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# Spontaneous and Task-related Activation of Neuronally Correlated Events (STANCE)

Models the 3D activation map from the first fMRI experiment on photic stimulation.

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```
close all;
clear all;
currentDir = pwd;
if strcmp(currentDir(end-2:end), 'GUI')
    % GUI instance of initialization
    cd ../
    STANCERoot = pwd;
    cd(currentDir)
elseif strcmp(currentDir(end-5:end), 'STANCE')
    STANCERoot = pwd;
elseif strcmp(currentDir(end-16:end), 'scripts_for_demos')
    cd ../
    STANCERoot = pwd;
else
    hSTANCE = msgbox('Please select the STANCE directory');
    uiwait(hSTANCE);
    currPath = fileparts(mfilename('fullpath'));
    STANCERoot = uigetdir(currPath, 'Add STANCE filepath');
end
cd(STANCERoot)
addpath(genpath(pwd));

% Load STANCE globals ...
if ~exist('STANCE.mat', 'file')
    STANCE_initialize_STANCE;
    load('STANCE.mat');
else
    load('STANCE.mat');
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end
% NOTE: Must add SPM version to filepath prior to usage
addpath(SPMpath);
if exist(spm('Dir'),'dir')
    display('o SPM installation found.')
else
    warning('SPM installation not found. Please add to MATLAB filepath
    or install.')
    warning('SPM8 installation: http://www.fil.ion.ucl.ac.uk/spm/
    software/spm8/')
    exit
end

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*o SPM installation found.*

## Turn off warnings ...

... OpenGL warnings

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warning('off','MATLAB:opengl:StartupBlacklistedNoSetting');
warning('off','MATLAB:hg:AutoSoftwareOpenGL');
% ... finite warning
warning('off','MATLAB:FINITE:obsoleteFunction');
% ... NIFTI class warnings when loading SPM mat files
warning('off','MATLAB:unknownElementsNowStruc');
warning('off','MATLAB:dispatcher:ShadowedMEXExtension');
warning('off','MATLAB:pfileOlderThanMfile');
% ... removing files from path
warning('off','MATLAB:RMDIR:RemovedFromPath');
warning('off','MATLAB:DELETE:FileNotFound');

```

## Select subject by index (originally there are 20 subjects to choose from)

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subject_brain = 1;
Now_sss = [2 1 1]; % study - subject - session ID
STANCE_new_session(2,1,1,true)
filepathOut = STANCE_genpath(Now_sss);
if ~logical(exist(filepathOut,'file'))
    STANCE_new_session(Now_sss);
end
makeFMRI = true;

% for reproducibility
s = 0;
%s = []; % allow MATLAB to spontaneously shuffle
if ~isempty(s)
    rng(s);
end

% show MNI volume conformed to BrainWEB dimensions

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[V_MNI,Y_MNI] = STANCE_load_volume(filenameMNI);
display('The matrix dimensions of the MNI152 brain:')
MNI_dim = V_MNI.dim
display('The homographic matrix of the MNI152 brain:')
MNI_mat = V_MNI.mat
display('The origin (AC location) of the MNI152 brain:')
origin = abs(V_MNI.mat(1:3,4))'

[~,I_max] = max(sum(sum(Y_MNI)));
showSlice = I_max(1);
f0 = figure;
subplot(2,1,2)
imshow(imrotate(Y_MNI(:,:,showSlice),90),[]), drawnow;
TITLE = ['MNI152 brain, A slice, axial slice: ',num2str(showSlice)];
title(TITLE)
truesize
movegui(f0,'northwest');

% load the T1w data for subject, for display purposes
[V_T1w,Y_T1w] = STANCE_choose_subject(subject_brain,'T1');

display('The matrix dimensions of the T1-w image from header:')
T1w_dim = V_T1w.dim % dimensions of T1-w volume
display('The homographic matrix of the T1-w image from header:')
T1w_mat = V_T1w.mat % 4x4 homographic matrix relating indices to
    real-world coordinates
f1 = figure;
subplot(2,1,2)
imshow(imrotate(Y_T1w(:,:,showSlice),90),[]), drawnow;
TITLE = ['Subject T1-w brain, axial slice: ',num2str(showSlice)];
title(TITLE)
truesize
movegui(f1,'north');

% retrieve transformation matrix mapping MNI152 to subjects' native
    spaces
display('The transformation matrix mapping MNI152 to the native spaces
    of the subjects:');
M = M_array(:,:,subject_brain)

[V_MNI_reg,Y_MNI_reg] = STANCE_register_MNI(V_T1w.fname,M);

% figure, imshow(imrotate(Y_MNI_reg(:,:,showSlice),90),[]), drawnow;
% TITLE = ['MNI152 registered to subject brain, A slice:
    ',num2str(showSlice)];
% title(TITLE)

display('The matrix dimensions of the T1-w image:')
dimensions = size(Y_T1w)
display('The origin (AC location) of the T1-w image:')
origin = round(abs(V_T1w.mat(1:3,4)))'

ans =

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1      1    520
```

