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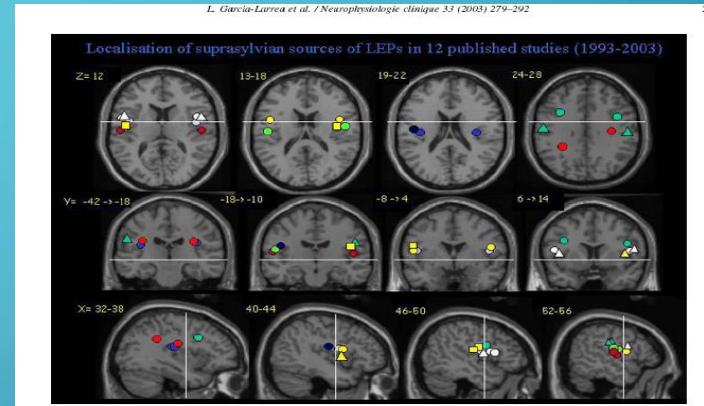
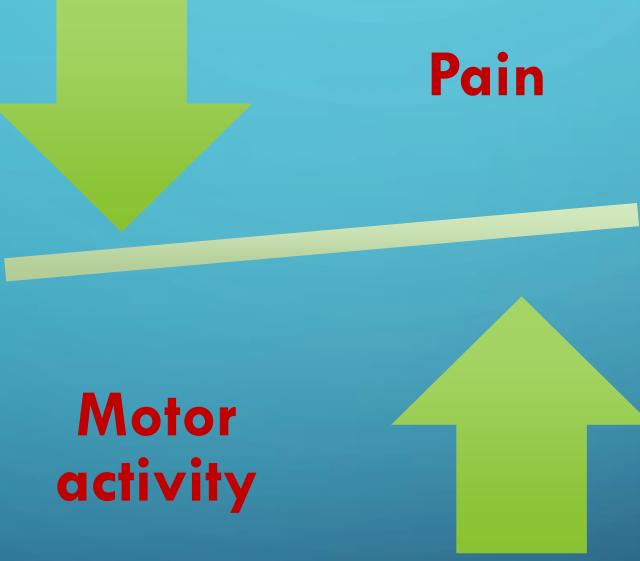
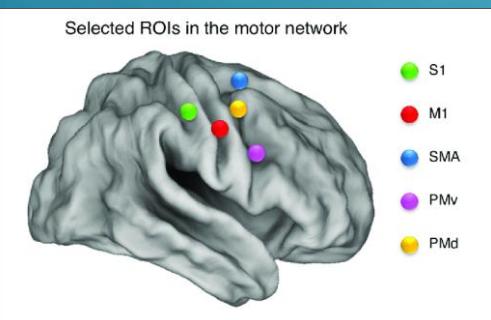
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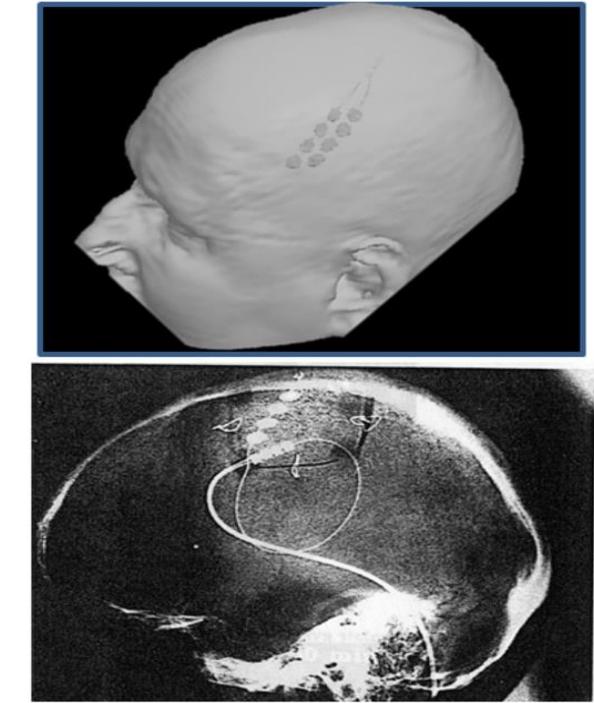


THE CORTICAL NETWORKS REVISED: MOTOR NOCICEPTIVE NETWORK AND NEURO LIMBIC
OCCIPITAL NETWORKS IN CHRONIC PAIN AND MIGRAINE, A FNIRS AND EEG STUDY.

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RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN MOTOR ACTIVITY AND PAIN: THE MOTOR – NOCICEPTIVE NETWORK





Mode: Invasive, neurosurgical

Target: motor cortex

Stim: 1-4V, 30-80Hz, ~150 us, cyclic mode

Complications: 1-5%, mainly transient (infection, seizures)

Efficacy: Definite in 40-60% cases.

Long-lasting efficacy (years)



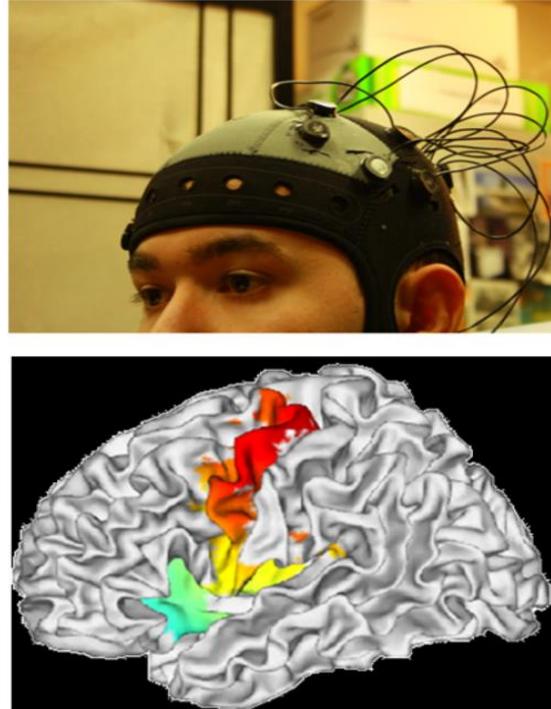
Mode: Non invasive

Target: motor cortex

Stim: 80-90% SMT, 10-20Hz, 1000-2000 pulses

Contraindication: epilepsy

Efficacy: Probable for motor cortex stim in NP.
Short-lasting efficacy, need repetition of sessions



Mode: Non invasive

Target : Motor cortex

Stim: DC, 1-2 mA, 20 min

Safety issues: very rare

Contraind.: scalp skin disease

Efficacy: Possible, but inconsistent evidence (2021)
Home-stim available to enhance efficacy?

Luis GARCIA-LARREA, Charles QUESADA
evidence

Cortical stimulation for chronic pain: from anecdote to

Repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation (rTMS) of the dorsolateral prefrontal cortex (DLPFC) during capsaicin-induced pain: modulatory effects on motor cortex excitability

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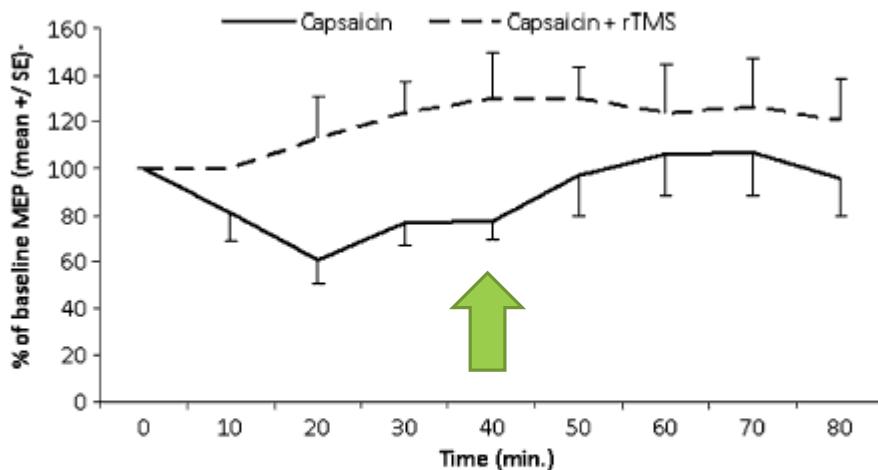
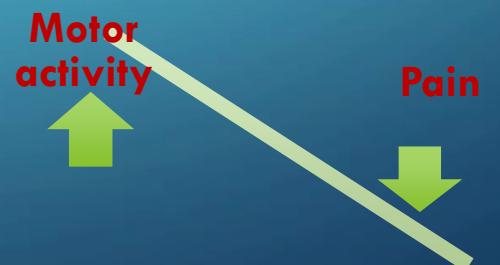
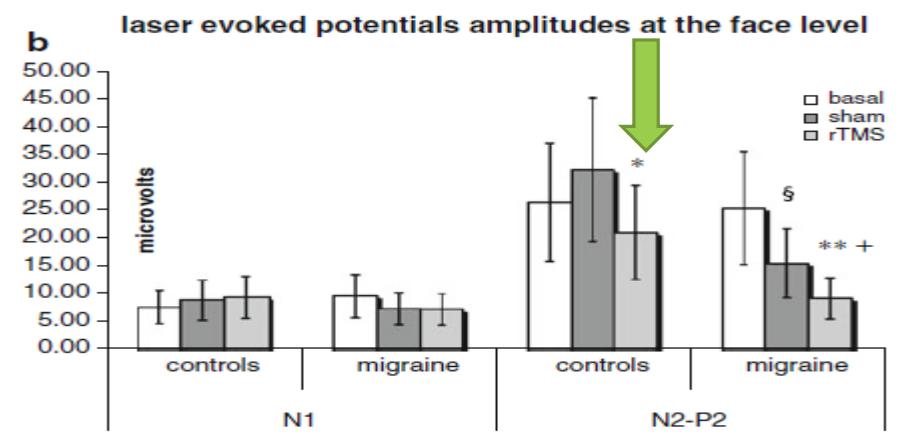


Fig. 1 Changes in MEP values, expressed as percentage of baseline (before capsaicin) MEP, during and after capsaicin application, with and without left DLPFC rTMS, delivered 10 min after capsaicin application

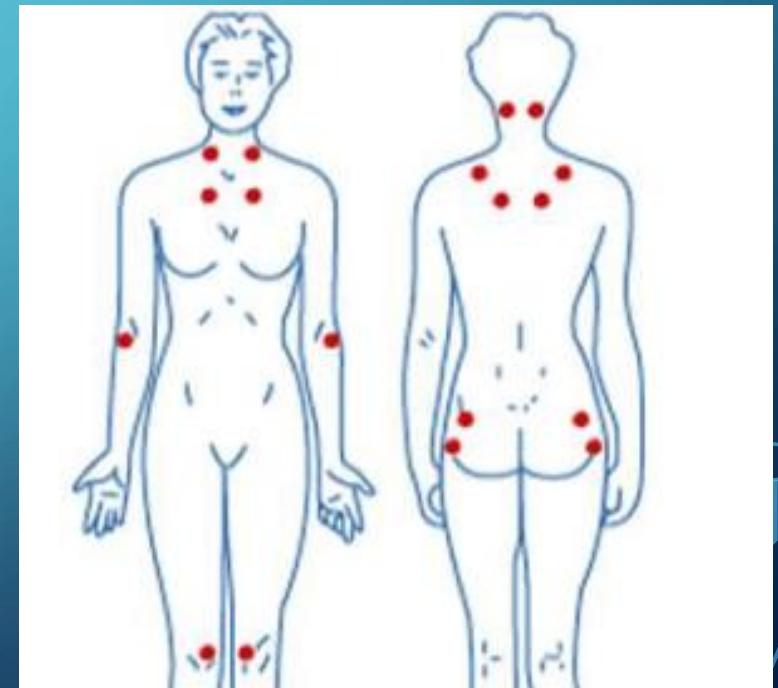
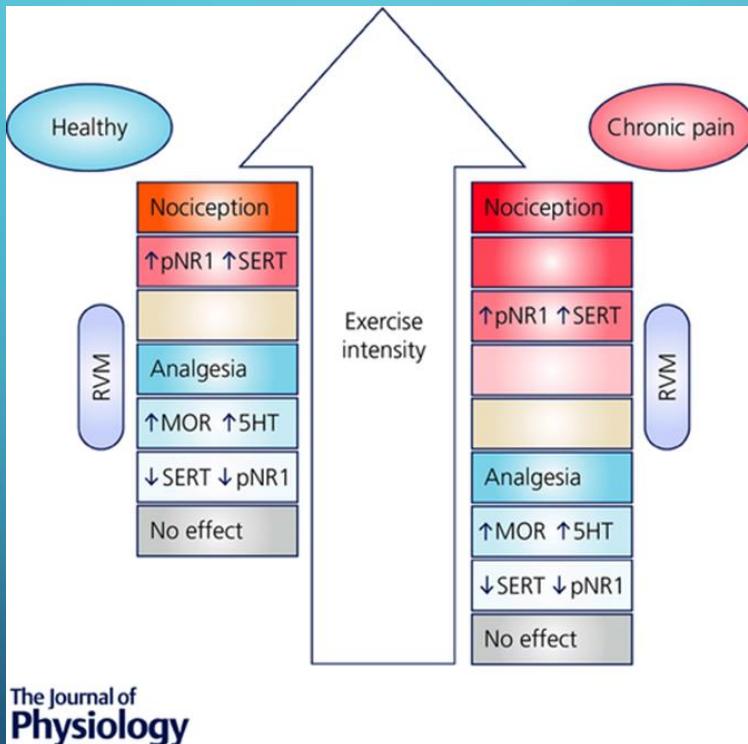
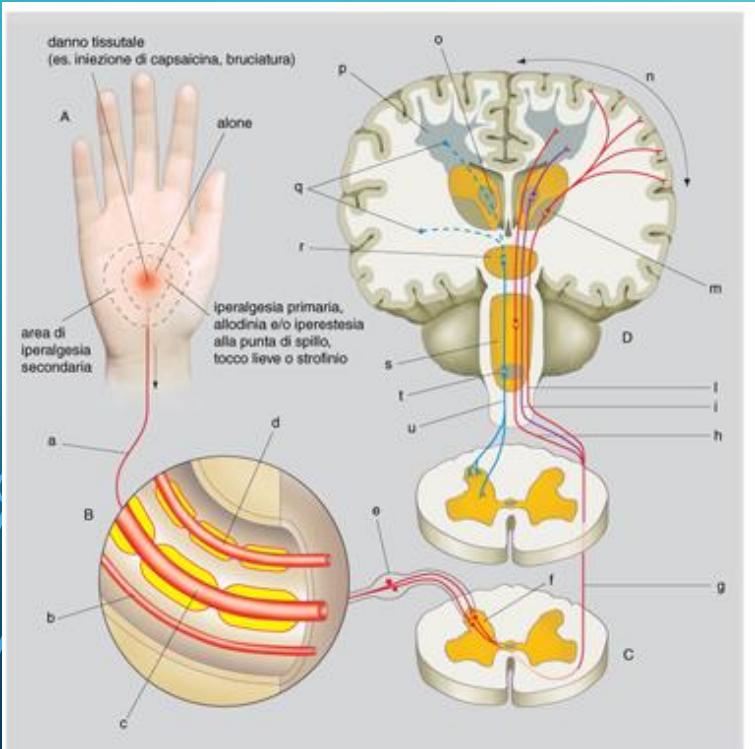
Effects of high-frequency repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation of primary motor cortex on laser-evoked potentials in migraine

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FIBROMYALGIA

Pain reduces motor activity, inhibiting motor cortex in a self-sustained mechanism of chronic symptoms maintenance.

