

BOLD and EEG Signal Variability at Rest Differently Relate to Aging in the Human Brain

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Abbreviations: BOLD – Blood Oxygenation Level Dependent; CBF – cerebral blood flow; CBV – cerebral blood volume; CCA – canonical correlation analysis; CMRO₂ – cerebral metabolic rate of oxygen; CVR – cerebrovascular reactivity; DMN – Default Mode Network; EEG – electroencephalography; EC – eyes closed; EO – eyes open; framewise displacement – FD; FDR - false discovery rate; FEM – finite element method; fMRI – functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging; fNIRS – functional Near-Infrared Spectroscopy; FWHM – full-width half-maximum; ICBM – International Consortium for Brain Mapping; MEG – magnetoencephalography; MNI – Montreal Neurological Institute; rho – Spearman’s rank correlation coefficient; PET – Positron-emission tomography; ROI – regions of interests; rs – resting state; SD – standard deviation; SVD – Singular Value Decomposition; TIV – Total Intracranial Volume

Abstract

Variability of neural activity is regarded as a crucial feature of healthy brain function, and several neuroimaging approaches have been employed to assess it noninvasively. Studies on the variability of both evoked brain response and spontaneous brain signals have shown remarkable changes with aging but it is unclear if the different measures of brain signal variability – identified with either hemodynamic or electrophysiological methods – reflect the same underlying physiology. In this study, we aimed to explore age differences of spontaneous brain signal variability with two different imaging modalities (EEG, fMRI) in healthy younger (25 ± 3 years, $N=135$) and older (67 ± 4 years, $N=54$) adults. Consistent with the previous studies, we found lower blood oxygenation level dependent (BOLD) variability in the older subjects as well as less signal variability in the amplitude of low-frequency oscillations (1–12 Hz), measured in source space. These age-related reductions were mostly observed in the areas that overlap with the default mode network. Moreover, age-related increases of variability in the amplitude of beta-band frequency EEG oscillations (15–25 Hz) were seen predominantly in temporal brain regions. There were significant sex differences in EEG signal variability in various brain regions while no significant sex differences were observed in BOLD signal variability. Bivariate and multivariate correlation analyses revealed no significant associations between EEG- and fMRI-based variability measures. In summary, we show that both BOLD and EEG signal variability reflect aging-related processes but are likely to be dominated by different physiological origins, which relate differentially to age and sex.

Keywords: brain signal variability, resting state, BOLD, fMRI, EEG, aging, sex, default mode network

1. Introduction

Functional neuroimaging methods such as fMRI, PET, fNIRS, EEG, or MEG have allowed the non-invasive assessment of functional changes in the aging human brain (Cabeza, 2001; Cabeza et al., 2018). Most previous functional neuroimaging studies on aging have employed a task-based design (Grady, 2012) and in their data analysis the central tendency has typically been assumed to be the most representative value in a distribution (e.g., mean) (Speelman and McGann, 2013) or the “signal” within distributional “noise”. In recent years, also the variability of brain activation in task-dependent and task-independent measurements (as spontaneous variations of background activity) has been shown to provide relevant information about the brain’s functional state (Garrett et al., 2013b; Grady and Garrett, 2018; Nomi et al., 2017). These studies primarily measured the blood oxygen level dependent (BOLD) signal using fMRI. For example, it has been demonstrated that the variance of the task-evoked BOLD response was differentially related to aging as well as cognitive performance (Armbruster-Genc et al., 2016; Garrett et al., 2013a). Similarly, spontaneous signal variability in resting state fMRI (rsfMRI) has been found to decrease with age (Grady and Garrett, 2018; Nomi et al., 2017), in individuals with stroke (Kielar et al., 2016), and 22q11.2 deletion syndrome (Zöllner et al., 2017). An increase of fMRI variability has been shown to occur in inflammation induced state-anxiety (Labrenz et al., 2018) and to parallel symptom severity in Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (Nomi et al., 2018). From these studies, it was concluded that changes in BOLD signal variability might serve as an index for alterations in neural processing and cognitive flexibility (Grady and Garrett, 2014).

The conclusions of aforementioned studies imply that BOLD signal variability is mainly determined by *neuronal* variability. To a large extent, this is based on the premise that BOLD is related to neuronal activity: The evoked BOLD signal in task-based fMRI reflects the decrease of the deoxyhemoglobin concentration to changes in local brain activity, which is determined by vascular (blood velocity and volume: “neurovascular coupling”) and metabolic (oxygen consumption: “neurometabolic coupling”) factors (Logothetis and Wandell, 2004; Villringer and Dirnagl, 1995). The BOLD signal is therefore only an indirect measure of neural activity (Logothetis, 2008). For the variability of task-evoked BOLD signal and for spontaneous variations of the BOLD signal, in principle, the same considerations apply regarding their relationship to underlying neural processes (Murayama et al., 2010). However, since in rsfMRI there is no explicit external trigger for evoked brain activity to which time-locked averaging could be applied, the time course of rsfMRI signals is potentially more susceptible to contributions of “physiological noise”, such as cardiac and respiratory signals

58 (Birn et al., 2008; Chang et al., 2009), but also spontaneous fluctuations of vascular tone,
59 which is found even in isolated arterial vessels (Failla et al., 1999; Hudetz et al., 1998; Wang
60 et al., 2006). In the same vein, the variability of task-evoked fMRI is not necessarily
61 reflecting only the variability of evoked neuronal activity, as it may also – at least partly –
62 reflect the variability of the spontaneous background signal on which a constant evoked
63 response is superimposed.

64 In aging, non-neuronal signal fluctuations may also introduce spurious common
65 variance across the rsfMRI time series (Caballero-Gaudes and Reynolds, 2017), thus
66 confounding estimates of “neural” brain signal variability. Previous evidence suggests that the
67 relationship between neuronal activity and the vascular response is attenuated with age – and
68 so is, as a consequence, the BOLD signal (for review see D’Esposito et al., 2003). For
69 instance, aging has been associated with altered cerebrovascular ultrastructure, reduced
70 elasticity of vessels, and atherosclerosis (Farkas and Luiten, 2001) but also with a decrease in
71 resting cerebral blood flow (CBF), cerebral metabolic rate of oxygen (CMRO₂), and
72 cerebrovascular reactivity (CVR) (Liu et al., 2013). Taken together, age-related changes in
73 BOLD signal or BOLD signal variability are related to a mixture of alterations in non-neuronal
74 spontaneous fluctuations of vascular signals, neural activity, neurovascular coupling, and/or
75 neurometabolic coupling (D’Esposito et al., 2003; Geerligs et al., 2017; Tsvetanov et al.,
76 2015).

77 While BOLD fMRI signal and specifically variance measures based on fMRI are only
78 partially and indirectly related to neural activity (Liu, 2013; Logothetis, 2008),
79 electrophysiological methods such as EEG can provide a more direct assessment of neural
80 activity with a higher temporal but poorer spatial resolution (Cohen, 2017). EEG measures
81 neuronal currents resulting from the synchronization of dendritic postsynaptic potentials
82 across the neural population; the cerebral EEG rhythms thereby reflect the underlying brain
83 neural network activity (Steriade, 2006). Resting state (rs)EEG is characterized by
84 spontaneous oscillations (“brain rhythms”) at different frequencies. Previously, the mean
85 amplitude of low-frequency bands (e.g., delta and/or theta, 1-7 Hz) has been shown to
86 correlate negatively with age (Vlahou et al., 2015), while higher-frequency bands (e.g., beta,
87 15-25 Hz) show the reverse pattern (Rossiter et al., 2014). However, less is known about the
88 within-subject variability of EEG measures and their association with aging. Several studies
89 have addressed the variability in the spectral amplitudes of different frequency bands using
90 variance (Hawkes and Prescott, 1973; Oken and Chiappa, 1988), coefficient of variation
91 (Burgess and Gruzelier, 1993; Maltez et al., 2004), and complexity (Fernández et al., 2012;

92 Sleimen-Malkoun et al., 2015). For instance, reductions of the complexity in rsEEG signal
93 have been found not only in healthy aging (Yang et al., 2013; Zappasodi et al., 2015) but also
94 in age-related pathologies such as mild cognitive impairment (McBride et al., 2014) and
95 Alzheimer’s disease (Smits et al., 2016). Accordingly, it has been suggested that irregular
96 (e.g., variable) systems indicate a normal and healthy state (more integrated information)
97 while highly regular systems often mark dysfunction or disease (Lipsitz and Goldberger,
98 1992; Vaillancourt and Newell, 2002).

99 The different methodological approaches, fMRI based “vascular” approaches on the
100 one hand and electrophysiological methods such as EEG and MEG, on the other hand,
101 indicate alterations of brain signal variability with aging. However, it remains unclear whether
102 these different measures of brain variability at rest reflect the same underlying physiological
103 changes. Evidently, there are some correlations between the two signal sources (for a review
104 see, Jorge et al., 2014; Ritter and Villringer, 2006). For instance, in task-based EEG-fMRI
105 simultaneous recordings, a relationship between BOLD responses and amplitude of evoked
106 potentials has been demonstrated (e.g., Ritter et al., 2009; Seaquist et al., 2007), while in
107 resting state EEG-fMRI studies, a negative association between spontaneous modulations of
108 alpha rhythm and BOLD signal has also been established (e.g., Chang et al., 2013; Goldman
109 et al., 2002; Gonçalves et al., 2006; Moosmann et al., 2003). Further, differential correlation
110 patterns have been noted for the various rhythms of different frequencies in EEG/MEG and
111 the fMRI signal, such that low-frequency oscillations show a negative (Deligianni et al., 2014;
112 Mantini et al., 2007; Meyer et al., 2013), while higher frequencies oscillations demonstrate a
113 positive correlation with the BOLD signal (Niessing et al., 2005; Scheeringa et al., 2011).

114 Regarding the known age-related changes in BOLD and EEG signal variability,
115 respectively, the question arises whether these alterations are dominated by joint signal
116 sources of fMRI and EEG or by – potentially different – signal contributions that relate to
117 each of these two methods. Given the – potentially large – non-neuronal signal contribution,
118 this issue is particularly relevant for rsfMRI studies. Here, we addressed this question by
119 analyzing rsfMRI and EEG measures of variability in healthy younger and older subjects. To
120 our knowledge, the only study that compared variability in a “vascular” imaging method
121 (rsfMRI) and an electrophysiological method (rsMEG at the sensor space) concluded that the
122 effects of aging on BOLD signal variability were mainly driven by vascular factors (e.g.,
123 heart rate variability) and not well-explained by the changes in neural variability (Tsvetanov
124 et al., 2015). The main aims of the present study were to explore i) age differences of brain
125 signal variability measures, as well as to investigate ii) how neural variability derived from

126 rsEEG related to the analogous parameters of BOLD signal variability derived from rsfMRI.
127 We used rsfMRI and rsEEG from the “Leipzig Study for Mind-Body-Emotion Interactions”
128 (Babayan et al., 2019). As an explanatory analysis, we further investigated sex-related
129 differences of brain signal variability measures. To measure brain signal variability, we
130 calculated the standard deviation (SD) of both the BOLD signal and of the amplitude
131 envelope of the filtered rsEEG time series for a number of standard frequency bands at the
132 source space. We hypothesized that brain signal variability would generally decrease with
133 aging. In addition, based on the premise that BOLD fMRI signal variability reflects *neural*
134 variability as measured by rsEEG, we expected that the corresponding changes in both signal
135 modalities would demonstrate moderate to strong similarity in their spatial distribution. Given
136 the confounding effects of vascular factors during aging on the fMRI signal (D’Esposito et al.,
137 2003; Liu, 2013; Thompson, 2018), we further expected to find the relationship between
138 BOLD and EEG signal variability to be stronger in younger than older adults.

2. Method

2.1. Participants

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141 The data of the “Leipzig Study for Mind-Body-Emotion Interactions” (LEMON;
142 Babayan et al., 2019) comprised 227 subjects in two age groups (younger: 20-35, older: 59-
143 77). Only participants who did not report any neurological disorders, head injury, alcohol or
144 other substance abuse, hypertension, pregnancy, claustrophobia, chemotherapy and malignant
145 diseases, current and/or previous psychiatric disease or any medication affecting the
146 cardiovascular and/or central nervous system in a telephone pre-screening were invited to the
147 laboratory. The study protocol conformed to the Declaration of Helsinki and was approved by
148 the ethics committee at the medical faculty of the University of Leipzig (reference number
149 154/13-ff).

150 RsEEG recordings were available for 216 subjects who completed the full study
151 protocol. We excluded data from subjects that had missing event information (N=1), different
152 sampling rate (N=3), mismatching header files or insufficient data quality (N=9). Based on
153 the rsfMRI quality assessment, we further excluded data from subjects with faulty
154 preprocessing (N=7), ghost artefacts (N=2), incomplete data (N=1), or excessive head motion
155 (N=3) (criterion: mean framewise displacement (FD) ≤ 0.5 mm; Power et al., 2012)
156 (Supplementary Figure 1). The final sample included 135 younger ($M = 25.10 \pm 3.70$ years,
157 42 females) and 54 older subjects ($M = 67.15 \pm 4.52$ years, 27 females).

2.1.fMRI Acquisition

159 Brain imaging was performed on a 3T Siemens Magnetom Verio MR scanner
160 (Siemens Medical Systems, Erlangen, Germany) with a standard 32-channel head coil. The
161 participants were instructed to keep their eyes open and not fall asleep while looking at a low-
162 contrast (light grey on dark grey background) fixation cross.
163 The structural image was recorded using an MP2RAGE sequence (Marques et al., 2010) with
164 the following parameters: TI 1 = 700 ms, TI 2 = 2500 ms, TR = 5000 ms, TE = 2.92 ms, FA 1
165 = 4°, FA 2 = 5°, band width = 240 Hz/pixel, FOV = 256 × 240 × 176 mm³, voxel size = 1 x 1
166 x 1 mm³. The functional images were acquired using a T2*-weighted multiband EPI sequence
167 with the following parameters: TR = 1400 ms, TE = 30 ms, FA= 69°, FOV = 202 mm,
168 imaging matrix=88 × 88, 64 slices with voxel size = 2.3 x 2.3 x 2.3 mm³, slice thickness = 2.3
169 mm, echo spacing = 0.67 ms, bandwidth=1776 Hz/Px, partial fourier 7/8, no pre-scan
170 normalization, multiband acceleration factor = 4, 657 volumes, duration = 15 min 30 s. A
171 gradient echo field map with the sample geometry was used for distortion correction (TR =
172 680 ms, TE 1 = 5.19 ms, TE 2 = 7.65 ms).

2.2.fMRI Preprocessing

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174 Preprocessing was implemented in Nipype (Gorgolewski et al., 2011), incorporating
175 tools from FreeSurfer (Fischl, 2012), FSL (Jenkinson et al., 2012), AFNI (Cox, 1996), ANTs
176 (Avants et al., 2011), CBS Tools (Bazin et al., 2014), and Nitime (Rokem et al., 2009). The
177 pipeline comprised the following steps: (I) discarding the first five EPI volumes to allow for
178 signal equilibration and steady state, (II) 3D motion correction (FSL mcflirt), (III) distortion
179 correction (FSL fugue), (IV) rigid body coregistration of functional scans to the individual
180 T1-weighted image (Freesurfer bbregister), (V) denoising including removal of 24 motion
181 parameters (CPAC, Friston et al., 1996), motion, signal intensity spikes (Nipype rapidart),
182 physiological noise in white matter and cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) (CompCor; Behzadi et al.,
183 2007), together with linear and quadratic signal trends, (VI) band-pass filtering between 0.01-
184 0.1 Hz (FSL fslmaths), (VII) spatial normalization to MNI152 (Montreal Neurological
185 Institute) standard space (2 mm isotropic) via transformation parameters derived during
186 structural preprocessing (ANTS). (VIII) The data were then spatially smoothed with a 6-mm
187 full-width half-maximum (FWHM) Gaussian kernel (FSL fslmaths). Additionally, we
188 calculated total intracranial volume (TIV) of each subject using the Computational Anatomy
189 Toolbox (CAT12: [http:// dbm.neuro.uni-jena.de/cat/](http://dbm.neuro.uni-jena.de/cat/)) running on Matlab 9.3 (Mathworks,
190 Natick, MA, USA) and used it as a covariate for further statistical analyses (Malone et al.,
191 2015).

192 *BOLD Signal Variability (SD_{BOLD})*. Standard deviation (SD) quantifies the amount of
193 variation or dispersion in a set of values (Garrett et al., 2015; Grady and Garrett, 2018).
194 Higher SD in rsfMRI signal indicates greater intensity of signal fluctuation or an increased
195 level of activation in a given area (Garrett et al., 2011). We first calculated SD_{BOLD} across the
196 whole time series for each voxel and then within 96 boundaries of preselected atlas-based
197 regions of interests (ROIs) based on the Harvard-Oxford cortical atlas (Desikan et al., 2006).
198 The main steps of deriving brain signal variability (SD_{BOLD}) from the preprocessed fMRI
199 signal are shown in Figure 1.

