

AFNI Start to Finish: How to Analyze Data with AFNI

The image illustrates the workflow for analyzing data with AFNI, showing the integration of a GUI, a website, and terminal commands.

uber_subject.py GUI: This window is used for setting up subject information and analysis parameters. It includes sections for:

- general subject info:** subject ID (FT), group ID (horses).
- EPI datasets:** A table listing scan indices and EPI datasets.
- stimulus timing files:** A table listing index, label, basis function, and stimulus timing file.
- symbolic GLTs:** Options to insert GLT rows or initialize with GLT examples.

AFNI Message Board Website: A browser window showing the AFNI and NIFTI Server website with navigation links and a message board.

Terminal Windows:

- (static) proc script subject_results/group.horses/subj_FT/proc_FT:** Contains AFNI processing scripts for regression and motion correction.
- (static) afni_proc.py script subject_r:** Shows the execution of the AFNI processing pipeline.
- processing command: tcsh -xef proc_FT & tee output.proc_FT:** Shows the execution of the AFNI processing command, including job status and warnings.

Tables from GUI:

EPI datasets table:

scan index	EPI dataset
1	FT_epi_r1+orig.HEAD
2	FT_epi_r2+orig.HEAD
3	FT_epi_r3+orig.HEAD

stimulus timing files table:

index	label	basis func	stim timing file
1	vis	BLOCK(20,1)	AV1_vis.txt
2	aud	BLOCK(20,1)	AV2_aud.txt

Goal: run group analysis on single subject response magnitudes

- ❖ how do we get there?
 - create beta (response magnitude) maps for each subject
 - should be aligned, probably to a well known template
 - run group analysis program (e.g. **3dttest++**, **3dMEMA**, **3dANOVA***)
 - can use **uber_ttest.py** to run single group tests
- ❖ how do we create aligned beta maps?
 - write single subject processing script: pre-processing through regression
 - inputs: anat, EPI, stimulus timing
 - controls: processing decisions like blur size and alignment template
 - outputs: beta weights (and contrasts, t-stats, blur estimates, etc.)
- ❖ how do we write single subject processing scripts?
 - **afni_proc.py** can be used to generate processing scripts
 - **uber_subject.py** can be used to generate **afni_proc.py** command
 - can also run the **afni_proc.py** command (generates proc script)
 - can also run the proc script (i.e. actually analyze the data)

General suggestions

- ❖ picture this experiment as your own
 - decisions on processing were made by you (and your colleagues)
 - hopefully before acquiring any data
 - there is no single "correct" way to analyze data
- ❖ focus on understanding the processing steps
 - in light of your having chosen which steps to perform
- ❖ practice the good habit of reviewing results
 - do the initial images look good?
 - review each processing step along with data
 - are the EPI and anat well aligned by the end?
 - do the statistical results look reasonable?
- ❖ create scripts for any processing step
 - they are a record of how data was processed
 - easy to apply to any new subjects
 - easy to repeat
 - expect to re-analyze data (mistake, new decision, etc.)
 - keep original data and all processing scripts

Review of stimulus conditions

- ◆ Speech Perception Task: Subjects were presented with audiovisual speech that was presented in a predominantly auditory or predominantly visual modality.
- ◆ A digital video system was used to capture auditory and visual speech from a female speaker.
- ◆ There were 2 types of stimulus conditions:



(1) **Auditory-Reliable**

Example: Subjects can clearly *hear* the word “cat,” but the video of a woman mouthing the word is degraded.

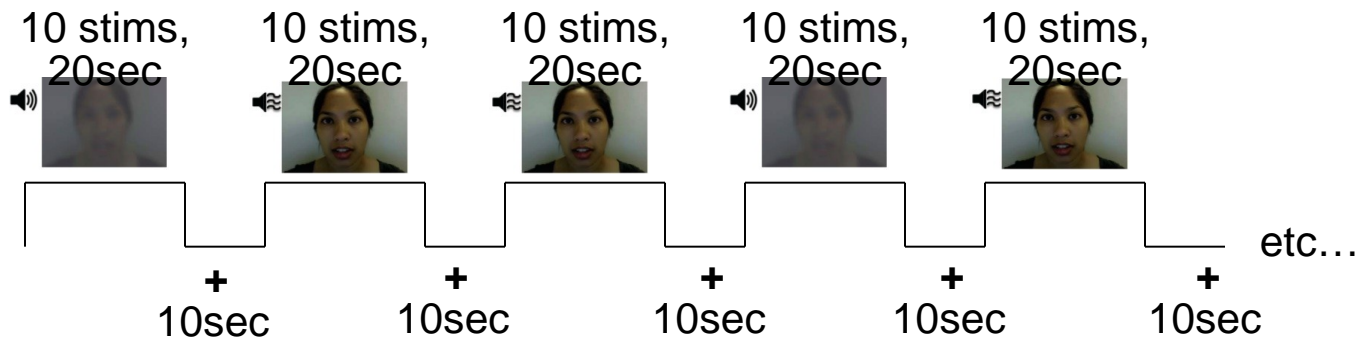


(2) **Visual-Reliable**

Example: Subjects can clearly *see* the video of a woman mouthing the word “cat,” but the audio of the word is degraded.