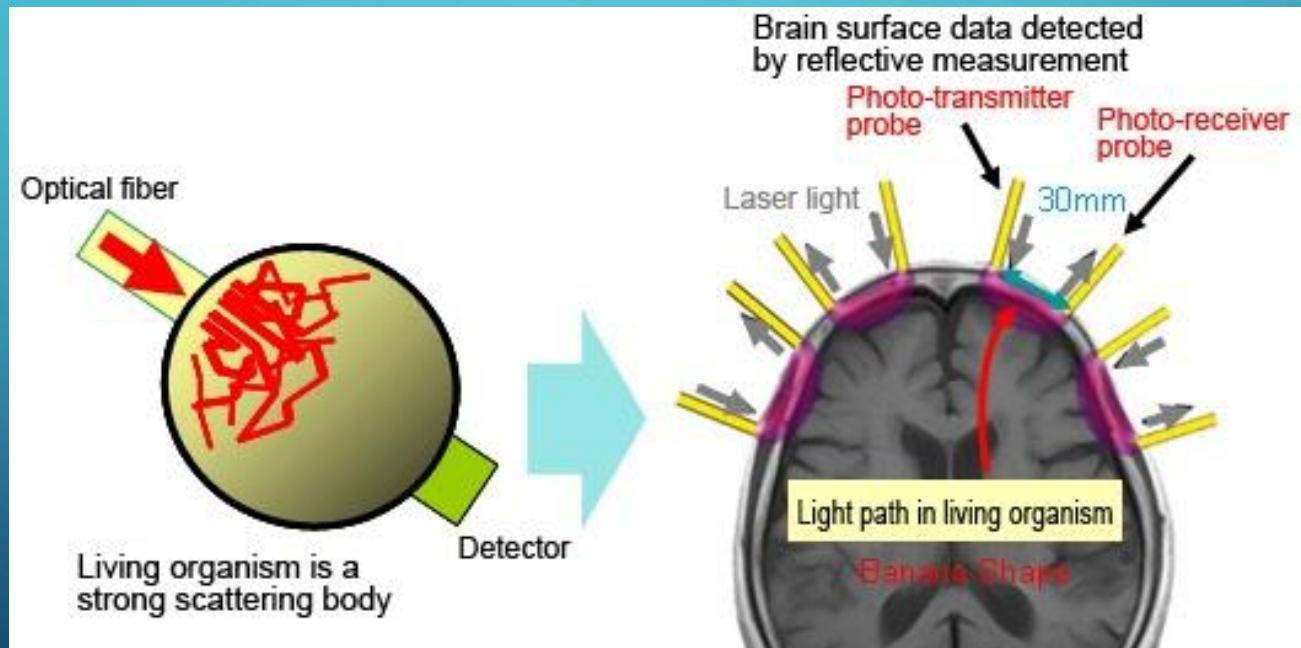


THE NEAR-INFRARED LIGHT CAN PENETRATE CEREBRAL TISSUE WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT DEGRADATION OF THE OPTICAL SIGNALS (TAM ET ZOURIDAKIS, 2013). THIS METHOD ALLOWS REAL TIME MONITORING OF THE HEMODYNAMIC SIGNALS IN BRAIN TISSUES, THUS WE CAN SEE THE BRAIN ACTIVATION AND THE OXYGEN CONSUMPTION

DURING

MOTOR

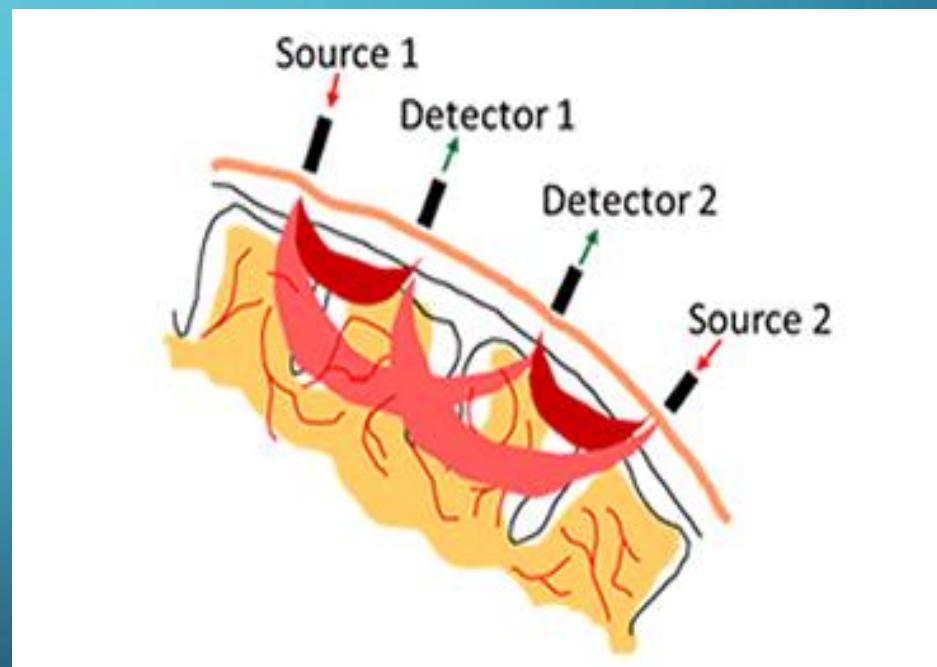
TASK.





HOW DOES THE NIRS WORK?

- The sources emit NIR photons that penetrate into the biological tissue and then they are absorbed by detectors. The NIR photons follow a banana-shape path. Along the path the NIR photons undergo two processes: scattering and absorption.
- The skin, skull and tissues are transparent to NIR wavelengths, while O₂Hb and HHb absorb these spectra.
- Absorption of NIR photon is mainly due to hemoglobin. When there is a brain activation we can see the changes in hemoglobin concentration.



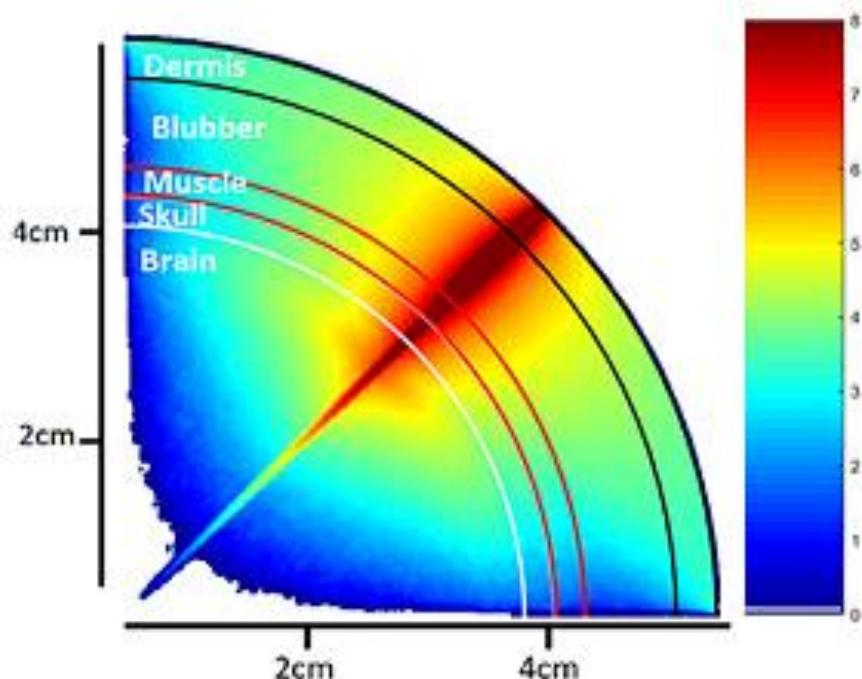
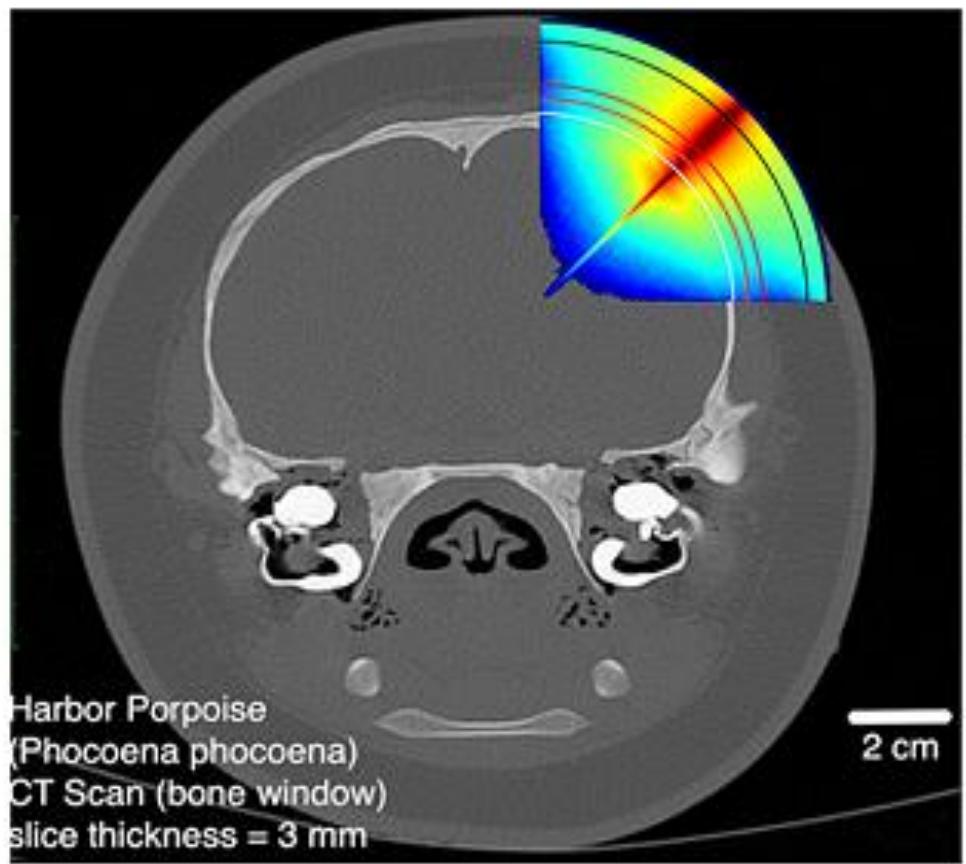
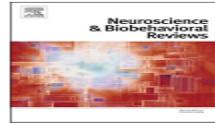


FIGURE 1 | Monte Carlo photon propagation simulation using a point LED source incident at an angle normal to the scalp. Anatomy modeled on the harbor porpoise.



NIRS measures in pain and analgesia: Fundamentals, features, and function

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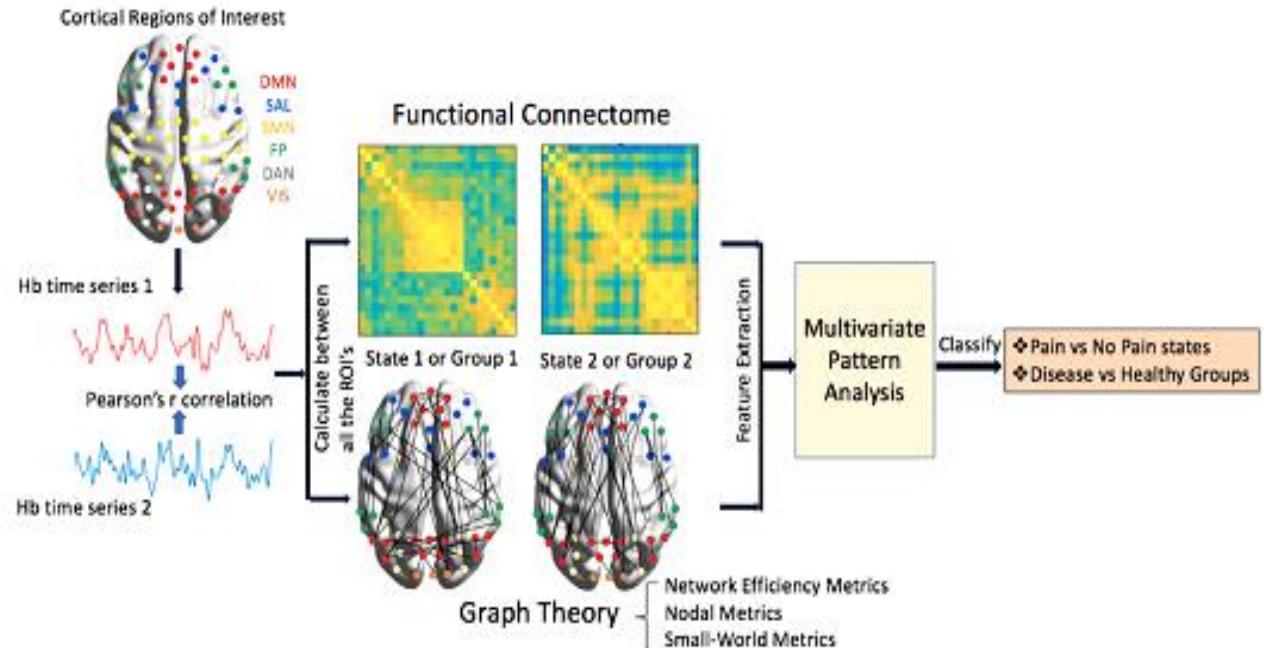
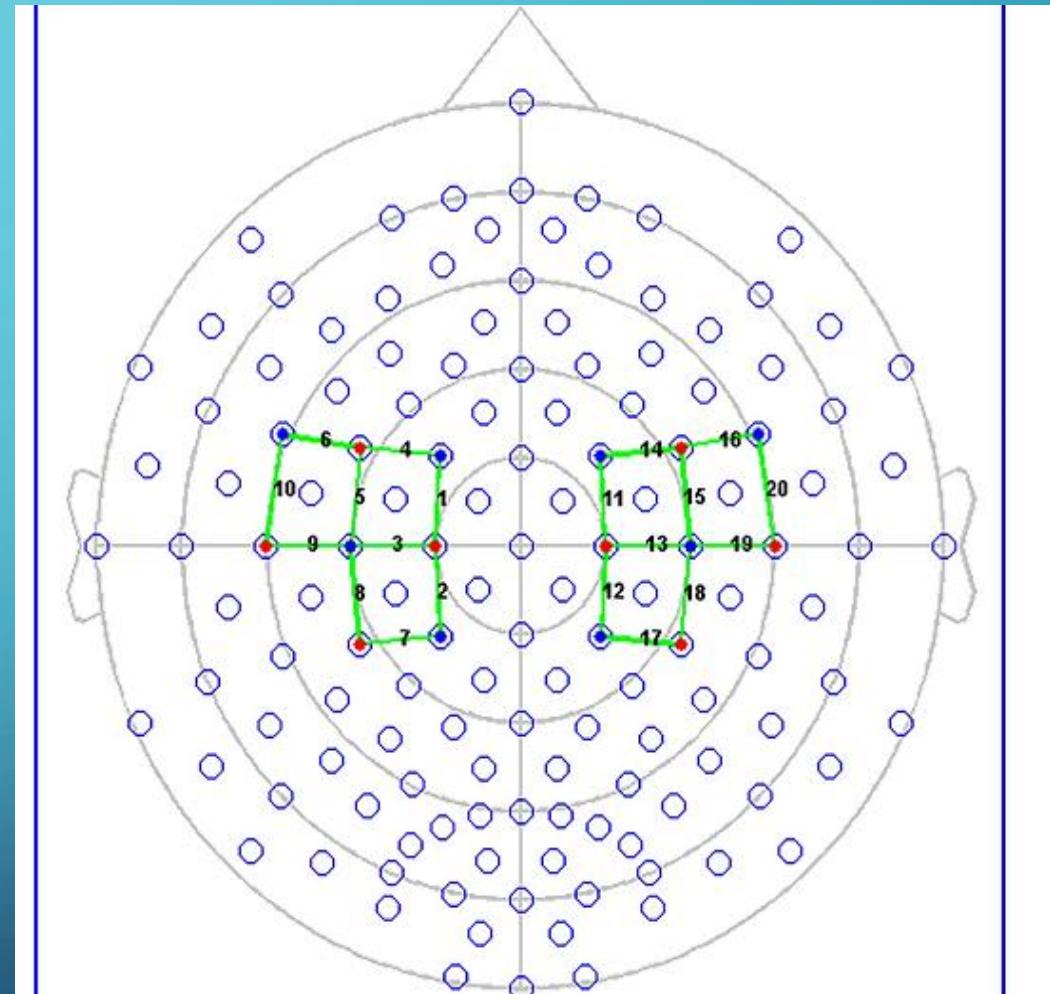


Fig. 2. Framework for Pain Detection and Classification using Cortical Functional Connectivity Metrics of fNIRS. Cortical regions of interest may be defined for whole brain or specific anatomic/functional networks. The underlying total or oxyhemoglobin concentration change (time series) can be extracted to perform a connectivity analysis and/or a graph theoretical analysis. Connectivity analysis is performed by correlating the time series of an ROI with the remaining ROIs to form a connectivity matrix per subject or condition. Using these connectivity measures (correlation or covariance matrix), where ROIs are nodes and the connections are edges, the different graph theoretical metrics are calculated. Differences in network properties may be compared using univariate or multivariate analyses to identify and differentiate pain vs. non-pain states and, similarly, disease and healthy conditions. (DMN, Default mode network; SAL, Salient network; SMN, Sensorimotor Network; FP, Fronto-parietal Network; DAN, Dorsal Attention Network; VIS, Visual Network).

