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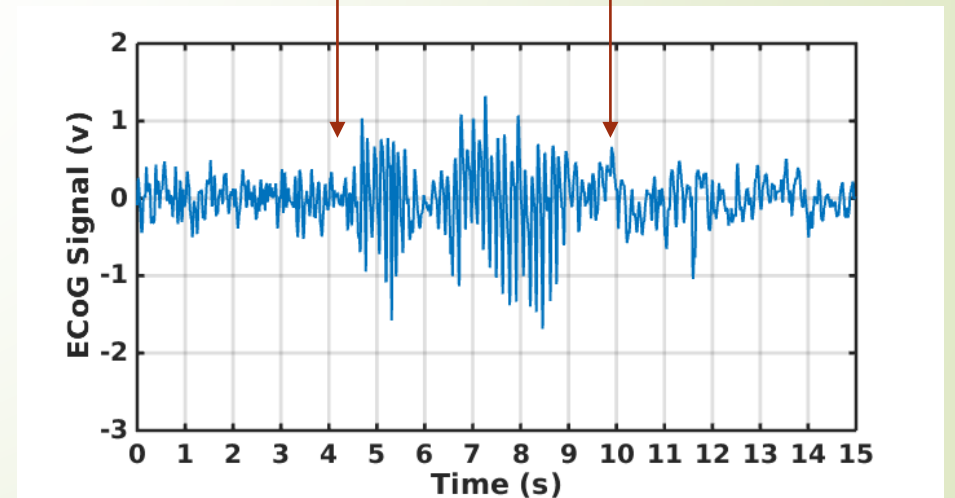
Trading detection accuracy for battery autonomy in a wearable seizure-detection device

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Problem description

- What are **absence (“*petit-mal*”) seizures**
 - Macro: Brief loss and return of consciousness, motionless stare
 - Micro: Ictal-activity in EEG or ECoG
- How do they look like?

