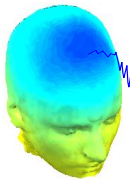


EEG Preprocessing

Importing, rejecting, and preparing data for ICA decomposition

EEGLAB Workshop XXIV

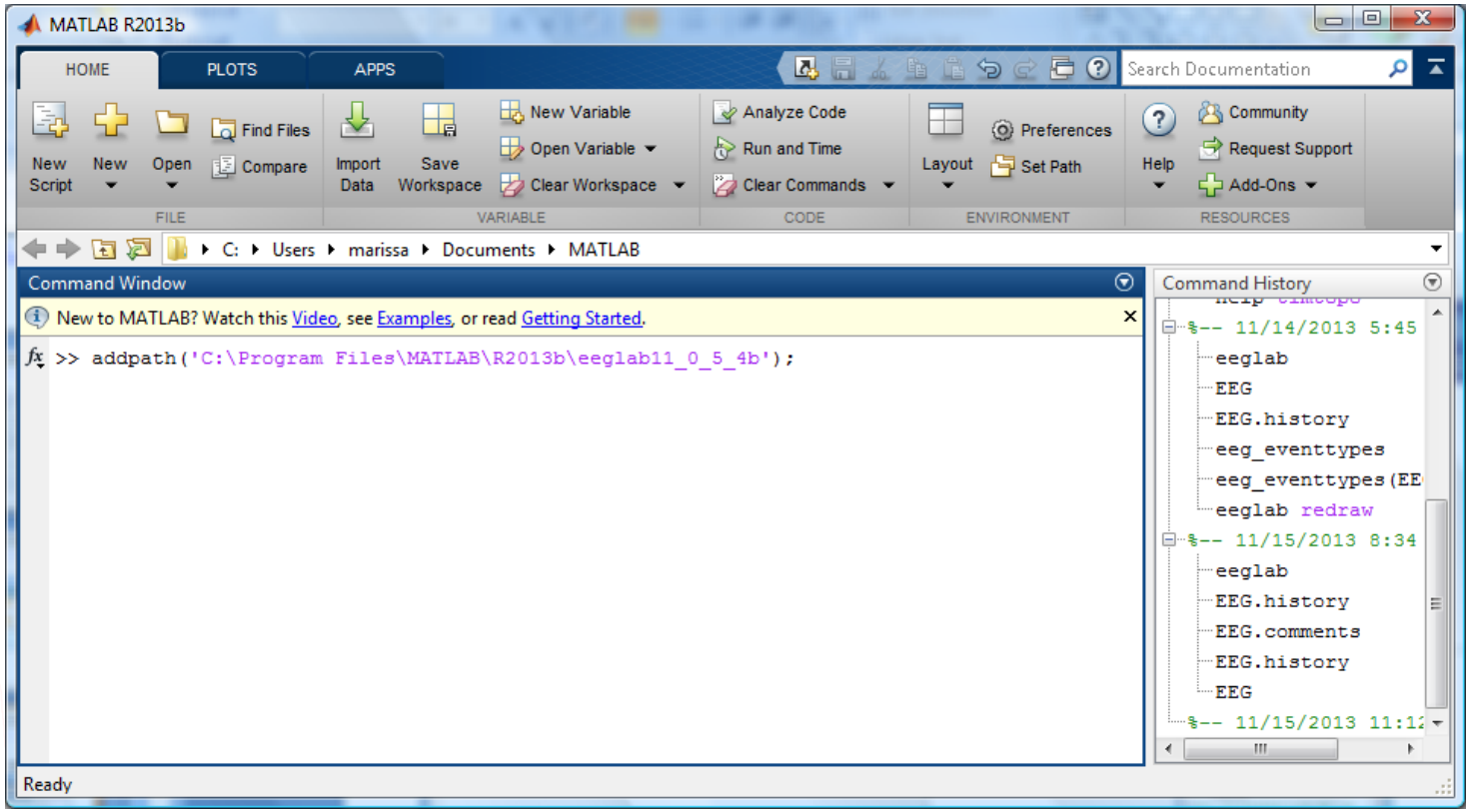
Aspet, France

July 4, 2017

Day 1, 11:30-12:30

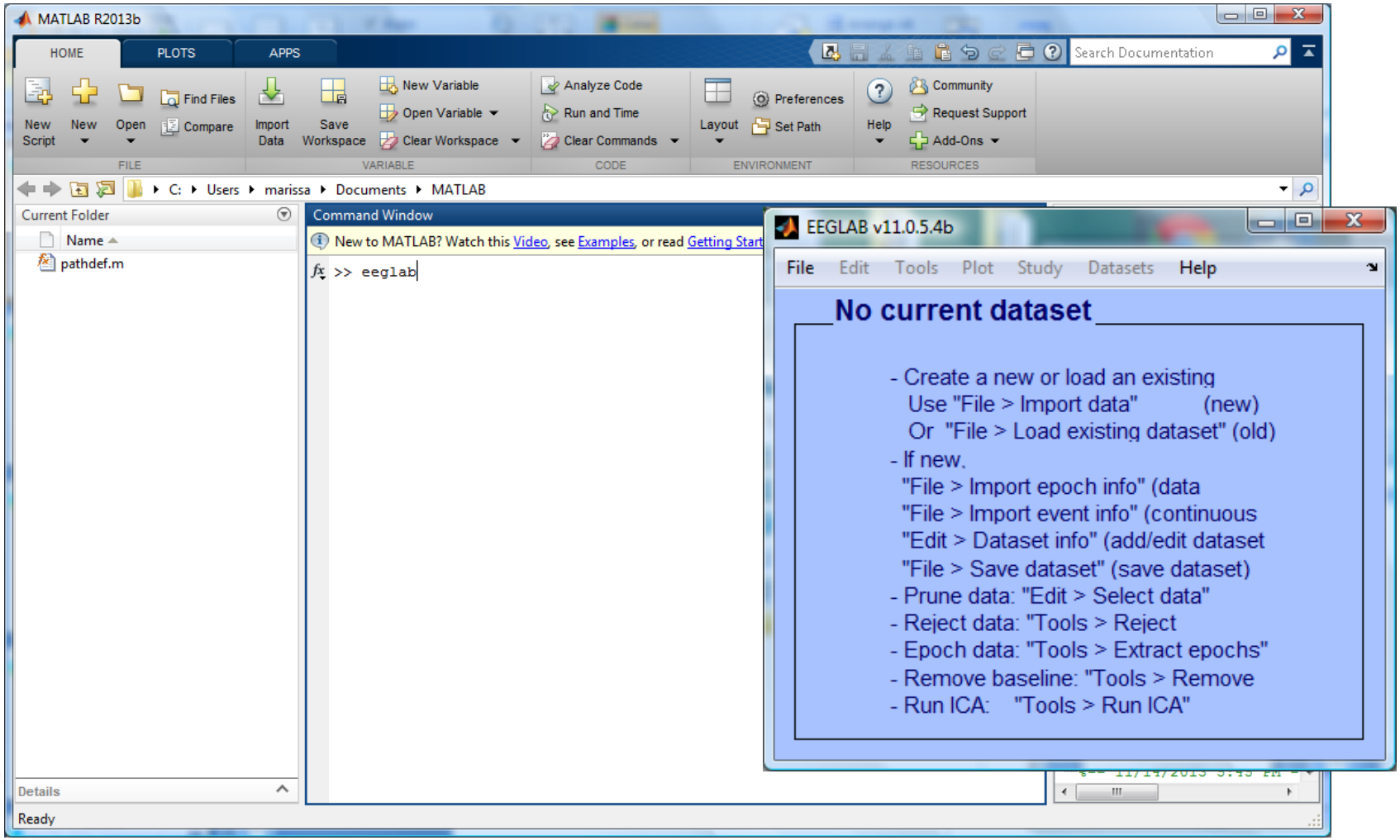
Installing EEGLAB and data folder

- Start Matlab
- Add the EEGLAB folder to your Matlab path:

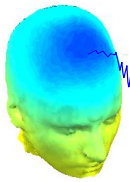


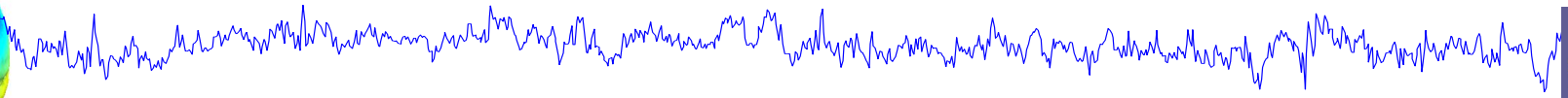
The EEGLAB Matlab software

main graphic interface



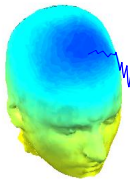
“Secrets” to a good ICA decomposition

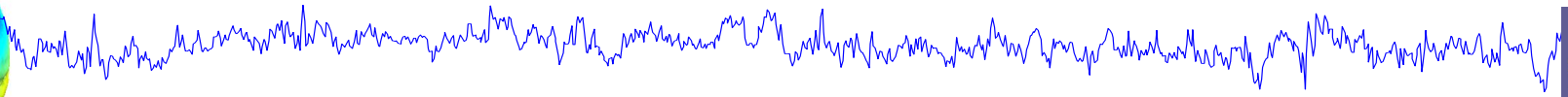




- Garbage in… garbage out (it’s not magic)
- Remove large, non-stereotyped artifacts
- Do you have enough data? (based mostly on time, not frames)
- High-pass filter to remove slow drifts (no low-pass filter needed)
- Remove bad channels

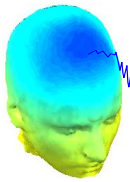
The Goal of Preprocessing

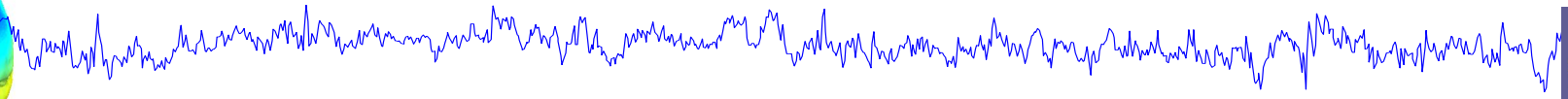




- Create a complete EEGLAB data set with
  - EEG
  - Channel Locations
  - Events
- Preprocess the EEG data to yield optimal ICA decompositions
  - Re-referencing
  - High Pass Filtering
  - Remove bad channels, noisy segments of data
- Run ICA decomposition

Many Preprocessing Variants





- Resources
  - EEGLAB wiki “Quick Tutorial on Rejection”
    - http://sccn.ucsd.edu/wiki/Quick_Rejection_Tutorial
  - Makoto’s Preprocessing Pipeline
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  - Bigdely-Shamlo et al (2015): PREP Pipeline
    - http://dx.doi.org/10.3389/fninf.2015.00016
  - EEGLAB Plugins
    - Kothe’s clean_rawdata plugin
    - Miyakoshi’s trimOutlier plugin

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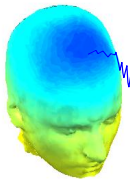

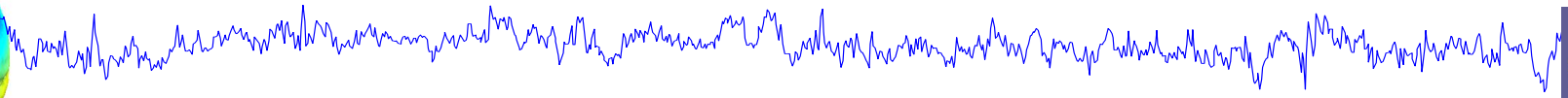

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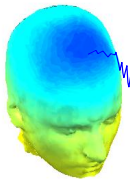

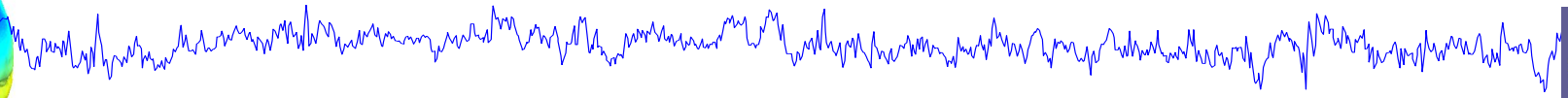

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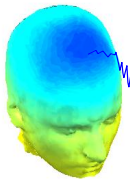

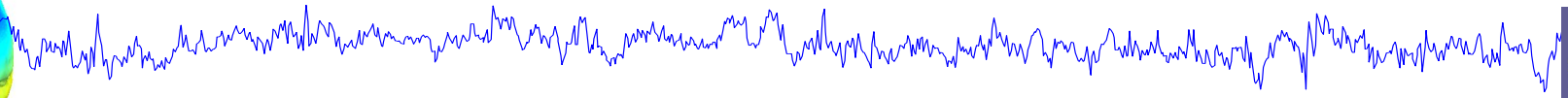

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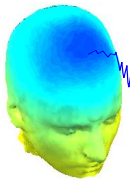
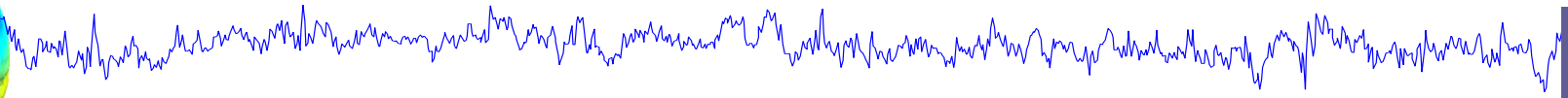




File

SimpleOddball.set

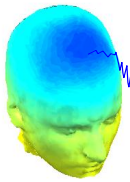
Data

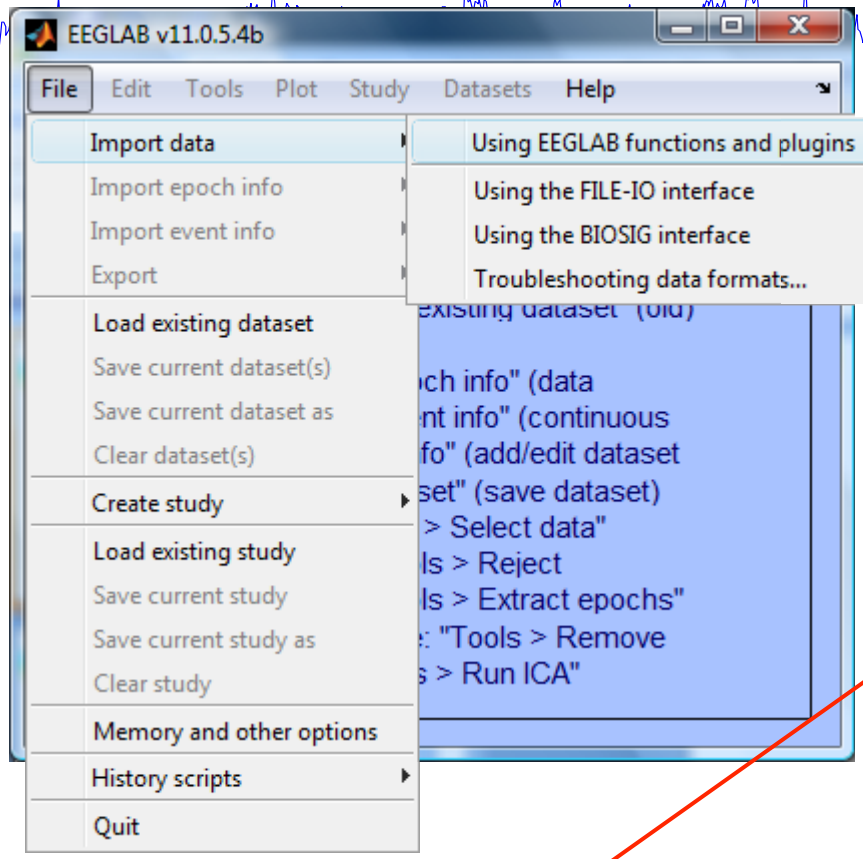
64 channel EEG, 256 Hz sampling rate, Biosemi system, re-referenced during import to averaged left and right mastoid electrodes

Task

speeded button press response to star shape (no response to circle shape), 100 ms presentation duration, 200 trials

Importing a dataset





Tip for Biosemi users:

Use the 'BDF plugin' version

of the Biosemi BDF/EDF importer

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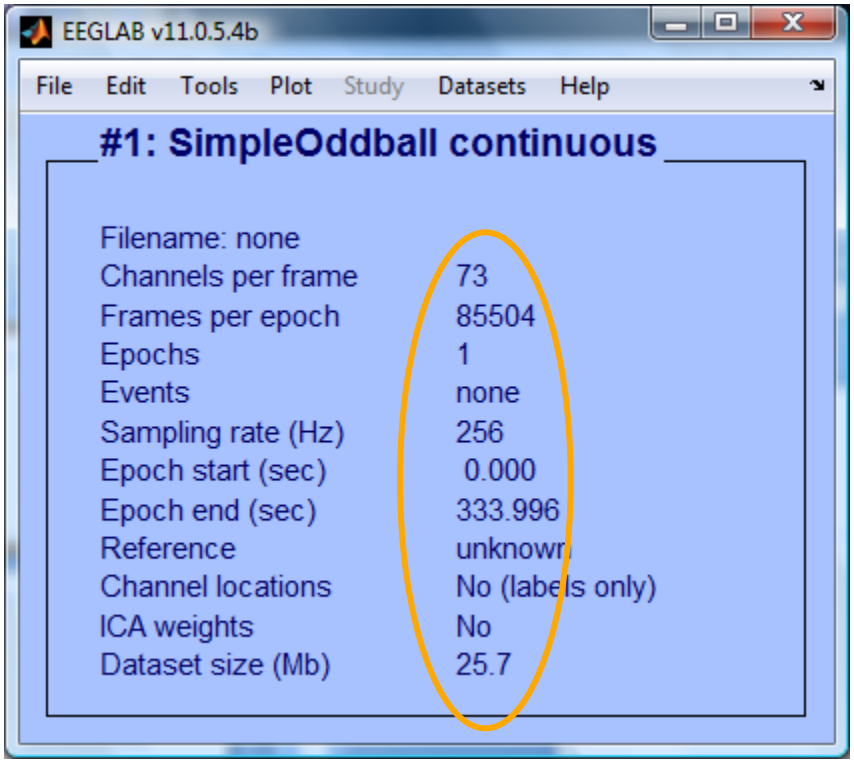

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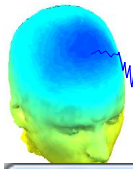

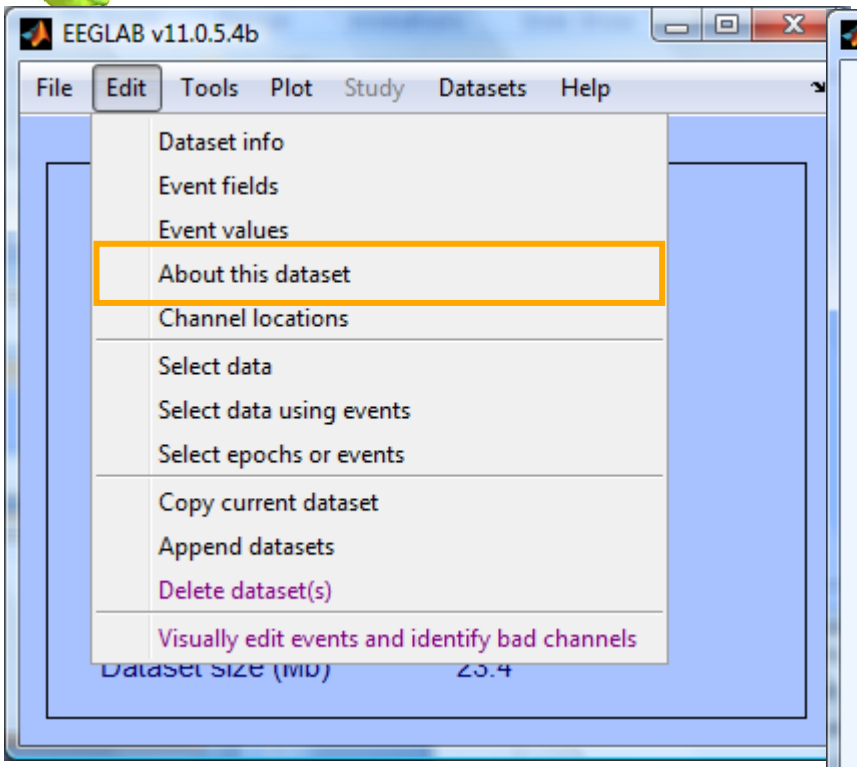

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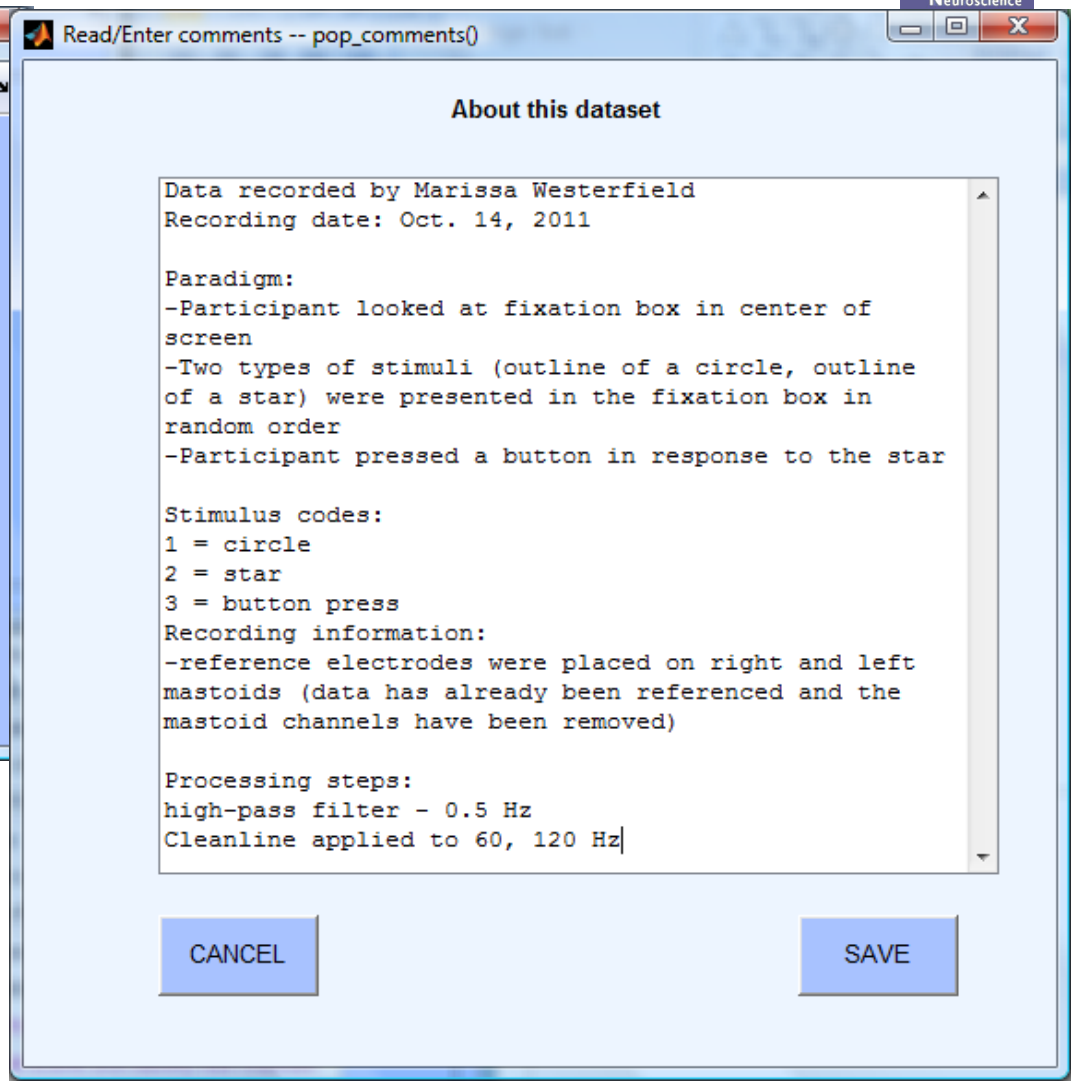

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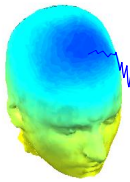

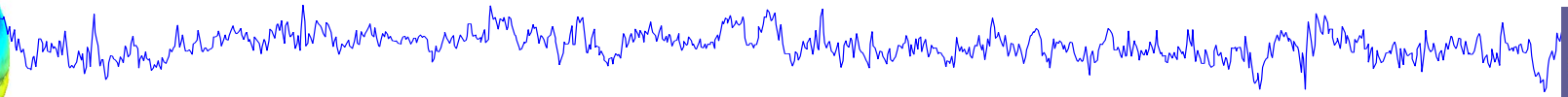

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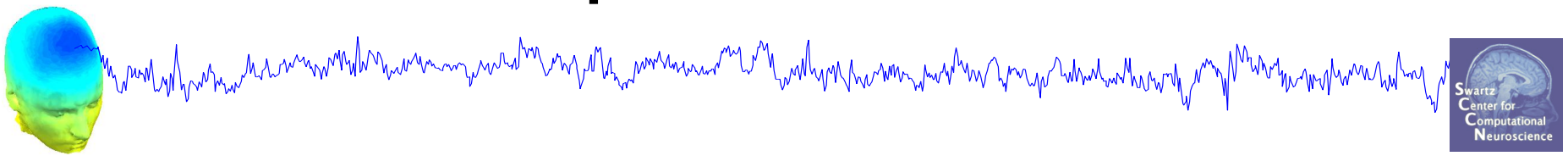
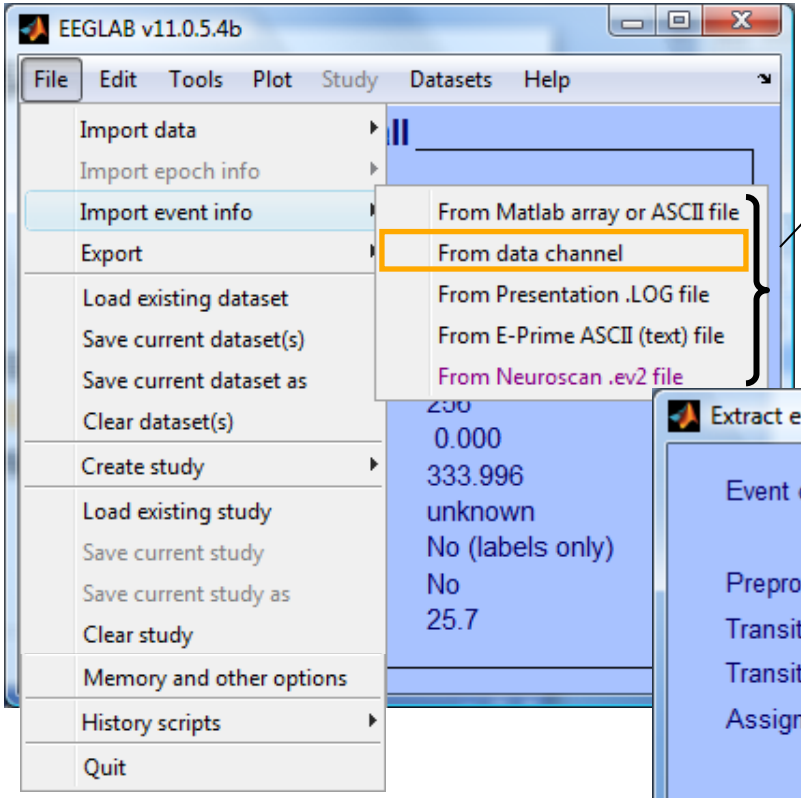
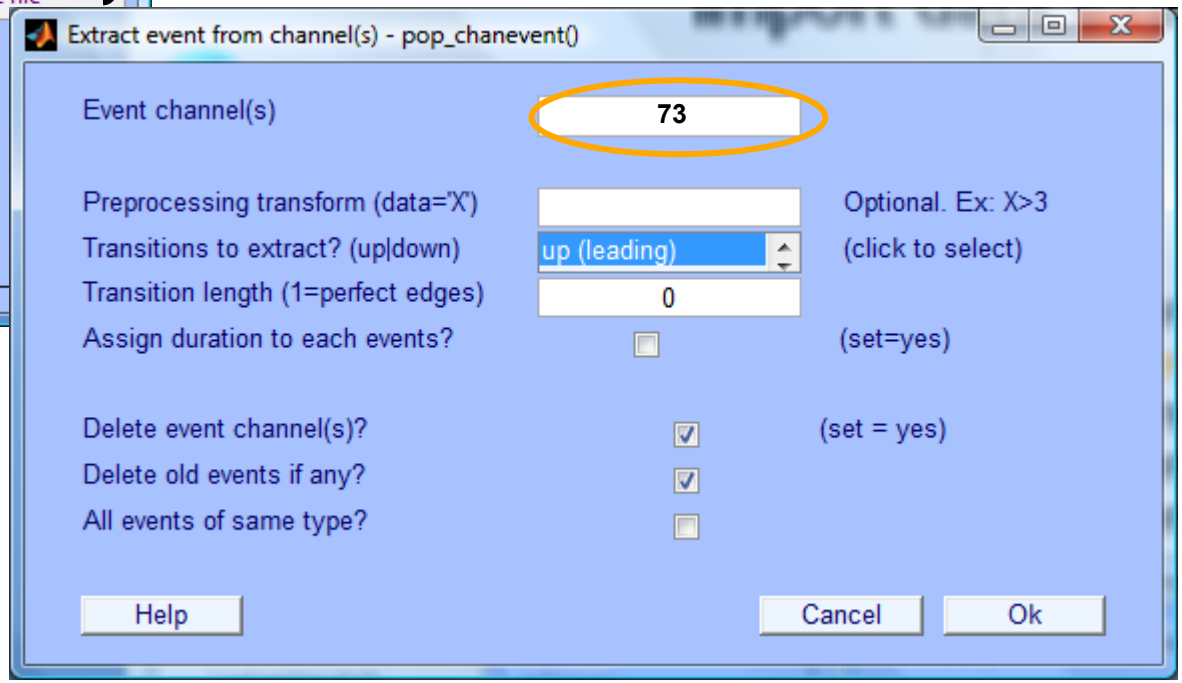