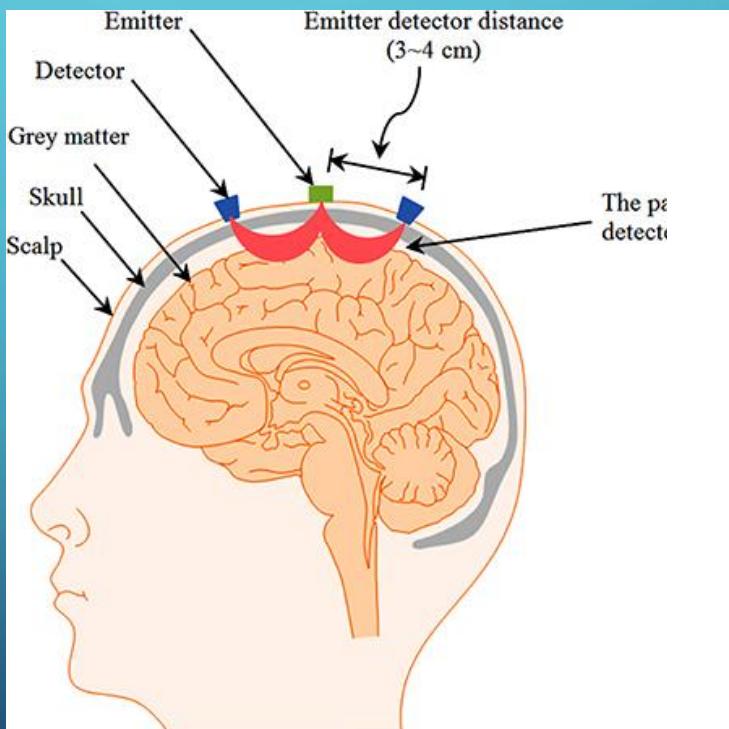


METHOD NEAR-INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY (fNIRS)

Functional Near-Infrared Spectroscopy (fNIRS) is a non-invasive technique that allows a real time detection of blood flow and metabolism changes in the cerebral cortical tissue.



Motor function and pain



Motor execution and motor observation

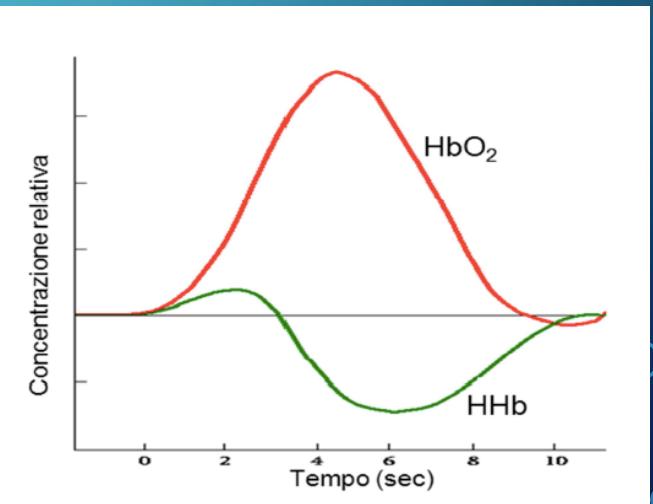
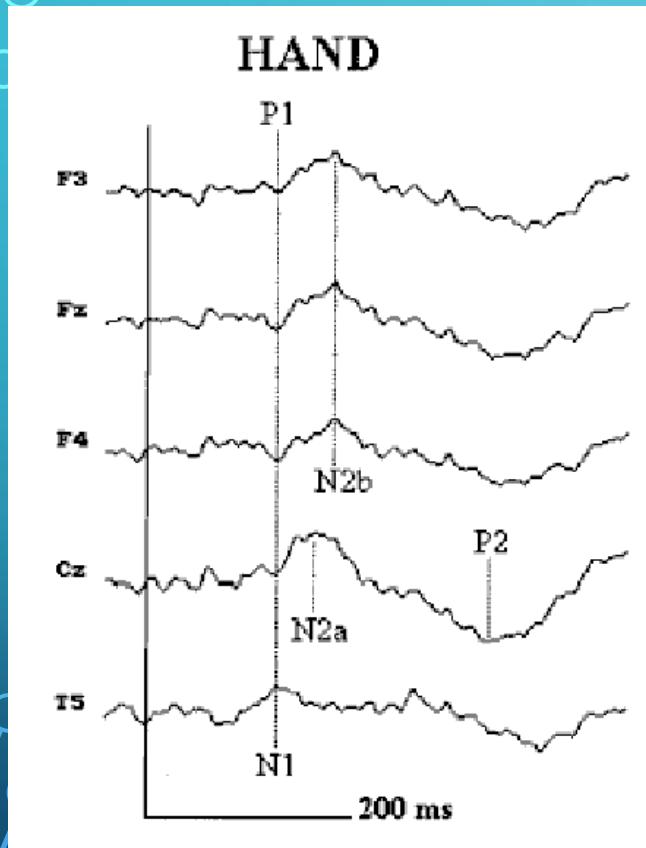


Fig. 2.1.c – Risposta emodinamica attesa per HbO_2 e HHb

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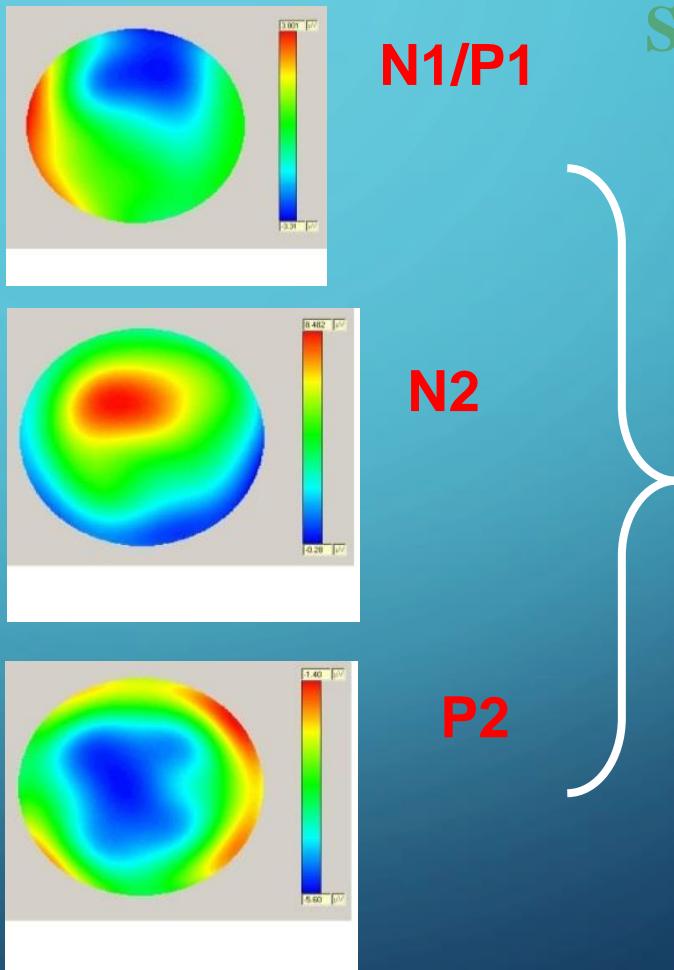
CO₂ Laser Evoked Potentials(LEPs)



Valeriani et al., Clin Neurophysiol 2000

Introduction

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Sensory-discriminative
aspects of pain

Emotional and
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pain

Conclusions

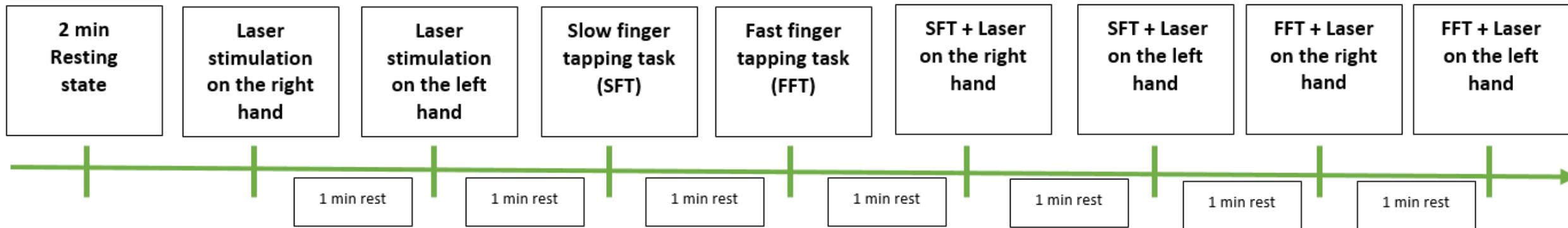
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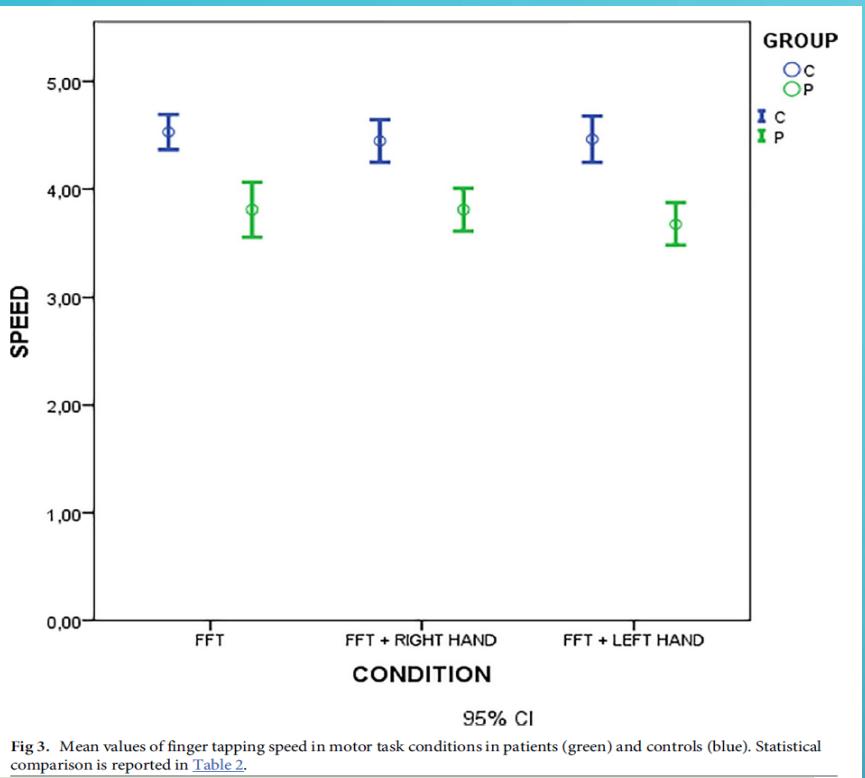


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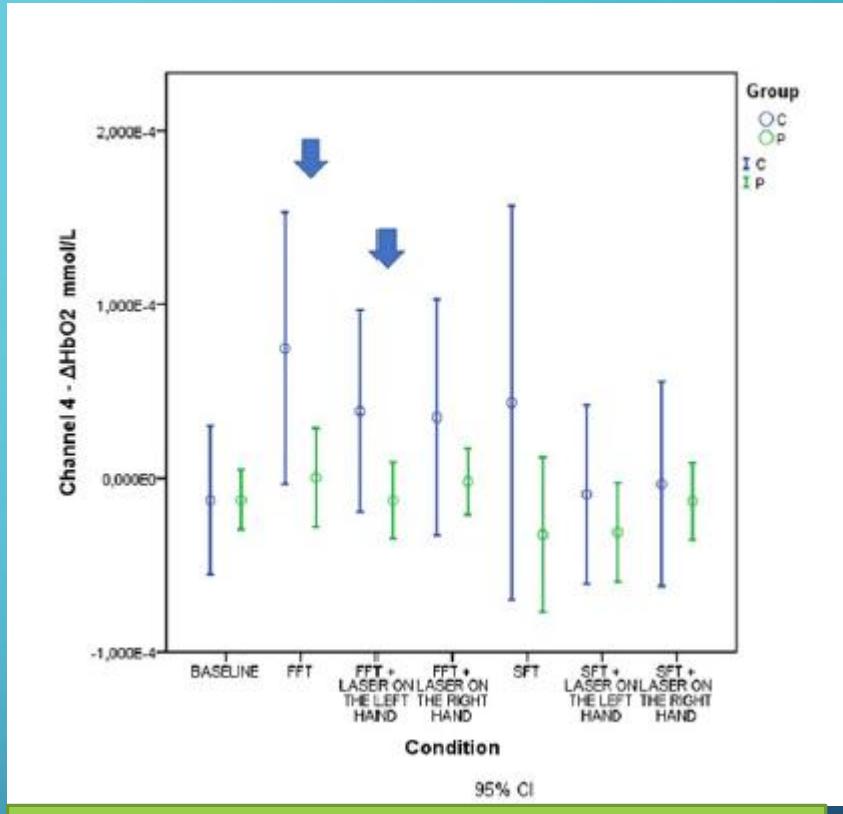
- 21 healthy subjects (aged from 19 to 60)
- 38 patients with fibromyalgia

