

# Estimating transient phase-amplitude coupling using local mutual information

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# Outline

## Intro to theory

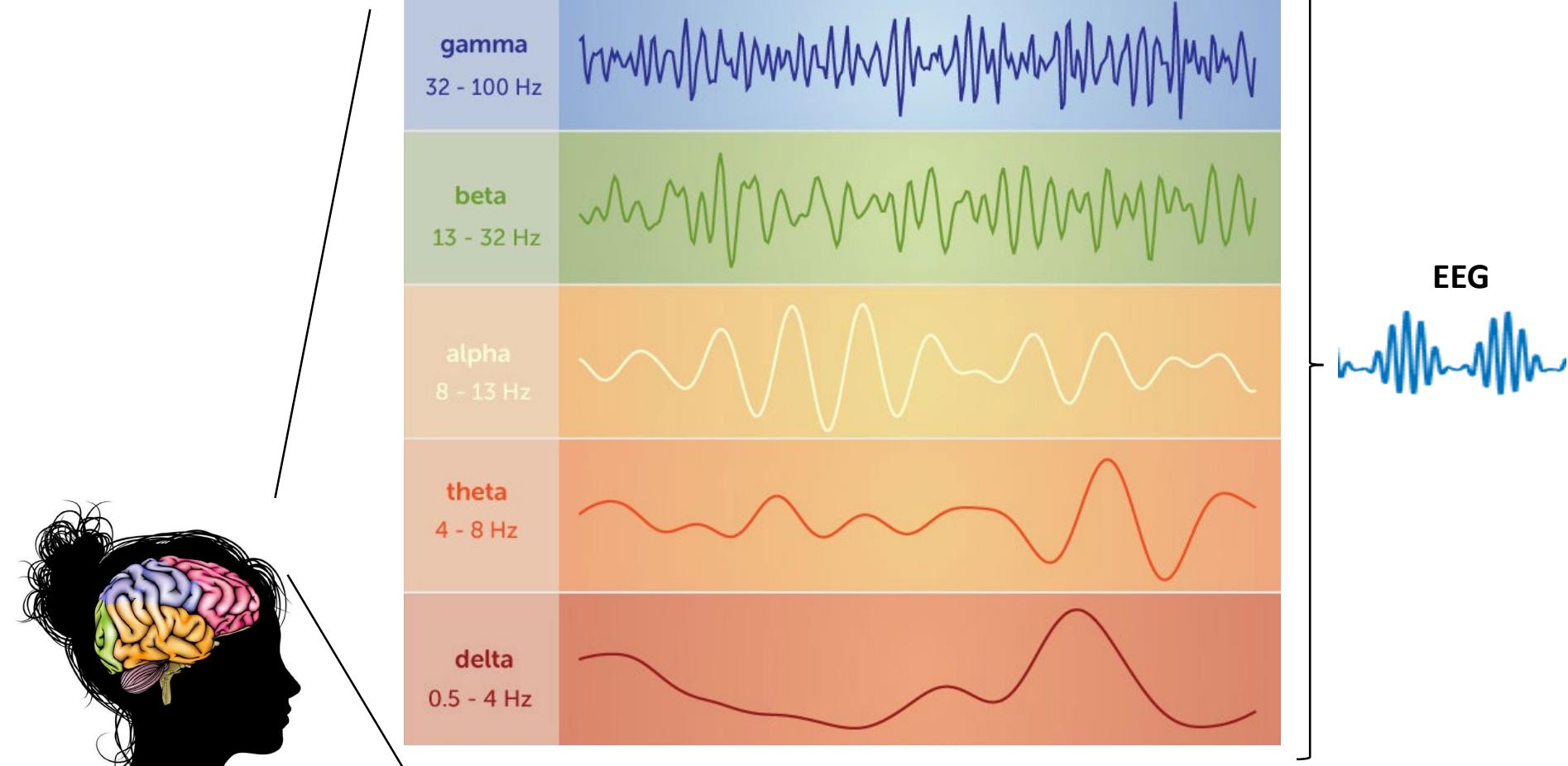
- Intro to Phase-Amplitude Coupling (PAC)
- Local (pointwise) Information Theory Measures
- Estimating PAC with Local Mutual Information

## Results

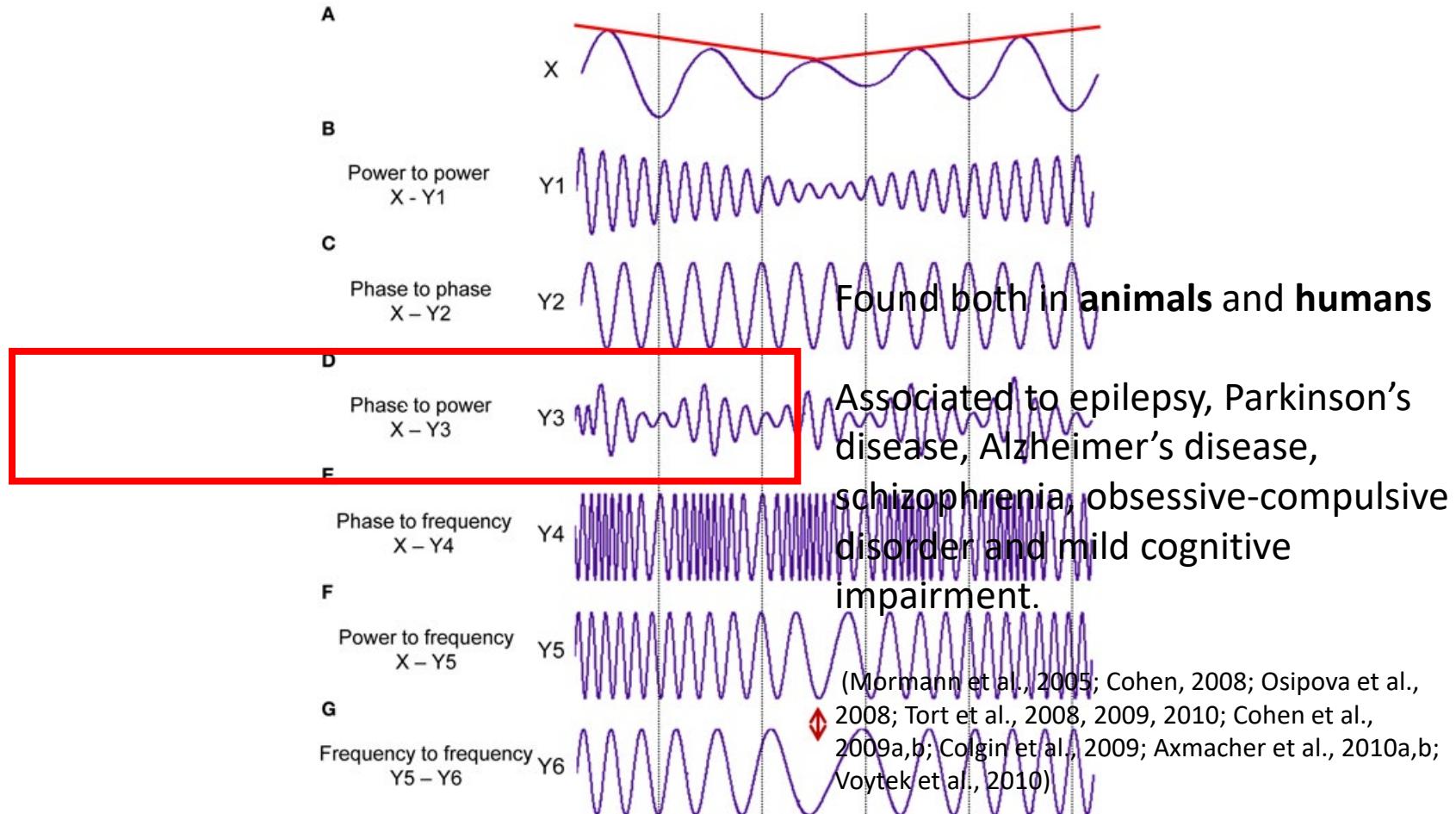
- Simulations
- ECoG data analysis

## Demo

# Brain oscillations



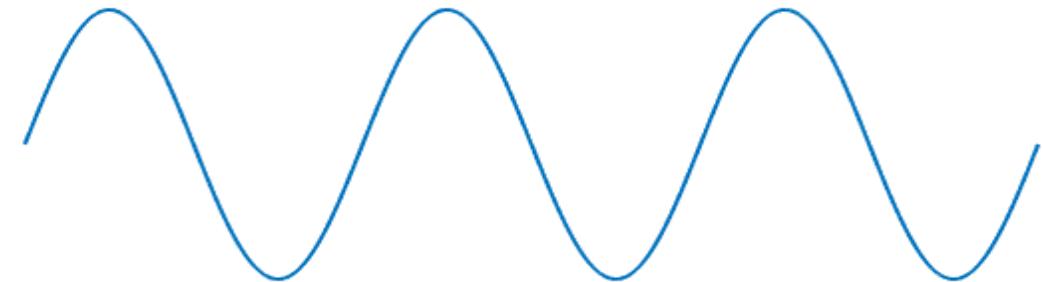
# Cross-Frequency Coupling



# Amplitude Modulation Fundamentals

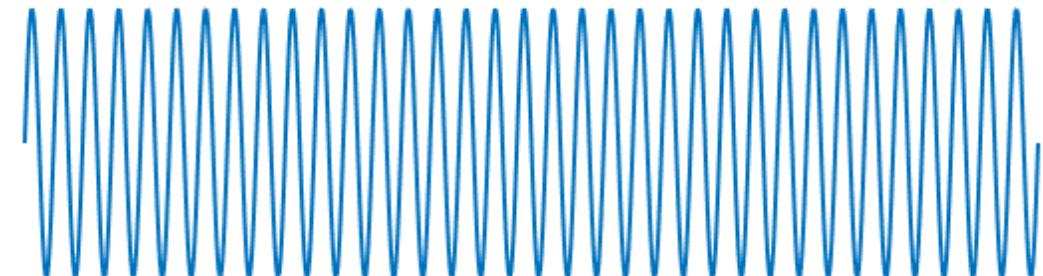
Modulator

$$v_{\text{mod}} = V_{\text{mod}} \sin(2\pi f_{\text{mod}} t)$$



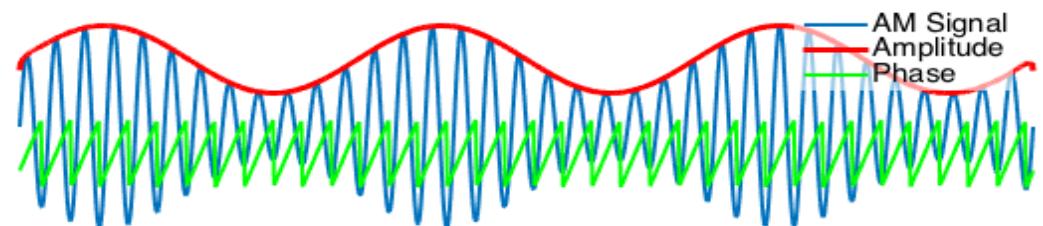
Carrier

$$v_{\text{carr}} = V_{\text{carr}} \sin(2\pi f_{\text{carr}} t)$$



AM Signal

$$v_{\text{AM}} = V_{\text{carr}} \sin(2\pi f_{\text{carr}} t) + [V_{\text{mod}} \sin(2\pi f_{\text{mod}} t)] \sin(2\pi f_{\text{carr}} t)$$



