

Brain and Entropy

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What is the Entropy

***Entropy** is a scientific concept as well as a measurable physical property that is most associated with a state of disorder, randomness, or uncertainty.*

WHY DON'T YOU
CLEAN YOUR
ROOM? IT'S SO
UNORGANIZED!



MOM, I CAN TOTALLY
DO THAT ... BUT IT GOES
AGAINST THE CONCEPT
OF ENTROPY AND THE
NATURAL ORDER OF
THINGS!



Entropy from Everyday



Entropy is Increasing in the Universe

Arrow of time

Entropy

The universe favors disorder.

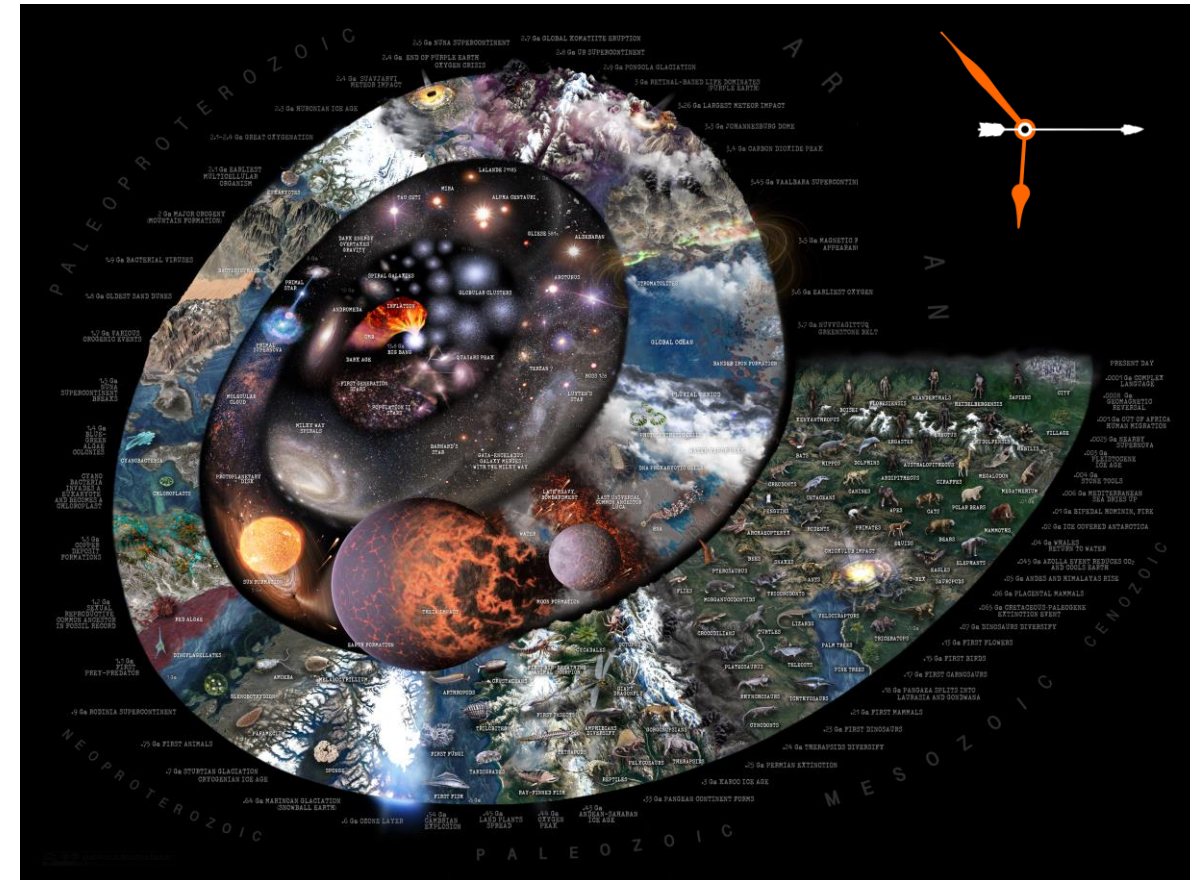


Low.



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From Thermodynamic to Brain Science

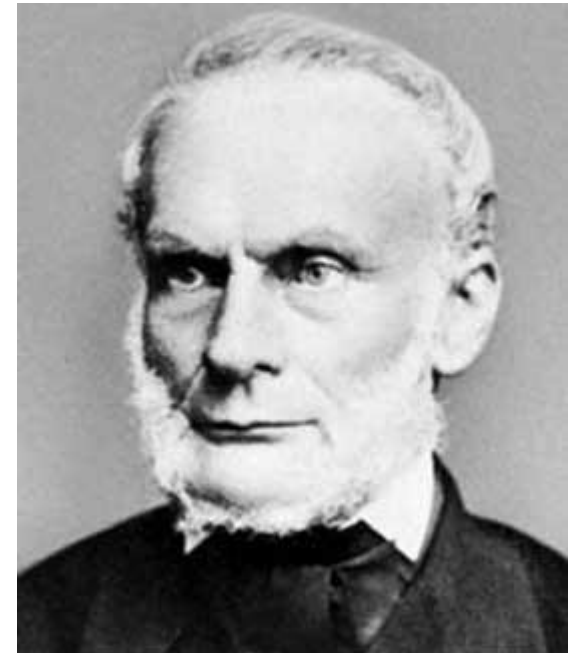
The Origin of Entropy

What does the word Thermodynamics bring to mind ?

Thermo - heat

Dynamics - motion or change

*The second law of thermodynamics states that the total **entropy** of a system either increases or remains constant in any spontaneous process; it never decreases. An important implication of this law is that heat transfers energy spontaneously from higher- to lower-temperature objects, but never spontaneously in the reverse direction.*

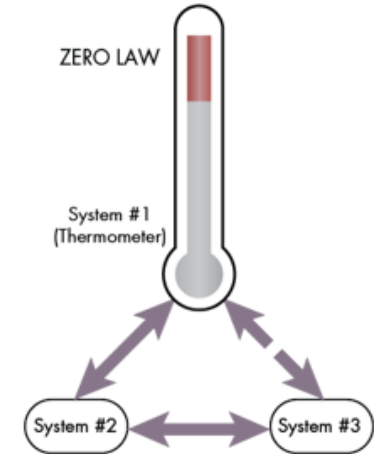


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Laws of Thermodynamics

The zeroth law of thermodynamics defines thermal equilibrium and forms a basis for the definition of temperature: If two systems are each in thermal equilibrium with a third system, then they are in thermal equilibrium with each other.



$$\Delta U = Q - W$$

Change in
internal
energy

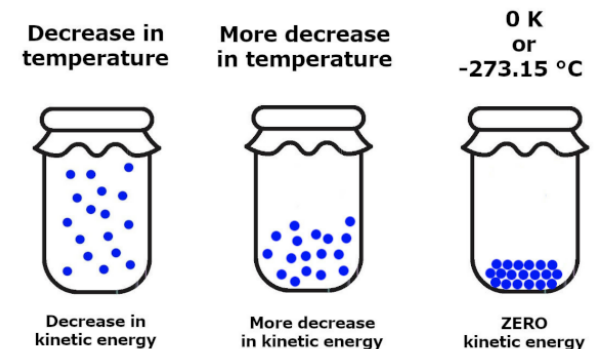
Heat added
to the system

Work done
by the system

The first law of thermodynamics states that, when energy passes into or out of a system (as work, heat, or matter), the system's internal energy changes in accord with the law of conservation of energy.

The third law of thermodynamics states that a system's entropy approaches a constant value as the temperature approaches absolute zero. With the exception of non-crystalline solids (glasses) the entropy of a system at absolute zero is typically close to zero

Third Law of Thermodynamics



Boltzmann Formula

$$S \propto \log W$$

$$S = k_B \ln W$$

Where k_B = Boltzmann's constant = 1.381×10^{-23} J/K

W = number of microstates

In short, the Boltzmann formula shows the relationship between entropy and the number of ways the atoms or molecules of a certain kind of thermodynamic system can be arranged.

