

PSMCV-2
Data Collection & Analysis for Cognitive Neuroscience

Time Series Data

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Today

1. A bit more on eye-tracking measurements
2. Analyzing time series data
 - Sampling theory & Aliasing
 - Filtering
 - Averaging

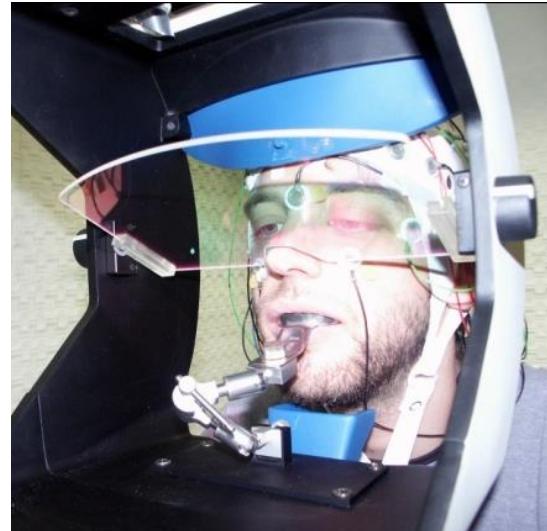
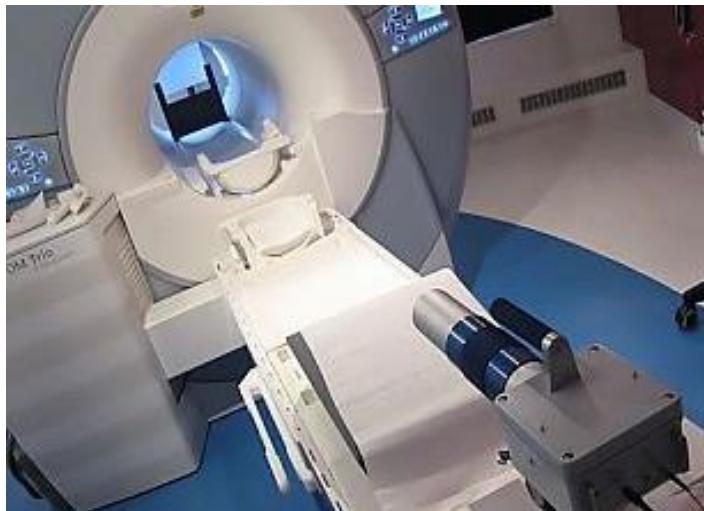
1. A bit more on eye-tracking measurements

Video-based eye trackers

**SR Research
Eyelink 1000**



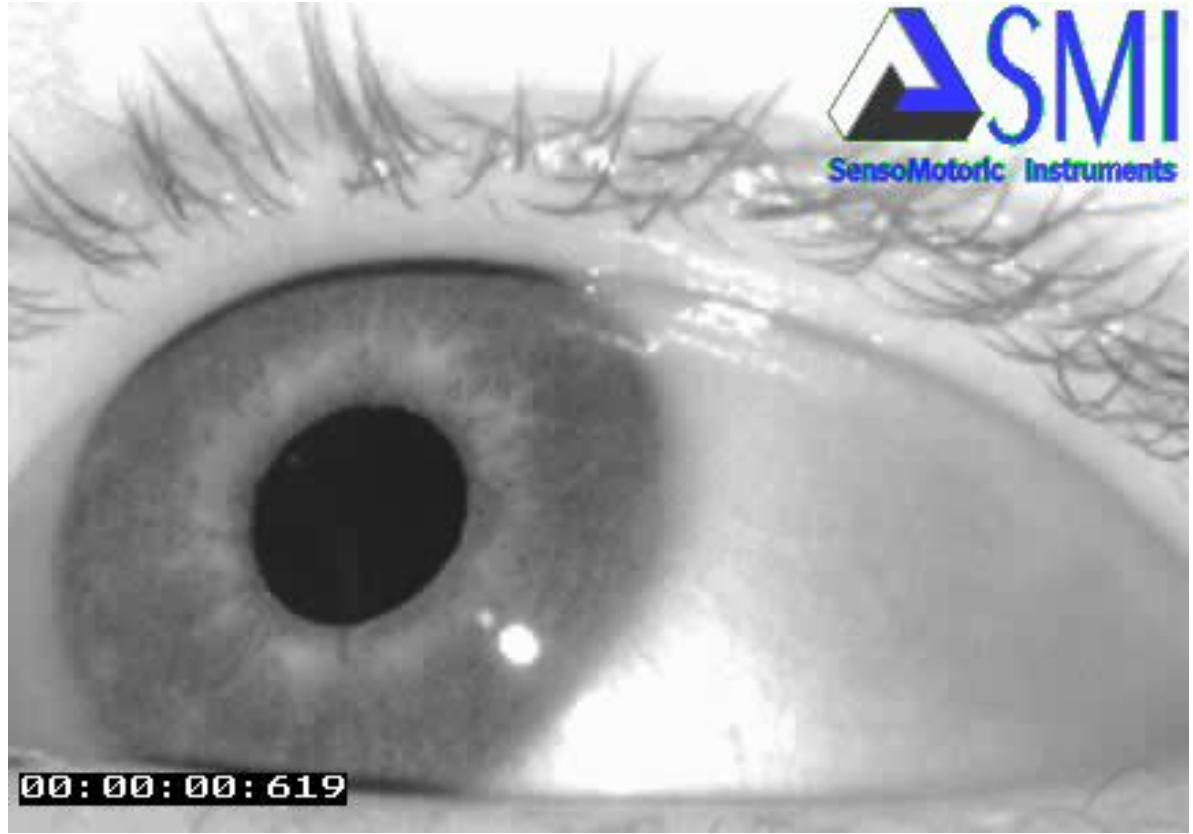
MR-compatible



SMI Hi-Speed Tower

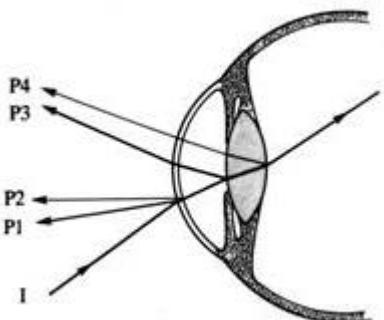


SMI Glasses



SMI
SensoMotoric Instruments

Eye raw video (1250 Hz sampling rate)



Purkinje Reflexes

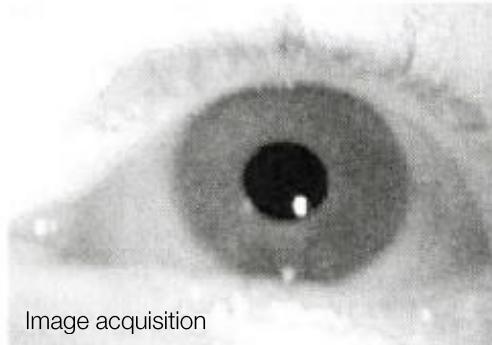


Image acquisition

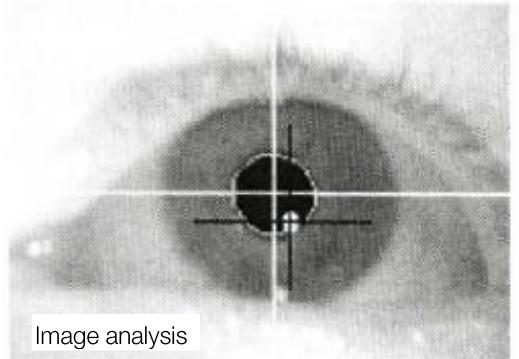
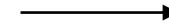
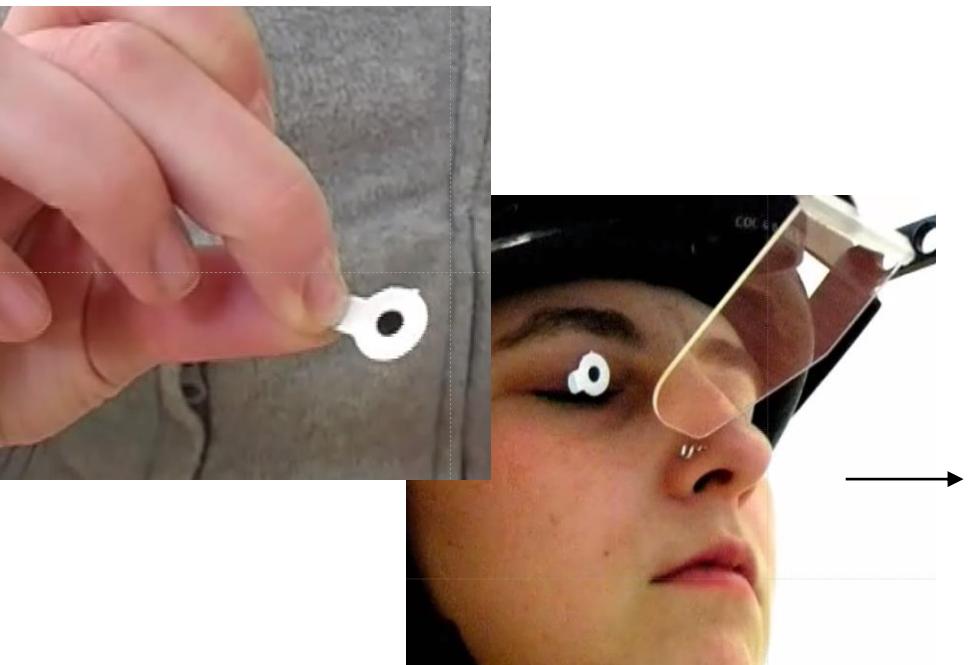


Image analysis

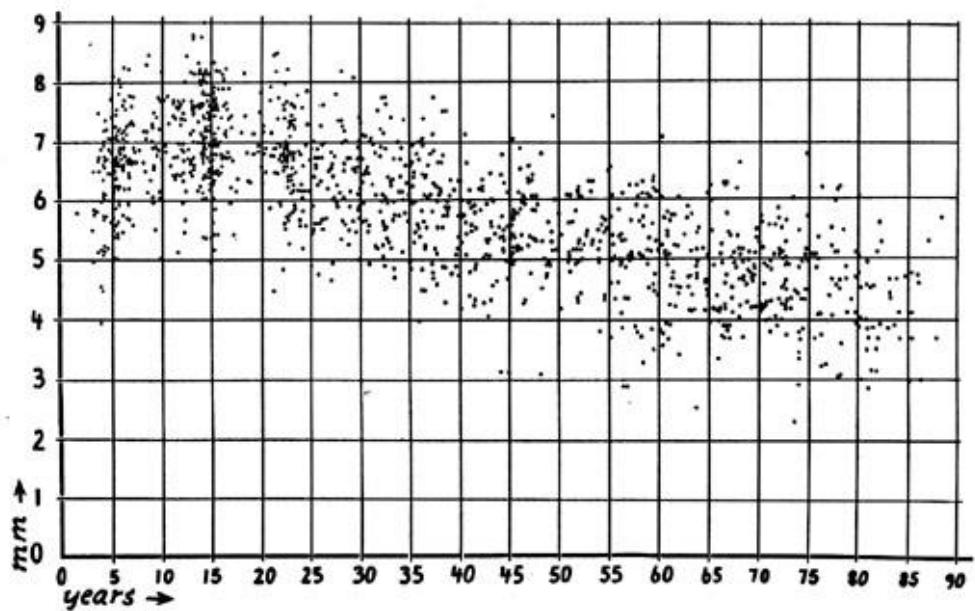
Calibrating of pupil size

- Sometimes we want pupil size as [mm]
- Convert pixels to [mm]

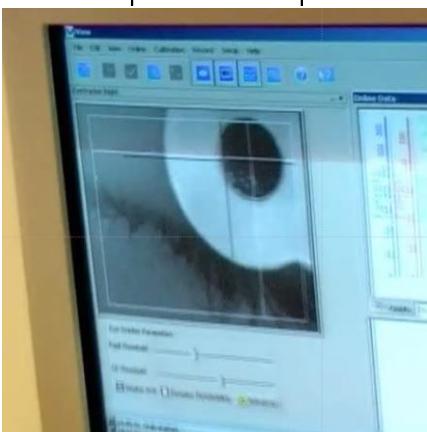
Artificial pupil of known diameter (mm)



e.g., pupil size with age



Map to video pixels

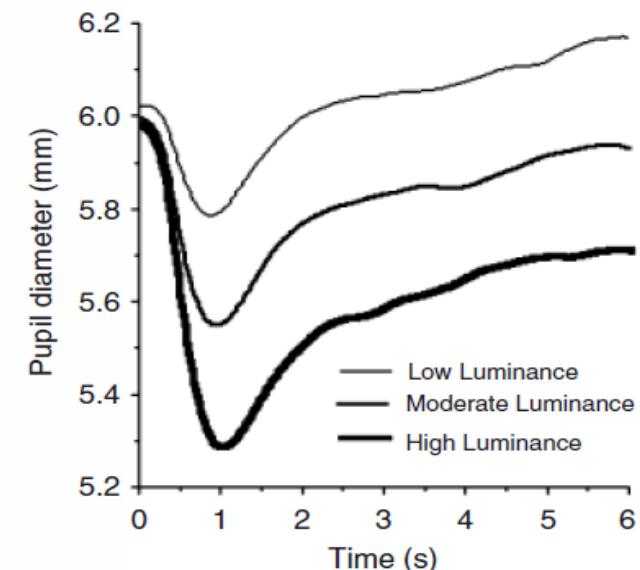


Pupil: Arousal vs. Luminance

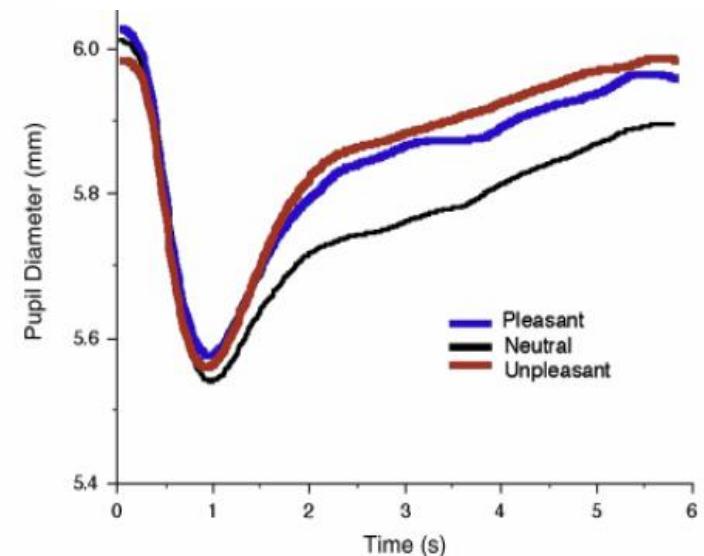
International affective picture system (IAPS)



Split by luminance (confound)

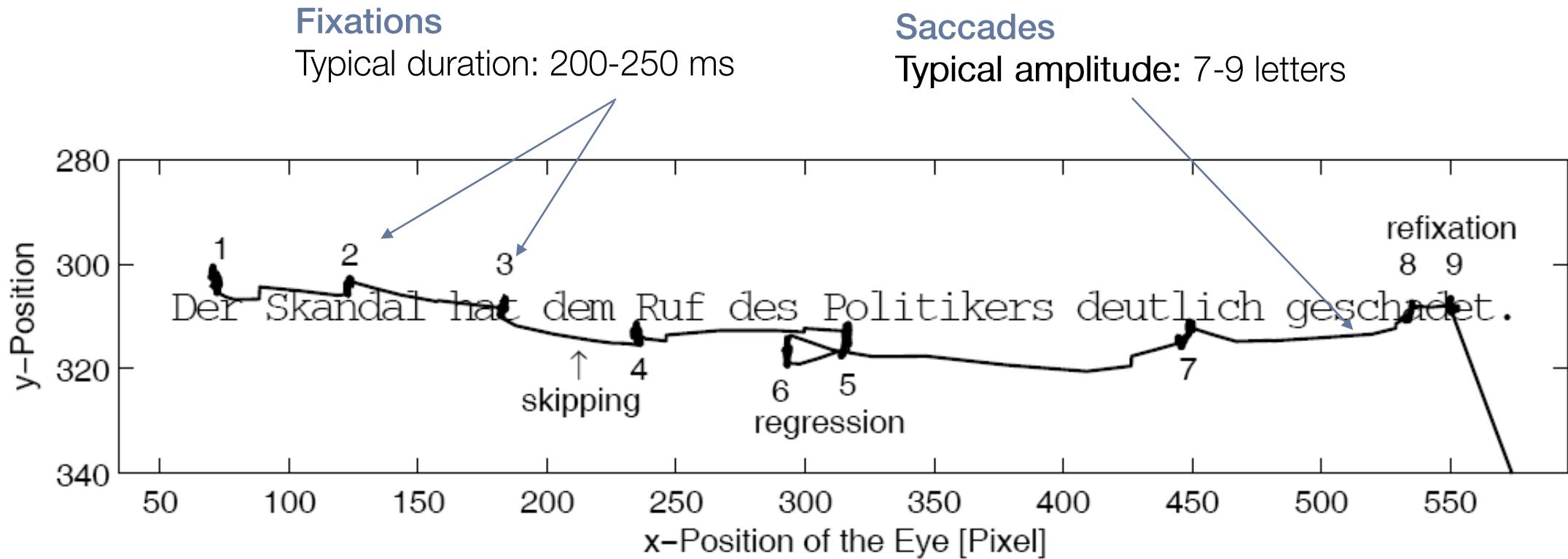


Split by emotional valence
(luminance matched)



