

# Evaluation of Computational Methods in EEG Signal Analysis as Biomarkers in Determination of Dementia Level

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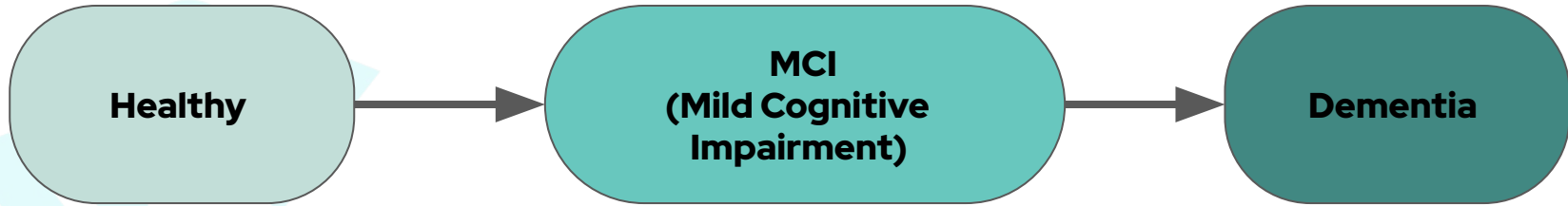
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# Presentation outline

- Terminology & Problem
- Study Design
- Patient Selection
- MMSE - Residential Block
- EEG Acquisition
- Preprocessing
- Computational Methods
- Results
- Acknowledgement



# Terminology & Problem



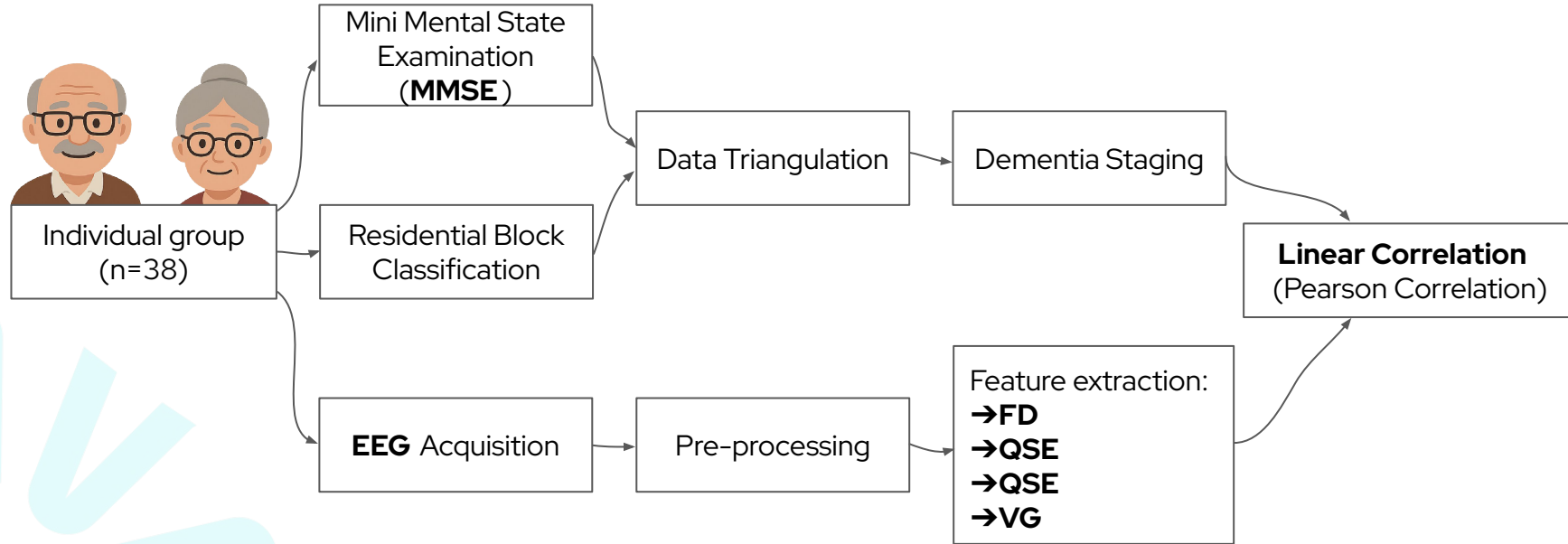
**Which stage?**

Limitations of psychometric assessments

## **Alternative Methods:**

- MRI examinations
- Biological biomarkers
- EEG-based approaches focusing on frequency analysis
- Computational approaches addressing signal complexity and irregularity in EEG

