

– Abstract –

## Quantitative Analysis of Electromyography

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Electromyographic investigation is performed with the muscle at rest, during slight contraction, and during strong contraction. The last two steps can now be performed quantitatively with high speed; the results are reproducible and allow quantitative comparisons with follow-up studies. Thus, the knowledge and technique of quantitative analysis of EMG can easily be incorporated within the routine EMG examination to recognize and document EMG abnormalities.

The configurational and behavioral properties of single motor unit action potential (MUAP) can be measured by the traditional MUAP analysis at weak contraction and decomposition of interference pattern into their constituent MUAPs. Interference pattern (IP) analysis also contains information about features of MUAP and number of active motor units and their individual firing rates. The electromyographer should use their individual, unique features in a logical way and focus the analysis on the parameters that provide optimal information in each situation.

The major application of quantitative EMG is patients with known or suspected generalized neuromuscular disorders by providing accurate diagnosis and natural progression or response to treatment of the disorder for serial reexamination.

**Key Words** : Quantitative electromyography, Motor unit action potential, Interference pattern

1950 Buchthal  
(Motor unit action potential: MUAP)

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MUAP 가 MUAP 가

9 Buchthal 12 MUAP

MUAP 가 gain,

**Computer-aided methods.** 가

MUAP MUAP 가

(recruitment) (firing rate) 가

3,4 가 가 II

Signal trigger delay line MUAP triggered averaging (signal to noise ratio) MUAP 10

20 MUAP 20 MUAP

20 가

“Henneman (size principle)” 5

**Automatic methods.** MUAP

6,7

가 MUAP 가 (detection) MUAP가 20~50  $\mu V$

MUAP (Interference pattern: IP) MUAP (segmentation)

(template) (template-matching)

IP MUAP MUAP (classification) 4~6 MUAP (classi-)

가 IP MUAP가 2~10 MUAP가 MUAP

MUAP (selection) MUAP

가 (measurement)

(Fig. 1, 2).

Bergmans<sup>11</sup> 50  $\mu V$  template tem-

Andreassen<sup>12</sup> 4 가

1. template 3 4 MUAP

1) MUAP Coatrieux<sup>13</sup> 15

MUAP MUAP

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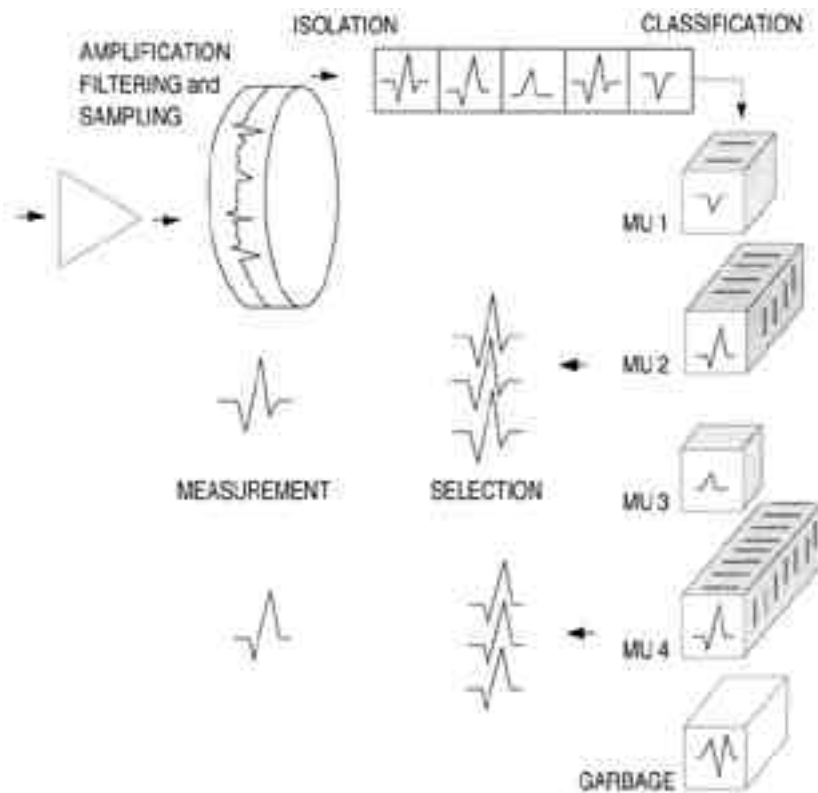
**Frequency-Weighted Automatic MUAP Analysis.**

