# I) Introduction and Motivation

Welcome to the *Effects of Nicotine on Brain Waves via Muse EEG Headband* project!. We used the first generation *Muse, the brain sensing headband* to generate and collect data on the effect of nicotine on the Alpha Frequency. The Muse's innate solution is focused upon meditation as they classify brainwaves by attention measures (active, neutral, and focused).

We decided to use third party software *Mindmonitor*, where a multitude of EEG data can be collected prior to classification. Mindmonitor has a graph building function in which we used throughout the report to add more visual representation of our findings to our project. Also, *Mindmintor* includes a surplus of parameters we tailored to best fit our needs. Using this data, we created a model to verify whether someone was under the influence or "intoxicated" by nicotine.

We decided to focus on nicotine consumption based on a few factors:

- The literature is uncertain. There are existing contradictory findings on the impact of nicotine
  on brain waves. Specifically, some studies that show an increase in Alpha Frequency while
  others demonstrate a decrease in Alpha Frequency while under the influence of nicotine
  ("nicotine intoxication"). As such, we believe the findings in the analysis can present a
  clearer picture of the conflicting literature.
- We wanted to provide more data on a subject without many findings, especially with regard to our approach. The addiction research field has limited data, and we would like to contribute to it in a possessive

# II) Related Works

Not all of our research is derivable from peer-reviewed literature. We shall list all resources used, separated by category with each including a summary, and our insights.

### Muse Headset

We used the first generation model originated in 2014, called *Muse, the Brain Sensing Headband*. It provides a sampling rate of over 220 Hz. Since alpha waves oscillate around 8-12 Hz, this well satisfies the Nyquist Theorem.

The Muse Headband allows four different types of return values: absolute power bands, raw eeg, discrete frequency, and a spectrogram. It comes with four sensors affiliated with the regions TP9, AF7, AF8, and TP10. The TP9 and AF7 sensors are leftside sensors, and TP9 and AF8 are the right side. The TP sensors are behind the ear and the AF sensor is on the forehead. Hence, the P in TP stand for peripheral and the F in AF refers to frontal.

For this project, we used the the absolute power band data on the logistic regression classifier.

The sources we used assisted us with troubleshooting the Muse, in addition to understanding the data produced by the Muse.

#### Sources Used

- FAQ. (n.d.). Mind Monitor. https://mind-monitor.com/FAQ.php
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   Published 2017 Mar 10. doi:10.3389/fnins.2017.00109

### Nicotine and Brain Waves

As previously mentioned, there are conflicting findings in the literature about the impact it has on the Alpha Frequency. Specifically We're referring to Kang et al. 2015, *The Effect of Smoking on Brain Wave Activity in Middle-Aged Men Measured by Electrocorticography*, which finds a decrease in Alpha frequency after smoking and Domina et al. 2009, *Tobacco Smoking Produces Widespread Dominant Brain Wave Alpha Frequency Increases*, which finds an increase in alpha wave frequency. As such, it is difficult to draw a conclusion based on the existing literature of what to expect on the Alpha frequency after smoking.

We did draw inspiration from Kang's study on their data collection methodology as we collected our's in a similar fashion. Our participant consumed nicotine and measured the EEG within a 5-10 minute period. In addition, Kang's study also described nicotines half-life of two hours, which is useful information to take into account since we know post-sobriety periods can be affected by prior tests within the two hour time-frame.

For research on brain waves and BCI's, a majority of our research and background comes from this course. A few examples of conceptual understandings include description of the brain frequencies, existing technologies, and sensor placements.

#### Sources Used

- Kang SH, Kim JH, Kim IK, So WY, Sung DJ. The Effect of Smoking on Brain Wave Activity in Middle-Aged Men Measured by Electrocorticography. Iran J Public Health. 2015;44(9):1288-1290.
- Domino EF, Ni L, Thompson M, et al. Tobacco smoking produces widespread dominant brain wave alpha frequency increases. Int J Psychophysiol. 2009;74(3):192-198. doi:10.1016/j.ijpsycho.2009.08.011
- Nicolas-Alonso, L. F., & Gomez-Gil, J. (2012). Brain computer interfaces, a review. Sensors (Basel, Switzerland), 12(2), 1211–1279. https://doi.org/10.3390/s120201211

## Modeling and Analytics

A majority of the analytic concepts can be comprehended through the *Elements of Statistical Learning* and *Introduction to Statistical Learning* textbook. The main inspirations taken from them is the contextual understanding of the weights and models.

#### Sources Used

- Hastie, T., Hastie, T., Tibshirani, R., & Friedman, J. H. (2001). The elements of statistical learning: Data mining, inference, and prediction. New York: Springer.
- Gareth James, Daniela Witten, Trevor Hastie, Robert Tibshirani. An Introduction to Statistical Learning: with Applications in R. New York: Springer, 2013.

### Misc.

We also used additional code and files from EEGNet. If we did so, the code description or

## III) Methods

## **Experimentation Setup**

Our experimentation was not consistent for each of the four sessions that were hosted. The experimentation evolved as we progressed, solving some potential issues and mainly because we were not able to detect any signal. Some key elements were constant throughout each session, where there was a period of sobriety, and a period of intoxication. We'll go into further detail when we talk about the session information later on in this report.

We had a single test subject, Frederick, and he collected the data on himself.

It should be noted that we will not be taking into account external factors such as the time of day, amount of nicotine smoked, and other metadata such as the accelerometer on the headband, all of which were not consistent through each of the sessions. This of course, decreases the data quality, but since we were not able to find a signal in any of the sessions, this should not be an issue.

## Data

### Data Cleaning

The Muse has a feature where the data collected should be cleaned for you. The Muse is able to detect blinks, and sudden shifts and automatically returns a null value when it does. This means that the data does not require filtering.

