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# A Graph-Theoretical Approach to Neurobiological Databases Comparison 

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#### Abstract

Music is one of the best tools to evoke emotions and feelings in people. Generally, people like classical music, R\&B, hip hop, house, disco, underground or other kinds of music. People select songs basing on their preferences. For example, a subject while performing an action such as running, studying or relaxing tends to listen to songs that give her/him a pleasant feeling. Interesting issues emerge: First, collecting the brain reactions when the brain is stimulated by songs (classified as pleasant). Second, comparing them with the resting state condition, and third representing the neural network changes in terms of emergent subgraphs. We propose a general methodology concerning phase transitions analysis of an arbitrary number of conditions. We also apply such a methodology to real acoustic data and, though our findings generally seem to agree with others available in the literature, they also point out the existence of functional connectivity between pairs of cerebral areas, usually not immediately associated to an acoustical task. Our results may explain why people when listening to pleasant music activated emotional cerebral areas in spite of the fact that the music they classify as pleasant is different for each subject. Possible applications to Neuropsychiatry are discussed.


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## 1. Introduction

In this paper we suggest a possible approach to neurobiological databases management. Data are organized in matrices that, at a later stage, are compressed and compared in a complete way. The problem of thresholding is fully described and detailed. In order to model the neurobiological phenomenon into binary matrices and consequently in terms of graphs. Hence, it results the graph representation of the neurobiological test. From the general graph we can extract suitable subgraphs showing the links that are more involved, to some extent, in the performance. Importantly, our methodology applies to a wealth of datasets which are typically gathered in human subjects by non-invasive methods, such as EEG/MEG [17], fMRI [13], PET [12] or a coupling of an electrophysiologic measurement technique with a hemodynamic one.

This could help to identify the regions responsible for psychiatric disorders, as well as to assess how different tasks of different nature (musical, cognitive, decisional-making, etc.) affect the functional connectivity of the brain.

[^0]As an example we provide the application of our proposal to real MEG data (released by Carlo Besta Neurological Institute), concerning two different subjects undergoing the same acoustical experiment.
We investigated the changes in the functional connectivity produced by transitions from Basal to Pleasant, due to musical experiments. More precisely, two healthy volunteers (in the following referred to as Abbondanza and Bologna) were considered, and studied under two different states. The first state, the Basal condition, or Basal phase, consisted in a kind of resting state (which can be assumed as a sort of baseline), and was determined when no kind of music was proposed to the volunteers. The second state was a pleasant condition, called the Pleasant phase, obtained while playing a piece of music that, according to some parameters fixed in advance, was considered pleasant to the volunteers (not necessarily the same kind of music was considered pleasant by the subjects).

Both the subjects were investigated by means of MEG technique which model the neural brain network as a graph consisting of 89 nodes (cf. Table 11). The experiments had a duration of 60 seconds in each one of the two considered conditions (Basal and Pleasant).

For every volunteer, the corresponding Basal and Pleasant databases, were collected. This was done by splitting the length of the musical stimulus, which is 60 seconds, in 30 slots of 2 seconds, and recording, in any single slot, the functional connectivity between any pair of nodes. For the sake of precision, in the experiment were considered only 29 slots. In fact, having left out from the analysis the first and the last milliseconds of the stimulus, 29 were the remaining slots, each lasting two seconds.

This resulted in $29 \times 2$ different $89 \times 89$-sized matrices $A_{t}^{(s)}=\left[a_{h k}\right]_{t}^{(s)}, 1 \leq h, k \leq 89$, $0 \leq t \leq 29$, and $s=1,2$ corresponding to the Basal and Pleasant conditions, respectively. For each fixed $t$ and $s$, the entry $a_{h k}$ of $A_{t}^{(s)}$ denotes the functional connectivity between the nodes $h$ and $k$, at the fixed time $t$, and in the fixed state $s$. As a consequence, the range of the entries is the $[0,1]$ real interval. In fact, the functional connectivity is assumed to be symmetric, namely $a_{h k}=a_{k h}$ for all $h, k \in\{1, \ldots, 89\}$, and consequently, in order to reduce the data storage, each matrix $A_{t}^{(s)}, 1 \leq t \leq 29, s=1,2$, was available in its upper-triangular form, where $a_{h k}=0$ for all $h \geq k$.

In Section 2 we detail the general approach that we propose to follow when studying the comparison between different homogeneous databases.
Section 3 shows how the proposed methodology can be applied, giving all details and global comments and remarks. In Subsections 3.6.1, 3.6.2 we provide un example of graph theoretical approach to real data. Emphasis is given to the role of the weights of the edges which, in some sense, play a fundamental role in determining which links are more important in comparison to others in an emergent subgraph.
The results are shown in Section 4 while in Section 5 we resume our conclusions and outline possible extension of our work.

## 2. Mathematical methodology for thresholding

### 2.1. Statistical approach

Let us to suppose to perform a neurobiological experiment, whose temporal length is $T$. Generally, in order to process data, $T$ is split in $N$ temporal sub-intervals, also known as temporal slots or epochs.
Very often, in neurobiological experiments, data are collected in matrices whose dimensions depend on the number of nodes (denoted by $n$ ) and on the number of temporal sub-intervals. Hence, we should speak about a collection of matrices rather than a single matrix. Such a general collection is composed by $N$ matrices of $n$ row and $n$ columns, said differently the dimension of each of these $N$ matrices is $n \times n$. Therefore, every temporal slot is characterized by functional data collected in the form of a $n \times n$ matrix. This holds for each one of the $s$ subjects under

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Table 1：Brain atlas
investigation.

The first step in the analysis consists in importing the available $N \times s$ different upper-triangular $n \times n$-sized matrices $A_{t}^{(s)}$ as Matlab ${ }^{\circledR}$ files (or as other technical computing languages such as Mathematica $\left.{ }^{\circledR}\right)$.

Functional brain connectivity forms a full symmetric matrix. It is well known [13], [14], [16], [19] that each entry encodes statistical dependence between two neural elements, which can be cerebral areas or part of them. Such neural elements are associated to voxels. Differently, in case of effective connectivity the matrix is typically skew symmetric. For simplicity we focus on functional connectivity, so we consider symmetric matrices.

