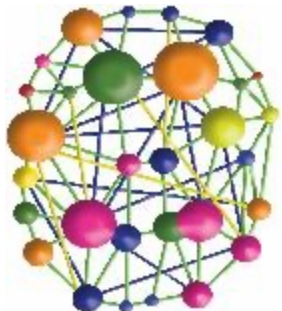


Meta-Analysis of 4-Channel Multivariate Coherence Neurofeedback Research



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Using quantitative and analytic EEG methods in the understanding of connectivity in autism spectrum disorders: a theory of mixed over- and under-connectivity

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$$\tau_{xy}^2(f) = \frac{(G_{xy}(f))^2}{(G_{xx}(f)G_{yy}(f))} \quad (1)$$

Where: $G_{xy}(f)$ = cross power spectral density and

$G_{xx}(f)$ and $G_{yy}(f)$ = auto power spectral densities

The final normalized coherence value is given by Equation (2):

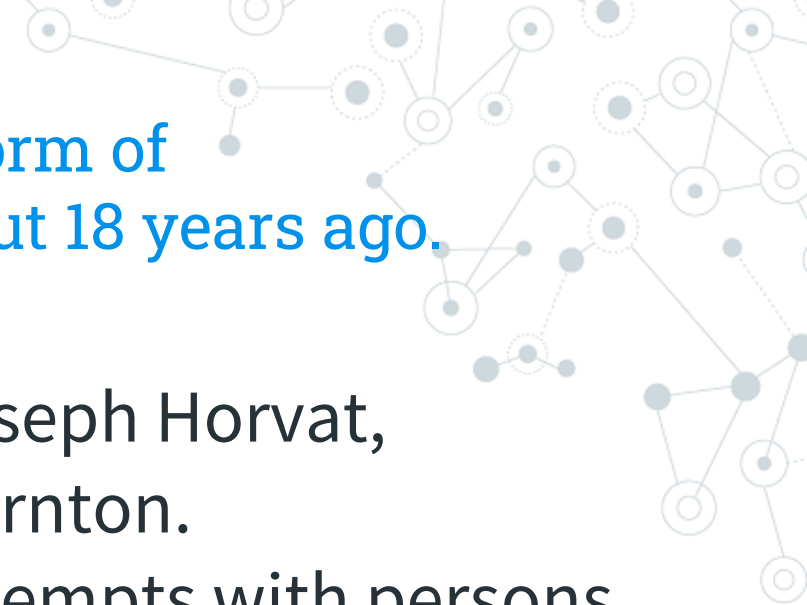
$$\tau_{xy}^2(f) = \frac{r_{xy}^2 + q_{xy}^2}{G_{xx}G_{yy}} \quad (2)$$

Where: r_{xy}^2 = real cospectrum and q_{xy}^2 = imaginary quadspectra


$G_{xx}(f)$ and $G_{yy}(f)$ = as in Equation (1)

Phase: $159.1549 \tan^{-1}(q/r)/fc$

Where: r and q = as in Eq.2; fc = center frequency of filter



Coherence training as a new form of Neurofeedback first began about 18 years ago.

- ◎ The originators included Joseph Horvat, Jonathan Walker and Kirt Thornton.
 - ◎ All of them started these attempts with persons with closed head injuries.
 - ◎ Horvat and Walker used coherence training and Thornton spectral correlation (even though it is called coherence on the Lexicor machine)
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Improvement/Rehabilitation of Memory Functioning with Neurotherapy/QEEG Biofeedback

Kirtley Thornton, PhD

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Fig 1. Undulating curve is a best-fit polynomial trend line to the 6th order. Dotted line = norms; Solid line = subject.

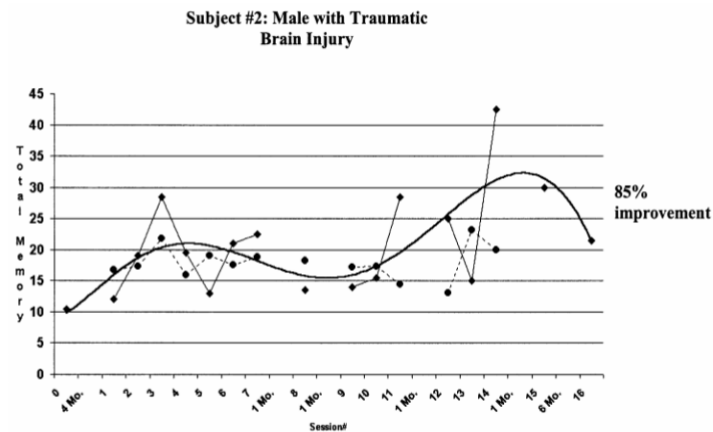


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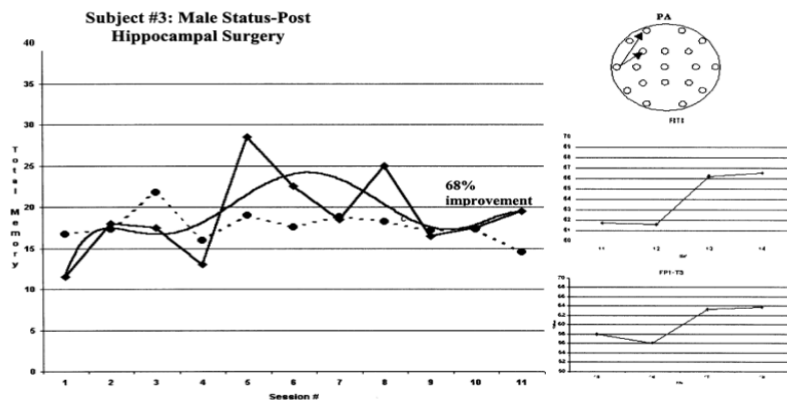


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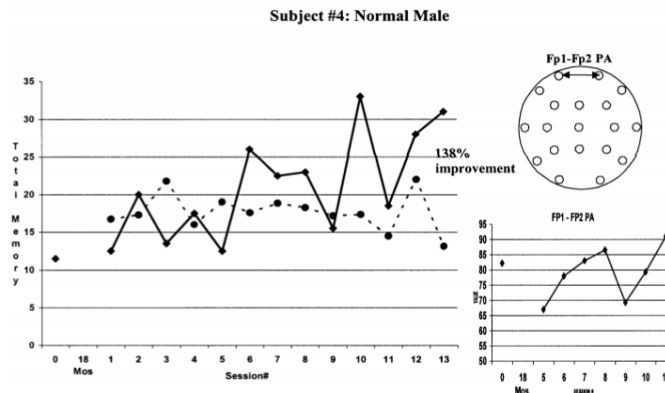


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Impact of qEEG-Guided Coherence Training for Patients with a Mild Closed Head Injury

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TABLE 3. Electrode Placement for Coherence Scores

Intrahemispheric	Interhemispheric
Fp1/F3	Fp1/Fp2
Fp2/F4	F3/F4
T3/T5	F7/F8
T4/T6	C3/C4
C4/P4	T5/T6
F3/O1	P3/P4
F4/O2	O1/O2

TABLE 4. Mean and Range for Age, Time Since MHI, Number of Sessions and Global Improvement

Factor	Mean Standard Deviation	Range
Age (yrs)	38.6 ± 13.5	15-55
Time Since MHI (months)	12.7 ± 18.5	3-70
Number of Sessions	19.1 ± 9.7	5-40
Global Improvement	72.7 ± 27.6	0-100

Neurofeedback treatment of epilepsy

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The Neurophysiology of Dyslexia: A Selective Review with Implications for Neurofeedback Remediation and Results of Treatment in Twelve Consecutive Patients

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TABLE 1. Effect of Neurofeedback in Improving Reading Level in 10 Additional Cases

Case	Age	Grade	Pre-Neurofeedback	Neurofeedback Protocols (5 sessions each)	Post-Neurofeedback
			Reading Grade Level		Reading Grade Level
3	16	10	9	↓ 2-7 Hz/↑ 12-15 Hz at FP2 ↓ 1-8 Hz plus ↓ 18-30 Hz at OZ ↓ coherence of beta at P3/O1 ↓ coherence of beta at FP2/O2 ↑ coherence of delta at F3/O1 ↑ coherence of theta at C4/P4 ↑ coherence of delta at F4/O2	12

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Power Spectral Frequency and Coherence Abnormalities in Patients with Intractable Epilepsy and Their Usefulness in Long-Term Remediation of Seizures Using Neurofeedback

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Following our previous study in 2005, we report an additional 25 patients so treated. We also report an analysis of the frequency of QEEG abnormalities in this patient group. All of the intractable epileptic patients had one or more slow foci (excessive theta or delta compared with the normal database). One third had a relative deficiency of beta power. One fourth had a deficiency of absolute delta. Eighteen percent had excessive absolute alpha power, 18% had deficient absolute alpha power, 18% percent had excessive absolute beta power, and 18% percent had deficient absolute beta power. Hypocoherence of theta was found in 75%, and decreases in alpha coherence were noted in 42%. Hypocoherence of beta was found in 50%, and hypocoherence of delta was found in 25%. Increases in alpha coherence were noted in 33%. Seventeen percent had no coherence abnormalities.

When most of the power and coherence abnormalities were normalized with neurofeedback training, all the patients became seizure-free; 76% no longer required an anticonvulsant for seizure control.

Neurofeedback training of alpha-band coherence enhances motor performance

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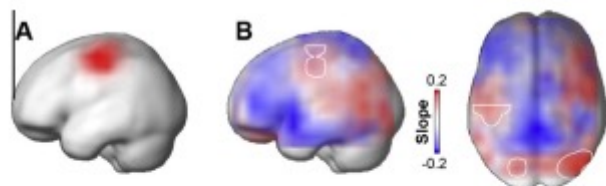
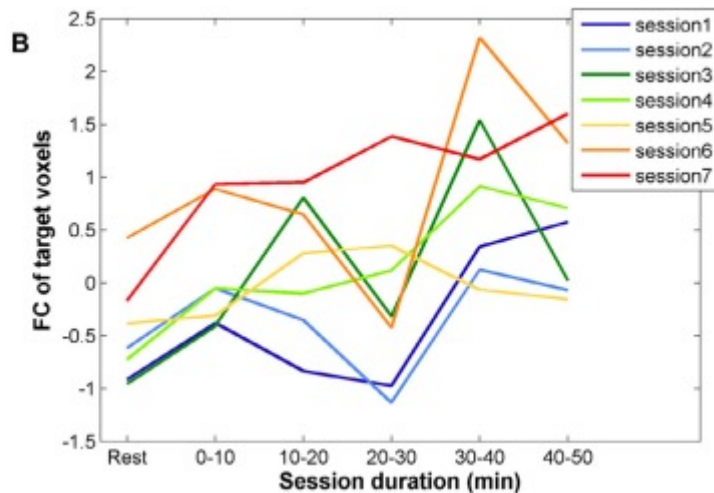
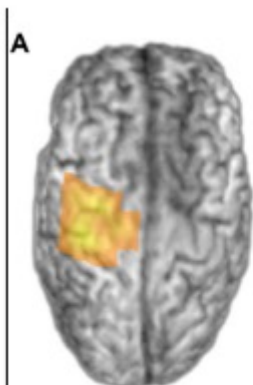


Fig. 2. Mean slope of alpha-band coherence evolution during neurofeedback training of 10 healthy subjects. Subjects tried to voluntarily enhance alpha-band coherence between the left or right hand motor cortex and the rest of the brain in a single session. Subjects with right target are flipped to left for visualization. (A) The target area is marked in red. (B) Red color indicates regions which global alpha-band coherence increase during the feedback session, blue regions which coherence decrease. Increases occurred relatively specifically in the target area. Maps are unthresholded, significant areas ($p < 0.05$, uncorrected) are marked with white contour lines. (For interpretation of the references to colour in this figure legend, the reader is referred to the web version of this article.)

Table 1

Clinical assessment of sensorimotor function of the right upper limb in the patient.

	3 Days before training	1 Day after training	6 Weeks after training
Motor assessment			
Upper limb Fugl-Meyer Assessment	37/66	44/66	45/66
Jamar	11.5 kg	11 kg	10 kg
Nine Hole Peg Test	0 pegs placed in 2 min	6 pegs placed in 2 min	7 pegs placed in 2 min
Somatosensory assessment			
<i>Pressure perception (nylon filament)</i>			
D1 pulp	0.6 g	0.4 g	0.4 g
D2 pulp	0.4 g	0.4 g	0.4 g
Hypothenar	0.6 g	0.4 g	0.4 g
Forearm	0.6 g	0.6 g	0.6 g



The Impact of Coherence Neurofeedback on Reading Delays in Learning Disabled Children: A Randomized Controlled Study

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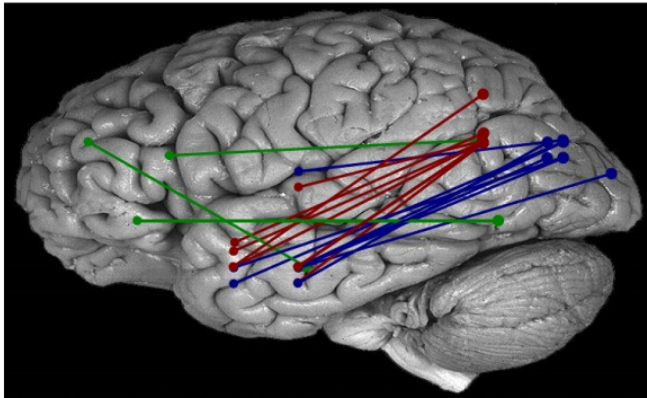


Figure 1. Graphic representation of two-channels involved in NF protocol for each subject in the experimental group. Represented are those trained from occipital-temporal (blue), parietal-temporal (red), and temporal-parietal-frontal (green).

Table 2

Reading delay in years for the total sample, experimental (coherence) and control (resource) groups.

		Descriptives							
		N	Mean	SD	Std. Error	95% Confidence Interval for Mean		Minimum	Maximum
						Lower Bound	Upper Bound		
Reading Delay	Coherence	21	3.220	1.1422	.2492	2.700	3.739	1.6	5.3
	Resource	21	2.697	0.6073	.1325	2.421	2.974	1.9	4.1
	Total	42	2.958	0.9414	.1453	2.665	3.252	1.6	5.3

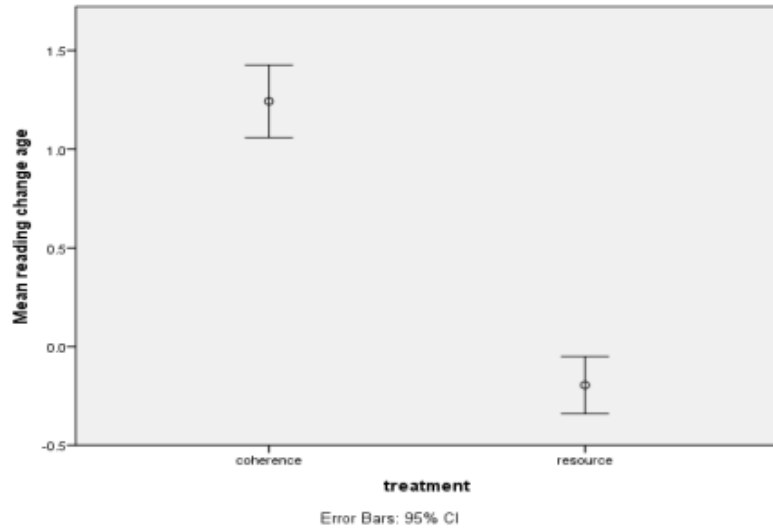


Figure 2. Change in age equivalent reading scores by group.

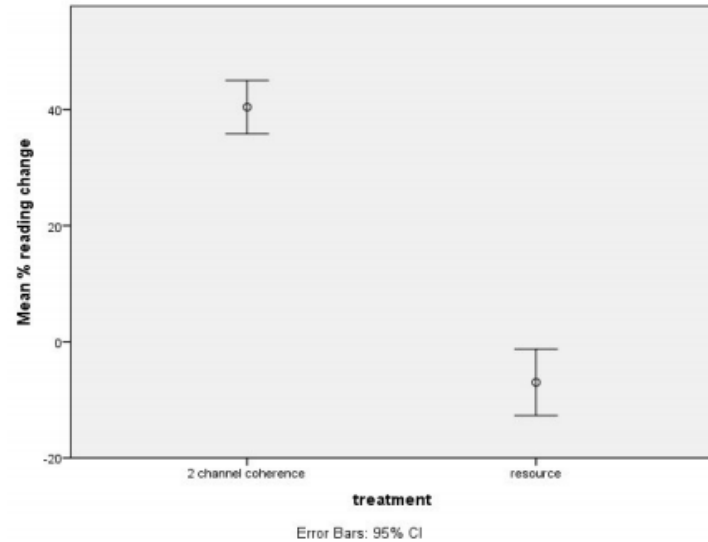


Figure 3. Change in percentage reading delay by group.