EXPERIMENTAL CONDITIONS RANDOMIZED





Finger tapping speed<in FM



Oxyhemoglobin levels< in FM

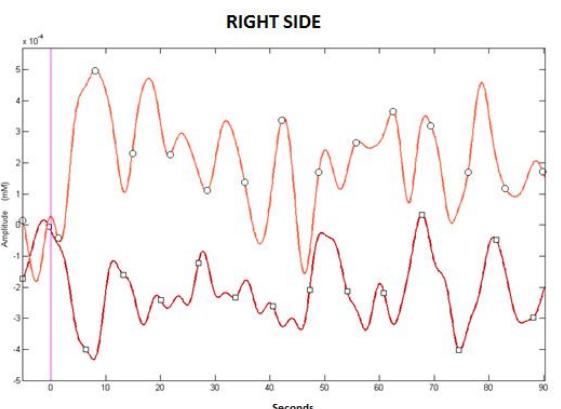
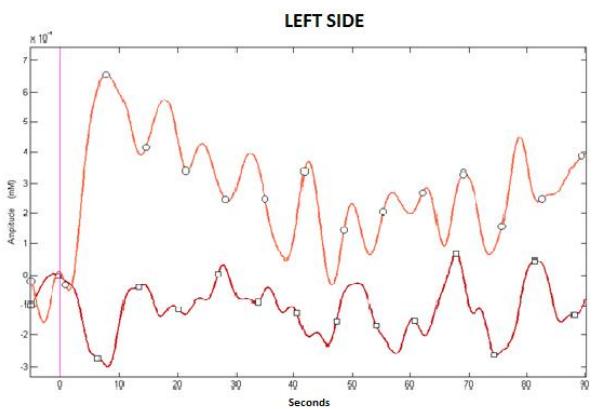
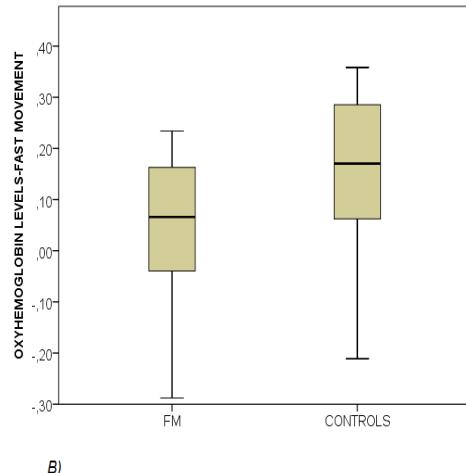
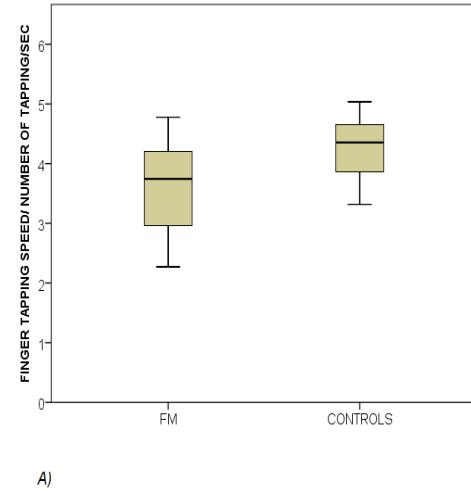
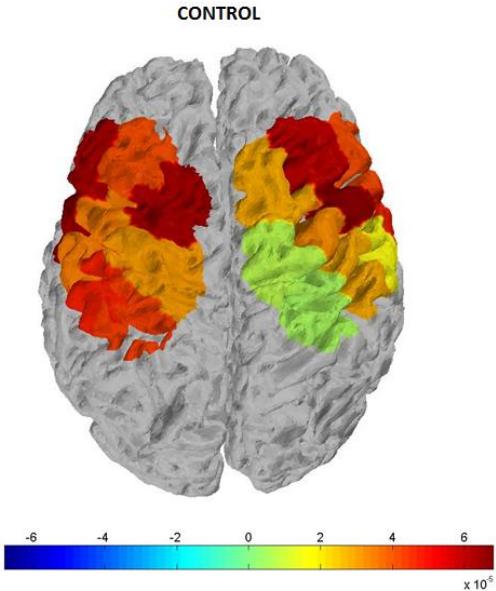
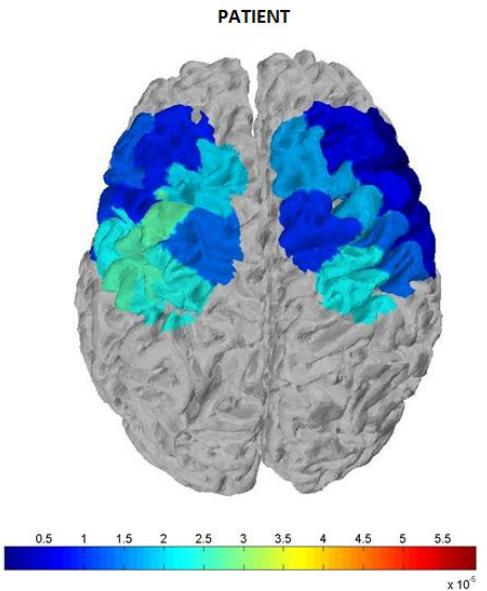
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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Mutual interaction between motor cortex activation and pain in fibromyalgia: EEG-fNIRS study

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Oxyhemoglobin levels< in FM



—□— OxyHb/Patient
—○— OxyHb/Control

Pain
Motor activity

WHAT ABOUT PAIN?



Article

A Simple Pattern of Movement Is Not Able to Inhibit Experimental Pain in FM Patients and Controls: An sLORETA Study

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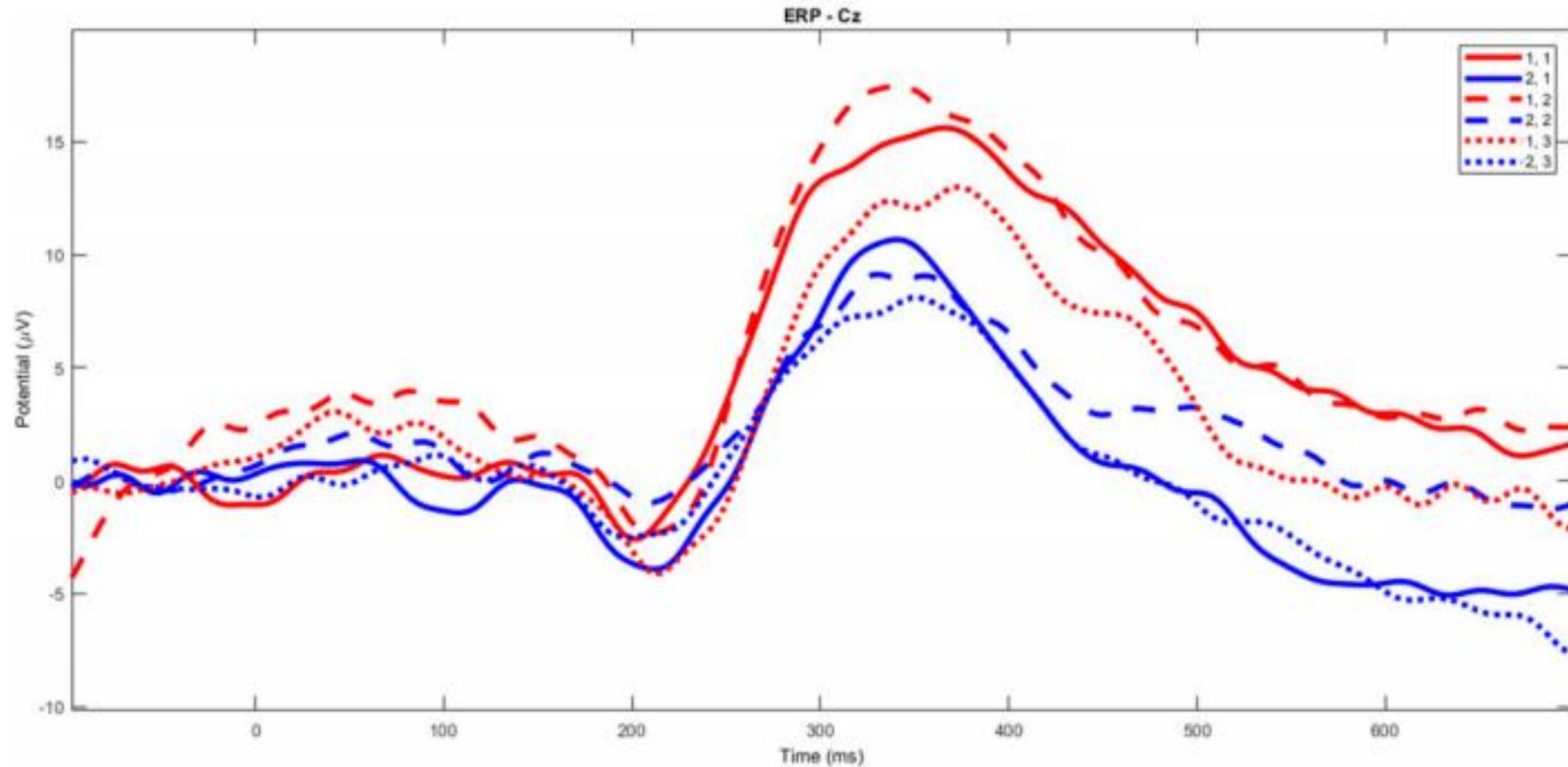


Figure 2. The grand average of the laser-evoked potentials on the right hand stimulation. The control group's basal condition (1,1), slow finger tapping (1,2) and fast finger tapping (1,3); the fibromyalgia (FM) group's basal condition (2,1), slow finger tapping (2,2) and fast finger tapping (2,3) (see also Figure 1).

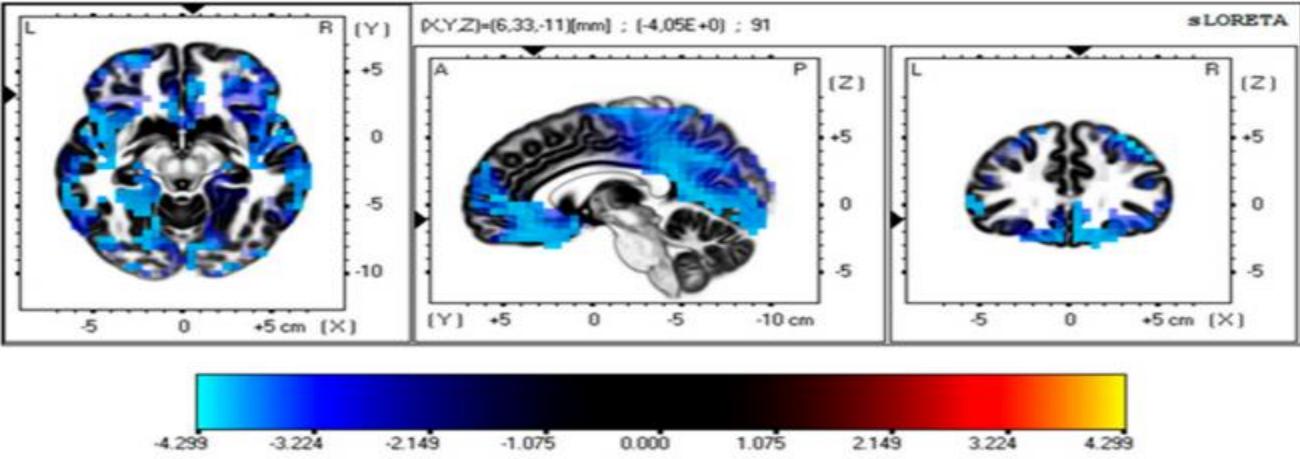


Figure 6. The sLORETA voxels expressing statistical analysis results in the control group between LEPs in the basal condition and during fast finger tapping. The maps express the maximal difference in light blue, corresponding to frontal and limbic regions. For details of the analysis, see Table S1.

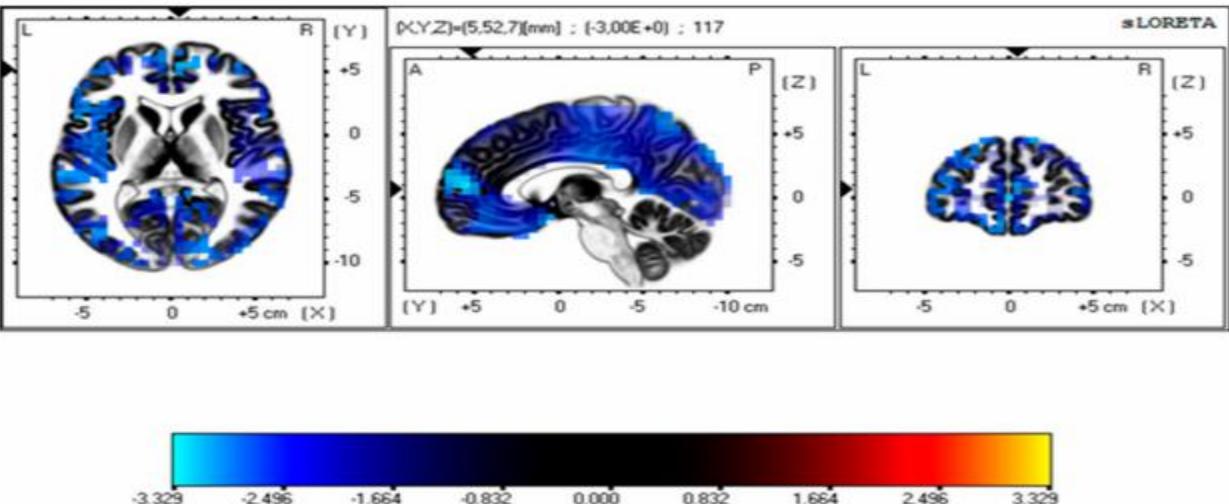
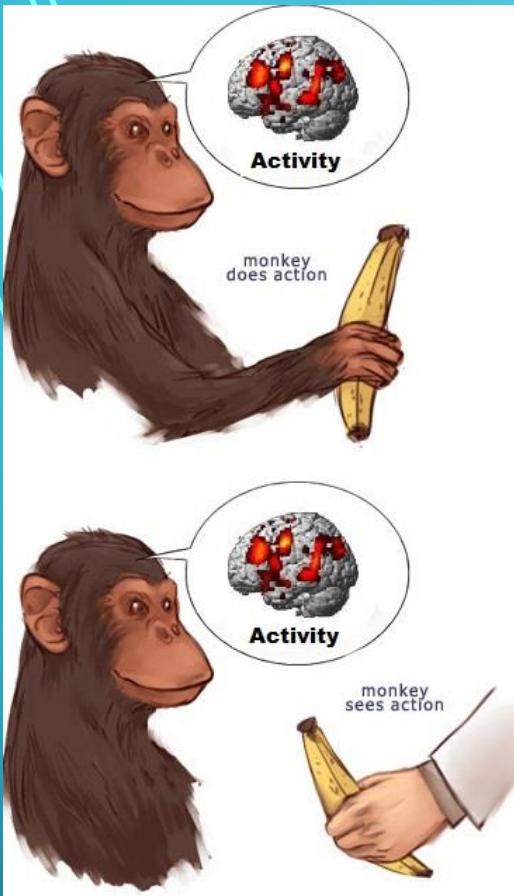


Figure 7. The sLORETA voxels expressing statistical analysis results of the comparison of changes of laser evoked potential (LEP) sources in the basal condition and during fast finger tapping between the controls and the fibromyalgia (FM) patients. The maps express the maximal difference in light blue, corresponding to frontal and limbic regions. For details of the analysis, see Table S2.

