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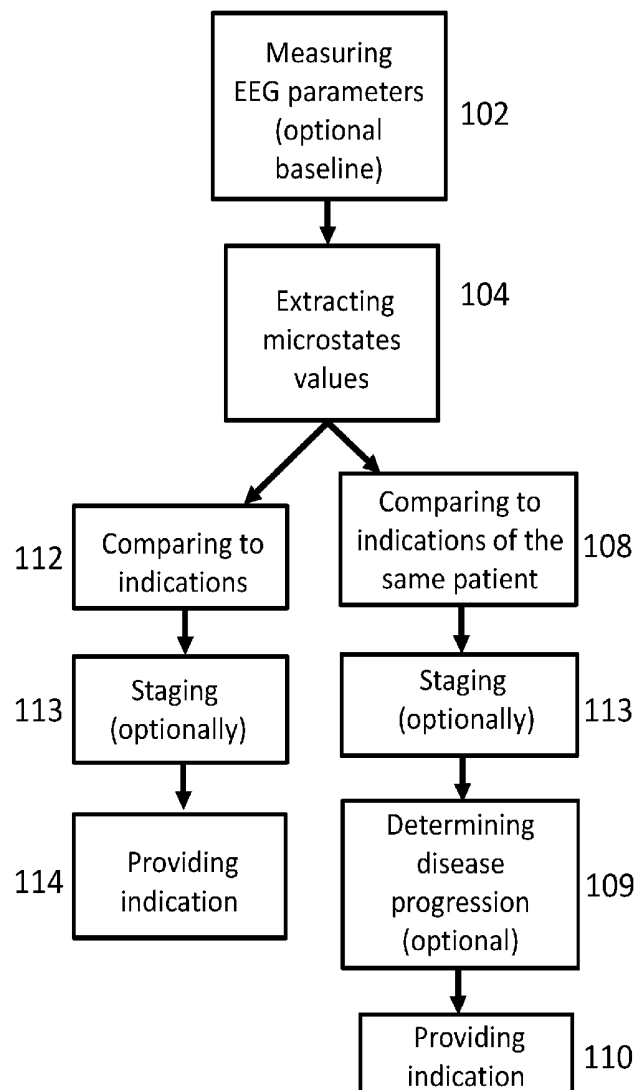
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A method for evaluating a treatment for a brain condition, including:
extracting one or more microstate parameter values from at least one EEG signal that was measured after the treatment;
evaluating at least one parameter of the treatment based on the one or more microstate parameter values.

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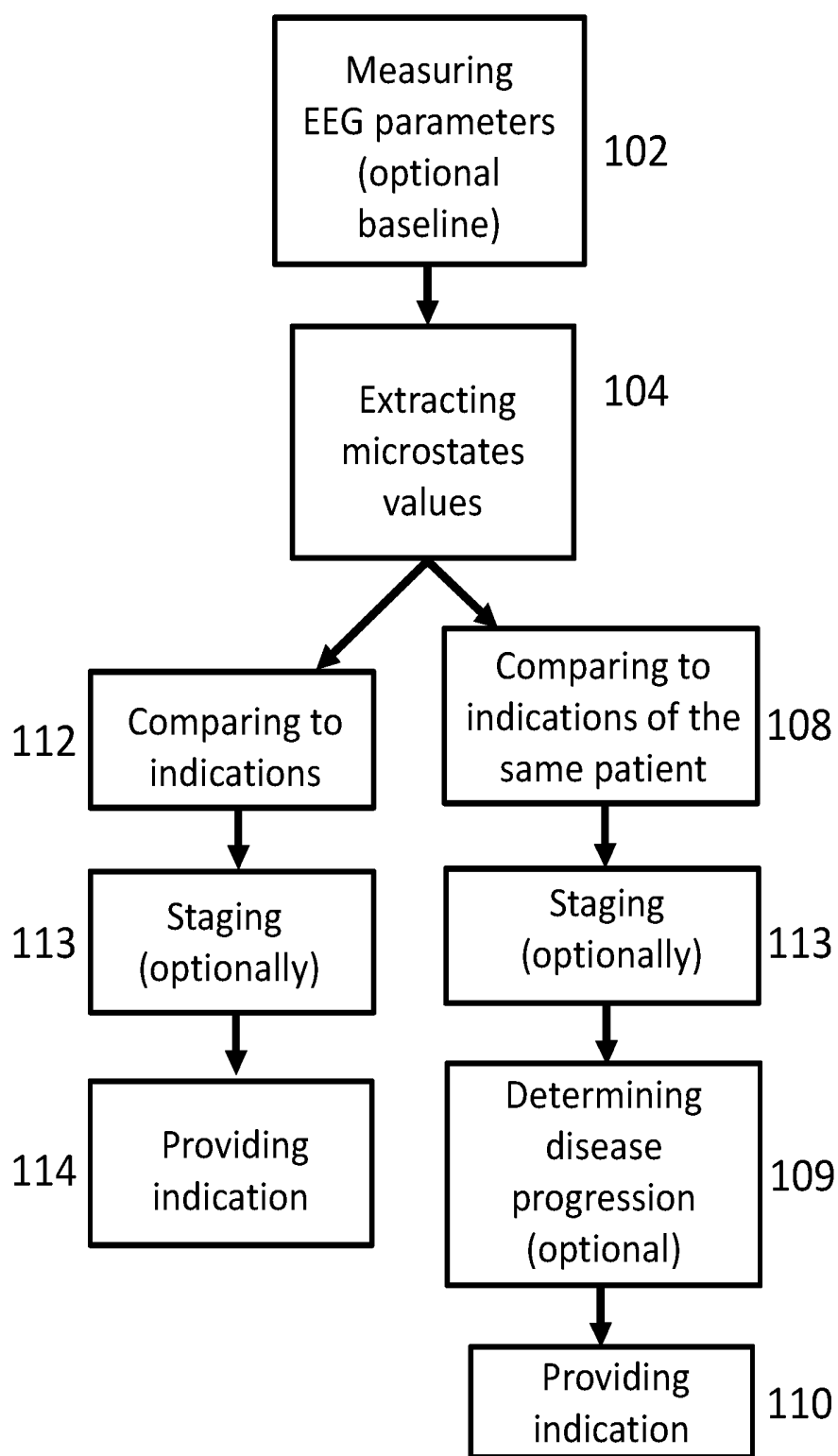


Fig. 1A

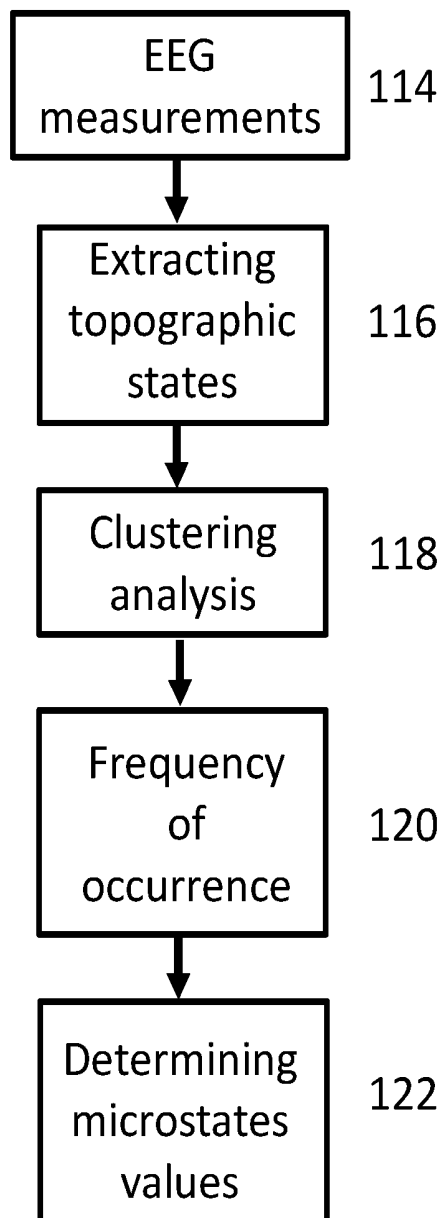


Fig. 1B

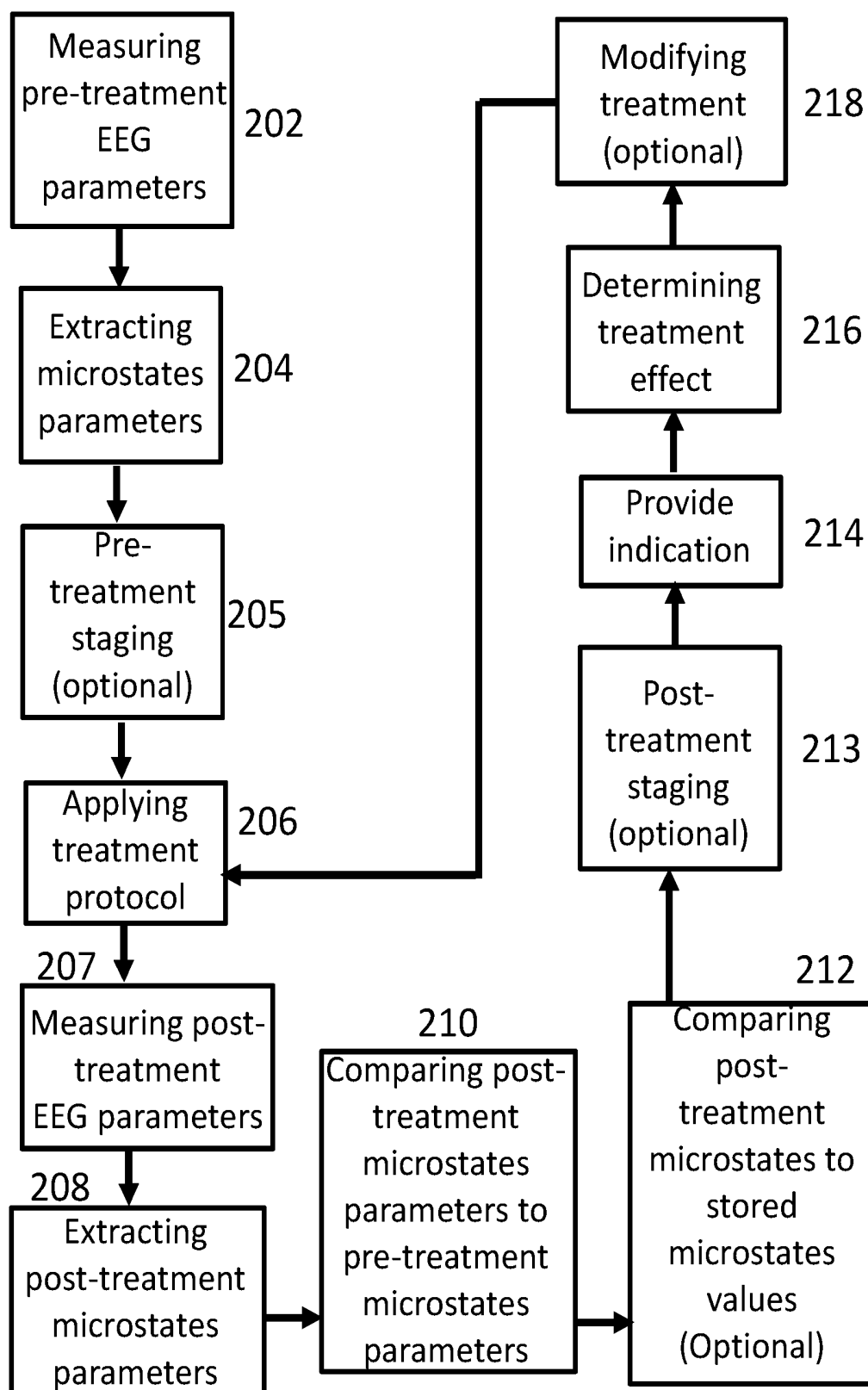
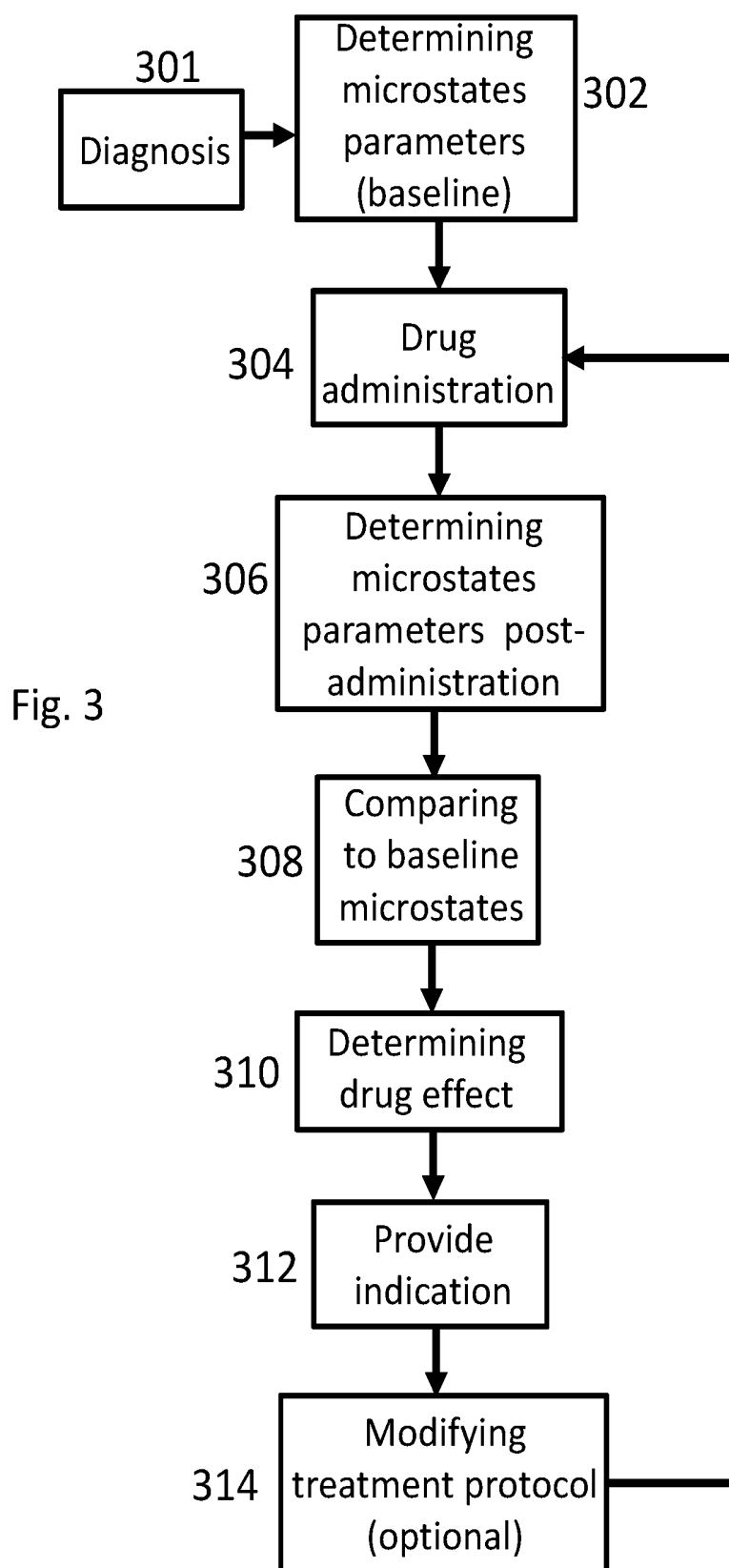


