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[HW-III]: Longitudinal MI Training and Plasticity

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Notes:

- HW-III is due on April 15th
- Please start early to make use of the QA session on Wednesday
- Read literature on EEG analysis – especially the paper on the Cybathlon race [1]
- Discuss with others but submit your own work!
- Analyze your results concisely and comprehensively!
- We want to know your thoughts and suggestions!

[1] Perdikis S, Tonin L, Saeedi S, Schneider C, Millán JdR (2018) The Cybathlon BCI race: Successful longitudinal mutual learning with two tetraplegic users. PLOS Biology 16(5): e2003787. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pbio.2003787

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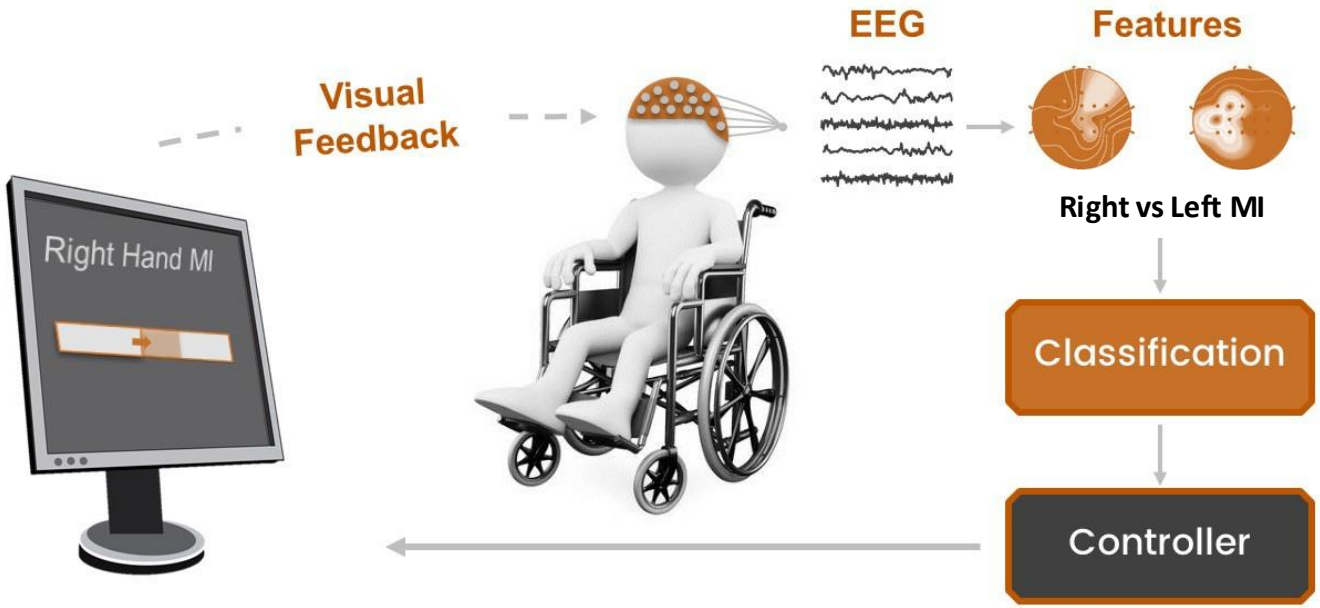

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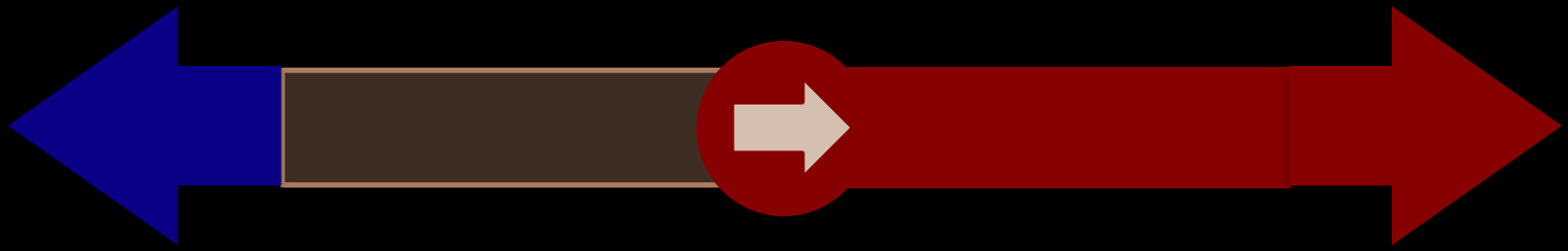

