Risk Patterns and Correlated Brain Activities

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- ⊡ Which part is activated during *risk related decisions* ?
- □ Can statistical analysis help to detect this area?
- ☑ Response curve (to stimuli)? classify "risky people"?





Survey conducted by Max Planck Institute

- 22 young, native German, right-handed and healthy volunteers
 3 subjects with extensive head movements (> 5mm)
 2 subjects with different stimulus frequency
 n = 22 (3 + 2) = 17
- Experiment

 - fMRI images every 2.5 sec.
 - Analysis of the first part (×45)



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☐ functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging

 Measuring Blood Oxygenation Level Dependent (BOLD) effect every 2-3 sec High-dimensional, high frequency & large data set

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fMRI methods

- Voxel-wise GLM Voxel-wise GLM
 - linear model for each voxel separately
 - strong a priori hypothesis necessary
- Dynamic Semiparametric Factor Model (DSFM)
 - Use a "time & space" dynamic approach
 - Separate low dim time dynamics from space functions
 - Low dim time series exploratory analysis

Outline

- 1. Motivation \checkmark
- 2. DSFM
- 3. Results vs. Subject's Behaviour
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Notation

$$\underbrace{(X_{1,1}, Y_{1,1}), \dots, (X_{J,1}, Y_{J,1})}_{t=1}, \dots, \underbrace{(X_{1,T}, Y_{1,T}), \dots, (X_{J,T}, Y_{J,T})}_{t=T},$$

$$X_{j,t} \in \mathbb{R}^d$$
, $Y_{j,t} \in \mathbb{R}$
T - the number of observed time periods
J - the number of the observations in a period t
 $E(Y_t|X_t) = F_t(X_t)$

Quantify $F_t(X_t)$. How does it move?

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Dynamic Semiparametric Factor Model

$$\mathsf{E}(Y_t|X_t) = \sum_{l=0}^{L} Z_{t,l} m_l(X_t) = Z_t^{\top} m(X_t) = Z_t^{\top} A^* \Psi$$

$$Z_t = (\mathbf{1}, Z_{t,1}, \dots, Z_{t,L})^\top \text{low dim (stationary) time series}$$
$$m = (m_0, m_1, \dots, m_L)^\top, \text{tuple of functions}$$
$$\Psi = \{\psi_1(X_t), \dots, \psi_K(X_t)\}^\top, \psi_k(x) \text{ space basis}$$
$$A^* : (L+1) \times K \text{ coefficient matrix}$$

DSFM Estimation

$$Y_{t,j} = \sum_{l=0}^{L} Z_{t,l} m_l(X_{t,j}) + \varepsilon_{t,j} = Z_t^{\top} A^* \psi(X_{t,j}) + \varepsilon_{t,j}$$

 \boxdot $\psi(x) = \{\psi_1(x), \dots, \psi_K(x)\}^{ op}$ tensor *B*-spline basis

$$(\widehat{Z}_t, \widehat{A^*}) = \arg \min_{Z_t, A^*} \sum_{t=1}^T \sum_{j=1}^J \left\{ Y_{t,j} - Z_t^\top A^* \psi(X_{t,j}) \right\}^2$$
(1)

Minimization by Newton-Raphson algorithm

B-Splines

Figure 2: *B*-splines basis functions; order of *B*-splines: quadratic; number of knots: $6 \times 6 = 36$ B-Splines

DSFM Estimation

 \square Selection of *L* by explained variance

$$EV(L) = 1 - \frac{\sum_{t=1}^{T} \sum_{j=1}^{J} \left\{ Y_{t,j} - \sum_{l=0}^{L} Z_{t,l} m_l(X_{t,j}) \right\}^2}{\sum_{t=1}^{T} \sum_{j=1}^{J} \left\{ Y_{t,j} - \bar{Y} \right\}^2}$$

number of *B*-splines (equally spaced) knots: K = 12 imes 14 imes 14

L = 2	<i>L</i> = 4	<i>L</i> = 5	L = 10	<i>L</i> = 20
92.07	92.25	92.29	93.66	95.19

Table 1: EV in percent of the model with different numbers of factors L, averaged over all 17 analyzed subjects.

