



# Bayesian Statistics and Hierarchical Bayesian Modeling for Psychological Science

## Lecture 13

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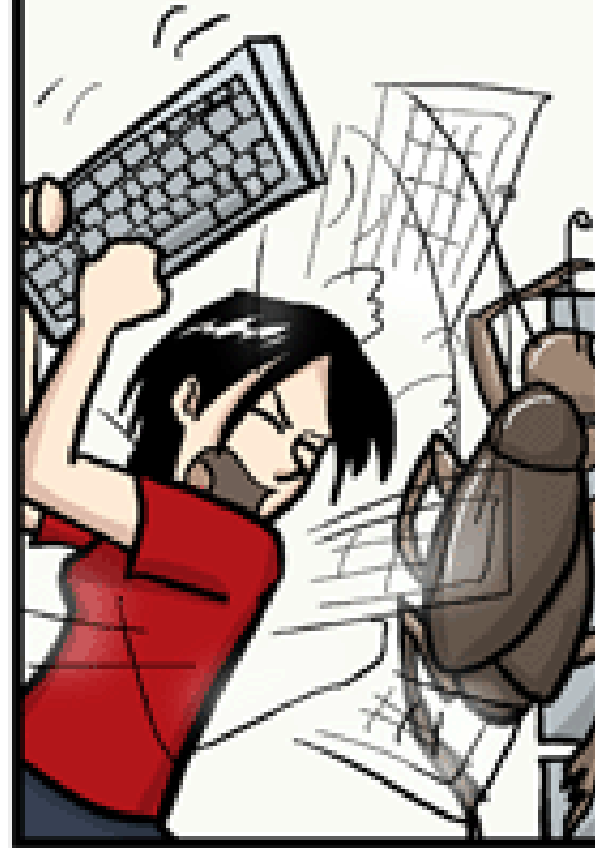
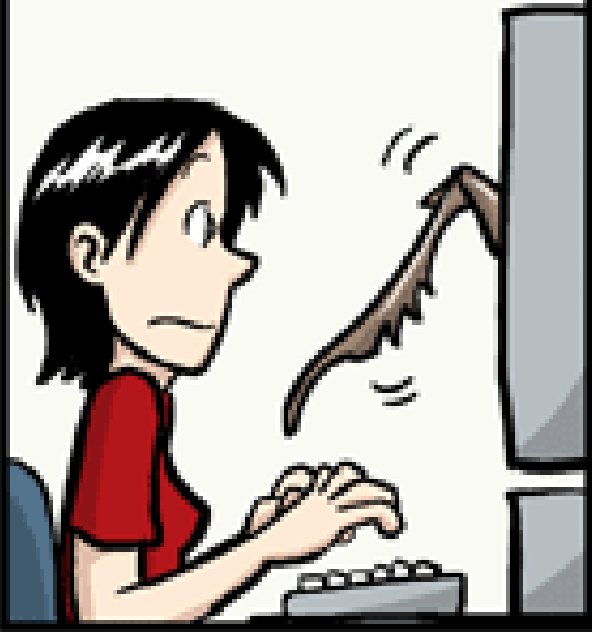


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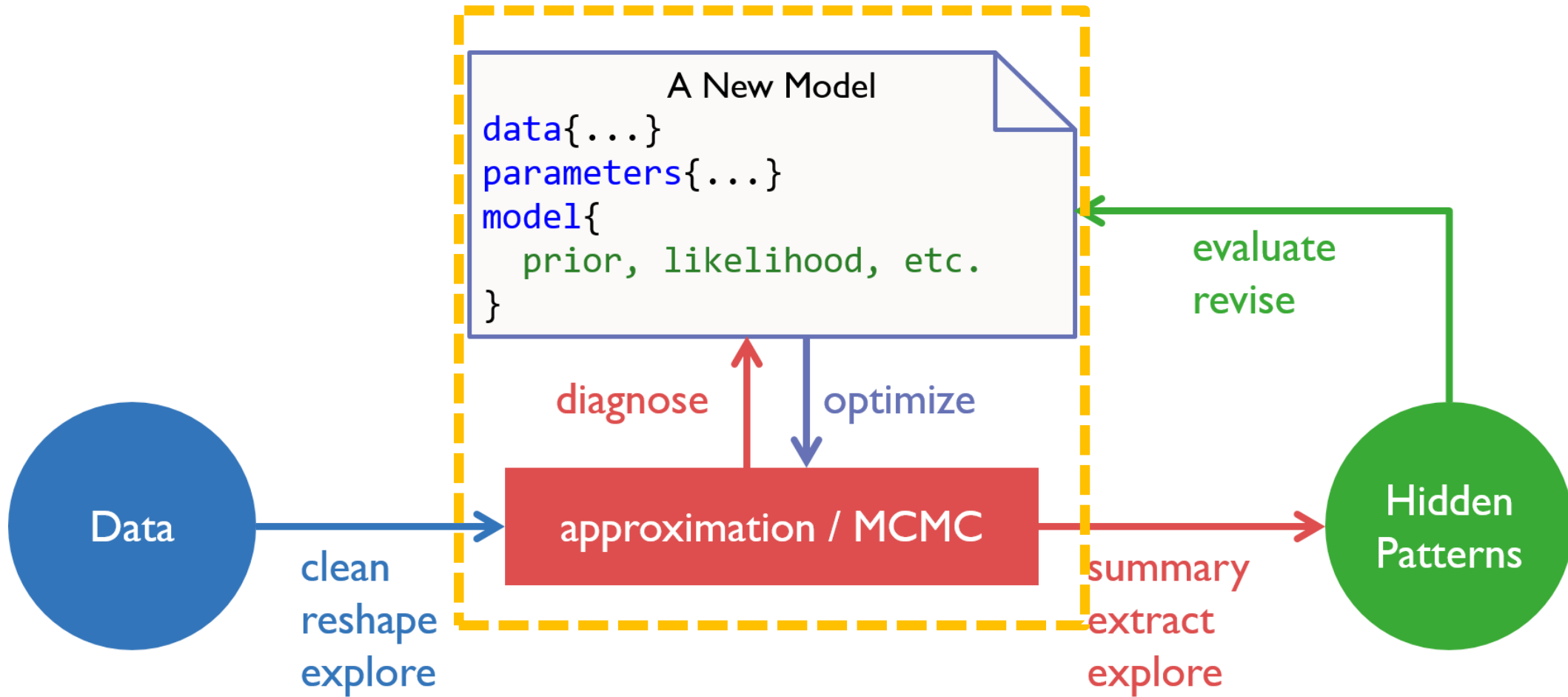


# STAN DEBUGGING



JORGE CHAM (C) 2005





# Stan Style Tips

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## Make it Reproducible

- Scripts are good documentations!
- Save your seed (not cross platform\*)

## Make it Readable

- Choose a consistent style
- Give meaningful variable names

## Start with Simulated Data

## Design Top-Down, Code Bottom-Up

## Write Comments

- Code never lies!



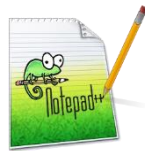
\* [Stan seed depends on hardware etc.](#)

# The Editor of your Choice

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```
data {  
  int<lower=0> w;  
  int<lower=0> N;  
}
```

```
parameters {  
  real<lower=0,upper=1> p;  
}
```

```
model {  
  p ~ uniform(0,1);  
  w ~ binomial(N, p);  
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\* Click on each logo to visit their homepage.