# Instantaneous Phase and Amplitude

$$S_t = s_{m_t} e^{i\phi_t}$$

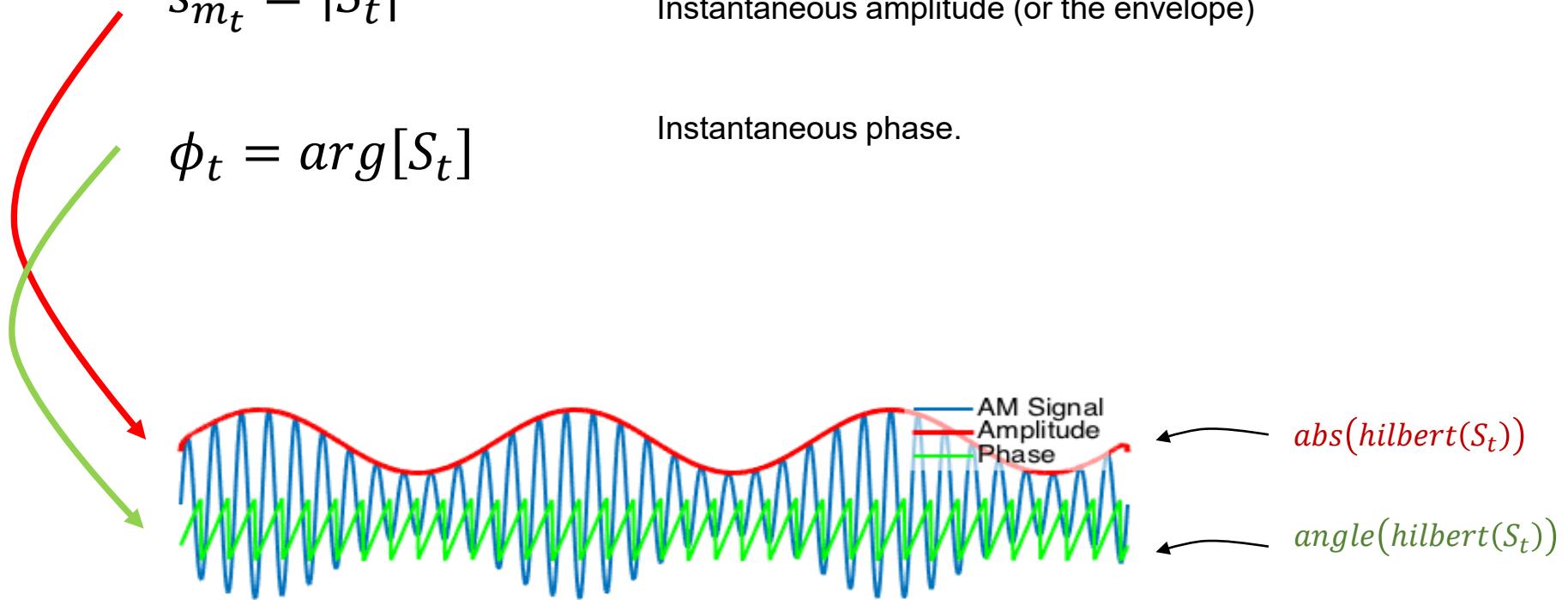
By mean of the **Hilbert transform** a signal can be expressed as its **analytic signal**

$$s_{m_t} = |S_t|$$

Instantaneous amplitude (or the envelope)

$$\phi_t = \arg[S_t]$$

Instantaneous phase.



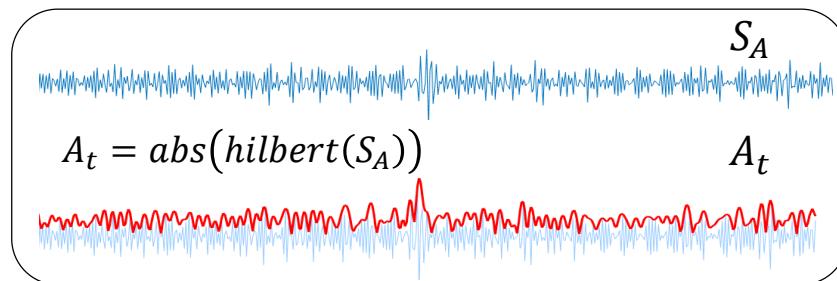
# Computing PAC

Electrophysiological signal

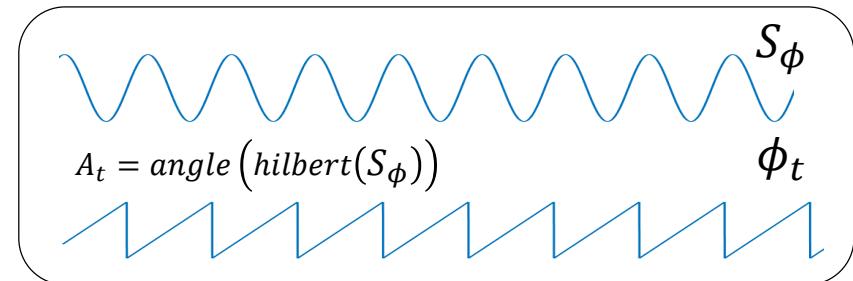


High frequency band  $f_{Amp}$  (e.g: 30-50Hz)

Band-pass Filter



Low frequency band  $f_{phase}$  (e.g: 5-12Hz)

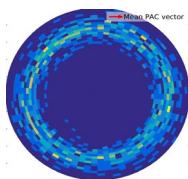


Mean Vector Length

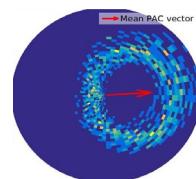
Canolty et al. 2006

- Composite vectors  $z_t = A_t e^{i\phi_t}$
- Mean vector length

$$MVLmi = \left| \frac{1}{N} \sum_{t=1}^T z_t \right|$$



No Coupling



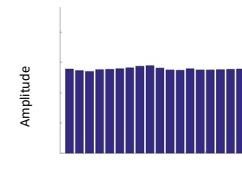
Coupling

Kullback-Leibler Modulation Index

$$P(j) = \frac{\langle A_{f_A} \rangle \phi_{f_p}(j)}{\sum_{k=1}^N \langle A_{f_A} \rangle \phi_{f_p}(k)}$$

$$MI = \frac{D_{KL}(P, U)}{\log N}$$

Compute the Kullback-Leibler with a uniform distribution



No Coupling

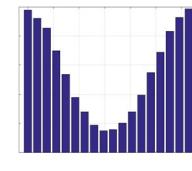
GLM Measure

Penny et al. 2008

$$A_t = X\beta + e$$

$$X = \begin{vmatrix} \cos\phi_1 & \sin\phi_1 & 1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ \cos\phi_{max} & \sin\phi_{max} & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

Use the explained variance as an index of PAC



Coupling

ERPAC

Voytek et al. 2013

Time resolved PAC by applying **GLM Measure** for each latency in event related data

# Information Theory Definitions

Given the measurements  $x$  and  $y$  of the RV  $X$  and  $Y$

**Mutual Information:** average reduction in uncertainty about  $X$  given the knowledge of the value of  $Y$

$$I(X,Y) = -\sum p(x,y) \log_2 \frac{p(x|y)}{p(x)}$$

$$I(X,Y) = H(X) - H(X|Y)$$

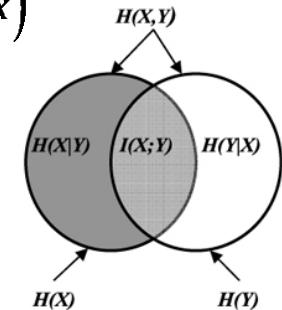


Figure from Goncalvez and Macrini 2011

The mutual information is a measure of dependency (**both linear and nonlinear**) between the two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$

# KSG Mutual Information Estimator

(Ksrakov, Stogbauer and Grassberger)

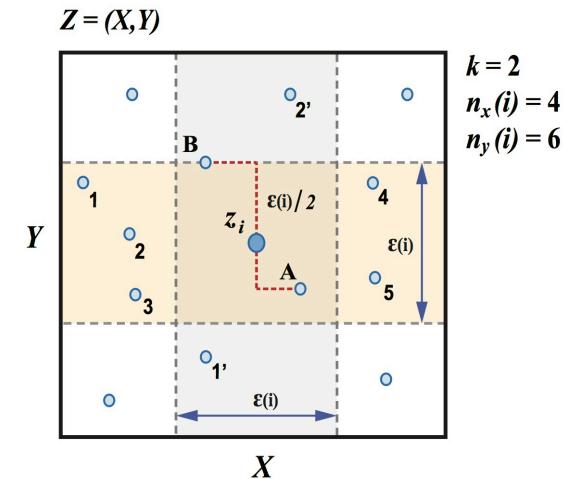
- Extension of Kozachenko-Leonenko estimator of Entropy
- Non-parametric estimator
- Data efficient
- Minimal bias

Assume the joint space  $Z = (X, Y)$

**Determining  $k$ -nearest neighbors for each  $z_i$**

$$\|z - z'\| = \max\{\|x - x'\|, \|y - y'\|\}$$

- Find K-nearest neighbor of  $z_i$  (a distance  $\frac{\varepsilon}{2}$ )
- Count the number of points  $n_x(i)$  and  $n_y(i)$  in the marginal space within a row (and column) of width  $\varepsilon$



**Estimate Mutual Information**

$$I(X, Y) = \psi(k) - \left\langle \psi(n_x + 1) + \psi(n_y + 1) \right\rangle + \psi(N)$$

# Estimating local Mutual Information

Lizier et al. 2008, considered the estimation of Local MI from the KSG estimator

**Estimate Mutual Information**

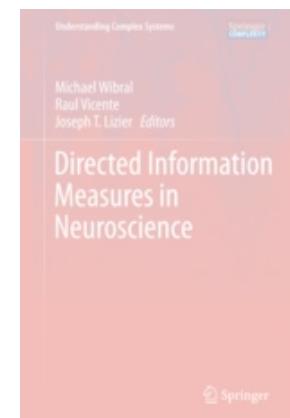
**Kraskov et al. 2004**

$$I(X,Y) = \psi(k) - \left\langle \psi(n_x + 1) + \psi(n_y + 1) \right\rangle + \psi(N)$$