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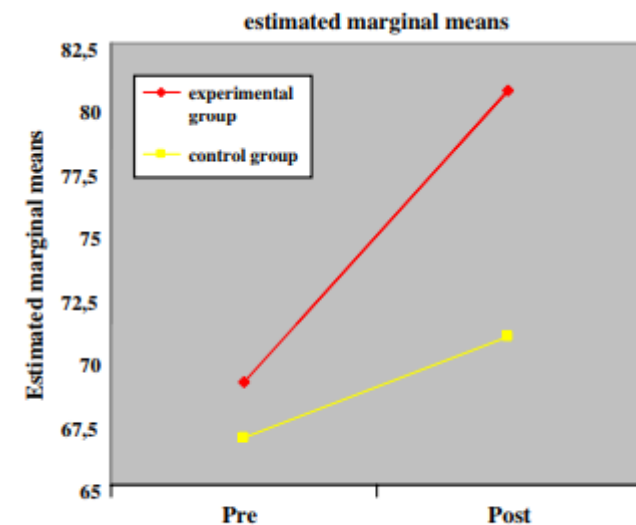


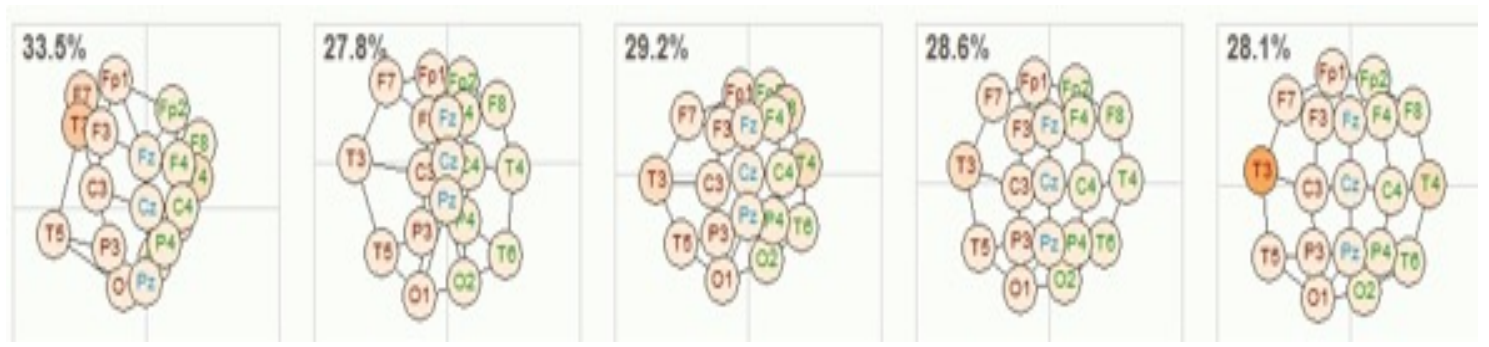
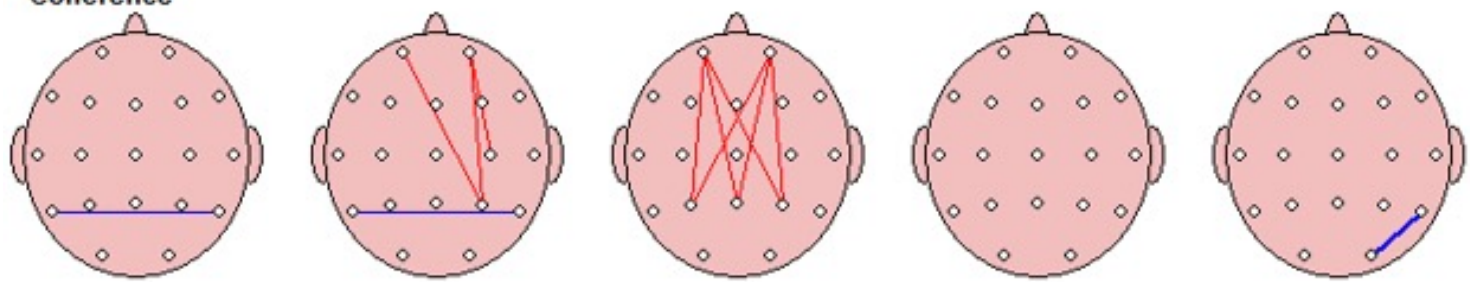
Fig. 1 Pre- and posttest scores on spelling test

Table 2 Specification of personalized neurofeedback training protocols and their effect on spectral power and coherence

Gender, age	Power protocol	Coherence protocol	Power pre vs. post (Z-scores)	Coherence pre vs. post (Z-scores)
1 Boy age 8		T3-T4 delta down EO		1.24 vs. 1.01
2 Boy age 11	T6 2-5 Hz down 15-20 up EC	F7-C3 beta down EC	Theta/beta 1.97/-0.54 vs. 0.87/-0.96	1.67 vs. -0.20
3 Girl age 10		T3-T4 delta down EO F7-C3 beta down EO		3 vs. ? 2.59 vs. ? no 2nd measurement
4 Boy age 10	T6 2-12 Hz down EO	F7-FC3 alpha down EO	Delta/theta/alpha 3.93/2.29/2.27 no EO data 2nd measurement	0.92 vs. ? no EO data 2nd measurement
5 Girl age 10	T4 2-8 Hz down EO	T3-T4 delta down EO F7-FC3 alpha down EO	Delta/theta 2.27/1.62 vs. 0.45/0.13	3 vs. -0.02 1.56 vs. -0.40
6 Boy age 9		T3-T4 delta down EO F7-C3 alpha down EO		4.94 vs. 0.61 1.71 vs. -0.58
7 Girl age 8	T6 2-5 Hz down Beta up EO	T3-T4 delta down EO F7-C3 beta down EO	Delta 1.34 vs. -0.04	1.79 vs. -1.03 2.21 vs. -0.37
8 Boy age 12	Fz 18-20 Hz down 5-8 Hz down EC C3 12-15 Hz up EO		Beta/alpha 1.42/-1.42 vs. 0.32/-1.44	
9 Boy age 9		F7-C3 beta down EO		1.82 vs. 1.07
10 Boy age 8	F3 2-4 Hz down	T3-T4 delta down EO F7-FC3 alpha down EO	1.55 vs. 1.16	2.04 vs. 1.49 3.55 vs. 1.30

Processing of Coherence Data

Coherence



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Table 4 Percent change per session

	<i>N</i>	Mean	SD	<i>t</i>	<i>df</i>	Sig. (2-tailed)
Speech/lang/comm						
Jarusiewicz (2002)	12	1.12	1.03	−3.092	22	0.005
Coben and Padolsky (2007)	12	2.83	1.62			
Sociability						
Jarusiewicz (2002)	12	1.01	1.06	−2.608	22	0.016
Coben and Padolsky (2007)	12	2.15	1.08			
Sens/cog awareness						
Jarusiewicz (2002)	12	.55	.37	−2.947	22	0.012
Coben and Padolsky (2007)	12	2.12	1.80			
Health/phys/behavior						
Jarusiewicz (2002)	12	.68	.74	−3.471	22	0.002
Coben and Padolsky (2007)	12	2.05	1.15			
Total						
Jarusiewicz (2002)	12	.84	.57	−4.471	22	0.000
Coben and Padolsky (2007)	12	2.31	.98			

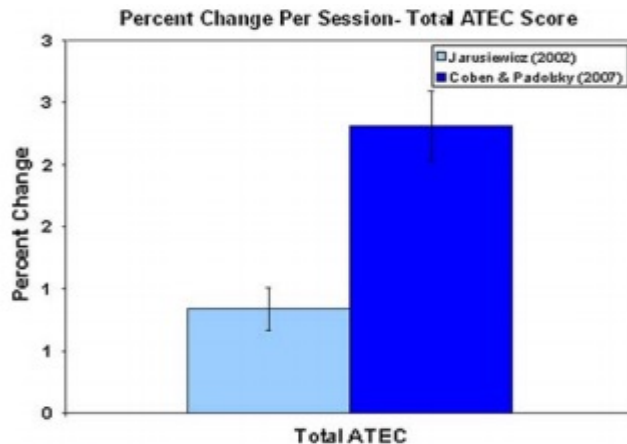


Fig. 5 The amount of change in Total ATEC scores per session was significantly greater in Coben and Padolsky (2007) than the amount of change per session in Jarusiewicz (2002)

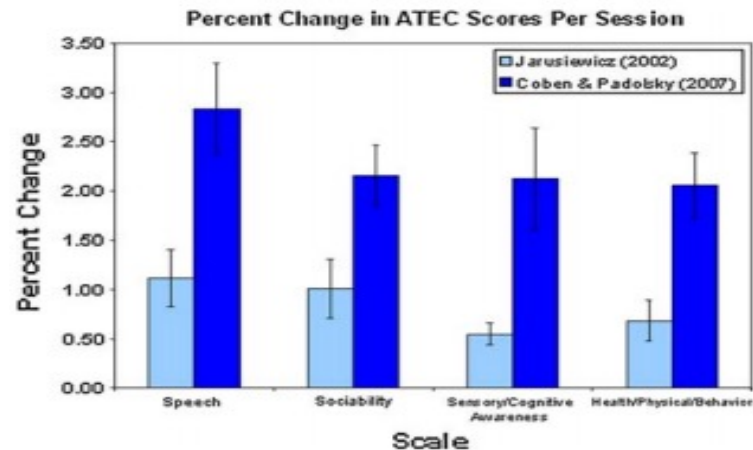
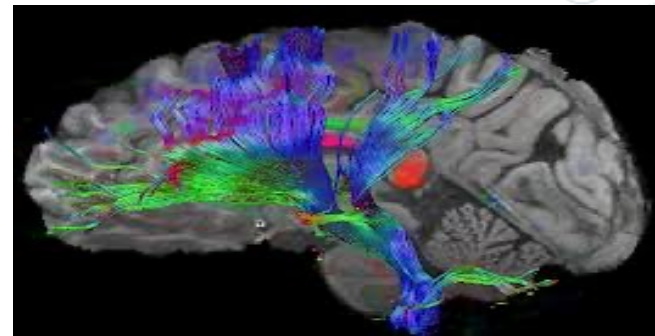


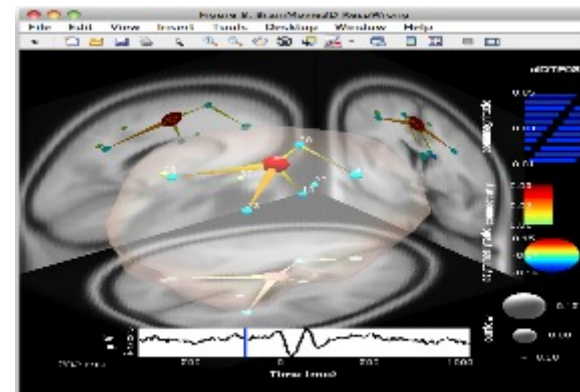
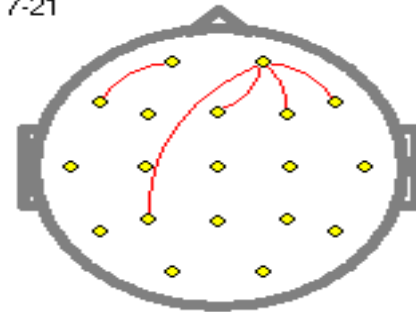
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Types of connectivity

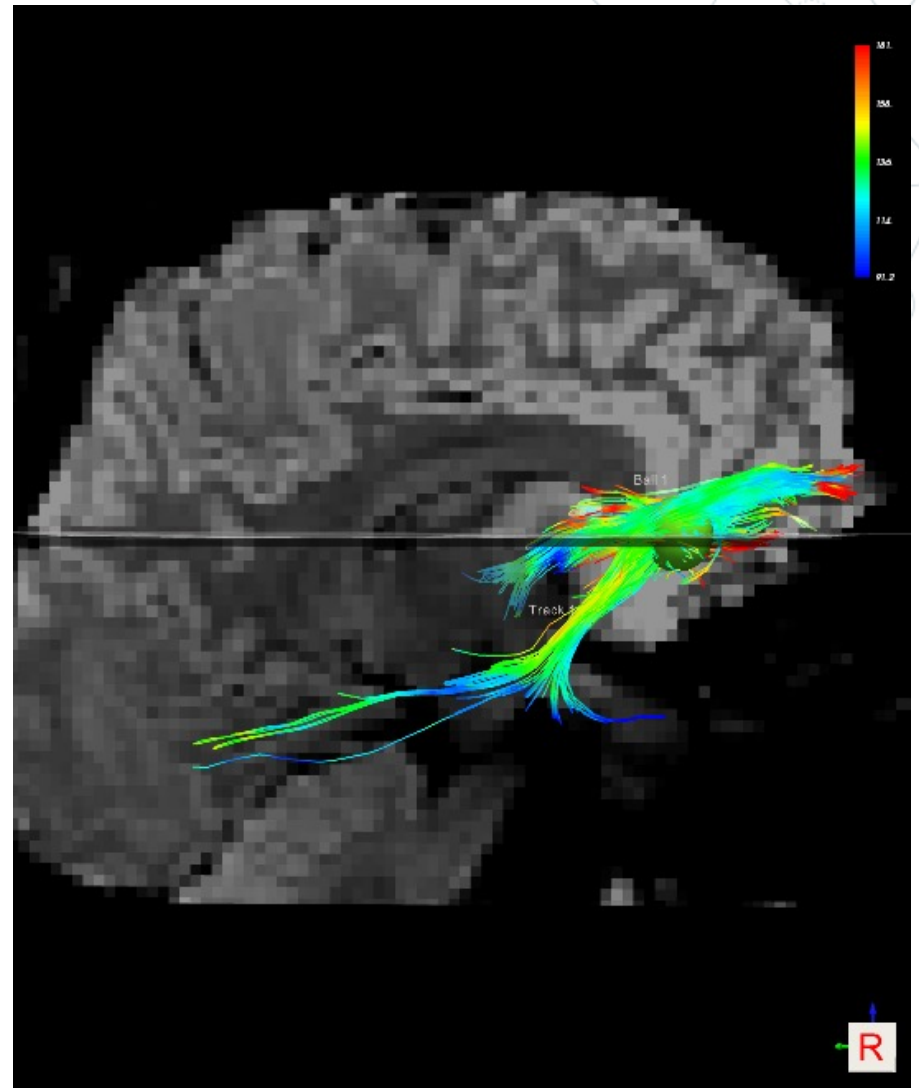
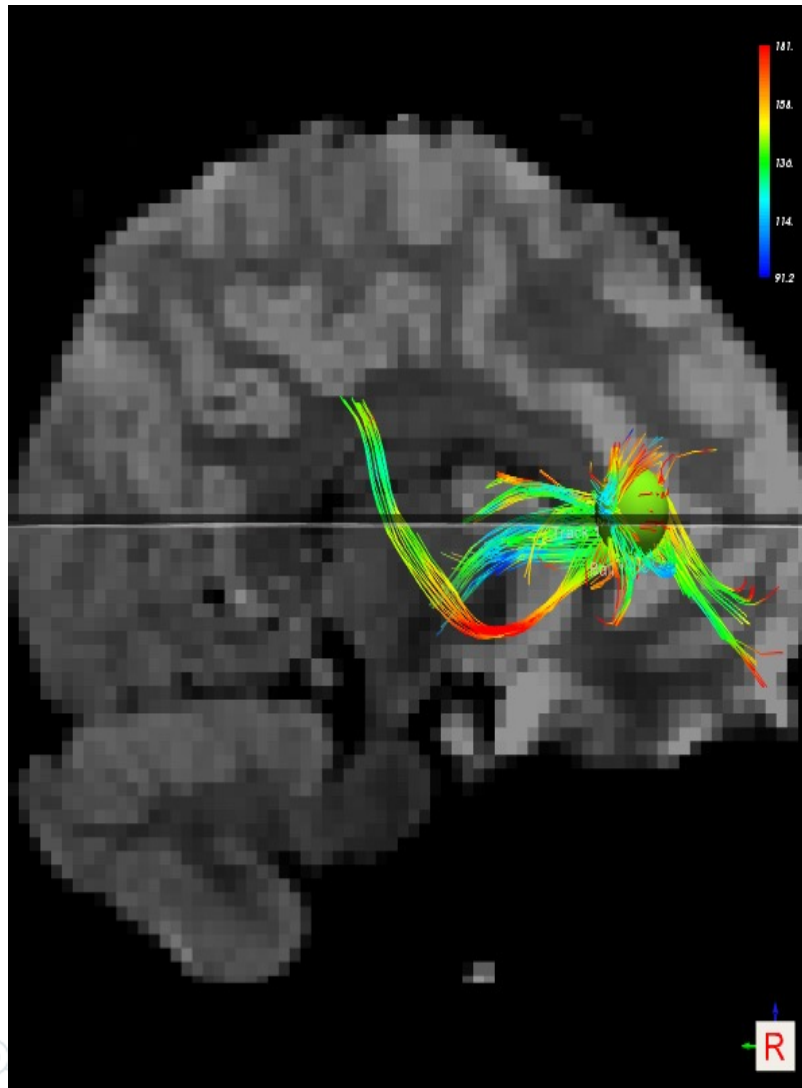
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- Functional connectivity
- Effective connectivity

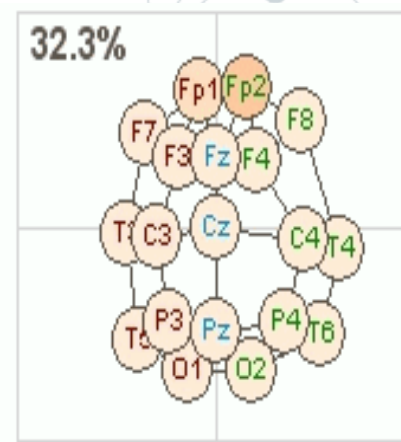
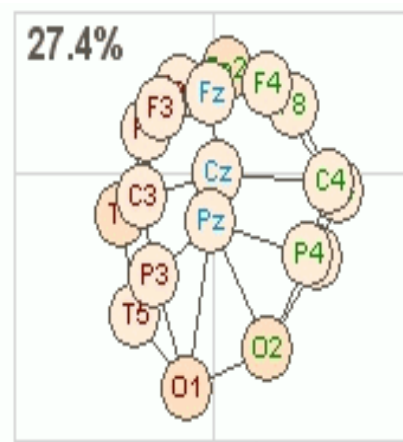
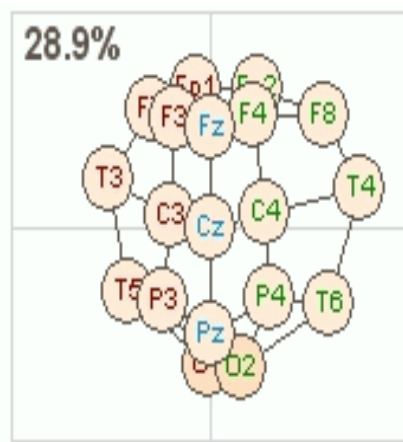
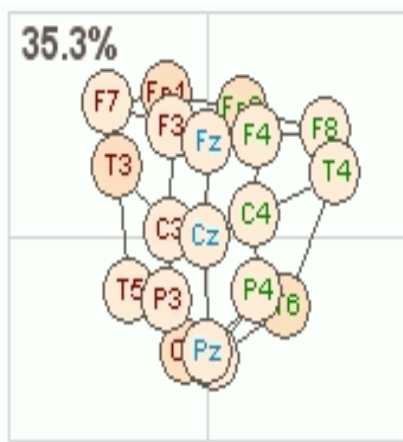


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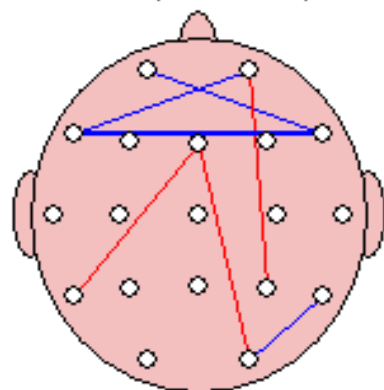


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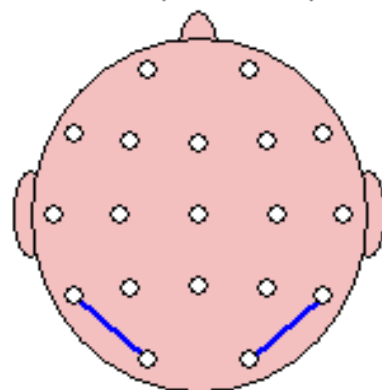




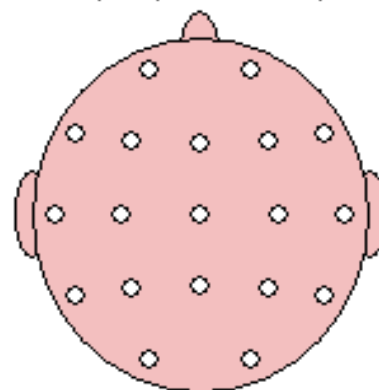
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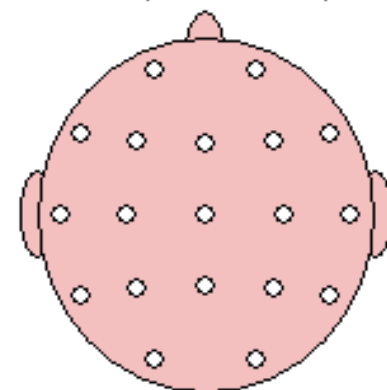
Theta (4.0 - 8.0 Hz)



Alpha (8.0 - 12.0 Hz)



Beta (12.0 - 25.0 Hz)



Review of the methods of determination of directed connectivity from multichannel data