\*\* [Comparison](#)

# Common Error / Warning Types

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## ERRORS

- forget “ ; ”
- mis-indexing: mismatch or constant support mismatch
- improper constrain
- improper dimension declaration
- vectorizing when not supported
- wrong data type
- wrong distribution names
- forget priors
- miss spelling

## WARNINGS

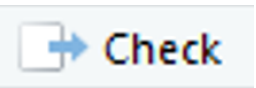
- forget last blank line
- use earlier version of Stan
- numerical problems
- divergent transitions
- hit max\_treedepth
- BFMI too low
- improper prior

# Debugging in Stan

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- always use a \*.stan file
- press  in RStudio
- use `lookup()`
- start with simulated data
- be careful with copy/paste
- run 1 chain, 1 sample
- debugging by printing

```
for (s in 1:1) {  
  vector[2] v;  
  real pe;  
  v <- initV;  
  
  for (t in 1:nTrials) {  
    choice[s,t] ~ categorical_logit( tau[s] * v );  
  
    print("s = ", s, ", t = ", t, ", v = ", v);  
  
    pe <- reward[s,t] - v[choice[s,t]];  
    v[choice[s,t]] <- v[choice[s,t]] + lr[s] * pe;  
  }  
}
```

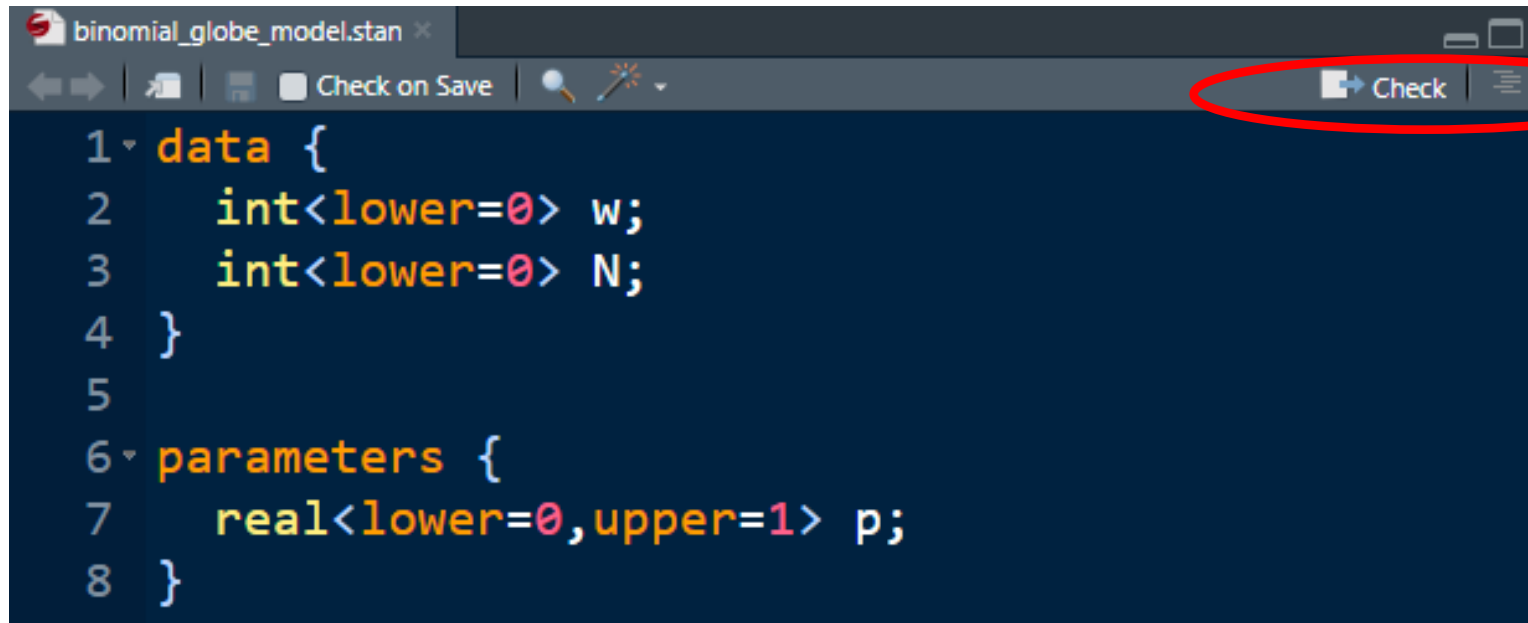
```
> lookup(dnorm)  
StanFunction Arguments ReturnType Page SamplingStatement  
344 normal (reals mu, reals sigma) real 369 TRUE  
348 normal_log (reals y, reals mu, reals sigma) real 369 FALSE
```

# Debugging Stan in RStudio

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```
1 data {  
2   int<lower=0> w;  
3   int<lower=0> N;  
4 }  
5  
6 parameters {  
7   real<lower=0,upper=1> p;  
8 }
```

