
Bayesian Model Selection and Averaging

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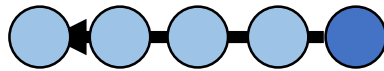
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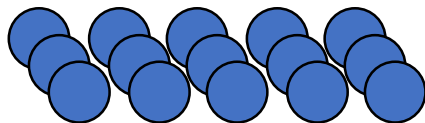
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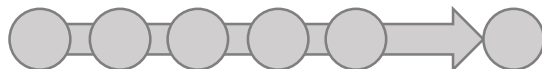
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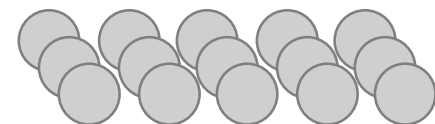
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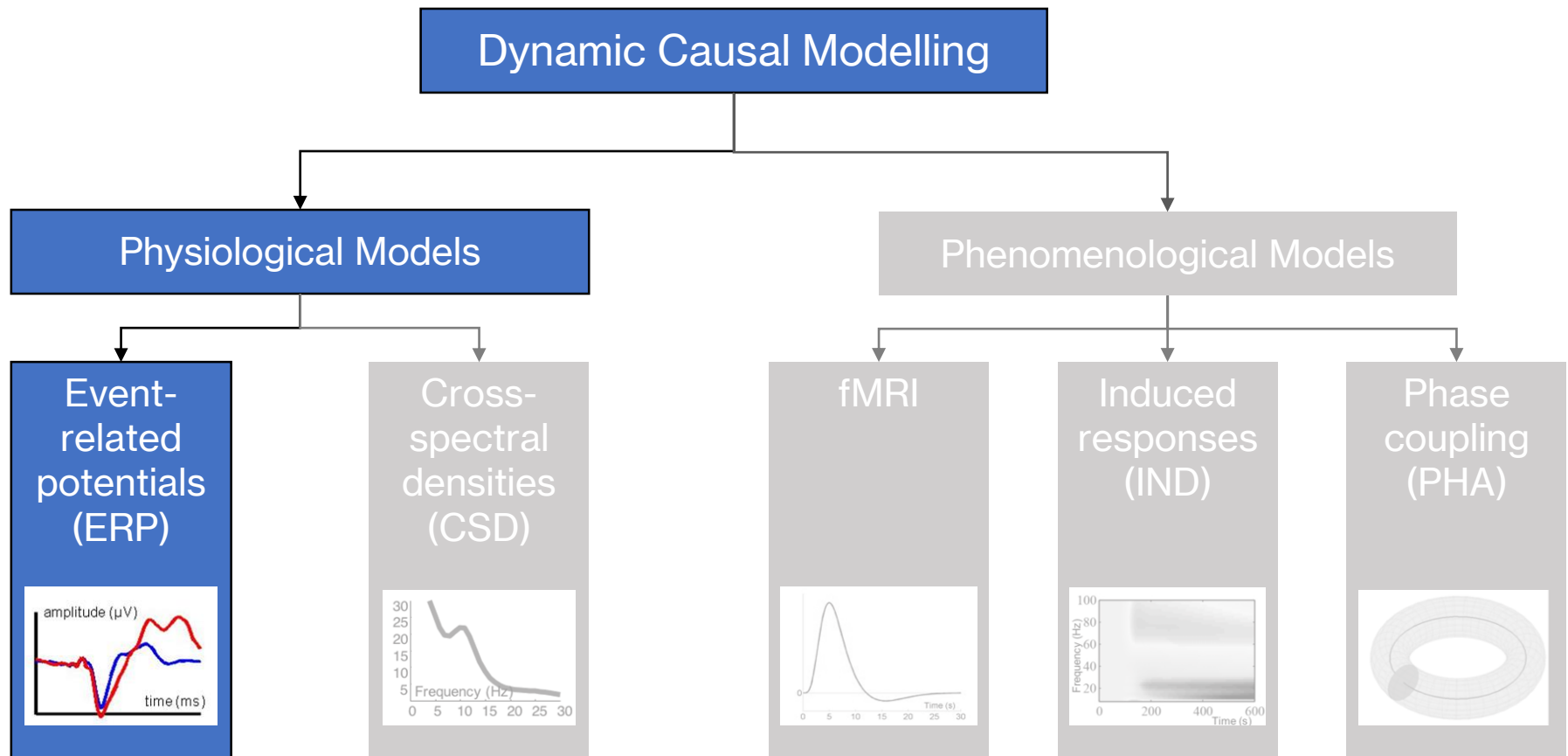


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DCM for ERP – Examples in this Presentation

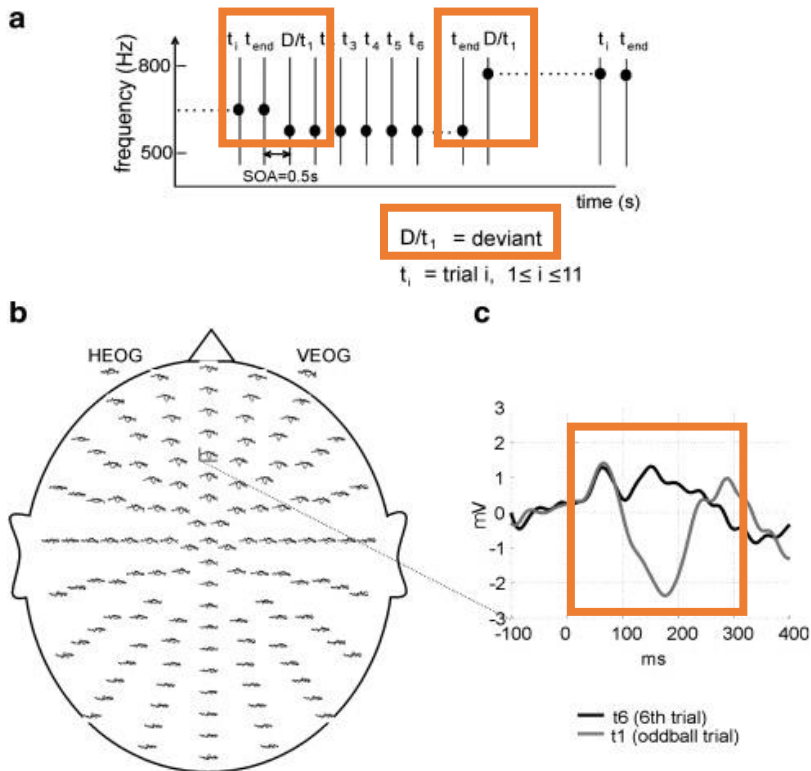


Mismatch Negativity (MMN) and Roving Paradigm

Design and responses elicited in a roving paradigm

Adapted from Garrido et al. (2008), Figure 1

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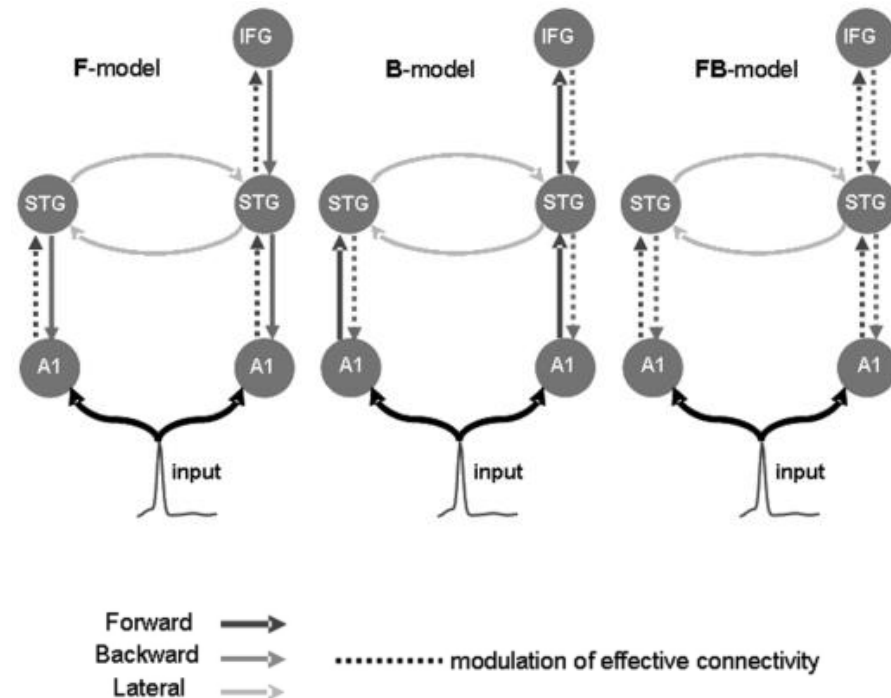


