Biomarker Analysis - Complexity Measurements

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The assumption of complexity in EEG signals for Parkinson's Disease (PD)

• Neural activity in the brain becomes less complex as the disease progresses

• Increased synchronization: Excessive synchrony in brain oscillations, particularly in the beta band.

• Loss of multiscale complexity: Reduced dynamic behavior across different time scales.

What is the best way to evaluate this assumption?

Entropy Measurements

- Entropy quantifies the randomness or unpredictability of EEG signals.
- Higher entropy values generally correspond to more random, less predictable behavior

- Approximate Entropy (ApEn)
- Sample Entropy (SampEn)
- Permutation Entropy (PE)

Entropy Measurements - Approximate Entropy (ApEn)

- Degree of unpredictability or randomness in a signal
- ApEn is then calculated using the ratio of the number of similar patterns in the series for m and m+1

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

• The difference between the probabilities for m and m+1 helps measure the likelihood that patterns of length m will remain similar when extended to length m+1.

Entropy Measurements - Sample Entropy (SampEn)

• A modification of Approximate Entropy (ApEn)

$$SampEn(m,r,N) = -\ln\left(rac{A}{B}
ight)$$

- A is the number of similar patterns of length m+1.
- B is the number of similar patterns of length mmm.
- N is the length of the time series.

Entropy Measurements - Permutation Entropy (PE)

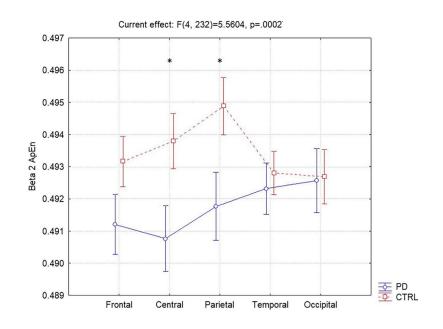
• PE analyzes how values in a time series are ordered relative to each other

$$PE = -\sum p_i \log(p_i)$$

pi is the probability of the iii-th ordinal pattern.

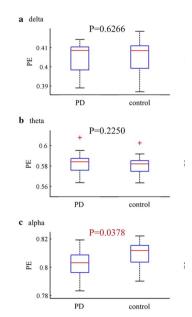
Previous Results

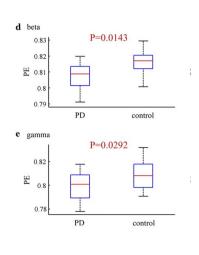
- Exploring the complexity of EEG patterns in Parkinson's disease Lorenzo Nucci · Francesca Miraglia · Chiara Pappalettera · Paolo Maria Rossini · Fabrizio Vecchio
- Paper published 2023
- A total of 60 participants
 the CTRL group of healthy subjects (n=35)
 and the PD of Parkinson's patients (n=25)



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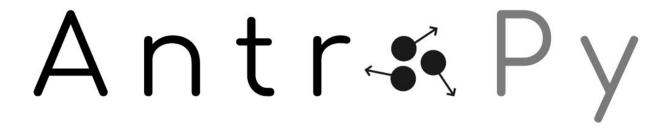
- Complexity of resting-state EEG activity in the patients with early-stage Parkinson's disease
- Paper published 2017
- 18 healthy subjects
- 18 PD patients





Antropy Library for complexity measurement

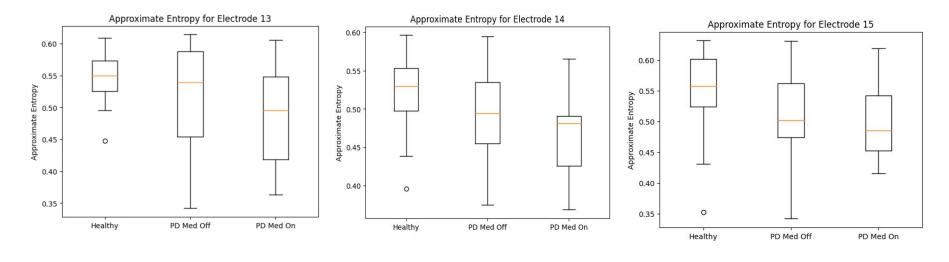
• AntroPy is a Python 3 package providing several time-efficient algorithms for computing the complexity of time-series. It can be used for example to extract features from EEG signals.



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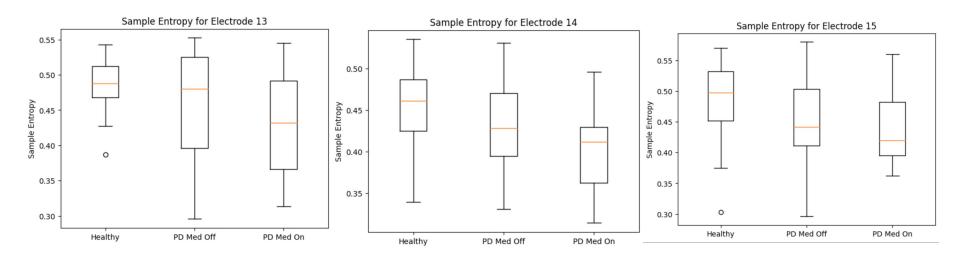
New Results - Approximate entropy

Results for central electrodes



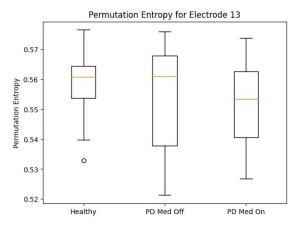
New Results - Sample entropy

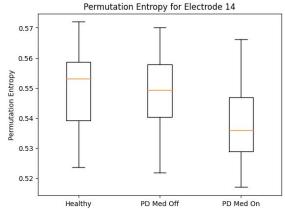
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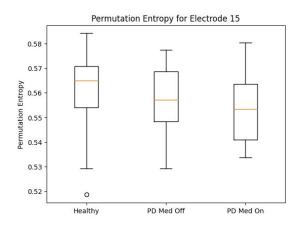


New Results - Permutation Entropy

Results for central electrodes







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