# Study Design

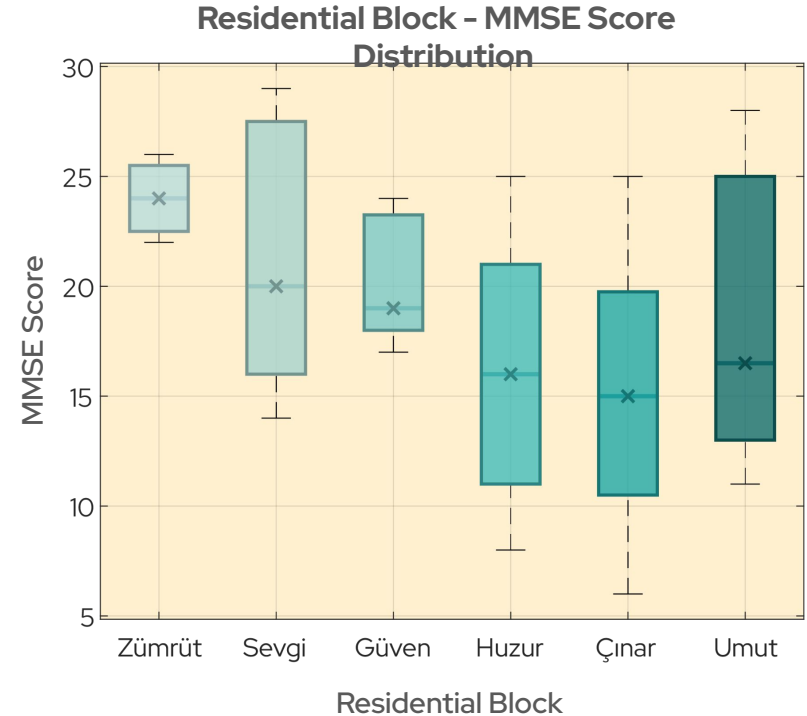


# Patient Selection

Darülaceze Senior Center, operated by the Istanbul  
Metropolitan Municipality (Istanbul, Türkiye)

Nişantaşı University Ethics Committee (2023/42-2023)

Characteristics	Informations
Subject Number	38
Laterality	%95 right-handed
Age (Mean $\pm$ SD)	83.5 $\pm$ 9.6
Gender	%37 women
Literacy rate	%63
MMSE (Mean $\pm$ SD)	19.1 $\pm$ 5.9
Time since Diagnosis (Mean $\pm$ SD)	3.8 $\pm$ 3.2



## MMSE – Mini Mental State Examination

- Taken by Physician
- Score range: 0 – 30
- Limitations of MMSE

Residential Block Name	n	p-value
Zümrüt	3	0.688
Sevgi	7	0.205
Güven	9	0.405
Huzur	6	0.246
Çınar	5	0.235
Umut	9	0.039

### Shapiro-Wilks Normality Test Results

## Residential Block Classification (Supportive info)

- Classifying the patient according to severity by physicians and caregiver opinions
- Against the MMSE limitations **Data Triangulation**

# EEG Acquiring

Resting state - Eye closed - 25 min

Patients' rooms or in the nearest suitable location  
(Dimly and free from electrical devices as much as possible)

- PSD for noise assessment

10-20 Electrode mapping

Monopolar Montage (M2)

500 Hz

FIR band-pass filter (1 to 45 Hz)

# Preprocessing

- Artifact Subspace Reconstruction (ASR)
- wavelet enhanced Independent Component Analysis (wICA)
- Common average referencing (CAR)
- Frequency Separation
  - Entire Spectrum (1-45 Hz)
  - Delta (1-3 Hz)
  - Theta (3-7 Hz)
  - Alpha (7-12 Hz)
  - Beta I (12-18 Hz)
  - Beta II (18-24 Hz)
  - Beta III (24-30 Hz)
  - Gamma (30-45 Hz)

