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Simultaneous deconvolution of multiple auditory evoked potentials in a reduced representation space

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From simple equations to multi-response deconvolution

Simple equation with 1 unknown

$$y = a x \quad \text{unknown: } x$$

System of 2 equations with 2 unknowns

$$\begin{cases} y_1 = a_{1,1} x_1 + a_{1,2} x_2 \\ y_2 = a_{2,1} x_1 + a_{2,2} x_2 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{unknowns: } x_1, x_2$$

Matrix formulation of the system of equations

$$\begin{cases} y_1 &= a_{1,1} x_1 + a_{1,2} x_2 \\ y_2 &= a_{2,1} x_1 + a_{2,2} x_2 \end{cases}$$

unknowns: x_1, x_2

$$\mathbf{y} = A \mathbf{x}$$

$$A^{-1} \mathbf{y} = A^{-1} A \mathbf{x} = I \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}$$

$$\mathbf{x} = A^{-1} \mathbf{y}$$

Overdetermined system of equations

(no solution except if equations are redundant)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} y_1 = a_{1,1} x_1 + a_{1,2} x_2 \\ y_2 = a_{2,1} x_1 + a_{2,2} x_2 \\ y_3 = a_{3,1} x_1 + a_{3,2} x_2 \\ y_4 = a_{4,1} x_1 + a_{4,2} x_2 \\ y_5 = a_{5,1} x_1 + a_{5,2} x_2 \\ \dots \\ y_N = a_{N,1} x_1 + a_{N,2} x_2 \end{array} \right.$$

unknowns: x_1, x_2

Overdetermined system of equations (makes sense in noise)

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} y_1 = a_{1,1} x_1 + a_{1,2} x_2 + n_1 \\ y_2 = a_{2,1} x_1 + a_{2,2} x_2 + n_2 \\ y_3 = a_{3,1} x_1 + a_{3,2} x_2 + n_3 \\ y_4 = a_{4,1} x_1 + a_{4,2} x_2 + n_4 \\ y_5 = a_{5,1} x_1 + a_{5,2} x_2 + n_5 \\ \dots \\ y_N = a_{N,1} x_1 + a_{N,2} x_2 + n_N \end{array} \right.$$

unknowns: x_1, x_2

Overdetermined system of equations in noise (all equations are useful): the LS solution

$$\mathbf{y} = A \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{n}$$

$$\nexists A^{-1}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (A^T A)^{-1} A^T \mathbf{y}$$

$$\|\mathbf{y} - A\mathbf{x}\|^2 \quad \text{minimum residual}$$

Convolution as a system of equations

The response samples are the unknowns; The EEG is the observation; the stimulation sequence provides the coefficients

$$y(n) = s(n) * x(n) + n_0(n)$$

Matrix representation

$$\mathbf{y} = S\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{n}_0$$

LS solution

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = (S^T S)^{-1} S^T \mathbf{y}$$

Autocorrelation of stimulation sequence / synchronous average

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = R_s^{-1} \mathbf{z}_0$$

Practical problems in deconvolution:

- Invertibility of the matrix
- Is the matrix singular (null eigenvalues)?
- Is quasi-singular (near null eigenvalues)?
- Are there negative eigenvalues? (!!!!)
- Periodic vs random sequences (resonances)
- Amplification of noise
- Computational cost: $O(N^{2.4})$

R_s ($J \times J$) matrix

J large \Rightarrow PROBLEMS!

Solution: subspace constrained deconv.

Reduction of the dimensionality with orthonormal projector

$$J \rightarrow J_r \quad \mathbf{x}_r = V_r \mathbf{x} \quad \mathbf{x} = V_r^T \mathbf{x}_r$$

$$\mathbf{y} = S V_r^T \mathbf{x}_r + \mathbf{n}_0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_r &= \left((S V_r^T)^T (S V_r^T) \right)^{-1} (S V_r^T)^T \mathbf{y} = \\ &= \left(V_r S^T S V_r^T \right)^{-1} V_r S^T \mathbf{y} = \\ &= \left(V_r R_s V_r^T \right)^{-1} V_r \mathbf{z}_0 = R_{sr}^{-1} \mathbf{z}_{0r} \end{aligned}$$

Advantages of dimensionality reduction:

- Reduction of noise
- Reduction of computational cost
- Reduction of problems with invertibility (condition number reduced)
- Diagnose of matrix (eigenvalues) easier

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_r = R_{sr}^{-1} \mathbf{z}_{0r}$$

R_{sr} ($J_r \times J_r$) matrix

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}} = V_r^T \hat{\mathbf{x}}_r$$

How can dimensionality be reduced?

- **Example:**
 - 10 oscillations/s requires 20 samples/s
 - 10 oscillations/decade requires 20 samples/dec.
- **Conventional representation ABR/MLR/CAEP:**
 - 1 second (CAEP) at 10 kHz (ABR): $J = 10.000$ samples
- **LDFDS**
 - 3 decades (1 ms to 1 s)
 - 40 samples/dec. (3 to 5 oscillations/dec. in ABR/MLR/CAEP)
 - $J_r = 120$ samples

R_s is a (10.000 x 10.000) matrix with 10.000 eigenvalues

R_{sr} is a (120 x 120) matrix with 120 eigenvalues

Multi-response deconvolution

Convolution model with 2 categories of stimulus (2 stimulation sequences, 2 responses)

$$y(n) = s_1(n) * x_1(n) + s_2(n) * x_2(n) + n_0(n)$$

$$\mathbf{y} = S_1 \mathbf{x}_1 + S_2 \mathbf{x}_2 + \mathbf{n}_0$$

$$\mathbf{y} = [S_1 S_2] \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_2 \end{bmatrix} + \mathbf{n}_0 = S_{all} \mathbf{x}_{all} + \mathbf{n}_0$$

LS solution for the multi-response problem:

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{all} = [S_{all}^T S_{all}]^{-1} S_{all}^T \mathbf{y}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_1 \\ \hat{\mathbf{x}}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \left(\begin{bmatrix} S_1^T \\ S_2^T \end{bmatrix} [S_1 \ S_2] \right)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} S_1^T \\ S_2^T \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_1 \\ \hat{\mathbf{x}}_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{s\ 11} & R_{s\ 12} \\ R_{s\ 21} & R_{s\ 22} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{z}_{01} \\ \mathbf{z}_{02} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{all} = R_{s\ all}^{-1} \mathbf{z}_{0all}$$

**LS solution for the multi-response:
a $J \times M$ dimension problem**

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{all} = R_{s\ all}^{-1} \mathbf{z}_{0all}$$

$R_{s\ all}$ $((J \times M) \times (J \times M))$ matrix

Multi-response deconvolution constrained to the reduced subspace

Similar to multi-response deconvolution but matrix inversion performed in a reduced representation space:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{r1} \\ \hat{\mathbf{x}}_{r2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} R_{sr\ 11} & R_{sr\ 12} \\ R_{sr\ 21} & R_{sr\ 22} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{z}_{0r1} \\ \mathbf{z}_{0r2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_{r\ all} = R_{sr\ all}^{-1} \mathbf{z}_{0r\ all}$$

$$R_{sr\ all} \quad \left((J_r \times M) \times (J_r \times M) \right) \text{ matrix}$$

Summary

Dimensionality of the different deconvolution problems

Conventional deconvolution	R_s	$(J \times J)$ matrix
Subspace deconvolution	R_{sr}	$(J_r \times J_r)$ matrix
Multi-response deconv.	$R_{s\ all}$	$((J \times M) \times (J \times M))$ matrix
Subspace multi-resp. deconv.	$R_{sr\ all}$	$((J_r \times M) \times (J_r \times M))$ matrix

Summary

Dimensionality of the different deconvolution problems

$$J = 10.000; J_r = 120; M = 10$$

Conventional deconvolution	R_s	(10.000 × 10.000) matrix
Subspace deconvolution	R_{sr}	(120 × 120) matrix
Multi-response deconv.	$R_{s \text{ all}}$	(100.000 × 100.000) matrix
Subspace multi-resp. deconv.	$R_{sr \text{ all}}$	(1.200 × 1.200) matrix

