

# Advanced Signal Processing I

*Digital Filters*  
*Time Frequency Approaches*  
*Ocular Artifacts*

ERPs ... N400, ERN, FRN

## Political Evaluations!

➤ Morris Squires et al. *Political Psychology* 2003

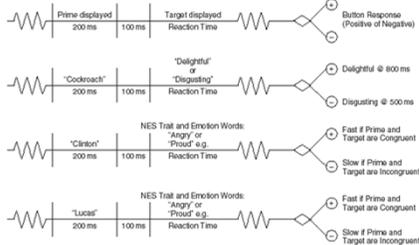
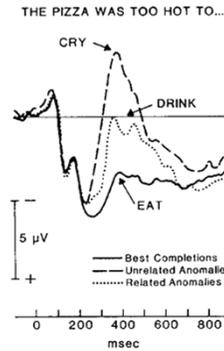


Figure 2. Attitude-priming paradigm and examples of its use.

## Announcements

- Research Proposals due next Monday (April 29) no later than 3 pm via email to instructor
  - Word format (DOC or RTF) preferred
  - Use the stipulated format (check website for details)
  - Look at the relevant "guidelines" paper(s) (link on website)
- Take home final distributed next week, due May 7 at noon (hardcopy in my mailbox).
- 3x5s x 2

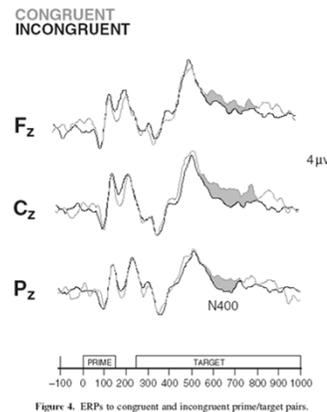
## N400 and Language



- Originally reported by Kutas & Hillyard, 1980.
- Semantic Incongruity is separable from other forms of deviations (e.g. large font)
  - N400 Semantic Deviation
  - P300 Physical Deviation
- Also seen in semantic differentiation tasks (Polich, 1985): APPLE, BANANA, ORANGE, MANGO, TRUCK
- Subject-Object mismatch (the Florida group)
- NOTE: N400 will appear before P3 (which will be ~P550 in word tasks)

ERPs and Hot Cognition

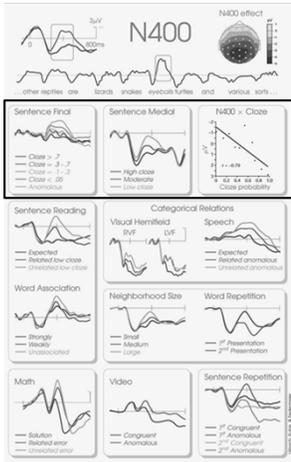
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Congruent or incongruent defined based on idiographic data from pretest

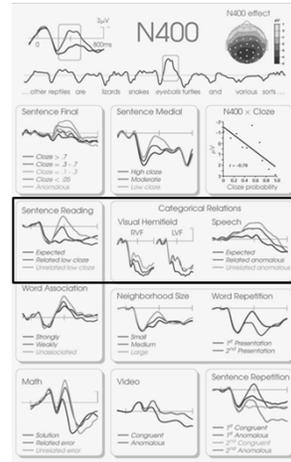
Figure 4. ERPs to congruent and incongruent prime/target pairs.

Morris Squires et al. *Political Psychology* 2003



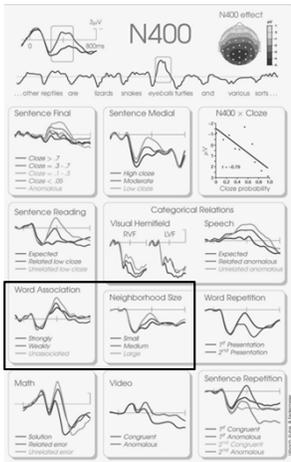
- Cloze probability: proportion of respondents supplying the word as continuation given preceding context
- N400 reflects unexpected word given the preceding context
- This is independent of degree of contextual constraint
- Larger N400
  - Low cloze, Contextual constraint high:
    - *The bill was due at the end of the hour*
  - Low cloze, Contextual constraint low:
    - *He was soothed by the gentle wind*
- Smaller N400
  - *The bill was due at the end of the month*

Kutas & Federmeier, 2011



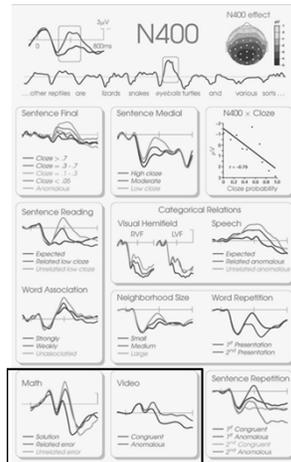
- Sentence completion
  - Best (expected) related *small*
  - Unexpected but related *larger*
  - Unexpected and unrelated *largest*
- Categorical relations ... sentence final word is:
  - an expected category exemplar
  - an unexpected, implausible exemplar from the same category as the expected one (related anomalous)
  - from a different category (unrelated anomalous)
- Note multiple modalities of effect, and graded effect in RVF (LH)

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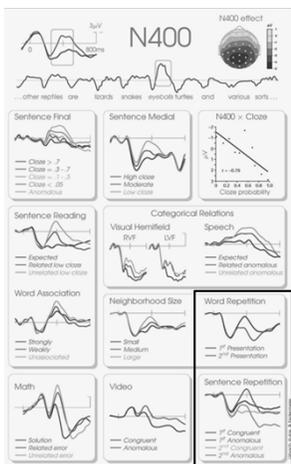
- Word Association, with second word in pair
  - Unrelated to first (*eat door*)
  - Weakly related to first (*eat spoon*)
  - Strongly related to first (*eat drink*)
- Orthographic neighborhood size (among a list of words, pseudowords, and acronyms)
  - Words that share all but one letter in common with particular word
  - Large 'hood (e.g., slop) – *large N400*
  - Small 'hood (e.g. draw) – *small N400*

