

Analysis Dataset 2: steady-state Visual Evoked Potential (ssVEP) of fear conditioning

The following script shows how dataset 2 was analyzed using the time-GAL toolbox. EEG data can be retrieved from the OSF repository (<https://osf.io/q56ns/>) and found in folder "Dataset2_FearConditioning_ssVEP".

Import/group data

The time-GAL toolbox needs data to be formatted in a specific way: One 3D (matrix channels, time, trials) and one vector indicating subject's id of each trial. These matrix and vector are needed for each condition. Here, we show the example with fearful cue (CS+) during habituation vs. extinction phases:

```
[Data_Condition_HabituationCSp, List_Condition_HabituationCSp] = groupCondition('./Dataset2_FearConditioning_ssVEP/', 'HabituationCSp', 'Data', 'FileName', 'Condition_HabituationCSp');
```

A total of 31 files were found with tag: HabituationCSp Data: [129x1501x8 double]

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Reading file: Data_HabituationCSp_subject_1.mat | File 1 out of 31
Reading file: Data_HabituationCSp_subject_10.mat | File 2 out of 31
Reading file: Data_HabituationCSp_subject_11.mat | File 3 out of 31
Reading file: Data_HabituationCSp_subject_12.mat | File 4 out of 31
Reading file: Data_HabituationCSp_subject_13.mat | File 5 out of 31
Reading file: Data_HabituationCSp_subject_14.mat | File 6 out of 31
Reading file: Data_HabituationCSp_subject_15.mat | File 7 out of 31
Reading file: Data_HabituationCSp_subject_16.mat | File 8 out of 31
Reading file: Data_HabituationCSp_subject_17.mat | File 9 out of 31
Reading file: Data_HabituationCSp_subject_18.mat | File 10 out of 31
Reading file: Data_HabituationCSp_subject_19.mat | File 11 out of 31
Reading file: Data_HabituationCSp_subject_2.mat | File 12 out of 31
Reading file: Data_HabituationCSp_subject_20.mat | File 13 out of 31
Reading file: Data_HabituationCSp_subject_21.mat | File 14 out of 31
Reading file: Data_HabituationCSp_subject_22.mat | File 15 out of 31
Reading file: Data_HabituationCSp_subject_23.mat | File 16 out of 31
Reading file: Data_HabituationCSp_subject_24.mat | File 17 out of 31
Reading file: Data_HabituationCSp_subject_25.mat | File 18 out of 31
Reading file: Data_HabituationCSp_subject_26.mat | File 19 out of 31
Reading file: Data_HabituationCSp_subject_27.mat | File 20 out of 31
Reading file: Data_HabituationCSp_subject_28.mat | File 21 out of 31
Reading file: Data_HabituationCSp_subject_29.mat | File 22 out of 31
Reading file: Data_HabituationCSp_subject_3.mat | File 23 out of 31
Reading file: Data_HabituationCSp_subject_30.mat | File 24 out of 31
Reading file: Data_HabituationCSp_subject_31.mat | File 25 out of 31
Reading file: Data_HabituationCSp_subject_4.mat | File 26 out of 31
Reading file: Data_HabituationCSp_subject_5.mat | File 27 out of 31
Reading file: Data_HabituationCSp_subject_6.mat | File 28 out of 31
Reading file: Data_HabituationCSp_subject_7.mat | File 29 out of 31
Reading file: Data_HabituationCSp_subject_8.mat | File 30 out of 31
Reading file: Data_HabituationCSp_subject_9.mat | File 31 out of 31
```

Saving conditionData matrix and listSubjects vector as file: Condition_HabituationCSp

```
[Data_Condition_ExtinctionCSp, List_Condition_ExtinctionCSp] = groupCondition('./Dataset2_FearConditioning_ssVEP/', 'ExtinctionCSp', 'Data', 'FileName', 'Condition_ExtinctionCSp');
```

A total of 31 files were found with tag: ExtinctionCSp Data: [129×1501×11 double]

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Reading file: Data_ExtinctionCSp_subject_1.mat | File 1 out of 31
Reading file: Data_ExtinctionCSp_subject_10.mat | File 2 out of 31
Reading file: Data_ExtinctionCSp_subject_11.mat | File 3 out of 31
Reading file: Data_ExtinctionCSp_subject_12.mat | File 4 out of 31
Reading file: Data_ExtinctionCSp_subject_13.mat | File 5 out of 31
Reading file: Data_ExtinctionCSp_subject_14.mat | File 6 out of 31
Reading file: Data_ExtinctionCSp_subject_15.mat | File 7 out of 31
Reading file: Data_ExtinctionCSp_subject_16.mat | File 8 out of 31
Reading file: Data_ExtinctionCSp_subject_17.mat | File 9 out of 31
Reading file: Data_ExtinctionCSp_subject_18.mat | File 10 out of 31
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Reading file: Data_ExtinctionCSp_subject_9.mat | File 31 out of 31
```