**Estimating Local Mutual Information**

$$i(x,y) = \psi(k) - \psi(n_x + 1) - \psi(n_y + 1) + \psi(N)$$

**Unrolling expectation**

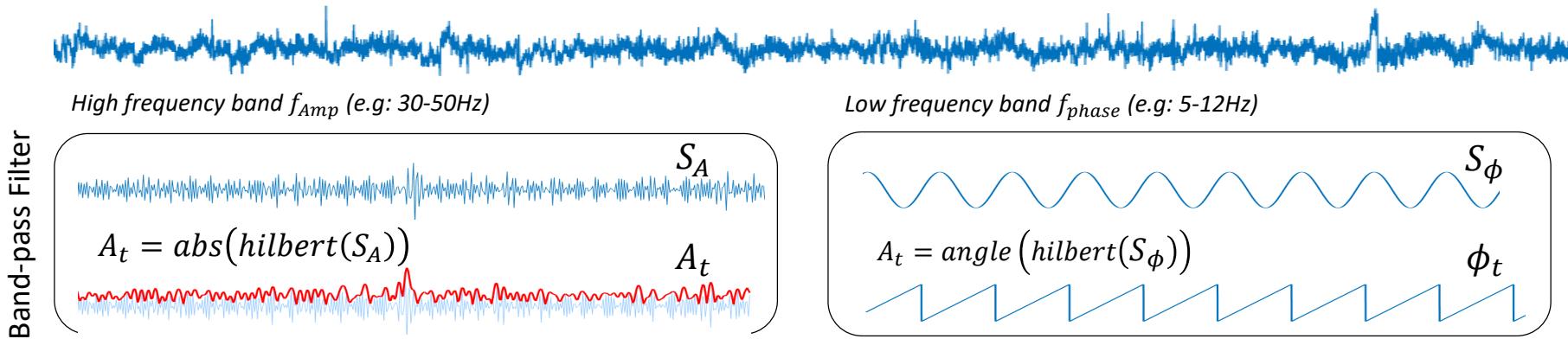


Lizier, J. T. **Directed Information Measures in Neuroscience**. Springer, 2014

**Goal:**  
**Estimating PAC using local Mutual Information**

# Instantaneous MIPAC

**Data model:** Continuous data ( $1 \times N_{lat}$ )



Assume the joint space  $Z = (A_t, \phi_t)$

$$\|z - z'\| = \max\{\|\phi - \phi'\|, \|A - A'\|\}$$

Circular norm (Berens, 2009) Euclidean norm

$$i(x, y) = \psi(k) - \psi(n_x + 1) - \psi(n_y + 1) + \psi(N)$$

## Inst. MIPAC

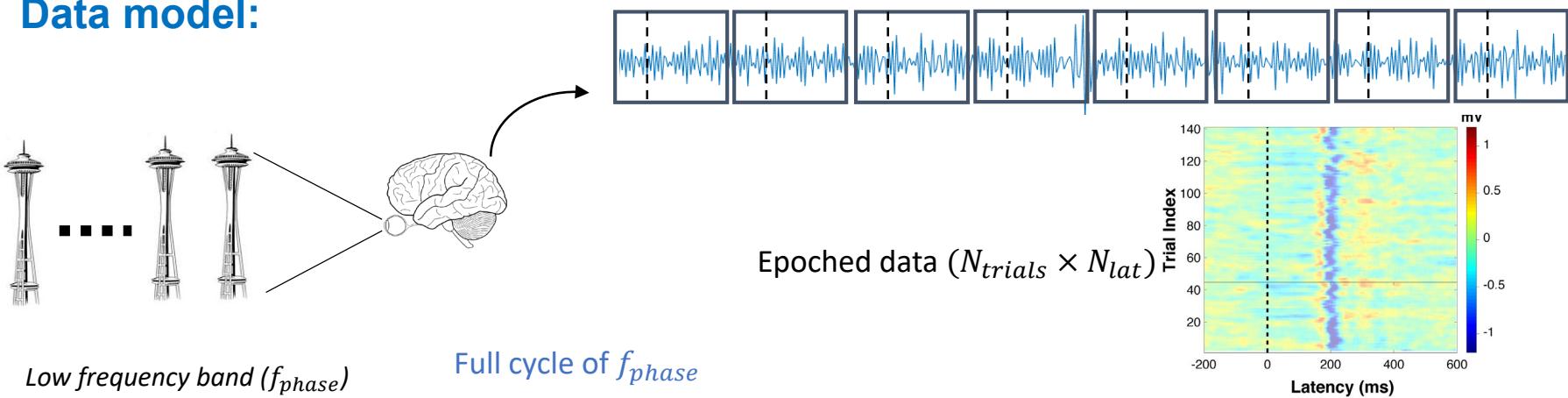
% Single trials or continuous

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 $\Delta_{var} = Inf$ ; % Initialize Percentage variance reduction
c = 1;
while  $\Delta_{var\_threshold} < \Delta_{var}$ 
    Estimate  $i(A_t, \phi_t)$  for  $k=c$ ;
    Compute  $\Delta_{var}$ ;
    c = c+1;
End
MIPAC = Low-pass filter  $i(A_t, \phi_t)$  at  $f_{phase}$ ;
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# Event-related MIPAC

## Data model:



## Event Related MIPAC (cyclostationary)

% Epoched data

for  $t = 1 : N_{lat}$

$\Delta_{var} = \text{Inf}$ ; % Initialize Percentage variance reduction  
 $c = 1$ ;

while  $\Delta_{var\_threshold} < \Delta_{var}$

Estimate  $i(A_{trl,t}(:, t), \phi_{trl,t}(:, t))$  for  $k=c$  ;

(Neighbors are count in a latency window)

Compute  $\Delta_{var}$  ;  
 $c = c+1$ ;

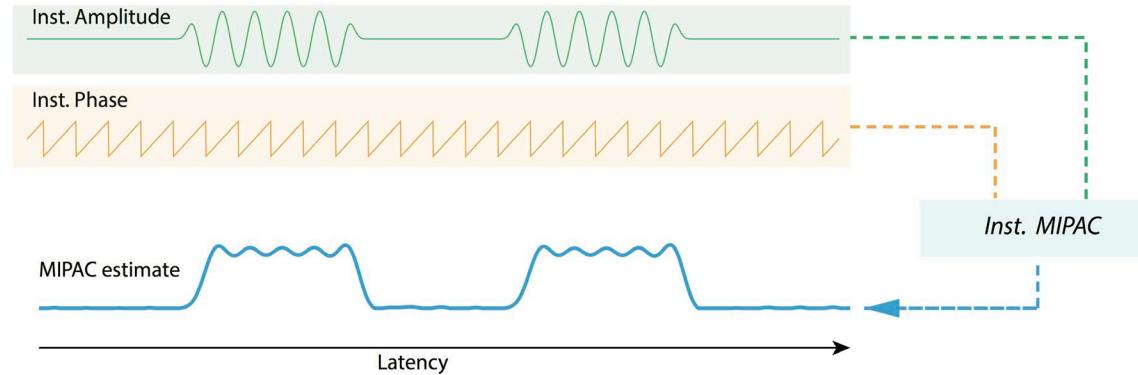
end

end

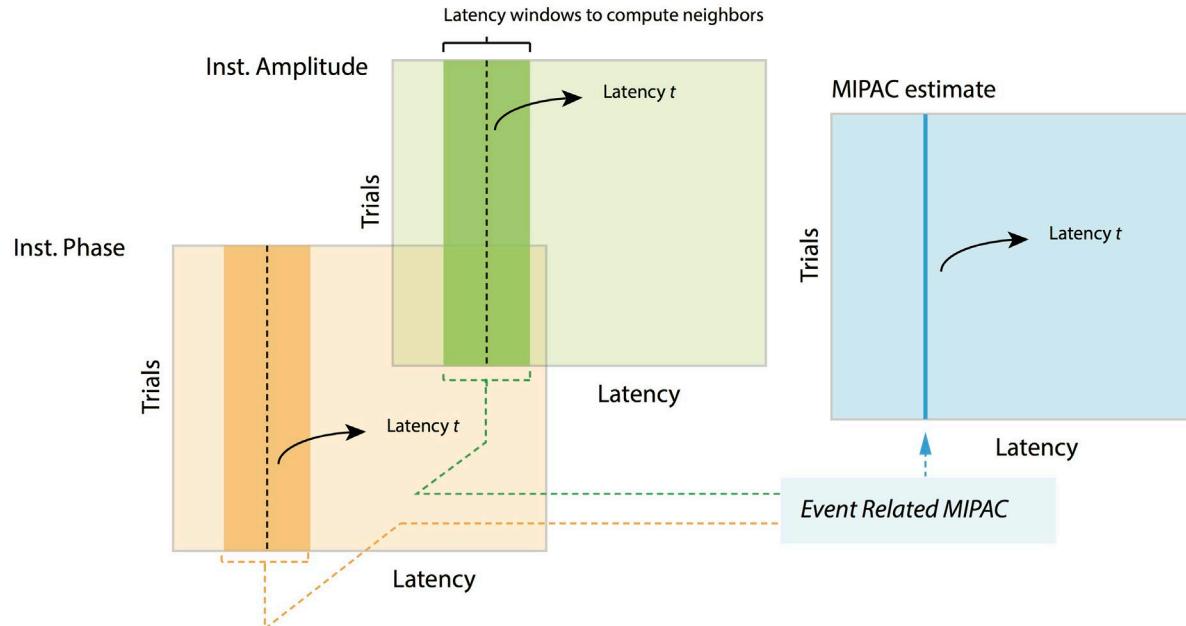
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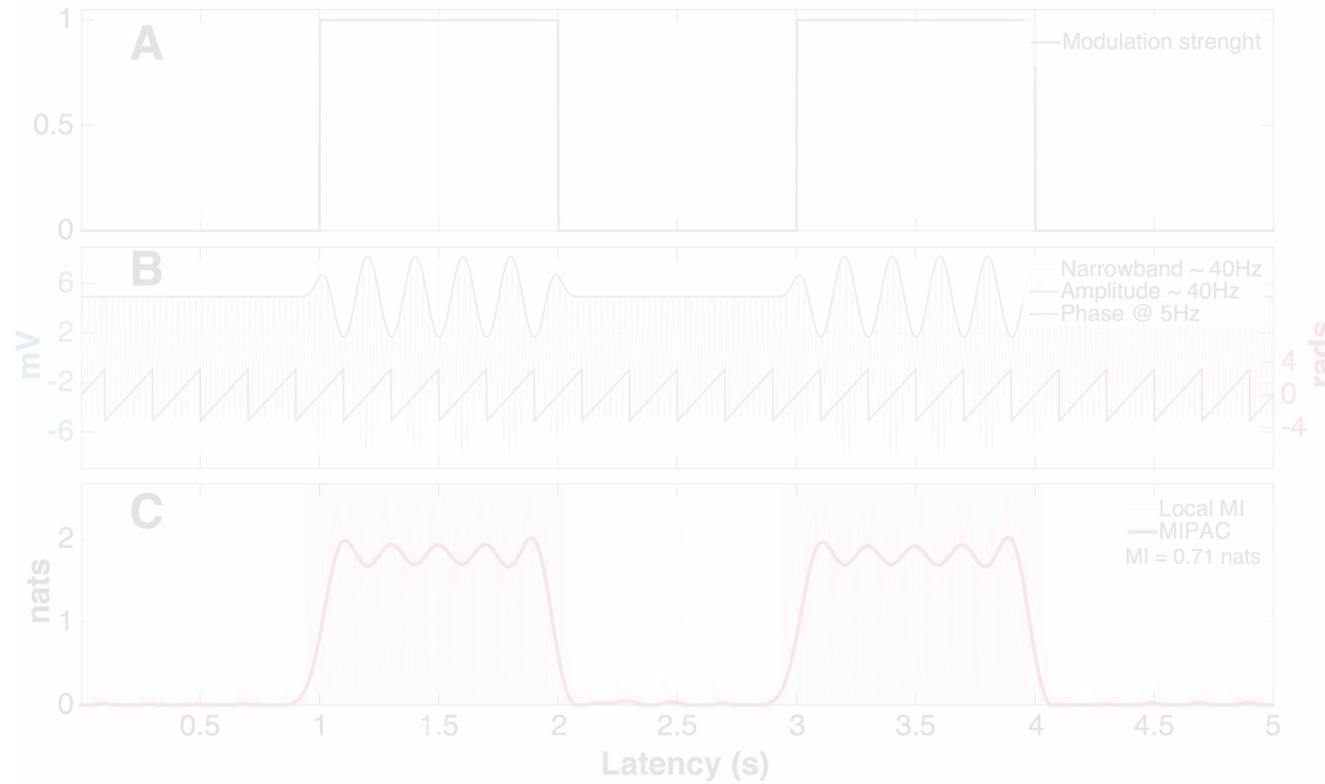
# Inst. MIPAC and Event-related MIPAC

