Median Nerve Stimulation to Detect Awake and Anesthetized States with Riemannian Classifiers

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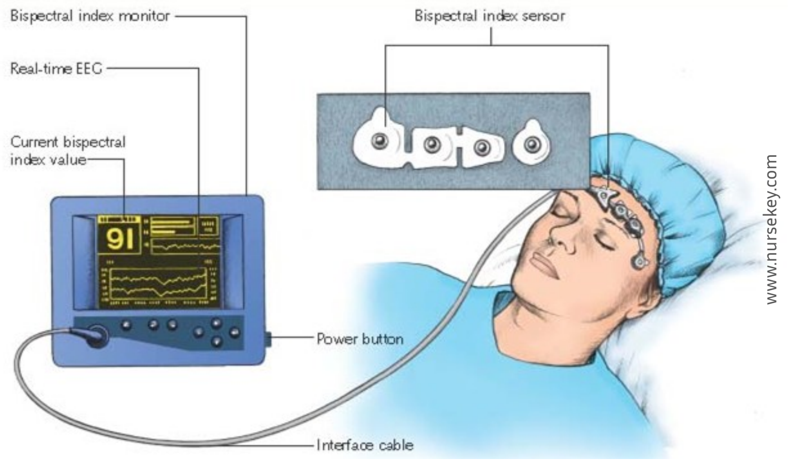
- Traditional clinical signs are unreliable indicators of anesthesia depth [4], which leads to the use of brain activity monitors.
- Awareness still occurs with current monitors [5, 6].



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Long-term objective

Propose a new Brain-Computer Interface (BCI) based on motor imagery to:

- monitor the motor cortex with EEG
- detect movement intentions
- and alert the medical staff [7]

feasible with current BCIs, although the MI vs rest classification remains low [8] for a reliable device to be used in a hospital

[7] Rimbert et al. Front. Neurosci, 2019.
[8] Lotte et al. J Neural Eng, 2018

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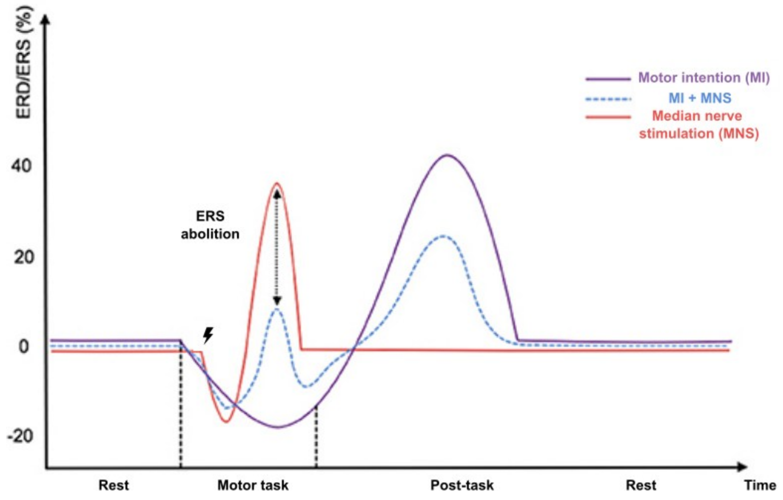

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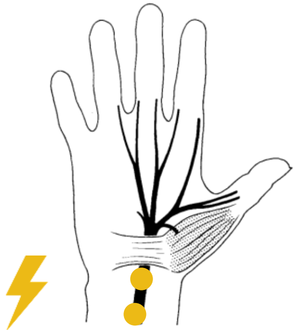

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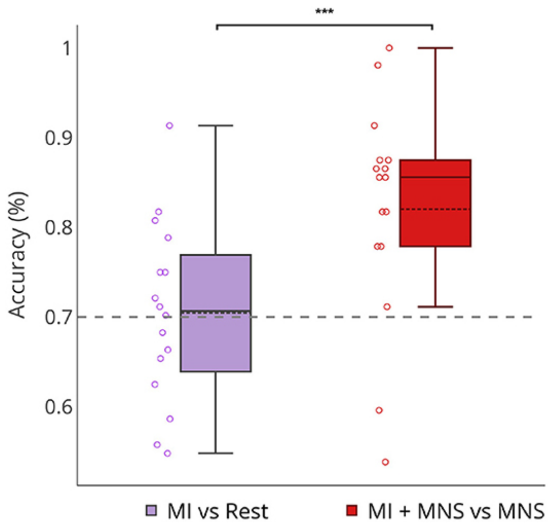

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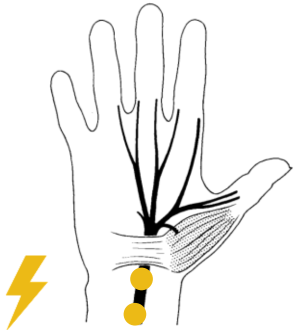

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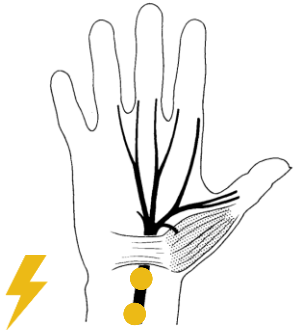

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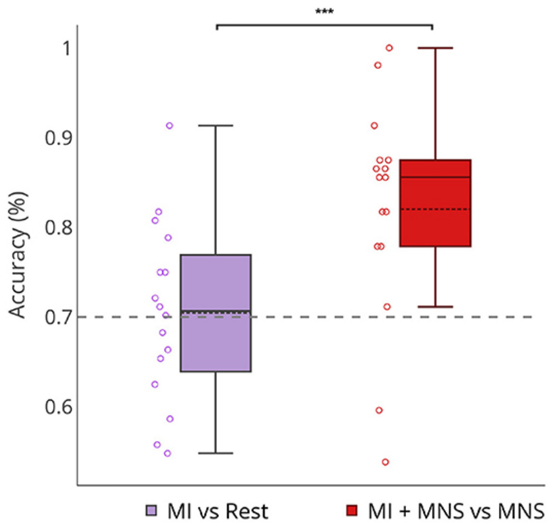

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Problematic

- The MNS pattern is still visible under light sedation [10, 11].
- But are we still able to detect it at deeper concentrations of anesthesia?