Fig. 2



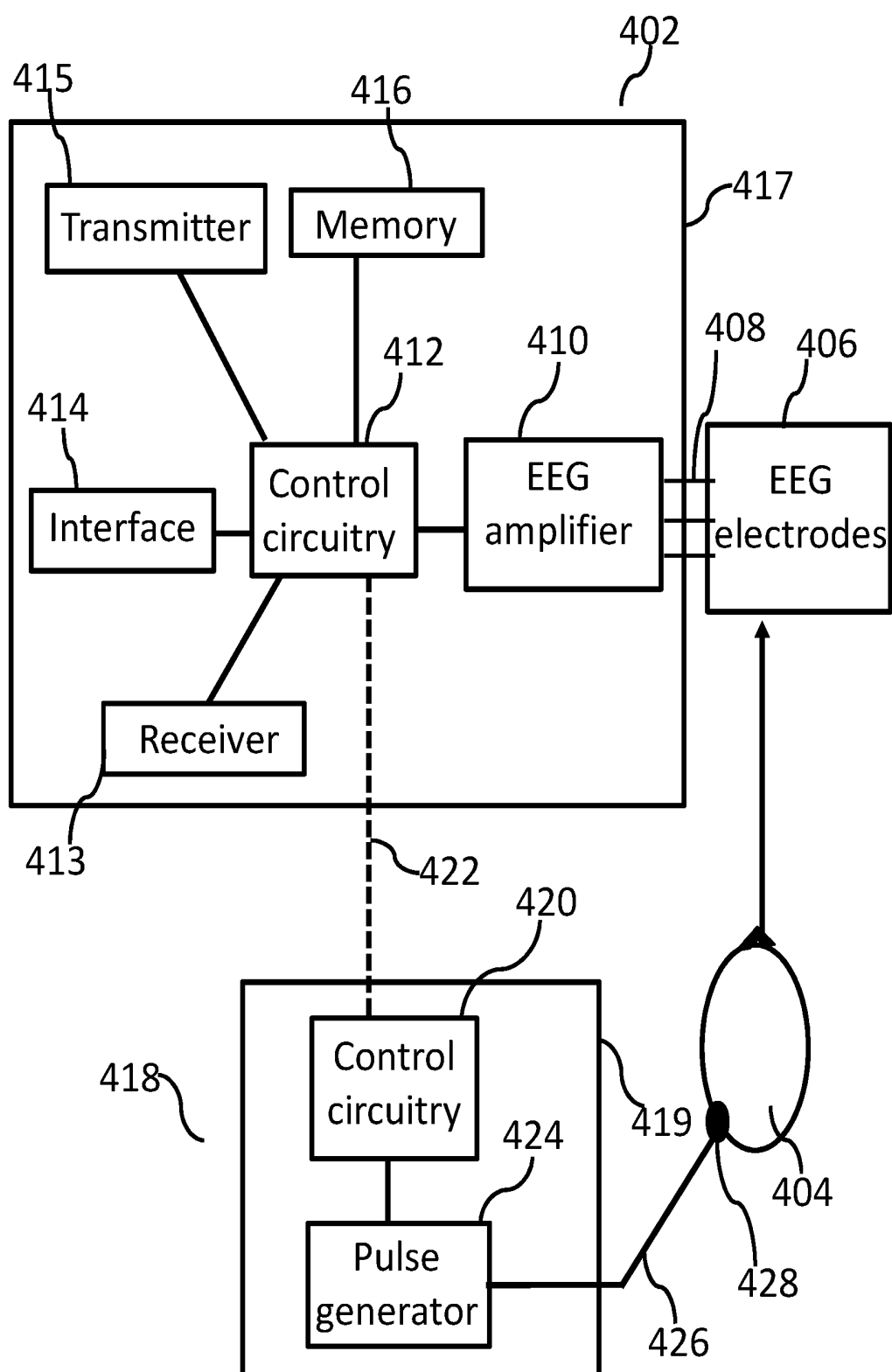


Fig. 4A

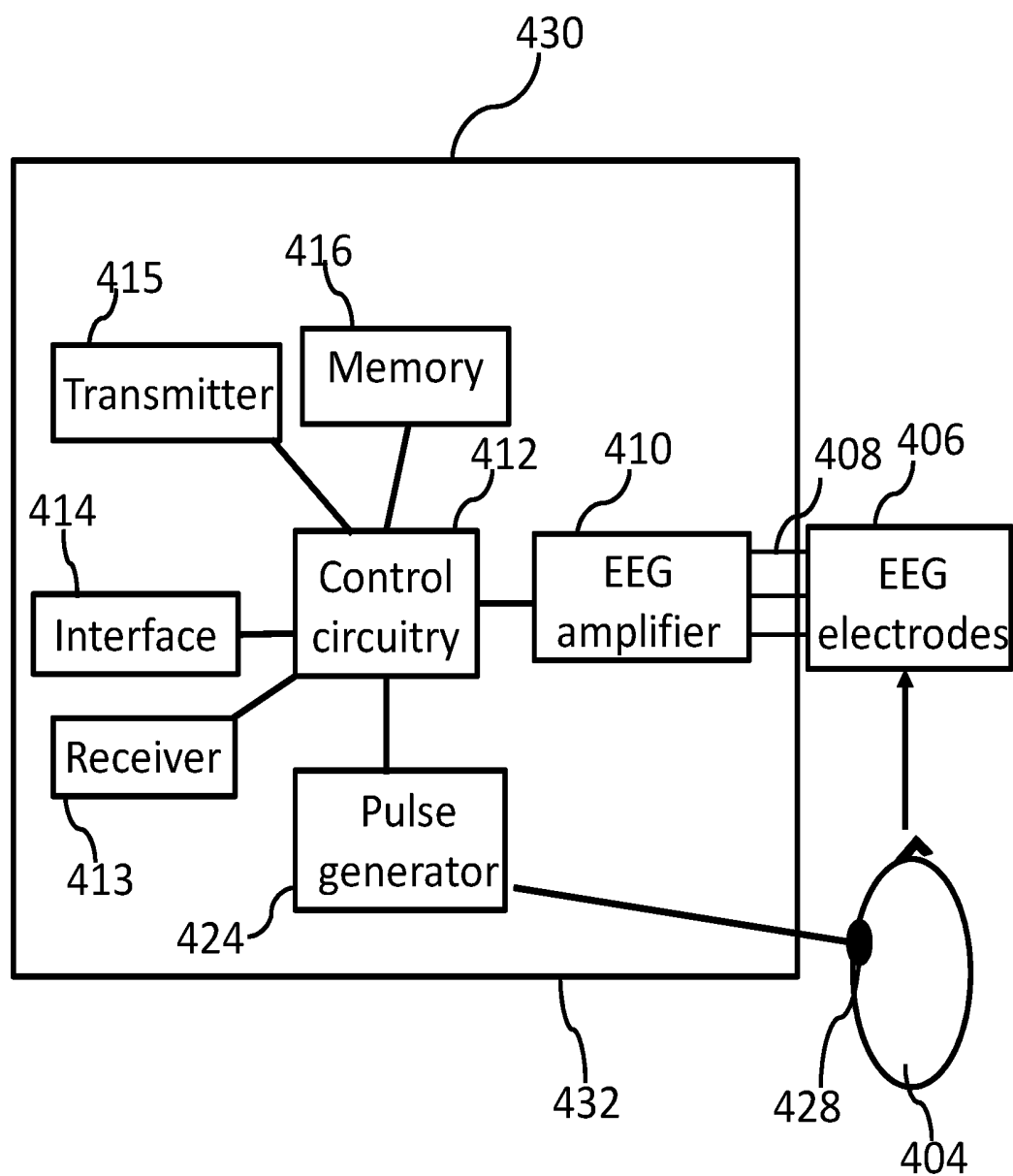


Fig. 4B

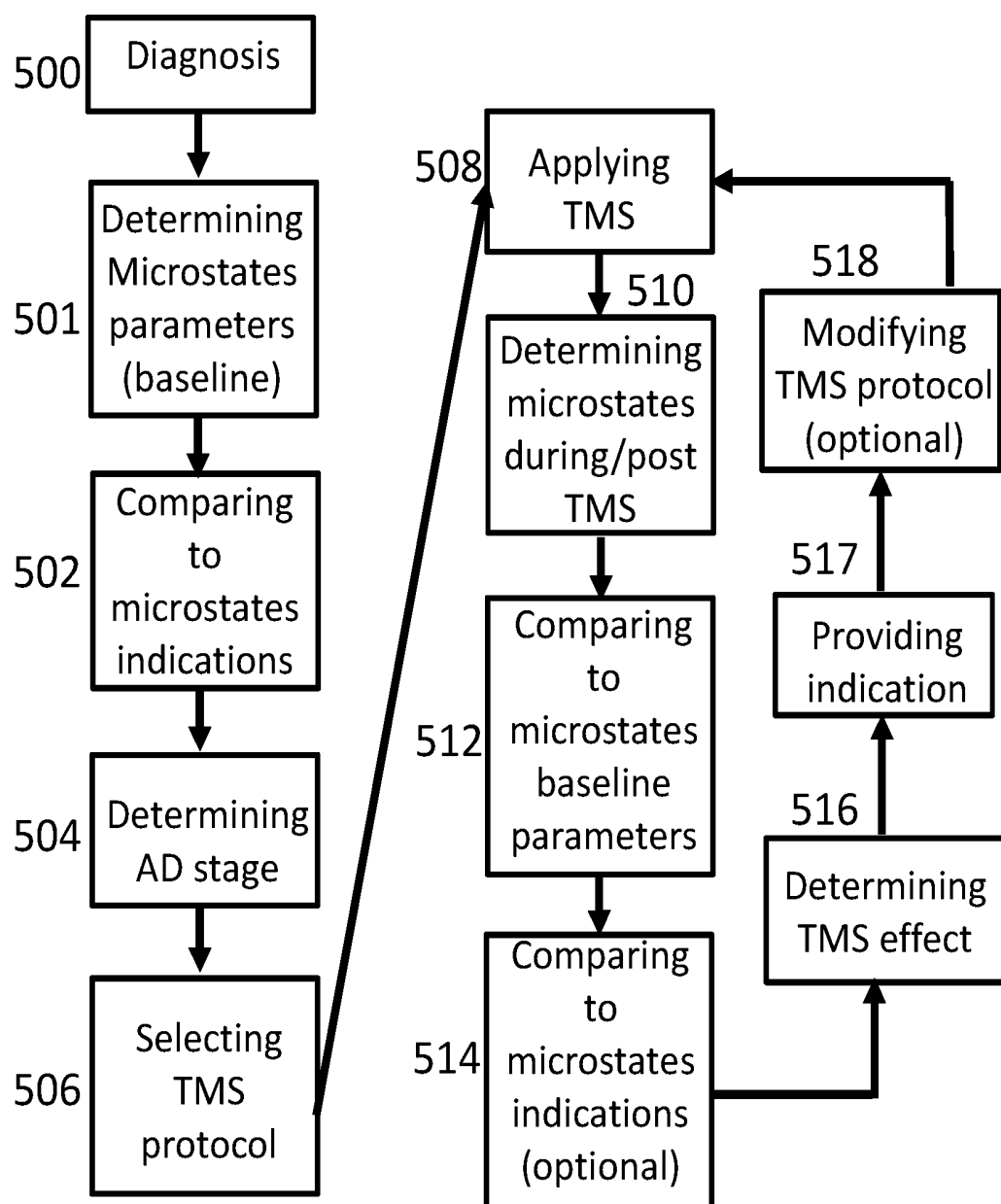
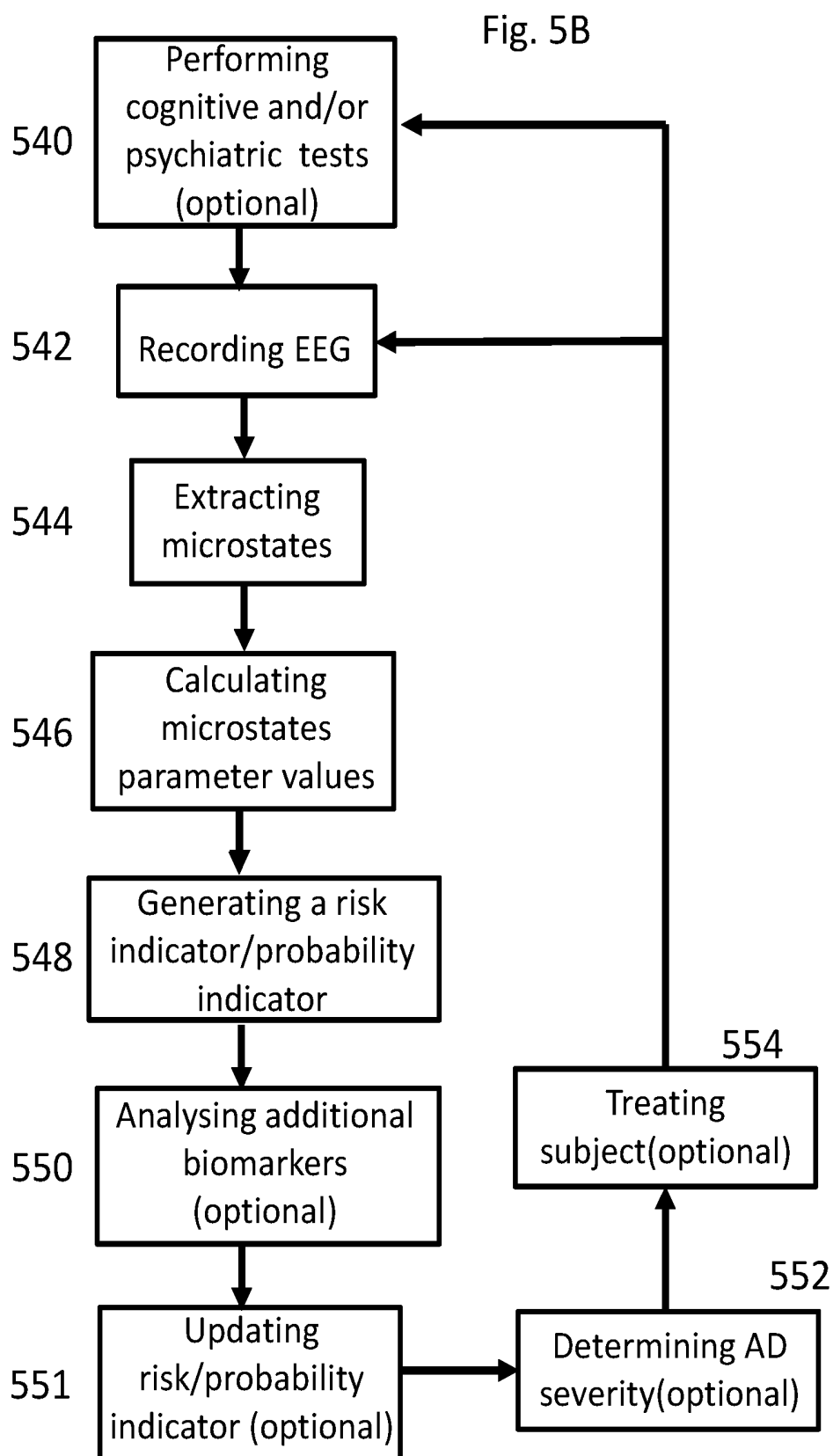


Fig. 5A



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Fig. 6A

Fig. 6B

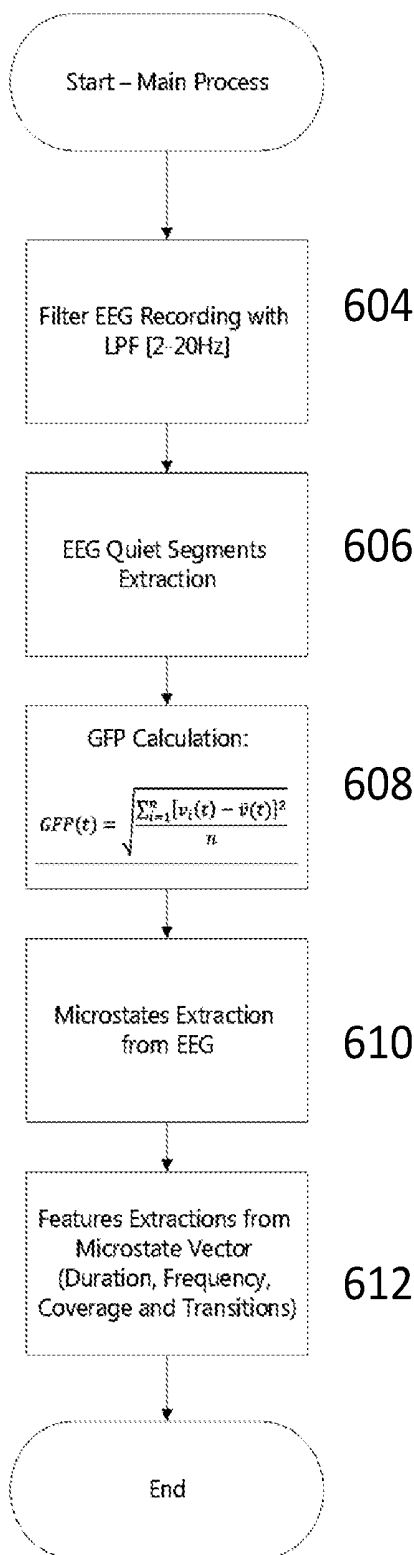


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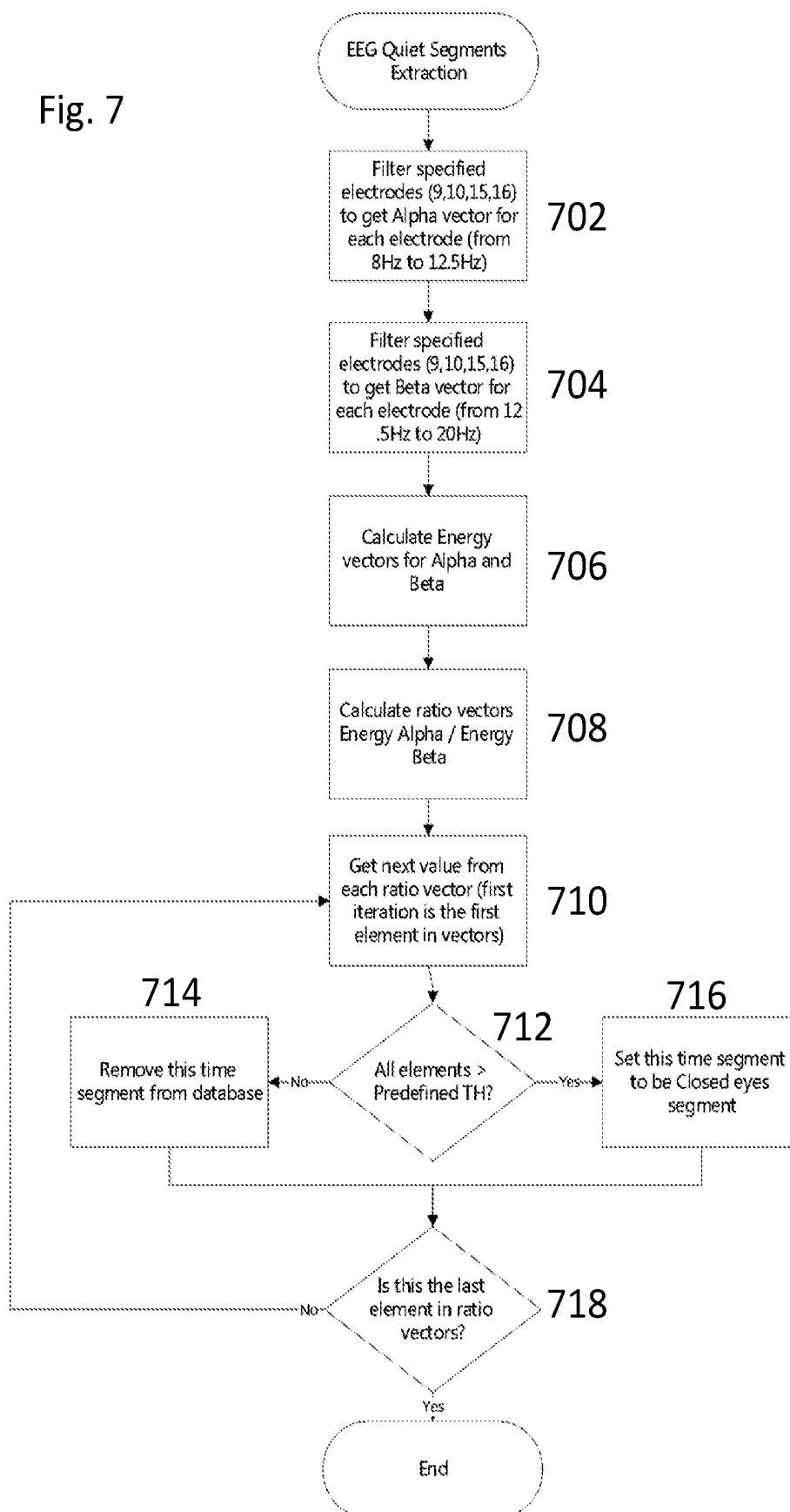


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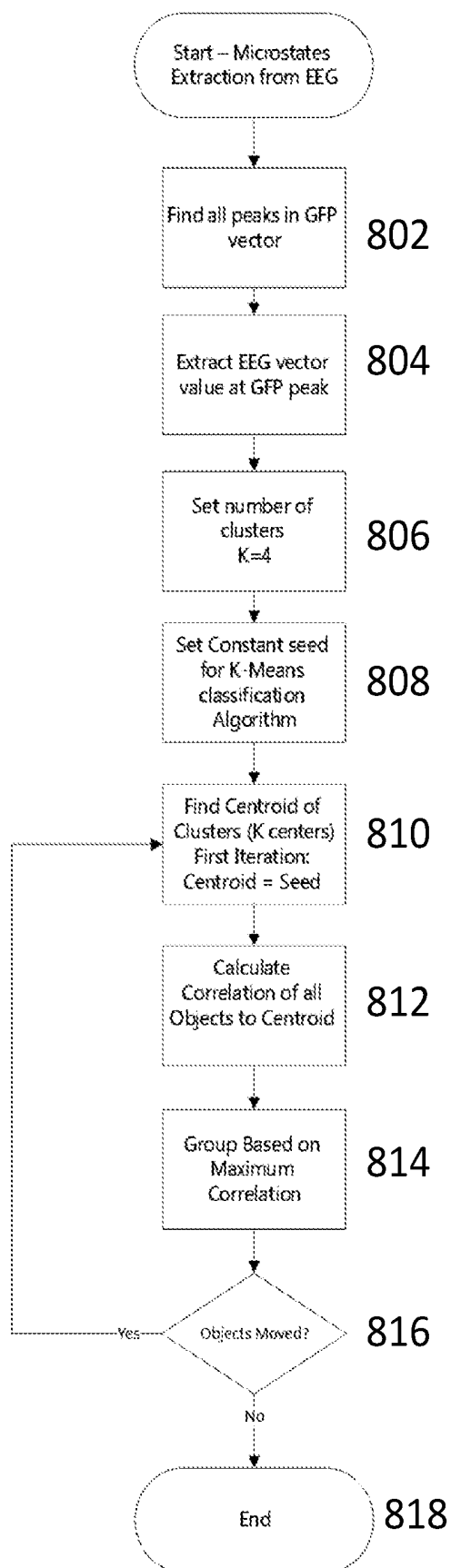


