

# **Single-trial classification of vowel speech imagery using common spatial patterns**

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(2009)

**Presented by Peter Hamilton**

# Brain-Computer

# Interfaces (BCI)



# Related Work

**A communication means for totally locked-in ALS patients based on changes in cerebral blood volume measured with near-infrared light (2007)**

- 'Yes' or 'No'
- Blood Volume(Near-Infared Light)
- +30second latency
- 80% accuracy

# A P300-based brain-computer interface for people with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (2008)

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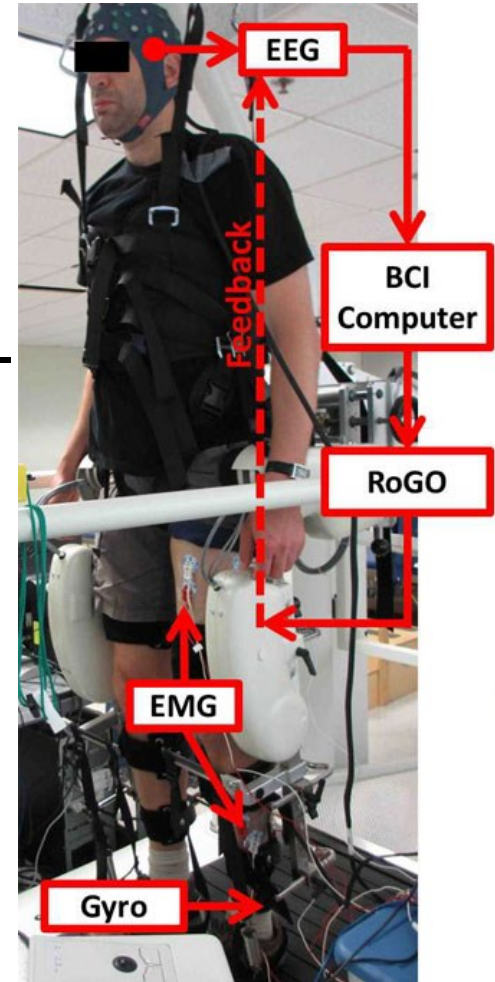


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# Motor Control

- (2001) Motor imagery and direct brain-computer communication
- Recent Developments
  - Robotic Gait Orthosis (RoGO)

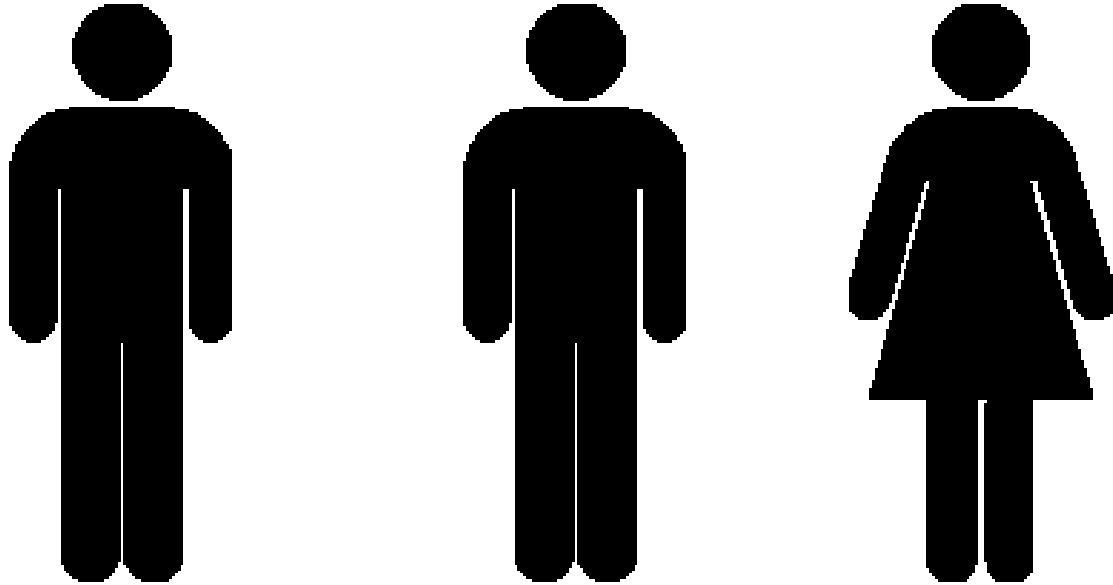


# Vowel Brain Activation

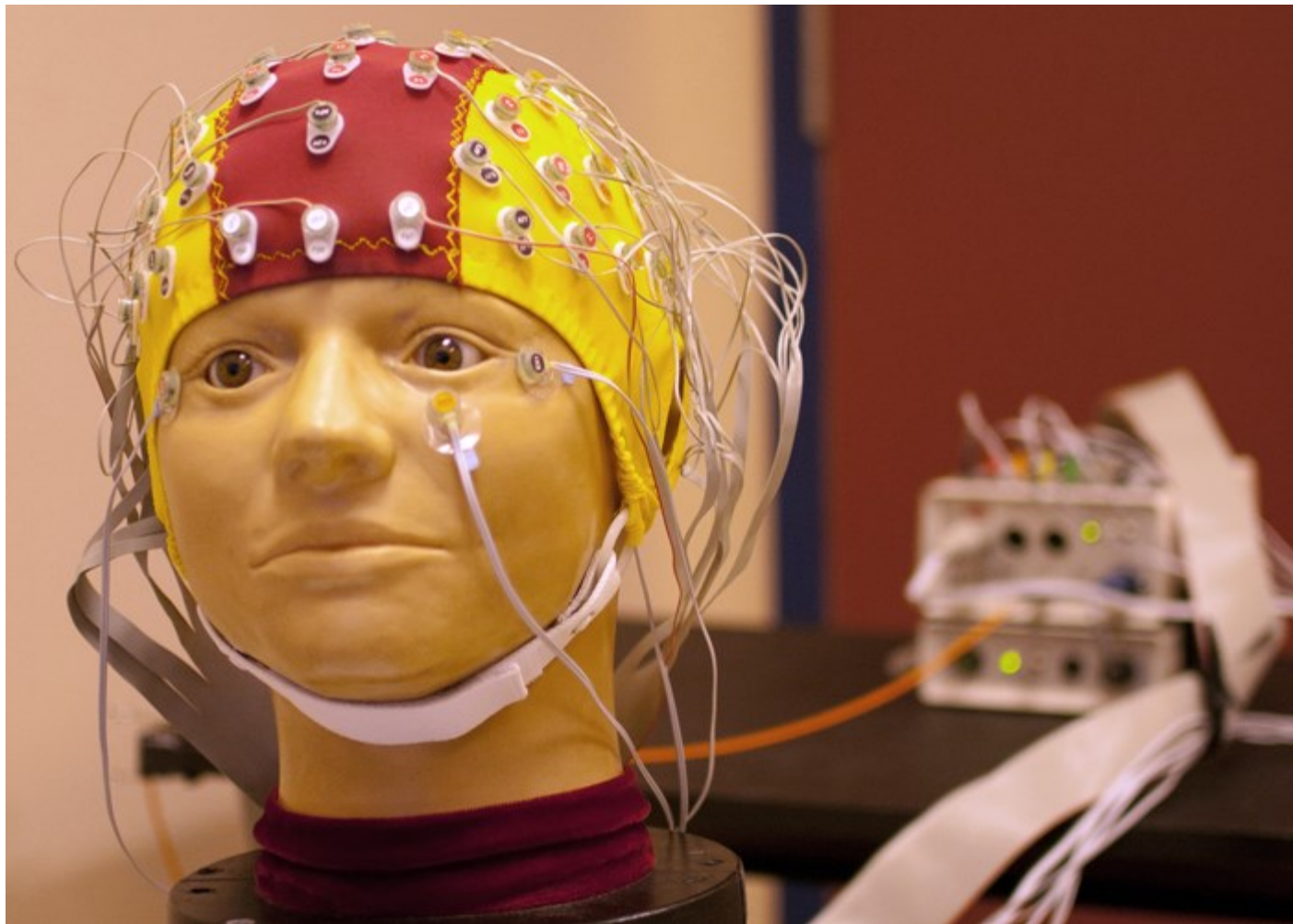
- (2000) Single-sweep EEG analysis of neural processes underlying perception and production of vowels
- (1994) Event-related potentials in silent speech

