#### Coordinate-Based Meta-Analysis using Activation Likelihood Estimation (ALE)

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# The BrainMap Project



#### a database of functional neuroimaging results

#### a comprehensive tool for ALE meta-analyses

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# BrainMap: The Concept



Database of functional neuroimaging studies

Archives coordinate data, not raw data, not SPIs

Searchable by <u>paradigm</u>, <u>cognitive domain</u>, <u>subject groups</u>, <u>ROIs</u>, <u>anatomical labels</u>, etc.

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Coordinates: center-of-mass (x,y,z) Extent (volume of activation in mm<sup>3</sup>) Standardized statistical parameters (Z, t, r, F) Standard anatomical descriptor (Talairach Daemon)

# BrainMap Coding Scheme



# BrainMap Database Submission



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5. Synchronization-600 vs Rest

# Plot: Finger Tapping



<u>Meta-Analysis:</u> the *post hoc* combination of independently performed studies to better estimate a parameter of interest

Location-effects: emerging as a tool for modeling neural systems Combines statistically <u>significant</u> effects to create predictive models

## Why Meta-Analyses ?

#### fMRI and PET are powerful for localising brain functions



but ...

#### Why Meta-Analyses ?



#### Forms of Meta-Analyses

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bilateral posterior MTL activation for objects and faces. Direct presented, followed by an arrow and the name of another target comparisons between the two hemispheres revealed left>right activation for words and right>left activation for faces.

Whereas the previous studies all examined encoding of isolated words, objects, scenes, or faces. Aguirre et al. (1996) examined encoding of a complex spatial environment. In the encoding condition, participants actively explored the complex environment in order to remember it for a later test; in the control condition, they continually moved through a sparse circular corridor. Aguirre et al. (1996) reported activation of parahippocampal cortex bilaterally in the encoding condition compared to the control condition

#### Retrieval Studies

Only a handful of fMRI experiments have provided evidence of MTL activations during memory retrieval. In addition to the experiment involving encoding scans described earlier. Gabrieli et al. (1997) also scanned subjects after they had studied line drawings of objects. Subjects were shown words and were asked to recall whether they had seen a drawing with that name. In one condition, most of the words were the names of previously studied drawings and in another condition most of the words were names of drawings that had not been presented. Retrieval of previously studied drawings was associated with an anterior MTL activation in the vicinity of the subiculum. In an attempt to increase the similarity between this retrieval study and the previously described picture encoding study, Gabrieli et al. (1997) ran an additional two subjects on a retrieval task in which pictures were presented and subjects attempted to recall previously studied words. They found greater activation in the subiculum during a retrieval condition in which pictures primarily corresponded to previously 1998). Although some studies have also produced evidence of studied words compared to a retrieval condition in which pictures corresponded mainly to nonstudied words.

In contrast to these anterior MTL retrieval activations, three other studies have reported evidence of more posterior MTL activations during retrieval. In two related experiments (one using a blocked design, the other an event-related design), Schacter et al. (1997a) exposed participants to lists of semantically associated words. Subjects were then scanned as they made old/new recognition judgments about previously studied words or related tures (i.e., "false targets") that were semantic associates of the previously studied words but had not actually been presented during the study trials. Compared to a fixation control condition. recognition of previously studied words and false targets was associated with activation in the left parahippocampal cortex.

Aguitre et al. (1996) examined retrieval of a recently learned complex environment (as described earlier). Similar to their and consistent. It thus may be surprising that Lepage et al. (1998) findings concerning encoding of the environment, Aguirre et al. (1996) reported bilateral parahippocampal activation during they attempted to recall different aspects of a "virtual town" that they had become familiar with 2 to 3 days prior to scanning. In the town and asked to indicate whether it matched a name that tended to fall in the rostral portions of the rostrocaudal axis,

cant left posterior MTL activation for words, and a significant was provided. In the position condition, the same stimuli were location; participants were required to indicate the direction of the other target relative to the presented target. Compared to a control condition where subjects viewed scrambled visual scenes, there was significant bilateral parahippocampal activation in both experimental conditions.

