



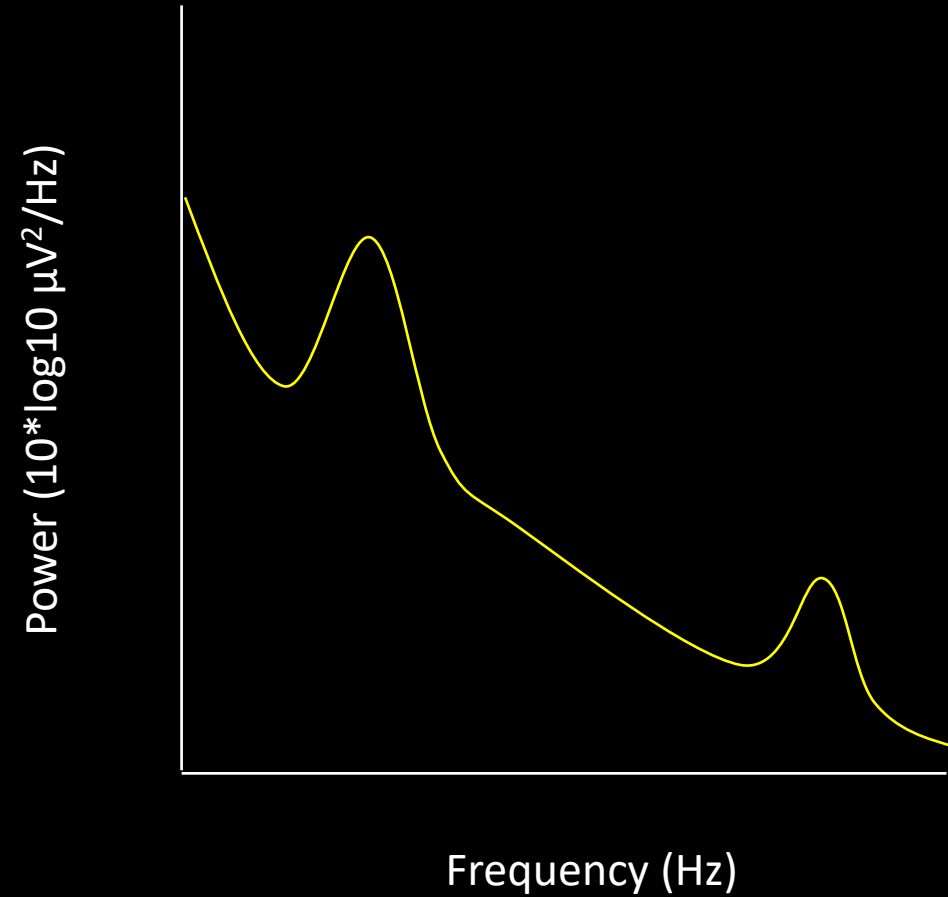
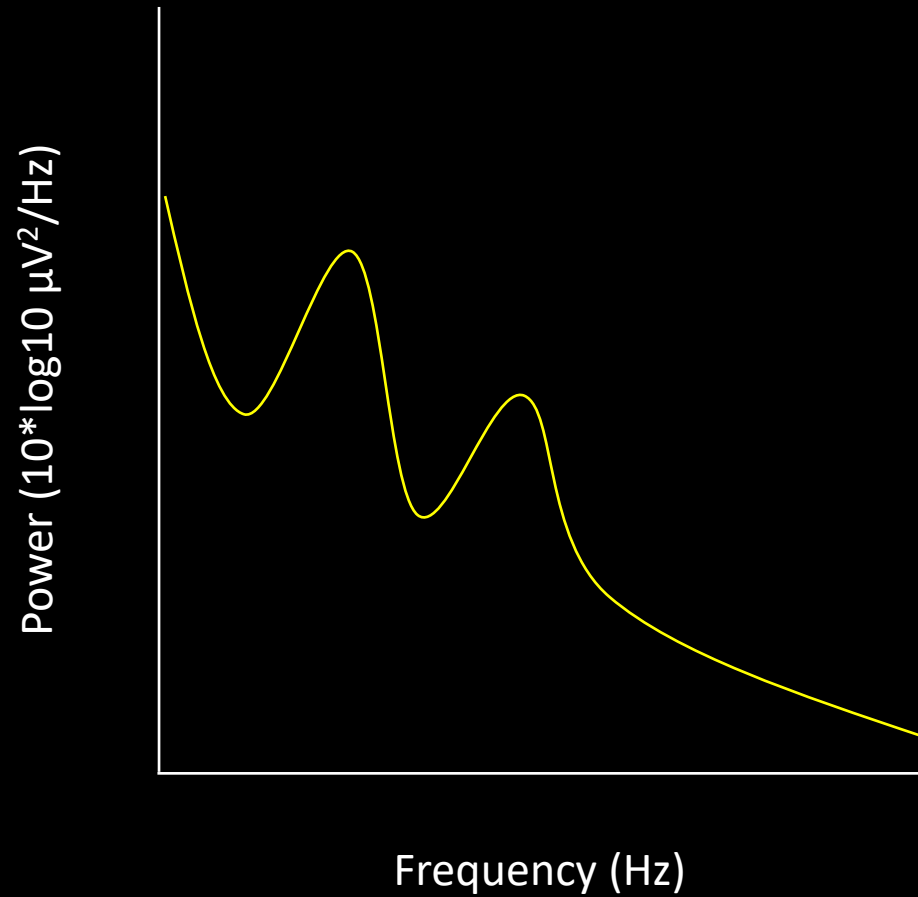
Cross-frequency  
power-power coupling analysis toolbox  
(PowPowCAT)

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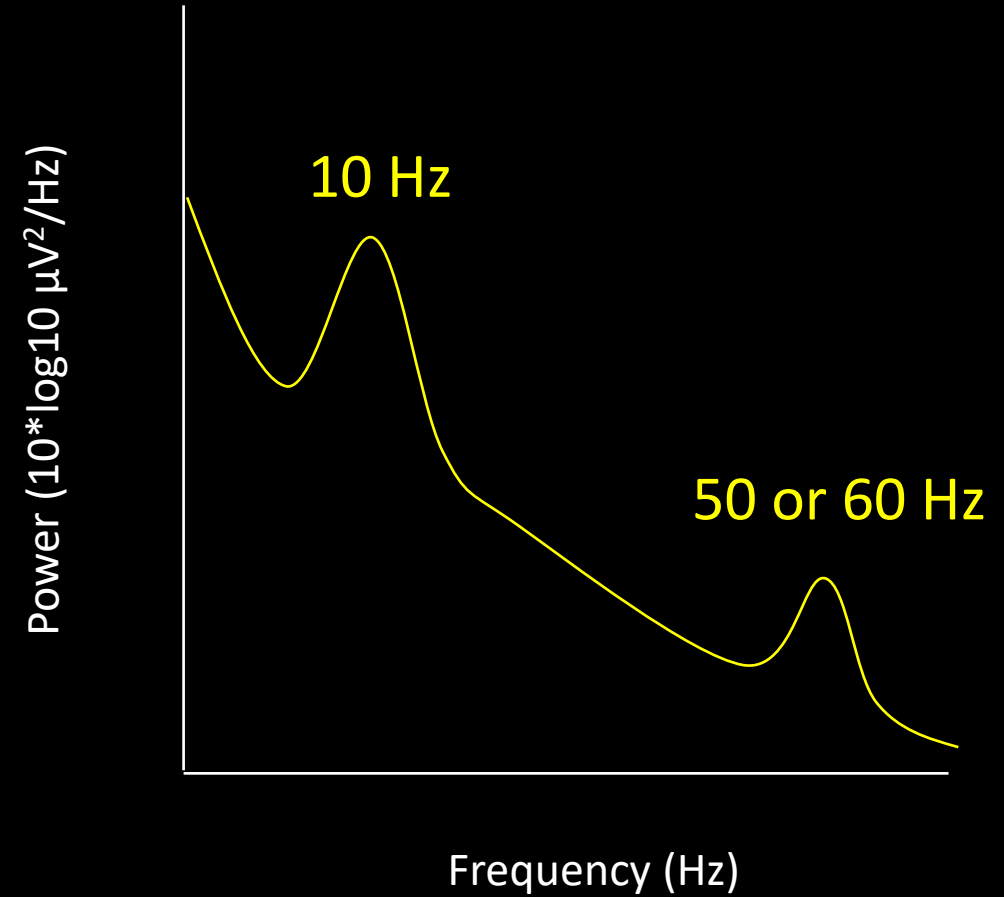
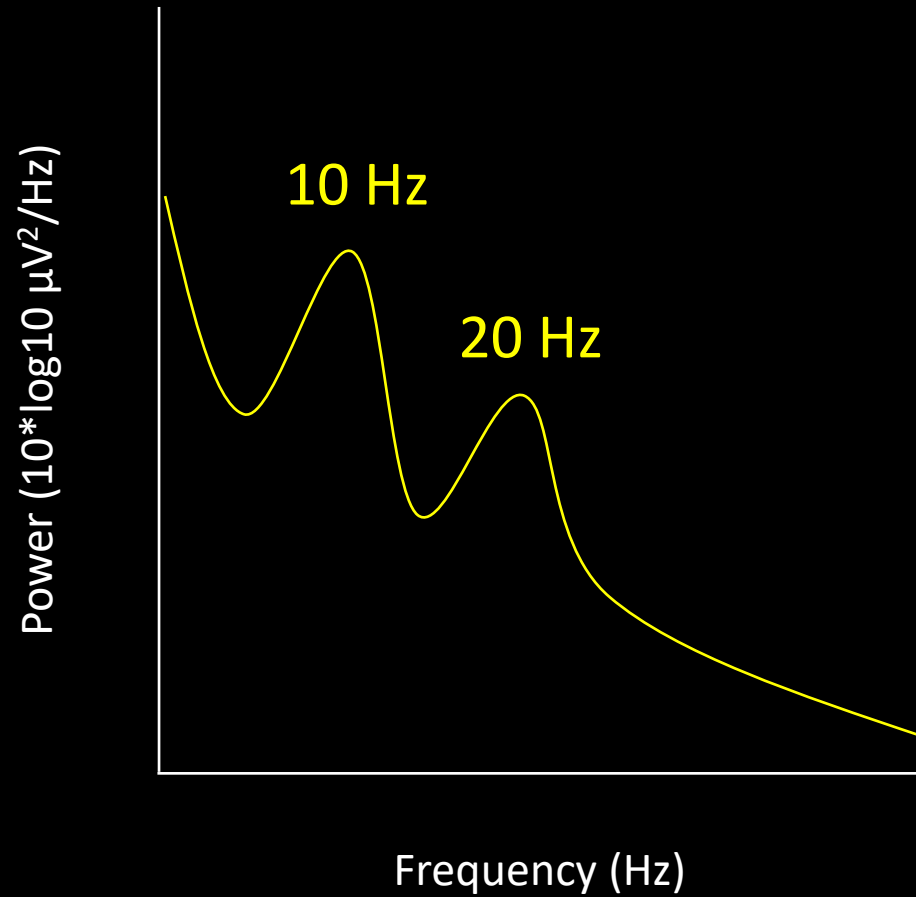
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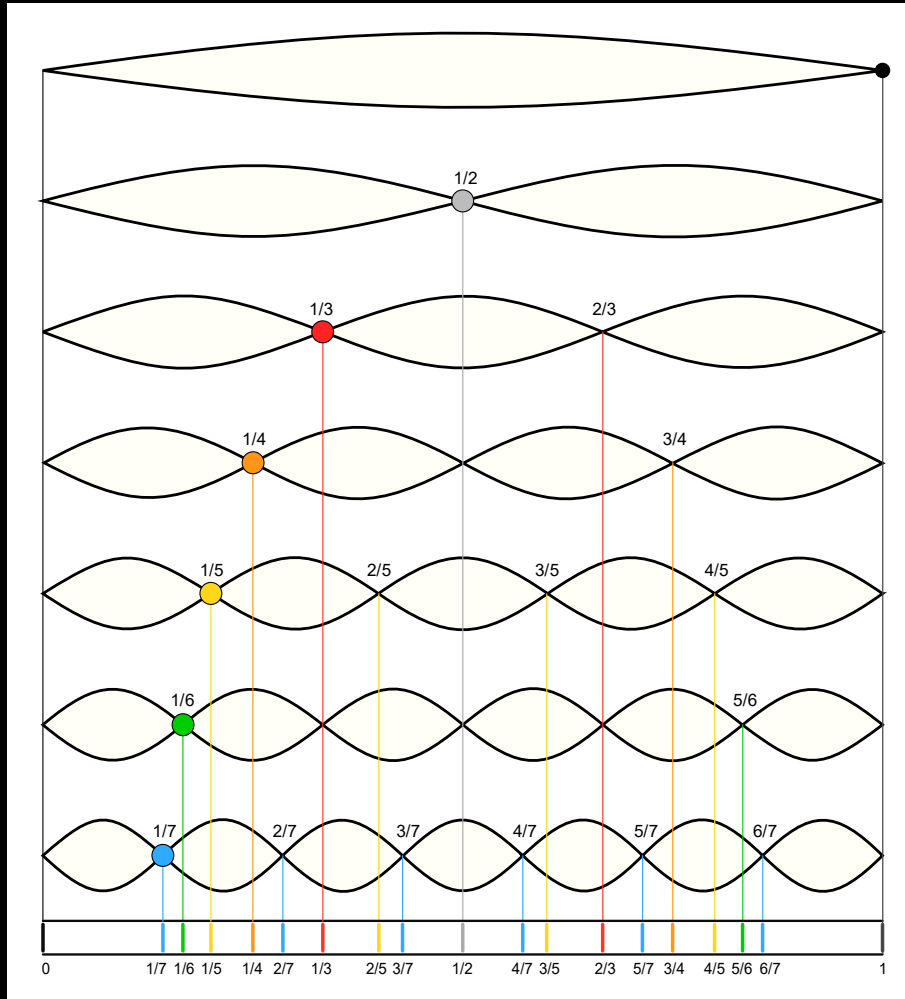
# What's the difference?