# Computational Methods

- Fractal Dimension (FD)
- Quadratic Sample Entropy (QSE)
- Quantile Graph (QG)
- Visibility Graph (VG)

Assumption

**Signal  
Complexity**  
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**y**

**Connectivity**  
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**Cognitive  
function**  
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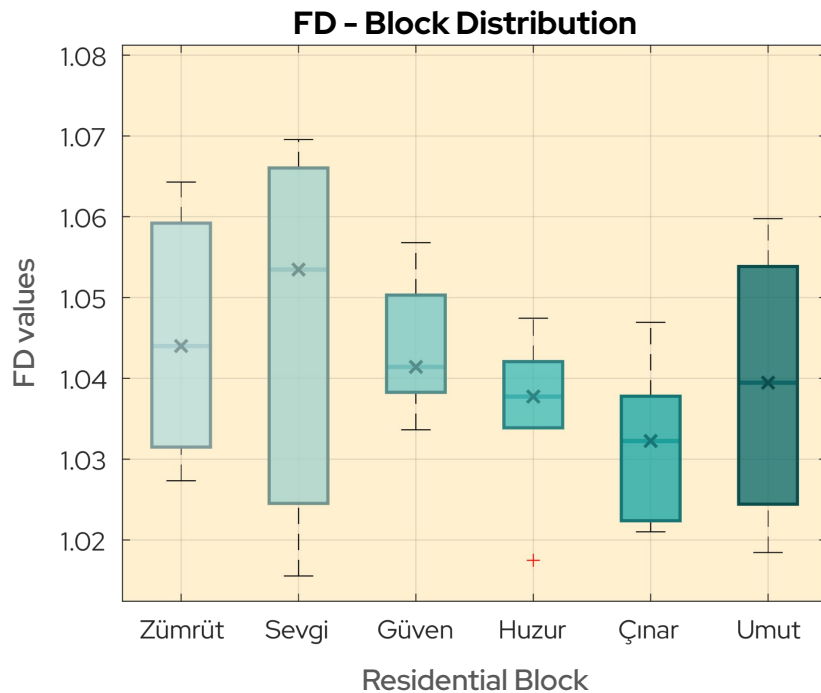
# FD – Fractal Dimension

A derived quantity that measures the **self-similarity** and **complexity** of a signal.

$$FD = \frac{\log(n)}{\log(n) + \log(d/L)}$$

Here:

- n: Total number of data points in the time series,
- xi: The i-th data point in the time series,
- L: Total waveform length of the time series,
- d: Maximum waveform diameter.



# QSE – Quadratic Sample Entropy

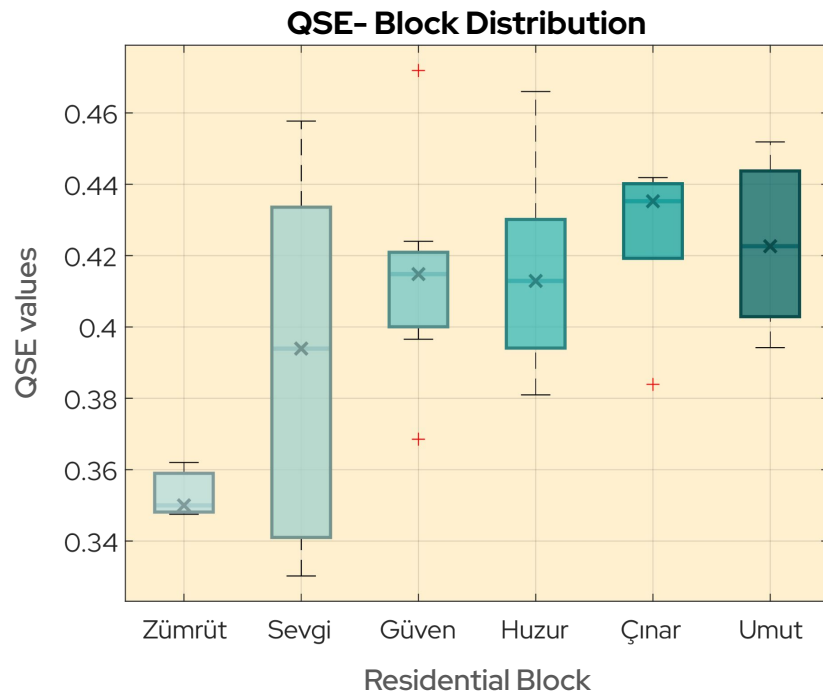
Entropy-based methods are used to quantify the **randomness** and **uncertainty** of signals.