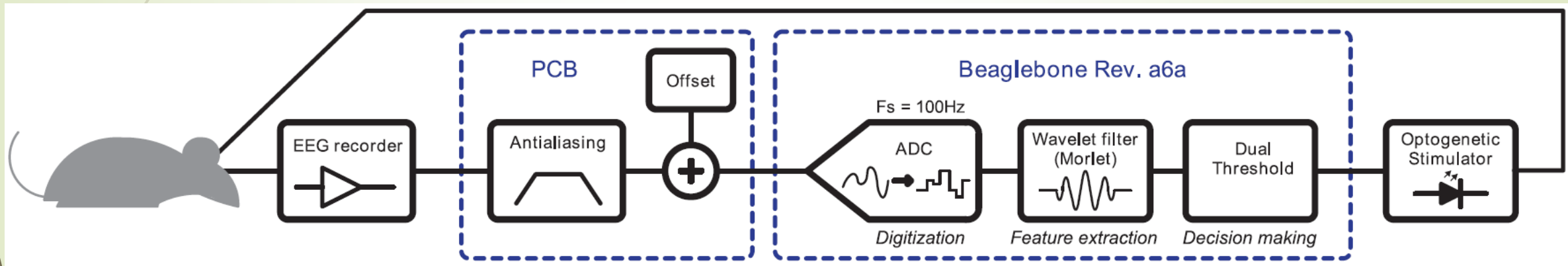




Challenges of a seizure preventor

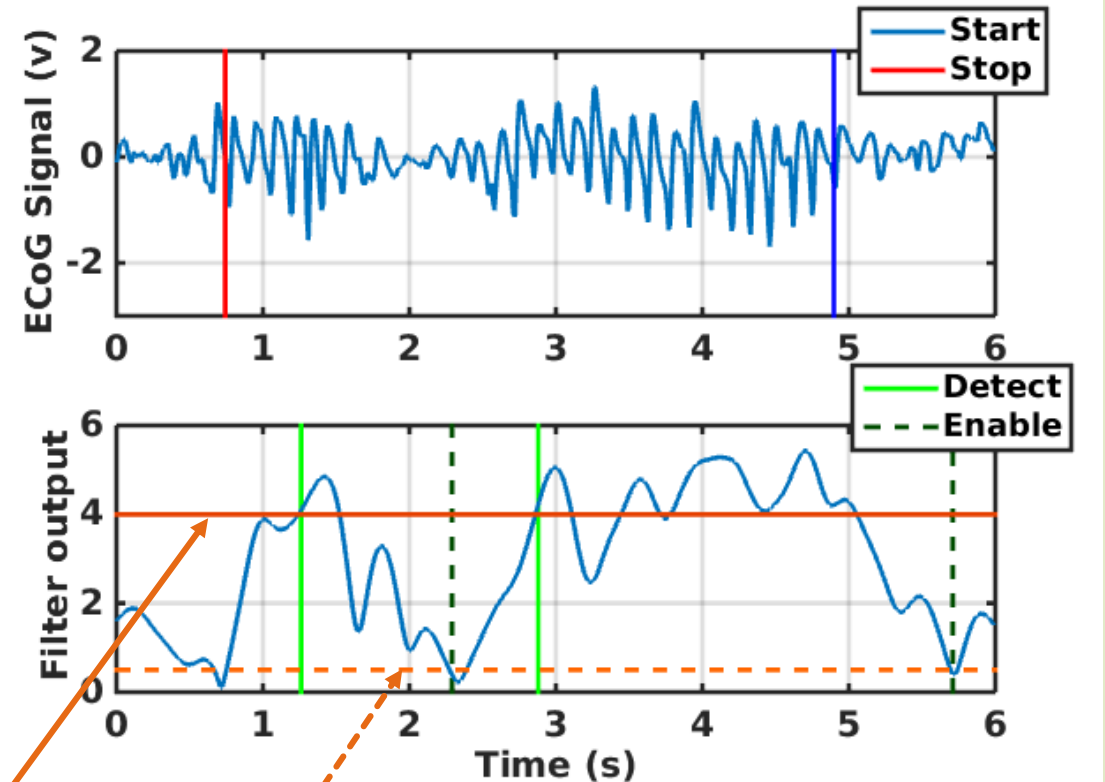
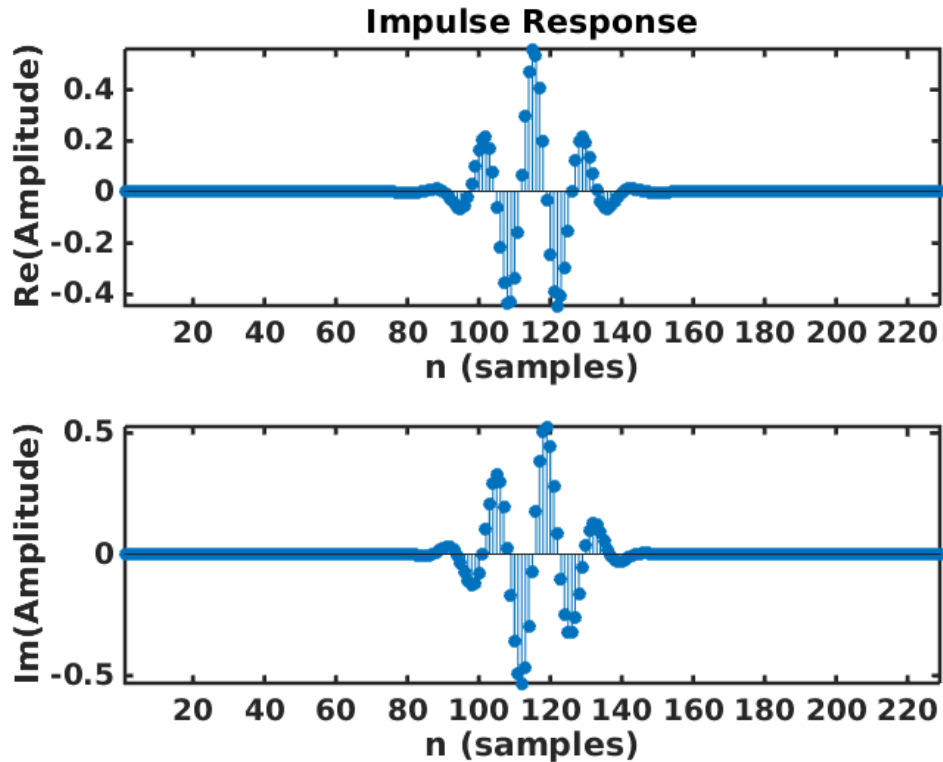
- ▶ Current challenges?
 - ▶ Fast and correct detection < 1 sec
 - ▶ No “golden standard” for ictal activity
- ▶ A novel closed-loop system with an efficient filter achieving:
 - ▶ Seizure prevention within 1 sec of seizure onset
 - ▶ Energy-efficiency for wearability (later, implantable device)
- ▶ Figures of merit to be optimized:
 - ▶ **Filter sensitivity** ← Percentage of successfully detected **seizures**
 - ▶ **Filter specificity** ← Percentage of correctly classified **inter-ictal intervals**
 - ▶ **Filter detection delay**
 - ▶ **Energy cost**

