

An Implementation of Dynamic Causal Modeling

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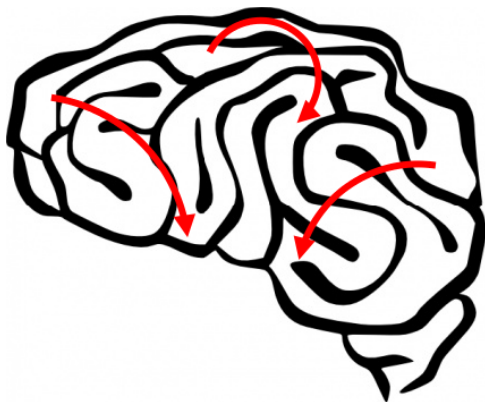
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Overview

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- Models
- Inversion
- Implementation
- Example

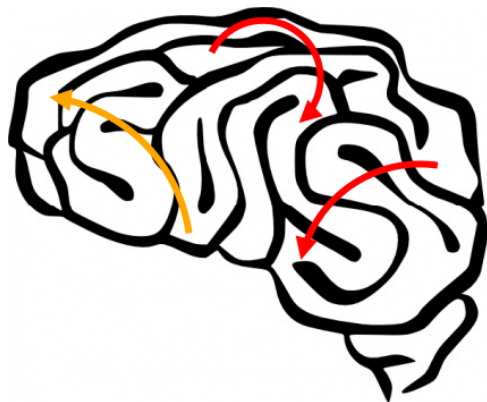
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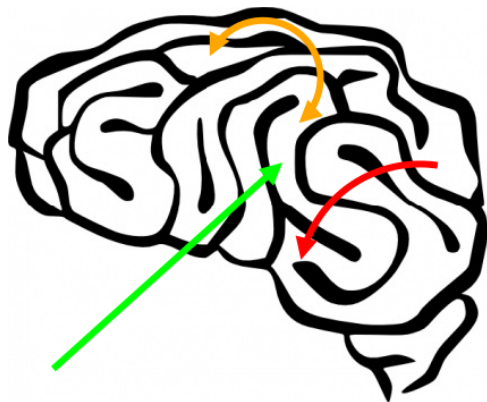
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Model Principles

- Dynamic
- Deterministic
- Multiple Inputs and Outputs
- Two Component Model
 - Dynamic Submodel
 - Forward Submodel
- Differ by Data Acquisition Method
 - fMRI
 - EEG/MEG

- Dynamic Submodel: Bilinear Dynamic System
- Forward Submodel: Balloon-Windkessel Model

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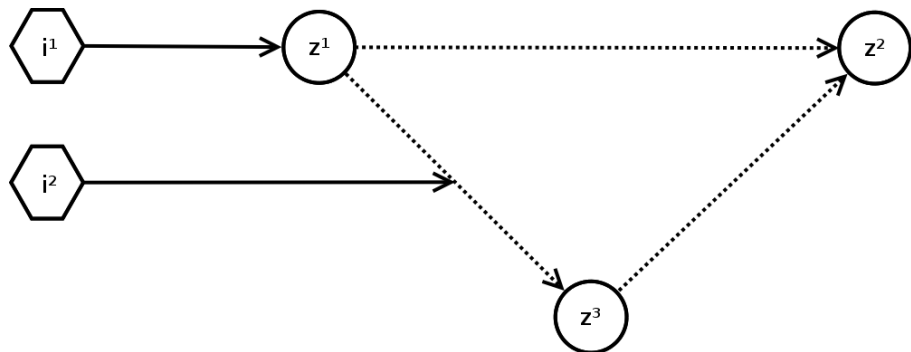
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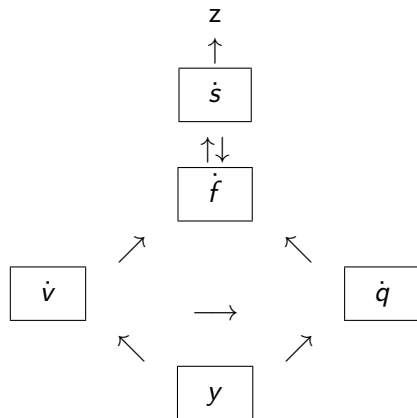
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- Dynamic Submodel: Jansen Model
- Forward Submodel: Linear Transformation

