

Support Vector Machines applied to EEG: a reliable pipeline for tough problems

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Context

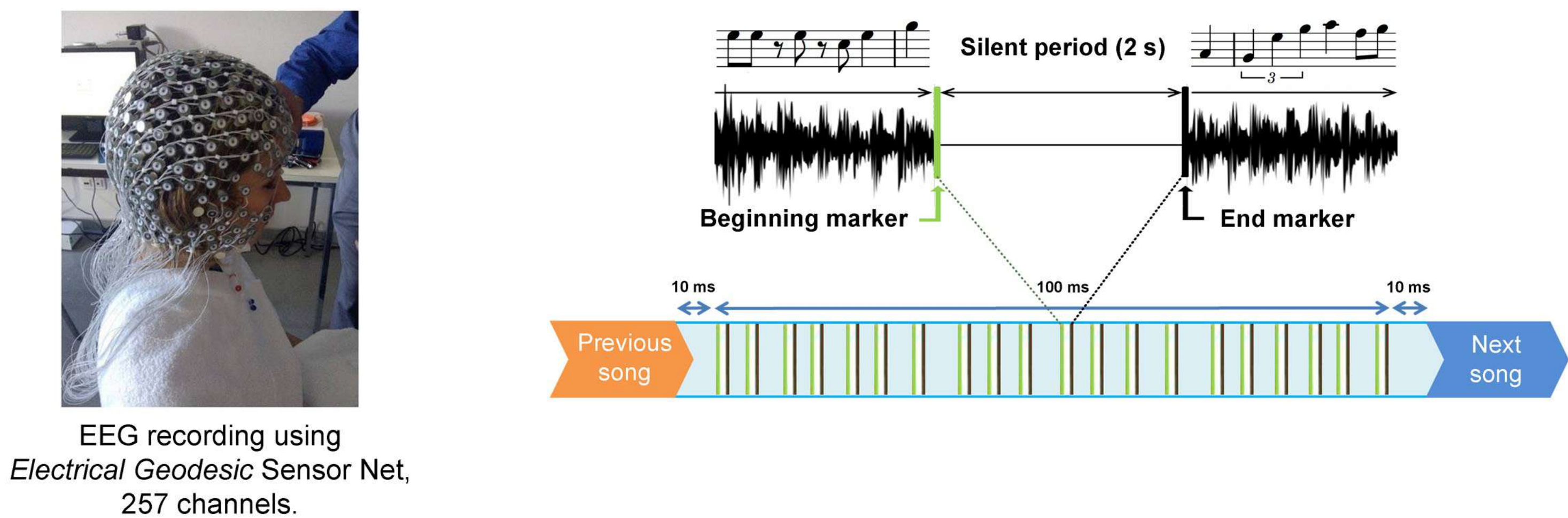
- Machine learning methods based on EEG measurements are increasingly popular in clinical fields.
- Potential outcome: moving from group-level statistical results to personalized diagnosis.

Purpose

The object of the present study is to address the following issues:

- 1- Comparing several features extraction methods,
- 2- Highlighting the importance of hyperparameters choice in standard methods like SVM,
- 3- Providing a pipeline allowing for reliable results with no overfitting.

Data acquisition



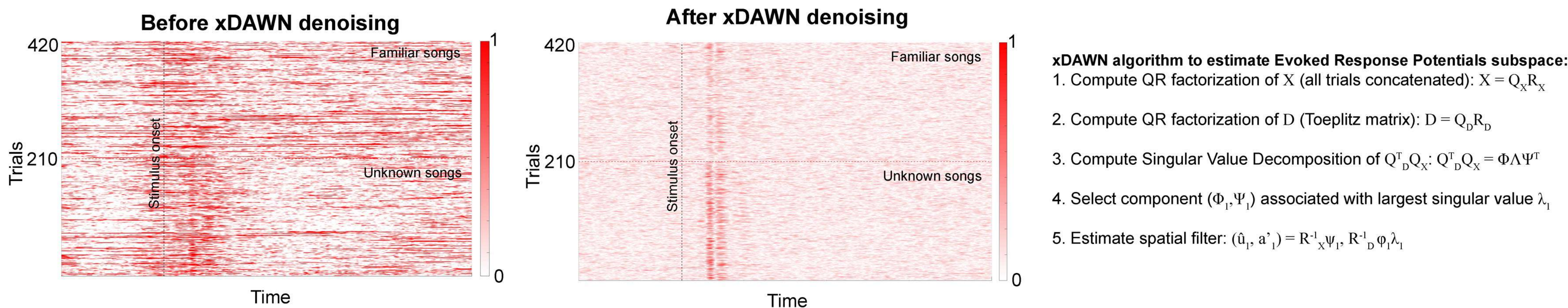
High resolution ElectroEncephaloGraphy: 257 channels
Sampling rate: 1000 Hz Bandpass: 1-30 Hz

