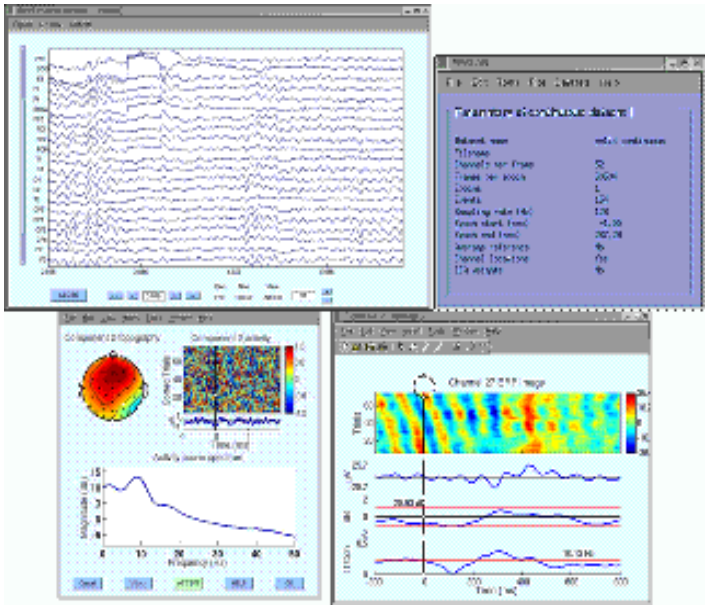
The EEGLAB software

- Collection of over 300 functions (50000 lines of code)
- About 50000 download over the past 6 years
- About 3500 users on the discussion list and 6500 on the diffusion list
- NIH funding (2003-)

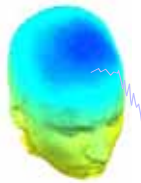


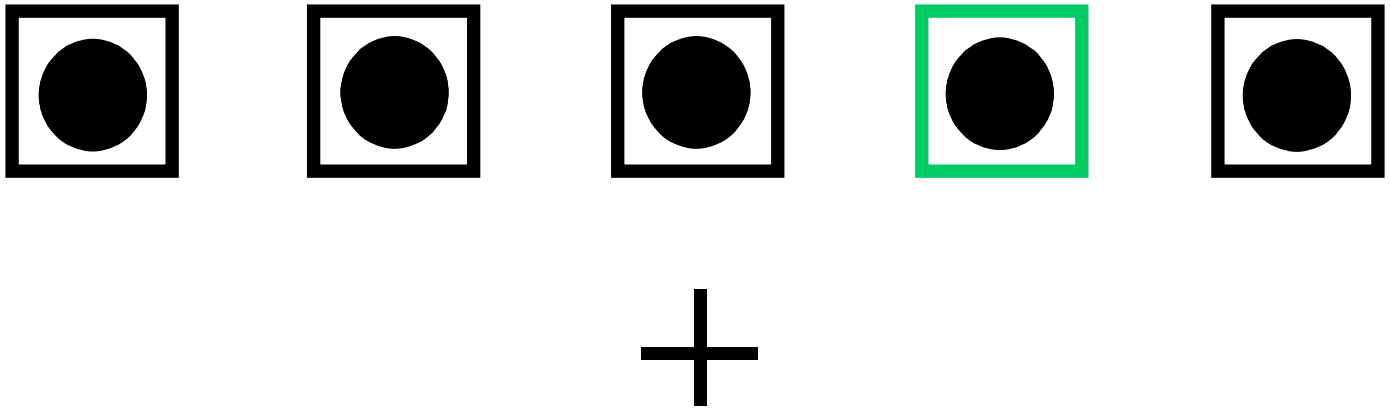
http://sccn.ucsd.edu/wiki/EEGLAB09ASPET

Pros/Cons of Matlab based open source

- Pros
  - Easy to program, highly modular and extendable
  - Not dependent on any platform (64-bit)
  - Large community of users (latest development in signal processing research)
  - Cannot imagine more powerful scripting capabilities
- Cons
  - Matlab required
  - Large memory requirements
  - Matlab bugs, possible version differences, cross-platform compatibility problems

Spatial visual attention task (STUDY)





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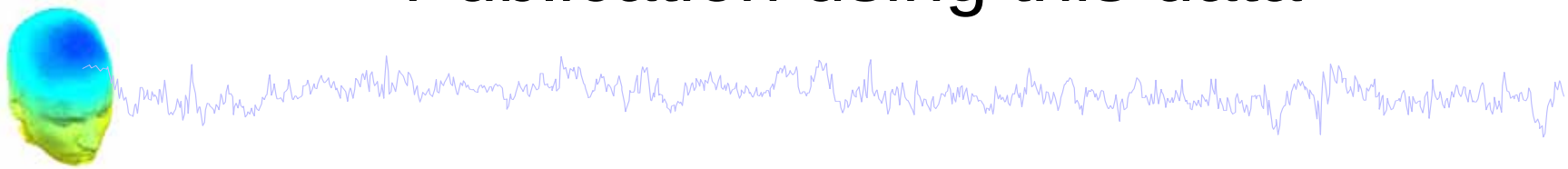

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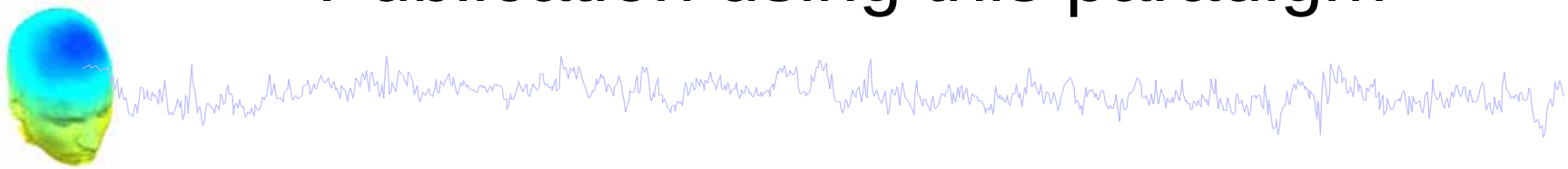

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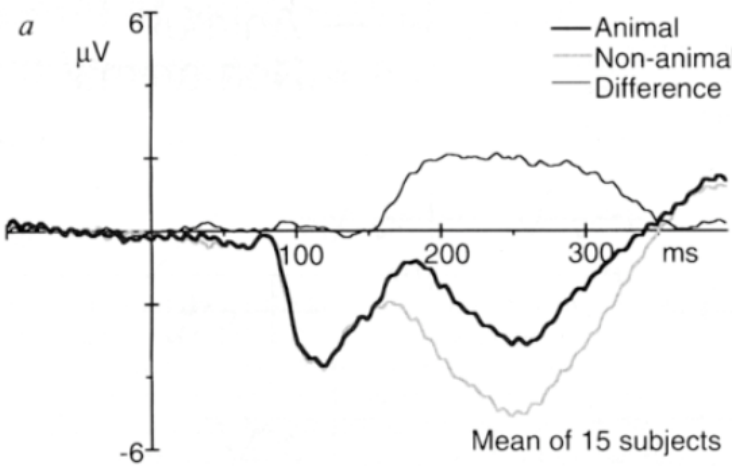

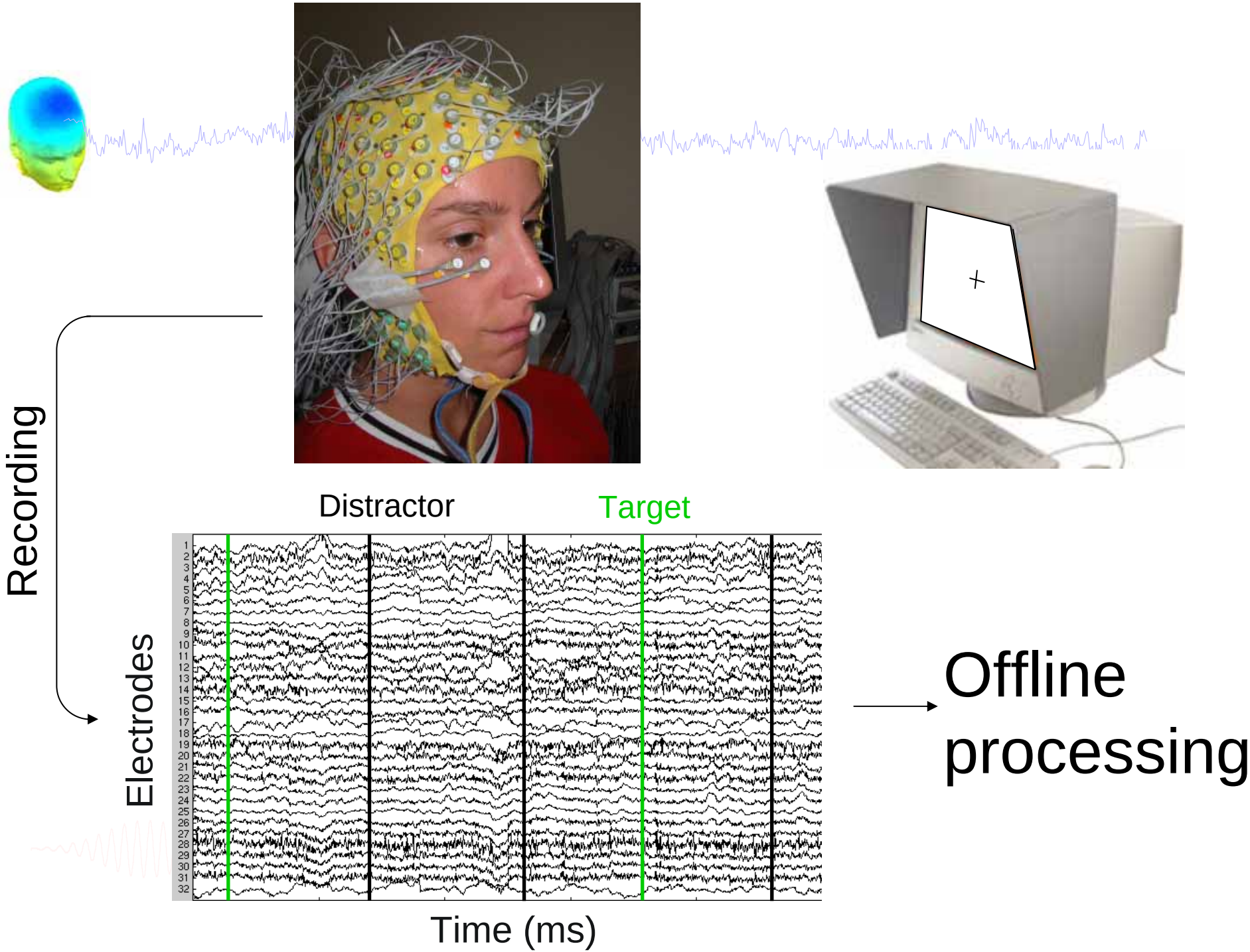
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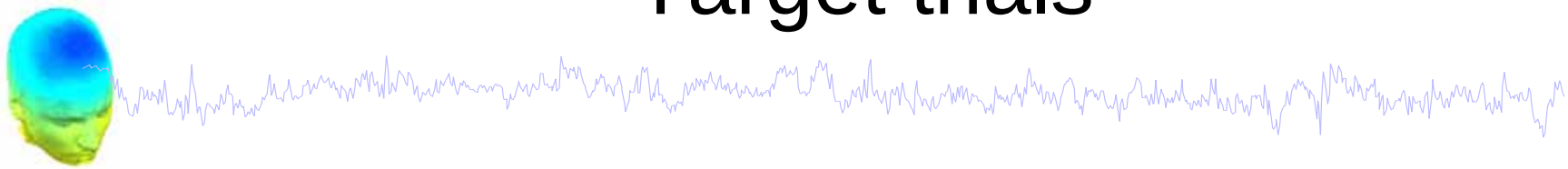

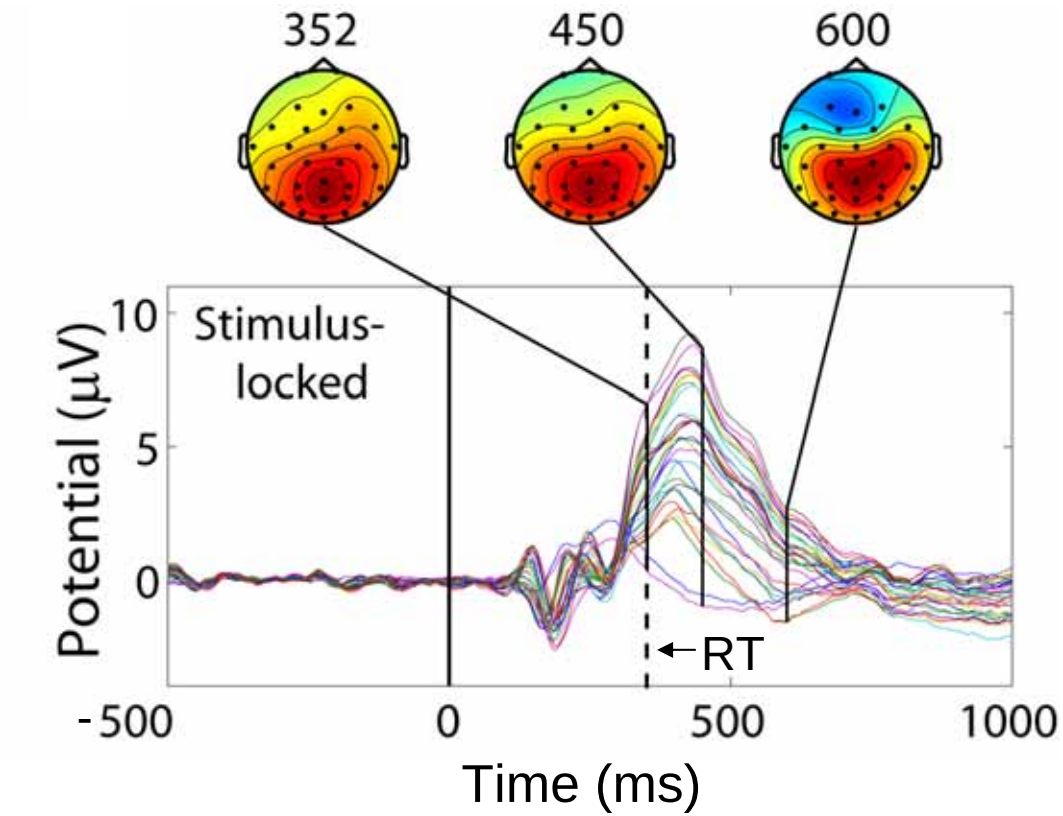

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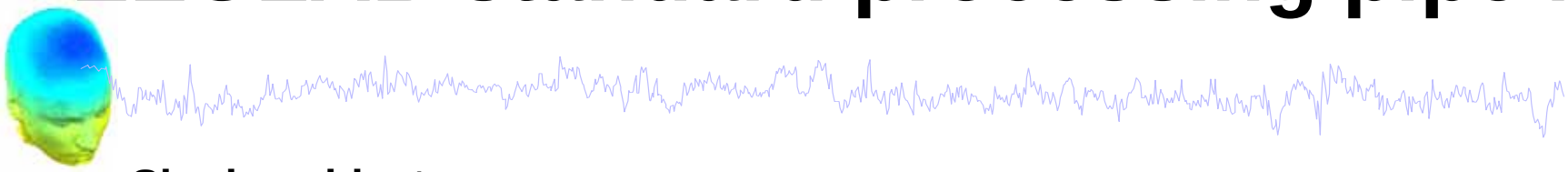

