

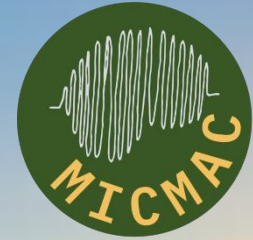
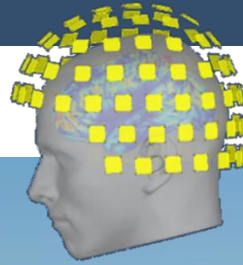
Welcome!

MicMac 2nd edition

Rhythms in epilepsy, sleep and cognition

Brainstorm

<http://neuroimage.usc.edu/brainstorm>



**Brainstorm Workshop
19 March 2025, Toulouse,
France.**

“Quantitative SEEG analysis for epilepsy”



Agenda

- **AM Session: [10:00 to 12:30]**
 - **Lecture (~1h)**
 - Overview of the Brainstorm software
 - Background on sEEG modeling
 - Presentation of the case study
 - **Coffee Break (~15min)**
 - **Hands-on with the Software (~1h15)**
 - Introduction to the interface
 - Importing and processing anatomical data
 - sEEG contact localization and labeling
 - Reviewing and processing sEEG recordings
- **Lunch Break: [12:30 to 1:30]**
- **PM Session: [~1:30 to ~4:00] (~2h30)**
 - **Hands-on with the Software**
 - Importing a precomputed protocol
 - Analyzing sEEG data at the sensor level
 - Analyzing sEEG data at the source level
- **Objective:**
 - Demonstrating Brainstorm's features and how it can be used for SEEG analysis in epilepsy.

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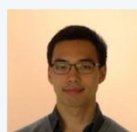
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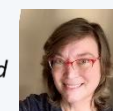
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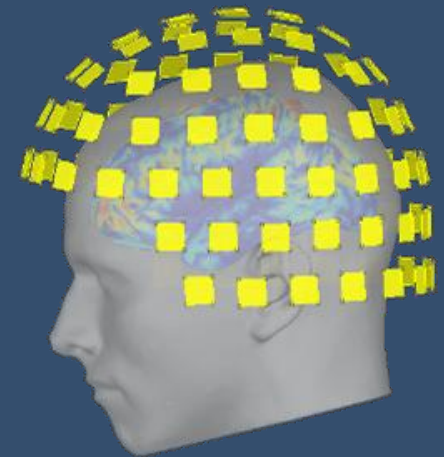
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Let's start with a quick poll!





- **Are you currently using Brainstorm software?**
 - If Yes : Raise your hand



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- Are you currently using Brainstorm software?
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- For those who aren't using it... yet, are you aware of Brainstorm and its applications?“
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Outline

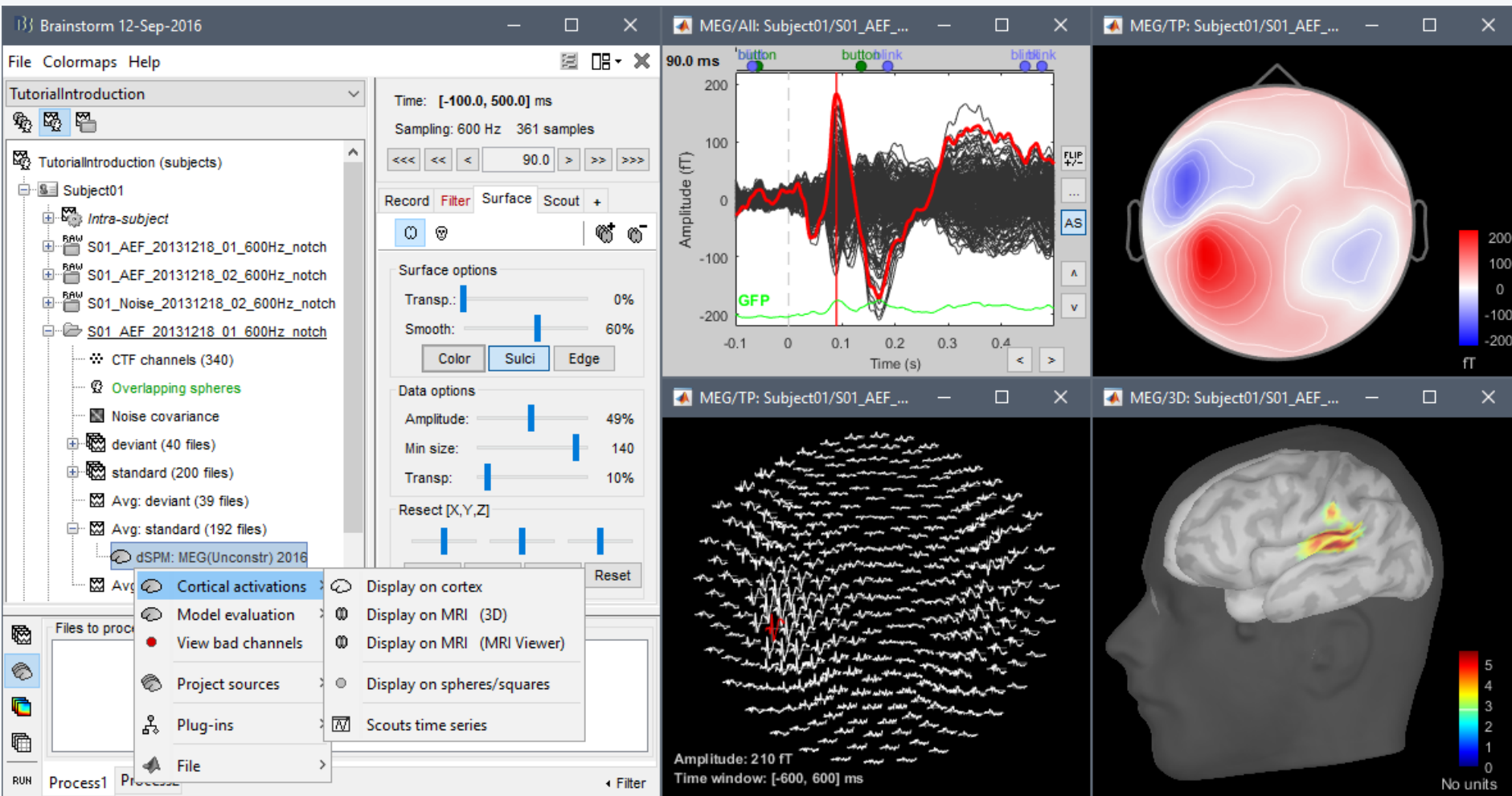
- Brainstorm Software
- Brainstorm User Interface
- Brainstorm Workflow
 - Review and Import Data
 - Data Co-registration
 - Data Analysis: Sensor and Source Level
 - Overview of the features/functionality
- What's New?
- Today's Workshop

Brainstorm

- The project started at the end of the 1990's
- A free and open-source application (GPL)
- Matlab & Java: Platform-independent
- Stand-alone version also available
- Interface-based: **click, drag, drop**
- No Matlab/coding experience required
- Supports most common file formats
- Daily updates of the software
- Educational resources & active users' community (~47k registered users) [Website, Forum, GitHub, ...]

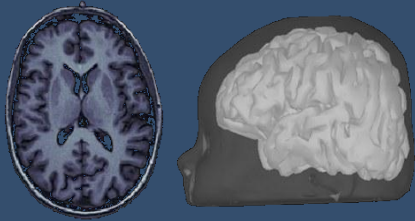


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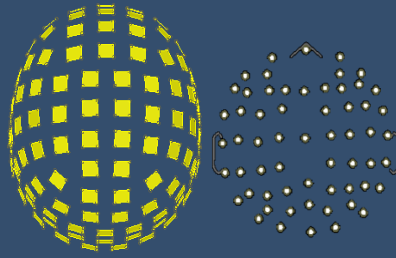


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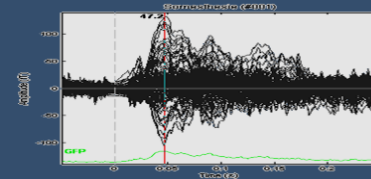
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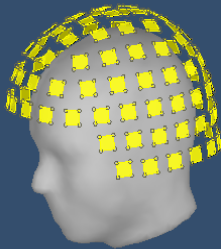
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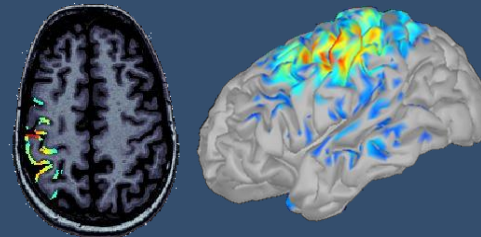
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Co-registration



Source estimation



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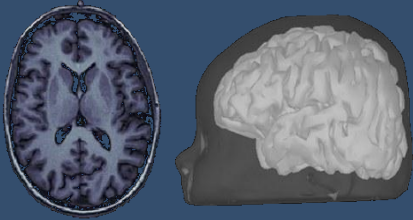
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Connectivity
....

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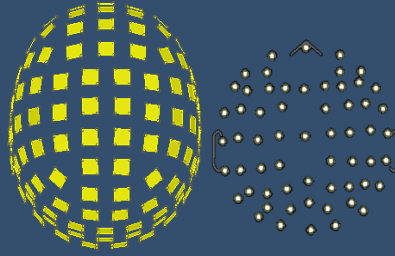
MRI, CT, DWI,

EEG, MEG, iEEG

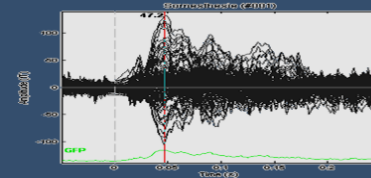
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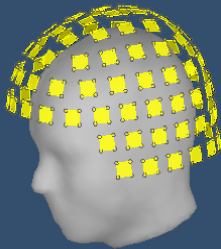
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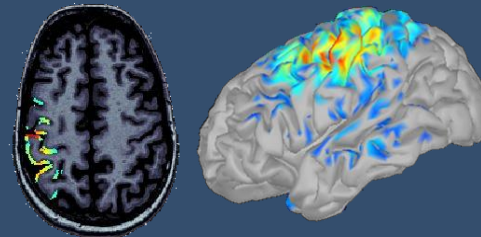
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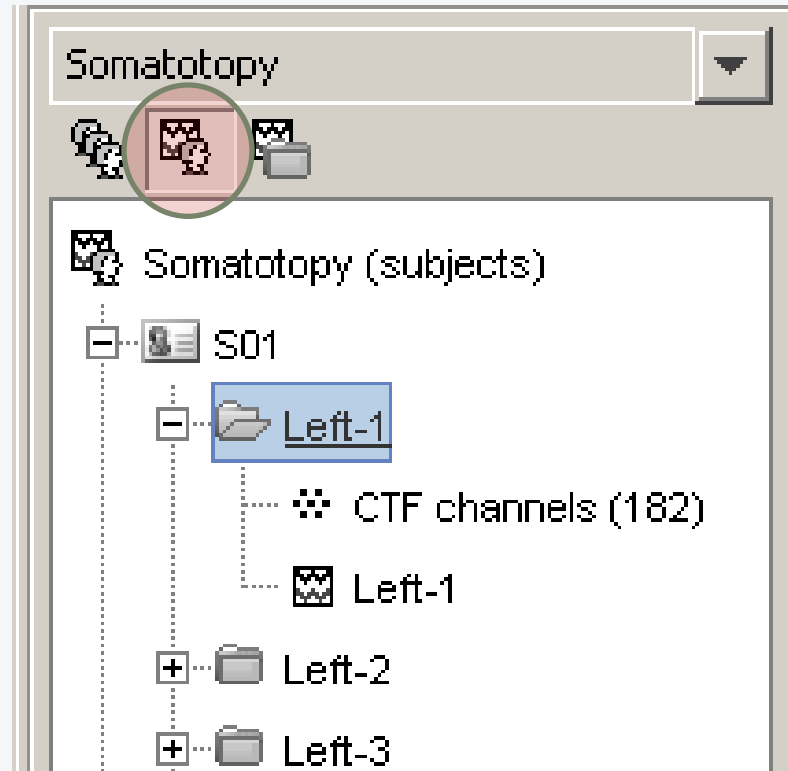
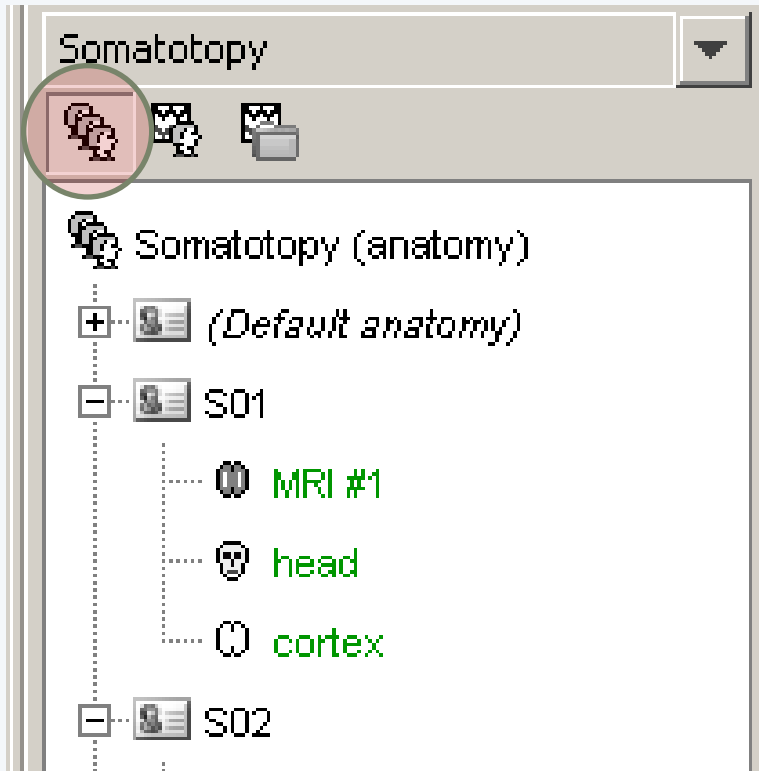
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Database



- Three levels:
 - Protocol
 - Subject
 - Condition
- Popup menus
- All files saved in Matlab .mat
- Same architecture on the disk

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- One-click import of the T1 raw or segmentation: FreeSurfer, BrainSuite, BrainVISA, CIVET, CAT/SPM
- Import and place fiducials in the MRI



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- Original files linked to the database (no copy)
- Rich data viewer with flexible montage editor
- Optimized reading functions

Group analysis

sub002

Intra-subject

run_01_sss

Neuromag channels (404)

Link to raw file

Record Filter Surface Scout +

Avg Ref DC

Page settings

Epoch: Start: Duration:

1 226.0000 5.0000 s

Events

File Events Artifacts

Famous (x49)

Scrambled (x50)

Unfamiliar (x47)

Montage editor

Montages

Average reference

Longitudinal 1

Longitudinal 2

Longitudinal 3

Transversal 1

Transversal 2

Temporal ring 1

Temporal ring 3

Referential 3

Test ref

Custom montage

Examples:

Cz-C4 : Cz, -C4

MC : 0.5*M1, 0.5*M2

EOG|00FF00 : EOG

FP1 : FP1, -Cz

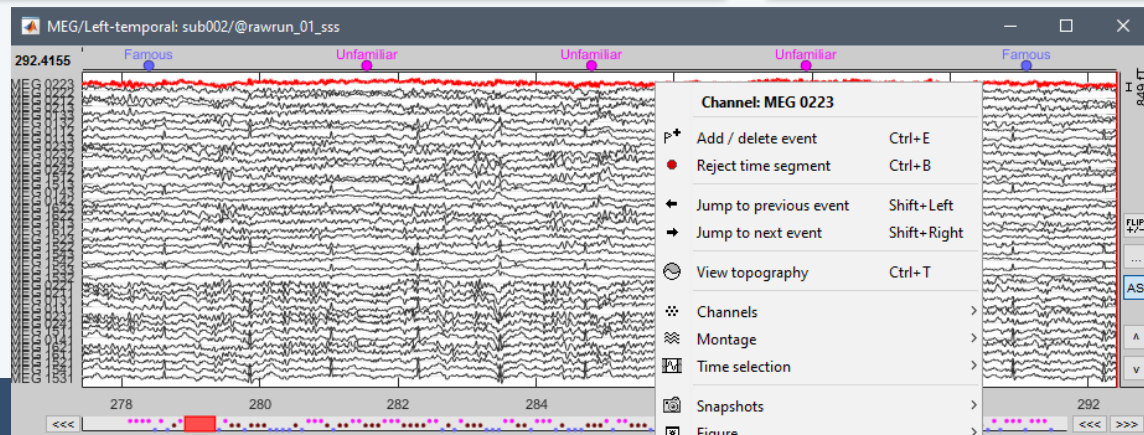
FP2 : FP2, -Cz

F3 : F3, -Cz

F4 : F4, -Cz

C3 : C3, -Cz

Validate



Co-registration MEEG / MRI (I)

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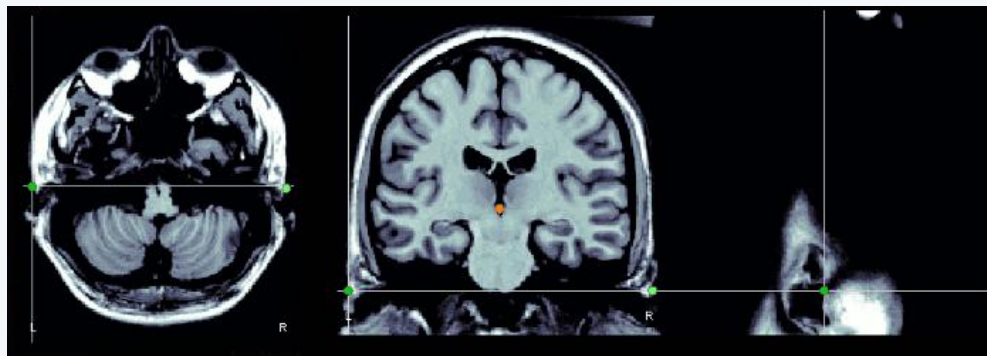
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Sources

Time-frequency

- Basic estimation based on three points: Nasion (NAS), Left ear (LPA), Right ear (RPA)
- MRI: Marked in the volume with the MRI Viewer
- MEEG: Obtained with a tracking system (Polhemus/FastTrack)



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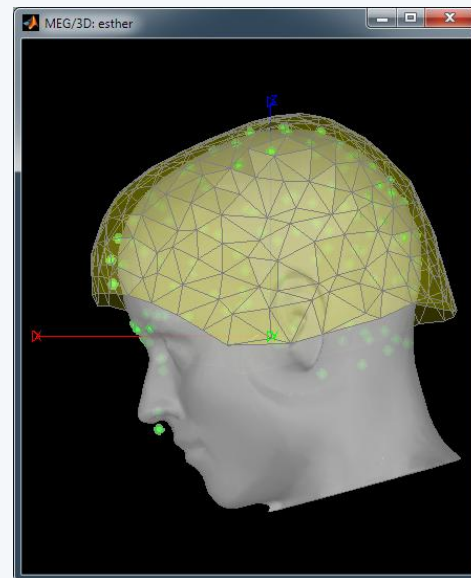
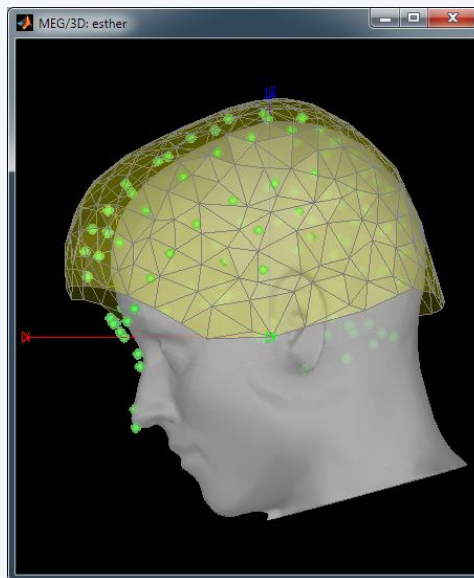
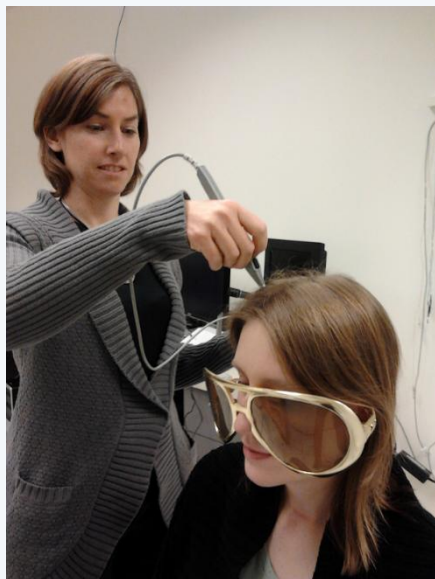
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- Automatic adjustment based on head shape: Fitting Polhemus points on the MRI head surface
- Final registration must be checked manually
- Polhemus/Fastrack interface included in Brainstorm