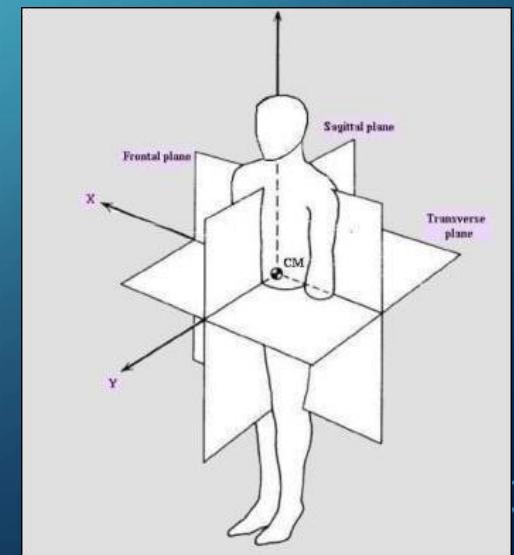


MOTOR EXECUTION AND MOTOR OBSERVATION

When we observe the actions of other people, we activate the same neural circuit responsible for the planning and execution of our actions (Rizzolatti et al., 1996).

Bodily Self-Consciousness

- Implicit and pre-reflective knowledge of being the subject of a given experience.
- Integration of exteroceptive and interoceptive multisensory information.





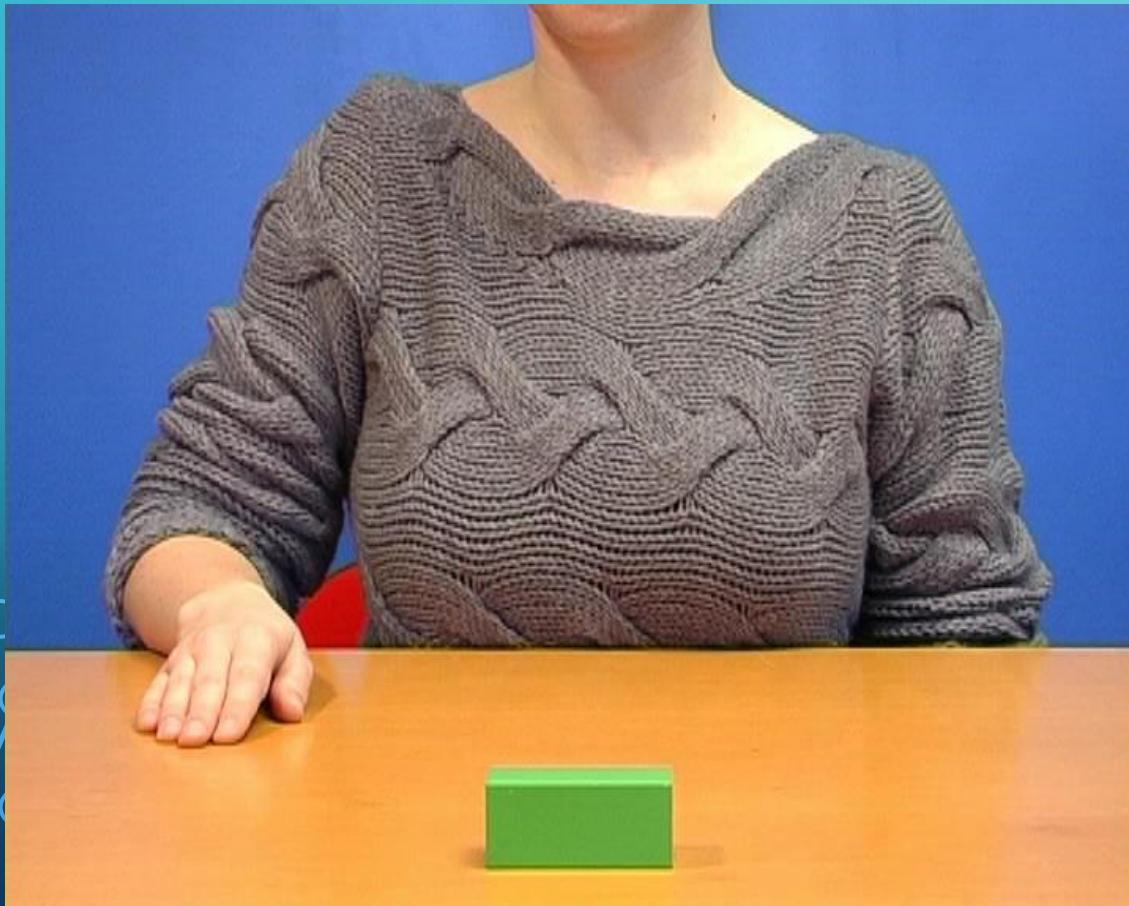
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Movement observation activates motor cortex in fibromyalgia patients: a fNIRS study

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In summary, we expected the control subjects to show faster responses during graspable object videos as compared to ungraspable object videos (i.e., motor facilitation, an index of motor resonance), confirming previous results^{23,24}. A similar pattern in the responses of FM patients would indicate the presence of a normal motor resonance. Regarding the fNIRS data, we expected to find a difference in the hemodynamic activity between trials showing graspable and ungraspable object videos but only in those experimental conditions in which the modulation of the detection times indicated the presence of motor resonance. Finally, we decided to subject the participants to an observation session to test the influences on cortical metabolism of a situation as similar as possible to that of AOT. Furthermore, given that previous observation showed reduced metabolism of the motor cortical network during active movement³², we were interested in whether motor activation was greater when the motor response was required or when it was not, a valuable information for planning a rehabilitation treatment.

STIMULI VIDEOS



Visual Cognition

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Same kinematics but different objects during action observation: Detection times and motor evoked potentials

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THE OXYHEMOGLOBIN LEVELS WENT UP IN FM PATIENTS DURING CONGRUENT MOVEMENT OBSERVATION IN RESPECT TO CONTROLS

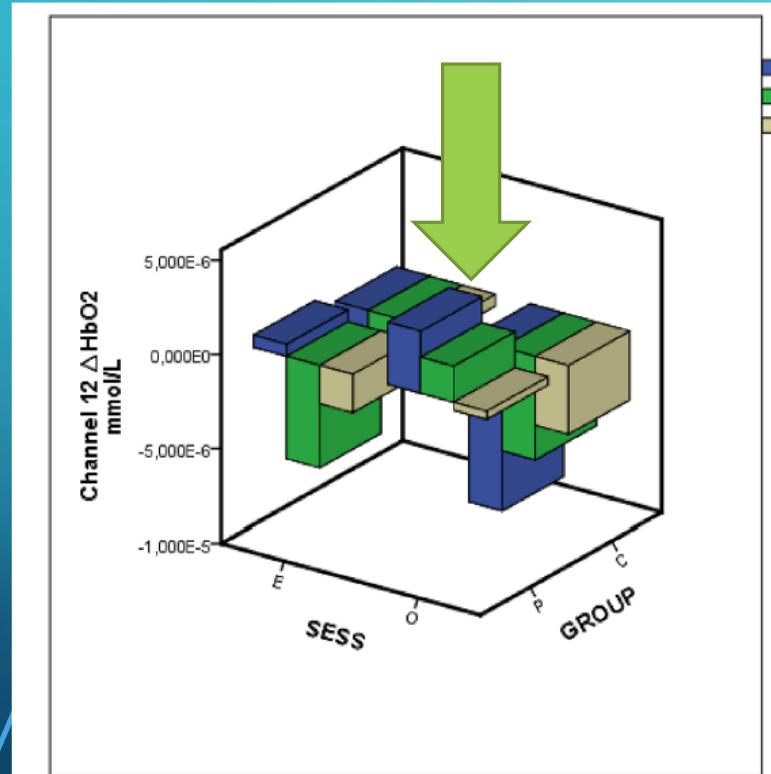


Figure 4. Oxyhemoglobin levels on an exemplificative channel (channel 12). Sess session, O observer session, E time-to-contact detection session, P FM patients, C controls.

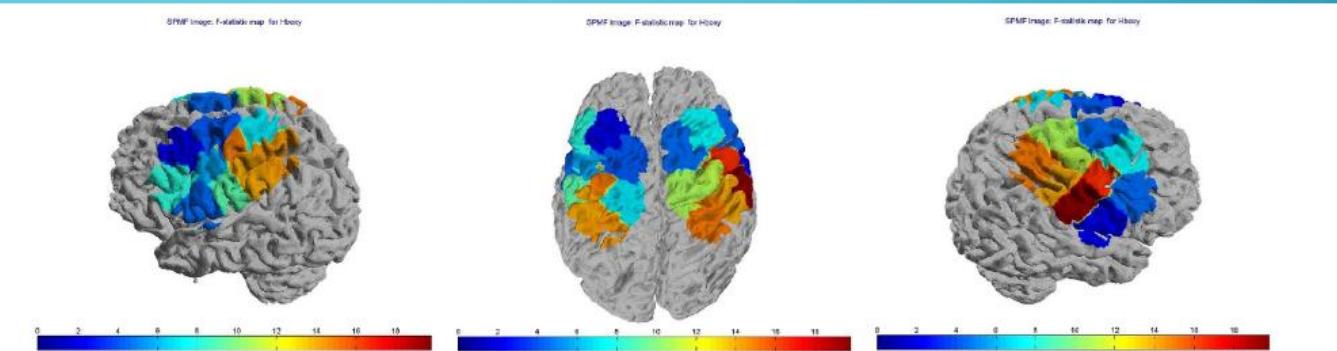


Figure 6. Topographic maps of F-statistic in the comparison among session (Time-to-contact detection vs Observation-only) and groups (FM patients vs controls). Blue areas represent channels with no significant change in hemoglobin levels, red areas represent channels where the variations in hemoglobin levels were significant.

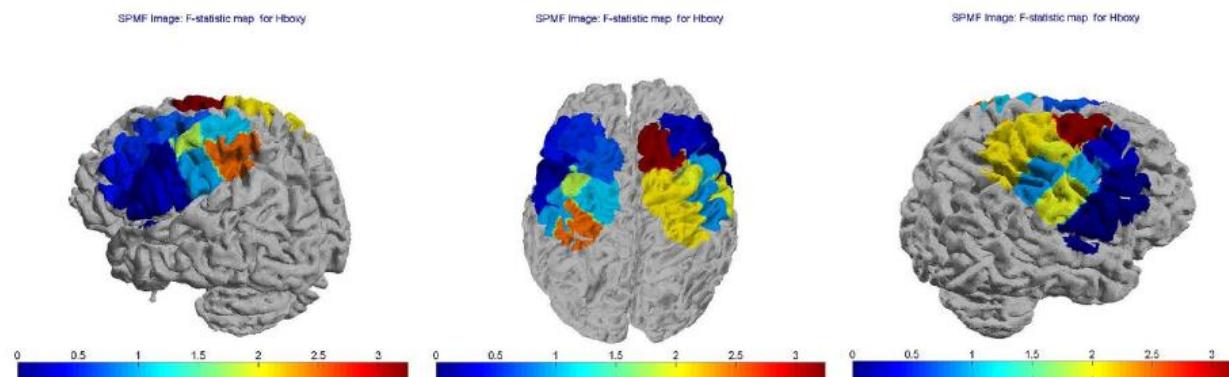
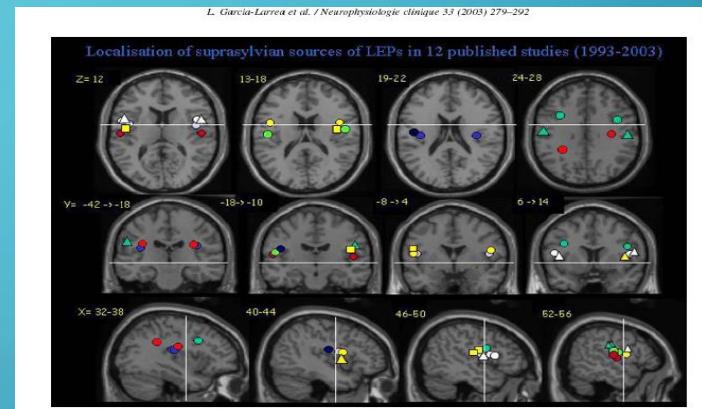
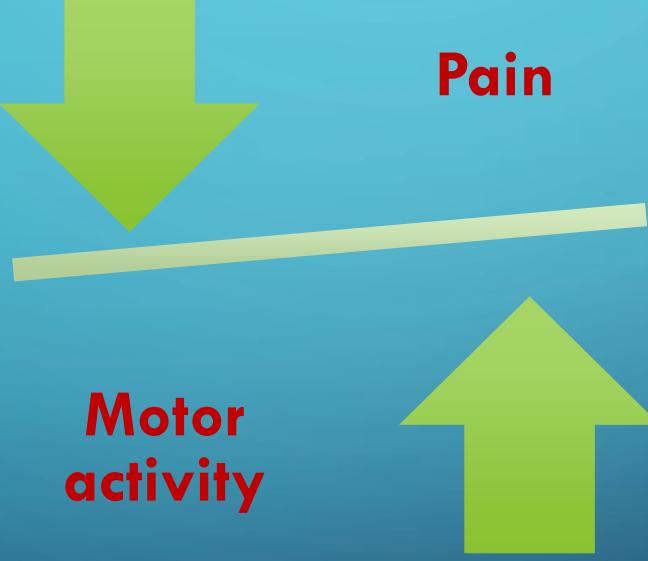
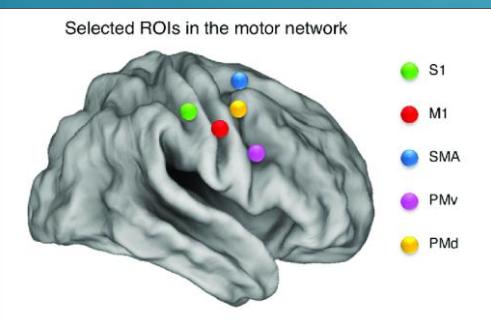


Figure 7. Topographic maps of F-statistic in the comparison among groups (FM patients vs controls) and conditions (Resting State vs Grasping Flat vs Grasping Sharp-tip object). Blue areas represent channels with no significant change in hemoglobin levels, red areas represent channels where the variations in hemoglobin levels were significant.

PAIN CAUSES MOTOR DYSFUNCTION. MOVEMENT OBSERVATION RESTORES MOTOR CORTEX DEFICIT



THE PARALIMBIC VISUAL NETWORK

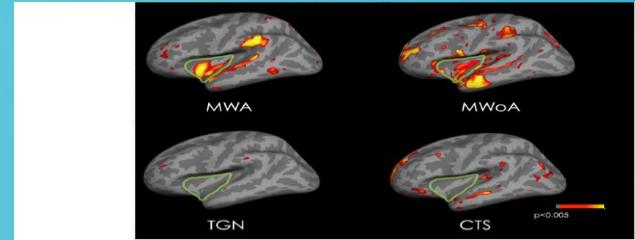
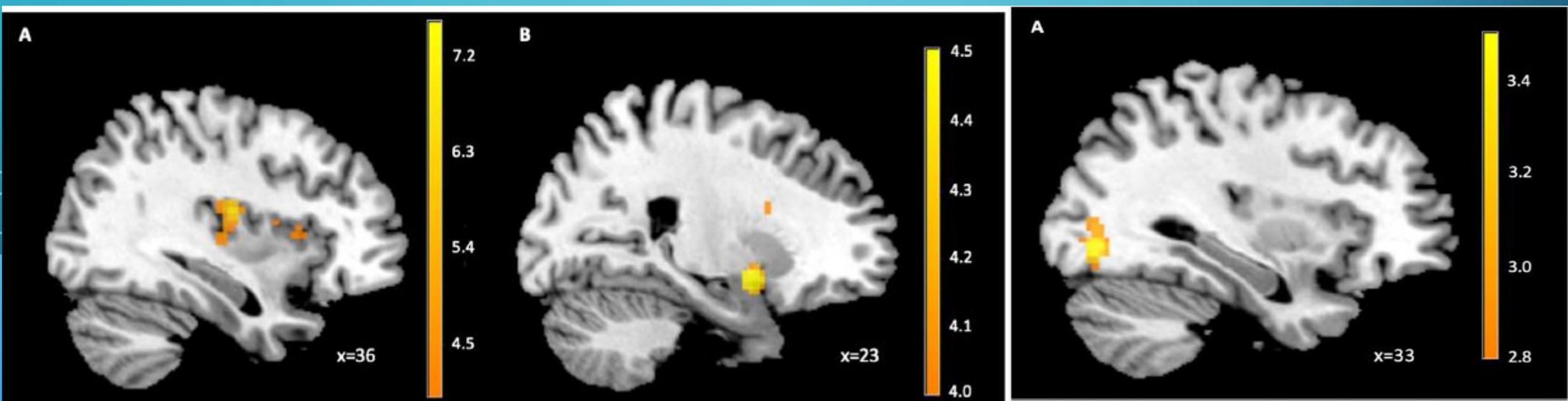


Figure 1.
Top and bottom panels: Statistical maps of connectivity between the amygdala and the rest of the brain ($p < 0.005$, uncorrected), in MWA, MWoA, TGN and CTS. Although MWA exhibit the stronger connectivity between the amygdala and the insula, MWoA also present connectivity between these structures, whereas they are absent in TGN and CTS patients. The maps are displayed on the inflated cortical surface of the template FreeSurfer brain (fsaverage) on the lateral surface of the brain.