### **Data Description**

The first thing to note, is what the descriptions of each of the data values indicate based on Mind Monitor. For more detail check here:

Column(s)	Description	Range/Units
TimeStamp	Date and Time	Year-Month-Day Hour:Minute:Second.Microsecond
Delta_{TP9,AF7,AF8,TP10}	Delta brainwaves, for each of the four sensors	Bels
Theta_{TP9,AF7,AF8,TP10}	Theta brainwaves, for each of the four sensors	Bels
Alpha_{TP9,AF7,AF8,TP10}	Alpha brainwaves, for each of the four sensors	Bels
Beta_{TP9,AF7,AF8,TP10}	Beta brainwaves, for each of the four sensors	Bels
Gamma_{TP9,AF7,AF8,TP10}	Gamma brainwaves, for each of the four sensors	Bels
RAW_{TP9,AF7,AF8,TP10}	RAW brainwaves, for each of the four sensors	0.0 - 1682.815 uV
Accelerometer_{X,Y,Z}	Gravity. X = tilt up/down, Y = tilt left/right, Z = vertical up/down	g {-2:+2}
HeadBandOn	Basic data quality indicator: if the headband is on the head	1=True, 0=False
HSI_{TP9,AF7,AF8,TP10}	Data quality, for each of the four sensors (HSI=Horse Shoe Indicator)	1=True, 0=False
Battery	Battery charge percentage	%/100
Elements	Data markers such as Blink, Jaw_Clench, or numbered markers	

#### Notes:

- Sensor Location
  - AF7: Left Forehead (dependent on head size)
  - AF8: Right Forehead (dependent on head size)
  - TP9: Left Ear
  - TP10: Right Ear
- · Aboslute info
  - frequency spectrum
    - Delta: 1-4Hz
       Theta: 4-8Hz
       Alpha: 7.5-13Hz
       Beta: 13-30Hz

o Gamma: 30-44Hz

- absolute band power: based on the logarithm of the power spectral density of EEG data for each channel
  - layman explanation: bigger the number, the more brain wave frequency collected in that region

In [1]:

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
from datetime import datetime, timedelta
from sklearn import linear_model
import os
import torch
import torch.nn as nn
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In [2]:
         # Data File Paths
         session_one_fp = os.path.join("data", "session_one", "mindMonitor_2021-02-10--0
         session two fp = os.path.join("data", "session two", "mindMonitor 2021-02-24--0
         session_three_fp = os.path.join("data", "session_three", "mindMonitor_2021-03-0
         session_four_fp = os.path.join("data", "session_four", "_2021-03-10--03-38-49.c
         # Selections
         sensors = ["AF7", "AF8", "TP9", "TP10"]
         waves = ["Delta", "Theta", "Alpha", "Beta", "Gamma"]
         AF7, AF8, TP9, TP10 = [[f"{wave} {sensor}" for wave in waves] for sensor in s
         DELTA, THETA, ALPHA, BETA, GAMMA = [[f"{wave} {sensor} " for sensor in sensors
         BATCH = 5 # for smoothing
         # Visual Colorations
         reg = "blue"
         intoxC = "red"
         soberC = "green"
         brainWaveC = "black"
         postIntoxC = "yellow"
         # Helper Functions
         def moving_avg(arr:list, n:int) -> np.array:
             @param arr - list of floats and ints to use moving avg on
             @param n - batch size to convert to mean
             returns a list of moving mean from arr with n-size batches
             return np.array([np.mean(arr[i:i+n]) for i in range(len(arr) - n)])
         def get regression(period:list,wave data:np.array) -> (float, float):
             @param period - two dimensional array containing information on (start of
             @param data - corresponds to brain wave information
             returns the linear regression plot data given training data
             y = wave_data[period[0]:period[1]]
             X = np.arange(len(y)).reshape(-1, 1)
             mdl = linear model.LinearRegression()
             mdl.fit(X,y)
             m,b = mdl.coef_[0], mdl.intercept_
             return [period[0], period[1]], [b + m * 0, b + m * len(y)]
         # PLOTS
         def brainwave_abs_plot(session:pd.DataFrame, titleName:str, periods:list, inc
             Creates a plot for the absolute alpha waves
             @param session: pandas dataframe of the muse dataset
             @param titleName: title of the plot
             @param periods: 2d list of the (color, label, and the timespan for the ba
             @param includeEndReg: if true, show the regression of both intox and post
             @param BATCH: size of moving average
             # Coefficient Visualization
             fig, ax = plt.subplots(4, 1, figsize=(15, 10))
             for i, s in enumerate(ALPHA):
                 vals = moving avg(session[s],BATCH)
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# Background
            ax[i].axvspan(timespan[0], timespan[1], facecolor=color, alpha=0.
            # Stepwise TimeSeries Linear Regression
            x, y = get regression(timespan, vals)
            ax[i].plot(x, y, color=reg, label="Regression")
        # Time series regression, nonsober
        if includeEndReg:
            x, y = get regression([periods[-2][-1][0], periods[-1][-1][1]], <math>v
            ax[i].plot(x, y, color="red", label="Intox/Post-Intox Reg")
    handles, labels = plt.gca().get legend handles labels()
    by label = dict(zip(labels, handles))
    plt.legend(by label.values(), by label.keys(), bbox to anchor=(1.1,4.5))
    plt.suptitle(titleName)
    plt.show()
def brainwave nonalpha plot(session:pd.DataFrame, titleName:str, periods: lis
    Creates a plot for the absolute non-alpha waves
    @param session: pandas dataframe of the muse dataset
    @param titleName: title of the plot
    @param periods: 2d list of the (color, label, and the timespan for the ba
    nonalphas = [DELTA, THETA, BETA, GAMMA]
    titles = ["Delta", "Theta", "Beta", "Gamma"]
    fig, ax = plt.subplots(4, 1, figsize=(15, 10))
    colors = ["red", "blue", "green", "brown"]
    for i, nonalpha in enumerate(nonalphas):
        # Visualization
        for j, s in enumerate(nonalpha):
            vals = moving avg(session[s],BATCH)
            # Stepwise TimeSeries Linear Regression
            for color, label, timespan in periods:
                x, y = get regression(timespan, vals)
                ax[i].plot(x, y, label=sensors[j], c=colors[j])
            # Brain Waves
            ax[i].plot(vals, alpha=.3, c=colors[j])
        # Background
        for color, label, timespan in periods:
            ax[i].axvspan(timespan[0], timespan[1], facecolor=color, alpha=0.
        ax[i].set title(titles[i])
        ax[i].set yticks([])
        ax[i].set xticks([])
    handles, labels = plt.gca().get legend handles labels()
    by label = dict(zip(labels, handles))
    plt.legend(by label.values(), by label.keys(), bbox to anchor=(1.1,4.5))
    plt.suptitle(titleName)
    plt.show()
def brainwave_rel_plot(session:pd.DataFrame, titleName:str, periods: list, in
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ax[i].set\_yticks([]) ax[i].set xticks([]) ax[i].set title(sensors[i]) for color, label, timespan in periods: # Background ax[i].axvspan(timespan[0], timespan[1], facecolor=color, alpha=0. # Stepwise TimeSeries Linear Regression x, y = get regression(timespan, vals) ax[i].plot(x, y, color=reg, label="Regression") # Time series regression, nonsober if includeEndReg: x,  $y = get_regression([periods[-2][-1][0], periods[-1][-1][1]], <math>v$ ax[i].plot(x, y, color="red", label="Intox/Post-Intox Reg") handles, labels = plt.gca().get\_legend\_handles\_labels() by\_label = dict(zip(labels, handles)) plt.legend(by label.values(), by label.keys(), bbox to anchor=(1.1,4.5)) plt.suptitle(titleName) plt.show()

