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Factorizing the EEG: Independent component analysis, microstates, and their links to the analysis of connectivity

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Volume conduction in EEG

A single source event produces a **<u>distributed</u>** and **<u>simultaneous</u>** event on the scalp.

- Temporal correlations of scalp signals may be explained by source correlation, volume conduction, or both
- Time-shifted relations cannot be explained by volume conduction

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Two very different starting points

Temporal correlations of scalp signals may be explained by source correlation, volume conduction, or both



Add arguments separating connectivity from volume conduction

Time-shifted relations cannot be explained by volume conduction



Remove what may be explained by volume conduction





Time-shifted relations cannot be explained by volume conduction



Remove everything that may be explained by volume conduction

We need a systematic measure for lagged relationship among uncorrelated components of two signals: -> Imaginary coherence

$$LagR_{xy\omega}^{2} = \frac{\left[\operatorname{Im} Cov(x, y)\right]^{2}}{Var(x) \times Var(y) - \left[\operatorname{Re} Cov(x, y)\right]^{2}}$$

Possible solutions

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Established solutions:

- Lagged coherence (Nolte, Pascual-Marqui)
- Phase locking index (Stam)
- Granger causality

Global quantifiers of lagged networks:

Graph measures

Using the imaginary part of the FFT allows just this



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A single source event produces a ^a <u>distrib</u> <u>.ed</u> and <u>simulta</u> <u>.eous</u> even on the scalp.





Song et al., 2013

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You pay by:

- Being bound to a particular lag for a frequency
- Having problems with more than 2 interconnected nodes
- Still risking false conclusions because of volume conduction

What you earn:

The potential to go into directed, thus potentially causal interactions



Argue more



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A special case: All channels have 100% common variance

- Either: It's only volume conduction \rightarrow Only one source active
- Or: It's more than one source
 - \rightarrow These sources are in sync
 - \rightarrow It is a network



The resulting problem:

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Independent Component Analysis



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Established solutions:

- Principal Component Analysis (Roy John)
- Microstates (Dietrich Lehmann)
- Independent Component Analysis (Scott Makeig)

Global quantifiers of non-laggedness:

- > Omega complexity (Jiri Wackermann)
- Global Field Synchronization (Thomas Koenig)



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Correlation structure of scalp field data

Measured

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Model



Approximate by a few completely stable states & a little noise

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Synchronization implies non-causality Unitary experience



Spontaneous microstates (Sync packs)

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Microstate interactions in schizophrenia

Nishida et al. 2013, Clinical Neurophysiology

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You pay by:

- Adding a plausible apriori assumption about the distribution of the dynamics
- Have no clue about localization

What you earn:

The non-lagged, noncausal, integrative binding type of networks

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"Understanding" of terms like Connectivity and Synchronization in EEG



Having both

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Conclusions

- > Volume conduction is not the enemy
- > EEG connectivity analyses requires strong models
- Existing models may define connectivity in very different, and sometimes incompatible terms
 - You cannot simply combine
- Hierarchical and multimodal approaches may be needed to accommodate it all
- > Unique information in health and disease

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Zero lag Synchrony and face integration



-0.5 sec

0.5 sec

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Kottlow et al., 2012

There's pace-maker

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The proposal: a two-level approach

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Identify synchronous networks

Analyze their directed interactions

- By looking at transitions
- By looking at lagged coherence

Localize them

Partial directed coherence

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Asymetry

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Song et al., 2013

Fig. 5 Connectivity contrast analysis between the late-onset tinnitus group and the early-onset tinnitus group. Increased lagged connectivity between bilateral auditory cortices for theta and between bilateral insulae (A) and, with marginal significance, b...

Jae-Jin Song , Dirk De Ridder , Winfried Schlee , Paul Van de Heyning , Sven Vanneste

"Distressed aging": the differences in brain activity between early- and late-onset tinnitus

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