

Mainsah, B., Fleeting, C., Balmat, T., Sellers, E., & Collins, L. (2024). bigP3BCI: An Open, Diverse and Machine Learning Ready P300-based Brain-Computer Interface Dataset (version 1.0.0).

Table 1: Summary of BCI Studies in bigP3BCI v1.0.0 Dataset

Study Name	Related Publication	No. of Subjects	ALS Study?	No. of Sessions	[Stimulus Paradigm(s)], Grid Size ^s
A	C. S. Throckmorton, D. B. Ryan, B. Hamner, K. Caves, K. A. Colwell, E. W. Sellers, and L. M. Collins, "Towards clinically acceptable BCI spellers: Preliminary results for different stimulus selection patterns and pattern recognition techniques," presented at the <i>4th International BCI Meeting</i> , Asilomar, CA, 2010.	13		1	[RC, CB, RD] 9 × 8
B	N. A. Gates, C. K. Hauser, and E. W. Sellers, "A longitudinal study of P300 brain-computer interface and progression of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis," in <i>International Conference on Foundations of Augmented Cognition</i> , 2011, pp. 475-483.	18	ALS	Var	CB, 6 × 6
C	B. O. Mainsah, K. D. Morton, L. M. Collins, E. W. Sellers, and C. S. Throckmorton, "Moving away from error-related potentials to achieve spelling correction in P300 spellers", <i>IEEE Transactions on Neural Systems and Rehabilitation Engineering</i> , vol. 23, no. 5, pp. 737-743, 2015.	19		1	CB, 9 × 8
D	B. O. Mainsah, K. A. Colwell, L. M. Collins, and C. S. Throckmorton, "Utilizing a language model to improve online dynamic data collection in P300 spellers," <i>IEEE Transactions on Neural Systems and Rehabilitation Engineering</i> , vol. 22, no. 4, pp. 837-846, 2014.	17		1	RC, 9 × 8
E*		8		1	CB, 9 × 8
F	B. O. Mainsah, L. M. Collins, K. A. Colwell, E. W. Sellers, D. B. Ryan, K. Caves, and C. S. Throckmorton, "Increasing BCI communication rates with dynamic stopping towards more practical use: An ALS study," <i>Journal of Neural Engineering</i> , vol. 12, no. 1, p. 016013, 2015.	10	ALS	3	CB, 9 × 8
G	B. Mainsah, K. Morton, L. Collins, and C. Throckmorton, "Extending language modeling to improve dynamic data collection in ERP-based spellers." <i>6th International Brain-Computer Interface Conference</i> , Graz, Austria, 2014.	20		1	CB, 9 × 8
H	D. Kalika, L. Collins, K. Caves, and C. Throckmorton, "Fusion of P300 and eye-tracker data for spelling using BCI2000," <i>Journal of Neural Engineering</i> , vol. 14, no. 5, p. 056010, 2017.	16		1	CB, 9 × 8
I'		13		1	[CB, PB], 9 × 8
J	B. Mainsah, G. Reeves, L. Collins, and C. Throckmorton, "Optimizing the stimulus presentation paradigm design for the P300-based brain-computer interface using performance prediction," <i>Journal of Neural Engineering</i> , vol. 14, no. 4, p. 046025, 2017.	20		1	[RC, PB], 6 × 6
K	B. Mainsah, D. Kalika, L. Collins, S. Liu, and C. Throckmorton, "Information-based adaptive stimulus selection to optimize communication efficiency in brain-computer interfaces," <i>Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems</i> , vol. 31, 2018.	5		1 or 2	[CB, AD], 9 × 8
L	D. B. Ryan, K. A. Colwell, C. S. Throckmorton, L. M. Collins, K. Caves, and E. W. Sellers, "Evaluating brain-computer interface performance in an ALS population: Checkerboard and color paradigms," <i>Clinical EEG and Neuroscience</i> , vol. 49, no. 2, pp. 114-121, 2018.	11	ALS	1	[RC, CB, CBcol] 6 × 6