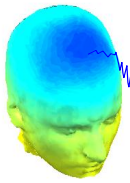


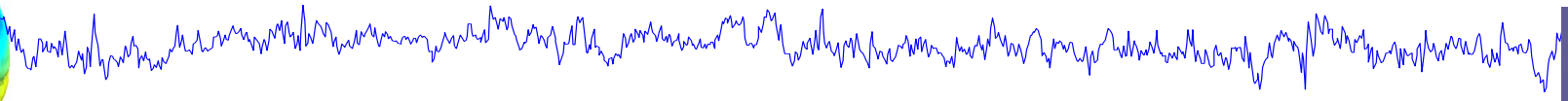
- Import events from Matlab array or ASCII file
- Import events from data channel
- Import from Presentation event file
- Import events from E-Prime event file
- Import events from Neuroscan event file

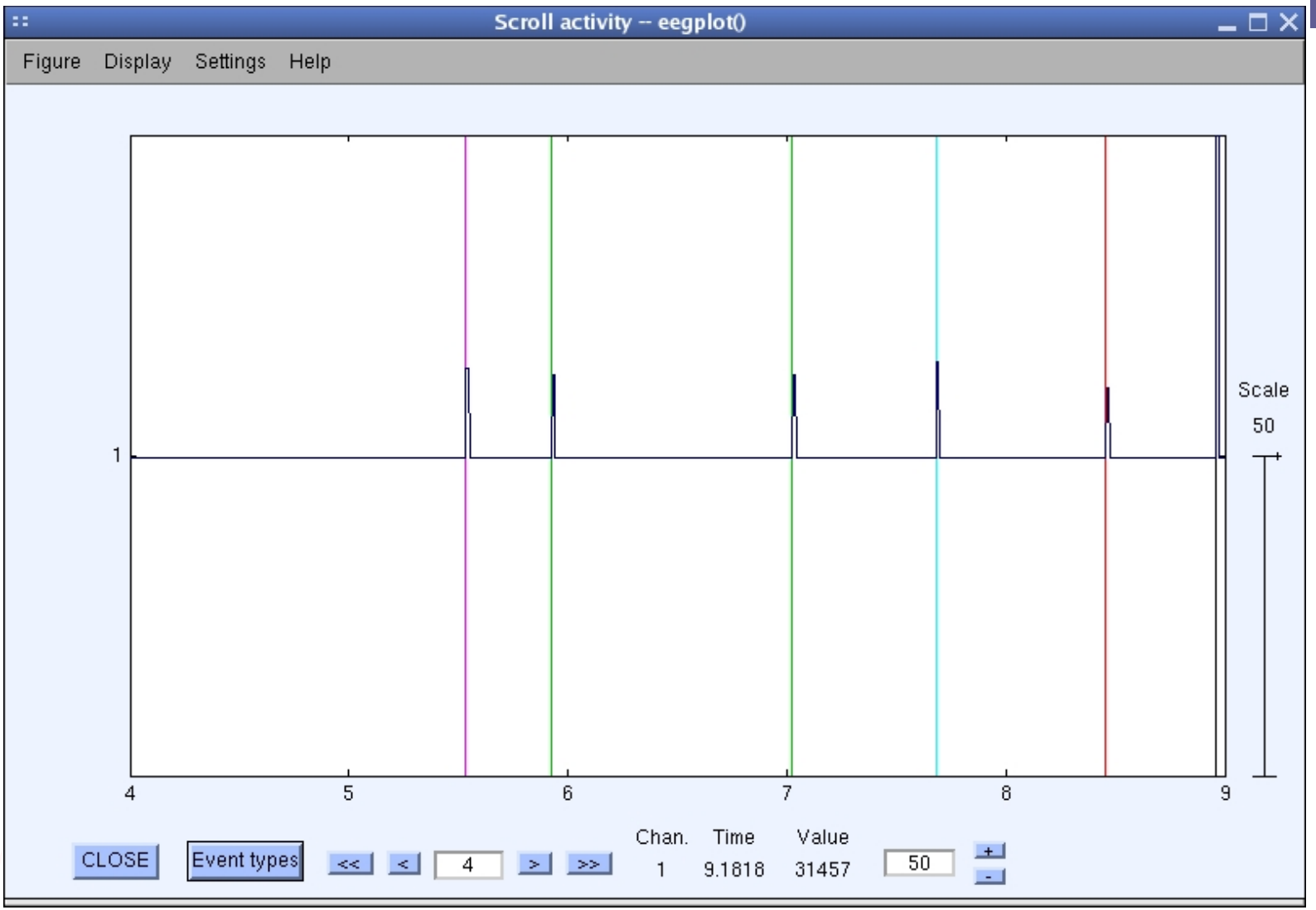


(Often imported automatically during data import)

Appearance of an event channel in raw data







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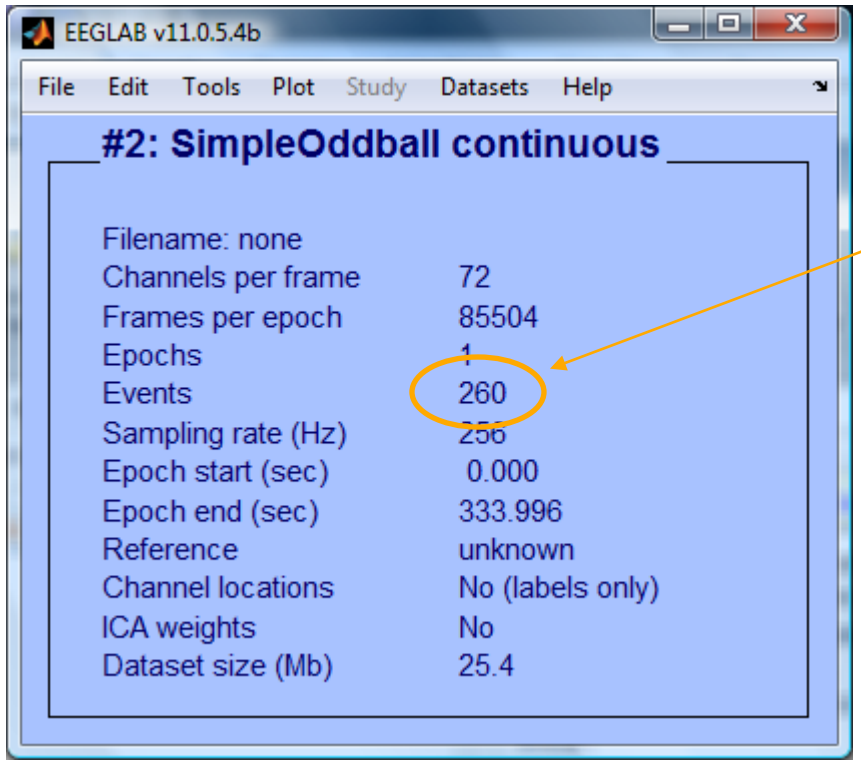
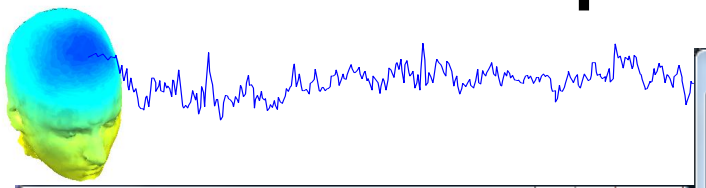
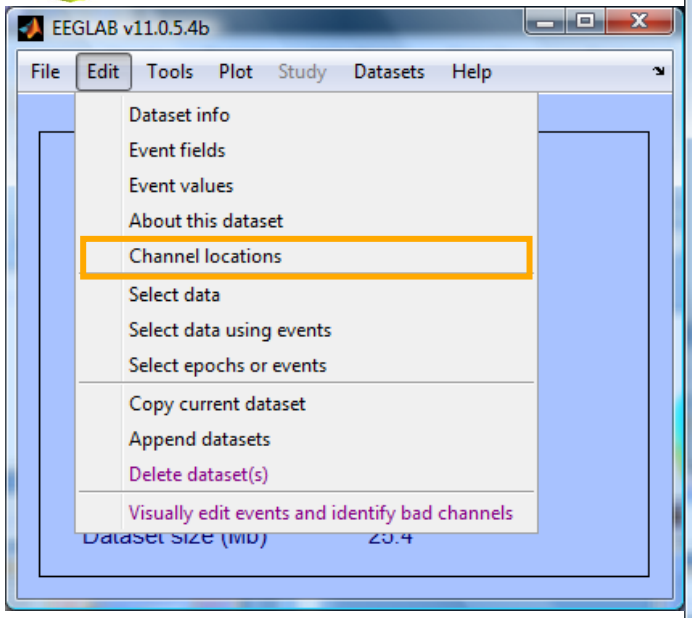
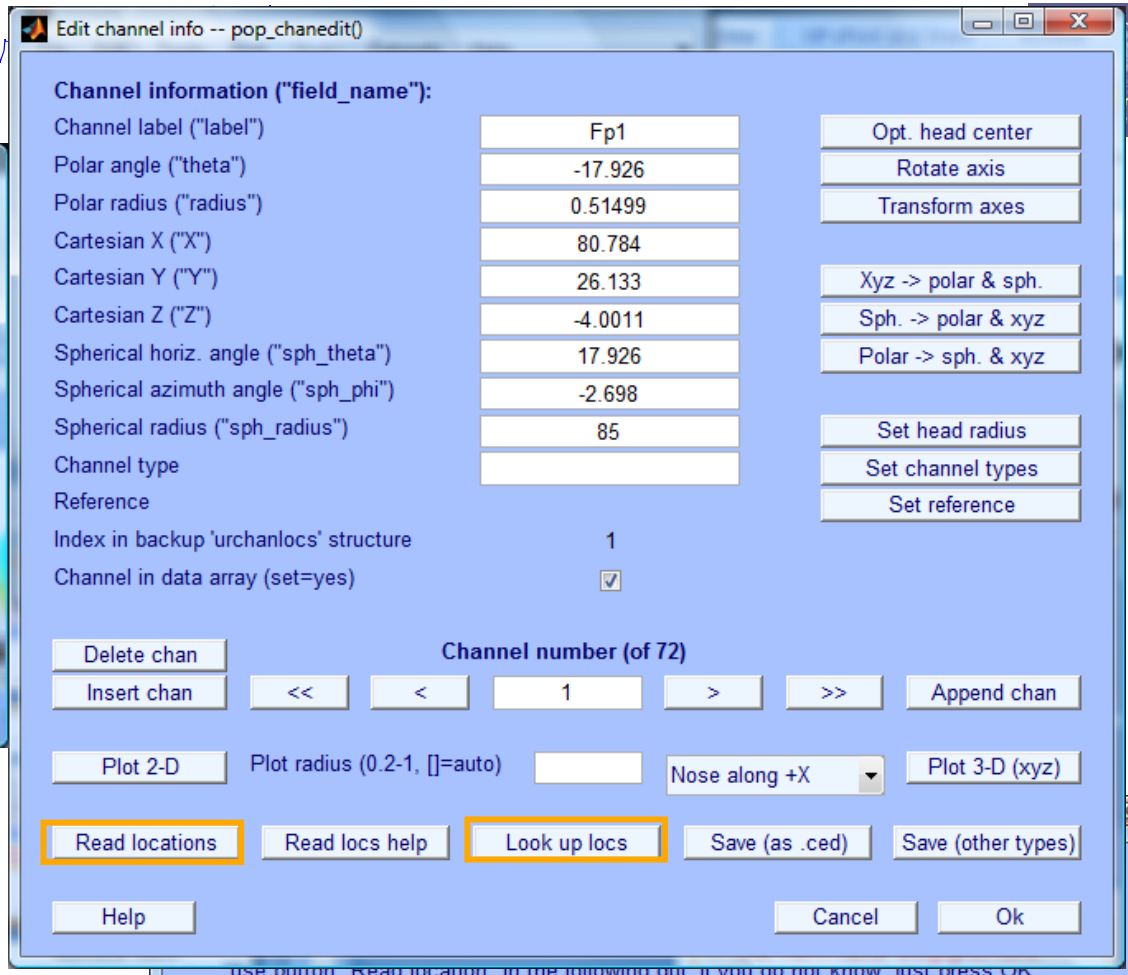


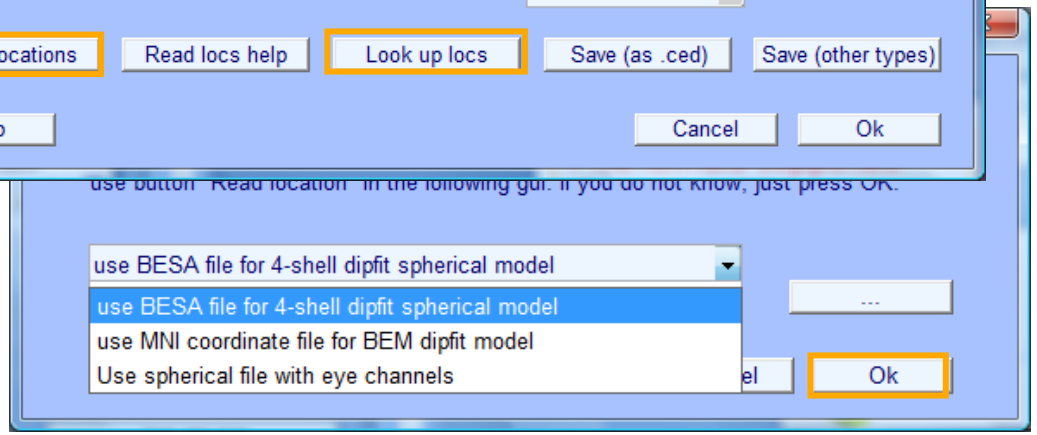
If event import was successful, you will see an appropriate number here

Import channel locations

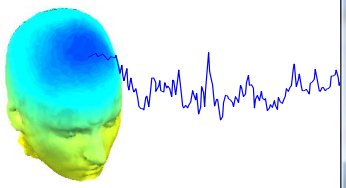








7 file formats supported (Polhemus, BESA, …)



Edit channel info -- pop_chanedit()

Channel information ("field_name"):

Channel label ("label")	HEOG	Opt. head center
Polar angle ("theta")	-42	Rotate axis
Polar radius ("radius")	0.65556	Transform axes
Cartesian X ("X")	55.7734	
Cartesian Y ("Y")	50.2186	Xyz -> polar & sph.
Cartesian Z ("Z")	-39.9051	Sph. -> polar & xyz
Spherical horiz. angle ("sph_theta")	42	Polar -> sph. & xyz
Spherical azimuth angle ("sph_phi")	-28	
Spherical radius ("sph_radius")	85	Set head radius
Channel type		Set channel types
Reference		Set reference
Index in backup 'urchanlocs' structure	68	
Channel in data array (set=yes)	☑	

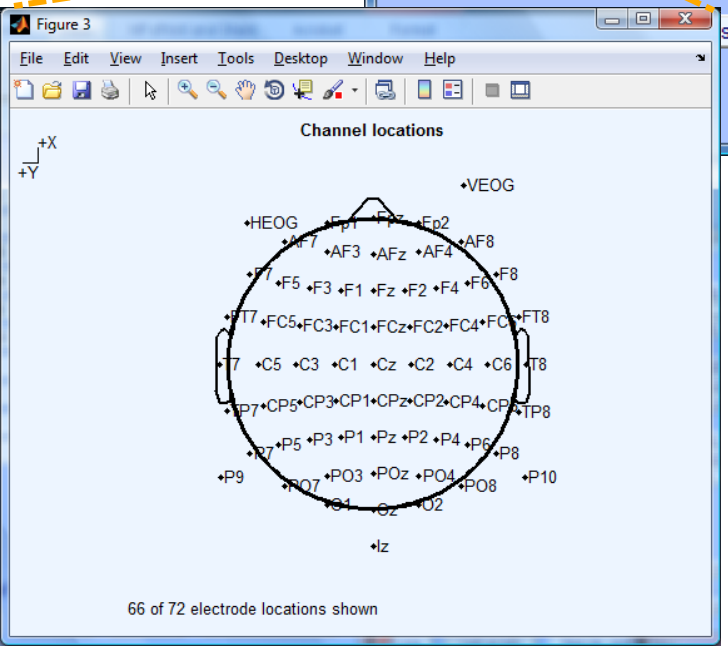
Delete chan | Insert chan | << | < | 68 | > | >> | Append chan

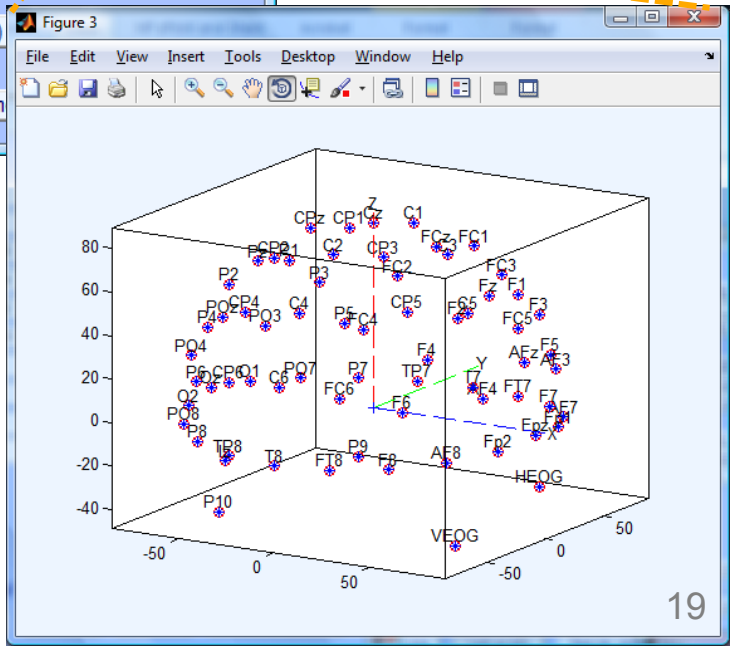
Channel number (of 72)

Plot 2-D | Plot radius (0.2-1, []=auto) | | Nose along +X | Plot 3-D (xyz)

s help | Look up locs | Save (as .ced)

Can





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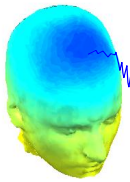

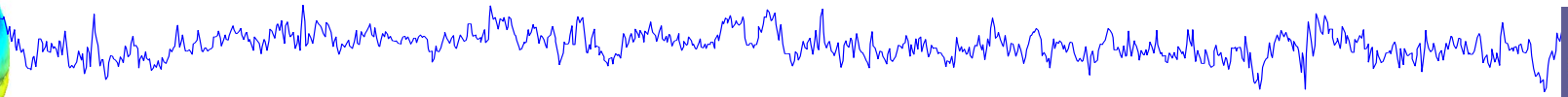

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Channel information ("field_name"):

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Polar angle ("theta")	-45.1543
Polar radius ("radius")	0.54374
Cartesian X ("X")	0.79487
Cartesian Y ("Y")	0.79917
Cartesian Z ("Z")	-0.15585
Spherical horiz. angle ("sph_theta")	45.1543
Spherical azimuth angle ("sph_phi")	-7.8725
Spherical radius ("sph_radius")	1.1379
Channel type	EEG
Reference	
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Opt. head center | Rotate axis | Transform axes | Xyz -> polar & sph. | Sph. -> polar & xyz | Polar -> sph. & xyz | Set head radius | Set channel types | Set reference

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Read locations | Read locs help | Look up locs | Save (as .ced) | Save (other types)

Help | Cancel | Ok

Convert channel locations -- pop_chancenter()

Optimize center location ☑ or specify center 0 0 0

Channel indices to ignore for best-sphere matching

Browse | Help | Cancel | Ok

Force electrode location -- forcelocs()

X/Y value: 0 | Coordinate: X (rotate X-Z plane) | Electrode list: Cz | Pick

Help | Cancel | Ok

Set channel ...

Channel indices: 1:71

Type (e.g. EEG): EEG

Help | Cancel | Ok

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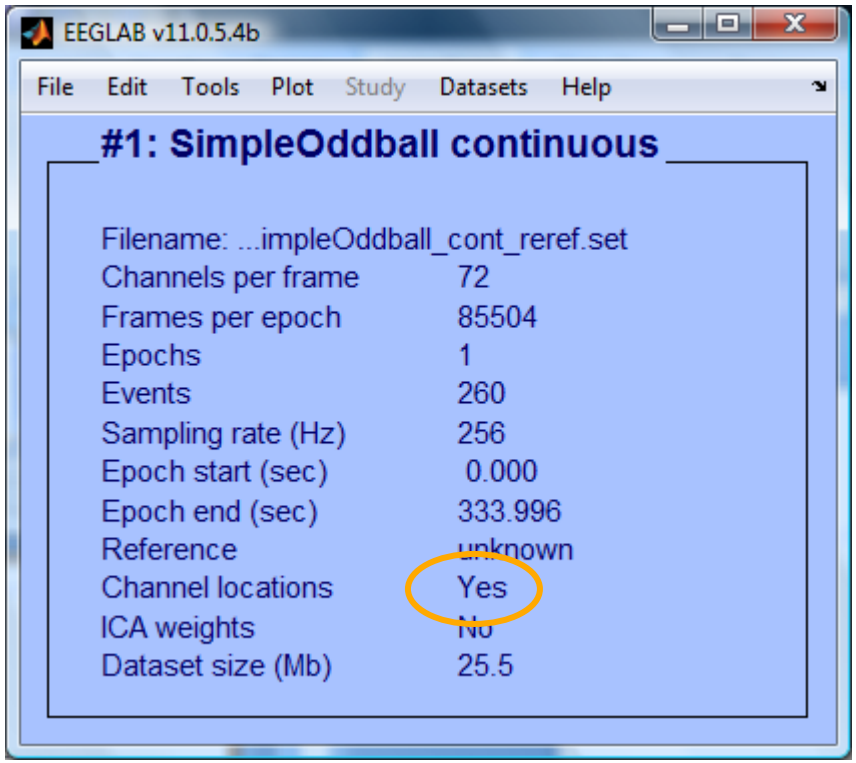

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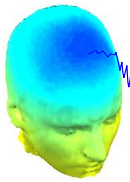

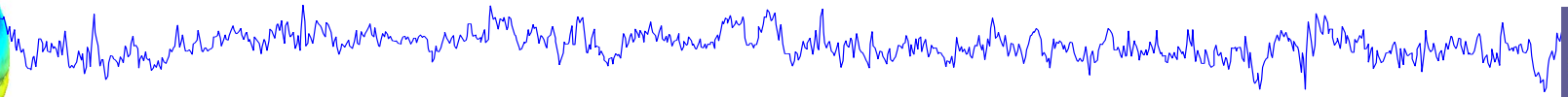

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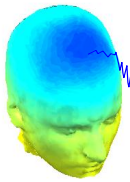

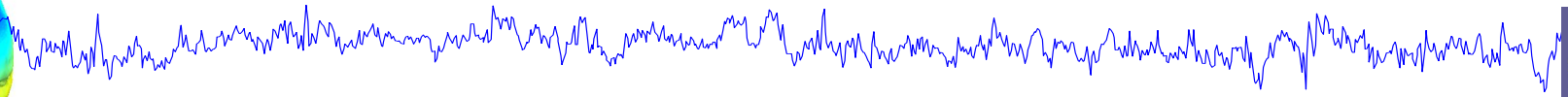

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Re-reference to

(e.g.) 'linked mastoids'

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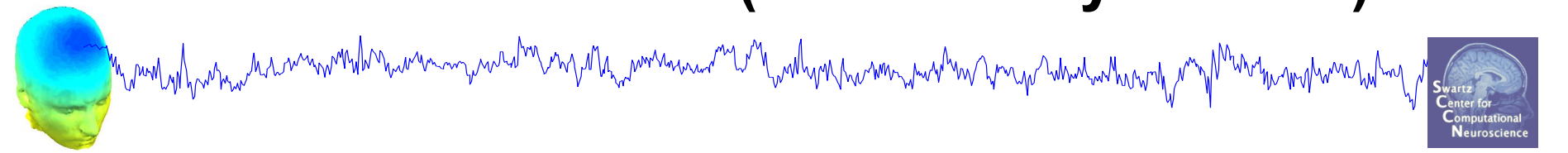

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Peak detection usin
FMRIB Tools
Locate dipoles using LORETA

pop_reref - average reference or re-reference data

Current data reference state is: unknown

Compute average reference

Re-reference data to channel(s):

Retain old reference channels in data

Exclude channel indices (EMG, EOG) optional — LEYE REYE

Add current reference channel back to the data

Help Cancel Ok

Or,

average reference

(use shift|ctrl to select several)