Seizure-prevention system



Seizure-prevention concept

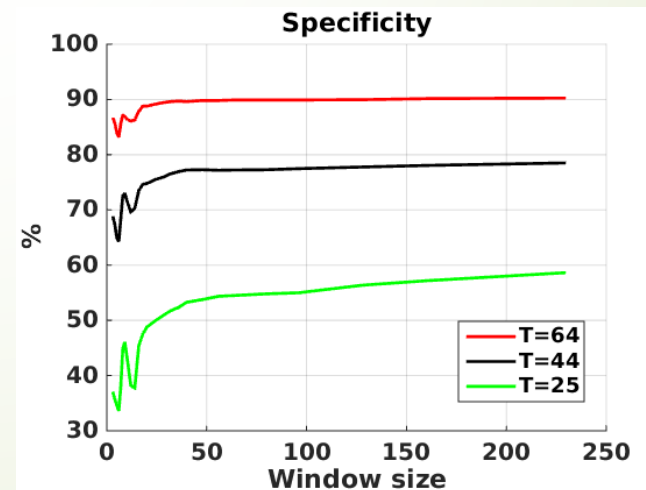
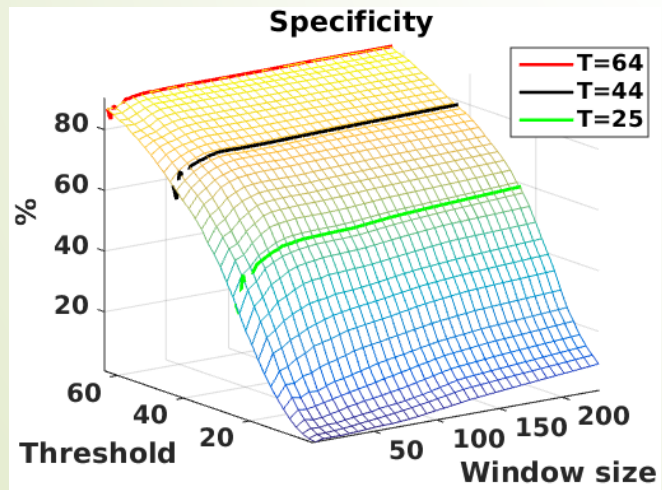
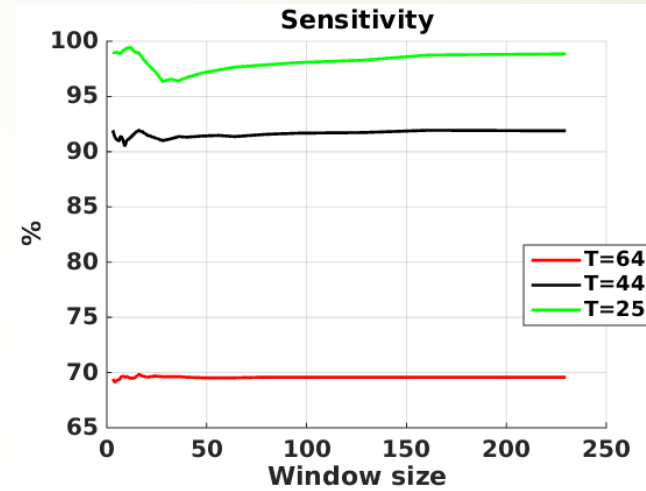
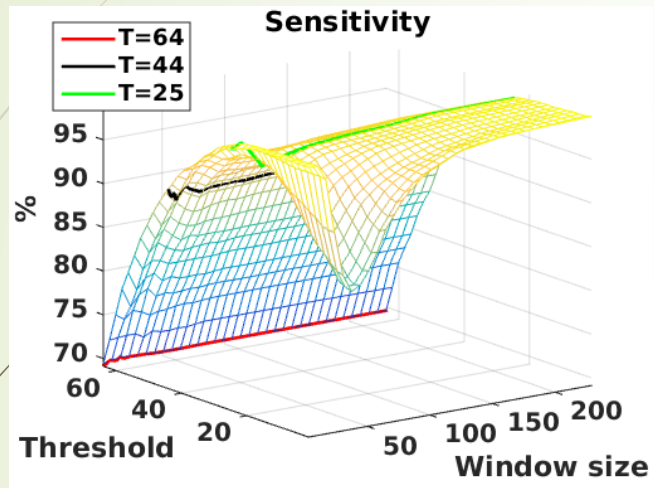
Morlet wavelet as **FIR filter**