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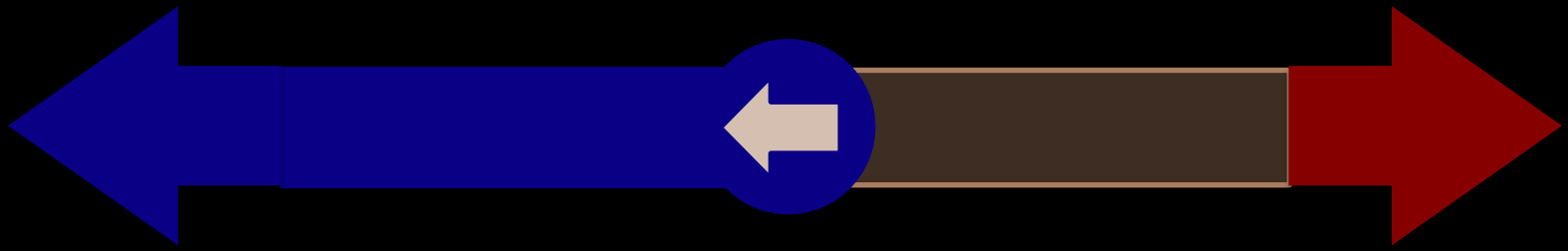

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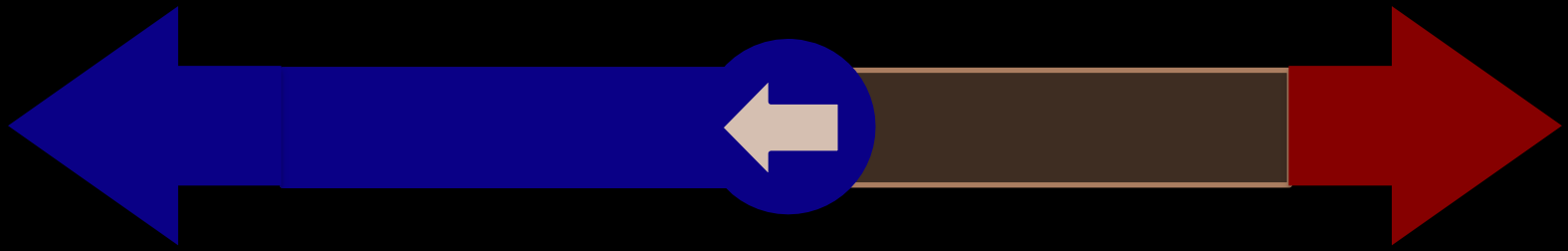

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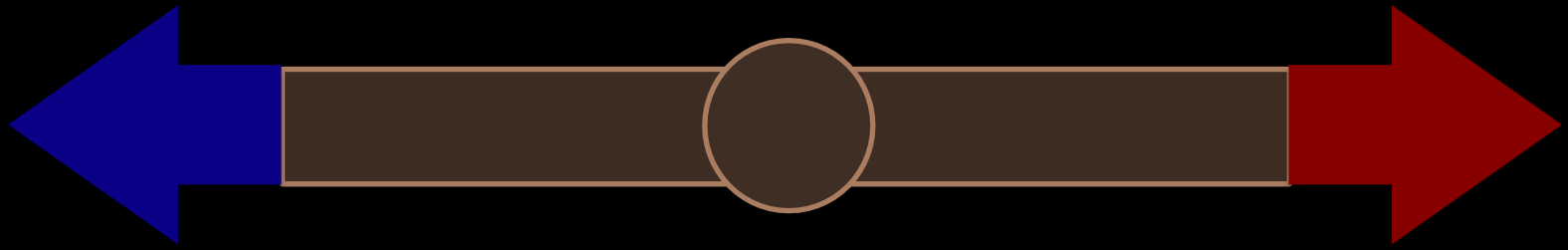