Kutas & Federmeier, 2011



- Math: (e.g.,  $5 \times 8 = \underline{\quad}$ )
  - Correct (40) *small*
  - Related (32, 24, 16) *small if close*
  - Unrelated (34, 26, 18) *large*
- Movement and Gestures
  - Typical actions (cutting bread with knife) = *small*
  - Purposeless, inappropriate, or impossible actions = *large*
    - *Cutting jewelry on plate with fork and knife*
    - *Cutting bread with saw*
- N400 modulated by both:
  - appropriateness of object (e.g., screwdriver instead of key into keyhole)
  - features of motor act per se (e.g., orientation of object to keyhole)

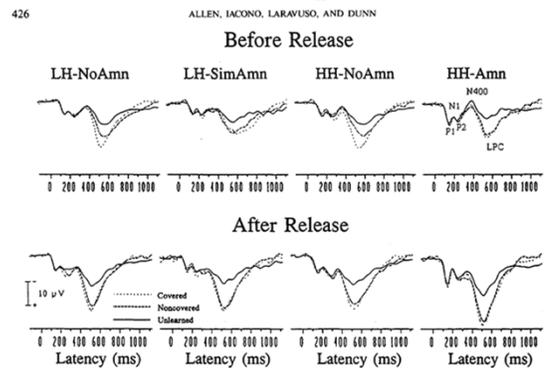
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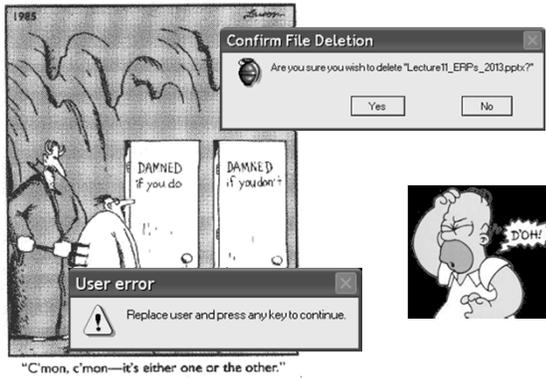
- Repetition effects
  - Repetition creates contextual familiarity, reduced processing demands
  - N400 thus useful in studying memory
  - Appears additive with incongruity effects

Kutas & Federmeier, 2011

## N400 – The Unexpected Hero!



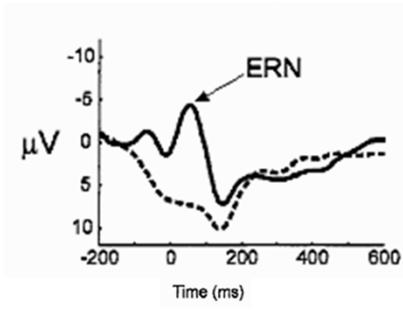
Life is full of choices ... and consequences



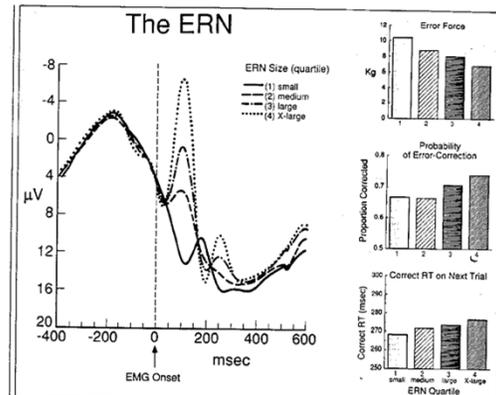
## Choices and Feedback



## The ERN



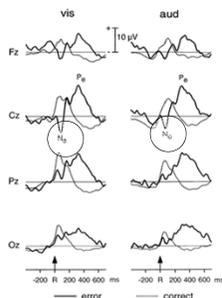
Also sometimes termed Ne



Gehring et al., 1993

Fig. 3. Relationship between error-related negativity (ERN) amplitude and three measures of compensatory behavior. Left panel: Average event-related potentials at the Cz electrode as a function of the four levels of the posterior probability measure of ERN amplitude. Right panel, top: Error squeeze force in Kg as a function of the four ERN levels. Right panel, middle: Probability of error correction as a function of the four ERN levels. Right panel, bottom: Correct reaction time on the trial following an error as a function of the four ERN levels.

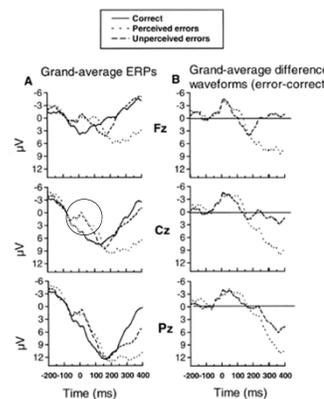
## Modality Specific?



Does not matter what modality stimulus was presented

Fig. 4. Grand averages (Experiment 4, n = 12) of the RTA for errors (heavy lines) and correct trials (light lines) after visual (vis) and auditory letter stimuli leads in a 2CR task. The error negativity (Ne) is seen as a sharp negative deflection with central maximum peaking at about 100 ms after the incorrect key press (R). The error positivity (Pe) is seen as a late parietal positivity with Cz maximum peaking at about 300 ms after the incorrect key press. On correct trials a positive complex with Pz maximum is seen.

