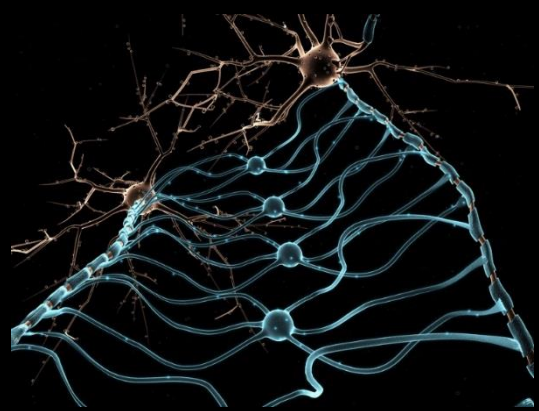
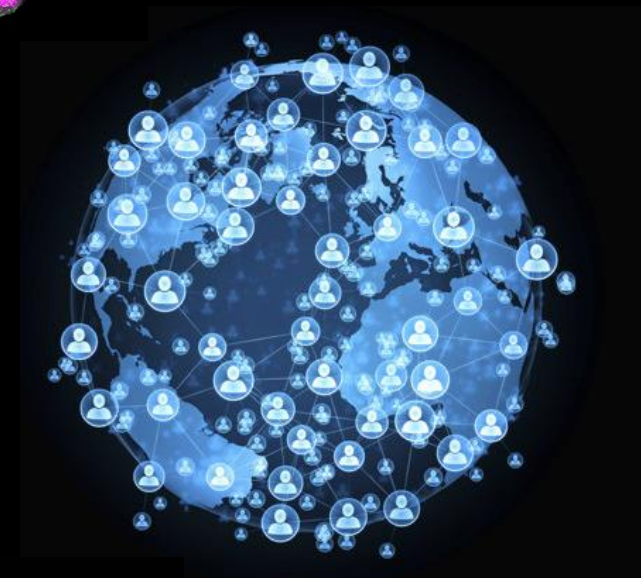
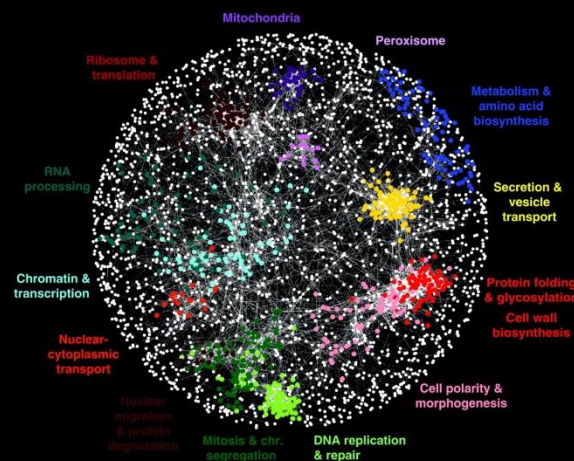
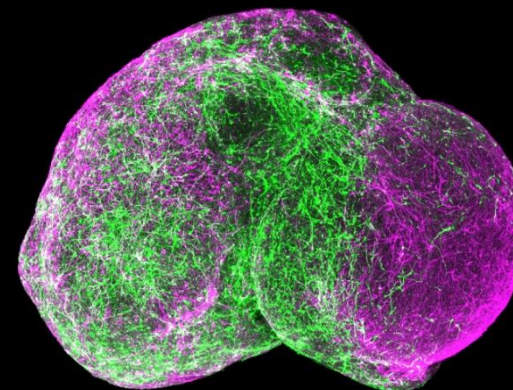
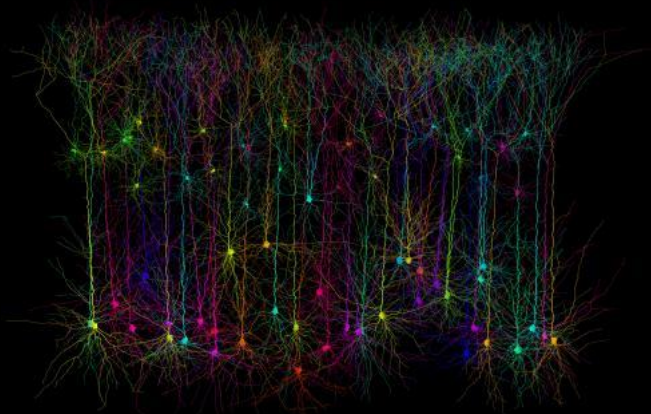
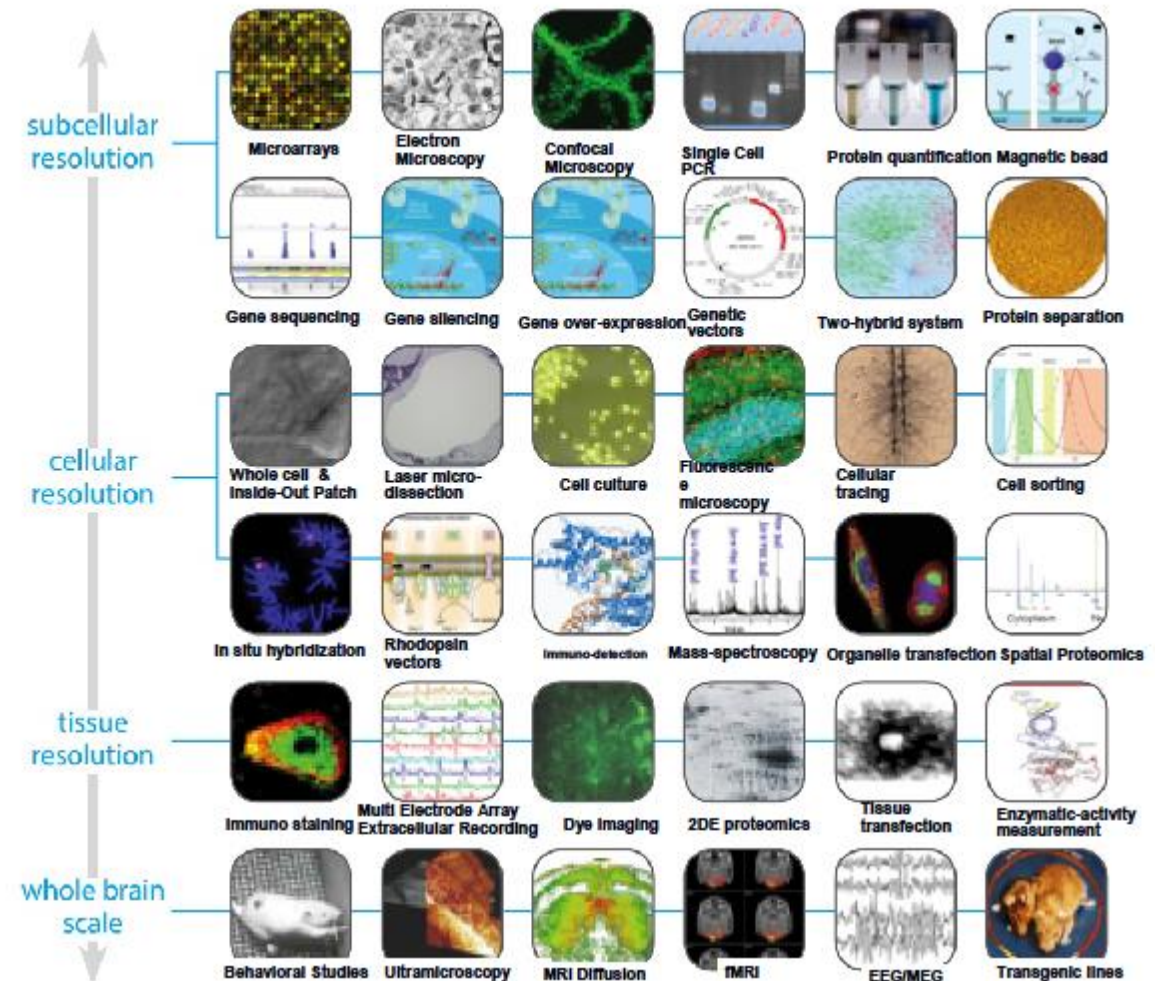