In order to save space the storage of real data could be confined in the upper (or lower) triangular part of the matrix. Then, to get a properly symmetric form, which allows a better managing of the Matlab ${ }^{\circledR}{ }^{\circledR}$ scripts, each matrix is added to its transposed, so to obtain symmetric matrices. Of course, the resulting symmetric matrices have zero entries on the main diagonal, which represents the absence of self loops in the neural brain network, meaning that nodes autocorrelation is excluded. Moreover, each entry should be rounded at some decimal digit, depending on the demanded precision.

The comparison between two different states should be managed by computing the differences of the elements belonging to the corresponding databases.

A main problem in the analysis could be caused by the fact that each one of $s$ available databases has no temporal correlation with the others. This means that, for a fixed index $t \in$ $\{1, \ldots, N\}$, the matrix $A_{t}^{(s)}$ refers to different temporal slots for different values of $s$. As a consequence, a precise picture of the transition from one state to the other requires a kind of randomization. This is obtained by computing all the possible differences between pairs of matrices belonging to the two related databases.

In detail, it should be fixed one matrix corresponding to a particular phase $A_{\bar{i}}^{(\bar{s})}$, with $\bar{s}$ and $\bar{i}$ fixed, this means that we consider a particular phase $s$ and a specific temporal slot $i$. This matrix should be cross-confronted with all the $N$ matrices corresponding to the other phases. In this way we get matrices of the type: $A_{\bar{i}}^{(\bar{s})}-A_{i}^{(s)}$, with $\bar{s} \neq s$. We remark that the phase $\bar{s}$ is fixed and compared to the other phases (that we generally denote with $s$ )
The operation should be repeated for any temporal slot and for any phase (of course it does not considered the confrontation of a phase with itself). For example if two phases, $\bar{s}$ and $\tilde{s}$ are considered then the randomization would create a cell of order $N \times N$ made up of matrices whose dimension is $n \times n$. In case of a third phase $\hat{s}$ is considered, then it is necessary to compare all the possible pairs of available databases.

In order to streamline our description, let us consider two conditions $\bar{s}$ and $\tilde{s}$. To this step, great importance is assumed by entries of the matrices $A_{i}^{(\bar{s})}-A_{j}^{(\tilde{s})}, i, j \in 1, \ldots, N$, with $i$ fixed time by time, and with $\bar{s}$ and $\tilde{s}$ representing two different phases. In particular, attention should be focused on the entries having smaller or greater absolute values, because they denote the greater agreement or differences in correlations. Since the range of the entries is $[-1,1]$ one should be mainly interested to center the focus on a right neighborhood of -1 , on a left neighborhood of +1 , and on the neighborhood of 0 . The width of these neighborhood depending on the distribution of the entries of each matrix. The right neighborhood of -1 represents the situation where the phase $\tilde{s}$ dominate the phase $\bar{s}$, while left neighborhood of +1 refers to the case in where the phase $\bar{s}$ prevails on the phase $\tilde{s}$. The neighborhood of 0 gives information about the invariance domain between the phase $\bar{s}$ and $\tilde{s}$.

With the purpose to analyze the entries of the matrices $A_{i}^{(\bar{s})}-A_{j}^{(\tilde{s})}$, we organized each column, or equivalently each temporal slot, in a single $n \times n \cdot N$-sized matrix $C_{i}=\left[c_{h l}\right]_{i}(i \in\{1, \ldots, N\}, h \in$
$\{1, \ldots, n\}, l \in\{1, \ldots, n \cdot N\}$ ), obtained by connecting the rows of all the $N$ matrices $A_{i}^{(\bar{s})}-A_{j}^{(\tilde{s})}$, $i, j \in 1, \ldots, N$ of size $n \times n$ forming the column, see (1).
In summary, for each column, that is related to a temporal slot, a single matrix made up of side by side placing of $N$ matrices whose dimension is $n \times n$ is obtained. For example, for the first temporal slot, the matrices $A_{1}^{(\tilde{S})}-A_{1}^{(\tilde{S})}, A_{1}^{(\bar{S})}-A_{2}^{(\tilde{S})}, \ldots A_{1}^{(\tilde{S})}-A_{N}^{(\tilde{S})}$ must be side by side placed in order to get one single matrix $C_{1}=\left[c_{h l}\right]_{1}(h \in\{1, \ldots, n\}, l \in\{1, \ldots, n \cdot N\})$. Similarly for the other temporal slots. At the end of this process $N$ matrices $C_{1}=\left[c_{h l}\right]_{1}, C_{2}=\left[c_{h l}\right]_{2}, \ldots, C_{N}=\left[c_{h l}\right]_{N}$, where $h \in\{1, \ldots, n\}, l \in\{1, \ldots, n \cdot N\}$, are generated.

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\begin{equation*}
C_{i}=\left[A_{i}^{(\bar{s})}-A_{1}^{(\tilde{s})}\left|A_{i}^{(\bar{s})}-A_{2}^{(\tilde{s})}\right| \ldots \mid A_{i}^{(\bar{s})}-A_{N}^{(\tilde{s})}\right], \quad \forall i=1, \ldots, N . \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
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Once such matrices are obtained, an analysis on their entries is demanded. The entries of every matrix $C_{i}=\left[c_{h l}\right]_{i}(i \in\{1, \ldots, N\}, h \in\{1, \ldots, n\}, l \in\{1, \ldots, n \cdot N\})$, are collected in a single array. This is done by concatenating together the $N$ rows of $C_{i}=\left[c_{h}\right]_{i}$. This means that $N$ arrays, each one composed by $n \times N \times n$ elements, are generated. This operation is needed to start the statistical analysis.

As a next step, the distribution of the entries of every array should be computed and organized in an histogram formed by a number of bins, each bin representing the frequency of the corresponding entry. A typical histogram of such a type is shown if Figure 1.


Figure 1: A typical histogram representing the frequency of the entries of matrix $C_{i}$, i.e. the distribution of the values of the entries of $C_{i}, i=1, \ldots, N$.

This is useful in order to focus on the regions of interest which are mainly related to the goal of the experiments.

For example, if one is interested in detecting the links that are invariant under a transition the focus should be on the bin which contains the zero entries. On the contrary, if the goal of the experiment is to find the links which are steadily different throughout the experiment, then the attention should be directed to the bins lying in suitable neighborhoods of -1 and +1 which represent the higher possible differences.

### 2.2. Thresholding towards a graph representation

In order to give a graph representation of the comparison, the matrices related to every temporal slot should be thresholded to yield binary symmetric matrices.

At this step it is possible to perform an analysis to establish suitable thresholds. In fact, due to the amount of data, the matrices related to every temporal slot should be thresholded with the purpose to yield binary symmetric matrices or equivalently undirected graphs [18]. Basically, thresholding may be interpreted as a control of the degree of sparsity [16], [19].