MIPAC



Event-related MIPAC





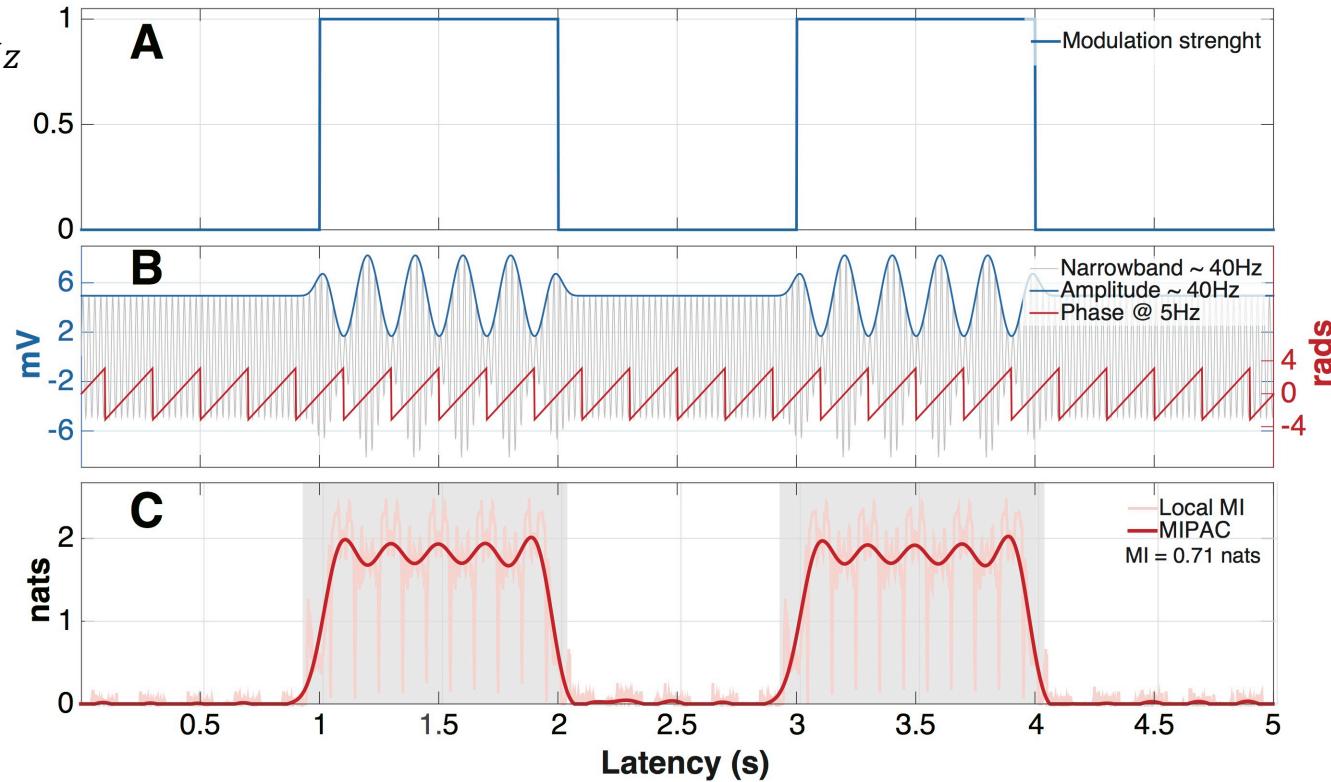
# MIPAC Simulations

# Simulation 1.1: Instantaneous MIPAC

$f_{mod} = 5\text{Hz}$

$f_{carr} = 40\text{Hz}$

$S_{rate} = 500\text{Hz}$



(A) Block-shaped waveform modulation strength.

(B) Simulated signal

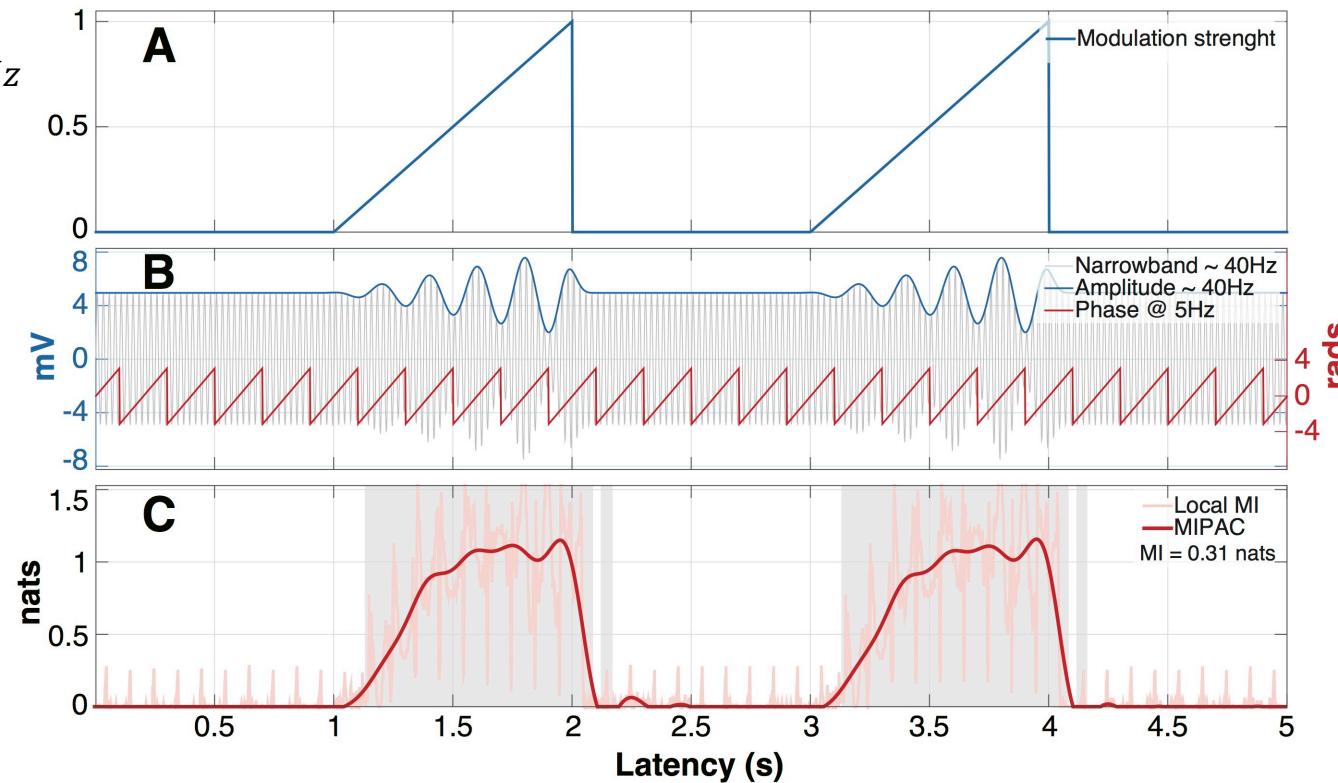
(C) Estimated MIPAC (red), and local MI (light red)

# Simulation 1.2: Instantaneous MIPAC

$f_{mod} = 5\text{Hz}$

$f_{carr} = 40\text{Hz}$

$S_{rate} = 500\text{Hz}$



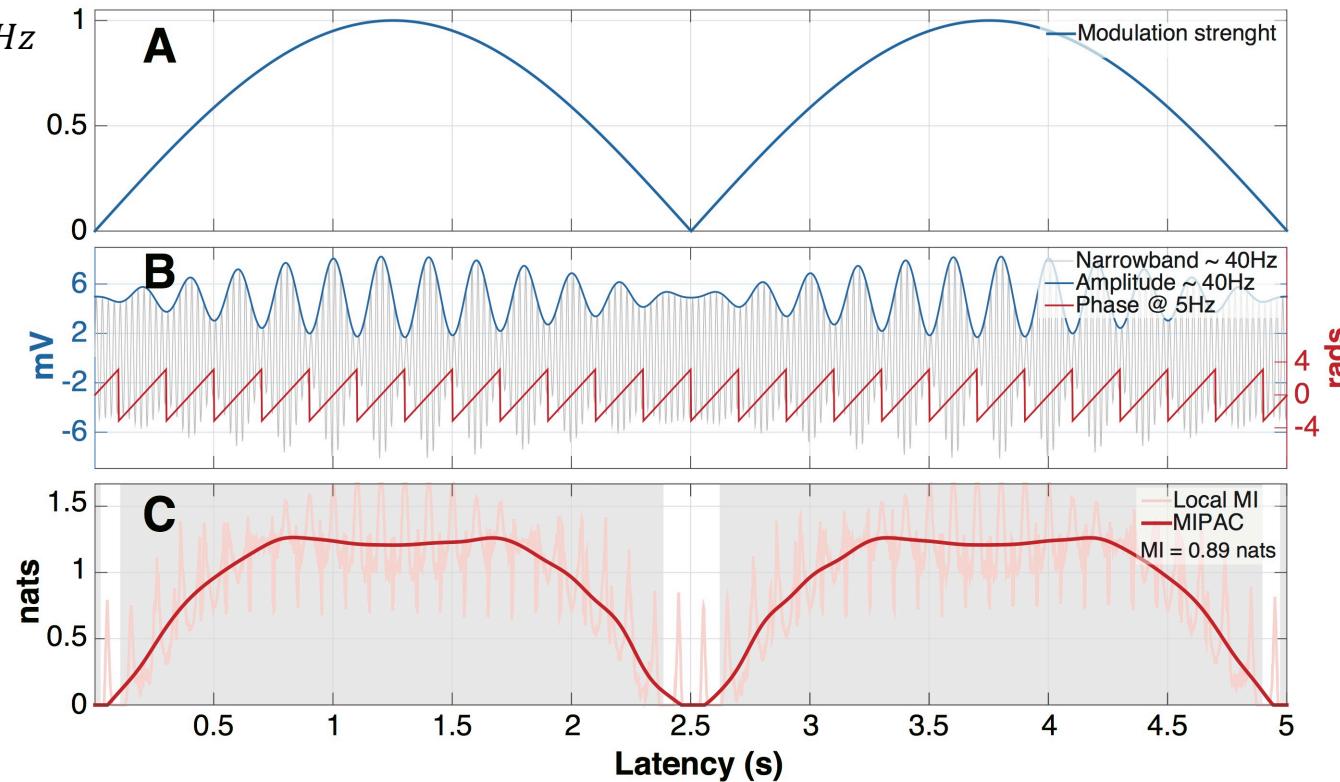
- (A) Saw-tooth shape waveform modulation strength.
- (B) Simulated signal
- (C) Estimated MIPAC (red), and local MI (light red)

