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Integrated Synergy

Let \mathcal{P} be a particular partition of the state vector $\mathbf{V} = (V_1, \dots, V_d)$ into r state vectors $(\mathbf{M}^{(1)}, \mathbf{M}^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{M}^{(r)})$. Then the integrated synergy ψ_1 is defined as the decrease in the mutual information between the most-recent past and present of the system when using a partition of the most-recent past that maximizes a certain notion of non-redundant information between the partition elements and the present,

$$\psi_1 = I[\mathbf{V}_{t-1} \wedge \mathbf{V}_t] - \max_{\mathcal{P}} I_{\cup} \left[\left(\mathbf{M}_{t-1}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{M}_{t-1}^{(r)} \right) \wedge \mathbf{V}_t \right], \quad (1)$$

where $I_{\cup} \left[\left(\mathbf{M}_{t-1}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{M}_{t-1}^{(r)} \right) \wedge \mathbf{V}_t \right]$ is the intersection information between a particular partition of \mathbf{V}_{t-1} and \mathbf{V}_t (Mediano, et al.). The intersection information is defined via an inclusion-exclusion principle as

$$I_{\cup} \left[\left(\mathbf{M}_{t-1}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{M}_{t-1}^{(r)} \right) \wedge \mathbf{V}_t \right] = \sum_{\mathcal{S} \in \mathcal{P}^+ \{ \mathbf{M}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{M}^{(r)} \}} (-1)^{|\mathcal{S}|+1} I_{\cap} \left[\left(\mathbf{S}_{t-1}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{S}_{t-1}^{(|\mathcal{S}|)} \right) \wedge \mathbf{V}_t \right]. \quad (2)$$

where $\mathcal{P}^+ \{ \mathbf{M}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{M}^{(r)} \}$ is the power set of $\{ \mathbf{M}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{M}^{(r)} \}$ excluding the empty set and $I_{\cap} \left[\left(\mathbf{S}_{t-1}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{S}_{t-1}^{(|\mathcal{S}|)} \right) \wedge \mathbf{V}_t \right]$ is the intersection information, i.e. the redundant information, between a subset \mathcal{S} of the partition and \mathbf{V}_t (Griffith).

For a linear Gaussian VAR, the union information reduces to the maximum over the mutual informations between the present state and each single element of the partition

$$I_{\cup} \left[\left(\mathbf{M}_{t-1}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{M}_{t-1}^{(r)} \right) \wedge \mathbf{V}_t \right] = \max_k I \left[\mathbf{M}_{t-1}^{(k)} \wedge \mathbf{V}_t \right]. \quad (3)$$

(Olbrich, Bertschinger, and Rauh).

As in (Mediano, et al.), we restrict our analysis to equal-sized bipartitions of the state vector. This is done to avoid bias due to differences in integrated information between different-sized partitions.

Order- p Integrated Synergy

The integrated synergy (??) implicitly assumes that the stochastic process governing the state variable is an order-1 Markov process. That is, it assumes that knowledge of the most recent

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past is sufficient to predict the future of the time series. There is no reason to assume this a priori, especially for time series derived from electrophysiology. In principle, one could allow for the entire past of the time series to be necessary for optimal prediction, i.e. if the process is a linear stochastic process. In this section, we define this infinite-order integrated synergy as well as an order- p compromise.

Let $\mathbf{Z}_{a:b} = (\mathbf{Z}_a, \mathbf{Z}_{a+1}, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_{b-1})$ be the random vector containing the state vector from time points a to $b - 1$. Then the infinite order integrated synergy ψ_∞ is defined as

$$\psi_\infty = I[\mathbf{V}_{-\infty:t} \wedge \mathbf{V}_t] - \max_{\mathcal{P}} I_{\cup} \left[\left(\mathbf{M}_{-\infty:t}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{M}_{-\infty:t}^{(r)} \right) \wedge \mathbf{V}_t \right]. \quad (4)$$

In practice, with finite data available to estimate the time series model, finite orders are necessary. Truncating at sufficiently large lag p into the past gives the order- p integrated synergy ψ_p ,

$$\psi_p = I[\mathbf{V}_{t-p:t} \wedge \mathbf{V}_t] - \max_{\mathcal{P}} I_{\cup} \left[\left(\mathbf{M}_{t-p:t}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{M}_{t-p:t}^{(r)} \right) \wedge \mathbf{V}_t \right], \quad (5)$$

where all quantities are defined as in the order-1 case with the inclusion of additional lags.

In general, a vector stochastic process that is VAR(p) overall need not be VAR(p) in any of its components (Lütkepohl), and thus infinite orders may be necessary for the $I_{\cup} \left[\left(\mathbf{M}_{t-p:t}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{M}_{t-p:t}^{(r)} \right) \wedge \mathbf{V}_t \right]$ term. While we do not pursue this avenue here, one approach would be to take sufficiently many lags into the past based on the spectral radius of the coefficient matrix from the VAR model.

Estimating Order-1 and Order- p Integrated Synergy

In all cases, we estimate the integrated synergy using a plug-in estimate from a linear Gaussian VAR model fit to the data using ordinary least squares, using (??) or its order- p generalization to compute the union information in (??) or (??). For the order- p integrated synergy, the model order p is chosen using Schwarz's Bayesian Information Criterion assuming a linear Gaussian VAR model (Lütkepohl) with a maximum possible model order of $p_{\max} = 60$. See the Section 4.1 of (Mediano, et al.) for more details on estimating the linear Gaussian VAR and computing its associated information-theoretic properties.

