

## Lab Manual

### **Preparing the Solution (before participant arrives)**

1. Fill the plastic bucket with one liter of warm water (first line)
2. Add one scoop of potassium chloride with the designated measuring spoon (this spoon should not touch the water)
3. Add one scoop of baby shampoo with the spoon labeled “EGI Shampoo”
4. Mix this solution together until the KCl is dissolved (with “EGI Shampoo spoon”)

### **Computer Set-up (before participant arrives)**

1. Complete *steps 1-3 from computer setup* while the net is in the solution:
  - a. *Turn the computer on.*
  - b. *On the dell computer, open the iconicity folder (do NOT erase any files)*
  - c. *Is your participant doing iconicity 1,2,3,4 (keep a file of this)--(iconicity\_#). It is the blue square icon with three smaller squares within it*

### **Introduction**

1. First, introduce yourself to the participant

*For example: Hi my name is Mara and I am a psychology major and rising senior.  
I'm Kiana and I am a neuroscience major and rising junior.*
2. Thank the student for agreeing to participate in the study.
3. Next, ask the participant if they have been in an EEG study before. If the student is unfamiliar with the process, explain this component in greater detail.

*Basic explanation: We will be placing a net that contains a bunch of sponges over your head. This will allow us to measure your brain activity. We have done this before so feel free to ask any questions.*
4. Once the participant understands the study, they will receive two consent forms. Ask them to look it over and answer any questions that they may have.
5. If the student agrees to the conditions, ask them to sign both pieces of paper. Save one of the consent forms (in the *completed consent* folder). The second consent form is for the student to keep.
6. Finally, make sure that the student understands that they are free to leave the study at any point in time.

### **Measuring head for net**

1. Explain to the participant that you will be taking a few measurements of their head. This is to ensure that the right sized net is used. (all measurements in cm)
  - a. Circumference (between eyebrows to top of inion)
  - b. Based on the measurements below, choose the appropriate net.
    - i. Small → 53.5-55
    - ii. Medium → 55.5-58
    - iii. Large → 58.5-above
2. Wrap the square hydrocell connector in a towel

3. Place the net into the prepared solution and let it soak for 5 minutes
4. Continue measuring
  - a. Back to front (top of inion to eyebrow) -mark half of the measurement with red
  - b. Ear to ear -mark half of the measurement with red
5. Finally, use the back red dot as the center measurement and lightly scrub away the other red dots on the head

### **Preparing the participant**

1. Place a few towels around the participant to ensure that they remain dry once the net is placed on their head
2. Give the participant the connector wrapped in the towel and gently tap the net side to side against the insides of the bucket before removing it

### **Placing the net**

1. Set up study from the outside (*Steps 7-18 from computer setup*)
  - a. *Log into the mac computer (password:geodesic)*
  - b. *Open netstation acquisition*
  - c. *Enter the participant id (iconicity\_idnumber\_1 or 2)--make sure all labels are uniform*
  - d. *Click enter*
  - e. *Click "on" (to turn on the amplifier). The waves will start showing.*
  - f. *Move the DVI setting to the Mac (this will ensure that the participant is looking at the appropriate screen)*
2. Place both hands inside the net and hold them as if you were holding a basketball
3. Place both thumbs two sponges away from #17
4. Have somebody else help place the net from the back
  - a. The person in the back will use their index fingers to slide the back of the net onto the participant
5. Make sure that 'ref and com' are in the correct location (red wax dot) and that the horizontal piece of plastic is on the naseon.
6. If any large net adjustments need to be made, use all ten fingers to gently scrunch the net forwards or backwards
7. Adjust the strings to have a comfortable, but snug fit on the participants face. It is very important for the chin strap to be tight (if it is not, bad data will be collected)
8. Use the curved pipettes to part the hair around each sponge to ensure that each sponge is on the scalp
9. Give each sponge a light scrub in a circular motion, but make sure to not do it too hard
10. Once you feel this has been done to the best of your ability, hand the participant the square box and walk them to the chamber
11. Make sure that the front of the chair is directly behind the pink tape on the floor.
12. Carefully attach connector to the arm piece (inside the chamber)
13. *Next, click the ohm symbol at the bottom left to view impedances*
  - a. *A bunch of colored impedances will popup*

