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Differential dopaminergic modulation of spontaneous cortico-subthalamic activity in Parkinson's disease

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Abstract

Pathological oscillations including elevated beta activity in the subthalamic nucleus (STN) and between STN and cortical areas are a hallmark of neural activity in Parkinson's disease (PD). Oscillations also play an important role in normal physiological processes and serve distinct functional roles at different points in time. We characterised the effect of dopaminergic medication on oscillatory whole-brain networks in PD in a time-resolved manner by employing a hidden Markov model on combined STN local field potentials and magnetoencephalography (MEG) recordings from 17 PD patients. Dopaminergic medication led to coherence within the medial and orbitofrontal cortex in the delta/theta frequency range. This is in line with known side effects of dopamine treatment such as deteriorated executive functions in Parkinson's disease. In addition, dopamine caused the beta band activity to switch from an STN-mediated motor network to a frontoparietal-mediated one. In contrast, dopamine did not modify local STN-STN coherence in PD. STN–STN synchrony emerged both on and off medication. By providing electrophysiological evidence for the differential effects of dopaminergic medication on the discovered networks, our findings open further avenues for electrical and pharmacological interventions in PD.

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List of abbreviations:
Ctx- cortex; DBS - Deep brain stimulation; EEG – Electroencephalography; ECG – Electrocardiography; EOG – Electrooculography; FO - Fractional occupancy; GMM - Gaussian mixture model; HMM - Hidden Markov model; intraMED - intra-medication; interMED – inter-medication; L-DOPA – Levodopa; LFP - Local field potential; MEG – Magnetoencephalography; NNMF - Non-negative matrix factorization; PD - Parkinson's disease; PFC - Prefrontal cortex; PCA - Principal component analysis; STN - Subthalamic nucleus; TDE -Time-delay embedding

1 Introduction

Oscillatory activity serves crucial cognitive roles in the brain (Akam and Kullmann, 2010, 2014) and alterations of oscillatory activity have been linked to neurological and psychiatric diseases (Schnitzler and Gross, 2005). Different large-scale brain networks operate with their own oscillatory fingerprint and carry out specific functions (Keitel and Gross, 2016; Mellem *et al.*, 2017, Vidaurre *et al.*, 2018*b*). Given the dynamics of cognition, different brain networks need to be recruited and deployed flexibly. Hence, the duration for which a network is active, its overall temporal presence, and even the interval between the different activations of a specific network might provide a unique window to understanding brain functions. Crucially, alterations of these temporal properties or networks might be related to neurological disorders.

In Parkinson's disease (PD), beta oscillations within the subthalamic nucleus (STN) and motor cortex (13–30 Hz) correlate with the motor symptoms of PD (Marreiros *et al.*, 2013; van Wijk *et al.*, 2016; West *et al.*, 2018). Beta oscillations[1] also play a critical role in communication in a healthy brain (Engel and Fries, 2010). At the cellular level, loss of nigral dopamine neurons in PD leads to widespread changes in brain networks, to varying degrees across different patients. Dopamine loss is managed in patients via dopaminergic medication. Dopamine is a widespread neuromodulator in the brain (Gershman and Uchida 2019), raising the question of whether each medication-induced change restores physiological oscillatory networks. In particular, dopaminergic medication is known to produce cognitive side effects in PD patients (Voon et al. 2009). According to the dopamine overdose hypothesis, a reason for these effects is the presence of excess dopamine in brain regions not affected in PD (MacDonald et al. 2011; MacDonald and Monchi 2011). Previous task-based and neuroimaging studies in PD demonstrated frontal cognitive impairment due to dopaminergic medication (Cools et al. 2002; Ray and Strafella 2010; MacDonald et al. 2011).

Using resting-state whole-brain MEG analysis, network changes related to both motor and non-motor symptoms of PD have been described (Olde Dubbelink et al. 2013a, b). However, these studies could not account for simultaneous STN-STN or cortico–STN activity affecting

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[1] For the purposes of our paper we refer to oscillatory activity or oscillations as recurrent but transient frequency–specific patterns of network activity, even though the underlying patterns can be composed of either sustained rhythmic activity, neural bursting, or both (Quinn et al. 2019). Disambiguating the exact nature of these patterns is, however, beyond the scope of this work.

these networks, which would require combined MEG/EEG–LFP recordings (Litvak et al.

2021). Such recordings are possible during the implantation of deep brain stimulation (DBS)

electrodes, an accepted treatment in the later stages of PD (Volkmann et al. 2004; Deuschl et

al. 2006, Kleiner-Fisman et al. 2006). Combined MEG-LFP studies in PD involving

dopaminergic intervention report changes in beta and alpha band connectivity between

specific cortical regions and the STN (Litvak et al. 2011; Hirschmann et al. 2013; Oswal et al.

2016). Decreased cortex-STN coherence under dopaminergic medication (ON) correlates with

improved motor functions in PD (George et al. 2013). STN–STN intra-hemispheric

oscillations positively correlate to motor symptom severity in PD without dopaminergic

medication (OFF), whereas dopamine-dependent nonlinear phase relationships exist between

inter-hemispheric STN–STN activity (West et al. 2016). Crucially, previous studies could not

rule out the influence of cortico–STN connectivity on these inter-hemispheric STN–STN

interactions.

To further characterise the differential effects of dopaminergic medication and delineate

pathological versus physiological-relevant spectral connectivity in PD we study PD brain

activity via a hidden Markov model (HMM), a data-driven learning algorithm (Vidaurre *et al.*,

2016, 2018*b*). Due to the importance of cortico–subcortical interactions in PD, we

investigated these interactions with combined spontaneous whole-brain

magnetoencephalography (MEG) and STN local field potentials (LFPs) recordings from PD

patients. We study whole-brain connectivity including the STN using spectral coherence as a

proxy for communication based on the communication through coherence hypothesis (Fries,

2005, 2015). This will allow us to delineate differences in communication OFF and ON

medication. Furthermore, we extended previous work that was limited to investigating

communication between specific pairs of brain areas (Litvak *et al.*, 2011; George *et al.*, 2013;

Hirschmann *et al.*, 2013). Moreover, we identified the temporal properties of the networks

both ON and OFF medication. The temporal properties provide an encompassing view of

network alterations in PD and the effect of dopamine on these networks.

