

# Classifying Evoked Potentials from Spinal Cord Microelectrode Array Data

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# Brain-spine interfaces for treatment of spinal cord injury

## **Neuromodulation of circuits below the injury**

A wireless **brain-spine interface (BSI)** could restore movement and sensation in patients with spinal cord injury.

Spinal cord electrical stimulation and recording via **microelectrode arrays** can relay information between the brain and the body.

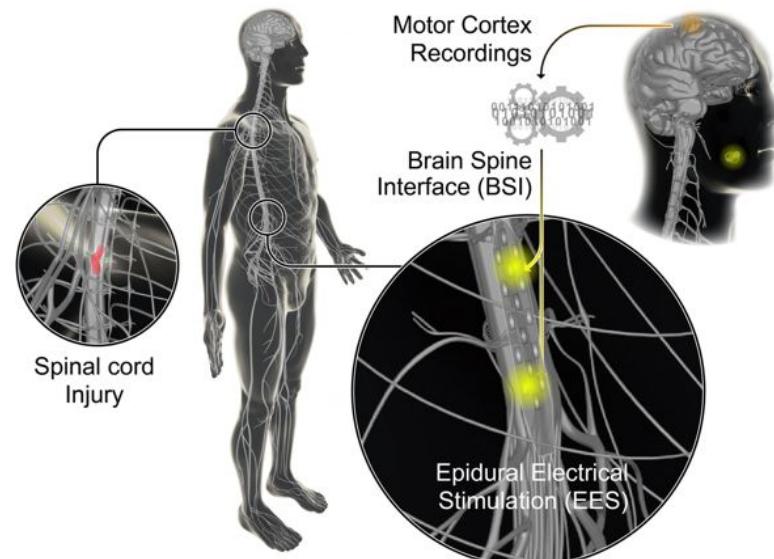
Two pathways must be restored:

- ## 1. Sensory information

**SENSORY NEURONS (LIMBS) → SPINAL CORD SENSORY EVOKED POTENTIALS → SOMATOSENSORY CORTEX**

- ## 2. Motor information

## MOTOR CORTEX → SPINAL CORD MOTOR EVOKED POTENTIALS → MOTOR NEURONS (LIMBS)



Cho et al. 2019

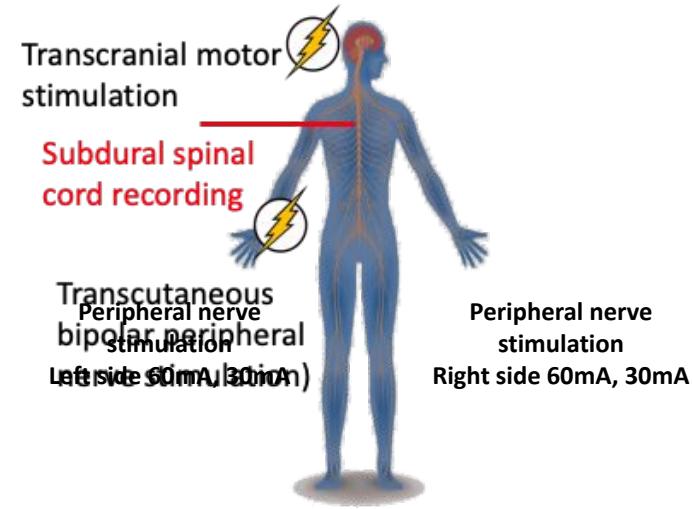
**Transmitting sensory information to/from the spinal cord requires classification of sensory evoked potentials.**

# Experimental setup & collected data

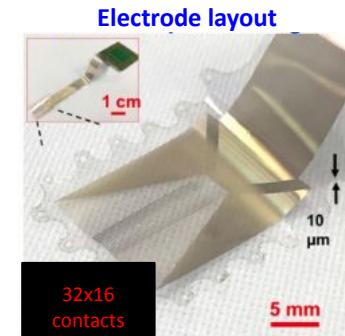
We performed peripheral sensory nerve stimulation in a patient undergoing a spinal cord tumor resection and recorded from the spinal cord with a microelectrode array with 100s of contacts.

Stimulation varied based on side of the body and stimulus level and was administered with neurophysiology monitoring equipment.

Can a supervised learning model classify different types of sensory evoked potentials from recordings of electrical activity in the spinal cord?



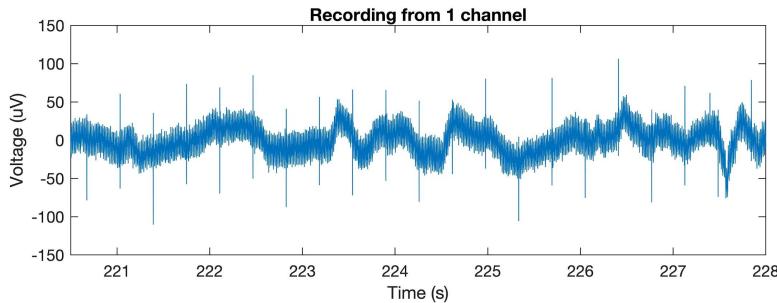
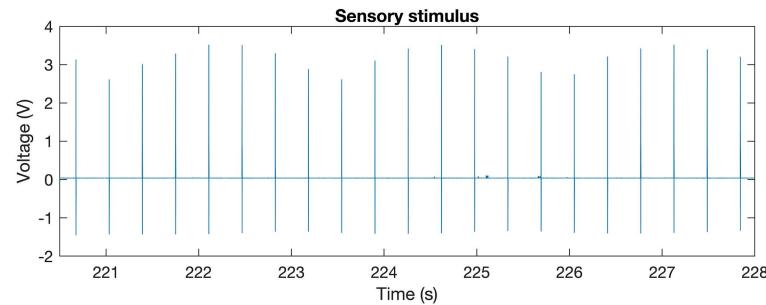
Electrode placement on spinal cord



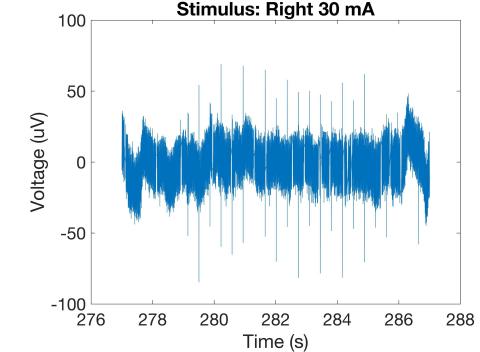
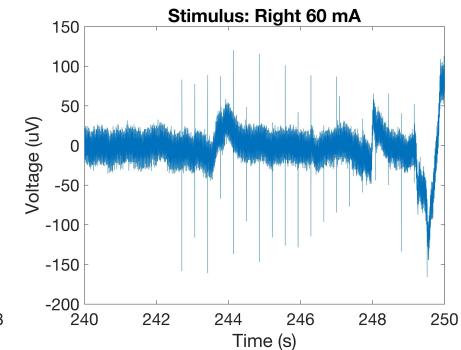
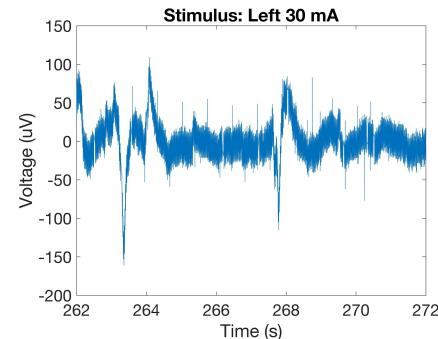
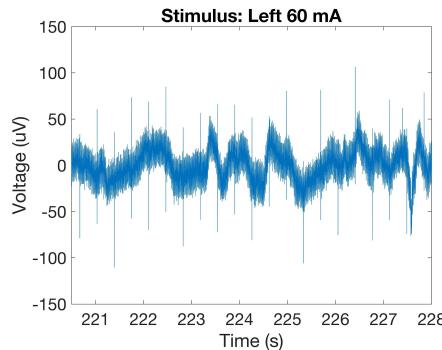
Electrode layout

# Data preprocessing

## 1. Alignment



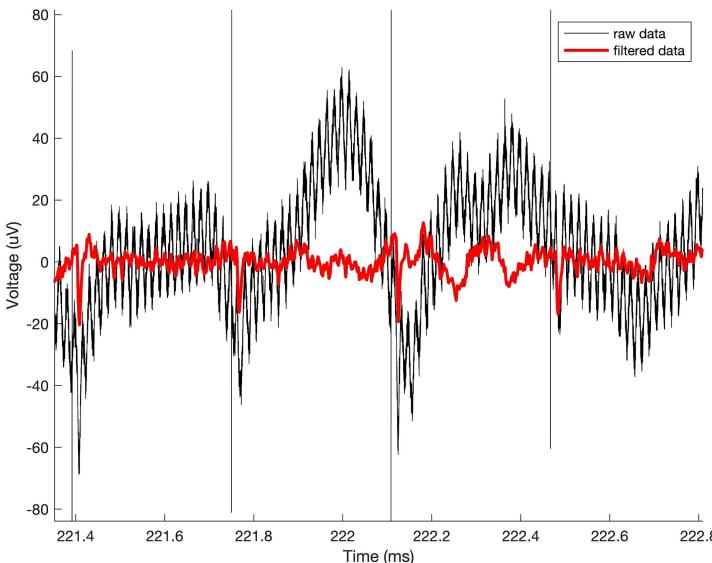
## 2. Windowing



# Data preprocessing

## 3. Filtering

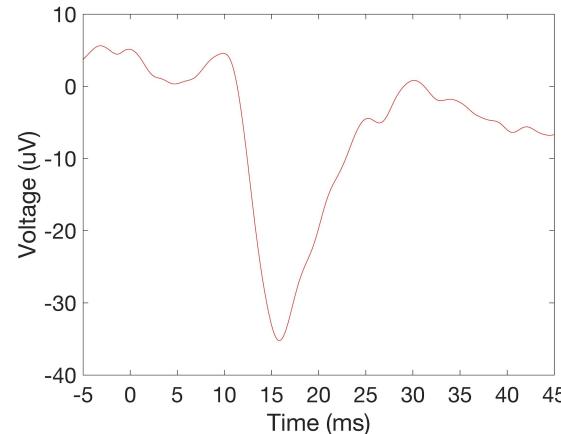
- Notch filters for 60 Hz noise and harmonics
- Bandpass filter [3 300 Hz] → captures LFP behavior



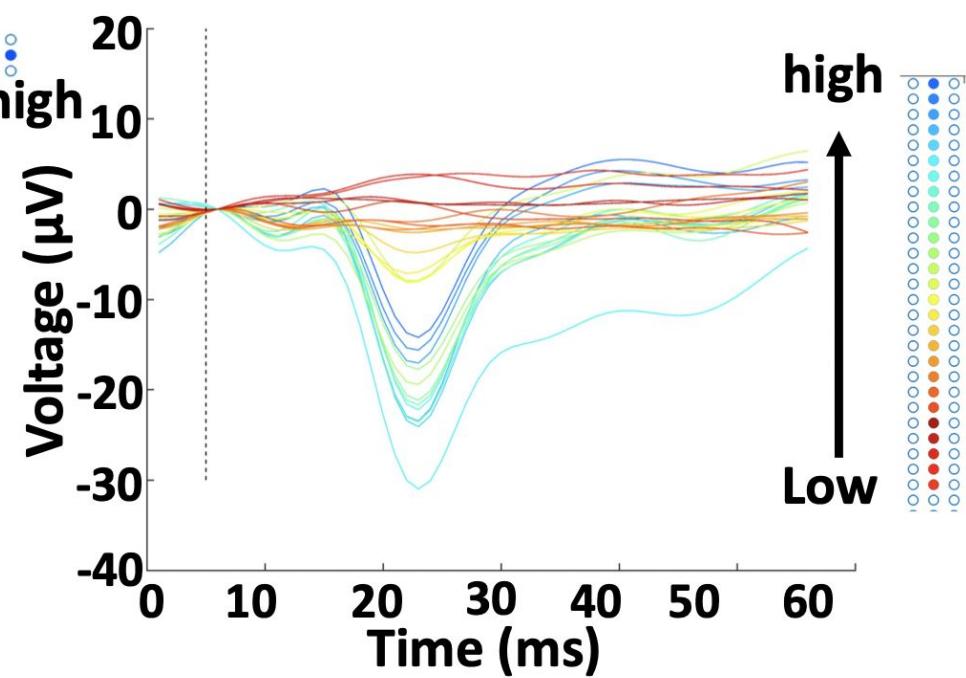
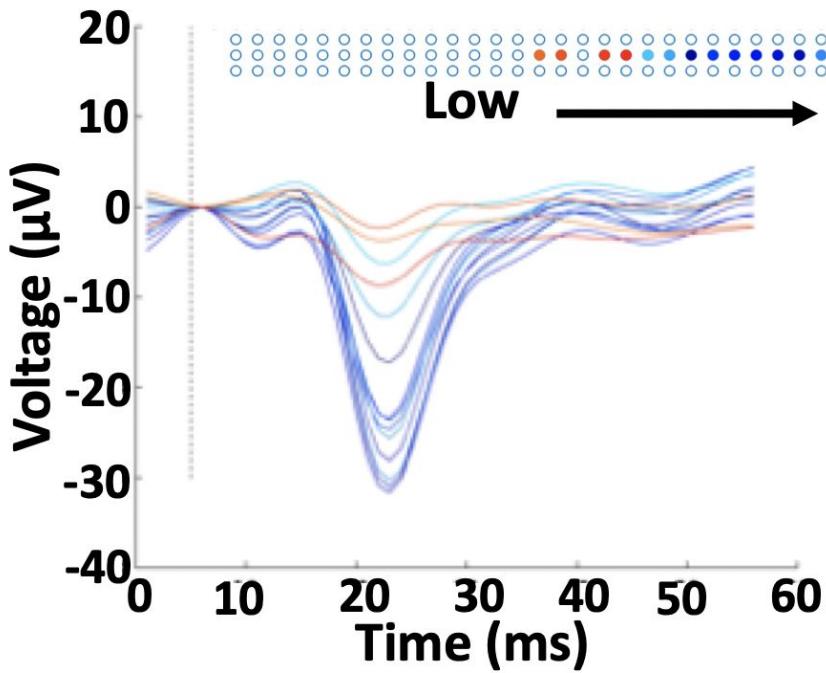
## 4. Initial bad channel selection

- Based on impedance measurements for all channels.
- Impedances below 150 kOhms
- Resulted in 353 “good channels”

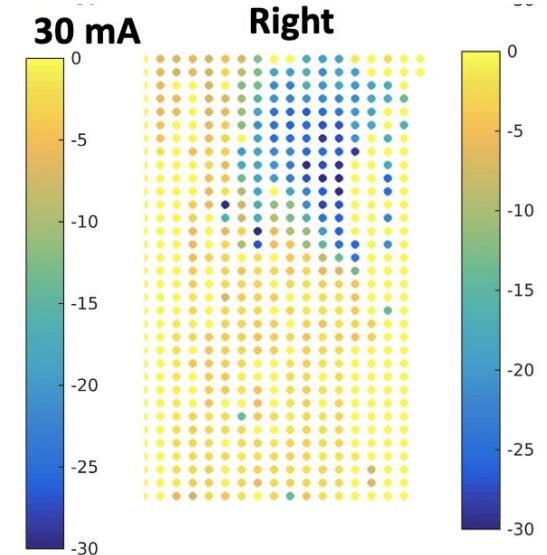
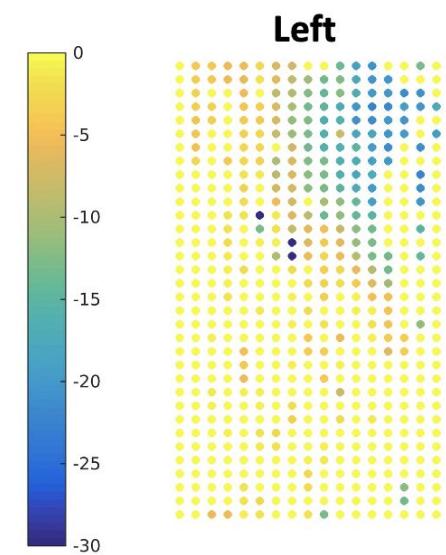
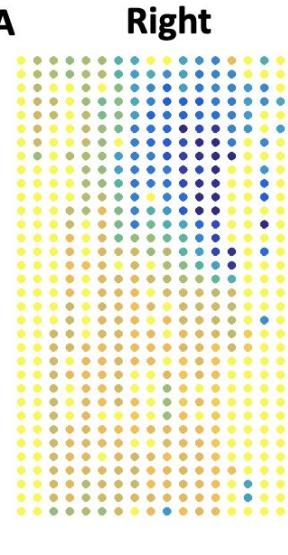
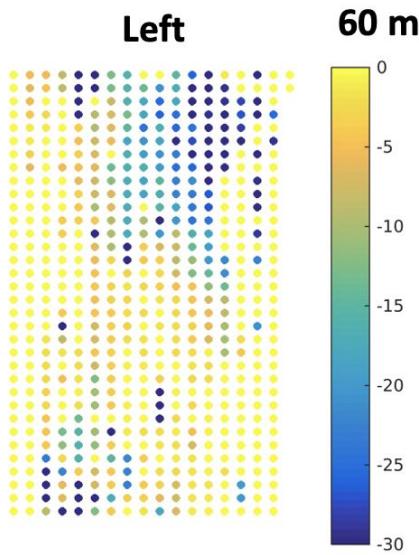
## 5. Segmentation into individual trials



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# Hypothesis & project goal

**Goal: Detect and classify single evoked potentials in a short time-window of data recorded from a 300+ channel microelectrode array placed subdurally on the spinal cord surface.**

- The five classes of interest are:
  - sensory evoked potentials at 60 mA stimulation (left and right)
  - sensory evoked potentials at 30 mA stimulation (left and right)
  - no evoked potentials (baseline)
- Input dataset is 50 ms long and sampled at 20 kHz
- Initial hypothesis: extracting the top principal component (PC) from the input data will be sufficient to achieve a 50% classification accuracy rate via a multiclass linear discriminant analysis.

# Analysis - Outline

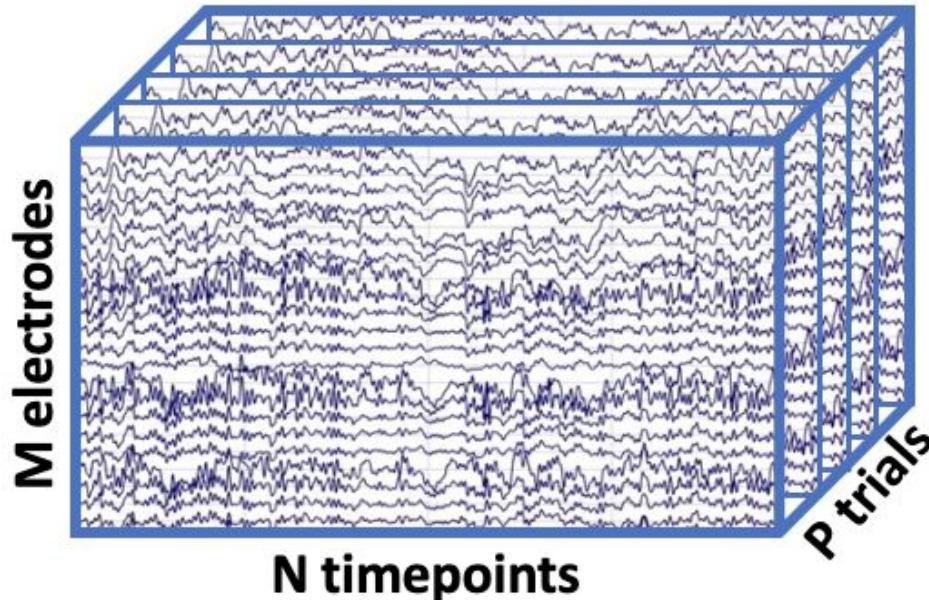
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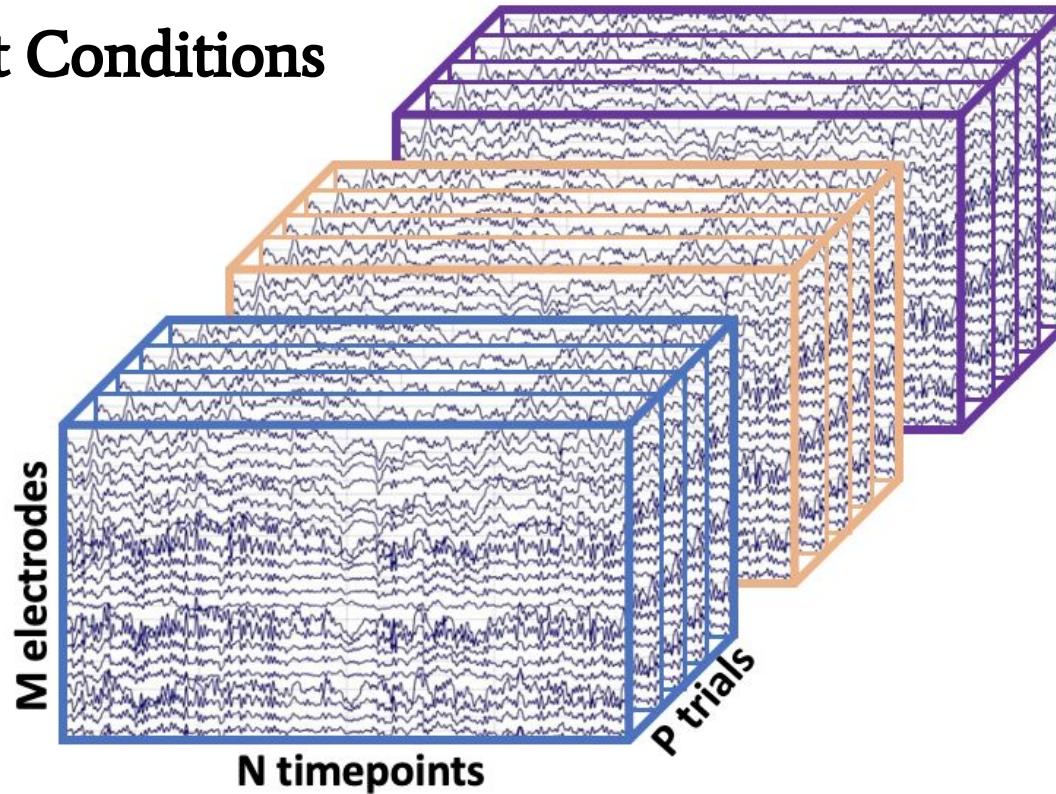
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1 Condition



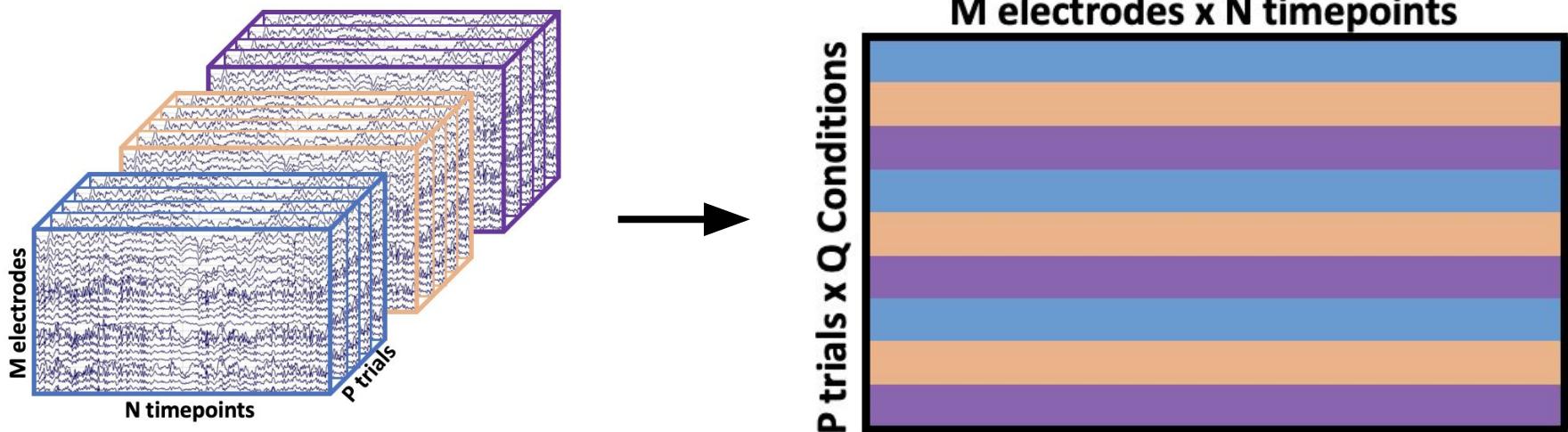
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# Analysis - Data Matrix Reshaping

