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# Movement artifacts in fMRI

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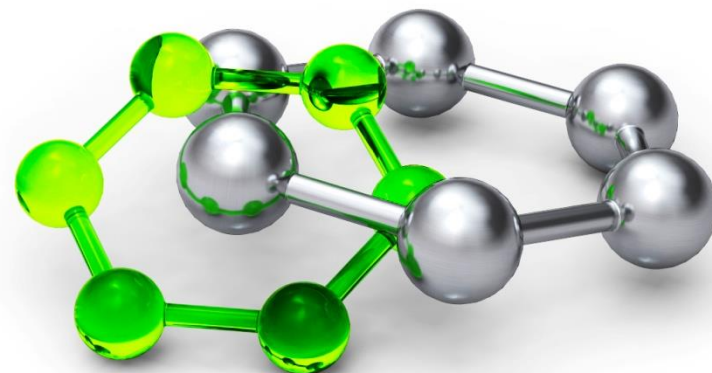
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# Movement artifacts in fMRI



- Most important artifact in fMRI data
- As a result of movement of subject's head during acquisition
  - Translation and rotation of scans – it is possible to correct using some realignment procedure
  - Artificial changes in BOLD signal – it is not easy to correct it completely
- Movement within one scan (one TR)
  - *Phase-encoded* artifact – distortion in phase encoding axis
- Movement between consecutive scans



- Movement between consecutive scans
  - Susceptibility artifact
    - Interaction between inhomogeneities of outer magnetic field and inhomogeneities at the border of tissues with different susceptibilities
    - Both distortion of geometry and signal amplitude
  - Spin-history artifact
    - Caused by movement along main axis (z) of static magnetic field
    - Distortion of signal amplitude in regions with  $T1 \gg TR$  due to incomplete longitudinal relaxation
    - Signal measured from different slice than the excited one