We found that cortico–cortical, cortico–STN, and STN–STN networks were differentially

modulated by dopaminergic medication. For the cortico–cortical network medication led to

additional connections that can be linked to the side effects of dopamine. At the same time,

dopamine changed the cortico-STN network towards a pattern more closely resembling

physiological connectivity as reported in the PD literature. Within the third network,

dopamine only had an influence on local STN-STN coherence. These results provide novel

information on the oscillatory network connectivity occurring in PD and the differential

changes caused by dopaminergic intervention. These whole-brain networks, along with their

electrophysiological signatures, open up new potential targets for both electric and

pharmacological interventions in PD.

2 Results

Under resting-state conditions in PD patients, we simultaneously recorded whole-brain MEG

activity with LFPs from the STN using directional electrodes implanted for DBS. Using an

HMM, we identified recurrent patterns of transient network connectivity between the cortex

and the STN, which we henceforth refer to as an 'HMM state'. In comparison to classic

sliding-window analysis, an HMM solution can be thought of as a data-driven estimation of

time windows of variable length (within which a particular HMM state was active): once we

know the time windows when a particular state is active, we compute coherence between

different pairs of regions for each of these recurrent states. Each HMM state itself is a

multidimensional, time-delay embedded covariance matrix across the whole brain, containing

information about cross-regional coherence and power in the frequency domain. Additionally,

the temporal evolution of the HMM states was determined. The PD data were acquired under

medication (L-DOPA) OFF and ON conditions, which allowed us to delineate the

physiological versus pathological spatio–spectral and temporal changes observed in PD. To

allow the system to dynamically evolve, we use time delay embedding. Theoretically, delay

embedding can reveal the state space of the underlying dynamical system (Packard et al.,

1980). Thus, by delay-embedding PD time series OFF and ON medication we uncover the

differential effects of a neurotransmitter such as dopamine on underlying whole brain

connectivity. OFF medication, patients had on average a Unified Parkinson's Disease Rating

Scale (UPDRS) part III of 29.24 ± 10.74. This was reduced by L-DOPA (176.5 ± 56.2 mg) to

19.47 ± 8.52, indicating an improvement in motor symptoms.

Spontaneous brain activity in Parkinson's disease can be resolved into distinct states

Figure 1: Data driven frequency modes.

Each plotted curve shows a different spectral band. The x-axis represents frequency in Hz and the y-axis represents the weights obtained from the non-negative matrix factorisation (NNMF) in arbitrary units. The NNMF weights are like regression coefficients and hence unit-less. The frequency resolution of the modes is 0.5 Hz. Panels A and B show the OFF and ON medication frequency modes, respectively.

Using an HMM, we delineated cortico-subthalamic spectral changes from both global source-level cortical interactions as well as local STN–STN interactions. Three of the six HMM states could be attributed to physiologically interpretable connectivity patterns. We could not interpret the other three states within the current physiological frameworks both OFF and ON medication and they are therefore not considered in the following (see Supplementary Figures S1-S3). The connectivity between different brain regions for each state was visualised for the frequency modes shown in Figure 1. Figures 2-4 show the connectivity patterns for the three physiologically meaningful states in both the OFF (top row) and ON medication condition (bottom row). We refer to the state obtained in Figure 2 as the cortico-cortical state *(Ctx-Ctx)*. This state was characterised mostly by local coherence within segregated networks OFF medication in the alpha and beta band. In contrast, there was a widespread increase in coherence across the brain from OFF to ON medication. Therefore, ON medication, the connectivity strength in the alpha and beta band was not significantly different from the mean noise level. Figure 3 displays the second state. A large proportion of spectral connections in

this state enable cortico–STN communication via spectral coherence (Lalo *et al.*, 2008; Litvak

et al., 2011; Hirschmann *et al.*, 2013; Oswal *et al.*, 2013; van Wijk *et al.*, 2016) and thus we

labelled this as the cortico-STN state *(Ctx-STN)*. This state was characterised by connectivity

between multiple cortical regions and the STN OFF medication, but increased specificity of

cortical–STN connectivity ON medication. Finally, Figure 4 shows the third state. Within this

state, highly synchronous STN–STN spectral connectivity emerged, both OFF and ON

medication and therefore we named it the STN-STN state *(STN-STN)*. The spectral

characteristics of this state largely remain unaffected under the influence of dopaminergic

medication. In the following sections, we describe these three states in detail.

Cortico-cortical state is characterised by increased frontal coherence due to elevated dopamine levels

Supporting the dopamine overdose hypothesis in PD (Kelly *et al.*, 2009; MacDonald and

Monchi, 2011), we identified a delta/theta oscillatory network involving intra-hemispheric

connections between the lateral and medial orbitofrontal cortex as well as the pars orbitalis.

The delta/theta network emerged between the lateral and medial orbitofrontal as well as left

and right pars orbitalis cortex ON medication ($p < 0.05$, Figure 2C delta). On the contrary,

OFF medication no significant connectivity was detected in the delta/theta band. In the alpha

and beta band OFF medication there was significant connectivity within the frontal regions,

STN, and to a limited extent in the posterior parietal regions ($p < 0.05$, Figure 2A).

Another effect of excess dopamine was significantly increased connectivity of frontal cortex

and temporal cortex both with the STN and multiple cortical regions across all frequency

modes ($p < 0.01$, Figure 2 delta, alpha, and beta). The change in sensorimotor–STN

connectivity primarily took place in the alpha band with an increase ON medication.

Sensorimotor–cortical connectivity was increased ON medication across multiple cortical

regions in both the alpha and beta band ($p < 0.01$, Figure 2 alpha and beta). However, STN–

STN coherence remained unchanged OFF versus ON medication across all frequency modes.

Viewed together, the cortico-cortical state captured increased coherence across the cortex ON

medication within the alpha and beta band. This, however, implies that ON medication no

connectivity strength was significantly higher than the mean noise level within the alpha or

beta band. ON medication significant coherence emerged in the delta/theta band primarily

between different regions of the orbitofrontal cortex.

Figure 2: Cortico-cortical state.

The cortico-cortical state was characterised by a significant increase in coherence ON compared to OFF medication (see Panel B). Due to this, no connections within the alpha and beta band ON medication were significantly higher than the mean (Panel C). However, in the delta band, ON medication medial prefrontal-orbitofrontal connectivity emerged.

A and C: Each node in the circular graph represents a brain region based on the Mindboggle atlas. The regions from the atlas are listed in Table 1 along with their corresponding numbers that are used in the circular graph. The colour code in the circular graph represents a group of regions clustered according to the atlas (starting from node number 1) STN contacts (contacts 1, 2, 3 = right STN and contacts 4, 5, 6 = left STN), frontal, medial frontal, temporal, sensorimotor, parietal, and visual cortices.