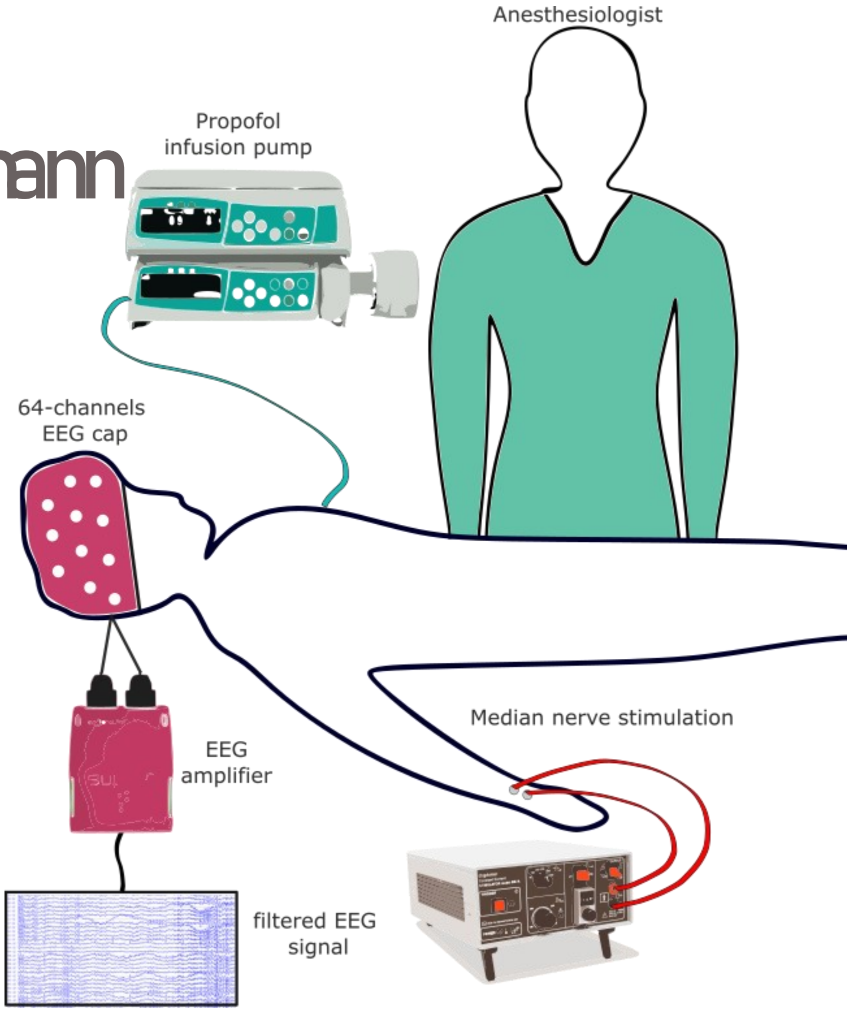
Is it possible to use median nerve stimulation to differentiate states of consciousness under general anesthesia?

[10] Guerci et al, SFAR, 2021.
[11] Rimbert at al, IEEE SMC, 2019.

Clinical protocol at CHU Brugmann

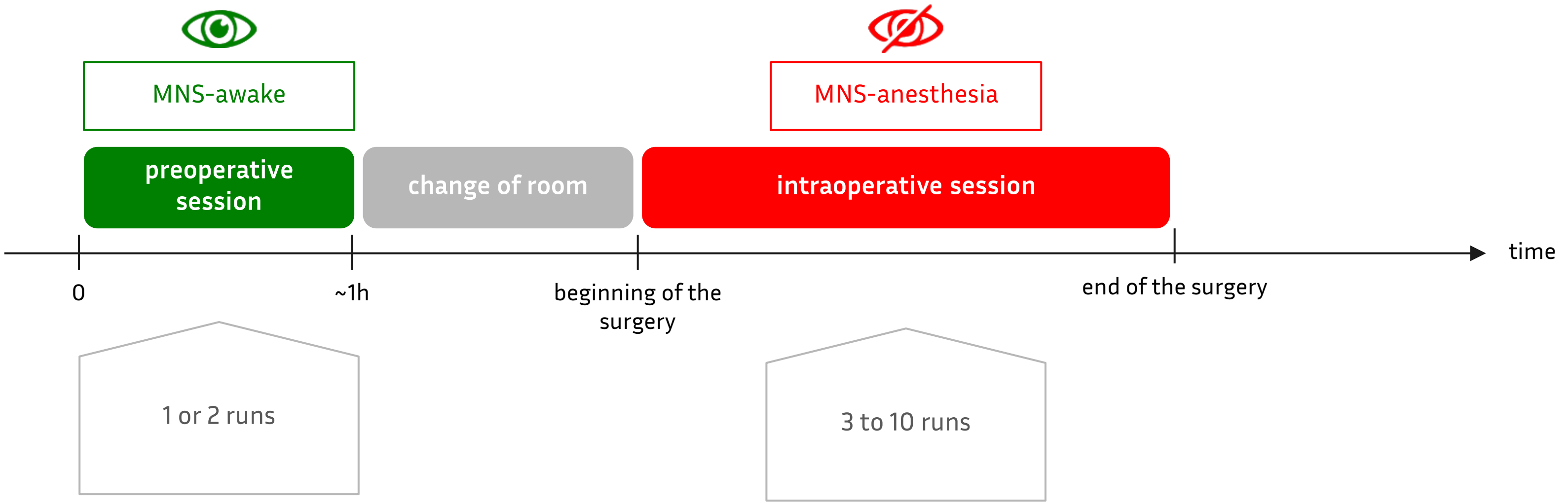
10 volunteers: 6 females; 50 ± 8.62 years old

[12] Rimbert et al. JMIR Res. Protoc, 2023.



