
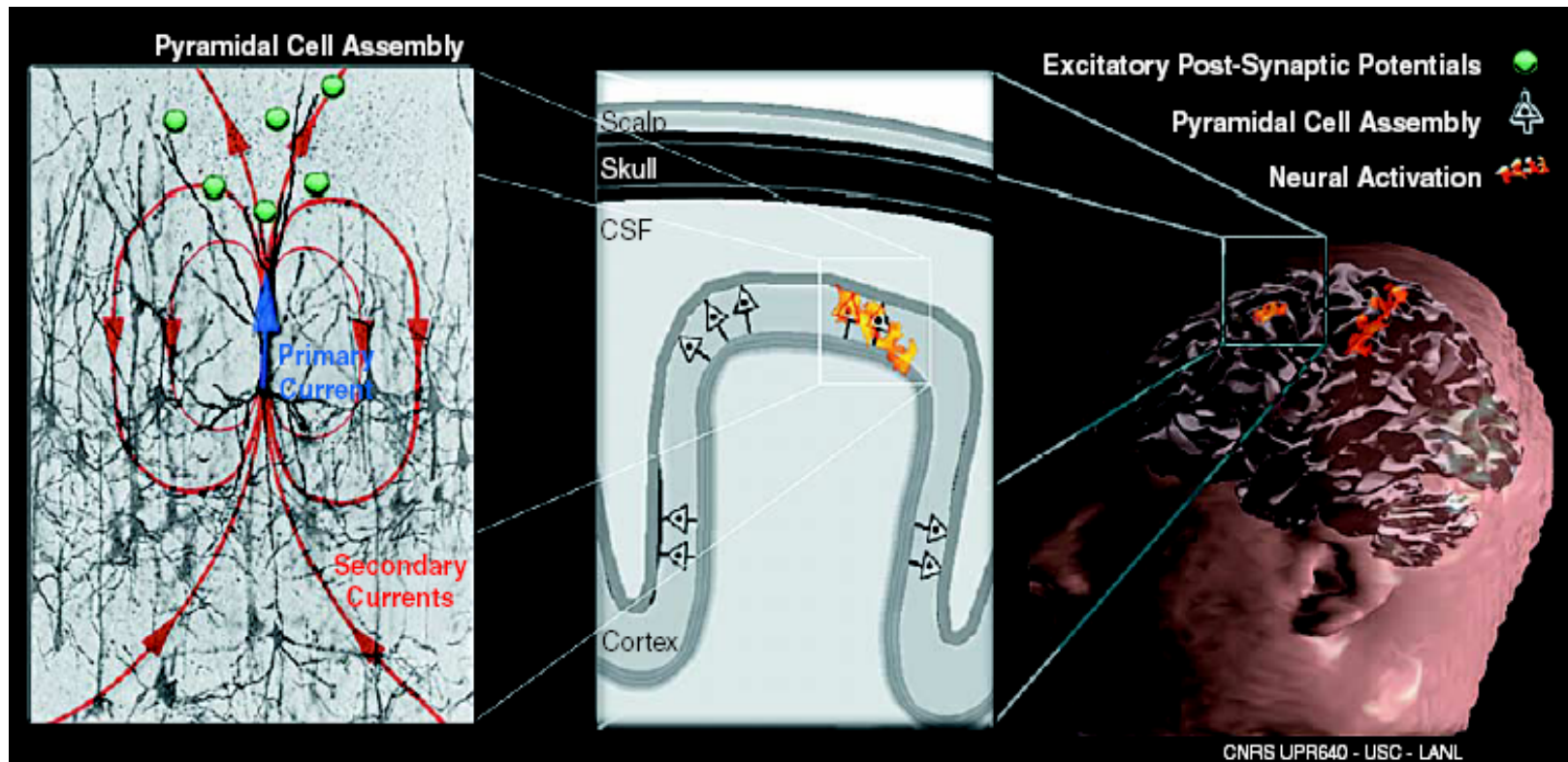


# Cortical Source Localization of Human Scalp EEG

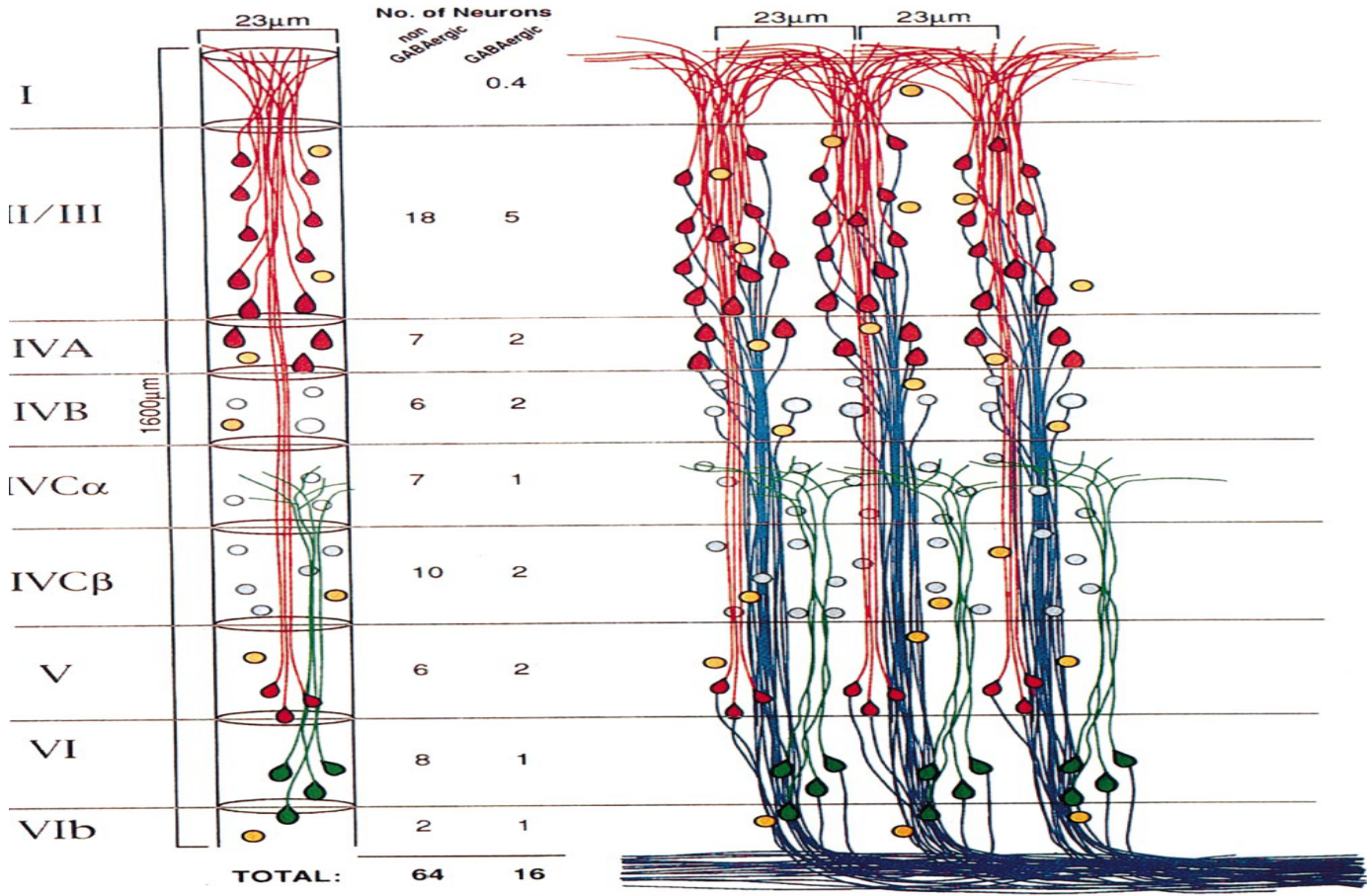
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# Cortical Basis of Scalp EEG