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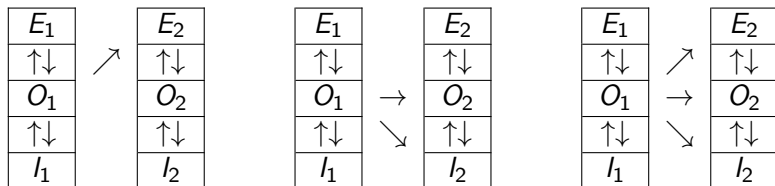
Tripartitioning:

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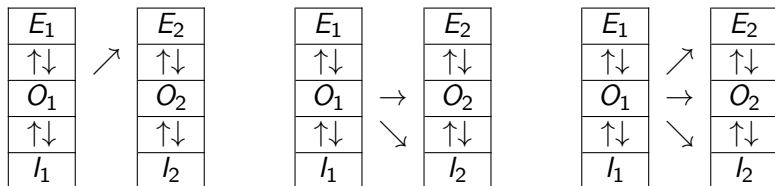
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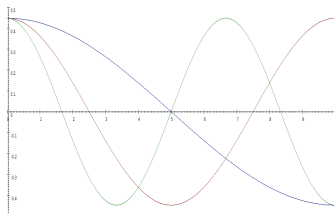
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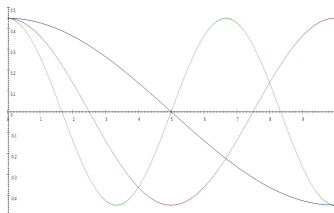
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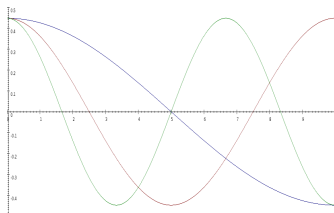
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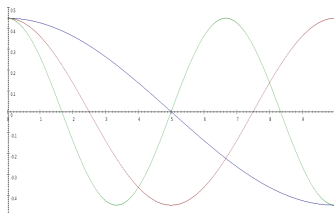
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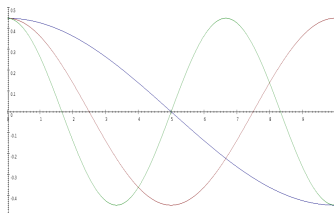
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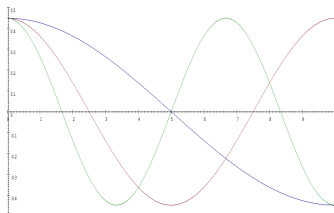
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EM-Algorithm Improvements

- 1 Residual Forming Matrix (Residuals in M-Step)

→Rearrange computation sequence



- 2 Traces of Products (Derivatives in M-Step)

→Compute traces directly



- 3 Solving Linear Systems (in E- and M-Step)

→Cholesky direct solver



- 4 Preventing Double Calculations (M-Step and E-Step)

→Rearrange E-Step and recycle in M-Step



Implementation Details

6500 LoC in C++

- no parsing and interpreting overhead
- machine specific optimizations possible



Parallelization with OpenMP

- Parallelization of 1st Derivative of E-Step (Jacobian)
- Parallelization of 1st and "2nd" Derivative of M-Step



Runge-Kutta-Fehlberg Solver

- 5th Order Single Step Solver
- allows extension to adaptive stepping



Modular Dynamic and Forward Submodels

- Extendable to further submodels
- Easy Switching between submodels

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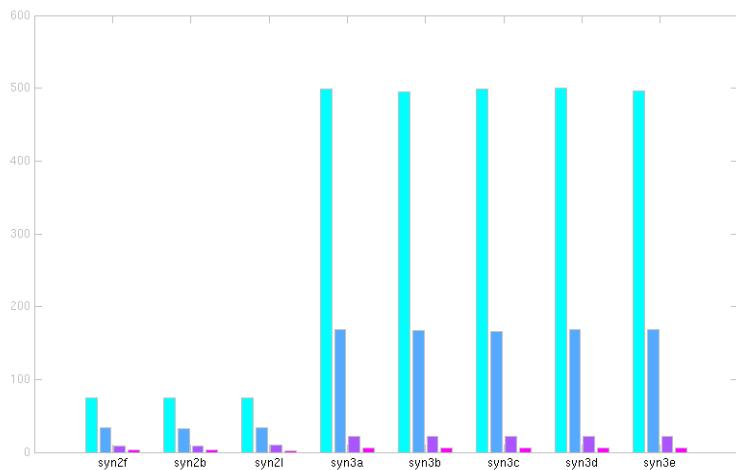
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Experimental context:

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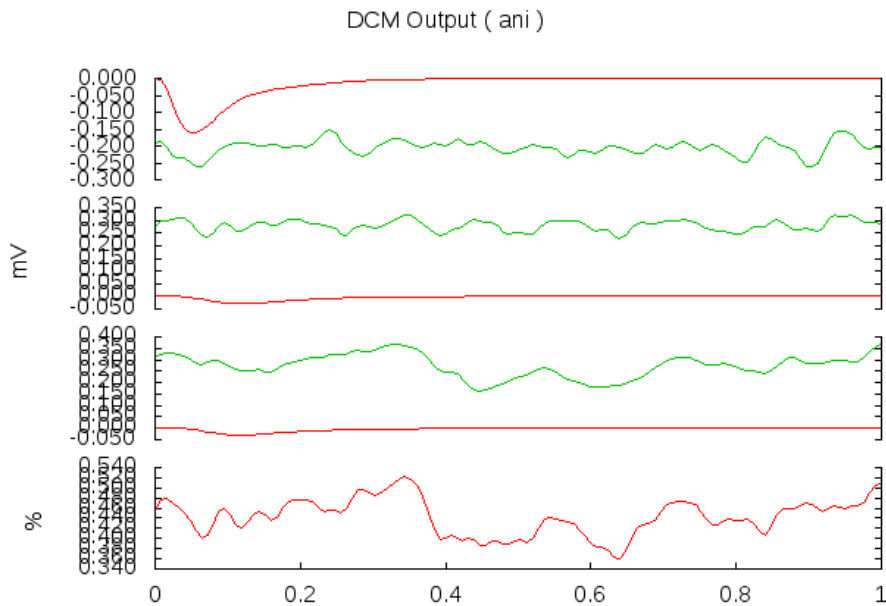
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- 1 (direct) Input (sound)

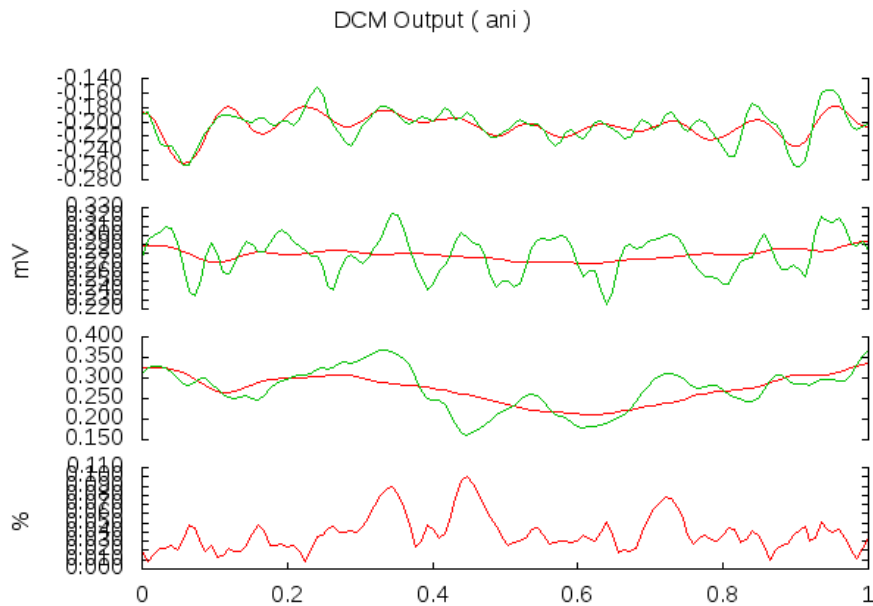
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- AMY \rightarrow CA1 \rightarrow PFC

