

# Hierarchical Linear Modelling & the General Linear Model

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# Motivations

# Motivation for whole channel/IC analyses

- **Data collection** consists in recording electromagnetic events over the whole brain and for a relatively long period of time, with regards to neural spiking. In the majority of cases, **data analysis** consists in looking where we have signal and restrict our analysis to these channels and components.
  - Are we missing the forest by choosing working on a single, or a few trees?
  - By analysing where we see an effect, we increase the type 1 FWER because the effect is partly driven by random noise (solved if chosen based on prior results or split the data)

# Motivation for hierarchical models

- Most often, we compute averages per condition and do statistics on peak latencies and amplitudes
  - Univariate methods extract information among trials in time and/or frequency across space
  - Multivariate methods extract information across space, time, or both, in individual trials
  - Averages don't account for trial variability, fixed effect can be biased – these methods allow to get around these problems

Framework

# LIMO Hierarchical Linear Model Framework

## 1<sup>st</sup> level analysis:

GLM:  $Y=X\beta+\epsilon$

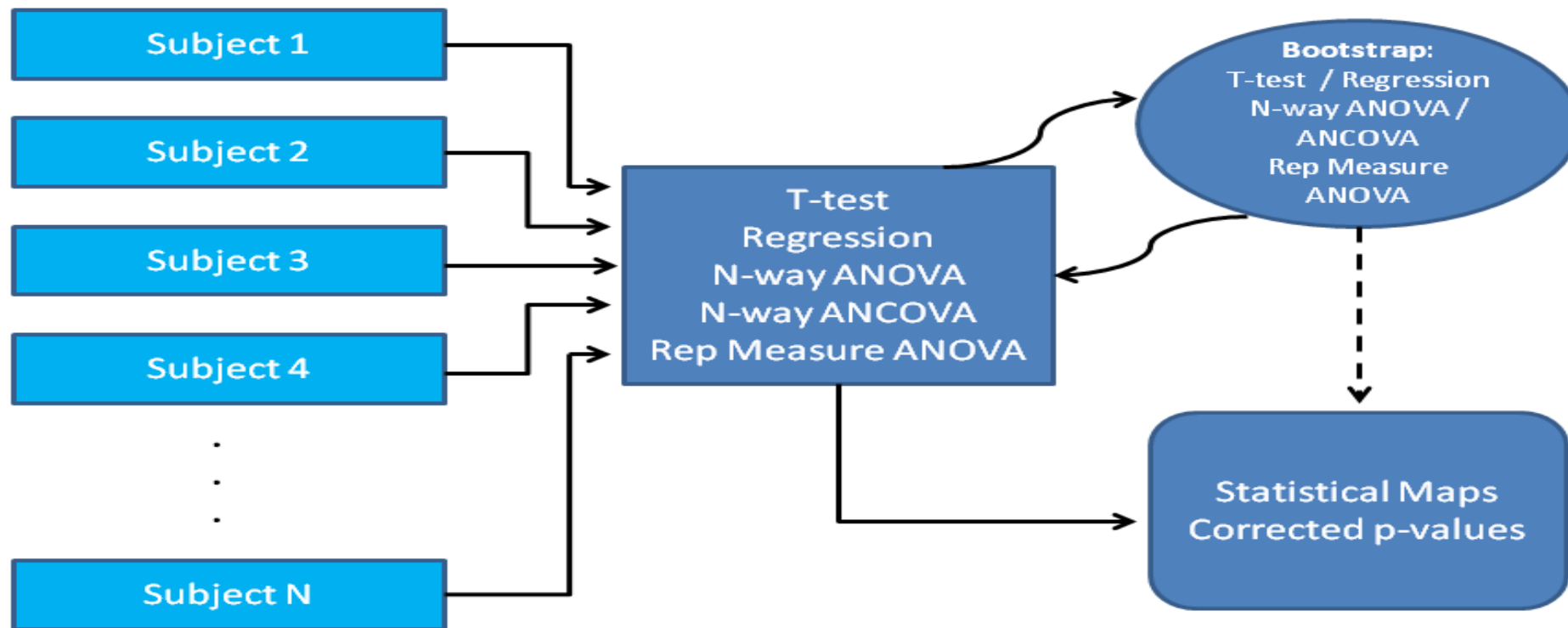
→ 1  $\beta$  per column of X  
(= within subject effects)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> level analysis:

Robust stats (Yuen t-tests, robust GLM, robust Hotelling  $T^2$ )

## Multiple Comparison Correction:

Max, Cluster-Mass, TFCE



# SCIENTIFIC DATA

**OPEN**

SUBJECT CATEGORIES

» Electroencephalography

-EEG

» Brain imaging

## A multi-subject, multi-modal human neuroimaging dataset

Daniel G. Wakeman<sup>1,2</sup> & Richard N. Henson<sup>2</sup>

- *Scientific Data* **2**, Article number: 150001 (2015)
- doi:10.1038/sdata.2015.1
- <https://www.nature.com/articles/sdata20151>

# The Data

Famous



Unfamiliar



Scrambled



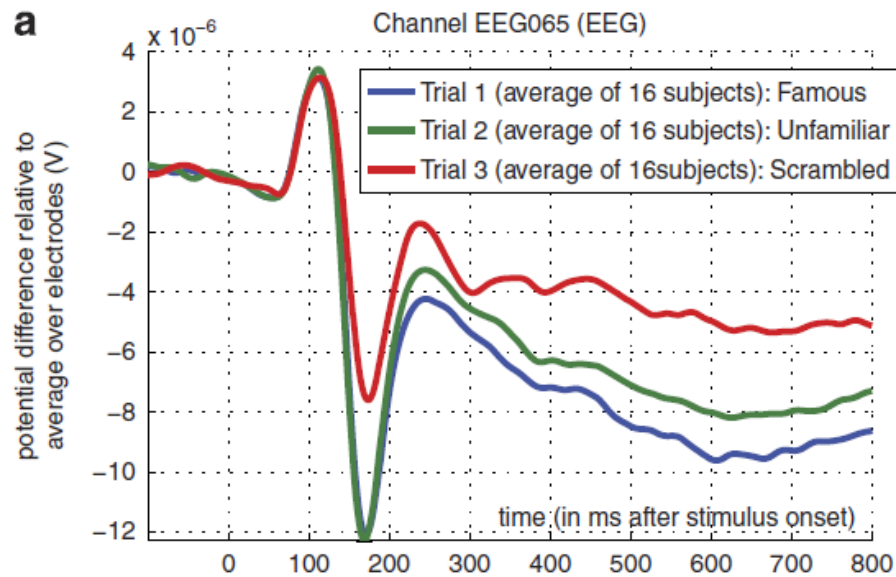
- 3 types of stimuli: Famous faces, Non-famous faces, Scrambled faces
  - 3 levels of repetition: 1<sup>st</sup> time, 2<sup>nd</sup> time (right after), 3<sup>rd</sup> time (delayed)
- Priming experiment with a possible interaction with the type of stimuli.

We need the conditions computed per subject (1<sup>st</sup> level) and then do the repeated measure ANOVA to test main effects and interactions.

