

# Tutorial of NeuroRA Version 1.1

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This Tutorial of NeuroRA provides information on how to use the NeuroRA including its easy-to-use functions.

Before you read it, you only need to spend a little time learning the basic Python syntax, and this toolkit is easy to understand. In addition, it would be better if you are familiar with Python, especially the matrix operations based on NumPy.

If there is anything wrong, difficult to understand or having any useful advice during reading it, you can contact me (zitonglu1996@gmail.com), and I will be happy and thankful to know about it.

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**This tutorial consists of these parts:**

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- Data Conversion
- Calculate the neural pattern similarity (NPS)
- Calculate the Spatiotemporal pattern similarity (STPS)
- Calculate the Inter-Subject Correlation (ISC)
- Calculate the Representational Dissimilarity Matrix (RDM)
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## Part 1: Introduction

**NeuroRA** is a Python toolbox for multimode neural data representational analysis.



### Overview

Representational Similarity Analysis (RSA) has become a popular and effective method to measure the representation of multivariable neural activity in different modes.

NeuroRA is a novel and easy-to-use toolbox based on Python, which can do some works about RSA among nearly all kinds of neural data, including behavioral, EEG, MEG, fNIRS, fMRI and some other neuroelectrophysiological data. In addition, users can do Neural Pattern Similarity (NPS), Spatiotemporal Pattern Similarity (STPS) & Inter-Subject Correlation (ISC) on NeuroRA.

### Installation

- `pip install neurora`

### Required Dependencies

*Numpy*: a fundamental package for scientific computing.

*SciPy*: a package that provides many user-friendly and efficient numerical routines.

*Matplotlib*: a Python 2D plotting library.

*NiBabel*: a package providing read +/- write access to some common medical and neuroimaging file formats.

*Nilearn*: a Python module for fast and easy statistical learning on NeuroImaging data.

*MNE-Python*: a Python software for exploring, visualizing, and analyzing human neurophysiological data.

## **Paper**

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## Part 2: Data Conversion

### For EEG/MEG data

Users can use MATLAB toolbox such as EEGLab (<http://sccn.ucsd.edu/eeglab/>) to do preprocessing and obtain .mat files, then use SciPy (<https://www.scipy.org>) to load EEG data (.mat) as ndarray-type data. Sample codes:

```
>>> import scipy.io as sio
>>> data = sio.loadmat(filename)["data"]
```

Or users can use MNE (<https://mne-tools.github.io>) to do preprocessing and return ndarray-type data. Sample codes:

```
>>> # here epoch should be an Epoch object in MNE-Python
>>> data = epoch.get_data()
```

Also, for EEG data, users can use Neo (Garcia et al., 2014) (<https://neuralensemble.org/neo/>) to do preprocessing and return ndarray-type data. See more detail in Neo io module, and it provides many methods for reading different formats from different EEG acquisition systems.

### For fMRI data

We strongly recommend users to use Nibabel (<https://nipy.org/nibabel/>) to load fMRI data as ndarray-type data. Sample codes:

```
>>> import nibabel as nib
>>> data = nib.load(fmrifilename).get_fdata()
```

### For fNIRS data

For raw data from device, users can use Numpy (<http://www.numpy.org>) to load fNIRS data (.txt or .csv) as ndarray-type data. Sample codes:

```
>>> import numpy as np
>>> # load fNIRS data of .txt file as ndarray
>>> data = np.loadtxt(txtfilename)
>>> # load fNIRS data of .csv file as ndarray
>>> data = np.loadtxt(csvfilename, delimiter, usecols, unpack)
```

### For some other neuroelectrophysiological data

Users can use Brainstorm (<https://neuroimage.usc.edu/brainstorm/>) to do preprocessing and obtain .mat files, then use SciPy to load ECoG data (.mat) as ndarray-type data.

Or users can use Neo (<https://neuralensemble.org/neo/>) to do preprocessing and return ndarray-type data. See more detail in Neo io module, and it provides many methods for reading different formats from different neuroelectrophysiology acquisition systems.

Also, users can use pyABF (<https://github.com/swharden/pyABF>) for Axon system, to load electrophysiology data (.abf) as ndarray-type data. Sample codes:

```
>>> import pyabf
>>> # the electrophysiology data file name with full address
>>> abf = pyabf.ABF("demo.abf")
>>> # access sweep data
>>> abf.setSweep(sweepNumber, channel)
>>> # get sweep data with sweepY
>>> data = abf.sweepY
```

## Notes

Two functions, *NumPy.reshape()* & *NumPy.transpose()*, are recommended for further data transformation.

## Part 3: Calculate the Neural Pattern Similarity

Module: *nps\_cal.py*

“A module for calculating the neural pattern similarity based on neural data”

◆ `nps(data, time_win=5, time_step=5, sub_opt=1)`

*A function for calculating the neural pattern similarity for EEG-like data.*

Parameters:

**data:** *array.*

The EEG-like neural data.

The shape of data must be [2, n\_subs, n\_trials, n\_chls, n\_ts]. 2 presents 2 different conditions. n\_subs, n\_trials, n\_chls & n\_ts represent the number of subjects, the number of trials, the number of channels & the number of time-points, respectively.

**time\_win:** *int. Default is 5.*

Set a time-window for calculating the NPS for different time-points.

If time\_win=5, that means each calculation process based on 5 time-points.

**time\_step:** *int. Default is 5.*

The time step size for each time of calculating.

**sub\_opt:** *int 0 or 1. Default is 1.*

Calculate the NPS for each subject or not.

If sub\_opt=0, calculate the NPS based on all data. If sub\_opt=1, calculate the NPS based on each subject's data

Returns:

**nps:** *array.*

The EEG-like NPS.

If sub\_opt=0, the shape of NPS is [n\_chls, int((n\_ts-time\_win)/time\_step)+1, 2]. If sub\_opt=1, the shape of NPS



is [n\_subs, n\_chls, int((n\_ts-time\_win)/time\_step)+1, 2]. 2 representation a r-value and a p-value.

◆ `nps_fmri(fmri_data, ksize=[3, 3, 3], strides=[1, 1, 1])`

*A function for calculating the neural pattern similarity of fMRI data (searchlight).*

Parameters:

**fmri\_data:** *array.*

The fmri data.

The number of channels & the size of fMRI-img, respectively. The shape of fmri\_data must be [n\_cons, n\_subs, nx, ny, nz]. n\_cons, nx, ny, nz represent the number of conditions, the number of subs & the size of fMRI-img, respectively.

**ksize:** *array or list [kx, ky, kz]. Default is [3, 3, 3].*

The size of the calculation unit for searchlight.

kx, ky, kz represent the number of voxels along the x, y, z axis.

**strides:** *array or list [sx, sy, sz]. Default is [1, 1, 1].*

The strides for calculating along the x, y, z axis.

Returns:

**nps:** *array.*

The fMRI NPS for searchlight.

The shape of nps is [n\_subs, n\_x, n\_y, n\_z, 2]. n\_subs, n\_x, n\_y, n\_z represent the number of subjects, the number of calculation units for searchlight along the x, y, z axis. 2 represent a r-value and a p-value.

Notes:

The size of the calculation units should at least be [3, 3, 3].

◆ `nps_fmri_roi(fmri_data, mask_data)`

*A function for calculating the neural pattern similarity of fMRI data (for ROI).*

Parameters:

**fmri\_data:** *array.*

The fmri data.

The shape of fmri\_data must be [n\_cons, n\_chls, nx, ny, nz]. n\_cons, n\_chls, nx, ny, nz represent the number of conditions, the number of channels & the size of fMRI-img, respectively.

**mask\_data:** *array [nx, ny, nz].*

The mask data for region of interest (ROI)

The size of the fMRI-img. nx, ny, nz represent the number of voxels along the x, y, z axis

Returns:

**nps:** *array.*

The fMRI NPS for ROI.

The shape of nps is [n\_subs, 2]. n\_subs represents the number of subjects. 2 represents a r-value and a p-value.

Notes:

The size of the calculation units should at least be [3, 3, 3].

## Part 4: Calculate the Spatiotemporal Pattern Similarity

Module: *stps\_cal.py*

“A module for calculating the spatiotemporal pattern similarity based on neural data”

◆ `stps(data, label_item, label_rf, time_win=20, time_step=1)`

*A function for calculating the spatiotemporal pattern similarities (STPS) for EEG-like data.*

Parameters:

**data:** *array.*

The neural data.

The shape of data must be [n\_subs, n\_trials, n\_chls, n\_ts].

n\_subs, n\_trials, n\_chls and n\_ts represent the number of subjects, the number of trials, the number of channels or regions and the number of time-points.

**label\_item:** *array or list.*

The label of trials.

The shape of label\_wibi must be [n\_trials]. n\_trials represents the number of trials.

**label\_rf:** *array or list.*

The label of trials.

The label of trials: Remembered (0) or Forgot (1). The shape of label\_rf must be [n\_trials]. n\_trials represents the number of trials. If the trial i is a remembered trial, label\_rf[i]=0. If the trial j is a forgot trial, label\_rf[j]=1.

**time\_win:** *int. Default is 20.*

Set a time-window for calculating the NPS for different time-points.

If time\_win=20, that means each calculation process based on 20 time-points.

**time\_step:** *int. Default is 1.*

The time step size for each time of calculating.

Returns:

**stps:** *array.*

The STPS.

The shape of stps is [n\_subs, 8, n\_chls, int((n\_ts-time\_win)/time\_step)+1]. 8 represents eight different conditions: 0: Within-Item, 1: Between-Item, 2: Remembered, 3: Forgot, 4: Within-Item&Remembered, 5: Within-Item&Forgot, 6: Between-Item&Remembered, 7: Between-Item&Forgot.

◆ `stps_fmri(fmri_data, label_item, label_rf, ksize=[3, 3, 3], strides=[1, 1, 1])`

*A function for calculating the spatiotemporal pattern similarities (STPS) for fMRI (searchlight).*

Parameters:

**fmri\_data:** *array.*

The fMRI data.

The shape of fmri\_data must be [n\_subs, n\_trials, nx, ny, nz]. n\_subs, n\_trials, nx, ny, nz represent the number of subjects, the number of trials & the size of fMRI-img, respectively.

**label\_item:** *array or list.*

The label of trials.

The shape of label\_item must be [n\_trials]. n\_trials represents the number of trials.

**label\_rf:** *array or list.*

The label of trials.

The label of trials: Remembered (0) or Forgot (1). The shape of label\_rf must be [n\_trials]. n\_trials represents the number of trials. If the trial i is a remembered trial, label\_rf[i]=0. If the trial j is a forgot trial, label\_rf[j]=0.

**ksize:** *array or list [kx, ky, kz]. Default is [3, 3, 3].*

The size of the calculation unit for searchlight.

kx, ky, kz represent the number of voxels along the x, y, z axis.

**strides:** *array or list [sx, sy, sz]. Default is [1, 1, 1].*

The strides for calculating along the x, y, z axis.

Returns:

**stps:** *array.*

The STPS.

The shape of stps is [n\_subs, 8, n\_x, n\_y, n\_z]. 8 represents eight different conditions: 0: Within-Item, 1: Between-Item, 2: Remembered, 3: Forgot, 4: Within-Item&Remembered, 5: Within-Item&Forgot, 6: Between-Item&Remembered, 7: Between-Item&Forgot. n\_x, n\_y, n\_z represent the number of calculation units for searchlight along the x, y, z axis.

Notes:

The size of the calculation units should at least be [3, 3, 3].

◆ **stps\_fmri\_roi(fmri\_data, label\_item, label\_rf, mask\_data)**

*A function for calculating the spatiotemporal pattern similarities (STPS) for fMRI (for ROI).*

Parameters:

**fmri\_data:** *array.*

The fMRI data.

The shape of fmri\_data must be [n\_subs, n\_trials, nx, ny, nz]. n\_subs, n\_trials, nx, ny, nz represent the number of subjects, the number of trials & the size of fMRI-img, respectively.

**label\_item:** *array or list.*

The label of trials.

The shape of label\_wibi must be [n\_trials]. n\_trials represents the number of trials.

**label\_rf:** *array or list.*

The label of trials.

The label of trials: Remembered (0) or Forgot (1). The shape of label\_rf must be [n\_trials]. n\_trials represents the number of trials. If the trial i is a remembered trial, label\_rf[i]=0. If the trial j is a forgot trial, label\_rf[j]=0.

**mask\_data:** *array [nx, ny, nz].*

The mask data for region of interest (ROI)

The size of the fMRI-img.  $nx$ ,  $ny$ ,  $nz$  represent the number of voxels along the x, y, z axis

Returns:

**stps:** *array.*

The STPS.

The shape of stps is  $[n\_subs, 8]$ . 8 represents eight different conditions: 0: Within-Item, 1: Between-Item, 2:

Remembered, 3: Forgot, 4: Within-Item&Remembered, 5: Within-Item&Forgot, 6: Between-Item&Remembered, 7: Between-Item&Forgot.

Notes:

The size of the calculation units should at least be  $[3, 3, 3]$ .

## Part 5: Calculate the Inter-Subject Correlation

Module: *isc\_cal.py*

“A module for calculating the inter-subject correlation based on neural data”

◆ `isc(data, time_win=5, time_step=5)`

*A function for calculating the inter-subject correlation (ISC) for EEG-like data.*

Parameters:

`data`: *array.*

The neural data.

The shape of data must be [n\_subs, n\_chls, n\_ts]. n\_subs, n\_chls, n\_ts represent the number of subjects, the number of channels and the number of time-points.

`time_win`: *int. Default is 5.*

Set a time-window for calculating the NPS for different time-points.

If time\_win=5, that means each calculation process based on 5 time-points.

`time_step`: *int. Default is 5.*

The time step size for each time of calculating.

Returns:

`isc`: *array.*

The ISC.

The shape of isc is [n\_subs!/(2!\*(n\_subs-2)!), n\_chls, int((n\_ts-time\_win)/time\_step)+1, 2]. n\_subs, n\_chls, n\_ts represent the number of subjects, the number of channels and the number of time-points. 2 represents a r-value and a p-value.

◆ `isc_fmri(fmri_data, ksize=[3, 3, 3], strides=[1, 1, 1])`

*A function for calculating the inter-subject correlation (ISC) for fMRI*

*(searchlight).*

Parameters:

**fmri\_data:** *array.*

The fmri data.

The shape of fmri\_data must be [n\_ts, n\_subs, nx, ny, nz]. n\_ts, nx, ny, nz represent the number of time-points, the number of subs & the size of fMRI-img, respectively.

**ksize:** *array or list [kx, ky, kz]. Default is [3, 3, 3].*

The size of the calculation unit for searchlight.

kx, ky, kz represent the number of voxels along the x, y, z axis.

**strides:** *array or list [sx, sy, sz]. Default is [1, 1, 1].*

The strides for calculating along the x, y, z axis.

Returns:

**isc:** *array.*

The ISC.