## Analytics

We set a smoothing factor, defined by a moving average of 5. This is an arbitrary choice, where its small to cover periods of time when there isn't any information (due to movements and blinking), and not too big, where a lot of information is lost.

#### Session One

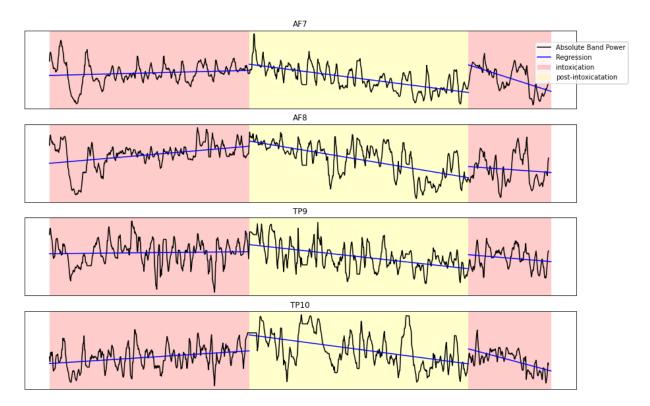
time	action
9:20	Nicotine consumption via inhalation
9:21	Nicotine consumption via inhalation
9:22	Nicotine consumption via inhalation
9:24	coffee two sips
9:25	coffee two sips, spilled slightly

time	action
9:26	coffee two sips
9:28	2 inhalations of nicotine
9:29	2 inhalations of nicotine

Our first session run was a trial to practice and test *Mindmonitor* and to gain insight on the data collection process. Our sampling rate is approximately 1 Hz, so we are unable to use the raw

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In [3]:
         ses1 = pd.read csv(session one fp, parse dates=["TimeStamp"])
         # Important Time Markers
         m1 = ses1.TimeStamp[0]
         m2 = datetime(2021, 2, 10, 9, 23)
         m3 = datetime(2021, 2, 10, 9, 28)
         m4 = ses1.TimeStamp.iloc[-1]
         # Periods
         intox1 = [sum(ses1.TimeStamp < m1), sum(ses1.TimeStamp < m2)]</pre>
         sober1 = [sum(ses1.TimeStamp < m2), sum(ses1.TimeStamp < m3)] # Does not take</pre>
         intox2 = [sum(ses1.TimeStamp < m3), sum(ses1.TimeStamp < m4)]</pre>
         # For logistic mdl
         ses1 X = ses1[ses1.TimeStamp < m2]</pre>
In [4]:
         periods = [("red", "intoxication", intox1),
                    ("yellow", "post-intoxicatation", sober1),
                    ("red", "intoxication", intox2)]
         brainwave_abs_plot(ses1, "Session One Absolute Alpha", periods, includeEndReg
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Session One Absolute Alpha



What we saw was a small increase in Alpha Waves during the first three-minute period of smoking, followed by a trend in decrease during the five minute period of sobriety, and finally by another session of smoking of one minute. If smoking leads to an increase in alpha frequency, this is the trend that we'd expect to see.

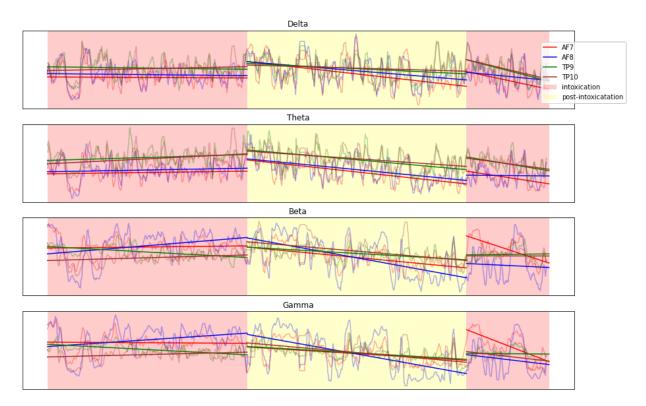
The second period of intoxication's sharp decline is attributable to the small window of time (8 minutes for the entire session), and did not have enough time to be affected by the nicotine because the nicotine did not act quick enough.

Our interest then spread to the non-alpha waves, and see what possible potential other patterns exist. Perhaps a change in alpha impacts the other waves.