Saving conditionData matrix and listSubjects vector as file: Condition_ExtinctionCSp

Once grouped all data from the folder of subject's files in two conditions data, it is saved on a file and workspace. We can use either the workspace data or load it again in a new session:

```
% load('Condition_HabituationCSp.mat');
% load('Condition_ExtinctionCSp.mat');
```

Computing time-GAL method

Now, data is ready to be included in the toolbox as input. We use the time-GAL toolbox to compare Habituation vs. Extinction EEG responses to the CS+. To speed-up the MVPA decoding process, we take advantage of the parallel computing toolbox implemented in MATLAB by using parameters 'ParallelComputing', true and 'ParallelComputingCores', 4. Since 4 channels are facial and we disregard this information, we use the

parameter 'Channels' to select the EEG sensors to be used in the analysis. Finally, results are saved in a mat file. Since data is big and we are mainly interested on the post-stimulus part, we select a shorter windows of time, leaving only a pre-stimulus windows of 100 time points (i.e. 200 ms).

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timeWindows = [401:1500]
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timeWindows = 1x1100
    401    402    403    404    405    406    407    408    409    410    411    412    413 ...
```

```
[timeGALOutput] = timeGAL(Data_Condition_HabituationCSp,
Data_Condition_ExtinctionCSp, List_Condition_HabituationCSp,
List_Condition_ExtinctionCSp, ...
    'ParallelComputing', true, 'ParallelComputingCores', 4, ...
    'Channels', [1:124 129], ...
    'Filename', 'resultsTimeGAL_FearConditioning_ssVEP.mat', ...
    'Time', timewindows)
```

1. Initializing function.

Using Parallel Computing Toolbox with 4 cores

Starting parallel pool (parpool) using the 'LocalProfile4cores' profile ...

Preserving jobs with IDs: 4 5 6 7 19 25 26 because they contain crash dump files.

You can use 'delete(myCluster.Jobs)' to remove all jobs created with profile LocalProfile4cores. To create 'myCluster'

Connected to parallel pool with 4 workers.

2. Computing GAL matrices. Progress:

Subject: 3 | 3 out of 31

Subject: 1 | 1 out of 31

Subject: 2 | 2 out of 31

Subject: 4 | 4 out of 31

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4. Combining spatial and temporal information.
5. Calculating statistics and output data.
6. Finishing function.

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Computation of GAL matrices belonging to 31 subjects finished. Time elapsed: 10 minutes and 1.750359e+01seconds
Saving results in: resultsTimeGAL_FearConditioning_ssVEP.mat
timeGALoutput = struct with fields:
    GeneralizationMatrix: [1x1 struct]
    CorrelationMatrix: [1x1 struct]
    TimeGAL: [1x1 struct]
    Parameters: [1x1 struct]