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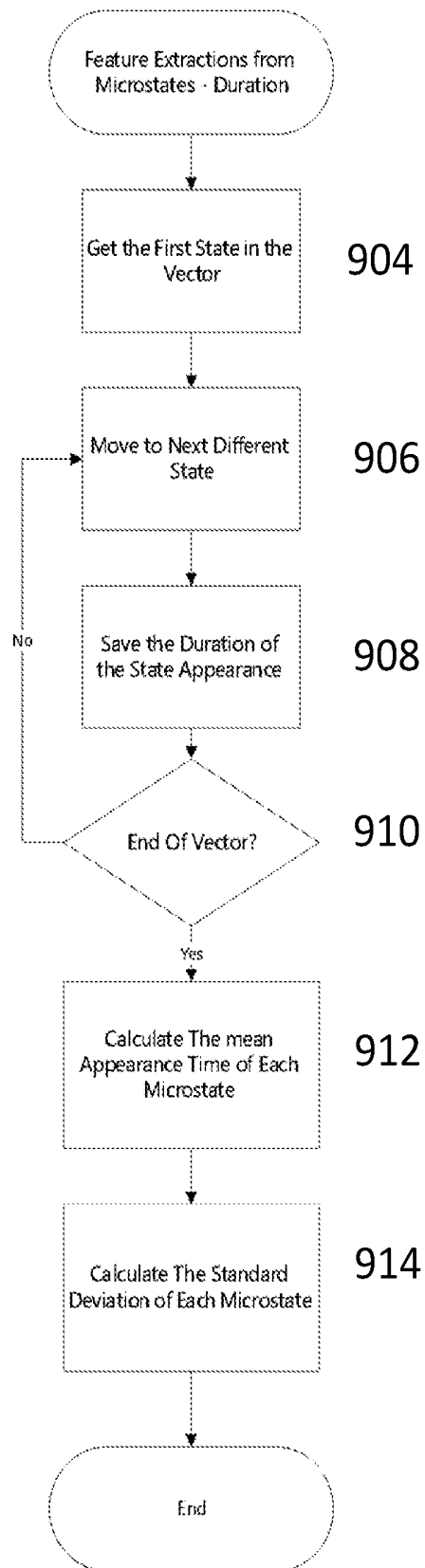
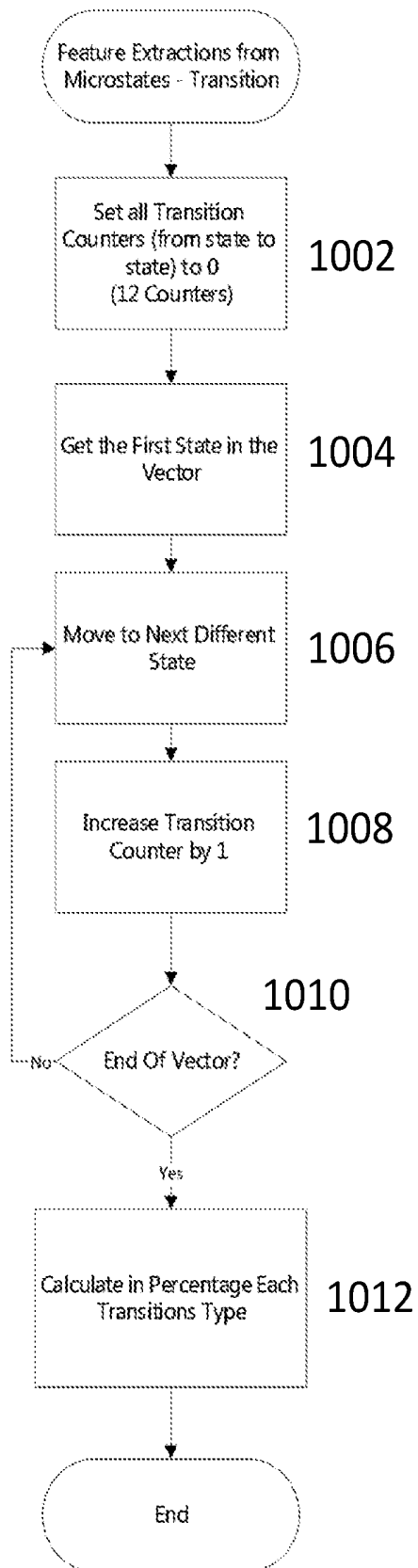


Fig. 10



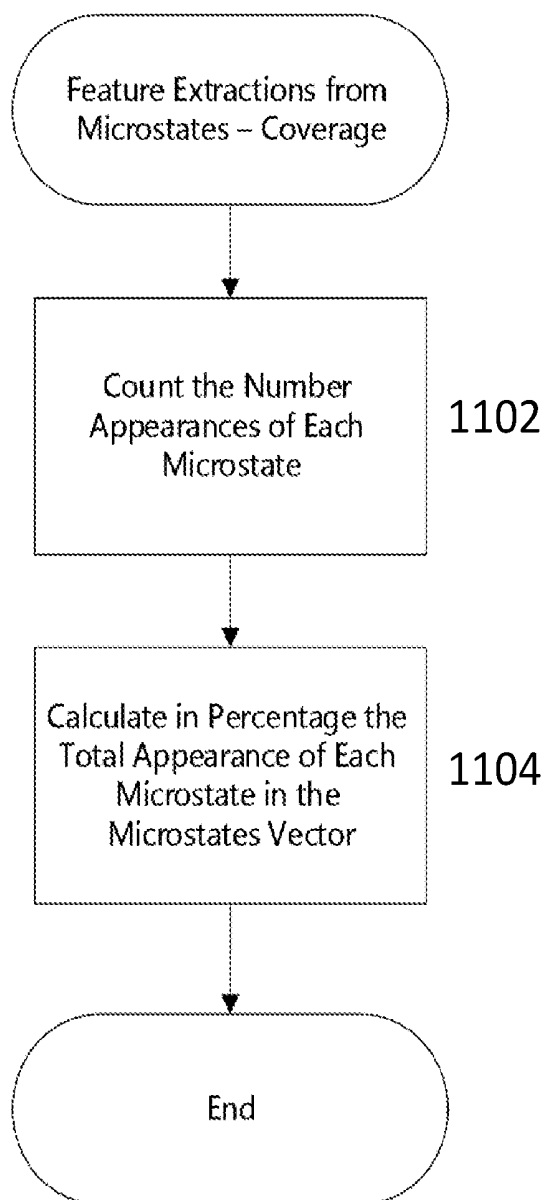


Fig. 11

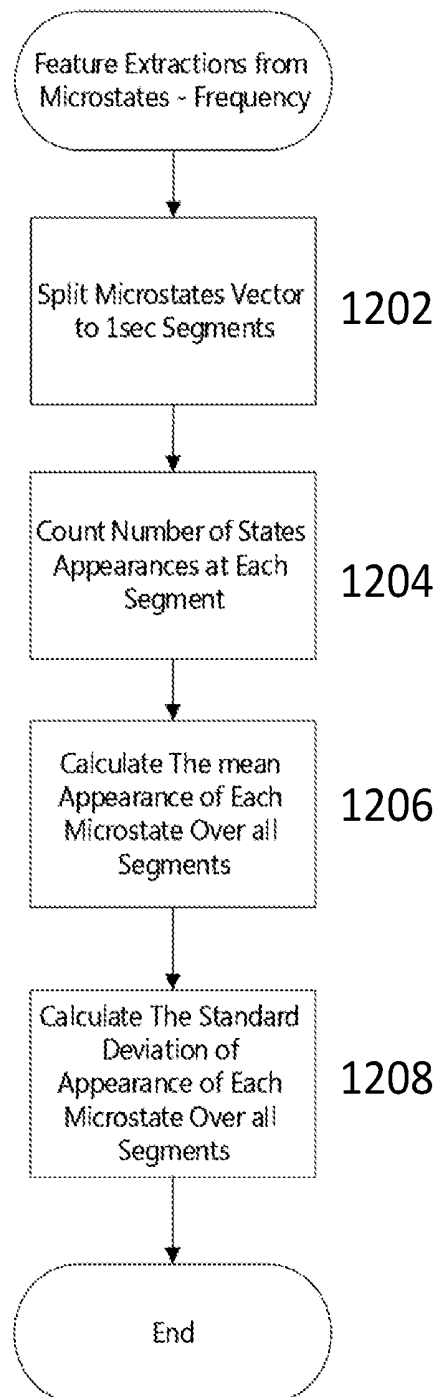


Fig. 12

Table 2: Pairwise Comparisons "SEED" clustering method

Measure: Mean Duration

(I) Type	(J) Type	Mean Difference (I-J)	Std. Error	Sig. ^b	95% Confidence Interval for Difference ^b	
					Lower Bound	Upper Bound
DEM	DEP	.003	.002	.137	-.001	.007
	NOR	.006*	.002	.002	.002	.010
DEP	DEM	-.003	.002	.137	-.007	.001
	NOR	.003	.002	.131	-.001	.007
NOR	DEM	-.006*	.002	.002	-.010	-.002
	DEP	-.003	.002	.131	-.007	.001

Based on estimated marginal means

*. The mean difference is significant at the .05 level.

b. Adjustment for multiple comparisons: Least Significant Difference (equivalent to no adjustments).

Fig. 13

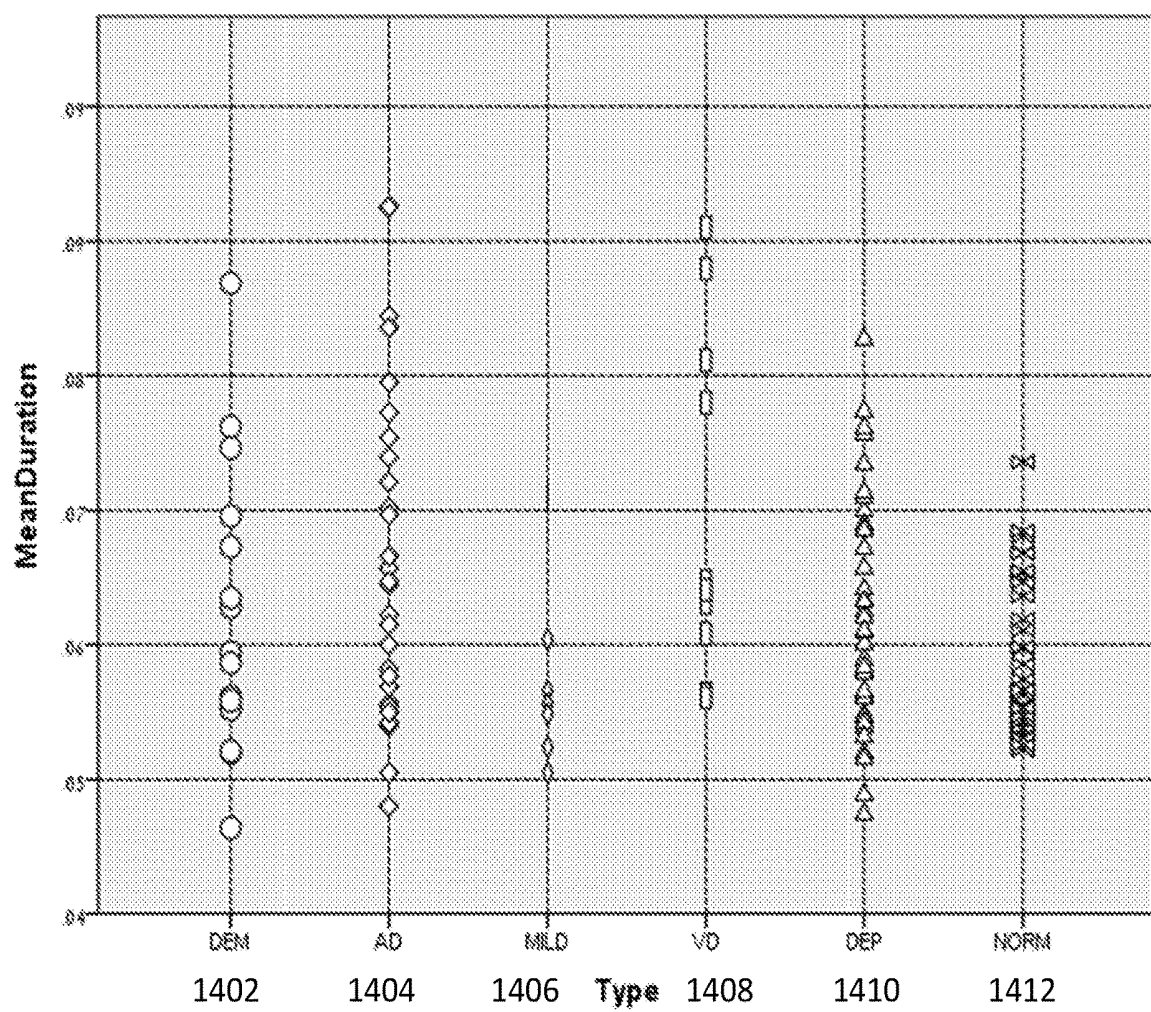


Fig. 14

EEG MICROSTATES FOR CONTROLLING NEUROLOGICAL TREATMENT

FIELD AND BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0001] The present invention, in some embodiments thereof, relates to measurements of electroencephalography (EEG) microstates and, more particularly, but not exclusively, to measurements of EEG microstates in combination with a neurological treatment.

[0002] U.S. Pat. No. 6,983,184 describes a method for modifying a particular electrophysiological feature generated in response to a stimulus.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

[0003] Following are some examples of some embodiments of the invention:

[0004] Example 1. A method for evaluating a treatment for a brain condition, comprising:

[0005] extracting one or more microstate parameter values from at least one EEG signal that was measured after the treatment; and

[0006] evaluating at least one parameter of the treatment based on the one or more microstate parameter values.

[0007] Example 2. The method of example 1, wherein the microstate parameter values represent at least one brain activity state and/or at least one cognitive state.

[0008] Example 3. The method of example 1 or 2, further comprising determining if the one or more microstate parameters values are in a desired range of values and/or in a desired relation from at least one indication or value.

[0009] Example 4. The method of example 3, wherein the determining further comprises:

[0010] comparing the one or more microstates parameters values to at least one desired value and/or an indication of a desired value;

[0011] wherein the desired value and/or the indication of a desired value is in the desired range of values.

[0012] Example 5. The method of examples 3 or 4, wherein the extracting further comprises extracting one or more microstate parameters values from at least one EEG signal that was measured before the treatment.

[0013] Example 6. The method of example 5, wherein the determining further comprises comparing one or more microstate parameters values of an EEG signal that was measured after the treatment, to one or more microstate parameters values of an EEG signal that was measured before the treatment, and determining a change in at least one of the microstate parameters values.

[0014] Example 7. The method of example 6, wherein the determining further comprises determining if the change in at least one of the microstate parameters values is a desired change.

[0015] Example 8. The method of any of the previous examples, wherein the microstate parameters values represent brain activity related to at least one cognitive domain selected from a list comprising: memory, language, visuospatial ability, attention and/or executive function.

[0016] Example 9. The method of example 8, wherein the memory further comprises the ability to learn and/or to recall information.

[0017] Example 10. The method of examples 8 or 9, wherein the language further comprises comprehension and/or expression abilities related to language.

[0018] Example 11. The method of any one of examples 8 to 10, wherein the visuospatial ability further comprises comprehension and/or effective manipulation of non-verbal and/or graphic and/or geographic information.

[0019] Example 12. The method of any one of examples 8 to 11, wherein the executive function further comprises the ability to plan and/or perform abstract reasoning and/or solve problems, and/or focus despite distractions and/or shift focus when appropriate.

[0020] Example 13. The method of any one of the previous examples, further comprising:

[0021] modifying at least one parameter of the treatment if the one or more microstate parameters values is not a desired value.

[0022] Example 14. The method of any one of the previous examples, wherein the microstate parameters comprise resting state microstate parameters, and wherein the EEG signal is measured when an individual is not actively engaged in sensory and/or cognitive processing.

[0023] Example 15. The method of any of the previous examples, wherein the brain condition comprises dementia or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder or Attention Deficit Disorder.

[0024] Example 16. The method of example 15, wherein the dementia comprises Alzheimer's disease (AD), Vascular dementia, Dementia with Lewy Bodies (DLB), Mixed dementia, Parkinson's disease related dementia, Frontotemporal dementia, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD), Normal pressure hydrocephalus related dementia and/or Huntington's disease related dementia.

[0025] Example 17. The method of any of the previous examples, wherein the evaluating further comprises evaluating the efficacy and/or the efficiency of the treatment.

[0026] Example 18. The method of example 17, further comprising:

[0027] delivering a TMS by at least one magnetic coil attached to the scalp, before the extracting.

[0028] Example 19. The method of example 18, further comprising:

[0029] modifying at least one parameter of the TMS based on the efficacy.

[0030] Example 20. The method of example 19, wherein the at least one parameter comprises TMS pulse frequency, magnetic field strength, pulse duration, number of pulses per a single train of pulses, number of trains per a treatment session and/or interval time between each the train of pulses.

[0031] Example 21. The method of examples 19 or 20, wherein the parameter comprises a location on the scalp for positioning the magnetic coil.

[0032] Example 22. The method of any one of examples 18 to 21, wherein the TMS is selectively delivered to one or more brain regions comprising prefrontal cortex, dorsolateral prefrontal cortex, Broca, parietal somatosensory association cortex, ventrolateral prefrontal cortex, inferior frontal gyms, motor cortex, and/or cerebellum.

[0033] Example 23. The method of any one of examples 18 to 22, wherein the TMS comprises repetitive TMS with a frequency of 1-9 Hertz.

[0034] Example 24. The method of any one of examples 18 to 23, wherein the TMS is delivered to less than 50% of the brain's volume.

[0035] Example 25. The method of any one of examples 3 to 17, further comprising:

[0036] administering at least one drug to treat the brain condition.

[0037] Example 26. The method of example 25, further comprising:

[0038] changing a dosage and/or administration timing of the drug based on the determining.

[0039] Example 27. The method of examples 25 or 26, further comprising:

[0040] replacing the at least one drug with a different drug for treating the brain condition after the determining.

[0041] Example 28. The method of any of the previous examples, wherein the extracting comprises generating at least two topographic microstate maps and/or the occurrence time of each topographic microstate map.

[0042] Example 29. A method for staging a clinical condition based on an EEG signal, comprising:

[0043] extracting one or more microstate parameter values from a first EEG signal; and

[0044] staging the clinical condition based on at least one microstate parameter value of the extracted microstate parameter values, wherein the microstate parameter values represent at least one brain activity state and/or at least one stage of the clinical condition.

[0045] Example 30. The method of example 29, further comprising:

[0046] selecting a treatment to treat the clinical condition based on the staging.

[0047] Example 31. The method of examples 29 or 30, further comprising:

[0048] modifying one or more parameters of a treatment protocol for the clinical condition based on the staging.

[0049] Example 32. The method of example 31, wherein the parameters of a treatment protocol comprise the intensity of the treatment and/or the duration of the treatment protocol and/or the time interval between at least two consecutive treatment sessions of the treatment protocol.

[0050] Example 33. The method of any one of examples 29 to 32, wherein the staging further comprises:

[0051] comparing the one or more microstate parameters values to at least one microstate indication which represents at least one cognitive and/or clinical condition.

[0052] Example 34. The method of any one of examples 29 to 33, comprising:

[0053] measuring a second EEG signal after a pre-determined time from the first EEG signal; and

[0054] wherein the extracting further comprises extracting one or more microstate parameter values from the second EEG signal.

[0055] Example 35. The method of example 34, further comprising:

[0056] determining a progression of the clinical condition based on a least one differential indication between one or more microstate parameter values of the second EEG signal and the one or more microstate parameter values of the first EEG signal.

[0057] Example 36. The method of example 35, wherein the progression comprises progression from a cognitively normal state to mild cognitive impairment.

[0058] Example 37. The method of example 35, wherein the progression comprises progression from mild cognitive impairment to mild Alzheimer's disease.

[0059] Example 38. The method of example 35, wherein the progression comprises progression from mild Alzheimer's disease to moderate Alzheimer's disease,

[0060] Example 39. The method of any one of examples 29 to 38, wherein the microstate parameters values represent brain activity related to at least one cognitive domain comprising memory, language, visuospatial ability, attention and/or executive function.

[0061] Example 40. The method of example 39, wherein the memory further comprises the ability to learn and/or to recall information.

[0062] Example 41. The method of examples 39 or 40, wherein the language further comprises comprehension and/or expression abilities related to language.

[0063] Example 42. The method of any one of example 39 to 41, wherein the visuospatial ability further comprises comprehension and/or effective manipulation of non-verbal and/or graphic and/or geographic information.

[0064] Example 43. The method of any one of examples 39 to 42, wherein the executive function further comprises the ability to plan and/or perform abstract reasoning and/or solve problems, and/or focus despite distractions and/or shift focus when appropriate.

[0065] Example 44. The method of any one of examples 29 to 43, wherein the clinical condition comprises Alzheimer's disease, and/or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and/or Attention Deficit Disorder.

[0066] Example 45. The method of any one of examples 29 to 44 wherein the at least one stage comprises mild cognitive impairment and/or mild Alzheimer's disease.

[0067] Example 46. The method of any one of examples 29 to 45, wherein the microstate parameters comprise resting state microstate parameters, and wherein the EEG signal is measured when an individual is not actively engaged in sensory and/or cognitive processing.

[0068] Example 47. The method of any one of examples 29 to 46, wherein the microstate parameter values comprise at least two topographic microstate maps and/or the occurrence time of each topographic microstate map.

[0069] Example 48. A device for determining a clinical stage of a brain condition, comprising:

[0070] a memory, wherein the memory stores microstates indications that reflects at least one stage of the brain condition;

[0071] a control circuitry connected to at least one EEG electrode and to the memory, wherein the control circuitry extracts at least one microstates parameters values from an EEG signal, measured by the at least one EEG electrode and determines the stage of the clinical condition based on the at least one microstates parameters values and the microstates indications stored in the memory.