1 - LEYE
2 - REYE
3 - OZ
4 - O2
5 - FP1
6 - FPZ
7 - FP2
8 - AF7
9 - AF3
10 - AFZ
11 - AF4
12 - AF8
13 - F9
14 - F7
15 - F5
16 - F3
17 - F1
18 - FZ
19 - F2
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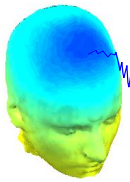
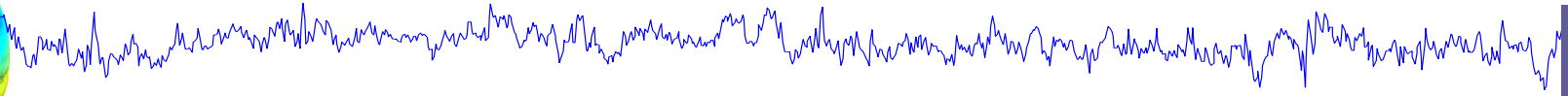
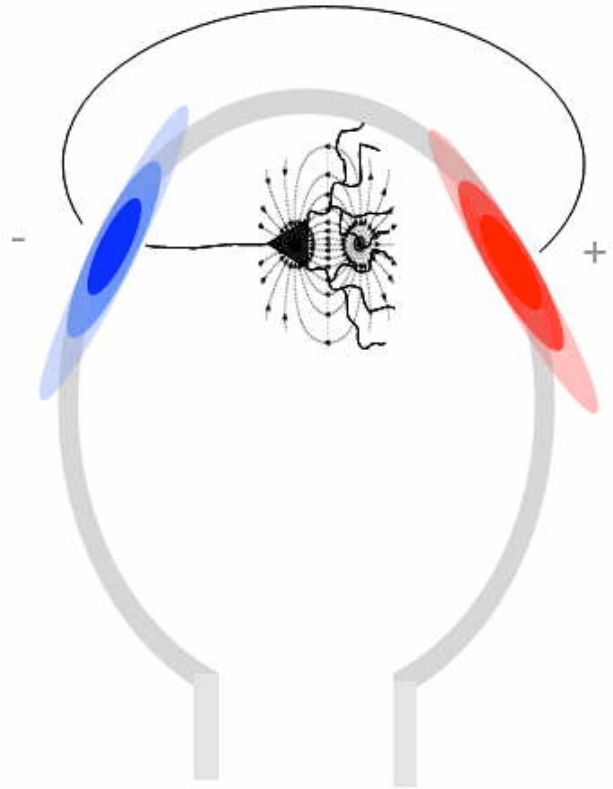
24 - FT9
25 - FT7
26 - FC5

Cancel Ok

On Average Referencing



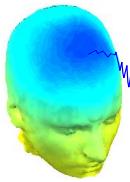


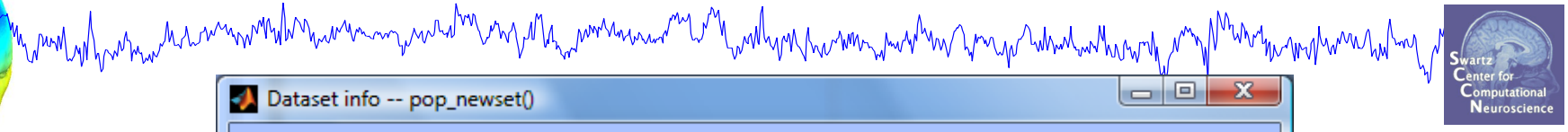


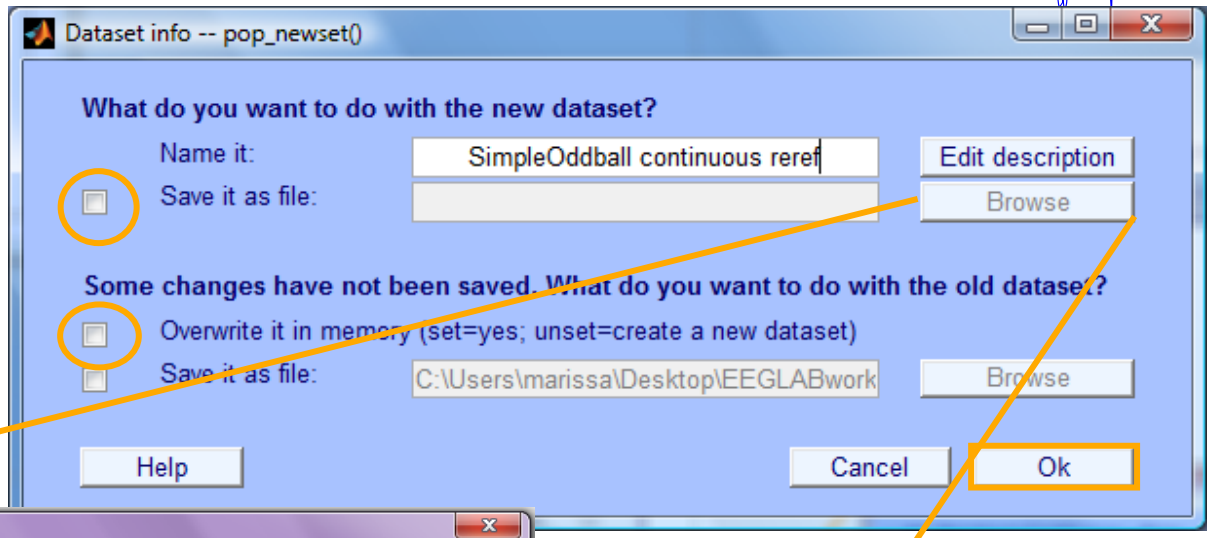
In theory, positive and negative current across entire head should balance—no net current source or sink: Average referencing enforces this.

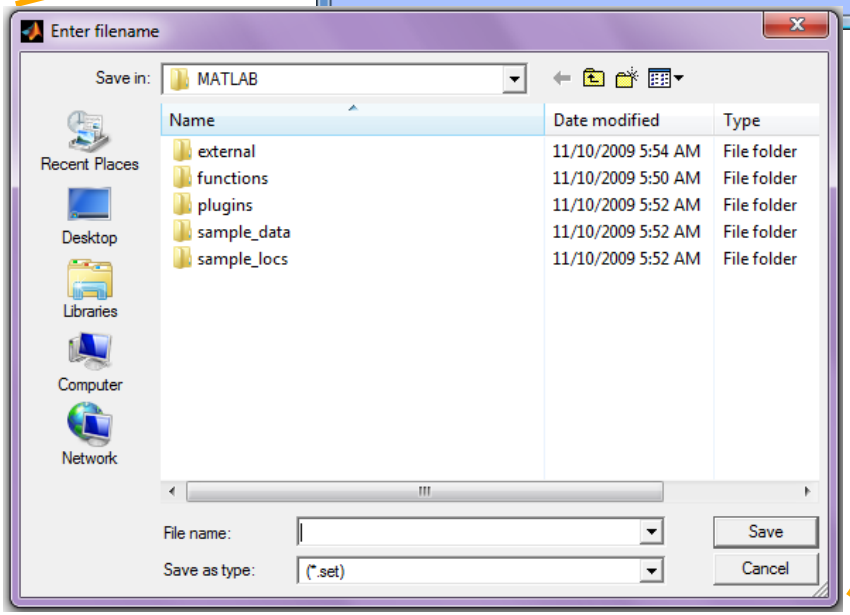
In practice, depends on distribution of electrodes.

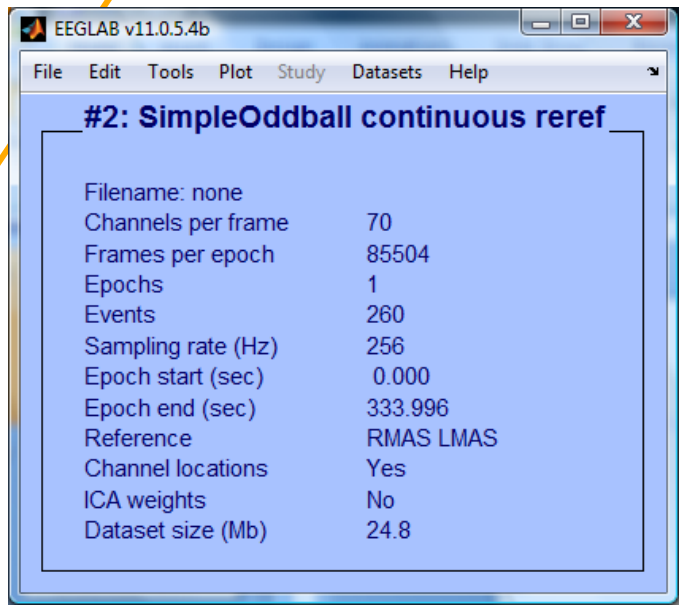
Save new dataset, keep old one











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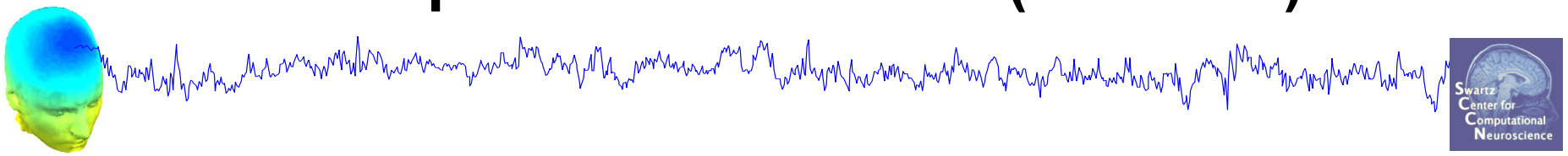
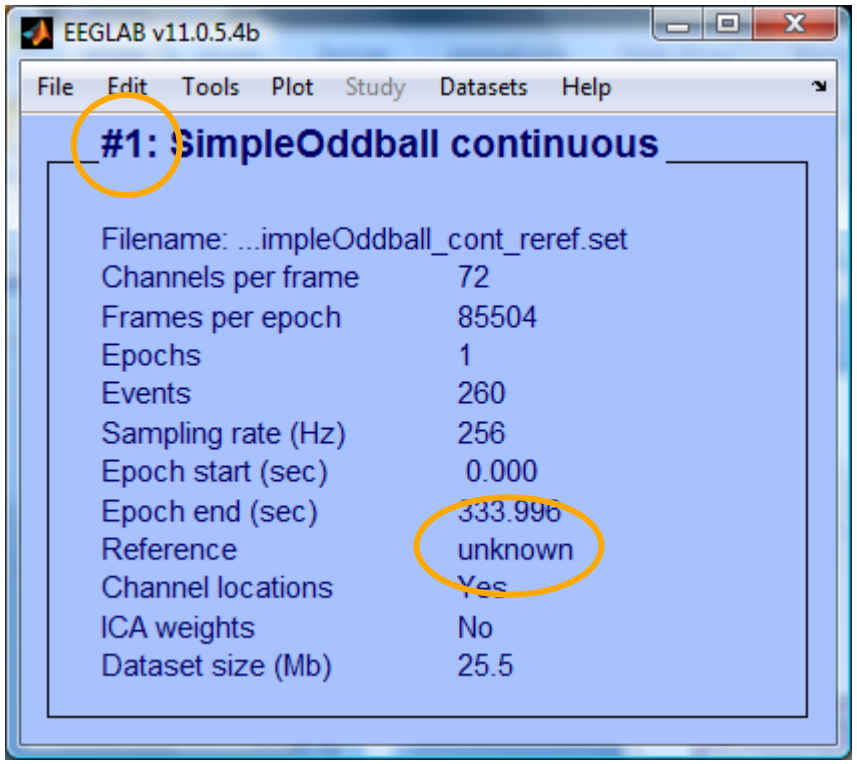
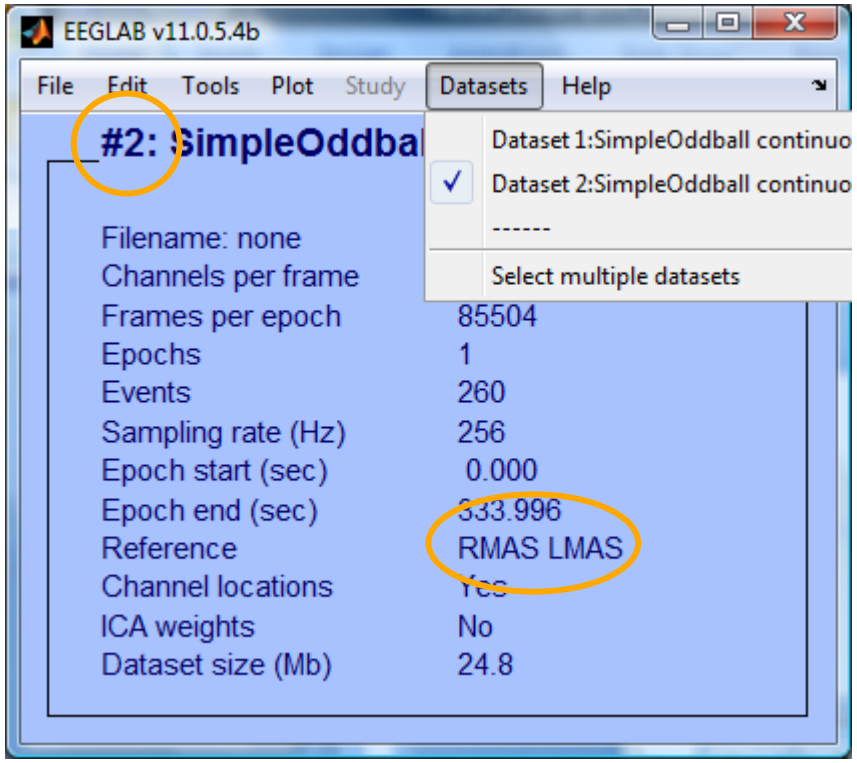
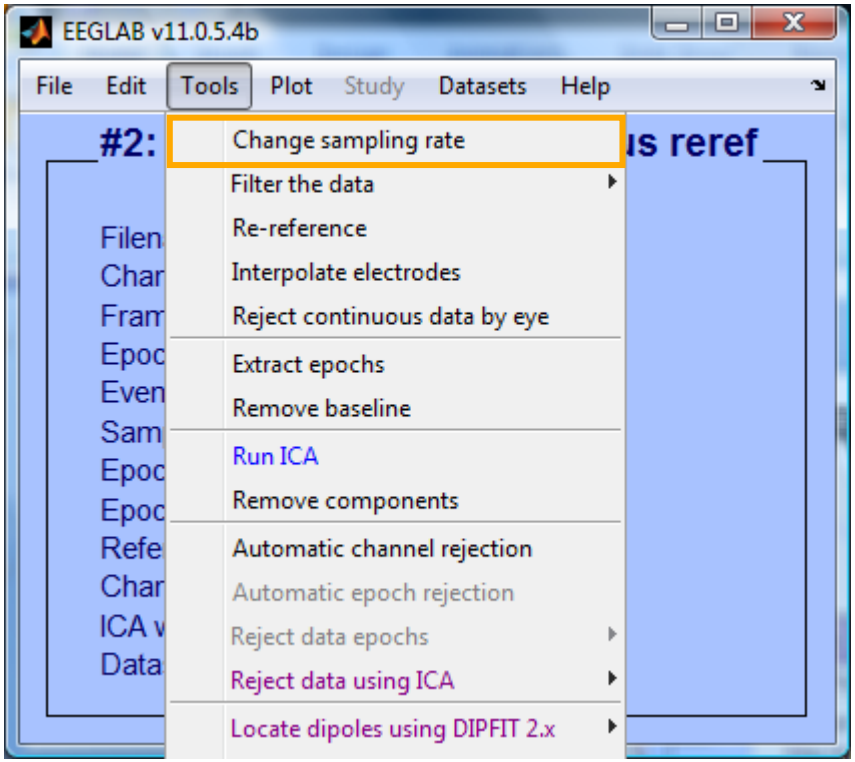


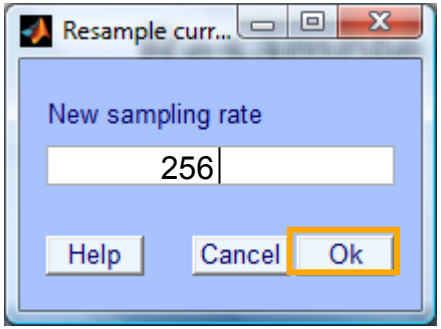




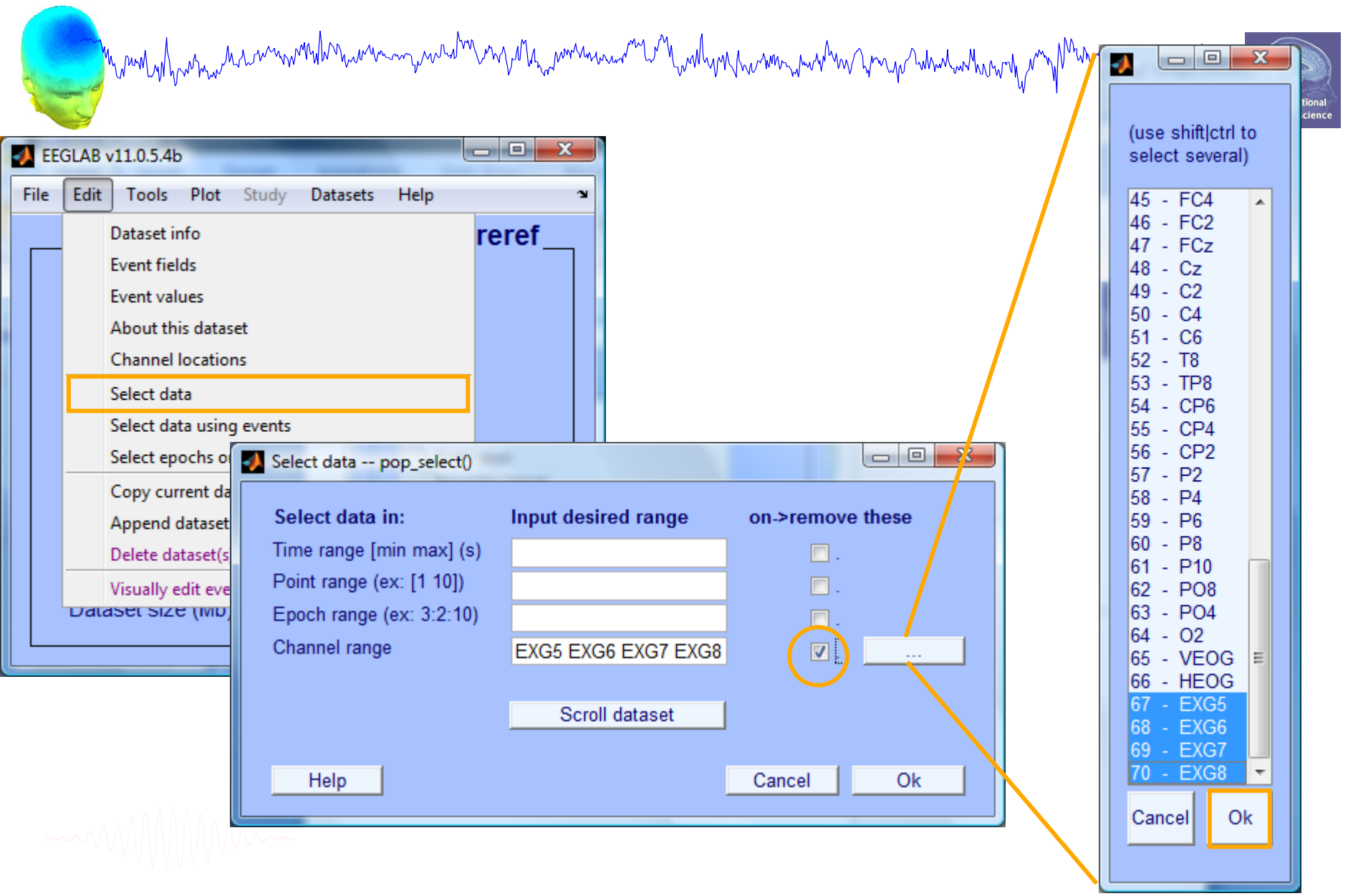
Resample data (if desired)

Reason: Reduce space, time. But keep nyquist and ICA data length requirements in mind…





Remove unwanted channels



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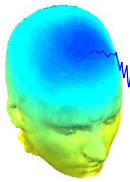

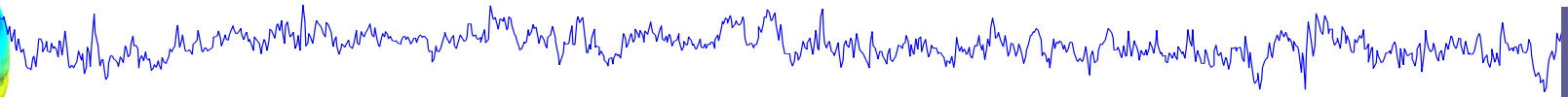

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STOP!

Save your continuous dataset here

(at least!)

Examine raw data

Data Cleaning: Identify/reject bad channels

Data Cleaning: Reject large artifact time points

Run ICA

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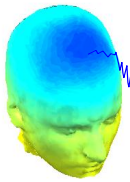

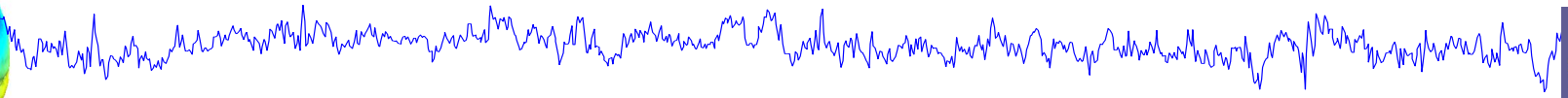

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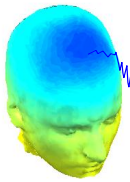
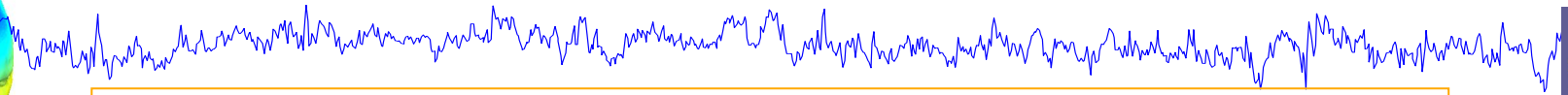
High-Pass Filter the data





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Reason: remove slow, possibly large amplitude, drift

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Basic FIR filter
ERPLAB Butterwort
ERPLAB Polynomia
Short non-linear IIR

Filter the data -- pop_eegfilt()

Lower edge of the frequency pass band (Hz) 0.5
Higher edge of the frequency pass band (Hz)
FIR Filter order (default is automatic)
Notch filter the data instead of pass band
Use (sharper) FFT linear filter instead of FIR filtering
(Use the option above if you do not have the Signal Pro
Use causal filter (useful when performing causal ana
Plot the filter frequency response
Use fir1 (check, recommended) or firls (uncheck, le

High-pass needed for ICA

Help Cancel Ok

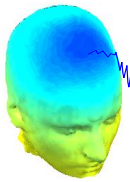
Dataset info -- pop_newset()

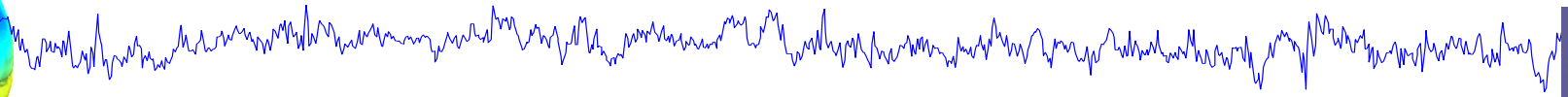
What do you want to do with the new dataset?
Name it: SimpleOddball hipass0.5 Edit description
Save it as file: Browse

What do you want to do with the old dataset (not modified since last saved)?
Overwrite it in memory (set=yes; unset=create a new dataset)

Help Cancel Ok

Pre-processing pipeline





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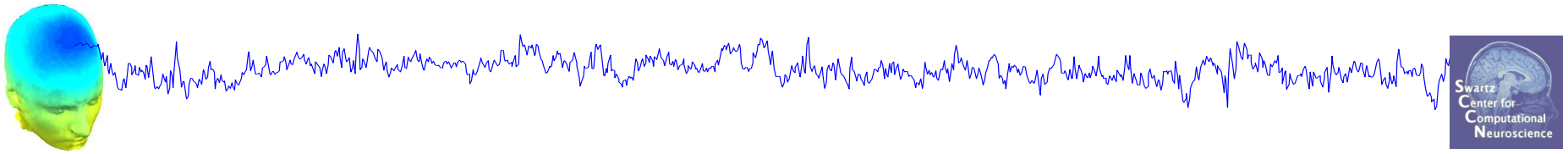
Scroll channel data



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Channel locations
Channel data (scroll)
Channel spectra and maps
Channel properties
Channel ERP image
Channel ERPs

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Alternate GUI option, same function

Scroll channel activities -- eegplot()