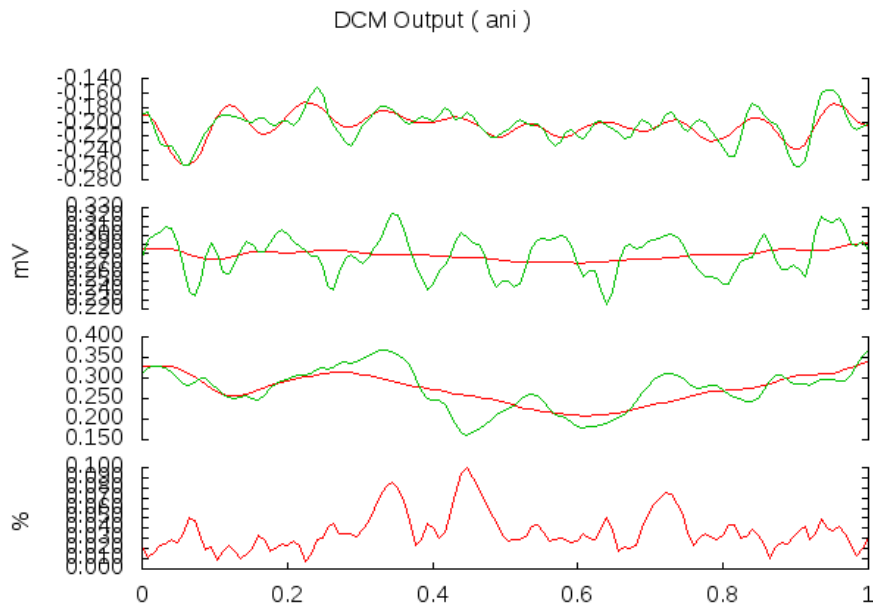
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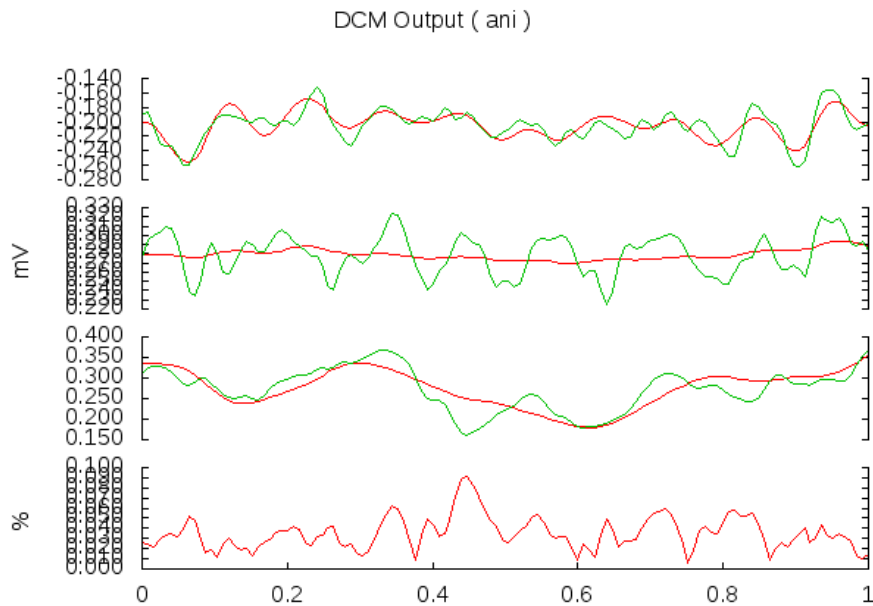
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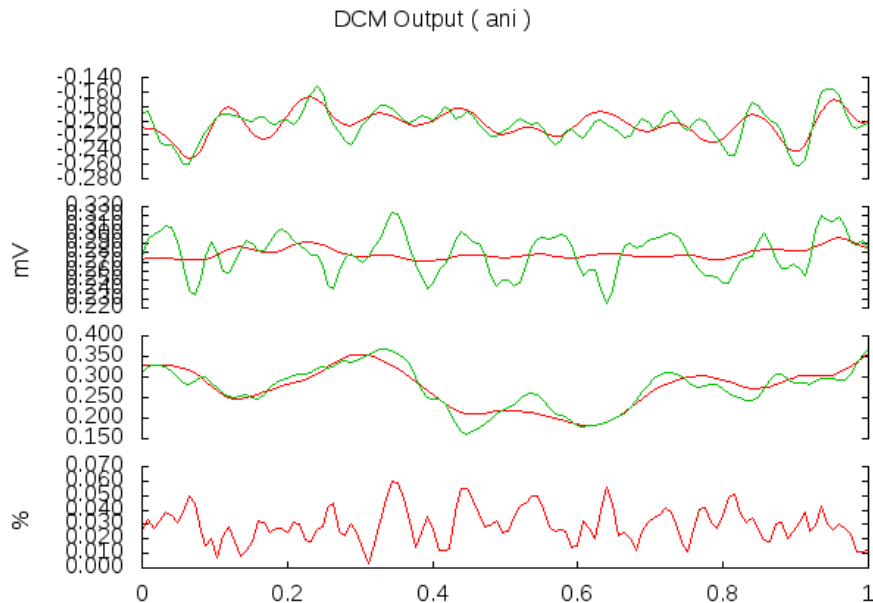
