EEGLAB introduction

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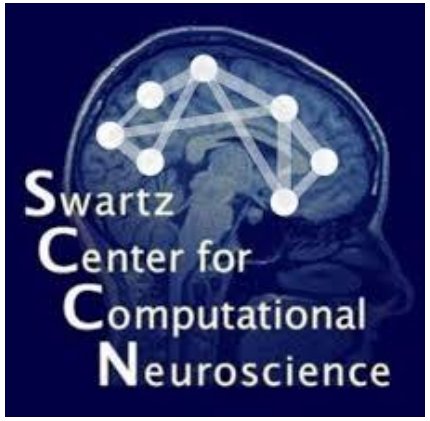

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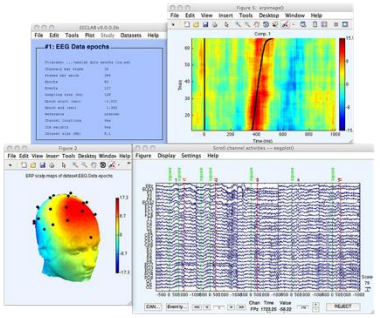
EEGLAB History Timeline



1997 — EEG/ICA Toolbox (Salk Institute)

2001 — 1st EEGLAB for artifact rejection (Salk Institute)

2003 — EEGLAB issued to wide audience (Salk Institute) and NIH support

2006 — EEGLAB plug-ins, STUDY structure

2011 — EEGLAB, the most widely used EEG research environment

2018 — EEGLAB STUDY use single trial and LIMO integration

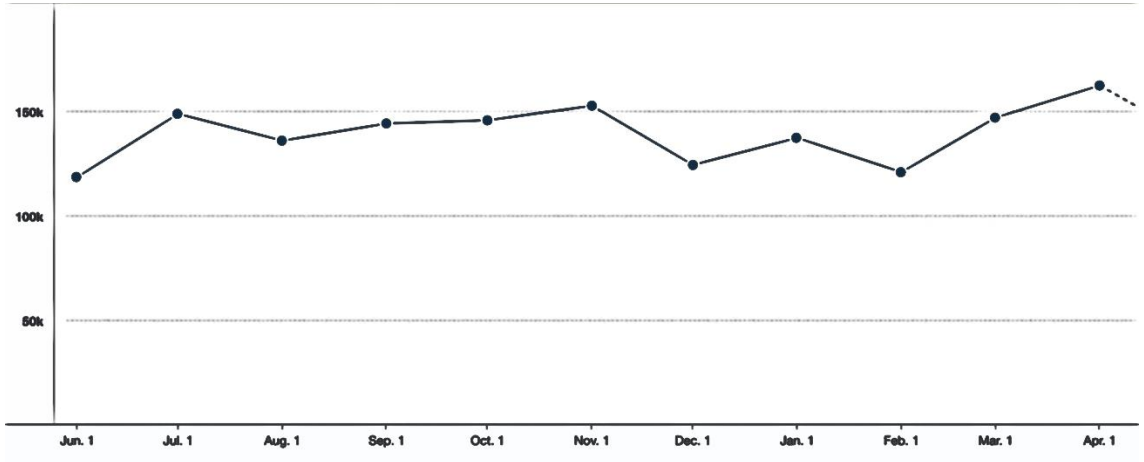
2021 — BIDS integration, big data pipelines, New website