200 The reproducible workflows containing fMRI preprocessing details can be found here:
201 <https://github.com/NeuroanatomyAndConnectivity/pipelines/releases/tag/v2.0>.

2.3.EEG Recordings

203 Sixteen minutes of rsEEG were acquired on a separate day with BrainAmp MR-plus
204 amplifiers using 61 ActiCAP electrodes (both Brain Products, Germany) attached according
205 to the international standard 10-20 localization system (Jurcak et al., 2007) with FCz (fronto-
206 central or cephalic electrode) as the reference. The ground electrode was located at the

207 sternum. Electrode impedance was kept below 5 k Ω . Continuous EEG activity was digitized
208 at a sampling rate of 2500 Hz and band-pass filtered online between 0.015 Hz and 1 kHz.

209 The experimental session was divided into 16 blocks, each lasting 60 s, with two
210 conditions interleaved, eyes closed (EC) and eyes open (EO), starting with the EC condition.
211 Changes between blocks were announced with the software Presentation (v16.5,
212 Neurobehavioral Systems Inc., USA). Participants were asked to sit comfortably in a chair in
213 a dimly illuminated, sound-shielded Faraday recording room. During the EO periods,
214 participants were instructed to stay awake while fixating on a black cross presented on a white
215 background. To maximize comparability, only EEG data from the EO condition were
216 analyzed, since rsfMRI data were collected only in the EO condition.

217 **2.4.EEG Data Analysis**

218 EEG processing and analyses were performed with custom Matlab (The MathWorks,
219 Inc, Natick, Massachusetts, USA) scripts using functions from the EEGLAB environment
220 (version 14.1.1b; Delorme and Makeig, 2004). The continuous EEG data were down-sampled
221 to 250 Hz, band-pass filtered within 1–45 Hz (4th order back and forth Butterworth filter) and
222 split into EO and EC conditions. Segments contaminated by large artefacts due to facial
223 muscle tensions and gross movements were removed following visual inspection, resulting in
224 a rejection of on average 6.6% of the recorded data. Rare occasions of artifactual channels
225 were excluded from the analysis. The dimensionality of the data was reduced using principal
226 component analysis (PCA) by selecting at least 30 principal components explaining 95% of
227 the total variance. Next, using independent component analysis (Infomax; Bell and
228 Sejnowski, 1995), the confounding sources e.g. eye-movements, eye-blinks, muscle activity,
229 and residual ballistocardiographic artefacts were rejected from the data.

230 **2.5.EEG Source Reconstruction**

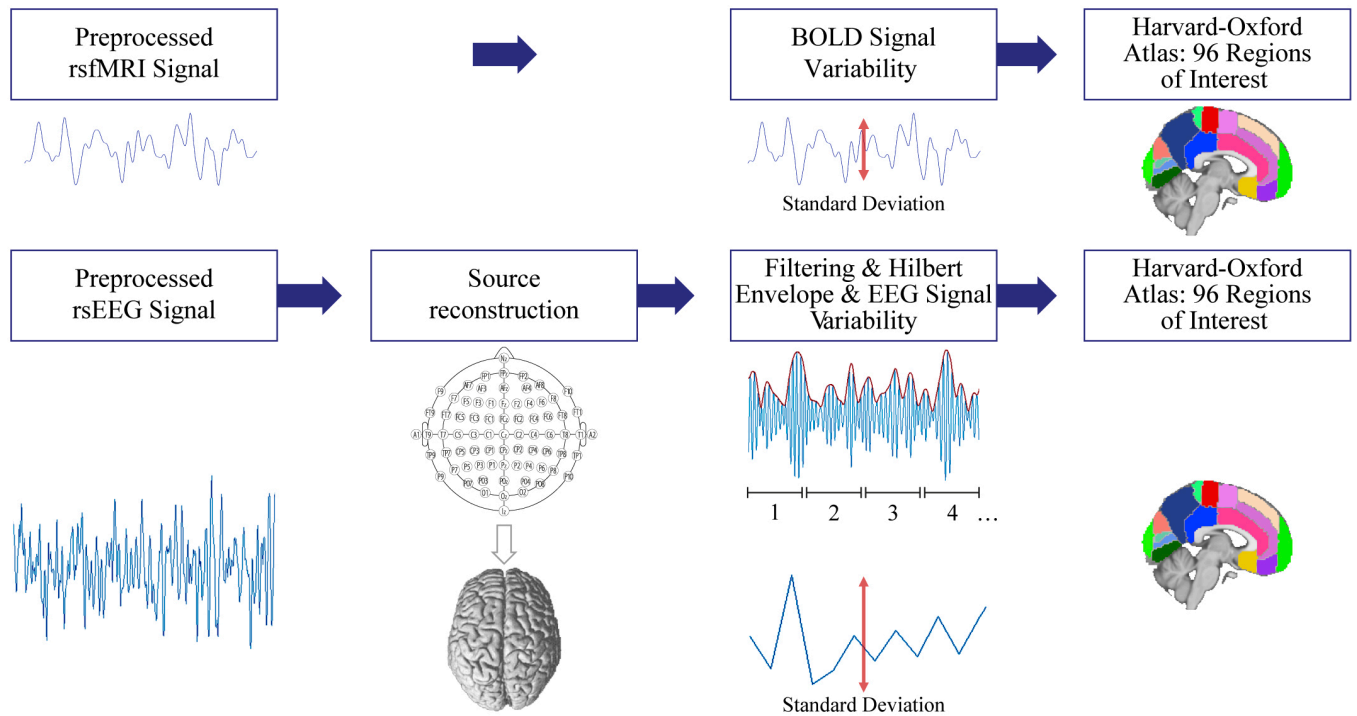
231 Before conducting source reconstruction, preprocessed EEG signals were re-
232 referenced to a common average. We incorporated a standard highly detailed finite element
233 method (FEM) volume conduction model as described by Huang et al. (2016).
234 The geometry of the FEM model was based on an extended MNI/ICBM152 (International
235 Consortium for Brain Mapping) standard anatomy, where the source space constrained to
236 cortical surface and parceled to 96 ROIs based on the Harvard-Oxford atlas (Desikan et al.,
237 2006). We used eLORETA (exact low resolution brain electromagnetic tomography) as
238 implemented in as implemented in as implemented in the M/EEG Toolbox of Hamburg
239 (METH; Haufe and Ewald, 2016; Pascual-Marqui, 2007) to compute the cortical electrical
240 distribution from the scalp EEG recordings. The leadfield matrix was calculated between

241 1804 points located on the cortical surface to the 61 scalp electrodes. We filtered into several
242 frequency bands, associated with brain oscillations: delta (1–3 Hz), theta (4–8 Hz), alpha (8–
243 12 Hz), and beta (15–25 Hz). Following the singular value decomposition (SVD) of each
244 voxel’s three-dimensional time course, the dominant orientation of the source signal was
245 identified by preserving the first SVD component. The amplitude envelope of filtered
246 oscillations was extracted using the Hilbert transform (Rosenblum et al., 2001). Next, we
247 applied temporal coarse graining by averaging data points in non-overlapping windows of
248 length 0.5 s (Figure 1).

249 *EEG Variability (SD_{EEG})*. We calculated the SD of amplitude envelope of band-pass filtered
250 oscillations on the coarse-grained signal. RsEEG signal variability (SD_{EEG}) was obtained for
251 different frequency bands (SD_{DELTA} , SD_{THETA} , SD_{ALPHA} , SD_{BETA}) in each of 96 ROIs. Further,
252 in our study we investigated variability in the amplitude of oscillatory signals from one time
253 segment to the other. If amplitude (or power) of each signal stays the same, the variability
254 (SD) in the amplitude of such segments will be zero. Therefore, the average amplitude of a
255 signal is not indicative of its variability. Although amplitude and its standard deviation
256 mathematically are different, they can show some correlation due to size effects (Immer,
257 1937).

258 Main steps toward deriving brain signal variability from the preprocessed EEG signal are
259 shown in Figure 1. The raw and preprocessed fMRI and EEG data samples can be found at
260 https://ftp.gwdg.de/pub/misc/MPI-Leipzig_Mind-Brain-Body-LEMON/

261 **Figure 1.** Main steps of deriving brain signal variability from the preprocessed resting state
 262 fMRI and EEG signal. We calculated the standard deviation of the blood oxygen level
 263 dependent (BOLD) signal and of the coarse-grained amplitude envelope of the rsEEG time
 264 series for a number of standard frequency bands at the source space. Each sample of coarse-
 265 grained amplitude envelope of the rsEEG (represented in numbers) is generated by averaging
 266 the samples in non-overlapping windows of length 0.5 s.



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269 2.6. Statistical Analyses

270 *Mean SD_{BOLD} and SD_{EEG} .* For the topographic information (based on ROIs), the mean BOLD
 271 and EEG variability were calculated by I) log-transforming the SD values, II) averaging
 272 separately for younger and older subjects, and III) then back-transforming the values
 273 (McDonald, 2014).

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275 *Age and Sex Effects.* A series of non-parametric analyses of covariance (ANCOVAs, type III)
 276 were applied to brain signal variability values in each 96 ROIs for SD_{BOLD} and SD_{EEG} using
 277 age group and sex as variables of interest, adjusting for TIV and mean FD. The significance
 278 level was controlled for using false discovery rate (FDR) correction according to Benjamini
 279 and Hochberg (1995). Significant group differences were further examined by Tukey HSD
 280 post-hoc comparisons. The signal variability values were log-transformed to normalize
 281 SD_{BOLD} and SD_{EEG} before further analyses (assessed by Lilliefors tests at a significance

282 threshold of 0.05). All analyses were performed using the *aoyp* function in the *lmperm*
283 package (Wheeler, 2016) as implemented in R (R core team, 2018).

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285 *SD_{BOLD} – SD_{EEG} Correlation.* To investigate the association between each ROI of SD_{BOLD} and
286 SD_{EEG}, we used pairwise Spearman’s rank correlation separately for younger and older
287 subjects, corrected for FDR (96 ROIs). We further applied sparse canonical correlation
288 analysis (CCA) to show that the relationship between SD_{BOLD} and SD_{EEG} is not missed when
289 only mass bivariate correlations are used. CCA is a multivariate method to find the
290 independent linear combinations of variables such that the correlation between variables is
291 maximized (Witten et al., 2009). The sparse CCA criterion is obtained by adding a Lasso
292 Penalty function (l_1), which performs continuous shrinkage and automatic variable selection
293 and can solve statistical problems such as multicollinearity and overfitting (Tibshirani, 2011).
294 We used l_1 penalty as the regularization function to obtain sparse coefficients, that is, the
295 canonical vectors (i.e., translating from full variables to a data matrix’s low-rank components
296 of variation) will contain exactly zero elements. Sparse CCA was performed using the R
297 package PMA (Penalized Multivariate Analysis; Witten et al., 2009; [http://cran.r-](http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/PMA/)
298 [project.org/web/packages/PMA/](http://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/PMA/)). In our analyses, the significance of the correlation was
299 estimated using the permutation approach (N=1000) as implemented in the CCA.permute
300 function in R ($p_{perm} < 0.05$).

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302 *Cognition.* The Trail Making Test (TMT) is a cognitive test measuring executive function,
303 including processing speed and mental flexibility (Reitan, 1955; Reitan and Wolfson, 1995).
304 In the first part of the test (TMT-A) the targets are all numbers, while in the second part
305 (TMT-B), participants need to alternate between numbers and letters. In both TMT-A and B,
306 the time to complete the task quantifies the performance, and lower scores indicate better
307 performance. Based on the previous literature, we focused on SD_{BOLD}, SD_{DELTA}, and SD_{THETA}
308 (Vlahou et al., 2015) and selected different ROIs from two research papers about the neural
309 correlates of the TMT: Zakzanis et al., (2005) and Jacobson et al., (2011) (Table 1). To reduce
310 the number of multiple comparisons (Nguyen and Holmes, 2019), these ROIs were
311 decomposed into singular values using the *prcomp* function belonging to *factoextra* package
312 (R core team, 2018), which performs SVD on the centered values. As a criterion, the
313 minimum total variance explained over 70% was selected (Jolliffe and Cadima, 2016). This
314 resulted in three principle components (PC) in SD_{BOLD} (52.82%, 10.34%, and 7%), two PCs
315 in SD_{DELTA} (67.37%, 10.95%), and one PC in SD_{THETA} (75.63%). We also ran multiple linear

316 regression using task completion time in TMT-A and TMT-B as the dependent variables with
 317 the PC scores (for SD_{BOLD} , SD_{DELTA} , and SD_{THETA}) and their interaction with continuous age
 318 as independent variables. Since the residuals from the regression models fitted to the data
 319 were not normally distributed, the TMT values were log-transformed prior to the final
 320 analyses. These tests were conducted using the *lmp* function in *lmp* package implemented
 321 in R (R core team, 2018).

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323 **Table 1.** Selected region of interests (ROIs) derived from the previous fMRI literature, and
 324 their corresponding ROIs in Harvard-Oxford atlas to investigate the age-dependent
 325 relationship between TMT and SD_{BOLD} or SD_{EEG} .

Literature	Region	Hemisphere	Harvard-Oxford Atlas
Zakzanis et al., 2005	Middle Frontal Gyrus	Left	Middle Frontal Gyrus
	Precentral Gyrus	Left	Precentral Gyrus
	Cingulate Gyrus	Left/Right	Cingulate Gyrus, anterior/posterior
	Superior Frontal Gyrus	Left	Superior Frontal Gyrus
	Medial Frontal Gyrus	Left	Frontal Medial Cortex
	Insula	Left/Right	Insular Cortex
	Middle Temporal Gyrus	Left	Middle Temporal Gyrus, anterior/posterior/temporooccipital
Jacobson et al., 2011	Superior Temporal Gyrus	Left	Superior Temporal Gyrus, anterior/posterior
	Fusiform Gyrus	Right	Occipital Fusiform Gyrus
	Inferior Middle Frontal Gyrus	Right	Middle Frontal Gyrus
	Precentral Gyrus	Right	Precentral Gyrus

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3. Results

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328 *Mean SD_{BOLD} and SD_{EEG} .* The topographic distribution of SD_{BOLD} in younger adults revealed
329 the largest brain signal variability values in fronto-temporal regions while in older adults it
330 was in the frontal and occipital areas. Further, we found strongest variability across younger
331 subjects in occipito-temporal regions for SD_{DELTA} , SD_{THETA} , SD_{ALPHA} , and in medial frontal
332 brain regions for SD_{BETA} , while older adults showed strongest brain signal variability in the
333 fronto-central brain regions for SD_{DELTA} , in parietal-central brain regions for SD_{THETA} ,
334 SD_{ALPHA} , and in medial frontal brain regions for SD_{BETA} . The details of the mean values of
335 SD_{BOLD} and SD_{EEG} across age groups and their topographic distributions are given in
336 Supplementary Table 1, Supplementary Figure 2 and 3, and are also available at Neurovault
337 (<https://neurovault.org/collections/WWOKVUDV/>).

