

# **Интерфейс мозг-компьютер: Распознавание визуальных электроэнцефалографических потенциалов врача при чтении маммограмм**

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# **Traditional electroencephalography**

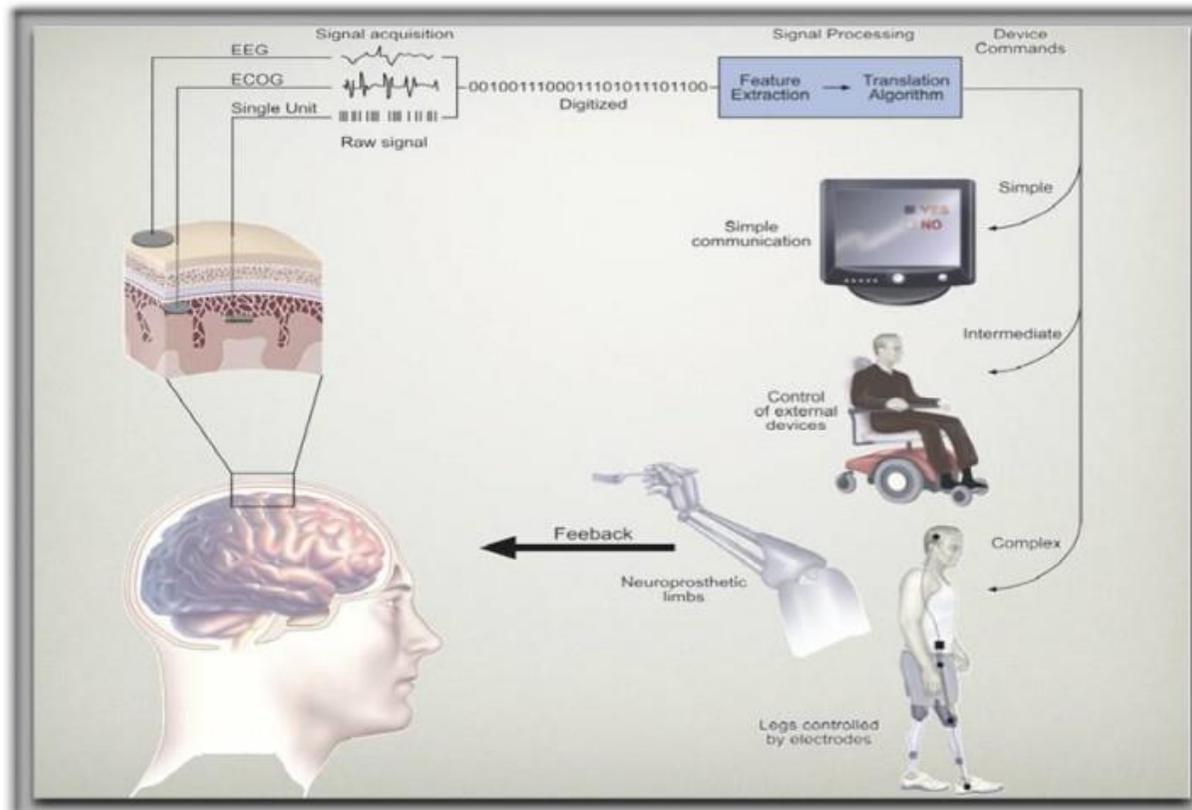
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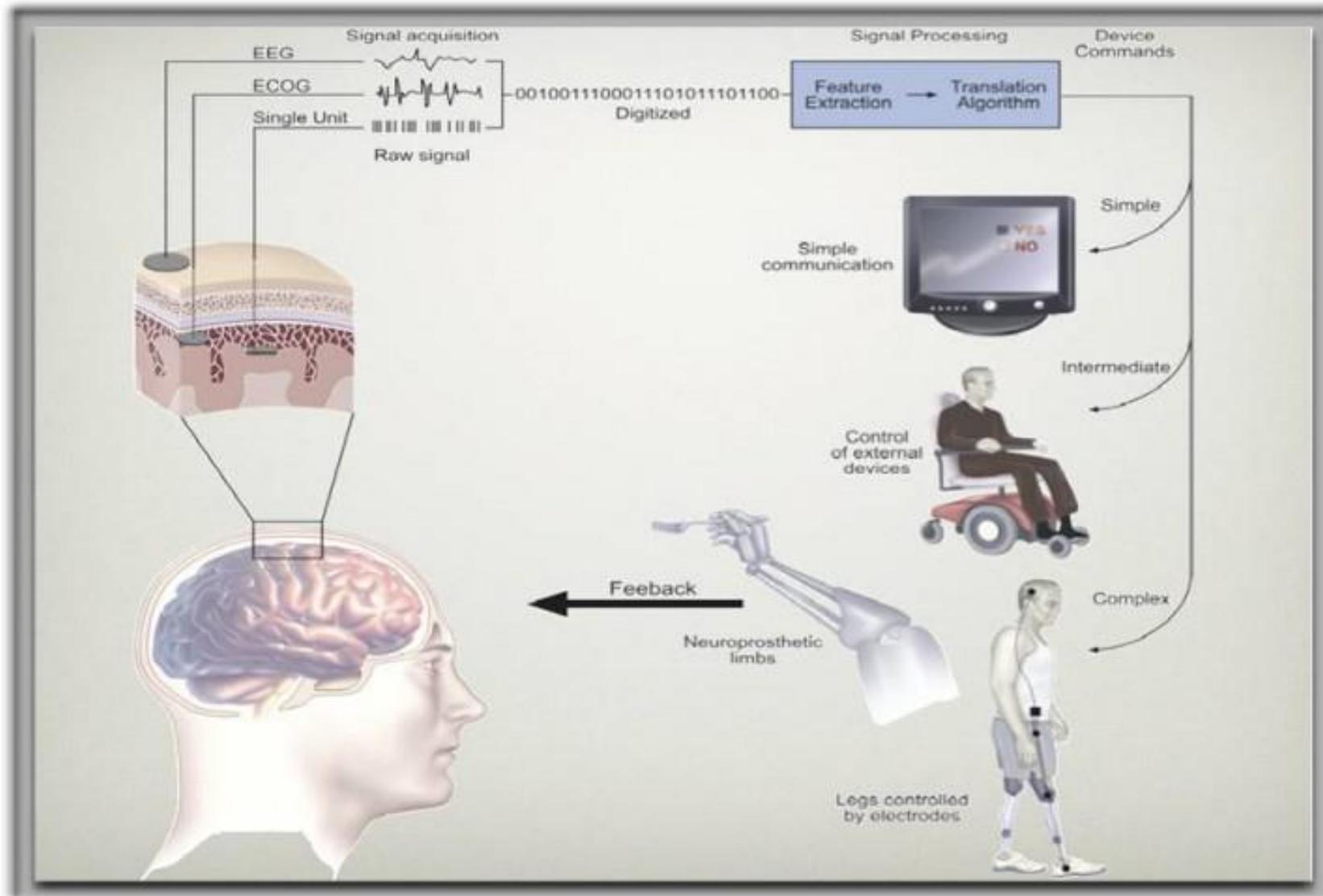
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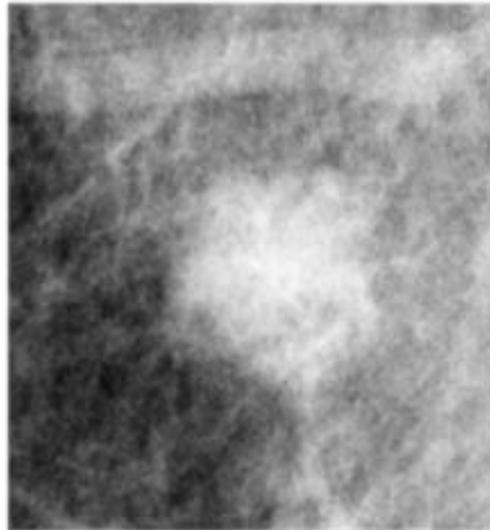


