

# Medical Image Analysis with R

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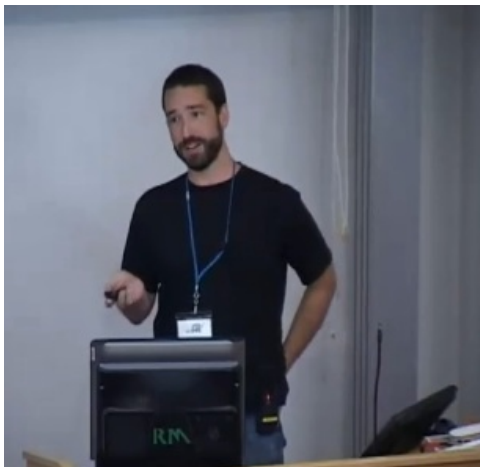


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How much  $R$  experience in the room?



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# R is Relevant to Your Success

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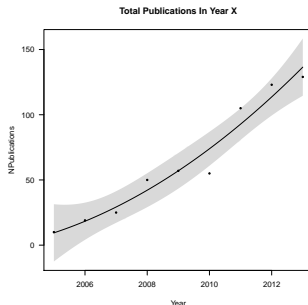
Position	User	Dice			Positive Predictive Value			Sensitivity		
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1	Nick Tustison	0.79 (1)	0.65 (1)	0.53 (1)	0.83 (1)	0.70 (1)	0.51 (1)	0.81 (3)	0.73 (2)	0
2	Raphael Meier	0.72 (4)	0.60 (2)	0.53 (2)	0.65 (5)	0.62 (3)	0.48 (4)	0.88 (1)	0.69 (3)	0
3	Liang Zhao	0.79 (2)	0.59 (3)	0.47 (4)	0.77 (2)	0.55 (5)	0.50 (2)	0.85 (2)	0.77 (1)	0
4	Syed Reza	0.73 (3)	0.55 (5)	0.51 (3)	0.69 (4)	0.64 (2)	0.48 (3)	0.79 (4)	0.56 (5)	0
5	Nicolas Cordier	0.71 (5)	0.55 (4)	0.46 (5)	0.77 (3)	0.61 (4)	0.43 (5)	0.70 (5)	0.57 (4)	0

*The first 3 rules of statistics: 'Draw a picture, Draw a picture, Draw a picture.'—Michael Starbird.*

# R in medical imaging?

Search "r-project.org + medical + imaging"

```
dd <- read.csv("data/RMI.csv")  
mdl <- lm(NPublications ~ Year + I(Year^2), data = dd)  
visreg(mdl, main = "Total Publications In Year X")
```



R contains virtually all popular statistical and machine learning algorithms, including Boosting, the LASSO, and random forests, often contributed by the inventors.

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# Set up for Medical Image Analysis

Let's assume you downloaded the latest 3.x version of *R* from CRAN.

We now open *R* and install MIA-relevant packages.

```
pkgnames <- c("visreg", "boot", "rgl", "knitr", "ggplot2", "oro.nifti",  
              "candisc", "pheatmap")  
k <- length(pkgnames)
```

Next actually install the packages.

```
install.packages(pkgnames)
```

We installed 8 packages. ( *knitr* lets us use `\Sexpr{}` to refer to *R* variables in  $\text{\LaTeX}$ .)

## *ANTs* + *R*

- ▶ Operating System: Linux, OSX
- ▶ See: [Install ANTsR \(link\)](#)
- ▶ Will install *everything* you need if you want it to, including *R* .... otherwise will just install *ANTsR* dependencies/utills.

## *OSX NOTES*

- ▶ Requires: [Xcode \(link\)](#) and its command line tools (google install instructions)
- ▶ Requires: a clean Homebrew ( "brew doctor" does not complain )
- ▶ you may want to comment out lines like: brew install ...X... if you already have software X around.

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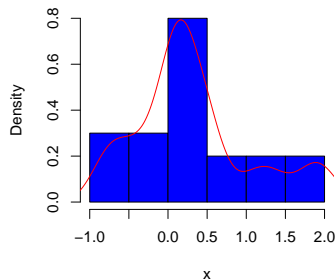
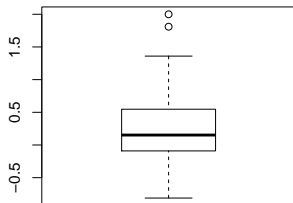
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# Simple knitr Example

Use knitr to make a couple of plots in our code "chunk":

```
x <- rnorm(20)
boxplot(x)
hist(x, main = "", col = "blue", probability = TRUE)
lines(density(x), col = "red")
```





R organizes data with dataframes, vectors, matrices and arrays (matrices with  $\geq 3$  dimensions).

These can contain missing variables - but you must be careful about type!

```
as.numeric(as.character(c("0.5", 0.1, 0.6, "A")))
```

```
## Warning:  NAs introduced by coercion
```

```
## [1] 0.5 0.1 0.6 NA
```

A data frame is used for storing data tables. It is a list of vectors of equal length.

*mtcars* is a built-in R dataframe

```
mtcars[c(1, 13, 28), 1:6]
```

```
##           mpg cyl  disp  hp drat   wt
## Mazda RX4   21.0   6 160.0 110 3.90 2.620
## Merc 450SL  17.3   8 275.8 180 3.07 3.730
## Lotus Europa 30.4   4  95.1 113 3.77 1.513
```

We analyze the relationship between MPG and other variables.

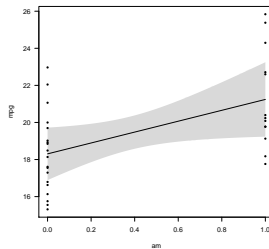
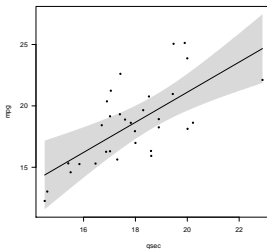
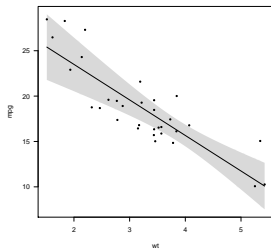
```
myform <- paste(colnames(mtcars)[2:ncol(mtcars)], collapse = "+")
myform <- as.formula(paste("mpg~", myform))
mdl <- lm(myform, data = mtcars)
mdla <- stepAIC(mdl, direction = c("both"))
```

## R ★Very★ Basics 3

```
##  
## Call:  
## lm(formula = mdla$call$formula, data = mtcars)  
##  
## Residuals:  
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max   
## -3.481 -1.556 -0.726  1.411  4.661   
##  
## Coefficients:  
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)      
## (Intercept)    9.618     6.960    1.38  0.17792      
## wt             -3.917     0.711   -5.51   7e-06 ***   
## qsec           1.226     0.289    4.25  0.00022 ***   
## am             2.936     1.411    2.08  0.04672 *    
## ---  
## Signif. codes:  0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.01 '*' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1  
##  
## Residual standard error: 2.46 on 28 degrees of freedom  
## Multiple R-squared:  0.85, Adjusted R-squared:  0.834   
## F-statistic: 52.7 on 3 and 28 DF,  p-value: 1.21e-11
```