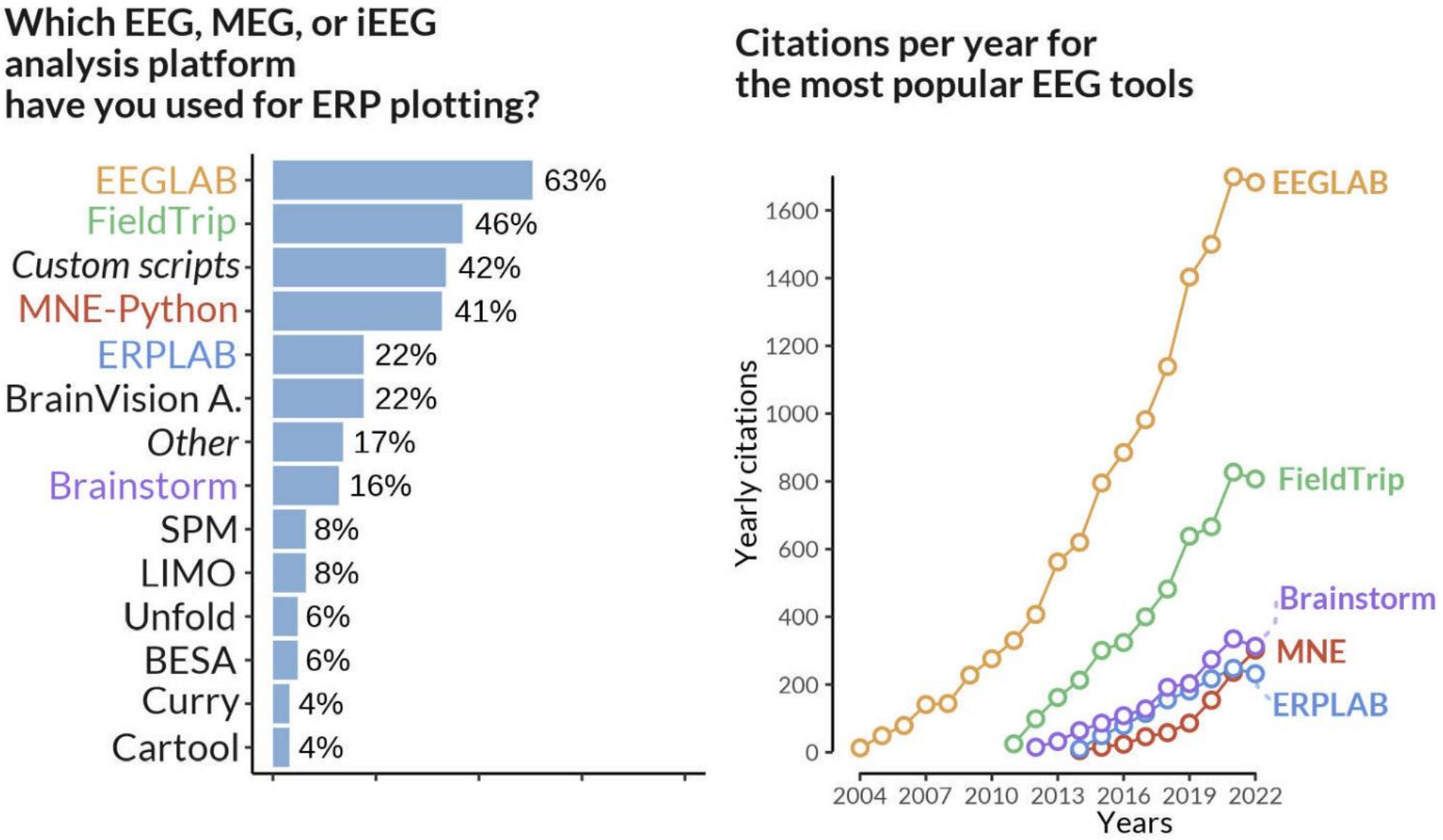
2024 — Automation on Cloud platforms

EEGLAB in a few numbers

- About 600 functions (150 000 lines of code)
- About 400,000 download over the past 10 years
- **15,500** users on the diffusion list
- Supporting **423 million** of dollars of research as of 2022
- NIH funding since 2003
- **151** plugins

140,000 EEGLAB session/month (mixpanel)