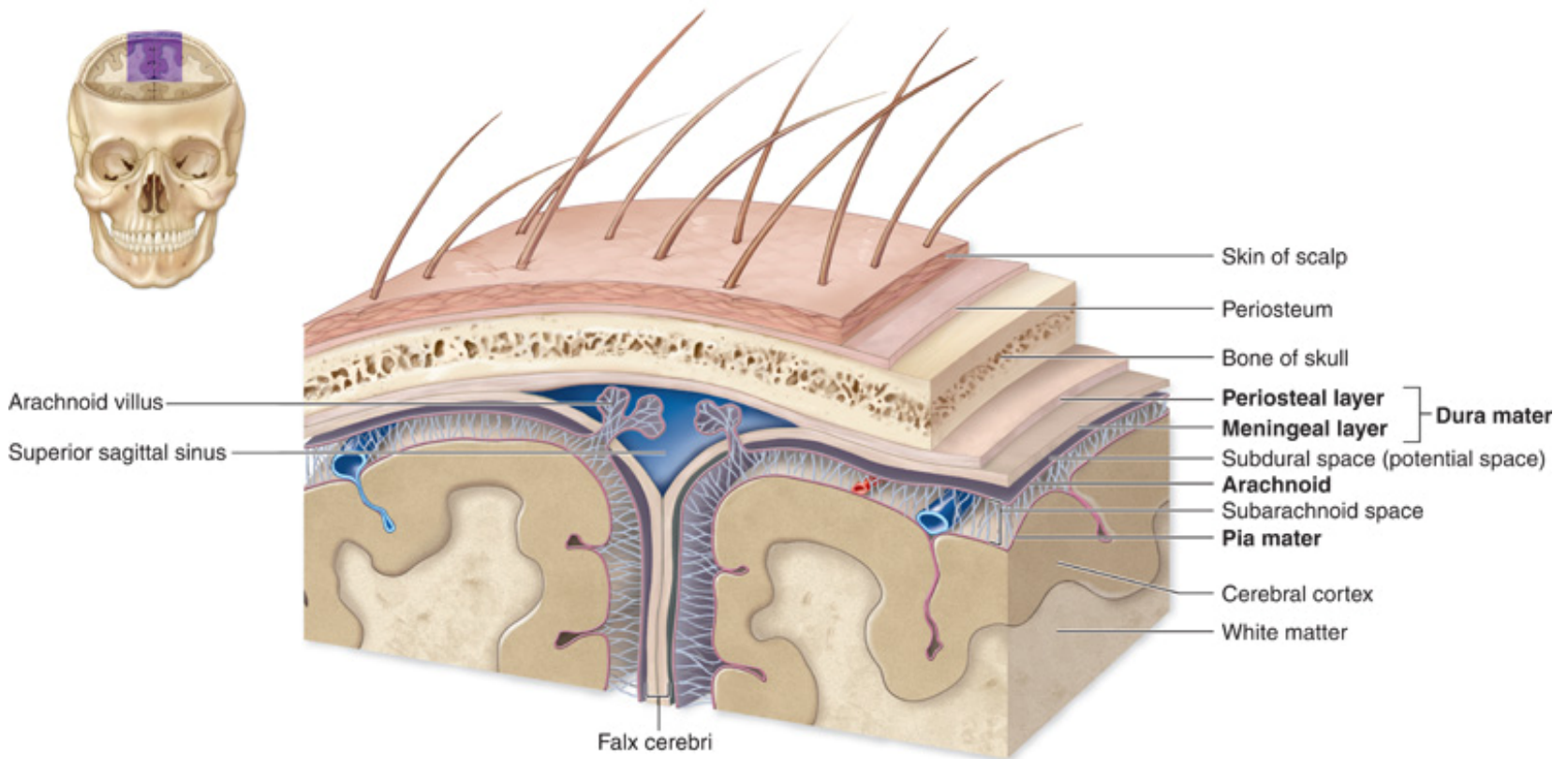


# Six Layer Cortex



# Head Tissue Layers

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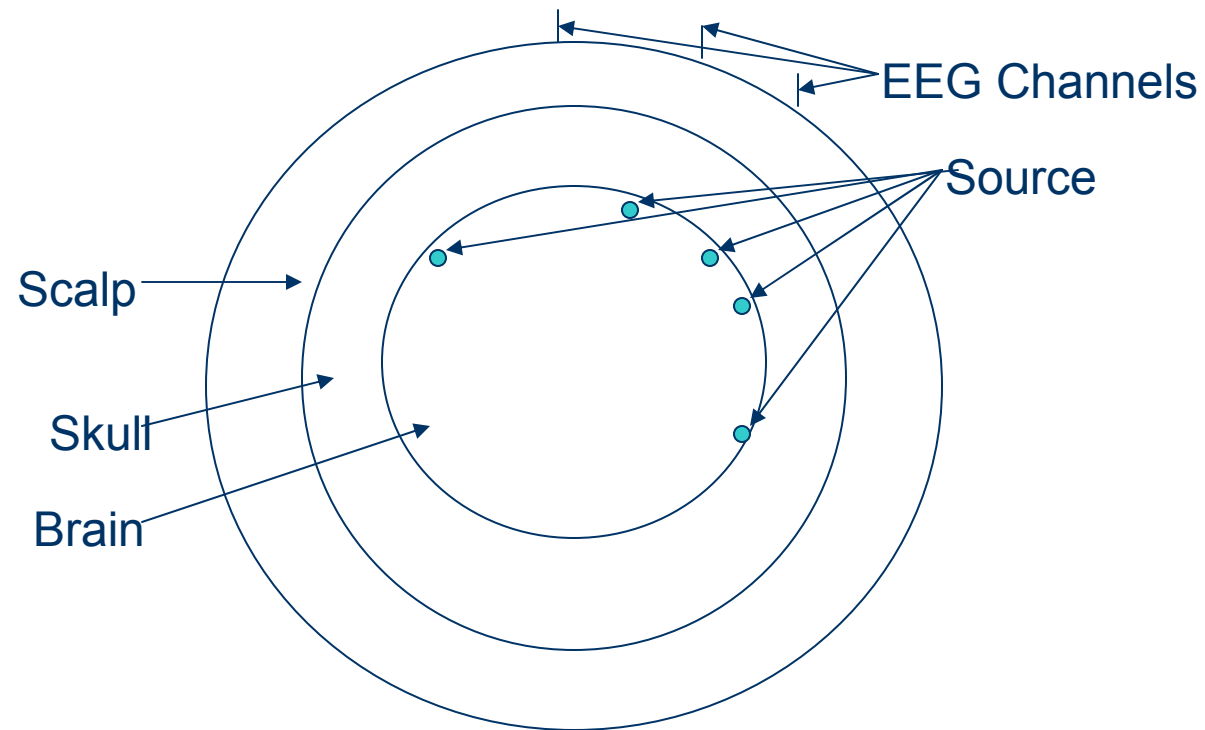


# Source Localization in Two Parts



- Part I : Forward Problem
- Part II : Inverse Problem

# Forward Problem : Schematic Head Model

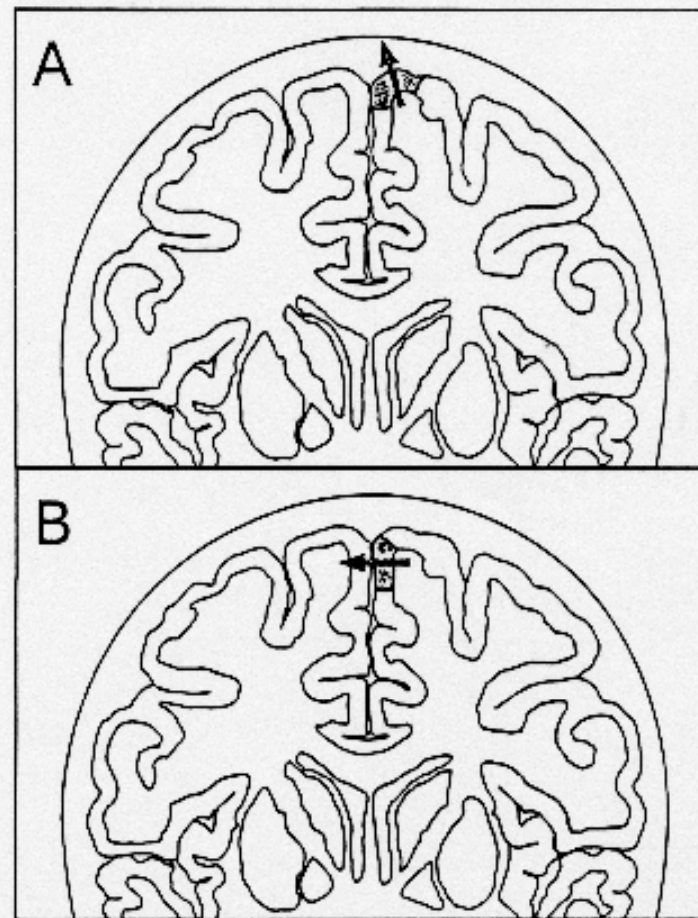


# Source Models

- Dipole Source Model  
(parametric model)