<https://www.coursera.org/lecture/da-xue-hua-xue/9-9-shang-yu-re-li-xue-di-er-ding-lu-bo-er-zi-man-fang-cheng-re-li-xue-di-san-yHK7c>



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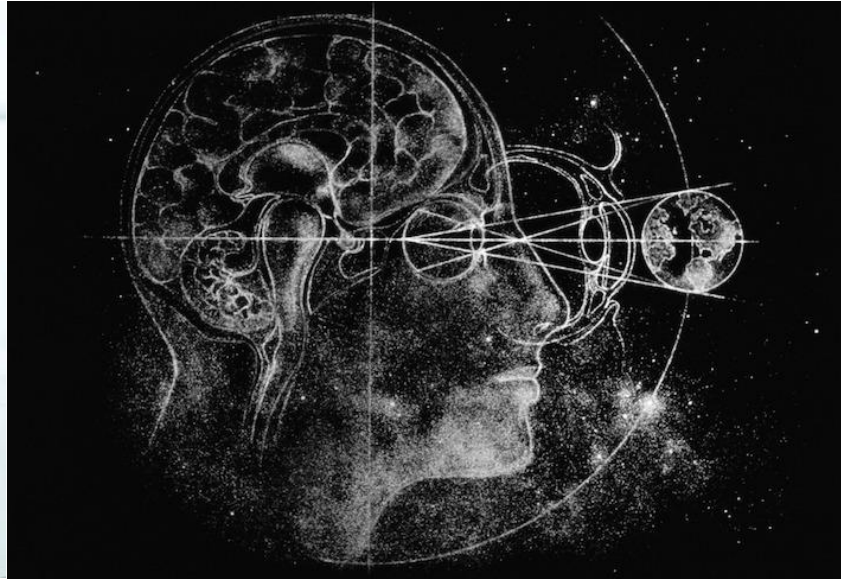
Boltzmann Brain

Infinite Monkey Theorem



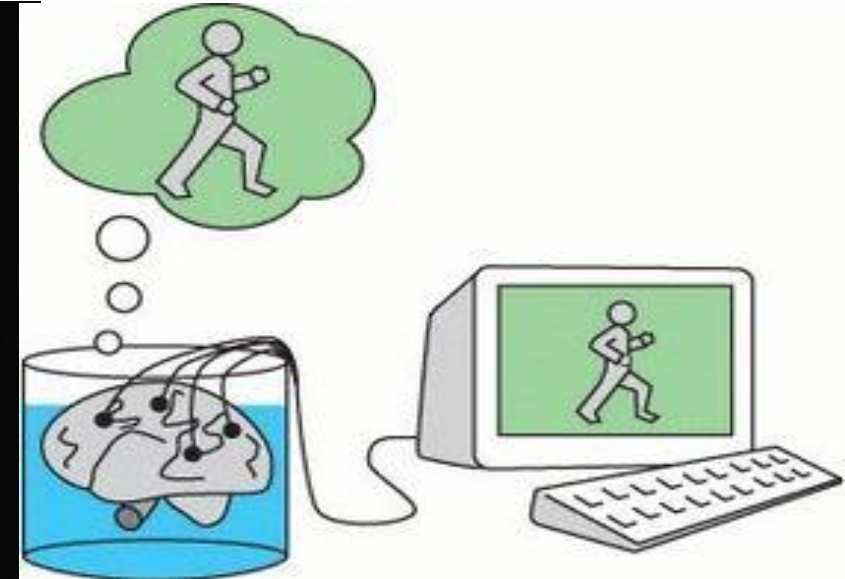
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Boltzmann Brain



https://nautil.us/blog/can-many_worlds-theory-rescue-us-from-boltzmann-brains

Brain in a Vat



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brain_in_a_vat

Gibbs Free Energy

Gibbs free energy is the energy available in a substance to do work.

$$G(p, T) = U + pV - TS,$$

$$G(p, T) = H - TS,$$

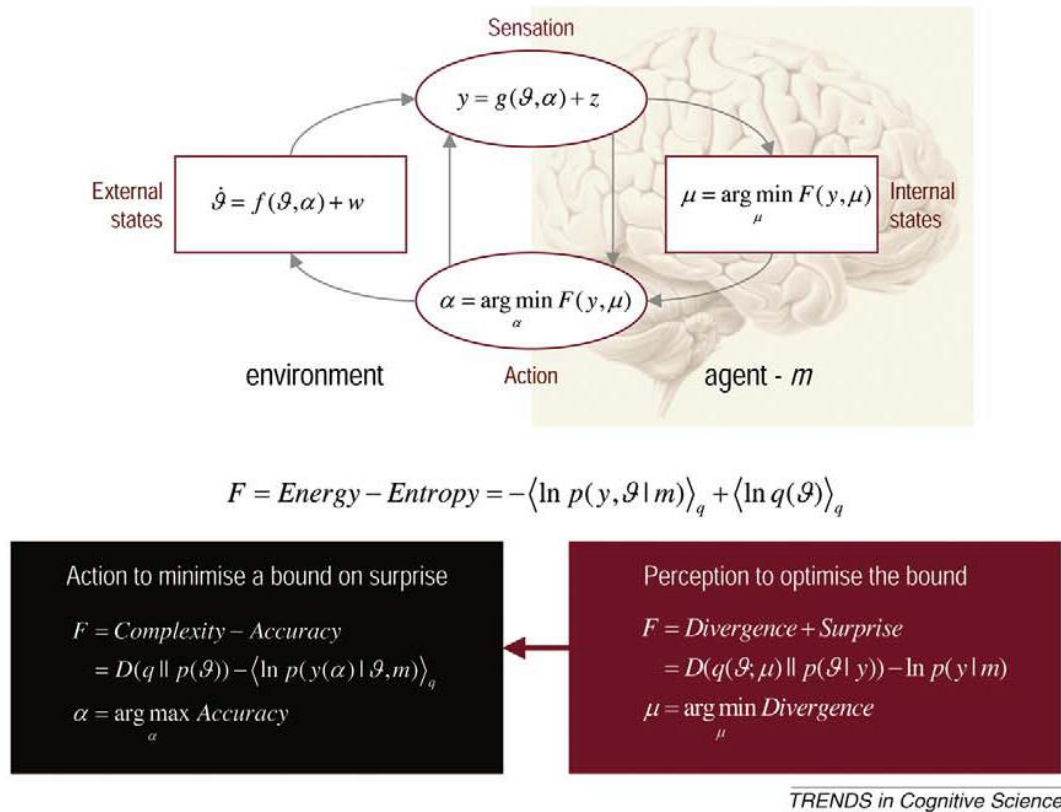
where:

- U is the internal energy (SI unit: joule),
- p is pressure (SI unit: pascal),
- V is volume (SI unit: m³),
- T is the temperature (SI unit: kelvin),
- S is the entropy (SI unit: joule per kelvin),
- H is the enthalpy (SI unit: joule).

According to the second law of thermodynamics, for systems reacting at standard conditions for temperature and pressure (or any other fixed temperature and pressure), there is a general natural tendency to achieve a minimum of the Gibbs free energy.