## R ★Very★ Basics: Draw a Picture

```
mdl <- lm(mdl$a$call$formula, data = mtcars)
visreg(mdl, xvar = "wt")
visreg(mdl, xvar = "qsec")
visreg(mdl, xvar = "am")
```

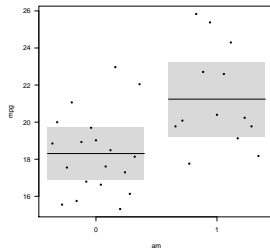
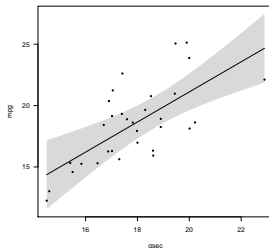
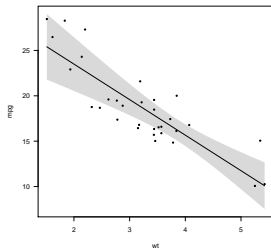


Oops!

Transmission type should be a factor.

## R ★Very★ Basics: Draw a Picture Fix

```
mtcars$am <- as.factor(mtcars$am)
mdl <- lm(mdla$call$formula, data = mtcars)
visreg(mdl, xvar = "wt")
visreg(mdl, xvar = "qsec")
visreg(mdl, xvar = "am")
```



This is better ...

## R ★Very★ Basics: Draw a Picture 3

```
coplot(mpg ~ wt | qsec, data = mtcars, panel = panel.smooth,  
       rows = 1)
```

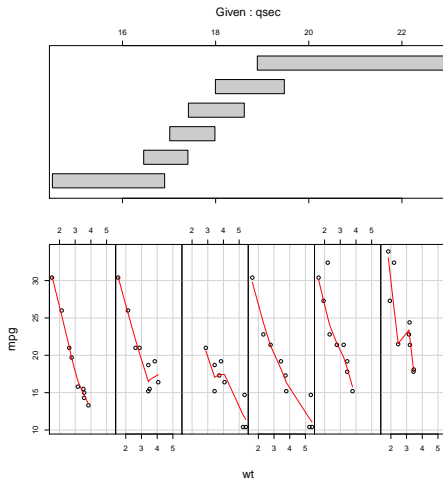
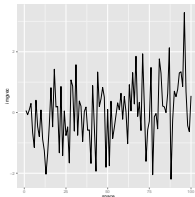


Image Input/Output in  $R$

# Data Representation in R

Represent an image as a *vector* (more on this later). This vector may be derived from a 2 or 3D array of spatially related voxels.

```
nvox <- 100  
imgvec <- rnorm(nvox)  
mydat <- data.frame(space = 1:nvox, imgvec = imgvec)  
ggplot(data = mydat, aes(x = space, y = imgvec, group = 1)) +  
  geom_line()
```

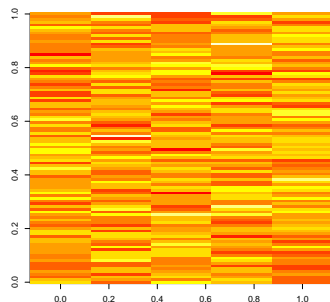




# Data Representation in R

Represent an image set as a *matrix*.

```
nSubjectsOrTimePoints <- 5
imgmat <- matrix(rep(NA, nSubjectsOrTimePoints * nvox), ncol = nvox)
for (i in 1:nSubjectsOrTimePoints) {
  imgmat[i, ] <- rnorm(nvox)
}
image(imgmat) # try antsImageWrite( as.antsImage( imgmat ), imgmat.mha )
```



# Reading Images

## Read em and weep

```
fn <- getANTsRData("ch2", usefixedlocation = FALSE)

## [1] "checksum failure"

print(fn)

## NULL

# oro.nifti
colin <- readNIfTI(fn)

## Error: File(s) not found!

# antsr
colina <- antsImageRead(fn, 3)

## [1] "filename argument must be of class character and have length 1"
```

# Quickly Show Images by oro.nifti

```
orthographic(as.array(colina), oma = rep(2, 4))
```

```
## Error: error in evaluating the argument 'x' in selecting a  
method for function 'orthographic': Error in  
as.array.default(colina) : attempt to set an attribute on NULL  
## Calls: as.array -> as.array -> as.array.default
```

# Quickly Show Images w/ANTsR

```
fn <- "figure/antsrviz.jpeg"  
plotANTsImage(as.antsImage(colin), slices = "50x140x5", outname = fn)  
  
## Error: error in evaluating the argument 'object' in selecting a  
## method for function 'as.antsImage': Error: object 'colin' not  
## found
```

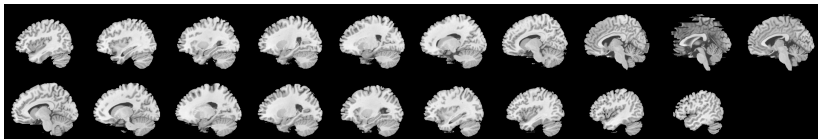


Figure : The *ANTsR* multi-slice output.

# Convert an Image to a Vector

Use *ANTsR* to convert an image to a vector.

```
imgvec <- colina[colina > 50]  
print(length(imgvec))
```

Use *oro.nifti* to convert an image to a vector.

```
imgvec <- colin[colin > 50]  
  
## Error: object 'colin' not found  
  
print(length(imgvec))
```

Both packages enable similar functionality in terms of accessing / converting images to vectors. *ANTsR* allows I/O to files other than nifti such as meta, jpg, dicom, etc, anything ITK reads/writes.

Quantifying Images in  $R$

# Image Quantification with *R*

It is possible to implement full processing pipelines with *R* for submission to distributed computing systems ...

My knowledge is limited to *ANTsR* .

## *ANTsR* based image quantification

- ▶ antsRegistration example ([link](#))
- ▶ Atropos segmentation ([link](#))
- ▶ phantom population study ([link](#))

## The Basic Toolset from outside *R*

### Registration: Data is in Examples/Data

```
ANTS 2 -m CC[r16slice.nii.gz,r64slice.nii.gz,1,4]  
  
-t SyN[0.25] -r Gauss[3,0] -o TEST -i 50x40x30
```

### Segmentation

```
Atropos -d 2 -a r16slice.nii.gz -x r16mask.nii.gz  
  
-m [0.1,1x1] -c [10,0] -i kmeans[3]  
  
-o [Output.nii.gz,Output_prob_%02d.nii.gz]
```

### Template building

```
bash buildtemplateparallel.sh -d 3 -m 30x50x20  
  
-t GR -s CC -c 1 -o OutPrefix *ImageName*T1x.nii.gz
```



# *R* Statistical Methods for Imaging

# Basic Linear Regression

This is a simple regression study that associates diagnosis (dx) with a local Jacobian-based volume measurement.

