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Instructions on Matlab code and actual scripts used are all freely available in the signal processing toolbox as described in the methods section under EEG analysis or in the permutation entropy and Lempel-Ziv Complexity sections of the Methods. The fit model for cognitive data are fully presented in the statistical analysis of cognitive data section of the methods.