# NEUR 608: Dimensionality Reduction

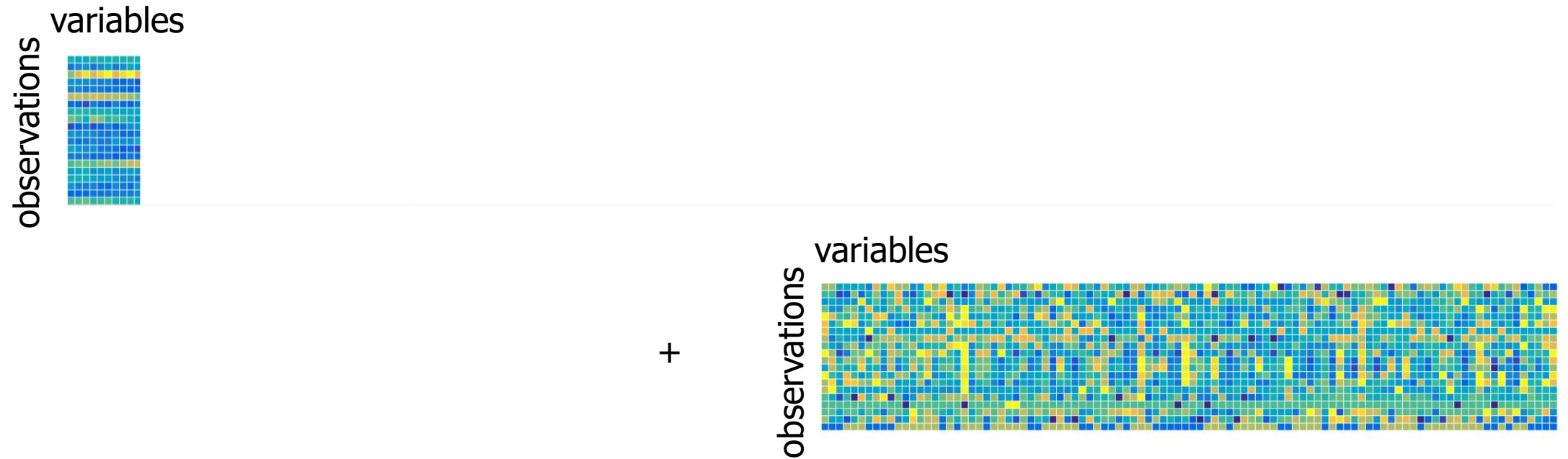
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- **activation**: mapping individual elements to individual external variables
- **connectivity**: mapping individual structural or functional connections to individual external variables
- **networks**: mapping network attributes to individual external variables
- **multivariate systems**: mapping patterns of elements or connections to patterns of external variables





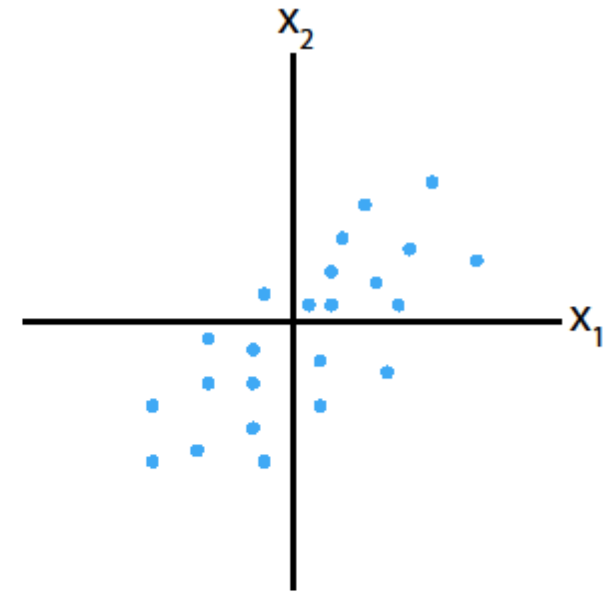
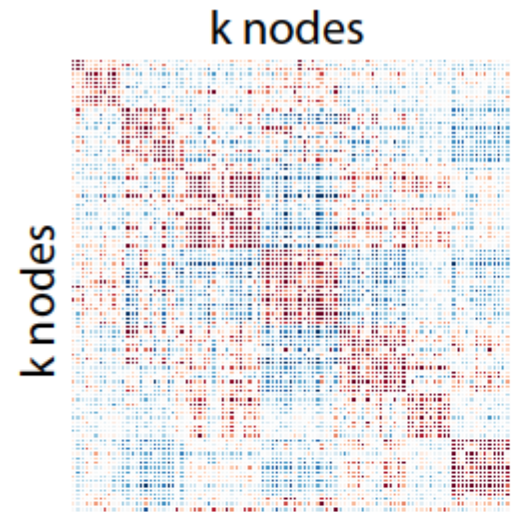


- How to deal with **more variables than observations**?
- How to operationalize the **network property**?
- How to relate **multiple data sets** to each other?

- **Goal #1:** why dimensionality reduction?
  - **linear:** PCA, FA, ICA, MDS
  - **nonlinear:** kernel PCA, LLE, diffusion maps, t-SNE, autoencoders
- **Goal #2:** how is similarity expressed?
- **Goal #3:** is there an underlying generative model?
- **Goal #4:** statistical inference and reliability (and lack thereof)
- **Goal #5:** examples + demo

# Principal component analysis (PCA)

- original variables  $\mathbf{x}_1$  and  $\mathbf{x}_2$  are correlated but neither captures the dominant pattern of variance
- want a new variables  $\mathbf{z}_1$  and  $\mathbf{z}_2$  that
  - (a) capture as much variance
  - (b) are mutually uncorrelated
- need to find a rotation  $\mathbf{u}$  to re-align the original axes (variables)
- $\mathbf{u}$  is chosen to maximize the variance of the new variables  $\mathbf{z}$



# Maximizing variance

- want to find a new variable  $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{u}$

- choose  $\mathbf{u}$  to maximize  $\text{var}(\mathbf{z})$

under the constraint that  $\mathbf{u}'\mathbf{u} = 1$

- $\text{var}(\mathbf{z}) = \frac{1}{n-1} \mathbf{u}'\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}'\mathbf{R}\mathbf{u}$

where  $\mathbf{R} = \frac{1}{n-1} \mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}$

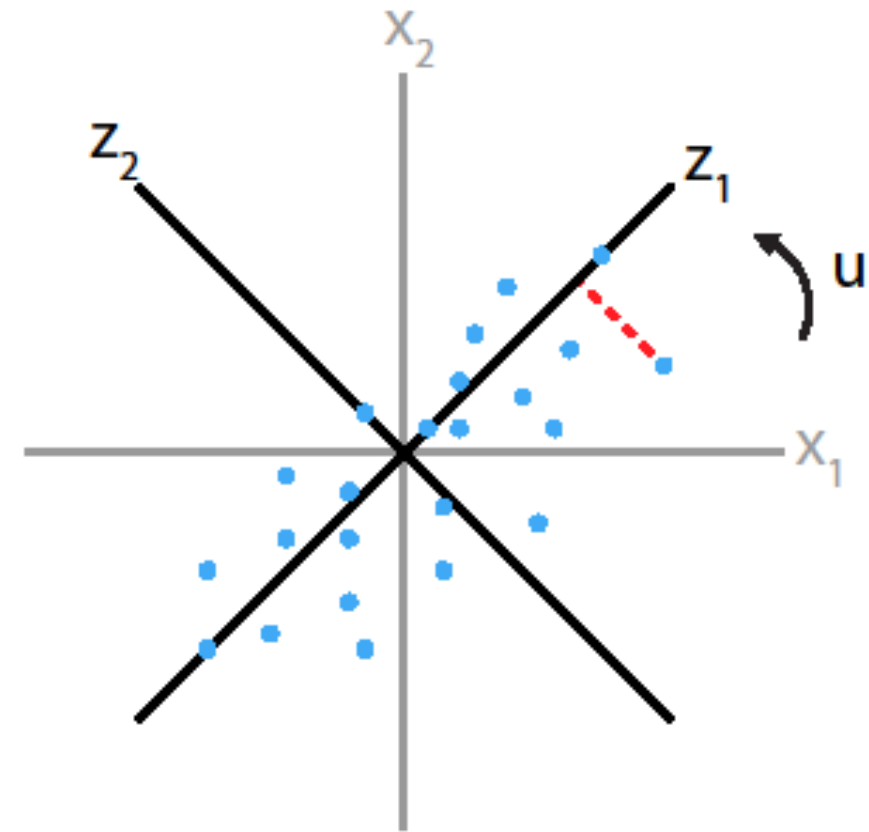
- define Lagrangian:  $L = \mathbf{u}'\mathbf{R}\mathbf{u} - \lambda(\mathbf{u}'\mathbf{u} - 1)$

- find maximum:  $\frac{\partial L}{\partial \mathbf{u}} = 2\mathbf{R}\mathbf{u} - 2\mathbf{u}\lambda = 0$

$$\mathbf{R}\mathbf{u} = \lambda\mathbf{u} \quad (\mathbf{R} - \lambda\mathbf{I})\mathbf{u} = 0$$