Quality control

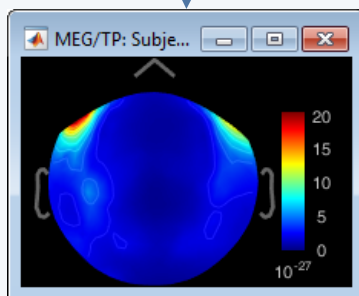
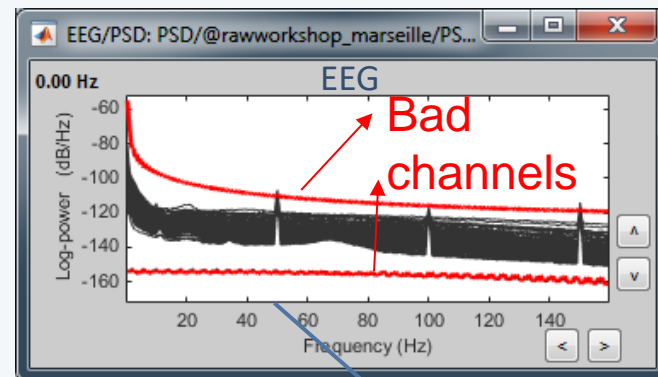
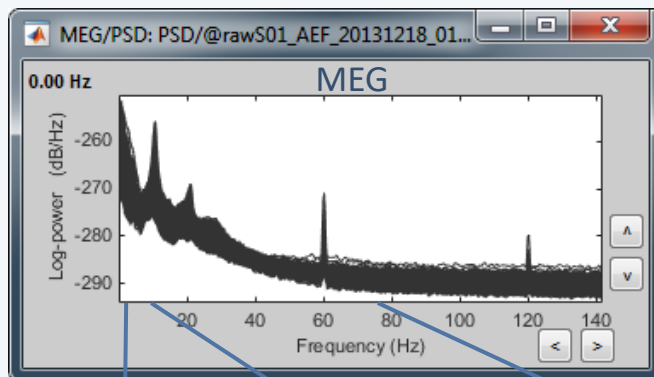
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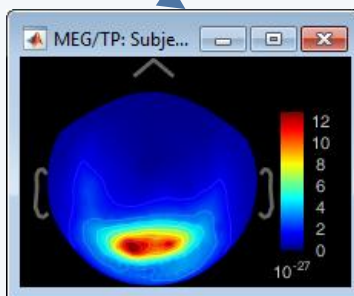
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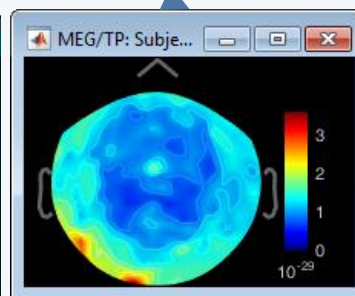
- Power spectrum density for quality control



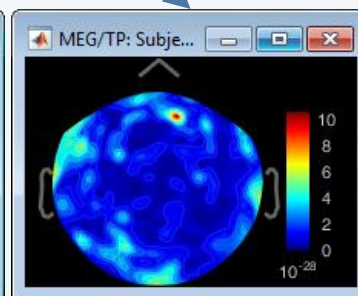
< 3Hz: Eyes



10Hz: Alpha



> 40Hz: Muscle



50/60Hz

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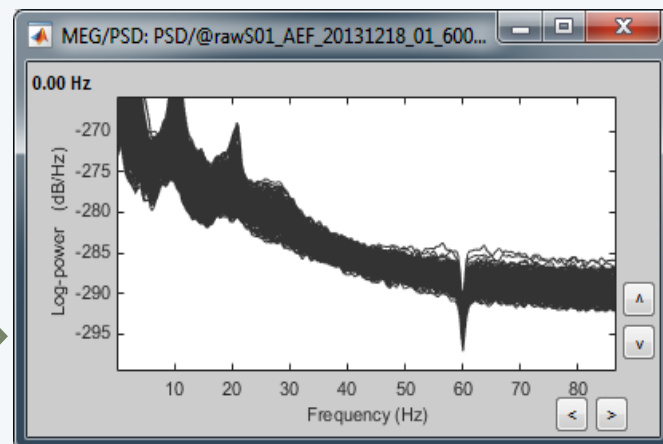
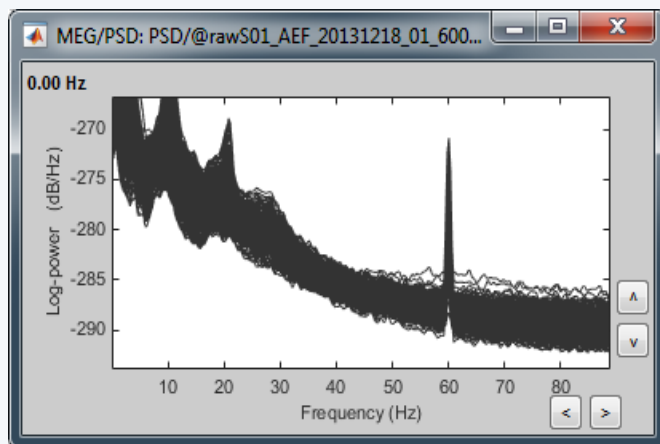
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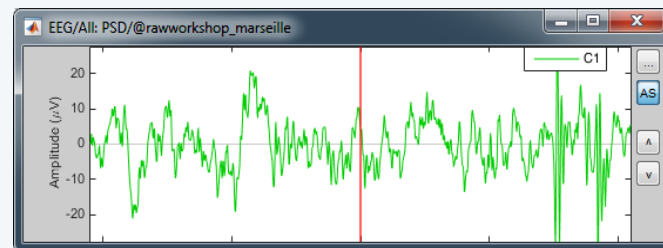
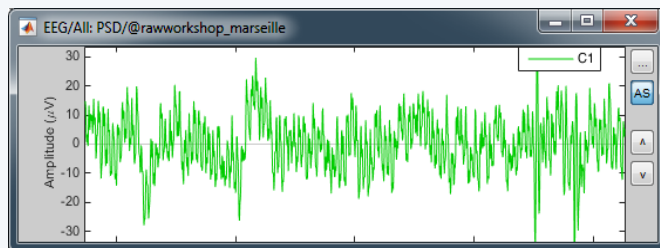
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- **Notch filter:** Removes 50Hz/60Hz power line noise (and harmonics)

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Signal



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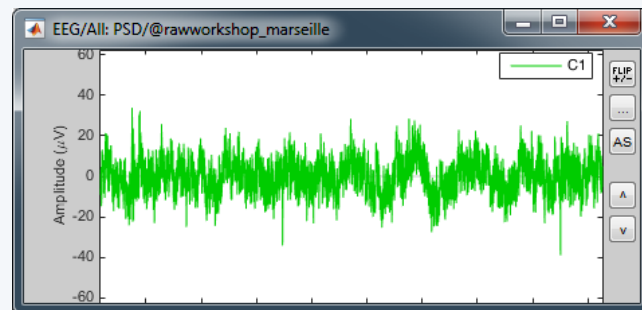
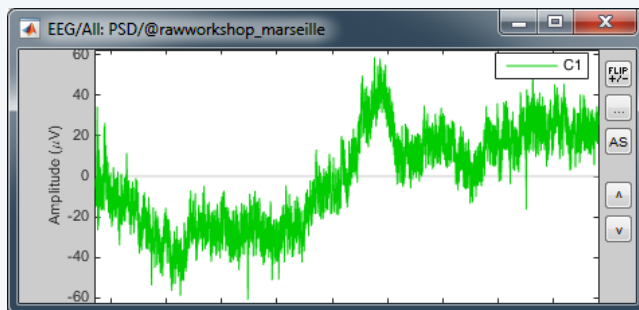
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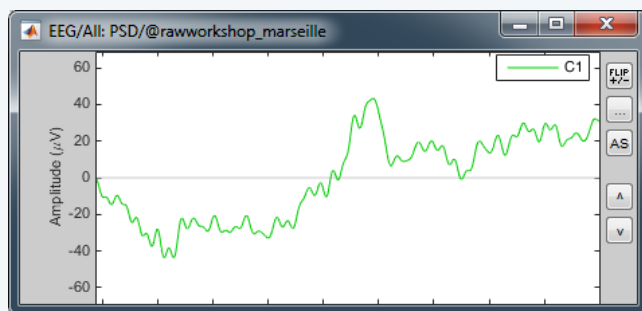
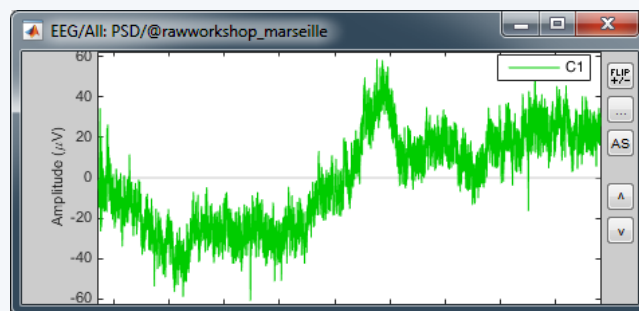
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- **High-pass filter:** Removes slow components (eye movements, breathing, sensor drifts...)



- **Low-pass filter:** Remove high-frequencies components



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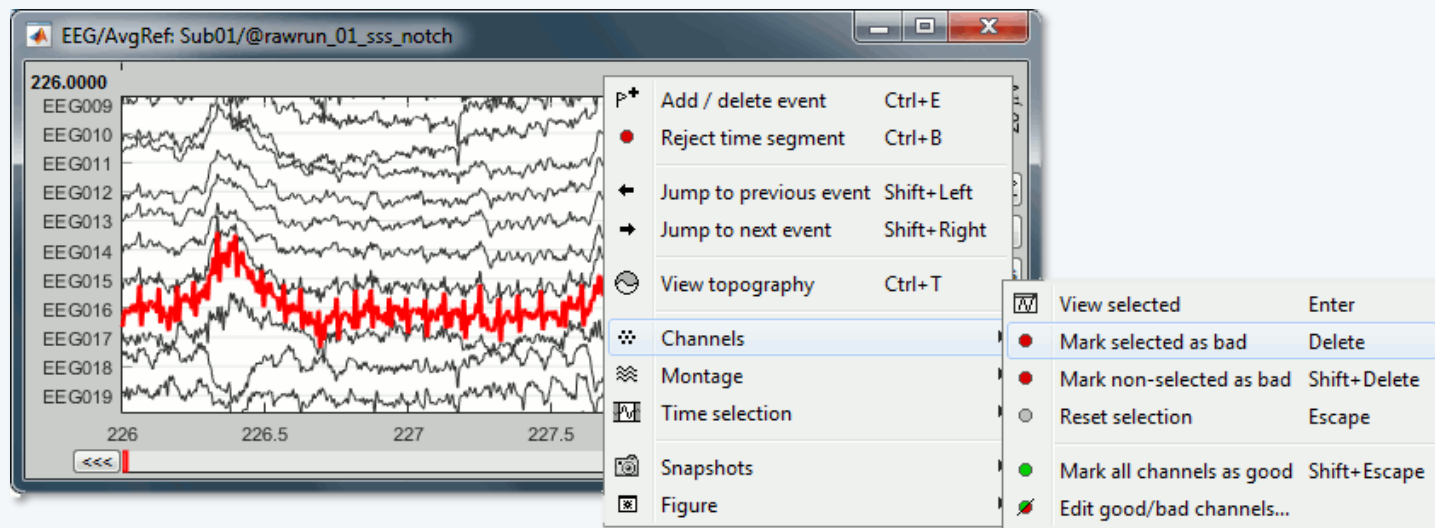
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Sources

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- Manual inspection of the recordings
- Interactive selection of bad channels
- Re-reference the EEG if necessary (Average ref)



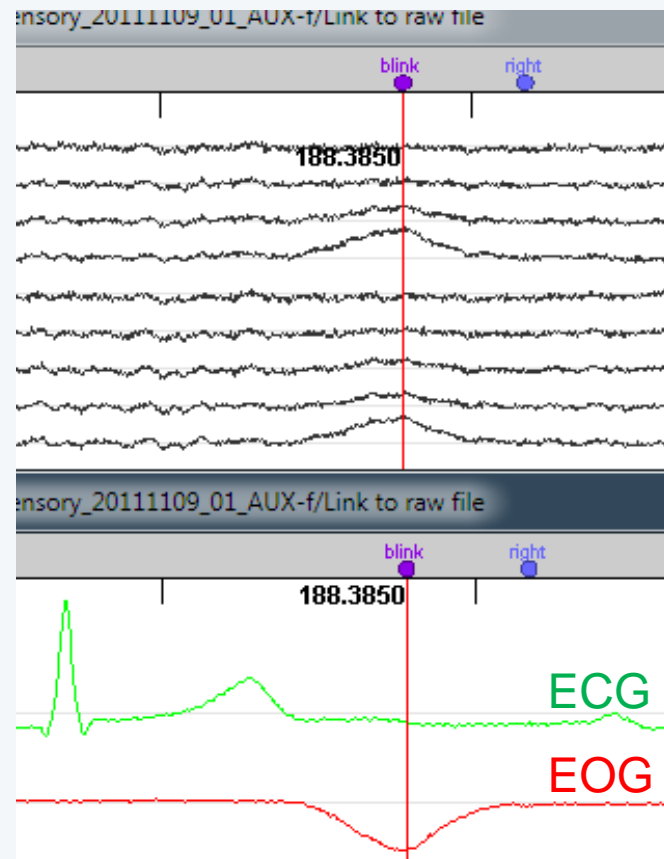
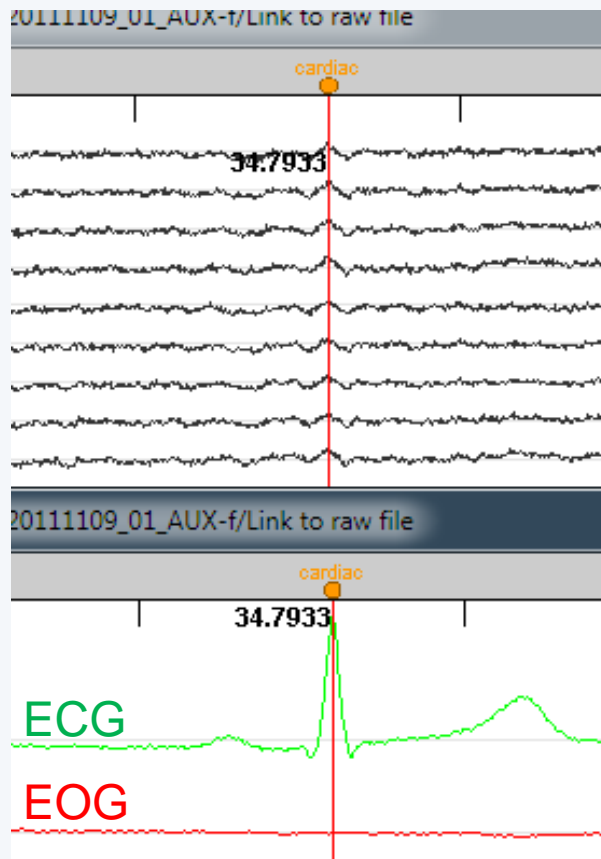
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- Automatic detection of blinks and heartbeats (peak detection, or explicit amplitude threshold)



Artifact correction

- Two categories of artifacts:
 - Well-defined, reproducible, short, frequent:
 - Heartbeats, eye blinks, eye movements, some stimulators
 - Unavoidable and frequent: we cannot just ignore them
 - **Can be modeled and removed from the signal efficiently**
 - ICA, SSP
 - All the other events that can alter the recordings:
 - Movements, building vibrations, metro nearby...
 - Too complex or not repeated enough to be modeled
 - **Safer to mark them as bad segments, and ignore them**

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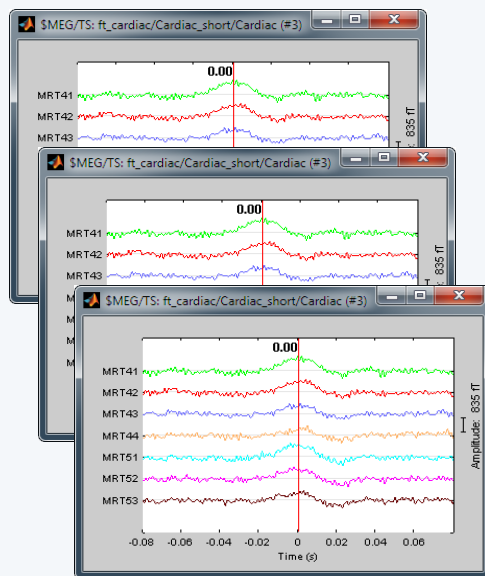
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- Correction with Signal Space Projections (SSP)

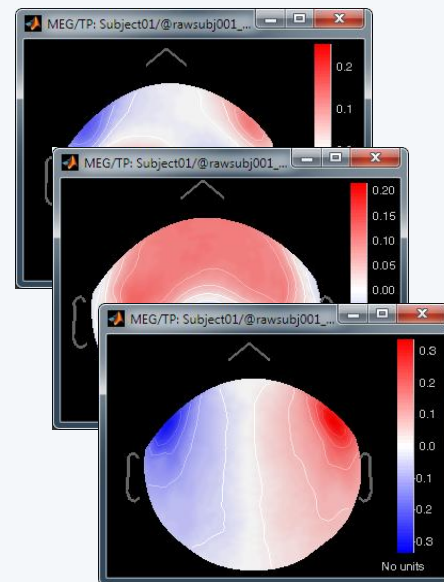
Detect artifacts



PCA



Spatial components



Select components and compute a linear projector to remove their contribution from the recordings

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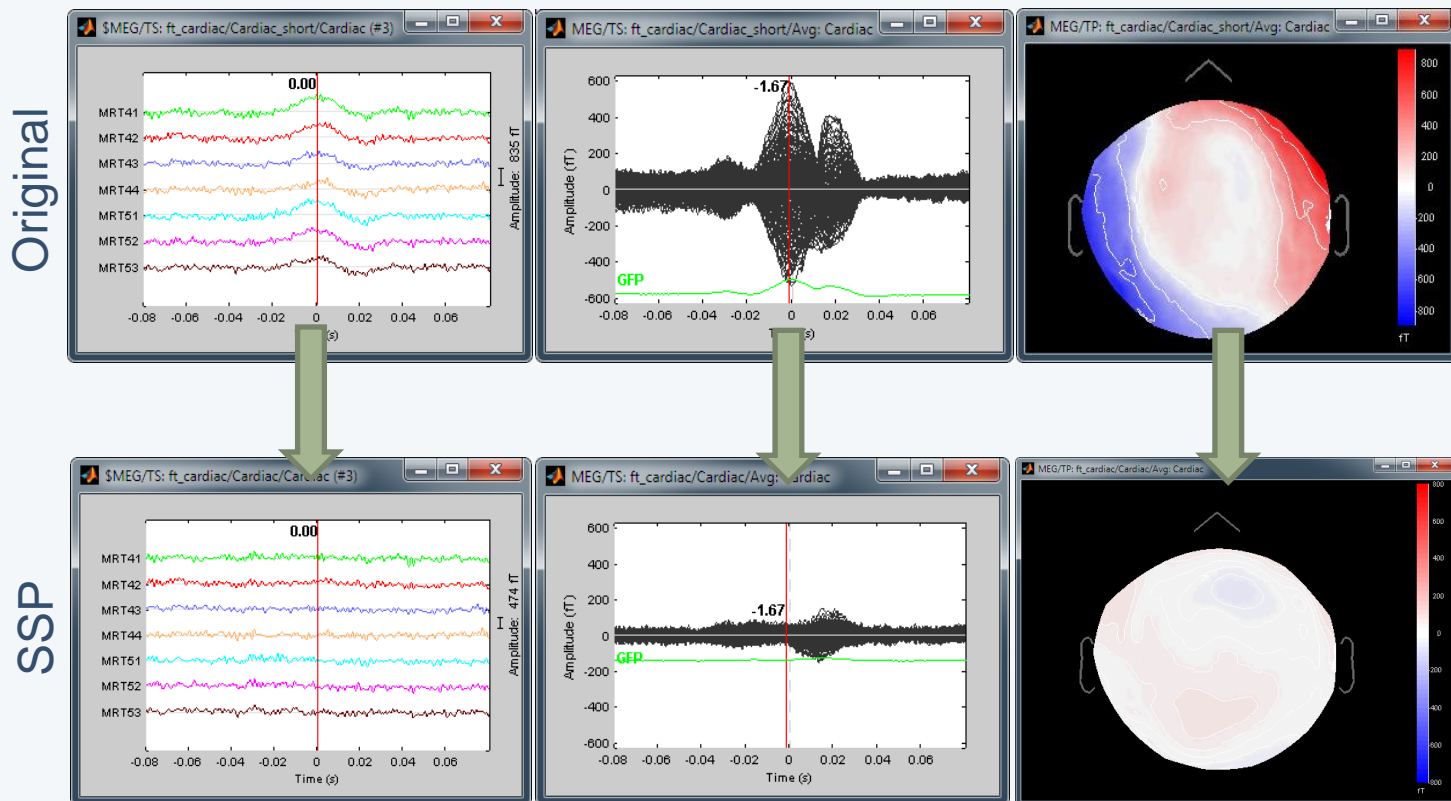
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- Example: Cardiac artifact