[0072] Example 49. The device of example 48, wherein the control circuitry selects a treatment protocol adjusted for treating the stage of a clinical condition; and wherein the memory stores the treatment protocol.

[0073] Example 50. The device of examples 48 or 49, wherein the control circuitry modifies at least one parameter of a treatment protocol for the treatment of the clinical condition, to adjust the treatment protocol for treating the stage of the clinical condition; and

[0074] wherein the memory stores the treatment protocol.

[0075] Example 51. The device of examples 49 or 50, further comprising a transmitter; wherein the transmitter

transmits the treatment protocol for treating the stage of the clinical condition to a magnetic stimulation device.

[0076] Example 52. The device of any one of examples 48 to 51, wherein the brain condition comprises Alzheimer's disease or mild cognitive impairment or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder or Attention Deficit Disorder.

[0077] Example 53. The device of any one of examples 48 to 52, wherein the microstate parameters comprise resting state microstate parameters, and wherein the EEG signal is measured when an individual is not actively engaged in sensory and/or cognitive processing.

[0078] Following are some additional examples of some embodiments of the invention:

[0079] Example 1. method for evaluating a treatment for a brain condition, comprising:

[0080] extracting one or more microstate parameter values from at least one EEG signal that was measured after the treatment; and

[0081] evaluating at least one parameter of the treatment based on the one or more microstate parameter values.

[0082] Example 2. The method of example 1, wherein the microstate parameter values represent at least one brain activity state and/or at least one cognitive state.

[0083] Example 3. The method of examples 1 or 2, further comprising determining if the one or more microstate parameters values is in a desired range of values and/or in a desired relation from at least one indication or value.

[0084] Example 4. The method of example 3, wherein the determining further comprises:

[0085] comparing the one or more microstates parameters values to at least one desired value and/or an indication of a desired value;

[0086] wherein the desired value and/or the indication of a desired value is in the desired range of values.

[0087] Example 5. The method of claim 3 or 4, wherein the extracting further comprises extracting one or more microstate parameters values from at least one EEG signal that was measured before the treatment.

[0088] Example 6. The method of example 5, wherein the determining further comprises comparing one or more microstate parameters values of an EEG signal that was measured after the treatment, to one or more microstate parameters values of an EEG signal that was measured before the treatment, and determining a change in at least one of the microstate parameters values.

[0089] Example 7. The method of example 6, wherein the determining further comprises determining if the change in at least one of the microstate parameters values is a desired change.

[0090] Example 8. The method of any of the previous examples, wherein the microstate parameters values represent brain activity related to at least one cognitive domain selected from a list comprising: memory, language, visuospatial ability, attention, abstract thinking, planning and/or executive function.

[0091] Example 9. The method of any one of the previous examples, further comprising:

[0092] modifying at least one parameter of the treatment if the one or more microstate parameters values is not a desired value.

[0093] Example 10. The method of any one of the previous examples, wherein the microstate parameters comprise resting state networks or resting state microstate parameters,

and wherein the EEG signal is measured when an individual is not actively engaged in sensory and/or cognitive processing.

[0094] Example 11. The method of any of the previous examples, wherein the brain condition comprises Mild cognitive impairment (MCI), dementia or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder or Attention Deficit Disorder or Depression.

[0095] Example 12. The method of example 11, wherein the dementia comprises Alzheimer's disease (AD), Vascular dementia, Dementia with Lewy Bodies (DLB), Mixed dementia, Parkinson's disease related dementia, Frontotemporal dementia, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD), Normal pressure hydrocephalus related dementia and/or Huntington's disease related dementia.

[0096] Example 13. The method of any of the previous examples, wherein the evaluating further comprises evaluating the efficacy and/or the efficiency of the treatment.

[0097] Example 14. The method of example 13, further comprising:

[0098] delivering a TMS by at least one magnetic coil attached to the scalp, before the extracting.

[0099] Example 15. The method of example 14, further comprising:

[0100] modifying at least one parameter of the TMS based on the efficacy.

[0101] Example 16. The method of example 15, wherein the at least one parameter comprises TMS pulse frequency, magnetic field strength, pulse duration, number of pulses per a single train of pulses, number of trains per a treatment session and/or interval time between each one of the train of pulses.

[0102] Example 17. The method of examples 15 or 16, wherein the parameter comprises a location on the scalp for positioning the magnetic coil.

[0103] Example 18. The method of any one of examples 14 to 17, wherein the TMS is selectively delivered to one or more brain regions comprising frontal cortex, insular cortex, prefrontal cortex, dorsolateral prefrontal cortex, Broca, Wernicke, temporal cortex, hippocampi, parietal cortex, cingulate cortex, postero cingulate cortex, occipital cortex, ventrolateral prefrontal cortex, inferior frontal gyrus, sensory cortex, motor cortex, and/or cerebellum.

[0104] Example 19. The method of any one of examples 14 to 18, wherein the TMS comprises repetitive TMS with a frequency of 1-9 Hertz.

[0105] Example 20. The method of any one of examples 14 to 19, wherein the TMS is delivered to less than 50% of the brain's volume.

[0106] Example 21. The method of any one of examples 3 to 13, further comprising:

[0107] administering at least one drug to treat the brain condition.

[0108] Example 22. The method of example 21, further comprising:

[0109] changing a dosage and/or administration timing of the drug based on the determining.

[0110] Example 23. The method of examples 21 or 22, further comprising:

[0111] replacing at least one drug with a different drug for treating the brain condition after the determining.

[0112] Example 24. The method of any of the previous examples, wherein the extracting comprises generating at

least two topographic microstate maps and/or the occurrence time of each topographic microstate map.

[0113] Example 25. A method for generating a risk indication for classifying a subject condition as of one or more clinical conditions based on an EEG signal, comprising:

[0114] extracting values of one or more microstate parameters from a first EEG signal recorded from the subject; and

[0115] calculating a risk indication of one or more clinical conditions based on the extracted one or more microstate parameter values.

[0116] Example 26. The method of example 25, comprising:

[0117] analyzing results of one or more cognitive tests performed on the subject, and wherein the calculating comprises calculating a risk indication of the one or more clinical conditions based on the at least one microstate parameter values and the analysis results of the one or more cognitive tests.

[0118] Example 27. The method of examples 25 or 26, comprising:

[0119] measuring one or more biomarkers in the subject associated with the one or more clinical conditions, and wherein the calculating comprises calculating a risk indication of the one or more clinical conditions based on the at least one microstate parameters values and the measured one or more biomarkers.

[0120] Example 28. The method of any one of examples 25 to 27, further comprising:

[0121] selecting a treatment to treat the one or more clinical conditions based on the calculated risk indication.

[0122] Example 29. The method of any one of examples 2 to 28, further comprising:

[0123] modifying one or more parameters of a treatment protocol for the clinical condition based on the risk indication.

[0124] Example 30. The method of example 29, wherein the parameters of a treatment protocol comprise the intensity of the treatment and/or the duration of the treatment protocol and/or the time interval between at least two consecutive treatment sessions of the treatment protocol.

[0125] Example 31. The method of any one of examples 25 to 30, wherein the calculating, further comprises:

[0126] comparing the one or more microstate parameters values to at least one microstates value indication or a range of microstates value indications which represents at least one cognitive and/or clinical condition.

[0127] Example 32. The method of any one of examples 25 to 31, comprising:

[0128] recording a second EEG signal after a pre-determined time from the first EEG signal; and

[0129] wherein the extracting further comprises extracting one or more microstate parameter values from the second EEG signal.

[0130] Example 33. The method of example 32, comprising:

[0131] updating the risk indication based on the one or more microstate parameter values of the second EEG signal.

[0132] Example 34. The method of example 33, comprising

[0133] determining a progression of the one or more clinical conditions based on the updated risk indication.

[0134] Example 35. The method of example 34, wherein the progression comprises progression from a cognitively normal state to mild cognitive impairment.

[0135] Example 36. The method of example 34, wherein the progression comprises progression from mild cognitive impairment to mild Alzheimer's disease dementia.

[0136] Example 37. The method of example 34, wherein the progression comprises progression from mild Alzheimer's disease dementia to moderate Alzheimer's disease dementia.

[0137] Example 38. The method of any one of examples 25 to 37, wherein the clinical conditions comprise Alzheimer's disease, and/or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and/or Attention Deficit Disorder and/or Depression and/or vascular dementia and/or mild cognitive impairment and/or normal cognition.

[0138] Example 39. The method of any one of examples 25 to 38, wherein the microstate parameters comprise resting state networks or resting state microstate parameters, and wherein the EEG signal is measured when an individual is not actively engaged in sensory and/or cognitive processing.

[0139] Example 40. The method of any one of examples 25 to 39, wherein the microstate parameters comprise duration or mean duration of one or more microstates.

[0140] Example 41. The method of any one of examples 25 to 40, wherein the microstates parameters comprise occurrence, frequency and/or number of transitions of one or more microstates.

[0141] Example 42. A device for calculating a risk indication associated with one or more clinical conditions, comprising:

[0142] a memory, wherein the memory stores microstates indications associated with one or more clinical conditions;

[0143] a control circuitry connected to at least one EEG electrode and to the memory, wherein the control circuitry extracts values of at least one microstate parameter from an EEG signal, measured by the at least one EEG electrode and calculates a risk indication associated with one or more clinical condition based on the at least one microstates parameters values and the microstates indications stored in the memory.

[0144] Example 43. The device of example 42, wherein the control circuitry selects a treatment protocol adjusted for treating the stage of a clinical condition; and wherein the memory stores the treatment protocol.

[0145] Example 44. The device of examples 42 or 43, wherein the control circuitry modifies at least one parameter of a treatment protocol for the treatment of the clinical condition, to adjust the treatment protocol for treating the stage of the clinical condition; and

[0146] wherein the memory stores the treatment protocol.

[0147] Example 45. The device of examples 43 or 44, further comprising a transmitter; wherein the transmitter transmits the treatment protocol for treating the stage of the clinical condition to a magnetic stimulation device.

[0148] Example 46. The device of any one of examples 42 to 45, wherein the brain condition comprises Alzheimer's disease or mild cognitive impairment or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder or Attention Deficit Disorder.

[0149] Example 47. The device of any one of examples 42 to 46, wherein the microstate parameters comprise resting state networks, and wherein the EEG signal is measured when an individual is not actively engaged in sensory and/or cognitive processing.

[0150] Example 48. The device of any one of examples 42 to 47, wherein the at least one microstate parameter comprises duration or mean duration of one or more microstates.

[0151] Example 49. The device of any one of examples 42 to 48, wherein the at least one microstate parameter comprises occurrence, frequency and/or number of transitions of one or more microstates.

[0152] Example 50. The device of any one of examples 42 to 49, wherein the memory stores results of a cognitive analysis and/or a psychiatric analysis, and wherein the control circuitry calculates the risk indication based on the values of the at least one microstates parameter and based on the cognitive analysis results and/or the psychiatric analysis results.

[0153] Unless otherwise defined, all technical and/or scientific terms used herein have the same meaning as commonly understood by one of ordinary skill in the art to which the invention pertains. Although methods and materials similar or equivalent to those described herein can be used in the practice or testing of embodiments of the invention, exemplary methods and/or materials are described below. In case of conflict, the patent specification, including definitions, will control. In addition, the materials, methods, and examples are illustrative only and are not intended to be necessarily limiting.

[0154] As will be appreciated by one skilled in the art, some embodiments of the present invention may be embodied as a system, method or computer program product. Accordingly, some embodiments of the present invention may take the form of an entirely hardware embodiment, an entirely software embodiment (including firmware, resident software, micro-code, etc.) or an embodiment combining software and hardware aspects that may all generally be referred to herein as a “circuit,” “module” or “system.” Furthermore, some embodiments of the present invention may take the form of a computer program product embodied in one or more computer readable medium(s) having computer readable program code embodied thereon. Implementation of the method and/or system of some embodiments of the invention can involve performing and/or completing selected tasks manually, automatically, or a combination thereof. Moreover, according to actual instrumentation and equipment of some embodiments of the method and/or system of the invention, several selected tasks could be implemented by hardware, by software or by firmware and/or by a combination thereof, e.g., using an operating system.

[0155] For example, hardware for performing selected tasks according to some embodiments of the invention could be implemented as a chip or a circuit. As software, selected tasks according to some embodiments of the invention could be implemented as a plurality of software instructions being executed by a computer using any suitable operating system. In an exemplary embodiment of the invention, one or more tasks according to some exemplary embodiments of method and/or system as described herein are performed by a data processor, such as a computing platform for executing a plurality of instructions. Optionally, the data processor includes a volatile memory for storing instructions and/or data and/or a non-volatile storage, for example, a magnetic hard-disk and/or removable media, for storing instructions and/or data. Optionally, a network connection is provided as well. A display and/or a user input device such as a keyboard or mouse are optionally provided as well.

[0156] Any combination of one or more computer readable medium(s) may be utilized for some embodiments of the invention. The computer readable medium may be a

computer readable signal medium or a computer readable storage medium. A computer readable storage medium may be, for example, but not limited to, an electronic, magnetic, optical, electromagnetic, infrared, or semiconductor system, apparatus, or device, or any suitable combination of the foregoing. More specific examples (a non-exhaustive list) of the computer readable storage medium would include the following: an electrical connection having one or more wires, a portable computer diskette, a hard disk, a random access memory (RAM), a read-only memory (ROM), an erasable programmable read-only memory (EPROM or Flash memory), an optical fiber, a portable compact disc read-only memory (CD-ROM), an optical storage device, a magnetic storage device, or any suitable combination of the foregoing. In the context of this document, a computer readable storage medium may be any tangible medium that can contain, or store a program for use by or in connection with an instruction execution system, apparatus, or device.

[0157] A computer readable signal medium may include a propagated data signal with computer readable program code embodied therein, for example, in baseband or as part of a carrier wave. Such a propagated signal may take any of a variety of forms, including, but not limited to, electromagnetic, optical, or any suitable combination thereof. A computer readable signal medium may be any computer readable medium that is not a computer readable storage medium and that can communicate, propagate, or transport a program for use by or in connection with an instruction execution system, apparatus, or device.

[0158] Program code embodied on a computer readable medium and/or data used thereby may be transmitted using any appropriate medium, including but not limited to wireless, wireline, optical fiber cable, RF, etc., or any suitable combination of the foregoing.

[0159] Computer program code for carrying out operations for some embodiments of the present invention may be written in any combination of one or more programming languages, including an object oriented programming language such as Java, Smalltalk, C++ or the like and conventional procedural programming languages, such as the “C” programming language or similar programming languages. The program code may execute entirely on the user’s computer, partly on the user’s computer, as a stand-alone software package, partly on the user’s computer and partly on a remote computer or entirely on the remote computer or server. In the latter scenario, the remote computer may be connected to the user’s computer through any type of network, including a local area network (LAN) or a wide area network (WAN), or the connection may be made to an external computer (for example, through the Internet using an Internet Service Provider).

[0160] Some embodiments of the present invention may be described below with reference to flowchart illustrations and/or block diagrams of methods, apparatus (systems) and computer program products according to embodiments of the invention. It will be understood that each block of the flowchart illustrations and/or block diagrams, and combinations of blocks in the flowchart illustrations and/or block diagrams, can be implemented by computer program instructions. These computer program instructions may be provided to a processor of a general purpose computer, special purpose computer, or other programmable data processing apparatus to produce a machine, such that the instructions, which execute via the processor of the com-

puter or other programmable data processing apparatus, create means for implementing the functions/acts specified in the flowchart and/or block diagram block or blocks.

[0161] These computer program instructions may also be stored in a computer readable medium that can direct a computer, other programmable data processing apparatus, or other devices to function in a particular manner, such that the instructions stored in the computer readable medium produce an article of manufacture including instructions which implement the function/act specified in the flowchart and/or block diagram block or blocks.

[0162] The computer program instructions may also be loaded onto a computer, other programmable data processing apparatus, or other devices to cause a series of operational steps to be performed on the computer, other programmable apparatus or other devices to produce a computer implemented process such that the instructions which execute on the computer or other programmable apparatus provide processes for implementing the functions/acts specified in the flowchart and/or block diagram block or blocks.

[0163] Some of the methods described herein are generally designed only for use by a computer, and may not be feasible or practical for performing purely manually, by a human expert. A human expert who wanted to manually perform similar tasks, such as extracting microstate parameters values from an EEG signal, might be expected to use completely different methods, e.g., making use of expert knowledge and/or the pattern recognition capabilities of the human brain, which would be vastly more efficient than manually going through the steps of the methods described herein.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWINGS

[0164] Some embodiments of the invention are herein described, by way of example only, with reference to the accompanying drawings. With specific reference now to the drawings in detail, it is stressed that the particulars shown are by way of example and for purposes of illustrative discussion of embodiments of the invention. In this regard, the description taken with the drawings makes apparent to those skilled in the art how embodiments of the invention may be practiced.

[0165] In the drawings:

[0166] FIG. 1A is a general flow chart of a process for generating an indication based on microstate parameters values, according to some embodiments of the invention;

[0167] FIG. 1B is a general flow chart of a microstate parameters values extraction process, according to some embodiment of the invention;

[0168] FIG. 2 is a flow chart of a treatment effect analysis process based on microstate parameters values, according to some embodiments of the invention;

[0169] FIG. 3 is a flow chart of a drug effect analysis process based on microstate parameters values, according to some embodiments of the invention;

[0170] FIG. 4A is a block diagram of a device for EEG measurement and microstate parameters values extraction, combined with a device for electric/magnetic field application to a brain, according to some embodiments of the invention;

[0171] FIG. 4B is a block diagram of a device for EEG measurements, microstate parameters values extraction and

for application of electric/magnetic field to a brain, according to some embodiments of the invention;

[0172] FIG. 5A is a flow chart of a TMS effect analysis process based on microstates parameter, according to some embodiments of the invention;

[0173] FIG. 5B is a flow chart of a process for generating a risk indicator associated with one or more clinical conditions, according to some embodiments of the invention;

[0174] FIG. 6A is a table summarizing the number of participants for each cohort divided to age groups in a validation experiment, according to some embodiments of the invention;

[0175] FIG. 6B is a flow chart of a general process for extracting and analyzing microstates, according to some embodiments of the invention;

[0176] FIG. 7 is a flow chart of a process for extraction of EEG quiet segments, according to some embodiments of the invention;

[0177] FIG. 8 is a flow chart of a process for extraction of microstates from an EEG signal, according to some embodiments of the invention;

[0178] FIG. 9 is a flow chart of a process for calculating duration of one or more microstates, according to some embodiments of the invention;

[0179] FIG. 10 is a flow chart of a process for calculating transitions of one or more microstates, according to some embodiments of the invention;

[0180] FIG. 11 is a flow chart of a process for calculating coverage of one or more microstates, according to some embodiments of the invention;

[0181] FIG. 12 is a flow chart of a process for calculating frequency of one or more microstates, according to some embodiments of the invention;

[0182] FIG. 13 is a table summarizing differences in microstates duration between different populations in the validation experiment, according to some embodiments of the invention; and

[0183] FIG. 14 is a scatter plot of the mean microstates duration per each subject in each group, according to some embodiments of the invention.

DESCRIPTION OF SPECIFIC EMBODIMENTS OF THE INVENTION

[0184] The present invention, in some embodiments thereof, relates to measurements of EEG microstates and, more particularly, but not exclusively, to measurements of EEG microstates in combination with a neurological treatment.

[0185] An aspect of some embodiments relates to staging a clinical condition based on microstate parameters values extracted from EEG measurements. In some embodiments, the clinical condition stage is determined based on microstate parameters values and at least one additional clinical parameter, for example cognitive tests results and/or behavioral test results and/or imaging test results and/or laboratory test results. Alternatively, the clinical condition stage is based on analysis of at least two sets of microstate parameters values that are measured over a period of time.

