



# MOOG-HOBERMAN TECHNOLOGY

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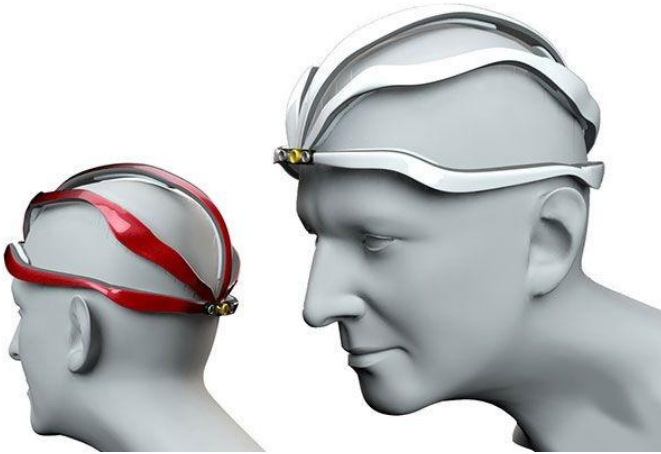
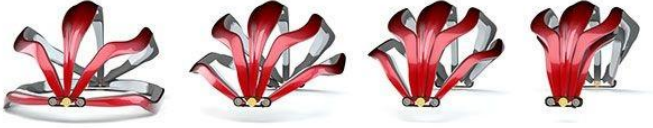
Moog-Hoberman Variflex Sphere Design is a globular XR unit with advanced 102 Technology Kopin-Jepsen free-standing holographics project three-dimensional images into your mind, with coherent light beam protons, and Bose-Einstein condensates, around a classified Moog company psychic waveguide amplification-cartography interface control chaise unit. With this technology, you will see across the universe, on a time delay, dependent on the integrity of the interstellar aetherspace outlink communications network, and the astronomical position along the sender's and receiver's navigational flight path.

The Moog-Hoberman modified unit, with its strange helmet-shaped biometric and psychometric open scaffold, encephalon-electrodes apparatus, and its blinking syncopated diodes flashing red, green, yellow, and blue, sits at the top of the padded

headrest of the zero-gravity design space chaise lounge. It is constructed of temperature-controlled, closed-cell memory foam padding, covered in moisture-absorbing, saddle brown, soft composite leather. Sitting on the chaise, it feels very comfortable, inviting you to recline on it fully, resting your head on the pillow within the scaffolding apparatus.

The machine instantly whirs to life. Subtle low-frequency Schuman resonance soundscapes fill your auditory senses; they flow directly into your mind. You enter into a morphogenic state, then reopen your mind's eye, and look into another world, billions of light-years away, whenever you make contact with the encrypted transmissions from the network of communication and navigation beacons along the sender's journey, relaying encrypted experienter data, your eyes would open in a glazed trance as his mind processed the data. The Moog-Hoberman transmits a burst laser-encrypted compressed digital audio signal and records every message made.

You look up towards the heavens. Your eyes open wide with astonishment at the lightning speed and scope of the euphoric knowledge and images newly disseminated from aetherspace; ancient knowledge of the universe and its arc of sentient life throughout. Knowledge is passed on to your mind out of time, ancient, transcendent knowledge. You appear to anyone observing you to be in a trance while looking into another dimension. So, never allow anyone to observe him processing the transmissions.





Peering into Other Worlds

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Until now, systems capable of this level of detail have been bulky, costly, and difficult to use. Most clinics and research centers could not justify the investment, leaving TD-fNIRS on the sidelines despite its promise. Kernel Flow addresses this barrier by packaging the technology into a 2.05-kilogram headset that runs from a USB-C cable, making it portable and practical without losing accuracy.