#### SUMMARY OF FMRI FINDINGS

In summary, the findings from fMRI studies converge on the observation that posterior regions of the MTL, involving mainly the parahippocampal gyrus and caudal aspects of the hippocampus, play an important role in memory encoding processes. This finding has been obtained in studies using verbal materials (Fernandez et al., 1998; Wagner et al., 1998), norverbal materials (Aguirre et al., 1996; Stern et al., 1996; Aguirre and D'Esposito, 1997; Gabrieli et al., 1997; Brewer et al., 1998), or both (Rombouts et al., 1997; Kelley et al., 1998); with a variety of analysis strategies, including subtraction (Aguirre et al., 1996; Stern et al., 1996; Aguirre and D'Esposito, 1997; Gabrieli et al., 1997; Rombouts et al., 1997; Kelley et al., 1998; Wagner et al., 1998), correlational techniques (Fernandez et al., 1998), and event-related procedures (Brewer et al., 1998; Wagner et al., 1998); and both when novelty detection processes are possible contributors to the observed activations (Stern et al., 1996; Gabrieli et al., 1997; Rombouts et al., 1997) and when they are not (Aguirre et al., 1996; Aguirre and D'Esposito, 1997; Brewer et al., 1998; Fernandez et al., 1998; Kelley et al., 1998; Wagner et al., more anterior MTL activation during encoding (Stern et al., 1996; Rombouts et al., 1997; Wagner et al., 1998), all of the reviewed studies reported posterior MTL activation during encoding. By contrast, too few fMRI data are available concerning MTL activations during retrieval in order to permit any firm conclusions about their rostrocaudal location (for a schematic depiction of all encoding and retrieval foci, see Figure 1).

#### PET STUDIES OF ENCODING AND RETRIEVAL

The data from fMRI studies of encoding appear competiing recently reported a meta-analysis of PET studies that appears to yield a different and perhaps opposite conclusion from the fMRI retrieval. Assume and D'Esposito (1997) scanned subjects while studies. Lepage et al. (1998) summarized results from a database of 52 PET studies that obtained evidence of 54 individual MTL activations during encoding or retrieval. They noted a highly the appearance condition, participants were shown a scene from consistent pattern of findings; MTL activations during encoding

MTL activations. Compared to episodic retrieval of uncommon colors, color name generation yielded anterior MTL activation.

#### Beauregard et al. (1998)

In this study, incidental word encoding was compared to a lower level visual baseline. During word encoding, subjects decided whether words belonged to the category "tools." Compared to viewing a string of number signs (#####), word encoding resulted in left MTL activation.

#### N. Kapur et al. (1995)

In this study, both the encoding and the retrieval of facial stimuli were compared to a rest control. From these comparisons. Lepage et al. (1998) included a retrieval MTL activation. However, a posterior MTL activation resulting from encoding (elaborating on facial stimuli by making gender classifications) was not included.

#### Schacter et al. (1995)

Lepage et al. (1998) included data from a retrieval comparison in which subjects made recognition judgments about a block of previously studied "impossible" objects compared to a passive viewing condition. However, they did not include analogous data showing posterior MTL activation from a retrieval comparison in which subjects made recognition judgments about a block of previously studied "possible" objects compared to a passive viewing condition. In addition, Lepage et al. (1998) did not include a comparison that meets their elaborative encoding criterion, in which subjects made possible/impossible object decisions about new (i.e., previously nonstudied) objects. For impossible objects, the object decision versus passive viewing comparison yielded a significant posterior MTL activation; there was no corresponding activation for possible objects. As with the preceding six studies, this type of elaborative decision is similar to deep versus shallow encoding comparisons that were included by Lepage et al. (1998).

#### Bottini et al. (1994)

Participants were presented with sentences and decided whether (1) each sentence represents a plausible metaphor, or (2) whether each sentence is plausible at the literal level. Both of these tasks require considerable elaborative processing of the sentences. In the control condition, subjects viewed a sentence-like string of eight to nine words and were asked to judge whether one of the words is an orthographically legal non-word. Compared to the control task, the combined sentence processing conditions resulted in anterior MTL activation.