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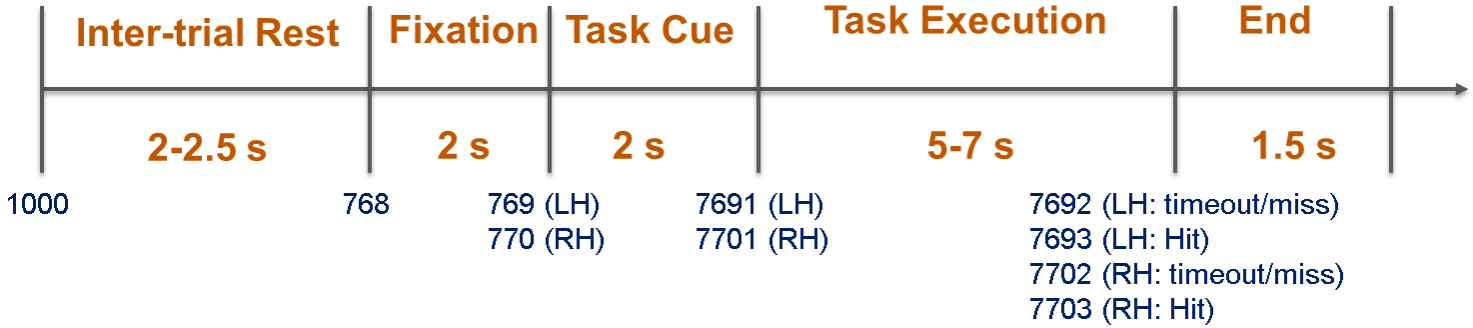

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	Class-1 Threshold	Class-2 Threshold	Timeout
Class-1	Hit	Miss	Timeout
Class-2	Miss	Hit	Timeout

$$\text{command delivery accuracy} = \frac{\#Hits}{\#Hits + \#Misses}$$

$$\%\text{timeout} = \frac{\#Timeout}{\#trials}$$

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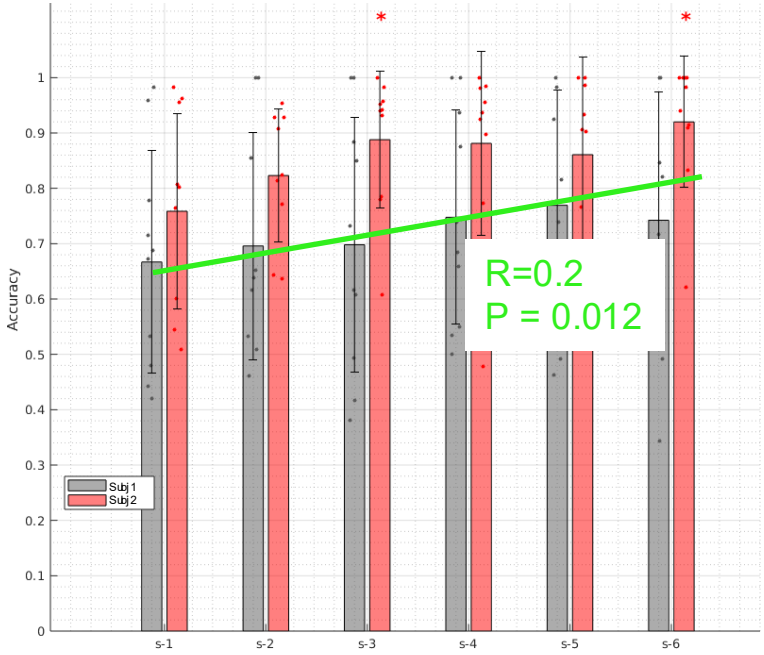
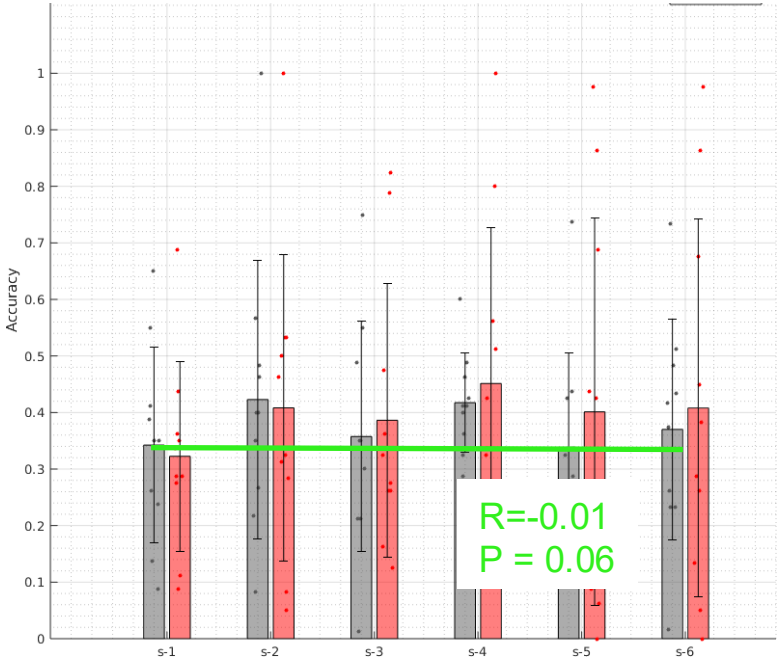
Command delivery accuracy