*The matrix dimensions of the MNI152 brain:*

```
MNI_dim =
```

```
181    217    181
```

*The homographic matrix of the MNI152 brain:*

```
MNI_mat =
```

```
1      0      0    -91
0      1      0   -127
0      0      1    -73
0      0      0      1
```

*The origin (AC location) of the MNI152 brain:*

```
origin =
```

```
91    127     73
```

*The matrix dimensions of the T1-w image from header:*

```
T1w_dim =
```

```
181    217    181
```

*The homographic matrix of the T1-w image from header:*

```
T1w_mat =
```

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1.0000      0      0   -90.7500
      0    1.0000      0  -126.7500
      0      0    1.0000  -73.2500
      0      0      0    1.0000
```

*The transformation matrix mapping MNI152 to the native spaces of the subjects:*

```
M =
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1.0000   -0.0081    0.0044    0.9122
0.0081    1.0000   -0.0027    0.0241
-0.0044    0.0028    1.0000    0.2833
      0      0      0    1.0000
```

*The matrix dimensions of the T1-w image:*

```
dimensions =
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```
181    217    181
```

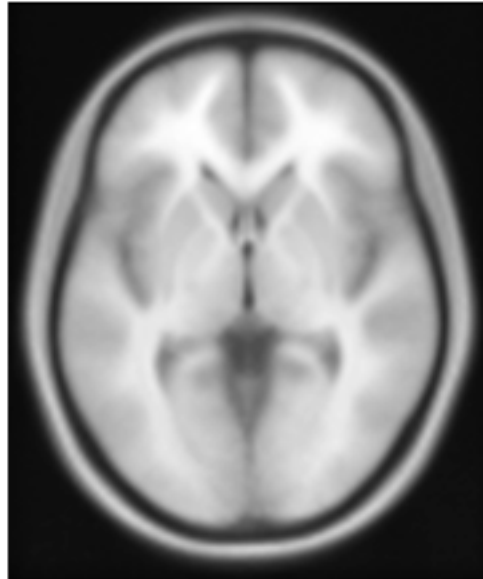
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*The origin (AC location) of the T1-w image:*

*origin =*

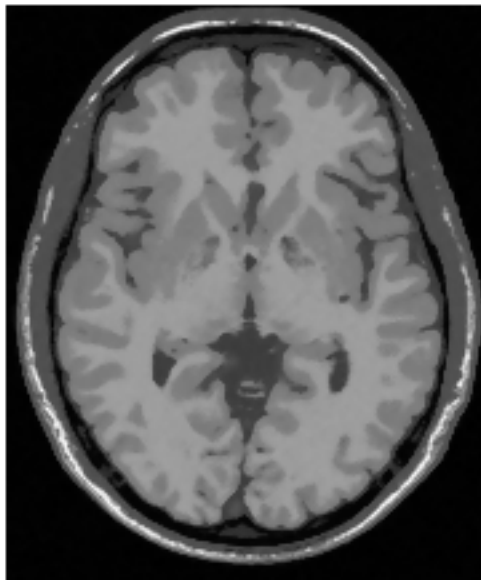
*91    127    73*

**MNI152 brain, A slice, axial slice: 72**



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## Subject T1-w brain, axial slice: 72



## Build activation regions

```
% see Table 1. of "Functional mapping of the human cortex by magnetic
% resonance imaging" in SCIENCE 254(5032):716-9 NOVEMBER 1991