# Experiment





Age: 26-29  
Right Handed (Edinburgh Inventory)  
Fluent in English



# International 10-20 System

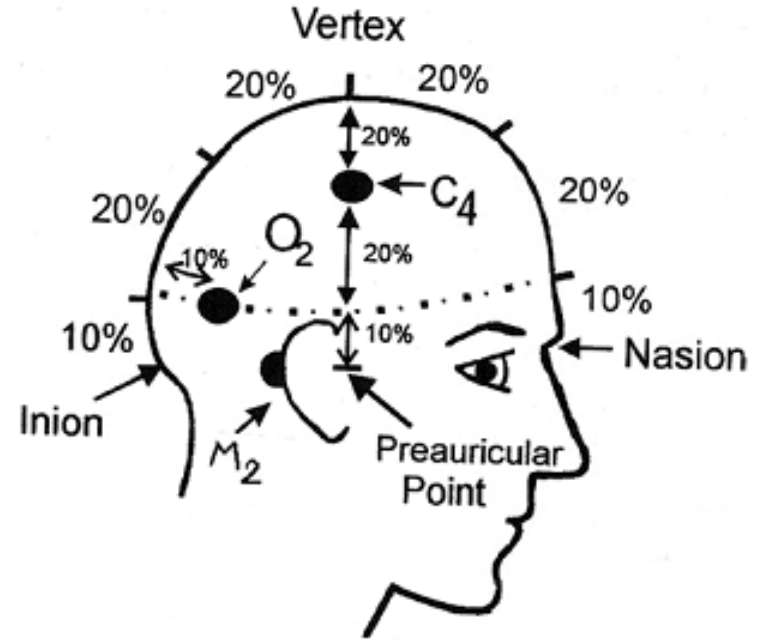
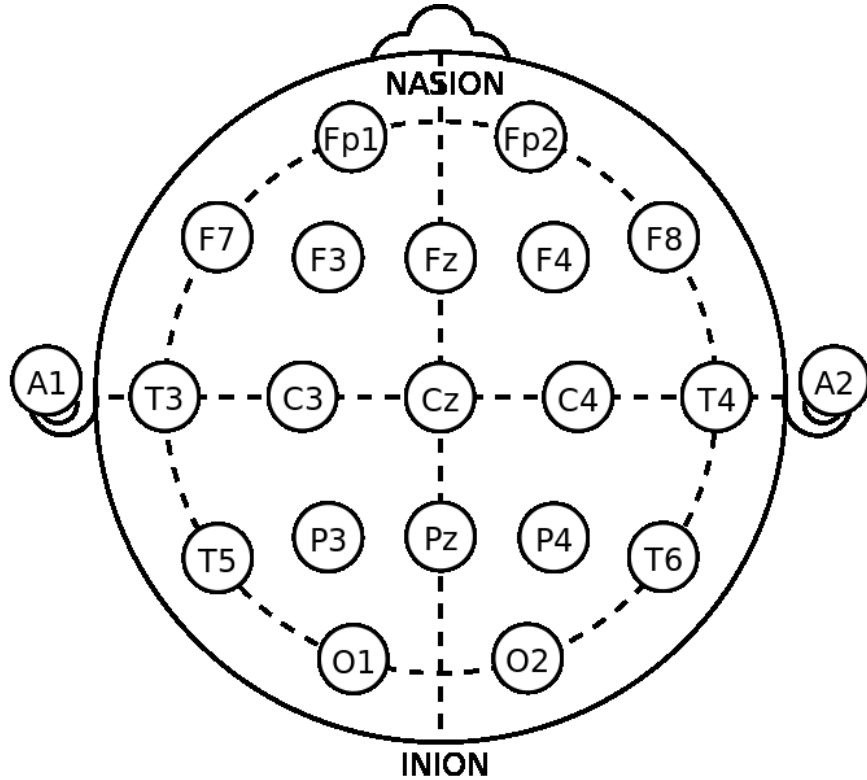
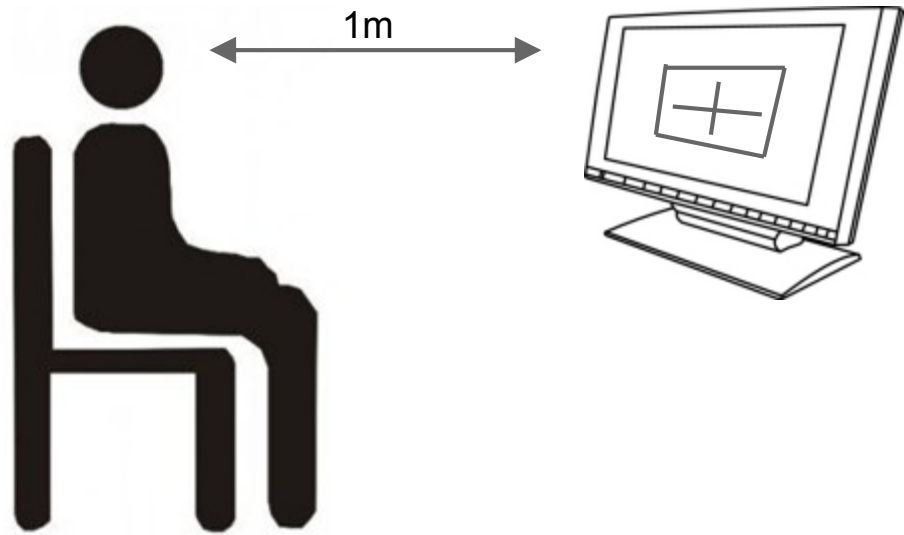
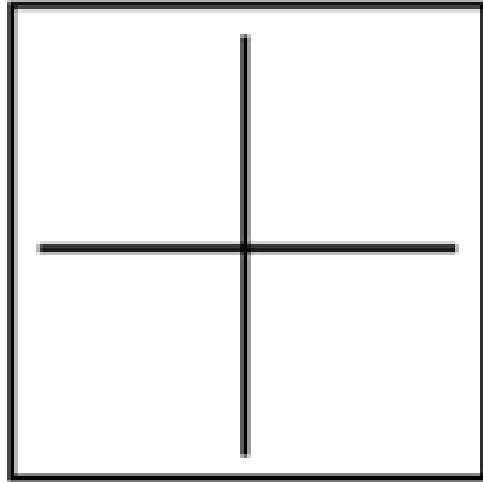


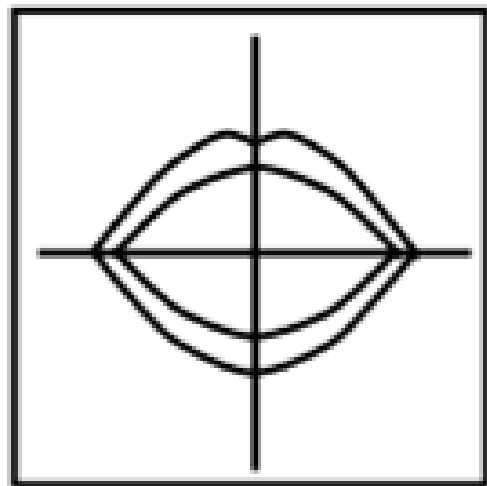
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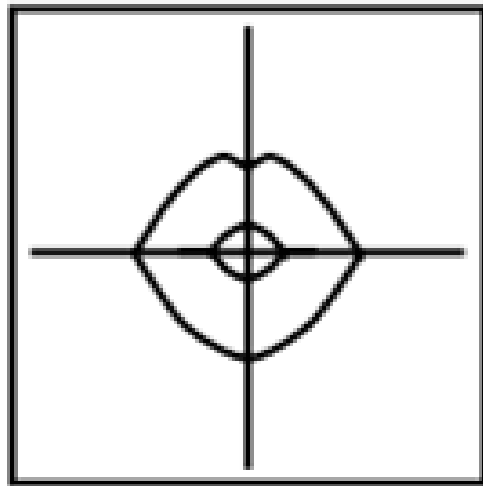
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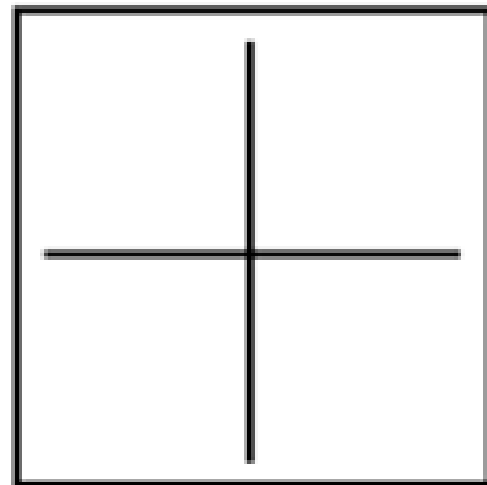
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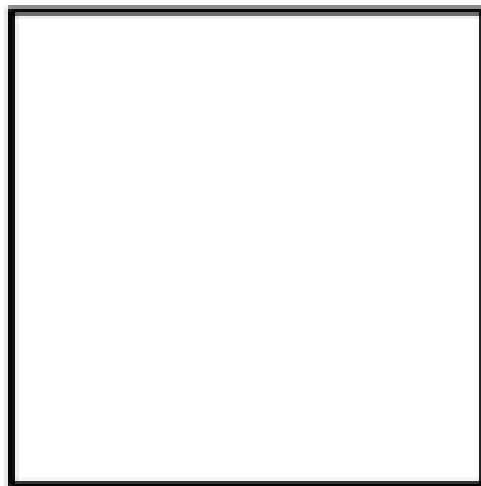
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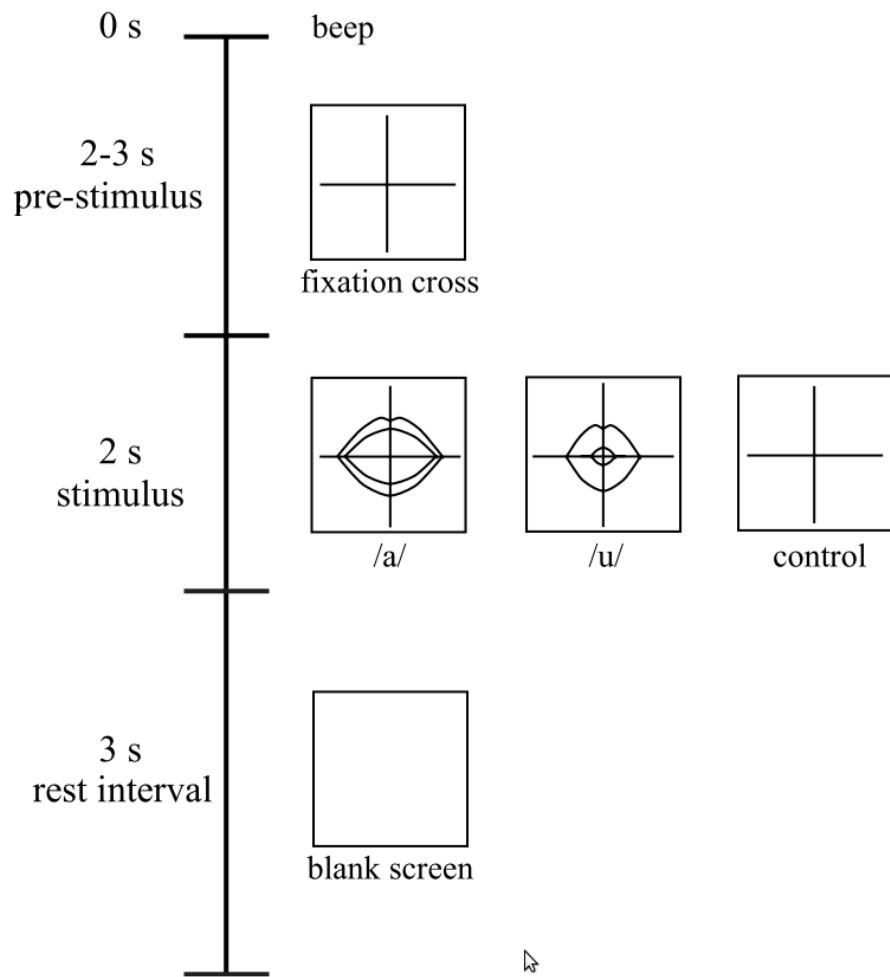


