm_students.zip**. To do so, go to:

<https://www.tnu.ethz.ch/en/team/faculty-and-scientific-staff/heinzle/>

Click on the "Download for DCM Tutorial" link under CP Course 2023 at the bottom of the page. You will be asked for a password, which is **CPC2023dcm**. Unzip the folder so that you have (somewhere on your computer) a folder called **cpc2023_dcm**.

Notes

1. Files that come with this tutorial folder include:
 - **setup_demo_cpc.m** → Under the **code/** folder. Checks whether your installation and all paths are set up correctly.
 - **cpc_glm_dcm_subject.m** → Under the **code/** folder. Runs an analysis on a visuomotor data set.
 - **data/visuomotor/Sub01** → Folder containing preprocessed functional data, behavioral information and movement regressors for a single subject.

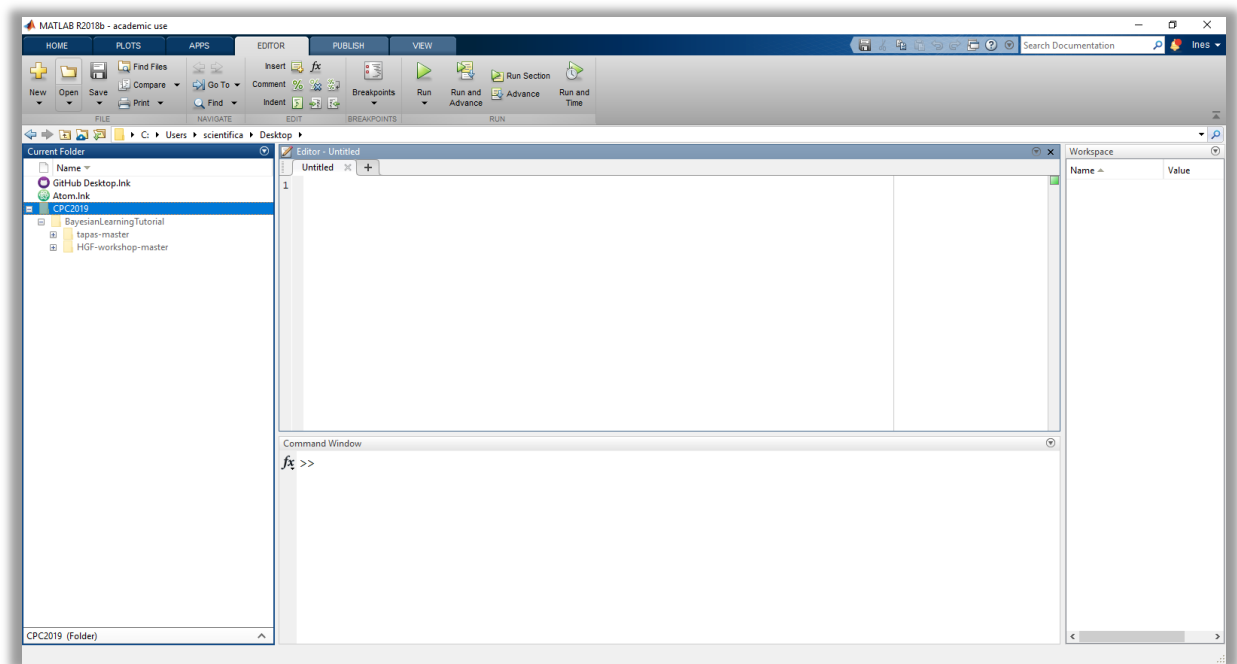
2. External sources for software and data **included** in this tutorial folder (**no need** to download separately):

- SPM12 - SPM 12 can be downloaded from <https://github.com/spm/spm12> or from <http://www.fil.ion.ucl.ac.uk/spm/software/spm12/> .

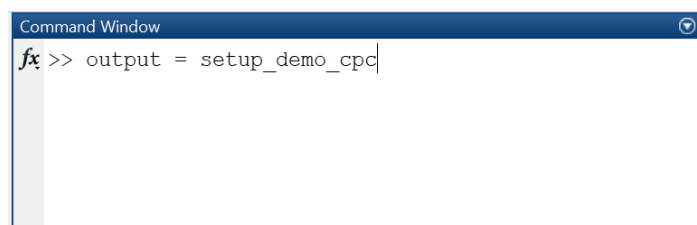
C) Test the installation

Check your SPM installation and the files:

1. Open Matlab. You will see an interface similar to this:



1. Make sure the file `setup_demo_cpc.m` is in your `code/` folder.
2. Go to the `code/` folder using the Current Folder window.
3. Run `output = setup_demo_cpc()` in the Command Window.



You will get some feedback on the screen and output should be a vector [1 1].