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Table S1. Mean and Standard Deviation Signals containing the alpha component

Measure	Eyes Closed Mean±StDev	Eyes Open Mean±StDev
Binary Lempel Ziv Signals mean normalized	174.250 ±32.811	237.667 ±47.483
Binary Lempel Ziv Signals normalized by mean and by standard deviation	188.250 ±34.489	239.500 ±38.339
C_N Tononi, et al. 1994 Equation 4	5.5095 ±0.659	4.863 ±0.657
$\psi p = 1$ Mediano, et al. 2019 Equation 23	6.415 ±0.942	5.559 ±1.017
ψp via BIC Mediano, et al. Equation 23	0.2535 ±0.0843	0.4548 ±0.1569

Table S2. Mean and Standard Deviation Signals with the alpha component removed

Measure	Eyes Closed Mean±StDev	Eyes Open Mean±StDev
Binary Lempel Ziv Signals mean normalized	230.667 ±47.266	273.417 ±46.800
Binary Lempel Ziv Signals normalized by mean and by standard deviation	227.250 ±38.248	266.917 ±34.935
C_N Tononi, et al. 1994 Equation 4	4.8328 ±0.760	4.623 ±0.646
$\psi p = 1$ Mediano, et al. 2019 Equation 23	5.687 ±0.802	5.012 ±0.847
ψp via BIC Mediano, et al. Equation 23	0.3717 ±0.1922	0.4396 ±0.1591

**Table S3. Effect Size: Eyes Open - Eyes Closed
Signals containing the alpha component, robust estimator**

Measure	Estimated Effect Size	95% Confidence Interval
Binary Lempel Ziv Signals mean normalized	1.37	(1.025, 2.665)
Binary Lempel Ziv Signals normalized by mean and by standard deviation	1.14	(0.881, 2.280)
C_N Tononi, et al. 1994 Equation 4	-1.48	(-4.121, -0.829)
$\psi p = 1$ Mediano, et al. 2019 Equation 23	-0.75	(-1.537, -0.501)
ψp via BIC Mediano, et al. 2019 Equation 23	0.79	(0.233, 2.003)

**Table S4. Effect Size: Eyes Open - Eyes Closed
Signals with the alpha component removed, robust estimator**

Measure	Estimated Effect Size	95% Confidence Interval
Binary Lempel Ziv Signals mean normalized	0.89	(0.269, 2.030)
Binary Lempel Ziv Signals normalized by mean and by standard deviation	1.63	(0.412, 6.783)
C_N Tononi, et al. 1994 Equation 4	-0.28	(-1.035, 1.401)
$\psi p = 1$ Mediano, et al. 2019 Equation 23	-1.16	(-3.106, -0.344)
ψp via BIC Mediano, et al. 2019 Equation 23	-0.03	(-1.015, 2.241)

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Figure S1. Eyes open versus eyes closed effect size as quantified by the robust estimator for five measures. Confidence intervals were determined with a bias-correct and adjusted bootstrap.

A. Effect sizes calculated with signals that contain the alpha component.

B. Effect sizes calculated after the alpha component had been removed with an 8 Hz to 13 Hz stopband filter.

**Table S5. Kendall's tau correlation
Eyes Closed, Alpha Component Present**

	LZ1	LZ2	Φ	$\psi p = 1$	ψp via BIC
LZ1	1.0000	0.7273	-0.2424	-0.0909	0.2424
LZ2		1.0000	-0.3333	-0.3636	0.2121
Φ			1.0000	0.2424	-0.1515
$\psi p = 1$				1.0000	-0.5455
ψp via BIC					1.0000

**Table S6. Kendall's tau correlation
Eyes Closed, Alpha Component Removed**

	LZ1	LZ2	Φ	$\psi p = 1$	ψp via BIC
LZ1	1.0000	0.6364	-0.1818	0.0909	0.1818
LZ2		1.0000	-0.3030	0.0303	0.1212
Φ			1.0000	-0.1212	0.0303
$\psi p = 1$				1.0000	-0.4242
ψp via BIC					1.0000

**Table S7. Kendall's tau correlation
Eyes Open, Alpha Component Present**

	LZ1	LZ2	Φ	$\psi p = 1$	ψp via BIC
LZ1	1.0000	0.9313	-0.0763	-0.4428	0.1679
LZ2		1.0000	-0.0606	-0.3939	0.0909
Φ			1.0000	0.0000	-0.2424
$\psi p = 1$				1.0000	-0.0909
ψp via BIC					1.0000

**Table S8. Kendall's tau correlation
Eyes Open, Alpha Component Removed**

	LZ1	LZ2	Φ	$\psi p = 1$	ψp via BIC
LZ1	1.0000	0.5198	-0.0153	-0.2595	-0.1069
LZ2		1.0000	-0.0313	-0.2189	-0.0938
Φ			1.0000	-0.2121	-0.0606
$\psi p = 1$				1.0000	-0.1212
ψp via BIC					1.0000