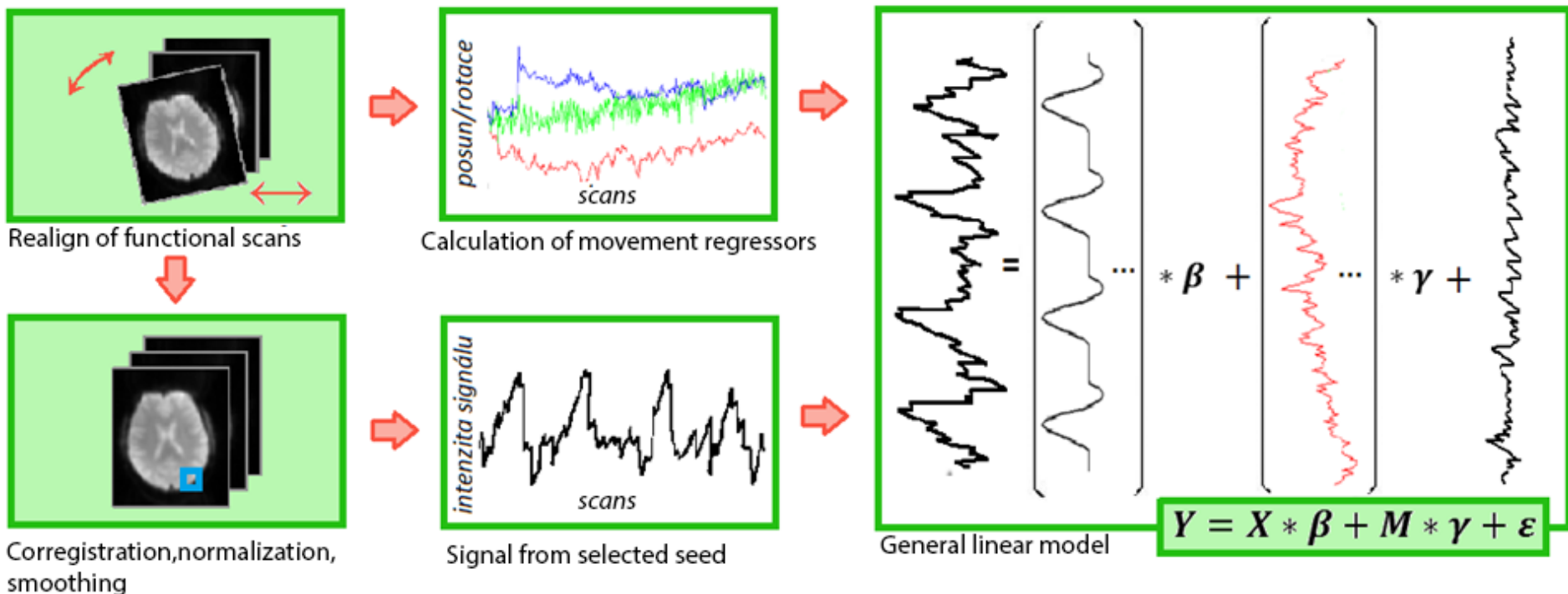
# Mapping of movement artifacts



- Consideration: movement artifacts will be localized into the same regions across subjects
- Use of movement parameters as some global parameters describing movement of subject's head during acquisition
- Realignment of scans
  - Rigid body transformation with 6 parameters
    - 3 for translation in main axes
    - 3 for rotation along main axes
  - Only correct the position of images – not change distortion of BOLD signal

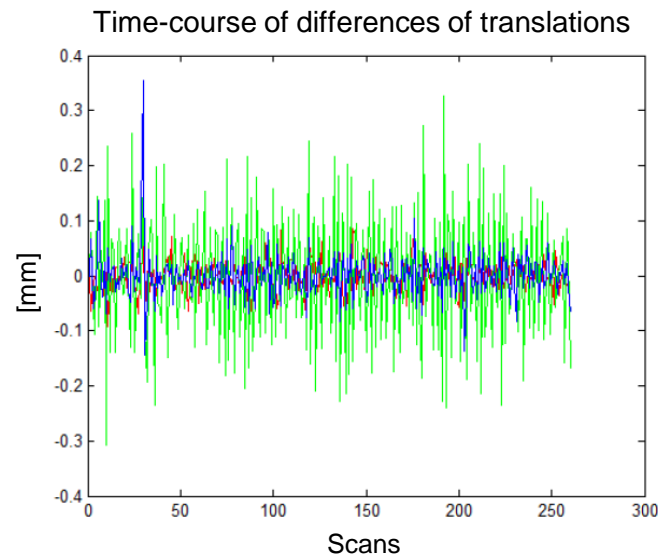
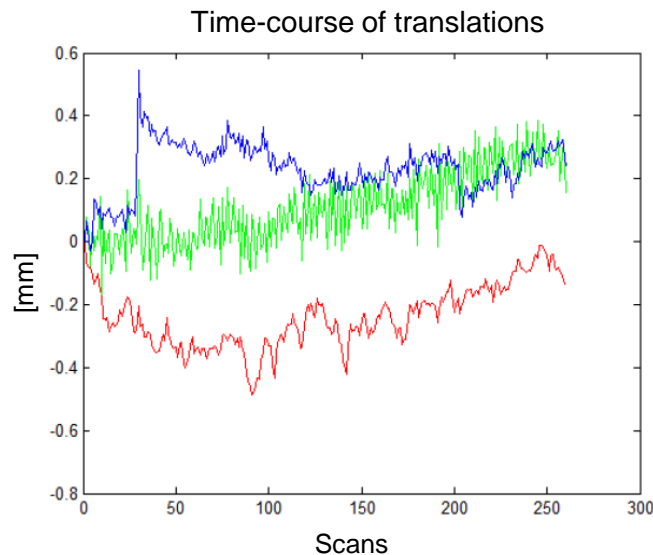
# Mapping of movement artifacts

- Movement parameters in GLM
  - Time-courses of translations and rotations are used as regressors in GLM



# Mapping of movement artifacts

- 6 movement parameters obtained from realign procedure
- Calculation of 24 movement parameters
  - 1. difference – effect of memory, acceleration
  - Squares of movement params. – non linear relationship