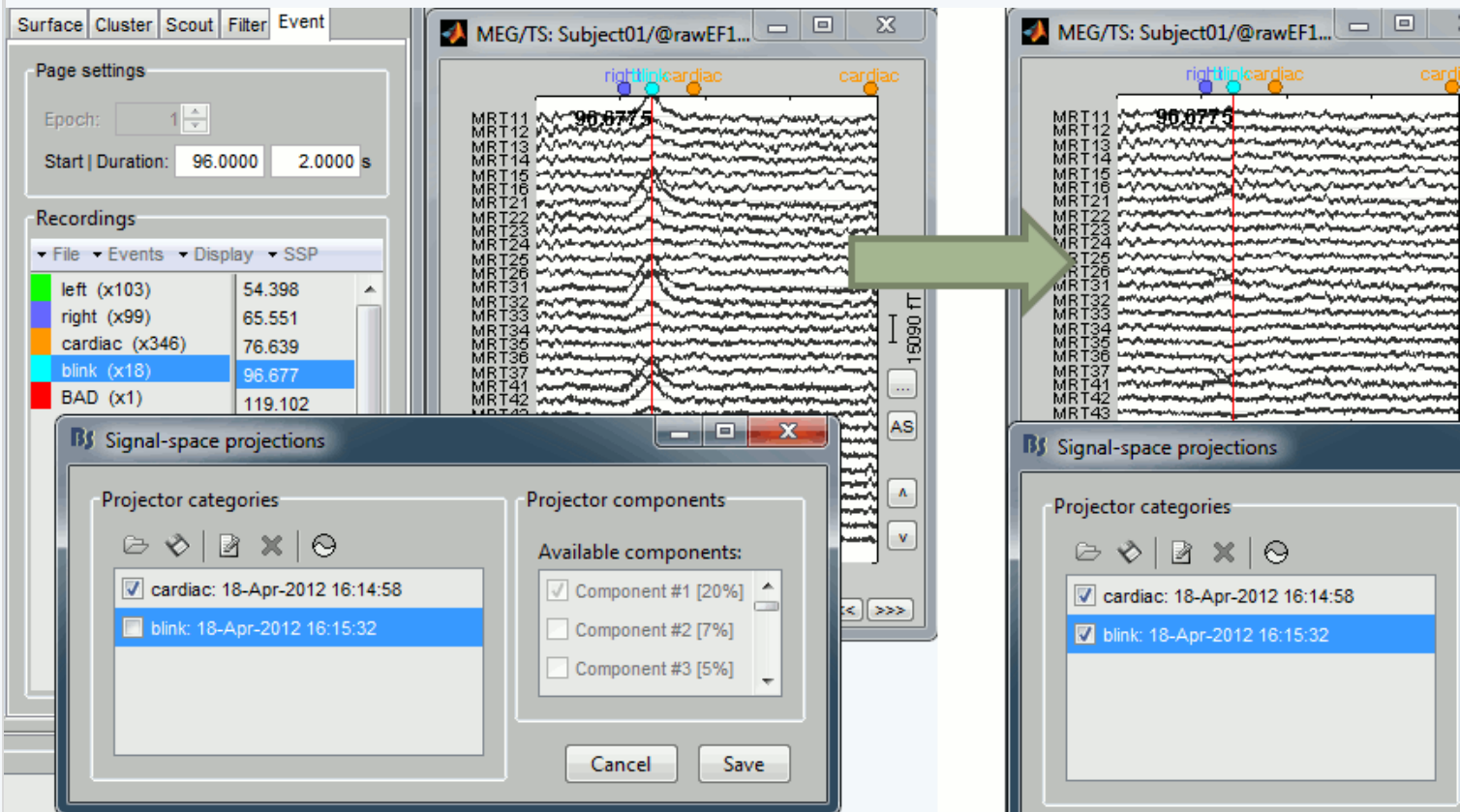
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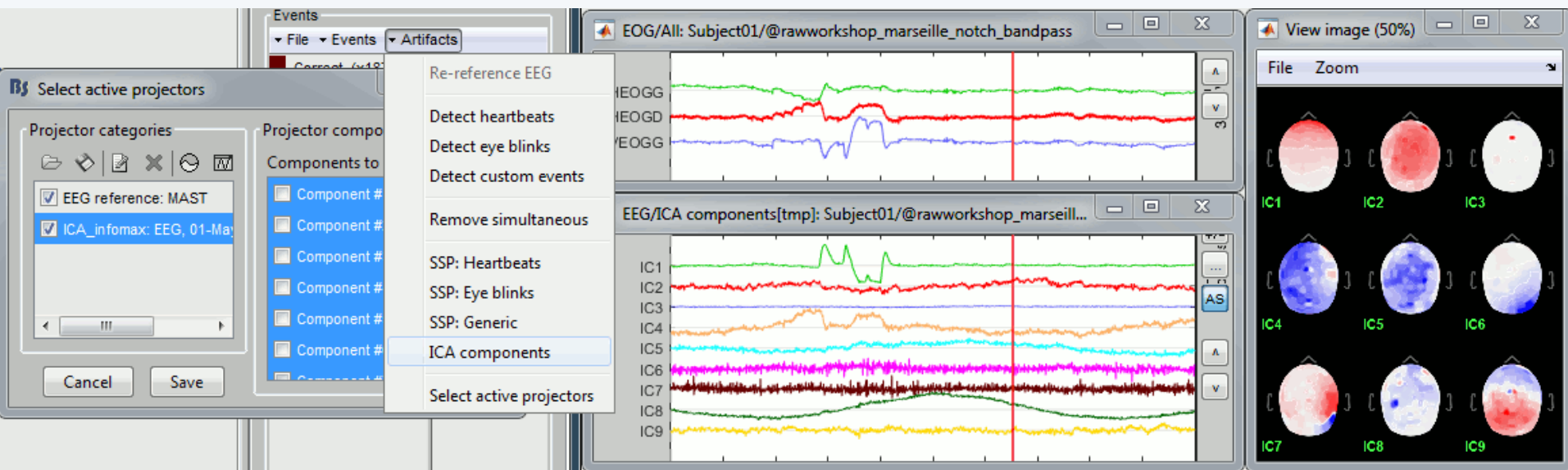
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- Example: Blink



Pre-processing

- Independent component analysis (ICA):
 - Popular in the EEG literature
 - Alternative to SSP for low number of sensors
 - Already implemented: Picard, FastICA, Infomax and JADE (EEGLAB)



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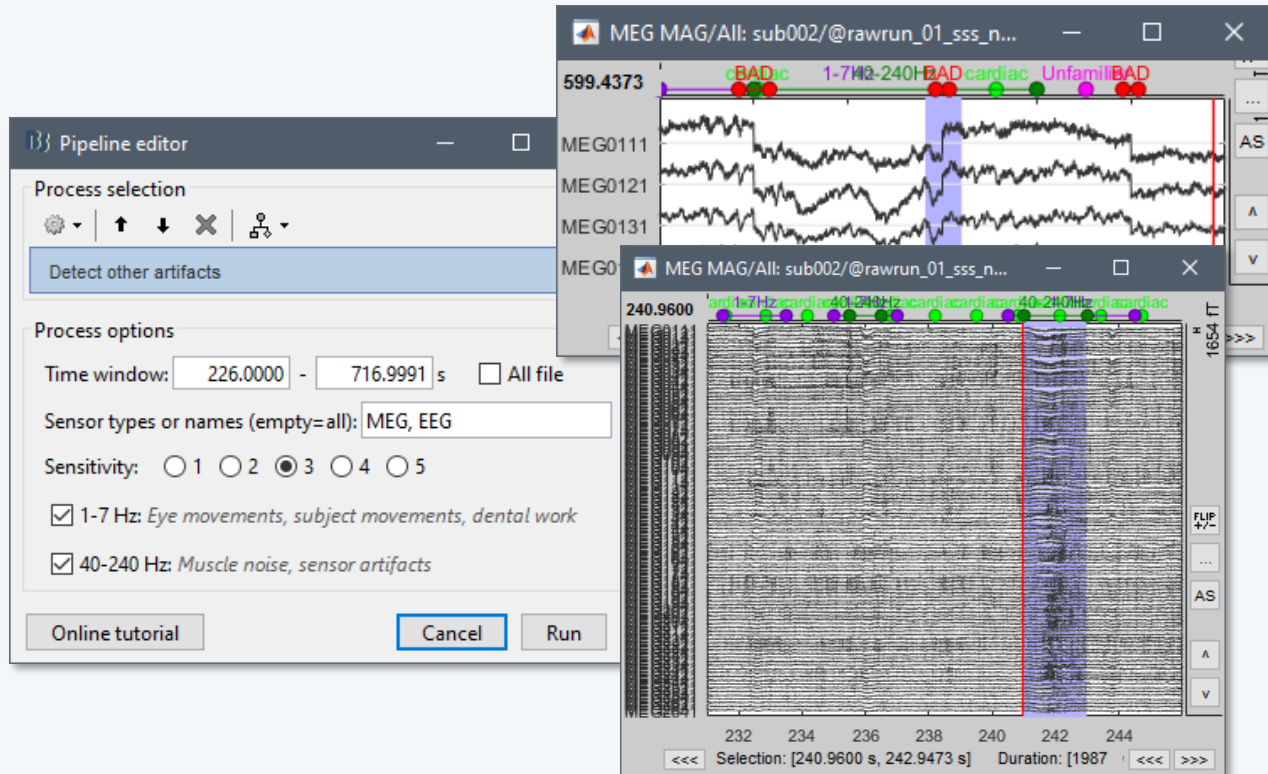
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- Automatic detection of artifacts (RMS-based)
- Manual screening of all the recordings is advised (scroll all the sensors by pages of 10-20s)
- Exclude: Blinks, movements, SQUID jumps



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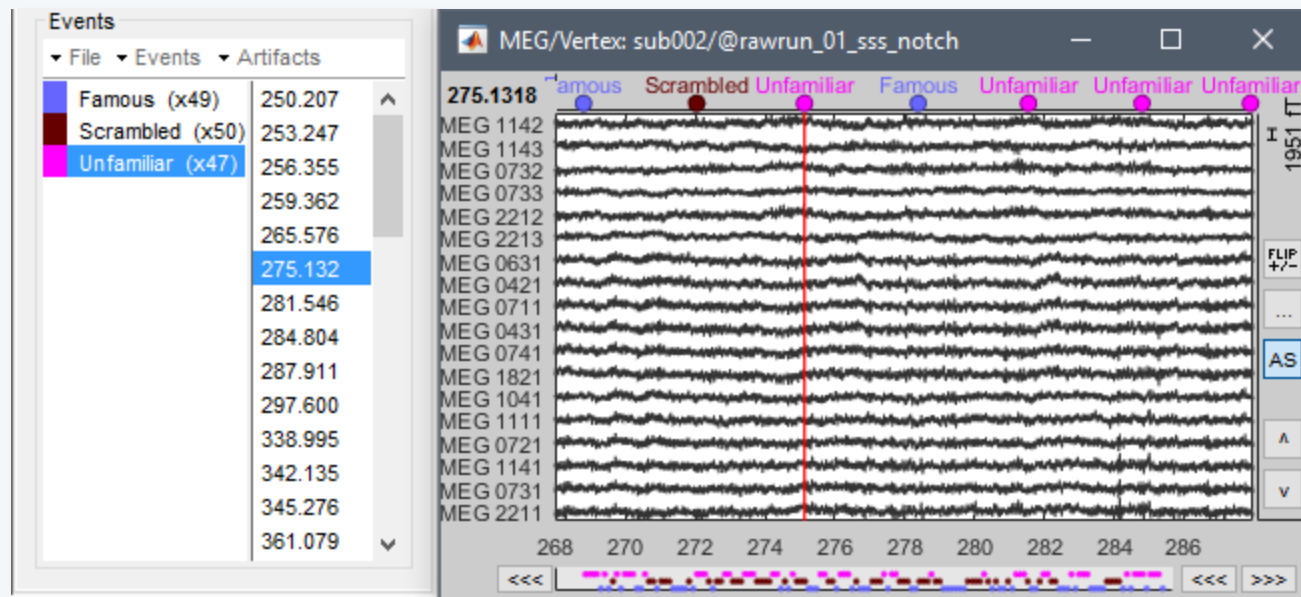
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Presentation

Sensor

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- Two types of experiments:
 - Steady-state or resting-state (ongoing activity)
 - Event-based (stimulus, response, spike...)
- How to get event markers in the recordings?



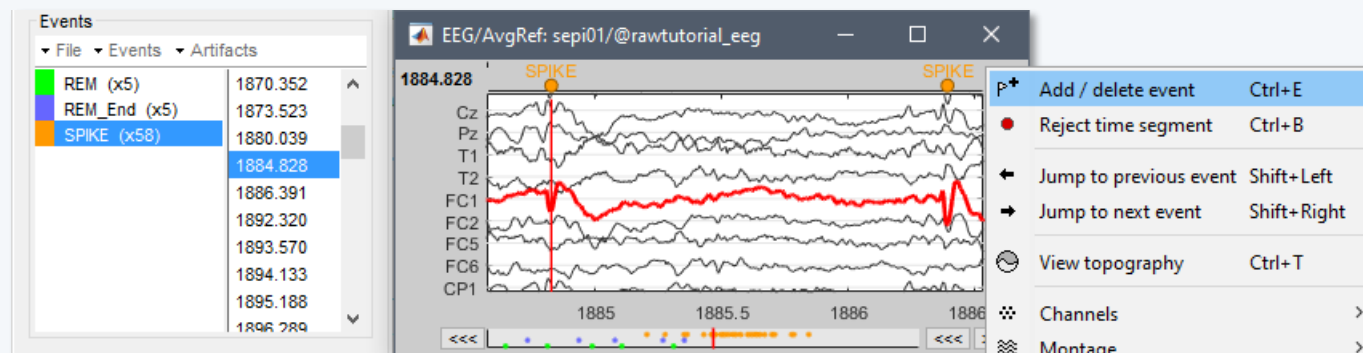
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- Reading the triggers save by the presentation software
- Reading information recorded on the subject side (photodiode, microphone, response box)
- **Manual or automatic marking of biological or behavioral events, post-acquisition (*epileptic spikes, sleep spindles, rat position in a box...*)**
- ***Optimized workflow for clinicians*** (keyboard and mouse shortcuts, workspace...)



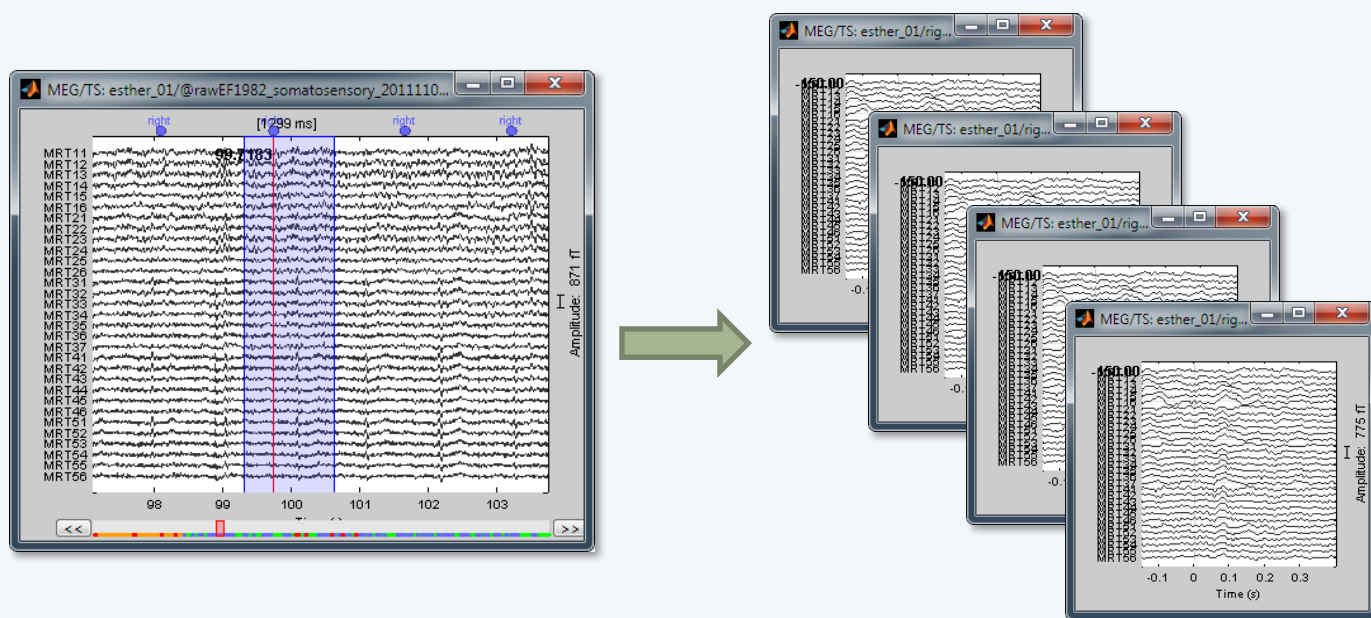
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- Epochs = Trials = **Short blocks of recordings around an event of interest.**
- Epoching = Extracting epochs from the continuous recordings and saving them.



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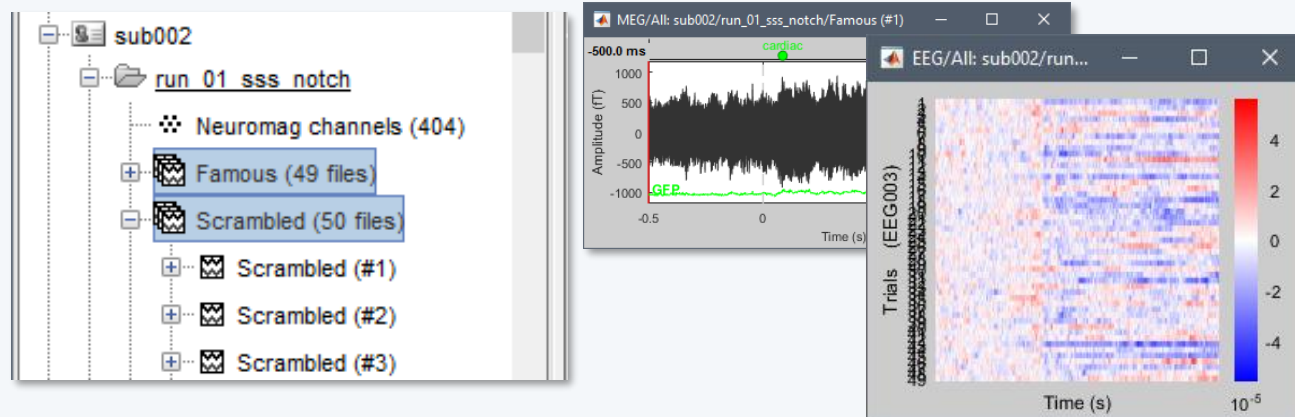
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- In Brainstorm, each imported epoch is an independent file in the database.
- Accessible by event type or individually.



- In other programs, all the epochs from one run are saved in one single file (one file per event type, or one file with all the events).