Data collection: protocol

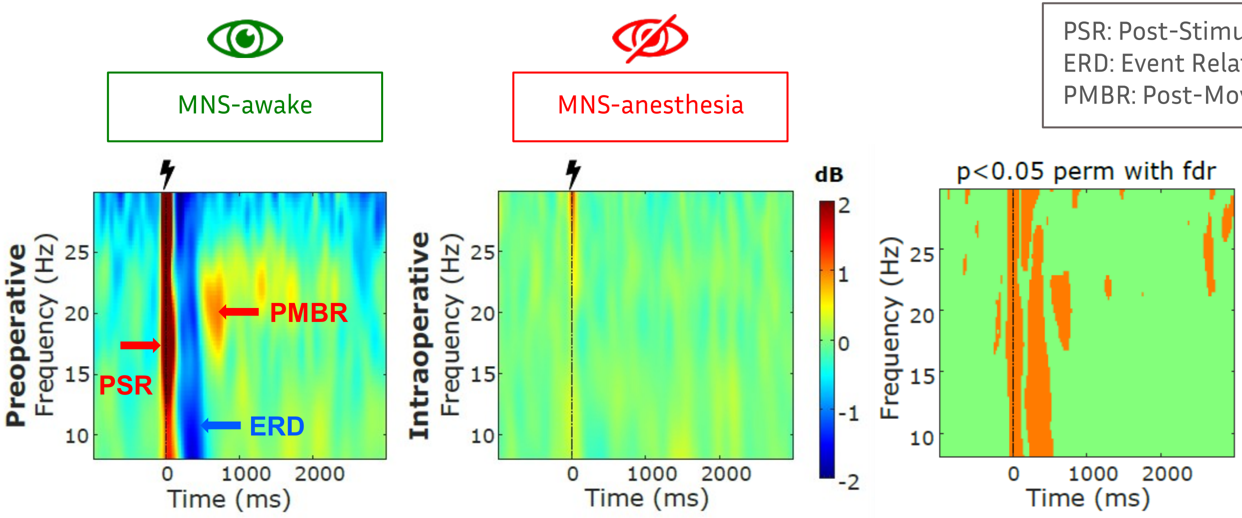
MNS: Median Nerve Stimulation



- 1 run = 150 stimulations spaced by 3 to 4 seconds
- the duration and number of runs depended on the length of the surgery

Impact of GA on the patterns induced by MNS

PSR: Post-Stimulation Rebound
ERD: Event Related Desynchronization
PMBR: Post-Movement Beta Rebound



Grand average time frequency analysis across 8 subjects for electrode C4

MNS sensorimotor modulations [13] are strongly influenced by general anesthesia: PSR, ERD and PMBR disappear

[13] Rimbert et al. 2th IEEE Intern. Winter Conf. on BCI, 2024.

Riemannian Minimum Distance to the Mean (MDM)

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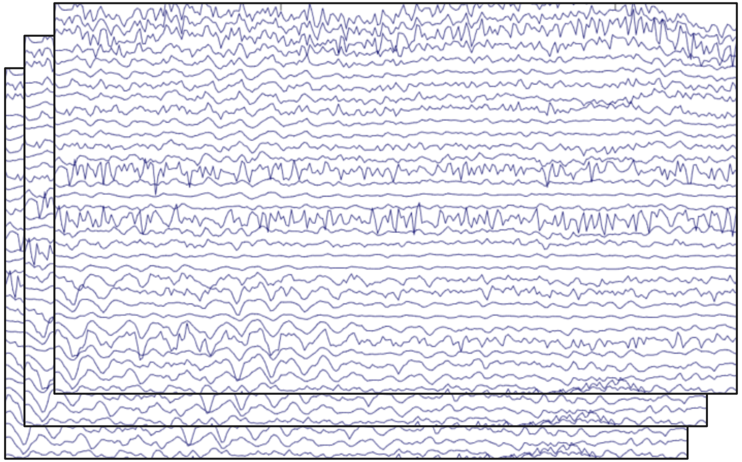

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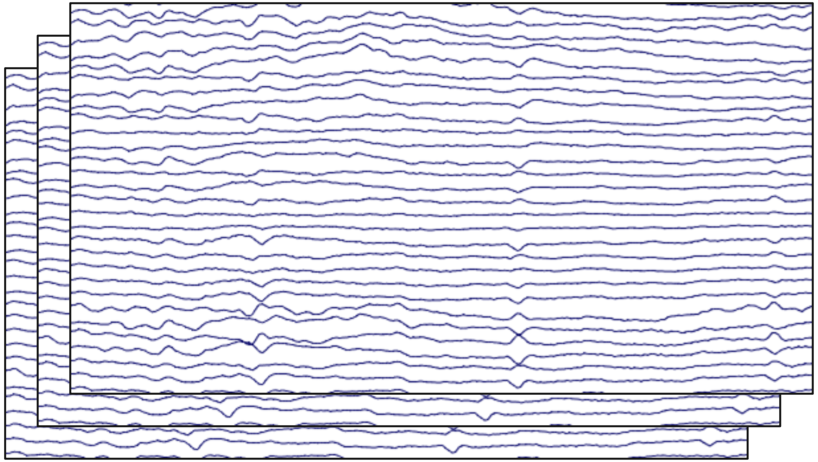

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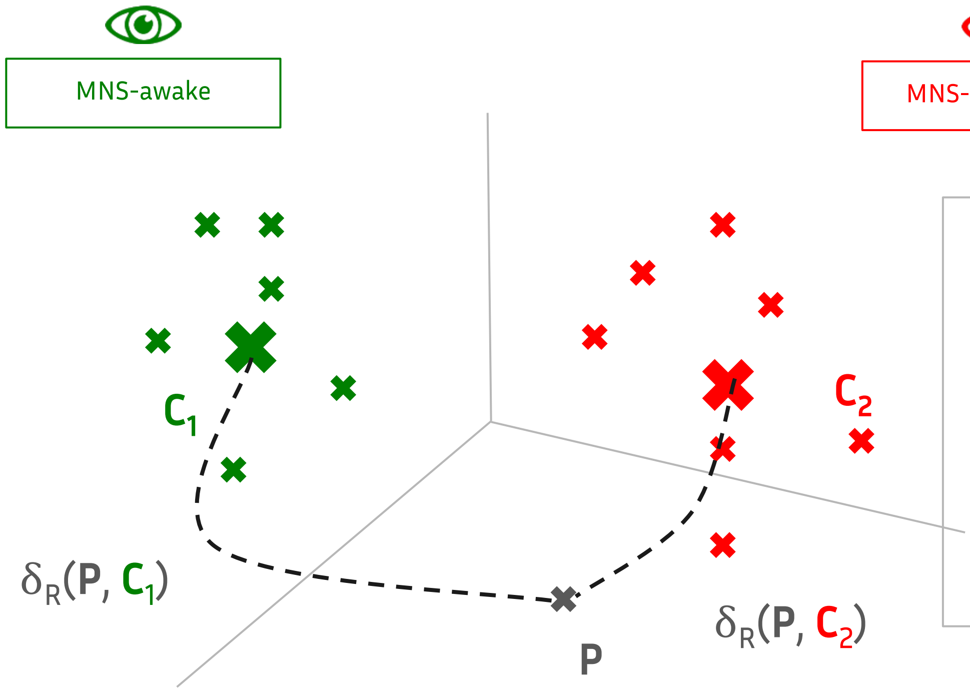