Does not matter what modality response was made  
Eye



Nieuwenhuis et al., 2001: Saccade Task

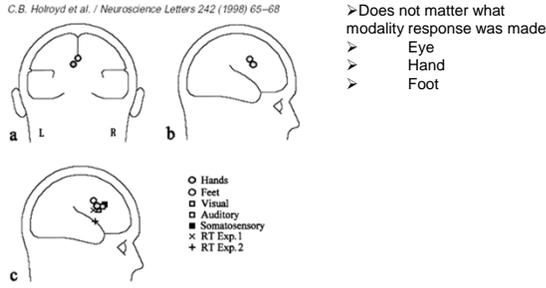


Fig. 2. Source localization of the error-related negativity. Circles represent locations of sources determined for hand and foot responses: (a) coronal view; (b) sagittal view; (c) for comparison, source locations of the ERN determined in previous studies are depicted along with the locations of the ERN obtained in the present study. Squares represent locations of sources found for ERNs elicited by visual, auditory, and somatosensory feedback [10]. Crossed symbols represent locations of sources found for ERNs elicited by errors in two reaction time experiments [2].

### Error Detection Vs. Error Compensation

- If Error Compensation, ERN/Ne should not be present in tasks where compensation impossible
- Ergo...
  - the Go-Nogo!
  - Play along... press only for X following X

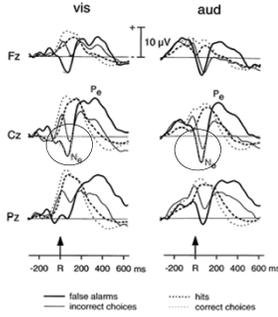


Fig. 5. Grand averages (Experiment 2,  $n = 10$ ) of the RTA for false alarms and hits in Go/Nogo tasks (thick lines), and choice errors and correct choice trials in two-way choice tasks (thin lines). Errors continuous lines, correct responses broken lines. The Ne is delayed relative to the incorrect key press, and the De is smaller, for choice errors compared to false alarms. In correct trials a positive complex with Pz maximum is seen, which is larger after visual than after auditory stimuli. However, this complex is not larger for hits than for correct choice trials.

Falkenstein Hoormann Christ & Hohnsbein, *Biological Psychology*, 2000, Summary of Falkenstein et al 1996

### Error Detection Vs. Outcome Impact

- Might the “cost” or “importance” or “salience” of an error be relevant to this process?
- Studies relevant to error salience
  - Speed-accuracy trade off
  - Individual differences

### Speed Vs. Accuracy

M. Falkenstein et al., *Biological Psychology* 51 (2000) 87-107

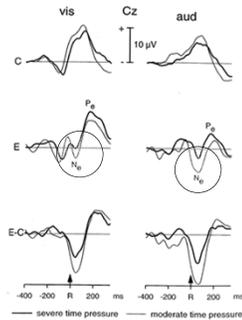


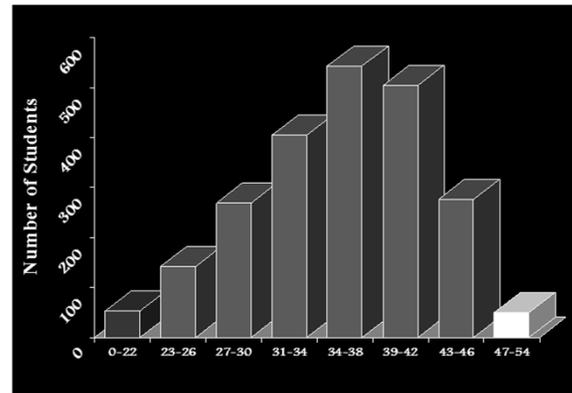
Fig. 4. Grand averages (Experiment 1,  $n = 9$ ) of the RTA for correct responses (C), errors (E), and difference wavechapes (error minus correct; E-C) in a 24R task under moderate (right lines) and severe time pressure (left lines). The error rates were 15% (moderate) and 30% (severe); the number of error trials used was equalised for the two conditions. The Ne is smaller for severe time pressure/high error rate.

### Individual Differences

- Psychopathy (or analog)
- OCD

## Deficits in Error Monitoring in Psychopathy

- Psychopaths appear unable to learn from the consequences of their errors
  - Avoidance learning deficits
  - In the context of rewards *and* punishments
  - Deficient anticipatory anxiety