**NOTE**: the periods do not take into account the moving\_avg, and therefore can be unrepresentative (albeit minor) of the values

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In [5]: brainwave_nonalpha_plot(ses1, "Absolute Band Power Non-Alpha", periods)
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Absolute Band Power Non-Alpha



We find that the non-alpha waves mimic the increase and decrease patterns found in the alpha band power, implying an unknown confounding factor is at play such that the alpha waves are following a general trend rather than being directly impacted by the nicotine. One way to confirm this confounding factor is to normalize alpha. If we change the absolute to relative band power (a normalized form) via the equation:

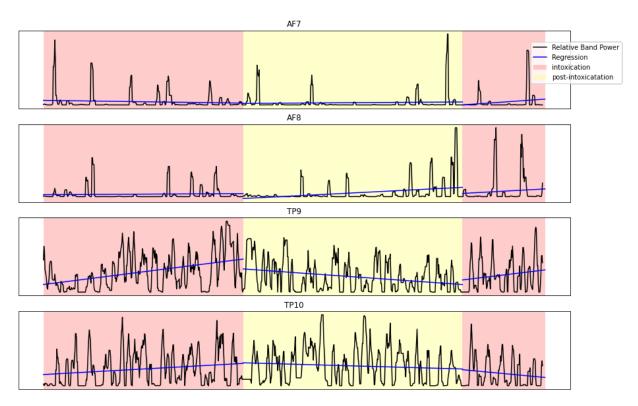
$$ext{relative\_alpha} = rac{10^{lpha}}{\sum_{i=lpha,eta,\gamma, heta} 10^i}$$

we hopefully are still able to visualize this change in proportionality in alpha. The power 10 is because the absolute band power is under a logarithm.

If Alpha Frequency is truly effected, we should see that the Alpha frequency have a higher increase in compared to all the other waves, or a positive coefficient in the relative alpha.

In [6]: brainwave\_rel\_plot(ses1, "Session One Relative Alpha", periods, includeEndReg

Session One Relative Alpha



We do see the trend we are looking for strongly in the TP sensors. The AF sensors appear to have similar results, but they are not as strongly represented compared to TP. We believe this is consistent with the hypothesis that smoking increases alpha waves. We will proceed to other sessions and hopefully the other sessions will also have the signal we are looking for.

#### Session Two

time	action
0:00-6:36	normal breathing focusing on nothing
6:36-6:40	stressful thought
6:45-7:00	writing
8:45-9:15	focussed on clock
9:15-9:30	writing
9:30-10:25	normal breathing focusing on nothing
10:25	picked up vape and inhaled
10:45	picked up vape and inhaled (swallowed)
11:25	picked up vape and inhaled
11:45	picked up vape and inhaled (swallowed)
11:45-15:00	Continued to vape every minute until 15:00
15:00-20:00	normal breathing focusing on nothing
20:00	end writing

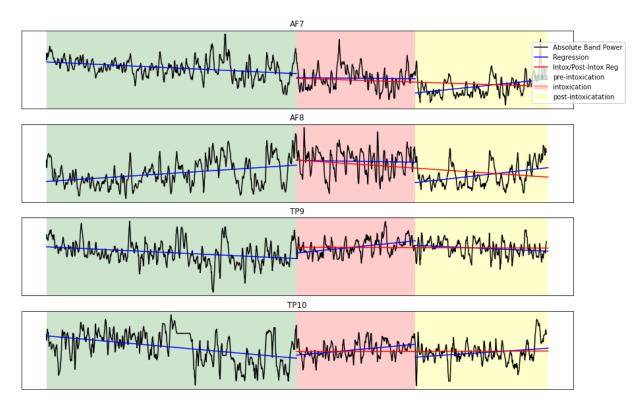
external variable	description
Setting	In my living room, sitting at my desk
Ambient noise	Birds chirping
Vape used	Smok Novo X at 24watts
Salt Nicotine used	50mg Apple by Reds

We decided to alter the session to be in a sober-smoking-sober pattern such that we have a better control. The sober period will not be affected by the smoking. The post-smoking sober session is there in case the delayed nicotine effects come into play.

We will be conducting the same visual tests from session one, but without the absolute nonalpha graph as the relative alpha provides a similar and cleaner presentation.

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In [7]:
         ses2 = pd.read csv(session two fp, parse dates=["TimeStamp"])
         # Time Markers
         m1 = ses2.TimeStamp[0]
         m2 = ses2.TimeStamp[0] + timedelta(seconds=60 * 10 + 25)
         m3 = ses2.TimeStamp[0] + timedelta(seconds=60*15)
         m4 = ses2.TimeStamp.iloc[-1]
         sober1 = [sum(ses2.TimeStamp < m1), sum(ses2.TimeStamp < m2)]</pre>
         intox1 = [sum(ses2.TimeStamp < m2), sum(ses2.TimeStamp < m3)]</pre>
         sober2 = [sum(ses2.TimeStamp < m3), sum(ses2.TimeStamp < m4)]</pre>
         # For logistic mdl
         ses2 X1 = ses2[ses2.TimeStamp < m2]</pre>
         ses2_X2 = ses2[(ses2.TimeStamp < m3) & (ses2.TimeStamp > m2)]
         ses2 X3 = ses2[(ses2.TimeStamp < m4) & (ses2.TimeStamp > m2)] # intox+post in
In [8]:
         periods = [("green", "pre-intoxication", sober1),
                     ("red", "intoxication", intox1),
                     ("yellow", "post-intoxicatation", sober2)
         brainwave abs plot(ses2, "Session Two Absolute Alpha", periods)
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Session Two Absolute Alpha



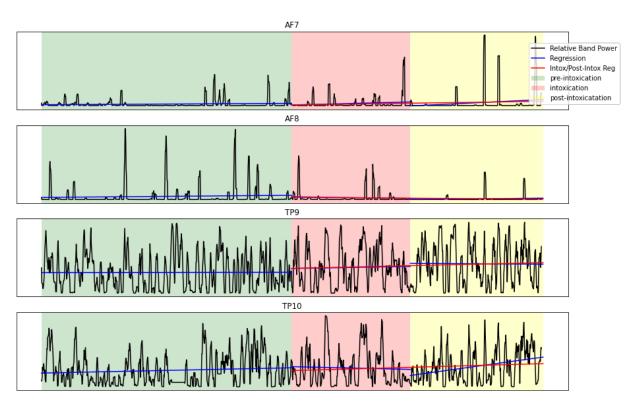
Again, the signal appears strongest in the TP sensors. We see that increase in alpha waves during the smoking period, and post-intoxication. We'd expect to see a relatively stable sober period, since this is the "clean slate," but the coefficients affiliated with these periods demonstrate a general decrease in alpha.