MUAP MUAP MUAP

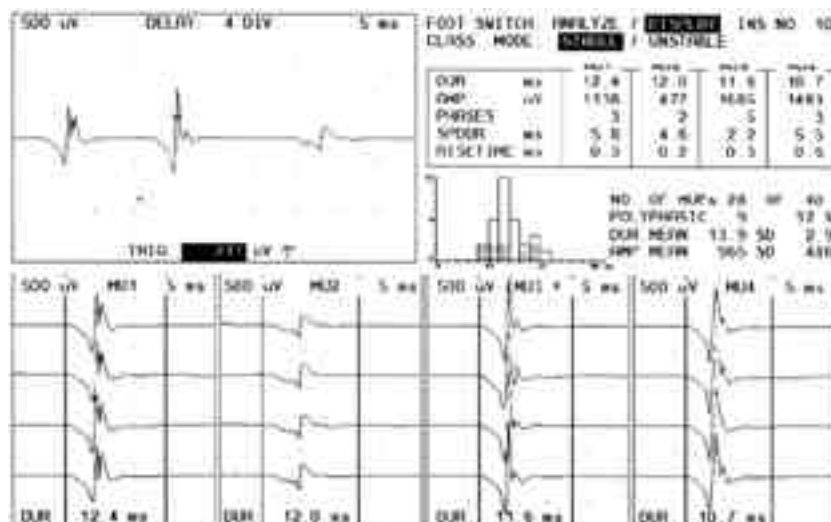
가 MUAP MUAP MUAP

(1) MUAP 64

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**Fig. 1.** Schematic representation of automatic quantitative analysis of MUAP at threshold contraction. Incoming signals are detected(isolation) by an amplitude trigger and stored(classification) into bins according to whether or not the match previous templates(template-matching). When more than three potentials are matched into a template, the potentials are averaged together and measurements are made.



**Fig. 2.** Example of automatic quantitative MUAP analysis. Free-running EMG recording and the individual and mean values of MUAP parameters are presented in upper tracing. Lower tracing indicates four different MUAPs.

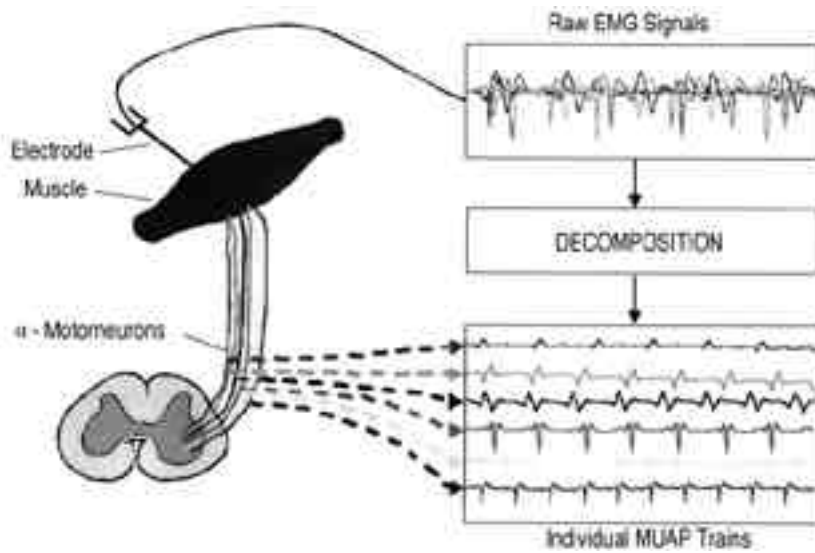


Fig. 3. Schematic representation of decomposition of the EMG signal into single MUAP.