In the circular graph, only the significant connections (p < 0.05; corrected for multiple comparisons, IntraMed analysis) are displayed as black curves connecting the nodes. The circles from left to right represent the delta/theta, alpha, and beta bands. Panel A shows results for OFF medication data and Panel C for the ON medication condition. For every circular graph we also show a corresponding top view of the brain with the connectivity represented by yellow lines and the red dot represents the anatomical seed vertex of the brain region. Only the cortical connections are shown.

Panel B shows the result for inter-medication analysis (InterMed) for the cortico-cortical state. In each symmetric matrix, every row and column corresponds to a specific atlas cluster denoted by the dot colour on the side of the matrix. Each matrix entry is the result of the InterMed analysis where OFF medication connectivity between i[th] row and j[th] column was compared to the ON medication connectivity between the same connections. A cell is white if the comparison mentioned on top of the matrix (either ON > OFF or OFF > ON) was significant at a threshold of p<0.05.

Dopaminergic medication selectively reduced connectivity in the cortico-STN state

Our analysis revealed that the cortico-STN state ON medication was characterised by selective cortico–STN spectral connectivity and an overall shift in cortex-wide activity towards physiologically-relevant network connectivity. In particular, ON medication, connectivity between STN and cortex became more selective in the alpha and beta band. OFF medication, STN–pre-motor (sensory), STN–frontal, and STN–parietal connectivity was present (p < 0.05, Figure 3A alpha and beta). Importantly, coherence OFF medication was significantly larger than ON medication between STN and sensorimotor, STN and temporal and STN and frontal cortices (p < 0.05 for all connections, Figure 3B alpha and beta). Furthermore, ON medication in the alpha band only the connectivity between temporal, parietal and medial orbitofrontal cortical regions and the STN was preserved (Figure 3C

Figure 3: Cortico-STN state

For the general description, see the note to Figure 2. The cortico-STN state was characterised by preservation of spectrally selective cortico–STN connectivity ON medication. Also, ON medication, a sensorimotor–frontoparietal network emerged.

alpha; $p < 0.05$)). Finally, ON medication, a sensorimotor–frontoparietal network emerged (p

< 0.05, Figure 3C beta), where sensorimotor, medial prefrontal, frontal, and parietal regions

were no longer connected to the STN, but instead directly communicated with each other in

the beta band. Hence, there was a transition from STN-mediated sensorimotor connectivity to

the cortex OFF medication to a more direct cortico–cortical connectivity ON medication.

Simultaneously to STN–cortico and cortico–cortical, STN–STN connectivity changed. In the

ON condition, STN–STN connectivity was significantly different from the mean noise level

across all three frequency modes ($p < 0.05$, Figure 3C). But on the other hand, there was no

significant change in the STN–STN connectivity OFF versus ON medication ($p=0.21$ -

delta/theta; $p=0.25$ - alpha; $p=0.10$ - beta; Figure 3B).

To summarise, coherence decreased ON medication across a wide range of cortical regions

both at the cortico–cortical and cortico–STN level. Still, significant connectivity was

selectively preserved in a spectrally-specific manner ON medication both at the cortico–

cortical (sensorimotor-frontoparietal network) level and the cortico–STN level. The most

surprising aspect of this state was the emergence of bilateral STN–STN coherence ON

medication across all frequency modes.

Dopamine selectively modifies delta/theta oscillations within the STN-STN state

In this STN-STN state, dopaminergic intervention had only a limited effect on STN–STN

connectivity. OFF medication, STN–STN coherence was present across all three frequency

modes ($p < 0.05$, Figure 4A), while ON medication, significant STN–STN coherence emerged

only in the alpha and beta band ($p < 0.05$, Figure 4C alpha and beta). ON medication, STN–

STN delta/theta connectivity strength was not significantly different from the mean noise

level ($p < 0.05$, Figure 4C delta).

OFF compared to ON medication coherence was reduced across the entire cortex both at the

inter-cortical and the STN–cortex level across all frequency modes. The most affected areas

were similar to the ones in the Ctx-STN state, in other words, the sensorimotor, frontal, and

temporal regions. Their coherence with the STN was also significantly reduced, ON

compared to OFF medication (STN–sensorimotor, $p < 0.01$ - delta/theta, beta; $p < 0.05$ -

alpha; STN–temporal, $p < 0.01$ - delta/theta, alpha, beta; and STN–frontal, $p < 0.01$ -

delta/theta, alpha and beta; Figure 4B).

Figure 4: STN-STN state

For the general description, see the note to Figure 2. The STN-STN state was characterised by preservation of STN–STN coherence in the alpha and beta band OFF versus ON medication. STN–STN theta/delta coherence was no longer significant ON medication.

In summary, STN–STN connectivity was not significantly altered OFF to ON medication. At

the same time, coherence decreased from OFF to ON medication at both the cortico–cortical

and the cortico–STN level. Therefore, only significant STN–STN connectivity existed both

OFF and ON medication, while cortico–STN or cortico–cortical connectivity changes

remained at the mean noise level.

States with a generic coherence decrease have longer lifetimes

Figure 5: Example of a probability time course for the 6 HMM states OFF medication.

Note that within the main text of the paper we are only discussing the first three states. The

connectivity maps of state 4-6 are provided in the supplementary material.

Using the temporal properties of the identified networks, we investigated whether states

showing a shift towards physiological connectivity patterns lasted longer ON medication. A

state that is physiological should exhibit increased lifetime and/or should occur more often

ON medication. An example of the state time courses is shown in figure 5.

Figure 6A–C shows the temporal properties for the three states for both the OFF and ON

medication conditions. Two-way repeated measures ANOVA on the temporal properties of

the HMM states revealed an effect of HMM states on the fractional occupancy ($F_{(2,96)} =$

10.49, $p < 0.01$), interval of visits ($F_{(2, 221513)} = 9783.13$, $p < 0.01$), and lifetime ($F_{(2,}$

$_{214818)} = 50.36$, $p < 0.01$). There was no effect of medication (L-DOPA) on fractional

occupancy ($F_{(1, 96)} = 2.00$, $p = 0.16$) and lifetime ($F_{(1,214818)} = 0.15$, $p = 0.7026$).

Medication had a significant effect on the interval of visits ($F_{(1,221513)} = 4202.96$, $p < 0.01$).