- MMN is an event-related potential (ERP) component evoked by detectable violations in acoustic regularity
- Roving paradigms are characterised by sporadic frequency changes of a repeating tone

Model specification in a MMN paradigm

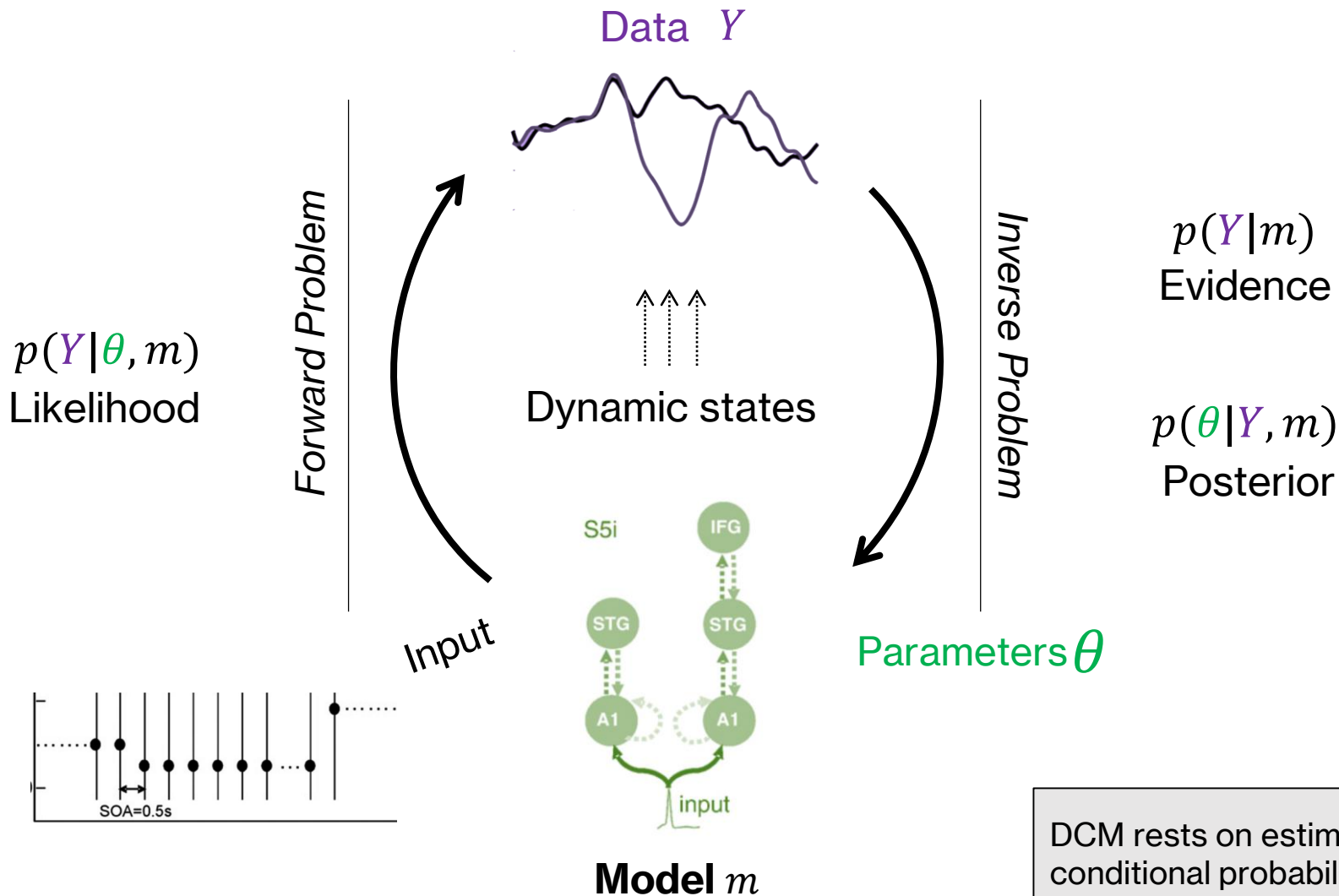
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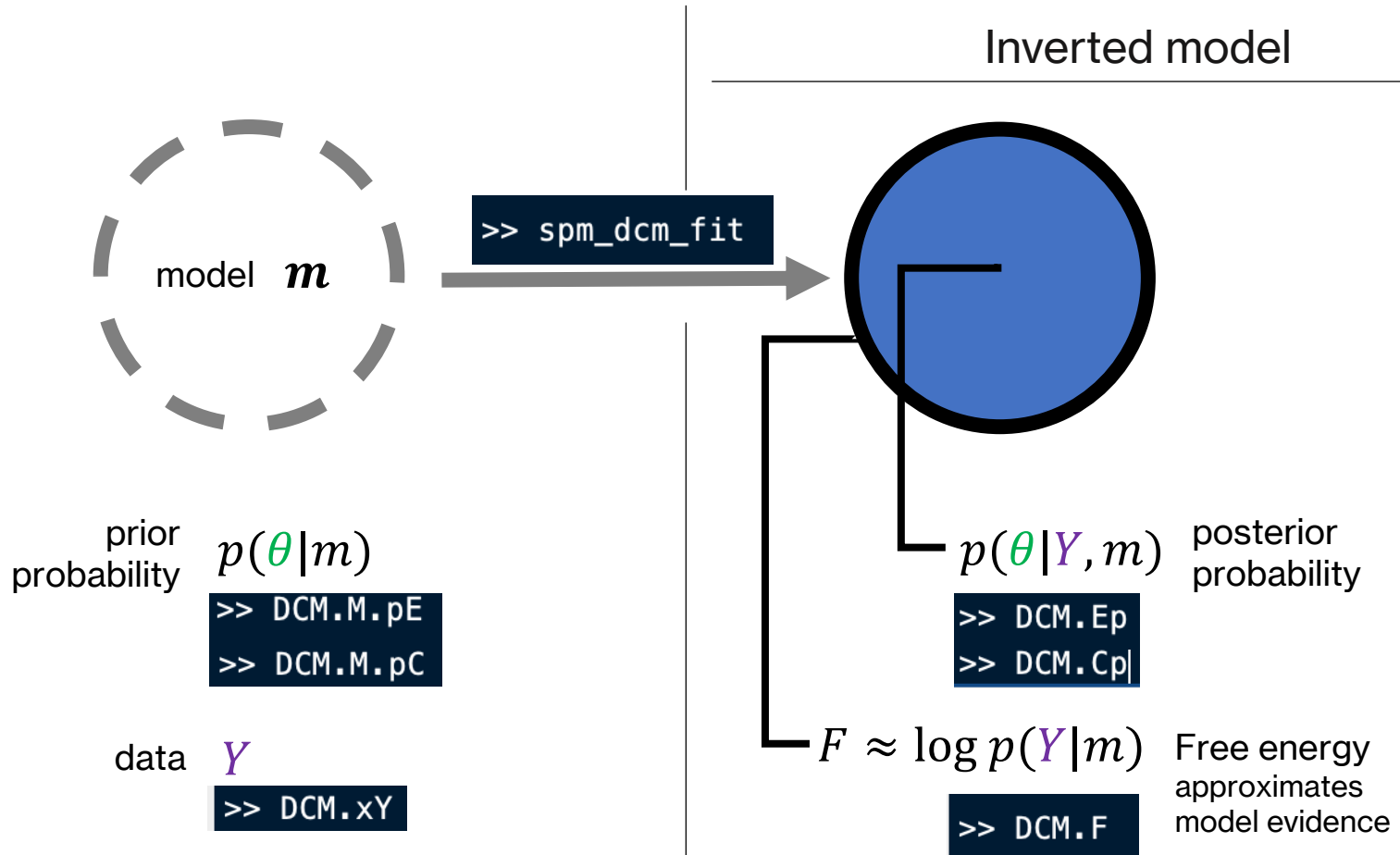