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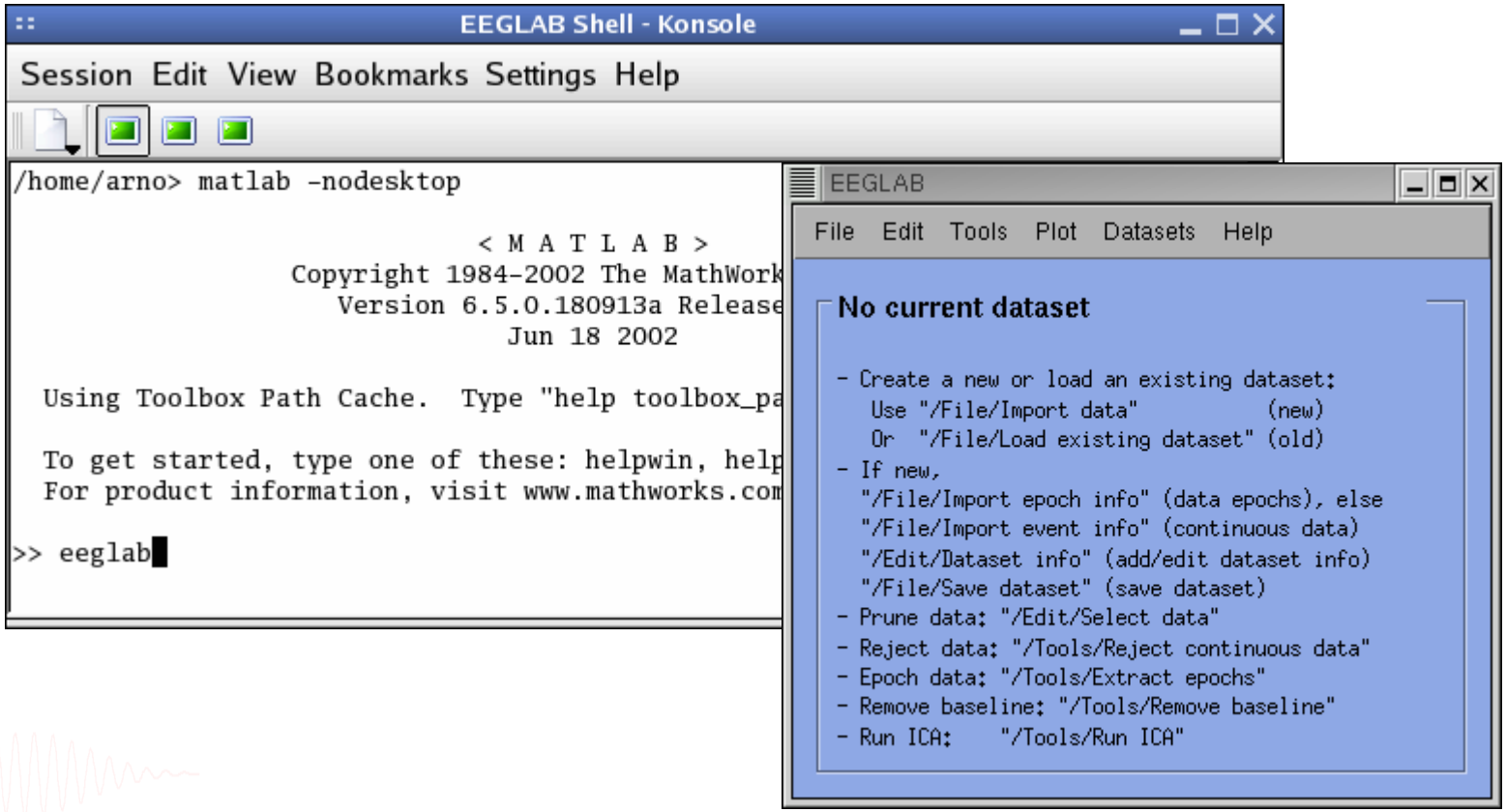

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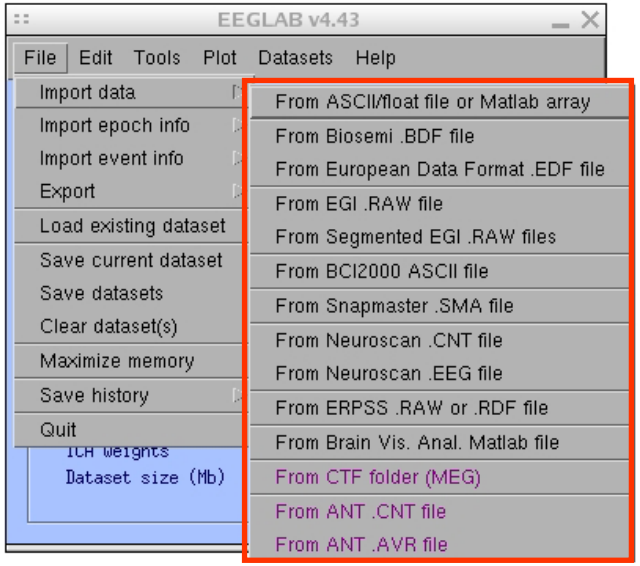

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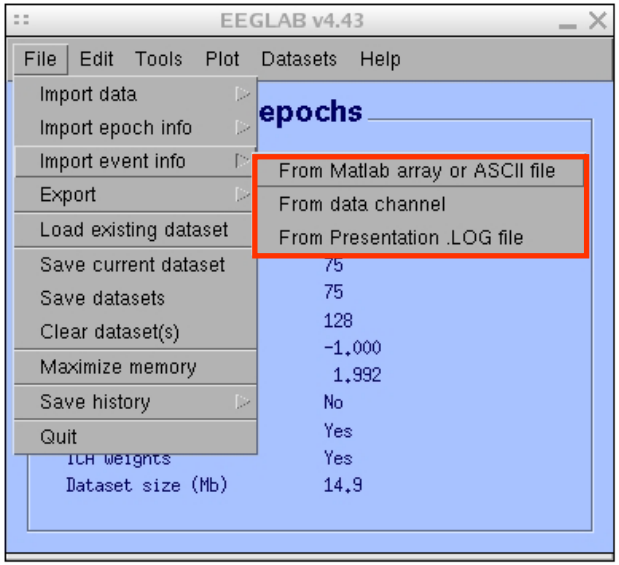

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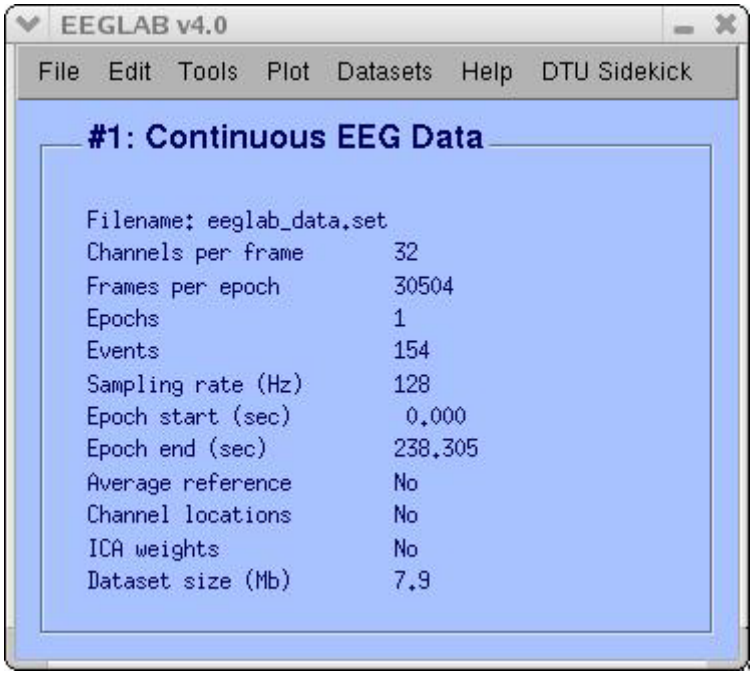

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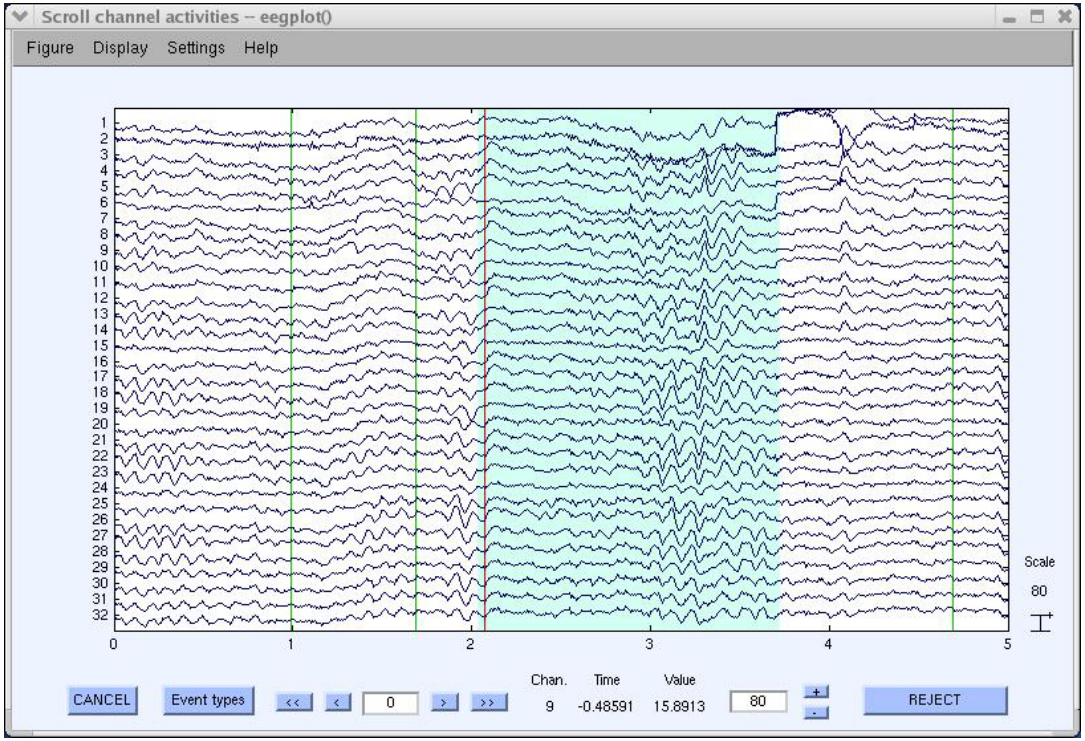

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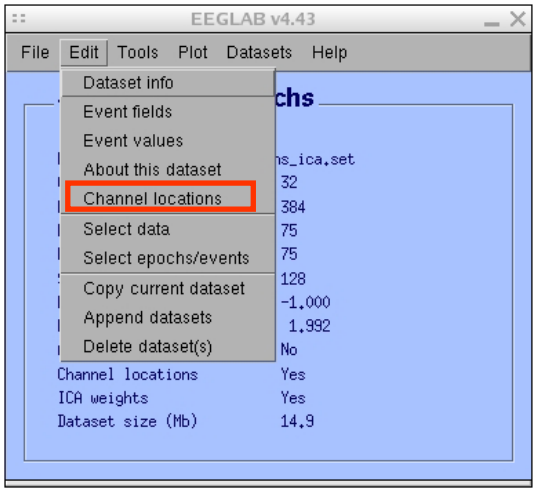

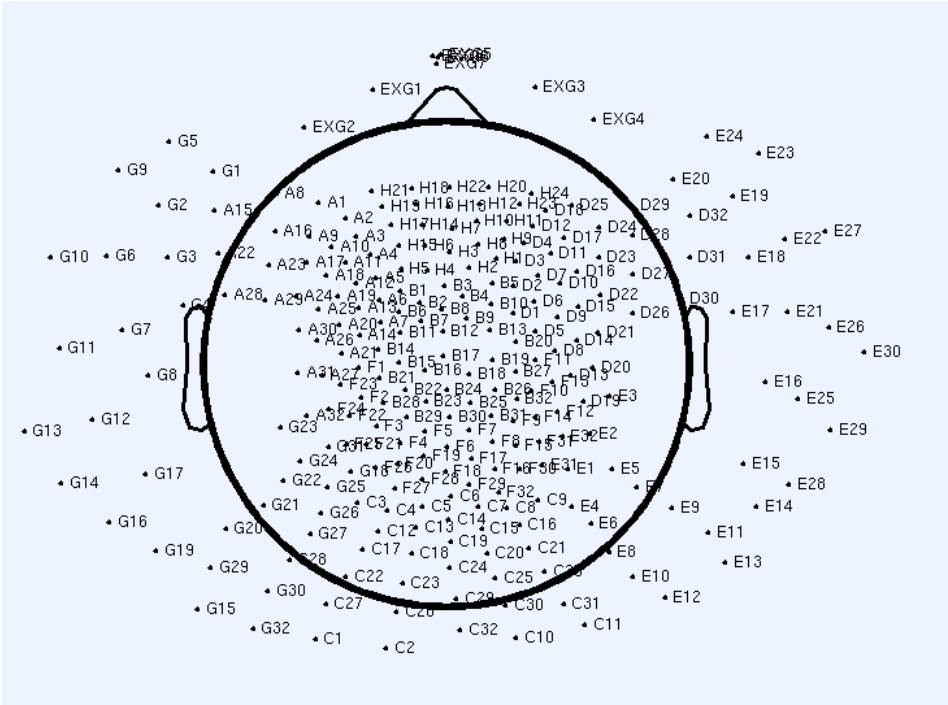

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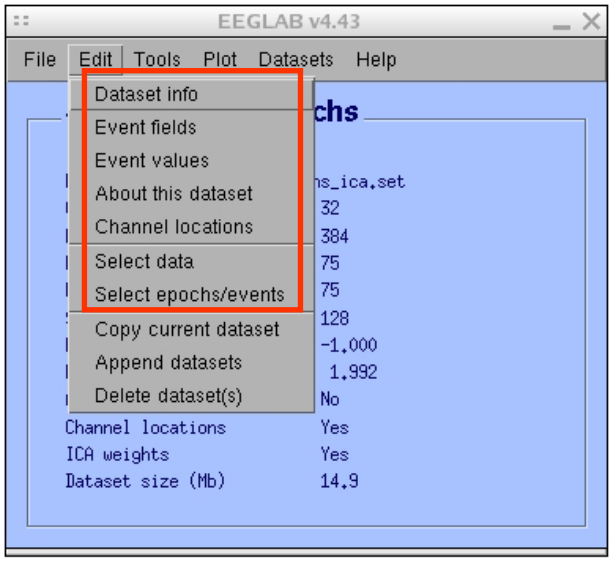

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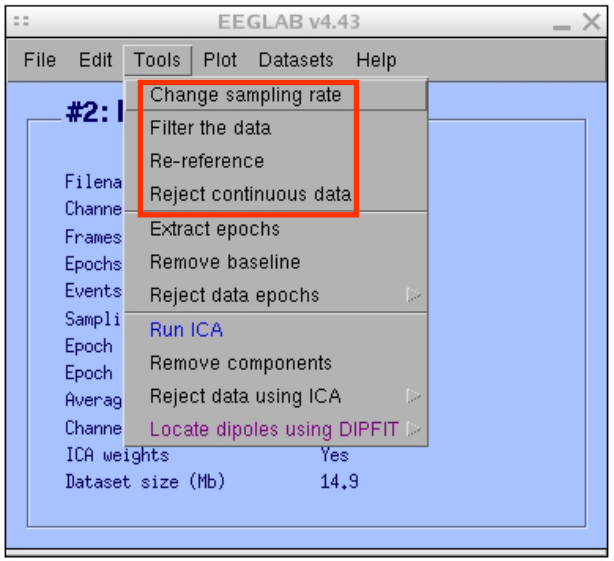

