

Looking for the Phonological Mapping Negativity (in all the wrong places)

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Event-related potential components are measured with electroencephalography (EEG) equipment.

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- Feed-forward / modular models of speech perception e.g. **Cohort** (Marslen-Wilson 1984)

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Others (e.g. Newman et al.) report that the PMN is a **marker of acoustic and pre-lexical information**.

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- Clinical studies have recently used the PMN as a marker of phonological processing abilities in patient populations (Robson et al. 2017). However, it is not clear what processes the PMN really indexes.

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Experiments **1**, **2** (and **3**) were designed to simultaneously work independently while also being fully comparable.

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- Praat (w/ Vocal Toolkit)

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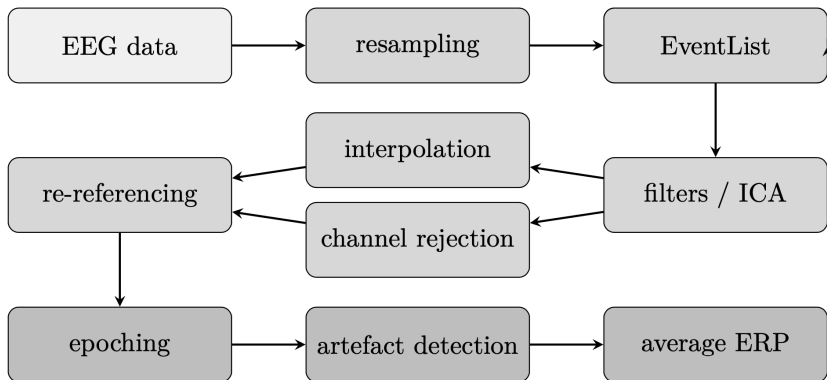
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- R (4.1) (R Core Team 2021)

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 - In 33% of total trials (400 total trials), the first syllable of the second nonce-word of each pair would be manipulated to break expectations

Procedure

Before training, EEG data was recorded with subjects listening passively to the presentation of matching and mismatching nonce-word pairs. This was done in order to establish a baseline.

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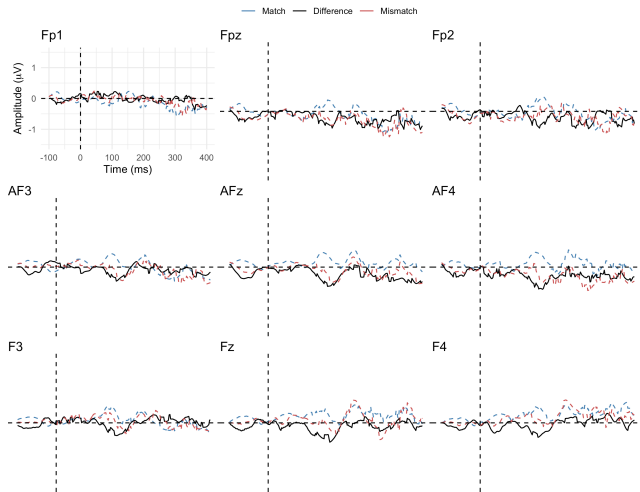
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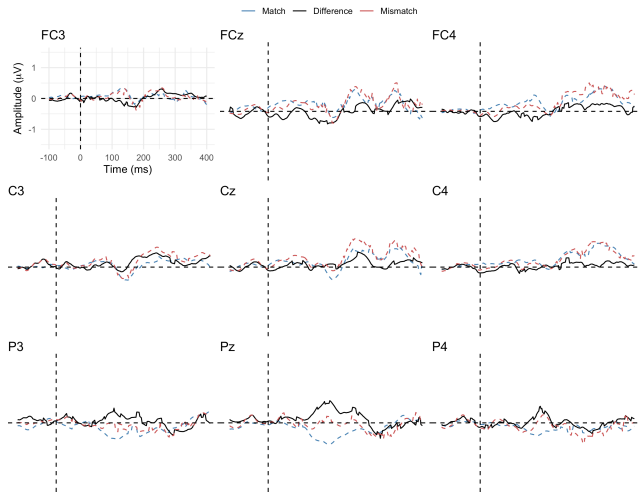
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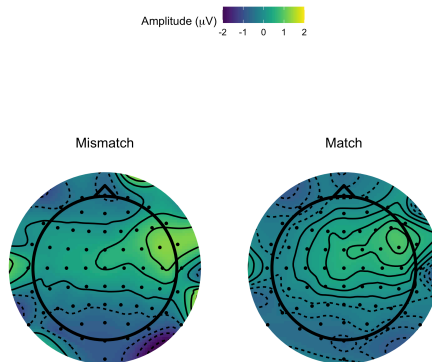


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No instance of **PMN** (in any of its expected forms) was found

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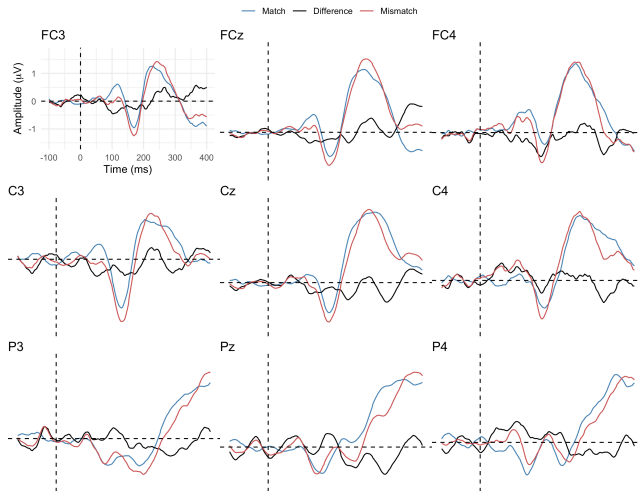
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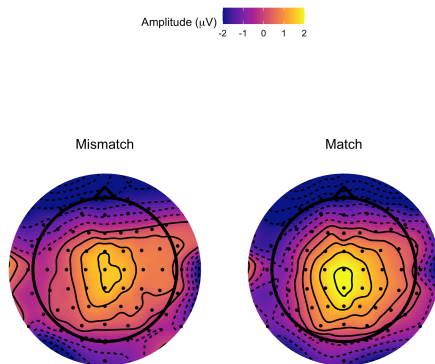
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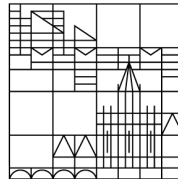
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Replication

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