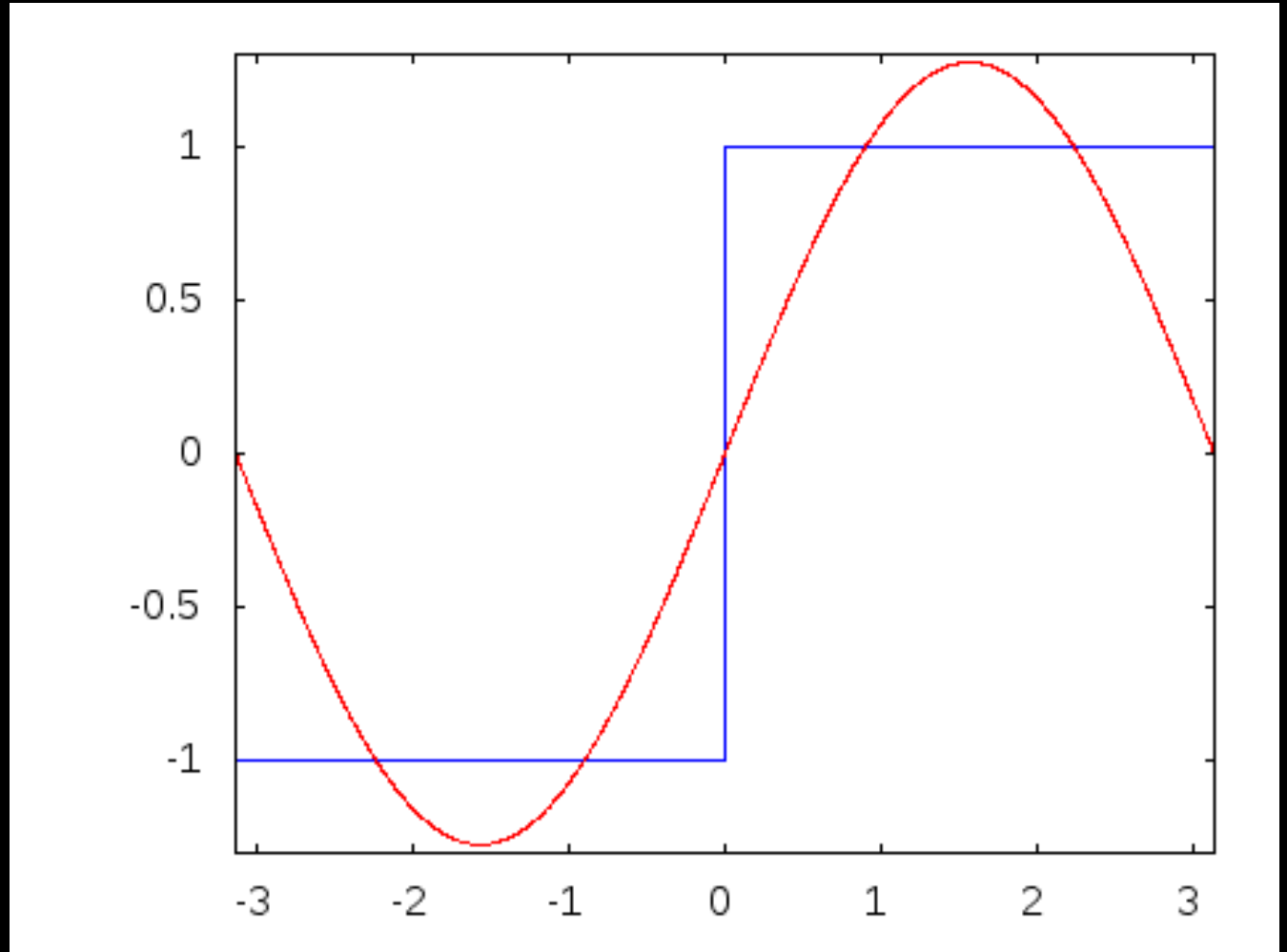
# How about this?



# What is harmonics?

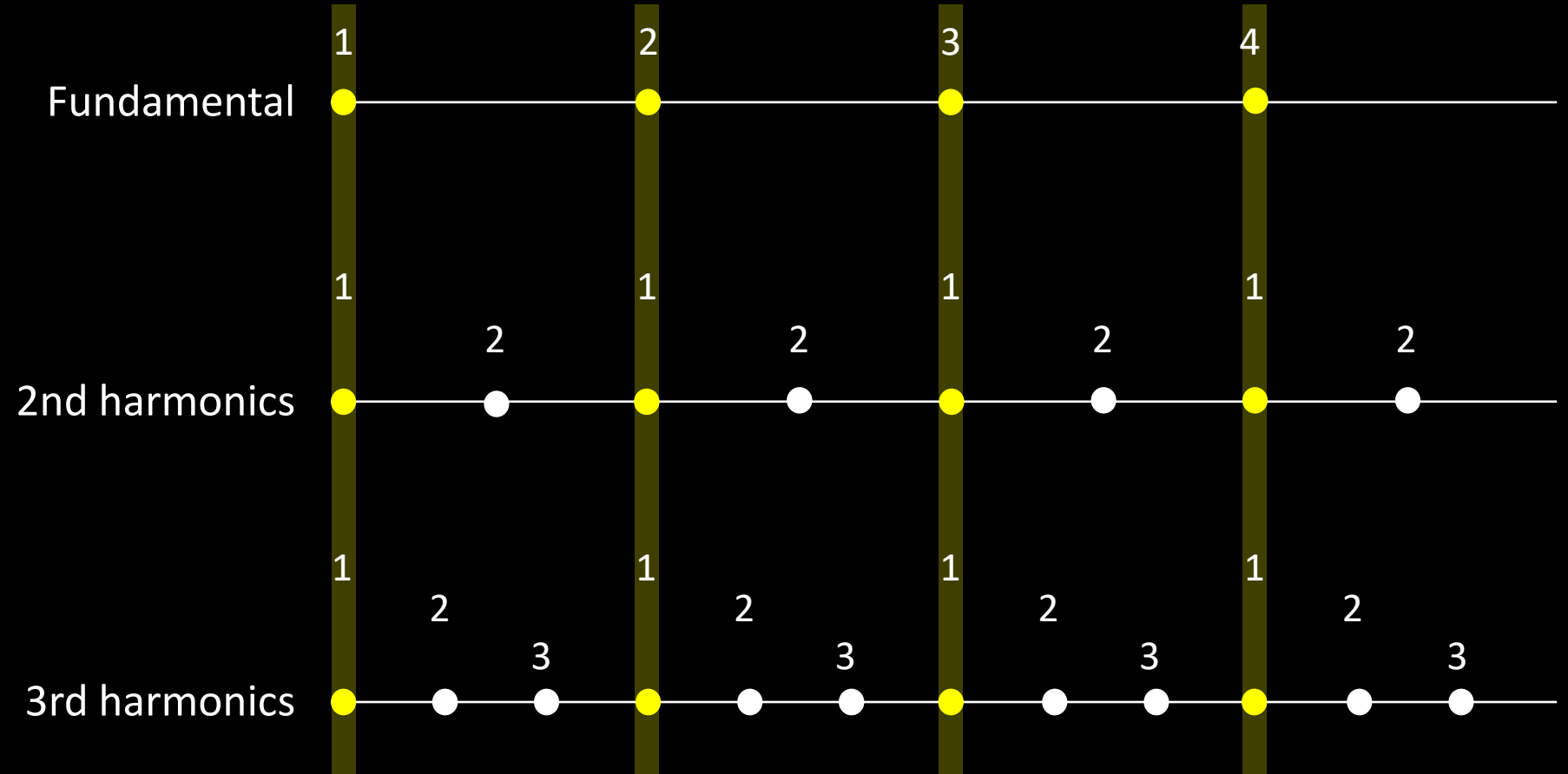
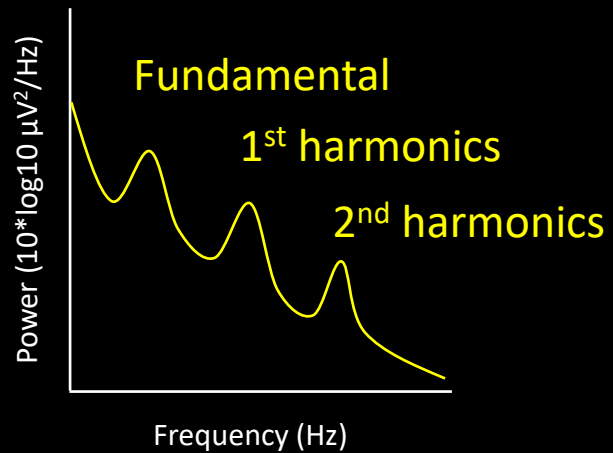


Wikipedia 'harmonics'