- b. *You do not want to start the study until all impedances are blue*
  - i. *To help make them blue, continue using curved pipettes to part the hair and get sponges closer to the scalp*
  - ii. *You can also use a pipette to add a small amount of the solution to the sponges*
  - iii. *Make sure to not add too much solution, to avoid the formation of salt bridges and solution dripping onto their face*
- c. *Next, click save at the bottom right (after you reseed and adjust)*
- d. *Tell the participant to blink or clench their jaw so that they can see what happens to the brain waves when they do so. Ask them to be as still as possible during the study.*
- e. *Move the DVI setting back to the dell*

### **Pre-study instructions**

1. Prepare the participant for the study and let them know the following:  
*"Now you will watch videos of Japanese words and translations, your task is to try to learn as many of the words as possible. You will hear a Japanese word repeated two times. Next, you will see a fixation cross, followed by an English word. These steps will be repeated throughout the study. You can click any one of the buttons in front of you and the videos will begin."*
  - a. *Please only blink between the videos or while watching the video of the speaker saying the Japanese words*
  - b. *Do not blink when the fixation cross or the English word is presented on the screen*
  - c. Tell the participant that both experimenters have sat through this study and that it can be difficult, but that it is important to try their best
  - d. Ask them to sit as still as possible and to not cross their legs during the study
  - e. Encourage them to learn the words since they will be receiving a post study quiz
  - f. **Note to experimenter → if the participant is blinking at inappropriate times, go in and try to emphasize importance of the instructions**

### **Running the study**

1. The subject number id will be asked
2. Enter session 1.
3. Demo video will start (the mac screen will turn pink)
4. The next part of the experiment resumes when the experimenter clicks the keyboard
5. Everything saves automatically
6. Measure the impedances one more time before the second half of the study.
  - a. Only focus on readjusting the red/yellow impedances
7. For the second half of the study, click the running man again and input the correct information (i.e. session 2)
8. After the second part of the study is completed, click 'quit net station' which is the center option

9. NEVER click the other two

### **Post Study**

1. When both of the studies are completed, walk into the chamber and let the participant know that they are done with the study and that you will be taking the net off
  - a. Gently roll the net backwards
  - b. Be careful to not pull the participants hair or yank the sponges off, as they might be tangled in the participants hair
2. Let the participant know that they will be taking a post test
3. Inform the participant that they will be hearing each word three times and that they cannot listen to the audio clip more than once. The experimenter will play the next clip once the participant is ready.
4. Once the test is completed, hand the participant a debrief form to read over and sign (1 copy for experimenter and 1 copy for participant)
5. Give the participant 10 dollars and have them sign a money form to confirm they received compensation (1 copy for experimenter and 1 copy for participant)
6. Thank the participant and ask if they have any last questions before they leave.

### **Disinfecting the Net**

*Instructions on the inside of black cabinet, Geodesic Sensor Net: Rinsing/Disinfecting Tips"*

### **Analyzing data**

1. Go to Finder
2. Search for file name
3. Move the file into the iconicity file
4. Open "Net station tools"
5. Go to the iconicity folder in tool sets
6. Drag the 2 sessions into left top corner INPUT FILES, click iconicity script under "tools", and click RUN
7. Open brain waves by pressing file with "ave." from folder
8. Set amplitude to 1 microvolt
9. Set "time to be fit"
10. Under categories you can choose the conditions for viewing

Opening segmented giles to look at individual trials

### **Backing up data**

## All steps together

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3. Is your participant doing iconicity 1,2,3,4 (keep a file of this)--its the bluish square one-the one that three smaller squares within it
4. Click the running guy (NOT THE ONE WITH THE ARROW) can't be on without net station being on
5. Enter the subject number (id or the number)
6. Next, enter session number (always 1 first)
7. The mac does have a password (geodesic). Log in
8. Open netstation acquisition
9. Enter your patient id (iconicity\_idnumber\_1 or 2)--make sure all are uniform
10. Click enter
11. Click "on" (to turn on the amplifier). The waves will start showing
12. Next, the ohm symbol at the bottom left for impedances
13. A bunch of colors will popup (blue is ideal)
14. Next, click save at the bottom right (after you reseed and adjust)
15. Tell the participant to blink or clench their jaw to see what happens
16. The general section stay in the default 2 mode
17. Also whatever is on the DV screen is what the participant is seeing.
18. After you fix the net, move the DVI to the dell
19. The subject number id will be asked
20. Enter session 1.
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22. The next part of the experiment resumes when the experimenter clicks the keyboard
23. Everything saves automatically
24. For second half of the study, click the running man again and input the correct information (i.e. session 2)
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Tags:

Bgin:beginning of exp

resp: response

TRSP: trial ending