Towards a better understanding and utility of fMRI dynamics and fluctuations

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Dynamics

Linearity

Latency

Fluctuations

Resting state

- Respiration related
- •Time series improvement
- Respiration Response Function

High Resolution

Finding the "Suggested resolution" What to do with high resolution data?



R. M. Birn, (2001) NeuroImage, 14: 817-826.



Logothetis et al. (2001) Nature, 412, 150-157.



P. A. Bandettini et al, (2001) Nature Neuroscience, 4: 864-866. R. M. Birn, et. al, (2001) NeuroImage, 14: 817-826.

Sources of this Nonlinearity

•Neuronal

X

Hemodynamic

-Oxygen extraction Ox -Blood volume dynamics



Contrast Reversing Checkerboard



Static Grating



Duty Cycle Effects





R.M. Birn, et al, NeuroImage, 27, 70-82 (2005)

Decreases: linearity



We also see increases during stimulus cessation...



Increase: duration on









Tuan, Birn et al.



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Latency Variation...



P. A. Bandettini, (1999) "Functional MRI" 205-220.

Latency



Bellgowan, et al (2003), PNAS 100, 15820-15283

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The fMRI Signal



Resting State Correlations



Activation: correlation with reference function seed voxel in motor cortex

Rest:

B. Biswal et al., MRM, 34:537 (1995)

BOLD correlated with 10 Hz power during "Rest"



Goldman, et al (2002), Neuroreport



BOLD correlated with SCR during "Rest"



J. C. Patterson II, L. G. Ungerleider, and P. A Bandettini, NeuroImage 17: 1787-1806, (2002).

Regions showing decreases during cognitive tasks



Shulman et al., 1997: BF decreases from averaged active-passive scan pairs in 9 visual PET experiments Binder et al, 1999: Rest - tones using fMRI

Mazoyer et al, 2001: Rest conditions jointly compared to 9 cognitive tasks using PET

Current study: Areas that deactivate relative to rest using fMRI and an auditory target detection task

Location of deactivation common to two or more of the above studies

McKiernan, et al (2003), Journ. of Cog. Neurosci. 15 (3), 394-408

Resting State Correlations vs Signal Decreases

- Filter (respiration (0.3Hz), cardiac (1 Hz))
- Define ROI (e.g. deactivations in posterior cingulate)
- Average time courses (at rest) in ROI
- Correlate average time course with all voxels



Lexical task





R. M. Birn, J. B. Diamond, M. A. Smith, P. A. Bandettini, Separating respiratory variation-related fluctuations from neuronal activity-related fluctuations in fMRI, NeuroImage 31, 1536-1548 (2006)

1 subject

Activations during lexical task





Correlation (of PC) at Rest





Group (n=10)

Activations during lexical task





Correlation (of PC) at Rest





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Resting fluctuations in respiration

Resting fluctuations in arterial carbon dioxide induce significant low frequency variations in BOLD signal

Richard G. Wise, a,b,* Kojiro Ide, c,d Marc J. Poulin, c,d and Irene Traceya,b

NeuroImage 21, 2004





Estimating respiration volume changes



Resting fluctuations in respiration



RVT related fluctuations

Amplitude of BOLD signal correlated w/ RVT



1 subject



Z-score of BOLD signal correlated w/ RVT



group (n=11)

RVT = <u>R</u>espiration <u>V</u>olume per <u>T</u>ime

Respiration effects

RVT changes co-localize

Deactivations



Respiration changes - corr. w/ RVT

Resting-state corr. from seed ROI






Respiration related

RVT changes co-localize



frequency (Hz)

Respiration related

BOLD correlation with RVT as a function of RVT latency







largest positive correlation (in each voxel)



largest negative correlation (in each voxel)

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Correcting for changes in respiration

- Regress out RVT
- Keep respirations constant

Regress out Cardiac, Respiration, RVT



Time series improvement Cue subject to keep breathing constant





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Reduction of the standard deviation over time



- No correction
- RETROICOR
- RVTcor
- Constant Resp no corr.
- Constant Resp RETROICOR

Improvement in temporal SNR (TSNR)

TSNR



Before After Correction Correction



Difference



Before correctionAfter correction

Improving the detection of function





K. Murphy, J. Bodurka, P. A. Bandettini, How long to scan? The relationship between fMRI temporal signal to noise and the necessary scan duration. *NeuroImage*, 34, 565-574 (2007)

More Corrections?