# Simulation 1.3: Instantaneous MIPAC

$$f_{mod} = 5\text{Hz}$$

$$f_{carr} = 40\text{Hz}$$

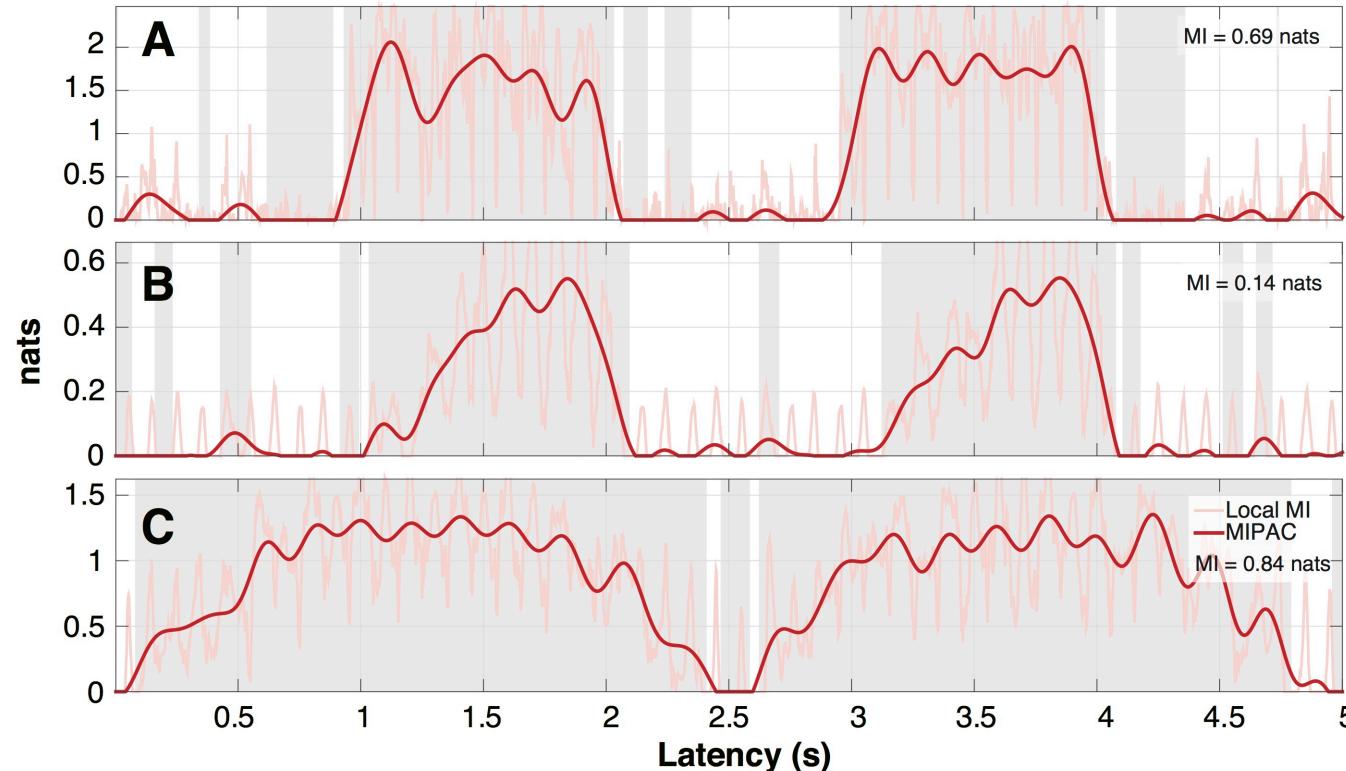
$$S_{rate} = 500\text{Hz}$$



- (A) Absolute value of a sinusoid used as modulation strength.
- (B) Simulated signal
- (C) Estimated MIPAC (red), and local MI (light red)

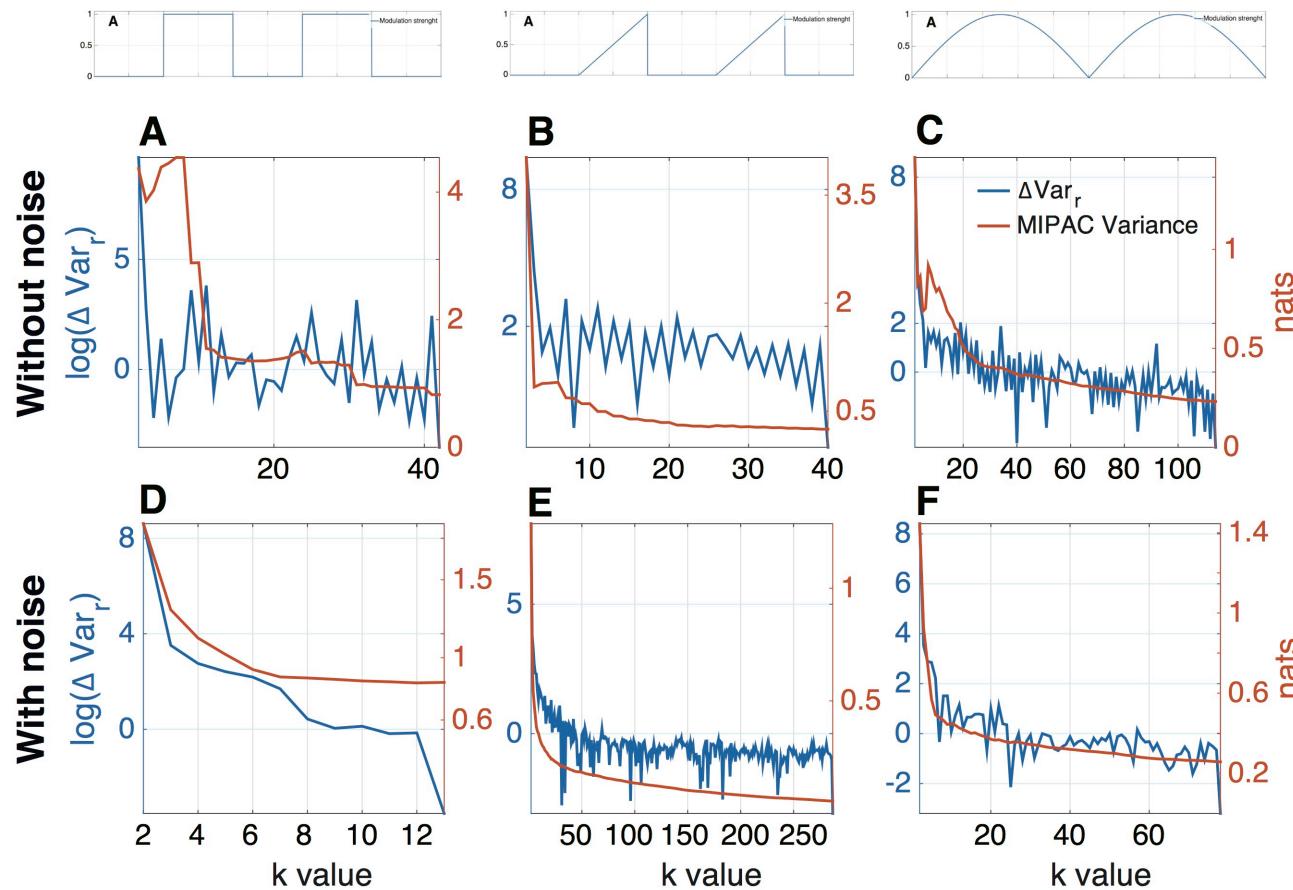
# Simulation 2: Instantaneous MIPAC Noise Added

$$f_{carr} = 40\text{Hz} \quad Srate = 500\text{Hz} \quad f_{mod} = 5\text{Hz} \quad SNR = 10$$



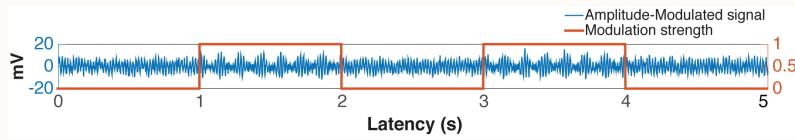
**MIPAC from a simulated Phase-Amplitude-Modulated signal with noise added.** MIPAC was estimated from the same signals generated the previous simulations, but with a SNR= 10. Estimated MIPAC (red), and local MI (light red).

# MIPAC convergence



# Simulation 3: Event-related MIPAC

## ER PAC data simulation



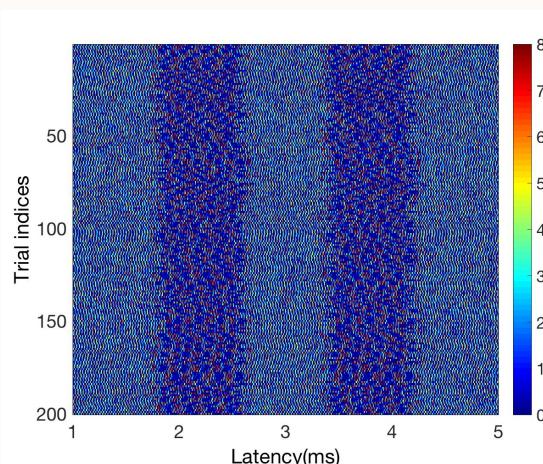
$$f_{mod} = 5\text{Hz}$$

$$f_{carr} = 40\text{Hz}$$

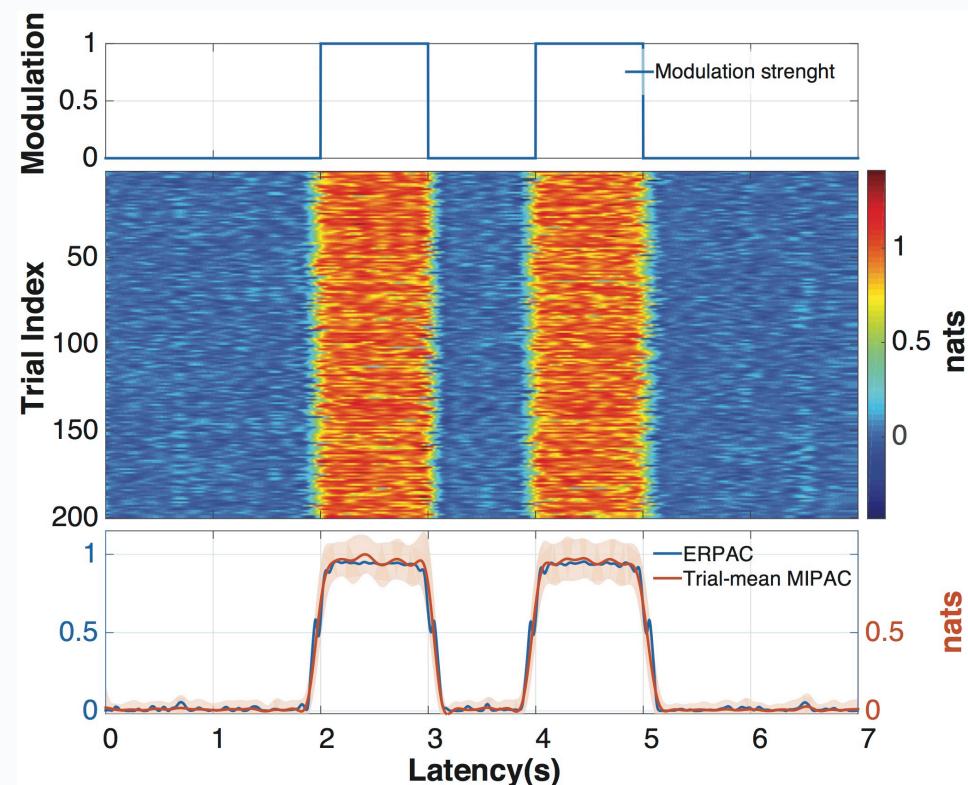
$$S_{rate} = 500\text{Hz} \quad SNR = 10$$