Figure Display Settings Help

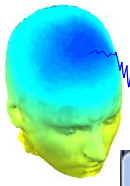
Stack
Norm

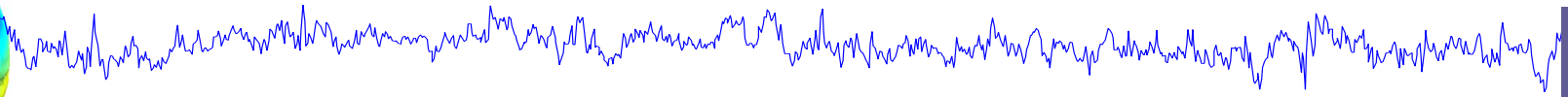
Scale 45

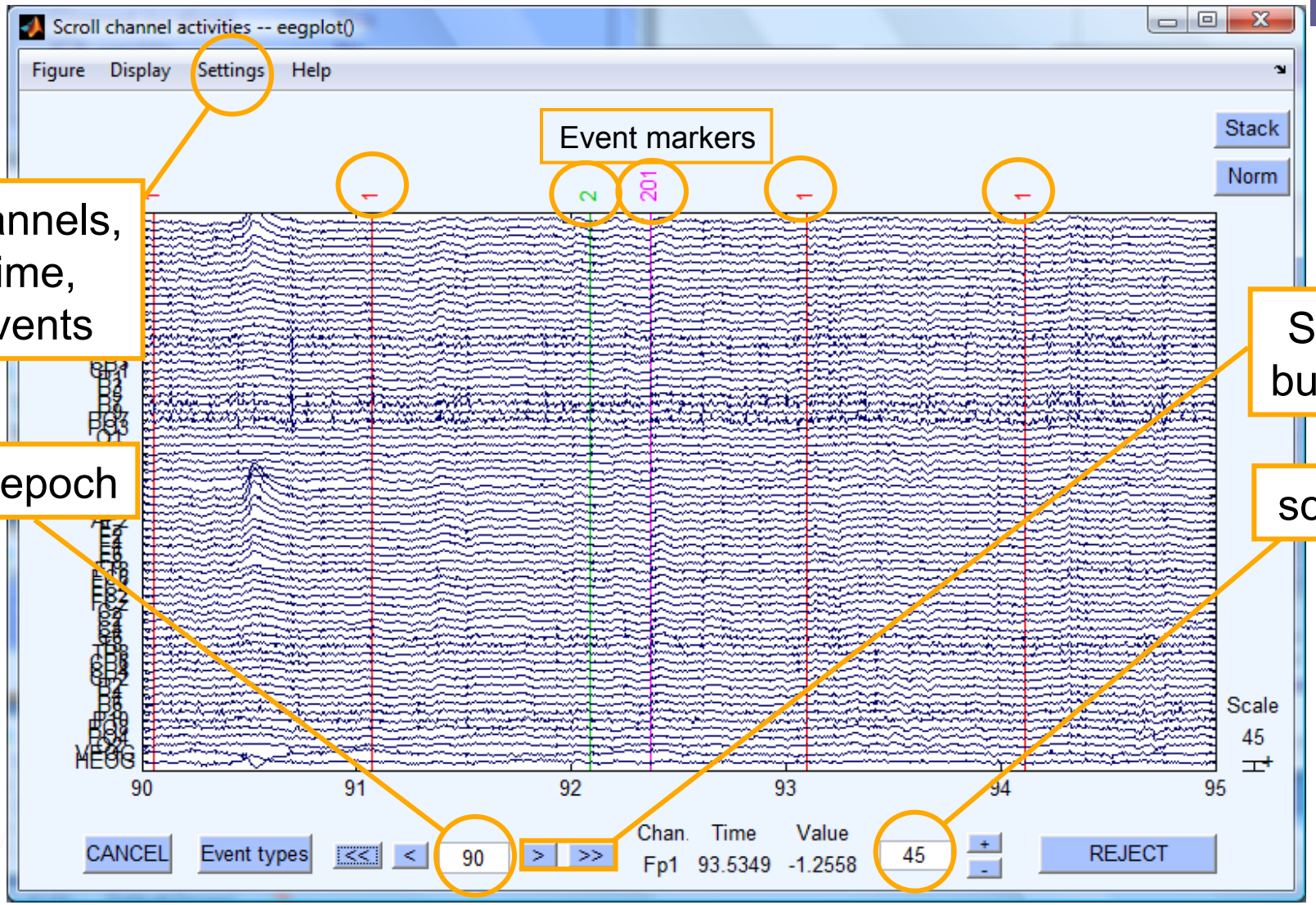
90 91 92 93 94 95

CANCEL Event types << < 90 > >> Chan. Time Value Fp1 93.5349 -1.2558 45 REJECT

Scroll channel data







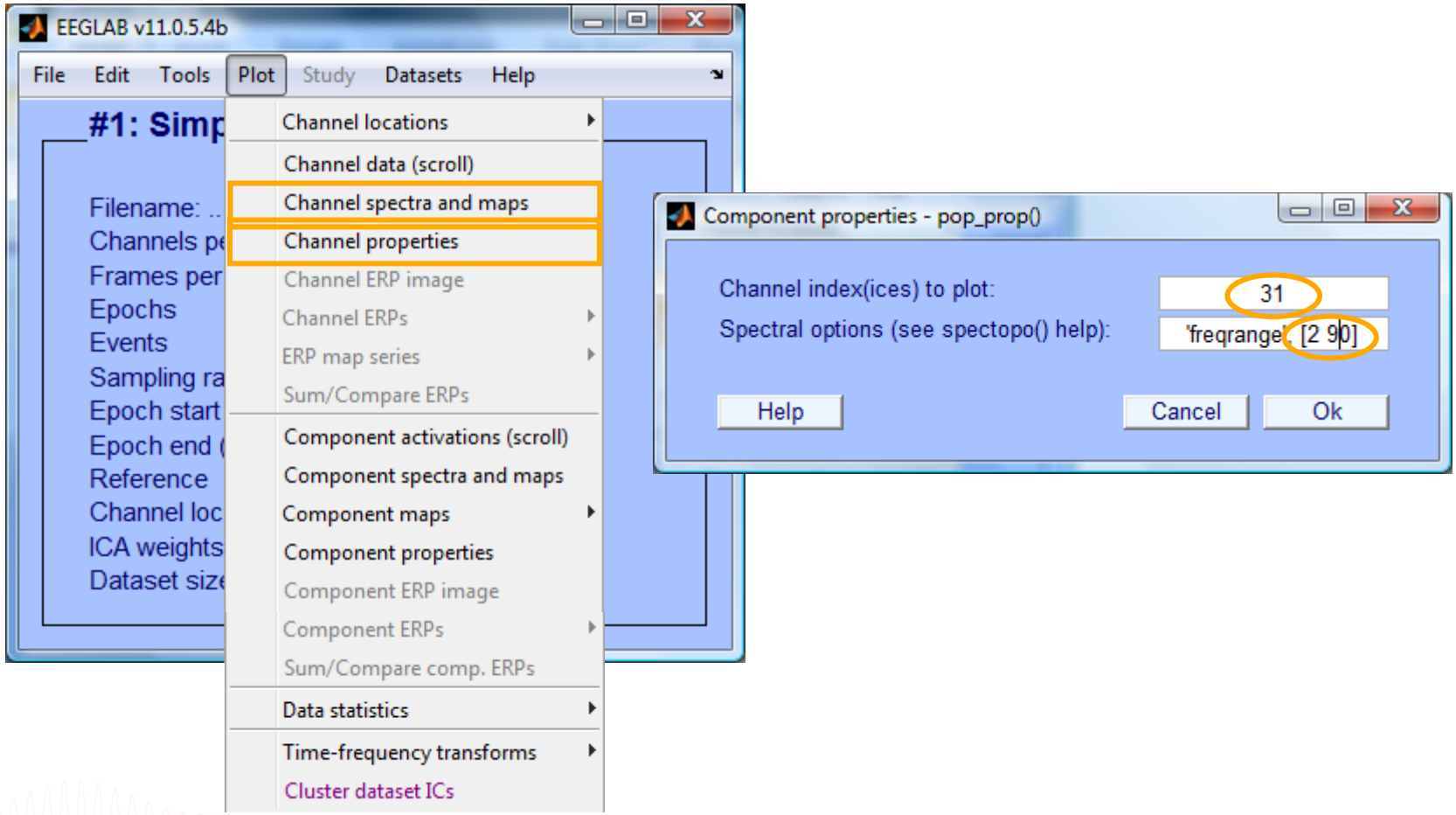
channels, time, events

sec/epoch

Scroll buttons

scaling

Plot channel spectra



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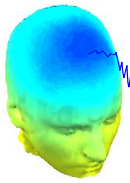

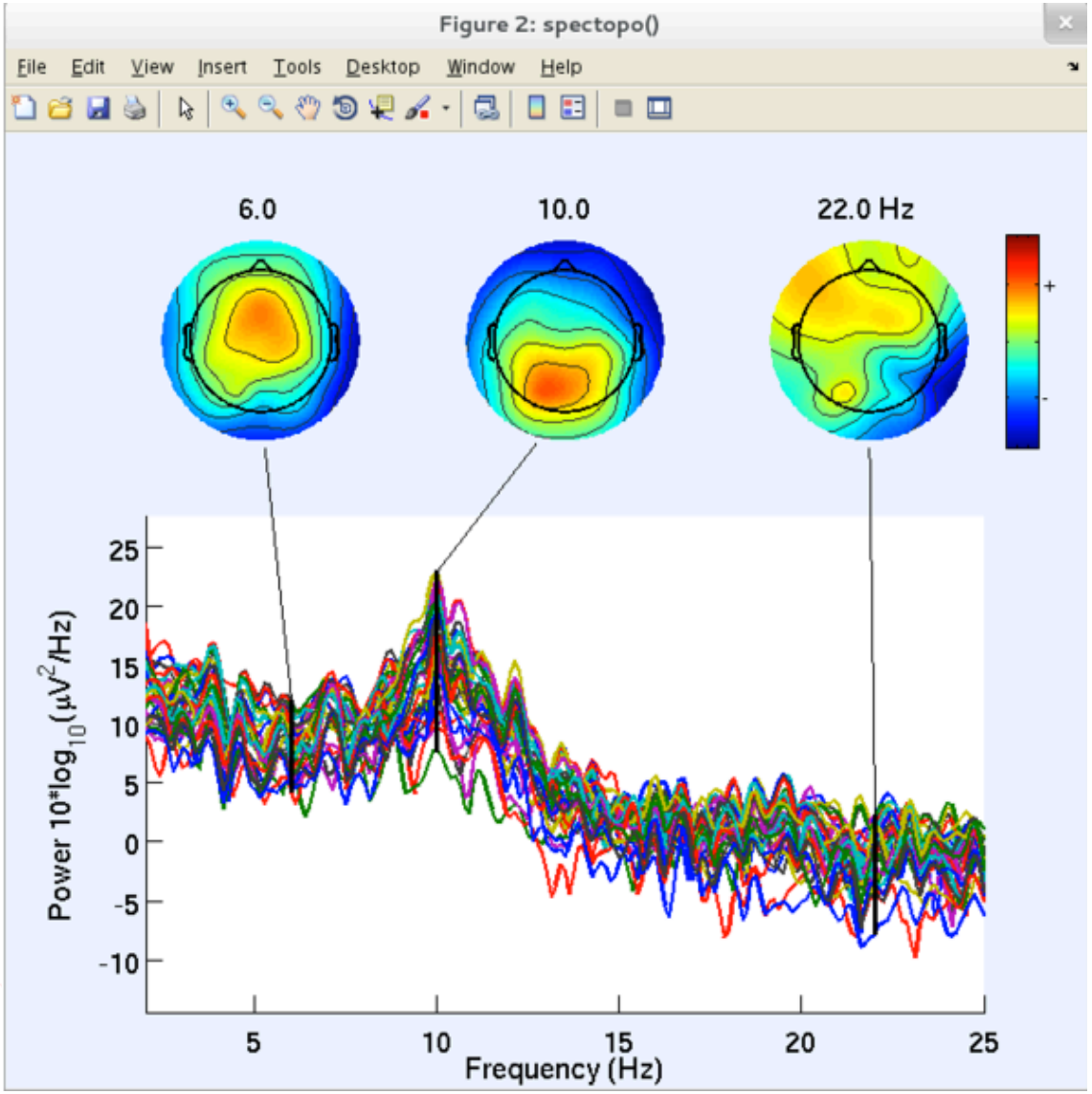

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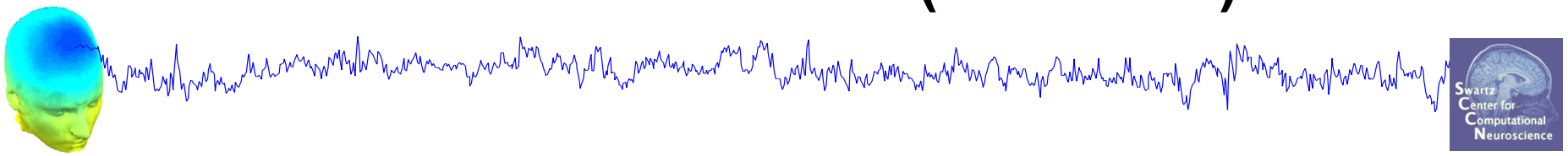

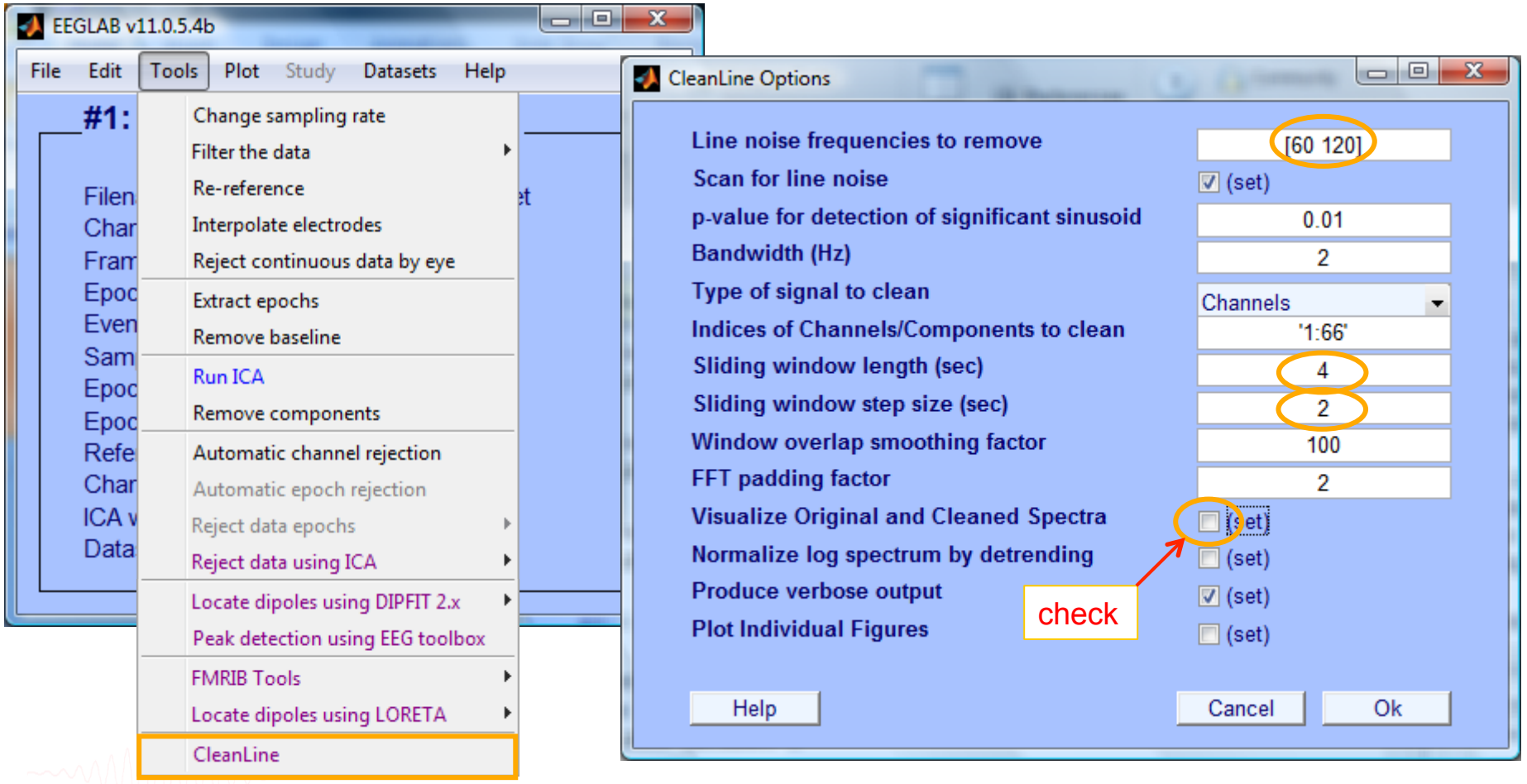

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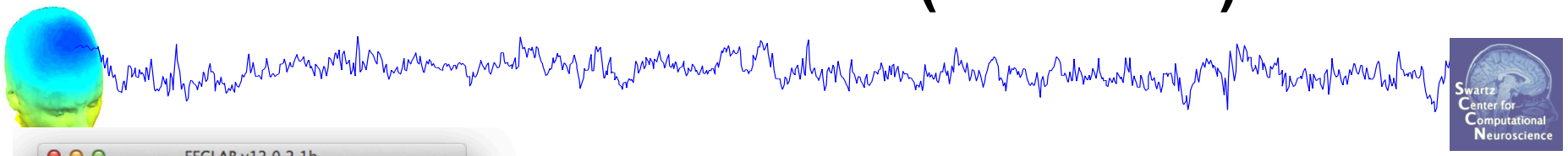

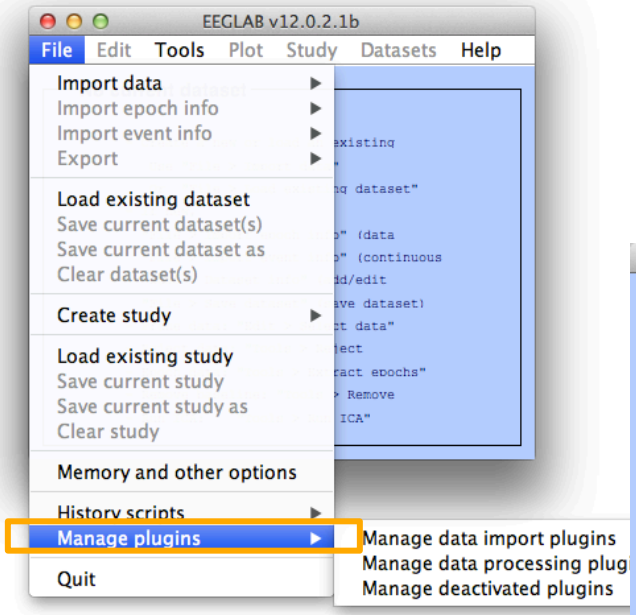

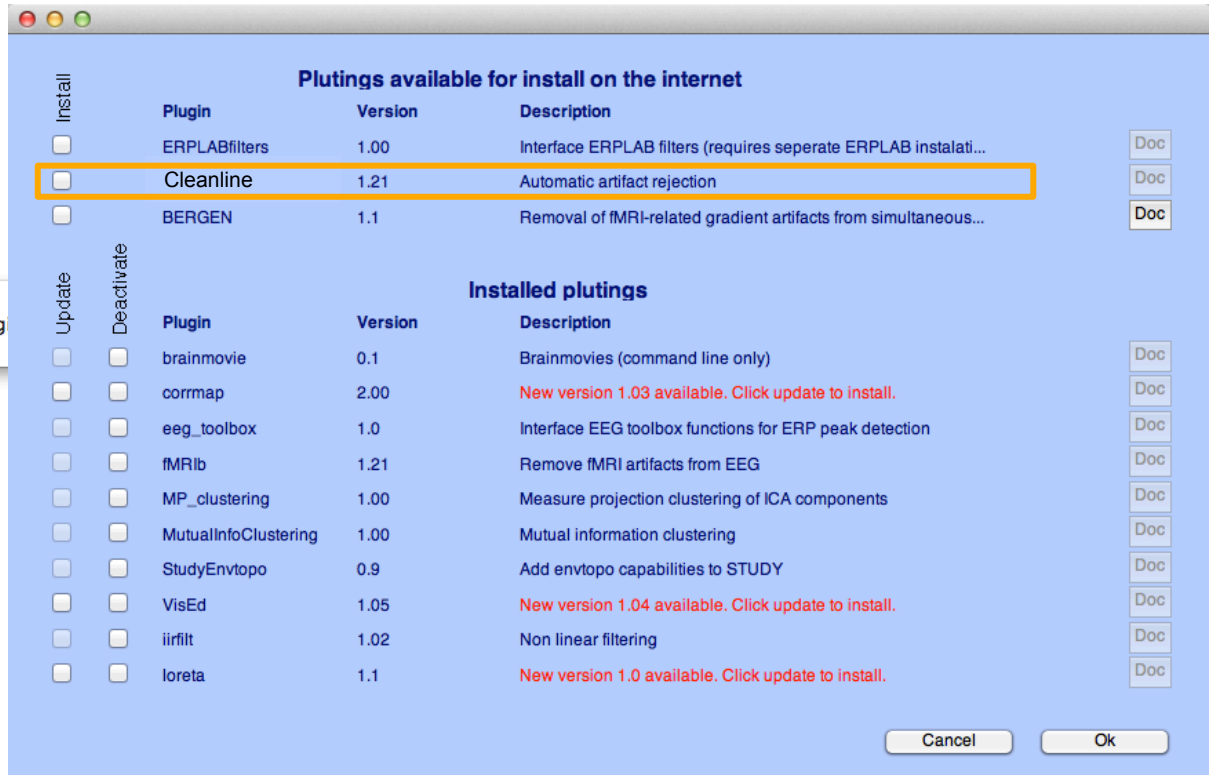

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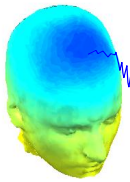

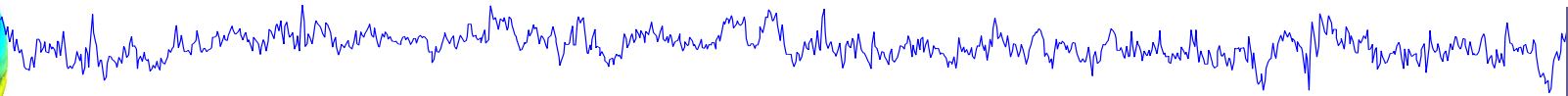

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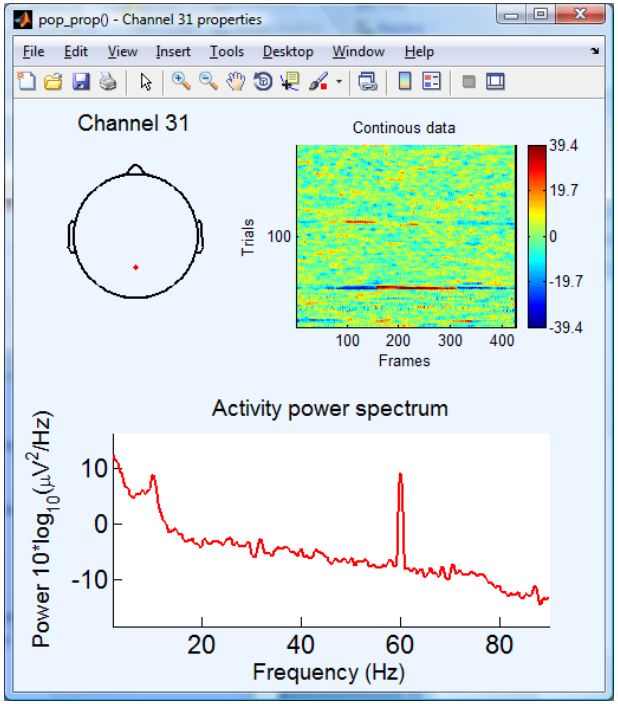

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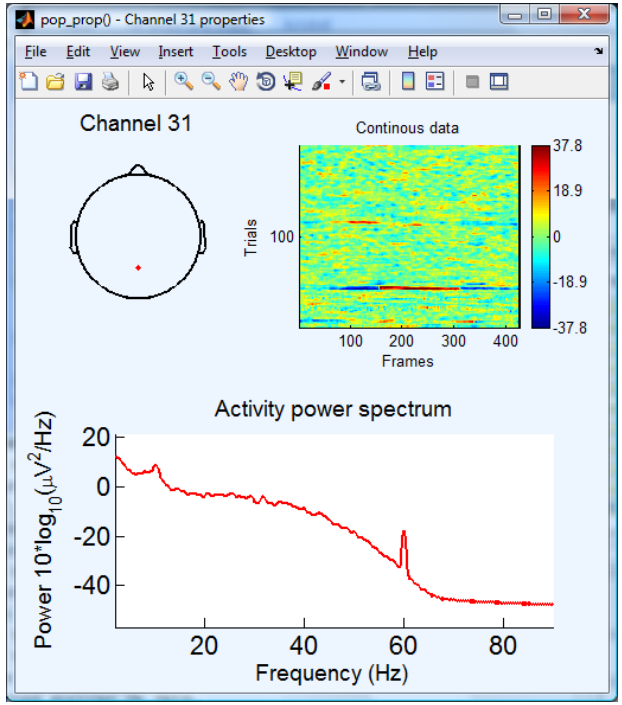

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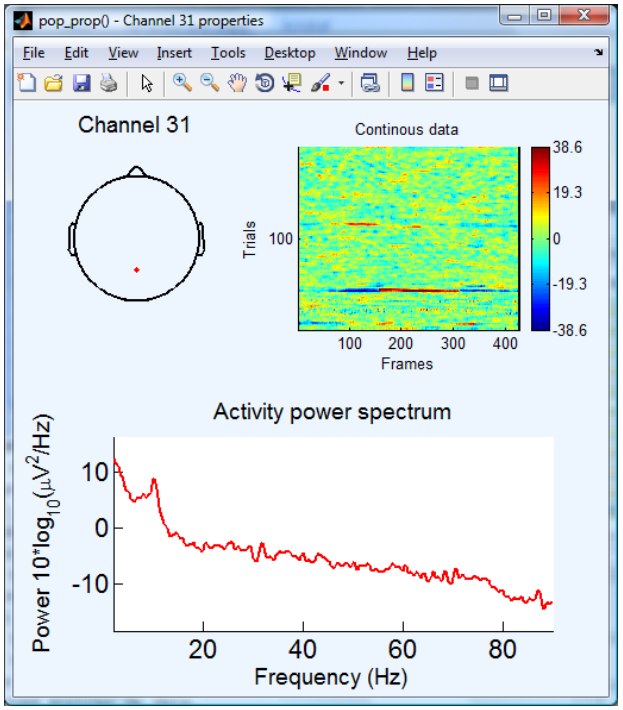

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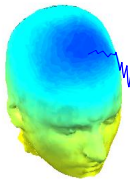

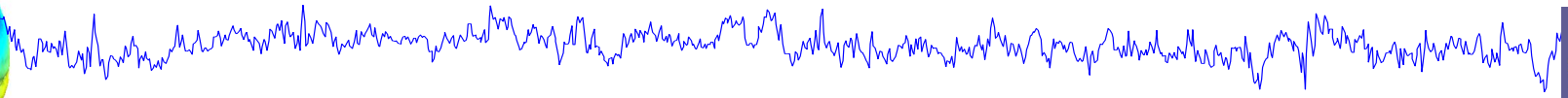

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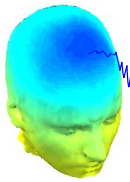
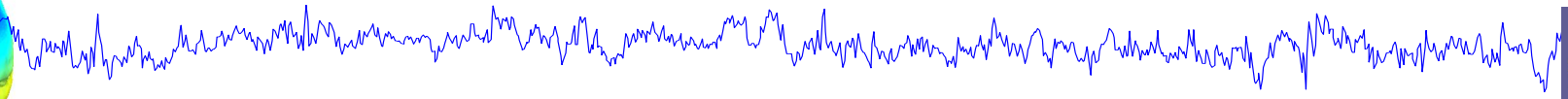
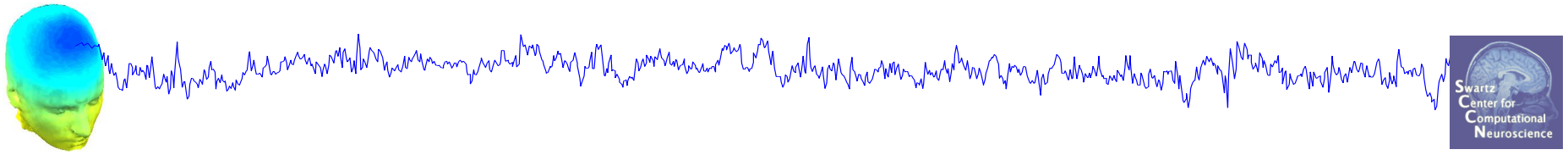