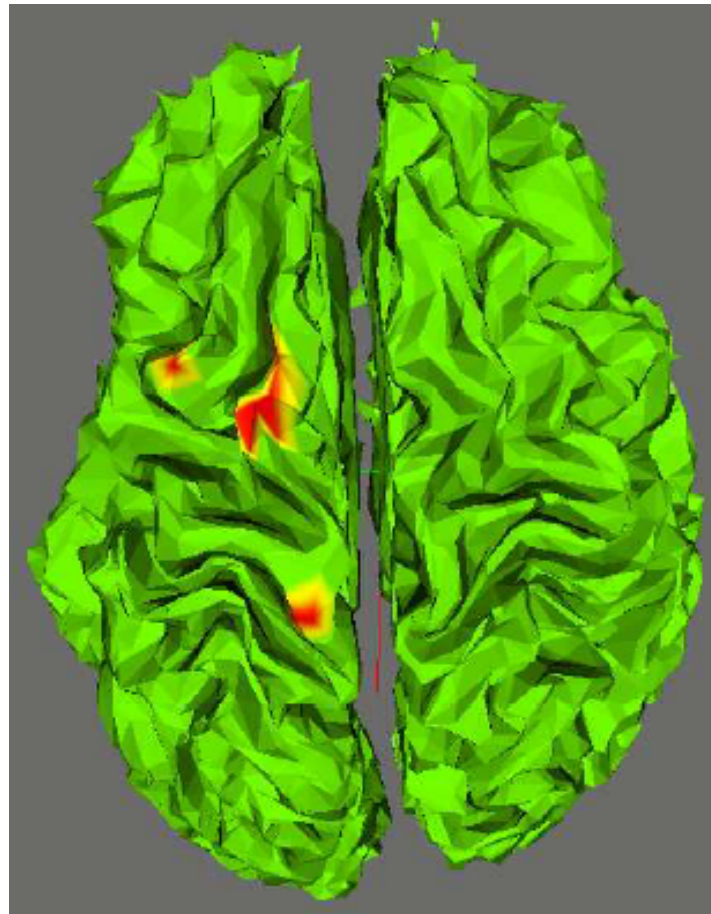
- Distributed Source Model  
(nonparametric model)

# Dipole Source Model





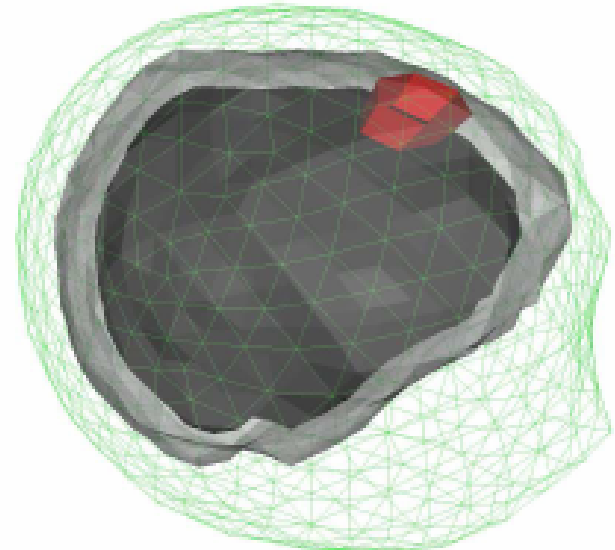
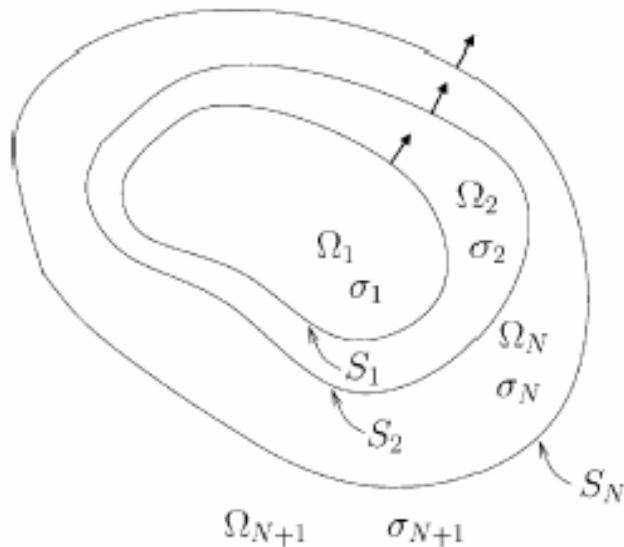
# Distributed Source Model



# Forward Calculation

- Poisson's equation in the head

$$\nabla \cdot (\sigma \nabla V) = f = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J}^p$$



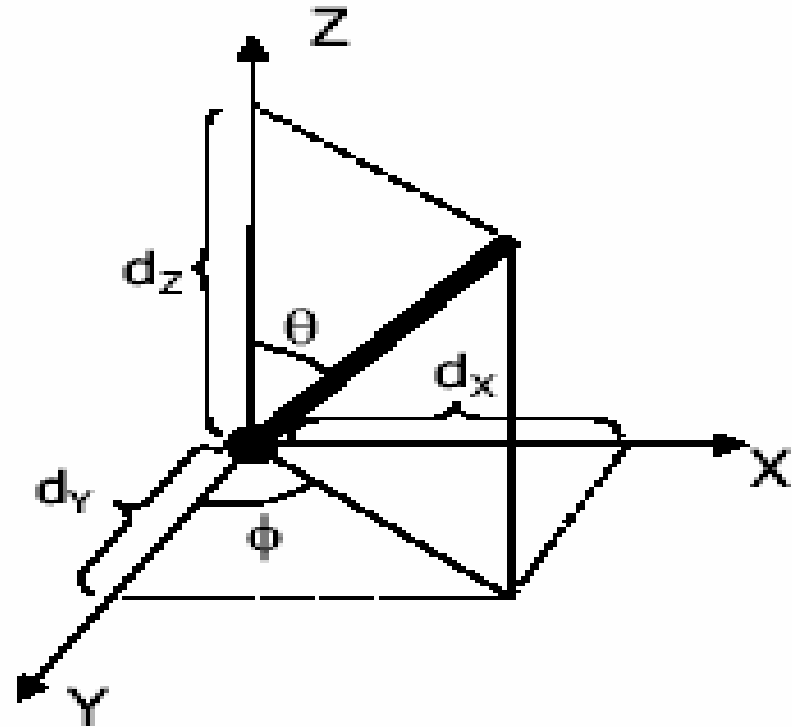
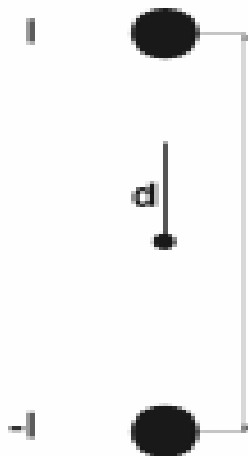
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## Published Conductivity Values

Table 1: The reference values of the absolute and relative conductivity of the compartments incorporated in the human head.

compartments	Geddes & Baker (1967)	Oostendorp (2000)	Gonçalves (2003)	Gutierrez (2004)	Lai (2005)
scalp	0.43	0.22	0.33	0.749	0.33
skull	0.006 – 0.015	0.015	0.0081	0.012	0.0132
cerebro-spinal fluid	-	-	-	1.79	-
brain	0.12 – 0.48	0.22	0.33	0.313	0.33
$\sigma_{scalp}/\sigma_{skull}$	80	15	20–50	26	25

## 6 Parameter Dipole Geometry



# Potential at any Single Scalp Electrode Due to All Dipoles

$$V(\mathbf{r}) = \sum_i g(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_{\text{dip}_i}, \mathbf{d}_i) = \sum_i g(\mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}_{\text{dip}_i}, \mathbf{e}_{\mathbf{d}_i}) d_i$$

$\mathbf{r}$  is the position vector of the scalp electrode

$\mathbf{r}_{\text{dip}_i}$  is the position vector of the  $i$ th dipole

$\mathbf{d}_i$  is the dipole moment of the  $i$ th dipole

# Potential at All Scalp Electrodes

$$V = \begin{bmatrix} V(r_1) \\ \vdots \\ V(r_N) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} g(r_1, r_{dip_1}, E_{dip_1}) & \dots & g(r_1, r_{dip_p}, E_{dip_p}) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ g(r_N, r_{dip_1}, E_{dip_1}) & \dots & g(r_N, r_{dip_p}, E_{dip_p}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ \vdots \\ d_p \end{bmatrix} = G(r_j, r_{dip_j}, E_{dip_j}) \begin{bmatrix} d_1 \\ \vdots \\ d_p \end{bmatrix}$$

## For N Electrodes, p Dipoles, T Discrete Time Points

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{bmatrix} V(\mathbf{r}_1, 1) & \cdots & V(\mathbf{r}_1, T) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ V(\mathbf{r}_N, 1) & \cdots & V(\mathbf{r}_N, T) \end{bmatrix}$$
$$= \mathbf{G}(\{\mathbf{r}_j, \mathbf{r}_{dip_t}, \mathbf{e}_{d_t}\}) \begin{bmatrix} d_{1,1} & \cdots & d_{1,T} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ d_{p,1} & \cdots & d_{p,T} \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{G}(\{\mathbf{r}_j, \mathbf{r}_{dip_t}, \mathbf{e}_{d_t}\}) \mathbf{D}$$

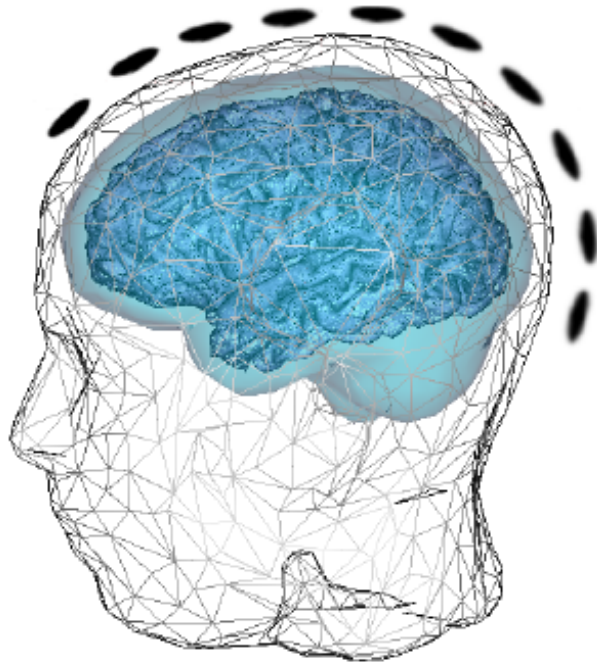
# Generalization

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{GD} + \mathbf{n}$$

**G** is *gain matrix*, **n** is additive noise.



# EEG Gain Matrix Calculation



$$[\text{potential at sensors}] = [\text{interpolation matrix}] \times [\text{potential at interfaces}]$$

For detail of potential calculations see Geselowitz, *Biophysical J.*, 7, 1967, 1-11.