Free Energy Principle (FEP)

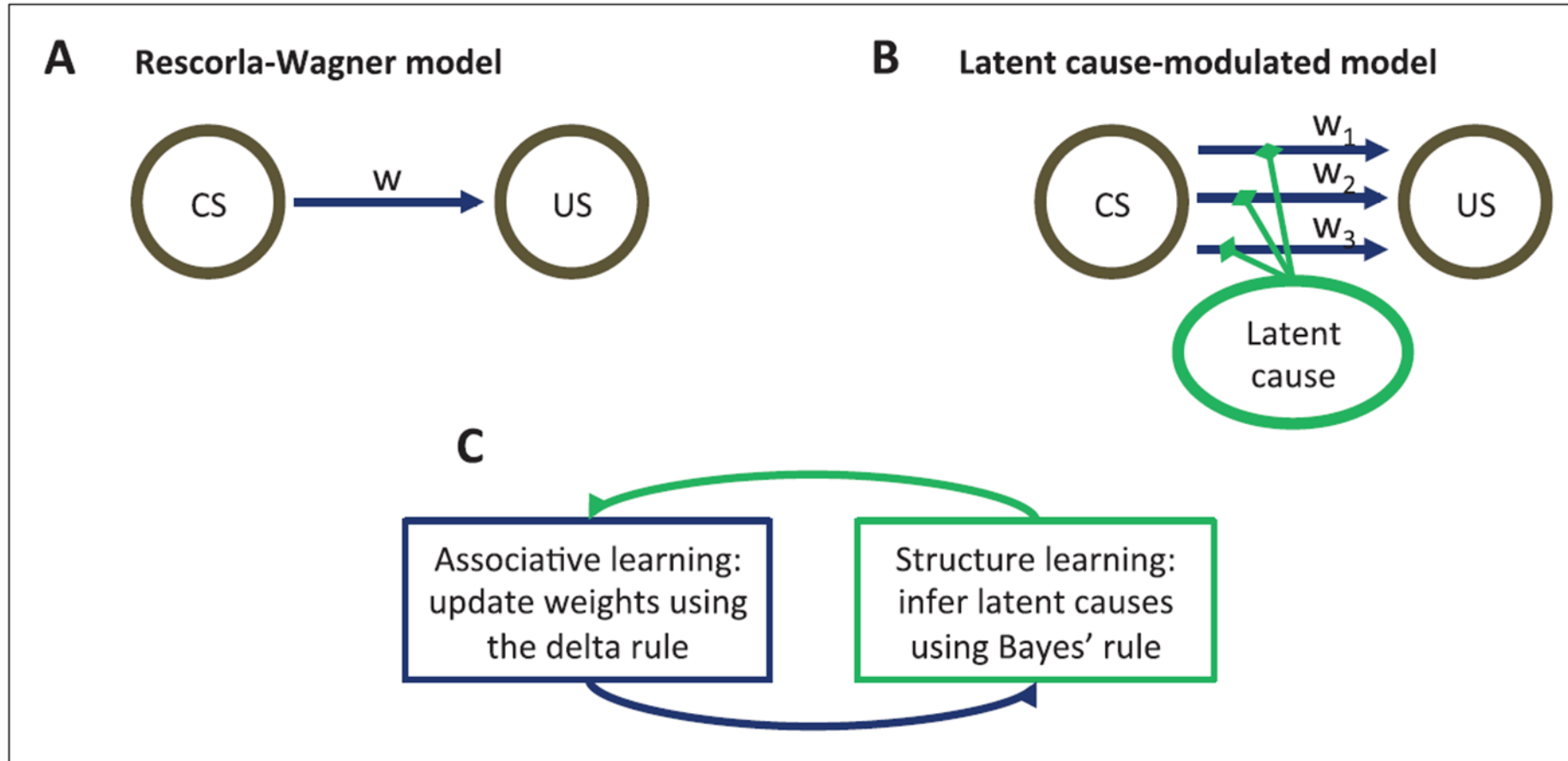
The free energy principle (FEP) states, in a nutshell, that the brain seeks to minimize surprise. (Gershman,2019)



Karl Friston

Friston, K. (2009). The free-energy principle: a rough guide to the brain?. Trends in cognitive sciences, 13(7), 293-301.

The Computational Nature of Memory Modification



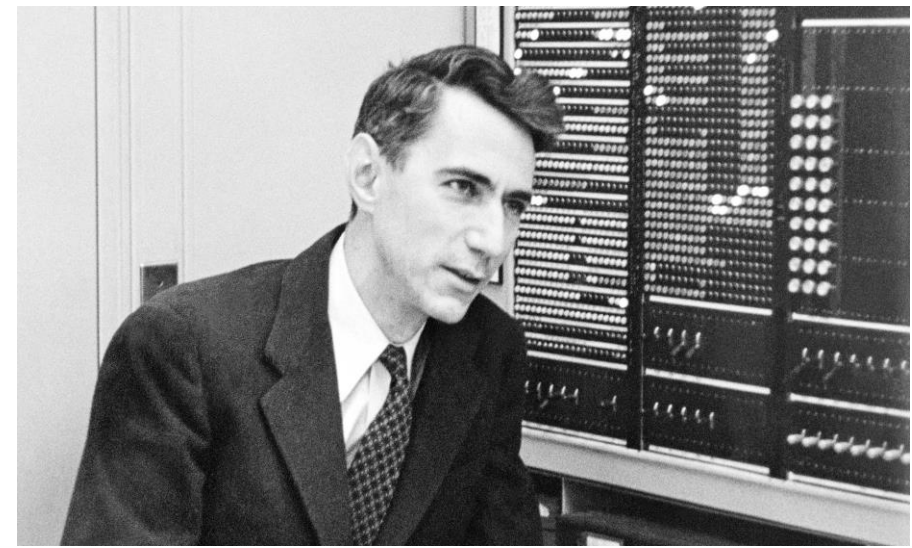
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Entropy and Information Theory

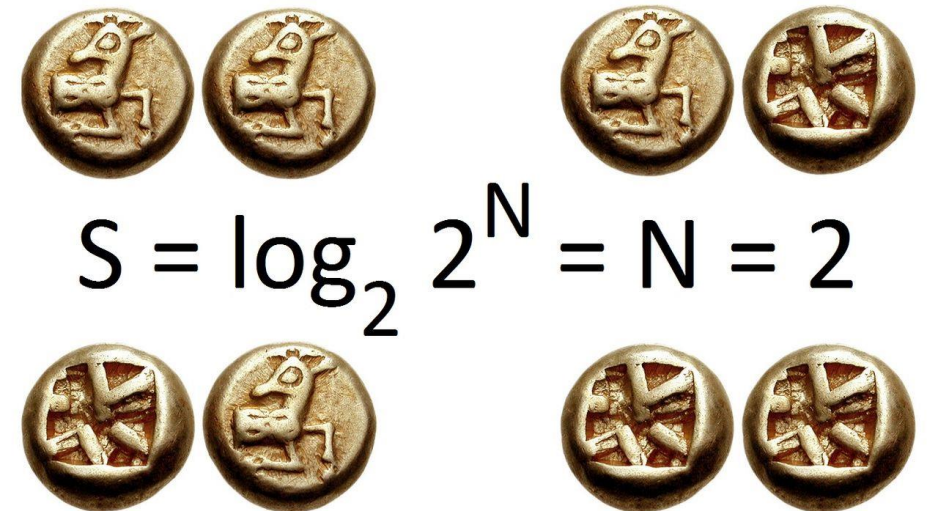
Given a discrete random variable, with possible outcomes x_1, \dots, x_n , which occur with probability $P(x_1), \dots, P(x_n)$, the entropy of X , is formally defined as:

$$H(X) = - \sum_{i=1}^n P(x_i) \log P(x_i)$$

$$H(X) = -(\frac{1}{4} \times \log_2(\frac{1}{4}) \times 4)$$



<https://www.quantamagazine.org/how-claude-shannons-information-theory-invented-the-future-20201222/>



Entropy and Biological Signal Measure

Pincus (1991) introduced **Approximate Entropy (ApEn)** , a set of measures of system complexity closely related to entropy, which is easily applied to clinical cardiovascular and other time series.

