

When machines look at neurons: learning from neuroscience time series

Why neuroscience needs ML / Stats and CS

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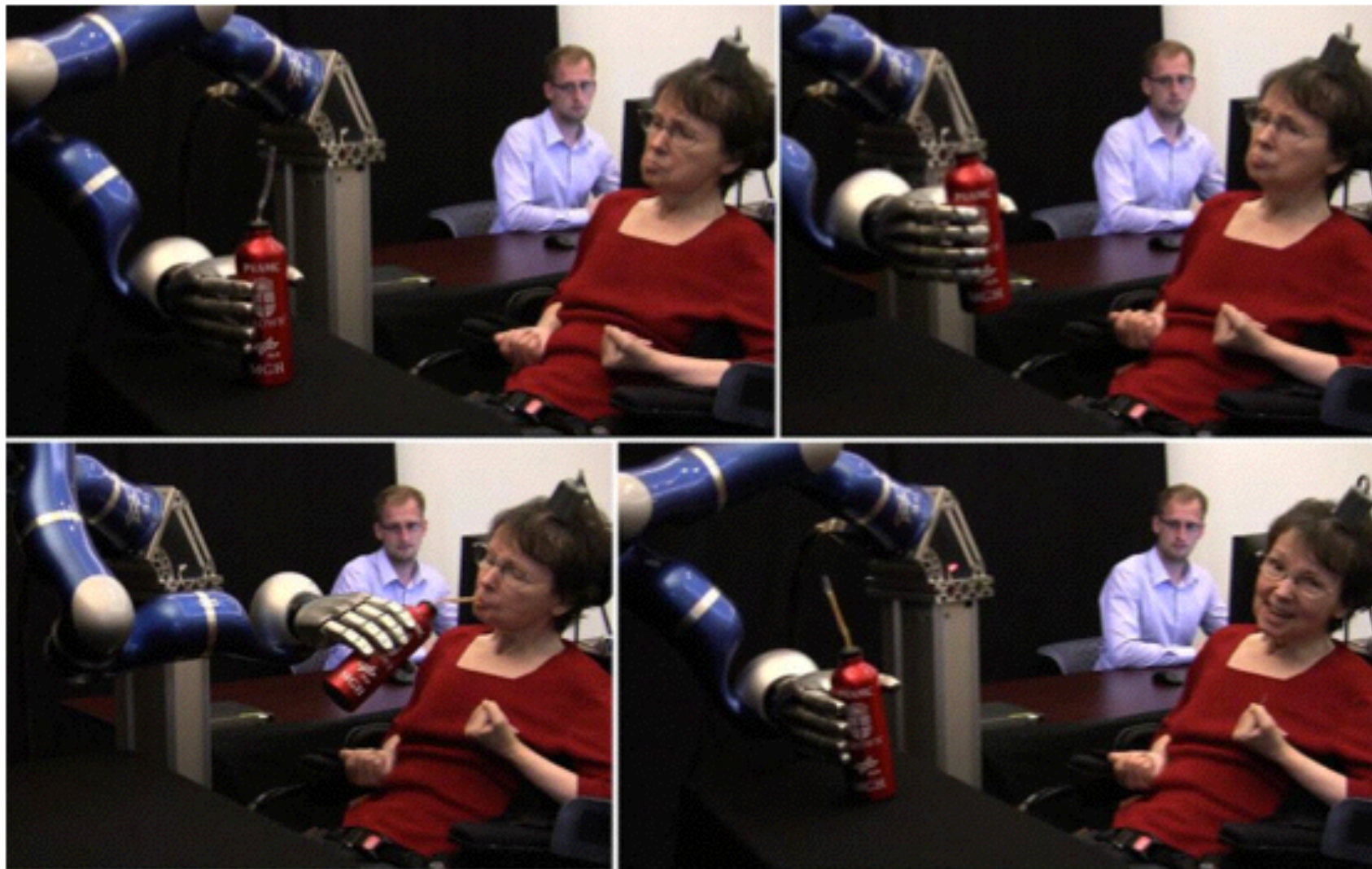
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nature

Reach and grasp by people with tetraplegia using a neurally controlled robotic arm. 2012.

Leigh R. Hochberg^{1,2,4,5}, Daniel Bacher², Beata Jarosiewicz^{1,3}, Nicolas Y. Masse³, John D. Simeral^{1,2,4}, Joern Vogel⁶, Sami Haddadin⁶, Jie Liu^{1,2}, Sydney S. Cash^{4,5}, Patrick van der Smagt⁶, and John P. Donoghue^{1,2,3}

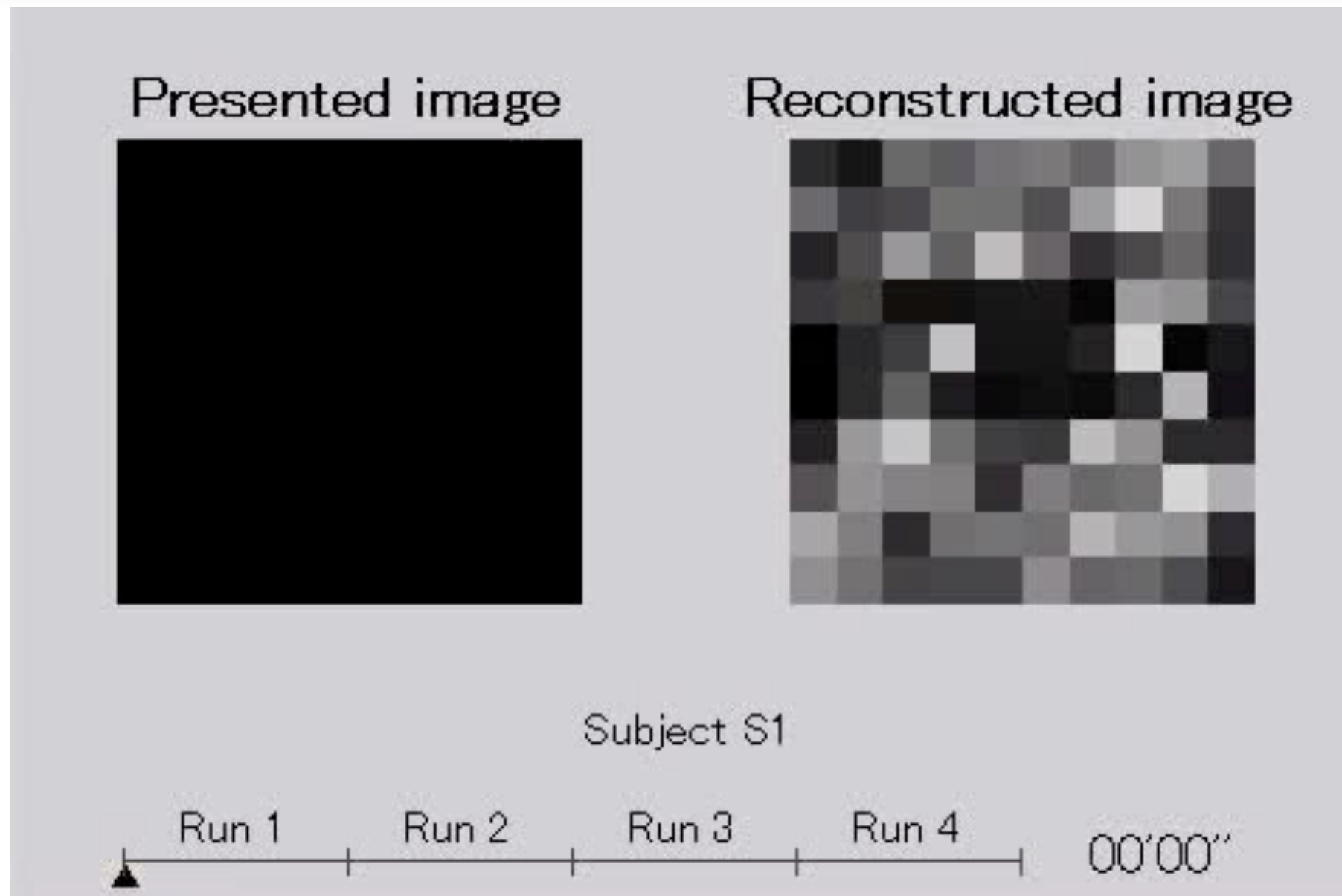


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Visual Image Reconstruction from Human Brain Activity using a Combination of Multiscale Local Image Decoders

Yoichi Miyawaki,^{1,2,6} Hajime Uchida,^{2,3,6} Okito Yamashita,² Masa-aki Sato,² Yusuke Morito,^{4,5} Hiroki C. Tanabe,^{4,5} Norihiro Sadato,^{4,5} and Yukiyasu Kamitani^{2,3,*}



Report

Reconstructing Visual Experiences from Brain Activity Evoked by Natural Movies

Shinji Nishimoto,¹ An T. Vu,² Thomas Naselaris,¹
Yuval Benjamini,³ Bin Yu,³ and Jack L. Gallant^{1,2,4,*}

mental processes. It has therefore been assumed that fMRI data would not be useful for modeling brain activity evoked

Presented clip

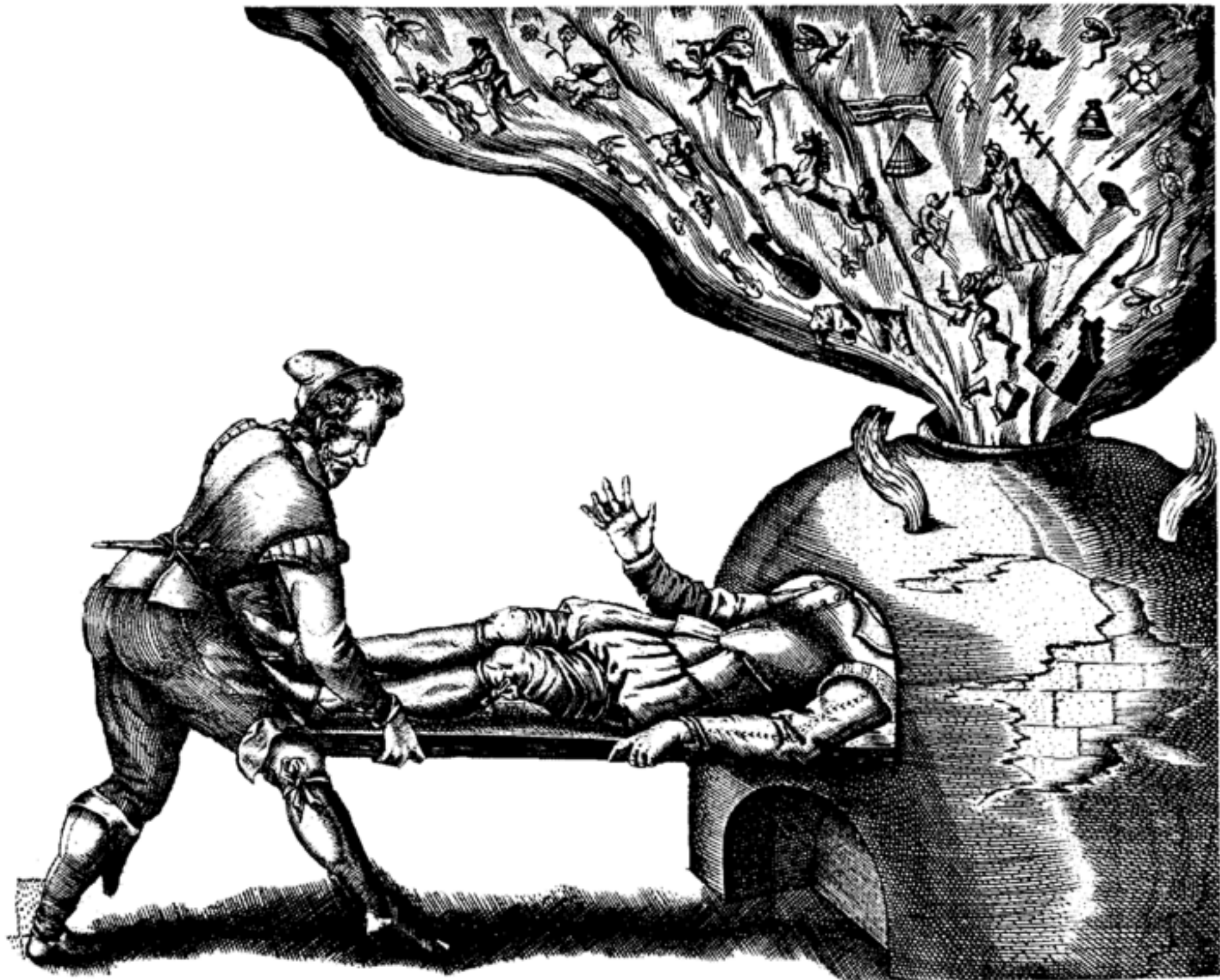


Clip reconstructed from brain activity

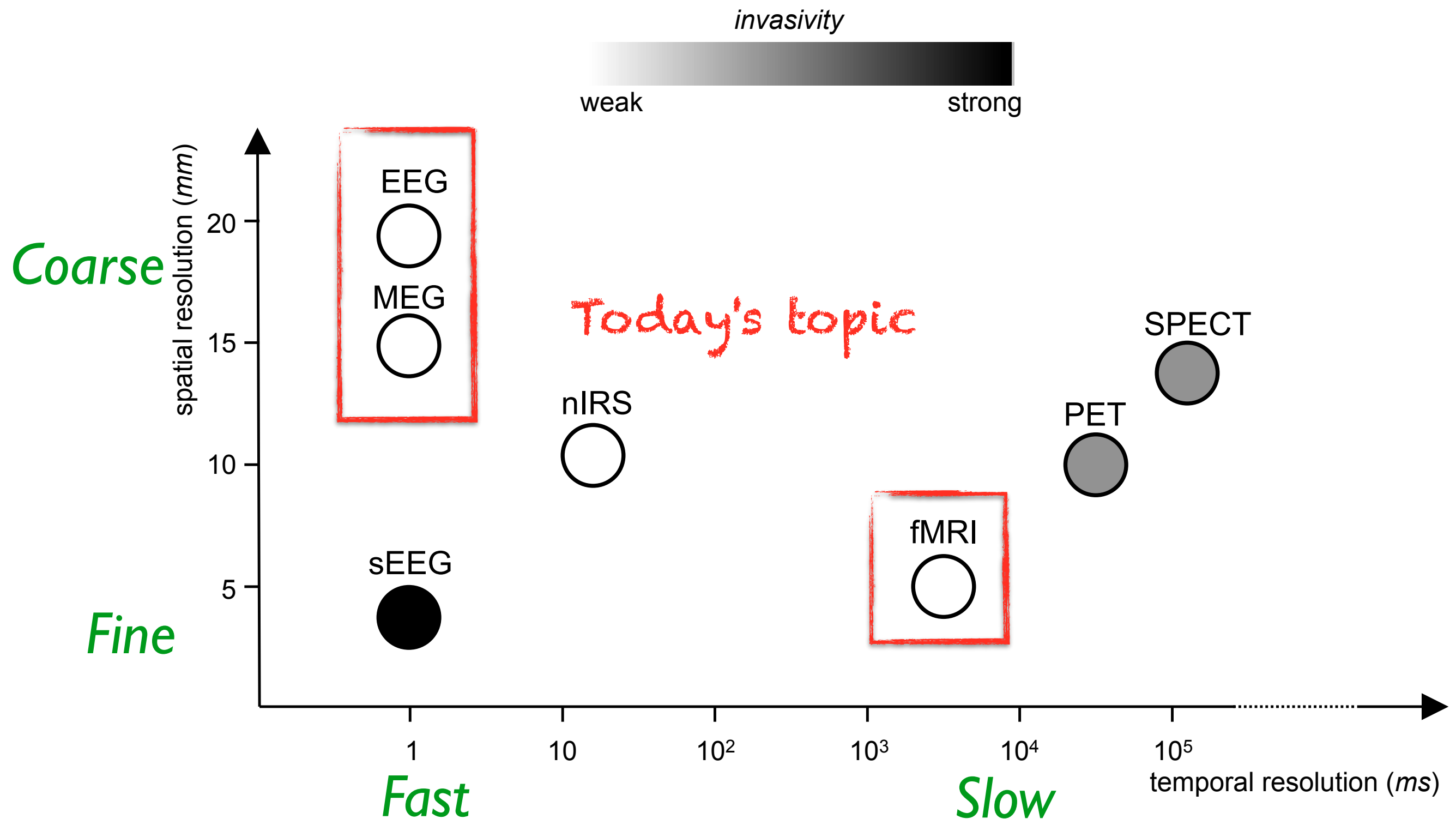


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What is functional brain imaging?

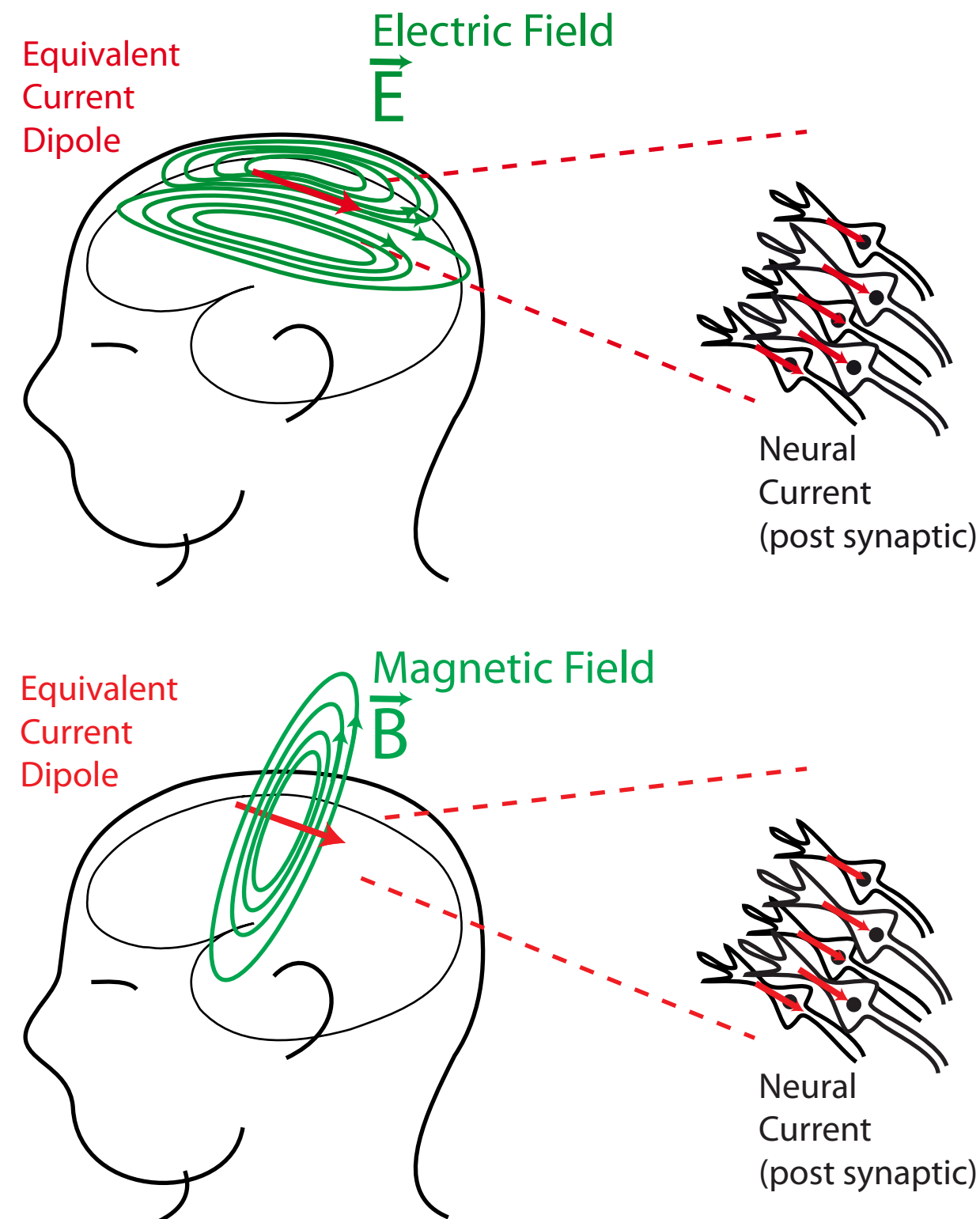
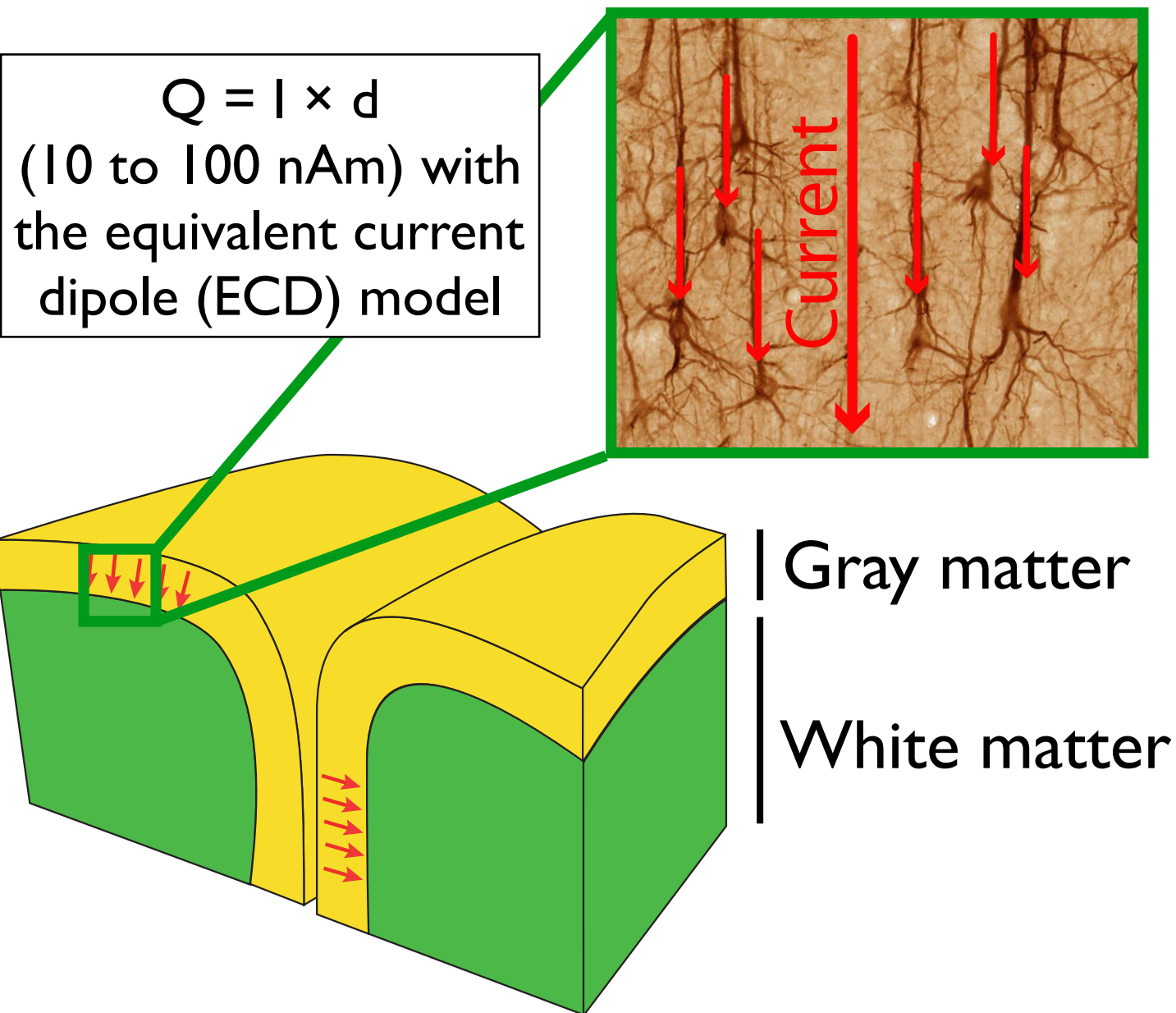


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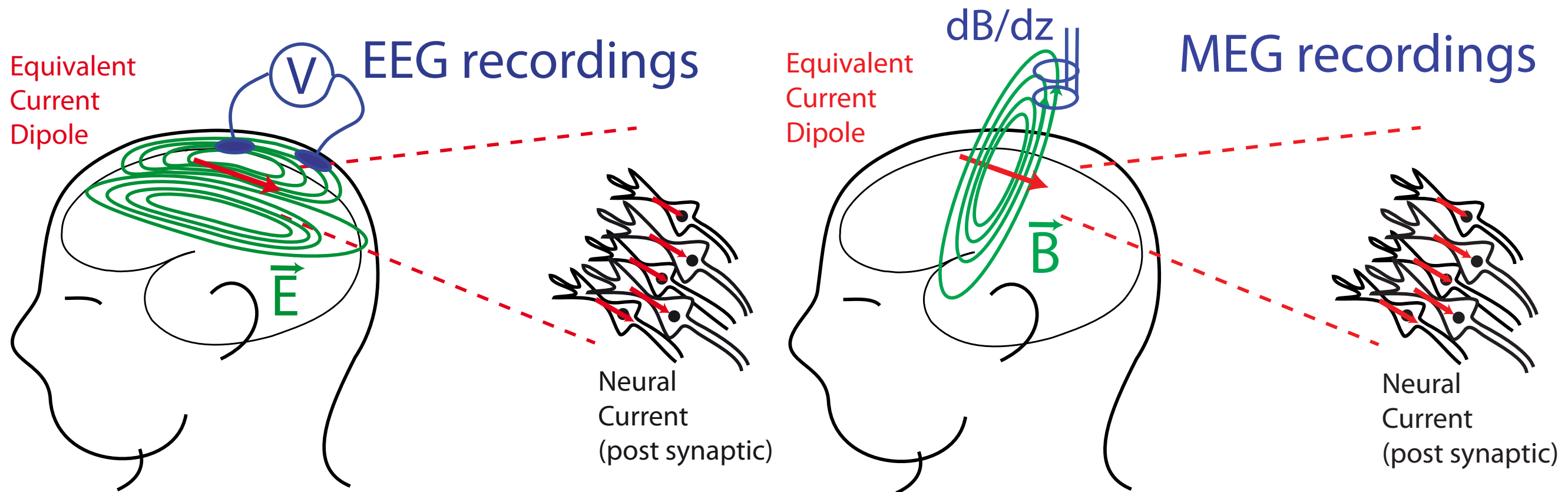