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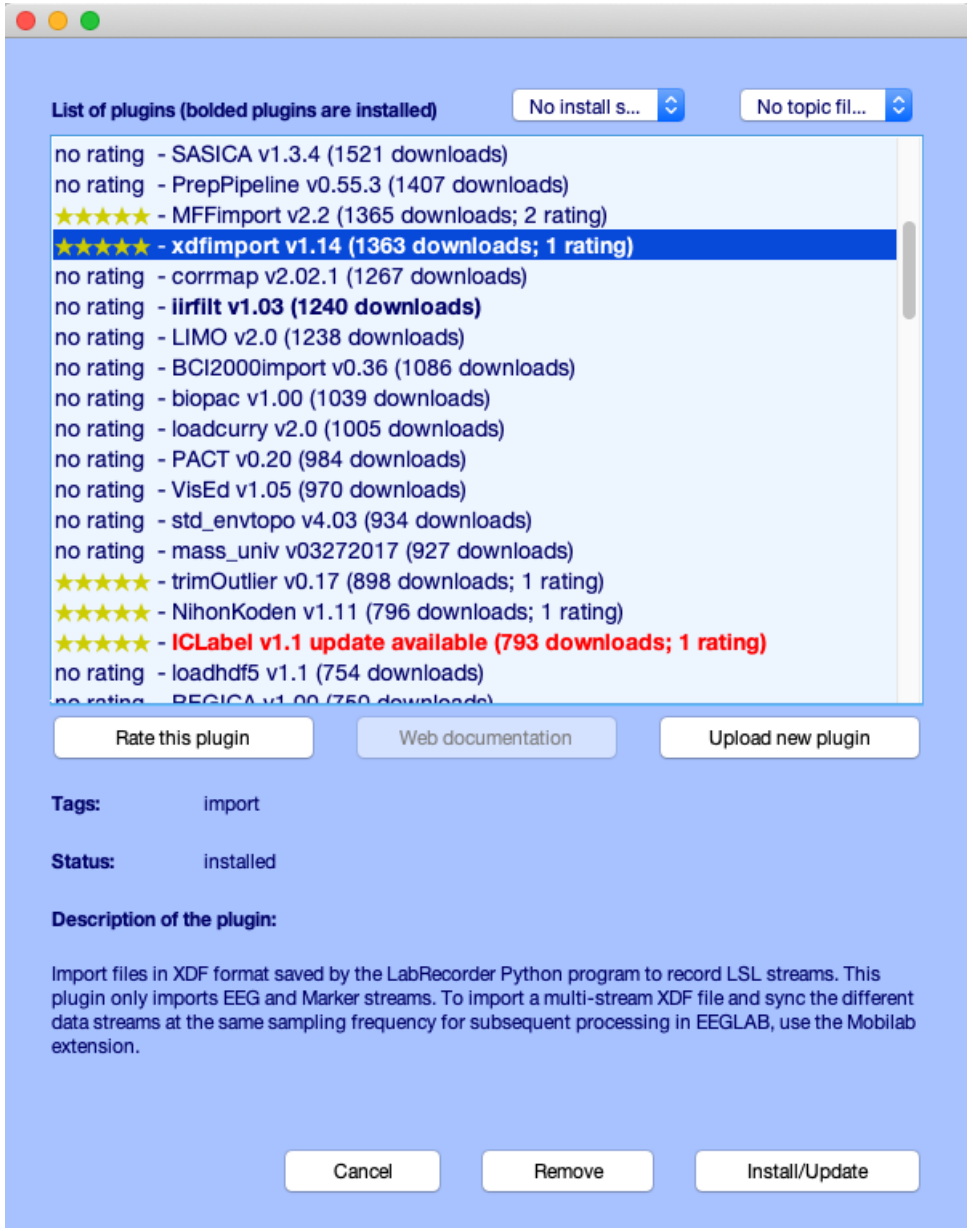
EEGLAB plugin manager (151 plugins)



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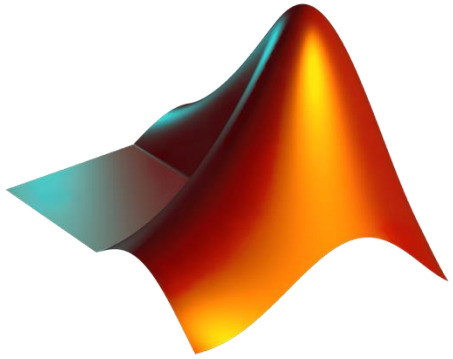


Download R2020b

R2020b

Download earlier release

- R2010a
- R2009bSP1
- R2009b
- R2009a
- R2008b

Additional MATLAB toolboxes

- Signal processing toolbox
- Statistics toolbox
- Optimization toolbox
- Image processing toolbox