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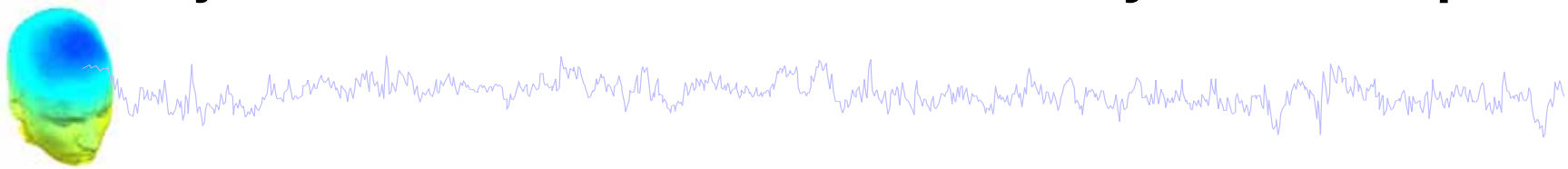

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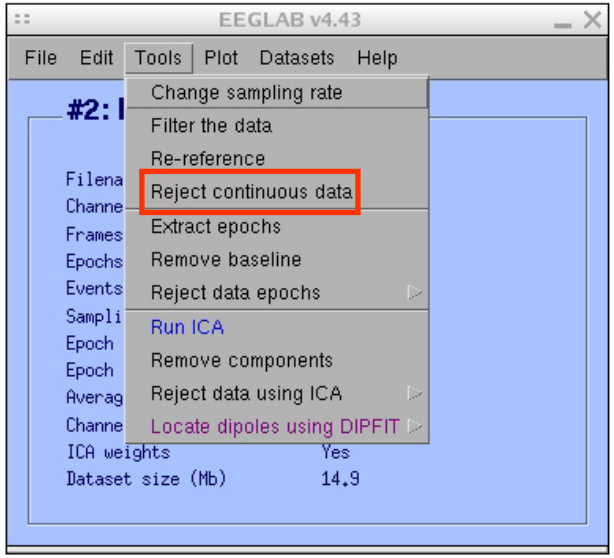

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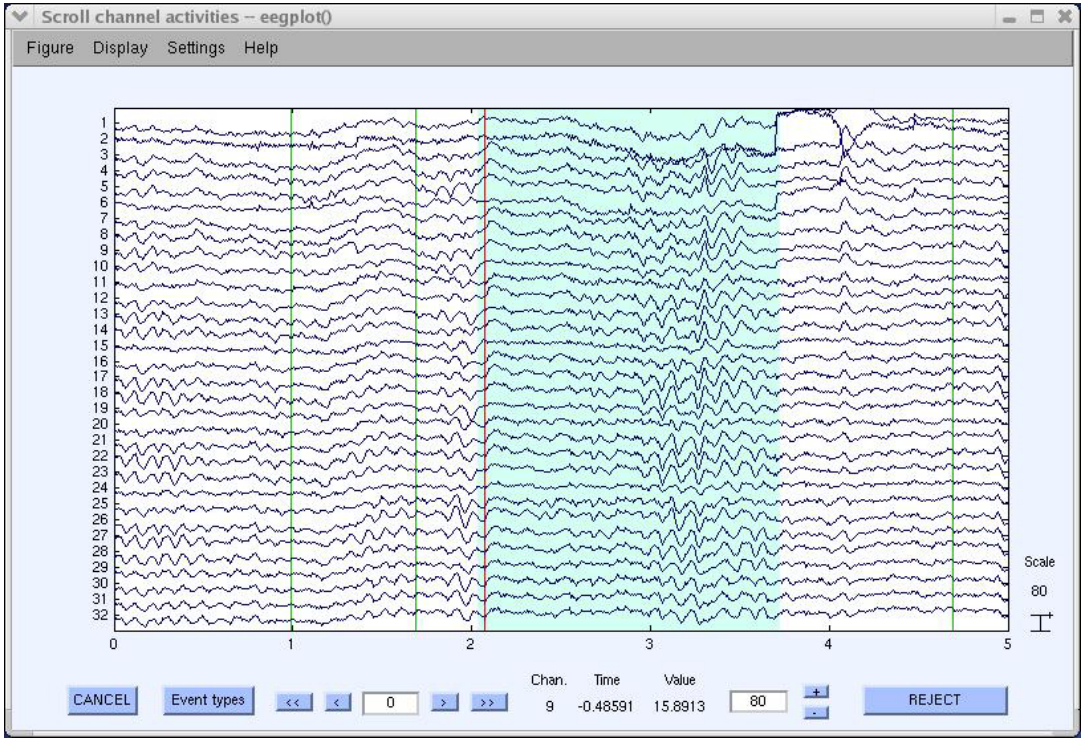

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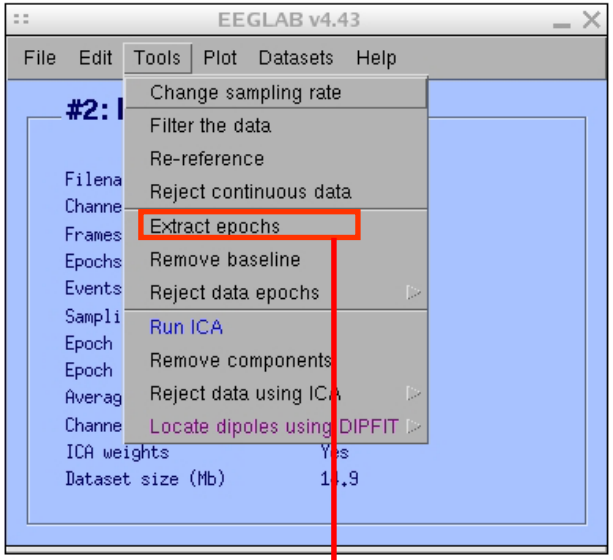

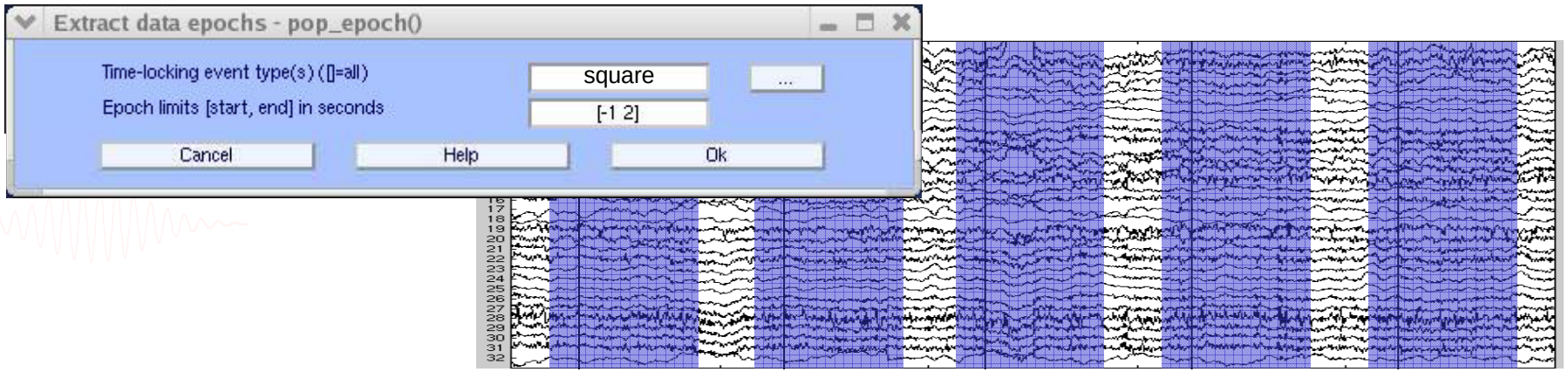

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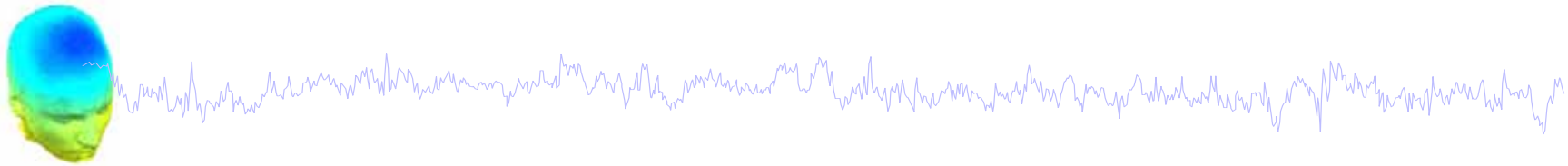

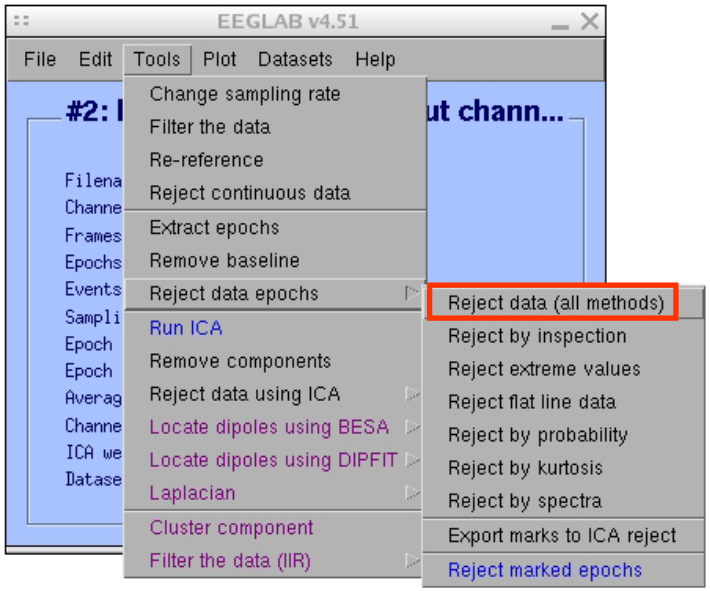

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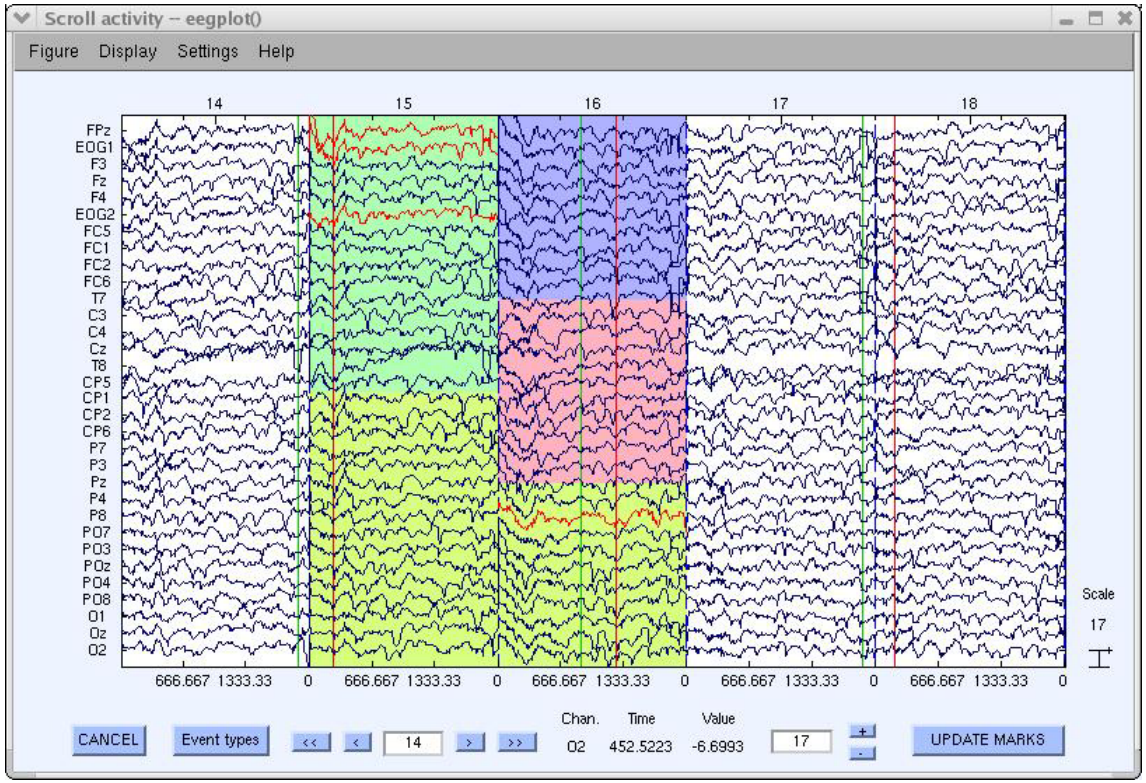

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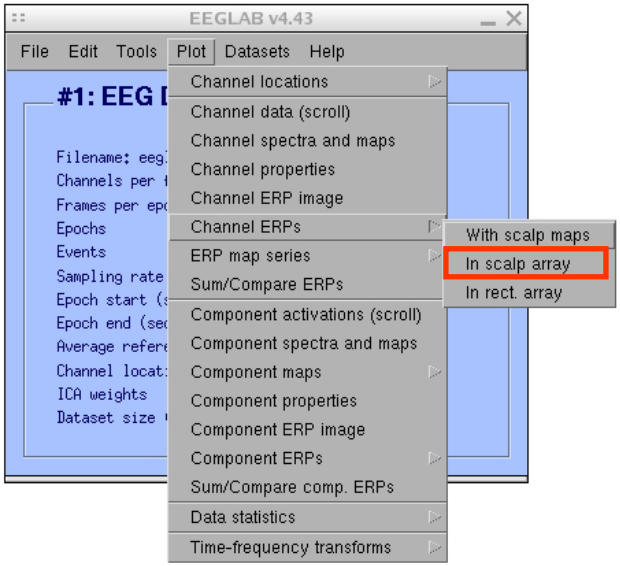

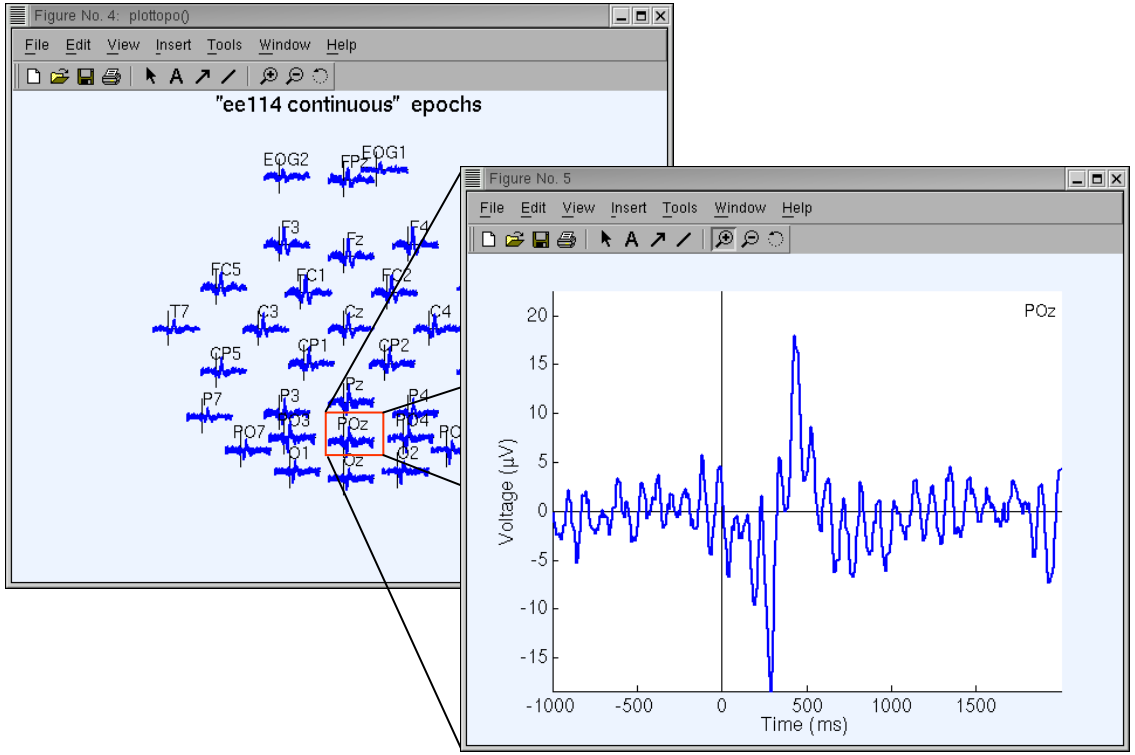

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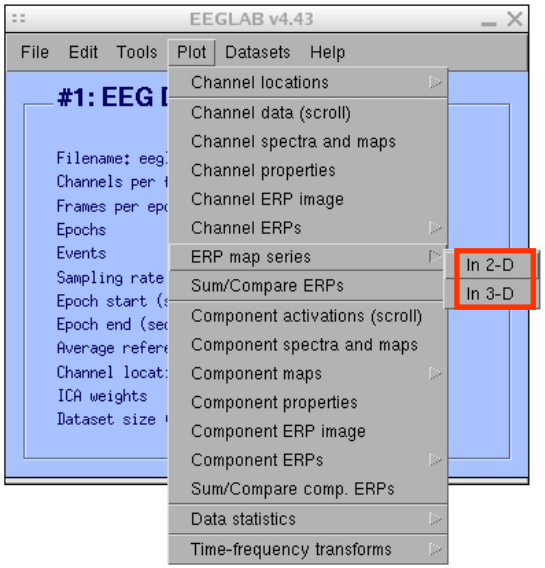