# Boundary Elements Method for Distributed Source Model

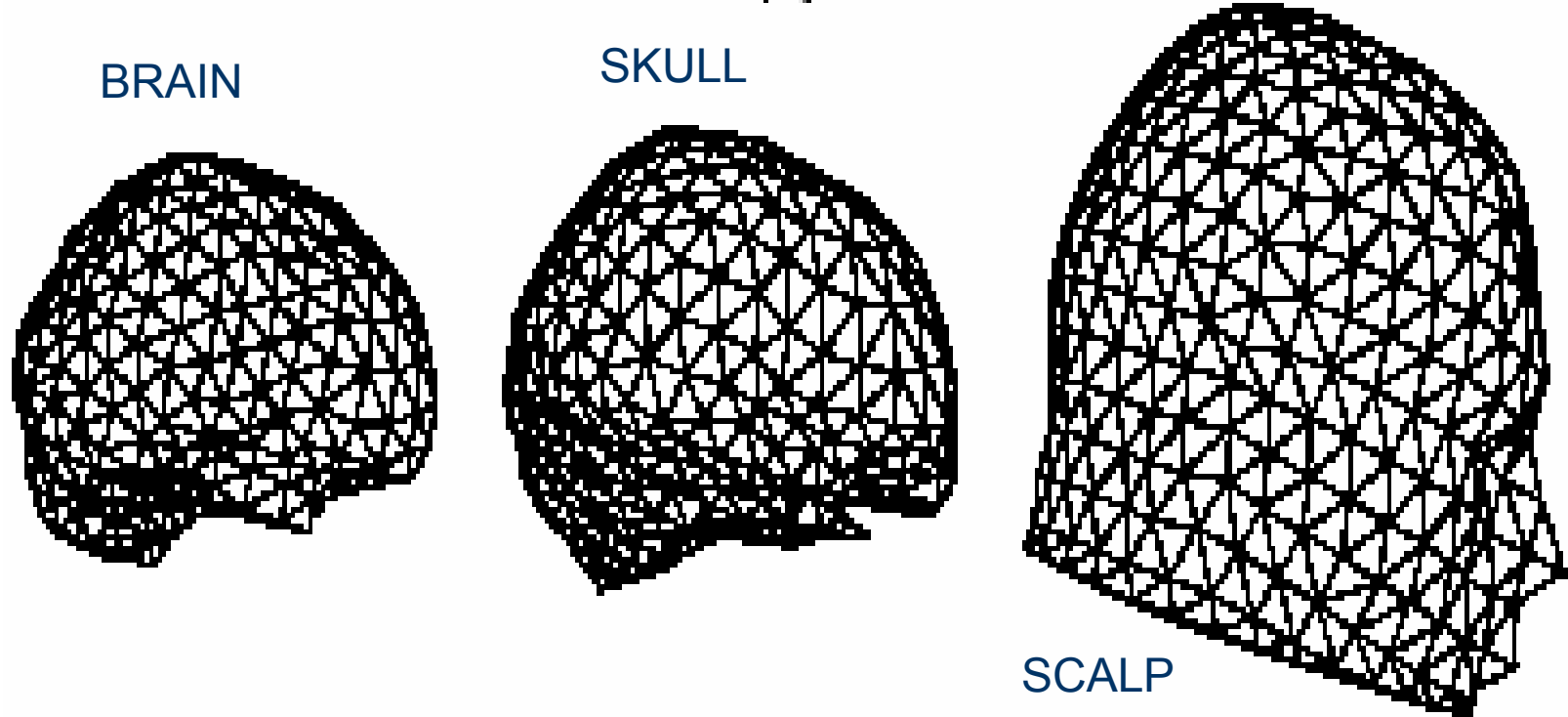
- If  $\nabla^2 u = 0$

on the complement of a smooth surface then  $u$  can be completely determined by its values and the values of its derivatives on that surface.

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# Nested Head Tissues



# Green's Function

$$f_{\Omega_i} = f \cdot 1_{\Omega_i}$$

$$G(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{4\pi\|\mathbf{r}\|}$$

$$v_{\Omega_i}(\mathbf{r}) = -f_{\Omega_i} * G(\mathbf{r})$$

## Representation Theorem

$\Omega$  be a connected, open, bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  and  $\partial\Omega$  be regular boundary of  $\Omega$ .  $u : \mathbb{R}^3 - \partial\Omega \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is harmonic and  $r|u(\mathbf{r})| < \infty$ ,  $\mathbf{r}(\partial u/\partial \mathbf{r}) = 0$ , then if  $p(\mathbf{r}) = \partial_n u(\mathbf{r})$  the following holds:

$$\begin{aligned}
 -p &= & +\mathcal{N}[u] & & -\mathcal{D}^*[p], & \text{for } \mathbf{r} \notin \partial\Omega \\
 u &= & -\mathcal{D}[u] & & +\mathcal{S}[p] & \\
 -p^\pm &= & +\mathcal{N}[u] & + \left( \pm \frac{\mathbf{r}}{2} - \mathcal{D}^* \right) [p], & & \text{for } \mathbf{r} \in \partial\Omega \\
 u^\pm &= & \left( \mp \frac{\mathbf{r}}{2} - \mathcal{D} \right) [u] & & +\mathcal{S}[p] &
 \end{aligned}$$

## Representation Theorem (cont)

$I$  is the identity operator and

$$(\mathcal{D}f)(\mathbf{r}) = \int_{\partial\Omega} \partial_{\mathbf{n}'} G(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') f(\mathbf{r}') ds(\mathbf{r}')$$

$$(\mathcal{S}f)(\mathbf{r}) = \int_{\partial\Omega} G(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') f(\mathbf{r}') ds(\mathbf{r}')$$

$$(\mathcal{N}f)(\mathbf{r}) = \int_{\partial\Omega} \partial_{\mathbf{n},\mathbf{n}'} G(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') f(\mathbf{r}') ds(\mathbf{r}')$$

$$(\mathcal{D}^* f)(\mathbf{r}) = \int_{\partial\Omega} \partial_{\mathbf{n}} G(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}') f(\mathbf{r}') ds(\mathbf{r}').$$

## Representation Theorem (cont)

$\partial_n G$  means  $\mathbf{n} \cdot \nabla G$ , where  $\mathbf{n}$  is normal to an interfacing head tissue surface.



# Justification

- Holes in the skull (such as eyes) account for up to 2 cm of error in source localization.
- The closer a source is to the cortical surface the more its effect tends to smear.
- If size of mesh triangles is of the order of the gaps between the surfaces the errors go up rapidly.
- Implemented in OpenMeeG – an open source software ([openmeeg.gforge.inria.fr/](http://openmeeg.gforge.inria.fr/)).