A possible choice to select the thresholds (or the thresholds) is to refer to the center (centers) of the selected bin (bins).

As concerns the neighborhood of -1 , we propose the threshold $\xi_{i}(L)$, corresponding for each $i \in 1, \ldots, N$, to the center of the yielded bin in the histogram related to the slot $i . L$ stands for left part of the histogram.
Therefore, for each $i \in 1, \ldots, N$, the matrix $C_{i}=\left[c_{h l}\right]_{i}$ is thresholded and turned into a binary matrix $\left[C_{i}\right]_{L}^{-}=\left[\bar{c}_{h l}^{i}\right]$, where

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\bar{c}_{h l}^{i}= \begin{cases}1 & \text { if } c_{h l}^{i} \leq \xi_{i}(L) \\ 0 & \text { otherwise }\end{cases}
$$

Analogously, for a neighborhood of +1 we fix a threshold $\xi_{i}(R)$ determining the left neighborhood of +1 , to get $\left[C_{i}\right]_{R}^{+}=\left[\tilde{c}_{h l}^{i}\right]$, where

$$
\tilde{c}_{h l}^{i}= \begin{cases}1 & \text { if } c_{h l}^{i} \geq \xi_{i}(R) \\ 0 & \text { otherwise }\end{cases}
$$

For each $i=1, \ldots, N$, the corresponding $N$ left thresholded $n \times n$-sized binary matrices should be summed up to form a matrix $S_{i}(L)$ that condenses the information in the right neighborhood of -1 . Each entry of $S_{i}(L)$ ranges from 0 to $N$, which denotes the number of slots of $\frac{T}{N}$ seconds where the corresponding pair of nodes are correlated. Analogously, a matrix $S_{i}(R)$, where the information in the left neighborhood of 1 are condensed, is obtained.

From these matrices several types of graphs can be derived that could be assumed as representative of the transition between a phase $\bar{s}$ and $\tilde{s}$. These could be obtained by fixing a new threshold $\lambda, \lambda \in\{1,2, \ldots, N\}$, corresponding to the minimum number of slots of $\frac{T}{N}$ seconds that we assumed as indicative of a permanent difference between the $\bar{s}$ and the $\tilde{s}$ states. Of course $\lambda=N$ denotes an absolute permanent difference, and represents a theoretical threshold. More realistically, we should relax this threshold to some intermediate value.
Following the above argument, it is advisable firstly computing the effective maximum $M_{i}$ of each matrix $S_{i}(L)$ and investigate the cases where $\lambda$ concerns some percentage of $M_{i}$, such as $\lambda=\frac{4}{5} M_{i}$, corresponding to the $80 \%$ of the slots, or $\lambda=\frac{1}{2} M_{i}$, namely, the $50 \%$ of the slots.

### 2.3. Graph theoretical approach

Then, a graph theoretical analysis can be outlined, which gives a wealth of information on brain networks.

From a mathematical point of view Theory of Graphs [5] is used to model the brain, seen as a complex network [4], [6], [9], [16], [19]. Firstly, nodes and edges must be fixed, and the architecture of the network must be established. Usually it corresponds to a small-world organization, i.e. an architecture between a totally ordered and a totally random structure. Then, it needs to understand the main relationships existing between nodes and edges. For example, it becomes important to understand how "central" is the role played by a node in a graph, if nodes tend to cluster together, how much the nodes are "interconnected" (this is fundamental for the transfer of information in the brain network). Further lines of research concern the investigation of the mutual node distances (meaning the discrete distance or the Euclidean one) which enlightens how groups of nodes (i.e. mesoscopic structures) communicate.

Moreover, Theory of Graph is also employed in modeling brain disorders [1], [11], [15].

This kind of analysis bases on the weights associated to the various edges. In [8], for example, a model to evaluate weights in functional connectivity has been proposed and commented.

## 3. Experimental procedure

As an applicative example we consider an acoustical experiment, where two volunteers were subjected to a pleasant music and a resting state.

A similar example was treated in [23], [24]. In such papers the effect of music on the brain is considered. From [23], it comes out that regardless of the acoustical characteristic, functional brain connectivity depends on whether the music is liked or disliked. Interestingly, listening to music that is liked affects functional connectivity in regions involved in self-referential thought and memory encoding, such as the default mode network and the hippocampus.
Moreover [24] reveals that music perception induces an increased synchronization of cortical regions and a more random network configuration. The differences in network architecture is not observed between musical stimuli. These findings imply that music perception leads to an emergence of a more efficient but less economical structure and requires more information processing as well as cognitive effort.

### 3.1. Volunteers features

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### 3.2. Materials

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### 3.3. Data recording

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3.4. Data processing<br>...To be completed by Carlo Besta Neurological Institute

### 3.5. Basal-Pleasant phase transition. Data analysis.

### 3.5.1. Purpose of the analysis

The purpose of our analysis was to understand if there was an emerging subgraph, common to the two volunteers, whose edges represented the connections "steadily different" during the phase transition Basal-Pleasant.

### 3.5.2. Processing the data

The first step in our analysis consisted in importing the available $29 \times 2$ different uppertriangular $89 \times 89$-sized matrices $A_{t}^{(s)}$ as Matlab ${ }^{\circledR}$ files. In this example $s=1,2$, since we treat the phase transition between two phases: the Basal and the Pleasant condition. The matrices were symmetric, which allowed a better managing of the Matlab ${ }^{\circledR}$ scripts. Of course, the resulting symmetric matrices have zero entries on the main diagonal, which represents the absence of self loops in the neural brain network, meaning that nodes autocorrelation is excluded. Moreover, each entry was rounded at its fourth decimal digit.

The comparison between the two different states has been managed by computing the differences of the elements belonging to the corresponding databases. A main problem in our analysis is caused by the fact that each one of the two available databases, Bologna and Abbondanza, has no temporal correlation with the other. This means that, for a fixed index $t \in\{1, \ldots, 29\}$, the matrix $A_{t}^{(s)}$ refers to different temporal slots for different values of $s$. As a consequence, a precise picture of the transition from one state to the other can be obtained by computing all the possible differences between pairs of matrices belonging to the two related databases.