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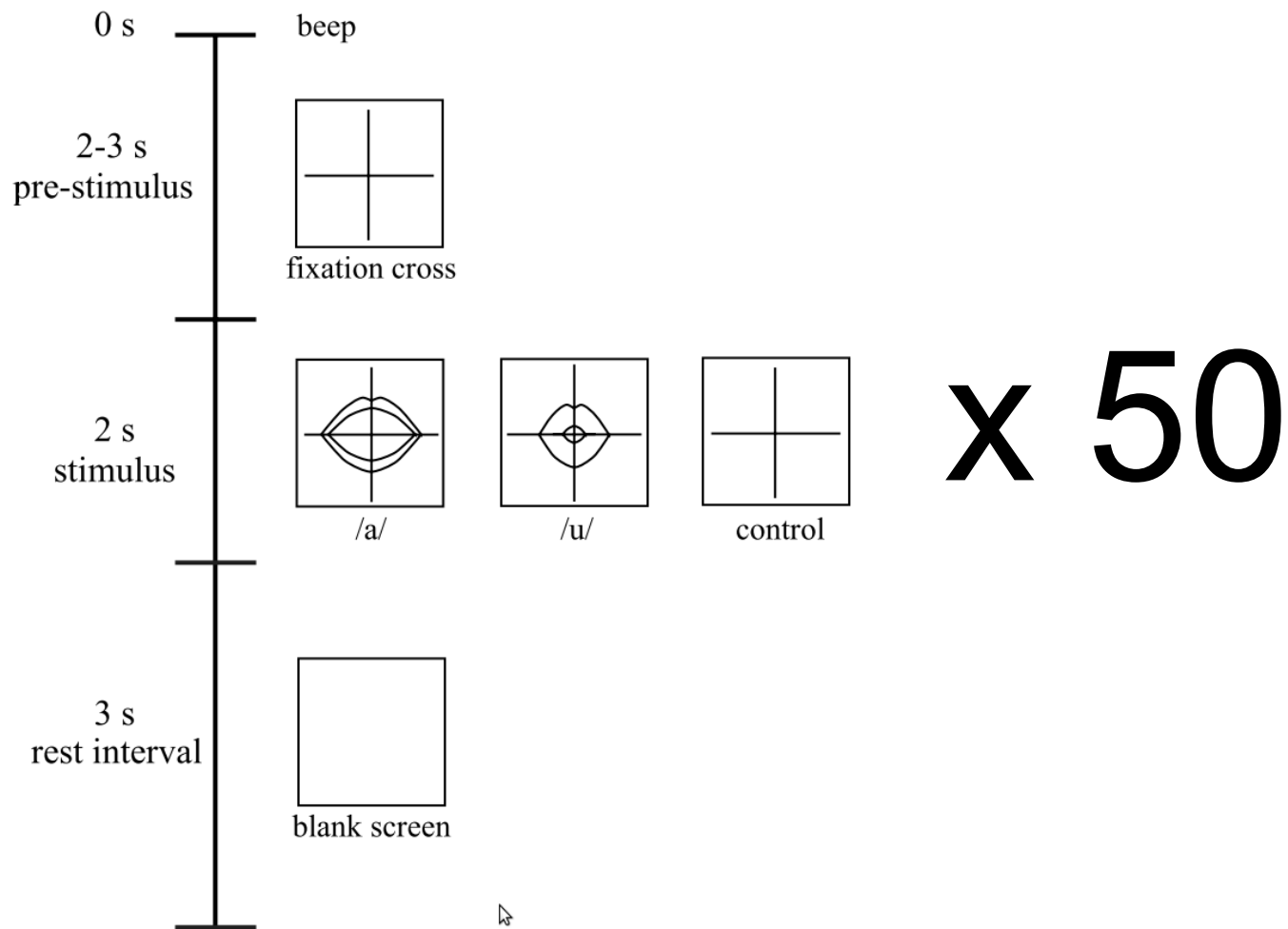


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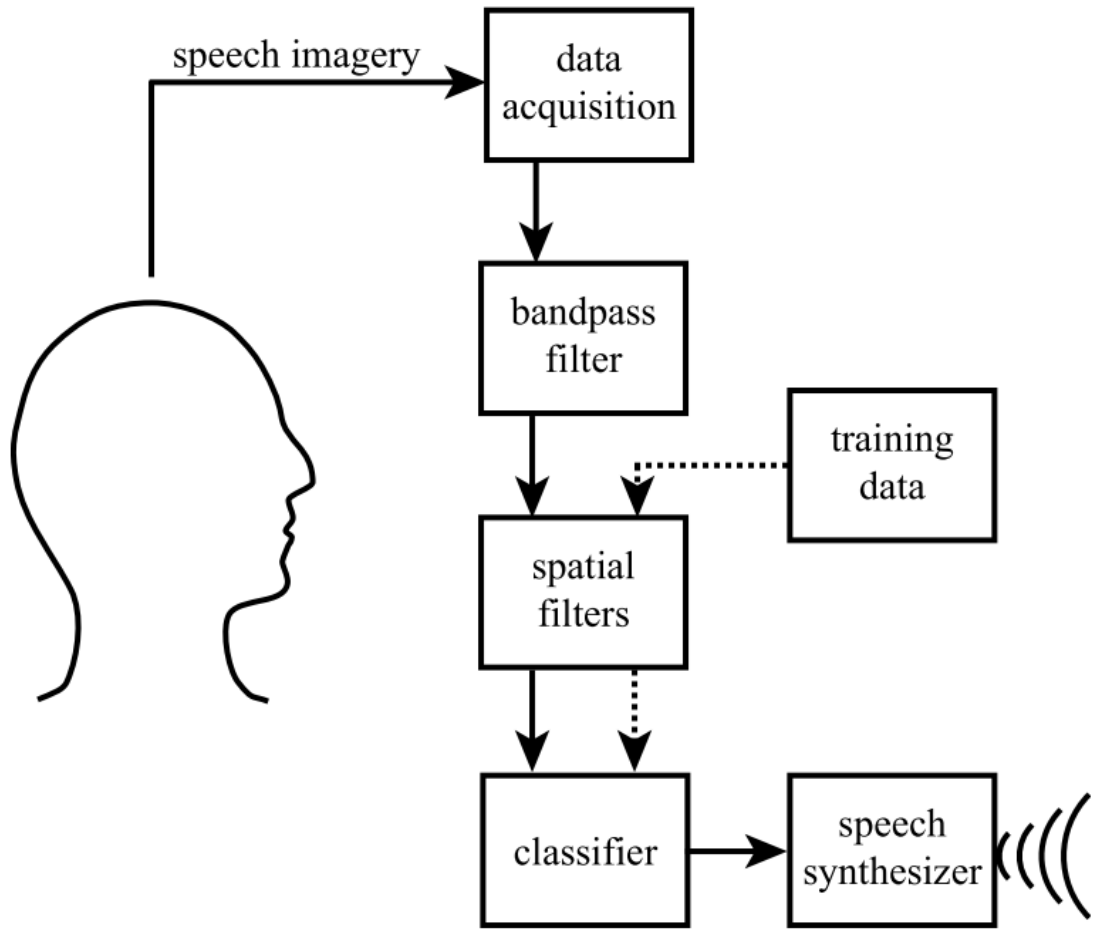