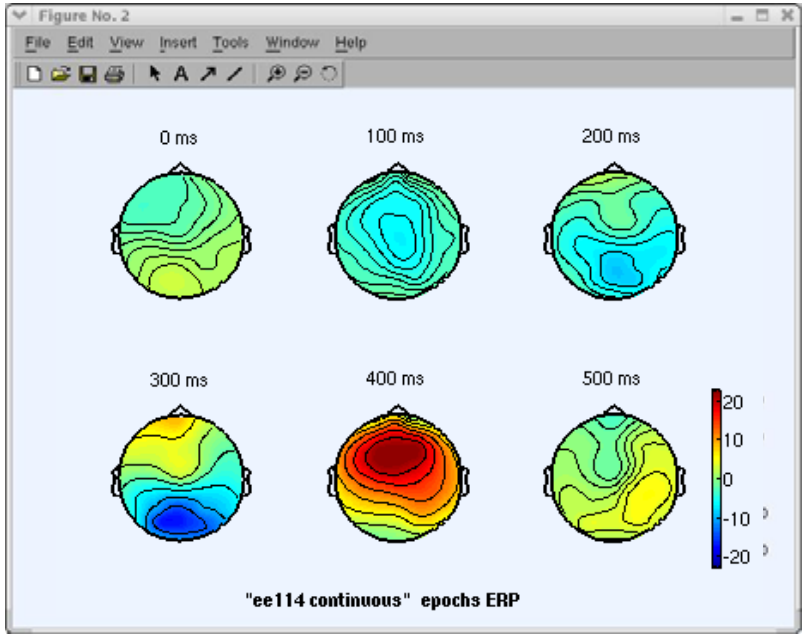

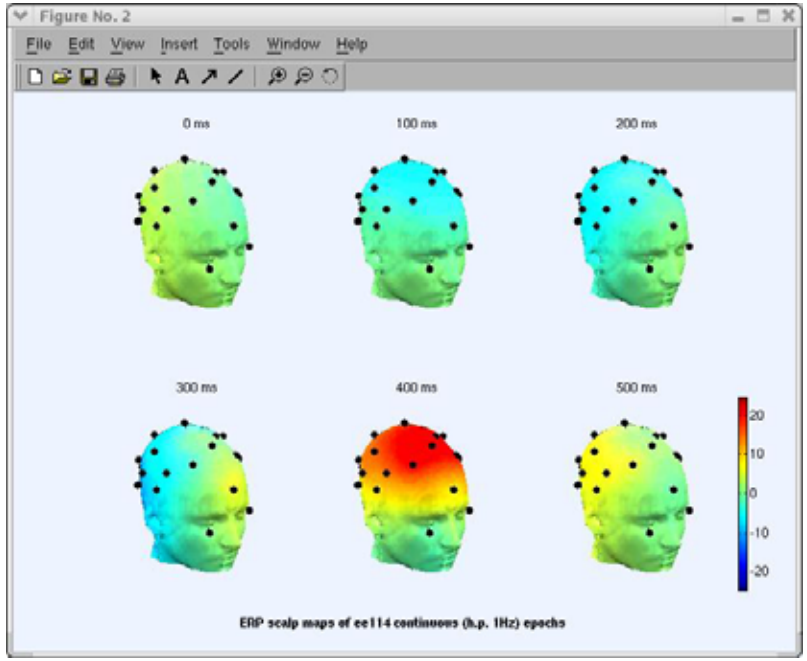

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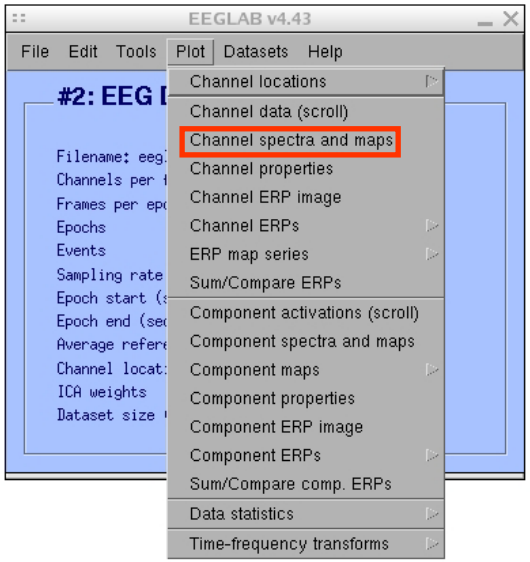

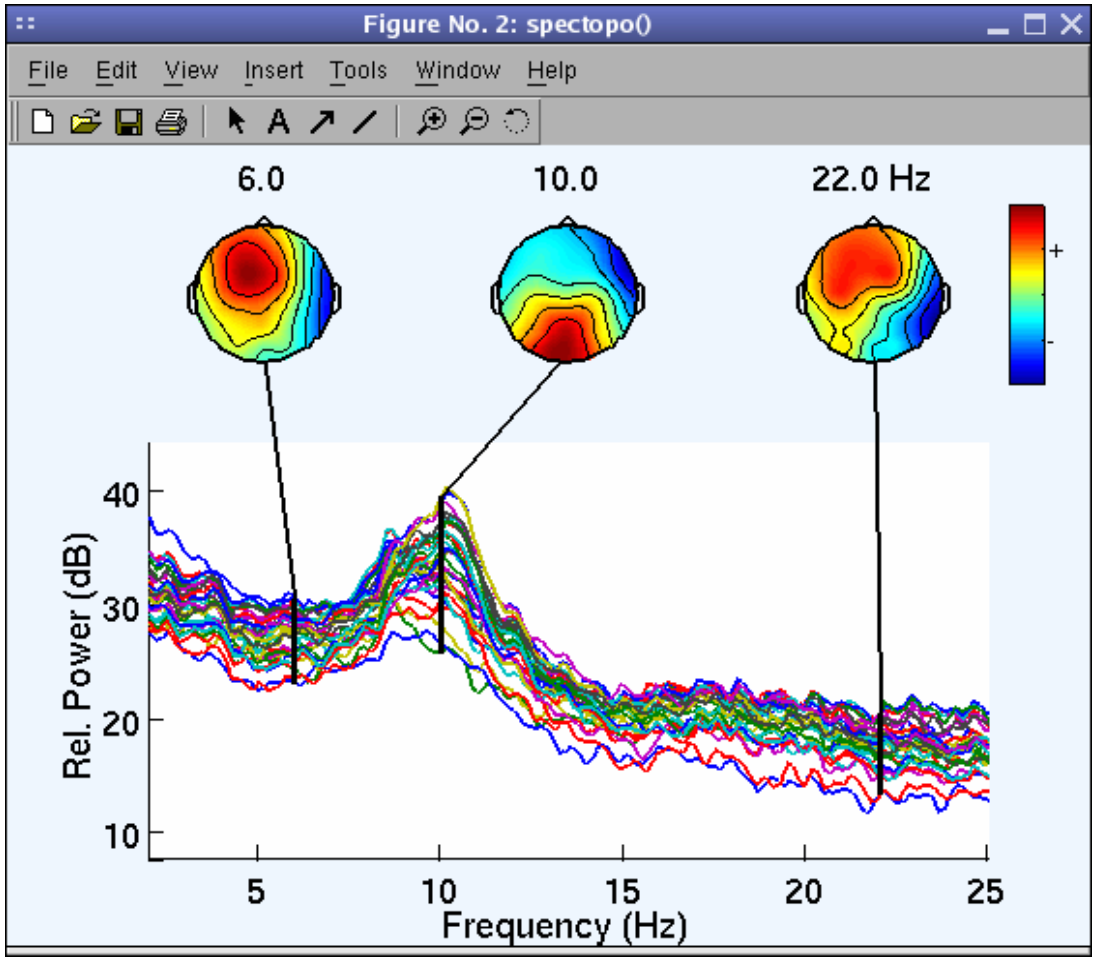

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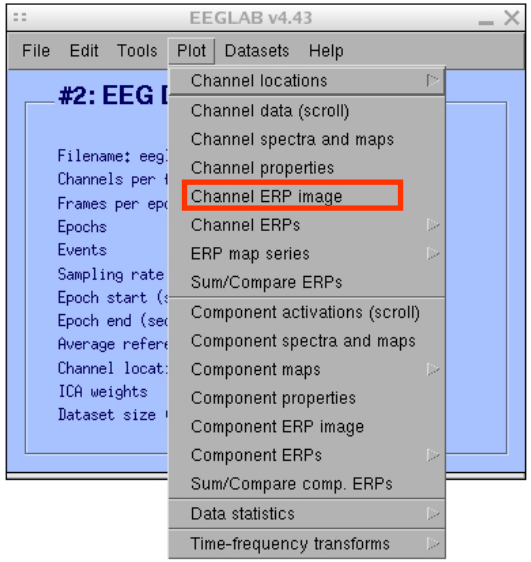

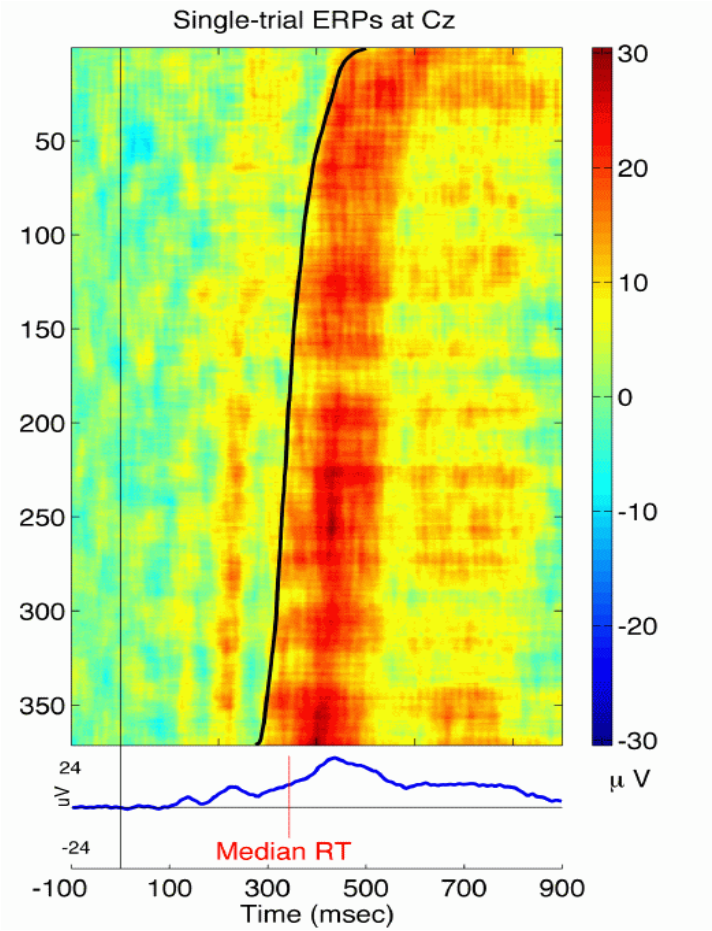

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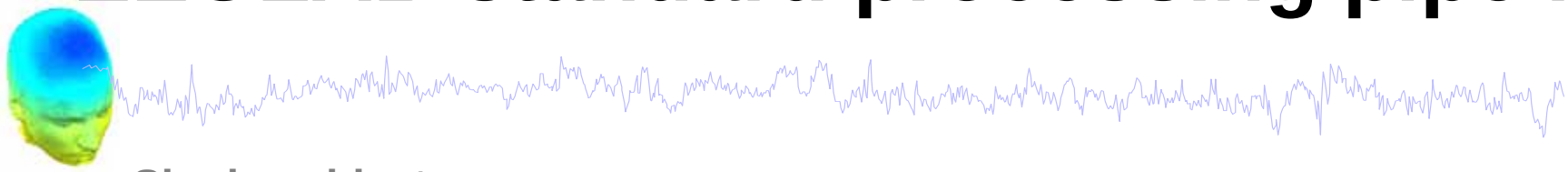

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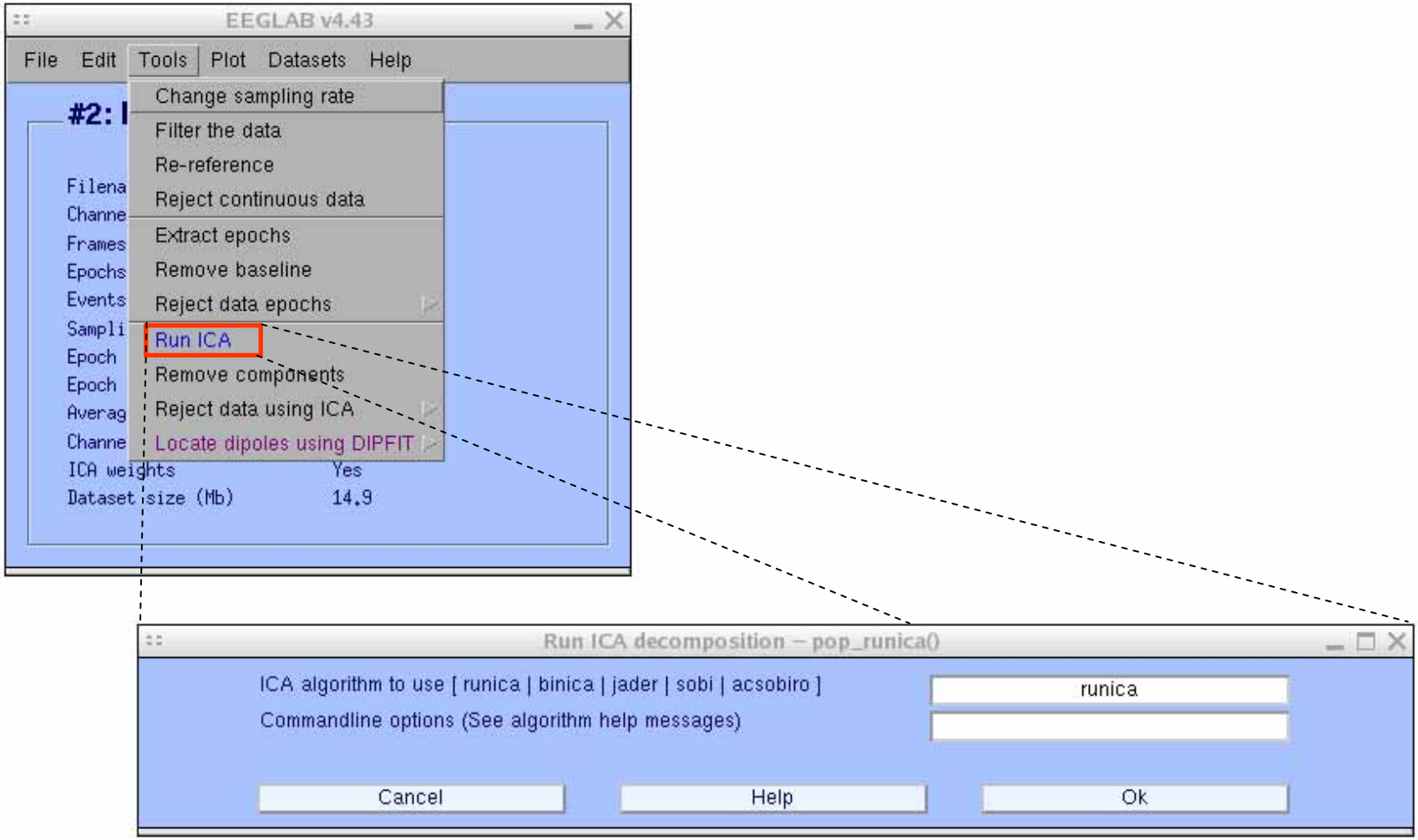