We begun by focusing on the states $s=1,2$, namely, we investigated the transition BasalPleasant, represented by the matrices $A_{i}^{(1)}-A_{j}^{(2)}$, for $i, j \in 1, \ldots, 29$. Since the entries of each matrix can assume values in $[0,1]$, the range of the entries of each matrix $A_{i}^{(1)}-A_{j}^{(2)}$ is the $[-1,1]$ real interval. For a easier exposition, in the following we denote $A_{i}^{(1)}$ by $B A_{i}$, and $A_{j}^{(2)}$ by $P L_{j}$.

### 3.5.3. Data analysis

For any fixed temporal index $i \in\{1, \ldots, 29\}$, we have computed $B A_{i}-P L_{j}$ for all $j \in\{1, \ldots, 29\}$, so collecting a table as represented in Figure 2.

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|  | $\mathrm{BA}_{1}-\mathrm{PL}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{BA}_{2}-\mathrm{PL}_{2}$ | $\mathrm{BA}_{3} \mathrm{PL}_{2}$ | . | $\mathrm{BA}_{28}-\mathrm{PL}_{2}$ |
|  | $\mathrm{BA}_{1}-\mathrm{PL}_{3}$ | $\mathrm{BA}_{2}-\mathrm{PL}_{3}$ | $\mathrm{BA}_{3}-\mathrm{PL}_{3}$ | . | $\mathrm{BA}_{28}-\mathrm{PL}_{3}$ |
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Figure 2: Vertical and horizontal analysis

This table can be explored both in the horizontal and in the vertical directions. Each column resumes the comparison of a fixed Basal temporal slot with all the 29 Pleasant temporal slots. The converse holds for the rows.

Our target was to find a characterization of the entries that more often appear in the computed differences. These represents the correlations between pairs of nodes that are more sensitive to the transition from the Basal to the Pleasant state. In particular, we looked for the entries having greater absolute values, because these denote the greater differences in correlations. Since the range of the entries is $[-1,1]$ we are mainly interested to focus on a right neighborhood of -1 , and on a left neighborhood of +1 , the width of these neighborhood depending on the distribution
of the entries of each matrix.

To this purpose, we organized each column in a single $89 \times 2581$-sized matrix $C_{i}=\left[c_{h l}\right]_{i}$ $(i \in\{1, \ldots, 29\}, h \in\{1, \ldots, 89\}, l \in\{1, \ldots, 2581\})$, obtained by connecting the rows of all the 29 matrices $B A_{i}-P L_{j}(j=1, \ldots, 29)$ of size $89 \times 89$ forming the column. Then we computed the distribution of the entries of such a matrix, which resulted in histograms organized in ten different bins. See for example Figure 3 for the case $C_{1}=B A_{1}-P L_{j}, j=1, \ldots, 29$, concerning the first column. We remark that this distribution is not Gaussian, and this can be easily checked by the Shapiro-Wilk test.


Figure 3: Histogram showing the distribution of the values of the entries of the union of the matrices $\boldsymbol{B} \boldsymbol{A}_{1}-$ $\boldsymbol{P L}{ }_{j}$, with $j=1, \ldots, 29$.

### 3.5.4. Thresholding procedure

For each column, we selected the center of the third bin of the corresponding histogram as the threshold $\xi_{i}(L)$ determining the right neighborhood of -1 . Therefore, for each $i \in 1, \ldots, 29$, we turned each $C_{i}=B A_{i}-P L_{j}$ in a thresholded binary matrix $\left[C_{i}\right]_{L}^{-}=\left[\bar{c}_{h k}^{i}\right]$ as explained in Subsection 2.1

As already mentioned, in the case $i=1$, we have $\xi_{i}(L)=-0.4232$ and $\xi_{i}(R)=0.4482$.
For each $i=1, \ldots, 29$, the corresponding 29 left thresholded $89 \times 89$-sized binary matrices had been later summed up, to form a matrix $S_{i}(L)$ that condensed the information in the right neighborhood of -1 . Each entry of $S_{i}(L)$ could assume a value ranging from 0 to 29 , which denoted the number of slots of 2 seconds where the corresponding pair of nodes were correlated. Analogously, we got a matrix $S_{i}(R)$ where the information in the left neighborhood of 1 were condensed.

From these matrices we could extract several types of graphs that could be assumed as representative of the transition Basal-Pleasant. These could be obtained by fixing new thresholds $\lambda$, corresponding to the minimum number of slots of 2 seconds that we assumed as indicative of a permanent difference between the Basal and the Pleasant states. Of course $\lambda=29$ would have denoted an absolute permanent difference, and represented an ideal threshold. More realistically, we should relax this threshold to some intermediate value.

Following the above argument, we first computed the effective maximum $M_{i}$ of each matrix $S_{i}(L)$ (and the same for $S_{i}(R)$ ), and later we have investigated the cases where $\lambda=M_{i}, \lambda=\frac{4}{5} M_{i}$, corresponding to the $80 \%$ of the slots, and $\lambda=\frac{1}{2} M_{i}$, namely, the $50 \%$ of the slots.

As an example let us consider thresholded matrices $\left[B A_{1}-P L_{j}\right]_{t}^{-}$, the subscript $t$ stands for "thresholded" while the superscript - specify that the analysis focused on the right interval of -1 .

In this way, we obtained 29 binary matrices.
The next step was to sum the entries of any of these matrices so that to obtain one matrix, that we called $S_{1}(L)$, whose dimension was $89 \times 89$. Figure 4 shows such a matrix. We found that the maximum value of such a matrix was 29 (we remind the reader that, a priori, the maximum value of such could be lesser or equal to 29).

It was also interesting to weaken the request to find an emergent subgraph throughout the 29 epochs. For example, we could be interested in finding the connection that are steadily different throughout at least the $80 \%$ of the 29 epochs (we are meaning vertical analysis).

To do this, for the first thing, it was necessary to calculate the $80 \%$ of the maximum value of the matrix $S_{1}(L)$, that we found to be equal to 29 . The calculation gave 23.2 , this value represented the searched value of the threshold. For the sake of precision we rounded down to the nearest integer, i.e. 23 , this was value used in the Matlab ${ }^{\circledR}$ code ${ }^{1}$.
Once again we thresholded the matrix $S_{1}(L)$. Doing so, we obtained again a binary matrix whose entries were 0 and 1 depending if the entries of matrix $S_{1}(L), a_{k l}, k=1, \ldots 29, l=1, \ldots, 29$ where below or above 23 .