```
rstan::rstudio_stanc("_scripts/binomial_globe_model.stan")
```



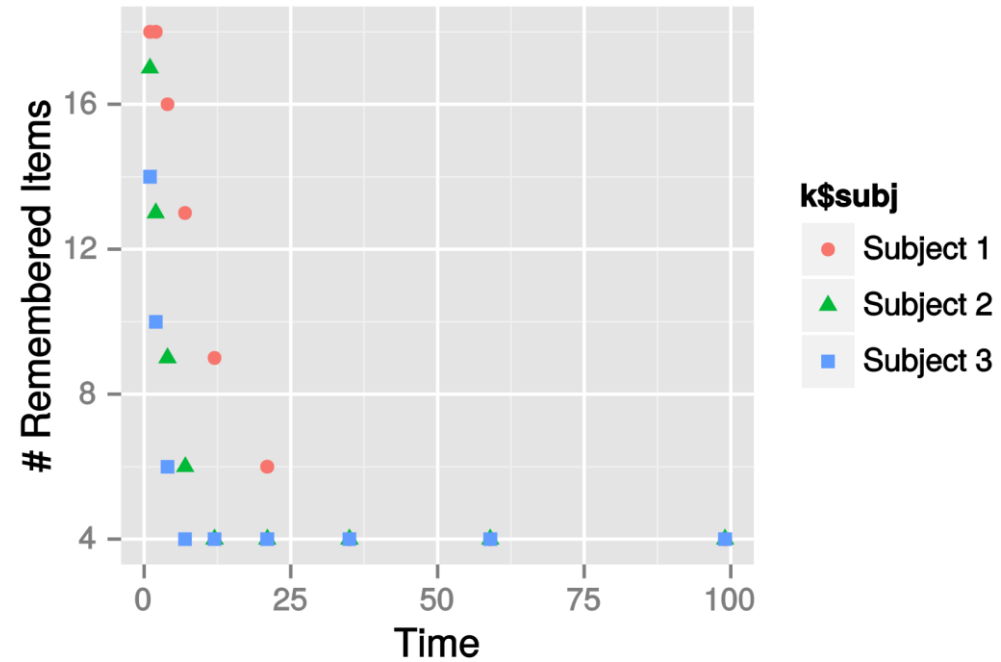


# Example: Memory Retention

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Subject	Time Interval								
	1	2	4	7	12	21	35	59	99
1	18	18	16	13	9	6	4	4	4
2	17	13	9	6	4	4	4	4	4
3	14	10	6	4	4	4	4	4	4

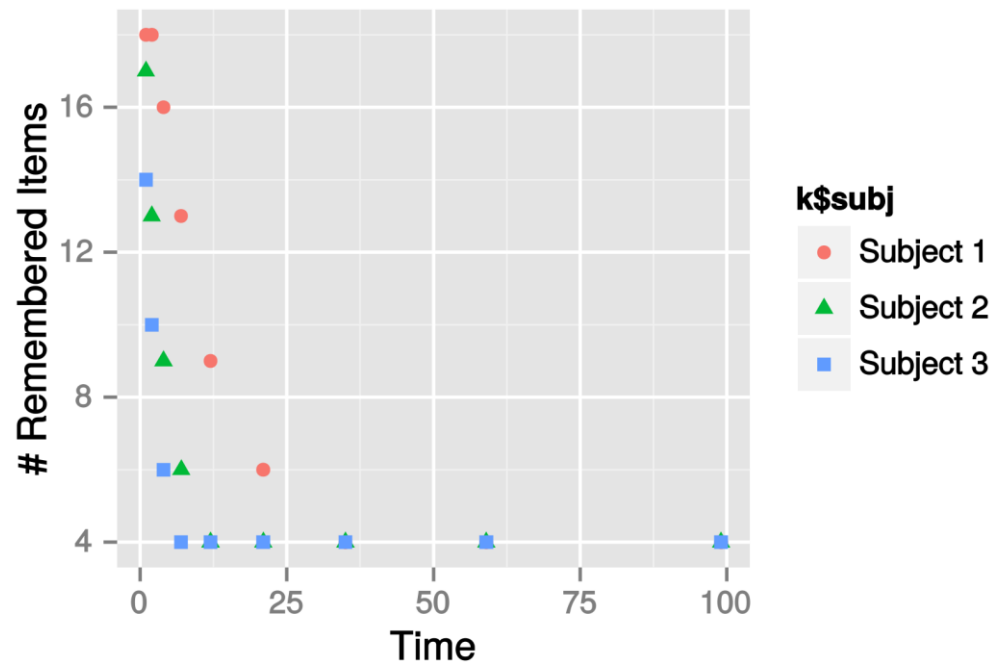


# Simple Exponential Decay Model

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$$\theta_t = \min(1.0, \exp(-\alpha t) + \beta)$$

$p(\text{remember})$

decay rate

baseline

# Exercise XIV

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.../09.debugging/\_scripts/exp\_decay\_main.R

TASK: Debugging the Memory retention model

$\geq 9$  errors!

**Viel Spaß!**

```
> dataList
$`k`
      [,1] [,2] [,3] [,4] [,5] [,6] [,7] [,8] [,9]
[1,]   18   18   16   13    9    6    4    4    4
[2,]   17   13    9    6    4    4    4    4    4
[3,]   14   10    6    4    4    4    4    4    4

$nItem
[1] 18

$intervals
[1] 1 2 4 7 12 21 35 59 99

$ns
[1] 3

$nt
[1] 9
```

# Satisfied with the results?

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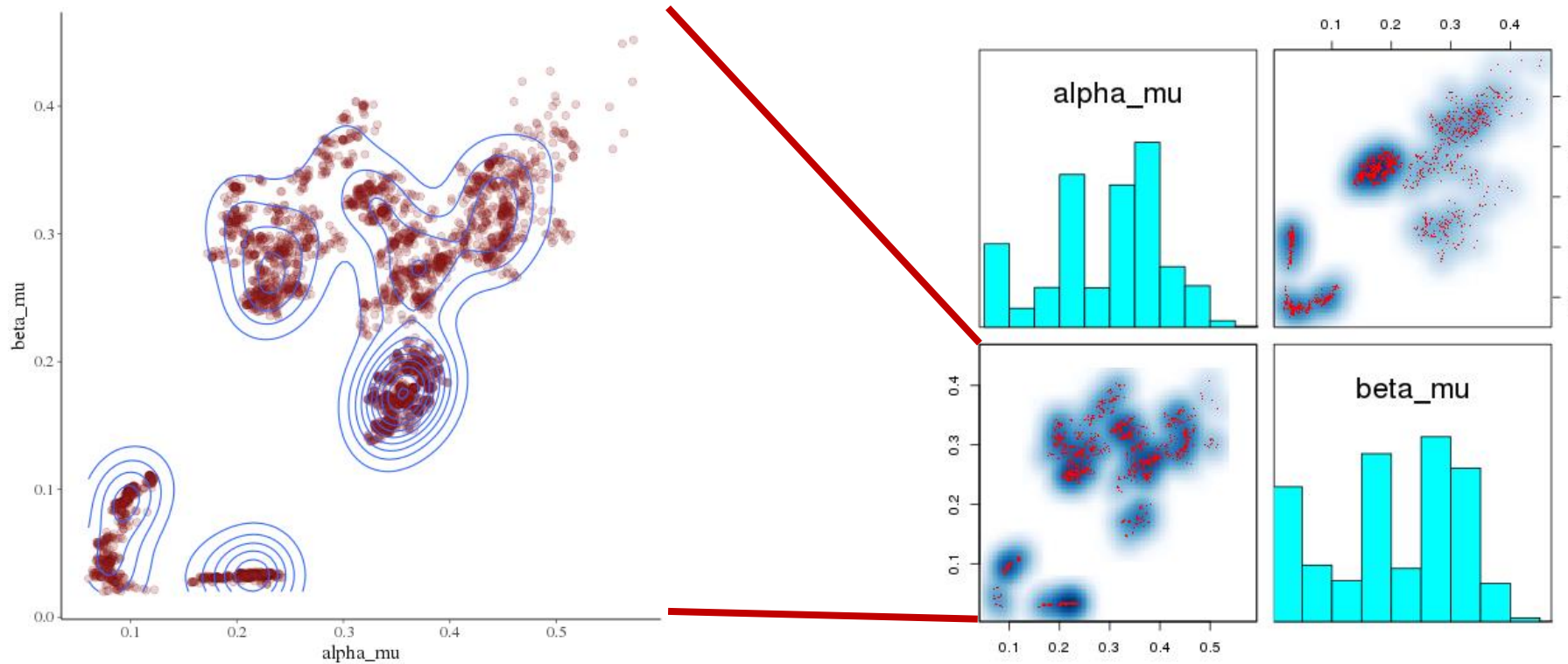
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Warning messages:

1: There were 3998 divergent transitions after warmup. Increasing adapt\_delta above 0.8 may help. See <http://mc-stan.org/misc/warnings.html#divergent-transitions-after-warmup>

2: Examine the pairs() plot to diagnose sampling problems



# Why Stan Fails?

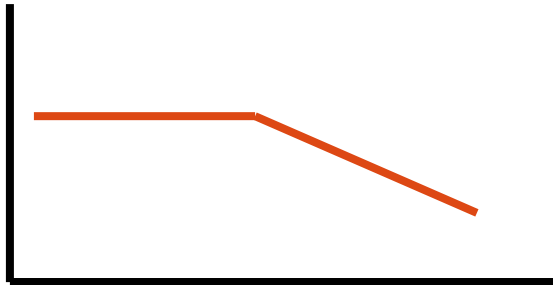
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```
for (s in 1:ns) {  
  for (t in 1:nt) {  
    theta[s,t] = fmin(1.0, exp(-alpha[s] * intervals[t]) + beta[s]);  
    k[s,t] ~ binomial(nItem, theta[s,t]);  
  }  
}
```

Non-differentiable link (likelihood) functions are bad news, particularly in Stan, which relies on derivatives.