x200

Each trial was shifted 1-100 pts



Event related MIPAC and ERPAC (Voytek et al, 2013) were used to estimate PAC

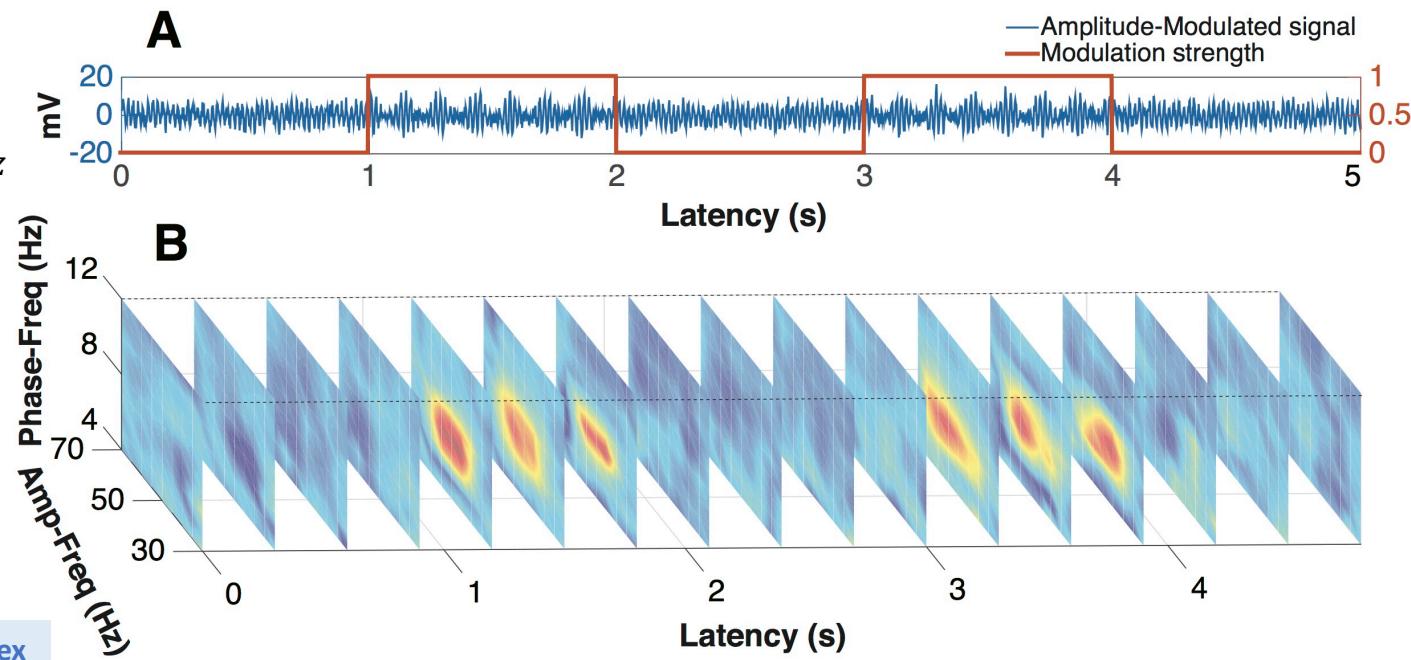


# Simulation 4: MIPAC & MI<sub>MI</sub>

$f_{mod} = 7\text{Hz}$

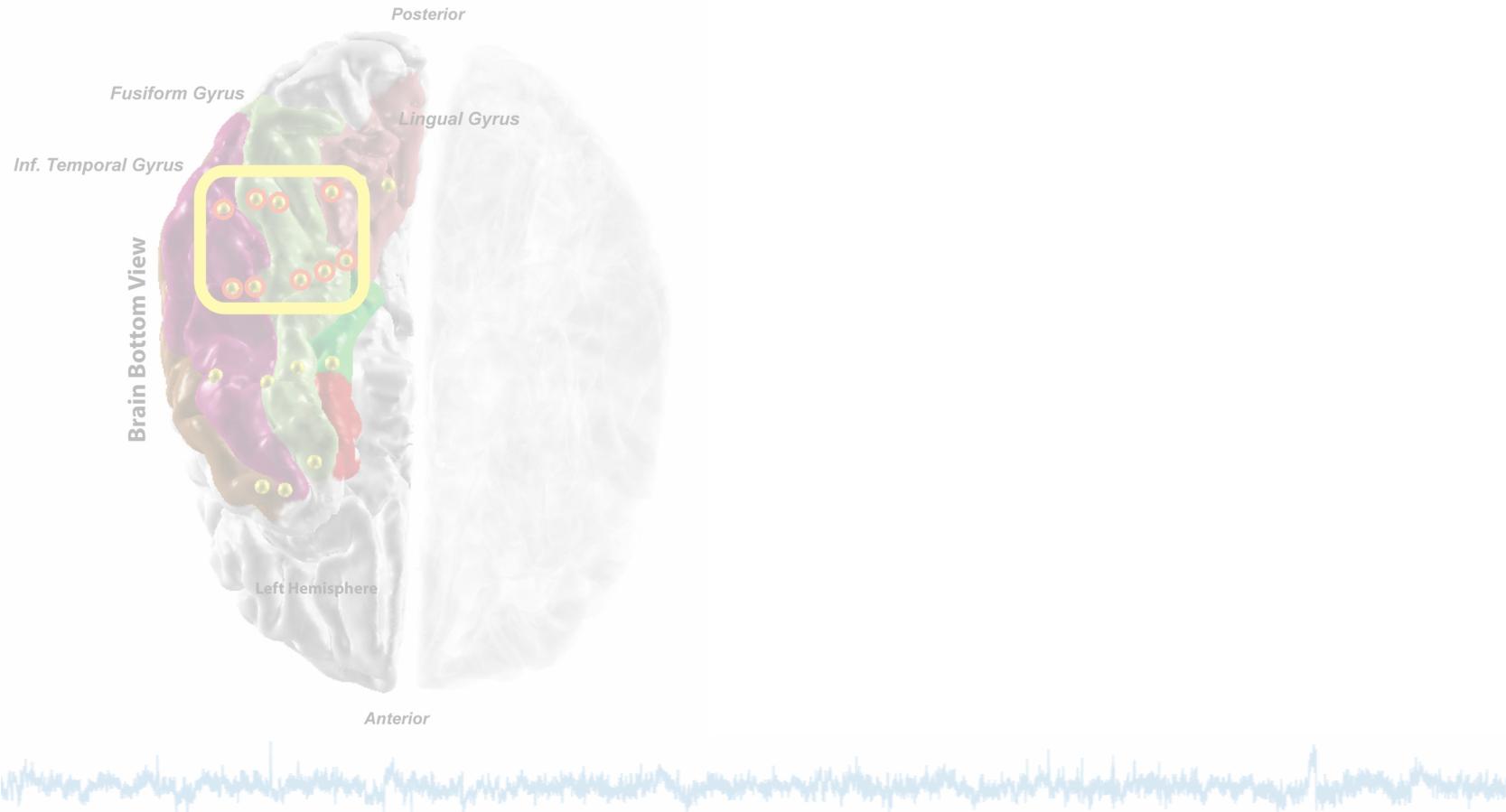
$f_{carr} = 50\text{Hz}$

$S_{rate} = 500\text{Hz}$



Grand Mean

MI modulation index

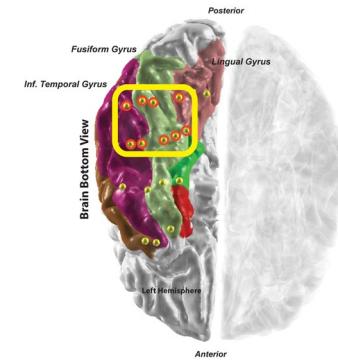


# MIPAC application to real data

# ECoG Data

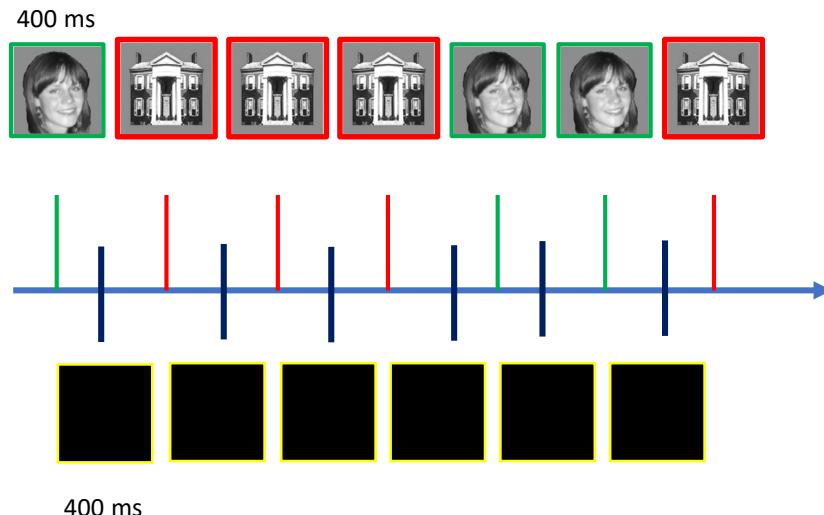
## Subject

- Clinical monitoring and localization of seizure foci
- 1 subject (mv)
- ECoG channels in: Inf. Temp. Gyrus  
Lingual Gyrus  
Fusiform Gyrus



## Experimental design

- Images of Houses and Faces were presented randomly
- 3 runs 100 presentations each (50 H / 50F)