$$\text{SampEn} = -\ln \left( \frac{A^m(r)}{B^m(r)} \right)$$

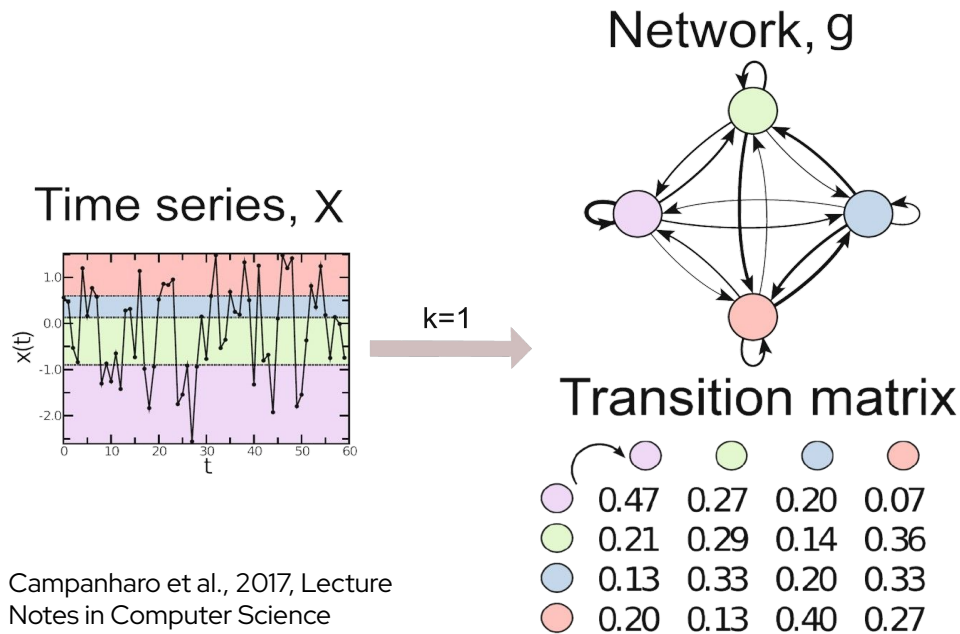
Here:

- m: Signal segment length,
- r: Tolerance,
- Bi: Count of matches at a distance of m for each segment,
- Ai: Count of matches at a distance of m + 1.

