

Biosketch of Christian Habeck, Associate Professor of Neuroimaging, Cognitive Neuroscience Division, Department of Neurology, Columbia University

1. **Methodological research in multivariate analytic techniques** - My main expertise focus is in neuroimaging analysis, particularly multivariate analysis and non-parametric statistical inference for neuroimaging data. I have pioneered the spatial-covariance analytic framework "Ordinal Trend Canonical Variates Analysis" (including a stand-alone Matlab software package http://www.nitrc.org/projects/gcva_pca), which has been applied in clinical and basic neuroscience settings in my own and other researcher's labs. I have also authored several didactic publications dealing with general topics surrounding multivariate techniques, such as non-parametric statistical inference and general best-practices. Ordinal Trend Canonical Variates Analysis has been used widely beyond Columbia University for diagnostic and basic-neuroscience applications in fMRI and PET imaging.
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 - d. Habeck C, Moeller JR. Intrinsic functional-connectivity networks for diagnosis: just beautiful pictures? *Brain Connect.* 2011;1(2):99-103. PubMed PMID: [22433005](#); PubMed Central PMCID: [PMC3621702](#).
2. **Diagnostic applications** - Application of multivariate techniques to various neuroimaging modalities form an integral part of my contribution to science. I have used spatial covariance analysis to develop neuroimaging biomarkers of Alzheimer's disease and demonstrated that these are simultaneously more sensitive and more robust than univariate equivalents that are focused on particular brain regions. I have also contributed to the success of various other clinical-neuroscience research groups (Dr. David Eidelberg's lab, North Shore Hospital; Dr. William Jagust's lab, UC Berkeley; Dr. Sean Colloby, University of Newcastle, UK; Dr. Robert Perneczky, University of Munich, Germany) by providing software and consulting support.
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3. **Cognitive-neuroscience applications** - I have successfully applied multivariate analytic techniques --particularly Ordinal Trend Canonical Variates Analysis in parametric task designs-- to functional MRI data. This work has enabled fundamental questions about neural network substrates of visual working memory and perceptual priming to be answered. These contributions were made at a time when univariate analysis was the dominant mode of analysis in the field, and multivariate analysis was still viewed with some skepticism regarding Type-I error computation and robustness. This work demonstrate that multivariate analyses are more sensitive and robust relative to corresponding univariate analyses, and in addition can yield significant mechanistic insight into basic cognition.
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 - b. Habeck C, Rakitin BC, Moeller J, Scarmeas N, Zarahn E, Brown T, Stern Y. An event-related fMRI study of the neurobehavioral impact of sleep deprivation on performance of a delayed-match-to-sample task. *Brain Res Cogn Brain Res*. 2004 Feb;18(3):306-21. PubMed PMID: [14741317](#).
 - c. Habeck C, Hilton HJ, Zarahn E, Brown T, Stern Y. An event-related fMRI study of the neural networks underlying repetition suppression and reaction time priming in implicit visual memory. *Brain Res*. 2006 Feb 23;1075(1):133-41. PubMed PMID: [16476414](#).
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4. **Reference-ability neural networks throughout the life span** - This is an ambitious project to identify the neural-network substrates of 4 fundamental reference abilities (episodic memory, fluid reasoning, perceptual speed, vocabulary) in 12 cognitive tasks that are imaged using fMRI. I have contributed to this project by identifying functional activation patterns that classify the underlying cognitive processes according to the 4 reference abilities across the lifespan. I have also shown using this rich task data a close relationship between the similarity of behavioral performance and the similarity of neural substrates for any pair of the 12 cognitive tasks. This relationship, while perhaps intuitively obvious, has not been demonstrated before.
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 - b. Habeck C, Steffener J, Barulli D, Gazes Y, Razlighi Q, Shaked D, Salthouse T, Stern Y. Making cognitive latent variables manifest: distinct neural networks for fluid reasoning

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- d. Gazes Y, Bowman FD, Razlighi QR, O'Shea D, Stern Y, Habeck.C. "White matter tract covariance patterns predict age-declining cognitive abilities". *Neuroimage*. 2016 Jan 15;125:53-60. PubMed PMID: 26477658 PubMed Central PMCID: [PMC4691375](#)
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