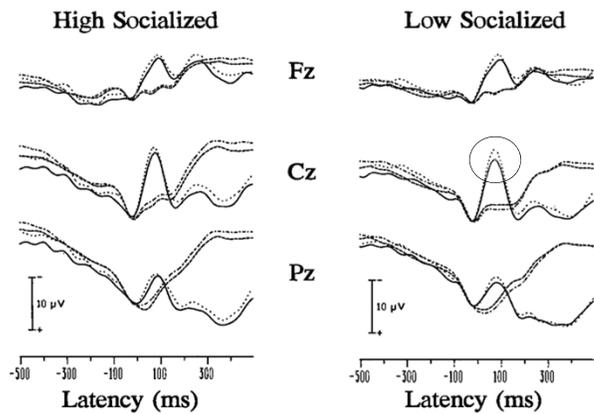


Thirty participants selected: 15 high SO  
15 low SO

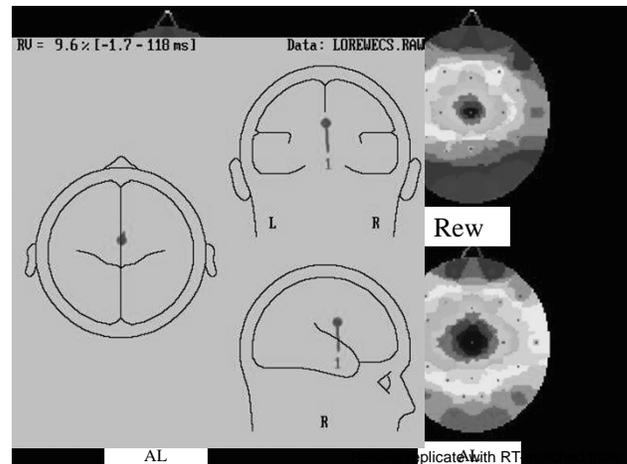
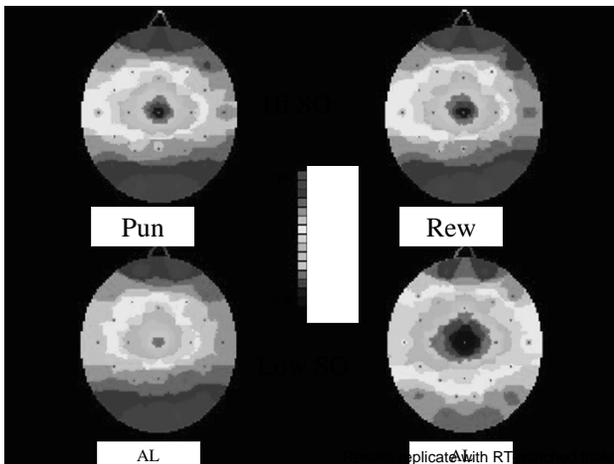
Dikman & Allen, 2000, *Psychophysiology*

### Procedure

- Eriksen flanker task: SSHSS
- Two conditions for each subject
  - Reward (REW), errors “No \$”
  - Punishment (PUN), errors 95 dB tone
- Consequences of errors could be avoided by self-correcting response within 1700 msec window
- Response mapping switched at start of each of 10 blocks, total trials 600
- Only corrected error trials examined



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## ERN in OCD

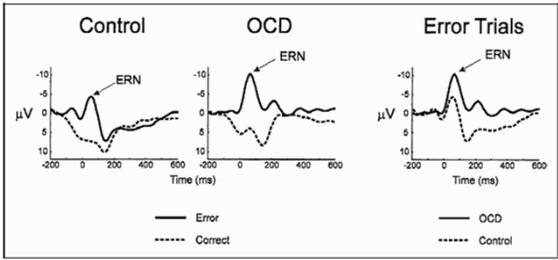
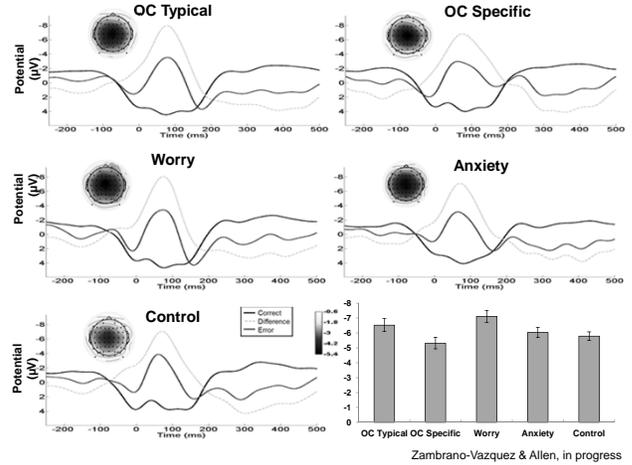


Fig. 1. Response-locked event-related potential waveforms at the Cz electrode location. The left panel compares correct-trial and error-trial waveforms for control participants and for individuals with obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD). The right panel compares error-trial waveforms for the two groups. Times are plotted relative to the latency of the button-press response. ERN = error-related negativity.

And amplitude of ERN correlates with Symptom severity (correlation magnitude ~.50); Gehring et al. (2000)



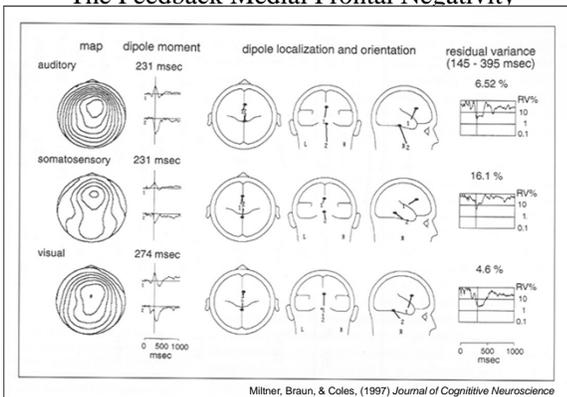
## Error Detection Vs. Conflict

- Trials on which errors occur will entail greater response conflict than those without errors
- So, is it error detection, or response conflict?
- Stay tuned...

## Errors and Feedback

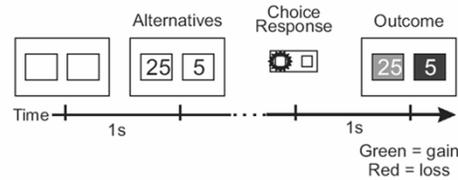
- Endogenous Error Detection
- Exogenous Error Feedback
- Common Mechanism?