We also look at global volume.

```
predictor <- as.factor(read.csv("data/phantpredictors.csv")$dx)
gvol <- read.csv("data/globalvols.csv")
attach(gvol)
mdl <- lm(vol ~ predictor)
```

This is simulated data ....

# Basic Linear Regression Output

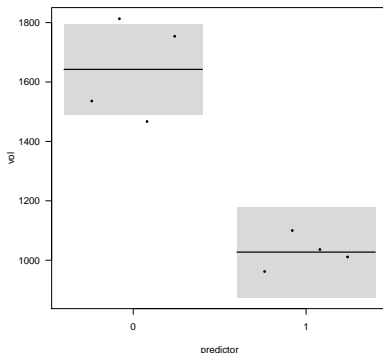
```
summary mdl)

##
## Call:
## lm(formula = vol ~ predictor)
##
## Residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -175.50  -75.56   -3.75   82.44  170.50
##
## Coefficients:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value Pr(>|t|)
## (Intercept)   1642.5      62.4    26.31   2e-07 ***
## predictor1    -615.2      88.3    -6.97  0.00043 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1 1
##
## Residual standard error: 125 on 6 degrees of freedom
## Multiple R-squared:  0.89, Adjusted R-squared:  0.872
## F-statistic: 48.6 on 1 and 6 DF,  p-value: 0.000434
```

# Basic Linear Regression Visualization

visreg has easy to use "natural" visualizations for regression ...

```
visreg(md1)
```



Next apply the global test to the voxelwise morphometry case.

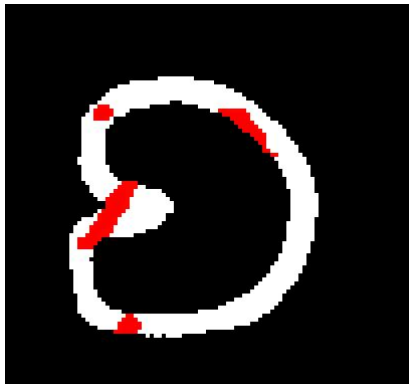
## .... voxel-wise statistics in R

```
mask <- antsImageRead("data/phantmask.nii.gz", 2)
logjac <- read.csv("data/phantomGlogjacs.csv") # a population of images

attach(logjac)
nvox <- ncol(logjac)
pvals <- rep(NA, nvox)
for (x in c(1:nvox)) {
  voxels <- logjac[, x]
  lmres <- summary(lm(voxels ~ predictor))
  coeff <- coefficients(lmres)
  pval <- coeff[2, 4]
  pvals[x] <- pval
}
qvals <- p.adjust(pvals, method = "BH")
print(min(qvals))
pvali <- antsImageClone(mask)
pvali[mask > 0] <- 1 - qvals
plotANTsImage(mask, functional = list(pvali), threshold = "0.99x1",
  outname = "figure/lmreg.jpeg")
```

Exercise: What happens when you include globalvol as a covariate?

## Visualizing voxel-wise statistics in R



**Figure :** The regression solution p-values thresholded at 0.01 FDR-corrected.

## .... multivariate statistics in R

```
continuousDX <- 1 - as.numeric(predictor)
continuousDX2 <- gvol
mypreds <- as.matrix(cbind(continuousDX, continuousDX2))
sccan <- sparseDecom2(inmatrix = list(as.matrix(logjac), mypreds),
  inmask = c(mask, NA), sparseness = c(0.25, -1), nvecs = 1,
  its = 2, smooth = 1, perms = 200)
sccansol <- sccan$eig1[[1]]
sccansol[mask > 0] <- sccansol[mask > 0]/max(sccansol[mask >
  0])
plotANTsImage(mask, functional = list(sccansol), threshold = "0.05x1",
  outname = "figure/mvarreg.jpeg")
```

Exercise: What happens when you include globalvol as a covariate?

# Visualizing multivariate statistics in R



Figure : The sscan solution with p-value 0.



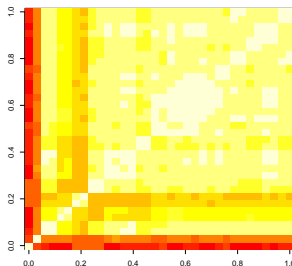
# ANOVA 1

How do we assess the importance of multiple predictors acting together within classic regression?

```
nki <- read.csv("data/labelresultsN.csv")  
print(names(nki)[1:8])
```

```
## [1] "ID"      "SITE"    "SEX"     "AGE"     "VOLUME"  
## [6] "LABEL_1" "LABEL_2" "LABEL_3"
```

```
image(cor(as.matrix(nki[, 4:37])))
```

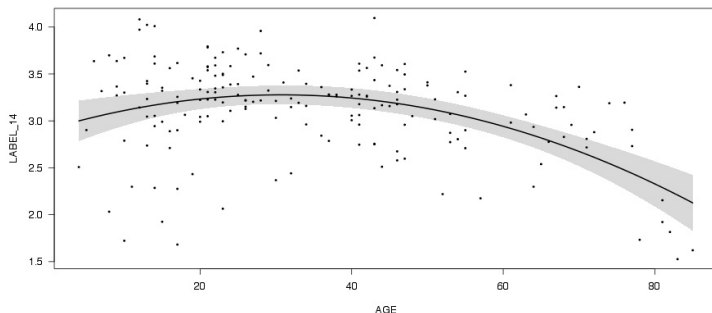


How do we assess the importance of multiple predictors acting together within classic regression?

```
mdl1 <- lm(LABEL_14 ~ SEX + VOLUME, data = nki)
mdl2 <- lm(LABEL_14 ~ SEX + VOLUME + AGE + I(AGE^2), data = nki)
print(anova(mdl1, mdl2))

## Analysis of Variance Table
##
## Model 1: LABEL_14 ~ SEX + VOLUME
## Model 2: LABEL_14 ~ SEX + VOLUME + AGE + I(AGE^2)
##   Res.Df  RSS Df Sum of Sq    F  Pr(>F)
## 1      183 44.8
## 2      181 34.9  2      9.9 25.7 1.5e-10 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes:  0 *** 0.001 ** 0.01 * 0.05 . 0.1 1
## pdf
## 2
```

How do we assess the importance of multiple predictors acting together within classic regression?



**Figure :** The quadratic regression of age against thickness while controlling for gender and brain volume

# *R* Multivariate Methods for "Big Data"

first: some brief theory

# What is multiple regression?

The solution to a quadratic minimization problem:

## Multiple Regression

$$\|y - X\beta\|^2 + \lambda\|\beta\|^2$$

Solved by ordinary least squares methods:

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

with theory for turning  $\beta$  entries into "significance" measurements.