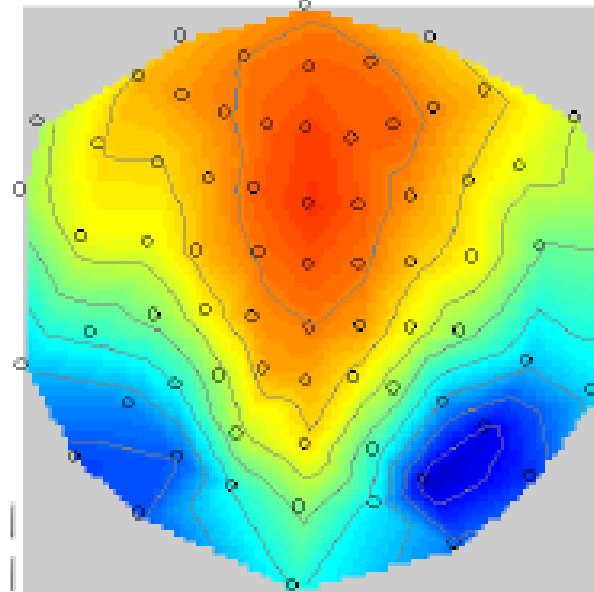


# What are we going to do?

- 1 – Replicate Henson et al. – faces vs. scrambled



Topography 170 ms



- 2 – learn about HLM and apply multiple comparison corrections

LET'S  COMPUTE!

# Hierarchical Linear Modelling

# Fixed, Random, Mixed and Hierarchical

**Fixed effect:** Something the experimenter directly manipulates

$$y = XB + e \quad \text{data} = \text{beta} * \text{effects} + \text{error}$$

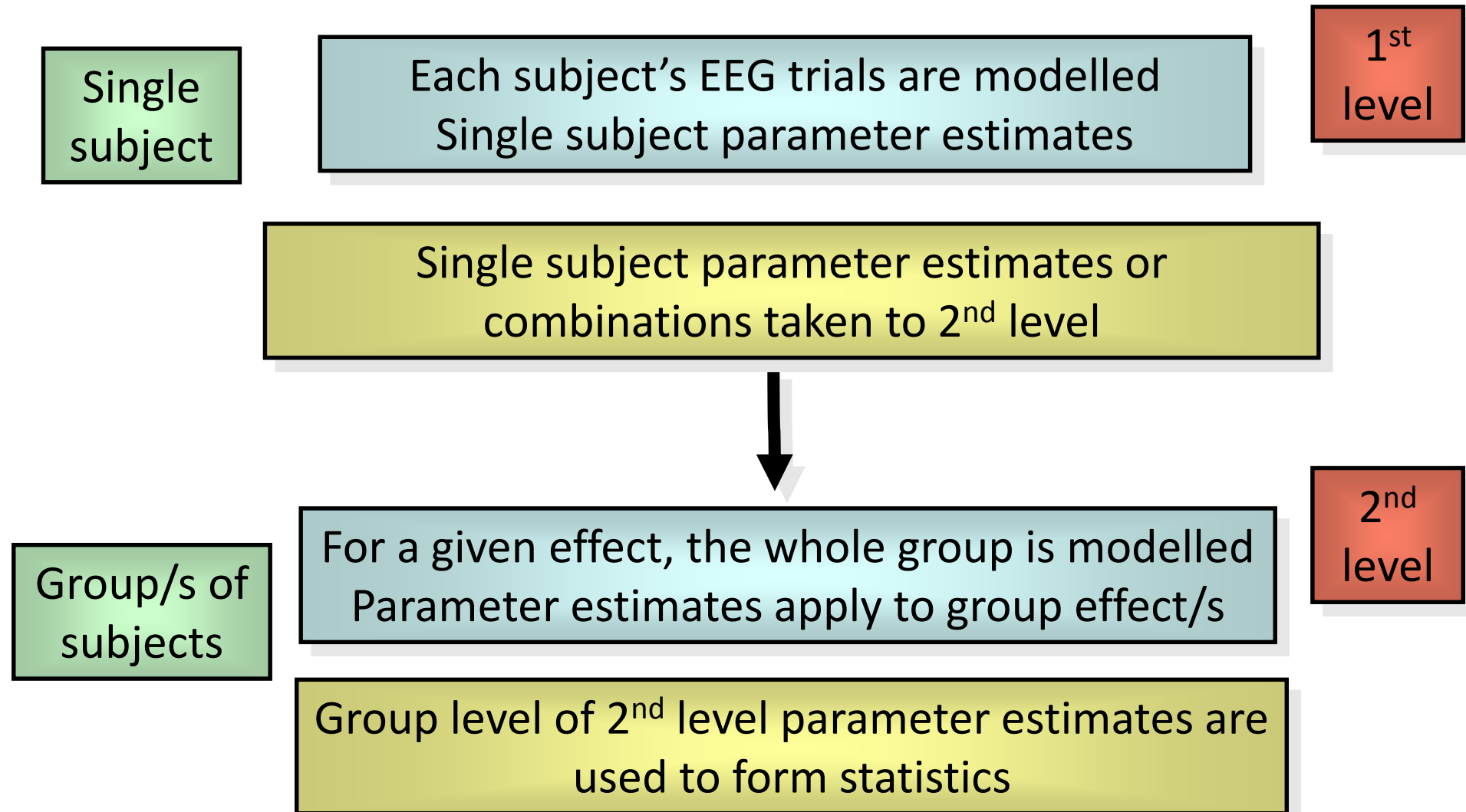
$$y = XB + u + e \quad \text{data} = \text{beta} * \text{effects} + \text{constant subject effect} + \text{error}$$

**Random effect:** Source of random variation e.g., individuals drawn (at random) from a population. **Mixed effect:** Includes both, the fixed effect (estimating the population level coefficients) and random effects to account for individual differences in response to an effect

$$Y = XB + Zu + e \quad \text{data} = \text{beta} * \text{effects} + \text{zeta} * \text{subject variable effect} + \text{error}$$

**Hierarchical models** are a mean to look at mixed effects.

# Hierarchical model = 2-stage LM



# Fixed vs Random

Fixed effects:

**Intra-subjects variation**

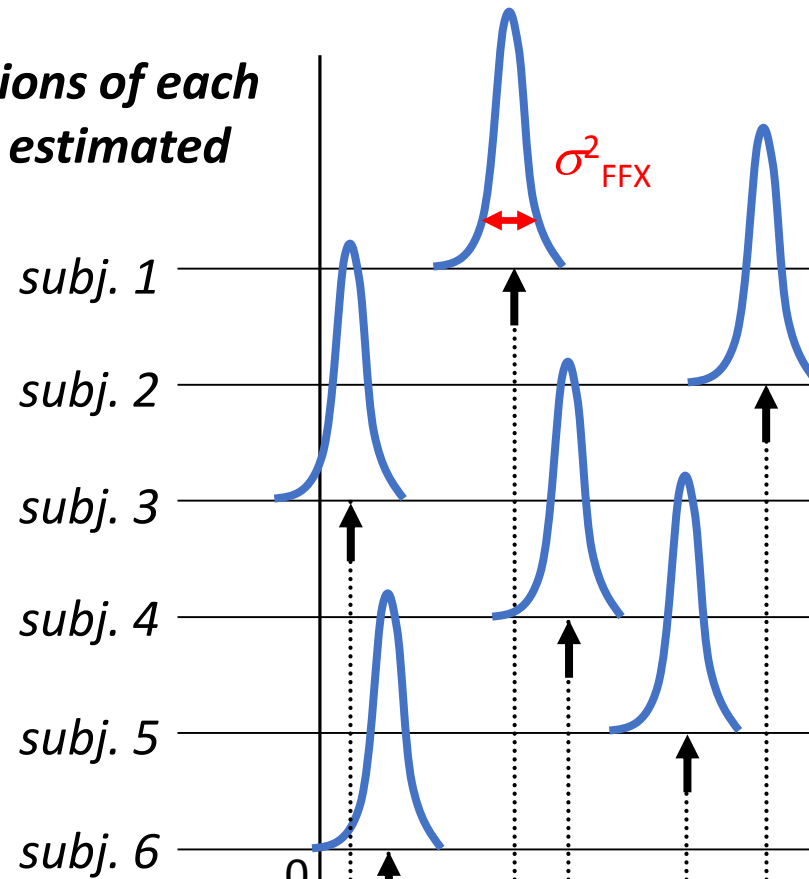
suggests all these subjects  
different from zero

Random effects:

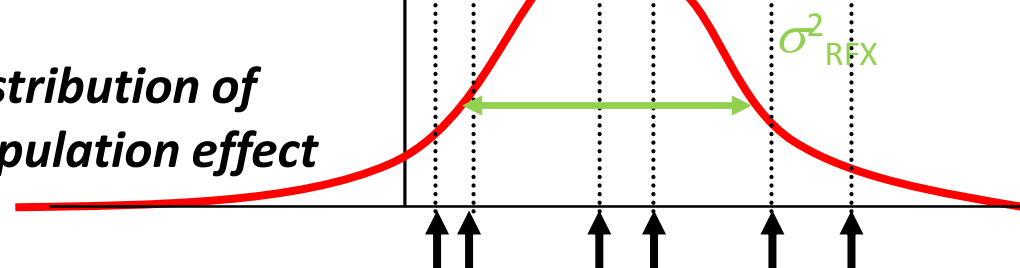
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*Distributions of each  
subject's estimated  
effect*



*Distribution of  
population effect*

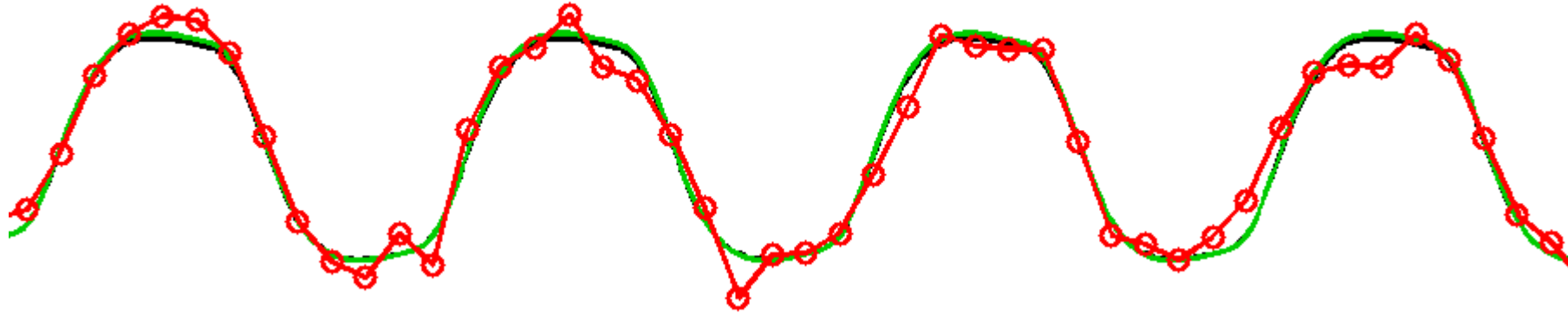


# Fixed effects



- ❑ Only source of variation (over trials)  
is **measurement error**
- ❑ True response magnitude is *fixed*

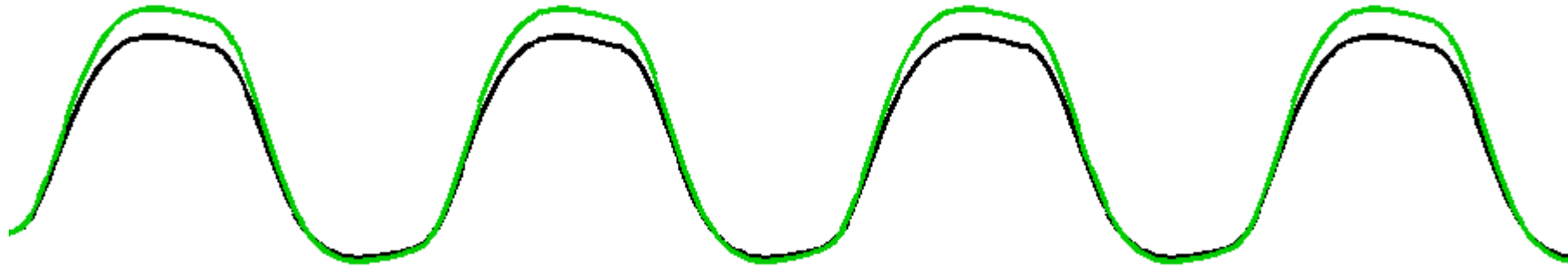
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- Two sources of variation
  - measurement errors
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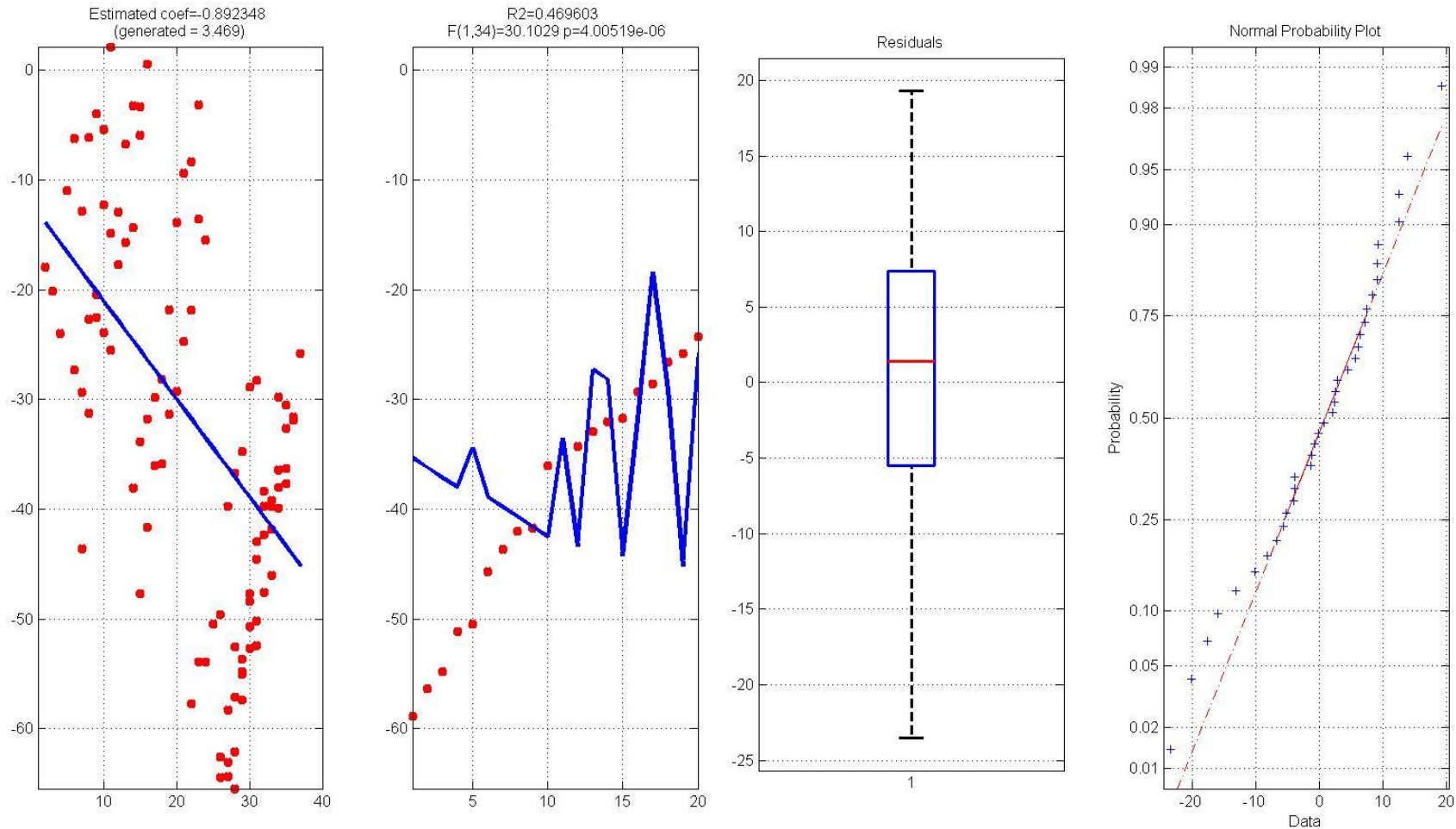
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  - but note, population mean magnitude is *fixed*