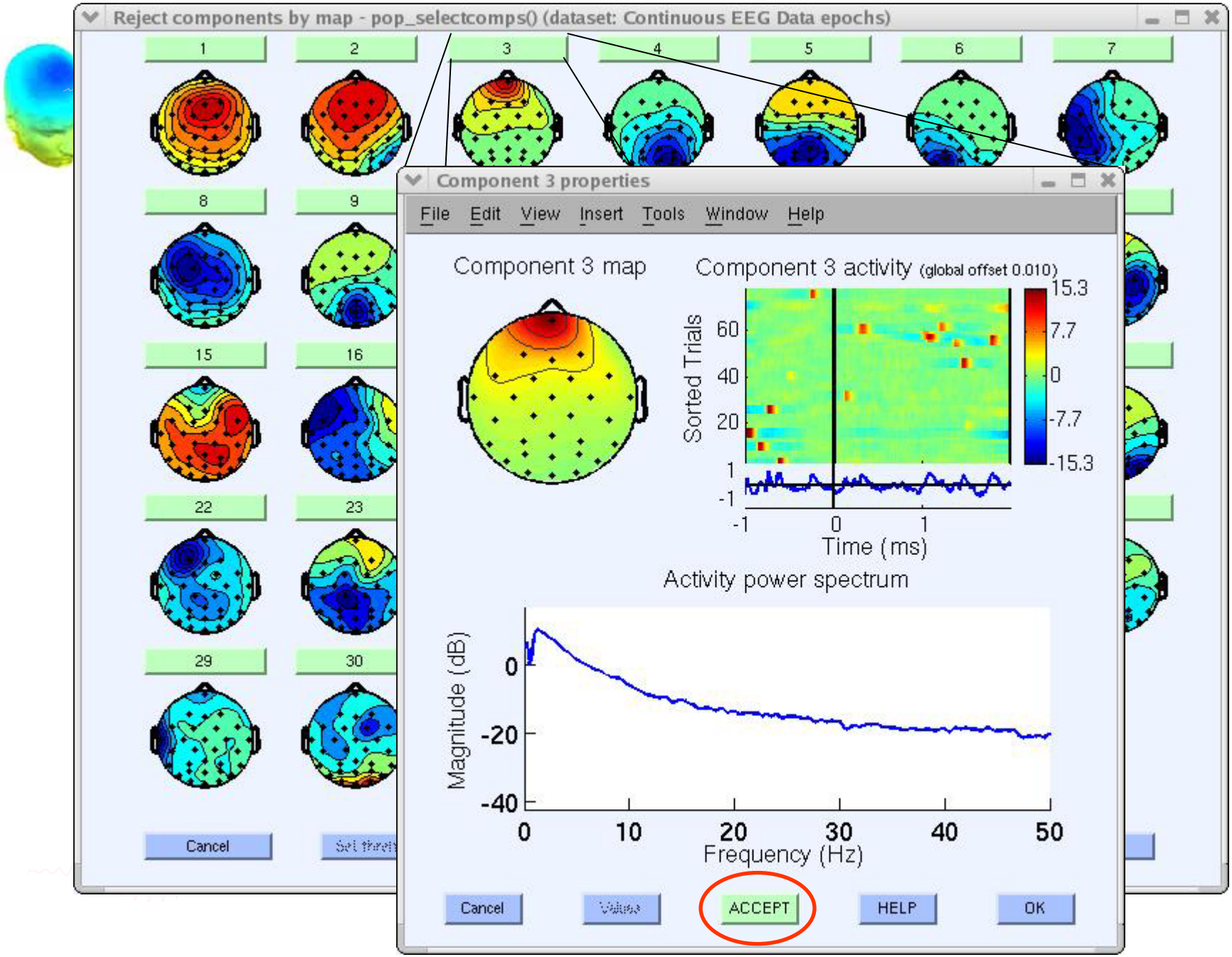
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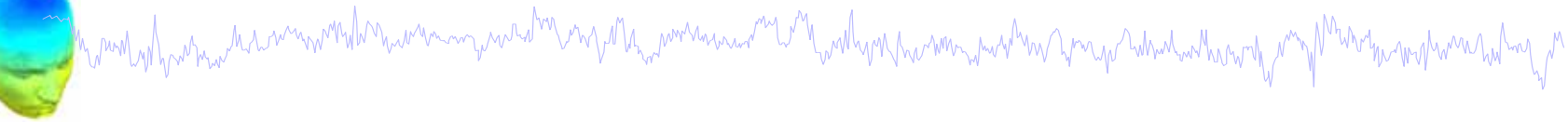

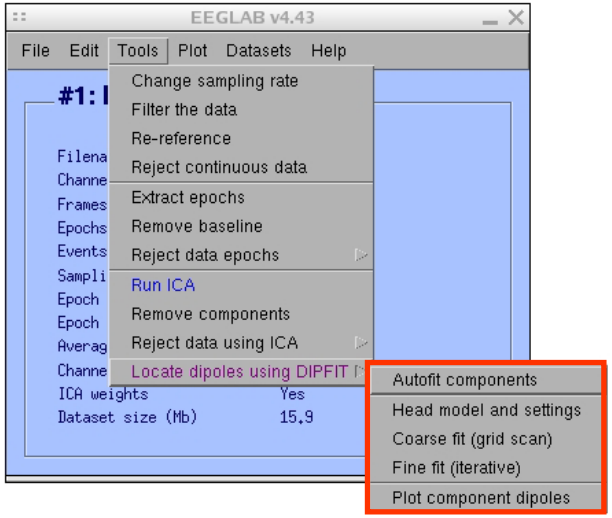

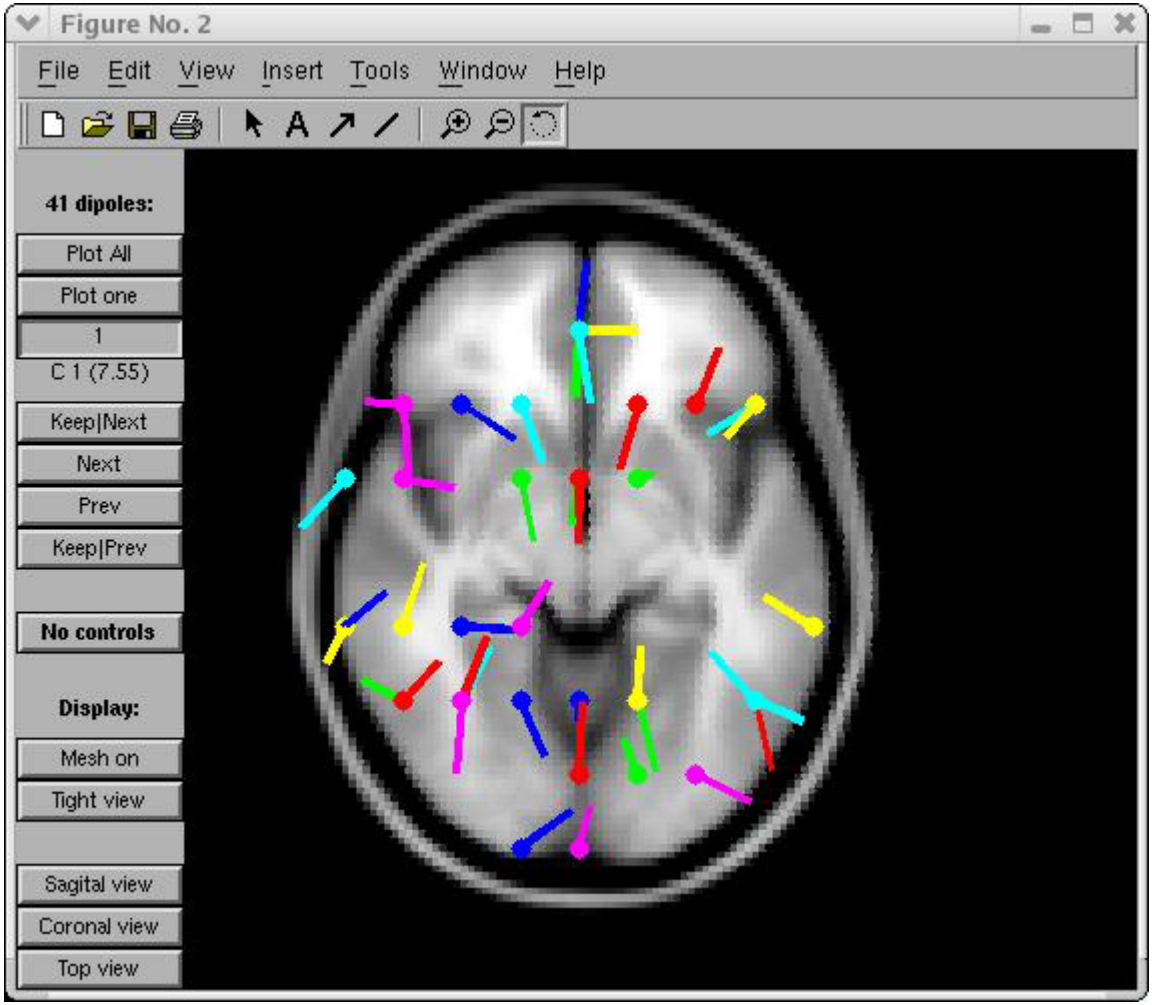

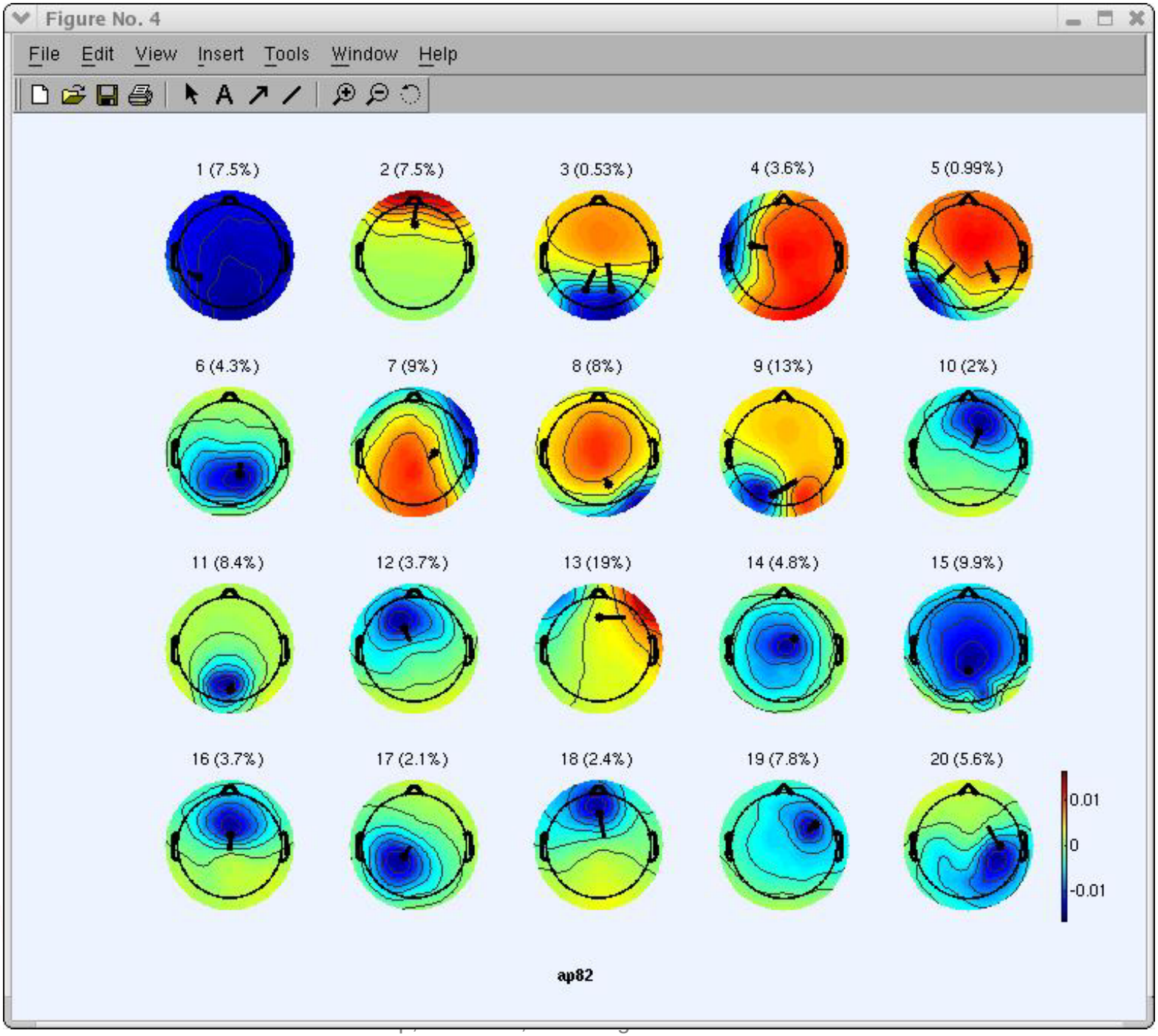
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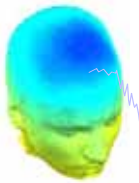