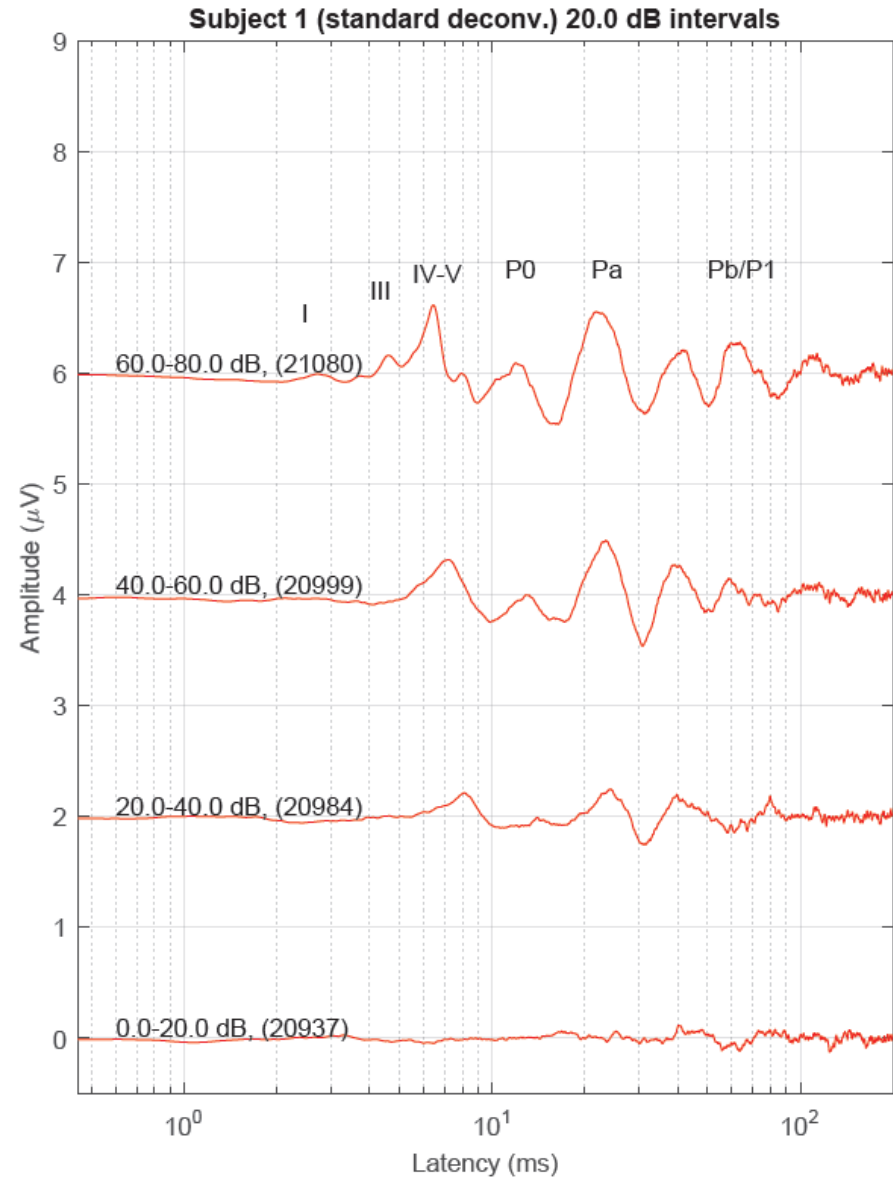
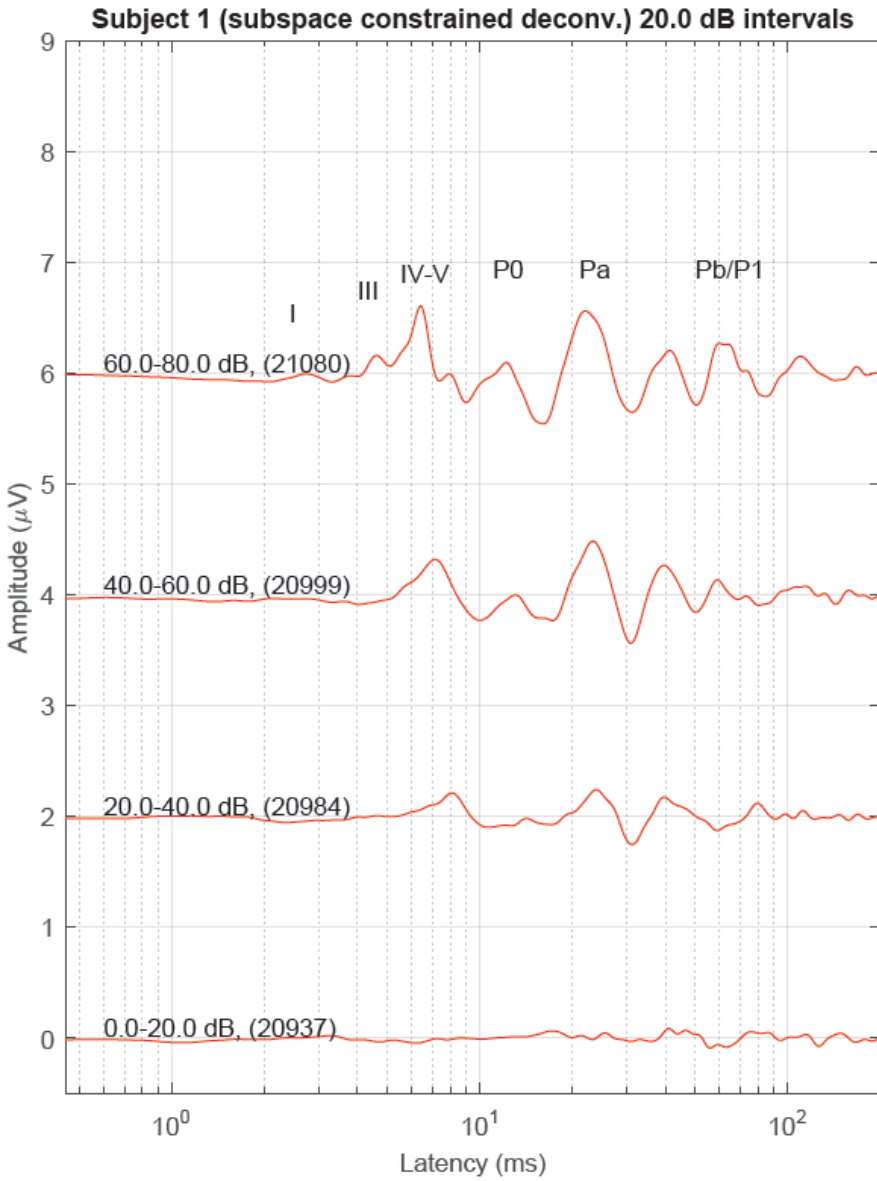
Experiments

- **Stimulation**
 - Clicks, random ISI (15-30 ms) and level (0-80 dB)
 - 31.5 minutes (84.000 stimuli)
 - Multi-response based on stimulation level
- **Recording**
 - Biosemi recording system sampled at 16384 Hz
 - Bandwidth 20-3300 Hz (ABR/MLR)
 - Response length: 200 ms ($J=3277$ samples)
- **Dimensionality reduction: 40 samples/dec.**
 - Reduced representation $J_r=91$ samples

- **Multi-response deconvolution**
 - Categorization based on stimulation level
 - M categories in 80 dB range:
 - M=2: 2 categories of 40 dB (0-40 dB and 40-80 dB)
 - M=4: 4 categories of 20 dB
 - M=16: 16 categories of 5 dB
 - Categorization and deconvolution off-line (after recording)
- **Deconvolution in complete and reduced representation space (transformed to conventional representation)**
- **Evaluation: noise and computational cost**

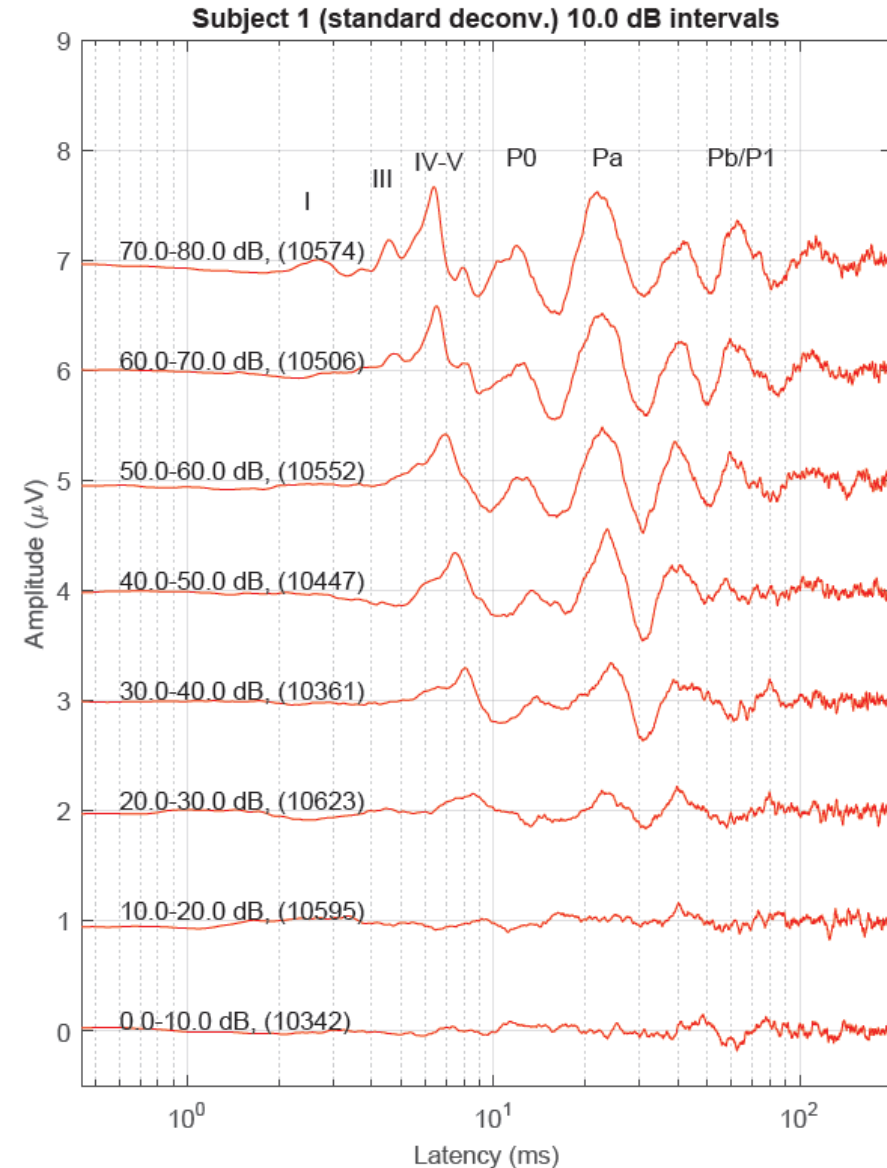
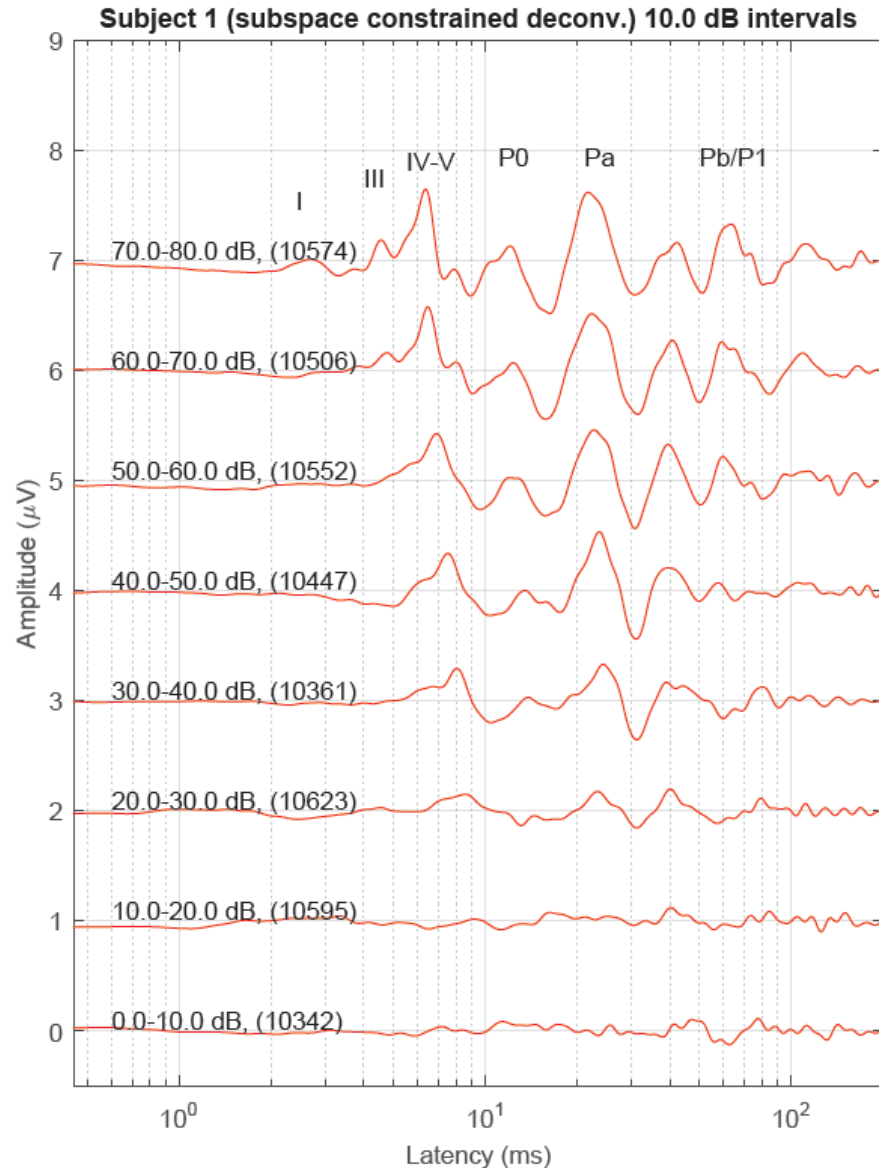
4 categories of 20 dB: reduction from 13108 to 364 dimensions