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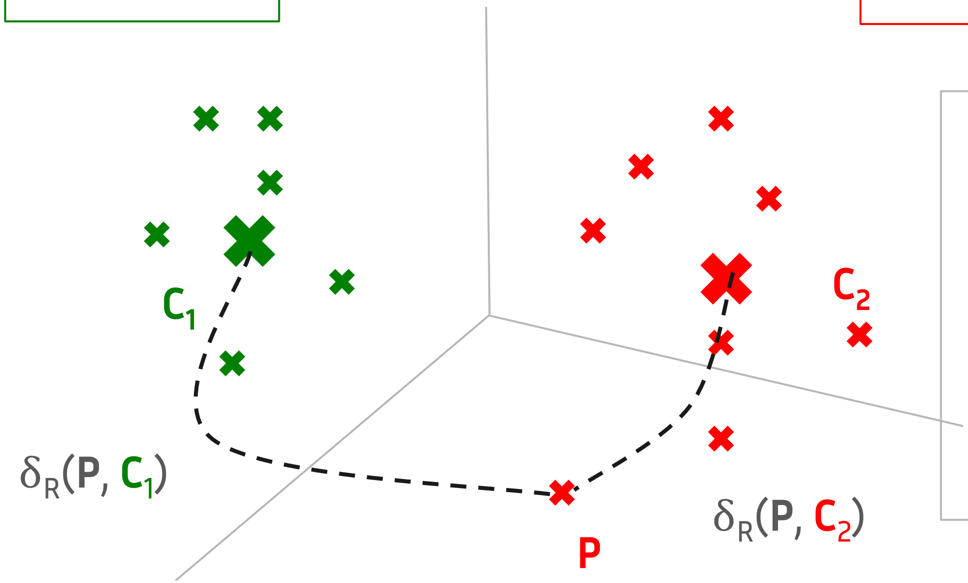

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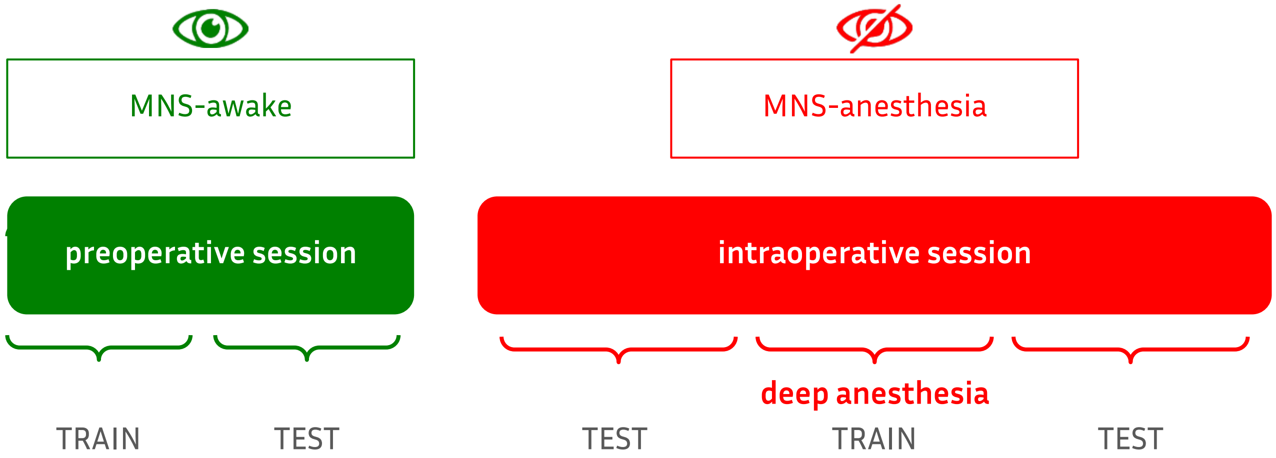