#### Price et al. (1994)

In this study of word processing, participants performed three tasks' leateal decision on words and pseudowords, reading words aloud, and feature decision on false fonts. Across two versions of

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object naming and color name generation both yielded posterior each task, the rate of stimulus presentation was varied; stimuli were presented for either 150 or 1,000 ms. At both presentation rates, compared to the baseline feature-detection task, lexical decision yielded posterior MTL activation. Lexical decision, which necessitates elaborative processing of each stimulus, is formally similar to the object decision task used in the Schacter et al. (1995) study. In addition to these foci, MTL activations related to word encoding were noted when word reading was compared to baseline. At both presentation rates, there was a more anterior MTL activation during the word reading condition. We have included these findings in our Table 2.2

#### Bookheimer et al. (1995)

Participants were presented words, drawings of common objects, and meaningless line drawings (similar in appearance to the false fonts of Price et al., 1994). Compared to visual scanning of the meaningless drawings, reading words aloud resulted in posterior MTL activation. Compared to the same baseline, silent object naming also vielded posterior MTL activation. Both of these comparisons are similar to the word reading versus baseline comparison of Price et al. (1994).

#### Martin et al. (1996)

In this study, participants passively viewed nonsense objects, named real objects from one of two categories (tools and animals), and viewed a visual noise field. As in a study by Martin et al. (1997; see below for discussion) that was included by Lepage et al. (1998), compared to the noise-field baseline, passive viewing of nonsense objects yielded anterior MTL activations. This comparison also revealed a posterior MTL activation in parahippocampal gyrus. In contrast to Martin et al. (1997) and Bookheimer et al. (1995), comparison of silent object naming to the low-level baseline did not result in differential MTL activation (although, as noted by Martin et al. [1997, p. 592], this comparison did yield activity medial and superior to the hippocampus (-14 -28 4).

#### Zelkowicz et al. (1998)

This study included four main conditions, each of which was compared to a fixation control: (1) viewing line drawings of common objects; (2) naming drawings of common objects; (3) viewing nonsense objects; and (4) speaking (saying "Hiya") while viewing nonsense objects. As in the studies by Martin et al. (1996,

<sup>2</sup>We thank M. Lepage for calling our attention to the Price et al. (1994) study. Note that, although the lexical decision condition in Price et al. (1994) clearly satisfies Lepage et al. 's (1998) encoding criteria, because Lepage et al. (1998) emphasized that encoding conditions involve either elaborative processing or intentional learning (or both), simple word reading may seem to violate these criteria. However, it is possible that word reading involves greater levels of encoding than does the control condition, and therefore inclusion of this comparison may be warranted (M. Lepage, personal communication). Similar considerations apply to the studies by Bookheimer et al. (1995), Martin et al. (1996), and Zelkowicz et al. (1998), as well as a study by Martin et al. (1997) that was originally included by Lepage et al. (1998).



#### Forms of Meta-Analyses



## Forms of Meta-Analyses



Graphic Representation

Picard and Strick, 2001

#### Activation Likelihood Estimation



Quantitative Coordinate-Based Voxel-Wise <u>Meta-An</u>alysis Method

originally developed by Turkeltaub et al. (2002), extended by Laird et al. (2005a)

#### Representation of Activation Foci

Reported coordinates are not treated as points but centers of probability distributions

Each reported activation is modeled by a 3D Gaussian distribution



# ALE Meta-Analysis

Think of coordinate as <u>center of probability distribution</u>, not as a single point of activation

For multiple sets of coordinates, evaluate the union of these distributions for all brain locations to create a whole brain statistical map

Estimates the likelihood of activation for each voxel in the brain



the event that the focus is in a given voxel





 $\Pr(X_i) = \frac{\exp(-d_i^2/2\sigma^2)}{(2\pi)^{3/2}\sigma^3} \cdot \Delta V$ 



Turkeltaub et al. Neuroimage 16: 765-780 (2002)