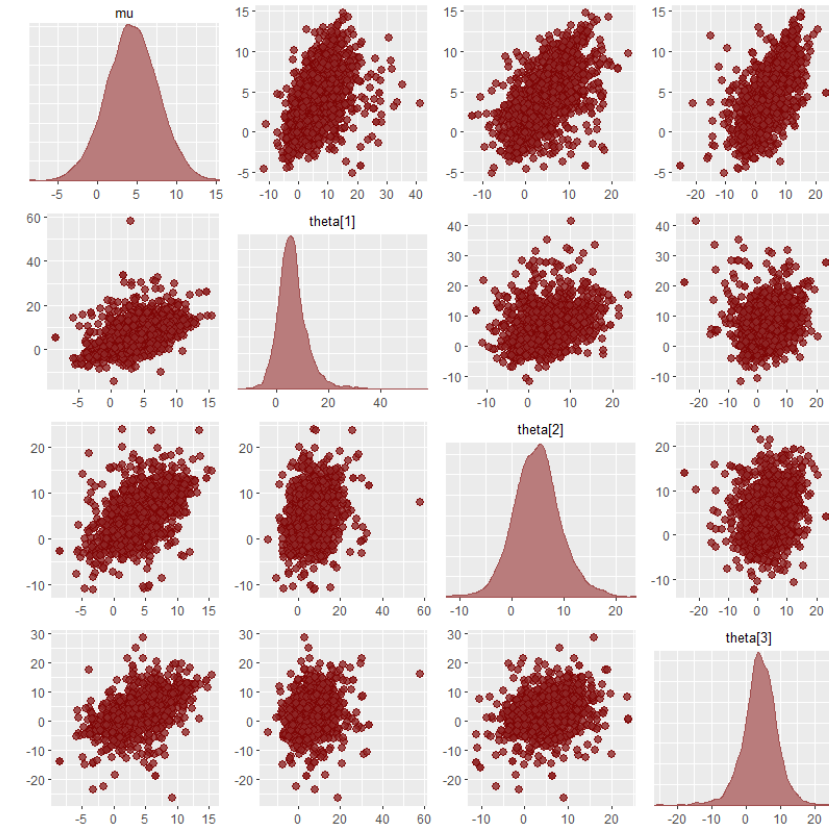
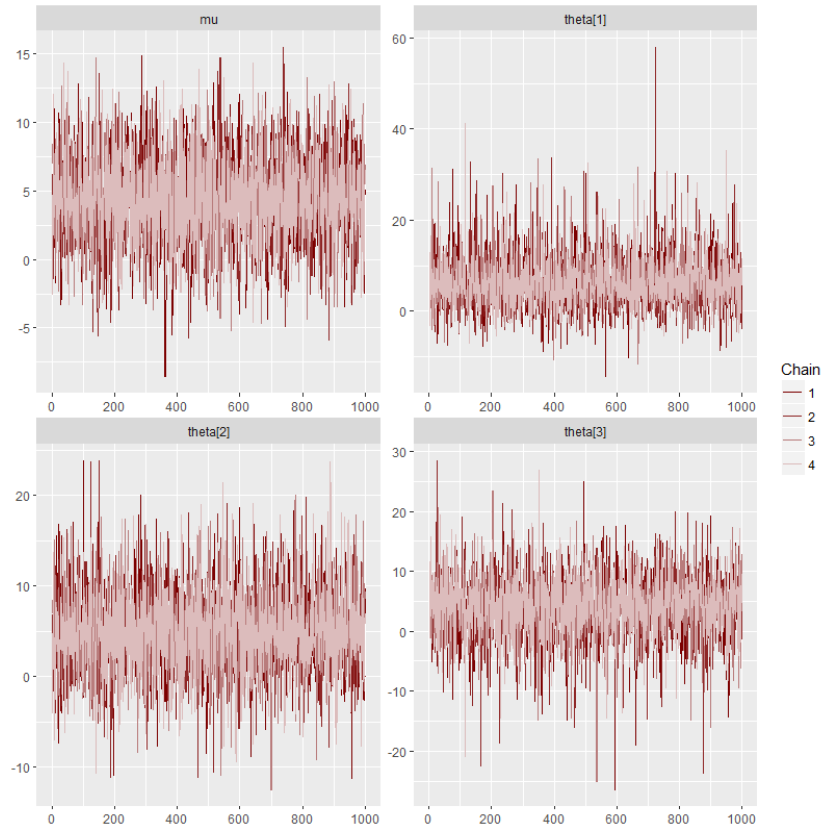
# What to look for?