$$\text{QSE} = \text{SampEn} + \ln(2r)$$



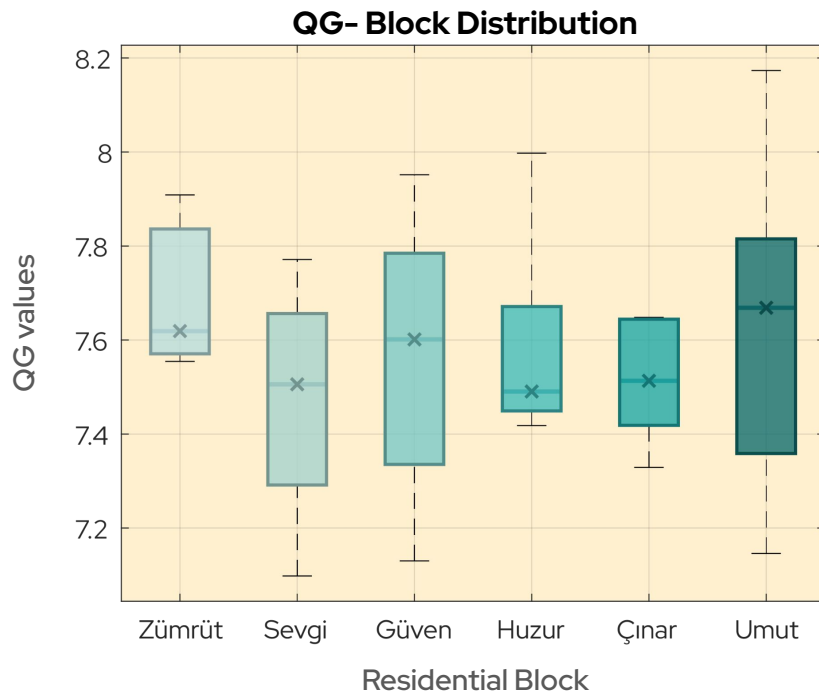
# QG – Quantile Graph



Campanharo et al., 2017, Lecture Notes in Computer Science

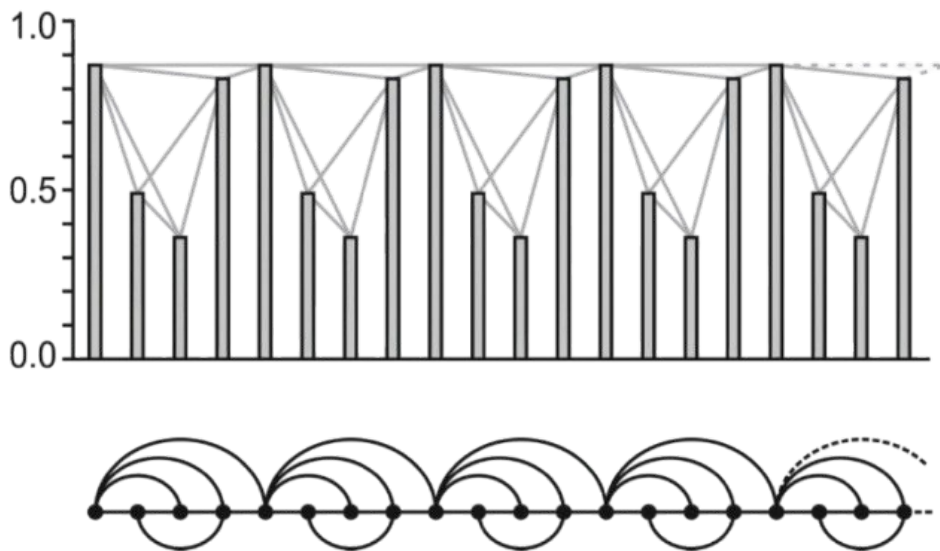
Average Jump Length

$$\Delta(k) = \frac{1}{Q} \text{tr}(PW_k^T)$$



# VG - Visibility Graph

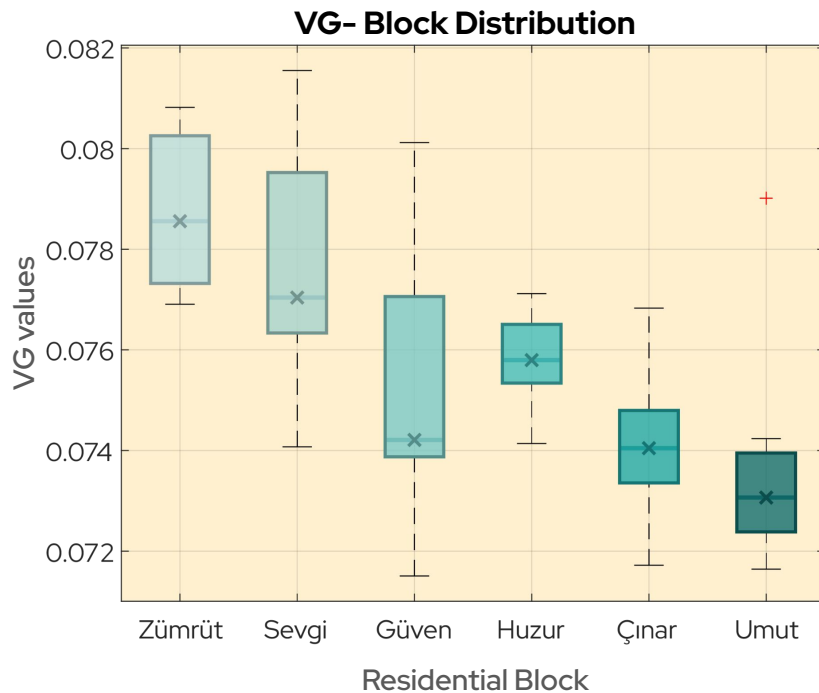
Time Series  $\longrightarrow$  Complex Network