The shape of isc is [n\_ts, n\_subs!/(2!\*(n\_subs-2)!), n\_x, n\_y, n\_z, 2]. n\_ts, n\_subs, n\_x, n\_y, n\_z represent the number of time-points, the number of subjects, the number of calculation units for searchlight along the x, y, z axis. 2 represent a r-value and a p-value.

Notes:

The size of the calculation units should at least be [3, 3, 3].

#### ◆ `isc_fmri_roi(fmri_data, mask_data)`

*A function for calculating the inter-subject correlation (ISC) for fMRI (for ROI).*

Parameters:

**fmri\_data:** *array.*

The fmri data.

The shape of fmri\_data must be [n\_ts, n\_subs, nx, ny, nz]. n\_ts, nx, ny, nz represent the number of time-points, the number of subs & the size of fMRI-img, respectively.



**mask\_data:** *array [nx, ny, nz].*

The mask data for region of interest (ROI).

The size of the fMRI-img. nx, ny, nz represent the number of voxels along the x, y, z axis.

**strides:** *array or list [sx, sy, sz]. Default is [1, 1, 1].*

The strides for calculating along the x, y, z axis.

Returns:

**isc:** *array.*

The ISC.

The shape of corrs is [n\_ts, n\_subs!/(2!\*(n\_subs-2)!), 2]. n\_ts, n\_subs represent the number of time-points, the number of subjects. 2 represent a r-value and a p-value.

Notes:

The size of the calculation units should at least be [3, 3, 3].

## Part 6: Calculate the RDM

Module: *rdm\_cal.py*

**“A module for calculating the representational dissimilarity matrix based on multimode neural data”**

◆ `bhvRDM(bhv_data, sub_opt=1, method="correlation", abs=False)`

*A function for calculating the RDM based on behavioral data.*

Parameters:

**bhv\_data:** *array.*

The behavioral data.

The shape of bhv\_data must be [n\_cons, n\_subs, n\_trials]. n\_cons, n\_subs & n\_trials represent the number of conditions, the number of subjects & the number of trials, respectively.

**sub\_opt:** *int 0 or 1. Default is 1.*

Calculate the subject-result or average-result.

If sub\_opt=0, return the average result. If sub\_opt=1, return the results of each subject.

**method:** *string 'correlation' or 'euclidean' or 'mahalanobis'. Default is 'correlation'.*

The method to calculate the dissimilarities.

If method='correlation', the dissimilarity is calculated by Pearson Correlation. If method='euclidean', the dissimilarity is calculated by Euclidean Distance, the results will be normalized. If method='mahalanobis', the dissimilarity is calculated by Mahalanobis Distance, the results will be normalized.

**abs:** *boolean True or False. Default is True.*

Calculate the absolute value of Pearson r or not.

Returns:

**RDM(s):** *array*

The behavioral RDM.

If `sub_opt=0`, return only one RDM. The shape is `[n_cons, n_cons]`. If `sub_opt=1`, return `n_subs` RDMS. The shape is `[n_subs, n_cons, n_cons]`.

- ◆ `eegRDM(EEG_data, sub_opt=1, chl_opt=0, time_opt=0, time_win=5, time_step=5, method="correlation", abs=False)`

*A function for calculating the RDM(s) based on EEG-like data.*

Parameters:

**EEG\_data:** *array.*

The EEG/MEG/fNIRS data.

The shape of EEGdata must be `[n_cons, n_subs, n_trials, n_chls, n_ts]`. `n_cons`, `n_subs`, `n_trials`, `n_chls` & `n_ts` represent the number of conditions, the number of subjects, the number of trials, the number of channels & the number of time-points, respectively.

**sub\_opt:** *int 0 or 1. Default is 1.*

Calculate the subject-result or average-result.

If `sub_opt=0`, return the average result. If `sub_opt=1`, return the results of each subject.

**chl\_opt:** *int 0 or 1. Default is 0.*

Calculate the RDM for each channel or not.

If `chl_opt=0`, calculate the RDM based on all channels' data. If `chl_opt=1`, calculate the RDMS based on each channel's data respectively.

**time\_opt:** *int 0 or 1. Default is 0.*

Calculate the RDM for each time-point or not

If `time_opt=0`, calculate the RDM based on whole time-points' data. If `time_opt=1`, calculate the RDMS based on each time-points respectively.

**time\_win:** *int. Default is 5.*

Set a time-window for calculating the NPS for different time-

points.

Only when `time_opt=1`, `time_win` works. If `time_win=5`, that means each calculation process based on 5 time-points.

**time\_step:** *int. Default is 5.*

The time step size for each time of calculating.

Only when `time_opt=1`, `time_step` works.

**method:** *string 'correlation' or 'euclidean' or 'mahalanobis'. Default is 'correlation'.*

The method to calculate the dissimilarities.

If `method='correlation'`, the dissimilarity is calculated by Pearson Correlation. If `method='euclidean'`, the dissimilarity is calculated by Euclidean Distance, the results will be normalized. If `method='mahalanobis'`, the dissimilarity is calculated by Mahalanobis Distance, the results will be normalized.

**abs:** *boolean True or False. Default is True.*

Calculate the absolute value of Pearson r or not.

Returns:

**RDM(s):** *array.*

The shape is `[n_cons, n_cons]`. If `sub_opt=0` & `chl_opt=0` & `time_opt=1`, return `int((n_ts-time_win)/time_step)+1` RDM. The shape is `[int((n_ts-time_win)/time_step)+1, n_cons, n_cons]`. If `sub_opt=0` & `chl_opt=1` & `time_opt=0`, return `n_chls` RDM. The shape is `[n_chls, n_cons, n_cons]`. If `sub_opt=0` & `chl_opt=1` & `time_opt=1`, return `n_chls*(int((n_ts-time_win)/time_step)+1)` RDM. The shape is `[n_chls, int((n_ts-time_win)/time_step)+1, n_cons, n_cons]`. If `sub_opt=1` & `chl_opt=0` & `time_opt=0`, return `n_subs` RDM. The shape is `[n_subs, n_cons, n_cons]`. If `sub_opt=1` & `chl_opt=0` & `time_opt=1`, return `n_subs*(int((n_ts-time_win)/time_step)+1)` RDM. The shape is `[n_subs, int((n_ts-time_win)/time_step)+1, n_cons, n_cons]`. If `sub_opt=1` & `chl_opt=1` & `time_opt=0`, return `n_subs*n_chls` RDM. The shape is `[n_subs, n_chls, n_cons, n_cons]`. If `sub_opt=1` & `chl_opt=1` & `time_opt=1`, return `n_subs*n_chls*(int((n_ts-time_win)/time_step)+1)` RDM. The shape is `[n_subs, n_chls, int((n_ts-time_win)/time_step)+1, n_cons, n_cons]`.

- ◆ `fmriRDM(fmri_data, ksize=[3, 3, 3], strides=[1, 1, 1], sub_opt=0, method="correlation", abs=False)`

*A function for calculating the RDM based on fMRI data (searchlight).*

Parameters:

**fmri\_data:** *array.*

The fmri data.

The shape of fmri\_data must be [n\_cons, n\_subs, nx, ny, nz]. n\_cons, nx, ny, nz represent the number of conditions, the number of subs & the size of fMRI-img, respectively.

**ksize:** *array or list [kx, ky, kz]. Default is [3, 3, 3].*

The size of the calculation unit for searchlight.

kx, ky, kz represent the number of voxels along the x, y, z axis.

**strides:** *array or list [sx, sy, sz]. Default is [1, 1, 1].*

The strides for calculating along the x, y, z axis.

**sub\_opt:** *int 0 or 1. Default is 0.*

Calculate the subject-result or average-result.

If sub\_opt=0, return the average result. If sub\_opt=1, return the results of each subject.

**method:** *string 'correlation' or 'euclidean' or 'mahalanobis'. Default is 'correlation'.*

The method to calculate the dissimilarities.

If method='correlation', the dissimilarity is calculated by Pearson Correlation. If method='euclidean', the dissimilarity is calculated by Euclidean Distance, the results will be normalized. If method='mahalanobis', the dissimilarity is calculated by Mahalanobis Distance, the results will be normalized.

**abs:** *boolean True or False. Default is True.*

Calculate the absolute value of Pearson r or not.

Returns:

**RDMs:** *array.*

The fMRI-Searchlight RDM.

If sub\_opt=0, the shape of RDMs is [n\_x, n\_y, n\_z, n\_cons, n\_cons]. If sub\_opt=1, the shape of RDMs is [n\_subs, n\_x, n\_y, n\_cons, n\_cons] n\_subs, n\_x, n\_y, n\_z represent the number of subjects & the number of calculation units for searchlight along the x, y, z axis.

◆ `fmriRDM_roi(fmri_data, mask_data, sub_opt=1, method="correlation", abs=False)`

*A function for calculating the RDM based on fMRI data of a ROI.*

Parameters:

**fmri\_data:** *array.*

The fmri data.

The shape of fmri\_data must be [n\_cons, n\_subs, nx, ny, nz]. n\_cons, nx, ny, nz represent the number of conditions, the number of subs & the size of fMRI-img, respectively.

**mask\_data:** *array [nx, ny, nz].*

The mask data for region of interest (ROI).

The size of the fMRI-img. nx, ny, nz represent the number of voxels along the x, y, z axis.

**sub\_opt:** *int 0 or 1. Default is 0.*

Calculate the subject-result or average-result.

If sub\_opt=0, return the average result. If sub\_opt=1, return the results of each subject.

**method:** *string 'correlation' or 'euclidean' or 'mahalanobis'. Default is 'correlation'.*

The method to calculate the dissimilarities.

If method='correlation', the dissimilarity is calculated by Pearson Correlation. If method='euclidean', the dissimilarity is calculated by Euclidean Distance, the results will be normalized. If method='mahalanobis', the dissimilarity is calculated by Mahalanobis Distance, the results will be

normalized.

**abs:** *boolean True or False. Default is True.*

Calculate the absolute value of Pearson r or not.

Returns:

**rdm:** *array.*

The fMRI-ROI RDM.

If `sub_opt=0`, the shape of RDM is `[n_cons, n_cons]`. If  
`sub_opt=1`, the shape of RDM is `[n_subs, n_cons, n_cons]`.

## Part 7: Representational Similarity Analysis

Module: *rdm\_corr.py*

“A module for calculating the Similarity/Correlation Coefficient between two RDMs”

◆ `rdm_correlation_spearman(RDM1, RDM2, fisherz=False, rescale=False, permutation=False, iter=5000)`

*A function for calculating the Spearman correlation coefficient between two RDMs.*

Parameters:

**RDM1:** *array [ncons, ncons].*

The RDM 1.

The shape of RDM1 must be [n\_cons, n\_cons]. n\_cons represent the number of conditions.

**RDM2:** *array [ncons, ncons].*

The RDM 2.

The shape of RDM2 must be [n\_cons, n\_cons]. n\_cons represent the number of conditions.

**fisherz:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*

Do the Fisher-Z transform of the RDMs or not.

**rescale:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*

Rescale the values in RDM or not. Here, the maximum-minimum method is used to rescale the values except for the values on the diagonal.

**permutation:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*

Use permutation test or not.

**iter:** *int. Default is 5000.*

The times for iteration.

Returns:



**corr:** *array [r, p].*  
The Spearman Correlation result.  
The shape of corr is [2], including a r-value and a p-value.

◆ `rdm_correlation_pearson(RDM1, RDM2, fisherz=False, rescale=False, permutation=False, iter=5000)`

*A function for calculating the Pearson correlation coefficient between two RDMS.*

Parameters:

**RDM1:** *array [ncons, ncons].*  
The RDM 1.  
The shape of RDM1 must be [n\_cons, n\_cons]. n\_cons represent the number of conditions.

**RDM2:** *array [ncons, ncons].*  
The RDM 2.  
The shape of RDM2 must be [n\_cons, n\_cons]. n\_cons represent the number of conditions.

**fisherz:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*  
Do the Fisher-Z transform of the RDMS or not.

**rescale:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*  
Rescale the values in RDM or not. Here, the maximum-minimum method is used to rescale the values except for the values on the diagonal.

**permutation:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*  
Use permutation test or not.

**iter:** *int. Default is 5000.*  
The times for iteration.

Returns:

**corr:** *array [r, p].*  
The Pearson Correlation result.

The shape of corr is [2], including a r-value and a p-value.

◆ `rdm_correlation_kendall(RDM1, RDM2, fisherz=False, rescale=False, permutation=False, iter=5000)`

*A function for calculating the Kendalls tau correlation coefficient between two RDMS.*

Parameters:

**RDM1:** *array [ncons, ncons].*

The RDM 1.

The shape of RDM1 must be [n\_cons, n\_cons]. n\_cons represent the number of conditdions.

**RDM2:** *array [ncons, ncons].*

The RDM 2.

The shape of RDM2 must be [n\_cons, n\_cons]. n\_cons represent the number of conditdions.

**fisherz:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*

Do the Fisher-Z transform of the RDMS or not.

**rescale:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*

Rescale the values in RDM or not. Here, the maximum-minimum method is used to rescale the values except for the values on the diagonal.

**permutation:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*

Use permutation test or not.

**iter:** *int. Default is 5000.*

The times for iteration.

Returns:

**corr:** *array [r, p].*

The Kendalls tau Correlation result.

The shape of corr is [2], including a r-value and a p-value.

◆ `rdm_similarity(RDM1, RDM2, rescale=False)`

*A function for calculating the Cosine Similarity between two RDMs.*

Parameters:

**RDM1:** *array [ncons, ncons].*

The RDM 1.

The shape of RDM1 must be [n\_cons, n\_cons]. n\_cons represent the number of conditions.

**RDM2:** *array [ncons, ncons].*

The RDM 2.

The shape of RDM2 must be [n\_cons, n\_cons]. n\_cons represent the number of conditions.

**rescale:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*

Rescale the values in RDM or not. Here, the maximum-minimum method is used to rescale the values except for the values on the diagonal.

Returns:

**similarity:** *array [r, p].*

The Cosine Similarity result.

The shape of corr is [2], corr[0] is the Cosine Similarity result and corr[1] is 0.

◆ `rdm_distance(RDM1, RDM2, rescale=False)`

*A function for calculating the Euclidean Distances between two RDMs.*

Parameters:

**RDM1:** *array [ncons, ncons].*

The RDM 1.

The shape of RDM1 must be [n\_cons, n\_cons]. n\_cons represent the number of conditions.

**RDM2:** *array [ncons, ncons].*

The RDM 2.

The shape of RDM2 must be [n\_cons, n\_cons]. n\_cons represent the number of conditions.

**rescale:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*

Rescale the values in RDM or not. Here, the maximum-minimum method is used to rescale the values except for the values on the diagonal.

Returns:

**dist:** *array [r, p].*

The Euclidean Distance result.

The shape of corr is [2], corr[0] is the Euclidean Distance result and corr[1] is 0.

Returns:

**p:** *float*

The permutation test result, p-value.