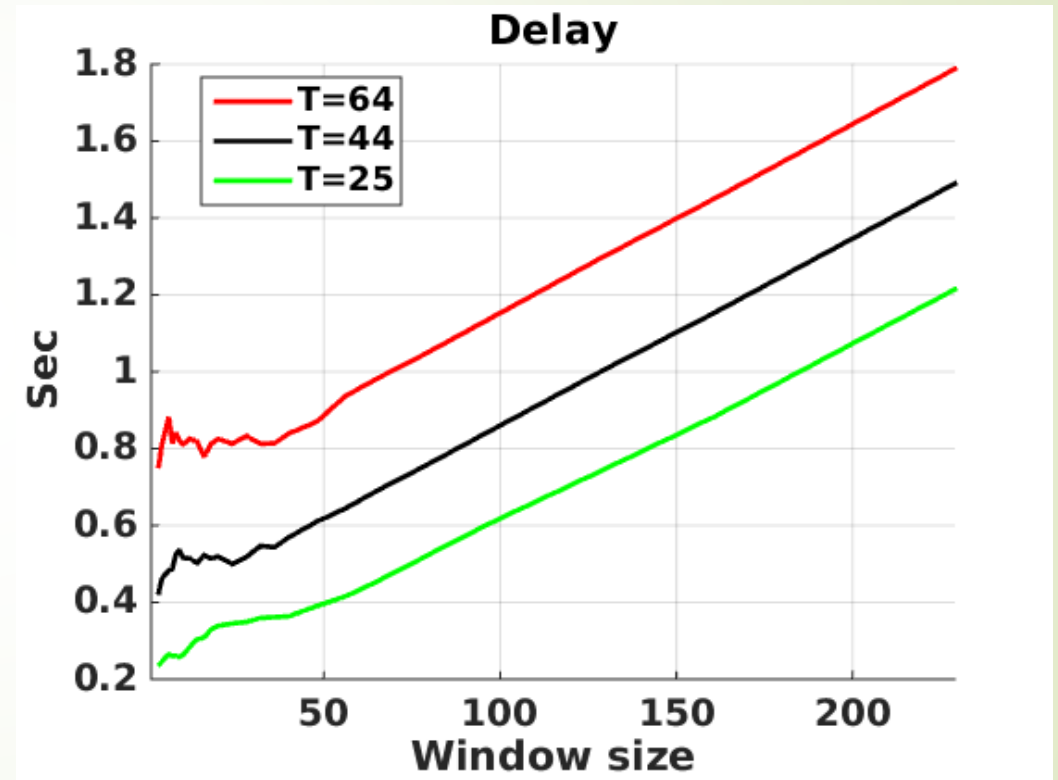
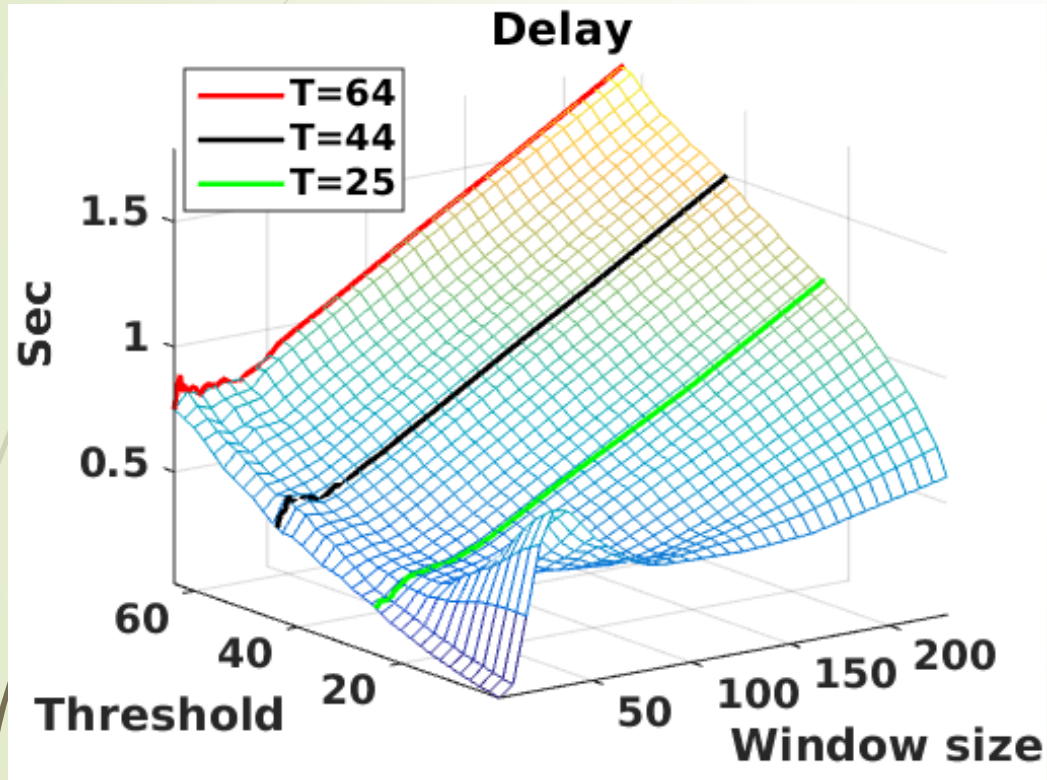
Upper Threshold

Lower Threshold

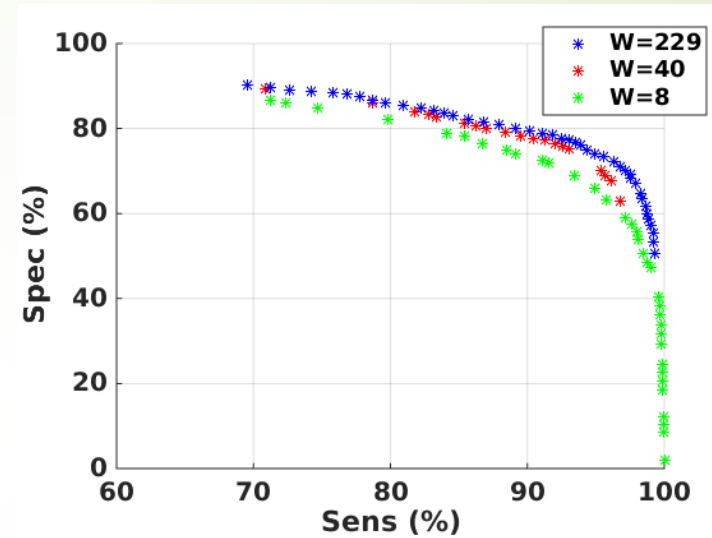
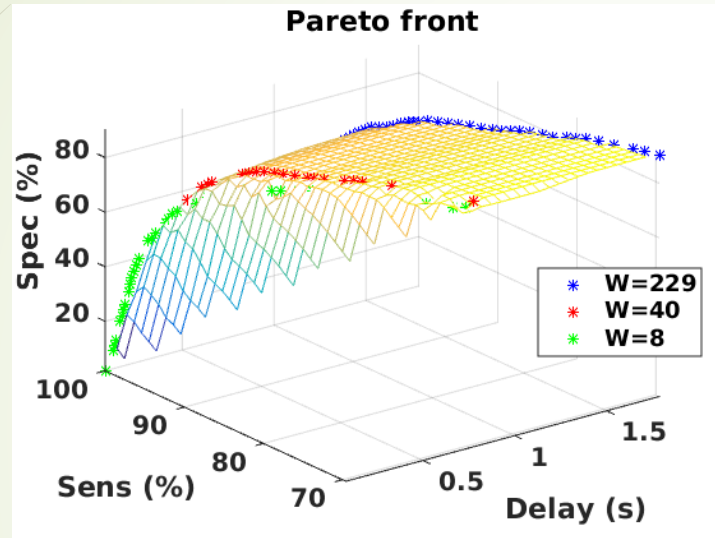
Window size vs. Sensitivity & Specificity



