Resting-state functional connectivity profiles established from rest or task-based fMRI paradigms

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Outline

- Resting-state functional connectivity: What? Why? (How?)
- 2. Extracting resting-state functional connectivity from "rest" vs "task" fMRI scans



- BOLD = indirect measure of brain activity (Ogawa 1990)
- Used to map *brain activation"







Common Blood Flow Changes across Visual Tasks: II. Decreases in Cerebral Cortex

Gordon L. Shulman, Julie A. Fiez, Maurizio Corbetta, Randy L. Buckner, Francis M. Miezin, Marcus E. Raichle, and Steven E. Petersen J Cogn Neurosci 1997

Blood flow decreases in an overall megaimage Active minus Passive conditions (avg 9 studies)

14 foci passed threshold



Common Blood Flow Changes across Visual Tasks: II. Decreases in Cerebral Cortex

1- decreased activity caused by active task processes that generalize over tasks

Or

2- increased activity caused by passive task processes suspended during the tasks. -unconstrained verbally mediated thoughts -monitoring of the external environment, body, and emotional state.





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These decreases suggest the existence of an organized, baseline default mode of brain function that is suspended during specific goal-directed behaviors.







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It is concluded that correlation of low frequency fluctuations, which may arise from fluctuations in blood oxygenation or flow, is a manifestation of functional connectivity of the brain.





No correlation with regions involved in visual tasks

correlations in resting state activity can provide insight into the function of neura lsystems even if they are not actively engaged

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- Regions with similar functional properties exhibit coherent BOLD fluctuations even when not exerting this function: Visual, Auditory, Language, Attention (rev in Fox and Greicius 2010)
- Alternative perspective / task-based substraction approach of brain function

system driven by internal dynamics; modulated by external events system primarly responding to task demands

Fox et al PNAS 2006; Fox and Greicius , Frontiers 2010, Llinas Science 1988



Rest fMRI : subsequent studies

- Confirmation of neuronal origin of slow fluctuations
 - Nir et al Nat Neuro 08: ECoG + LFP : slow fluctuations correlated across hemispheres
 - O Shmuel and Leopold Hum Br Map 08: simultaneous FMRI and electrophy recording in V1 show correlation with large parts of bilateral visual cx
 - Van Essen 2018: in macaques ; Hori et al 2020 in marmosets: concordance with tracers (although region dependant)





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David Van Essen ; Recent advance in neuroanatomy session Poster Th696

Rest fMRI : subsequent studies

- Confirmation of functional significance
 - O Smith et al PNAS 2009:
 - BrainMap database 7340 exp; >30000 subjects
 - fMRI dataset 6 min rest, 36 subjects
 - ICA finds the 20 most repressentative patterns of covariation
 - Spatial cross correlation





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Rest fMRI : later studies

- Improvements of methods (seed based, ICA, graphs, etc)
- Large shared datasets from different populations
- > High reproducibility
 - O across studies (Power el 2011; Yeo et al
 - O across individuals (Damoiseaux et al PNAS 2006)
 - within individuals (Finn et al 2015; Dosenbach et al; Gratton et al 2018; Poldrack et al – but see discussions on # datapoints



Rest fMRI : applications

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Characterize functional networks and their



Rest fMRI : applications

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Rest fMRI : applications

- Fingerprinting: can identity an individual based on resting connectivity matrice (Finn et al Nat Neuro 2015)
- Predicting individual traits incl age (Dosenbach Science 2010; (but see Mareck et al 2022 for discussion on N):
- Characterizing states (Waites et al 2005: effect of prior cognitive task; Tung et al 2013: effect of prior simple motor task; Subsides after 10-15min)
- Used as biomarker (Rev in Fox and Greicius 2010)- Alzheimer ; Mvt disorders; ADHD; Autism; Stroke
- Cross species comparisons



Rest fMRI and resting-state : summary

- Spontaneous fluctuations in BOLD signal at 0.01-0.1Hz may reflect a baseline state of activity
- Factoring out this baseline may increase signal to noise ratio to detect "activation"
- Inter-regional correlations reveal networks that are consistent with functional correlates of behaviours
- Alleviating the burdon on task design, rest-fMRI can be applied widely
- Features of these networks can predict traits and states



Remaining issues

▷ Rest is a Task

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- O Correlation between DMN features and daydreaming propensities
- O Overlap DMN with self-related functions



Remaining issues

- Rest is a Task
 - O Correlation between DMN features and daydreaming propensities
 - O Overlap DMN with self-related functions
- Which network(s) features are the more relevant / research question(s)
- State modulation => what is the best state to study individual differences
 - Finn & Bandettini NI 2021: HCP 7T data n=184; Emotion and Cognition scores better predicted by FC connectivity matrices during movie than rest RMN 2023-06-08



- change in correlations can be observed even in the absence of a change in coupling (*Friston*, 2011)
 - Changes in correlation between A and B could be caused by a change in correlation elsewhere
 - Changes in correlation could be caused by a change in SNR (e.g., heart rate variability differs between two populations)
 - Changes in correlation could be caused by a change in the amplitude of the fluctuations