Neurons as current generators

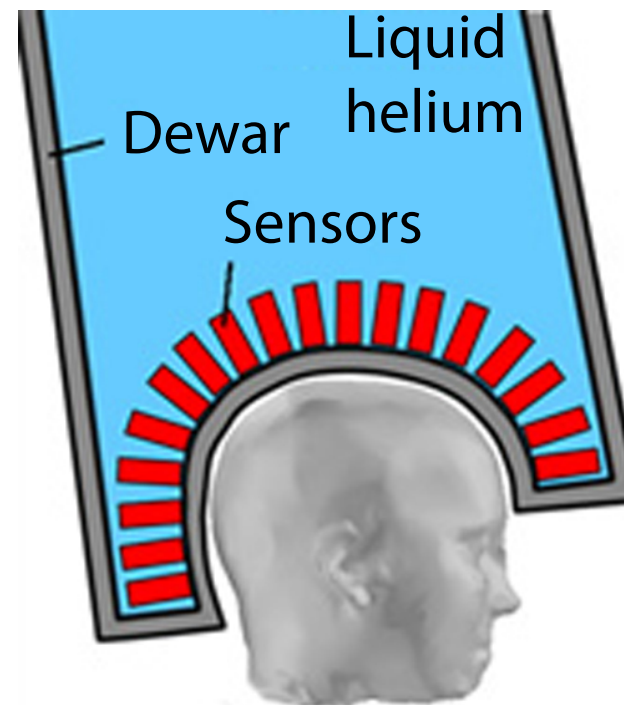
Large cortical pyramidal cells organized in macro-assemblies with their **dendrites normally oriented to the local cortical surface**



Electro- & Magneto-encephalography

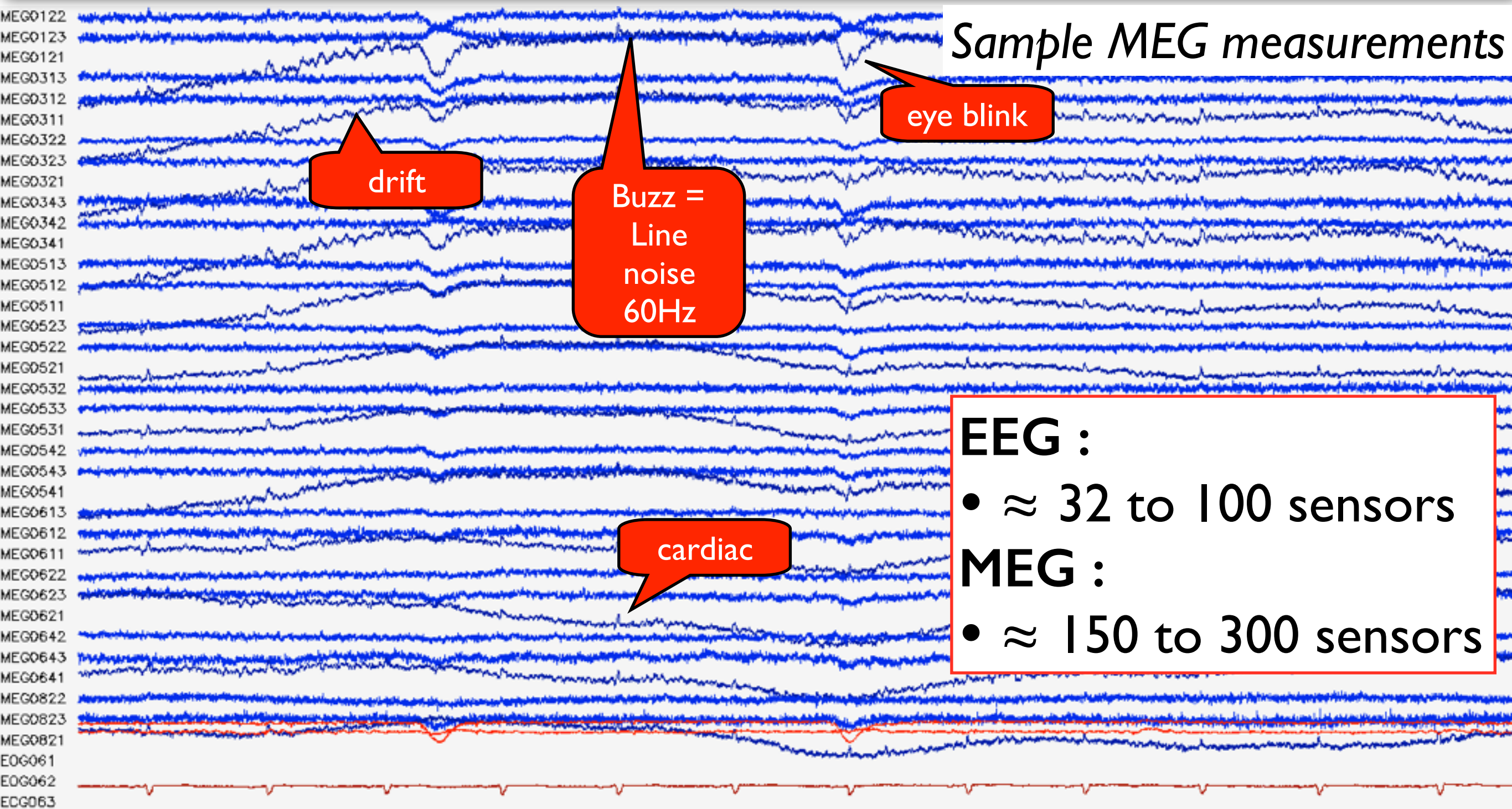


First EEG recordings in 1929 by H. Berger



Hôpital La Timone Marseille, France

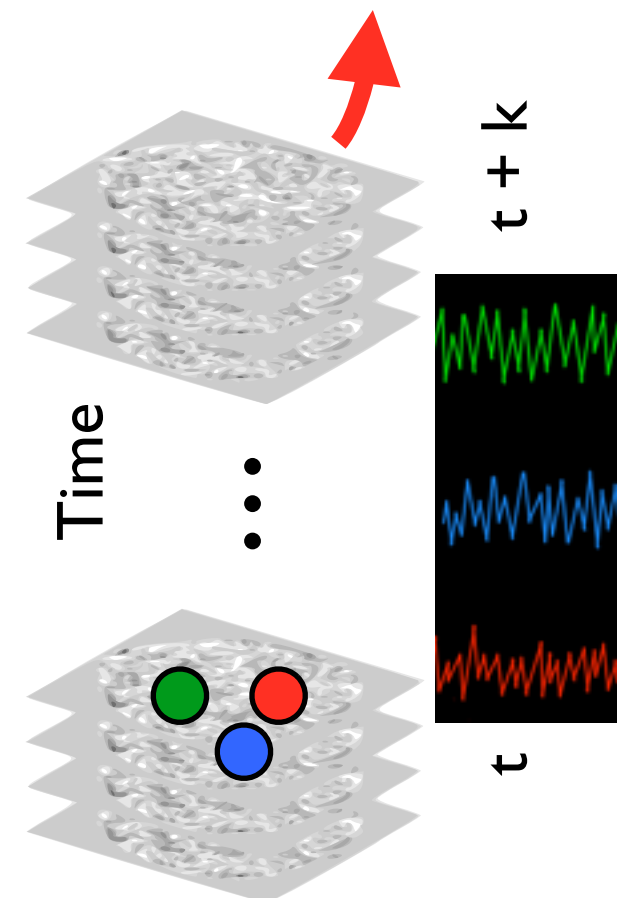
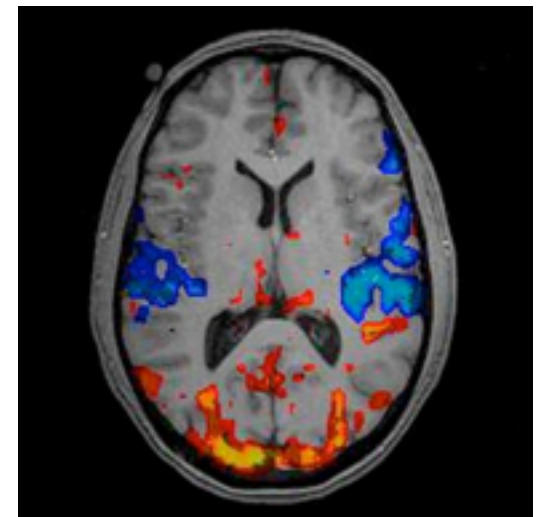
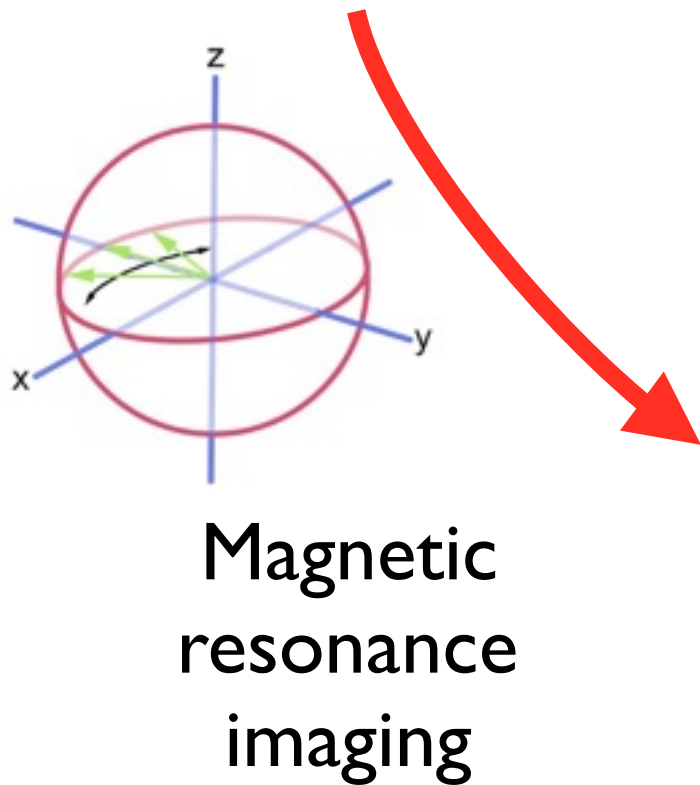
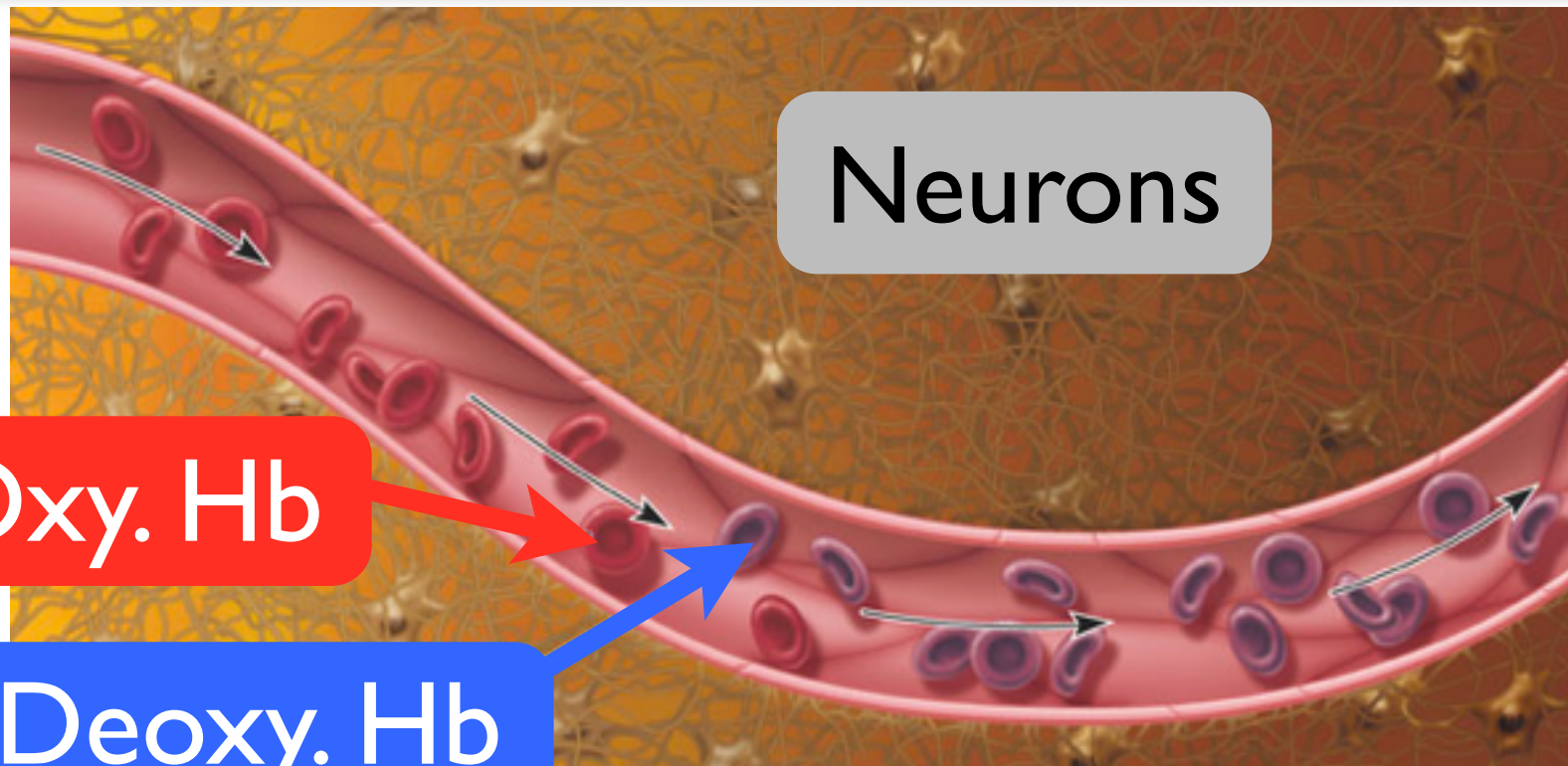
M/EEG Measurements

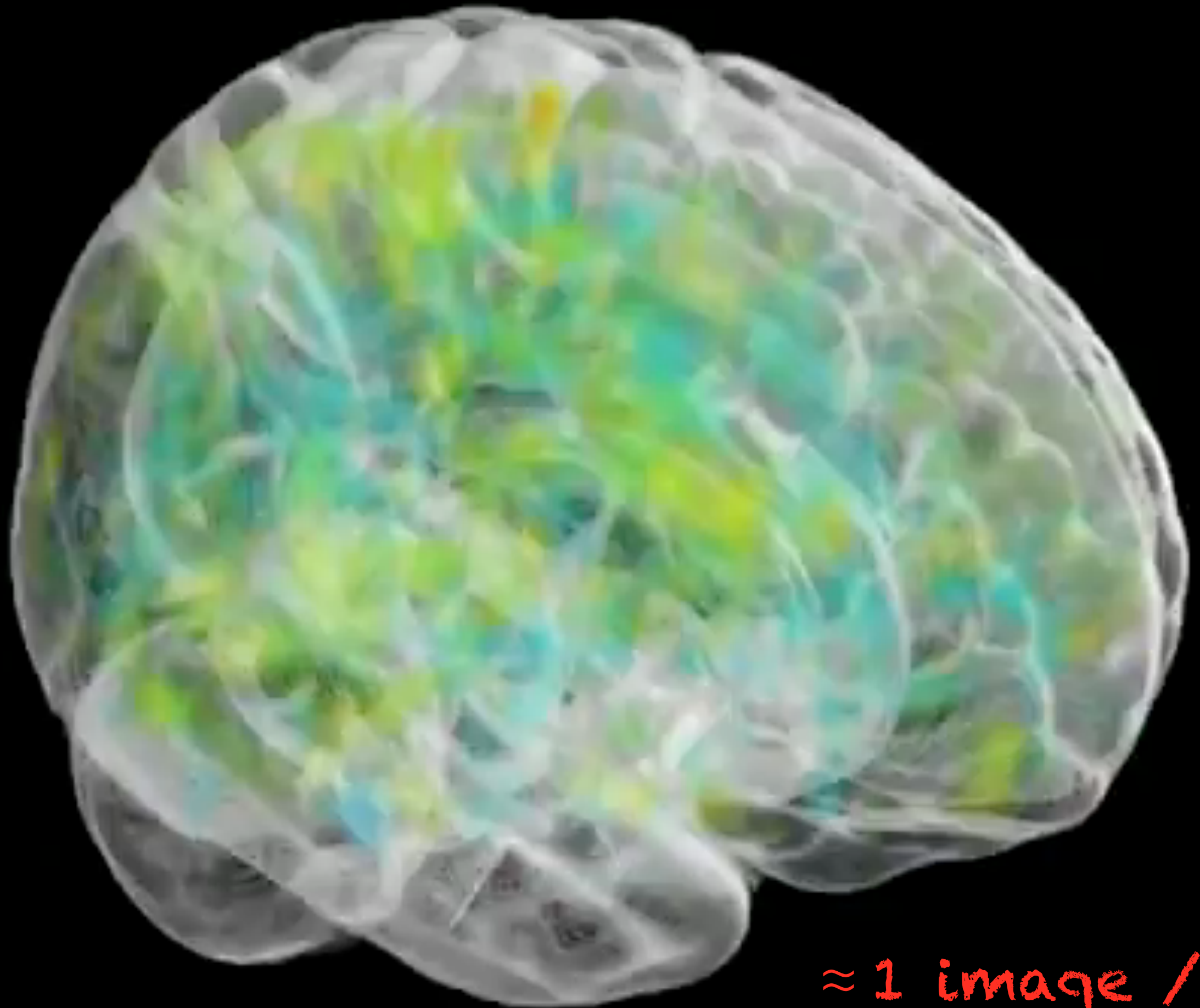


Time frame: 10 seconds

≈ 1000 samples / s

Functional MRI (fMRI)





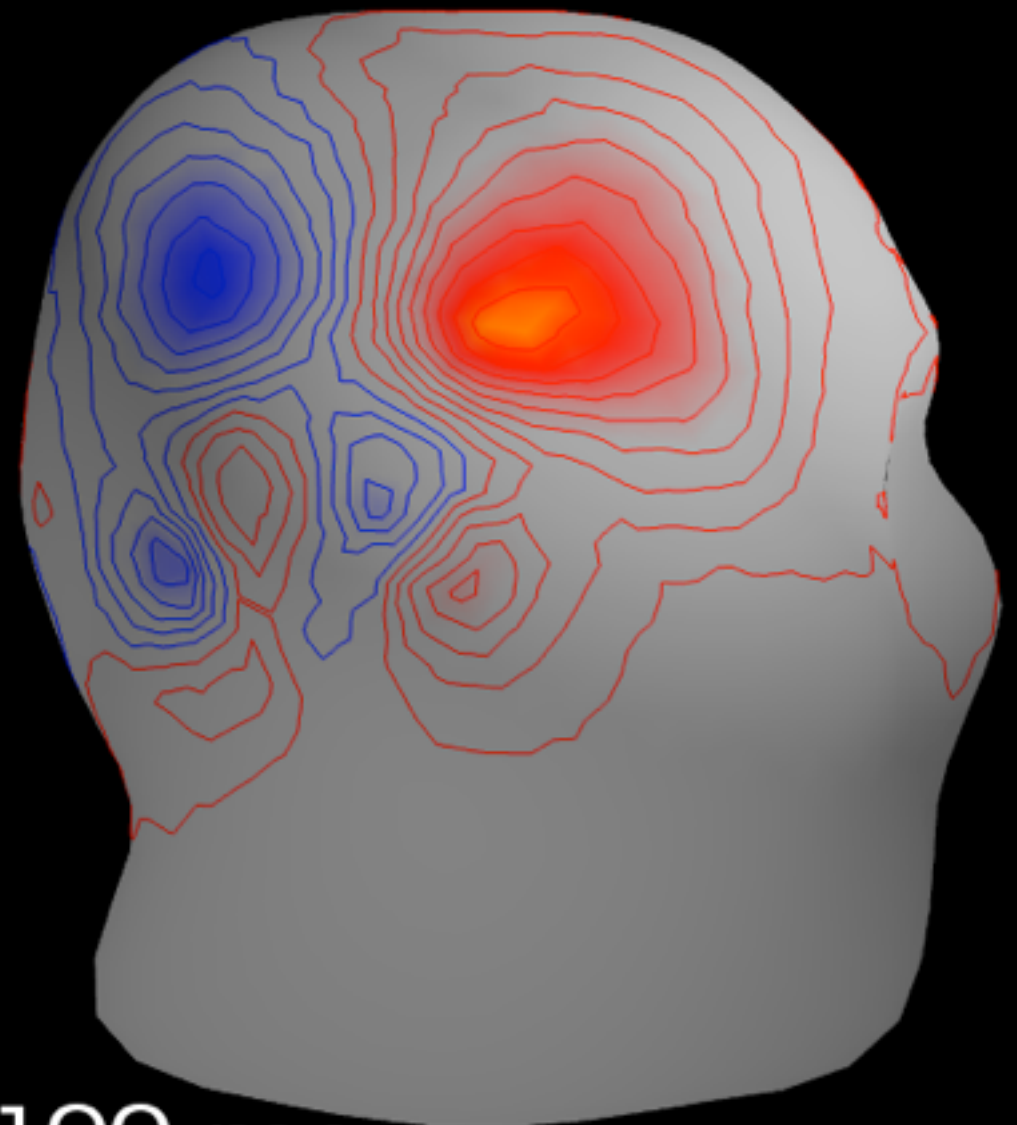
$\approx 1 \text{ image} / 2s$

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courtesy of Gael Varoquaux

Imaging the brain at a millisecond time scale with MEG and EEG *and stats and optimization*

Find the current generators that produced the MEG measurements



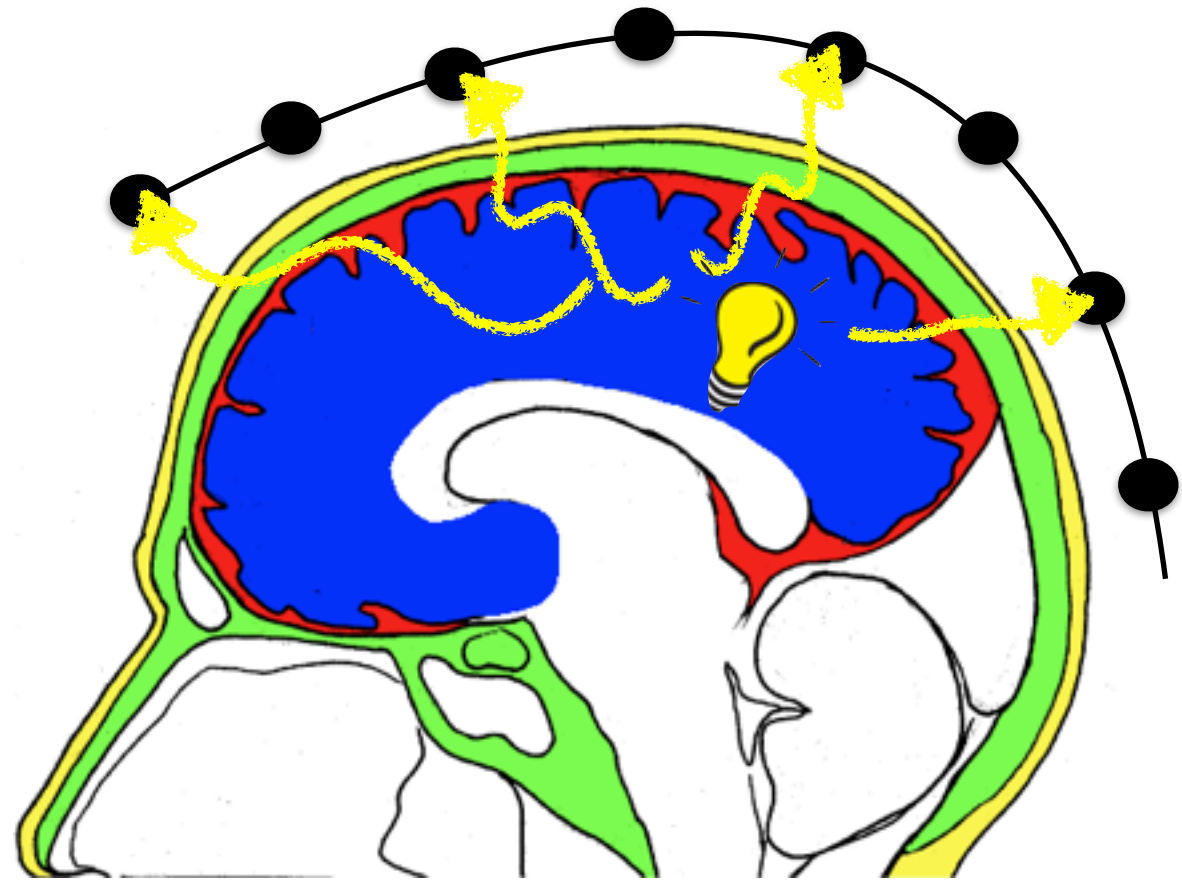
$t = 100 \text{ ms}$

What do we measure?



$$\nabla \times \vec{B} = \mu_0 \vec{J}$$

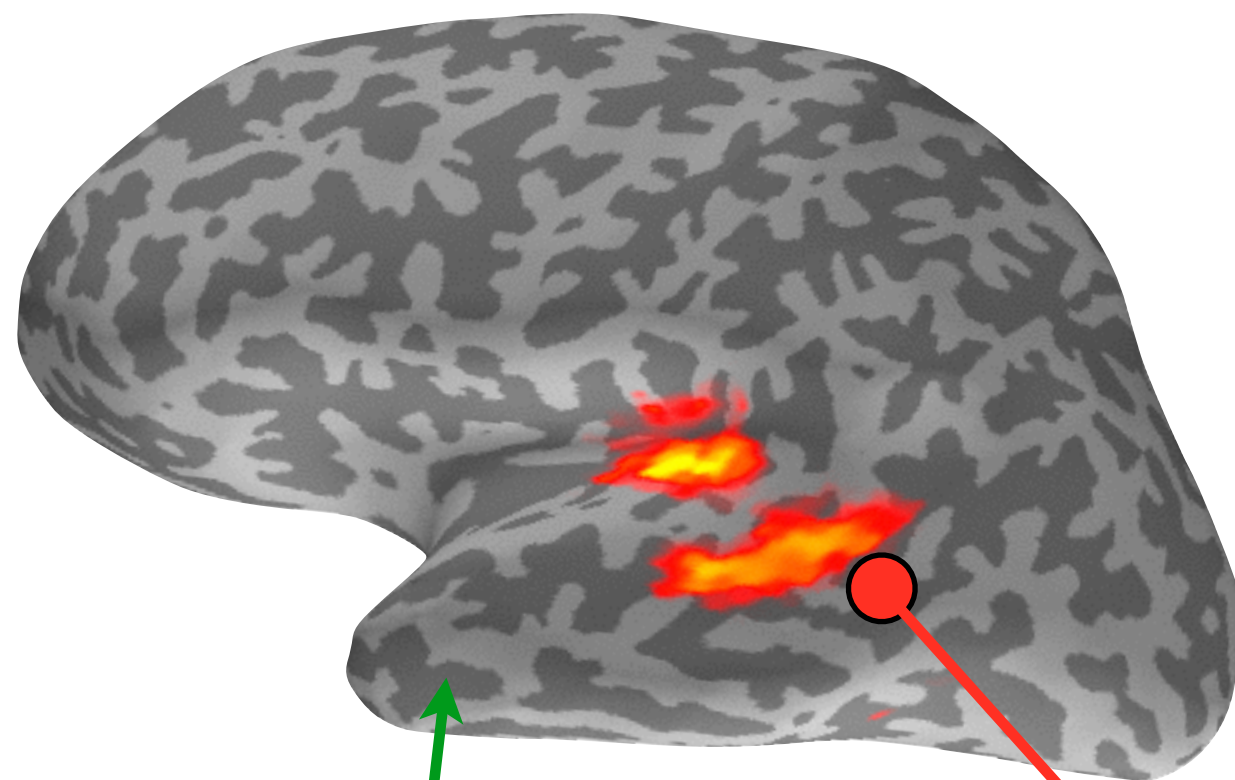
Boundary element method (BEM),
i.e., numerical solver with
approximate solution.