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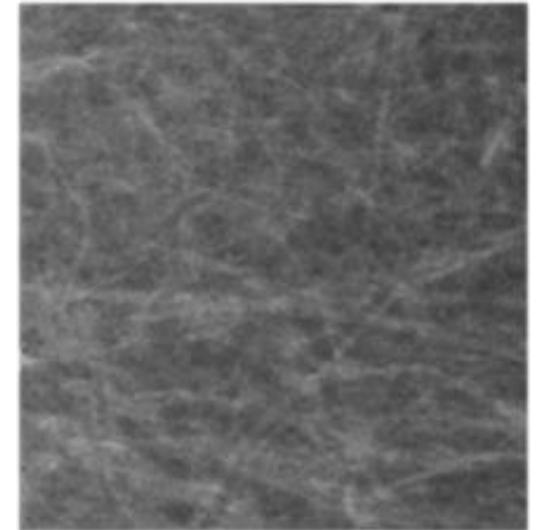
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EEG registration in the process of viewing by an expert of rapidly changing mammographic images



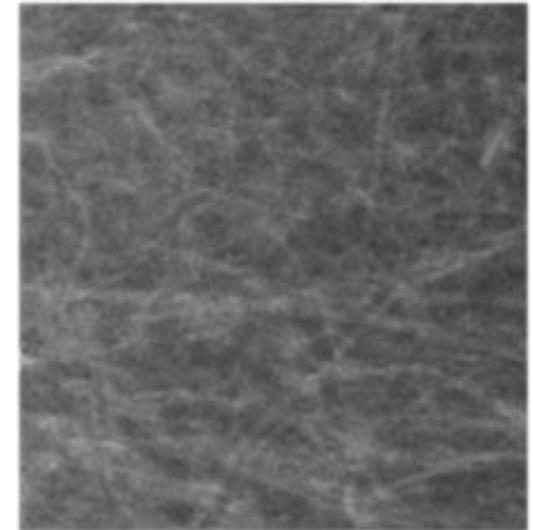
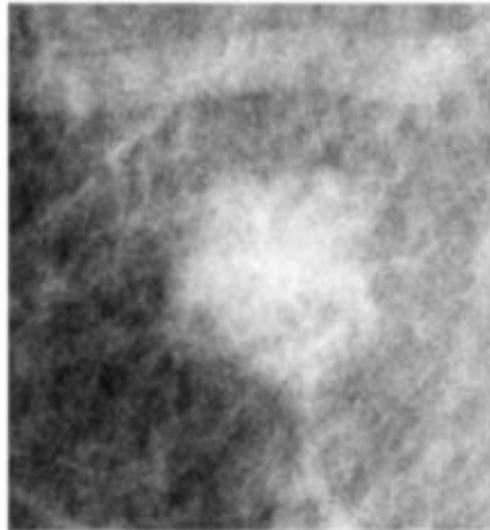
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A non-target image: mammogram without pathologies