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Rest vs Background FC

- If task-evoked activity is superimposed on resting-state connectivity, then patterns of connectivity could be retrieved after removing task-evoked activity
 - O No need to collect a dedicated rest scan
 - O Makes the most of large task-based data sets
 - O Possibility to extract networks structure
 - O Measure intre-individual differences



Rest vs Background FC

▷ Fair et al 2007 3 gps of n=10

Resting eyes open

Even-related language tasks

Mixed block/event-related



BOLD RUN

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Rest vs Background FC

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Task fMRI paradigms may capture more behaviorally relevant information than resting-state functional connectivity

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See also Greeen et al 2018; Elliott et al 2019)



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Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development Teen Brains. Today's Science. Brighter Future.

- ▷ 3 tasks
 - O Emotion N Back
 - O Stop Signal
 - O Monetary Incentive delay
- 4 x 5 min of rest data over 2 sessions
- Extensive personnal and behavioural (NIH toolbox) data

Prediction of behaviour by FC

FC	Pairwise correlation of
Resting-state	fMRI time series at rest
Task-based	complete fMRI time series during task
Task-model-fit	Task design * beta estimates of condition task regressors = time series component explained by the task design
Task-model- residual	task-model-residual time series = task fMRI time series component that cannot be explained by the task design



FC matrices = pairwise correlations for 352 ROIs (Gordon et al 2016)

- Behavioral prediction with nested 10 folds cross validation scheme after Fast-efficient-mixed effects modeling
- Squared correlation between the predicted and the observed behavioral score was used as the metric for outof-sample behavioral prediction performance of each imaging measure.







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Conclusion

- task manipulation accentuates the functional correlation patterns of the brain that are behaviorally relevant (see also Cole et al., 2021).
- task-specific: only fMRI tasks that evoke cognitive demands and content relevant to the behavior of interest confer this advantage



Questions

Would that work for smaller samples? E.g. for our 52 subjects relating FC to Empathy

- Is whole brain FC more powerful than a selection of regions
- If background FC relates to general cognitive abilities, shouldn't we control for that when using FC as a brain marker
- Would same difference btw rs and task-based FC be observed for classification approach?



Thanks!



Notion to keep in mind

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Figure 8.1. A depiction of the various ways in which correlated activity between two regions A and B can arise, either through direct influence (left panel), indirect influence via another region (center panel), or shared influence of a common input region (right panel).











The Connectome-Based Predictive Modeling Approach (CPM). The CPM.

1. Compute each participant's unique connectivity pattern.



2. Identify behaviorally relevant connections.



3. Build model relating relevant connections to behavior.

Behavioral score = f(positive network connections, negative network connections)

4. Apply model to novel individual's connectivity pattern to predict behavior. Compare predicted and observed behavior to assess predictive power.





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Superiority of task-based resting FC / rest resting FC to predict interindividual differences in behaviours or traits

- Greene, A.S., Gao, S., Scheinost, D. et al. Task-induced brain state manipulation improves prediction of individual traits. Nat Commun 9, 2807 (2018). <u>https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-018-04920-3</u>
 - O Human Connectome Project (n=515 adults) and Pennsylvania Neurodevelopmental cohort (n=571, 8-21 yo). No model of task design. By considering task-induced brain state and sex, the best-performing model explains over 20% of the variance in fluid intelligence scores, as compared to <6% of variance explained by restbased models.
- "How Tasks Change Whole-Brain Functional Organization to Reveal Brain-Phenotype Relationships": Abigail S. Greene, Siyuan Gao, Stephanie Noble, Dustin Scheinost, R. Todd Constable, Cell Reports, 32 (8) 2020, <u>https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2211124720310512</u>
 O HCP interindicidual PPI



Time varying connectivity

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Questions and controversies in the study of time-varying functional connectivity in resting fMRI 3

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Multi-domain interest



Raichle ME. 2015. Annu. Rev. Neurosci. 38:433–47

Figure 1 The evolving literature on the default mode network (DMN). Search for papers citing Raichle et al. (2001). The search returned 2.988 papers with digital object These data were used to construct a $2,988 \times 2,988$ binary adjacency matrix, in which each element (i, j) indicated whether paper i cited paper j. Once constructed, the adjacency matrix was imported into Gephi. The number of network modules wasdetermined using a fast, modularity-optimization method Each node was assigned to a specific module, and each module was assigned a unique color for visualization. A topic was assigned to each module by identifying the focus of the highest cited papers within each module. Finally, the size of each node within the graph was weighted according to the node degree. This algorithm represents a data-driven approach to identify clusters of papers with common citation patterns. Each cluster represents a broad topic of investigation in the DMN field. The purple cluster contains task-driven papers typical of cognitive neuroscience. Papers in the blue cluster are broadly focused on the relationship between disease states and the DMN. Papers in the red cluster concentrate on functional connectivity processes. The green cluster is composed of papers on self-referential processing and mind wandering. Articles in the yellow - cluster are related to neurophysiology and cell biology.