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# Mixed-effects models in EEG

Statistically evaluating mixed-effects models for EEG analysis  
using large-scale simulations

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# About me



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## Education

- Information Systems B.Sc
- Computer Science M.Sc.

## Journey to master thesis

- got in touch via Bene's EEG course
- got excited and stayed for the FaPra



# Agenda

**Overview**



**Goals**



**State**



**Outlook**



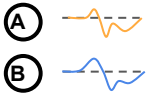
# Overview



**Number of subjects**



**Number of trials**



**Between-subject  
variability**



**Modelling  
Scheme**

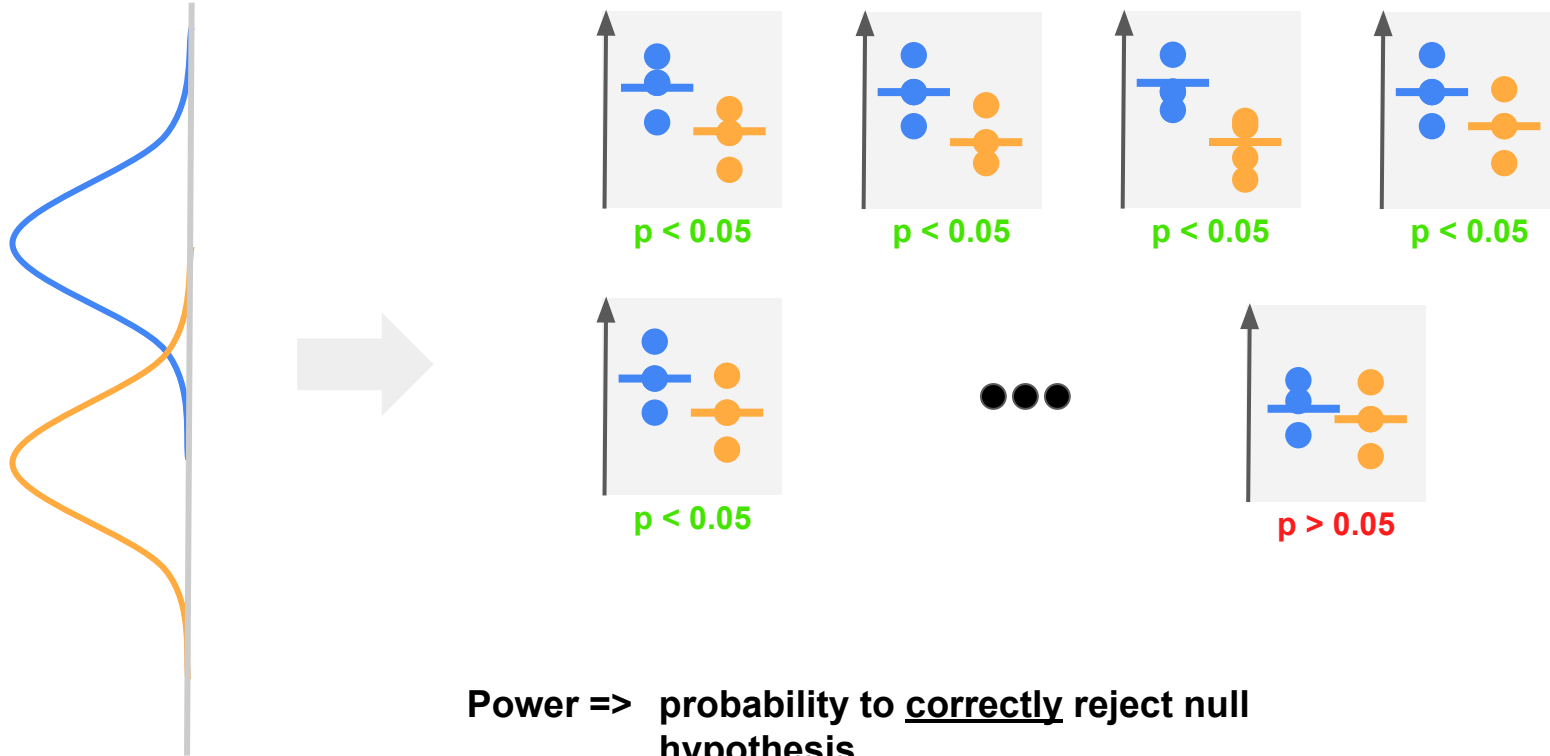
Analysis



**Statistical  
Power**



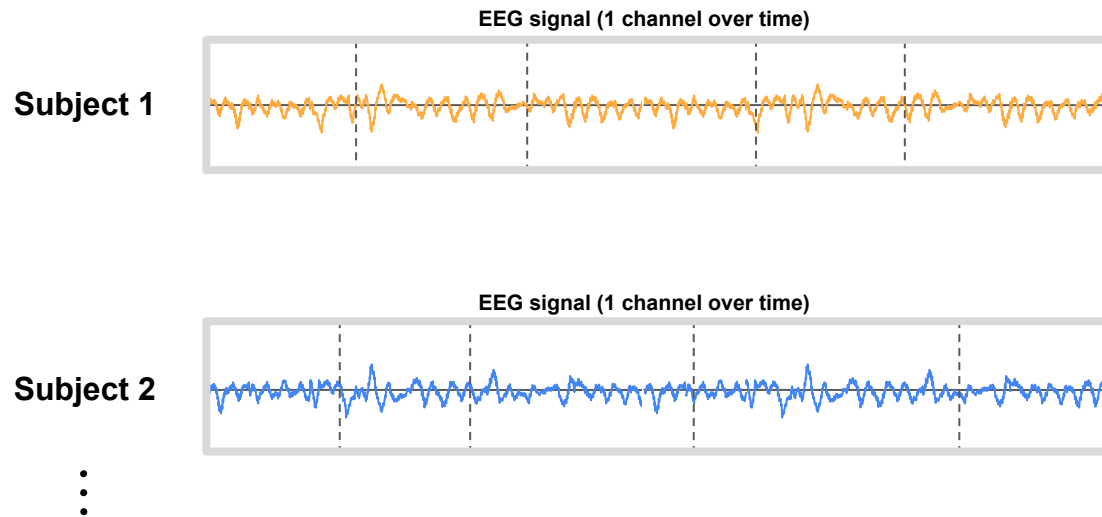
# Statistical Power



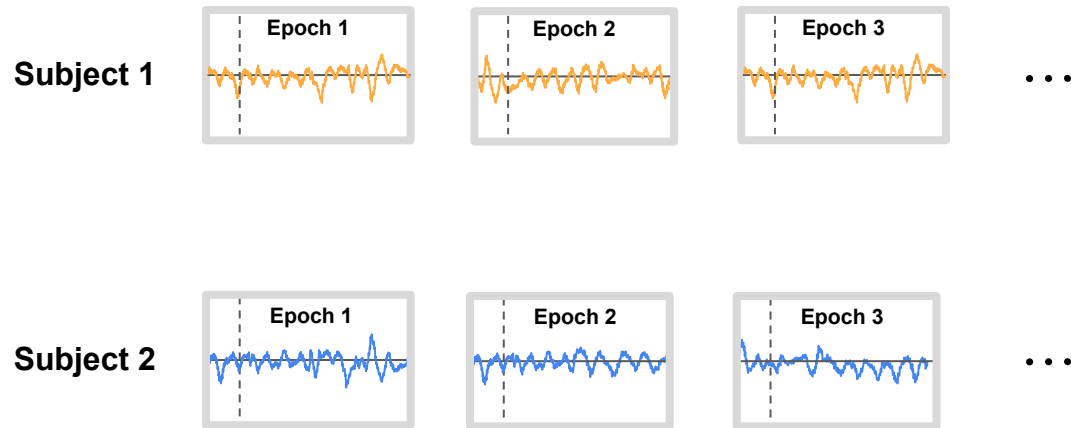
Power => probability to correctly reject null hypothesis