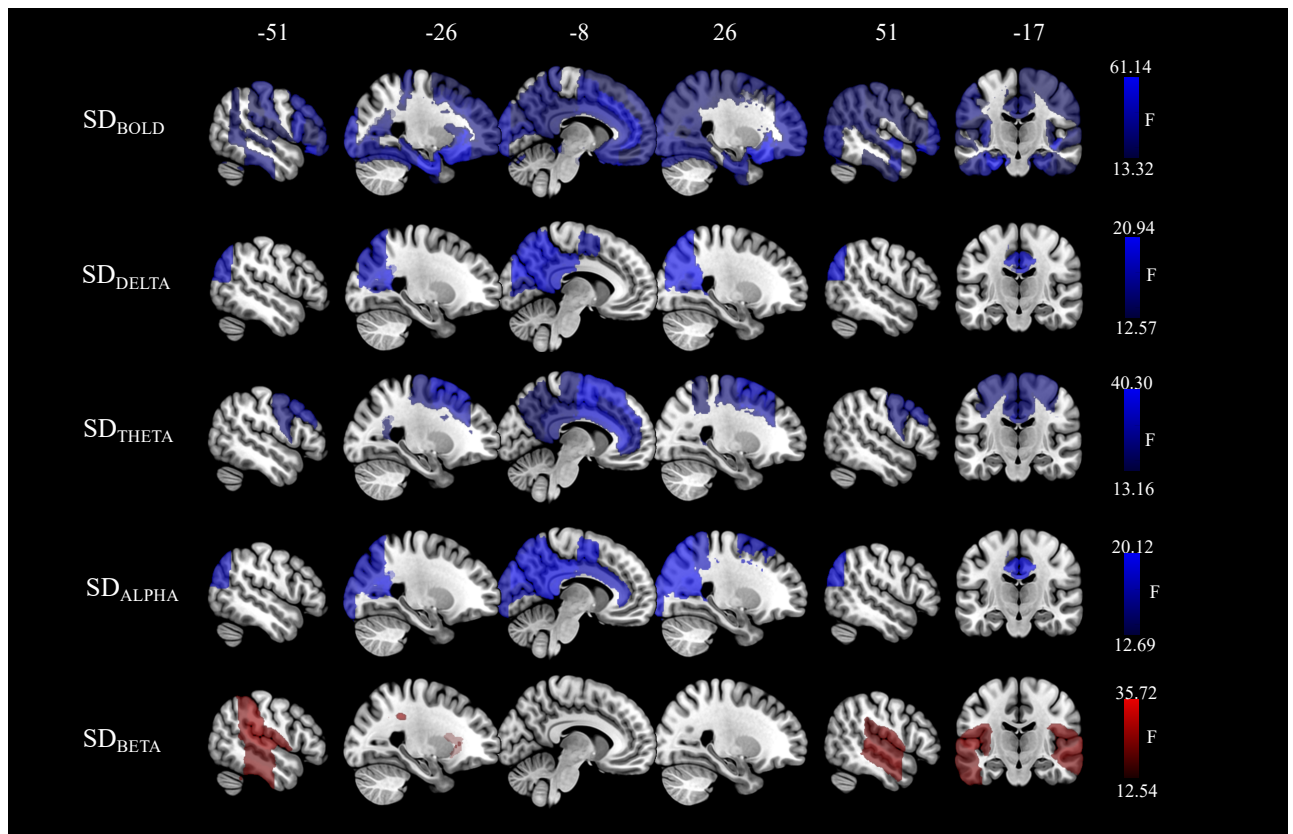
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339 *Age and Sex Effects.* The nonparametric ANCOVAs with SD_{BOLD} as dependent variable
340 demonstrated that there was a significant main effect of age group in 72 ROIs in frontal,
341 temporal, and occipital brain regions (F-values: 13.32–61.14; Figure 2). However, there was
342 no significant main effect of sex on SD_{BOLD} and no significant interaction between age group
343 and sex (all $p_{FDR} > 0.05$). Tukey HSD post-hoc analyses showed that older subjects had
344 decreased SD_{BOLD} compared to younger adults which were presented in both sexes ($n_{ROI} = 35$).
345 The nonparametric ANCOVAs with SD_{EEG} as dependent variable showed significant main
346 effects of age group in all frequency bands: SD_{DELTA} in 14 ROIs in occipital (F-values: 12.57–
347 20.94), SD_{THETA} in 16 ROIs in frontal and parietal (F-values: 13.16–40.30), SD_{ALPHA} in 20
348 ROIs in occipital (F-values: 12.69–20.12), and SD_{BETA} in 19 ROIs in central and temporal
349 brain regions (F-values: 12.50–21.61), as shown in Figure 2. There were also significant main
350 effects of sex in all frequency bands: SD_{DELTA} in 21 ROIs in temporal and occipital (F-values:
351 13.24–26.63), SD_{THETA} in 74 ROIs in frontal, occipital, and temporal (F-values: 12.68–30.06),
352 SD_{ALPHA} in 4 ROIs in frontal (F-values: 12.88–16.51), and SD_{BETA} in 69 ROIs in temporal,
353 occipital, and central brain regions (F-values: 12.54–35.72), as shown in Figure 3. No
354 significant interaction effects between age group and sex on SD_{EEG} were observed in any
355 frequency band ($p_{FDR} > 0.05$). Tukey HSD post-hoc analyses on SD_{EEG} showed that older
356 subjects had less brain signal variability, which was present in both sexes for SD_{DELTA}
357 ($n_{ROI} = 12$), SD_{THETA} ($n_{ROI} = 10$), and SD_{ALPHA} ($n_{ROI} = 11$). Additionally, older adults showed
358 higher SD_{BETA} , driven by female subjects ($n_{ROI} = 15$). With regard to sex differences, post-hoc
359 analyses showed that females had higher SD_{DELTA} , SD_{THETA} , SD_{ALPHA} , and SD_{BETA} than
360 males. Sex differences in SD_{DELTA} ($n_{ROI} = 13$) and SD_{THETA} ($n_{ROI} = 54$) were mostly pronounced

361 in younger adults, while the effect of sex in SD_{BETA} ($n_{ROI}=21$) were mainly presented in older
 362 adults ($p<0.05$). The graphical distribution of the F-values for the significant effects of age
 363 group or sex for each ROIs are shown in Supplementary Figure 4. Additional information of
 364 SD_{BOLD} and SD_{EEG} for each frequency band and for each of the 96 ROIs, split up by age group
 365 and sex, are presented in the Supplementary Tables 2-6.

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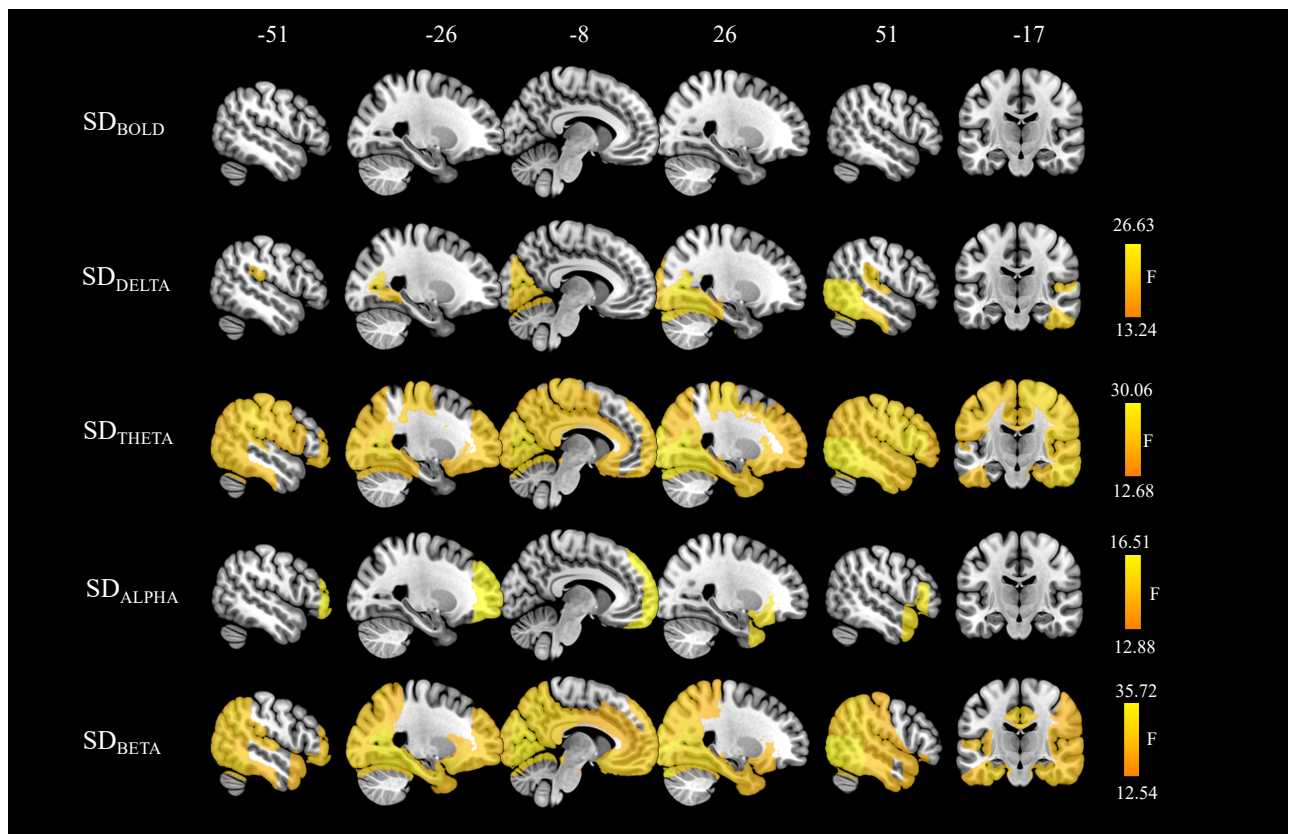
367 **Figure 2.** Spatial maps of significant age group differences in SD_{BOLD} and SD_{EEG} .

368 We calculated the standard deviation (SD) of the blood oxygen level dependent (BOLD)
 369 signal and of the coarse-grained amplitude envelope of the rsEEG time series for the delta (1–
 370 3 Hz), theta (4–8 Hz), alpha (8–12 Hz), and beta (15–25 Hz) frequency bands at the source
 371 space. Statistical significance was determined using nonparametric ANCOVAs corrected for
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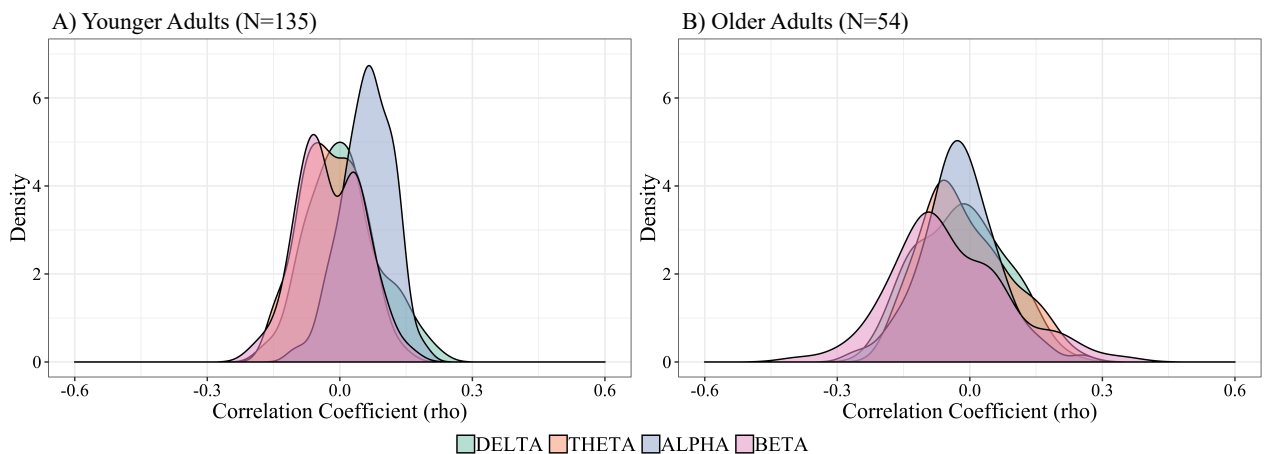
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 378 signal and of the coarse-grained amplitude envelope of the rsEEG time series for the delta (1–
 379 3 Hz), theta (4–8 Hz), alpha (8–12 Hz), and beta (15–25 Hz) frequency bands at the source
 380 space. Statistical significance was determined using nonparametric ANCOVAs corrected for
 381 multiple comparisons by false discovery rates (FDR; Benjamini and Hochberg, 1995). Yellow
 382 color indicates areas where brain signal variability was higher in female subjects as compared
 383 to male subjects in EEG.



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385 *SD_{BOLD} – SD_{EEG} Correlation.* The correlation coefficient of pairwise associations for 96 ROIs
 386 of *SD_{BOLD}* with *SD_{DELTA}*, *SD_{THETA}*, *SD_{ALPHA}*, and *SD_{BETA}* ranged in younger adults from $\rho=-$
 387 0.200 to $\rho=0.223$ (Supplementary Table 7) and in older adults from $\rho=0.386$ to
 388 $\rho=0.349$ (Supplementary Table 8). None of the pairwise associations between *SD_{BOLD}* and
 389 *SD_{EEG}* remained significant after the correction for multiple comparison corrections.
 390 Confirmatory multivariate sparse CCA further showed that correlations between *SD_{BOLD}* and
 391 *SD_{EEG}* across all subjects were rather low, highly sparse, and non-significant (*SD_{DELTA}*;
 392 $r=0.145$, $p_{perm}=0.750$, $l_1=0.367$; *SD_{THETA}*; $r=0.143$, $p_{perm}=0.713$, $l_1=0.7$; *SD_{ALPHA}*; $r=0.153$,
 393 $p_{perm}=0.528$, $l_1=0.1$; *SD_{BETA}*; $r=0.232$, $p_{perm}=0.096$, $l_1=0.633$).

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 395 **Figure 4.** Distribution of correlation coefficients (ρ) for the association between *SD_{BOLD}*
 396 and *SD_{EEG}* for A) younger (N=135) and B) older (N=54) adults for different frequency bands
 397 across each pair of 96 regions of interests. The correlations between *SD_{BOLD}* and *SD_{EEG}* were
 398 tested using pairwise Spearman’s rank correlation corrected for multiple comparison by false
 399 discovery rates (FDR; Benjamini and Hochberg, 1995).



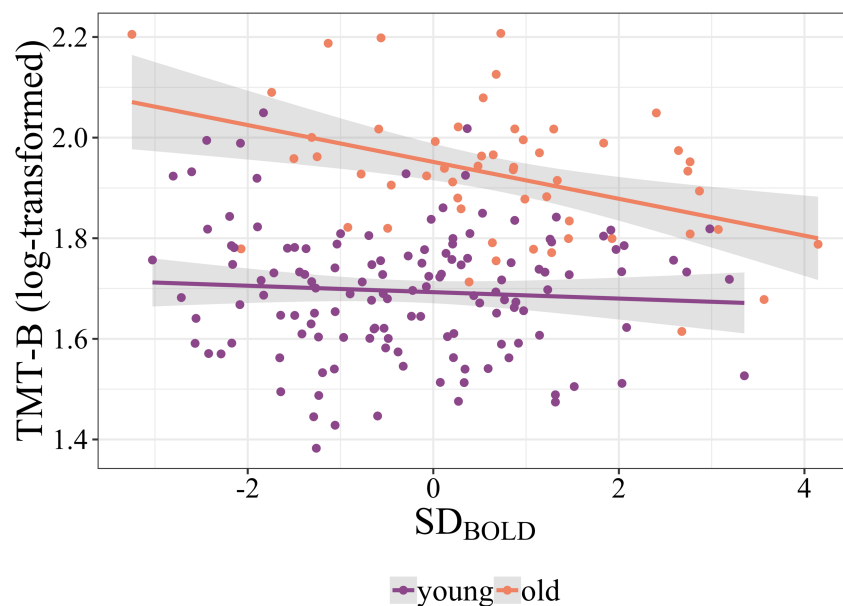
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401 *Cognition*. There was a significant interaction between age and SD_{BOLD} in PC2 on the TMT-B
402 performance (adjusted $R^2 = 0.395$, $F(7,181) = 18.60$, $p < .001$, interaction: $\beta = -0.002$, $p =$
403 0.027). For older, but not younger participants, stronger SD_{BOLD} was associated with faster
404 completion time in PC2, driven mainly by the left temporal gyrus as well as the left anterior
405 and posterior cingulate cortex (Figure 5). The regression analyses in SD_{DELTA} and SD_{THETA}
406 did not show a significant association between cognition and brain signal variability
407 measures. The contributions of selected ROIs to the PCs resulted from SVD analyses can be
408 found in Supplementary Table 9. The complete multiple linear regression results can be found
409 in Supplementary Table 10.

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411 **Figure 5.** Age-dependent relationship between cognitive performance and BOLD signal
412 variability.

413 The scatterplot shows the significant association between task completion time in TMT-B (x-
414 axis) and SD_{BOLD} (adjusted $R^2 = 0.395$, $F(7,181) = 18.60$, $p < .001$, interaction: $\beta = -0.002$, $p =$
415 0.027) in PC2, driven mainly by the left anterior and posterior temporal gyrus, bilateral
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4. Discussion

Comparing healthy younger and older adults, we found widespread variability reductions in BOLD signal as well as in the amplitude envelope of delta, theta, and alpha frequency of rsEEG, whereas increased variability with aging was observed in the beta-band frequency. As a complementary analysis, we also explored sex differences and found that female subjects exhibited higher EEG signal variability than male subjects; no significant sex differences were found in BOLD signal variability. There were no significant correlations between hemodynamic (SD_{BOLD}) and electrophysiological (SD_{EEG}) measures of brain signal variability, neither in the younger nor in the older adults. Our results suggest that variability measures of rsfMRI and rsEEG – while both related to aging – are dominated by different physiological origins and relate differently to age and sex.