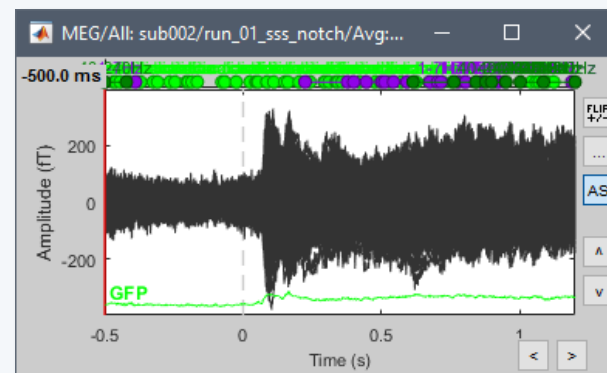
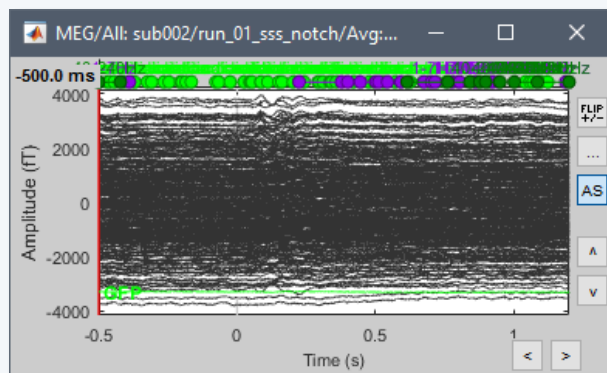
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- Processing steps that can be applied on epochs:
 - **DC offset correction:** Subtract the average estimated over a baseline period
 - **Detrending:** Subtract a linear trend estimated over a reference period
 - **Resampling:** Decrease the sampling rate
- This dataset: DC correction, baseline= $[-500,0]$ ms



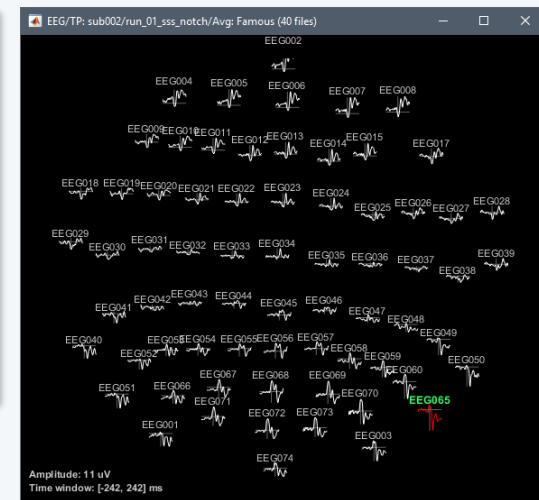
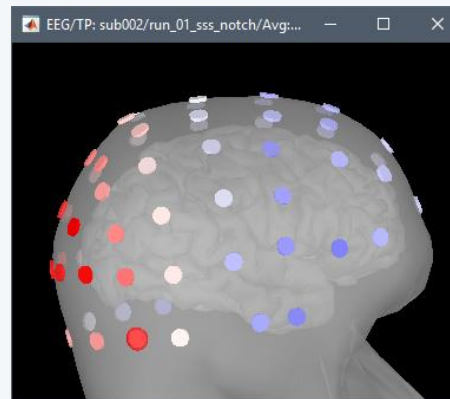
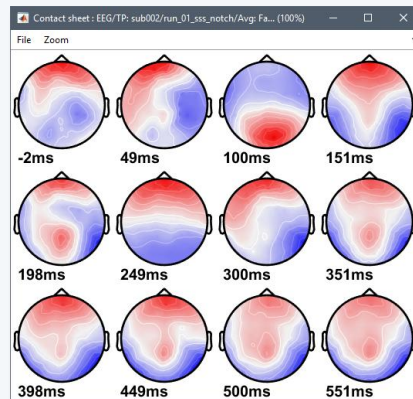
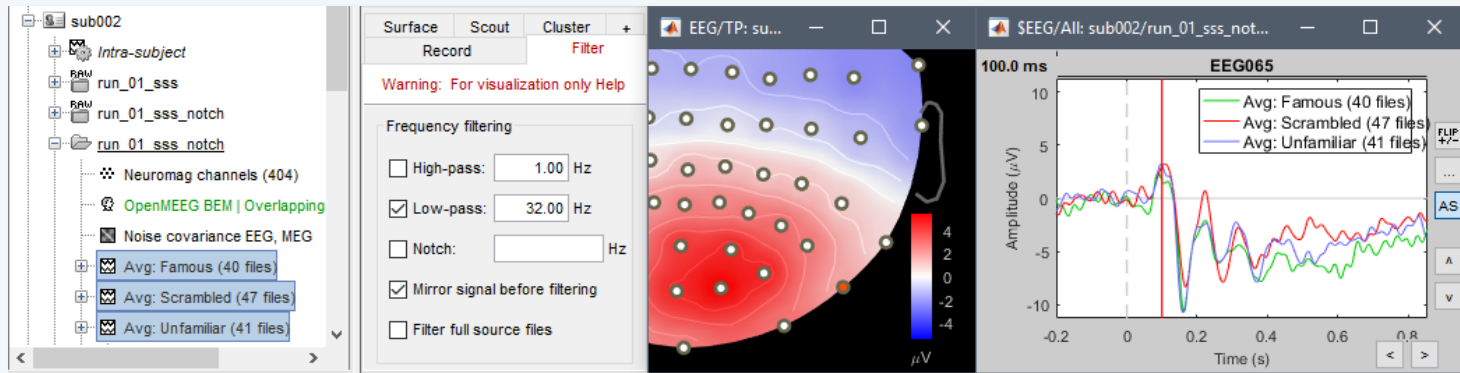
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- ERP & Sensor Cluster



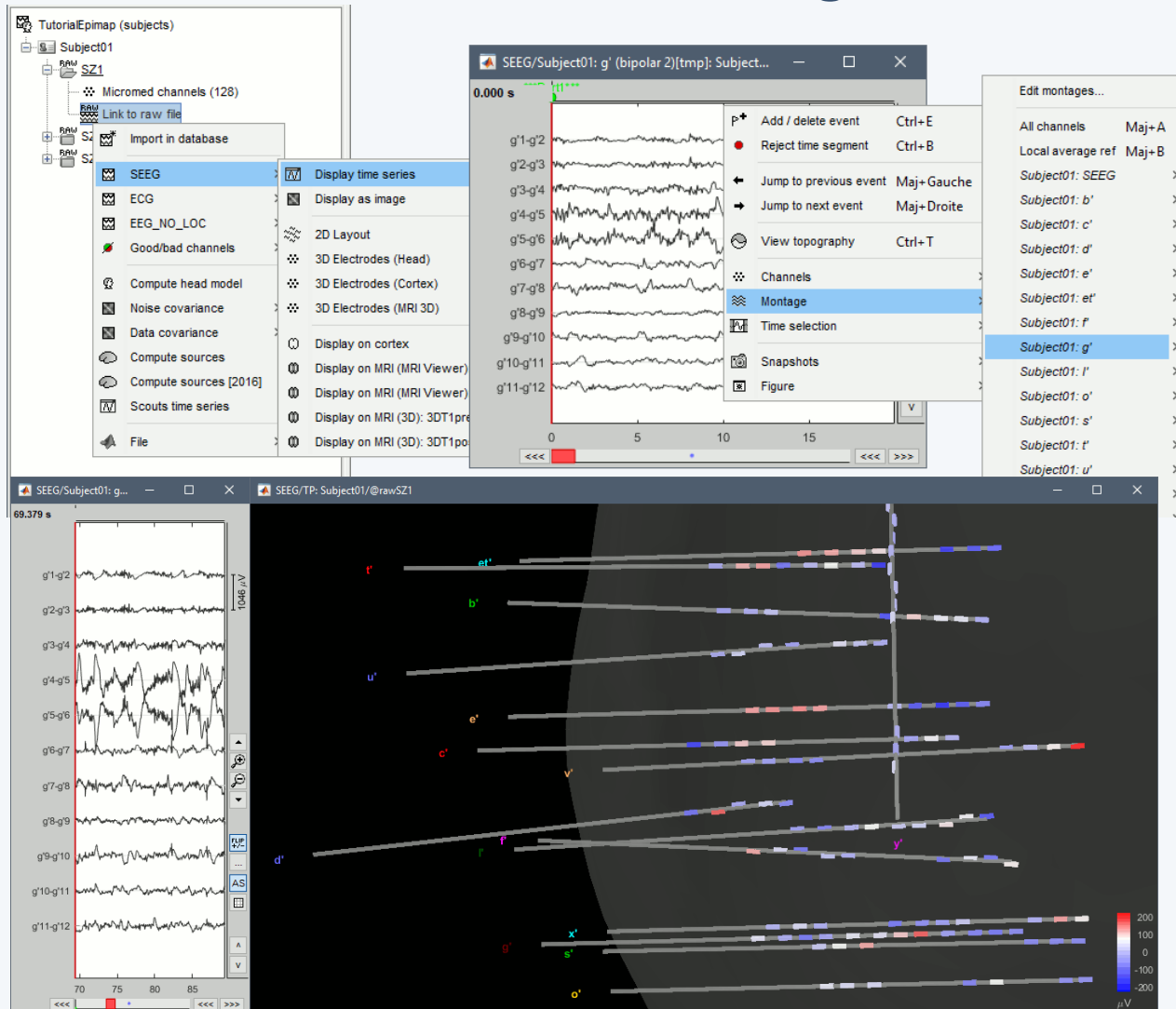
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• SEEG time series & Montages



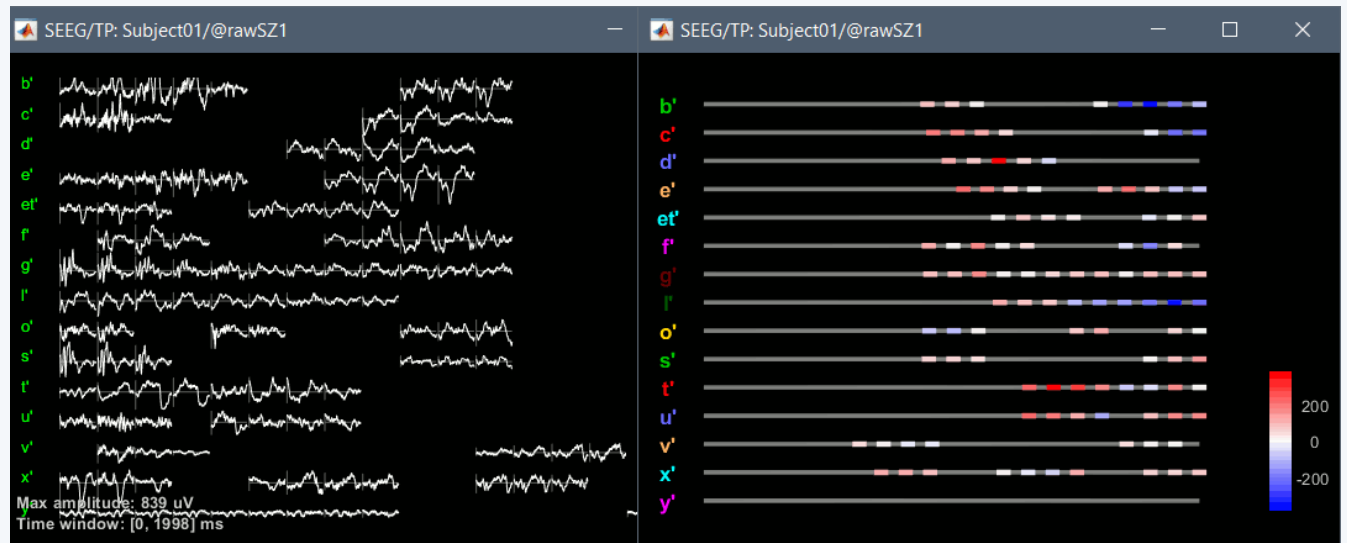
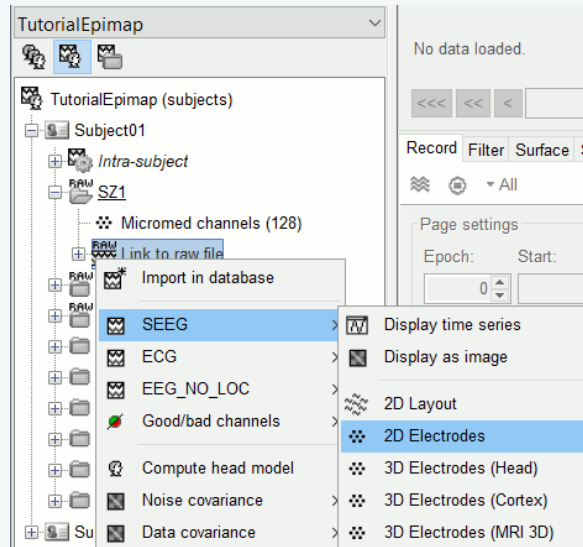
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- SEEG time series : 2D topography



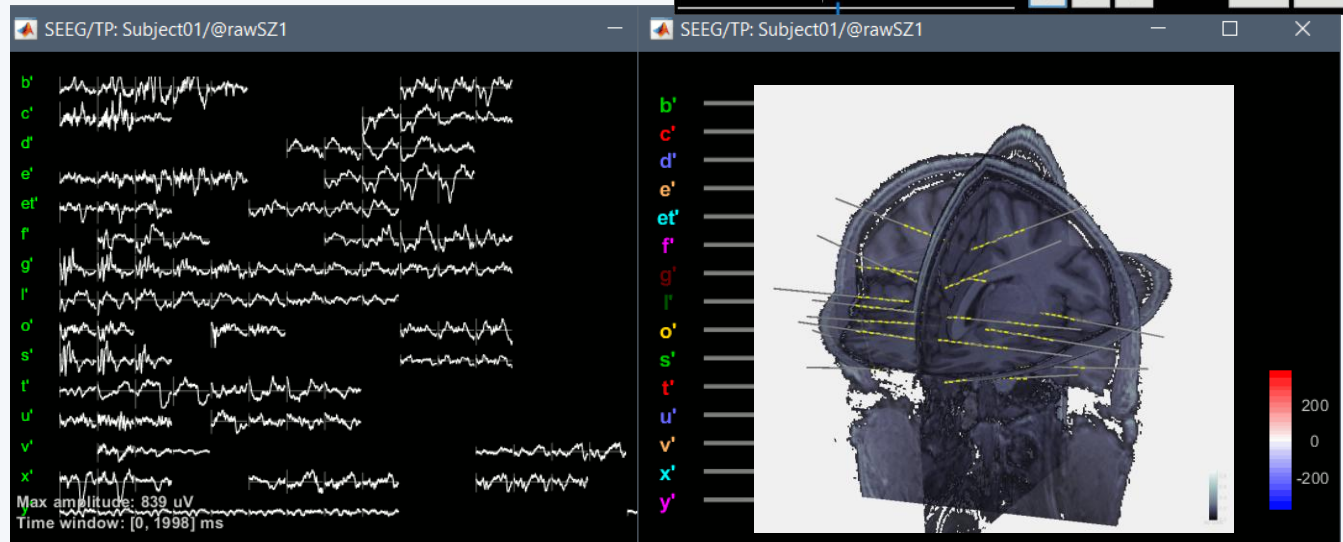
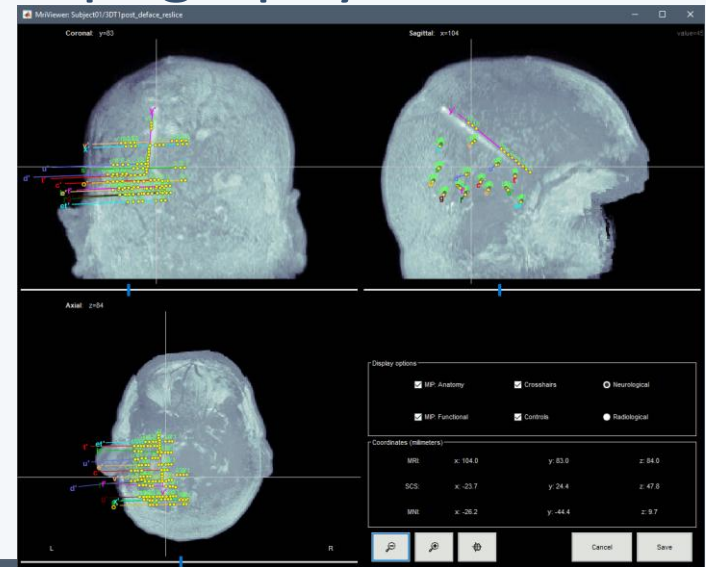
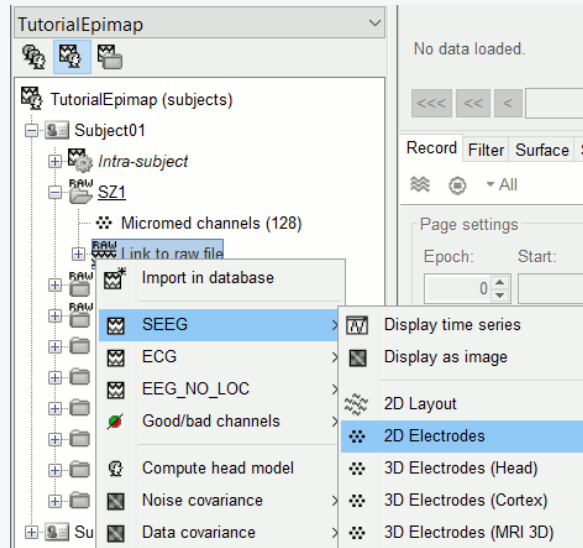
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- SEEG time series : 2D topography/ 3D



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- Good Coverage is Important!

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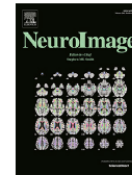
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- Excellent Reference Paper on Good Practices

Advances in human intracranial electroencephalography research, guidelines and good practices



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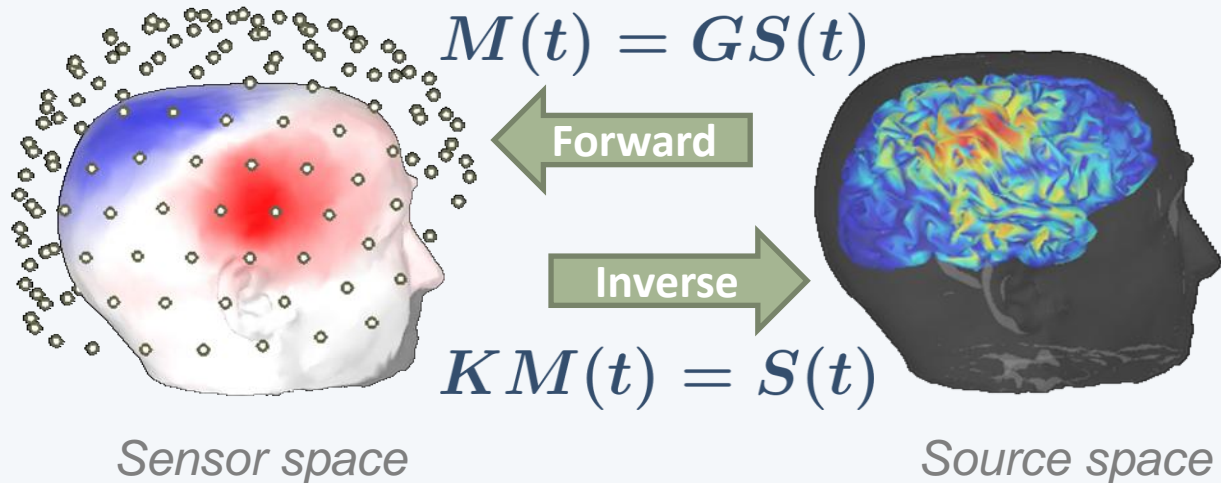
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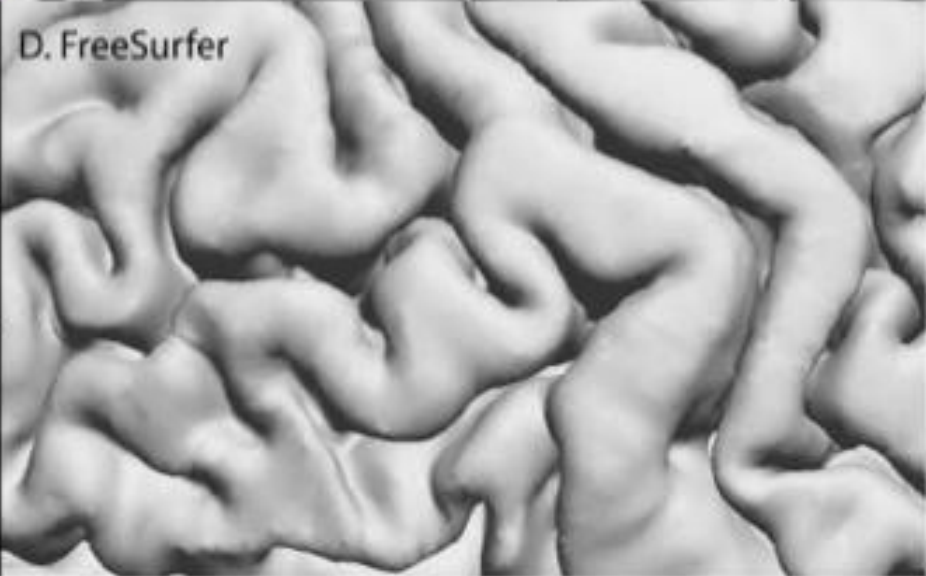
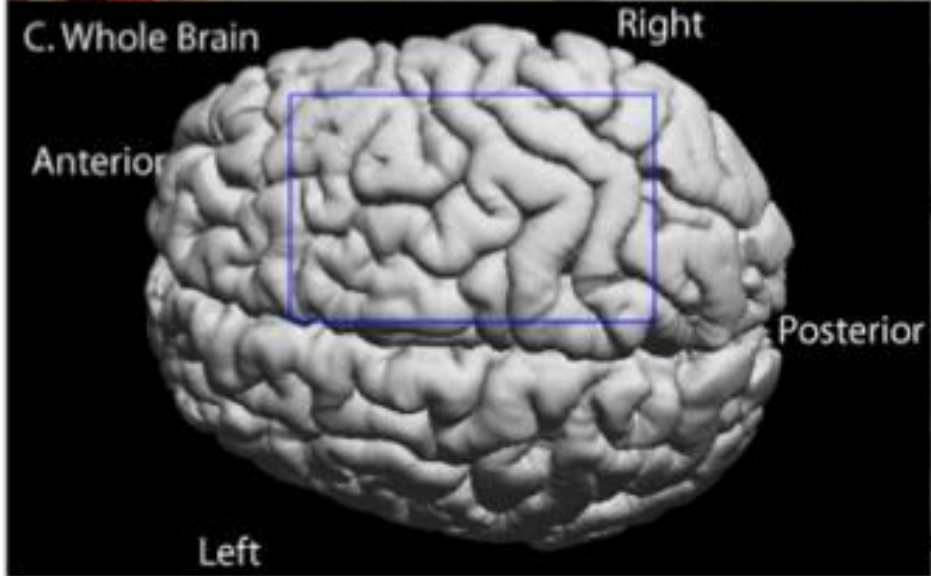
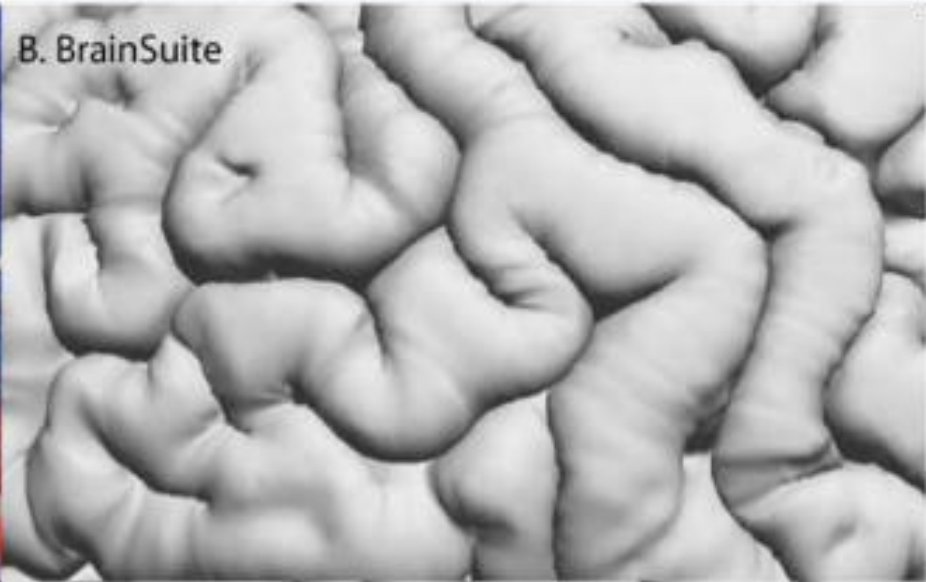
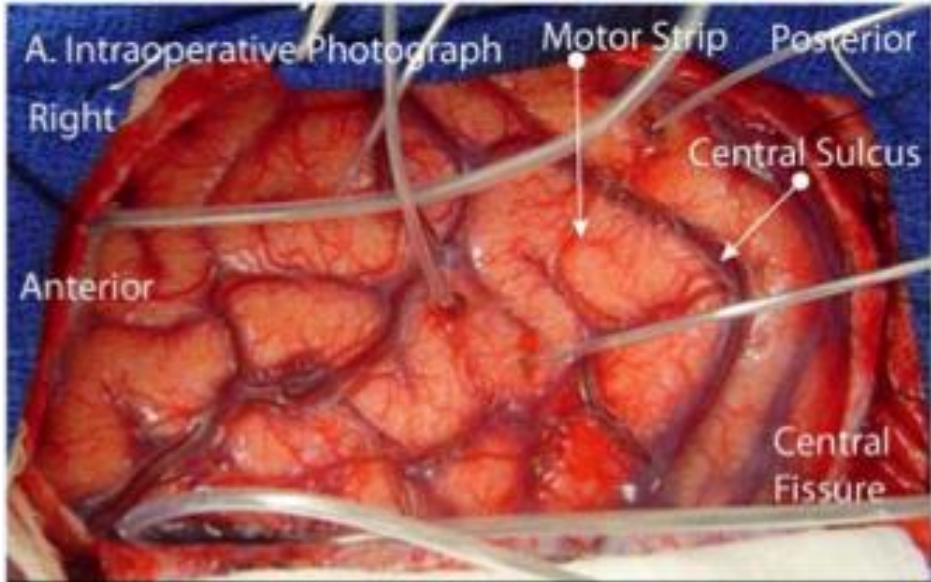
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$M(t)$ Sensor space: EEG or MEG sensors
 $S(t)$ Source space: Cortex or full head volume
 G Forward model: Overlapping spheres (MEG)
OpenMEEG BEM/DUNEuro FEM (EEG)
 K Inverse model: **Minimum norm estimates**
Beamformers



