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**Multichannel frequency-domain Hotelling's  $T^2$  test for detection of envelope following responses to natural vowels.**

**Objectives (250 characters):**

A multichannel frequency-domain Hotelling's  $T^2$  (MCHT2) method for envelope following response detection is introduced and its sensitivity compared to a Fourier Analyzer (FA), Magnitude Squared Coherence (MSC), and single-channel Hotelling's  $T^2$  (HT2).

**Methods (250 characters):**

EEG data were collected from 12 normal hearing adults during auditory stimulation with 4 repeated vowels. Each stimulus was presented 220 times with both polarities. Response detection was compared between algorithms based on detection rate and time.

**Results (250 characters):**

A five-channel MCHT2 showed a significantly higher detection rate compared to FA (27% increase) and MSC (24%) detection rates. Both HT2 and MCHT2 showed a significant decrease in mean detection time compared to the FA (29% and 39%, respectively).

**Conclusion (250 characters):**

MCHT2 analysis improves sensitivity in the detection of envelope following responses to natural vowels compared to single-channel methods, without increasing computational complication.

**Keywords (maximum 5):** Objective response detection, envelope following responses, multichannel analysis