% define Photic Visual Cortex stimulation by optimally pulsed light
task.name = 'PVC photic stim';
task.activation(1).region      = 'L PVC';
task.activation(1).volume     = 6000;           % estimated from reported
        slice of 600 mm^2 -> 18^2 ~ 300 mm^2; 18^3 ~ 6000 mm^3
task.activation(1).center     = [9,-84, 10]; % left side of activation
task.activation(1).rotation   = [30,0,0];      % degrees
task.activation(1).shape      = 'sphere';
task.activation(1).proportion = [3,8,4];       % aspect ratio
task.activation(1).falloff    = 0.005;         % parameterizes
        exponential falloff about center, in [0,1]
task.activation(1).minimum    = 0.2;           % parameterizes
        exponential falloff minimum value in [0,1]
%~~~~~
task.activation(2) = task.activation(1); % right side of activation
task.activation(2).region    = 'R PVC';
task.activation(2).center    = [-10,-80, 10];
%~~~~~
% define signal amplitude
task.amplitude = 0.03; % 3% activation
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if exist('simulations.mat','file')
    load('simulations.mat');
else
    % create simulations struct
end
simulations{Now_sss(1)}.name = 'First fMRI study';
simulations{Now_sss(1)}.task{1} = task;

% left component
disp('Defining left component of Photic stimulation activation
map...')
task.activation(1).map = STANCE_make_activation_map(dimensions,
    origin, task.activation(1));
% right component
disp('Defining right component of Photic stimulation activation
map...')
task.activation(2).map = STANCE_make_activation_map(dimensions,
    origin, task.activation(2));
% combine different component with fuzzy logic OR
disp('Combining task components.')
Nactivations = length(task.activation);
% fuzzy logical OR operation:
% task.map = max(task.activation(:).map);
% alternative:
task.map = STANCE_combine_maps('OR',task.activation(:).map);

% free up working memory (optional)
% task.activation(1).map = [];
% task.activation(2).map = [];

% find MNI gray matter volume of activation map
task.GMvolume = STANCE_find_GM_volume(task);

[~,I_max] = max(sum(sum(task.map)));
showSliceTA = I_max(1);

% figure, imshow(imrotate(task.map(:,:,showSliceTA),90),[]), drawnow;
% TITLE = ['Photic Stimulation of the Visual Cortex, A slice:
',num2str(showSliceTA)];
% title(TITLE)

TITLE = {'Photic Stimulation of the Visual Cortex'; 'activation
template in MNI'};
h_task = STANCE_display_activation_slice(Y_MNI,task.map,[],[]);
title(TITLE)
movegui(h_task,'center');

% [~,I_max] = max(sum(sum(task.map,2),3));
% showSliceTS = I_max(1);
% h_task_TS_R =
    STANCE_display_activation_slice(Y_MNI,task.map,showSliceTS,1);
% title('Photic Stimulation of the Visual Cortex: R sagittal')
%

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% h_task_TS_L = STANCE_display_activation_slice(Y_MNI,task.map,181-
showSliceTS,1);
% title('Photic Stimulation of the Visual Cortex: L sagittal')
%
% [~,I_max] = max(sum(sum(task.map),3));
% showSliceTC = I_max(1);
% h_task_TC =
    STANCE_display_activation_slice(Y_MNI,task.map,showSliceTC,2);
% title('Photic Stimulation of the Visual Cortex: coronal')

clear('V_MNI','Y_MNI')

[V_PVC_photic_stim_reg,Y_PVC_photic_stim_reg] =
    STANCE_register_activation(V_Tlw.fname,task);

% figure, imshow(imrotate(Y_PVC_photic_stim_reg(:, :, showSliceTA),90),
[], drawnow;
% title('Photic Stimulation of the Visual Cortex registered')

% h_task_reg =
    STANCE_display_activation_slice(Y_MNI_reg,Y_PVC_photic_stim_reg,[]);
% title('Photic Stimulation activation template', 'registered to
    native space')
% title(TITLE)
% movegui(h_task_reg,'center');

% Photic Stimulation of the Visual Cortex of subject
h_task_sub =
    STANCE_display_activation_slice(Y_Tlw,Y_PVC_photic_stim_reg,[],[]);
title({'Photic Stimulation activation', 'template in subject'})
movegui(h_task_sub,'center');