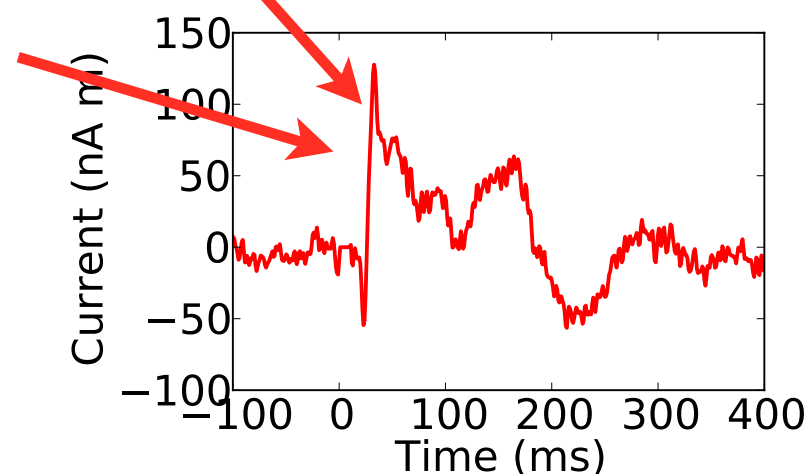
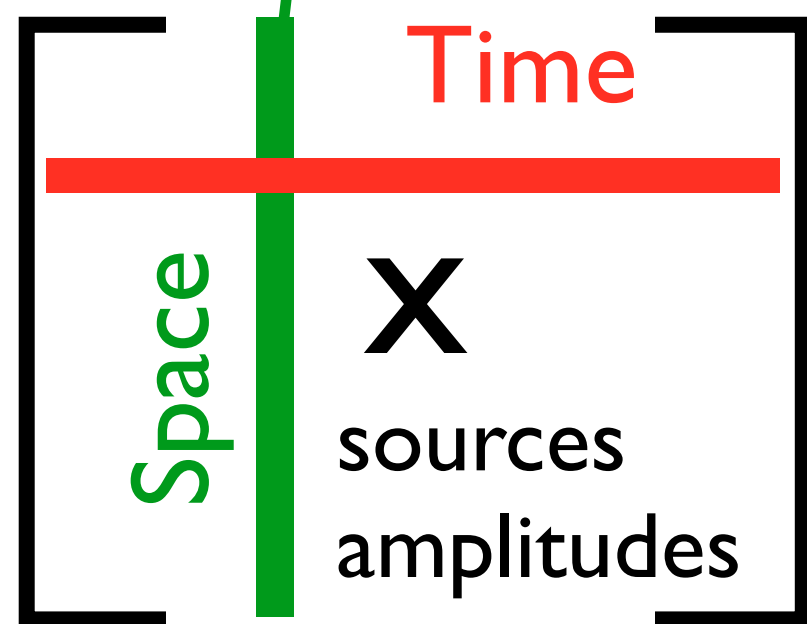
Linear PDE \rightarrow Linear forward problem / Fixed design

[Geselowitz 67, De Munck 92, Kybic et al. 2005, Gramfort et al. 2010]

The source model



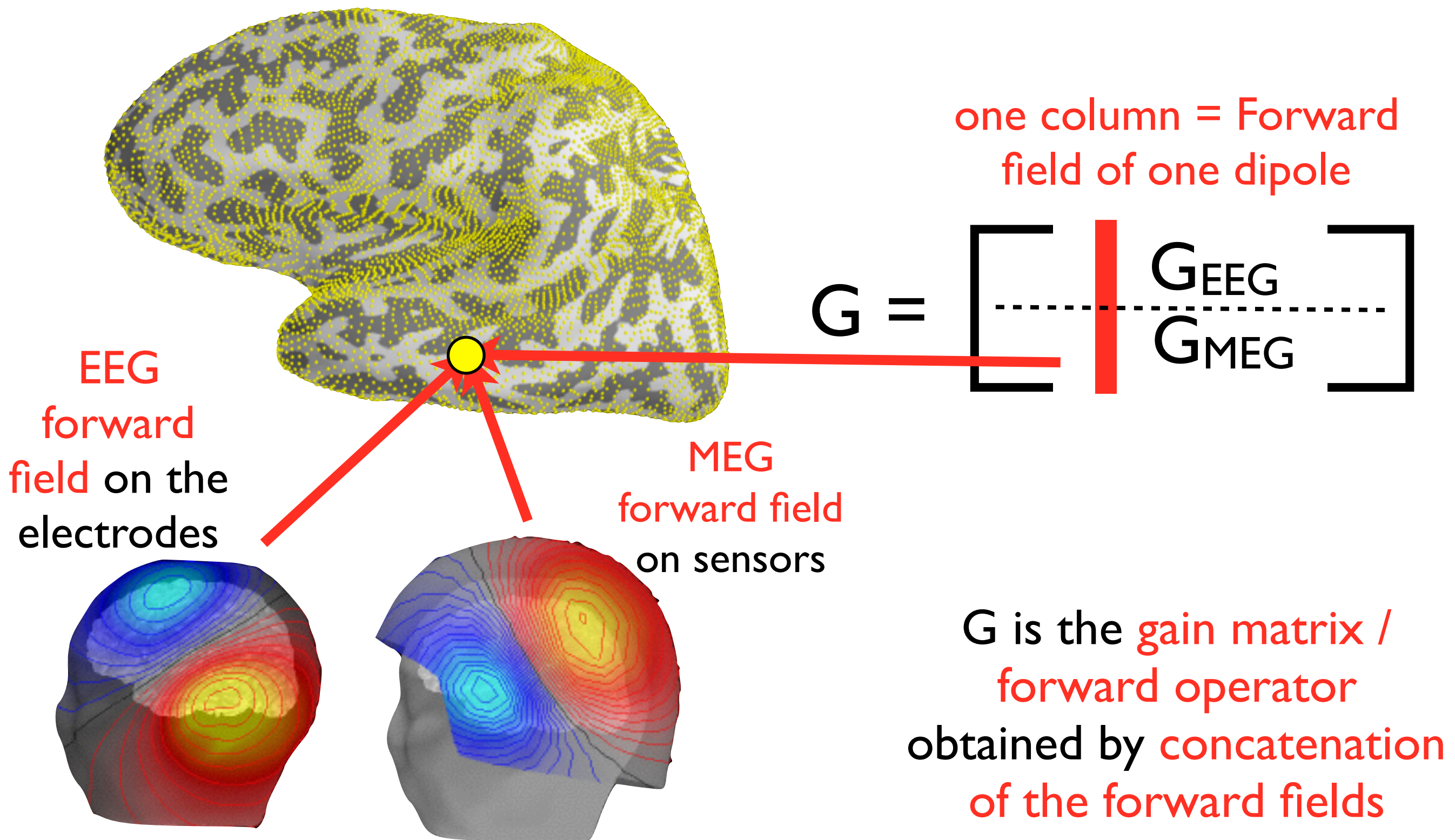
Position 5000 candidate sources over each hemisphere (e.g. every 5mm)



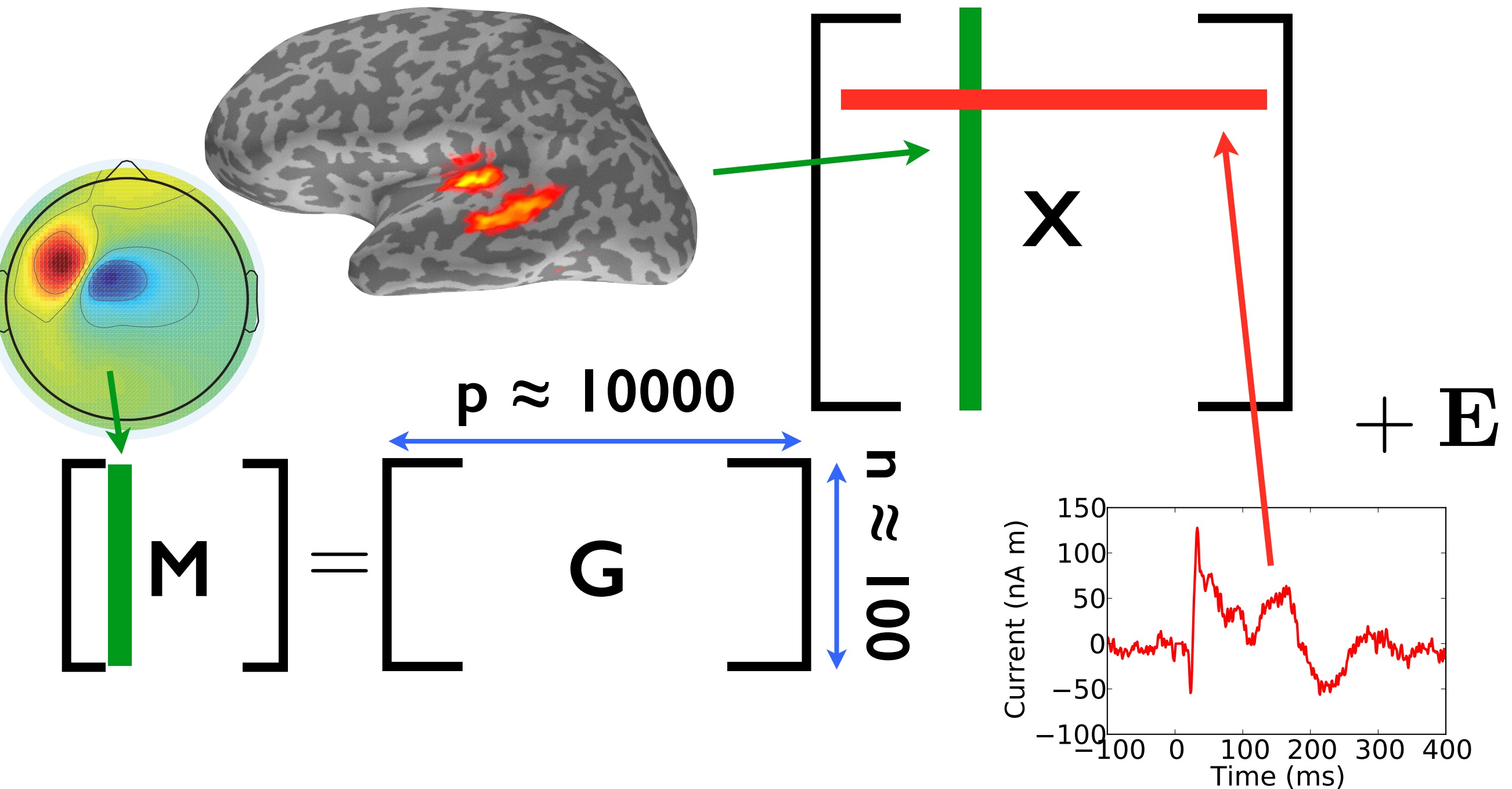
Scalar field defined over time

[Dale and Sereno 93]

The source model

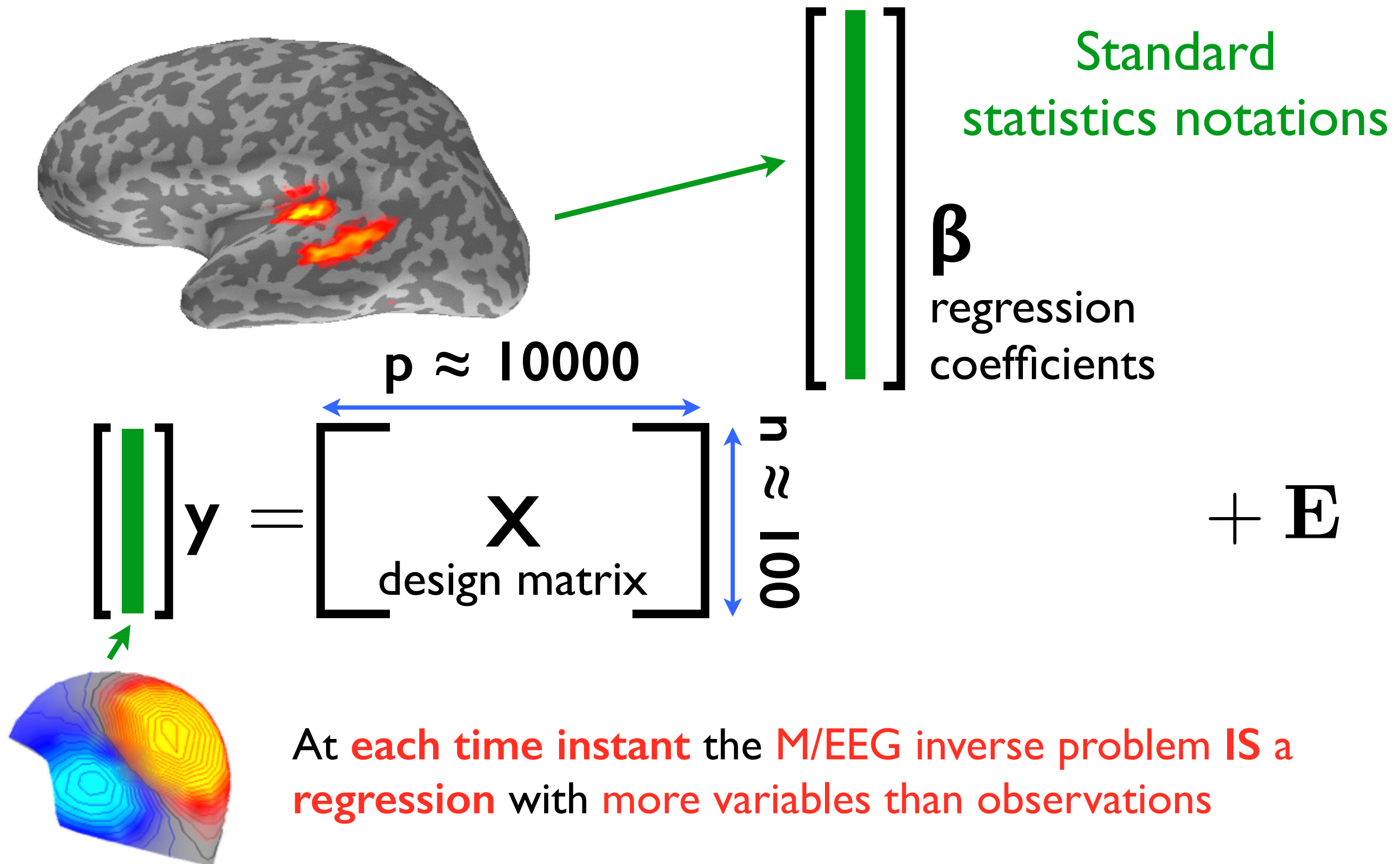


$M = GX + E$: An ill-posed problem



Small “n” large “p” problem

$y = X\beta + E$: An ill-posed problem



Variational formulation

$$\mathbf{X}^* = \arg \min_{\mathbf{X}} \underbrace{\|\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{G}\mathbf{X}\|_F^2}_{\text{Data fit}} + \underbrace{\lambda \phi(\mathbf{X})}_{\text{Regularization}}, \lambda > 0$$

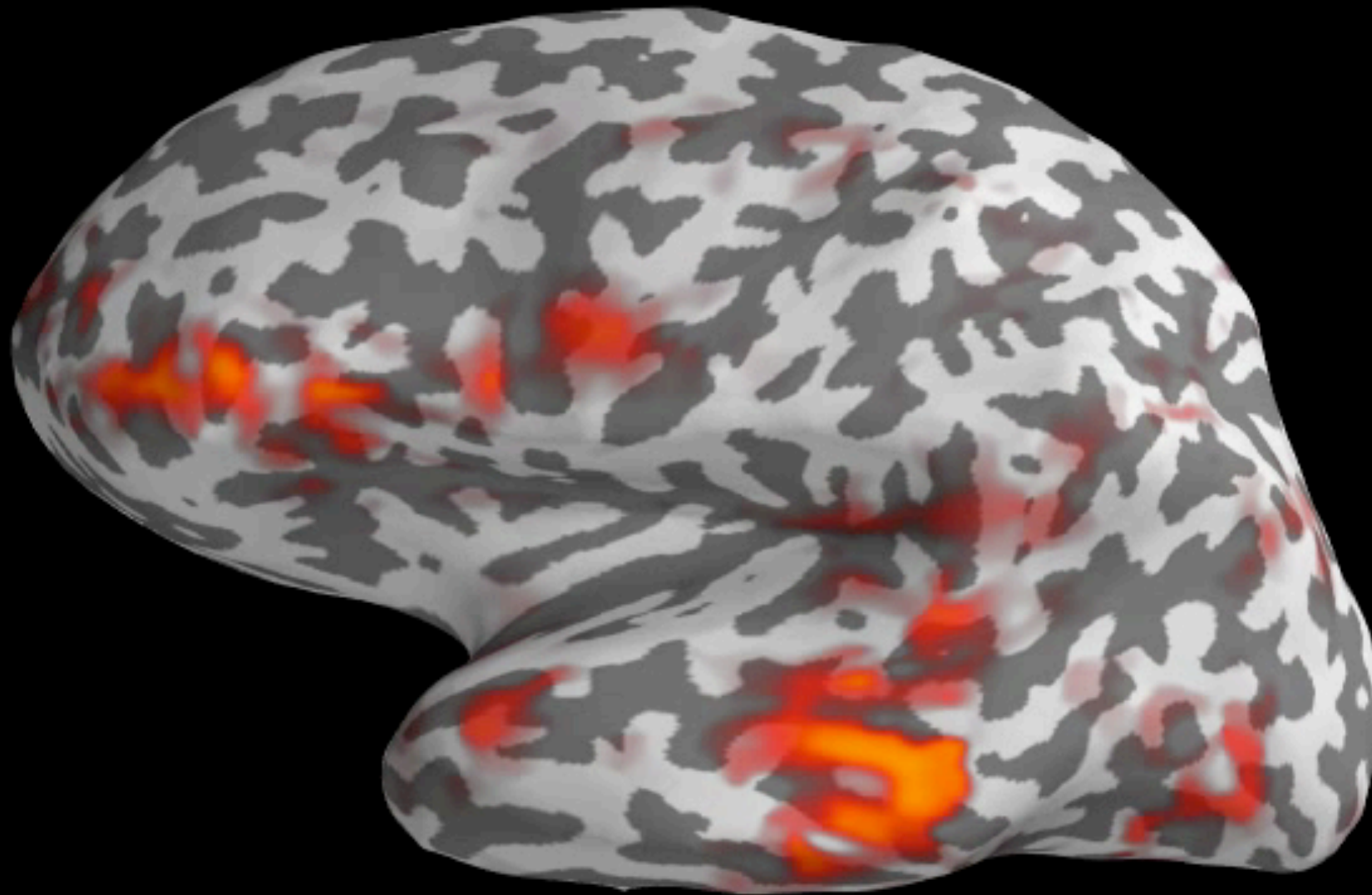
λ : Trade-off between the **data fit** and the **regularization**

where $\|\mathbf{A}\|_F^2 = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^T \mathbf{A})$

Remark: Assumes Gaussian i.i.d. homoscedastic noise...
In practice *heteroscedastic, autocorrelated*, :(

[Engemann & Gramfort NI 2015]

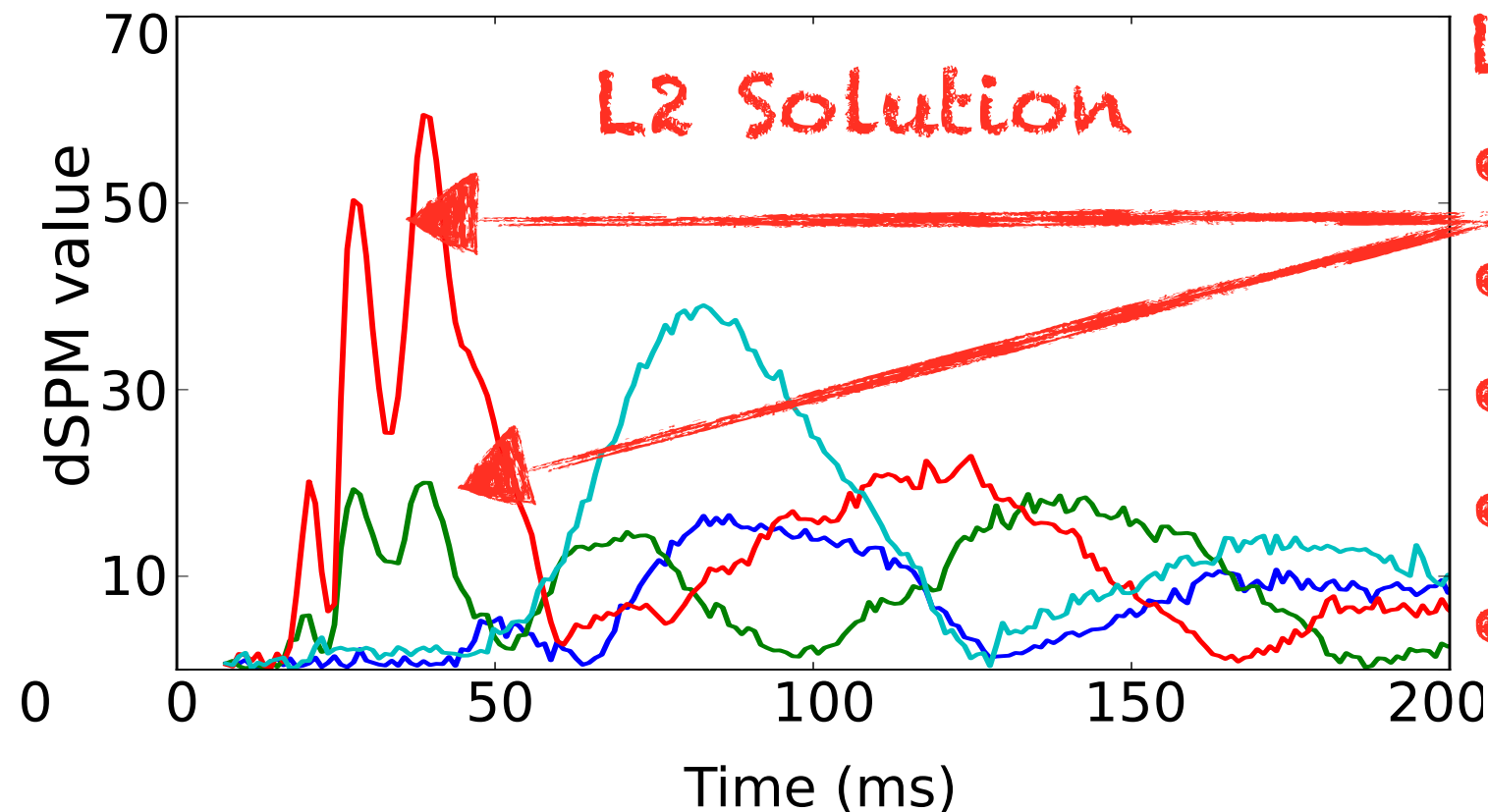
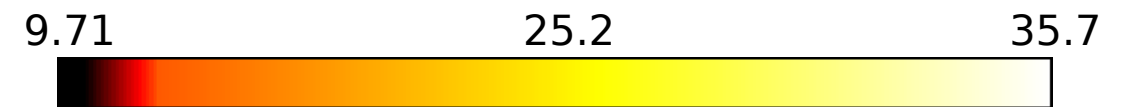
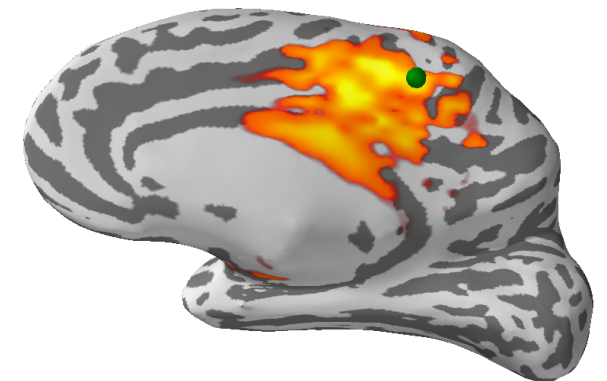
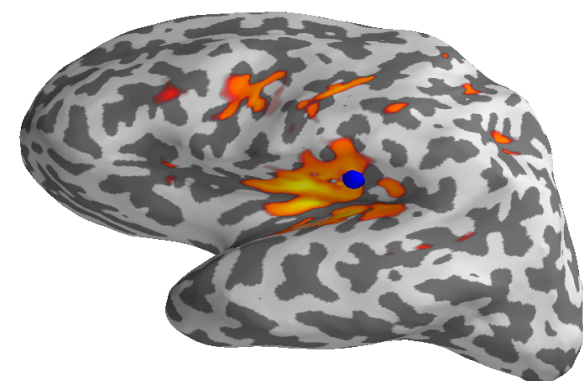
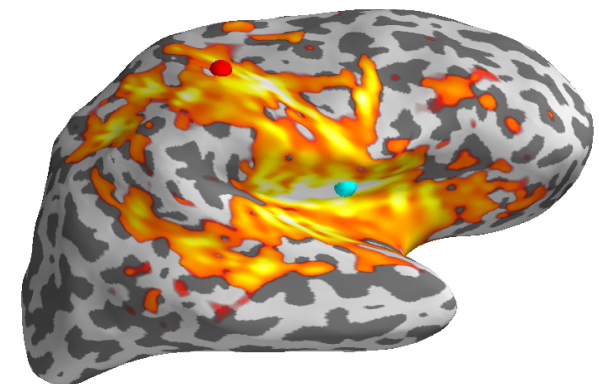
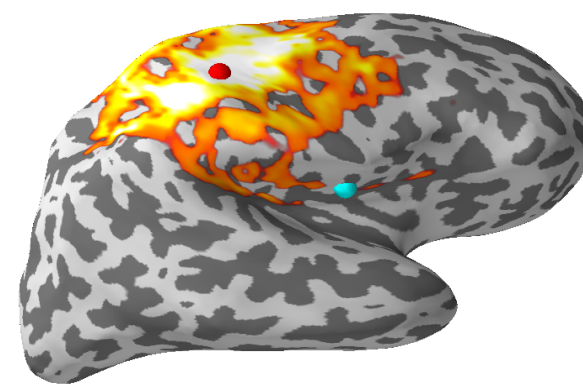
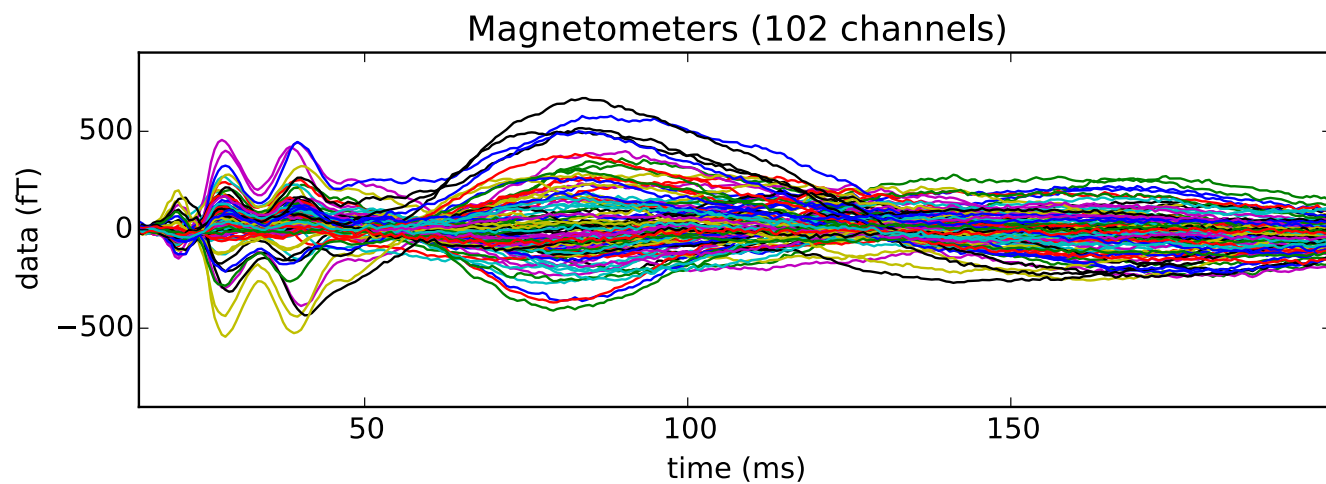
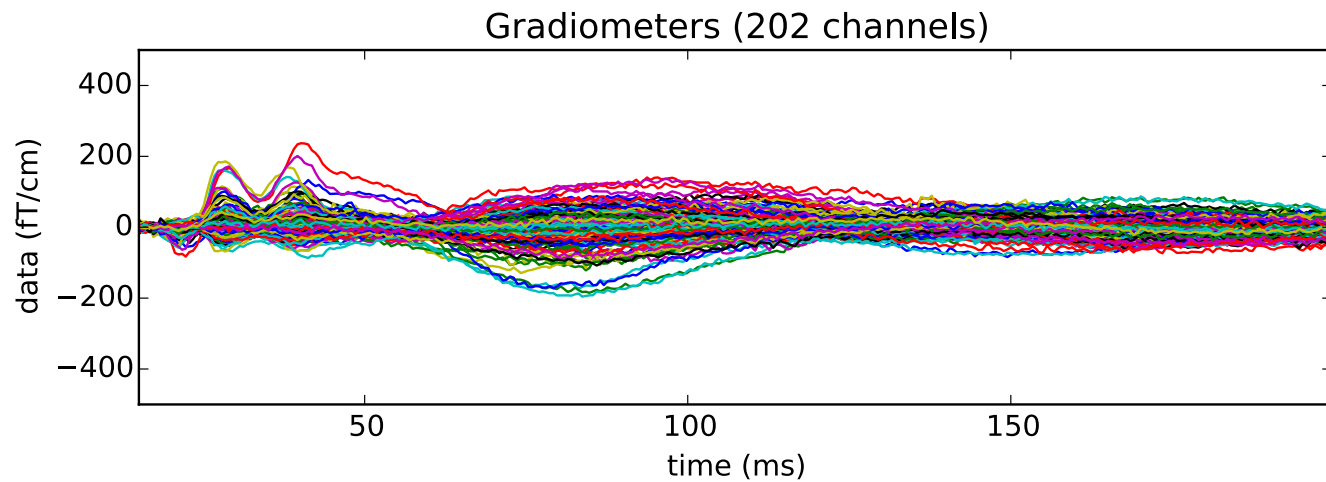
Result obtained with L2 regularization: $\phi(\mathbf{X}) = \|\mathbf{X}\|_F^2$