## The Feedback Medial Frontal Negativity

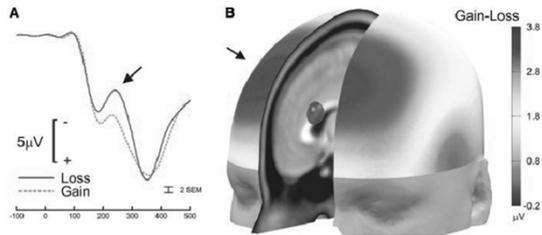


Miltner, Braun, & Coles, (1997) *Journal of Cognitive Neuroscience*

## The Gambling Task

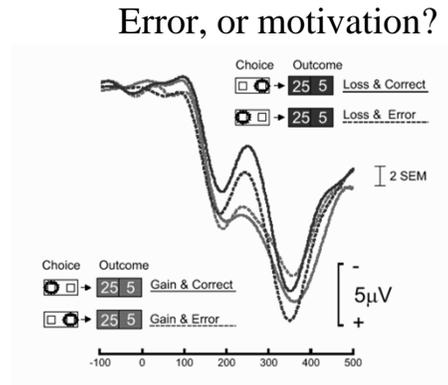


Gehring and Willoughby, 2002 *Science*



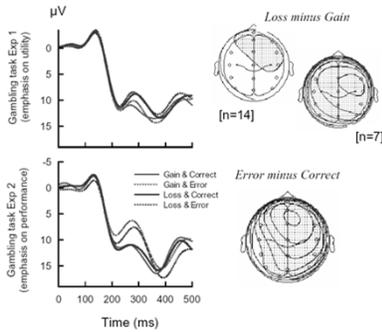
**Fig. 2.** ERP waveforms, scalp topography, and likely neural generator of the MFN. (A) The waveforms are shown at the Fz (frontal) electrode site. The solid red line corresponds to the average ERP waveform for all trials in which the participant lost money. The dashed green line corresponds to those trials in which the participant gained money. The MFN is indicated by the arrow. The error bar represents two standard errors of the mean, based on the mean squared error from the ANOVA (9). (B) The map of scalp activity shows the voltages, derived by subtracting the loss-trial waveform from the gain-trial waveform, computed at 265 ms after the onset of the outcome stimulus. Larger positive values correspond to a greater MFN effect. The MFN is indicated by the focus of activity at the Fz electrode (designated by the arrow). The best-fitting dipole model of the generator of the MFN is shown as a red sphere centered in the ACC on a canonical magnetic resonance imaging template of the human head (9).

Gehring and Willoughby, 2002 *Science*



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Effect may depend on *relevant* dimension of feedback



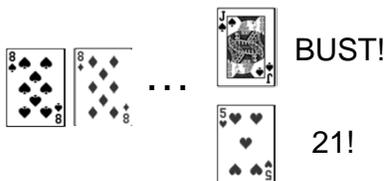
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## FRN and Problem Gambling

Why do Gamblers Gamble?

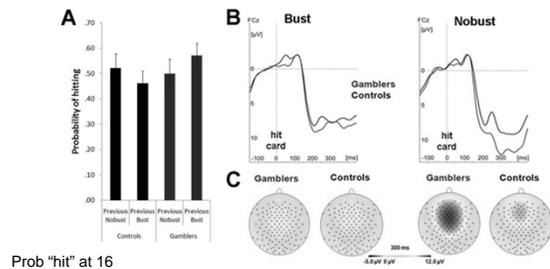
## Black Jack Study

- 20 Problem Gamblers, 20 Controls
- Black Jack



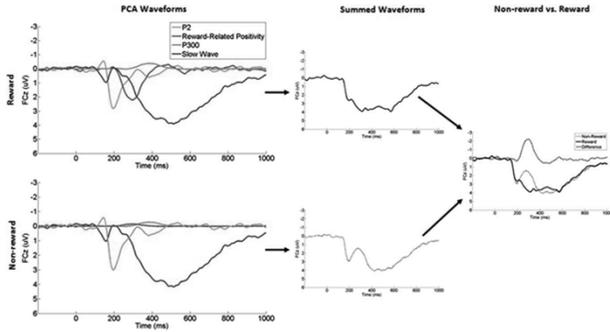
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FRN may be absence of Reward Positivity



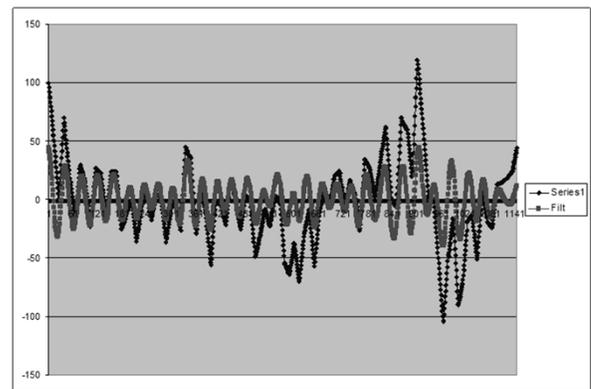
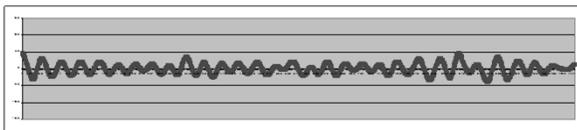
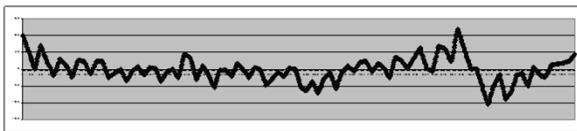
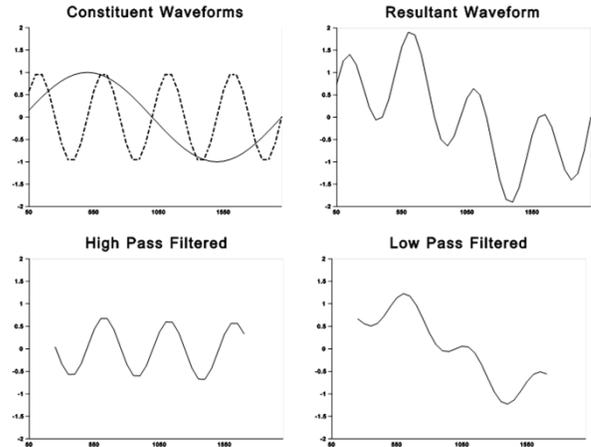
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Digital Vs. Analog Filtering

