

# EEG Signal Processing

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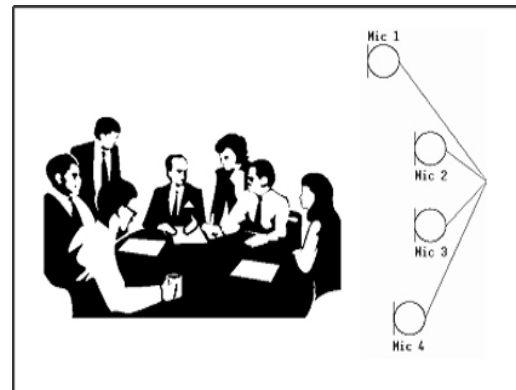
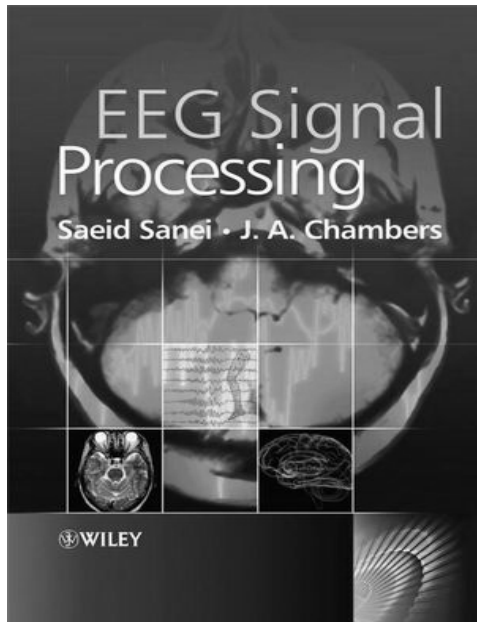
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# Activities

## Recent Highlights:



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# Projects within Biomedical Group

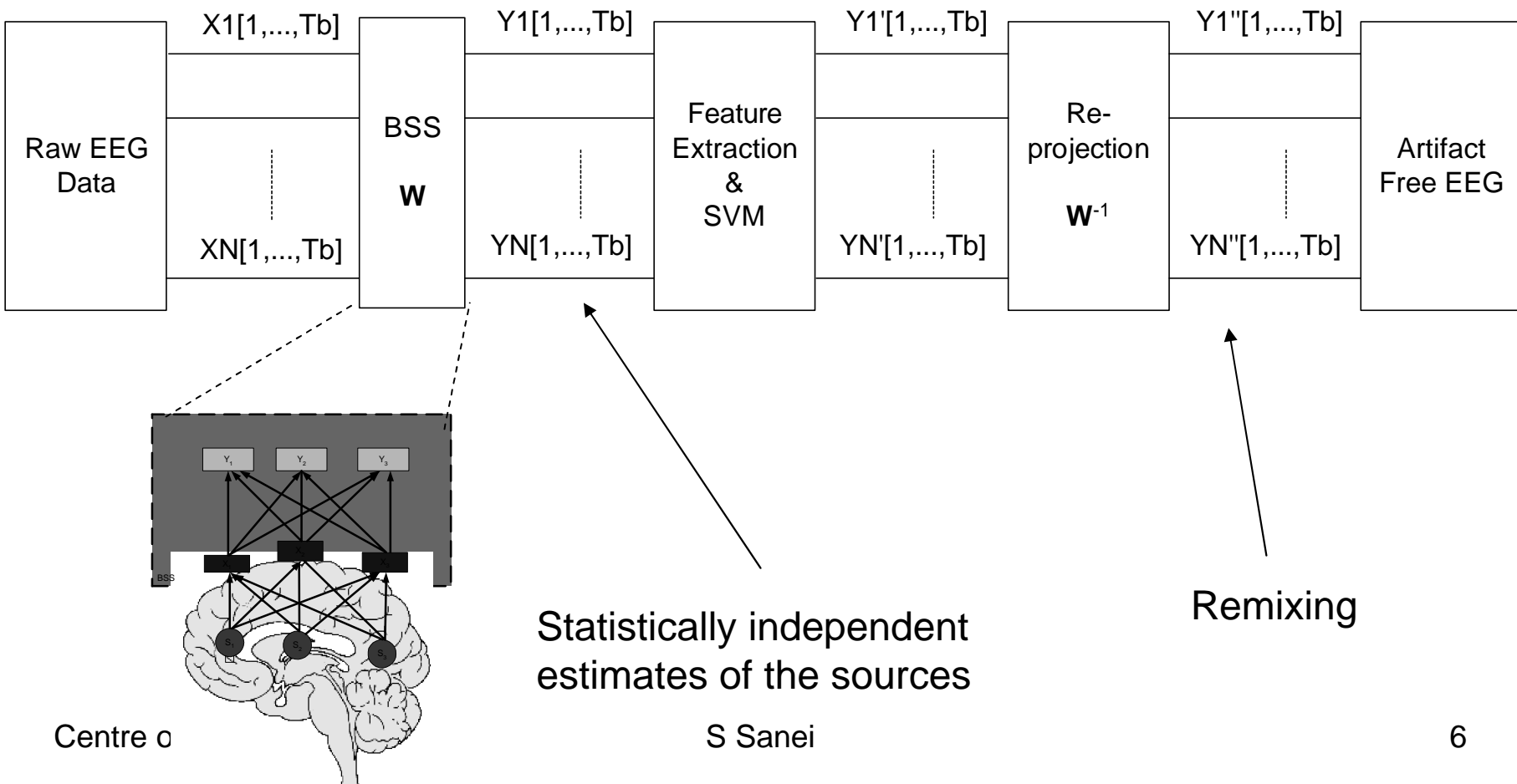
- Brain Computer Interfacing
- ERP Detection and Localization
- Blind Source Separation
- Beamforming
- Parallel Factor Analysis
- EEG-fMRI joint analysis
- Particle filtering
- Seizure Prediction
- Mental Fatigue
- Sleep
- Other biomedical signal and image processing applications

# Artefact Removal from EEGs

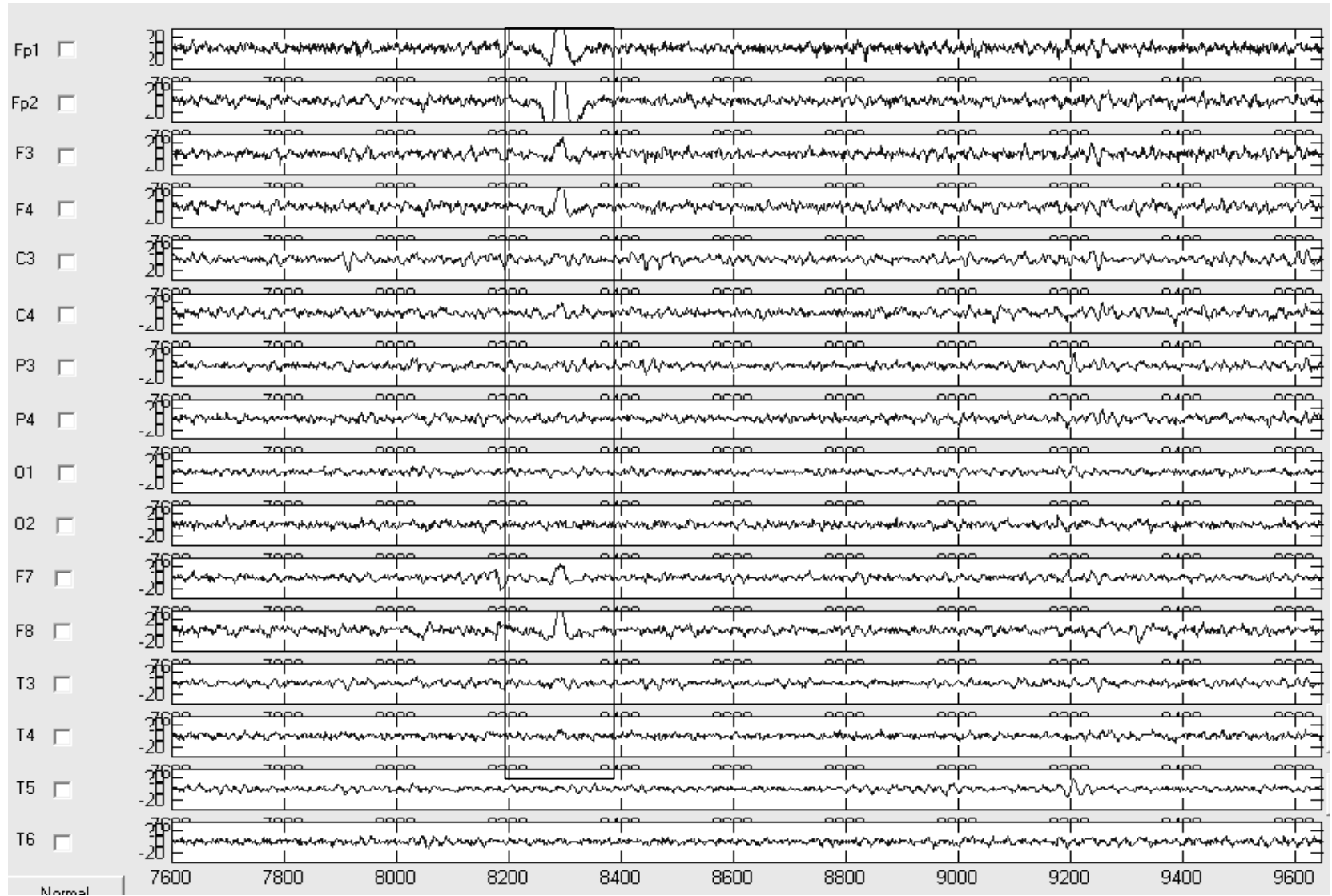
- Problem: The information within the EEG is masked by the eye blinks
- Two strategies to mitigate these artefacts:
  - Constrained Blind Source Separation (BSS)
  - Combine BSS with Support Vector Machines