Finally, we found an interaction between the HMM states and medication on the interval of

Figure 6: Temporal properties of states

Panel A shows the fractional occupancy for the three states for the cortico-cortical (Ctx-Ctx), cortico-STN (Ctx-STN), and the STN-STN (STN-STN) state. Each point represents the mean for a state and the error bar represents standard error. Orange denotes ON medication data and blue OFF medication data. Panel B shows the mean interval of visits (in milliseconds) of the three states ON and OFF medication. Panel C shows the lifetime (in milliseconds) for the three states. Figure insets are used for clarity in case error bars are not clearly visible. The y-axis of each figure inset has the same units as the main figure.

visits (F (2,221513) = 1949.98, p< 0.01) and lifetime (F (2,214818) = 172.25, p< 0.01). But

there was no interaction between HMM states and medication on fractional occupancy (F

(2,96) = 0.54, p= 0.5855).

We performed post-hoc testing on the ANOVA results. OFF medication, the STN-STN state

was the one with the longest lifetime (STN-STN > Ctx-Ctx, p < 0.01; STN-STN > Ctx-STN,

p < 0.01). The Ctx-STN state OFF medication had the shortest lifetime among all three states

(Ctx-STN < Ctx-Ctx, p < 0.01; Ctx-STN < STN-STN, p < 0.01) and the shortest interval

between visits (interval of visit Ctx-STN < Ctx-Ctx, p < 0.01; Ctx-STN < STN-STN,

p < 0.01). The largest interval between visits was for the Ctx-Ctx state OFF medication (Ctx-

Ctx > STN-STN, p < 0.01; Ctx-Ctx > Ctx-STN, p < 0.01). The FO for the STN-STN and Ctx-

STN state was similar, but significantly higher than for the Ctx-Ctx state (STN-STN > Ctx-

Ctx, p < 0.01; STN-STN ≈ Ctx-STN, p = 0.82; Ctx-STN > Ctx-Ctx, p < 0.01). ON

medication, the comparison between temporal properties of all three states retained the same

significance levels as OFF medication, except for the lifetime of the Ctx-STN state, which

was no longer significantly different from that of the Ctx-Ctx state (p = 0.98). Within each

medication condition, the states retained their temporal characteristics relative to each other.

Across medication conditions, significant changes were present in the temporal properties of

the states. The lifetimes for both the STN-STN and Ctx-STN state were significantly

increased by medication (ON > OFF: STN-STN, p < 0.01; Ctx-STN, p ≤ 0.01) but the lifetime

for the Ctx-Ctx state was not significantly influenced by medication. The Ctx-Ctx state was

visited even less often ON medication (Interval: ON > OFF Ctx-Ctx, p < 0.01). The interval

between visits remained unchanged for the STN-STN and Ctx-STN states. The FO for all

three states was not significantly changed from OFF to ON medication. In summary, the

cortico-cortical state was visited least often compared to the other two states both OFF and

ON medication. The cortico-STN and STN-STN states showing physiologically-relevant

spectral connectivity lasted significantly longer ON medication.

3 Discussion

In this study, we parsed simultaneously-recorded MEG-STN LFP signals into discrete time-

resolved states to reveal distinct spectral communication patterns. We identified three states

exhibiting distinct coherence patterns ON and OFF medication: a cortico-cortical, a cortico-

STN, and a STN-STN state. Our results indicate a tendency of neural activity to engage in

connectivity patterns in which coherence decreases under the effect of dopaminergic

medication and which maintain selective cortico–STN connectivity (cortico-STN and STN-

STN states). Only within the cortico-cortical state did coherence increase under dopaminergic

medication. These results are in line with the multiple effects of dopaminergic medication

reported in resting and task-based PD studies (Jubault *et al.*, 2009; West *et al.*, 2016;

Tinkhauser *et al.*, 2017).

The differential effect of dopamine allowed us to delineate pathological and physiological

spectral connectivity. The cortico-cortical state provided electrophysiological evidence in the

delta/theta band for the overdose effect of dopaminergic medication in PD. Prior to the

electrophysiological evidence in our study, there was only evidence through task-based or

fMRI studies (Cools *et al.*, 2002; Ray and Strafella, 2010; MacDonald *et al.*, 2011). The

cortico-STN state revealed that simultaneous cortico–cortical and STN–STN interactions

emerge ON medication, with spectrally- and spatially-specific cortico–STN interactions. In

addition, ON medication, a frontoparietal motor network was present, indicating a shift from

STN-mediated motor connectivity to a cortical one. These findings have not been reported in

previous studies. The STN-STN state exhibited the limited ability of dopaminergic

medication to modify local STN–STN delta oscillations. Our analysis also revealed

significant changes in the temporal properties of the connectivity profiles, including lifetime

and FO, under the effect of dopaminergic medication. This insight might in the future prove

important for modifying medication as well as DBS-based strategies for therapeutic purposes.

Increased tonic dopamine causes excessive frontal cortical activity

The cortico-cortical state showed significant coherent connectivity between the orbitofrontal

cortical regions in the delta/theta band ON medication. According to the dopamine overdose

hypothesis (Cools, 2001; Kelly *et al.*, 2009; MacDonald and Monchi, 2011; Vaillancourt *et*

al., 2013) in PD, the commonly used doses of dopaminergic medication to mitigate the motor

symptoms cause the ventral frontostriatal cortical circuits to experience an excessive increase

in tonic dopamine levels. This medication-induced increase is due to excessive compensation

of dopamine in the ventral striatal circuitry, which experiences a lower loss of dopamine than

its dorsal counterpart. The reason is that in PD dopaminergic neurons in the substantia nigra

are primarily lost and therefore the dopamine depletion within the dorsal circuitry is higher

than within the ventral one (Kelly *et al.*, 2009; MacDonald and Monchi, 2011). Frontal

regions involved with the ventral striatal circuitry include the orbitofrontal cortex, anterior
cingulate, and the inferior temporal cortex (Cools, 2006; MacDonald and Monchi, 2011).
Increased frontal cortex connectivity potentially explains the cognitive deficits observed in
PD (Shohamy *et al.*, 2005; George *et al.*, 2013). Our detected emergence of frontal cortico–
cortical coherence (between orbitofrontal and medial orbitofrontal regions) specifically in the
delta/theta band could explain the cognitive deficits observed in PD due to dopaminergic
medication, given the role of frontal delta/theta oscillations in cognition (Harmony, 2013;
Zavala *et al.*, 2014).

A comparison of temporal properties of the cortico-cortical state OFF versus ON medication
revealed that the interval between visits was significantly increased ON medication, while the
FO of this state was significantly reduced. In fact, the FO of the cortico-cortical state was the
lowest among the three states. The temporal results indicate that the cortico-cortical state is
least visited. Neural activity ON medication is not likely to visit this state, but whenever it
does, its visits are of the same duration as OFF medication. Hence, the cortico-cortical state's
presence could explain the cognitive side effects observed ON medication in PD.