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# Processing



**Fig. 1.** Scheme for a speech prosthesis using speech imagery.

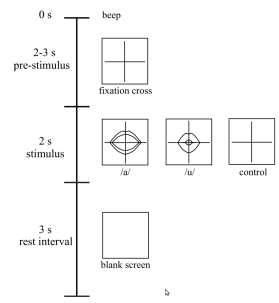
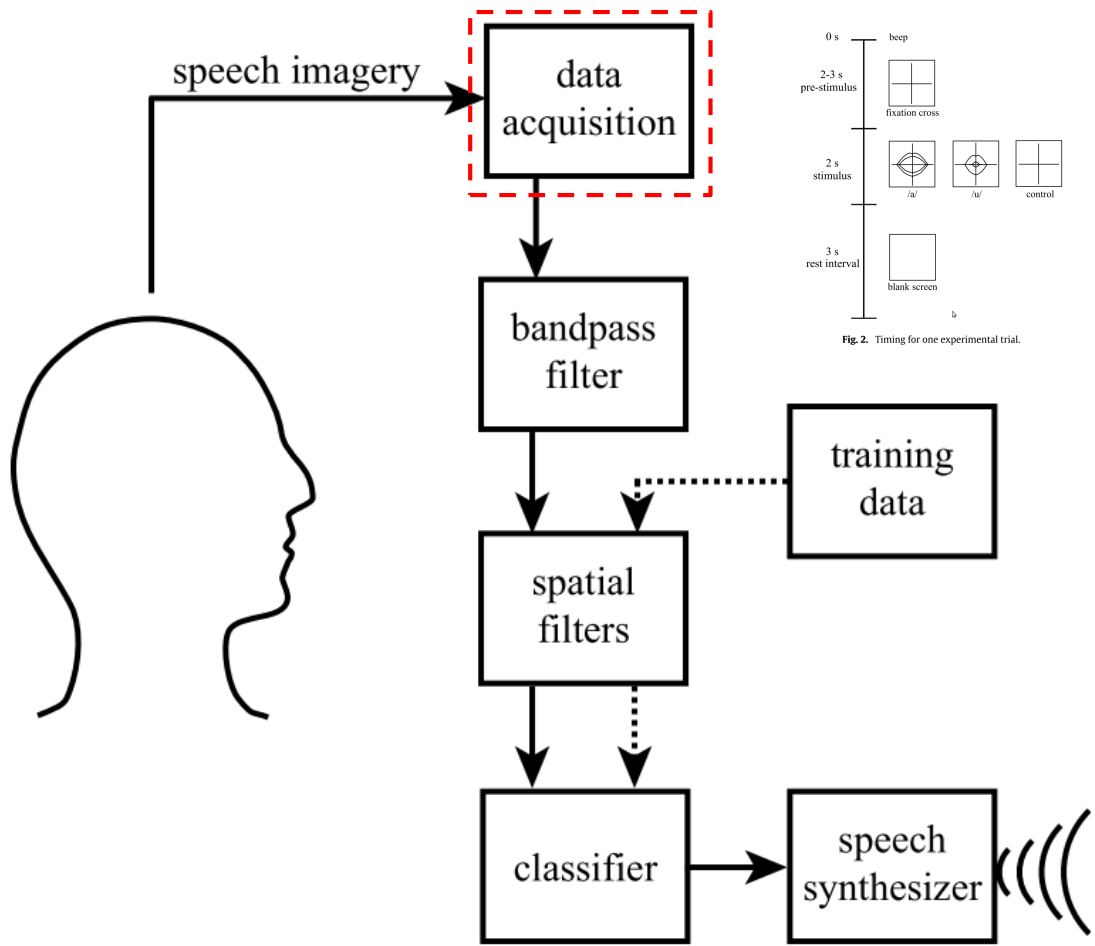
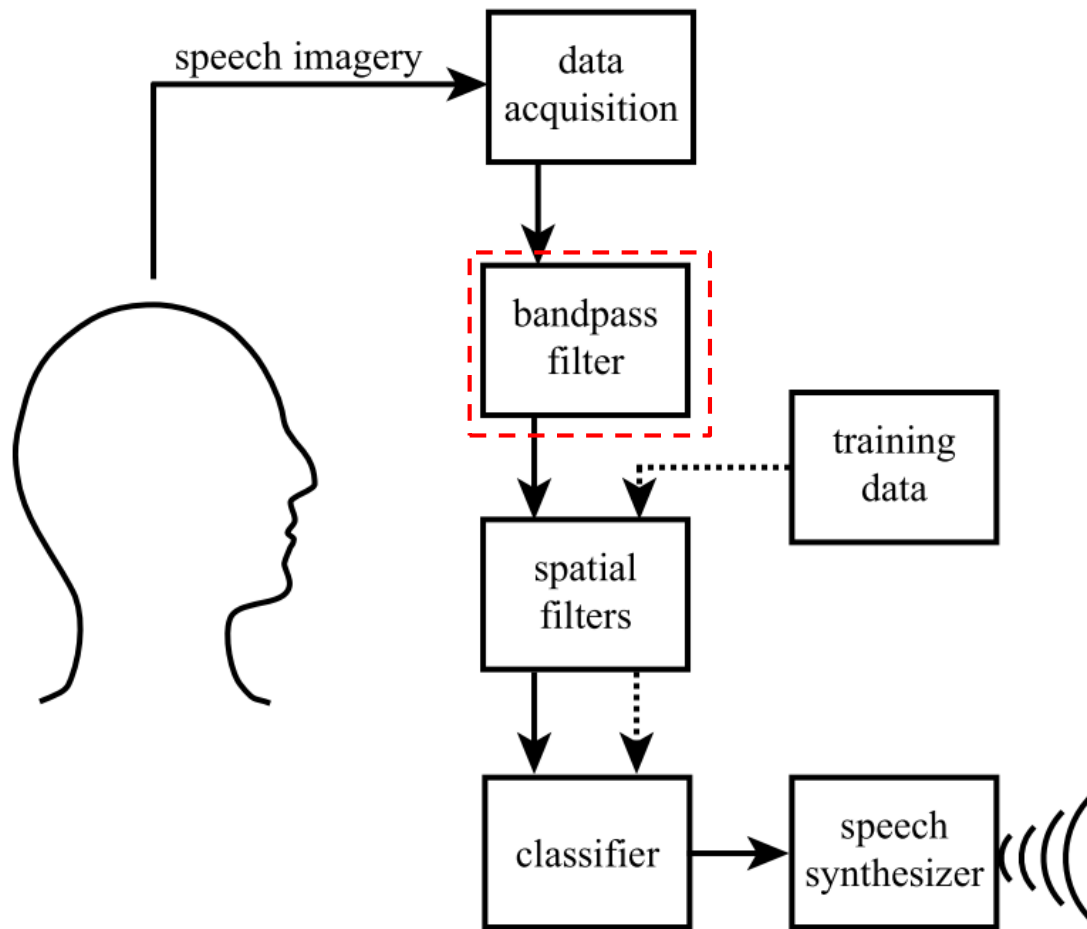
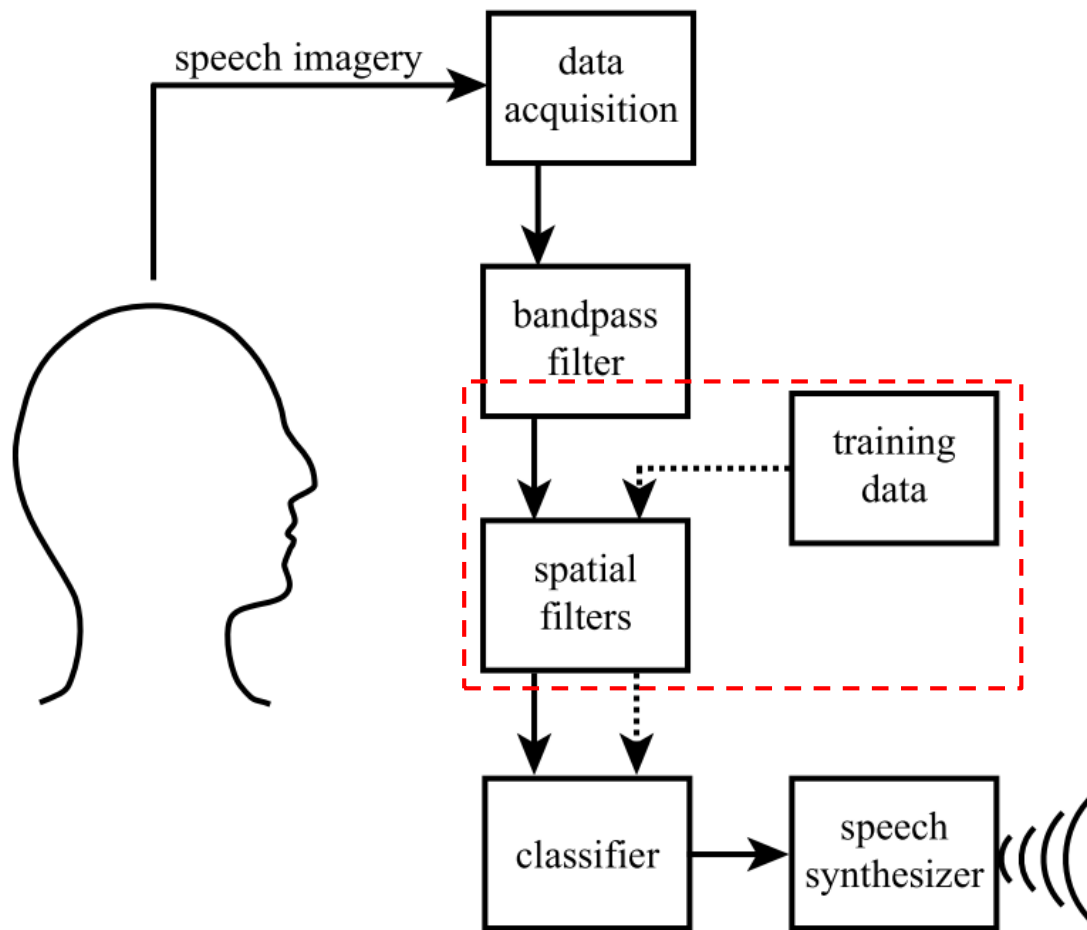


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Fig. 1. Scheme for a speech prosthesis using speech imagery.