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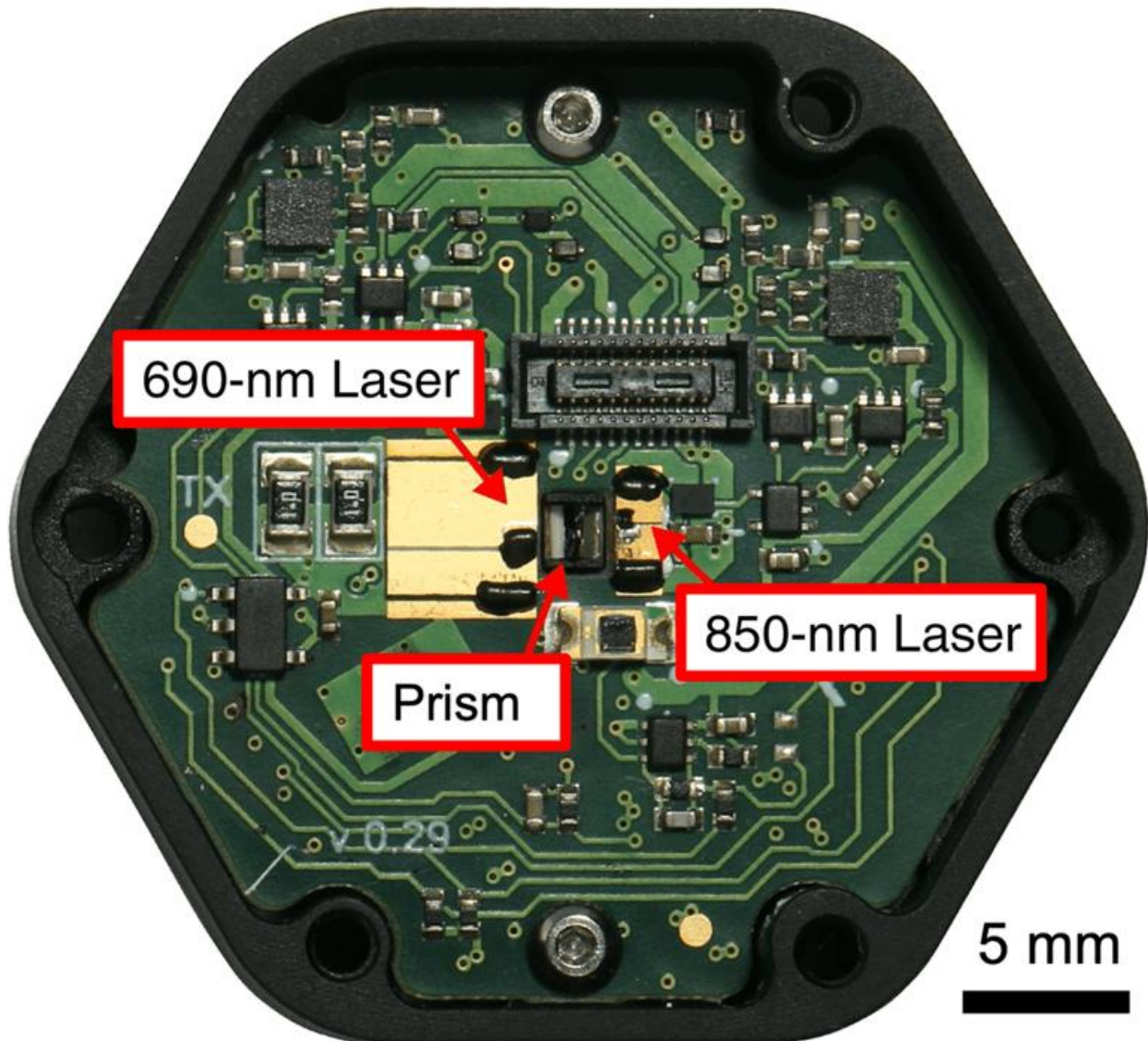
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## Testing in the Lab