Panel DSFM

$$Y_{t,j}^{i} = \sum_{l=0}^{L} (Z_{t,l}^{i} + \alpha_{t,l}^{i}) m_{l}(X_{t,j}) + \varepsilon_{t,j}^{i}, \ 1 \le j \le J, \ 1 \le t \le T,$$

 \Box n = 17 weakly/strongly risk-averse subjects

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$$Y_{t,j}$$
 - BOLD signal; X_j voxel's index
 $\alpha_{t,j}^i$ - fixed individual effect; • Residual Analysis

$$\Box \text{ Identification condition: } \mathsf{E}\left\{\sum_{i=1}^{n}\sum_{l=0}^{L}\alpha_{t,l}^{i}m_{l}(X_{t,j})|X_{t,j}\right\}=0$$

Panel DSFM Estimation

Feasible estimation algorithm:

- 1. Average $Y_{t,i}^{i}$ over subjects *i* to obtain $\overline{Y}_{t,j}$
- 2. Estimate factors m_l for the "average brain" [via (1)]
- 3. Given \widehat{m}_{l} , for *i*, estimate $Z_{t,l}^{i}$

$$Y_{t,j}^{i} = \sum_{l=0}^{L} Z_{t,l}^{i} \widehat{m}_{l}(X_{t,j}) + \varepsilon_{t,j}^{i}$$

 \boxdot 26h - computing time; CPU - 2 \times 2.8GHz; data set of size 24.31 GB

Estimated constant factor $\widehat{m}_0(X) = \sum_{k=1}^K \widehat{a}_{0,k} \psi_k(X)$ with L=20

Estimated factor $\widehat{m}_5(X) = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \widehat{a}_{5,k} \psi_k(X)$ with L = 20(MOFC = Medial orbitofrontal cortex)

Estimated factor $\widehat{m}_9(X) = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \widehat{a}_{9,k} \psi_k(X)$ with L = 20

Estimated factor $\widehat{m}_{12}(X) = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \widehat{a}_{12,k} \psi_k(X)$ with L = 20(PC = Paretial Cortex)

Estimated factor $\widehat{m}_{16}(X) = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \widehat{a}_{16,k} \psi_k(X)$ with L = 20

Estimated factor $\widehat{m}_{17}(X) = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \widehat{a}_{17,k} \psi_k(X)$ with L = 20

Estimated factor $\widehat{m}_{18}(X) = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \widehat{a}_{18,k} \psi_k(X)$ with L = 20

Estimated Factor Loading \widehat{Z}_5

Figure 3: Estimated factor loading \widehat{Z}_5 for subjects within 30 minutes: 12 (upper panel) and 19 (lower panel) with L = 20; red dots denote stimulus Risk Patterns and Correlated Brain Activities —

Estimated Factor Loading \widehat{Z}_9

Figure 4: Estimated factor loading \widehat{Z}_9 for subjects within 30 minutes: 12 (upper panel) and 19 (lower panel) with L = 20; red dots denote stimulus

Estimated Factor Loading \widehat{Z}_{12}

Figure 5: Estimated factor loading \widehat{Z}_{12} for subjects within 30 minutes: 12 (upper panel) and 19 (lower panel) with L = 20; red dots denote stimulus

Estimated Factor Loading \widehat{Z}_{16}

Figure 6: Estimated factor loading \widehat{Z}_{16} for subjects within 30 minutes: 12 (upper panel) and 19 (lower panel) with L = 20; red dots denote stimulus

Estimated Factor Loading \widehat{Z}_{17}

Figure 7: Estimated factor loading \widehat{Z}_{17} for subjects within 30 minutes: 12 (upper panel) and 19 (lower panel) with L = 20; red dots denote stimulus

Estimated Factor Loading \widehat{Z}_{18}

Figure 8: Estimated factor loading \widehat{Z}_{18} for subjects within 30 minutes: 12 (upper panel) and 19 (lower panel) with L = 20; red dots denote stimulus

Reaction to the stimulus

Figure 9: Detailed view of factor loading \widehat{Z}_1 for subject 12 with vertical lines in time points of stimuli of 3 different task: decision (red), subjective expected return (green) and perceived risk (black) Risk Patterns and Correlated Brain Activities

Figure 10: Reaction to stimulus $\overline{\Delta}\widehat{Z}_{s,l}^i = \frac{1}{3}\sum_{\tau=1}^3 \Delta\widehat{Z}_{s+\tau,l}^i$, where $\Delta\widehat{Z}_{t,l}^i \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \widehat{Z}_{s+t,l}^i - \widehat{Z}_{s,l}$, t = 1, 2, 3, s is the time of stimulus for factors loadings $\widehat{Z}_{t,12}^i$, for subjects 12 (left) and 19 (right) during the experiment (45 stimuli).