## Preprocessing

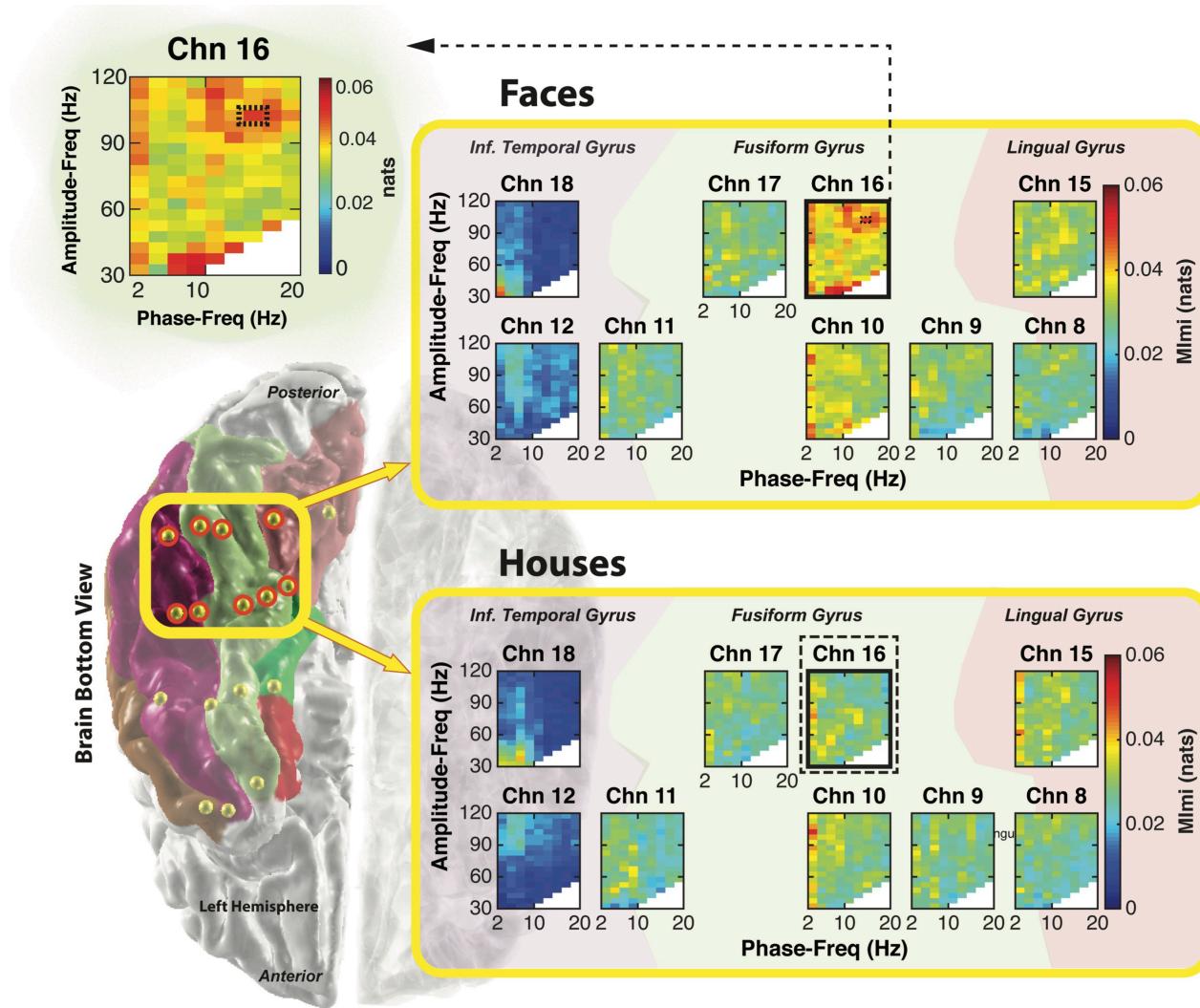
Performed in EEGLAB (*Delorme and Makeig, 2004*)

1. Artifact removal
2. CAR
3. Resampling to 512Hz
4. Line noise removal  $\sim(60, 120)$  Hz  
Hamming-windowed FIR notch filter
5. Extract epochs time-locked to stimulus presentations  $[-400,800]$  ms

Original publication:

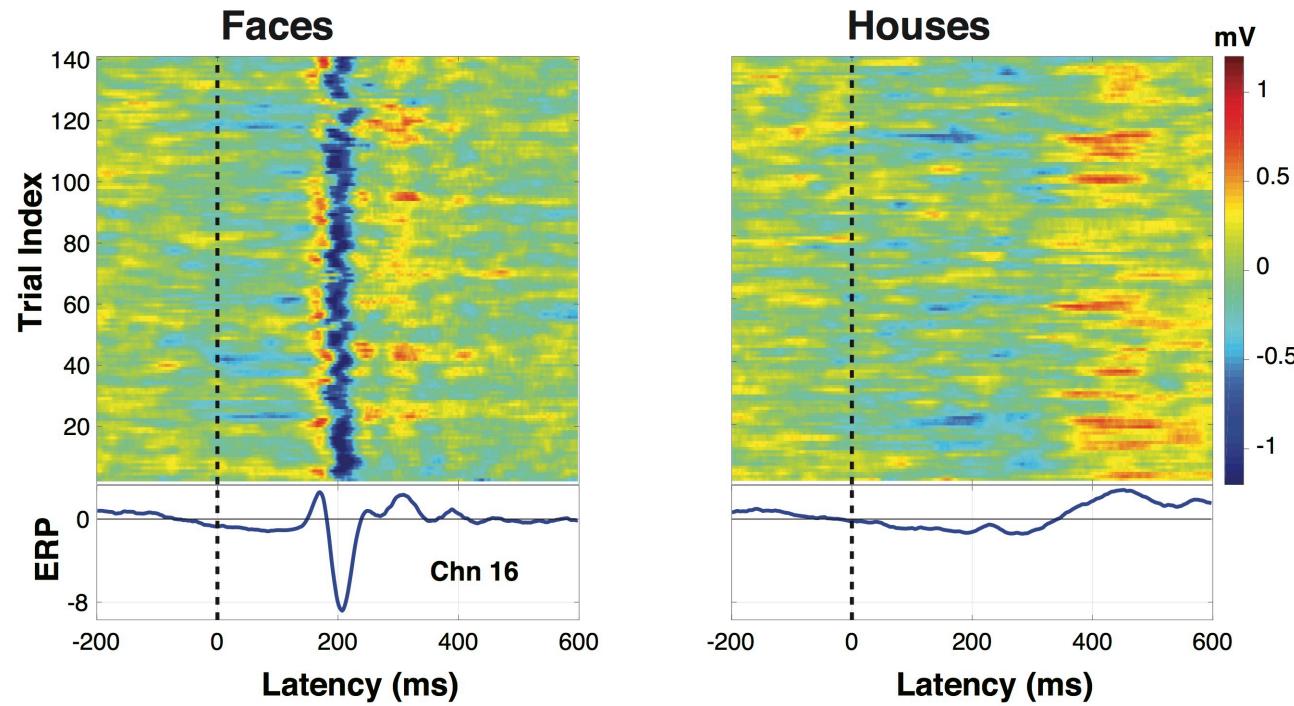
**The physiology of perception in human temporal lobe is specialized for contextual novelty**  
Kai J. Miller, Dora Hermes, Nathan Witthoft, Rajesh P. N. Rao, Jeffrey G. Ojemann