The "ridge" penalty is useful if  $p \gg n$ .

# Principal Component Analysis

Also the solution to a quadratic minimization problem:

PCA:  $U, V$  minimize reconstruction error:

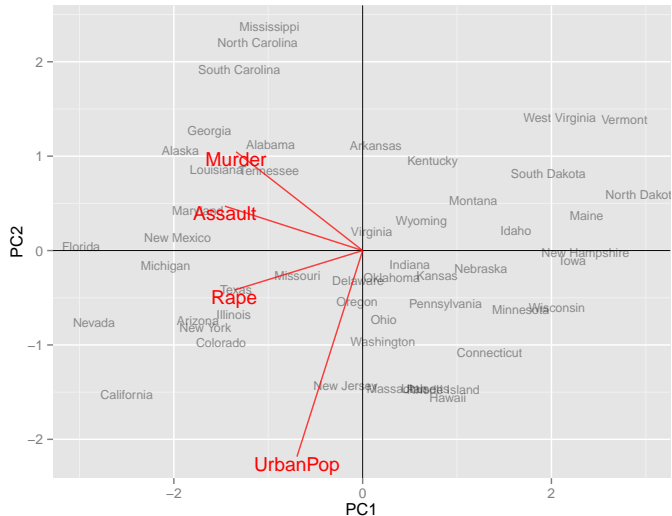
$$\|X - UV^T\|^2 + \sum_k \lambda_k \|V_k\|_1$$

Each of the columns of  $X$  is a linear combination of the columns of  $U$ . Easy solution in  $R$  (w/o penalties):

```
mysolution = svd(X) # or prcomp(X) if X not centered
```

The  $\ell_1$  penalty is useful if  $p \gg n$ .

# Principal Component Analysis Example



## CCA Generalizes Multiple Regression

$$YV + \sum_k \lambda_k \|V_k\|_1 \propto XW + \sum_k \gamma_k \|W_k\|_1$$

where  $Y, V, X, W$  are matrices and  $V, W$  are canonical variates (the CCA solutions). Also easy in *R* (SVD used internally):

```
enginedata <- mtcars[, c(2, 3, 4, 11)]  
outputdata <- mtcars[, c(1, 7)]  
mycca <- cancortest(enginedata, outputdata)
```

CCA is "symmetric" in that the sets  $X$  and  $Y$  have equivalent status. A truly multivariate multiple regression.



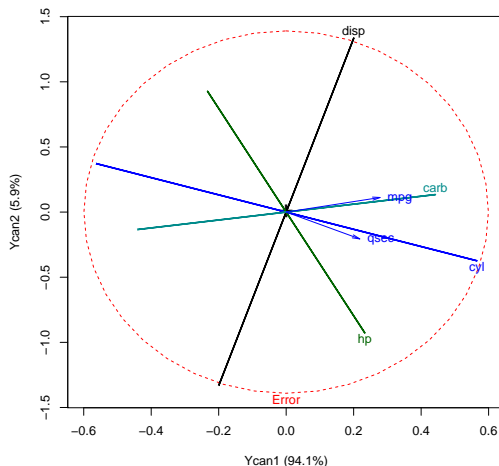
# Canonical Correlation Analysis Visualization 1

```
print(mycca)

##
## Canonical correlation analysis of:
##   4   X  variables:  cyl, disp, hp, carb
##   with 2   Y  variables:  mpg, qsec
##
##      CanR CanRSQ  Eigen percent      cum      scree
## 1 0.9319 0.8684 6.5988   94.13  94.13 *****
## 2 0.5399 0.2915 0.4115    5.87 100.00 *
##
## Test of H0: The canonical correlations in the
## current row and all that follow are zero
##
##      CanR WilksL      F df1 df2 p.value
## 1 0.932  0.093 14.8   8  52  0.0000
## 2 0.540  0.708  3.7   3  27  0.0237
```

# Canonical Correlation Analysis Visualization 2

```
heplot(mycca, xpd = TRUE, scale = 0.3)
```



Any of the methods can be made sparse by enforcing the penalties previously highlighted in [blue](#).

## Sparse Optimization

- ▶ Formulate the problem as a constrained optimization.
- ▶ Identify the gradient descent solution—*without sparseness*.
- ▶ Use projected gradient descent to solve the optimization—*with sparseness*.
- ▶ In imaging, other constraints are valuable too.

# R Multivariate Study - PBAC

*PBAC: R ready medical imaging data.*

We have training (90084)/testing (90084) data images + psychometrics and analyze the relationship between gray matter and cognition.

```
pbacTRcog[c(1, 13, 28), 1:6]
```

```
##      age edu mmse fluency_adj dig_fwd_adj dig_bwd_adj
## 1    72  18  24         4.5         2.5         4
## 13   55  17  29         5.0         2.0         3
## 28   51  16  16         3.0         0.5         1
```

```
# also pbac imaging data comes from this mask
```

```
mask <- antsImageRead(list.files(path = "./data", pattern = glob2rx("gmask_"),
                                full.names = T), 3)
```

```
# with anatomical labels
```

```
pbacaal <- antsImageRead(list.files(path = "./data", pattern = glob2rx("pba"),
                                    full.names = T), 3)
```

```
data("aal", package = "ANTsR") # description of aal
```

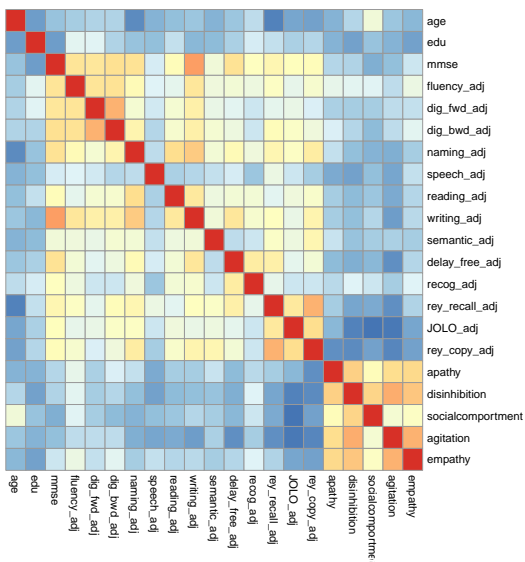
## R Multivariate - PBAC ROIs

```
inmask <- mask > 0.5
mylabs <- sort(unique(pbacaal[inmask & pbacaal > 0.5 & pbacaal <
  91 & pbacaal != 51 & pbacaal != 52 & pbacaal != 53 & pbacaal !=
  54]))
roimatrix <- matrix(rep(NA, length(mylabs) * nrow(pbacTRimg)),
  ncol = length(mylabs))
for (i in 1:length(mylabs)) {
  # get vector for this label
  labelVec <- as.numeric(pbacaal[inmask] == mylabs[i])
  roimatrix[, i] <- pbacTRimg %*% (labelVec/sum(labelVec))
}
colnames(roimatrix) <- aal$label_name[mylabs]
mydf <- data.frame(pbacTRcog, roimatrix)
```

Next we will analyze these ROIs and their relationship with demographics.