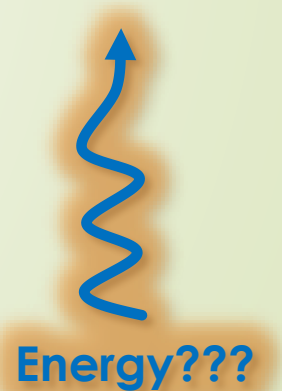
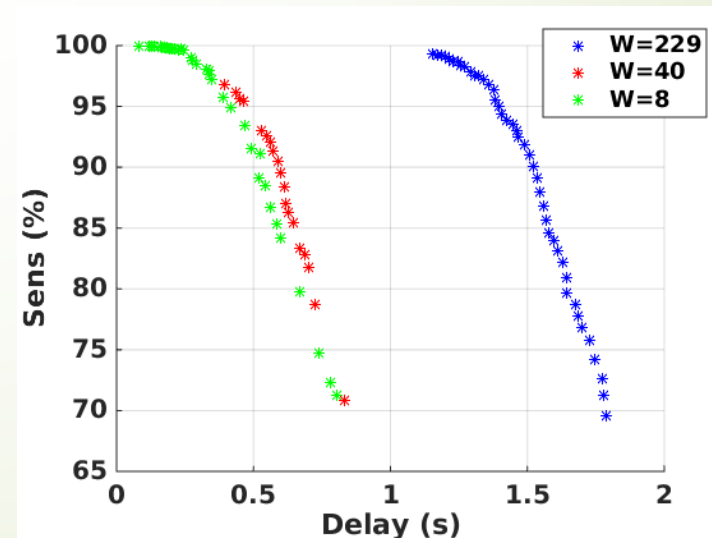
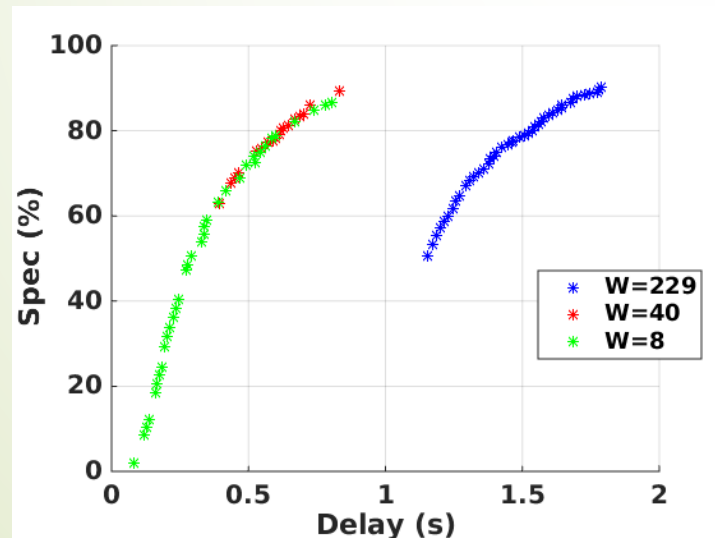
Window size vs. Detection delay