(2) (Decomposition methods)

MUAP가  
 MUAP가 MUAP  
 MUAP (Fig. 3).  
**Multi-MUP Analysis.**  
 5~30% MUAP 5~10  
 2~3 MUAP , 30  
 MUAP 20 MUAP  
 15-17  
 50  $\mu$ V  
 , 6 MUAP  
 , MUAP  
 가 MUAP가  
 (artifact) MUAP ,  
 (Fig. 4).  
 20~30 MUAP , , 5  
 ,  
 가 , gain ,  
 MUAP가  
 , MUAP  
 가 18

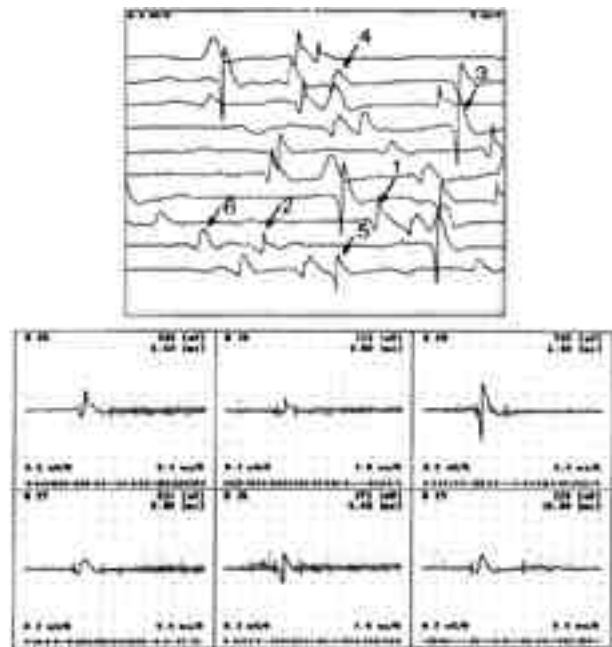


Fig. 4. Multi-MUP analysis. Upper tracing indicates free-running EMG recording. Lower tracing indicate results of matching. Six different classes are found and matching MUPs are superimposed.

**ADEMG(Automatic decomposition electromyography).** McGill Dorfman

30% 10  
 spike-trigger averaging 15 MUAP  
 19,20 high  
 pass filtering ,  
 MUAP  
 trigger

MUAP

MUAP가 (Precision decomposition). 4

quarifilar

85~100% MUAP

MUAP rate coding

(Fig. 5).

가 가

2) MUAP

(1) MUAP (Fig. 6)

(rise time)

가

MUAP

500  $\mu$ s

MUAP

MUAP (duration) MUAP

MUAP

(amplitude)

0.5 mm

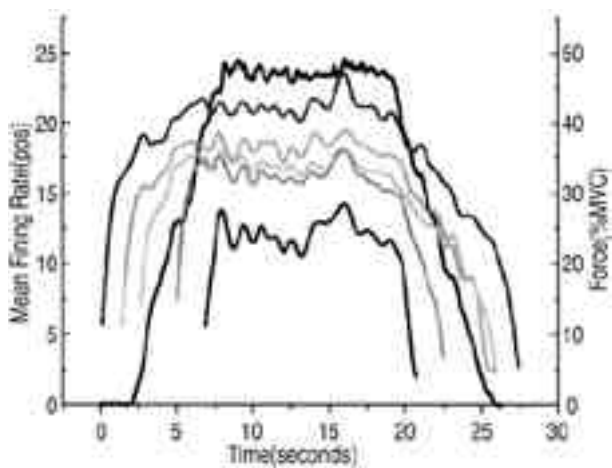


Fig. 5. Control of motor unit during recruitment and derecruitment. Firing rate of MUAPs was measured by precision decomposition technique during gradual voluntary contraction and relaxation up to 50% MVC.

