

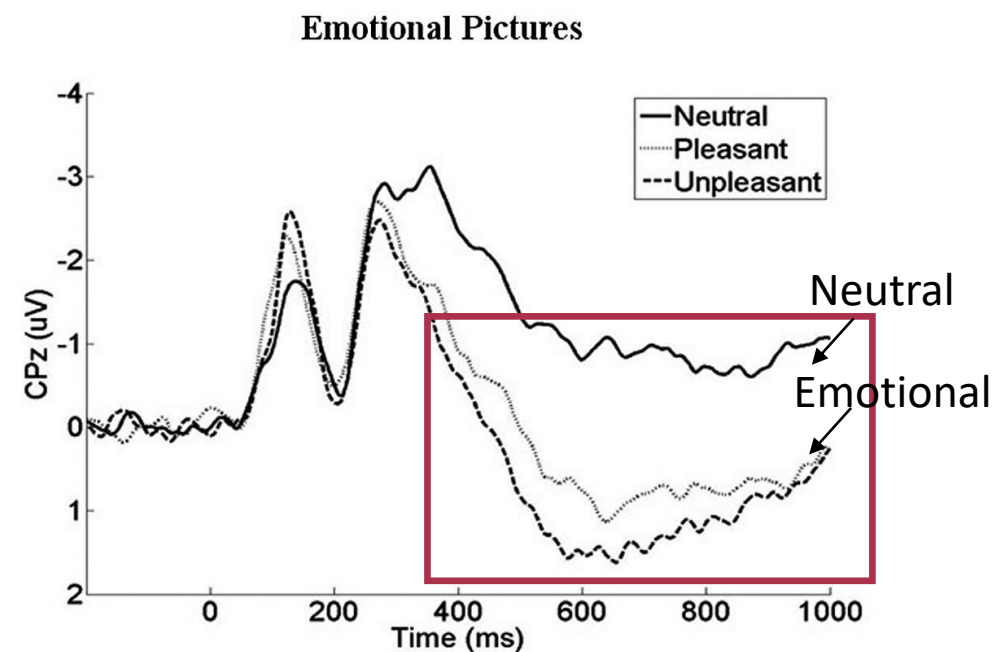
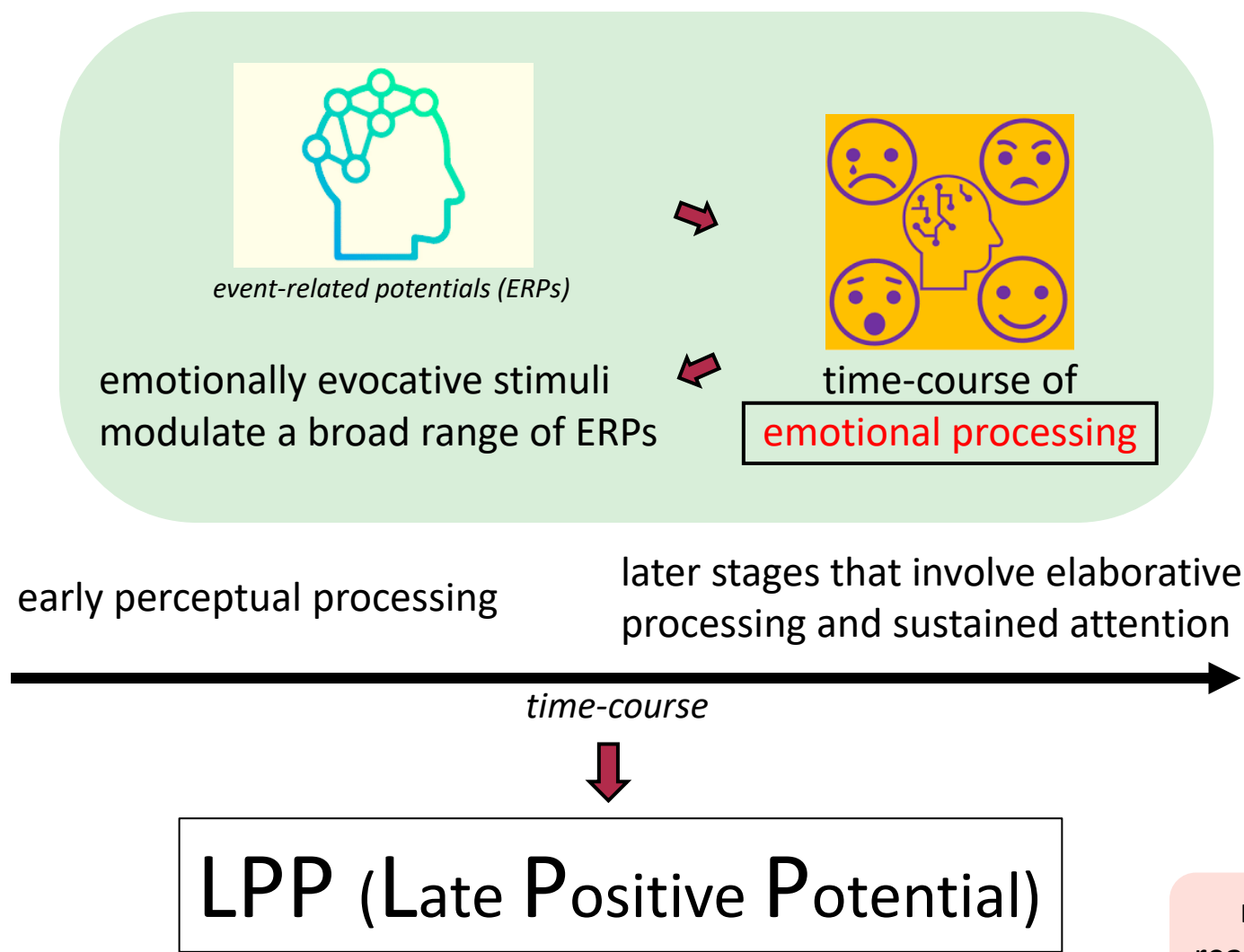
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Historical introduction



LPP as a neural index of emotional reactivity and regulation

regulation strategies

relative degree of emotional reactivity across different stimulus

dynamic allocation of attention to emotional stimuli

Historical introduction

LPP ↔ Emotion Process



Clinical Neuroscience

utilized the LPP as an indicator of abnormal emotional processing in psychopathology

Nearly every psychiatric disorder is characterized by a form of **dysregulated affect**

identifying disorder-specific ?

transdiagnostic deficits ?