A1 - left and right primary auditory cortex
 STG - left and right superior temporal gyrus
 IFG - right inferior frontal gyrus

Bayesian Framework, Forward and Inverse Problems



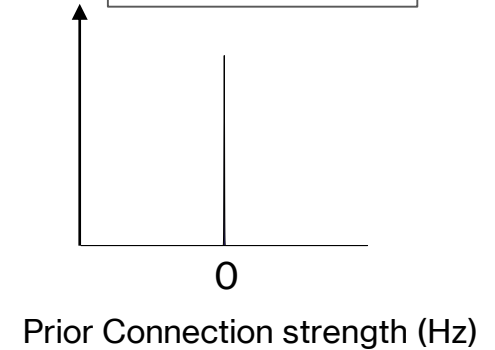
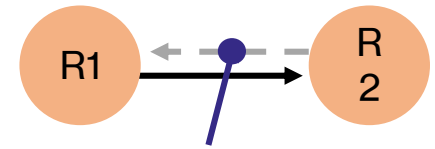
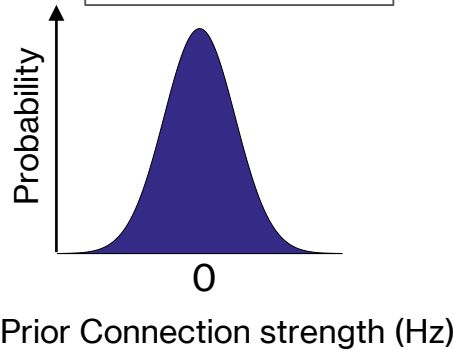
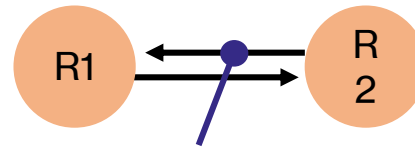
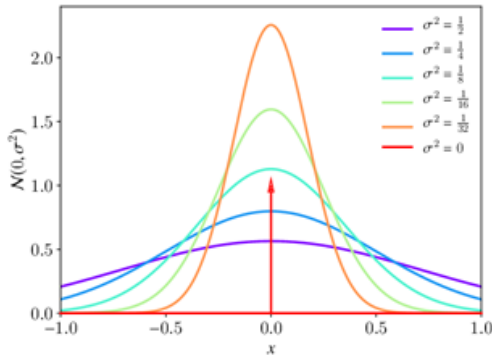
DCM Structure, Symbols used in this Presentation



DCM analysis provides a score for model likelihood and posterior parameter estimates

Priors determine Model Structure and Solutions

prior probability $p(\theta|m)$



Priors restrict parameters to a specific search space to achieve realistic (interpretable) solutions

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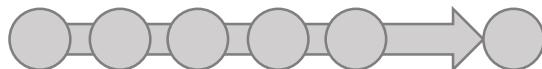
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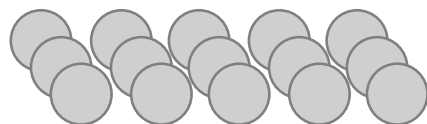
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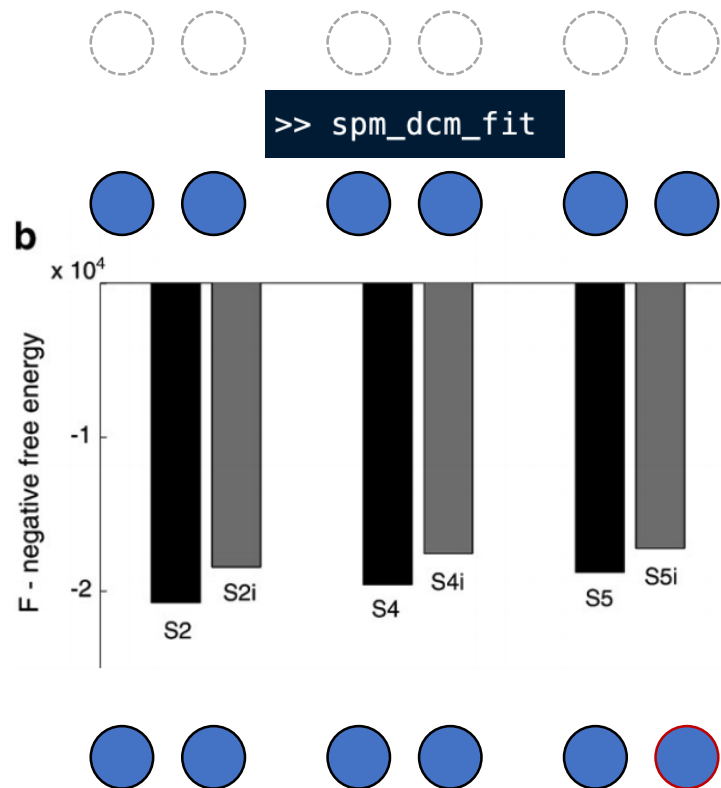
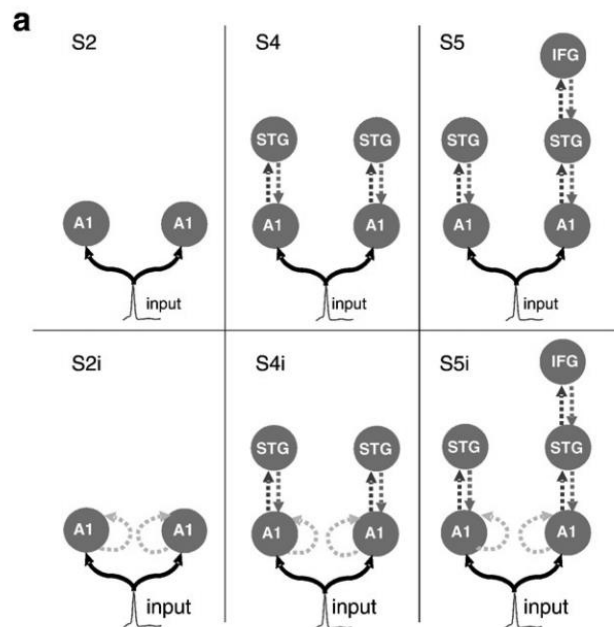
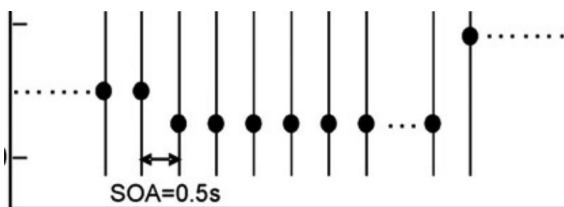
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Inverting Models individually and Free Energy Scoring

The functional anatomy of the MMN: A DCM study of the roving paradigm

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Models can be scored against each use using free energy

Model Comparison using log Bayes Factor

Bayes factor

$$B_{ij} = \frac{p(Y|m = i)}{p(Y|m = j)}$$

Free energy approximates
log model evidence

$$F \approx \log p(Y|m)$$

Log Bayes factor is approximately the
differences of free energies

$$\log B_{ij} = \log p(Y|m = i) - \log p(Y|m = j) \approx F_i - F_j$$

Bayes factor can be interpreted as evidence for a
model / hypothesis, e.g., $\log B > 3$ suggests strong
evidence and a posterior probability of 95%

Interpretation of Bayes factors

B_{ij}	$p(m = i y)$ (%)	Evidence in favor of model i
1–3	50–75	Weak
3–20	75–95	Positive
20–150	95–99	Strong
≥ 150	≥ 99	Very strong

Bayes factors can be interpreted as follows. Given candidate hypotheses i and j , a Bayes factor of 20 corresponds to a belief of 95% in the statement ‘hypothesis i is true’. This corresponds to strong evidence in favor of i .