- Analog filters can introduce phase shift or lag
  - Certain frequency components "lagging" behind the others
  - This is the effect of a capacitor literally slowing a signal
  - Some frequencies are slowed more than others
  - Problem: some ERP components could be distorted
- Hence, digital filtering is a preferred alternative.
  - No phase shift
  - Is widely used in last several decades
- If digitized signal has minimal filtering, nearly infinite possibilities exist for digital filtering later

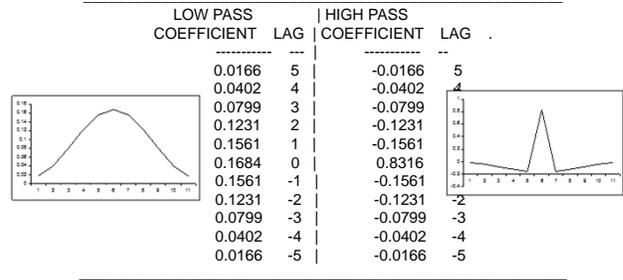


# The Details!

## ➤ Handout on Digital Filtering

## Filter Details

A. Linear digital filters may be conceived of as vectors of weights that are to be multiplied by the digitally sampled values from a waveform. The filters given below are both 11 point digital filters with a half-amplitude frequency cutoff of approximately 17.5 Hz for data sampled at 200 Hz.



## More Details

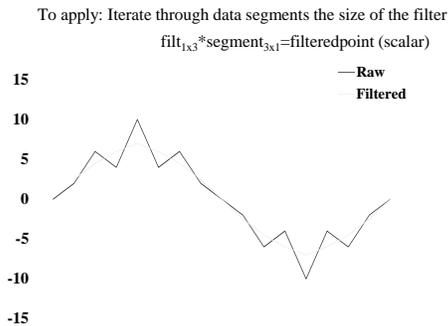
- 11 point filters indicates that 11 sample points are used in the determination of the new filtered value of any one sample point
- Middle (sixth) sample point is a weighted sum of the first 11 samples.
- The non-recursive filter uses raw sample values in the calculations; recursive filters use the already filtered values of preceding samples in the calculations. Non-recursive filters are more straightforward and more commonly used.
- The term linear denotes that the filter involves the computation of weighted sums of the digital sample values. Other filtering algorithms can be devised, but are not often applied to psychophysiological signals.

## More Details (cont')

- Digital filters have characteristics that are sampling-rate dependent.
- These same filters would have a different cutoff frequency for data sampled at different sampling rates.
- Once you know the characteristics of a digital filter at a given frequency, it is a simple matter to convert the filter to another sampling rate as follows:  
 $17.5/200 = x/1000$  ;  $x = 87.5$  @ 1000 Hz Sampling rate  
 $17.5/200 = x/20$  ;  $x = 1.75$  @ 20 Hz Sampling rate

## Muy Simple Filter

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## Some filters and their Transfer Functions

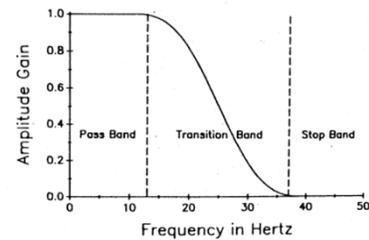
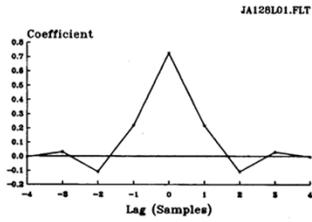


Figure 1. The gain function of a filter is divided into the pass band, transition band, and stop band. The gain function shown is for a low-pass filter.

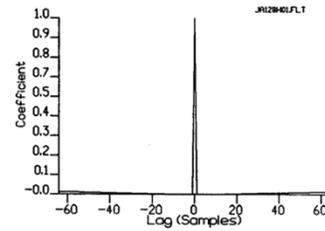
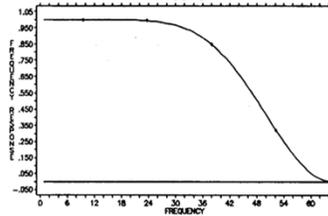
Cook & Miller, 1992



Impulse Response

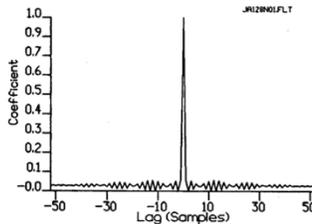
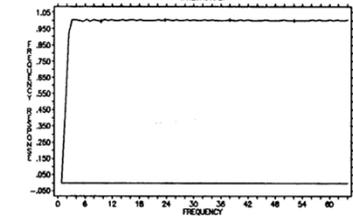
Note:  
 ➤ FFT of Impulse Response (filter) gives transfer function  
 ➤ Inverse FFT of transfer function yields impulse response (filter coefficients)

Transfer Function



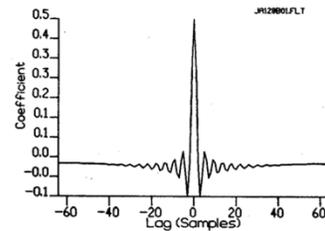
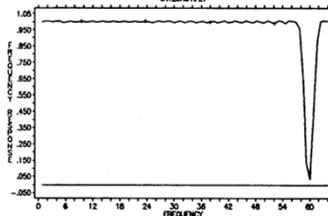
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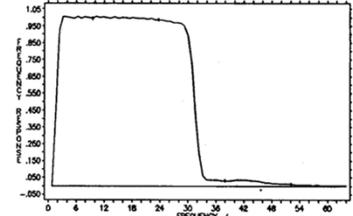
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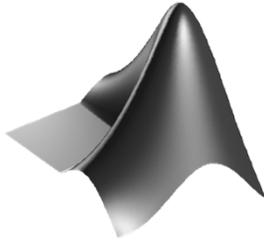
## Pragmatic concerns