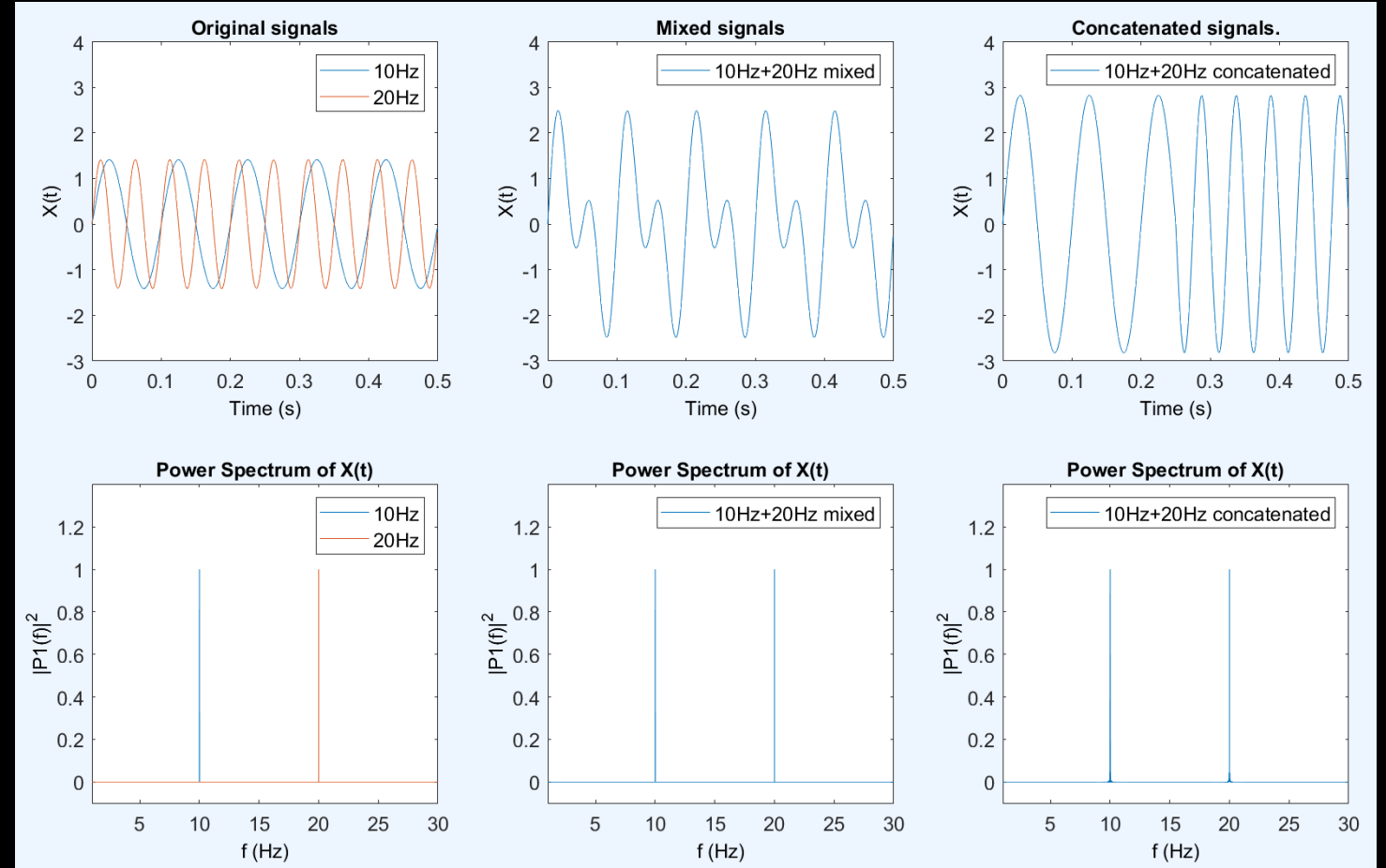
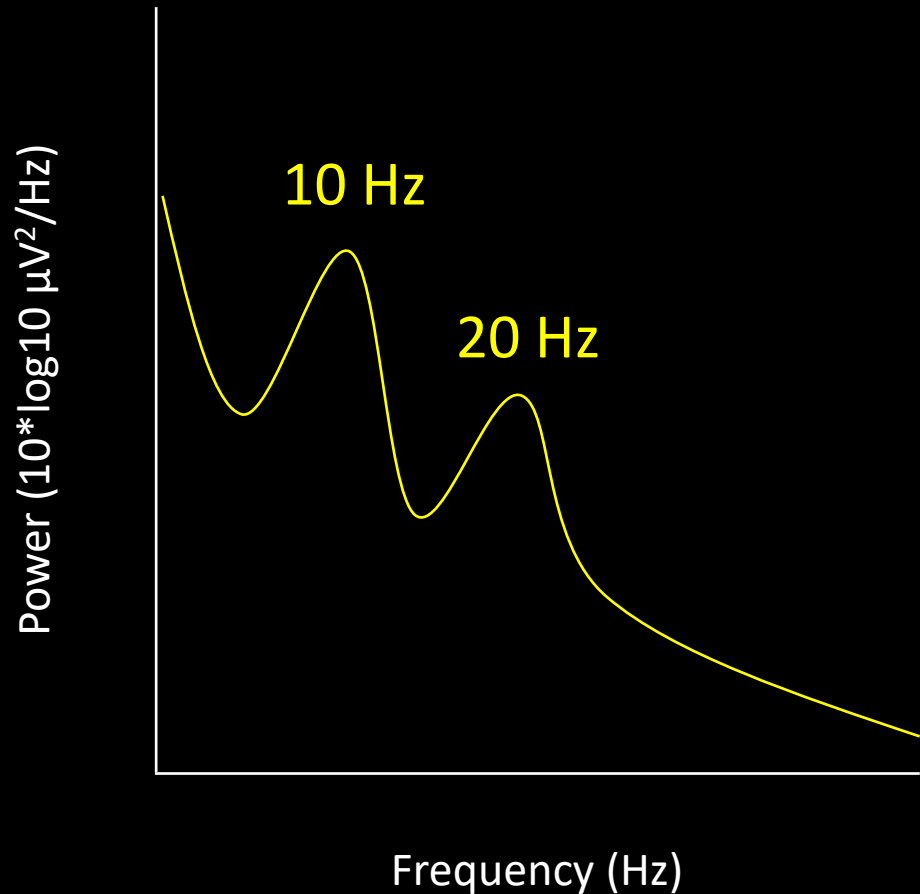


Wikipedia 'square wave'

# Virtual John Iversen's explanation

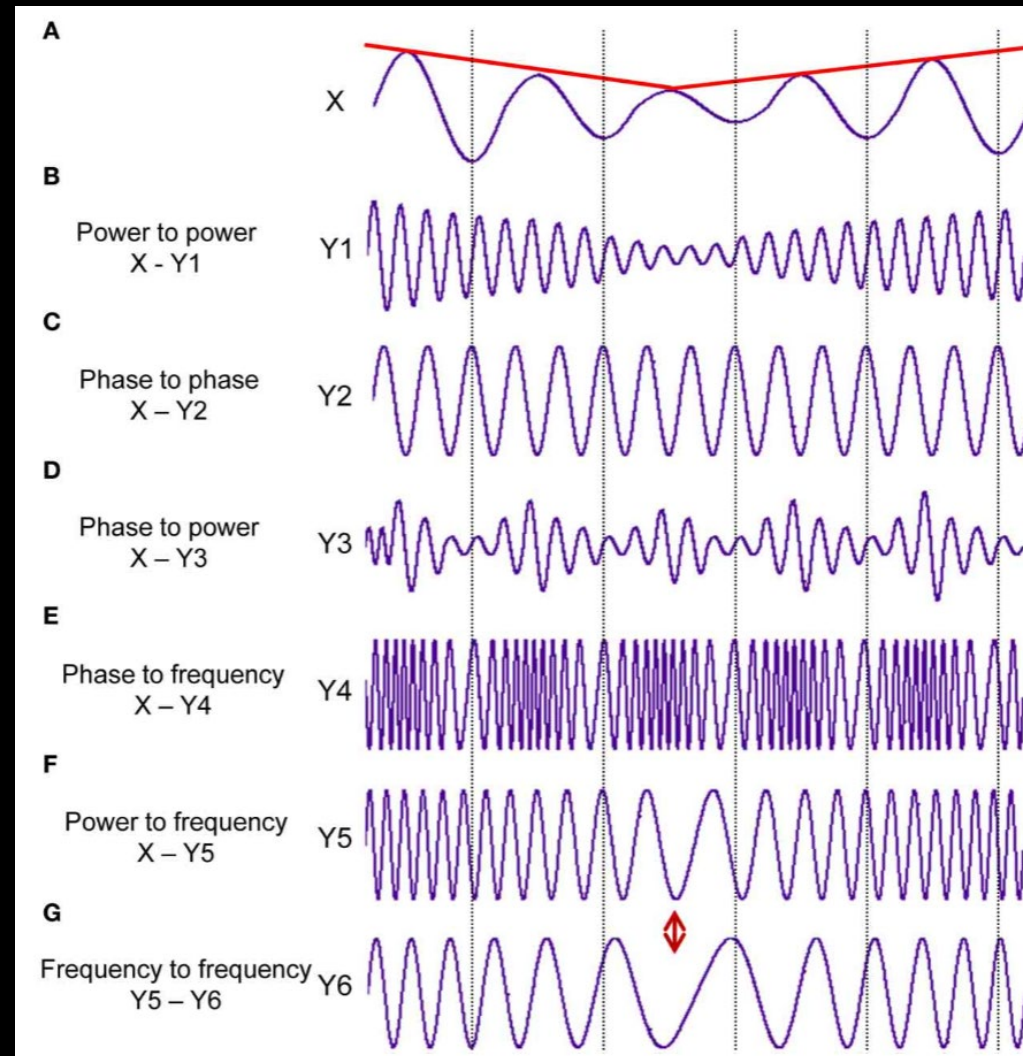


# Double peaks does not guarantee cross-frequency coupling



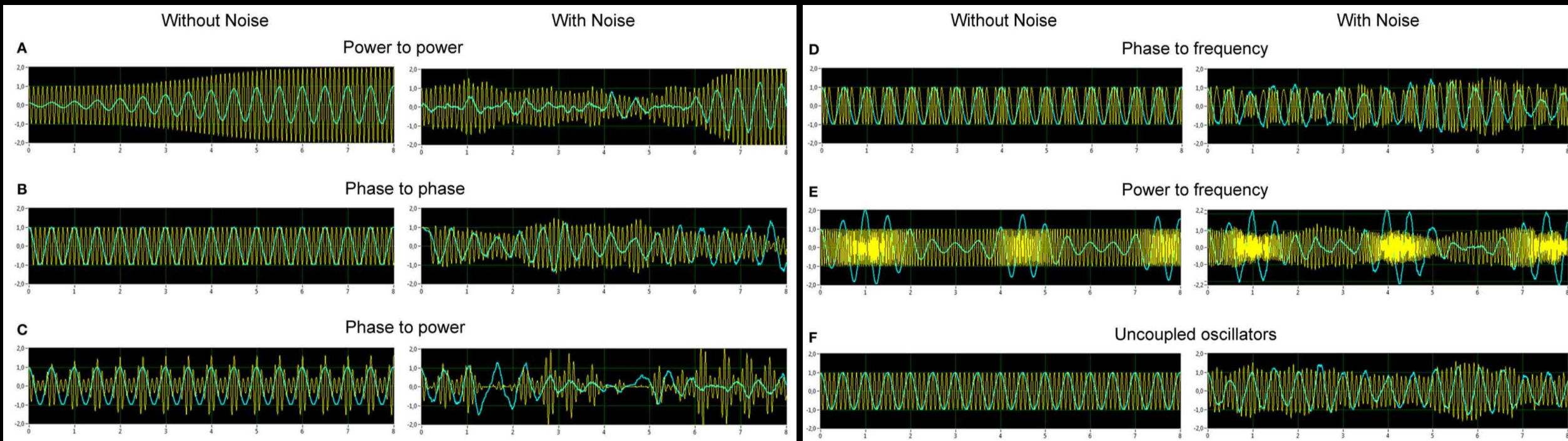
Why do I like power-power coupling?