4.1. BOLD Signal Variability

The first aim of our study was to investigate the effect of age on BOLD signal variability, as measured by SD of spontaneous fluctuations during rsfMRI. Consistent with recent rsfMRI studies demonstrating that BOLD signal variability decreases with age in large-scale networks (Grady and Garrett, 2018; Nomi et al., 2017), we found that older subjects had reduced SD_{BOLD} in temporal and occipital brain regions but also in cortical midline structures like the precuneus, anterior and posterior cingulate cortices, as well as orbitofrontal cortex compared to younger adults. These age-related reductions in BOLD signal variability were thus especially apparent in regions of the Default Mode (DMN) and the Fronto-Parietal Network (FPN). The DMN is an intrinsically correlated network of brain regions, that is particularly active during rest or fixation blocks (Biswal et al., 2010). It reflects the systematic integration of information across the cortex (Margulies et al., 2016) and has been frequently associated with psychological functions like self-referential thought or mind-wandering, and also memory retrieval (Andrews-Hanna et al., 2014; Raichle, 2015). The FPN is involved in cognitive control processes (Spreng et al., 2013), and closely interacts with the DMN, for example during mind-wandering state (Golchert et al., 2017). Previous studies in healthy aging noted that older subjects showed lower functional connectivity in DMN and FPN regions (Damoiseaux, 2017; Damoiseaux et al., 2008; Meunier et al., 2009; Petersen et al., 2014). Similarly, an altered functional connectivity in the DMN has been found in different pathologies, for example, in Alzheimer’s disease (Greicius et al., 2004) or mild cognitive impairment (Das et al., 2015). Further, we found a significant interaction between age and SD_{BOLD} in temporal and cingulate cortices for performance on the cognitive task (TMT-B),

453 suggesting that the relationship between brain signal variability and cognitive performance
454 depends on the participants' age. We speculate that – in the elderly – reduced BOLD signal
455 variability in the DMN and the FPN, particularly in the overlapping frontal brain regions,
456 could be related to locally impaired function that is reflected in impaired cognitive
457 performance (Campbell et al., 2012). Such findings support the notion that local BOLD signal
458 variability may be a valuable biomarker of neurocognitive health (and disease) in aging.

459 Sex-specific differences in brain structure and function have been previously shown
460 (for a review see, Gong et al., 2011; Ruigrok et al., 2014; Sacher et al., 2013). For example,
461 larger total brain volume has been reported in male as compared to female subjects (Gong et
462 al., 2011), whereas higher cerebral blood flow (Gur et al., 1982; Rodriguez et al., 1988) and
463 stronger functional connectivity in the DMN (Tomasi and Volkow, 2012) were found in
464 females. In our exploratory analysis, we did not find significant sex differences in BOLD
465 signal variability when controlling for total intracranial volume as an approximation of overall
466 brain size.

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468 **4.2. Electrophysiological Signal Variability**

469 Measures of neural variability were derived from rsEEG for several main frequency
470 bands (delta, theta, alpha, beta) as the standard deviation of their amplitude of envelope time
471 series data, analogously to the BOLD signal variability. Multimodal imaging studies have
472 shown that the amplitude envelope of neural oscillatory activity across frequency bands
473 relates to different rsfMRI networks (Brookes et al., 2011; Deligianni et al., 2014), confirming
474 the neurophysiological origin of the resting state networks measured with BOLD fMRI.
475 Additionally, these studies also concluded that different frequency bands can be related to the
476 same functional network, but also differentially to distinct networks (Brookes et al., 2011;
477 Laufs et al., 2006; Mantini et al., 2007; Meyer et al., 2013). For instance, Mantini et. al.
478 (2007) reported that the visual network is associated with all frequency bands except gamma
479 rhythm, while the sensorimotor network is primarily associated with beta-band oscillations.

480 In our analysis, we found age-dependent EEG signal variability changes within
481 networks which were associated with more than one frequency band, thus confirming that
482 neurons generating oscillations at different frequencies may contribute to the same network.
483 More precisely, we found age-related reductions in SD_{DELTA} and SD_{ALPHA} mainly in a visual
484 network (including calcarine regions, cuneal cortex, and occipital pole), SD_{THETA} in posterior
485 DMN (e.g., posterior cingulate cortex), while an enhancement of SD_{BETA} was mainly seen in
486 the temporal (e.g., superior/middle temporal gyrus), and central/sensorimotor (e.g.,

487 supramarginal gyrus) regions. These results align with previous reports of age-dependent
488 changes of electrophysiological activity using spectral power (Dustman et al., 1993; Vlahou et
489 al., 2015), and signal variability (Dustman et al., 1999; Tsvetanov et al., 2015).

490 Age-related decreases of alpha amplitude and alpha band variability (measured by SD
491 of the oscillatory signal) were previously found in posterior and occipital brain regions
492 (Babiloni et al., 2006; Tsvetanov et al., 2015). Alpha rhythm is a classical EEG hallmark of
493 resting wakefulness (Laufs et al., 2003) that is modulated by thalamo-cortical and cortico-
494 cortical interactions (Bazanov and Vernon, 2014; Goldman et al., 2002; Lopes Da Silva et
495 al., 1997; Moosmann et al., 2003). It has been suggested that the posterior alpha-frequency
496 plays an important role in the top-down control of cortical activation and excitability
497 (Klimesch, 1999). Accordingly, decreased alpha variability in occipital regions might be
498 associated with altered functioning of the cholinergic basal forebrain, affecting thalamo-
499 cortical and cortico-cortical processing. Our finding of higher temporal and sensorimotor
500 SD_{BETA} in the elderly is in line with previous findings (Rossiter et al., 2014; Tsvetanov et al.,
501 2015). Aging has previously been associated with an increase in movement-related beta-band
502 attenuation, suggesting an enhanced motor cortex GABAergic inhibitory activity in older
503 individuals (Rossiter et al., 2014). Similarly, beta-band activity is thought to play a key role in
504 signaling maintenance of the status quo of the motor system, despite the absence of
505 movement (Engel and Fries, 2010). Therefore, greater SD_{BETA} in sensorimotor brain regions
506 could be interpreted as a compensatory mechanism to account for a decline of motor
507 performance during aging (Quandt et al., 2016).

508 It should be noted that the present findings of age-related alterations of brain signal
509 variability at different frequencies might be influenced by several anatomical factors which
510 might influence EEG-generators such as reduced cortical gray matter (Babiloni et al., 2013;
511 Moretti et al., 2012), white-matter (Nunez et al., 2015; Valdés-Hernández et al., 2010), and
512 increased amount of cerebrospinal fluid (CSF; Hartikainen et al., 1992; Stomrud et al., 2010),
513 but also alterations of cerebral glucose metabolism (Dierks et al., 2000). Localized or global
514 disturbances of brain anatomy and function might lead to deviations in the EEG sources,
515 resulting in EEG amplitude changes. A methodological improvement for future studies will
516 therefore be the application of individual head models (Ziegler et al., 2014).

517 In addition to the effect of age on rsEEG signal variability, an exploratory analysis
518 showed sex differences in distinct brain regions and EEG frequencies. More precisely, we
519 found higher SD_{DELTA} and SD_{THETA} in occipito-temporal, SD_{ALPHA} in frontal, and SD_{BETA} in
520 frontal as well as occipito-temporal brain regions in female compared to male subjects. While

521 some studies demonstrated higher alpha (Aurlien et al., 2003), delta (Armitage, 1995), theta
522 (Carrier et al., 2001; Duffy et al., 1993), and beta power (Jaušovec and Jaušovec, 2010;
523 Matsuura et al., 1985; Veldhuizen et al., 1993) in female relative to male subjects, other
524 studies reported the opposite pattern (Brenner et al., 1995; Latta et al., 2005; Zappasodi et al.,
525 2006). These differences in EEG signal variability could be a result of different mechanisms
526 (biological/hormonal, cultural or developmental) involved in shaping sex differences.
527 Unfortunately, based on our dataset we cannot differentiate which of these potential
528 mechanisms might be most relevant for the observed changes.

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530 **4.3. Association between BOLD and EEG Variability**

531 We further assessed how neural variability in source-reconstructed rsEEG related to
532 the analogous parameters of BOLD signal variability in rsfMRI using univariate and
533 multivariate correlation analyses. Previously, simultaneous EEG-fMRI studies have shown
534 meaningful relationships between fluctuations in EEG power, frequency, phase, and local
535 BOLD changes (for a review see, Jorge et al., 2014; Ritter and Villringer, 2006). Due to age-
536 related physiological (particularly cardiovascular) alterations in the brain, we expected the
537 relationship between BOLD and EEG signal variability to be stronger in younger than older
538 adults. However, in the present study, both univariate and multivariate analyses showed no
539 significant correlations between SD_{BOLD} and SD_{EEG} neither in the younger nor in the older
540 adults. This finding was supported by the distinct anatomical distributions of age-related
541 changes in BOLD and EEG signal variability, that barely showed a spatial overlap, suggesting
542 different underlying physiological processes. What could they be? Clearly, neuronal activity
543 is the main signal source for EEG- and MEG recordings as well as for EEG/MEG-based
544 variability measures. BOLD signal variability, however, can reflect both vascular and neural
545 processes (Garrett et al., 2017). While neuronal activity clearly contributes to the BOLD
546 signal at rest (Ma et al., 2016; Mateo et al., 2017), our results indicate, however, that neuronal
547 activity which is captured by EEG (or more specifically by our EEG-based measures), is not
548 the major determinant of BOLD variability in the resting state. Other factors that could
549 contribute to BOLD variability are (i) neuronal activity which is not captured by EEG and (ii)
550 non-neural factors such as vasomotion, or cardiac and respiratory signals (Murphy et al.,
551 2013). In the elderly, additional factors related to the known morphological and functional
552 changes of blood vessels as well as age-related metabolic changes are known to affect CBF
553 (Ances et al., 2009; Martin et al., 1991), $CMRO_2$ (Aanerud et al., 2012), and CVR (Liu et al.,
554 2013) and therefore are likely to also influence BOLD variability. Thus, given different

555 underlying physiology, joint EEG and fMRI variability studies might provide complementary
556 information for a comprehensive assessment of neuronal as well as vascular factors related to
557 aging.

558 **5. Limitations**

559 There are several limitations of our study: EEG and MRI scans were not recorded
560 simultaneously. Therefore, we could not directly relate the two signals in a cross-correlation
561 analysis. Furthermore, EEG and MRI were performed with different body postures (fMRI;
562 supine, EEG; seated) known to affect brain function, for example, changes in the amplitude of
563 the EEG signal have been related to different body postures presumably due to the shifts in
564 cerebrospinal fluid layer thickness (Rice et al., 2013). Similarly, other experimental (e.g.,
565 visual display; Nir et al., 2006), environmental (e.g., acoustic noise in MRI; Andoh et al.,
566 2017; Cho et al., 1998) and subject-related factors (e.g., changes of vigilance; Tagliazucchi
567 and Laufs, 2014; Wong et al., 2013) could have introduced unintended variations in our
568 results (Yan et al., 2013) and the influence of these factors is probably not the same for the
569 different methods, e.g., noise in MRI or poor “control” of vigilance in MRI. For instance,
570 given the well-known relationship between vigilance or arousal and fMRI signal fluctuations
571 (Bijsterbosch et al., 2017; Chang et al., 2016; Haimovici et al., 2017), it is likely that the
572 observed age-related differences in BOLD signal variability might be confounded by such
573 within-subject (state) variability. Therefore, future rsfMRI studies may benefit from obtaining
574 arousal-related (e.g., self-report) measures and an explicit measurement of eye movements
575 and eye opening/closure to account for the influence of arousal on the BOLD amplitude
576 changes. Another option would be to combine EEG and fMRI simultaneously. Yet, resting
577 state measures of EEG (Näpflin et al., 2007) and fMRI (Shehzad et al., 2009; Zuo et al., 2010)
578 have been shown to be reliable within-individuals across time.

579 In our study, the computation of the source reconstructed rsEEG required the
580 parcellation of the brain into relatively large anatomical ROIs. It could well be that the
581 analysis with a higher spatial resolution (e.g., at the voxel-level) with individual head models
582 may provide additional insights about brain signal variability.

583 Finally, while our study aimed at comparing analogous variability measures in EEG
584 and fMRI, future research using rsEEG and rsfMRI in the same subjects would benefit from
585 the addition of connectivity-based measures including graph theory-based (Yu et al., 2016) or
586 sliding-window methods (Chang et al., 2013; Qin et al., 2019).

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6. Conclusion

In this study, we report age and sex differences of brain signal variability obtained with rsfMRI and rsEEG from the same subjects. We demonstrate extensive age-related reduction of SD_{BOLD} , SD_{DELTA} , SD_{THETA} , and SD_{ALPHA} mainly in the DMN and the visual network, while a significant increase of SD_{BETA} was mainly seen in temporal brain regions. We could not demonstrate significant associations between SD_{BOLD} and SD_{EEG} . Our findings indicate that measurements of BOLD and EEG signal variability, respectively, are likely to stem from different physiological origins and relate differentially to age and sex. While the two types of measurements are thus not interchangeable, it seems, however, plausible that both markers of brain variability may provide complementary information about the aging process.

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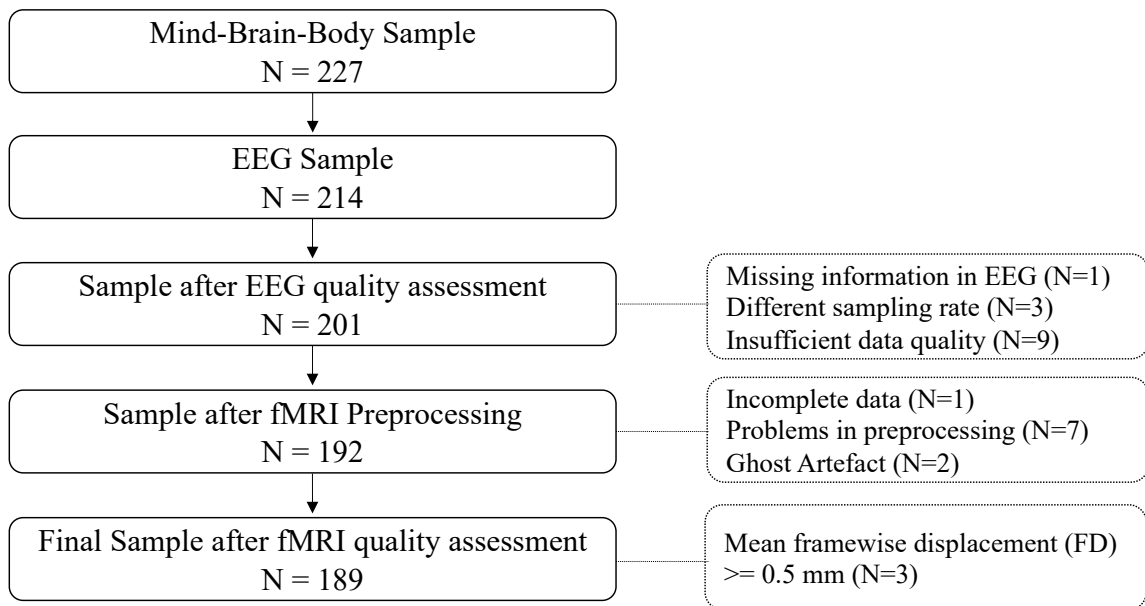
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10. Supplementary Material