LPP provides an **objective** indicator of emotional reactivity

a selective review of the LPP literature on normal and abnormal emotional processing

seminal studies



theoretical account of the LPP



general comments



stimulus characteristics and **task parameters** that shape emotional processing



index of stimulus *significance*
(stimulus activates appetitive or aversive motivational systems)

Seminal studies

Before 2000

emotional images elicit an enhanced positivity

targets ❌

infrequent ❌

faces
adj.
lines

Similar results



emotional content itself is sufficient
to potentiate the ERP waveform
(first few hundred ms of stimulus processing)

After 2000

a highly influential paradigm from *Cuthbert, Schupp, Bradley, Birbaumer, and Lang (2000)*

LPP amplitude



autonomic systems

- emotional arousal
(as opposed to valence)
- skin conductance



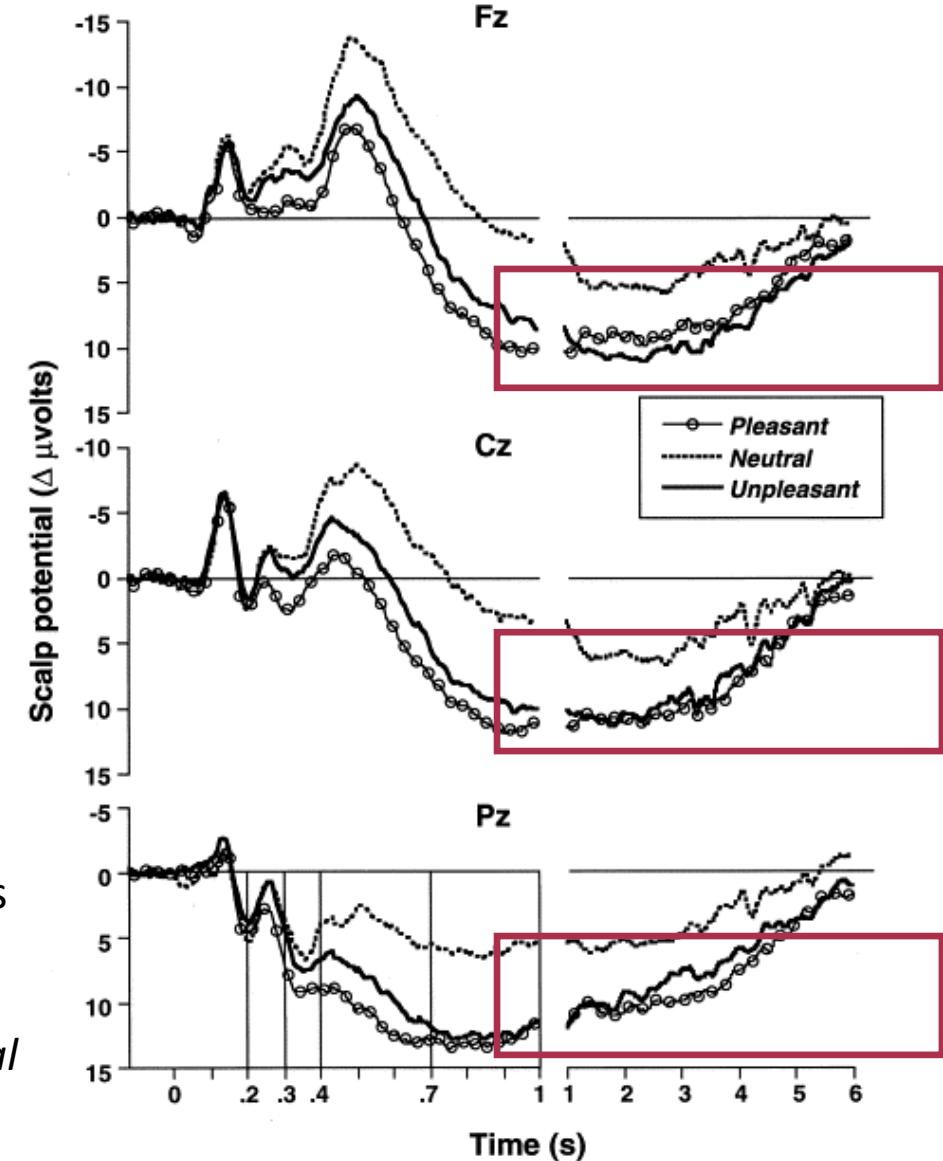
subjective experience

- self-reported arousal ratings

ATTENTION



“reflecting *activation of motivational systems* in the brain
that simultaneously prompt autonomic arousal, emotional
facial expression, and reports of affective experience.”



Seminal studies

WHY?
Attention



emotional content is important



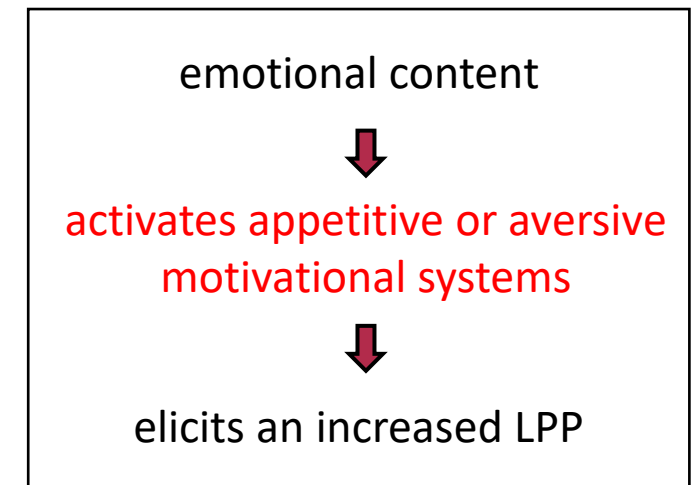
Conveys information about **potential threats** and **opportunities** that are salient to an organism's survival

Emotional content naturally captures attention and facilitates action tendencies to approach or avoid

✓ EVEN irrespective of the goal at hand

Bradley argues that the LPP is a neural response indicating that **significance** has been detected in the environment

“activation of cortico-limbic appetitive and defensive systems that mediate the sensory and motor processes that support perception and action”



fMRI

LPP relates to activation in both **cortical** and **subcortical** neural areas involved in emotional processing

(e.g., occipital, parietal, and temporal cortices)
(e.g., amygdala, ventral striatum)

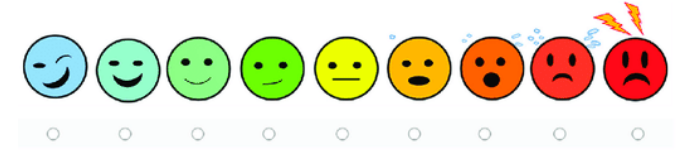
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the key stimulus dimension that modulates LPP amplitude is