% [~,I_max] = max(sum(sum(task.map,2),3));
% showSliceTS = I_max(1);
%
% h_task_subTS_R =
    STANCE_display_activation_slice(Y_Tlw,Y_PVC_photic_stim_reg,showSliceTS,1);
% title('Photic Stimulation of the Visual Cortex: R sagittal')
%
% h_task_subTS_L =
    STANCE_display_activation_slice(Y_Tlw,Y_PVC_photic_stim_reg,181-
showSliceTS,1);
% title('Photic Stimulation of the Visual Cortex: L sagittal')
%
% [~,I_max] = max(sum(sum(task.map),3));
% showSliceTC = I_max(1);
%
% h_task_subTC =
    STANCE_display_activation_slice(Y_Tlw,Y_PVC_photic_stim_reg,showSliceTC,2);
% title('Photic Stimulation of the Visual Cortex: coronal')

% make room in memory
if ~strcmp(V_Tlw.fname(end-1:end),'gz')
    delete(V_Tlw.fname);

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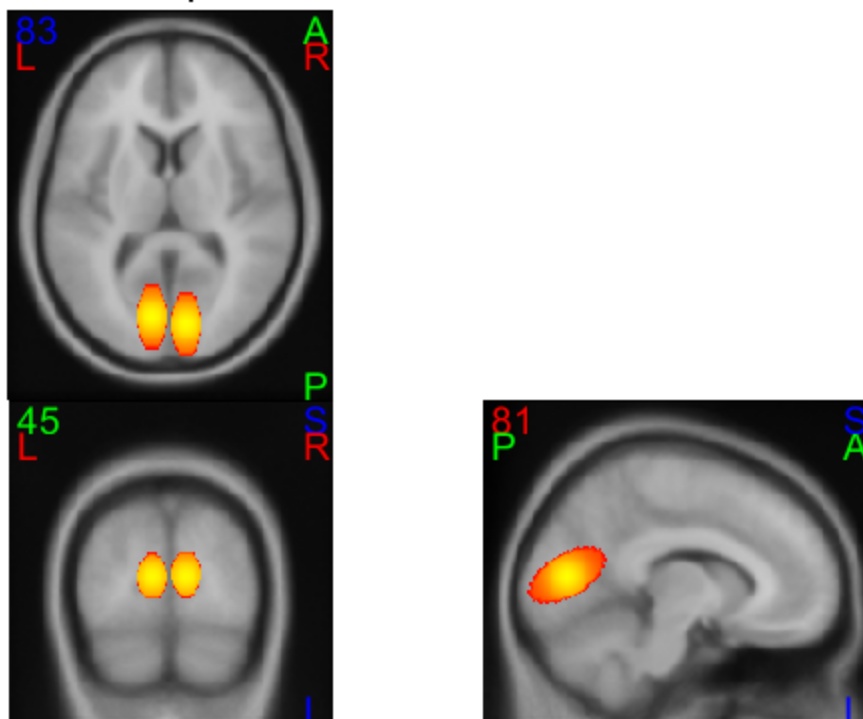
end
clear('V_T1w','YT1w');
delete(V_MNI_reg.fname);
clear('V_MNI_reg','Y_MNI_reg')
task.map = [];

% save activation template
task.activation(1).map = int8(255*task.activation(1).map);
task.activation(2).map = int8(255*task.activation(2).map);
cd([STANCERoot,'/activations'])
save([task.name,'.mat'],'task')
cd(STANCERoot)
% free up working memory (optional)
task.activation(1).map = [];
task.activation(2).map = [];