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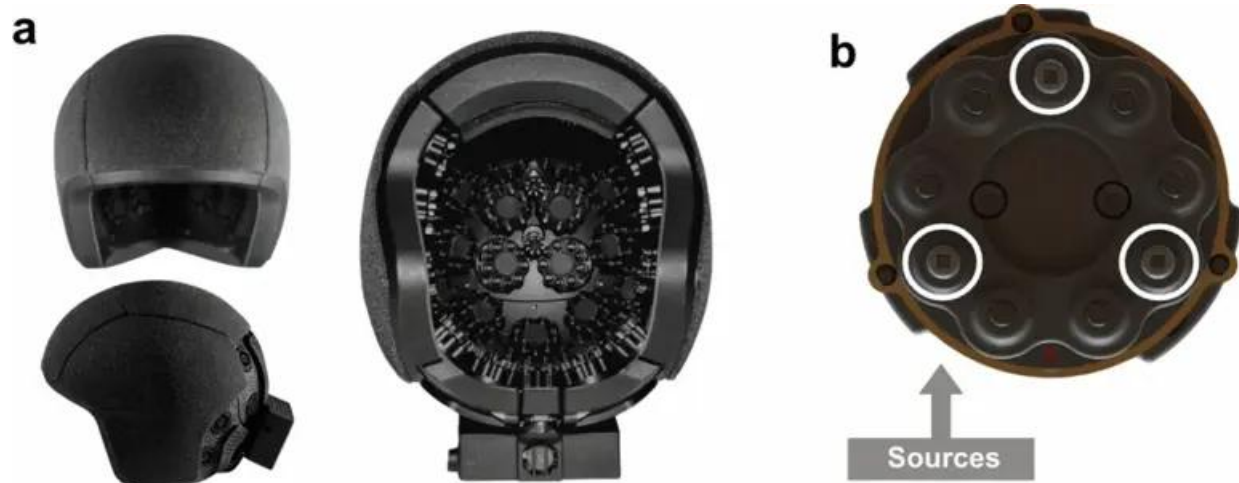
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