Eye movements: Saccades & fixations

Example reading

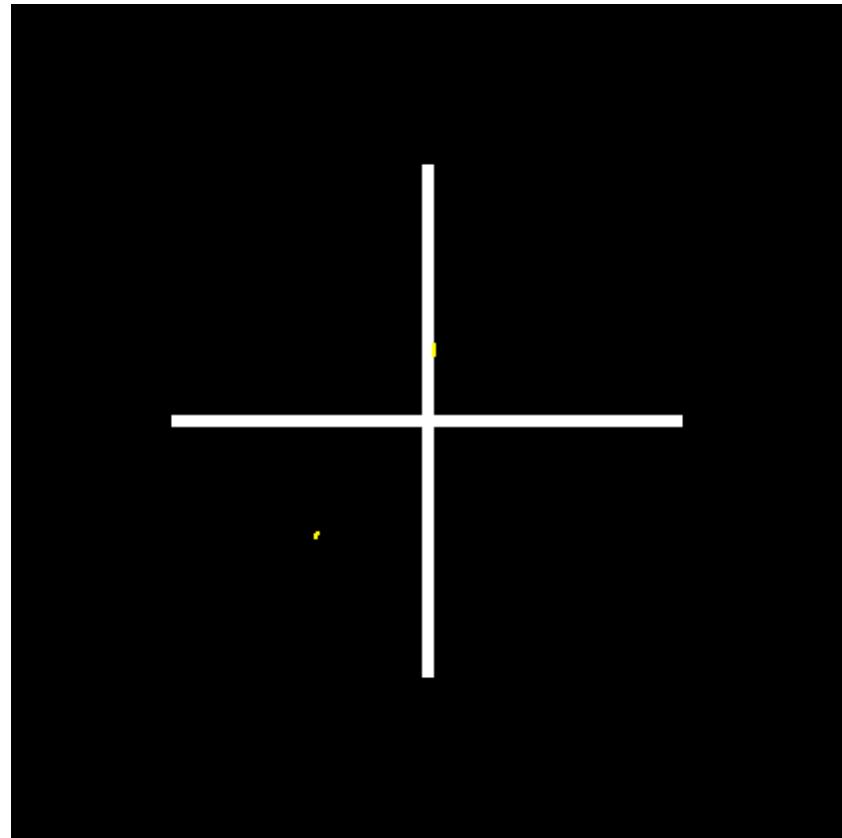


Eye movements: Saccades & Fixations

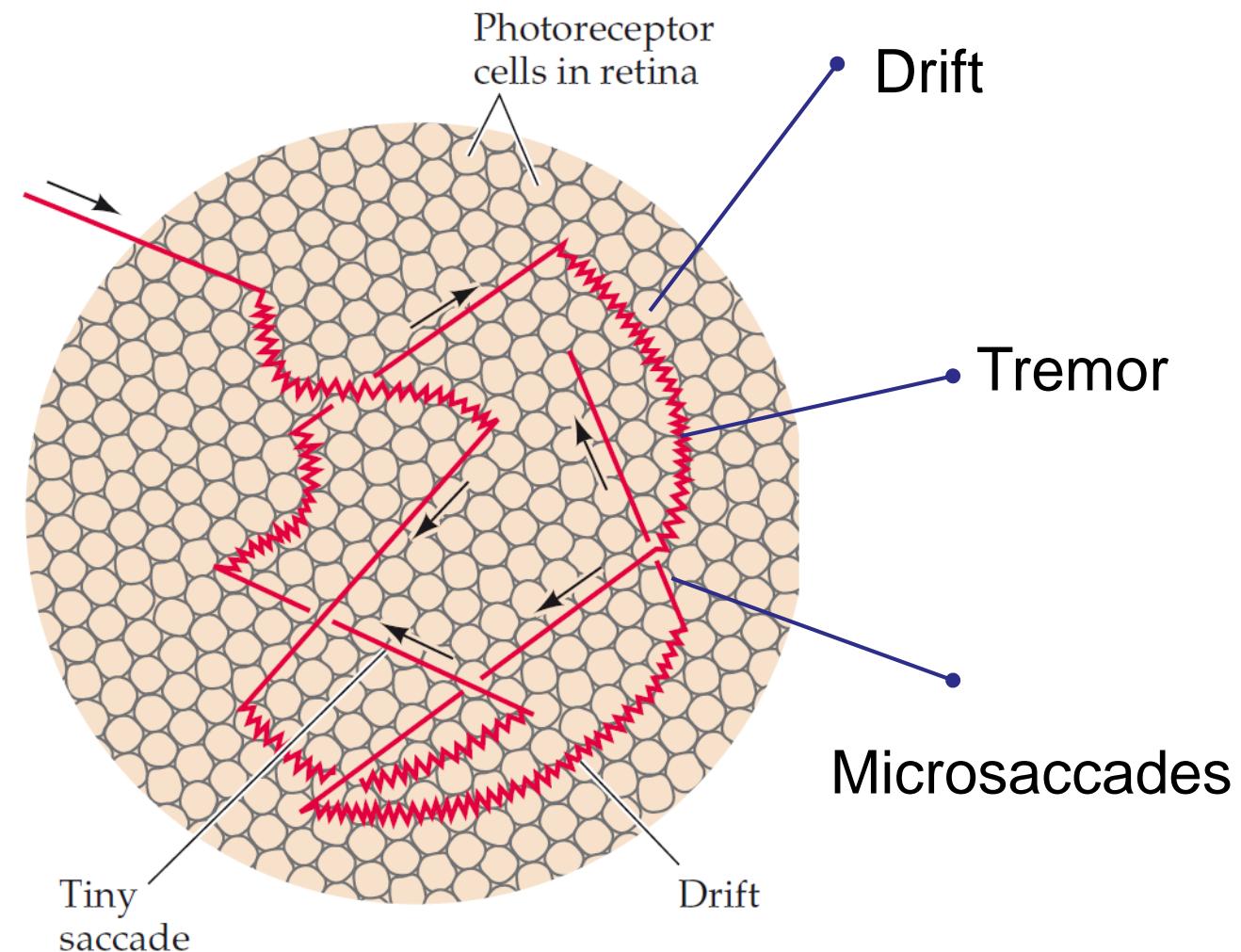
Example visual search



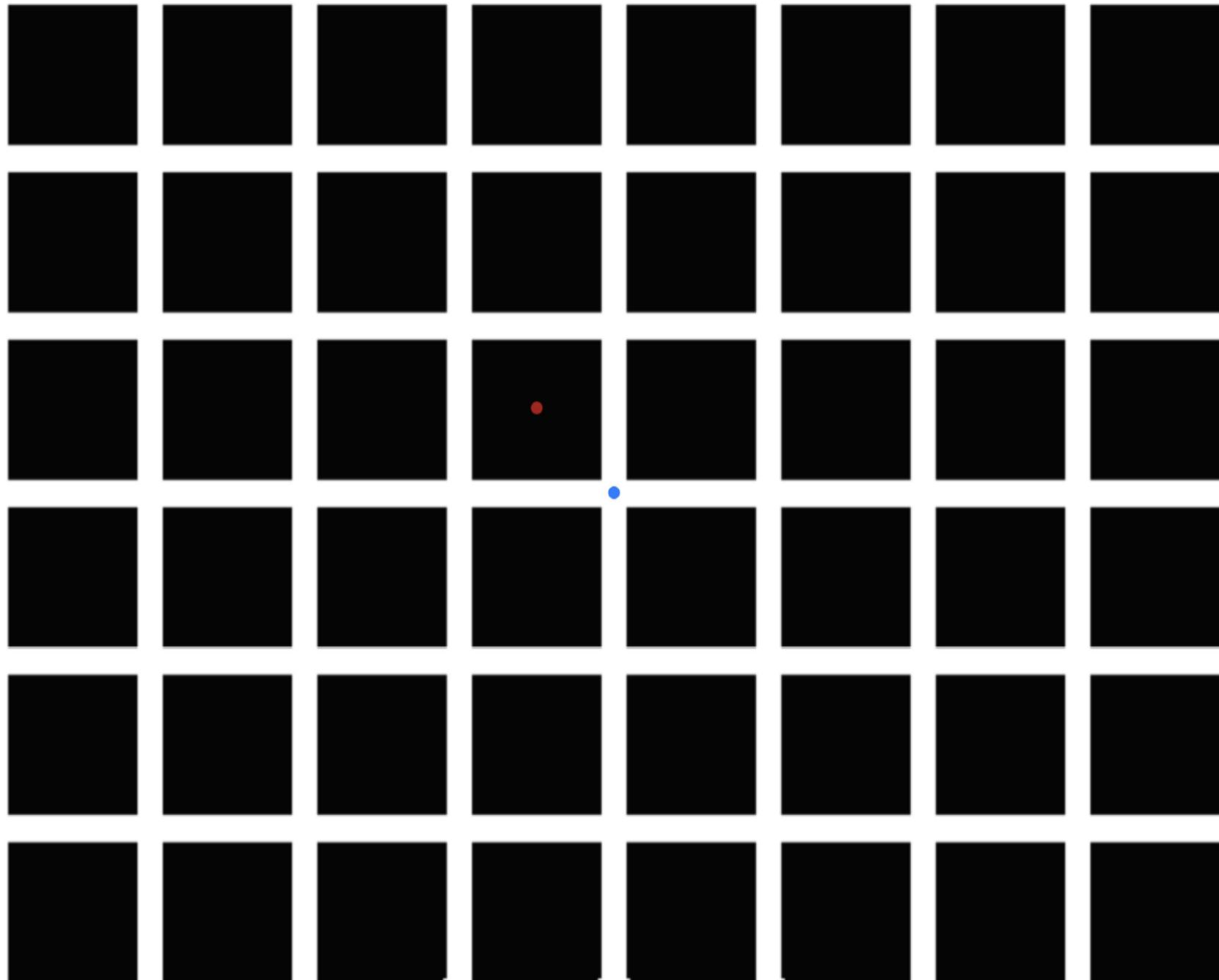
Example: Fixational eye movements



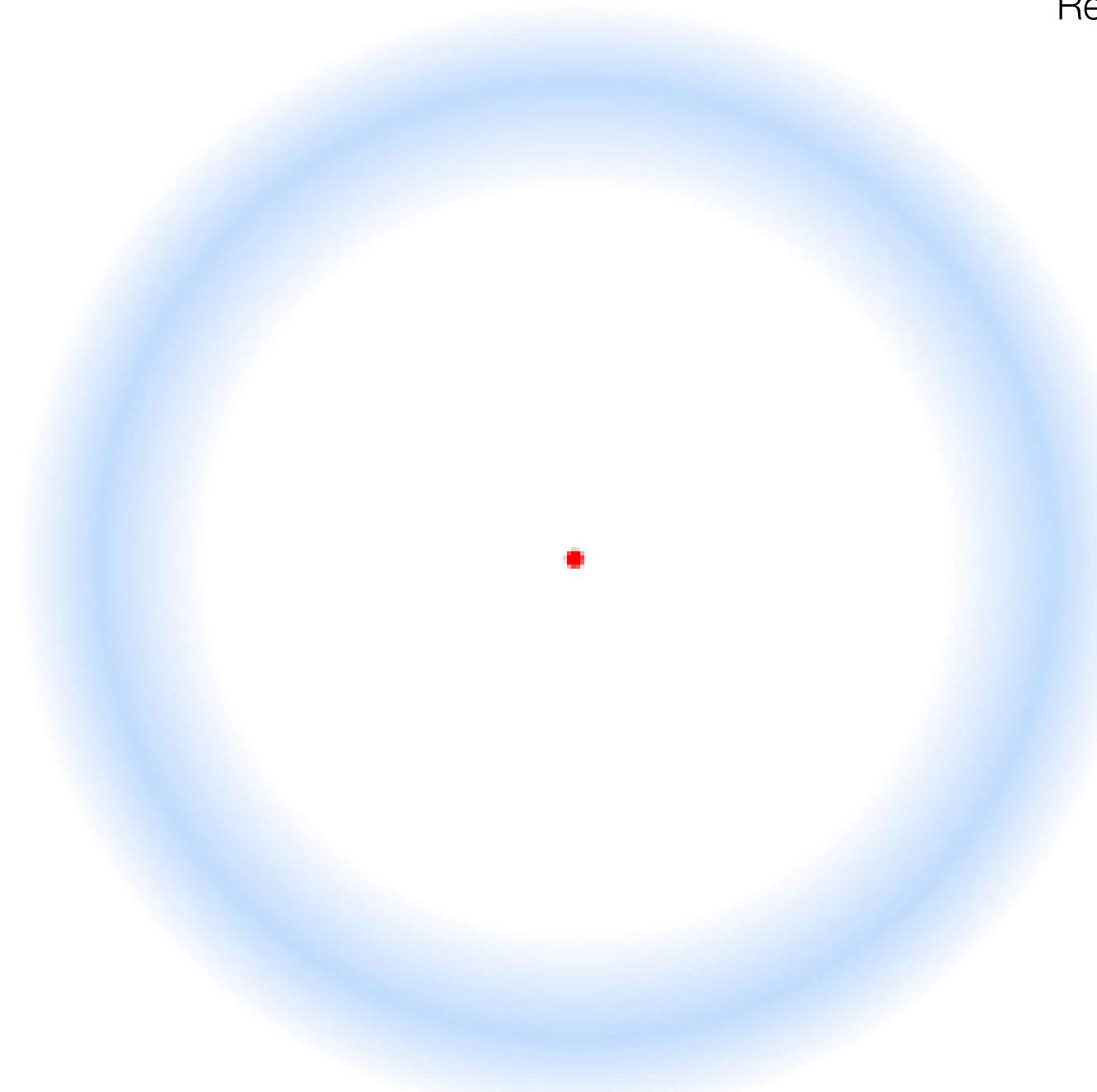
2.3 sec of fixation on small cross (0.73°)