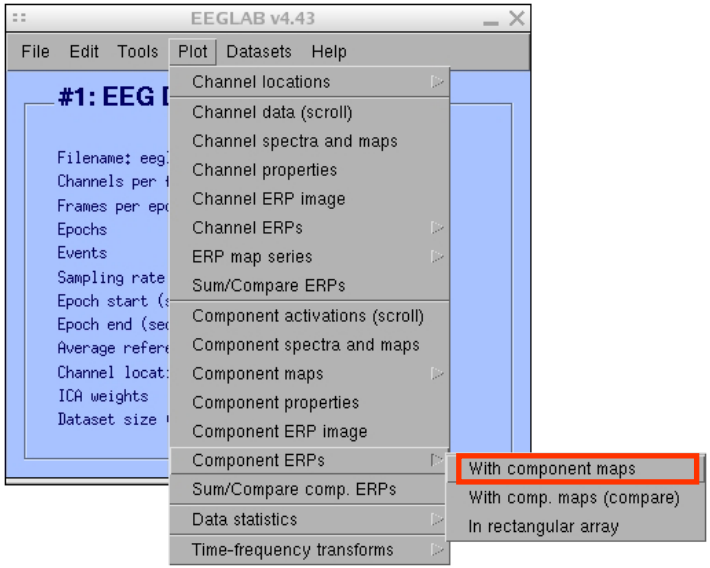

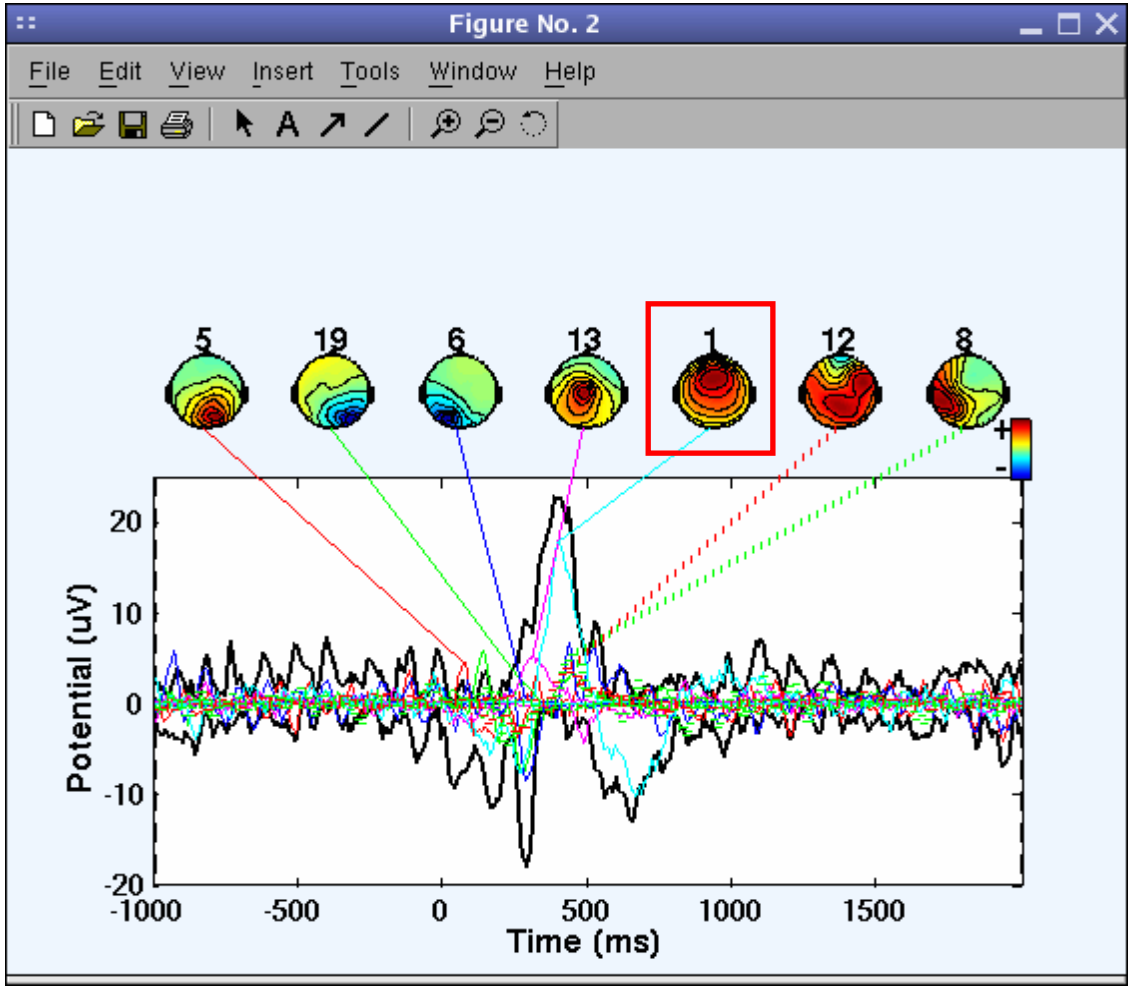

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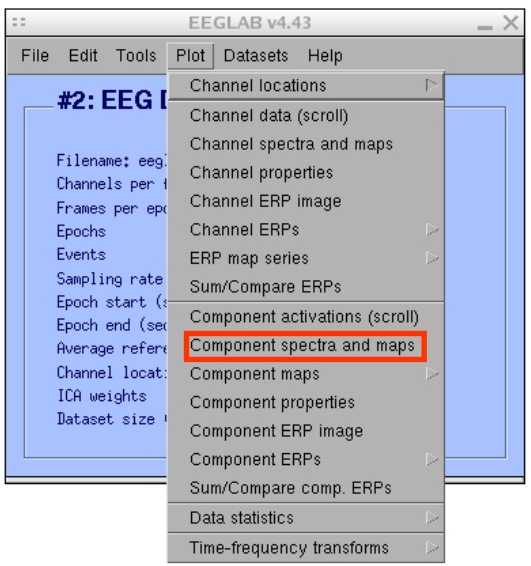

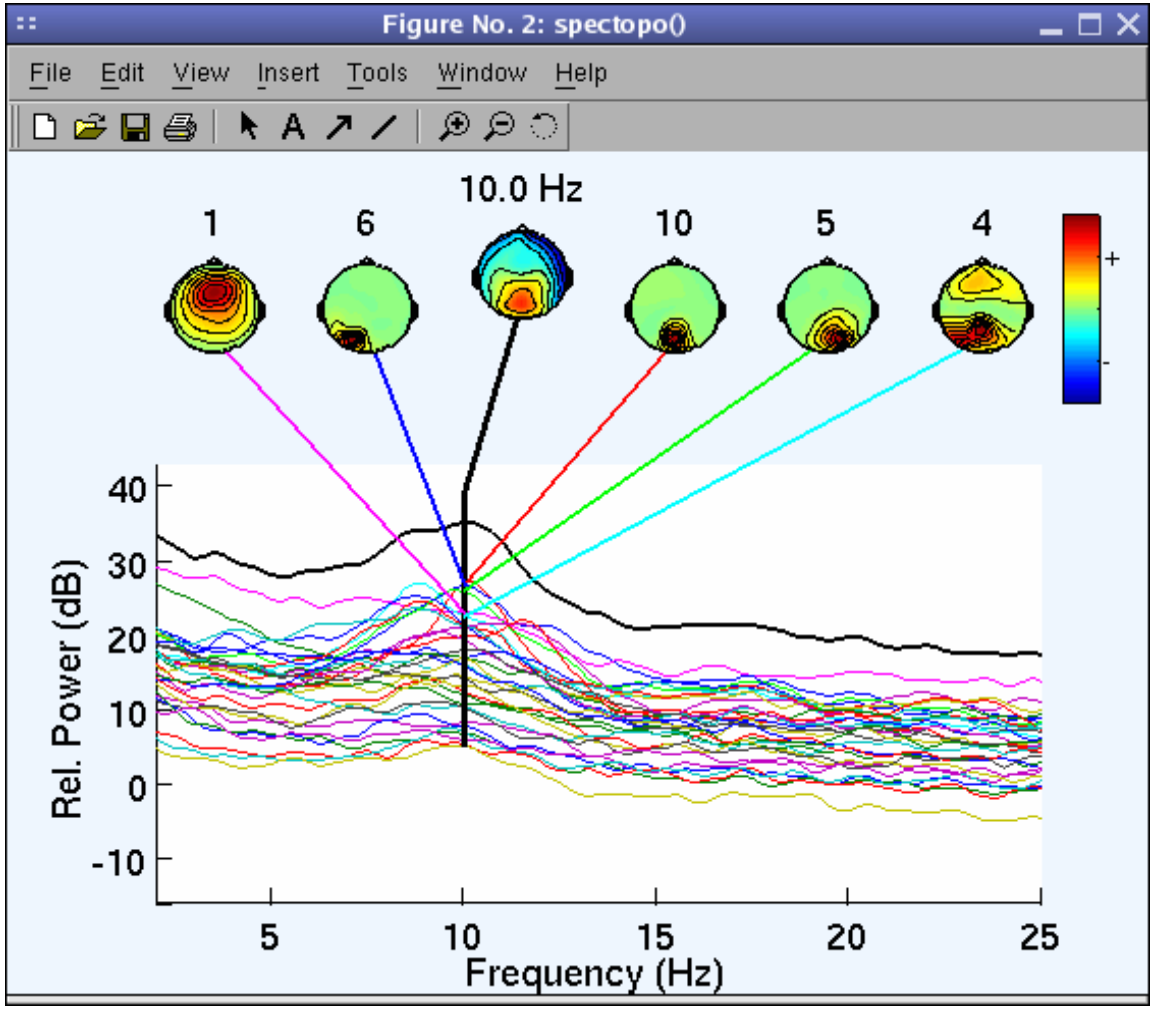

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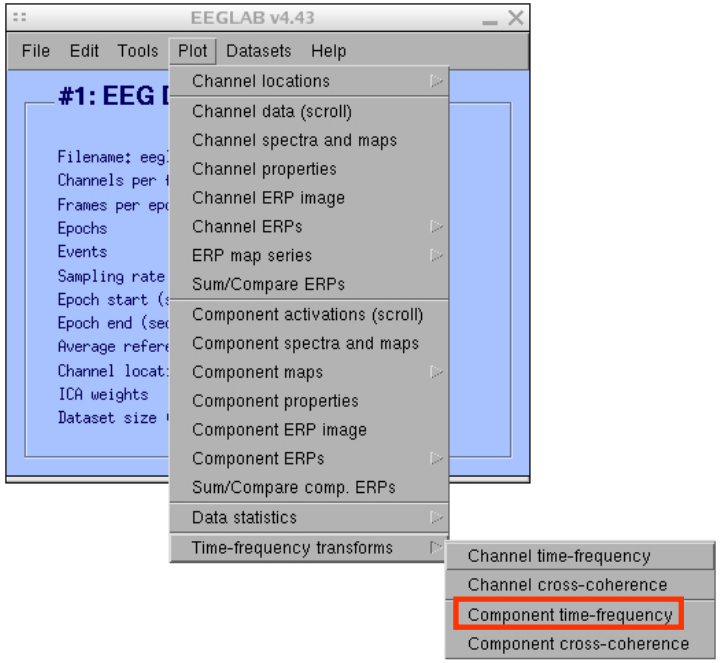

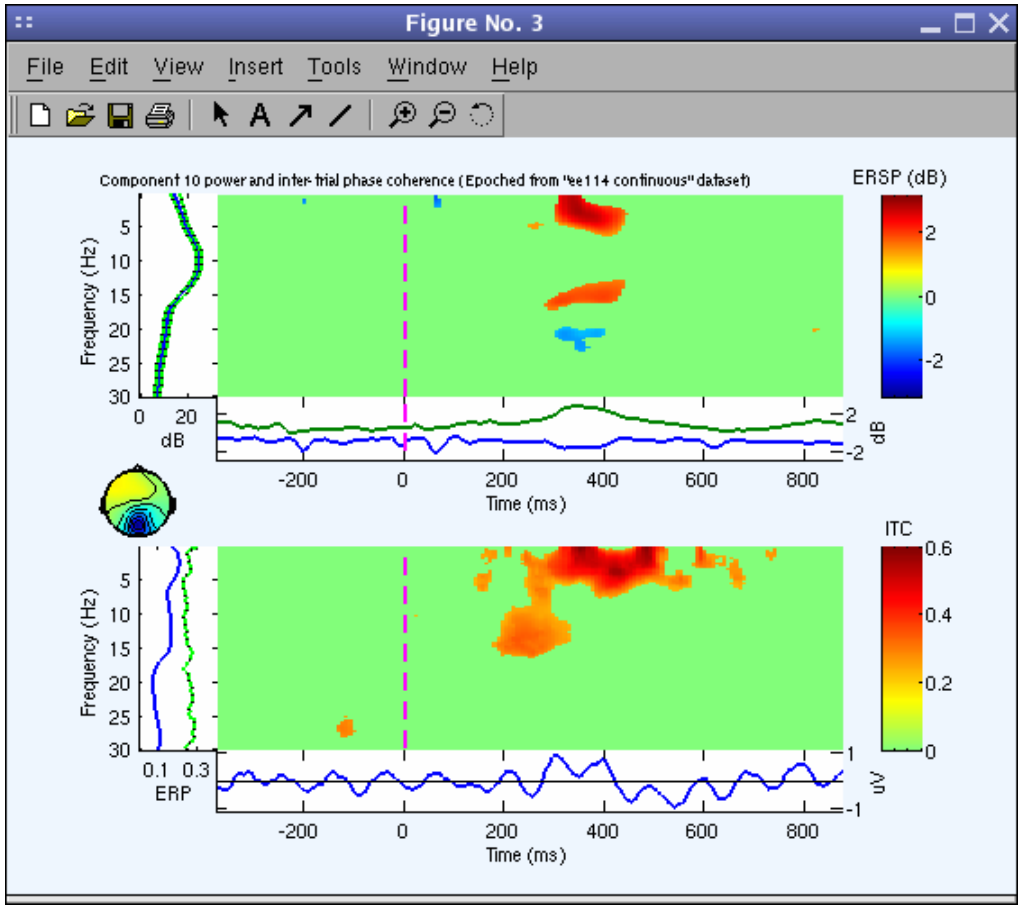

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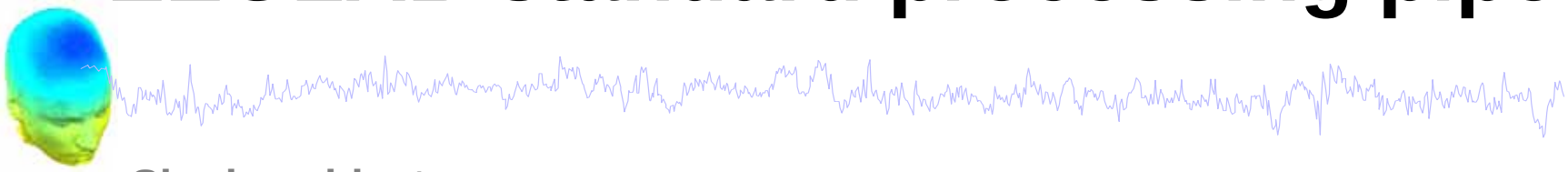

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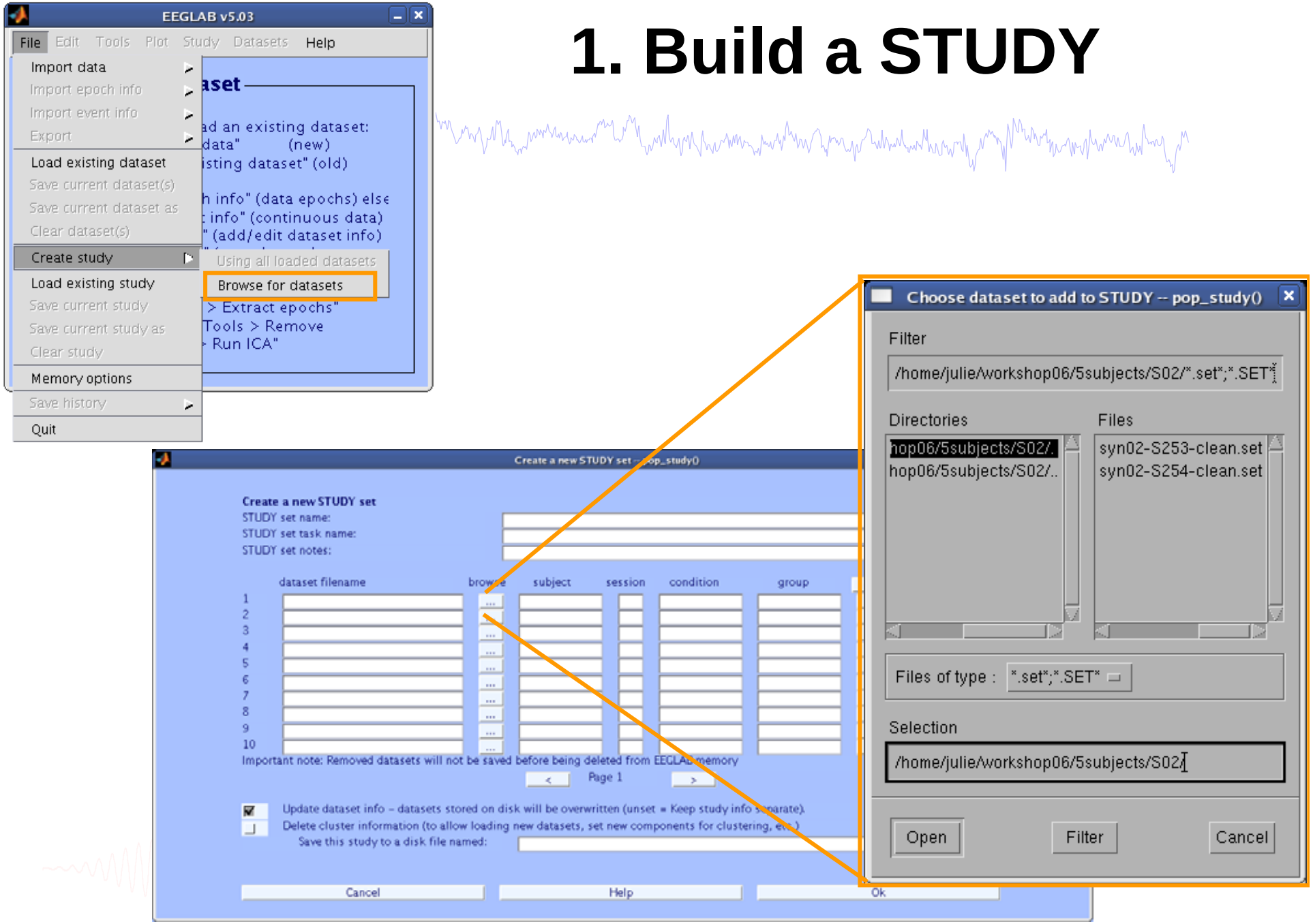

