

Creating custom models
to help study
participants
communicate yes vs no
answers using a brain-
computer interface

In my capstone I will seek to match or exceed the model performance in a recent BCI study

Considerations	Detail
Problem Statement	Can I construct a custom model for each of nine study participants with significant central nervous system damage which can predict with more than 70% accuracy which of two things they are thinking about – and thus which can be used as a yes/no classifier to help them communicate?
Potential Audience	Potential employers in the BCI space; BCI researchers
Goals	Select the best pair of thought patterns (from five options) to use as yes/no classifiers for each participant and then construct a custom model to correctly predict which of the two tasks they were thinking about.
Success metric	To match (or exceed) the predictive ability of the models created by the researchers
Data source	The data from this study is available publicly online – already downloaded in .mat format
Original paper link	https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4436356/

Discarded options that made my shortlist in case needed in future: https://lampx.tugraz.at/~bci/database/001-2019/dataset_description_v1-1.pdf, http://doc.ml.tu-berlin.de/bbci/BNCIHorizon2020-CenterSpeller/BNCI_CenterSpeller.pdf, <https://archive.physionet.org/pn4/eegmmidb/>, <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-019-43594-9>,