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MIGRAINE: NOVEL THERAPIES FOR AN INVALIDATING DISORDER. HOW THEY COULD ACT?

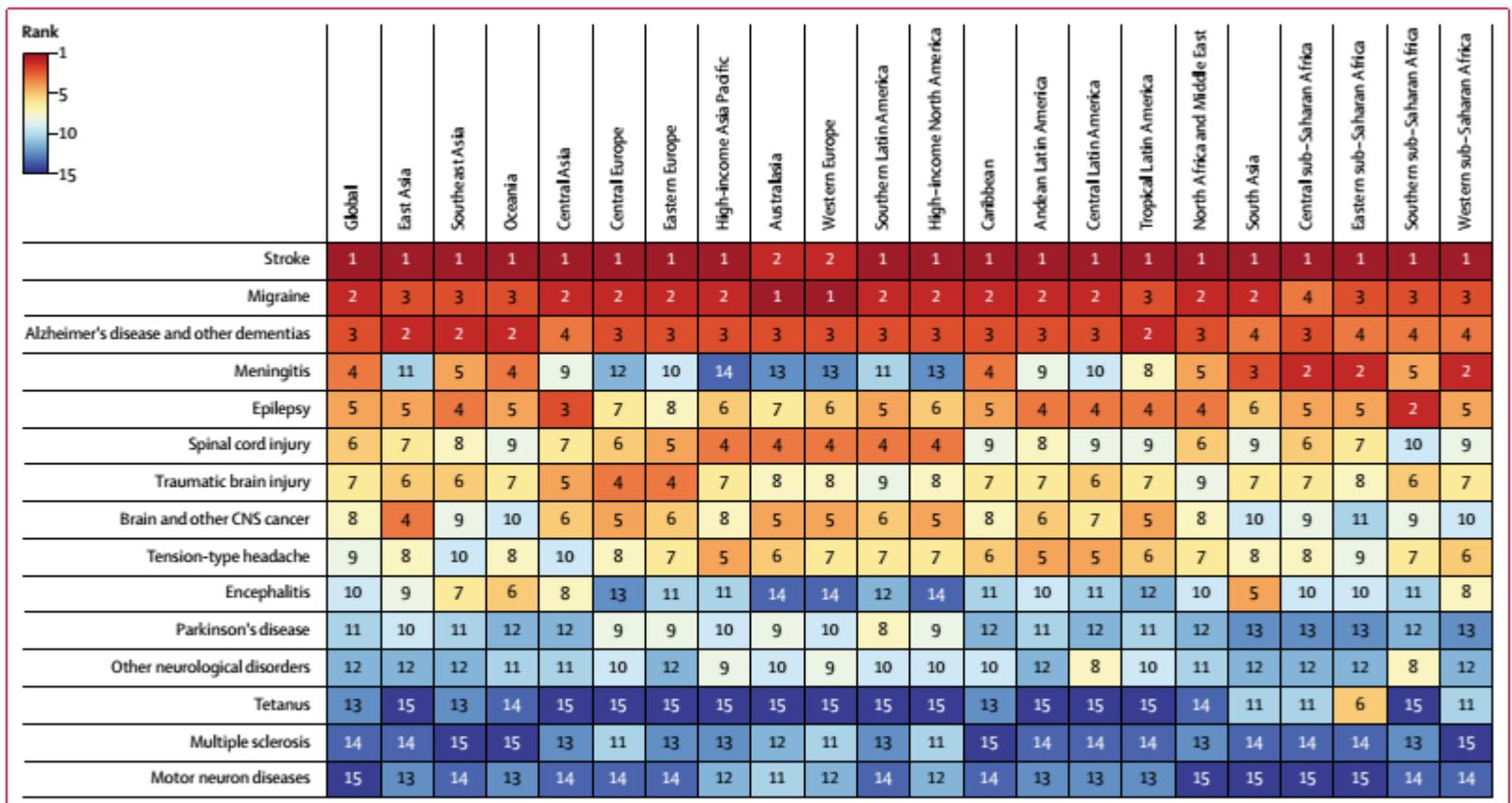
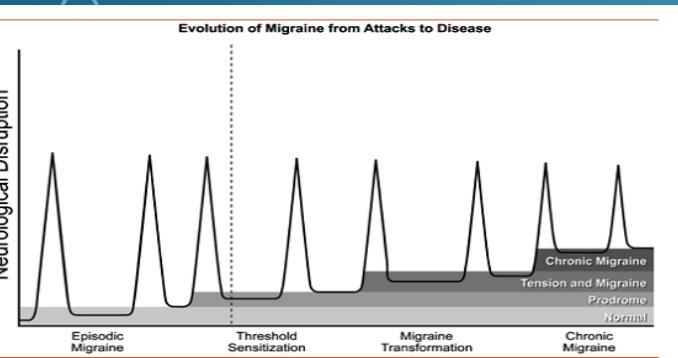
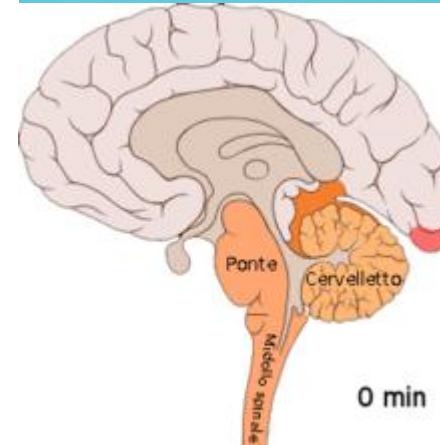
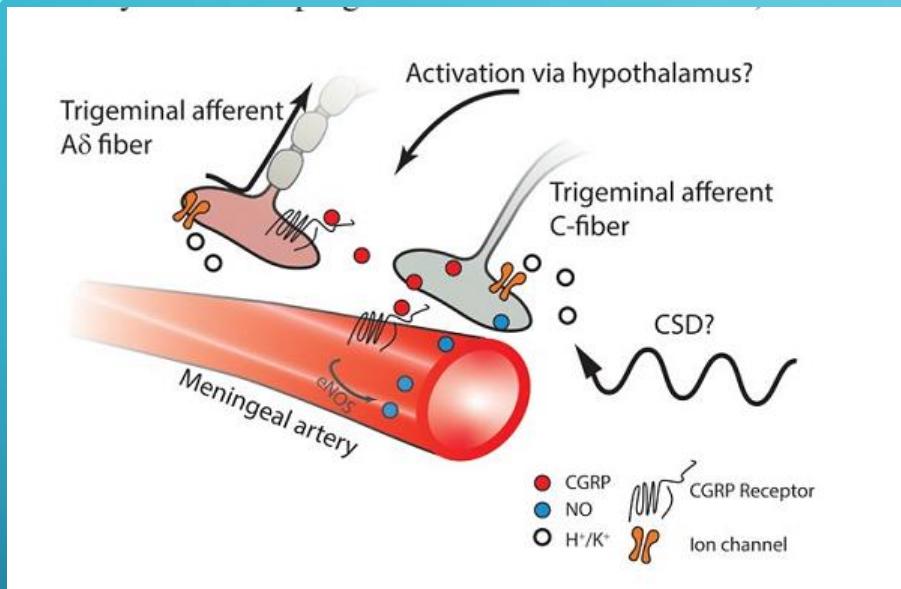


Figure 1: Ranking of age-standardised DALY rates for all neurological disorders by region, 2016
DALY=disability-adjusted life-year.

Pathophysiology of migraine and the role of CGRP



Initiation of spreading depression by synaptic and network hyperactivity: Insights into trigger mechanisms of migraine aura

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Review

Pain-Related Brain Connectivity Changes in Migraine: A Narrative Review and Proof of Concept about Possible Treatments Interference

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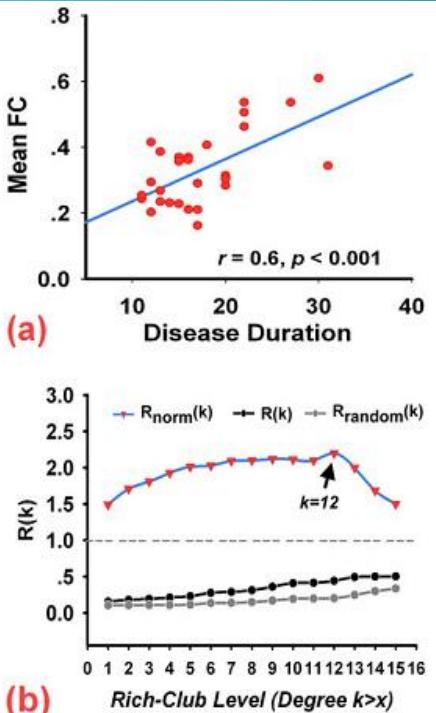
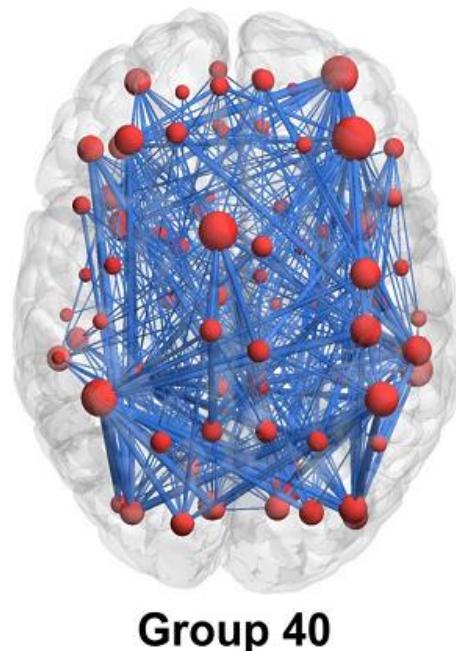
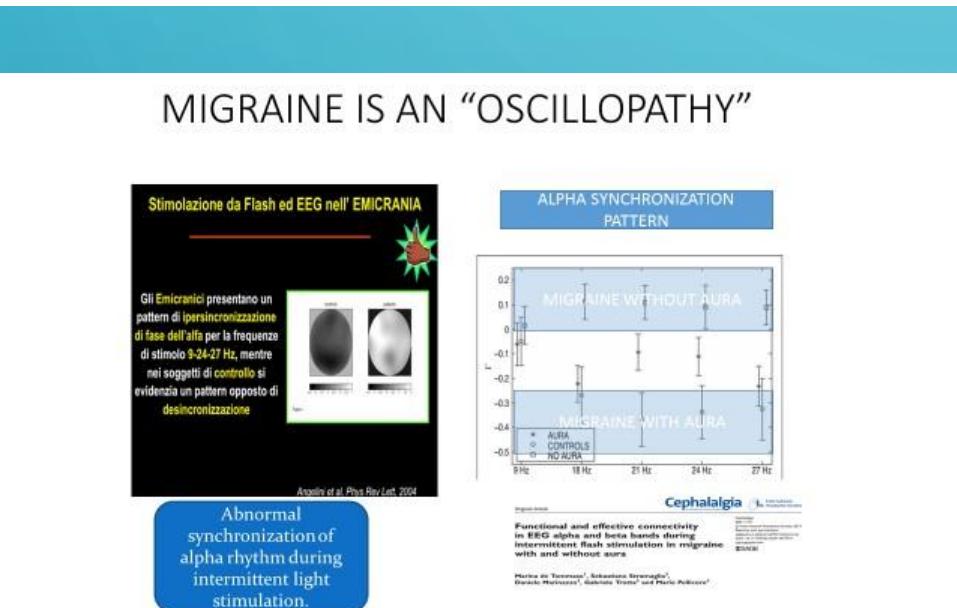


Figure 4.

Using the interconnected component of the difference network between the last patient group (Group 40) and HC as a reference, the mean dysfunctional connectivity strength was positively associated with the disease duration across patients in this group (a). (b) shows the rich-club coefficient curves in the between-group difference network. Rich-club coefficients $R(k)$

are indicated with a black line, and corresponding parameters for a random graph $R_{\text{random}}(k)$ with the same number of nodes and edges are shown in dark gray. The normalized rich-club coefficient $R_{\text{norm}}(k)$ is shown by the blue line. [Color figure can be viewed in the online issue, which is available at wileyonlinelibrary.com.]

Article

Dynamic Causal Modelling of the Reduced Habituation to Painful Stimuli in Migraine: An EEG Study

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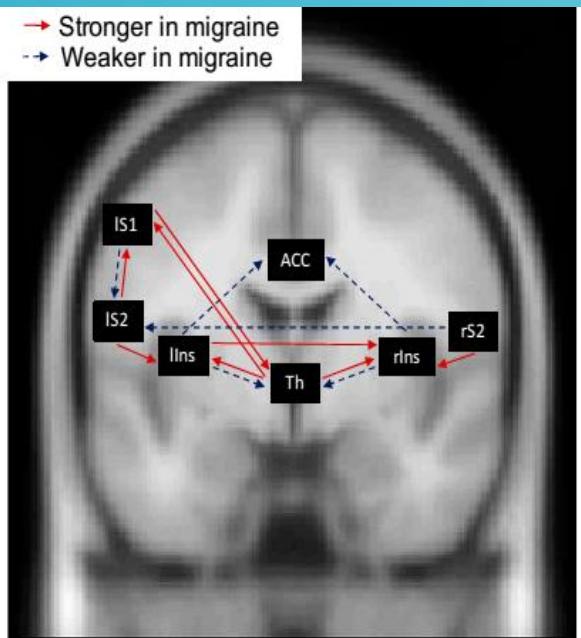


Figure 3. Parametric empirical Bayes results on the connectivity strengths in the first block as estimated with dynamic causal modelling. Only parameters with a posterior probability of being different from zero >0.99 are visualized. Red arrows (solid arrows) indicate that the connectivity strength is stronger in the migraine group, while blue arrows (dashed arrows) indicate that the connectivity strength is weaker in the migraine group. For precise differences between groups, see main text.