Timeouts



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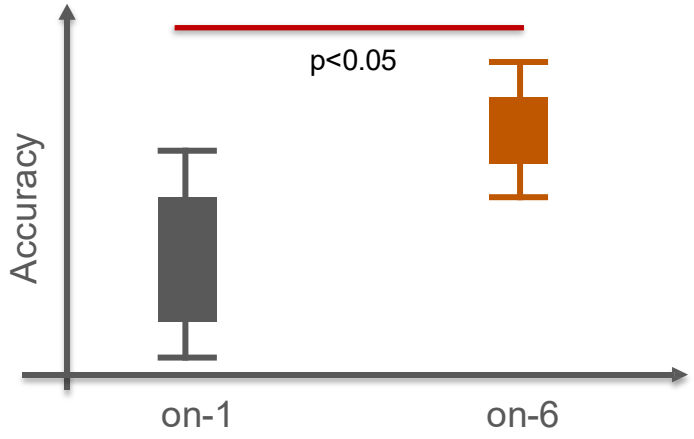
Statistical Testing (runs of each session are treated as separate data points):

- Pre-post comparison at the group level (n=6 runs/session)
- Trend significance for each subject and at the group level



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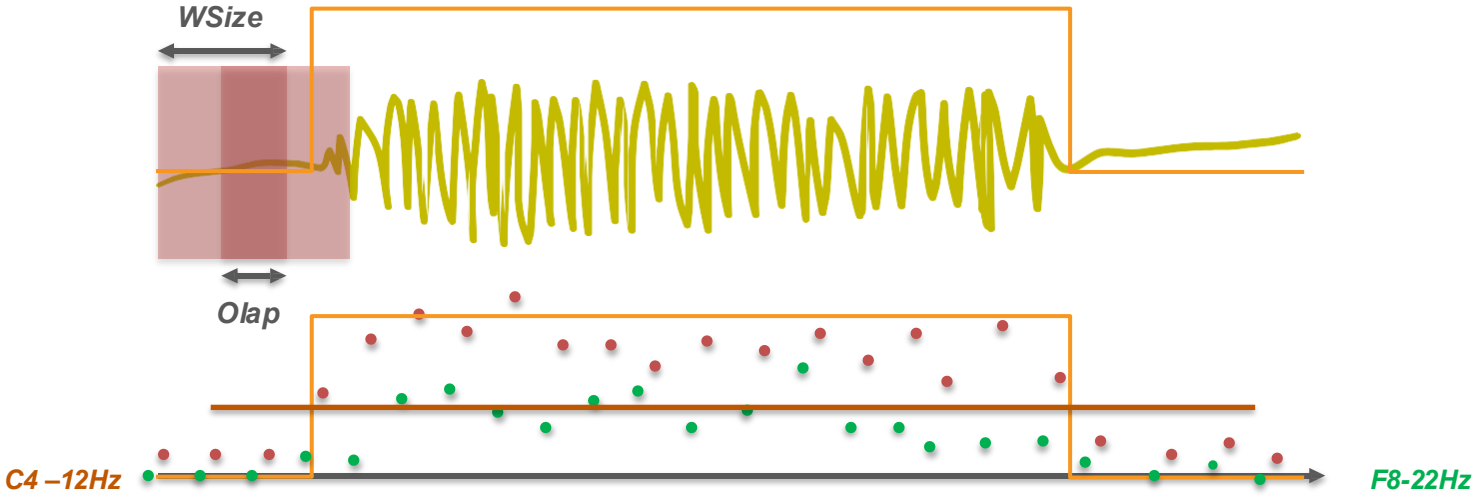
Tasks: 2) track the Discriminability of the PSD features

- 32 channels
- 14 bands [4-30]Hz with a 2Hz resolution

=> 448 features in total



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- Compute the fisher score as a measure of discriminability for each feature:

$$F = \frac{(\mu_1 - \mu_2)^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}$$

- Check the stability of the top 10 features across sessions

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- Show fisher score topoplots for features in:
  - For each of the 32 channels
  - Summed over all band features in [4-30]Hz

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- Find the channel/band feature with highest fisher score for each subject:
  - Track the changes of the fisher score of that feature
  - Perform statistical analysis for trends (per subject) and pre/post difference (group-level)

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- Correlate the trends of discriminability of the top 10 features in the last session to the trends of BCI performance for each subject