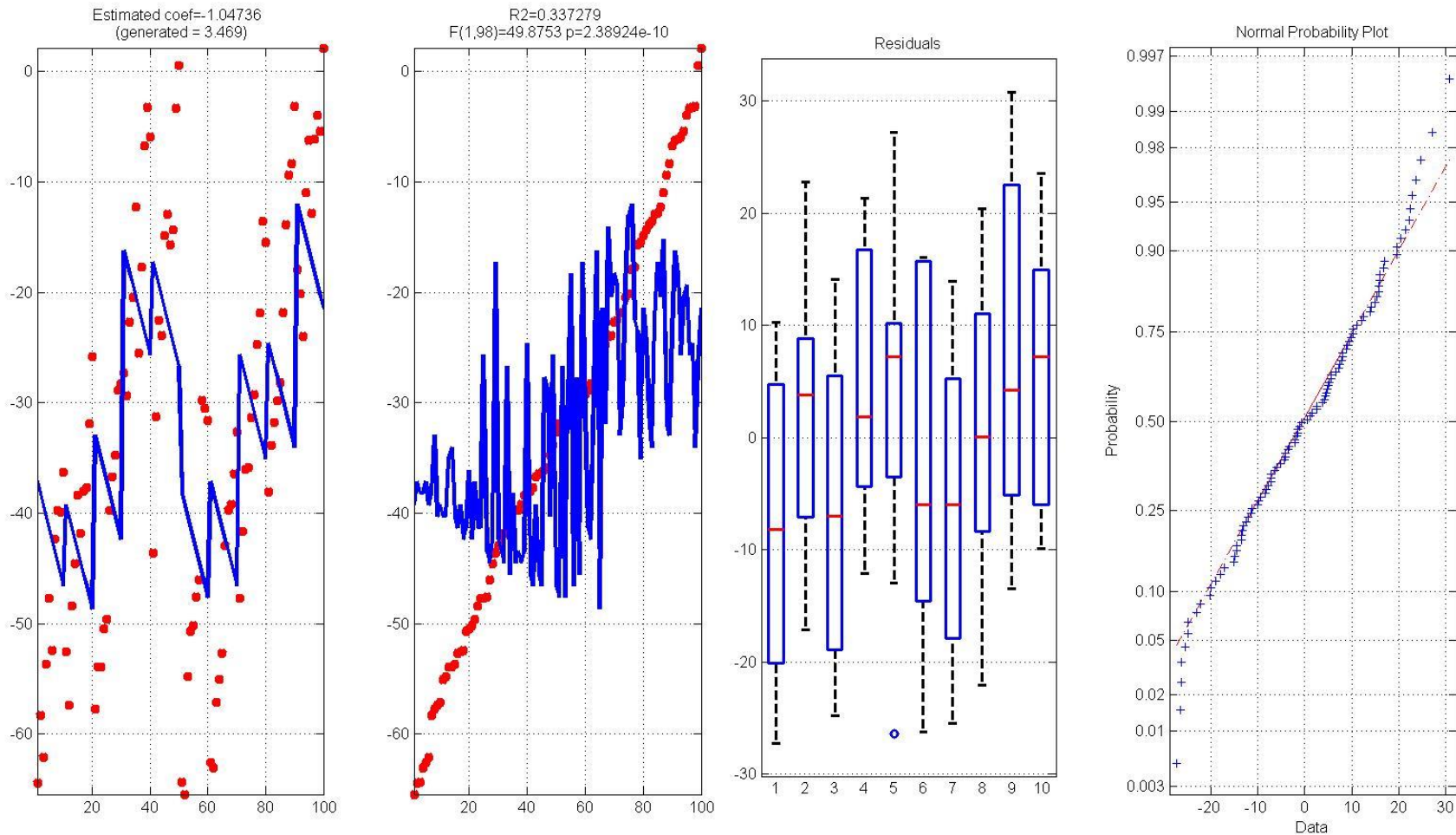


# Fixed Effect Model 1: average subjects



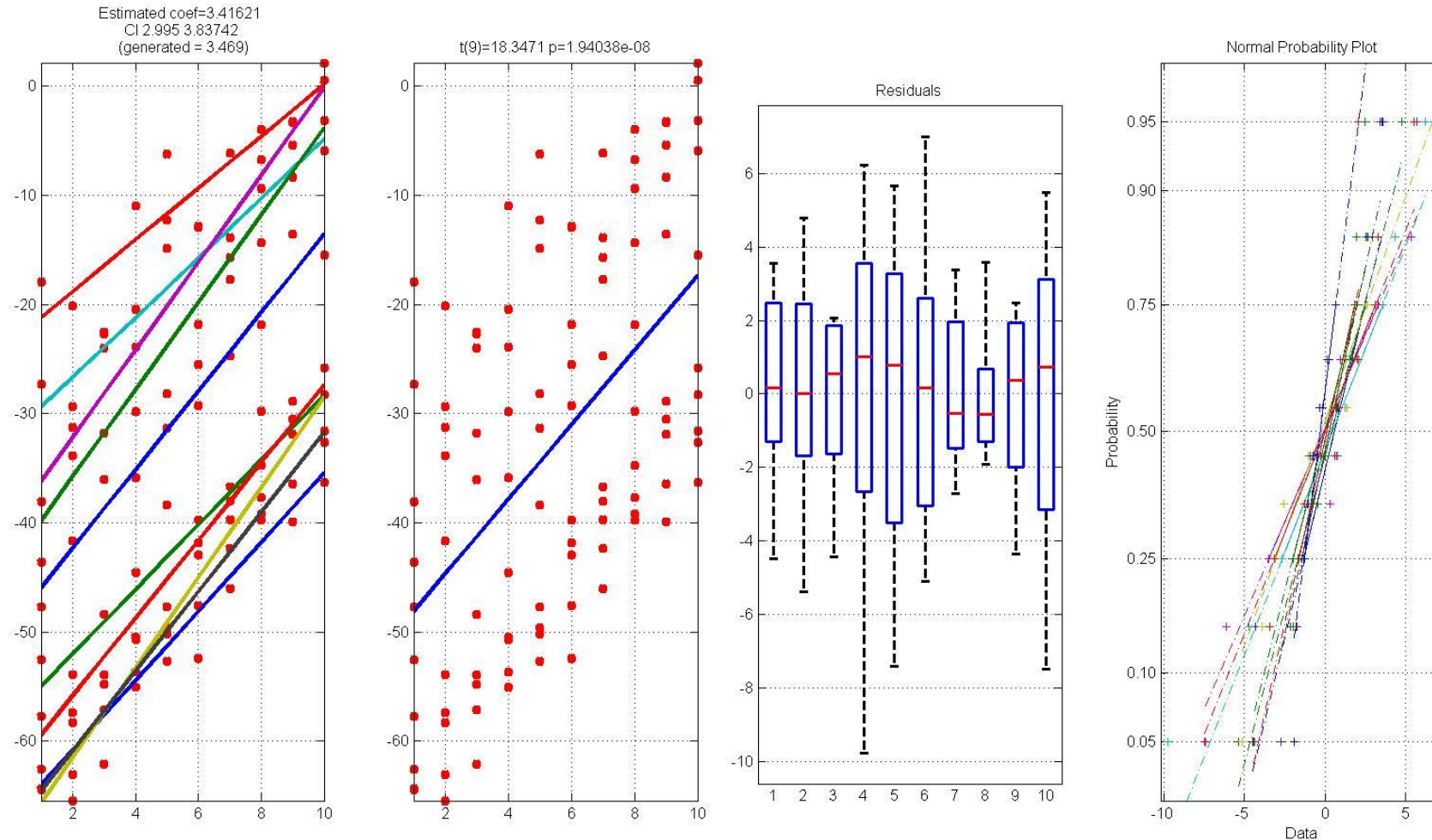
Fixed effect without subject effect → negative effect

# Fixed Effect Model 2: constant over subjects



Fixed effect