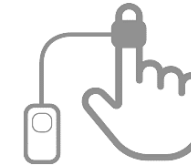
significance

➤ Subjective ratings of arousal

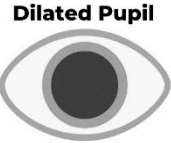
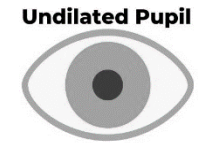
**NOT Valence*



➤ Skin conductance

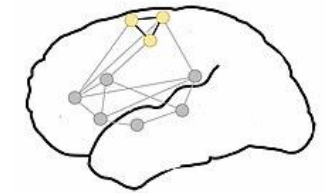


➤ Pupil dilation



autonomic response

➤ Activation of specific neural circuits



BUT:

specific stimuli are often chosen based on normative ratings of subjective valence and arousal—but not **significance** per se



while significance can be expected to correlate with arousal

RESEARCH:

emotional arousal ↑



exciting sports images

erotic images

only

LPP amplitude ↑

Pupil dilation ↑

erotic images activate appetitive motivational systems to a greater extent, because they are more significant

Seminal studies

Although most neutral stimuli are low in significance, there are **notable exceptions**

- neutral images containing people elicit a larger LPP compared to neutral images that do not contain people
- the LPP is potentiated to faces of relatives, faces of romantic partners, as well as one's own name and face

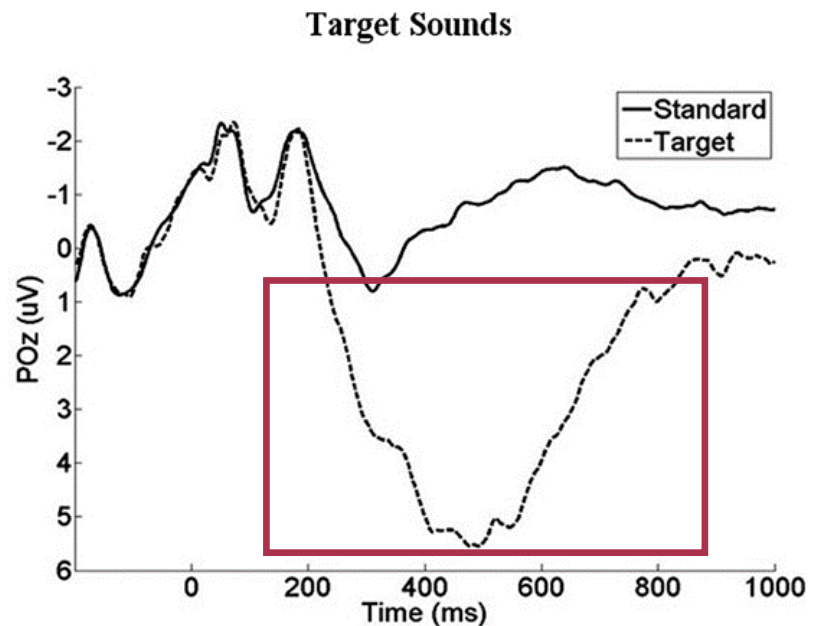


The time-course of the LPP

The term **LPP** describes the protracted slow-wave elicited by emotional compared to neutral stimuli.



the LPP appears to have a distinct time-course compared to the positivity studied in traditional cognitive tasks of attention and target detection.



LPP does not only reflect a “late” ERP difference between emotional and neutral stimuli

the morphological difference between the canonical ERP waveform to target stimuli and the LPP is **duration**:

- typical ERP responses to target stimuli are relatively transient
- LPP is evident as a more protracted positive potential

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LPP reflects the relatively automatic and sustained engagement with emotionally significant content

Why so long?



A straightforward answer is that a potential threat or opportunity continues to be significant for as long as it persists before an organism

The time-course of the LPP

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If emotionally significant stimuli sustain engagement and **attention** for the duration of their presentation, this should be evident in other measurement domains

attention ↑ other measurement domains ↓

presented an irrelevant but loud auditory probe several seconds after the presentation of emotional and neutral pictures