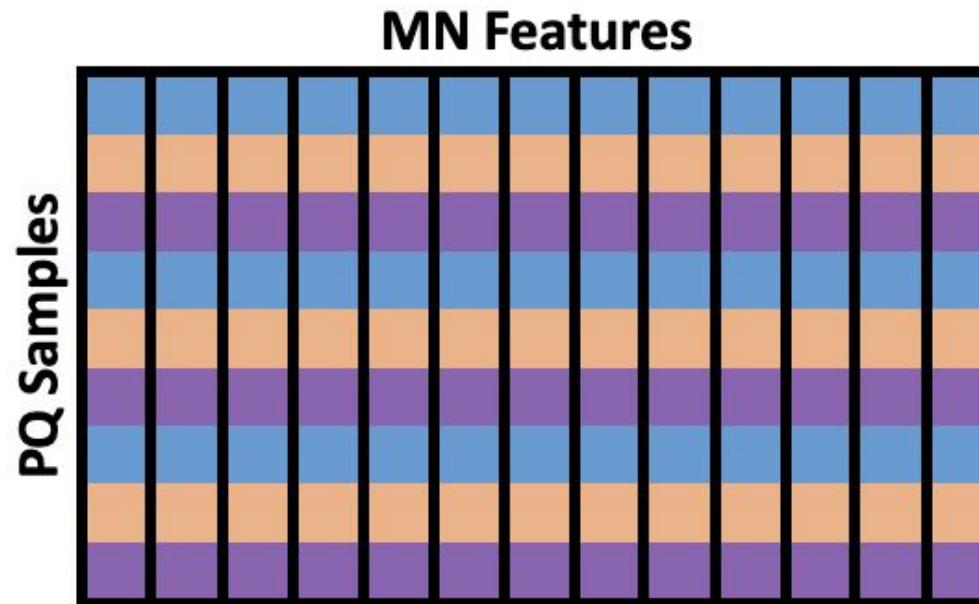
Dimensionality reduction requires a 2D matrix



# Analysis - Data Matrix Reshaping

## Samples x Features

- *Mean centered data:* zero mean across features



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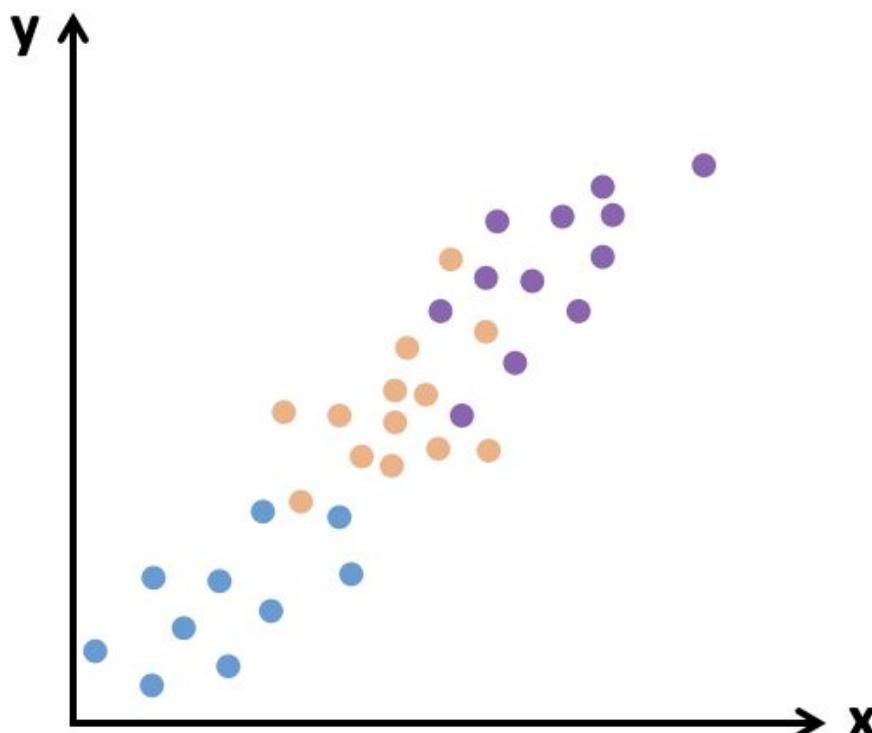
# Analysis - Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

- **PCA:** Dimensionality reduction technique decomposing the data into variance directions and magnitudes and keeping the directions of highest variance.
- Keeps the most “informative” dimensions
- Unsupervised - no labels

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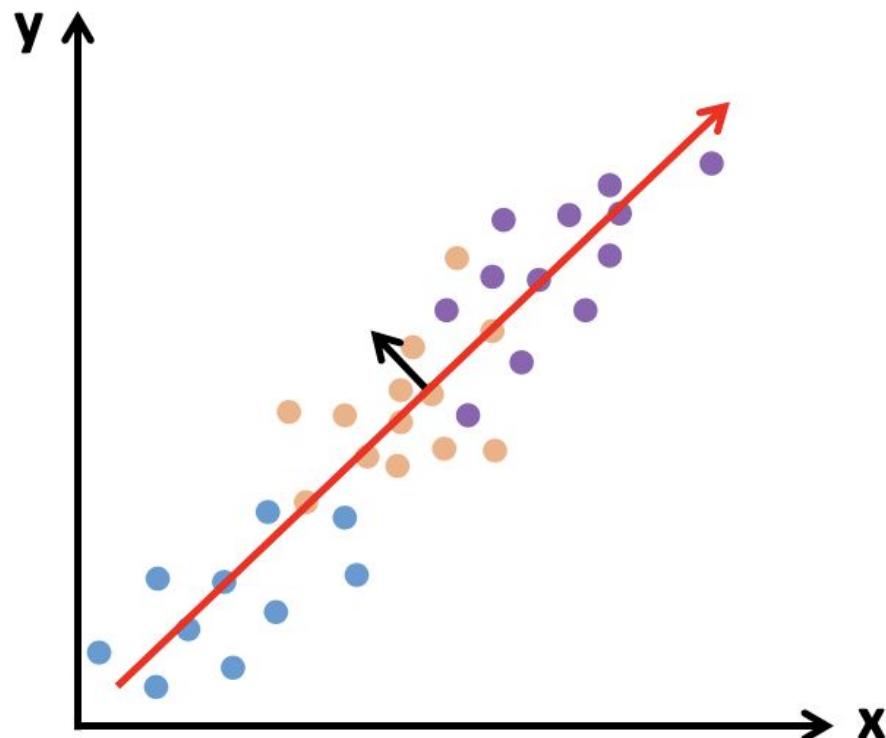
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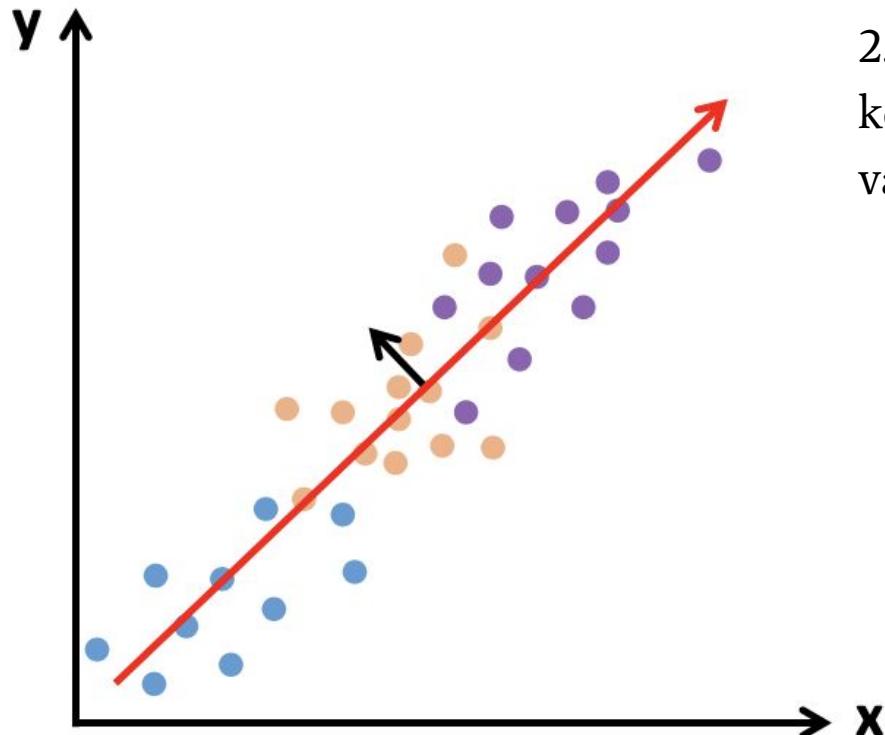
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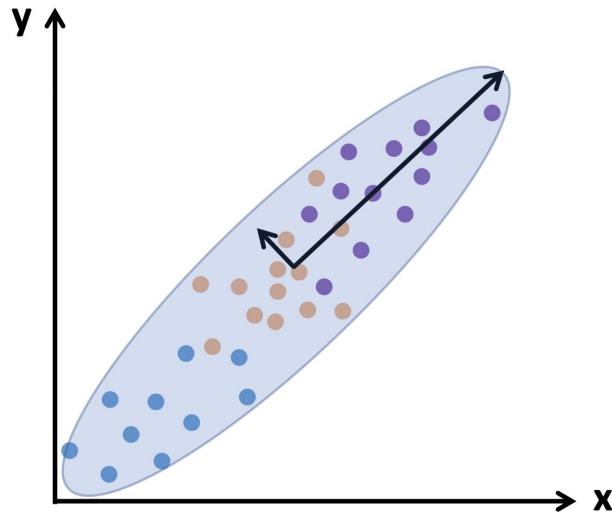
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2. Reduce the dimensionality of the dataset by keeping the components with the most variance, or spread.



# Analysis - Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)



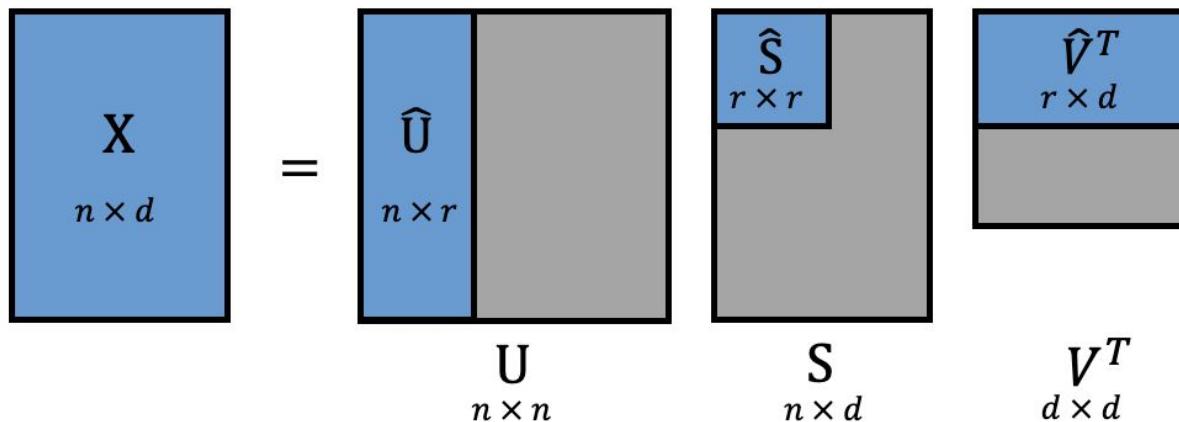
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# Analysis - Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

- For an  $n \times d$  data matrix  $\mathbf{X}$ :
  - $\mathbf{U}$ : Eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{XX}^T$
  - $\mathbf{V}$ : Eigenvectors of  $\mathbf{X}^T\mathbf{X}$  - Principal directions or axes
  - $\mathbf{S}$ : Singular values - Eigenvalues of  $\mathbf{XX}^T$  - diagonal matrix
- Can limit the resulting size of the matrix -  $r \leq \min(n, d)$
- **Transformed data** (principal components):  $\mathbf{X}\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{US}$

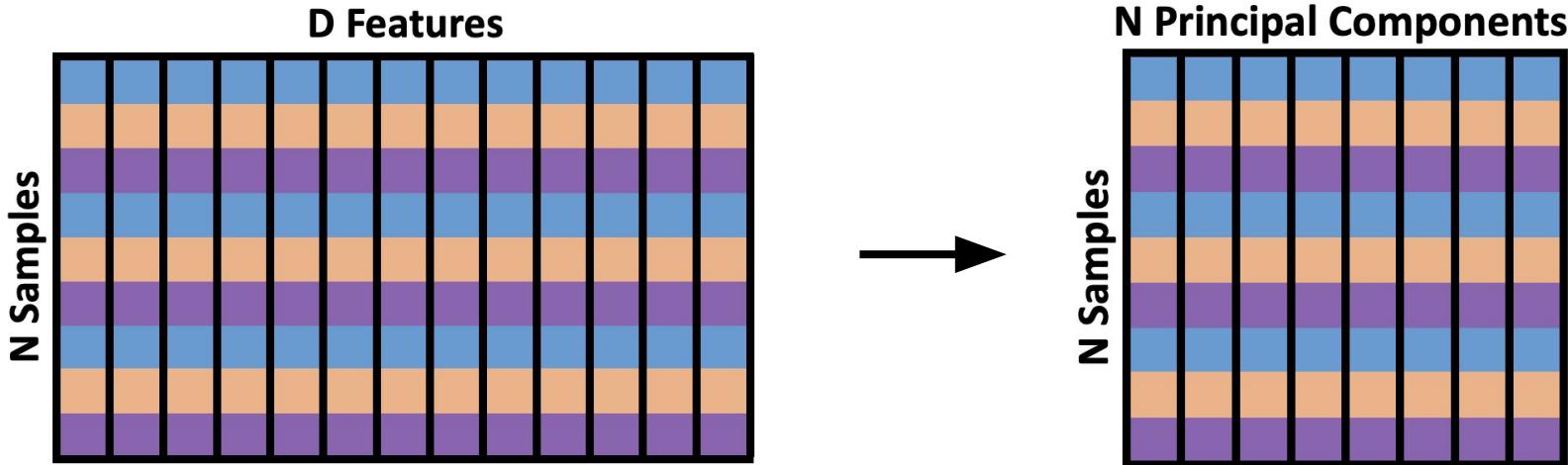
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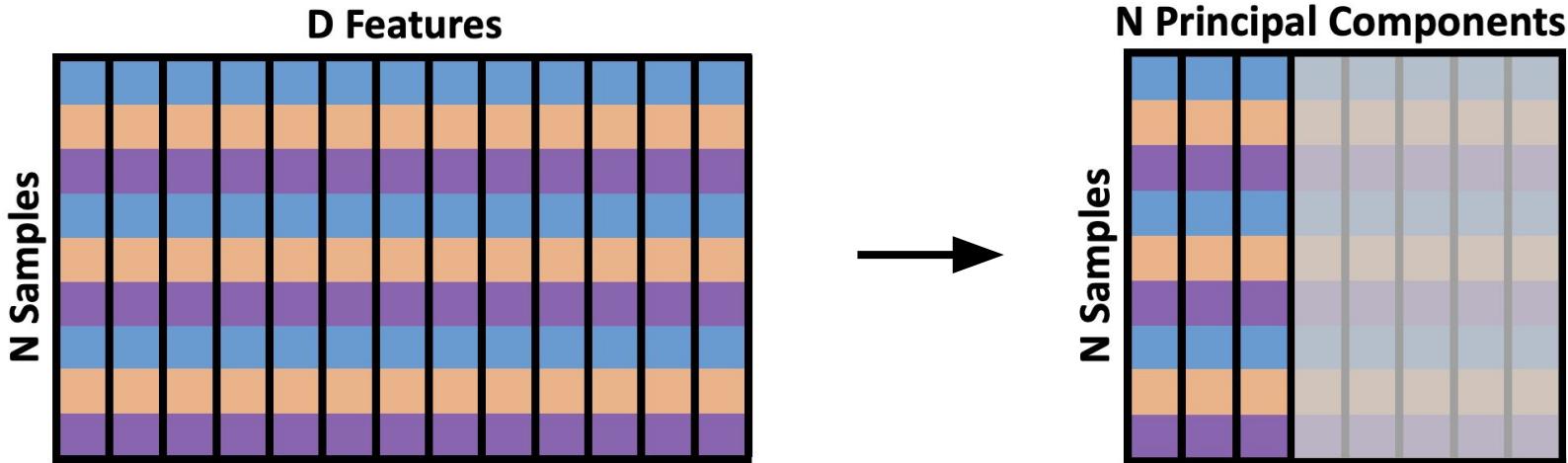
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- Select a subset of principal components to reduce dimensionality while being able to explain data

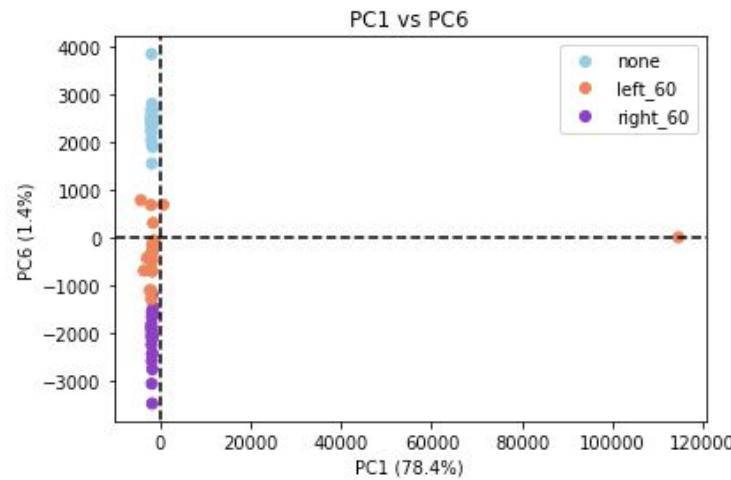
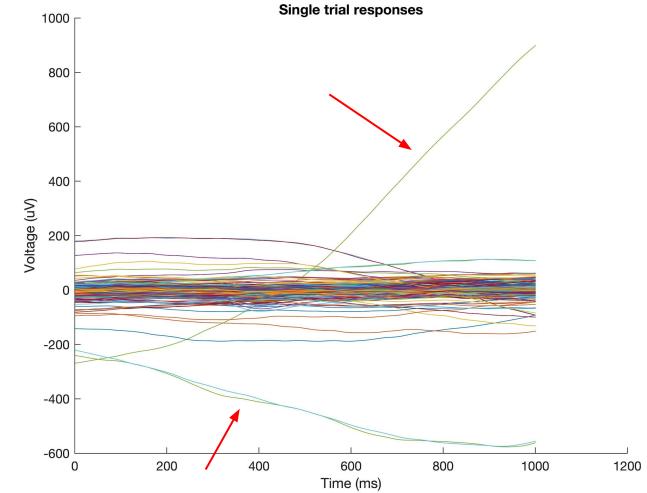
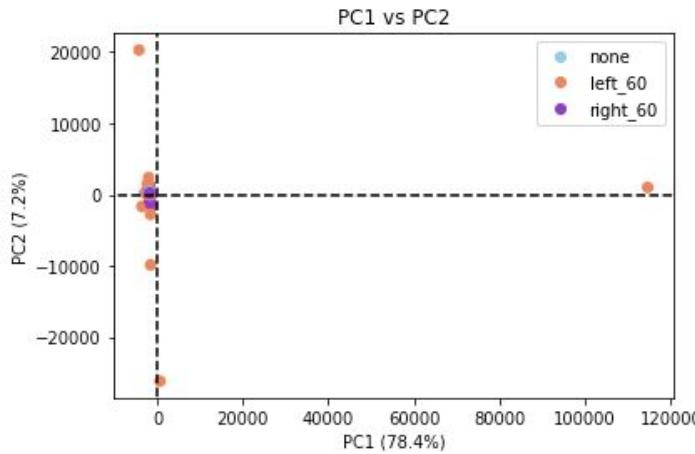
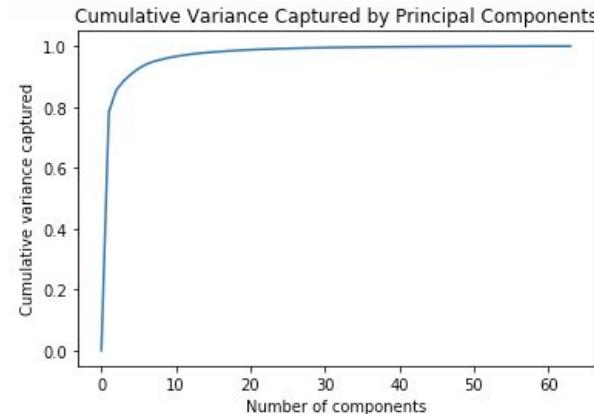