System design space

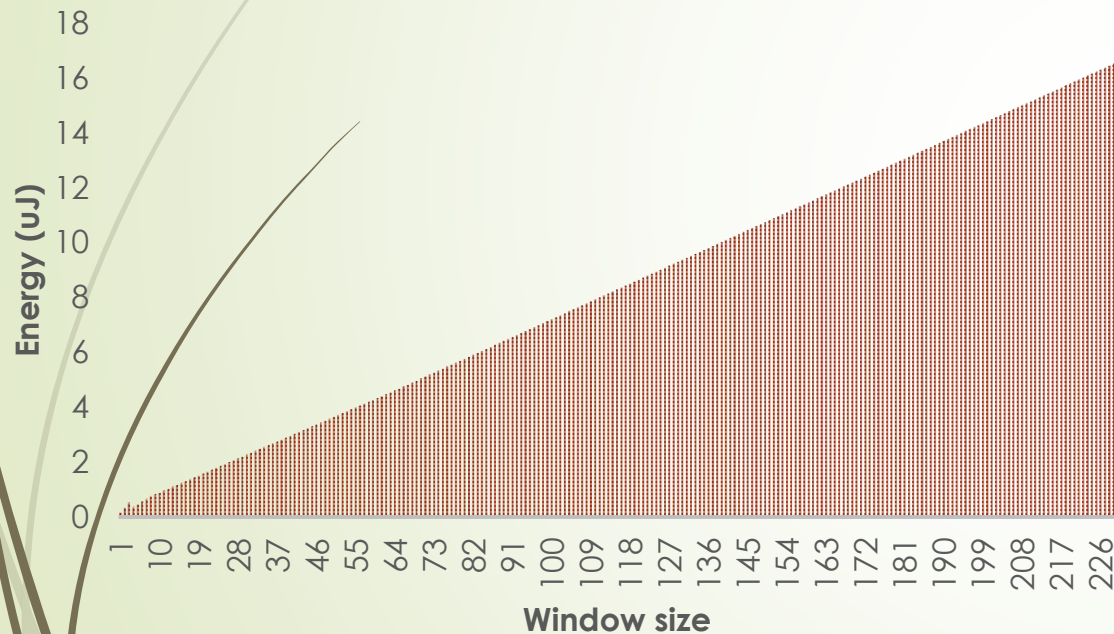


$$ADR = \frac{sens + spec}{2}$$



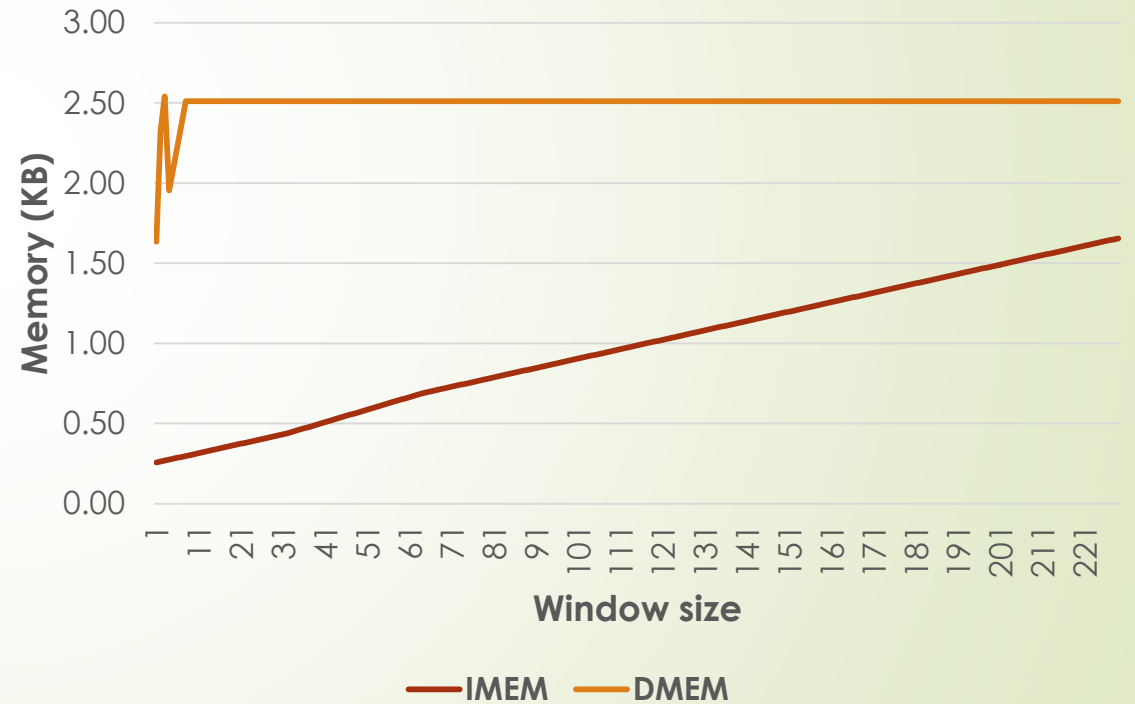
Architectural aspects

ENERGY VS. WINDOW SIZE

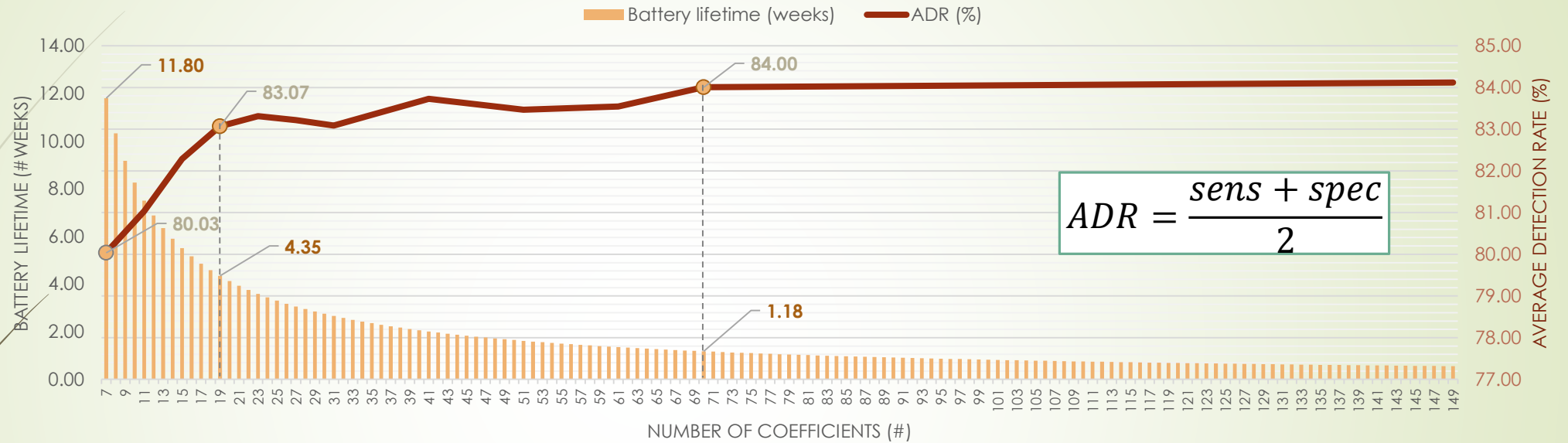


FIR-filter execution latency...