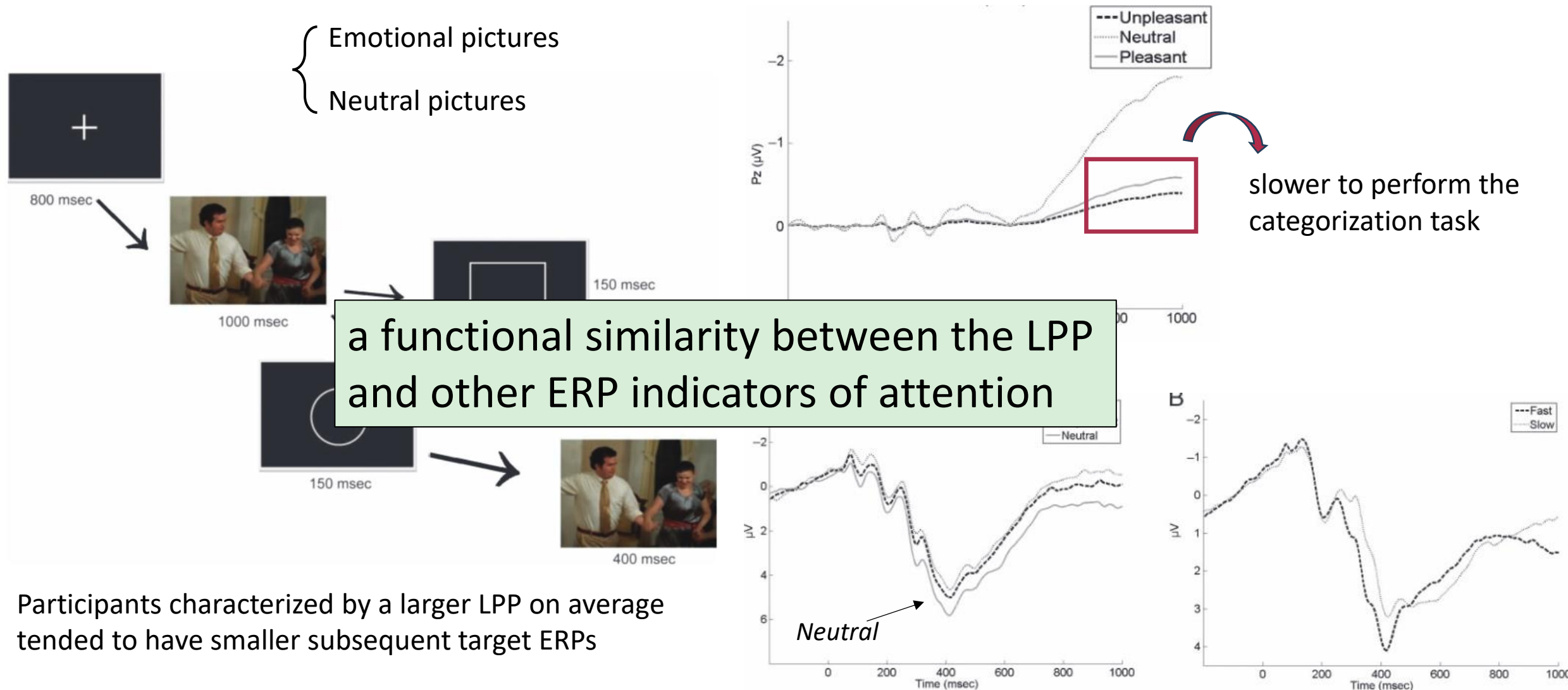


found that the target ERP response elicited by the auditory probe was reduced when participants were viewing emotional



suggest that the sustained engagement with emotional picture content interferes with the processing of salient startle probes

The time-course of the LPP



The amplitude of the LPP and manipulations of significance

manipulate the significance of specific stimuli, and thereby alter the LPP

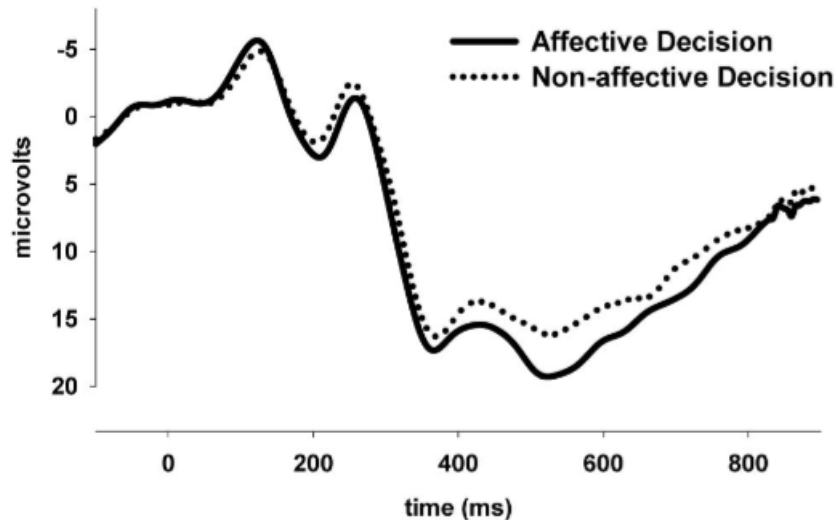


Affective Decision : Is this emotional or neutral?

Non-Affective Decision : How many people are in the picture?



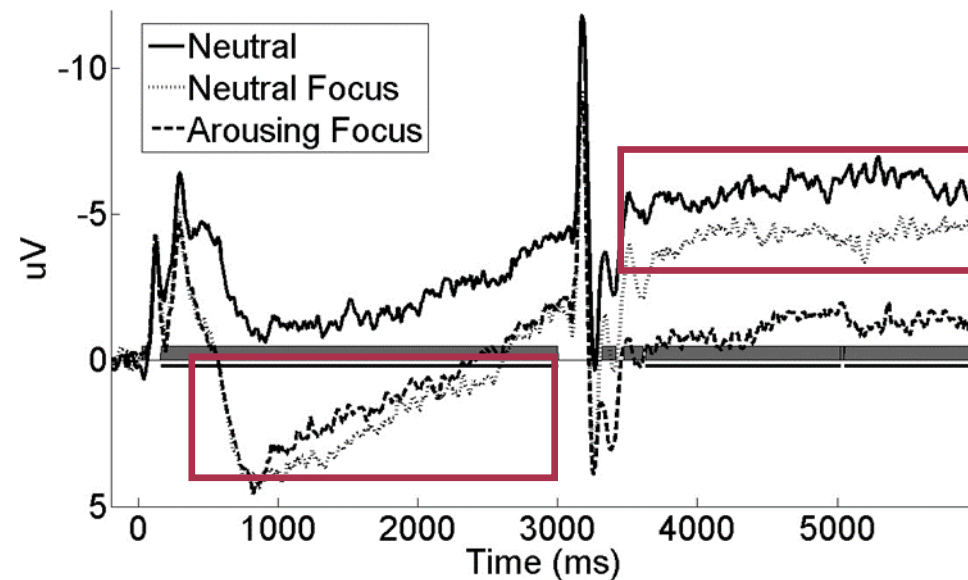
The LPP was reduced when participants made non-emotional compared to emotional decisions



drawing attention to non-emotional features
might reduce the significance of picture content

The amplitude of the LPP and manipulations of significance

meaning-based manipulations may alter the way in which unpleasant pictures are visually explored