## Distributed Source : Gain Matrix

$$\underbrace{\begin{bmatrix}
 (\sigma_1 + \sigma_2)N_{11} & -2D_{11}^* & -\sigma_2 N_{12} & D_{12}^* & & & & & & \\
 -2D_{11} & (\sigma_1^{-1} + \sigma_2^{-1})S_{11} & D_{12} & -\sigma_2^{-1}S_{12} & & & & & & \\
 -\sigma_2 N_{21} & D_{21}^* & (\sigma_2 + \sigma_3)N_{22} & -2D_{22}^* & -\sigma_3 N_{23} & D_{23}^* & & & & \\
 D_{21} & -\sigma_2^{-1}S_{21} & -2D_{22} & (\sigma_2^{-1} + \sigma_3^{-1})S_{22} & D_{23} & -\sigma_3^{-1}S_{23} & & & & \\
 & & -\sigma_3 N_{32} & D_{32}^* & (\sigma_3 + \sigma_4)N_{33} & -2D_{33}^* & \dots & & & \\
 & & D_{32} & -\sigma_3^{-1}S_{32} & -2D_{33} & (\sigma_3^{-1} + \sigma_4^{-1})S_{33} & \dots & & & \\
 & & & & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & & & \\
 & & & & & & & & & 
 \end{bmatrix}}_A
 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix}
 x_1 \\
 y_1 \\
 x_2 \\
 y_2 \\
 x_3 \\
 y_3 \\
 \vdots \\
 \vdots
 \end{bmatrix}}_w
 =
 \underbrace{\begin{bmatrix}
 b_1 \\
 c_1 \\
 b_2 \\
 c_2 \\
 b_3 \\
 c_3 \\
 \vdots \\
 \vdots
 \end{bmatrix}}_z$$

with

$$\begin{aligned}
 (N_{kl})_{ij} &= \langle \mathcal{N}_{kl} \phi_j^{(l)}, \phi_i^{(k)} \rangle & (S_{kl})_{ij} &= \langle \mathcal{S}_{kl} \psi_j^{(l)}, \psi_i^{(k)} \rangle \\
 (D_{kl})_{ij} &= (D_{lk}^*)_{ji} = \langle \mathcal{D}_{kl} \phi_j^{(l)}, \psi_i^{(k)} \rangle \\
 (\mathbf{b}_k)_i &= \langle \partial_{\mathbf{n}} v_{\Omega_k} - \partial_{\mathbf{n}} v_{\Omega_{k+1}}, \phi_i^{(k)} \rangle & (\mathbf{c}_k)_i &= \langle \sigma_{k+1}^{-1} v_{\Omega_{k+1}} - \sigma_k^{-1} v_{\Omega_k}, \psi_i^{(k)} \rangle \\
 (\mathbf{x}_k)_i &= x_i^{(k)} & (\mathbf{y}_k)_i &= y_i^{(k)}.
 \end{aligned}$$

## Gain Matrix (cont)

$$V = \sum_{k=1}^{N_D} \sum_{k'(k)} x_k \varphi_{k'}$$

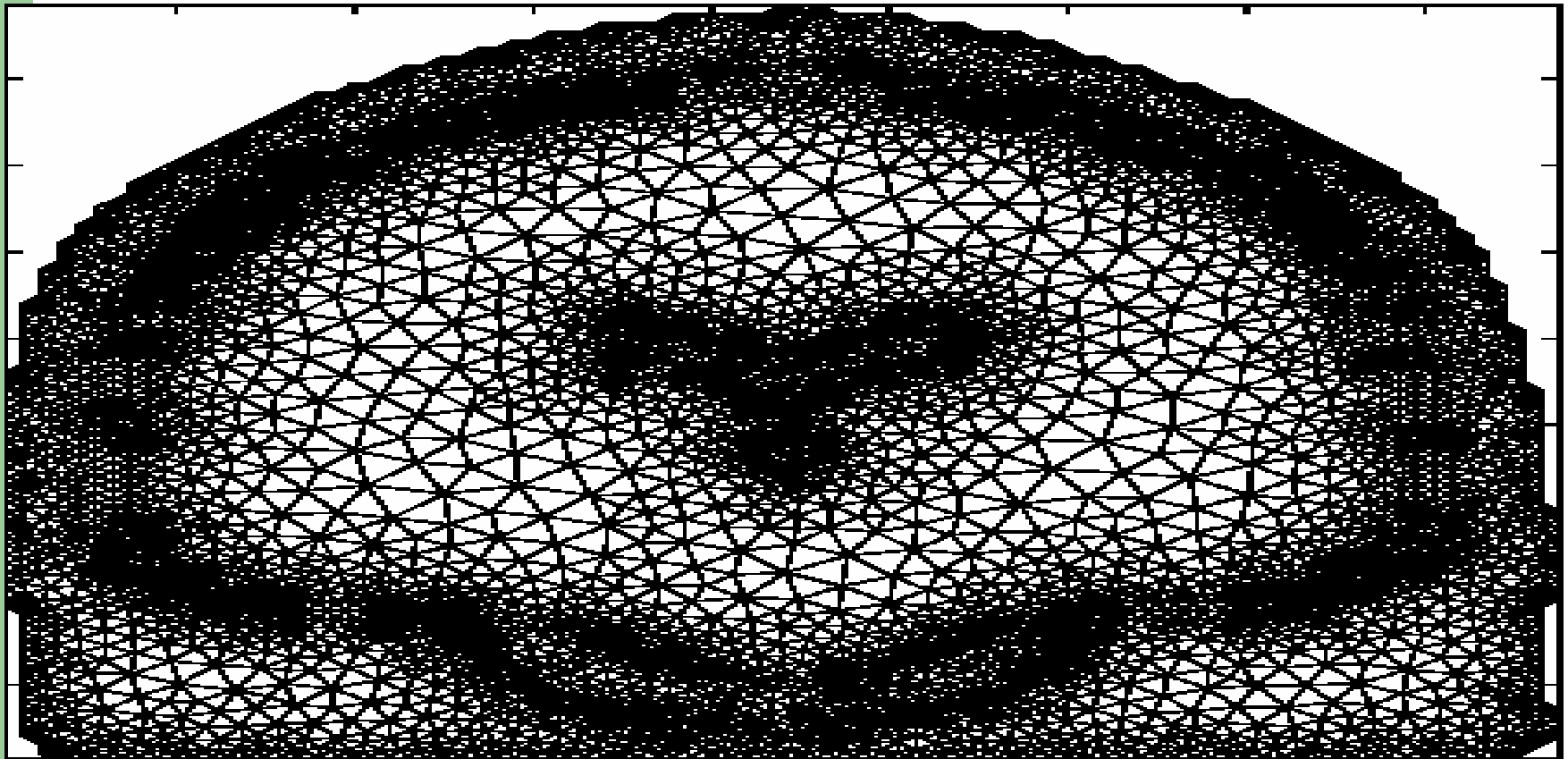
$$p = \sum_{l=1}^{N_L} y_l \psi_l$$

Gain matrix is to be obtained by multiplying several matrices A, one for each layer in the single layer formulation.

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# Finite Elements Method



## Further Reading on FEM

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- Zhang et al., “A second-order finite element algorithm for solving the three-dimensional EEG forward problem,” *Phys. Med. Biol.*, vol. 49, pp. 2975 – 2987, 2004.

# Inverse Problem : Peculiarities

- Inverse problem is ill-posed, because the number of sensors is less than the number of possible sources.
- Solution is unstable, i.e., susceptible to small changes in the input values. Scalp EEG is full of artifacts and noise, so identified sources are likely to be spurious.

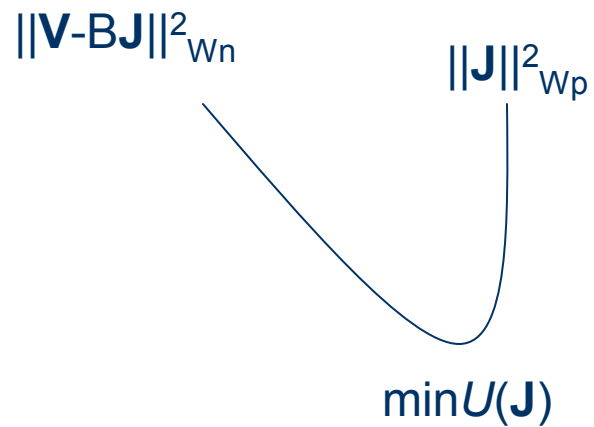
## Weighted Minimum Norm Inverse

$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{J} + \mathbf{E}$ ,  $\mathbf{V}$  is scalp potential,  $\mathbf{B}$  is gain matrix and  $\mathbf{E}$  is additive noise.

Minimize  $U(\mathbf{J}) = \|\mathbf{V} - \mathbf{B}\mathbf{J}\|_{W_n}^2 + \lambda \|\mathbf{J}\|_{W_p}^2$

$\lambda$  is a regularization positive constant between 0 and 1.

# Geometric Interpretation



Convex combination  
of the two terms with  
 $\lambda$  very small.



## Derivation

$$\begin{aligned}U(\mathbf{J}) &= \|\mathbf{V} - \mathbf{B}\mathbf{J}\|_{W_n}^2 + \lambda\|\mathbf{J}\|_{W_p}^2 \\ &= \langle W_n(\mathbf{V} - \mathbf{B}\mathbf{J}), W_n(\mathbf{V} - \mathbf{B}\mathbf{J}) \rangle + \lambda\langle W_p\mathbf{J}, W_p\mathbf{J} \rangle\end{aligned}$$

$\Delta_{\mathbf{J}}U(\mathbf{J}) = 0$  implies (using  $\langle \mathbf{A}\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{C} \rangle = \langle \mathbf{B}, \mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{C} \rangle$ )

$$\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{C}_p \mathbf{B}^T [\mathbf{B}\mathbf{C}_p \mathbf{B}^T + \mathbf{C}_n]^{-1} \mathbf{V}$$

where  $\mathbf{C}_p = (\mathbf{W}_p^T \mathbf{W}_p)^{-1}$  and  $\mathbf{C}_n = \lambda(\mathbf{W}_n^T \mathbf{W}_n)^{-1}$ .