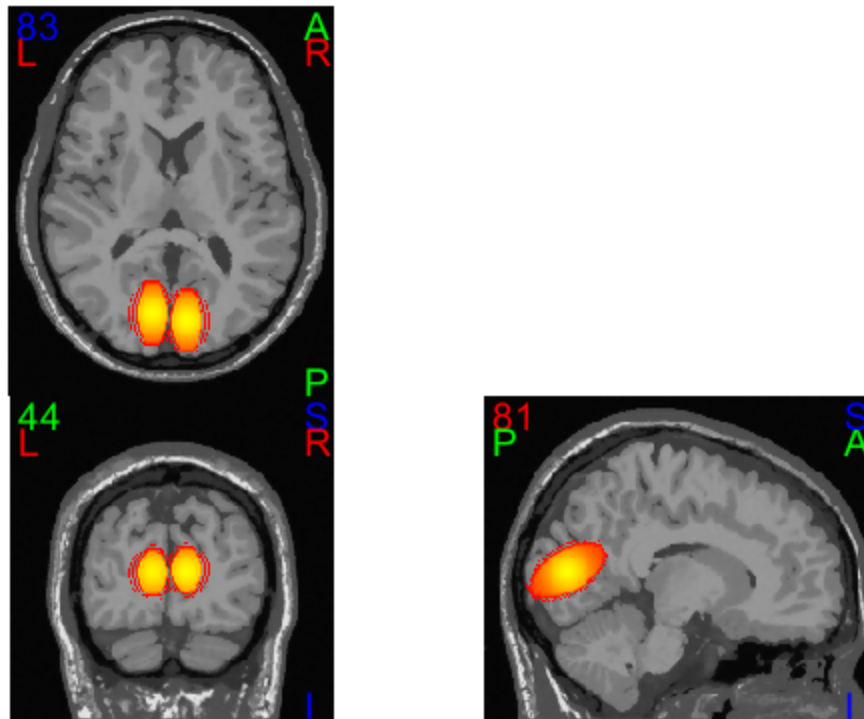
Defining left component of Photic stimulation activation map...
o Specifying spherical template
o Performing affine transformation (this may take a while).
o Building activation map.
Defining right component of Photic stimulation activation map...
o Specifying spherical template
o Performing affine transformation (this may take a while).
o Building activation map.
Combining task components.

```

### Photic Stimulation of the Visual Cortex activation template in MNI



### Photic Stimulation activation template in subject



## Reslice volumes to functional space according to fMRI scan protocol

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if makefMRI == true

% use default scan settings:
%   voxelSize      = [3 3 3];
%   new_dims       = [64 64 NaN]; % effectively [64 64 40];
%   tiltAngle      = 15; % degrees
%   voxelSpacing   = [0 0 0.6];
%   sumThreshold   = 100;
%   TR = 2000 ms; % (whole volume)
%   TE = 30 ms;
% define scan protocol parameters (these are the default values)
scan.voxel.size      = [3 3 3];
scan.voxel.matrix    = [64 64 NaN]; % [64 64 40];
scan.voxel.spacing   = [0 0 0.2*scan.voxel.size(3)]; % assume 20% Z
    spacing
scan.tiltAngle        = 15; % degrees
scan.TR               = 2000; % [ms]
scan.TE               = 30; % [ms]
scan.ES               = 0.51; % [ms] echo spacing
scan.FA               = 78; % degrees
scan.BW               = 2232; % [Hz/Px]
scan.order            = 'SD'; % SD = sequential descending order

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scan.KM0                = 2225; % fit to data with max of 909 at 3T and
    FA = 90 degree
scan.noise_method        = 'percent';
scan.noise               = 0;      % percent noise relative to peak
scan.attenuation         = 0;      % coil attenuation factor ~mm^-1

simulations{Now_sss(1)}.scan = scan;
save('simulations.mat','simulations')

% load tissue fuzzy memberships in subject's native space
[V_fuzzy,~] = STANCE_choose_subject(subject_brain,'fuzzy',true);
fn_tissue = [V_fuzzy(1).fname, '.gz'];

% generate the tissue fuzzy memberships in functional space
[V_reslice,Y_reslice] = STANCE_reslice_tissue(fn_tissue,scan,[],
[],false,Now_sss); % change last to 'true' to show figure
sliceLimits =
    [V_reslice(1).sliceLimitLower,V_reslice(1).sliceLimitUpper];
[~,I_max] = max(sum(sum(Y_reslice(:,:, :,3))));
showSlice2 = I_max(1);

scrsz = get(groot,'ScreenSize');
positionVector2 = [scrsz(3)/2.5 scrsz(4)/2.5 scrsz(3)/5 scrsz(4)/3];
f3 = figure;
imshow(imrotate(Y_reslice(:,:,showSlice2,3),90),[]);
TITLE = {'Gray matter priors,', ['functional axial slice:
    ',num2str(showSlice2)]];
title(TITLE)
set(f3,'OuterPosition',positionVector2);
movegui(f3,'northeast')
fn_fuzzy_reslice = V_reslice(1).fname;

% generate T2* baseline map in functional space
[V_T2star_Map,Y_T2star_Map] =
    STANCE_make_parameter_map(fn_fuzzy_reslice,'T2star');
f4 = figure;
imshow(imrotate(Y_T2star_Map(:,:,showSlice2),90),[]);