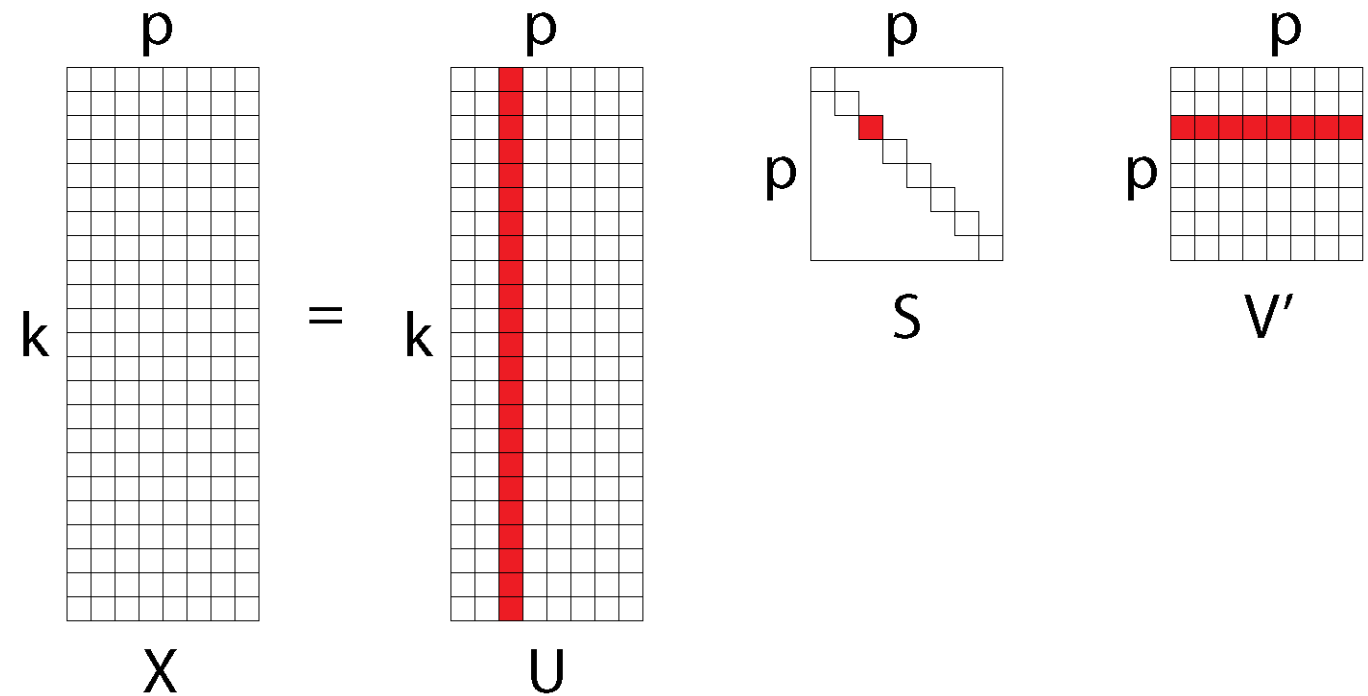
- $\lambda$  = eigenvalue,  $\mathbf{u}$  = eigenvector

- $\text{var}(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{u}'\mathbf{R}\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{u}'\mathbf{u}\lambda = \lambda$



# Singular value decomposition (SVD)

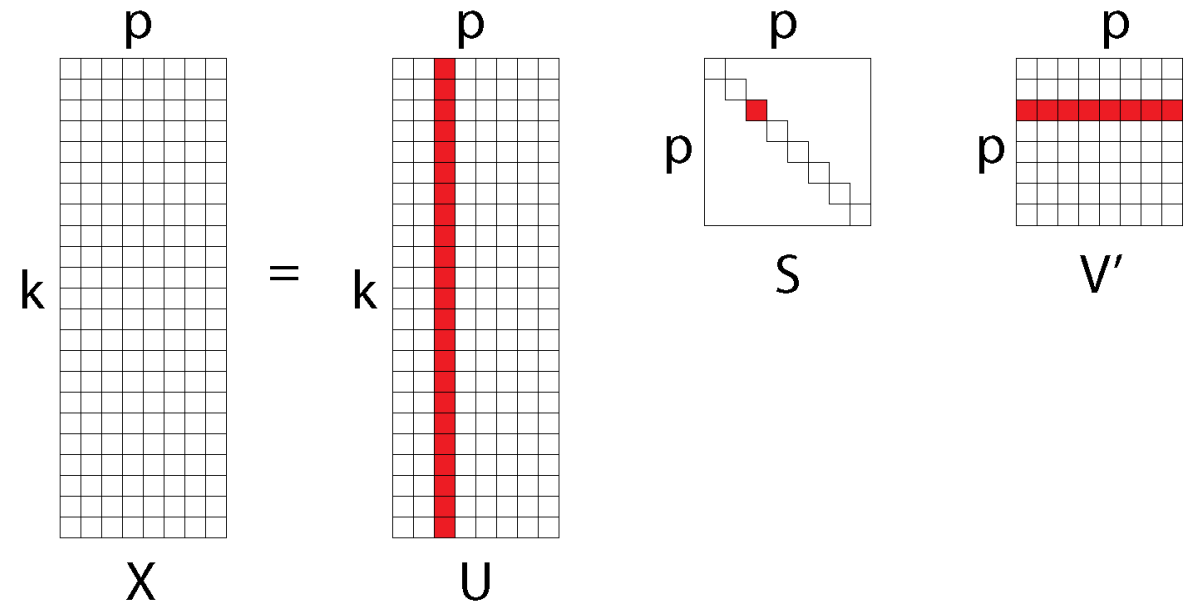
- how can we factorize a data matrix?
  - $SVD(\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{V}'$
- this is a generalization of the spectral decomposition:
  - $EIG(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}) = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{U}'$
  - $EIG(\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}') = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{V}'$
- $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$  are orthonormal **singular vectors**; represent how you should weigh the original variables in  $\mathbf{X}$
- $\mathbf{S}$  is a diagonal matrix of **singular values**; represent how strongly paired the  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$  are



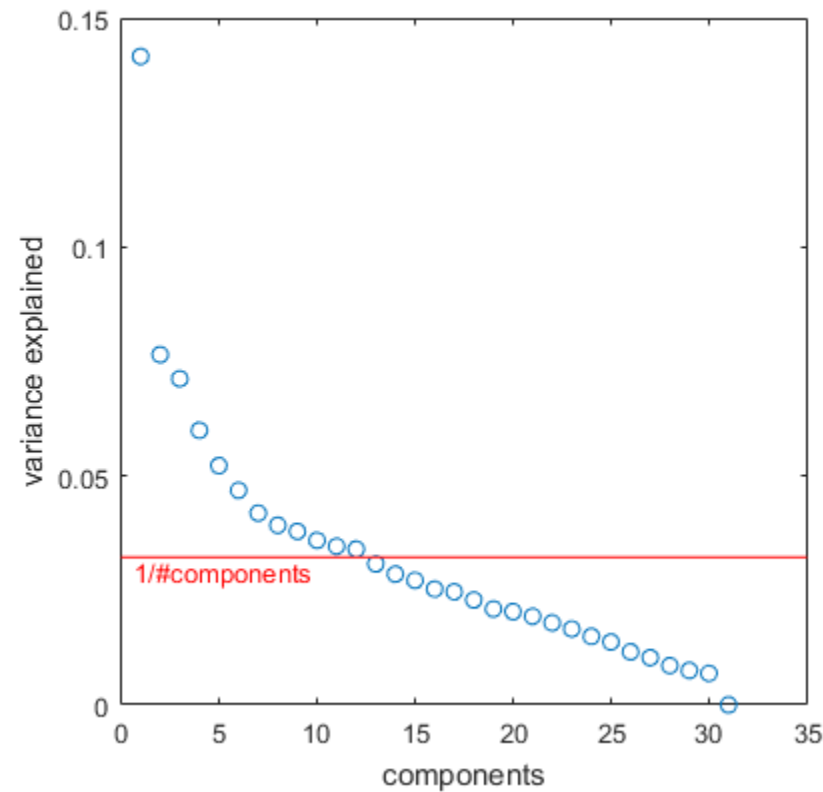


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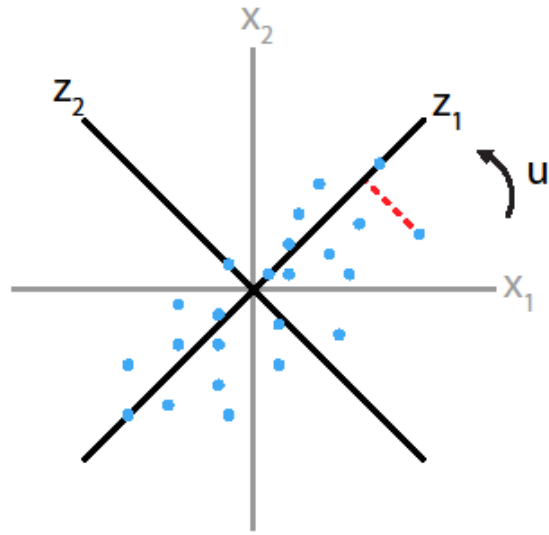
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- $\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{V}\mathbf{S}'\mathbf{U}')(\mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{V}') = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{S}'(\mathbf{U}'\mathbf{U})\mathbf{S}\mathbf{V}'$   
 $= \mathbf{V}(\mathbf{S}'\mathbf{S})\mathbf{V}' = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{V}'$
- $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}' = (\mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{V}')(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{S}'\mathbf{U}') = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{V}'\mathbf{V})\mathbf{S}'\mathbf{U}'$   
 $= \mathbf{U}(\mathbf{S}\mathbf{S}')\mathbf{U}' = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{U}'$
- eigenvector of  $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{X}'$  = left singular vector of  $\mathbf{X}$
- eigenvector of  $\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}$  = right singular vector of  $\mathbf{X}$
- eigenvalue = squared singular value