# ECoG Data: MImi in action

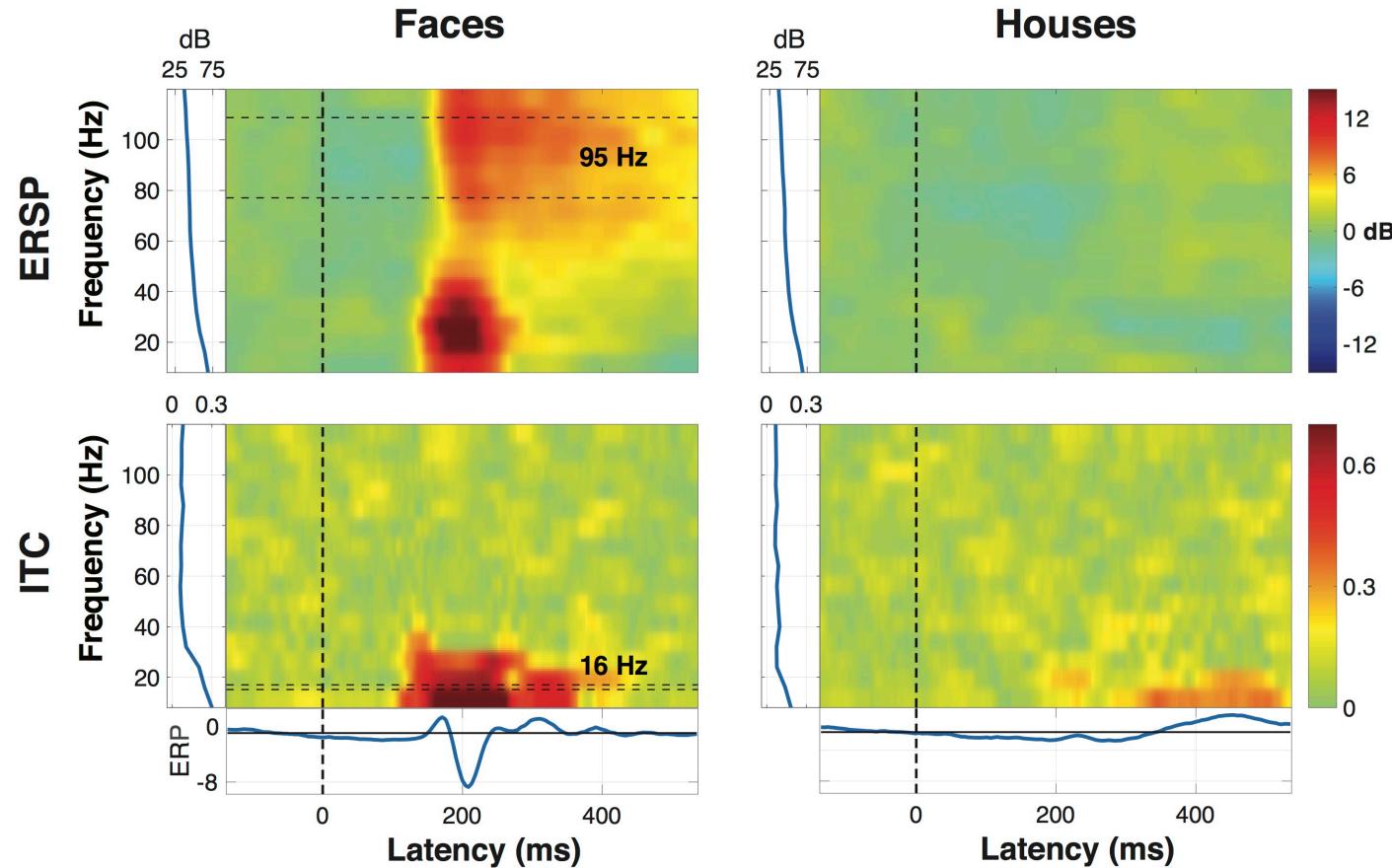


# ECoG Data: Event Related Potential Image

Channel 16



# ECoG Data: Time-Frequency Decomposition



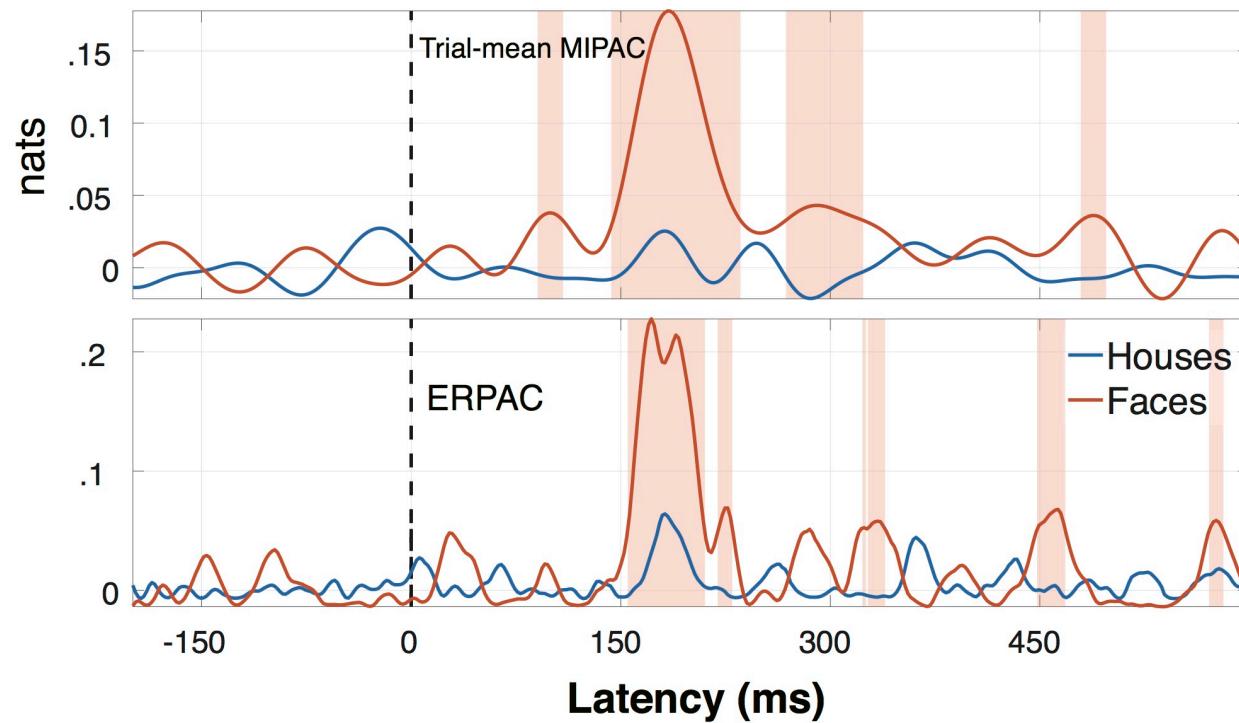
[2, 120]Hz FFTs and Hanning window tapering  
Generated using EEGLAB function *newtimef.m*

# ECoG Data: MIPAC vs ERPAC

*Event-related MIPAC and ERPAC (Voytek et al. 2014) were computed*

$$f_{phase} = 16 \text{ Hz}$$

$$f_{amp} = 95 \text{ Hz}$$

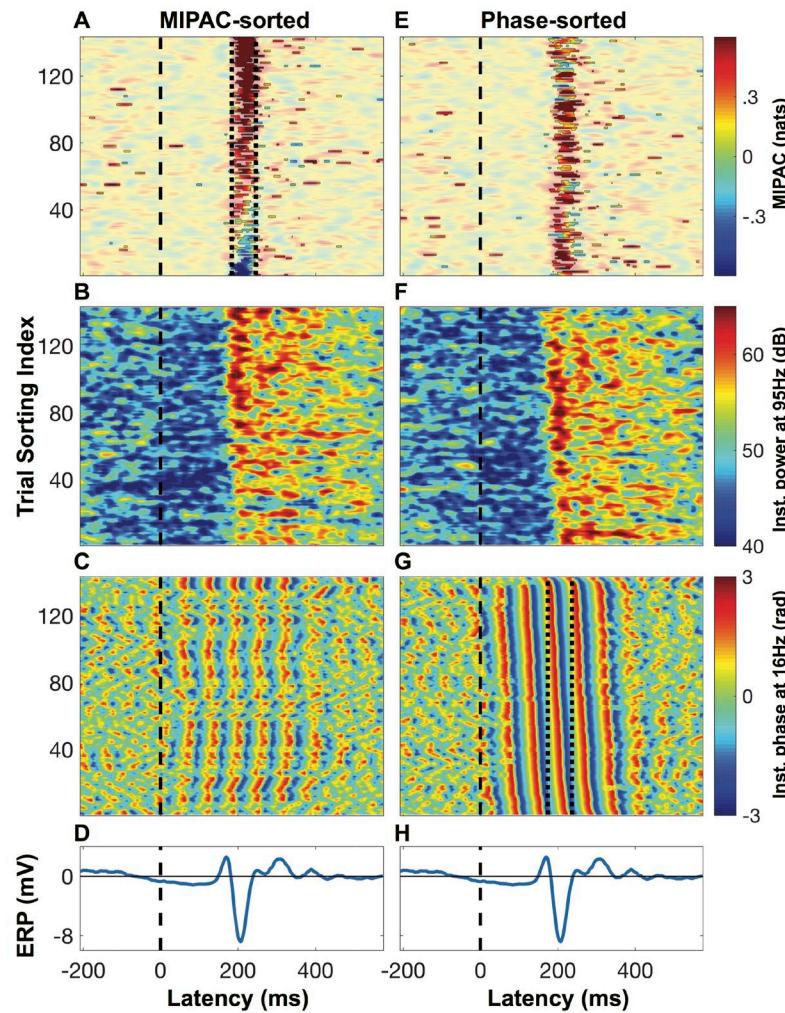


# ECoG Data: MIPAC Image

ER-MIPAC computed for **Faces**  
presentation

$$f_{phase} = 16 \text{ Hz}$$

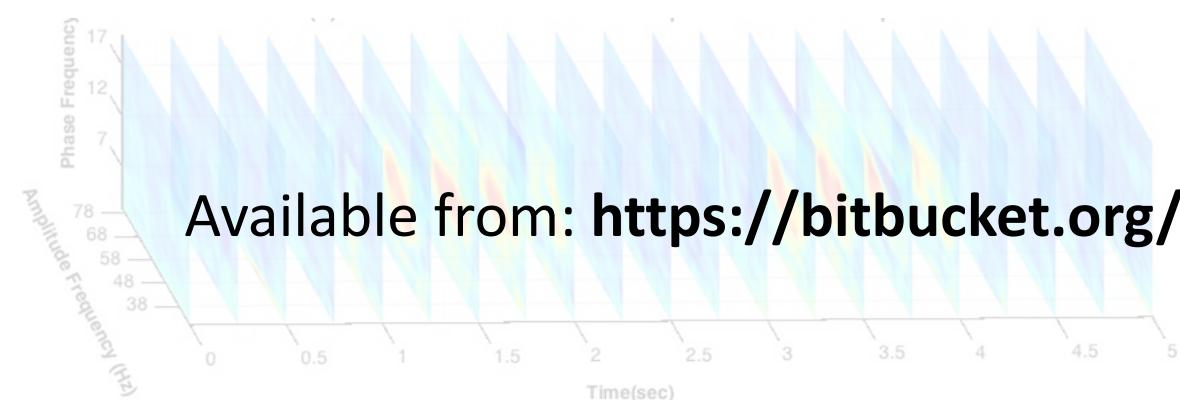
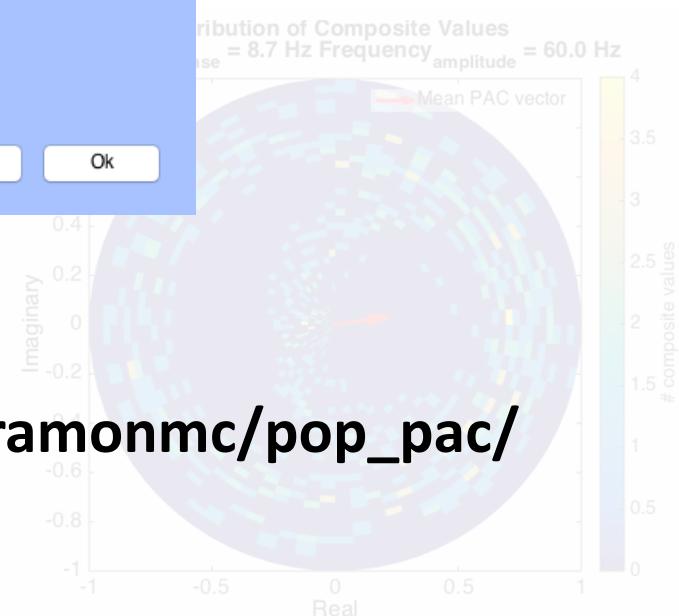
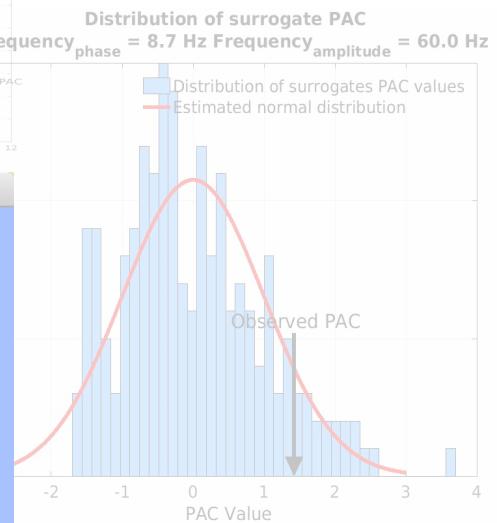
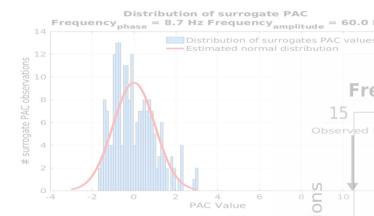
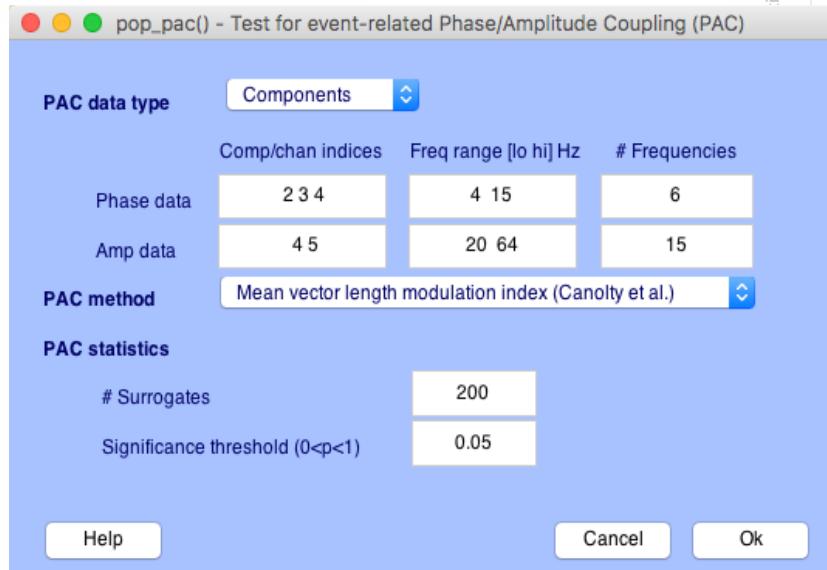
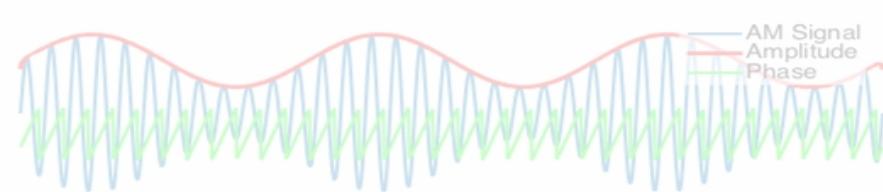
$$f_{amp} = 95 \text{ Hz}$$



# Conclusions

- An approach to estimating dynamical PAC in electrophysiological signals was proposed
- The method was validated on simulated PAC signals
- Application to human ECoG data showed positive results

# DEMO



Available from: [https://bitbucket.org/ramonmc/pop\\_pac/](https://bitbucket.org/ramonmc/pop_pac/)

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