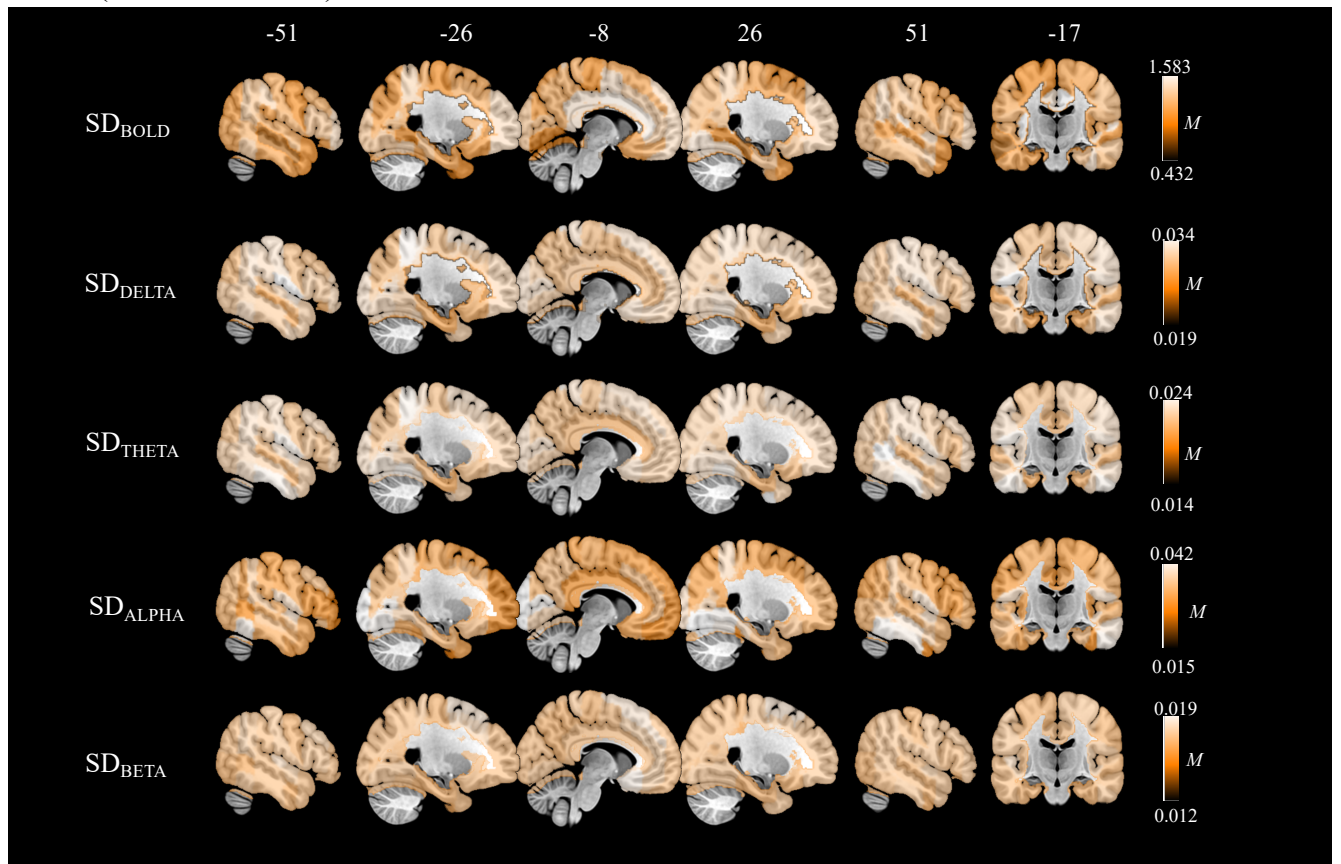
1095 **Supplementary Figure 1.** Flowchart of selecting participants from the Mind-Brain-Body
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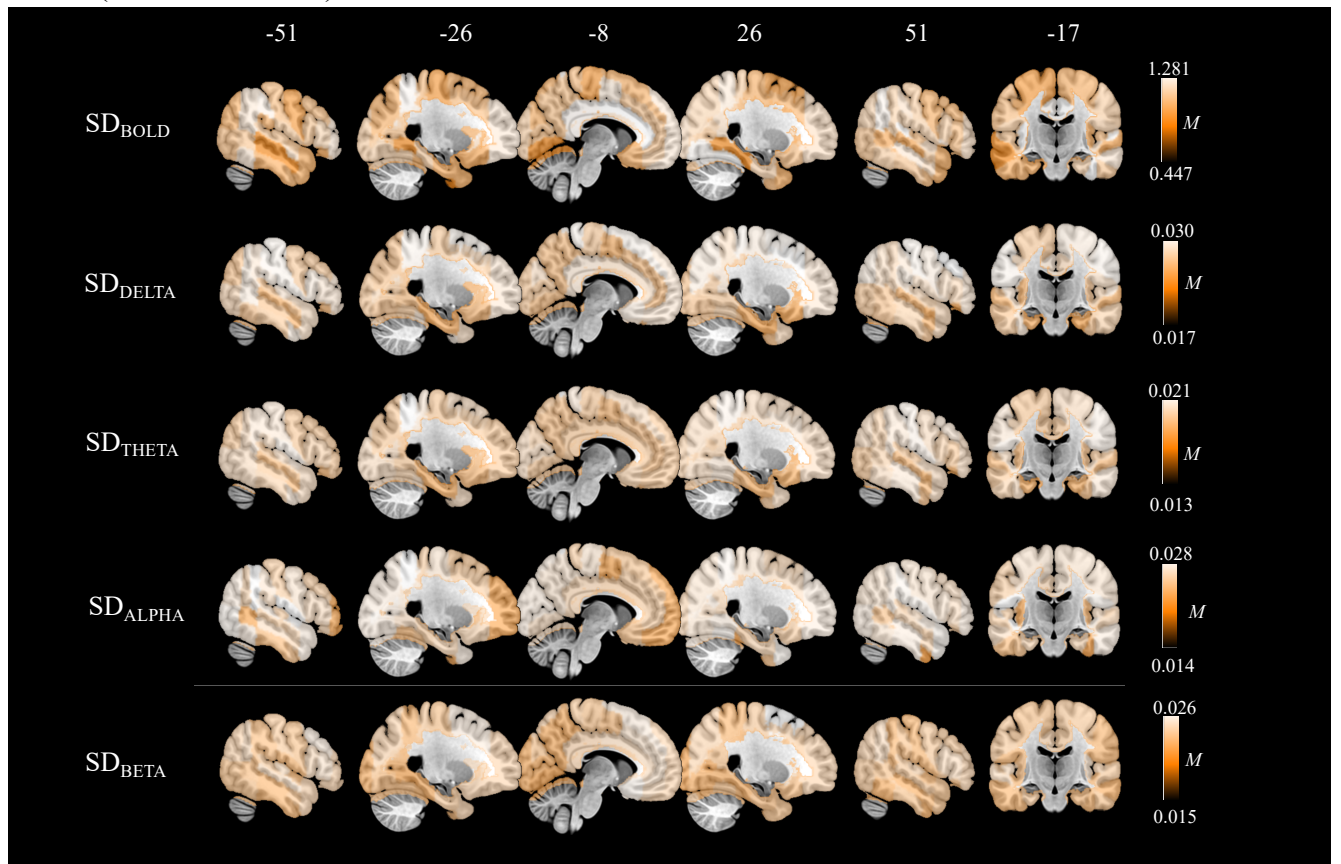
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1099 **Supplementary Figure 2.** Spatial maps of mean SD_{BOLD} and SD_{EEG} for younger adults
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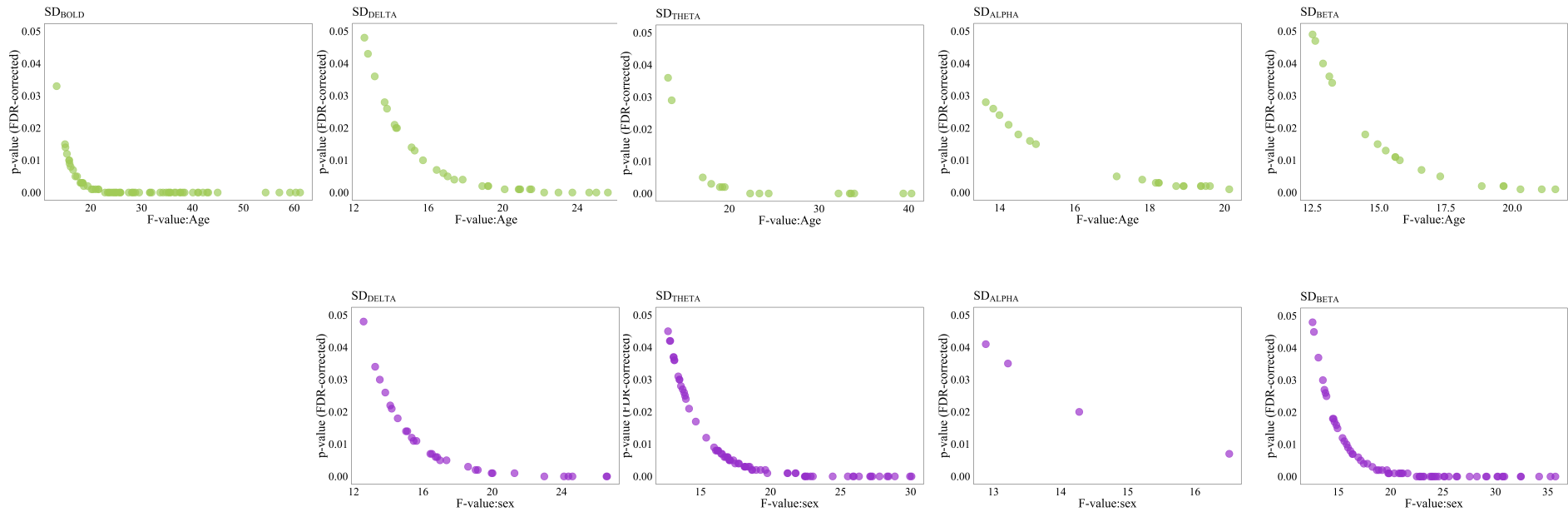
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1104 **Supplementary Figure 3.** Spatial maps of mean SD_{BOLD} and SD_{EEG} for older adults ($N=54$).
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1106 averaging separately for younger and older subjects, and III) then back-transforming the
1107 values (McDonald, 2014).



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1109 **Supplementary Figure 4.** Graphical distribution of the F-values for significant effects of age group or sex. The nonparametric ANCOVAs with
 1110 SD_{BOLD} as dependent variable demonstrated that there was a significant main effect of age group in 72 ROIs, while no significant effect of sex
 1111 was observed. We further found significant main effects of age group in all EEG frequency bands: SD_{DELTA} in 14 ROIs (F-values: 12.57–20.94),
 1112 SD_{THETA} in 16 ROIs (F-values: 13.16–40.30), SD_{ALPHA} in 20 ROIs (F-values: 12.69–20.12), and SD_{BETA} in 69 ROIs (F-values: 12.50–21.61).
 1113 There were also significant main effects of sex in all frequency bands: SD_{DELTA} in 21 ROIs (F-values: 13.24–26.63), SD_{THETA} in 74 ROIs (F-
 1114 values: 12.68–30.06), SD_{ALPHA} in 4 ROIs (F-values: 12.88–16.51), and SD_{BETA} in 69 ROIs (F-values: 12.54–35.72).



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1116 **Supplementary Table 1:** Table showing the mean (M) values of the SD_{BOLD} and SD_{EEG} for younger ($N=135$) and older ($N=54$) adults,
 1117 respectively.

ROI	SD_{BOLD}		SD_{DELTA}		SD_{THETA}		SD_{ALPHA}		SD_{BETA}	
	Young	Old	Young	Old	Young	Old	Young	Old	Young	Old
Left Frontal Pole	1.336	1.085	0.028	0.027	0.019	0.016	0.015	0.016	0.014	0.021
Right Frontal Pole	1.304	1.029	0.027	0.027	0.020	0.018	0.026	0.026	0.015	0.021
Left Insular Cortex	1.583	1.213	0.023	0.019	0.021	0.014	0.022	0.016	0.014	0.018
Right Insular Cortex	0.845	0.728	0.024	0.022	0.019	0.015	0.021	0.018	0.016	0.023
Left Superior Frontal Gyrus	0.883	0.767	0.030	0.029	0.021	0.018	0.021	0.021	0.018	0.024
Right Superior Frontal Gyrus	0.735	0.651	0.028	0.029	0.021	0.018	0.022	0.023	0.018	0.026
Left Middle Frontal Gyrus	0.981	0.848	0.024	0.023	0.020	0.016	0.029	0.022	0.016	0.024
Right Middle Frontal Gyrus	0.868	0.789	0.029	0.030	0.020	0.019	0.021	0.024	0.015	0.020
Left Inferior Frontal Gyrus, pars triangularis	1.170	0.992	0.026	0.027	0.017	0.017	0.019	0.024	0.015	0.023
Right Inferior Frontal Gyrus, pars triangularis	0.977	0.848	0.024	0.025	0.016	0.016	0.020	0.024	0.014	0.022
Left Inferior Frontal Gyrus, pars opercularis	1.162	0.905	0.027	0.028	0.018	0.017	0.020	0.024	0.015	0.022
Right Inferior Frontal Gyrus, pars opercularis	1.077	0.949	0.025	0.026	0.017	0.017	0.021	0.025	0.014	0.022
Left Precentral Gyrus	0.710	0.646	0.024	0.023	0.017	0.016	0.024	0.025	0.013	0.019
Right Precentral Gyrus	0.875	0.766	0.028	0.028	0.019	0.018	0.022	0.025	0.015	0.020
Left Temporal Pole	0.733	0.741	0.027	0.026	0.019	0.018	0.023	0.026	0.014	0.021
Right Temporal Pole	0.761	0.746	0.027	0.025	0.019	0.018	0.027	0.027	0.015	0.019
Left Superior Temporal Gyrus, anterior division	1.089	1.028	0.022	0.021	0.017	0.015	0.029	0.023	0.015	0.023
Right Superior Temporal Gyrus, anterior division	1.041	0.921	0.020	0.017	0.016	0.013	0.030	0.022	0.013	0.020
Left Superior Temporal Gyrus, posterior division	0.485	0.447	0.019	0.019	0.015	0.014	0.025	0.022	0.014	0.022
Right Superior Temporal Gyrus, posterior division	0.748	0.693	0.020	0.019	0.015	0.014	0.026	0.023	0.013	0.020
Left Middle Temporal Gyrus, anterior division	0.457	0.507	0.020	0.019	0.015	0.014	0.026	0.023	0.012	0.019
Right Middle Temporal Gyrus, anterior division	1.255	1.019	0.024	0.019	0.017	0.014	0.033	0.023	0.013	0.017
Left Middle Temporal Gyrus, posterior division	0.432	0.458	0.026	0.022	0.019	0.016	0.029	0.024	0.014	0.017
Right Middle Temporal Gyrus, posterior division	1.148	1.078	0.029	0.024	0.021	0.019	0.038	0.026	0.014	0.016

Left Middle Temporal Gyrus, temporooccipital part	1.009	0.888	0.027	0.028	0.020	0.018	0.017	0.016	0.012	0.018
Right Middle Temporal Gyrus, temporooccipital part	0.776	0.720	0.026	0.022	0.024	0.017	0.029	0.020	0.015	0.019
Left Inferior Temporal Gyrus, anterior division	0.819	0.773	0.028	0.028	0.022	0.019	0.022	0.020	0.013	0.017
Right Inferior Temporal Gyrus, anterior division	0.982	0.821	0.024	0.022	0.020	0.015	0.017	0.014	0.012	0.016
Left Inferior Temporal Gyrus, posterior division	0.886	0.737	0.026	0.023	0.023	0.017	0.025	0.019	0.014	0.017
Right Inferior Temporal Gyrus, posterior division	1.052	0.891	0.030	0.024	0.023	0.019	0.040	0.026	0.015	0.019
Left Inferior Temporal Gyrus, temporooccipital part	1.224	1.080	0.029	0.022	0.021	0.018	0.040	0.026	0.015	0.019
Right Inferior Temporal Gyrus, temporooccipital part	1.052	0.947	0.029	0.022	0.021	0.018	0.041	0.025	0.014	0.016
Left Postcentral Gyrus	0.940	0.845	0.030	0.029	0.021	0.019	0.021	0.022	0.015	0.020
Right Postcentral Gyrus	1.089	0.946	0.030	0.029	0.021	0.020	0.026	0.025	0.013	0.017
Left Superior Parietal Lobule	1.309	1.174	0.033	0.029	0.023	0.021	0.033	0.028	0.014	0.017
Right Superior Parietal Lobule	1.282	1.093	0.030	0.026	0.021	0.020	0.035	0.027	0.014	0.017
Left Supramarginal Gyrus, anterior division	1.291	1.127	0.029	0.029	0.020	0.019	0.023	0.025	0.014	0.018
Right Supramarginal Gyrus, anterior division	1.213	1.051	0.030	0.027	0.021	0.019	0.027	0.027	0.014	0.019
Left Supramarginal Gyrus, posterior division	1.148	1.092	0.030	0.027	0.021	0.019	0.032	0.028	0.015	0.018
Right Supramarginal Gyrus, posterior division	1.100	0.968	0.029	0.025	0.021	0.019	0.032	0.026	0.015	0.017
Left Angular Gyrus	1.230	1.076	0.028	0.028	0.021	0.018	0.023	0.023	0.016	0.022
Right Angular Gyrus	1.323	1.149	0.025	0.026	0.018	0.017	0.024	0.025	0.015	0.022
Left Lateral Occipital Cortex, superior division	0.811	0.765	0.023	0.022	0.017	0.016	0.028	0.026	0.014	0.021
Right Lateral Occipital Cortex, superior division	1.072	0.981	0.027	0.028	0.019	0.018	0.022	0.025	0.014	0.021
Left Lateral Occipital Cortex, inferior division	0.890	0.861	0.026	0.025	0.019	0.018	0.027	0.027	0.013	0.019
Right Lateral Occipital Cortex, inferior division	1.100	0.892	0.024	0.023	0.018	0.016	0.027	0.026	0.013	0.020
Left Intracalcarine Cortex	1.072	0.863	0.030	0.023	0.021	0.018	0.041	0.026	0.014	0.016
Right Intracalcarine Cortex	0.885	0.893	0.028	0.023	0.020	0.017	0.034	0.024	0.014	0.015
Left Frontal Medial Cortex	0.946	0.945	0.029	0.027	0.019	0.016	0.017	0.016	0.016	0.022
Right Frontal Medial Cortex	1.349	1.063	0.027	0.026	0.020	0.017	0.028	0.024	0.015	0.021
Left Juxtapositional Lobule Cortex (formerly Supplementary Motor Cortex)	1.380	1.102	0.023	0.019	0.020	0.014	0.022	0.016	0.014	0.018