PhD Student: Leor Shoker

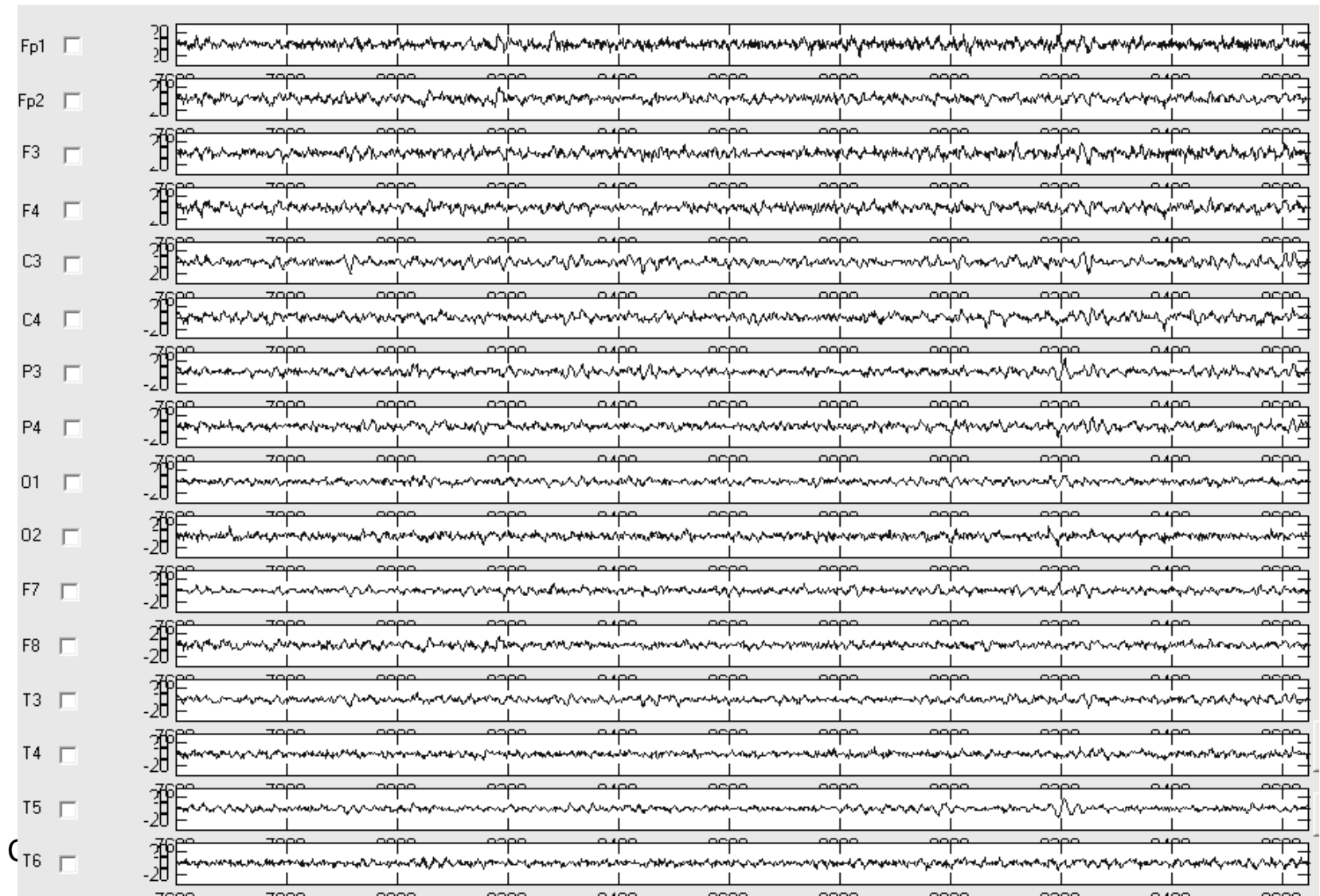
# Hybrid BSS-SVM for Artifact Removal



# Results: Contaminated EEG



# Results: Corrected EEG





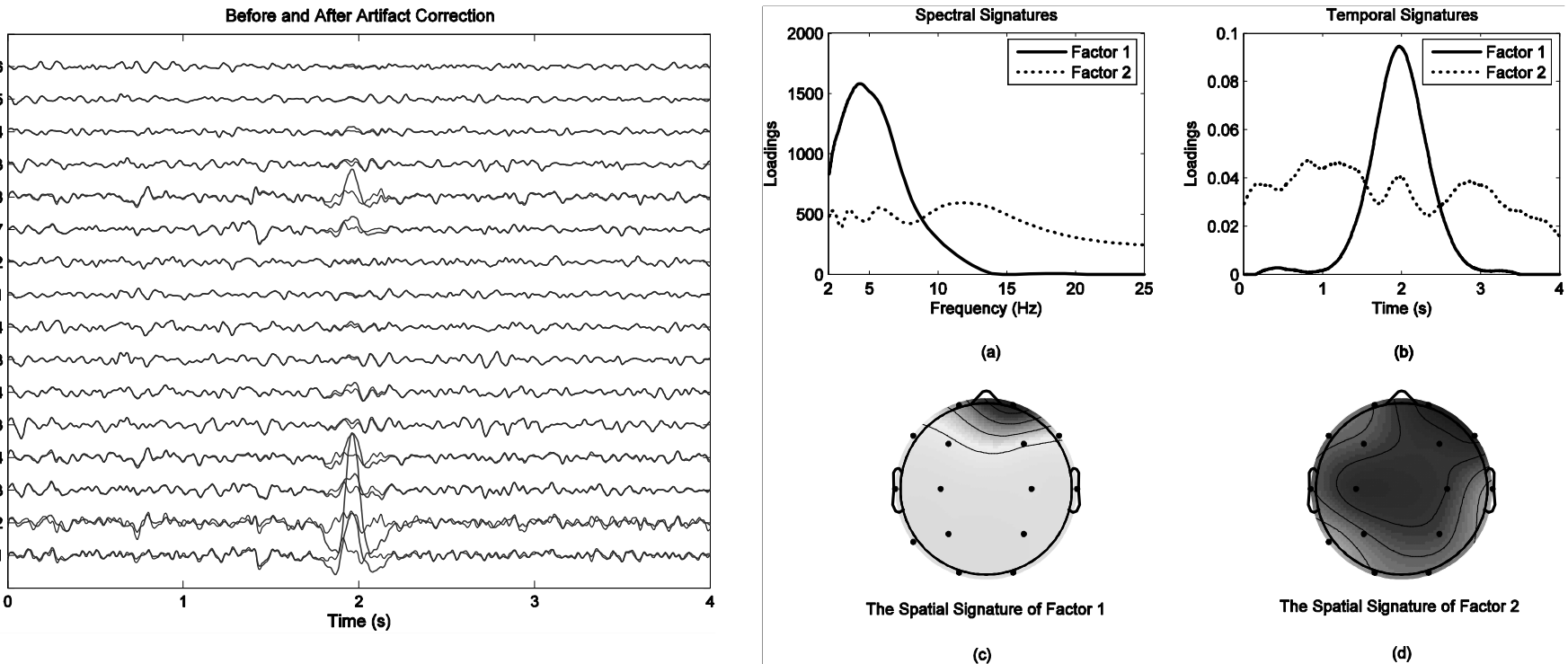
# Eye-Blink Artifact Removal from EEGs: A hybrid Beamforming- PARAFAC Approach

PhD Student: Kianoush Nazarpour

# Semi-Blind Signal Extraction (SBSE) Method

- Summary:
  - Space-Time-Frequency Modelling of EEG Potentials
  - Automatic Eye-Blink (EB) Component Selection
  - Using the Spatial Signature of the EB in the Source Extraction Algorithm
  - Deflation to Obtain the Artifact-Free EEGs

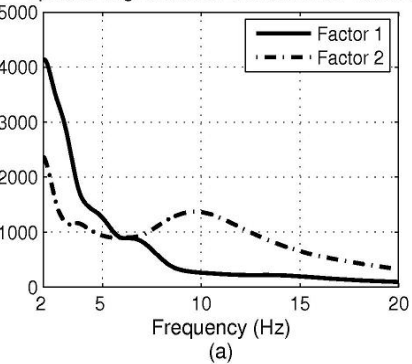
# Semi-Blind Signal Extraction Method



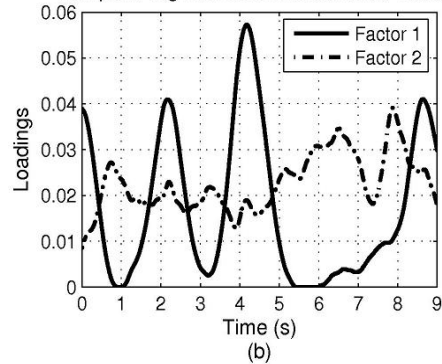
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# STF-TS Modelling and Robust Beamforming

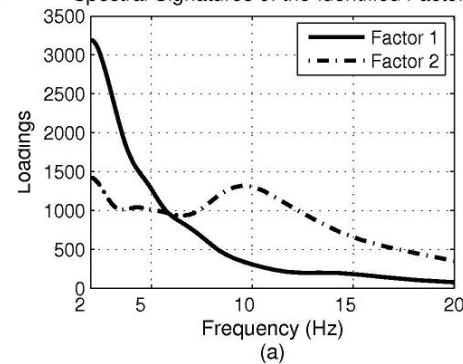
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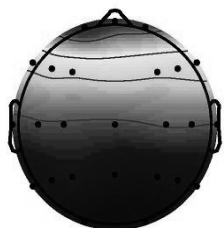
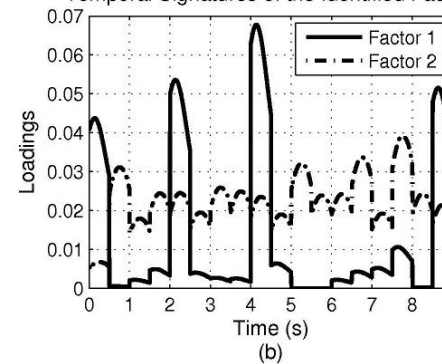
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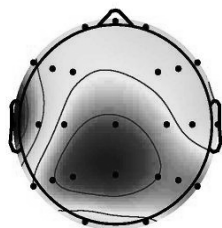
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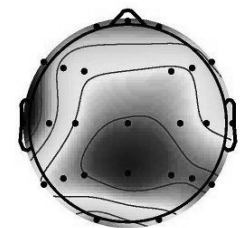
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Spatial Signature of Factor 2  
(d)



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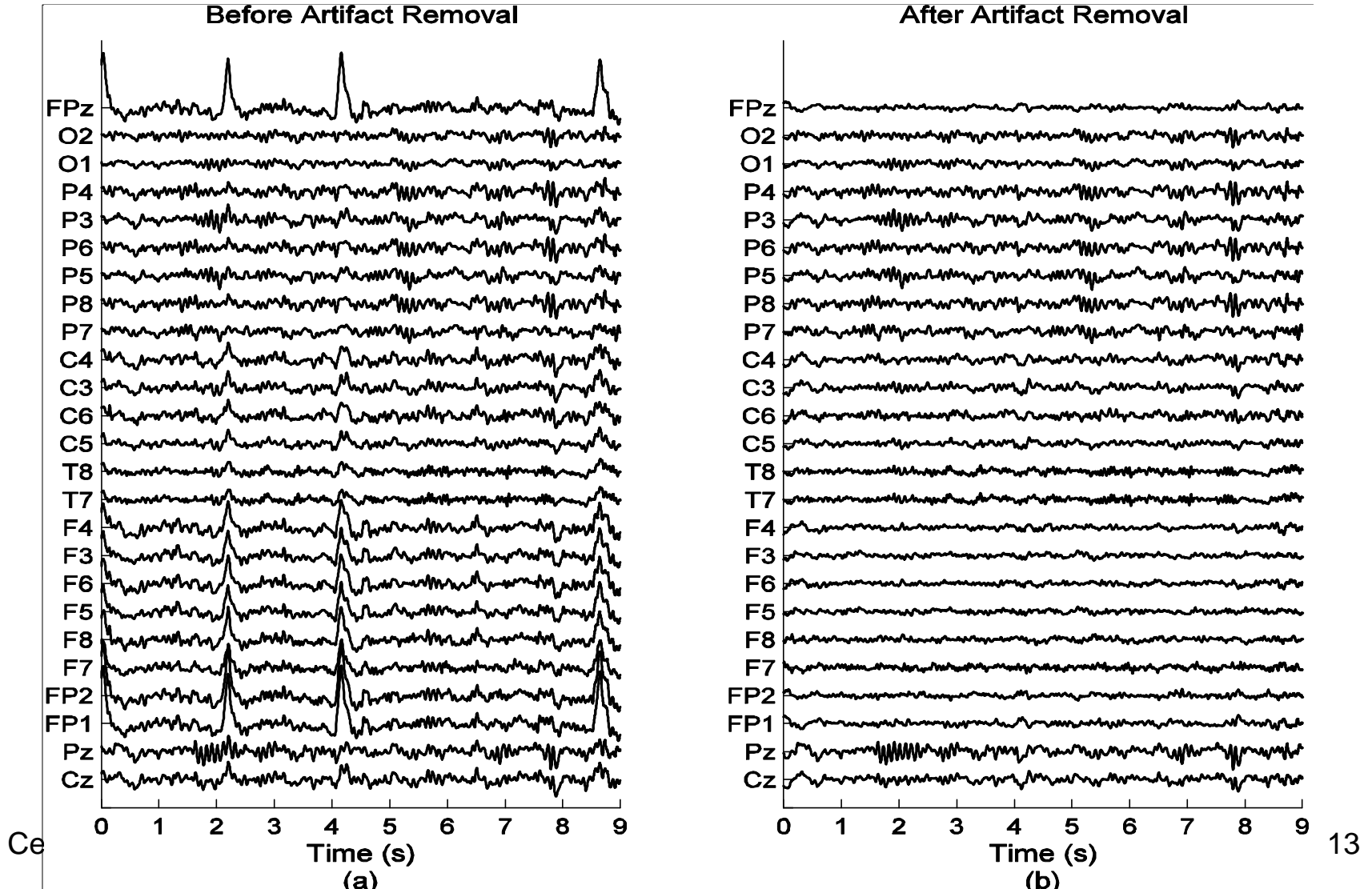
Spatial Signature of Factor 2  
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Classic STF Model