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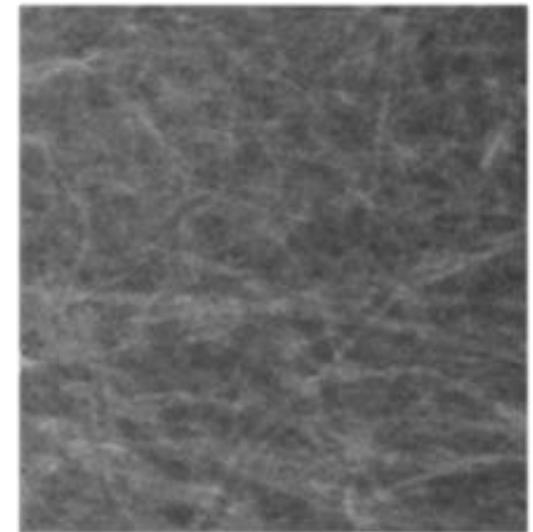
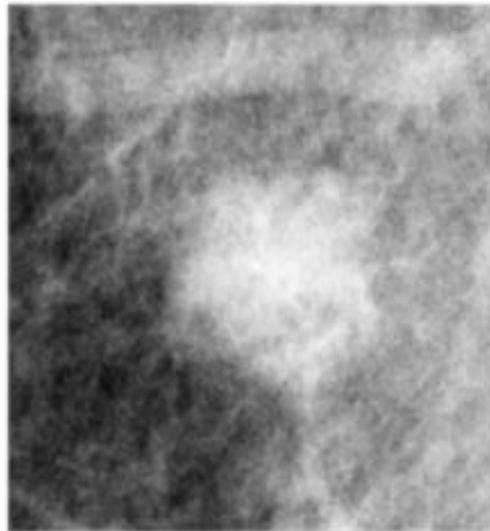
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The aim is to essentially improve productivity of the rare pronounced experts by way of, first, accelerating the screening of mammographic images up to ten pictures per second, and, second, immediately detecting the eventual potentials evoked in the expert's EEG by a target (cancer) image among a crowd of non-target ones, before the expert becomes aware of this fact.

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A series of 11 mammograms is shown to the expert during 1100 ms (1.1 seconds)

Two classes of mammogram series

The target class

The non-target class

The series contains one cancer mammogram

No pathologies in the series

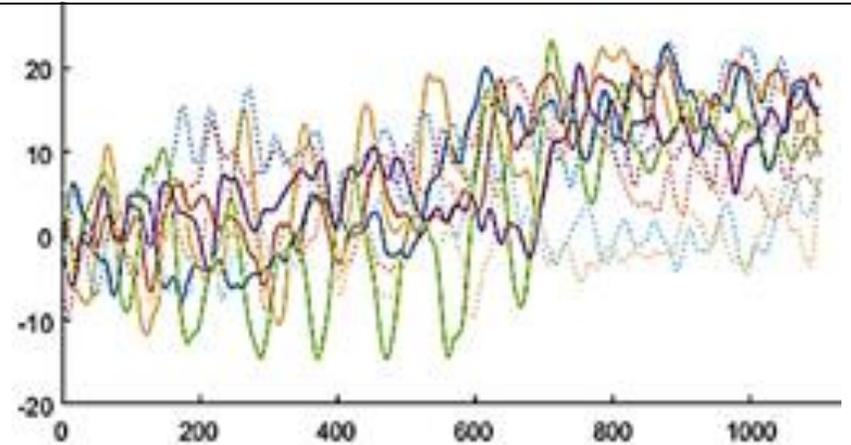
The aim: Finding discriminative features of the 66-channel EEG

# Preprocessing of EEG fragments

Original fragment 1.1 seconds in length, time sampling 1.1 KHz, 1100 time samples