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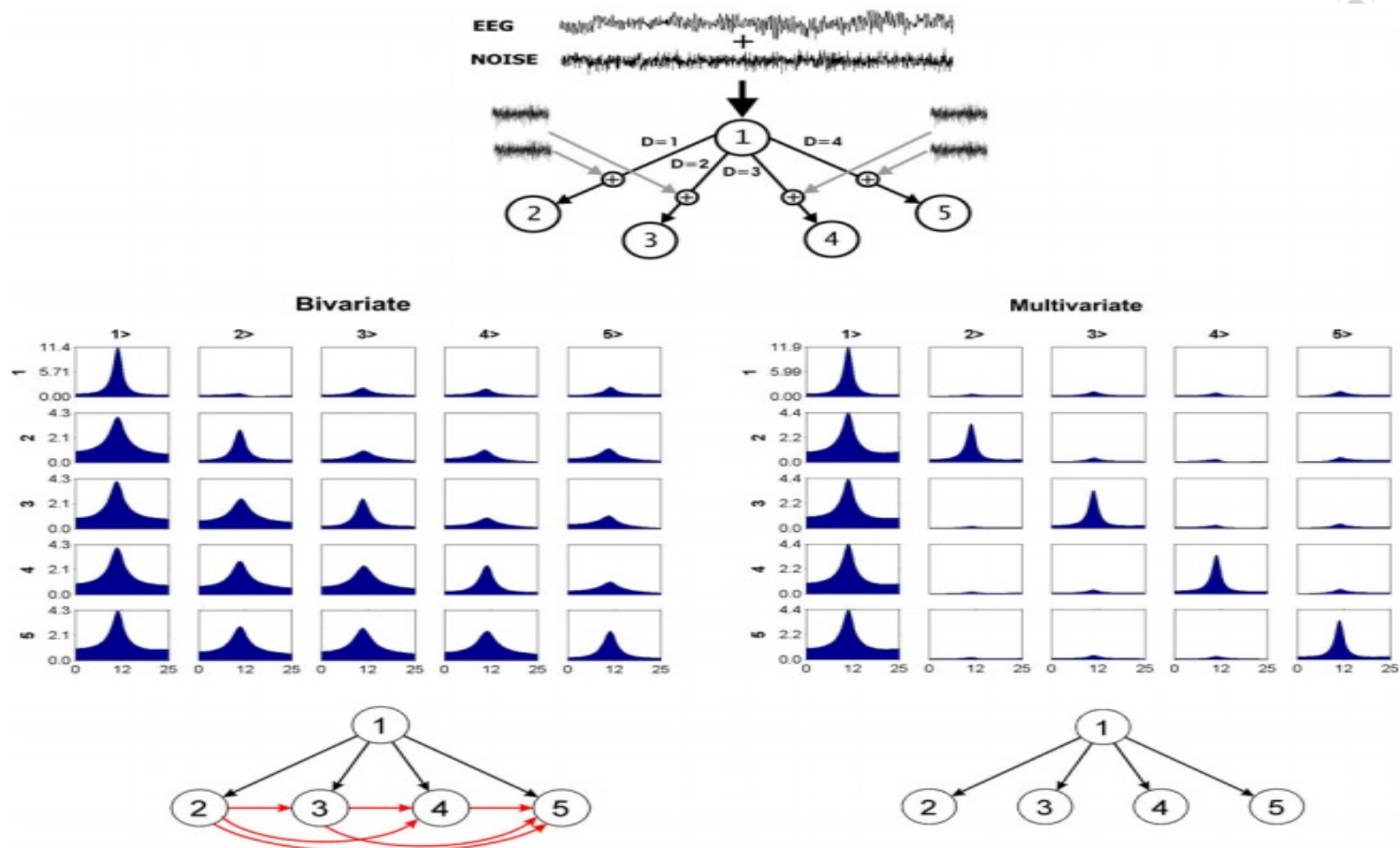
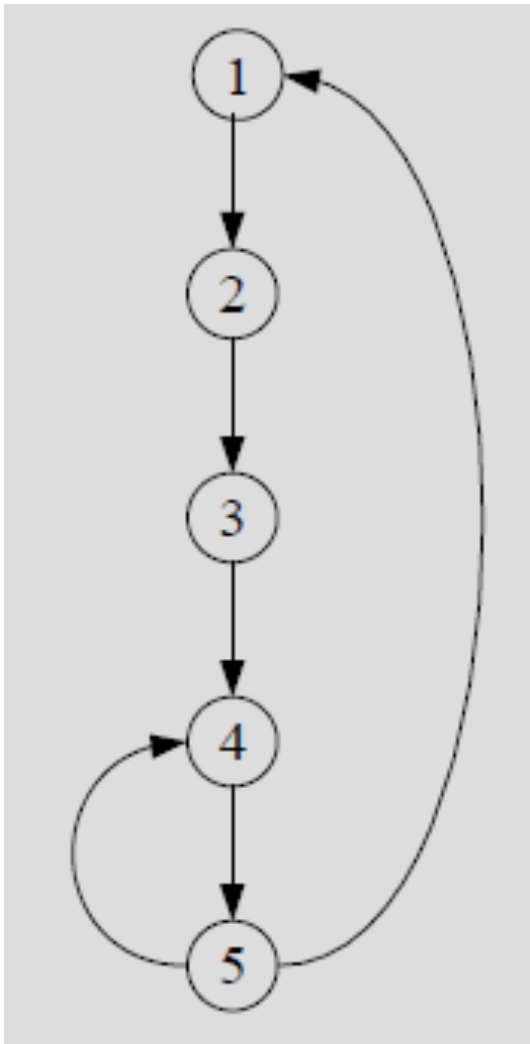
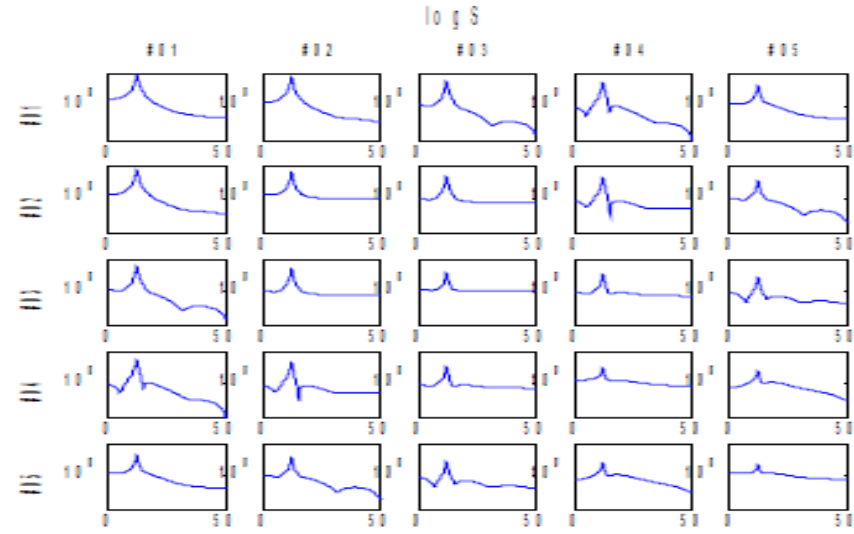


Fig. 1 Comparison of bivariate and multivariate methods of estimation of directed connectivity. *Top* simulation scheme (D delay value, at each step white noise is added). *Bottom* connectivity measures, at the *left* bivariate, at the *right* multivariate. Propagation from the

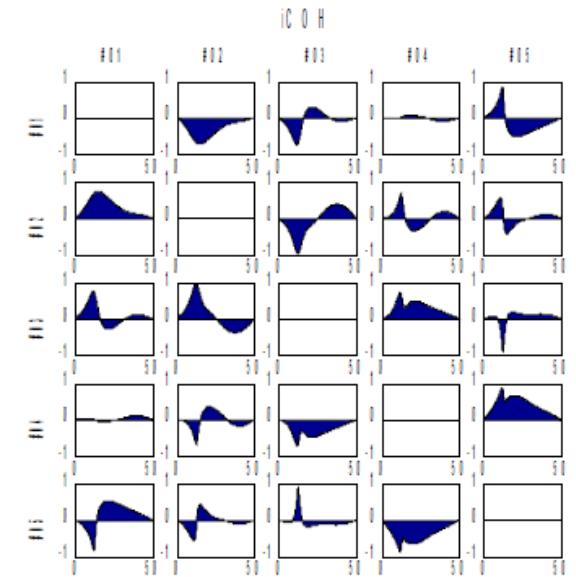
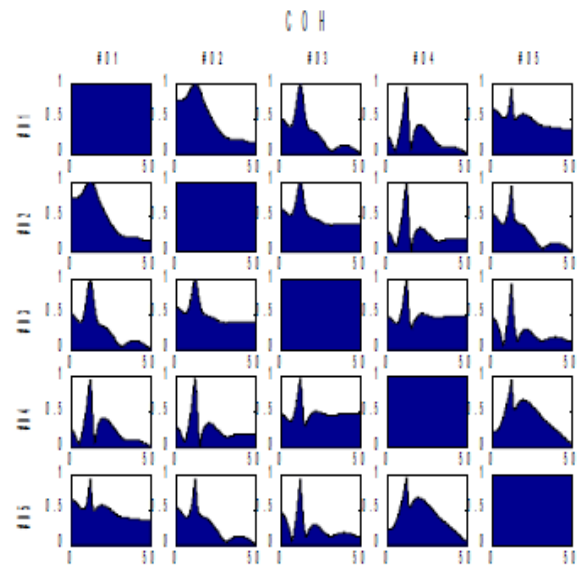
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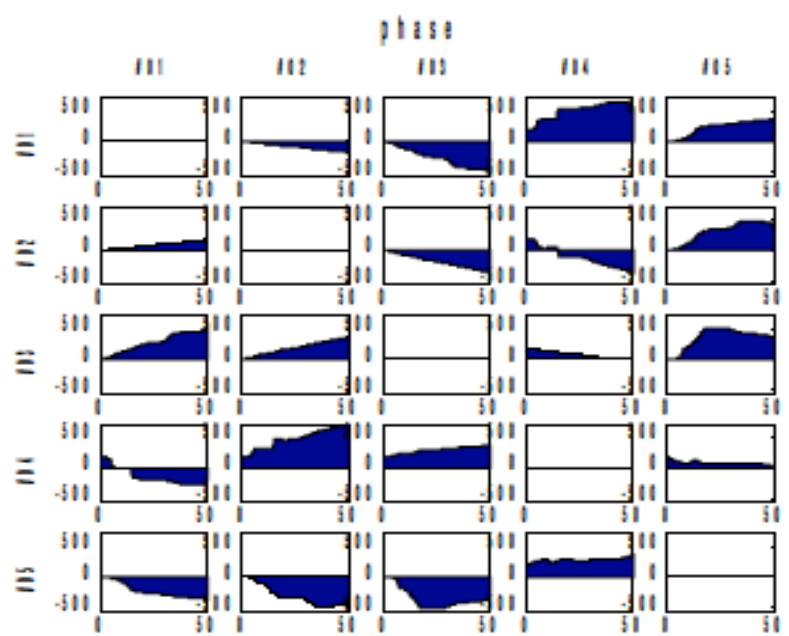
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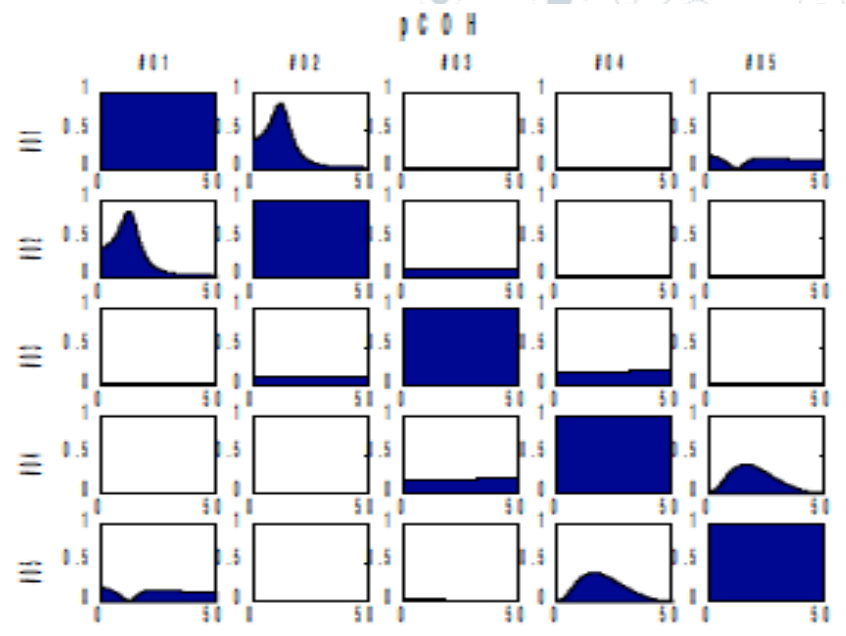
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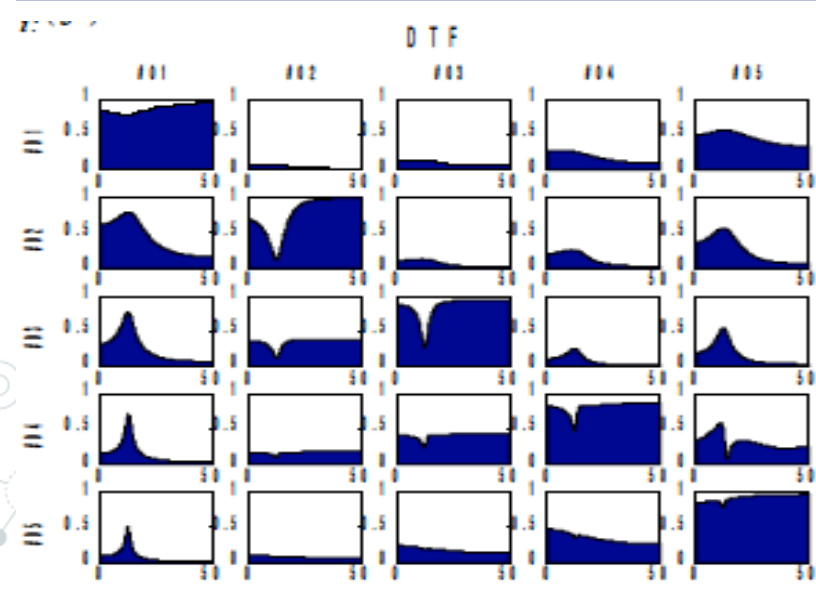
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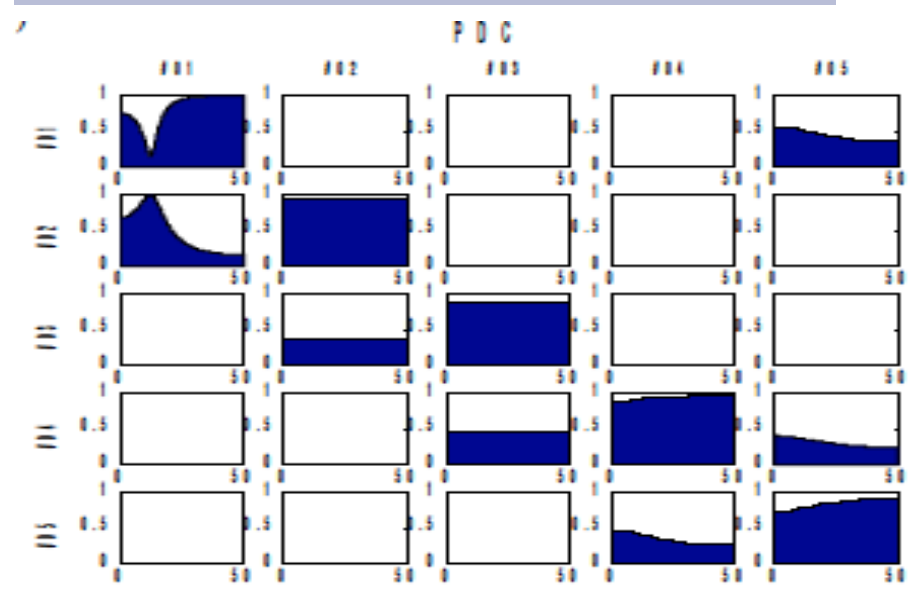
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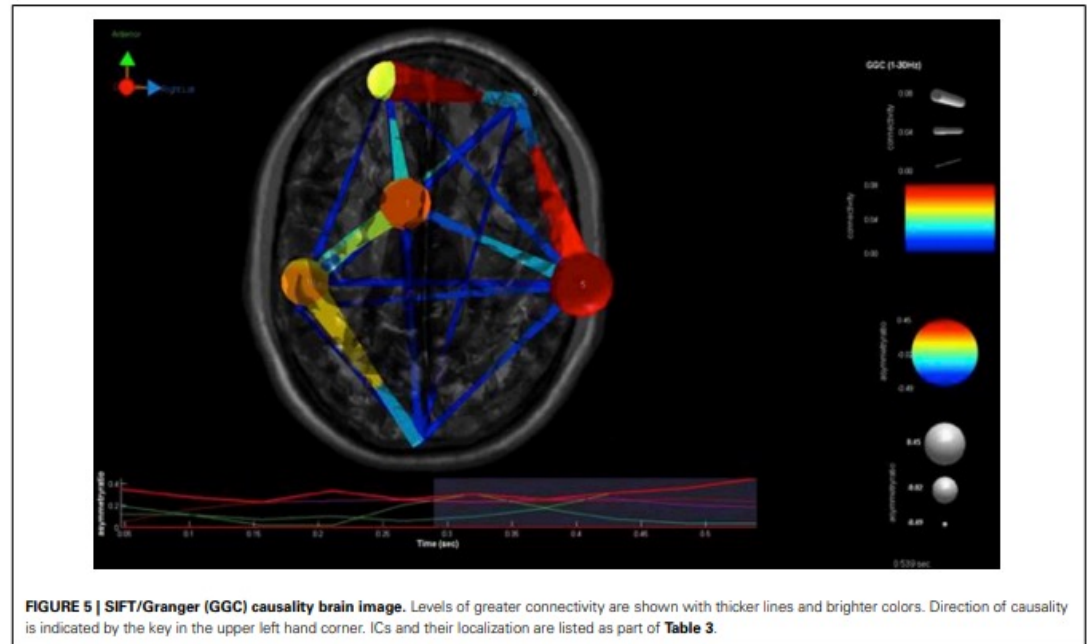
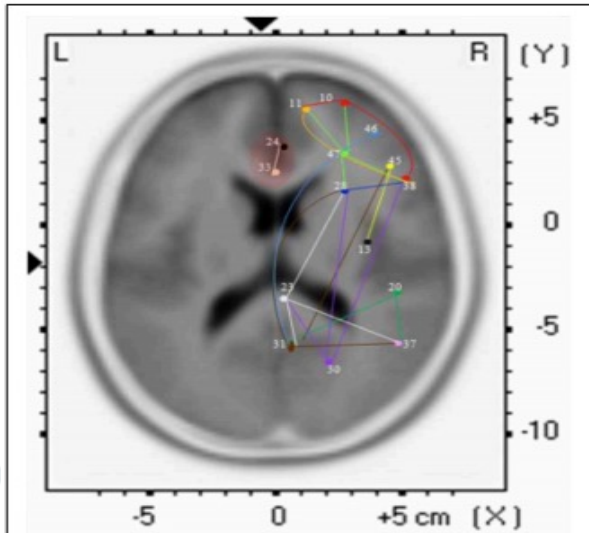
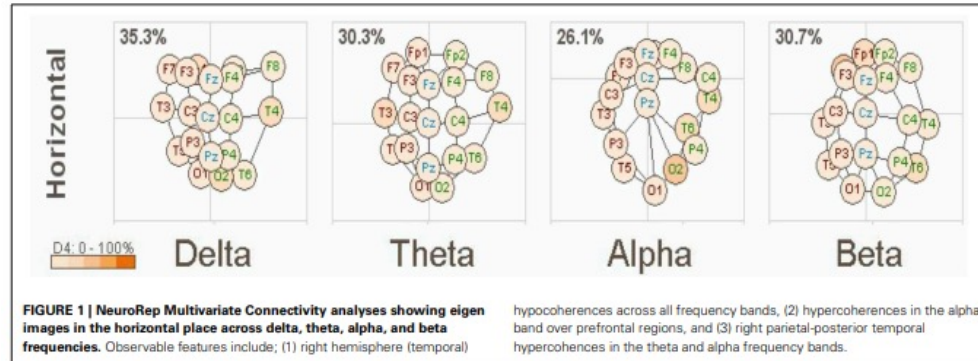
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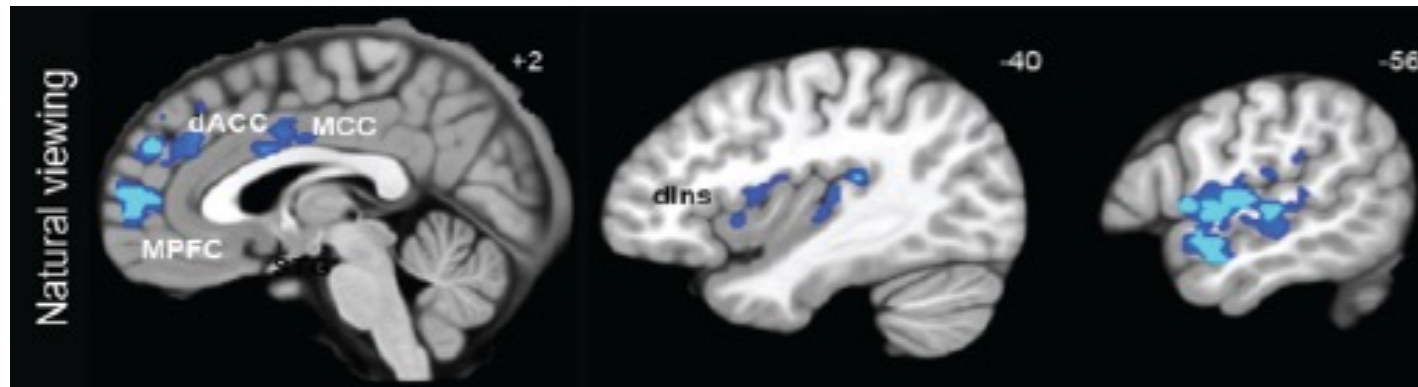
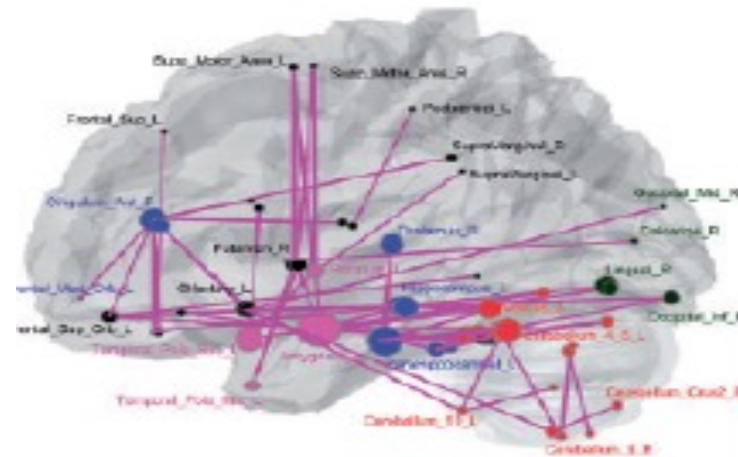
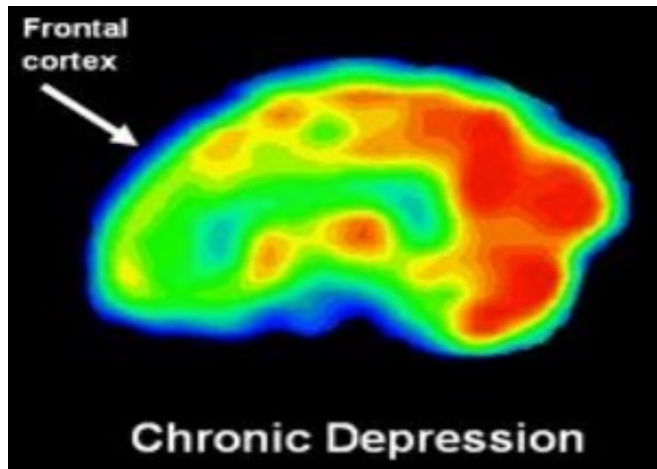
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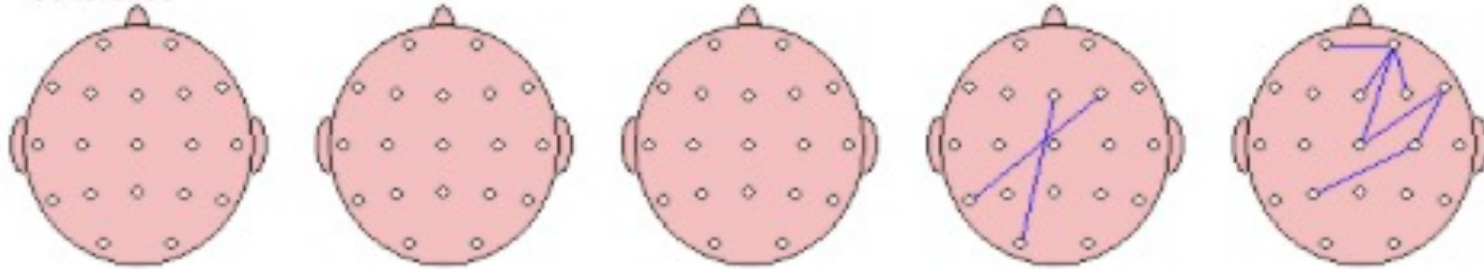