Proposed STF-TS Model

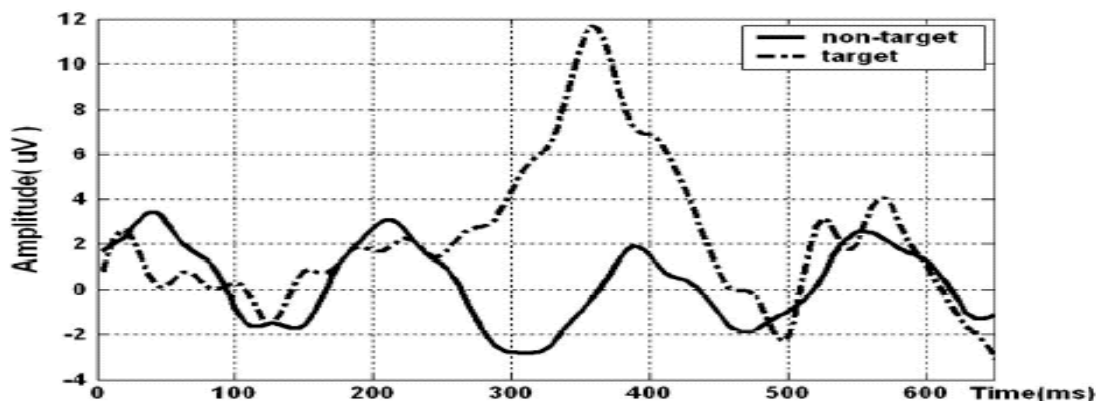
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# STF-TS Modelling and Robust Beamforming



# P300 and its subcomponents

- *P300 is a positive ERP occurs at about 300ms after rare or task relevant stimuli*
- Can be by visual or audio stimulations



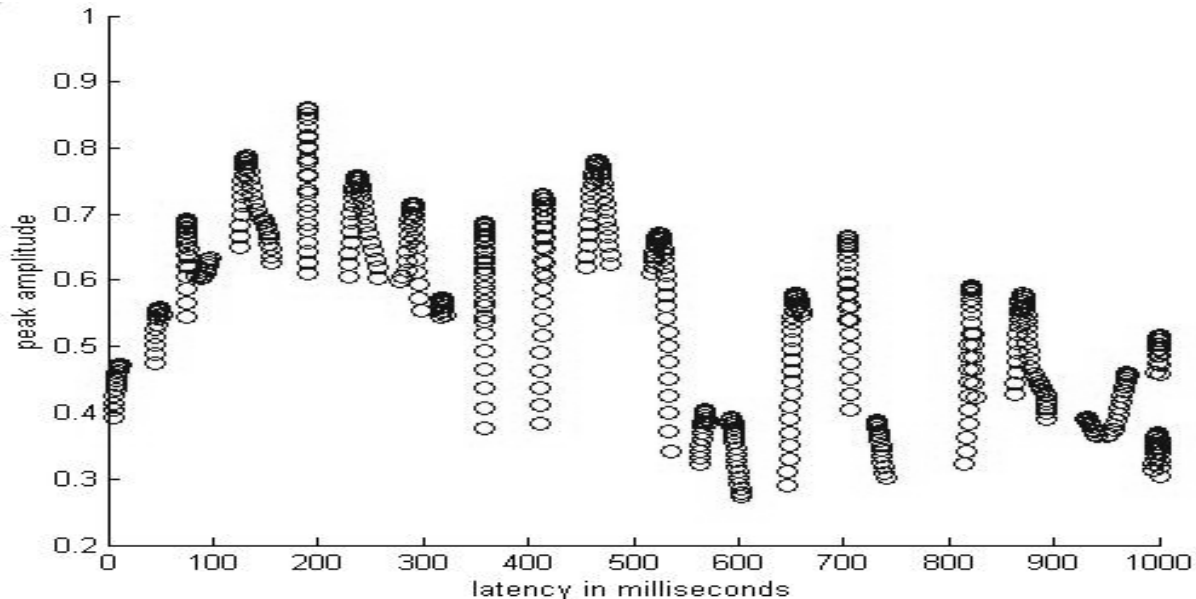
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# Subcomponents of P300; P3a and P3b

- *P3a : Early peak, due to attention, larger amplitude, with more frontal distribution*
- *P3b: later peak, due to reaction or intention to respond, with more centoparietal distribution*

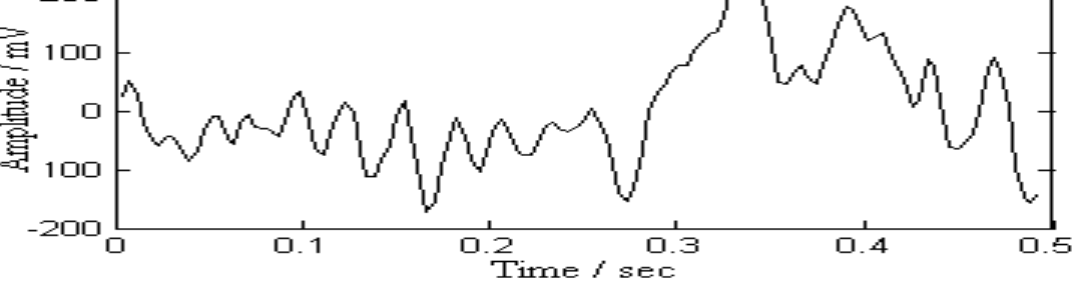
$$\mathbf{w}_{lOpt}^T = \arg \min_{\mathbf{w}_l} \left\| \mathbf{s}_l - \mathbf{w}_l^T \mathbf{X} \right\|_2^2, \quad \mathbf{y}_l = \mathbf{w}_l^T \mathbf{X}$$

$$s_i(t) = e^{-(t-t_i)^2} / \mathbf{s}_i^2$$



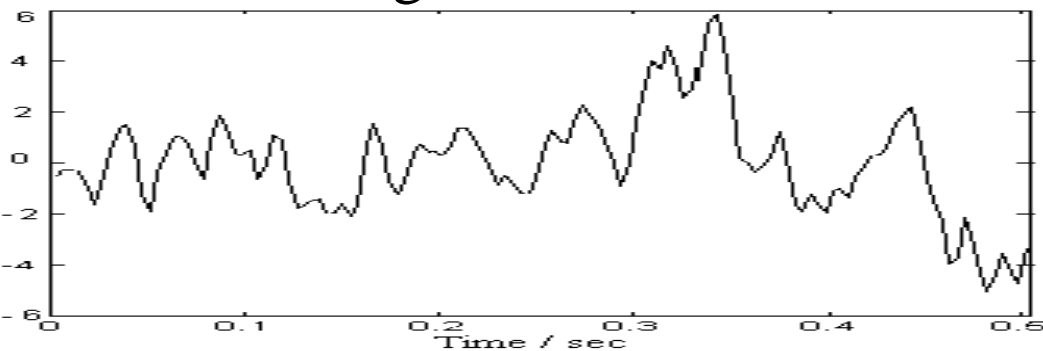
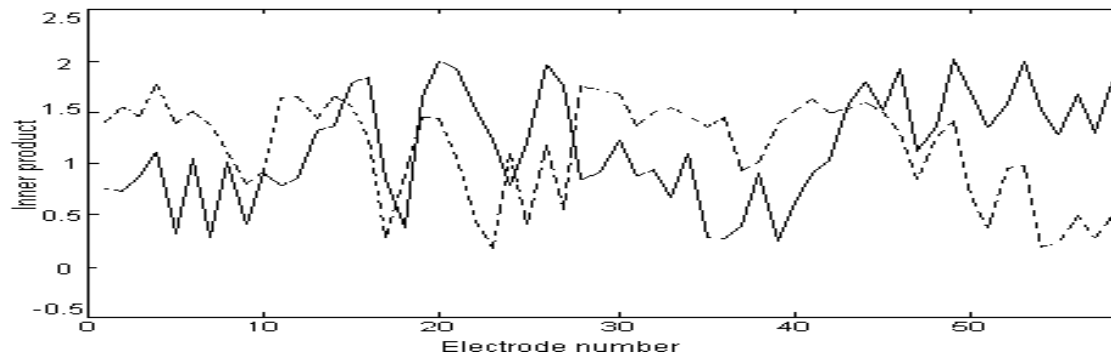
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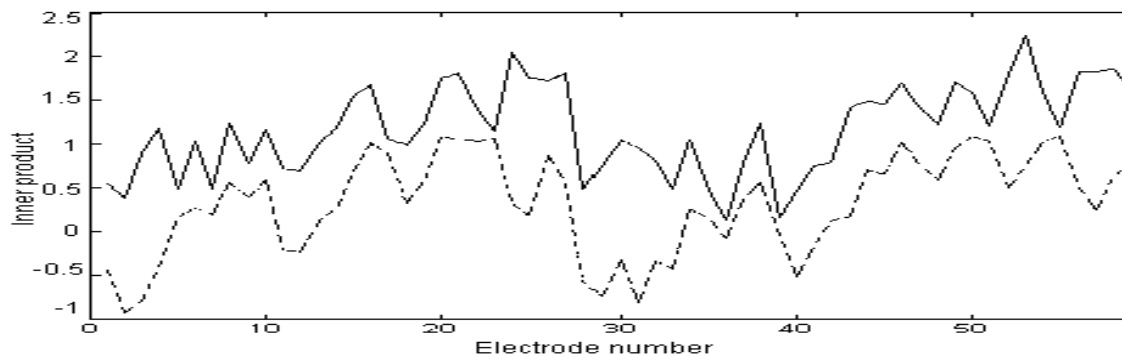
Estimate visual P3a

The correlation measures between the detected visual P3a and the electrode signals.

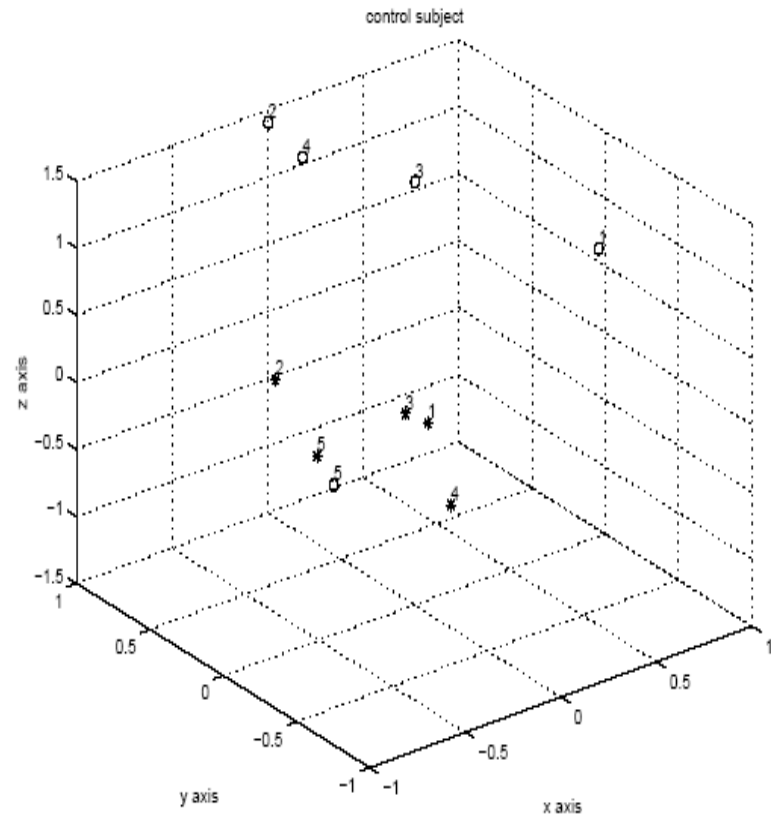
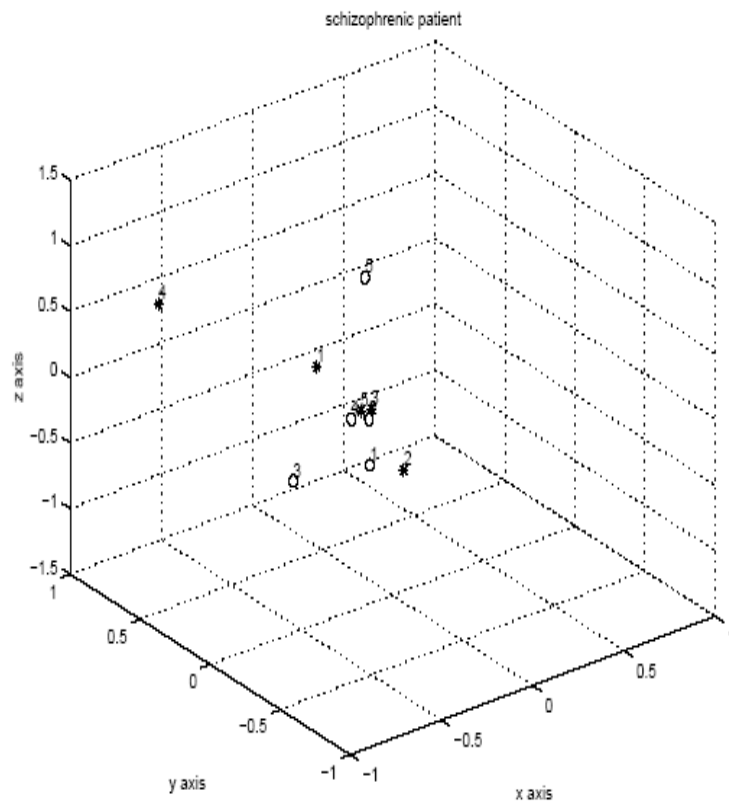