- Power maps

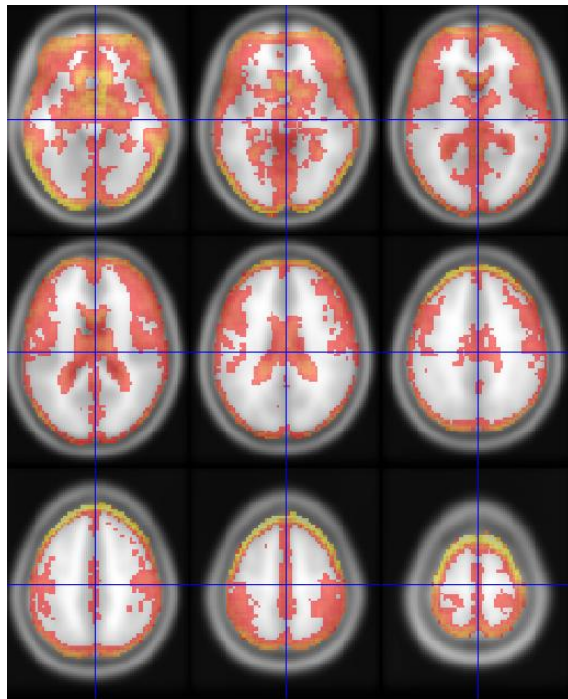
- Calculated as ratio between energy (variability) of signal explained by movement regressors and total energy (variability) of measured signal
- Provide percent of variability explained by movement in each voxel

$$sig_{movement} = \sum_{reg=1}^{24} X(reg) \cdot \beta \cdot c$$

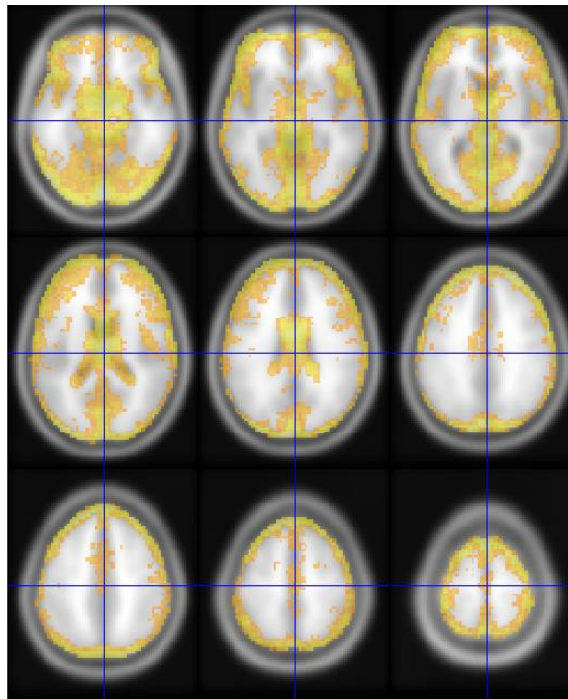
$$energy = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - E(x))^2$$

$$percent\_of\_power = \frac{energy_{movement}}{energy_{total}} \cdot 100$$

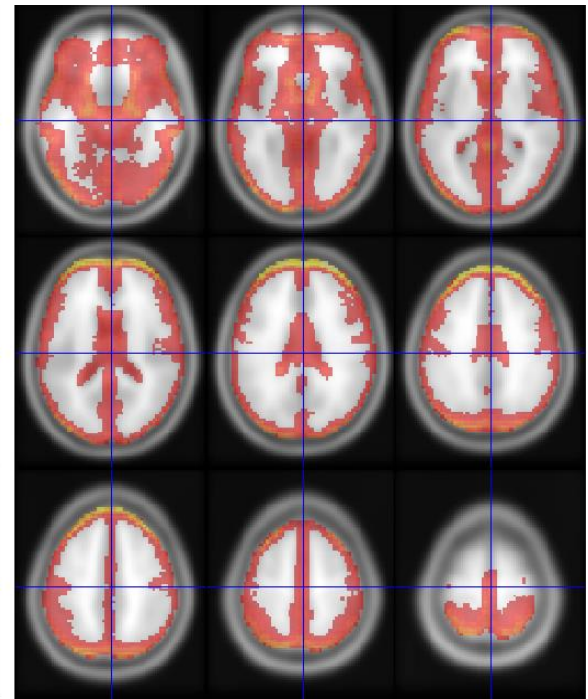
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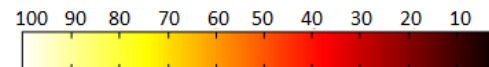
VSMT, threshold 25%