The AF sensors however, do not reflect the increase in alpha as seen in session one. During the post intoxication period, we saw a rapid decrease in alpha waves that had a slow increase near the end. AF7 in particular, actually shows a decrease in alpha.

The relative-alpha graph should be the deciding factor of whether our findings are indeed affected by the nicotine.

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In [9]: brainwave_rel_plot(ses2, "Session Two Relative Alpha", periods)
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Session Two Relative Alpha



We see a slight positive coefficient in the post-intox periods, which could mean that the nicotine is taking effect not during the smoking, but shortly after. An important feature of the regression to take into account also is the bias term. We see that the bias term in TP9 takes almost a step pattern, showing that there is an increase in alpha frequency after smoking. In addition, AF7 does demonstrate the values are increasing at a much higher rate compared to the other waves. Only AF8 appears to have a decrease in alpha.

### Session Three

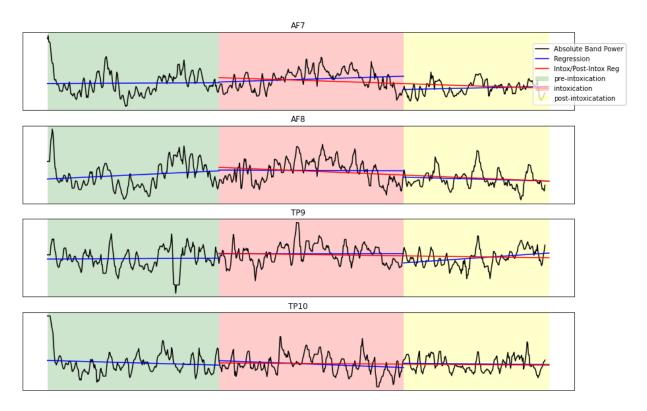
time	action
12:18-12:21	no nic
12:21-12:24	nic
12:24-12:27	no nic

external variable	description
Setting	Sitting at a chair, minimal movement, consistent and similar intervals of breath
Vape	Puff Bar Liche Ice

Due to the success of session two, we kept most of the traits into the third session. The only difference was that we wanted to have consistency in our periods, so each period should have the same time. According to Frederick, he felt the effects of nicotine most strongly in session three.

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In [10]:
          ses3 = pd.read_csv(session_three_fp, parse_dates=["TimeStamp"])
          # Time Markers
          m1 = ses2.TimeStamp[0]
          m2 = datetime(2021, 3, 3, 12, 21)
          m3 = datetime(2021, 3, 3, 12, 24)
          m4 = datetime(2021, 3, 3, 12, 27)
          # Periods
          sober1 = [sum(ses3.TimeStamp < m1), sum(ses3.TimeStamp < m2)]</pre>
          intox1 = [sum(ses3.TimeStamp < m2), sum(ses3.TimeStamp < m3)]</pre>
          sober2 = [sum(ses3.TimeStamp < m3), sum(ses3.TimeStamp < m4)]</pre>
          # For logistic mdl
          ses3 X1 = ses3[ses3.TimeStamp < m2] # sober</pre>
          ses3 X2 = ses3[(ses3.TimeStamp < m3) & (ses3.TimeStamp > m2)] # intox
          ses3_X3 = ses3[(ses3.TimeStamp < m4) & (ses3.TimeStamp > m2)] # intox+post_in
In [11]:
          periods = [("green", "pre-intoxication", sober1),
                      ("red", "intoxication", intox1),
                      ("yellow", "post-intoxicatation", sober2),
          brainwave_abs_plot(ses3, "Session Three Absolute Alpha", periods)
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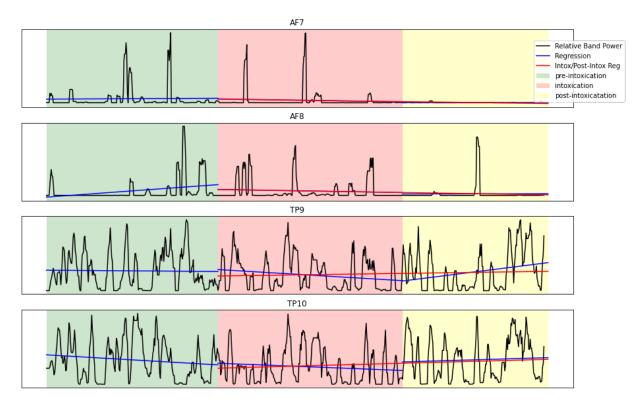
Session Three Absolute Alpha



The waves are a lot more stable comparative to the previous two sessions. It actually appears that the nicotine had little effect.



Session Three Relative Alpha



We see a general decrease in the relative alpha band power during intoxication across all four sensors when intoxicated, which follows the direction of. It is the opposite of what we expect. In addition AF7 appears to be on a decline continuously with the second sober period having almost no activity.

### Session Four

Regardless of the action performed, steady breath and fixed posture as well as non-wandering mind were used in this session. However, breath rate varied slightly when the inhalation took place. |time|action| |-|-| |0-5| resting state without nicotine, steady breath, fixed posture |5-10| nicotine consumption via inhalation | |10-15| resting state under the influence of nicotine |

We increased the sampling rate for session four from 1Hz to ~220 Hz. This allows us to use the raw EEG in our EEGNet. Our moving average batch is increased to take into account this increase in frequency.