Estimated audio P3a

The correlation measures between the detected Audio P3a and the electrode signals.



# Source Localisation Results



Location of p3a and p3b sources for (a) the patients suffering from schizophrenia, (b) healthy individuals

# A New Beamforming Approach for ERP Localization

## Spatial Notch Filtering

- L. Spyrou and S. Sanei “Source localisation of event related potentials incorporating spatial notch filters,” To appear in IEEE Trans. Biomedical Engineering, 2007.

# Spatial Notch Filter (Null Beamformer)

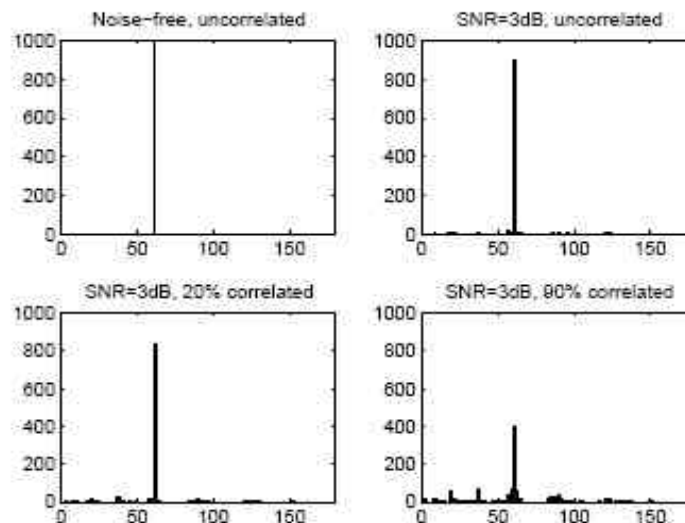
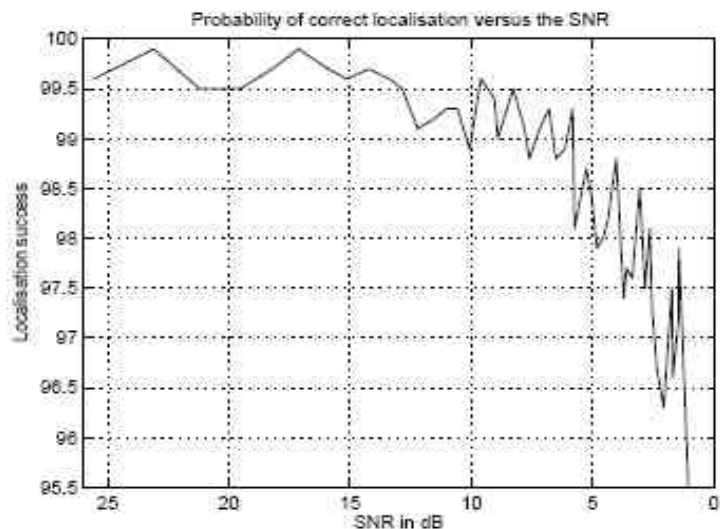
- Localises sources with approximately known waveforms
- Requires knowledge of the mixing system, in this case head model
- Number of sources not required.
- Uses constrained optimisation to solve the problem
- Two parts of the cost function deal with a) the waveform, b) the location

$$\text{a) } f_d(\mathbf{w}) = \|\mathbf{r}_i - \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{X}\|_2^2$$

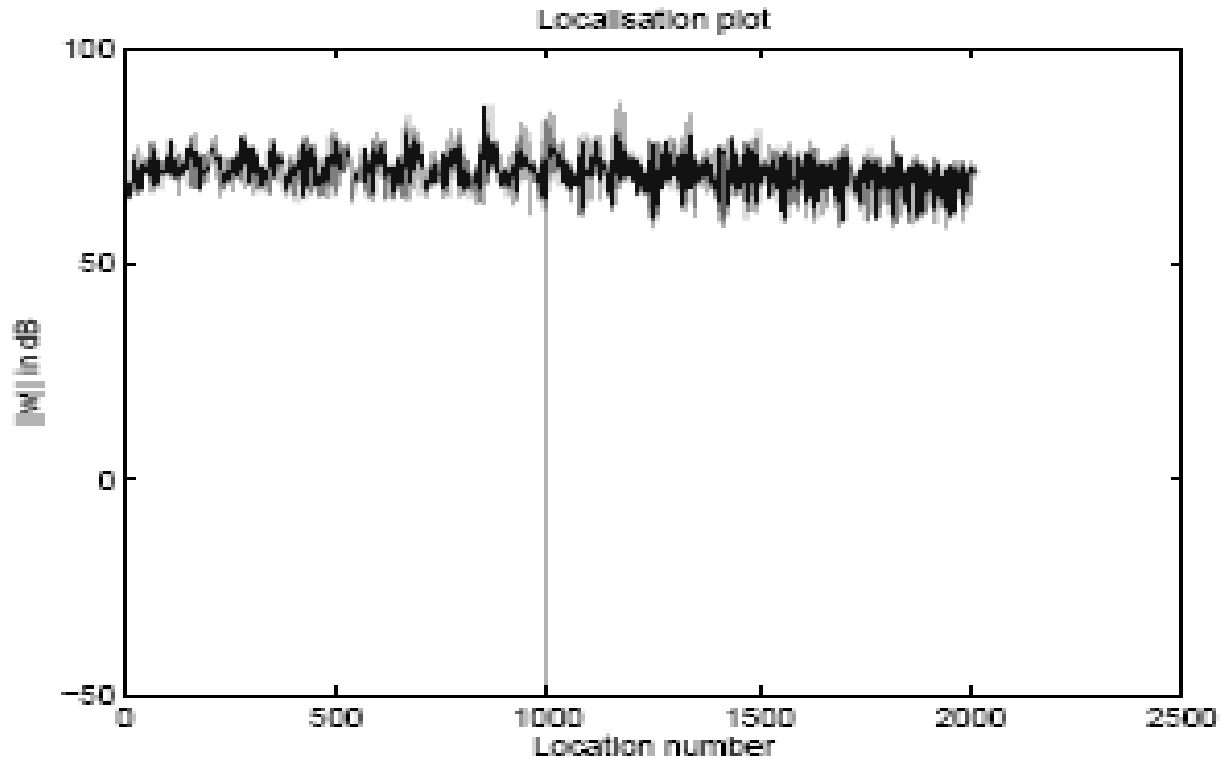
$$\text{b) } f_c(\mathbf{w}) = \mathbf{w}^T \mathbf{H}(p) = 0$$

# Spatial Notch Filter

- Good localisation rate even in the presence of noise and correlation between sources.



# Spatial Notch Filter (Localization)



# Sequential Monte Carlo Methods (Particle Filtering) for ERP Detection and Localization

PhD Student: Hamid R Mohseni

H. R. Mohseni, E. Wilding, and S. Sanei, "A wavelet based particle filtering approach for estimation of single trial event-related potentials, Submitted to IEEE Trans. on Biomedical Engineering, 2007

# Problem Statement in the State Space

- State Space

$$\mathbf{x}_k = f_{k-1}(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}, \mathbf{w}_{k-1})$$
$$\mathbf{y}_k = h_k(\mathbf{x}_k, \mathbf{v}_k)$$

- We search for the filtered estimates of  $\mathbf{x}_k$  based on a set of all available outputs  $\mathbf{y}_{1:k} = \{\mathbf{y}_i, i = 1, \dots, k\}$ .
- Recursive calculation of the posteriori density function  $p(\mathbf{x}_k | \mathbf{y}_{1:k})$  of state  $\mathbf{x}_k$  at time  $k$ .
- Bayes Rule for recursive estimation

$$p(x_k | y_{1:k}) = \frac{p(y_k | x_k) p(x_k | y_{1:k-1})}{p(y_k | y_{1:k-1})}$$



# Single Trial Estimation Results

- Simulation Results

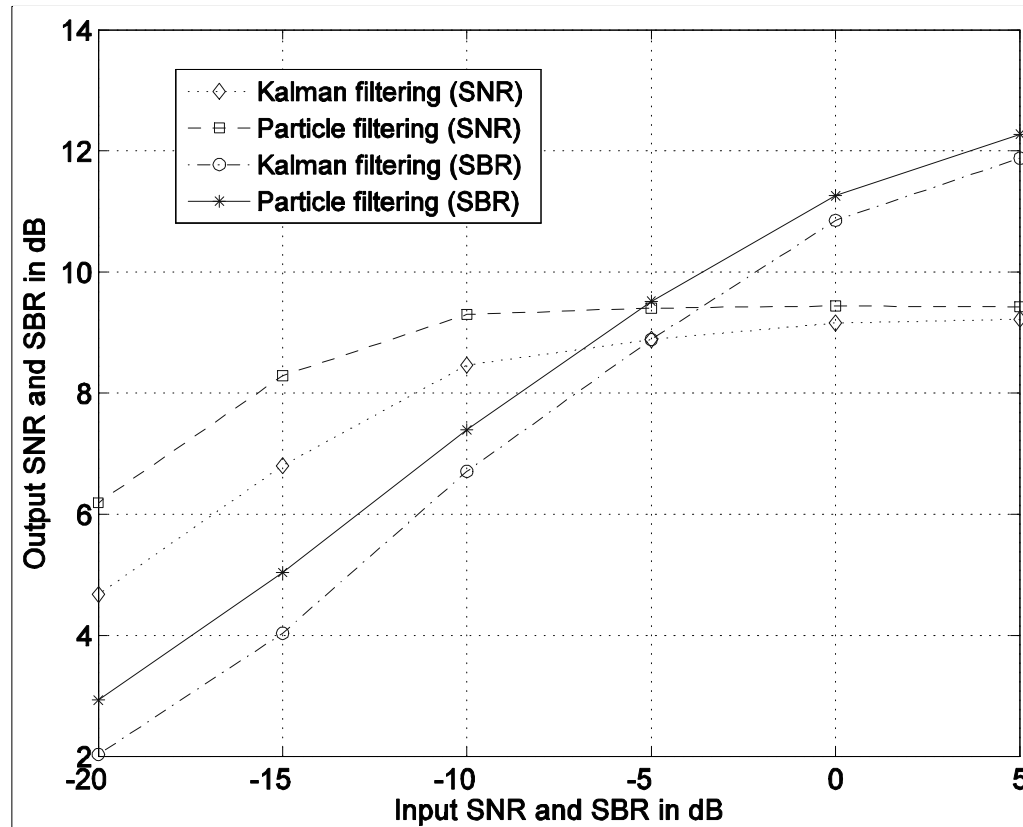
- two Gaussian functions were used resembling P300 and N400 components.
  - The dynamic of amplitude and latencies of the first peak were assumed to change sinusoidally
  - the amplitude and latency of the second peak were assumed to change according to a uniform random distribution.
  - The variances of both peaks were constant during
- GWN and real background EEG activity were considered as two different kinds of noise