with a constant (fixed) subject effect → positive effect but biased result

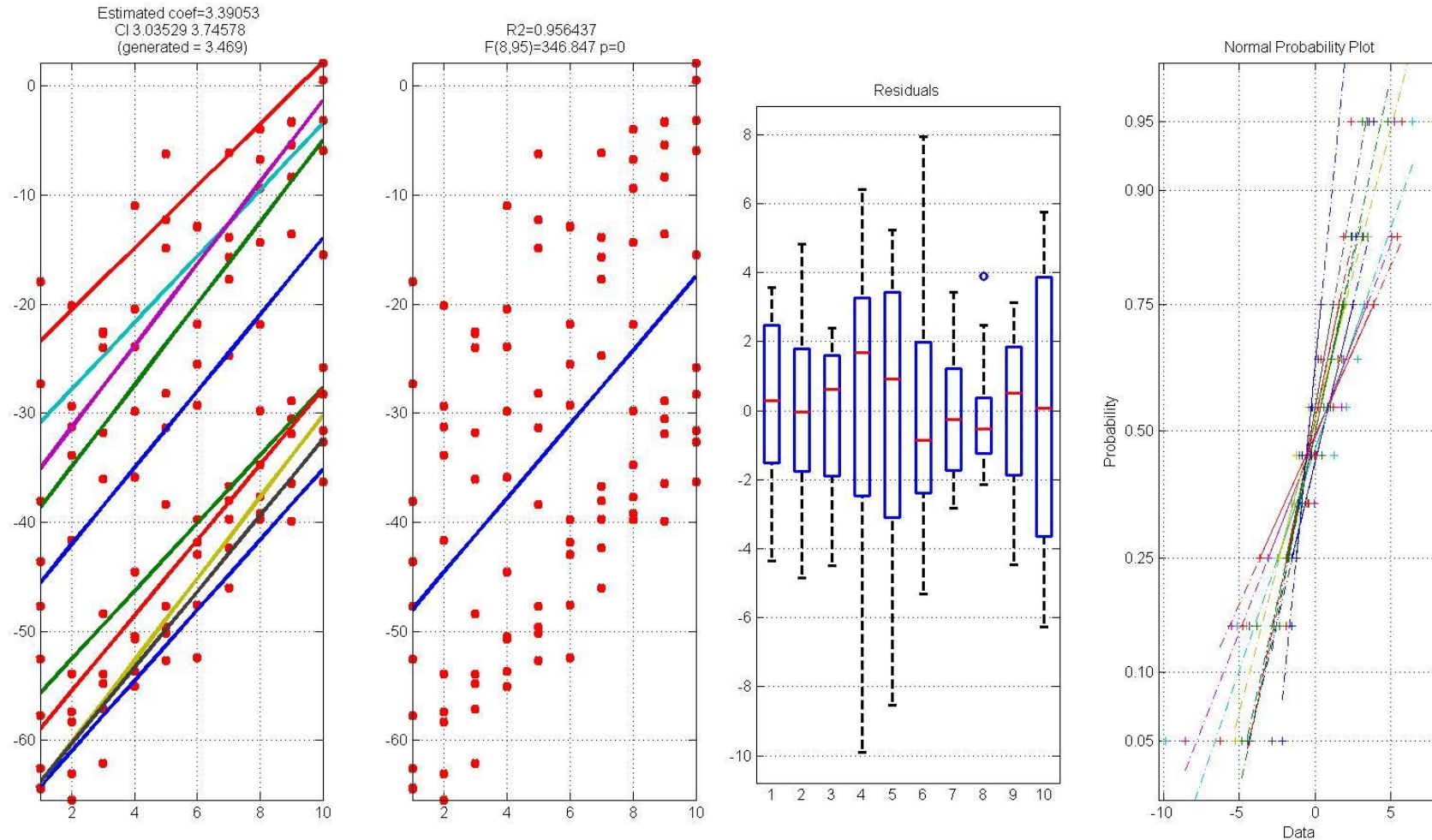
# HLM: random subject effect



Mixed effect with a random subject effect → positive effect with good estimate of the truth