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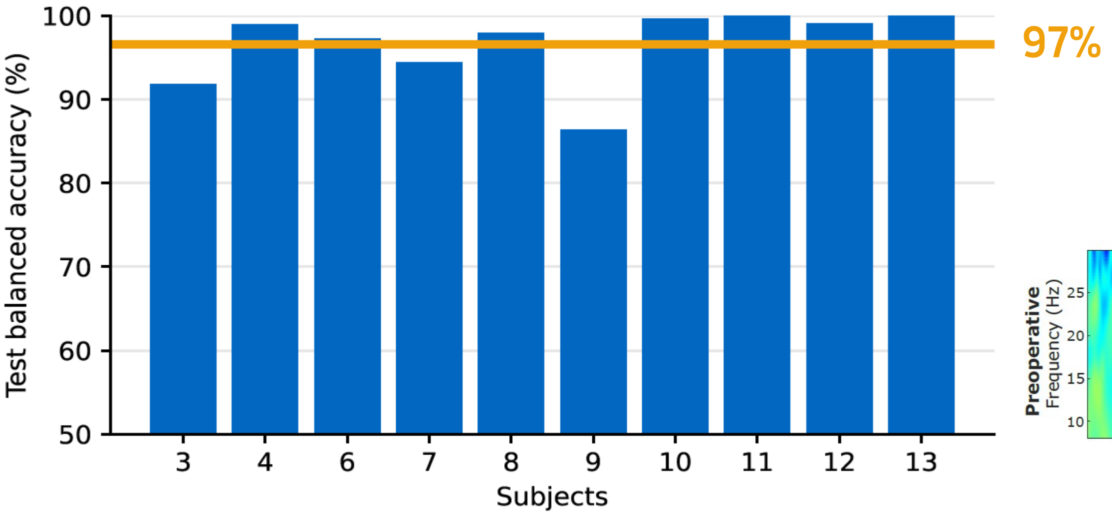
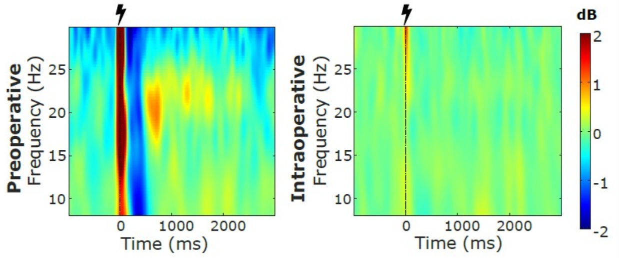
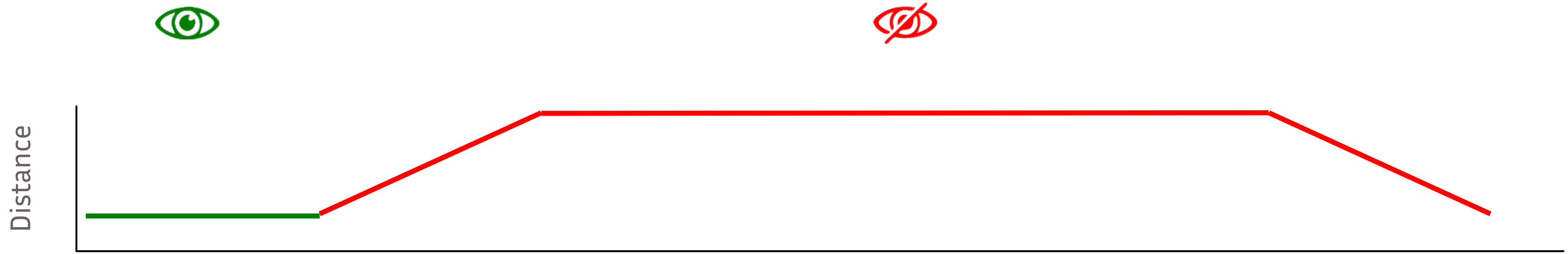


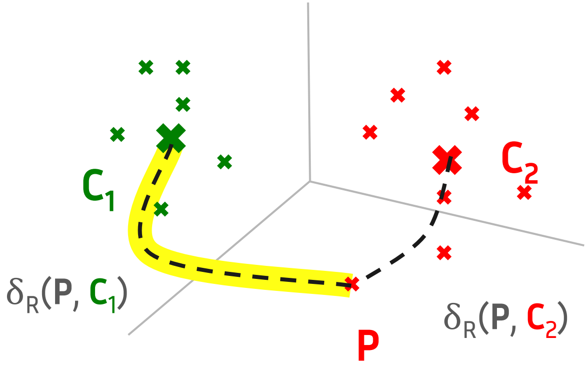


Test set balanced accuracy of the 10 subjects.
The yellow line indicates the average test set balanced accuracy (97%).

Distance between test covariance matrices and the MNS-awake class centroid



Ideal distances of each test trial to the MNS-awake centroid



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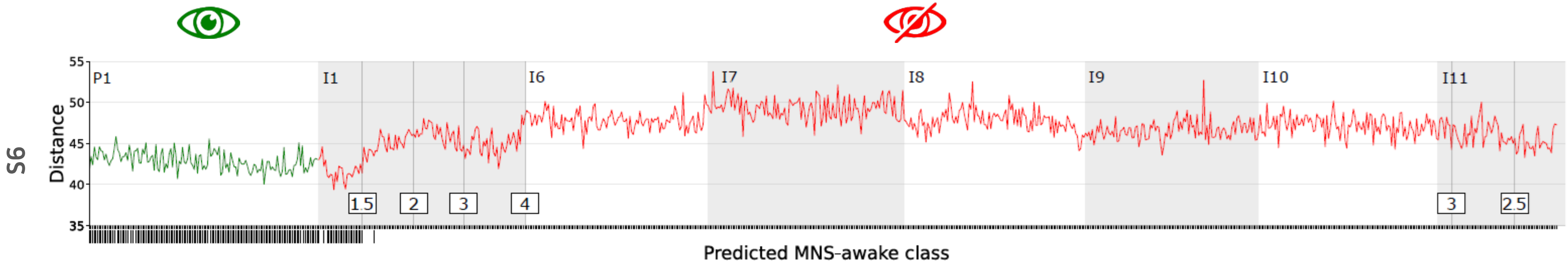