$$SNR = 10 \log \left[ \frac{P(signal)}{P(GWN)} \right]$$

$$SBR = 10 \log \left[ \frac{P(signal)}{P(background)} \right]$$

# Single Trial Estimation Results (continue)

- Input SNR and SBR vs output SNR and SBR

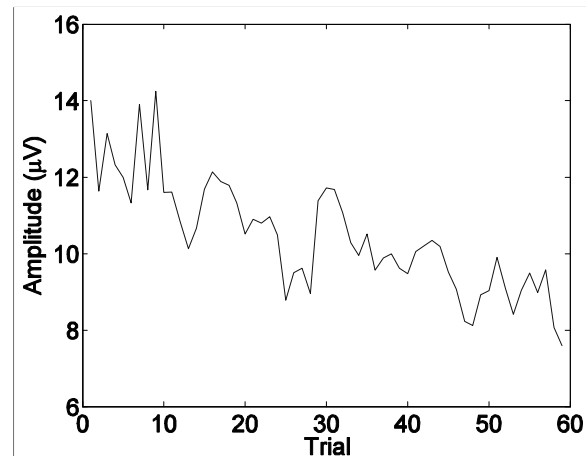
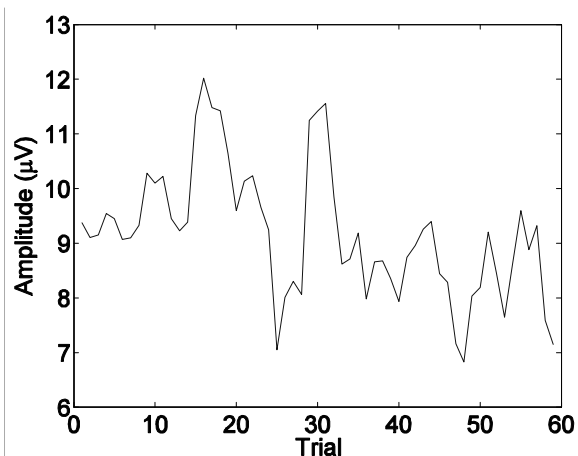
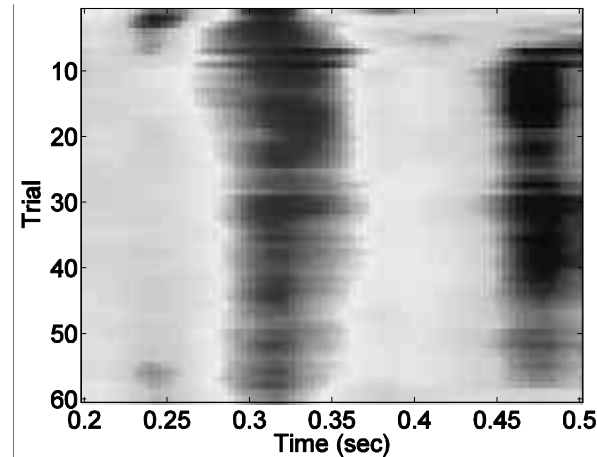
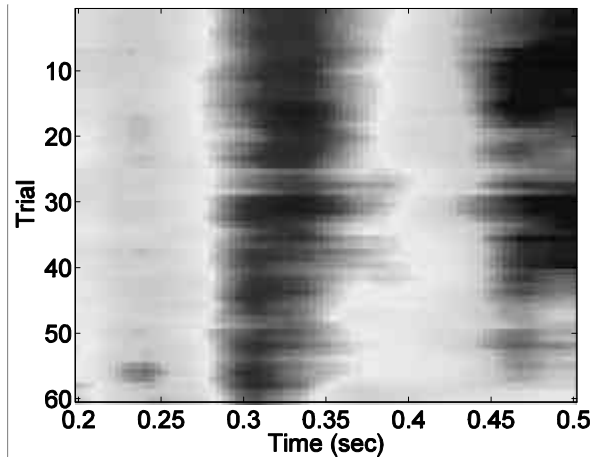


# Single Trial Estimation Results (continue)

## Experimental Results

- odd-ball paradigm in the Cognitive Electrophysiology Laboratory, School of Psychology, Cardiff University.
- 300 tones (240 frequent (80%) and 60 infrequent (20%)).
- Frequency bandwidth was 0.03-40 Hz and the sampling rate was 250 Hz.
- An Fz reference was employed during acquisition, and the data were re-referenced off-line to the average of the left and right mastoids.
- Epochs from 200ms to 500ms time-locked to stimulus onset were extracted.
- A 150ms pre-stimulus interval was used for baseline correction.

# Single Trial Estimation Results (continue)



# Dipole Source Localisation

- Localisation Formulation in state Space
  - Assumptions:
    - Realistic head Model
    - Grid based method
    - Linear Forward Model
  - So the state equations can be rewritten as:

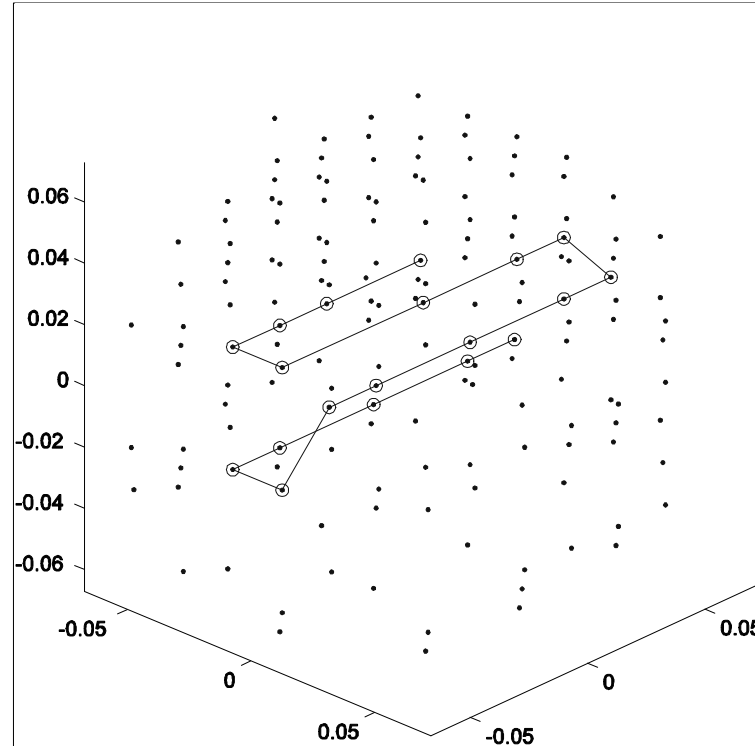
$$\mathbf{s}_k = \mathbf{s}_{k-1} + \mathbf{v}_{k-1}$$

$$\mathbf{y}_k = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{s}_k + \mathbf{w}_k \quad \mathbf{s}_k = [n_k \quad x_k \quad y_k \quad z_k]$$

- where  $n$  is the grid index of source (The head is modelled with some grids)
- $x, y, z$  are moments of source in the  $x, y, z$  direction respectively
- $\mathbf{F}$  is the matrix of forward model
- $\mathbf{W}$  and  $\mathbf{V}$  are Gaussian white noise.

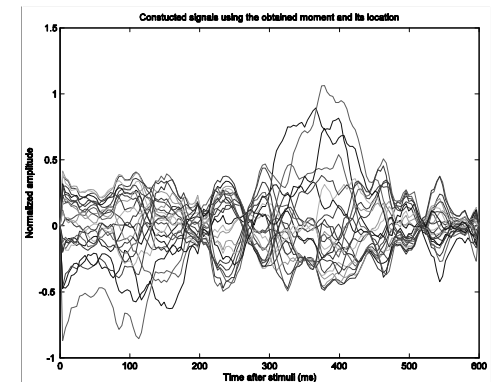
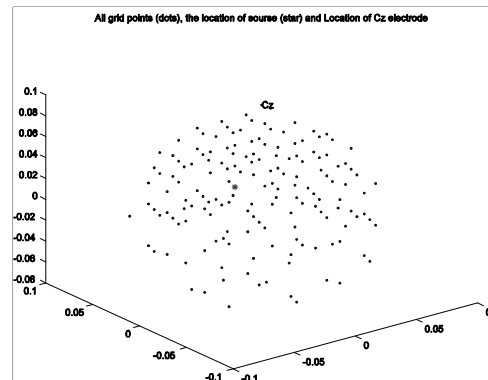
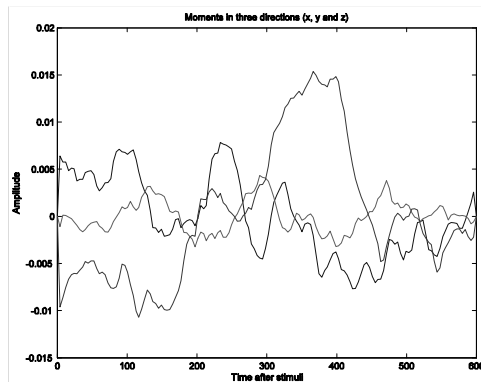
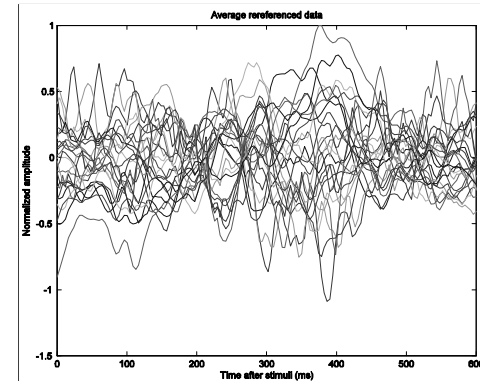
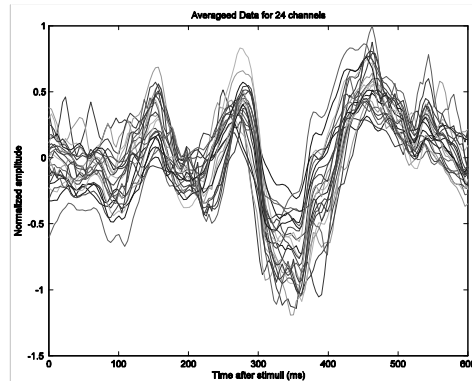
# Localisation Results (continue)

- Tracking (Moments are constant/ some additive noise)



# Localisation Results (continue)

- Real Data Results



# Incorporating BSS to Epileptic Seizure Predictability Measure from Scalp EEGs

## ➤ Blind Source Separation

Separate seizure components as independent sources from scalp EEGs.

## ➤ Nonlinear dynamic method

Short-Term Lyapunov exponents (STLmax) was used to quantify the spatio-temporal dynamic changes of epileptic seizures.