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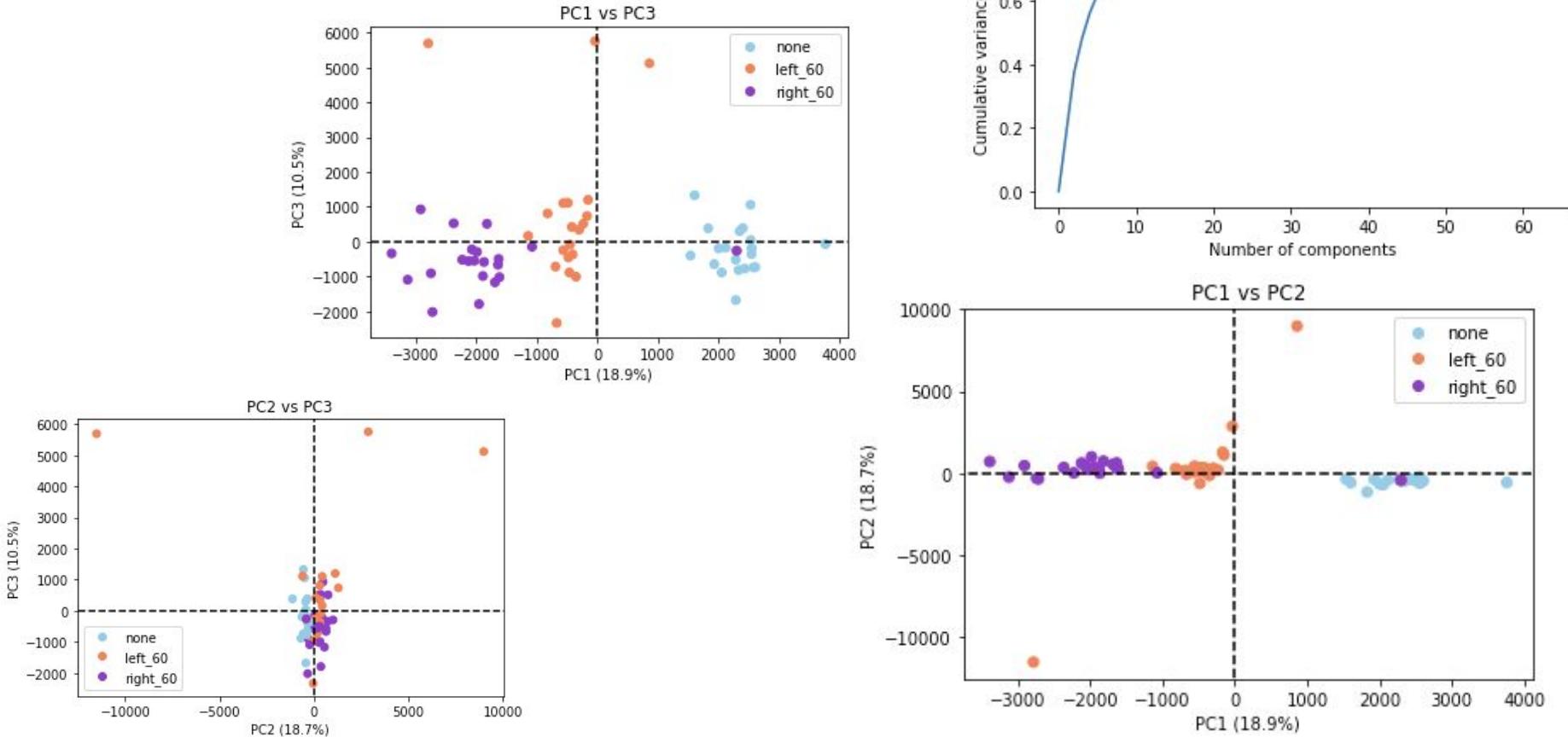
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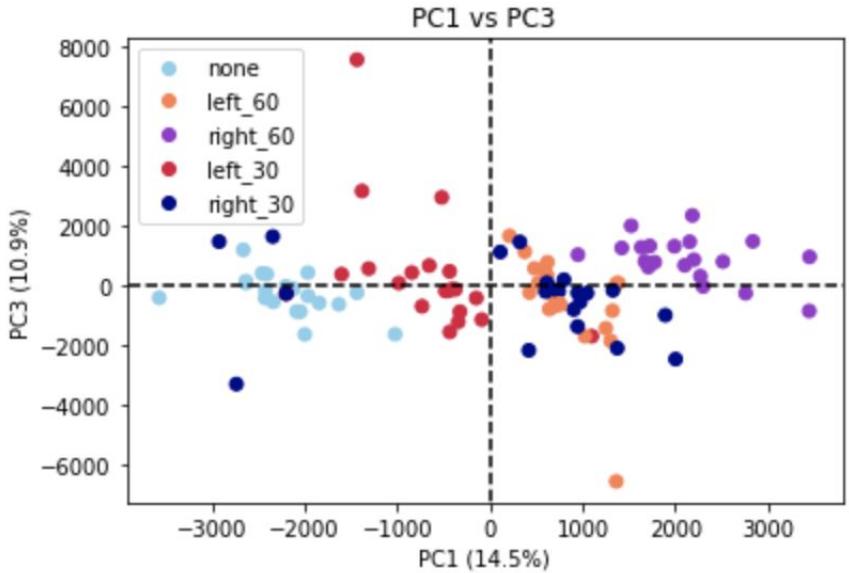
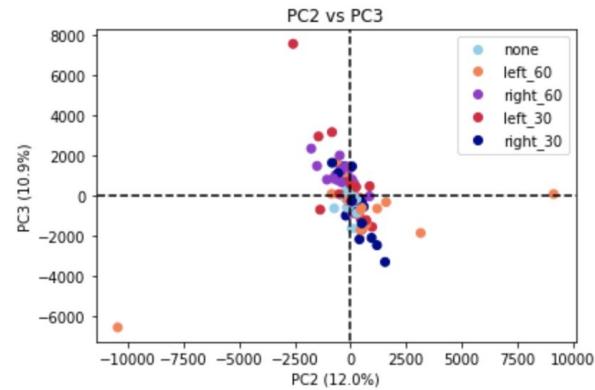
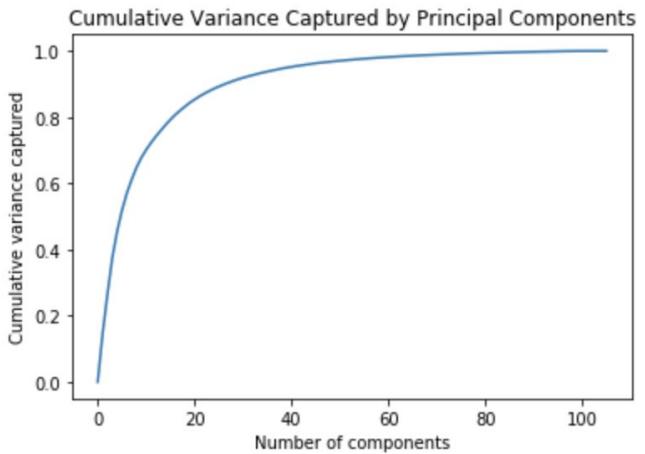
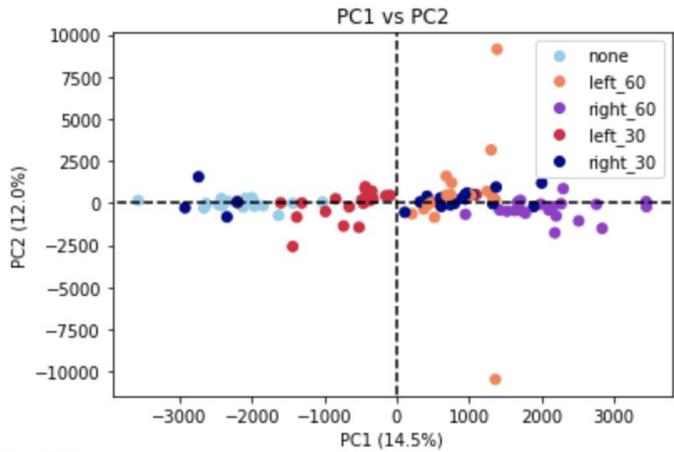
# Analysis - PCA Outlier Detection



# Analysis - PCA 3 Conditions



# Analysis - PCA 5 Conditions



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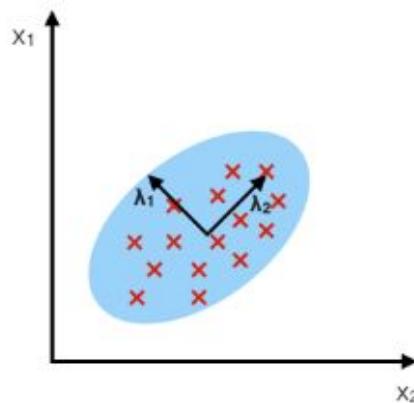
# Analysis - Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA)

- Dimensionality reduction technique
- Determine axes that maximize the separation between classes
- Supervised - classes are labeled
- Can be combined with PCA
- Useful for classification

# Analysis - LDA

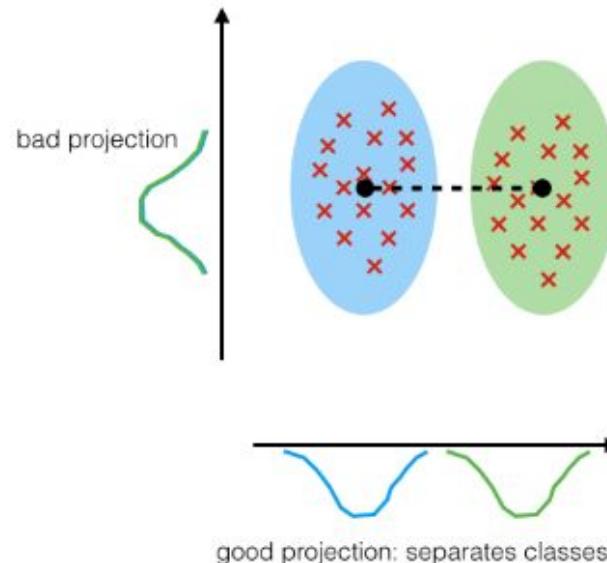
## PCA:

component axes that maximize the variance



## LDA:

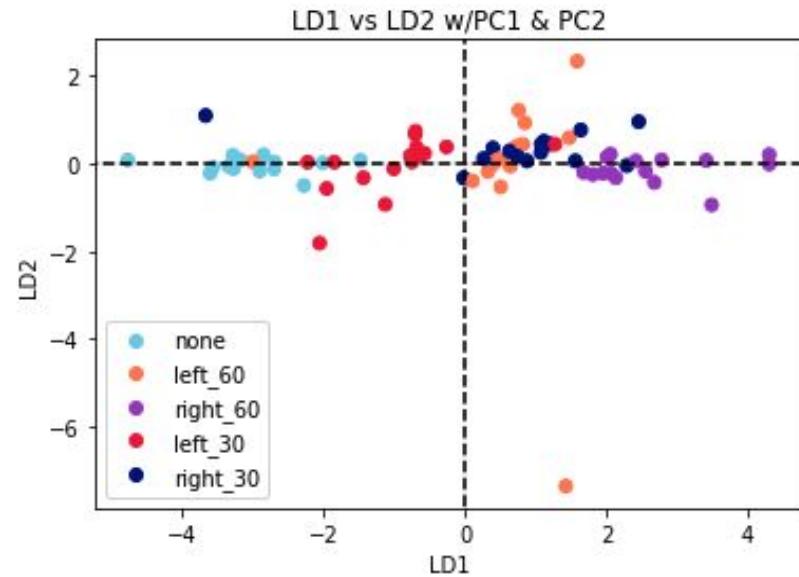
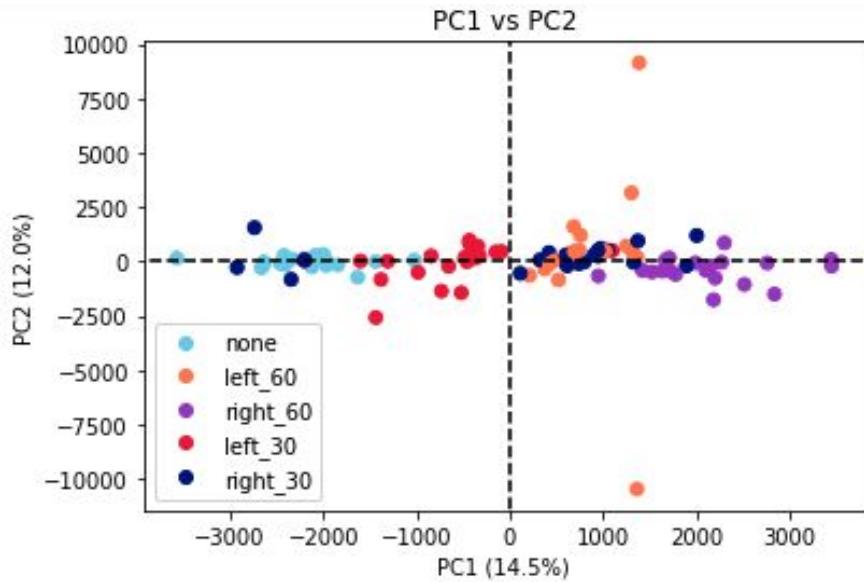
maximizing the component axes for class-separation



# Analysis - LDA Implementation

1. Compute the mean vectors for each class
2. Compute the scatter matrices
  - 2.1.  $S_w$  - within-class scatter
  - 2.2.  $S_b$  - between-class scatter
3. Solve eigenvalue problem for  $A = S_w^{-1}S_b$ 
  - 3.1.  $Av=\lambda v$
4. Select linear discriminants
  - 4.1. Sort eigenvectors by decreasing eigenvalues
  - 4.2. Keep top-n eigenvectors
5. Transform input to the LD space

# Analysis - PCA vs LDA



# Analysis - Naive Bayes Classifier

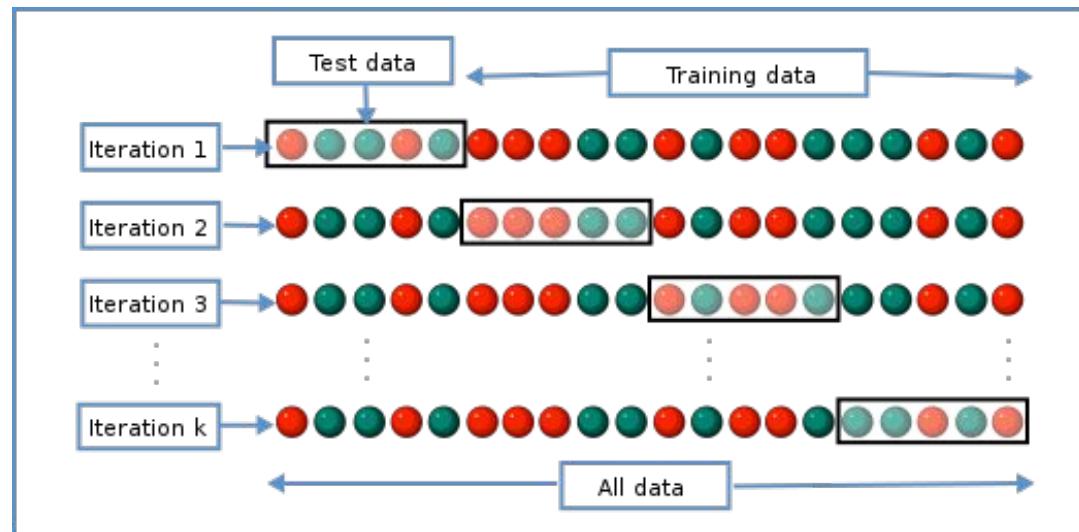
- Bayes Theorem
- Estimate probabilities from LDA
- Take class with highest conditional probability

$$P(\mathcal{C}_j|x) = \frac{P(x|\mathcal{C}_j)P(\mathcal{C}_j)}{P(x)}$$

Decide  $\begin{cases} \mathcal{C}_1 & \text{if } P(\mathcal{C}_1|x) > P(\mathcal{C}_2|x) \\ \mathcal{C}_2 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

# Analysis - K-Fold Cross-Validation

- Split data into k sets
- Iterate through test/train k times, swapping which set is used for testing each iteration
- Helps to reduce bias in the estimate of the model's performance



# Analysis - Classifier Metrics

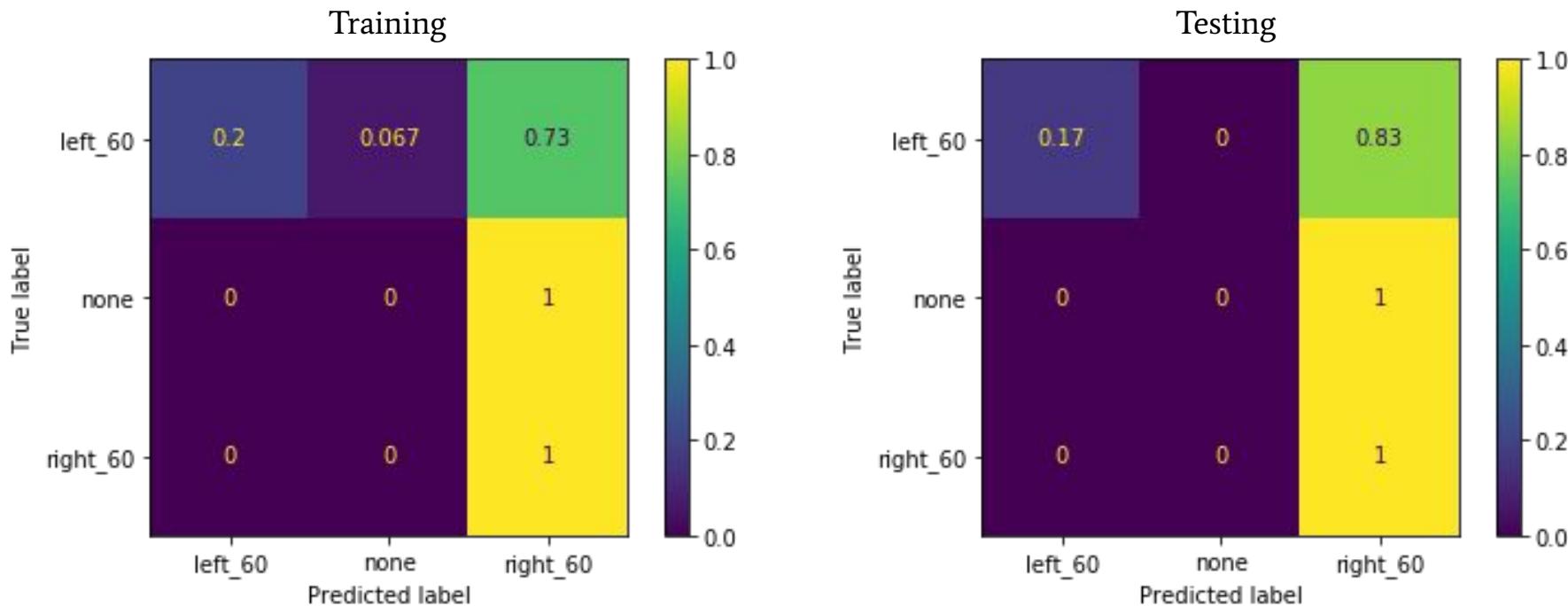
$$accuracy = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN}$$

$$precision = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

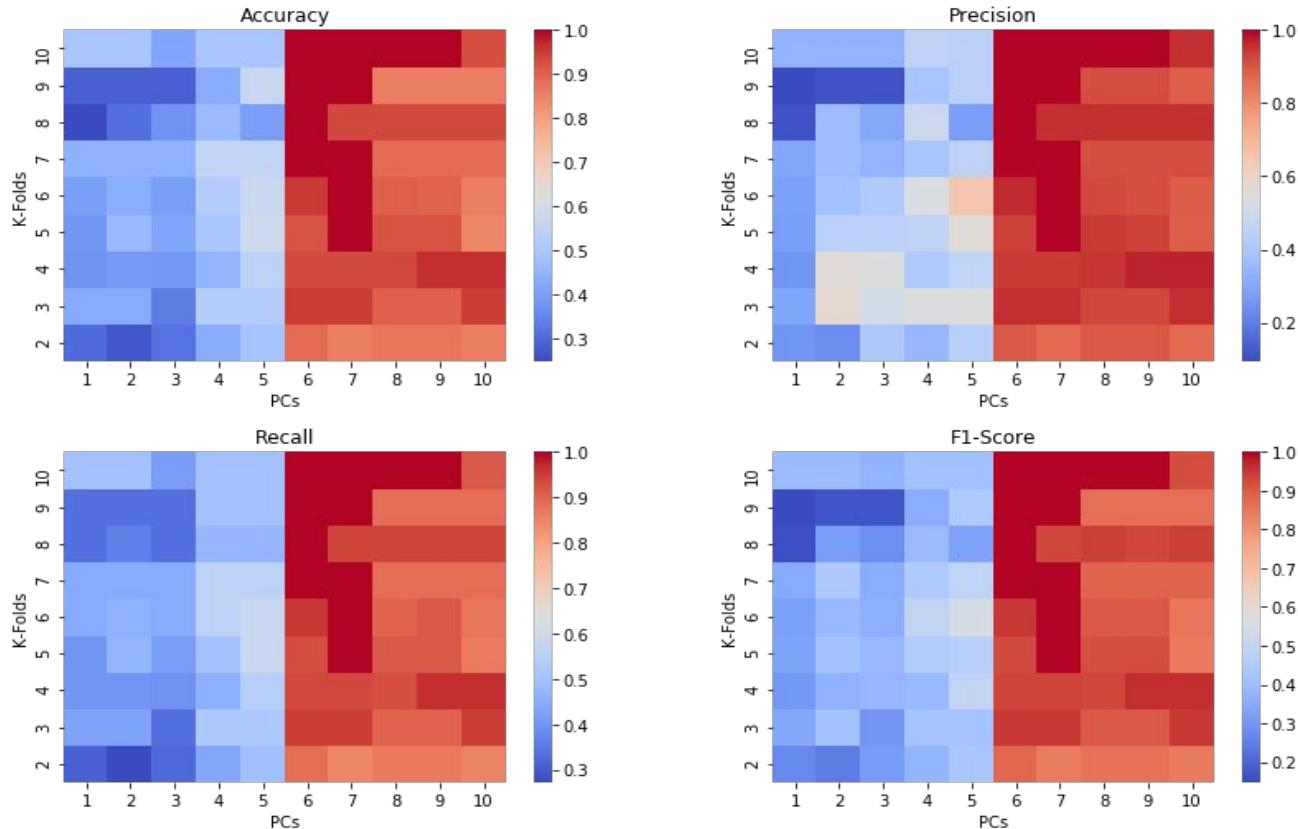
$$recall = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