Module: *corr\_cal.py*

**“A module for calculating the Similarity/Correlation Coefficient between two different modes data”**

◆ `bhvANDeeg_corr(bhv_data, eeg_data, sub_opt=1, chl_opt=0, time_opt=0, time_win=5, time_step=5, method="spearman", fisherz=False, rescale=False, permutation=False, iter=5000)`

*A function for calculating the Similarity/Correlation Coefficient between behavioral data and EEG/MEG/fNIRS data.*

Parameters:

**bhv\_data:** *array.*

The behavioral data.

The shape of bhv\_data must be [n\_cons, n\_subs, n\_trials]. n\_cons, n\_subs & n\_trials represent the number of conditions, the number of subjects & the number of trials, respectively.

**eeg\_data:** *array.*  
The EEG/MEG/fNIRS data.  
The shape of EEGdata must be [n\_cons, n\_subs, n\_trials, n\_chls, n\_ts]. n\_cons, n\_subs, n\_trials, n\_chls & n\_ts represent the number of conditions, the number of subjects, the number of trials, the number of channels & the number of time-points, respectively.

**sub\_opt:** *int 0 or 1. Default is 1.*  
Calculate the RDM & similarities for each subject or not.  
If sub\_opt=0, calculating based on all data. If sub\_opt=1, calculating based on each subject's data, respectively.

**chl\_opt:** *int 0 or 1. Default is 0.*  
Calculate the RDM & similarities for each channel or not.  
If chl\_opt=0, calculating based on all channels' data. If chl\_opt=1, calculating based on each channel's data respectively.

**time\_opt:** *int 0 or 1. Default is 0.*  
Calculate the RDM & similarities for each time-point or not  
If time\_opt=0, calculating based on whole time-points' data.  
If time\_opt=1, calculating based on each time-points respectively.

**time\_win:** *int. Default is 5.*  
Set a time-window for calculating the RDM & similarities for different time-points.  
Only when time\_opt=1, time\_win works. If time\_win=5, that means each calculation process based on 5 time-points.

**time\_step:** *int. Default is 5.*  
The time step size for each time of calculating.  
Only when time\_opt=1, time\_step works.

**method:** *string 'spearman' or 'pearson' or 'kendall' or 'similarity' or 'distance'. Default is 'spearman'.*  
The method to calculate the similarities.  
If method='spearman', calculate the Spearman Correlations.  
If method='pearson', calculate the Pearson Correlations. If

methd='kendall', calculate the Kendall tau Correlations. If method='similarity', calculate the Cosine Similarities. If method='distance', calculate the Euclidean Distances.

**fisherz:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*

Do the Fisher-Z transform of the RDMs or not.

**rescale:** *bool True or False.*

Rescale the values in RDM or not.

Here, the maximum-minimum method is used to rescale the values except for the values on the diagonal.

**permutation:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*

Use permutation test or not.

**iter:** *int. Default is 5000.*

The times for iteration.

Returns:

**corr(s):** *array.*

The similarities between behavioral data and EEG/MEG/fNIRS data.

If sub\_opt=0 & chl\_opt=0 & time\_opt=0, return one corr result. The shape of corrs is [2], a r-value and a p-value. If method='similarity' or method='distance', the p-value is 0. If sub\_opt=0 & chl\_opt=0 & time\_opt=1, return int((n\_ts-time\_win)/time\_step)+1 corrs result. The shape of corrs is int((n\_ts-time\_win)/time\_step)+1. 2 represents a r-value and a p-value. If method='similarity' or method='distance', the p-values are all 0. If sub\_opt=0 & chl\_opt=1 & time\_opt=0, return n\_chls corrs result. The shape of corrs is [n\_chls, 2]. 2 represents a r-value and a p-value. If method='similarity' or method='distance', the p-values are all 0. If sub\_opt=0 & chl\_opt=1 & time\_opt=1, return n\_chls\*(int((n\_ts-time\_win)/time\_step)+1) corrs result. The shape of corrs is [n\_chls, int((n\_ts-time\_win)/time\_step)+1, 2]. 2 represents a r-value and a p-value. If method='similarity' or method='distance', the p-values are all 0. If sub\_opt=1 & chl\_opt=0 & time\_opt=0, return n\_subs corr result. The shape of corrs is [n\_subs, 2], a r-value and a p-value. If method='similarity' or method='distance', the p-values are all 0. If sub\_opt=1 & chl\_opt=0 & time\_opt=1, return n\_subs\*(int((n\_ts-time\_win)/time\_step)+1) corrs

result. The shape of corrs is  $[n\_subs, \text{int}((n\_ts - \text{time\_win}) / \text{time\_step}) + 1, 2]$ . 2 represents a r-value and a p-value. If method='similarity' or method='distance', the p-values are all 0. If sub\_opt=1 & chl\_opt=1 & time\_opt=0, return  $n\_subs * n\_chls$  corrs result. The shape of corrs is  $[n\_subs, n\_chls, 2]$ . 2 represents a r-value and a p-value. If method='similarity' or method='distance', the p-values are all 0. If sub\_opt=1 & chl\_opt=1 & time\_opt=1, return  $n\_subs * n\_chls * (\text{int}((n\_ts - \text{time\_win}) / \text{time\_step}) + 1)$  corrs result. The shape of corrs is  $[n\_subs, n\_chls, \text{int}((n\_ts - \text{time\_win}) / \text{time\_step}) + 1, 2]$ . 2 represents a r-value and a p-value. If method='similarity' or method='distance', the p-values are all 0.

- ◆ `bhvANDfmri_corr(bhv_data, fmri_data, ksize=[3, 3, 3], strides=[1, 1, 1], method="spearman", fisherz=False, rescale=False, permutation=False, iter=5000)`

*A function for calculating the Similarity/Correlation Coefficient between behavioral data and fMRI data (searchlight).*

Parameters:

**bhv\_data:** *array.*

The behavioral data.

The shape of bhv\_data must be  $[n\_cons, n\_subs, n\_trials]$ .  $n\_cons$ ,  $n\_subs$  &  $n\_trials$  represent the number of conditions, the number of subjects & the number of trials, respectively.

**fmri\_data:** *array.*

The fmri data.

The shape of fmri\_data must be  $[n\_cons, n\_subs, nx, ny, nz]$ .  $n\_cons$ ,  $nx$ ,  $ny$ ,  $nz$  represent the number of conditions, the number of subs & the size of fMRI-img, respectively.

**ksize:** *array or list [kx, ky, kz]. Default is [3, 3, 3].*

The size of the calculation unit for searchlight.

$kx$ ,  $ky$ ,  $kz$  represent the number of voxels along the x, y, z axis.

**strides:** *array or list [sx, sy, sz]. Default is [1, 1, 1].*

The strides for calculating along the x, y, z axis.

**method:** *string 'spearman' or 'pearson' or 'kendall' or 'similarity' or 'distance'. Default is 'spearman'.*

The method to calculate the similarities.

If method='spearman', calculate the Spearman Correlations. If method='pearson', calculate the Pearson Correlations. If method='kendall', calculate the Kendall tau Correlations. If method='similarity', calculate the Cosine Similarities. If method='distance', calculate the Euclidean Distances.

**fisherz:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*

Do the Fisher-Z transform of the RDMs or not.

**rescale:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*

Rescale the values in RDM or not.

Here, the maximum-minimum method is used to rescale the values except for the values on the diagonal.

**permutation:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*

Use permutation test or not.

**iter:** *int. Default is 5000.*

The times for iteration.

Returns:

**corrs:** *array.*

The similarities between behavioral data and fMRI data for searchlight.

The shape of RDMs is [n\_x, n\_y, n\_z, 2]. n\_x, n\_y, n\_z represent the number of calculation units for searchlight along the x, y, z axis and 2 represents a r-value and a p-value.

◆ `eegANDfmri_corr(eeg_data, fmri_data, chl_opt=0, ksize=[3, 3, 3], strides=[1, 1, 1], method="spearman", fisherz=False, rescale=False, permutation=False, iter=5000)`

*A function for calculating the Similarity/Correlation Coefficient between EEG/MEG/fNIRS data and fMRI data (searchlight).*

Parameters:



- eeg\_data:** *array.*  
The EEG/MEG/fNIRS data.  
The shape of EEGdata must be [n\_cons, n\_subs, n\_trials, n\_chls, n\_ts]. n\_cons, n\_subs, n\_trials, n\_chls & n\_ts represent the number of conditions, the number of subjects, the number of trials, the number of channels & the number of time-points, respectively.
- fmri\_data:** *array.*  
The fmri data.  
The shape of fmri\_data must be [n\_cons, n\_subs, nx, ny, nz]. n\_cons, nx, ny, nz represent the number of conditions, the number of subs & the size of fMRI-img, respectively.
- chl\_opt:** *int 0 or 1. Default is 0.*  
Calculate the RDM & similarities for each channel or not.  
If chl\_opt=0, calculating based on all channels' data. If chl\_opt=1, calculating based on each channel's data respectively.
- ksize:** *array or list [kx, ky, kz]. Default is [3, 3, 3].*  
The size of the calculation unit for searchlight.  
kx, ky, kz represent the number of voxels along the x, y, z axis.
- strides:** *array or list [sx, sy, sz]. Default is [1, 1, 1].*  
The strides for calculating along the x, y, z axis.
- method:** *string 'spearman' or 'pearson' or 'kendall' or 'similarity' or 'distance'. Default is 'spearman'.*  
The method to calculate the similarities.  
If method='spearman', calculate the Spearman Correlations. If method='pearson', calculate the Pearson Correlations. If method='kendall', calculate the Kendall tau Correlations. If method='similarity', calculate the Cosine Similarities. If method='distance', calculate the Euclidean Distances.
- fisherz:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*  
Do the Fisher-Z transform of the RDMs or not.
- rescale:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*

Rescale the values in RDM or not.

Here, the maximum-minimum method is used to rescale the values except for the values on the diagonal.

**permutation:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*

Use permutation test or not.

**iter:** *int. Default is 5000.*

The times for iteration.

Returns:

**corrs:** *array.*

The similarities between EEG/MEG/fNIRS data and fMRI data for searchlight.

If chl\_opt=1, the shape of RDMs is [n\_chls, n\_x, n\_y, n\_z, 2]. n\_x, n\_y, n\_z represent the number of calculation units for searchlight along the x, y, z axis and 2 represents a r-value and a p-value. If chl\_opt=0, the shape of RDMs is [n\_x, n\_y, n\_z, 2]. n\_x, n\_y, n\_z represent the number of calculation units for searchlight along the x, y, z axis and 2 represents a r-value and a p-value.

Module: *corr\_cal\_by\_rdm.py*

**“A module for calculating the Similarity/Correlation Coefficient between RDMs by different modes”**

◆ `rdms_corr(demo_rdm, eeg_rdms, method="spearman", fisherz=False, rescale=False, permutation=False, iter=5000)`

*A function for calculating the Similarity/Correlation Coefficient between RDMs based on EEG-like data and a demo RDM.*

Parameters:

**demo\_rdm:** *array [n\_cons, n\_cons].*

A demo RDM.

**eeg\_rdm:** *array*

The EEG/MEG/fNIRS/ECoG/sEEG/electrophysiological RDM(s).

The shape can be [n\_cons, n\_cons] or [n1, n\_cons, n\_cons] or [n1, n2, n\_cons, n\_cons] or [n1, n2, n3, n\_cons, n\_cons].  
ni(i=1, 2, 3) can be int(n\_ts/timw\_win), n\_chls, n\_subs.

**method:** *string 'spearman' or 'pearson' or 'kendall' or 'similarity' or 'distance'. Default is 'spearman'.*

The method to calculate the similarities.

If method='spearman', calculate the Spearman Correlations. If method='pearson', calculate the Pearson Correlations. If method='kendall', calculate the Kendall tau Correlations. If method='similarity', calculate the Cosine Similarities. If method='distance', calculate the Euclidean Distances.

**fisherz:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*

Do the Fisher-Z transform of the RDMs or not.

**rescale:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*

Rescale the values in RDM or not.

Here, the maximum-minimum method is used to rescale the values except for the values on the diagonal.

**permutation:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*

Use permutation test or not.

**iter:** *int. Default is 5000.*

The times for iteration.

Returns:

**corr:** *array.*

The similarities between EEG/MEG/fNIRS/ECoG/sEEG/electrophysiological RDMs and a demo RDM.

If the shape of eeg\_rdms is [n\_cons, n\_cons], the shape of corr will be [2]. If the shape of eeg\_rdms is [n1, n\_cons, n\_cons], the shape of corr will be [n1, 2]. If the shape of eeg\_rdms is [n1, n2, n\_cons, n\_cons], the shape of corr will be [n1, n2, 2]. If the shape of eeg\_rdms is [n1, n2, n3, n\_cons, n\_cons], the shape of corr will be [n1, n2, n3, 2]. ni(i=1, 2, 3) can be int(n\_ts/timw\_win), n\_chls, n\_subs. 2 represents a r-value and a p-value.

- ◆ `fmrirdms_corr(demo_rdm, fMRI_rdm, method="spearman", fisherz=False, rescale=False, permutation=False, iter=5000)`

*A function for calculating the Similarity/Correlation Coefficient between fMRI RDMs (searchlight) and a demo RDM.*

Parameters:

**demo\_rdm:** *array [n\_cons, n\_cons].*

A demo RDM.

**fMRI\_rdm:** *array.*

The fMRI-Searchlight RDMs.

The shape of RDMs is [n\_x, n\_y, n\_z, n\_cons, n\_cons]. n\_x, n\_y, n\_z represent the number of calculation units for searchlight along the x, y, z axis.

**method:** *string 'spearman' or 'pearson' or 'kendall' or 'similarity' or 'distance'. Default is 'spearman'.*

The method to calculate the similarities. If method='spearman', calculate the Spearman Correlations. If method='pearson', calculate the Pearson Correlations. If method='kendall', calculate the Kendall tau Correlations. If method='similarity', calculate the Cosine Similarities. If method='distance', calculate the Euclidean Distances.

**fisherz:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*

Do the Fisher-Z transform of the RDMs or not.

**rescale:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*

Rescale the values in RDM or not.

Here, the maximum-minimum method is used to rescale the values except for the values on the diagonal.

**permutation:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*

Use permutation test or not.

**iter:** *int. Default is 5000.*

The times for iteration.

Returns:

corrs: *array*.

The similarities between fMRI searchlight RDMs and a demo RDM.

The shape of RDMs is  $[n_x, n_y, n_z, 2]$ .  $n_x, n_y, n_z$  represent the number of calculation units for searchlight along the x, y, z axis and 2 represents a r-value and a p-value.

## Part 8: Statistical Analysis

Module: *stats\_cal.py*

“A module for calculating the statistical results”

◆ `stats(corr, permutation=True, iter=5000)`

*A function for conducting the statistical analysis for results of EEG-like data.*

Parameters:

**corr:** *array.*

The correlation coefficients.

The shape of corr must be [n\_subs, n\_chls, n\_ts, 2]. n\_subs, n\_chls, n\_ts represent the number of subjects, the number of channels and the number of time-points. 2 represents a r-value and a p-value.