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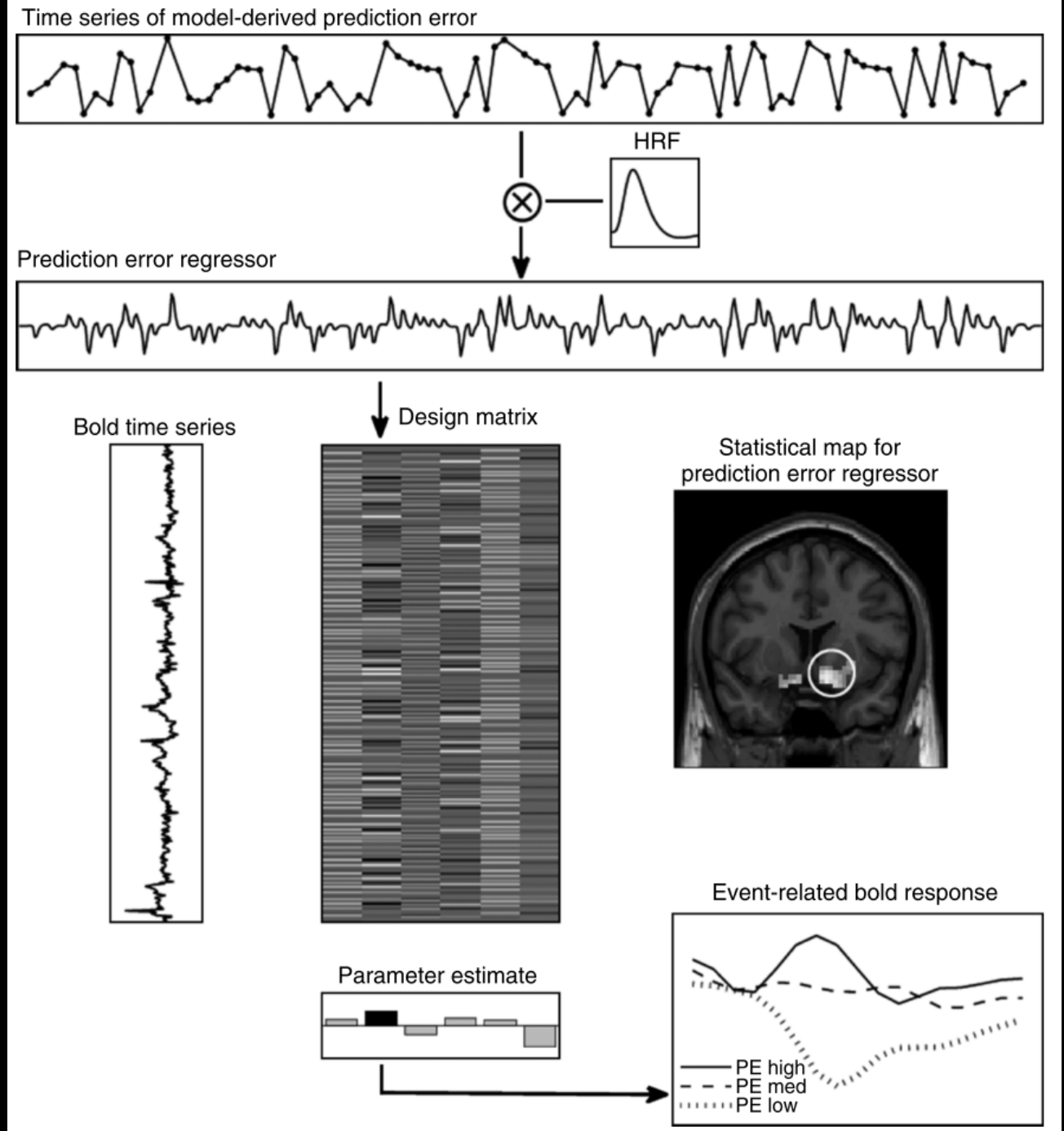
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```
> source('stan_utility.R')
> check_all_diagnostics(fit)
[1] "n_eff / iter looks reasonable for all parameters"
[1] "Rhat looks reasonable for all parameters"
[1] "0 of 4000 iterations ended with a divergence (0%)"
[1] "0 of 4000 iterations saturated the maximum tree depth of 10 (0%)"
[1] "E-BFMI indicated no pathological behavior"
```



# INTRODUCTION TO MODEL-BASED FMRI

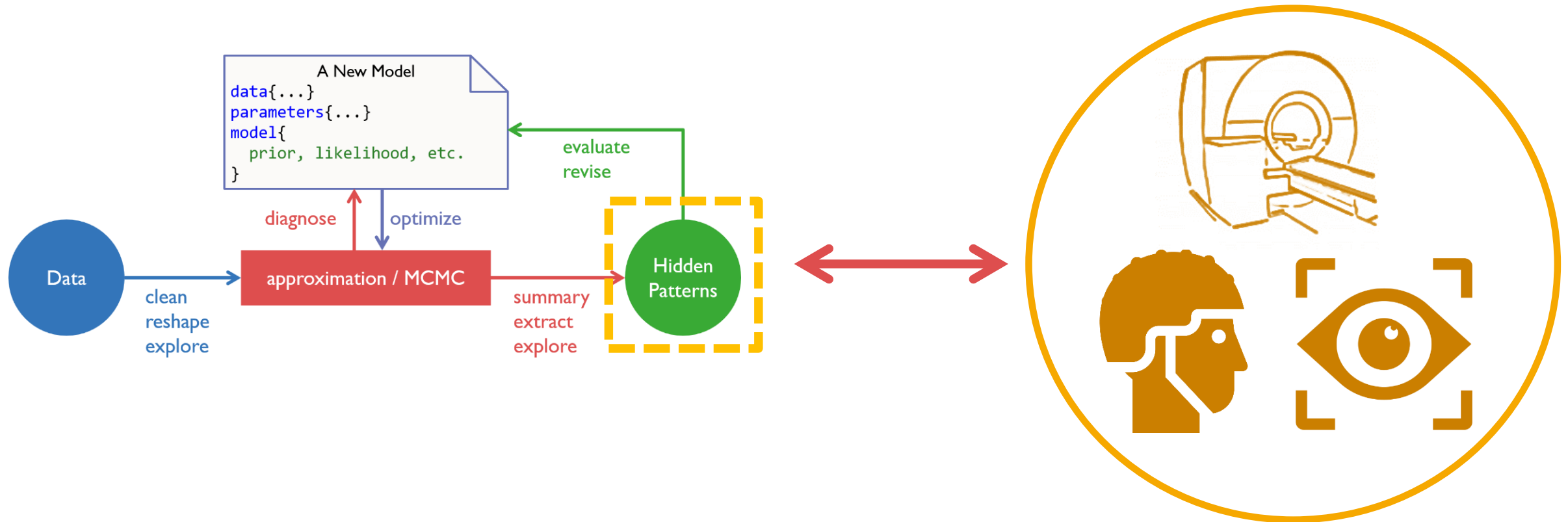


# Model-based Analysis

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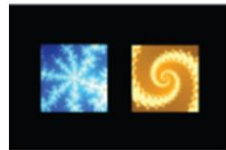


# Perform Model-based fMRI

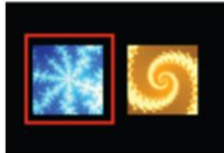
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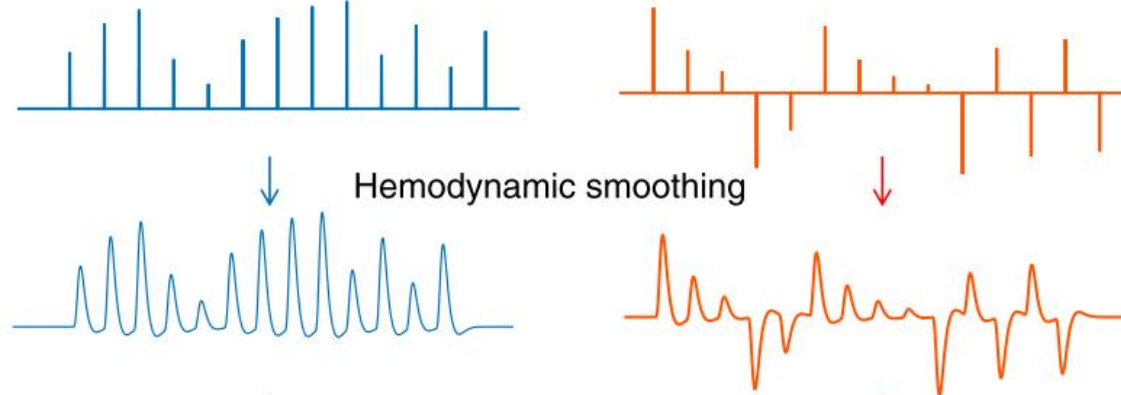


outcome

Computational model

$$V_{t+1} = V_t + \alpha \delta_t$$

Time series of variables



Hemodynamic smoothing

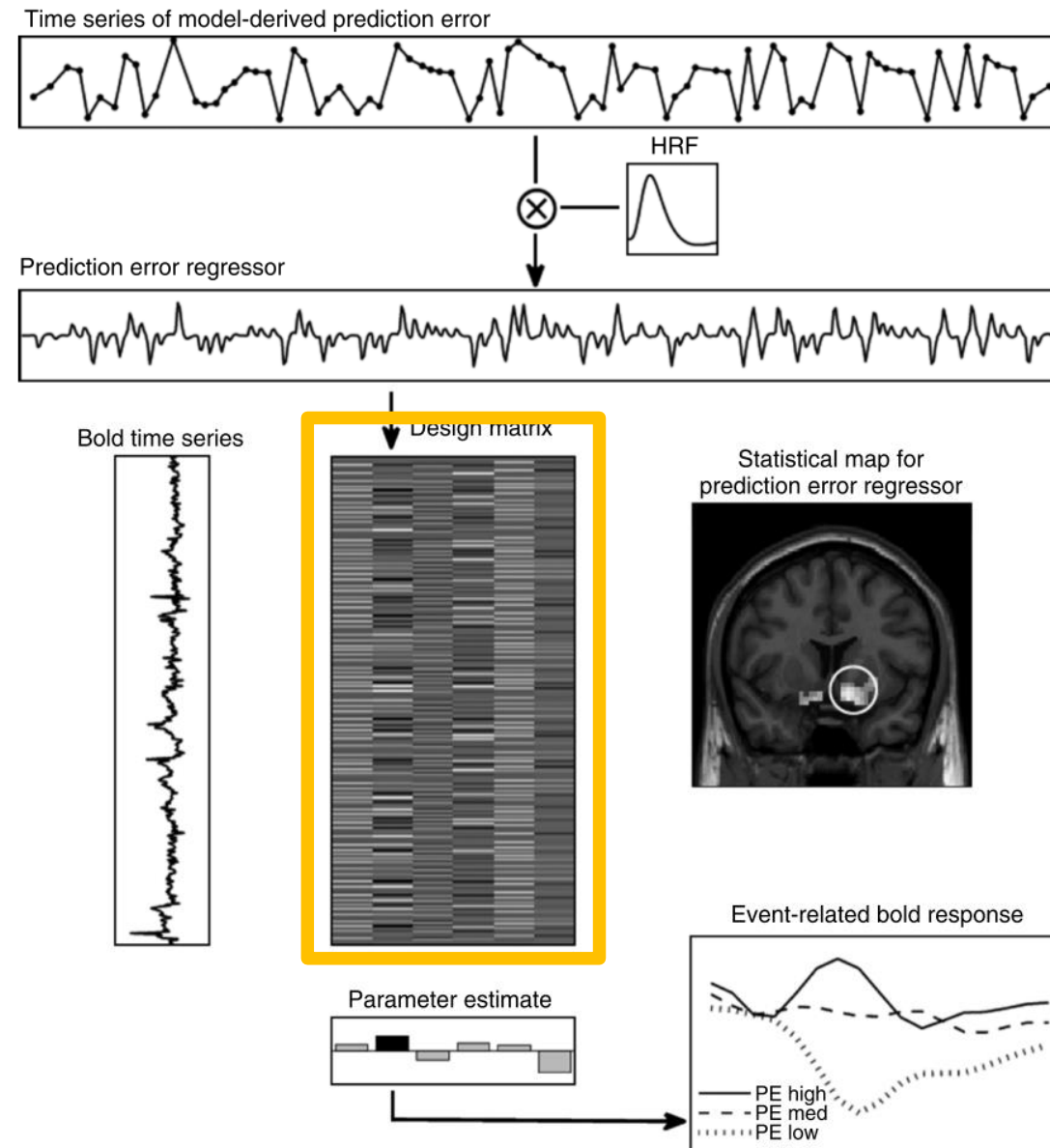
Correlated regions

# Perform Model-based fMRI (cont.)

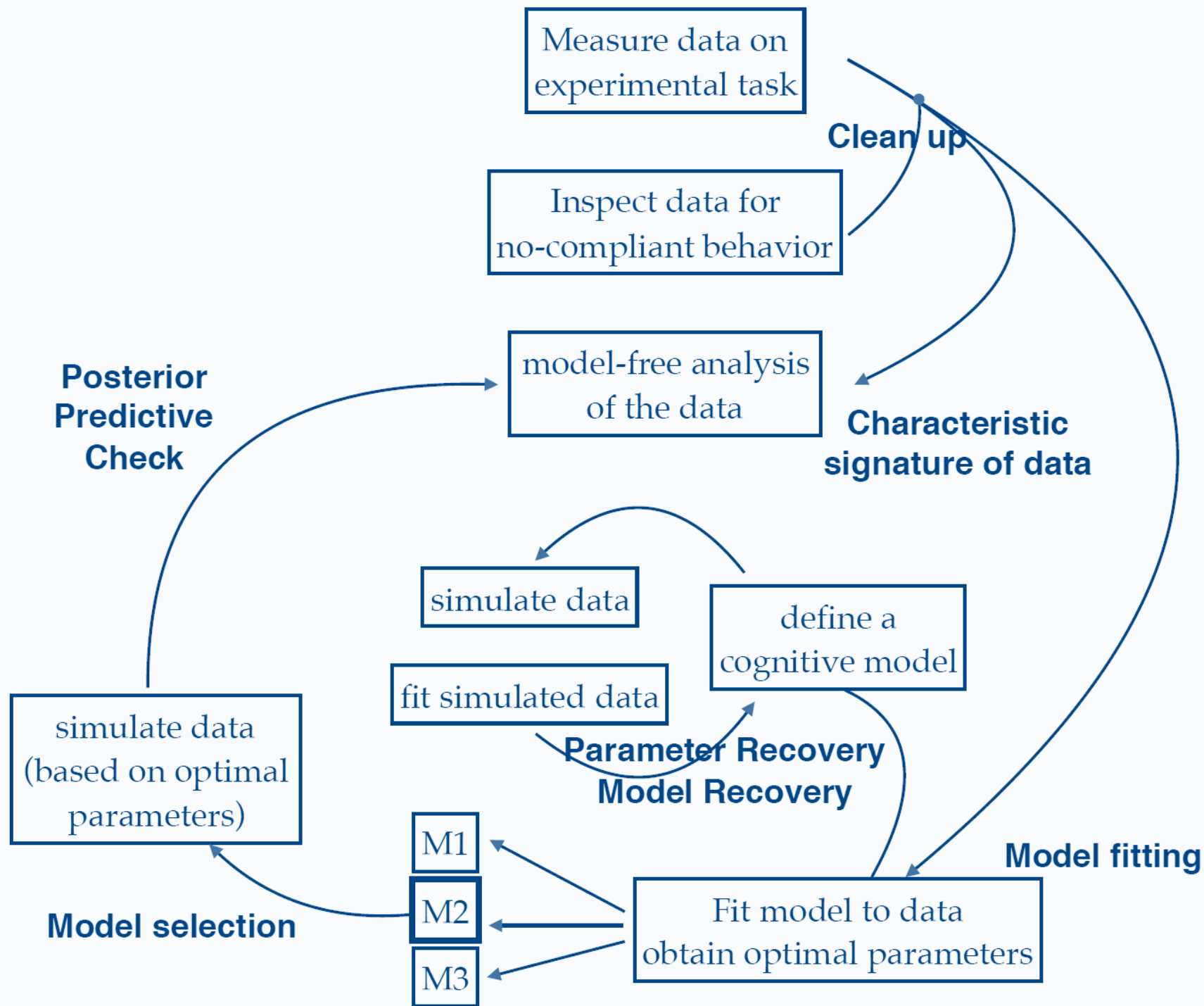
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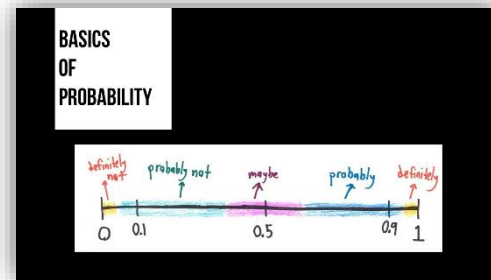
Summary



Adapted from Jan Gläscher's workshop

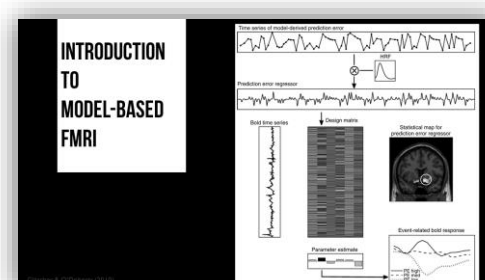
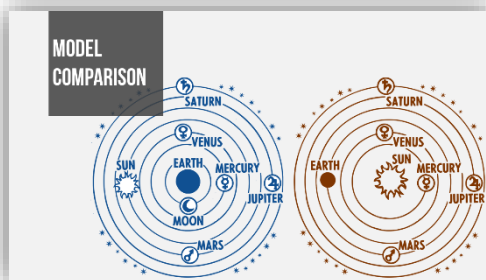
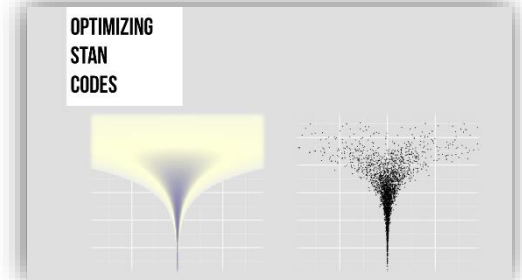
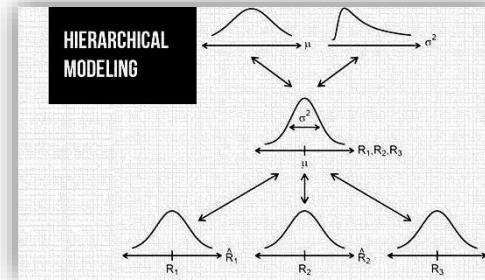
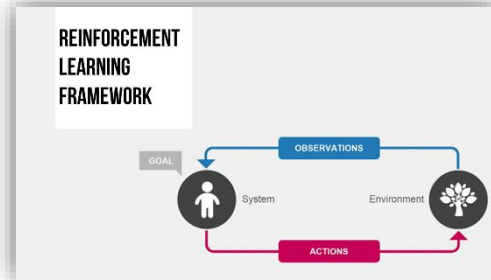
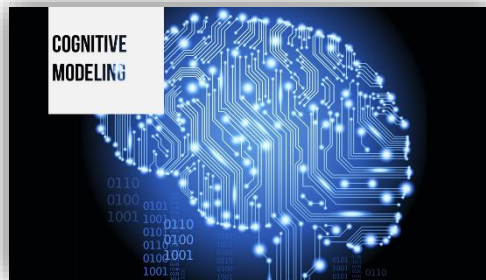
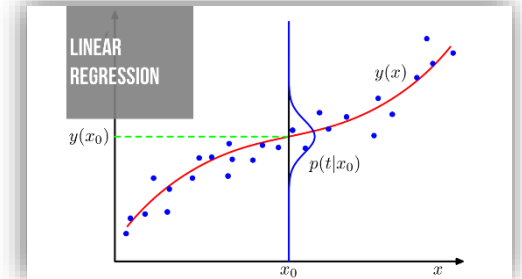
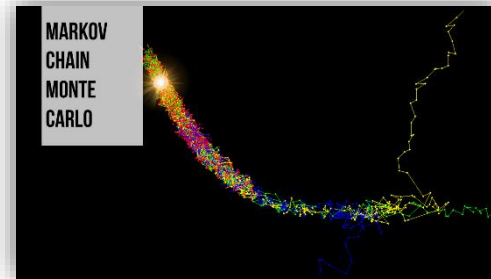
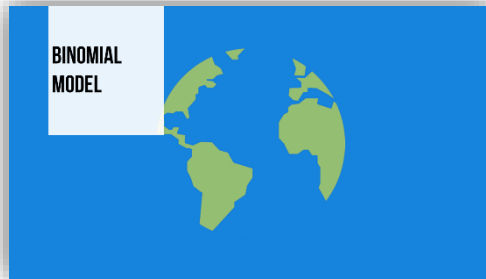
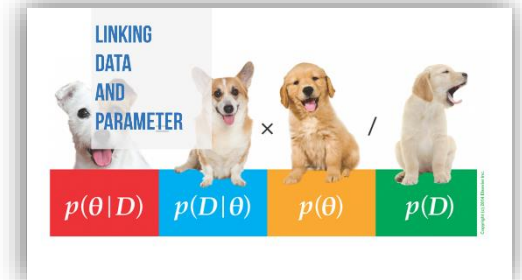
# Summary of Topics

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BAYES' THEOREM