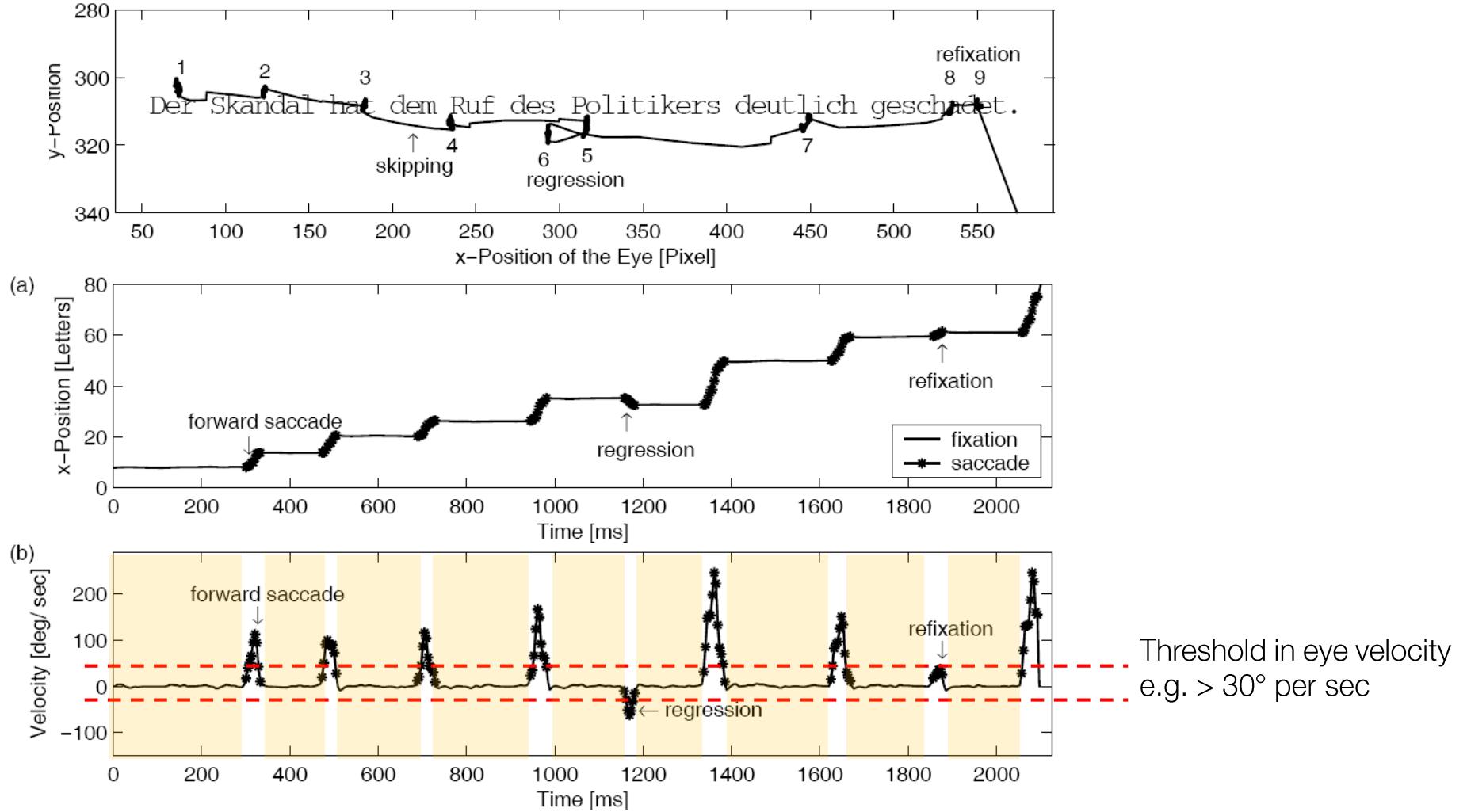
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Retinal fading during perfect fixation



Detecting Saccades vs. Fixations



Eye movements



"The unexpected visitor"



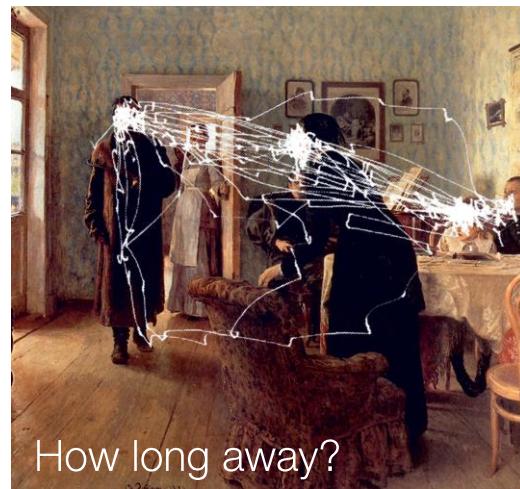
Free viewing



Remember clothes



Ages?



How long away?



What was family doing?



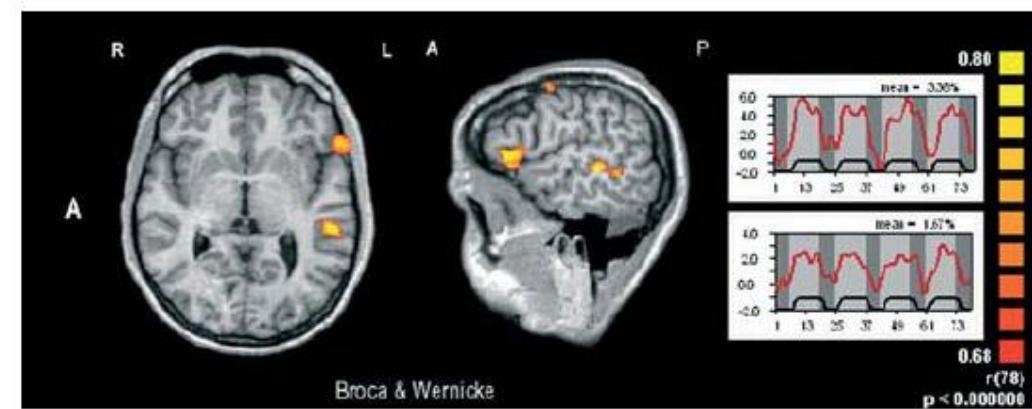
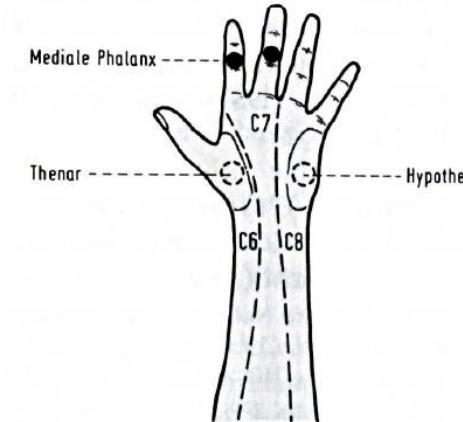
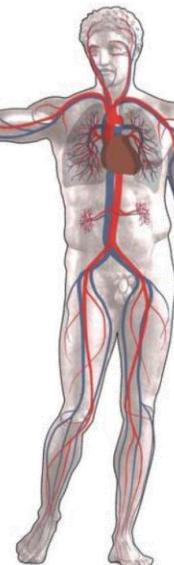
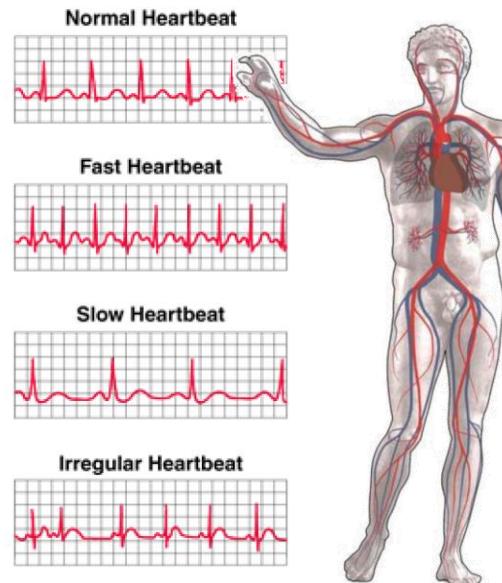
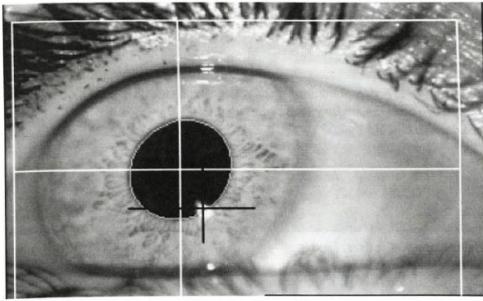
Financial situation?

2. Analyzing time series data

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In mathematics, a time series is a series of data points indexed in time order.

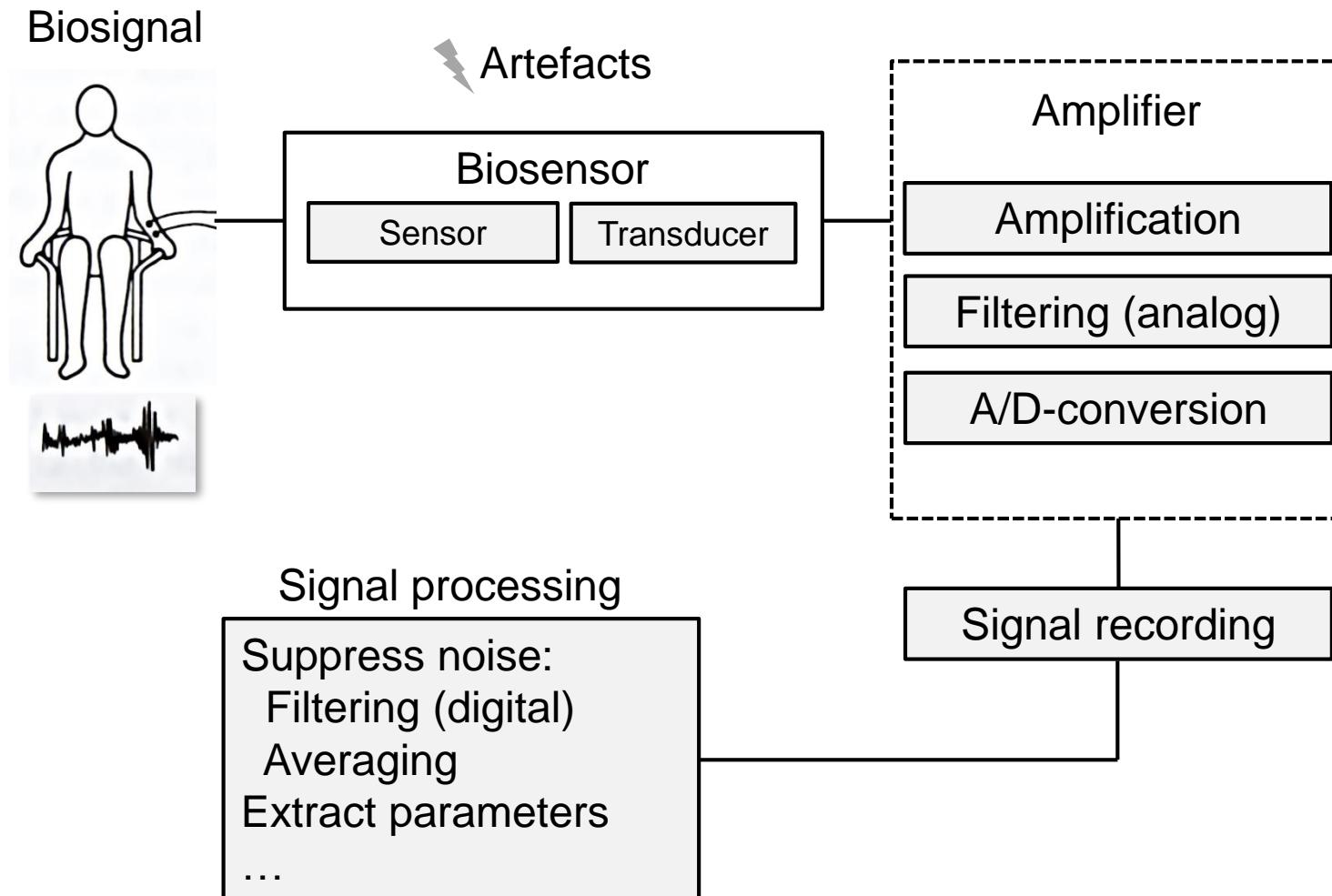
Most biosignals are time series



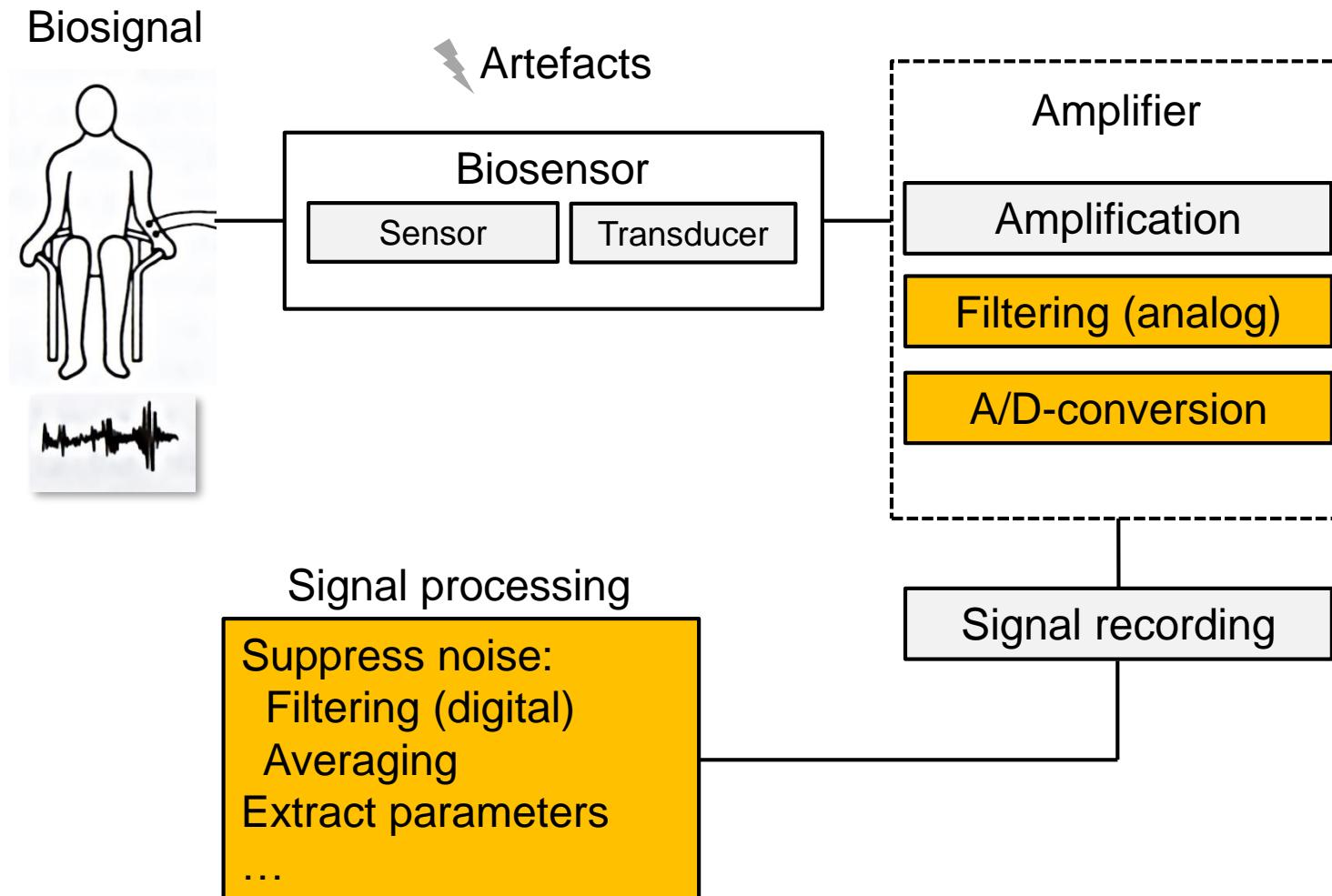
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Type	Examples	Index of
Electrical	EEG ECG EMG EDA EOG	Brain activity (neurons) Heart activity (muscle cells) Muscles Sweat glands Eye movements
Magnetic	MEG fMRI	Brain activity (neurons) Brain metabolism (blood oxygenation)
Optical	Videobased eye-tracking Photo-plethysmography Near-infrared spectroscopy (NIRS)	Pupil size, eye movements Peripheral blood flow (oxygenation) Cerebral blood flow (oxygenation)
Acoustic	Heart tones Korotkoff sounds	Heart cycle Blood pressure
Mechanical	Chest circumference	Breathing
Thermic	Body core temperature	Arousal/stress
Chemical	Cortisol level in saliva	Stress

The “journey“ of a biosignal



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Filtering

Reducing Noise

Measurement = Signal + Noise (+ Artefacts)