Matlab based open source

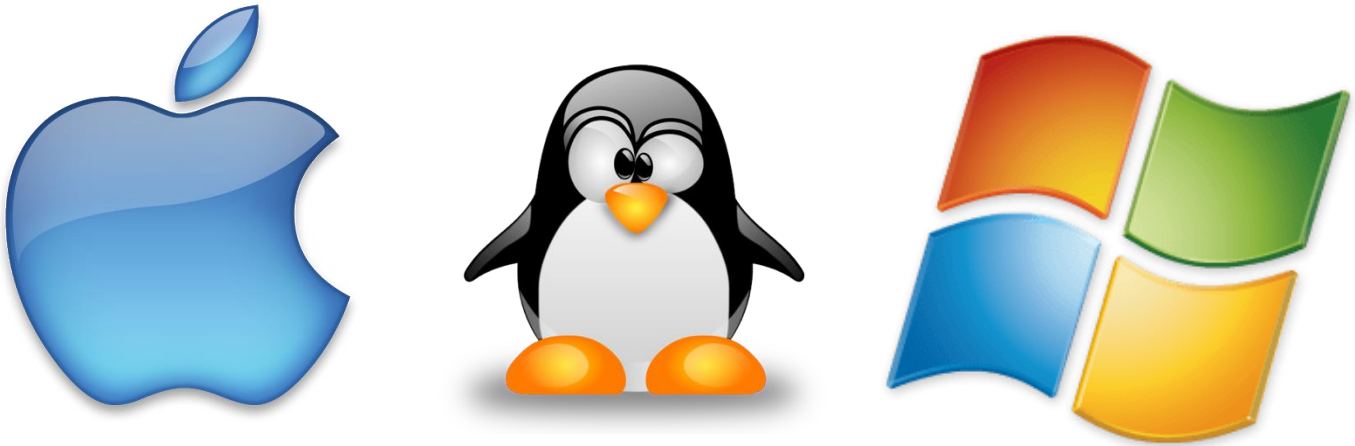
Pros

- Easy to program, highly modular and extendable
- Not dependent on any platform (64-bit) and highly optimized
- Large community of users (latest development in signal processing research)
- Powerful scripting capabilities

Cons

- Matlab commercial license required
- Matlab commercial toolboxes recommended (signal processing, statistics)

Which Operating System?



EEGLAB on MATLAB
vs EEGLAB compiled

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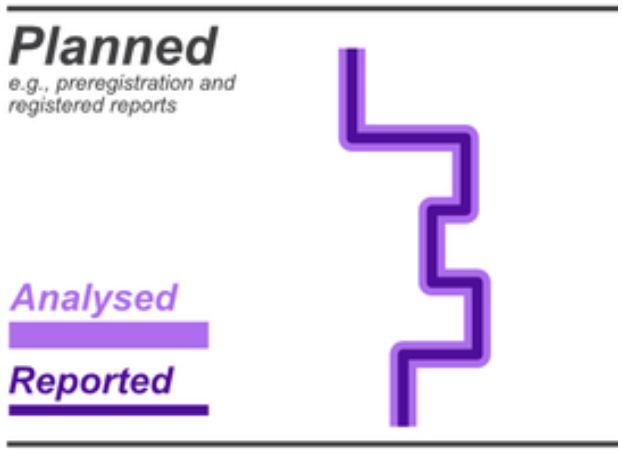

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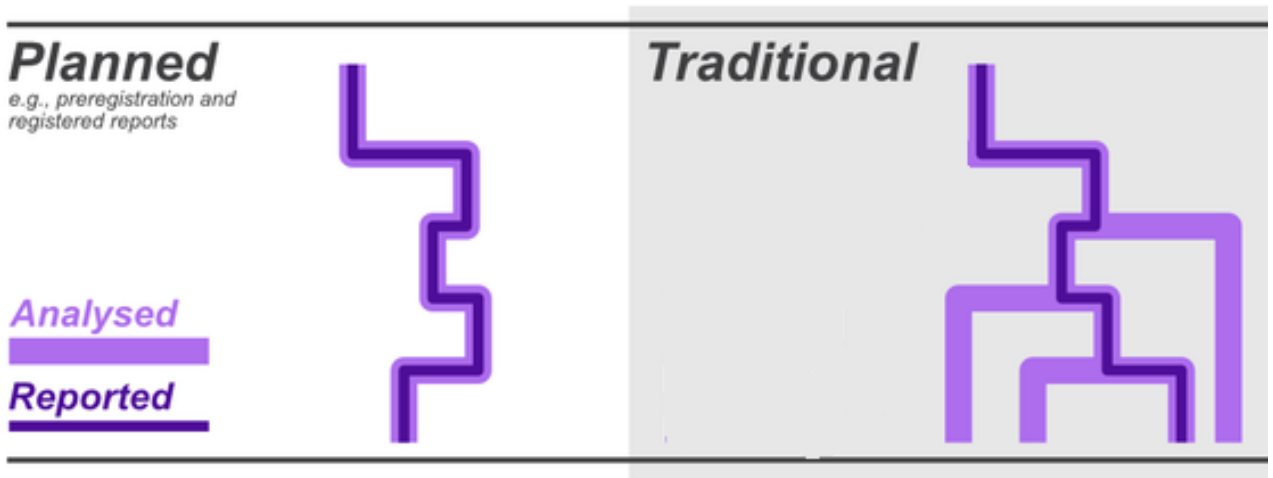

