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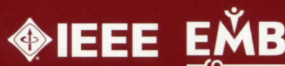


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# Design of Dry Electrodes for Wireless BCI systems

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**Abstract**— In this paper, we aim to introduce a design of dry electrodes for wireless BCI systems. They are capable of acquiring EEG signals of good enough quality without usage of conductive gels. To verify the performance of proposed electrodes, we measure contact impedances and compared them with those of conventional wet electrodes. Experimental results show that average impedance of proposed dry electrodes is slightly higher than those of the wet electrodes. But, impedance differences are insignificant without conductive gels. We will improve the impedance characteristic in future research.

## I. INTRODUCTION

In wireless Brain-Computer Interface (BCI) systems, electrodes are the most important part. Because amplitude of EEG signals is very small, the signals are sensitive and easy to be affected by various noise sources. Moreover, due to usage of conductive gels, electrode installation is also inconvenient and time-consuming. Therefore, development of improved EEG electrodes which provide high fidelity EEG signals and easy installation is one of the most important challenges.

In this paper, we aim to introduce our design of dry electrodes which do not require the use of the conductive gels for EEG signal acquisition, show their performance in terms of contact impedance, and compare them with that of conventional wet electrodes.

## II. ELECTRODE DESIGN

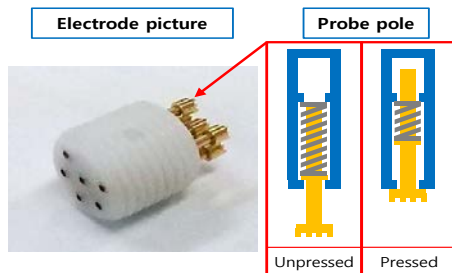


Figure 1. Dry electrode picture and structure diagram

Our dry electrodes are equipped with six probes of spring loaded type. These probes contract their length maximum 2mm when they compressed. This structure provides flexibility and geometric adaptation between the sensors and the irregular scalp surfaces. Because the probes are easy to penetrate with the user's scalp through the hairs, any hair preparation is not needed in their installation process. Figure 1

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is a picture of the proposed dry electrode and a diagram showing its structure.

## III. IMPEDANCE TEST

To verify the contact capability of the proposed electrodes, we measure the contact impedance [1] and compare that with those of conventional wet electrodes (StarDisk, made by Hurev). A lower impedance means a higher contact capability, and facilitates acquisition of high fidelity EEG signals.

In order to measure the electrode impedance, we utilize RZ5 neurophysiology workstation and its impedance check application (made by Tucker-Davis Technology). In the impedance test, we used a single male subject. During 60 seconds, we measured the electrode impedances at Cz, Fz, and Pz positions based on international 10/20 system. Reference and ground electrodes are installed on the both of ear lobes respectively.

## IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

TABLE I. ELECTRODE IMPEDANCE COMPARISON

Electrode Types	Electrode Positions		
	Cz	Fz	Pz
Dry	25.9 k $\Omega$	38.0 k $\Omega$	30.4 k $\Omega$
Wet	21.0 k $\Omega$	13.3 k $\Omega$	23.0 k $\Omega$

Table 1 summarizes the average impedance of both the proposed dry electrodes and the wet electrodes under various spatial during 60 seconds. Owing to the usage of conductive gels, the average impedance values of proposed dry electrodes are slightly higher than those of the wet electrodes.

However, according to impedance values of Cz position, the impedance difference between two electrodes is insignificant without conductive gels. Besides, the proposed dry electrodes have advantages such as convenient installation and feasibility of long-term monitoring. We will improve the impedance characteristic in future research.

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