M [#]	X. J. Chen, D. Kalika, C. S. Throckmorton, L. M. Collins, and B. O. Mainsah, "Bayesian Adaptive Stimulus Optimization in Stimulus-driven Brain Computer Interfaces," 2024.	21		1	[CB, ADdiff], 9 × 8
N	J. Clements, E. Sellers, D. Ryan, K. Caves, L. Collins, and C. Throckmorton, "Applying dynamic data collection to improve dry electrode system performance for a P300-based brain-computer interface," <i>Journal of Neural Engineering</i> , vol. 13, no. 6, p. 066018, 2016.	8	ALS	2	CB, 6 × 6
O	G. Frye, C. Hauser, G. Townsend, and E. Sellers, "Suppressing flashes of items surrounding targets during calibration of a P300-based brain-computer interface improves performance," <i>Journal of Neural Engineering</i> , vol. 8, no. 2, p. 025024, 2011.	18		2	[CB, sCB], 9 × 8
P	D. B. Ryan, G. Frye, G. Townsend, D. Berry, S. Mesa-G, N. A. Gates, and E. W. Sellers, "Predictive spelling with a P300-based brain-computer interface: Increasing the rate of communication," <i>Intl. Journal of Human-Computer Interaction</i> , vol. 27, no. 1, pp. 69-84, 2010.	19		2	CB, 9 × 8
Q	D. Ryan, G. Townsend, N. Gates, K. Colwell, and E. Sellers, "Evaluating brain-computer interface performance using color in the P300 checkerboard speller," <i>Clinical Neurophysiology</i> , vol. 128, no. 10, pp. 2050-2057, 2017.	36		3	[CB, CBc], 9 × 8
R	M. Kellicut-Jones and E. Sellers, "P300 brain-computer interface: Comparing faces to size matched non-face stimuli," <i>Brain-Computer Interfaces</i> , vol. 5, no. 1, pp. 30-39, 2018.	20		2	CB, 9 × 8
S1	M. R. Jones and E. Sellers, "Faces, locations, and tools: a proposed two-stimulus P300 brain computer interface," <i>Journal of Neural Engineering</i> , vol. 16, no. 3, p. 036026, 2019.	10		1	CB, 9 × 8
S2	M. R. Jones and E. Sellers, "Faces, locations, and tools: a proposed two-stimulus P300 brain computer interface," <i>Journal of Neural Engineering</i> , vol. 16, no. 3, p. 036026, 2019.	24		1	CB, 9 × 8
<p>Abbreviations: AD, Adaptive; ADdiff, Adaptive Diffuse; ALS, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis; CB, Checkerboard; CBc, Checkerboard Colour; CBs, Checkerboard with suppressed characters; No., number; PB, Performance-Based; RD, Random; RC, Row-Column; Var, variable.</p> <p>[§]Grid size is specified as <i>number of rows</i> × <i>number of columns</i> in a matrix layout.</p> <p>[*]The experiment protocol of study E is similar to that of study D. [†]The experiment protocol of study I is similar to that of study J. [#]The experiment protocol of study M is similar to that of study K.</p>					

Table 2: bigP3BCI Data Dictionary for [EDF+ File Header](#)

File Header Field	File Header Subfield	Custom File Header Subfield Label	Values
Patient identification	Patient code	[<i>Study label</i>][_ <i>Subject number</i>]	E.g., A_01, A_02, etc.
	Sex ^a		- Male - Female
	Date of birth	01-JAN-[YYYY]	- 01-JAN-[YYYY], date-shifted in years based on assumed recording start date of 01-JAN-2020. - If age is not available, set to 01-JAN-YYYY. Note: All study participants are adults (at least 18 years).
	Patient name	[<i>Race</i>][_ <i>Ethnicity</i>][_ <i>ALS Status</i>]	<i>Race</i> ^a - White - Black/African American - Asian - American Indian or Alaska Native - Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander - X (if not available)
			<i>Ethnicity</i> ^a - Hispanic - Non-hispanic - X (if not available)
			<i>ALS Severity</i> ^b - NonALS - ALS_#, where # is the revised ALS Functional Rating Scale (ALSFRS-R) score ranging from 0 to 48 - ALS_X (if ALFRS-R score is not available)
Recording identification	Start date	01-JAN-2020	All recording start dates set to the same value
	Hospital administration code of the investigation	[<i>Dataset name</i>][_ <i>Dataset version</i>][_ <i>Study</i>][<i>Study label</i>]	<i>Dataset name</i> - bigP3BCI
			<i>Dataset version</i> - vX.X.X (following convention for semantic versioning)
			<i>Study label</i> - See Table 4 .
			E.g., bigP3BCI_v1.0.0_StudyA
	Investigator or Technician	SE[<i>Session number</i>]	E.g., SE001, SE002, etc.
	Equipment code	[<i>Equipment model</i>]	gUSBamp

^aSex, race and ethnicity categories are primarily based on definitions outlined by the [NIH](#).