Source Space: Cortical Surface (MRI Segmentation)



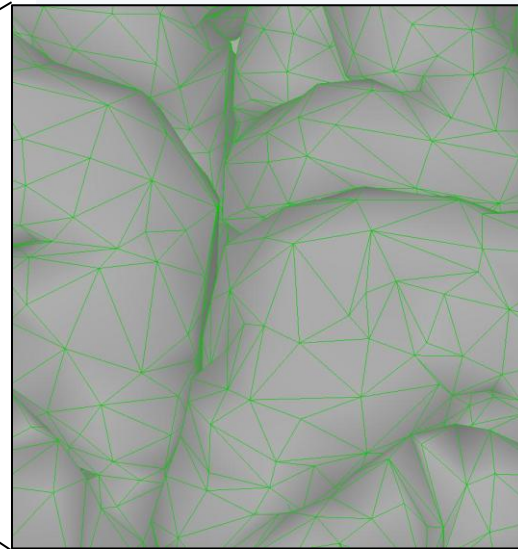
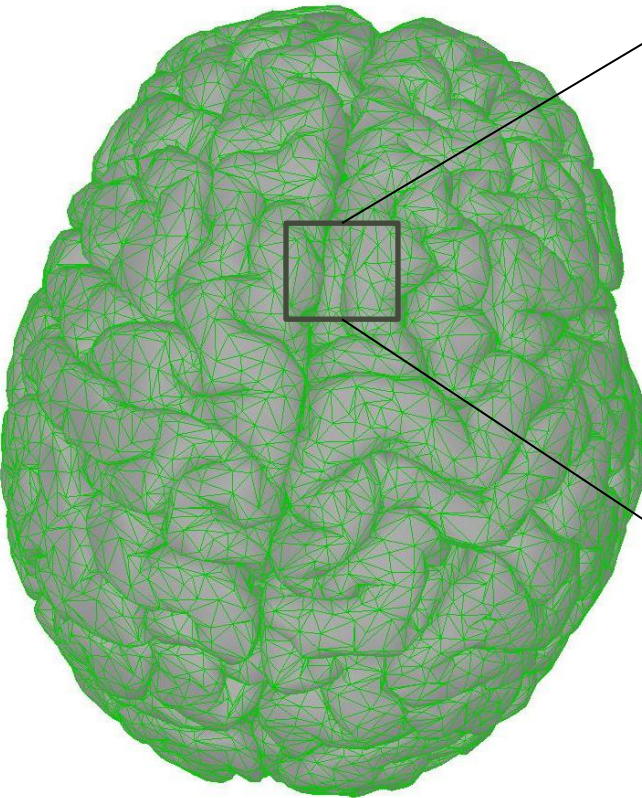
Cortical Surface: Modeling of sources

~250k labeled vertices
spanning 192,152 square
mm

Brainstorm:
15,000 vertex for
cortex model

Each Vertex Models
an ~1 square mm
Cortical Column

Columns are
nominally radial (gyri),
tangential (sulci), or
some combination.



Thousands of triangles &
vertices

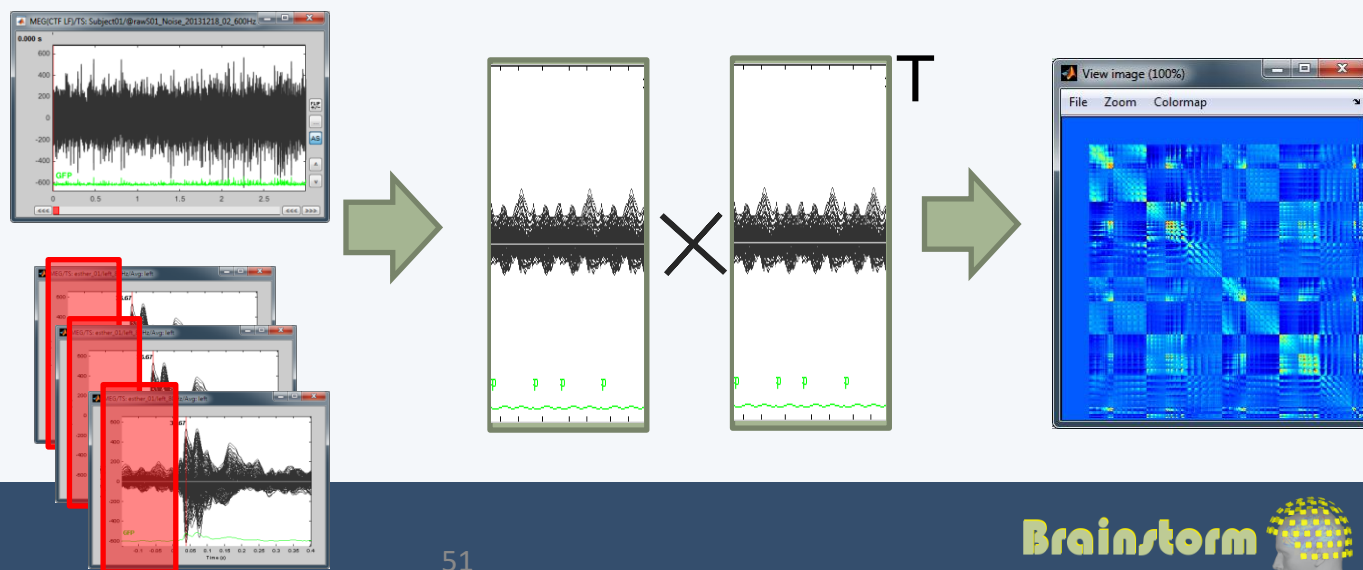
Noise covariance

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- The MNE model requires an estimation of the level of noise of the sensors
- Noise covariance matrix = covariance of segments that do not contain any “meaningful” data
- Empty room, pre-stim baseline, resting, ...



Source level analysis

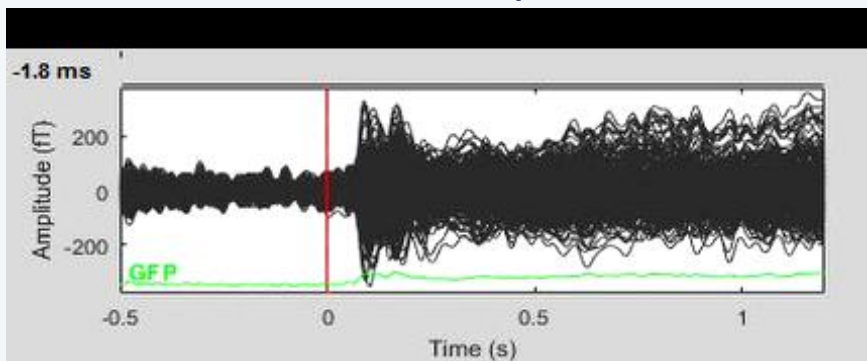
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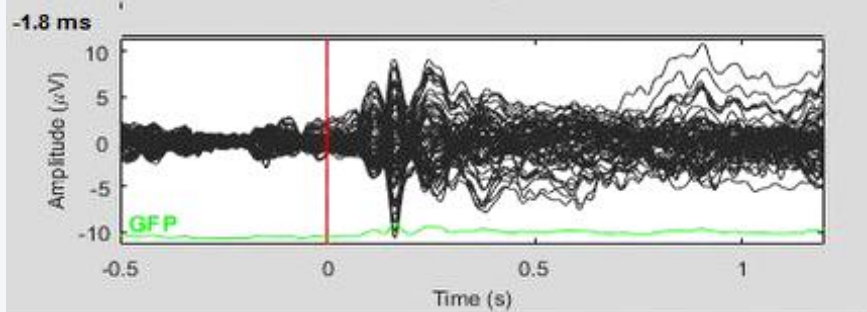
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Example: Famous faces

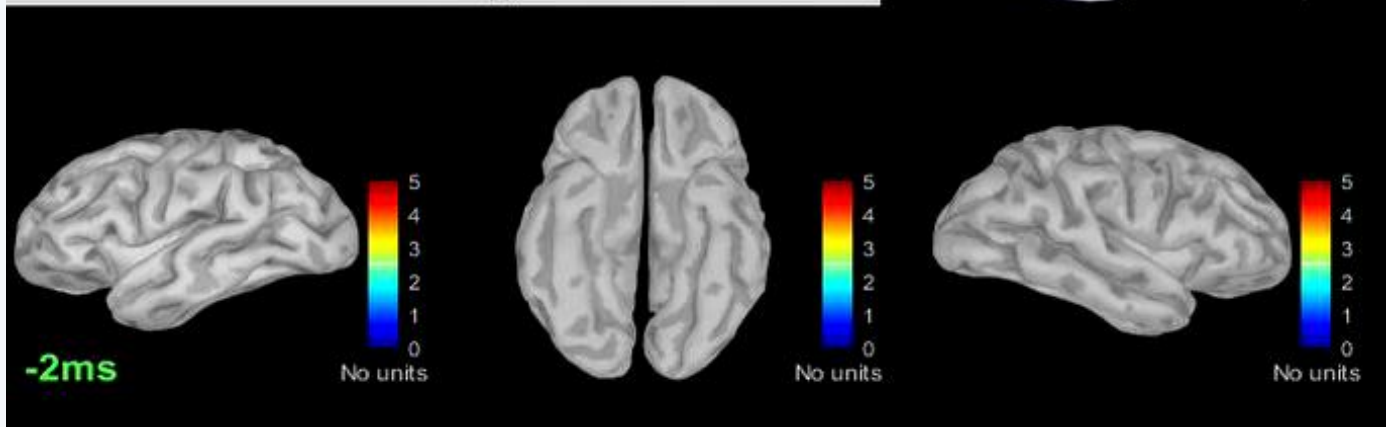
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MEG sources



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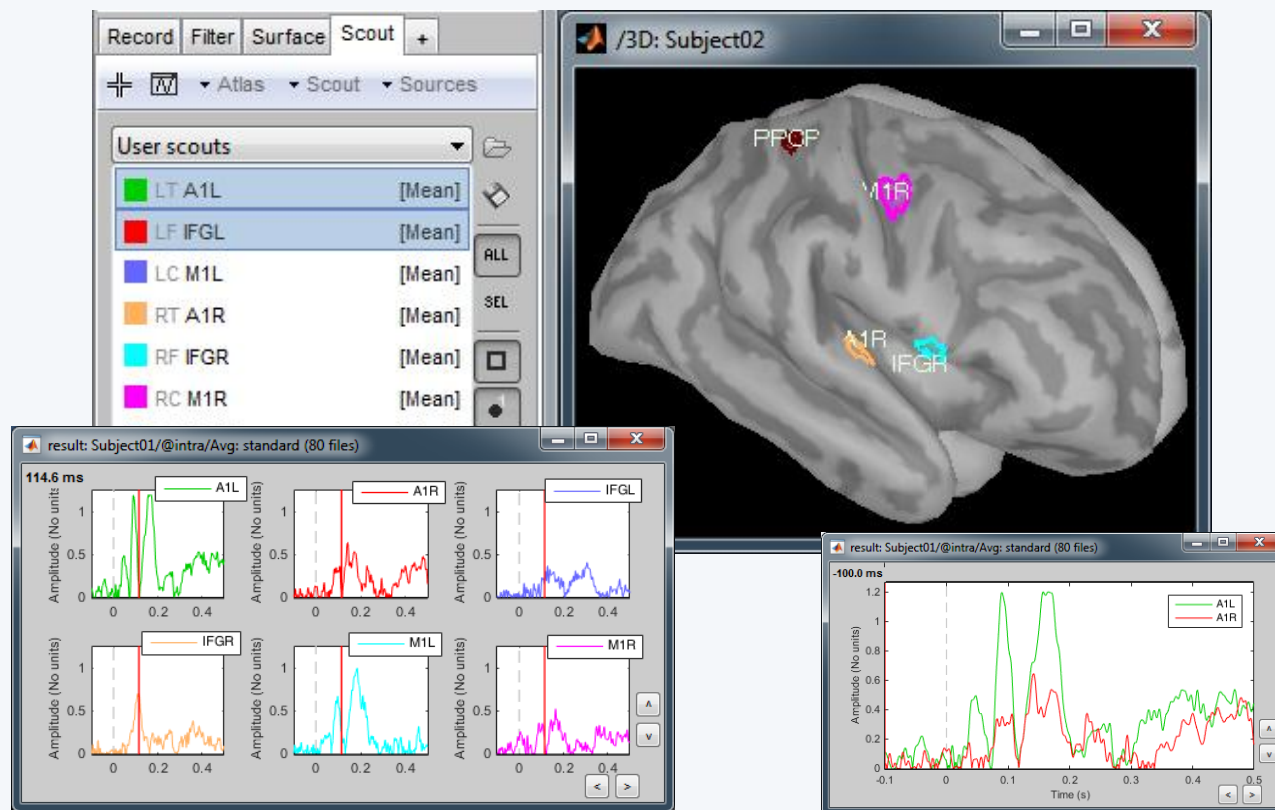
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- Regions of interest at cortical level (**scouts**)
= Subset of a few dipoles in the brain
= Group of vertices of the cortex surface



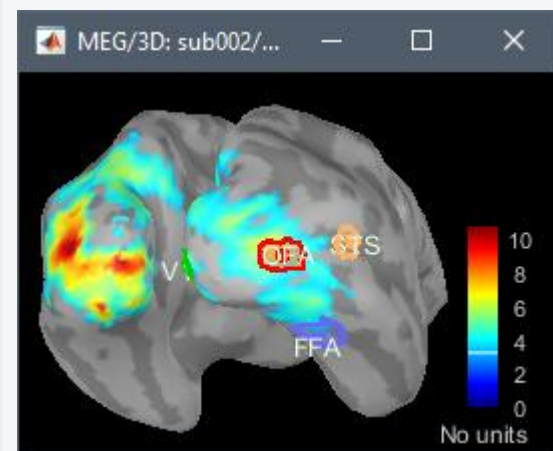
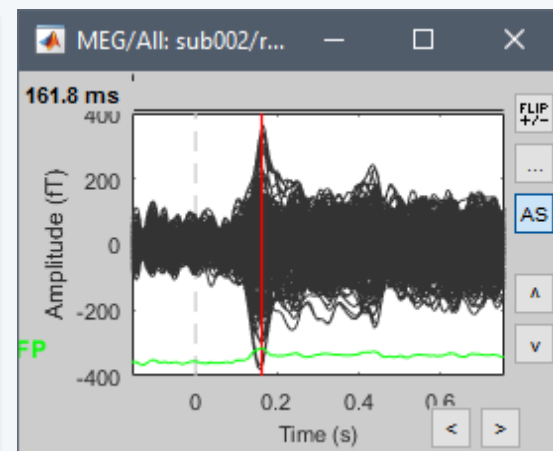
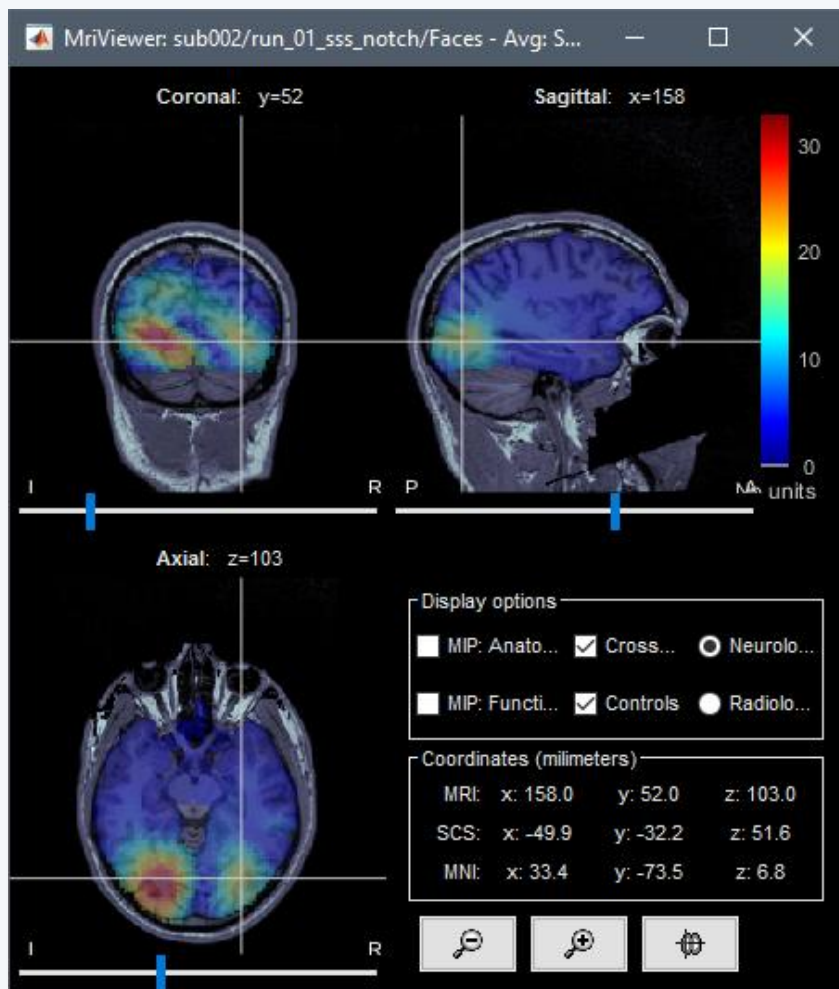
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- Volume Source