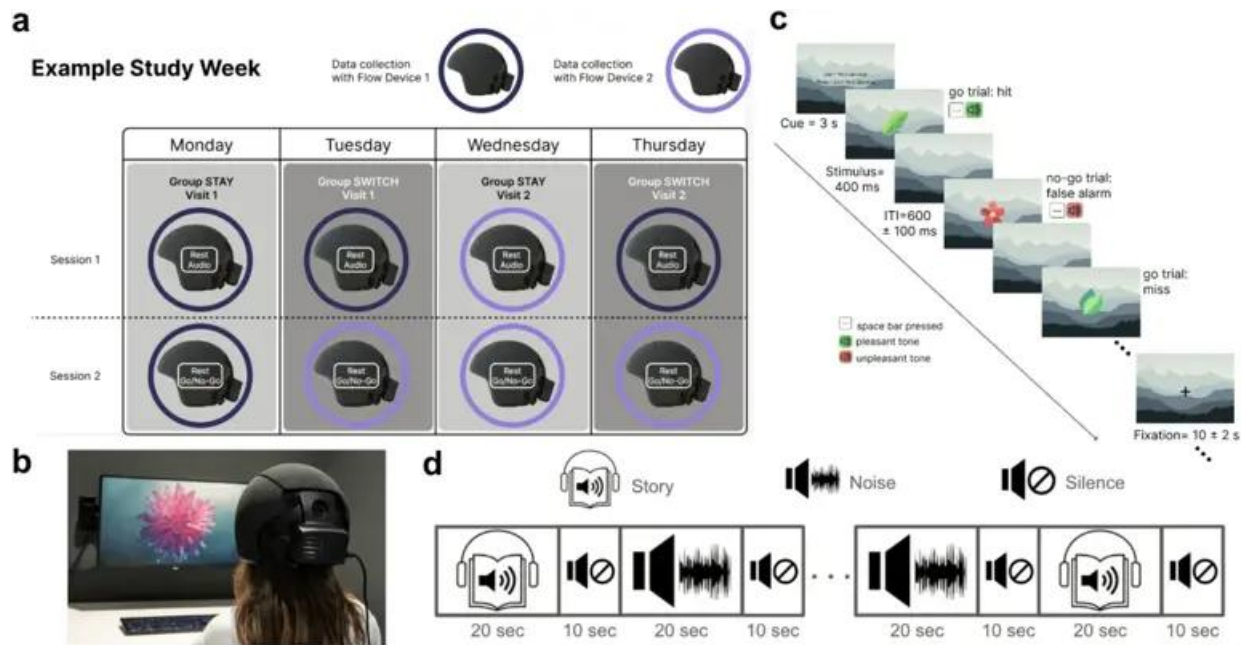
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## What’s the difference Between Flow1 and Flow2

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