Computational cost: reduction from 28,4 to 10,7 seconds



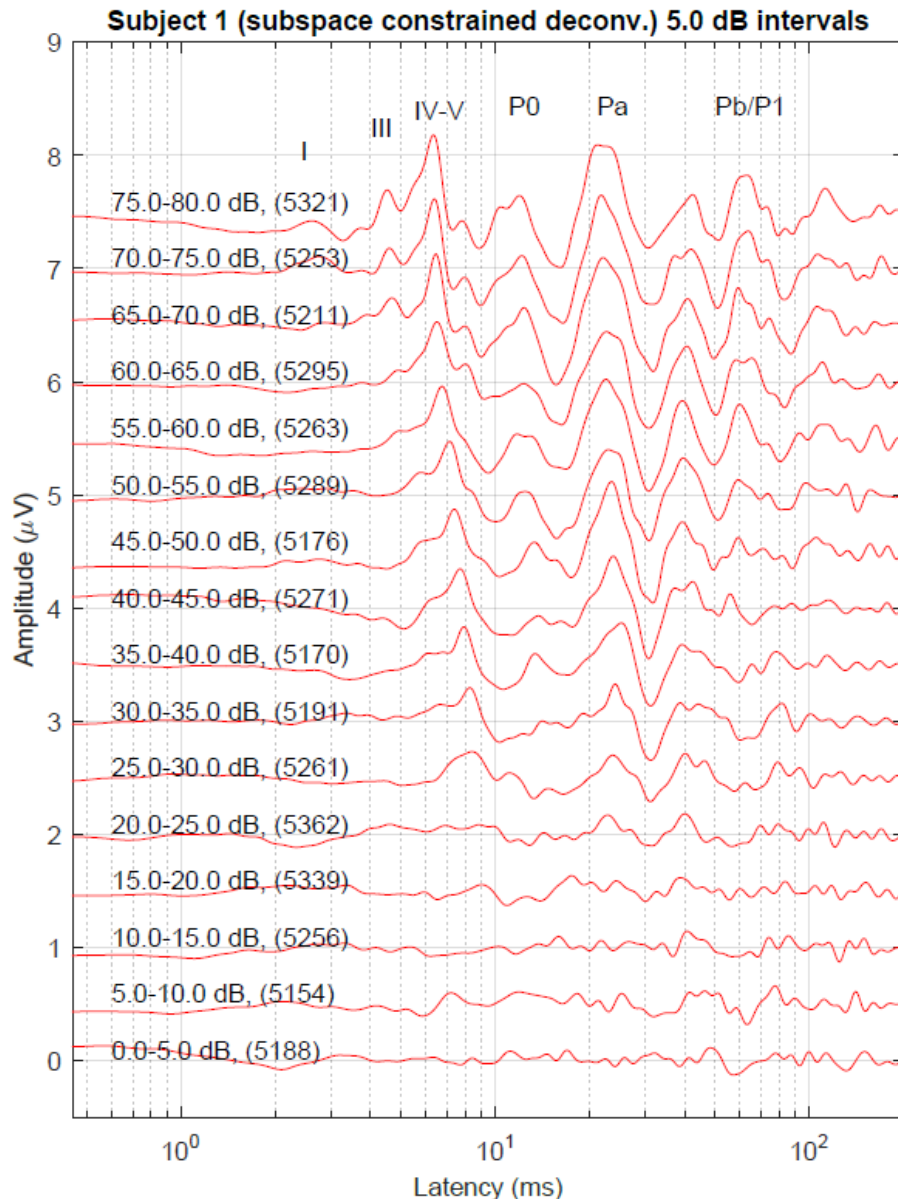
8 categories of 10 dB: reduction from 26216 to 728 dimensions

Computational cost: reduction from 304,4 to 22,8 seconds



16 categories of 5 dB: reduction from 52432 to 1456 dimens.