# List of cross-frequency relations 1



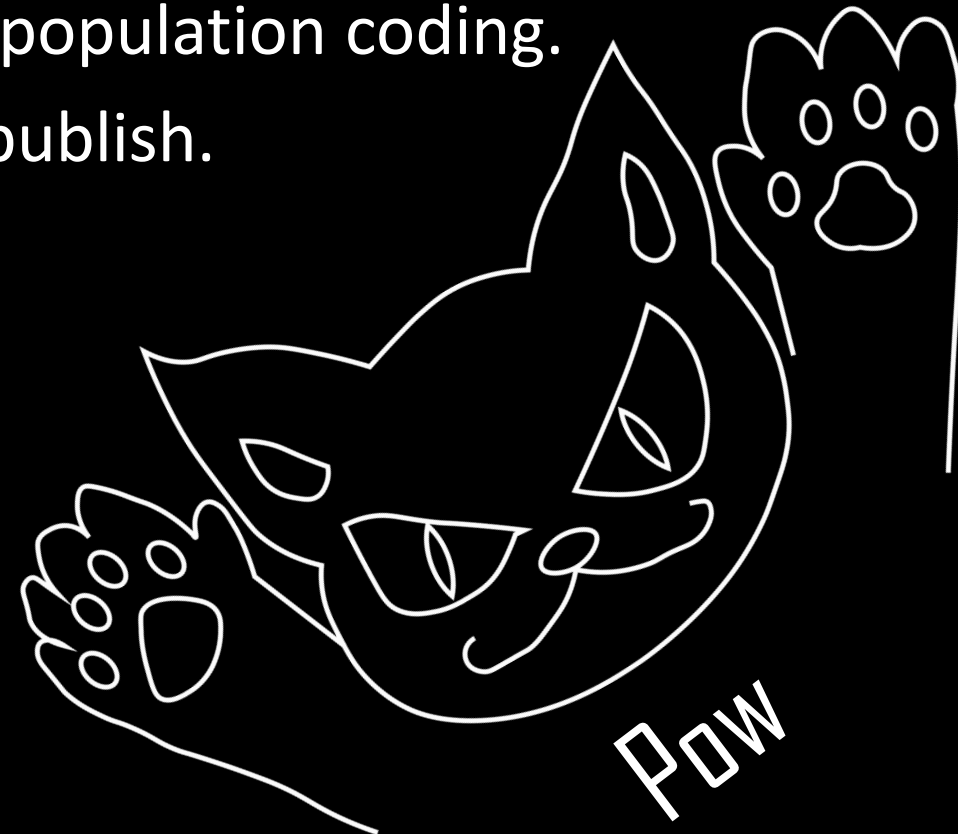


# List of cross-frequency relations 2

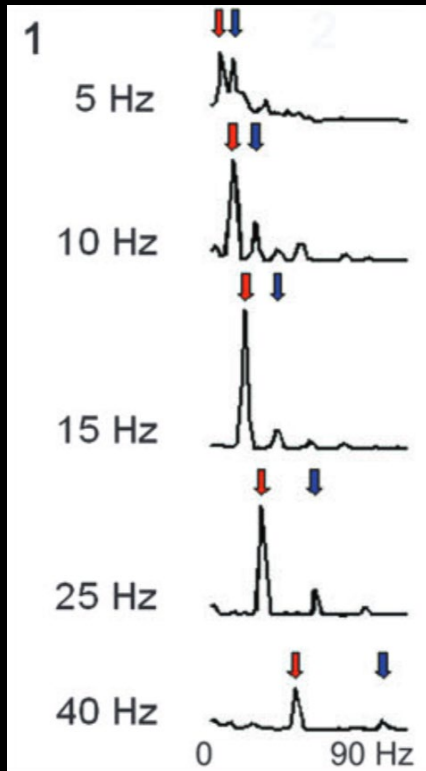


# Reasons to analyze EEG power rather than phase

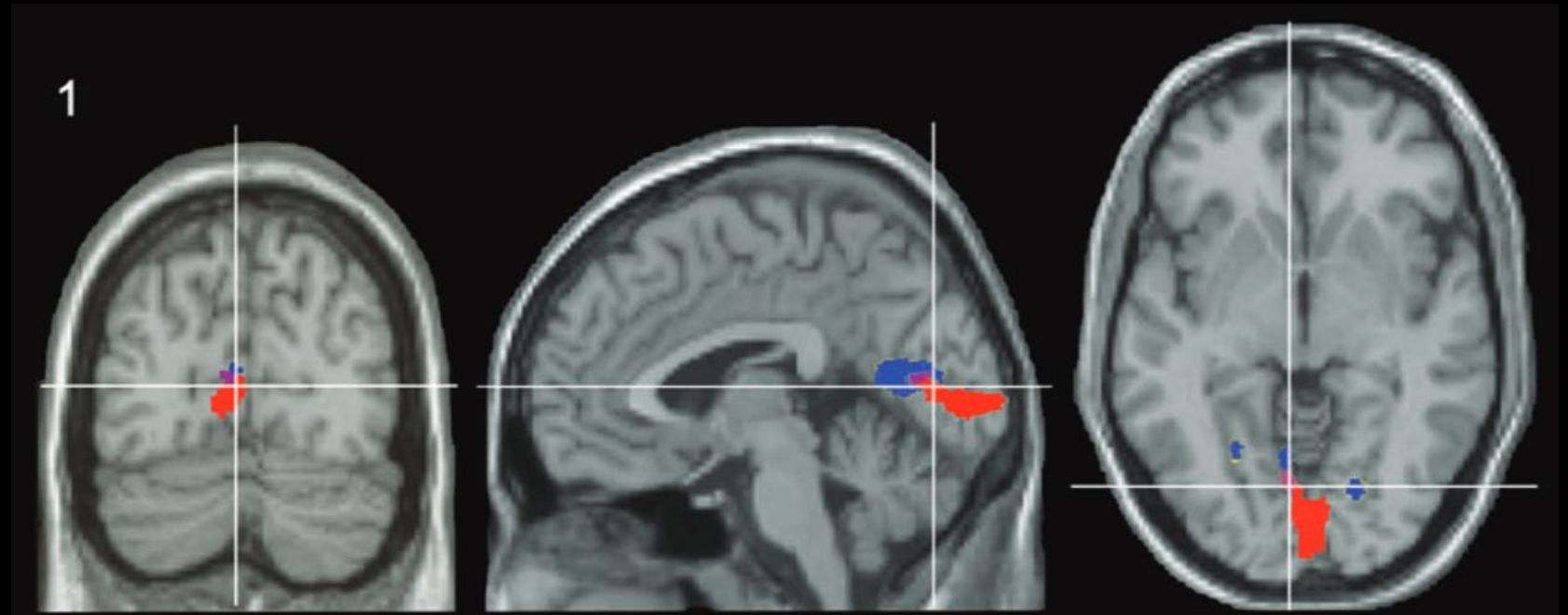
- Phase is a noisy metric, has weird dependency on amplitude contrary to the intuition, etc.
- Power metric has good biological evidence: population coding.
- 'PowPowCAT' is a good name which I must publish.



# Why is harmonics important in EEG? 1

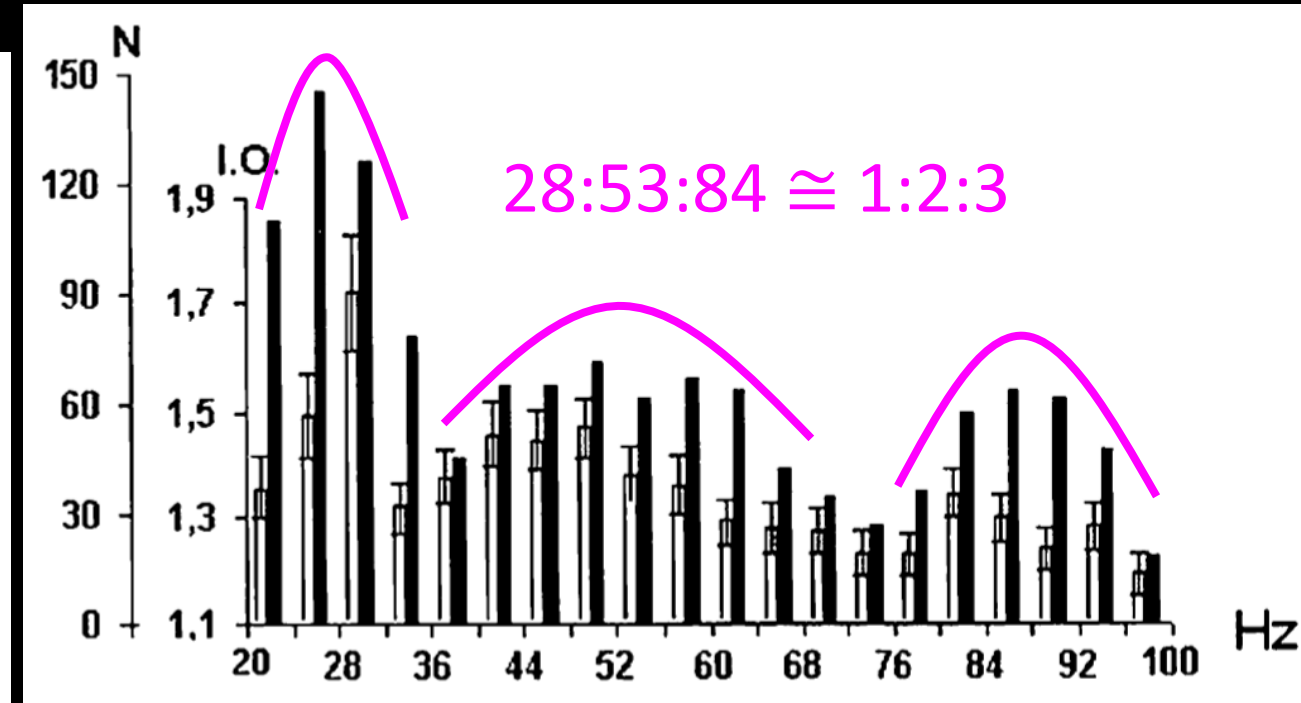
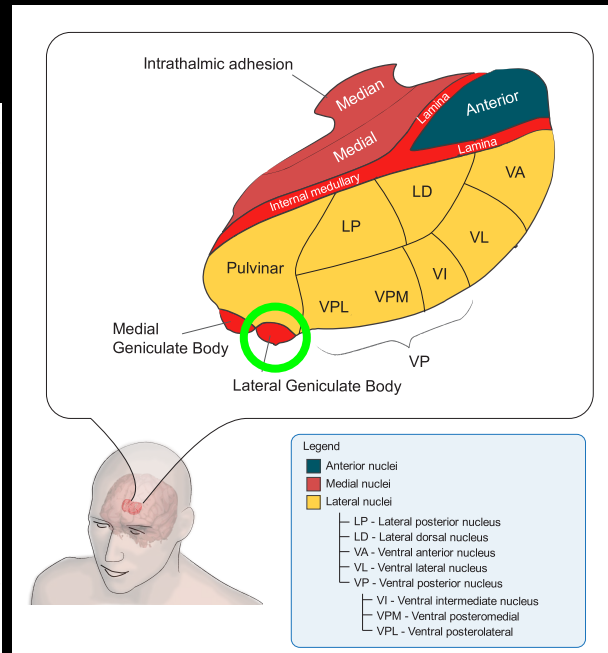
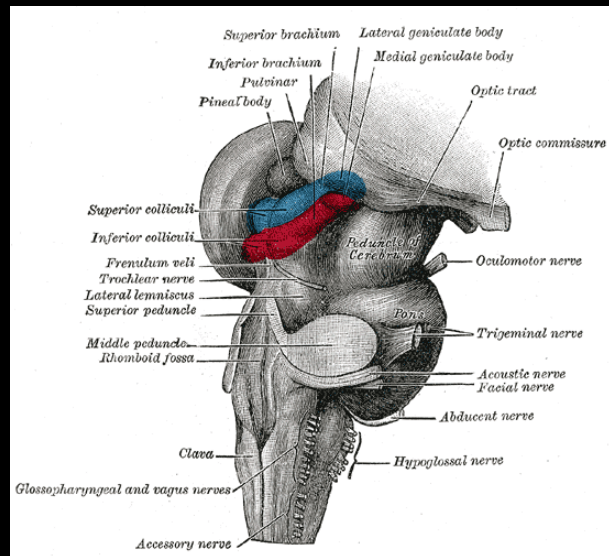


Power Spectral Density of averaged Steady-State Visual Evoked Potential (SSVEP) at Oz, O1, O2.



Regional cerebral blood flow (rCBF) measured with  $H_2^{15}O$  PET. Red, fundamental freq-weighted. Blue, first harmonics-weighted.

# Why is harmonics important in EEG? 2



Wikipedia 'lateral geniculate nucleus'

On- and off-neuron responses recorded from cat lateral geniculate nucleus (LGN) during visual stimulation.

How to calculate power-power coupling

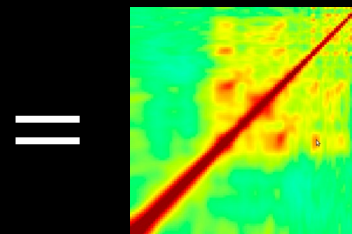
# Comodulogram as spectral covariance

When  $X$  is the time-frequency decomposed single-channel/component power,

$$\text{Comodulogram}(X) = \frac{\text{cov}(X, X)}{\sigma^2}$$

This calculation is the same as Pearson's correlation coefficient!