# MLE: random subject effect



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# General Linear Model

# Linearity

- Means created by lines
- In maths it refers to equations or functions that satisfy 2 properties: additivity (also called superposition) and homogeneity of degree 1 (also called scaling)
- Additivity  $\rightarrow y = x_1 + x_2$  (output  $y$  is the sum of inputs  $x$ s)
- Scaling  $\rightarrow y = \beta x_1$  (output  $y$  is proportional to input  $x$ )

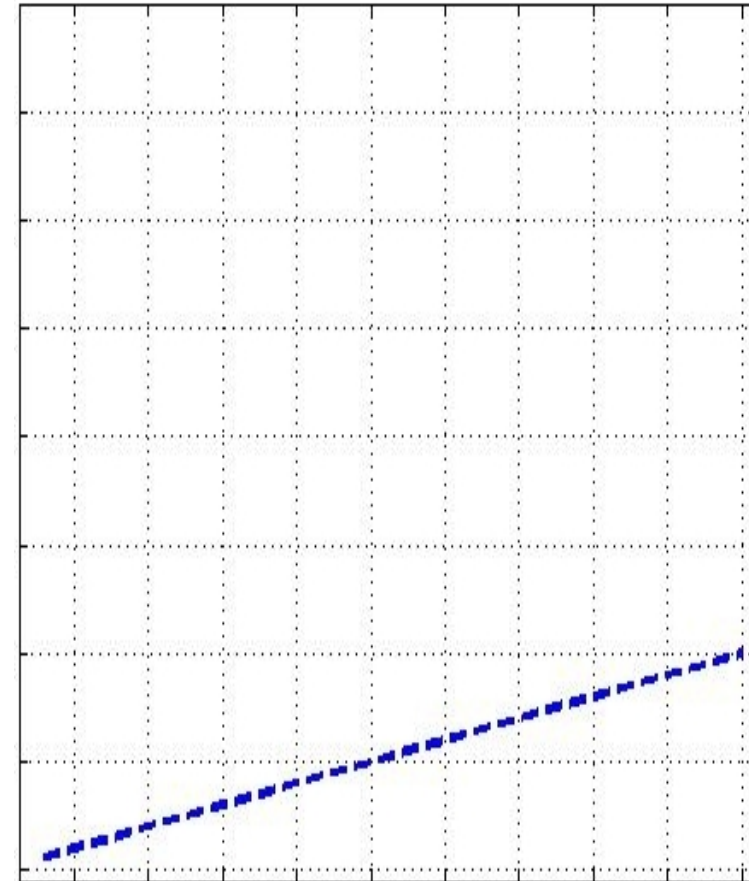


# What is a linear model?

- An equation or a set of equations that models data and which corresponds geometrically to straight lines, planes, hyper-planes and satisfy the properties of additivity and scaling.
- Simple regression:  $y = \beta_1 x + \beta_2 + \varepsilon$
- Multiple regression:  $y = \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 + \varepsilon$
- One way ANOVA:  $y = u + \alpha_i + \varepsilon$
- Repeated measure ANOVA:  $y = u + \alpha_i + \varepsilon$
- ...

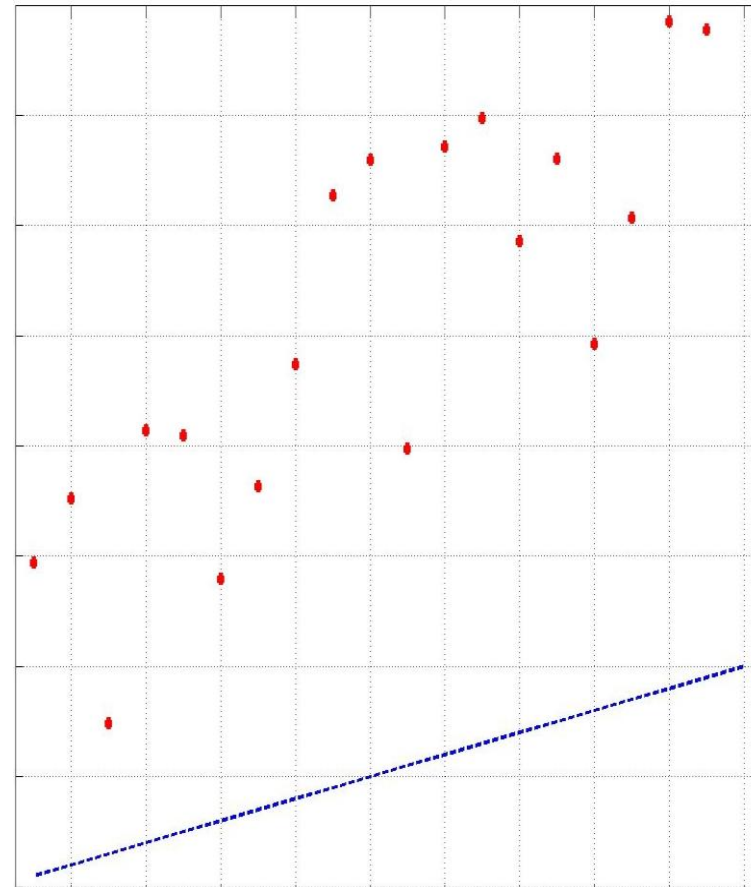
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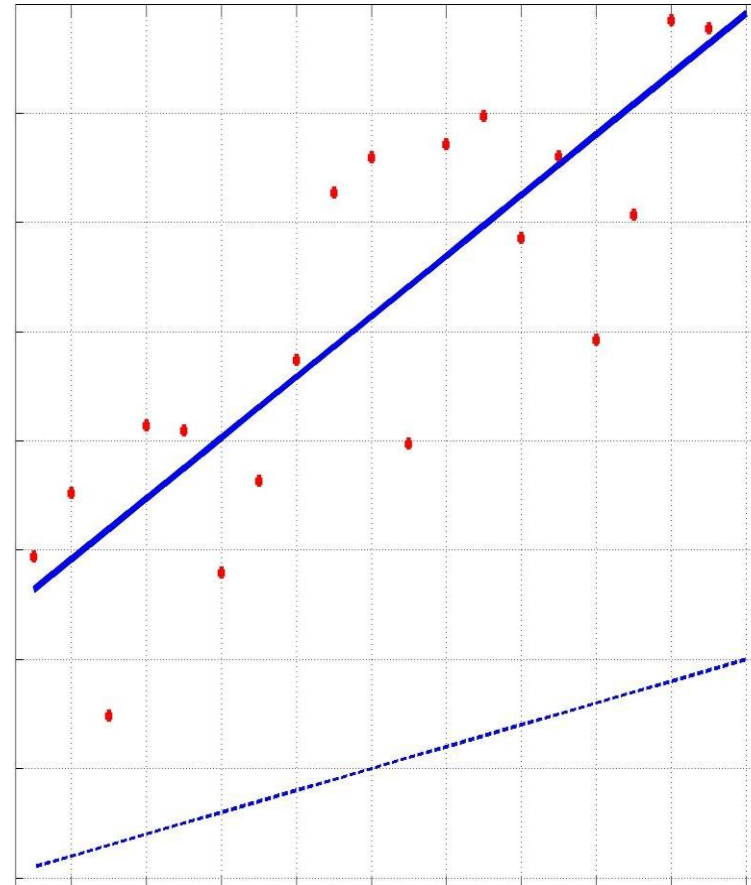
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- Model:  $y = \beta_1 x + \beta_2$
- Do some maths / run a software to find  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$
- $\hat{y} = 2.7x + 23.6$