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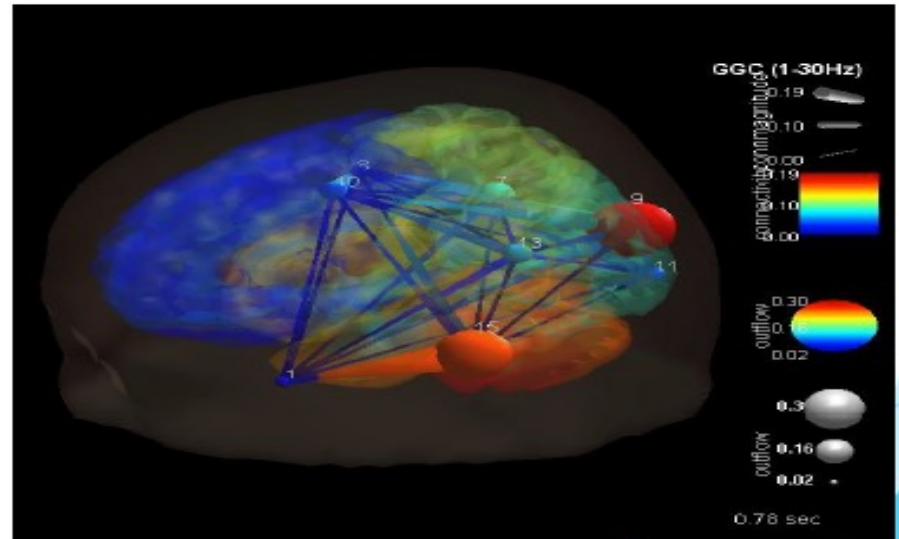
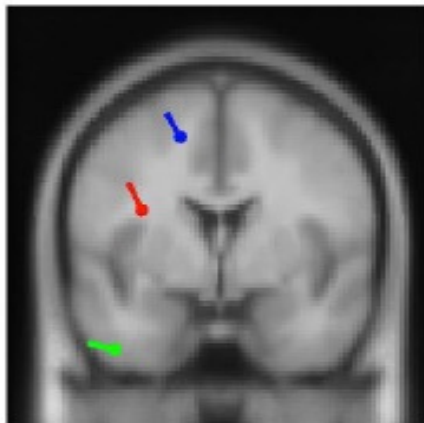
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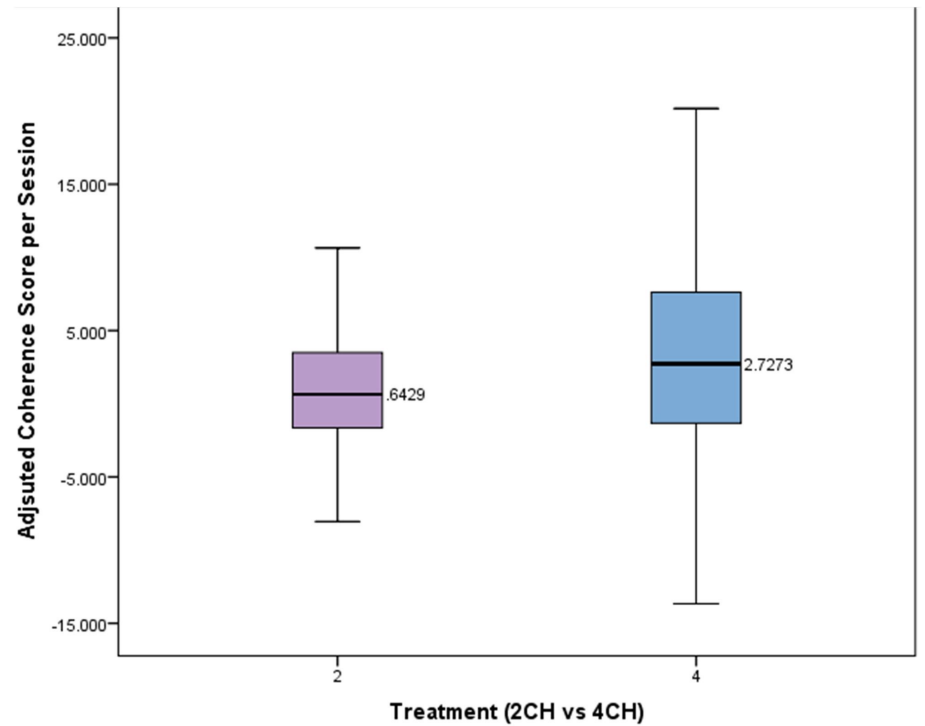
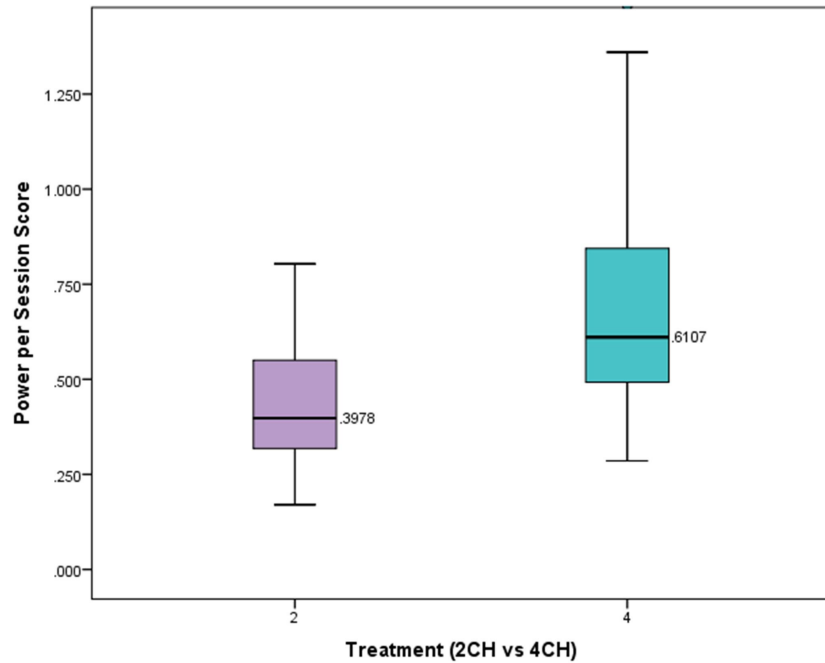
Four Channel Multivariate Coherence Training: Development and Evidence in Support of a New Form of Neurofeedback

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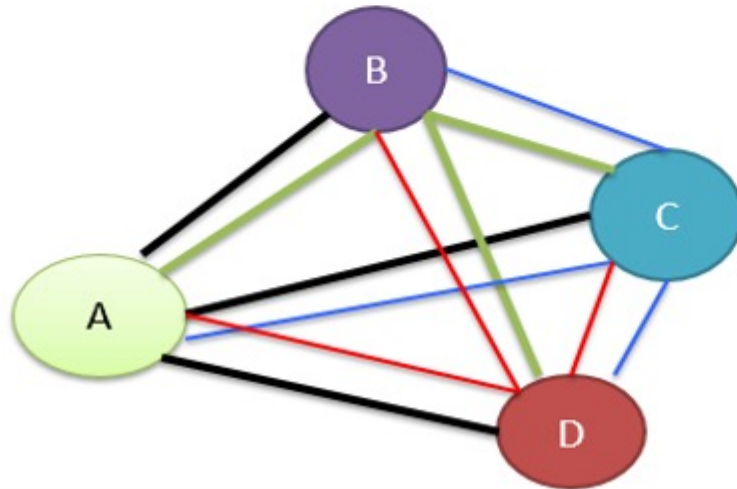
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QPS: Averaging coherences

- A method of combining averaged psync values.
 - 4 channels of EEG
 - Each pair has a running psync calculation
 - For each channel, the 3 pairs of psync values are computed, averaged and this is used as the output reward value
 - If a raw channel is in artifact condition, the channel is not used in the averaging calculation



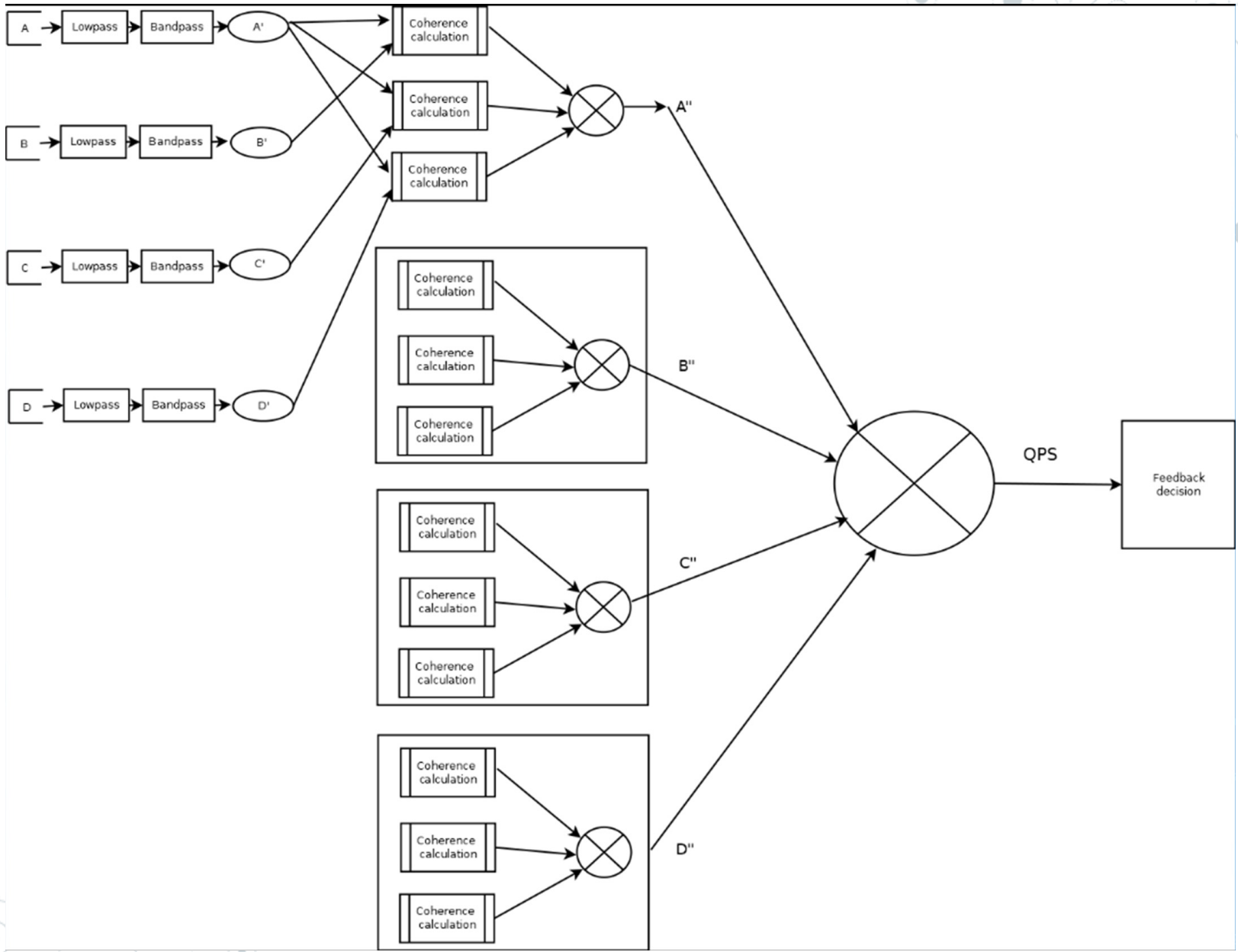
$$A = (AB + AC + AD)/3$$

$$B = (BA + BC + BD)/3$$

$$C = (CA + CB + CD)/3$$

$$D = (DA + DB + DC)/3$$

$$\text{QPS Ave} = (A + B + C + D)/4$$



QPS Average

◎ 3 modes:

- Avg: average value
(sum/samples)/number of samples
- Dev: difference in the range of values
- Mod: simultaneous combination of avg and dev

n=number of values NOT in artifact
v=Psync value
Avg=average value result


$$Avg = (\sum_1^n (v_i)) / n$$

compute Avg like submode AVG

$$answer = \sqrt{(\sum_1^n (v_i - Avg)^2)}$$



Anecdotal evidence

- ◎ **Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder**
 - ◎ **Seizures**
 - ◎ **Autism**
 - ◎ **TBI**
 - ◎ **Dyslexia**
 - ◎ **Speech/Language**
 - ◎ **Emotional regulation**
 - ◎ **Depression**
 - ◎ **Developmental trauma/PTSD**
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Efficacy Studies in Support of 4 channel MVCNF (N = 591)