With the purpose to perform a deeper analysis we searched for the emerging subgraph made up of the links steadily different at least for the $50 \%$ of the 29 epochs. The procedure was the same of that showed above.
In this case we thresholded the matrix $S_{1}(L)$ with a value equal to 14 . In fact the $50 \%$ of the maximum value of the entries of matrix $S_{1}(L)$ (that we recall being 29 ) was 14.5 that we rounded down to 14 .

Figure 4 shows matrix $S_{1}(L)$, every pixel is associated to a specific color.
By analyzing Figure 4 the reader could note that there is a emergent subgraph, throughout the 29 epochs, constituted by only one link. This link is the dark-red colored pixel.
Such a link represents the connection between the nodes corresponding to the left inferior frontal gyrus, opercular part and the left inferior frontal gyrus, triangular part (see the atlas in Table 1 ). Then, we thresholded FC matrix $S_{1}(L)$, so that the domain of the analysis is the $80 \%$ of the epochs (or equivalently the $80 \%$ of the maximum value of $S_{1}(L)$ ). Further, the FC matrix $S_{1}(L)$ was thresholded the $50 \%$ of the epochs. The process is the same of that showed for the case $80 \%$.

In the same way we analyzed the other database (Abbondanza). If we refer to the (right) neighborhood of -1 , i.e. when the Pleasant phase prevails on the Basal phase, we obtained a general agreement with what we found in the Bologna case which confirms that specific nodes (cerebral areas) are involved. Specifically, the involved cerebral areas are part of the parietal and frontal lobe. However and importantly, the same conclusion does not hold for the (left) neighborhood of +1 , where the Basal phase dominates the Pleasant phase. In fact, out analysis showed that it seems that there is not an emergent subgraph.

A similar analysis was performed in the neighborhood of +1 both for the subject Bologna and Abbondanza. The results are shown in Table 3 and Table 5

### 3.6. Interpretation of the results

The analysis of the two databases Bologna and Abbondanza provides several interesting information.
In detail: First, for any subject it is possible to understand which are the most recurring links

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Figure 4: The example consider matrix $S_{1}(L)$ without a thresholding process. We remind the reader that the colors of the pixels are relative to the presence of the associated link throughout the epochs. For example the dark-red pixel represents the link always active along the 29 epochs. When the domain of analysis is $100 \%$, i.e. matrix not $\lambda$-thresholded, there is a number of colors, each representing a value ranging from 0 to 29 .
throughout all the temporal slots (horizontal analysis), the $80 \%$ and the $50 \%$ of them. The results of this analysis leads to an interpretation of a possible emerging graph.
Second, from data we pulled out further information about the links involving the "stronger" nodes. Specifically, we identified the nodes of the links involved in every temporal slot (see the red colored links in the Appendix), in other words the links that were always present in the vertical analysis (see Figure 2). These links might, or not, be connected to each other. Then, we expanded the graph theoretical analysis by identifying other links rising between that nodes and other nodes emerging after the thresholding processes (cf. Subsection 3.5.4; these links are the blue and the grey ones in temporal slots shown in the Appendix.
We apply this procedure for any subject and for the two neighborhoods -1 and +1 . The results are shown in Figure 5(a), Figure 6(a), Figure 7(a) and Figure 8(a). It is immediate to note that the links have different thickness, this is due to the different weights associated to them. We defined a specific algorithm to calculate such a weight. In particular, we counted if a particular link was present in every single temporal slot (see Figure 2 and the Appendix), and in case, where it appeared (i.e. if was present in the range $100 \%$ (red-colored links in 6), $80 \%$ (blue-colored links) or $50 \%$ (grey-colored links)). Then we extended the process to the other temporal slots (horizontal analysis). In closing, the general formula we used to calculate the weight associated to a link connecting two nodes $i$ and $j$ was:

$$
\begin{equation*}
W_{i j}=l \cdot 1+m \cdot 0.8+n \cdot 0.5 \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Where $l$ is the number of temporal slots in which the link $i-j$ was present in the range $100 \%$. This number could be zero, in this case we should count how many times the link $i-j$ was present in the range of $80 \%$, we denoted such a number with $m$. If $m$ vanished, we performed the last analysis by counting how many time the link appeared in the range $50 \%$. We named such a number with the letter $n$.

For example, for the subject Bologna, in the analysis focusing on the neighborhood of -1 , the links $17-25$ had weight 3.2 since it was not present in any of the range $100 \%$ of the temporal slots (so $l=0$ ), but it appeared in the range $80 \%$ in four different slots (so $m=4$ ). Of course since it was present in the range $80 \%$ it was surely present in the range $50 \%$, then we set $n=0$, in order to avoid a double counting.

To carry on the Graph Theoretical Analysis we made use of different software: Matlab ${ }^{\circledR}$, Excel ${ }^{\circledR}$ and Gephi.

We emphasize that this kind of analysis was conceptually different from the statistical one since it is proper of the Graph Theoretical analysis.

In closing, in Section 4 we also made a comparison between the emerging subgraphs of the two subjects Bologna and Abbondanza and we suggested a common emerging subgraph.

### 3.6.1. Database Bologna: conclusions

## Statistical Analysis

Let us start with the database Bologna. Table 2 and Table 3 give a general view about the results found after having performed the horizontal analysis over the 29 epochs: This means that we found, for each of the matrices $B A_{i}-P L_{j}, i=1, \ldots, 29, j=1, \ldots, 29$, i.e. for every temporal slot (vertical analysis), the relative subgraphs made up of the connections which were "steadily different" throughout all the 29 epochs, the $80 \%$ as well as the $50 \%$ of them.

| Subgraphs analysis. Interval of -1 |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Subgraph | Connections | Cerebral Areas | Presence along the 29 epochs |  |
| $100 \%$ | $17-21$ | Left inferior frontal gyrus, opercular part - Left inferior frontal gyrus, triangular part | 4 times |  |
|  | $17-60$ | Left inferior frontal gyrus, opercular part - Right inferior parietal lobule | 2 times |  |
| $80 \%$ | $17-21$ | Left inferior frontal gyrus, opercular part - Left inferior frontal gyrus, triangular part | 14 times |  |
|  | $17-60$ | Left inferior frontal gyrus, opercular part - Right inferior parietal lobule | 11 times |  |
| $50 \%$ | $17-21$ | Left inferior frontal gyrus, opercular part - Left inferior frontal gyrus, triangular part | 14 times |  |
|  | $17-60$ | Left inferior frontal gyrus, opercular part - Right inferior parietal lobule | 15 times |  |

Table 2: Database Bologna. Analysis in the right interval of -1 . The table shows the final considerations about emerging subgraphs made up of steadily different connections in different epochs.