• Subject's risk perception $\widetilde{R}_{i,s}$ - • Risk Metrics

- standard deviation
- empirical frequency of loss (negative return)
- difference between highest an lowest return (range)
- coefficient of range (range/mean)
- empirical frequency of ending below 5%
- coefficient of variation (standard deviation/mean)
- Different subject different risk perception fitted by correlation between risk metrics of return streams and *R_{i,j,s}* - answers for "perceived risk" task *Q*1, *N* = 27

Subjective expected return *m̃_{i,s}* - Return Ratings
 recency (higher weights on later returns)

- primacy (higher weights on earlier returns)
- below 0% (higher weights on returns below 0%)
- below 5% (higher weights on returns below 5%)
- ▶ mean
- ☑ Selecting return ratings for each subject individually best model selected by prediction power of one-leave-out cross validation procedure, N = 27

- Each subject i has (R_i, m_i)
- 🖸 Risk-return choice model

 $V_i(x_s) = m_i(x_s) - \beta_i R_i(x_s), \quad 1 \le i \le n, 1 \le s \le 27$

 x_s - return stream, m_i -subjective expected return, R_i - perceived risk , V_i - subjective value (unobserved), 5% - risk free return

\boxdot β Risk attitude parameter

 \boxdot Estimation of individual risk attitude by logistic regression

$$P \{ \text{risky choice}|(m, R) \} = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(m - \beta R - 5)}$$
$$P \{ \text{sure choice}|(m, R) \} = 1 - \frac{1}{1 + \exp(m - \beta R - 5)}$$

risky choice - unknown return, sure choice - fixed, 5% return

 \boxdot \widehat{eta} derived by maximum likelihood method

Figure 11: Risk attitude $\hat{\beta}_i$ for 17 subjects; modeled by the softmax function from individuals' decisions, estimated by ML method \bigcirc Mohr et. al. Risk Patterns and Correlated Brain Activities \bigcirc

SVM Classification Analysis

- Support Vector Machines (SVM)
 17 subjects, 20 factor loading time series per subject
- Leave-one-out method to train and estimate classification rate SVM with Gaussian kernel; (R, C) chosen to maximize classification rate
- Weakly/strongly risk-averse subjects differ in reaction to stimulus $\Delta \widehat{Z}_{t,l}^{i}$ Reaction to Stimulus

SVM Classification Analysis

- 1. factors attributed to risk patterns: l = 5, 9, 12, 16, 17, 18
- 2. only "Decision under Risk" (Q3) stimulus
- 3. average reaction to s stimulus $\overline{\Delta}\widehat{Z}_{s,l}^{i} = \frac{1}{3}\sum_{\tau=1}^{3}\Delta\widehat{Z}_{s+\tau,l}^{i}$

SVM input data: volatility of $\overline{\Delta} \widehat{Z}_{s,l}^i$ over all Q3

Std		Estimated	
		Strongly	Weakly
Data	Strongly	1.00	0.00
	Weakly	0.14	0.86

Table 2: Classification rates of the SVM method, without knowing the subject's estimated risk attitude • SVM Scores

Figure 12: Normalized Principal Component Analysis on volatility of $\overline{\Delta} \widehat{Z}_{s,l}^{i}$ after stimulus for weakly/strongly risk-averse subjects; variance explained by the first and second components: 72%, 85%, respectively Risk Patterns and Correlated Brain Activities —

Conclusion

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- igcup Factors \widehat{m} identify activated areas, neurological reasonable
- Estimated factor loadings show differences for individuals with different risk attitudes (e.g. 12 vs. 19)
- SVM classification analysis of measurements in $Z_{t,l}$, *l* = 5, 9, 12, 16, 17, 18 after stimulus, can distinguish weakly/strongly risk-averse individuals with high classification rate, without knowing the subject's answers