# Data



# Data



# Modelling Schemes

**Two-way  
approach**

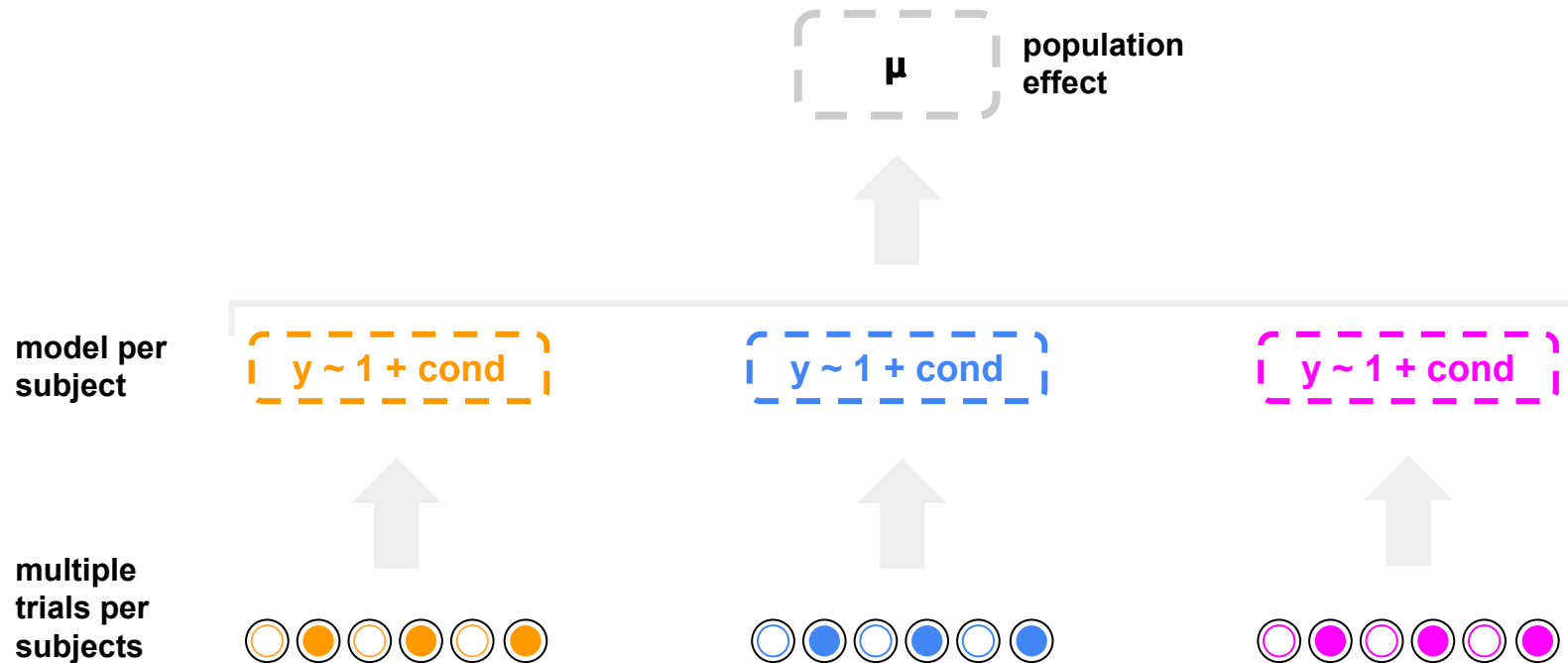
**Mixed-effects  
models**

**Meta-  
model**

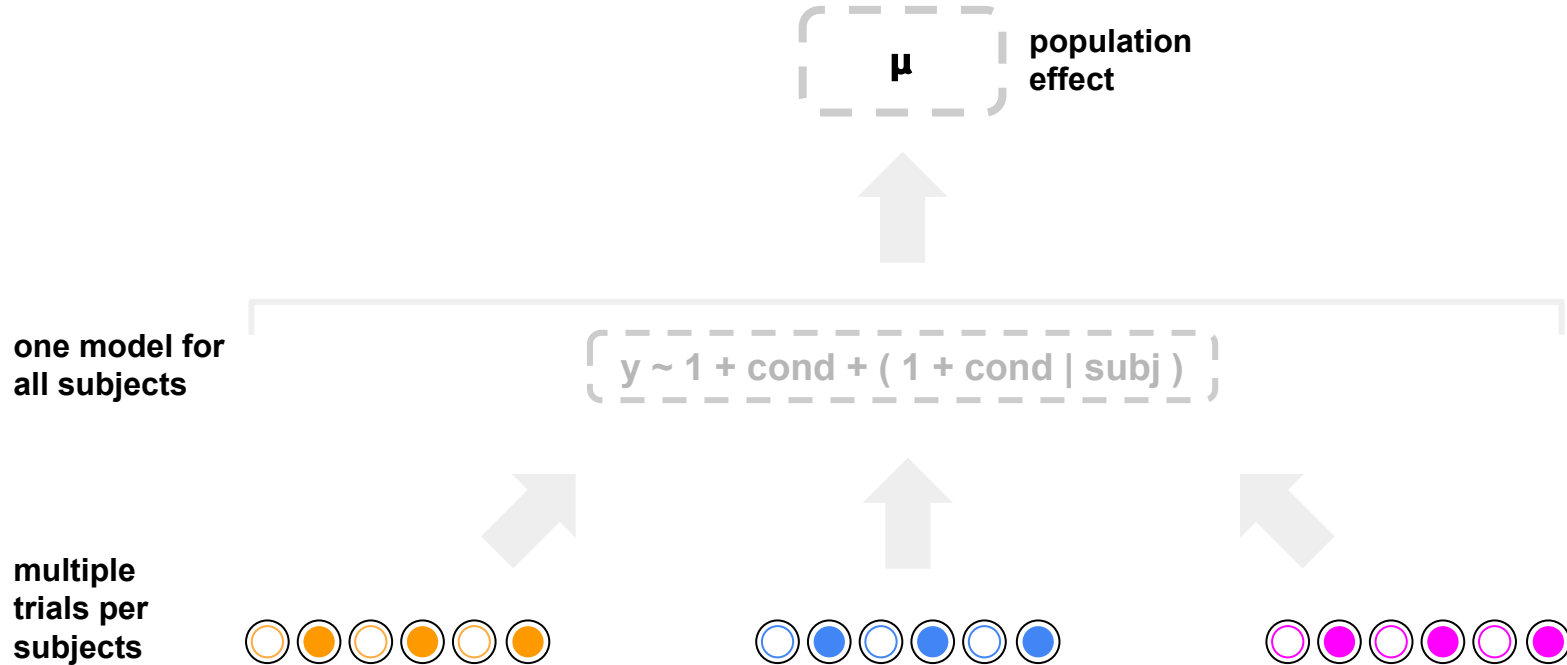




# Two-way approach

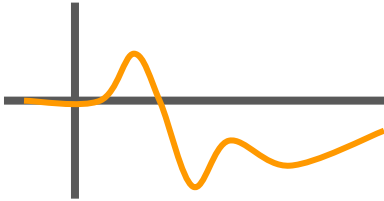