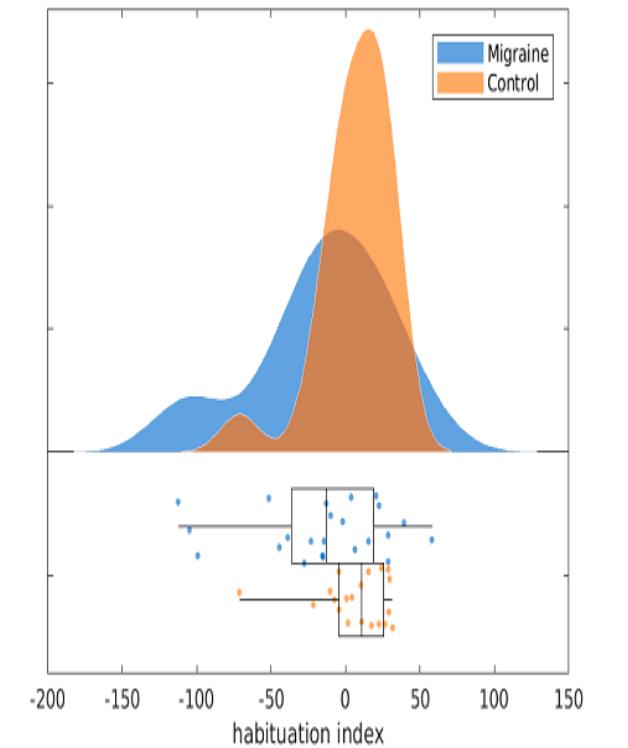
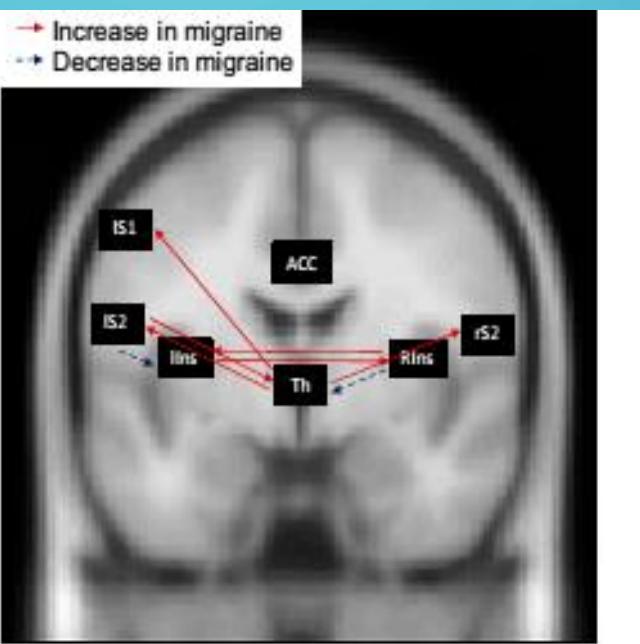


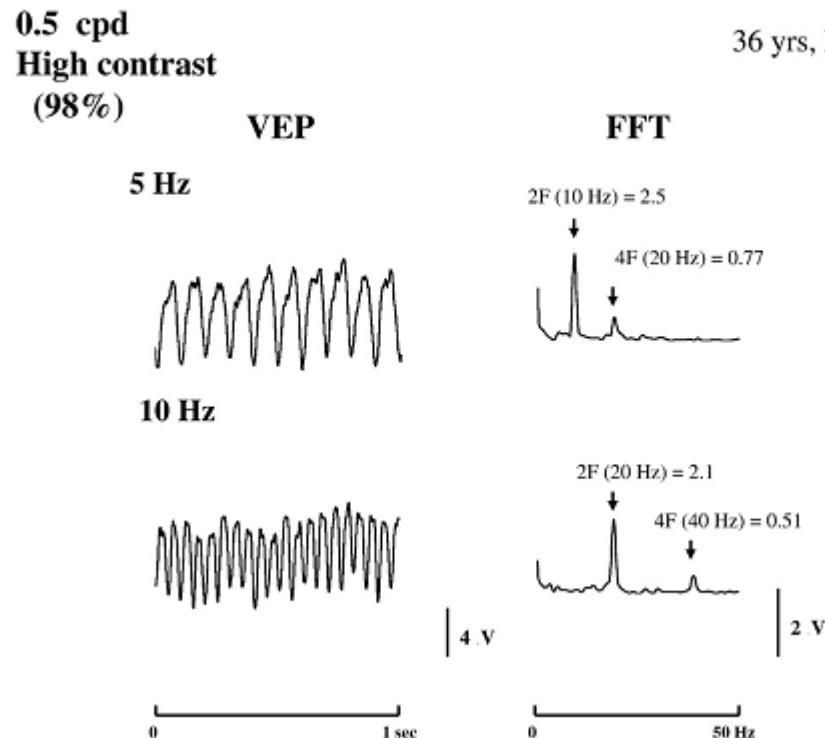
Figure 2. Habituation indices for migraine patients and healthy controls.

Abnormal visual processing in migraine with aura: A study of steady-state visual evoked potentials

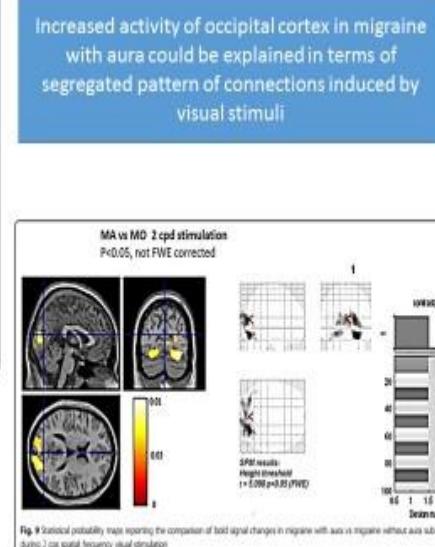
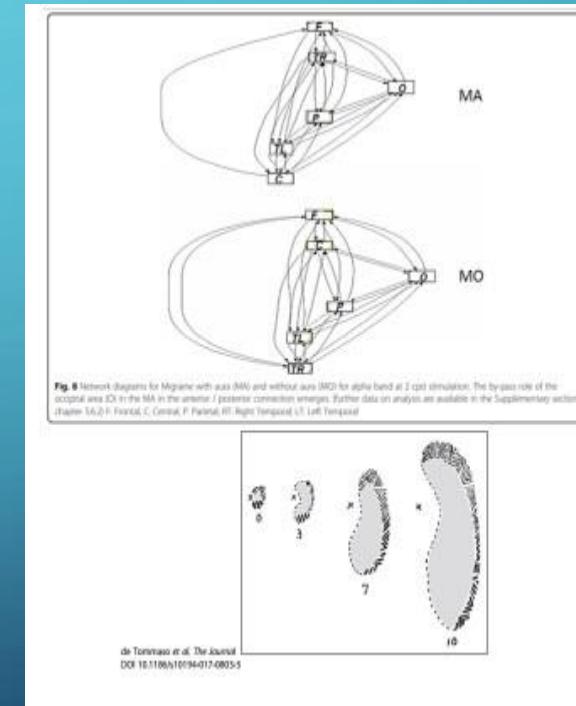
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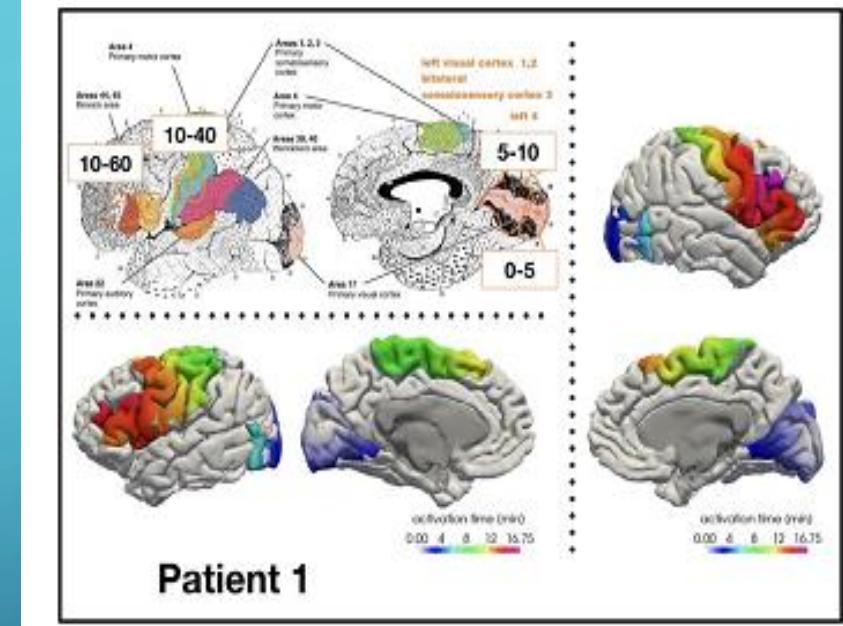
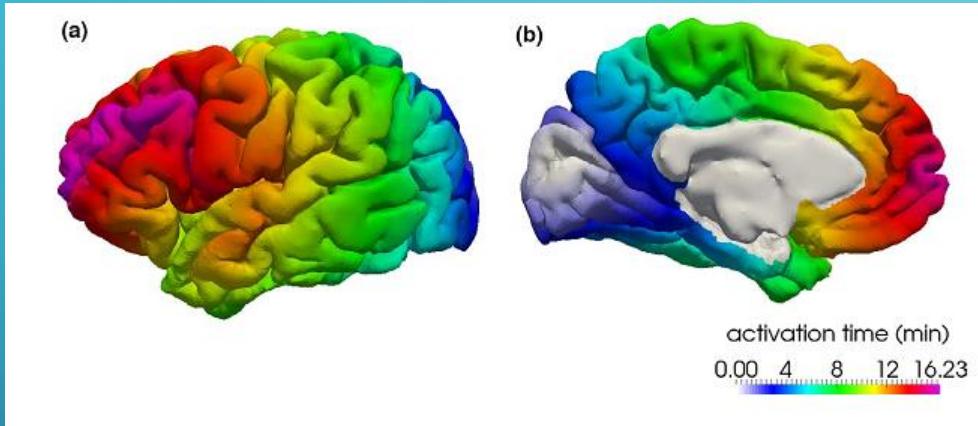
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Occipital cortex in migraine Increased amplitude of steady state visual evoked potentials, increased metabolic response and altered connectivity of occipital cortex



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Clinical correlates of mathematical modeling of cortical spreading depression: Single-cases study

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Hypothesis: the inhibition of cortical regions devoted to pain processing, could exert a general modulation of cortical excitability and connectivity, and an interference on CSD progression

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Table I. Demographic and clinical data of migraine subjects under monthly erenumab treatment at Month 0 (M0) and Month 3 (M3).

	Sex	Age (years)	Age of illness (years)	Diag	HF M0	HF M3	VAS M0	VAS M3	All M0	All M3	Sym M0	Sym M3	Previously used drugs
BM	M	44	30	CM	30	20	10	8	7	3	30	20	Flu, Am, Top, BontA
CG	M	42	25	MO	8	2	10	9	6	4	8	1	Prop, Flu, Am, Top
DN	F	64	30	CM	30	16	10	10	6	4	30	12	Top, Am, BontA
DG	F	22	6	CM	20	9	10	7	8	4	20	3	Flu, Top, BontA
FB	M	35	20	MO+ MA	9	8	10	4	5	3	4	2	Flu, Lam, Top,
FA	F	48	30	CM	20	14	10	10	10	7	20	10	Flun, Top, Am
FD	F	21	4	CM	18	8	9	7	6	3	18	5	Top, Flu, Ami
GI*	F	38	26	CM	20	14	10	8	8	8	20	11	Am, Top, BontA
LV	M	51	43	CM	15	9	8	9	5	1	15	7	Am, Top, BontA
LA	F	42	30	MO+ MA	7	4	8	1	5	0	7	3	Prop, Flu, Top
PV*	F	18	4	CM	30	20	10	5	5	3	20	10	Am, Flu, Top
RM	F	29	10	CM	16	5	8	7	7	4	16	4	Am, Top, BontA
SA	F	60	30	MO	13	3	10	6	9	3	13	3	Am, Flu, Top,
SM	F	37	20	CM	16	4	7	3	4	0	16	3	Am, Top, BontA
SMA	F	35	15	CM	20	10	8	6	7	5	20	10	Am, Top, BontA
VA	F	51	35	CM	20	10	5	2	5	3	20	6	Am, Top, BontA
VM*	F	23	10	CM	30	20	10	8	4	1	30	16	Flu, Top, BontA
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All: Allodynia; Am: Amitriptyline; BontA: Botulin Toxin A; CM: chronic migraine; Flu: Flunarizine; Hf: headache frequency – days with headache/month in the previous 3 months; MA: migraine with aura; MO: migraine without aura Prop: Propanolol; Sym: average number of symptomatic drugs assumed in a month; Top: Topiramate; VAS: headache intensity calculated on 0–100 numerical scale *Erenumab 140 mg.

**Results of Student's t test for paired data $p < 0.001$.

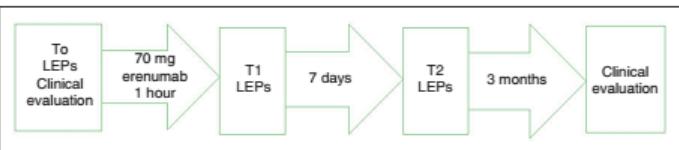


Figure 1. Study design.

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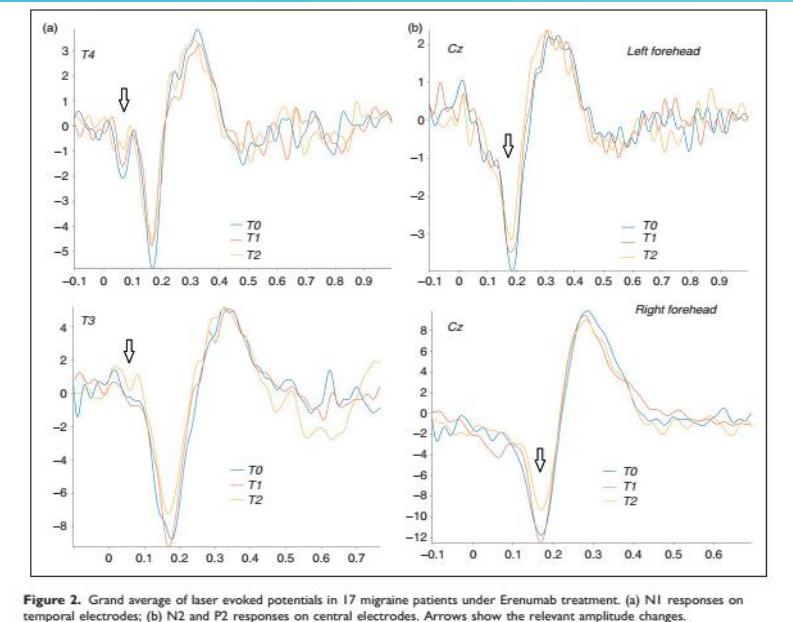


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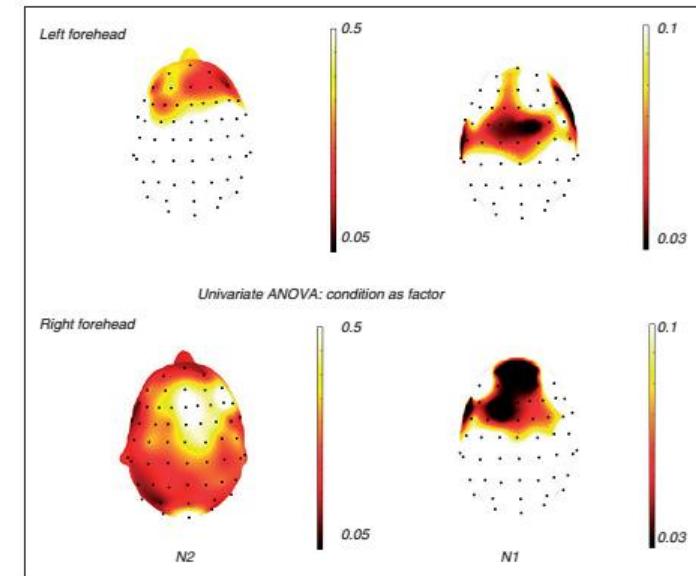
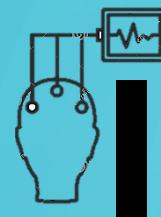


Figure 3. Statistical probability maps (SPMs) reporting p -values obtained from the repeated measures ANOVA between T0, T1 and T2 conditions for the N1 and N2 amplitudes in 17 migraine patients. Black expresses the topographical distribution of statistically significant comparison among the three conditions.