**permutation:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*

Use permutation test or not.

**iter:** *int. Default is 5000.*

The times for iteration.

Returns:

**stats:** *array.*

The statistical results.

The shape of stats is [n\_chls, n\_ts, 2]. n\_chls, n\_ts represent the number of channels and the number of time-points. 2 represents a t-value and a p-value.

Notes:

n\_subs must  $\geq 6$ .

This function can be used for the correlation results of NPS, STPS, ISC, eeg-like RDMS-correlations.

◆ `stats_fmri(corr, permutation=False, iter=5000)`

*A function for conducting the statistical analysis for results of fMRI data (searchlight).*

Parameters:

**corrs:** *array.*

The correlation coefficients.

The shape of corrs must be [n\_subs, n\_x, n\_y, n\_z, 2]. n\_subs, n\_x, n\_y, n\_z represent the number of subjects, the number of calculation units for searchlight along the x, y, z axis and 2 represents a r-value and a p-value.

**permutation:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*

Use permutation test or not.

**iter:** *int. Default is 5000.*

The times for iteration.

Returns:

**stats:** *array.*

The statistical results.

The shape of stats is [n\_x, n\_y, n\_z, 2]. n\_x, n\_y, n\_z represent the number of calculation units for searchlight along the x, y, z axis and 2 represents a t-value and a p-value.

Notes:

n\_subs must  $\geq 6$ .

This function can be used for the correlation results of searchlight fMRI NPS and searchlight fMRI RDM-correlations.

◆ `stats_iscfMRI(corrs, permutation=False, iter=5000)`

*A function for conducting the statistical analysis for results of fMRI data (ISC searchlight).*

Parameters:

**corrs:** *array.*

The correlation coefficients.

The shape of corrs must be [n\_ts, n\_subs!/(2!\*(n\_subs-2)!), n\_x, n\_y, n\_z, 2]. n\_ts, n\_subs, n\_x, n\_y, n\_z represent the

number of subjects, the number of calculation units for searchlight along the x, y, z axis and 2 represents a r-value and a p-value.

**permutation:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*

Use permutation test or not.

**iter:** *int. Default is 5000.*

The times for iteration.

Returns:

**stats:** *array.*

The statistical results.

The shape of stats is [n\_ts, n\_x, n\_y, n\_z, 2]. n\_ts, n\_x, n\_y, n\_z represent the number of time-points, the number of calculation units for searchlight along the x, y, z axis and 2 represents a t-value and a p-value.

Notes:

n\_subs must  $\geq 4$  ( $n\_subs! / (2! * (n\_subs - 2)!) \geq 6$ ).

◆ `stats_stps(corr1, corr2, permutation=True, iter=5000)`

*A function for conducting the statistical analysis for results of EEG-like data (for STPS).*

Parameters:

**corr1:** *array.*

The correlation coefficients under condition1.

The shape of corr1 must be [n\_subs, n\_chls, n\_ts]. n\_subs, n\_chls, n\_ts represent the number of subjects, the number of channels and the number of time-points.

**corr2:** *array.*

The correlation coefficients under condition2.

The shape of corr2 must be [n\_subs, n\_chls, n\_ts]. n\_subs, n\_chls, n\_ts represent the number of subjects, the number of channels and the number of time-points.

**permutation:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*

Use permutation test or not.



**iter:** *int. Default is 5000.*  
The times for iteration.

Returns:

**stats:** *array.*  
The statistical results.  
The shape of stats is [n\_chls, n\_ts, 2]. n\_chls, n\_ts represent the number of channels and the number of time-points. 2 represents a t-value and a p-value.

Notes:

n\_subs must >= 6.

◆ `stats_stpsfmri(corr1, permutation=False, iter=5000)`

*A function for conducting the statistical analysis for results of fMRI data (STPS searchlight).*

Parameters:

**corr1:** *array.*  
The correlation coefficients under condition1.  
The shape of corr1 must be [n\_subs, n\_x, n\_y, n\_z]. n\_subs, n\_x, n\_y, n\_z represent the number of subjects, the number of calculation units for searchlight along the x, y, z axis.

**corr2:** *array.*  
The correlation coefficients under condition2.  
The shape of corr2 must be [n\_subs, n\_x, n\_y, n\_z]. n\_subs, n\_x, n\_y, n\_z represent the number of subjects, the number of calculation units for searchlight along the x, y, z axis.

**permutation:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*  
Use permutation test or not.

**iter:** *int. Default is 5000.*  
The times for iteration.

Returns:

**stats:** *array.*  
The statistical results.

The shape of stats is [n\_ts, n\_x, n\_y, n\_z, 2]. n\_ts, n\_x, n\_y, n\_z represent the number of time-points, the number of calculation units for searchlight along the x, y, z axis and 2 represents a t-value and a p-value.

Notes:

n\_subs must  $\geq 6$ .

## Part 9: Save Results as a NIfTI file (for fMRI)

Module: *nii\_save.py*

“A module for saving the RSA results in a .nii file for fMRI”

- ◆ `corr_save_nii(corr, affine, filename=None, corr_mask=None, size=[60, 60, 60], ksize=[3, 3, 3], strides=[1, 1, 1], p=1, r=0, correct_method=get_HOcort(), smooth=True, plotrlt=True, img_background=None)`

*A function for saving the searchlight correlation coefficients as a NIfTI file for fMRI.*

Parameters:

**corr:** *array.*

The similarities between behavioral data and fMRI data for searchlight.

The shape of RDMs is  $[n_x, n_y, n_z, 2]$ .  $n_x, n_y, n_z$  represent the number of calculation units for searchlight along the x, y, z axis and 2 represents a r-value and a p-value.

**affine:** *array or list.*

The position information of the fMRI-image array data in a reference space.

**filename:** *string. Default is None - "rsa\_result.nii".*

The file path+filename for the result .nii file.

If the filename does not end in ".nii", it will be filled in automatically.

**corr\_mask:** *string. Default is get\_HOcort().*

The filename of a mask data for correcting the RSA result.

It can just be one of your fMRI data files in your experiment for a mask file for ROI. If the corr\_mask is a filename of a ROI mask file, only the RSA results in ROI will be visible.

**size:** *array or list [nx, ny, nz]. Default is [60, 60, 60].*

The size of the fMRI-img in your experiments.

- ksize:** *array or list [kx, ky, kz]. Default is [3, 3, 3].*  
The size of the calculation unit for searchlight.  
kx, ky, kz represent the number of voxels along the x, y, z axis.
- strides:** *array or list [sx, sy, sz]. Default is [1, 1, 1].*  
The strides for calculating along the x, y, z axis.
- p:** *float. Default is 1.*  
The threshold of p-values.  
Only the results those p-values are lower than this value will be visible.
- r:** *float. Default is 0.*  
The threshold of r-values.  
Only the results those r-values are higher than this value will be visible.
- correct\_method:** *None or string 'FWE' or 'FDR'. Default is None.*  
The method for correcting the RSA results.  
If correct\_method='FWE', here the FWE-correction will be used. If correct\_methd='FDR', here the FDR-correction will be used. If correct\_method=None, no correction. Only when  $p < 1$ , correct\_method works.
- smooth:** *bool True or False. Default is True.*  
Smooth the RSA result or not.
- plotrlt:** *bool True or False. Default is True.*  
Plot the RSA result automatically or not.
- img\_background:** *None or string. Default if None.*  
The filename of a background image that the RSA results will be plotted on the top of it.  
If img\_background=None, the background will be ch2.nii.gz. Only when plotrlt=True, img\_background works.

Returns:

- img:** *array.*  
The array of the correlation coefficients map.

The shape is [nx, ny, nz]. nx, ny, nz represent the size of the fMRI-img.

- ◆ `stats_save_nii(corr, affine, filename=None, corr_mask=None, size=[60, 60, 60], ksize=[3, 3, 3], strides=[1, 1, 1], p=1, df=20, correct_method=get_HOcorr(), smooth=False, plotrlt=True, img_background=None)`

*A function for saving the searchlight statistical results as a NIfTI file for fMRI.*

Parameters:

**corr:** *array.*

The statistical results between behavioral data and fMRI data for searchlight.

The shape of RDMs is [n\_x, n\_y, n\_z, 2]. n\_x, n\_y, n\_z represent the number of calculation units for searchlight along the x, y, z axis and 2 represents a r-value and a p-value.

**affine:** *array or list.*

The position information of the fMRI-image array data in a reference space.

**filename:** *string. Default is None - "rsa\_result.nii".*

The file path+filename for the result .nii file.

If the filename does not end in ".nii", it will be filled in automatically.

**corr\_mask:** *string. Default is get\_HOcorr().*

The filename of a mask data for correcting the RSA result.

It can just be one of your fMRI data files in your experiment for a mask file for ROI. If the corr\_mask is a filename of a ROI mask file, only the RSA results in ROI will be visible.

**size:** *array or list [nx, ny, nz]. Default is [60, 60, 60].*

The size of the fMRI-img in your experiments.

**ksize:** *array or list [kx, ky, kz]. Default is [3, 3, 3].*

The size of the calculation unit for searchlight.

kx, ky, kz represent the number of voxels along the x, y, z axis.

- strides:** *array or list [sx, sy, sz]. Default is [1, 1, 1].*  
The strides for calculating along the x, y, z axis.
- p:** *float. Default is 1.*  
The threshold of p-values.  
Only the results those p-values are lower than this value will be visible.
- df:** *int. Default is 20.*  
The degree of freedom.
- correct\_method:** *None or string 'FWE' or 'FDR'. Default is None.*  
The method for correcting the RSA results.  
If correct\_method='FWE', here the FWE-correction will be used. If correct\_method='FDR', here the FDR-correction will be used. If correct\_method=None, no correction. Only when  $p < 1$ , correct\_method works.
- smooth:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*  
Smooth the RSA result or not.
- plotrlt:** *bool True or False. Default is True.*  
Plot the RSA result automatically or not.
- img\_background:** *None or string. Default if None.*  
The filename of a background image that the RSA results will be plotted on the top of it.  
If img\_background=None, the background will be ch2.nii.gz. Only when plotrlt=True, img\_background works.

Returns:

- img:** *array.*  
The array of the statistical results t-values map.  
The shape is [nx, ny, nz]. nx, ny, nz represent the size of the fMRI-img.

## Part 10: Visualization for Results

Module: *rsa\_plot.py*

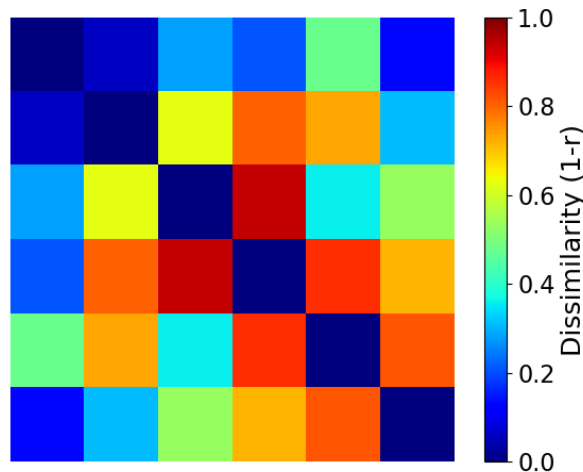
“A module for plotting the NeuroRA results”

- ◆ `plot_rdm(rdm, lim=[0, 1], rescale=False, lim=[0, 1], conditions=None, con_fontsize=12, cmap=None)`

*A function for plotting the RDM.*

Parameters:

- rdm:** *array or list [n\_cons, n\_cons].*  
A representational dissimilarity matrix.
- lim:** *array or list [min, max]. Default is [0, 1].*  
The dissimilarity view lims.
- rescale:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*  
Rescale the values in RDM or not.  
Here, the maximum-minimum method is used to rescale the values except for the values on the diagonal.
- conditions:** *string-array or string-list. Default is None.*  
The labels of the conditions for plotting.  
conditions should contain n\_cons strings, If conditions=None, the labels of conditions will be invisible.
- con\_fontsize:** *int or float. Default is 12.*  
The fontsize of the labels of the conditions for plotting.
- cmap:** *matplotlib colormap. Default is None.*  
The colormap for RDM.  
If cmap=None, the colormap will be 'jet'.



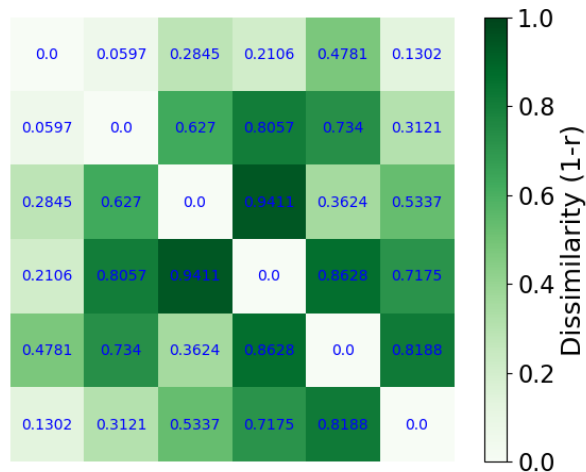
- ◆ `plot_rdm_withvalue(rdm, lim=[0, 1], value_fontsize=10, conditions=None, con_fontsize=12, cmap=None)`

*A function for plotting the RDM with visible values.*

Parameters:

- rdm:** *array or list [n\_cons, n\_cons]*  
A representational dissimilarity matrix.
- lim:** *array or list [min, max]. Default is [0, 1].*  
The dissimilarity view lims.
- value\_fontsize:** *int or float. Default is 10.*  
The value\_fontsize of the values on the RDM.
- conditions:** *string-array or string-list. Default is None.*  
The labels of the conditions for plotting.  
conditions should contain n\_cons strings, If conditions=None, the labels of conditions will be invisible.
- con\_fontsize:** *int or float. Default is 12.*  
The fontsize of the labels of the conditions for plotting.
- cmap:** *matplotlib colormap. Default is None.*  
The colormap for RDM.  
If cmap=None, the colormap will be 'Greens'.





◆ `plot_corrs_by_time(corr, labels=None, time_unit=[0, 1])`

*A function for plotting the correlation coefficients by time sequence.*

Parameters:

**corr:** *array.*

The correlation coefficients time-by-time.

The shape of corr must be [n, ts, 2] or [n, ts]. n represents the number of curves of the correlation coefficient by time sequence. ts represents the time-points. If shape of corr is [n, ts, 2], each time-point of each correlation coefficient curve contains a r-value and a p-value. If shape is [n, ts], only r-values.