Computational cost: reduction from XXXX to 56,9 seconds

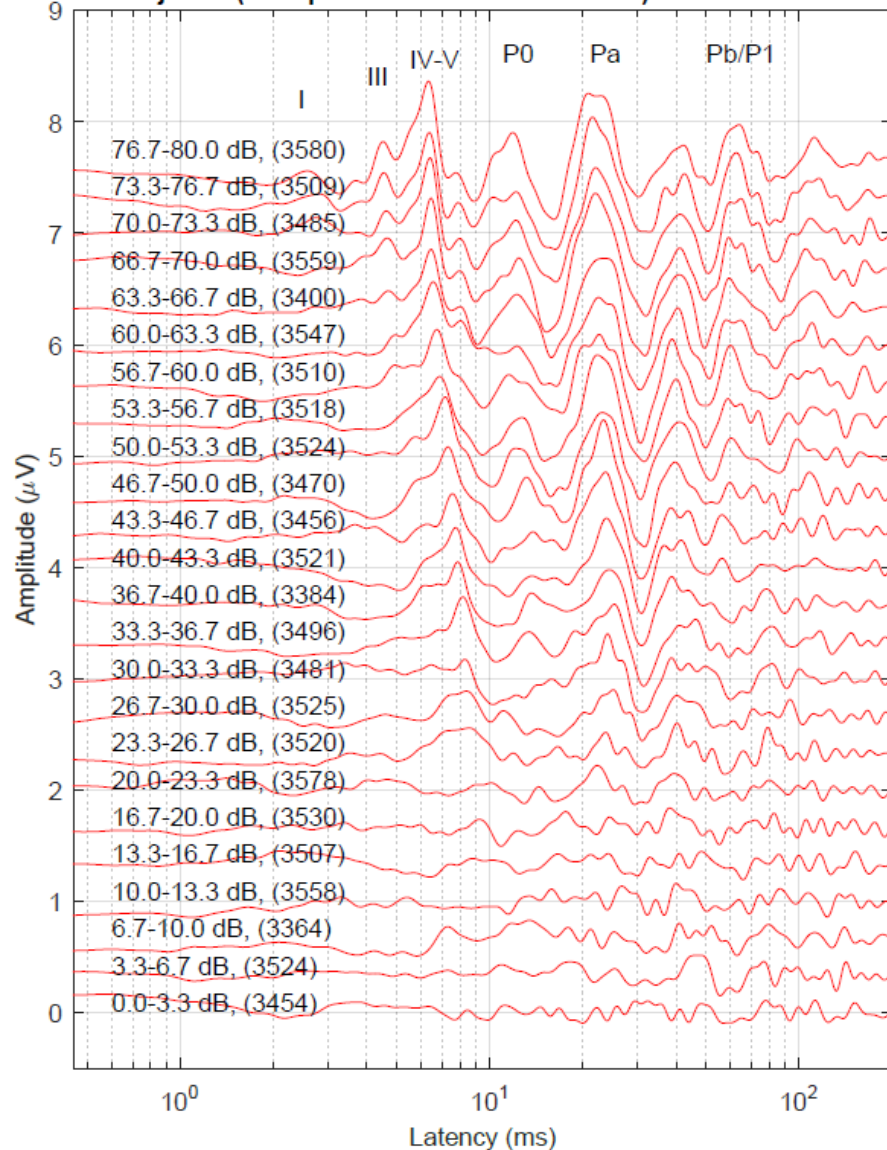


**MEMORY OVERFLOW IN
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REPRESENTATION SPACE**

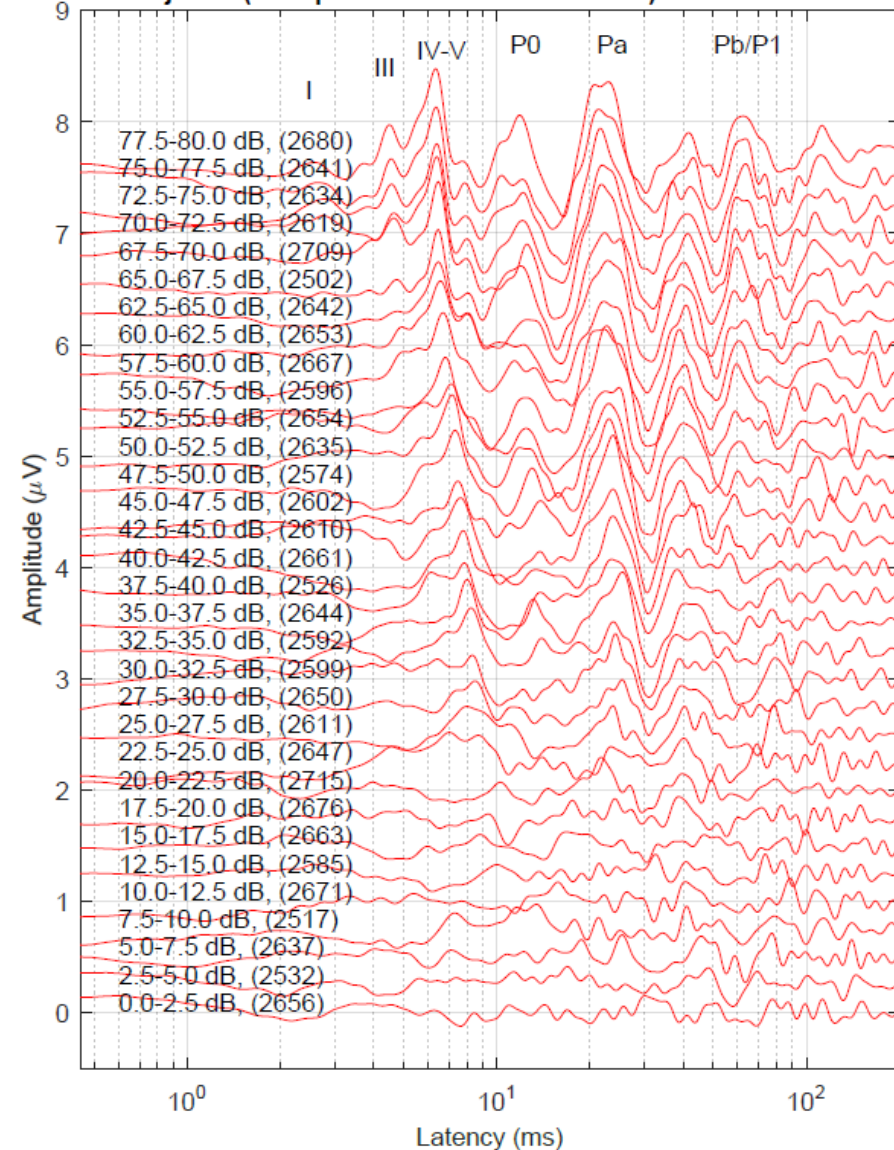
24 categories of 3.3 dB and 32 categories of 2.5 dB (subspace)

Computational cost: 97,7 and 135,7 seconds

Subject 1 (subspace constrained deconv.) 3.3 dB intervals



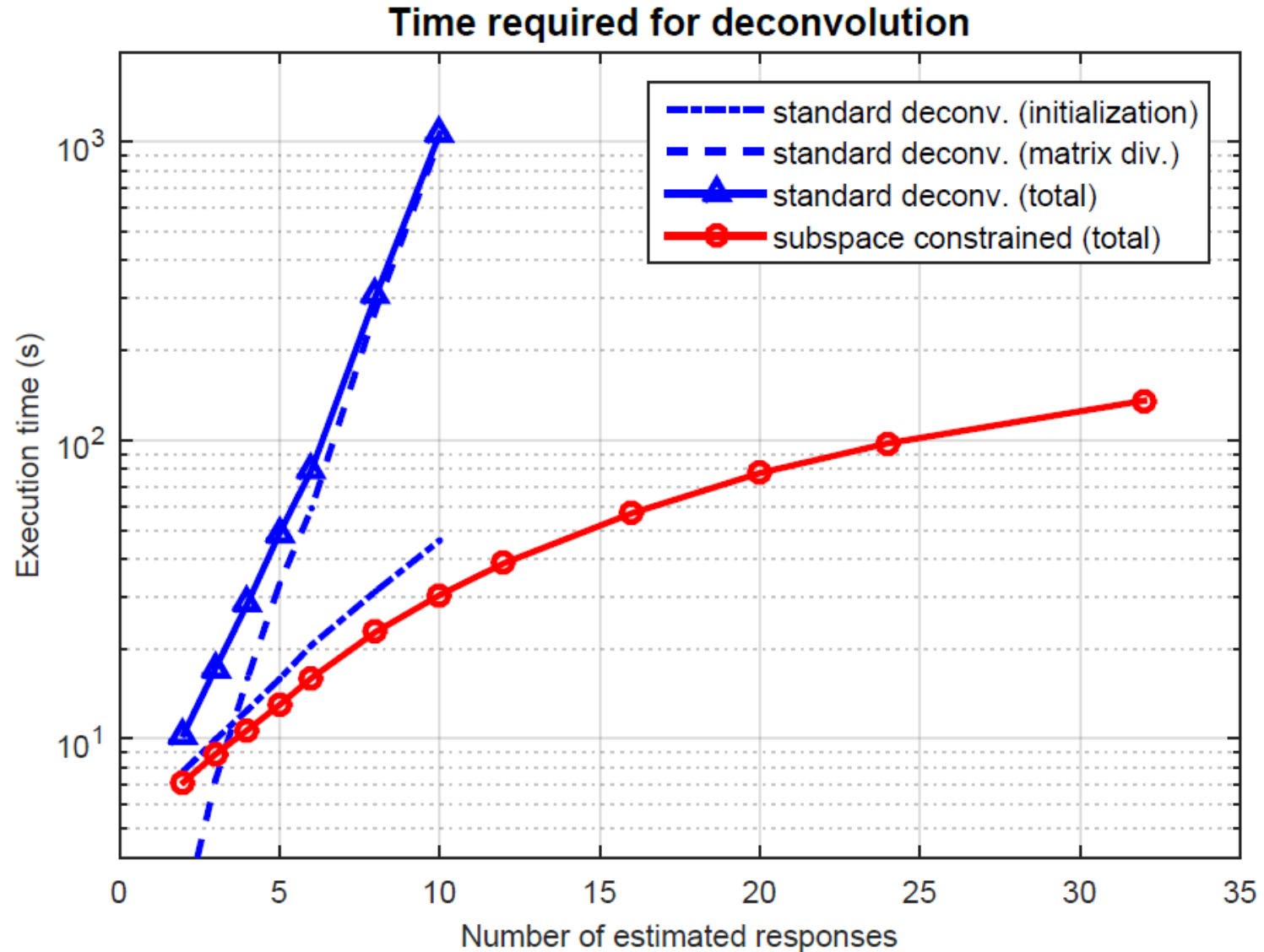
Subject 1 (subspace constrained deconv.) 2.5 dB intervals