$$F1\ score = \frac{2 * precision * recall}{precision + recall}$$

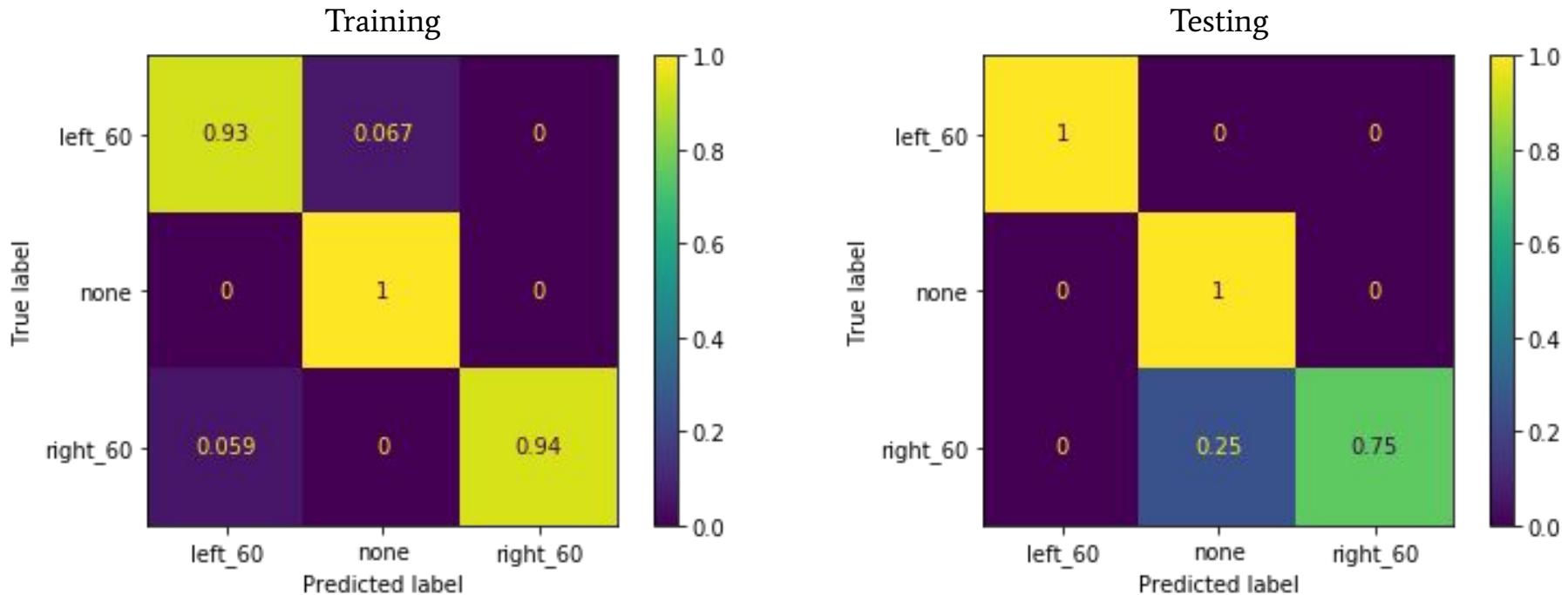
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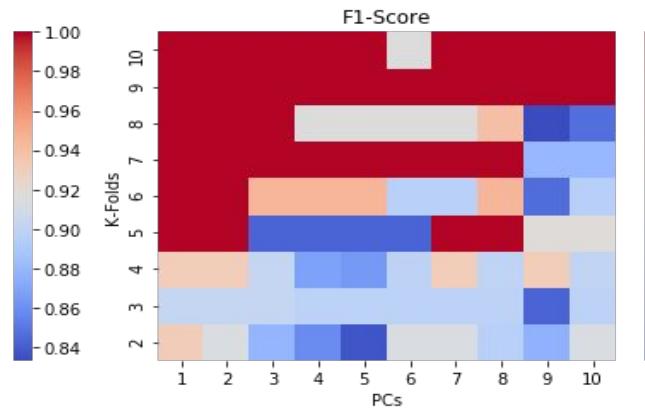
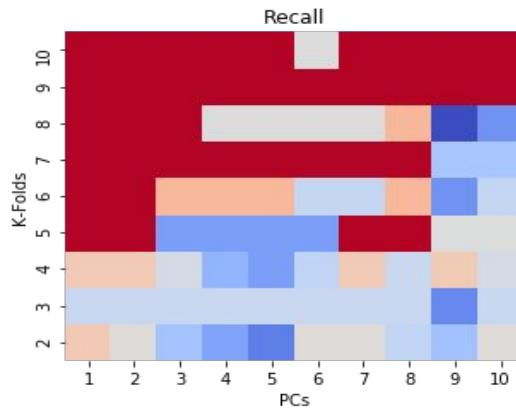
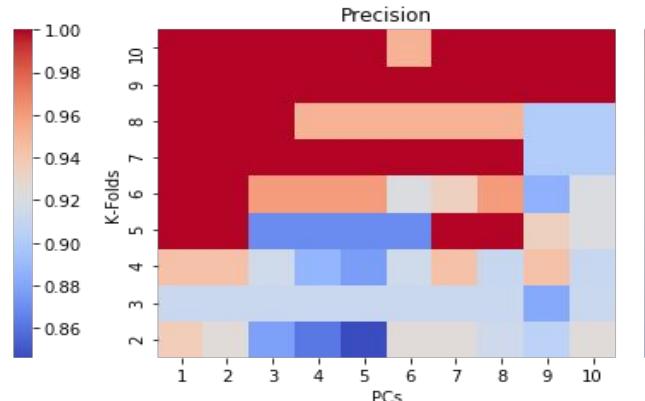
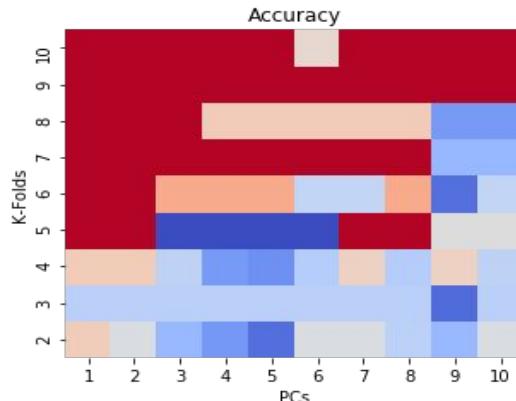
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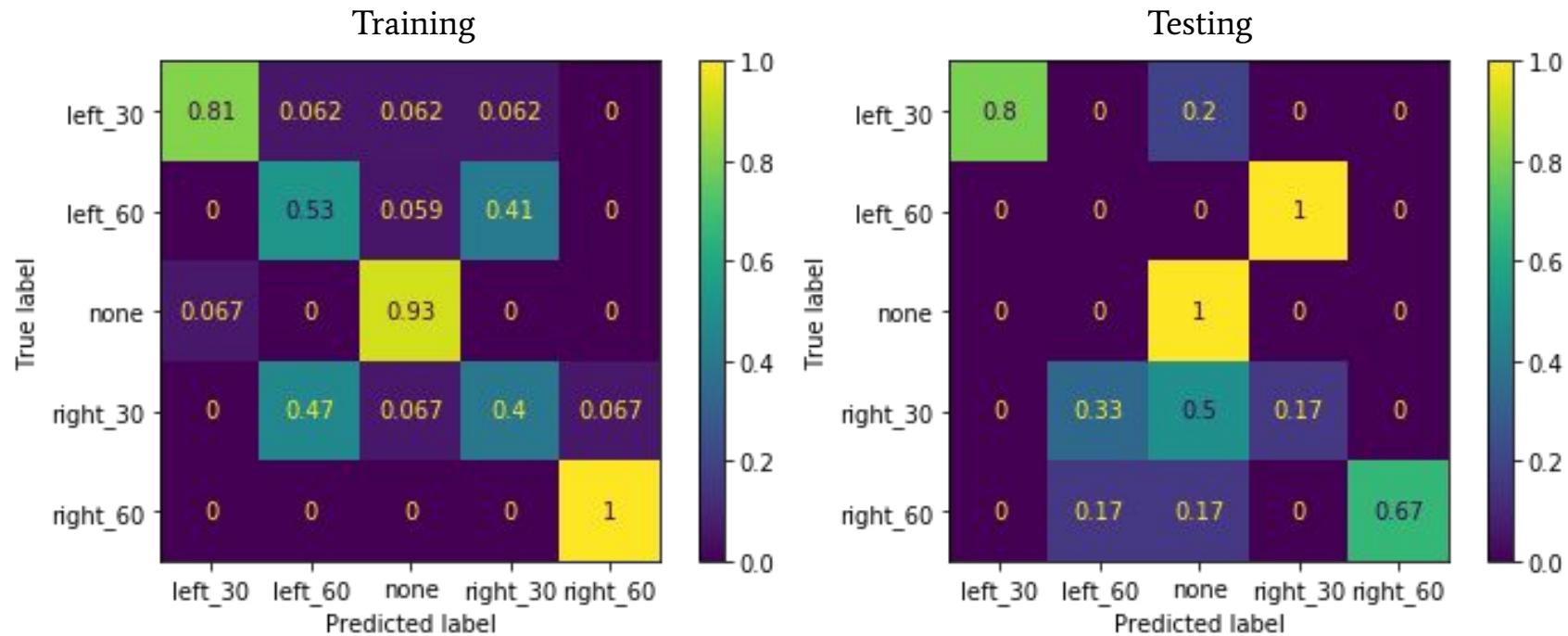
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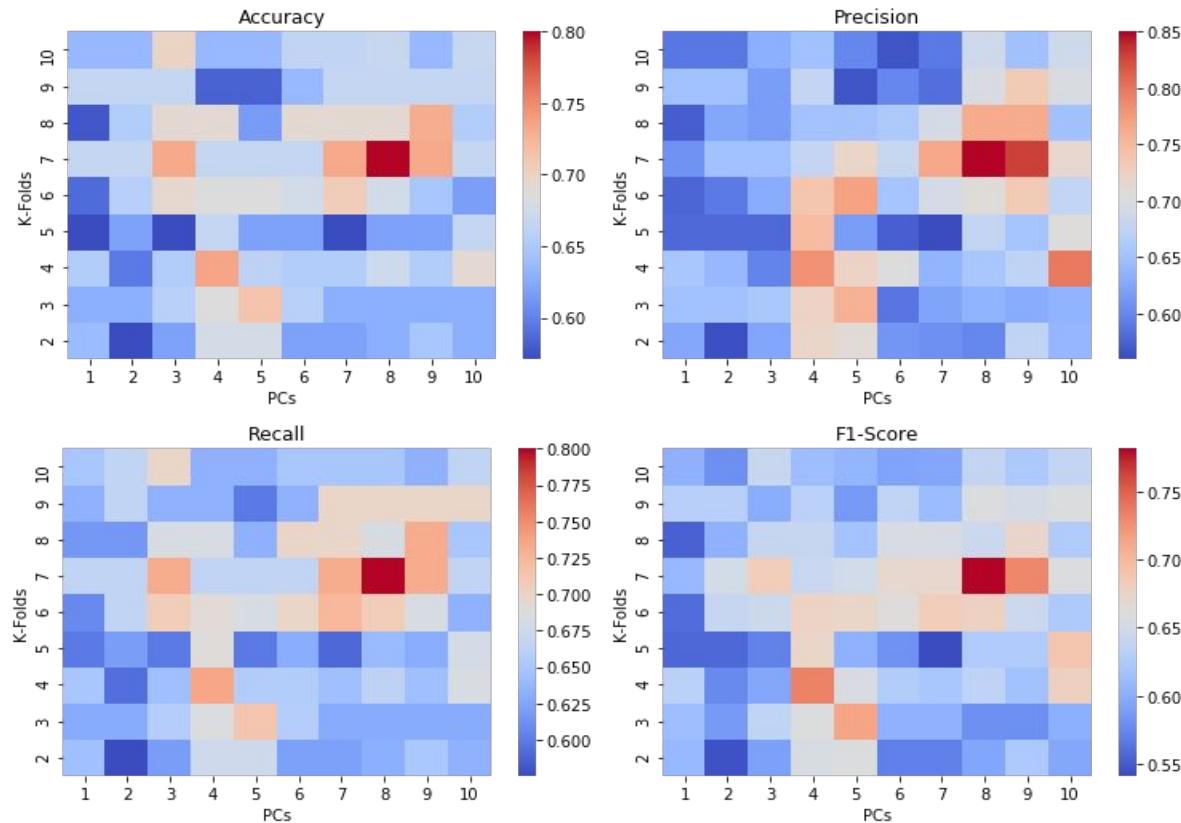
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# Conclusion

We can detect and classify single evoked potentials in a short time-window of data recorded from a 300+ channel microelectrode array placed subdurally on the spinal cord surface.

Initial hypothesis: extracting the top principal component (PC) from the input data will be sufficient to achieve a 50% classification accuracy rate via a multiclass linear discriminant analysis.



- False for originally selected data with bad channels only removed based on impedance
- PC #6 necessary to classify data with accuracy > 50%



- True for cleaned data where additional bad channels are removed
- PC #1 classified data with accuracy ~ 60%

# Supplementary Slides

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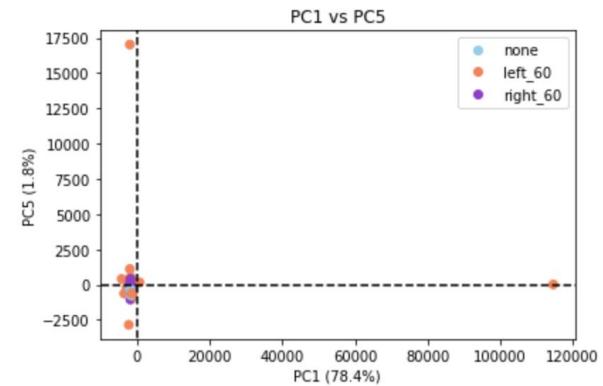
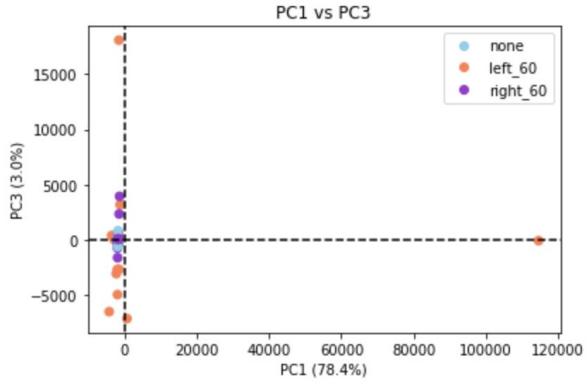
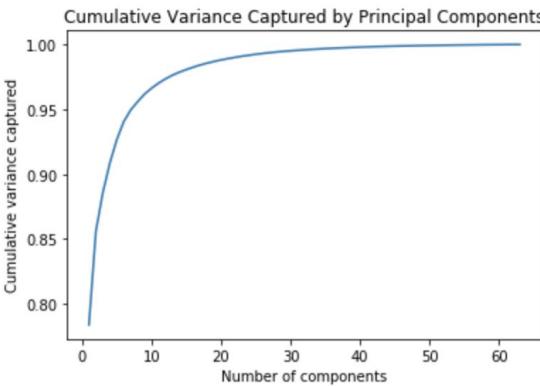
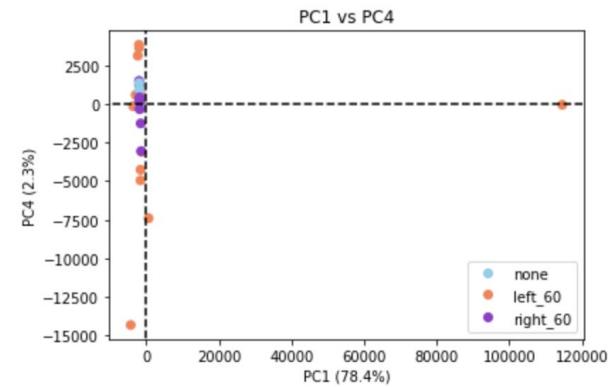
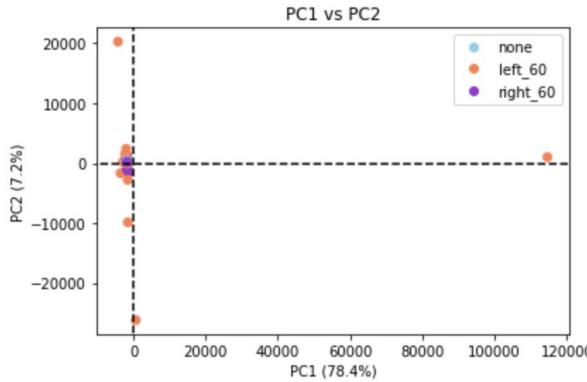
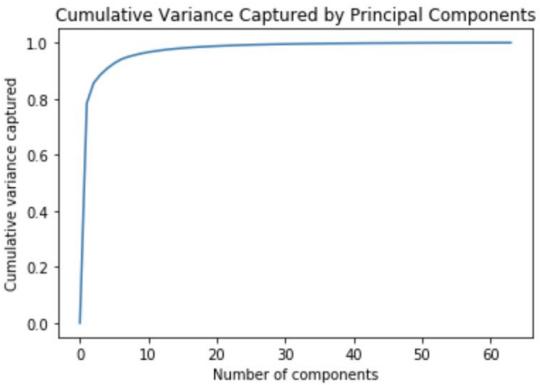
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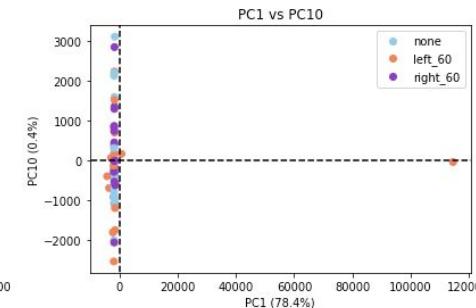
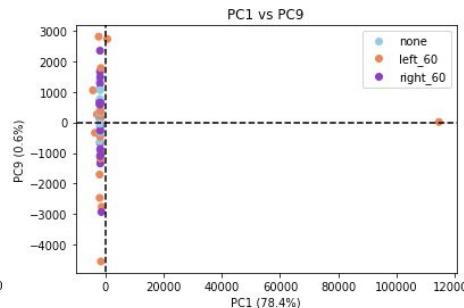
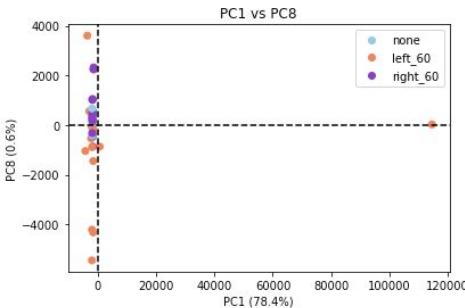
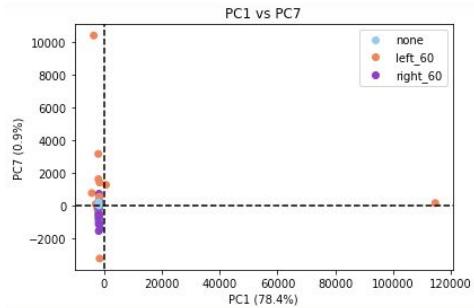
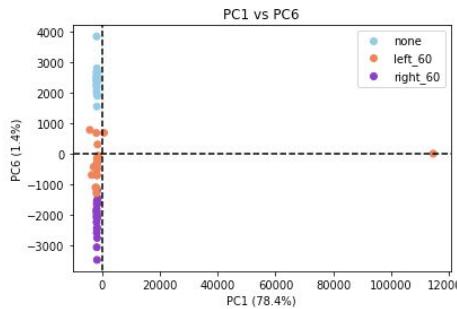
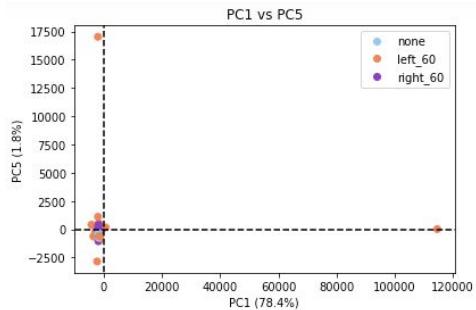
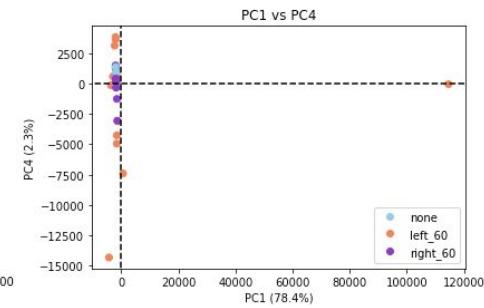
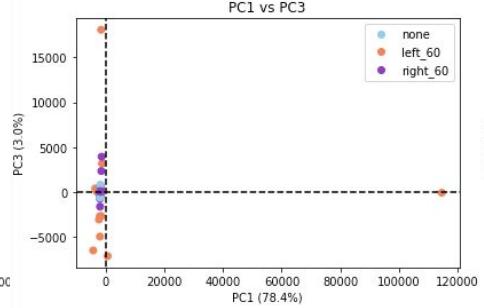
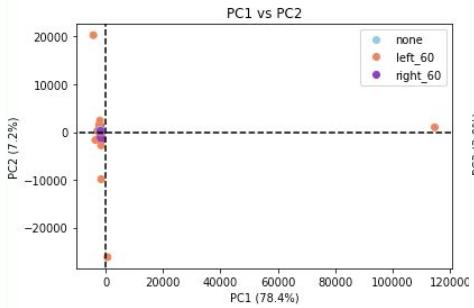
$$P(x) = \sum_{j=1}^2 P(x|C_j)P(C_j)$$

