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# Introduction to Matlab

## Intro

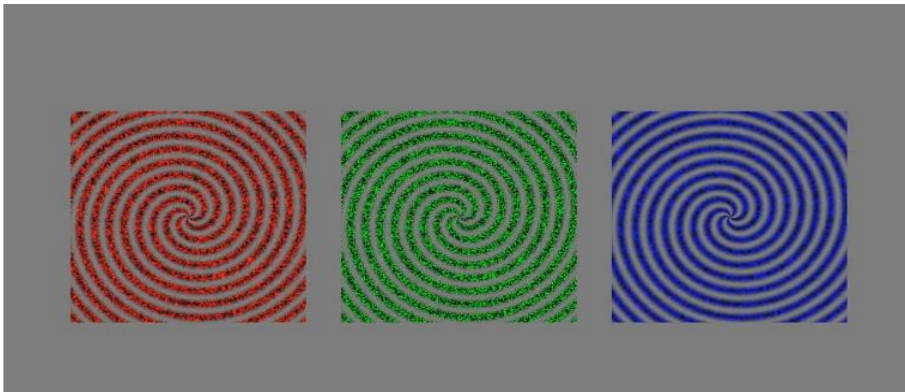
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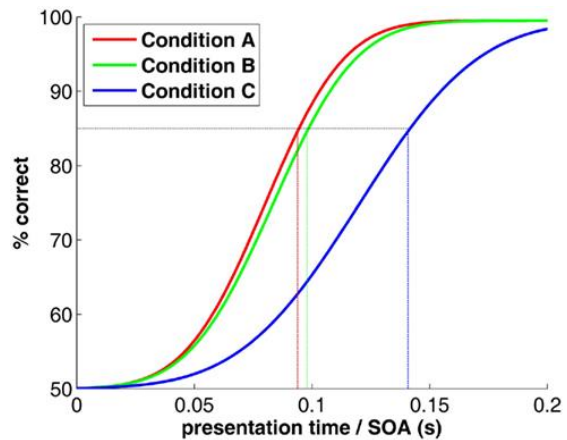


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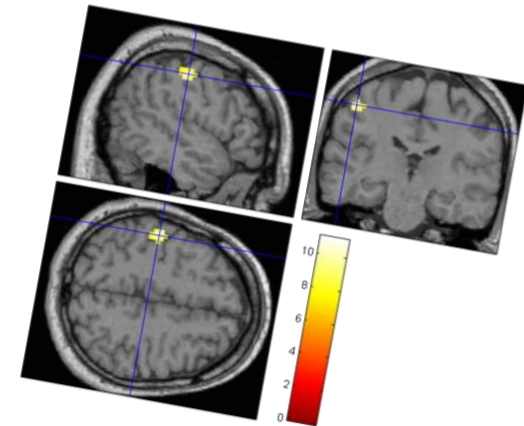
# MATLAB in Psychology



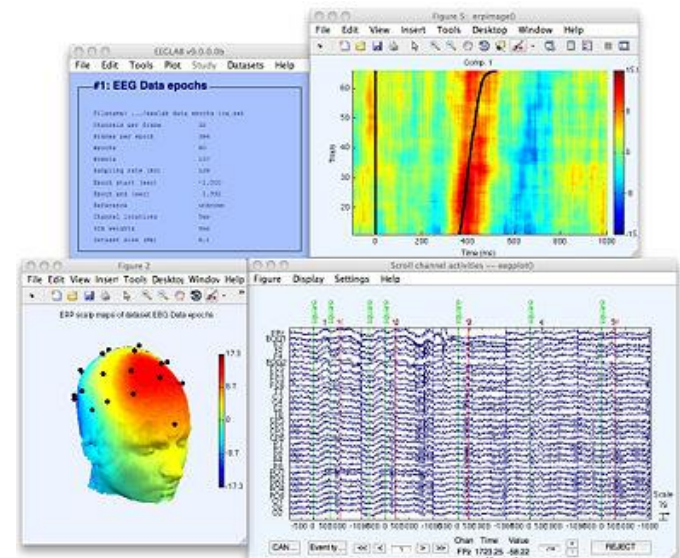
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# MATLAB in Psychology

## Pros:

- High-performance numerical computation, data analysis, visualization capabilities.
- Advanced editor and command-line features: You can write statements in MATLAB and have them calculate immediately so they are tested as you go.
- A very large and fast growing database of built-in programs and toolboxes for almost every scientific application:
  - Statistics and Machine Learning Toolboxes
  - Specialized Neuroscience Applications: SPM, EEGLAB, Psychtoolbox, ...
  - Image Processing
- Thousands of fundamental and specialty function written by experts are available.
- **Cons:**
  - It's rather expensive
  - (for the expert) Many built-in programs and toolboxes are not open-source.

# Seminar overview

Date	Topics	Projects
06.04.	Intro, basic operations, First Exercise (Morse Code)	
13.04.	First Exercise Continued (Morse Code)	
20.04.	Second Exercise (Game of Life)	
27.04.	Second Exercise Continued (Game of Life)	
04.05.	Third Exercise (Drift-Diffusion Model)	Project Distribution
11.05.	Third Exercise Continued (Drift-Diffusion Model)	
30.05.	-	Project Deadline (6 PM)

# Textbook and Additional Resources

- **MATLAB for Psychologists (2012)**, Borgo, M., Soranzo, A., Grassi, M., Springer-Verlag, 2012, ISBN. 978-1-4614-2196-2.
  - Available in SLUB as hard copy but not as electronic version
- **MATLAB for Neuroscientists, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed: An Introduction to Scientific Computing (2014)**, Wallisch, P., Lusignan, M.E., Benayoun, M.D., Baker, T.I., Dickey, A.S. and Hatsopoulos, N.G., Academic Press, ISBN. 978-0123838360.
- **Matlab, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed: A Practical Introduction to Programming and Problem Solving (2013)**, Attaway, S., Butterworth-Heinemann, ISBN. 978-0124058767.
  - Available in SLUB as hard copy and online (on Elsevier Scencedirect website) as an e-book.
- Additional Resources (Tutorial, codes, videos, etc.) can be shared on the course website.

# Grading Policy

- **Final Grade:**
  - One graded project
  - In-class exercises: Not Graded
- **Prüfungsleistung regulations**
- Late submissions:
  - Extensions are generally not possible for the project

# Team-work during the seminar

- **Team-work is highly recommended**
- During seminar: One or two participants per computer
- Project: **Everyone on their own**
- Plagiarism policy:
  - Discussing solutions is **OK**
  - Getting ideas by going through codes shared by others or from other resources is **OK**
  - **Copying-and-pasting** any part of written code from anywhere is **NOT OK!**

# Course Website and email contact

- **Course Website:**
  - Shortened Hyperlink: <https://goo.gl/OQMZrM>
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