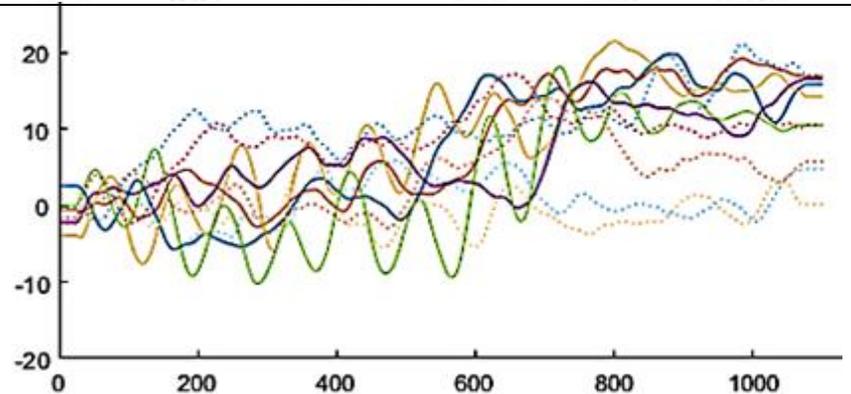
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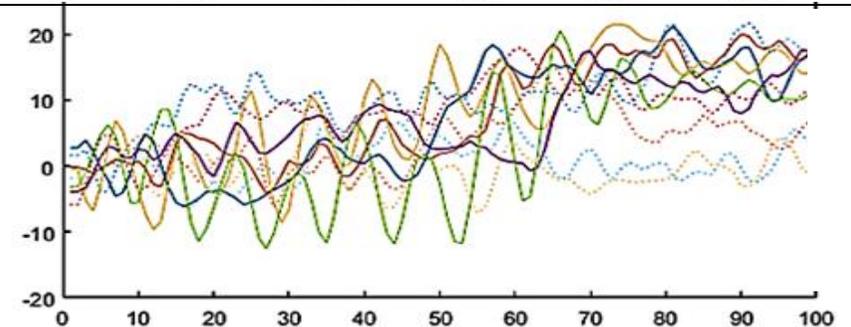
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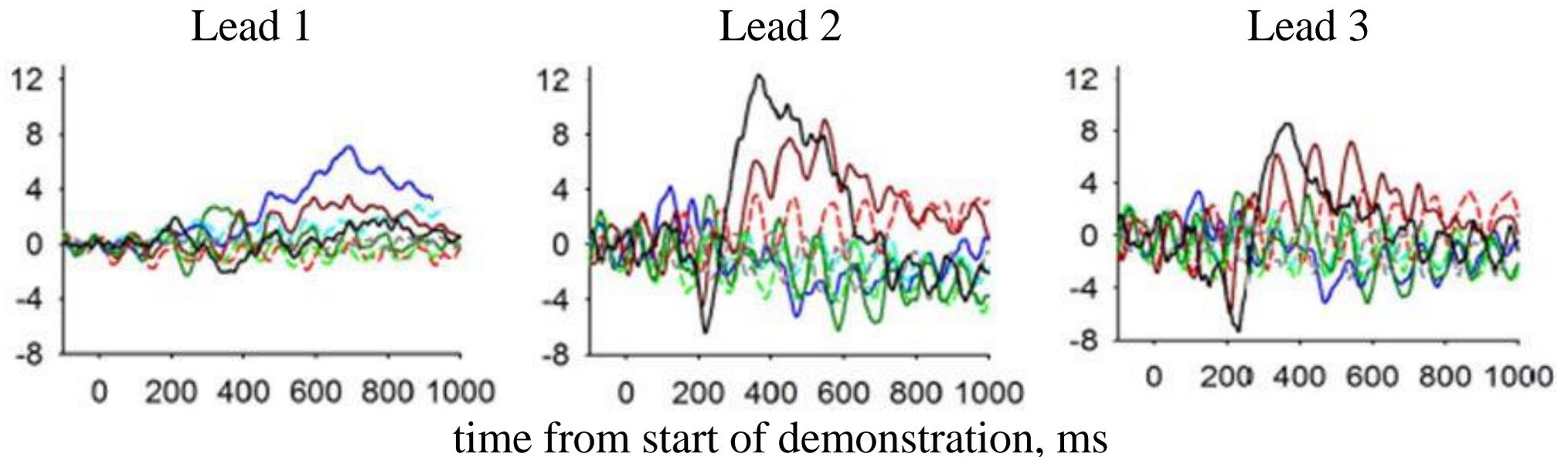
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# Examples of visual distinction between EEG signals induced by watching of pathological and normal mammograms

Averaged signals registered from several experts

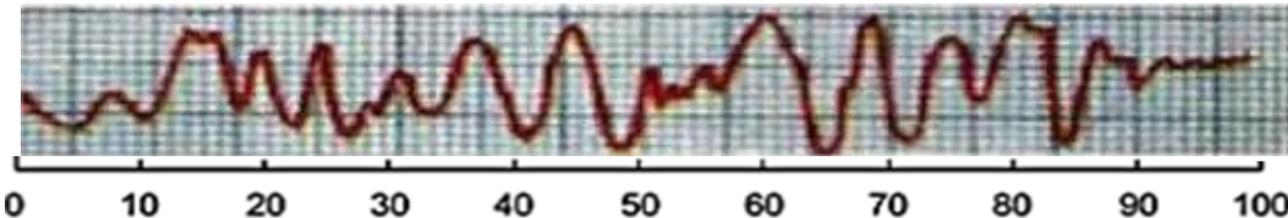


Solid lines      – evoked potentials in EEG induced by cancer mammograms

Dashed lines    – undisturbed EEG from normal mammograms

# The combined feature vector for recognition of image series containing a pathology

Overall number of EEG leads  $k = 1, \dots, K$ ,  $K = 66$   
 each represented by a vector of  $m=100$  sequential samples



$$\mathbf{x}_k = (x_{k,1}, \dots, x_{k,m}) \in \mathbb{R}^m = \mathbb{R}^{100}$$

The entire feature vector  $\mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_K) \in \mathbb{R}^{mK} = \mathbb{R}^{6600}$

**A huge dimension of the feature space!**



## The empirical data set

The training set of EEG fragments	The test set
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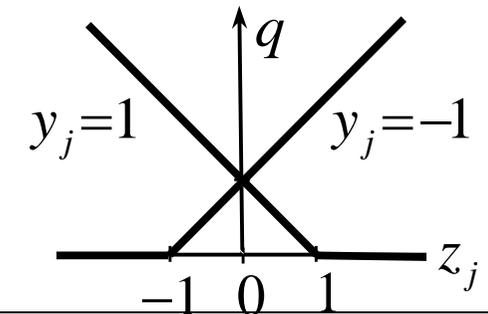
# Specificity of pattern recognition learning in high-dimensional feature space from relatively small training set

## Empirical risk minimization

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N q(y_j, z_j) \rightarrow \min(\mathbf{a}, b), y_j = \pm 1 \\ z_j = \mathbf{a}^T \mathbf{x}_j + b, \mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{R}^n, b \in \mathbb{R} \end{cases}$$

$q(y_j, z_j)$  – link (loss) function

SVM  
pattern recognition  
 $q(y_j, z_j) = \max(0, 1 - y_j z_j)$



In our case,  $n = 6600$ ,  $N = 196$ ,  $n \gg N$ :

**Overfitting and low generalization performance are inevitable!**

**Regularization – a way of enhancing the generalization performance**

Our proposal: Combination of two novel kinds of regularization functions

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To learn how to solve such problems jointly, please attend our talk tomorrow at 4 p.m.