## Different Types

- When  $C_p = I_p$  (the  $p \times p$  identity matrix) it reduces to classical minimum norm inverse solution.
- In terms of Bayesian notation we can write  $E(\mathbf{J}|\mathbf{B}) = C_p \mathbf{B}^T [\mathbf{B} C_p \mathbf{B}^T + C_n]^{-1} \mathbf{V}$ . On this expectation maximization algorithm can be readily applied.

## Types (cont)

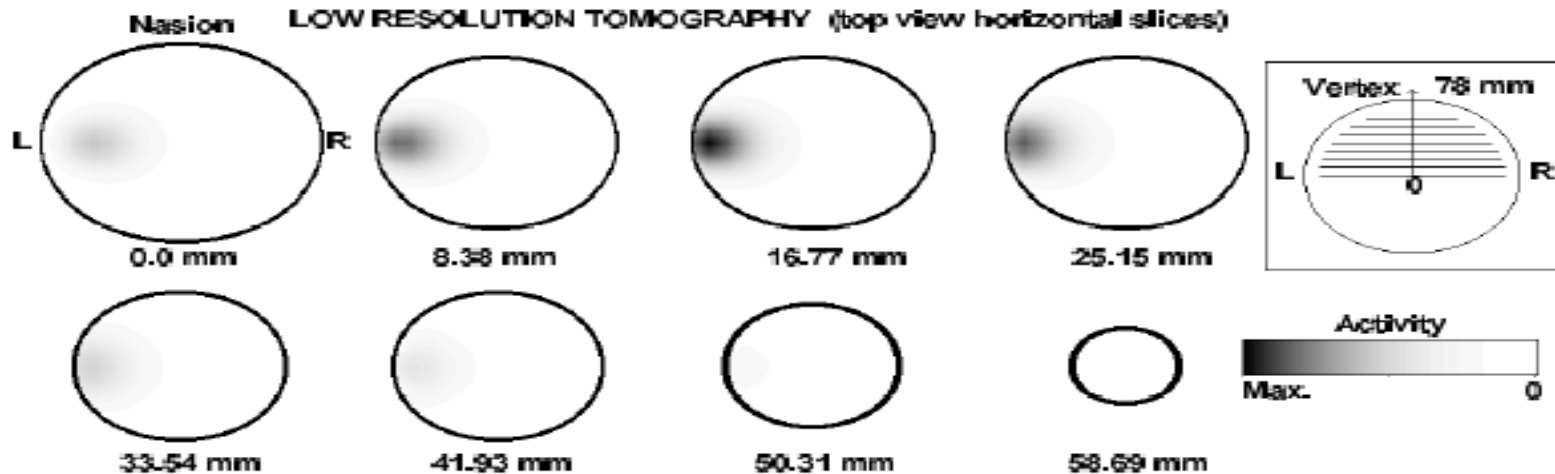
- If we take  $W_p$  as a spatial Laplacian operator we get the LORETA inverse formulation.
- If we derive the current density estimate by the minimum norm inverse and then standardize it using its variance, which is hypothesized to be due to the source variance, then that is called sLORETA.

## Types (cont)

- Recursive – MUSIC

Mosher & Leahy, *IEEE Trans. Biomed. Eng.*,  
vol. 45(11), p. 1342 – 1354, Nov 1998.

# Low Resolution Brain Electromagnetic Tomography (LORETA)



Pascual-Marqui et al., *Int. J. Psychophysiol.*, vol. 18, p. 49 – 65, 1994.

# Standardized Low Resolution Brain Electromagnetic Tomography (sLORETA)

$$U(\mathbf{J}) = \|\mathbf{V} - \mathbf{B}\mathbf{J}\|^2 + \lambda\|\mathbf{J}\|^2$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{J}} = \mathbf{T}\mathbf{V}, \text{ where}$$

$$\mathbf{T} = \mathbf{B}^T[\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^T + \lambda\mathbf{H}]^+, \text{ where}$$

$\mathbf{H} = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{L}\mathbf{L}^T/\mathbf{L}^T\mathbf{L}$  is the centering matrix.

## sLORETA (cont)

$\hat{\mathbf{J}}$  is estimate of  $\mathbf{J}$ ,  $A^+$  denotes the Moore-Penrose inverse of the matrix  $A$ ,  $I$  is  $n \times n$  identity matrix where  $n$  is the number of scalp electrodes,  $L$  is a  $n$  dimensional vector of 1's.

Hypothesis : Variance in  $\hat{\mathbf{J}}$  is due to the variance of the actual source vector  $\mathbf{J}$ .

$$\hat{\mathbf{J}} = B^T [BB^T + \lambda H]^+ B \mathbf{J}.$$





## If # Source = # Electrodes = n

- B and  $B^T$  both will be n x n identity matrix.

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 - \lambda + \frac{\lambda}{n} & \frac{\lambda}{n} & \frac{\lambda}{n} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \frac{\lambda}{n} \\ \frac{\lambda}{n} & 1 - \lambda + \frac{\lambda}{n} & \frac{\lambda}{n} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \frac{\lambda}{n} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \frac{\lambda}{n} & \frac{\lambda}{n} & \frac{\lambda}{n} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 1 - \lambda + \frac{\lambda}{n} \end{pmatrix}^+$$

with  $\lambda = 0$

## sLORETA Result

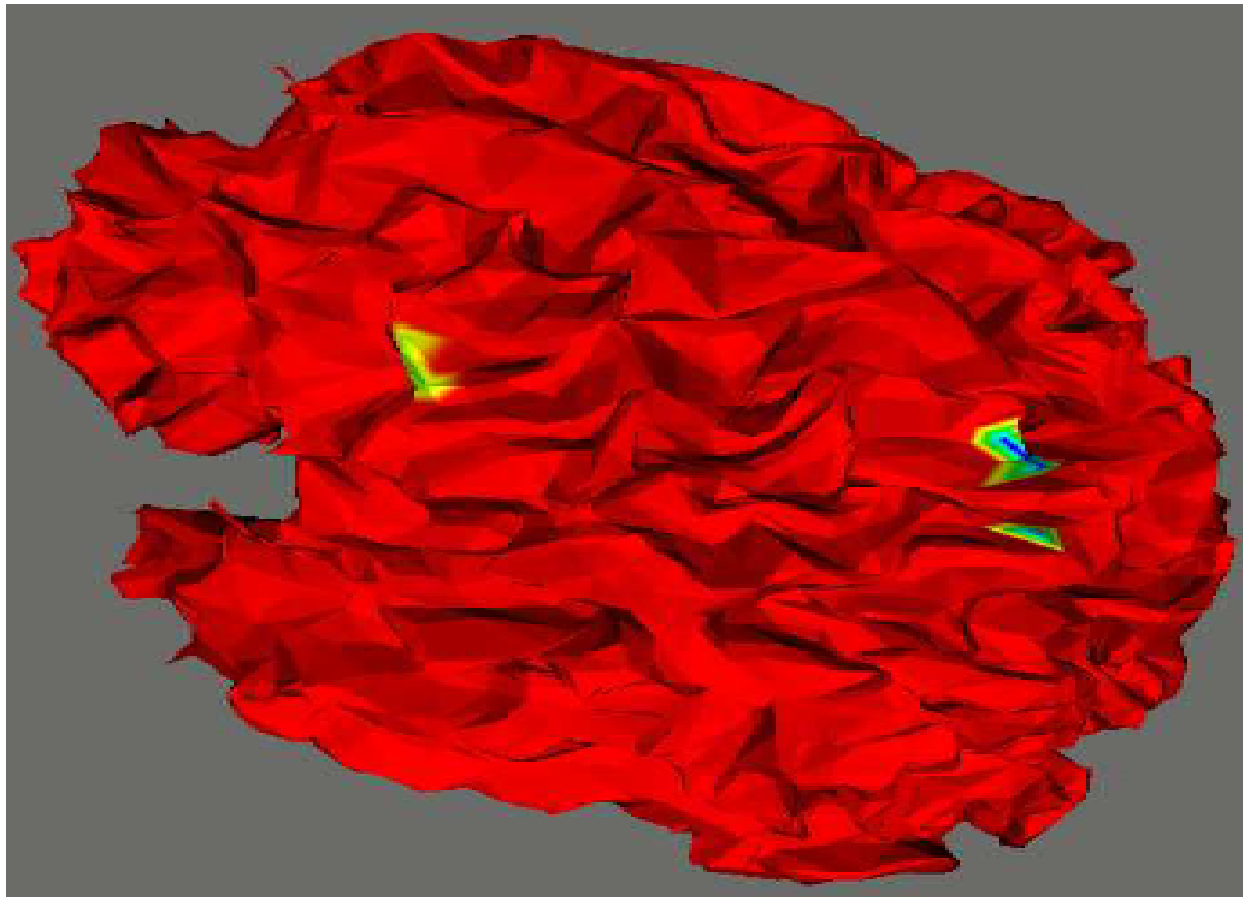


# Single Trial Source Localization

- Averaging signals across the trials to increase the SNR cannot be done.