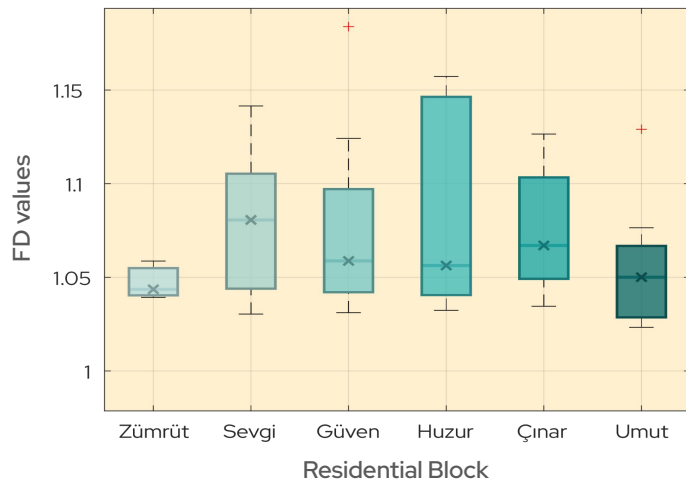
Kaynak: Lacasa et al., 2008, PNAS

Graph Index Complexity

$$\text{GIC} = 4c(1 - c)$$



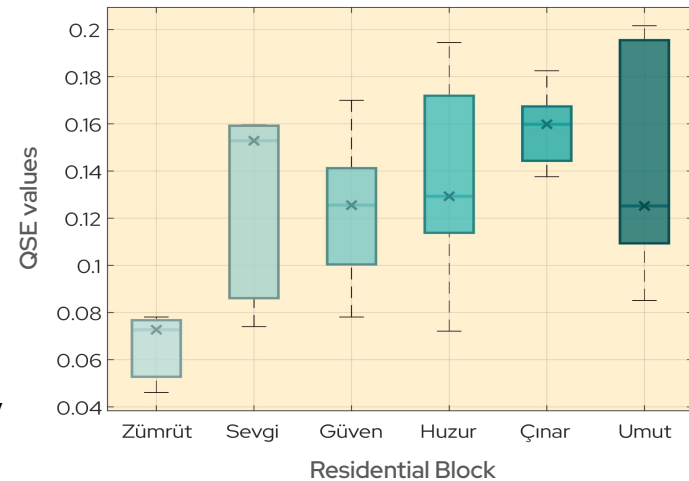
**FD (Gamma O2) - Block Distribution**



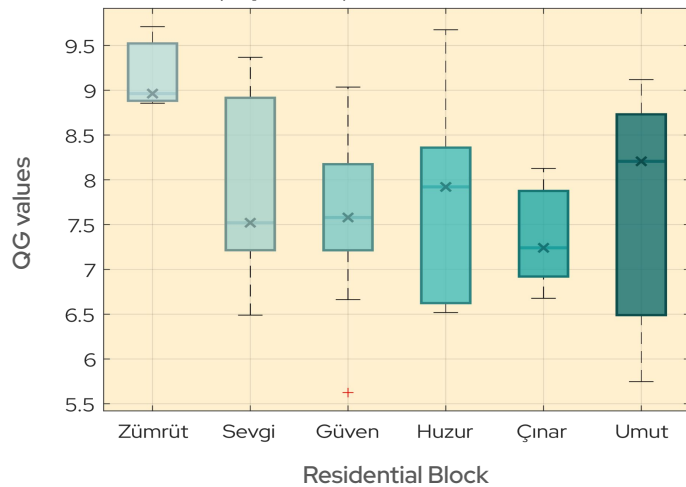
## Results

- Total 90 significant features combination,
- 3 from FD
- 48 from QSE
- 4 from QG
- 35 from VG

