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# **Seminar psyM1-1**

## **Data Science in Theory**

# Neural Decoding of Visual Imagery During Sleep

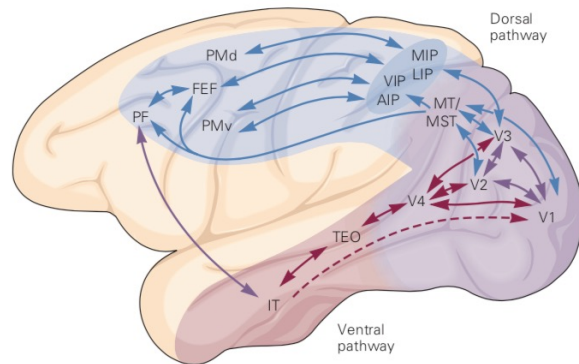
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Visual imagery during sleep has long been a topic of persistent speculation, but its **private nature** has hampered objective analysis. [...] Our findings demonstrate that specific visual experience during sleep is represented by brain activity patterns shared by stimulus perception, **providing a means to uncover subjective contents of dreaming** using objective neural measurement.

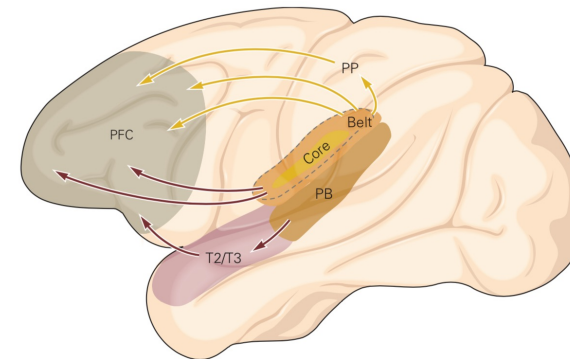
- How is neural activity related to **subjective experience** here?
- How is subjective experience **decoded**?
- Is **perception and imagery** the same?