Sample Entropy (SampEn) is a modification of approximate entropy (ApEn), used for assessing the complexity of physiological time-series signals, diagnosing diseased states.

$$C_i^m(r) = \frac{\text{num}[d_m(X(i), X(j) < r)]}{(N - m + 1)}$$

$$\phi^m(r) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N-m+1} \log(C_i^m(r))}{(N-m+1)^{-1}}$$

$$ApEn = \phi^m(r) - \phi^{m+1}(r)$$

$$B_i^m(r) = \frac{\text{num}[d_m(X(i), X(j) < r)]}{(N - m)}$$

$$B^m(r) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N-m+1} B_i^m(r)}{N - m + 1}$$

$$SampEn(m, r) = -\ln\left[\frac{B^{m+1}(r)}{B^m(r)}\right]$$

Pincus, S. M. (1991). Approximate entropy as a measure of system complexity. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 88(6), 2297-2301.

Richman, J. S., & Moorman, J. R. (2000). Physiological time-series analysis using approximate entropy and sample entropy. *American Journal of Physiology-Heart and Circulatory Physiology*, 278(6), H2039-H2049.

Calculation of Entropy

Shannon Entropy

Approximate Entropy

Sample Entropy

Calculating Entropy : https://colab.research.google.com/github/donghui1119/SEW_Brain_Entropy/blob/gh-pages/SEW_Entropy%20Calculation.ipynb

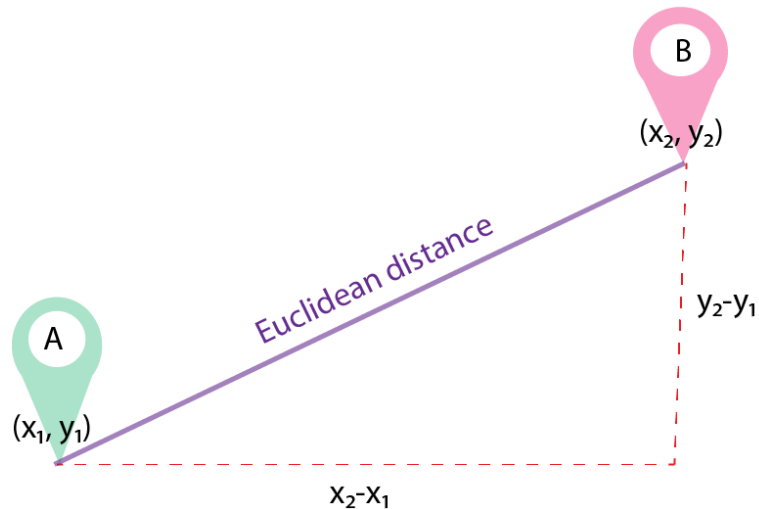
Distance Measures

Euclidean Distance

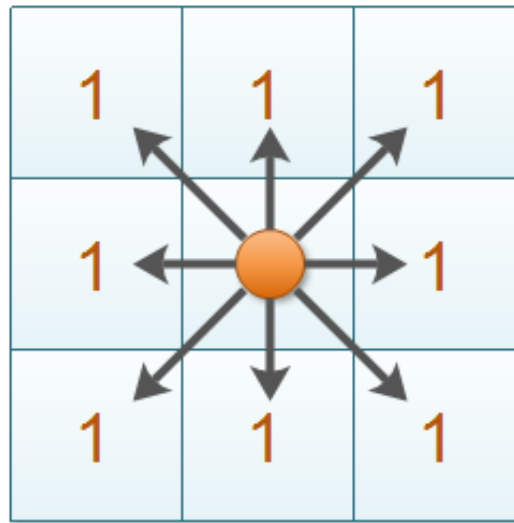
$$\text{EuclideanDistance} = \sqrt{(x_2^2 - x_1^2) + (y_2^2 - y_1^2)} \quad \text{ChebyshevDistance} = \max(|x_2 - x_1|, |y_2 - y_1|) \quad \text{ManhattanDistance} = |x_2 - x_1| + |y_2 - y_1|$$

Chebyshev distance

Manhattan Distance

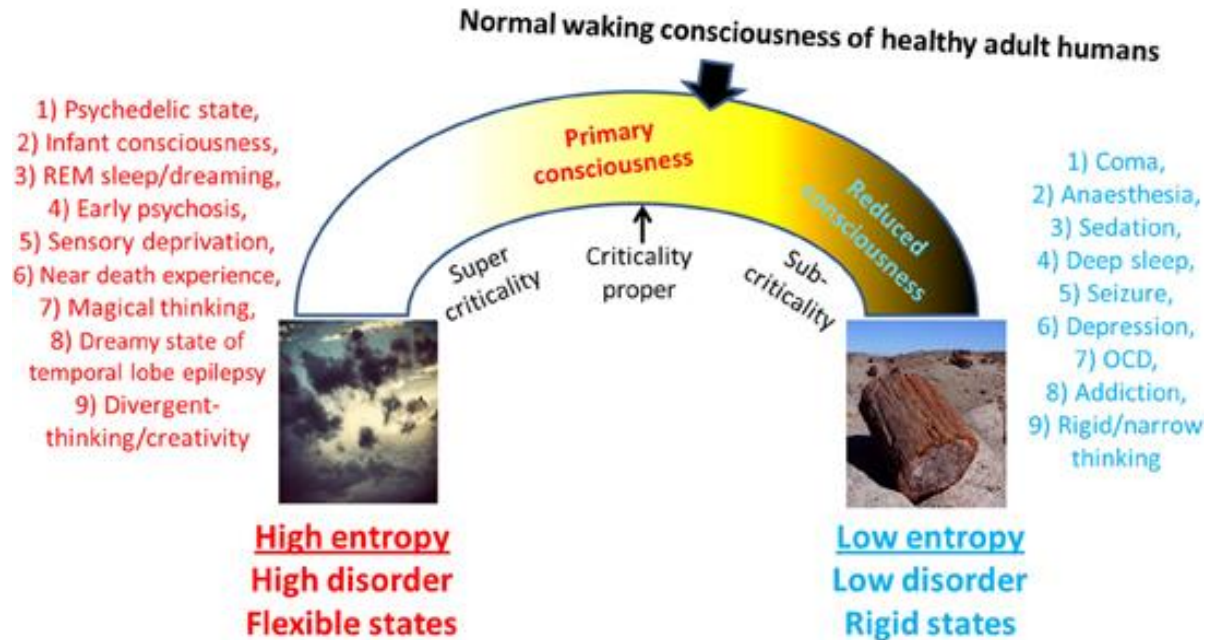


Chebyshev Distance

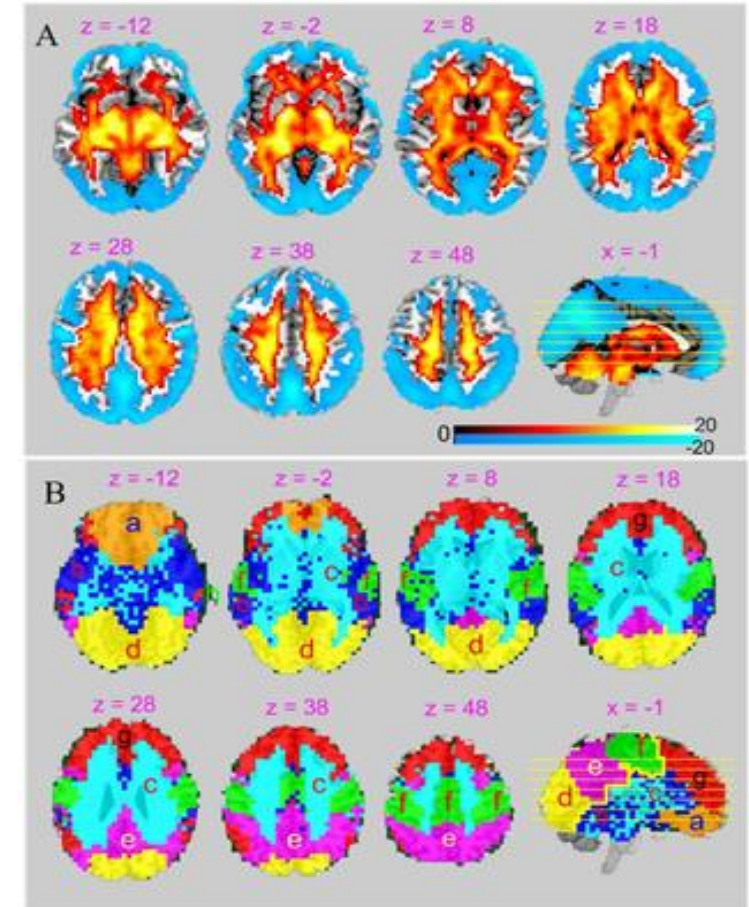


Entropy in Brain Science

The entropic brain hypothesis



Carhart-Harris et al.(2014). The entropic brain: a theory of conscious states informed by neuroimaging research with psychedelic drugs. *Frontiers in human neuroscience*, 8, 20.