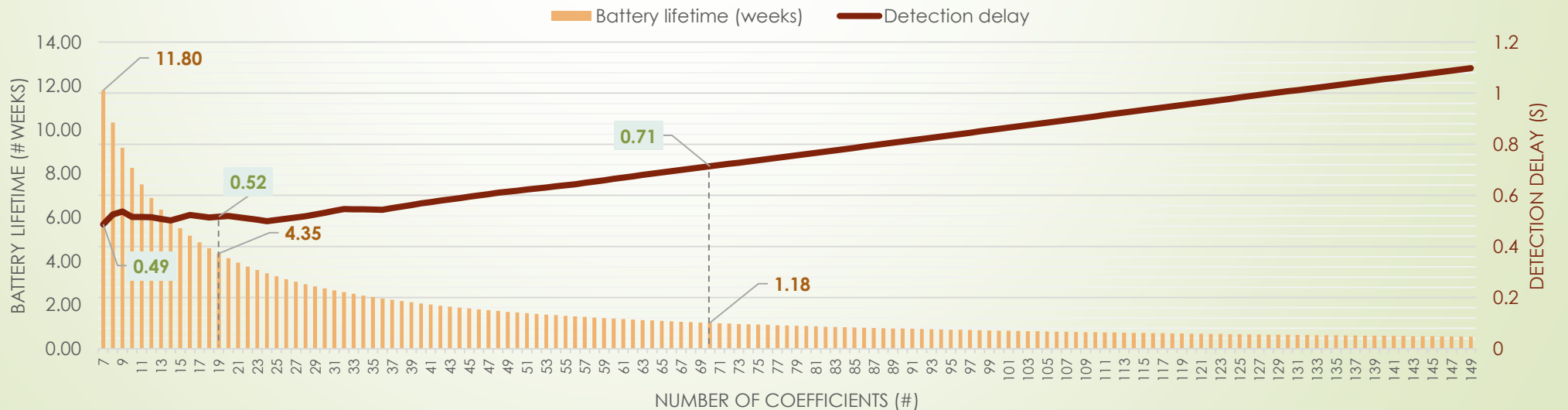
Memory usage vs. window size



Energy-efficient system design



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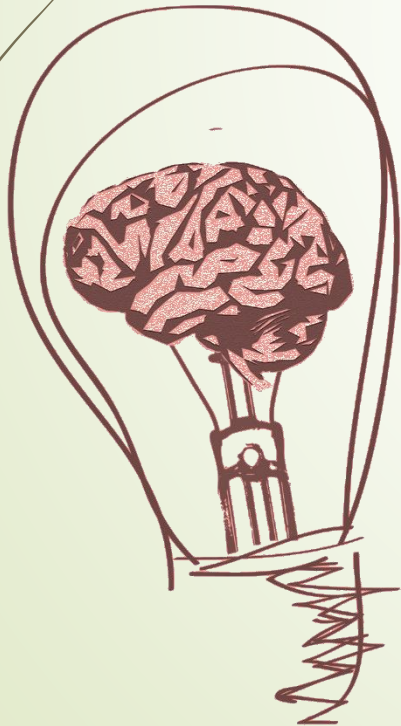




Conclusions & Future work

- ▶ Exploiting:
 1. “Fuzziness” of biological phenomena
 2. Non-linearity of system characteristics
- ▶ Results in major battery savings with minor / non-observable performance impact!
 - ▶ e.g. **3.7x** increase in device autonomy at no observable penalty for test animals
- ▶ Can be extended to other sorts of FIR filters, other aspects of ultra-constrained biomedical devices
- ▶ Future work
 - ▶ Window offset
 - ▶ Adaptive-threshold mechanism
 - ▶ Different wavelet filter