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# Common Spatial Patterns Method

$$\bar{C}_g = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{E_g^i (E_g^i)^T}{\text{trace}(E_g^i (E_g^i)^T)}$$

- (1999) Designing optimal spatial filters for single-trial EEG classification in a movement task



# Common Spatial Patterns Method

$$C_c = \bar{C}_1 + \bar{C}_2 \quad (2)$$

$$C_c = V_c \lambda_c V_c^T, \quad (3)$$

**$V_c$**  is a matrix of eigenvectors

**$\lambda_c$**  is a diagonal matrix of eigenvalues

# Common Spatial Patterns Method

$$W = \sqrt{\lambda_c^{-1}} V_c^T \quad (4)$$

- Whitening transformation
- Equalizes the variances in eigenspace

# Common Spatial Patterns Method

$$S_g = WC_gW^T \quad (5)$$

$$S_1 = U\lambda_1U^T \quad \text{and} \quad S_2 = U\lambda_2U^T, \quad (6)$$

$$Z_g^i = PE_g^i. \quad (7)$$

Optimized for discriminating the two groups

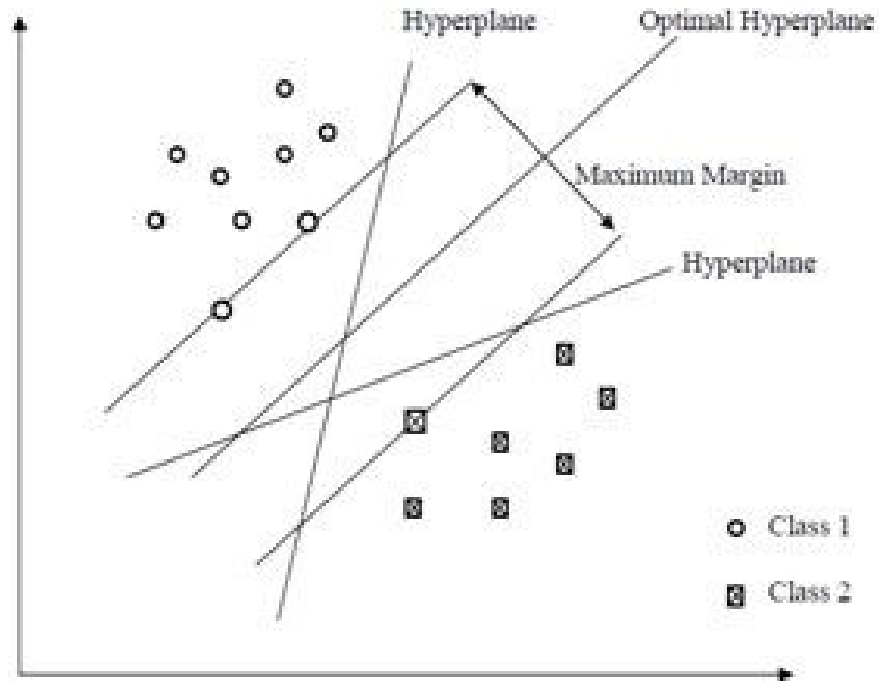
# Classification

- 30 randomly selected epochs
- 20 epoch testing set
- Procedure repeated 20 times
  - (20X cross validation)

# Support Vector Machine Classifier

- Strong generalization performance
- Acceptable training time
- Logistically simple to implement
- LIBSVM: A library for support vector machines
  - Chang, C., & Lin, C. (2008)

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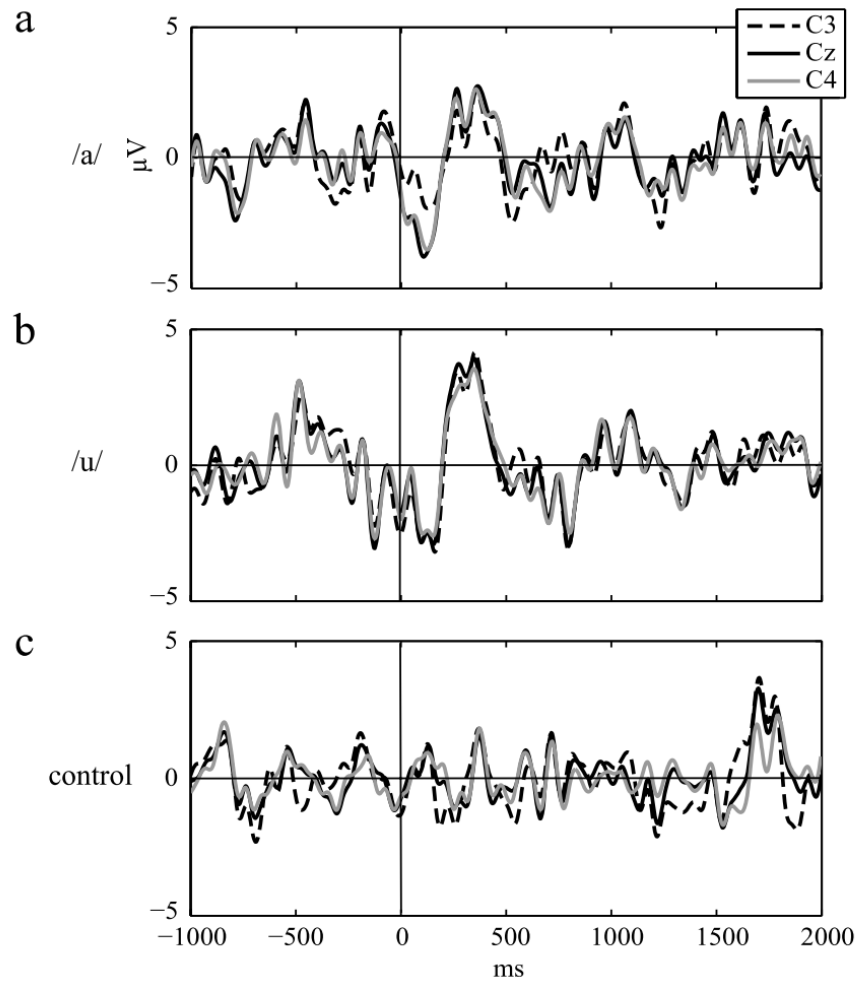


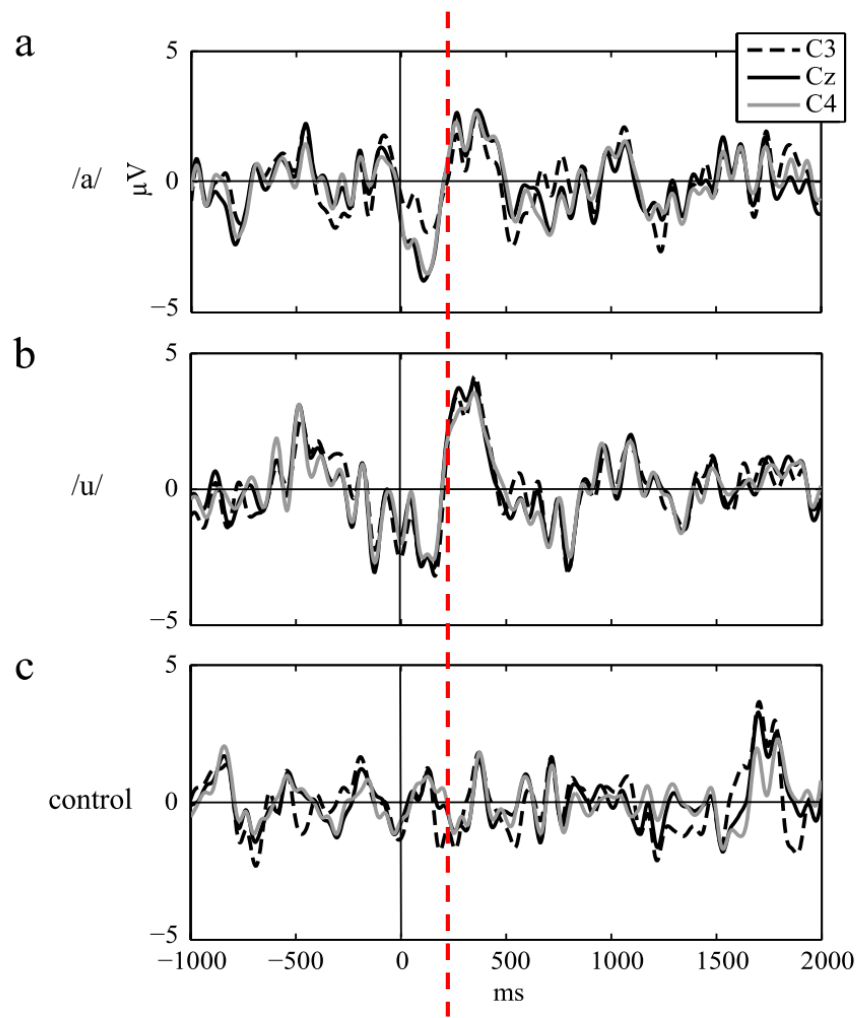
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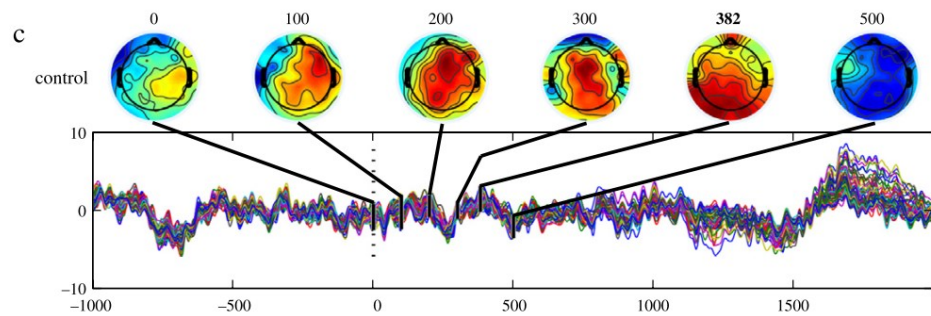
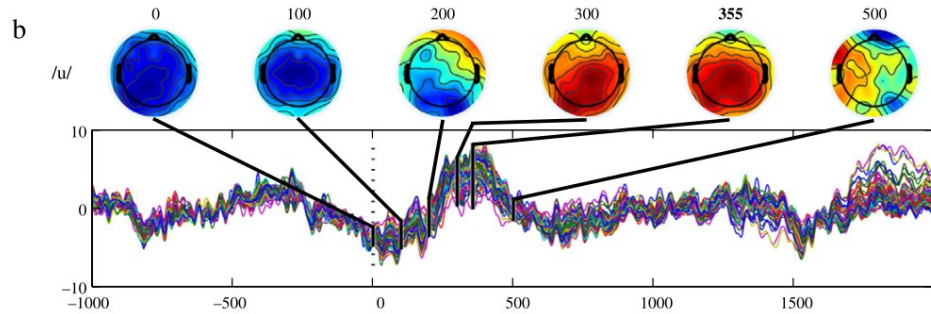
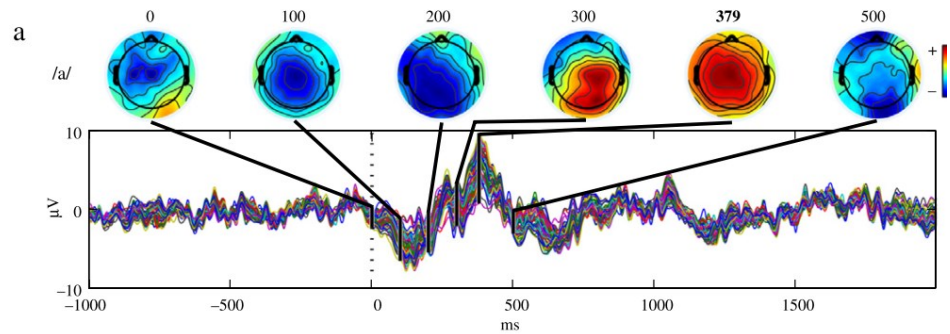
$$K(x, x') = e^{-\gamma \|x-x'\|^2},$$