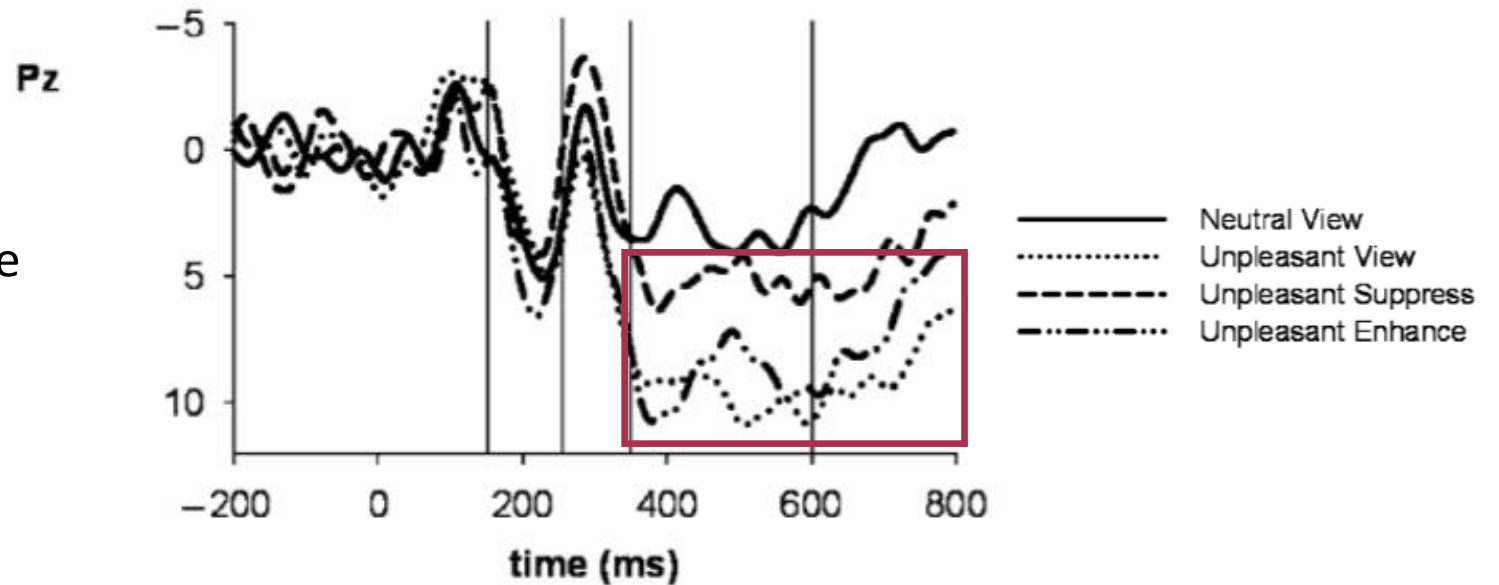


directing attention to non-emotional foci eliminated the difference between unpleasant and neutral pictures.

visual-spatial attention in determining LPP amplitude

The amplitude of the LPP and manipulations of significance

explicitly alter the significance of picture content based on **task instructions**

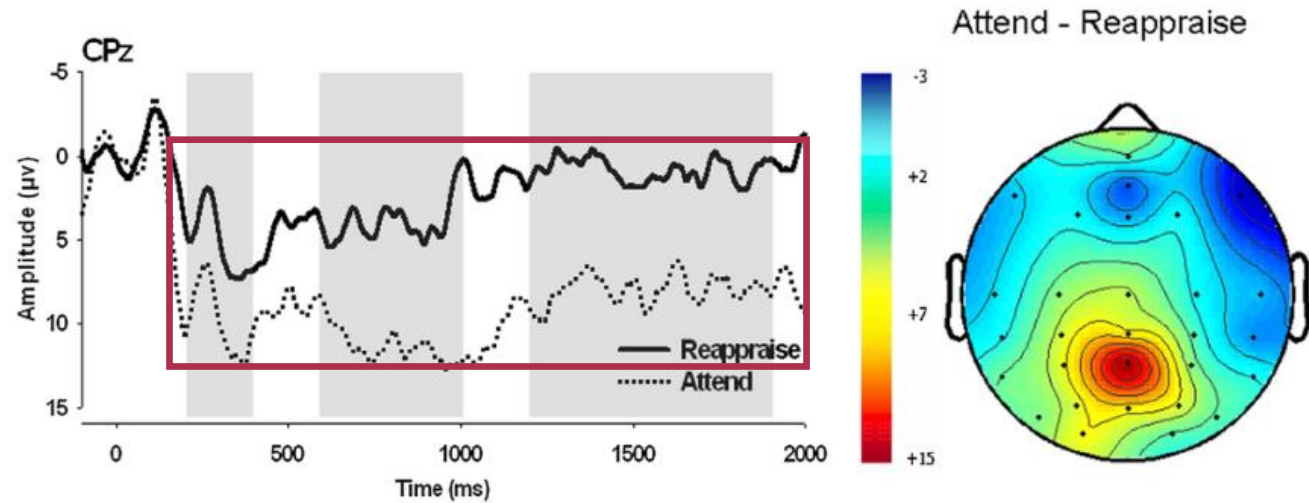
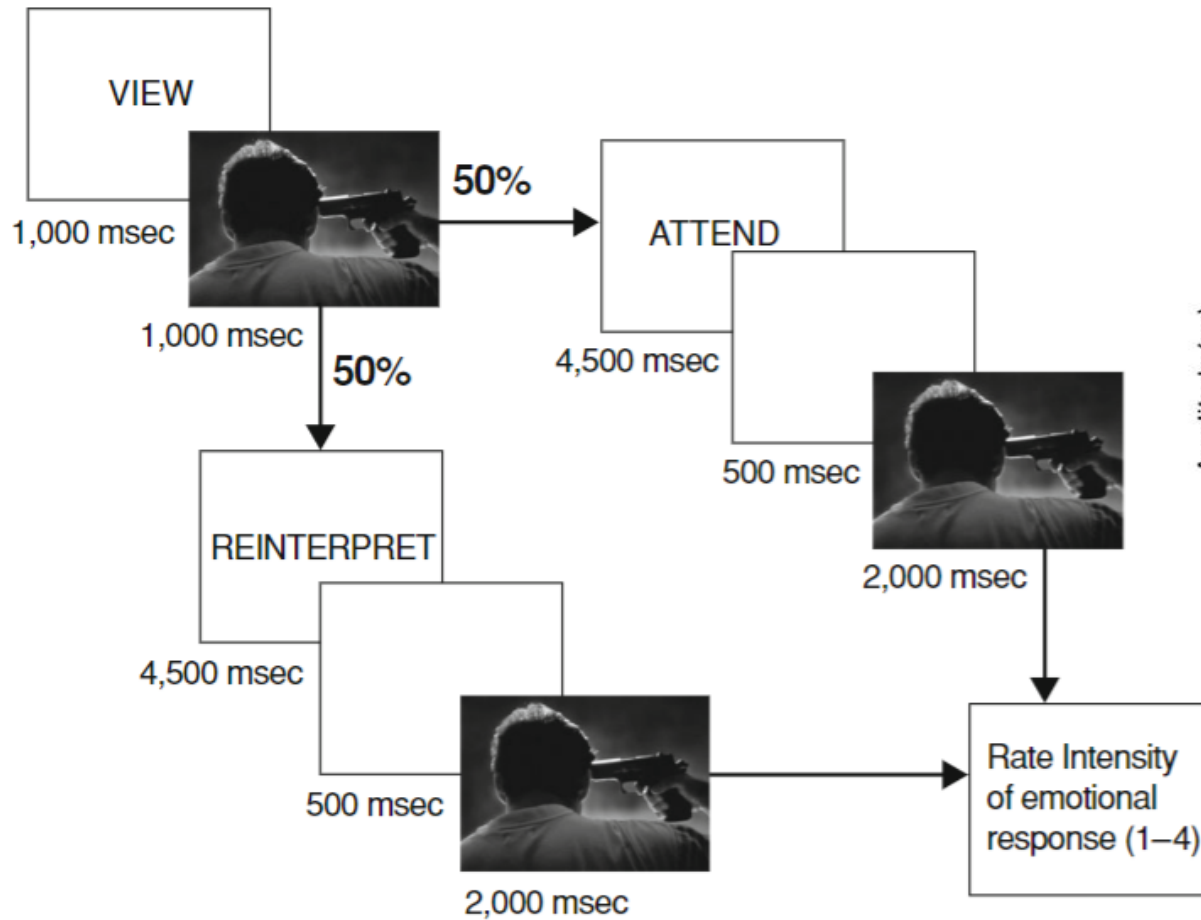