Wang, Z., Li, Y., Childress, A. R., & Detre, J. A. (2014). Brain entropy mapping using fMRI. *PloS one*, 9(3), e89948.

Entropy in MRI

Denote the rsfMRI data of one voxel by $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_N]$, where N is the number of time points. SampEn starts with forming a series of vectors, the so called embedded vectors, each with m consecutive points extracted from \mathbf{x} : $\mathbf{u}_i = [x_i, x_{i+1}, \dots, x_{i+m-1}]$, where $i = 1$ to $N-m+1$, and m is the pre-defined dimension. Using a pre-specified distance threshold r , $B_i^m(r)$ counts the number of \mathbf{u}_j ($j = 1$, to $N-m$, and $j \neq i$) whose distances (Chebyshev distance is generally used though any other distance can be used as well) to \mathbf{u}_i are less than r , so does $B_i^{m+1}(r)$ for the dimension of $m+1$. By averaging across all possible vectors, we have

$$B^m(r) = \frac{1}{(N-m)(N-m-1)} \sum_{i=1}^{N-m} B_i^m(r) \quad (1)$$

$$A^m(r) = \frac{1}{(N-m)(N-m-1)} \sum_{i=1}^{N-m} B_i^{m+1}(r) \quad (2)$$

And SampEn is calculated as:

$$\text{SampEn}(m, r, N, \mathbf{x}) = -\ln \left[\frac{A^m(r)}{B^m(r)} \right] \quad (3)$$

BENtbx

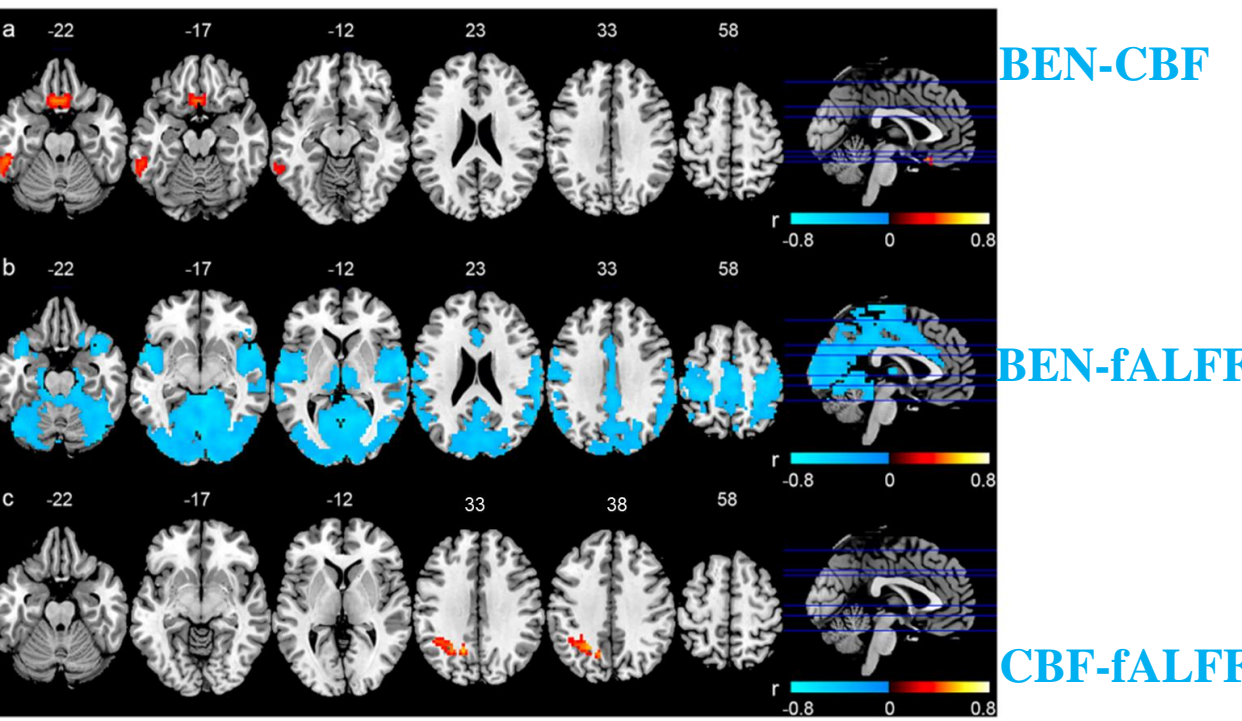
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% Reference for the code can be
%   1. Ze Wang, Geoffrey K. Aguirre, Hengyi Rao, Jiongjiong Wang, Maria A. Fernandez-Seara, Anna R. Childress
%   2. Ze Wang, Yin Li, Anna Rose Childress, John A Detre, Brain Entropy Mapping using fMRI, Plos One, 2014,

batch_reset_orientation; % resetting image origin to the center of the image volume. This step is required