# Results

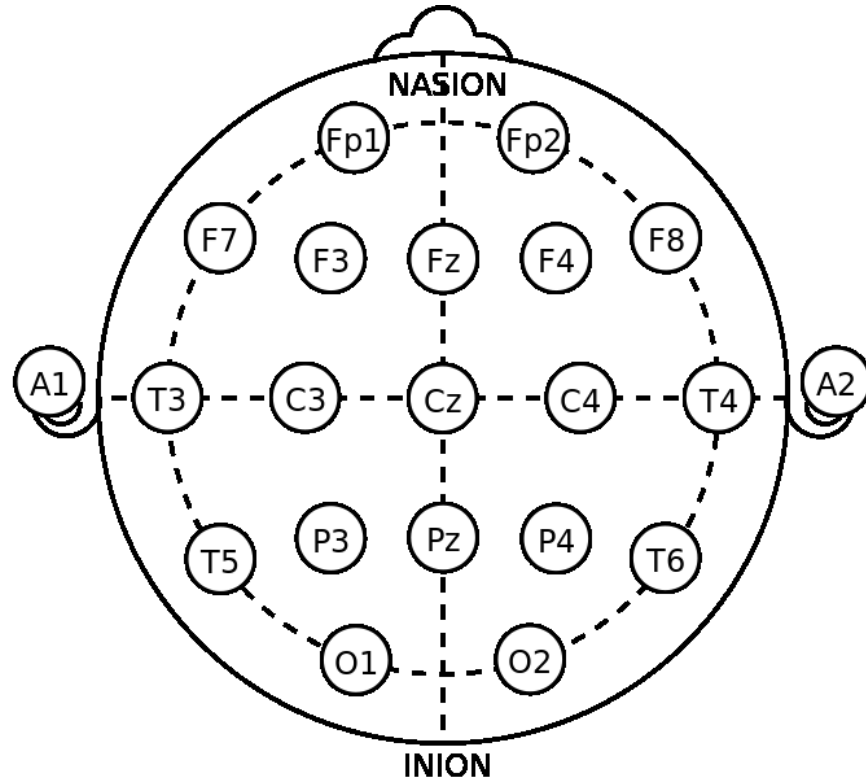




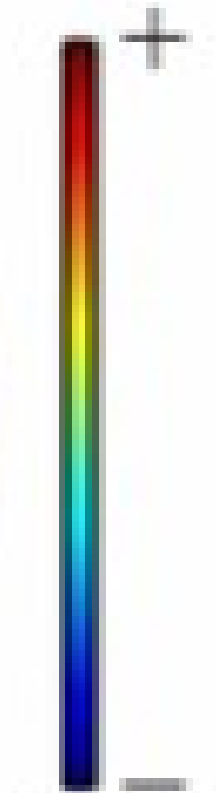
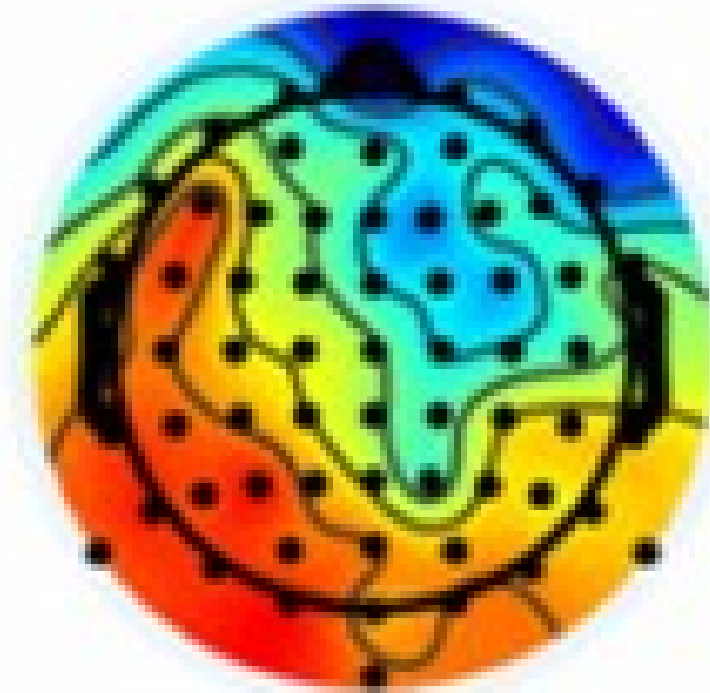