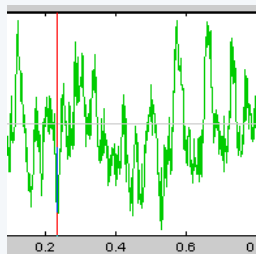


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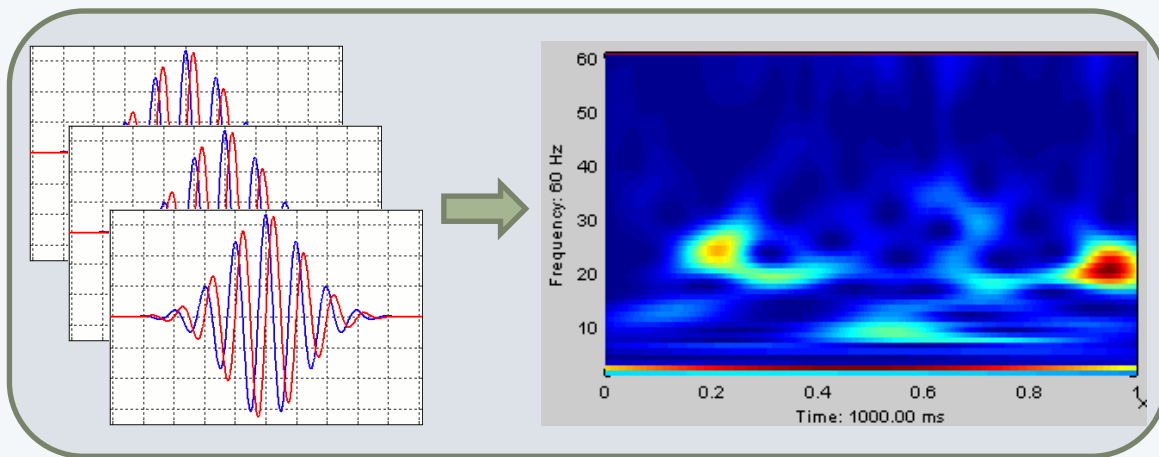
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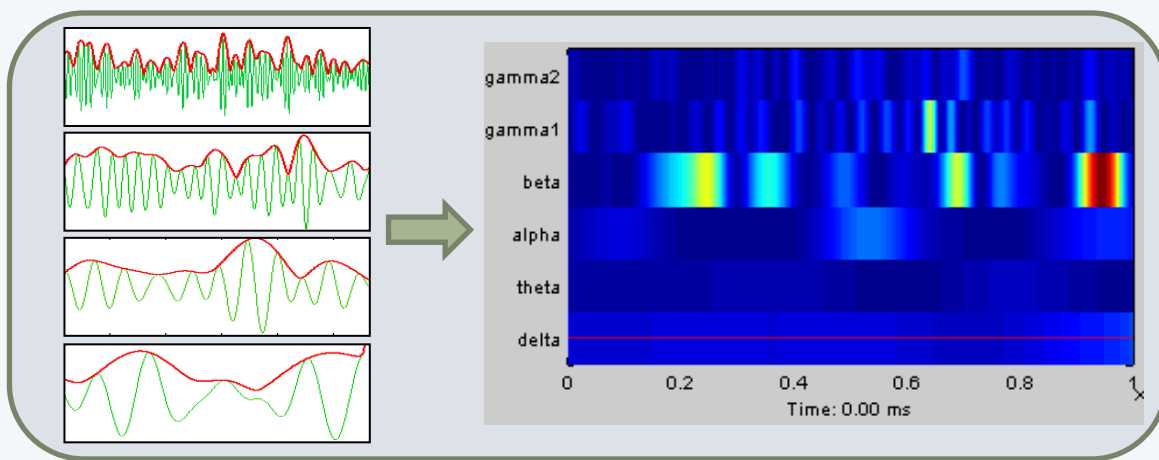
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Morlet wavelets



Hilbert transform + band-pass filter



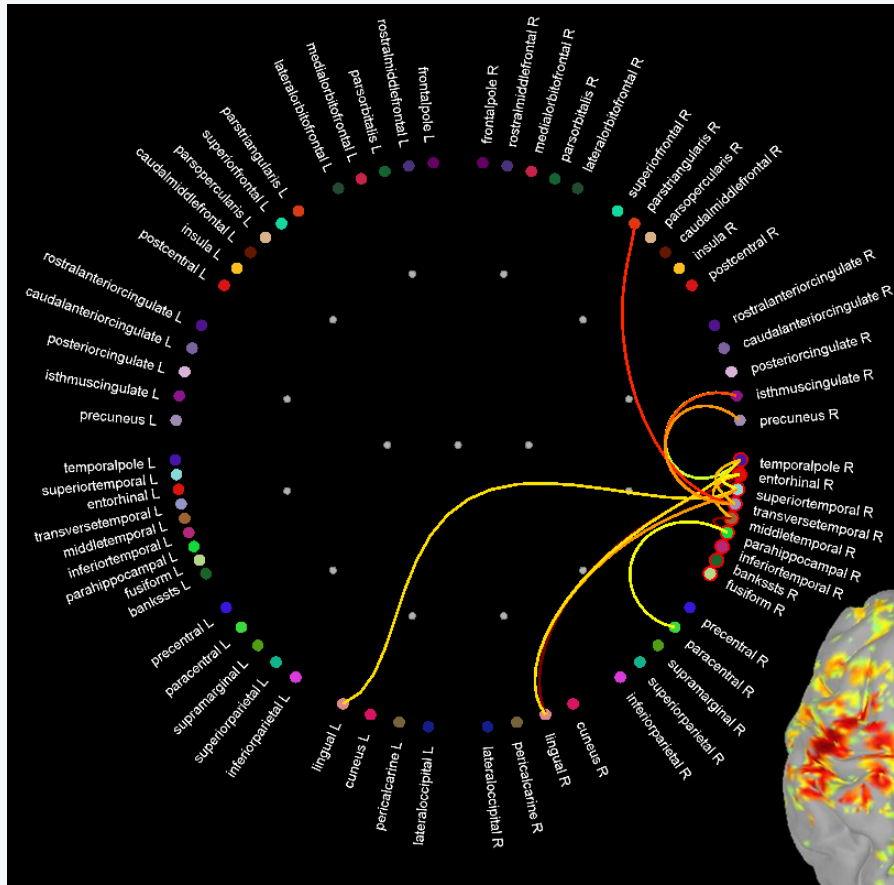
Other measures

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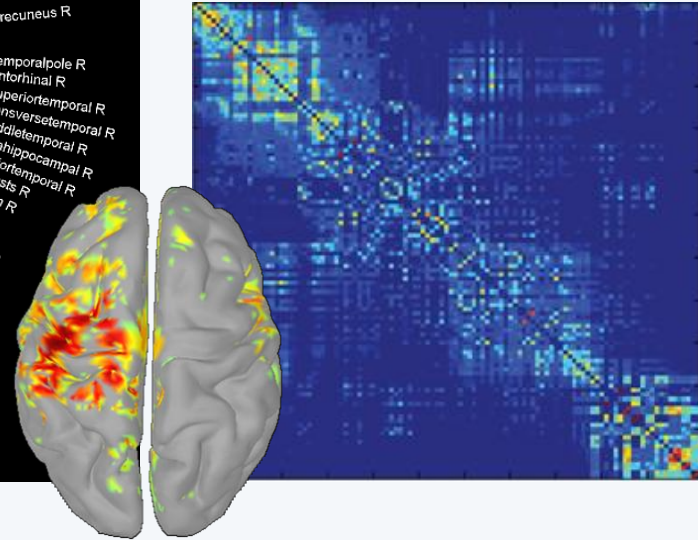
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Other measures

- **Connectivity measures**



- Correlation
- Coherence
- Phase locking value
- Granger causality



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- **And more ...**

- **Source modeling**

- Volume source estimation
 - Deep cerebral structures
 - Realistic head model: BEM with OpenMEEG
 - Dipoles: Scanning and displaying
 - Dipoles: FieldTrip dipole fitting
 - Maximum entropy on the mean (MEM)
 - Other beamforming methods
 - Simulations

- **Finite Element Modeling**

- Realistic head model: FEM with DUNEuro
 - FEM mesh generation
 - FEM tensors estimation
 - FEM median nerve example

- **Signal processing**

- Machine learning: Decoding / MVPA
 - Phase-amplitude coupling: Method
 - Phase-amplitude coupling: Example
 - Partial Least Squares (PLS)
 - Epileptogenic Zone Fingerprint
 - FOOOF: Fitting Oscillations & One-Over-F
 - SPRINT: Spectral Param. Resolved in Time

- **Connectivity**

- Functional connectivity
 - Corticomuscular coherence
 - Connectivity graphs
 - Virtual fibers for connectivity
 - Granger causality

- **Brain-fingerprinting**

- Brain-fingerprinting

<https://neuroimage.usc.edu/brainstorm/Tutorials>

Add your code to Brainstorm

- Direct manipulation of the files in Matlab
- Use the menu “Run Matlab command”
- Write a plugin:
 - Well documented API
 - Lots of example (170 functions written as plugins)
 - Open-source GitHub repository
- Write your Brainstorm scripts

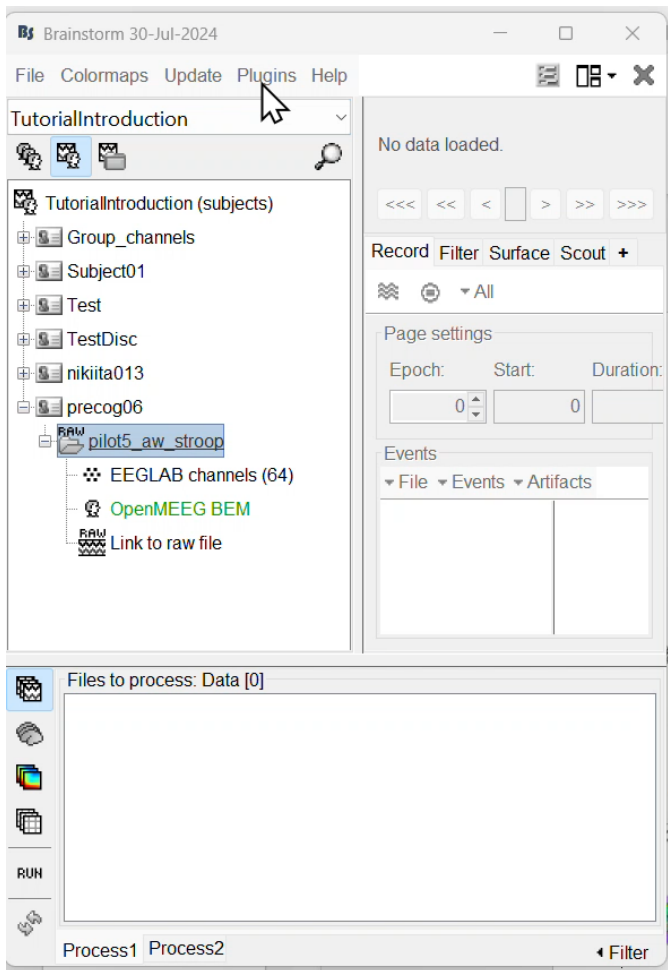
Tutorial 28: Scripting

Authors: Francois Tadel, Elizabeth Bock, Matthias Sure, Sylvain Baillet

The previous tutorials explained how to use Brainstorm in an interactive way to process one subject with two acquisition runs. In the context of a typical neuroimaging study, you may have tens or hundreds of subjects to process in the same way, it is unrealistic to do everything manually. Some parts of the analysis can be processed in batches with no direct supervision, others require more attention. This tutorial introduces tools and tricks that will help you assemble an efficient analysis pipeline.

What's New?

- Brainstorm Plugin Manager: Brainstorm as a hub!



The central graphic features the word 'Brainstorm' in a large, green, stylized font inside a white starburst shape. Surrounding this are logos for various plugins and external tools:

- DUNEuro**: A logo with a brain and a waveform.
- BrainSuite**: A logo with a globe.
- SPM12**: A logo with a brain and the text 'SPM12 https://www.fil.ion.ucl.ac.uk/spm/'.
- ZEFFIRO INTERFACE**: A logo with a globe and the text 'ZEFFIRO INTERFACE'.
- ISOZMESH**: A logo with the text 'ISOZMESH' and a citation: 'Tran AP, Van S, Fang Q (2020) Improving model-based fMRI analysis using mesh-based anatomical and light-transport models Neurophotonics, 2020'.
- cat**: A logo with a cat face and the text 'cat Computational Anatomy Toolbox'.
- OpenMEEG**: A logo with a brain and the text 'OpenMEEG INRIA http://openmeeg.gforge.inria.fr'.
- GARDEL**: A logo with a brain and the text 'GARDEL Hôpitaux de Marseille ap hm'.
- FieldTrip**: A logo with a brain and the text 'FieldTrip: Open Source Software for Advanced Analysis of MEG, EEG, and Invasive Electrophysiological Data, Computational Intelligence and Neuroscience, 2011'.
- NIRSTORM**: A logo with the text 'NIRSTORM https://github.com/Nirstorm'.

Below the starburst, there is a list of external plugins:

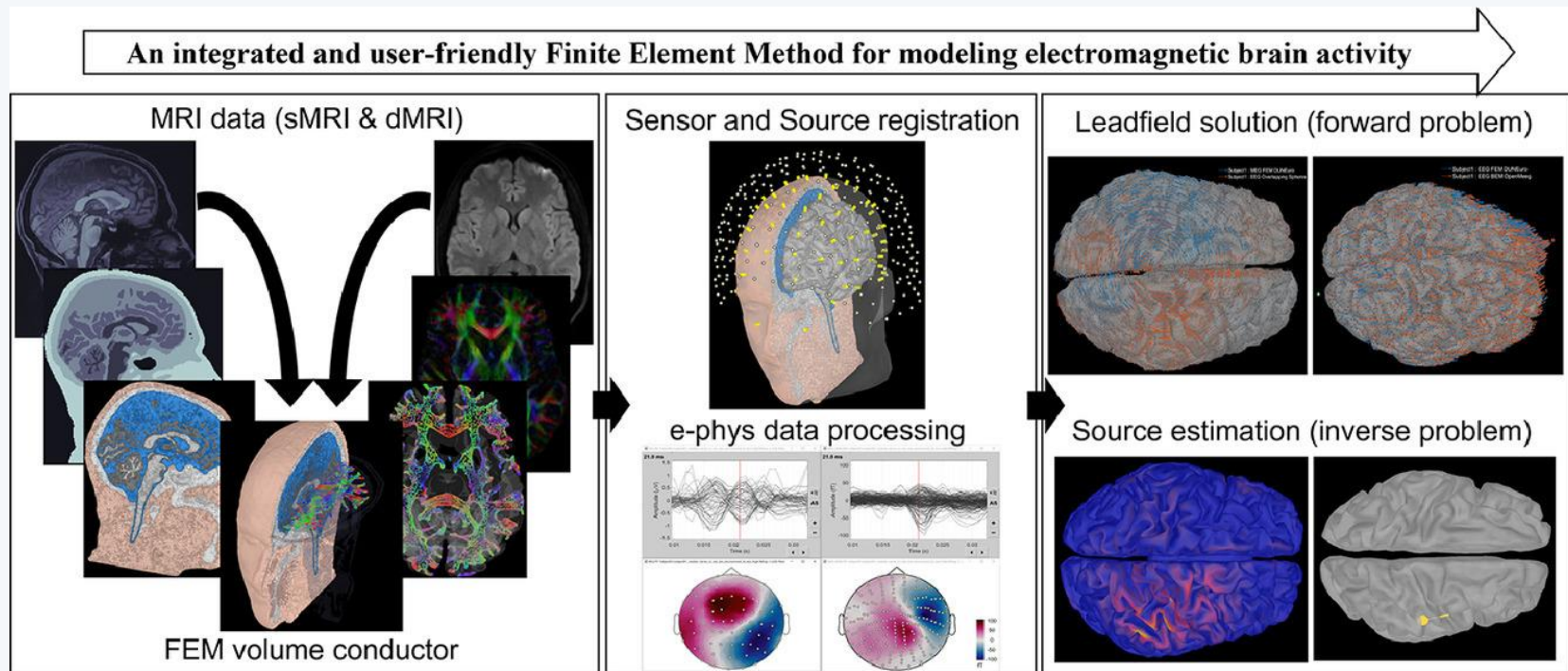
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 - ez_fingerprint
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 - label
 - mia
 - mne
 - mominc
 - mosher
 - numpy-matlab
 - octave
 - openmeeg
 - other
 - plexon
 - ricoh
 - scilearnlab
 - ScreenCapture
 - son-2.32
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At the bottom, there are two bullet points:

- Interoperability with other tools
- Documentation & Reproducibility

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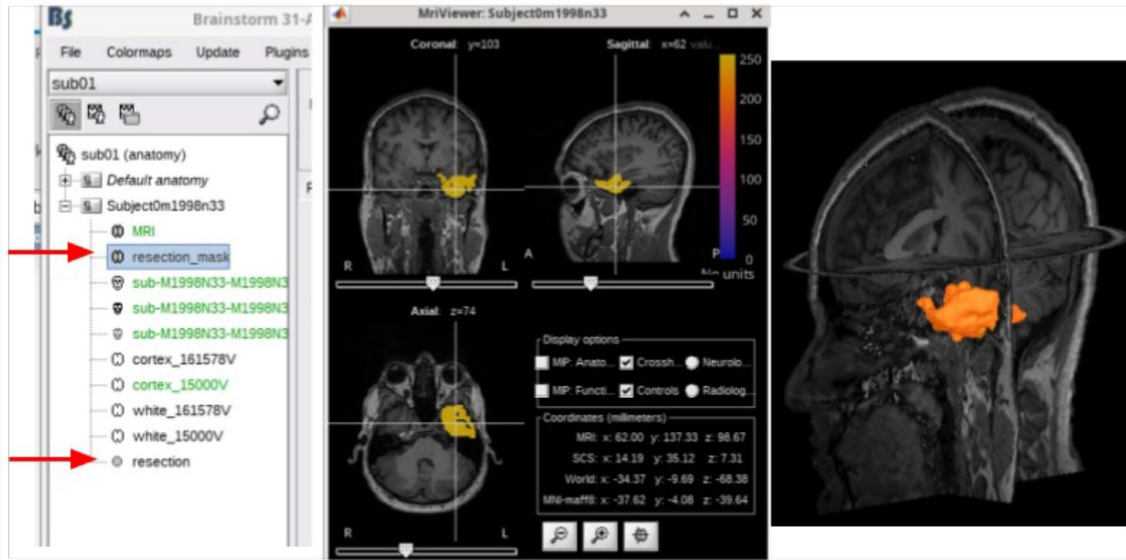
- Brainstorm - DUNEuro: An integrated and user-friendly Finite Element Method for modeling electromagnetic brain activity



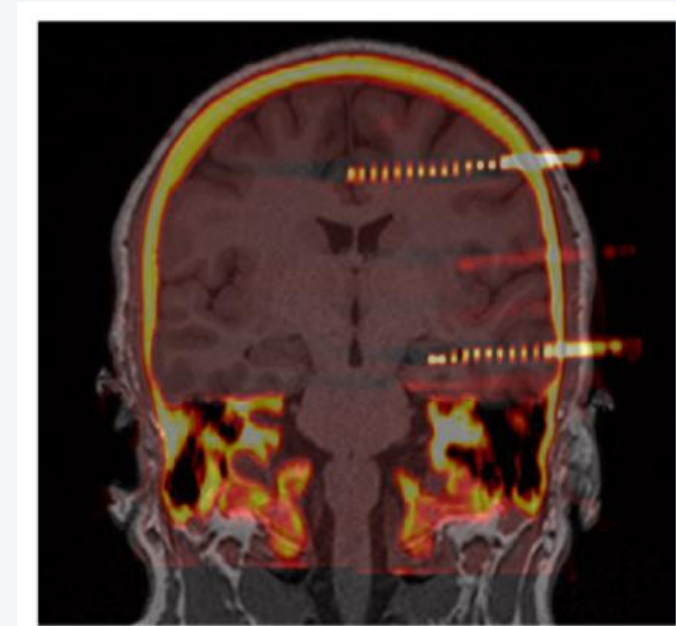
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What's New?