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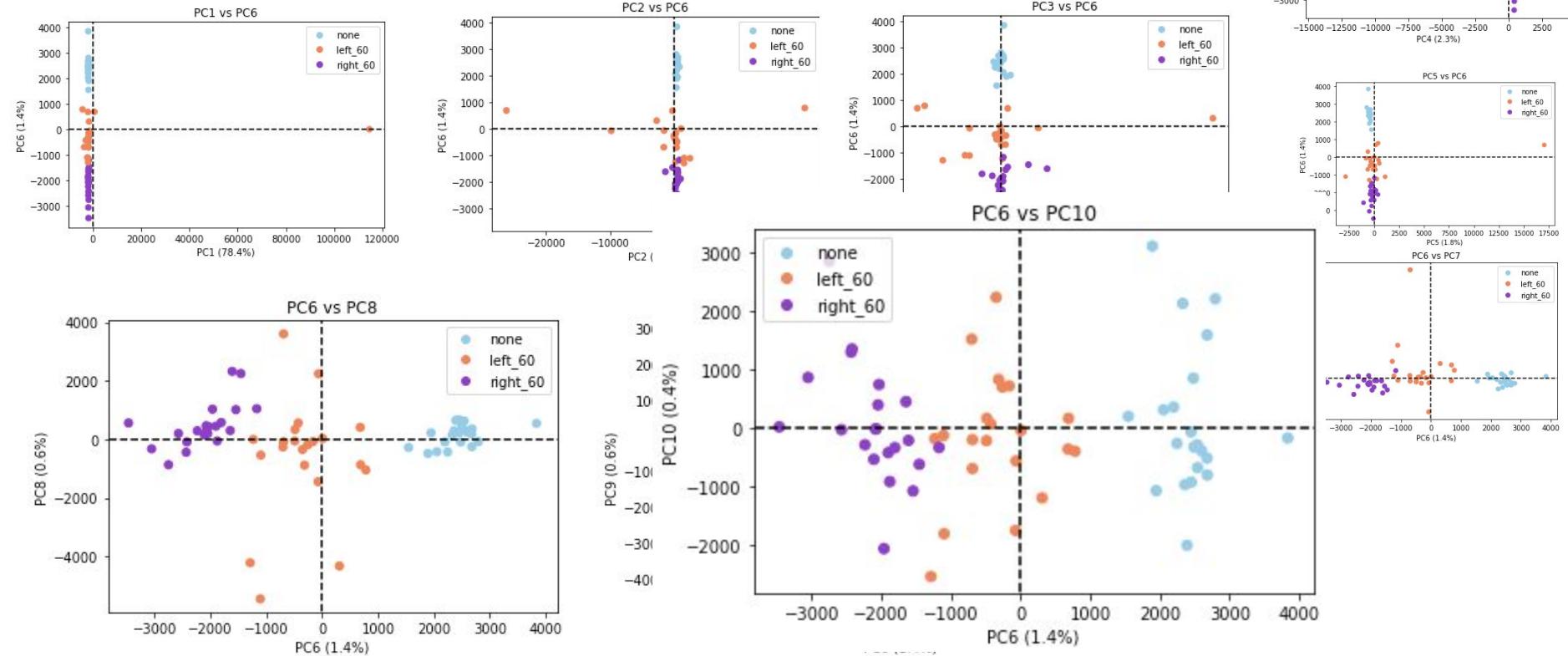
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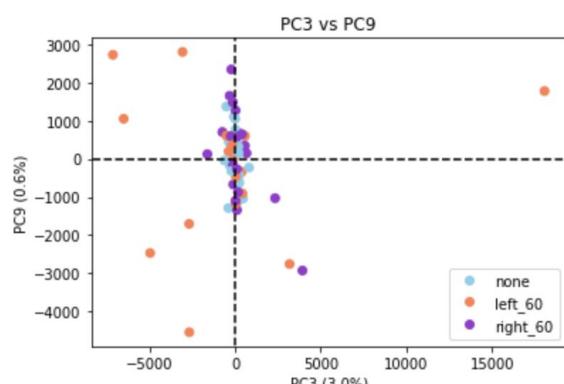
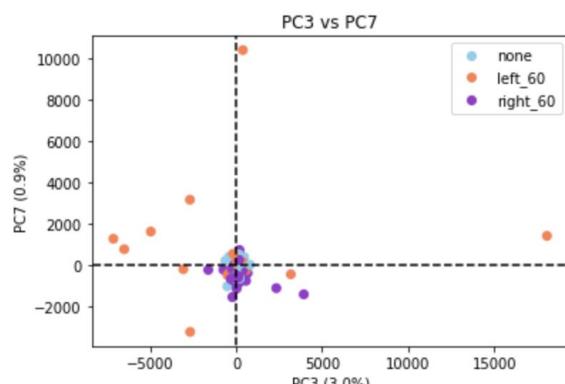
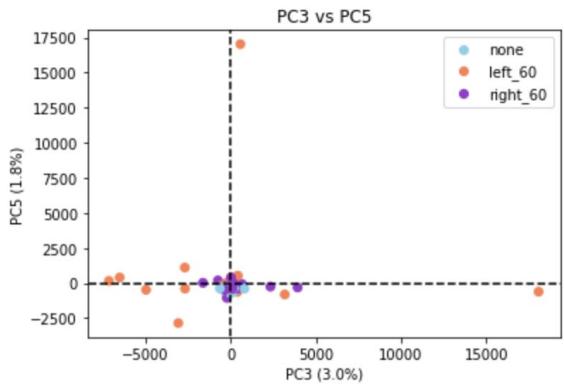
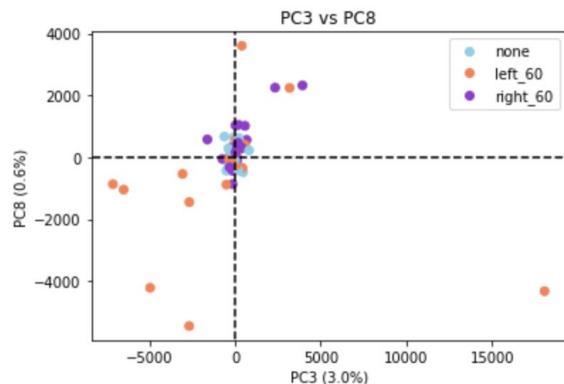
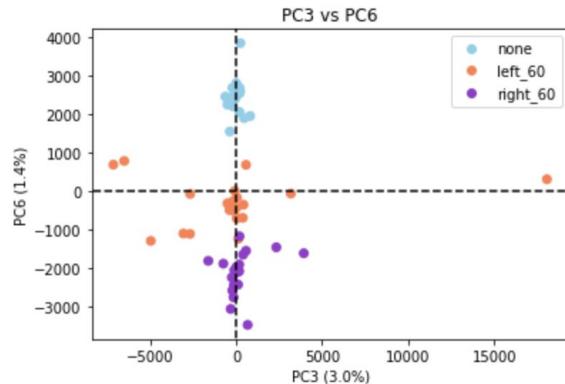
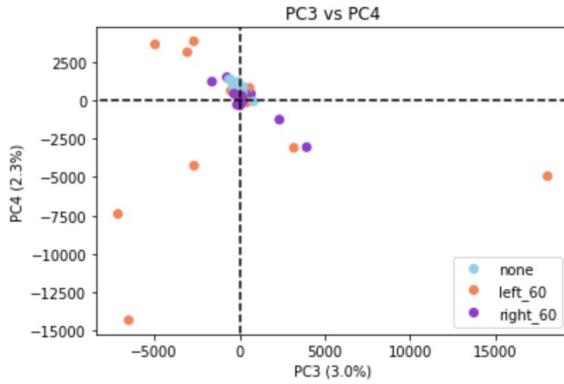
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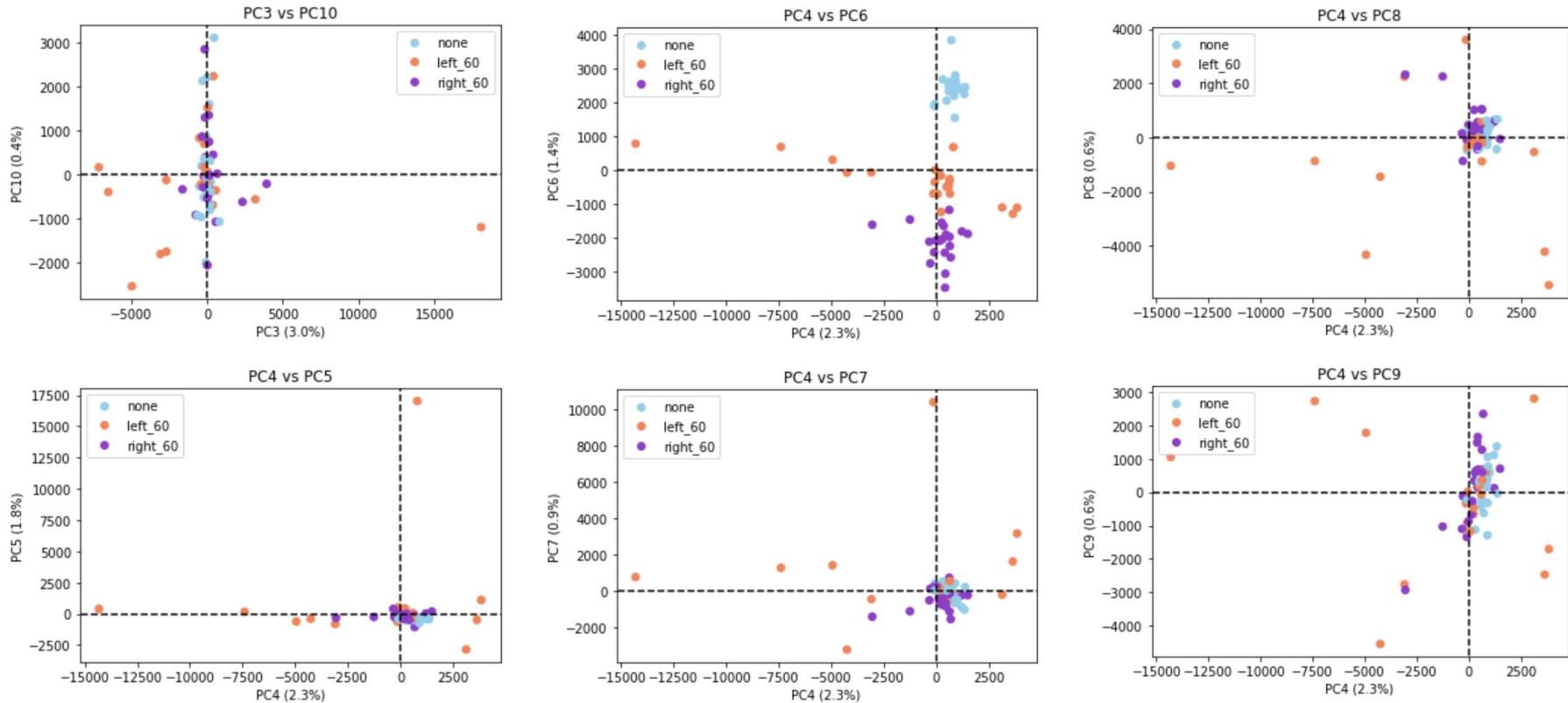
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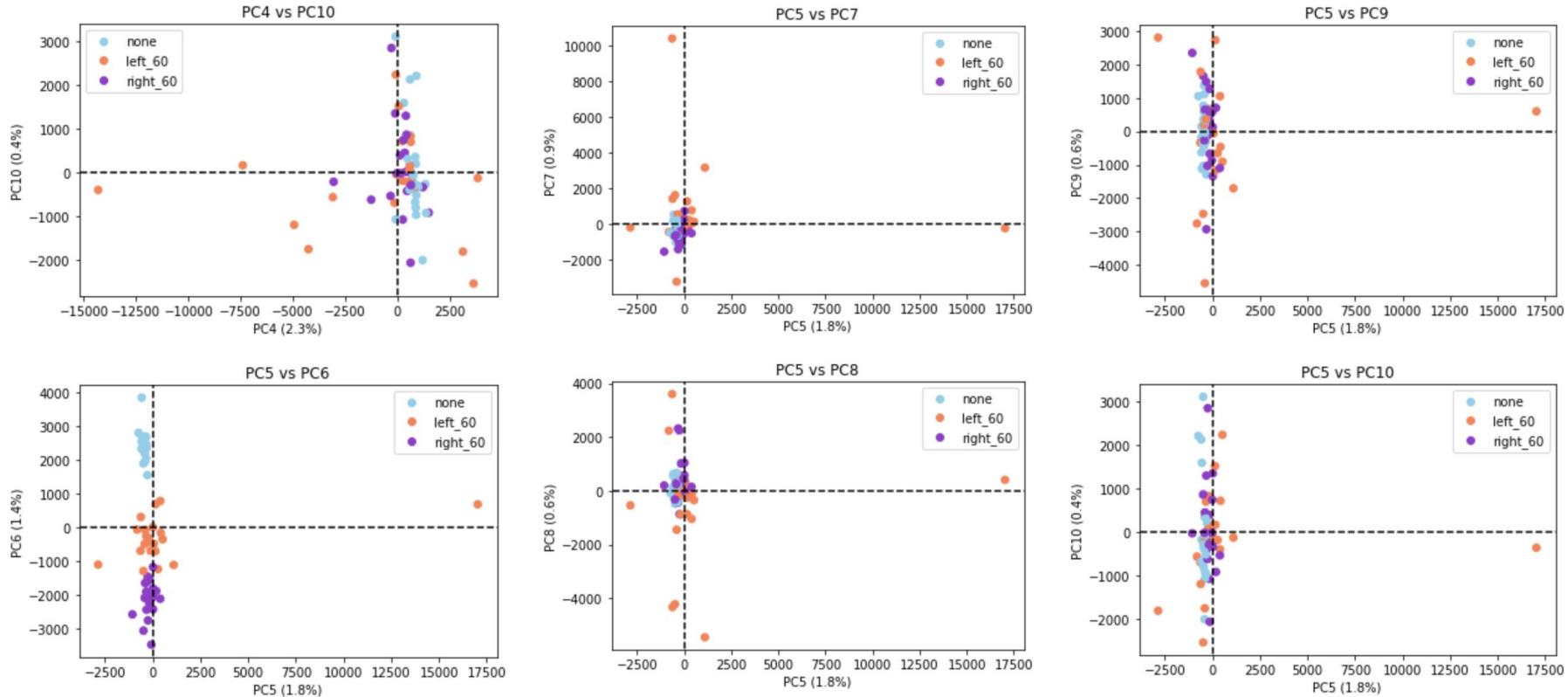
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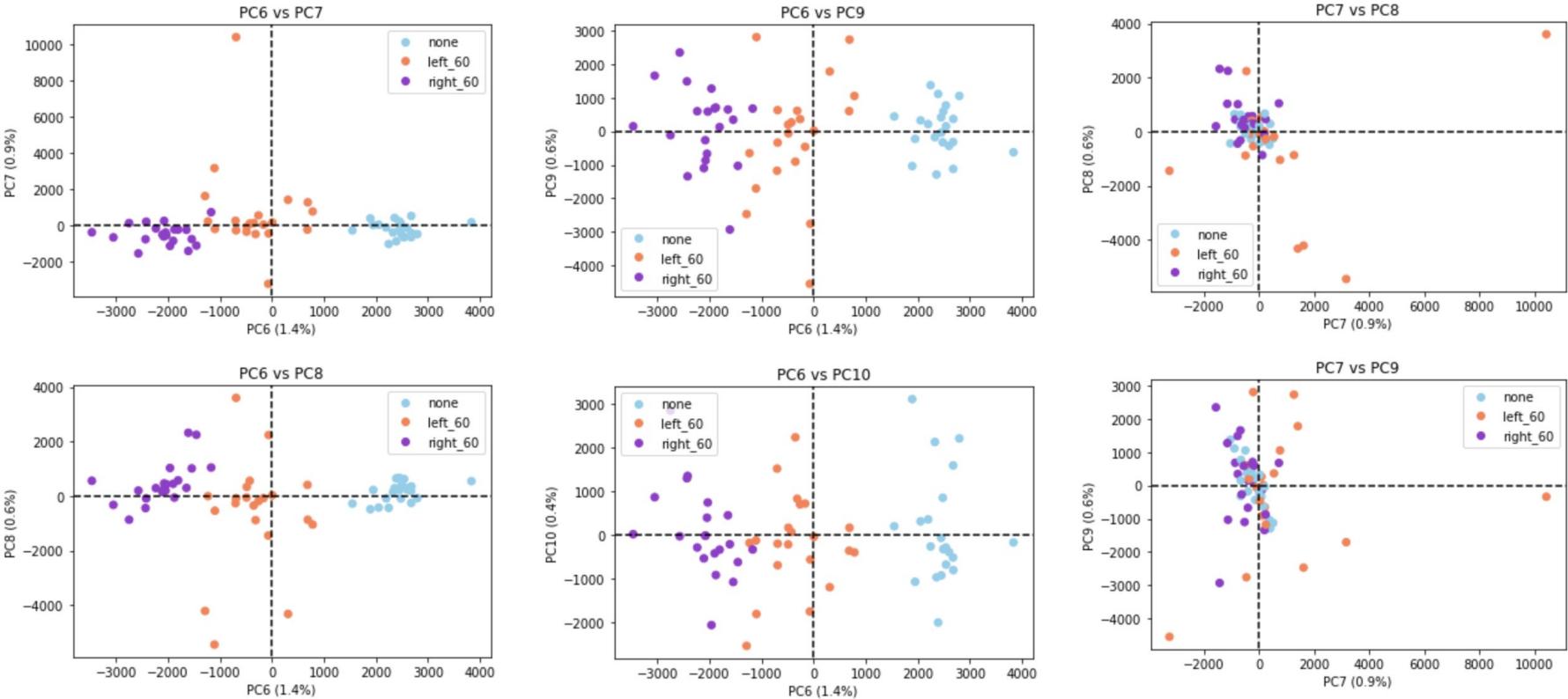
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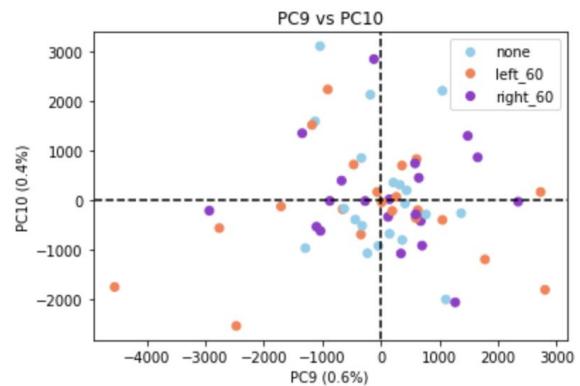
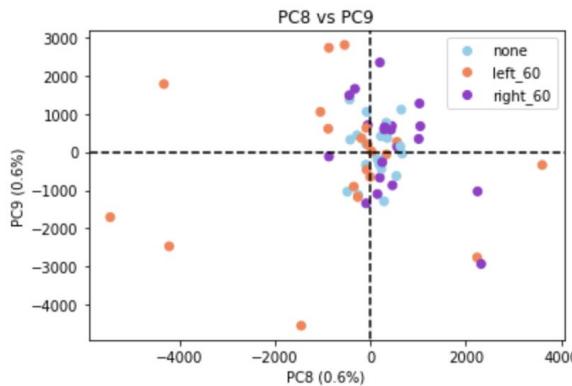
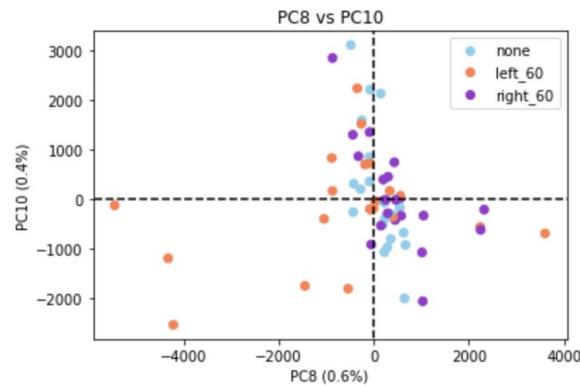
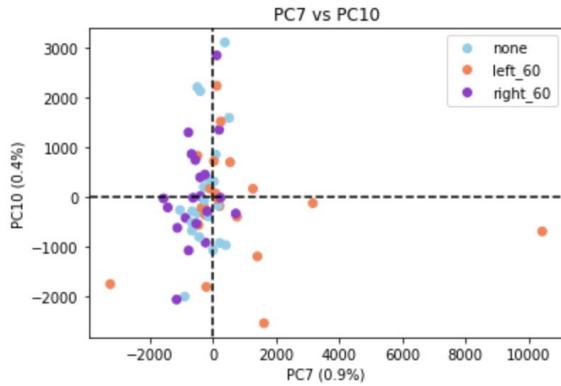
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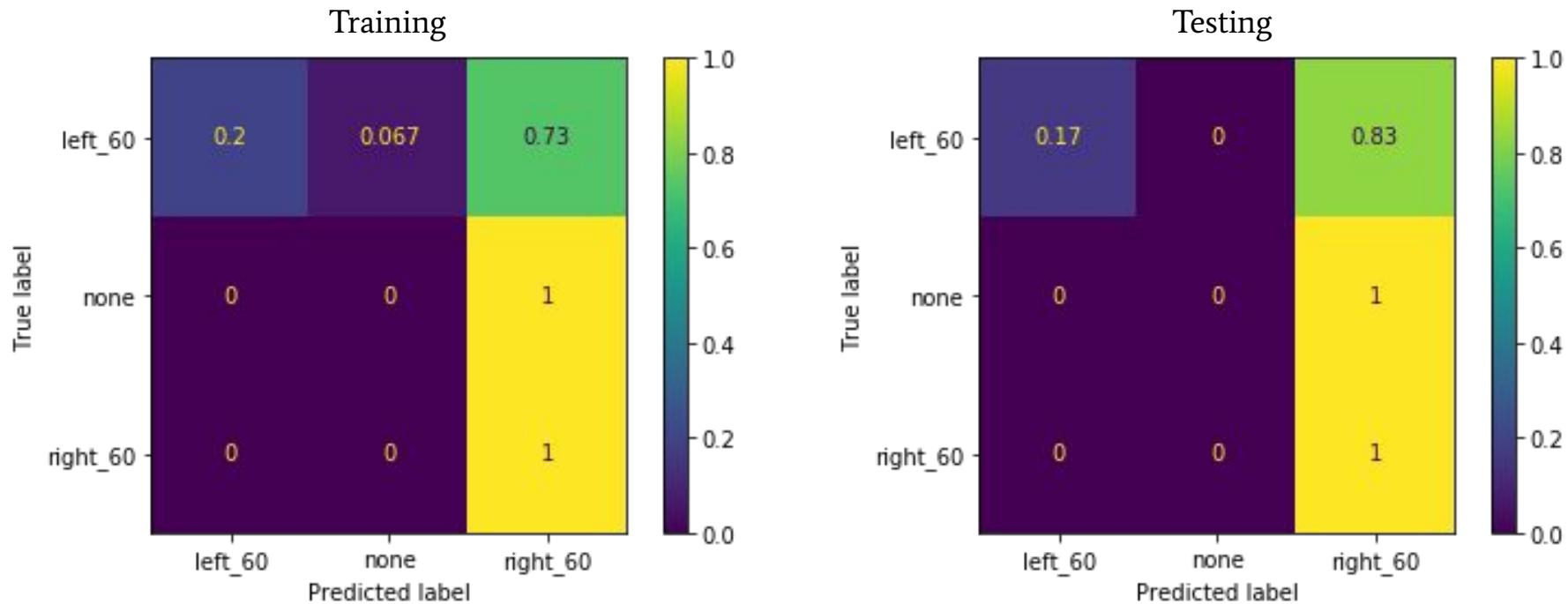
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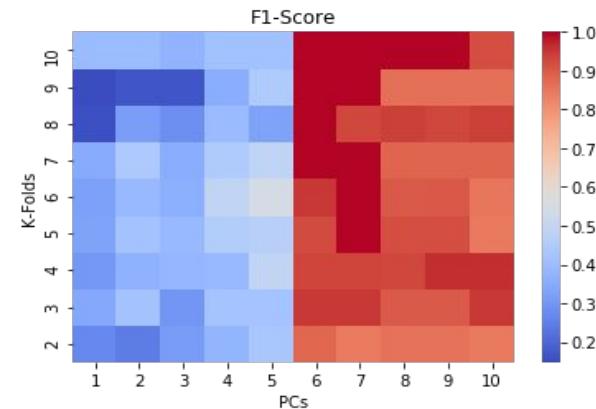
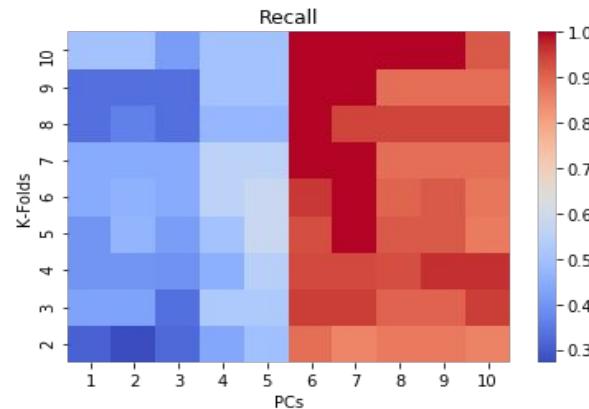
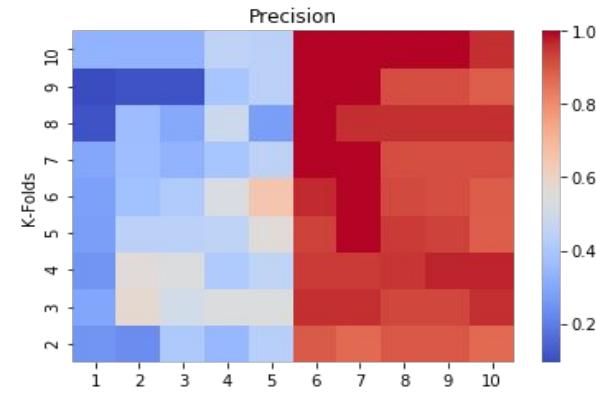
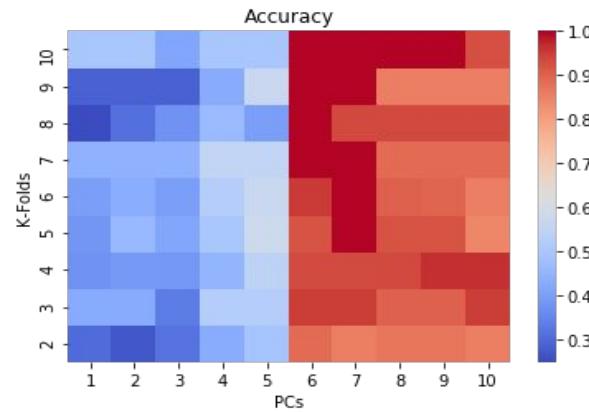
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# Confusion matrix - 353 channels

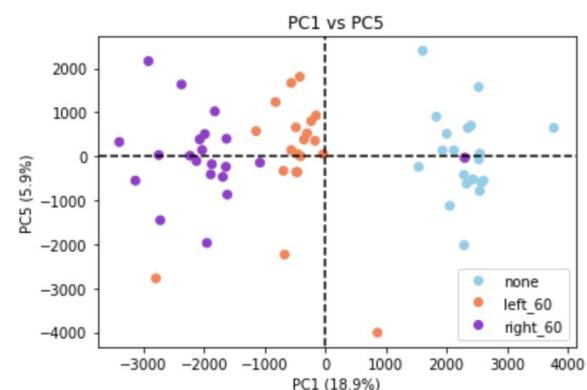
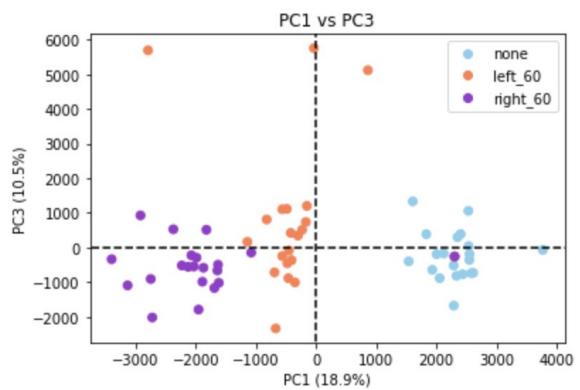
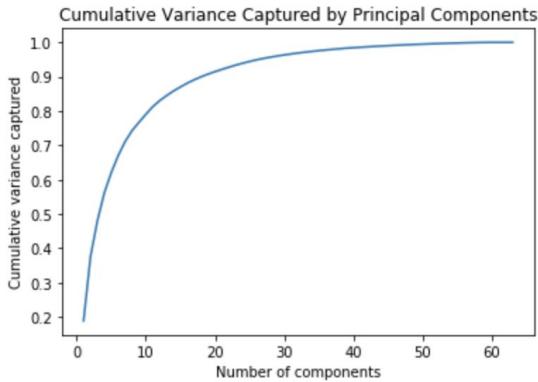
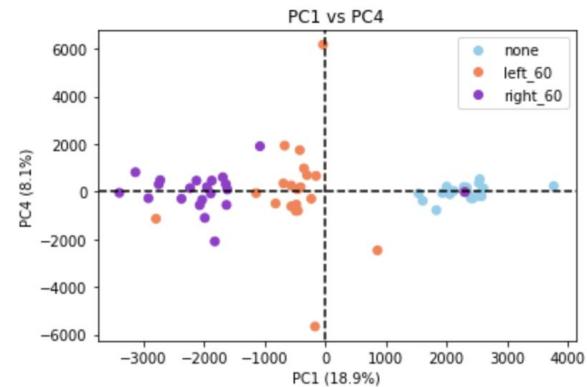
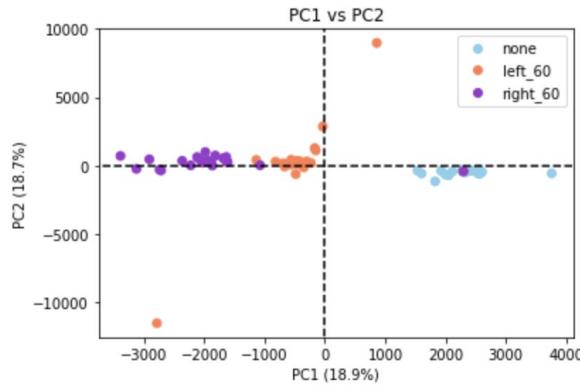
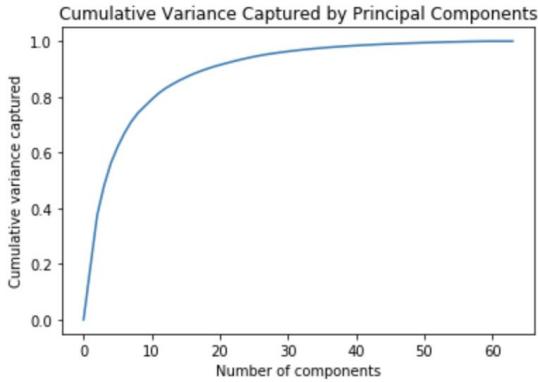