time=0.00 ms

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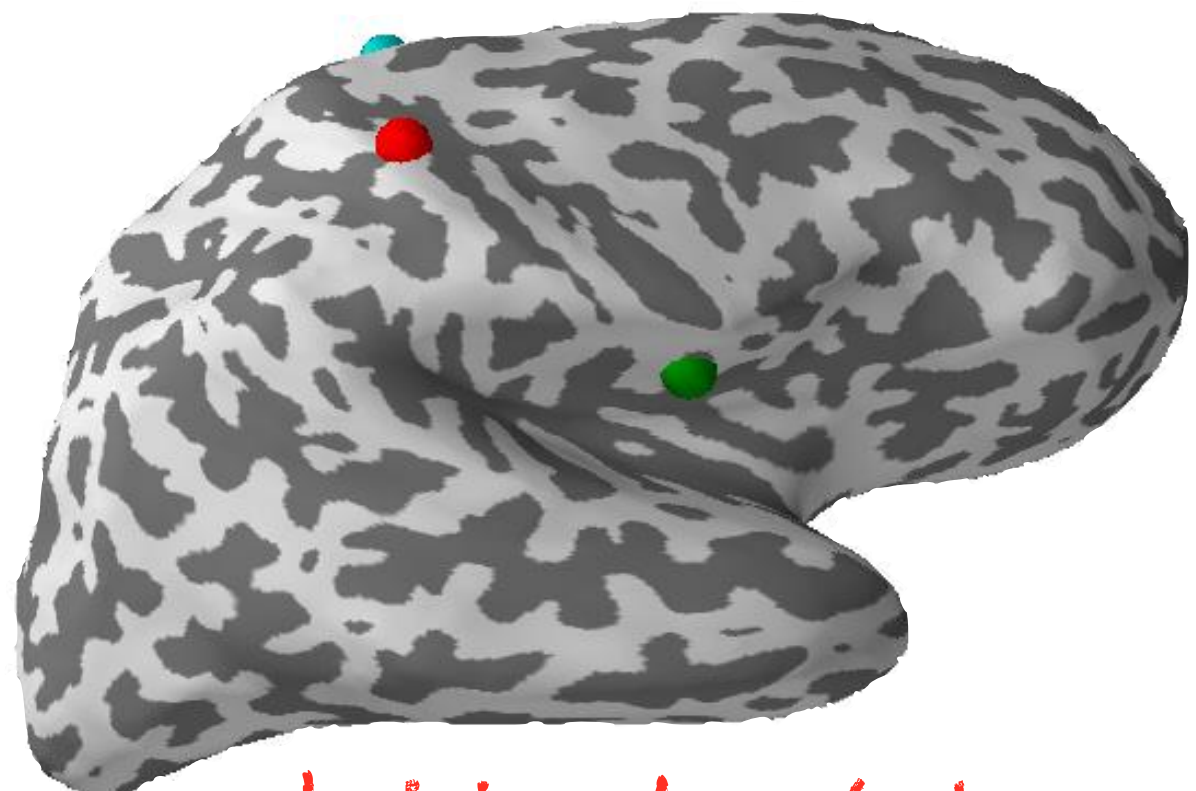
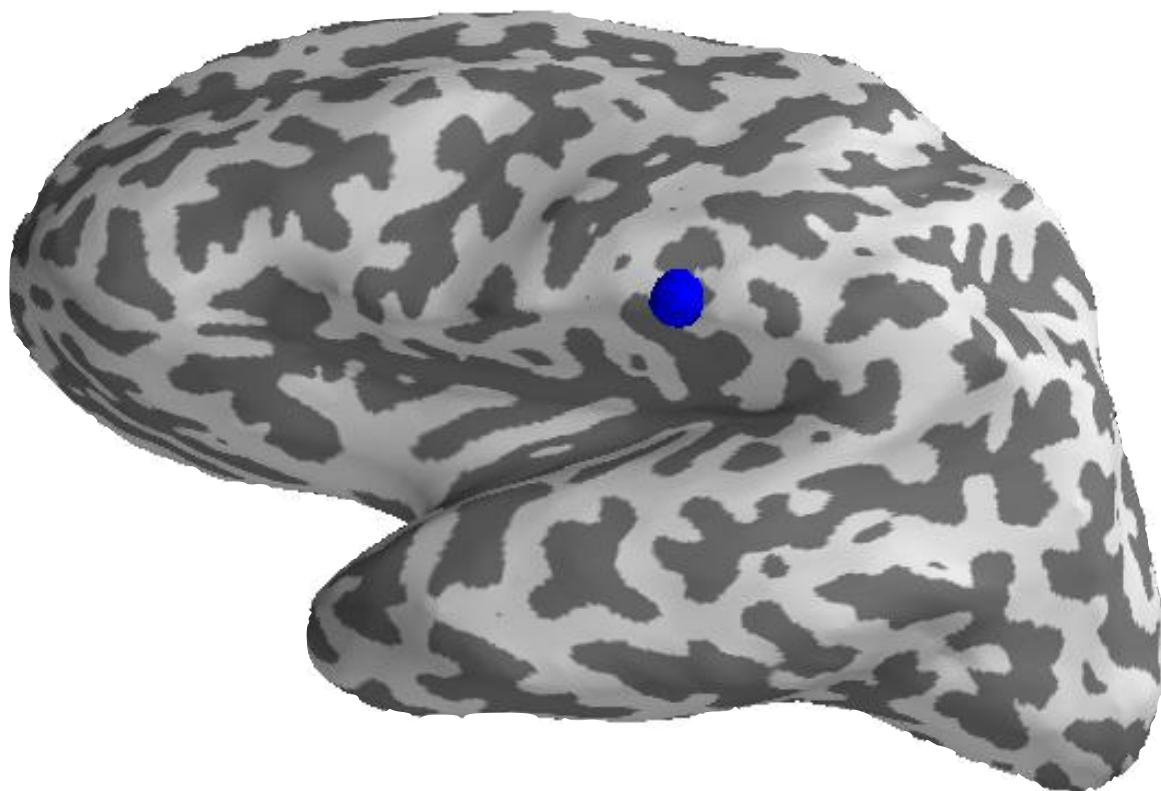
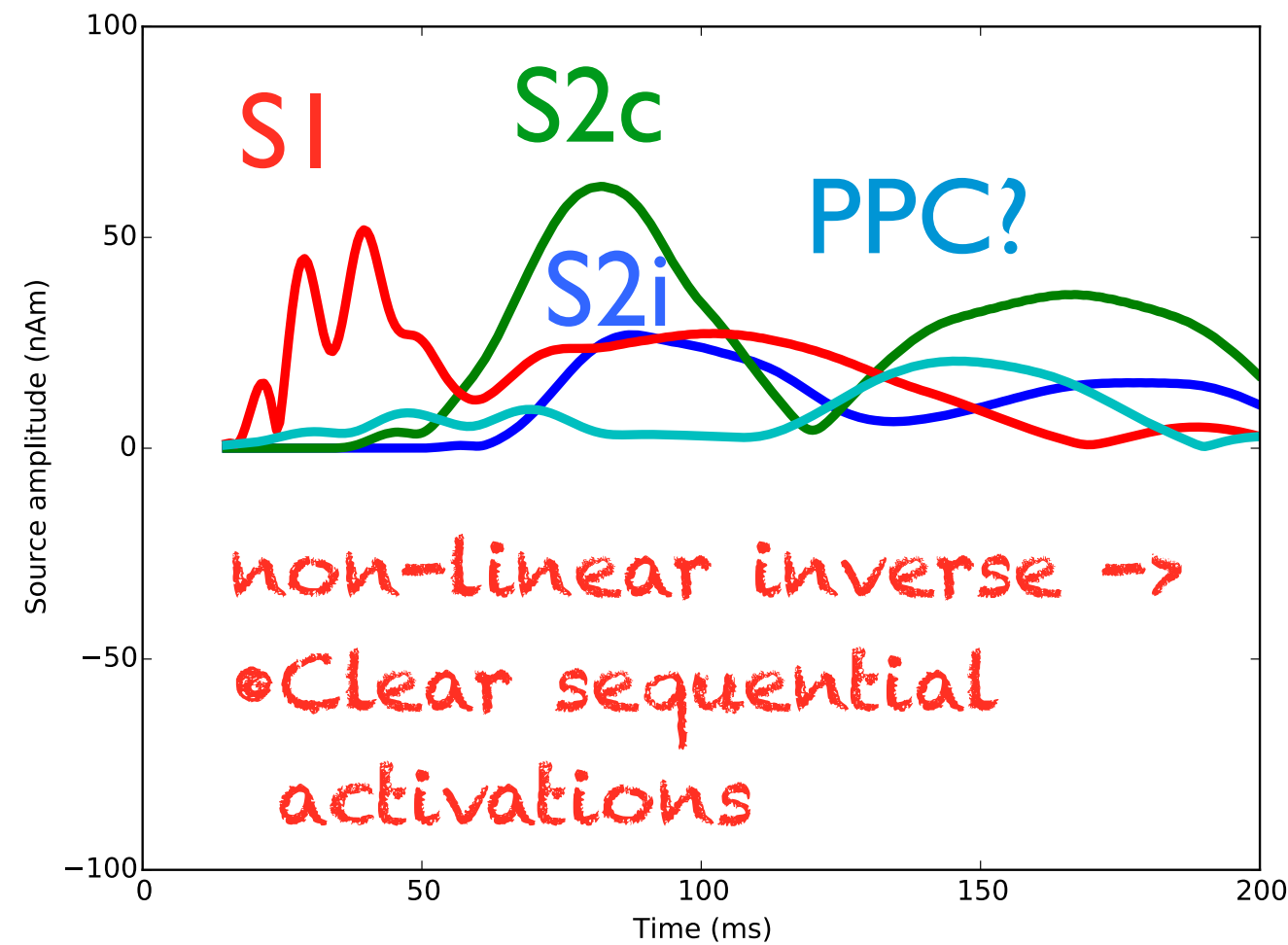
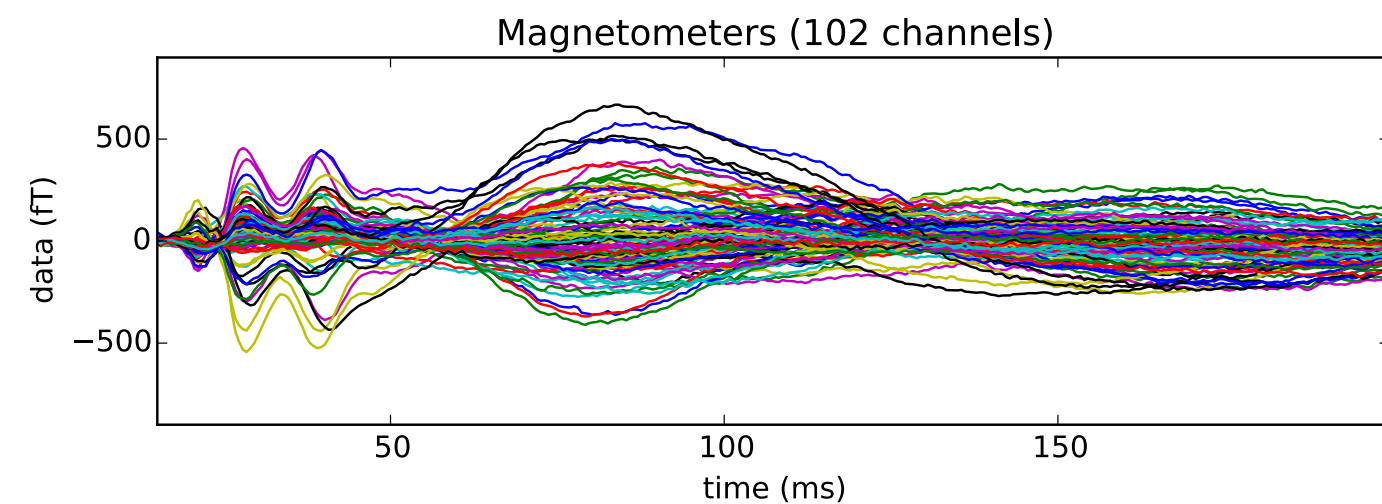
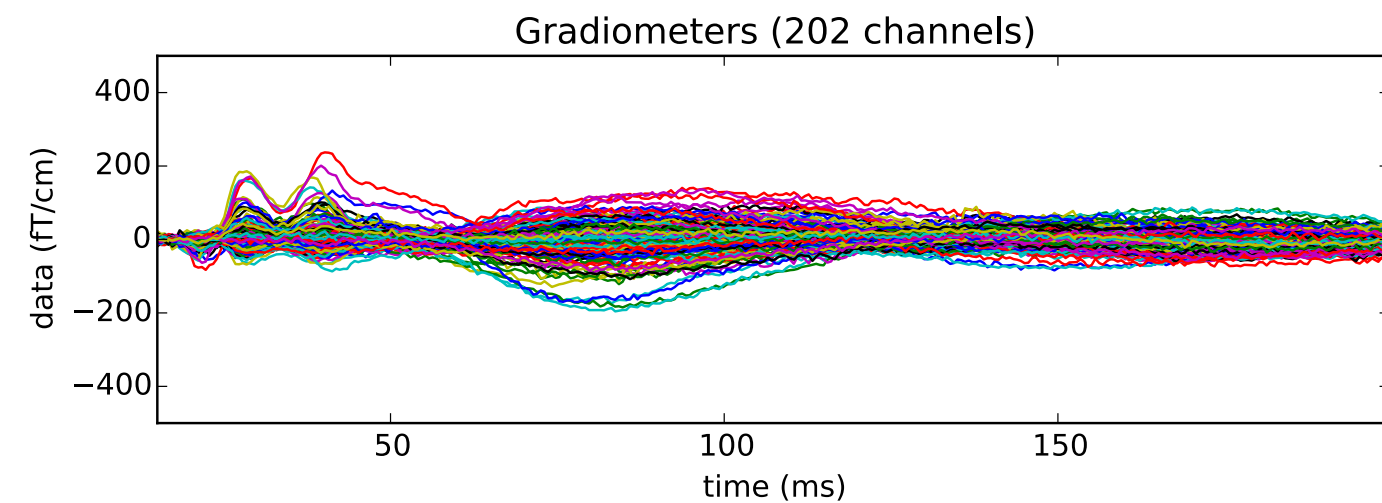
$$\phi(\mathbf{X}) = \|\mathbf{X}\|_F^2$$



Linear inverse ->

- Imperfect deconvolution
- spatial leakage
- smeared activations
- no temporal smoothing
- but really fast...

$\phi(\mathbf{X})$ sparse / non-smooth



but harder / slower

Source localization under
sparsity assumptions

Let's start with the Lasso

Warning: with the stats notations !

$$\hat{\beta}^{(\lambda)} \in \arg \min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p} \left(\underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \|y - X\beta\|_2^2}_{\text{data fitting term}} + \underbrace{\lambda \|\beta\|_1}_{\text{sparsity-inducing penalty}} \right)$$

- Compute $\hat{\beta}^{(\lambda)}$ for **many** λ 's: e.g., T values from $\lambda_{\max} := \|X^\top y\|_\infty$ to $\epsilon \lambda_{\max}$ on log-scale ($T = 100, \epsilon = 0.001$)

Denoising case

Suppose the design is simple: $n = p$ and $X = \text{Id}_n$, meaning the atoms are canonical elements: $\mathbf{x}_j = (0, \dots, 0, \underset{j}{\overset{\uparrow}{1}}, 0, \dots, 1)^\top$

$$\hat{\beta}^{(\lambda)} \in \arg \min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p} \left(\frac{1}{2} \|y - \beta\|^2 + \lambda \|\beta\|_1 \right)$$

$$\hat{\beta}^{(\lambda)} = \arg \min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p} \left(\frac{1}{2} \|y - \beta\|^2 + \lambda \|\beta\|_1 \right) \quad (\text{strictly convex})$$

$$\hat{\beta}_j^{(\lambda)} = \arg \min_{\beta_j \in \mathbb{R}} \left(\frac{1}{2} (y_j - \beta_j)^2 + \lambda |\beta_j| \right), \forall j \in [n] \quad (\text{separable})$$

This reduces to a 1D problem.

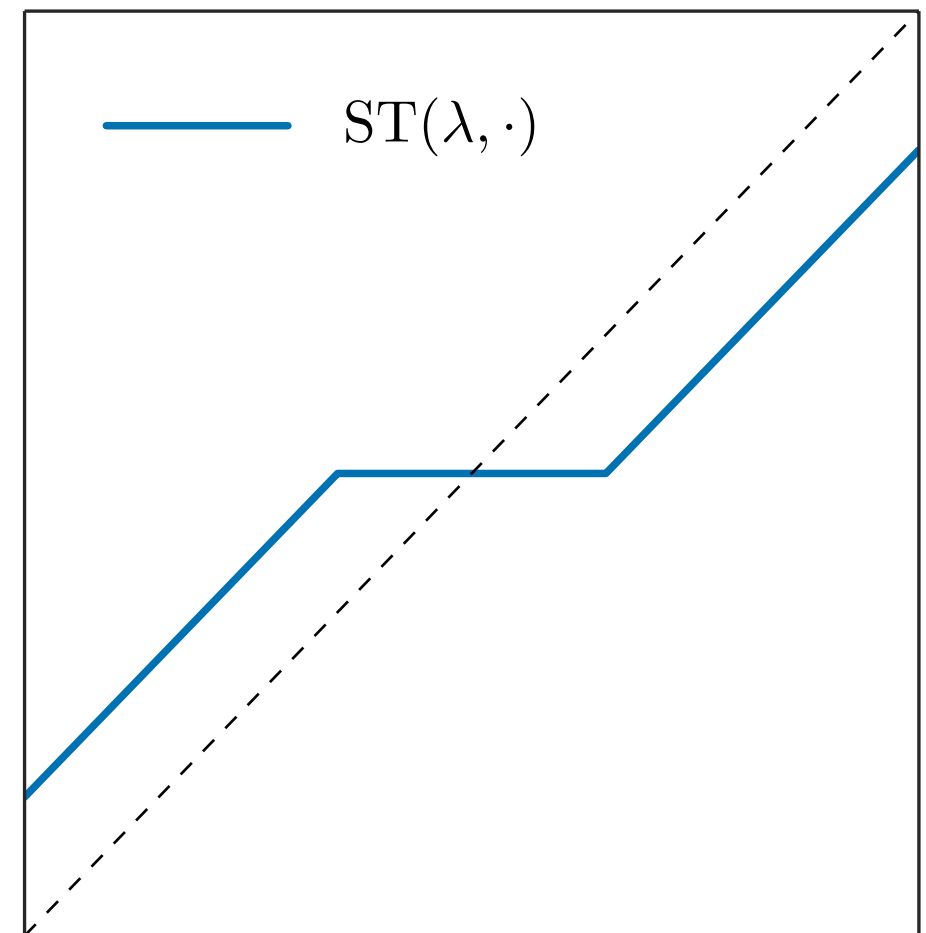
Rem: The solution is called the **proximal** operator of $\lambda \|\cdot\|_1$

Soft Thresholding

The 1D problem has a closed form solution: **Soft-Thresholding**:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ST}(\lambda, y) &= \arg \min_{\beta \in \mathbb{R}} \left(\frac{1}{2} (y - \beta)^2 + \lambda |\beta| \right) \\ &= \text{sign}(y) \cdot (|y| - \lambda)_+ \end{aligned}$$

with the notation $(\cdot)_+ = \max(0, \cdot)$



Proof: easy with sub-gradients and Fermat condition

Soft Thresholding

Possible algorithms for solving this **convex** program:

- ▶ Homotopy method / LARS : very efficient for small p Osborne *et al.* (2000), Efron *et al.* (2004) and full path
- ▶ Forward - Backward / proximal algorithm: useful in signal/image for case where $r \rightarrow \mathbf{x}_j^\top r$ is cheap to compute (e.g., with FFT, Fast Wavelet Transform, etc.) Beck and Teboulle (2009)
- ▶ Coordinate Descent: very useful for large p and potentially sparse matrix X (e.g., from text encoding) Friedman *et al.* (2007)

Also better for badly conditioned problems

Dual problem

Primal function : $P_\lambda(\beta) = \frac{1}{2} \|y - X\beta\|^2 + \lambda \|\beta\|_1$

Dual feasible set : $\Delta_X = \{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^n : |\mathbf{x}_j^\top \theta| \leq 1, \forall j \in [p]\}$

Dual solution : $\hat{\theta}^{(\lambda)} = \arg \max_{\theta \in \Delta_X \subset \mathbb{R}^n} \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \|y\|^2 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \left\| \theta - \frac{y}{\lambda} \right\|^2}_{=D_\lambda(\theta)}$

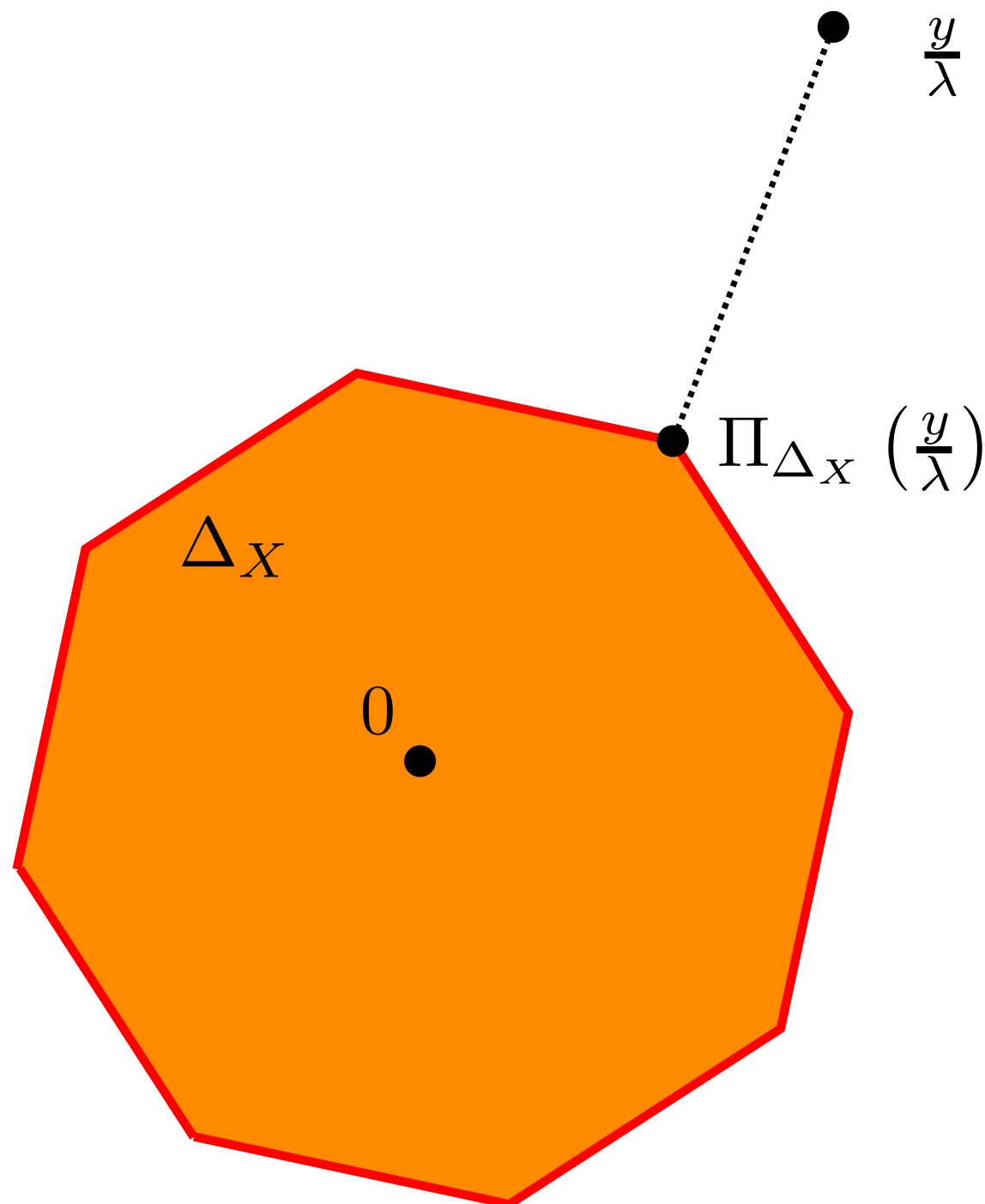
Rem: The dual feasible set is a polytope

$$\Delta_X = \bigcap_{j=1}^p \{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^n : |\mathbf{x}_j^\top \theta| \leq 1\} = \{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|X^\top \theta\|_\infty \leq 1\}$$

Rem: the dual formulation is obtained using an additional variable $z = (y - X\beta)/\lambda$ and considering the Lagrangian, cf. **Kim et al. (2007)**

Geometric interpretation

The dual optimal solution is the projection of y/λ over the dual feasible set $\Delta_X = \{\theta \in \mathbb{R}^n : \|X^\top \theta\|_\infty \leq 1\}$: $\hat{\theta}^{(\lambda)} = \Pi_{\Delta_X}(y/\lambda)$



Duality gap properties

- ▶ **Primal objective:** P_λ , **Primal solution:** $\hat{\beta}^{(\lambda)} \in \mathbb{R}^p$
- ▶ **Dual objective:** D_λ , **Dual solution:** $\hat{\theta}^{(\lambda)} \in \Delta_X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$,

Duality gap: for any $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p$ and any $\theta \in \Delta_X$,

$$\begin{aligned} G_\lambda(\beta, \theta) &= P_\lambda(\beta) - D_\lambda(\theta) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \|X\beta - y\|^2 + \lambda \|\beta\|_1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} \|y\|^2 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \left\| \theta - \frac{y}{\lambda} \right\|^2 \right) \end{aligned}$$

Rem: For all $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p, \theta \in \Delta_X$,

$$D_\lambda(\theta) \leq D_\lambda(\hat{\theta}^{(\lambda)}) = P_\lambda(\hat{\beta}^{(\lambda)}) \leq P_\lambda(\beta) \quad (\textbf{Strong duality})$$

Consequences:

- ▶ $G_\lambda(\beta, \theta) \geq 0$
- ▶ $G_\lambda(\beta, \theta) \leq \epsilon \implies P_\lambda(\beta) - P_\lambda(\hat{\beta}^{(\lambda)}) \leq \epsilon$ (stopping criterion!)