[0186] In some embodiments the microstate parameters values are extracted after measuring at least one clinical parameter. In some embodiments, the microstate parameter values are compared to microstate indications which correlate with at least one clinical stage or a disease stage. Alternatively, the microstates indications correlate with at

least one cognitive state. In some embodiments, a stage of a clinical condition comprises at least one cognitive state. In some embodiments, the clinical stage of a neurological disease, for example, mild or moderate or severe Dementia is determined based on the results of at least one cognitive evaluation or a combination between a cognitive evaluation and microstates parameter values which correlate with the clinical stage. In some embodiments, the stored microstates parameter values or microstates indications correlate with at least one neurological disease, for example Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI), dementia, or a stage of a neurological disease, for example Alzheimer's disease (AD), Vascular dementia, Dementia with Lewy Bodies (DLB), Mixed dementia, Parkinson's disease related dementia, Frontotemporal dementia, Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD), Normal pressure hydrocephalus related dementia, Huntington's disease related dementia, Wernicke-Korsakoff Syndrome, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) or depression. Optionally, the extracted microstates parameter values correlate with at least one stage of the neurological disease or with at least one cognitive state, for example cognitive impairment related to the neurological disease. In some embodiments, a potential advantage of the extracted microstate parameter values is that they allow early detection of a neurological disease and/or high-resolution monitoring of disease progression. Optionally, the extracted microstate parameters are combined with at least one clinical parameter and/or a cognitive parameter and/or a behavioral parameter, for example to generate a combined score. In some embodiments, the combined score correlates with one or more clinical states, cognitive states or stages of a disease.

[0187] In some embodiments, microstate parameters values of a patient that was diagnosed with a neurological condition, for example with mild cognitive impairment (MCI) are measured. In some embodiments, the microstate parameters values are compared to stored indications which correlate with at least one clinical condition and/or with a cognitive state related to the clinical condition, for example to monitor the progression from MCI to AD. Alternatively, microstate parameters values of a patient suffering from at least one neurological and/or cognitive symptom are measured and compared to stored indications which correlate with at least one clinical condition or with a cognitive state related to the clinical condition or with a stage of a neurological disease, for example to determine the clinical condition of the patient or the current disease stage. Optionally, microstates parameter values, for example resting state microstates parameter values are extracted from a measured EEG signal of an individual, to diagnose MCI or very mild AD or mild AD or other types of dementia. In some embodiments, the microstates parameters values are extracted from a measured EEG signal of an individual, for example to diagnose ADHD or ADD, to characterize the severity of ADHD or ADD and/or to monitor the progression of ADHD or ADD.

[0188] In some embodiments, to characterize and/or to monitor the progression of AD, MCI, ADD or ADHD microstates parameters values are combined with results of cognitive evaluations and/or behavioral evaluations and/or reports from at least one caregiver.

[0189] In some embodiments, microstates are discrete spatiotemporal representations of brain activity. In some embodiments, microstate parameters values represent brain

activity related to at least one cognitive domain, for example memory, language, visuospatial ability or executive function. In some embodiments, memory cognitive domain comprises the ability to learn and/or to recall information. Alternatively or additionally, microstate parameters values represent brain activity related to at least one cognitive domain affected in ADHD or ADD for example, attention and executive function. Optionally, attention and executive function cognitive domains comprise working memory, flexibility, processing speed and data monitoring.

[0190] In some embodiments, language cognitive domain comprises comprehension and/or expression abilities related to language. In some embodiments, visuospatial ability comprises comprehension and/or effective manipulation of non-verbal and/or graphic and/or geographic information. In some embodiments, executive function comprises the ability to plan and/or perform abstract reasoning and/or solve problems, and/or focus despite distractions and/or shift focus when appropriate.

[0191] In some embodiments, microstates parameters are spatiotemporal representations of at least one brain activity state. In some embodiments, microstate parameters comprise at least two topographic microstate maps, for example 2,3,4 topographic microstate maps and the occurrence time of each topographic microstate map.

[0192] In some embodiments, microstates are discrete topographic states at local maxima of a global field power curve (GFP) which is calculated based on the EEG signal. In some embodiments the measured microstates are clustered into a set of at least 2 microstate maps, which optionally represent brain activity. In some embodiments, the occurrence time of each map before it shifts to another map is determined. In some embodiments microstate parameters values comprise at least two microstate maps and the occurrence time of each microstate map.

[0193] In some embodiments, microstates are extracted from EEG signals that were measured during a resting state. In some embodiments a resting state is achieved when the individual is not actively engaged in sensory and/or cognitive processing, for example when the eyes of the individual are closed.

[0194] An aspect of some embodiments relates to using microstate parameters values to evaluate a treatment. In some embodiments, microstate parameters values are used to determine the efficacy and/or the toxicity and/or side effects of a treatment. In some embodiments, microstate parameters values that were measured after a treatment are compared to stored indications which correlate with a clinical and/or a cognitive state, for example to determine the clinical and/or cognitive state after the treatment. In some embodiments if a desired clinical and/or cognitive state is not reached, then the treatment is modified or stopped.

[0195] In some embodiments, microstate parameters values measured after a treatment are compared to microstate parameters values of the same patient that were measured before the treatment, for example to determine the efficacy and/or the toxicity and/or side effects of the treatment. In some embodiments, if the determined efficacy is not in a desired range, then the treatment is modified or stopped. Optionally or alternatively, if the determined efficacy is not in a desired range then an indication is provided, for example a clinical and/or a cognitive indication. In some

embodiments, the indication is transmitted to a remote computer and/or to a handheld device of an expert, for example a physician.

[0196] In some embodiments, a progression profile of a treatment is determined based on a comparison between at least two sets of microstate parameters values that were measured in at least two time points, for example before and after a treatment, or by measuring at least two time points after the treatment is over. In some embodiments, the time difference between the two measurements is at least half an hour, for example half an hour, an hour or 2 hours.

[0197] In some embodiments, at least two different treatments are compared based on a comparison between their progression profiles. In some embodiments, a clinical and/or a cognitive state is determined based on a progression profile of a treatment. In some embodiments, a treatment is modified and/or stopped based on a comparison between the progression profile of a treatment to a desired progression profile. In some embodiments, a progression profile is determined based on the number of microstates and/or the occurrence time of each microstate and/or on the shifting sequence between one microstate to another microstate.

[0198] In some embodiments, microstate parameters values are measured before the beginning of a treatment session, for example to determine baseline microstate parameters values. Optionally or alternatively, microstate parameters values are measured before the beginning of a treatment for selecting a treatment protocol and/or to modify at least one parameter of an existing treatment protocol.

[0199] In some embodiments, microstate parameters values of a patient diagnosed with neurological disease, for example a MCI patient, an AD patient, an ADHD patient or and ADD patient, are measured to select a treatment protocol, for example a transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) protocol. In some embodiments, the measured microstate parameters values are used to determine the TMS protocol parameters, for example pulse target and/or pulse frequency and/or pulse duration. Alternatively and/or additionally the measured microstate parameters values are used to determine at least one position on the head for placing the magnetic coil of the TMS device. In some embodiments, the magnetic coil of the TMS is navigated between at least two positions on the head during a single TMS treatment session, based on the measured microstate parameters values.

[0200] In some embodiments, microstate parameters values are measured during and/or after a TMS treatment session, for example to determine the efficacy and/or one or more side effects of the treatment. Optionally, the TMS treatment is monitored in real-time by analysis of microstates parameters values. In some embodiments, the TMS protocol parameters are modified based on EEG microstate parameters values that were measured after the treatment session.

[0201] An aspect of some embodiments relates to classifying one or more clinical conditions based on microstates parameter values. In some embodiments, the clinical conditions are classified based on the duration or mean duration of one or more microstates extracted from at least one EEG signal. Alternatively or additionally, the clinical conditions are classified based on the occurrence, frequency and/or number of transitions of one or more microstates extracted from at least one EEG signal. In some embodi-

ments, the one or more clinical conditions comprise AD, MCI, vascular dementia, Mixed Dementia, depression and/or normal cognition.

[0202] According to some embodiments, the classification of the one or more clinical conditions is based on the microstates parameter values and on results of cognitive, psychiatric and/or clinical tests. Alternatively or additionally, the classification is based on the microstates parameter values and on one or more additional biomarkers. In some embodiments, the additional biomarkers comprise levels and/or concentration of tau and/or beta-amyloid proteins or mRNA in the brain, blood or in the cerebrospinal fluid (CSF).

[0203] According to some embodiments, the classification of the one or more clinical conditions is based on EEG signals recorded at one or more time points. In some embodiments, the EEG signals are recorded during a follow-up period, for example a follow-up period of 2 or more days, or one or more weeks.

[0204] An aspect of some embodiments relates to generating a risk indicator based on one or more microstates parameter values. In some embodiments, the risk indicator indicates a probability to be classified in one or more clinical conditions groups. For example a risk indicator indicates a probability to be classified in AD, MCI, depression, vascular dementia, and mixed dementia groups.

[0205] According to some embodiments, the risk indicator is generated based on the duration or mean duration of one or more microstates.

[0206] An aspect of some embodiments relates to filtering subjects suffering from AD from subjects suffering from other cognitive and/or psychiatric conditions, for example subjects suffering from depression based on microstates parameter values. In some embodiments, AD subjects are filtered based on the duration and/or mean duration of one or more microstates. In some embodiments, AD subjects are filtered based on the occurrence, frequency and/or number of transitions of one or more microstates. Alternatively or additionally, the clinical conditions are classified based on the occurrence, frequency and/or number of transitions of one or more microstates extracted from at least one EEG signal.

[0207] An aspect of some embodiments relates to identifying and/or monitoring cognitive decline based in microstates parameter values. According to some embodiments, duration or mean duration of at least one microstate or a combination of 2 or more microstates is used as a biomarker for cognitive decline. In some embodiments, the duration or mean duration of at least one microstate or a combination of 2 or more microstates is recorded and compared to a previously measured value of the same subject, for example to evaluate cognitive decline over time. Alternatively or additionally, the duration or mean duration of at least one microstate or a combination of 2 or more microstates is recorded and compared to stored values or indications, for example to evaluate cognitive decline compared to common disease stages or general disease classifications. Optionally, the duration or mean duration of at least one microstate or a combination of 2 or more microstates is combined with cognitive and/or clinical analysis results to evaluate cognitive decline.

[0208] An aspect of some embodiments relates to classifying one or more clinical conditions by personalizing methods for EEG recording, microstates extraction and/or

calculation of one or more microstate parameter values. According to some embodiments, the methods used herein for EEG signals recording, extraction of one or more microstates and calculating one or more microstate parameter values are personalized and/or adjusted to a specific subject or to specific one or more clinical conditions. In some embodiments, EEG signals are recorded from one or more electrodes, for example 1,2,4,6,8,10 electrodes or any higher or lower number of electrodes. Optionally, the number of electrodes used for EEG recordings is personalized and/or adjusted to a specific subject and/or to specific one or more clinical conditions. In some embodiments, the frequency range of EEG waves, for example the frequency range of alpha waves, beta waves, gamma waves, delta waves and/or theta waves are personalized and/or adjusted to a specific subject and/or to specific one or more clinical conditions. In some embodiments, the number of extracted microstates is personalized and/or adjusted to each subject or to specific clinical conditions. In some embodiments, the calculated microstates parameter values, the type of microstates parameter and/or the calculation method of the parameter values are personalized and/or adjusted to a specific subject and/or to specific clinical conditions. In some embodiments, the specific clinical conditions comprise MCI, mixed dementia, vascular dementia, AD, AD stages, depression and/or a cognitively normal clinical condition.

[0209] An aspect of some embodiments relates to using microstates parameter values in drug development. In some embodiments, one or more microstates are extracted from EEG signals of participants in drug development trials, for example clinical trials. In some embodiments, microstates parameter values from these EEG signals are used to classify experimental groups in the trial, for example treated subjects and/or control subjects. In some embodiments, the microstates parameter values are used for monitoring the effect of a drug on a group of participants, and optionally to compare one group of participants to another group based on one or more microstates parameters. In some embodiments, the microstates parameter values of participants in each group are used to classify a clinical condition or an effect of the drug on the clinical condition. In some embodiments, EEG microstates and microstates parameter values are used as an inclusion criteria in a clinical trial.

[0210] Before explaining at least one embodiment of the invention in detail, it is to be understood that the invention is not necessarily limited in its application to the details of construction and the arrangement of the components and/or methods set forth in the following description and/or illustrated in the drawings and/or the Examples. The invention is capable of other embodiments or of being practiced or carried out in various ways.

Exemplary Classification of a Clinical State

[0211] Reference is now made to FIG. 1A depicting a process for classifying a clinical state of a patient based on microstate parameters values, according to some embodiments of the invention.

[0212] According to some exemplary embodiments, EEG parameters are measured in a resting-state by at least one electrode connected to a patient's head at **102**. In some embodiments, EEG is measured by at least two electrodes connected to the patient. In some embodiments, one of the electrodes serves as a reference electrode to the other electrode. In some embodiments, EEG is measured by a

plurality of electrodes positioned on the scalp of a patient, optionally at desired locations. In some embodiments, the desired locations for positioning the plurality of electrodes are determined based on the diagnosis of the patient. Optionally or additionally, the desired locations for positioning the plurality of electrodes are determined based on the patient's head shape and/or size and/or location of desired brain regions.

[0213] In some embodiments, the patient lies or sits in a comfortable place with EEG scalp electrodes attached to his scalp. In some embodiments, the EEG measurements duration is between 5 minutes and 30 minutes, for example 15, 20, 25 minutes. In some embodiments, the patient is instructed to open or to close his eyes during EEG measurements. Optionally, the patient is instructed not to fall asleep.

[0214] According to some exemplary embodiments, the EEG microstate parameters values are extracted at **104**, for example as described in Khanna A. et al. In some embodiments, EEG measured parameters of brain waves with frequencies in the range of 1-40 Hertz are analyses. In some embodiments, the EEG measured parameters are analyzed as known in the art to extract a plurality of topographic microstates, for example 4, 6, 8 topographic microstates. In some embodiments, each topographic microstate remains stable for at least 60 milliseconds, for example 80-120 milliseconds, before it shifts to a different topographic microstate. Additionally, the duration values of each microstate are also extracted. In some embodiments, microstate parameters comprise at least two parameters, the shifting between at least one topographic microstate to another, and the duration of each microstate. Optionally, these at least two parameters correlate with at least one clinical and/or cognitive state.

[0215] According to some exemplary embodiments, the extracted microstate parameters are compared to stored indications at **112**. In some embodiments, the stored indications correlate with at least one clinical and/or cognitive state, for example a neurological clinical condition. Optionally, the stored indications and/or stored microstates parameters values correlate with at least one stage of a disease.

[0216] According to some exemplary embodiments, a stage of the disease is determined at **113**. In some embodiments, the disease stage is determined based on comparison between the extracted microstates parameter values and stored indication and/or stored microstates parameter values which correlate with at least one stage of the disease.

[0217] In some embodiments, extracted microstates parameter values are combined with at least one parameter value related to the cognitive state, physiological state and/or behavioral state of the patient, for example to generate a combined score which reflects the current state of the patient. In some embodiments, the combined score is compared to stored microstates parameter values and/or stored indications which correlate with at least one stage of the disease, for example to determine the current disease stage of the patient. Optionally, the combined score is compared to stored microstates parameter values and/or stored indications to determine a correlation with at least one stage of the disease.

[0218] According to some exemplary embodiments, a human-detectable indication is provided based on the comparison between the extracted microstate parameters values and the stored indication, at **114**. In some embodiments, the human-detectable indication comprises a clinical indication

based on the correlation between the stored indications and a clinical and/or cognitive state. In some embodiments, a clinical classification of a neurological condition is made based on the comparison between the extracted microstate parameters values and the stored indications.

[0219] According to some exemplary embodiments, the extracted microstate parameters values are compared to stored indications of the same patient at 108. In some embodiments, the current stage of the disease is determined, for example as described at 113.

[0220] In some embodiments, the progression of the disease is determined at 109, for example by comparing the current disease state and/or clinical condition of the patient to previously determined disease state of the same patient. In some embodiments a disease state or a disease stage is determined by combining extracted microstates parameter values with at least one clinical or a behavioral value, optionally to generate a combined score. In some embodiments, the combined score correlates with at least one indication of disease stage and/or a clinical state. Optionally, the progression of a disease is determined by at least one differential indication between at least two sets of microstates parameter values or between two measured clinical and/or behavioral values. Alternatively, the progression of a disease is determined by at least one differential indication between two combined scores. In some embodiments, it is a potential advantage of the described method that extracted microstates parameter values allows monitoring of a disease progression, and/or early detection of a disease or a symptom of a disease.

[0221] According to some exemplary embodiments, a human-detectable indication is provided at 110 based on the comparison between at least two sets of extracted microstate parameters values of the same patient, when each of the two sets is based on a different EEG parameters measurement. In some embodiments, comparing microstate parameters values of the same patient, which are based on two different EEG measurements allows to monitor the progression of a neurological condition, for example the progression of a disease.

[0222] According to some exemplary embodiments, at least one EEG parameter correlates with at least one clinical and/or cognitive state of the neurological disease.

[0223] In some embodiments, the change in the average duration of a given microstate correlates with at least one clinical and/or cognitive state of the neurological disease, for example microstate duration is shorter or longer in a clinical stage or a cognitive state of a disease compared to a different stage of the disease or to a microstate of a healthy individual.

[0224] Alternatively or additionally, the change in the total duration of a given microstate correlates with at least one clinical and/or cognitive state of the neurological disease, for example, more time is spent in microstate A during all the EEG recording in a clinical stage of a neurological disease.

[0225] Alternatively or additionally, the change in the transition pattern between microstates correlates with at least one clinical and/or cognitive state of the neurological disease, for example, the transition from microstate A to C in a clinical stage of the disease compared to microstates of a different disease stage or to microstates of healthy individuals.

[0226] According to some exemplary embodiments, determining a stage of a clinical condition is based on comparison between at least one microstate parameters value of a first

EEG signal and at least one microstate parameters value extracted from a second EEG signal. In some embodiments, a clinical stage and/or a cognitive state is determined based on at least one differential indication between the compared microstate parameters values.

Exemplary Microstates Extraction

[0227] Reference is now made to FIG. 1B depicting a process for extraction of microstate parameters values from EEG parameters, according to some embodiments of the invention.

[0228] According to some exemplary embodiments, EEG parameters are measured at 114, by at least two electrodes placed in contact with the head of an individual. In some embodiments, at least one electrode serves as a reference electrode to the rest of the electrodes. In some embodiments, EEG parameters are measured during a resting state of the individual. In some embodiments a resting state is achieved when the individual is not actively engaged in sensory and/or cognitive processing, for example when the eyes of the individual are closed. In some embodiments, EEG measures brain waves with frequencies of 1-4 Hertz (delta waves), 4-7 Hertz (theta waves) and/or 8-12 Hertz (alpha waves), 12-28 Hertz (beta waves), and/or >30 Hertz (gamma waves). In some embodiments, EEG parameters are measured as described in Khanna et, al. 2015.

[0229] According to some exemplary embodiments, EEG topographic states are extracted from the EEG measurements at 116. In some embodiments, the EEG signal is analyzed to generate a global field power (GFP) curve. In some embodiments, the GFP curve represents the strength of the electric field over the brain at each instant. In some embodiments, the GFP curve is used to measure the brain response to an event, or to characterize the rapid changes in brain activity. In some embodiments, a local maximum of GFP curve represents instants of strongest field strength and highest topographic signal to noise ratio. In some embodiments, the topographies of the electric field at local maxima of the GFP curve are considered discrete states of the EEG. Optionally, these discrete states are termed EEG microstates.

[0230] According to some exemplary embodiments, a clustering analysis of the extracted microstates is performed at 118. In some embodiments, a clustering algorithm groups the extracted microstates into sets of clusters. In some embodiments, the clustering is based on topographic similarity between some of the extracted microstates. In some embodiments, EEG microstates, for example resting-state EEG microstates are clustered into a set of 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, for example 4 microstate maps.

[0231] According to some exemplary embodiments, the frequency of occurrence of each microstate map is determined at 120. In some embodiments, a single microstate map remains stable for 50-150 milliseconds, for example 80-120 milliseconds before transitioning to a different microstate map. In some embodiments, the occurrence time of each microstate map before its transition into a new microstate map is calculated.

[0232] According to some exemplary embodiments, microstate parameters values are determined at 122, based on the clustering analysis of the topographic states and/or based on the frequency of occurrence of each microstate map that was determined at 120. In some embodiments, microstate parameters comprise at least two microstate

maps, for example 2,3,4 microstate maps, and the occurrence time of each microstate map.