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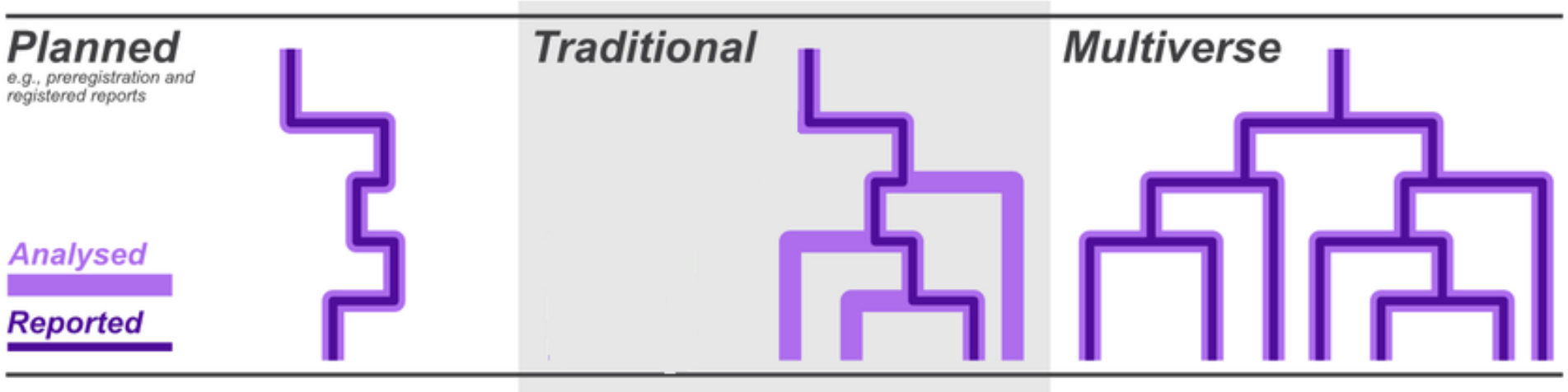

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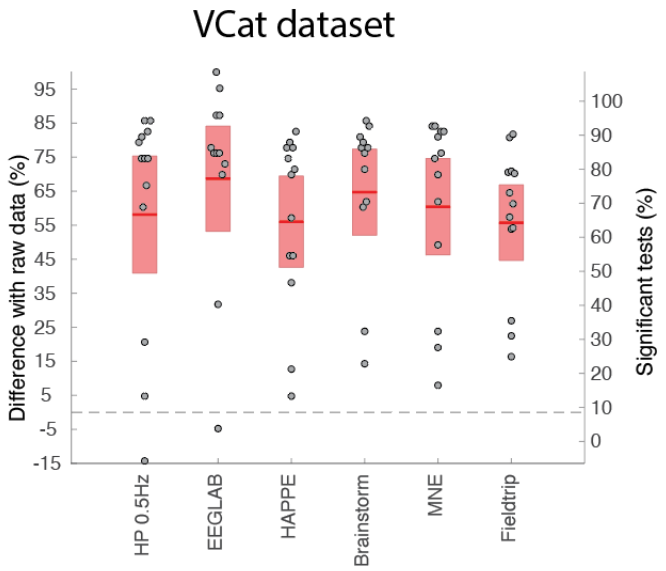
- Each automated artifact rejection optimized (EEGLAB, MNE, Brainstorm, Fieldtrip)