# R Multivariate: Inspect Data - PBAC cog

```
pheatmap(cor(pbacTRcog), cluster_rows = F, cluster_cols = F)
```



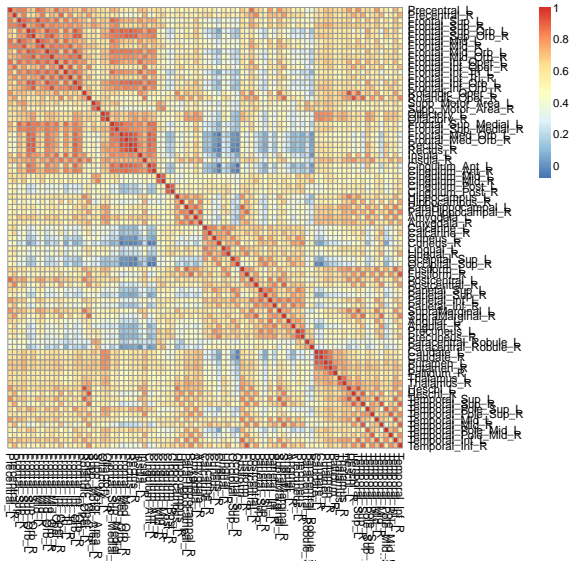
# R Multivariate: Inspect Data - PBAC Cog Constellation Plot

Brain Constellation Map of PBAC Cognition



## R Multivariate: Inspect Data - PBAC ROI

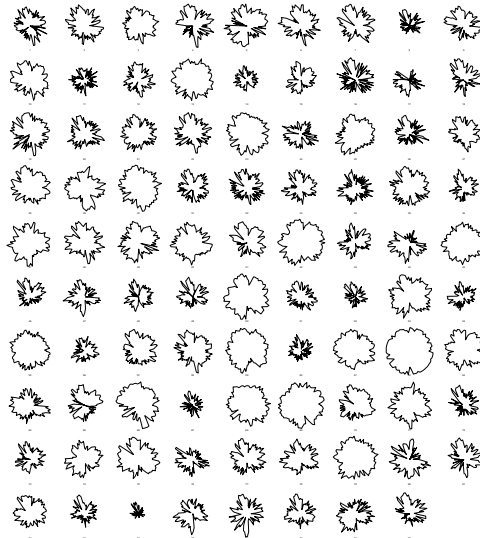
```
heatmap(cor(roimatrix), cluster_rows = F, cluster_cols = F)
```





# R Basics: Inspect Data - PBAC ROI Constellation Plot

Brain Constellation Map of PBAC ROIs



# 1200 Subject Constellation Plot

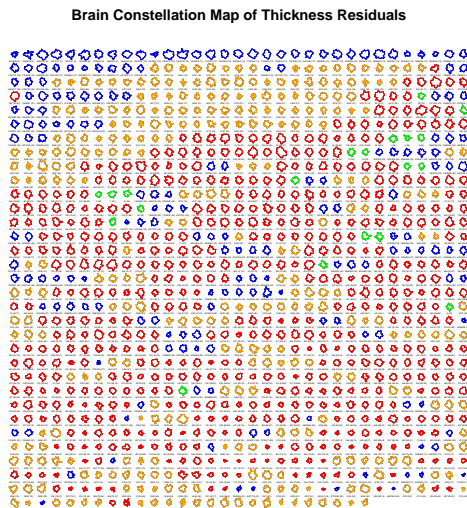
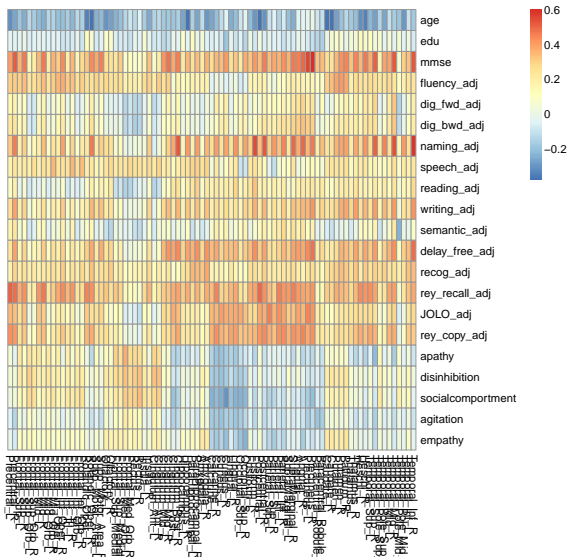


Figure : Data-inspection for a large-scale study.

# R Multivariate: Inspect Data - PBAC cog ↔ ROI

```
pheatmap(cor(pbacTRcog, roimatrix), cluster_rows = F, cluster_cols = F)
```



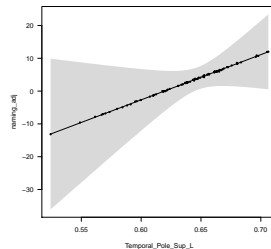
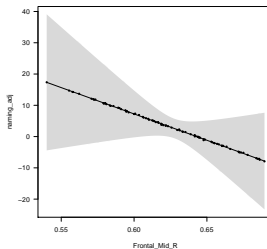
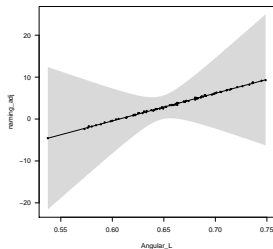
## R Multivariate - PBAC ROI Study

```
myform <- paste(colnames(roimatrix), collapse = "+")
myform <- as.formula(paste("naming_adj~", myform, "+edu"))
mydf <- data.frame(pbacTRcog, roimatrix)
row.names(mydf) <- paste(c(1:nrow(pbacTRcog)), "_", as.character(pbacTRcog$
  sep = ""))
mdl <- lm(myform, data = mydf)
mdla <- stepAIC(mdl, direction = c("forward"), k = 20, steps = 20)
ageregions <- gsub("_", "", as.character(mdla$call$formula)[3])
```

Various brain regions, together, predict naming\_adj ... PrecentralL + PrecentralR + FrontalSupL + FrontalSupR + FrontalSupOrbL + FrontalSupOrbR + FrontalMidL + FrontalMidR + FrontalMidOrbL + FrontalMidOrbR + FrontalInfOperL + FrontalInfOperR + FrontalInfTriL + FrontalInfTriR + FrontalInfOrbL + FrontalInfOrbR + RolandicOperL + RolandicOperR + SuppMotorAreaL + SuppMotorAreaR + OlfactoryL + OlfactoryR + FrontalSupMedialL + FrontalSupMedialR + FrontalMedOrbL + FrontalMedOrbR + RectusL + RectusR + InsulaL + InsulaR + CingulumAntL + CingulumAntR + CingulumMidL +