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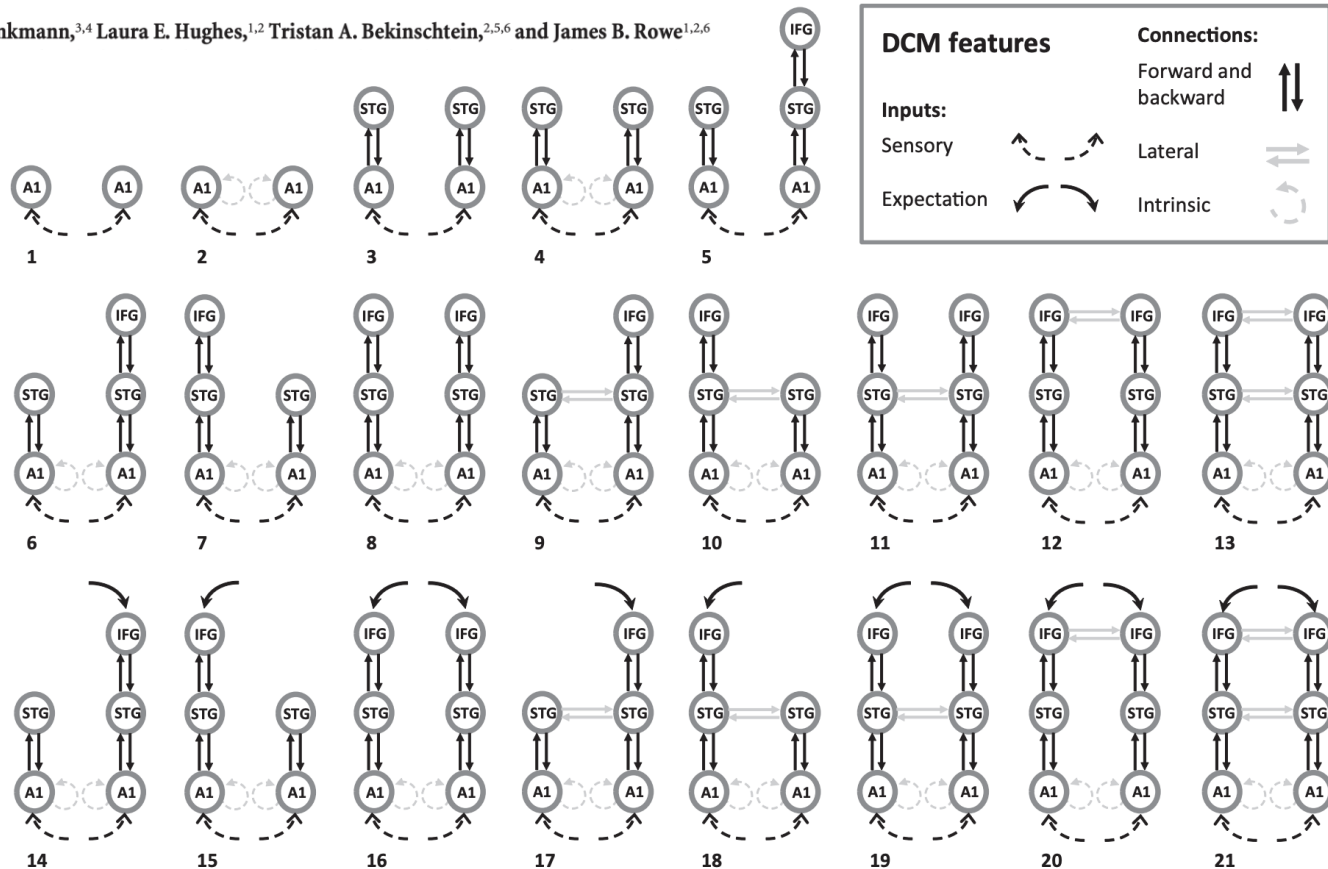
The Bayes factor helps to
convert model free energies into
measures of evidence

Evaluating large Model Spaces

Behavioral/Cognitive

Hierarchical Organization of Frontotemporal Networks for the Prediction of Stimuli across Multiple Dimensions

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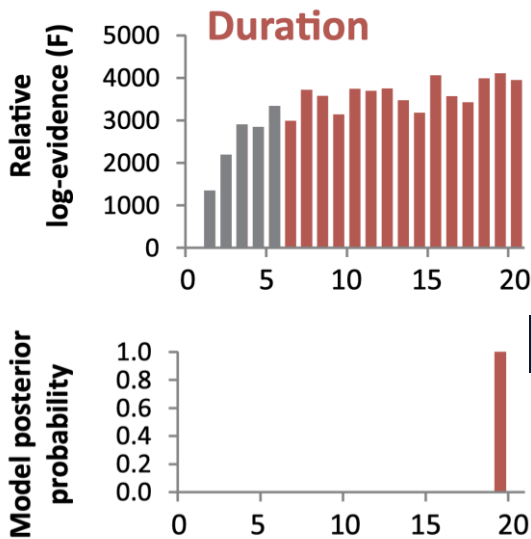


Bayesian Model Selection based on Posterior Probabilities

Behavioral/Cognitive

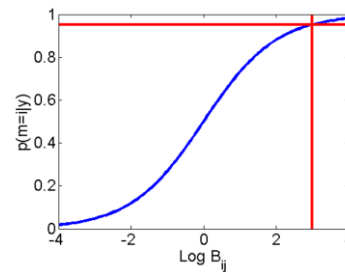
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$$p(m = i|Y) = \frac{p(Y|m = i)}{p(Y)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + \exp -\log(B_{ij})}$$



$$* p(m = i|y) = \frac{p(y|m = i)}{p(y)}$$

$$= \frac{p(y|m = i)}{p(y|m = i) + p(y|m = j)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{p(y|m = j)}{p(y|m = i)}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + B_{ji}}$$

