

AFNI Start to Finish: How to Analyze Data with AFNI

The image displays a complex interface for AFNI data analysis, consisting of several overlapping windows:

- AFNI Message Board:** A browser window at the top center showing a "Welcome to the AFNI and NIFTI Server at the NIMH in Bethesda, MD USA" page. It includes navigation links (Home, AFNI, SUMA, Download, Documentation) and a "Topics" section with links like "New AFNI paper" and "AFNispim on gpropana".
- uber_subject.py:** A GUI window on the left for entering subject information. It has fields for "subject ID" (FT) and "group ID" (horses). Below, it lists EPI datasets with columns for scan index, EPI dataset name, and EPI directory. It also shows stimulus timing files with columns for index, label, basis func, and stim timing file.
- afni_proc.py script:** A terminal window in the middle showing the execution of the `afni_proc.py` script. It includes comments like `# created by uber_subject.py: version 0.2` and `# creation date: Mon Sep 12 13:24:15 2011`. It sets directories, subject/group identifiers, and runs various AFNI processing steps like motion correction, registration, and regression.
- regress script:** A terminal window on the right showing the execution of a `regress` script. It includes comments like `# compute de-meanned motion parameters` and `# compute motion parameter derivatives`. It lists the number of jobs and their completion times.
- Processing Command:** A terminal window at the bottom right showing the command `tcsch -xef proc.FT |& tee output.proc.FT` and its successful execution. It displays warnings regarding the Correlation Matrix and a table of severity, correlation, cosine, and regressor pair values.

scan index	EPI dataset	EPI directory
1	FT_epi_r1+orig.HEAD	/data1/ricrk/data/sample/AFNI_data6/FT_analysis/FT
2	FT_epi_r2+orig.HEAD	/data1/ricrk/data/sample/AFNI_data6/FT_analysis/FT
3	FT_epi_r3+orig.HEAD	/data1/ricrk/data/sample/AFNI_data6/FT_analysis/FT

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

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# created by uber_subject.py: version 0.2
# creation date: Mon Sep 12 13:24:15 2011

# set data directories
set top_dir = /data1/ricrk/data/sample/

# set subject and group identifiers
set subj = FT
set group = horses

# run afni_proc.py to create a single sub
afni_proc.py -subj_id $subj

-script proc.$subj -scr_overwrite
-blocks tshift align tirc volreg blur mask scale regress \
-copy_anat $top_dir/FT_anat+orig
-tcat_remove_first_trs 2
-dsets $top_dir/FT_epi_r1+orig.HEAD
-volreg_align_to third
-volreg_align_e2a
-volreg_tirc_warp
-regress_stim_times $top_dir/AV*.txt
-regress_stim_labels
vis aud
-regress_basis 'BLOCK(20,1)'
-regress_censor_motion 0.3
-regress_opts_3d
-jobs 6
-gitsym 'SYM: vis -aud' -glt_label 1 V-A
-gitsym 'SYM: 0.5*vis +0.5*aud' -glt_label 2 mean.VA
-regress_make_ideal_sum_sum_ideal.ID
-regress_est_blur_epits
-regress_est_blur_errts
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++ voxel loop:0123456789.0123456789.0123456789.0123456789.01234567++ Job #1 finished
++ Job #2 finished; elapsed time=16.474
89.
++ Job #0 waiting for children to finish; elapsed time=16.751
++ Job #3 finished; elapsed time=16.834
++ Job #4 finished; elapsed time=16.837
++ Job #5 finished; elapsed time=16.852
++ Job #0 now finishing up; elapsed time=16.870
++ Wrote bucket dataset into ./stats.FT+trc.BRIK
+ created 9 FDR curves in bucket header
++ Wrote 3D+time dataset into ./fitts.FT+trc.BRIK
++ Wrote 3D+time dataset into ./errts.FT+trc.BRIK
++ Program finished; elapsed time=40.327
if ( 0 != 0 ) then
1d_tool.py -show_commat_warnings -infile X.xmat.1D
tee outcommat_warn.txt

Warnings regarding Correlation Matrix: X.xmat.1D

severity correlation cosine regressor pair
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medium: -0.612 0.000 ( 9 vs. 10) vis#0 vs. aud#0
medium: -0.505 0.000 ( 3 vs. 6) Run#2Pol#0 vs. Run#3Pol#0
medium: -0.500 0.000 ( 0 vs. 6) Run#1Pol#0 vs. Run#3Pol#0
medium: -0.495 0.000 ( 0 vs. 3) Run#1Pol#0 vs. Run#2Pol#0

3dTcat -prefix all_runs.FT pb04.FT.r01.scale+trc.HEAD pb04.FT.r02.scale+trc.HEAD pb04.FT.r03.scale+trc.HEAD
3dTcat: AFNI version=AFNI_2011_05_26_1457 (Sep 9 2011) [64-bit]
3dTstat -mean -prefix rm.signal.all_runs.FT+trc
++ 3dTstat: AFNI version=AFNI_2011_05_26_1457 (Sep 9 2011) [64-bit]
++ Authored by: KR Hammitt & RW Cox
++ Output dataset ./rm.signal.all+trc.BRIK
3dTstat -stdev -prefix rm.noise.all_errts.FT+trc
++ 3dTstat: AFNI version=AFNI_2011_05_26_1457 (Sep 9 2011) [64-bit]
++ Authored by: KR Hammitt & RW Cox
++ Output dataset ./rm.noise.all+trc.BRIK
3dcalc -a rm.signal.all+trc -b rm.noise.all+trc -c full_mask.FT+trc -expr c*/b -prefix TSNR.FT

exec directory: subject_results/group.horses/subj.FT
exec command: tcsch -xef proc.FT |& tee output.proc.FT
status: process finished: SUCCESS
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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 t-stats, contrasts, 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, just reasonable ways
- ❖ 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 everything (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.