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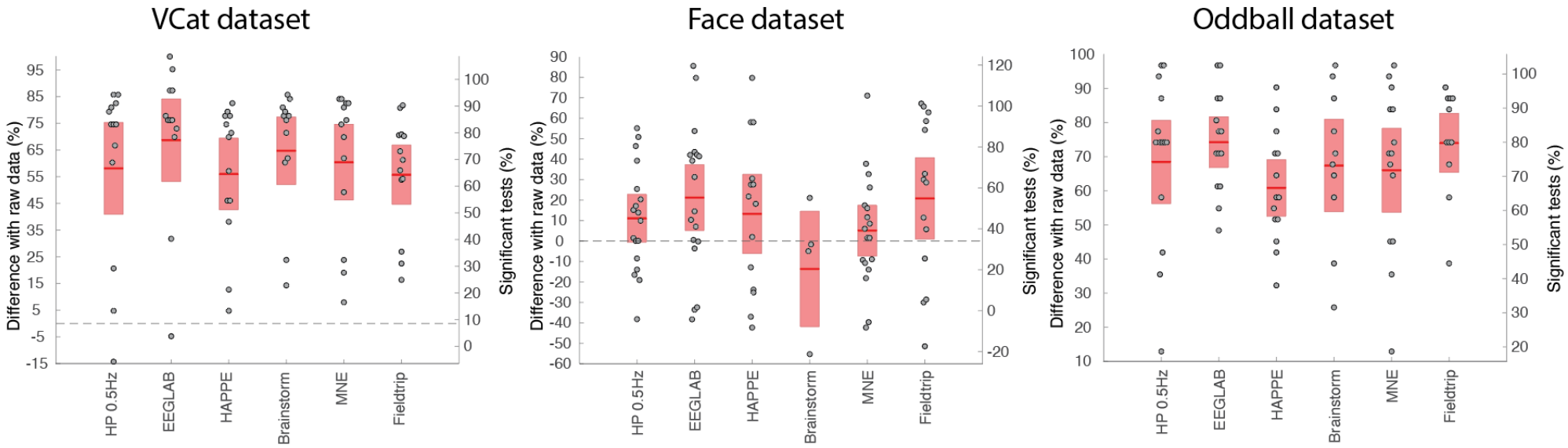
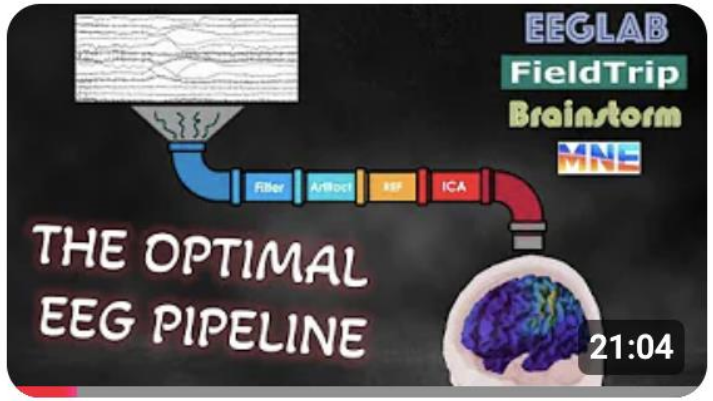


- Compared to high-pass at 0.5Hz, not much improvement of any pipeline (although EEGLAB pipeline the only one significantly superior to 0.5 Hz high pass for all 3 datasets – no other pipeline superior to 0.5 Hz high pass for any dataset)
- EEGLAB minor advantage due to line-noise contaminated channel interpolation and ICA automated rejection

YouTube videos



What is the optimal automated EEG pipeline?

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What is the best ERP baseline?

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What is the best EEG reference?

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A FieldTrip EEG automated processing pipeline

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A Brainstorm EEG automated processing pipeline

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An MNE EEG automated processing pipeline

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Process EEG data in EEGLAB then build an automated pipeline