1~3 가 가

(area)

(spike)

1 mm

가 가

MUAP가

가 (가 )

가 (number of phase)

(baseline crossing) 1

가 4 (polyphasic) MUAP

(turn)

50  $\mu$ V 100  $\mu$ V

, 5 (serrated)

(complex)

(thickness)

가

가 (size index)

(scatter plot)

가 가 Jiggle

MUAP

가

(2) MUAP

MUAP 가

MUAP

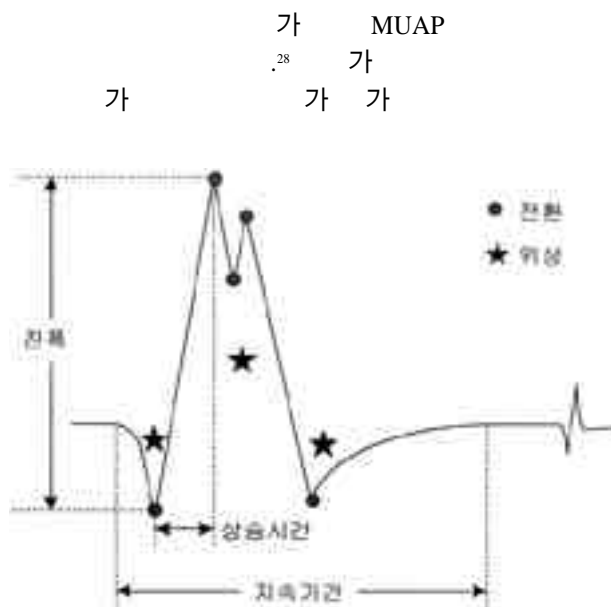
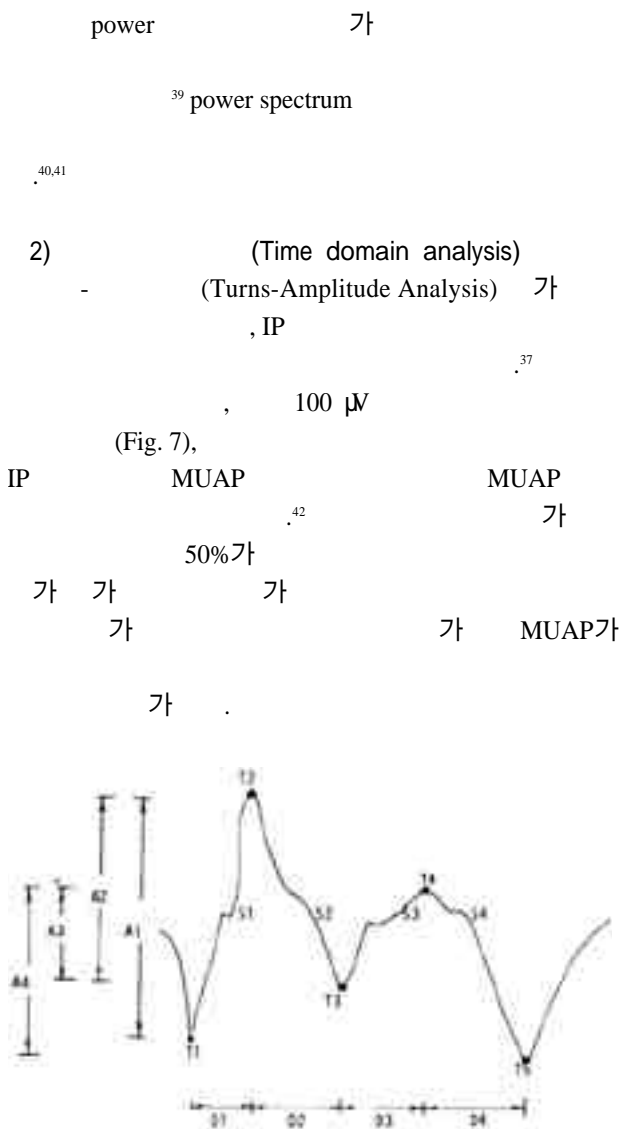
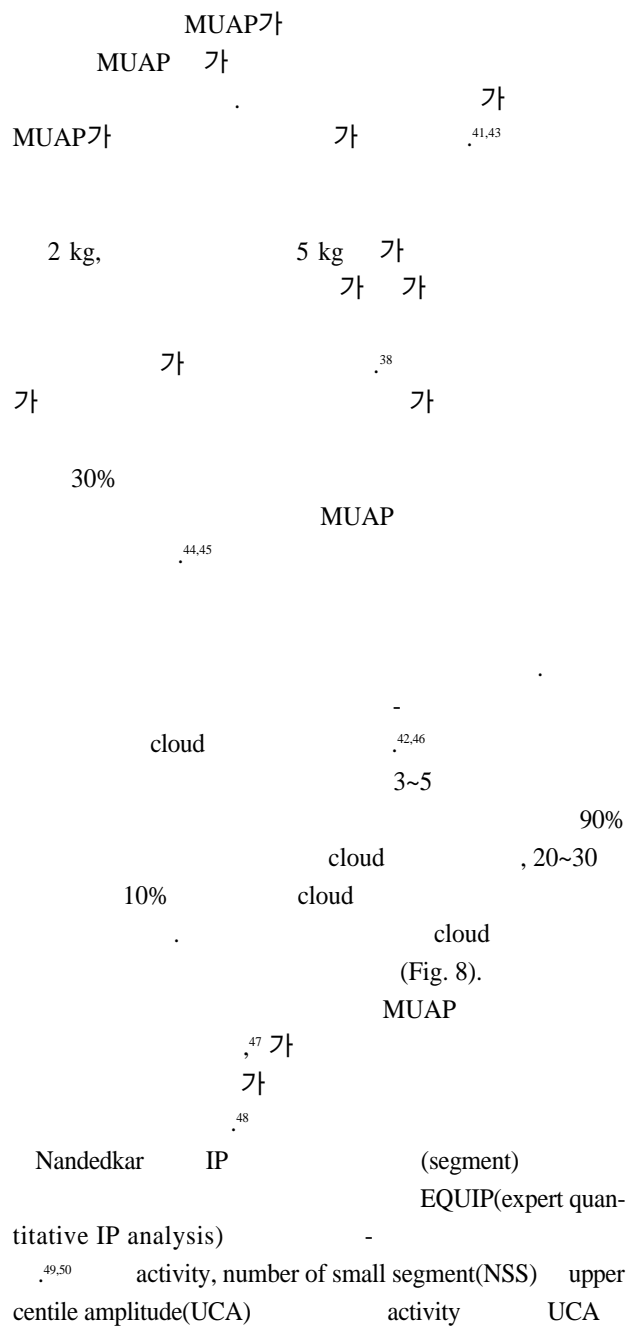