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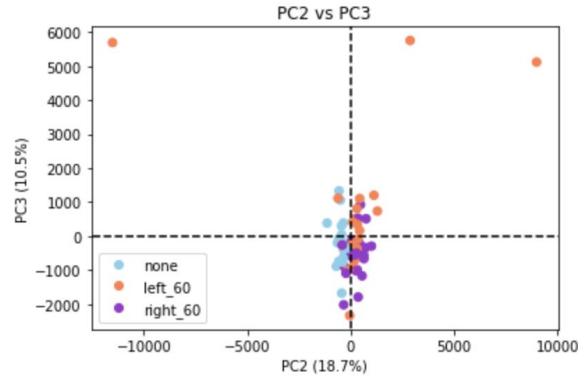
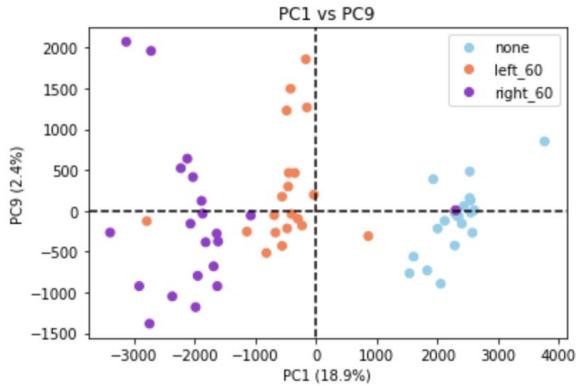
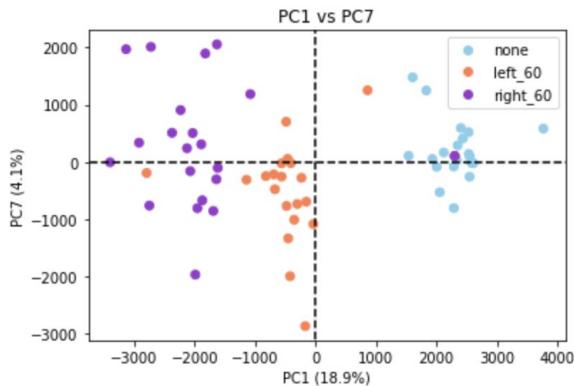
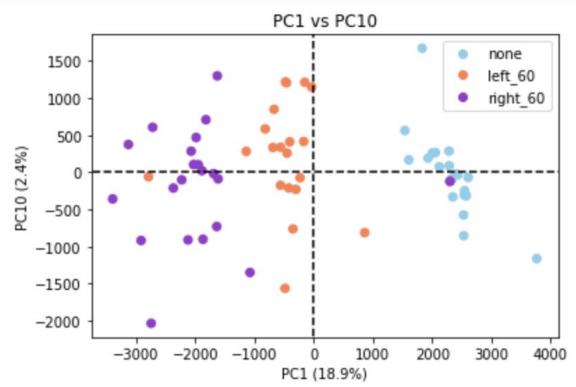
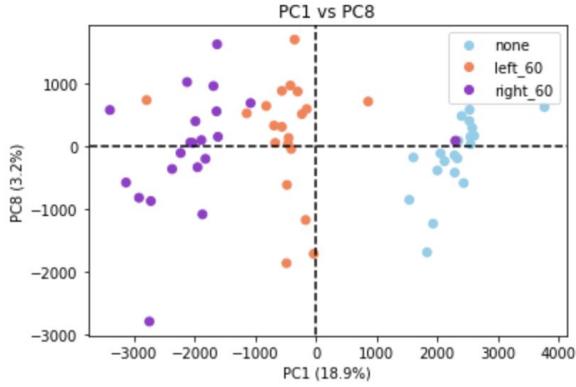
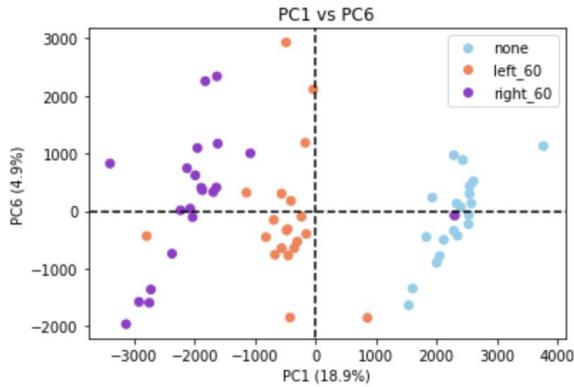




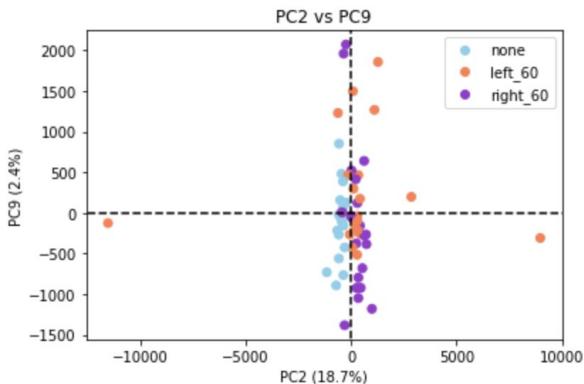
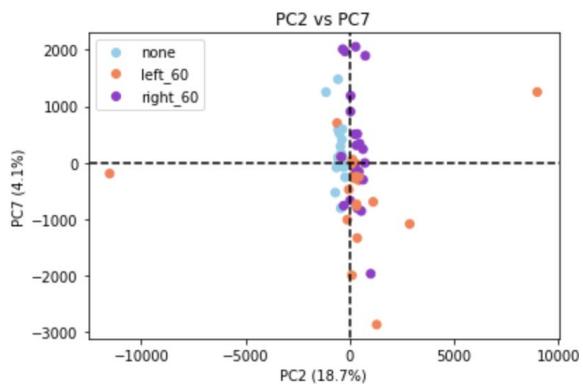
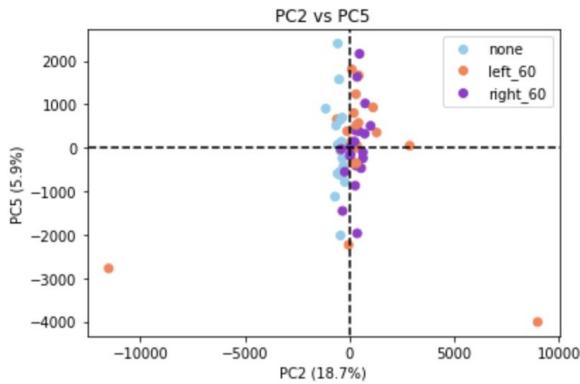
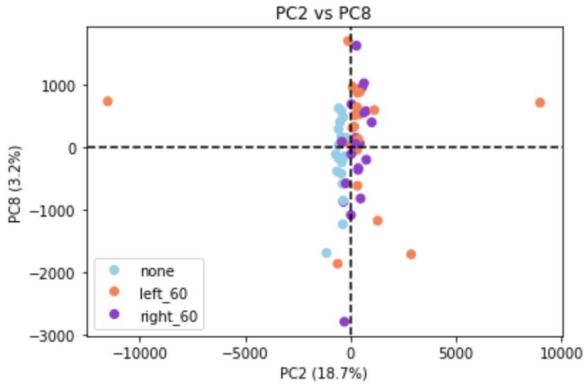
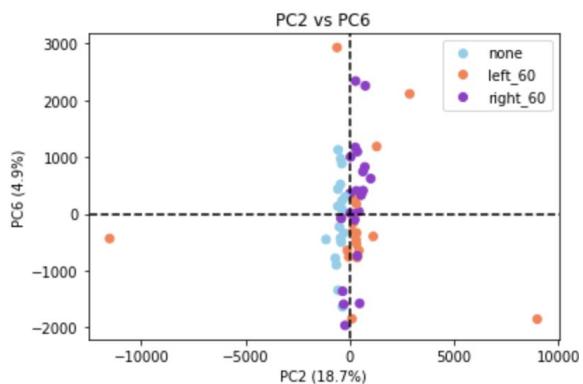
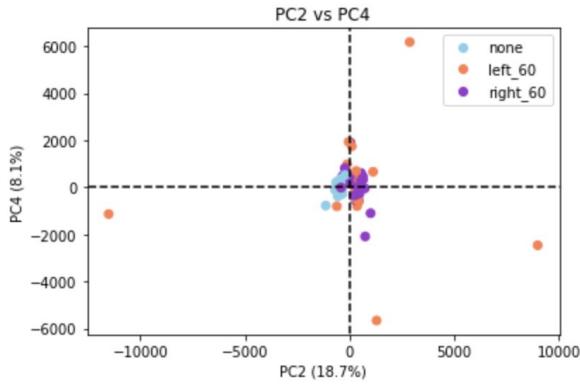
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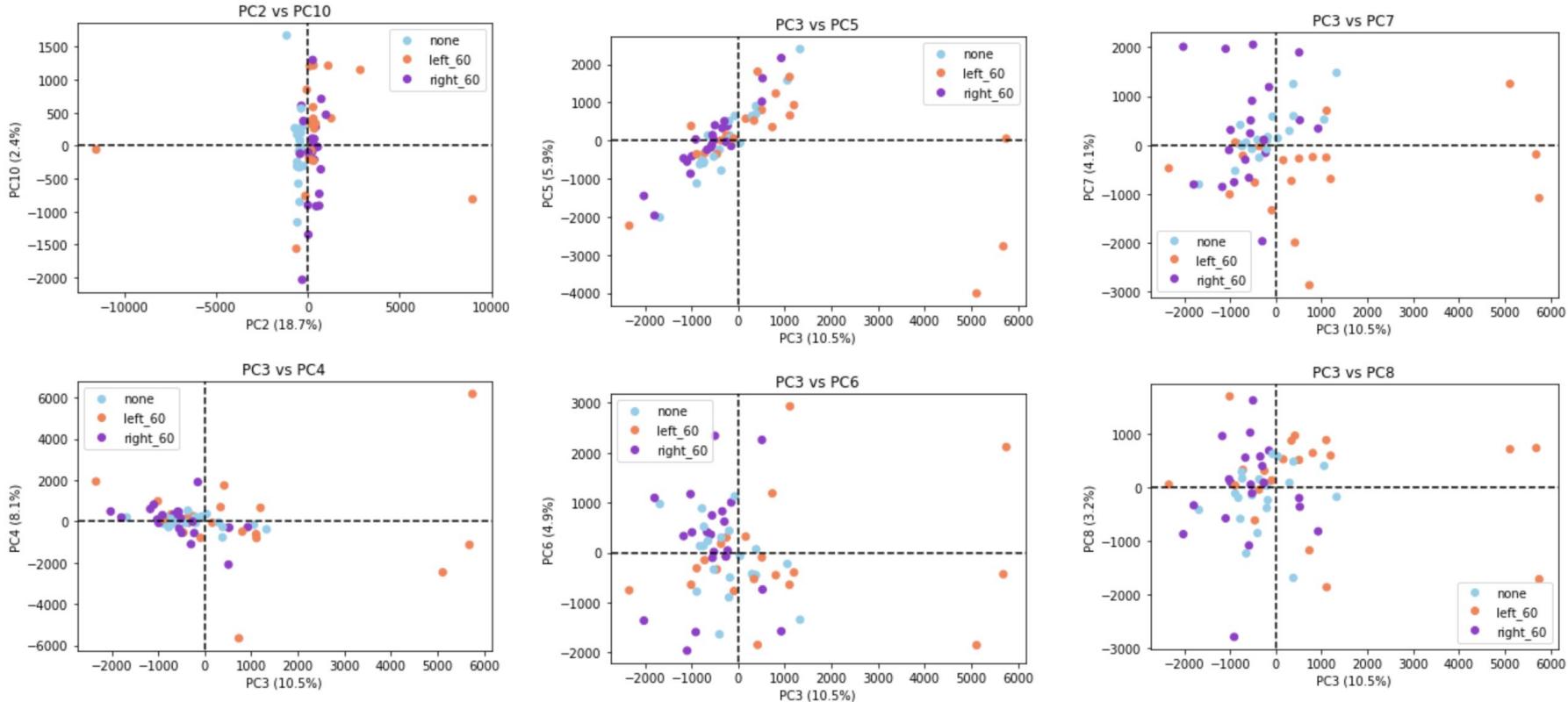
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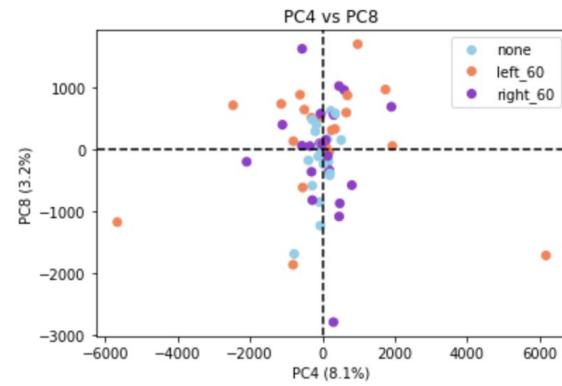
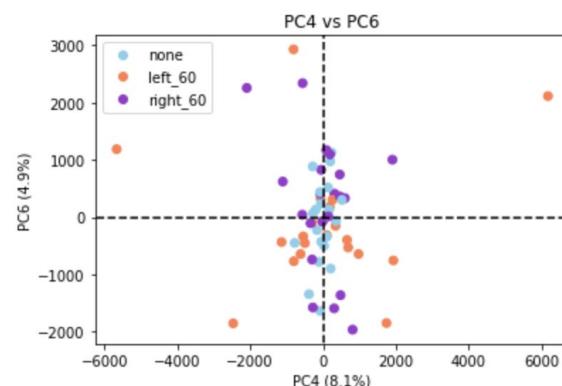
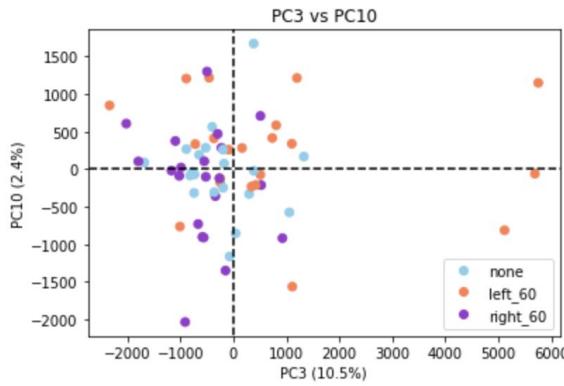
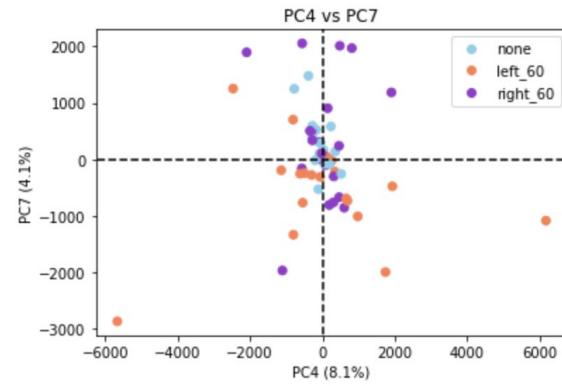
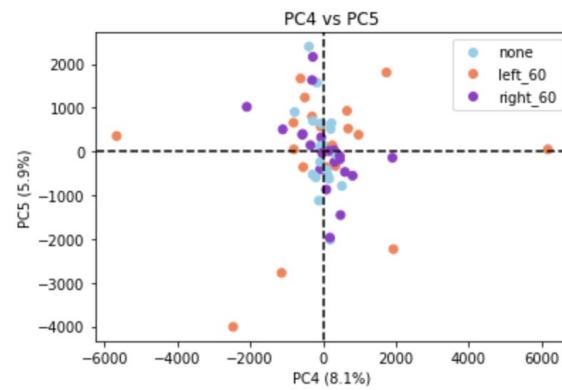
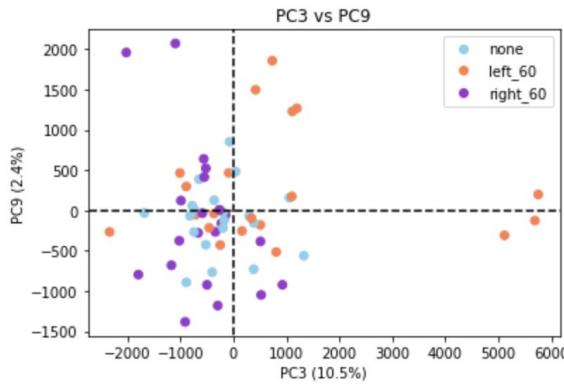
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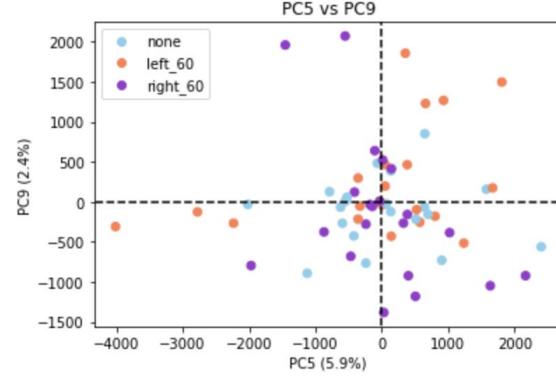
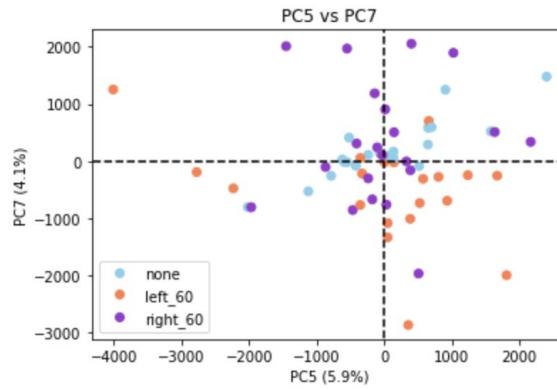
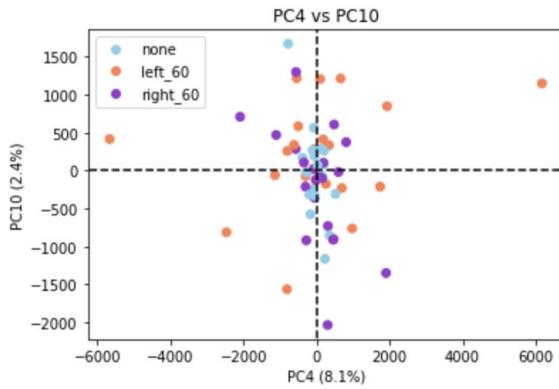
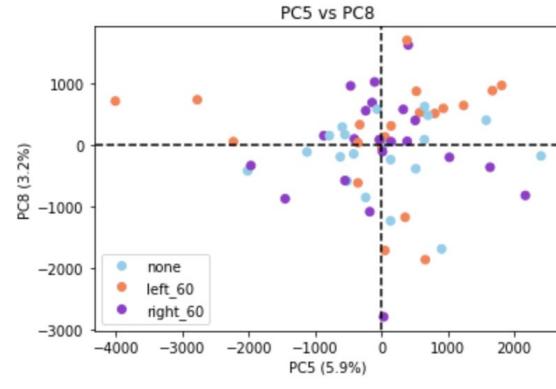
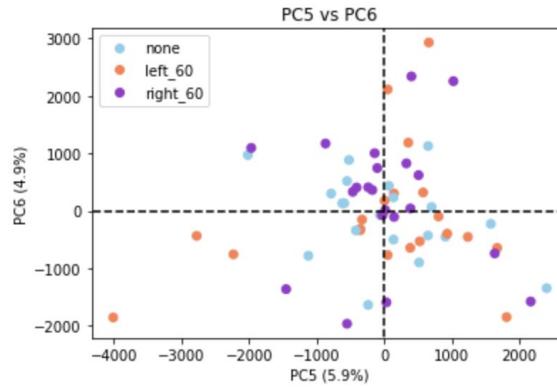
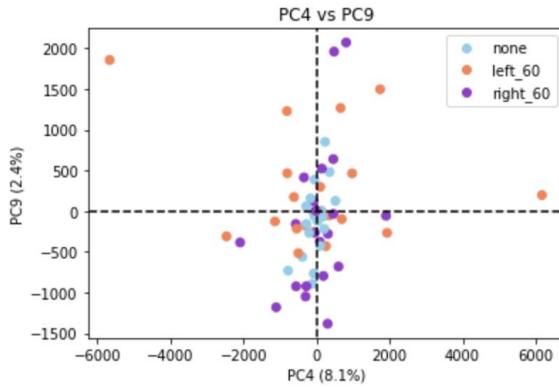
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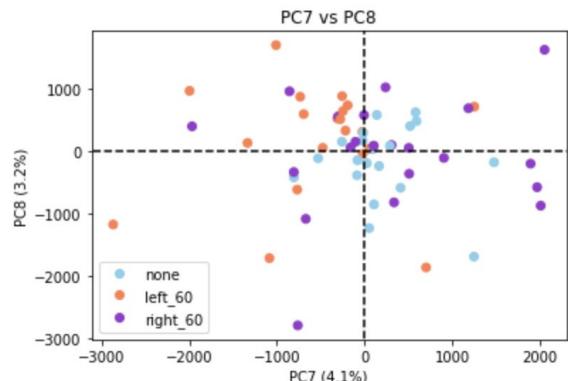
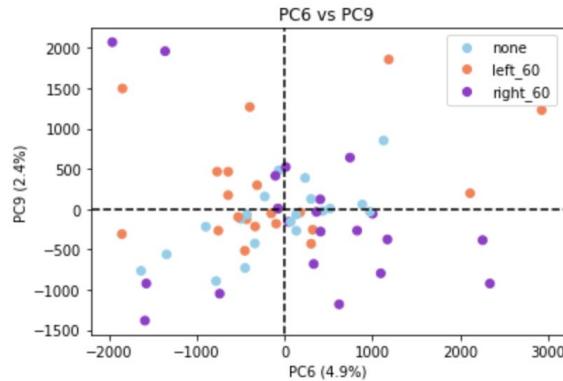
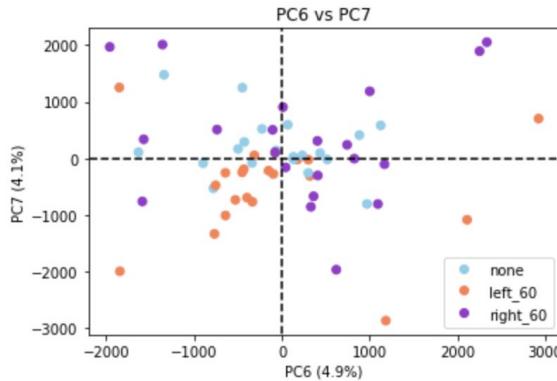
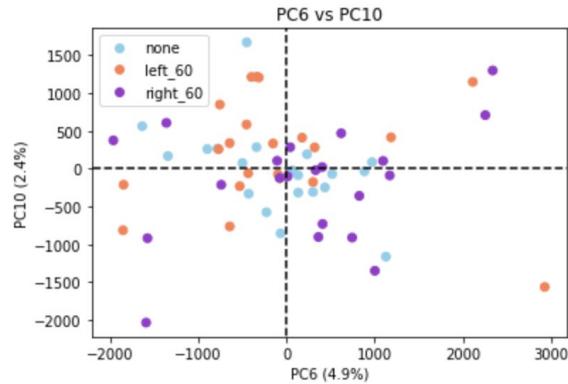
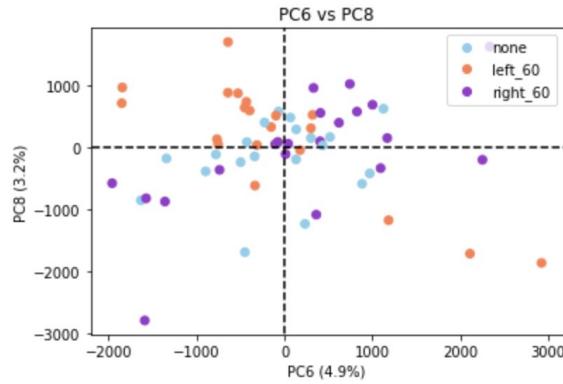
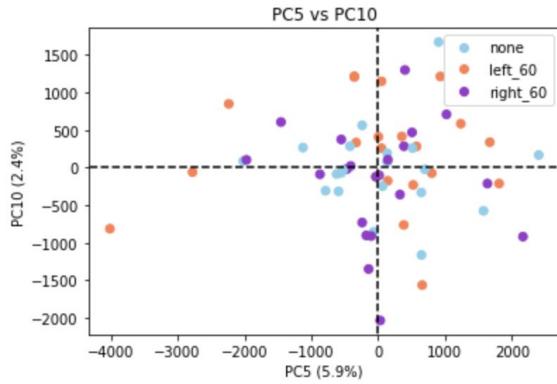
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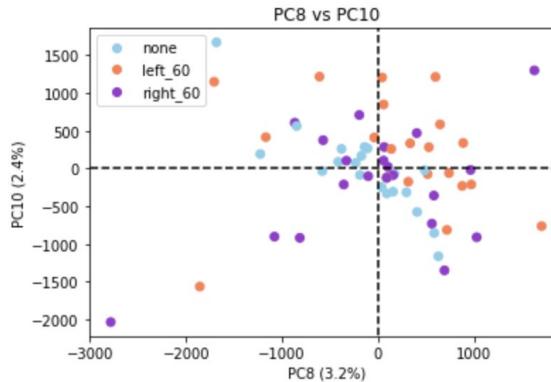
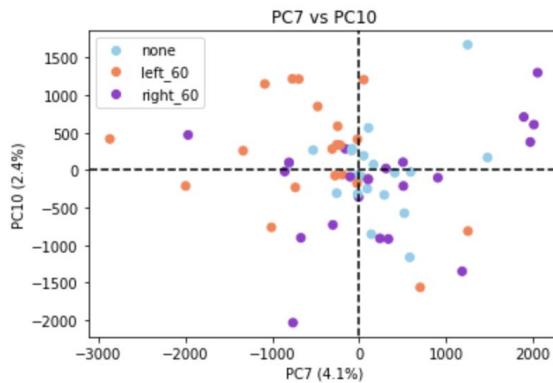
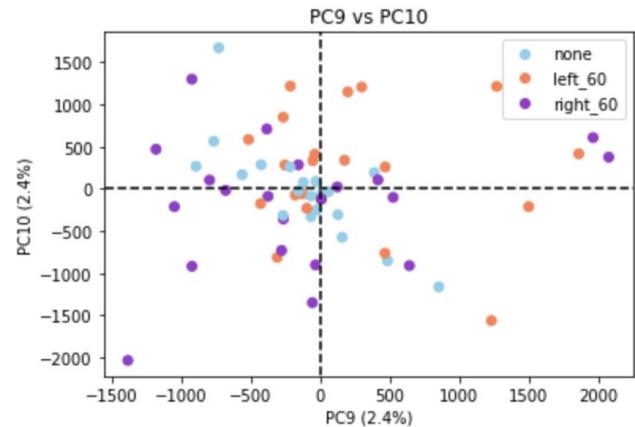
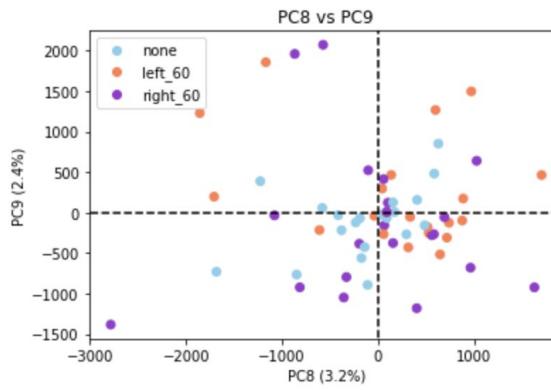
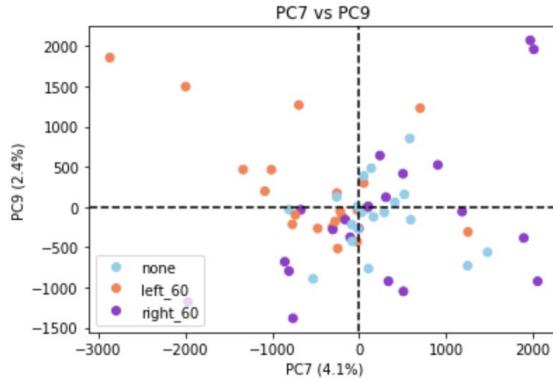
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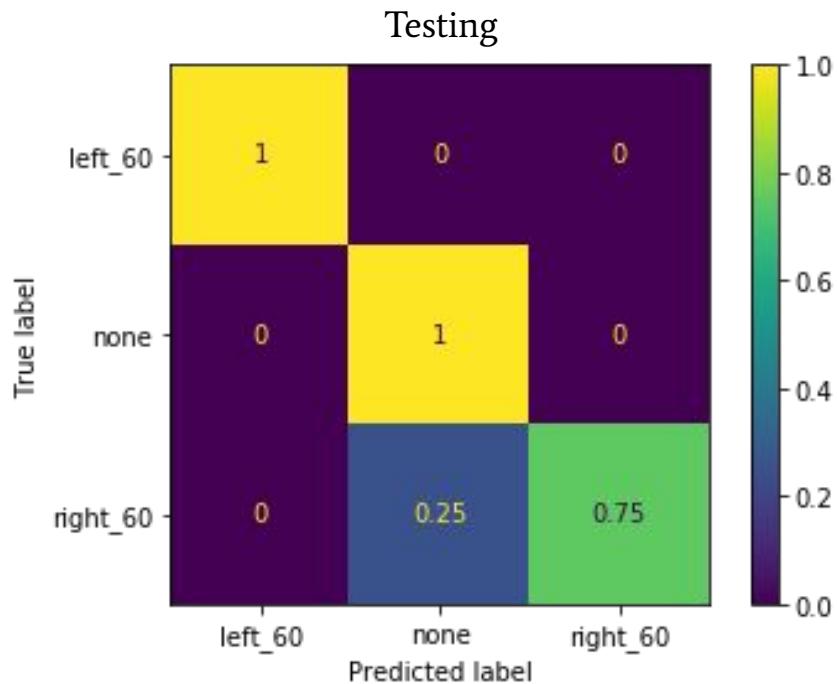
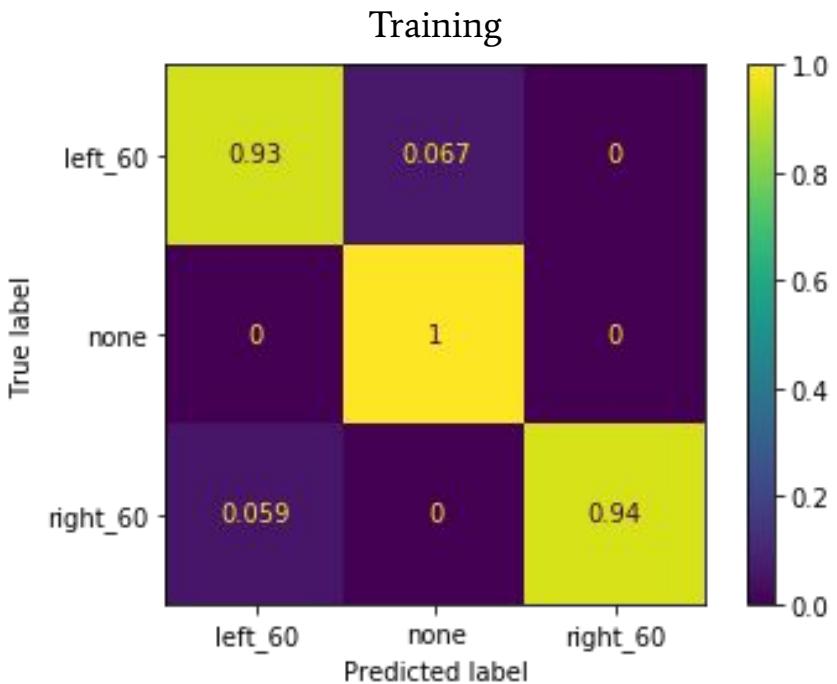
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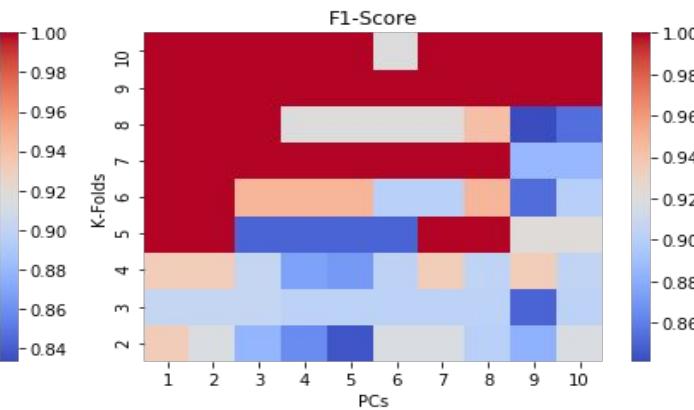
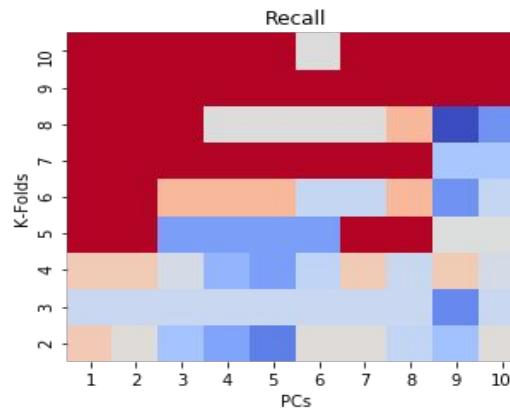
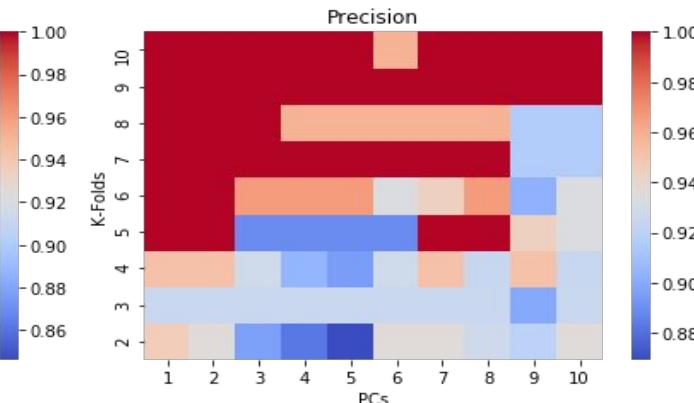
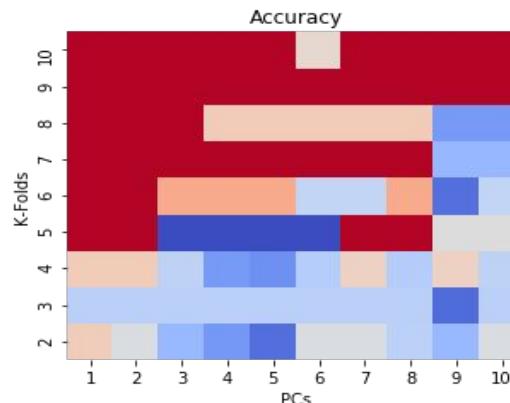
# Additional Slides - PCA 310 Channels 3 Conditions