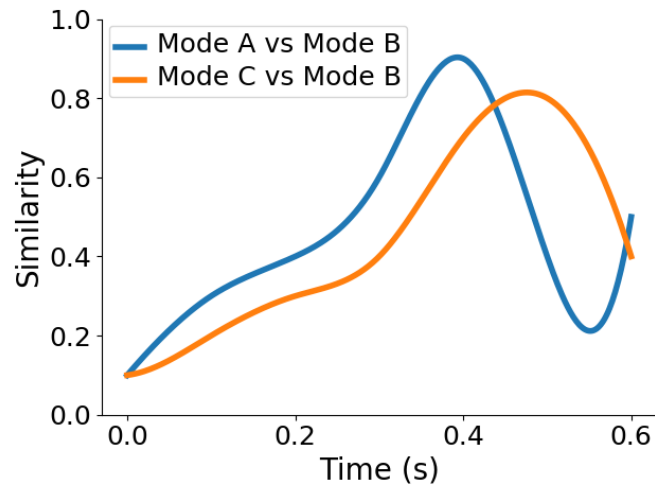
**labels:** *string-array or string-list or None. Default is None.*

The label for each corr curve.

If label=None, no legend in the figure.

**time\_unit:** *array or list [start\_t, t\_step]. Default is [0, 0.1].*

The time information of corr for plotting start\_t represents the start time and t\_step represents the time between two adjacent time-points. Default time\_unit=[0, 0.1], which means the start time of corr is 0 sec and the time step is 0.1 sec.



- ◆ `plot_tbytsim_withstats(similarities, start_time=0, end_time=1, color="r", lim=[-0.1, 0.8])`

*A function for plotting the time-by-time Similarities.*

Parameters:

**similarities:** *array.*

The Similarities.

The shape of similarities should be  $[n\_subs, n\_ts]$  or  $[n\_subs, n\_ts, 2]$ .  $n\_subs$ ,  $n\_ts$  represent the number of subjects and the number of time-points. 2 represents the similarity and a p-value.

**start\_time:** *int or float. Default is 0.*

The start time.

**end\_time:** *int or float. Default is 1.*

The end time.

**color:** *matplotlib color or None. Default is 'r'.*

The color for the curve.

**lim:** *array or list [min, max]. Default is [-0.1, 0.8].*

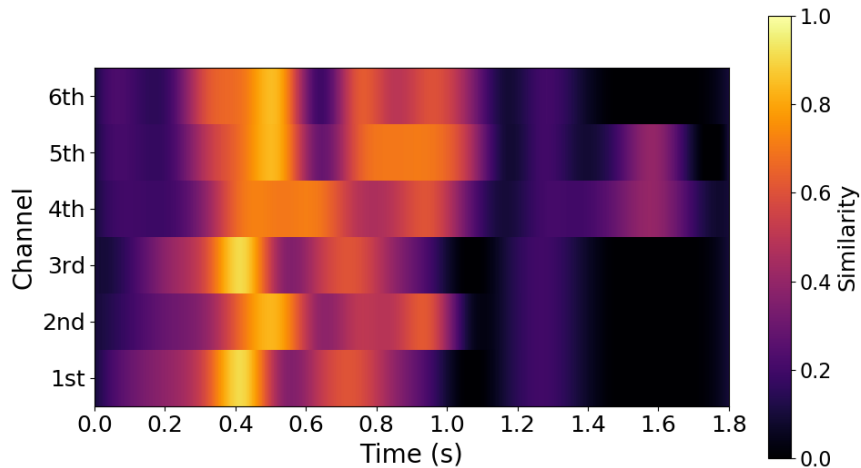
The corrs view lims.

- ◆ `plot_corrs_hotmap(corr, chllabels=None, time_unit=[0, 0.1], lim=[0, 1], smooth=False, figsize=None, cmap=None)`

*A function for plotting the hotmap of the correlation coefficients for channels/regions by time sequence.*

Parameters:

- corr:** *array*  
The correlation coefficients time-by-time.  
The shape of corr must be [n\_chls, ts, 2] or [n\_chls, ts]. n\_chls represents the number of channels or regions. ts represents the number of time-points. If shape of corr is [n\_chls, ts, 2], each time-point of each channel/region contains a r-value and a p-value. If shape is [n\_chls, ts], only r-values.
- chllabels:** *string-array or string-list or None. Default is None.*  
The label for channels/regions. If label=None, the labels will be '1st', '2nd', '3th', '4th', ... automatically.
- time\_unit:** *array or list [start\_t, t\_step]. Default is [0, 0.1].*  
The time information of corr for plotting start\_t represents the start time and t\_step represents the time between two adjacent time-points. Default time\_unit=[0, 0.1], which means the start time of corr is 0 sec and the time step is 0.1 sec.
- lim:** *array or list [min, max]. Default is [0, 1].*  
The corr view lims.
- smooth:** *bool True or False. Default is None.*  
Smooth the results or not.
- figsize:** *array or list, [size\_X, size\_Y]*  
The size of the figure.  
If figsize=None, the size of the figure will be adjusted automatically.
- cmap:** *matplotlib colormap or None. Default is None.*  
The colormap for the figure.  
If cmap=None, the colormap will be 'inferno'.



- ◆ `plot_corrs_hotmap_stats(corr, stats, chllabels=None, time_unit=[0, 0.1], lim=[0, 1], p_threshold=0.05, time_threshold=5, smooth=False, figsize=None, cmap=None)`

*A function for plotting the hotmap of the correlation coefficients for channels/regions by time sequence.*

Parameters:

**corr:** *array*

The correlation coefficients time-by-time.

The shape of corr must be [n\_chls, ts]. n\_chls represents the number of channels or regions. ts represents the number of time-points.

**stats:** The statistical results.

The shape of stats must be [n\_chls, ts, 2]. n\_chls represents the number of channels or regions. ts represents the number of time-points. 2 represents a t-value and a p-value.

**chllabels:** *string-array or string-list or None. Default is None.*

The label for channels/regions. If label=None, the labels will be '1st', '2nd', '3th', '4th', ... automatically.

**time\_unit:** *array or list [start\_t, t\_step]. Default is [0, 0.1].*

The time information of corr for plotting start\_t represents the start time and t\_step represents the time between two adjacent time-points. Default time\_unit=[0, 0.1], which means the start time of corr is 0 sec and the time step is 0.1

sec.

**lim:** *array or list [min, max]. Default is [0, 1].*  
The corrs view lims.

**p\_threshold:** *int. Default is 5.*  
The p threshold for outline.

**time\_threshold:** *int. Default is 5.*  
The time threshold for outline. If threshold=5, the time threshold is a window of 5 time-points for each channel/region.

**smooth:** *bool True or False. Default is None.*  
Smooth the results or not.

**figsize:** *array or list, [size\_X, size\_Y]*  
The size of the figure.  
If figsize=None, the size of the figure will be adjusted automatically.

**cmap:** *matplotlib colormap or None. Default is None.*  
The colormap for the figure.  
If cmap=None, the ccolormap will be 'inferno'.

◆ `plot_nps_hotmap(similarities, chllabels=None, time_unit=[0, 0.1], lim=[0, 1], abs=False, smooth=False, figsize=None, cmap=None)`

*A function for plotting the hotmap of neural pattern similarities for channels/regions by time sequence.*

Parameters:

**similarities:** *array*  
The neural pattern similarities time-by-time.  
The shape of similarities must be [n\_chls, ts]. n\_chls represents the number of channels or regions. ts represents the number of time-points.

**chllabels:** *string-array or string-list or None. Default is None.*  
The label for channels/regions.

If label=None, the labels will be '1st', '2nd', '3th', '4th', ... automatically.

**time\_unit:** *array or list [start\_t, t\_step]. Default is [0, 0.1].*

The time information of corrs for plotting

start\_t represents the start time and t\_step represents the time between two adjacent time-points. Default time\_unit=[0, 0.1], which means the start time of corrs is 0 sec and the time step is 0.1 sec.

**lim:** *array or list [min, max]. Default is [0, 1].*

The corrs view lims.

**abs:** *boolean True or False.*

Change the similarities into absolute values or not.

**smooth:** *bool True or False. Default is None.*

Smooth the results or not.

**figsize:** *array or list, [size\_X, size\_Y]*

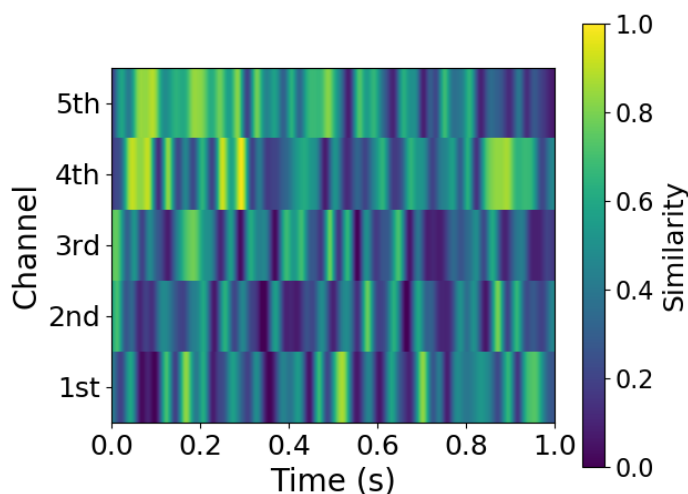
The size of the figure.

If figsize=None, the size of the figure will be ajusted automatically.

**cmap:** *matplotlib colormap or None. Default is None.*

The colormap for the figure.

If cmap=None, the ccolormap will be 'viridis'.



- ◆ `plot_stats_hotmap(stats, chllabels=None, time_unit=[0, 0.1], lim=[-7, 7], smooth=False, figsize=None, cmap=None, outline=False, p_threshold=0.05, time_threshold=5)`

*A function for plotting the hotmap of neural pattern similarities for channels/regions by time sequence with the significant outline.*

Parameters:

- stats:** The statistical results.  
The shape of stats must be [n\_chls, ts, 2]. n\_chls represents the number of channels or regions. ts represents the number of time-points. 2 represents a t-value and a p-value.
- chllabels:** *string-array or string-list or None. Default is None.*  
The label for channels/regions.  
If label=None, the labels will be '1st', '2nd', '3th', '4th', ... automatically.
- time\_unit:** *array or list [start\_t, t\_step]. Default is [0, 0.1].*  
The time information of corrs for plotting  
start\_t represents the start time and t\_step represents the time between two adjacent time-points. Default time\_unit=[0, 0.1], which means the start time of corrs is 0 sec and the time step is 0.1 sec.
- lim:** *array or list [min, max]. Default is [0, 1].*  
The corrs view lims.
- smooth:** *bool True or False. Default is None.*  
Smooth the results or not.
- figsize:** *array or list, [size\_X, size\_Y]*  
The size of the figure.  
If figsize=None, the size of the figure will be ajusted automatically.
- cmap:** *matplotlib colormap or None. Default is None.*  
The colormap for the figure.  
If cmap=None, the ccolormap will be 'bwr'.
- outline:** *bool True or False. Default is False.*

Outline the significant areas or not.

**p\_threshold:** *int. Default is 5.*

The p threshold for outline.

**time\_threshold:** *int. Default is 5.*

The time threshold for outline. If threshold=5, the time threshold is a window of 5 time-points for each channel/region.

◆ `plot_brainrsa_region(img, threshold=None, background=get_bg_ch2(), type="r")`

*A function for plotting the RSA-result regions by 3 cuts (frontal, axial & lateral).*

Parameters:

**img:** *string.*

The file path of the .nii file of the RSA results.

**threshold:** *None or int. Default is None.*

The threshold of the number of voxels used in correction.

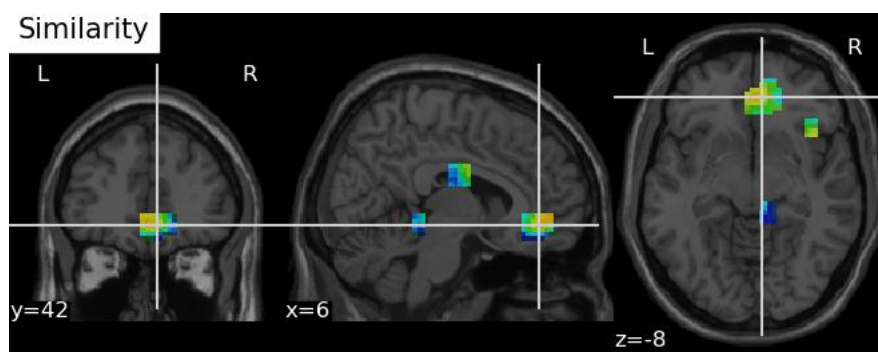
If threshold=n, only the similarity clusters consisting more than threshold voxels will be visible. If it is None, the threshold-correction will not work.

**background:** *Niimg-like object or string. Default is `stuff.get_bg_ch2()`*

The background image that the RSA results will be plotted on top of.

**type:** *string 'r' or 't'. Default is 'r'.*

The type of result (r-values or t-values).





- ◆ `plot_brainrsa_montage (img, threshold=None, slice=[6, 6, 6], background=get_bg_ch2bet(), type="r")`

*A function for plotting the RSA-result by different cuts.*

Parameters:

**img:** *string.*

The file path of the .nii file of the RSA results.

**threshold:** *None or int. Default is None.*

The threshold of the number of voxels used in correction.

If threshold=n, only the similarity clusters consisting more than threshold voxels will be visible. If it is None, the threshold-correction will not work.

**slice:** *array.*

The point where the cut is performed.

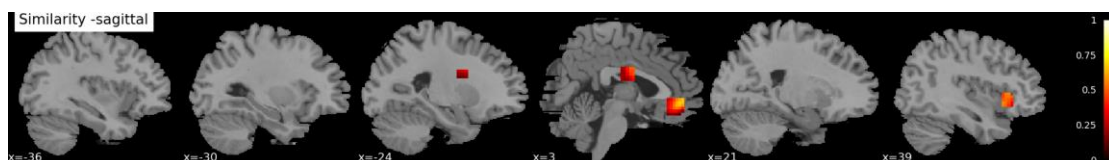
If slice=[slice\_x, slice\_y, slice\_z], slice\_x, slice\_y, slice\_z represent the coordinates of each cut in the x, y, z direction. If slice=[[slice\_x1, slice\_x2], [slice\_y1, slice\_y2], [slice\_z1, slice\_z2]], slice\_x1 & slice\_x2 represent the coordinates of each cut in the x direction, slice\_y1 & slice\_y2 represent the coordinates of each cut in the y direction, slice\_z1 & slice\_z2 represent the coordinates of each cut in the z direction.

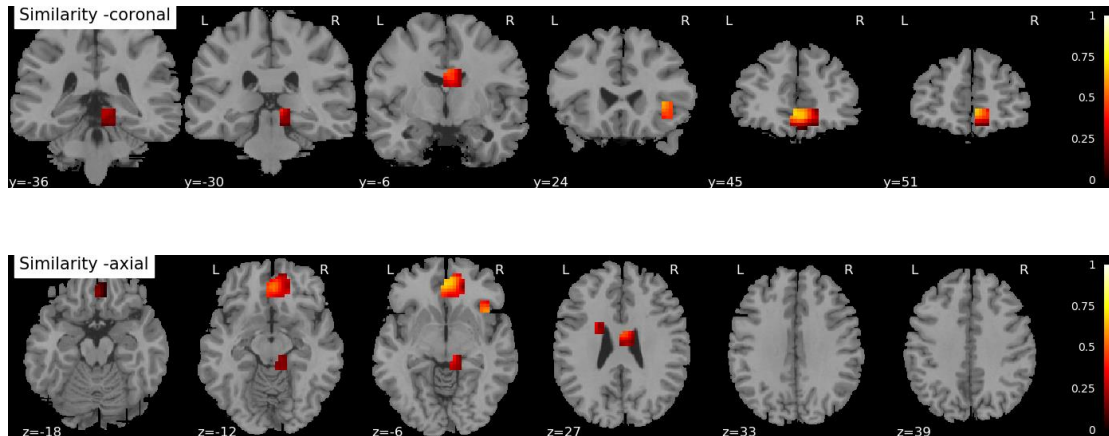
**background:** *Niimg-like object or string. Default is stuff.get\_bg\_ch2bet().*

The background image that the RSA results will be plotted on top of.