# Mixed-effects model

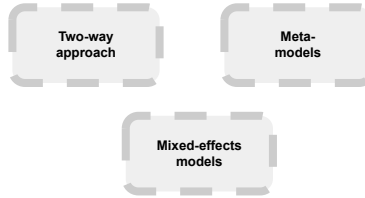


# Goals

## Simulation toolbox



## Implementing of modelling-schemes



## Comparison

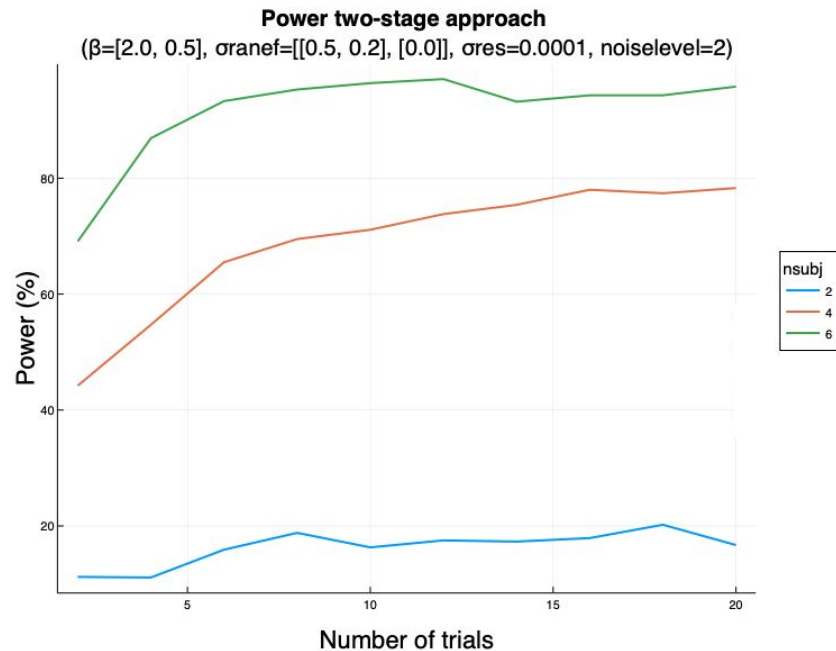


# Simulation toolbox

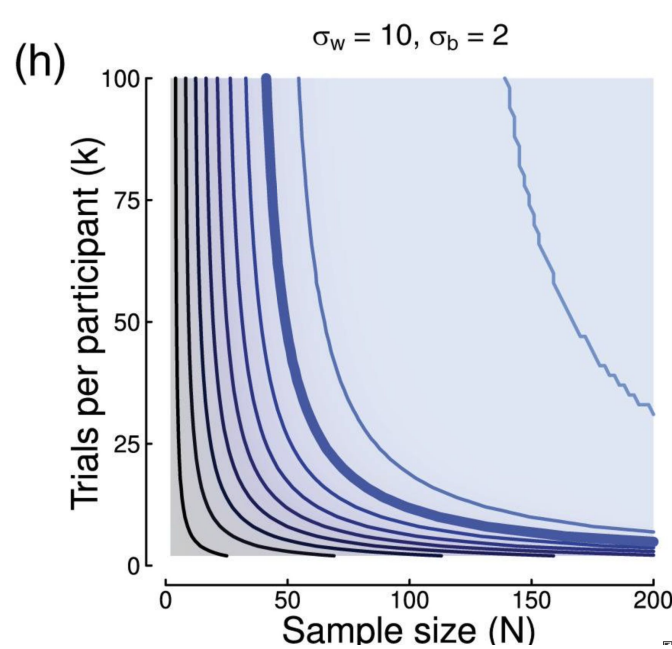
[Demo!](#)