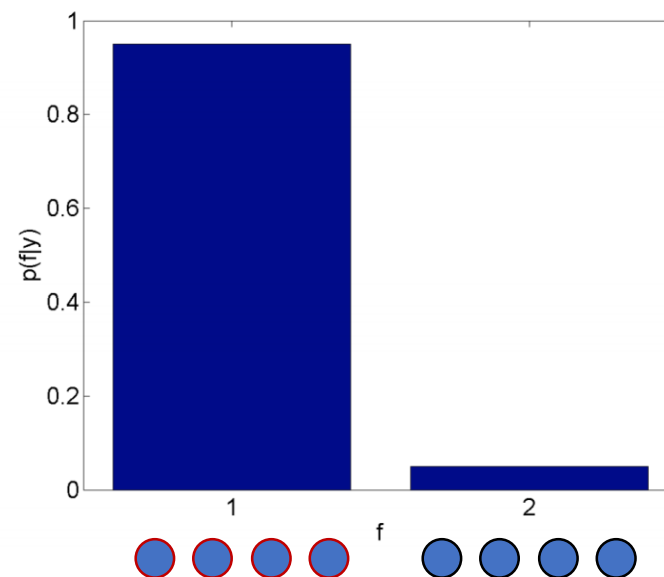
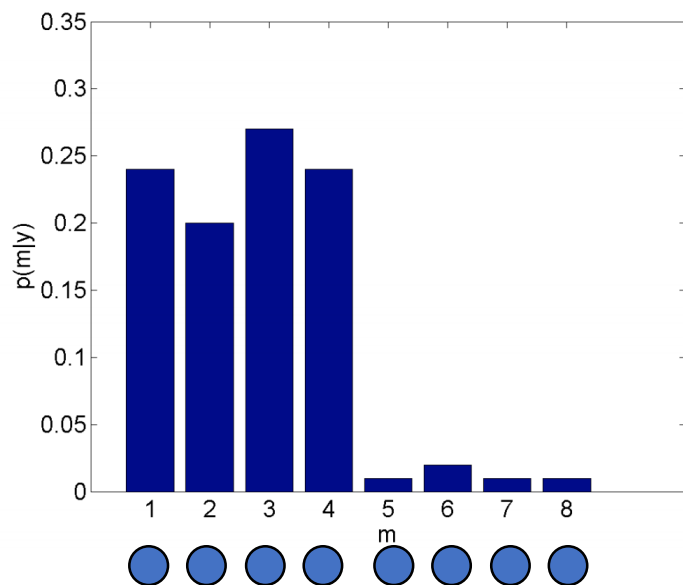
$$= \frac{1}{1 + \exp(\log(B_{ji}))}$$

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Transformation of Bayes factors into posterior probabilities using Bayes rule

Avoiding Evidence Dilution / Structuring Model Space

$$p(f|Y) = \sum_{m \in S_f} p(m|Y)$$



Structuring the model space by grouping models into families helps to avoid evidence dilution

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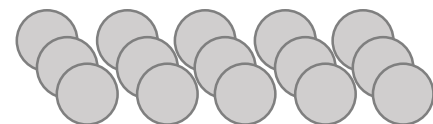
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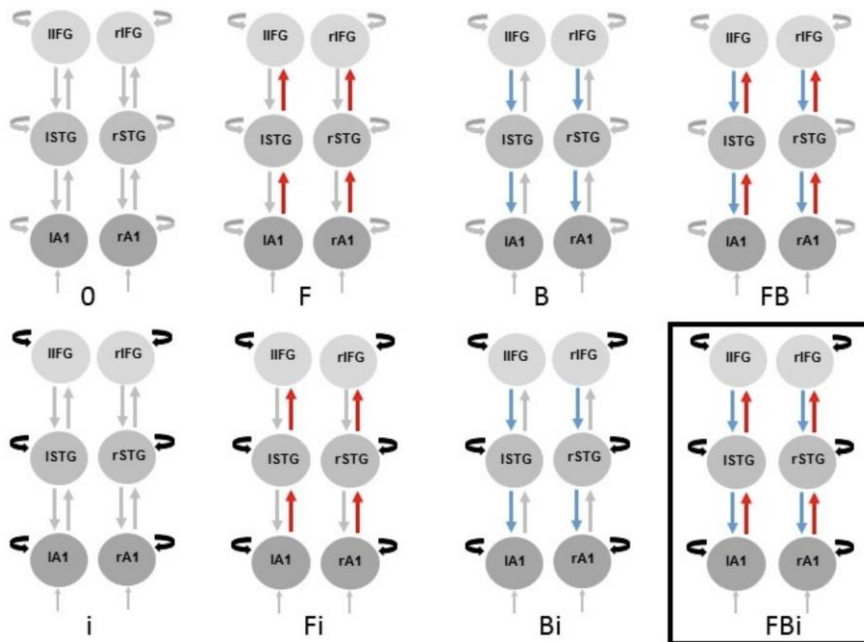
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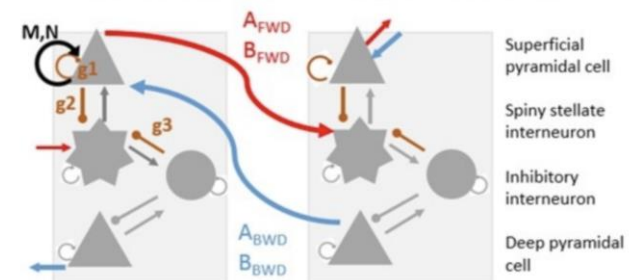
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Evaluating complex, multi-level Model Spaces

A. First-level model space



B. Canonical microcircuit neural mass model



Extrinsic coupling parameters (forward/backward):

- A - baseline extrinsic coupling
- B - condition-specific changes

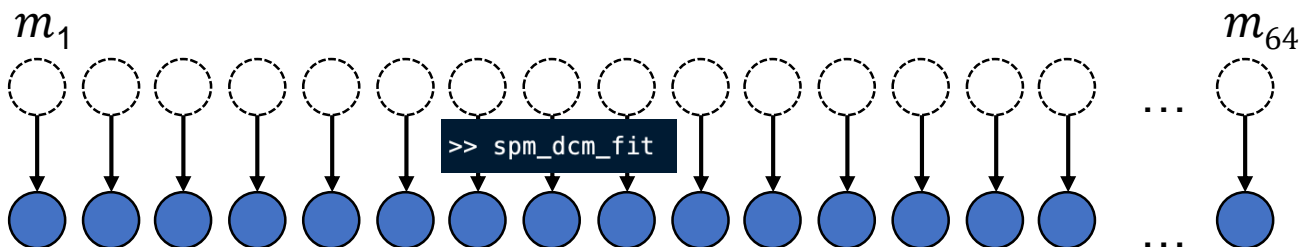
Intrinsic coupling parameters:

- g - baseline intrinsic coupling strength
- M - baseline self-connections
- N - condition-specific changes in self-connections

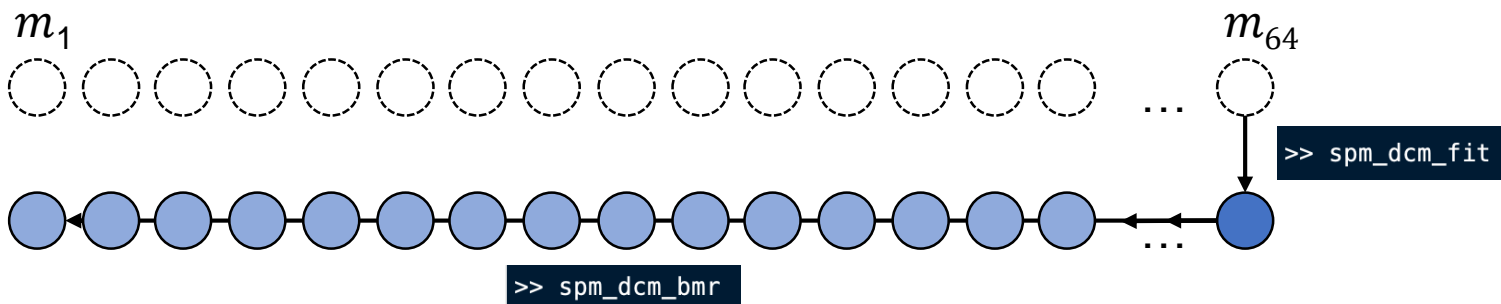
Example of complex model space with 64 models: 8 between and 8 within regional variations