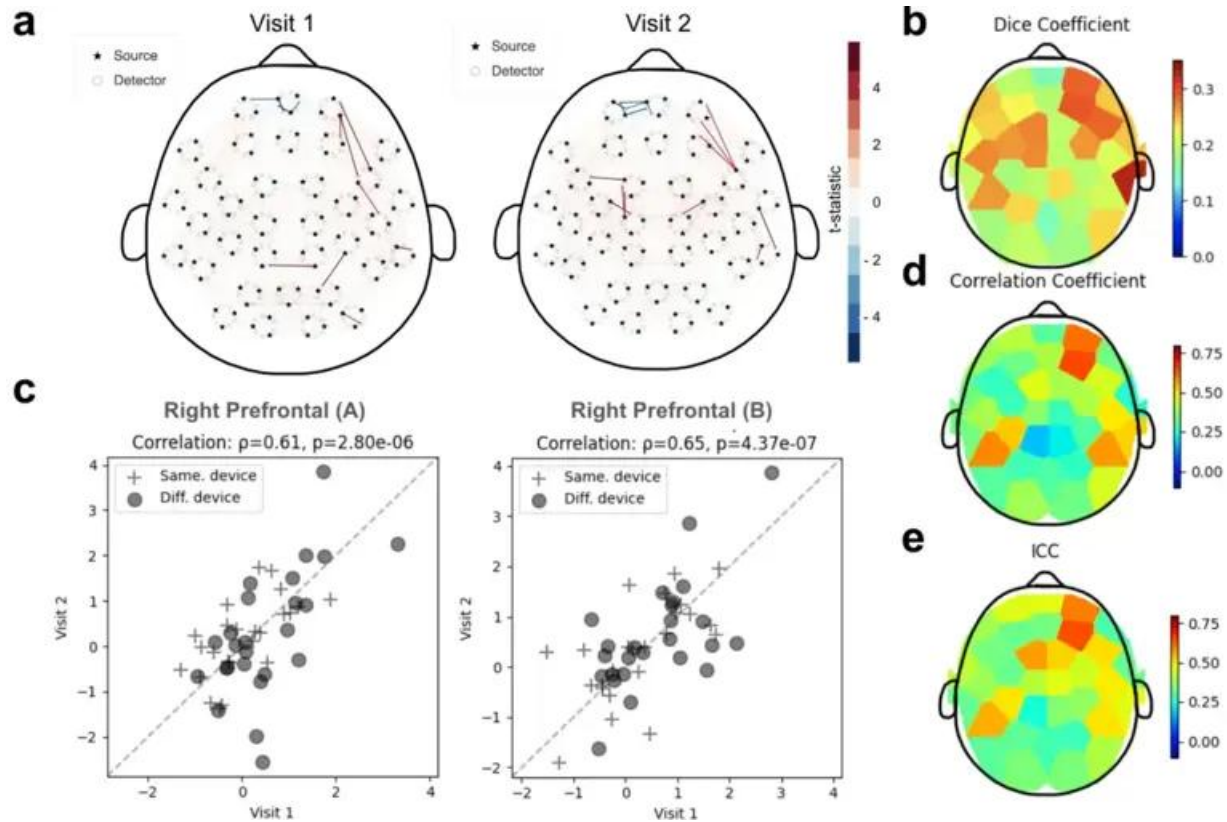
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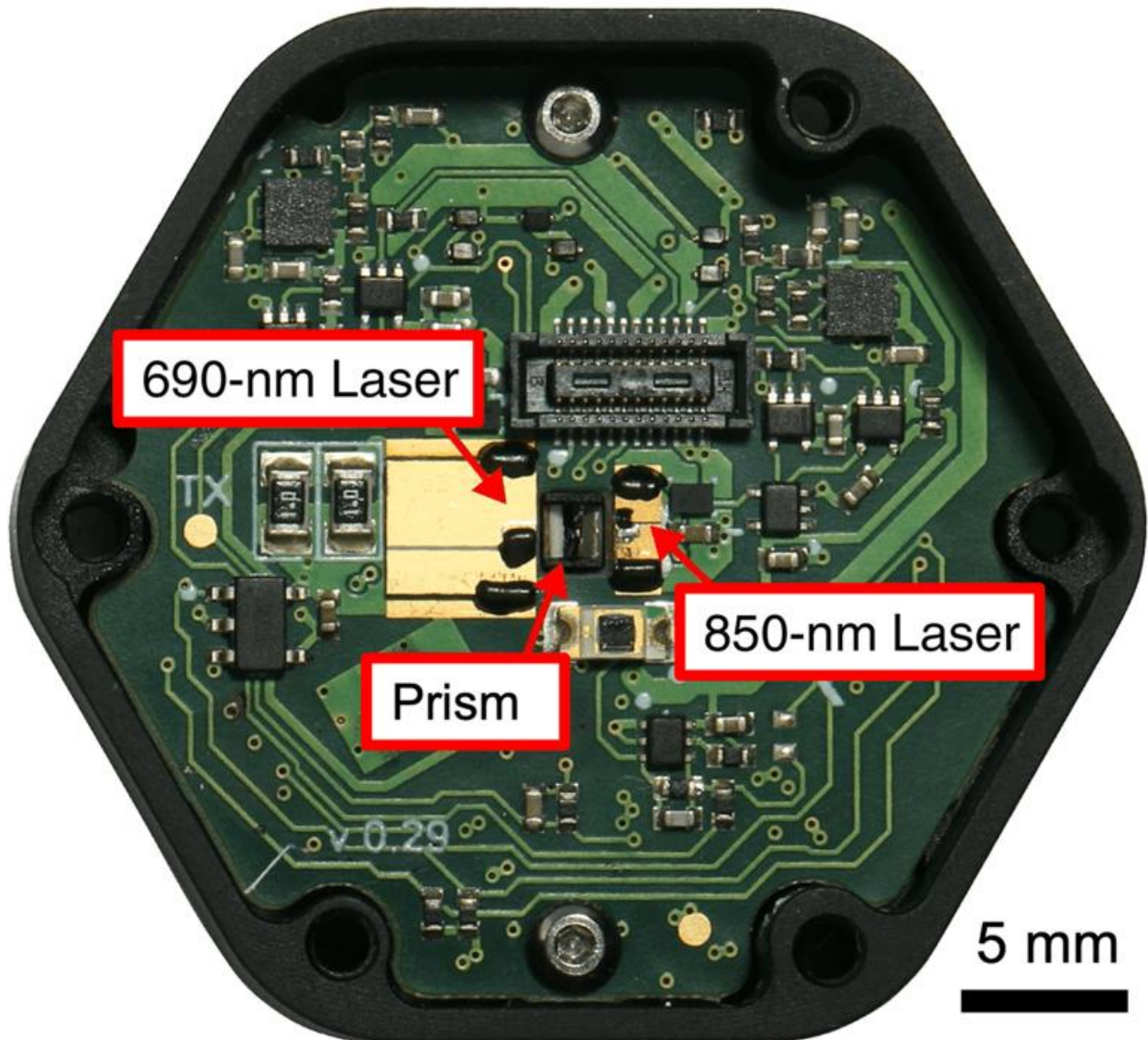