KKT Optimality conditions

- ▶ **Primal solution** : $\hat{\beta}^{(\lambda)} \in \mathbb{R}^p$
- ▶ **Dual solution** : $\hat{\theta}^{(\lambda)} \in \Delta_X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$

Primal/Dual link: $y = X\hat{\beta}^{(\lambda)} + \lambda\hat{\theta}^{(\lambda)}$

Necessary and sufficient optimality conditions:

KKT/Fermat:
$$\forall j \in [p], \quad x_j^\top \hat{\theta}^{(\lambda)} \in \begin{cases} \{\text{sign}(\hat{\beta}_j^{(\lambda)})\} & \text{if } \hat{\beta}_j^{(\lambda)} \neq 0, \\ [-1, 1] & \text{if } \hat{\beta}_j^{(\lambda)} = 0. \end{cases}$$

Rem: the KKT implies that $\forall \lambda \geq \lambda_{\max} = \|X^\top y\|_\infty$, $0 \in \mathbb{R}^p$ is the (unique here) primal solution for P_λ

Safe rules [El Ghaoui et al. 2012]

Screening thanks to the KKT is possible:

$$\text{If } |\mathbf{x}_j^\top \hat{\theta}^{(\lambda)}| < 1 \text{ then, } \hat{\beta}_j^{(\lambda)} = 0$$

Beware: $\hat{\theta}^{(\lambda)}$ is unknown, so one need to consider a **safe region** \mathcal{C} containing $\hat{\theta}^{(\lambda)}$, i.e., $\hat{\theta}^{(\lambda)} \in \mathcal{C}$, leading to :

safe rule :
$$\text{If } \sup_{\theta \in \mathcal{C}} |\mathbf{x}_j^\top \theta| < 1 \text{ then } \hat{\beta}_j^{(\lambda)} = 0 \quad (\star)$$

The new goal is simple, find a region \mathcal{C} :

- ▶ as narrow as possible containing $\hat{\theta}^{(\lambda)}$
- ▶ such that $\mu_{\mathcal{C}} : \begin{cases} \mathbb{R}^n & \mapsto \mathbb{R}^+ \\ \mathbf{x} & \rightarrow \sup_{\theta \in \mathcal{C}} |\mathbf{x}^\top \theta| \end{cases}$ is easy to compute

Safe sphere rules

Let $\mathcal{C} = B(c, r)$ be a ball of center $c \in \mathbb{R}^n$ and radius $r > 0$. Then simple computation provide:

$$\mu_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{x}) = |\mathbf{x}^{\top} c| + r \|\mathbf{x}\|$$

so the safe rule becomes

$\text{If } |\mathbf{x}_j^{\top} c| + r \|\mathbf{x}_j\| < 1 \text{ then } \hat{\beta}_j^{(\lambda)} = 0$

(1)

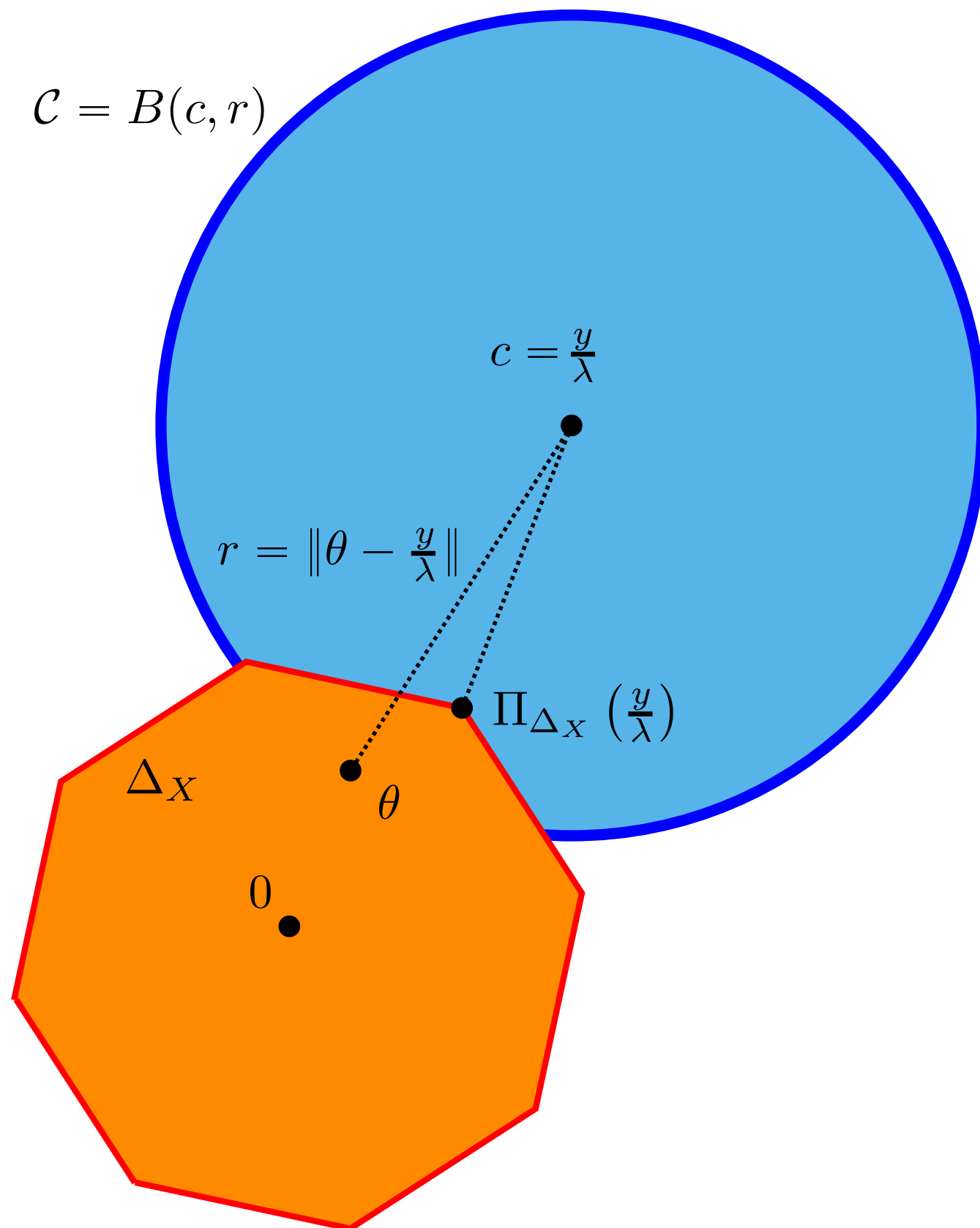
We say we screen-out the variables \mathbf{x}_j satisfying (1)

Active set : $A^{(\lambda)}(\mathcal{C}) = \{j \in [p] : \mu_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{x}_j) \geq 1\}$

New objective:

- ▶ find r as small as possible
- ▶ find c as close to $\hat{\theta}^{(\lambda)}$ as possible.

Creating safe sphere



Gap safe sphere

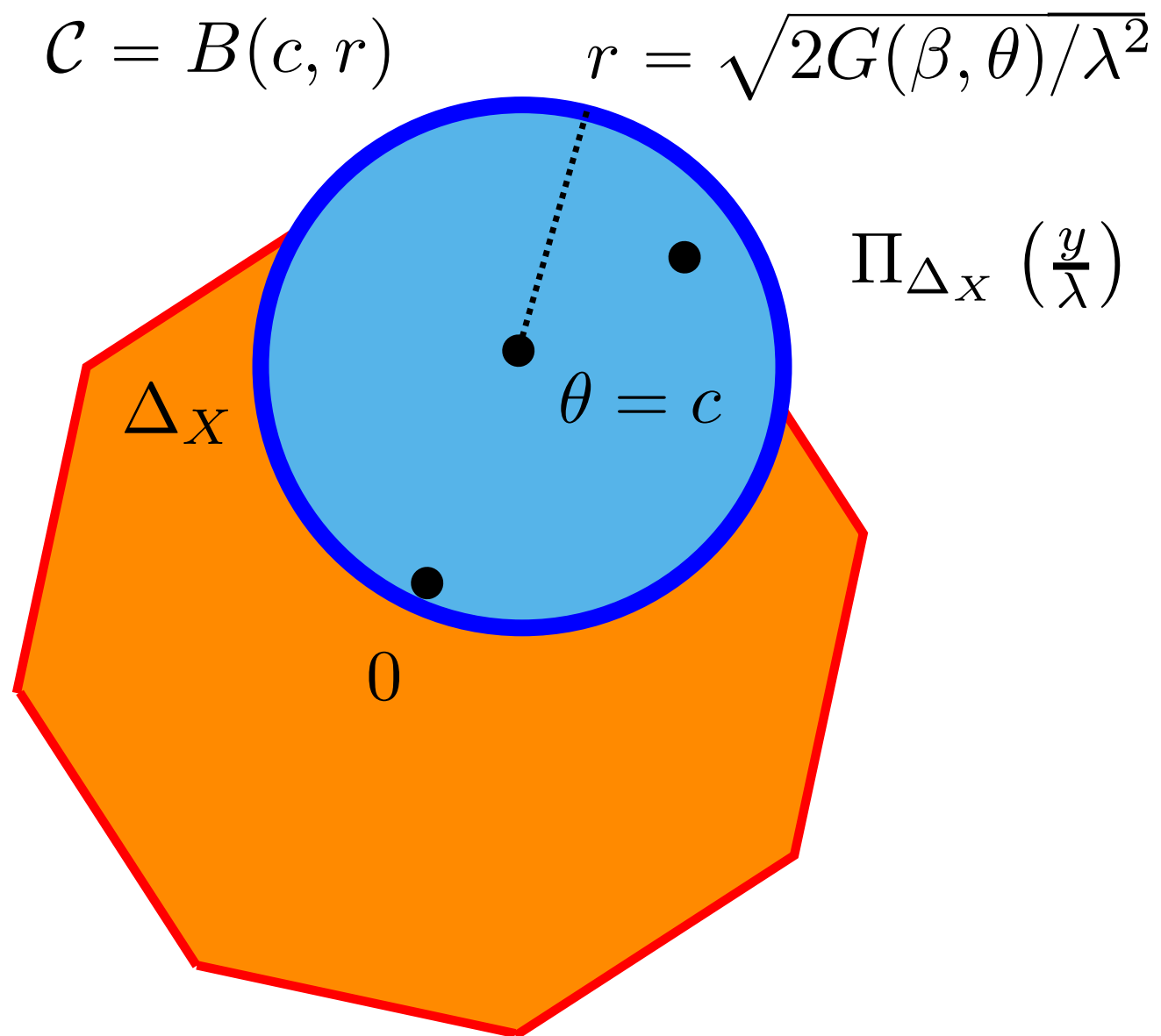
For any $\beta \in \mathbb{R}^p, \theta \in \Delta_X$

$$G_\lambda(\beta, \theta) = \frac{1}{2} \|X\beta - y\|^2 + \lambda \|\beta\|_1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} \|y\|^2 - \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \left\| \theta - \frac{y}{\lambda} \right\|^2 \right)$$

Gap Safe ball: $B(\theta, r_\lambda(\beta, \theta))$, where $r_\lambda(\beta, \theta) = \sqrt{2G_\lambda(\beta, \theta)/\lambda^2}$

Rem: If $\beta_k \rightarrow \hat{\beta}^{(\lambda)}$ and $\theta_k \rightarrow \hat{\theta}^{(\lambda)}$ then $G_\lambda(\beta_k, \theta_k) \rightarrow 0$: a converging solver leads to converging safe rule!

Gap safe sphere is safe !



Algorithm 1 Coordinate descent (Lasso)

Input: $X, y, \epsilon, K, f, (\lambda_t)_{t \in [T-1]}$

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1: Initialization:  $\lambda_0 = \lambda_{\max}, \quad \beta^{\lambda_0} = 0$ 
2: for  $t \in [T - 1]$  do ▷ Loop over  $\lambda$ 's
3:    $\beta \leftarrow \beta^{\lambda_{t-1}}$  ▷ previous  $\epsilon$ -solution
4:   for  $k \in [K]$  do
5:     if  $k \bmod f = 1$  then
6:       Construct  $\theta \in \Delta_X$ 
7:       if  $G_{\lambda_t}(\beta, \theta) \leq \epsilon$  then ▷ Stop if duality gap small
8:          $\beta^{\lambda_t} \leftarrow \beta$ 
9:         break
10:      end if
11:    end if
12:    for  $j \in [p]$  do ▷ Soft-Threshold coordinates
13:       $\beta_j \leftarrow \text{ST}\left(\frac{\lambda_t}{\|\mathbf{x}_j\|^2}, \beta_j - \frac{\mathbf{x}_j^\top (X\beta - y)}{\|\mathbf{x}_j\|^2}\right)$ 
14:    end for
15:  end for
16: end for
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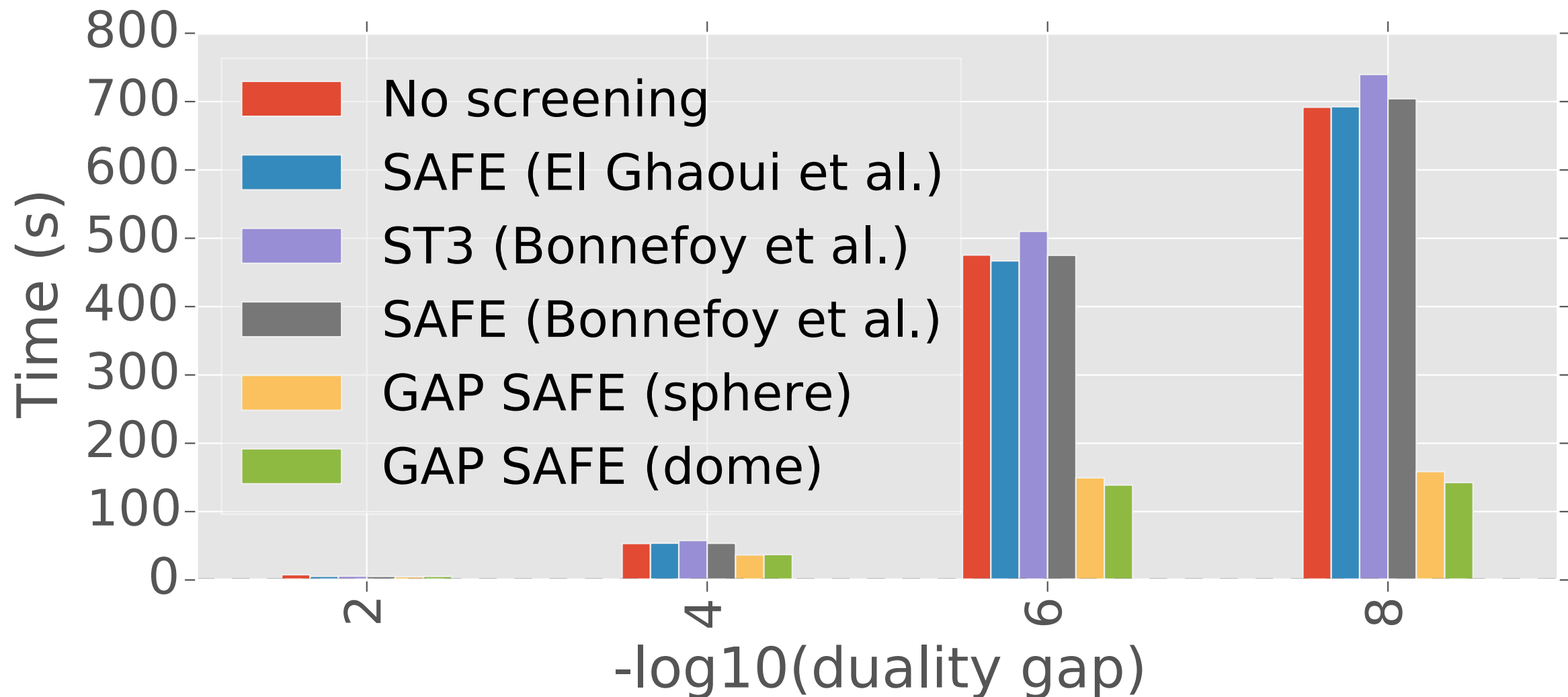
Algorithm 2 Coordinate descent (Lasso) with GAP Safe screening

Input: $X, y, \epsilon, K, f, (\lambda_t)_{t \in [T-1]}$

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2: for  $t \in [T - 1]$  do ▷ Loop over  $\lambda$ 's
3:    $\beta \leftarrow \beta^{\lambda_{t-1}}$  ▷ previous  $\epsilon$ -solution
4:   for  $k \in [K]$  do
5:     if  $k \bmod f = 1$  then
6:       Construct  $\theta \in \Delta_X, A^{\lambda_t}(\mathcal{C}) = \{j \in [p] : \mu_{\mathcal{C}}(\mathbf{x}_j) \geq 1\}$ 
7:       if  $G_{\lambda_t}(\beta, \theta) \leq \epsilon$  then ▷ Stop if duality gap small
8:          $\beta^{\lambda_t} \leftarrow \beta$ 
9:         break
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Results

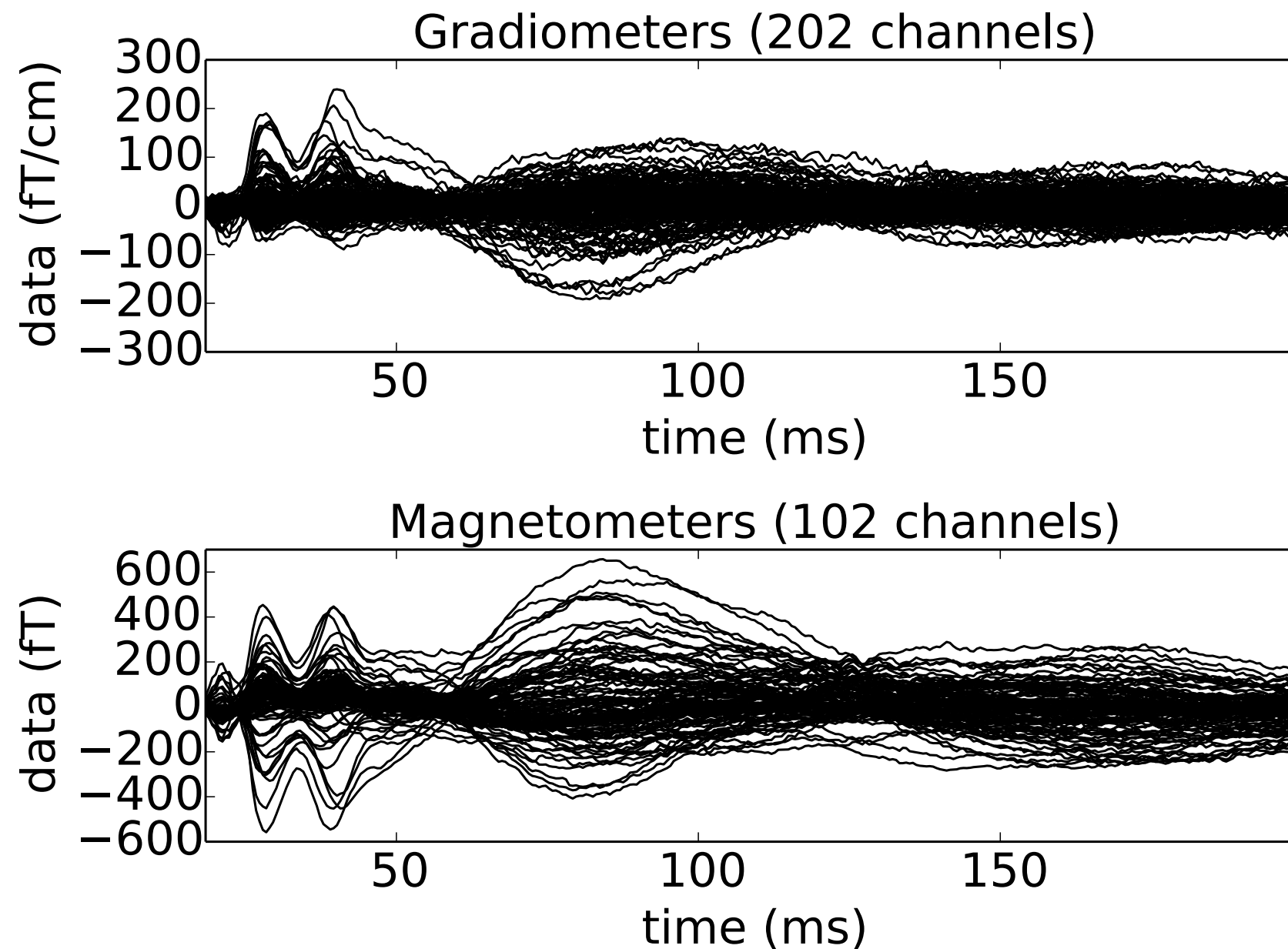
Results



Time to reach convergence using various screening rules.
Full path with **100 values of λ** on logarithmic grid from λ_{\max} to $\lambda_{\max}/1000$