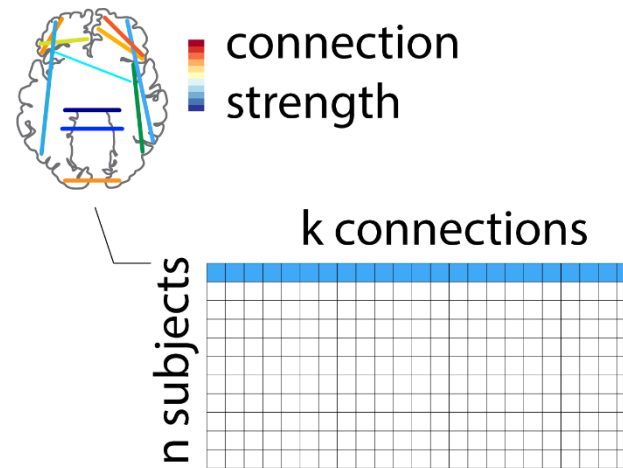
# How many components to retain?



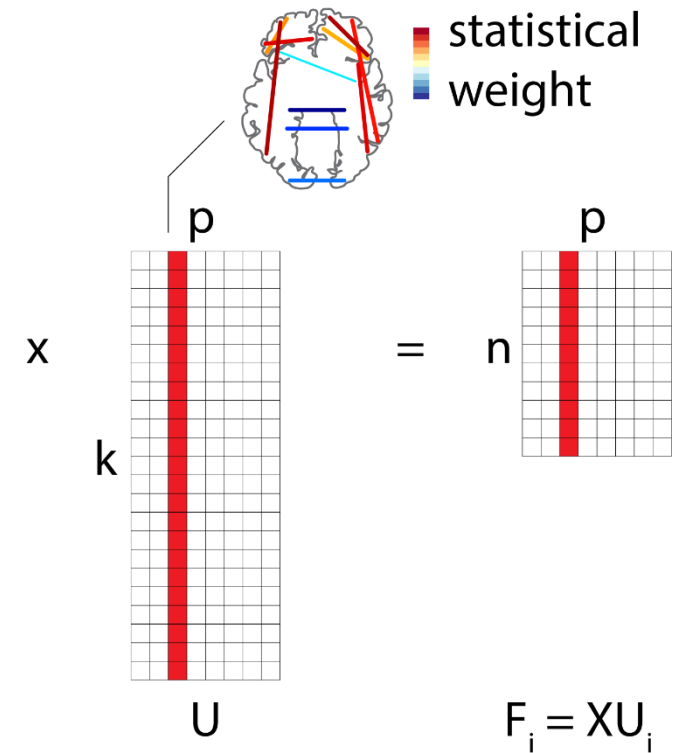
- Kaiser criterion: drop all eigenvalues lower than 1
- “elbow” rule: look for the biggest drop-off in the scree plot



- weights that tell us how much each variable (connection, region, behaviour) contributes to the pattern
- but every participant is different – how do individual participants express the overall pattern?
- participant **scores** – project original data onto the latent variables



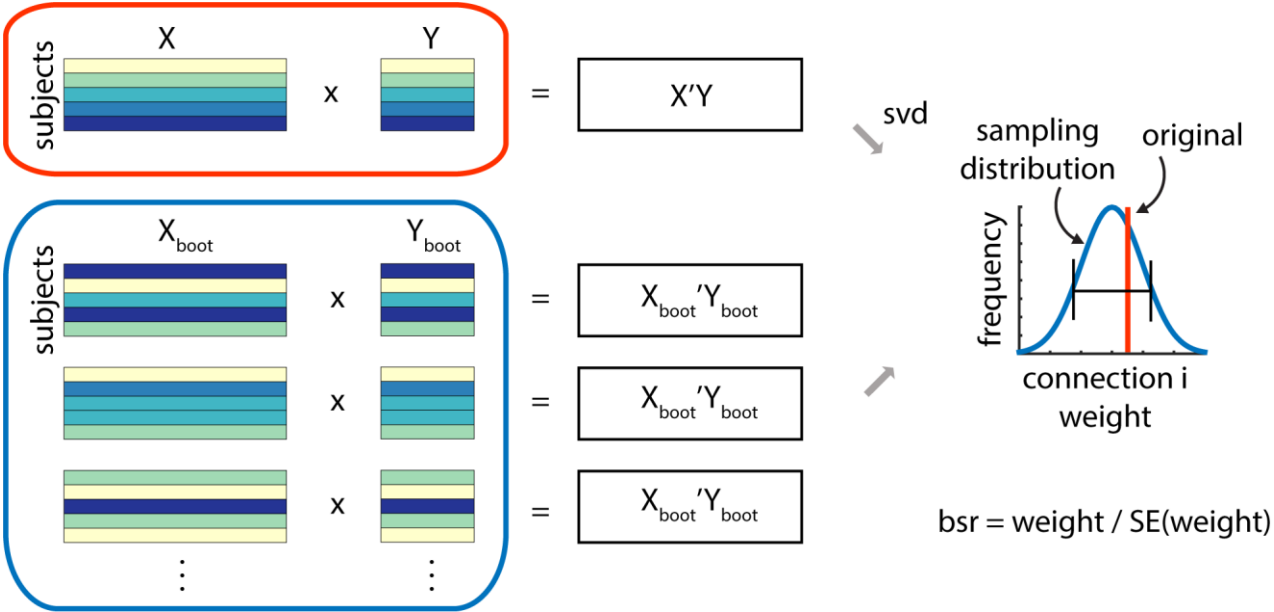
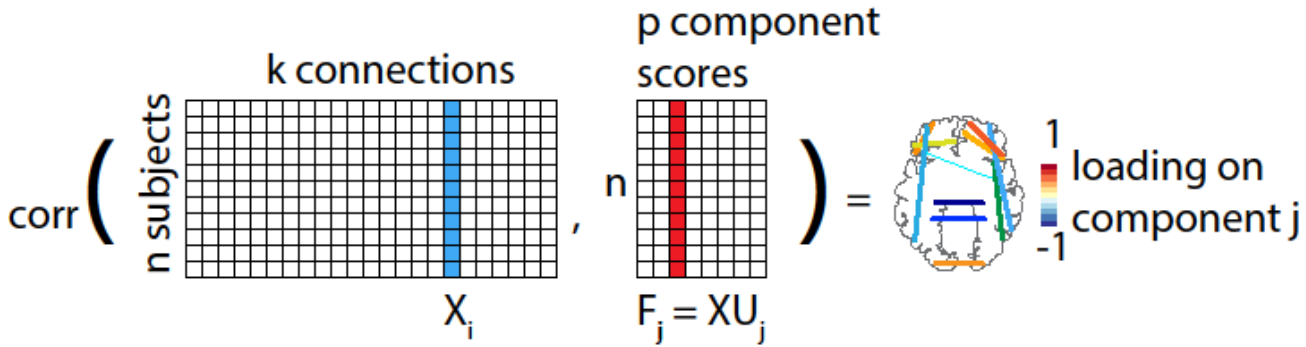
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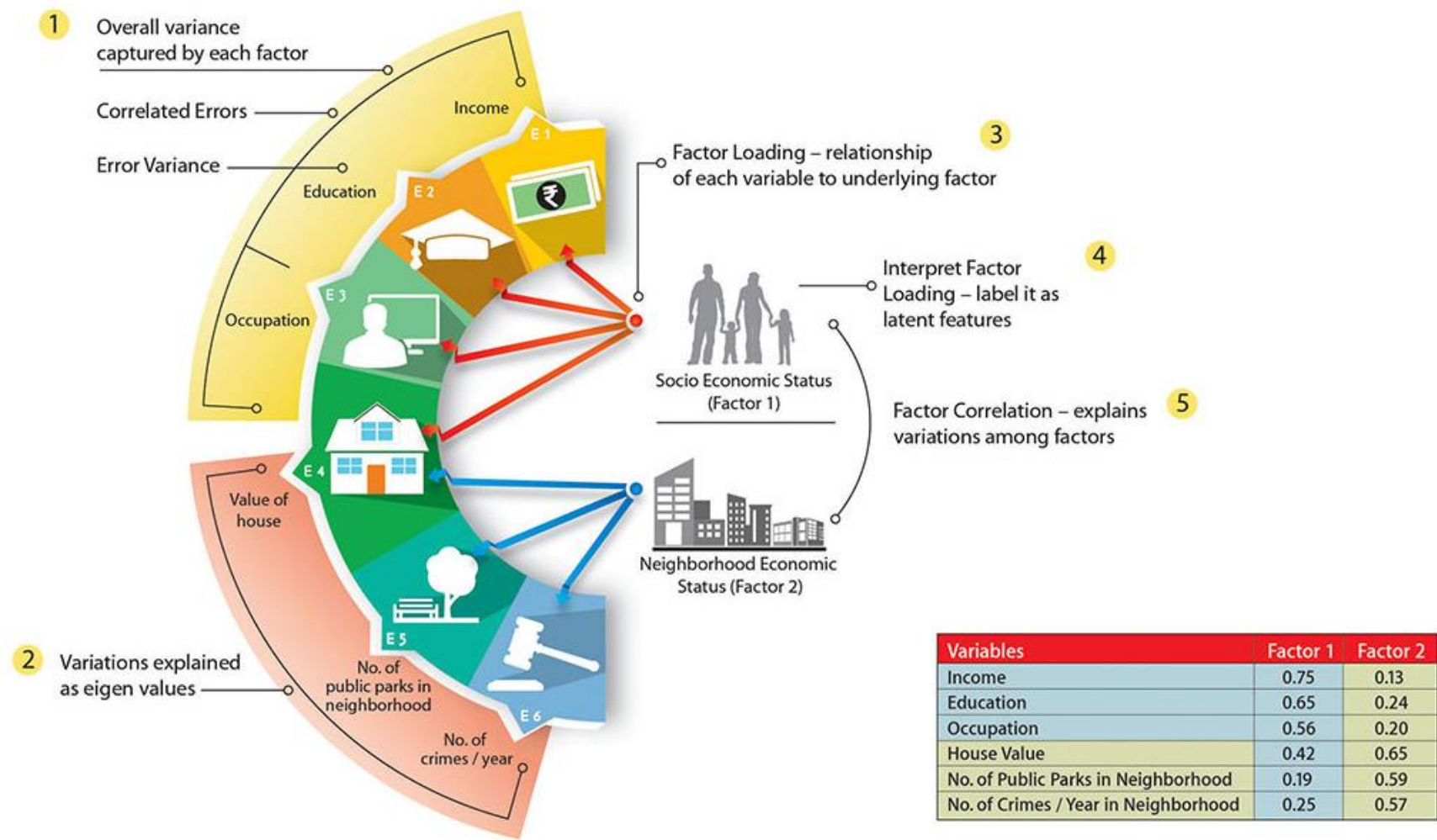
$F_i = XU_i$