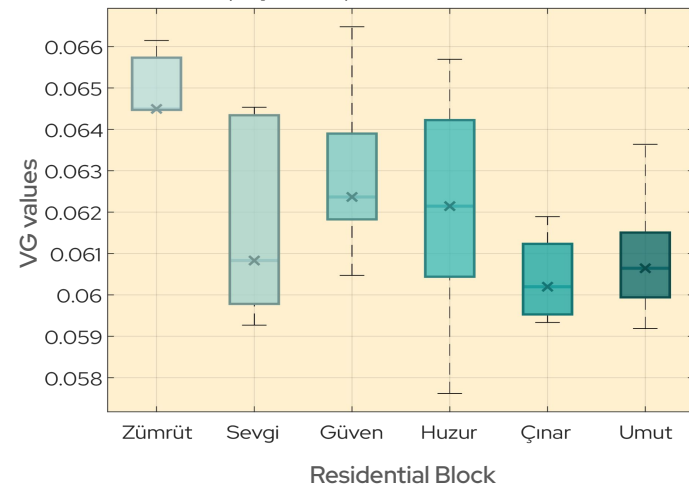
**QSE(Alpha O1) - Block Distribution**



**QG (Alpha O2) - Block Distribution**

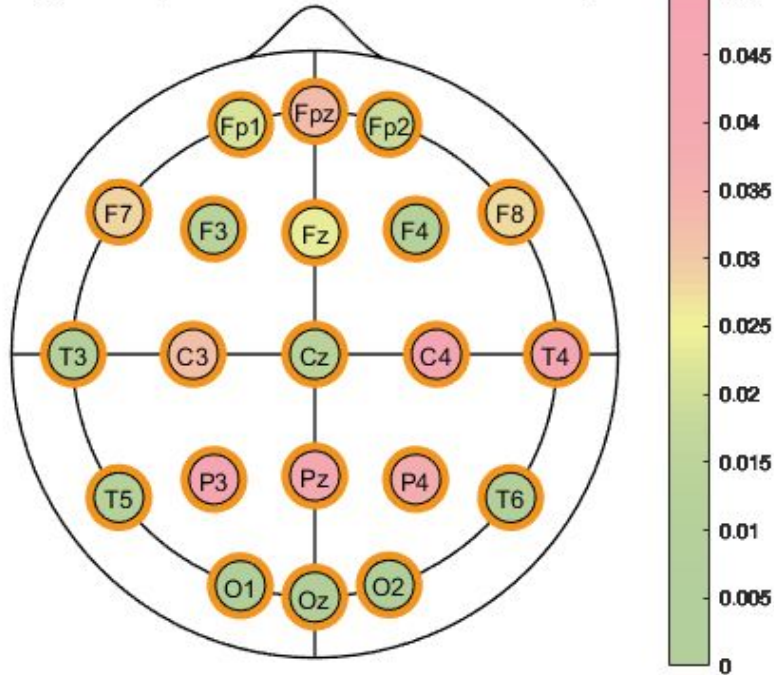


**VG (Alpha O1) - Block Distribution**



# Heatmaps of Frequency–Feature Pairs with Highest Correlations

QSE-Alpha band p values heatmap



VG-Alpha band p values heatmap

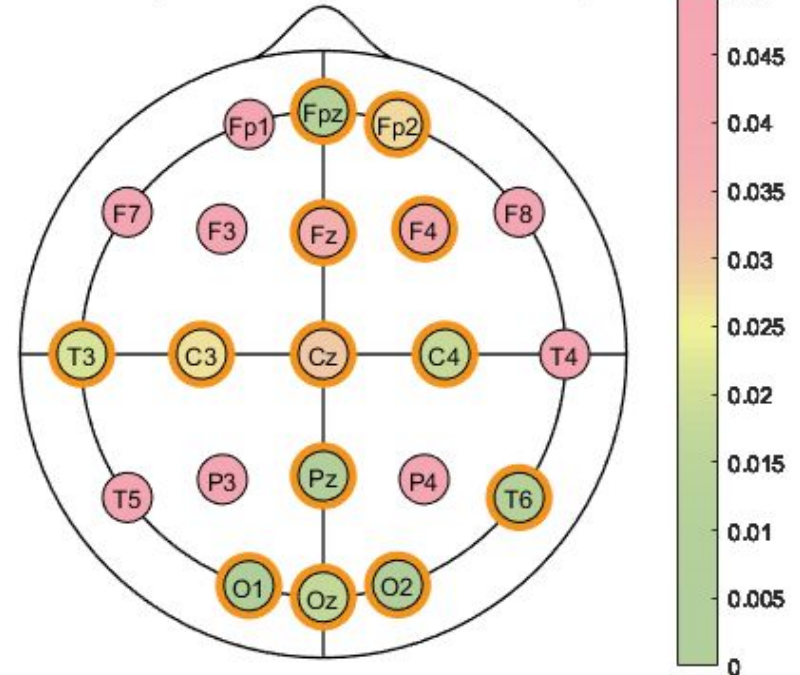


Table of Significant Correlations Between Frequency Bands and Electrode Locations