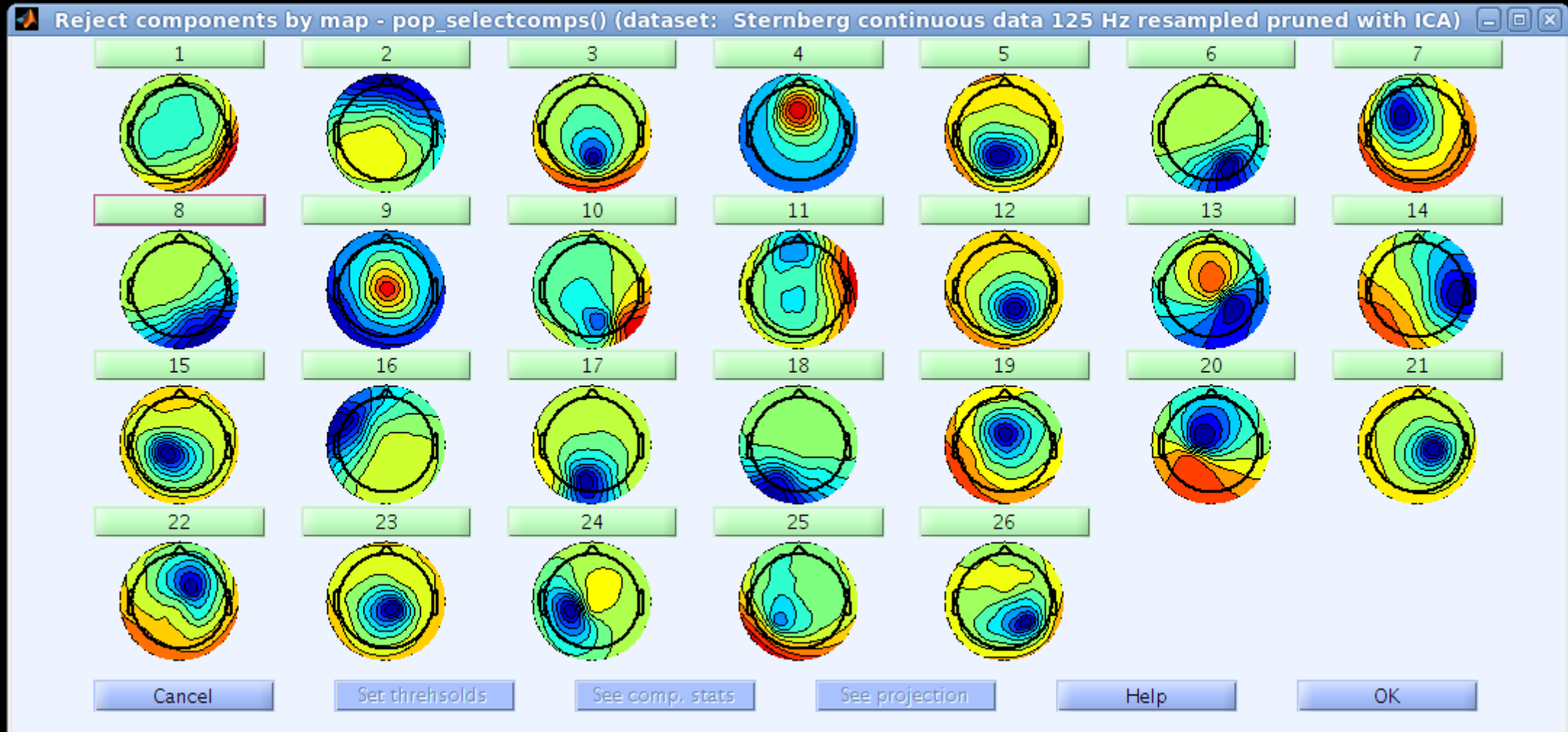
$$= \text{ERSP} \times \text{ERSP}^T \div \sigma^2$$