## ALE Meta-Analysis Single Word Reading (Turkeltaub et al., 2002)

Published Coordinates: 11 Papers 172 foci Diffuse pattern of activation



Find studies of interest: MEDLINE, PubMed, review articles

Limit to those that report standardized coordinates

Contrasts: <u>Activation</u> Condition - <u>Control</u> Condition

Input coordinates to ALE software

Nonparametric permutation test to determine statistically significant ALE values

Interpret resultant map

## ALE Results: Single Word Reading

#### Meta-Analysis

#### Validation (fMRI)



Bi primary motor Sup frontal gyrus Bi sup temporal sulci L fusiform gyrus Bi cerebellum



Turkeltaub et al., 2002

#### Activation Likelihood Estimation (ALE)

Illustration: meta-analysis on cortical activation in finger tapping studies

BrainMap Database Search

38 papers

73 experiments

347 subjects

663 activation foci

#### Meta-Analysis on Finger Tapping

Location of activation foci



Where do the reported foci converge ?

#### Gaussian Representation of Activations



#### Activation Likelihood Estimates

#### Defined as the union over all experiments



Which of these values are significant?

#### Meta-Analysis on Finger Tapping



Witt et al., In Press; Eickhoff et al., In Review

# Modifications to ALE: GingerALE

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GUI, image-based, Talairach space

Permutation test corrected for multiple comparisons

Allow for comparisons between two groups of foci

Laird et al., Hum Brain Mapp 25, 155-164, 2005

Somatotopic mapping within the cingulate motor area: Evidence from an ALE meta-analysis of the Stroop task

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# The Stroop Effect Blue

The Stroop task is universally recognized as a standard in examining attentional control

Correct performance in <u>color naming</u> competes with tendency for <u>word reading</u>

Objective: identify regions of concordance to understand the detection of conflict and response selection

## Literature Search

Find studies of interest (Medline, PubMed, BrainMap)

Limit studies to those that report standardized coordinates

Simple contrasts: Incongruent - Control

Filter task variations Normal subjects only Group data No deactivations



19 contrasts 205 foci

## Coordinate Data from Stroop Studies

<u>1. Pooled Stroop</u> 205 foci

<u>2. Verbal Stroop</u> 152 foci

<u>3. Manual Stroop</u> 53 foci

<u>ALE analysis</u> 10 FWHM 5000 permutations



<u>Pooled Stroop</u> ACG, bi frontal, L IPL, L precuneus, Bilateral insula



<u>Verbal Stroop</u> Bilateral insula, L IFG, BA 44, ACG



Manual Stroop ACG, L IPL, L MiFG, L precuneus



## Overlap of Verbal vs. Manual

 $\frac{ACG}{(2, 16, 41)}$ 

<u>L IFJ</u> (between precentral and inf frontal gyri) (-44, 6, 34)

<u>L IPL</u> (-36, -52, 44)





## Overlap of Verbal vs. Manual

Viewed composite map (P<0.05)

High ALE values found along cingulate sulcus, rostral to vertical plane passing through AC

Observed multiple distinct regions for <u>verbal</u> and <u>manual</u> responses



# Somatotopy in the ACG



Paus et al., J Neurophys 70: 453-69 (1993)



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## Conclusions

Verbal and manual Stroop meta-analysis ALE identified 3 regions crucial to task performance

Examined cingulate motor areas and provided evidence for <u>somatotopy</u> based on response modality

Determined verbal and manual region in both the rCZa and the rCZp (rostral cingulate motor zone)

#### Completed Meta-Analyses Grouped By Paradigm

#### <u>Primary Systems</u>

Action, Perception (Audition, Vision, Gustation, Olfaction, Somatosensation (including Pain), Interoception

#### Higher Cognition

Calculation, Emotion, Language Comprehension and Production, Mental Rotation, Stroop, n-back, Steinberg, Simon, Paired Associate Recall, Picture Naming, Music Production, Word Generation