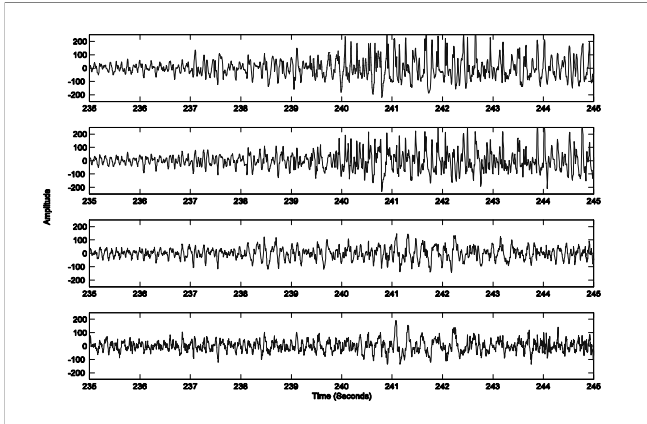
$$\lambda = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \ln \left( \frac{dx_{n+1}}{dx_n} \right)$$

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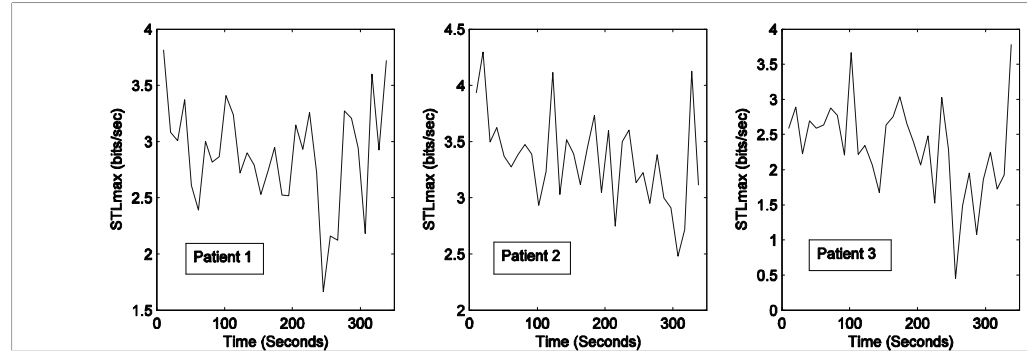


# Results

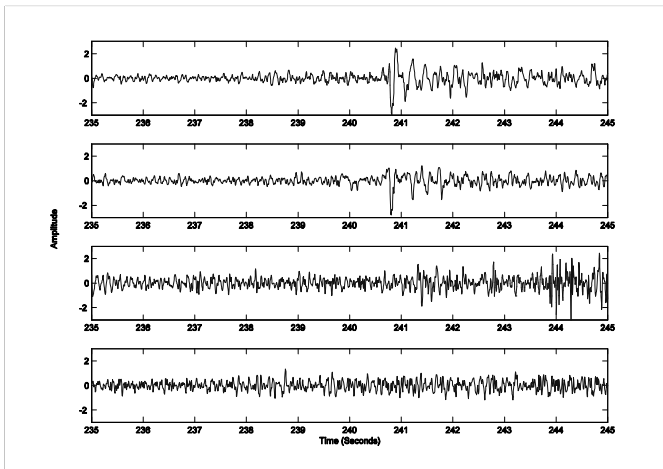
## Intracranial EEGs



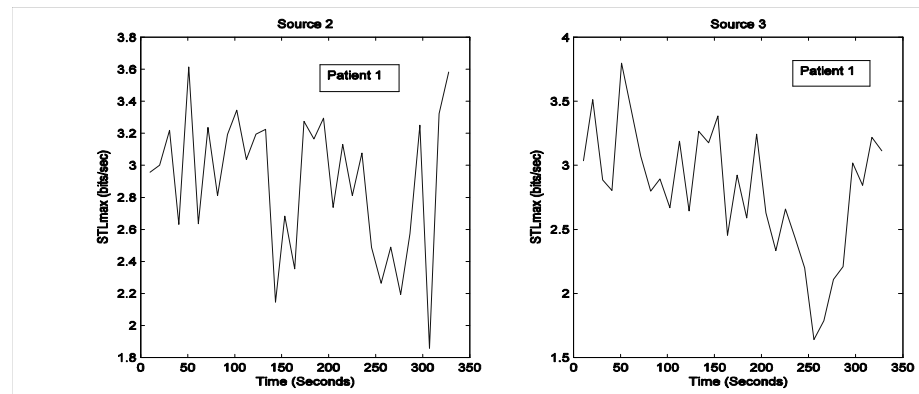
## STLmax from intracranial EEGs



## Source from scalp EEGs



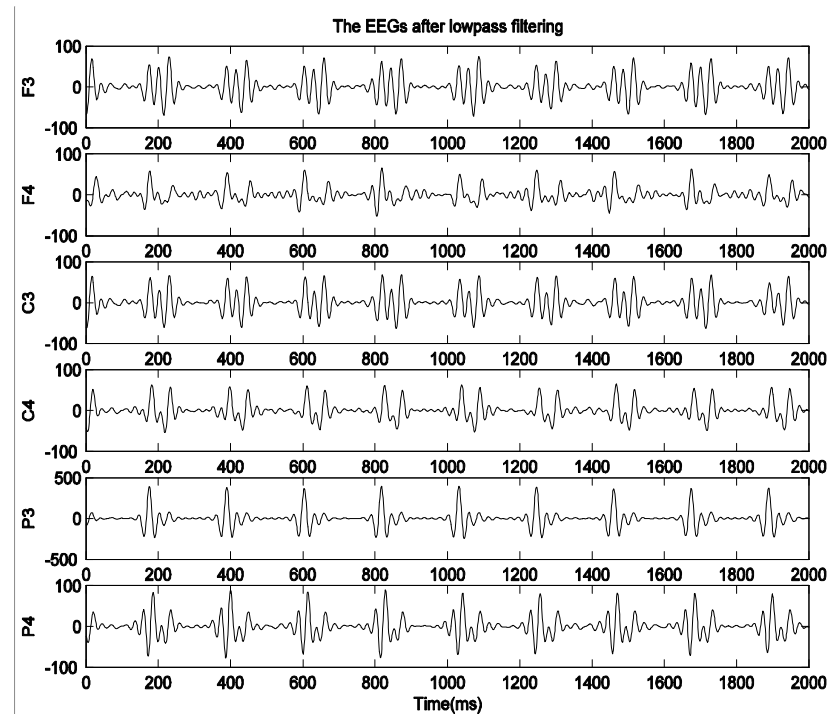
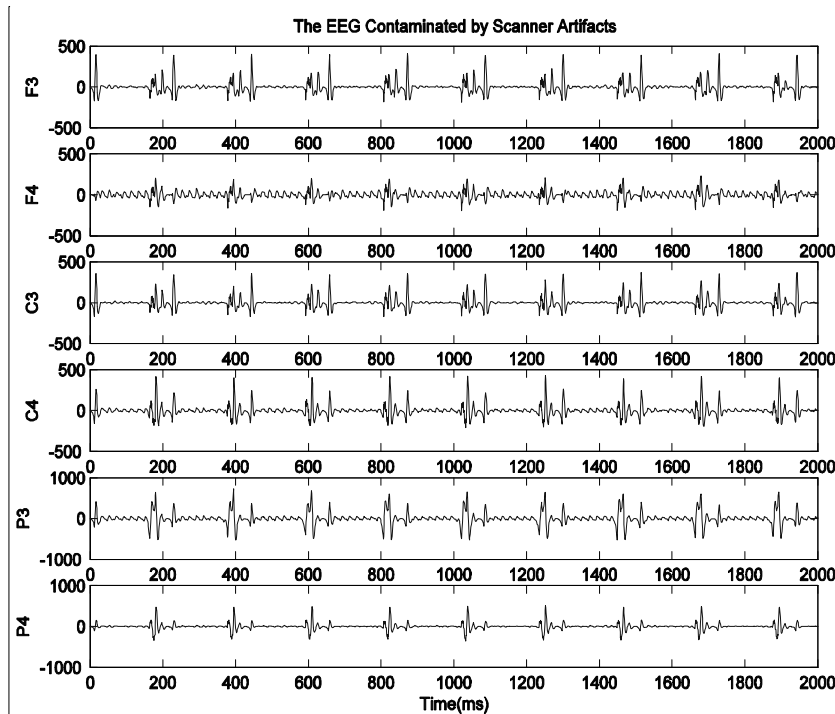
## STLmax from separated sources



# **Simultaneous EEG-fMRI study: A Blind Approach for Mitigation of Scanner Artifact in EEGs**

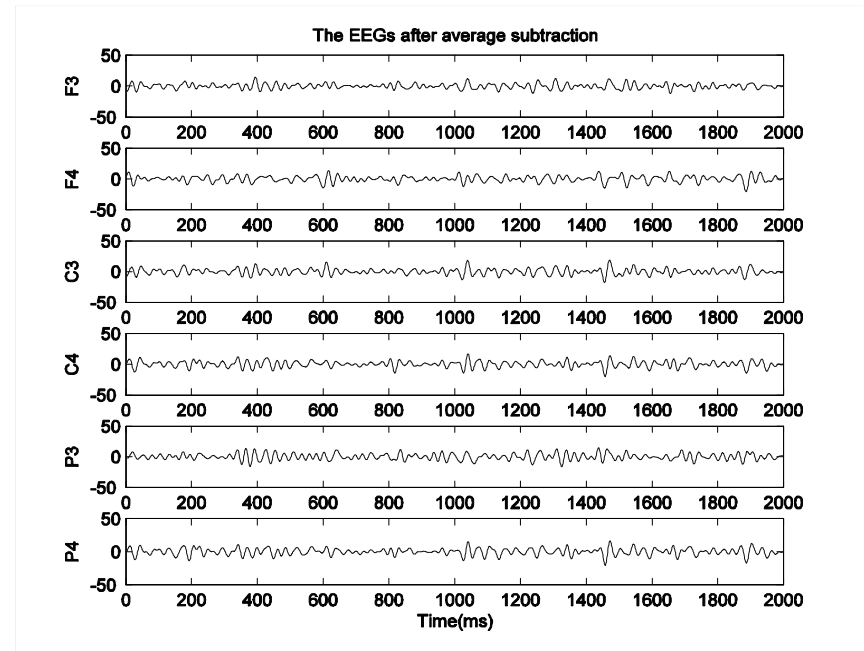
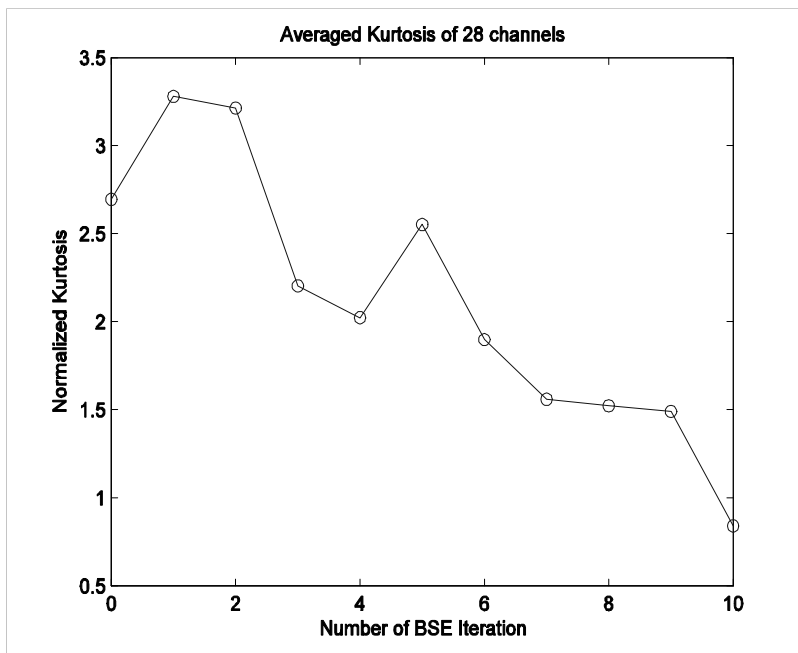
# Experimental Results

- EEGs contaminated by scanner artifacts



# Experimental Results

- Averaged Kurtosis obtained from 28 channels; it can be seen that the kurtosis decreases with the iteration number of BSE