^bThe [revised Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Functional Rating Scale](#) (ALSFRS-R) is an instrument for evaluating degree of functional impairment in individuals with ALS; the total ALSFRS-R score ranges from 0 (worst) to 48 (best).

Table 3: bigP3BCI Dictionary for [EDF+ Data Label](#)

BCI Data Level*	Data		Data Label ^{§, #}	Values
Level 0: Biosignals	EEG signals		EEG_<channelName> e.g., EEG_Cz	microvolts (µV)
	Eye tracker (ET) signals	Eye data validity	ET<Left/Right>EyeValid	0: Eye tracker data invalid 1: Eye tracker data valid
		Eye gaze position	ET<Left/Right>EyeGaze<X/Y>	- Ratio between 0 and 1, location on the screen the participant is looking - ($X = 0, Y = 0$) corresponds to the top left of the screen
		Eye position	ET<Left/Right>EyePos<X/Y>	- Ratio between 0 and 1 (eye position relative to the camera in 2D space) - ($X = 0, Y = 0$) corresponds to the top left of the camera's view
		Eye distance	ET<Left/Right>EyeDist	mm (distance between the screen and the eyes)
		Pupil size	ET<Left/Right>PupilSize	mm
Level 1: BCI Training	Target character trial events		PhaseInSequence	Phase 0: Pre-run Phase 1: Pre-trial Phase 2: During trial Phase 3: Post-trial
	Stimulus events (active during Phase 2)	StimulusBegin		0: stimulus off 1: stimulus on
		StimulusType		0: non-target stimulus event when StimulusBegin = 1 1: target stimulus event
	Character presentation events (active during Phase 2)	<Character>_<rowIndex>_<columnIndex> E.g., For a 9 x 8 grid (R rows x C columns), K_2_3		0: character not presented 1: character presented
Target character (active during Phase 2)	CurrentTarget		- Index of target character during a trial - $(r - 1) * R + C$, where r is row index, R is number of rows and C is number of columns - E.g., index of K_2_3 in a 9 x 8 grid is 11. See Error! Reference source not found..	
Level 2: BCI Feedback	Predicted target character (active during Phase 3)		Selected<Target/Row/Column>	Index of predicted target character/row/column). See Error! Reference source not found..
	Presented feedback (active during Phase 3)	DisplayResult		0: Feedback not presented 1: Feedback presented
		FakeFeedback		Index of presented target character overriding predicted target character during a character trial. See Error! Reference source not found..
*BCI data levels for data storage and sharing as defined by the IEEE P2731 Working Group Standard for a Unified Terminology for Brain-Computer Interfaces.				
§ <...> indicates a substring within the angle brackets. <option> in italics indicates a variable substring within the angle brackets. <option1/option2/.../optionN> in solid indicates a variable substring from the fixed set {option1, option2,..., option}. E.g., ET<Left/Right>PupilSize indicates two options, ETLeftPupilSize and ETRightPupilSize, for the pupil size label of the eye tracker (ET).				
# Most labels for the EDF+ data records are derived from parameter definitions in the P3SpellerTask and EyeTrackerLogger modules in BCI2000.				