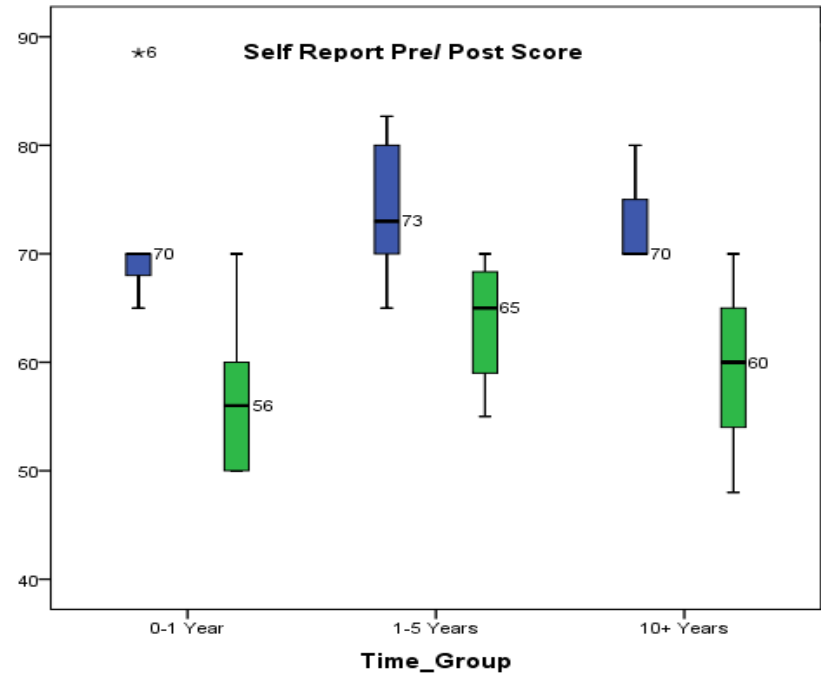
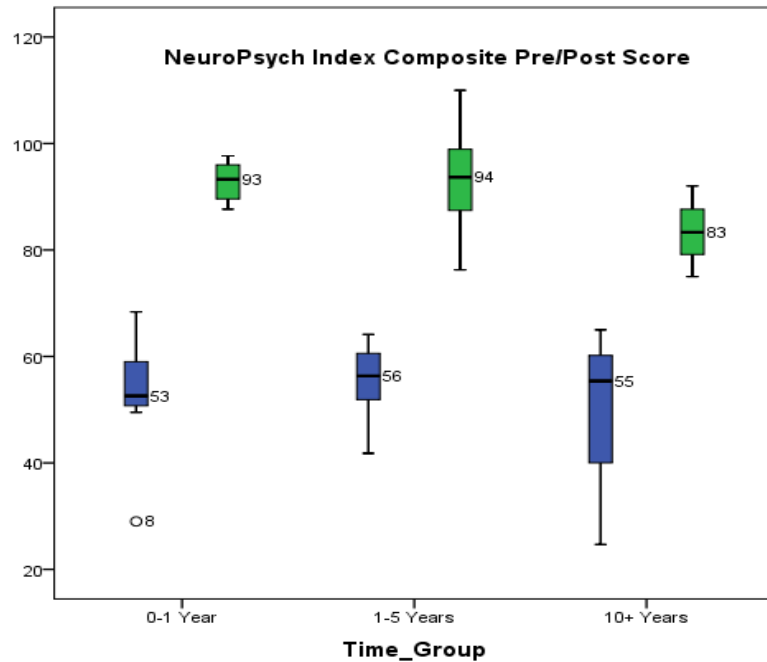
Population	Sample	Design	Findings 1	Findings 2
General Population	N = 174	MVCNF v 2 Ch CNF	MVCNF > 2 Ch CNF	Enhanced coherence and reduced power
Traumatic Brain Injury	N = 20	Compared time since injury in 3 groups	Improvements in symptoms and NP testing	Changes associated with increases in coherence
Epilepsy	N = 52	MVCNF v 2 Ch CNF	MVCNF > 2 Ch CNF	81% reduction in seizures
Learning Disabilities	N = 63	MVCNF v 2 ch CNF v resource room	MVCNF > 2 ChCNF > RR	1.6 year increase in reading
Autism	N = 110	MVCNF v 2 Ch CNF	MVCNF > 2 Ch CNF	98% success rate
Autism MND	N = 78	MVCNF v 2 Ch CNF v Bipolar	MVCNF > 2 ChCNF > Bipolar	Mu suppression with coherence changes
Depression	N = 54	MVCNF Psychotherapy v WLC	MVCNF > both groups	94% success rate, crossover and 2 yr f/u
Developmental Trauma	N = 40	MVCNF v. Psychotherapy	Exp > controls on clinical ratings	Δ in power, sources and connectivity

The Use of Four Channel Multivariate coherence Training on Mild Traumatic Brain Injury:

A comparison of newly concussed and remotely concussed individuals

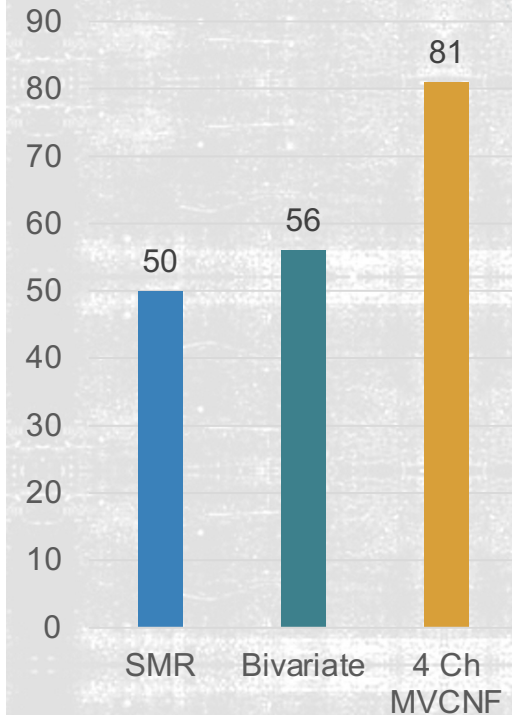
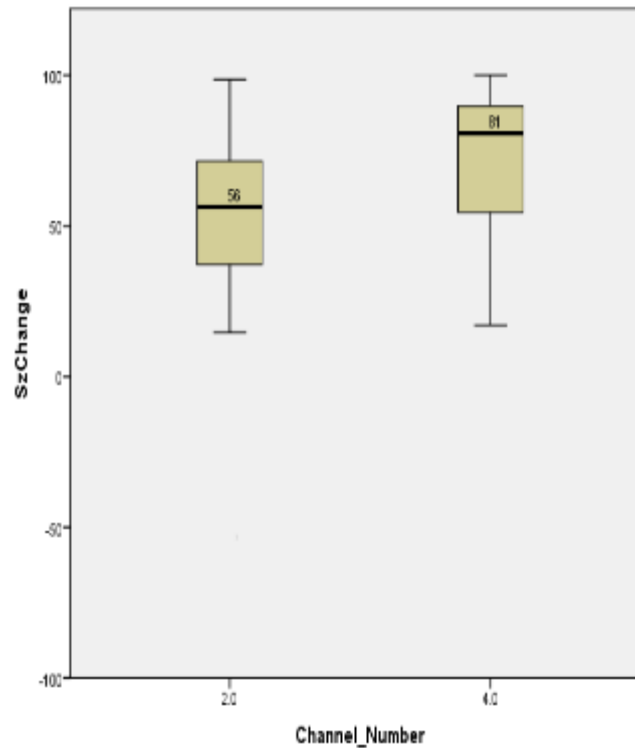
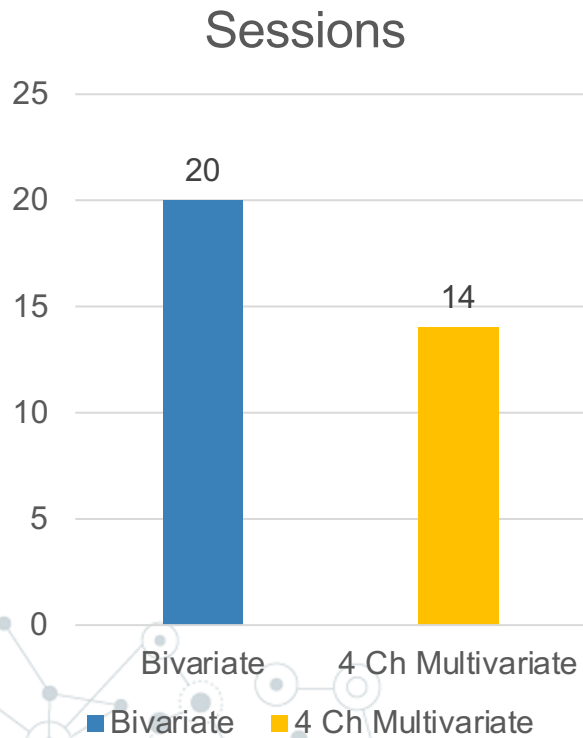
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Relative efficacy of two different forms of Coherence Neurofeedback for Seizure Disorders

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Controlled Analysis of EEG Coherence and its impact on Learning Disabilities

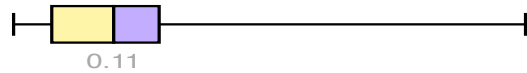
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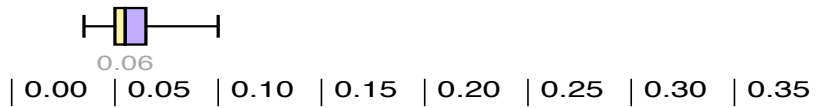
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reading session score
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4 channel



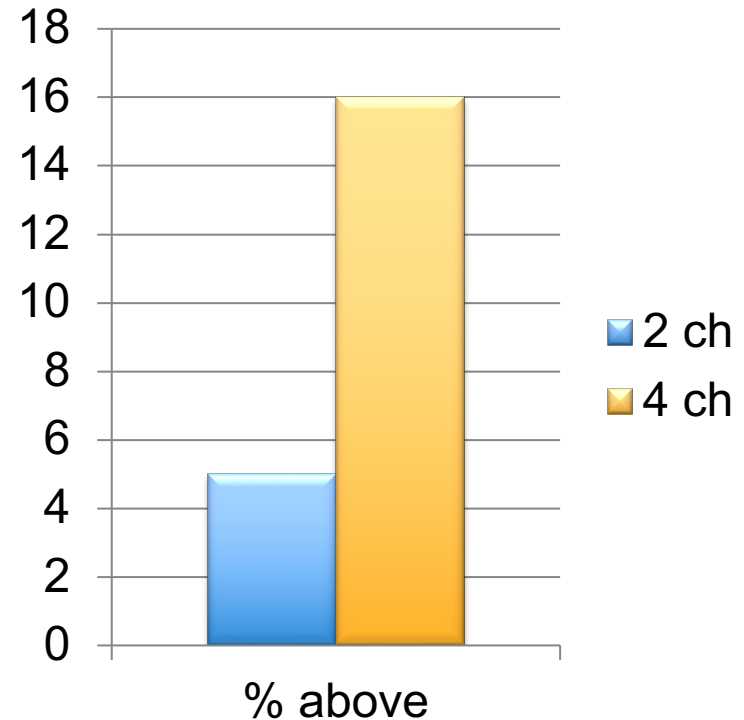
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Group Statistics

	treatment	N	Mean	Std. Deviation	Std. Error Mean
reading change age	two channel	21	1.243	.4044	.0883
	4 channel	21	1.628	.8313	.1814

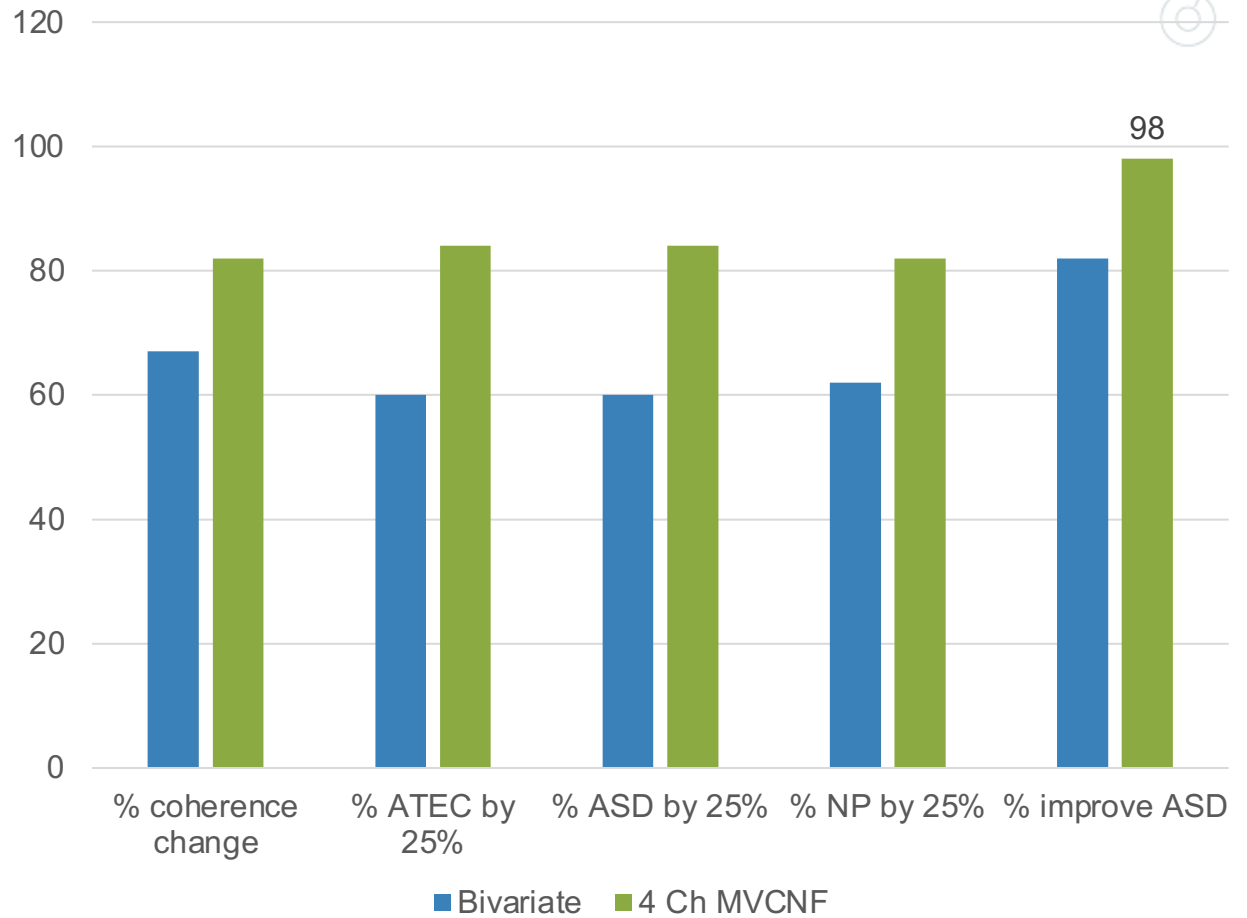
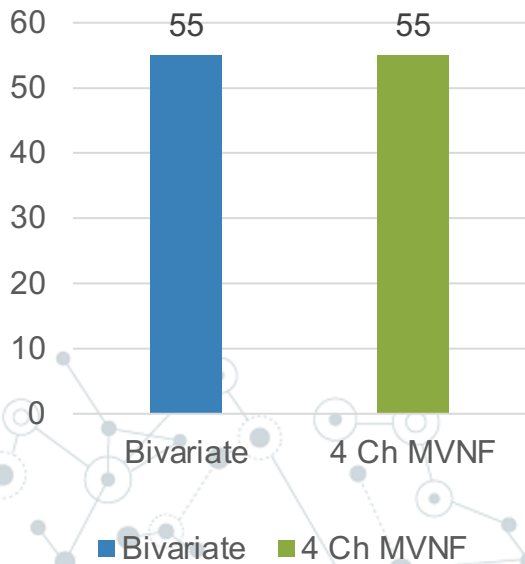
Number above 1 month per session



Comparing Bivariate and Multivariate Coherence Neurofeedback for Autism Spectrum Disorder