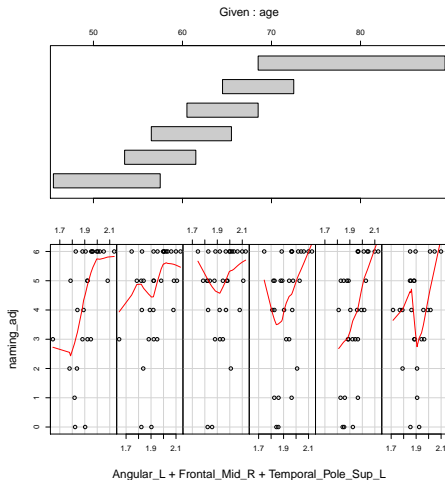
# R Multivariate: Draw a Picture - PBAC

```
visreg(mdla, xvar = "Angular_L")  
visreg(mdla, xvar = "Frontal_Mid_R")  
visreg(mdla, xvar = "Temporal_Pole_Sup_L")
```



## R Multivariate: PBAC Draw a Picture 2

```
coplot(naming_adj ~ Angular_L + Frontal_Mid_R + Temporal_Pole_Sup_L |  
  age, data = mydf, panel = panel.smooth, rows = 1)
```



## Run SCCAN between raw GM data and cognition

```
mysccan <- sparseDecom2(inmatrix = list(as.matrix(pbacTRcog),  
    pbacTRimg), inmask = c(NA, mask), smooth = 1, sparseness = c(-0.07,  
    0.2), nvecs = nv, its = 3, perms = 0, cthresh = c(0, 250))
```

```
## gm ~ mmse + rey_recall_adj  
## [1] "Train Correlation: 1 0.664181703317975"  
## gm ~ rey_recall_adj + rey_copy_adj  
## [1] "Train Correlation: 2 0.571539338864852"  
## gm ~ naming_adj + delay_free_adj  
## [1] "Train Correlation: 3 0.586114213255158"  
## gm ~ writing_adj + JOLO_adj  
## [1] "Train Correlation: 4 0.500195314403038"  
## gm ~ delay_free_adj  
## [1] "Train Correlation: 5 0.486444226824085"
```

$R$  and Prediction



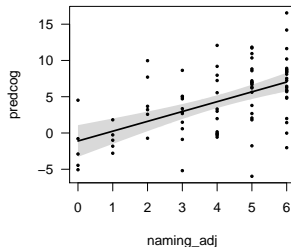
## Prediction: PBAC—Cognition from ROIs

Get the testing data ROIs (code hidden).

Predict the naming from test ROI data w/ ordinary regression.

```
predcog <- predict(md1a, newdata = testdf)
print(paste("Test Correlation:", cor.test(pbacTEcog$naming_adj,
  predcog)$est))
```

```
## [1] "Test Correlation: 0.522830279263574"
```



## Prediction: PBAC—Cognition from Brain

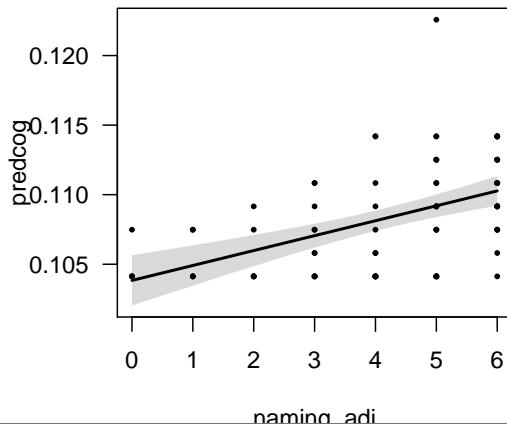
Predict the test voxel data from cognition id'd by SCCAN.

```
## gm ~ mmse + rey_recall_adj
## [1] "Test Correlation: 1 0.607638630247478"
## gm ~ rey_recall_adj + rey_copy_adj
## [1] "Test Correlation: 2 0.450943295749685"
## gm ~ naming_adj + delay_free_adj
## [1] "Test Correlation: 3 0.446546448383557"
## gm ~ writing_adj + JOLO_adj
## [1] "Test Correlation: 4 0.307284063558776"
## gm ~ delay_free_adj
## [1] "Test Correlation: 5 0.504171777768369"
```

The SCCAN model is equally predictive but much more specific.

## Prediction: PBAC—Cognition from Brain

```
predmdl <- lm(predcog ~ 1 + naming_adj, data = pbacTEcog)
visreg(predmdl)
```



# Cross-Validation of Diagnosis

boot

```
dx <- as.factor(pbacTRcog$mmse < 26)
dx <- as.factor(pbacTRcog$fluency_adj < 2.6)
traindata <- data.frame(dx = dx, roimatrix)
myform <- paste("dx~", paste(colnames(roimatrix)[1:20], collapse = "+"))
mdl <- glm(as.formula(myform), data = traindata, family = "binomial")
dd <- 0
ntests <- 20
for (i in 1:ntests) dd <- dd + cv.glm(traindata, mdl, K = 5)$delta[1] *
  (1/ntests)
```

Reasonable classification rates.

```
## [1] "prediction % misclassification 6.87711587597379"
```

# Prediction: BRATS Challenge

fMRI

# fMRI Helper Functions 1

A function for averaging a list of images voxel-wise. Note: It's dimension-free.

```
avgimg <- function(mylist, mask) {  
  avg <- antsImageClone(mylist[[1]])  
  avg[mask == 1] <- 0  
  for (i in 1:length(mylist)) {  
    avg[mask == 1] <- avg[mask == 1] + mylist[[i]][mask ==  
      1] * 1/length(mylist)  
  }  
  return(avg)  
}
```

A function for computing the voxel-wise absolute difference of an image list from its average.

```
sding <- function(mylist, mask) {  
  avg <- avgimg(mylist, mask)  
  sdi <- antsImageClone(avg)  
  sdi[mask == 1] <- 0  
  for (i in 1:length(mylist)) {  
    sdi[mask == 1] <- sdi[mask == 1] + abs(mylist[[i]][mask ==  
      1] - avg[mask == 1]) * 1/length(mylist)  
  }  
  return(sdi)  
}
```



## fMRI Helper Functions 3

A function to interleave two R numeric vectors.

```
interleave <- function(v1, v2) {  
  ord1 <- 2 * (1:length(v1)) - 1  
  ord2 <- 2 * (1:length(v2))  
  c(v1, v2)[order(c(ord1, ord2))]  
}
```

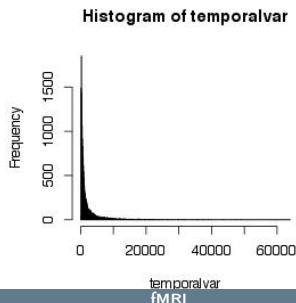
Why might we want this?

