

# Brain Waves as a Biometric Property



# Brain waves

- ⊗ Gamma waves (38 TO 42 HZ)
  - Peak mental state
- ⊗ Beta waves (13 TO 32 HZ)
  - Thinking, calculating, learning
- ⊗ Alpha waves ( 8 TO 13 HZ)
  - Relaxation: music, sleeping, yoga
- ⊗ Theta waves ( 4 TO 13 HZ)
  - Automatic relaxed activity: sleeping, daydreaming, washing teeth
- ⊗ Delta waves ( 0.5 TO 4 HZ)
  - Complete rest: sleep
- ⊗ ERPs

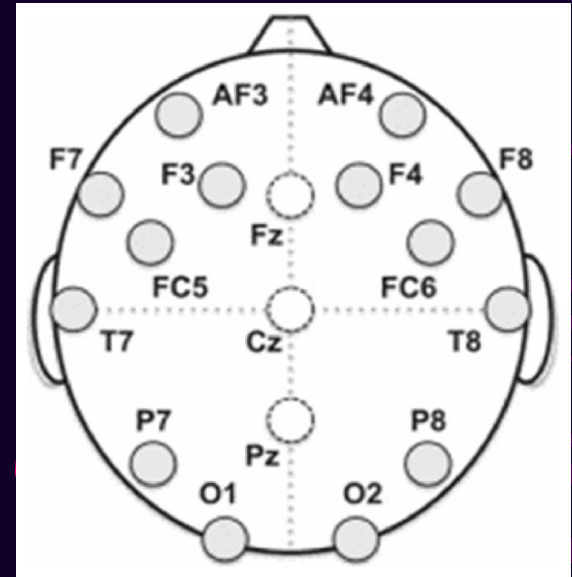
# ERPs

ERPs stand for Event-related potentials, they are small voltages generated in the brain structure in response to specific events or stimuli.s



# EEG

An electroencephalogram (**EEG**) is a test that detects electrical activity in your brain using small, metal discs (electrodes) attached to your scalp





# Authentication

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## Identification

Collecting brain waves  
response through  
Stimuli

## Authentication

Recognizing brain waves  
through recreating the  
Stumli

# Identification

## Signal acquisition

EEG signals are often recorded with the Emotiv EPOC headset which uses integrated sensors located at standard positions

## Pre-Processing

Pre-processing is applied to improve the resolution of brain signals, since the raw EEG signals are noisy.

## The feature extraction

The brain patterns used are characterized by certain features. Describing the signals by a few relevant value



# The feature extraction

## Frequency Domain

power spectral density (PSD)

$$S_x(f) = \left(\frac{1}{N}\right) \sum_{i=1}^N |X(f)|^2$$

channel spectral power

$$P_{f_1 f_2} = \int_{f_1}^{f_2} S_x(f) df$$

## Time Domain

Mean

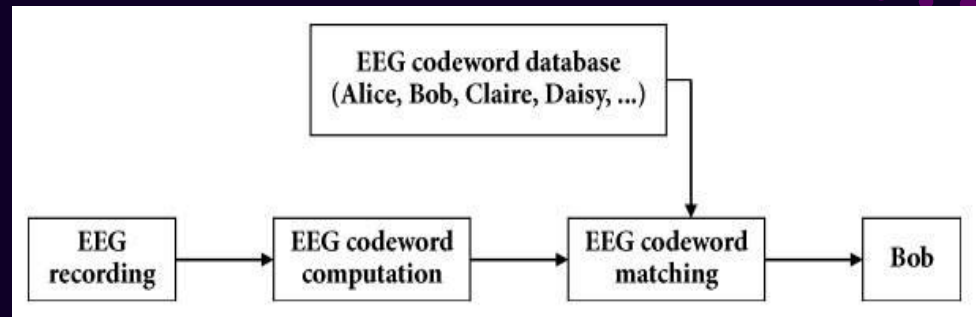
Median

Variance

# Authentication

## Classification

The obtained feature vector is compared against a previously stored feature vector for that subject, using Euclidean Distance for template matching.



# Experiment

# Overview

## Experiment

Person Authentication using  
Brainwaves (EEG) and Maximum  
A Posteriori Model Adaptation.

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## Dataset

9 normal subjects during 12  
non-feedback sessions over  
3 days (4 sessions per day).