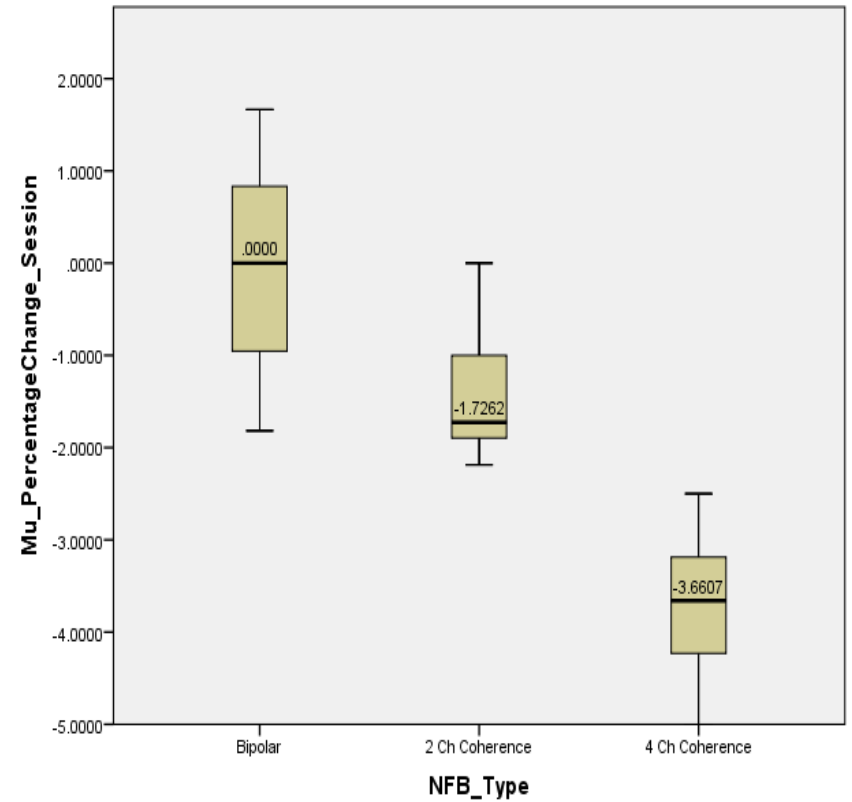
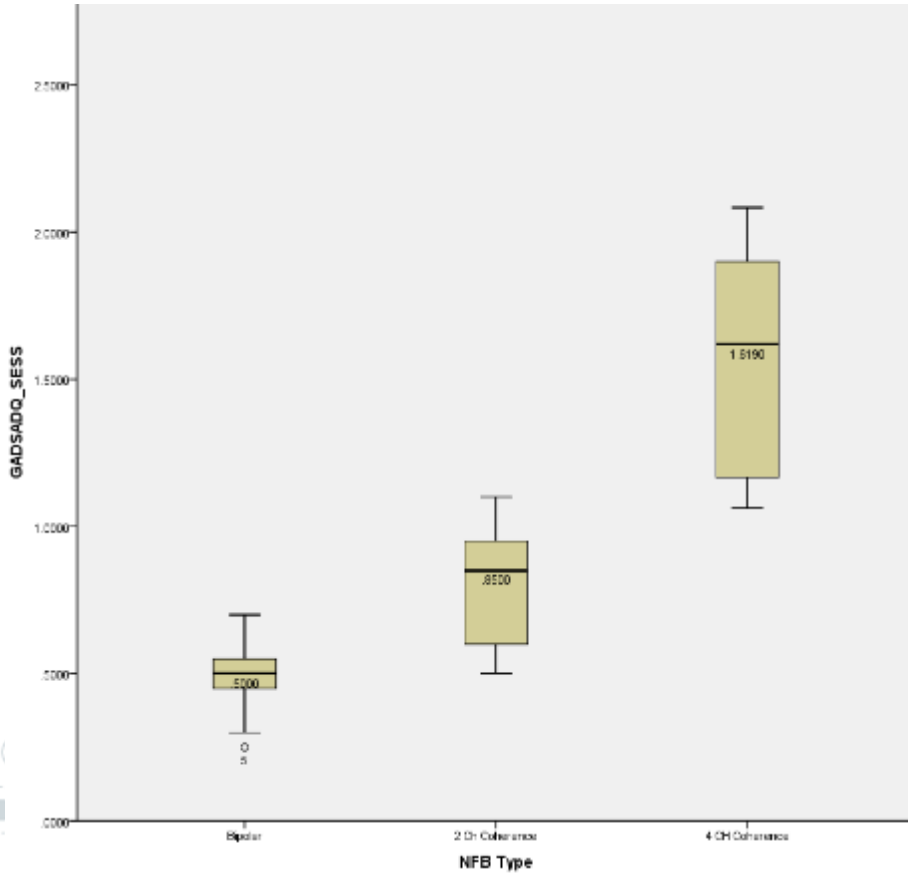
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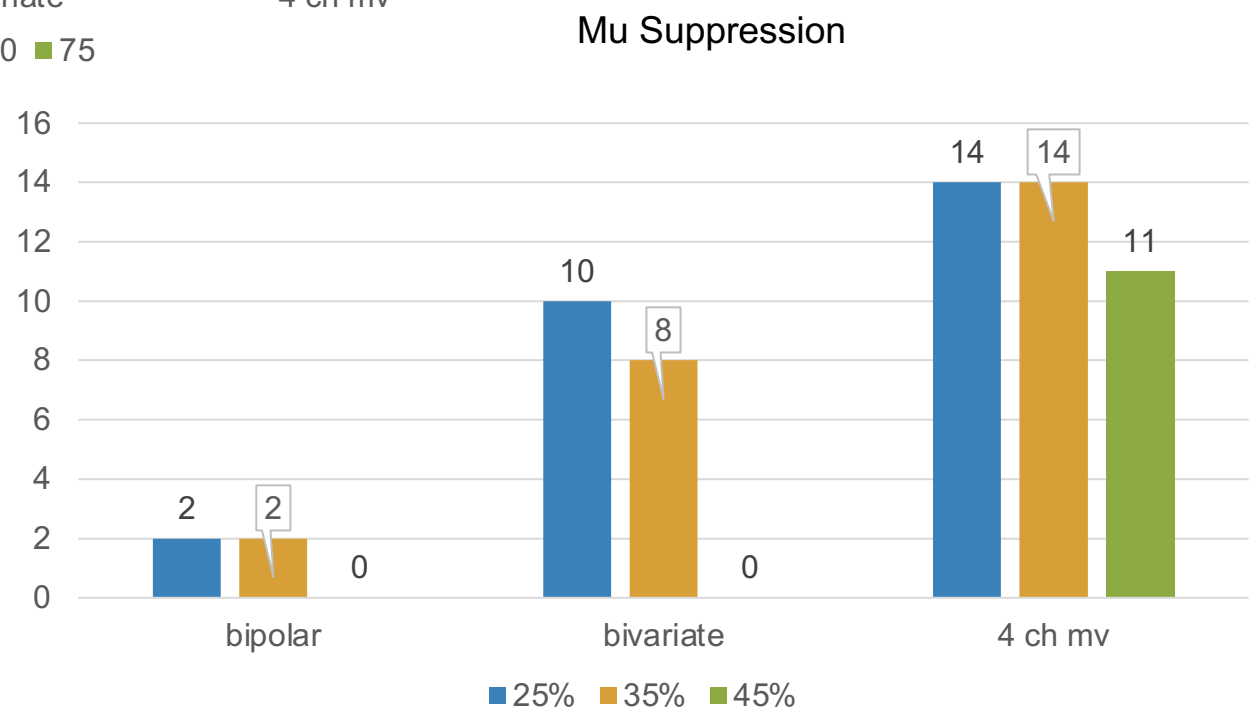
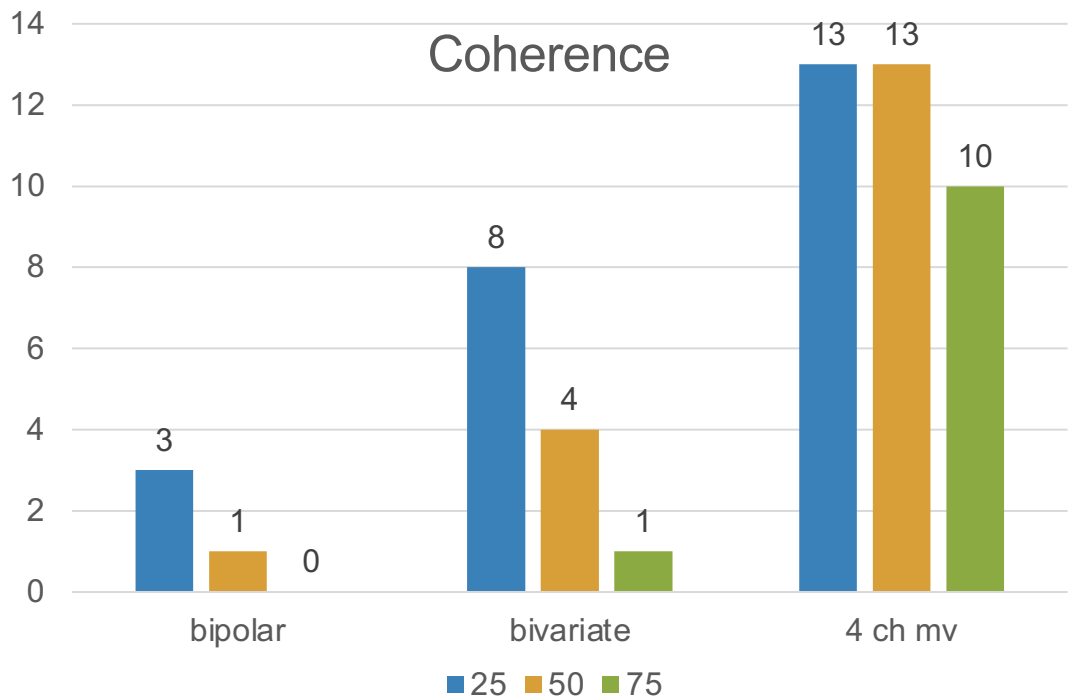
Subjects



Exploring the impact of single channel, bivariate and multichannel coherence training on Mu suppression deficits in Autism Spectrum Disorders

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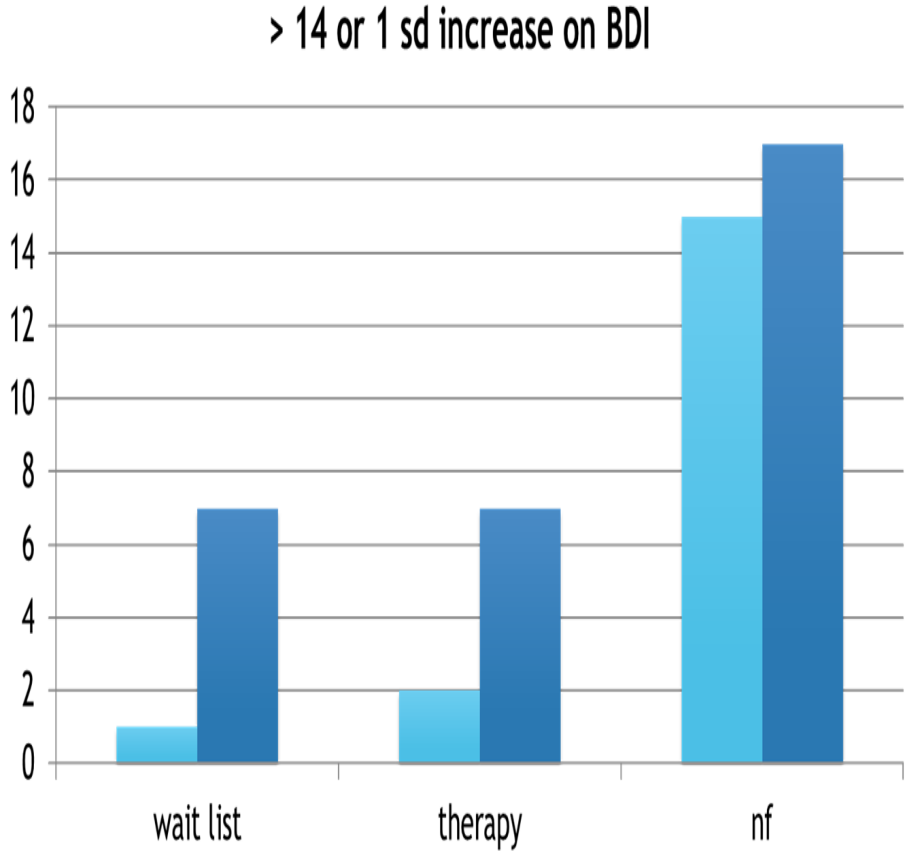
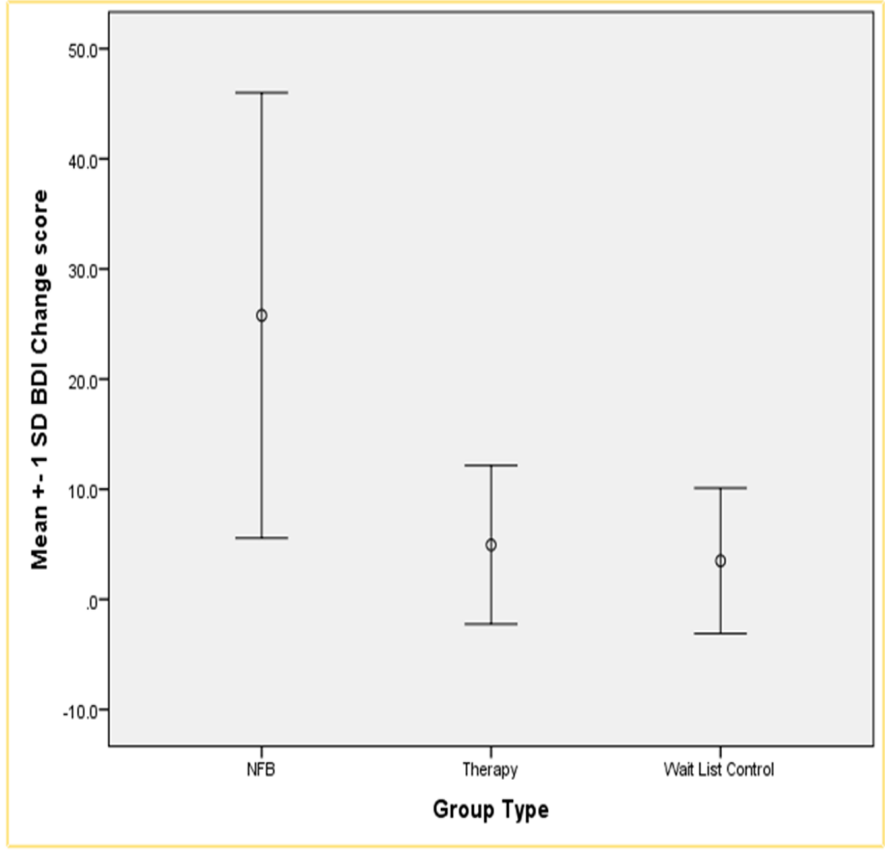


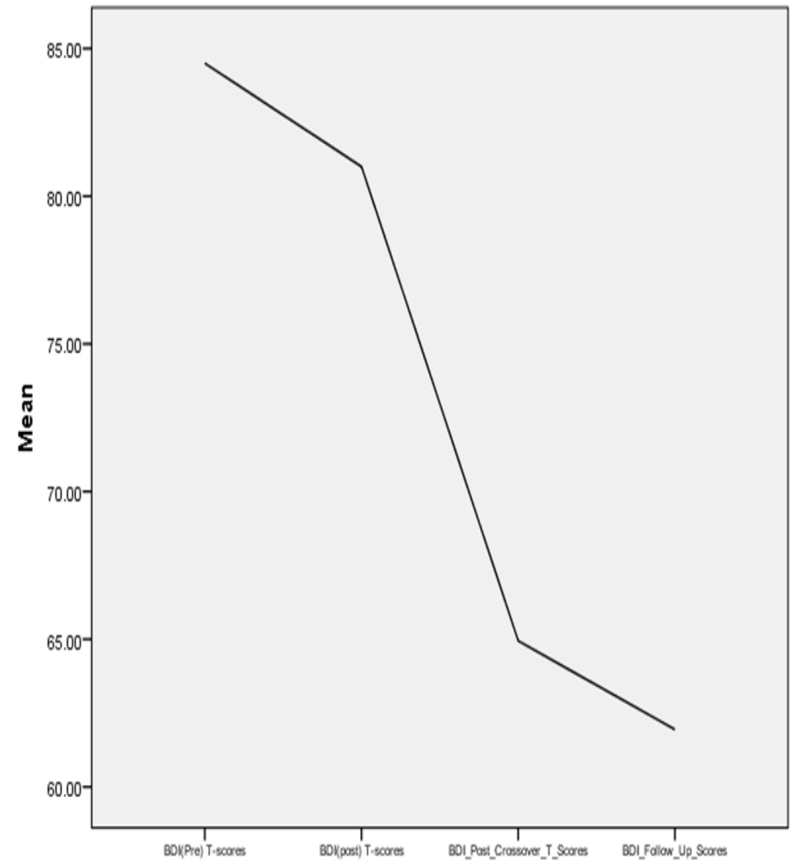
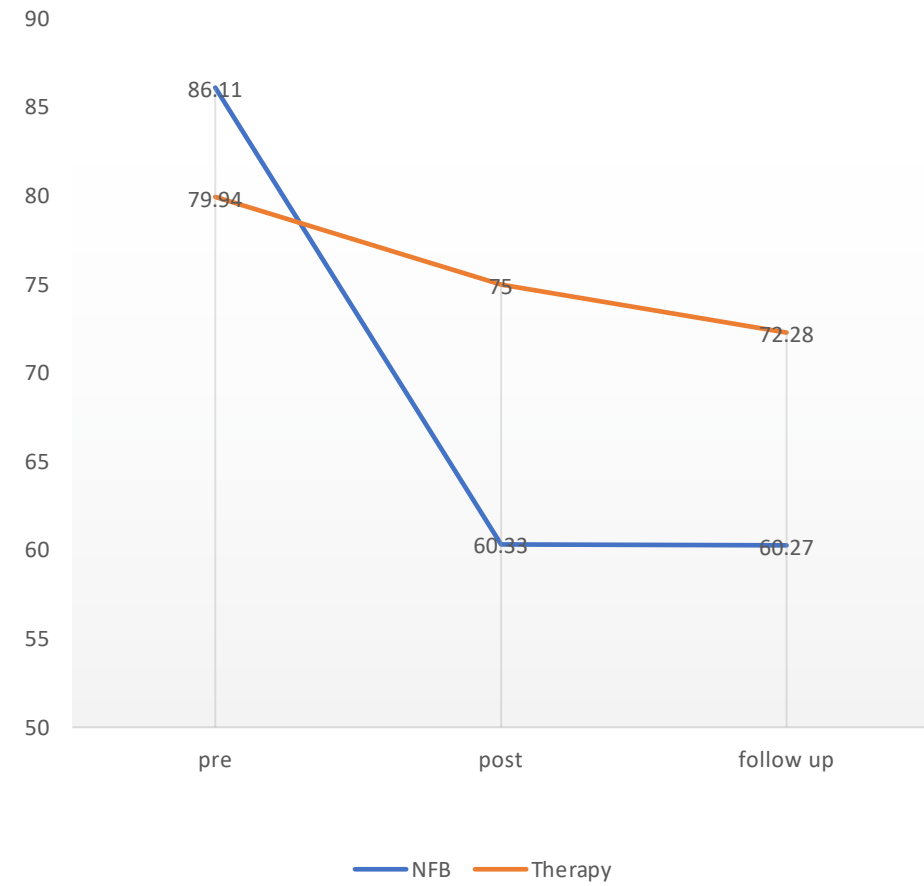


Depression Two Years Post Four Channel Multivariate Coherence Neurofeedback Treatment

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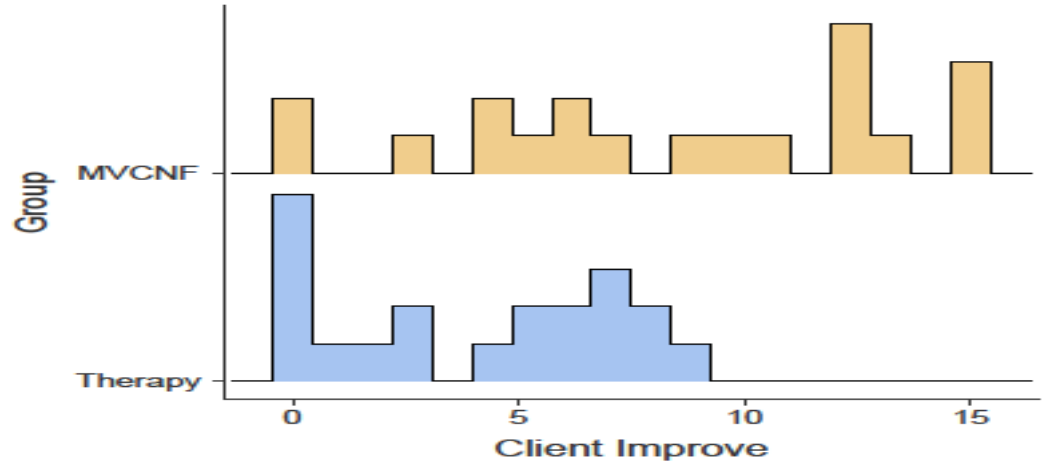
MVCNF for Developmental Trauma: Study Methodology

- ⊙ Subjects were assigned to one of two groups (N = 40). Age range 10 – 65.
- ⊙ These included an experimental group that received the active treatment (four channel multivariate coherence neurofeedback (20), and an alternate treatment comparison group (N = 20) that received individual psychotherapy. All subjects had experienced significant developmental trauma.
- ⊙ All subjects in the experimental groups received four channel multivariate coherence training over 12-15 sessions.
- ⊙ Clinical ratings and therapist ratings (0-20) were derived at the completion of their treatment regimen.
- ⊙ Client ratings were largely subjective and based on self-ratings only or parental ratings at the completion of training and during the process.
- ⊙ Therapist ratings were performed at the completion of training and were based on objective test findings including neuropsychological, behavioral and qeeg findings that reflected change over time.
- ⊙ We also tracked the presence of negative symptoms, their severity and resolution during the training/treatment periods.
- ⊙ QEEG analysis of change included measures of power at the component level, dipole sources, spectral properties, and multiple measures of graph theory connectivity.