Bayesian Model Reduction (BMR) Procedure

Individual model inversions



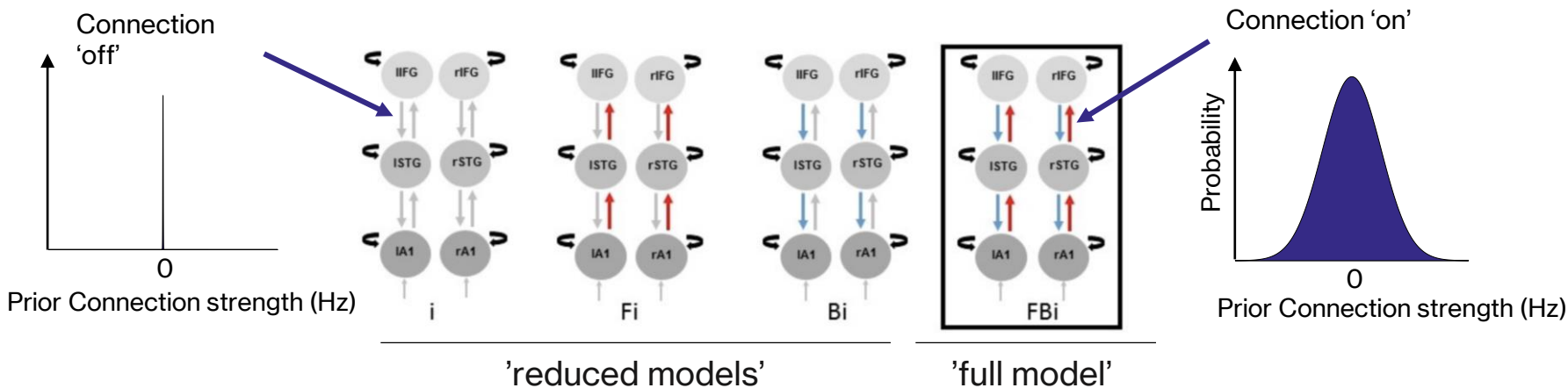
Bayesian model reduction



BMR allows estimation of parameters and free energy from a single inverted (full) model

Theoretical Basis for BMR

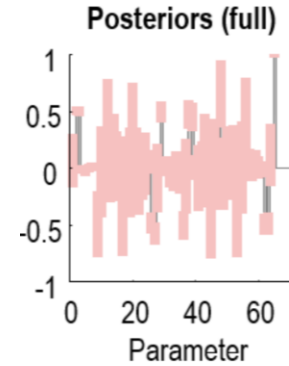
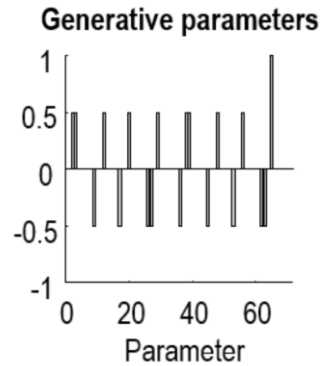
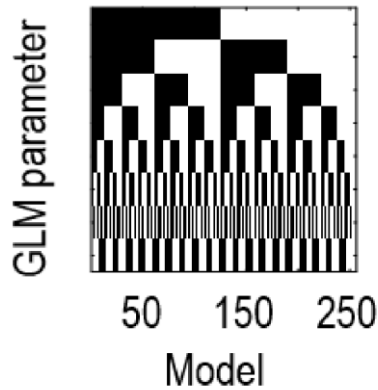
These (approximate) equalities mean one can evaluate the posterior and evidence of any reduced model, given the posteriors of the full model. In other words, $F[\tilde{P}(\theta) : P(\theta)] \approx \ln \tilde{P}(y)$ allows us to skip the optimization of the reduced posterior $\tilde{Q}(\theta)$ and use the optimized posterior of the full model to compute the evidence (and posterior) of the reduced model directly.



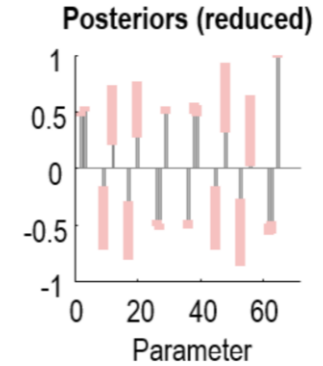
BMR requires an inverted 'full model' and a set of structurally identical 'reduced models'

BMR enables Exploration of entire Model Spaces

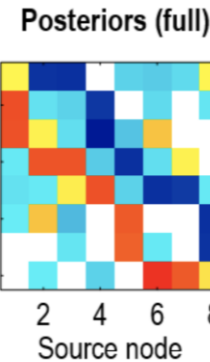
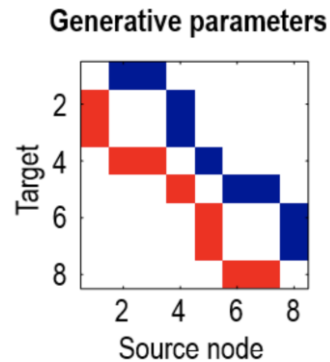
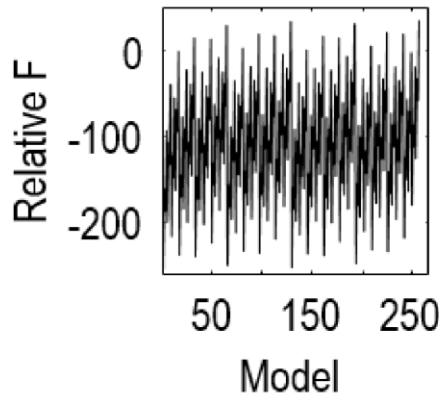
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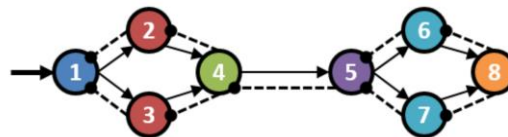
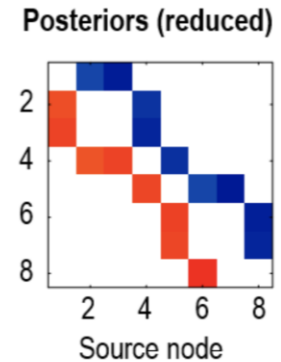
BMR



B. Model evidence



BMR



Efficient evaluation of models allows exhaustive search over all possible reduced models

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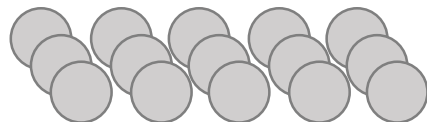
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Parameter Comparison under Model Structure Uncertainty



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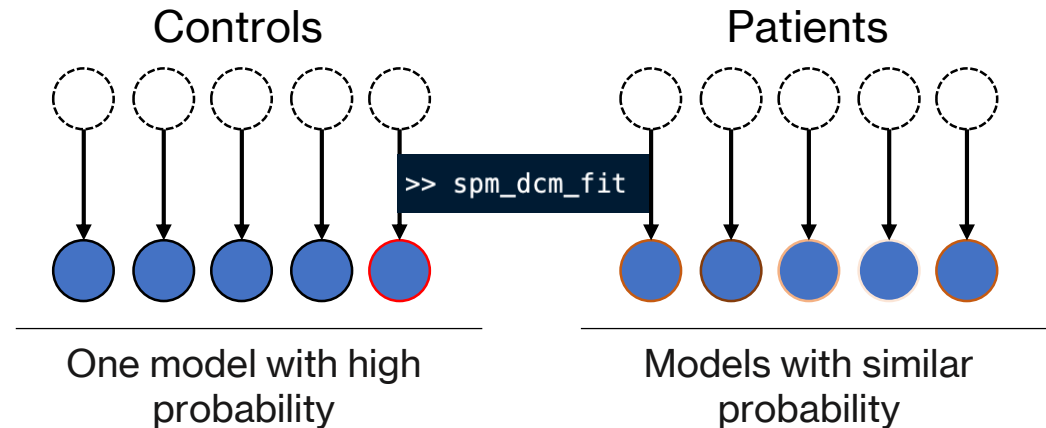
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3.2. Model comparison

As anticipated (Garrido et al., 2008) in healthy controls the Combination model outperformed both the Forward and Backward models with exceedance probability of 89%. The Combination model assumes that the MMN response emerged from changes in all bidirectional extrinsic as well as in intrinsic connections. In patients the optimal model included modulation via the MMN of the intrinsic connections and only the forward connections, which was the Forward model. The exceedance probability for this model was 44%, surpassing the exceedance probabilities of the other two tested models.