**type:** *string 'r' or 't'. Default is 'r'.*

The type of result (r-values or t-values).





◆ `plot_brainrsa_glass (img, threshold=None, type="r")`

*A function for plotting the 2-D projection of the RSA-result.*

Parameters:

**img:** *string.*

The file path of the .nii file of the RSA results.

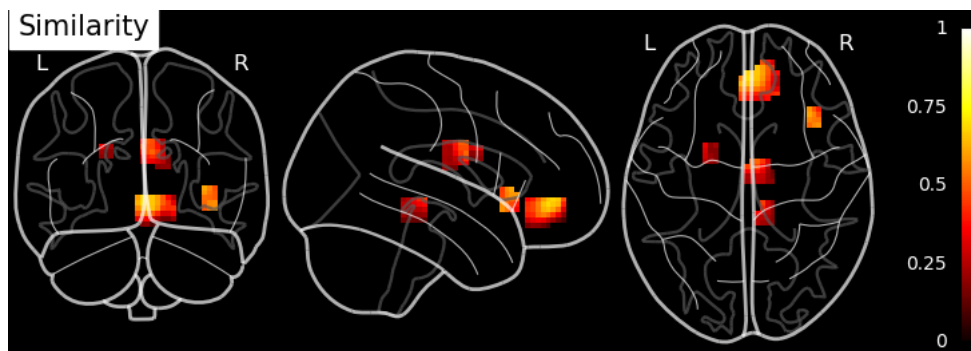
**threshold:** *None or int. Default is None.*

The threshold of the number of voxels used in correction.

If `threshold=n`, only the similarity clusters consisting more than `threshold` voxels will be visible. If it is `None`, the threshold-correction will not work.

**type:** *string 'r' or 't'. Default is 'r'.*

The type of result (r-values or t-values).



◆ `plot_brainrsa_surface (img, threshold=None, type="r")`

*A function for plotting the RSA-result into a brain surface.*

Parameters:

**img:** *string.*

The file path of the .nii file of the RSA results.

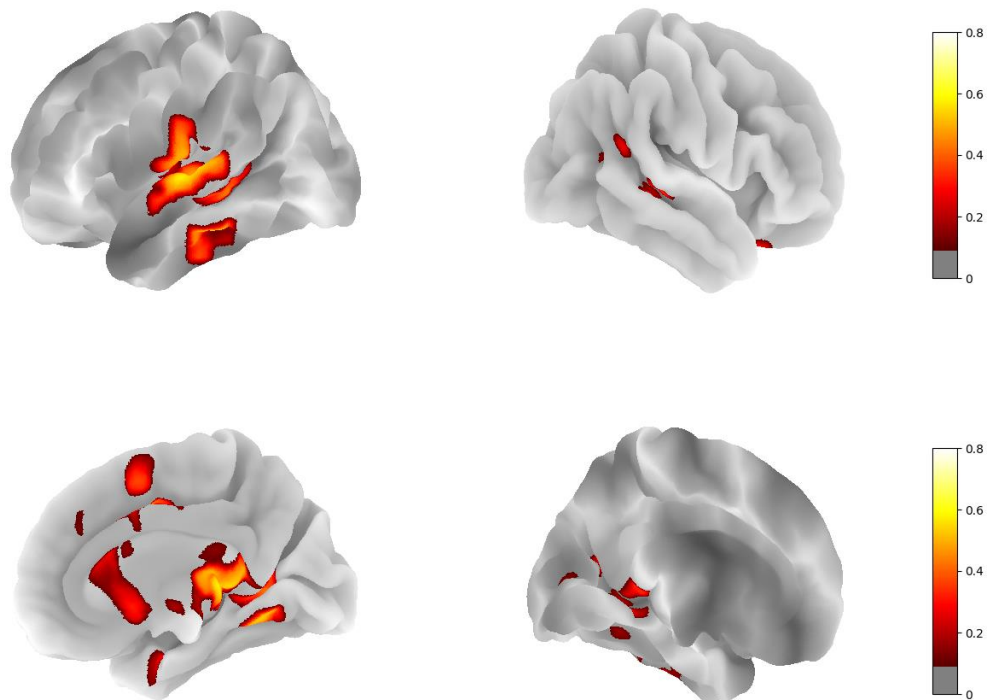
**threshold:** *None or int. Default is None.*

The threshold of the number of voxels used in correction.

If threshold=n, only the similarity clusters consisting more than threshold voxels will be visible. If it is None, the threshold-correction will not work.

**type:** *string 'r' or 't'. Default is 'r'.*

The type of result (r-values or t-values).



- ◆ `plot_brainrsa_rlts (img, threshold=None, slice=[6, 6, 6], background=None, type="r")`

*A function for plotting the RSA-result by a set of images.*

Parameters:

**img:** *string.*

The file path of the .nii file of the RSA results.

**threshold:** *None or int. Default is None.*

The threshold of the number of voxels used in correction.

If threshold=n, only the similarity clusters consisting more than threshold voxels will be visible. If it is None, the threshold-correction will not work.

**background:***Niimg-like object or string. Default is stuff.get\_bg\_ch2bet().*

The background image that the RSA results will be plotted on top of.

**type:** *string 'r' or 't'. Default is 'r'.*

The type of result (r-values or t-values).

## Part 11: Others

Module: *stuff.py*

“A module for some simple but important processes”

### ◆ `limtozero(x)`

*A function for zeroing the value close to zero.*

Parameters:

`x`: *float.*  
A value.

Returns:

0

### ◆ `get_affine(file_name)`

*A function for getting the affine of the fMRI-img.*

Parameters:

`file_name`: *string.*  
The filename of a sample fMRI-img in your experiment

Returns:

`affine`: *array.*  
The position information of the fMRI-image array data in a reference space.

### ◆ `fisherz_rdm(rdm)`

*A function for Fisher-Z transform of a RDM.*

Parameters:

**rdm:** *array or list [n\_cons, n\_cons].*  
A representational dissimilarity matrix.

Returns:

**newrdm:** *array or list [n\_cons, n\_cons].*  
A representational dissimilarity matrix after Fisher-Z transform.

◆ **fwe\_correct(p, p\_threshold)**

*A function for FWE correction for fMRI RSA results.*

Parameters:

**p:** *array.*  
The p-value map (3-D).

**p\_threshold:***string.*  
The p threshold.

Returns:

**correctp:** *array*  
The FWE corrected p-value map.

◆ **fdr\_correct(p, p\_threshold)**

*A function for FDR correction for fMRI RSA results.*

Parameters:

**p:** *array.*  
The p-value map (3-D).

**p\_threshold:***string.*  
The p threshold.

Returns:

**correctp:** *array.*  
The FDR corrected p-value map.

◆ `correct_by_threshold(img, threshold)`

*A function for correcting the fMRI RSA results by threshold.*

Parameters:

`img:` *array.*

A 3-D array of the fMRI RSA results.

The shape of `img` should be `[nx, ny, nz]`. `nx`, `ny`, `nz` represent the shape of the fMRI-`img`.

`threshold:` *int*

The number of voxels used in correction.

If `threshold=n`, only the similarity clusters consisting more than `n` voxels will be visualized.

Returns:

`img:` *array.*

A 3-D array of the fMRI RSA results after correction.

The shape of `img` should be `[nx, ny, nz]`. `nx`, `ny`, `nz` represent the shape of the fMRI-`img`.

◆ `get_bg_ch2()`

*A function for getting the path of 'ch2.nii.gz'.*

Returns:

`path:` *string.*

The absolute file path of the file "ch2.nii.gz".

◆ `get_HOcort()`

*A function for getting the path of 'HarvardOxford-cort-maxprob-thr0-1mm.nii.gz'.*

Returns:

**path:** *string.*

The absolute file path of the file “HarvardOxford-cort-maxprob-thr0-1mm.nii.gz”.

◆ `get_bg_ch2bet()`

*A function for getting the path of 'ch2bet.nii.gz'.*

Returns:

**path:** *string.*

The absolute file path of the file “ch2bet.nii.gz”.

◆ `datamask(fmri_data, mask_data)`

*A function for filtering the data by a ROI mask.*

Parameters:

**fmri\_data:** *array.*

The fmri data.

The shape of **fmri\_data** must be [nx, ny, nz]. nx, ny, nz represent the size of the fMRI data.

**mask\_data:** *array.*

The fmri data.

The shape of **mask\_data** must be [nx, ny, nz]. nx, ny, nz represent the size of the fMRI data.

Returns:

**newfmri\_data:** *array.*

The new fmri data.

The shape of **newfmri\_data** is [nx, ny, nz]. nx, ny, nz represent the size of the fMRI data.

◆ `mask_to(mask_mni, filename, size, affine)`



*A function for filtering the data by a ROI mask.*

Parameters:

- mask\_mni:** *string.*  
The file path+filename for the mask of certain template.
- filename:** *string. Default is 'newmask.nii'.*  
The file path+filename for the mask for your data template .nii file.
- size:** *array or list [nx, ny, nz].*  
The size of the fMRI-img in your experiments.
- affine:** *array or list.*  
The position information of the fMRI-image array data in a reference space.

◆ `position_to_mni(point, affine)`

*A function for filtering the data by a ROI mask.*

Parameters:

- point:** *array or list.*  
The position in matrix coordinate system.
- affine:** *array or list.*  
The position information of the fMRI-image array data in a reference space.

Returns:

- newpoint:** *array.*  
The position in MNI coordinate system.

◆ `permutation_test(v1, v2, iter=5000)`

*A function for permutation test.*

Parameters:

**v1:** *array.*  
Vector 1.

**v2:** *array.*  
Vector 2.

**iter:** *int. Default is 5000.*  
The times for iteration.

Returns:

**p:** *float.*  
The permutation test result, p-value.

◆ `permutation_corr(v1, v2, method="spearman", iter=5000)`

*A function for permutation test for correlation coefficients.*

Parameters:

**v1:** *array.*  
Vector 1.

**v2:** *array.*  
Vector 2.

**method:** *string 'spearman' or 'pearson' or 'kendall'.*  
The method to calculate the similarities.

If method='spearman', calculate the Spearman Correlations.  
If method='pearson', calculate the Pearson Correlations. If  
methd='kendall', calculate the Kendall tau Correlations.

**iter:** *int. Default is 5000.*  
The times for iteration.

Returns:

**p:** *float.*  
The permutation test result, p-value.

## Part 12: Demo

### The EEG/MEG Demo

Here is a demo based on the publicly available visual-92-categories-task MEG datasets. (*Reference: [Cichy, R. M., Pantazis, D., & Oliva, A. "Resolving human object recognition in space and time." Nature neuroscience \(2014\): 17\(3\), 455-462.](#)*) [MNE-Python](#) has been used to load this dataset.

```
# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-

' a demo based on visual-92-categories-task MEG data '
# Users can learn how to use Neurora to do research based on EEG/MEG etc
data.

__author__ = 'Zitong Lu'

import numpy as np
import os.path as op
from pandas import read_csv
import mne
from mne.io import read_raw_fif
from mne.datasets import visual_92_categories
from neurora.nps_cal import nps
from neurora.rdm_cal import eegRDM
from neurora.rdm_corr import rdm_correlation_spearman
from neurora.corr_cal_by_rdm import rdms_corr
from neurora.rsa_plot import plot_rdm, plot_corrs_by_time,
plot_nps_hotmap, plot_corrs_hotmap

"""*****          Section 1: loading example data          *****"""
""" Here, we use MNE-Python toolbox for loading data and processing """
""" you can learn this process from MNE-Python (https://mne-
tools.github.io/stable/index.html) """

data_path = visual_92_categories.data_path()
fname = op.join(data_path, 'visual_stimuli.csv')
conds = read_csv(fname)
conditions = []
```

```

for c in conds.values:
    cond_tags = list(c[:2])
    cond_tags += [('not-' if i == 0 else '') + conds.columns[k]
                  for k, i in enumerate(c[2:], 2)]
    conditions.append('/'.join(map(str, cond_tags)))
event_id = dict(zip(conditions, conds.trigger + 1))
print(event_id)
sub_id = [0, 1, 2]
megdata = np.zeros([3, 92, 306, 1101], dtype=np.float32)
subindex = 0
for id in sub_id:
    fname = op.join(data_path, 'sample_subject_'+str(id)+'_tsss_mc.fif')
    raw = read_raw_fif(fname)
    events = mne.find_events(raw, min_duration=.002)
    events = events[events[:, 2] <= 92]
    subdata = np.zeros([92, 306, 1101], dtype=np.float32)
    for i in range(92):
        epochs = mne.Epochs(raw, events=events, event_id=i + 1,
baseline=None,
                           tmin=-0.1, tmax=1, preload=True)
        data = epochs.average().data
        subdata[i] = data
    megdata[subindex] = subdata
    subindex = subindex + 1

# the shape of MEG data: megdata is [3, 92, 306, 1101]
# n_subs = 3, n_conditions = 92, n_channels = 306, n_timepoints = 1101
# (-100ms to 1000ms)

"""*****                               Section 2: Preprocessing                               *****"""

# shape of megdata: [n_subs, n_cons, n_chls, n_ts] -> [n_cons, n_subs,
n_chls, n_ts]
megdata = np.transpose(megdata, (1, 0, 2, 3))

# shape of megdata: [n_cons, n_subs, n_chls, n_ts] -> [n_cons, n_subs,
n_trials, n_chls, n_ts]
# here data is averaged, so set n_trials = 1
megdata = np.reshape(megdata, [92, 3, 1, 306, 1101])

"""*****                               Section 3: Calculating the neural pattern similarity                               *****"""