[0233] In some embodiments, microstates are extracted from EEG measurements by comparing the topography at each successive GFP peak to the previous GFP peak and consider it as the start of a new microstate if the centroid locations of the positive or negative potentials change by more than a predetermined level (Lehman et al., 1987).

[0234] Alternatively, microstates are extracted from EEG measurements by independent component analysis to define microstate classes (Musso et al., 2010; Yuan et al., 2012).

Exemplary Treatment Monitoring Based on Microstate Parameters Values

[0235] According to some embodiments, microstate parameters values are extracted from EEG measurements that were taken during and/or after a treatment. In some embodiments, the extracted microstate parameters values are compared to stored microstate parameters values, for example to allow treatment monitoring and/or modification. Reference is now made to FIG. 2 depicting a process of treatment monitoring and/or modification according to some embodiments of the invention.

[0236] According to some exemplary embodiments, EEG parameters are measured before the initiation of a treatment at 202. In some embodiments, the EEG parameters are measured during a resting state when a subject, for example a patient is not actively engaged in sensory or cognitive processing. Optionally, the resting state EEG parameters are measured when a subject is requested to close his eyes. In some embodiments, EEG parameters are measured as described previously. In some embodiments, the pre-treatment EEG parameters are measured at least 1 minute before the treatment.

[0237] According to some exemplary embodiments, microstate parameters values are extracted from pre-treatment EEG parameters at 204, for example as described in Khanna A. et al. and/or as described in FIG. 1B. In some embodiments, EEG parameters are measured by at least one electrode connected to the head of a patient. Optionally, EEG parameters are measured by at least two electrodes connected to the head of a patient, where at least one of the electrodes serves as a reference electrode to the rest of the electrodes. In some embodiments, the pre-treatment microstate parameters values serve as a baseline or as a reference for the following extracted microstate parameters values. In some embodiments, the pre-treatment microstate parameters values are compared to stored microstate parameters values which correlate with at least one clinical and/or cognitive state, for example for diagnosis of a clinical condition. Alternatively or additionally, a treatment protocol is selected based on the extracted pre-treatment microstate parameters values and/or based on the comparison of the pre-treatment microstate parameters values to stored microstate parameters values.

[0238] Optionally, a pre-treatment disease stage is determined at 205, for example as described at 113. In some embodiments a treatment is selected, and/or treatment parameters are adjusted to match the determined disease state.

[0239] According to some exemplary embodiments, a treatment protocol, for example a treatment that stimulates the brain is applied at 206. In some embodiments, the treatment protocols is determined based on previously

extracted microstate parameters values of the patient and/or based on stored microstate parameters values. Optionally, the treatment protocol is adjusted for the treatment of at least one clinical and/or cognitive state that was determined based on microstate parameters values.

[0240] According to some exemplary embodiments, EEG parameters are measured during and/or after the application of the treatment protocol at 207. In some embodiments, EEG parameters are constantly measured during the application of the treatment protocol. In some embodiments, post treatment EEG parameters are measured at least 1 minute after the treatment, for example 1 minute, 5 minutes, 10 minutes, 30 minutes, 1 hour after the treatment.

[0241] According to some exemplary embodiments, microstate parameters values are extracted from at least one selected EEG parameters set at 208, for example as described in Khanna A. et al. and/or as described in FIG. 1B.

[0242] According to some exemplary embodiments, the post-treatment microstate parameters values are compared to the pre-treatment microstate parameters values of the same patient at 210. Optionally, the post-treatment microstate parameters values are compared to stored microstate parameters values of the patient and/or to stored microstate parameters values of other patients at 212 which correlate with at least one clinical and/or cognitive state. In some embodiments, the clinical and/or cognitive state of the patient after the treatment is determined based on the comparison between the post-treatment microstate parameters values and stored microstate parameters values.

[0243] In some embodiments, the post-treatment microstates parameter values are compared to stored microstates parameter values or to an indication of microstates parameter values to determine if the post-treatment values are in a desired range of stored values and/or in a desired relation from the stored values or indications.

[0244] Optionally, the disease stage post-treatment is determined at 213, for example as described at 113. In some embodiments, the disease progression or regression following the treatment is determined, for example by comparing the post-treatment disease stage to the pre-treatment disease stage.

[0245] According to some exemplary embodiments, a human-detectable indication is provided based on the comparison between at least two microstate parameters values, where at least one of the at least two microstate parameters values is extracted from pre-treatment EEG parameters at 214. In some embodiments the human-detectable indication is delivered to the patient and/or to a caregiver and/or to a health professional for example a physician. In some embodiments the human-detectable indication includes the clinical and/or cognitive state of the patient. In some embodiments the indication is based on at least one microstate parameters values comparison. In some embodiments, the human-detectable indication is transmitted to a computer and/or to a handheld device by a wireless, for example a Wi-Fi, a Bluetooth, an infra-red signal, and/or a wired signal.

[0246] According to some exemplary embodiments, the treatment effect, for example treatment efficacy and/or treatment efficiency and/or toxicity and/or side effects, is determined based on at least one comparison between the determined clinical and/or cognitive condition of the patient after the treatment to the determined clinical and/or cognitive

condition of the patient before the treatment at **216**. Alternatively, the treatment effect is determined based on the clinical and/or cognitive condition of the patient after the treatment. Optionally, the treatment effect, for example treatment efficacy and/or treatment efficiency is determined by comparing at least one extracted microstate parameter value to a desired value, and determining if the extracted microstate parameter value is smaller or larger in a desired range from the desired value, for example 1%-50% larger or smaller from the desired value. Optionally, the treatment effect is determined by comparing the disease stage post treatment to a desired disease stage. In some embodiments, the treatment effect is determined by comparing the disease progression or regression following the treatment, to a desired progression or regression.

[0247] According to some exemplary embodiments, the treatment and/or the treatment protocol is modified based on the determined clinical and/or cognitive condition of the patient at **218**. In some embodiments, the treatment parameters are modified, for example treatment duration and/or the intervals between two treatment sessions. Alternatively, the treatment is replaced by a different treatment, for example a brain stimulation treatment is replaced with a drug-based treatment.

[0248] According to some exemplary embodiments, if the microstate parameters values following the treatment indicate a progression towards desired microstate parameters values, for example microstate parameters values representing a healthy individual, then the TMS treatment is repeated. Alternatively, if the microstate parameters values following the treatment indicate, for example deterioration in the clinical and/or cognitive condition of the patient towards undesired microstate parameters values, then the TMS protocol is replaced or at least one parameter TMS protocol is modified. Optionally, if the microstate parameters values are desired microstate parameters values then the time schedule and/or one or more brain targets of the TMS treatment are modified.

[0249] In some embodiments, the objective of the treatment, for example the TMS treatment is to shift microstates parameters values which correlate with a disease state to microstates parameters values which correlate with a healthy state. In some embodiments, the treatment is monitored by real-time analysis of extracted microstates parameters values.

Exemplary Monitoring Drug Effect based on Microstate Parameters Values

[0250] According to some embodiments, a drug is evaluated based on microstate parameters values. In some embodiments, microstate parameters values of EEG parameters measured before and after the administration of a drug are compared, for example to determine the efficacy and/or the toxicity and/or one or more side effects of the drug. Alternatively, microstate parameters values extracted from EEG parameters measured after the drug administration, are compared to stored microstate parameters values which correlate with at least one clinical and/or cognitive state. In some embodiments the drug administration protocol is modified based on the comparison between the two sets of microstate parameters values and/or based on the comparison to stored microstate parameters values. Reference is now made to FIG. 3 depicting a process of drug evaluation based on microstate parameters values.

[0251] According to some exemplary embodiments, EEG parameters are measured by at least one electrode connected to the head of a patient before drug administration, as described in FIGS. 1A and 1B. In some embodiments, EEG parameters are measured at least an hour prior to drug administration, for example an hour, two hours, or a day.

[0252] In some embodiments, EEG parameters are measured during resting state, for example when the patient is not actively engaged in sensory or cognitive processing. In some embodiments a resting state is achieved when the patient closes his eyes.

[0253] According to some exemplary embodiments, microstate parameters values are extracted from the pre-treatment EEG measurements at **302**. In some embodiments, EEG microstate parameters values are extracted as described at Khanna A. et. al. and/or as described at FIG. 1B. In some embodiments, the extracted microstate parameters values are compared to stored microstate parameters values which correlate with at least one clinical and/or cognitive state, for example to determine the clinical condition of the patient before drug administration. In some embodiments, the extracted microstate parameters values set at **302** serve as a base line or a reference for at least another microstate parameters values set.

[0254] According to some exemplary embodiments, at least one drug is administered, for example as part of a treatment protocol at **304**. In some embodiments, at least one drug administration parameter, for example drug dosage is determined based on the extracted microstate parameters values. Alternatively and/or additionally, at least one drug administration parameter is determined based on the clinical condition of the patient as determined, for example by the extracted microstate parameters values.

[0255] According to some exemplary embodiments, EEG parameters are measured post drug administration. In some embodiments, EEG parameters are measured at least an hour after drug administration, for example an hour, two hours, or a week after drug administration. Alternatively, the time interval between drug administration and EEG parameters measurement is determined by pharmacokinetic and/or pharmacodynamics parameters of the drug. In some embodiments, microstate parameters values are extracted from the measured post drug administration EEG parameters at **306**. In some embodiments, the pre and/or post drug administration microstate parameters values are compared to stored microstate parameters values which correlate with at least one clinical and/or cognitive state, for example to determine the clinical condition of the patient before and/or after drug administration.

[0256] According to some exemplary embodiments, post-drug administration microstate parameters values are compared to baseline microstate parameters values at **308**. In some embodiments, drug effect, for example drug efficacy and/or toxicity and/or one or more side effects is determined based on the comparison at **310**. Alternatively or additionally, drug effect is determined based on the comparison between the post-drug administration microstate parameters values and stored microstate parameters values, which correlate with at least one clinical and/or cognitive state. Optionally, drug effect is determined by comparing at least one extracted microstate parameter value to a desired value, and determining if the extracted microstate parameter value

is smaller or larger in a desired range from the desired value, for example 1%-50% larger or smaller from the desired value.

[0257] According to some exemplary embodiments, a human-detectable indication is provided at 312 regarding drug efficacy and/or drug toxicity. Alternatively or additionally, the indication is delivered regarding the clinical and/or cognitive state of the patient. In some embodiments, the human-detectable indication is generated a computer and/or a handheld device. In some embodiments, the human-detectable indication is delivered to the patient and/or a caregiver and/or a health professional for example a physician.

[0258] According to some exemplary embodiments, at least one parameter of the treatment protocol is modified at 314, for example the duration of the treatment protocol and/or the time interval between two treatment sessions. In some embodiments, at least one parameter of the treatment protocol, for example drug dosage, combination with other drugs or the intervals between each drug administration, is modified based on the determined drug efficacy and/or drug toxicity and/or the determined clinical condition of the patient.

Exemplary Microstates Analysis Device

[0259] According to some embodiments, an electric device measures EEG parameters from electrodes connected to the head of a patient, and extracts microstate parameters values based on the measured EEG parameters. In some embodiments the electric device transmits a signal to a brain stimulation device, for example to modify a brain stimulation treatment based on the measured microstate parameters values. Reference is now made to FIG. 4A depicting a device for EEG measurements and extraction of microstate parameters values, according to some embodiments of the invention.

[0260] According to some exemplary embodiments, at least two EEG electrodes, for example EEG electrodes 406 are attached to the head of a patient 404 and transmit EEG signals, through wiring 408 to device 402. Alternatively, electrodes 406 are wirelessly connected to device 402, for example by a Wi-Fi, Bluetooth or an infra-red connection.

[0261] In some embodiments, at least one of EEG electrodes 406 serves as a reference electrode to the other electrodes. Optionally at least one of the EEG electrodes is re-positioned on the head of the patient, for example, following EEG measurements and/or microstates extraction.

[0262] According to some exemplary embodiments, the EEG signals are amplified by EEG amplifier 410 before it is received by control circuitry 412 of device 402. In some embodiments, control circuitry 412 stores the EEG signals in memory 416. In some embodiments, control circuitry 412 analyses the EEG signals and extracts microstate parameters values using a program stored in memory 416. In some embodiments, the microstate parameters values are stored in memory 416. In some embodiments, control circuitry 412 transmits microstate parameters values to a computer and/or a handheld device and/or a remote storage device by a wireless signal, for example a Wi-Fi, a Bluetooth or an infra-red signal. Alternatively or additionally, control circuitry delivers the microstate parameters values via a wire to a computer.

[0263] According to some exemplary embodiments, memory 416 stores at least one set of microstate parameters

values. In some embodiments, memory 416 stores at least one clinical and/or cognitive state parameters which correlate with the stored microstate parameters values set. In some embodiments, control circuitry 412 compares between at least two sets of microstate parameters values that are stored in memory 416. Optionally, device 402 provides a human-detectable indication regarding the compared microstate parameters values and/or at least one clinical and/or cognitive state which correlates with at least one set of microstate parameters values, using interface 414. In some embodiments, device 402 comprises housing 417 fitted to place device 402 next to the patient or to attach device 402 to the patient's body, for example to the patient's hand or head.

[0264] According to some exemplary embodiments, device 402 comprises a receiver, for example receiver 413. In some embodiments, receiver 413 receives wireless signals, for example Wi-Fi, Bluetooth or infra-red signals from a computer and/or a handheld device and/or a remote storage. In some embodiments, receiver 413 receives at least one set of microstate parameters values, clinical and/or cognitive states associated with the microstate parameters values and at least one operation program. In some embodiments, the received data is stored in memory 416, or in an external memory component, for example a USB memory stick.

[0265] According to some exemplary embodiments, device 402 comprises a transmitter, for example transmitter 415. In some embodiments, transmitter 415 transmits wireless signals, for example Wi-Fi, Bluetooth and/or infra-red signals to a computer and/or a handheld device.

[0266] According to some exemplary embodiments, device 402 is connected wirelessly or by wires to a brain stimulation device 418, for example a TMS device. In some embodiments, the wireless connection includes Wi-Fi, Bluetooth or an infra-red connection. In some embodiments control circuitry 420 of stimulation device receives a signal from device 402. In some embodiments, control circuitry 420 determines brain stimulation parameters based on the signal received from device 402. In some embodiments, control circuitry 420 signals pulse generator 424 to generate at least one pulse according to the stimulation parameters. In some embodiments, the generated pulse is delivered through wiring 426 to an electrode 428 connected to the patient 404 head, for example a magnetic coil or to an electrode placed in a close proximity to the head.

[0267] In some embodiments, brain stimulation device 418 comprises housing 419.

[0268] According to some exemplary embodiments, the EEG electrodes are wirelessly connected to a handheld device. In some embodiments, the wireless connection includes Wi-Fi, Bluetooth or an infra-red connection. In some embodiments, the handheld device receives the EEG signals and extracts microstate parameters values from the EEG signal using a program or an application stored in the device. In some embodiments, the handheld device compares at least two sets of microstate parameters values and provides a human-detectable indication, for example a clinical indication based on the correlation between the microstate parameters values and a clinical and/or cognitive state. In some embodiments, the handheld device transmits the microstate parameters values and/or the clinical indication to a computer and/or to another handheld device and/or to a remote storage and/or to a stimulation device.

Exemplary Microstates Analysis and Stimulation Device

[0269] According to some embodiments, an EEG measurements and microstates analysis device is configured to deliver stimulation to a patient's brain. Reference is now made to FIG. 4B depicting a device for EEG measurements, microstate analysis and brain stimulation, according to some embodiments of the invention.

[0270] According to some exemplary embodiments, device 430 receives EEG signals from electrodes connected to a patient's head, and extract microstate parameters values from the EEG signals. In some embodiments, the electrodes are wirelessly connected to device 430, for example by a Wi-Fi, Bluetooth or an infra-red connection. In some embodiments, control circuitry 412 extracts microstate parameters values from the EEG signals, and signals pulse generator 424 to generate at least one pulse based on the microstate parameters values or based on other parameters stored in memory 416. Alternatively, the at least one pulse parameters are determined based on the comparison between at least two sets of microstate parameters values, or on the comparison between microstate parameters values and other parameters stored in memory 416.

[0271] In some embodiments, control circuitry 412 determines pulse parameters according to a program stored in memory 416.

[0272] According to some exemplary embodiments, pulse generator 424 generates and delivers at least one pulse to at least one electrode 428, as described previously.

[0273] According to some exemplary embodiments, memory 416 stores at least one operation program of device 430 and/or microstate parameters values and/or EEG measurements and/or TMS parameters.

[0274] According to some exemplary embodiments, receiver 413 receives wireless signals, for example Wi-Fi, Bluetooth, or infra-red signals from a computer and/or a handheld device. In some embodiments, receiver 413 receives TMS parameters and/or at least one operation program of device 430 and/or EEG measurements and/or microstate parameters values, to be stored in memory 416.

[0275] Exemplary Process of Monitoring and Adjusting a TMS Treatment for MCI AD, ADHD or ADD based on Microstate Parameters Values

[0276] According to some embodiments, dementia patients microstate parameters values are used to determine the dementia stage and to adjust and monitor the effect of a treatment, for example a TMS treatment. Reference is now made to FIG. 5A depicting a process of adjusting a TMS treatment for MCI, AD, ADHD and/or ADD patients based on microstate parameters values of the patients, according to some embodiments of the invention.

[0277] According to some exemplary embodiments, the cognitive and/or clinical state of a patient suffering from at least one cognitive and/or neurological symptom is analyzed at 500. In some embodiments, the analysis is conducted by using cognitive tests, for example ADAS-COG or MMSE. Optionally, brain imaging techniques are used, for example MRI, CT, PET-CT. In some embodiments, body fluids analysis is used, for example blood test analysis, cerebral spinal fluid analysis to determine the cognitive and/or clinical state of the individual. In some embodiments, diagnosis comprises patient anamnesis, and/or cognitive evaluation, and/or functional evaluation, and/or analysis of at least one biomarker.

[0278] According to some exemplary embodiments, after diagnosis at 500, EEG parameters are measured. In some embodiments, at least two electrodes are connected to the patient's head and measure EEG parameters when the patient is in a resting state, for example when the patient is not actively engaged in sensory or cognitive processing. In some embodiments a resting state is achieved when the patient closes his eyes. In some embodiments, EEG is measured at least 1 minute before the treatment, for example 1 minute, 5 minutes, 10 minutes before the treatment.

[0279] According to some embodiments, microstate parameters values are extracted from the EEG parameters at 501 as described in Khanna A. et. al. and/or as described in FIG. 1B. According to some exemplary embodiments, the extracted microstate parameters values of the patient are compared to stored microstates indications of other patients and/or to stored microstates indications of the same patient at 502. In some embodiments, the stored microstates indications correlate with at least one clinical and/or cognitive state.

[0280] According to some exemplary embodiments, the comparison between the extracted microstate parameters values and the stored microstates indications which correlate with at least one clinical and/or cognitive state allows for example to determine the progression of a disease. In some embodiments, comparing microstate parameters values of an AD patient to stored microstates indications which correlate with specific AD stages allows for example to determine the AD stage of the patient at 504. Optionally, comparing microstates parameter values of an individual to stored microstates indication which correlate with at least one stage of AD allows for example, early detection of mild cognitive impairment (MCI) which is one of the early stages of dementia. Additionally, this comparison allows, for example to monitor the progression from MCI to AD or from mild AD to moderate AD, or from MCI to other types of dementia.

[0281] According to some exemplary embodiments, determining the clinical and/or cognitive state of the patient, for example the AD stage of the patient, allows to select a treatment adjusted to the specific patient. In some embodiments, a treatment protocol, for example a TMS treatment is selected based on the determined clinical and/or cognitive state of the patient at 506. Optionally, treatment parameters are determined based on the determined clinical and/or cognitive state.

[0282] According to some exemplary embodiments, the selected TMS protocol is applied at 508. In some embodiments, during the TMS treatment an electric field is applied through an electrode or a magnetic coil. In some embodiments, the electrode or the magnetic coil are attached to the scalp of the patient.