The link $17-21$ seems to be the most important when the Pleasant phase prevails on the Basal one, nevertheless, considering the horizontal analysis, it is present for nearly $50 \%$ of the epochs (14 epochs over 29).

| Subgraphs analysis. Interval of +1 |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Subgraph | Connections | Cerebral Areas | Presence along the 29 epochs |
| $100 \%$ |  |  |  |
| $80 \%$ | $17-22$ | Left inferior frontal gyrus, opercular part - Right inferior frontal gyrus, triangular part | 14 times |
|  | $17-60$ | Left inferior frontal gyrus, opercular part - Right inferior frontal gyrus, triangular part | 7 times |
| $50 \%$ | $17-22$ | Left inferior frontal gyrus, opercular part - Right inferior frontal gyrus, triangular part | 14 times |

Table 3: Database Bologna. Analysis in the left interval of +1 . Final considerations about emerging subgraphs made up of steadily different connections in different epochs. Note that there is not any link always active in every temporal slot.

In this analysis, definitely, there is not a clearly emerging subgraph since there is not a link that could be a sort of "strong candidate" to be considered a component of the emerging subgraph. The only link of a certain interest is $17-22$, but it exhibit itself only if we focus on the range $80 \%$. However, it does not seem to have great dominance, after performing the horizontal analysis, since it is present in 14 epochs over 29 (horizontal analysis).

## Graph Theoretical Analysis

Another results concerns the existence of an emerging graph by considering the links of the
most involved nodes. Figure 5 and Figure 8 show, respectively, the emerging subgraphs in the neighborhood of -1 and +1 for the $100 \%$ and $80 \%$ of the epochs.

(a) $100 \%$

(b) $80 \%$

(c) $50 \%$

Figure 5: Emerging subgraphs for the subject Bologna when the Pleasant phase is dominant on the Basal phase.

(a) $80 \%$

Figure 6: Emerging subgraph for the subject Bologna when the Basal phase is dominant on the Pleasant phase. Note that it does not exist an emerging subgraph made up by links always active. Moreover, it does not exist even an emerging subgraph in the case $50 \%$ since what we got it was a strongly connected graph, so this case is outside of our purpose (we looked for subgraphs made up by a relative small number of links).

### 3.6.2. The database Abbondanza: conclusions

Table 4 and Table 5 show the results coming from the analysis of each of the matrices $B A_{i}-P L_{j}, i=1, \ldots, 29, j=1, \ldots, 29$. We recall that the relative subgraphs are made up of the connections "steadily different" throughout all the 29 epochs, the $80 \%$ as well as the $50 \%$ of them.

| Subgraphs analysis. Interval of -1 |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Subgraph | Connections | Cerebral Areas | Presence along the 29 epochs |  |
| $100 \%$ | $13-52$ | Left Posterior cingulum - Left globus pallidus | 11 times |  |
|  | $16-18$ | Right Cuneus - Right inferior frontal gyrus, opercular part | 12 times |  |
|  | $82-88$ | Right middle temporal gyrus - Right superior temporal gyrus | 7 times |  |
| $80 \%$ | $13-52$ | Left Posterior cingulum - Left globus pallidus | 16 times |  |
|  | $16-18$ | Right Cuneus - Right inferior frontal gyrus, opercular part | 22 times |  |
|  | $82-88$ | Right middle temporal gyrus - Right superior temporal gyrus | 17 times |  |
| $50 \%$ | $13-52$ | Left Posterior cingulum - Left globus pallidus | 22 times |  |
|  | $16-18$ | Right Cuneus - Right inferior frontal gyrus, opercular part | 23 times |  |
|  | $82-88$ | Right middle temporal gyrus - Right superior temporal gyrus | 20 times |  |

Table 4: Database Abbondanza. Analysis in the right interval of -1 . Final considerations about emerging subgraphs made up of steadily different connections in different epochs.

In brief, in the right interval of -1 , we conclude that there is an emerging subgraph. The links more interesting seem to be the connection between node 16 and 18 , between 13 and 52 and between 82 and 88 . They appear more often in comparison to other links.

| Subgraphs analysis. Interval of +1 |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Subgraph | Connections | Cerebral Areas | Presence along the 29 epochs |
| $100 \%$ | $1-88$ | Left Amygdala - Right superior temporal gyrus | 3 times |
| $80 \%$ | $1-88$ | Left Amygdala - Right superior temporal gyrus | 12 times |
|  | $2-88$ | Right Amygdala - Right superior temporal gyrus | 17 times |
|  | $85-88$ | Left superior temporal pole - Right superior temporal gyrus | 14 times |
| $50 \%$ | $1-88$ | Left Amygdala - Right superior temporal gyrus | 20 times |
|  | $2-88$ | Right Amygdala - Right superior temporal gyrus | 22 times |
|  | $85-88$ | Left superior temporal pole - Right superior temporal gyrus | 21 times |

Table 5: Database Abbondanza. Analysis in the left interval of +1 . Final considerations about emerging subgraphs made up of steadily different connections in different epochs.

We conclude that there is not a subgraph always active, but, remarkably the node 88 , asso-
ciated with the right superior temporal gyrus, is strongly involved. It links with Amygdala and temporal lobe. And this is not unexpected for an acoustical test.

## Graph Theoretical Analysis

The Graph Theoretical analysis leads to the following results:

(a) $100 \%$

Figure 7: Emerging subgraphs for the subject Bologna when the Pleasant phase is dominant on the Basal phase. The subgraph corresponding to the links always active is composed by a significative high number of links. Hence, there is no need to expand the analysis to the $80 \%$ and $50 \%$.


Figure 8: Emerging subgraph for the subject Bologna when the Basal phase is dominant on the Pleasant phase. The case $50 \%$ is not showed due to the huge number of links composing the graph, in this case, and for our aims, it does not make sense call it subgraph.

## 4. Results

We are aware that an analysis on two subjects cannot lead to definitive conclusions. Nevertheless, by comparing the analysis of the neighborhood of -1 , our results seem to show that the emerging graph involves cerebral areas that are not generally concerned with the acoustic process, such as the primary auditory cortex $2^{2}$ In fact by observing at glance Figure 9 the nodes are

[^2]60, the right inferior parietal lobule, 17 and 18, respectively, the left and inferior frontal gyrus, opercular part. This remarks that the functional connectivity affects cerebral areas associated to different tasks.
Hence, this leads to concluding that in acoustical experiments it is advisable focusing not only on areas traditionally associated with acoustic process.