```

```

# Get data under different condition
# Here we calculate the neural pattern similarity (NPS) between two
stimulus
# Seeing Humanface vs. Seeing Non-Humanface

# get data under "humanface" condtion
megdata_humanface = megdata[12:24]
# get data under "nonhumanface" condition
megdata_nonhumanface = megdata[36:48]

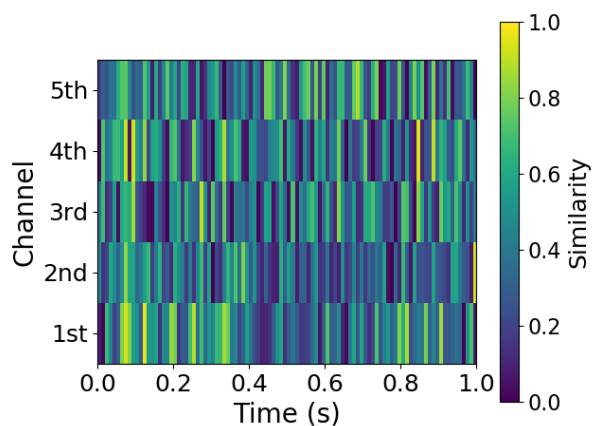
# Average the data
avg_megdata_humanface = np.average(megdata_humanface, axis=0)
avg_megdata_nonhumanface = np.average(megdata_nonhumanface, axis=0)

# Create NPS input data
# Here we extract the data from first 5 channels between 0ms and 1000ms
nps_data = np.zeros([2, 3, 1, 5, 1000]) # n_cons=2, n_subs=3, n_chls=5,
n_ts=1000
nps_data[0] = avg_megdata_humanface[:, :, :5, 100:1100] # the start time
of the data is -100ms
nps_data[1] = avg_megdata_nonhumanface[:, :, :5, 100:1100] # so 100:1200
corresponds 0ms-1000ms

# Calculate the NPS with a 10ms time-window
# (raw sampling requency is 1000Hz, so here
time_win=10ms/(1s/1000Hz)/1000=10)
nps = nps(nps_data, time_win=10, time_step=10)

# Plot the NPS results
plot_nps_hotmap(nps, time_unit=[0, 0.01], abs=True)

```

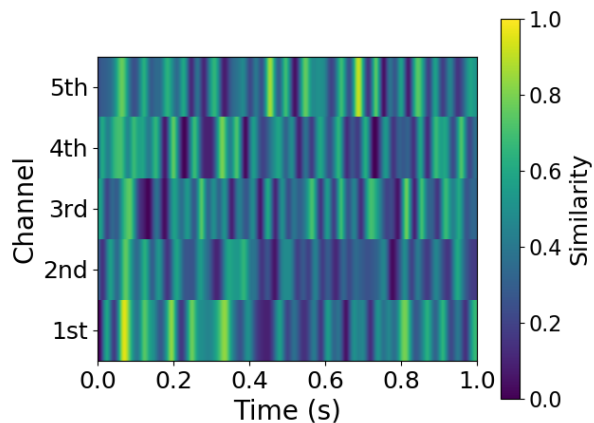


```

# Smooth the results and plot

```

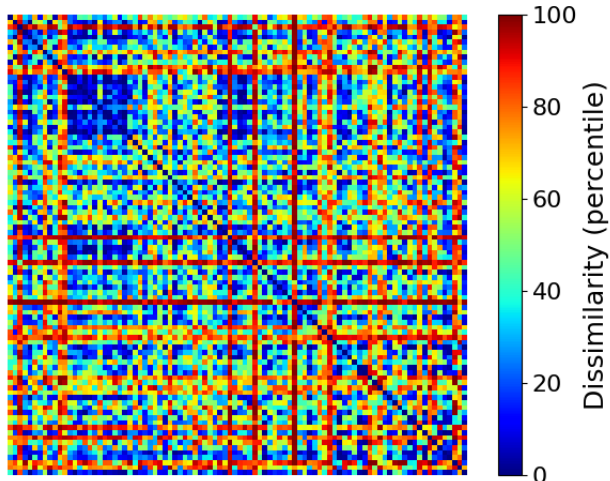
```
plot_nps_hotmap(nps, time_unit=[0, 0.01], abs=True, smooth=True)
```



```
***** Section 4: Calculating single RDM and Plotting *****
```

```
# Calculate the RDM based on the data during 190ms-210ms
rdm = eegRDM(megdata[:, :, :, :, 290:310])

# Plot this RDM
plot_rdm(rdm, percentile=True)
```

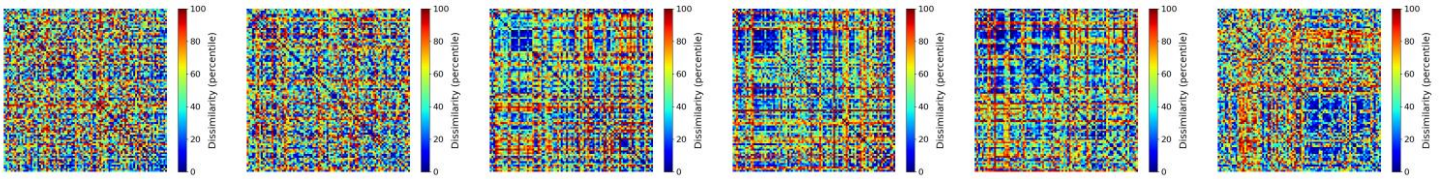


```
***** Section 5: Calculating RDMs and Plotting *****
```

```
# Calculate the RDMs by a 10ms time-window
# (raw sampling frequency is 1000Hz, so here
time_win=10ms/(1s/1000Hz)/1000=10)
rdms = eegRDM(megdata, time_opt=1, time_win=10, time_step=10)

# Plot the RDM of -100ms, 0ms, 100ms, 200ms, 300ms, 400ms
times = [0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50]
```

```
for t in times:
    plot_rdm(rdms[t], percentile=True)
```



```
"""***** Section 6: Calculating the Similarity between two RDMs *****"""

# RDM of 200ms
rdm_sample1 = rdms[30]
# RDM of 800ms
rdm_sample2 = rdms[90]

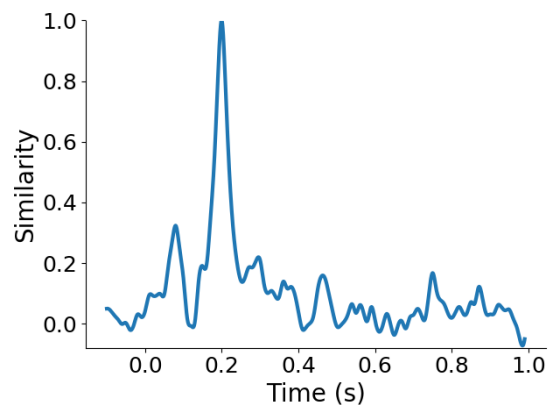
# calculate the correlation coefficient between these two RDMs
corr = rdm_correlation_spearman(rdm_sample1, rdm_sample2, rescale=True)
print(corr)
```

SpearmanrResult(correlation=0.019553074602380694, pvalue= 0.20593822144398102)

```
"""***** Section 7: Calculating the Similarity and Plotting *****"""

# Calculate the representational similarity between 200ms and all the
time points
corrs1 = rdms_corr(rdm_sample1, rdms)

# Plot the corrs1
corrs1 = np.reshape(corrs1, [1, 110, 2])
plot_corrs_by_time(corrs1, time_unit=[-0.1, 0.01])
```

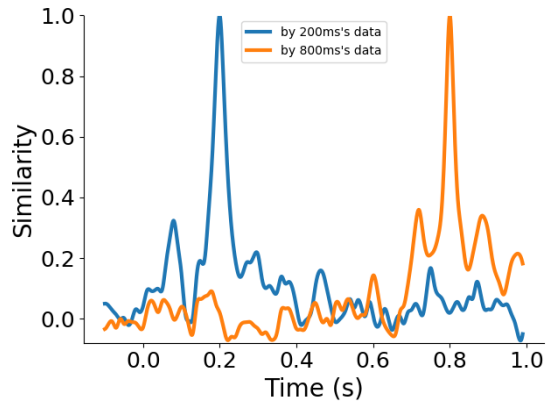


```
# Calculate and Plot multi-corrs
```

```

corrs2 = rdms_corr(rdm_sample2, rdms)
corrs = np.zeros([2, 110, 2])
corrs[0] = corrs1
corrs[1] = corrs2
labels = ["by 200ms's data", "by 800ms's data"]
plot_corrs_by_time(corrs, labels=labels, time_unit=[-0.1, 0.01])

```



```

"""***** Section 8: Calculating the RDMs for each channels *****"""

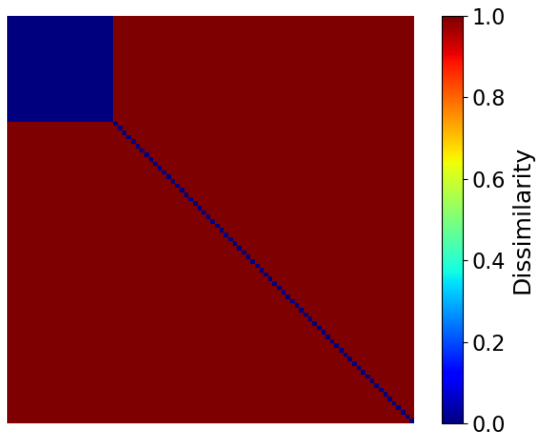
# Calculate the RDMs for the first six channels by a 10ms time-window
between 0ms and 1000ms
rdms_chls = eegRDM(megdata[:, :, :, :6, 100:1100], chl_opt=1,
time_opt=1, time_win=10, time_step=10)

# Create a 'human-related' coding model RDM
model_rdm = np.ones([92, 92])
for i in range(92):
    for j in range(92):
        if (i < 24) and (j < 24):
            model_rdm[i, j] = 0
    model_rdm[i, i] = 0

# Plot this coding model RDM
plot_rdm(model_rdm)

```



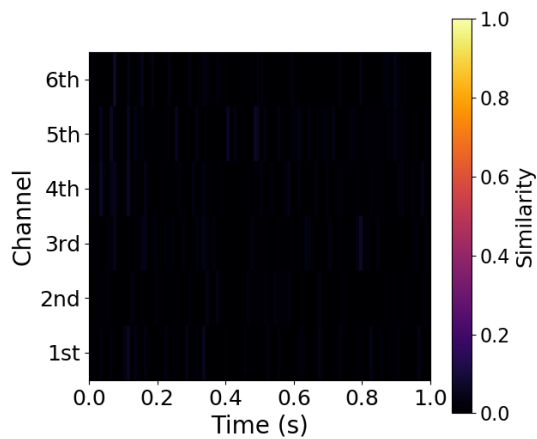


```
# Calculate the representational similarity between the neural
activities and the coding model for each channel
```

```
corrs_chls = rdms_corr(model_rdm, rdms_chls)
```

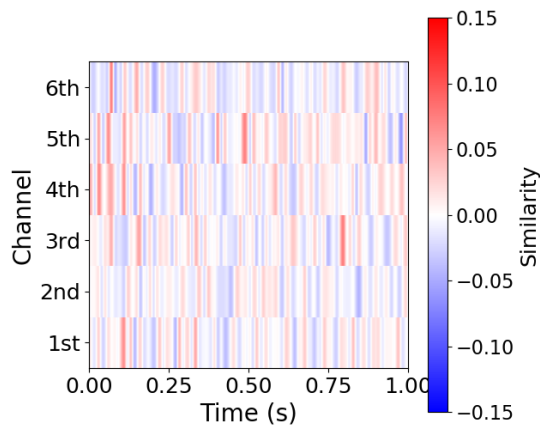
```
# Plot the representational similarity results
```

```
plot_corrs_hotmap(corrs_chls, time_unit=[0, 0.01])
```



```
# Set more parameters and re-plot
```

```
plot_corrs_hotmap(corrs_chls, time_unit=[0, 0.01], lim=[-0.15, 0.15],
smooth=True, cmap='bwr')
```



## The fMRI Demo

Here is a demo based on the publicly available Haxby fMRI datasets. (*Reference: [Haxby, J. V. \(2001\). Distributed and Overlapping Representations of Faces and Objects in Ventral Temporal Cortex. Science, 293\(5539\), 2425-2430.](#)*) [Nilearn](#) has been used to load this dataset and plot some results in this demo.

```
# -*- coding: utf-8 -*-

' a demo based on Haxby fMRI data '
# Users can learn how to use Neurora to do research based on fMRI data.

__author__ = 'Zitong Lu'

from Nilearn import datasets, plotting
from Nilearn.image import index_img, mean_img
import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
import nibabel as nib
from neurora.stuff import get_affine, datamask
from neurora.nps_cal import nps_fmri, nps_fmri_roi
from neurora.rsa_plot import plot_rdm
from neurora.rdm_cal import fmriRDM_roi, fmriRDM
from neurora.corr_cal_by_rdm import fmriRDMs_corr
from neurora.nii_save import corr_save_nii

"""***** Section 1: Loading example data *****"""
```

```

""" Here, we use Nilearn toolbox for loading data and processing """
""" you can learn this process from Nilearn
(http://nilearn.github.io/index.html) """

# load Haxby dataset (here, we only use subject2's data for this
example)
haxby_dataset = datasets.fetch_haxby()

# load the fMRI data filename & mask data filename
func_filename = haxby_dataset.func[0]
mask_filename = haxby_dataset.mask

# read label information of the experiment
labelinfo = pd.read_csv(haxby_dataset.session_target[0], sep=' ')
labels = labelinfo['labels']

"""*****                               Section 2: Preprocessing                               *****"""

# get mask data NumPy array
maskdata = nib.load(mask_filename).get_fdata()

# get the size of the data
nx, ny, nz = maskdata.shape

# labels of seven categories
categories = ["face", "cat", "house", "chair", "shoe", "bottle",
"scissors"]
# number of conditions: 7
ncon = len(categories)

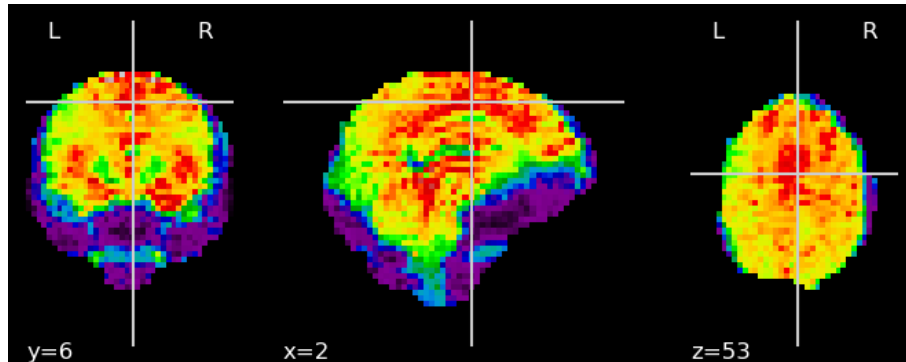
# get fMRI data under 7 conditions
# here we average the data under different conditions
fmri_data = np.full([ncon, nx, ny, nz], np.nan)

for i in range(ncon):
    img = mean_img(index_img(func_filename,
labels.isin([categories[i]])))
    fmri_data[i] = datamask(img.get_fdata(), maskdata)

# get fMRI data under 'face'-condition
face_img = nib.Nifti1Image(fmri_data[0], affine=img.affine)
# have a look

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```
plotting.plot_epi(face_img)
plotting.show()
```



```
# reshaoe the data: [ncon, nx, ny, nz] -> [ncon, nsubs, nx, ny, nz]
# here just one subject's data
fmri_data = np.reshape(fmri_data, [ncon, 1, nx, ny, nz])

""**Section 3: Calculating the neural pattern similarity (for ROI)**""

# get mask of 'mask_face' in the dataset
mask_face_filename = haxby_dataset.mask_face[0]
mask_face_data = nib.load(mask_face_filename).get_fdata()

# get input data under two condition
# here, "face"-condition vs. "scissors"-condition
nps_fmri_data = fmri_data[[0, 6]]

# calculate the neural pattern similarity (NPS) for ROI between two
stimulus
nps_roi = nps_fmri_roi(nps_fmri_data, mask_face_data)

# print the NPS result
print(nps_roi)
```