[0283] According to some exemplary embodiments, during the TMS treatment session, for example between pulses, EEG parameters are measured and microstate parameters values are extracted at 510. Alternatively, EEG parameters are measured and stored, for example for later extraction of microstate parameters values. In some embodiments, EEG parameters are measured after the completion of the TMS treatment session, for example 1 minute, 5 minutes, 10 minutes, 20 minutes, after the completion of the treatment session.

[0284] According to some exemplary embodiments, the microstate parameters values that were extracted after the

TMS application are compared to stored microstate parameters values at **512**, for example microstate parameters values of the same patient that were determined before the treatment or the treatment session, as described at **501**. Alternatively, the microstate parameters values that were extracted after the TMS application are compared to microstates indications stored in a memory, at **514**.

[0285] According to some exemplary embodiments, the TMS treatment effect, for example the TMS treatment applied at **508**, is determined at **516**. In some embodiments, the TMS treatment effect, for example the TMS treatment efficacy is determined based on the comparison between the post-treatment microstate parameters values to the pre-treatment microstate parameters values. Alternatively or additionally, the TMS treatment effect is determined based on the comparison between the post treatment microstate parameters values to stored microstate parameters values of other patients. Optionally, the TMS treatment effect is determined by comparing the post treatment microstate parameters values to desired microstate parameters values. In some embodiments, the TMS treatment effect is determined based on the comparison between the clinical and/or cognitive state which correlates with the post-treatment microstates and a desired clinical and/or cognitive condition.

[0286] According to some exemplary embodiments, a human-detectable indication is provided regarding the TMS treatment effect at **517**. In some embodiments, the human-detectable indication includes the clinical and/or cognitive state of the patient and/or the microstate parameters values after the application of the TMS treatment. Optionally, the human-detectable indication includes at least one suggested modification to the TMS treatment protocol, for example at least one modification of TMS parameters. In some embodiments, a computer or a handheld device is signaled via a wireless signal, for example a Wi-Fi, an infra-red or a Bluetooth signal to generate the human-detectable indication. Alternatively, a computer receives a wired signal to generate the human-detectable indication. In some embodiments, the patient and/or a health professional, for example a physician, responds to the human-detectable indication using an interface circuitry or an application program.

[0287] According to some exemplary embodiments, the TMS protocol is optionally modified at **518**. In some embodiments, the TMS protocol is modified based on the determined TMS treatment effect, for example treatment efficacy or treatment side effects. In some embodiments, the TMS protocol modifications are adjusted to increase the TMS treatment efficacy. Alternatively, the TMS protocol modifications are adjusted to reduce TMS side effects, for example pain sensation. In some embodiments the TMS protocol modifications comprise modifying pulse frequency, and/or number of pulses in a train of pulses and/or number of pulses in a treatment session and/or time of a treatment session. Optionally, modifications of the TMS protocol include changing the location of the magnetic coil on the patient's head. In some embodiments, the TMS protocol modifications comprise modifying the duration of each TMS treatment session and/or the time interval between two consecutive treatment sessions.

[0288] According to some exemplary embodiments, the modified TMS protocol is used in the next application of the TMS treatment. In some embodiments, microstate parameters values are determined and the TMS effect is determined during a TMS treatment session. In some embodi-

ments, the TMS protocol is modified during a TMS treatment session, based on the determined microstate parameters values and/or based on the determined TMS effect.

[0289] According to some embodiments, the TMS treatment is applied, for example, as described in Rutherford G. et al., 2013 or in Theiner P. et al., 2015. In some embodiments, the TMS treatment is directed to at least one brain region, for example prefrontal cortex (PFC), right and/or left dorsolateral prefrontal cortex (DLPFC), Broca, Wernicke, right and/or left parietal somatosensory association cortex (R-pSAC, L-pSAC), ventrolateral prefrontal cortex, inferior frontal gyms, dorsal parts of supplementary motor cortex, or the cerebellum (Rutherford G. et al., 2013, Theiner P. et al., 2015). Optionally, the TMS is directed to the basal ganglia and/or to medial temporal lobe brain regions and/or to frontal lobe brain regions. In some embodiments, the TMS treatment is applied as a repetitive TMS treatment (rTMS). In some embodiments, the rTMS treatment is a high frequency rTMS in the range of 10-20 Hertz. Alternatively, the rTMS treatment is a low frequency rTMS in the range of 1-9 Hertz. Optionally, the region to be affected by the TMS and/or the parameters of the TMS treatment are determined based on the EEG measurements and/or based on the diagnosis of the disease.

Exemplary Classification

[0290] According to some exemplary embodiments, extraction of microstates from EEG recordings, and further analysis of the microstates parameters allows, for example to distinguish between subjects suffering from AD and cognitively normal subjects. In some embodiments, analysis of the extracted microstates parameters allows, for example, to distinguish between subjects suffering from AD and subjects suffering from other neurological or psychiatric pathologies, for example depression. Reference is now made to FIG. 5B, depicting a process for classifying AD subjects, cognitively normal subjects and depressed subjects, according to some exemplary embodiments of the invention.

[0291] According to some exemplary embodiments, a subject performs cognitive and/or psychiatric and/or clinical tests at **540**. In some embodiments, the cognitive tests comprise Mini-Mental State Exam (MMSE), Mini-cog, Memory Impairment Screen (MIS), Eight-item Information Interview to Differentiate Aging and Dementia (AD8), Alzheimer's Disease Assessment Scale-Cog (ADAS-Cog) and/or other tests that measure disturbances of memory, language, praxis, attention and other cognitive abilities which are often referred to as the core symptoms of AD. Optionally, cognitive testing devices are used, for example Cantab Mobile, Cognigram, Cognivue, Cognition and Automated Neuropsychological Assessment Metrics (ANAM) devices. In some embodiments, a score for one or more of the tests is stored in a memory, or a database, for example for each subject.

[0292] According to some exemplary embodiments, EEG signals are recorded at **542**. In some embodiments, EEG signals are recorded by one or more electrodes attached to the scalp of a subject. In some embodiments, EEG signals are recorded as described, for example, at **114** or **102**. In some embodiments, EEG is recorded by one or more electrodes, for example 1,2,4,8 electrodes. In some embodiments, EEG signals are recorded, for example by EEG

electrodes **406**. In some embodiments, the recorded EEG signals are stored in memory **416**.

[0293] According to some exemplary embodiments, microstates are extracted from the recorded EEG signals at **544**. In some embodiments, resting state microstates are extracted from EEG signals recorded when the eyes of a subject are closed. In some embodiments, resting state microstates are determined by analyzing one or more EEG parameters values, and optionally identifying patterns indicating at least one resting state. In some embodiments, microstates are extracted, for example, as previously described at **116**. In some embodiments, control circuitry **412** extracts microstates from the stored EEG signals, optionally according to one or more algorithms stored in memory **416**. In some embodiments, the extracted microstates are stored in memory **416**.

[0294] According to some exemplary embodiments, microstates parameter values are calculated at **546**. In some embodiments, the parameters values or mean values of resting state microstates are calculated. In some embodiments, microstates parameters comprise duration or means duration of one or more microstates or the combined duration or mean duration of two or more microstates. In some embodiments, the microstates parameters comprise the number of transitions of one or more microstates. In some embodiments, the microstates parameters comprise coverage and/or frequency of one or more microstates or a combination of two or more microstates. In some embodiments, microstates parameters values are calculated as previously described at **180**, **120** and/or **122**.

[0295] According to some exemplary embodiments, microstates parameters comprise one or more of microstate duration, microstate coverage, microstate frequency, number of transitions of each microstate or any combination of the microstates parameters for one or more or a combination of microstates.

[0296] According to some exemplary embodiments, control circuitry **412** calculates microstates parameter values, from the stored microstates. In some embodiments, the microstates parameter values are calculated using one or more algorithms stored in memory **416**. In some embodiments, the calculated microstates parameter values are stored in memory **416**.

[0297] According to some exemplary embodiments, a risk indicator or a probability indicator is generated at **548**. In some embodiments, the indicator provides an indication for the risk or probability of a subject to be classified in one or more disease stages, for example AD, depression, vascular dementia, MCI, mixed dementia and/or cognitively normal. In some embodiments, the indicator is generated based on one or more of the calculated microstates parameter values or based on a combination of two or more microstates parameter values. In some embodiments, the indicator is generated by control circuitry **412** of device **402**. In some embodiments, the indicator is generated based on a combination between the results of cognitive test and/or other clinical test and the calculated microstates parameter values. In some embodiments, the indicator is generated based on calculated microstates parameter values stored in memory **416**, and using data tables, data indications and/or one or more algorithms stored in memory **416**. Optionally, the indicator is transmitted to a user of device **402** or an expert, for example a physician using interface **414** and/or transmitter **415**. In some embodiments, the indicator is transmit-

ted, optionally by wireless communication, to a handheld device of a patient or an expert.

[0298] According to some exemplary embodiments, a score is generated for each clinical condition, based on the calculated microstates parameter values at **548**. In some embodiments, the score is generated based on the calculated microstates parameter values and the results of cognitive, psychiatric and/or clinical tests performed at **540**.

[0299] According to some exemplary embodiments, at least one parameter value or a combination of 2 or more parameter values are classified to AD population, cognitively normal population or depressed population at **548**. In some embodiments, the classification of the parameter values is determined based on the risk indicator or a combination between the risk indicator and additional biomarkers and/or results of tests. In some embodiments, control circuitry **412** classifies the at least one parameter value or the combination of 2 or more parameter values, optionally using two or more algorithms stored in memory **416**. In some embodiments, one or more classifications, tables or indications are stored in a memory or the database, for example memory **416**. Optionally, a combined clinical score based on a combination between two or more of the classification, the risk indicator, the cognitive tests is generated. Optionally, the combined clinical score is stored in memory **416**.

[0300] According to some exemplary embodiments, a subject is classified to one or more clinical condition groups based on the calculated microstates parameter values at **548**. In some embodiments, the subject is classified to one or more clinical condition groups based on the calculated microstate parameter values and the results of cognitive, psychiatric and/or clinical tests performed at **540**.

[0301] According to some exemplary embodiments, additional one or more biomarkers are analysed at **550**, for example to identify vascular dementia and/or other types of dementia. Optionally, PET-CT analysis and/or analysis of cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) are performed at **550**, for example to evaluate levels of AD biological markers such as A-beta or tau-proteins. In some embodiments, a biomarkers score is generated based on the results of the biomarkers analysis at **550**. In some embodiments, the biomarkers score is stored in the memory **416** or the database. In some embodiments, the combined clinical score is updated, optionally by control circuitry **412**, based on one or more of the cognitive tests score, the classification and/or the biomarkers score for each subject. In some embodiments, each of the scores is a predictive score that is used to classify a subject as an AD subject, normal subject or depressed subject.

[0302] According to some exemplary embodiments, the risk or the probability indicator is updated at **551**. In some embodiments, the risk or the probability indicator is updated based on the analysis results of the additional biomarkers. In some embodiments, control circuitry **412** generates an updated indicator. Optionally, the updated indicator is transmitted to a user or an expert by transmitter **415** and or interface **414** of device **402**, for example as described above at **548**.

[0303] According to some exemplary embodiments, the severity of AD is optionally determined at **552**. In some embodiments, the severity level of AD, for example MCI, mild-moderate AD, moderate AD, moderate-severe AD or severe AD is determined at **552**. In some embodiments, the severity level of AD is determined based on the calculated microstates parameters values at **544**. Optionally, AD sever-

ity is determined based on the calculated microstates parameters values and the cognitive and/or clinical tests performed at **546**. In some embodiments, AD severity is determined based on the risk or probability indicator generated at **546**. In some embodiments, AD severity is determined based on the duration of one or more microstates and/or based on the combined duration of two or more microstates. In some embodiments, AD severity is determined or estimated based on one of the combined clinical score, the risk indicator, the classification, the cognitive tests score, the biomarkers score or any combination between the scores. In some embodiments, AD severity is determined by control circuitry **412**. In some embodiments, an indication about the classification of a subject and/or the severity of AD is delivered to a user or an expert using interface **414** and/or transmitter **415**.

[**0304**] According to some exemplary embodiments, the subject is treated at **554**. In some embodiments, a treatment program is selected or adjusted for the treatment of AD. Optionally, the treatment is selected or adjusted to treat a specific AD severity level. In some embodiments, the treatment is selected from a plurality of treatments stored in memory **416**.

[**0305**] According to some exemplary embodiments, cognitive tests are performed following the treatment at **540**. Optionally, EEG signals are recorded at **542** following the treatment. In some embodiments, EEG signals are recorded one or more hours or one or more days or weeks following the treatment. In some embodiments, the EEG signals are recorded following the treatment, for example to monitor the effect of the treatment on the subject's condition. Optionally, the EEG signals are recorded following the treatment to re-assess the clinical condition of the subject and/or to re-classify the subject.

Exemplary Validation Experiment

[**0306**] Following is a description of an experiment performed using the methods described herein. While the experiment was performed using specific methods, it should be noted that some of the methods and some of the results may be adjusted or used in some embodiments of the invention. The experiment shows that there is a difference between populations and that this difference can be used, for example by using probabilities gleaned from the experimental results, to help classify a new individual, with or without an additional data, for example additional biomarkers or results of cognitive or psychiatric tests.

[**0307**] In the experiment, EEG data and medical records of three cohorts: demented patients (n=68), depressed patients (n=50) and normal controls (n=50), as summarized in FIG. 6A was retrospectively examined.

[**0308**] In the experiment, Dementia was restricted to cases diagnosed with dementia due to Alzheimer disease (AD) or due to mixed pathology (i.e. AD combined with vascular dementia (VD)). Additionally, subjects were divided according to age groups, for example as shown in FIG. 6A.

[**0309**] Reference is now made to FIG. 6B depicting a process for extraction of microstates from one or more EEG signals that was used in the experiment and that can also be used in some embodiments of the invention.

[**0310**] In the experiment, EEG signals in a frequency range of 1-40 Hertz were filtered at **604**. In some embodiments of the invention, EEG signals in a frequency range of 1-40 Hertz, for example 1-10, 2-20, 2-25 or any intermediate, larger range or smaller. Optionally, in some embodi-

ments of the invention, EEG signals in frequencies larger than 40 Hertz and/or smaller than 1 Hertz are filtered.

[**0311**] Quiet segments in the filtered EEG signals were extracted at **606**. In the experiment and in some embodiments of the invention, quiet segments are segments where the EEG signals are resting state EEG signals. In the experiment and in some embodiments of the invention, quiet segments are segments in the EEG recorded when the eyes of a subject are closed. In the experiment, all EEG signals were resting state EEG. The relevant segments used for microstate extraction were those segments when eyes were closed. In the experiment, an algorithm extracted those segments when alpha rhythm appears (i.e. eyes closed), for example for automatic extraction of microstates. In some embodiments of the invention, as used in the experiment, quiet segments are identified and optionally extracted based on the detection of an alpha rhythm. Optionally, in some embodiments of the invention, detection of an alpha rhythm and/or extraction of the quiet segments are performed by one or more algorithms, for example one or more algorithms stored in a memory.

[**0312**] In some embodiments of the invention, the presence and/or levels of the alpha rhythm is monitored, optionally continuously monitored. In some embodiments, the presence and/or levels of the alpha rhythm are monitored during a specific time period, for example during a time period between 1 minute and 60 minute, or any other larger or smaller time period. In some embodiments, when the levels of the alpha rhythm are higher than a predetermined level the EEG signals are recorded and optionally are classified as resting state EEG signals. In some embodiments of the invention, a system monitors the eyes closure rate, or any other clinical or physiological parameter indicative of a resting state.

[**0313**] In the experiment, GFP was calculated at **608**. In the experiment and in some embodiments, the GFP is calculated, as described in the "Exemplary microstates extraction" section of this application.

[**0314**] In the experiment, microstates were extracted from the filtered EEG signals at **610**. In the experiment and in some embodiments of the invention the microstates are extracted, as described in the "Exemplary microstates extraction" section of this application. In the experiment, the microstates comprise microstate A, microstate B, microstate C and/or microstate D. In some embodiments of the invention, the microstates comprise one or more of microstate A, microstate B, microstate C and/or microstate D or any number of defined microstates, for example the number of microstates or the definition of each microstate is personalized to a specific subject and/or to a specific clinical condition.

[**0315**] In the experiment, microstates parameters, also termed herein as "features" were extracted from the microstate vector at **612**. In the experiment and in some embodiments of the invention the microstates parameters are extracted, as described in the "Exemplary microstates extraction" section of this application. In the experiment and in some embodiments of the invention, the features comprise one or more of microstate duration, microstate frequency, microstate coverage and microstate transitions or any mathematical derivation of the features, for example a mean of the features.

[**0316**] In some embodiments of the invention, one or more microstates, for example microstate A and/or micro-

state B and/or microstate C and/or microstate D are extracted from an EEG signal. In some embodiments, values of one or more microstates parameters are calculated, for example microstate duration and/or microstate frequency and/or microstate coverage and/or number of transitions of one or more microstates or any mathematical derivation of the values, for example a mean or an average.

[0317] Reference is now made to FIG. 7, depicting a process that was used in the experiment and that can also be used in some embodiments of the invention for extraction of EEG quiet segments.

[0318] In the experiment, EEG signals were filtered from a desired number of electrodes to get an Alpha vector for each electrode at 702. Optionally, in some embodiments of the invention, EEG signals from 8, 9, 10, 15 16 or any desired number of electrodes are filtered. In the experiment, an Alpha vector was received by filtering EEG signals in a range of 8 Hertz to 12.5 Hertz. Optionally, in some embodiments of the invention an alpha vector is received in a different range of frequencies, for example a range of frequencies that is personalized for a specific subject or to a specific clinical condition.

[0319] In the experiment, EEG signals were filtered from a desired number of electrodes to get a Beta vector for each electrode at 704. Optionally, in some embodiments of the invention, EEG signals from 8, 9, 10, 15 16 or any desired number of electrodes are filtered. In some embodiments, a beta vector was received by filtering EEG signals in a range of 12.5 Hertz to 20 Hertz. Optionally, in some embodiments of the invention a beta vector is received in a different range of frequencies, for example a range of frequencies that is personalized for a specific subject or to a specific clinical condition.

[0320] In the experiment, energy vectors for Alpha and/or Beta vectors were calculated at 706. A ratio between Alpha energy vectors and Beta energy vectors was calculated at 708.

[0321] In the experiment, the next value from each ratio vector is calculated (first iteration is the first element in vectors) at 710. If all elements are larger than a predefined threshold as checked at 712, the specific analysed time segment was set to be a closed eyes segment at 716.

[0322] In the experiment, if all elements were not larger than a predefined threshold as checked at 712, then the specific analysed time segment was removed at 714. Optionally, in some embodiments of the invention, a specific analysed time segment is removed from a database of signals, for example a database of signals that is used for further analysis of the EEG signals.

[0323] In the experiment, if this was not the last element in the ratio vectors as checked at 718, then the next value from each ratio vector was calculated at 710.

[0324] Reference is now made to FIG. 8 depicting a process for microstates extraction as used in the experiment and that can also be used in some embodiments of the invention. In the experiment, the microstates were extracted from quiet segments of the EEG signal, for example from closed eyes segments of the EEG signal. Optionally, in some embodiments of the invention, the microstates are extracted from closed time segments stored in a database of time segments.

[0325] In the experiment, peaks in the GFP vector were detected at 802. Optionally, in some embodiments of the invention, only selected peaks in the GFP vector, for

example peaks that are larger than a predefined threshold are detected. EEG vector value at each GFP peak was extracted at 804. Optionally, in some embodiments of the invention, EEG vector values at selected GFP peaks are extracted.

[0326] In the experiment, the number of clusters was set to $k=4$ at 806. In addition, constant seed for k-means classification was set at 808.

[0327] In the experiment, a centroid of clusters (k centers) was detected at 810. Optionally, first iteration is centroid=seed.

[0328] In the experiment, a correlation of all objects to the centroid was calculated at 812. Optionally, in some embodiments of the invention, a correlation of selected objects to the centroid is calculated.

[0329] In the experiment, one or more objects were grouped based on maximum correlation at 814.

[0330] In the experiment, a check was performed to determine if objects moved at 816.

[0331] In the experiment, if objects did not move then the process was ended at 818.

[0332] In the experiment, if objects moved, then a centroid of dusters (k centers) was found as previously described at 810.