- Sample extra data points; many if you want sharp roll-off
- The filter cannot filter the first  $(n-1)/2$  points for filter length  $n$
- Try out your filter via FFT analysis or via derivation of the transfer function before you apply it routinely

## Use in Single Trial Analysis

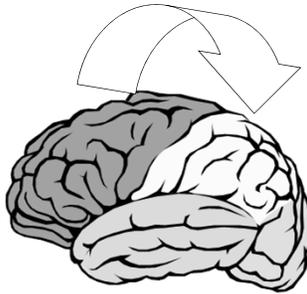
- With stringent digital filtering, you may be able to discern peaks on an individual trial basis

## Digital Filtering and More!



A bit more on phase and such  
COURTESY OF MIKE COHEN

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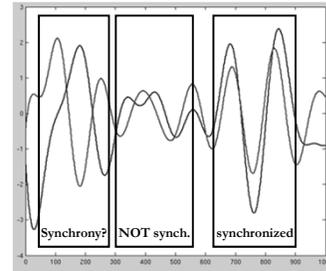


Perhaps through synchronized oscillations!

See empirical work and reviews by:  
Rubino, Lisman, Singer, Engels, etc.

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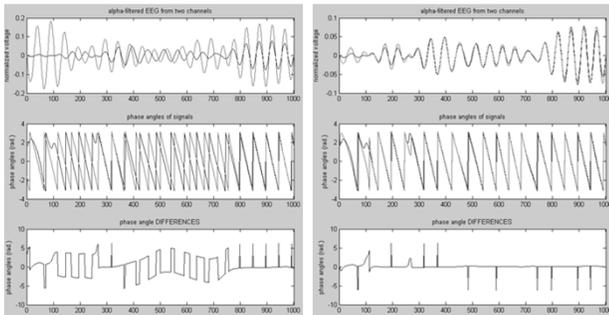
Synchronized oscillations is an intuitive concept,  
but how to measure it quantitatively?



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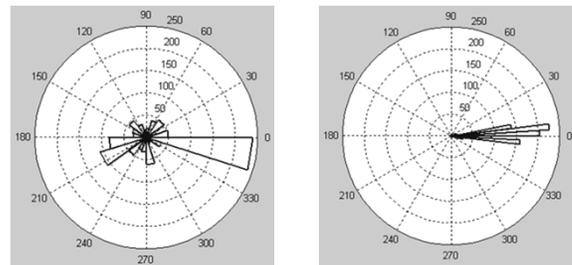
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Electrodes: Fp1 & Fp2



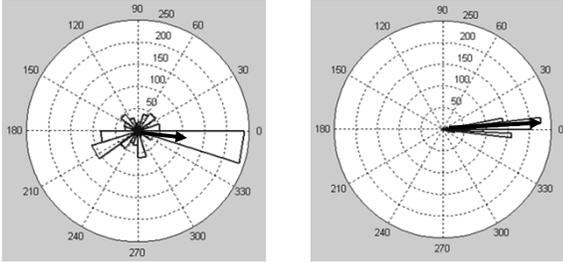
### 2. Inter-site phase coherence?

“Polar plot” of phase angle differences.



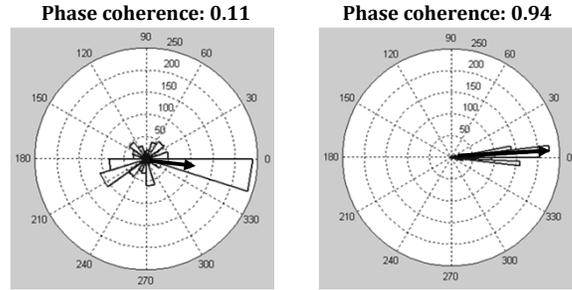
**2. Circular variance.**

Draw a line through the "average" of vectors.



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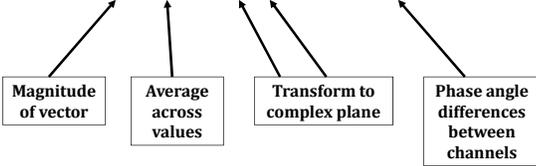
The length (magnitude) of that vector varies from 0 to 1, and is the phase coherence.



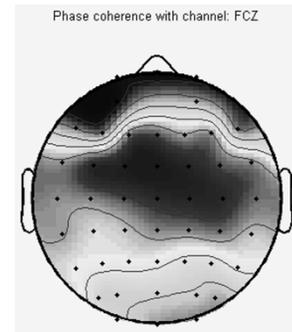
**2. Circular variance.**

The equation for phase coherence is simple:

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> abs(mean(exp(i*angle_differences)));
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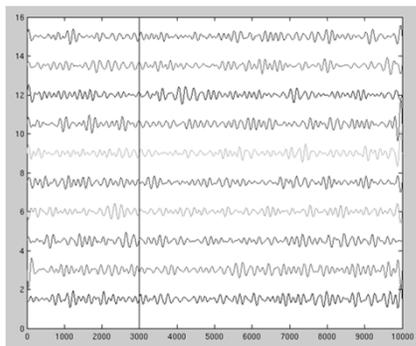