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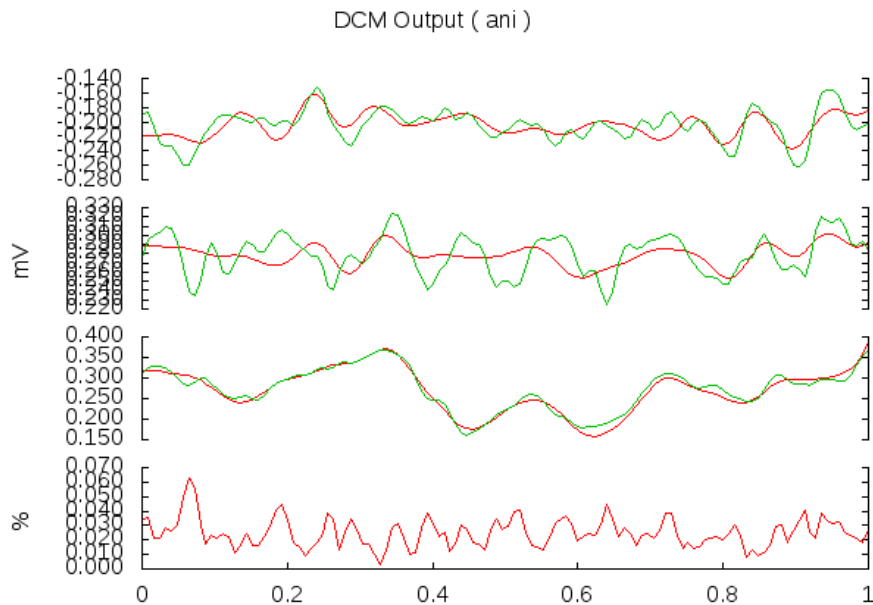
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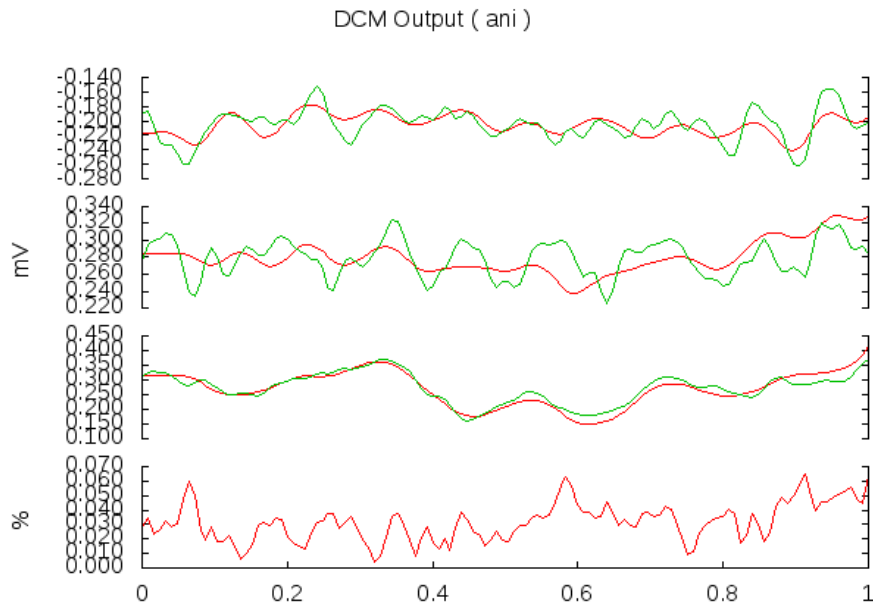
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