Selective spectral connectivity remains preserved with increased dopamine levels

An interesting feature of the cortico-STN state was the emergence of local STN–STN
coherence in all three frequency modes. Bilateral STN–STN coherence in the alpha and beta
band did not change in the cortico-STN state ON versus OFF medication (InterMed analysis).
However, STN-STN coherence was significantly higher than the mean level ON medication
(IntraMed analysis). Since synchrony limits information transfer (Cruz et al. 2009; Cagnan,
Duff, and Brown 2015; Holt et al. 2019), the high coherence within the STN ON medication
could prevent communication with the cortex. A different explanation would be that a loss of
cortical afferents leads to increased local STN coherence. The causal nature of the cortico-
basal ganglia interaction is an endeavour for future research.

Previous studies have reported STN-sensorimotor (Hirschmann et al. 2011, Litvak et. al
2011), STN-parietal, and STN-frontal (Litvak et al. 2011) coherence in the beta band OFF
medication. Consistent with previous studies STN-sensorimotor, STN-parietal (inferior
parietal), STN-frontal (insular cortex, pars orbitalis, pars opercularis and lateral orbitofrontal),
and STN-medial prefrontal (medial orbitofrontal) coherence emerged in the Ctx-STN state. In
contrast, ON medication sensorimotor regions were coherent with parietal (para central) and

frontal (superior frontal)/ medial prefrontal (caudal middle frontal) regions in the beta

frequency range. Previous research has not reported the emergence of such a coherent fronto-

parietal-motor network ON medication. But consistent with previous research (Hirschmann et

al. 2013), sensorimotor-STN coherence was reduced ON compared to OFF medication.

In addition, critical processing regarding sensorimotor decision-making involves

frontoparietal regions (Gertz and Fiehler 2015; Siegel, Buschman, and Miller 2015; Gallivan

et al. 2018; Martínez-Vázquez and Gail 2018). Hence, the emergence of frontoparietal

connectivity with motor regions points towards the physiological relevance of the cortico-

STN state. Moreover, neural activity ON medication remained longer in the cortico-STN state

as the lifetime of this state significantly increased compared to OFF medication. The finding

is in line with our hypothesis that a state showing physiologically-relevant spectral

connectivity lasts longer ON medication.

Tonic dopamine has a limited effect on local STN–STN interactions

In the cortico-STN state, STN–STN coherence accompanied network changes affecting

cortico–STN communication ON medication, thereby likely having a functional role. In

contrast, in the STN-STN state, STN–STN coherence emerged without the presence of any

significant cortico–STN coherence either OFF or ON medication. This may indicate that the

observed STN–STN activity in the STN-STN state emerged due to local basal ganglia

circuitry. No changes were observed in the alpha and beta band in the STN-STN state ON

versus OFF medication, which may indicate the inability of tonic dopamine to modify basal

ganglia circuit activity. These results provide more evidence that the changes in STN–STN

coherence observed in previous studies (Little *et al.*, 2013; Oswal *et al.*, 2013; Shimamoto *et*

al., 2013) reflect cortical interaction affecting STN activity. Future studies should analyse

changes occurring within the STN. To the best of our knowledge, we are the first to uncover

modulation of STN–STN delta/theta oscillations by dopaminergic medication. Studies have

shown that local basal ganglia delta oscillations, which do not require input from the motor

cortex, are robust biomarkers of dopamine depletion (Whalen *et al.*, 2020). Hence, selective

elimination of delta/theta oscillations under dopaminergic medication in the STN-STN state

points towards restoration of physiologically-relevant network activity.

Limitations of the study

In the present study, we employed a data-driven approach based on an HMM. In order to find the appropriate model, we had to specify the number of states a priori. We selected the number of HMM model states based on a compromise between spectral quality of results and their redundancy. The number of states could also be determined by selecting the one with the highest negative free energy. However, model selection based on free energy often does not yield concrete results (Baker *et al.*, 2014). Another limitation is the use of multivariate Gaussian distributions to characterise the state covariance matrices. Although it improves the tractability of the HMM estimation process, it is by construction unable to capture higher-order statistics of the data beyond the first two moments. For example, burst activity might also be a relevant property of brain networks (Florin *et al.*, 2015). Lastly, we would like to note that the HMM was used as a data-driven, descriptive approach without explicitly assuming any a-priori relationship with pathological or physiological states. The relation between biology and the HMM states, thus, purely emerged from the data; i.e. is empirical. What we claim in this work is simply that the features captured by the HMM hold some relation with the physiology even though the estimation of the HMM was completely unsupervised (i.e. blind to the studied conditions).

Besides these limitations inherent in the analysis approach, there are also some related to the experimental design. As this is a study containing invasive LFP recordings, we can never have a healthy control group. In addition, we only recorded 4 female patients because during the study period fewer female patients underwent a DBS surgery at our centre. To the best of our knowledge, there is no previous literature reporting a sex difference in MEG markers or the prescribed dopaminergic medication (Umeh et al. 2014). The medication led to a marked motor improvement in these patients based on the UPDRS, but the patients still have impairments. Both motor impairment and motor improvement can cause movement during the resting state in PD. While such movement is a deviation from a resting state in healthy subjects, such movements are part of the disease and occur unwillingly. Therefore, such movements can arguably be considered part of the resting state of Parkinson's disease. None of the patients in our cohort experienced hyperkinesia during the recording. All patients except for two were of the akinetic-rigid subtype. We verified that tremor movement is not driving our results. Recalculating the HMM states without these 2 subjects, even though it slightly changed some particular aspects of the HMM solution, did not materially affect the conclusions. A further potential influencing factor might be the disease duration and the

amount of dopamine patients are receiving. Both factors were not significantly related to the

temporal properties of the states.

To differentiate pathological and physiological network activity, we had to rely on the

temporal properties of the networks. A further limitation was that all our recordings were

made under resting conditions, preventing us from discerning the functional role of

oscillations within the discovered networks. We opted for the current design because resting-

state data allows the study of networks independent of a task and because using a specific task

bears the risk that the patients are not able to properly perform it. Nevertheless, future studies

should analyse the behaviour of specific networks using tasks to probe them.

Lastly, we recorded LFPs from within the STN –an established recording procedure during

the implantation of DBS electrodes in various neurological and psychiatric diseases. Although

for Parkinson patients results on beta and tremor activity within the STN have been

reproduced by different groups (Reck et al. 2010, Litvak et al. 2011, Florin et al. 2013,

Hirschmann et al. 2013, Neumann et al. 2016), it is still not fully clear whether these LFP

signals are contaminated by volume-conducted cortical activity. However, while volume

conduction seems to be a larger problem in rodents even after re-referencing the LFP signal

(Lalla et al. 2017), the same was not found in humans (Marmor et al. 2017). Moreover, we

used directional contacts, which have a smaller surface area than the classical ring contacts.