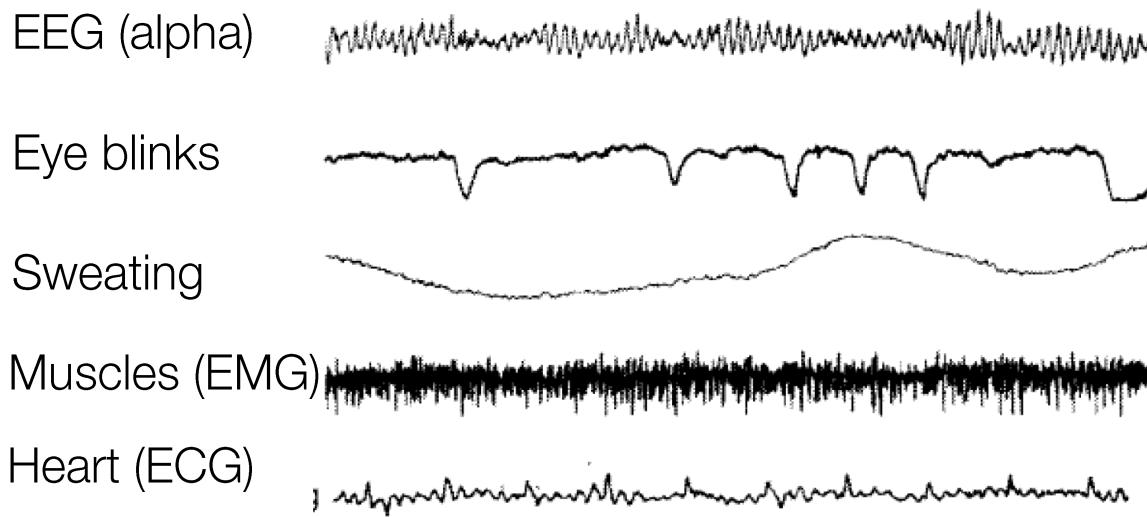
Noise

- Not correlated to signal or experimental condition
- Non-systematic signal fluctuations
- Improve signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) via...
 - 1. Filtering
 - 2. Averaging

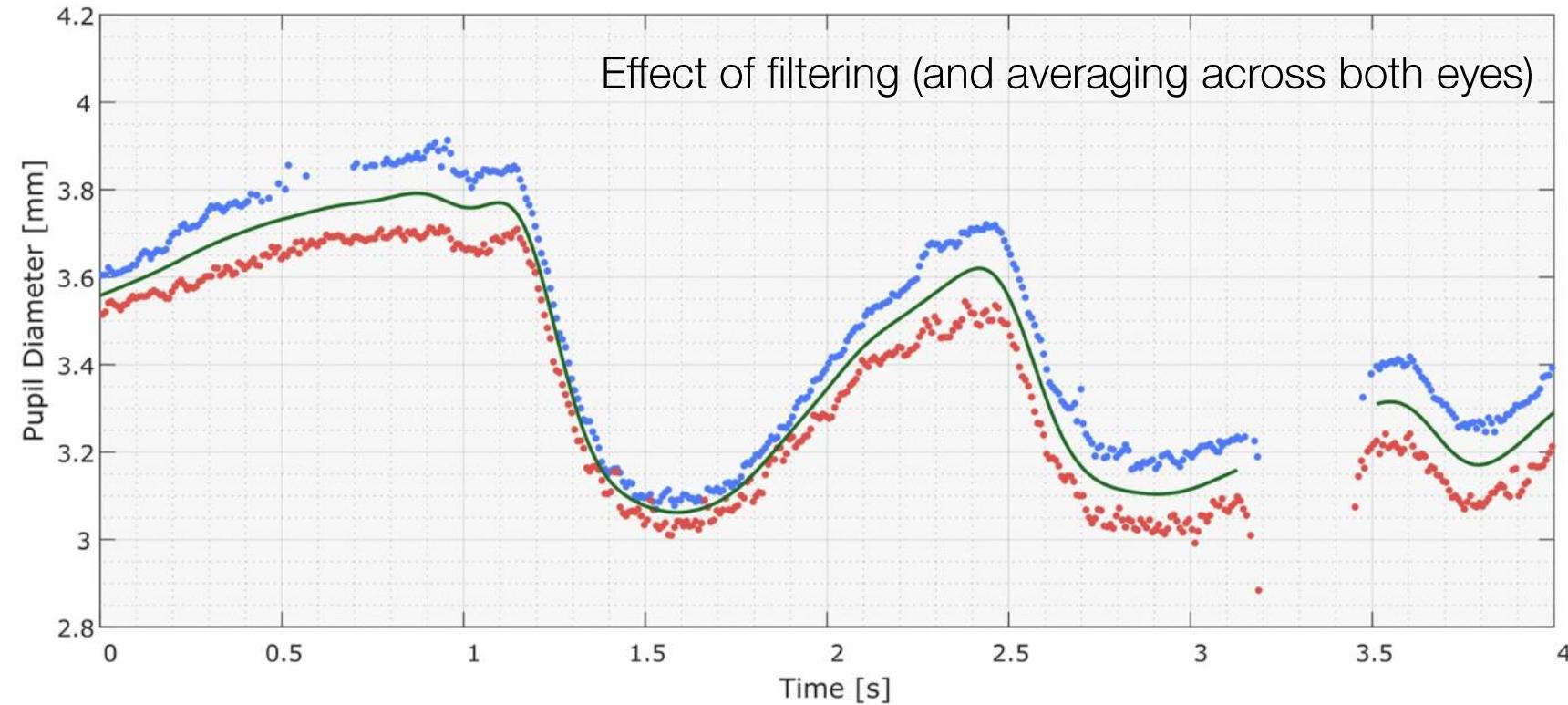
Enhancing the signal-to-noise ratio

Idea: Everything that is not signal is noise (or artefacts)

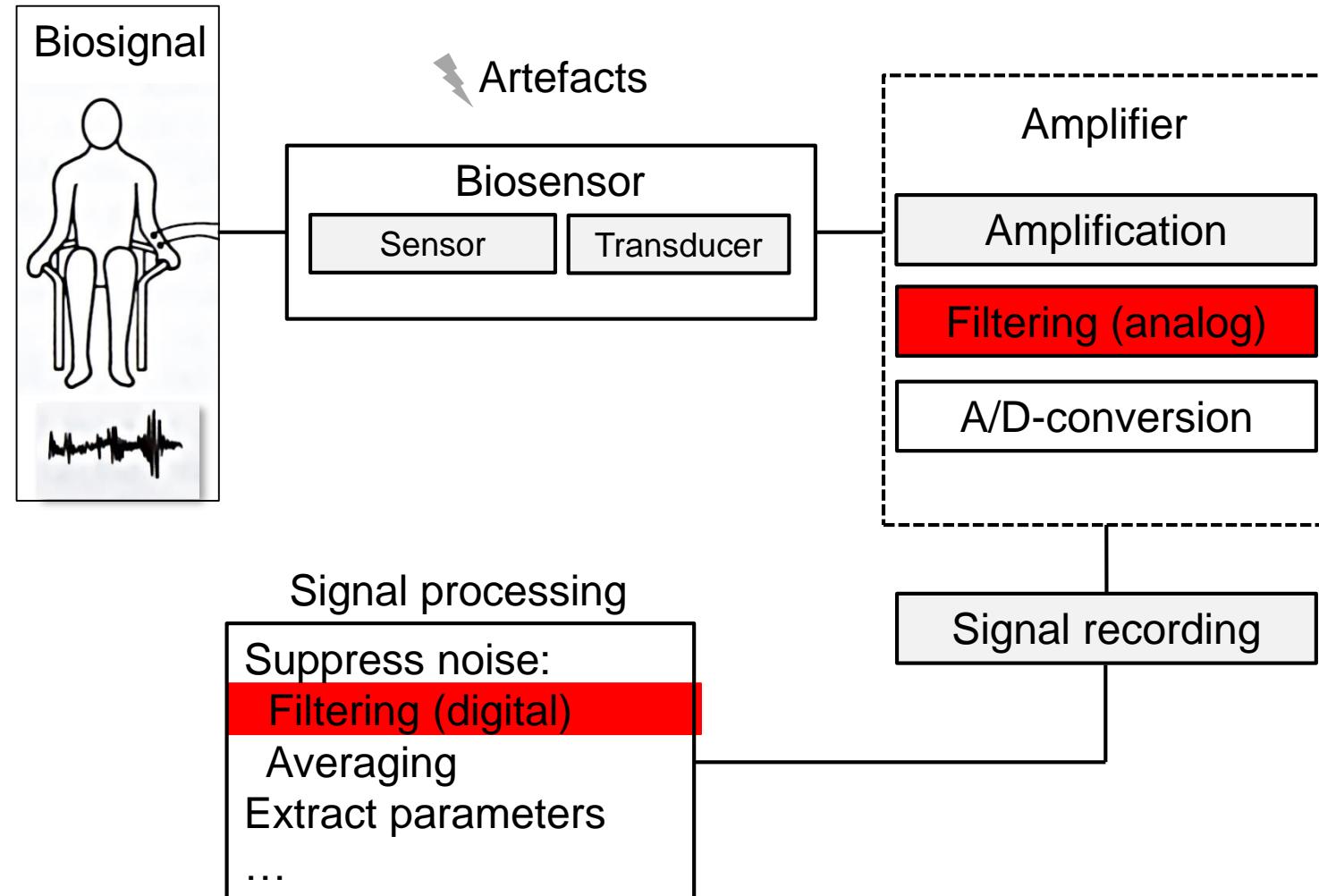
- Estimate frequencies (spectrum) of signal
- Attenuate unwanted frequencies via filtering



Example: Low-pass filtering of pupil data

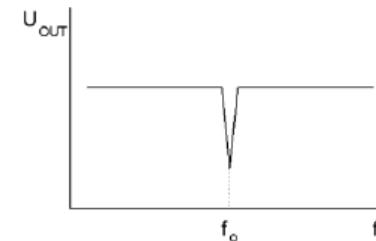
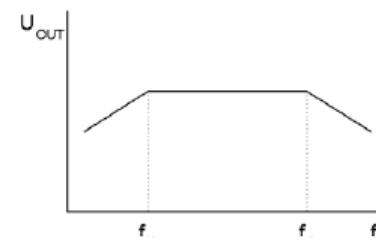
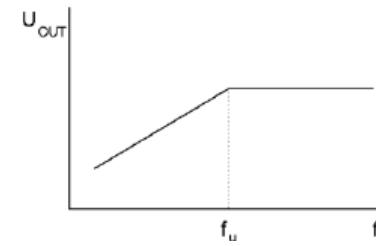
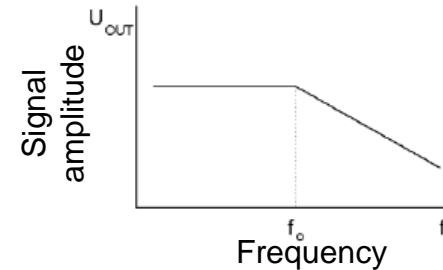


Filtering: Two possible time points



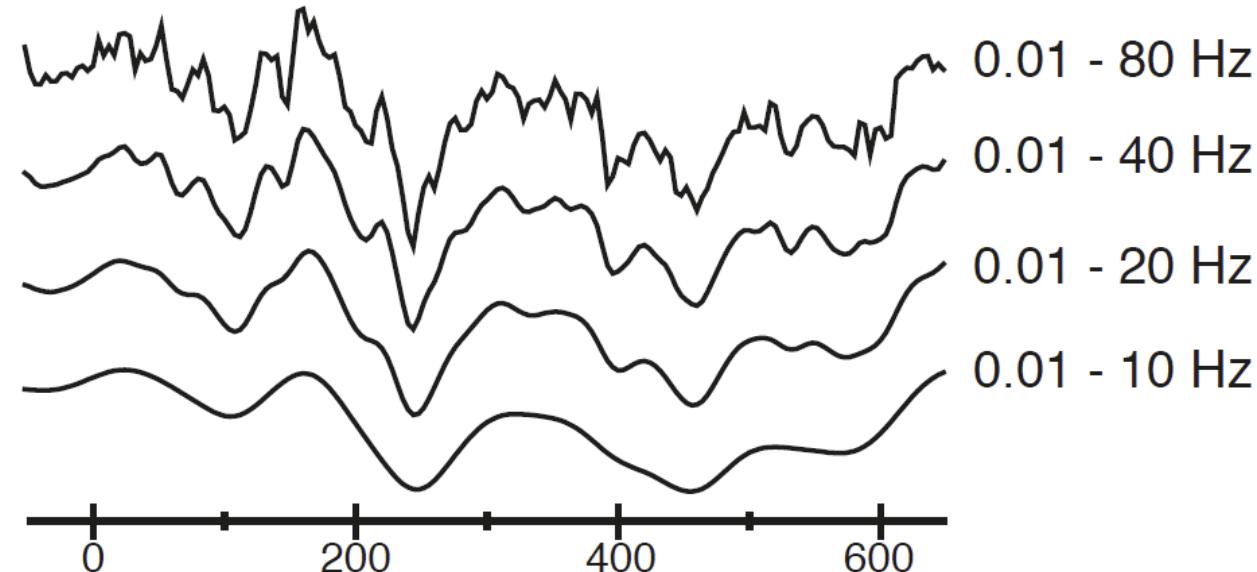
Classes of filters

- **Low-pass filter**
 - lets low frequencies pass
 - also: *high cutoff filter*
- **High-pass filter**
 - lets high frequencies pass
 - also: *low cutoff filter*
- **Bandpass filter**
 - combination TP + HP filter
- **Bandstop filter**
 - also called *notch filter*



Low-pass filter

Let's low frequencies pass
attenuates fast changes in the signal



High-pass filter

Lets high frequencies pass, attenuates low frequencies

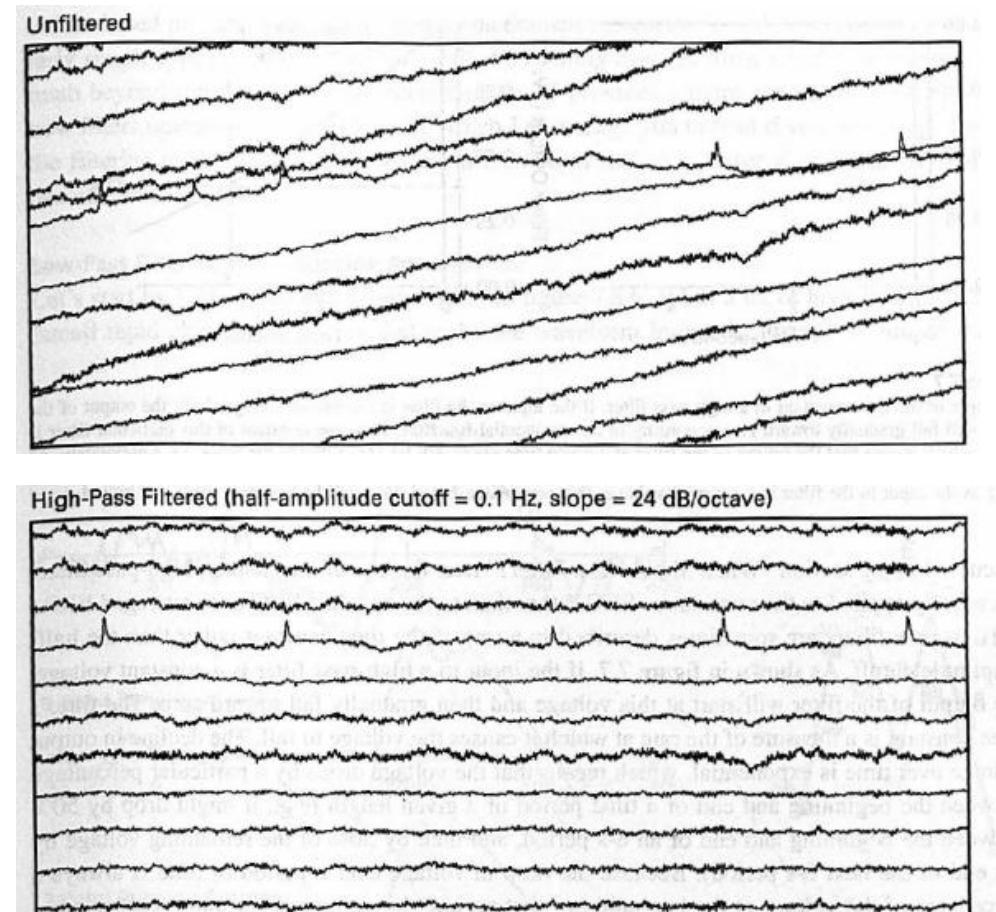
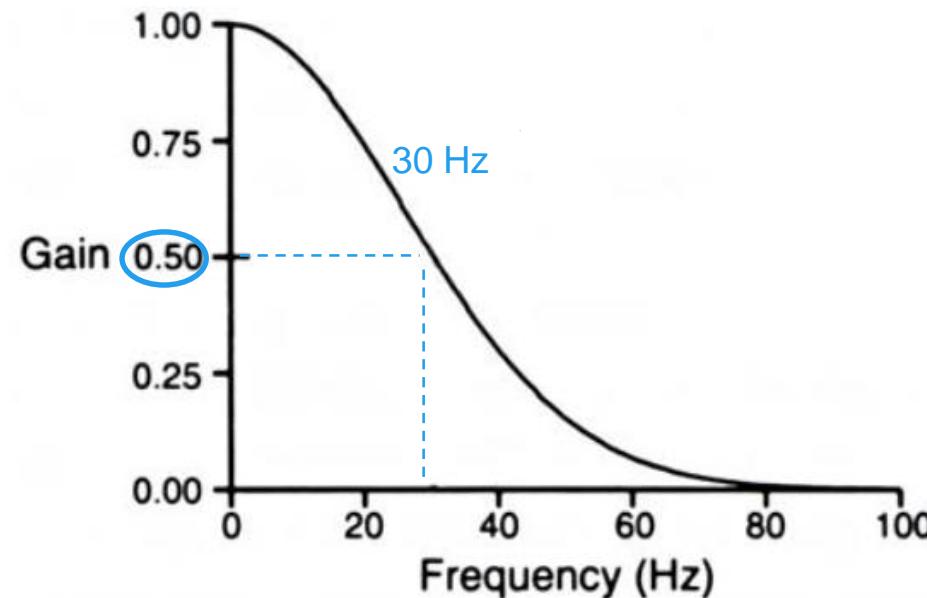


Figure 7.6
Example of a 30-s period of EEG without any filtering (top) and after the application of a high-pass filter with a half-amplitude cutoff of 0.1 Hz and a slope of 24 dB/octave (bottom). The filter eliminates the gradual upward drift in the data.