VFTv, threshold 30%



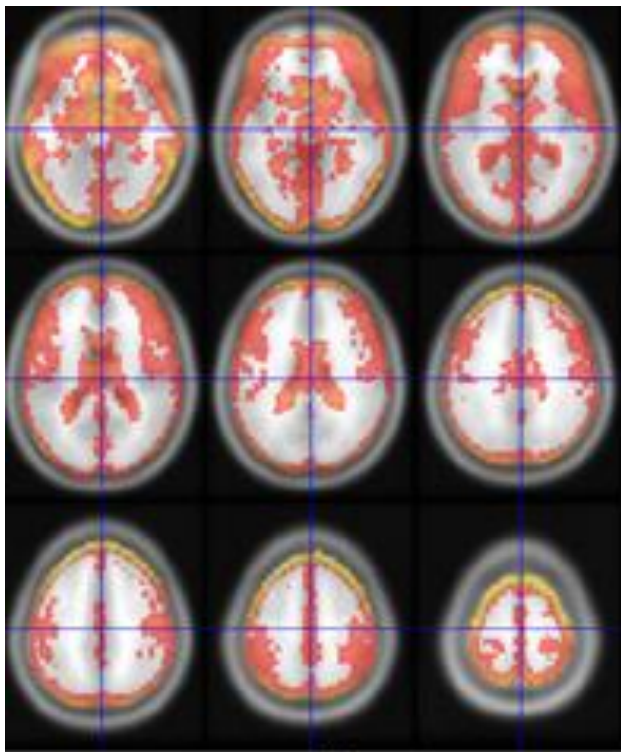
VOBd, threshold 13%



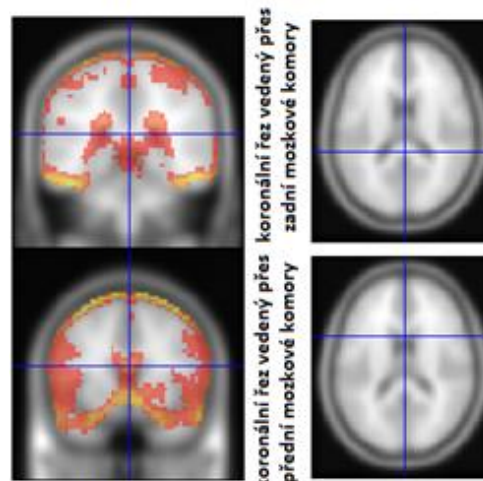


# Mapping of movement artifacts

- Typical regions affected by movement artifacts in fMRI
  - Borders of brain
  - CSF compartments and corpus calosum
  - Longitudinal fissure of cerebrum



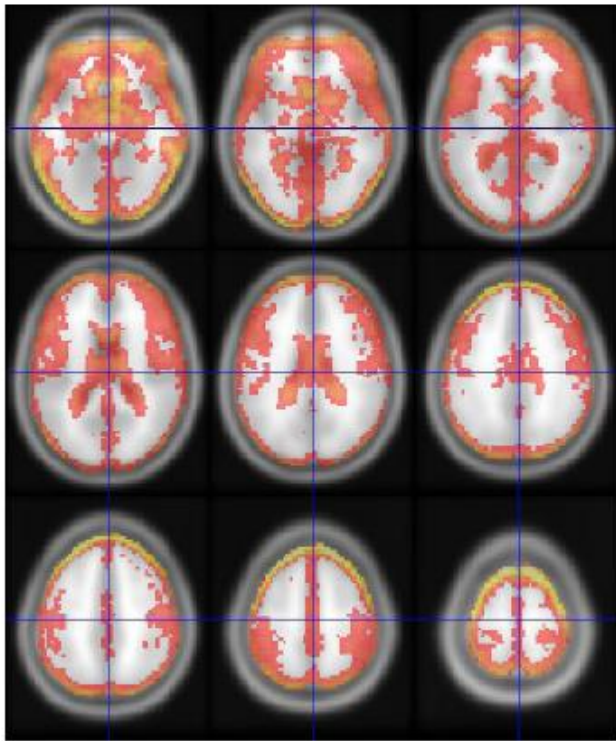
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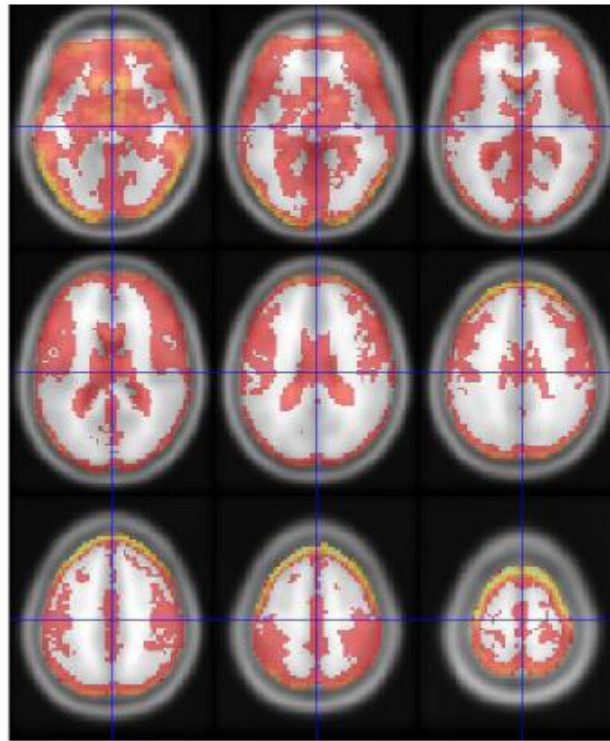
VSMT: práh 27%