Right Juxtapositional Lobule Cortex (formerly Supplementary Motor Cortex)	0.925	0.784	0.024	0.020	0.019	0.014	0.023	0.018	0.017	0.023
Left Subcallosal Cortex	0.880	0.762	0.030	0.028	0.021	0.017	0.023	0.020	0.019	0.025
Right Subcallosal Cortex	0.984	0.846	0.028	0.027	0.021	0.017	0.024	0.021	0.019	0.025
Left Paracingulate Gyrus	1.251	0.902	0.023	0.021	0.019	0.015	0.029	0.022	0.016	0.023
Right Paracingulate Gyrus	0.942	0.822	0.029	0.028	0.019	0.018	0.021	0.022	0.015	0.021
Left Cingulate Gyrus, anterior division	1.487	1.213	0.024	0.026	0.015	0.016	0.020	0.022	0.014	0.022
Right Cingulate Gyrus, anterior division	1.459	1.201	0.023	0.024	0.015	0.016	0.022	0.024	0.013	0.020
Left Cingulate Gyrus, posterior division	1.412	1.163	0.025	0.027	0.016	0.016	0.020	0.023	0.014	0.021
Right Cingulate Gyrus, posterior division	1.579	1.281	0.024	0.025	0.016	0.016	0.023	0.025	0.014	0.020
Left Precuneous Cortex	0.978	0.878	0.024	0.021	0.017	0.015	0.029	0.025	0.013	0.016
Right Precuneous Cortex	1.120	1.041	0.027	0.027	0.018	0.017	0.022	0.023	0.014	0.019
Left Cuneal Cortex	0.793	0.764	0.027	0.026	0.018	0.017	0.027	0.026	0.014	0.019
Right Cuneal Cortex	0.894	0.837	0.028	0.024	0.020	0.017	0.033	0.027	0.015	0.017
Left Frontal Orbital Cortex	0.813	0.702	0.021	0.020	0.017	0.014	0.029	0.023	0.014	0.021
Right Frontal Orbital Cortex	1.166	0.850	0.021	0.017	0.016	0.013	0.030	0.022	0.013	0.018
Left Parahippocampal Gyrus, anterior division	0.853	0.733	0.019	0.018	0.014	0.013	0.027	0.023	0.013	0.020
Right Parahippocampal Gyrus, anterior division	1.129	0.975	0.020	0.017	0.015	0.013	0.029	0.023	0.013	0.018
Left Parahippocampal Gyrus, posterior division	1.101	0.943	0.021	0.017	0.016	0.013	0.030	0.022	0.013	0.016
Right Parahippocampal Gyrus, posterior division	0.459	0.455	0.024	0.018	0.018	0.014	0.035	0.022	0.013	0.016
Left Lingual Gyrus	0.550	0.554	0.027	0.021	0.019	0.016	0.034	0.024	0.015	0.015
Right Lingual Gyrus	0.558	0.544	0.030	0.023	0.021	0.019	0.041	0.026	0.015	0.016
Left Temporal Fusiform Cortex, anterior division	0.524	0.507	0.027	0.028	0.020	0.018	0.017	0.017	0.012	0.018
Right Temporal Fusiform Cortex, anterior division	0.929	0.807	0.026	0.021	0.024	0.016	0.029	0.020	0.015	0.019
Left Temporal Fusiform Cortex, posterior division	0.870	0.763	0.028	0.027	0.022	0.018	0.022	0.020	0.013	0.017
Right Temporal Fusiform Cortex, posterior division	1.387	1.244	0.024	0.022	0.020	0.015	0.017	0.015	0.013	0.017
Left Temporal Occipital Fusiform Cortex	1.258	0.961	0.027	0.023	0.023	0.017	0.025	0.019	0.014	0.018
Right Temporal Occipital Fusiform Cortex	1.367	1.187	0.031	0.024	0.023	0.019	0.040	0.027	0.015	0.019

Left Occipital Fusiform Gyrus	1.182	0.974	0.029	0.022	0.022	0.018	0.041	0.026	0.015	0.018
Right Occipital Fusiform Gyrus	1.416	1.169	0.029	0.022	0.021	0.018	0.042	0.025	0.015	0.016
Left Frontal Operculum Cortex	1.039	0.953	0.030	0.029	0.021	0.019	0.022	0.021	0.016	0.022
Right Frontal Operculum Cortex	1.299	1.207	0.031	0.028	0.021	0.019	0.027	0.025	0.014	0.018
Left Central Opercular Cortex	1.012	0.930	0.034	0.029	0.023	0.020	0.036	0.028	0.015	0.017
Right Central Opercular Cortex	1.032	0.976	0.031	0.026	0.022	0.020	0.037	0.027	0.015	0.017
Left Parietal Operculum Cortex	0.812	0.750	0.029	0.028	0.019	0.018	0.024	0.024	0.014	0.018
Right Parietal Operculum Cortex	1.072	0.988	0.030	0.028	0.021	0.019	0.031	0.027	0.015	0.018
Left Planum Polare	0.923	0.866	0.031	0.026	0.022	0.019	0.037	0.028	0.016	0.017
Right Planum Polare	1.339	1.024	0.029	0.024	0.021	0.018	0.036	0.026	0.016	0.017
Left Heschl's Gyrus (includes H1 and H2)	0.971	0.901	0.028	0.027	0.021	0.018	0.025	0.022	0.017	0.022
Right Heschl's Gyrus (includes H1 and H2)	0.917	0.841	0.024	0.025	0.017	0.016	0.026	0.024	0.014	0.021
Left Planum Temporale	0.994	0.912	0.024	0.022	0.017	0.016	0.032	0.026	0.014	0.020
Right Planum Temporale	1.429	1.176	0.026	0.027	0.017	0.016	0.023	0.022	0.014	0.020
Left Supracalcarine Cortex	1.340	1.098	0.027	0.026	0.019	0.018	0.030	0.027	0.013	0.018
Right Supracalcarine Cortex	1.135	0.953	0.024	0.023	0.018	0.016	0.030	0.026	0.013	0.019
Left Occipital Pole	1.180	0.954	0.030	0.023	0.021	0.018	0.042	0.026	0.014	0.016
Right Occipital Pole	1.284	1.025	0.028	0.022	0.019	0.017	0.036	0.023	0.014	0.015

1119 **Supplementary Table 2:** Table showing the F-values for main effect of age group for BOLD signal variability (SD_{BOLD}). Statistical significance
 1120 was determined using nonparametric ANCOVAs corrected for multiple comparisons by false discovery rates (FDR; Benjamini and Hochberg,
 1121 1995). The nonparametric ANCOVAs with SD_{BOLD} as dependent variable demonstrated that there was a significant main effect of age group in
 1122 72 ROIs, while no significant effect of sex was observed.

ROI	F-value: age
Left.Angular.Gyrus	20.9868
Left.Central.Opercular.Cortex	15.7773
Left.Cingulate.Gyrus..anterior.division	37.6699
Left.Cingulate.Gyrus..posterior.division	24.6328
Left.Cuneal.Cortex	20.4775
Left.Frontal.Medial.Cortex	16.5504
Left.Frontal.Orbital.Cortex	59.1622
Left.Frontal.Pole	27.4942
Left.Heschls.Gyrus..includes.H1.and.H2.	15.867
Left.Inferior.Frontal.Gyrus..pars.opercularis	42.0627
Left.Inferior.Frontal.Gyrus..pars.triangularis	17.0069
Left.Inferior.Temporal.Gyrus..posterior.division	28.2274
Left.Insular.Cortex	38.1285
Left.Intracalcarine.Cortex	34.2193
Left.Juxtapositional.Lobule.Cortex..formerly.Supplementary.Motor.Cortex.	40.0826
Left.Middle.Frontal.Gyrus	35.6619
Left.Middle.Temporal.Gyrus..temporooccipital.part	24.0403
Left.Occipital.Fusiform.Gyrus	35.3288
Left.Occipital.Pole	43.1077
Left.Paracingulate.Gyrus	54.3683
Left.Parahippocampal.Gyrus..anterior.division	60.2925
Left.Parahippocampal.Gyrus..posterior.division	38.4558

Left.Parietal.Operculum.Cortex	25.0314
Left.Postcentral.Gyrus	29.5352
Left.Precuneous.Cortex	28.1132
Left.Subcallosal.Cortex	35.3522
Left.Superior.Frontal.Gyrus	16.076
Left.Superior.Temporal.Gyrus..posterior.division	19.4259
Left.Supracalcarine.Cortex	25.8525
Left.Supramarginal.Gyrus..anterior.division	15.3458
Left.Temporal.Fusiform.Cortex..anterior.division	17.3434
Left.Temporal.Fusiform.Cortex..posterior.division	37.6047
Left.Temporal.Occipital.Fusiform.Cortex	41.0751
Right.Angular.Gyrus	22.823
Right.Cingulate.Gyrus..anterior.division	35.6207
Right.Cingulate.Gyrus..posterior.division	28.4509
Right.Cuneal.Cortex	25.6256
Right.Frontal.Medial.Cortex	44.9473
Right.Frontal.Orbital.Cortex	61.1423
Right.Frontal.Pole	36.7283
Right.Inferior.Frontal.Gyrus..pars.opercularis	14.9685
Right.Inferior.Frontal.Gyrus..pars.triangularis	15.799
Right.Inferior.Temporal.Gyrus..anterior.division	21.551
Right.Inferior.Temporal.Gyrus..posterior.division	15.0549
Right.Insular.Cortex	18.3847
Right.Intracalcarine.Cortex	13.3254
Right.Juxtapositional.Lobule.Cortex..formerly.Supplementary.Motor.Cortex.	36.4605
Right.Lateral.Occipital.Cortex..inferior.division	33.6556
Right.Lateral.Occipital.Cortex..superior.division	21.5155
Right.Lingual.Gyrus	25.0696

Right.Middle.Temporal.Gyrus..anterior.division	42.8831
Right.Occipital.Fusiform.Gyrus	31.6213
Right.Occipital.Pole	31.9927
Right.Paracingulate.Gyrus	34.8449
Right.Parahippocampal.Gyrus..anterior.division	37.5431
Right.Parietal.Operculum.Cortex	18.2991
Right.Planum.Polare	57.0714
Right.Planum.Temporale	25.7173
Right.Postcentral.Gyrus	20.1925
Right.Precentral.Gyrus	18.1681
Right.Precuneous.Cortex	24.8254
Right.Subcallosal.Cortex	41.1512
Right.Superior.Frontal.Gyrus	25.8665
Right.Superior.Parietal.Lobule	23.6064
Right.Superior.Temporal.Gyrus..anterior.division	17.9951
Right.Superior.Temporal.Gyrus..posterior.division	18.4805
Right.Supracalcarine.Cortex	28.7788
Right.Supramarginal.Gyrus..anterior.division	18.6616
Right.Supramarginal.Gyrus..posterior.division	23.6768
Right.Temporal.Fusiform.Cortex..anterior.division	23.371
Right.Temporal.Fusiform.Cortex..posterior.division	24.4233
Right.Temporal.Occipital.Fusiform.Cortex	31.6812

1124 **Supplementary Table 3:** Table showing the F-values for the main effect of age group for EEG signal variability (1-3 Hz, SD_{Δ}). Statistical
 1125 significance was determined using nonparametric ANCOVAs corrected for multiple comparisons by false discovery rates (FDR; Benjamini and
 1126 Hochberg, 1995). The nonparametric ANCOVAs with SD_{Δ} as dependent variable demonstrated that there was a significant main effect of
 1127 age group in 14 ROIs, and sex in in 20 ROIs.

ROI	F-value: age	ROI	F-value: sex
Left.Cingulate.Gyrus..posterior.division	17.041	Left.Cuneal.Cortex	15.463
Left.Cuneal.Cortex	20.8528	Left.Intracalcarine.Cortex	20.018
Left.Intracalcarine.Cortex	12.579	Left.Lingual.Gyrus	13.828
Left.Juxtapositional.Lobule.Cortex..formerly.Supplementary.Motor.Cortex.	13.1327	Left.Parietal.Operculum.Cortex	13.243
Left.Lateral.Occipital.Cortex..superior.division	15.2747	Left.Supracalcarine.Cortex	21.285
Left.Precuneous.Cortex	19.2268	Right.Cuneal.Cortex	17.36
Left.Supracalcarine.Cortex	16.815	Right.Heschls.Gyrus..includes.H1.and.H2.	15.627
Right.Cingulate.Gyrus..posterior.division	17.85	Right.Inferior.Temporal.Gyrus..posterior.division	16.731
Right.Cuneal.Cortex	20.1038	Right.Inferior.Temporal.Gyrus..temporooccipital.part	26.594
Right.Intracalcarine.Cortex	15.1102	Right.Intracalcarine.Cortex	26.625
Right.Juxtapositional.Lobule.Cortex..formerly.Supplementary.Motor.Cortex.	13.7918	Right.Lateral.Occipital.Cortex..inferior.division	24.394
Right.Lateral.Occipital.Cortex..superior.division	19.2019	Right.Lingual.Gyrus	19.964
Right.Precuneous.Cortex	20.9403	Right.Middle.Temporal.Gyrus..temporooccipital.part	24.628
Right.Supracalcarine.Cortex	17.4001	Right.Occipital.Fusiform.Gyrus	19.042
		Right.Occipital.Pole	14.198
		Right.Parahippocampal.Gyrus..posterior.division	15.023
		Right.Parietal.Operculum.Cortex	15.099
		Right.Planum.Temporale	16.428
		Right.Supracalcarine.Cortex	24.14
		Right.Temporal.Fusiform.Cortex..posterior.division	16.515
		Right.Temporal.Occipital.Fusiform.Cortex	23.004

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1129 **Supplementary Table 4:** Table showing the F-values for the main effect of age group for EEG signal variability (4-7 Hz, SD_{THETA}). Statistical
 1130 significance was determined using nonparametric ANCOVAs corrected for multiple comparisons by false discovery rates (FDR; Benjamini and
 1131 Hochberg, 1995). The nonparametric ANCOVAs with SD_{THETA} as dependent variable demonstrated that there was a significant main effect of
 1132 age group in 16 ROIs, and sex in in 74 ROIs.