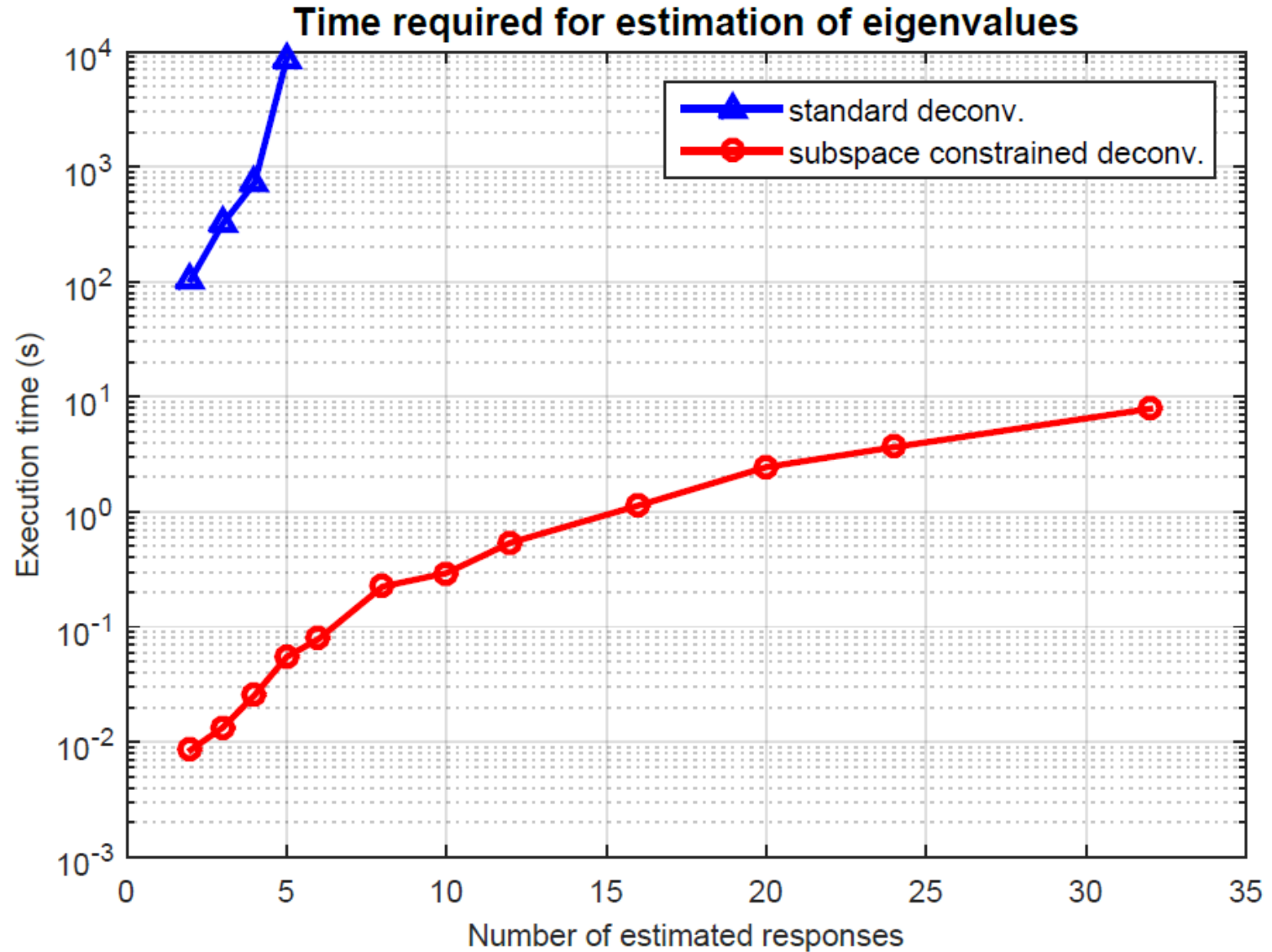
Computational load comparison

Experiment		Complete Representation Space						Subspace-Constrained Deconvolution					
Numb. Interval categ. (dB)	Interval (dB)	Numb. dimen.	execution time (seconds)			Cond. eigenval. number	Numb. dimen.	execution time (seconds)			Cond. eigenval. number		
			init.	deconv.	total			init.	deconv.	total			
2	40.0	6554	7.80	2.54	10.34	104.05	230.0	182	7.15	0.0004	7.15	0.0085	220.7
3	26.7	9831	9.95	7.28	17.23	318.37	246.8	273	8.87	0.0008	8.87	0.0133	220.7
4	20.0	13108	12.48	15.97	28.45	723.91	241.0	364	10.70	0.0017	10.70	0.0255	220.7
5	16.0	16385	15.86	33.01	48.88	8642.96	256.2	455	12.99	0.0024	12.99	0.0547	220.8
6	13.3	19662	20.60	59.16	79.76	mem. overflow		546	15.98	0.0049	15.99	0.0784	220.8
8	10.0	26216	31.20	273.21	304.41	mem. overflow		728	22.78	0.0067	22.79	0.2239	220.8
10	8.0	32770	46.17	1018.04	1064.21	mem. overflow		910	30.29	0.0120	30.30	0.2933	220.9
12	6.7	39324	memory overflow			mem. overflow		1092	38.68	0.0218	38.70	0.5386	220.9
16	5.0	52432	memory overflow			mem. overflow		1456	56.90	0.0531	56.95	1.1333	221.1
20	4.0	65540	memory overflow			mem. overflow		1820	77.56	0.1038	77.67	2.4461	221.1
24	3.3	78648	memory overflow			mem. overflow		2184	97.57	0.1114	97.68	3.6501	221.1
32	2.5	104864	memory overflow			mem. overflow		2912	135.48	0.2279	135.71	7.8493	221.5