Thank you for listening

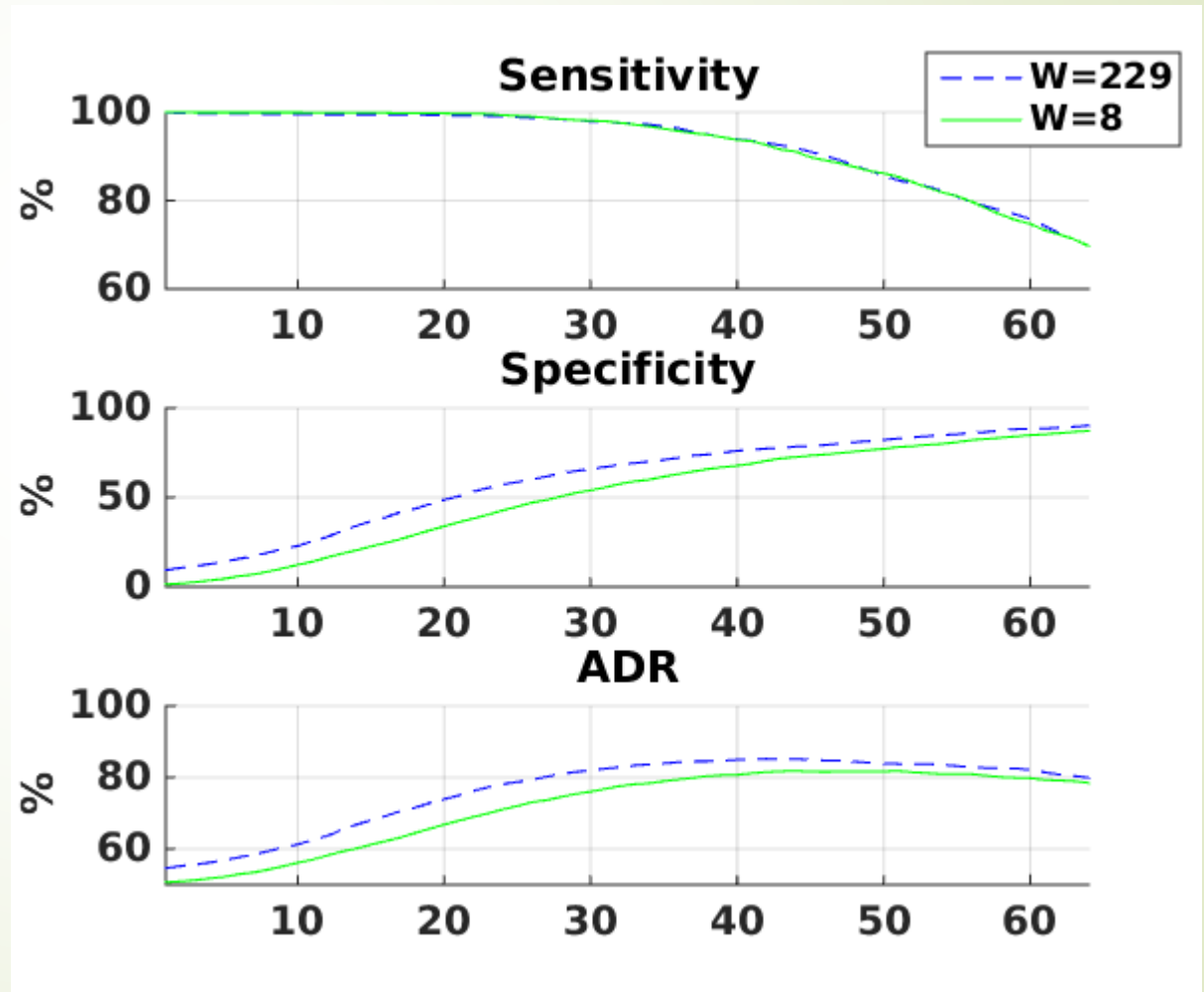
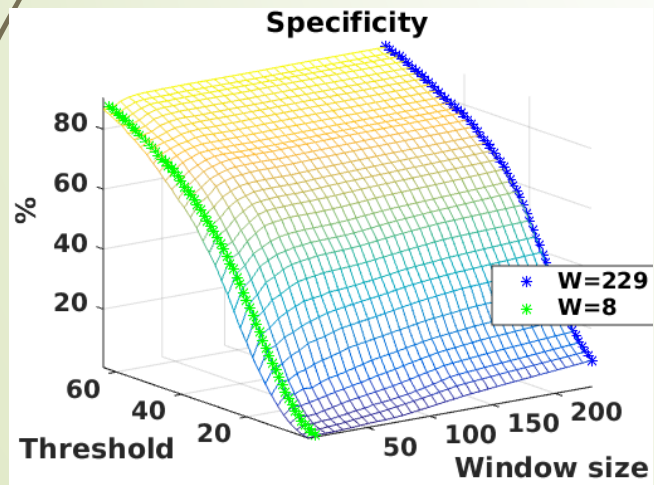
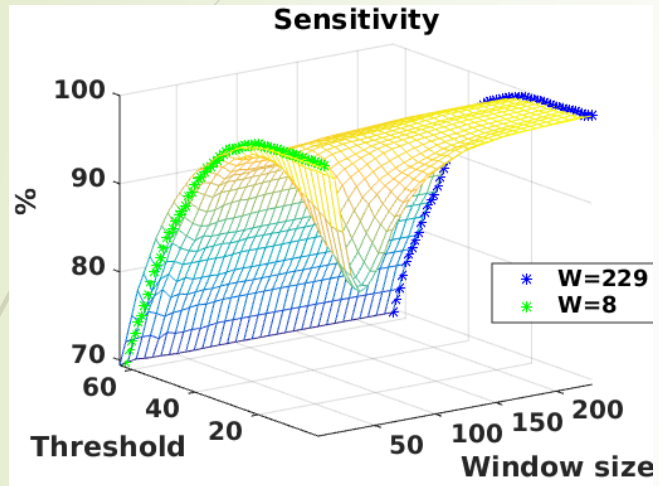


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BACKUP SLIDES

Threshold vs. Sensitivity & Specificity



Threshold vs. Delay