- RETROICOR (cardiac, respiration)
- RVTcor (respiration volume / etCO2)
- Motion parameters
- Global detrending
- White-matter detrending

Multiple physiological corrections

Correlation with each regressor

(n = 10)



Differences in Std. Dev. when each regressor is removed



Relative contributions to noise

Averaged over Gray Matter (4 subjects)

High Resolution Low Resolution (1.7 x 1.7 x 4 mm, 80 time points) (7.5 x 7.5 x 5 mm, 700 time points)





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Respiration Response Function Respiration Changes vs. BOLD

How are the BOLD changes related to respiration variations?



Respiration induced signal changes



Respiration

(N=7

Resting changes in breathing vs. Breath-holding

Correlation with Respiration Volume / Time (RVT)



fMRI response to a single Deep Breath



Respiration response function



$$\begin{array}{c} & & \\ & & \\ \text{RRF(+)} & 0.6 & \text{t}^{2.1} e^{1.6} & -0.0023 & \text{t}^{3.54} e^{4.25} \end{array}$$

fMRI response to breathing modulations Breath-holding



Respiration Response Function fMRI response to breathing modulations **Changes in Rate** Changes in Depth Respiration Respiration 20s 40s 15s 30s Signal (%) Signal (%) time (s) time (s) Signal (%) Signal (%) time (s) time (s)

Calibration of BOLD



Location where is the neuronal activity? Timing timing of neuronal activity in different brain regions

Amount How much activity is there?



Respiration Response Function Calibration of BOLD - CO₂ Stress



P.A. Bandettini, et al. NMR in Biomedicine, 10, 197-203, 1997

T.L. Davis, et al. PNAS, 95(4), 1834-1839, 1998.



Calibration of BOLD - CO2 Stress - Results



P. A. Bandettini, E. C. Wong, A hypercapnia - based normalization method for improved spatial localization of human brain activation with fMRI. *NMR in Biomedicine* 10, 197-203 (1997).

Calibration of BOLD - CO₂ stress (Breath-hold)

Calibration of fMRI Activation for the FIRST BIRN Project

M. E. Thomason¹, L. Foland², F. BIRN³, G. H. Glover^{1,2} Proc. ISMRM, 2004.



Respiration Response Function Calibration using other respiration changes

Breath-holding

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WWW_MMW_MMMM

Depth changes

Rate changes

spontaneous fluctuations in respiration during rest

Visual Activation

Respiration Response Function



Respiration – induced signal changes





Breath-holding







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Depth changes



Rate changes











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SNR vs TSNR



J. Bodurka, F. Ye, N Petridou, P. A. Bandettini, Mapping the MRI voxel volume in which thermal noise matches physiological noise – implications for fMRI. *NeuroImage*, 34, 542-549 (2007)

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Fig. 1. A schematic of the relationship between TSNR and SNR in gray matter is shown. The dashed line represents this relationship in the absence of physiological noise. In vivo, gains in TSNR are limited by physiological noise as SNR is increased and this relationship is displayed with the solid line. For gray matter, the TSNR limit is approximately 87 (Bodurka et al., 2005). Using values derived from those reported by Triantafyllou et al. (2005), estimates of SNR for 1.5 T, 3 T and 7 T scanners equipped with standard head coils are shown for voxel sizes of $1 \times 1 \times 1 \text{ mm}^3 = 1 \text{ mm}^3$, $2 \times 2 \times 2 \text{ mm}^3 = 8 \text{ mm}^3$ and $3 \times 3 \times 3 \text{ mm}^3 = 27 \text{ mm}^3$.

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condition 1

What to do with high resolution data? Multi-sensory integration

M.S. Beauchamp et al.,



What to do with high resolution data?

HSE-BOLD demonstration of ocular dominance columns human, 7T, 0.5×0.5×3 mm³



Yacoub et al: differential maps contrasting stimulation of the left and right eye
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Unsmoothed-data t map (same number of voxels marked)



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