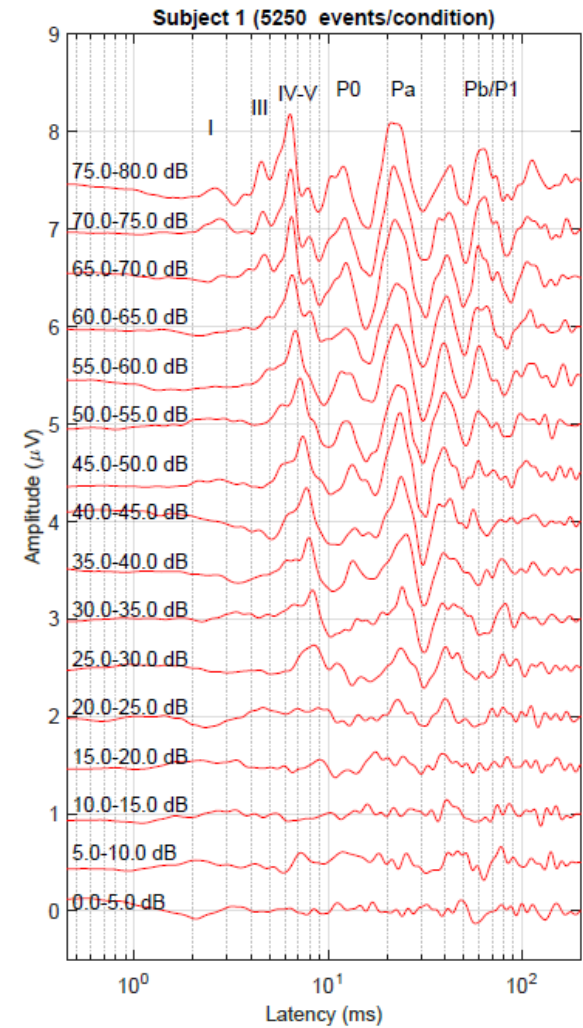
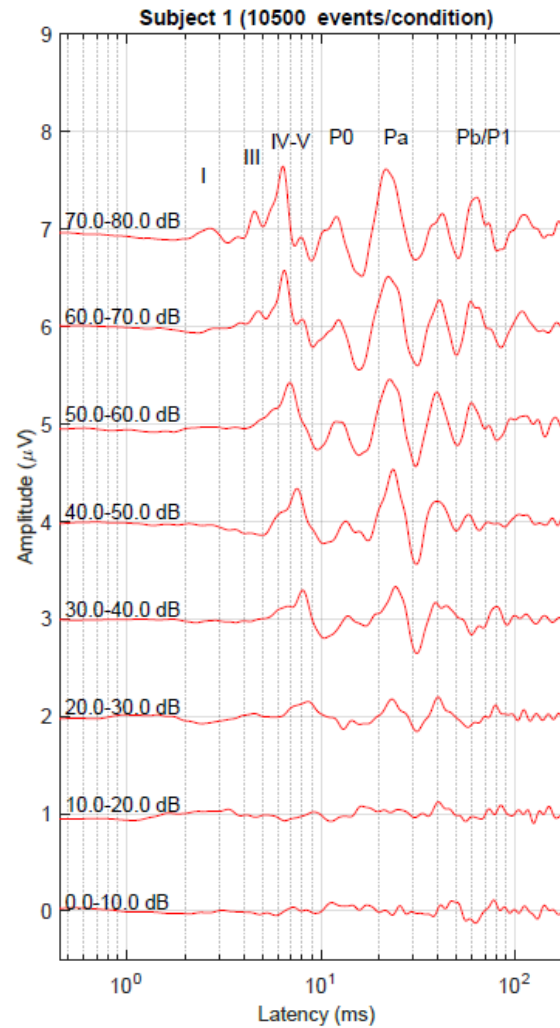
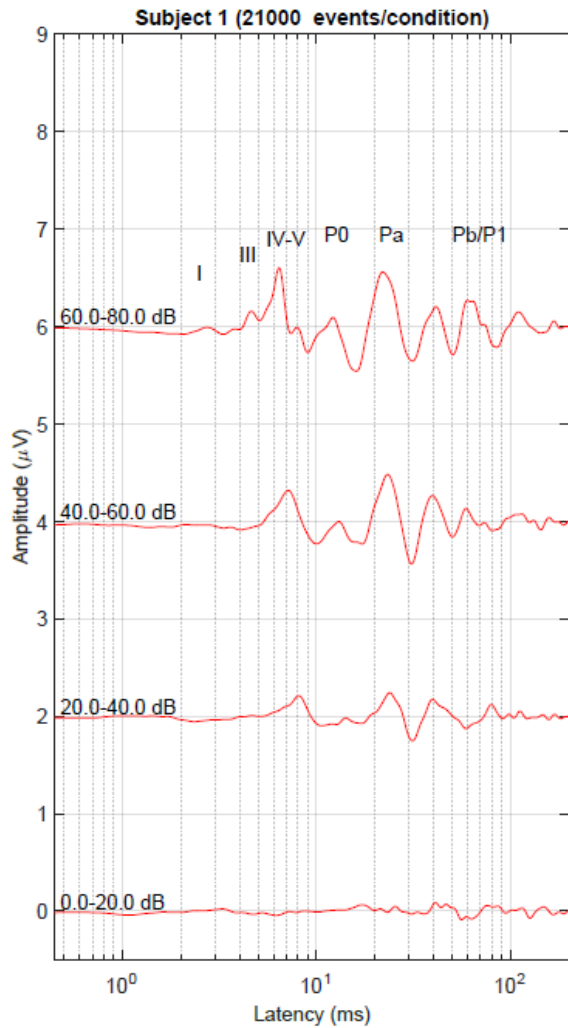
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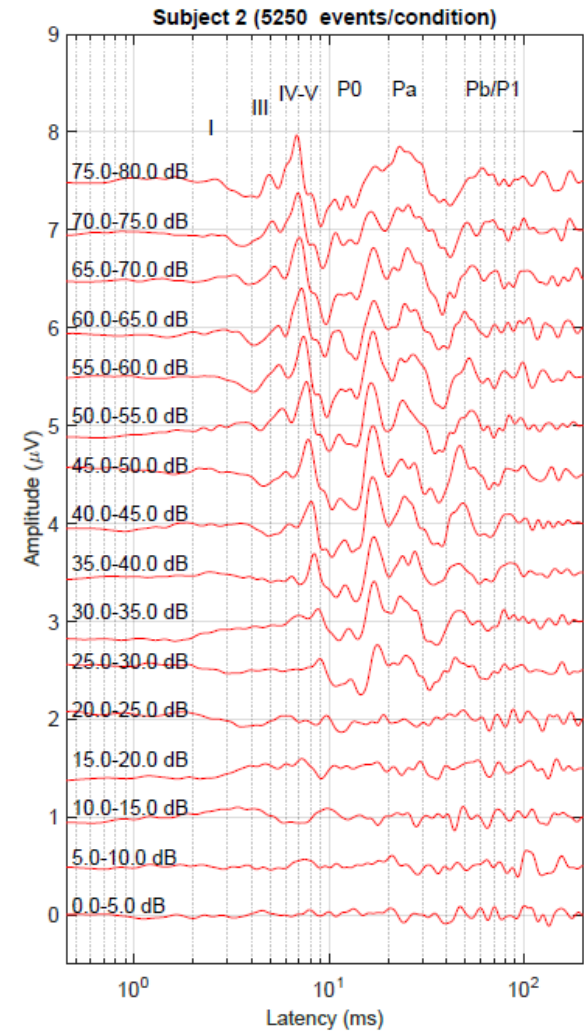
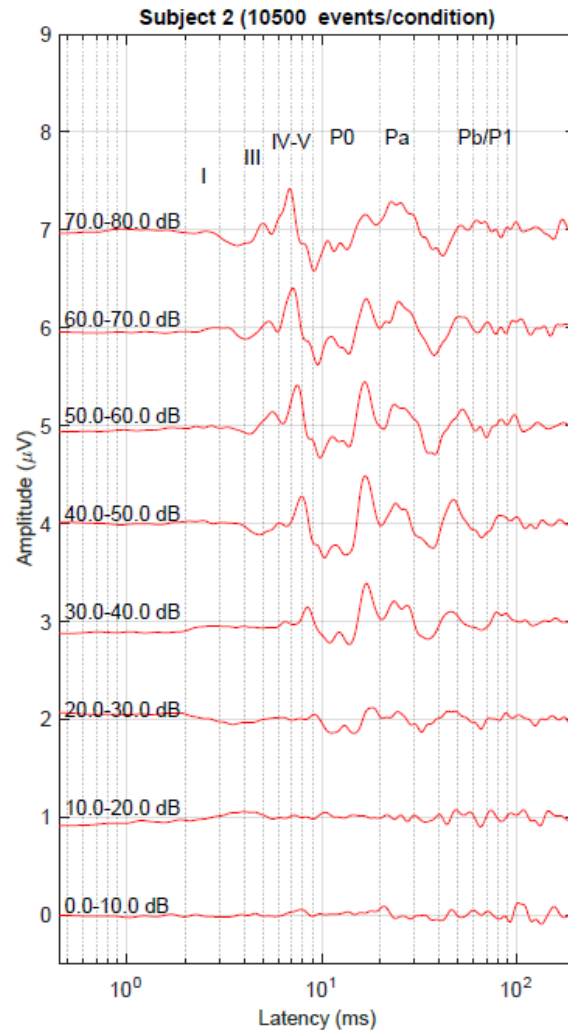
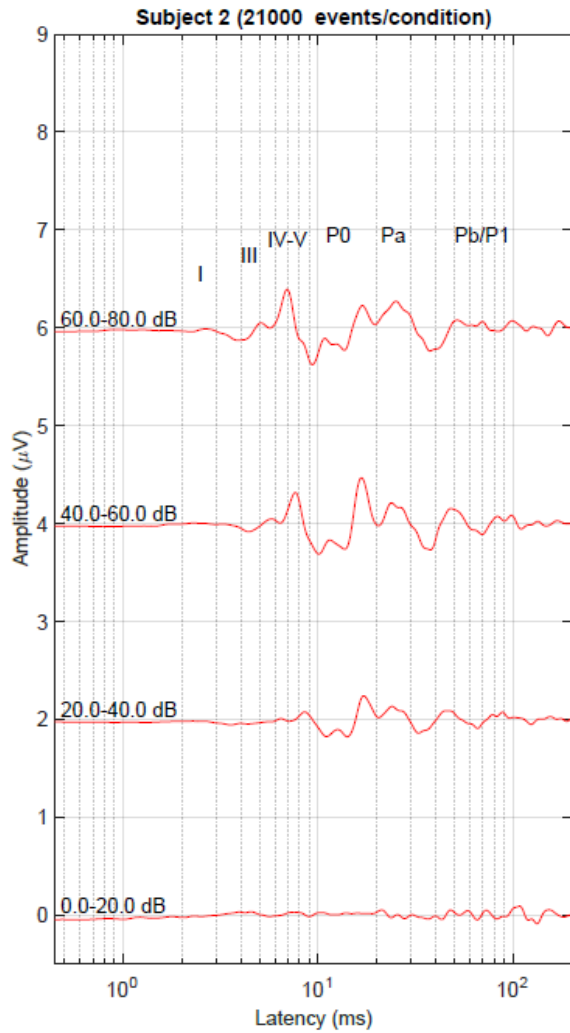
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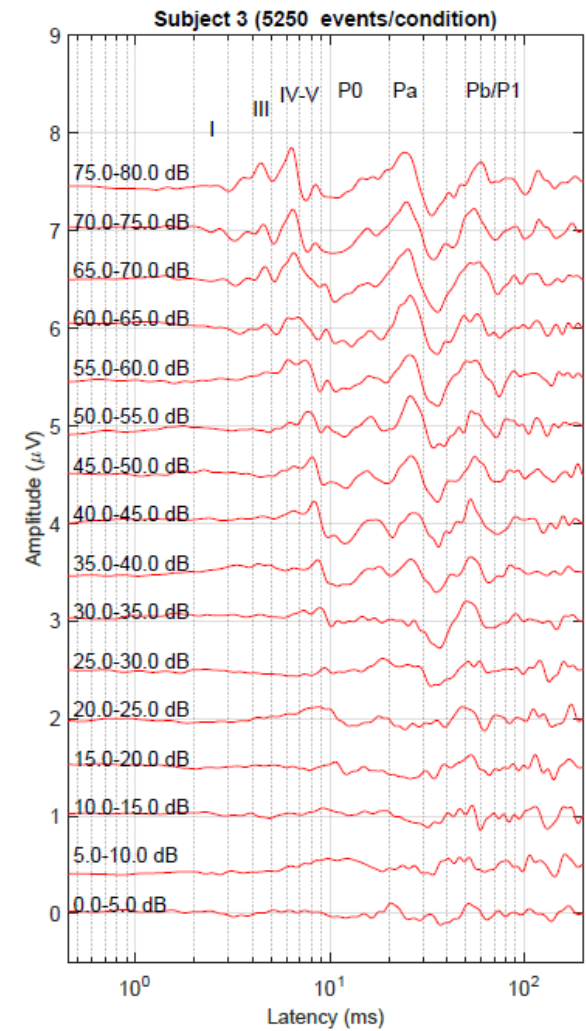
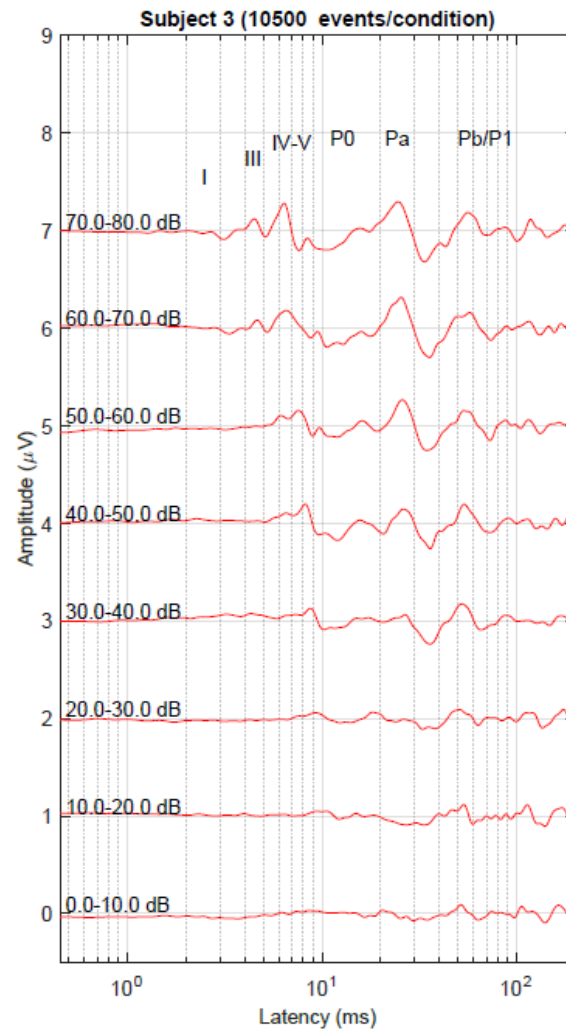
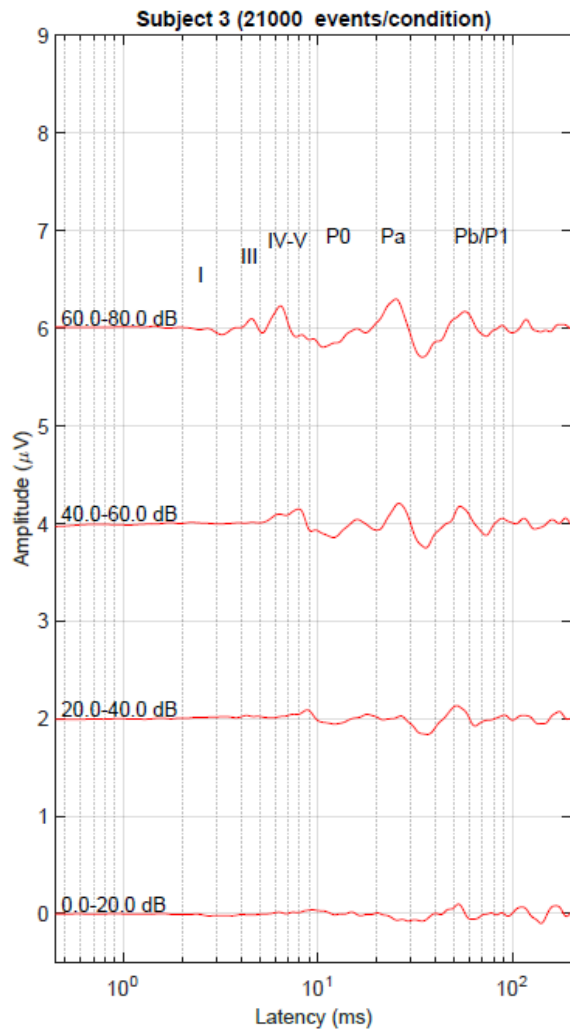
Individual responses: subject 1