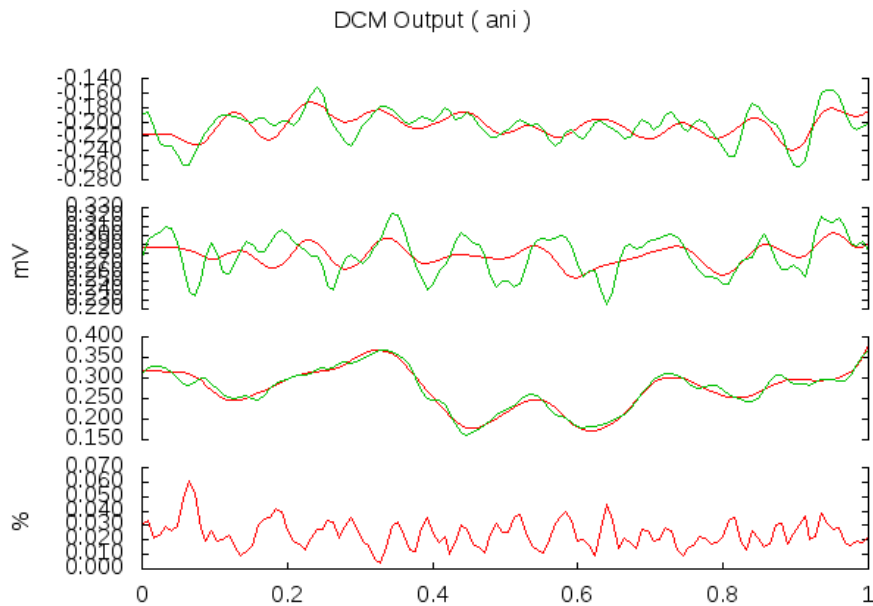
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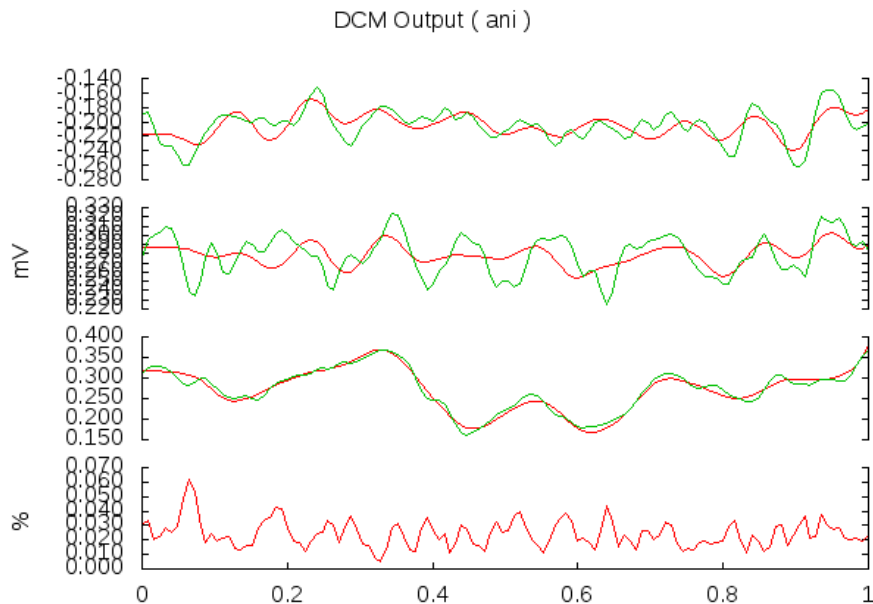
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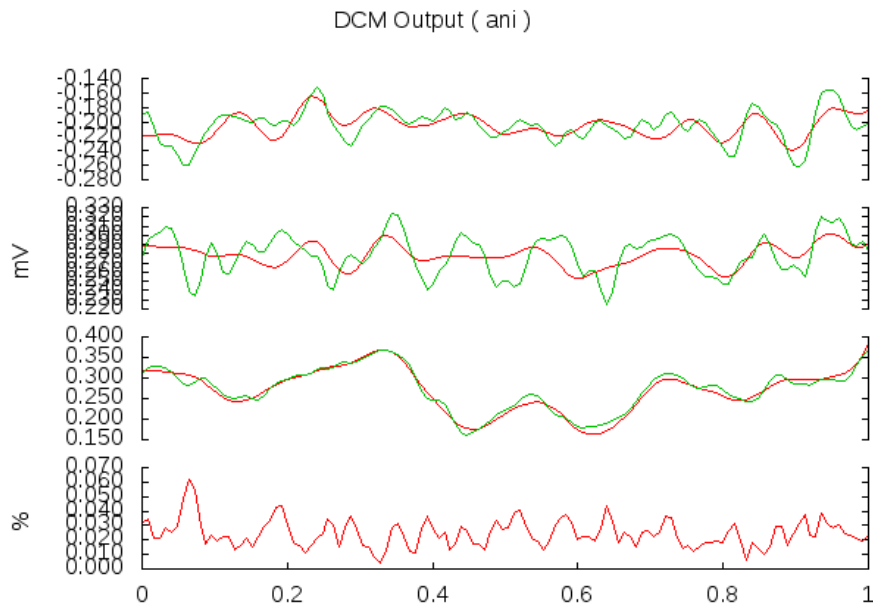