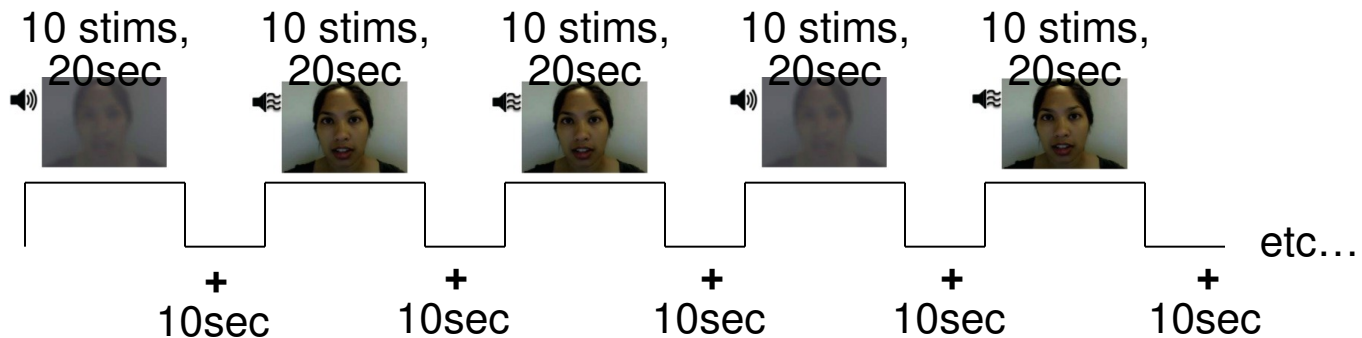


(2) Visual-Reliable

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**
- ❖ **from the home directory**, run **uber_subject.py** and analyze subject **FT**
 - set subject ID, group ID
 - specify inputs: anat, EPI, stimulus timing files (all under **FT_analysis/FT**)
 - controls: BLOCK(20,1), init GLTs, remove first 2 TRs
 - peruse other options, e.g. 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
 - 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 **s1.3dANOVA2** script

Single Subject Analysis: FT

- ❖ from home directory (use the `cd` command), run `uber_subject.py &`
 - subject ID **FT**, group ID **horses**
 - browse anat: choose **AFNI_data6/FT_anaysis/FT/FT_anat+orig.HEAD**
 - browse EPI: choose **FT_epi_r1+orig.HEAD** (and **epi_r2** and **epi_r3**)
 - select all 3 data files with ctrl or shift keys, then hit **Open**
 - browse stim: choose **AV1_vis.txt** and **AV2_aud.txt**
 - init basis funcs: choose **BLOCK(5,1)**
 - change **5** to **20** (i.e, apply **BLOCK(20,1)**) and hit Enter
 - symbolic GLTs: **init with glt examples**
 - expected options: removed first **2** TRs per run
 - (optional) extra regress options: **2** CPUs (or 12 or whatever is appropriate)
 - **generate afni_proc.py command** (left action button)
 - **generate proc script** (middle action button)
 - **process this subject** (right action button)
 - scripts/results are under `subject_results/group.horses/subj.FT`
 - review the `proc.FT` script while looking at the results under `FT.results`
 - `cd subject_results/group.horses/subj.FT`
 - `cd FT_results ; afni &`
 - after script and data review, run `./@ss_review_driver`
 - **minimal** data review (should run on each subject)

Group Analysis: paired t-test (Vrel-Arel)

- ❖ from home directory, run `uber_ttest.py &`
 - using data from under `AFNI_data6/group_results`
 - program `3dttest++`, script `script.V-A`, prefix `ttest.V-A`, mask dset: `skip`
 - fill "datasets A" table with datasets for `Vrel` betas
 - get subj dsets
 - ✓ choose file : `OLSQ.FP.betas+t1rc.HEAD`
 - ✓ alter name into wildcard pattern: replace "`FP`" with `"*"`
 - ✓ press Enter or `apply pattern` button (should have 10 datasets)
 - ✓ press `OK` (at bottom)
 - set name `Vrel`, data index `Vrel#0_Coef` (or index 0), t-stat index: `skip`
 - fill "datasets B" table with datasets for `Arel` betas
 - identical steps, except for the text fields at the bottom:
 - ✓ set `Arel`, data index `Arel#0_Coef`, t-stat index: `skip`
 - `3dttest++` options: `-paired`
 - `generate processing script`: press left action button (note hint)
 - `execute processing script`: press green action button (note hint)
- ❖ script/output/results are under: `group_results/test.001.3dttest++`
- ❖ script is `script.V-A`, results are under `ttest.results`
- ❖ `cd group_results/test.001.3dttest++/ttest.results` (practice `<tab>` key)
- ❖ `afni &`

Additional comments

- ❖ inputs for subject FT are under `AFNI_data6/FT_analysis/FT`

- ❖ results from `uber_*.py` go where the program was run
 - `uber_subject.py`: `subject_results/group.GROUP/subj.SUBJECT`
 - `uber_ttest.py`: `group_results/test.INDEX.PROGRAM`
 - so in class, these directory trees should end up under the home directory

- ❖ it is not necessary to master all shell script details
 - but want to understand processing steps

- ❖ when analyzing data, run `@ss_review_driver` for every subject
 - script represents the **minimum** of what to look at for each subject
 - for the first few subjects analyzed, look at all results in detail
 - in more detail than the level of this class
 - before acquiring many subjects

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
- basic **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

AFNI Start to Finish (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