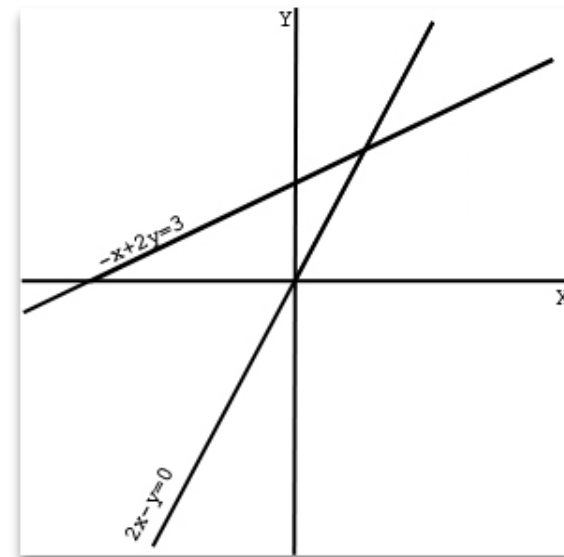
# Linear algebra for regression

- Linear algebra has to do with solving linear systems, i.e. a set of linear equations
- For instance we have observations ( $y$ ) for a stimulus characterized by its properties  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  such as  $y = x_1 \beta_1 + x_2 \beta_2$

$$2\beta_1 - \beta_2 = 0$$

$$-\beta_1 + 2\beta_2 = 3$$

$$\beta_1 = 1 ; \beta_2 = 2$$



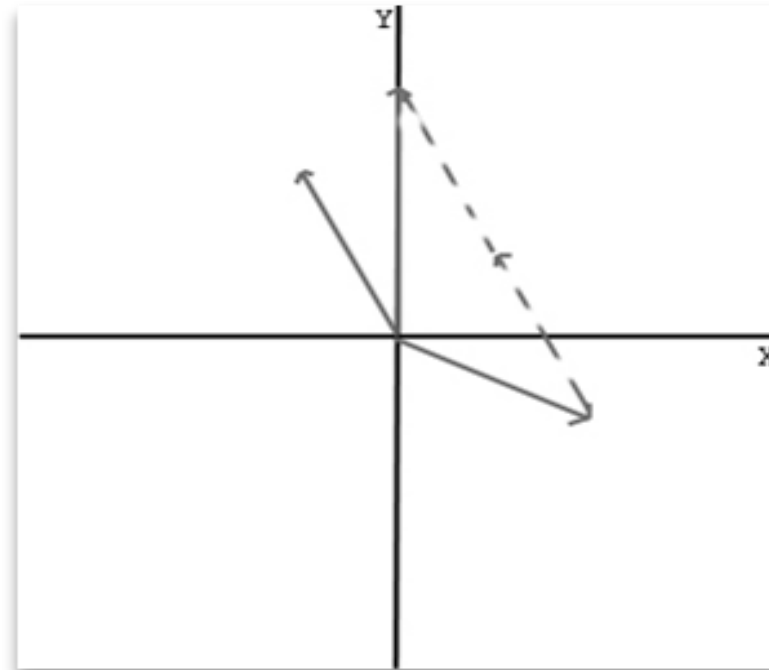
# Linear algebra for regression

- With matrices, we change the perspective and try to combine columns instead of rows, i.e. we look for the coefficients with allow the linear combination of vectors

$$\begin{aligned}2\beta_1 - \beta_2 &= 0 \\ -\beta_1 + 2\beta_2 &= 3\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \beta_1 \\ \beta_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\beta_1 = 1 ; \beta_2 = 2$$



# Linear algebra for ANOVA

- In text books we have  $y = u + x_i + \varepsilon$ , that is to say the data (e.g. RT) = a constant term (grand mean  $u$ ) + the effect of a treatment ( $x_i$ ) and the error term ( $\varepsilon$ )
- In a regression  $x_i$  takes several values like e.g. [1:20]
- In an ANOVA  $x_i$  is designed to represent groups using 1 and 0

# Linear algebra for ANOVA

Y	Gp
8	1
9	1
7	1
5	2
7	2
3	2
3	3
4	3
1	3
6	4
4	4
9	4

$$\begin{aligned}
 y(1..3)1 &= 1x1 + 0x2 + 0x3 + 0x4 + c + e1 \\
 y(1..3)2 &= 0x1 + 1x2 + 0x3 + 0x4 + c + e2 \\
 y(1..3)3 &= 0x1 + 0x2 + 1x3 + 0x4 + c + e3 \\
 y(1..3)4 &= 0x1 + 0x2 + 0x3 + 1x4 + c + e4
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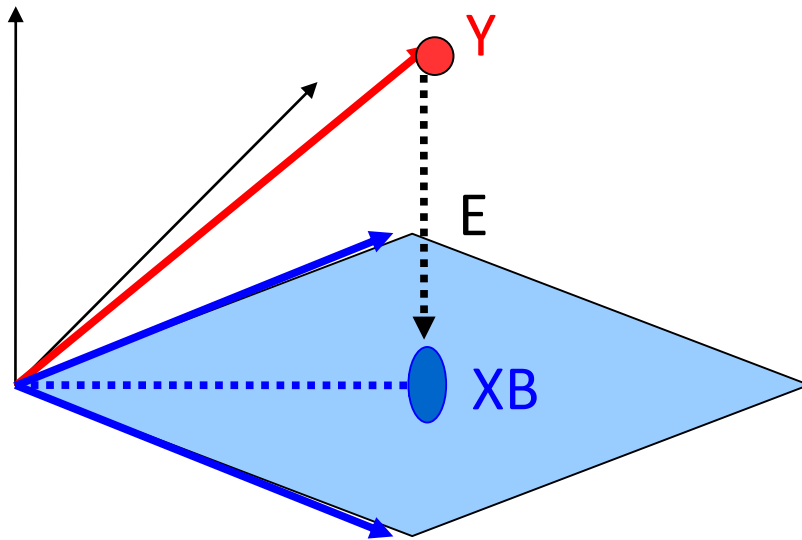
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→ This is like the multiple regression except that we have ones and zeros instead of 'real' values so we can solve the same way



