Context-Dependent Task-Switching Modulates Theta- and Delta-Band Power

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Conclusions

- •Delta (1-4 Hz) and theta-band (4-8 Hz) oscillatory power increased in frontal sensors when subjects performed task-switching between contexts.
- •Task switching that occurs within the same context does not modulate delta-band power.

Reaction time when switch task-rules and switch task-sets (contexts).

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Introduction

- •Behavior is contextually flexible. When context shifts, behavior can be adjusted accordingly.
- Task rules guide behavior. Task-sets organize task-rules for different contexts.
- •We aimed to characterize EEG signals that reflect shifting between different task-sets, or shifting between different task-rules within the same task-set.

Methods

- •34 adult subjects, 18 females, age 18-35 years.
- •EEG data recorded with 64-channel Biosemi Active-two EEG system.
- •Epochs with artifacts rejected through visual inspection.

Task-evoked oscillatory power in delta / theta / alpha band.



- •Time-domain data convolved through Morlet wavelet, window size = 6 cycles.
- •Power amplitude normalized to prestim baseline, convert to decibel scales (DB).



Set-switching modulates frontal delta / theta oscillatory power



Posterior alpha power not modulated by task manipulations