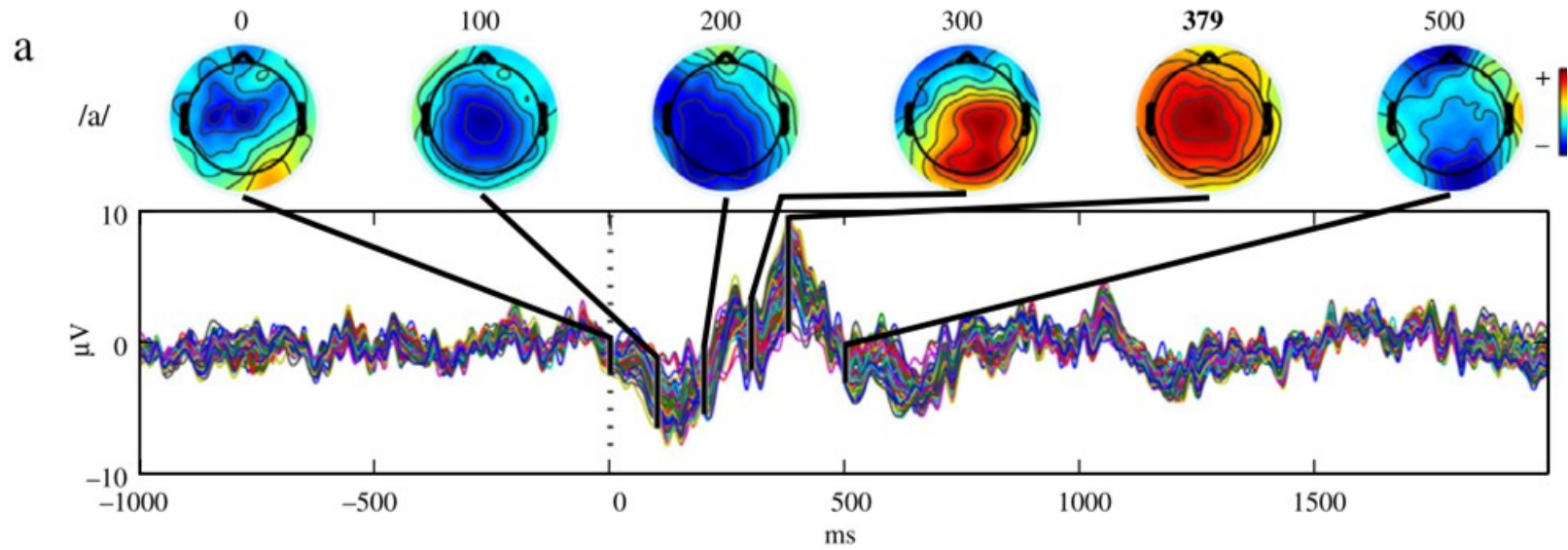


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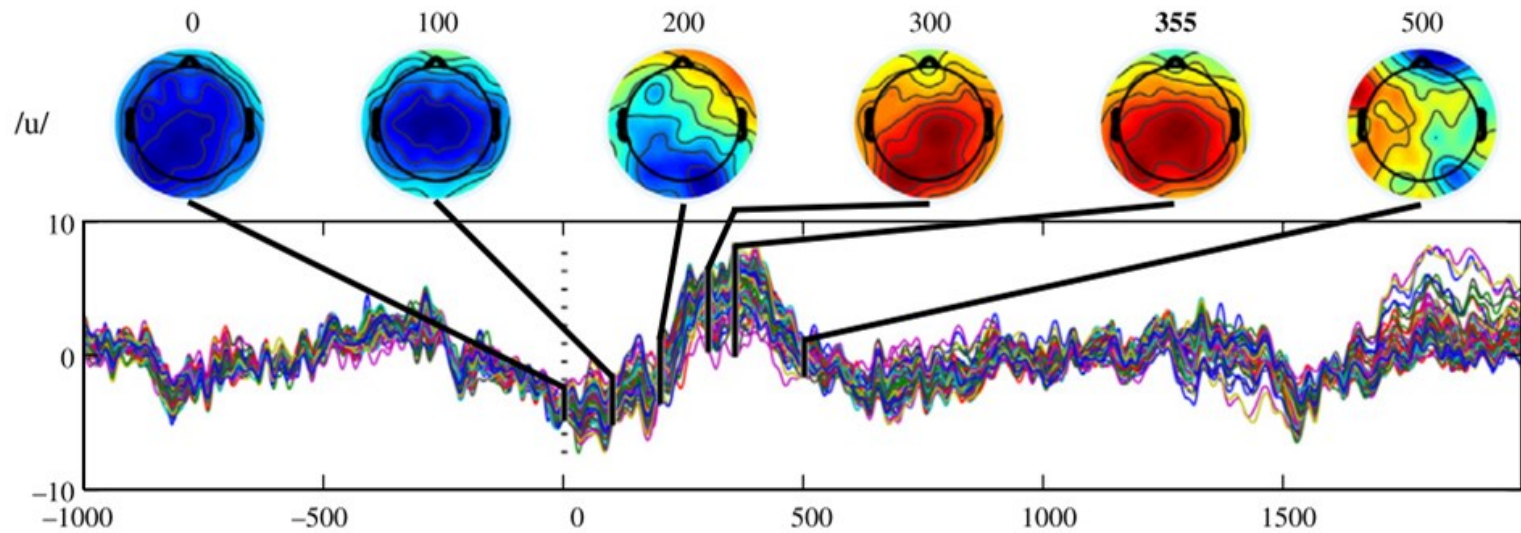


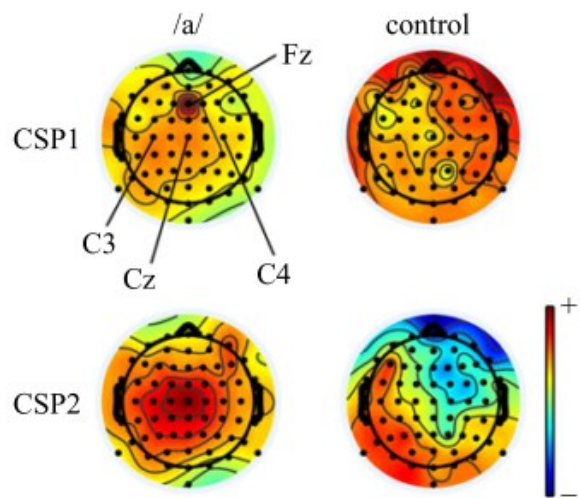
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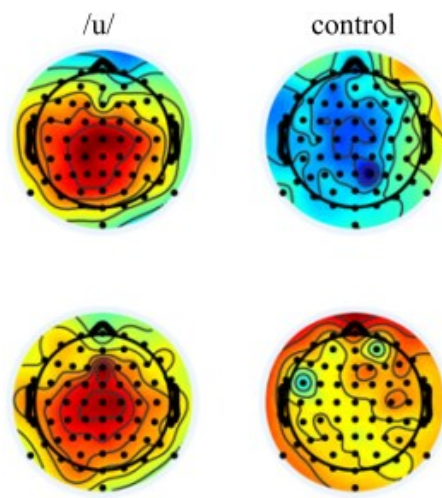


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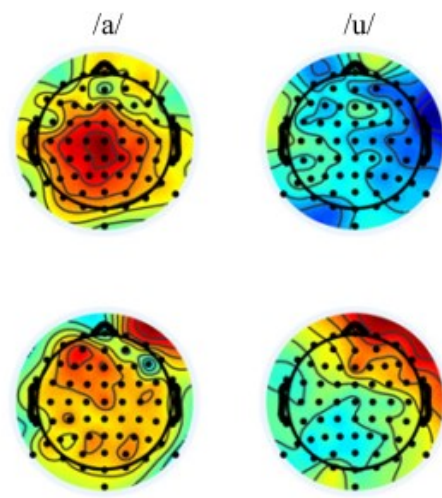




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	/a/:cont.	/u/:cont.	/a/:/u/	Overall
S1	79 ± 3	82 ± 4	72 ± 3	78 ± 5
S2	71 ± 5	72 ± 4	60 ± 5	68 ± 7
S3	67 ± 4	80 ± 3	56 ± 4	68 ± 12

Significance threshold = 59% ( $\alpha = 0.05$ ).

# Experiment Dataset

[http://www.brainliner.jp/data/brainliner-admin/Speech\\_Imagery\\_Dataset](http://www.brainliner.jp/data/brainliner-admin/Speech_Imagery_Dataset)

**Questions?**

# **Imagined Speech Classification with EEG Signals for Silent Communication: A Preliminary Investigation into Synthetic Telepathy**

K. Brigham, B.V.K.V. Kumar (2010)

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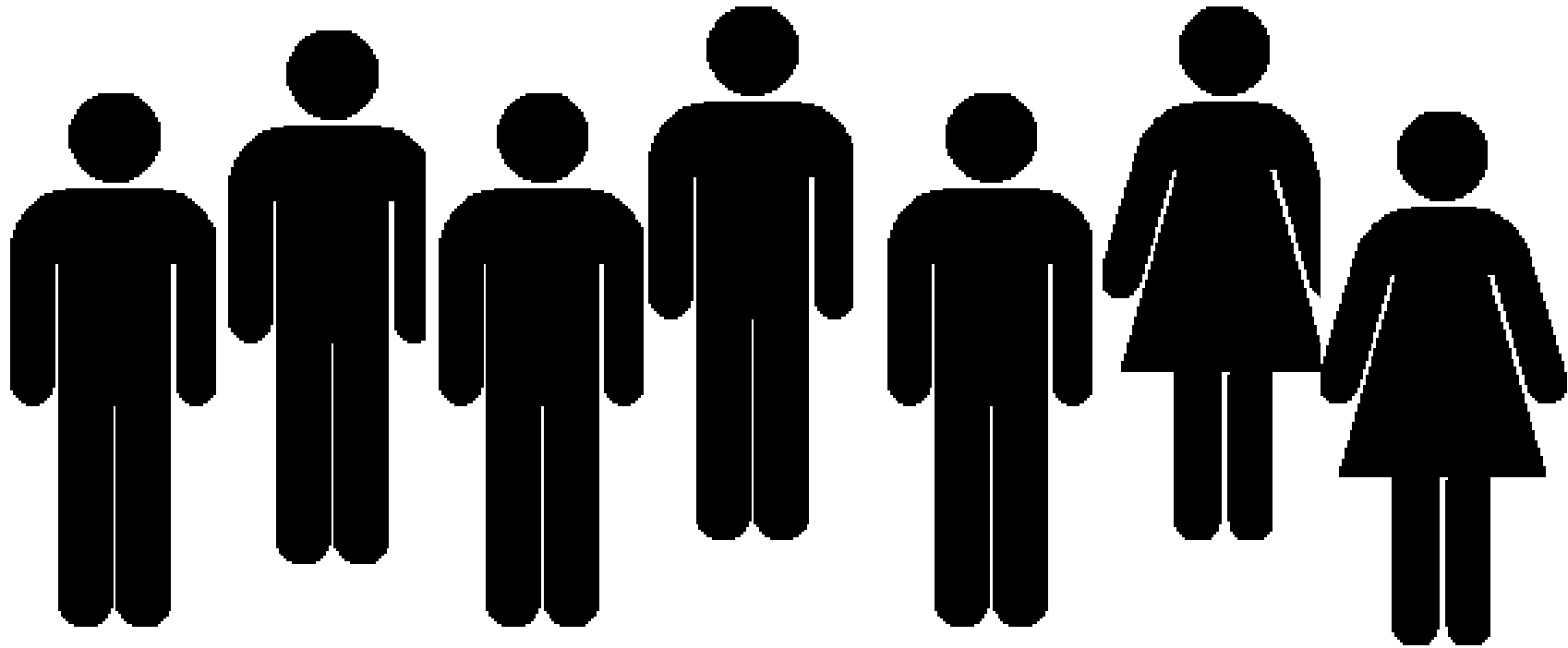
- Sounds familiar

**M. D'Zmura, S. Deng, T. Lappas, S. Thorpe, R. Srinivasan. "Toward EEG sensing of imagined speech"(2009)**

- */ba/ or /ku/ vs /a/ or /u/*



# Data Collection



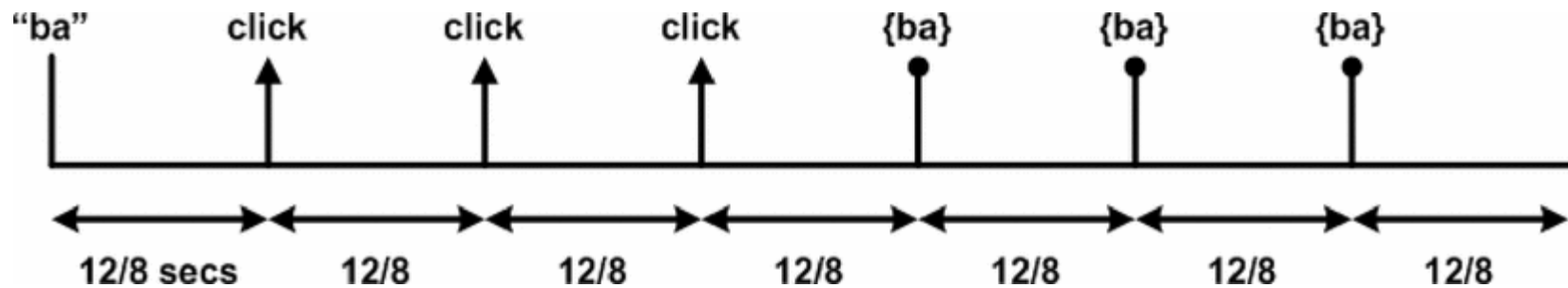
6 Sessions x 20 Trials x 2 Syllables = 120 trials / Subject