# Confusion matrix - 310 channels, 3 groups

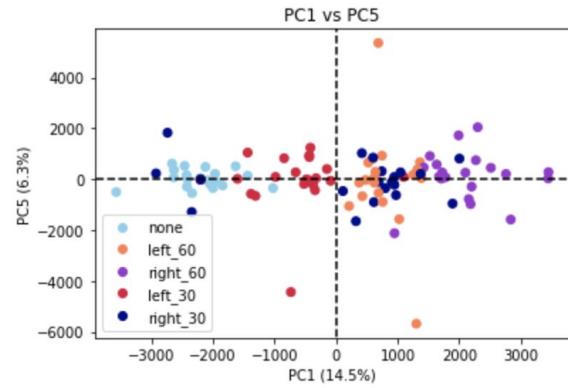
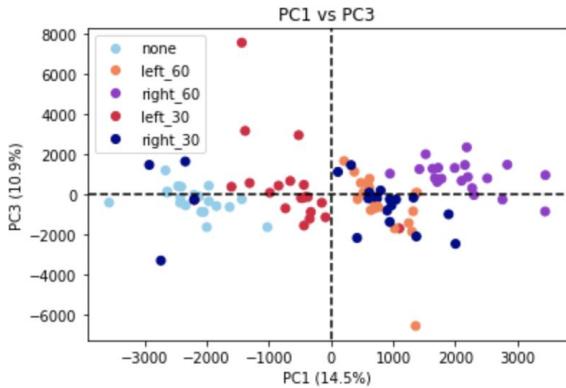
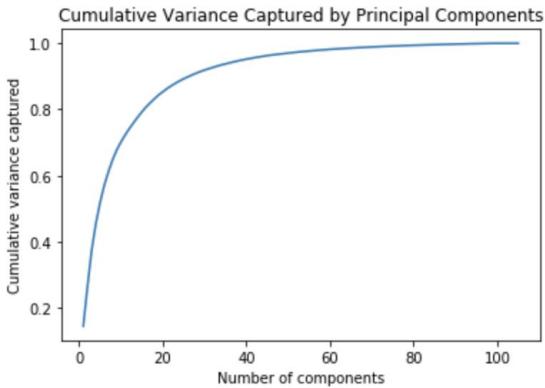
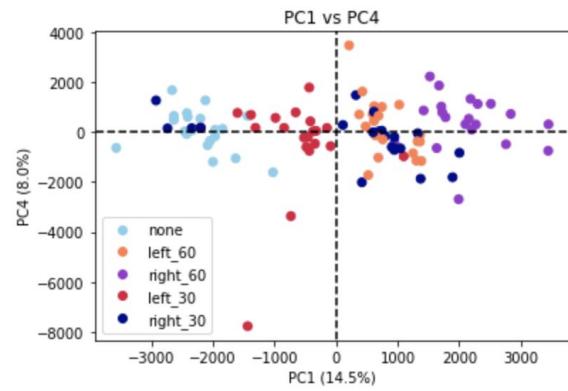
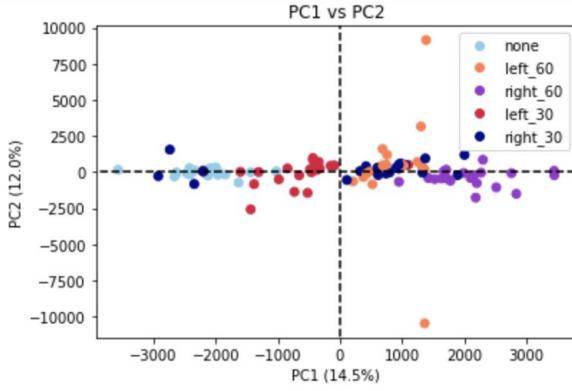
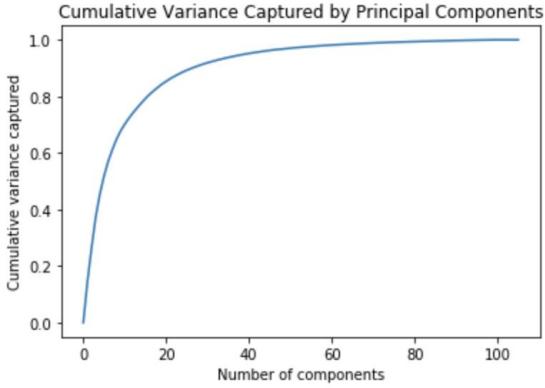


# Heatmaps - 310 Channels, 3 groups

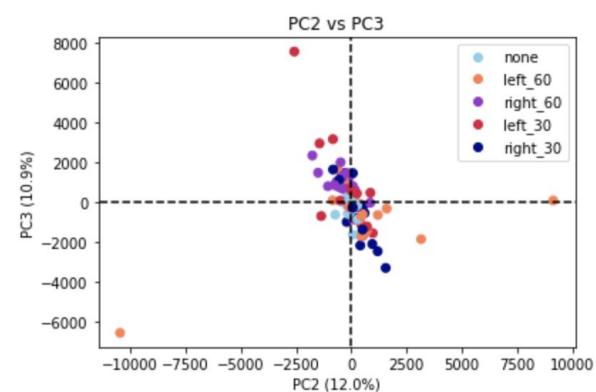
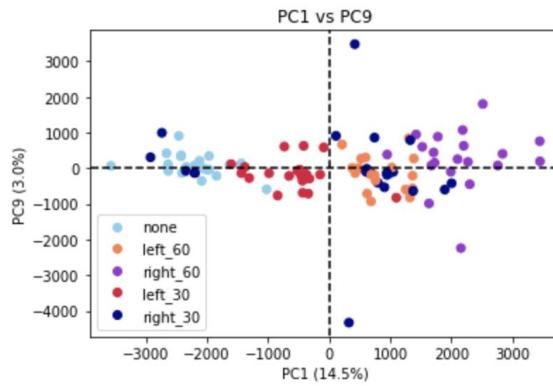
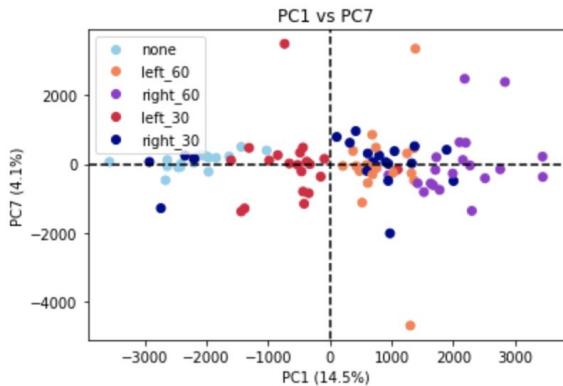
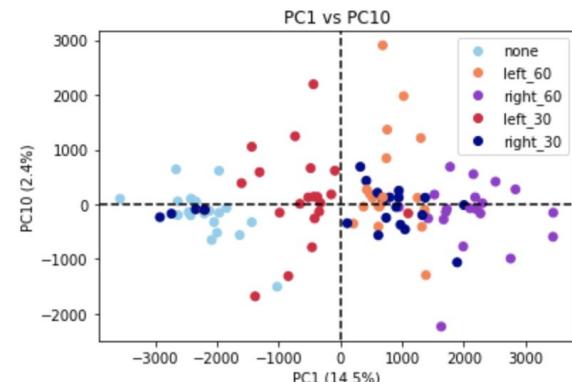
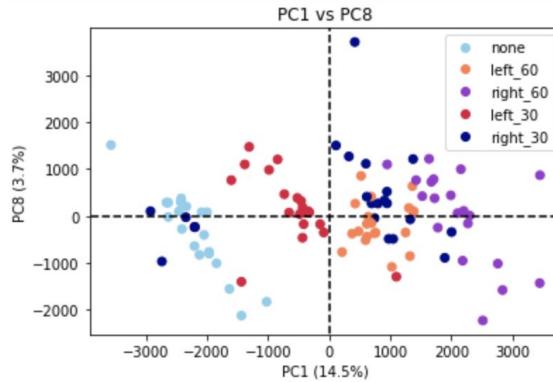
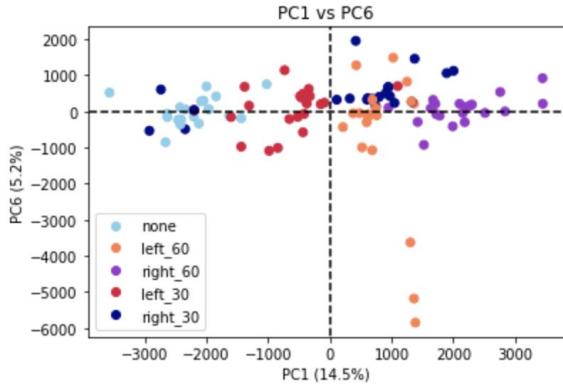