*“Linear complexity algorithms for high dimensional SVM and regression problems with smart sparse regularization”*

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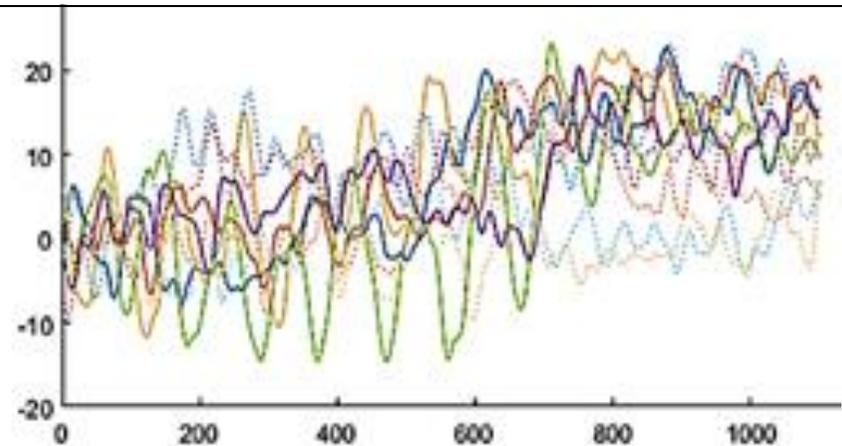
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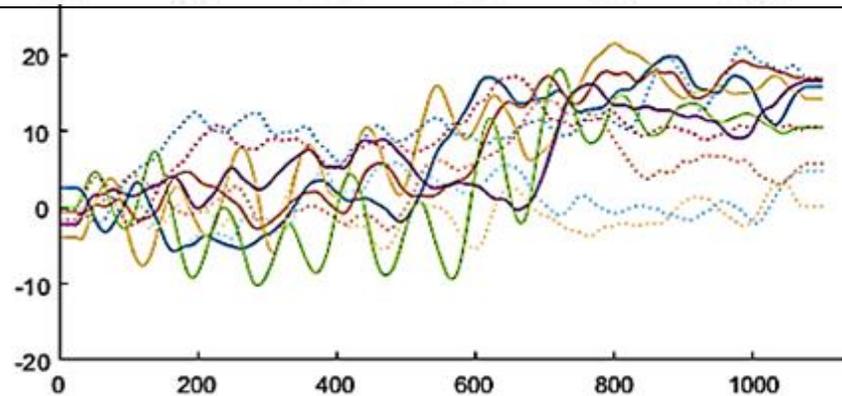
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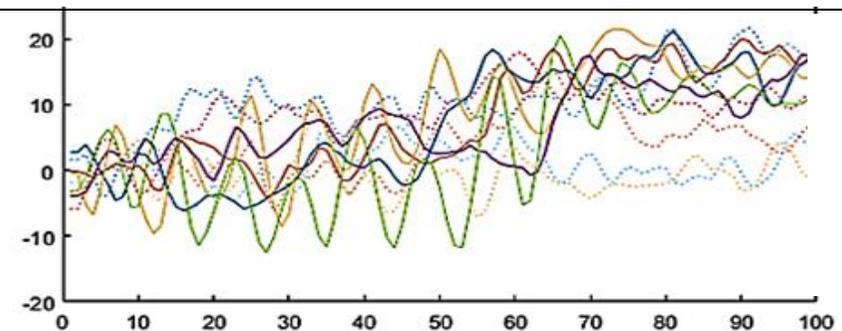
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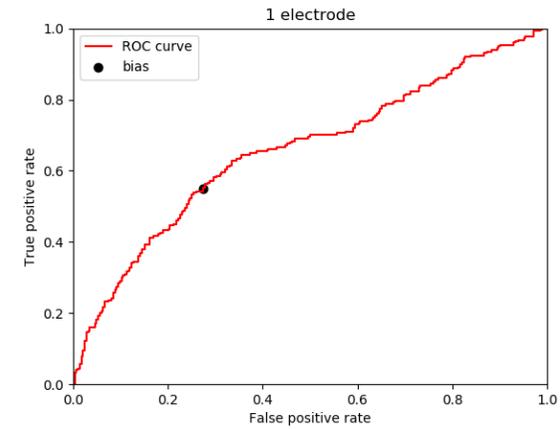
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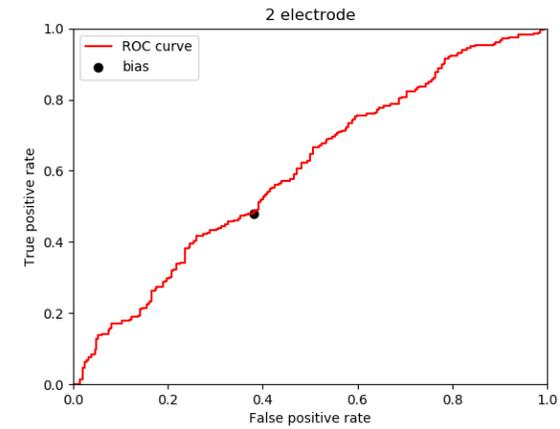
We computed ROC curves (*Receiver Operating Characteristic*) and the respective values of the AUC criterion (*Area Under Curve*) for each of  $2 \times 66$  results of training (non-smoothed, smoothed), and, in addition, for 2 results (non-smoothed, smoothed), obtained from the concatenation  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{6600}$  of all the 66 EEG fragments as a joint signal of length  $n = 6600 = 100 \times 66$ .