**2. Inter-site phase synchrony with one "seed" site.**

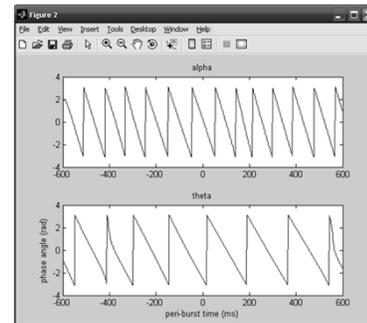


**2. Inter-trial phase synchrony within one electrode.**

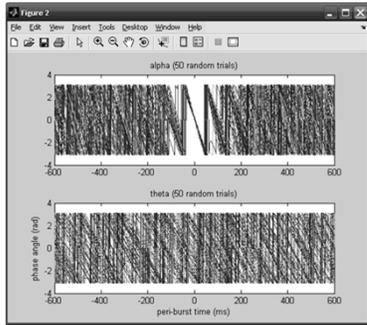
Many trials from the same electrode:



**2. Inter-trial phase coherence**

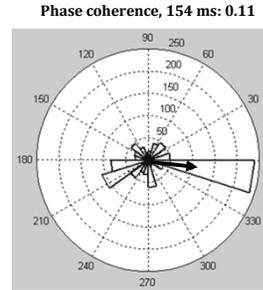


## 2. Inter-trial phase coherence

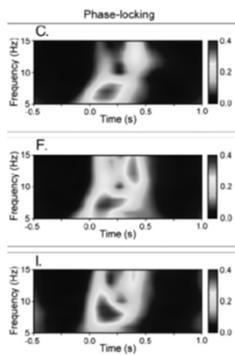


## 2. Inter-trial phase coherence

Calculate phase coherence across trials at each time point



## 2. Inter-trial phase coherence



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Thanks Mike!  
NOW BACK TO JOHN'S SLIDES

Power increase in the absence of any phase locking

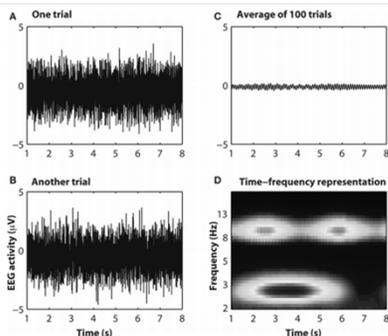


FIGURE 3 | Simulated data showing how information contained in raw EEG data [(A,B) single "trials"] is not apparent in the event-related potential (C) but is readily observable in the time-frequency representation (D). Matlab code to run this simulation is available from the author.

Cohen, 2011, *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*

The Importance of Phase!

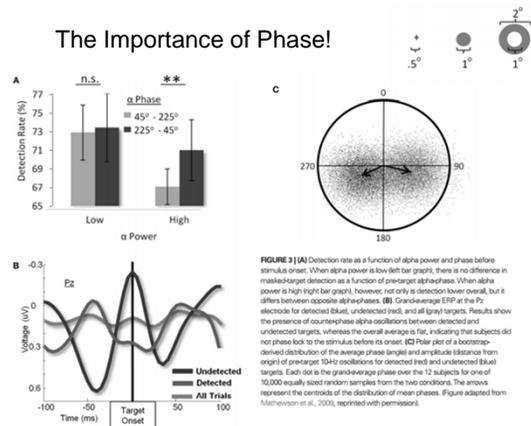
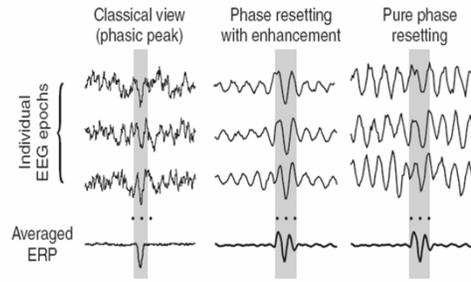


FIGURE 3 | (A) Detection rate as a function of alpha power and phase before stimulus onset. When alpha power is low (left bar graph), there is no difference in masked-target detection as a function of pre-target alpha phase. When alpha power is high (right bar graph), however, not only is detection lower overall, but it differs between opposite alpha phases. (B) Grandaverage ERP at the Pz electrode for detected (black), undetected (grey), and all (thin grey) targets. Results show the presence of counterphase alpha oscillations between detected and undetected targets, whereas the overall average is flat, indicating that subjects did not phase lock to the stimulus before its onset. (C) Polar plot of a bootstrapped distribution of the average phase angle and amplitude (distance from origin) of pre-target 10-Hz oscillations for detected (red) and undetected (blue) targets. Each dot is the grandaverage phase over the 12 subjects for one of 10,000 equally spaced random samples from the two conditions. The arrows represent the centroids of the distribution of mean phases. Figure adapted from Mathewson et al., 2010, reprinted with permission.

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# Time-Frequency Approaches to Error Monitoring

# Classic ERPs Vs Phase Resetting



From Yeung et al., *Psychophysiology*, 2004

# Time-Frequency Representations

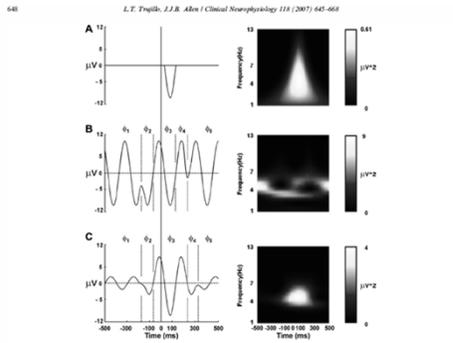


Fig. 1. Left column: Basic oscillatory waveforms used to simulate ERN response according to the (A) classic, (B) pure phase-resetting, and (C) phase-resetting with enhancement hypothesis of ERN generation. Right column: Corresponding non-linear-convolved waveband time-frequency representations of these waveforms. The procedure used to create these waveforms and time-frequency representations are described in Sections 2.5 and 2.7.