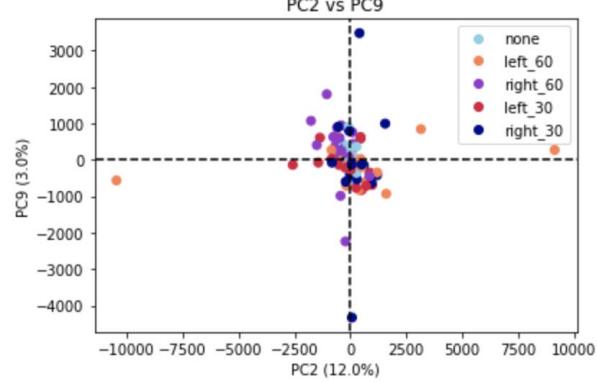
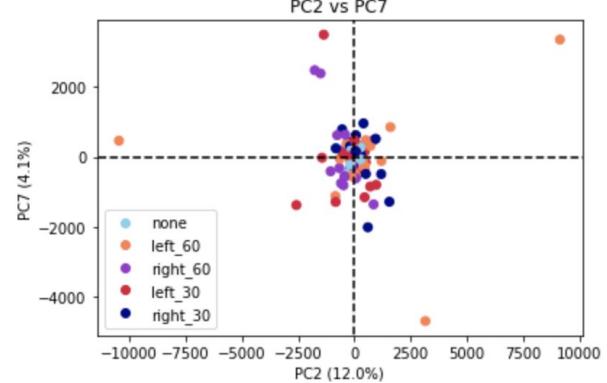
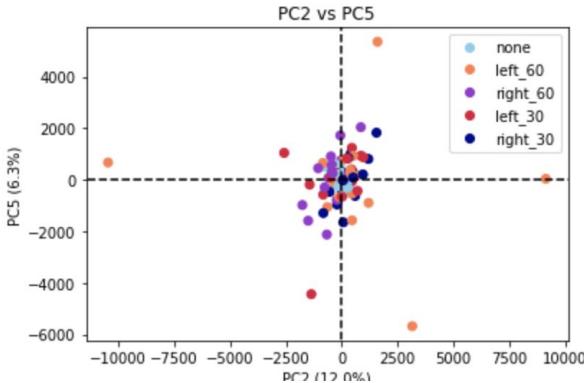
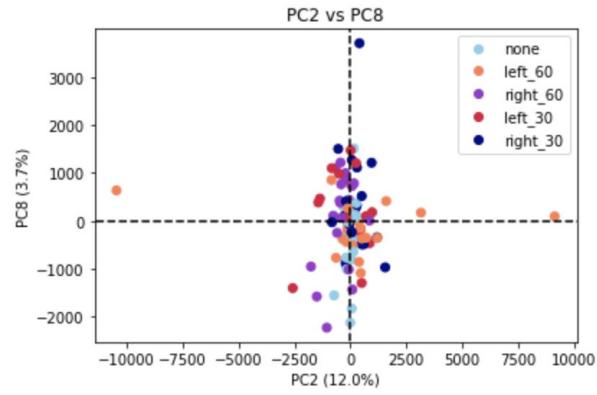
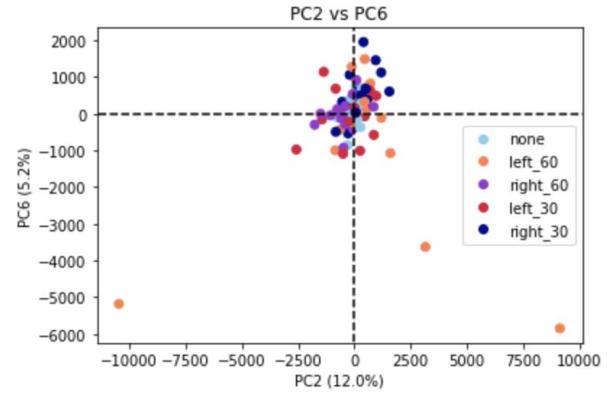
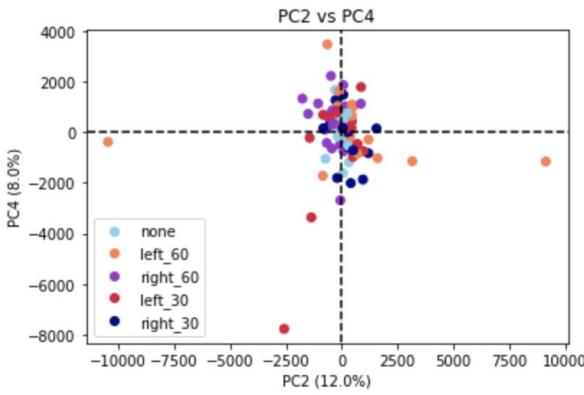
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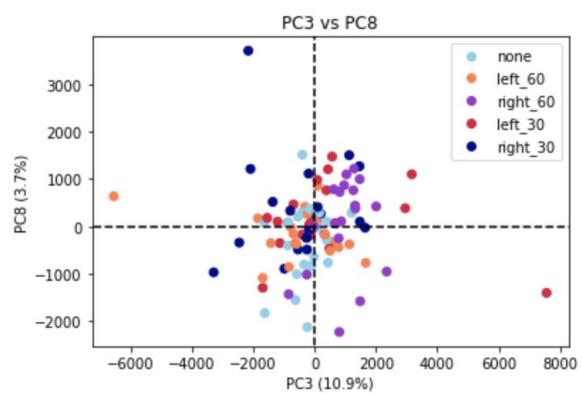
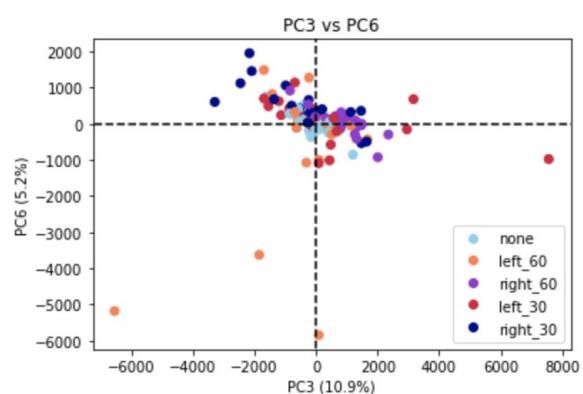
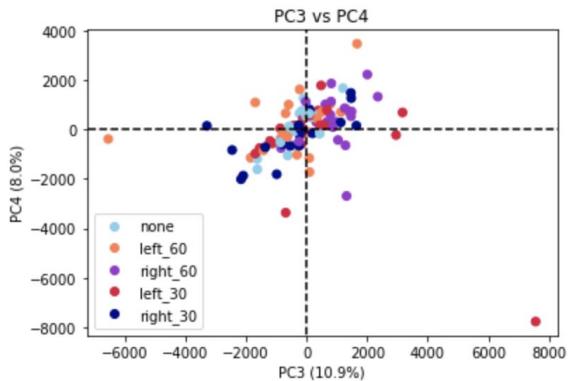
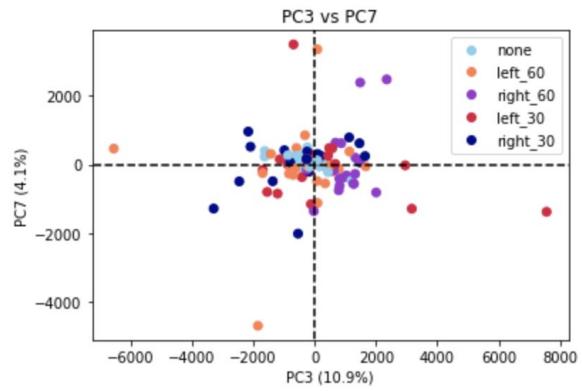
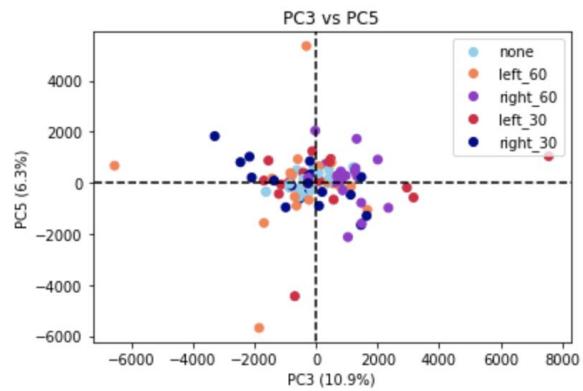
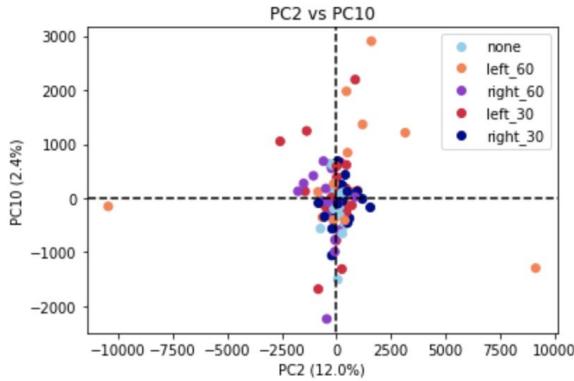
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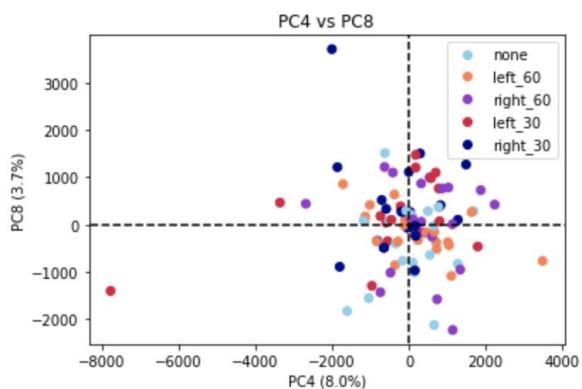
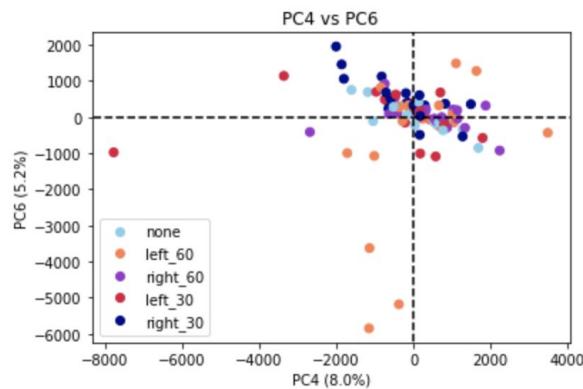
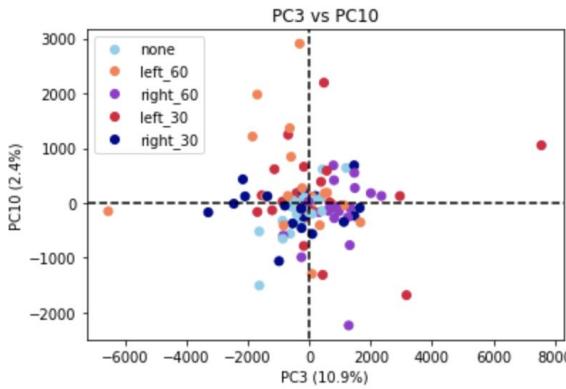
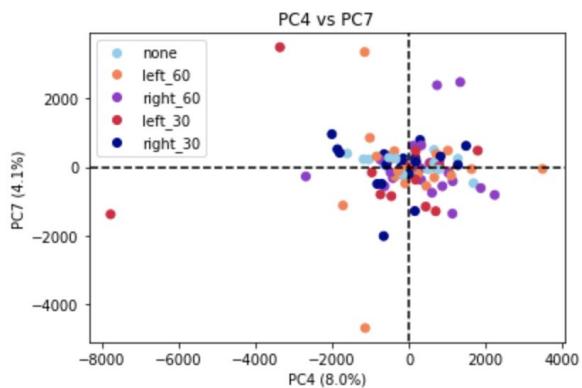
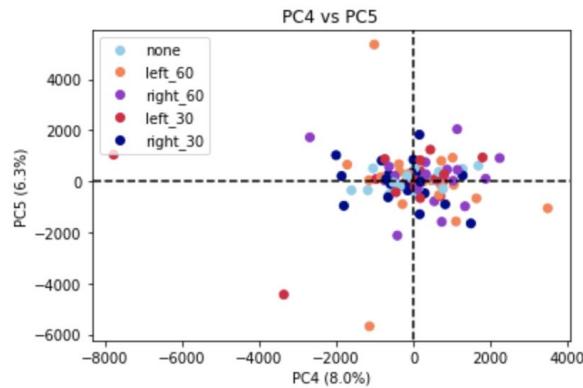
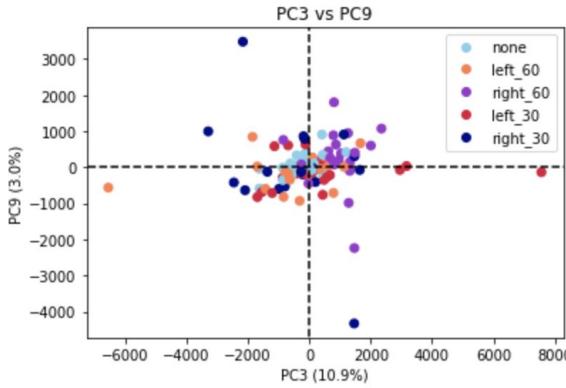
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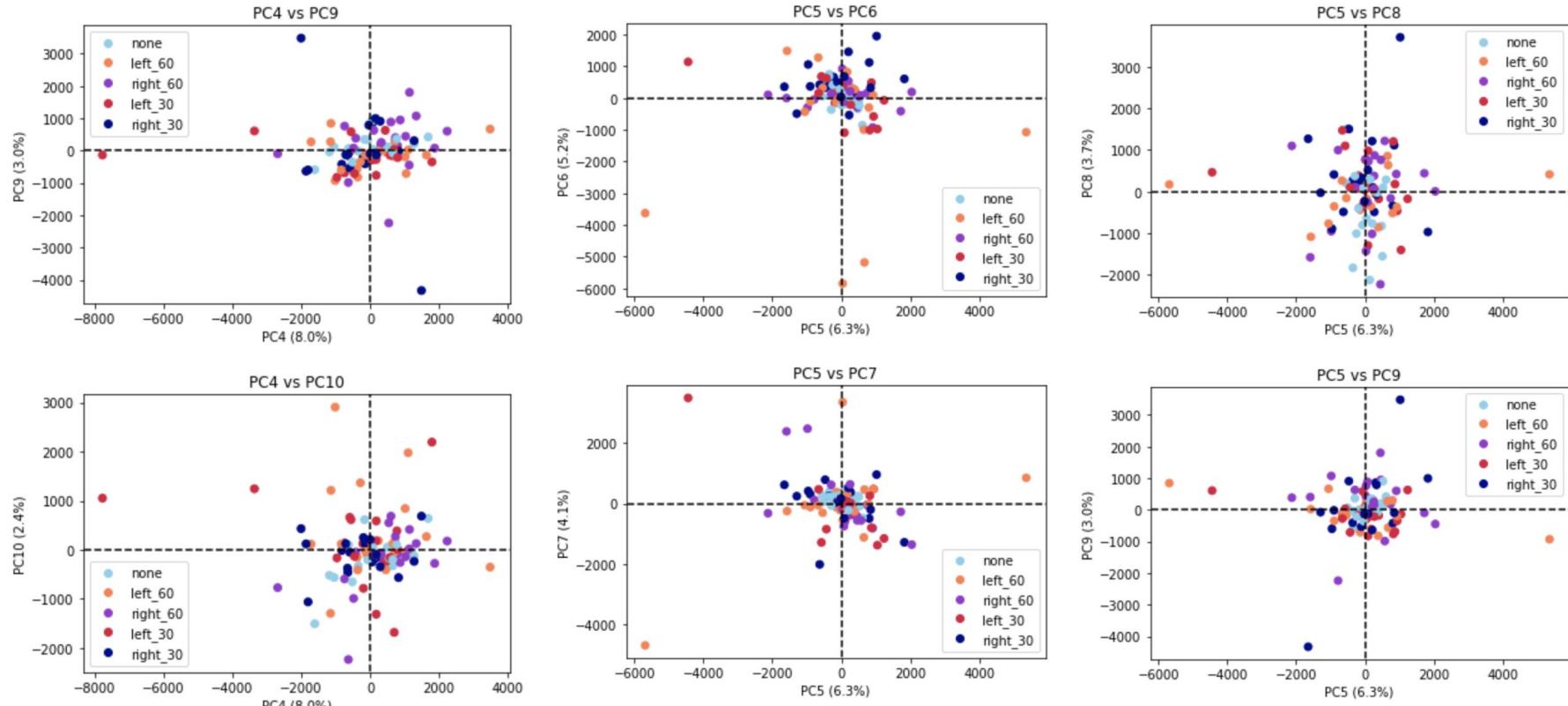
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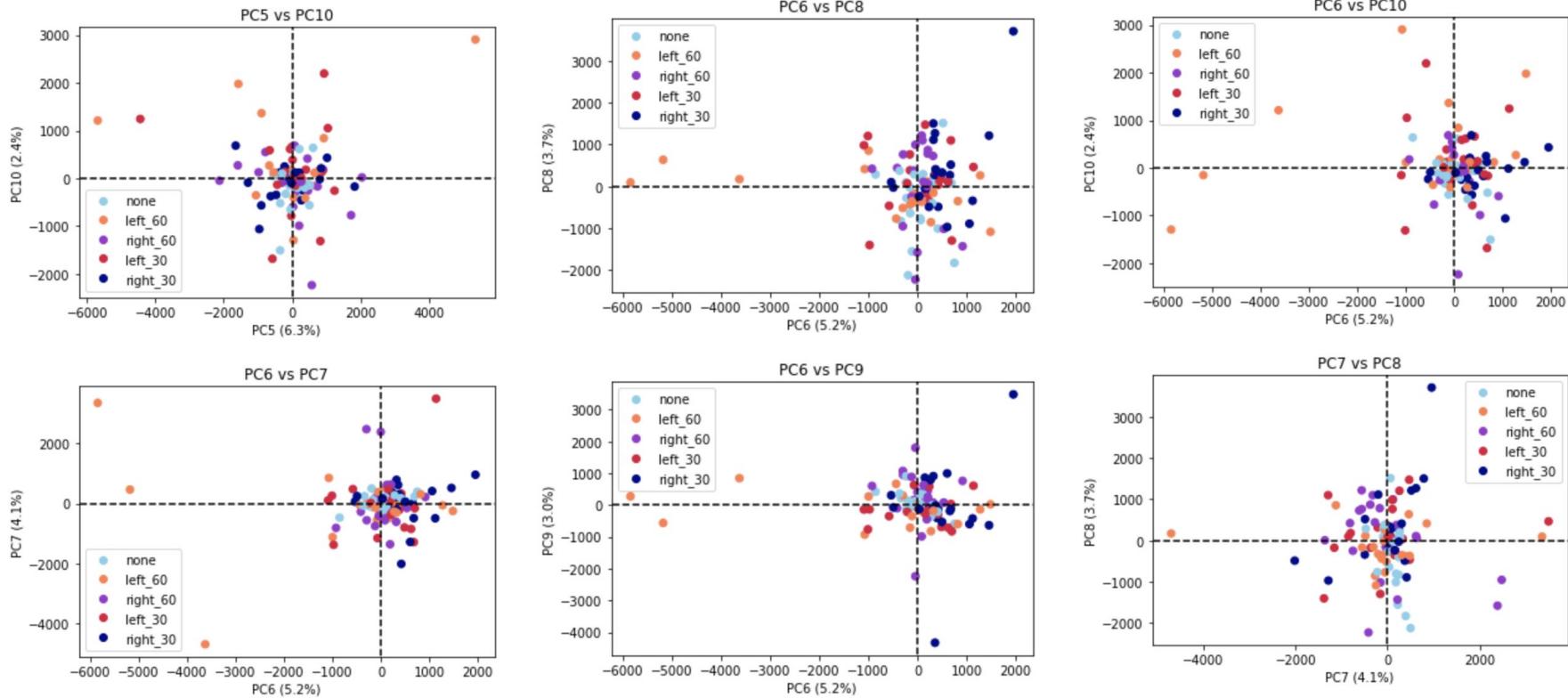
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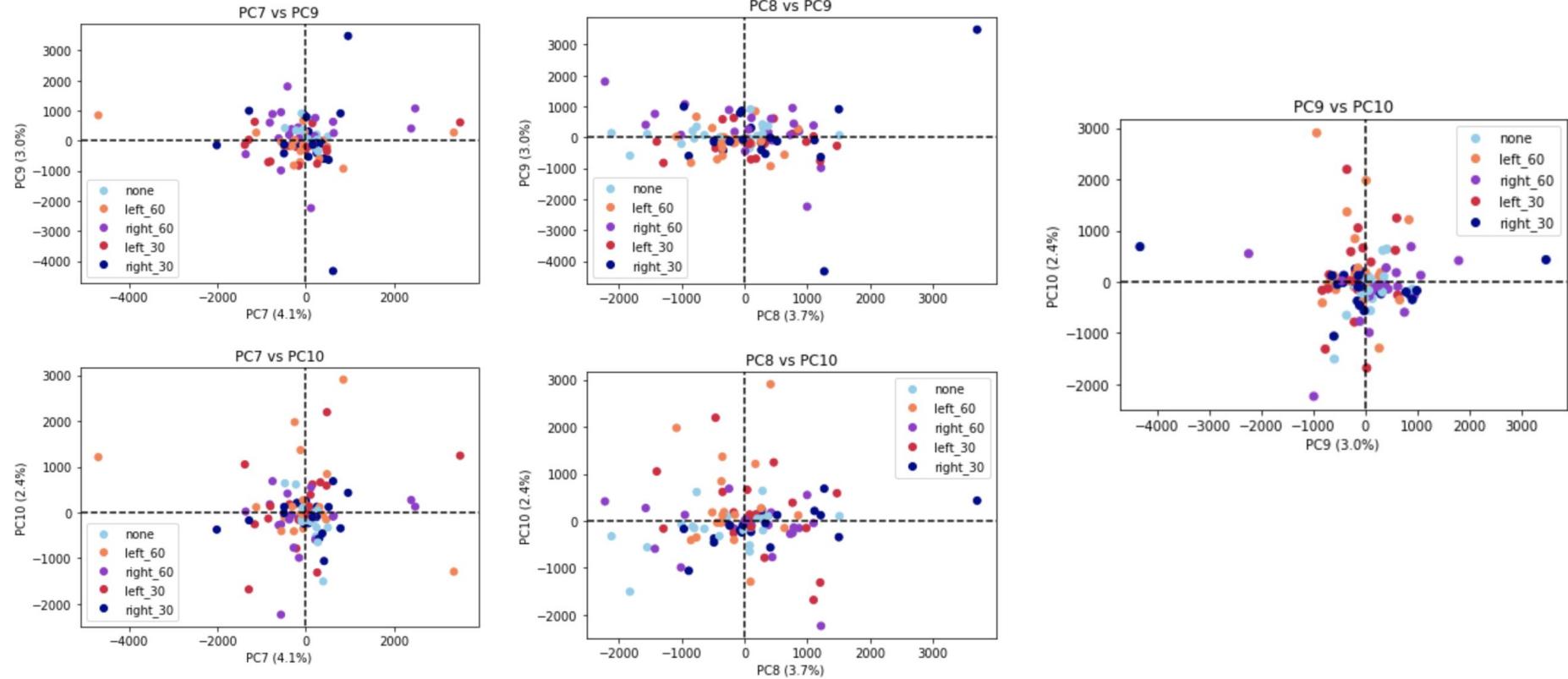
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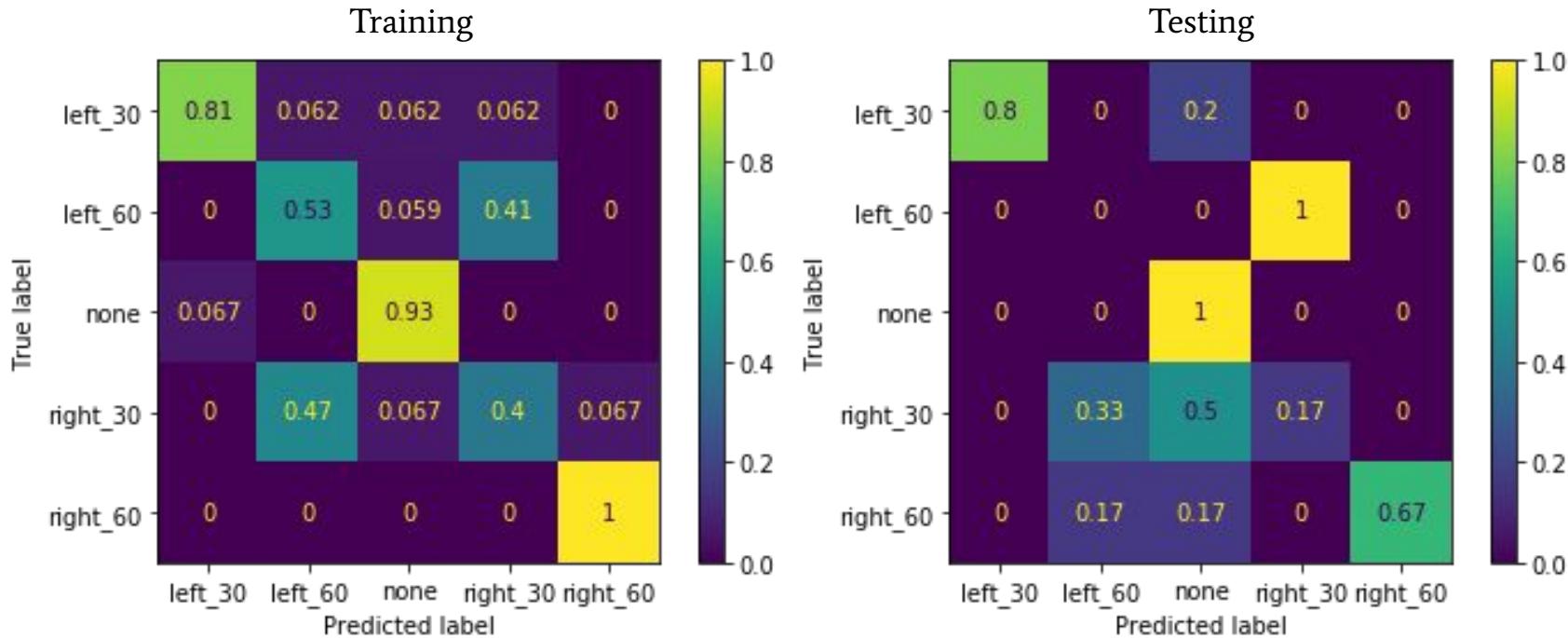
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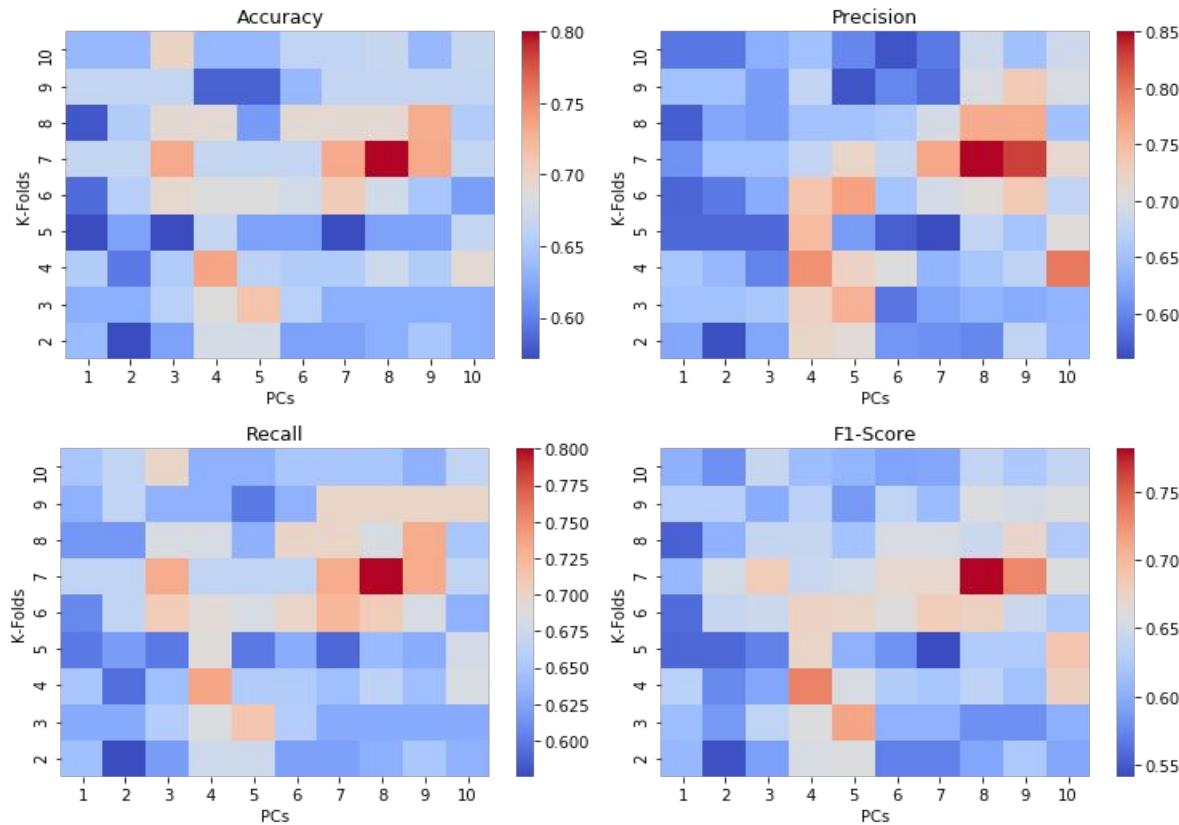
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# Confusion matrix 310 channels, 5 groups



# Heatmaps - 310 Channels, 5 groups



# Example bad channels