# Linear Algebra, geometry and Statistics

- $Y = 3$  observations  $X = 2$  regressors
- $Y = XB + E \rightarrow B = \text{inv}(X'X)X'Y \rightarrow \hat{Y} = XB$



SS total = variance in  $Y$

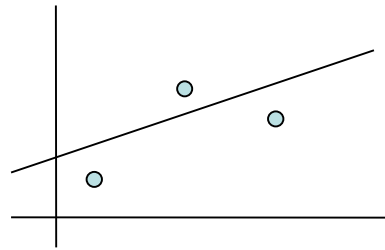
SS effect = variance in  $XB$

SS error = variance in  $E$

$R^2 = \text{SS effect} / \text{SS total}$

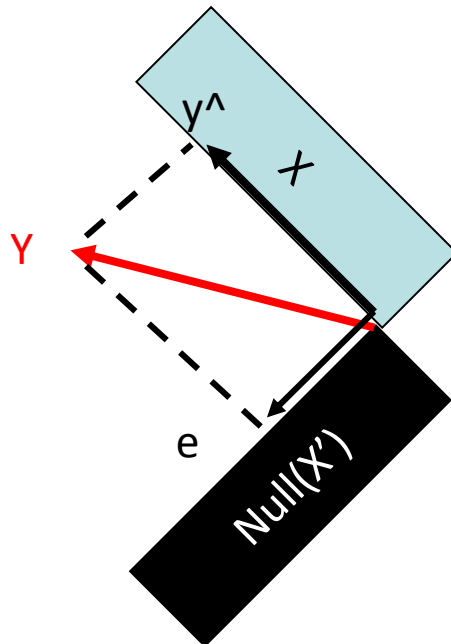
$F = \text{SS effect}/df / \text{SS error}/dfe$

# Linear Algebra, geometry and Statistics



$$y = \beta x + c$$

Projecting the points on the line at perpendicular angles minimizes the distance<sup>2</sup>



$$Y = \hat{y} + e$$

$$P = X \text{ inv}(X'X) X'$$

$$\hat{y} = PY$$

$$e = (I - P)Y$$

An 'effect' is defined by which part of X to test (i.e. project on a subspace)

$$R_0 = I - (X_0' \text{ pinv}(X_0));$$

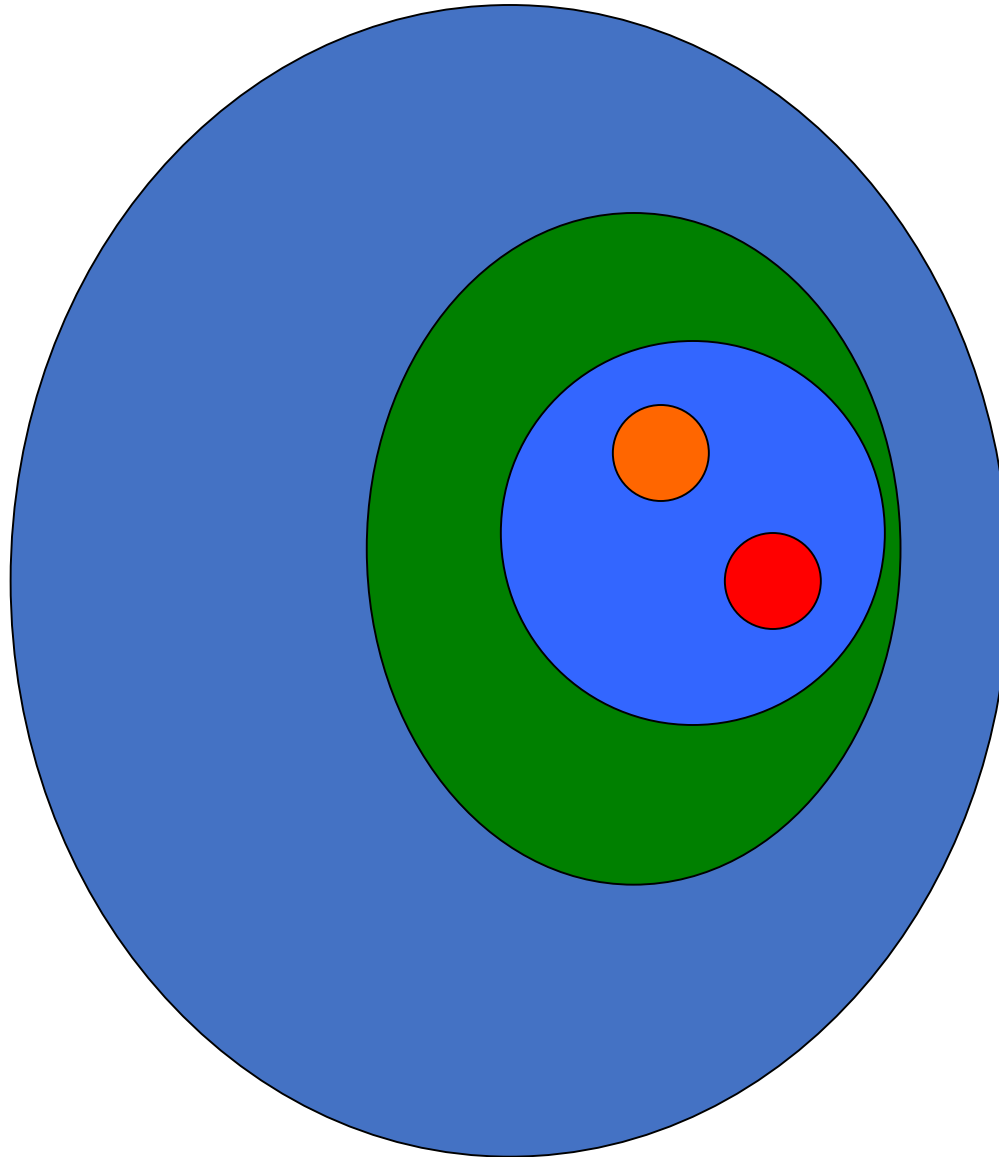
$$P = R_0 - R;$$

$$\text{Effect} = (B' X' P X B);$$

# Linear Algebra, geometry and Statistics

- Projections are great because we can now constrain  $\hat{Y}$  to move along any combinations of the columns of  $X$
- Say you now want to contrast gp1 vs gp2 in a ANOVA with 3 gp, do  $C = [1 \ -1 \ 0 \ 0]$
- Compute  $B$  so we have  $XB$  based on the full model  $X$  then using  $P(C(X))$  we project  $\hat{Y}$  onto the constrained model (think doing a multiple regression gives different coef than multiple simple regression  $\rightarrow$  project on different spaces)

# The GLM Family



T-tests

Simple regression

ANOVA

Multiple regression

General linear model

- Mixed effects/hierarchical
- Timeseries models (e.g., autoregressive)
- Robust regression
- Penalized regression (LASSO, Ridge)

Generalized linear models

- Non-normal errors
- Binary/categorical outcomes (logistic regression)

One-step solution

Iterative solutions (e.g., IWLS)