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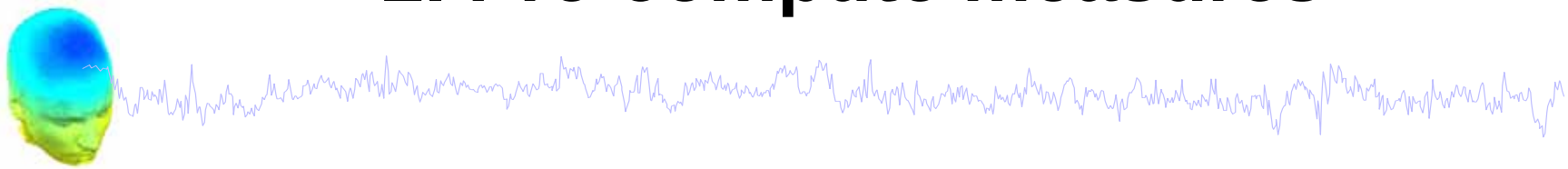

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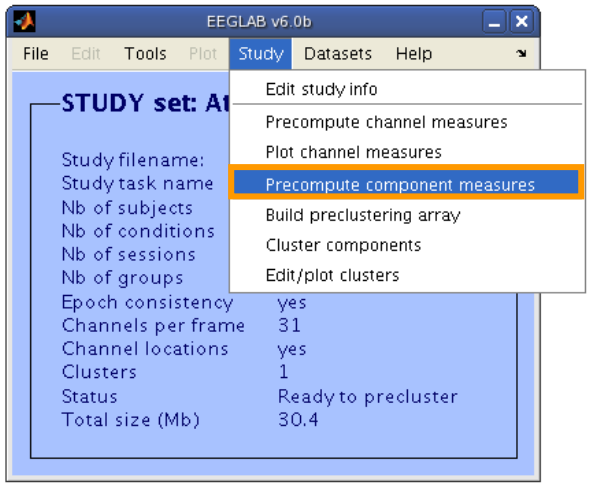

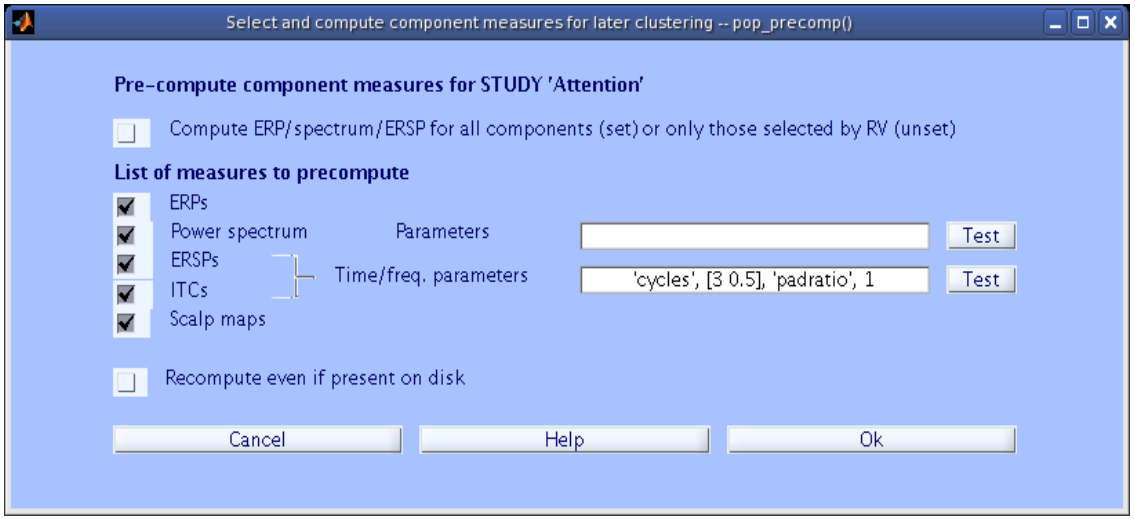

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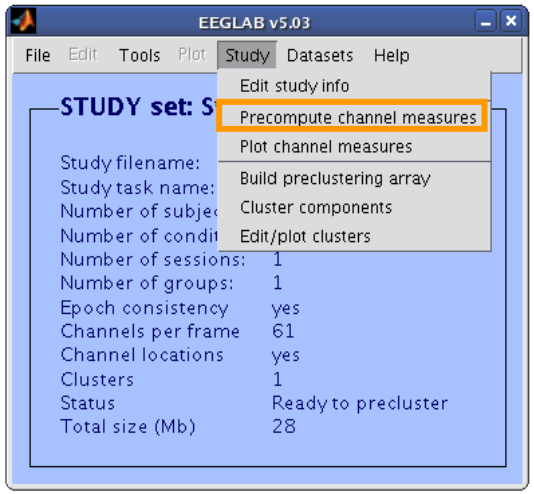

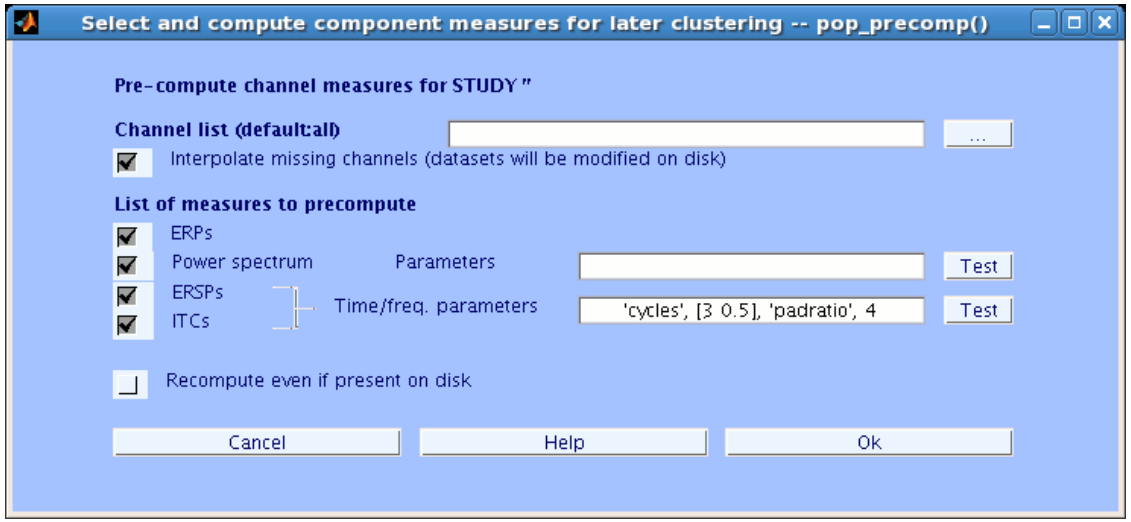

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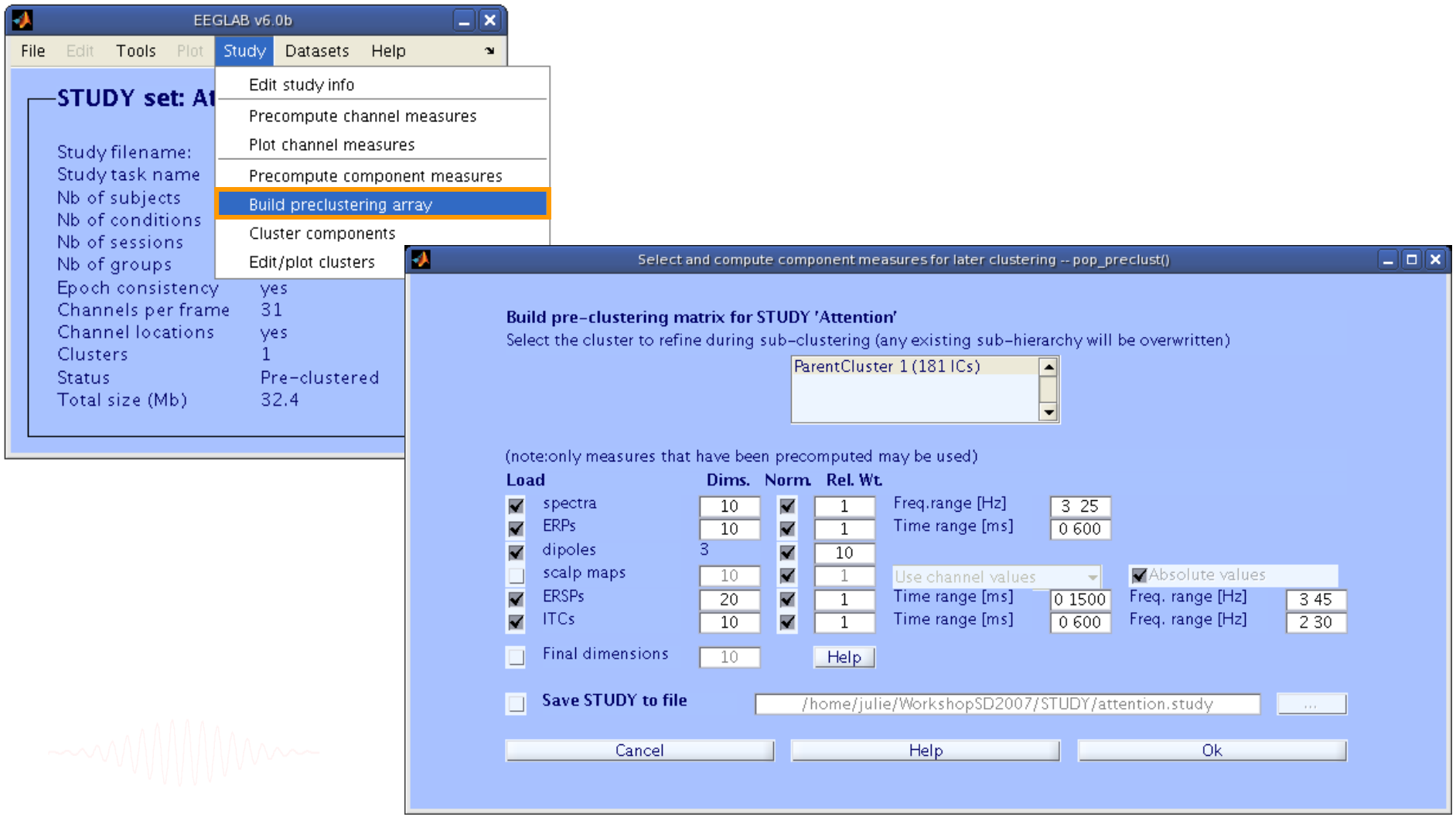

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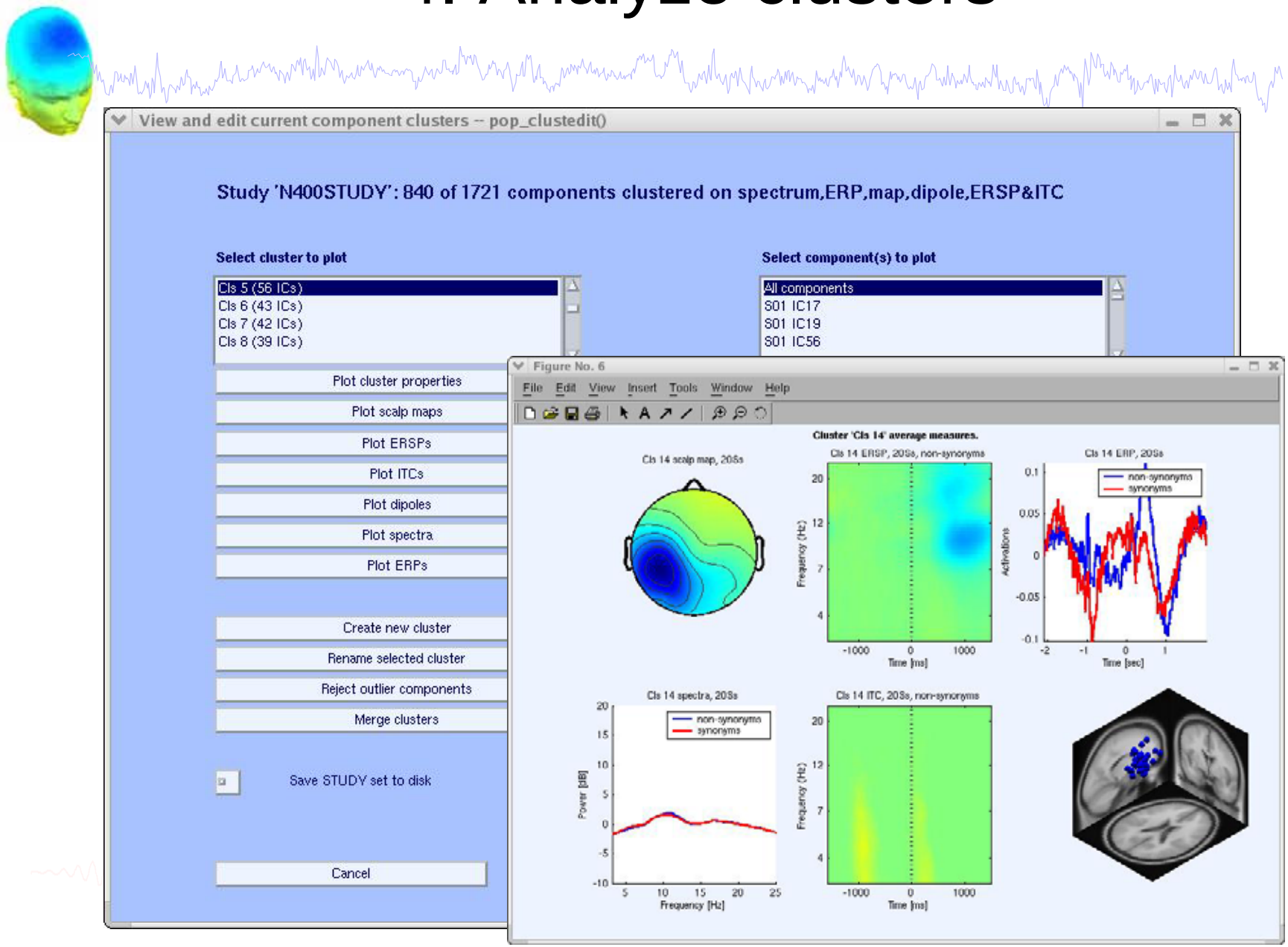