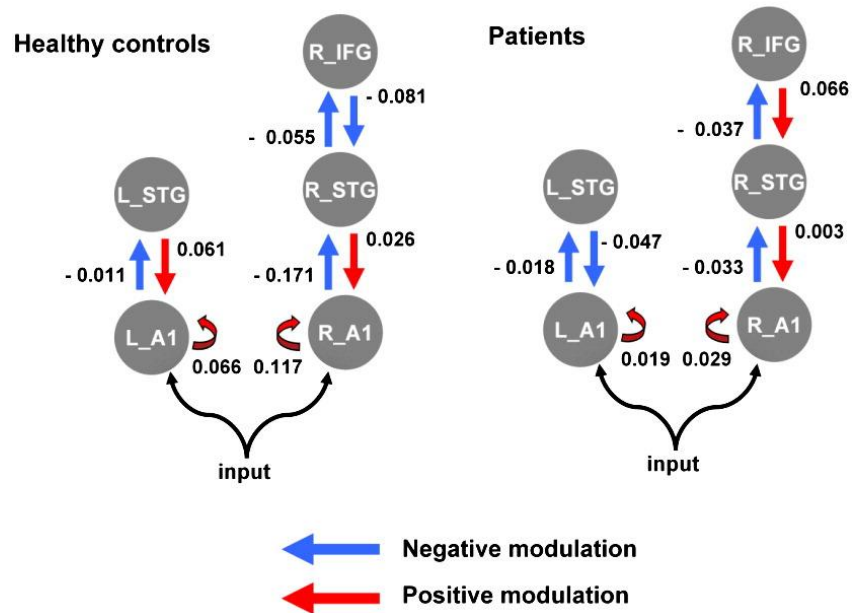
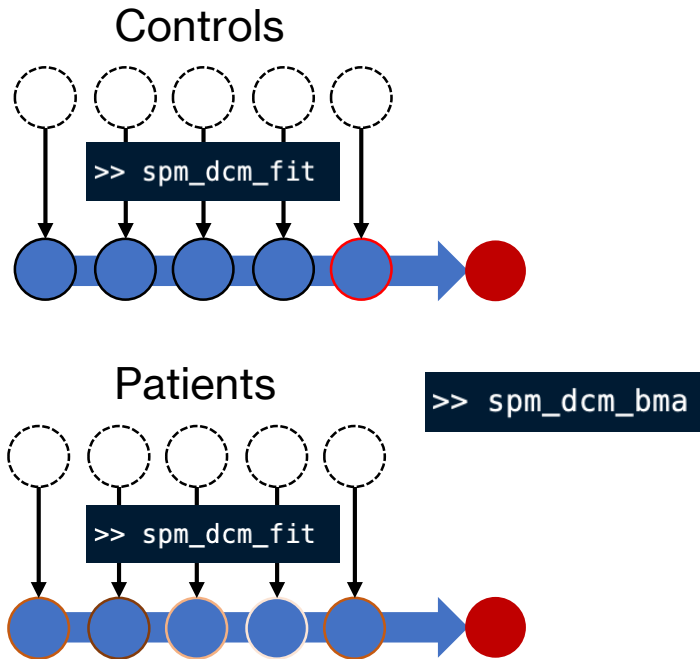
Bayesian Model Averaging (BMA)

$$p(\theta|Y) = \sum_m p(\theta|m, Y) p(m|Y)$$

Parameter posterior prob.

Parameter probability

Model probability



Estimate posterior densities over parameters across different models (using sampling)

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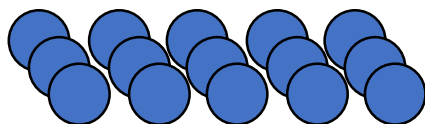
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Parametric Empirical Bayes (PEB) – Example



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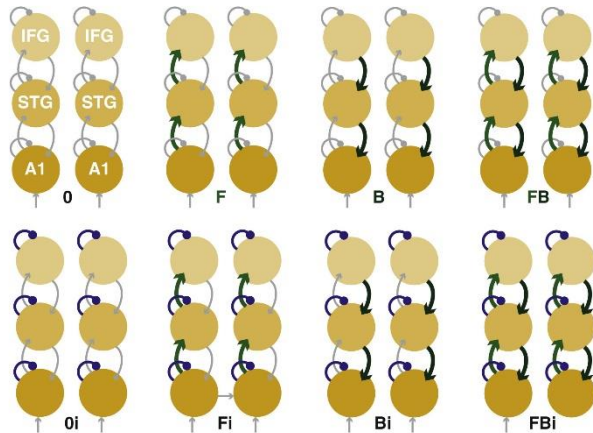
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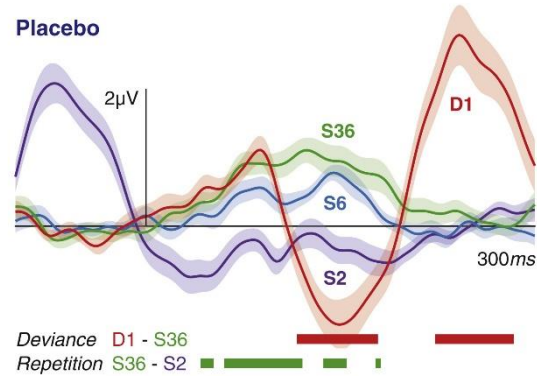
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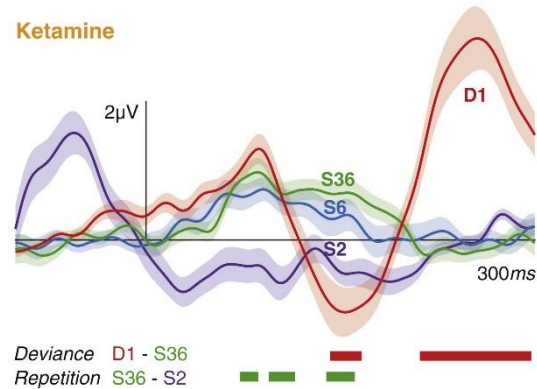


A Event-related potential at Fz

Placebo



Ketamine



Many scientific questions centre on group comparisons in connectivity parameters

First and Second Level Modelling

$$\theta^{(2)} = \eta + \varepsilon^{(3)}$$

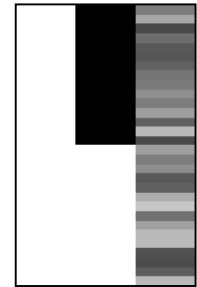
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Priors on second level parameters

Second level



$$\theta^{(1)} = \Gamma^{(2)}(\theta^{(2)}) + \varepsilon^{(2)}$$

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Second level (linear) model
Between-subject error