Fig. 6. Parameters of MUAP.

가 , 가 2~3 가  
 MUAP 가 high-pass filter MUAP  
<sup>29</sup> MUAP 가 notch filter MUAP 가 MUAP가  
 Gain MUAP 가 MUAP가  
 gain MUAP가  
 innervation ratio, MUAP가  
 MUAP 5~65 가 <sup>26</sup> MUAP가  
 MUAP 가 가 2.  
<sup>31,32</sup> MUAP가 MUAP 가 가 II  
<sup>21</sup> MUAP가 MUAP가 MUAP가  
 3) MUAP 가 MUAP  
 (1) MUAP가 MUAP가 MUAP  
 MUAP IP 가 MUAP가  
 (discrete) IP 가 (full) IP,  
 (incomplete) IP <sup>9,37</sup> MUAP가  
 MUAP가 MUAP가  
 MUAP MUAP MUAP가  
 (outlier) MUAP가 20 MUAP 3 MUAP MUAP가  
 IP MUAP가  
 MUAP 가  
 (2) MUAP 1) (Frequency domain analysis)  
 MUAP fast Fourier  
 MUAP가 jitter MUAP가 transform (power) power spectrum  
 10~2,000 Hz  
 jitter MUAP가 100~200 Hz <sup>10</sup>  
 MUAP MUAP power spectrum MUAP  
 50 Hz  
 MUAP MUAP MUAP  
 MUAP MUAP <sup>37,38</sup> MUAP  
 jitter MUAP IP power spectrum MUAP  
 MUAP MUAP MUAP MUAP  
 MUAP가 MUAP MUAP MUAP  
 MUAP가 MUAP 10% 30% MUAP MUAP  
 MUAP가 MUAP 10~30 power spectrum , 1,400 Hz



