# Time－frequency analyses and MCCA on Naturalistic Stimuli in EEG and MEG experiments 

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## Learning Goal

Present stories, music, or movies to participants while recording their brain signals using EEG or MEG

Extract meaningful signals related to the stimuli
Conduct a time-frequency decomposition
Quickly clean signals and prepare for high-level analyses

Segmenting and Predicting Musical
Phrase Structure Exploits Neural
Gain Modulation and Phase
Precession
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## Sounds, speech, and music

Speech



Music


## From sounds to meanings

Continuous and linear


Discrete and hierarchical

The train is arriving. Please let passengers exit first.

## Multi-timescale information in linear sequences



The train is arriving. Please let passengers exit first.

The train is arriving.

Train, arrive, passengers, exit
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## Multi-timescale information in linear sequences

Timescale


## The world is dynamic and hierarchical



Stephanie et al., 2019


Zacks et al., 2007
Baldassano et al., 2017

# Naturalistic stimuli are continuous and are composed of discrete units across many timescales 

How do you extract neural responses to units at each timescale?


## MEG and EEG



- Measure the electric potential (EEG) magnetic field (MEG) generated by neural currents
- Reasonable spatial resolution
- Real-time measures of brain activity
- Frequency-specific measures of association (connectivity)




## Event-related paradigm




## Event-related paradigm



## Evoked/Induced Power Inter-trial phase coherence



We don't hear a sentence many times.
We don't watch a video many times.
We don't listen to music many times.

## In MEG/EEG experiments with naturalistic stimuli

1. Present a natural stimulus once
2. Record MEG/EEG signals
3. Derive meaningful neural signatures
4. Answer our scientific questions

## The world is dynamic and hierarchical



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## Multi-timescale information in linear sequences

Timescale


## Listen to naturalistic music




Knösche et al., 2005; Neuhaus et al., 2006; Koelsch et al., 2013;
Silva et al., 2014; Koelsch et al., 2019

## Music material: Bach chorale



[^0]Timescale



Phase precession


Teng, Ma, et al., 2020, Current Biology


Teng et al., 2021a, bioRxiv

## Each music piece is only presented once

## EEG recording









EEG channels
Component 1

Spatial projection





Alain de Cheveigné et al., 2019.

## The $1^{\text {st }}$ PCA extracts shared components across EEG channels

The $2^{\text {nd }}$ PCA is applied on the PCA components from all the participants.

The $2^{\text {nd }}$ PCA should extracts shared components across all the participants.

What is shared among all the participants?

## Each music piece is only presented once

## EEG recording



Every participant is listening to the same stimulus.

The 2nd PCA extracts the neural responses shared among participants - music-related components.

## Multiway canonical correlation analysis of brain data

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, Jens Hjortkjær d, e, Søren Fuglsang ', Lucas C. Parra }\mp@subsup{}{}{\mathrm{ f}
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Teng et al., 2020b

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## Replication: neural tracking of note and beat

##  <br> Frequency (Hz)

## Replication: neural tracking of note and beat



Music training v.s. Neural tracking



## Where is the musical phrase?

EEG power (Original: An wasserfluessen Babylon)
66 bpm , beat rate: 1.1001 Hz


## Musical phrasal segmentation below 0.2 Hz



A 'double FFT' (Modulation Spectrum)
Teng et al., 2019


Timescale





Music


## EEG pipeline for naturalistic stimuli




## Thank you


[^0]:    1 Ach Gott vom Himmel, sieh' da rein 2 Ach Gott wie manches Herzeleid 3 An wasserfluessen Babylon 4 Erhalt uns, Herr, bei deinem Wort 5 Ermuntre dich, mein schwacher Geist 6 Es ist das Heil uns kommen her 7 Es spricht der Unweisen Mund wohl 8 Ich danke dir, o Gott, in deinem Throne 9 O Ewigkeit, du Donnerwort