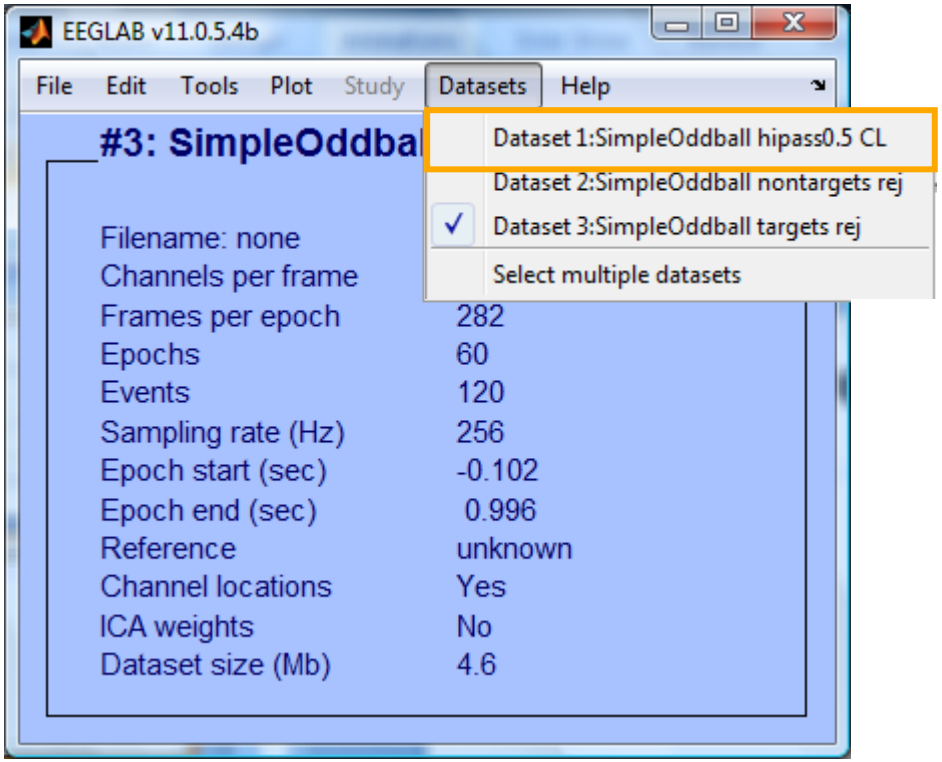


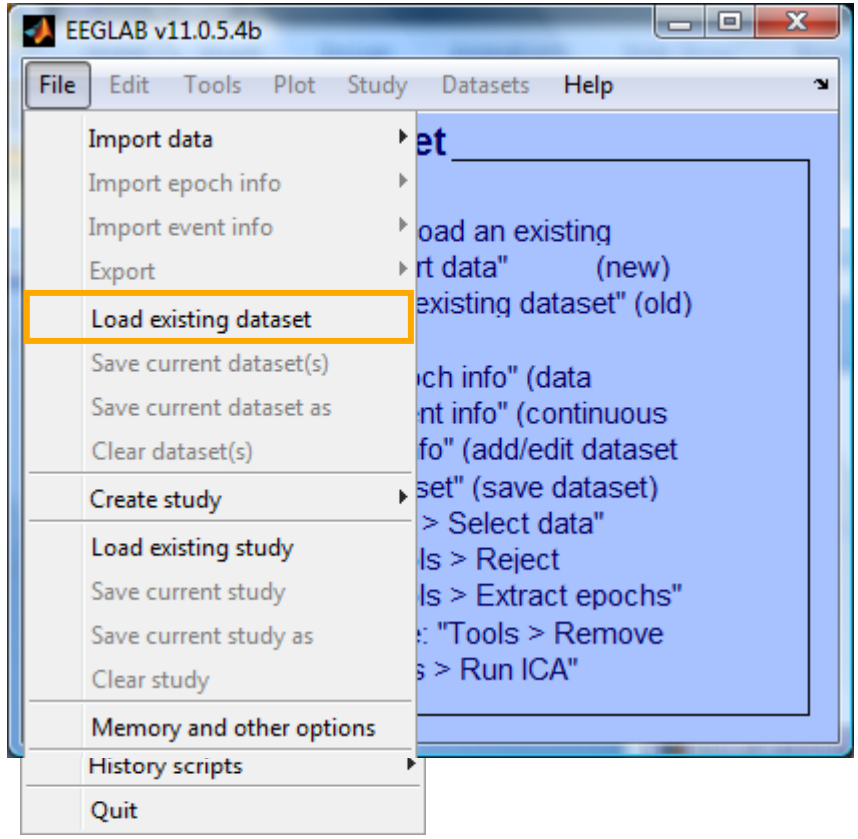
Data Cleaning for ICA

Variant 1: Continuous Data

Continuous EEG dataset







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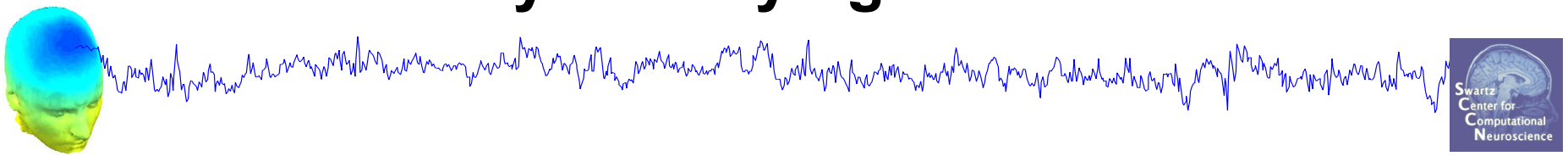

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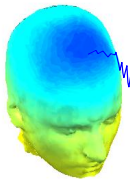

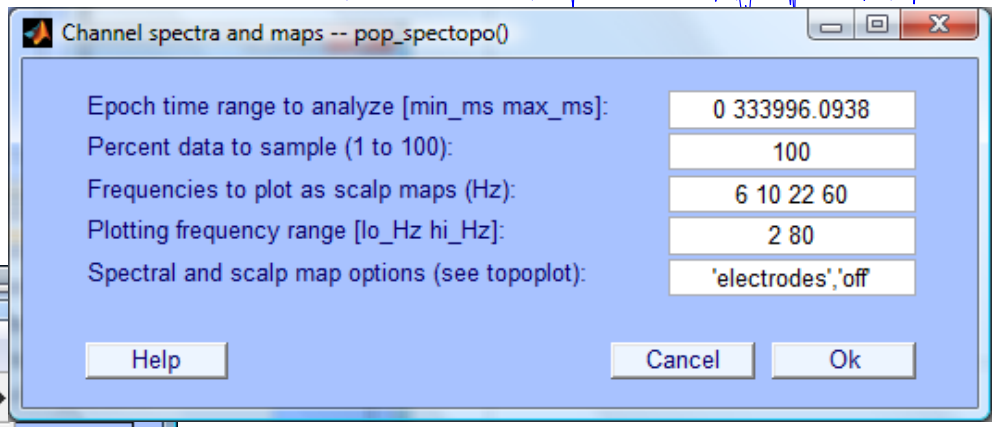

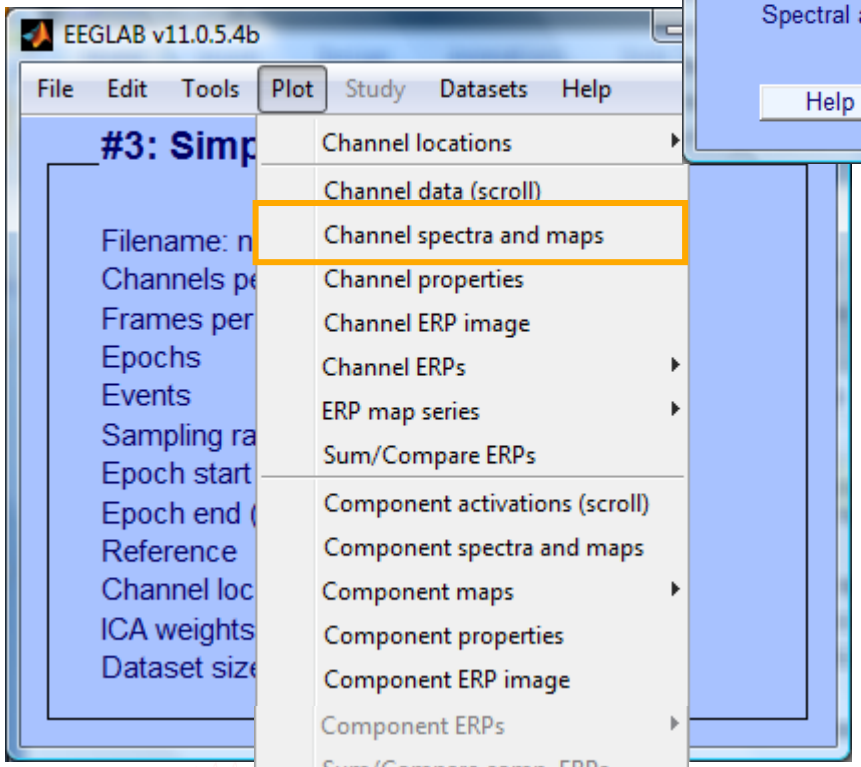

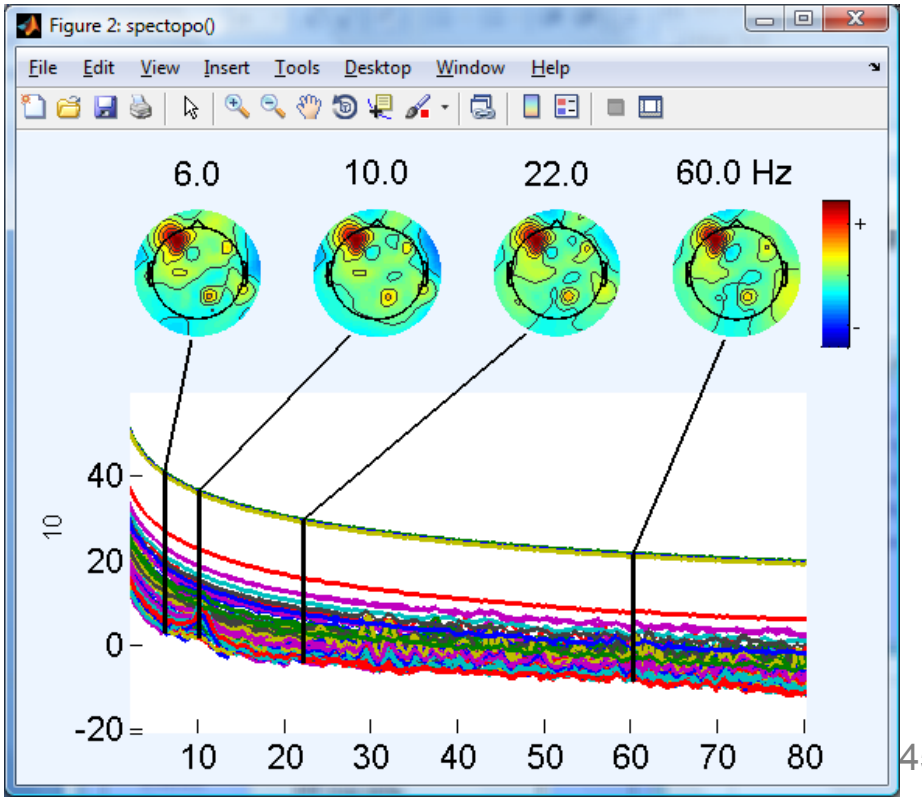

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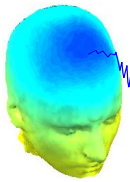

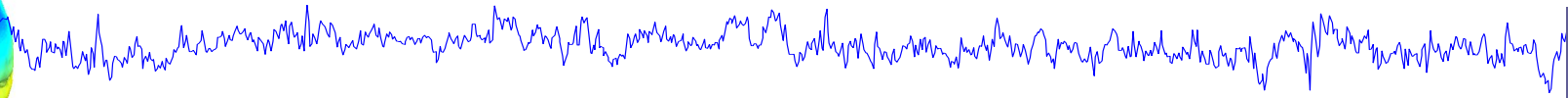

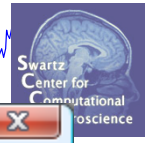

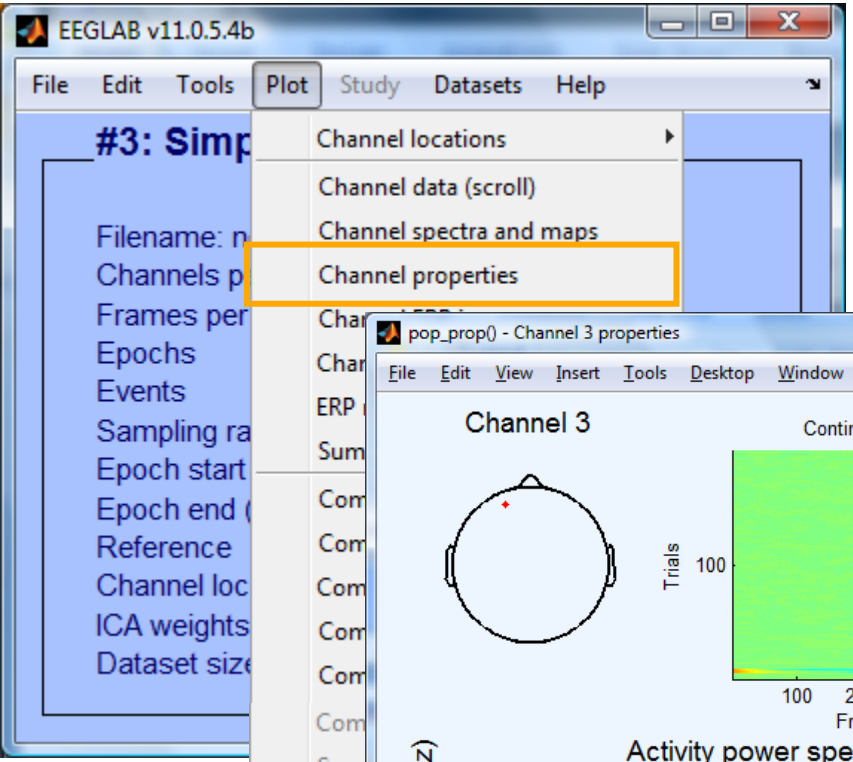

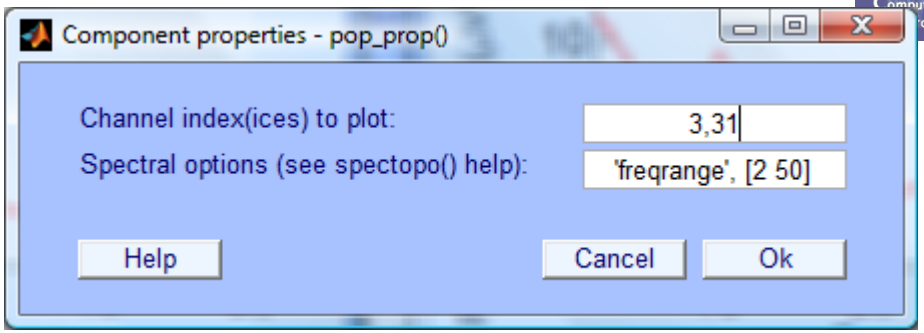

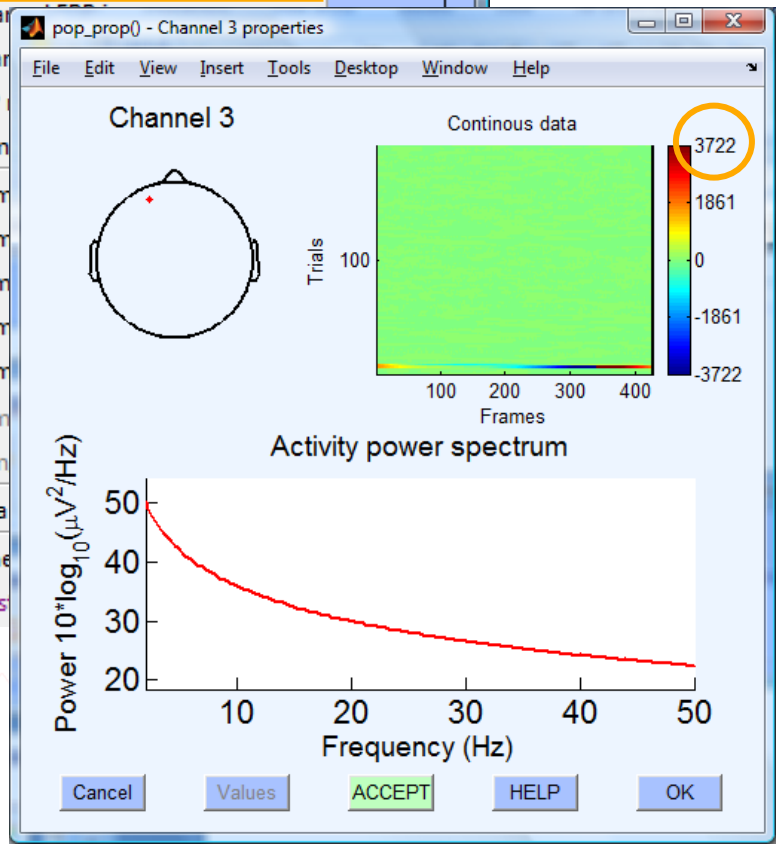

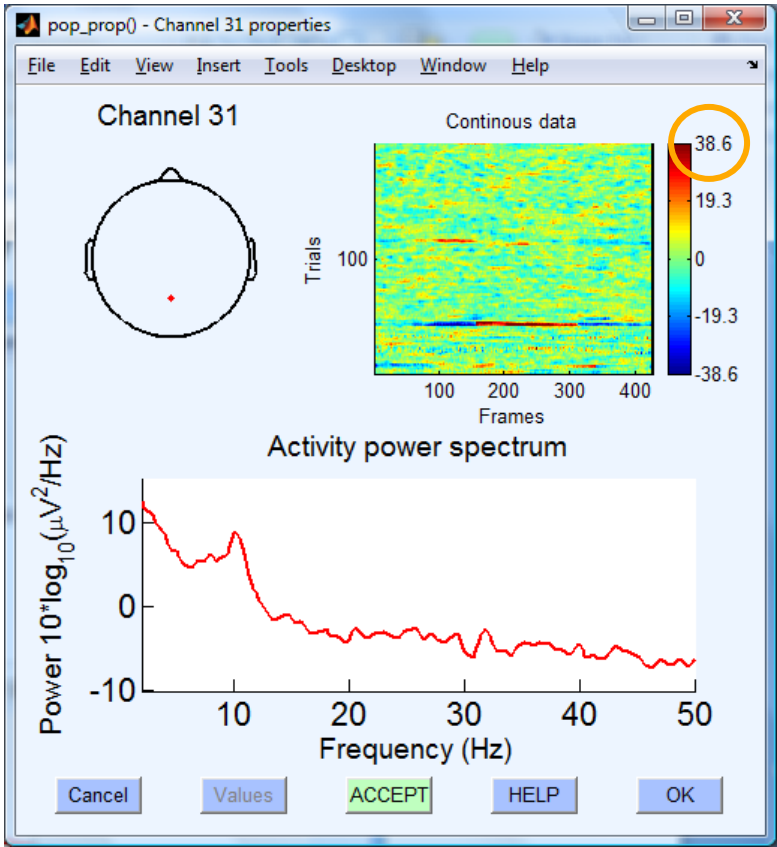

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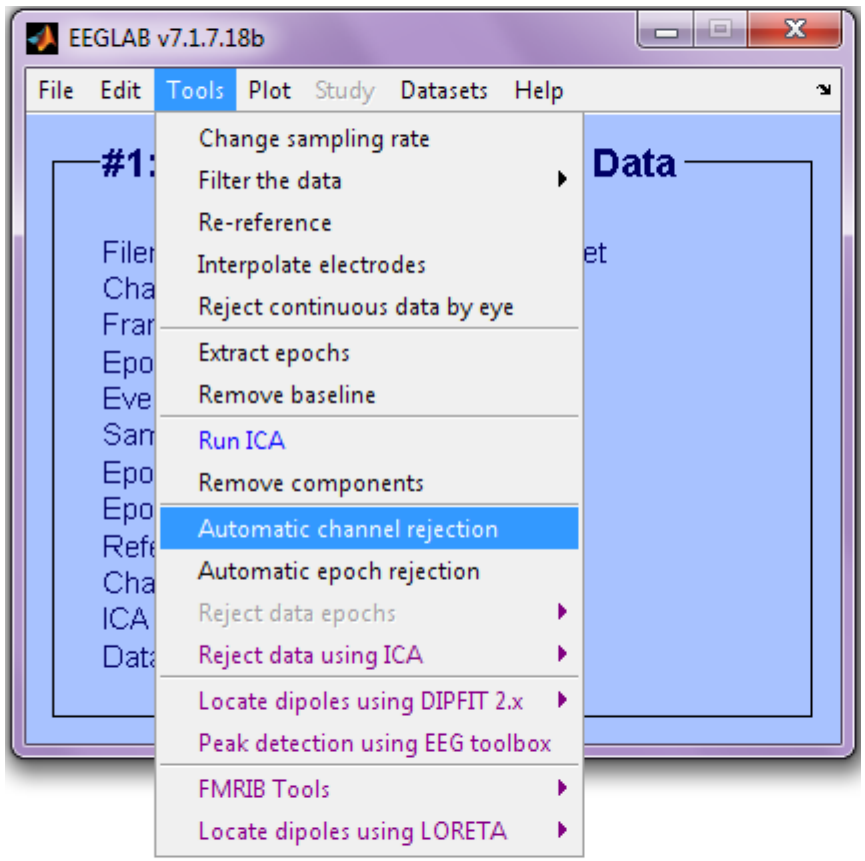

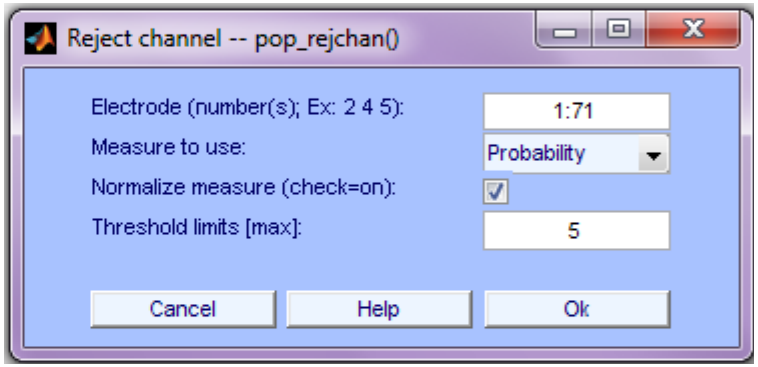

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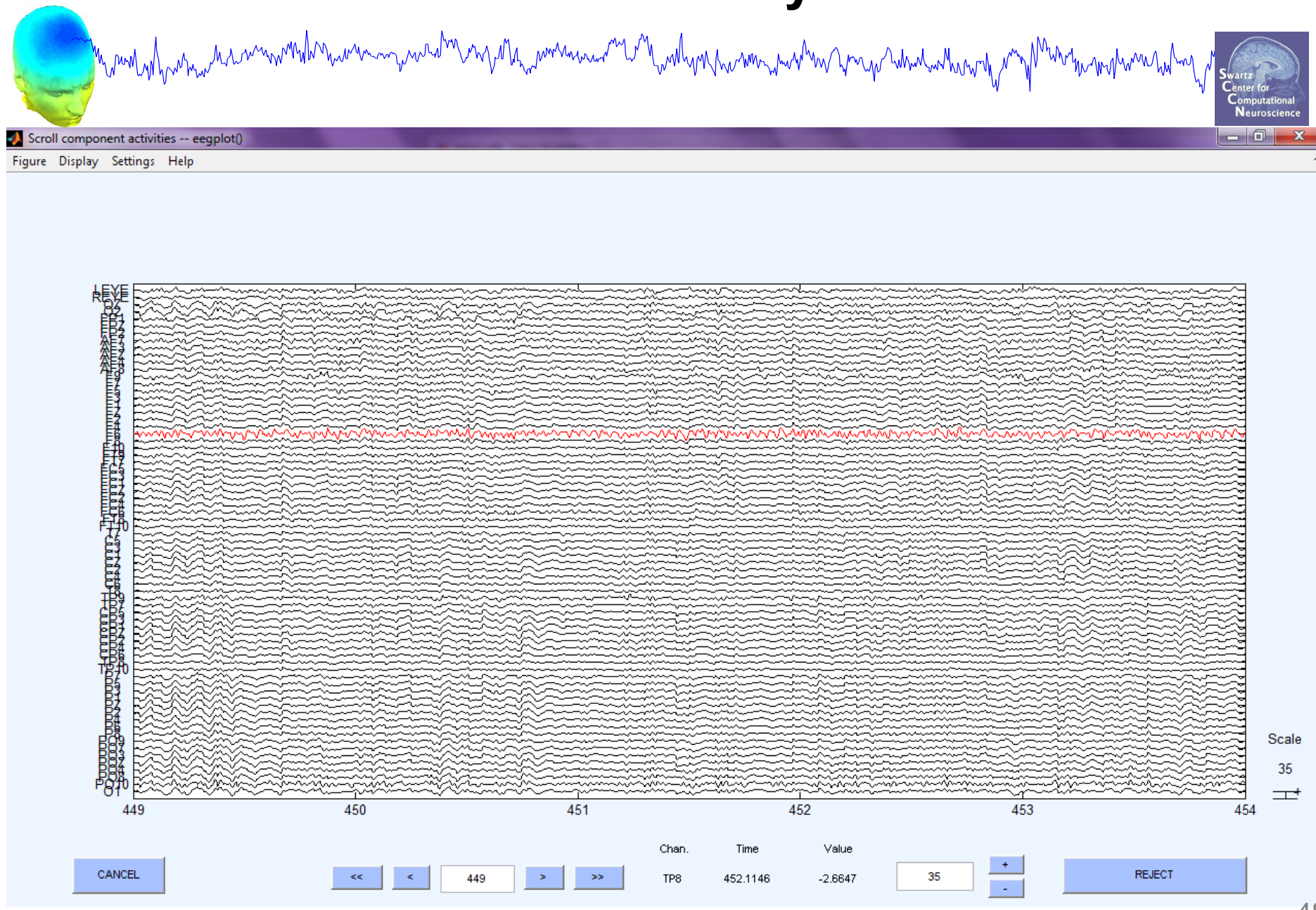

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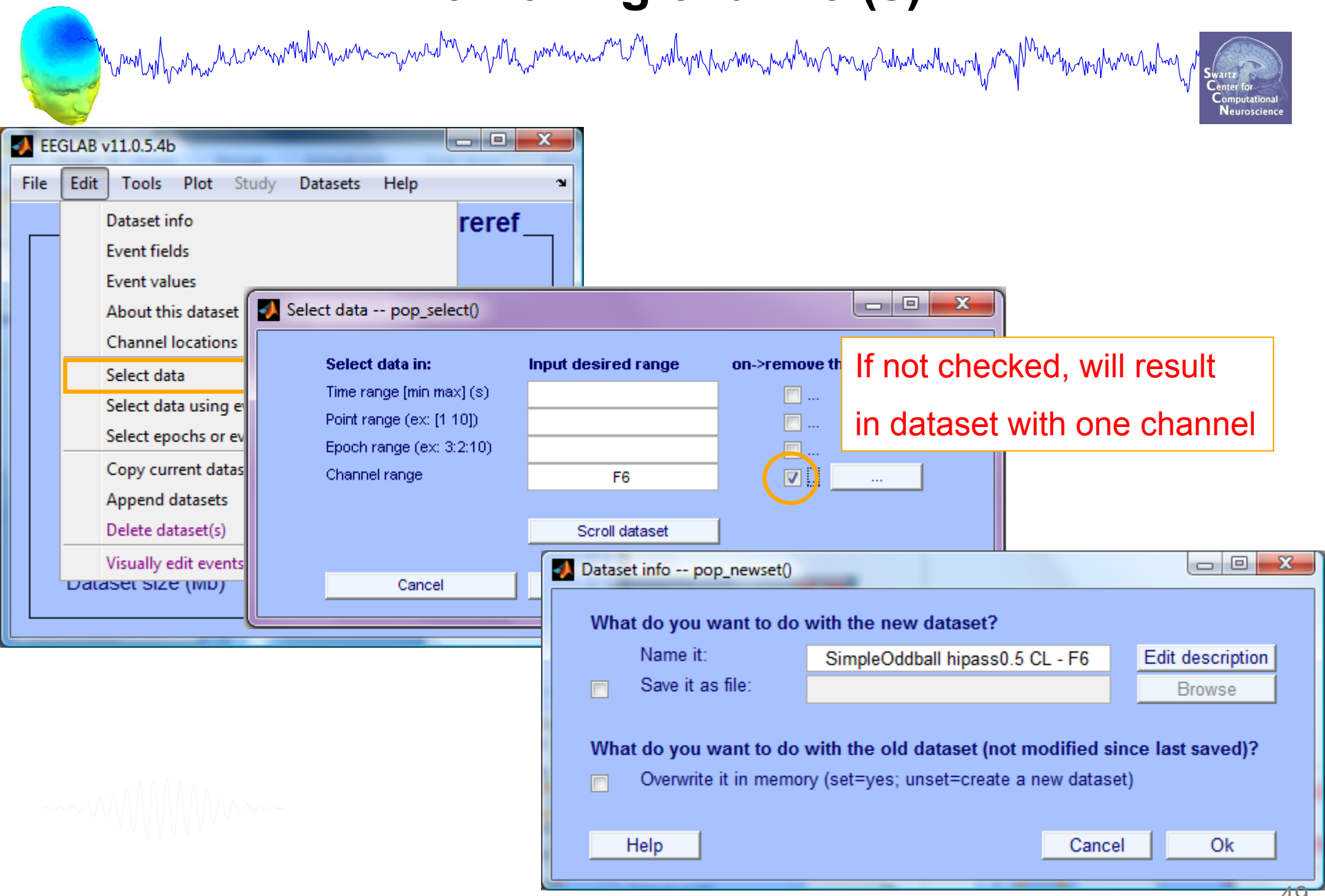