Future Perspectives

- ⊡ Comparison with the PCA/ICA (PARAFAC) approach
- Analysis of the second part of the experiment (under assumption of independency) to "generate" larger number of subjects
- □ Improvement of the classification criterion
- ☑ Penalized DSFM with seasonal effects

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Voxel-wise GLM • fMRI methods

 FEAT - FMRI Expert Analysis Tool by Department of Clinical Neurology, University of Oxford

GLM framework

$$Y = XB + \eta, \tag{2}$$

Y - single voxel BOLD time series, X - design matrix (regressors, i.e. visual, auditory)

■ Significant, active areas (*B*) selected by z-scores $\equiv \frac{B_i - 0}{\sqrt{Var(B_i)}}$ and grouping (20 neighbors) scheme

Figure 13: Predicted reaction to the stimulus as a convolution of a stimulus signal (predicted neural response) and a haemodynamic response function as an example of the elements of design matrix X (2). Figure modified from FEAT - FMRI.

B-Splines P-Splines

Univariate **B-spline** basis $\Psi = \{\psi_1(X), \ldots, \psi_K(X)\}^\top$ is a series of $\psi_k(X)$ functions defined by $x_0 \le x_2 \le \ldots \le x_{K-1}$, K knots and order p, i.e. for p = 2 (quadratic)

$$\psi_j(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(x-x_j)^2 & \text{if } x_j \le x < x_{j+1} \\ \frac{1}{2} - (x-x_{j+1})^2 + (x-x_{j+1}) & \text{if } x_{j+1} \le x < x_{j+2} \\ \frac{1}{2} \left\{ 1 - (x-x_{j+2})^2 \right\} & \text{if } x_j \le x < x_{j+1} \\ x & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

B-Splines • B-Splines

- Knots K and order p has to be specified in advance (EV criterion); K corresponds to bandwidth
- In higher dimensions, for dim(X) = d > 1

$$\Psi = \{\psi_1(X_1), \ldots, \psi_{K_1}(X_1)\} \times \ldots \times \{\psi_1(X_d), \ldots, \psi_{K_d}(X_d)\}$$

 Flexible and computationally efficient approach to capture various spatial structures

Residual Analysis **PDSFM**

Figure 14: Boxplots of random subsets (size 3×10^7) from $\varepsilon_{t,j}^i$ (4.3 × 10⁹ points) for all 17 analyzed subjects. Kurtosis exceeds 10 Risk Patterns and Correlated Brain Activities

Residual Analysis • PDSFM

Figure 15: Histograms of random subsets (size 3×10^7) from $\varepsilon_{t,j}^i$ (4.3 × 10^9 points) for subjects i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, respectively. Normality hypothesis (**KS test**) for standardized $\varepsilon_{t,j}^i$ rejected for all subjects, $\alpha = 5\%$ Risk Patterns and Correlated Brain Activities

Residual Analysis PDSFM

Figure 16: Histograms of random subsets (size 3×10^7) from $\varepsilon_{t,j}^i$ (4.3×10⁹ points) for subjects i = 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 respectively

Residual Analysis • PDSFM

Figure 17: QQplots of random subsets (size 3×10^7) from $\varepsilon_{t,j}^i$ (4.3 × 10⁹ points) for subjects i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, respectively Risk Patterns and Correlated Brain Activities

Figure 18: QQplots of random subsets (size 3×10^7) from $\varepsilon_{t,j}^i$ (4.3×10^9 points) for subjects i = 10, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 respectively Risk Patterns and Correlated Brain Activities

Reaction to stimulus

► SVM Analysis

Figure 19: Averaged reaction $\overline{\Delta} \widehat{Z}_{s,9}^i$ to stimulus for all 15 Q3 questions for weakly/strongly risk-averse individuals

Reaction to stimulus

► SVM Analysis

Figure 20: Averaged reaction $\overline{\Delta} \widehat{Z}_{s,12}^i$ to stimulus for all 15 Q3 questions for weakly/strongly risk-averse individuals

Return Ratings Risk Attitude

 r_i , i = 1, ..., 10 denotes sequence of random returns in each trial Subjective Expected Return (**SER**) models:

🖸 Mean

$$SER = \frac{\sum_{i=10-m}^{r_i} r_i}{m}$$

m-number of returns remembered, $2 \le m \le 10$
Recency

$$SER = \frac{\sum_{i=10-m}^{10} r_i p}{\sum_{i=10-m}^{10} p}, \quad p = (i-9+m)^g$$

 ~ 10

g - weighting parameter of returns, 0 < g < 1

Return Ratings ▶ Risk Attitude

Primacy

$$SER = \frac{\sum_{i=10-m}^{10} r_i p}{\sum_{i=10-m}^{10} p}, \quad p = (11-i)^g$$

m-number of returns remembered, $2 \le m \le 10$ g - weighting parameter of returns, 0 < g < 1 \odot Overweight < 0%

$$SER = \frac{\sum_{i=10-m}^{10} r_i p}{\sum_{i=10-m}^{10} p}, p = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } r_i \ge 0\\ 1+w, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

w - additional weight of returns, 0 < w < 1; 1 < m < 9

$$\odot$$
 Overweight $< 5\%$

$$SER = \frac{\sum_{i=10-m}^{10} r_i p}{\sum_{i=10-m}^{10} p}, p = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } r_i \ge 5\\ 1+w, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

w - additional weight of returns , 0 < w < 1; 1 < m < 9

Parameters fitted by Cross Validation over all 27 trials

Return Ratings • Risk Attitude

Figure 21: Distribution of return ratings over analyzed subjects

Risk Metrics • Risk Attitude

Risk perception - risk metrics used by individuals

- Standard deviation of a return sequence
- Empirical frequency of loss (negative returns / all returns)
- Range difference between highest an lowest return in a sequence
- ☑ Coefficient of range (range / mean)
- Empirical frequency of ending below 5% (returns < 5% / all returns)
- Coefficient of variation (standard deviation / mean)

Figure 22: Distribution of risk metrices over analyzed subjects

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SVM Scores • SVM Classification

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	Strongly										
i	1	3	4	8	10	15	16	17	18	19	
β	5.6	5.6	11.3	5.0	6.3	12.6	8.6	5.4	16.6	18.3	
Score	0.02	0.43	0.43	0.32	0.58	0.40	0.44	0.23	0.68	0.59	
	Weakly										
i	2	5	6	9	11	12	21				
β	4.8	4.1	3.7	4.7	3.8	1.3	1.8				
Score	0.32	-1.03	-0.32	-0.44	-0.79	-0.04	-0.08				

Table 3: Estimated risk attitude and SVM scores (obtained **without** knowing the subject's answers)

Figure 23: Scatter plot of $\hat{\beta}_i$ vs SVM scores

Figure 24: Scatter plot of $\hat{\beta}_i$ vs risk perception models (vertical line). 1 -Standard deviation, 2 - Coefficient of variation, 3 - Empirical frequency of loss; 4 - Empirical frequency of ending below 5%, 5 - Coefficient of range, 6 - Coefficient of variation.

Subject Answers • Risk Attitude

i	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Ans	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	1
mean	12	6	9	9	6	12	6	9	12
std	6	1	5	9	5	1	12	1	5
i	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Ans	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
mean	6	12	9	9	12	6	9	12	6
std	1	5	5	9	1	9	1	5	9
i	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Ans	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
mean	6	12	9	6	12	9	12	6	9
std	1	9	5	5	1	9	1	9	1

Table 4: Answers of subject 2 (1 -risky choice, 0 -fixed return), the mean and the standard deviation for the displayed return streams x_s , $1 \le s \le 27$ used in question type 3. Risk Patterns and Correlated Brain Activities

RPID task Risk Perception

$$x_1 = (6.53, 6.88, 5.46, 4.94, 7.91, 5.28, 6.01, 5.97, 6.48, 4.54)$$

 $x_2 = (24.14, -2.14, 10.28, 12.28, 8.29, -4.23, 1.50, 11.91, 7.93, 20.04)$ (3)

- ⊡ Return streams (in (3): mean=6, 12; STD=1, 9)
- Question of type 1, 2 or 3
- Answer given by the right hand on a pad