- CT-MRI volume co-registration and Resection labeling



pre/post op resection volume detection



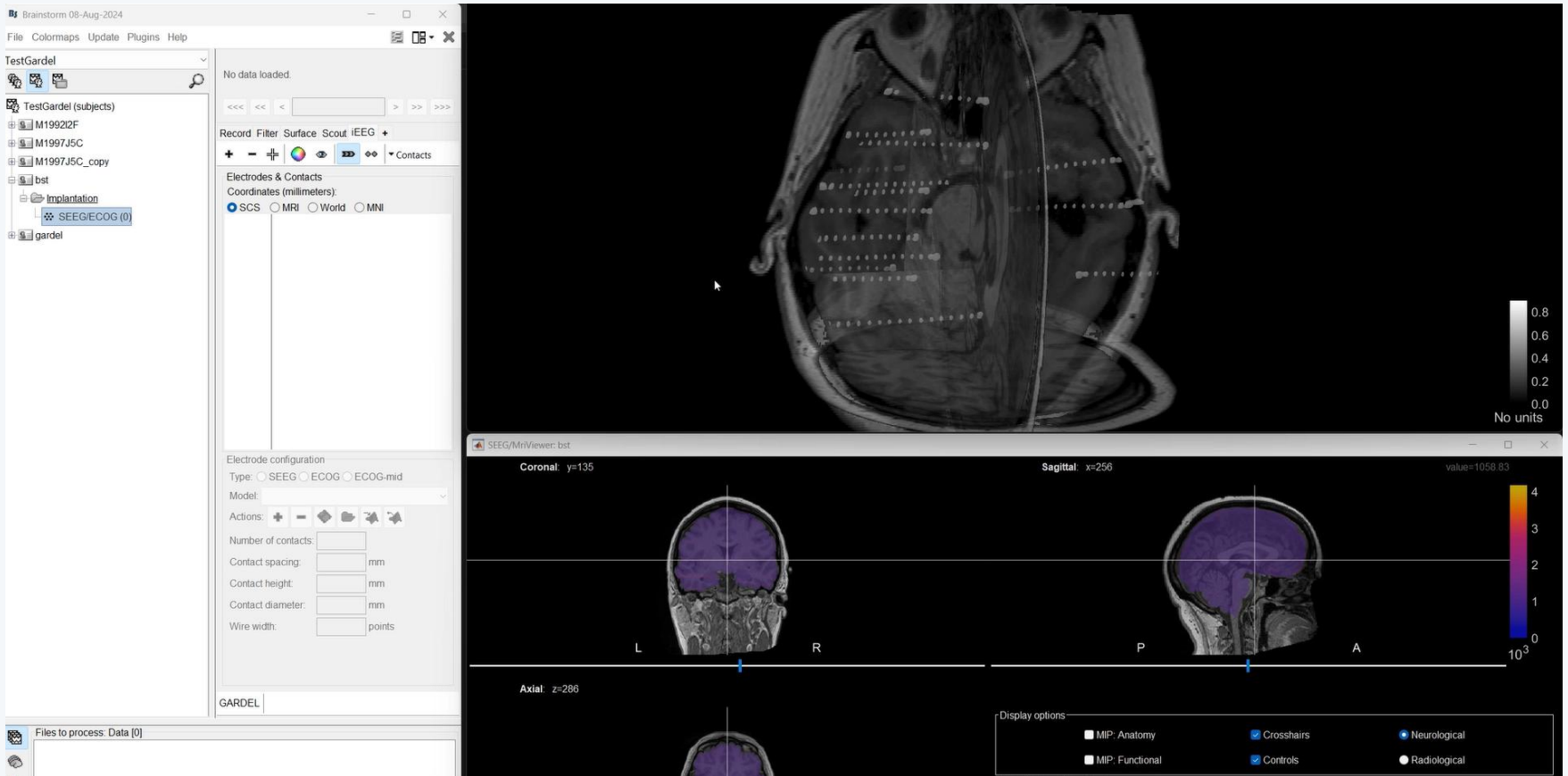
CT-MRI registration

A Joshi, Chinara, T. Medani and brainstorm team

https://neuroimage.usc.edu/brainstorm/Tutorials/SegBrainSuite?highlight=%28resection%29#Resection_labeling

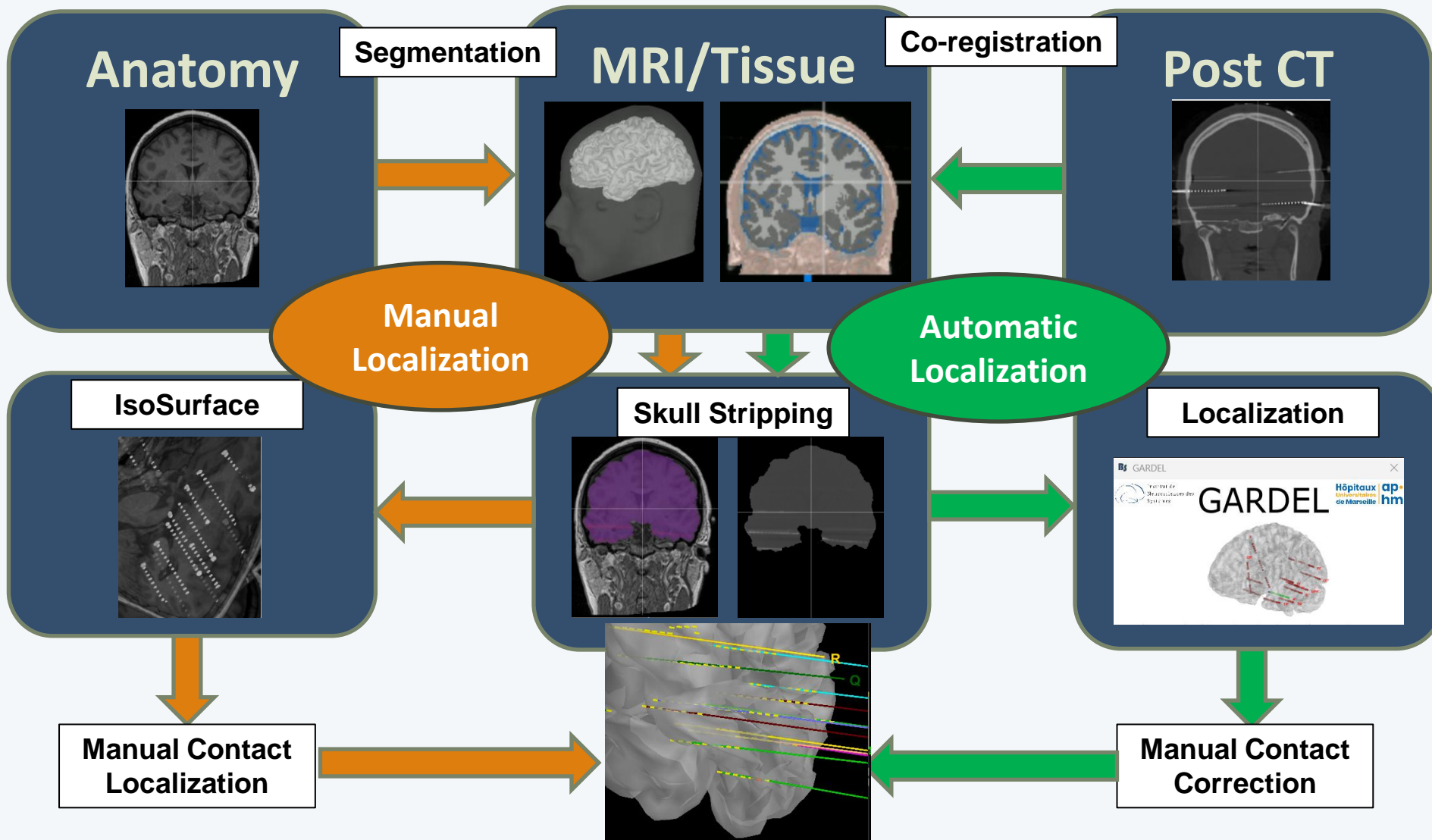
What's New?

- Automated sEEG Electrode Localization and Labeling



Chinara, S. Medina, A. Joshi, [C-G Béнар](https://neuroimage.usc.edu/brainstorm/Tutorials/leegContactLocalization), T. Medani and brainstorm team: <https://neuroimage.usc.edu/brainstorm/Tutorials/leegContactLocalization>
Medina Villalon et al. EpiTools, 2018 doi: 10.1016/j.jneumeth.2018.03.018

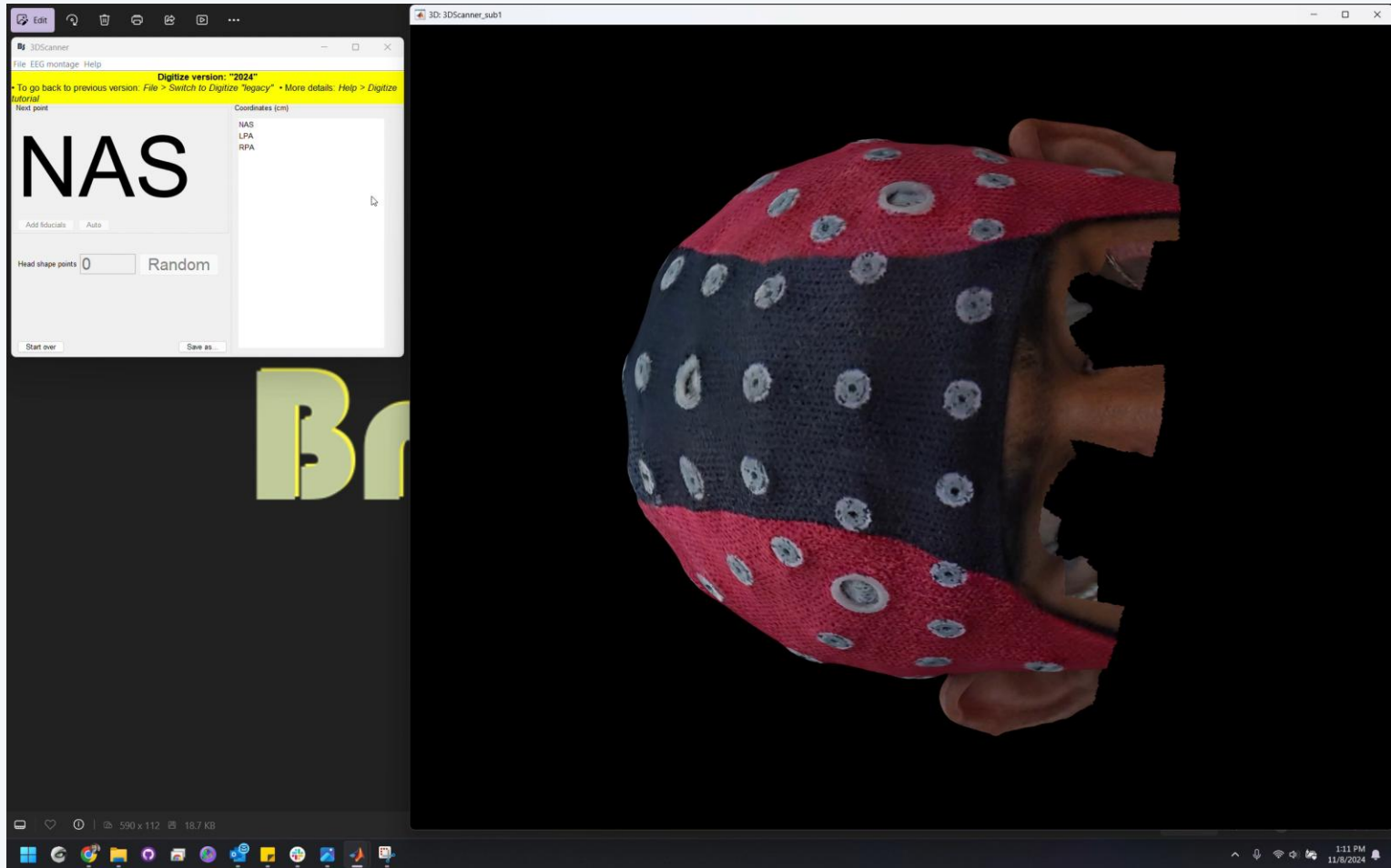
sEEG : Co-registration & contact localization



Chinara, S. Medina, A. Joshi, C-G Béнар, T. Medani and brainstorm team: <https://neuroimage.usc.edu/brainstorm/Tutorials/leegContactLocalization>
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What's New?

- Automated EEG Electrode Localization and Labeling



Chinara, A Joshi, Vakilna, Medani, and brainstorm team: <https://neuroimage.usc.edu/brainstorm/Tutorials/TutDigitize3dScanner>

Co-registration MEEG / MRI (2)

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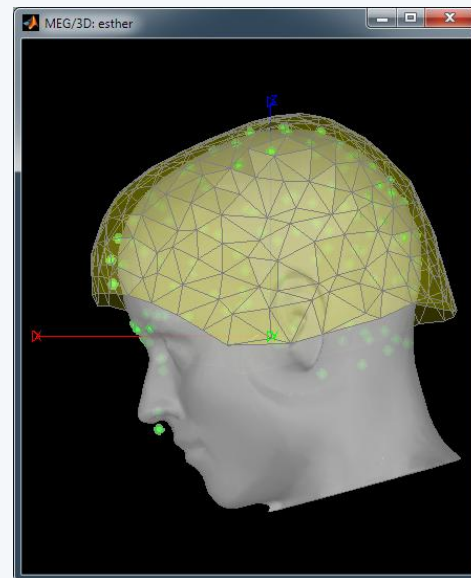
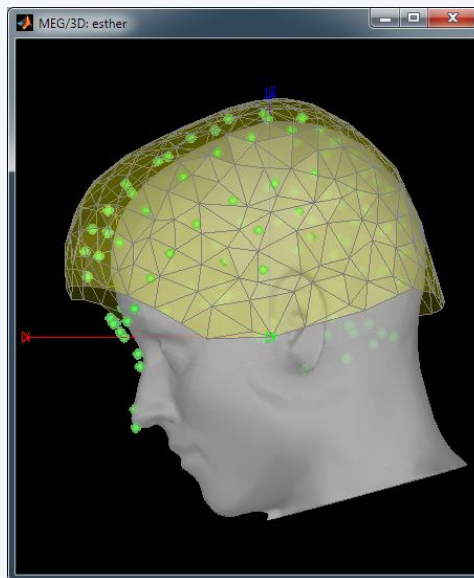
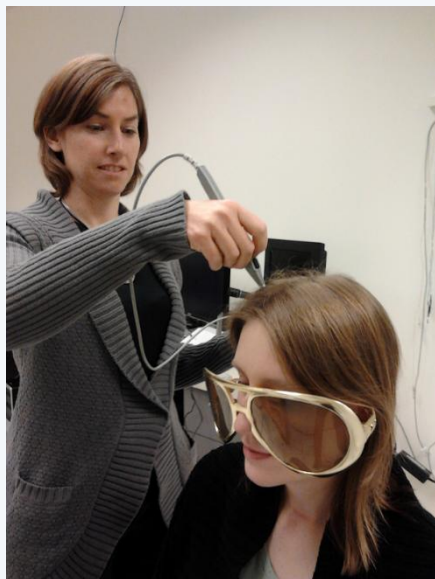
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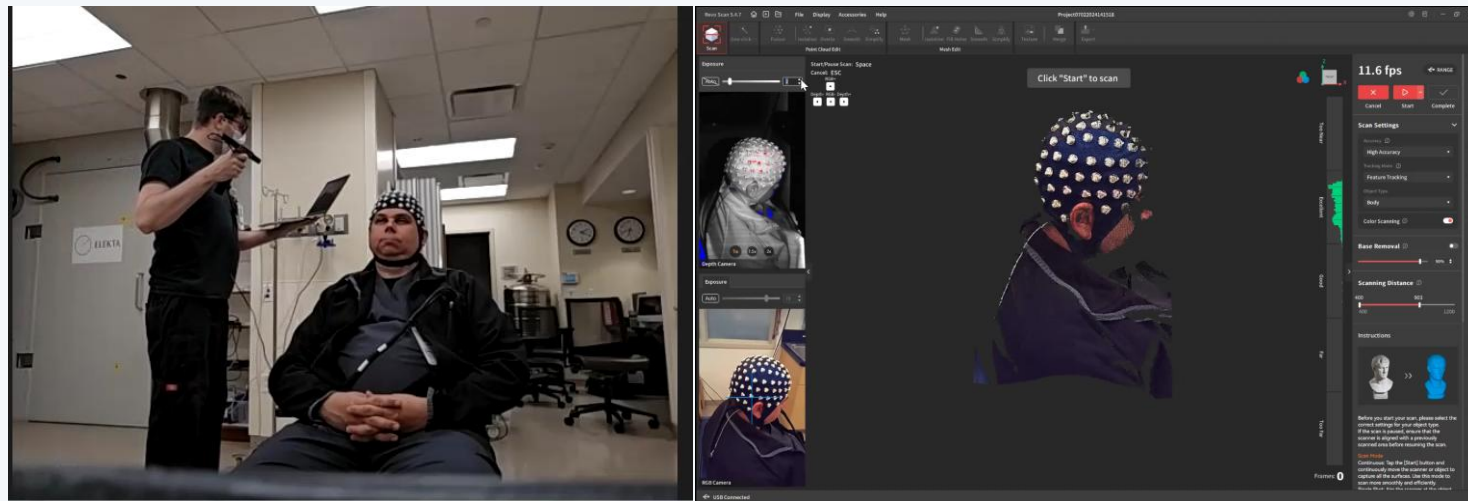
- Automatic adjustment based on head shape: Fitting Polhemus points on the MRI head surface
- Final registration must be checked manually
- Polhemus driver included in Brainstorm



Co-registration EEG / MRI (3)

Anatomy
MRI registration

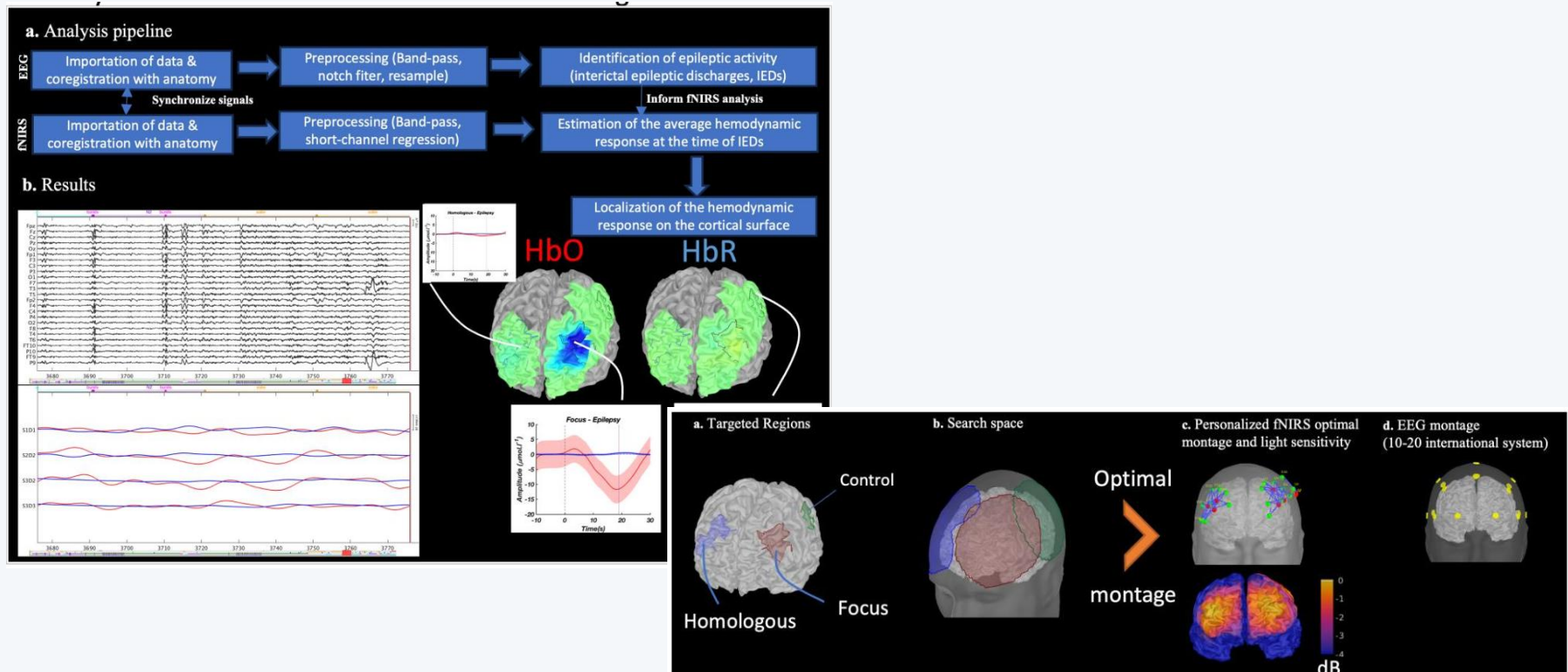
- 3D for scanning EEG scalp electrode



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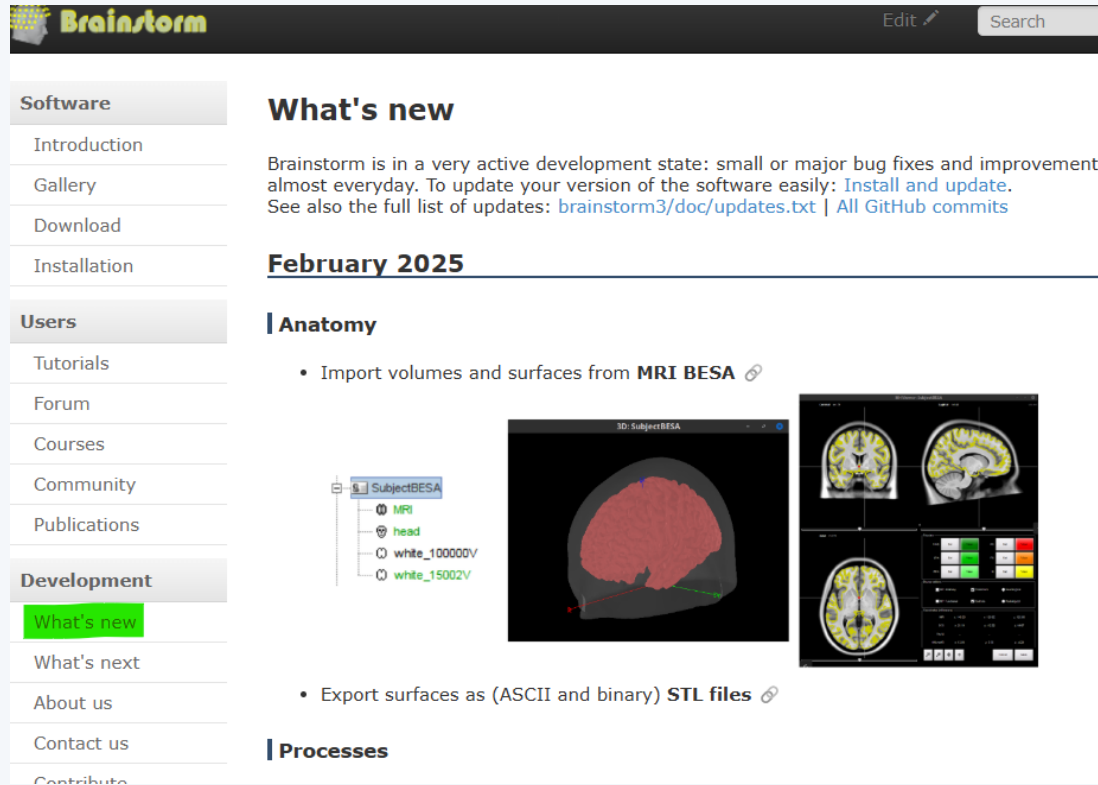
What's New?