Figure 9: From the graph theoretical analysis of the data of the two subjects Bologna and Abbondanza it seems that a possible subgraph could be composed by nodes 60,18 and 17 . This nodes represent areas that are not directly associated to the auditory process

Regarding the neighborhood of +1 , i.e. when the Basal phase dominates on the Pleasant phase, the graph theoretical analysis does not seems to provide a clear emerging subgraph. However, the analysis shows how the temporal lobe, specifically the right superior temporal gyrus (node 88) plays a prominent role both in the subject Bologna and in Abbondanza. We might guess that this node could link with other nodes belonging to the limbic system, but as far as we got we have not enough evidence to support our speculation (if one on hand it could be advisable push the analysis forward by means of the analysis of weaker connections, on the other this action would turn us away from our purpose, that is find a subgraph made up by a small number of edges representing the connections steadily different throughout the length of the experiment

The neighborhood of -1 corresponds to the links mainly stimulated, with respect to the Basal phase (to be interpreted as the baseline), from musical test. Conversely, the neighborhood of +1 matches to the links "less sensitive" to the test run.

In [23], [24] it was shown that in an acoustical experiment the cerebral regions involved are not only the ones engaged in the acoustical process but also others, that generally are not interested in such a process. Our graph analysis, despite of the small number of subjects undergoing the experiment, seem to agree with these results.

If we wish to find a phrase that could summary our results, it would be declaimed in such a way: "pleasant music tends to create links more than to destroy them."

## 5. Conclusions

In this paper, we have proposed a methodology to manage neurobiological datasets. Such a methodology could be applied to data of different nature such as EEG/MEG, fMRI, PET or a coupling of an electrophysiologic measurement technique with a hemodynamic one

The thresholding procedure has been described, both for the binarization steps and for the subsequent graph representation of the regions of interest. The rule of assigning edge weights has been also detailed.

We provided an example of application of our method by treating MEG data generated in acoustical experiments, where pleasantness and resting state are involved.
We observed the changes in functional connectivity from a Basal condition, which is essentially a resting state condition, to a Pleasant condition, where the volunteers listened to music that they classified as agreeable.
We focused on the existence of links (generally not known a priori) steadily different, that is connections which are always different throughout the experiment duration.

There are other typologies of acoustical analysis or different tasks of analysis that could be performed by making use of the methodology shown in this paper. For example one could be interested in determining the existence of an emerging subgraph made up of links invariant all along the time of the experiment, when one or more subjects undergo musical and silent stimuli. In other words, the goal is to find the links always equal throughout the temporal slots.

Moreover, by performing a neurobiological experiment with a significative number of subjects, it could be possible to carry out a deeper network analysis with the purpose of detecting the existence of motifs [21] or leading a clustering analysis to understand the existence of provincial, central hubs and modules [7], [19], [20], [22].

Such a methodology of graph representation of database comparison could be useful to highlight cerebral connections that generally are not expected, also in view of identifying possible regions responsible for psychiatric disorders [2], [3], [10] as well as to assess how tasks of different nature (musical, cognitive, decisional-making, etc.) affect the functional connectivity of the brain.

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## 6. Appendix

### 6.1. Example of results. Case: Bologna, neighborhood of -1

As an example we show in the following the results of our (vertical) analyzes for the subject Bologna in the neighborhood of -1 for every temporal slot (i.e. the case when the Pleasant phase dominates on the Basal phase). The connections in red are those always present in every vertical slots (see Figure 2, in blue those present in the $80 \%$ of the epochs and in grey those present in the $50 \%$ of the epochs. We remark that all the vertical temporal slots contribute to define the horizontal analysis.

The reader interested in the other data feels free to write to the corresponding author.

| SLOT 1 | 3470 | 2627 | 8285 | 2364 | 776 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1721 | 3943 | 3239 | SLOT 6 | 2951 | 244 |
| 1721 | 4853 | SLOT 5 | 1752 | 2952 | 282 |
| 1760 | 7381 | 1720 | 2224 | 4044 | 712 |
| 3385 | SLOT 3 | 3389 | 4344 | 4045 | 713 |
| 1368 | 1721 | 4185 | 144 | 4344 | 737 |
| 1487 | 1760 | 4189 | 444 | SLOT 7 | 746 |
| 1689 | 1721 | 7985 | 739 | 1721 | 750 |
| 1721 | 1760 | 8185 | 1229 | 1721 | 751 |
| 1752 | 1721 | 8189 | 1265 | 1760 | 776 |
| 1760 | 1760 | 1487 | 1329 | 887 | 812 |
| 3385 | SLOT 4 | 1489 | 1365 | 1721 | 813 |
| SLOT 2 | 1721 | 1720 | 1551 | 1760 | 1483 |
| 1489 | 1760 | 2885 | 1661 | 2138 | 4174 |
| 1718 | 1721 | 3385 | 1718 | 2177 | 4182 |
| 1721 | 1760 | 3389 | 1720 | 4087 | 4274 |
| 1760 | 332 | 4185 | 1752 | 4285 | 4282 |
| 1487 | 1483 | 4188 | 1760 | 4652 | 4574 |
| 1489 | 1718 | 4189 | 2224 | 5277 | SLOT 9 |
| 1718 | 1721 | 4585 | 2225 | 5558 | 1721 |
| 1720 | 1756 | 7983 | 2227 | 6077 | 1151 |
| 1721 | 1760 | 7985 | 2261 | SLOT 8 | 1484 |
| 1760 | 2227 | 8185 | 2264 | 712 | 1489 |
| 3373 | 2264 | 8189 | 2327 | 751 | 1721 |