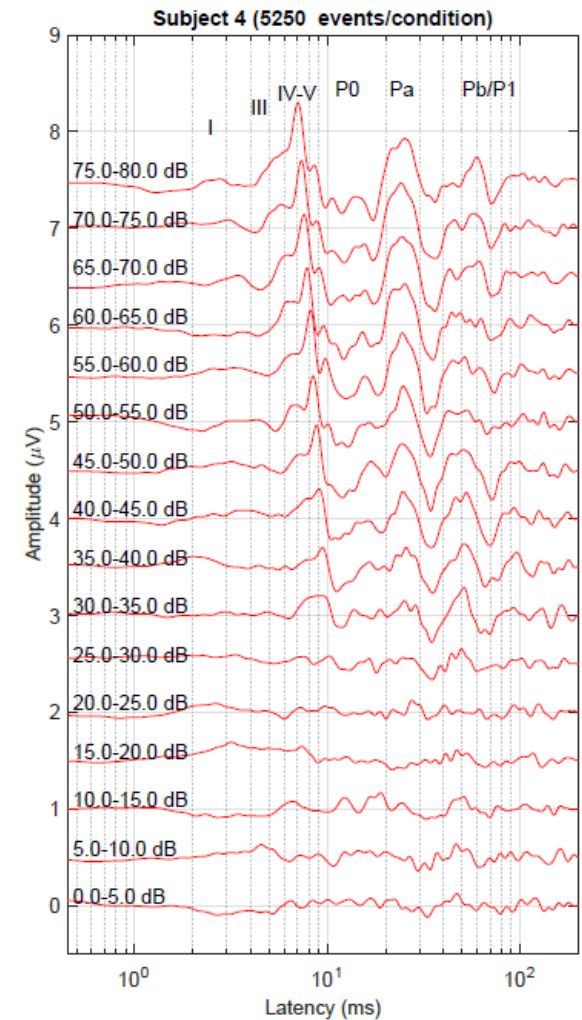
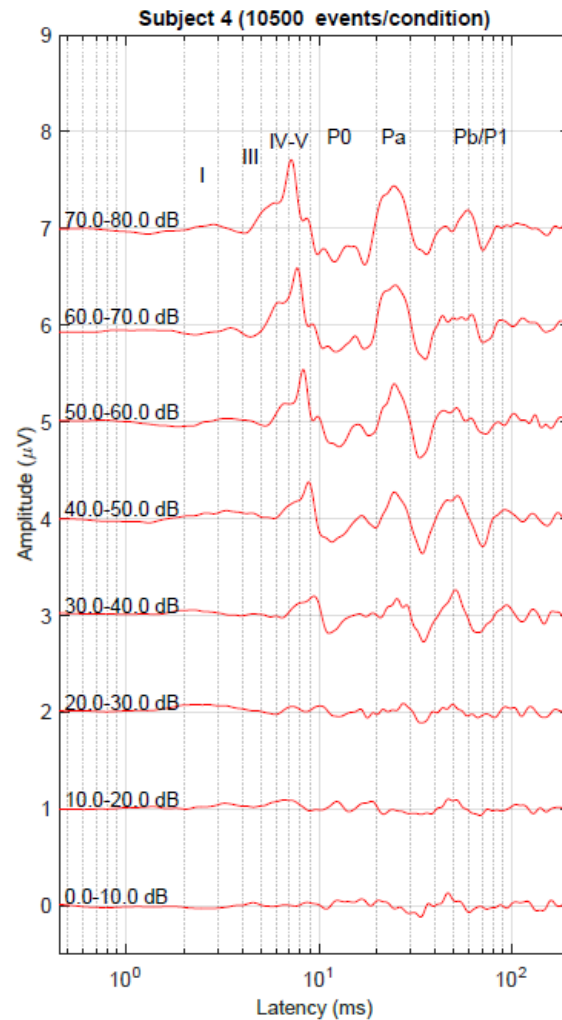
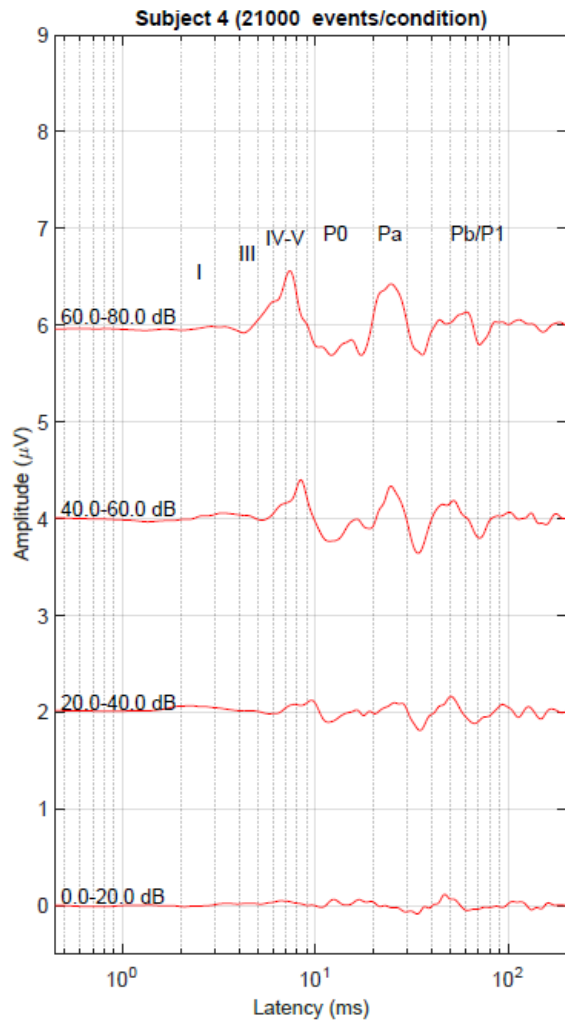
Individual responses: subject 2



Individual responses: subject 3

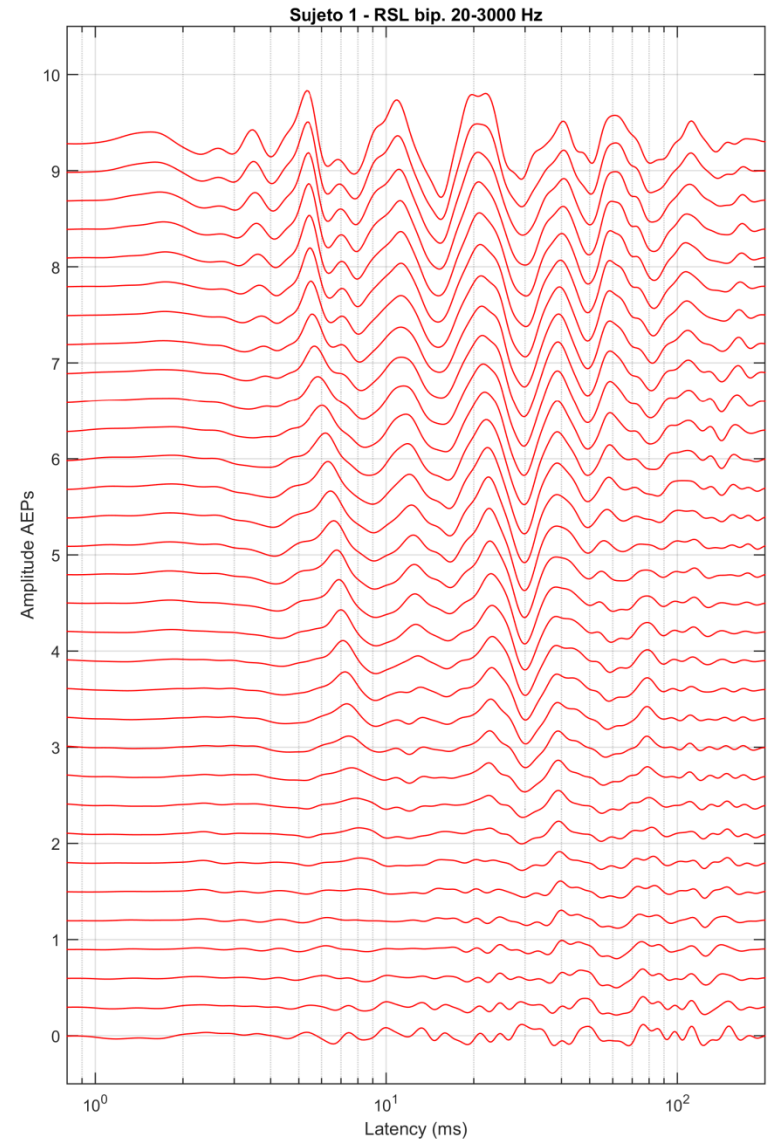
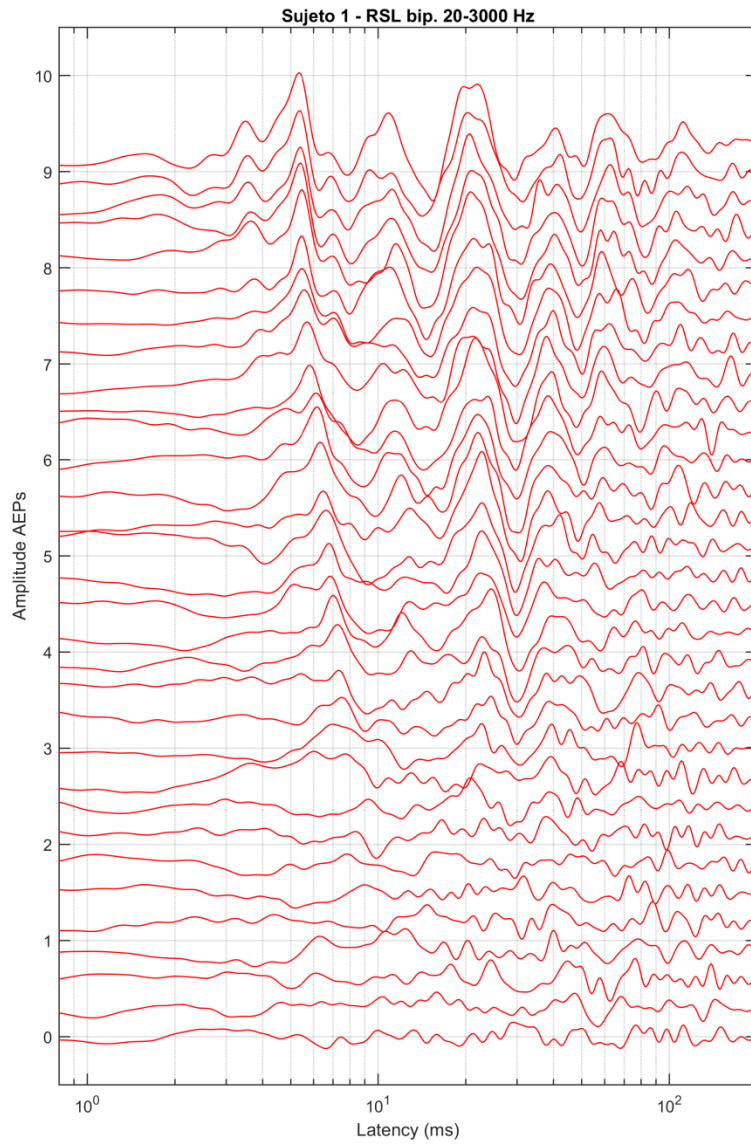