# Which variables are important?

- **singular vector weight**: how much should I weigh the variables?
- **loading**: does expression of the original variable correlate with expression of the latent variable?
- **“bootstrap ratio”**: which original variables are weighed highly but also stable across participants?



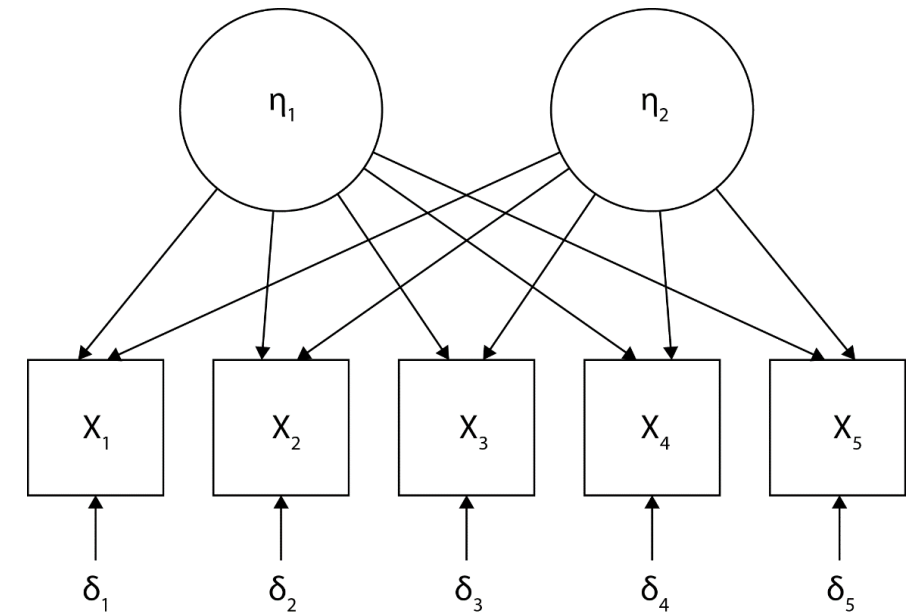
# Factor Analysis (FA)





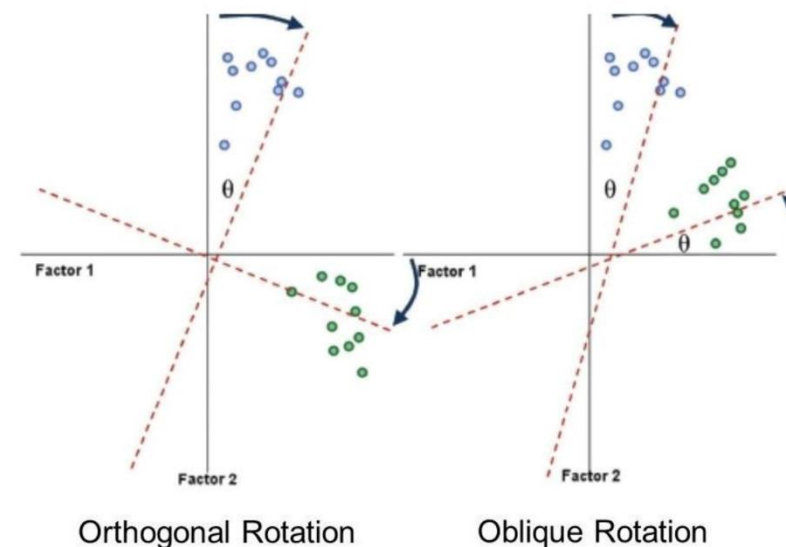
# Factor Analysis (FA)

- Assume that variance in variable  $X_i$  comes from a set of **latent factors**  $\eta_i$  and **measurement error**  $\delta_i$ :
  - $X_1 = \lambda_{1,1}\eta_1 + \lambda_{1,2}\eta_2 + \delta_1$
  - $X_2 = \lambda_{2,1}\eta_1 + \lambda_{2,2}\eta_2 + \delta_2$
  - ...
- Unique factors  $\delta_i$  are uncorrelated, so they only contribute to the diagonals of the covariance matrix
  - $var(X_i) = var(\lambda_{i,1}\eta_1 + \lambda_{i,2}\eta_2 + \delta_i)$
  - $var(X_i) = \lambda_{i,1}^2 + \lambda_{i,2}^2 + \theta_i^2$ , where  $\theta_i^2 = var(\delta_i)$
- The idea:
  - Estimate  $\theta_i^2$ , subtract them, and decompose the matrix
  - PCA: decompose correlation matrix  $\mathbf{R}$ , with 1's on diagonal
  - FA: decompose matrix with diagonal elements  $1 - \theta_i^2$

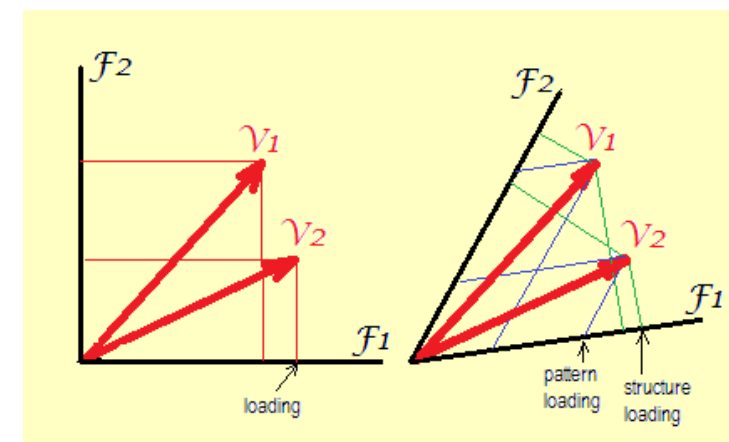


- How do we estimate  $1 - \theta_i^2$  (“communalities”)?
  - option #1: guess and re-adjust
  - option #2: estimate squared multiple correlation (SMC), i.e. regress  $X_i$  on all  $X_{j \neq i}$
- Procedure:
  1. calculate  $\mathbf{R}$
  2. calculate  $\mathbf{R}_{adj}$
  3.  $EIG(\mathbf{R}_{adj})$
  4. are communalities stable?
    - no: recalculate  $\mathbf{R}_{adj}$
    - yes: stop