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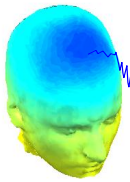
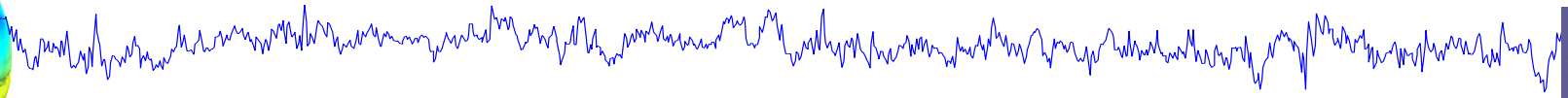
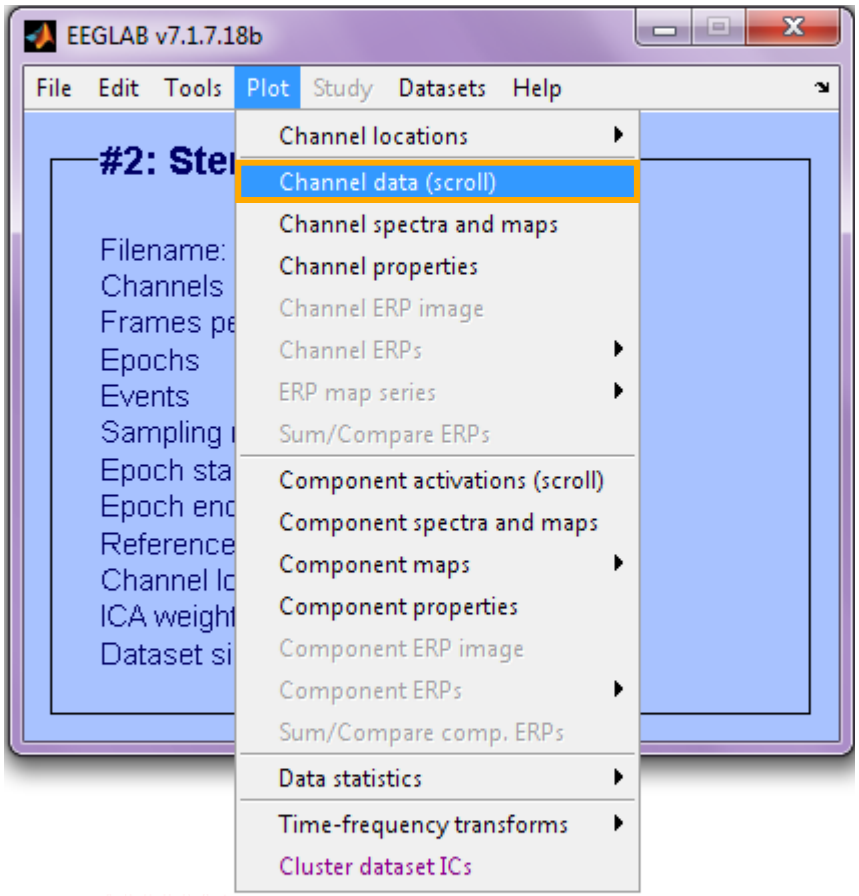


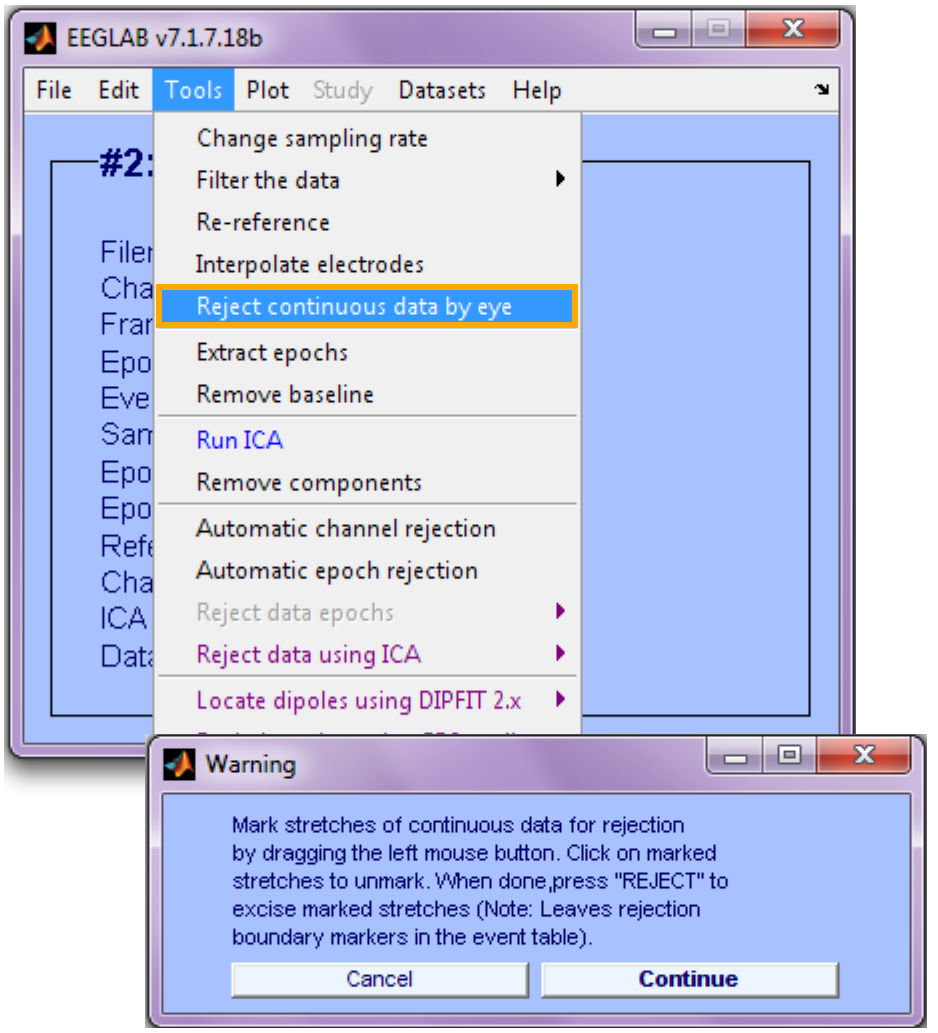


- You may want to interpolate bad channels rather than remove them altogether. Don't do this!
- The loss in dimensionality will affect the ICA decomposition
- Preferred solution:
  - **Delete** the bad channels before running ICA
  - STUDY tools will interpolate missing channels automatically

Reject continuous data

Equivalent





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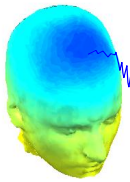

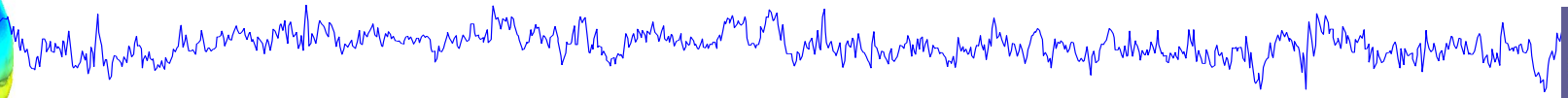

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Collect high-density EEG data (>30 chan)

Import into EEGLAB

Import event markers and channel locations

Re-reference/ down-sample (if necessary)

High pass filter (~.5 – 1 Hz)

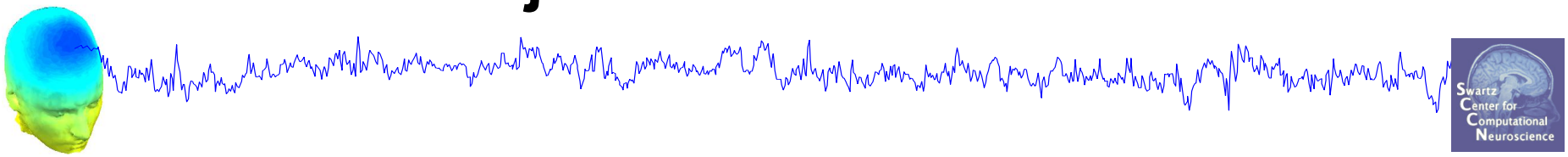
Examine raw data

Data Cleaning: Identify/reject bad channels

Data Cleaning: Reject large artifact time points

Run ICA

Reject continuous data



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Click and drag with mouse over noisy data to reject

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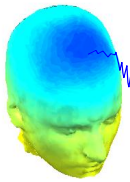
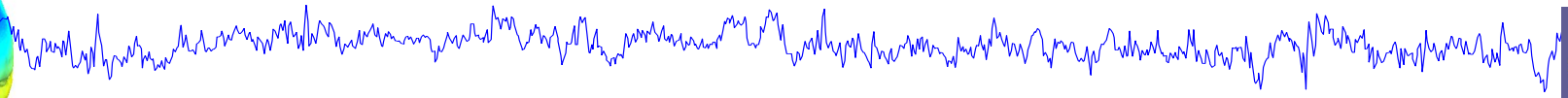
Rejecting data for ICA



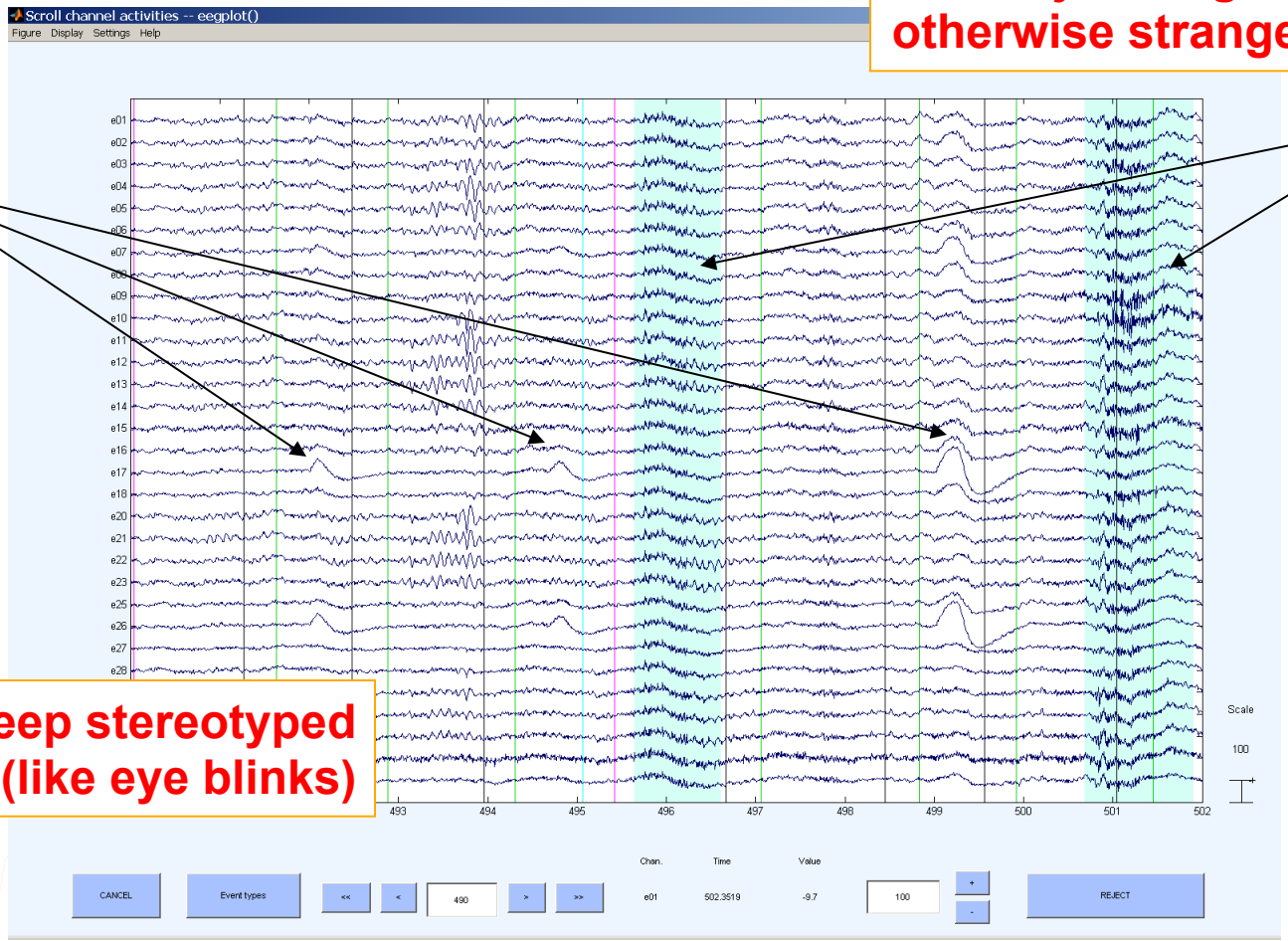


To prepare data for ICA:

Reject large muscle or otherwise strange events...

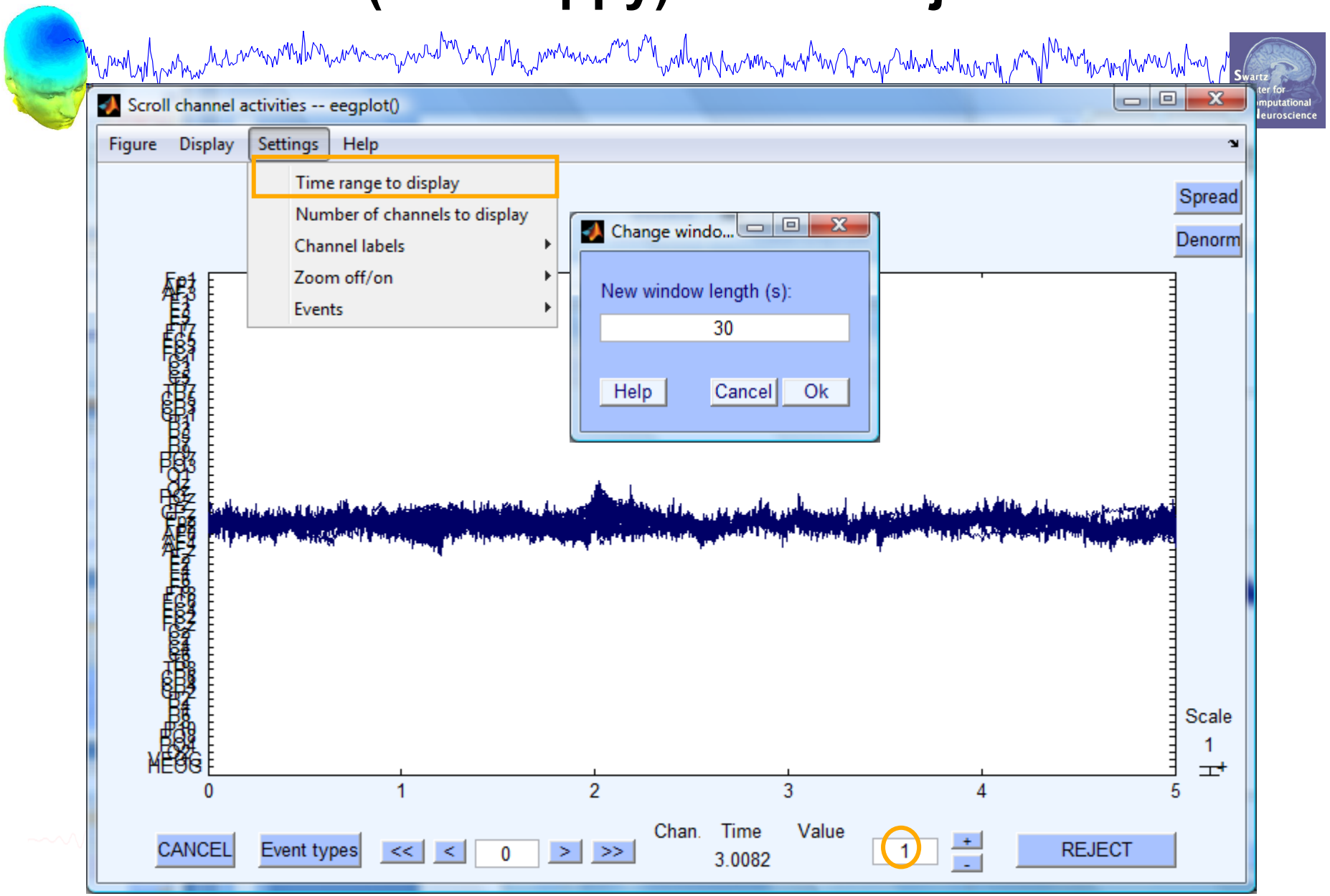
Keep

Reject



... but keep stereotyped artifacts (like eye blinks)

Fast (but sloppy) artifact rejection



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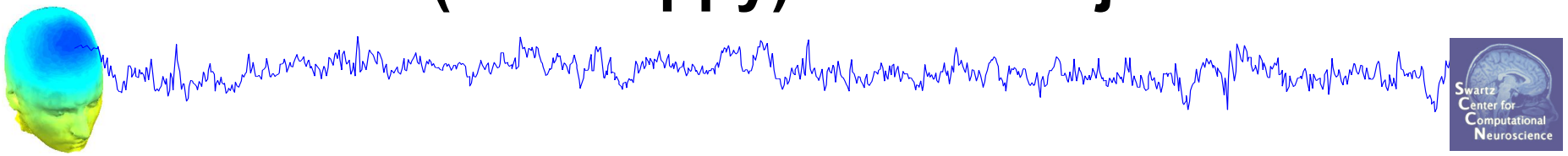

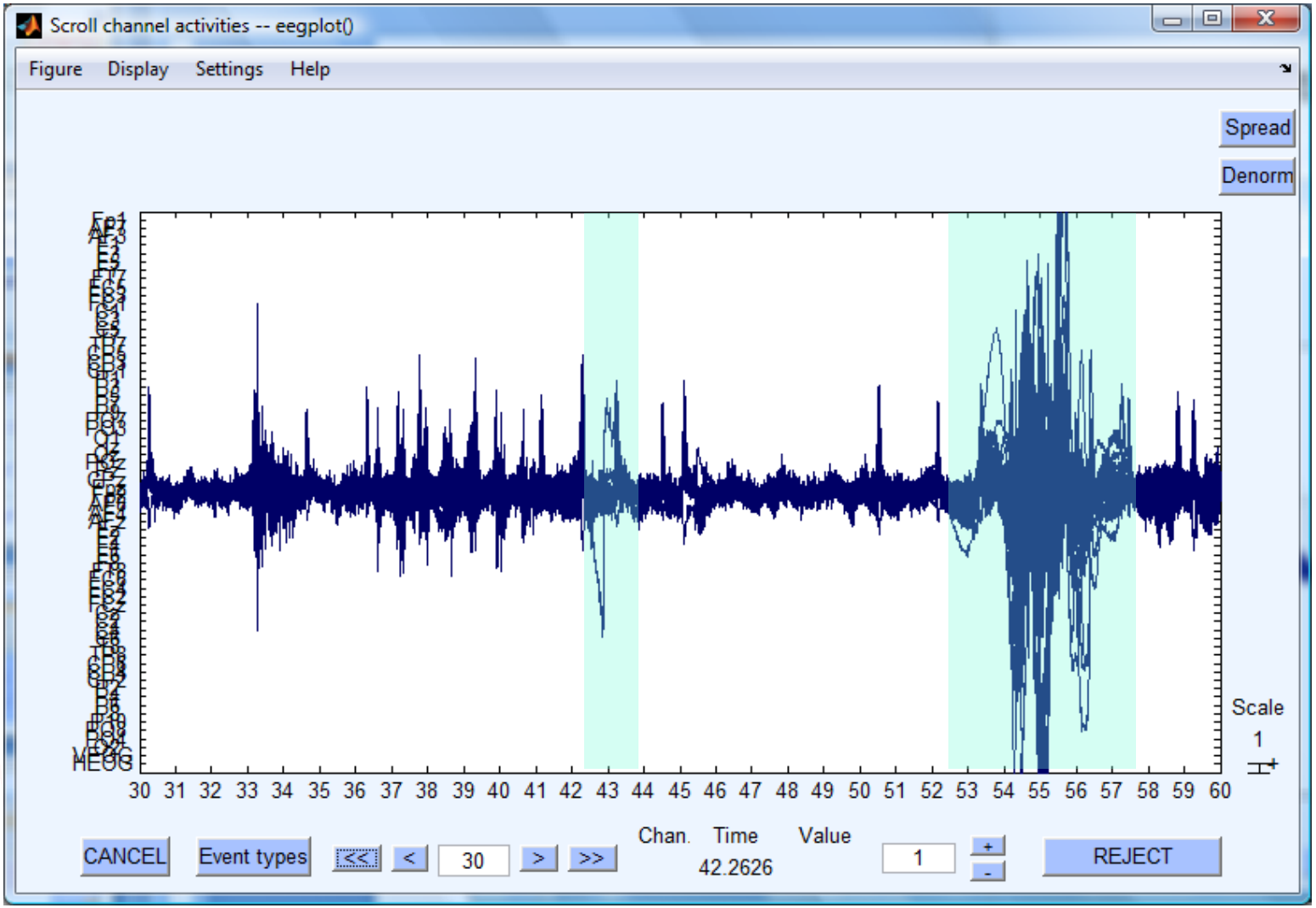

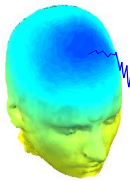

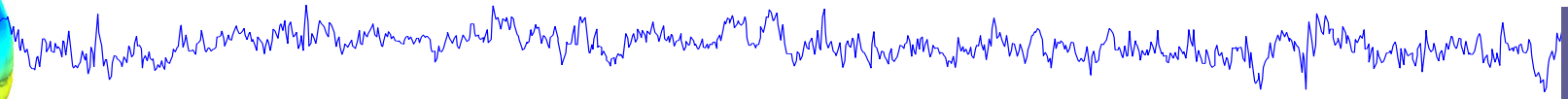

Data Cleaning for ICA

Variant 2: Epoched Data

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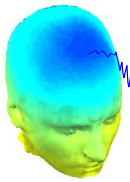

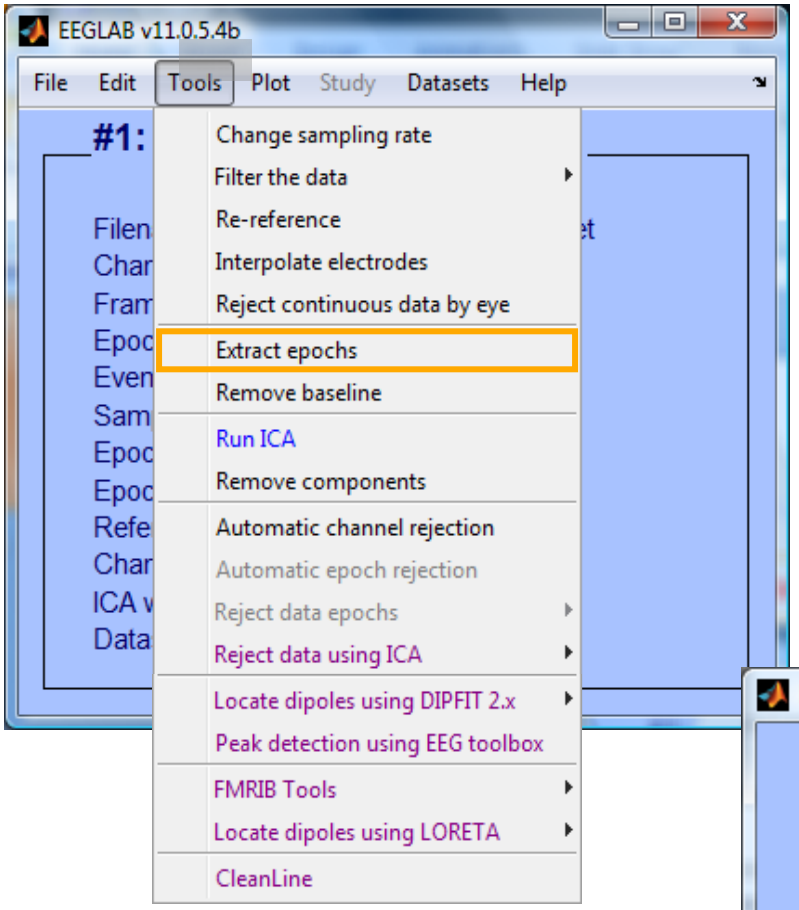


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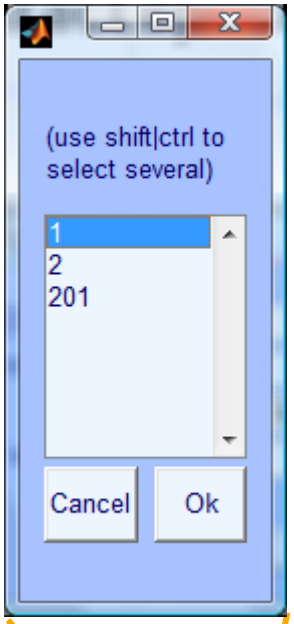