#### **Comparison of Subject Groups**

Viewing of Sad Images in Depressed vs. Normals, Executive Function in Schizophrenics vs. Normals, Reading in Chinese vs. English,Stuttered vs. Normal Speech, Executive Function in OCD vs. Normals

# Meta-Analysis of Structural Neuroimaging Studies

#### Brain morphology studies - ROI approaches

- Manually or automatically delineated ROIs
- Procedures differ between labs (difficult to compare)
- Compounded by different labels
- Choice of regions introduces bias, other regions ignored

#### $\rightarrow$ Traditional review methods are less than optimal

# Voxel-Based Morphometry

"voxel-wise comparison of the local concentration of gray matter (or WM or CSF) between two groups of subjects"



Contours of extracted GM and WM on high-res T1 images

Ashburner and Friston, 2000

# Voxel-Based Morphometry

- 1. High resolution neuroimages from two populations (e.g., diseased and controls)
- 2. Spatial normalization; segmentation into GM, WM and CSF; smoothing
- 3. Analyze the group-level differences between aligned voxels
- 4. Output images of maps that identify significant differences between groups

 $\rightarrow$  *x*,*y*,*z* coordinates in stereotactic space

#### An Expansion of BrainMap?

# Meta-Analysis of VBM in Schizophrenia

#### • <u>Inclusion Criteria</u>

- Reported whole brain results in x,y,z format
- Included SCZ and healthy comparisons
- Followed VBM protocols (Ashburner and Friston, 2000)

#### • <u>Exclusion Criteria</u>

- Reported changes over time
- Included individuals at risk for SCZ
- Treatment effects, substance use effects



31 papers with 1,195 patients and 1,262 healthy controls

## Anatomic Likelihood Estimation (ALE)

- CT > SCZ (315 foci)
- SCZ > CT (64 foci)
- icbm2tal; or Brett's tal2min, then icbm2tal
- GingerALE environment
- FWHM = 12mm
- 5000 permutations; *P*<0.01, corrected

# VBM ALE Meta-Analysis: Gray Matter Anomalies in Schizophrenia



Increases in Controls (CT > SCZ)Bilat insula, L parahipp, dACC, vACC, subgenual ACC, thalamic, L mid front gyrus

Increases in Patients (SCZ > CT) Bilat putamen, R head of caudate

Glahn et al., Biol Psych, In Press; Ellison-Wright et al., Am J Psych, In Press

# Why Meta-Analysis?

1. <u>Resolve conflict between existing studies</u>

Example: Somatotopy of ACC in Stroop meta-analysis

2. Generate new hypotheses

Example: Importance of IFJ in conflict resolution (Derrfuss et al., 2005)



# Why Meta-Analysis?

- 3. <u>Spatial pattern matching to identify ICA/PCA components</u>
- 4. Isolate ROIs for studies of effective connectivity



# LM1 TMS ALE Meta-Analysis

9 papers 11 experiments 102 foci

LMI = left motor cortex LPPC = posterior parietal cortex SMA = supp. motor area Cing = ant. cingulate LPMv = left ventral premotor THvl = ventral lateral thalamus THvpl = ventral posterolateral RCer = right cerebellum



## Results

Red =  $1^{st}$  level paths Green =  $2^{nd}$  level paths Blue =  $3^{rd}$  level paths Final model fit was outstanding

- $-X^{2}(38) = 22.150, P = 0.981$
- CFI = 1.0
- TLI = 1.0
- RMSEA = 0.000
- $-90\% \text{ CI}_{\text{RMSEA}} = 0.00-0.00$



# Plausibility of Results

#### Excellent agreement

- TMS ALE & TMS/PET data
- TMS ALE & Finger Tapping ALE
- Path connections in human and primate literature (FI<sub>arm</sub>) e.g., direct paths from LMI<sub>hand</sub> to SMA, Cingulate, SII, Thalamus, Cerebellum

May provide closer approximation to animal models

# Future Meta-Analytic Work



Working towards an atlas of brain functionAction, language, memory, attention, perception

# Future Meta-Analytic Work

#### Using meta-analysis to study functional connectivity (via co-occurrence patterns)





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