- We want to improve interpretability: each factor has high loadings on only a few variables, and near zero for all others
  - orthogonal: factors remain uncorrelated (e.g. *varimax*)
  - oblique : factors may correlate (e.g. *promax*, *oblimin*)
- If we perform an oblique rotation, it is no longer obvious how to interpret factors:
  - structure loading
  - pattern loading

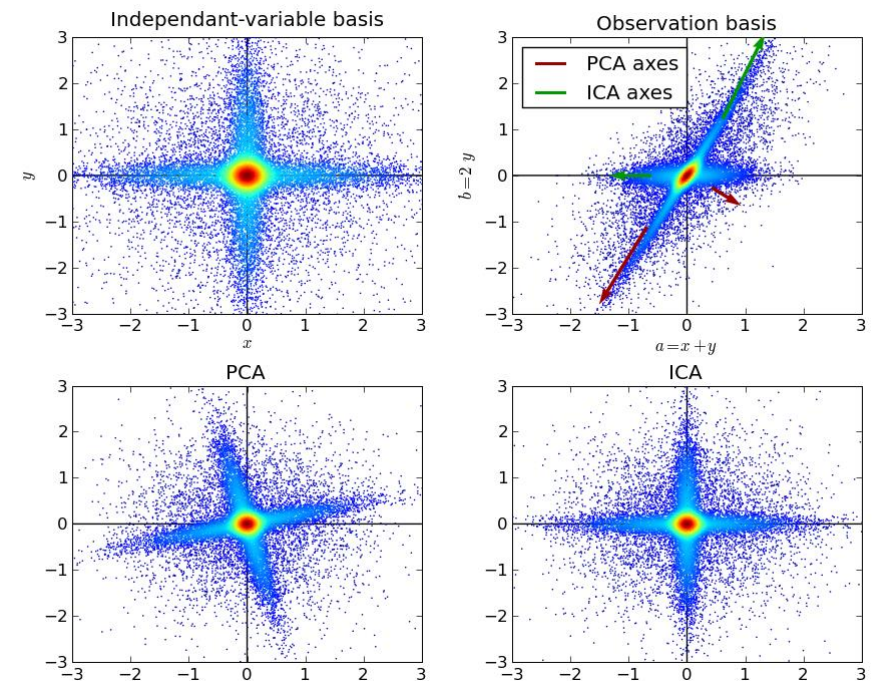
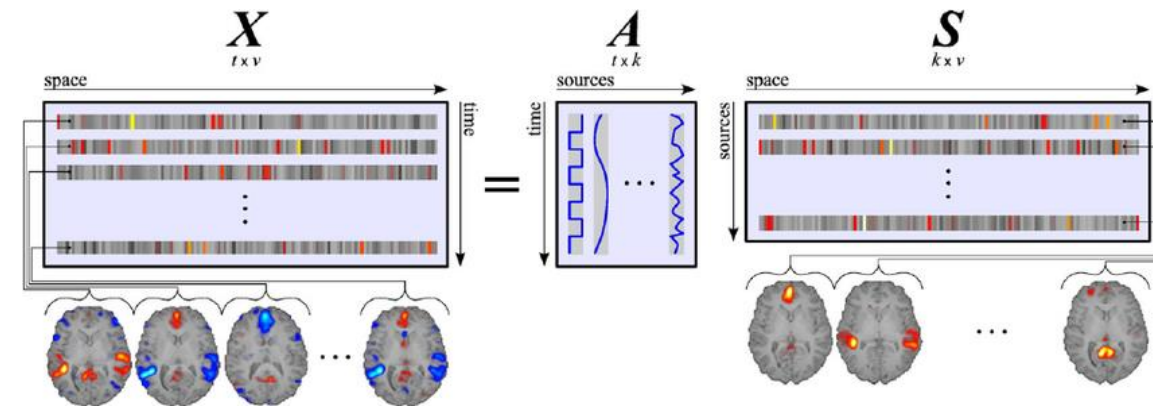


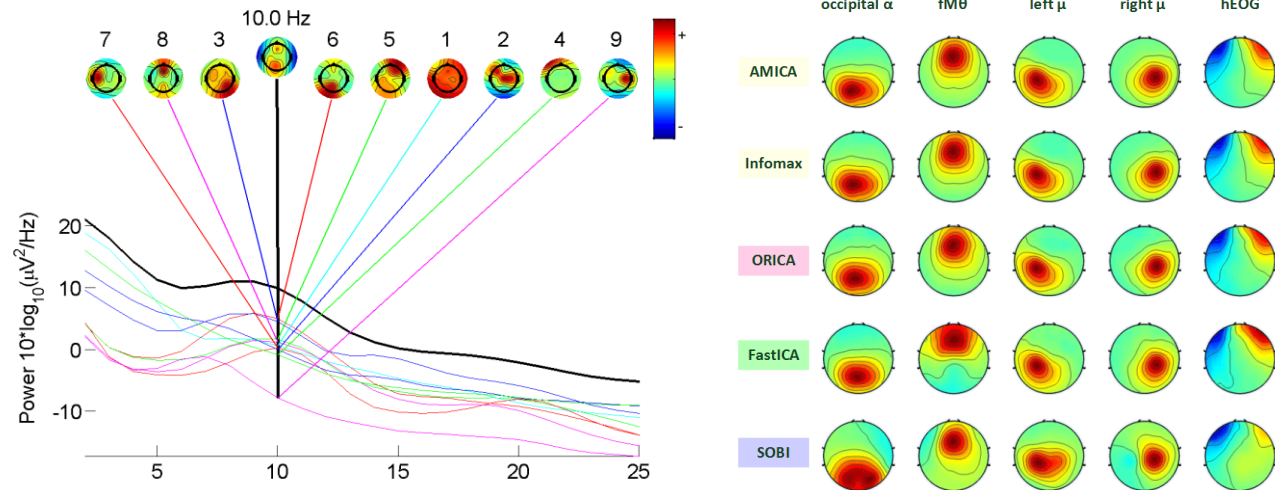
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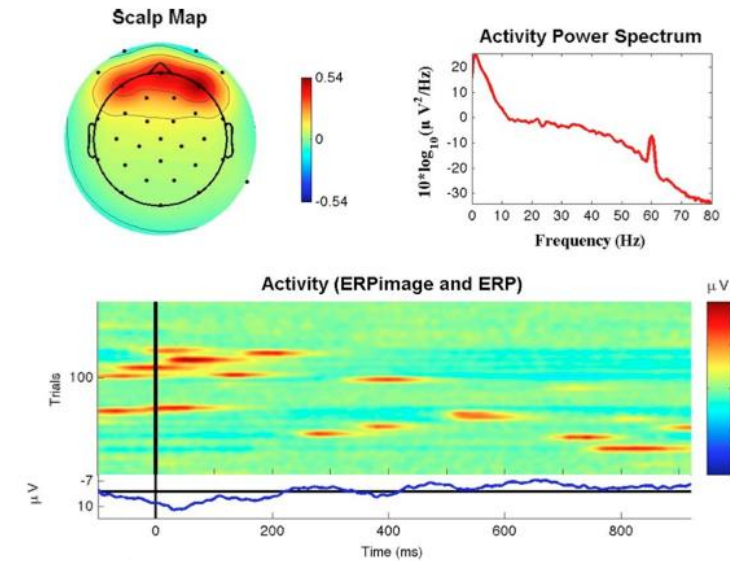
# Independent Components Analysis (ICA)

- Blind source separation
- Assumption: there exist a finite number of sources (independent components) that are mixed to produce observed neural activity
- Solution:
  - Any linear mixture of independent variables (e.g. voxels) will be more Gaussian than the original variables
  - Create new axes with maximally non-Gaussian projections
  - Many algorithms + objective functions