ROI	F-value: age	ROI	F-value: sex
Left.Cingulate.Gyrus..anterior.division	33.5753	Left.Angular.Gyrus	18.207
Left.Cingulate.Gyrus..posterior.division	19.2188	Left.Central.Opercular.Cortex	13.609
Left.Juxtapositional.Lobule.Cortex..formerly.Supplementary.Motor.Cortex.	39.3985	Left.Cingulate.Gyrus..anterior.division	13.504
Left.Middle.Frontal.Gyrus	24.3858	Left.Cingulate.Gyrus..posterior.division	17.748
Left.Paracingulate.Gyrus	22.3193	Left.Cuneal.Cortex	22.505
Left.Precentral.Gyrus	17.0336	Left.Frontal.Orbital.Cortex	13.146
Left.Precuneous.Cortex	13.1632	Left.Frontal.Pole	16.278
Left.Superior.Frontal.Gyrus	33.9343	Left.Inferior.Frontal.Gyrus..pars.opercularis	12.817
Right.Cingulate.Gyrus..anterior.division	32.1706	Left.Inferior.Temporal.Gyrus..posterior.division	13.732
Right.Cingulate.Gyrus..posterior.division	18.9454	Left.Inferior.Temporal.Gyrus..temporooccipital.part	16.711
Right.Juxtapositional.Lobule.Cortex..formerly.Supplementary.Motor.Cortex.	40.3098	Left.Intracalcarine.Cortex	27.158
Right.Middle.Frontal.Gyrus	23.3526	Left.Juxtapositional.Lobule.Cortex..formerly.Supplementary.Motor.Cortex.	13.129
Right.Paracingulate.Gyrus	19.4883	Left.Lateral.Occipital.Cortex..inferior.division	16.541
Right.Precentral.Gyrus	17.9796	Left.Lateral.Occipital.Cortex..superior.division	13.959
Right.Superior.Frontal.Gyrus	33.4244	Left.Lingual.Gyrus	22.478
Right.Superior.Parietal.Lobule	13.5708	Left.Middle.Temporal.Gyrus..temporooccipital.part	16.103
		Left.Occipital.Fusiform.Gyrus	18.143
		Left.Occipital.Pole	18.184
		Left.Parahippocampal.Gyrus..posterior.division	14.667

Left.Parietal.Operculum.Cortex	21.209
Left.Planum.Temporale	18.513
Left.Postcentral.Gyrus	16.801
Left.Precentral.Gyrus	16.951
Left.Precuneous.Cortex	17.475
Left.Subcallosal.Cortex	13.415
Left.Supracalcarine.Cortex	27.108
Left.Supramarginal.Gyrus..anterior.division	22.636
Left.Supramarginal.Gyrus..posterior.division	18.42
Left.Temporal.Fusiform.Cortex..posterior.division	12.846
Left.Temporal.Occipital.Fusiform.Cortex	18.695
Right.Angular.Gyrus	17.082
Right.Central.Opercular.Cortex	23.027
Right.Cingulate.Gyrus..anterior.division	13.094
Right.Cingulate.Gyrus..posterior.division	17.068
Right.Cuneal.Cortex	22.446
Right.Frontal.Operculum.Cortex	25.517
Right.Frontal.Orbital.Cortex	17.066
Right.Frontal.Pole	12.686
Right.Heschls.Gyrus..includes.H1.and.H2.	16.19
Right.Inferior.Frontal.Gyrus..pars.opercularis	25.941
Right.Inferior.Frontal.Gyrus..pars.triangularis	24.437
Right.Inferior.Temporal.Gyrus..anterior.division	19.63
Right.Inferior.Temporal.Gyrus..posterior.division	22.865
Right.Inferior.Temporal.Gyrus..temporooccipital.part	28.425
Right.Insular.Cortex	22.486
Right.Intracalcarine.Cortex	29.957
Right.Juxtapositional.Lobule.Cortex..formerly.Supplementary.Motor	13.499

Right.Lateral.Occipital.Cortex..inferior.division	30.063
Right.Lateral.Occipital.Cortex..superior.division	13.899
Right.Lingual.Gyrus	25.891
Right.Middle.Frontal.Gyrus	18.676
Right.Middle.Temporal.Gyrus..anterior.division	13.832
Right.Middle.Temporal.Gyrus..posterior.division	21.779
Right.Middle.Temporal.Gyrus..temporooccipital.part	28.874
Right.Occipital.Fusiform.Gyrus	27.265
Right.Occipital.Pole	28.335
Right.Parahippocampal.Gyrus..anterior.division	15.973
Right.Parahippocampal.Gyrus..posterior.division	17.709
Right.Parietal.Operculum.Cortex	16.92
Right.Planum.Polare	17.124
Right.Planum.Temporale	17.351
Right.Postcentral.Gyrus	18.97
Right.Precentral.Gyrus	21.799
Right.Precuneous.Cortex	16.222
Right.Subcallosal.Cortex	14.188
Right.Superior.Temporal.Gyrus..anterior.division	13.072
Right.Superior.Temporal.Gyrus..posterior.division	19.288
Right.Supracalcarine.Cortex	27.779
Right.Supramarginal.Gyrus..anterior.division	19.774
Right.Supramarginal.Gyrus..posterior.division	15.411
Right.Temporal.Fusiform.Cortex..anterior.division	18.158
Right.Temporal.Fusiform.Cortex..posterior.division	21.228
Right.Temporal.Occipital.Fusiform.Cortex	26.317
Right.Temporal.Pole	16.482

1134 **Supplementary Table 5:** Table showing the F-values for the main effect of age group for EEG signal variability (8-12 Hz, SD_{ALPHA}). Statistical
 1135 significance was determined using nonparametric ANCOVAs corrected for multiple comparisons by false discovery rates (FDR; Benjamini and
 1136 Hochberg, 1995). The nonparametric ANCOVAs with SD_{ALPHA} as dependent variable demonstrated that there was a significant main effect of
 1137 age group in 20 ROIs, and sex in in 4 ROIs.

ROI	F-value: age	ROI	F-value: sex
Left.Cingulate.Gyrus..anterior.division	14.2391	Left.Frontal.Pole	16.512
Left.Cingulate.Gyrus..posterior.division	18.9122	Right.Frontal.Orbital.Cortex	13.217
Left.Cuneal.Cortex	19.5004	Right.Inferior.Frontal.Gyrus..pars.triangularis	14.278
Left.Intracalcarine.Cortex	13.9943	Right.Temporal.Pole	12.887
Left.Juxtapositional.Lobule.Cortex..formerly.Supplementary.Motor.Cortex.	18.2498		
Left.Lateral.Occipital.Cortex..superior.division	14.8073		
Left.Occipital.Pole	13.6297		
Left.Precuneous.Cortex	18.1658		
Left.Supracalcarine.Cortex	18.7095		
Right.Cingulate.Gyrus..anterior.division	14.9683		
Right.Cingulate.Gyrus..posterior.division	19.3745		
Right.Cuneal.Cortex	20.1265		
Right.Intracalcarine.Cortex	17.8042		
Right.Juxtapositional.Lobule.Cortex..formerly.Supplementary.Motor.Cortex.	18.9006		
Right.Lateral.Occipital.Cortex..superior.division	18.2382		
Right.Occipital.Pole	17.1219		
Right.Precuneous.Cortex	19.3677		
Right.Superior.Frontal.Gyrus	14.4975		
Right.Superior.Parietal.Lobule	13.8287		
Right.Supracalcarine.Cortex	19.6116		

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1139 **Supplementary Table 6:** Table showing the F-values for the main effect of age group for EEG signal variability (15-25 Hz, SD_{BETA}). Statistical
 1140 significance was determined using nonparametric ANCOVAs corrected for multiple comparisons by false discovery rates (FDR; Benjamini and
 1141 Hochberg, 1995). The nonparametric ANCOVA analyses with SD_{BETA} as dependent variable demonstrated that there was a significant main
 1142 effect of age group in 19 ROIs, and sex in 69 ROIs.

ROI	F-value: age	ROI	F- value: sex
Left.Central.Opercular.Cortex	16.5945	Left.Angular.Gyrus	23.069
Left.Heschls.Gyrus..includes.H1.and.H2.	20.3049	Left.Cingulate.Gyrus..anterior.division	12.198
Left.Inferior.Temporal.Gyrus..posterior.division	15.6087	Left.Cingulate.Gyrus..posterior.division	23.953
Left.Insular.Cortex	12.903	Left.Cuneal.Cortex	29.101
Left.Middle.Temporal.Gyrus..posterior.division	13.2449	Left.Frontal.Medial.Cortex	20.926
Left.Parietal.Operculum.Cortex	21.6143	Left.Frontal.Operculum.Cortex	12.549
Left.Planum.Temporale	21.1029	Left.Frontal.Orbital.Cortex	22.762
Left.Superior.Temporal.Gyrus..posterior.division	14.4852	Left.Frontal.Pole	19.186
Left.Supramarginal.Gyrus..anterior.division	19.6781	Left.Heschls.Gyrus..includes.H1.and.H2.	18.878
Left.Supramarginal.Gyrus..posterior.division	15.7818	Left.Inferior.Temporal.Gyrus..posterior.division	14.641
Right.Central.Opercular.Cortex	17.2968	Left.Inferior.Temporal.Gyrus..temporooccipital.part	24.317
Right.Heschls.Gyrus..includes.H1.and.H2.	13.1379	Left.Insular.Cortex	15.927
Right.Middle.Temporal.Gyrus..anterior.division	15.6176	Left.Intracalcarine.Cortex	35.249
Right.Middle.Temporal.Gyrus..posterior.division	15.253	Left.Lateral.Occipital.Cortex..inferior.division	22.746
Right.Parietal.Operculum.Cortex	12.510	Left.Lateral.Occipital.Cortex..superior.division	19.834
Right.Planum.Polare	14.949	Left.Lingual.Gyrus	32.404
Right.Planum.Temporale	12.617	Left.Middle.Temporal.Gyrus..temporooccipital.part	17.782
Right.Superior.Temporal.Gyrus..anterior.division	19.6635	Left.Occipital.Fusiform.Gyrus	24.141
Right.Superior.Temporal.Gyrus..posterior.division	18.8534	Left.Occipital.Pole	23.17
		Paracingulate.Gyrus	14.818
		Left.Parahippocampal.Gyrus..anterior.division	23.933

Left.Parahippocampal.Gyrus..posterior.division	30.177
Left.Parietal.Operculum.Cortex	19.769
Left.Planum.Temporale	20.791
Left.Precuneous.Cortex	25.556
Left.Subcallosal.Cortex	22.89
Left.Superior.Parietal.Lobule	13.534
Left.Supracalcarine.Cortex	34.165
Left.Supramarginal.Gyrus..posterior.division	19.854
Left.Temporal.Fusiform.Cortex..anterior.division	17.146
Left.Temporal.Fusiform.Cortex..posterior.division	25.091
Left.Temporal.Occipital.Fusiform.Cortex	30.718
Left.Temporal.Pole	15.41
Right.Angular.Gyrus	26.346
Right.Central.Opercular.Cortex	13.78
Right.Cingulate.Gyrus..posterior.division	23.764
Right.Cuneal.Cortex	26.278
Right.Frontal.Medial.Cortex	16.911
Right.Frontal.Orbital.Cortex	13.877
Right.Heschls.Gyrus..includes.H1.and.H2.	16.353
Right.Inferior.Temporal.Gyrus..anterior.division	15.577
Right.Inferior.Temporal.Gyrus..posterior.division	18.262
Right.Inferior.Temporal.Gyrus..temporooccipital.part	29.167
Right.Insular.Cortex	16.383
Right.Intracalcarine.Cortex	30.856
Right.Lateral.Occipital.Cortex..inferior.division	35.716
Right.Lateral.Occipital.Cortex..superior.division	19.643
Right.Lingual.Gyrus	27.537
Right.Middle.Temporal.Gyrus..posterior.division	16.15

Right.Middle.Temporal.Gyrus..temporooccipital.part	32.438
Right.Occipital.Fusiform.Gyrus	24.567
Right.Occipital.Pole	30.231
Right.Parahippocampal.Gyrus..anterior.division	20.351
Right.Parahippocampal.Gyrus..posterior.division	25.145
Right.Parietal.Operculum.Cortex	21.039
Right.Planum.Polare	14.552
Right.Planum.Temporale	21.152
Right.Postcentral.Gyrus	13.107
Right.Precuneous.Cortex	22.867
Right.Subcallosal.Cortex	18.68
Right.Superior.Parietal.Lobule	13.68
Right.Superior.Temporal.Gyrus..posterior.division	14.929
Right.Supracalcarine.Cortex	30.665
Right.Supramarginal.Gyrus..anterior.division	15.081
Right.Supramarginal.Gyrus..posterior.division	22.485
Right.Temporal.Fusiform.Cortex..anterior.division	17.436
Right.Temporal.Fusiform.Cortex..posterior.division	21.616
Right.Temporal.Occipital.Fusiform.Cortex	28.231
Right.Temporal.Pole	14.486

1144 **Supplementary Table 7.** Spearman correlation of SD_{BOLD} with SD_{EEG} for each frequency
 1145 band in young subjects (N=135). None of the pairwise correlations between SD_{BOLD} and
 1146 SD_{EEG} were statistically significant.

ROI	rho SD_{DELTA}	rho SD_{THETA}	rho SD_{ALPHA}	rho SD_{BETA}
Left Angular Gyrus	0.005	0.015	0.014	0.071
Left Central Opercular Cortex	0.037	0.001	0.076	0.034
Left Cingulate Gyrus, anterior division	-0.090	-0.077	0.091	-0.028
Left Cingulate Gyrus, posterior division	-0.096	-0.048	-0.018	0.042
Left Cuneal Cortex	-0.166	-0.153	-0.040	-0.055
Left Frontal Medial Cortex	-0.009	-0.083	-0.105	-0.100
Left Frontal Operculum Cortex	-0.067	-0.128	0.074	-0.094
Left Frontal Orbital Cortex	0.035	-0.010	0.137	0.107
Left Frontal Pole	0.110	-0.018	-0.029	-0.052
Left Heschl's Gyrus (includes H1 and H2)	-0.019	0.029	0.112	-0.096
Left Inferior Frontal Gyrus, pars opercularis	0.040	-0.082	0.063	-0.091
Left Inferior Frontal Gyrus, pars triangularis	0.031	-0.114	0.064	-0.041
Left Inferior Temporal Gyrus, anterior division	0.035	0.023	0.099	0.012
Left Inferior Temporal Gyrus, posterior division	0.047	0.078	0.116	0.034
Left Inferior Temporal Gyrus, temporooccipital part	0.030	-0.002	0.025	-0.089
Left Insular Cortex	0.023	-0.134	-0.017	-0.077
Left Intracalcarine Cortex	0.018	0.028	0.072	0.032
Left Juxtapositional Lobule Cortex (formerly Supplementary Motor Cortex)	-0.050	-0.099	0.077	0.022
Left Lateral Occipital Cortex, inferior division	-0.048	-0.030	-0.078	-0.077
Left Lateral Occipital Cortex, superior division	-0.062	-0.081	0.018	-0.088
Left Lingual Gyrus	0.131	0.060	-0.022	-0.035
Left Middle Frontal Gyrus	0.041	-0.066	0.131	0.015
Left Middle Temporal Gyrus, anterior division	0.004	-0.063	-0.014	-0.173
Left Middle Temporal Gyrus, posterior division	0.115	0.005	-0.041	-0.029
Left Middle Temporal Gyrus, temporooccipital part	0.072	0.037	0.071	-0.092
Left Occipital Fusiform Gyrus	0.146	0.149	0.115	0.026
Left Occipital Pole	-0.017	0.052	0.036	0.035
Left Paracingulate Gyrus	-0.044	-0.087	-0.012	-0.036
Left Parahippocampal Gyrus, anterior division	0.024	0.021	0.121	0.027
Left Parahippocampal Gyrus, posterior division	-0.086	0.030	0.117	0.162
Left Parietal Operculum Cortex	-0.130	-0.064	0.039	-0.110
Left Planum Polare	0.030	0.018	0.073	-0.004
Left Planum Temporale	-0.066	0.009	0.120	-0.071
Left Postcentral Gyrus	-0.019	-0.032	0.139	-0.060
Left Precentral Gyrus	-0.015	-0.074	0.091	-0.056
Left Precuneous Cortex	-0.029	-0.070	0.107	-0.044
Left Subcallosal Cortex	-0.038	-0.087	0.034	-0.074
Left Superior Frontal Gyrus	-0.108	-0.139	0.027	-0.038