# Some preliminary results...



# Power contour



# What's done? What's left?

## Simulation toolbox

Experiment Design



LMM  
Parameterization



Time-varying  
parameters



Noise



## Methods

Two-stage



LMM



MEMA



Sanity check



## Comparison

Simulate data



Experiments



Plots



# Challenges

**Research**

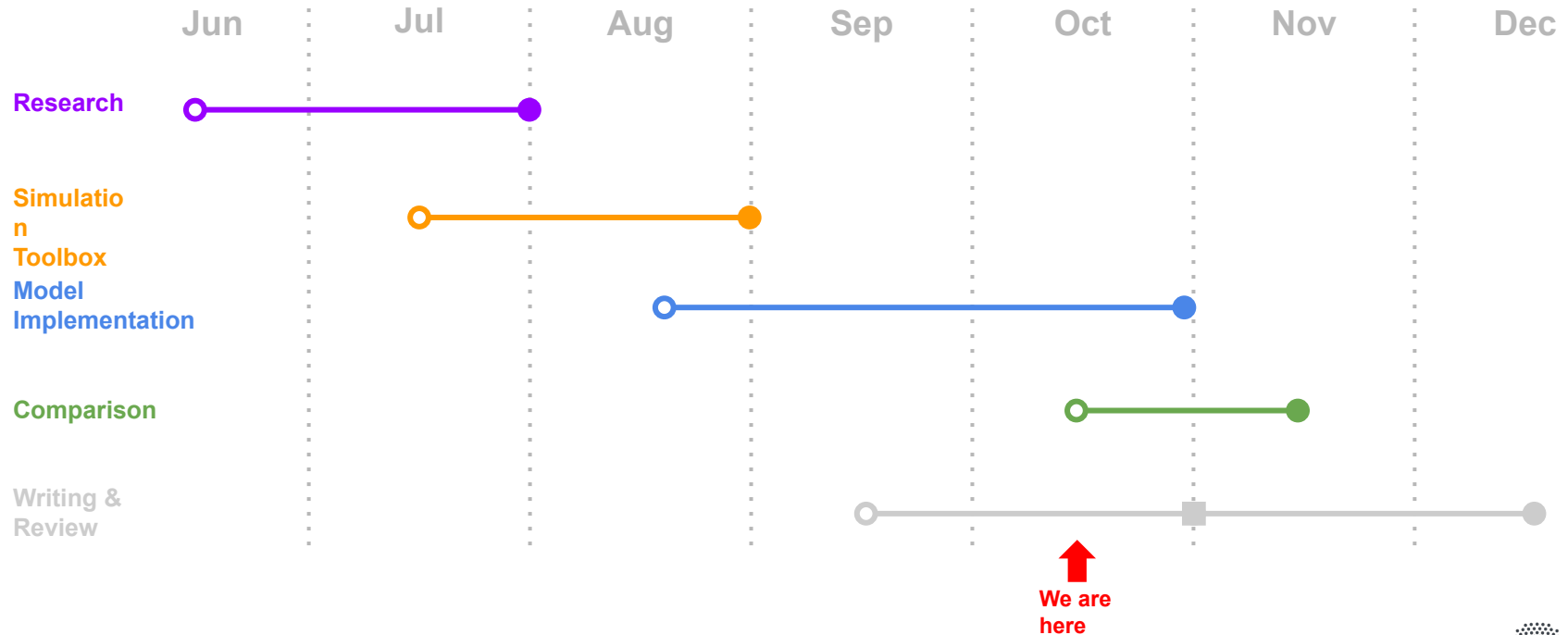
**Statistics**

**Estimating Time**





# Timeline



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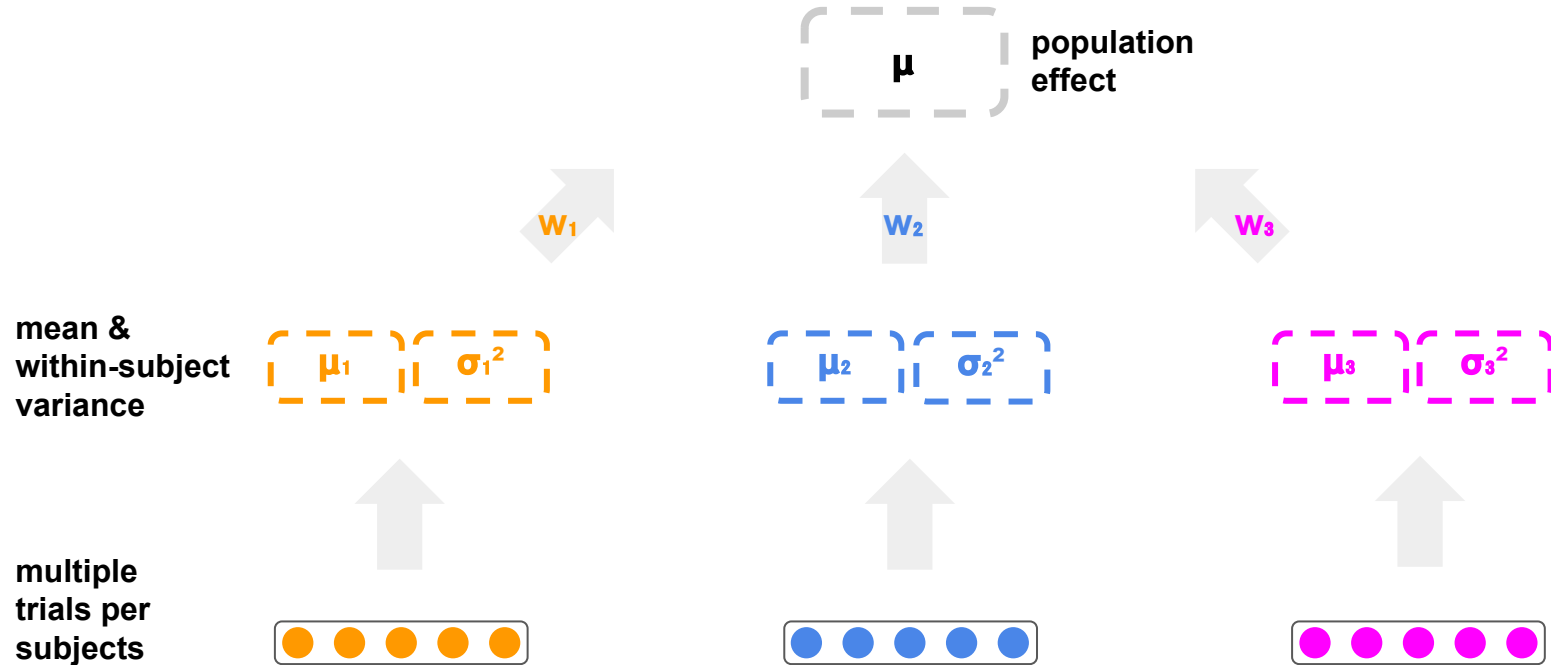
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# Discussion

# Meta-model



# Simulation toolbox

**Simulating  
experimental  
conditions**

1

**Fit mixed model  
to dummy  
variables**

2

**Change  
time-varying  
parameters**

3

**Add noise to  
simulated signal**

4



**DONE**



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# Implementation of modelling-schemes

Implementing  
two-way  
approach

1

Implementing  
mixed-effects  
model

2

Implementing  
meta-model

3

Sanity check

4



DONE



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# Comparison

Simulating data

1

Analyse data via  
different modelling  
schemes

2

Plot power  
contour plots

3

(Multiple  
comparison  
correction)

4



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