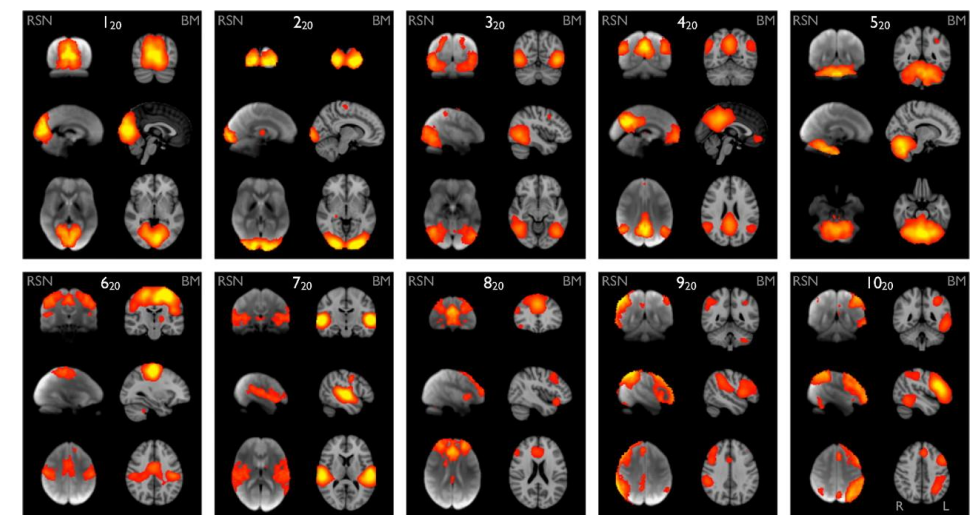


## IC #1: Blink



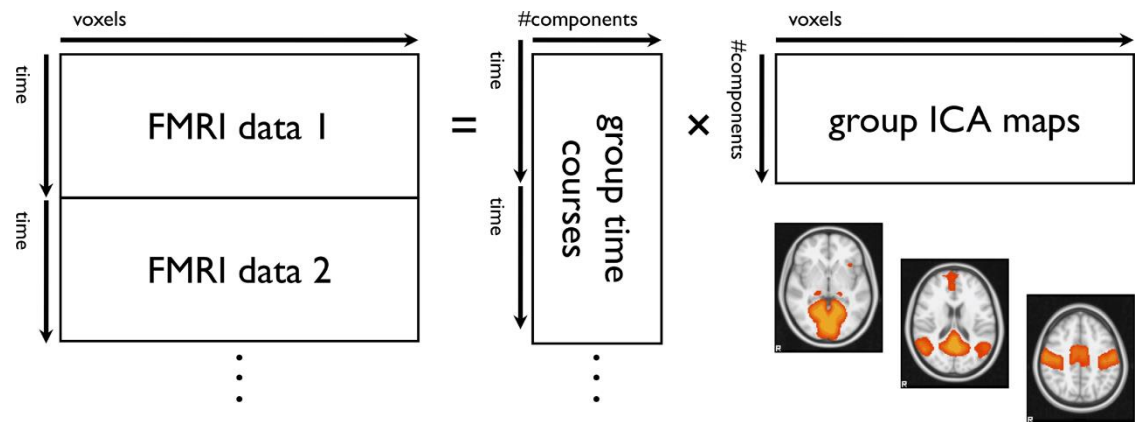
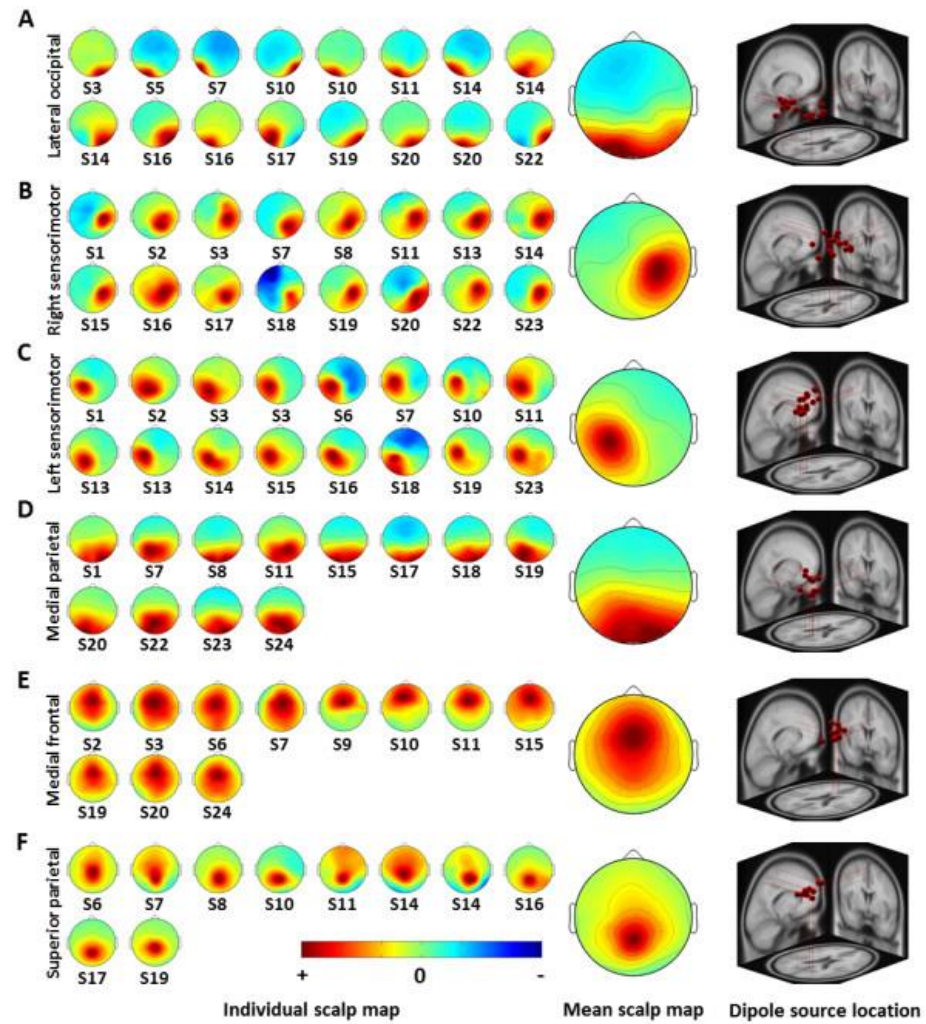
## Considerations:

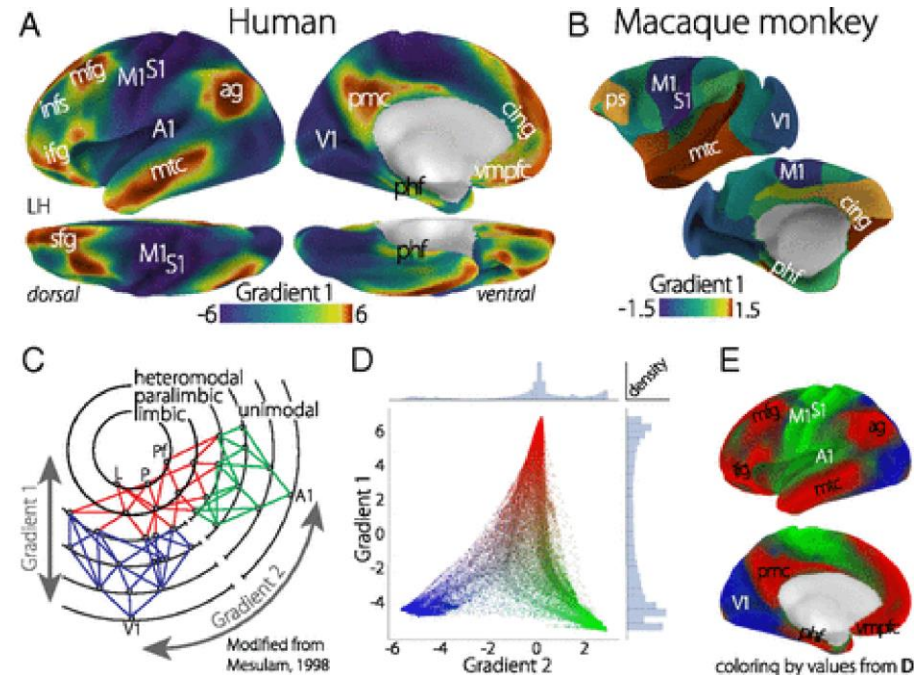
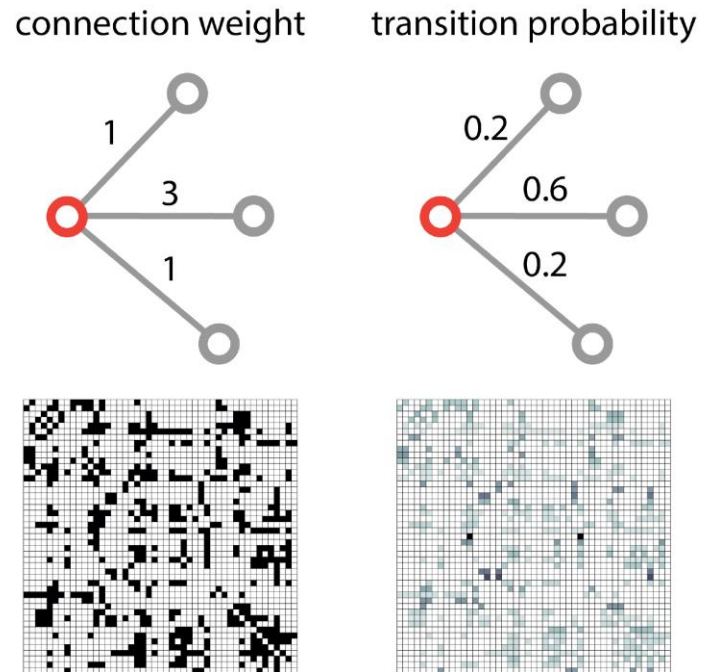
- Model selection
  - Starting point
  - Whitening
  - Algorithm
  - Subject- vs group-level
  - Spatial vs temporal independence
- Used for both preprocessing and for discovery