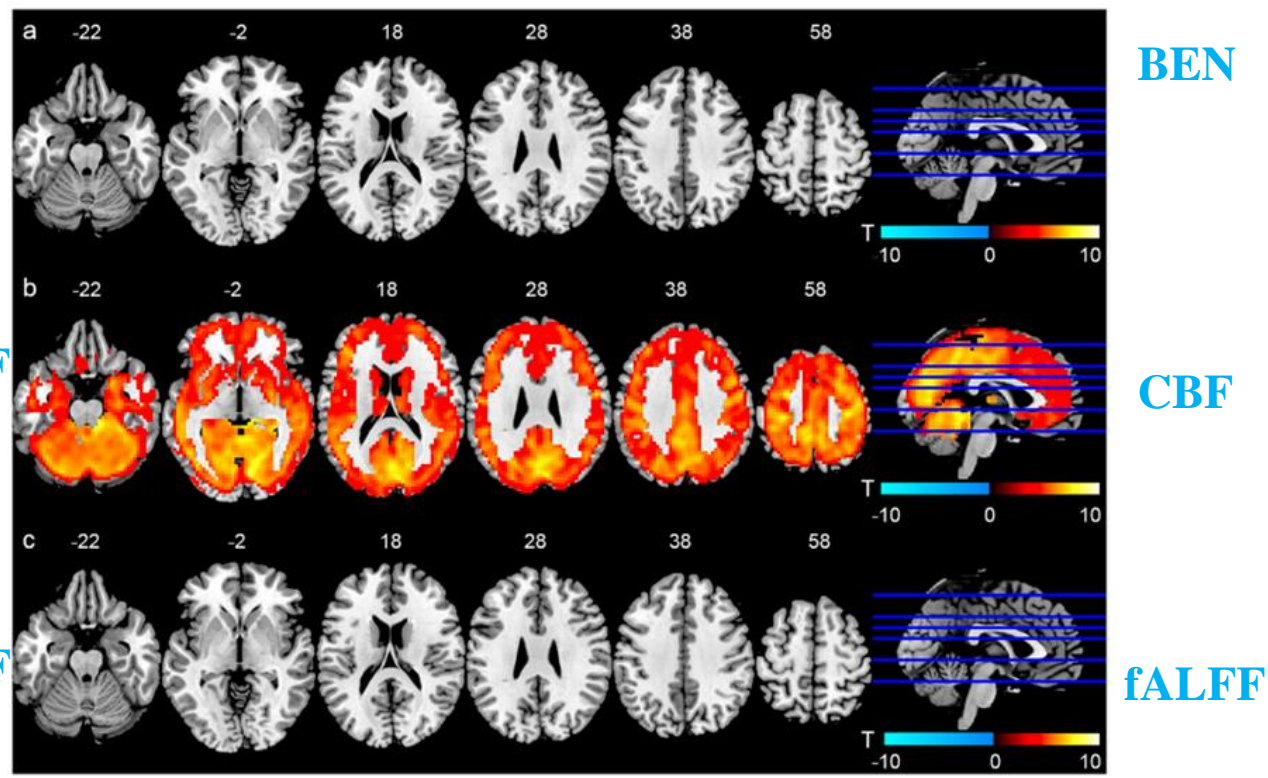
batch_nsegment; % segmenting T1 images. The c1, c2, c3 images (grey matter, white matter, and CSF segment
batch_slicetiming; % correcting acquisition time difference between slices
                    % You should change line 5 in batch_slicetiming.m to the correct number of :
batch_realign; % motion correction. This code will be updated later to consider the global signal e
% batch_create_msk; % creating brain mask. You need fs1 installed. This file may not run in Windows. Then yo
batch_create_msk2;
batch_tstd; % calculating tsnr and temporal variance image
batch_coreg_t12EPI; % registering T1 to EPI image. This is to resample the c2 and c3 images into the BOLD
batch_filtering; % temporal nuisance filtering. A bandpass filter is used.
batch_smooth; % smoothing the filtered images
batch_calc_BEN; % calculating BEN maps
batch_coreg; % coregistering EPI images and BEN map to T1
batch_norm_spm12; % normalization using spm8 nsegmentation
batch_smooth_BENmaps; % smoothing BEN maps
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Brain Entropy and fALFF, CBF