# DATA Acquisition

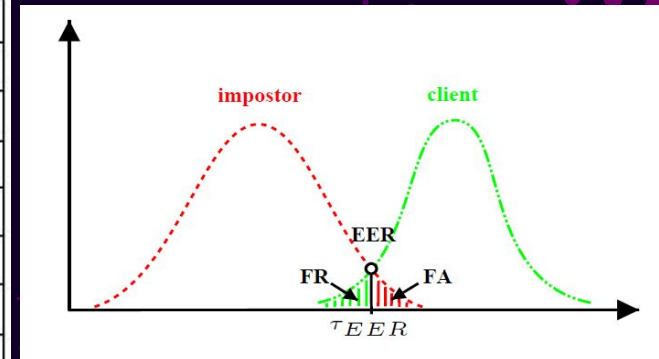
## Tasks

- ⊗ The imagination of repetitive self-paced left-hand movements, (left).
- ⊗ The imagination of repetitive self-paced right-hand movements, (right).
- ⊗ Generation of words beginning with the same random letter, (word).

# Protocols

person	session	Kfold 1			Kfold 2			Kfold 3		
		T	V	E	T	V	E	T	V	E
1	1	C			C				I	
	2		C/I			C/I			I	
	3			C/I			C/I			I
	4			C/I			C/I			I
2	1	C				I		C		
	2		C/I			I			C/I	
	3			C/I			I			C/I
	4			C/I			I			C/I
3	1		I		C			C		
	2		I			C/I			C/I	
	3			I			C/I			C/I
	4			I			C/I			C/I

$$T = EER$$



# Incremental Learning

person	session	P2			P3			P4		
		T	V	E	T	V	E	T	V	E
clients (2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8)	1	C			C			C		
	2	C			C			C		
	3		C/I			C/I			C/I	
	4			C/I		C/I				C/I
	5			C/I	C			$C^{d+1}$		
	6			C/I	C					C/I
	7			C/I		C/I				C/I
	8			C/I		C/I				C/I
	9			C/I			C/I	$C^{d+2}$		
	10			C/I			C/I			C/I
	11			C/I			C/I			C/I
	12			C/I			C/I			C/I
impostor 1	1		I			I			I	
	2		I			I			I	
impostors 6, 9	1			I			I			I
	2			I			I			I

# Results

$$HTER = (FAR + FRR) / 2$$

Number of Gaussians	Protocol								
	P4-d1			P4-d2			P4-d3		
	FAR	FRR	HTER	FAR	FRR	HTER	FAR	FRR	HTER
4	15.1	17.2	16.1	20.0	50.5	<b>35.3</b>	24.7	46.8	<b>35.7</b>
32	5.7	8.5	<b>7.1</b>	7.3	82.7	45.0	8.3	96.0	52.1
	Protocol								
	$P4^{d+1}$ -d2			$P4^{d+1}$ -d3			$P4^{d+2}$ -d3		
	FAR	FRR	HTER	FAR	FRR	HTER	FAR	FRR	HTER
4	24.9	2.7	13.8	29.4	10.6	20.0	29.3	1.2	15.25
32	16.0	0.2	<b>8.1</b>	17.8	28.3	<b>23.0</b>	24.5	0.02	<b>12.3</b>



# Biometrics

## Universality

Everyone has a brain

## Distinctiveness

## Permanence

## Circumvention

## Collectability

Easy to collect through EEG headset and tools

## Performance

## Acceptability

Controversial at it's best

# Biometrics

## Permanence

HTER: 7.1 -> 36.2

TAR: 94.60%

83.64%

78.20%

## Distinctiveness

100% Recognition across all subjects

Twins could possibly inherit similar brain waves

# Biometrics

## Performance

**Accuracy** can reach 100%

**Speed** 5-10 mins

## Circumvention

Friendly privacy

Cancelability

# Future Promises

## Less Electrodes

4-8 electrodes

## Multi-Tasking

Combined tasks  
More time (178  
days)

## Ear-EEG

Outer ear  
electrodes

## Multimodal

Combined biometrics  
More complicated

**PRESENTATION FINISHED !!**

A young boy with reddish-brown hair and braces is shown from the chest up. He has a very angry and intense expression, with his mouth open as if shouting or shouting. He is holding a silver handgun in his right hand, pointing it directly at the camera. The background is a blurry indoor setting, possibly a home, with a window visible on the right side. The lighting is bright, and the overall tone is aggressive and confrontational.

**ANY QUESTIONS ?**