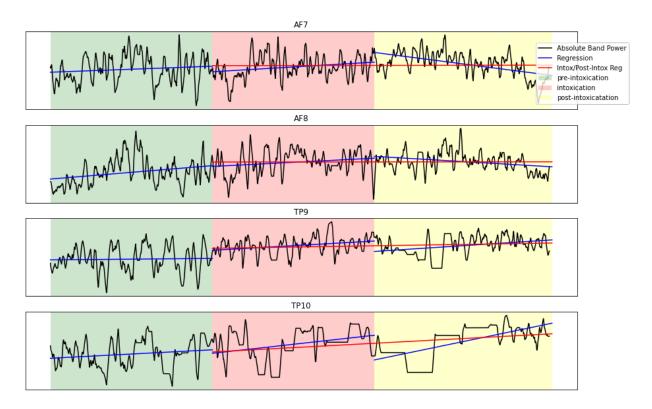
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In [13]:
    ses4 = pd.read_csv(session_four_fp, parse_dates=["TimeStamp"])

# Time Markers
    m1 = ses4.TimeStamp[0]
    m2 = ses4.TimeStamp[0] + timedelta(seconds=60*5)
    m3 = ses4.TimeStamp[0] + timedelta(seconds=60*10)
    m4 = ses4.TimeStamp.iloc[-1]

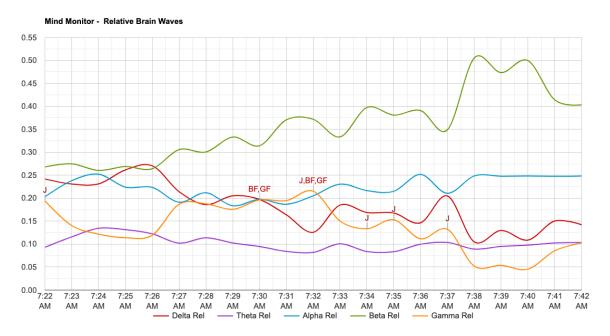
# Period
    sober1 = [sum(ses4.TimeStamp < m1), sum(ses4.TimeStamp < m2)]
    intox1 = [sum(ses4.TimeStamp < m2), sum(ses4.TimeStamp < m3)]
    sober2 = [sum(ses4.TimeStamp < m3), sum(ses4.TimeStamp < m4)]

# Data for EEGNet
    ses4_timestamps = [m1, m2, m3, m4]</pre>
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Session Four Absolute Alpha



There appears to be a lot of data loss in TP10 in intox and post intox period. We do see the increase in alpha frequency during intoxication however and post intoxication.



In this session, generated using *Musemonitor.com/charts*, by csv value analysis, we foudn that there was actually a distinct change in the relative beta waves. While not neccessarily supporting our alpha hypothesis, it does correspond to the positive inceases during nicotine intoxication found in the Kang study.



Similar to session two, it is difficult to see the signal in the relative band power for AF sensors. The regression coefficients are near zero during the intox period so it is difficult to make a

concluding decision.

The TP sensors demonstrate that increase in alpha however.

## **Data Analysis Overview**

The general trend that we saw was an increase in alpha waves when taking into account the intox and post-intox period for the TP sensors.

If we were to isolate the decision to only the intox and pre-intox period or include the AF sensors, our findings appear inconclusive. We think this is due to the delayed effect of nicotine on the brain waves, and certain sensors having a stronger ability to pick up the effect.

Session one should not be used as it was not consistent in the period cycle compared to the other three sessions, and session three appears to have zero signal. Session two, and session four does show some intriguing values, but that's only if we take into account only the TP sensors. This feels and approaches "cherry picking" our data however.

Conclusively, there is a weak indication that Alpha waves increase when intoxicated.

## Modeling Analysis

Theres a common misconception that the sole purpose of models is for functional tasks, i.e. the output is the only thing important; however, models can also be used as an analytics tool. We shall be performing model analytics on a logistic classifier algorithm. We expect that the analysis should reveal similar results as the visualization analysis we just completed.

## Logistic Regression Classifier

There are an infinite number of ways to parameterize a logistic regression classifier. However, as we are looking for understanding rather than accuracy, there must be some interpretation to the parametrics. Initially, we believe a good way to parametrize the logistic regression is to take into account five seconds of the graph. To do such, we'll be taking into consideration all the band powers on all four sensors. Therefor the number of parameters should be  $num\_sensors*num\_waves*num\_rows or time+1=101 \text{ taking into the account the bias term.}$ 

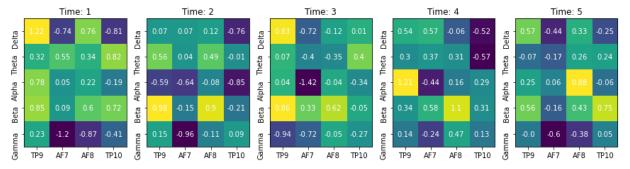
However, one of the biggest problems is the curse of dimensionality. There are approximately 101 parameters and the amount of data is most likely not enough. The data appears to be mostly noise based on the visual inspections done. The model would most likely have extremely high variance, however given more data, this analysis should give better insight on what happens during a nicotine high.

We'll be session two, and three using only the pre-intox and intox period to demonstrate that the data was inconclusive if we were to take into account only those features. In addition, we shall be using frontfill to deal with smoothing nan values instead of moving average.