Individual responses: subject 4

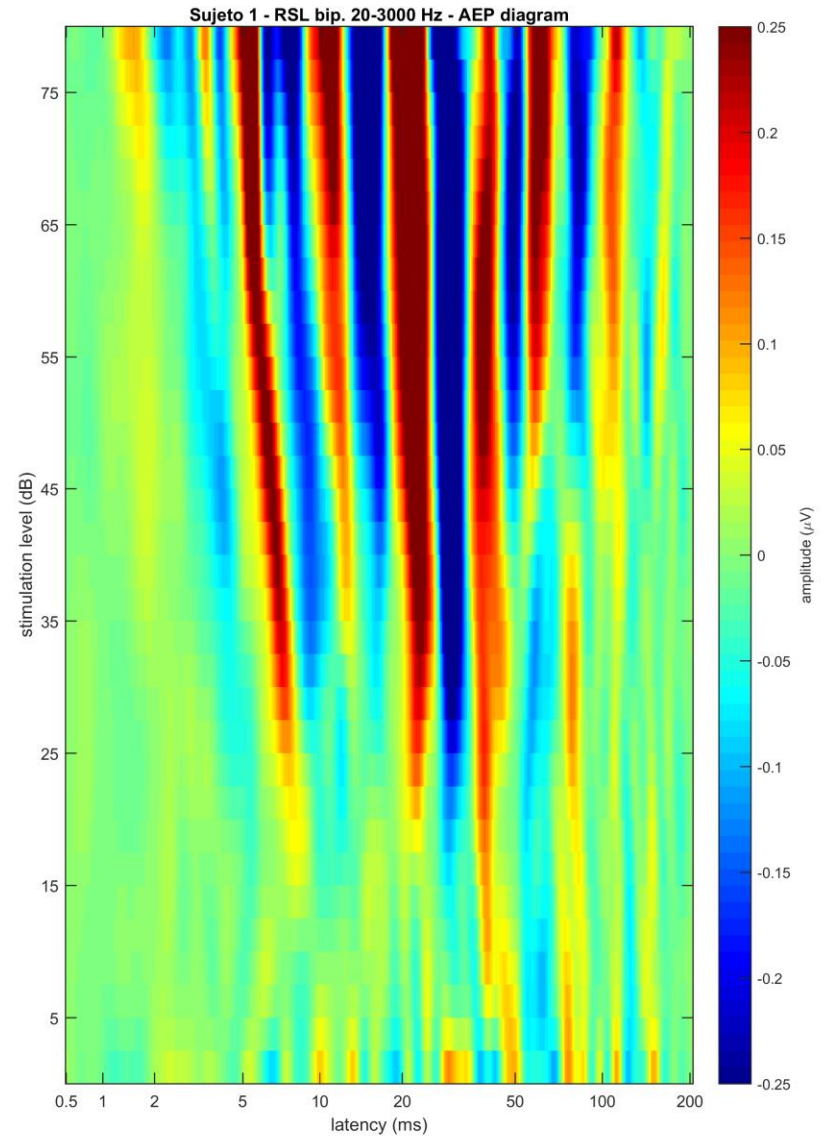
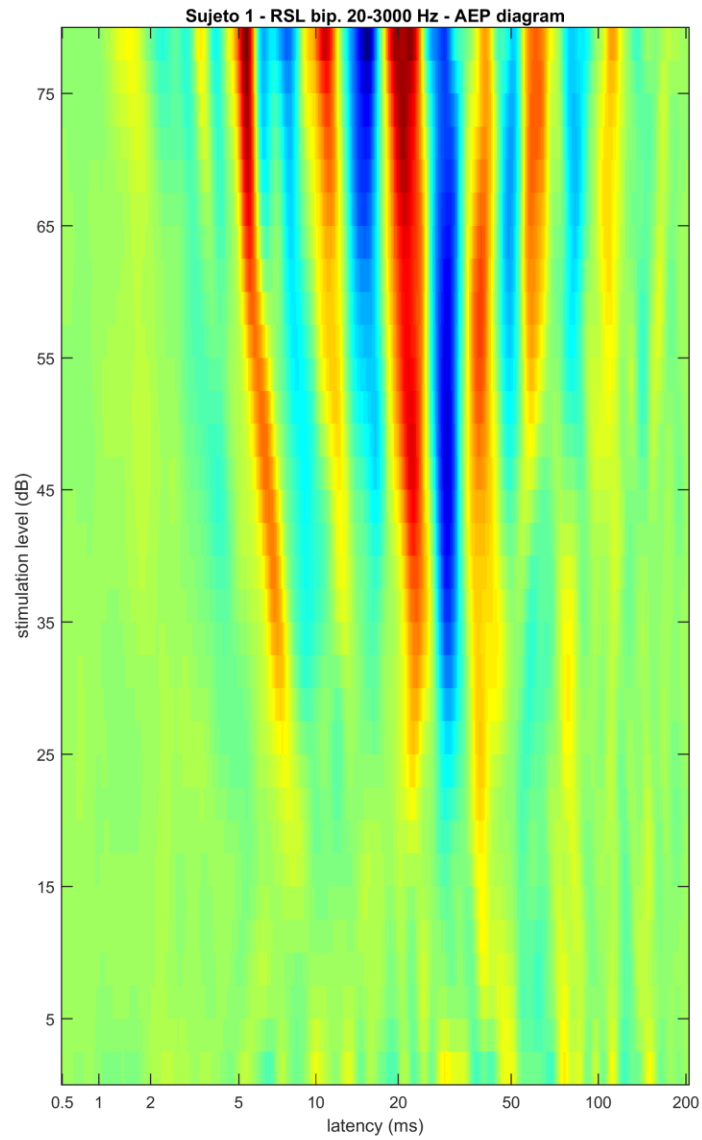


- **Number of categories M can be selected offline**
- **More categories:**
 - **Estimated responses more affected by noise**
 - **Better resolution**
 - **Deconvolution procedure requiring more computer resources, but affordable in reduced representation space**
- **There are solutions for noise reduction and high resolution (future work)**

High resolution ABR with multi-response deconvolution



High resolution ABR with multi-response deconvolution



Conclusions

- **Multi-response deconvolution of AEPs is possible in a reduced representation space**
 - **Mathematical fundamentals are not very difficult**
 - **Practical problems are identified and controlled**
- **Experiments in this work are relatively simple**
 - **Categorization by stimulation level**
- **Multi-response model allow a broad range of new experimental designs**
 - **Complex sounds, structured stimulation patterns**
- **Clinical and research applications**

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RELEVANT INFORMATION:

- Multi-response deconvolution provides flexibility in AEP recording
- Problem with dimensionality growth ($J \times M$)
- Not a problem in a reduced representation space ($J_r \times M$)



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Designing the next-generation methods for recording neurophysiological signals from the human auditory system

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The **Signal Processing in Audiology** research team consists of researchers from the 'Signal Theory, Telematics and Communications', 'Electronics and Computer Technology' and 'Surgery and Surgical Specialties' departments at the University of Granada, as well as medical personnel from the 'Otorhinolaryngology' service of the San Cecilio Clinical University Hospital in Granada, Spain.

Our research focuses on **Auditory evoked potentials** — voltage-wave signals recorded via electrophysiology that represent neurophysiological activity elicited by an auditory stimulus, and pursues the **objectives** below.

- Open up new avenues in **hearing research** by developing technology that enables the study of the human auditory system in highly flexible conditions
- Empower **clinicians** with efficient and easy-to-use diagnostic toolkits
- Provide **industry** with disruptive algorithms that improve quality and expand the functionalities of their products
- Help **society** gain awareness on the adverse effects of noise overexposure and promote the adoption of healthy hearing habits to prevent hearing loss.

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