# BOLD fMRI Motor Tasks 1

"A test-retest fMRI dataset for motor, language and spatial attention functions" — Gigascience, 2013.

Subject: 08143633

```
fmri <- antsImageRead(fn, 4)
hrf <- hemodynamicRF(scans = dim(fmri)[4], onsets = blockfing,
  durations = rep(12, length(blockfing)), rt = 2.5)
hrf[1:4] <- NA # first few frames are junk
myvars <- getfMRI nuisanceVariables(fmri, moreaccurate = FALSE,
  maskThresh = 100)
```



## BOLD fMRI Motor Tasks 2

The previous functions compute *R* friendly variables for fMRI processing: Nuisance, mean, mask, matrix. + the HRF.

```
mat <- myvars$matrixTimeSeries
avg <- myvars$avgImage
mask <- myvars$mask
nuis <- (myvars$nuisancevariables)
print(colnames(nuis))
antsImageWrite(avg, paste(pre, "avg.nii.gz", sep = ""))
plotANTsImage(myantsimage = avg, functional = list(mask), slices = "12x20x3",
  axis = 3, threshold = "0.5x1.5")
```

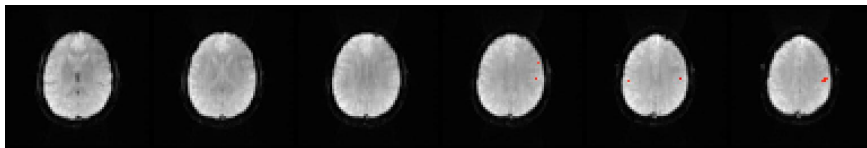
## BOLD fMRI Motor Tasks 3

Use multiple regression to relate a task-design (convolved with HRF) to BOLD activation.

```
globsig <- myvars$globalsignal
betas <- rep(NA, ncol(mat))
for (i in 1:ncol(mat)) {
  vox <- mat[, i]
  mdl <- lm(vox ~ hrf + globsig + motion1 + motion2 + motion3 +
    compcorr1 + compcorr2 + compcorr3, data = data.frame(nuis))
  betas[i] <- coefficients(summary(mdl))[2, 3] # probably better way
}
betaimg <- antsImageClone(mask) # put beta vals in image space
betaimg[mask > 0.5] <- betas
print(max(abs(betas))) # around 10 or so
# much much faster but i havent figured out how to get
# results out easily
fastResults <- lm(mat[, 1:2] ~ hrf + myvars$globalsignal + motion1 +
  motion2 + motion3 + compcorr1 + compcorr2 + compcorr3, data = data.frame(nuis))
antsImageWrite(betaimg, paste(pre, "betas.nii.gz", sep = ""))
```

## BOLD fMRI Motor Tasks 4

```
gcoords <- getTemplateCoordinates(list(avg, clust), mymni, convertToTal = T,
  outprefix = ofn)
print(gcoords$templatepoints)
myregion <- sub("_", "", gcoords$templatepoints$AAL[1])
```



**Figure :** Univariate results for fingertapping include CentralSulcus.

Is that the "right" location?

## BOLD fMRI Motor Tasks 5

We can look at the code for this if it is of interest ...

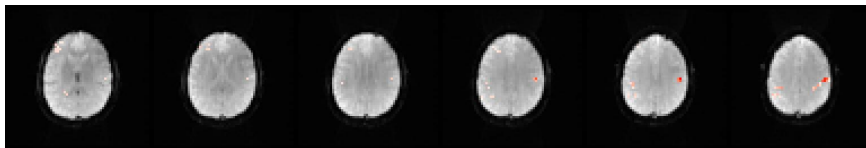


Figure : Multivariate results for fingertapping.

### Exercise: Fingertapping repeatability

Repeat with subjects `fmri_motor_sub1_s2.nii.gz` and `fmri_motor_sub2_s1.nii.gz`  
Evaluate overlap of signal.

# BOLD fMRI Processing Inspection

Use multivariate decomposition to help understand both the data and the nuisance variables.

```
nvecs <- 11
ff <- sparseDecom(rmat[!is.na(hrf), ], mask, 1.25/nvecs, nvecs,
  its = 5, cthresh = 5, smooth = 1, z = -0.9)
for (i in 1:nvecs) {
  print(paste("Test", i))
  mdl <- lm(ff$projections[, i] ~ cblock + myvars$globalsignal[!is.na(hrf)
    motion1 + motion2 + motion3 + compcorr1 + compcorr2 +
    compcorr3, data = data.frame(nuis[!is.na(hrf), ]))
  print(summary(mdl))
}
dat <- data.frame(time = ((1:length(hrf[!is.na(hrf)])) * 2.5),
  signal = ff$projections[, 2], nuis = ff$projections[, 3],
  hrf = hrf[!is.na(hrf)])
```

# BOLD Decomposition with Regression-Task

Use multivariate decomposition to help understand both the data and the nuisance variables.

```
mdl <- lm(ff$projections[, 2] ~ cblock + myvars$globalsignal[!is.na(hrf)] +  
  motion1 + motion2 + motion3 + compcorr1 + compcorr2 + compcorr3,  
  data = data.frame(nuis[!is.na(hrf), ]))
```

```
##                (Intercept)  
##                0.8970783  
##                cblock  
##                0.0002709  
## myvars$globalsignal[!is.na(hrf)]  
##                0.2735748  
##                motion1  
##                0.6876208  
##                motion2  
##                0.9173405  
##                motion3  
##                0.2948914  
##                compcorr1  
##                0.4551018  
##                compcorr2
```



# BOLD Decomposition with Regression-Nuisance

Use multivariate decomposition to help understand both the data and the nuisance variables.

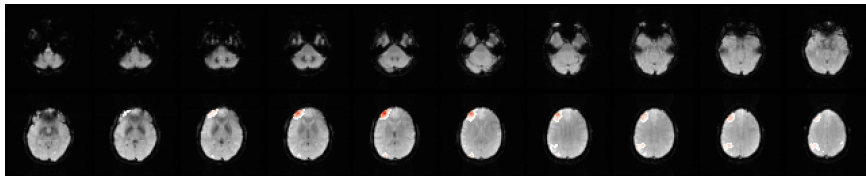
```
mdl <- lm(ff$projections[, 3] ~ cblock + myvars$globalsignal[!is.na(hrf)] +  
  motion1 + motion2 + motion3 + compcorr1 + compcorr2 + compcorr3,  
  data = data.frame(nuis[!is.na(hrf), ]))
```

```
##                (Intercept)  
##                1.127e-03  
##                cblock  
##                7.895e-01  
## myvars$globalsignal[!is.na(hrf)]  
##                2.129e-72  
##                motion1  
##                1.206e-02  
##                motion2  
##                1.652e-16  
##                motion3  
##                1.509e-03  
##                compcorr1  
##                4.179e-06  
##                compcorr2
```