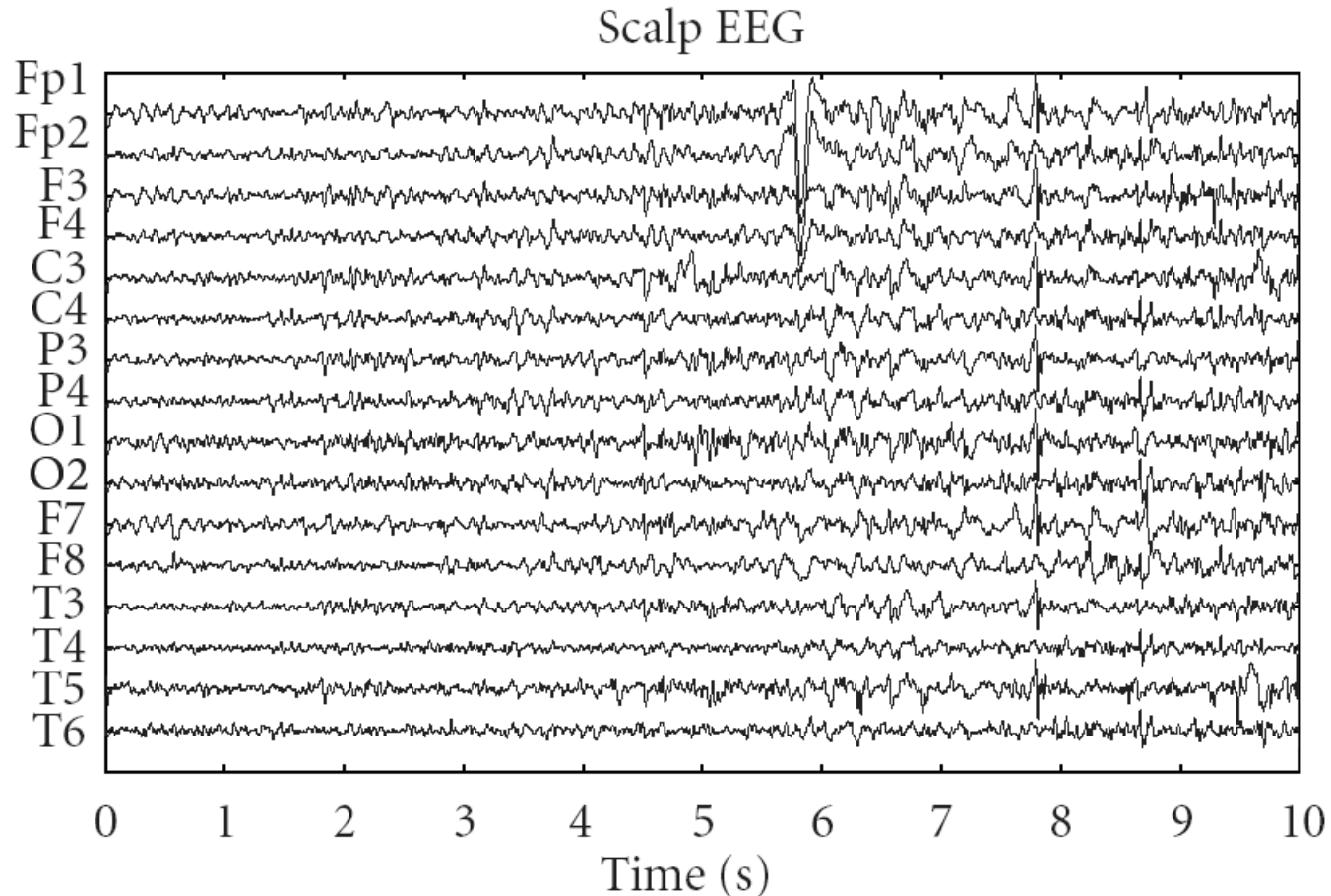


# Seizure Signal Separation using Constrained Topographic Blind Source Separation

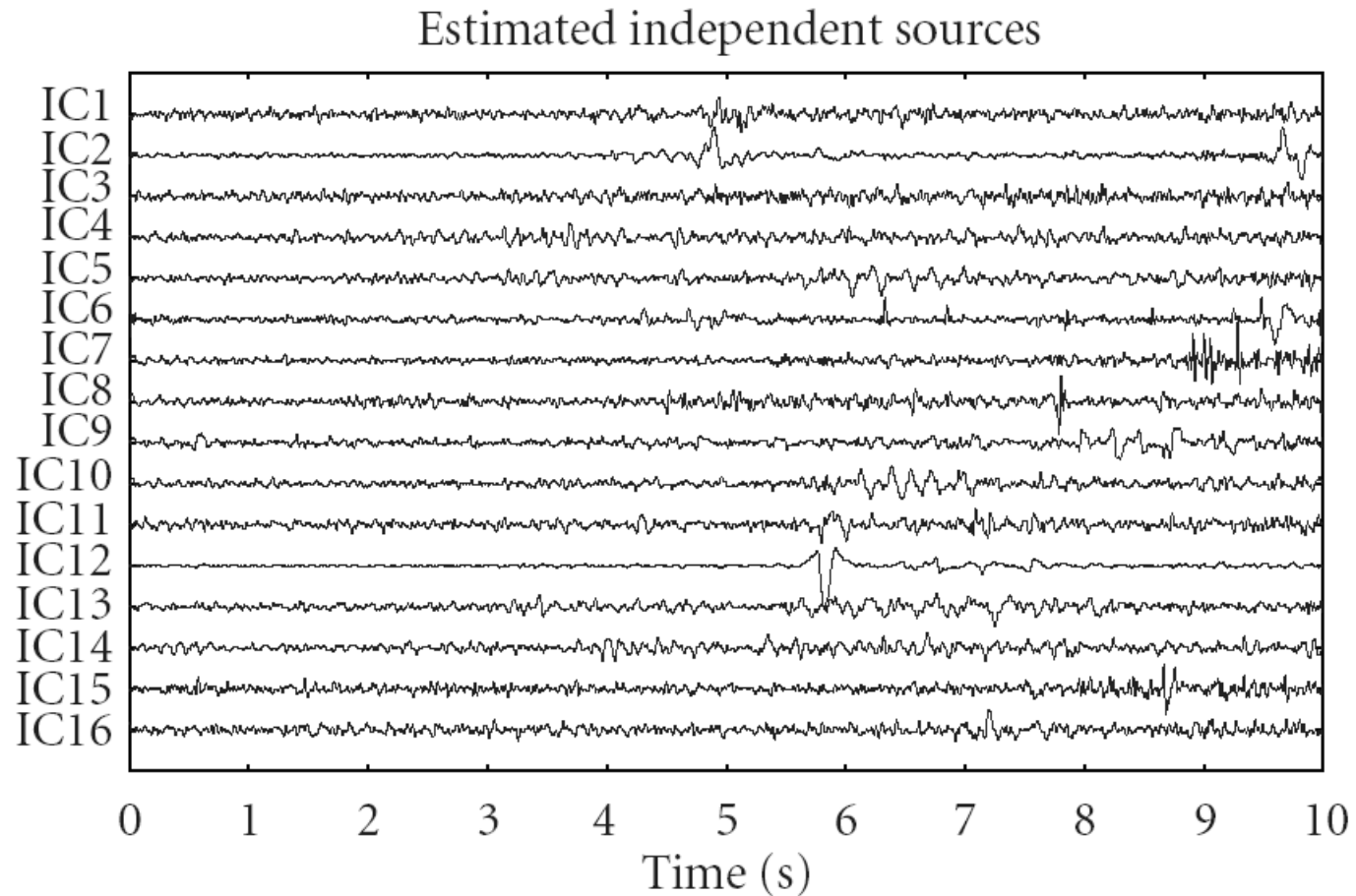
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# Experimental Results

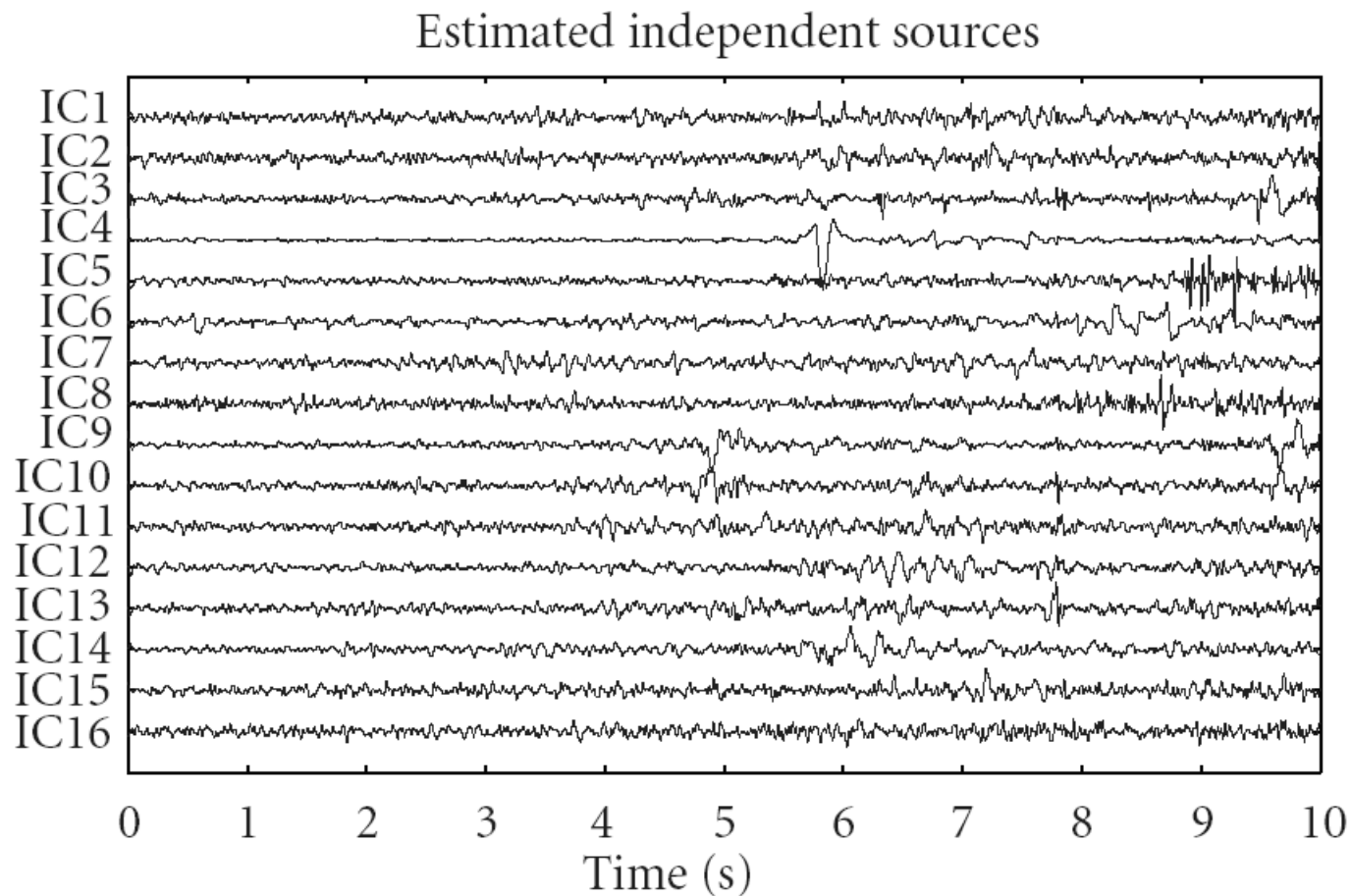
The reference signal is constructed by averaging the signals from F3, F4 , F7, F8, C3, and C4 electrodes, filtered using a bandpass order 8 Butterworth filter.