20 subjects listening to 10 familiar songs vs 10 unknown songs
21 silent periods in each song ➡ spontaneous auditory imagery

xDAWN denoising

Raw EEG contains the desired ERP, but also:

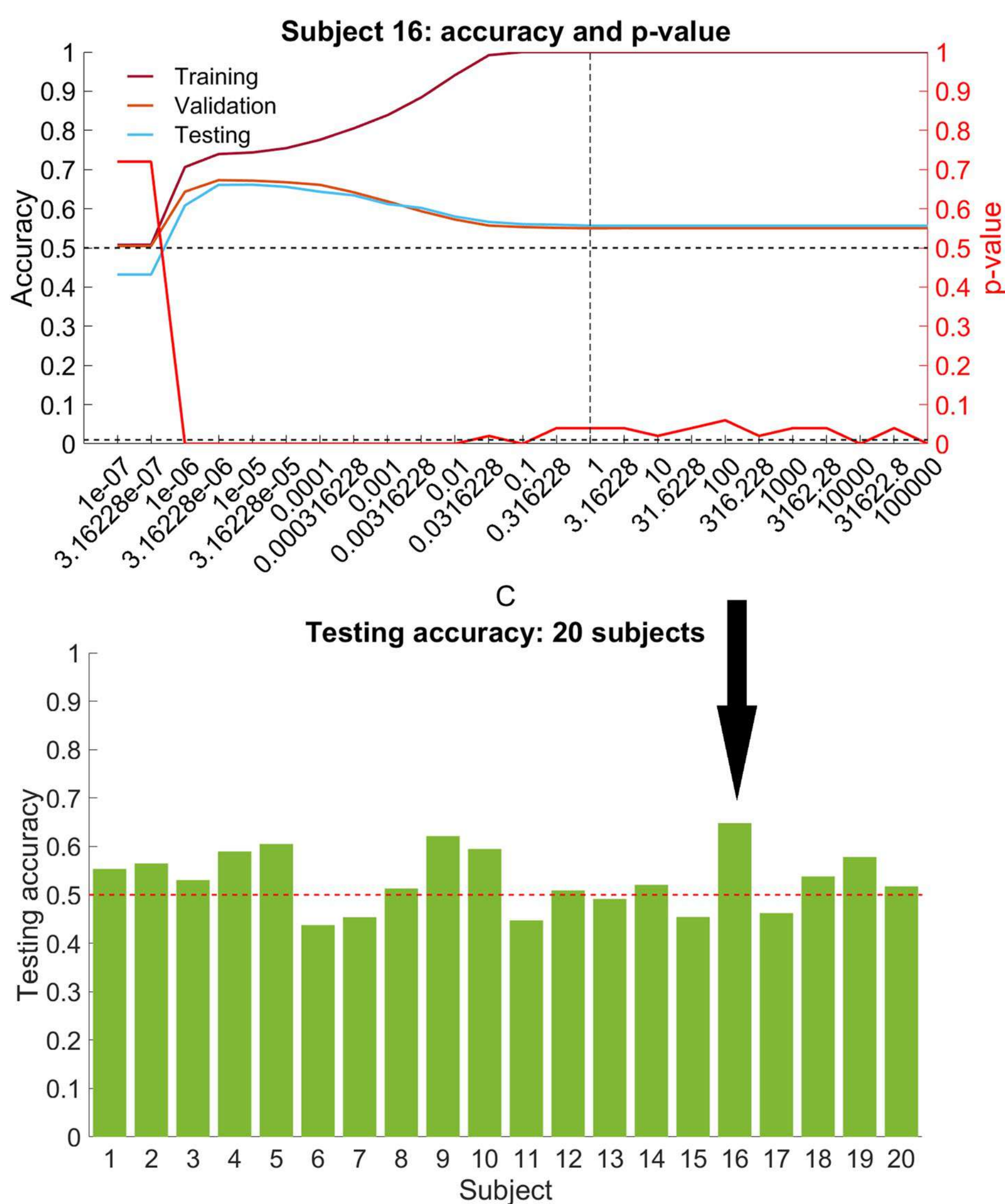
- unrelated activity of the brain
 - muscular and/or ocular artifacts
- ➡ signal-to-noise ratio very low
- ➡ detection of target stimuli difficult from single trial