**Fig. 7.** Schematic of an electromyographic signal, showing five turns(T1-T5) that define four segments(S1-S4), whose duration(D1-D4) and amplitudes(A1-A4) are indicated.

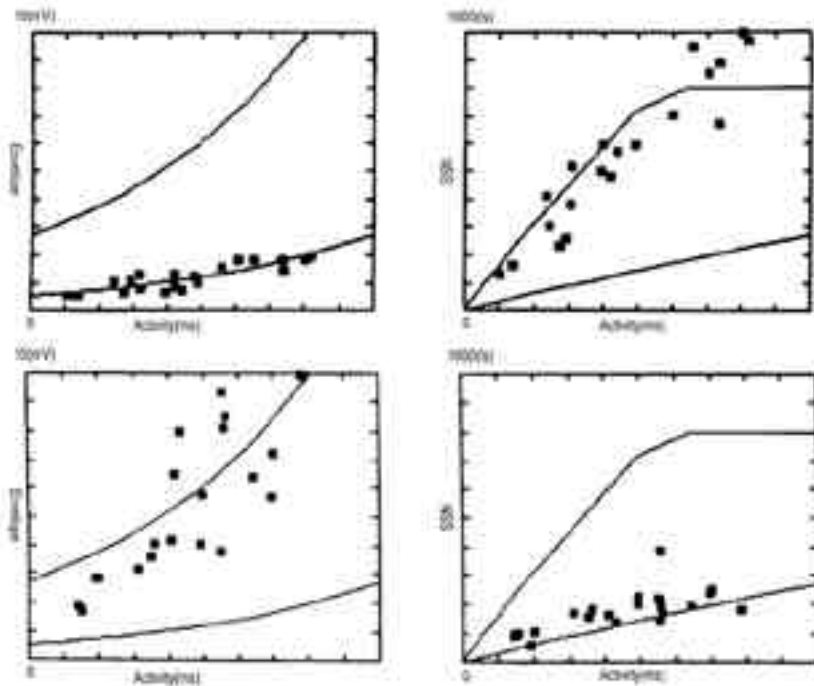


**Fig. 8.** Turns-amplitude analysis findings for 2 patients, superimposed on normal cloud. Note the shift of data toward the lower right in myopathy(Left) and upper left in neuropathy(Right).

activity NSS cloud  
 Activity IP 1  
 ms  
 500 ms IP  
 NSS  
 MUAP  
 가 UCA  
 가 MUAP  
 가 8  
 envelope-amplitude(EN-AMP)  
 가 activity  
 가 activity UCA  
 UCA EN-AMP 가 IP 가  
 EN-AMP 가 IP 가 MUAP  
 Activity NSS IP IP 가 MUAP  
 EQUIP  
 가 가  
 20~30 IP activity activity NSS  
 cloud amplitude-  
 activity cloud , NSS-activity cloud  
 amplitude-activity cloud  
 NSS-activity cloud (Fig. 9).

52.53  
 IP MUAP

가



**Fig. 9.** EQUIP turns-amplitude analysis findings. In a patient with myopathy, NSS increased and UCA decreased(upper tracing). In a patient with neuropathy, UCA increased and NSS decreased(lower tracing).



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