[0333] Reference is now made to FIG. 9, depicting a process for extraction of microstates duration as used in the experiment and that can also be used in some embodiments of the invention.

[0334] In the experiment, the first state in the vector was detected at 904. Additionally, the next different state was detected at 906. In the experiment, the duration of the state appearance was saved at 908. A check was performed to determine if this is the end of the vector at 910.

[0335] In the experiment, if this was not the end of the vector, then the process moved to the next different state at 906. In the experiment, if this was end of the vector, then the mean appearance time of each microstate was calculated at 912. Additionally, the standard deviation of each microstate is calculated at 914.

[0336] Reference is now made to FIG. 10, depicting a process for extraction of microstates transition as used in the experiment and that can also be used in some embodiments of the invention.

[0337] In the experiment, all transition counters (from state to state) were set to 0 at 1002. In the experiment, all 12 transition counters were set to 0. The first state in the vector was detected at 1004. The next different state was detected at 1006. Then, the transition counter was increased by 1 at 1008.

[0338] In the experiment, a check was performed to determine if this was the end of the vector at 1010. If this was the end of the vector, then the percentage of each transition type was calculated at 1012. If this was not the end of the vector then the process moved to the next different state at 1006.

[0339] Reference is now made to FIG. 11, depicting a process for extraction of microstates coverage as used in the experiment and that can also be used in some embodiments of the invention.

[0340] In the experiment, the number of appearances of each microstate was counted at 1102. The fraction of the total appearance of each microstate in the microstates vector was calculated. Optionally the percentage of the total appearance of each microstate in the microstates vector was calculated.

[0341] Reference is now made to FIG. 12, depicting a process for extraction of microstates frequency as used in the experiment and that can also be used in some embodiments of the invention.

[0342] In the experiment, the microstates vector was split to equal segments of time, for example to segments of 1 second at 1202. The number of states appearances at each segment was counted at 1204. Then, the mean appearance of each microstate at all the time segments was calculated at 1206. Additionally, the standard deviation of appearance of each microstate at all time segments was calculated at 1208.

[0343] In the experiment, the EEG data was processed using the methods described in FIGS. 6B-12. Optionally, the EEG was processed using a computerized algorithm. The algorithm received EEG data, performed EEG noise reduction and optionally subtracted microstates from the EEG. In the experiment, the microstates were subtracted using one of two clustering methods which were termed “seed” or “retries”. Additionally, the algorithm defined the microstate type (A, B, C or D) and its characteristic parameters (duration, coverage, frequency and transition). In some embodiments of the invention, the algorithm and/or the clustering methods described herein are used.

[0344] In the experiment, statistical analysis was performed using Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS). A comparison of microstate parameters between groups was accomplished using t test for two groups’ comparisons and/or using analysis of variation (ANOVA) for multiple group comparisons. The statistical significant difference was defined as a two tailed P level less than 0.05.

[0345] In the experiment, all EEG data was processed using a computerized algorithm. Due to low EEG acquisition quality 5, 9 and 13 subjects from the demented, depressed and normal group were excluded respectively. After exclusion there were 55 demented patients, 41 depressed patients and 40 normal controls.

[0346] In the experiment, using the “retries” clustering method a significant difference between the three cohorts in the duration of states A, B and D ($p=0.004$, $p=0.04$ and $p=0.006$ respectively) was observed. A significant difference was also noticed in the frequency of state B and C ($p=0.037$ and $p=0.049$, respectively). Comparing only the depressed cohort to normal controls demonstrated a significant difference in the duration of state D ($p=0.048$). Comparing only demented patients to the normal controls yielded a significant difference in the coverage of state A ($p=0.02$), duration of states A, B and D ($p=0.002$, $p=0.016$ and $p=0.002$ respectively) and transitions of state A ($p=0.04$).

[0347] In the experiment, using the “seed” clustering method a significant difference was demonstrated between the three groups in the duration of states C and D ($p=0.037$ and $p=0.015$ respectively). Comparing only the depressed cohort to normal controls demonstrated a significant difference in the duration of states A ($p=0.009$), B ($p=0.011$), C ($p=0.016$), D ($p=0.006$) and in the frequencies of states A ($p=0.048$), B ($p=0.024$) and D ($p=0.044$). Comparing duration of all states grouped together there was a significant difference between the demented patients and the normal controls ($p=0.002$), for example as shown in FIG. 13.

[0348] In order to further explore whether dementia severity influences microstate parameters, the medical records of Alzheimer’s disease demented patients who had performed a complete cognitive evaluation ($n=25$) was examined. These patients were divided into 2 groups: those with very

mild dementia ($n=6$) vs. those having mild-moderate dementia ($n=19$). There was a significant difference in microstate duration between the two groups ($p=0.006$).

[0349] In addition, a comparison was made between 6 groups of subjects: demented subjects (DEM, Type 10), AD subjects (AD, Type 11), MILD dementia subjects (MILD, Type 12), Vascular dementia subjects (VD, Type 13), Depressed subjects (DEP, Type 20), and cognitively normal subjects (NORM, Type 30). The mean duration in each microstate of each group was calculated, as shown in Table 1. The demented subjects (DEM, Type 10) comprised demented subjects diagnosed with dementia without a complete cognitive evaluation. Additionally, this group also comprises subjects with mixed dementia (AD+vascular dementia). AD subjects (AD, Type 11) comprised patients diagnosed with AD after a complete cognitive evaluation. Mild dementia subjects (MILD, Type 12) comprised subjects diagnosed with MCI, optionally very mild dementia. Vascular dementia subjects (VD, Type 13) comprised subjects diagnosed with vascular dementia and/or mixed dementia.

[0350] In the experiment, a pairwise comparison was performed, for example as shown in Table 2, between the mean duration in all microstates of two groups, for example to test whether it is possible to use the mean duration as a parameter for distinguishing between 2 or more groups. In some embodiments of the invention, classification is performed, for example as described in FIG. 5B based on the mean duration parameter, as described in the experiment.

[0351] In the experiment, a pairwise comparison between AD subjects and mild dementia (MCI), depressed or cognitively normal subjects resulted with a statistically significant mean difference. A pairwise comparison between mild dementia (MCI) subjects and AI or VD resulted with a statistically significant mean difference. A pairwise comparison between VD and DEM, MILD, DEP OR NORM resulted with a statistically significant mean difference. A pairwise comparison between depressed subjects (DEP) and AD or VD resulted with a statistically significant mean difference. In some embodiments of the invention, distinguishing between AD, VD and depressed subjects, for example based on the mean duration as described in the experiment, allows to better classify a clinical condition of a subject that may present similar cognitive and/or behavioral symptoms that are shared between AD, VD and depression.

[0352] In the experiment, a pairwise comparison between cognitively normal subjects (NORM) and AD or VD resulted with a statistically significant mean difference. The statistically significant differences between the different groups are used in some embodiments of the invention to generate a score for each clinical condition, for example AD, VD, NORM, MCI or depression. In some embodiments of the invention, the statistically significant differences between the groups are used to calculate a risk indicator which indicates a probability of a subject to be classified in one or more of the groups, for example as described in FIG. 5B. Additionally or alternatively, in some embodiments of the invention the statistically significant difference between the groups is used for classifying a subject condition in one or more of the groups which are associated with a clinical condition.

[0353] In the experiment, a scatter plot of the mean duration of microstates for each subject in each group was

generated, for example as shown in FIG. 14. As demonstrated in the scatter plot, more than 97% of the cognitively normal subjects (NORM, 1412) have a mean duration which is smaller than 0.07 seconds. On the other hand, more than 30% of AD subjects (AD, 1404) have a mean duration larger than 0.07 sec. In addition, more than 16% of the depressed subjects (DEP, 1410) have a mean duration larger than 0.07 sec, and more than 84% have a mean duration smaller than 0.07 sec.

[0354] In some embodiments of the invention and as described in the results of the experiment, based on a pre-determined threshold, for example 0.07 sec or any other threshold, the probability of a subject to be classified in one or more clinical conditions groups is determined, for example groups DEM (1402), AD (1404), MILD (1406), VD (1408), DEP (1410) and NORM (1412) used in the experiment. Optionally a probability score is calculated, for example based on the mean duration as shown in FIG. 14.

[0355] In some embodiments of the invention, based on FIG. 14, the results of the experiment, or any conversion table between a calculated microstates parameter values and a clinical condition, a probability score or a risk indicator is determined, optionally based on a predefined threshold or a predefined range of values. For example, based on the results of the experiment, if a subject has a mean duration higher than 0.07 sec, then he has a probability of 16% to be classified as depressed, a probability of 32% to be classified as an AD, and a probability of 40% to be classified as VD. If a subject has a mean duration larger than 0.08 sec, then he has a probability of 2% to be classified as depressed, a probability 30% to be classified as VD, and a probability of 10% to be classified as AD.

[0356] In some embodiments of the invention, a probability score or a risk indicator generated, for example as shown in FIG. 5B, based on an association between at least one parameter value of the microstates and a stored table, a stored database, stored indications and/or one or more stored algorithms. In some embodiments, the generated score comprises the probability of a subject to be associated with 2 or more groups, for example the groups discussed above. In some embodiments, the probability score or the risk indicator are generated using a conversion table between microstates parameter values and one or more clinical conditions, stored in a memory or a remote database or a remote server.

[0357] In some embodiments, a remote server is used in order to build a database of indication or one or more conversion tables between microstates parameter values and one or more clinical conditions. In some embodiments, the remote server generates the database of indications or the one or more conversion tables using machine learning techniques, one or more algorithms and/or using neural networks.

[0358] In some embodiments, in order to classify a patient an association between one or more microstates parameter values and one or more clinical conditions is performed in the remote server.

TABLE 1

Descriptive Statistics				
	Type	Mean	Std. Deviation	N
meanDur_A	10	.05753	.011097	16
	11	.06181	.015172	28

TABLE 1-continued

Descriptive Statistics				
	Type	Mean	Std. Deviation	N
meanDur_B	12	.05142	.005631	6
	13	.06473	.014153	10
	20	.05649	.008819	42
	30	.05390	.006616	40
	Total	.05729	.010896	142
	10	.05709	.011462	16
	11	.06005	.011436	28
	12	.04867	.003507	6
	13	.06481	.011912	10
	20	.05729	.009752	42
	30	.05360	.005659	40
meanDur_C	Total	.05694	.009872	142
	10	.05704	.010260	16
	11	.06439	.018785	28
	12	.04931	.002495	6
	13	.06294	.015663	10
	20	.05782	.009478	42
	30	.05424	.009222	40
	Total	.05802	.012707	142
	10	.05636	.010517	16
	11	.05975	.011517	28
meanDur_D	12	.05087	.003233	6
	13	.06884	.015370	10
	20	.05620	.007760	42
	30	.05336	.005710	40
	Total	.05678	.009805	142

TABLE 2

Pairwise Comparisons Measure: MEASURE_1						
		Mean			95% Confidence Interval for Difference ^b	
(I) Type	(J) Type	Difference (I-J)	Std. Error	Sig. ^b	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
10	11	-.004	.003	.119	-.010	.001
	12	.007	.004	.115	-.002	.016
	13	-.008*	.004	.025	-.016	-.001
	20	5.607E-5	.003	.983	-.005	.005
	30	.003	.003	.234	-.002	.009
11	10	.004	.003	.119	-.001	.010
	12	.011*	.004	.006	.003	.020
	13	-.004	.003	.257	-.010	.003
	20	.005*	.002	.043	.000	.009
	30	.008*	.002	.001	.003	.012
12	10	-.007	.004	.115	-.016	.002
	11	-.011*	.004	.006	-.020	-.003
	13	-.015*	.005	.002	-.025	-.006
	20	-.007	.004	.087	-.015	.001
	30	-.004	.004	.356	-.012	.004
13	10	.008*	.004	.025	.001	.016
	11	.004	.003	.257	-.003	.010
	12	.015*	.005	.002	.006	.025
	20	.008*	.003	.010	.002	.015
	30	.012*	.003	.000	.005	.018
20	10	-5.607E-5	.003	.983	-.005	.005
	11	-.005*	.002	.043	-.009	.000
	12	.007	.004	.087	-.001	.015
	13	-.008*	.003	.010	-.015	-.002
	30	.003	.002	.118	-.001	.007
30	10	-.003	.003	.234	-.009	.002
	11	-.008*	.002	.001	-.012	-.003

TABLE 2-continued

Pairwise Comparisons Measure: MEASURE_1						
Mean				95% Confidence Interval for Difference ^b		
(I) Type	(J) Type	Difference (I-J)	Std. Error	Sig. ^a	Lower Bound	Upper Bound
	12	.004	.004	.356	-.004	.012
	13	-.012*	.003	.000	-.018	-.005
	20	-.003	.002	.118	-.007	.001

Based on estimated marginal means

^aThe mean difference is significant at the .05 level.^bAdjustment for multiple comparisons: Least Significant Difference (equivalent to no adjustments).

[0359] It is expected that during the life of a patent maturing from this application many relevant methods for extracting microstate parameters values will be developed; the scope of the term extraction of microstate parameters values is intended to include all such new technologies a priori.

[0360] As used herein with reference to quantity or value, the term “about” means “within±10% of”.

[0361] The terms “comprises”, “comprising”, “includes”, “including”, “has”, “having” and their conjugates mean “including but not limited to”.

[0362] The term “consisting of” means “including and limited to”.

[0363] The term “consisting essentially of” means that the composition, method or structure may include additional ingredients, steps and/or parts, but only if the additional ingredients, steps and/or parts do not materially alter the basic and novel characteristics of the claimed composition, method or structure.

[0364] As used herein, the singular forms “a”, “an” and “the” include plural references unless the context clearly dictates otherwise. For example, the term “a compound” or “at least one compound” may include a plurality of compounds, including mixtures thereof.

[0365] Throughout this application, embodiments of this invention may be presented with reference to a range format. It should be understood that the description in range format is merely for convenience and brevity and should not be construed as an inflexible limitation on the scope of the invention. Accordingly, the description of a range should be considered to have specifically disclosed all the possible subranges as well as individual numerical values within that range. For example, description of a range such as “from 1 to 6” should be considered to have specifically disclosed subranges such as “from 1 to 3”, “from 1 to 4”, “from 1 to 5”, “from 2 to 4”, “from 2 to 6”, “from 3 to 6”, etc.; as well as individual numbers within that range, for example, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. This applies regardless of the breadth of the range.

[0366] Whenever a numerical range is indicated herein (for example “10-15”, “10 to 15”, or any pair of numbers linked by these another such range indication), it is meant to include any number (fractional or integral) within the indicated range limits, including the range limits, unless the context clearly dictates otherwise. The phrases “range/ranging/ranges between” a first indicate number and a second indicate number and “range/ranging/ranges from” a first indicate number “to”, “up to”, “until” or “through” (or

another such range-indicating term) a second indicate number are used herein interchangeably and are meant to include the first and second indicated numbers and all the fractional and integral numbers therebetween.

[0367] Unless otherwise indicated, numbers used herein and any number ranges based thereon are approximations within the accuracy of reasonable measurement and rounding errors as understood by persons skilled in the art.

[0368] As used herein the term “method” refers to manners, means, techniques and procedures for accomplishing a given task including, but not limited to, those manners, means, techniques and procedures either known to, or readily developed from known manners, means, techniques and procedures by practitioners of the chemical, pharmacological, biological, biochemical and medical arts.

[0369] As used herein, the term “treating” includes abrogating, inhibiting, slowing or reversing the progression of a condition, ameliorating clinical or aesthetical symptoms of a condition or preventing the appearance of clinical or aesthetical symptoms of a condition.

[0370] It is appreciated that certain features of the invention, which are, for clarity, described in the context of separate embodiments, may also be provided in combination in a single embodiment. Conversely, various features of the invention, which are, for brevity, described in the context of a single embodiment, may also be provided separately or in any suitable subcombination or as suitable in any other described embodiment of the invention. Certain features described in the context of various embodiments are not to be considered essential features of those embodiments, unless the embodiment is inoperative without those elements.

[0371] Although the invention has been described in conjunction with specific embodiments thereof, it is evident that many alternatives, modifications and variations will be apparent to those skilled in the art. Accordingly, it is intended to embrace all such alternatives, modifications and variations that fall within the spirit and broad scope of the appended claims.

[0372] All publications, patents and patent applications mentioned in this specification are herein incorporated in their entirety by reference into the specification, to the same extent as if each individual publication, patent or patent application was specifically and individually indicated to be incorporated herein by reference. In addition, citation or identification of any reference in this application shall not be construed as an admission that such reference is available as prior art to the present invention. To the extent that section headings are used, they should not be construed as necessarily limiting.

1. A method for evaluating a treatment for a brain condition, comprising:

extracting one or more microstate parameter values from at least one EEG signal that was measured after the treatment; and

evaluating at least one parameter of the treatment based on the one or more microstate parameter values.

2-8. (canceled)

9. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

modifying at least one parameter of the treatment if the one or more microstate parameters values is not a desired value.

10. The method of claim 1, wherein the microstate parameters comprise resting state networks or resting state micro-

state parameters, and wherein the EEG signal is measured when an individual is not actively engaged in sensory and/or cognitive processing.

11. The method of claim 1, wherein the brain condition comprises Mild cognitive impairment (MCI), dementia or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder or Attention Deficit Disorder or Depression.

12. (canceled)

13. The method of claim 1, wherein the evaluating further comprises evaluating the efficacy and/or the efficiency of the treatment.

14. The method of claim 13, further comprising: delivering a TMS by at least one magnetic coil attached to the scalp, before the extracting.

15. The method of claim 14, further comprising: modifying at least one parameter of the TMS based on the efficacy.

16-23. (canceled)

24. The method of claim 1, wherein the extracting comprises generating at least two topographic microstate maps and/or the occurrence time of each topographic microstate map.

25. A method for generating a risk indication for classifying a subject condition as of one or more clinical conditions based on an EEG signal, comprising:

extracting values of one or more microstate parameters from a first EEG signal recorded from the subject; and calculating a risk indication of one or more clinical conditions based on the extracted one or more microstate parameter values.

26-31. (canceled)

32. The method of claim 25, comprising: recording a second EEG signal after a pre-determined time from the first EEG signal; and wherein the extracting further comprises extracting one or more microstate parameter values from the second EEG signal.

33. The method of claim 32, comprising: updating the risk indication based on the one or more microstate parameter values of the second EEG signal.

34-38. (canceled)

39. The method of claim 25, wherein the microstate parameters comprise resting state networks or resting state microstate parameters, and wherein the EEG signal is measured when an individual is not actively engaged in sensory and/or cognitive processing.

40. The method of claim 25, wherein the microstate parameters comprise duration or mean duration of one or more microstates.

41. The method of claim 25, wherein the microstates parameters comprise occurrence, frequency and/or number of transitions of one or more microstates.

42. A device for calculating a risk indication associated with one or more clinical conditions, comprising:

a memory, wherein the memory stores microstates indications associated with one or more clinical conditions;

a control circuitry connected to at least one EEG electrode and to the memory, wherein the control circuitry extracts values of at least one microstate parameter from an EEG signal, measured by the at least one EEG electrode and calculates a risk indication associated with one or more clinical condition based on the at least one microstates parameters values and the microstates indications stored in the memory.

43. The device of claim 42, wherein the control circuitry selects a treatment protocol adjusted for treating the stage of a clinical condition; and wherein the memory stores the treatment protocol.

44. The device of claim 42, wherein the control circuitry modifies at least one parameter of a treatment protocol for the treatment of the clinical condition, to adjust the treatment protocol for treating the stage of the clinical condition; and

wherein the memory stores the treatment protocol. 45-46. (canceled)

47. The device of claim 42, wherein the microstate parameters comprise resting state networks, and wherein the EEG signal is measured when an individual is not actively engaged in sensory and/or cognitive processing.

48. The device of claim 42, wherein the at least one microstate parameter comprises duration or mean duration of one or more microstates.

49. (canceled)

50. The device of claim 42 wherein the memory stores results of a cognitive analysis and/or a psychiatric analysis, and wherein the control circuitry calculates the risk indication based on the values of the at least one microstates parameter and based on the cognitive analysis results and/or the psychiatric analysis results.

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一种评估脑部疾病的治疗方法，包括：从治疗后测量的至少一个EEG信号中提取一个或多个微状态参数值；基于一个或多个微状态参数值评估治疗的至少一个参数。