❖ Experiment Design:

- ◆ There were 3 runs in a scanning session.
- ◆ Each run consisted of 10 blocked trials:
 - 5 blocks contained Auditory-Reliable (*AreI*) stimuli, and
 - 5 blocks contained Visual-Reliable (*VreI*) stimuli.
- ◆ Each block contained 10 trials of *AreI* stimuli OR 10 trials of *VreI* stimuli.
 - Each block lasted for 20 seconds (1 second for stimulus presentation, followed by a 1-second inter-stimulus interval).
- ◆ Each baseline block consisted of a 10-second fixation point.



❖ Data Collected:

- ◆ 2 Anatomical datasets for each subject, collected at 3 tesla.
 - 175 sagittal slices
 - voxel dimensions = 0.938 x 0.938 x 1.0 mm
- ◆ 3 Time Series (EPI) datasets for each subject.
 - 33 axial slices x 152 volumes = 5016 slices per run
 - TR = 2 sec; voxel dimensions = 2.75 x 2.75 x 3.0 mm
- ◆ Sample size, $n = 10$ (all right-handed subjects)

afni_proc.py **uber_subject.py**

- What is **afni_proc.py**?
 - ❖ a program used to generate processing scripts for single subject analysis
 - command-line program
 - ❖ generated scripts are in **tcsh** syntax
 - ❖ scripts are written to be easily read and modified
- What is **uber_subject.py**?
 - ❖ for running single subject analysis
 - ❖ a graphical user interface to **afni_proc.py**
 - ❖ quickly create processing scripts
 - ❖ can analyze all subjects from GUI
 - ❖ good for learning
 - FMRI processing, shell scripting, AFNI commands
 - can compare against manually generated scripts
 - for sanity, bug detection, quick evaluation

Overview of remaining steps

- ❖ `cd AFNI_data6/FT_analysis`
- ❖ review directory contents and note subject data under directory **FT**
- ❖ run `uber_subject.py` and analyze this subject
 - set subject ID, group ID
 - specify inputs: anat, EPI, stimulus timing files
 - controls: BLOCK(20,1), init GLTs, remove first 2 TRs
 - peruse other options, e.g. use multiple CPUs for 3dDeconvolve?
 - create `afni_proc.py` command
 - execute `afni_proc.py` command (to create proc script)
 - execute proc script (analyze subject data)
- ❖ briefly review processing script
- ❖ review proc script in modest detail, while viewing processed data
 - run `afni` from **FT.results** directory and follow script
 - perhaps run resulting `@ss_review_driver` script
- ❖ run group analysis (**3dttest++**, **3dMEMA** or **3dANOVA2**)
 - run `uber_ttest.py` on data under **AFNI_data6/group_results**
 - or run existing script **s1.3dANOVA2**

1. Note what is under **AFNI_data6/FT_analysis**.

FT

s01.ap.simple

s02.ap.align

s09.cleanup

s11.proc.FT

s12.proc.FT.align

- subject data directory
- class afni_proc.py script
- more advanced script
- remove analysis results
- result of **s01.ap.simple**
- result of **s01.ap.align**

under **FT**

AV1_vis.txt

AV2_aud.txt

FT_anat+orig.BRIK/HEAD

FT_epi_r1+orig.BRIK/HEAD

FT_epi_r2+orig.BRIK/HEAD

FT_epi_r3+orig.BRIK/HEAD

- visual reliable timing
- auditory reliable timing
- anatomical dataset
- EPI run 1
- EPI run 2
- EPI run 3

AV1_vis.txt:

60 90 120 180 240

120 150 180 210 270

0 60 120 150 240

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(the horror continues...)

- To continue reviewing the data on your own, please see the corresponding tutorial that continues under the data directory:

➤ **AFNI_data6/FT_analysis/tutorial**

- Alternatively, this can be viewed from the AFNI web site:

http://afni.nimh.nih.gov/pub/dist/edu/data/CD.expanded/AFNI_data6/FT_analysis/tutorial

- or from the Help menu of **uber_subject.py**
 - ❖ Help --> Browse --> web: tutorial-single subject analysis