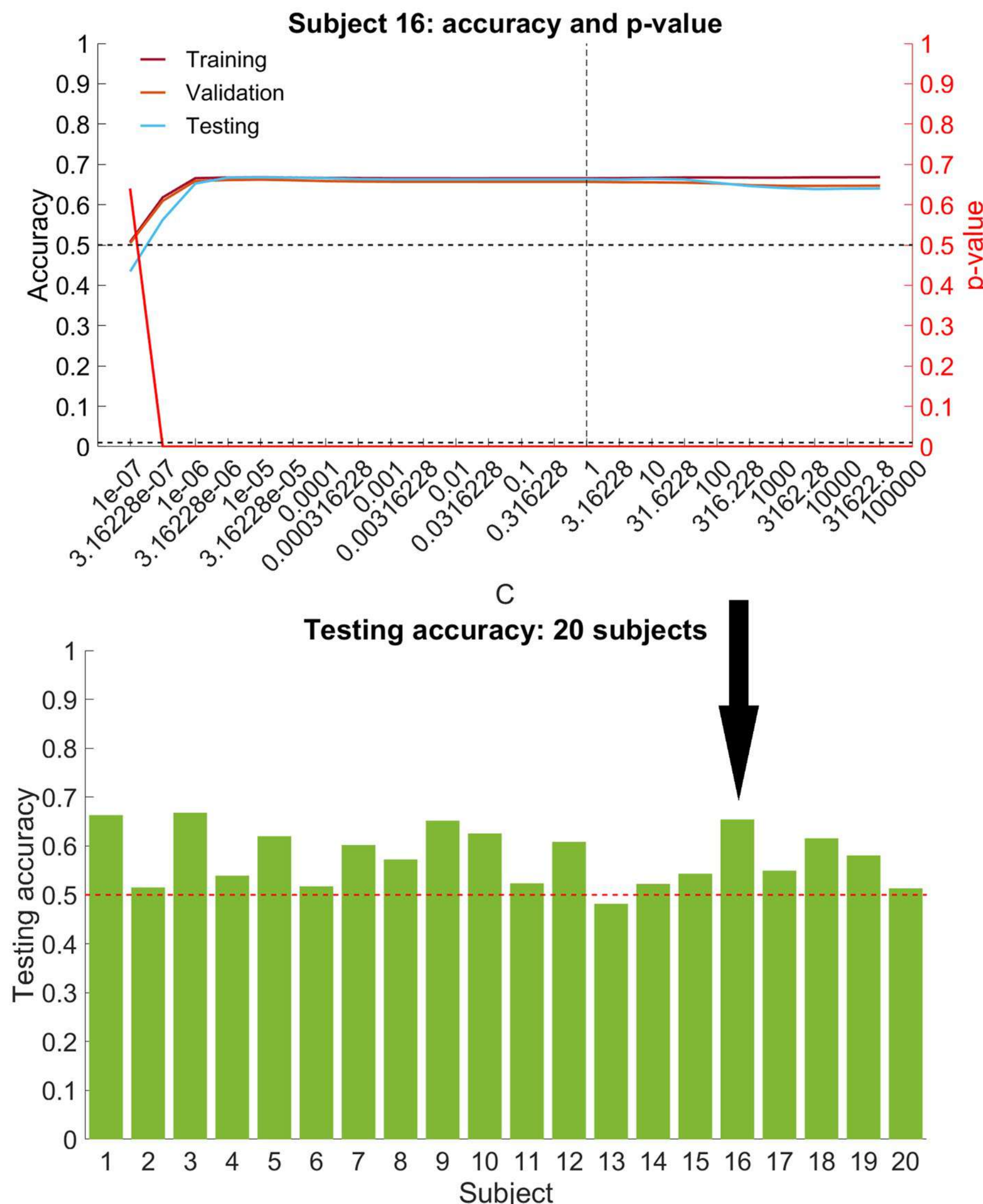
SVM classification: linear kernel

Temporal domain: Global Field Power

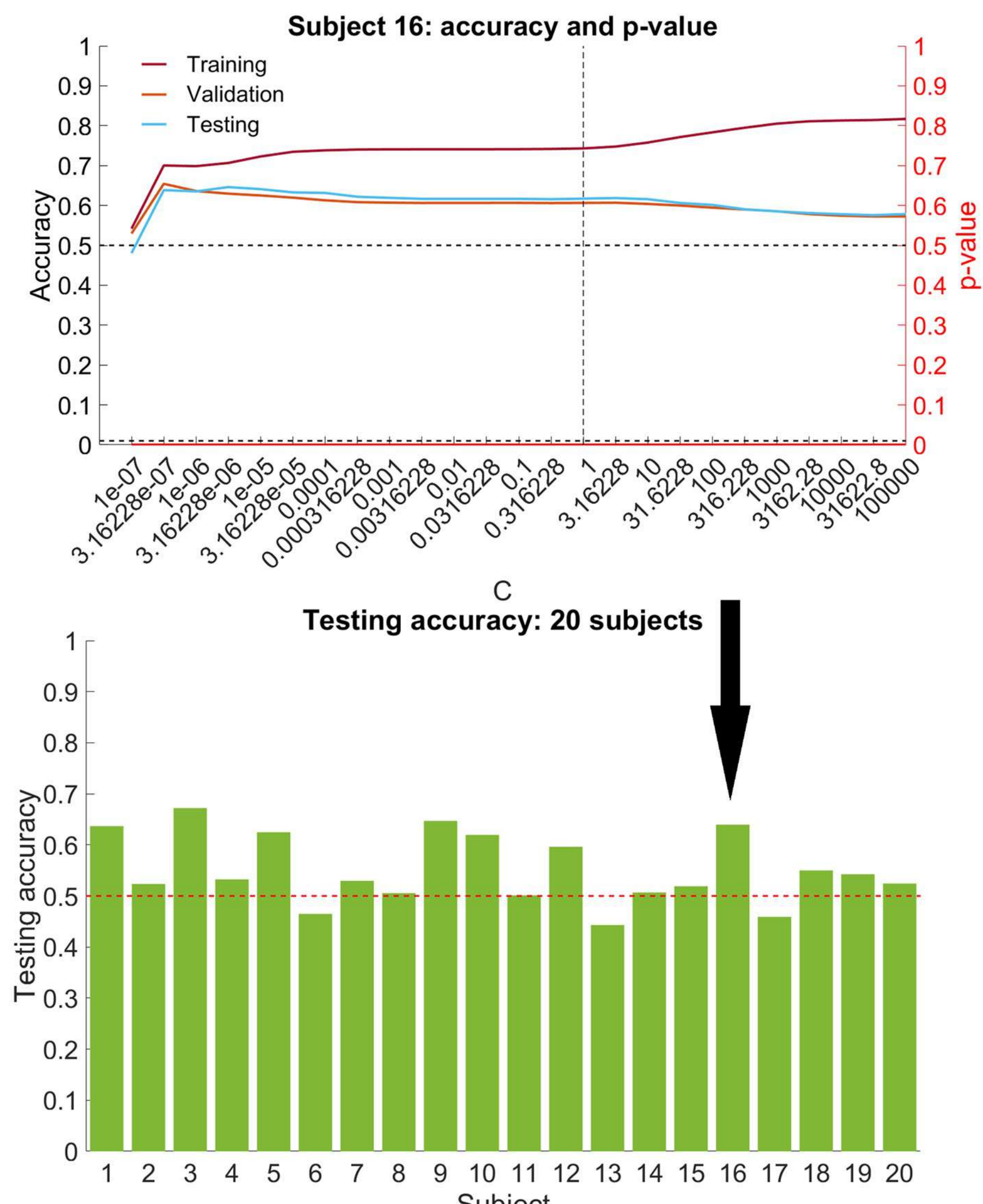
$$GFP = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_1^{nb_{electrodes}} AverageReferencedData_i^2}{nb_{electrodes}}}$$



Frequency domain: Fourier transform on 4 bands
 θ band: 4-8 Hz,
 α band: 8.5-12 Hz,
 β_1 band: 12.5-18 Hz,
 β_2 band: 18.5-30 Hz.



Frequency domain: Fourier transform
All frequency powers 1-30 Hz



Future directions

- Selection of spatial regions of interest
- Use of genetic algorithm to optimize the window of interest

- Radial Basis Function as kernel
- Benchmark for Echo State Network



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