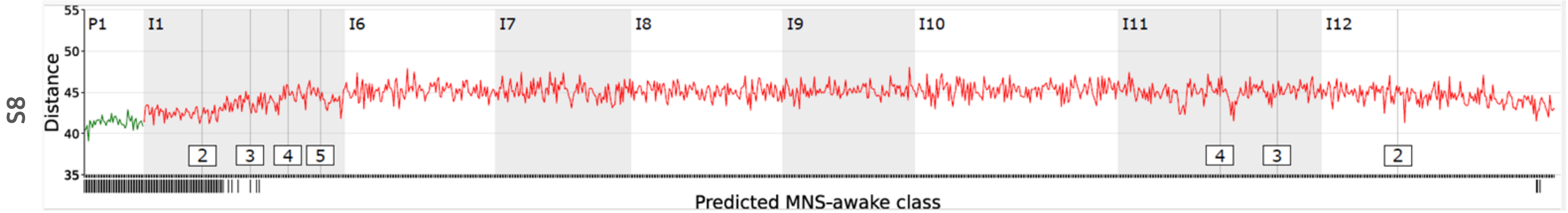

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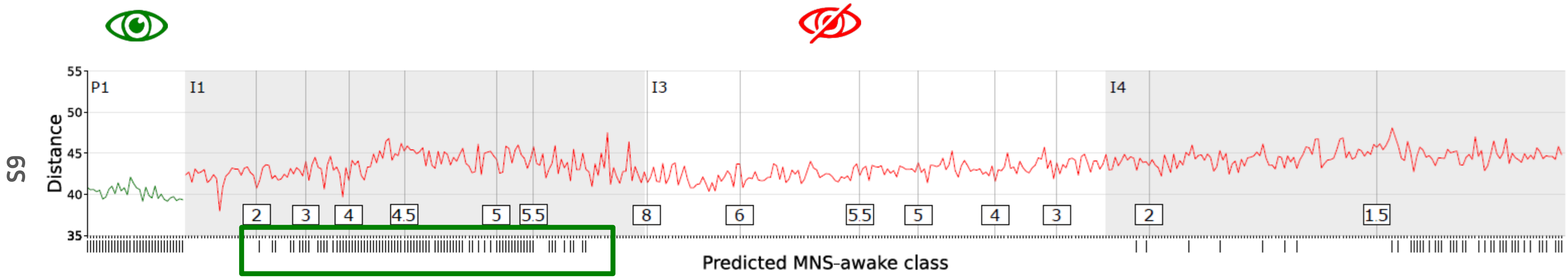


Distances of each test trial to the MNS-awake centroid, for subject 9

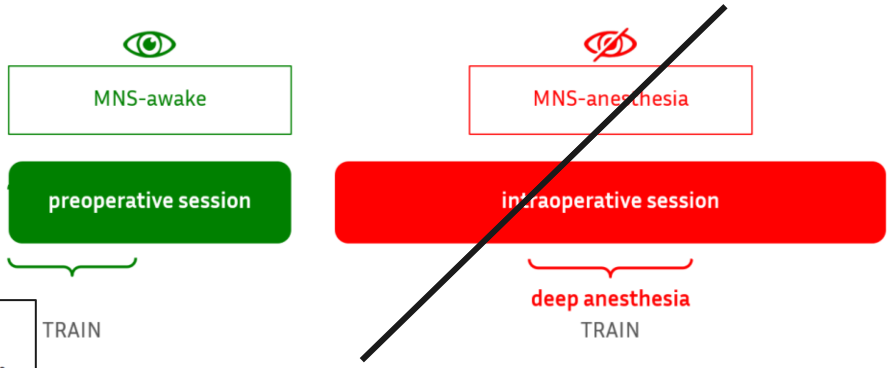
- External elements polluted the signal (repositioning electrodes, the operating table, intubation...)
- Age of 75 vs average of 50 years old [14]
- Fewer training trials (although no correlation between the number of trials and accuracies)

[16] Purdon et al. Br. J. Anaesth, 2015

Detect Awake and Anesthetized states following the Median Nerve Stimulation pattern with a Riemannian MDM classifier ?

- Correctly identifies the periods when the patient is awake
- **Covariance matrices associated to the MNS pattern seem to evolve consistently with the patient's level of awareness.**

- In a real-world application, deep anesthesia trials will not be available to calibrate the BCI. Thus, a one class approach will be required.



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One-Class Riemannian EEG Classifier to Detect Anesthesia

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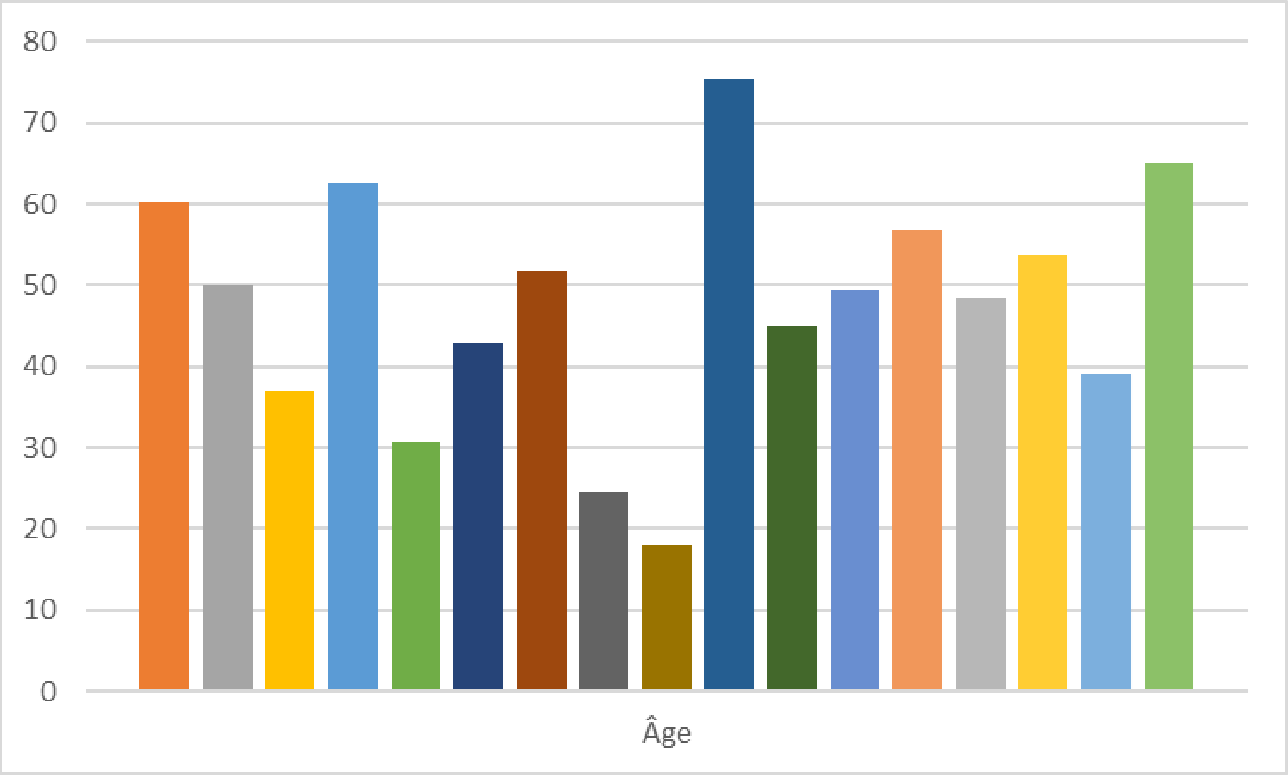