How can I describe and set filter properties?



Example: Low-pass filter with
cut-off at 30 Hz (half-amplitude cutoff)

cutoff frequency...

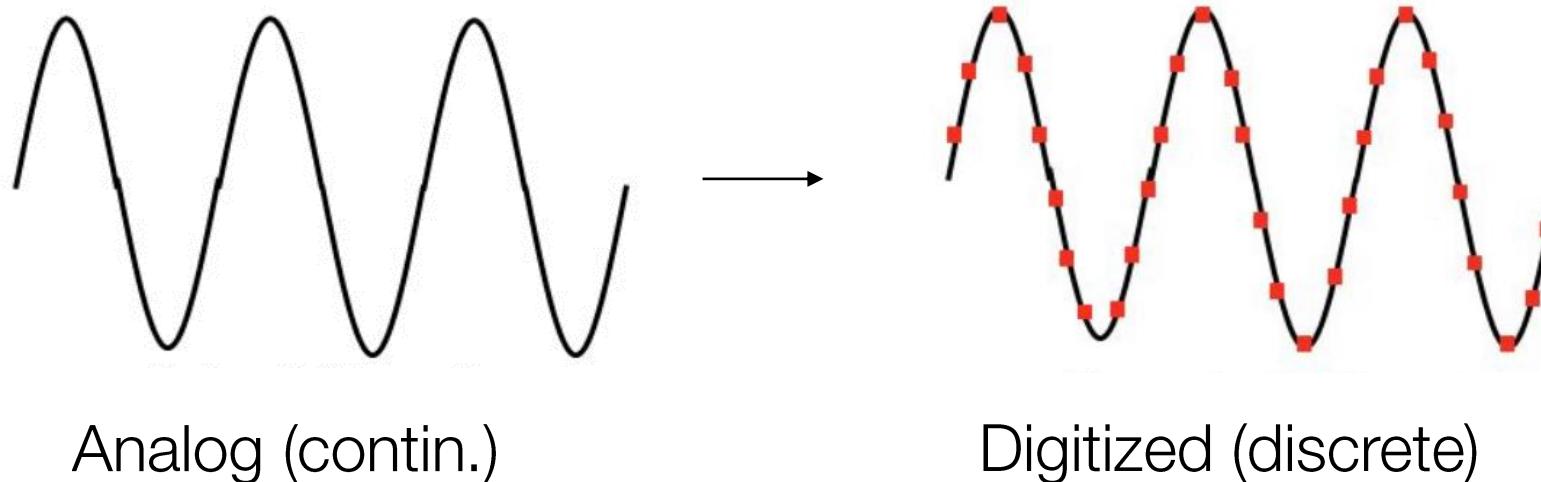
= frequency at which signal is attenuated
to half

- ~71% (-3 dB, „half-power cutoff“) or
- 50% (-6 dB, „half-amplitude cutoff“)

...and steepness of filter
(also: *slope*, *roll-off*)

Analog-to-Digital (A/D) Conversion

- Conversion to digital signal allows for unlimited, flexible storage and processing
- But it is necessary to *digitize* the signal (make it discrete) → **sampling**



→ Possible problem: Aliasing

Question: With which frequency (per second = Hz) do I have to sample a signal?

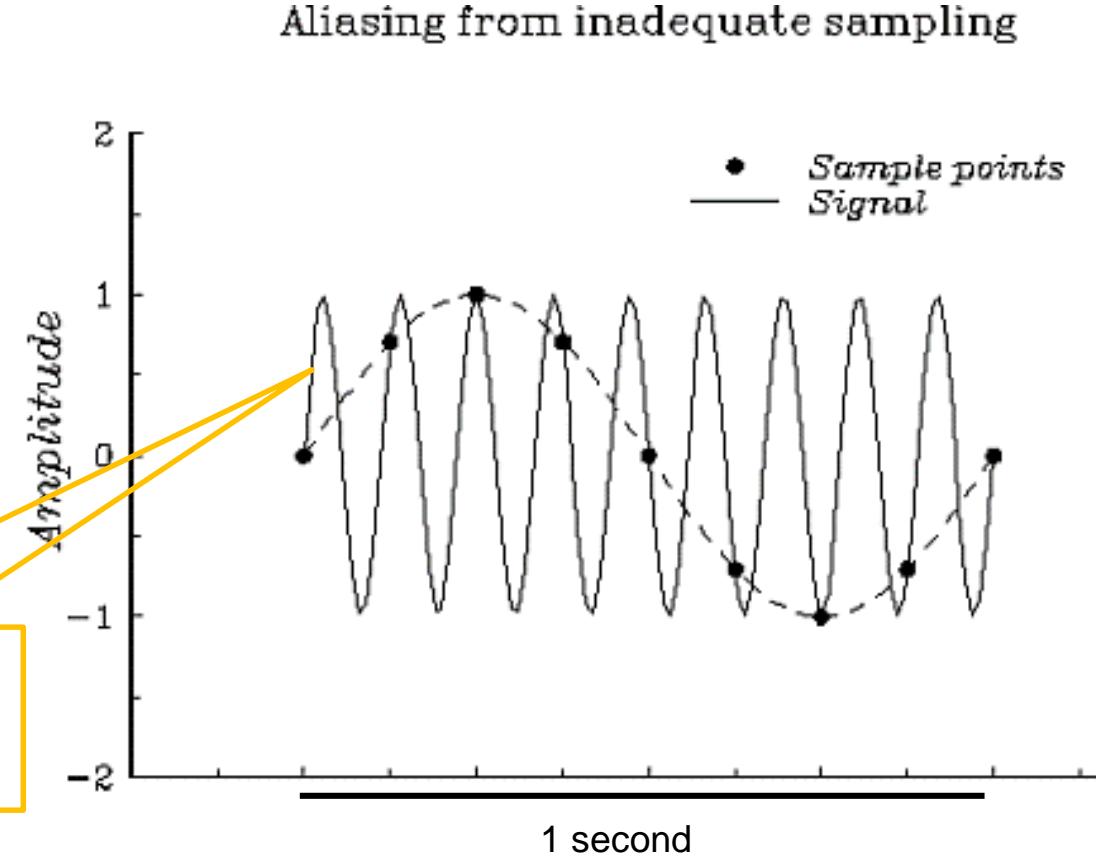
The Aliasing Problem

Nyquist-Shannon Sampling Theorem: Sampling frequency must be more than twice of the highest frequency present in the signal (in practice: > 3-4 times)

Otherwise

- No truthful reconstruction of signal
- You may measure slow pseudofrequencies (= **Aliasing**)!

We are measuring 1 Hz
Really: 9 Hz

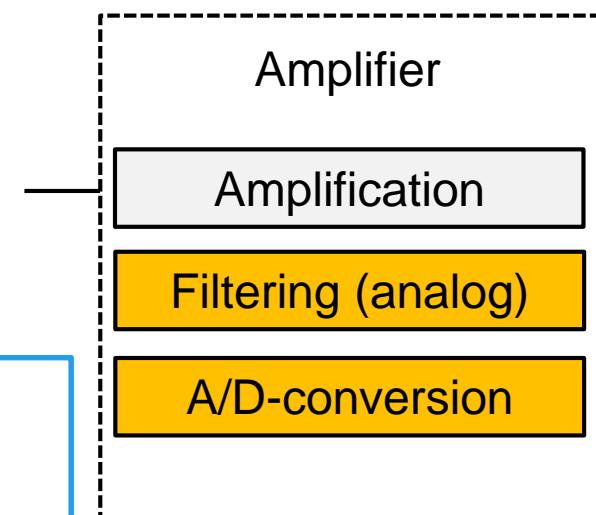


Aliasing: Solution

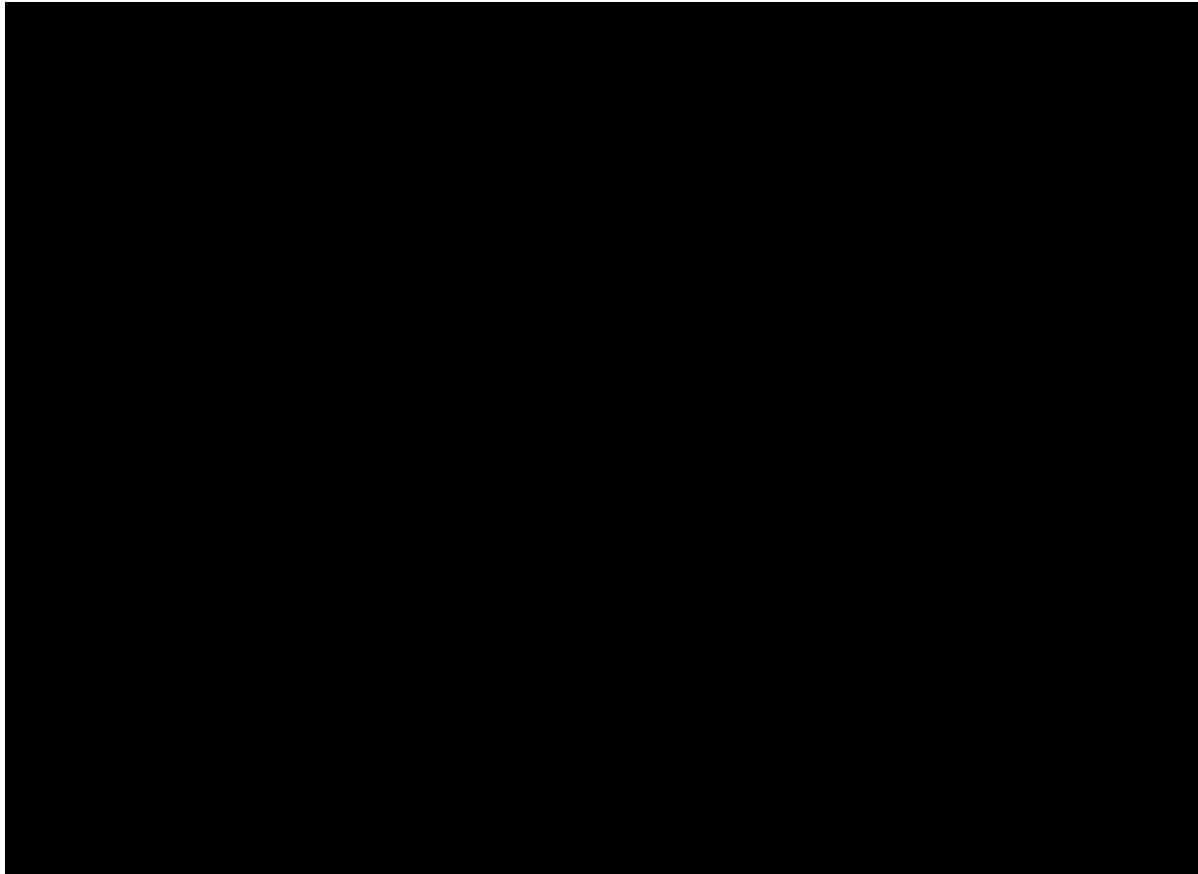
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...because I usually cannot change or increase the sampling frequency of my hardware, I instead influence the highest frequency still present in the data
→ by filtering the data *before* it is digitized

Solution: With an analogue low-pass filter, I remove the high frequencies from the signal, this only leaves me with frequencies lower than half the sampling frequency.
Result: Aliasing cannot occur anymore.



Aliasing: More examples



Insufficient sampling rate of video (24 Hz)
Wagon wheel effect

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jHS9JGkEOmA>

Insufficient pixel resolution (Moiré effect)



Digital camera models with/without aliasing filter

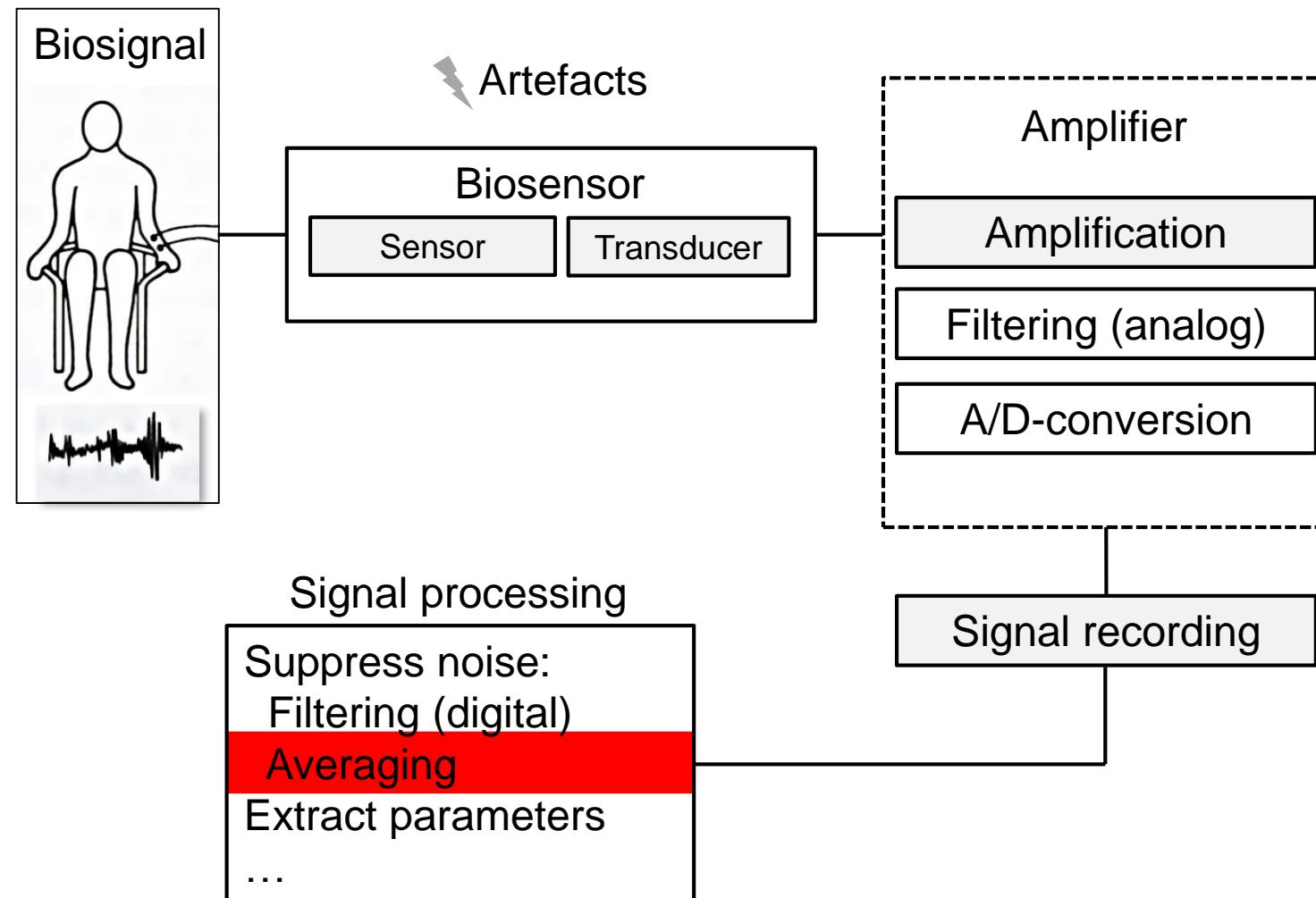
Quiz time!