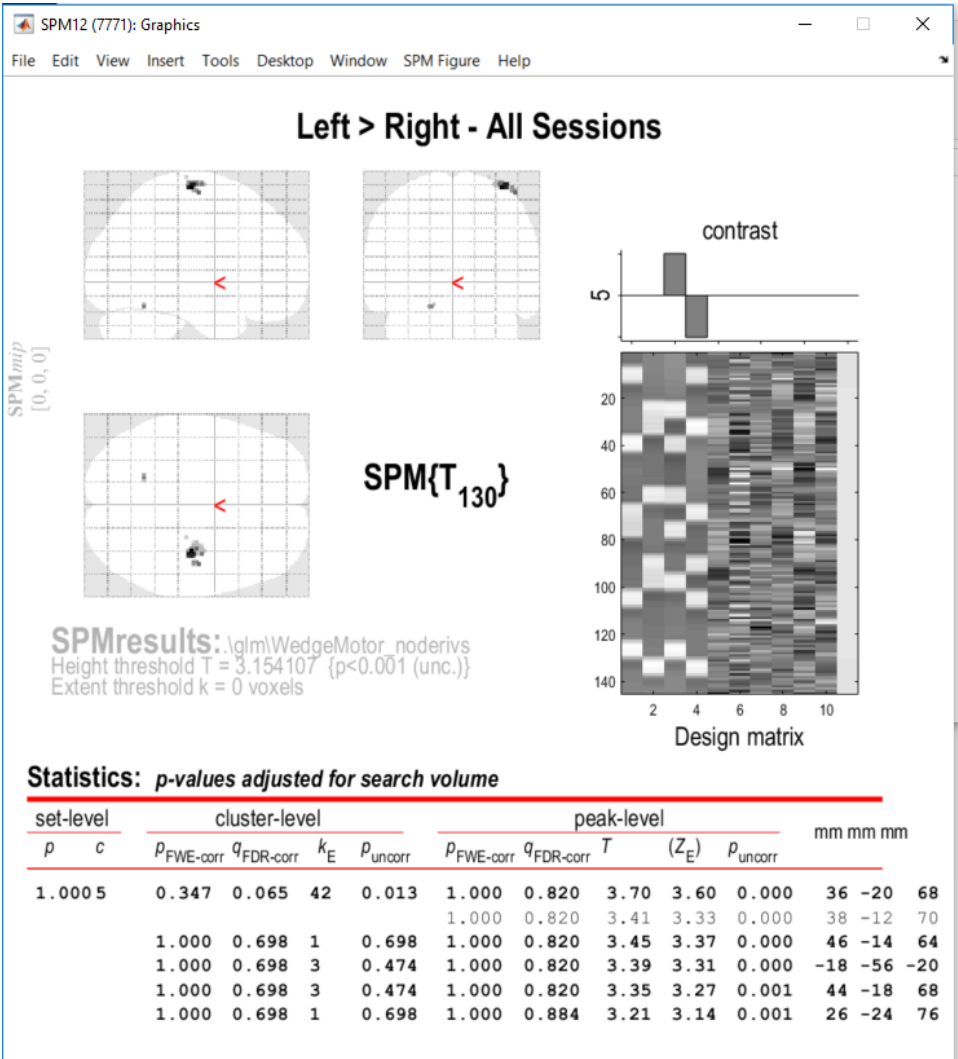
D) Run the first-level analysis on the tutorial data

In order to be ready for the tutorial, you need to run a first-level model analysis (GLM) with spm. In Matlab, go again to your `code/` folder and type `cpc_glm_dcm_subject`.

Command Window

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f> cpc_glm_dcm_subject
```

Running this program will take a bit of time and you will see things appearing in the command window. At the end, there should be a window showing you the following:



You are all set and ready for the tutorial now 😊 !

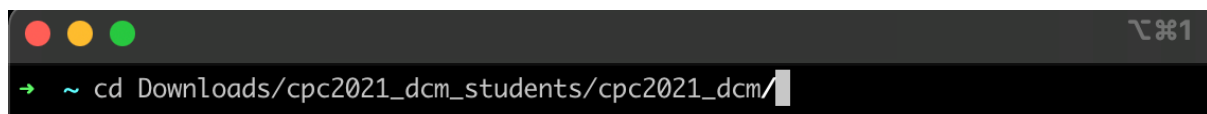
If you have trouble getting to this point before the Practical Tutorial Session, please consult the **#tutorial-helpdesk channel on Discord**. You will be given access to the CPC Discord workspace at the beginning of the course. Check if anyone has had the same issue and has managed to solve it and how. If no one else has encountered the same problem, post your question. **Florian** will be monitoring the channel and providing support. In addition, given the volume of attendees this year, we would be really grateful if you could assist us by answering queries on Discord yourself if you come across a problem you know and have solved.

For those who need more personalized help, Florian will be offering support hours. More information on the exact time will follow.

If you have the following issues with MEX files on macOS Catalina:

"*.mexmaci64" cannot be opened because the developer cannot be verified. macOS cannot verify that this app is free from malware" or "Code signature not valid for use in process using Library Validation: library load disallowed by system policy"

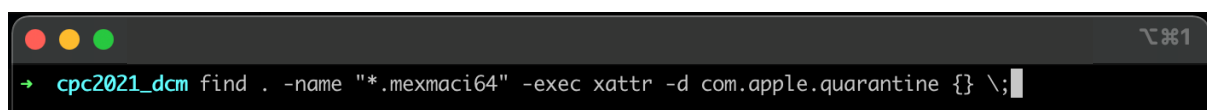
Please open a Terminal and navigate to the folder where you placed your `cpc2023_dcm` folder. In the following example, the `cpc2023_dcm` folder was placed in the **Downloads** folder.

A screenshot of a macOS Terminal window. The title bar shows three colored window control buttons (red, yellow, green) on the left and a zoom icon with a keyboard shortcut on the right. The terminal text shows a prompt followed by the command to change the directory to Downloads/cpc2021_dcm_students/cpc2021_dcm. The cursor is at the end of the command line.

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→ ~ cd Downloads/cpc2021_dcm_students/cpc2021_dcm/
```

Then type the following command:

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find . -name "*.mexmaci64" -exec xattr -d com.apple.quarantine {} \;
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→ cpc2021_dcm find . -name "*.mexmaci64" -exec xattr -d com.apple.quarantine {} \;
```

This should solve the problem and allow you to run `cpc_glm_dcm_subject.m`

This solution was taken from the SPM Wiki:

[https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/SPM/Installation_on_64bit_Mac_OS_\(Intel\)#macOS Catalina](https://en.wikibooks.org/wiki/SPM/Installation_on_64bit_Mac_OS_(Intel)#macOS_Catalina)