- **NIRSTORM**: a Brainstorm extension dedicated to functional Near Infrared Spectroscopy (fNIRS) data analysis, advanced 3D reconstructions, and optimal probe design



Édouard Delaire, Thomas Vincent, Zhengchen Cai, Alexis Machado, Laurent Hugueville, Denis Schwartz, Francois Tadel, Raymundo Cassani, Louis Bherer, Jean-Marc Lina, Mélanie Péligrini-Issac, Christophe Grova (<https://www.biorxiv.org/content/10.1101/2024.09.05.611463v1>)

And more...!!

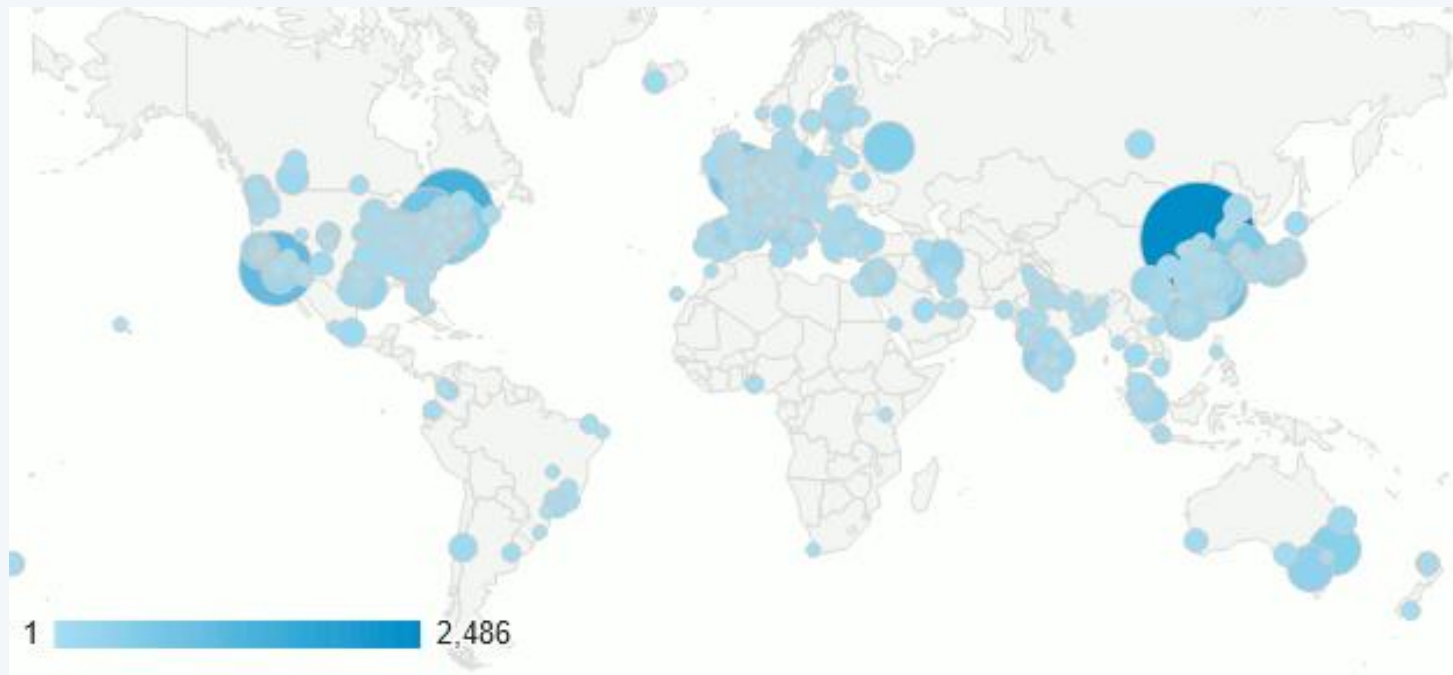


The screenshot shows the Brainstorm website's 'What's new' page. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Brainstorm logo, an 'Edit' button, and a search box. Below the navigation bar, there are two main sections: 'Software' and 'Users'. The 'Software' section includes links for Introduction, Gallery, Download, and Installation. The 'Users' section includes links for Tutorials, Forum, Courses, Community, and Publications. Below these, there are sections for 'Development' (with 'What's new' highlighted) and 'Contribute'. The main content area is titled 'What's new' and contains a paragraph about the software's active development state, followed by a section for 'February 2025'. Under 'February 2025', there is a sub-section for 'Anatomy' with a bullet point: 'Import volumes and surfaces from MRI BESA'. This is accompanied by three images: a tree view showing a hierarchy of 'SubjectBESA' with sub-items 'MRI', 'head', 'white_10000V', and 'white_15002V'; a 3D brain model with a red surface; and a 2D brain slice view with a control panel. Below this, another bullet point reads: 'Export surfaces as (ASCII and binary) STL files'. Finally, there is a sub-section for 'Processes'.

<https://neuroimage.usc.edu/brainstorm/News>

User community (2025)

- >47,000+ users registered on the website



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User support

- Online tutorials: 30-hour self-training program
- Active user forum: 150 posts/month
- Daily updates: 1500 downloads/month

The screenshot shows the Brainstorm website's home page. At the top left is the Brainstorm logo. Below it is a navigation menu with categories: Software, Users, and Development. The 'Software' section includes links for Introduction, Gallery, Download, and Installation. The 'Users' section includes Tutorials, Forum, Courses, Community, and Publications. The 'Development' section includes 'What's new'. The main content area is titled 'Get started' and is divided into three columns of links: 'Starting a new study' (1-3), 'Reviewing' (4-7), and 'Pre-processing' (8-15). The right column contains 'Epoching and averaging' (15-19), 'Source modeling' (20-23), and 'Advanced processing' (24-28).

The screenshot shows the Brainstorm forum interface. At the top is the Brainstorm logo and a search bar. Below the logo are navigation options: 'all categories', 'all tags', 'Latest', 'Top', and 'Categories'. There is a '+ New Topic' button. The forum posts are listed in a table with columns for 'Topic', 'Replies', 'Views', and 'Activity'. The first post is 'Extract amplitude and latency for P1, N1, P2, P3' with 3 replies, 197 views, and 5h activity. The second post is 'About Freesurfer' with 2 replies, 31 views, and 7h activity.



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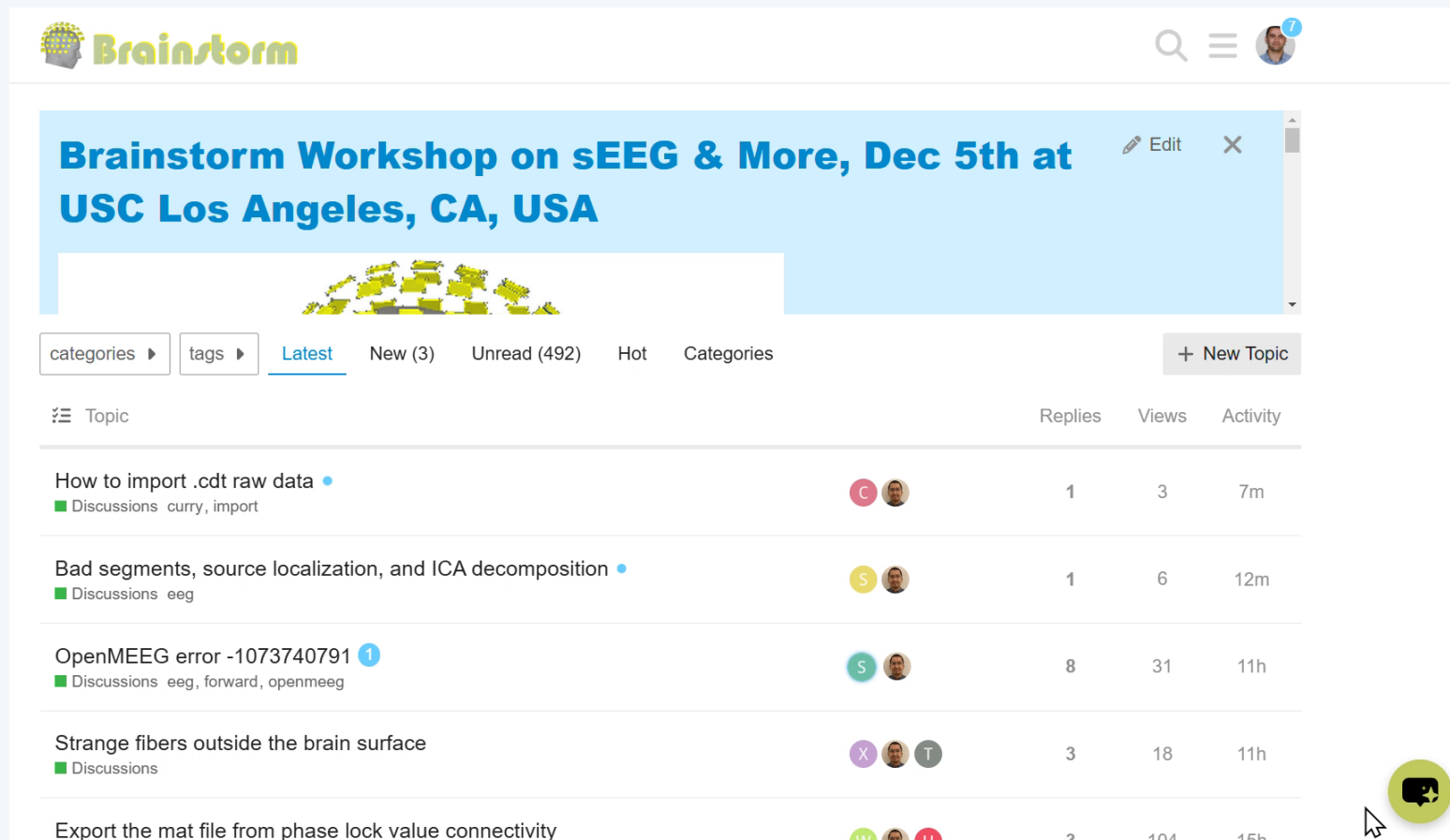


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- Forum Brainstorm Chabot



The screenshot displays the Brainstorm forum interface. At the top left is the Brainstorm logo. On the right, there are search, menu, and user profile icons. A prominent blue banner at the top reads "Brainstorm Workshop on sEEG & More, Dec 5th at USC Los Angeles, CA, USA". Below the banner is a navigation bar with tabs for "categories", "tags", "Latest", "New (3)", "Unread (492)", "Hot", and "Categories", along with a "+ New Topic" button. The main content area shows a list of forum topics with columns for "Topic", "Replies", "Views", and "Activity".

Topic	Replies	Views	Activity
How to import .cdt raw data ■ Discussions curry, import	1	3	7m
Bad segments, source localization, and ICA decomposition ■ Discussions eeg	1	6	12m
OpenMEEG error -1073740791 ■ Discussions eeg, forward, openmeeg	8	31	11h
Strange fibers outside the brain surface ■ Discussions	3	18	11h
Export the mat file from phase lock value connectivity	3	104	15h

<https://neuroimage.usc.edu/forums/>

Upcoming Brainstorm Events

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📍 Toulouse, France,

Date: March 19, 2025

Focus: Advanced [training](#) in Brainstorm's features for stereotactic EEG (sEEG) analysis.

Part of the MicMac2025

<https://micmac-workshop.org>

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📍 Aix-en-Provence, France

Date: October 27–31, 2025

Focus: Brainstorm overview presentation and hands-on on EEG and MEG analysis.

Part of *PracticalMEEG events*

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📍 Hyderabad, India

Date: April 7, 2025

Focus: Brainstorm overview presentation and demo on EEG and MEG analysis.

Part of the International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing ([ICASSP](#)).

Program & Registration: <https://lnkd.in/diVwMDRz>

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📍 Brisbane, Australia

Date: June 24-28, 2025

Focus: Software Demo.

Part of *OHBM 2025*

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🧑 Host a Workshop

Looking to organize a tailored Brainstorm workshop for your lab, university, or team? Whether you need to advance your knowledge or stay at the forefront of cutting-edge methods, we're here to help!

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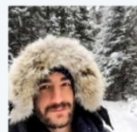


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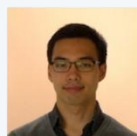
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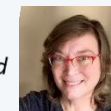
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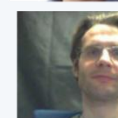
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TODAY


Today's event!

- Hands-on Session for Quantitative sEEG Analysis
 - **Prerequisites:** Ensure you have installed and tested the software and obtained a dataset copy.
 - **Walkthrough Guide:** Access the step-by-step guide online: <https://neuroimage.usc.edu/brainstorm/WorkshopToulouse2025>
- **Topics Covered:**
 - Introduction to the software and its features
 - Performing end-to-end sEEG analysis using Brainstorm
 - Importing, exploring, and processing anatomical data (MRIs)
 - Importing, post-processing, and analyzing sEEG data
 - Sensor- and source-level analysis
 - Highlights the Epileptogenic Zone ‘fingerprint’.

The Epileptogenic Zone 'fingerprint' (sensor)

JOURNAL ARTICLE

A fingerprint of the epileptogenic zone in human epilepsies

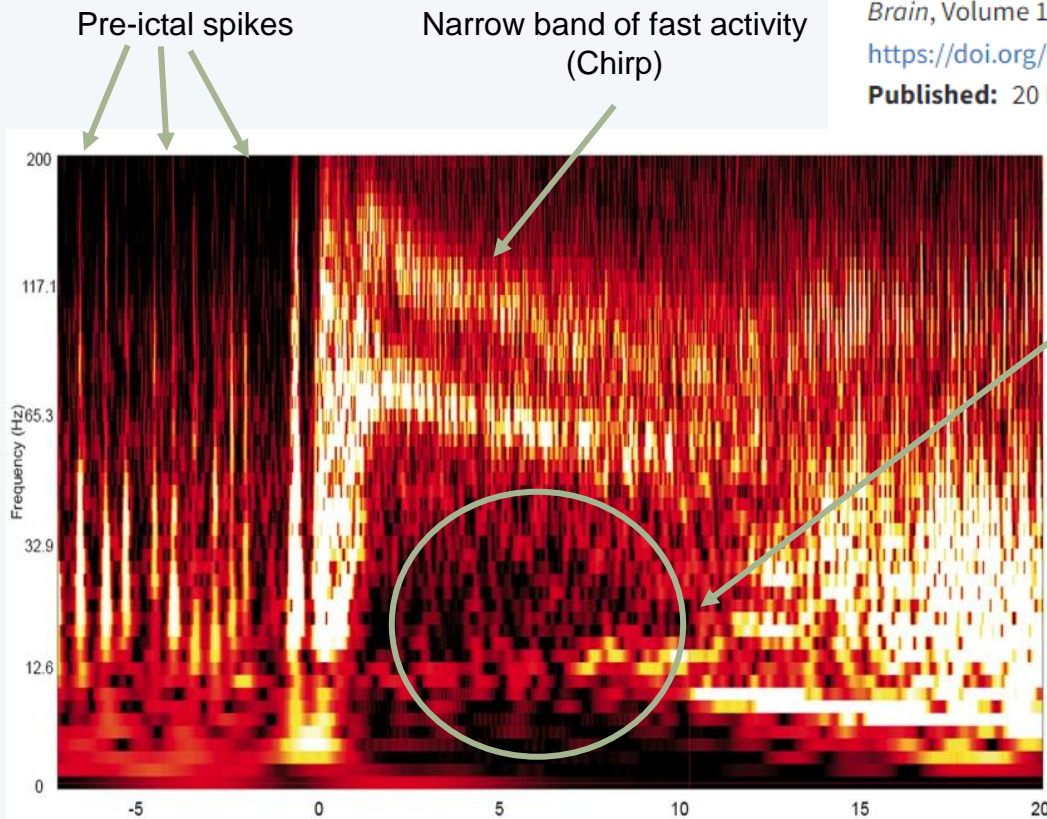
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The Epileptogenic Zone 'fingerprint' [source]

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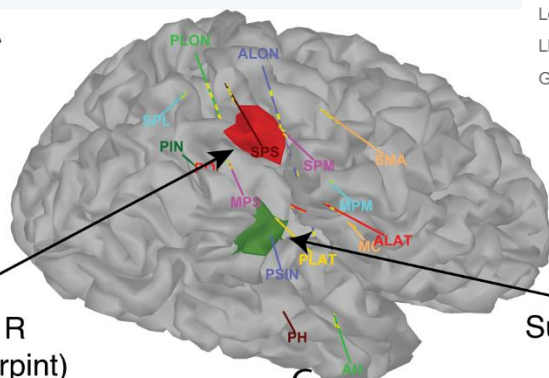
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Time-Frequency Fingerprint Analysis in SEEG Source-Space to Identify the Epileptogenic Zone

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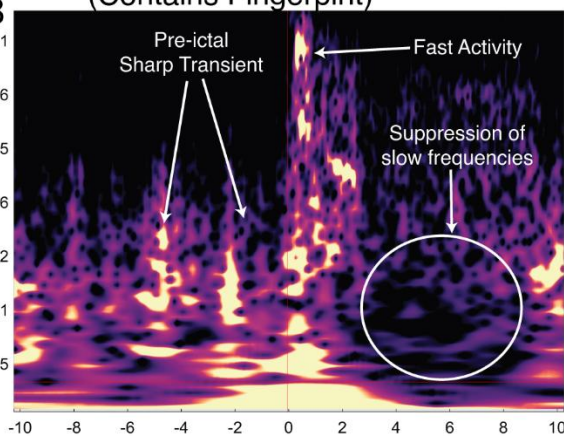
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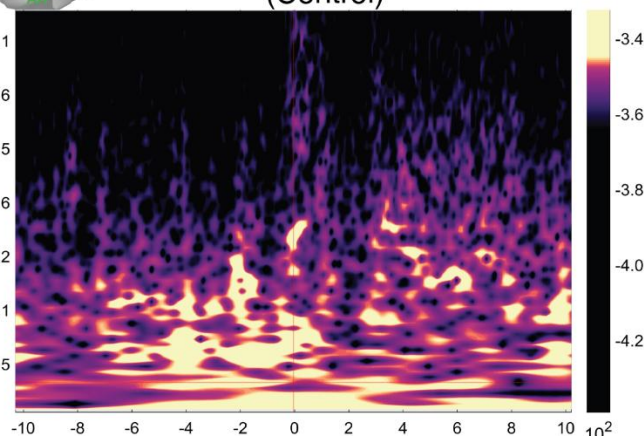
Post-Central R
(Contains Fingerprint)

Supramarginal R
(Control)

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Sample Data

- Patient with known drug-resistant epilepsy (@UTH Houston)
- PT has PMG (polymicrogyria) in the right perirolandic (central lobe) region,
→suspected seizure onset site
- PT underwent SEEG lead implantation predominantly targeting the anatomical abnormality.
 - 17 devices ('electrodes') implanted, comprising about 250 ('channels,' 'contacts').
 - Depth electrodes: model **PMT2102-14-091/2102-16-101**
 - SEEG signals were recorded on a Nihon Kohden (Irvine, CA) EEG machine with a 2kHz SR
- The visual analysis of SEEG demonstrated seizure onset patterns
 - sEEG data was evaluated and marked by a neurologist/epileptologist
 - Multiple data recordings were provided (baseline, ictal and interictal, and LVFA)

Analysis approach

- Patient anatomy:
 - T1 MRI raw
 - T1 MRI pre-implantation, processed with Freesurfer
 - CT Scan post-implantation
 - Registered on the pre-implantation image with Brainstorm (&SPM)
 - Used to get 3D positions for the SEEG contacts
- Patient sEEG Data analysis
 - sEEG data processing (events markers, filters, ...)
 - Forward and inverse model computation
 - Interictal spike: 2D sensor layout display
 - Interictal spike source level: sLORETA
 - Seizure onset with ictal wave source level: sLORETA
 - Ictal onset with LVFA: sensor level EZ fingerprint
 - Ictal onset with LVFA: source level EZ fingerprint
 - Ictal onset with repetitive spiking: filtered sLORETA

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