Left Superior Parietal Lobule	0.087	0.041	0.135	-0.084
Left Superior Temporal Gyrus, anterior division	-0.010	-0.074	0.033	0.064
Left Superior Temporal Gyrus, posterior division	-0.059	-0.045	-0.047	-0.087
Left Supracalcarine Cortex	-0.076	-0.071	0.036	0.016
Left Supramarginal Gyrus, anterior division	0.026	-0.060	0.001	-0.057
Left Supramarginal Gyrus, posterior division	-0.005	0.066	0.106	0.043
Left Temporal Fusiform Cortex, anterior division	0.188	0.120	0.051	0.031
Left Temporal Fusiform Cortex, posterior division	0.056	0.052	0.144	0.075
Left Temporal Occipital Fusiform Cortex	0.096	0.094	0.128	0.092
Left Temporal Pole	0.224	0.105	0.152	-0.010
Right Angular Gyrus	-0.010	0.025	0.010	0.046
Right Central Opercular Cortex	0.084	-0.015	0.068	-0.030
Right Cingulate Gyrus, anterior division	-0.079	-0.085	0.062	-0.046
Right Cingulate Gyrus, posterior division	-0.090	-0.048	-0.004	0.021
Right Cuneal Cortex	-0.118	-0.096	0.017	-0.074
Right Frontal Medial Cortex	0.042	-0.043	0.063	-0.050
Right Frontal Operculum Cortex	0.004	-0.017	0.089	-0.075
Right Frontal Orbital Cortex	0.085	-0.024	0.100	-0.032
Right Frontal Pole	0.149	-0.022	0.014	-0.061
Right Heschl's Gyrus (includes H1 and H2)	-0.085	-0.045	0.065	-0.071
Right Inferior Frontal Gyrus, pars opercularis	-0.020	-0.029	0.127	-0.138
Right Inferior Frontal Gyrus, pars triangularis	-0.047	-0.092	0.061	-0.170
Right Inferior Temporal Gyrus, anterior division	0.013	-0.018	0.058	0.028
Right Inferior Temporal Gyrus, posterior division	0.179	0.070	0.128	-0.048
Right Inferior Temporal Gyrus, temporooccipital part	0.106	0.068	0.177	0.093
Right Insular Cortex	-0.034	-0.087	0.043	-0.054
Right Intracalcarine Cortex	-0.063	-0.121	0.008	-0.065
Right Juxtapositional Lobule Cortex (formerly Supplementary Motor Cortex)	-0.040	-0.142	0.015	-0.049
Right Lateral Occipital Cortex, inferior division	-0.025	0.005	0.081	0.026
Right Lateral Occipital Cortex, superior division	-0.008	-0.037	0.044	-0.113
Right Lingual Gyrus	0.040	0.033	0.058	0.034
Right Middle Frontal Gyrus	-0.167	-0.083	0.063	-0.143
Right Middle Temporal Gyrus, anterior division	0.135	0.049	0.054	-0.113
Right Middle Temporal Gyrus, posterior division	0.002	0.080	0.191	0.060
Right Middle Temporal Gyrus, temporooccipital part	0.026	0.011	0.094	0.049
Right Occipital Fusiform Gyrus	0.095	0.039	0.022	0.007
Right Occipital Pole	0.019	-0.050	0.025	-0.036
Right Paracingulate Gyrus	-0.063	-0.041	0.034	-0.012
Right Parahippocampal Gyrus, anterior division	-0.027	-0.005	0.071	0.102
Right Parahippocampal Gyrus, posterior division	0.020	-0.037	0.037	0.024
Right Parietal Operculum Cortex	-0.066	-0.039	0.124	-0.075

Right Planum Polare	0.186	0.073	0.105	-0.021
Right Planum Temporale	-0.028	-0.043	0.074	0.070
Right Postcentral Gyrus	0.070	0.026	0.133	-0.056
Right Precentral Gyrus	-0.031	-0.047	0.134	-0.040
Right Precuneous Cortex	-0.099	-0.145	0.053	-0.200
Right Subcallosal Cortex	-0.084	-0.086	0.098	0.054
Right Superior Frontal Gyrus	-0.100	-0.158	-0.026	-0.116
Right Superior Parietal Lobule	-0.035	-0.067	0.080	-0.103
Right Superior Temporal Gyrus, anterior division	0.144	0.056	0.050	0.021
Right Superior Temporal Gyrus, posterior division	0.067	0.068	0.064	0.004
Right Supracalcarine Cortex	-0.004	0.049	0.089	0.065
Right Supramarginal Gyrus, anterior division	0.134	0.092	0.116	0.046
Right Supramarginal Gyrus, posterior division	0.058	0.055	0.096	0.052
Right Temporal Fusiform Cortex, anterior division	0.038	-0.019	0.013	0.142
Right Temporal Fusiform Cortex, posterior division	0.012	0.011	0.075	0.103
Right Temporal Occipital Fusiform Cortex	-0.013	0.018	0.115	0.098
Right Temporal Pole	0.135	0.006	0.044	-0.129

1147 **p_{FDR} < 0.05; **p_{FDR} < 0.01; ***p_{FDR} < 0.001, 2-tailed*

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1149 **Supplementary Table 8.** Spearman correlation of SD_{BOLD} with SD_{EEG} for each frequency
 1150 band in old subjects (N=54). None of the pairwise correlations between SD_{BOLD} and SD_{EEG}
 1151 were statistically significant.
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ROI	rho SD_{DELTA}	rho SD_{THETA}	rho SD_{ALPHA}	rho SD_{BETA}
Left Angular Gyrus	-0.118	-0.100	-0.001	-0.192
Left Central Opercular Cortex	0.129	0.132	-0.006	0.204
Left Cingulate Gyrus, anterior division	-0.043	0.175	-0.034	0.010
Left Cingulate Gyrus, posterior division	0.014	-0.077	0.012	-0.301
Left Cuneal Cortex	-0.134	-0.157	-0.096	-0.387
Left Frontal Medial Cortex	-0.165	-0.129	-0.265	0.061
Left Frontal Operculum Cortex	0.173	0.168	0.063	0.029
Left Frontal Orbital Cortex	0.085	0.192	0.020	0.021
Left Frontal Pole	0.038	-0.009	-0.044	-0.080
Left Heschl's Gyrus (includes H1 and H2)	-0.066	-0.152	-0.166	0.027
Left Inferior Frontal Gyrus, pars opercularis	0.039	0.041	-0.039	0.177
Left Inferior Frontal Gyrus, pars triangularis	0.107	0.113	0.033	0.086
Left Inferior Temporal Gyrus, anterior division	0.111	0.153	0.088	0.278
Left Inferior Temporal Gyrus, posterior division	0.072	0.040	-0.035	0.040
Left Inferior Temporal Gyrus, temporooccipital part	0.016	0.074	0.034	-0.066
Left Insular Cortex	0.225	0.042	-0.079	0.026
Left Intracalcarine Cortex	0.102	0.130	0.254	0.172
Left Juxtapositional Lobule Cortex (formerly Supplementary Motor Cortex)	-0.054	-0.175	-0.035	-0.059
Left Lateral Occipital Cortex, inferior division	0.036	-0.027	-0.057	-0.184
Left Lateral Occipital Cortex, superior division	0.130	0.033	0.013	-0.083
Left Lingual Gyrus	-0.181	-0.101	-0.044	-0.130
Left Middle Frontal Gyrus	0.159	0.161	-0.009	-0.008
Left Middle Temporal Gyrus, anterior division	-0.004	0.000	-0.012	0.349
Left Middle Temporal Gyrus, posterior division	-0.007	-0.073	-0.197	0.077
Left Middle Temporal Gyrus, temporooccipital part	0.042	0.203	0.128	0.015
Left Occipital Fusiform Gyrus	0.105	0.118	0.088	0.086
Left Occipital Pole	-0.212	-0.082	0.070	-0.203
Left Paracingulate Gyrus	-0.109	-0.024	-0.042	0.065
Left Parahippocampal Gyrus, anterior division	0.048	0.086	-0.069	-0.146
Left Parahippocampal Gyrus, posterior division	-0.012	0.058	0.062	-0.116
Left Parietal Operculum Cortex	0.151	-0.030	-0.036	-0.101
Left Planum Polare	0.041	0.075	-0.010	0.219
Left Planum Temporale	0.139	0.000	-0.060	0.079
Left Postcentral Gyrus	-0.015	-0.118	-0.082	-0.060
Left Precentral Gyrus	-0.131	-0.007	-0.045	-0.060
Left Precuneous Cortex	0.059	0.007	-0.004	-0.101
Left Subcallosal Cortex	-0.065	-0.078	-0.140	-0.002

Left Superior Frontal Gyrus	-0.020	-0.126	-0.050	0.026
Left Superior Parietal Lobule	-0.075	-0.023	0.028	-0.054
Left Superior Temporal Gyrus, anterior division	0.052	0.140	-0.072	0.148
Left Superior Temporal Gyrus, posterior division	-0.150	0.047	0.002	-0.093
Left Supracalcarine Cortex	-0.004	-0.077	0.181	-0.093
Left Supramarginal Gyrus, anterior division	0.029	0.005	-0.033	0.114
Left Supramarginal Gyrus, posterior division	0.167	0.100	0.090	-0.027
Left Temporal Fusiform Cortex, anterior division	0.045	0.076	-0.059	0.062
Left Temporal Fusiform Cortex, posterior division	-0.052	0.124	0.069	0.182
Left Temporal Occipital Fusiform Cortex	0.089	-0.049	-0.054	-0.100
Left Temporal Pole	0.015	0.073	0.025	0.187
Right Angular Gyrus	-0.015	-0.032	0.063	-0.074
Right Central Opercular Cortex	-0.120	-0.020	-0.063	-0.070
Right Cingulate Gyrus, anterior division	0.027	0.176	0.038	0.036
Right Cingulate Gyrus, posterior division	0.092	-0.058	0.051	-0.256
Right Cuneal Cortex	-0.111	-0.174	0.015	-0.224
Right Frontal Medial Cortex	-0.119	-0.072	-0.060	-0.011
Right Frontal Operculum Cortex	-0.032	-0.015	-0.019	-0.056
Right Frontal Orbital Cortex	-0.018	-0.040	-0.104	0.076
Right Frontal Pole	-0.018	-0.050	-0.095	0.058
Right Heschl's Gyrus (includes H1 and H2)	-0.025	-0.084	-0.079	-0.138
Right Inferior Frontal Gyrus, pars opercularis	-0.102	-0.050	-0.156	-0.094
Right Inferior Frontal Gyrus, pars triangularis	-0.215	-0.062	-0.185	-0.128
Right Inferior Temporal Gyrus, anterior division	0.038	-0.076	-0.097	-0.180
Right Inferior Temporal Gyrus, posterior division	0.069	-0.002	-0.071	-0.128
Right Inferior Temporal Gyrus, temporooccipital part	-0.153	-0.115	-0.171	-0.217
Right Insular Cortex	-0.035	0.031	-0.006	-0.068
Right Intracalcarine Cortex	-0.078	-0.140	-0.117	-0.088
Right Juxtapositional Lobule Cortex (formerly Supplementary Motor Cortex)	-0.013	-0.167	-0.114	-0.135
Right Lateral Occipital Cortex, inferior division	-0.055	-0.088	0.125	0.008
Right Lateral Occipital Cortex, superior division	-0.035	-0.078	0.043	-0.119
Right Lingual Gyrus	-0.180	-0.115	-0.096	-0.149
Right Middle Frontal Gyrus	0.117	0.014	0.102	0.055
Right Middle Temporal Gyrus, anterior division	-0.130	-0.068	-0.120	-0.126
Right Middle Temporal Gyrus, posterior division	-0.030	-0.033	-0.008	0.045
Right Middle Temporal Gyrus, temporooccipital part	-0.008	-0.071	0.010	-0.109
Right Occipital Fusiform Gyrus	0.115	0.249	0.163	0.237
Right Occipital Pole	-0.053	-0.067	0.074	-0.006
Right Paracingulate Gyrus	-0.062	0.123	0.042	-0.085
Right Parahippocampal Gyrus, anterior division	-0.093	-0.061	-0.033	-0.109
Right Parahippocampal Gyrus, posterior division	-0.105	-0.118	-0.103	-0.137

Right Parietal Operculum Cortex	0.105	-0.050	-0.019	-0.072
Right Planum Polare	-0.033	0.050	-0.042	-0.148
Right Planum Temporale	-0.064	-0.135	-0.057	-0.209
Right Postcentral Gyrus	-0.071	0.014	0.047	0.051
Right Precentral Gyrus	0.031	0.027	-0.039	-0.175
Right Precuneous Cortex	0.077	0.071	0.010	-0.035
Right Subcallosal Cortex	0.018	0.044	-0.007	-0.106
Right Superior Frontal Gyrus	-0.159	-0.162	-0.149	-0.156
Right Superior Parietal Lobule	-0.007	0.035	-0.001	-0.063
Right Superior Temporal Gyrus, anterior division	-0.155	-0.045	-0.124	-0.175
Right Superior Temporal Gyrus, posterior division	-0.133	-0.052	-0.127	-0.081
Right Supracalcarine Cortex	-0.131	-0.153	0.138	-0.174
Right Supramarginal Gyrus, anterior division	-0.101	-0.061	-0.078	-0.068
Right Supramarginal Gyrus, posterior division	-0.149	-0.079	-0.022	-0.222
Right Temporal Fusiform Cortex, anterior division	-0.005	0.064	-0.020	-0.041
Right Temporal Fusiform Cortex, posterior division	-0.095	-0.036	0.030	-0.137
Right Temporal Occipital Fusiform Cortex	-0.124	-0.080	0.002	-0.073
Right Temporal Pole	-0.181	-0.112	-0.230	-0.284

**p_{FDR} < 0.05; **p_{FDR}*

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1155 **Supplementary Table 9.** Contributions of selected region of interests (ROIs) to each principle components (PCs) resulted from of the Singular
1156 Value Decomposition (SVD) analyses for SD_{BOLD} , SD_{DELTA} , and SD_{THETA} . ROIs derived from the previous fMRI literature, and their
1157 corresponding ROIs in Harvard-Oxford atlas to investigate the age-dependent relationship between TMT and SD_{BOLD} or SD_{EEG} (See: Table 1).
1158 As a criterion, the minimum total variance explained over 70% was selected (Jolliffe and Cadima, 2016), resulting in three PCs in SD_{BOLD}
1159 (52.82%, 10.34%, and 7%), two PCs in SD_{DELTA} (67.37%, 10.95%), and one PC in SD_{THETA} (75.63%).

Regions of Interest	SD_{BOLD}			SD_{DELTA}		SD_{THETA}
	PC1	PC2	PC3	PC1	PC2	PC1
Left.Cingulate.Gyrus..anterior.division	6.089654	10.83573301	0.57335642	6.293254	4.771	6.074438
Left.Cingulate.Gyrus..posterior.division	5.157258	10.43198257	14.34970502	5.512103	8.818	5.977285
Left.Frontal.Medial.Cortex	2.291563	7.93654130	10.93536588	3.528656	0.025	4.072425
Left.Insular.Cortex	6.077573	2.00659998	14.77254088	6.299486	2.866	6.054641
Left.Middle.Frontal.Gyrus	7.236614	1.52487430	0.87793136	6.234210	0.0249	6.137876
Left.Middle.Temporal.Gyrus..anterior.division	3.086762	17.51744070	6.19688362	5.172188	15.0212	5.003268
Left.Middle.Temporal.Gyrus..posterior.division	4.406356	15.17712851	3.05589786	5.799520	10.474	5.435104
Left.Middle.Temporal.Gyrus..temporooccipital.part	5.472472	0.04546836	2.61039871	4.196545	1.262	4.698550
Left.Precentral.Gyrus	6.217582	2.57399365	4.67714091	6.894773	0.0000	6.686272
Left.Superior.Frontal.Gyrus	7.381836	0.32612274	0.61245518	5.792227	5.0748	5.692948
Left.Superior.Temporal.Gyrus..anterior.division	4.947440	0.05546047	0.03483502	4.491588	18.9260	4.466424
Left.Superior.Temporal.Gyrus..posterior.division	5.338529	7.26165079	0.67087115	5.690691	12.248	5.451148
Right.Cingulate.Gyrus..anterior.division	6.152739	9.90571267	0.90070689	6.200047	5.448	6.070030
Right.Cingulate.Gyrus..posterior.division	5.192974	10.04779651	14.34718789	5.404548	9.346	5.913883
Right.Insular.Cortex	7.339789	0.25286095	0.58469394	6.523552	0.0871	6.381107
Right.Middle.Frontal.Gyrus	5.606567	0.89429285	1.19883860	5.608391	1.1479	5.755169
Right.Occipital.Fusiform.Gyrus	5.520859	1.04779909	16.02672218	3.929315	2.298	3.899637
Right.Precentral.Gyrus	6.483434	2.15854154	7.57446847	6.428907	2.1581	6.229797

1161 **Supplementary Table 10.** Results of multiple linear regression analyses investigating the relationship between the principle components (PCs)
 1162 in SD_{BOLD} , SD_{DELTA} , and SD_{THETA} derived from Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) and task completion time in Trail Making Test (Reitan,
 1163 1955; Reitan and Wolfson, 1995) as the dependent variable.

	SD_{BOLD}				SD_{DELTA}				SD_{THETA}			
	TMT-A		TMT-B		TMT-A		TMT-B		TMT-A		TMT-B	
	Beta	p-value	Beta	p-value	Beta	p-value	Beta	p-value	Beta	p-value	Beta	p-value
PC1	0.004	0.254	0.004	0.922	0.005	1	0.006	1	-0.007	0.804	-0.007	<0.001
Age	0.009	<0.001	0.015	<0.001	0.012	<0.001	0.009	<0.001	0.008	<0.001	0.01	<0.001
PC1 * Age	0.0002	0.592	0.0006	0.961	0.0001	0.481	-0.0002	0.325	0.0002	0.372	-0.0002	0.161
PC2	-0.017	0.961	-0.017	0.186	-0.011	1	0.003	0.764				
PC2 * Age	-0.0009	0.296	-0.002	0.027	-0.0005	0.362	-0.001	0.08				
PC3	0.02	0.142	0.019	0.282								
PC3 * Age	-0.0002	0.824	0.0003	0.556								

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