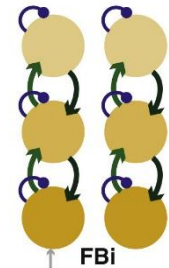


First level



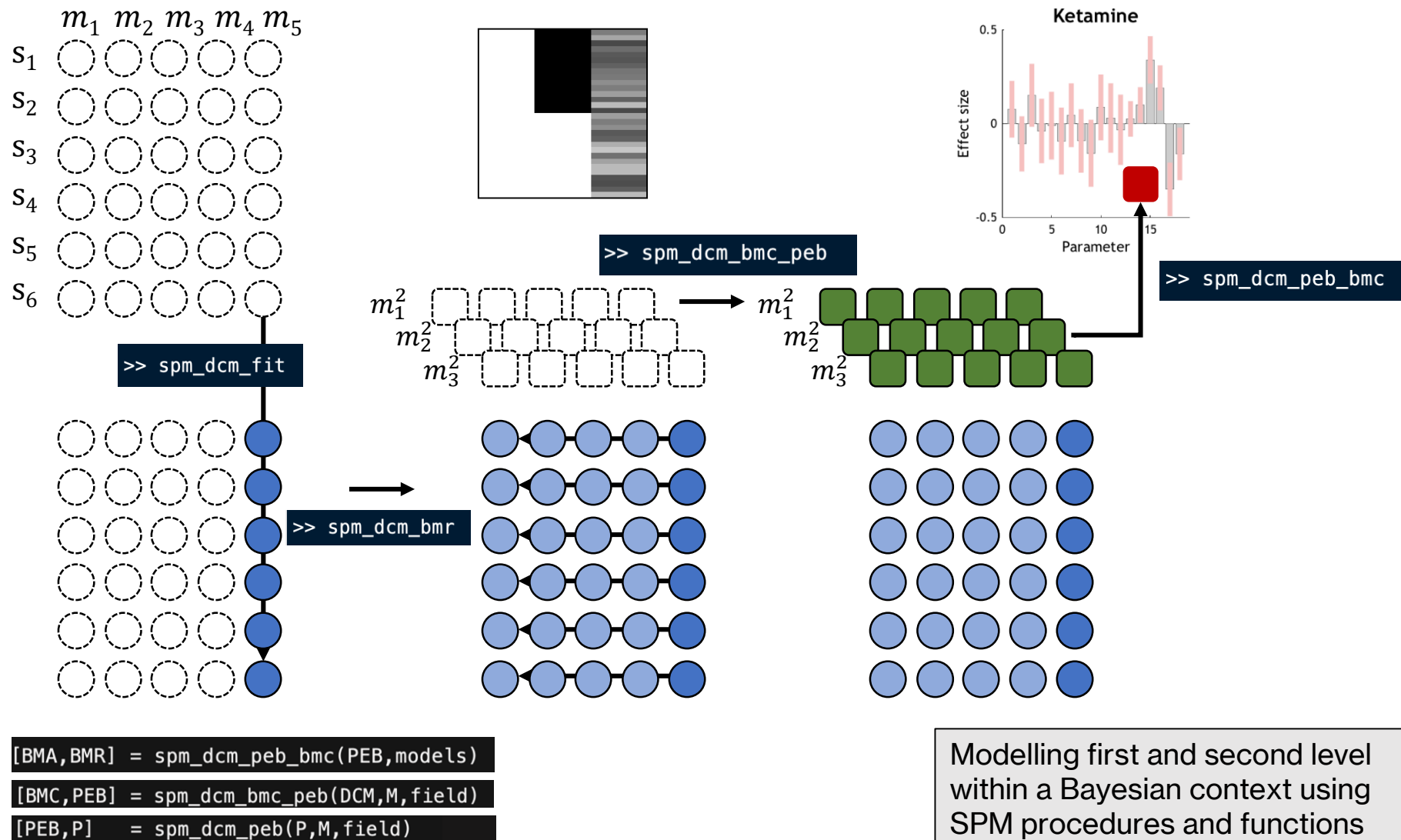
$$y = \Gamma_i^{(1)}(\theta^{(1)}) + \varepsilon^{(1)}$$

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DCM for subject i
Measurement noise



PEB is a hierarchical modelling approach incorporating first and second level

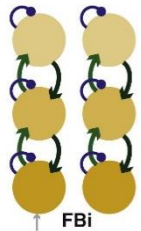
Modelling Steps: DCM to reduced PEB



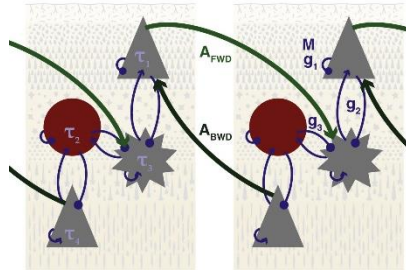
PEB Example: Effect of ketamine on (Intrinsic) Connectivity

1st Level

DCM

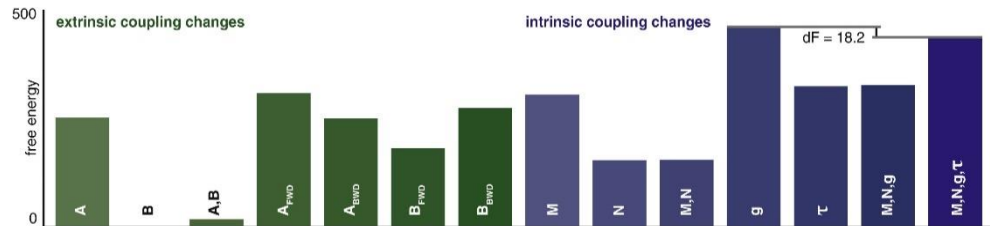


2nd Level
PEB Design Matrix

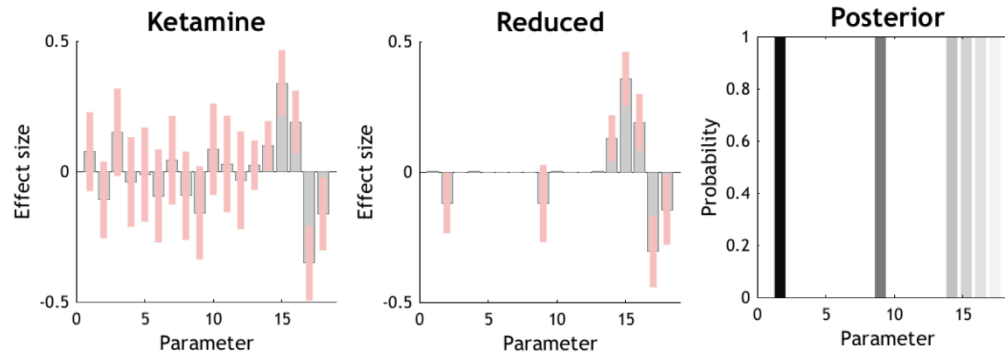


2nd Level
Model Comparison

A Bayesian model comparison on reduced models explaining ketamine effects



2nd Level
Model Average



PEB Advantages and Applications

- Conveys uncertainty about parameters from the subject level to the group level
- Can improve first level parameters estimates
- Can be used to ...
 - ... compare specific reduced PEB models (switching off combinations of group-level parameters)
 - ... or to search over nested models (BMR)
- Prediction (leave-one-out cross validation)

References and additional Material

Additional Resources

Will Penny's advanced DCM lecture slides

[Penny: DCM advanced, SPM Course Slides](#)

Lecture by Stefan Frässle on Bayesian model selection and averaging

[Fraessle: BMS and BMA](#)

Tutorial for PEB by Peter Zeidman

[Zeidman: DCM-PEB Example](#)

PEB Paper (Friston et al., 2015)

[Bayesian model reduction and empirical Bayes for group \(DCM\)](#)

10 Simple Rules for Group studies before PEB (Stephan et al., 2010)

[Ten simple rules for dynamic causal modeling](#)

Worked example using PEB with code by Natalie Adams

[Adams: PEB Example](#)

GLM of Connectivity Parameters

$$\theta^{(1)} = X\theta^{(2)} + \epsilon^{(2)} \leftarrow \text{Unexplained between-subject variability}$$

$\uparrow \uparrow$
 Design matrix (covariates) Group level parameters