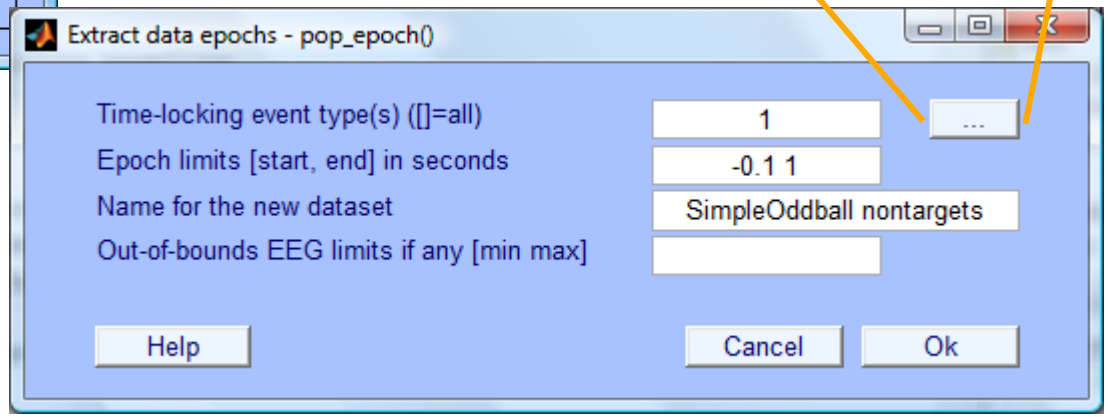

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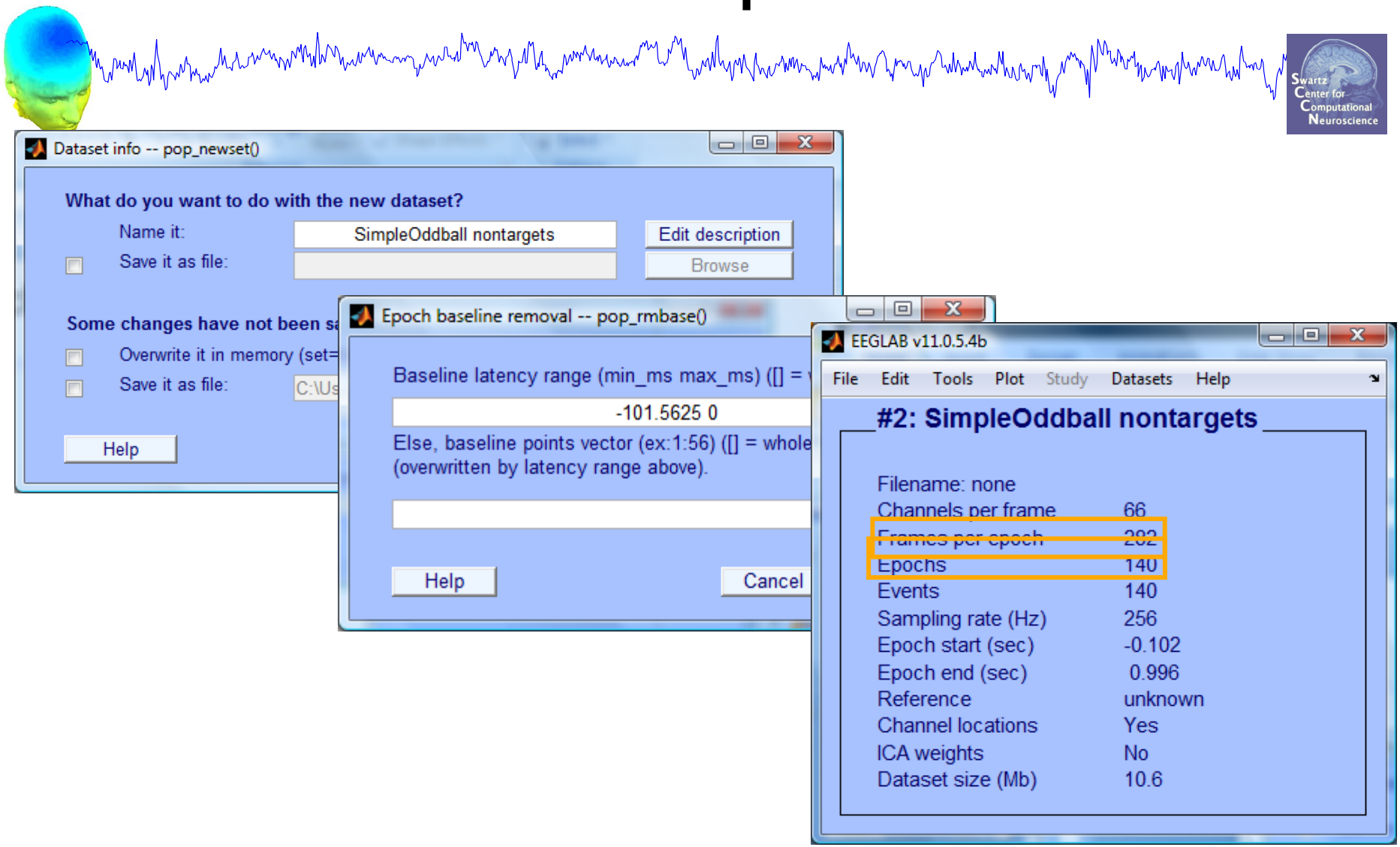

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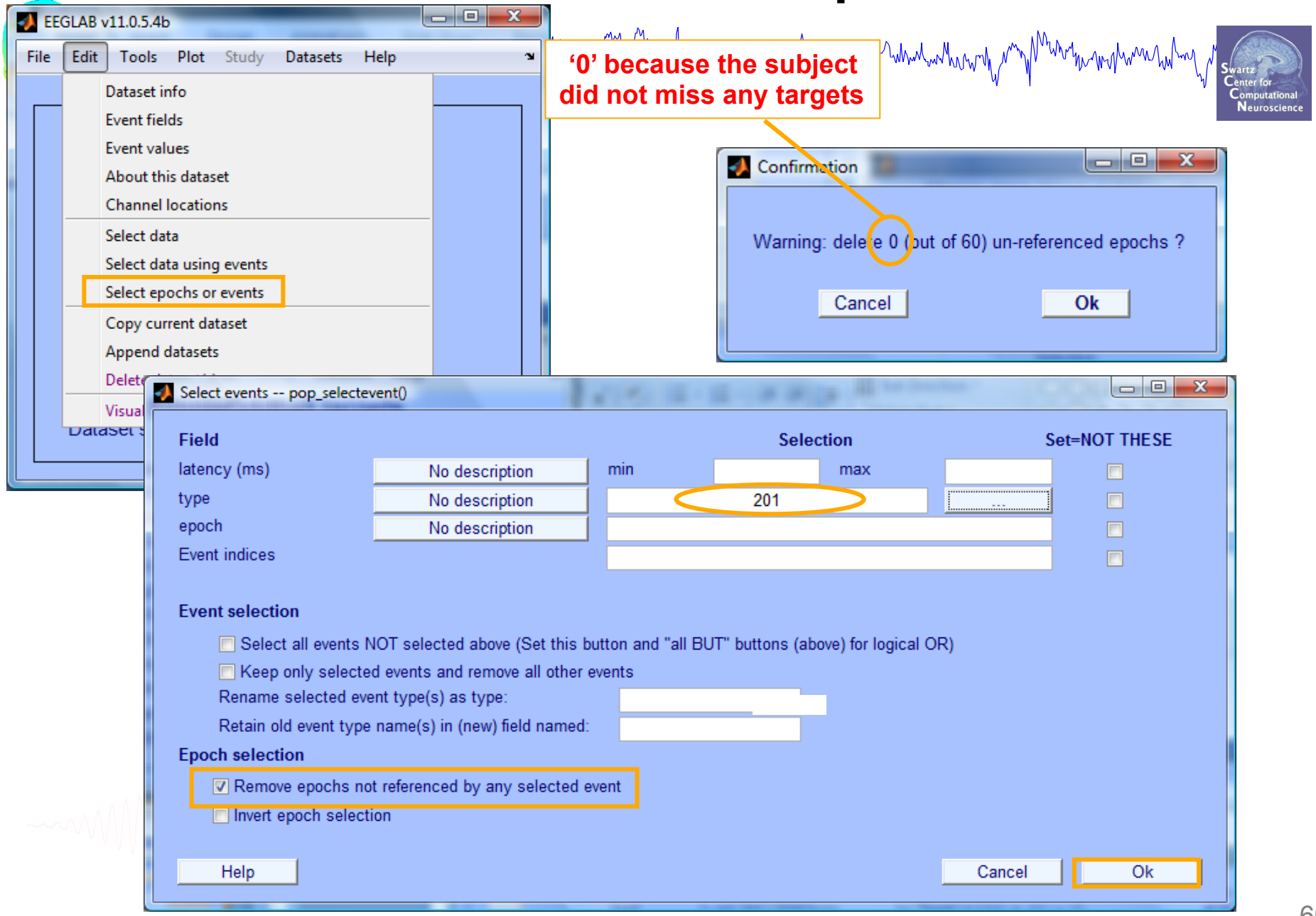

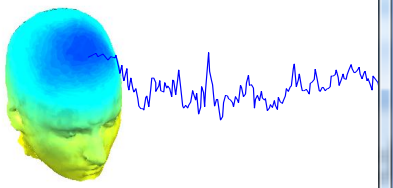

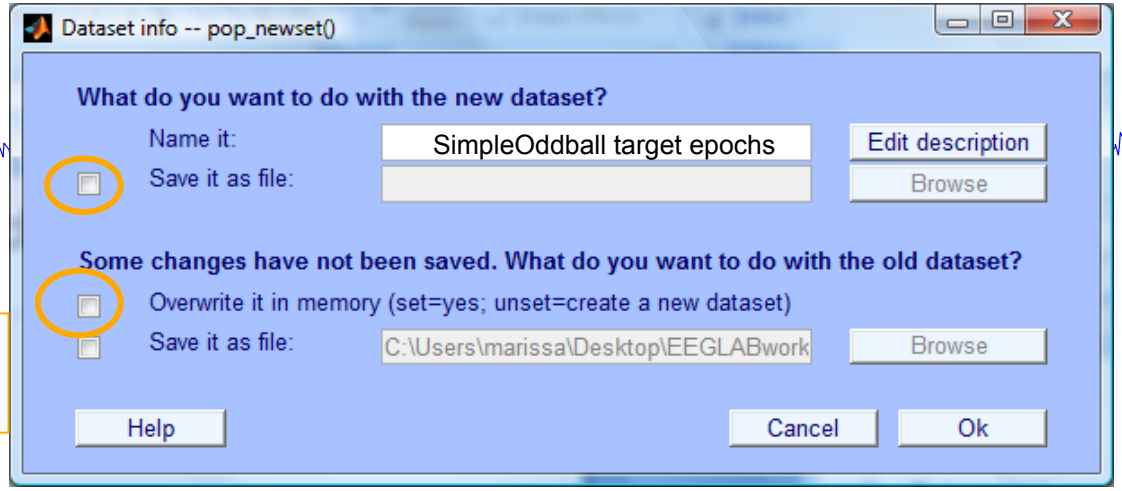

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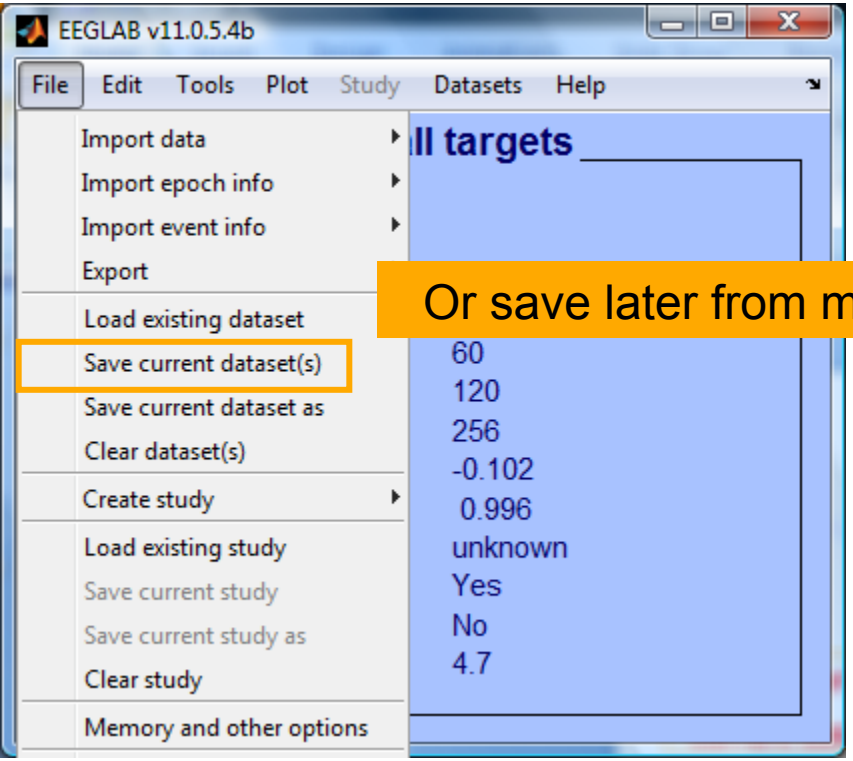

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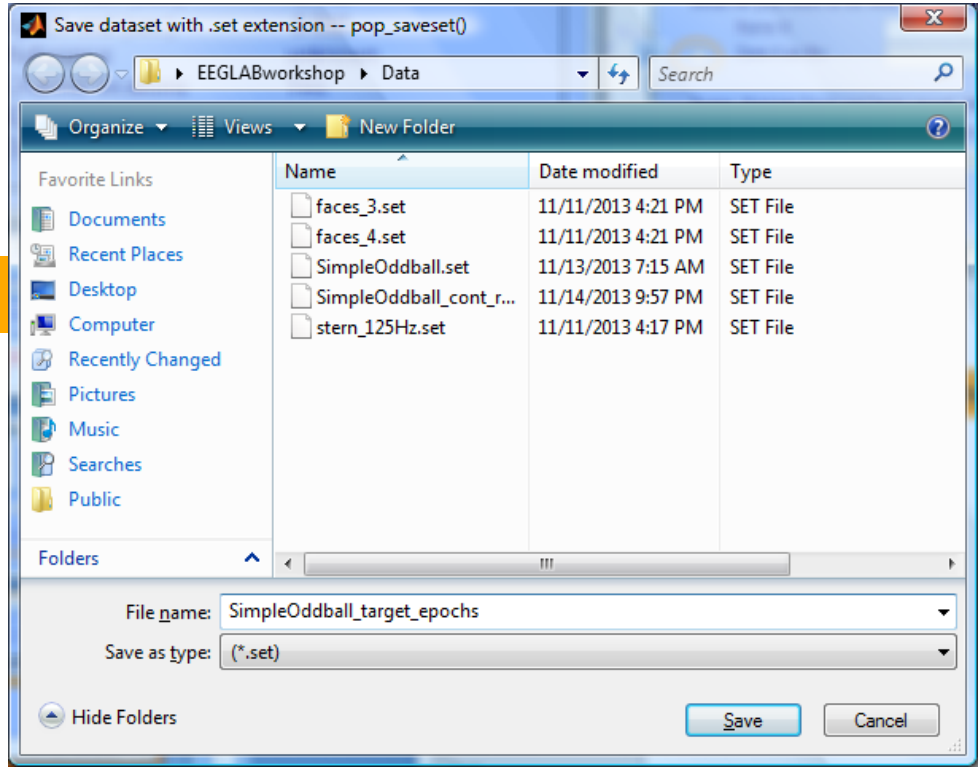

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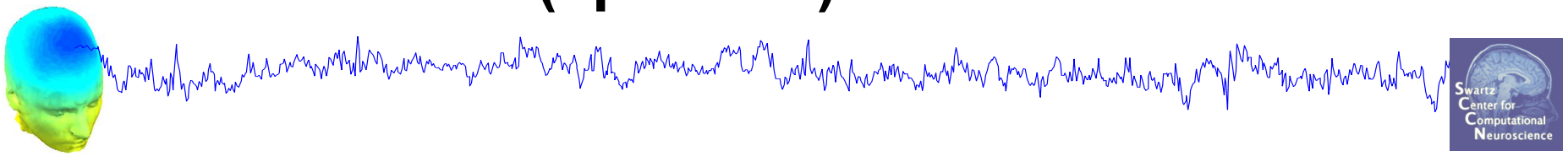

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Reject epochs with artifact

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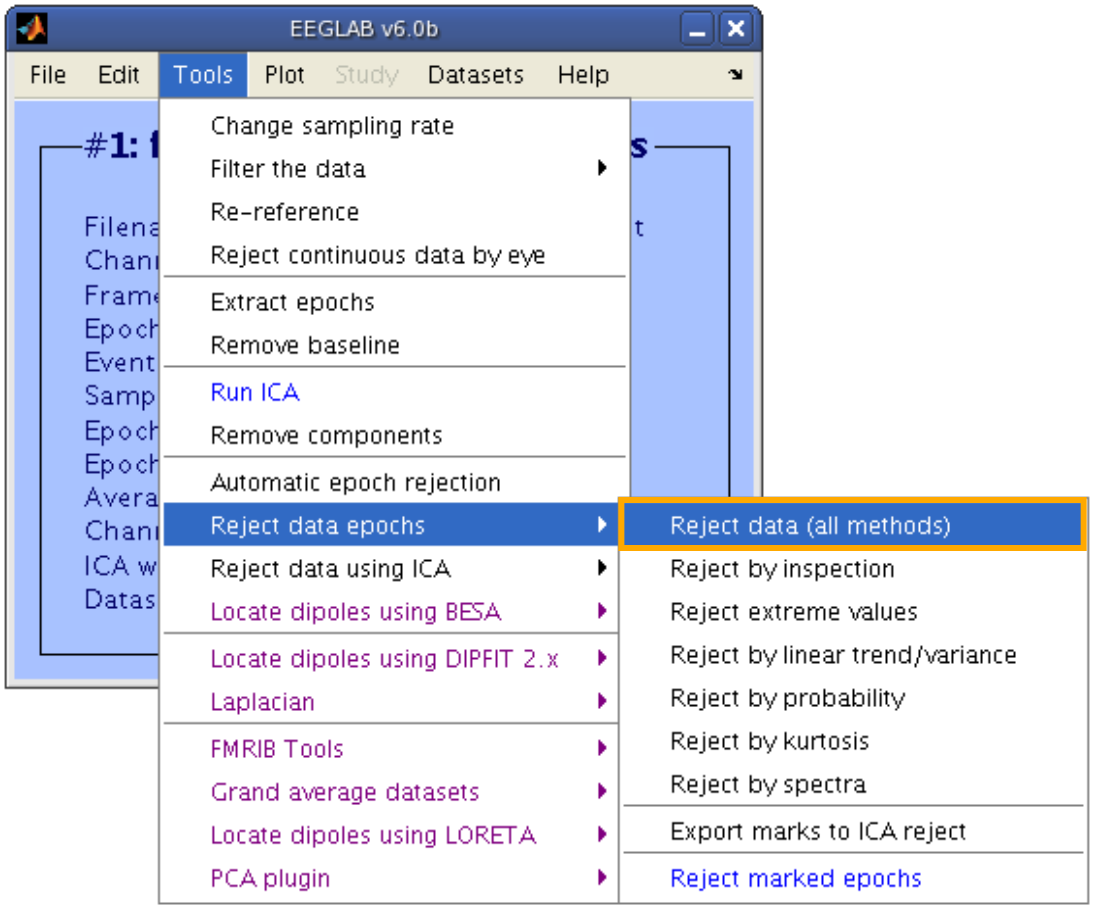

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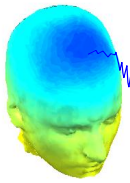

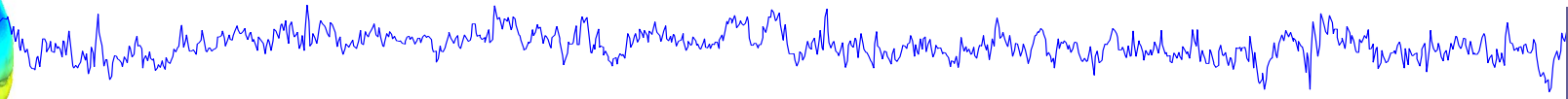

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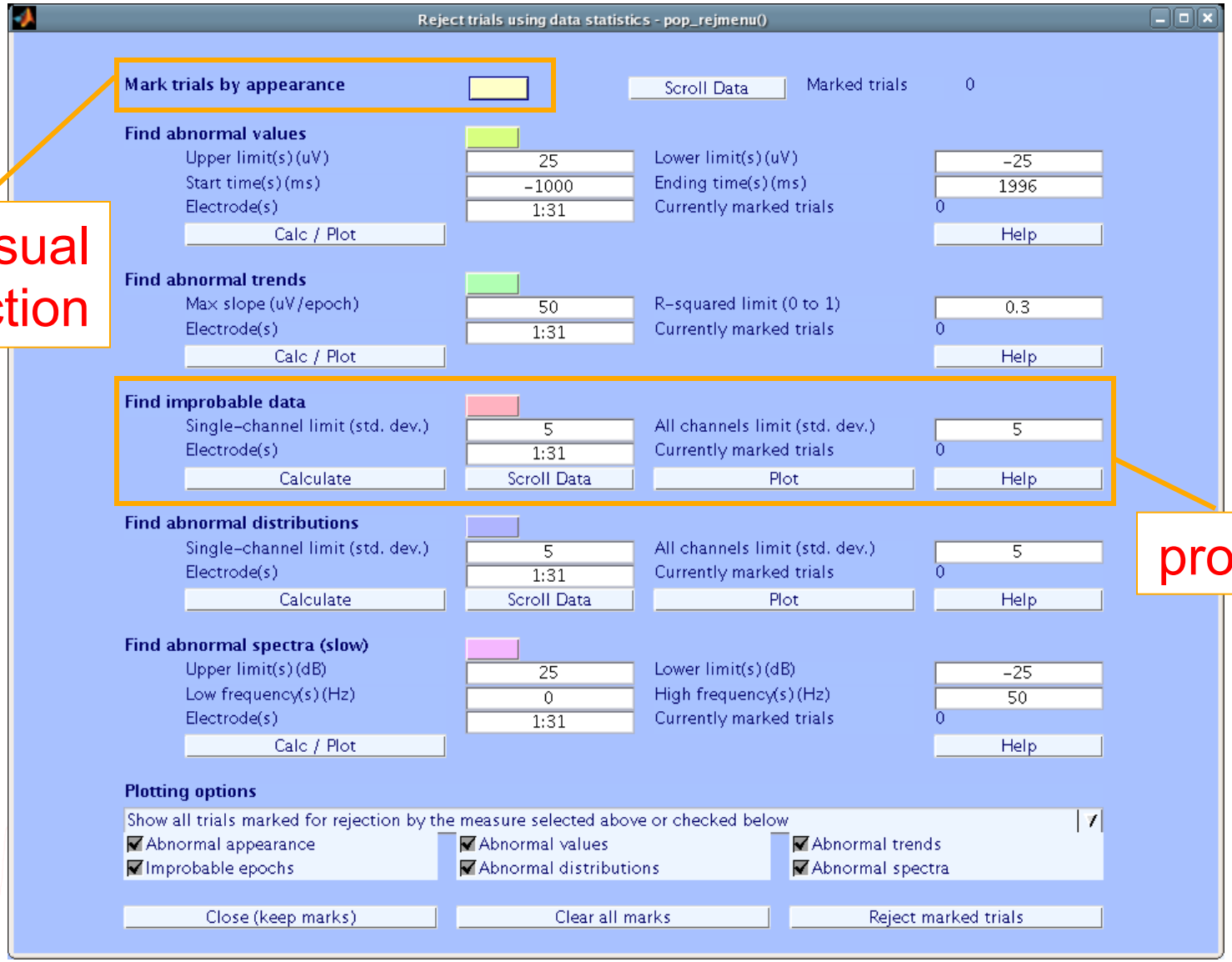

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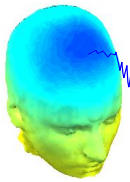
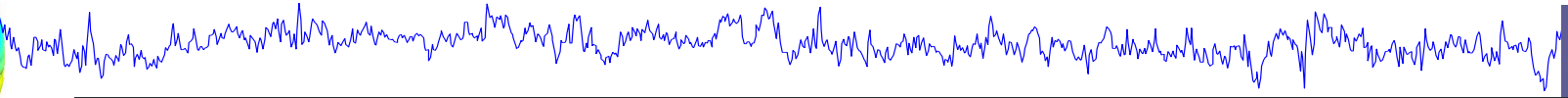
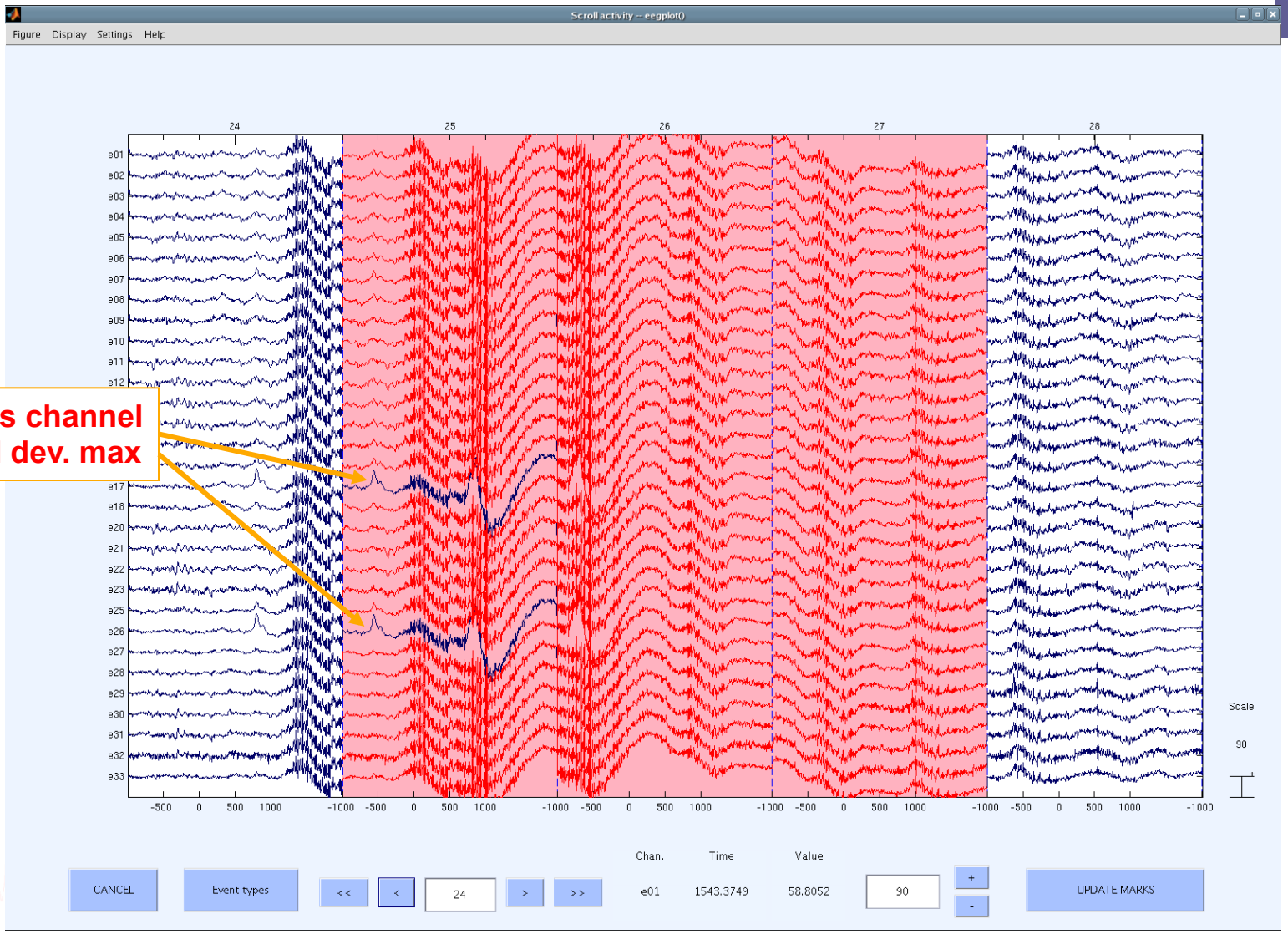
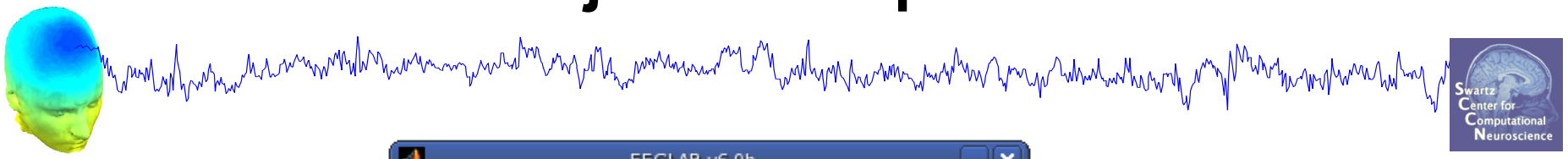