# Demonstration of PowPowCAT

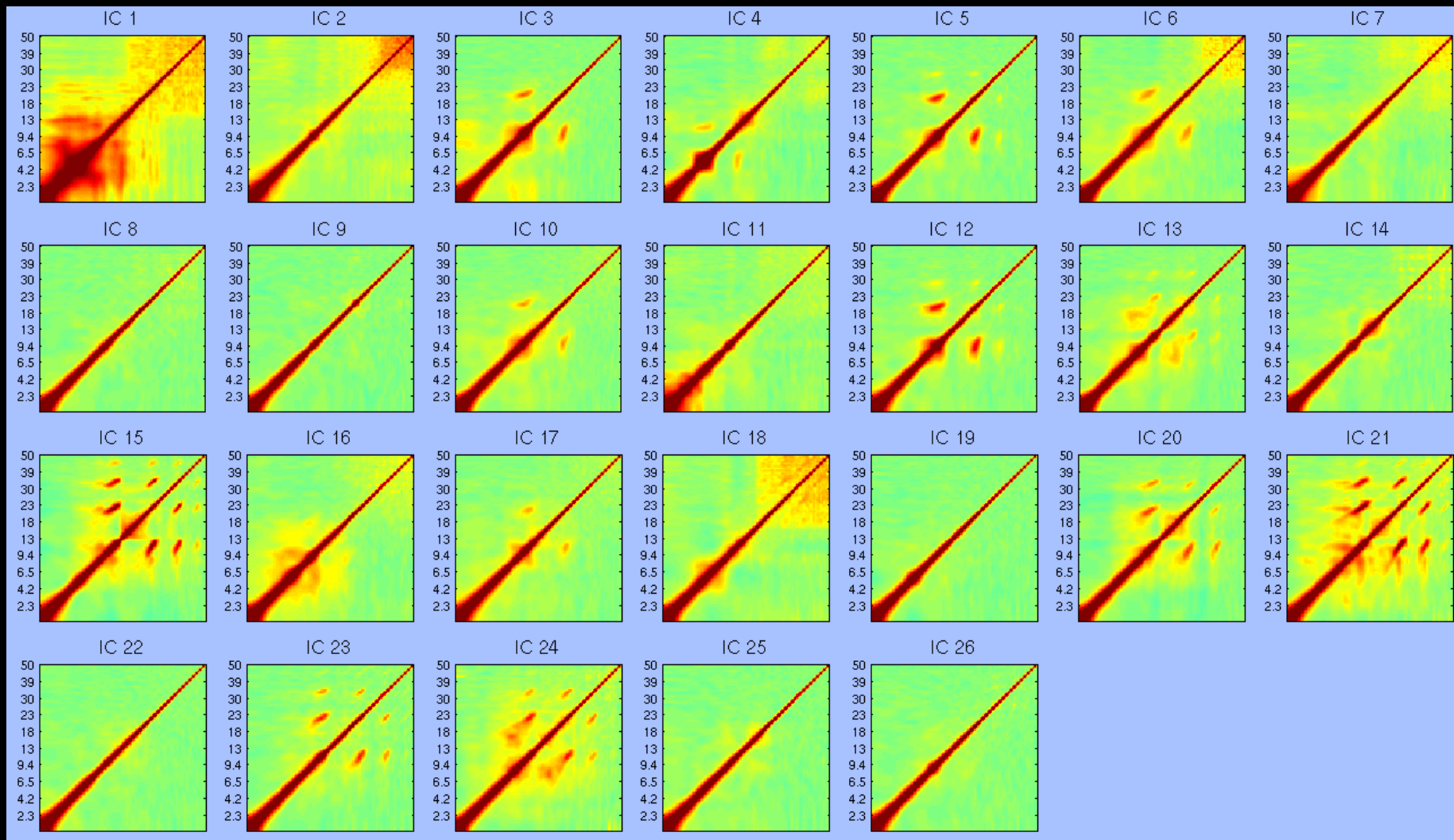


# 'stern\_125.set' (tutorial dataset ) IC scalp topos

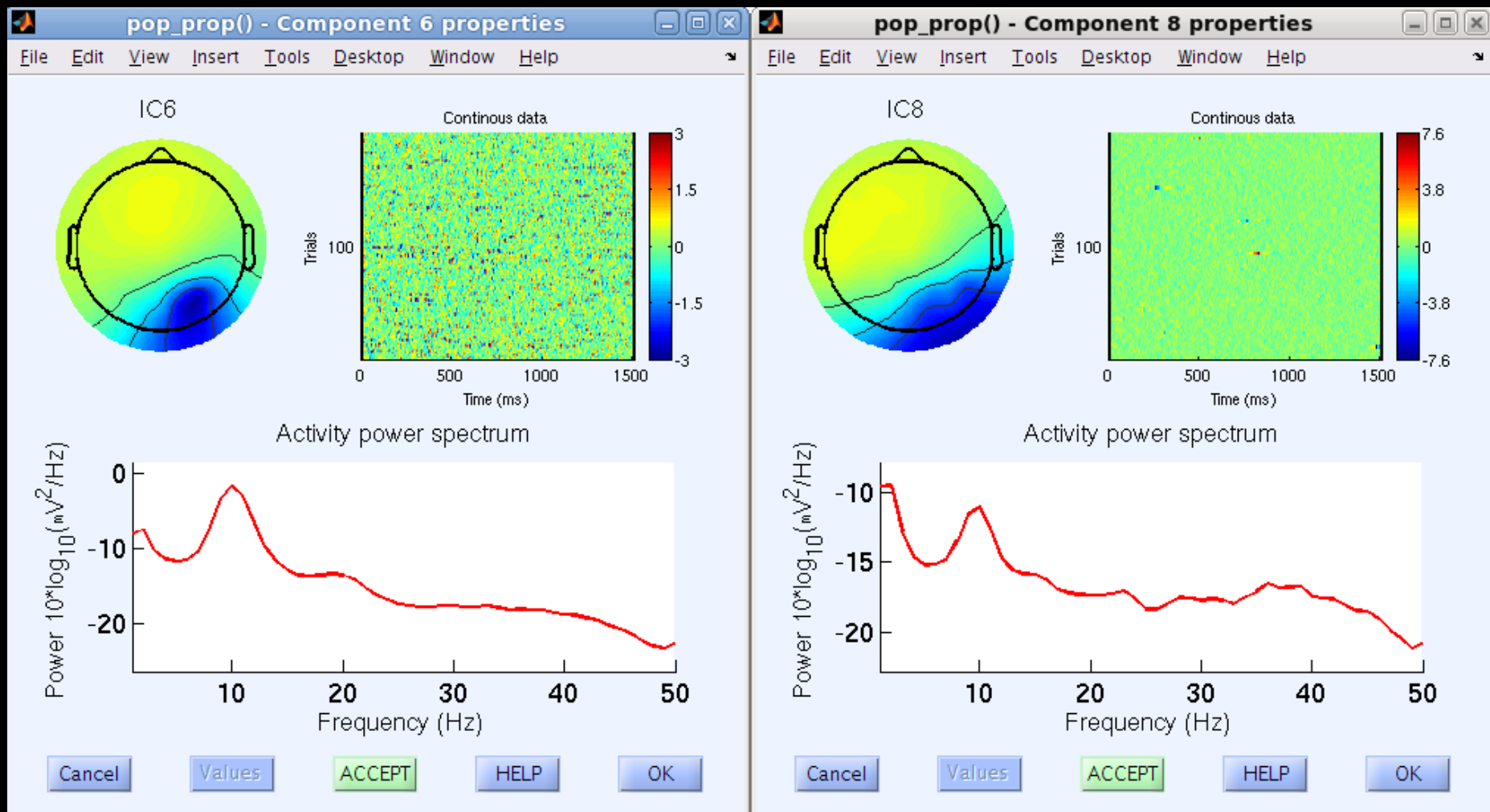




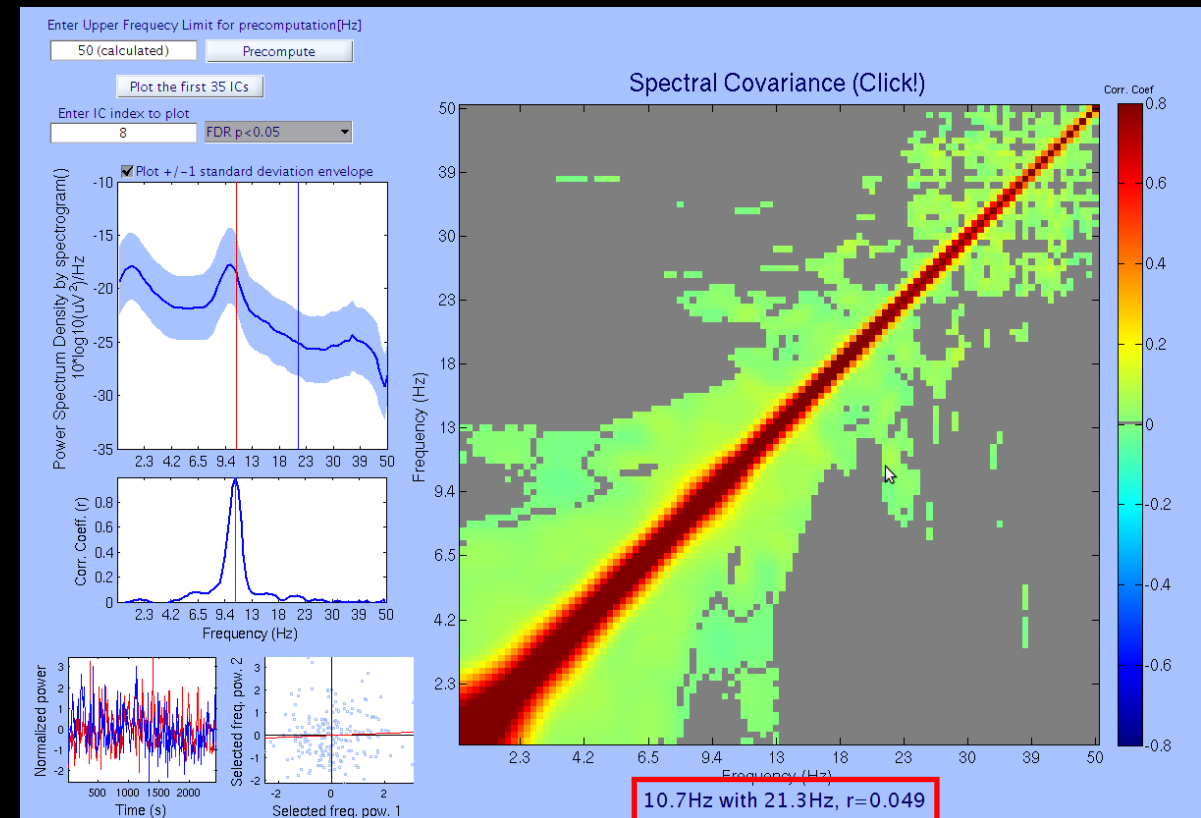
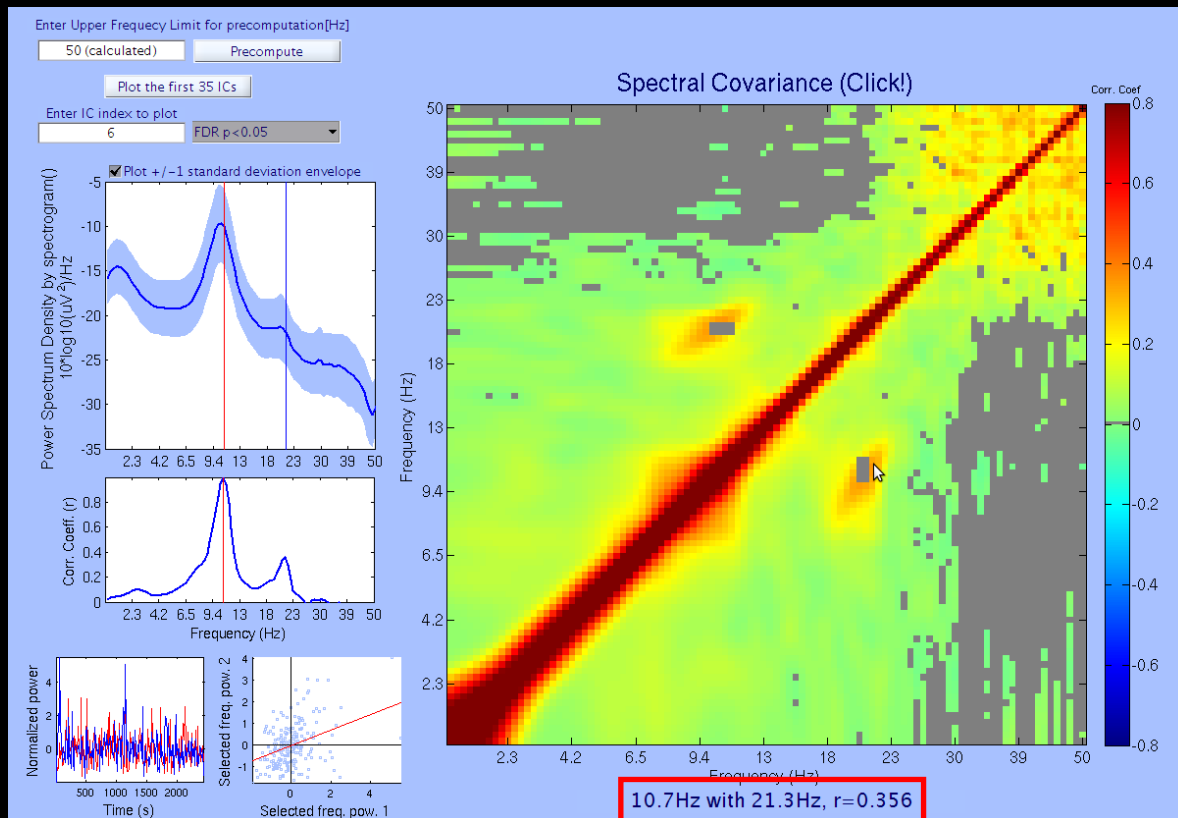
# 'stern\_125.set' Comodulogram



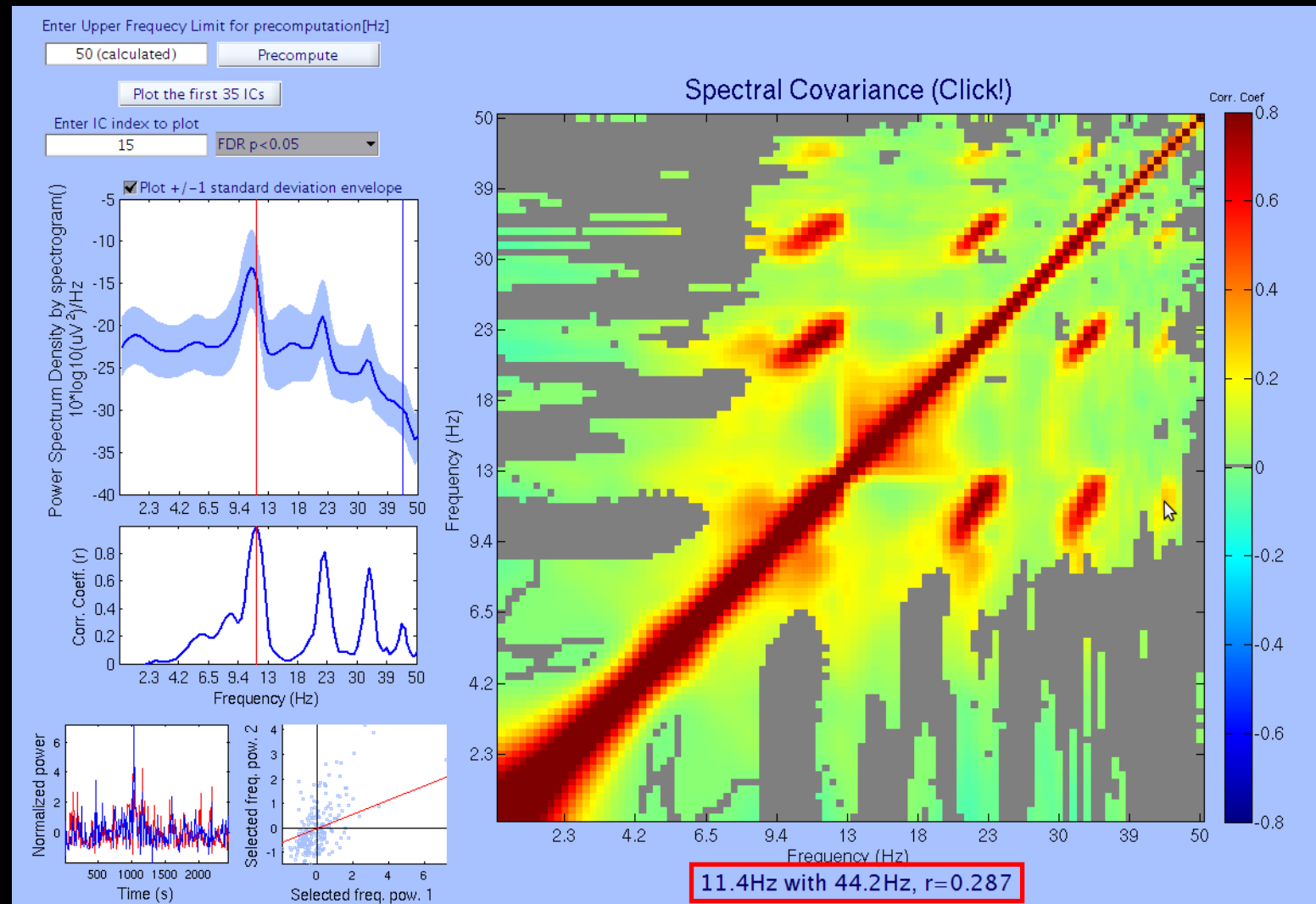
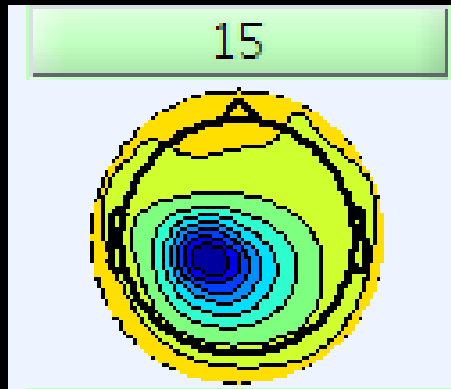
# IC6 vs. IC8—What's the best description of the difference?



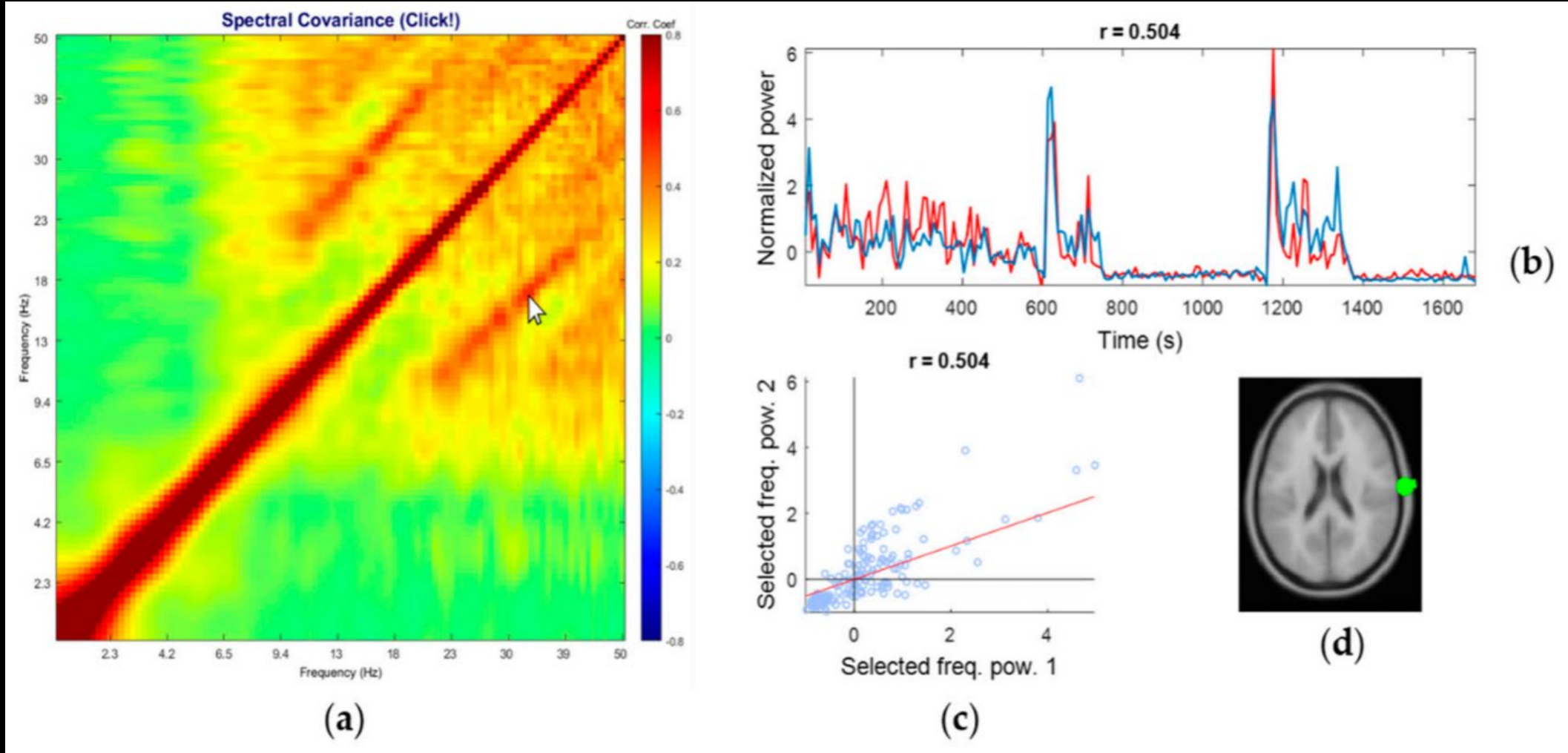
# IC6 shows a nice second harmonics ( $r=0.356$ )