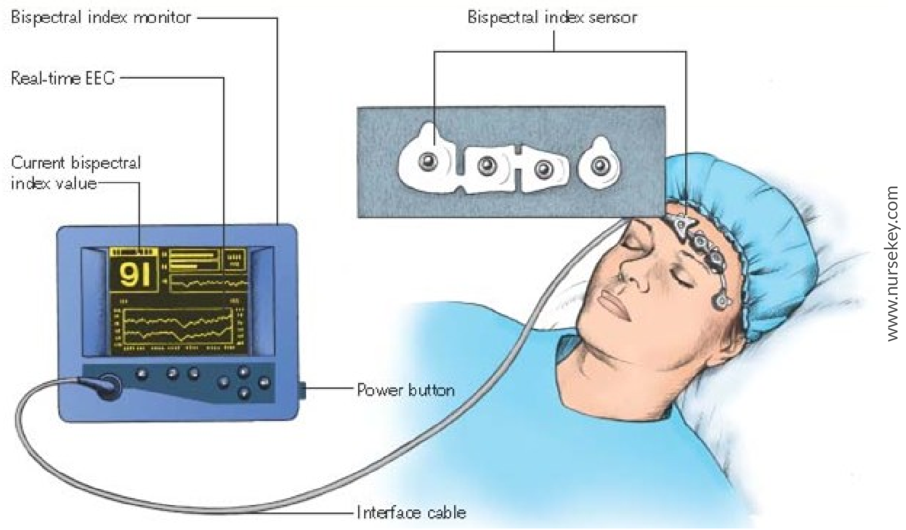
Interventions

Fistule anale	40 min
Cholecystectomie	40 min
Annexectomie coelio Gauche	1h15
Sphinteroplastie anale	1h20
Coelioscopie pour endométriose	2h10
TURP	1h40
Hemmoroides	40 min
Fermeture d'Ileostomie	1h30
Changement de plaque orthopédique	2h20

Monitors to prevent AAGA

Narcotrend monitor

SedLine monitor



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Future analysis

- Other EEG features (entropy, functional connectivity, somatosensory evoked potentials) will be investigated
- Identification of the specific frequency band and most relevant electrodes to detect changes in the MNS pattern when a patient is anesthetized
- Validation: a protocol will be carefully conceived to try to simulate an AAGA and observe if the BCI will indeed be able to detect it.

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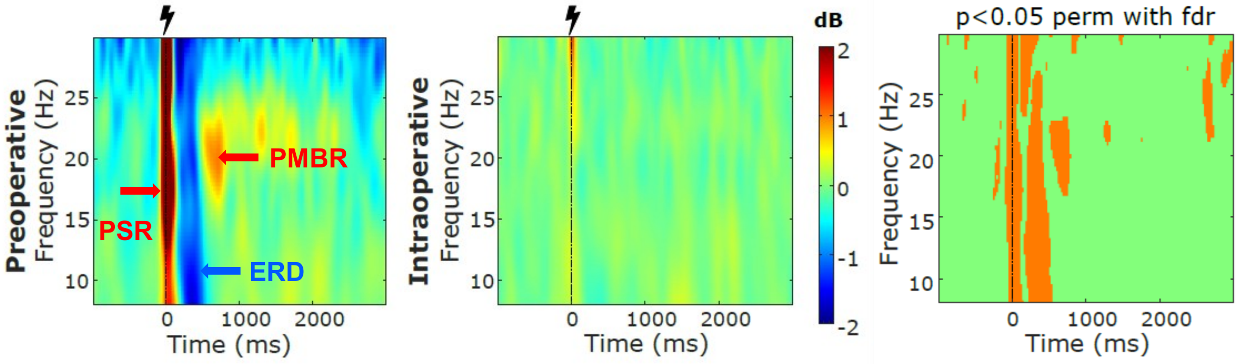

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- Electrical artifact is also modified: other possible factors are changes in skin conductance, environment, patient's arm position between the two sessions

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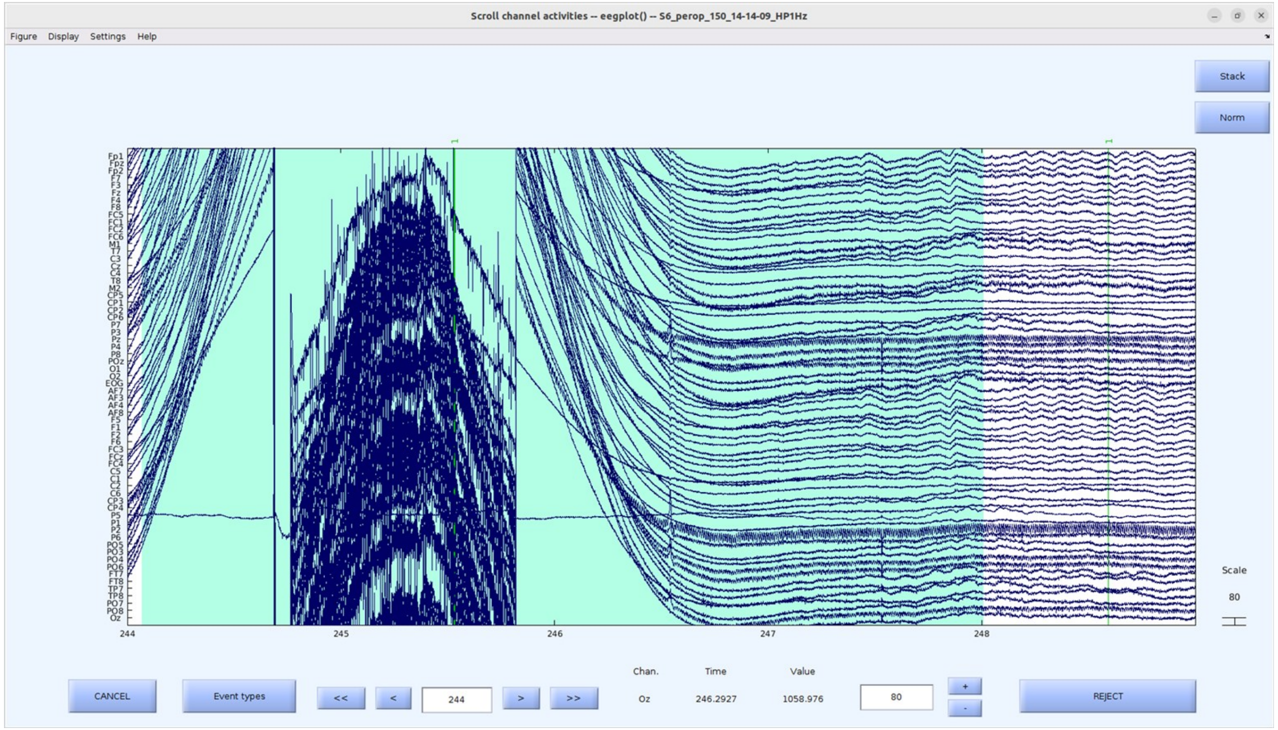
- Classifier: Riemannian Minimum Distance to the Mean
- 64 electrodes
- Preprocessing :
  - downsampling 128 Hz
  - 8-30 Hz band pass filter
  - epochs : 250 to 1000 ms

