

# Statistical Detection of Phase Transitions in EEG via Microstate Analysis and Sequential Testing

Duc Nguyen<sup>[1]</sup>, Vsevolod Chernyshev<sup>[1]</sup>, Evgeny Spodarev<sup>[1]</sup>

<sup>[1]</sup>Institute of Stochastics, Ulm University, Helmholtzstraße 18, 89081 Ulm, Germany

<sup>[2]</sup>Institute of Optimization and Operations Research, Ulm University, Helmholtzstraße 18, 89081 Ulm, Germany

## Abstract

We propose a statistical framework to detect latent phase transitions in EEG signals by combining microstate segmentation with sequential testing. Microstates offer a spatial decomposition of neural dynamics, while CUSUM-type statistics identify temporal changes in their structure. To reinforce the detection of transition points, we incorporate spectral analysis to capture deviations from stationarity in the frequency domain. This integration of spatial, temporal, and spectral features enables a rigorous, data-driven approach to identifying cognitive state shifts in meditation and resting-state EEG.

## References

1. C. Michel, T. Koenig. EEG microstates as a tool for studying the temporal dynamics of whole-brain neuronal networks: A review. *NeuroImage* **180** (Part B), 577–593, 2018.
2. T. T. Cai, W. Sun, Y. Xia. LAWS: A Locally Adaptive Weighting and Screening Approach to Spatial Multiple Testing. *Journal of the American Statistical Association* **117** (539), 1370–1383, 2021.