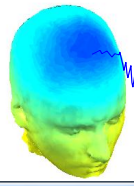


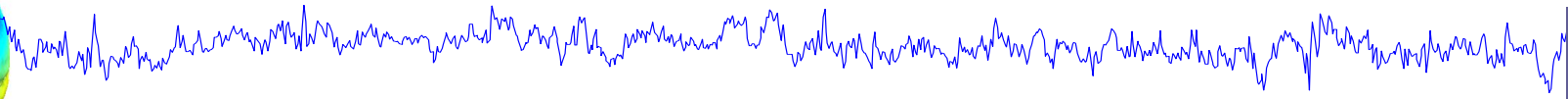
Exceeds channel standard dev. max

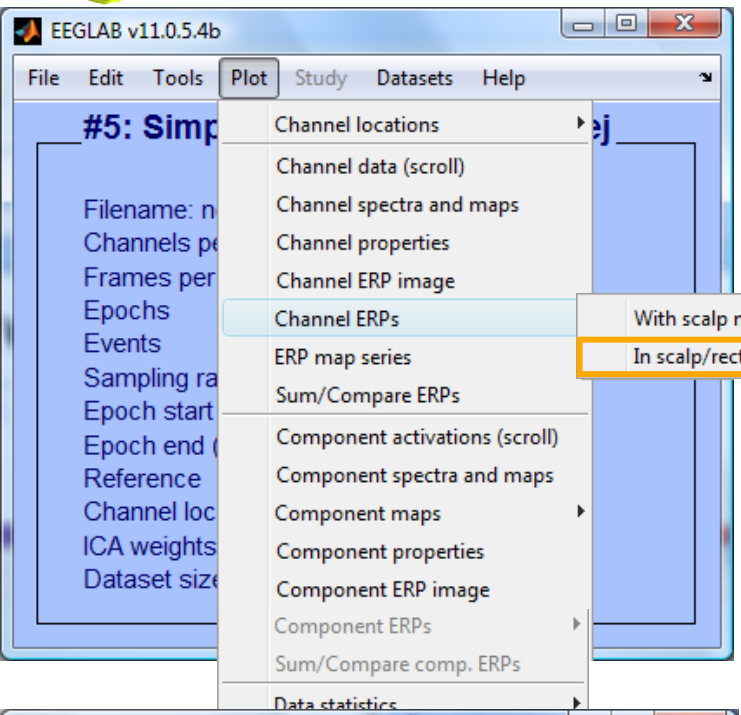
Reject data epochs

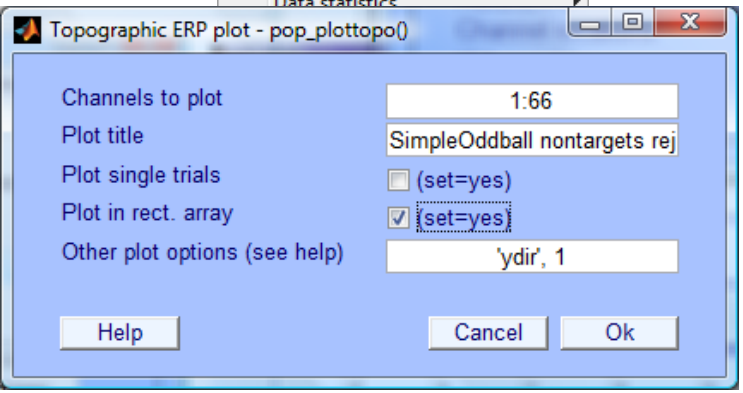


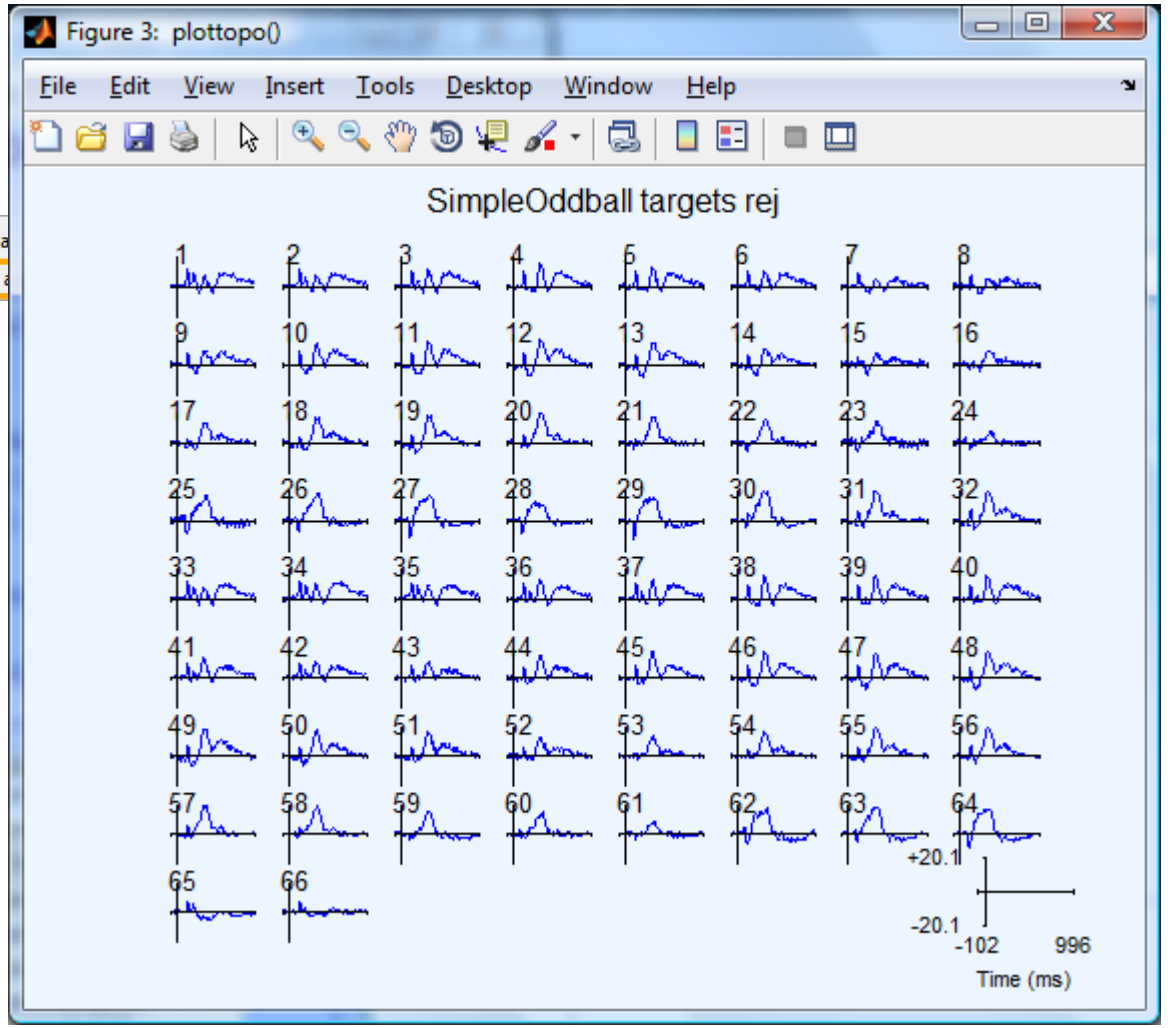
Visualize ERP in rectangular array



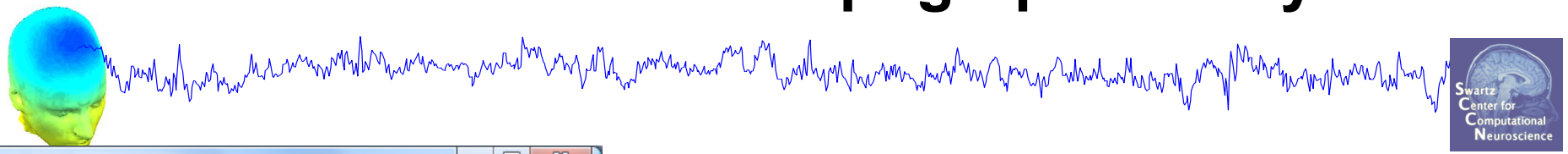


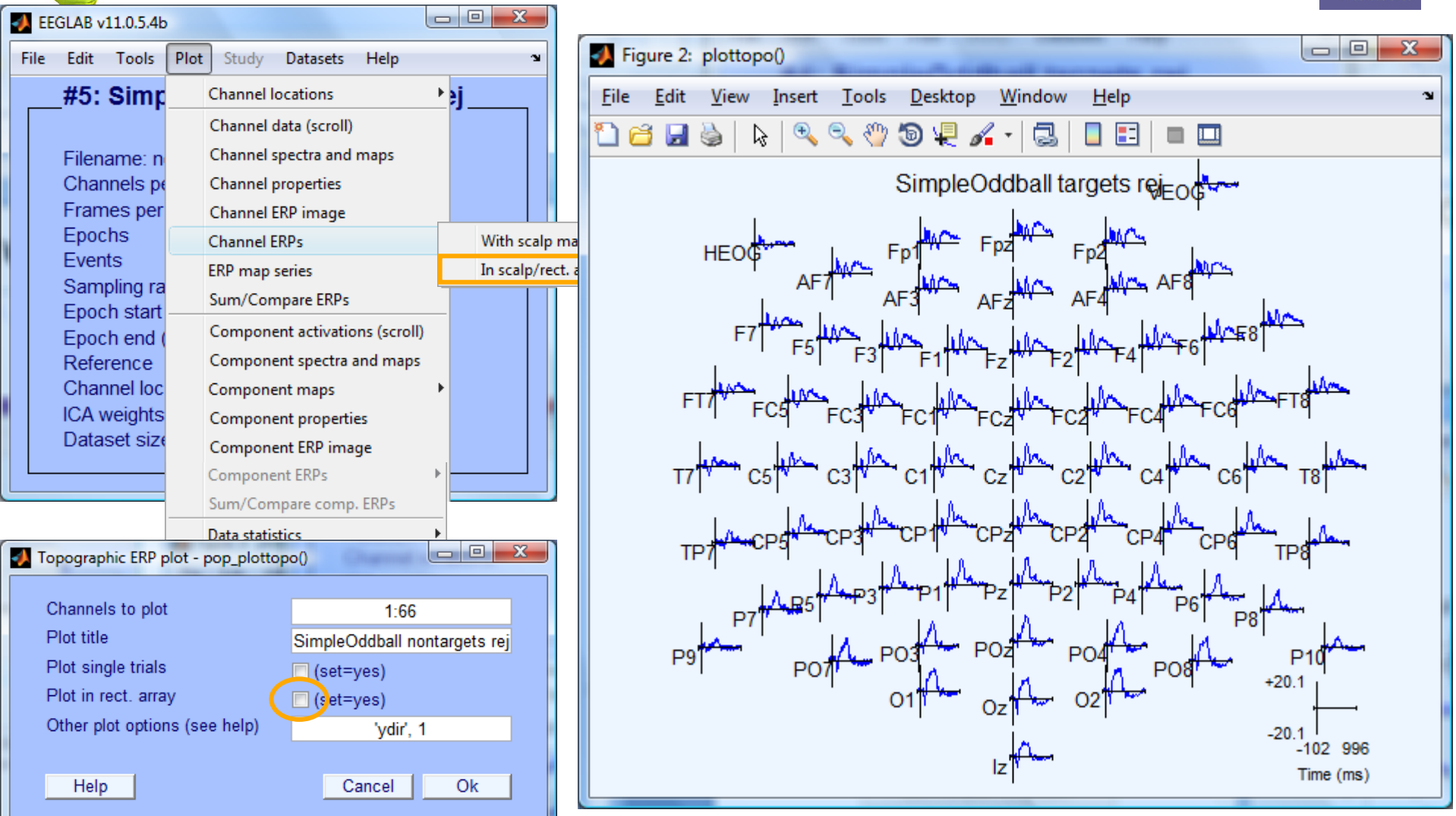




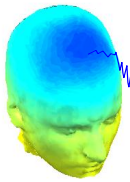


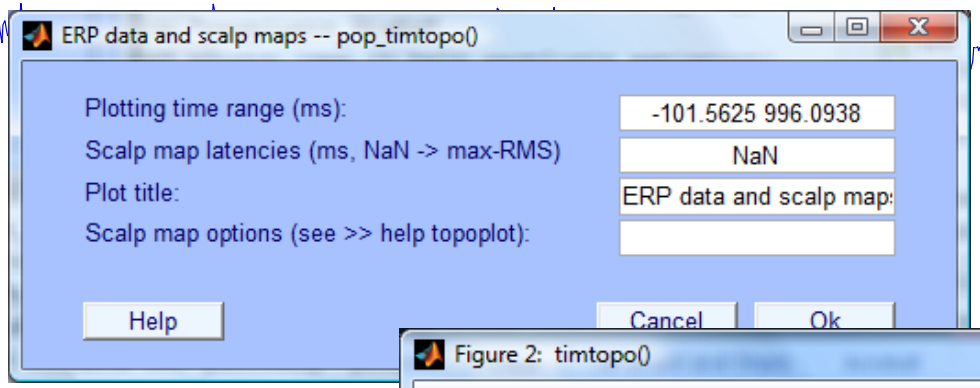
Visualize ERP in topographic array

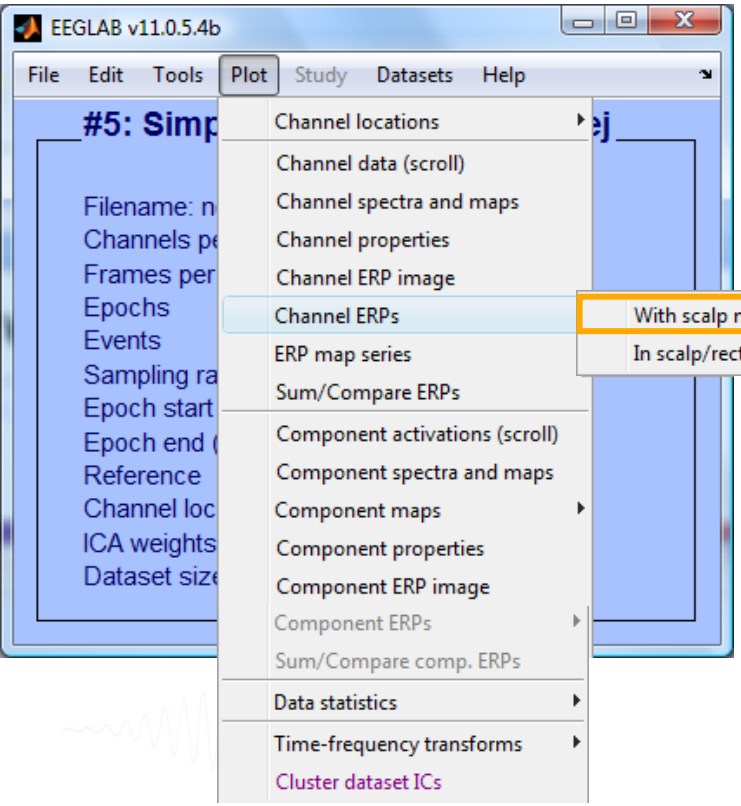


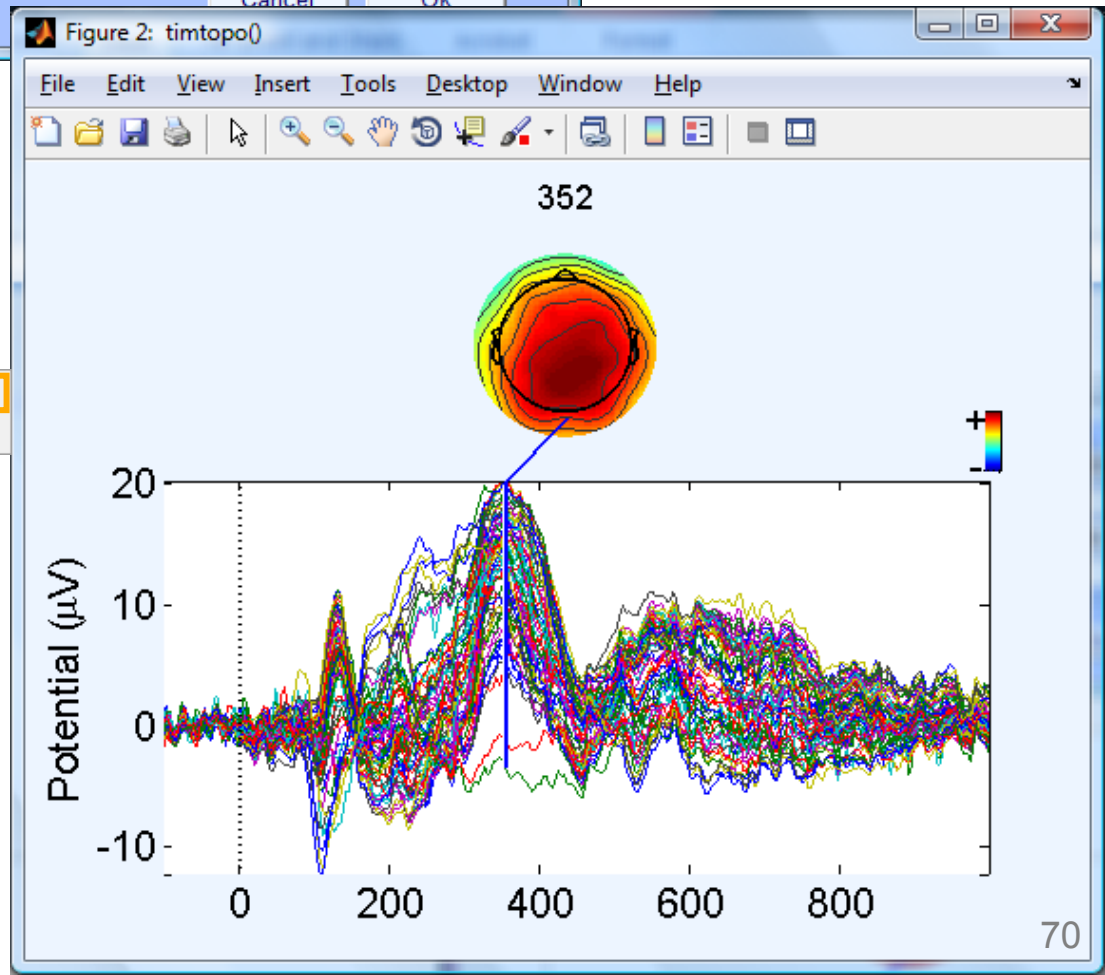


Visualize ERP scalp distribution

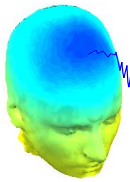


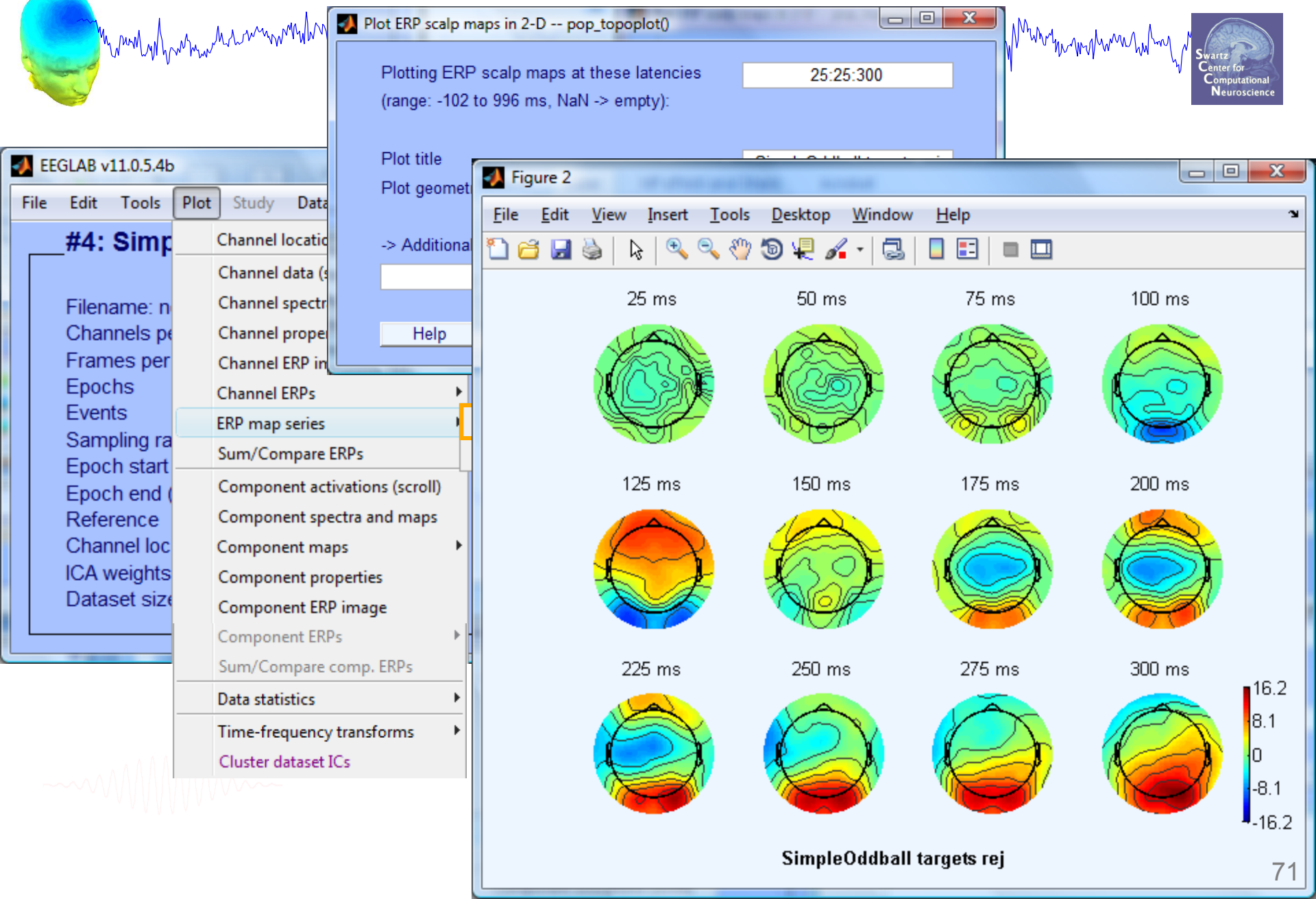




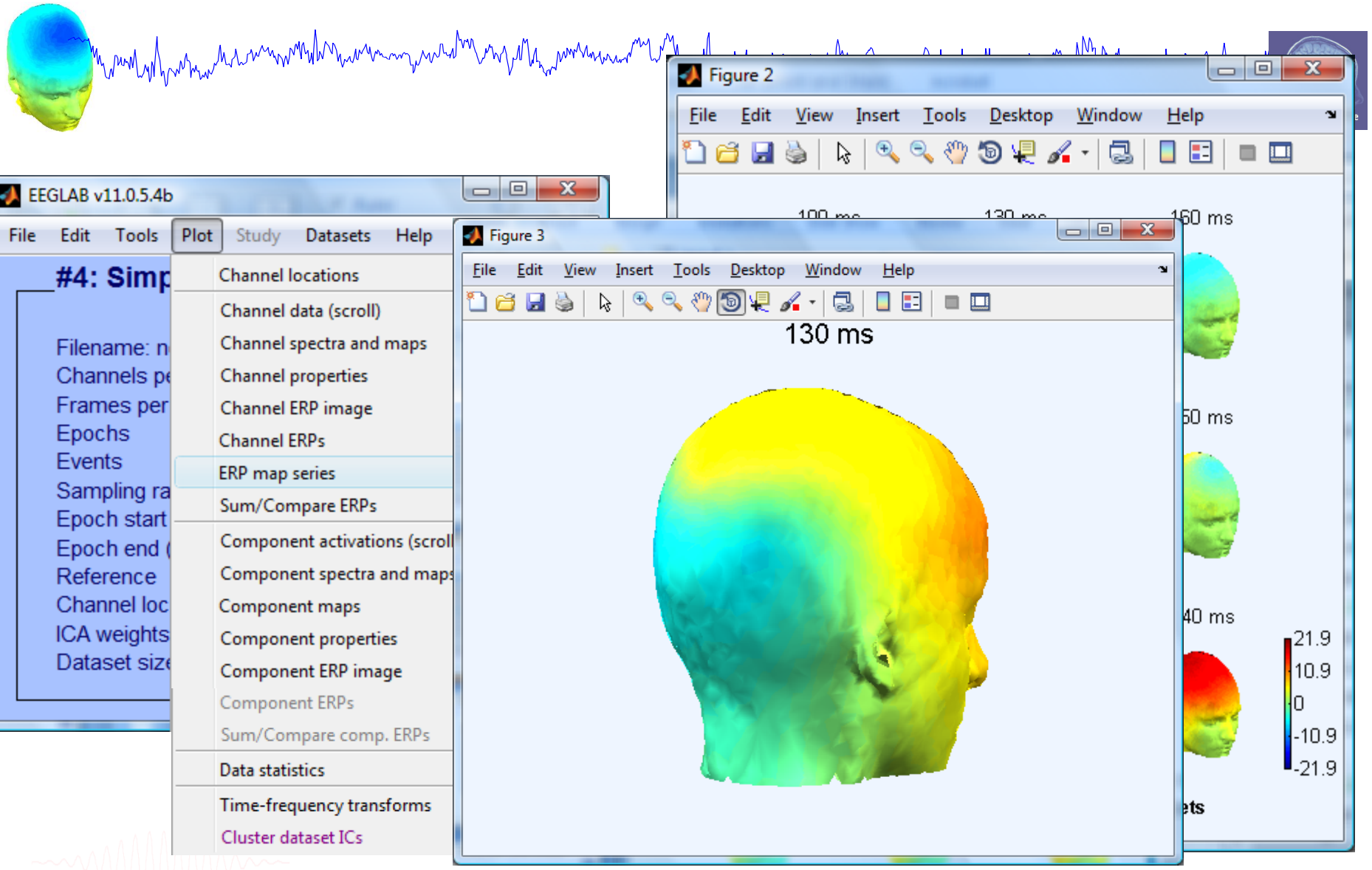


Visualize channel ERPs in 2D

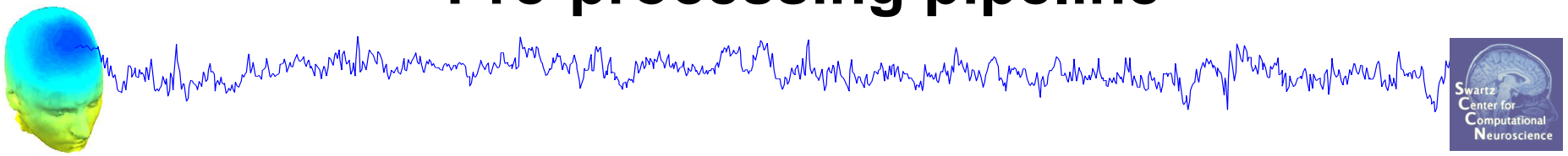




Visualize channel ERPs in 3D



Pre-processing pipeline



Collect high-density EEG data (>30 chan)

Import into EEGLAB

Import event markers and channel locations

Re-reference/ down-sample (if necessary)

High pass filter (~.5 – 1 Hz)

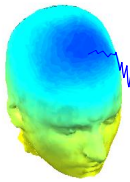
Remove line noise (if necessary)

Identify/reject bad channels

Reject large artifact time points

Run ICA

Exercises



- Preprocess data of your choice or load a previously filtered dataset e.g.SimpleOddball.set
- Identify bad channel(s) using auto-detection tool; plot channel properties of flagged channels
- Identify and remove non-task portions of continuous data; see if the previously flagged channels are still identified as bad
- Epoch on event of interest. Scroll the epoched data and perform visual rejection of epochs
- Explore the automated artifact rejection tools
- Run ICA