Emotional content, in this case, is not less relevant to the task



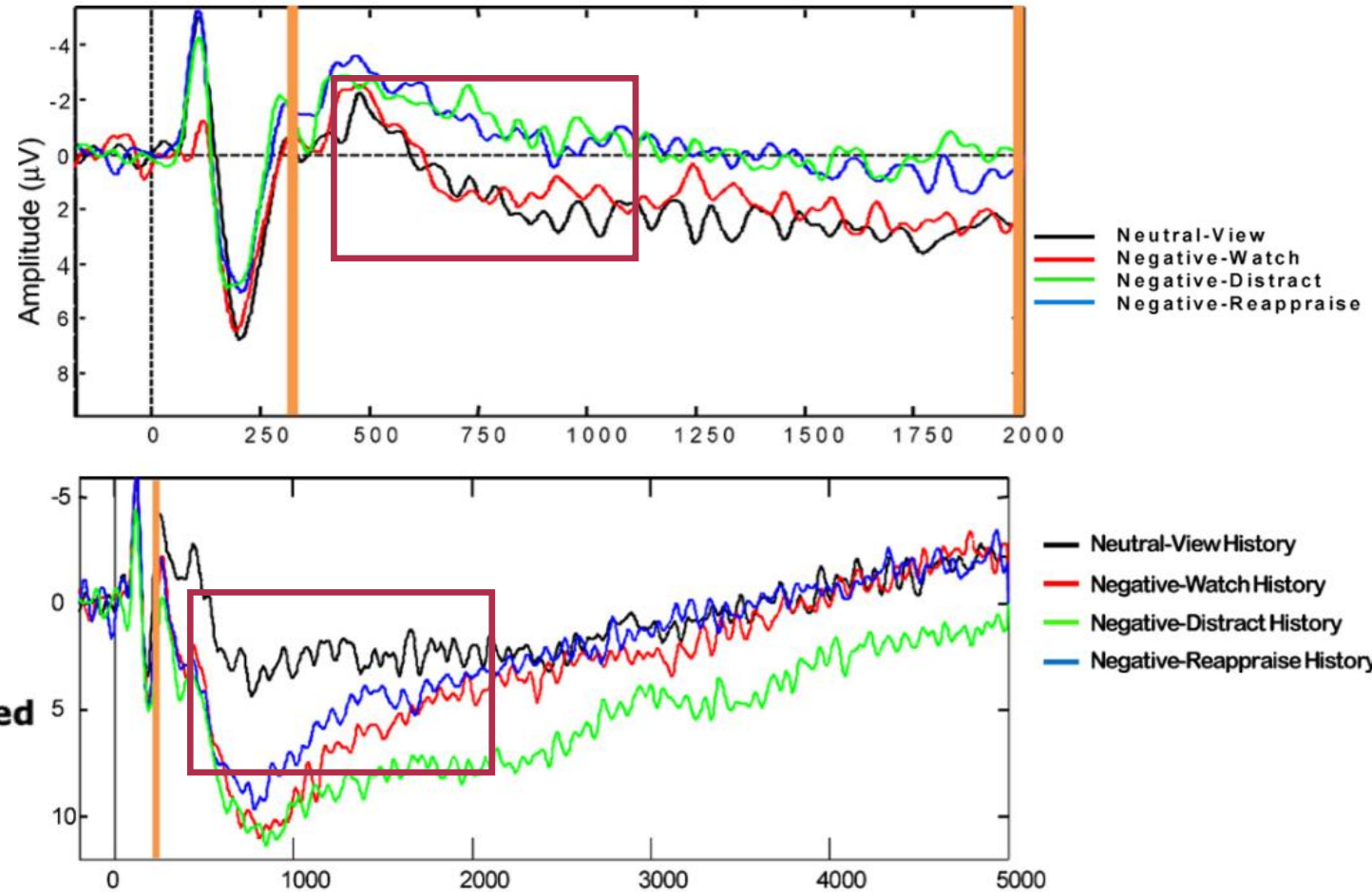
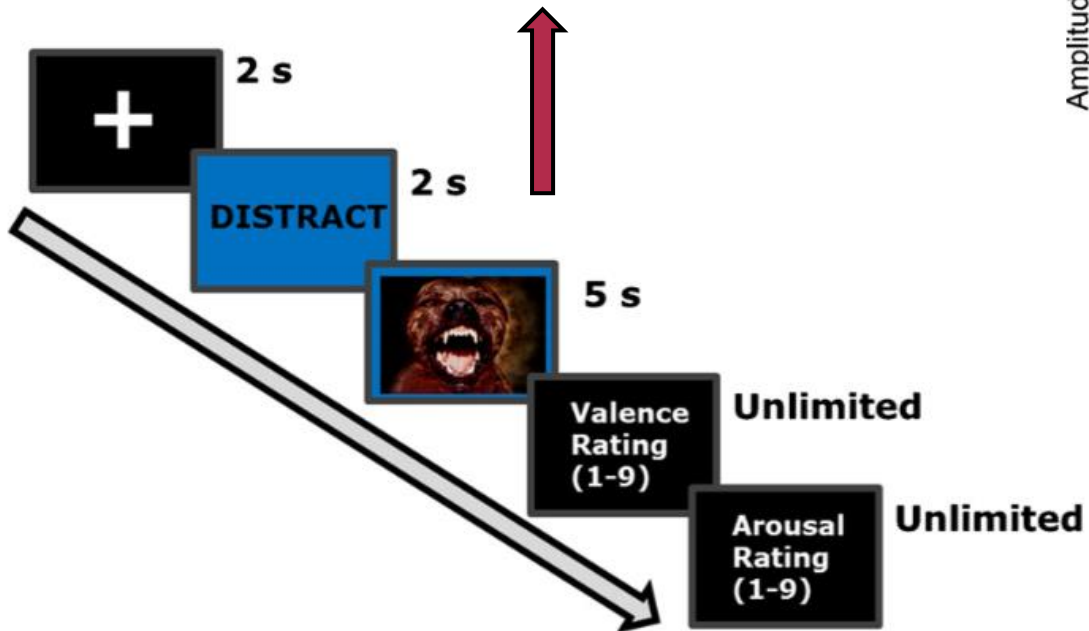