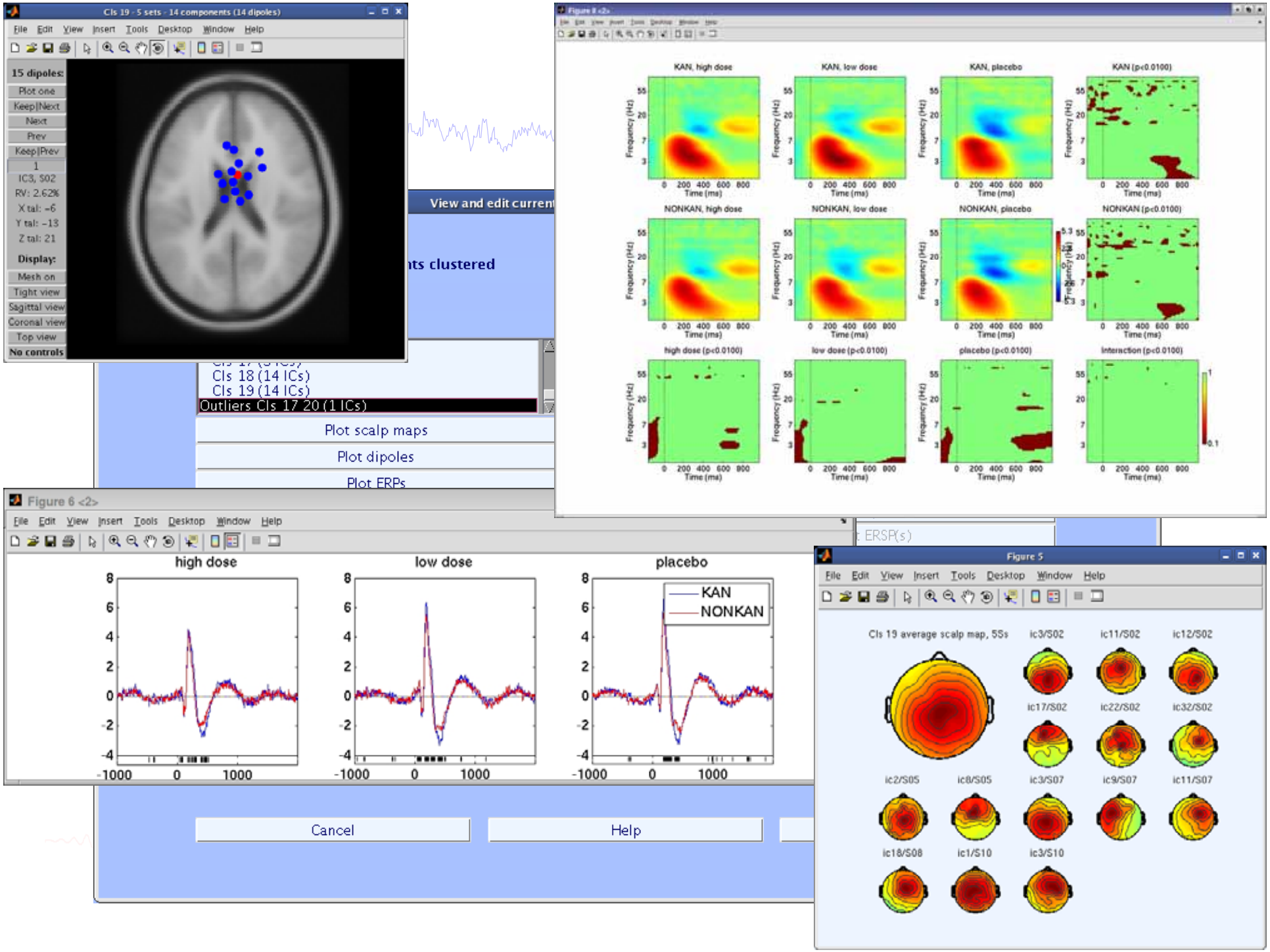
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No controls
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Figure 5
Cls 19 average scalp map, 5Ss
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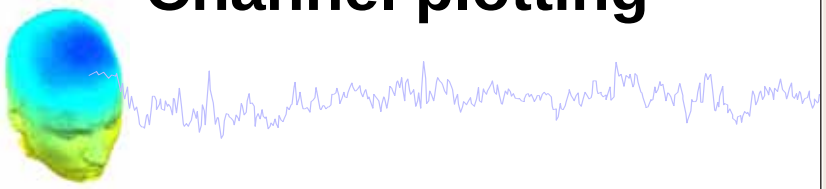

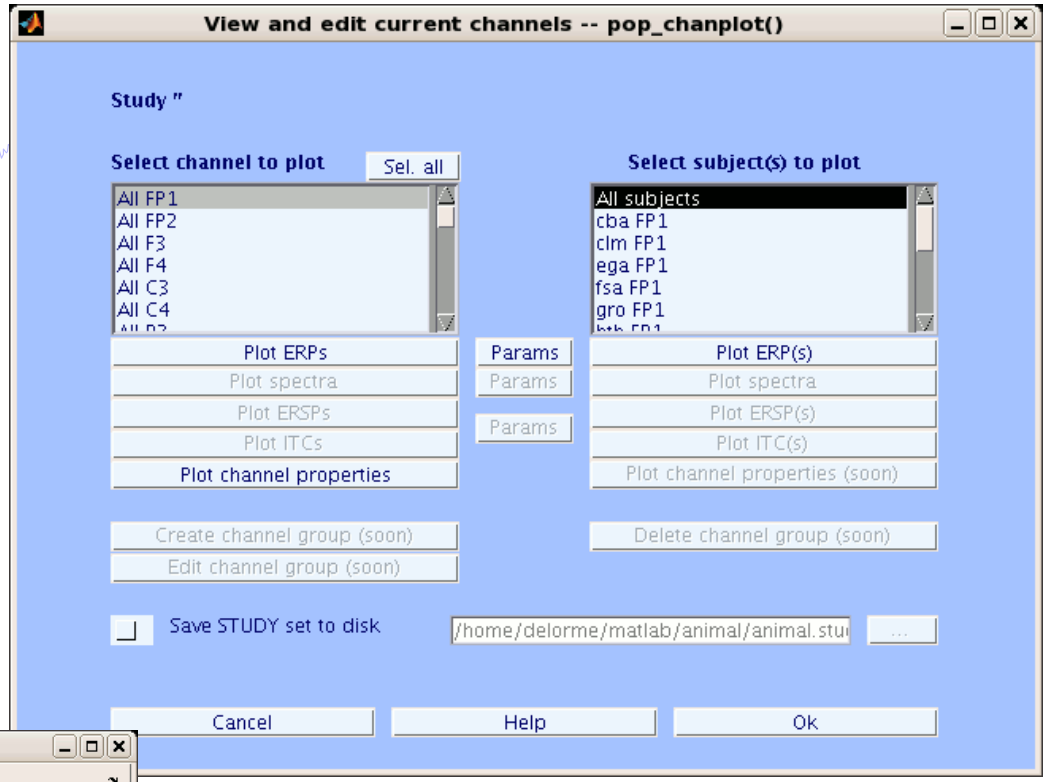

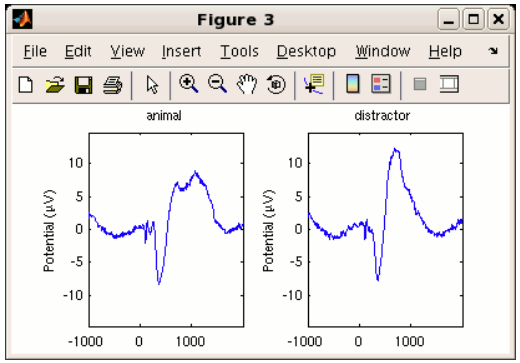

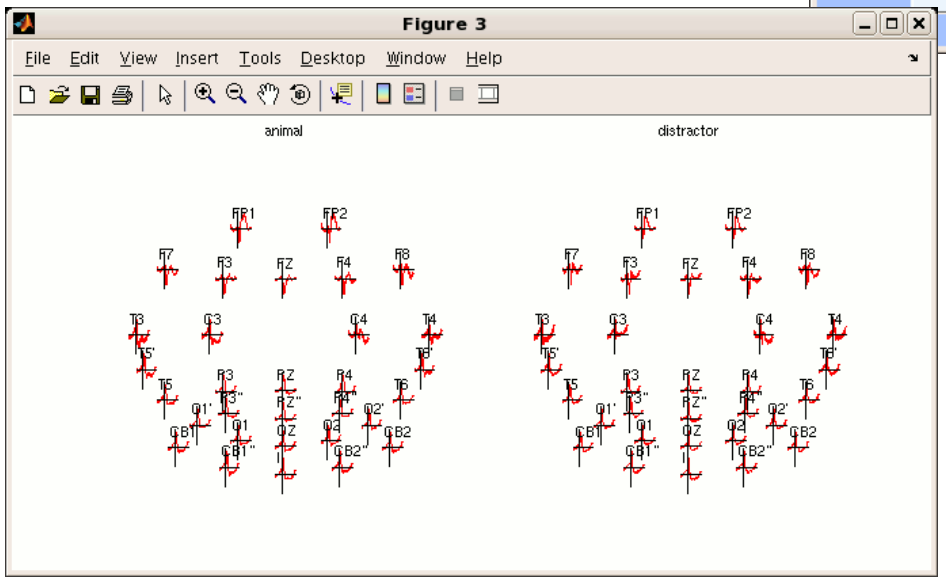

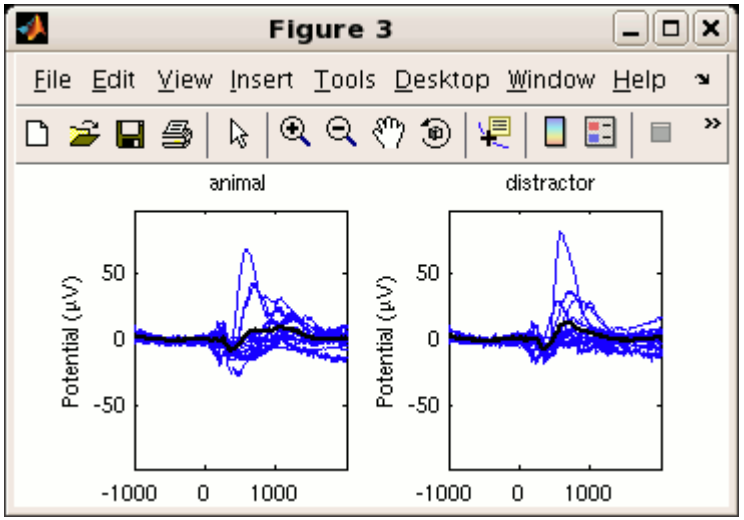

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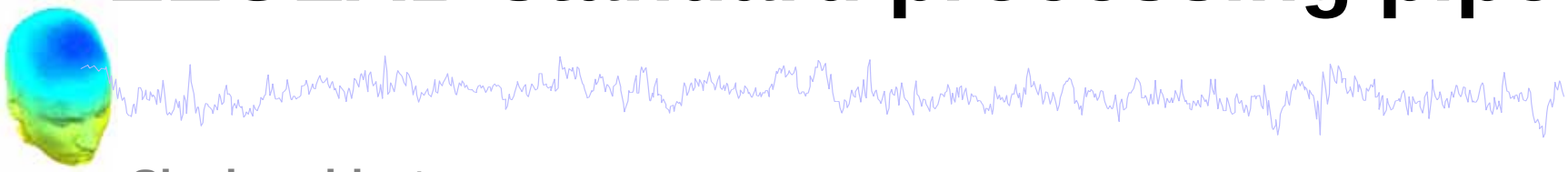

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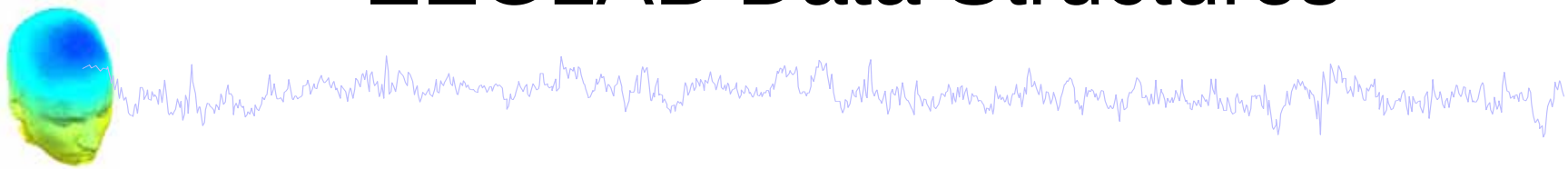

1.	EEG	- root ‘dataset’ structure
	.data	- the dataset data (2-D, 3-D matrix)
	.chanlocs	- channel locations substructure
	.event	- data events substructure
	.epoch	- data epochs substructure
2.	ALLEEG	- vector of loaded EEG datasets
3.	CURRENTSET	- index in ALLEEG of current EEG dataset
4.	STUDY	- root ‘studyset’ structure
	.cluster	- component clustering substructure

EEG structure

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EEG =
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         nbchan:32
         trials:80
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           xmax:1.9922
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Number of data points per trial

Number of channels

Number of trials

Sampling rate

Time limits

Data

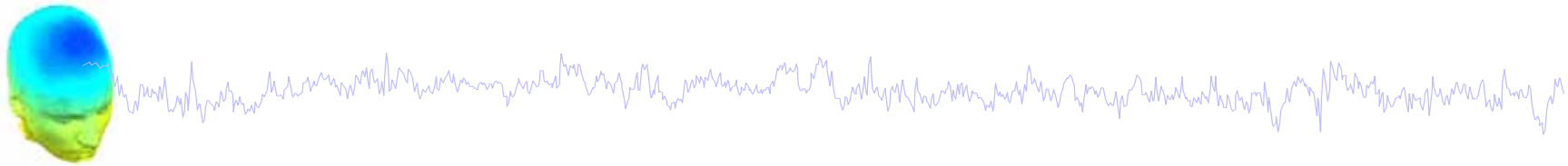
ICA scalp maps

ICA activity

Epoch/event information

Channel location

3 levels of functions



Administrative functions: handle EEG and ALLEEG structures

eeglab(), eeg_checkset(), pop_delset(), …

Pop functions: interactive functions using EEG structure

pop_erpimage(), pop_topoplot(), pop_envtopo(), …

Signal processing functions: perform signal processing

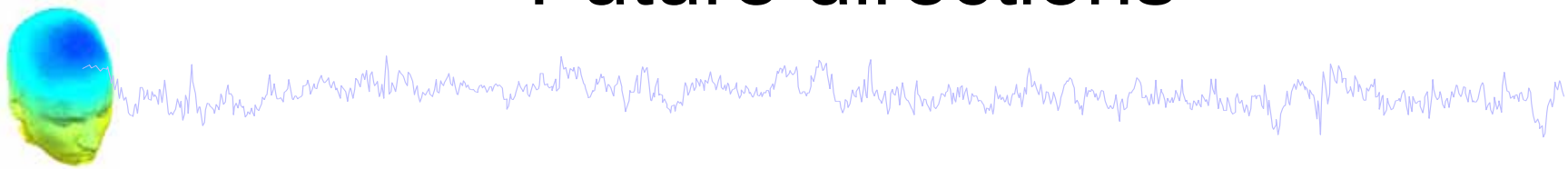
erpimage(), topoplot(), envtopo(), …

Command line tools

(Menus write both dataset and global history)

- Automated processing on groups of subjects (possibly on several processors).
- Richer options for plotting and processing functions (time-frequency decompositions, …)
- Selecting data/epoch based on event context
- Custom processing…

Future directions



- Signal processing and source localization
- Analysis of large studies and parallel processing
- Multi-modality imaging
- Study design
- Improved memory mapping features

- Improved plug-in facility and script library
- Shared data resource (BIRN)
- Better binary format handling
- Wiki documentation http://sccn.ucsd.edu/wiki/EEGLAB
- Open source community development (CVS server)