$$P(A|B) = \frac{P(B|A)P(A)}{P(B)}$$



# Summary of Examples/Exercises

FOLDER	TASK	MODEL
01.R_basics	NA	NA
02.binomial_globe	Globe toss	Binomial Model
03.bernoulli_coin	Coin flip	Bernoulli Model
04.regression_height	Observed weight and height	Linear regression model
05.regression_height_poly		
06.reinforcement_learning	2-armed bandit task	Simple reinforcement learning (RL) model
07.optm_rl		
08.compare_models	Probabilistic reversal learning task	Simple and fictitious RL models
09.debugging	Memory Retention	Exponential decay model
10.model_based	2-armed bandit task	Simple RL model
11.delay_discounting	Delay discounting task	Hyperbolic and exponential discounting model

## After the Workshop, you...

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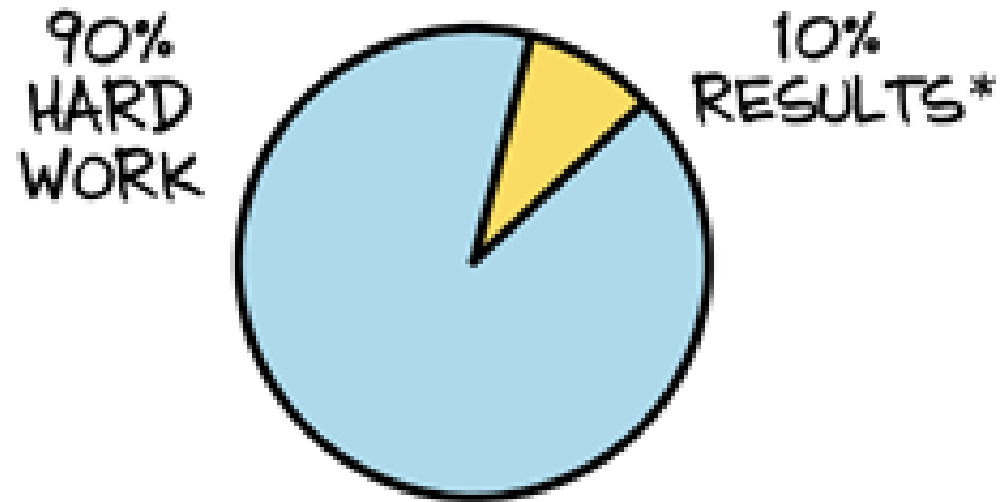
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- ...are able to implement your own model
- ...feel comfortable with reading mathematical equations
- ...consider the implementation of the “computational modeling” section
- ...gain insightful understanding of Bayesian stats and modeling
- ...take it as a good start and work on it later

**Remember: practice makes perfect!**

## DOING RESEARCH:



\* BEST CASE SCENARIO

## WRITING ABOUT RESEARCH:





# Write Your Own Tutorial Paper!

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RESEARCH

## Revealing Neurocomputational Mechanisms of Reinforcement Learning and Decision-Making With the hBayesDM Package

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Task (alphabetical order)	Model name	hBayesDM function	References (see below for full citations)
Balloon Analogue Risk Task	4 parameter model	bart_4par	Wallsten et al. (2005)
Choice reaction time Task	Drift diffusion model	choiceRT_ddm	Ratcliff (1978)