	Fp1	Fpz	Fp2	F7	F3	Fz	F4	F8	T3	C3	Cz	C4	T4	T5	P3	Pz	P4	T6	O1	Oz	O2	SUM
Entire Spectrum	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	2	13
Delta	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Theta	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Alpha	1	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	3	2	3	36
Betal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BetalI	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	10
BetalII	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	12
Gamma	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	13
SUM	3	5	5	1	2	4	6	1	8	2	5	2	1	1	1	2	2	10	10	8	11	90

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Anısına...

## In the Electrophysiology aspect:

- Neurodegenerative Disorders
- Autism SD. and Epileptic Syndrome in Children
- Functional food and effect



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Araştırma ve Üretim Alanı



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Merkez Araştırma  
Laboratuvarı

Moleküler Biyoloji ve Hücre Kültürü

Enstrümental Analiz

Model Organizma

Mikrobiyal Biyoteknoloji

Hesaplamalı Nörobilim

# Publications and ongoings

## 2025

Is Neurodegeneration Accelerated? Investigating Covid-19's Impact on Dementia via Functional Connectivity

Authors: Aynur Muduroglu-Kirmizibekmez, Alparslan Önder, Mustafa Yasir Ozdemir, Onder Yuksel Eryigit & Ertan Yurdakos

Journal: Archives of Neuropsychiatry (accepted)

Aronia Melanocarpa Extract May Modulate Brain Oscillations and Functional Connectivity: Evidence from EEG Analysis

Authors: Aynur Muduroglu-Kirmizibekmez, Alparslan Önder, Mustafa Yasir Ozdemir & Ihsan Kara

Journal: Namik Kemal Medical Journal (accepted)

Efficacy of ACTH Therapy in Children with Landau-Kleffner Syndrome and Autism Spectrum Disorder: A Retrospective Analysis

Authors: Atilla Altunel, Aynur Muduroglu-Kirmizibekmez, Alparslan Önder, Ozlem Altunel, Ali Sever & Ihsan Kara

Journal: Epilepsy & Behavior Journal

## 2024

Investigation of the Acute Impact of Rosemary Consumption on Brain Activity in Healthy Volunteers

Authors: Aynur Muduroglu-Kirmizibekmez, Ceren Cati, Alparslan Önder, Sevcan Aydin & Ihsan Kara

Journal: Nutritional Neuroscience Journal

## Ongoing

Investigation of Autism Diagnostic Biomarkers in Children with Developmental Disorders (2024–Present)

Team: Alparslan Önder, Mustafa Yasir Ozdemir, Aynur Muduroglu-Kirmizibekmez & Ihsan Kara

Effects of the Traditional Herb Astragaloside IV on Human Brain Waves (2024–Present)

Team: Aynur Muduroglu-Kirmizibekmez, Alparslan Önder, Mustafa Yasir Ozdemir, Sevcan Aydin, Ceren Cati & Ihsan Kara

A Longitudinal Investigation of Anthocyanin's Impact on EEG Abnormalities and Gut Microbiota in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (2024–Present)

Team: Aynur Muduroglu-Kirmizibekmez, Alparslan Önder, Mustafa Yasir Ozdemir, Sevcan Aydin & Ihsan Kara

Feeding the Mind: How Anthocyanins Shape Brain Activity and Gut Microbiota in Cognitive Impairments (2023–Present)

Team: Aynur Muduroglu-Kirmizibekmez, Alparslan Önder, Mustafa Yasir Ozdemir, Sevcan Aydin, Gamze Gurerc, Onder Yuksel Mehmet Oktar Guloglu & Ihsan Kara

The Effects of Anthocyanin Consumption on Functional Connectivity in Dementia and Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus (2023–Present)

Team: Aynur Muduroglu-Kirmizibekmez, Alparslan Önder, Mustafa Yasir Ozdemir, Onder Yuksel Eryigit & Ihsan Kara



# Questions

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