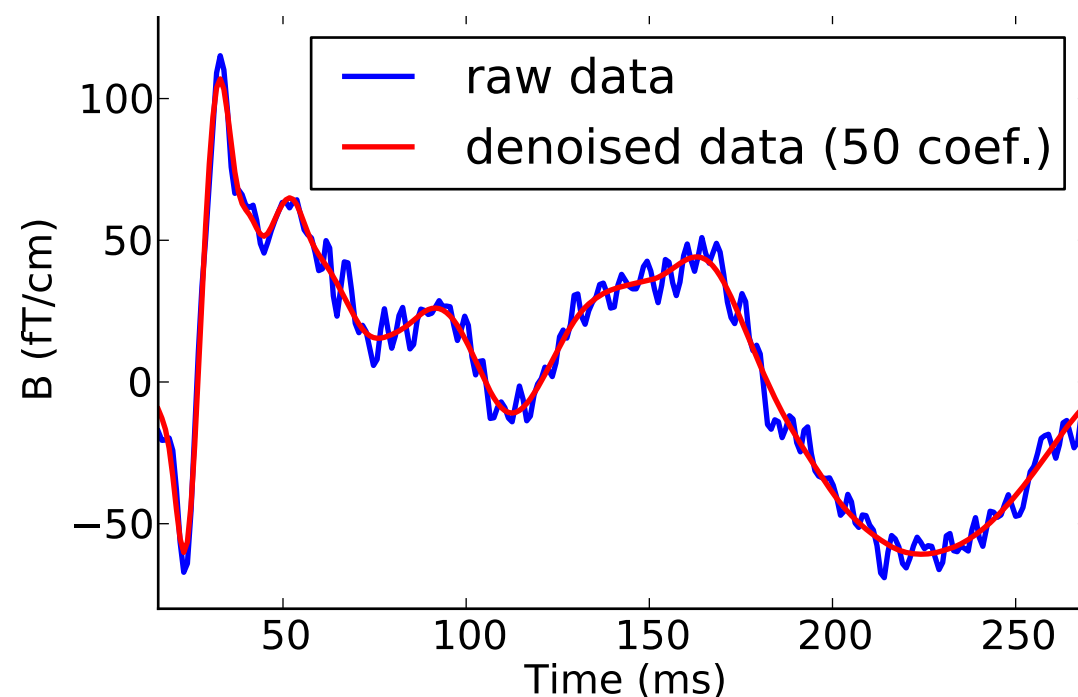
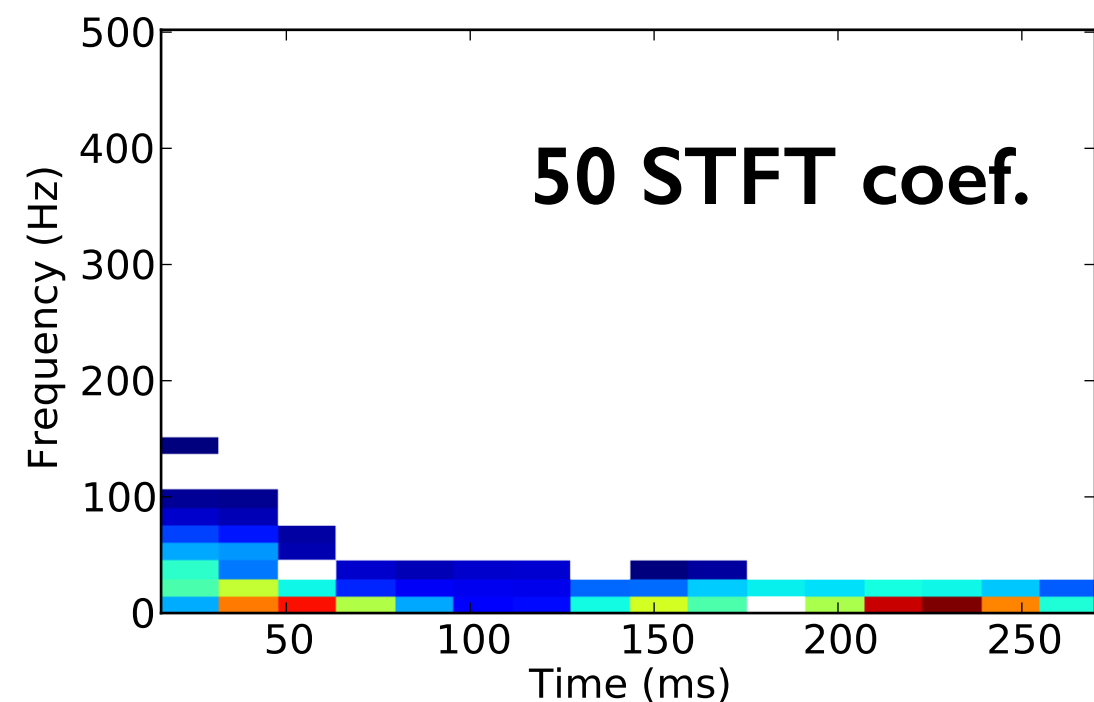
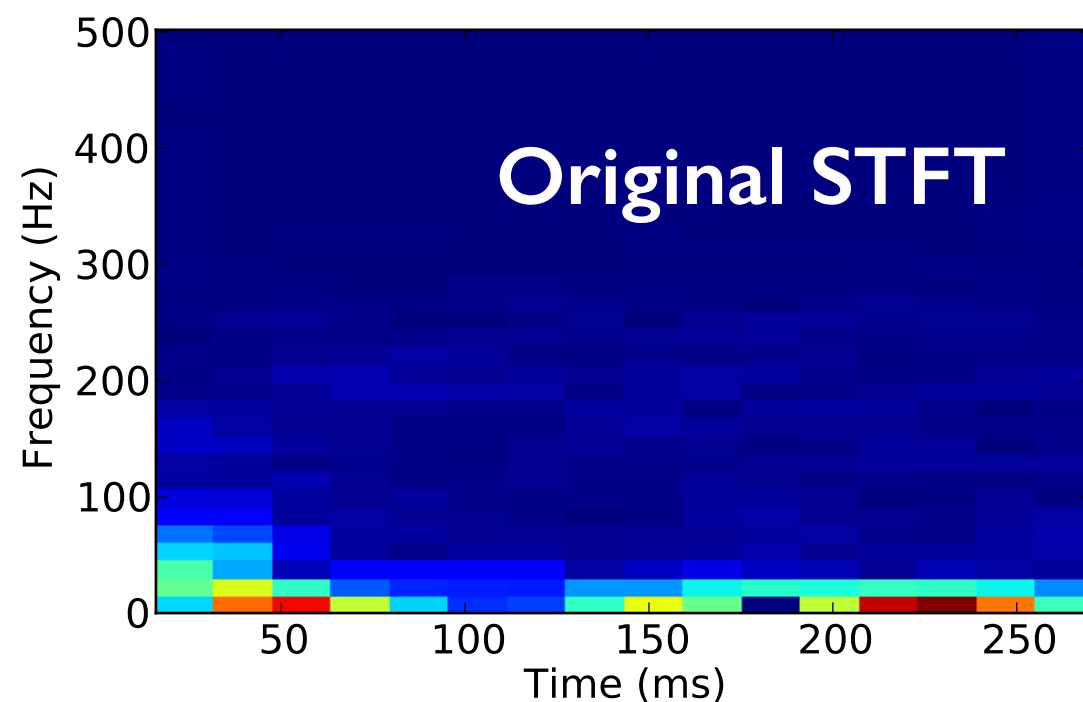
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Beyond Lasso with time



Challenge: How do you promote sparse solutions with non-stationary sources?

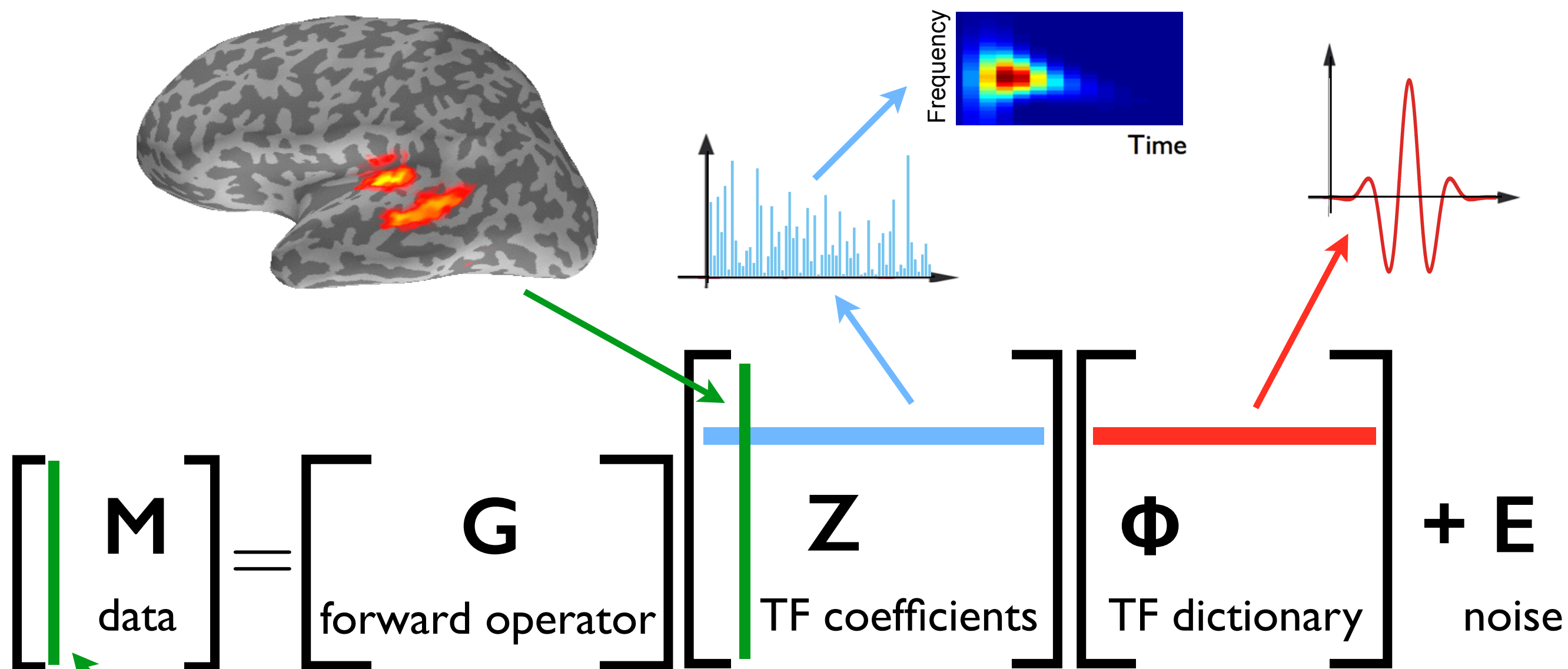
Change the representation



[“Wavelet shrinkage” Donoho & Johnstone 94]
[“Soft thresholding” Donoho 95]
[Application to evoked EEG, O. Bertrand et al. 94]
[Application to ST EEG, Quiroga et al. 03]
etc.

[Moussallam, Gramfort, Richard, Daudet, Signal Processing Letters 2014]

$$\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{G}\mathbf{Z}\Phi + \mathbf{E}$$



Objective: estimate \mathbf{Z} given \mathbf{M}

[Gramfort et al., *Time-Frequency Mixed-Norm Estimates: Sparse M/EEG imaging with non-stationary source activations*, Neuroimage 2013]

Time-frequency (TF) regularization

The classical approach [MNE, dSPM, sLORETA]:

$$\hat{\mathbf{X}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{X}} \underbrace{\|\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{G}\mathbf{X}\|_F^2}_{\text{data fit}} + \underbrace{\lambda\phi(\mathbf{X})}_{\text{regularization}}, \quad \lambda > 0$$

we propose:

$$\hat{\mathbf{Z}} = \arg \min_{\mathbf{Z}} \|\mathbf{M} - \mathbf{G}\mathbf{Z}\Phi^{\mathcal{H}}\|_F^2 + \lambda\phi(\mathbf{Z}), \quad \text{then } \hat{\mathbf{X}} = \hat{\mathbf{Z}}\Phi^{\mathcal{H}}$$

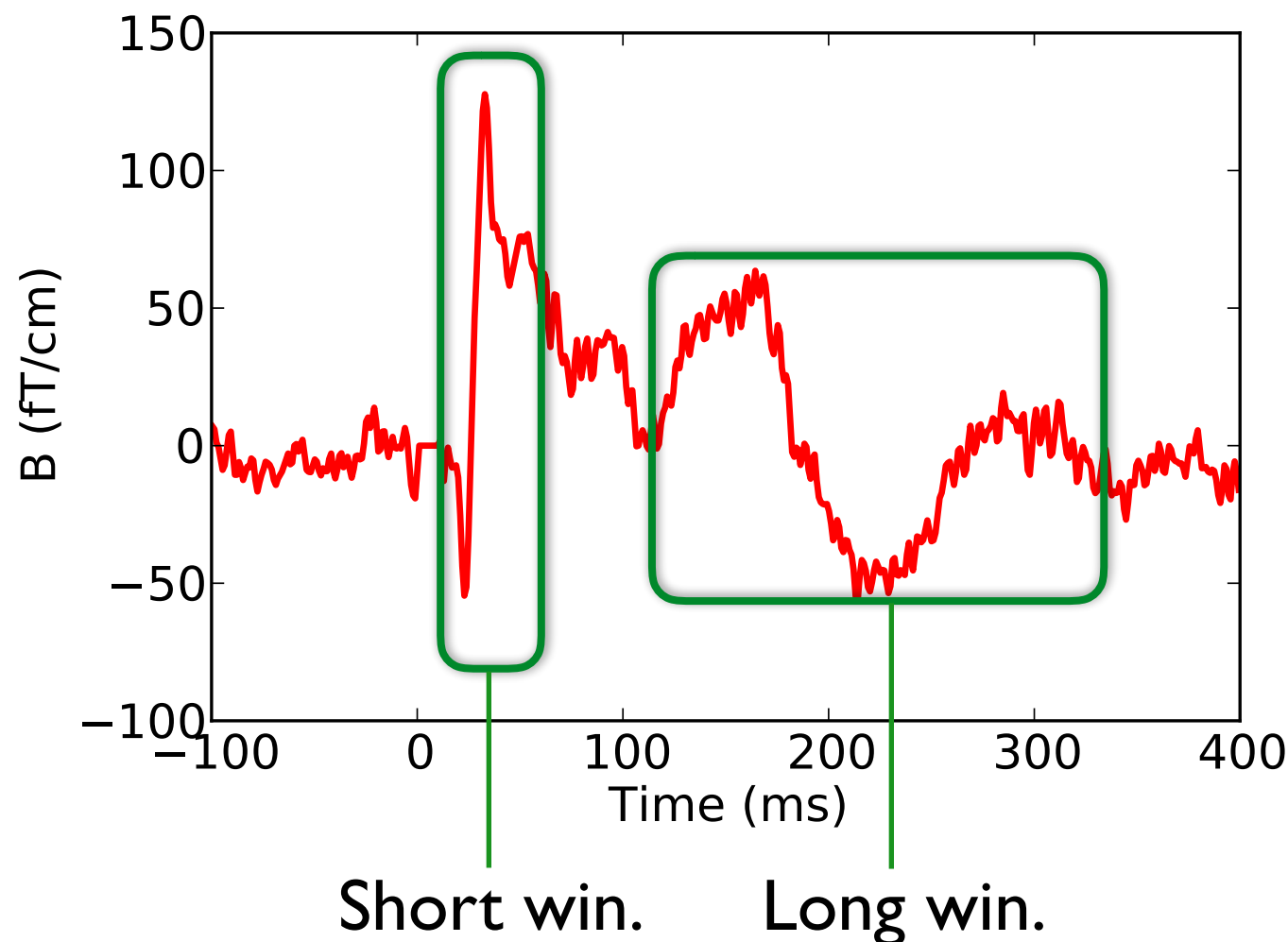
- Φ : is a TF dictionary
- \mathbf{Z} : coefficients of the TF transform of the sources

localization in space, time
and frequency in one step

Multi-scale dictionary

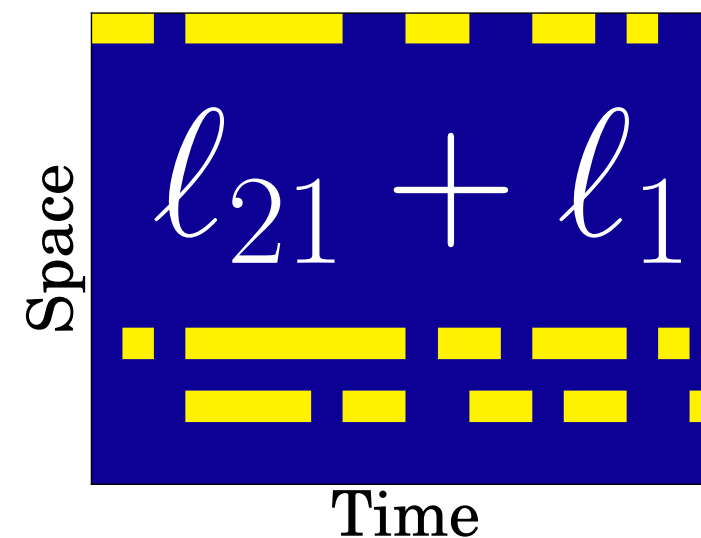
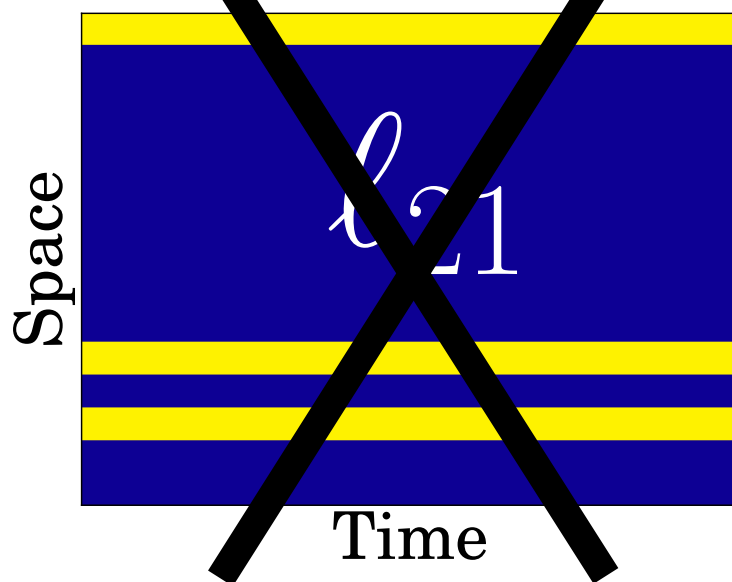
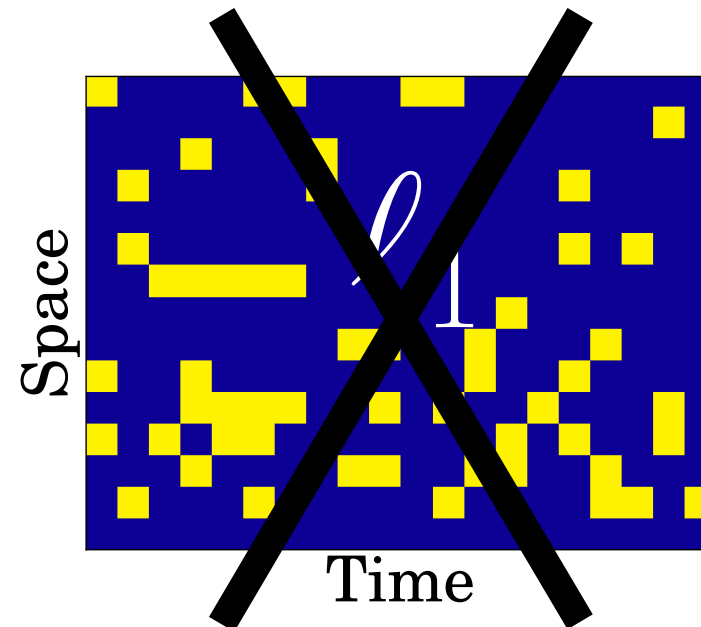
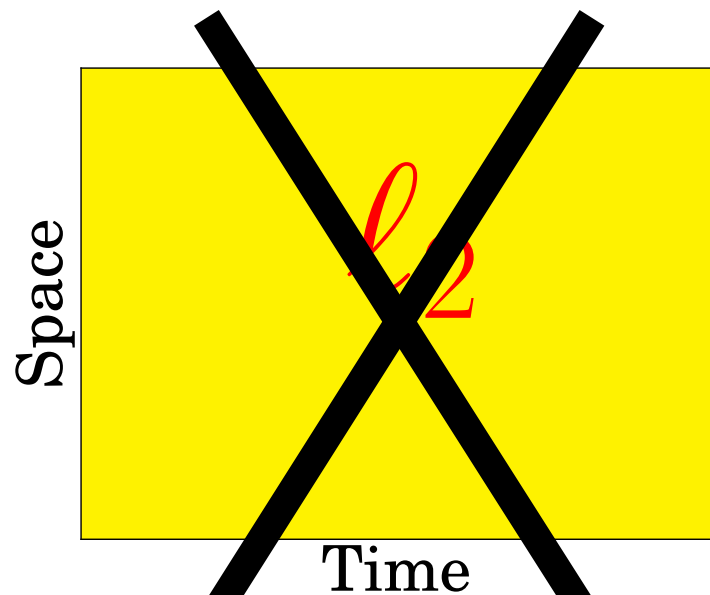
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- Φ : union of n **STFT dict.** with **diff. window lengths**
- \mathbf{Z} : is the combination of **coefficients** of the **diff. TF transforms** of the sources



[Bekhti et al. 2016]
cf. [Kowalski et al. 2008]
cf. [Starck et al. 2005]

What regularization?

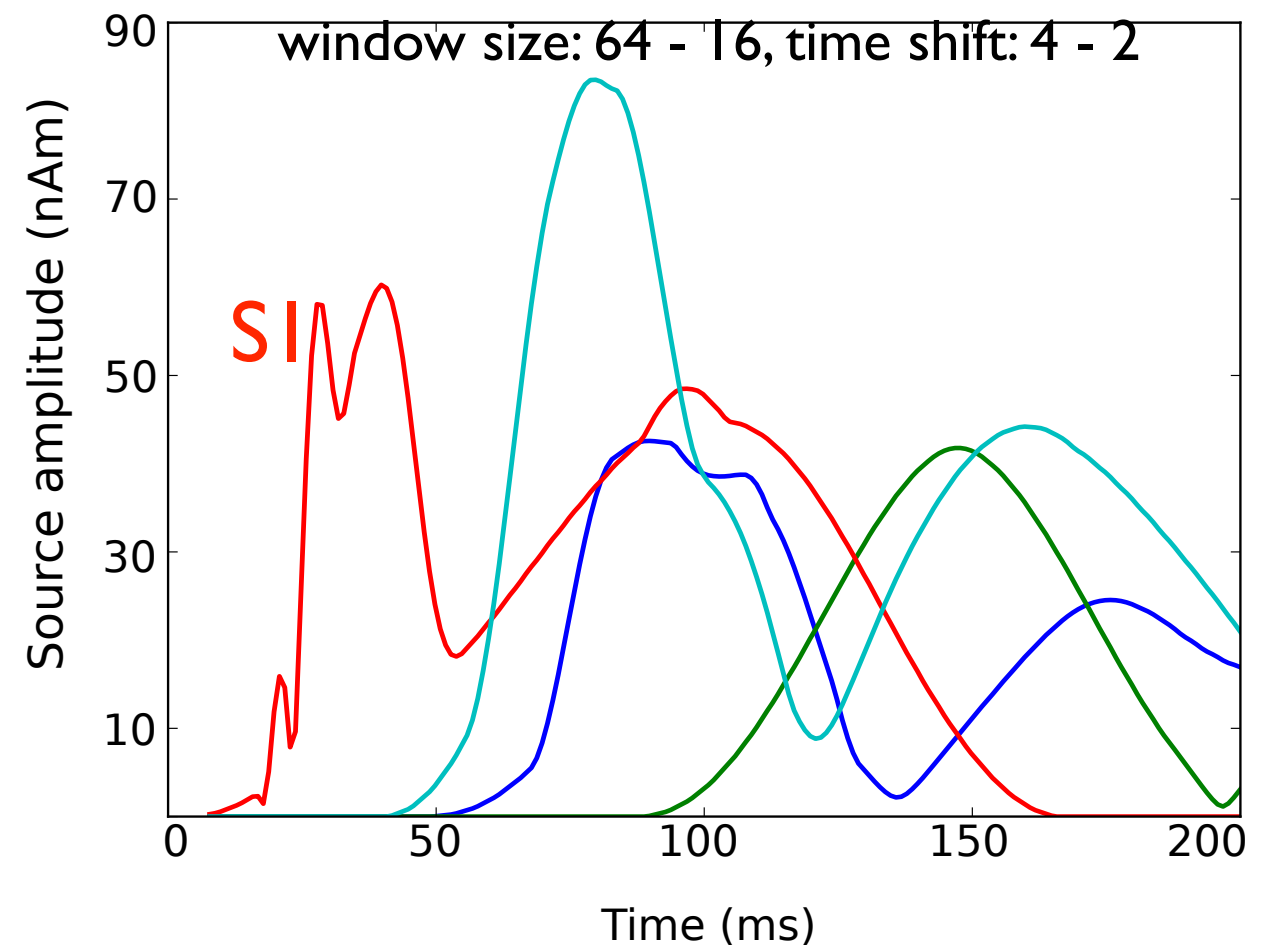
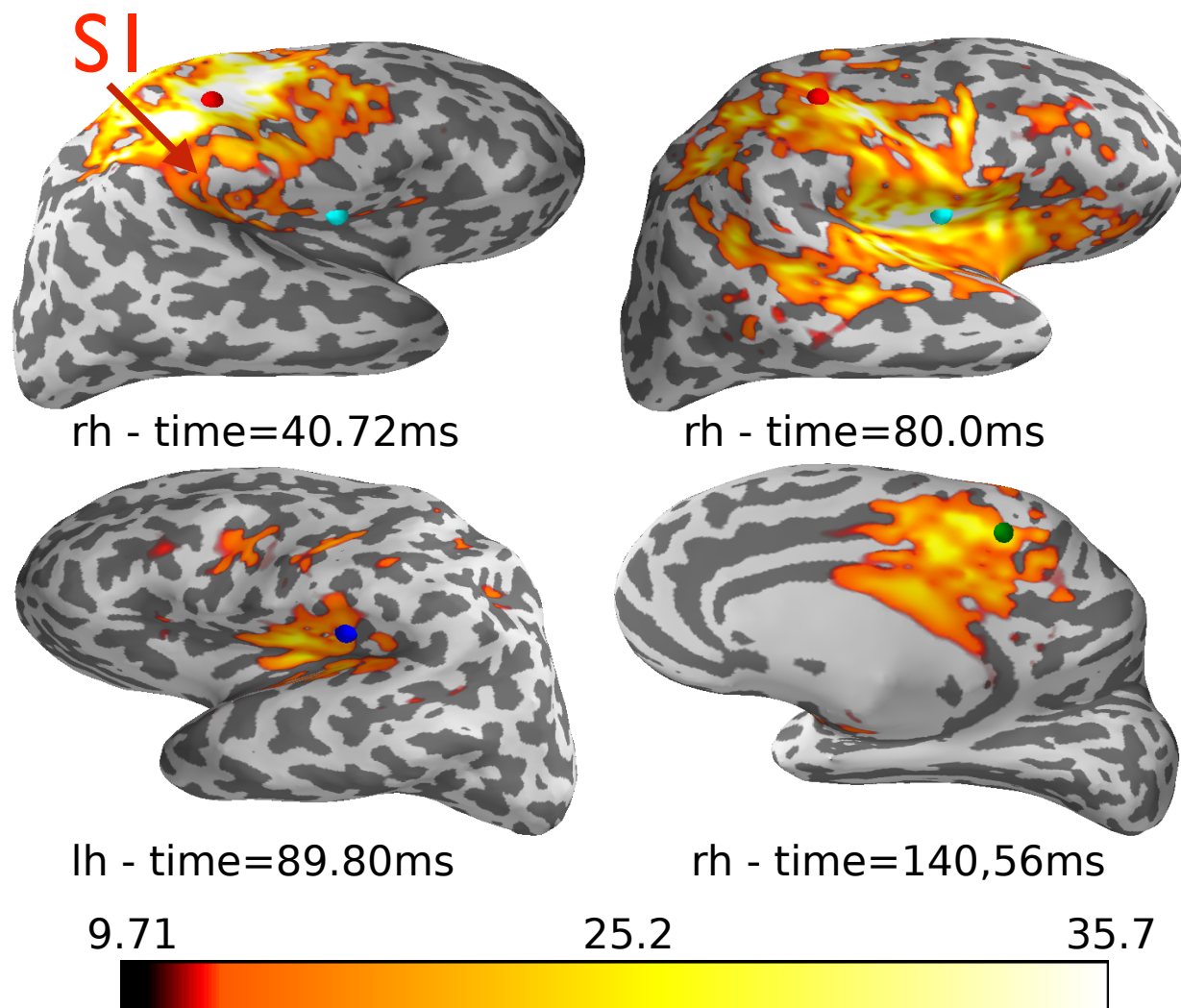


$$\phi(Z) = \lambda(\rho \|Z\|_1 + (1 - \rho) \|Z\|_{21})$$

$$\|\mathbf{X}\|_{21} = \sum_i \sqrt{\sum_t |x_{i,t}|^2}$$

Results

Somatosensory - MIND dataset



- Clear sequential activations
- No spatial leakage

[Bekhti et al. PRNI 2016]