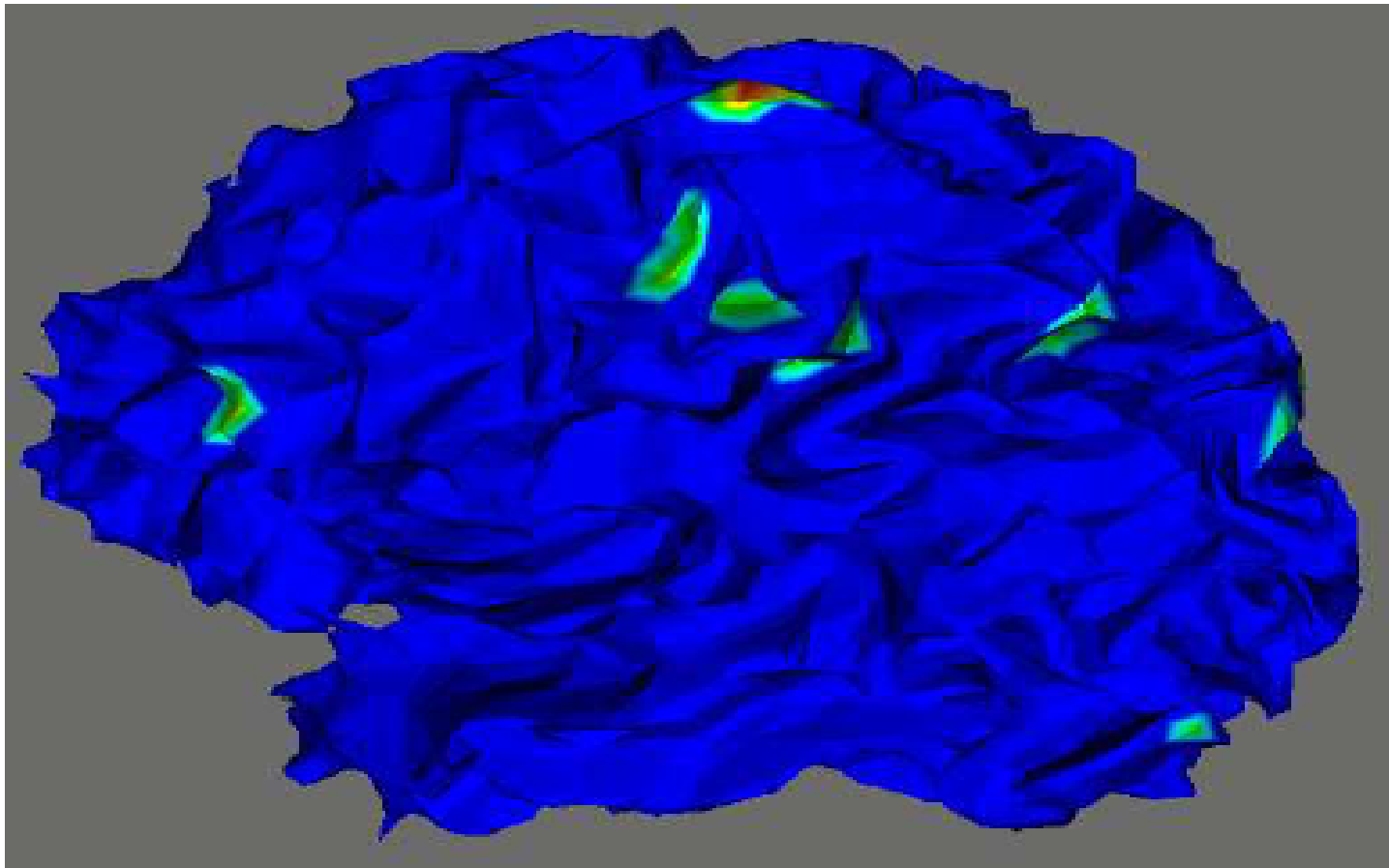
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# Cortical Sources

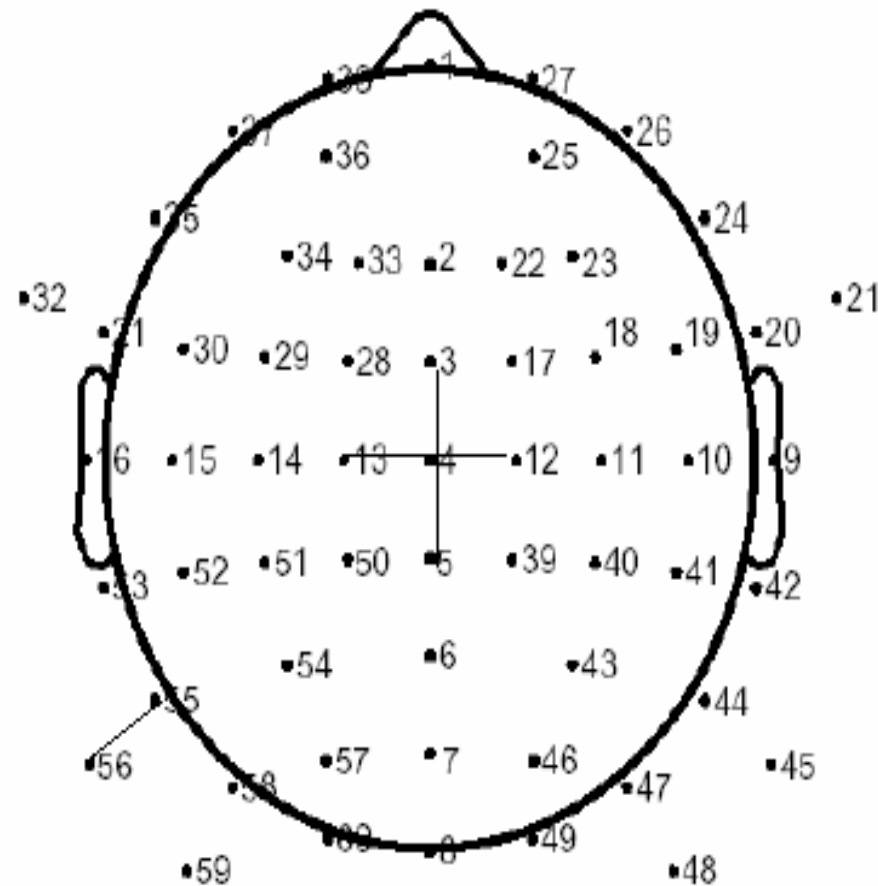


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## Localization by MN



# Clustering



# Trial Selection

- Identify the time interval.
- Identify channels.
- Calculate cumulative signal amplitude in those channels.
- Sort trials according to the decreasing amplitude.

# Phase Synchronization

$$m\alpha - n\beta = 0$$

$$m = n = 1$$



## Synchronization (cont.)

$$x_j(t) = \frac{a_{j0}}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_{jn}^2 + b_{jn}^2)^{1/2} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n t}{p} + \alpha_{jn}\right)$$

$$\alpha_{jn} = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{a_{jn}}{b_{jn}}\right)$$

$$x_k(t) = \frac{a_{k0}}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (a_{kn}^2 + b_{kn}^2)^{1/2} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi n t}{p} + \alpha_{kn}\right)$$

$$\alpha_{kn} = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{a_{kn}}{b_{kn}}\right)$$

## Synchronization (cont.)

$$\alpha_{j1} - \alpha_{k1} \approx \dots \approx \alpha_{jn} - \alpha_{kn} \approx \dots,$$