TITLE = {'T2* baseline volume,', ['axial slice:
    ',num2str(showSlice2)]];
title(TITLE)
set(f4,'OuterPosition',positionVector2);
movegui(f4,'east')

% project activation map onto functional space
[V_PVC_photic_stim_reslice,Y_PVC_photic_stim_reslice] =
    STANCE_reslice_volume(V_PVC_photic_stim_reg,scan,sliceLimits);
[~,I_max] = max(sum(sum(Y_PVC_photic_stim_reslice)));
showSlice2TA = I_max(1);
TITLE = {'Photic stimulation of PVC,', ['functional axial:
    ',num2str(showSlice2TA)]];
f5 = figure;
imshow(imrotate(Y_PVC_photic_stim_reslice(:,:,showSlice2TA),90),[]);
title(TITLE)
set(f5,'OuterPosition',positionVector2);

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movegui(f5,'southeast')

delete(V_PVC_photic_stim_reg.fname);

% mask with gray matter mask
[Y_PVC_photic_stim_reslice,Y_GM] =
    STANCE_GM_mask(Y_PVC_photic_stim_reslice,task.GMvolume,Now_sss);
%figure,
    imshow(imrotate(Y_PVC_photic_stim_reslice(:,:,showSlice2TA),90),[]);

subjectActivation3D(1,:,:,) = Y_PVC_photic_stim_reslice;

cd(STANCE_genpath([],2))
save('STANCEsubject.mat','Now_sss','subject_brain','fn_tissue','fn_fuzzy_reslice',
cd(STANCEroot)

% add activation to T2* baseline
[Y_T2star_Map_Act,Y_T2star_Map_Act] =
    STANCE_add_activation(V_T2star_Map.fname,Y_PVC_photic_stim_reslice,scan.TE,task.a

f6 = figure;
imshow(imrotate(Y_T2star_Map_Act(:,:,showSlice2TA),90),[]);
TITLE = {'T2* map w/ BOLD activation,', ['axial slice:
    ',num2str(showSlice2TA)]];
title(TITLE)
set(f6,'OuterPosition',positionVector2);
movegui(f6,'south')

f7 = figure;
imshow(imrotate(Y_T2star_Map_Act(:,:,showSlice2TA),90)-
imrotate(Y_T2star_Map(:,:,showSlice2TA),90),[]);
TITLE = {'(T2* activation - baseline)', ['axial slice:
    ',num2str(showSlice2TA)]];
title(TITLE)
set(f7,'OuterPosition',positionVector2);
movegui(f7,'southwest')

fn_reslice = V_reslice(1).fname;
% exact EPI signal, no noise, no attenuation
[V_EPI0,Y_EPI0] = STANCE_EPI_signal(fn_reslice,Y_T2star_Map,scan);
maxS = max(Y_EPI0(:).*Y_GM(:));
f8 = figure;
imshow(imrotate(Y_EPI0(:,:,showSlice2TA),90),[0,maxS]);
TITLE = {'Baseline signal volume,', ['axial slice:
    ',num2str(showSlice2TA)]];
title(TITLE)
set(f8,'OuterPosition',positionVector2);
movegui(f8,'west')

Reslicing gray matter fuzzy membership labels...
Reslicing background fuzzy membership labels...
Reslicing CSF fuzzy membership labels...
Reslicing white matter fuzzy membership labels...
Reslicing fat fuzzy membership labels...

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Reslicing muscle fuzzy membership labels...
Reslicing skin fuzzy membership labels...
Reslicing skull fuzzy membership labels...
Reslicing blood vessels fuzzy membership labels...
Reslicing connective tissue fuzzy membership labels...
Reslicing dura matter fuzzy membership labels...
Reslicing bone marrow fuzzy membership labels...
o Writing C:\spm\STANCE/fMRI/study002/subject0001/
session001\EPI_BOLD_0001_001.nii
The maximum intensity of the simulated signal: 1087.8398
```