Convolutional Networks Map the Architecture of the Human Visual System

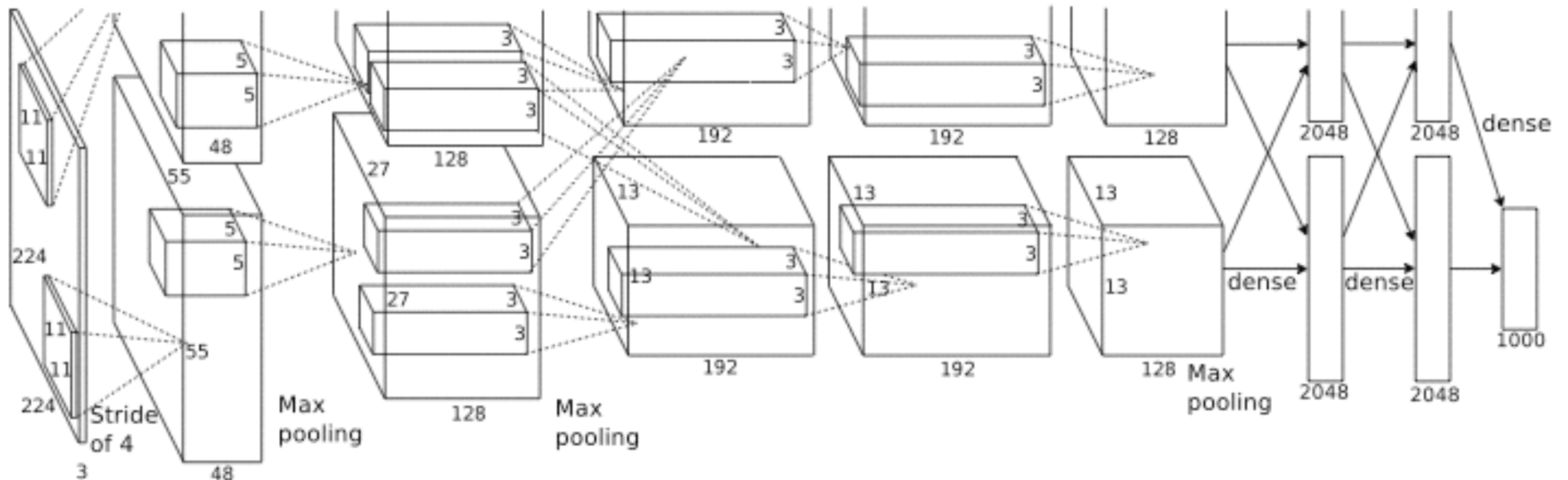
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joint work with Bertrand Thirion and Gaël Varoquaux

*“Seeing it all: Convolutional network layers map the function of the human visual system”
Michael Eickenberg, Alexandre Gramfort, Gaël Varoquaux, Bertrand Thirion, Neuroimage (to appear)*

Convolutional Nets for Computer Vision



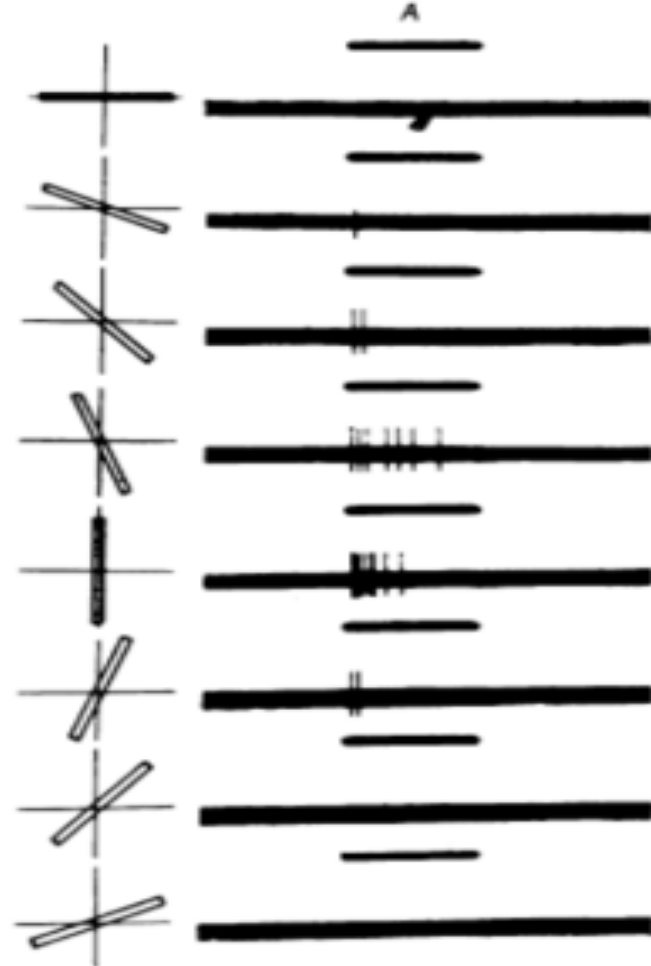
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Relating biological and computer vision

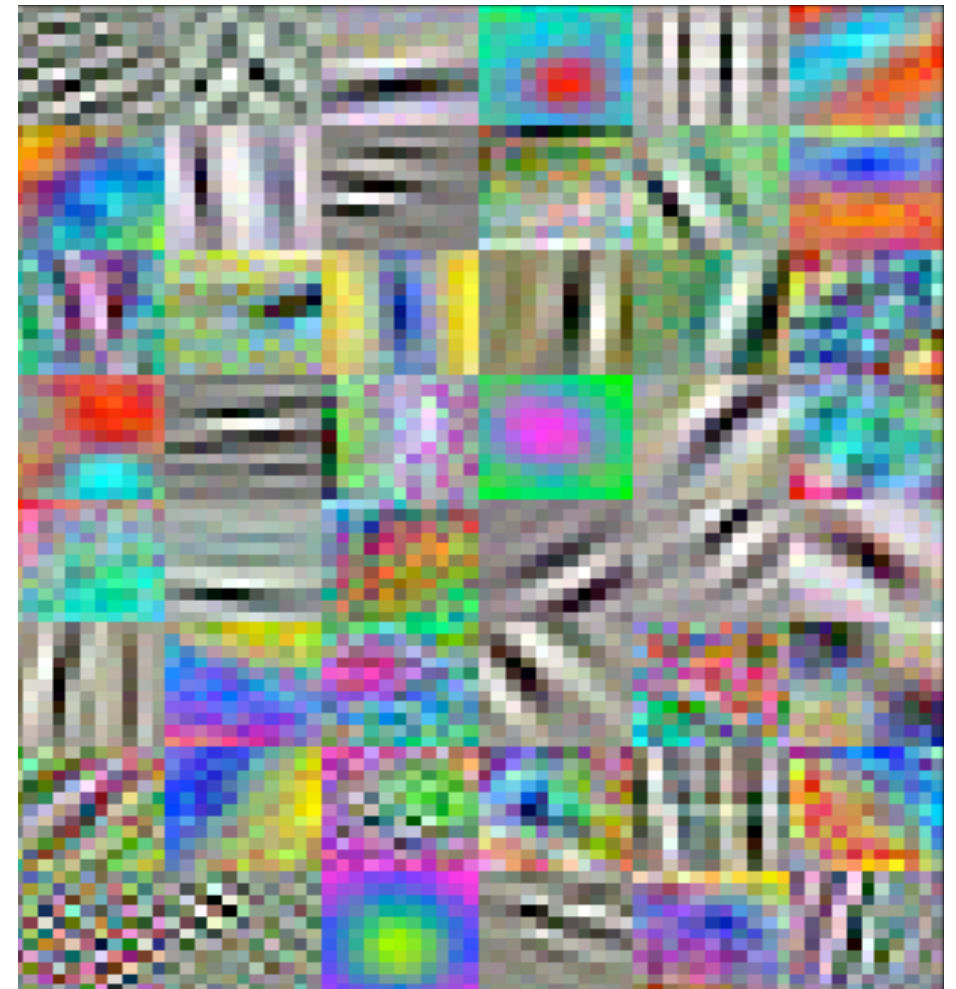
Low Level

Cat VI
orientation selectivity




[Hubel & Wiesel, 1959]

ConvNet Layer 1



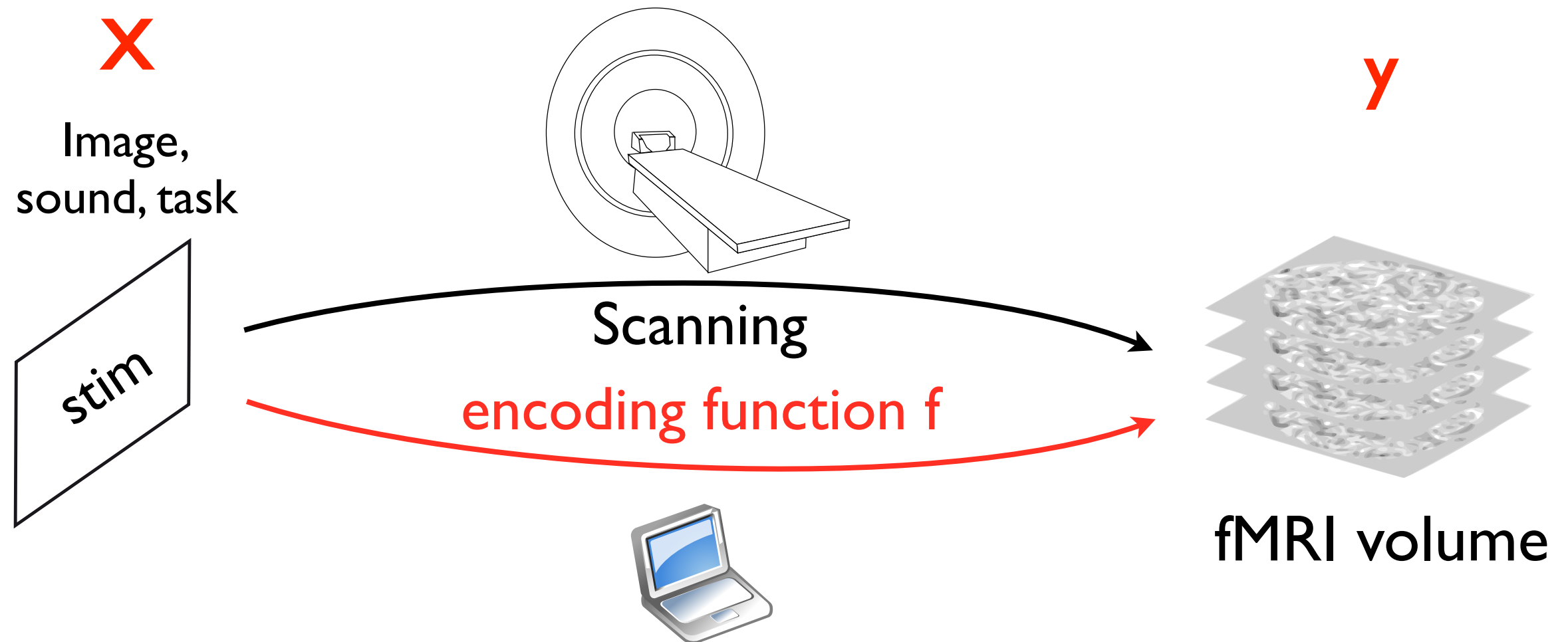
[Sermanet 2013]

- VI functionality comprises edge detection
- Convolutional nets learn edge detectors, color boundary detectors and blob detectors



Can we use computer vision models and a large fMRI data to better understand human vision?

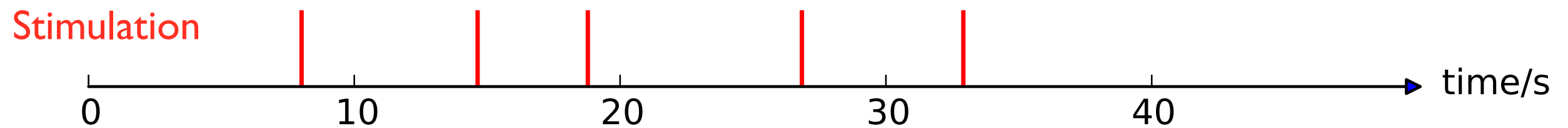
Learning the fMRI encoding function



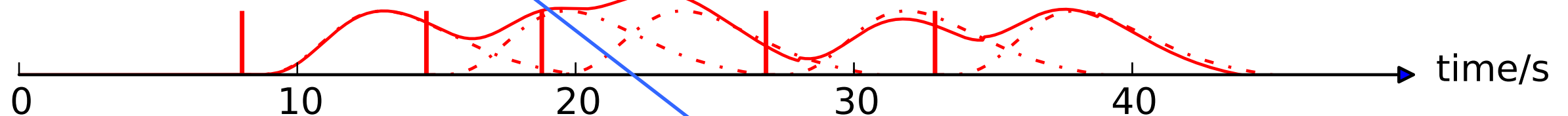
Challenge: Predict y given X or learn a function $f : X \rightarrow y$

[Thirion et al. 06, Kay et al. 08, Naselaris et al. 11, Nishimoto et al. 2011, Huth 2012 et al., Schoenmakers et al. 13, Güçlü et al. 2015, Cichy, et al. 2016, Huth et al. 2016 ...]

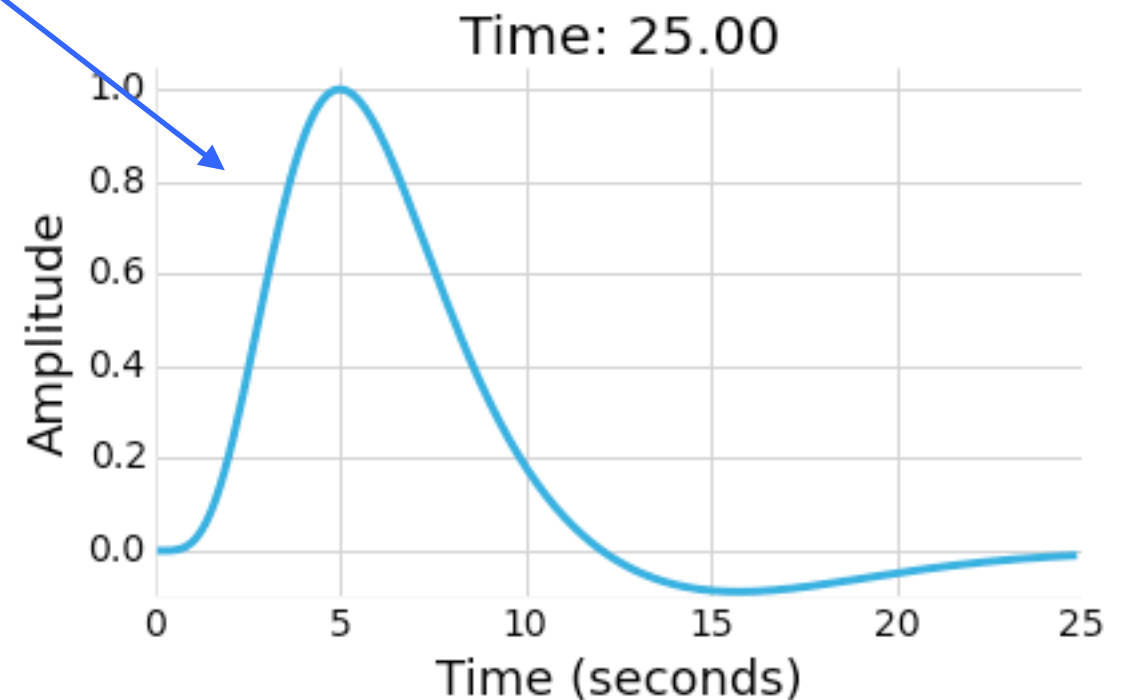
fMRI paradigm and HRF



Model pred. = stimulation * filter (convolution)



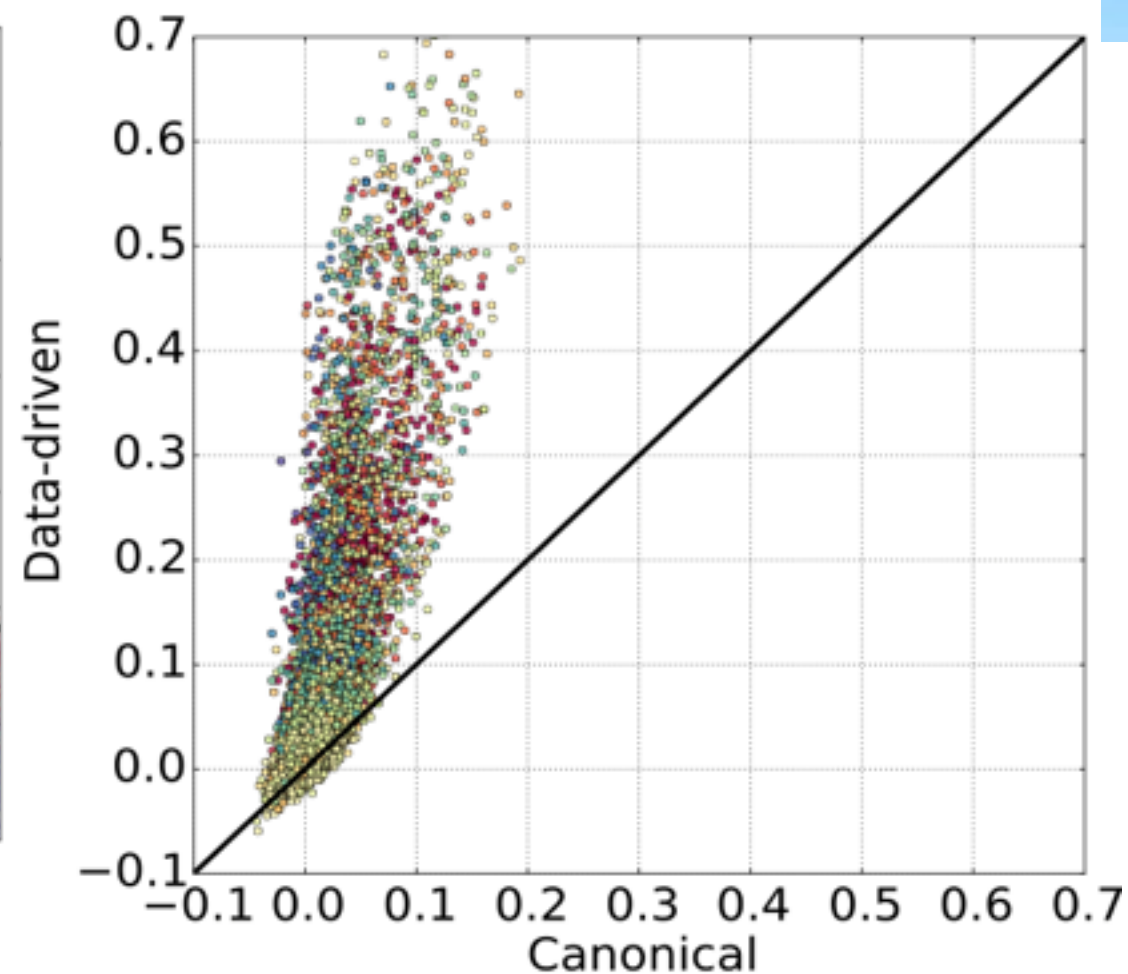
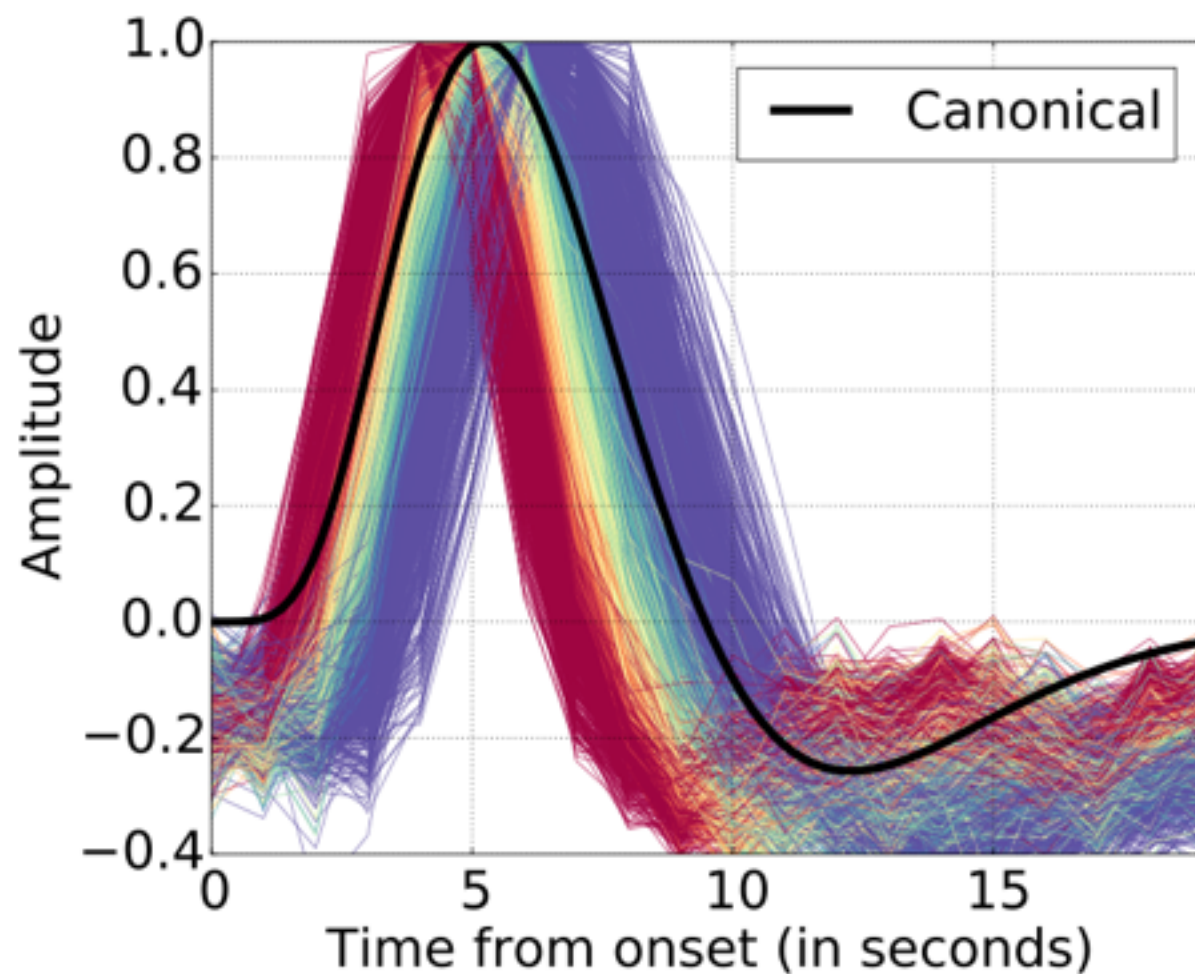
HRF: Hemodynamic response function



Feature extraction by deconvolution

Fabian Pedregosa

One estimates a filter for each voxel using rank constrained optimization

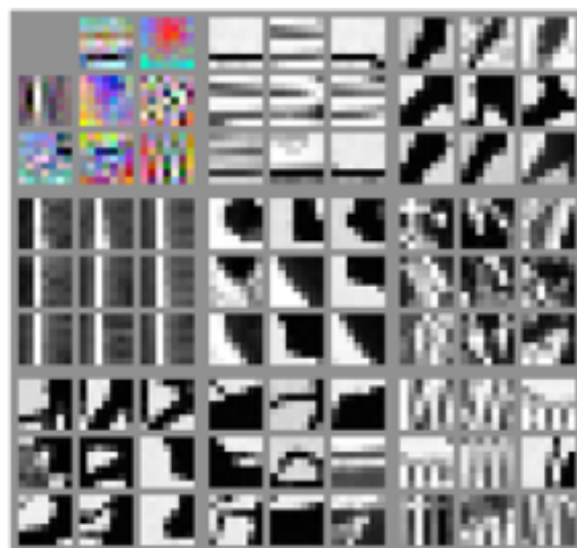


Data-driven HRF estimation for encoding and decoding models, Fabian Pedregosa, Michael Eickenberg, Philippe Ciuciu, Bertrand Thirion and Alexandre Gramfort, Neuroimage 2015