# BOLD Decomposition with Regression-Task in the Brain

Use multivariate decomposition to help understand both the data and the nuisance variables.

```
eigimg <- ff$eigenanatomyimages[[2]]
```

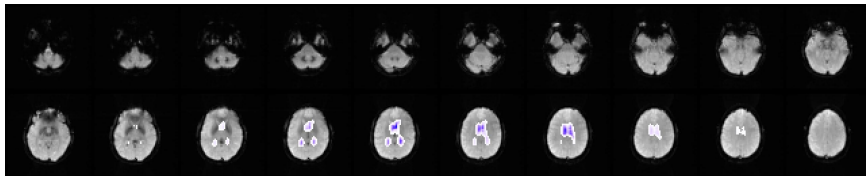


**Figure :** Multivariate results for fingertapping... task areas

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```
eigimg <- ff$eigenanatomyimages[[3]]
```



**Figure :** Multivariate results for fingertapping... nuis areas

# BOLD fMRI Signals

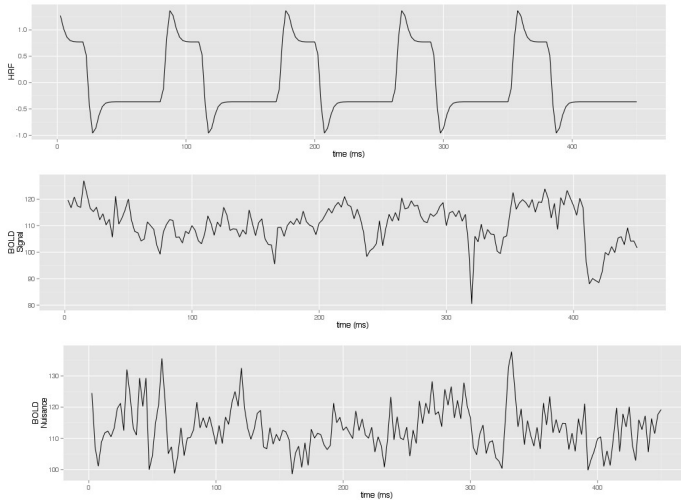


Figure : BOLD signals.

## BOLD fMRI Language Tasks

Exercise: Check the code below and run the language task studies from the Gigascience article.

```
if (FALSE) {  
  fmri <- antsImageRead("data/fmri_covert_verb_generation_sub1_s2.nii.gz"  
    4)  
  blocko = c(1, 24, 48, 72, 96, 120, 144)  
  hrf <- hemodynamicRF(scans = dim(fmri)[4], onsets = blocko,  
    durations = rep(12, length(blocko)), rt = 2.5)  
  hrf[1:4] <- NA # first few frames are junk  
  myvars <- getfMRIInuisanceVariables(fmri, moreaccurate = TRUE,  
    maskThresh = 100)  
  avg <- myvars$avgImage  
  antsImageWrite(avg, "avg_lang.nii.gz")  
  mask <- myvars$mask  
  mat <- myvars$matrixTimeSeries  
  # fmri2<-antsImageClone(fmri) SmoothImage(4,fmri,1,fmri2)  
  # mat<-timeseries2matrix( fmri2, mask ) #  
  nuis <- (myvars$nuisancevariables)  
  print(colnames(nuis))  
  plotANTSImage(myantsimage = avg, functional = list(mask),  
    slices = "12x20x3", axis = 3, threshold = "0.5x1.5")  
}
```

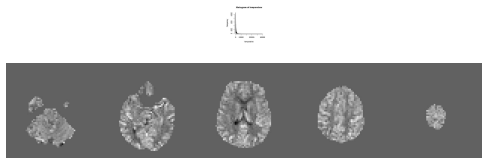
## Simple ASL CBF

Arterial spin labeling (ASL) can measure cerebral blood flow (CBF) non-invasively and more directly than BOLD. It requires specialized processing techniques not widely available.

```
fns <- Sys.glob(file.path("./data/eld*nii.gz"))
asl <- antsImageRead(fns[1], 4)
perf <- aslPerfusion(asl, maskThresh = 300, moreaccurate = FALSE)
param <- list(sequence = "pcasl", m0 = perf$m0)
cbf <- quantifyCBF(perf$perfusion, perf$mask, param)
```

```
## Loading required package: extremevalues
```

```
plotANTsImage(cbf$meancbf, slices = "5x17x3", axis = 3, outname = "figure/a
```



**Figure :** The *ANTsR* simple CBF estimate with standard regression.

Load some data already processed.

```
fns <- Sys.glob(file.path("../data/eld*nii.gz"))
asl <- antsImageRead(fns[1], 4)
seg <- antsImageRead(fns[3], 3)
mask <- antsImageClone(seg)
mask[seg > 0] <- 1
mat <- timeseries2matrix(asl, mask)
cbflist <- list()
```

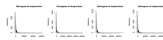
ASL-CBF estimates are unstable and subject to motion artifact.

*Idea:* We can try resampling methods to estimate both uncertainty and a "true" mean CBF value per voxel.

# fMRI Boot-Strapping 2

Luckily, this is easy to implement in *R*.

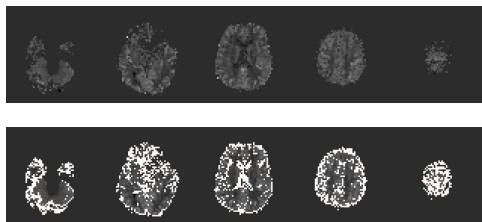
```
for (i in 1:4) {  
  timeinds <- sample(2:nrow(mat), round(nrow(mat)) * 0.3)  
  timeinds <- (timeinds%%2) + timeinds  
  timeinds <- interleave(timeinds - 1, timeinds)  
  aslarr <- as.array(asl)  
  aslarr2 <- aslarr[, , , timeinds]  
  aslsub <- as.antsImage(aslarr2)  
  antsCopyImageInfo(aslsub, asl)  
  proc <- aslPerfusion(aslsub, mask = mask, moreaccurate = FALSE,  
    dorobust = 0)  
  param <- list(sequence = "pcasl", m0 = proc$m0)  
  cbf <- quantifyCBF(proc$perfusion, mask, param)  
  antsImageWrite(cbf$meancbf, "temp1.nii.gz")  
  cbflist <- lappend(cbflist, cbf$meancbf)  
}
```





## fMRI Boot-Strapping 3

```
avgcbf <- avgimg(cbflist, mask)
sdi <- sdimf(cbflist, mask)
avgcbft <- antsImageClone(avgcbf)
avgcbft[sdi > 25] <- 0
plotANTsImage(avgcbft, slices = "5x17x3", axis = 3, outname = "figure/antsr")
plotANTsImage(avgcbft, functional = list(sdi), color = "red",
  slices = "5x17x3", axis = 3, threshold = "20x55", outname = "figure/antsr")
```



**Figure :** The *ANTsR* bootstrapped CBF with estimated CBF variance.

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# Resources for Building *R* Packages

# Discussion + Future Work