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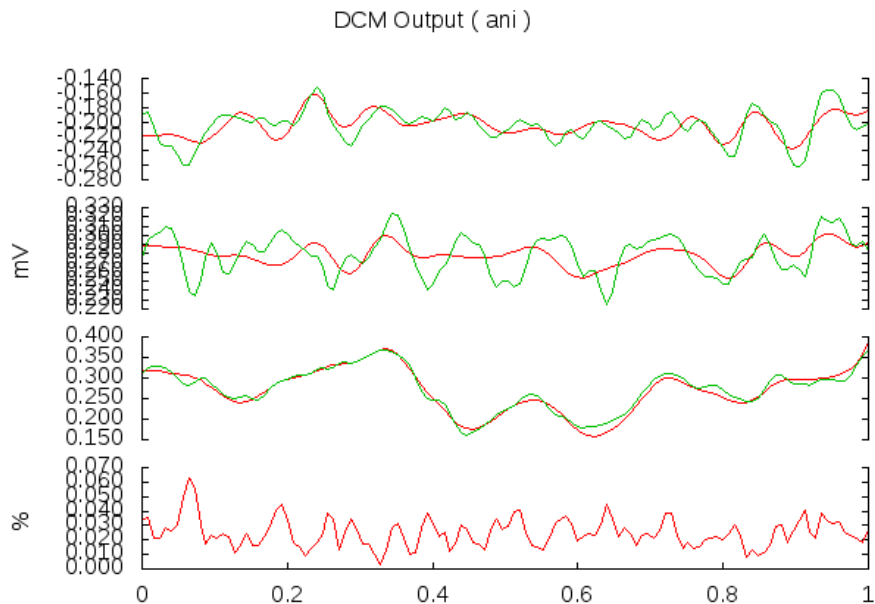
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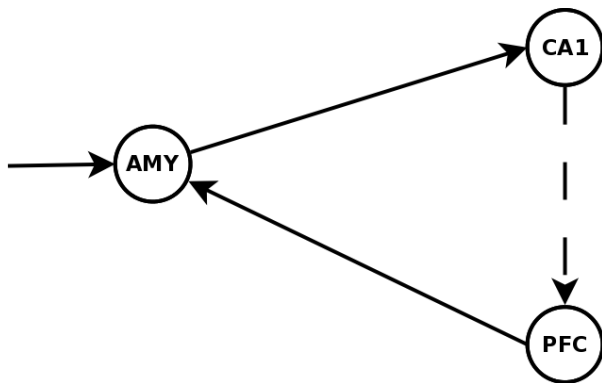
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