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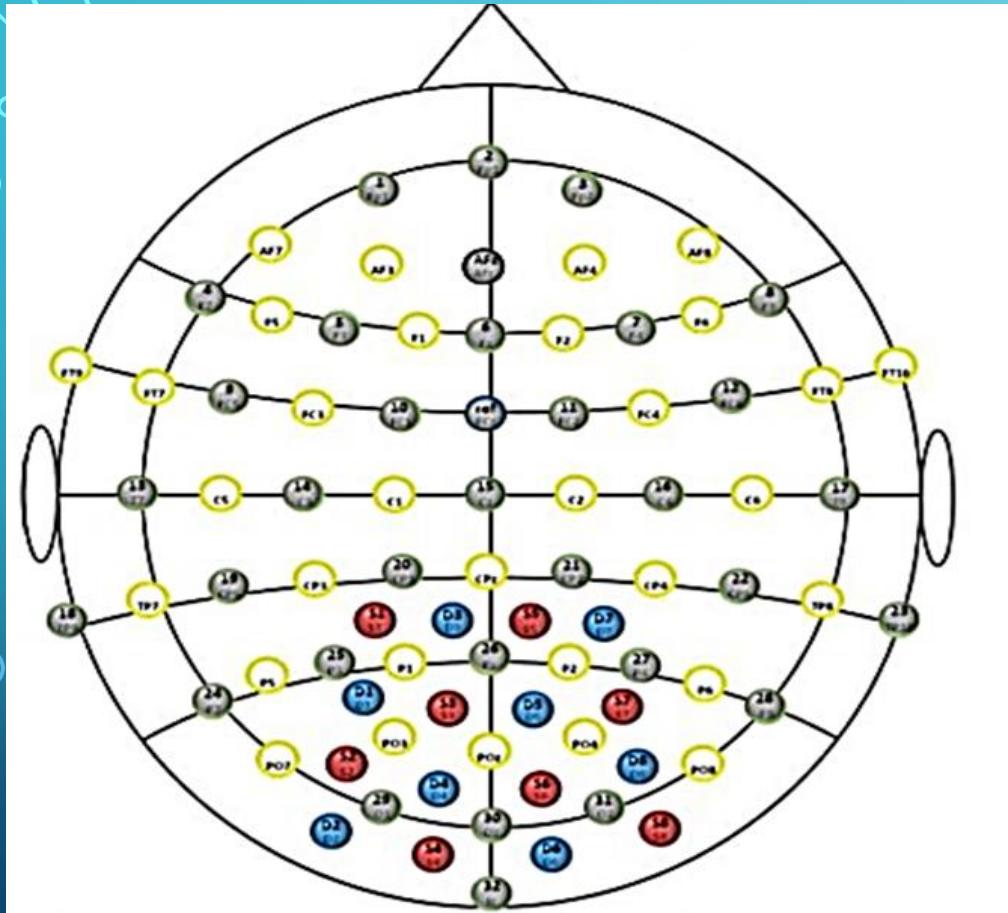
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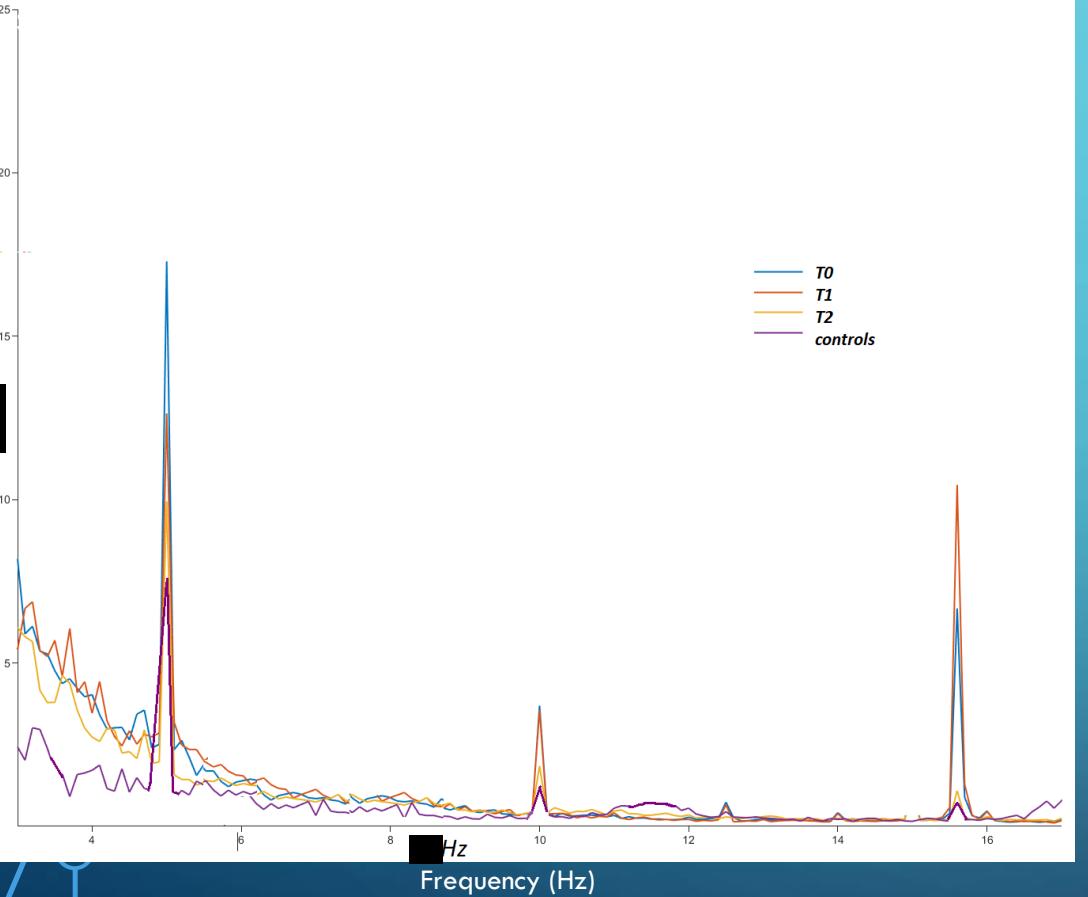
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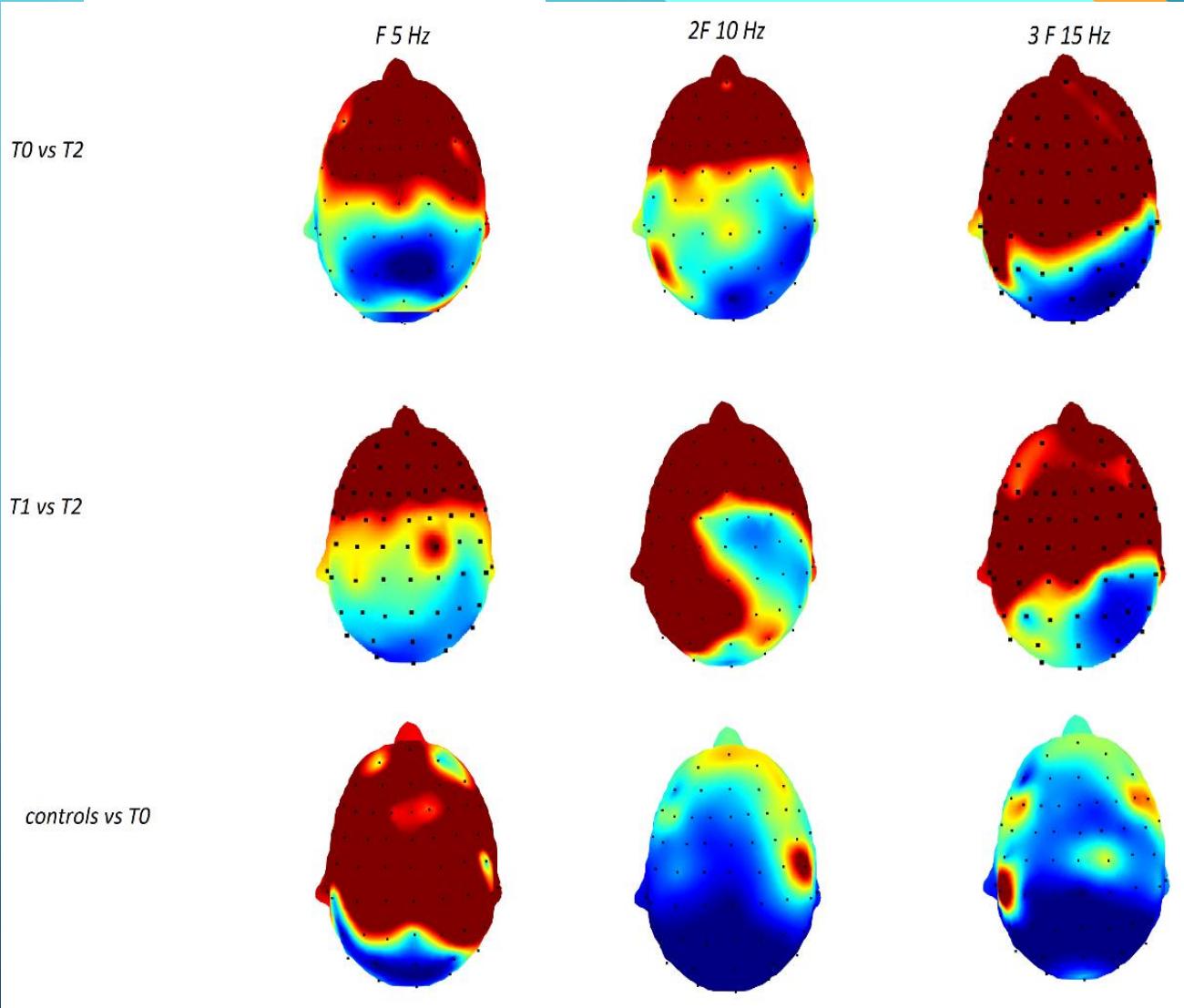
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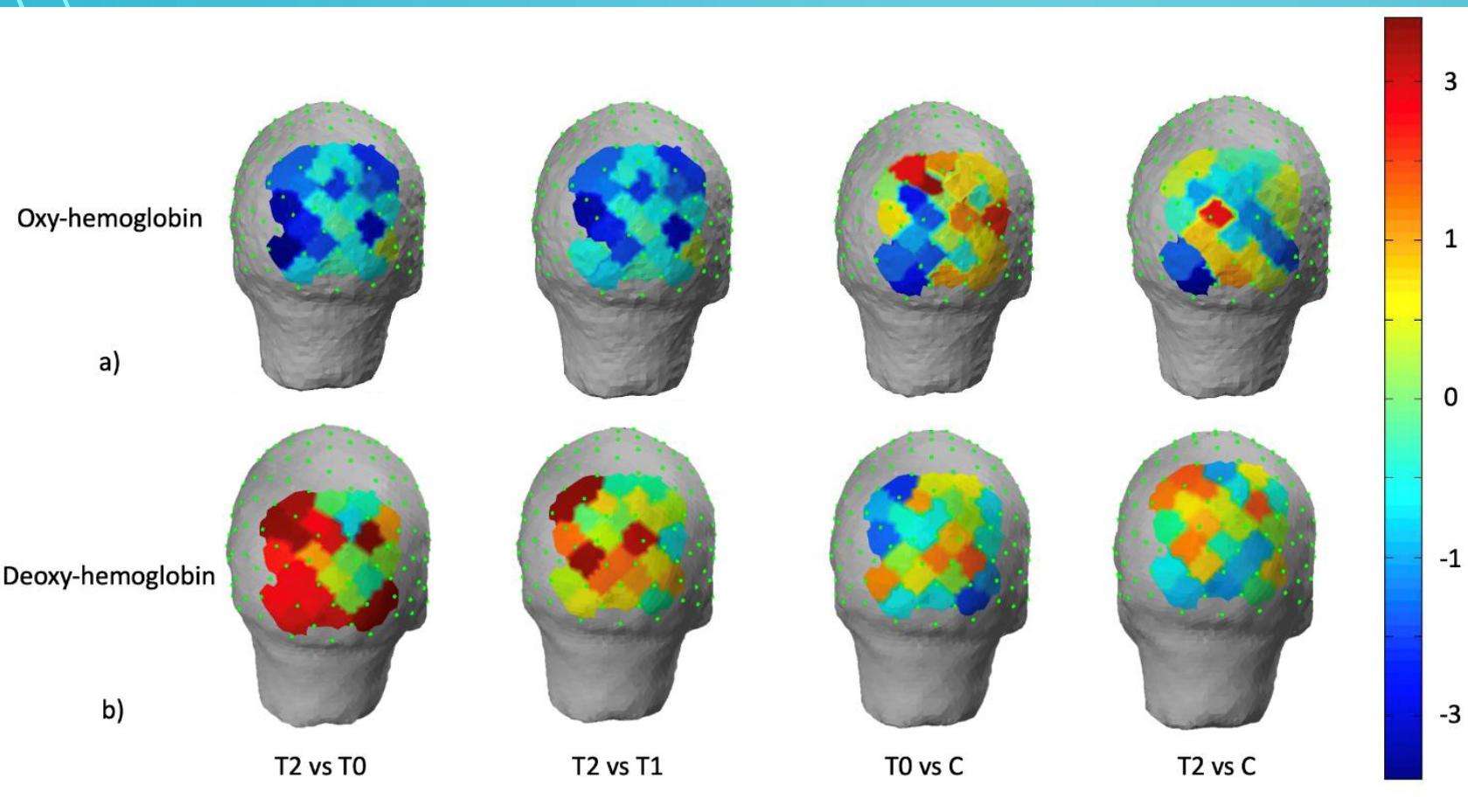


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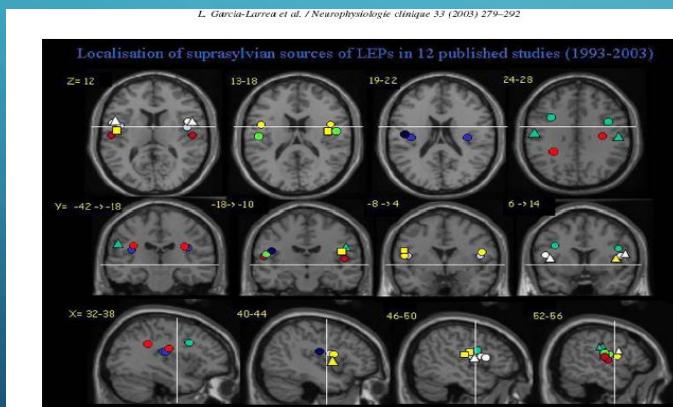
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