# 4TH harmonics captured!

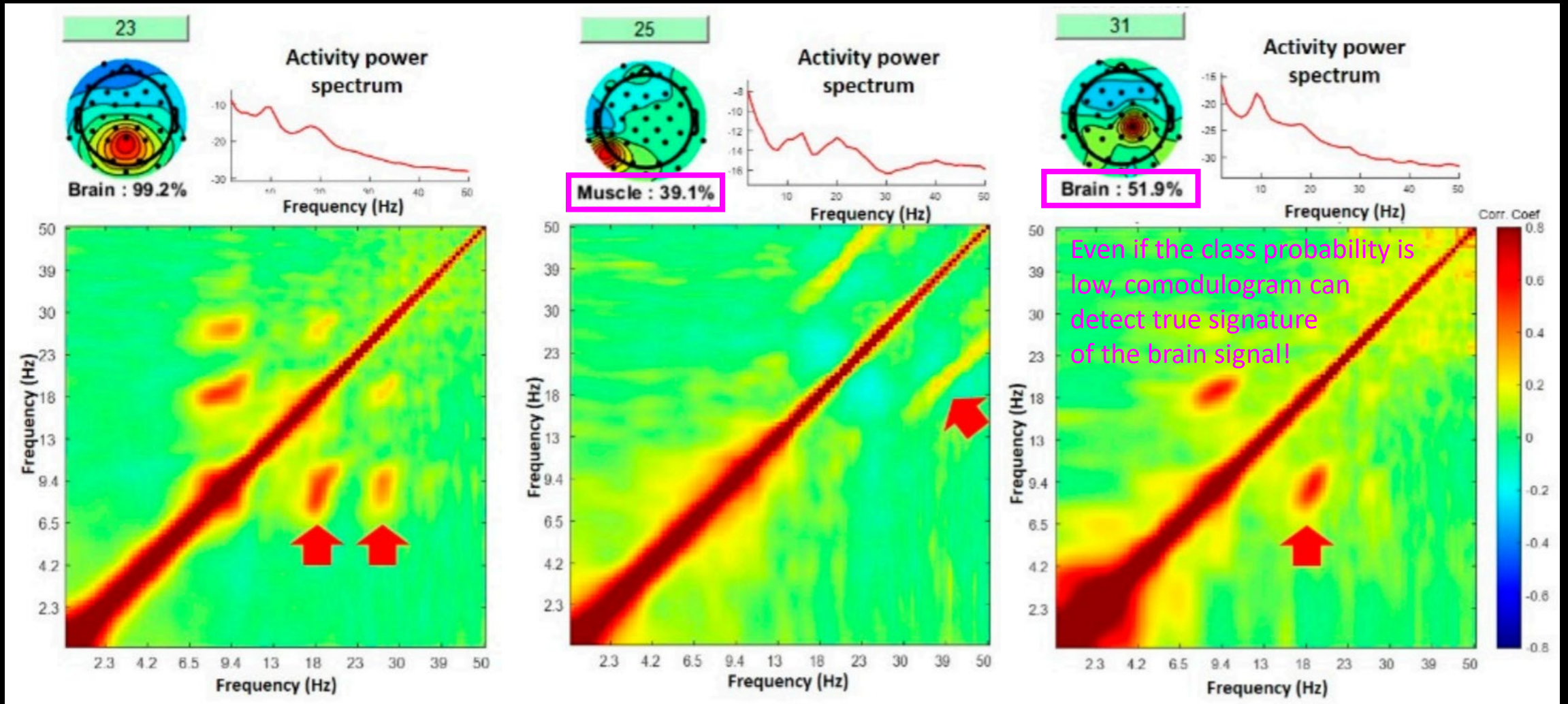


# How a muscle IC is nicely represented

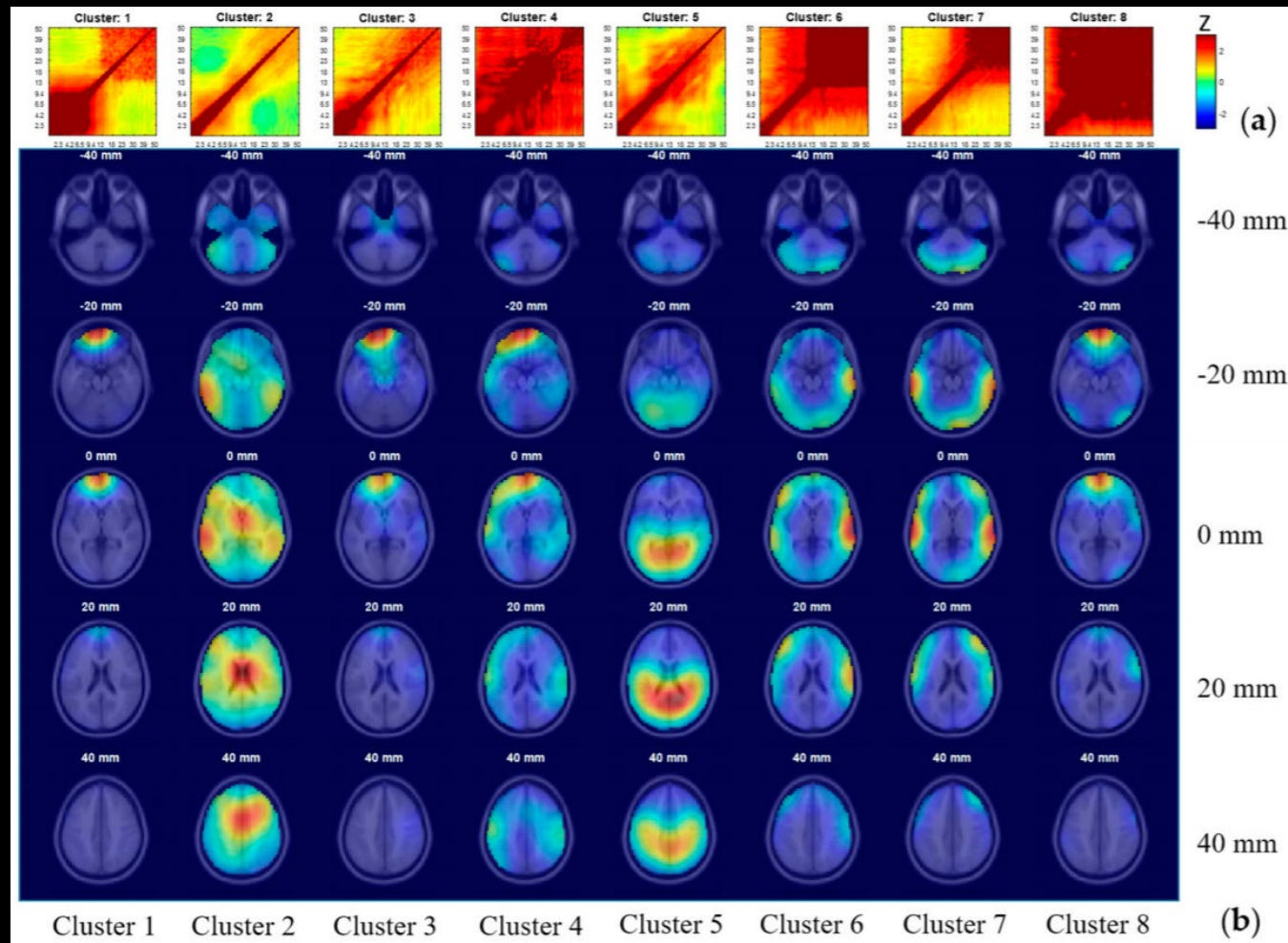




# Comodulogram helps classify the ICs



# Comodulogram for IC classification



| Clusters | Our Interpretation | Percentage of ICs in Each Class as Labeled by ICLabel |        |      |       |            |               |       | Total Number of ICs |
|----------|--------------------|---|--------|------|-------|------------|---------------|-------|---------------------|
|          |                    | Brain   | Muscle | Eye  | Heart | Line Noise | Channel Noise | Other |                     |
| 2        | Brain              | 52.5  | 23.0   | 1.8  | 0.0   | 13.5       | 0.0           | 9.2   | 282                 |
| 3        | Brain              | 23.2  | 26.8   | 16.1 | 0.0   | 25.0       | 0.0           | 8.9   | 56                  |
| 5        | Brain              | 82.0  | 8.7    | 0.0  | 0.0   | 8.7        | 0.0           | 0.7   | 150                 |
| 6        | Muscle             | 10.4  | 83.1   | 0.0  | 0.0   | 2.6        | 0.0           | 3.9   | 77                  |
| 7        | Muscle             | 27.6  | 51.5   | 2.2  | 0.0   | 5.2        | 0.0           | 13.4  | 134                 |
| 8        | Muscle             | 3.3   | 53.3   | 26.7 | 0.0   | 10.0       | 0.0           | 6.7   | 30                  |
| 1        | Eye                | 3.2   | 0.0    | 83.9 | 0.0   | 6.5        | 0.0           | 6.5   | 31                  |
| 4        | Noise              | 16.7  | 20.0   | 56.7 | 0.0   | 3.3        | 3.3           | 0.0   | 30                  |
| Total    |                    | 42.5  | 31.4   | 8.6  | 0.0   | 10.1       | 0.1           | 7.2   | 790                 |

*‘The diagonal line of comodulogram is the power spectral density (PSD). When used in machine learning, comodulogram could be more informative than PSD.’*



# Conclusion

- Cross-frequency power-power coupling plot is called *comodulogram*.
- Comodulogram is an extension of power spectral density (PSD) which tells us temporal correlations across time series of power fluctuations in different frequency bands.
- Comodulogram provides additional information about the independent components (ICs) that has been neglected but now proven to classify them.
- PowPowCAT has been available since 2017 to calculate the comodulogram.
  - Recently batch mode is supported upon request of Pål from Oslo.



# Mini history of PowPowCAT



Nattapong Thammasan  
Visiting scholar at SCCN  
Jan-Mar 2017

- The prototype of PowPowCAT was developed as ‘re-inventing the wheel’.

in the final revision. PPC was ad hoc re-invented by MM to convince Michael that the 44-Hz peak in the PSD of his EEG data was not related to other brain signals.

- The original EEGLAB plugin was published on January 3, 2017.
- I continued to develop it *during* the 23<sup>rd</sup> EEGLAB workshop in January 2017 at Mysuru, India.
- Proposed to Nattapong from Osaka University as a ‘souvenir project’.
  - E-mail discussion with György, Daniel, Dion, and Brendon.
  - First submitted in 2017 (rejected).
  - The second submission accepted in 2020.