Associations of BEN to cerebral blood flow and fALFF in the resting brain

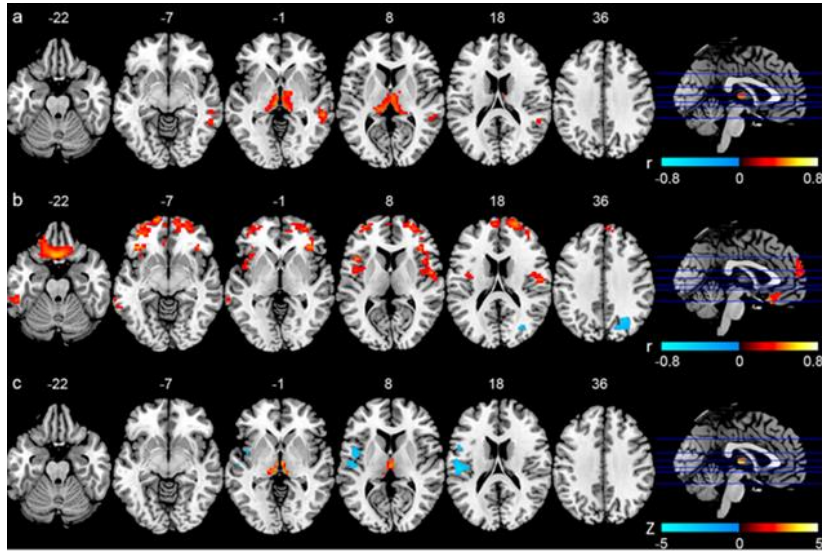


Sex differences to BEN, CBF and fALFF in the resting brain

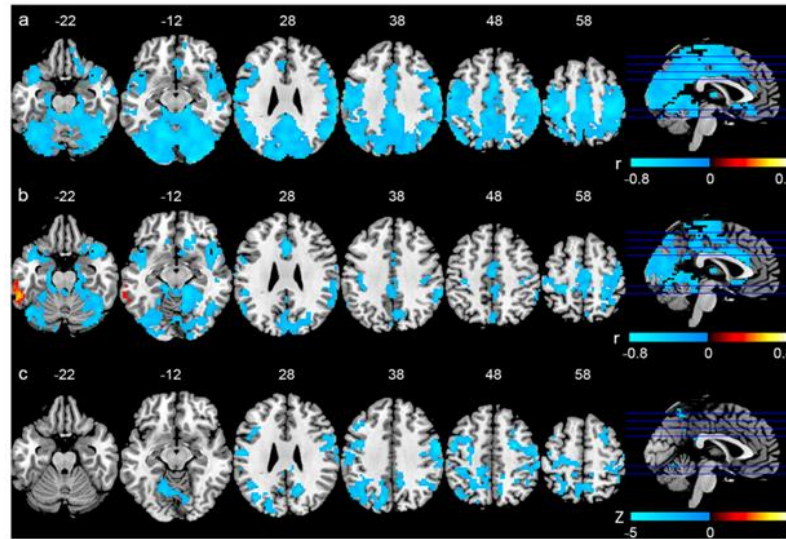


Associations of BEN to CBF and fALFF in different gender

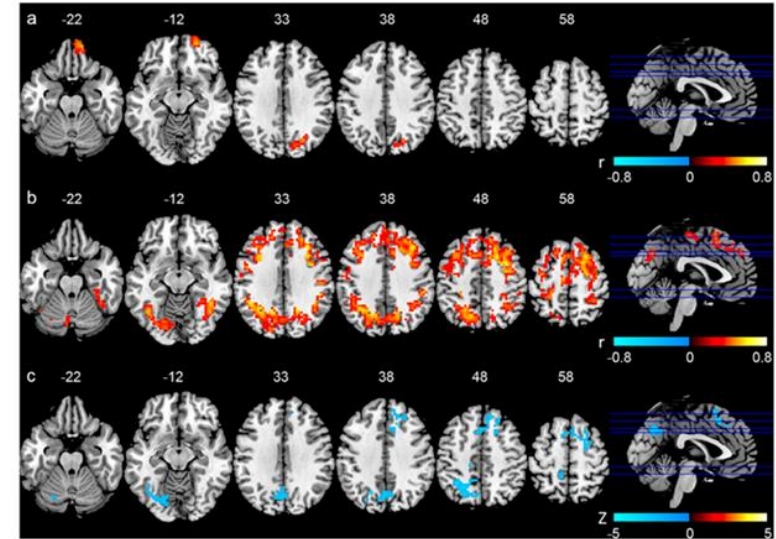
BEN-CBF



BEN-fALFF



CBF-fALFF

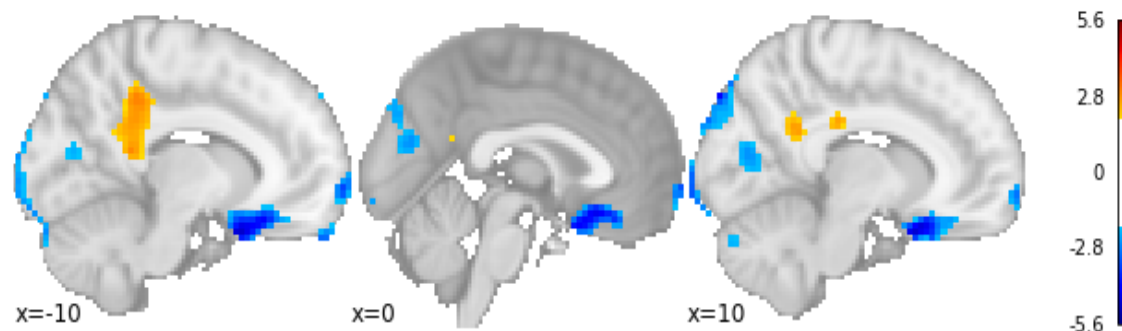
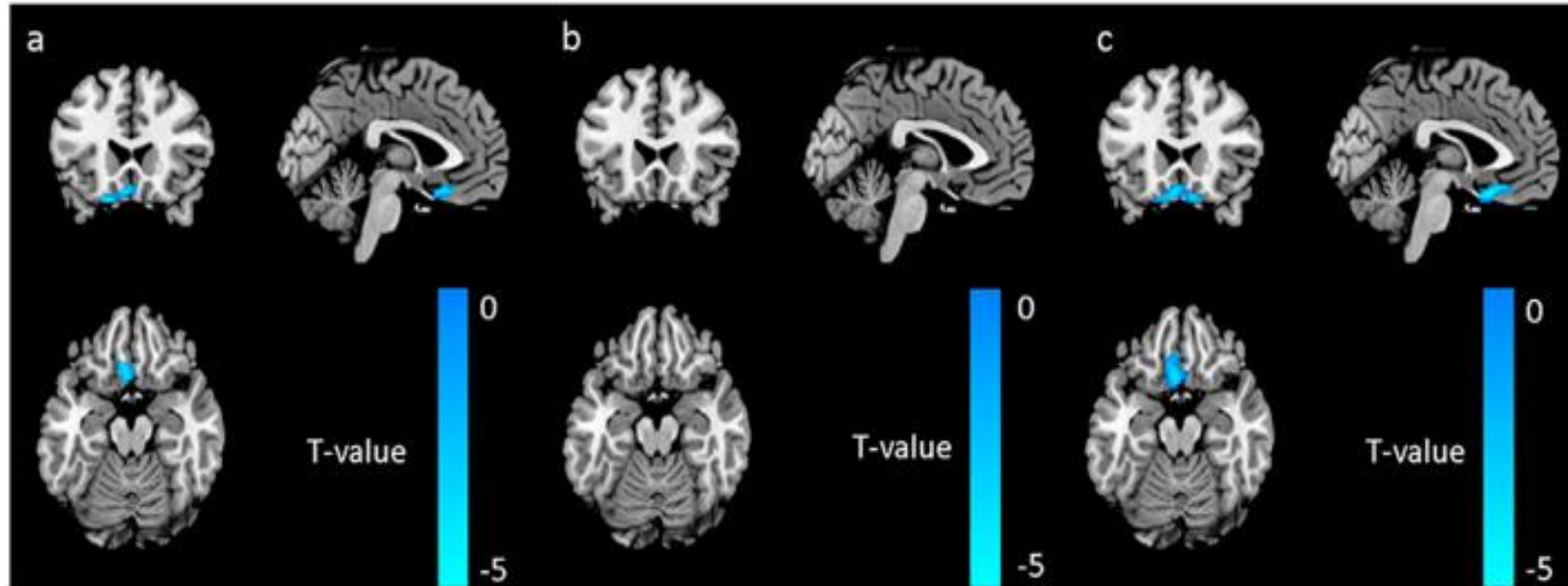


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Brain Entropy and rTMS

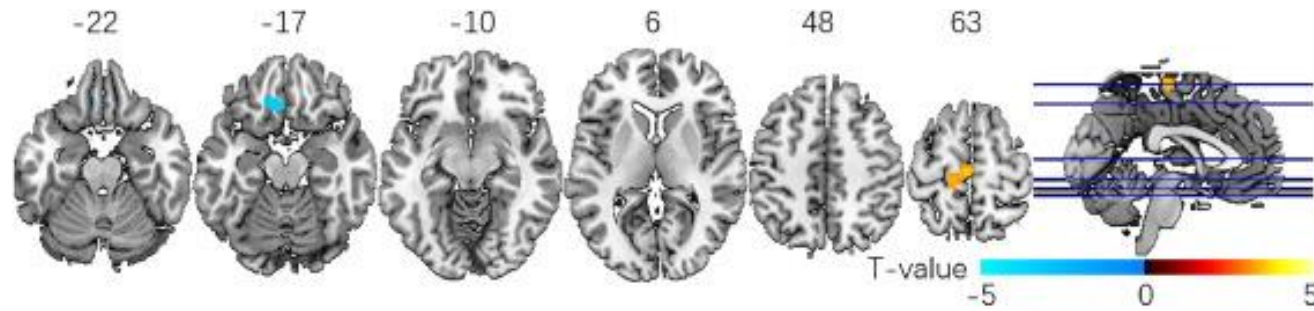
Reduced Brain Entropy by rTMS on the left DLPFC in healthy young adults

a. Post-rTMS vs pre-rTMS b. Post-SHAM vs pre-SHAM c. rTMS vs SHAM

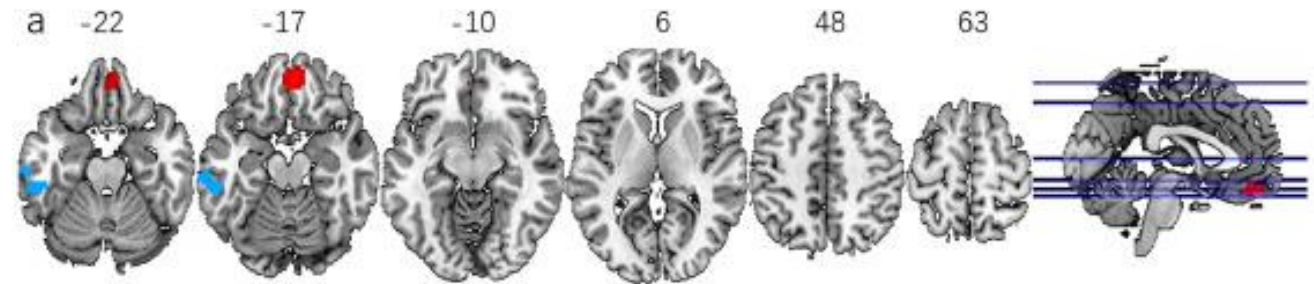


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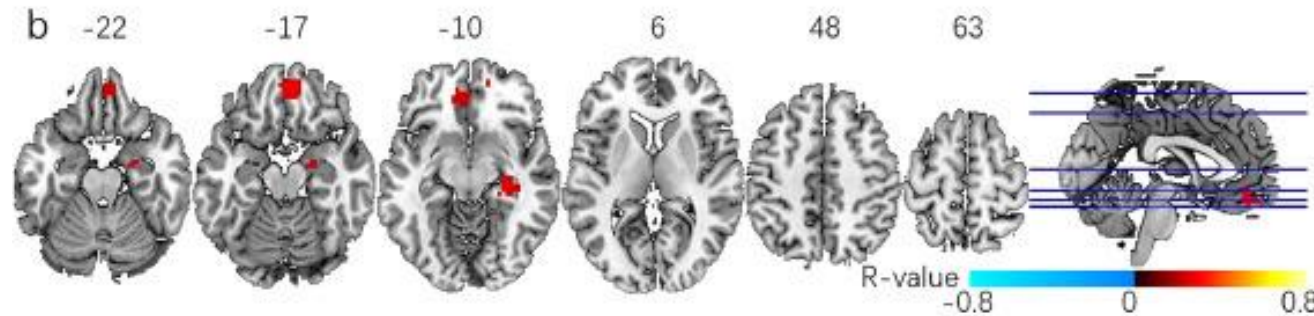
Brain Entropy and Depression