# Mapping of movement artifacts

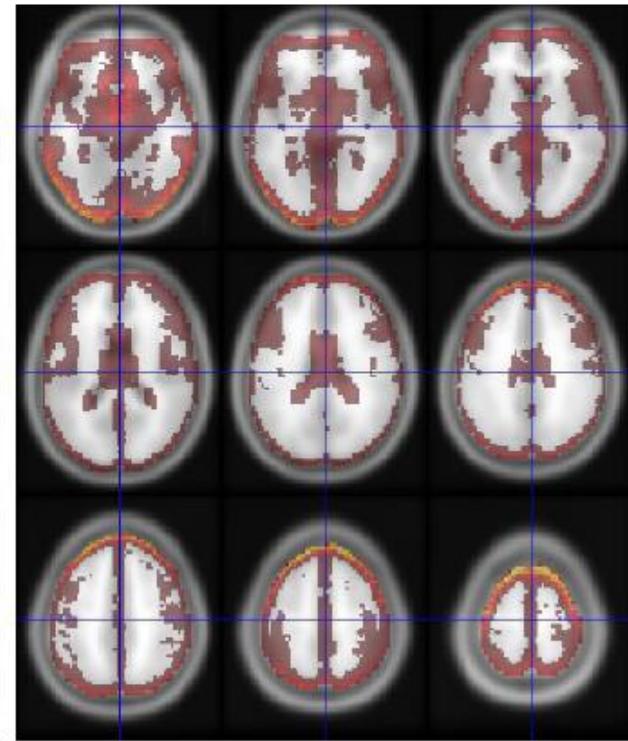
- Various number of movement regressors



Threshold 25%  
24 movement regressors

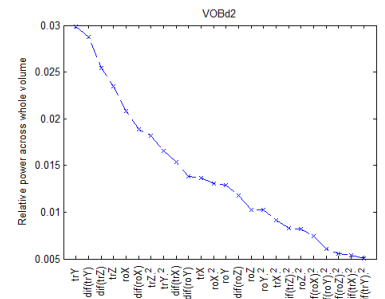
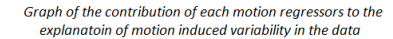


Threshold 18%  
12 movement regressors



Threshold 3%  
6 movement regressors

- |                           | x_translation | y_translation | z_translation | x_rotation | y_rotation | z_rotation |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1. differences            |               |               |               |            |            |            |
| squares                   |               |               |               |            |            |            |
| squares of 1. differences |               |               |               |            |            |            |



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# How to suppress movement artifacts?



- Using regressors in GLM
- Prospective motion correction
- Spike regression (Satterthwaite et al., 2013a)
- Motion scrubbing (Power et al., 2012)
- aCompCor (Behzadi et al., 2007; Muschelli et al., 2014)
- Using edge voxel information (Patriat et al., 2015)
- Motion Simulation method (Patriat et al., 2016)

- ICA-AROMA (Pruim et al, 2015)
  - Robust approach, fully automatic
  - Classification of ICA components
    - Contain of high-frequency components
    - Correlation with movement params
    - According to border parts
    - According to CSF
  - Subsequently, artificial components are suppressed from data
- ICA-FIX (Griffanti et al., 2014; Salimi-Khorshidi et al., 2014)







# Thank you for your attention



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