

# Respiration, heartbeat, and conscious tactile perception

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**Title**      **Respiration, heartbeat, and conscious tactile perception**

**S1 [001]      Abstract**

**S1 [002]**      Cardiac activity has been shown to interact with conscious tactile perception: Detecting near-threshold tactile stimuli is more likely during diastole than systole and heart slowing is more pronounced for detected compared to undetected stimuli.

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**S1 [004]**      Forty-one healthy participants had to report conscious perception of weak electrical pulses applied to the left index finger (yes/no) and confidence about their yes/no-decision (unconfident/confident) while electrocardiography (ECG), respiratory activity (chest circumference), and finger pulse oximetry were recorded.

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**S1 [005]** We confirmed the previous findings of higher tactile detection rate during diastole and unimodal distribution of hits in diastole, more specifically, we found this only when participants were confident about their detection decision.

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**S1 [006]** Lowest tactile detection rate occurred 250-300 ms after the R-peak corresponding to pulse-wave onsets in the finger.

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**S1 [007]** Inspiration was locked to tactile stimulation, and this was more consistent in hits than misses.

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... in hits ...  
... than misses.

**S1 [008]** Respiratory cycles accompanying misses were longer as compared to hits and correct rejections.

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**S1 [009]** Cardiac cycle effects on conscious tactile perception interact with decision confidence and coincide with pulse-wave arrival, which suggests the involvement of higher cognitive processing in this phenomenon possibly related to predictive coding.

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**S1 [010]** The more consistent phase-locking of inspiration with stimulus onsets for hits than misses is in line with previous reports of phase-locked inspiration to cognitive task onsets which were interpreted as tuning the sensory system for incoming information.

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**S1 [012]** Here, we investigated how respiration and heartbeat influence tactile perception: We show that inspiration locked to expected stimulus onsets optimizes detection task performance and that tactile detection varies across the heart cycle with a minimum 250-300 milliseconds after heart contraction, when the pulse reaches the finger.

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**S1 [013]** Lower detection was associated with reduced confidence ratings, indicating – together with our previous finding of unchanged early ERPs - that this effect is not a peripheral physiological artifact but a result of higher cognitive processes that model the internal state of our body, make predictions to guide behavior, and might also tune respiration to serve the task.

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## S2 [014] Introduction

**S2 [015]** Our body senses signals from the outer world (exteroception), but also visceral signals from inside the body (interoception) and it has been shown that these two continuous types of perception interact (Critchley and Harrison, 2013; Critchley and Garfinkel, 2015; Babo-Rebelo et al., 2016; Azzalini et al., 2019).

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**S2 [016]** For example, we have recently shown that tactile perception interacts with cardiac activity as conscious detection of near-threshold stimuli was more likely towards the end of the cardiac cycle (Motyka et al., 2019; Al et al., 2020) and was followed by a more pronounced deceleration of heart rate as compared to missed stimuli (Motyka et al., 2019).

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