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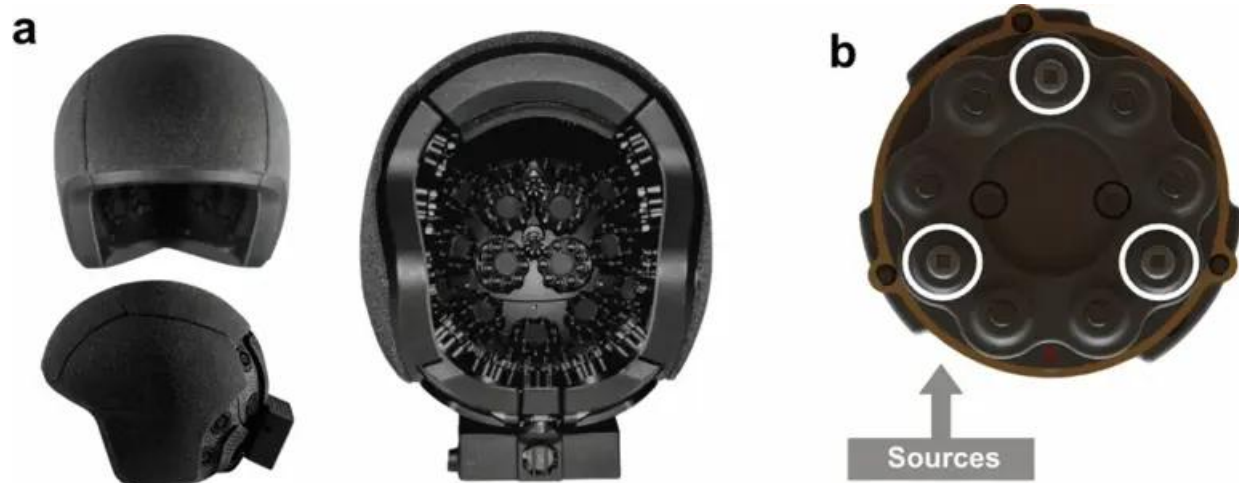
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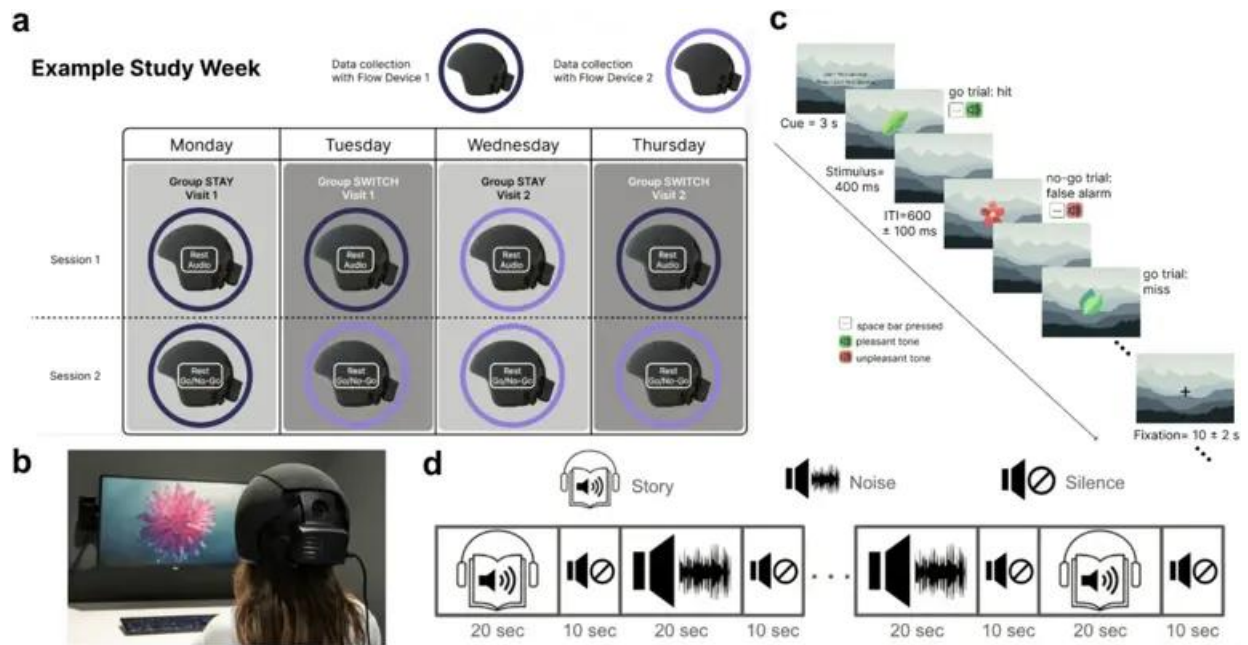