You are measuring some kind of biosignal. Your amplifier (A/D-converter) is able to digitize (sample) the raw signal with 500 Hz. With which of the following filter setting can you exclude the possibility of aliasing?

- (a) High-pass filter at 100 Hz
- (b) Low-pass filter at 100 Hz
- (c) Low-pass filter at 1001 Hz
- (d) I won't do anything - aliasing can't happen here!

Averaging

The “journey“ of a biosignal



Enhancing the signal-to-noise ratio

History: superposition technique

Francis Galton (ca. 1890)

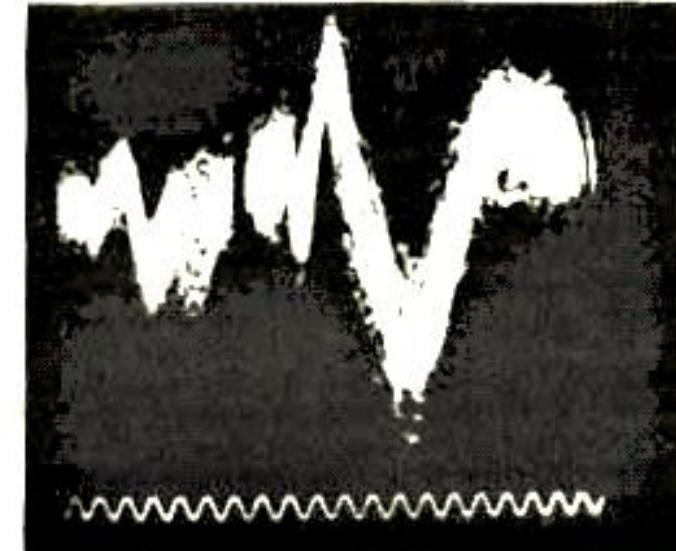


Criminals/sick people



Race horses

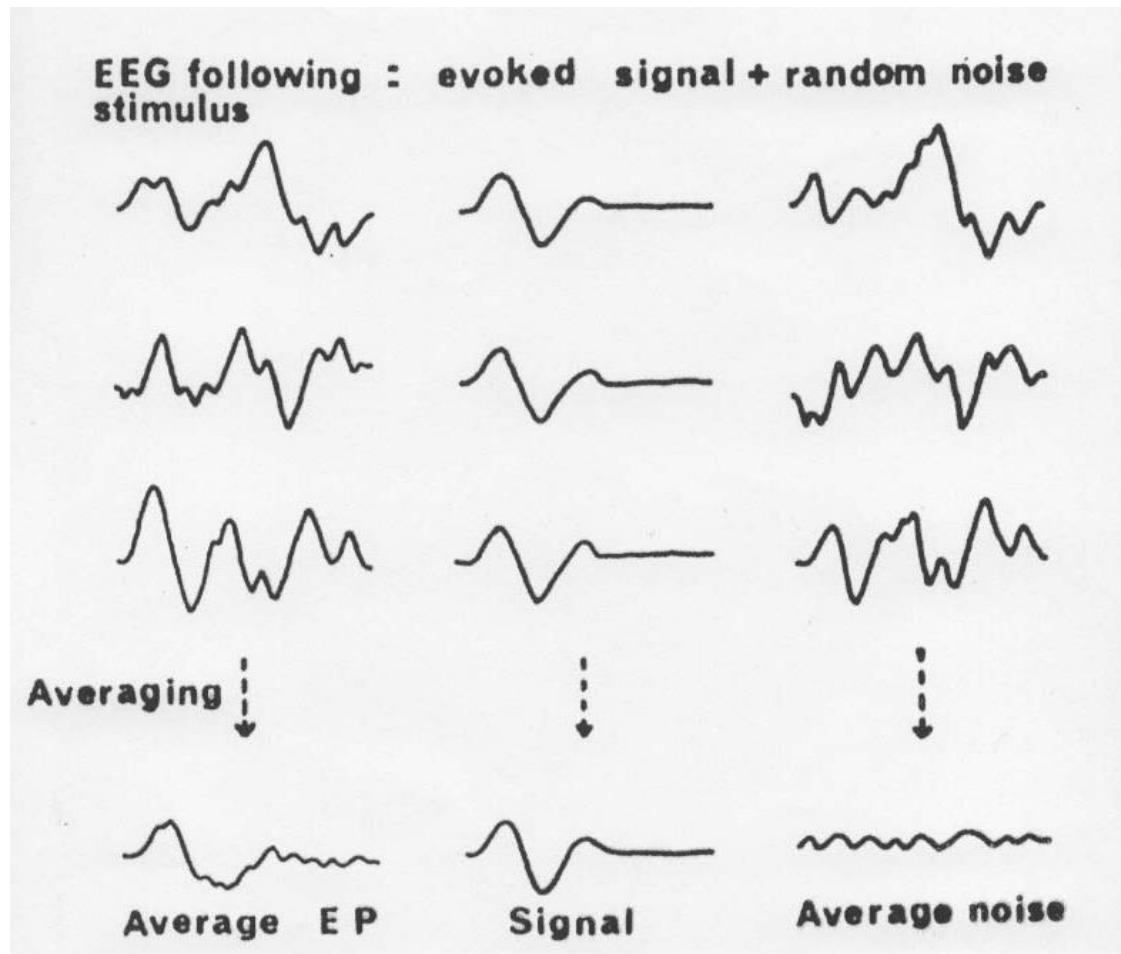
Dawson (1947): EEG



Event-related potentials (!)

Noise reduction via averaging

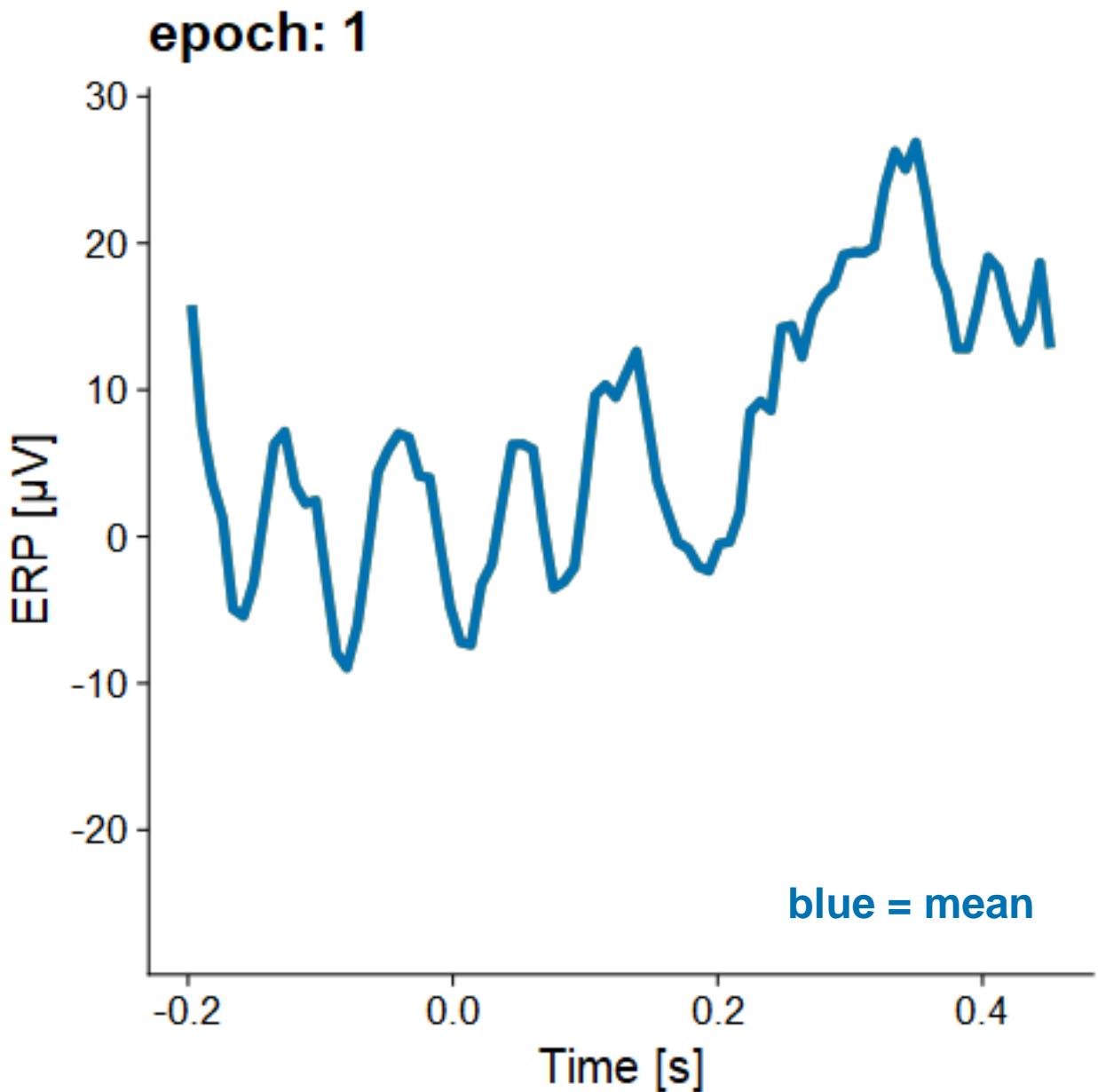
Idea: Since noise is not systematic and uncorrelated to signal, it is eliminated by averaging many measurements



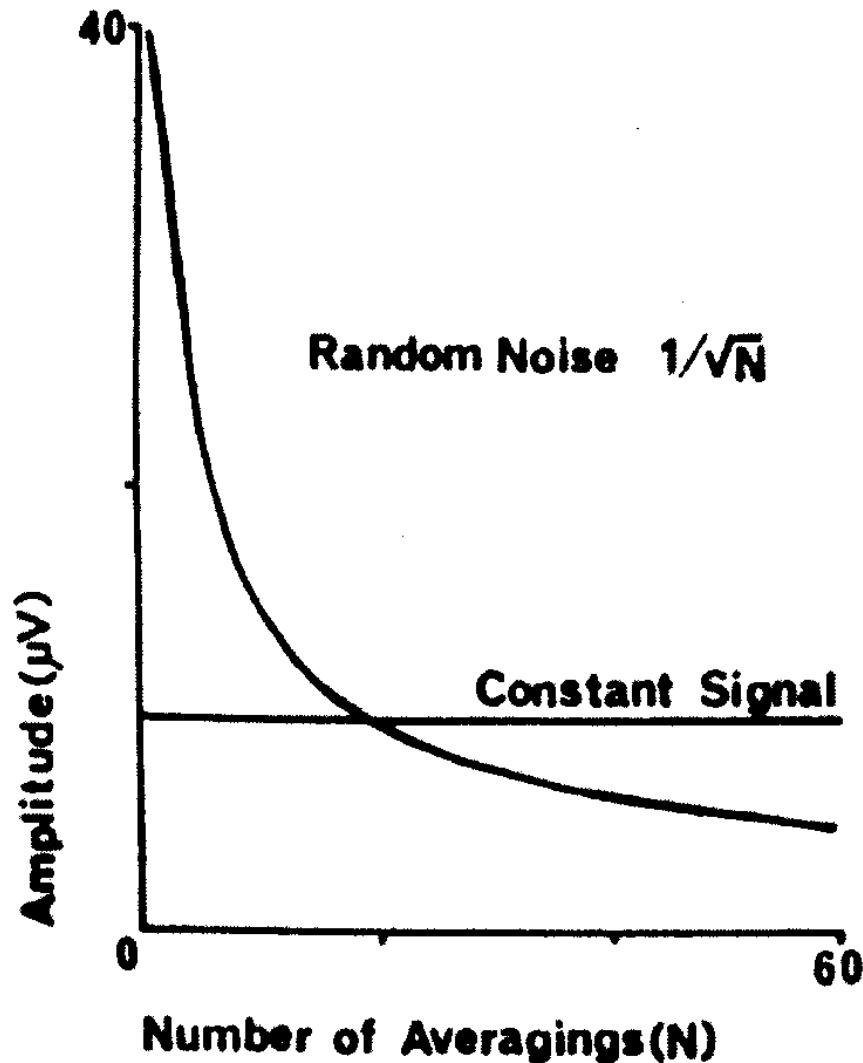
Assumptions

- Signal is constant across trials (!)
- Noise distributed randomly around zero
- Signal independent of noise (!)

Averaging of 80 epochs (EEG)



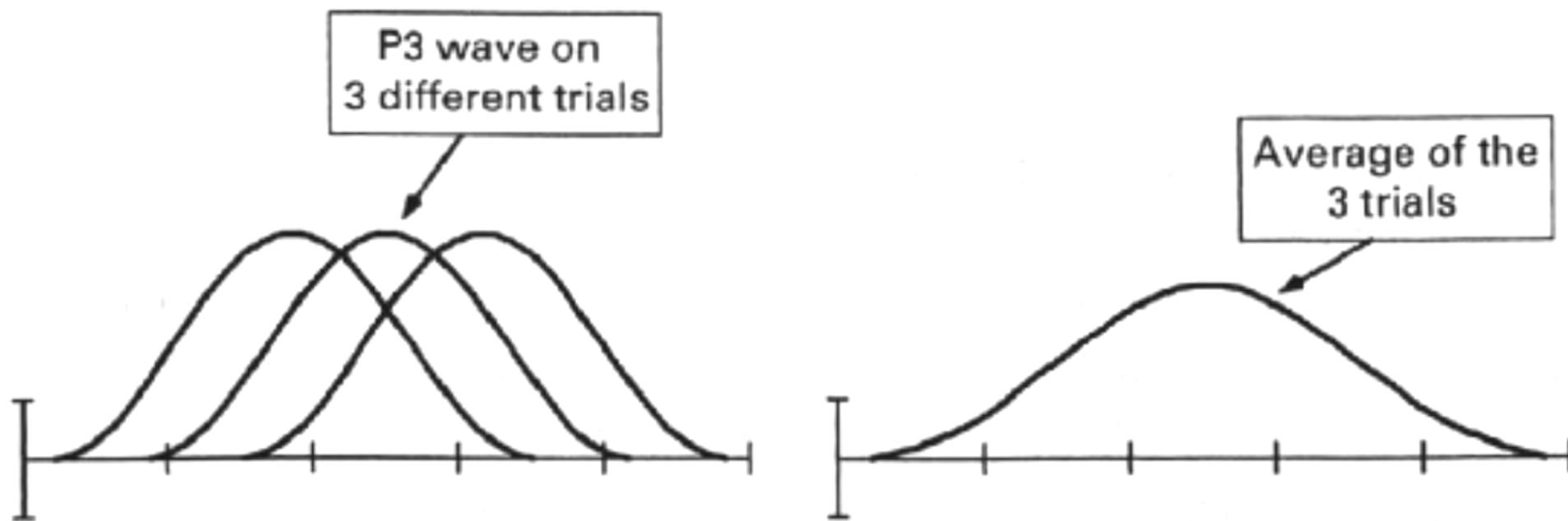
How does noise decrease with more trials?