	Linear Ballistic Accumulator model	choiceRT_lba	S. Brown & Heathcote (2008) Annis et al. (2017)
Choice under Risk and Ambiguity (CRA) Task	Linear model	cra_linear	Levy et al. (2009)
	Exponential model	cra_exp	
Delay Discounting Task	Constant-Sensitivity (CS) model	dd_cs	Ebert & Prelec (2007) Samuelson (1937) Mazur (1987)
	Exponential model	dd_exp	
	Hyperbolic model	dd_hyp	
Iowa Gambling Task (IGT)	Prospect Valence Learning-DecayRI	igt_pvl_decay	Ahn et al. (2011; 2014) Ahn et al. (2008) Worthy et al. (2013) Haines et al. (in press)
	Prospect Valence Learning-Delta	igt_pvl_delta	
	Value-Plus-Perseverance (VPP)	igt_vpp	
	Outcome-Represent. Learning (ORL)	igt_orl	
Orthogonalized Go/Nogo Task	RW+noise	gng_m1	Guitart-Masip et al. (2012) Guitart-Masip et al. (2012) Guitart-Masip et al. (2012) Cavanagh et al. (2013)
	RW+noise+go bias	gng_m2	
	RW+noise+go bias+Pav. bias	gng_m3	
	M5 (see Table 1 of the reference)	gng_m4	
Peer influence task	Other-conferred utility (OCU)	peer_ocu	Chung et al. (2015)
Probabilistic Reversal Learning (PRL) Task	Experience-Weighted Attraction	prl_ewa	Ouden et al. (2013) Gläscher et al. (2009) Ouden et al. (2013)
	Fictitious update	prl_fictitious	
	Reward-Punishment (Rew.-Pun.)	prl_rp	
	Fictitious + Rew.-Pun.	prl_fictitious_rp	
	Fictitious + Rew.-Pun. w/o alpha	prl_fictitious_rp_woa	
	Fictitious w/o alpha	prl_fictitious_woa	
Probabilistic Selection Task	Q-learning with two learning rates	pst_gainloss_Q	M. J. Frank et al. (2007)
Risk-Aversion Task	Prospect Theory (PT)	ra_prospect	Sokol-Hessner et al. (2009)
	PT without loss aversion (LA)	ra_noLA	
	PT without risk aversion (RA)	ra_noRA	Tom et al. (2007)
Risky Decision Task	Happiness model	rdt_happiness	Rutledge et al. (2014)