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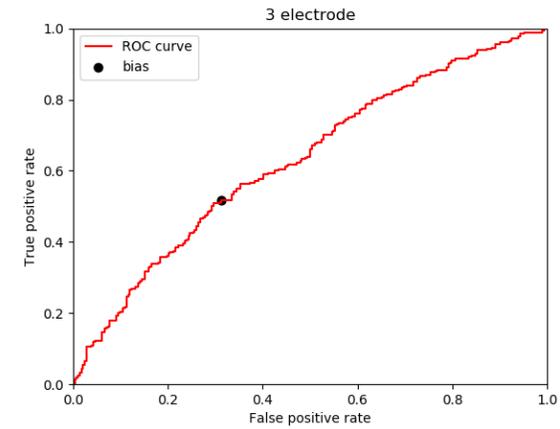
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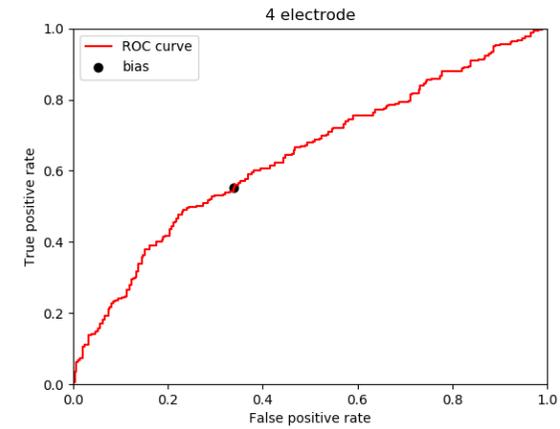
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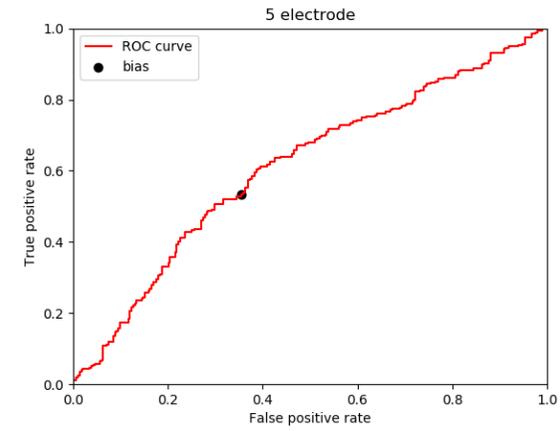
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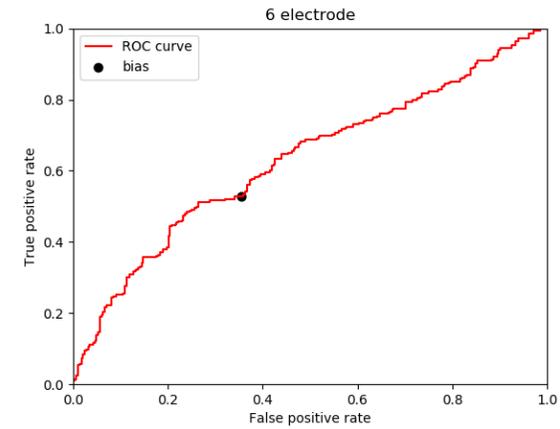
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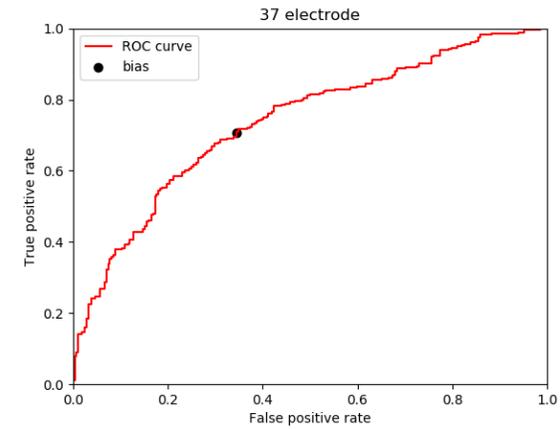
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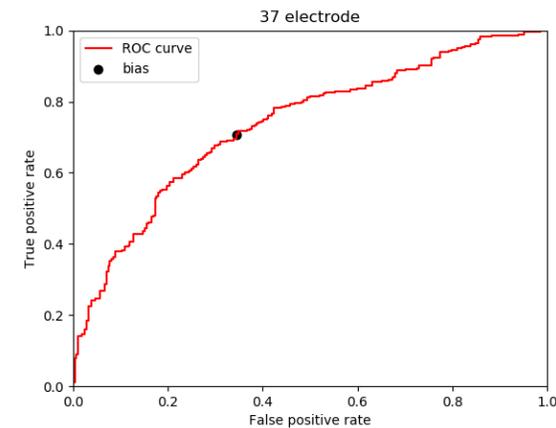
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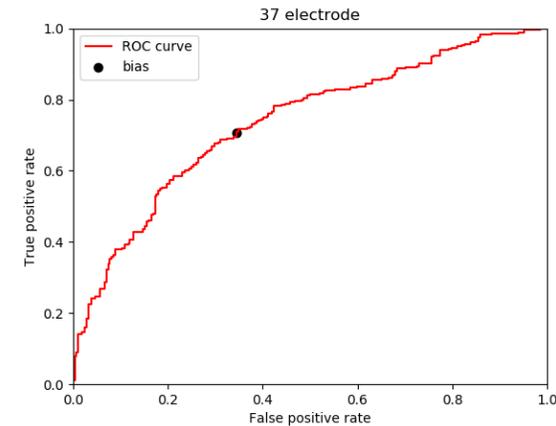
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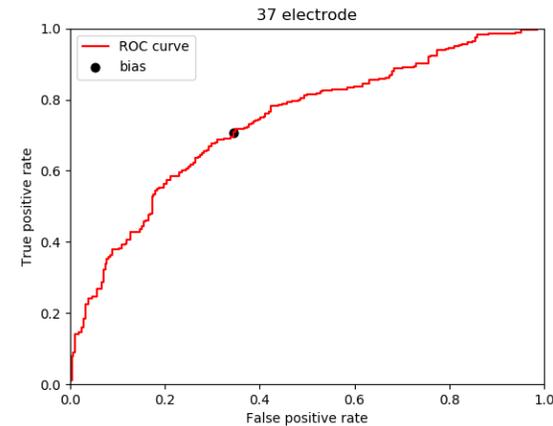