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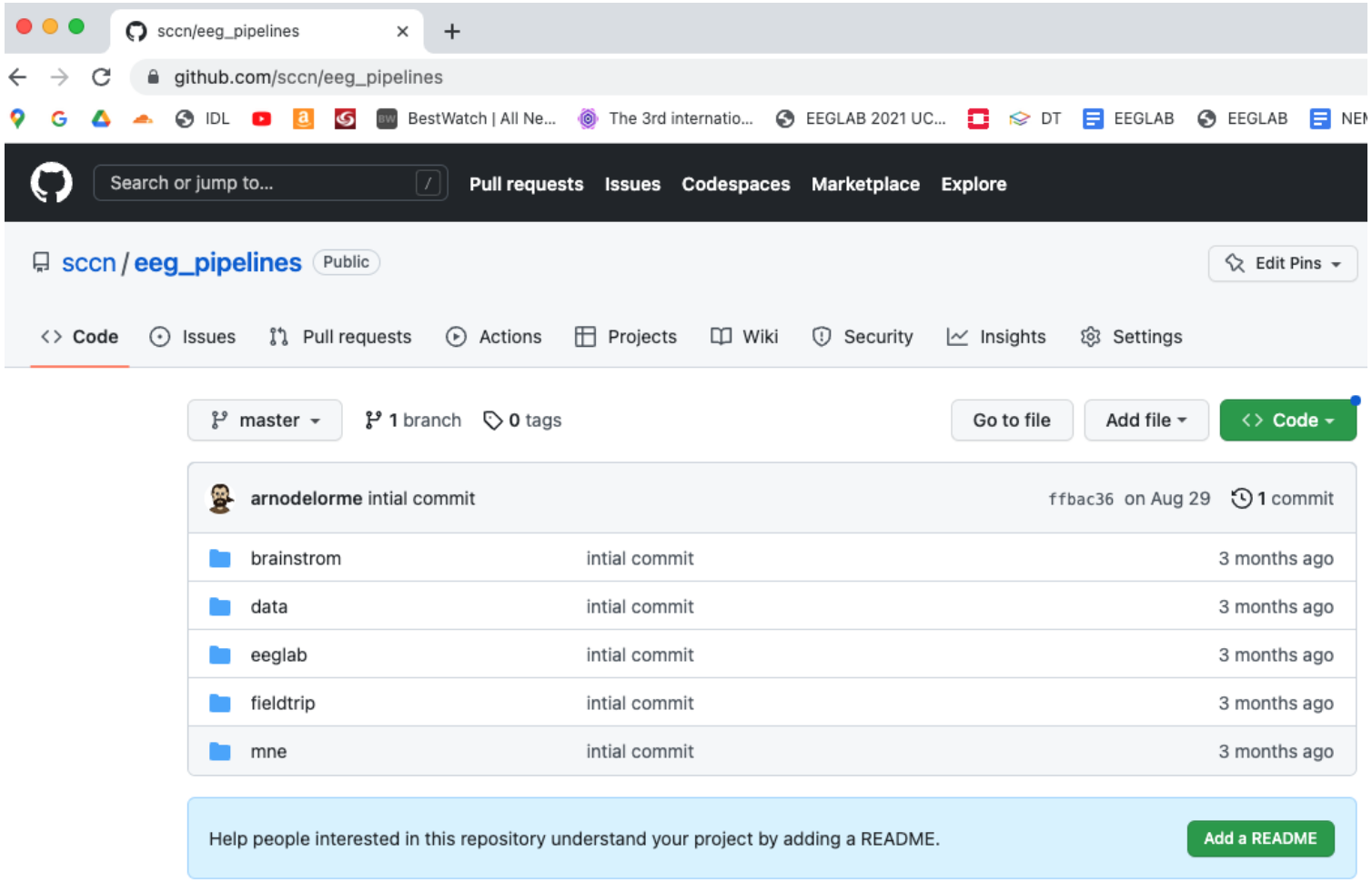
Automated pre-processing pipelines available



- Has test data
- Please comment and help improve the automated pipeline for each software

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Get ready

1. Install instructions: https://forum.cuttingeeg.org/tag/eeglab

2. Data (ask for the flashdrive)
- Download the pruned dataset (ds000117_pruned)
- Download group dataset (ds002718)

3. Install git (Windows Git-bash; Linux or Osx 😇)

4. Clone EEGLAB: https://github.com/sccn/eeglab (see README) or use flashdrive
- Start MATLAB then EEGLAB
- (use plugin manager menu item File > Manage EEGLAB extensions)
  - Install File-IO plugin
  - Install Fieldtrip-lite plugin
  - Install picard plugin

5. Clone slides and script repository from https://github.com/sccn/practical_MEEG2025