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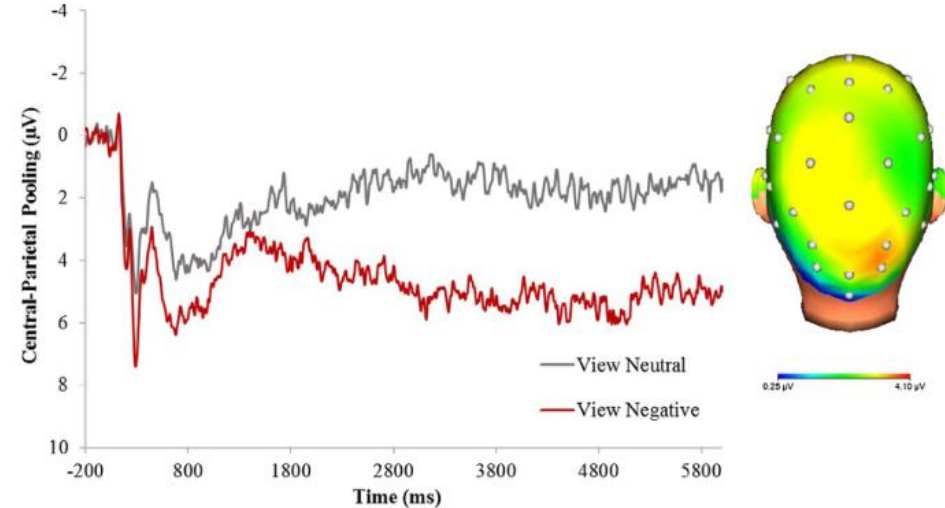
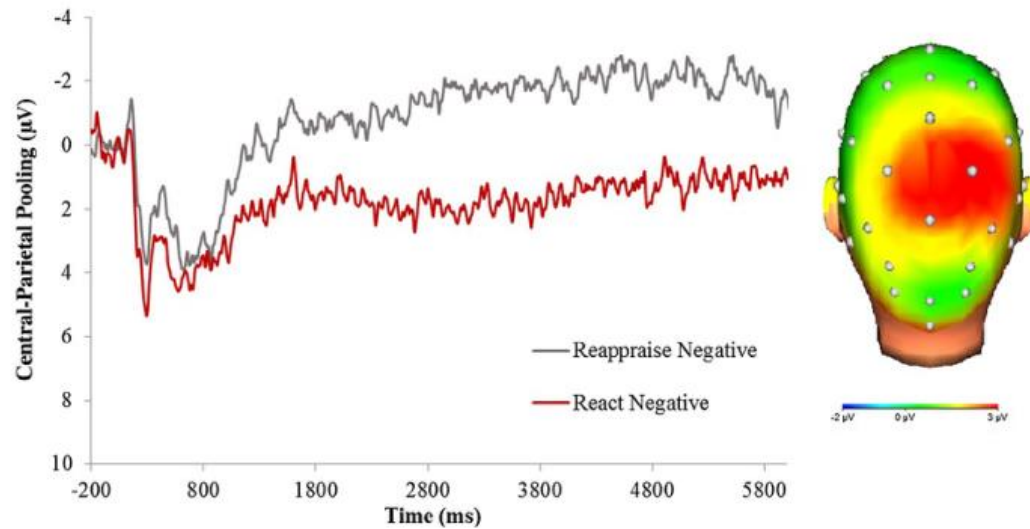