Based on the available literature, our sampling rate was high enough to resolve oscillatory

activity in the STN (Telkes et al. 2020; Nguyen et al. 2020).

Conclusion

Using a data-driven machine learning approach, we identified three distinct networks (states)

that captured differential effects of dopaminergic medication on spectral connectivity in PD.

Our findings uncovered a cortico-cortical state that captured the potentially adverse effects of

increased dopamine levels due to dopaminergic medication. Furthermore, a cortico-STN state

was identified that maintained spatio-spectrally selective cortico–STN connectivity ON

medication. We also found a local STN–STN coherent state, pointing towards the limited

effect of dopaminergic medication to modify local basal ganglia activity. Our findings bring

forth a dynamical systems perspective for differentiating pathological versus physiologically-

relevant spectral connectivity in PD. Furthermore, we were able to uncover differential

changes induced by altered levels of a neuromodulator such as dopamine in a completely

data-driven manner without providing detailed information about large-scale dopaminergic

networks to the HMM. This shows another advantage of our dynamical systems-level

approach. Furthermore, our whole brain–STN approach provides novel electrophysiological

evidence of distributed changes due to dopaminergic medication in brain connectivity,

extending previous pairwise connectivity results reported in PD.

4   Materials and Methods

Subjects

In total, 17 (4 female) right-handed PD patients (age: 55.2 ± 9.3 years) undergoing surgery for

therapeutic STN deep brain stimulation (DBS) were recruited for this study. Patients had been

selected for DBS treatment according to the guidelines of the German Society for Neurology.

The experimental procedure was explained to all participants and they gave written consent.

The study was approved by the local ethics committee (study number 5608R) and conducted

in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki. Bilateral DBS electrodes were implanted in

the dorsal part of the STN at the Department of Functional Neurosurgery and Stereotaxy in

Düsseldorf. The implanted DBS electrodes used were the St. Jude Medical directional lead

6172 (Abbott Laboratories, Lake Bluff, USA) and in one case the Boston Scientific Vercise

segmented lead (Boston Scientific Corporation, Marlborough, USA). These electrodes have

four contact heights and the two middle heights are segmented into three equally-spaced

contacts.

The DBS leads were externalised and we measured the patients after 1 to 3 days. To

simultaneously acquire MEG and LFP signals, we connected the externalised leads to an

electroencephalogram (EEG) amplifier integrated with the MEG system. We used a whole-

head MEG system with 306 channels (Elekta Vectorview, Elekta Neuromag, Finland) housed

within a magnetically-shielded chamber. All patients were requested to sit still and awake

during data acquisition. To ensure that patients did not fall asleep, we tracked patients' pupil

diameter with an eye tracker. To remove eye blink and cardiac artefacts, electrooculography

(EOG) and electrocardiography (ECG) were recorded along with the LFP and MEG signals.

In order to co-register the MEG recording with the individual magnetic resonance imaging

(MRI), four head position indicator coils were placed on the patient's head. Their position as

well as additional head points were digitised using the Polhemus Isotrack system (Polhemus,

Colchester, USA). The data were recorded with a sampling rate of 2400 Hz and a low-pass

filter of 800 Hz was applied. An electrode was placed at the mastoid and all LFP signals were

referenced to it.

For the clinical OFF medication state, oral PD medication was withdrawn overnight for at

least 12 hours. If a patient had an apomorphine pump, this pump was stopped at least 1 hour

before the measurement. First, we recorded resting-state activity in the medication OFF

condition. The patients were then given their morning dose of L-DOPA in the form of fast-

acting levodopa. Data were acquired in three runs of 10 minutes, for a total of 30 minutes for

each medication condition. We started the ON medication measurement at least half an hour

after the administration of the dose and after clinical improvement was seen. The same

procedure as for the OFF medication state was followed for the ON medication measurement.

Pre-processing

All data processing and analyses were performed using Matlab (version R 2016b; Math

Works, Natick, USA). Custom-written Matlab scripts and the Brainstorm toolbox

(http://neuroimage.usc.edu/brainstorm/Introduction) were used (Tadel *et al.*, 2011). To ensure

artefact-free data, two people independently inspected the data visually, cleaned artefacts, and

compared the cleaning output. The final cleaned data included changes agreed upon by both

the people involved in cleaning. The Neuromag system provides signal-space projection

(SSP) vectors for the cleaning of external artefacts from the MEG channels, which were

applied. The line noise was removed from all channels with a notch filter at 50, 100, 150, …,

550 and 600 Hz with a 3 dB bandwidth of 1 Hz. The LFP recordings from the DBS electrode

were re-referenced against the mean of all LFP channels. Very noisy and flat MEG/LFP

channels were excluded from further analysis. Time segments containing artefacts were

removed from the time series. However, if artefacts regularly occurred only in one single

channel, this whole channel was removed instead. Frequently-arising artefacts following the

same basic pattern, such as eye blinks or cardiac artefacts, were removed via SSP. All data

were high-pass filtered with 1 Hz to remove movement-related low-frequency artefacts.

Finally, the data were down-sampled to 1,000 Hz.

Source estimation was performed on these recordings at an individual level using each

individual's anatomy. Therefore, using Freesurfer (https://surfer.nmr.mgh.harvard.edu/,

v.5.3.0), the individual cortical surfaces were extracted from the individual T1-weighted MRI

scans (3T scanner and 1 mm³ voxel size). We used the overlapping spheres method with 306

spheres for the forward model. As the inverse model, we used a linearly constrained minimum

variance (LCMV) beamformer. The data covariance matrix for the LCMV beamformer was

computed directly from each 10-minute recording. The data covariance was regularised using

the median eigenvalue of the data covariance matrix. The noise covariance was obtained from

an empty room recording on the same day as the actual measurement.

For each subject, the invasive entry point of the STN was identified based on intraoperative

microelectrode recordings (Gross *et al.*, 2006; Moran *et al.*, 2006). Subsequently, the first

recording height after the entry into the STN was selected to obtain the three directional LFP

recordings from the respective hemisphere. In addition, we visualized the location of all

electrodes using Lead-DBS (Horn *et al.*, 2019). All electrodes were properly placed within the

STN – except for one (see Figure 7). To exclude that our results were driven by outlier, we

reanalysed our data without this patient. No qualitative change in the overall connectivity

pattern was observed.