Two-Armed Bandit (Experience-based) Task	Rescorla-Wagner (delta) model	bandit2arm_delta	Erev et al. (2010) Hertwig et al. (2004)
Two Step (TS) Task	7 parameter model	ts_7par	Daw et al. (2011)
	6 parameter model	ts_6par	
	4 parameter model	ts_4par	Wunderlich et al. (2012)
Four-Armed Bandit (Experience-based) Task	Fictive upd.+rew/pun sens.	bandit4arm_4par	Seymour et al. (2012) Seymour et al. (2012)
	Fictive upd.+rew/pun sens.+lapse	bandit4arm_lapse	
Ultimatum Game	Ideal Bayesian observer model	ug_bayes	Xiang et al. (2013) Gu et al. (2015)
	Rescorla-Wagner (delta) model	ug_delta	
Wisconsin Card Sorting Task	Sequential learning model	wcs_sql	A. J. Bishara et al. (2010)

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# Using reinforcement learning models in social neuroscience: frameworks, pitfalls, and suggestions of best practices

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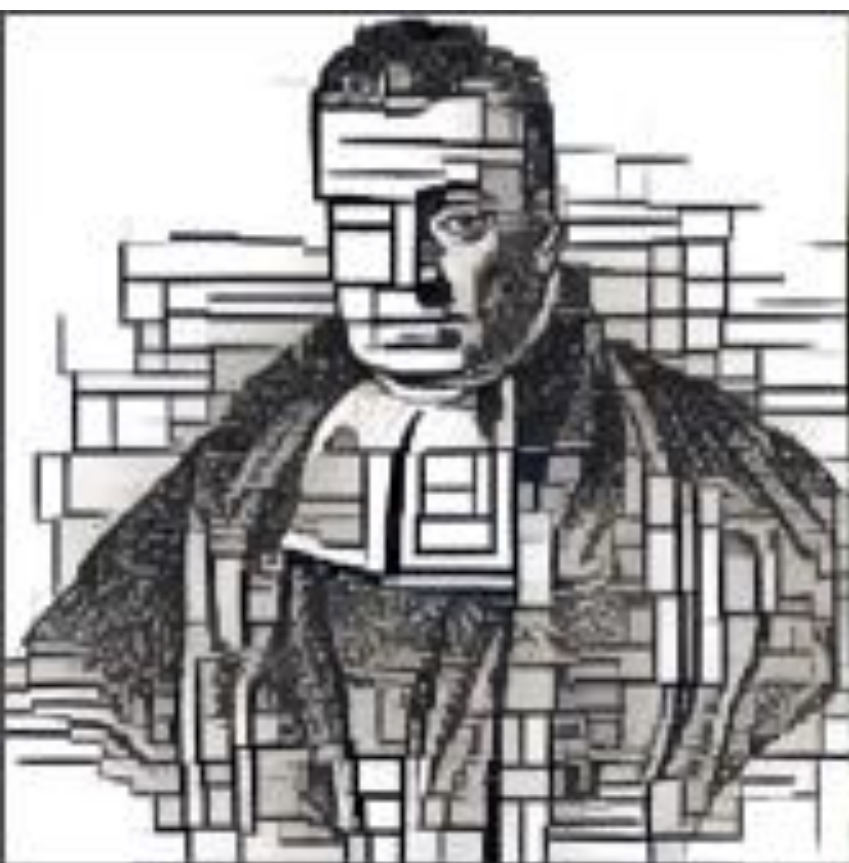
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This repository contains:

```
root
├── code      # Matlab & R code to run the analyses and produce figures
└── data      # behavioral & fMRI data
```



# Workshops / Summer schools

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- [JAGS and WinBUGS Workshop](#) @ Amsterdam, NL (annual)
- [Model-based Neuroscience Summer School](#) @ Amsterdam, NL (annual)
- [European Summer School on Computational and Mathematical Modeling of Cognition](#) @ multiple EU sites (biannual)
- [Computational Psychiatry Course](#) @ Zürich, CH (annual)
- [London Computational Psychiatry Course](#) @ London, UK (annual?)
- [Methods in Neuroscience at Dartmouth Computational Summer School](#) @ Dartmouth, US (annual)
- [Brains, Minds & Machines Summer Course](#) @ MIT, US (annual)
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