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Article

**Cross-Frequency Power-Power Coupling Analysis:  
A Useful Cross-Frequency Measure to Classify  
ICA-Decomposed EEG**

Nattapong Thammasan <sup>1</sup> and Makoto Miyakoshi <sup>2,\*</sup>

Thank you for your attention



Artwork by Mayumi and Makoto Miyakoshi



A mini review of the power-power coupling analysis  
by Nattapong Thammasan (University of Twente)

# Envelope-Envelope Coupling

Bekisz & Wróbel, 1999

*Neuroreport*

Cross-correlation between envelopes of  
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Jirsa & Müller, 2013

*Front. Comput. Neurosci.*

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Amplitude-envelope correlation (AEC) of  
filtered signals

Bruns et al., 2000

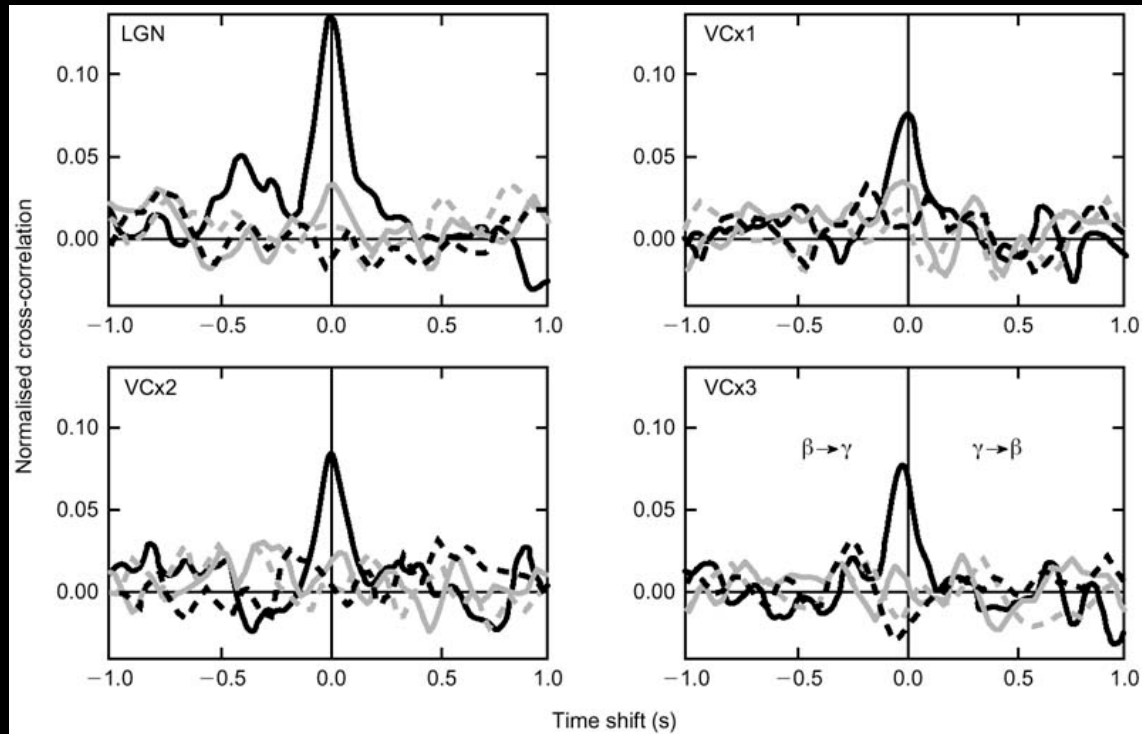
*Int. J. Psychophysiol*

Correlation between corresponding  
envelope segments

Bruns & Eckhorn, 2004

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Cross-correlation function between envelopes of beta and gamma signals

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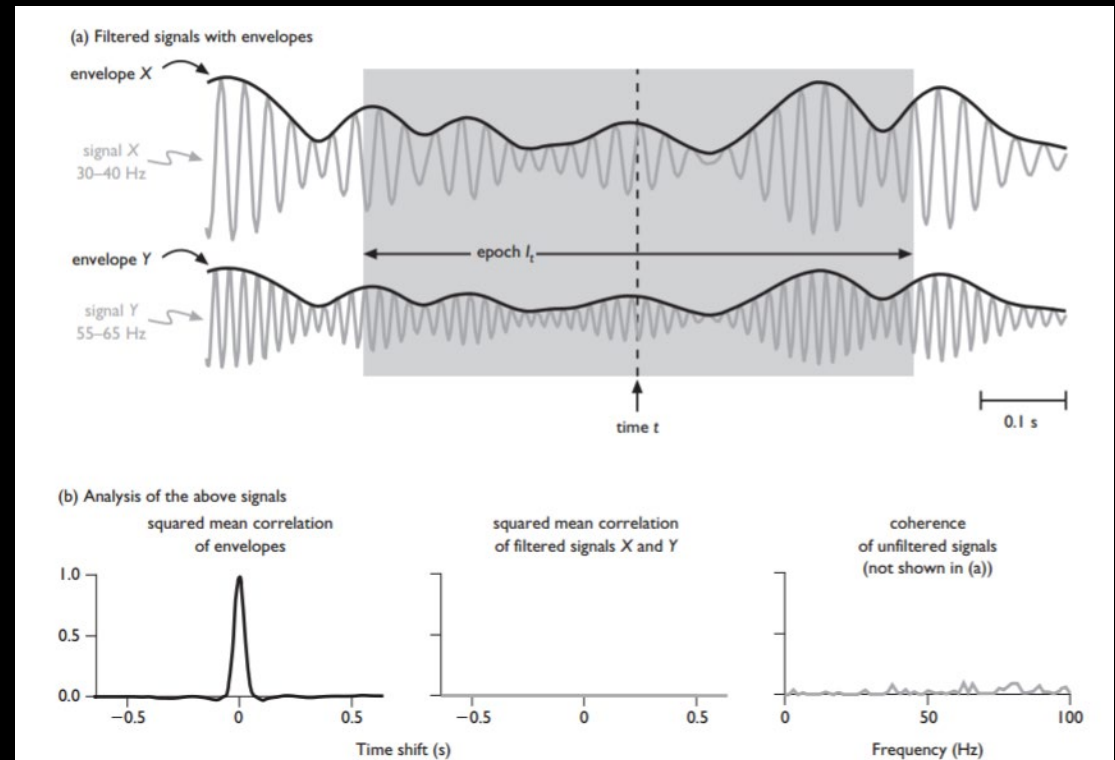
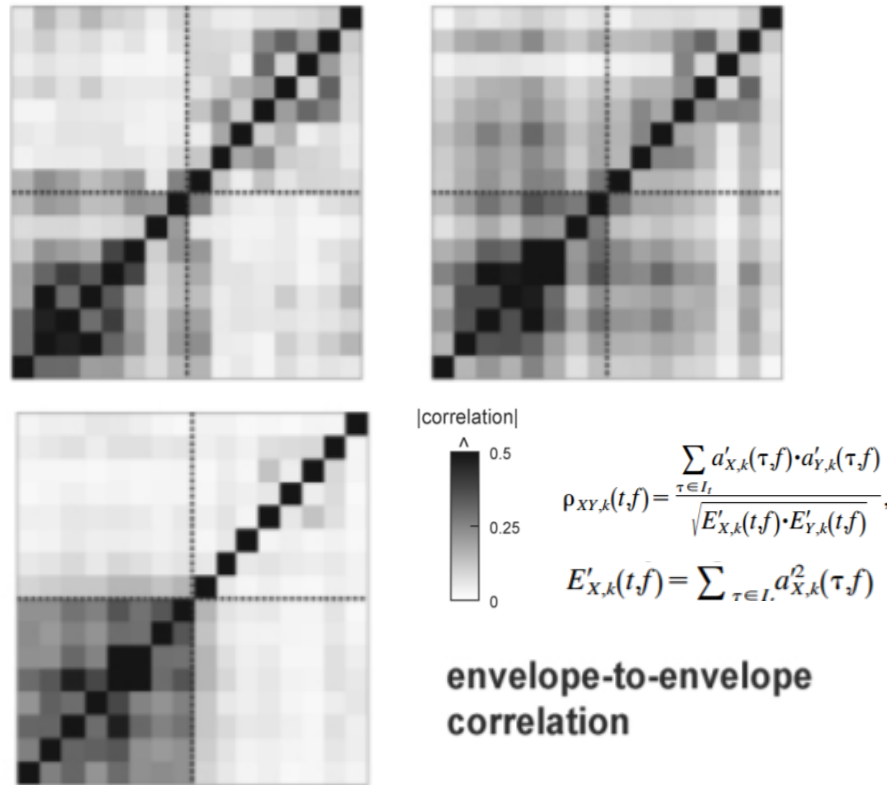


Illustration of AEC method

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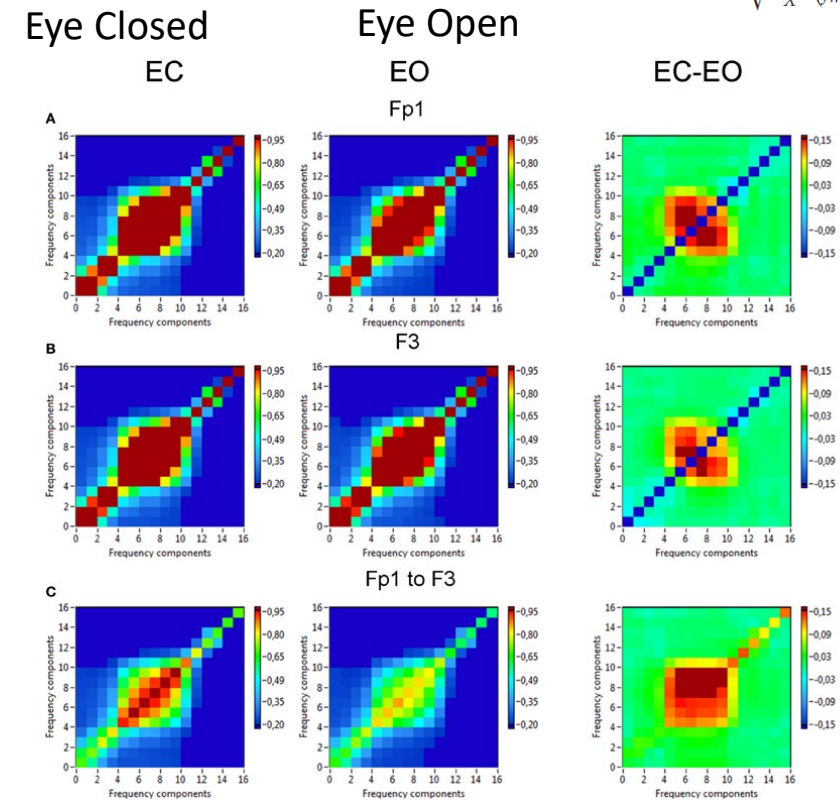
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Pronounced task-related increase of gamma-delta envelope-to-signal correlation between superior and inferior occipital visual area → possibly reflecting a short-term memory encoding process

Jirsa & Müller, 2013

$$\rho_X^{(k)}(f_m, f_n, t) = \frac{\sum (A_X^{(k)}(f_m, \tau) \cdot A_Y^{(k)}(f_n, \tau))}{\sqrt{E_X^{(k)}(f_m, \tau) \cdot E_Y^{(k)}(f_n, \tau)}}$$



Strongest in 5-14 Hz, Coupling in EC > in EO

# Envelope-Envelope Coupling

- Bruns & Eckhorn, *Int. J. Psychophysiol*, 2004
  - correlation between corresponding **envelope** segments was determined after subtracting the segments' means and correlation values were normalized to segment energies:

$$\rho_{XY,k}(t,f) = \frac{\sum_{\tau \in I_t} a'_{X,k}(\tau,f) \cdot a'_{Y,k}(\tau,f)}{\sqrt{E'_{X,k}(t,f) \cdot E'_{Y,k}(t,f)}},$$

where  $a'_{X,k}(\tau,f) = a_{X,k}(\tau,f) - \bar{a}_{X,k}(t,f)$  ( $\tau \in I_t$ ) denotes an envelope segment with its mean subtracted, and  $E'_{X,k}(t,f) = \sum_{\tau \in I_t} a_{X,k}^2(\tau,f)$  is the energy of that segment. Finally, correlation values were averaged across trials, using Fisher's Z transform  $\text{FZT}(\rho) = \tanh^{-1}(\rho)$ :

$$\rho_{XY}(t,f) = \text{FZT}^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N \text{FZT}(\rho_{XY,k}(t,f)) \right). \quad (8)$$

envelope-to-envelope  
correlation