```

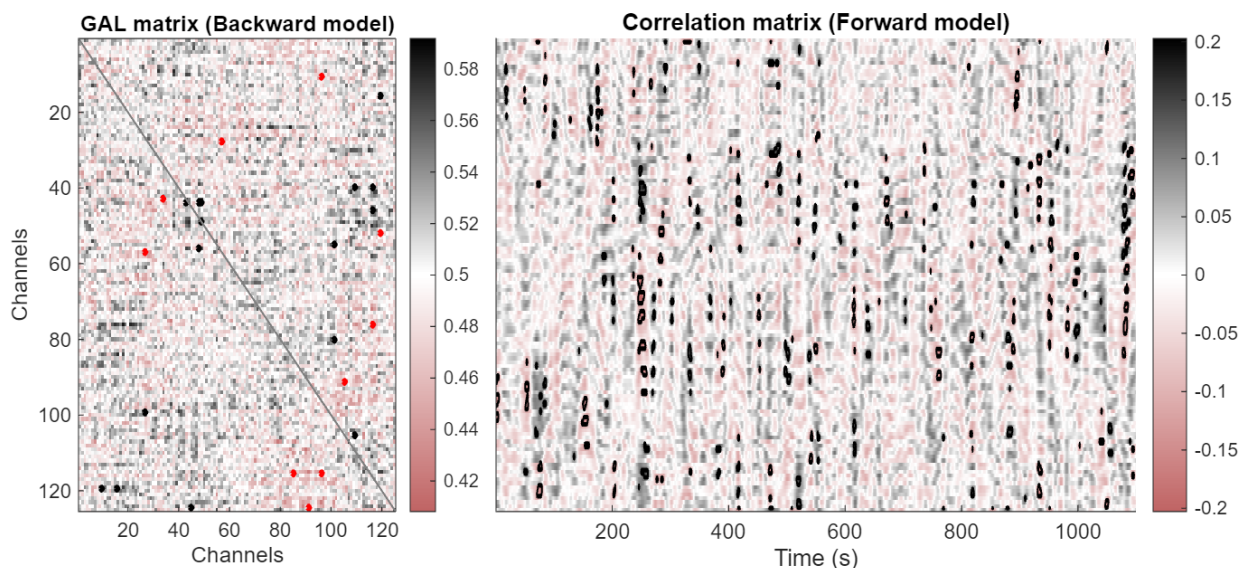
Once decoding calculations has been computed, results can be found in the variable timeGALoutput both in the workspace and the mat file. We can load it if needed in a different session:

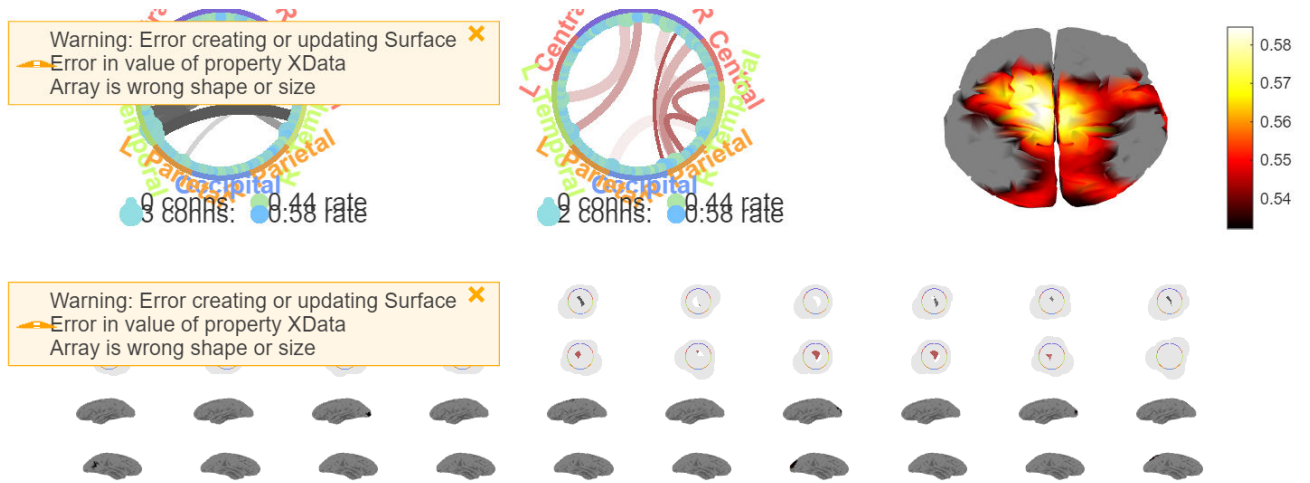
```
% load('resultsTimeGAL_FearConditioning_ssVEP.mat')
```

Visualization of results

Finally, once time-GAL has been calculated, we can explore the results by visualizing them. All the important data such as GAL, correlation and time-GAL matrices can be found in the timeGALoutput variable (i.e. the file if it was saved). While visualization can be independently crafted by the user, the time-GAL toolbox provides its own function for easiness and convenience. It contains a few parameters to change statistical alpha thresholds, titles, file saving or resolutions, for example. However, for simplicity, here we only use the function fed with the time-GAL output:

```
visualizationTimeGAL(timeGALoutput)
```





This function plots three figures showing (1) the GAL and correlation matrices, (2) the circular connectivity plots and topography, and (3) the time-GAL and topography across the trial.