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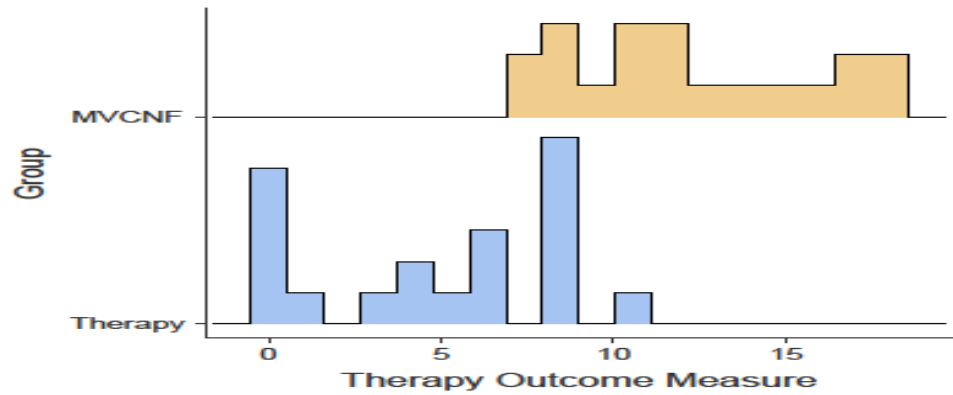
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Group	202	1	202.5	12.1	0.001
Residuals	636	38	16.7		



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Group	578	1	577.6	45.1	<.001
Residuals	486	38	12.8		





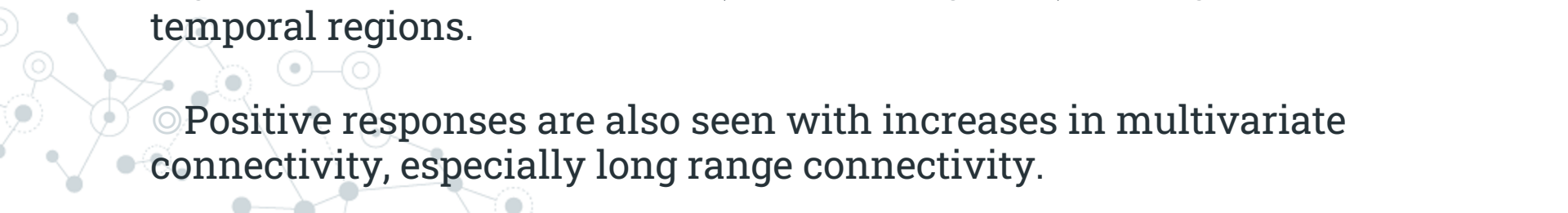
Graph Theory Connectivity Findings

Paired Samples T-Test

			statistic	df	p
Clust Coeff 2	Clust Coeff 1	Student's t	0.827	19.0	0.419
Path Length 2	Path Length 1	Student's t	-3.231	19.0	0.004
Global Eff 2	Global Eff 1	Student's t	2.470	19.0	0.023
Radius 2	Radius 1	Student's t	-2.472	19.0	0.023
Diameter 2	Diameter 1	Student's t	-3.618	19.0	0.002



Conclusions

- ◎ MVCNF leads to enhanced client and therapist ratings of outcome and to a greater degree than traditional psychotherapy.
 - ◎ Client and therapist outcome ratings correlate but disagree with therapist ratings being higher (more accurate?).
 - ◎ Mild, negative symptoms are possible but often can be resolved. These do not differ from psychotherapy and are often related to medication usage.
 - ◎ Positive response to MVCNF in DT leads to decreases in delta, theta and beta activity over left temporal, precuneus (midline parietal), and right parietal brain regions. There were also increases in alpha and high beta over midline frontal (anterior cingulate) and right parietal-temporal regions.
 - ◎ Positive responses are also seen with increases in multivariate connectivity, especially long range connectivity.
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Meta-Analysis Procedure

Study Label	Sample Size
General Population (Multiple Diagnoses)	87
TBI	20
Epilepsy	26
Learning Disability	31
ASD General	55
ASD Mu Suppression	39
Depression	27
Developmental Trauma	20

Total N = 305

Group 1

Mean (M):

Standard deviation (s):

Sample size (n):

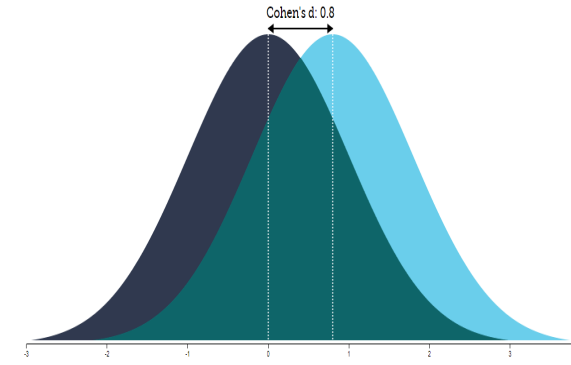
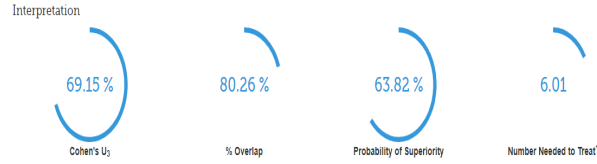
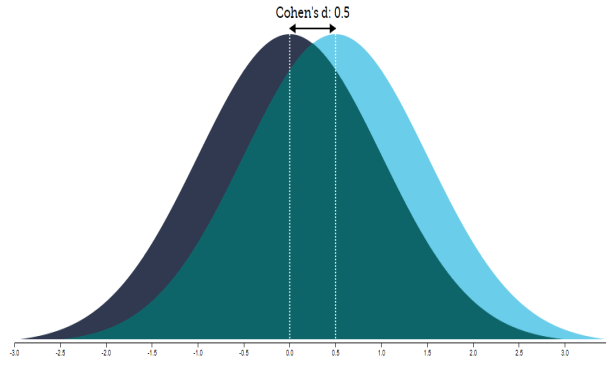
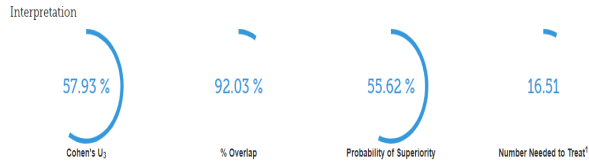
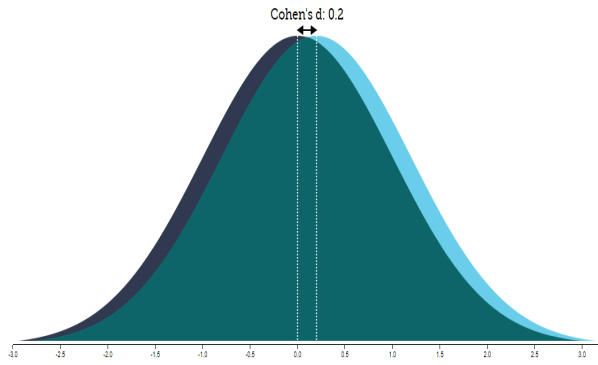
Group 2

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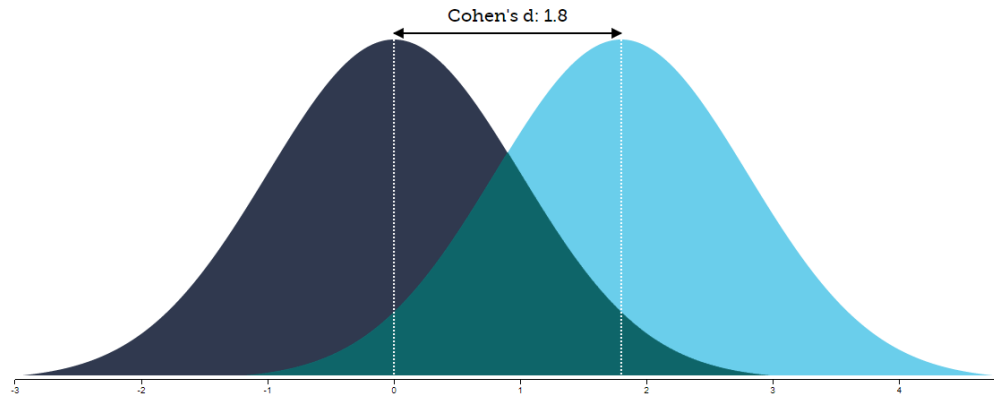
Standard deviation (s):

Sample size (n):

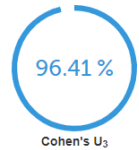
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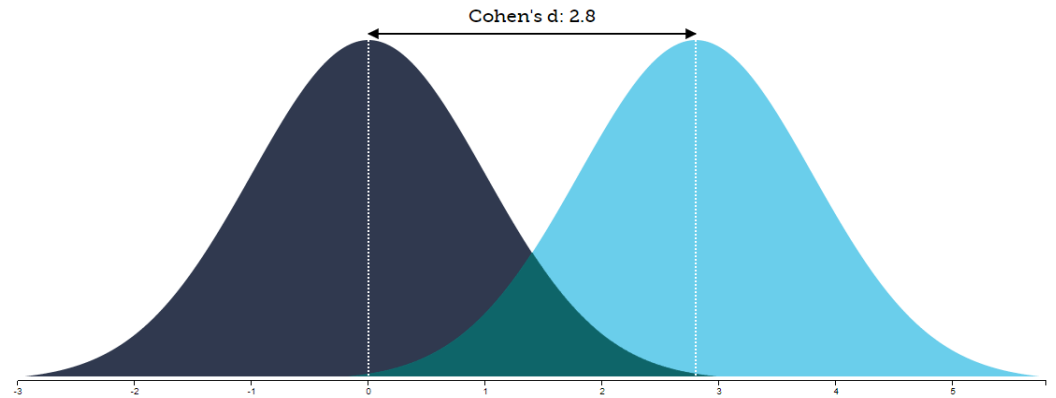
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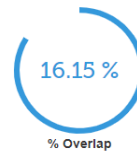
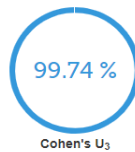
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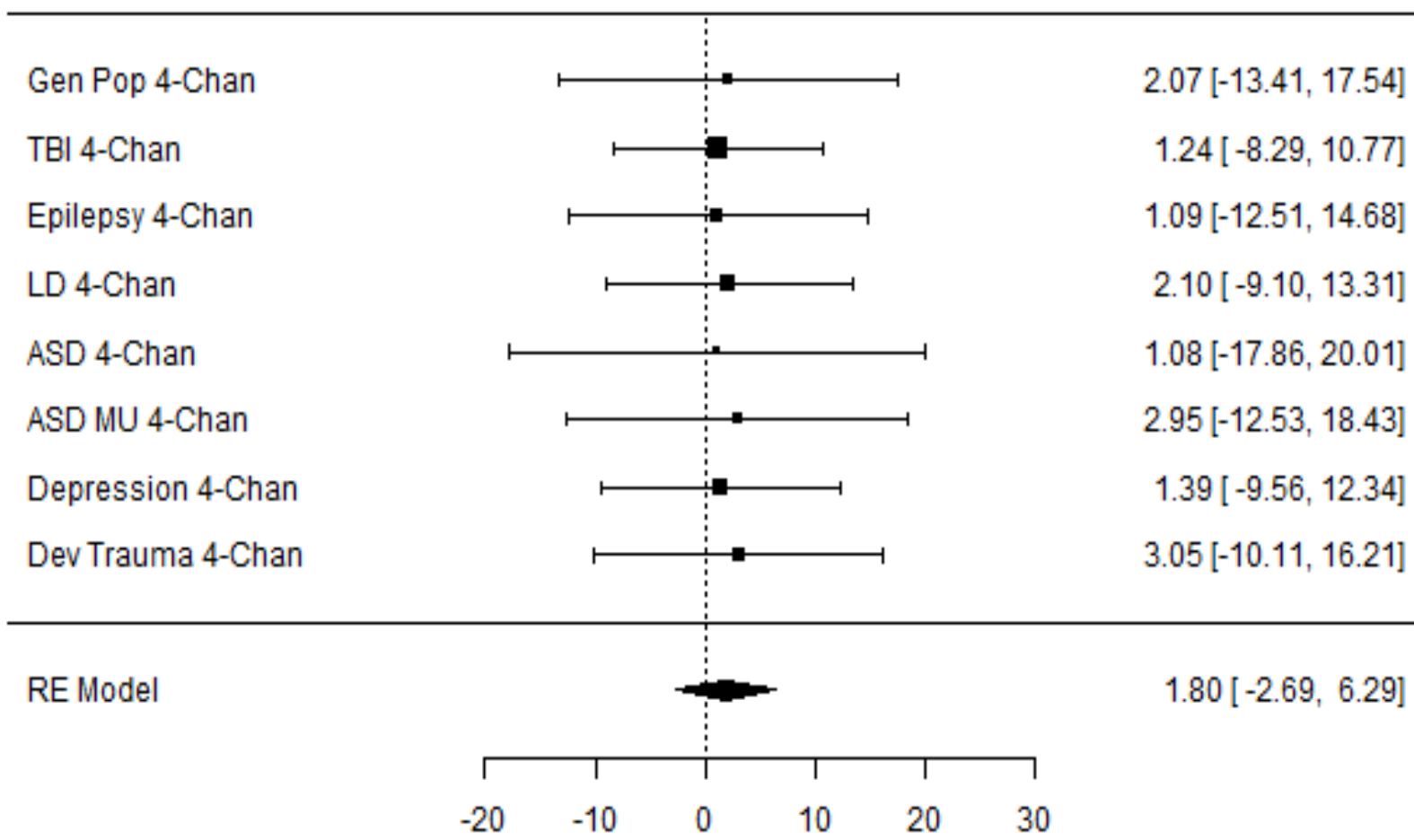


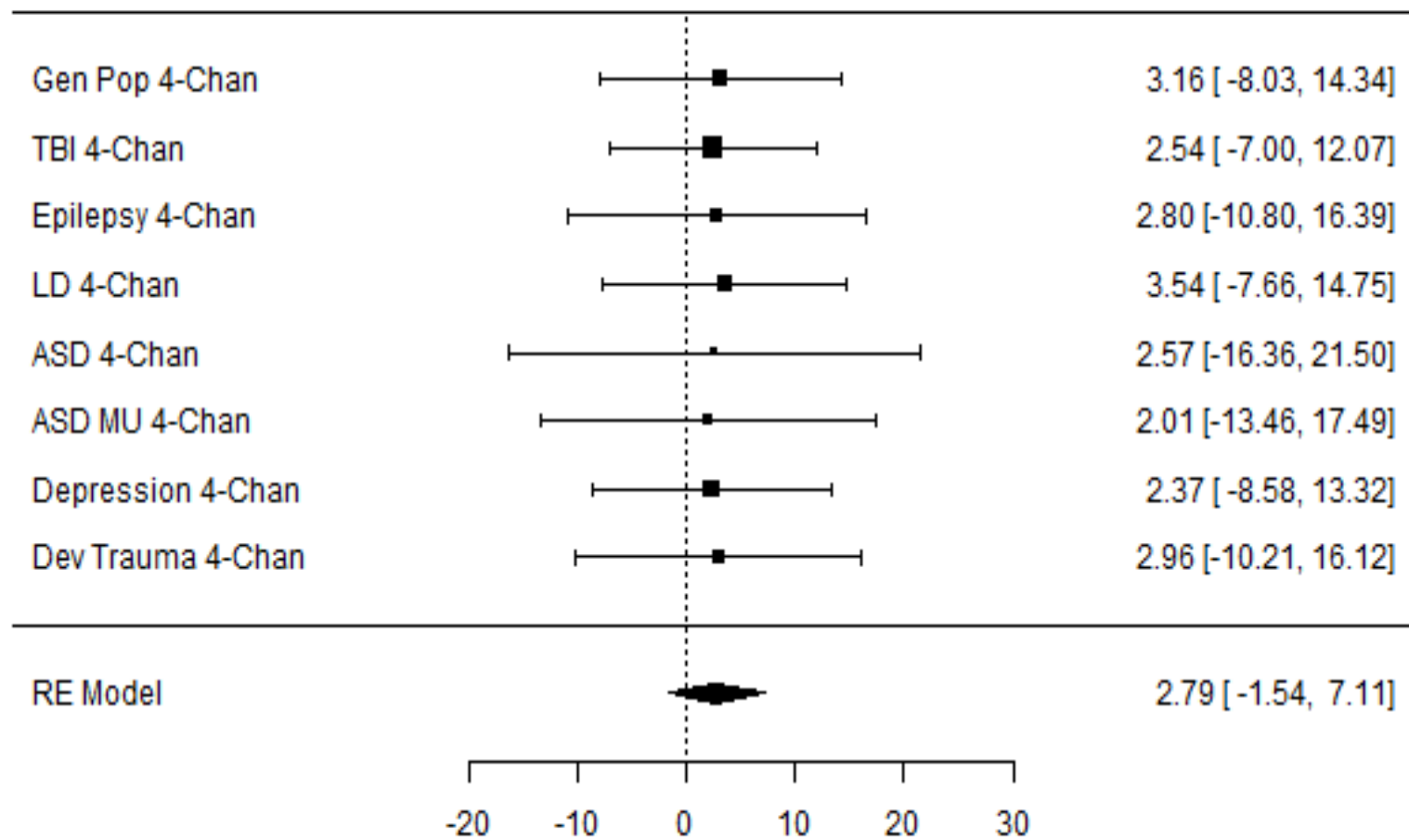
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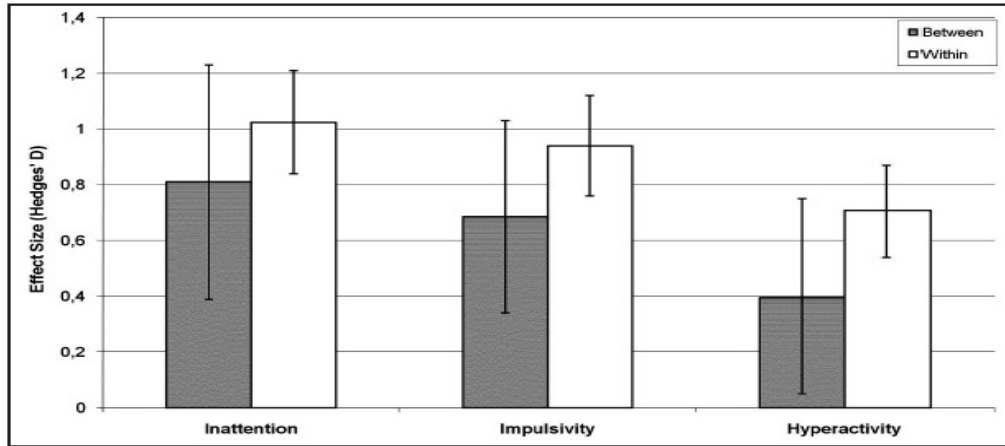
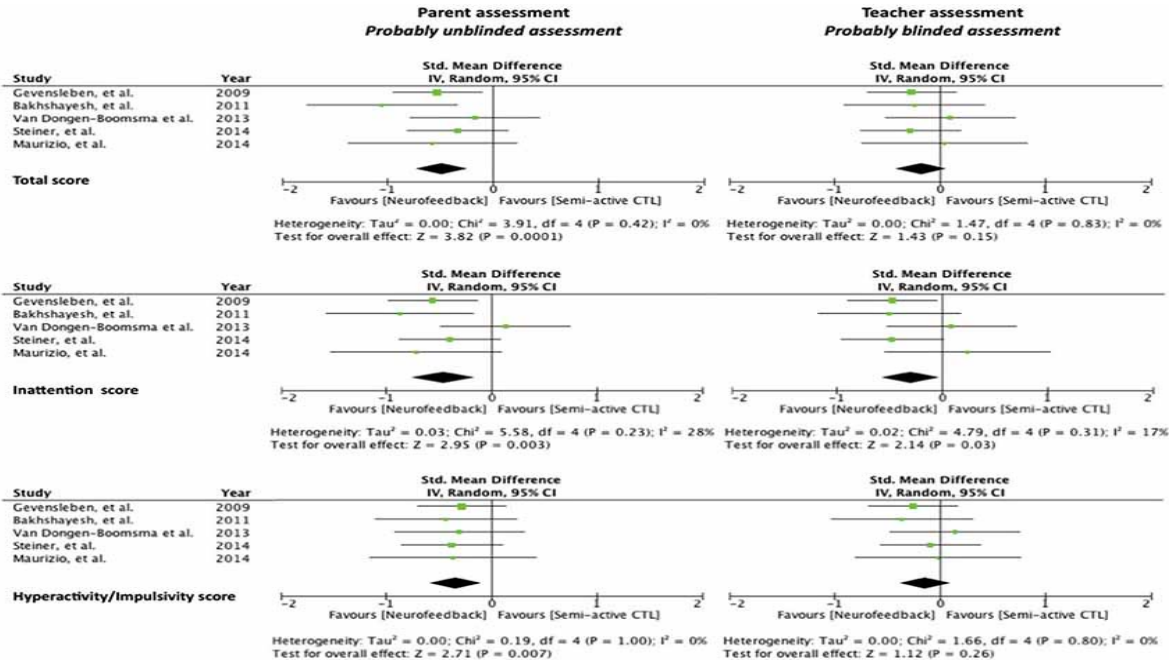


Figure 3. This figure shows the grand mean ES for the controlled studies compared to the within-subject effect sizes for all studies for all 3 core symptoms. Note that the ES for the controlled studies are slightly smaller, which could be due to the fact that many controlled studies used a "semi-active" control group. Furthermore, given the 95% confidence intervals the ES for inattention, hyperactivity and impulsivity are significant for both comparisons.