**Gray matter priors,  
functional axial slice: 13**



**T2\* baseline volume,  
axial slice: 13**



**Photic stimulation of PVC,  
functional axial: 24**



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**T2\* map w/ BOLD activation,  
axial slice: 24**



**(T2\* activation - baseline),  
axial slice: 24**



**Baseline signal volume,  
axial slice: 24**



## Construct pristine EPI signal

exact EPI signal, no noise, no attenuation

```
[V_EPI,Y_EPI] = STANCE_EPI_signal(fn_reslice,Y_T2star_Map_Act,scan);
maxS = max(Y_EPI(:).*Y_GM(:));
f9 = figure;
imshow(imrotate(Y_EPI(:,:,showSlice2TA),90),[0,maxS]);
TITLE = {'Exact BOLD signal','axial slice:
',num2str(showSlice2TA)};
```

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```

title(TITLE)
set(f9, 'OuterPosition', positionVector2);
movegui(f9, 'northwest')

f10 = figure;
imshow(imrotate(Y_EPI(:, :, showSlice2TA), 90) -
imrotate(Y_EPI0(:, :, showSlice2TA), 90), []);
title('(BOLD - baseline) signal')
set(f10, 'OuterPosition', positionVector2);
movegui(f10, 'north')

% Photic Stimulation of the Visual Cortex of subject
htasksubfun =
    STANCE_display_activation_slice(Y_EPI, Y_PVC_photic_stim_reslice, [],
    []);
title({'Photic stimulation of PVC', 'masked with gray matter'})
movegui(htasksubfun, 'center');

% approximated EPI signal, no noise, no attenuation
[V_EPIapp, Y_EPIapp] =
    STANCE_EPI_signal(fn_reslice, Y_T2star_Map_Act, scan, [], [], [], true);
display('The max intensity of approximated EPI signal:');
maxSapp = max(Y_EPIapp(:). * Y_GM(:))
f11 = figure;
imshow(imrotate(Y_EPIapp(:, :, showSlice2TA), 90), [0, maxS]);
title('Approximated BOLD signal')
set(f11, 'OuterPosition', positionVector2);
movegui(f11, 'northeast')

f12 = figure;
imshow(imrotate(Y_EPIapp(:, :, showSlice2TA), 90) -
imrotate(Y_EPI(:, :, showSlice2TA), 90), [-50, 50]);
title({'(Approximated - exact)', ' BOLD signal'})
set(f12, 'OuterPosition', positionVector2);
movegui(f12, 'east')

display('The MSE between approximated and exact EPI signals:');
EPIerr = immse(Y_EPI, Y_EPIapp) / (maxS * maxSapp * 64 * 64 * 40)
% no correction:    6.8659e+09
% CSF correction:   6.8760e+09
% WM correction:    6.8646e+09
% CSF & WM correction: 6.8746e+09

o Writing C:\spm\STANCE\fmri\study002\subject0001\
session001\EPI_BOLD_0001_001.nii
The maximum intensity of the simulated signal: 1090.4507
o Writing C:\spm\STANCE\fmri\study002\subject0001\
session001\EPI_BOLD_0001_001.nii
The maximum intensity of the simulated signal: 2025.3179
The max intensity of approximated EPI signal:

maxSapp =

    1.0588e+03

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*The MSE between approximated and exact EPI signals:*