# Using TICA

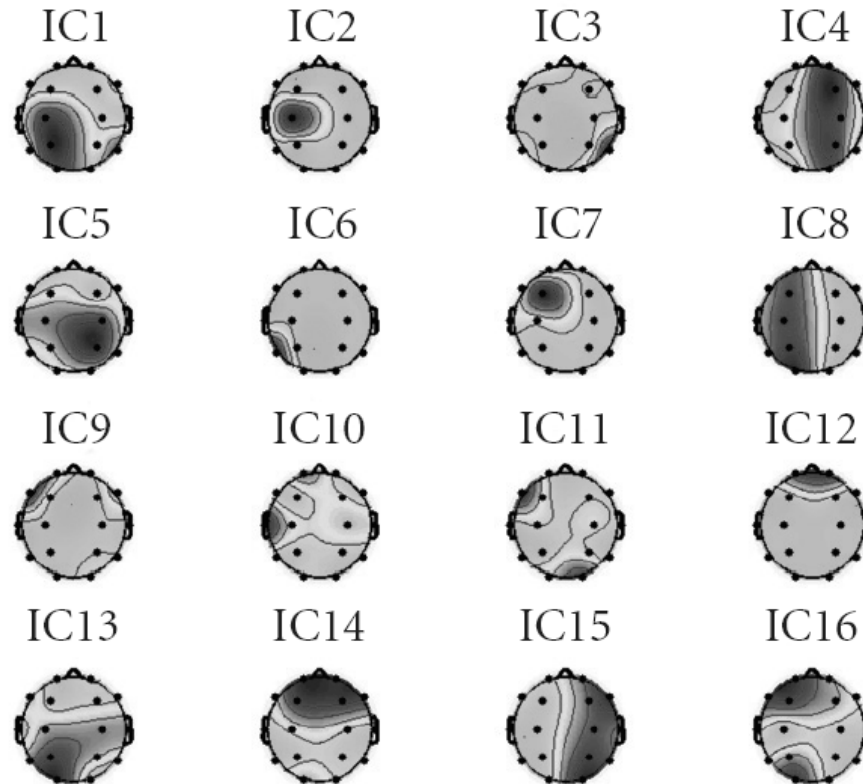


# Using CTICA



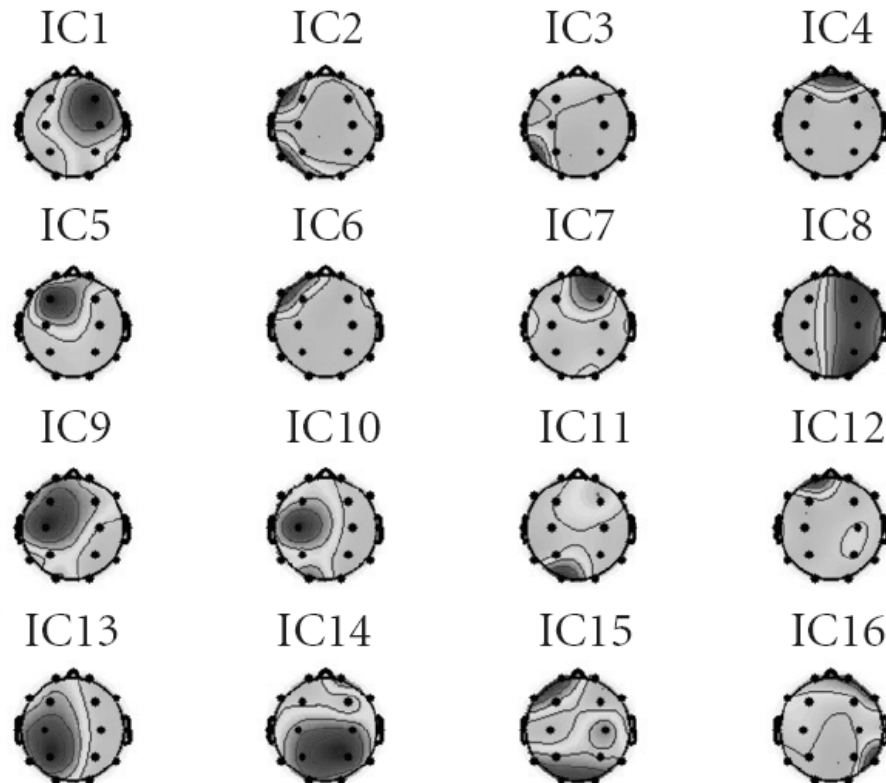


# Topography by backprojecting each IC from TICA



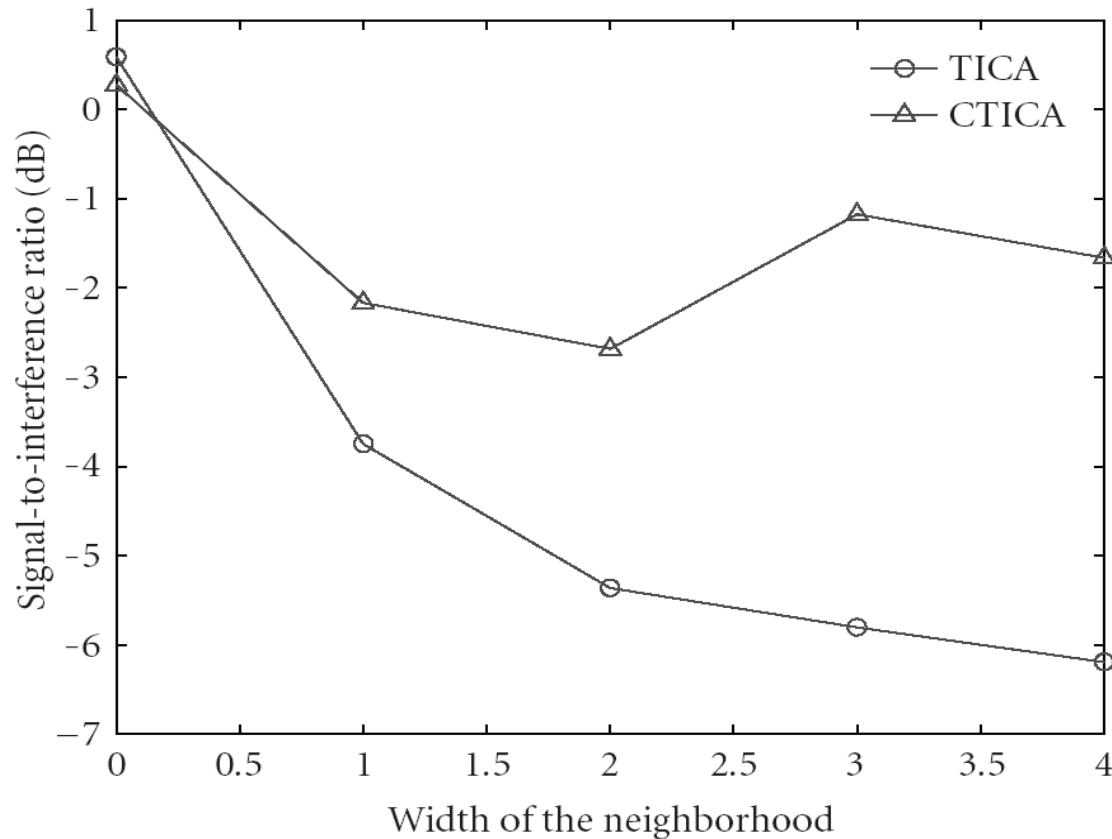
Topography of the estimated EEG sources from TICA

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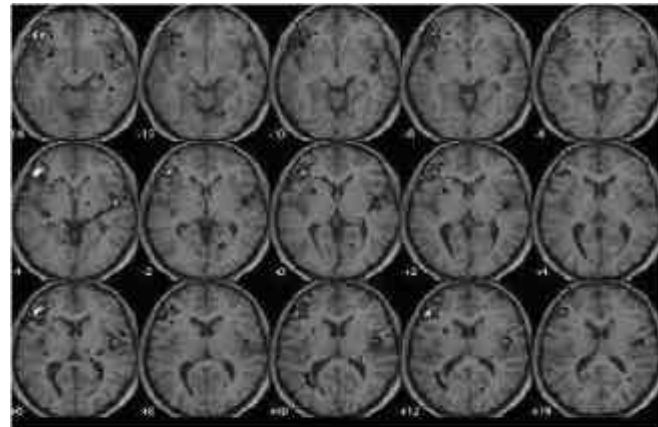


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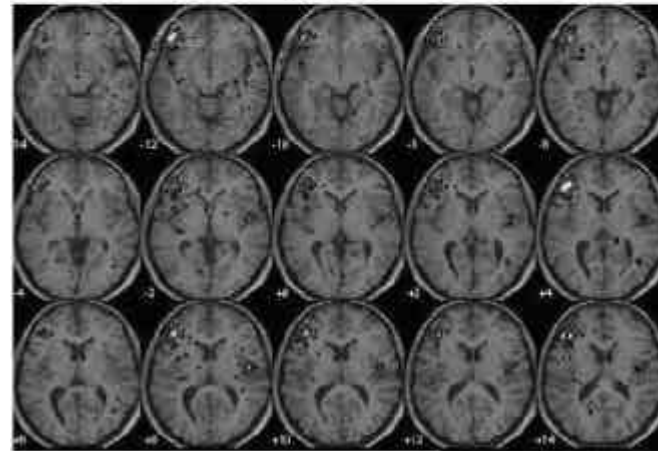
# The comparison of SIR in terms of the width of neighbourhood



# Constrained Spatial ICA for fMRI



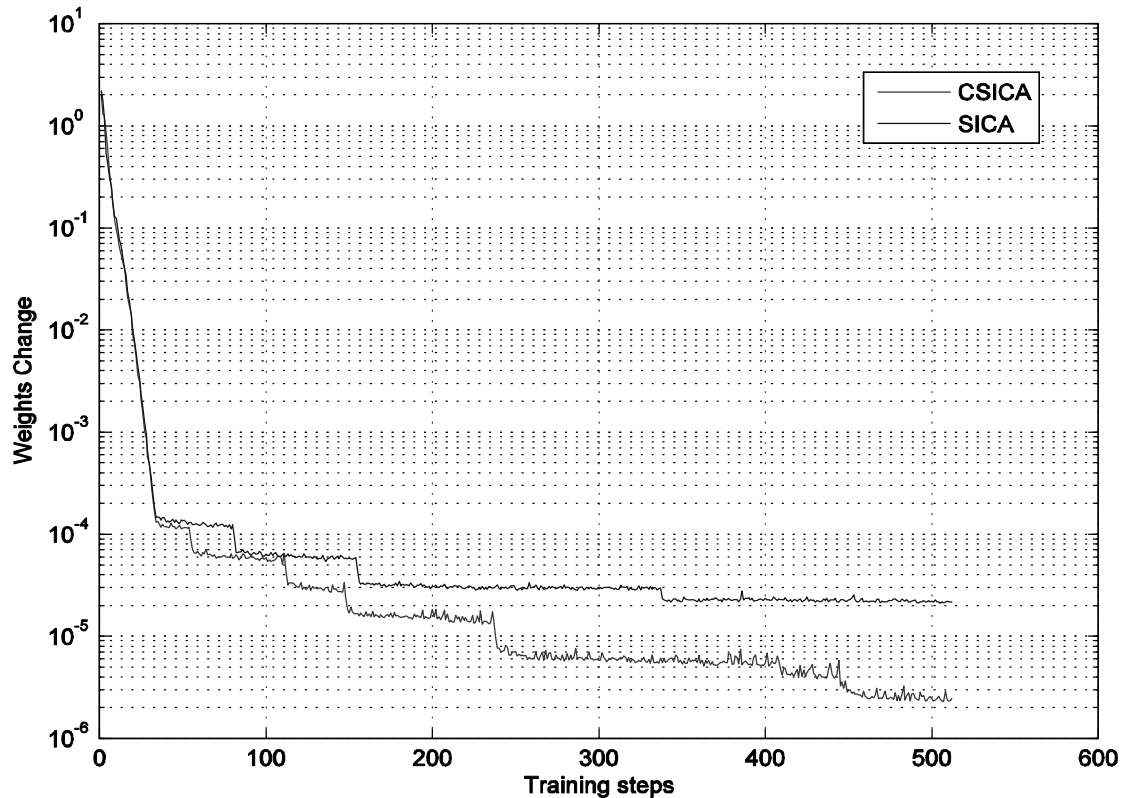
(a) SIICA



(b) CSICA



# Constrained Spatial ICA



M. Jing, S. Sanei, "A Novel constrained Topographic ICA for separation of epileptic seizure signals," To appear in the Journal of computational Intelligence and Neuroscience, 2007, ISSN:1687-5265.

# Future Research

- More on BCI
- Mental Fatigue Analysis
- Seizure analysis for the patients suffering Rett Syndrome
- Sleep Analysis
- Multi-modal techniques:
  - EEG-fMRI
  - EEG-MEG
  - Etc.