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EEG neurofeedback treatments in children with ADHD: an updated meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials

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Using Effective Connectivity in Guiding NF: Study Methodology

- ◎ Subjects were assigned to one of three groups (N = 45). Age ranges 10 – 70.
- ◎ These included an effective connectivity (15), functional connectivity within group (15) and a functional connectivity between group (15) comparison. Group 1 and 2 were the same subjects (within groups) that received different interventions at different time points (FC always first).
- ◎ All subjects received four channel multivariate coherence training over 12-15 sessions.
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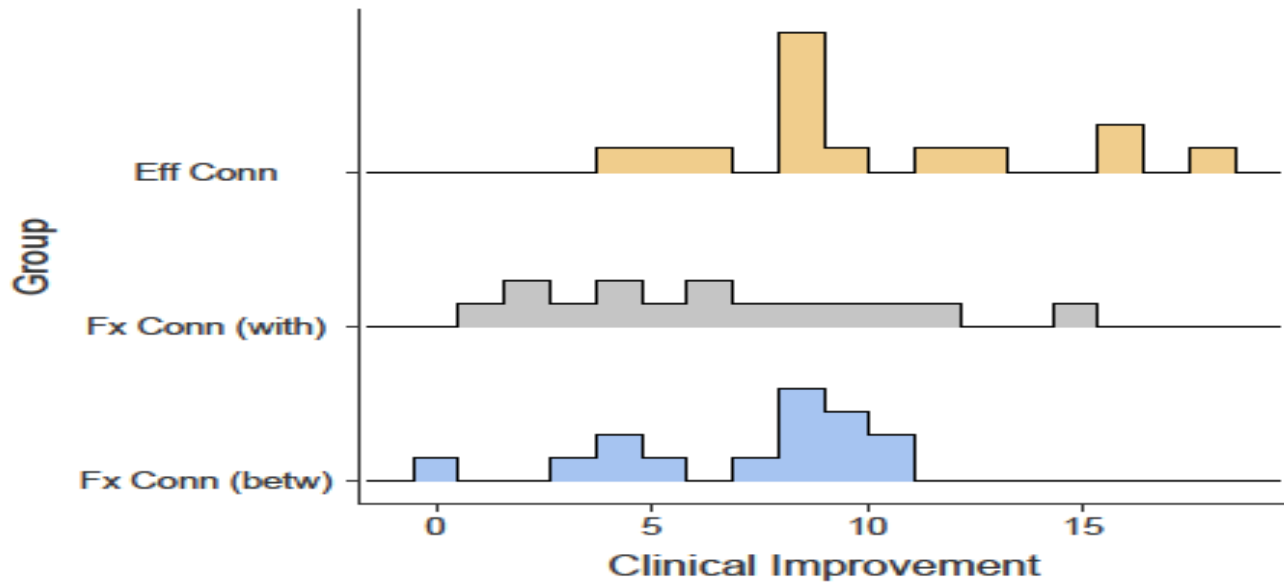
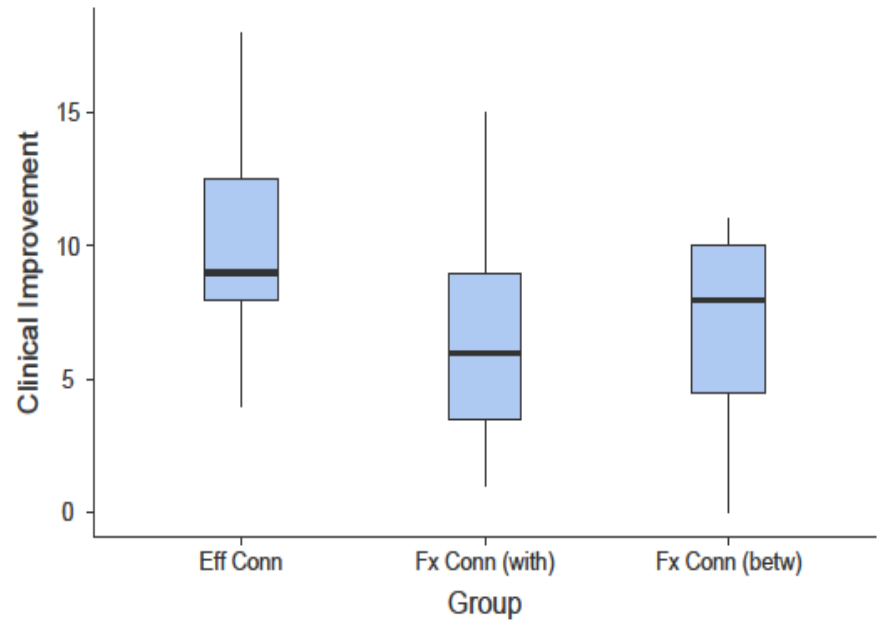
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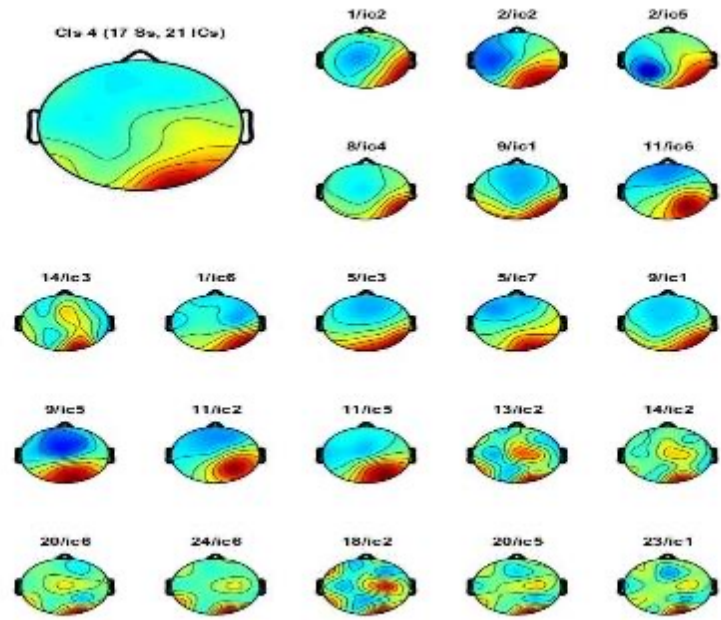
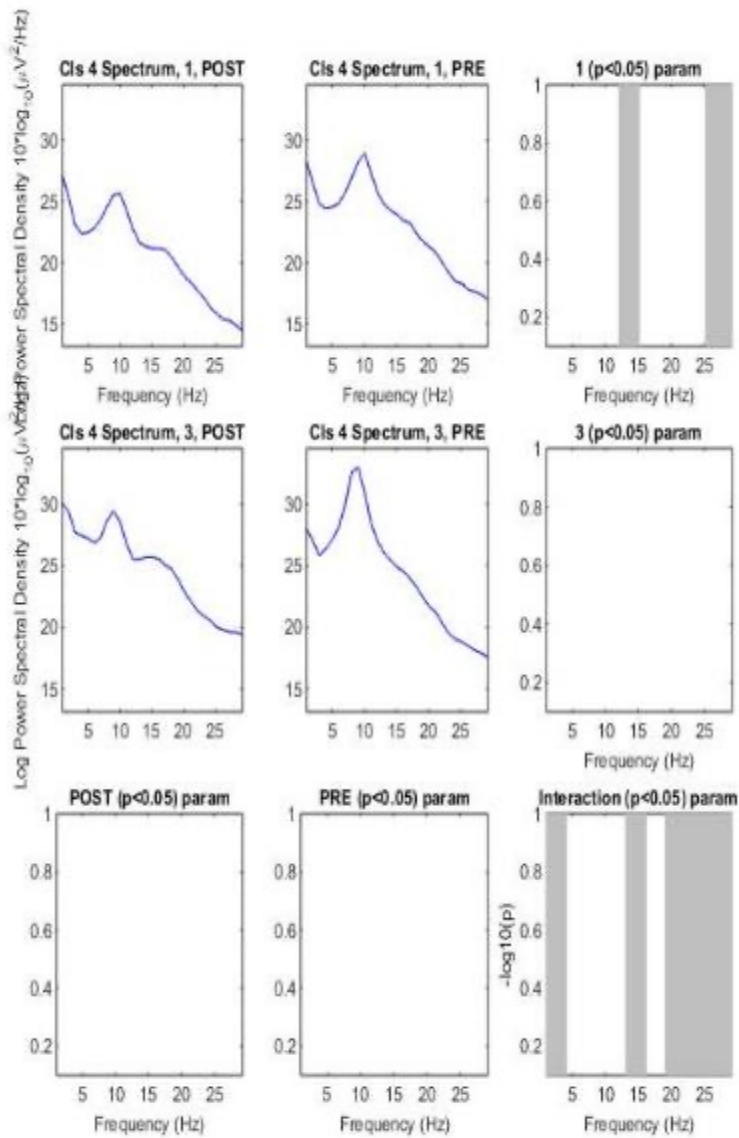
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Group	110	2	55.1	3.66	0.034
Residuals	631	42	15.0		

Contrasts

Contrasts - Group

	Estimate	SE	t	p
Fx Conn (with) - Eff Conn	-3.67	1.42	-2.59	0.013
Fx Conn (betw) - Eff Conn	-2.80	1.42	-1.98	0.055





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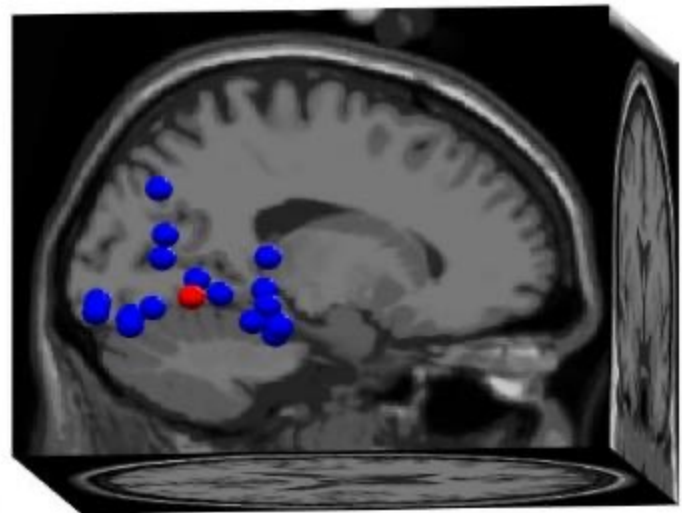
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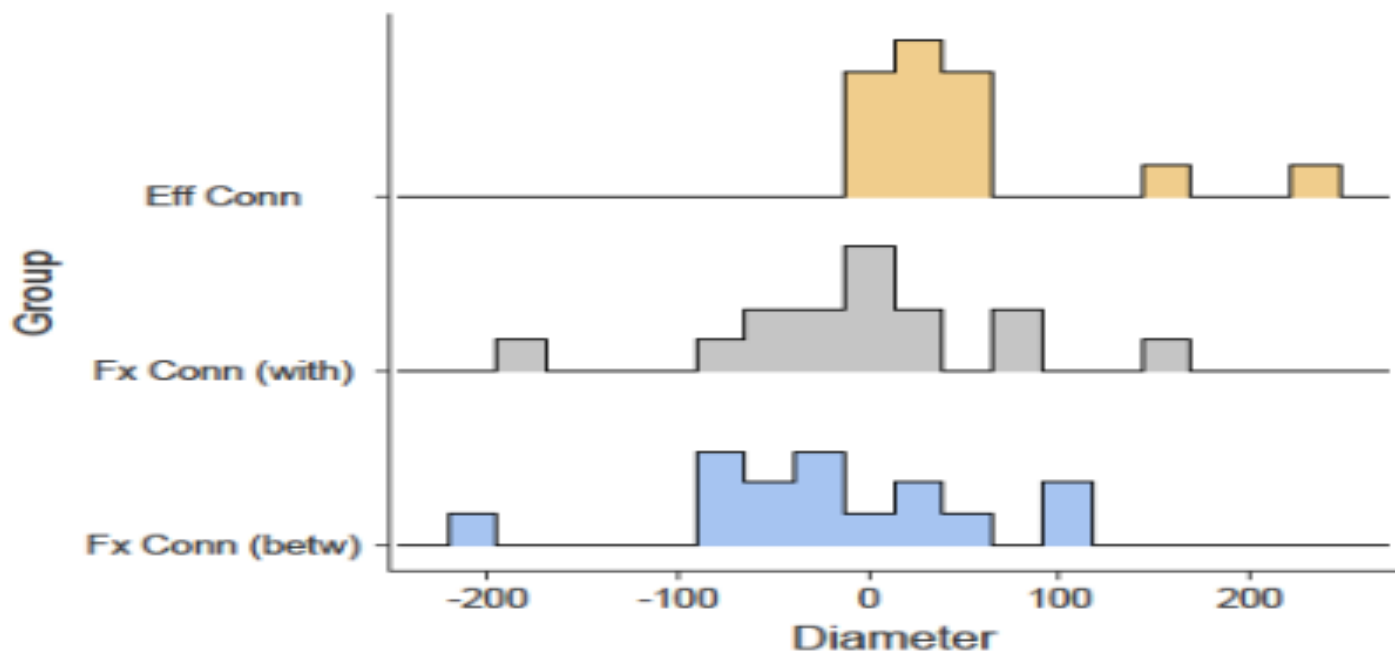
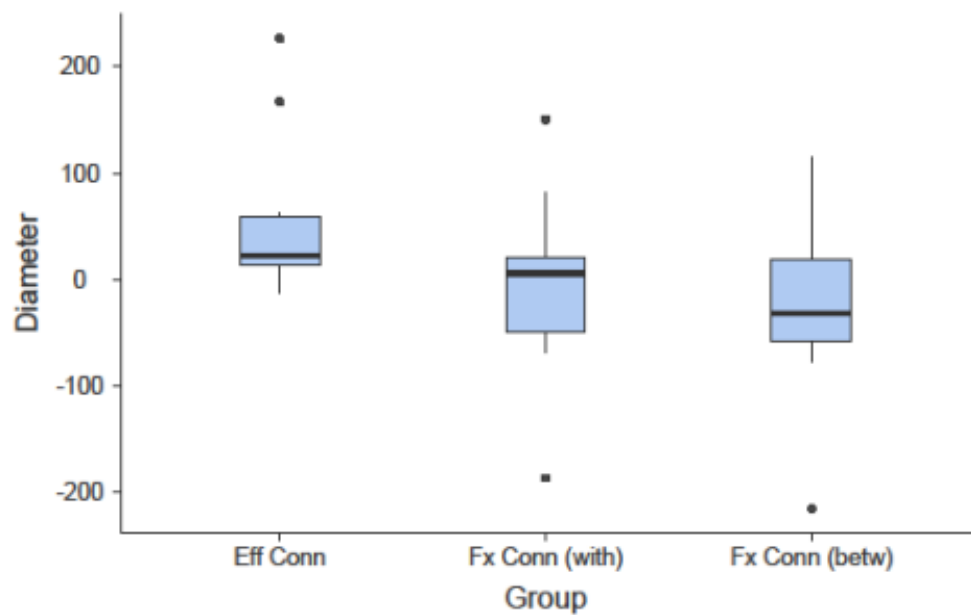
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Statistical Analyses of Graph Theory Metrics (Connectivity)

Analysis of Variance

Cluster Coefficient	Global Efficiency	Path Length	Radius	Diameter
F = 0.429	F = 4.60	F = 2.93	F = 3.35	F = 3.70
p = 0.654	p = 0.016	p = 0.064	p = 0.045	p = 0.033



Correlation Matrix

		Medications	Clinical Improvement	Therapist Outcome Measure	Diameter
Medications	Pearson's r	—	-0.142	-0.142	-0.027
	p-value	—	0.353	0.351	0.862
Clinical Improvement	Pearson's r		—	0.563	0.319
	p-value		—	< .001	0.033
Therapist Outcome Measure	Pearson's r			—	0.242
	p-value			—	0.109
Diameter	Pearson's r				—
	p-value				—

Conclusions

- ◎ Measures of effective connectivity can be gleaned from QEEG data.
- ◎ Effective connectivity guided multivariate coherence training led to enhanced client and therapist ratings of outcome.
- ◎ Therapist ratings are consistently higher than clients and show more significant differences.
- ◎ Both ratings show an increased likelihood of greater outcomes (> 10) in the effective connectivity group.
- ◎ Positive NF outcomes in this group showed greater reductions of delta/theta, alpha and beta frequencies. These were commonly seen over bilateral posterior brain regions including temporal locations and midline frontal locations as well.
- ◎ Positive NF outcomes were associated with greater changes in multivariate connectivity. This is especially true for long range connectivity (diameter).
- ◎ Use of effective connectivity leads to changes in connectivity and is more likely to prevent negative connectivity changes.

What have we learned?

- ◎ Coherence training is a helpful form of neurofeedback for many different types of problems.
- ◎ Problems with connectivity-based problems (i.e., autism, I.D., depression, trauma) appear to benefit the most.
- ◎ Four channel multivariate coherence training appears more potent than two channel coherence training for multiple problems.
- ◎ This can be used to help many different disorders and has a persistent effect.
- ◎ The method used to calculate coherence/connectivity has a large impact on the efficacy of such interventions.
- ◎ Measures of effective connectivity enhance the efficacy of four channel multivariate coherence training.
- ◎ So much more to learn.....

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