As the square root of the
number of averaged trials

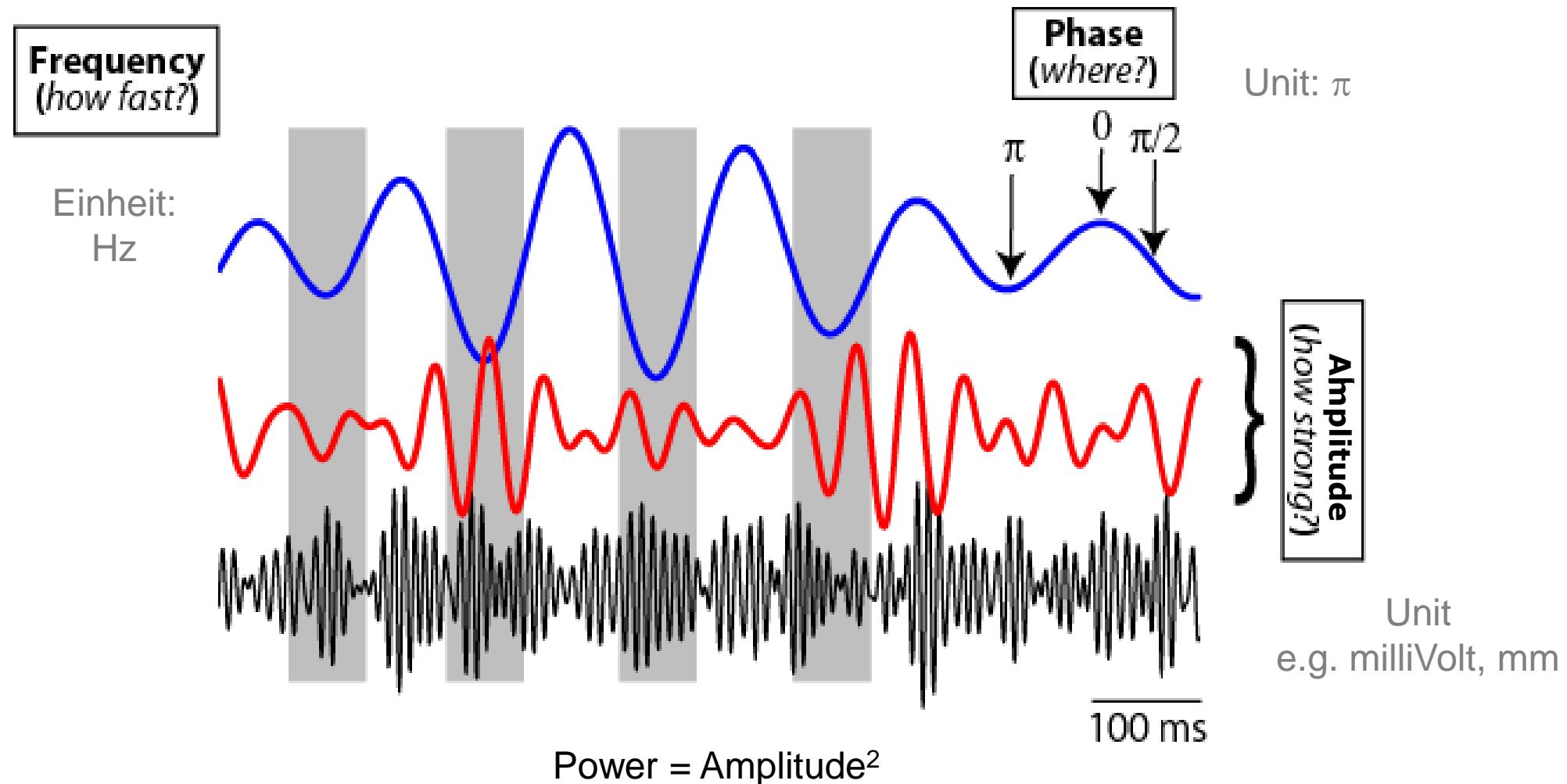
Averaging: Problems

- Signal not really constant across time/trials (e.g., habituation, fatigue, ...)
- Temporal smearing: Average is different from single-trials (also reflects variability)



Analyses in the Frequency Domain

Drei Merkmale von Oszillationen



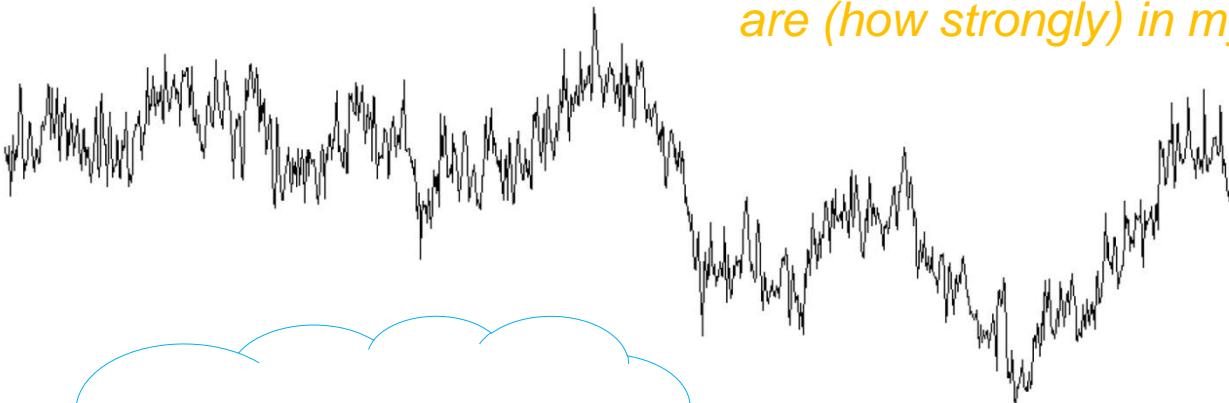
Fourier-Transformation

Problem: (Bio)signal always contain a multitude of different frequencies

How can I determine which frequencies are (how strongly) in my data?



EEG
(unfiltered)



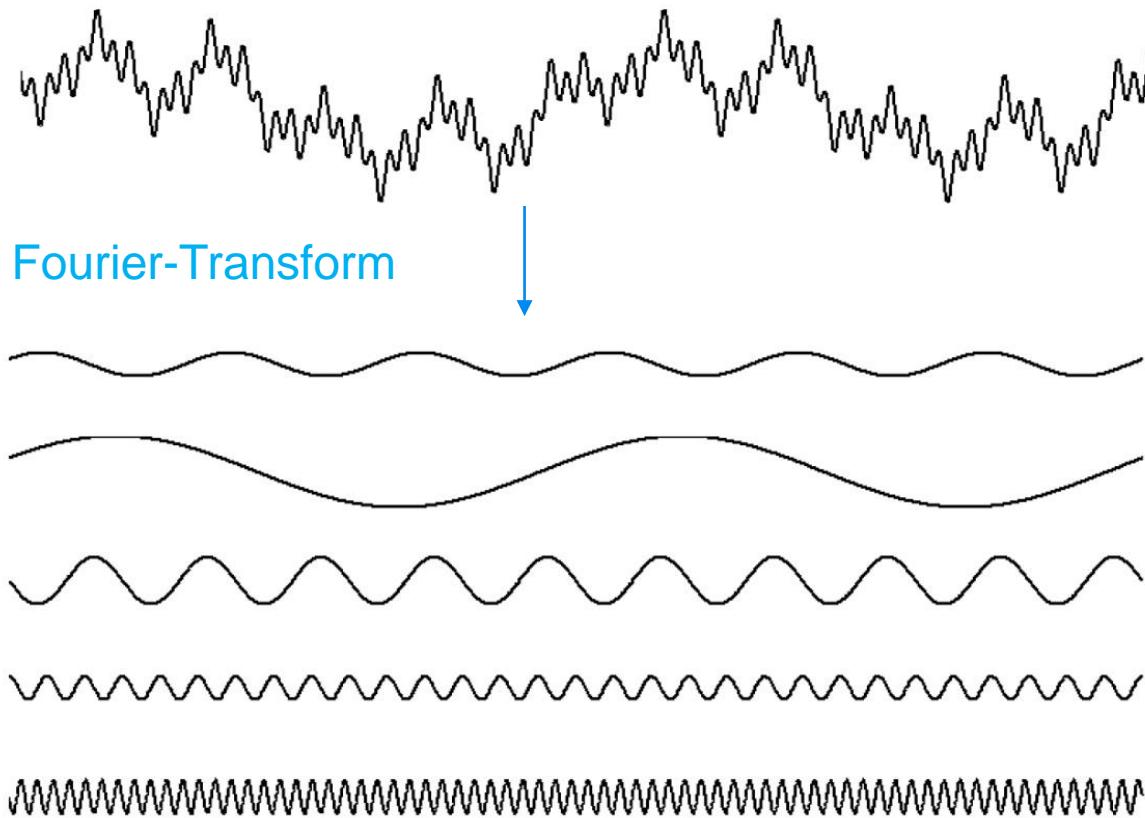
C'est magnifique!

Every signal can be described as a weighted sum of sine waves, each with its own frequency, amplitude and phase

$$f(t) = A_0 + A_1 \cos(\omega t + \varphi_1) + A_2 \cos(2\omega t + \varphi_2) + \dots + A_N \cos(N\omega t + \varphi_N) = \sum_{n=0}^N A_n \cos(n\omega t + \varphi_n)$$

(A = amplitude, ω = frequency, φ = phase angle)

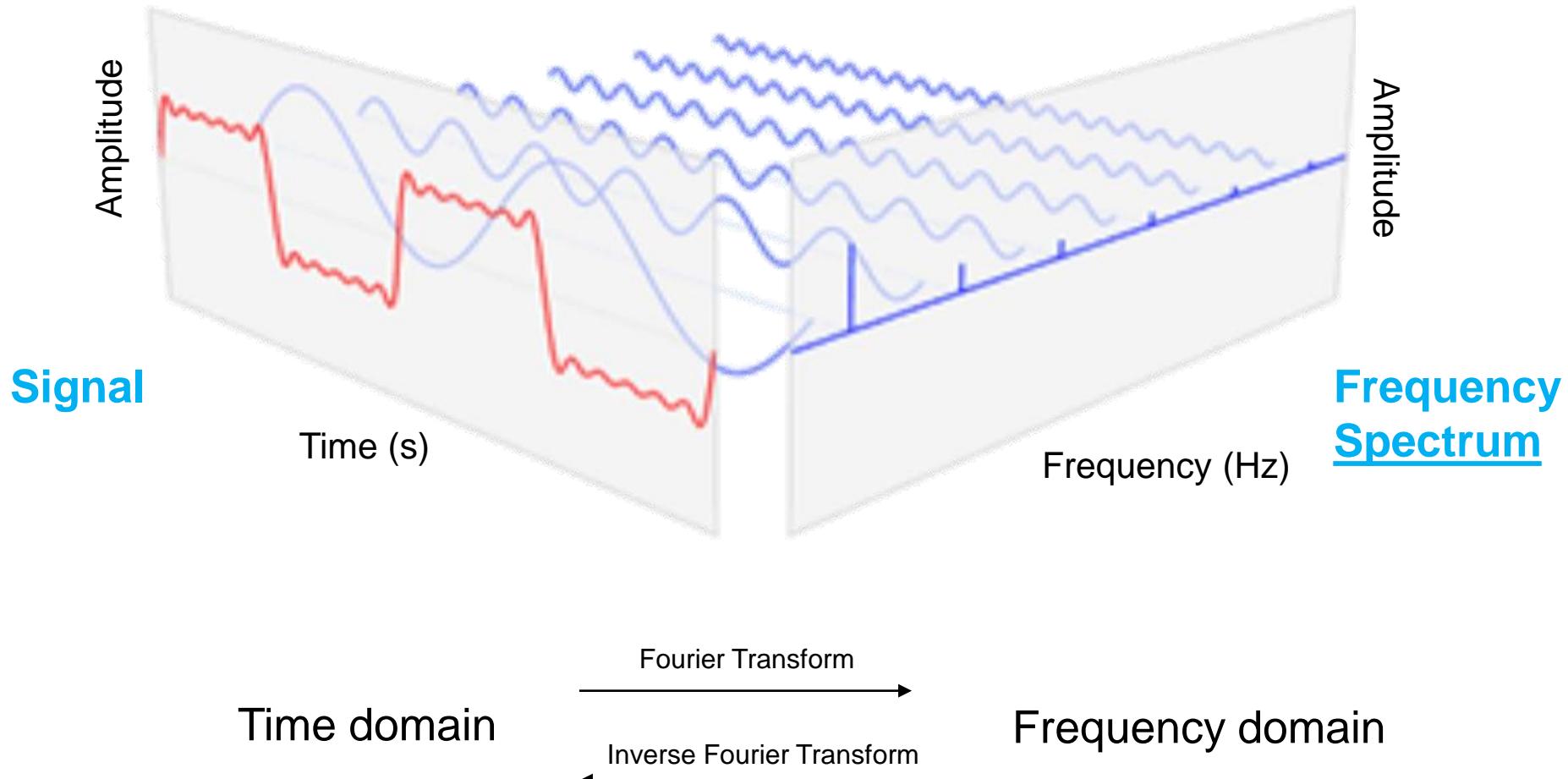
Signal



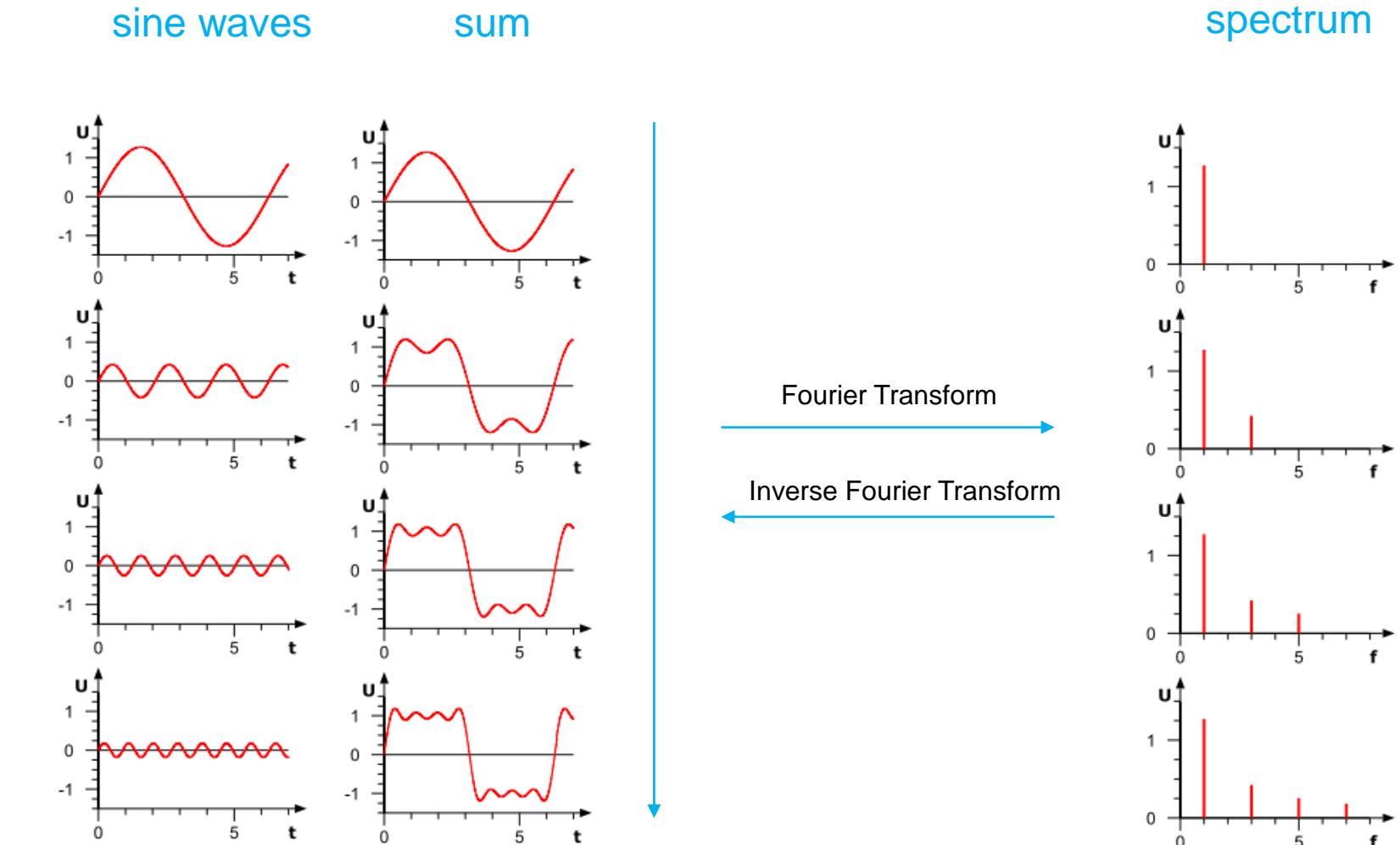
Sum of
sine waves of
different
frequency, amplitude
and phase