which implies

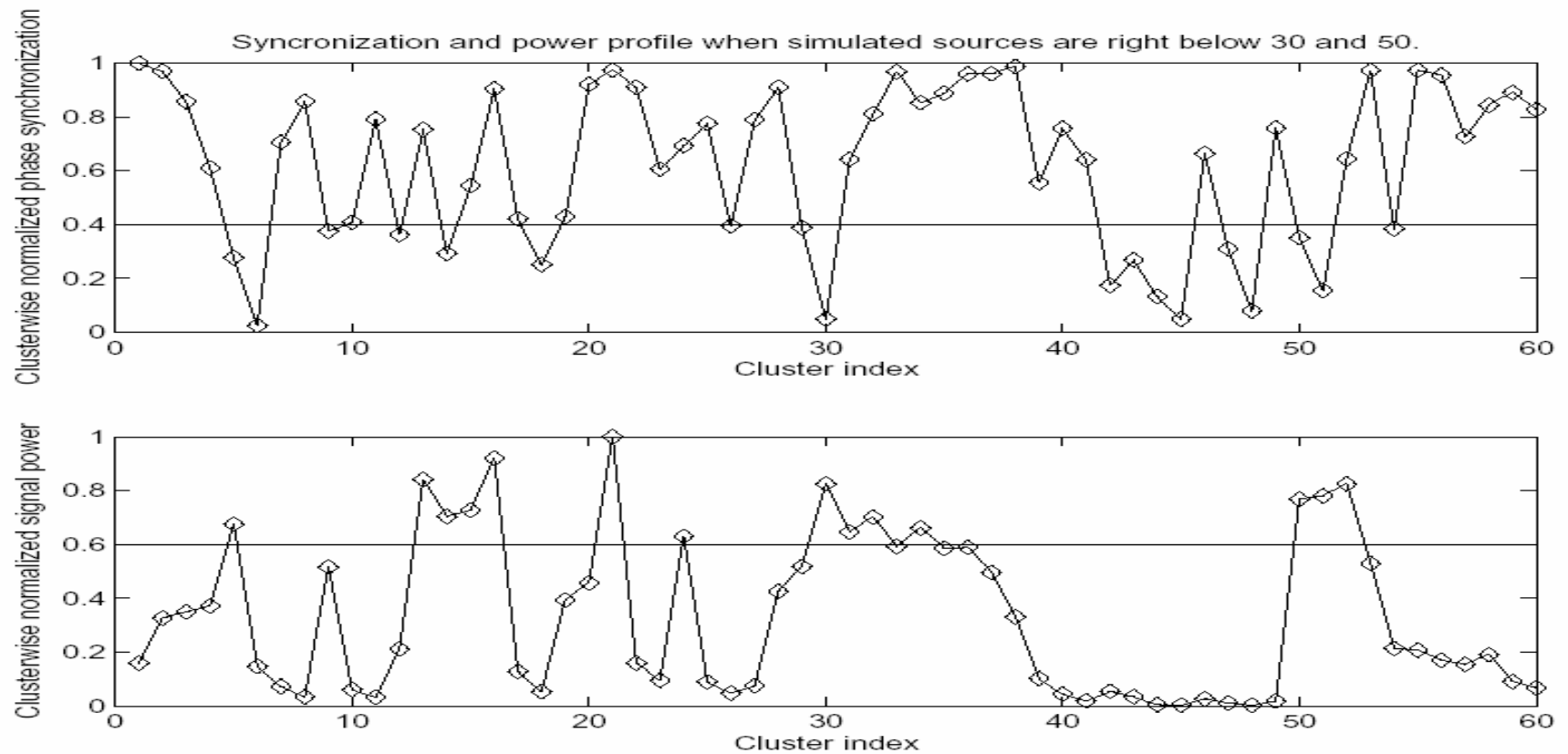
$$\frac{a_{j1}b_{k1} - a_{k1}b_{j1}}{a_{j1}a_{k1} + b_{j1}b_{k1}} \approx \dots \approx \frac{a_{jn}b_{kn} - a_{kn}b_{jn}}{a_{jn}a_{kn} + b_{jn}b_{kn}} \approx \dots$$

## Synchronization (cont.)

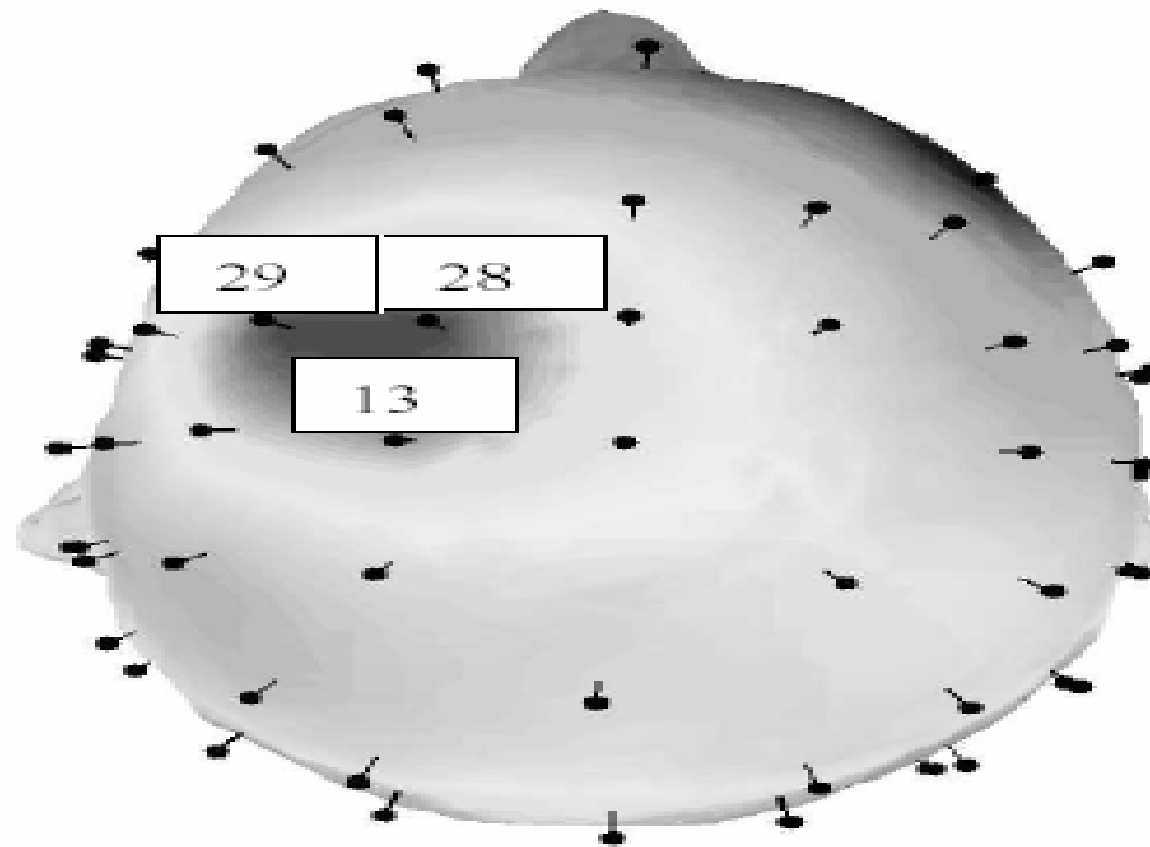
$$E[n] = \frac{a_{jn}b_{kn} - a_{kn}b_{jn}}{a_{jn}a_{kn} + b_{jn}b_{kn}} - \frac{a_{jn+1}b_{kn+1} - a_{kn+1}b_{jn+1}}{a_{jn+1}a_{kn+1} + b_{jn+1}b_{kn+1}}$$

$$\text{syn}(x_j(t), x_k(t)) = \text{mean}(|E(n)|) + \text{std}(|E(n)|)$$

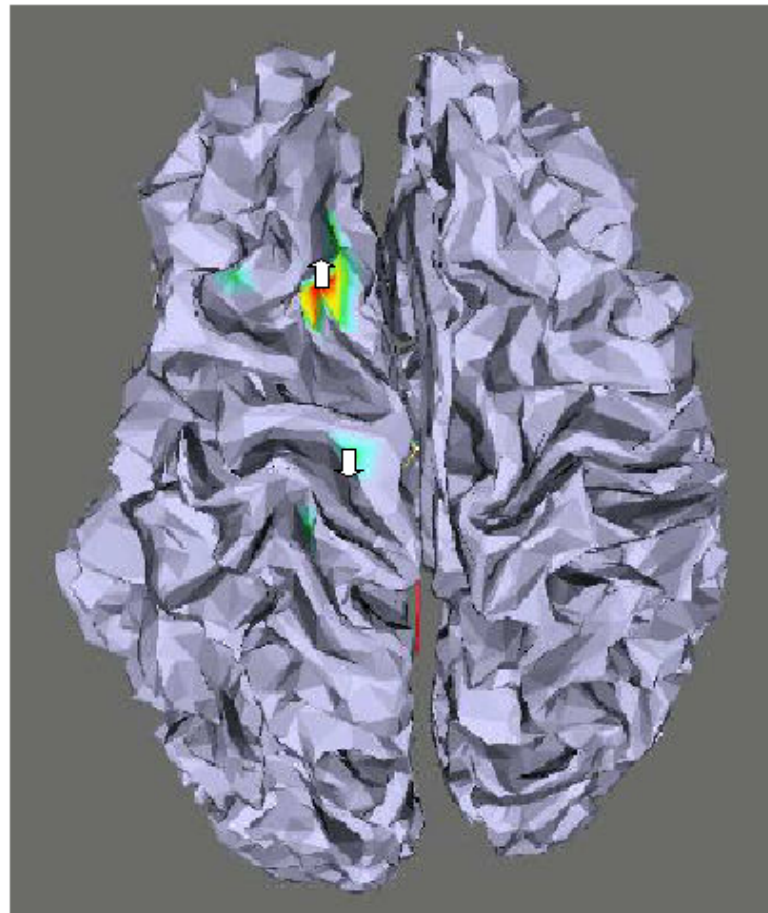
# Phase Synchronization and Power



# The Best Time Epoch



# Source Localization



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- Grech et al., “Review on solving the inverse problem in EEG source analysis,” *J. Neuroeng. Rehab.*, open access, available at <http://www.jneuroengrehab.com/content/5/1/25>





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