Figure 7: DBS electrode location for all subjects

Lead -DBS reconstruction with all subjects. The red leads are the ones of a subject with one of
the outside the STN. The red directional contacts are the ones from which the data was used for
analysis.

The source-reconstructed MEG data were projected to the default cortical anatomy (MNI 152

with 15002 vertices) and then down-sampled temporally to 250 Hz for each medication

condition for every subject. We used the Mindboggle atlas to spatially reduce the data

dimensions. For each of the 42 cortical regions in the atlas, a multidimensional time series

consisting of the vertices within that anatomical region was extracted. To reduce the

multivariate times series for each region to a single one, we employed the first principal

component explaining the highest variance share in each region. The first principal

component row vectors from all 42 anatomical regions were stacked into a MEG cortical time

series matrix. To correct for volume conduction in the signal, symmetric orthogonalisation

(Colclough et al. 2015) was applied to each subject's resulting MEG cortical time series

matrix. The row vectors of this orthogonalised matrix and the six LFPs (three each for left and

right STN) were z-scored. Subsequently, they were stacked into one multidimensional time

series (N by T) matrix. Here, N = 48 is the total number of nodes/regions (42 regions from the

cortex and 6 LFP electrode contacts) and T denotes the length of the time dimension. This 48

by T data matrix obtained from each subject was concatenated along the temporal dimension

across all subjects for each specific medication condition. Finally, to resolve sign ambiguity

inherent in source-reconstructed MEG data as well as resolve polarity of LFP channels across

subjects, a sign-flip correction (Vidaurre *et al.*, 2016) procedure was applied to this final 48

by (T by number of subjects) dataset within a medication condition. The pre-processing steps

were performed for OFF and ON medication separately.

Hidden Markov model analysis

The HMM is a data-driven probabilistic algorithm which finds recurrent network patterns in

multivariate time series (Vidaurre *et al.*, 2016, 2018*a*). Each network pattern is referred to as a

'state' in the HMM framework, such that these networks can activate or deactivate at various

points in time. Here onwards, 'state' or 'network' is used interchangeably. We used a specific

variety of the HMM, the time-delay embedded HMM (TDE-HMM), where whole-brain

networks are defined in terms of both spectral power and phase-coupling (Vidaurre *et al.*,

2018*b*). Hence, for every time point, the HMM algorithm provided the probability that a

network is active. Here onwards, a contiguous block of time for which the probability of a

particular network being active remained higher than all the other networks is referred to as a

'state visit'. Hence, the HMM produced temporally-resolved spatial networks for the

underlying time series. In our approach we also performed spectral analyses of these state

visits, leading to a complete spatio–spectral connectivity profile across the cortex and the

STN. By applying the HMM analysis to the combined MEG-LFP dataset we were able to

temporally, spatially and spectrally separate cortico–cortical, cortico–STN and STN–STN

networks.

Estimation of the hidden Markov model

Since we were interested in recovering phase-related networks, the TDE-HMM was fit

directly on the time series obtained after pre-processing steps described previously, as

opposed to its power envelope. This preserved the cross-covariance within and across the

underlying raw time series of the cortical regions and the STN. The model estimation finds

recurrent patterns of covariance between regions (42 cortical regions and 6 STN contacts) and

segregates them into 'states' or 'networks'. Based on these covariance patterns, for each state,

the power spectra of each cortical region and the coherence amongst regions can be extracted.

We opted for six different states as a reasonable trade-off between the spectral quality of the

results and their redundancy. The HMM-MAR toolbox (Vidaurre *et al.*, 2016) was used for

fitting the TDE-HMM model. We employed the TDE version of the HMM where the

embedding took place in a 60 ms window (i.e. a 15-time point window for a sampling

frequency of 250 Hz). Since time embedding would increase the number of rows of the data

from 48 to 48 times the window length (also referred to as number of lags), an additional PCA

(reduction across 48 by number of lags) step was performed after time embedding. The

number of components retained was 96 (48 x 2). This approach follows Vidaurre *et al.*,

(2018*b)*. To characterise each state, a full covariance matrix with an inverse Wishart prior was

used. The diagonal of the prior for the transition probability matrix was set as 10. To ensure

that the mean of the time series did not take part in driving the states, the 'zero mean' option

in HMM toolbox was set to 1. To speed up the process of fitting we used the stochastic

version of variational inference for the HMM. In order to start the optimisation process, the

'HMM-MAR'-type initialisation was used (for details see Vidaurre *et al.*, 2016). The HMM

was fit separately OFF and ON medication.

Statistical analysis of the states

After the six states were obtained for HMM OFF and HMM ON medication, these states were

statistically compared within each medication condition as well as between medication

conditions. In addition, the temporal properties of these states were compared.

Intra-medication analysis

We investigated the spectral connectivity patterns across the different states within a

medication condition (intra-medication or IntraMed). The objective was to uncover significant

coherent connectivity standing out from the background within each frequency band

(delta/theta [1-8 Hz], alpha [8-12 Hz], and beta [13-30 Hz]) in the respective states. The

HMM output included the state time courses (i.e. when the states activated) for the entire

concatenated data time series. The state time courses allowed the extraction of state- and

subject-specific data for further state- and subject-level analysis. For each HMM state, we

filtered the state-specific data[2] for all the subjects between 1 and 45 Hz. Then we calculated

the Fourier transform of the data using a multitaper approach to extract the frequency

components from the short segments of each state visit.[3] Seven Slepian tapers with a time-

bandwidth product of 4 were used, resulting in a frequency resolution of 0.5Hz and therefore

binned frequency domain values. Subsequently, we calculated the coherence and power

spectral density of this binned (frequency bins obtained during the multitaper step) data for

every subject and every state. The coherence and the power spectral density obtained were

three-dimensional matrices of size f (number of frequency bins) by N (42 cortical locations +

6 STN contacts) by N.

Based on the coherence matrices, we performed a frequency band-specific analysis. Canonical

definitions of frequency bands assign equal weight to each frequency bin within a band for

every subject. This might not be suitable when considering analyses of brain signals across a

large dataset. For example, the beta peak varies between individual subjects. Assigning the

same weight to each bin in the beta range might reduce the beta effect at the group level. To

allow for inter-subject variability in each frequency bin's contribution to a frequency band, we

determined the frequency modes in a data-driven manner (Vidaurre *et al.*, 2018*b*). Because we

focused on interactions that are important to establish the STN–cortex communication, the

identification of the relevant frequency modes was restricted to the cross-coherence between

the STN-LFPs and cortical signals; in other words, the block matrix consisting of rows 1 to 6

(STN) and columns 7 to 48 (cortex). For each subject, this extracted submatrix was then

vectorised across columns. This gave us a (number of frequency bins by 252 [6 STN locations

by 42 cortical locations]) matrix for each state. For every subject, this matrix was

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[2] For state-wise data extraction please refer the HMM toolbox wiki (https://github.com/OHBA-analysis/HMM-MAR/wiki/User-Guide).