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In [16]:
          def conversion X(X:pd.DataFrame, seconds:int, feature space:list) -> np.array
              @param X: contains 2 dimensional features
              @param seconds: the number of seconds to take into account
              @param feature_space: features from X to take account into
              combines temporal row data to contain temporal aspects by converting all
              shape = X[feature_space].shape
              col = shape[1] * seconds
              clip = -((shape[0] * shape[1]) % col // shape[1])
              row = (shape[0] * shape[1]) // col
              if clip == 0:
                  return np.array(X[feature_space].fillna(method='ffill')).reshape(row,
              return np.array(X[feature space].fillna(method='ffill')[:clip]).reshape(r
          def coefficient_plot(data,
                               y_data,
                               feature space,
                               time seq=5,
                               titleName='',
                               idx=['Delta', 'Theta', "Alpha", "Beta", "Gamma"],
                               cols=["TP9", "AF7", "AF8", "TP10"]):
              Creates a coeffiecient visual
              # Data Preperation
              convertedX = [conversion_X(x, time_seq, feature space) for x in data]
              X = np.concatenate(convertedX)
              # Let y=-1 be sober, y=1 be intox
              y val = [np.ones(len(x)) * state for x, state in zip(convertedX, y data)]
              y = np.concatenate(y val)
              # Model Development
              mdl = linear model.LogisticRegression(fit intercept=True)
              mdl.fit(X, y)
              coef_matrix, bias = mdl.coef_.reshape(time_seq, len(idx), len(cols)), mdl
              dfs = [pd.DataFrame(time,
                                 index=idx,
                                 columns=cols)
                  for time in coef matrix]
              fig, ax = plt.subplots(1, time seq, figsize=(15, 10))
              for i, df in enumerate(dfs):
                  ax[i].imshow(df)
                  ax[i].set title(f"Time: {i + 1}")
                  ax[i].set yticks(np.arange(len(idx)))
                  ax[i].set_xticks(np.arange(len(cols)))
                  ax[i].set_yticklabels(idx, rotation=90)
                  ax[i].set xticklabels(cols)
                  for j in range(len(idx)):
                      for k in range(len(cols)):
                          ax[i].text(k, j, round(df.iloc[j, k], 2), ha="center", va="ce
              plt.suptitle(titleName, y=.75)
              plt.show()
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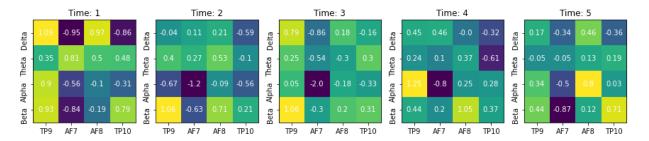
## PreIntox + Intox

We'll be covering the analysis on the preintox and intox period, ignoring the post intox data.



Focusing on the Alpha waves, there does not appear to be any distinct pattern in the coefficients. If we were expecting an increase in alpha waves, then the expected coefficients on Alpha should have all been positive with the coefficients increasing as time progresses, as then they would be attributable to the intox period.

When we went to office hours, Professor de Sa recommended removing the Gamma waves. As such, we replicate the classifier, this time without the Gamma waves. We will also isolate the left and right side sensors in a later classifier, again recommended by Professor de Sa. The coefficients on the left and right do appear to have a strong spearman correlation on the respective sensors



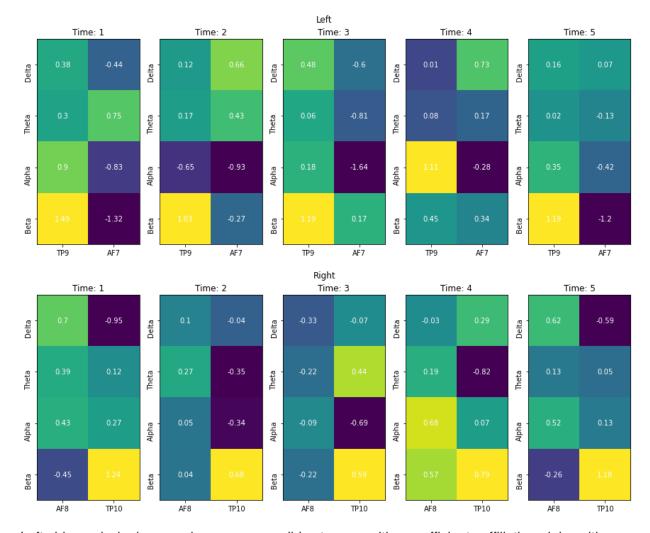
The bias term is lower, but at the same time, the alpha wave coefficients do not hold any intriguing information and pairing sensors. The next step will be the left and right side isolation. As mentioned briefly in the beginning, these sensors correspond to the following:

- AF7: Left Forehead (dependent on head size)
- AF8: Right Forehead (dependent on head size)
- TP9: Left Ear
- TP10: Right Ear

The left-right sets will be {AF7, TP9}, {AF8, TP10}.

The paired sets are {AF7, AF8}, {TP9, TP10}.

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In [19]:
          ### LEFT
          feature_space= ['Delta_TP9', 'Delta_AF7',
                          'Theta_TP9', 'Theta_AF7',
                          'Alpha_TP9', 'Alpha_AF7',
                          'Beta_TP9', 'Beta AF7', ]
          idx = ['Delta',
                          'Theta', "Alpha", "Beta"]
          cols = ["TP9", "AF7"]
          coefficient_plot(data, y_data, feature_space, idx=idx, cols=cols, titleName="
          ### RIGHT
          feature_space= ['Delta_AF8', 'Delta_TP10',
                          'Alpha_AF8', 'Alpha<sub>_</sub>TP10',
                          'Beta_AF8', 'Beta_TP10']
          idx = ['Delta', 'Theta', "Alpha", "Beta"]
          cols = ["AF8", "TP10"]
          coefficient plot(data, y data, feature space, idx=idx, cols=cols, titleName="
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Left side analysis does produce some possible strong positive coefficients affiliating alpha with intox. There are negative coefficients corresponding to Time=1,TP9,Alpha and Time=4,TP9,Alpha but AF7 has all positive coefficients.

Right side analysis demonstrates some relation with TP10 and an increase in alpha waves, however AF8 indicates a negative relation. Results are inconclusive.

Let's look at the pairs now.

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In [20]:
               #### AF
               feature_space= ['Delta_AF7', 'Delta_AF8',
                                       'Theta_AF7', 'Theta_AF8',
                                      'Alpha_AF7', 'Alpha_AF8',
'Beta_AF7', 'Beta_AF8']
              idx = ['Delta', 'Theta', "Alpha", "Beta"]
cols = ["AF7", "AF8"]
               coefficient plot(data, y data, feature space, idx=idx, cols=cols, titleName="
               #### TP
               feature_space= ['Delta_TP9', 'Delta_TP10',
                                       'Theta_TP9', 'Theta_TP10',
                                      'Alpha_TP9', 'Alpha_TP10',
                                       'Beta_TP9', 'Beta_TP10']
              idx = ['Delta', 'Theta', "Alpha", "Beta"]
cols = ["TP9", "TP10"]
               coefficient_plot(data, y_data, feature_space, idx=idx, cols=cols, titleName="
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#### PreIntox + Intox Overview

TP10

Beta

Beta

We see that the coefficient analysis did not demonstrate any coherent findings. The next step is to utilize this same information but include the post-intox information also.