| 142 | 1329 | 2946 | 287 | 776 | 3339 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 152 | 1483 | 2950 | 79 | 7285 | 3539 |
| 153 | 1484 | 2951 | 710 | 7985 | 3952 |
| 243 | 1485 | 2952 | 715 | 7989 | 5568 |
| 312 | 1487 | 2976 | 739 | 8489 | 5658 |
| 340 | 1488 | 2988 | 872 | 37 | 155 |
| 353 | 1489 | 3953 | 885 | 340 | 159 |
| 440 | 1537 | 3977 | 1325 | 343 | 25 |
| 455 | 1576 | 5482 | 1366 | 46 | 26 |
| 543 | 1718 | 7485 | 1472 | 540 | 239 |
| 551 | 1719 | SLOT 21 | 1478 | 543 | 342 |
| 643 | 1720 | 1721 | 1483 | 640 | 344 |
| 651 | 1937 | 1721 | 1489 | 642 | 352 |
| 711 | 2951 | 1760 | 1718 | 643 | 353 |
| 739 | 2952 | 272 | 1720 | 737 | 444 |
| 746 | 2976 | 278 | 1752 | 747 | 455 |
| 750 | SLOT 20 | 285 | 1756 | 749 | 513 |
| 937 | 1113 | 885 | 1760 | 751 | 552 |
| 951 | 1721 | 1430 | 1821 | 776 | 553 |
| 1037 | 1760 | 1487 | 1924 | 1483 | 613 |
| 1043 | 115 | 1489 | 2834 | 1487 | 642 |
| 1051 | 129 | 1519 | 3369 | 1489 | 644 |
| 1076 | 711 | 1718 | 3372 | 1718 | 652 |
| 1112 | 739 | 1720 | 3378 | 2887 | 653 |
| 1151 | 746 | 1721 | 3435 | 3585 | 858 |
| 1236 | 747 | 1752 | 4072 | 3589 | 1052 |
| 1246 | 748 | 1760 | 4372 | 3638 | 1053 |
| 1247 | 749 | 3372 | 5165 | 3676 | 1259 |
| 1248 | 750 | 3572 | 6671 | 3677 | 1268 |
| 1249 | 940 | 3578 | 7881 | 3848 | 1339 |
| 1250 | 953 | 4172 | SLOT 23 | 3884 | 1358 |
| 1376 | 1113 | 4178 | 1489 | 3943 | 1368 |
| 1651 | 1239 | 4185 | 4888 | 5076 | 1720 |
| 1830 | 1261 | 4472 | 4988 | 7283 | 1731 |
| 1920 | 1265 | 4572 | 5758 | 7285 | 1824 |
| 2029 | 1315 | 4578 | 710 | 7289 | 2334 |
| 3637 | 1329 | 7279 | 1488 | 7385 | 2839 |
| 3651 | 1336 | 7281 | 1489 | 7576 | 3339 |
| 3739 | 1339 | 7287 | 1718 | 7577 | 3539 |
| 3747 | 1346 | 7582 | 4788 | 7784 | 3852 |
| 3748 | 1350 | 7879 | 4886 | 7885 | 3856 |
| 3749 | 1361 | 7881 | 4888 | 7889 | 3940 |
| 3951 | 1364 | SLOT 22 | 4988 | 7983 | 3943 |
| 3976 | 1365 | 272 | 4989 | 7985 | 3952 |
| 4651 | 1551 | 79 | 5658 | 7989 | 3979 |
| 4653 | 1576 | 710 | 5758 | 8185 | 5277 |
| 4751 | 1718 | 739 | 5859 | 8189 | 5455 |
| 5051 | 1720 | 885 | SLOT 24 | 8489 | 5457 |
| 5175 | 1721 | 1718 | 343 | SLOT 25 | 5559 |
| SLOT 19 | 1737 | 1756 | 543 | 155 | 5568 |
| 1329 | 1752 | 1760 | 640 | 444 | 5658 |
| 1483 | 1756 | 272 | 643 | 652 | 5860 |
| 1489 | 1760 | 278 | 747 | 1052 | SLOT 26 |
| 1229 | 1952 | 285 | 751 | 1259 | 739 |
| 20 |  |  |  |  |  |


| 1438 | 1752 | 3947 | 7985 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1477 | 1756 | 4166 | 8185 |
| 1718 | 1819 | 4185 |  |
| 4051 | 1830 | 4372 |  |
| 243 | 2227 | 4456 |  |
| 512 | 3947 | 4585 |  |
| 551 | 4185 | 7285 |  |
| 79 | 7285 | 7885 |  |
| 711 | 8185 | 8185 |  |
| 713 | 259 | SLOT 29 |  |
| 736 | 267 | 285 |  |
| 739 | 274 | 711 |  |
| 775 | 282 | 736 |  |
| 1240 | 283 | 746 |  |
| 1438 | 284 | 747 |  |
| 1448 | 285 | 750 |  |
| 1477 | 286 | 775 |  |
| 1489 | 288 | 1718 |  |
| 1718 | 748 | 1720 |  |
| 4051 | 947 | 1752 |  |
| 4143 | 1048 | 2324 |  |
| 6978 | 1261 | 4185 |  |
| SLOT 27 | 1265 | 7985 |  |
| 4582 | 1320 | 285 |  |
| 4988 | 1341 | 79 |  |
| 7486 | 1516 | 711 |  |
| 8284 | 1518 | 736 |  |
| 8286 | 1630 | 739 |  |
| 1029 | 1631 | 746 |  |
| 1037 | 1718 | 747 |  |
| 1051 | 1720 | 748 |  |
| 1076 | 1737 | 749 |  |
| 1438 | 1752 | 750 |  |
| 1856 | 1756 | 775 |  |
| 3638 | 1760 | 1478 |  |
| 3677 | 1819 | 1486 |  |
| 3875 | 1829 | 1487 |  |
| 3951 | 1830 | 1488 |  |
| 4574 | 1831 | 1489 |  |
| 4582 | 1856 | 1718 |  |
| 4588 | 1921 | 1720 |  |
| 4988 | 2025 | 1752 |  |
| 7374 | 2052 | 1760 |  |
| 7385 | 2224 | 2324 |  |
| 7484 | 2227 | 2883 |  |
| 7486 | 2266 | 2885 |  |
| 7577 | 2334 | 2887 |  |
| 7589 | 2733 | 3585 |  |
| 8086 | 2741 | 3672 |  |
| 8284 | 2949 | 4085 |  |
| 8286 | 2965 | 4185 |  |
| SLOT 28 | 3060 | 4285 |  |
| 285 | 3385 | 5658 |  |
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[^1]:    ${ }^{1}$ This operation does make sense since the values of the entries are integers, as is the threshold in order to make homogeneous the analysis.

[^2]:    ${ }^{2}$ We recall that the primary auditory cortex is the part of the temporal lobe, such cortex processes auditory information (both in humans and in animals). In humans, the primary auditory cortex is located on the superior temporal plane, within the lateral fissure and comprising parts of Heschl's gyrus and the superior temporal gyrus, including planum polare and planum temporale (roughly Brodmann areas 41, 42, and partially 22).