*EPIerr =*

*2.2622e+09*

**Exact BOLD signal,  
axial slice: 24**



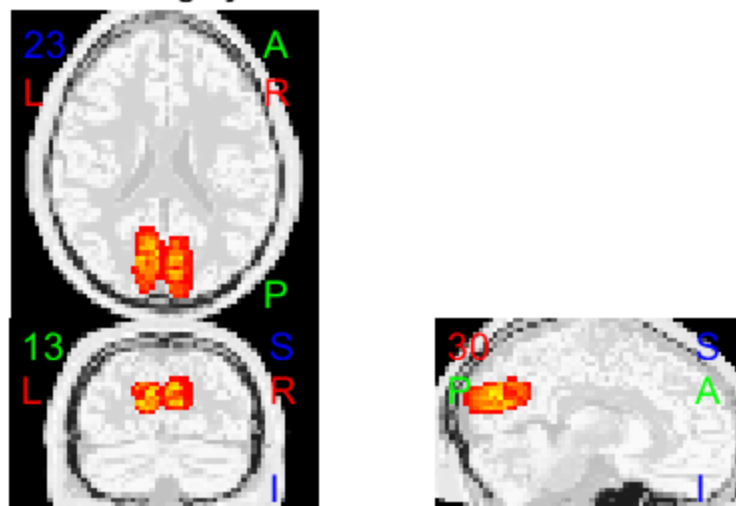
**(BOLD - baseline) signal**





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**Photic stimulation of PVC  
masked with gray matter**



**Approximated BOLD signal**



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(Approximated - exact)  
BOLD signal



## Construct EPI signal with system noise

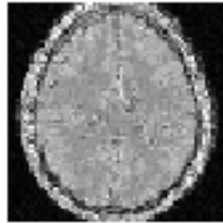
```
scan.noise          = 4;      % percent noise relative to peak
noiseMap = STANCE_make_noise_map(fn_reslice,2,4);
% exact EPI signal, no noise, no attenuation
[V_EPI_p4,Y_EPI_p4] =
    STANCE_EPI_signal(fn_reslice,Y_T2star_Map_Act,scan,noiseMap,[],[],[],
    [],s);
maxS = max(Y_EPI_p4(:).*Y_GM(:));
f13 = figure;
imshow(imrotate(Y_EPI_p4(:,:,showSlice2TA),90),[0,maxS]);
title('BOLD signal w/ 4% noise')
set(f13,'OuterPosition',positionVector2);
movegui(f13,'southeast')

f14 = figure;
imshow(imrotate(Y_EPI_p4(:,:,showSlice2TA),90)-
imrotate(Y_EPI(:,:,showSlice2TA),90),[]);
title('(noisy - exact) BOLD signal')
set(f14,'OuterPosition',positionVector2);
movegui(f14,'south')

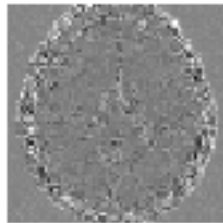
o Writing C:\spm\STANCE\fmri\study002\subject0001\
session001\EPI_BOLD_0001_001.nii
The maximum intensity of the simulated signal: 2231.3929
```

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### BOLD signal w/ 4% noise



### (noisy - exact) BOLD signal



## Construct EPI with attenuation

```
scan.noise          = 0;      % percent noise relative to peak
scan.attenuation     = 25;    % coil attenuation factor ~1/(3mm)
% exact EPI signal, no noise, no attenuation
[V_EPI_att,Y_EPI_att] =
    STANCE_EPI_signal(fn_reslice,Y_T2star_Map_Act,scan);
maxS = max(Y_EPI_att(:).*Y_GM(:));

f15 = figure;
imshow(imrotate(Y_EPI_att(:,:,showSlice2TA),90),[0,maxS]);
title({'BOLD signal', 'with attenuation'})
set(f15,'OuterPosition',positionVector2);
movegui(f15,'southwest')

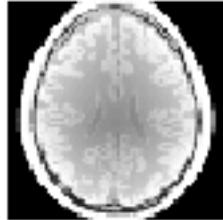
f16 = figure;
imshow(imrotate(Y_EPI_att(:,:,showSlice2TA),90)-
imrotate(Y_EPI(:,:,showSlice2TA),90),[]);
title({'(Attenuation - exact)', 'BOLD signal'})
set(f16,'OuterPosition',positionVector2);
movegui(f16,'west')

o Writing C:\spm\STANCE\fmri\study002\subject0001\
session001\EPI_BOLD_0001_001.nii
```

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*The maximum intensity of the simulated signal: 1037.1221*

**BOLD signal  
with attenuation**



**(Attenuation - exact)  
BOLD signal**



## Save results, free up memory, and return

save details of scan

```
cd(STANCE_genpath)
```

```
save('STANCEscan.mat','scan','fn_fuzzy_reslice','sliceLimits','subjectActivation3D')
```

```
cd(STANCEroot)
```

```
else
```

```
    save('simulations.mat','simulations')
```

```
end
```

```
cd(currentDir)
```

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