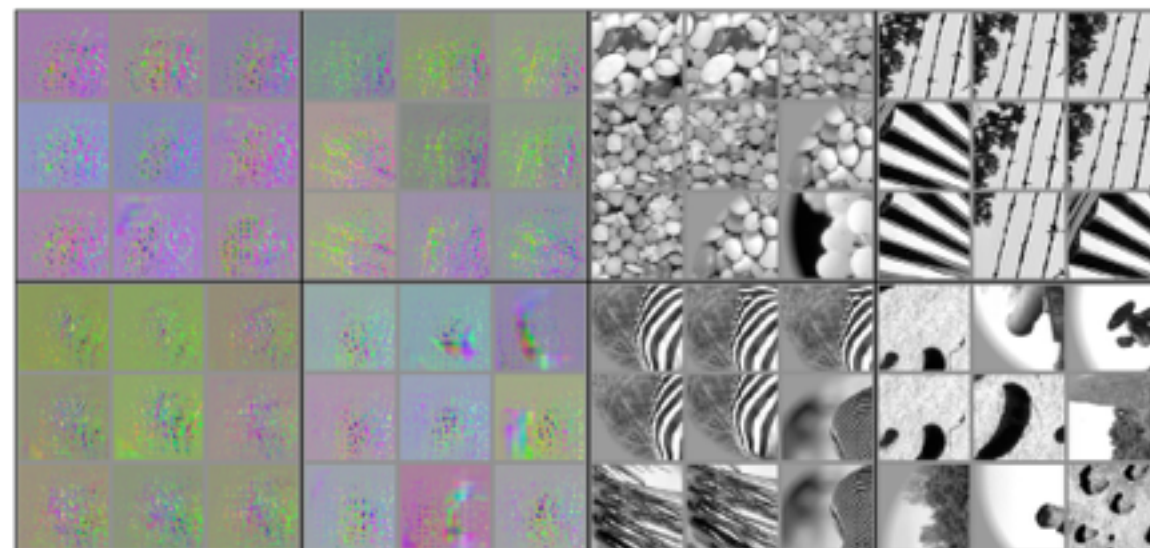
Input



Layer 1

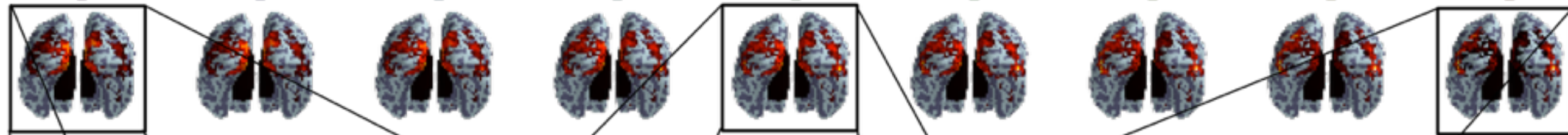


Layer 5



Convolutional Net

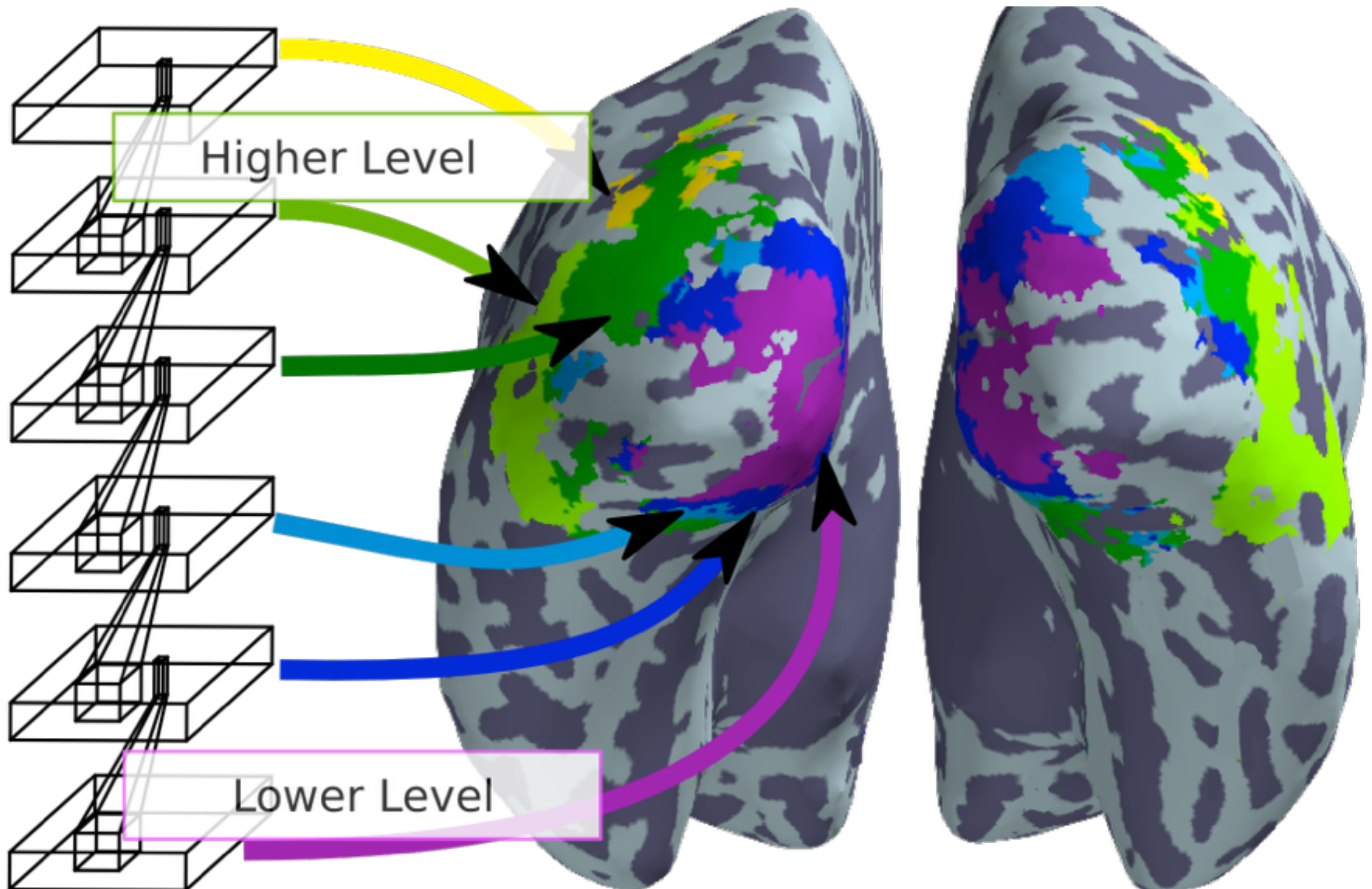
Linear predictive models



Some details on the data

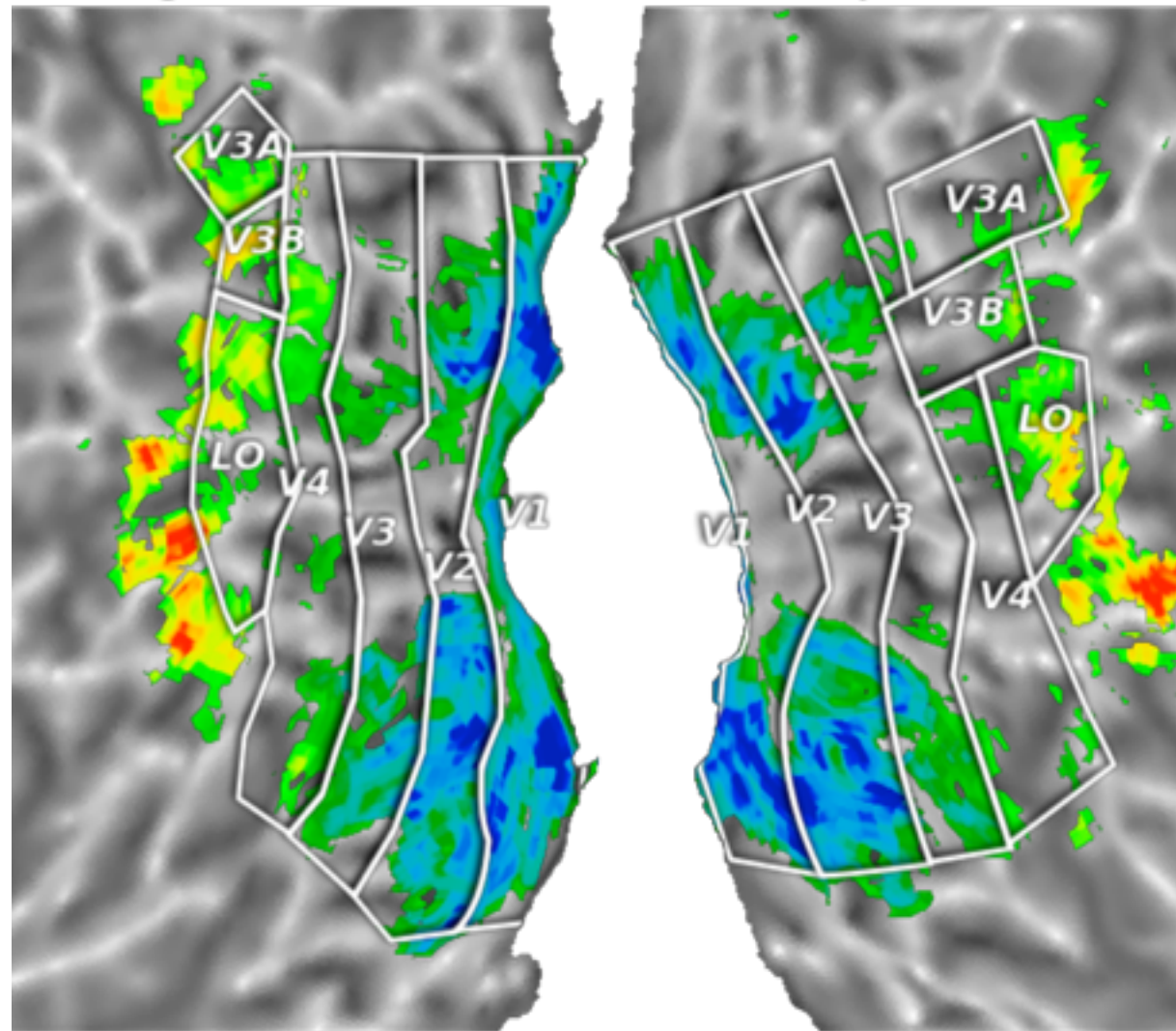
- Some details about the data:
 - 30GB of stimuli (15 frames/s in .png for 3h)
 - about 4,000 volumes
 - about 10GB of raw data
 - 30,000 “good” voxels
 - > 3h in the scanner

Best Predicting Layers per Voxel

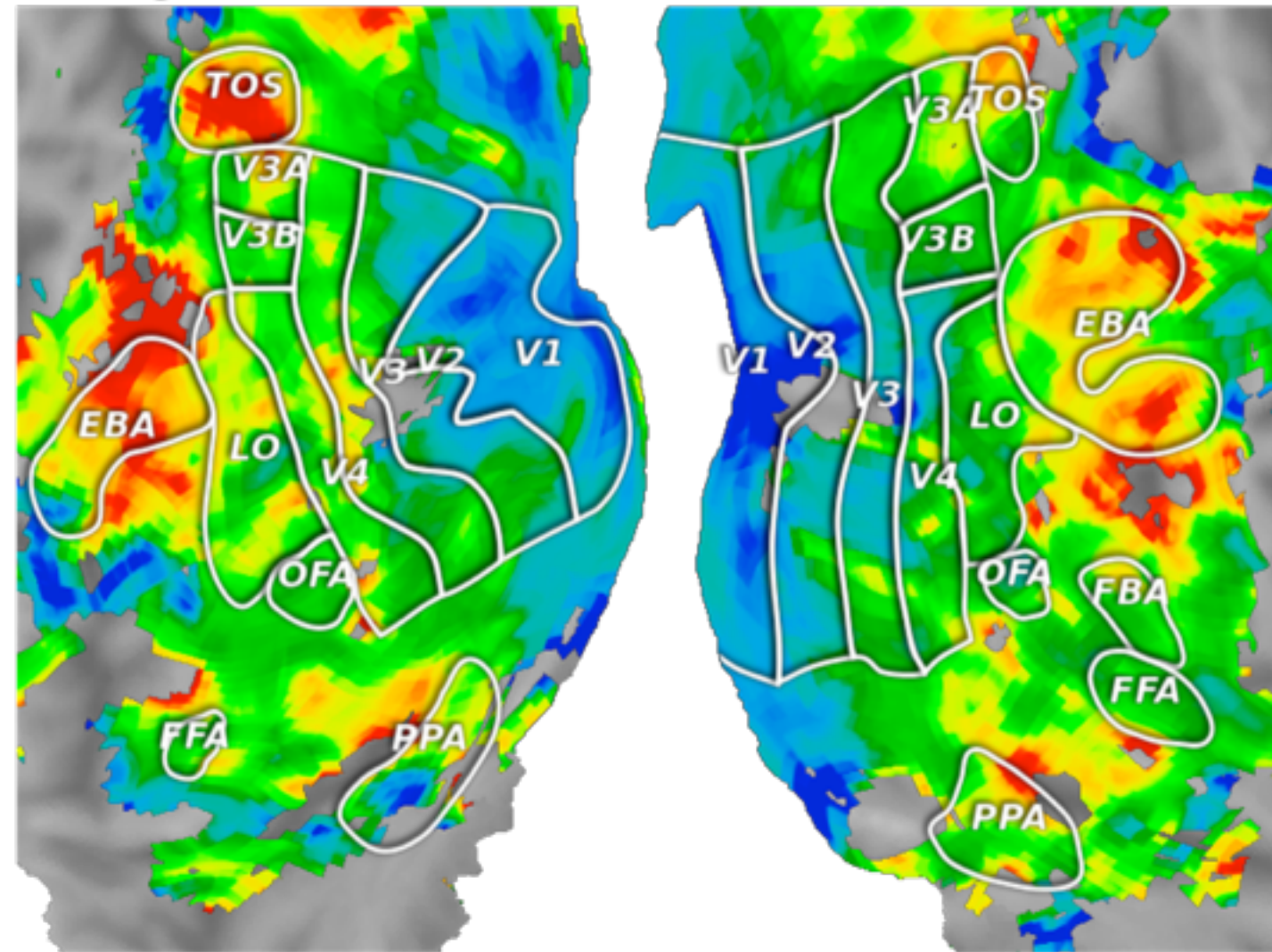


Fingerprints summary statistic

A Fingerprint summaries for Kay2008

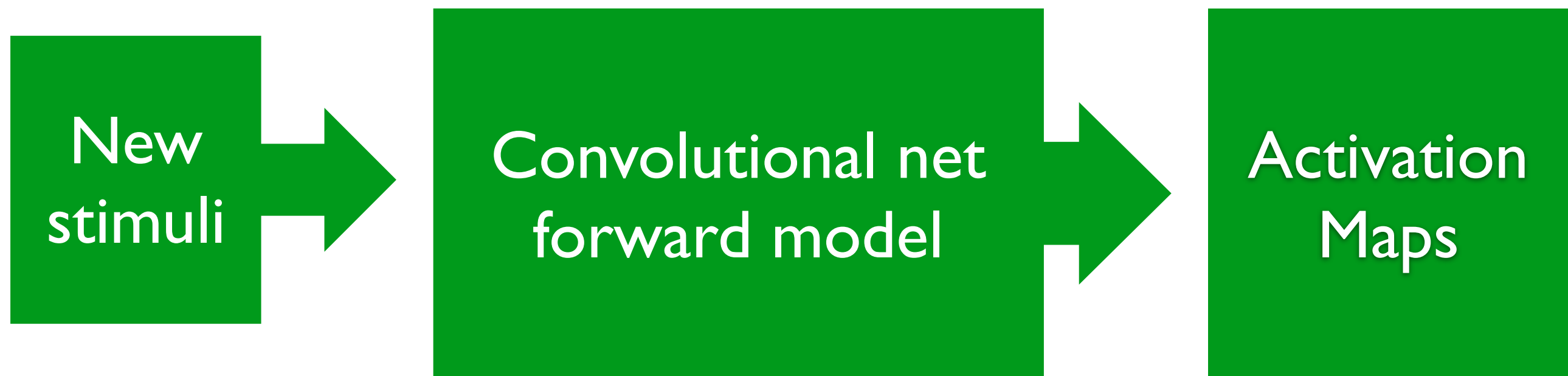


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Photos
Videos
2 public datasets from UC Berkeley

Synthesizing Brain activation maps

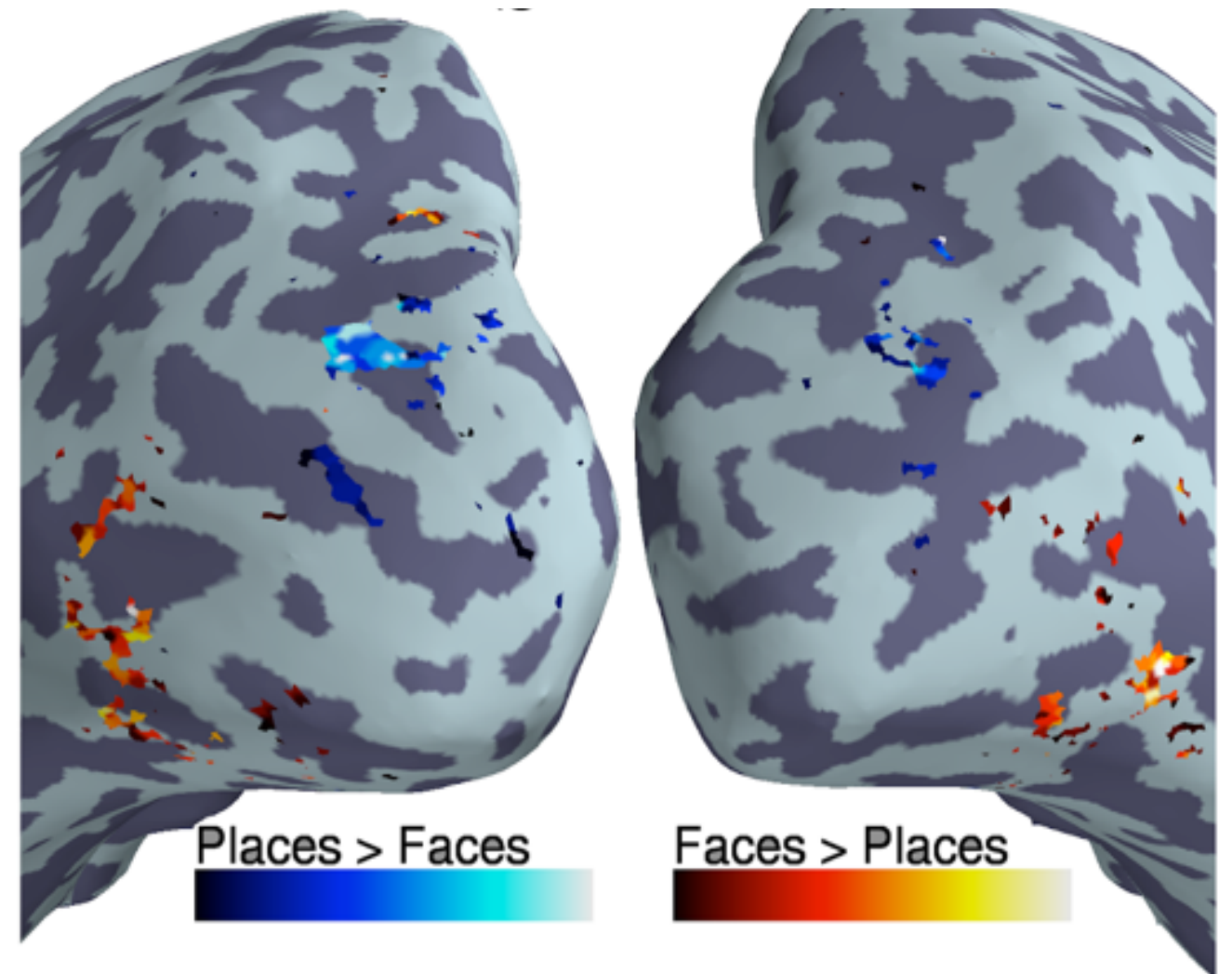


Did we learn a good forward model of brain activation as seen with fMRI?

Faces vs Places: Ground Truth



Stimuli from [Kay 2008]
Close-up faces and scenes



Contrast of
stimuli from [Kay 2008]
Close-up faces and scenes

Let's take a step back...



What is changing?

Volume (Computational issues)

- Standard MEG Study (25 subjects, 10 GB per subject)
- Human Connectome Project (18GB x 1000 subjects), USA with first MEG data released in March 2015 (100 subjects)
- Human Brain Project, EU



Data variability (Computational issues)

- 7000 fMRI pipelines lead to different neuroscience findings [Carp 2012]

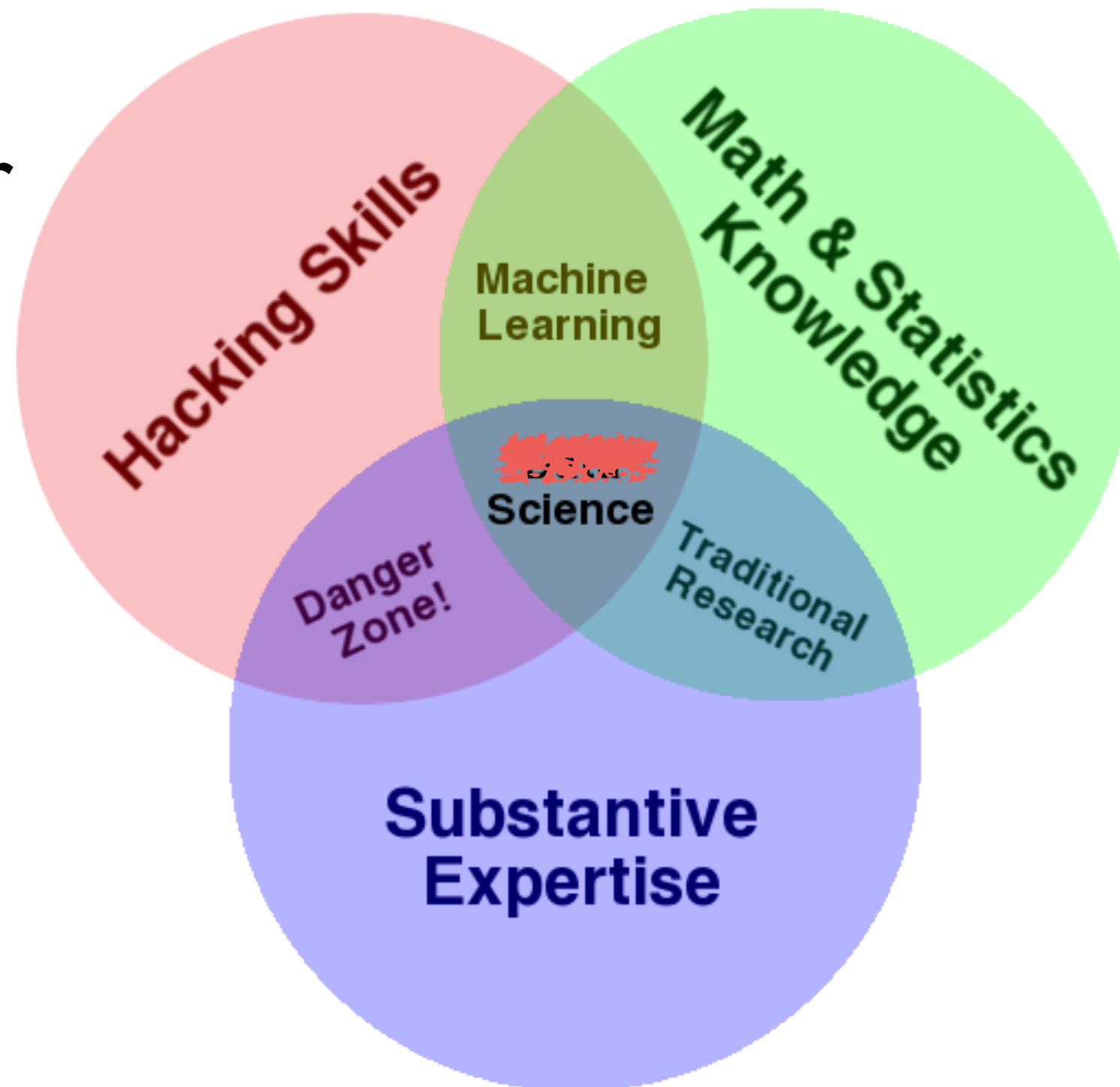
Conclusion

- The world of neuroimaging is full of challenging stats and optimization problems ...
- ... look at the data to find the relevant ones

"An approximate answer to the right problem is worth a good deal more than an exact answer to an approximate problem. ~ John Tukey"

Computer
Science

Statistics



Neuro ~~Science~~ Science

Drew Conway

The human inverse problem

Observations

Sparse, Convex
optimization, STFT,
proximal operator,
neural networks,

etc...



brain
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How do you solve
this ill-posed problem?



scikit-learn: machine learning in Python — scikit-learn 0.14 documentation

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Algorithms: SVM, n
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Applications: Visual
efficiency

Algorithms: PCA, ls
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MEG + EEG ANALYSIS & VISUALIZATION

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MNE is a community-driven software package designed for for **processing electroencephalography (EEG) and magnetoencephalography (MEG) data** providing comprehensive tools and workflows for:

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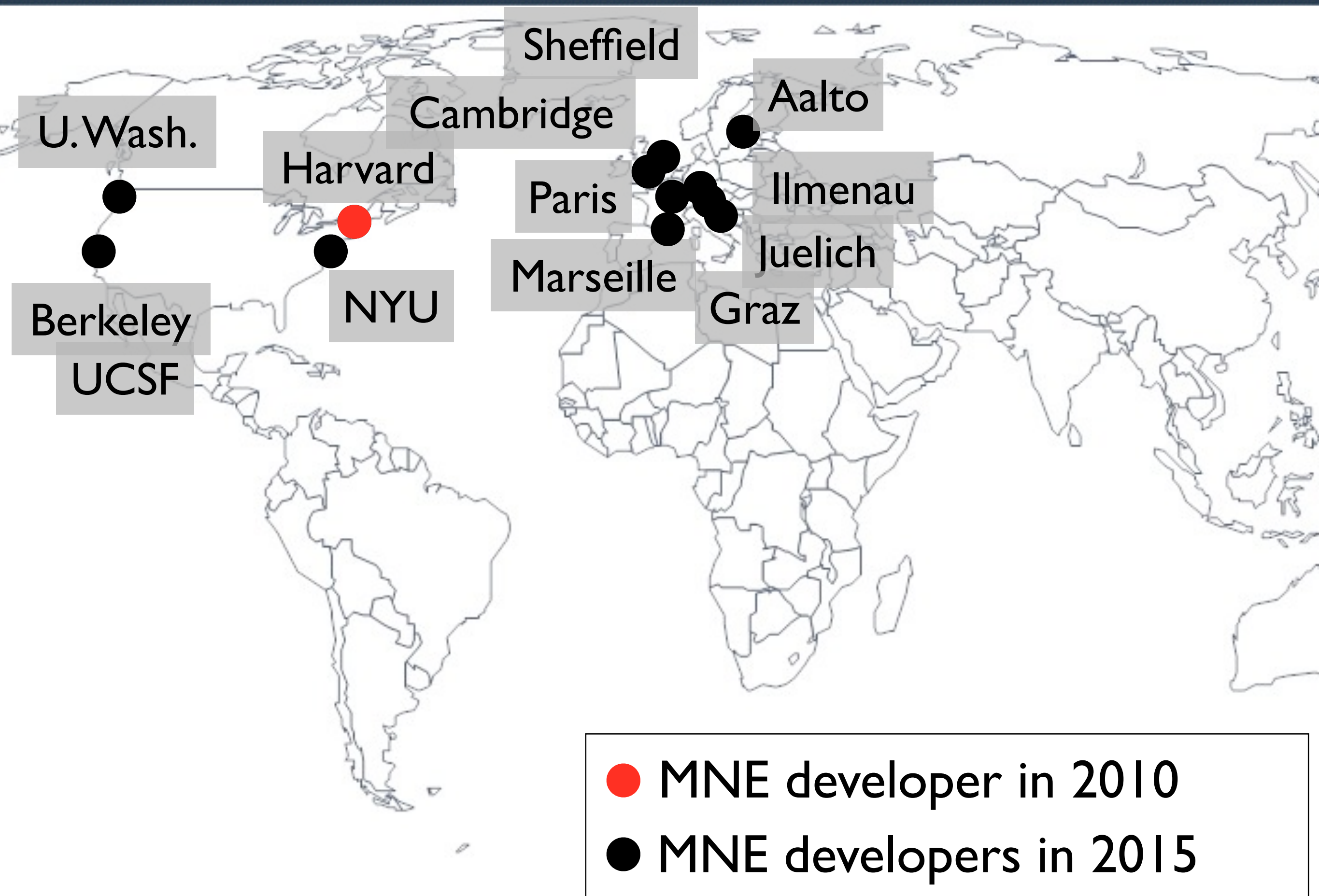
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