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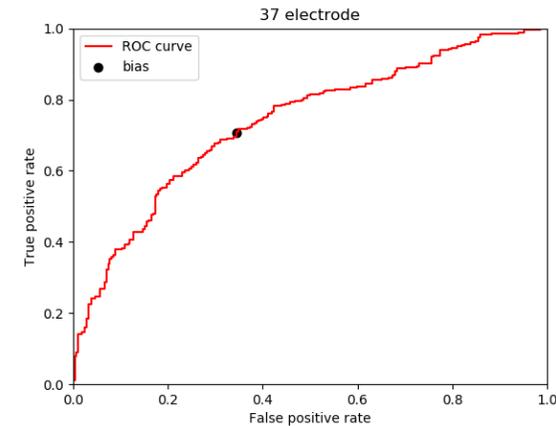


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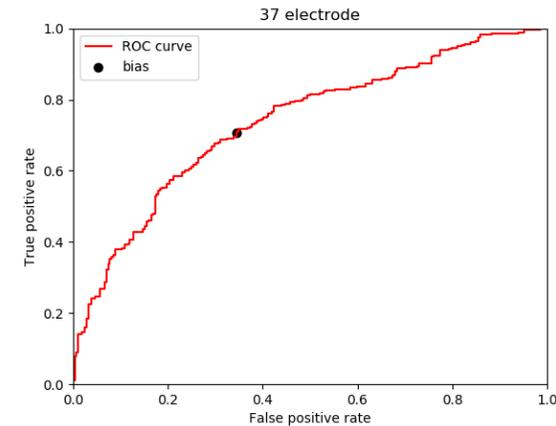


