

STATISTICAL CLUES TO THE PSYCHOLOGICAL DYNAMICS OF PSYCHOKINETIC DECLINES

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The observed distributions of run scores within a large body of PK data were found to be highly improbable if due to chance alone. A detailed examination of these distributions as a function of data-record positions suggest three tentative conclusions:

1. Subjects who seem to have little or no PK ability may actually be concealing or dissipating their ability in obscure ways.
2. Given a repetitive task with suitable rests, PK may tend to organize into recognizable decline patterns as the task is prolonged.
3. The factors which cause the organization of PK into a recognizable form may be closely related to the factors which cause the disappearance of PK altogether, or, to put the matter into simple, speculative terms, the experimenter's problem may be one of accustoming the subject to his task without destroying his interest.