Fourier-Transformation

Transforms signal from the time domain to the frequency domain

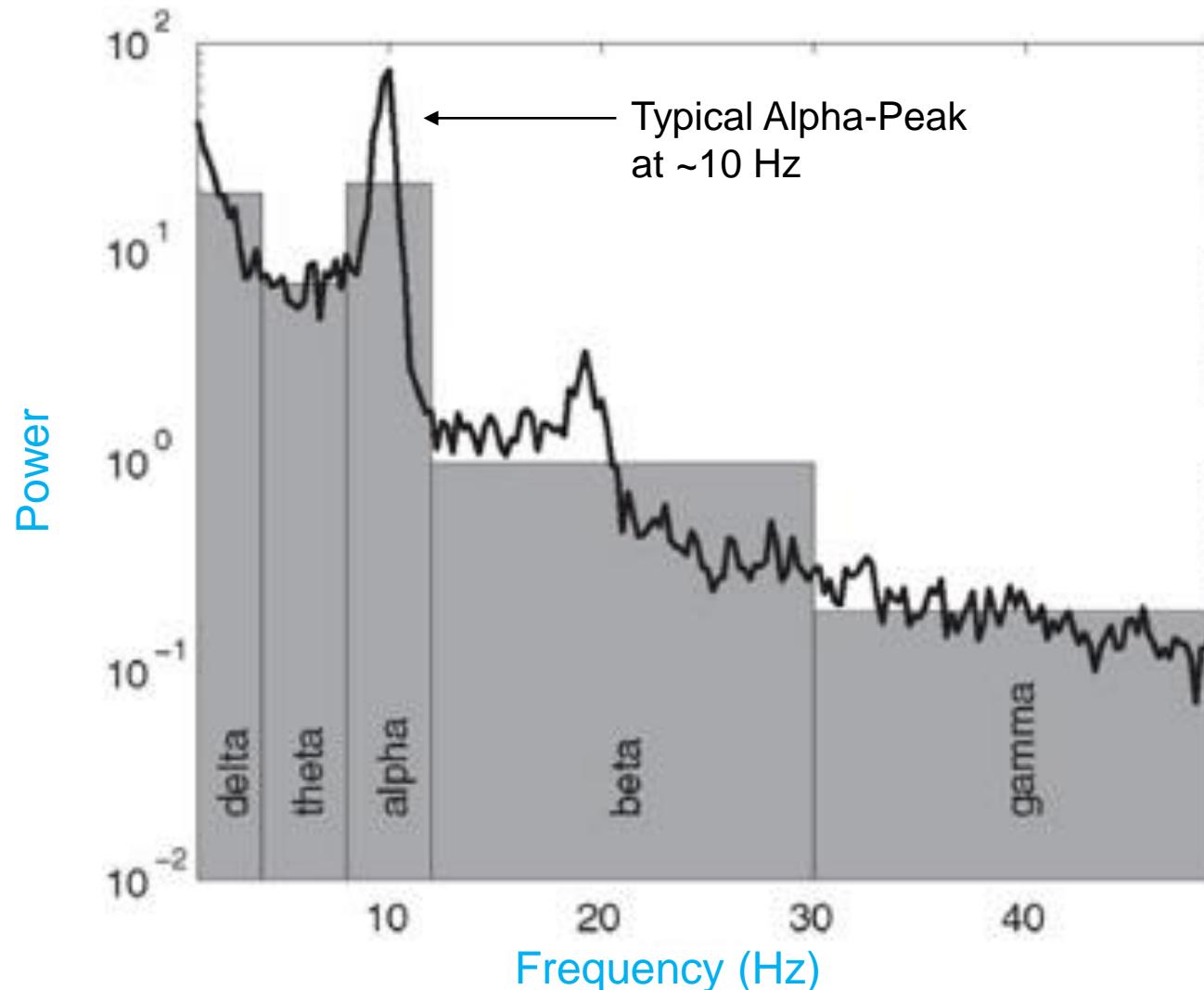


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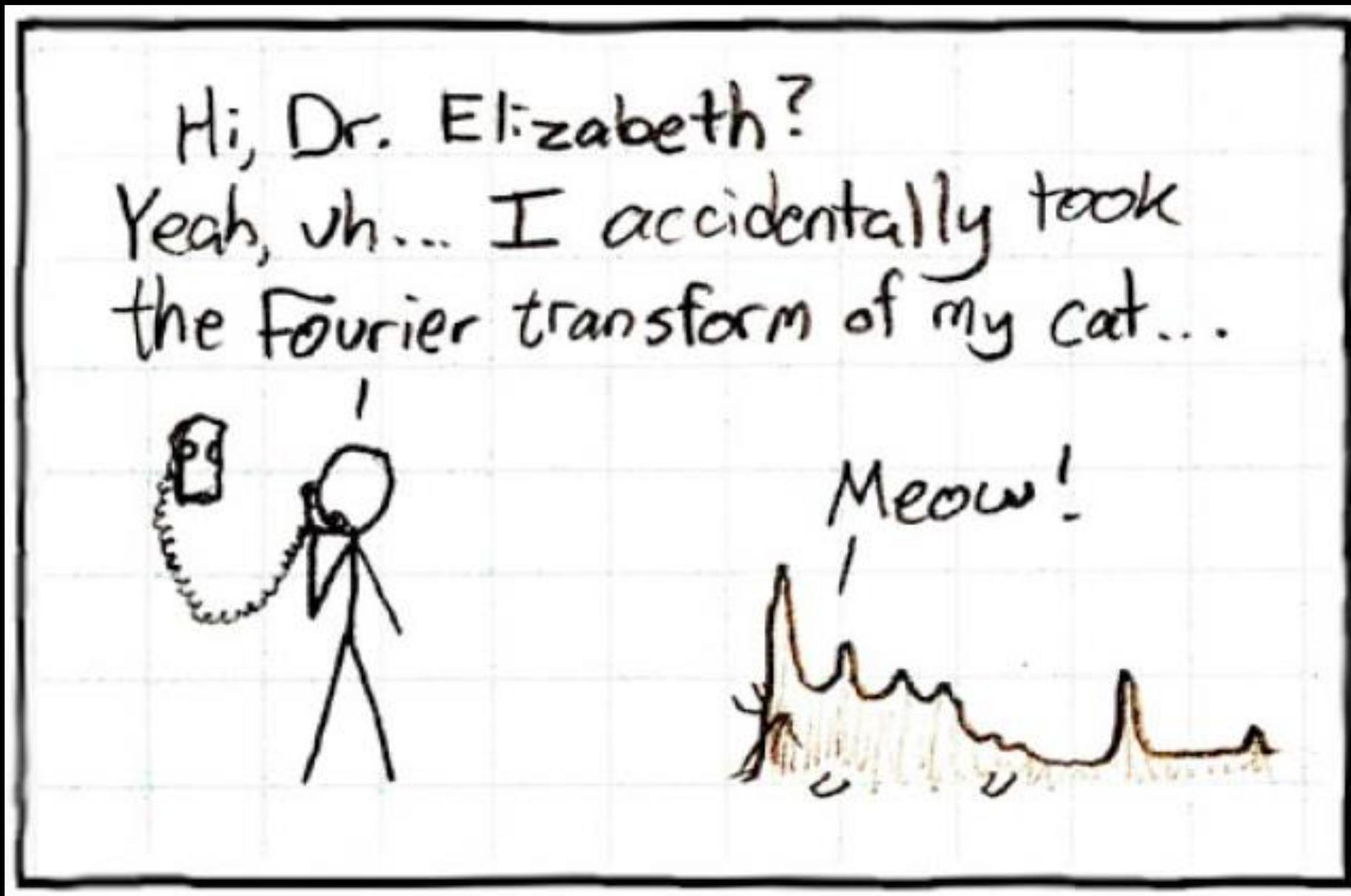


Example: Spectrum of EEG

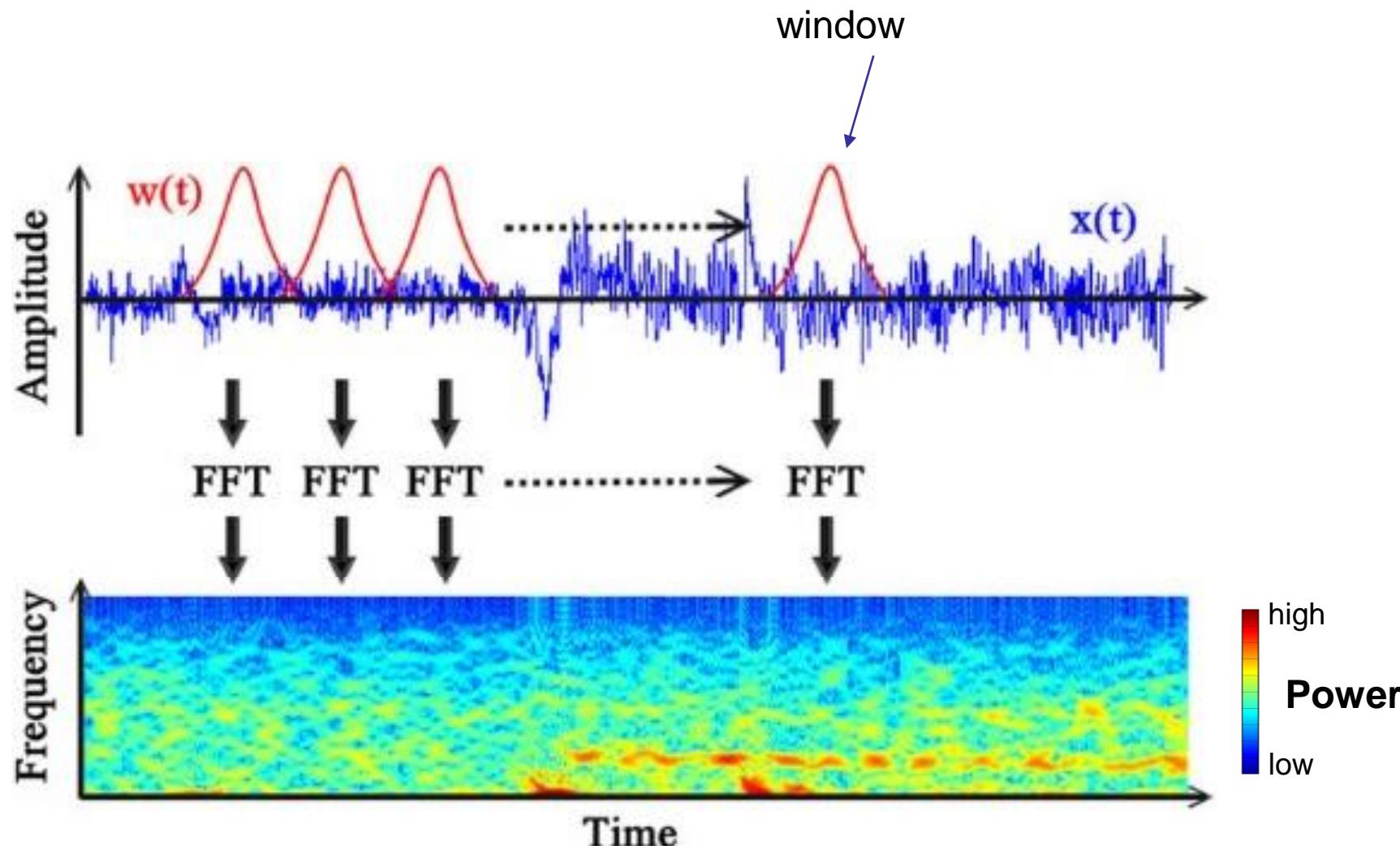
Which frequencies are presented how strongly?



Bad FT jokes (sorry)



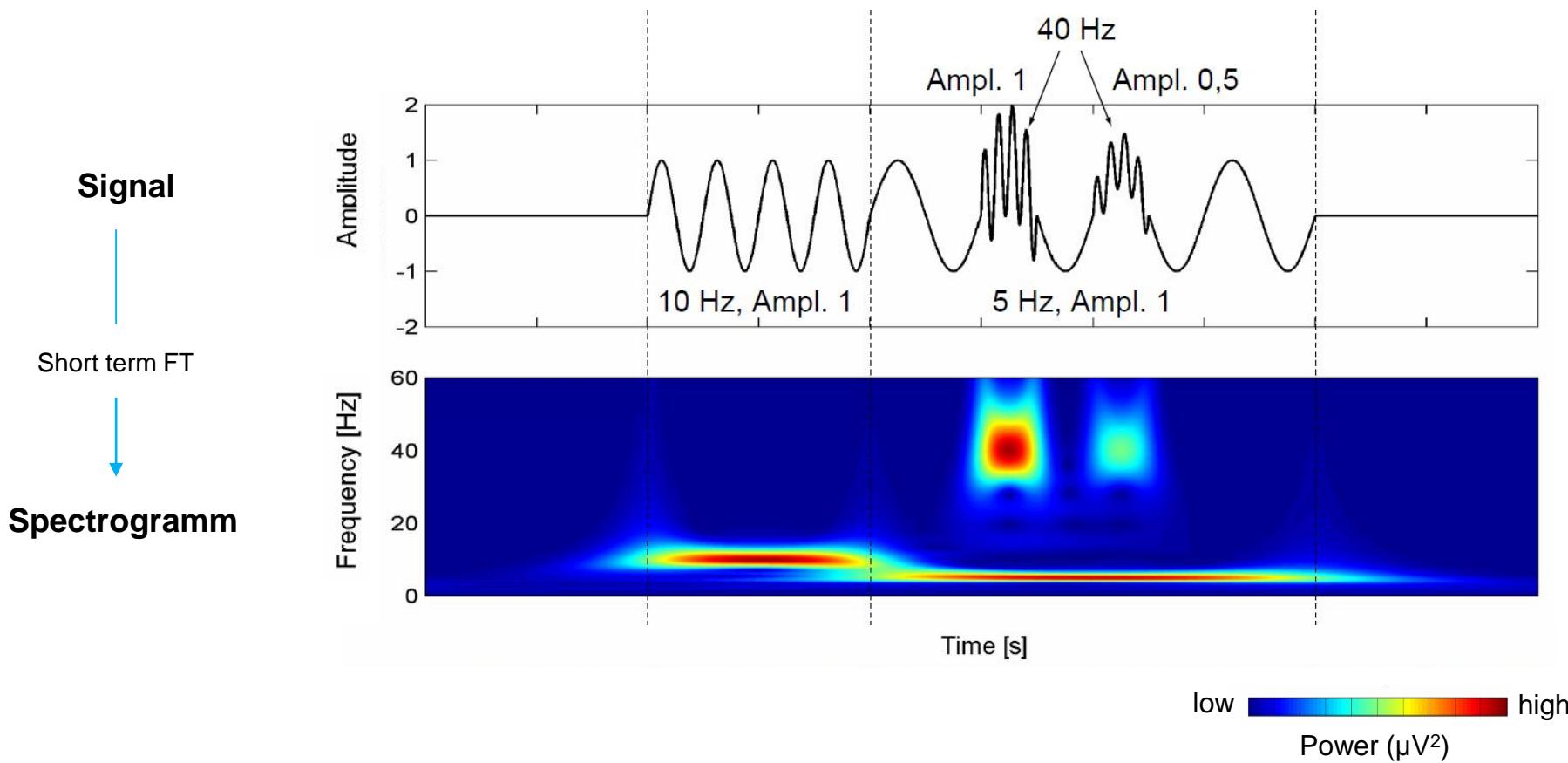
Doing the FT in a window: Time-frequency analysis



Result: Spectrogram

= visualization of frequency spectrum as a function of time

x-axis = time, y-axis = frequency, color = amplitude/power



The End