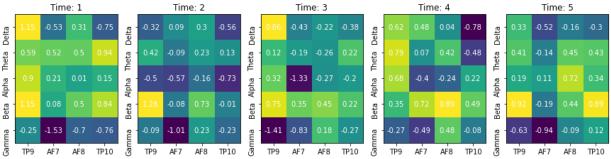
TP9

TP10

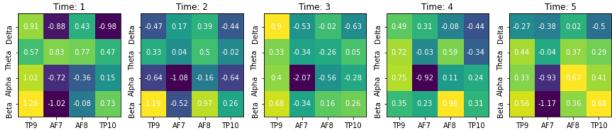
TP10

TP10

### PreIntox + Intox/PostIntox



The alpha coefficients are more positive compared to the intox only data points, indicating that the post intox information is contributable to the signal.



The AF7 sensor has a strong negative relation to Alpha, which means that a large Alpha in AF7 contributes to the model thinking the person is sober. The other sensors tend to be positive, which again, shows some signal indicating that a positive that smoking does increase Alpha waves.

Beta

3eta

TP10

AF8

TP10

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In [23]:
              ### LEFT
              feature_space= ['Delta_TP9', 'Delta_AF7',
                                    'Theta_TP9', 'Theta_AF7'
                                    'Alpha_TP9', 'Alpha_AF7',
                                    'Beta_TP9', 'Beta_AF7', ]
             idx = ['Delta', 'Theta', "Alpha", "Beta"]
cols = ["TP9", "AF7"]
              coefficient plot(data, y data, feature space, idx=idx, cols=cols, titleName="
              ### RIGHT
              feature space= ['Delta AF8', 'Delta TP10',
                                    'Theta_AF8', 'Theta_TP10',
                                    'Alpha_AF8', 'Alpha_TP10',
                                    'Beta_AF8', 'Beta_TP10']
             idx = ['Delta', 'Theta', "Alpha", "Beta"]
cols = ["AF8", "TP10"]
              coefficient_plot(data, y_data, feature_space, idx=idx, cols=cols, titleName="
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Isolating the left and right appears to not have much indication of which side is the stronger classifier.

AF8

TP10

AF8

TP10

TP10

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In [24]:
              #### AF
              feature_space= ['Delta_AF7', 'Delta_AF8',
                                    'Theta_AF7',
                                                     'Theta AF8'
                                    'Alpha_AF7', 'Alpha_AF8',
                                    'Beta_AF7', 'Beta_AF8']
              idx = ['Delta',
                                   'Theta', "Alpha", "Beta"]
             cols = ["AF7", "AF8"]
              coefficient plot(data, y data, feature space, idx=idx, cols=cols, titleName="
              #### TP
              feature space= ['Delta TP9', 'Delta TP10',
                                    'Theta_TP9', 'Theta_TP10',
                                    'Alpha_TP9', 'Alpha_TP10',
                                    'Beta_TP9', 'Beta_TP10']
             idx = ['Delta', 'Theta', "Alpha", "Beta"]
cols = ["TP9", "TP10"]
              coefficient_plot(data, y_data, feature_space, idx=idx, cols=cols, titleName="
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In addition, isolating the TP and AD sensors appear to be detrimental to the classifier strength as the coefficients appear to not follow a pattern. Both the Left/Right and AF/TP isolation models indicate that by themselves, the alpha waves is not a strong indicator, but combining the sensors does create a stronger reliance on alpha.

TP9

TP10

TP9

TP10

TP10

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TP10

TP9

TP10

# IV) Results

Overall, our analysis was split into two portions. One where we looked directly at the data, and another indirectly through looking at model coefficients. In both, we found that the results were mostly inconclusive with the specifications embedded in the methodology section.

While we did see a small trend indicating that Alpha waves increased after smoking, a lot of this information could only be found through non random selection of the data.

### **Problems**

There were several problems that we did overcome. Specifically, the data collection process had some major problems and we were unsure whether the problem lied with us, or the Muse. A lot of the problems can also be boiled down to starting the analysis while in the process of research. We had a cycle of doing a session, analyzing it and seeing that it didn't have any signal, and trying to alter what we did during the data collection to hopefully garner better data.

This could be seen in session one, where we did not plan out what the session would be like, with only a vague idea of what direction we wanted to head. As we did further research, we were inspired by some of the findings and methodologies and decided to go the route that we did, and evolved the experiment as we garnered more experience.

Our code also went through several major rewrites to fit the changing sessions and to better generalize the process. This took up a lot of time that could have been used better for research. This is actually one of the major reasons why we did not include session four in the model coefficient analysis, since this would require another code rewrite that we unfortunately ran out of time for.

We also removed a portion of the model analysis, where we wanted to analyze an EEGNet. We read the paper and downloaded the code the author's used and retrofitted our data onto the paper. Unfortunately, we were unable to train the EEGNet as it returned nan values with the data. We decided to discard the analysis despite spending several hours on cleaning the data to fit the EEGNet criteria, and research.

# V) Discussion

Despite the primarily inconclusive results with regard to Alpha waves and nicotine consumption, we found that the absolute Alpha waves increased in the majority of trials. Unfortunately, since there was not a distinct relative change in Alpha waves in the Relative measure, we could not contribute these findings to the confirmation of our hypothesis. However, we learned a lot through the difficulties we encountered -- BCI analysis requires sifting through heavily noisy data, consistency and discipline is necessary in data collection for BCI studies considering the

complexity of the human brain, and the vast amount of innate variables and variables affected by external conditions that are at play regardless of what you are attempting to measure.

In the future, comparing nicotine in terms of the attention measure would be best fit for the Muse BCI considering it's innate classifiers. For instance, a study on nicotine and focus seems to be a viable option. Moreover, the focus should be on something specific and consistent throughout all trials to refrain from encountering the problem mentioned in the previous paragraph. Next, involving more participants in the study would in addition to longer periods would be strengthening additions. This would not only confirm trends to a greater degree so that we would be able generalize the data, which would be helpful in terms of addiction research.