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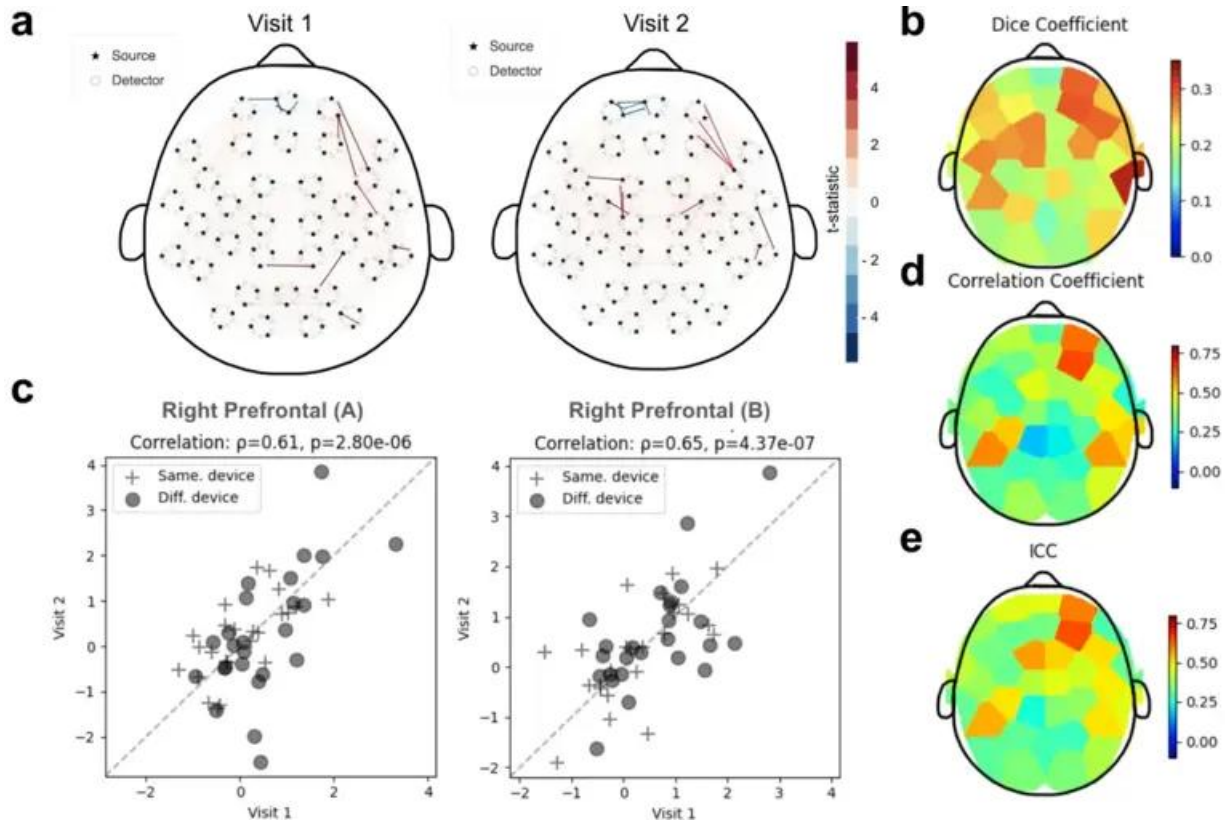
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