9.994484681410596982e-01, 5.880839542727496111e-43

```
""**Section 4: Calculating the neural pattern similarity (Searchlight)**""

# calculate the neural pattern similarity (NPS) between two stimulus
nps = nps_fmri(nps_fmri_data)

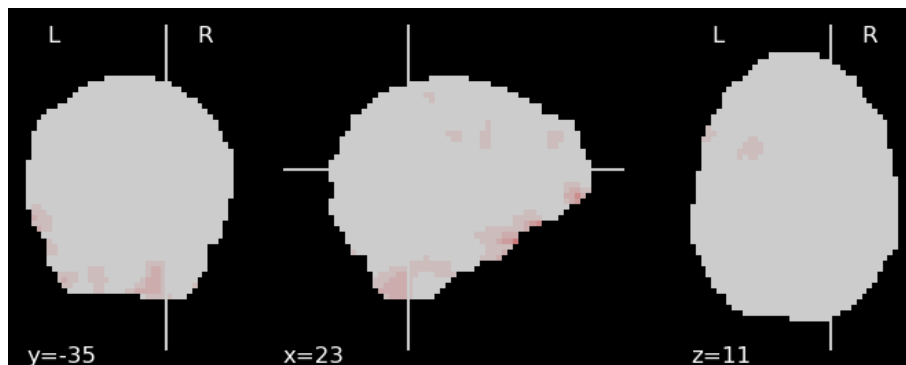
# convert the NPS results into a .nii file
savefilename = "nps_img"
```

```

affine = get_affine(mask_filename)
corr_save_nii(nps[0], filename=savefilename, affine=affine, size=[nx,
ny, nz], smooth=False, plotrlt=False)

# have a look
plotting.plot_epi(savefilename+".nii")
plotting.show()

```



```

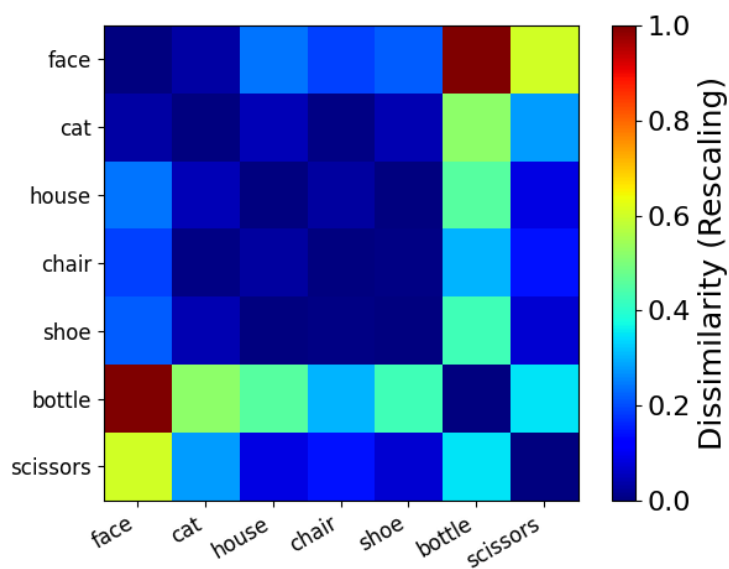
"""*** Section 5: Calculating the RDM for ROI and Plotting ***"""

# get mask of "mask_vt" in the dataset
mask_vt_filename = haxby_dataset.mask_face[0]
mask_vt_data = nib.load(mask_vt_filename).get_fdata()

# calculate the RDM for ROI
rdm_roi = fmriRDM_roi(fmri_data, mask_vt_data)

# plot the RDM
plot_rdm(rdm_roi, rescale=True, conditions=categories)

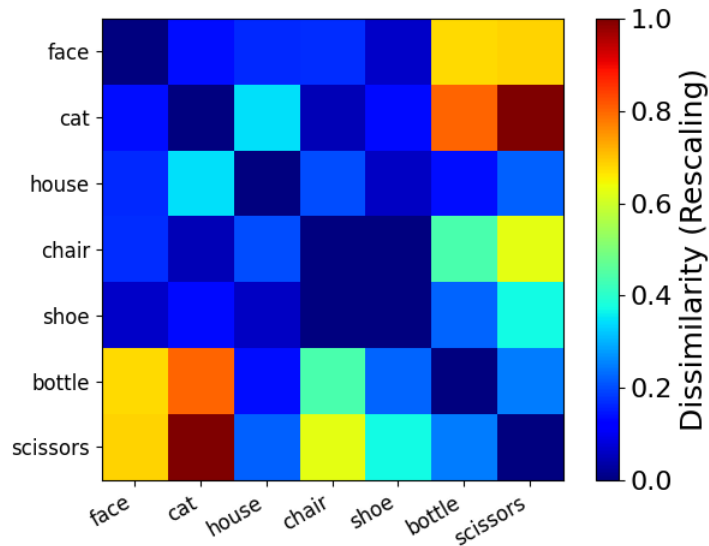
```



```
***** Section 6: Calculating the RDM by Searchlight *****
```

```
# calculate the RDMs by Searchlight
fmri_RDMs = fmriRDM(fmri_data, sub_opt=0)

# plot one of the RDMs
plot_rdm(fmri_RDMs[20, 30, 30], rescale=True, conditions=categories)
```

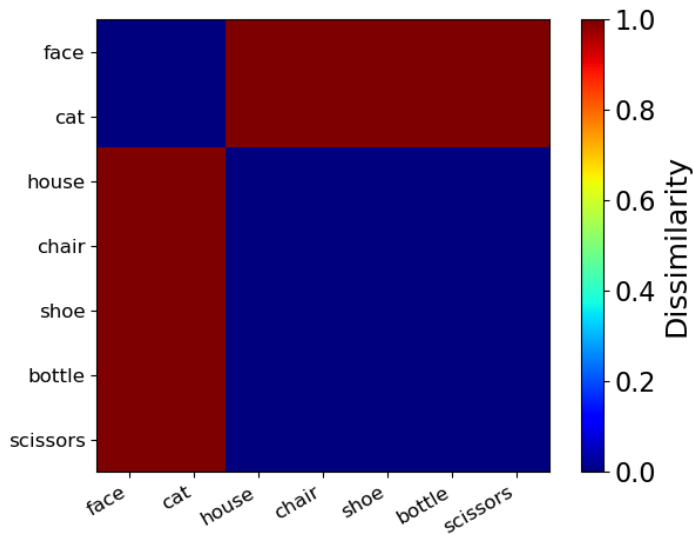


```
***** Section 7: Calculating the representational similarities *****
```

```
***** between a coding model and neural activities *****
```

```
# Create a RDM for "animate-inanimate" coding model
# which means the representations of animate matters are highly similar
# and the representations of inanimate matters are highly similar
model_RDM = np.array([[0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1],
                      [0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1],
                      [1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
                      [1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
                      [1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
                      [1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0],
                      [1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0]])

# plot the model RDM
plot_rdm(model_RDM, conditions=categories)
```



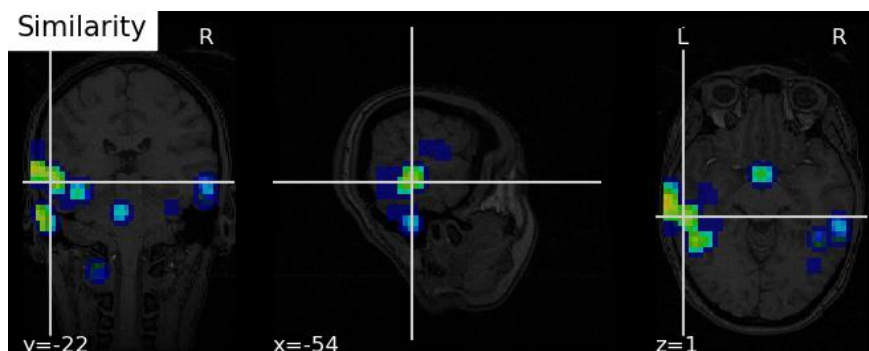
```
# calculate the similarities between model RDM and searchlight RDMS
corrs = fmri_rdm_corr(model_RDM, fmri_RDMS)

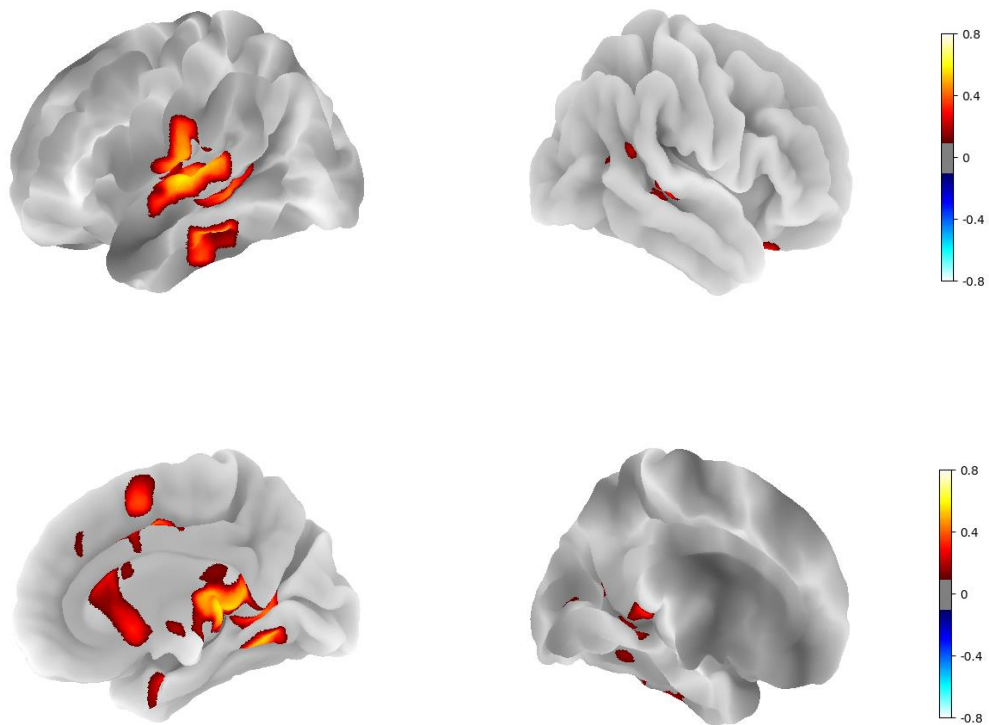
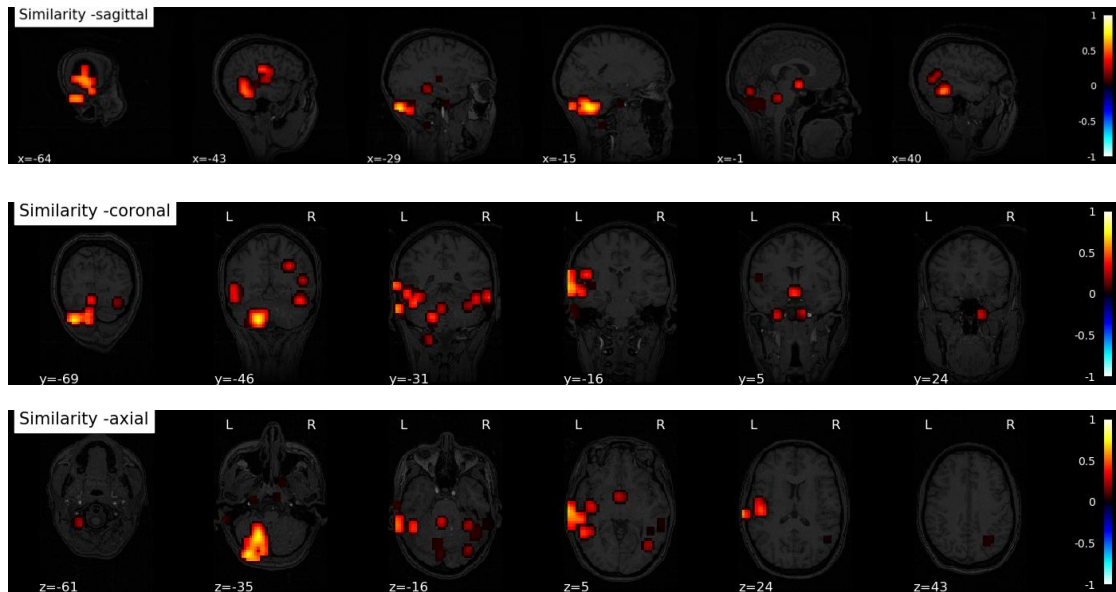
""""*****      Section 8: Saving the RSA result and Plotting      *****""""

# load the filename of anatomical image as the background for plotting
ant_filename = haxby_dataset.anat[0]

# get the affine info
affine = get_affine(mask_filename)

# save the RSA result as a .nii file
# and visualize the result automatically
# p < 0.05, FDR-correct
rsarltfilename = "demo2_rsarlt_img"
img = corr_save_nii(corrs, filename=rsarltfilename, affine=affine,
corr_mask=mask_filename, size=[40, 64, 64], p=0.001, plotrft=True,
img_background=ant_filename)
```



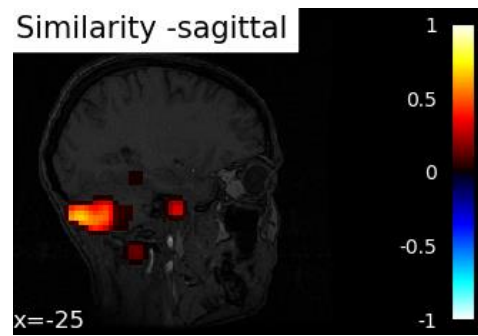


```
# Users can plot the RSA results independently by functions below
from neurora.rsa_plot import plot_brainrsa_regions
from neurora.rsa_plot import plot_brainrsa_montage
from neurora.rsa_plot import plot_brainrsa_glass
from neurora.rsa_plot import plot_brainrsa_surface

# here use a [5, 5, 5] cube to remove the significant area smaller than
it
```



```
# before filtering
plot_brainrsa_montage(rsarltfilename, slice=[[-25], 0, 0],
background=ant_filename)
```



```
# after filtering
plot_brainrsa_montage(rsarltfilename, threshold=125, slice=[[-25], 0,
0], background=ant_filename)
```