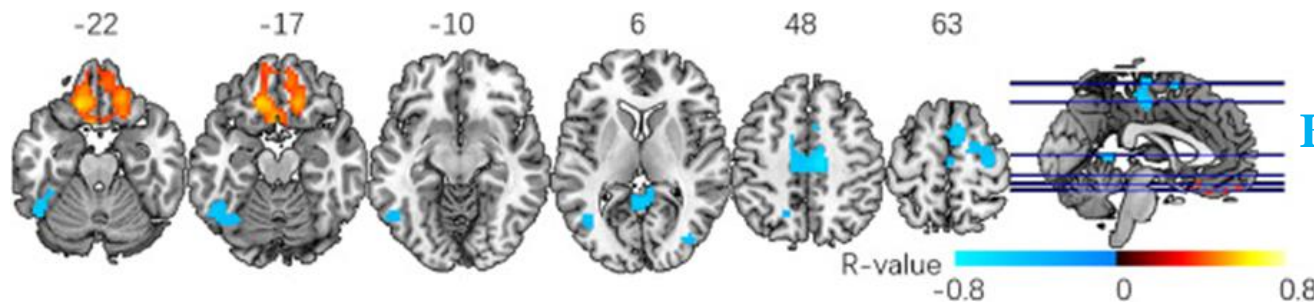
Baseline MDD-BEN vs NC-BEN



Baseline BEN - HAMD in MDD



Baseline BEN-HAMD (8-week - baseline in MDD)

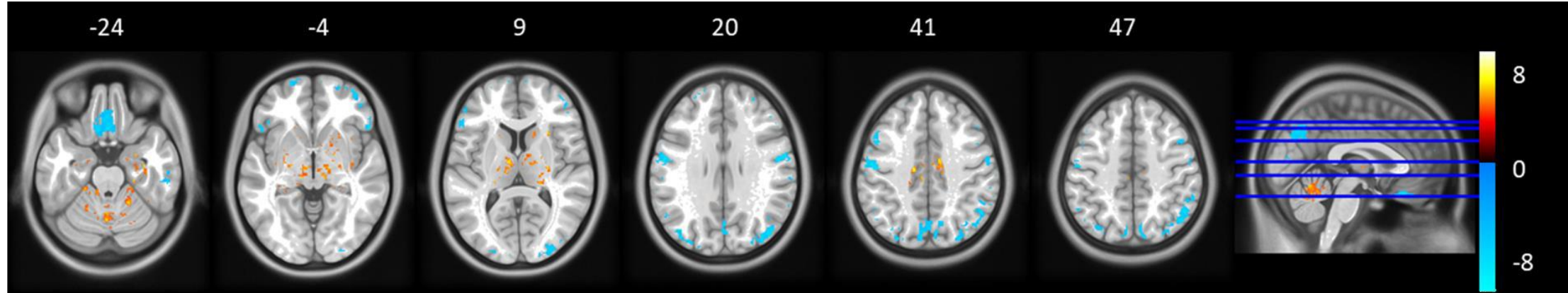


BEN(diff)-HAMD (diff) after 8-week in MDD

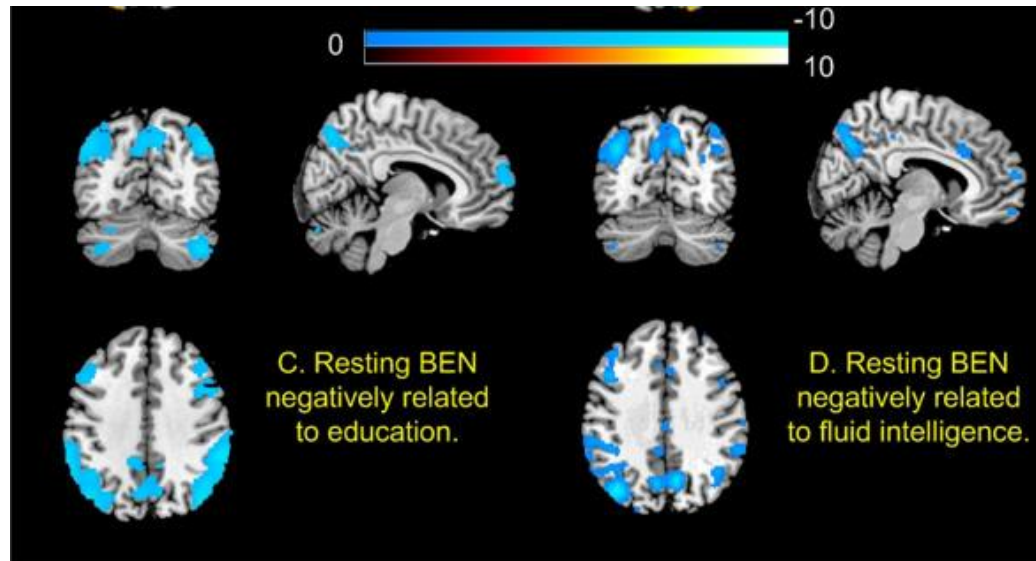
Xiaoyun Liu[#], Donghui Song[#] et al (2020),
Journal of affective disorders

BEN and Fluid Intelligence

Association between BEN and Fluid Intelligence in adolescent brain from ABCD study



Donghui Song et al (2021), poster on OHBM2021



Association between BEN and Fluid Intelligence in young adults' brain from HCP

Ze Wang (2021), NeuroImage

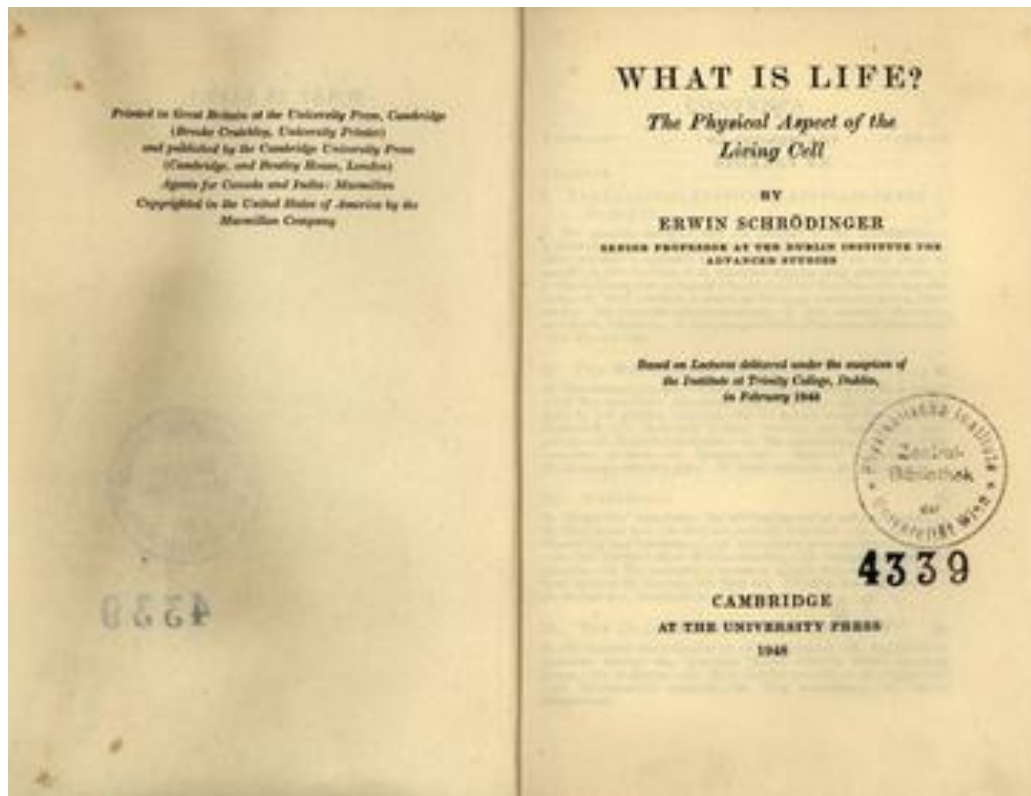


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