[3] see Vidaurre *et al.*, (2018*b*) for discussion on multitaper for short time data segments.

concatenated along the spatial dimension across all states producing a (number of frequency

bins by [252 by 6 (number of states)]) matrix. We called this the subject-level coherence

matrix. We averaged these matrices across all subjects along the spectral dimension (number

of frequency bins) to yield a (number of frequency bins by [252 by 6]) group-level coherence

matrix. We factorised the group-level coherence matrix into four frequency modes using a

non-negative matrix factorisation (NNMF) (Lee and Seung, 2001). Each of the resulting four

frequency modes obtained was of size (1 by number of frequency bins). The values of

frequency modes are the actual NNMF weights obtained from the NNMF estimation (which,

just like a regression coefficient, are unit-less). Three of them resembled the canonical

delta/theta (delta and theta frequencies were combined into one band), alpha, and beta bands

whereas the last one represented noise. Since NNMF does not guarantee a unique solution, we

performed multiple instances of the factorisation. In practice we could obtain frequency

modes, which showed correspondence to the classical frequency bands, within 4 iterations of

the algorithm. At each instance, we visualised the output to ensure frequency specificity of the

frequency modes. The stability of the output was ensured by using 'Robust NNMF', which is

a variant of the NNMF algorithm (Vidaurre *et al.*, 2018*b*). While these frequency modes were

derived in fact from coherence measures (as detailed in Vidaurre et al. 2018a), they can be

applied to power measures or any other frequency-specific measure. We then computed the

inner product between the subject- and group-level coherence matrix and the frequency modes

obtained above. We called these the subject-level and group-level projection results,

respectively.

To separate background noise from the strongest coherent connections, a Gaussian mixture

model (GMM) approach was used (Vidaurre *et al.*, 2018*b*). For the group-level projection

results, we normalised the activity in each state for each spectral band by subtracting the mean

coherence within each frequency mode across all states. As a prior for the mixture model, we

used two single-dimensional Gaussian distributions with unit variance: one mixture

component to capture noise and the other to capture the significant connections. This GMM

with two mixtures was applied to the coherence values (absolute value) of each state.

Connections were considered significant if their p-value after correction for multiple

comparisons was smaller than 0.05.

         Inter-medication analysis

To test for differences in coherence across medication conditions (inter-medication or

InterMed), the first step was to objectively establish a comparison between the states found in

the two HMMs fit separately for each condition. There is no a priori reason for the states

detected in each condition to resemble each other. To find OFF and ON medication states that

may resemble each other, we calculated the Riemannian distance (Förstner and Moonen,

2003) between the state covariance matrices of the OFF and ON HMM. This yielded an OFF

states by ON states (6 x 6) distance matrix. Subsequently, finding the appropriately matched

OFF and ON states reduced to a standard linear assignment problem. We found an ON state

counterpart to each OFF state by minimising the total sum of distances using the Munkres

linear assignment algorithm (Vidaurre *et al.*, 2018*a*). This approach yielded a one-to-one

pairing of OFF and ON medication states, and all further analysis was conducted on these

pairs. For ease of reading, we gave each pair its own label. For example, when we refer to a

'cortico-STN' state in the following sections, then such a state was discovered OFF

medication and its corresponding state ON medication is its distance-matched partner. In

subsequent sections, all mentions of ON or OFF medication refer to these state pairs unless

mentioned otherwise.

We used the subject-level projection results obtained during IntraMed analysis to perform

InterMed analyses. We performed two-sided independent sample t-tests between the matched

states to compare the coherence, which was calculated between different regions of interest

(see Dataset preparation). We grouped individual atlas regions into canonical cortical regions

like frontal, sensorimotor, parietal, visual, medial PFC, and STN contacts. For example, in the

beta band, STN (contacts)-sensorimotor coherence in the OFF condition was compared to the

STN (contacts)-sensorimotor coherence in the ON condition. The p-values obtained were

corrected for multiple comparisons for a total number of possible combinations.

Temporal properties of hidden Markov model states

To test for changes in the temporal properties OFF versus ON medication, we compared the

lifetimes, interval between visits, and fractional occupancy (FO) for each state both within

and across HMMs using two-way repeated measures ANOVA followed by post-hoc tests.

Lifetime/dwell time of a state refers to the time spent by the neural activity in that state.

Interval of visit was defined as the time between successive visits of the same state. Finally,

the FO of a state was defined as the fraction of time spent in each state. Extremely short state

visits might not reflect neural processes, hence we only used values that were greater than 100 ms for lifetime comparisons.

Data availability

Because of privacy law, data are available upon personal request. Enquiries can be sent to the corresponding author.

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Tables:

Table 1 Regions of the Mindboggle atlas used

STN- Subthalamic nucleus, Vis- Visual, Par-Parietal, Smtr-Sensory motor, Tmp-Temporal, Mpf-Medial prefrontal, Frnt-Frontal, Ctx- Cortex
The colour code is for the ring figures presented as part of the results.

STN	1	Contact 1 right	Smtr-Ctx	12	Postcentral
	2	Contact 2 right		13	Precentral
	3	Contact 3 right	Tmp-Ctx	14	Middle temporal
	1	Contact 4 left		15	Superior temporal
	2	Contact 5 left	Mpf-Ctx	16	Caudal middle frontal
	3	Contact 6 left		17	Medial orbitofrontal
Vis-Ctx	4	Cuneus	Frnt-Ctx	18	Insula
	5	Lateral occipital		19	Lateral orbitofrontal
	6	Lingual		20	Pars opercularis
Par-Ctx	7	Inferior parietal		21	Pars orbitalis
	8	Para central		22	Pars triangularis
	9	Precuneus		23	Rostral middlefrontal
	10	Superior parietal		24	Superior frontal
	11	Supramarginal			

Supplementary Material

Figure S1-S3:

S1-S3 show the three additional states that were found in the OFF and ON conditions. S1-S3 A show the OFF states and S1-S3 B show their distance-matched ON states. To the best of our knowledge, we could not interpret these states within our current physiological understanding of Parkinson's disease.

Supplementary figure 1: Supplementary state 1

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 Supplementary figure 3: Supplementary state 3