# Perzeptuelle Hierarchie

## Visuelles System:



## Auditorisches System:



### Abstrakt



Kanten  
Formen  
Objekte  
Bewegung

### Konkret



**Kinematik:** Interaktion

### Abstrakt



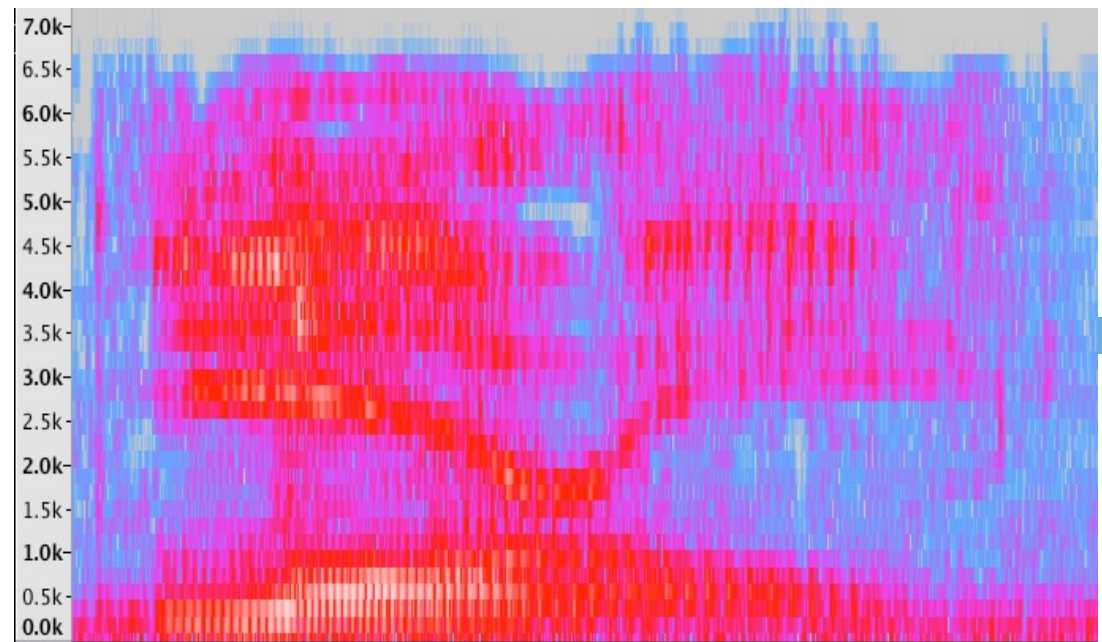
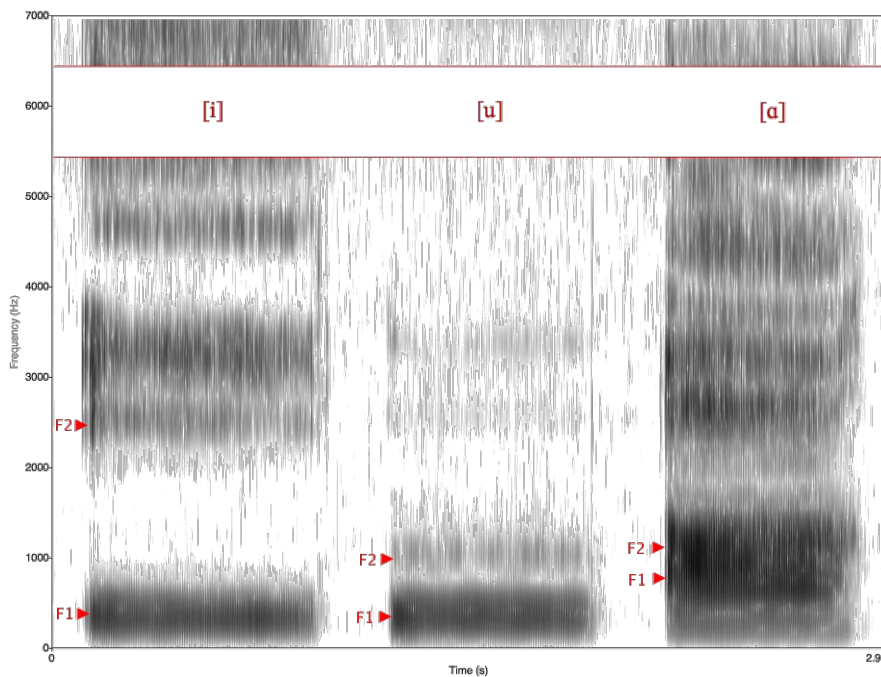
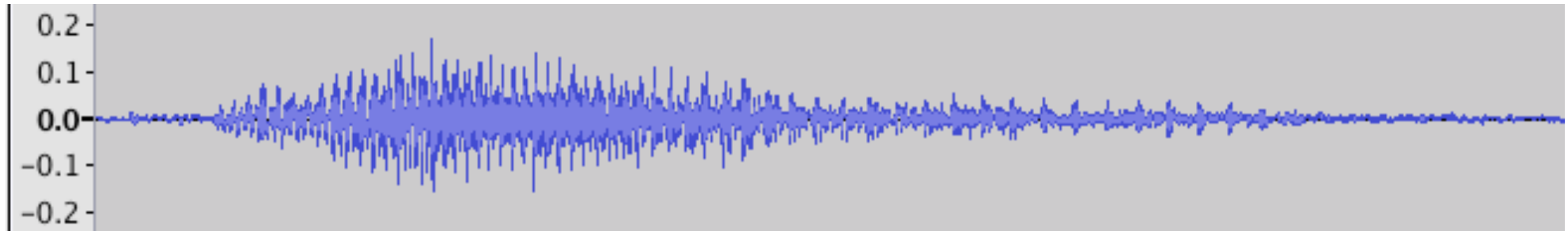
Frequenzen  
Geräusche  
Phoneme  
Silben

### Konkret



**Kinematik:** Sprache

# Komplexe Geräusche



Formant: Frequenzkomponenten eines Signal  
-> Gipfel (F1) und Resonanzfrequenzen (F2, F3...)

# Speech synthesis from neural decoding of spoken sentences

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Decoding speech from neural activity is challenging because speaking requires very precise and rapid multi-dimensional control of vocal tract articulators. Here we designed a neural decoder that explicitly leverages kinematic and sound representations **encoded in human cortical activity to synthesize audible speech**. [...] In closed vocabulary tests, listeners could readily identify and transcribe speech synthesized from cortical activity.

- What cortical areas are relevant for **speech perception and production**?
- How is speech **decoded**?
- How does this compare to BCI?
- What is the role of expectations for speech perception?

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### Decoding and predicting intentions

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There has been a long debate on the existence of brain signals that precede the outcome of decisions, **even before subjects believe they are consciously making up their mind**. [...] This suggests that a causal chain of events can occur outside subjective awareness even before a subject makes up his/her mind.

- What is **free will**?
- What **criteria** have to be met for a causal relationship?
- How **good** is the prediction of free choice?

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