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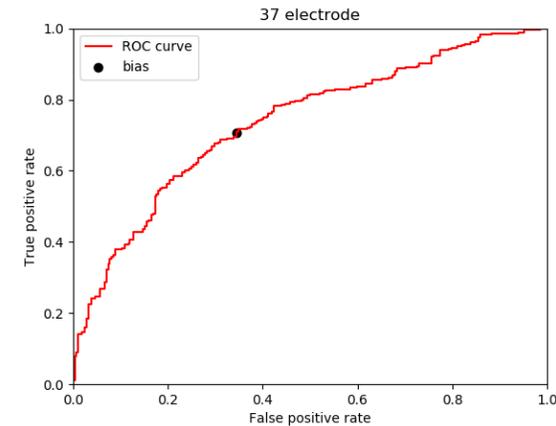
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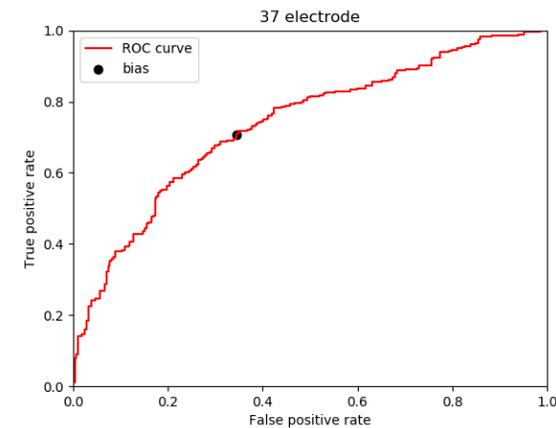
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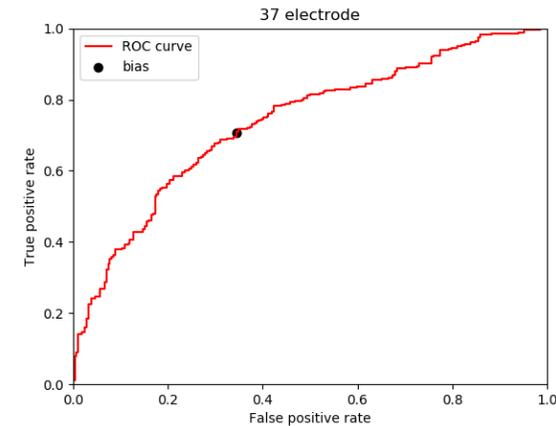
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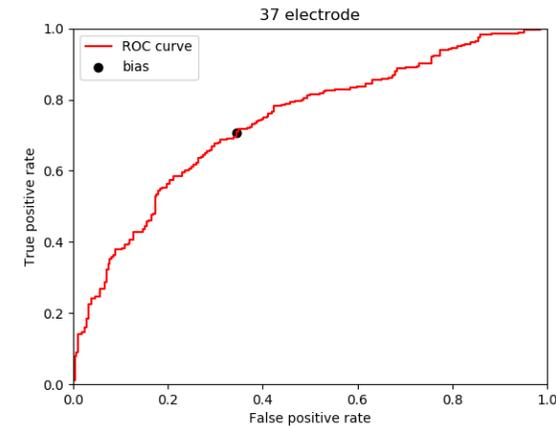
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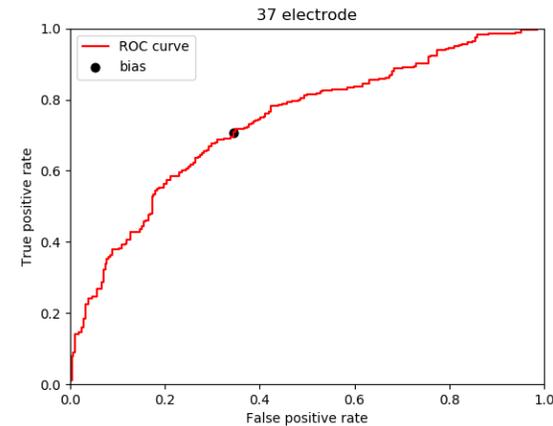
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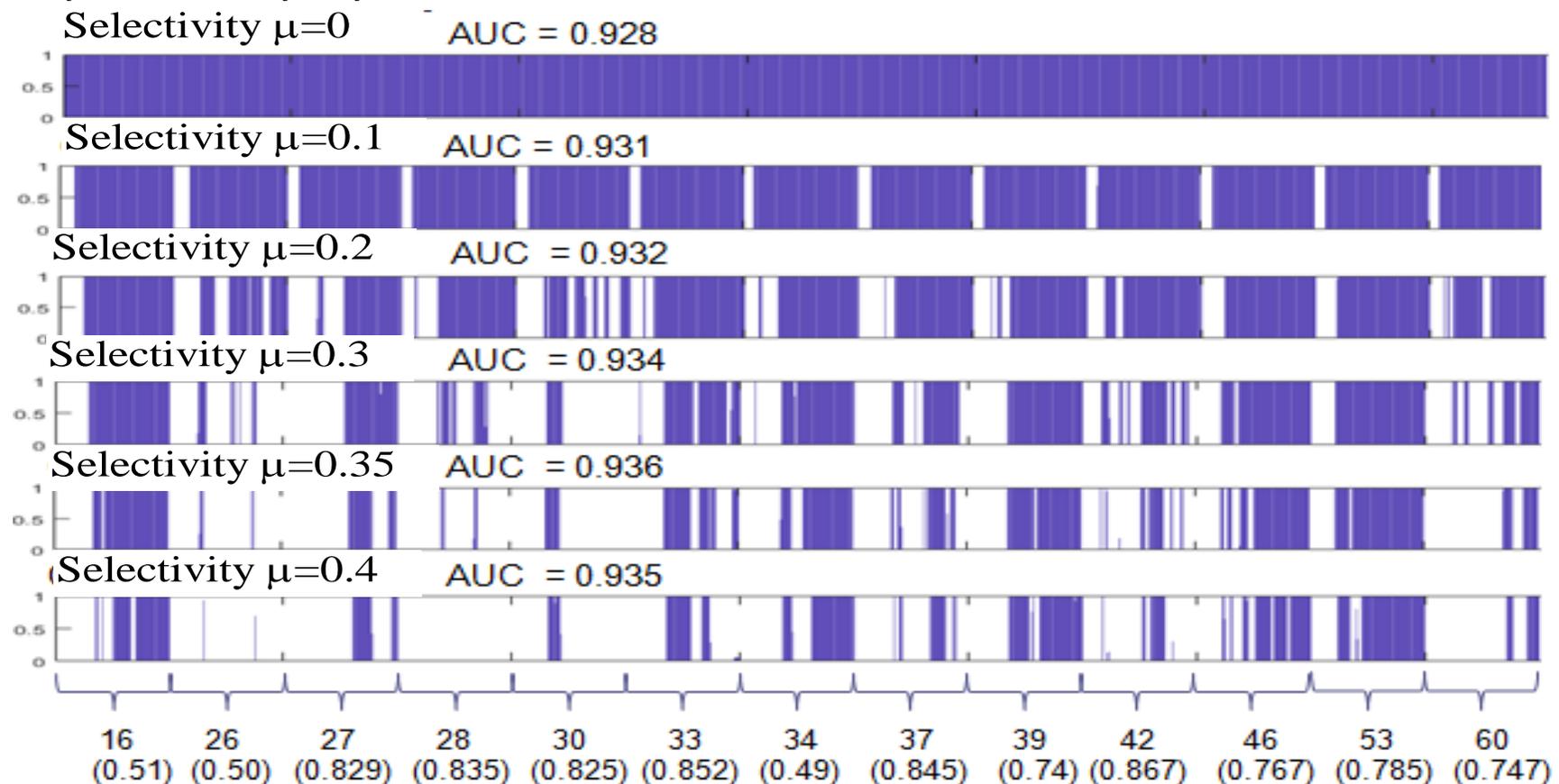
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# Conclusions

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**Questions?**