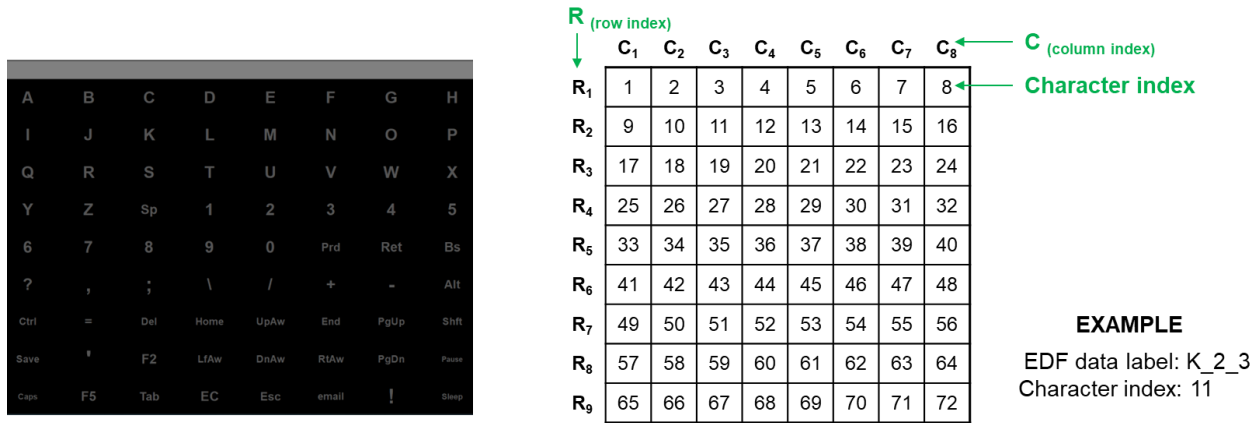


Figure 1: BCI Character Encoding. Example P300 Speller interface showing character definitions (left) and corresponding character index values (right) in *CurrentTarget*, *SelectedTarget* and *FakeFeedback* data records of EDF+ file.

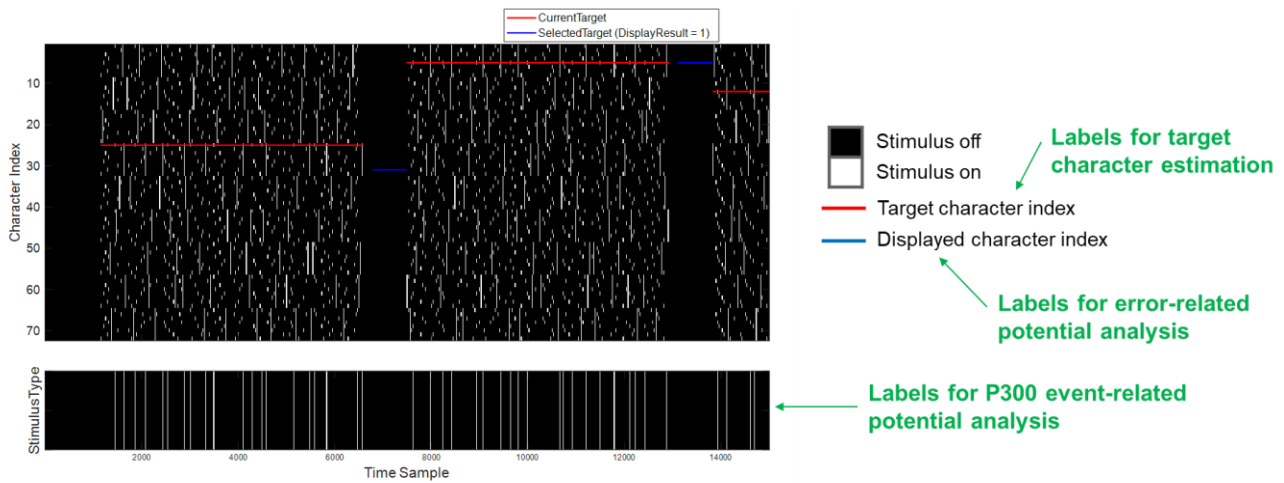


Figure 2: Example Schedule of BCI Events for a 9 x 8 BCI Speller. The stimulus presentation schedule (top panel), target characters and presented characters (top panel) and stimulus type (bottom panel), extracted from an EDF+ file are shown. Data stream of interest to obtain labels for machine learning tasks are indicated. Note that if *FakeFeedback* data stream is non-zero, the BCI *SelectedTarget* is overridden and the displayed character corresponds to the *FakeFeedback* character index value.