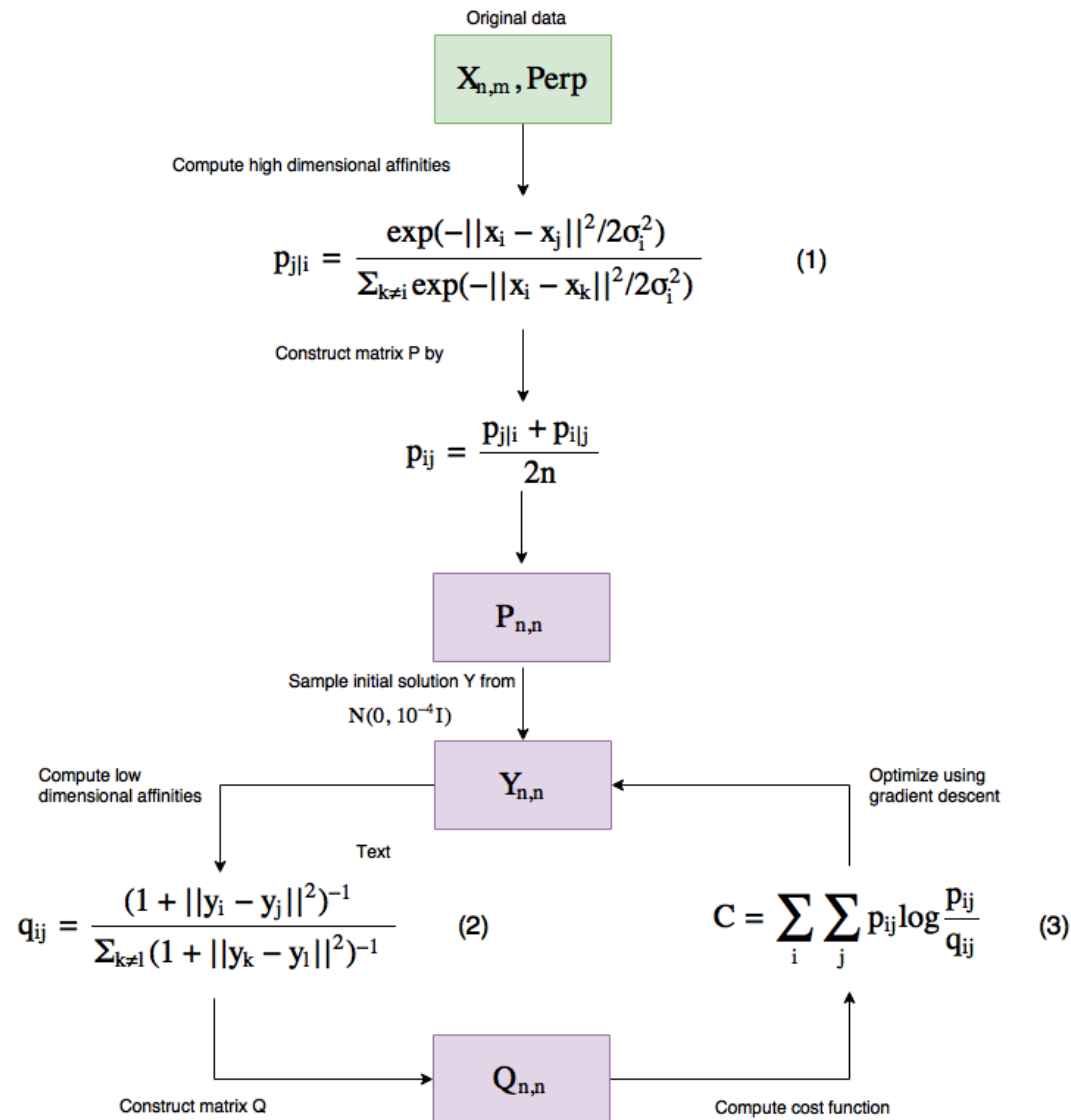
# ICA: subject- vs group-level





1. Convert correlation matrix to a transition probability matrix
2. Compute diffusion operator (Laplacian):
3. Get eigenvectors and eigenvalues of Laplacian

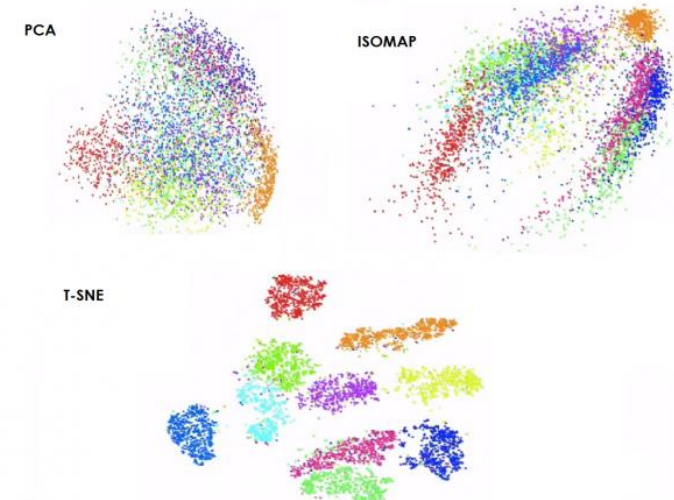
- The resulting components reflect dominant modes of diffusion
- Points (e.g. voxels) are grouped by how close or accessible they are to each other by a random walker



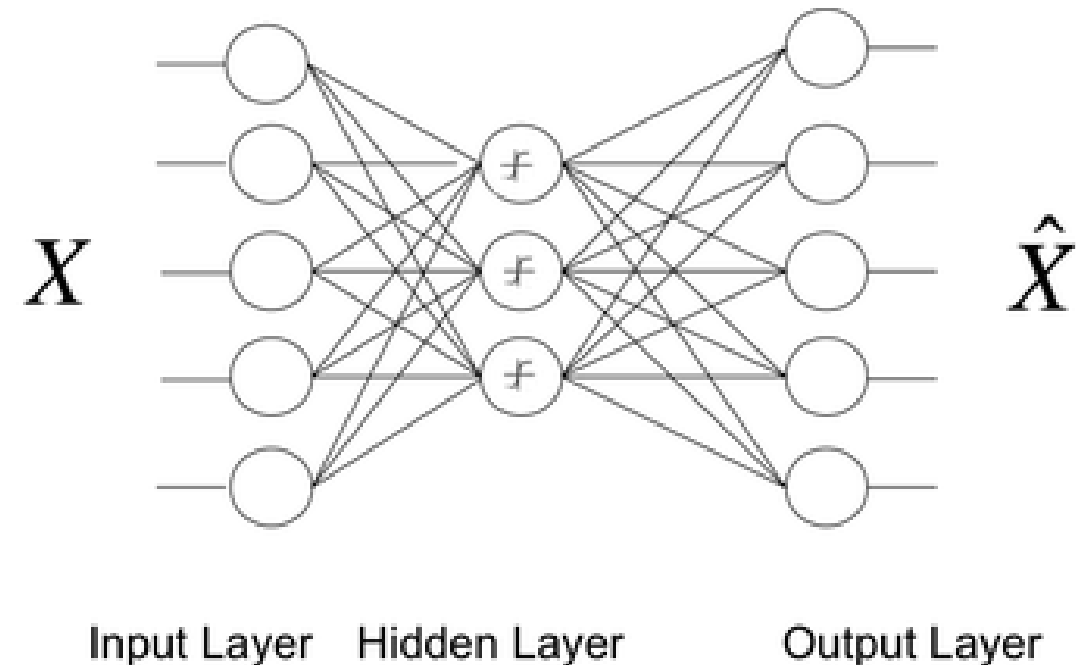
- t-distributed stochastic neighbour embedding: **visualizing** data in 2 or 3 dimensions

- Input: data  $X$  and perplexity  $\sigma$

1. Estimate high-dimensional distance P
2. Estimate low-dimensional distance Q
3. Estimate distance between distances




- Idea: input and output layers have the same number of nodes (i.e. equal to the number of variables), but hidden layers with **fewer** nodes
- The neural network has to efficiently encode and then reconstruct the input
- Typically feedforward, non-recurrent
- If activations are linear, autoencoders will approximate SVD (Bourlard & Kemp, 1988)



- Overfitting
- Linear or nonlinear?
- Identifiable?
- Unique partitioning of variance
- Inference on individual variables






- Parkinson's Progression Markers Initiative (<http://www.ppmi-info.org>)
- Deep phenotyping in patients with Parkinson's disease
- $n = 232$  *de novo* patients
- $p = 31$  clinical, demographic and physiological variables
- Question: can we feasibly reduce this 31-dimensional dataset? Can we find dominant latent patterns?



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