# Equipment

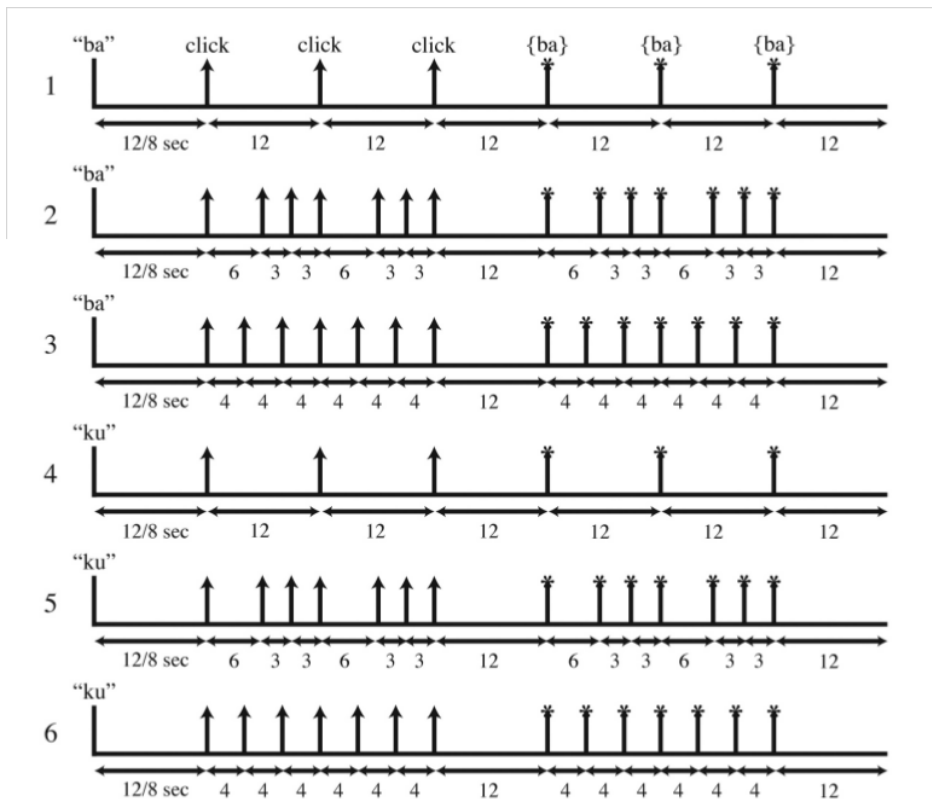
- 128 Channel Sensor Net
- 1024Hz Sample Rate
- Made by Electrical Geodesics



# Trial



# Example Trial Timeline



# Data Preprocessing

# Classification Challenges

- Eye Blinks and Electromyographic Activity
- Low signal-to-noise ratio
- No Two Heads are the Same



# Modeling EEG Signals

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{s}(t) + \mathbf{n}(t), \quad (1)$$

$\mathbf{x}(t)$  is a vector of observed noisy sensor signals from  $N$  sensors

$\mathbf{A}$  is the forward model relating the source activity to the sensor activity

$\mathbf{s}(t)$  is a vector of  $M$  unknown sources with  $M \leq N$

$\mathbf{n}(t)$  represents background activity that would be considered noise



# Independent Component Analysis

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{s}(t) + \mathbf{n}(t), \quad (1)$$

$$\mathbf{y}(t) = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{x}(t), \quad (2)$$

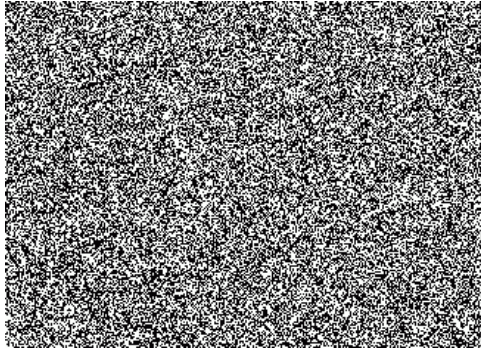
$$\mathbf{W}_{t+1} = (\mathbf{I} + \mu(\mathbf{C}_{y,y}^{l,3} \mathbf{S}_y^3 - \mathbf{I}))^{-1} \mathbf{W}_t, \quad (3)$$

# Artifact Removal

- Removed:
  - 18 electrodes closest to neck, eyes, temple
  - trials where electrodes exceed the thresholds of +/-  $30\mu\text{V}$
- Filtered:
  - range of 4 -25 Hz

# Hurst Exponent

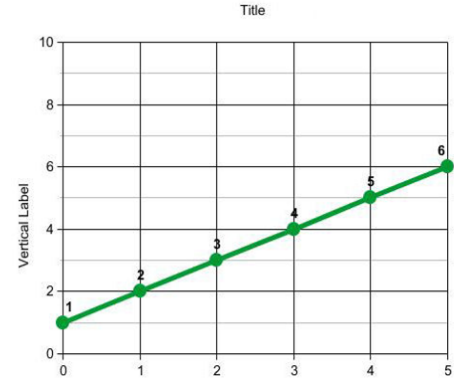
- Vorobyov and Cichocki(2002)
- Measures the predictability of a time series (0 - 1)



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# Extracting Useful Sources

- Hurst Exponent
  - 0.58 – 0.69 : heartbeat and eye blink artifacts
  - 0.70 – 0.76 : biological phenomena (“interesting”)

# **Feature Extraction and Imagined Syllable Classification**

# Univariate Autoregressive (AR) Model

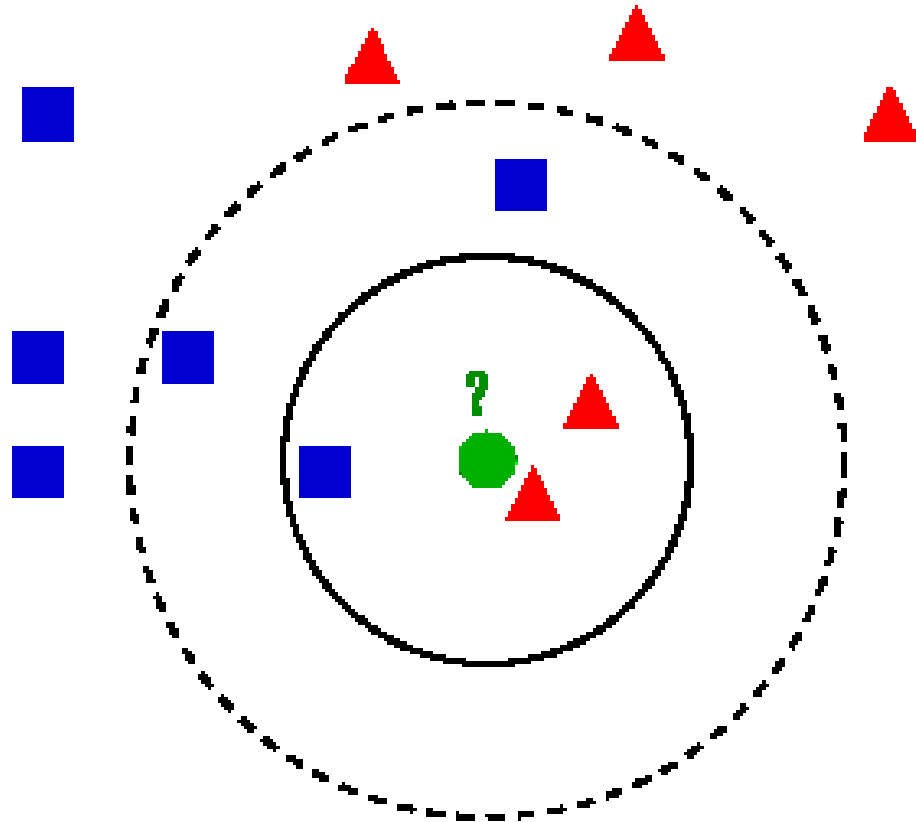
$$x[n] = -\sum_{k=1}^p a_k x[n-k] + e[n], \quad (4)$$

**x[n]** is the observed signal at time n,

**a<sub>k</sub>** are the coefficients of an AR model of order p

**e[n]** is white noise

# k-Nearest Neighbors



# Imagined Syllable Classification

- 3-Nearest Neighbors classifier
- Euclidean distance between AR model coefficients
- 100 iterations of 2- or 4-fold cross validation



# Results

# Trial Refinement

- Not all of the trials may contain usable information
- Hurst exponent threshold ( $< 0.67$ )
- Only trials that contained more than 90% of “useful” electrodes were retained

TABLE I. AVERAGE CLASSIFICATION ACCURACY FOR EACH OF THE 7 SUBJECTS. ALSO LISTED IS THE BREAKDOWN OF TRIALS PER CLASS (/BA/ OR /KU/) AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TRIALS FOR EACH SUBJECT.

	<b>Classification Rate</b>	<b># of /ba/ Trials</b>	<b># of /ku/ Trials</b>	<b>Total # of Trials</b>
S1	0.56	4	11	15 trials
S2	0.88	4	7	11 trials
S3	--	1	1	2 trials
S4	0.46	7	6	13 trials
S5	0.75	14	10	24 trials
S6	0.81	4	8	12 trials
S7	0.67	6	2	8 trials

TABLE II. AVERAGE CLASSIFICATION ACCURACY FOR DIFFERENT COMBINATIONS OF SUBJECT DATA.

	<b>Classification Rate</b>	<b># of Trials</b>
All Subjects	0.61	85 trials
S2, S5, S6, and S7	0.72	62 trials

# Conclusion

Brain Computer Interfaces are hard

**Questions?**