Electrocautery-related EEG artifacts



ANR BCI4IA: protocols

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MOTANA:

- CHRU de Nancy
- 0, 0.5 and 1 µg/ml propofol
- healthy volunteers

STIM-MOTANA:

- CHU de Brugmann
- before and during surgery under GA

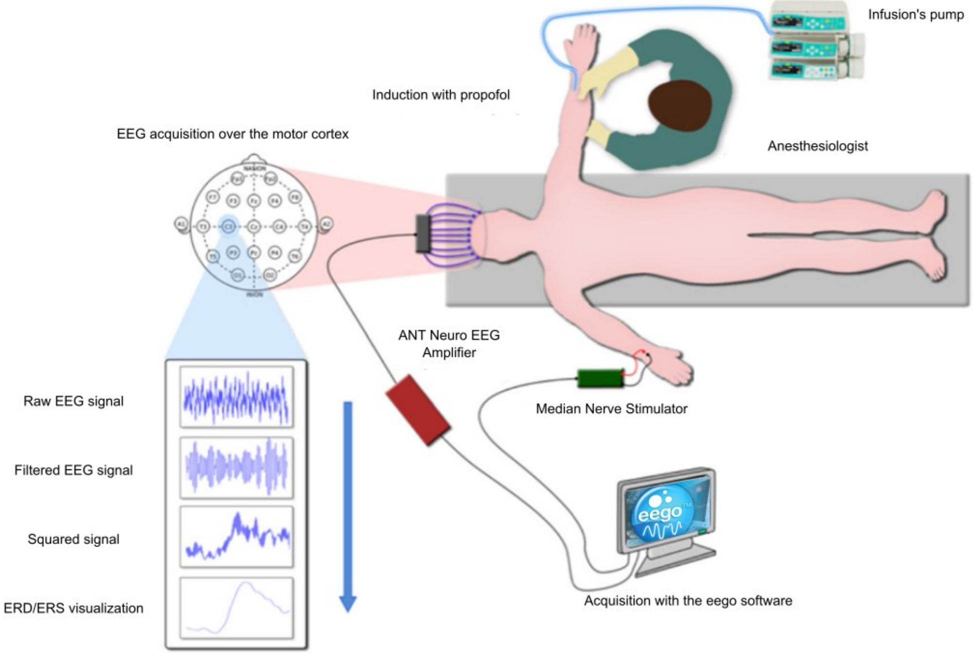

Diagram of the experiment (adapted from S. Rimbert et al., Trials, 2019)

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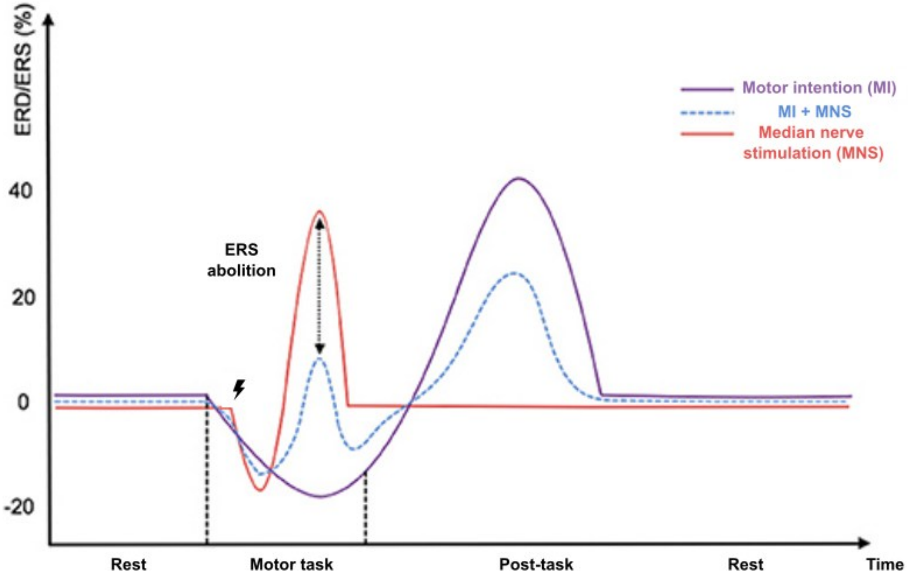

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Riemannian Minimum Distance to the Mean (MDM)

- Each EEG trial **X** is represented by a covariance matrix $\mathbf{P} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, with n the number of electrodes
- Estimation of the centroids $\mathbf{P}_{\text{MNS-awake}}$ and $\mathbf{P}_{\text{MNS-anesthesia}}$, the mean covariance matrices of each class
- The class $\hat{k}$ of an unseen EEG covariance matrix $\mathbf{P}_x$ is determined based on the nearest centroid's class:

$$\hat{k} = \text{argmin}_i(\delta_R(\mathbf{P}_x, \mathbf{P}_i))$$

with δ_R the distance between two matrices

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States of consciousness under general anesthesia

awake	anesthetized	
conscious	conscious	unconscious