The amplitude of the LPP and manipulations of significance

previously reappraised pictures
were viewed 30 min later



The amplitude of the LPP and manipulations of significance



reappraisal involves altering the meaning of that content

cross these studies, there are several potential pitfalls in interpreting reappraisal-related effects on the LPP.

Other interpretations also warrant consideration: Participants might be **distracting** themselves or even struggling to do reappraisal.

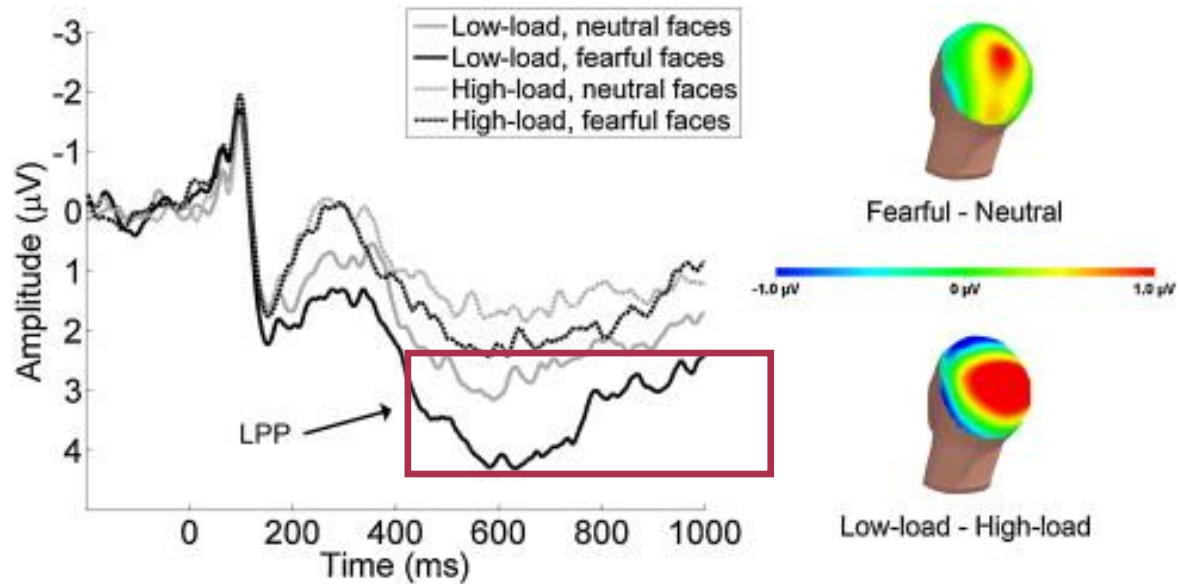
general instruction



not clear what participants are actually doing

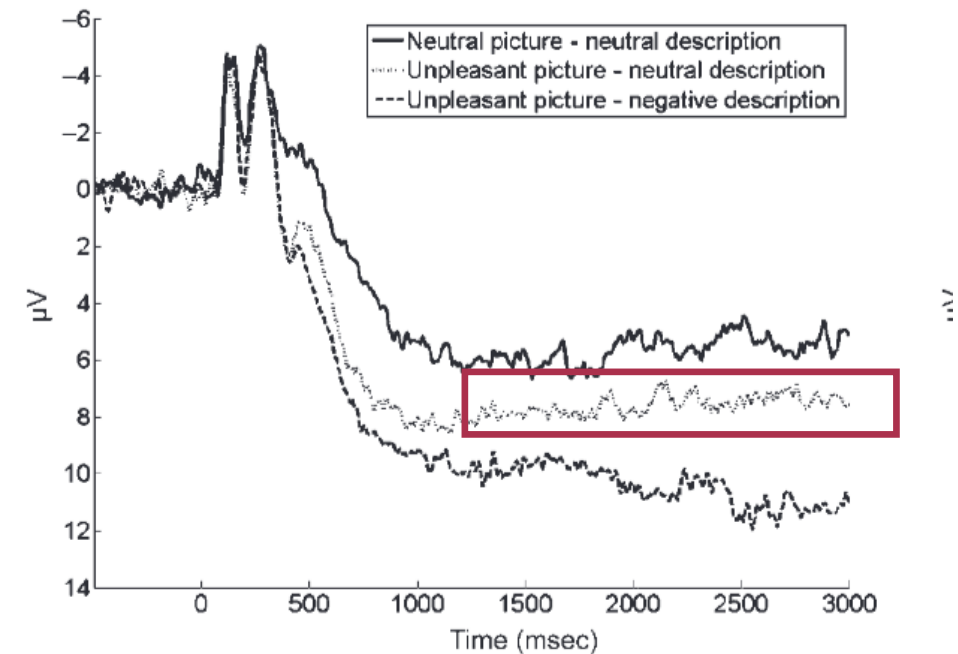
reappraisal is generally more **cognitively challenging** than the control condition such as passive viewing

The amplitude of the LPP and manipulations of significance

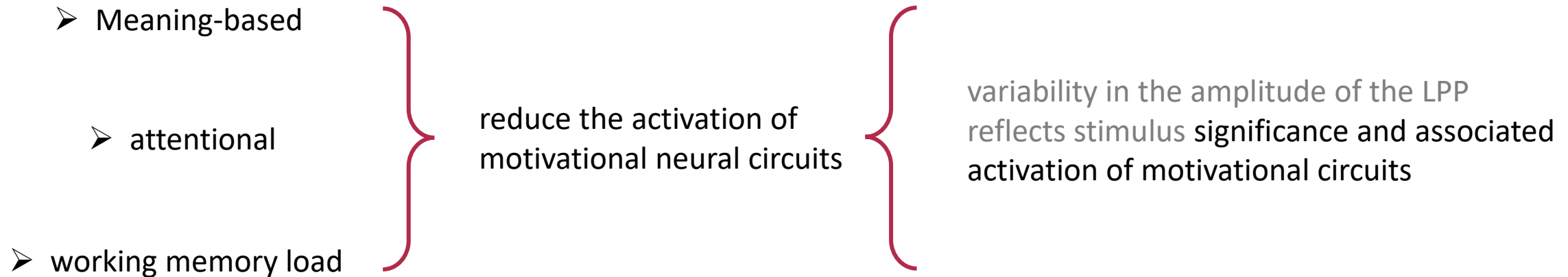


The LPP continued to be affected by the previously paired description

reappraisal \rightarrow *preappraisals*



The amplitude of the LPP and manipulations of significance



effects traditionally understood to indicate successful emotion regulation operate directly on the motivational significance of the stimuli.

Theoretical implications

theoretical implications of the research on late positive potentials (LPP) and P300 as neural responses to stimulus significance



major depressive disorder (MDD) and the LPP



theory of context updating and orienting



potential involvement of the locus coeruleus-norepinephrine (LC-NE) system

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EffortEmpathy实验结果

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Design

13.5s/trial

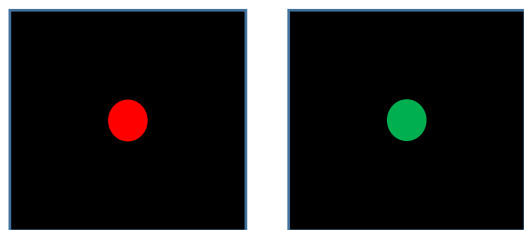
200 trials (2effort*2pain*50)

正式实验时长(平均每个回合休息1.5s计) > **45 min**

总时长 > **103min** = 40准备 + 45正式
+ 7指导语 + 5练习 + 3*2mins休息

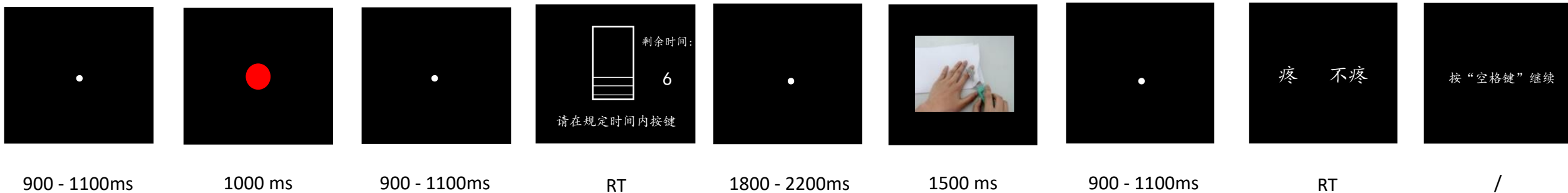
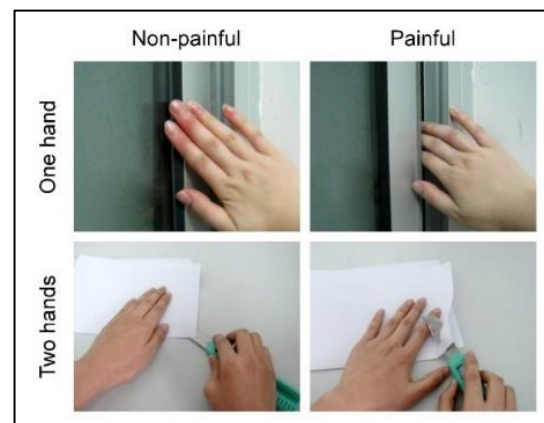
2color*2gender = 4balance

41 participants(20 female)

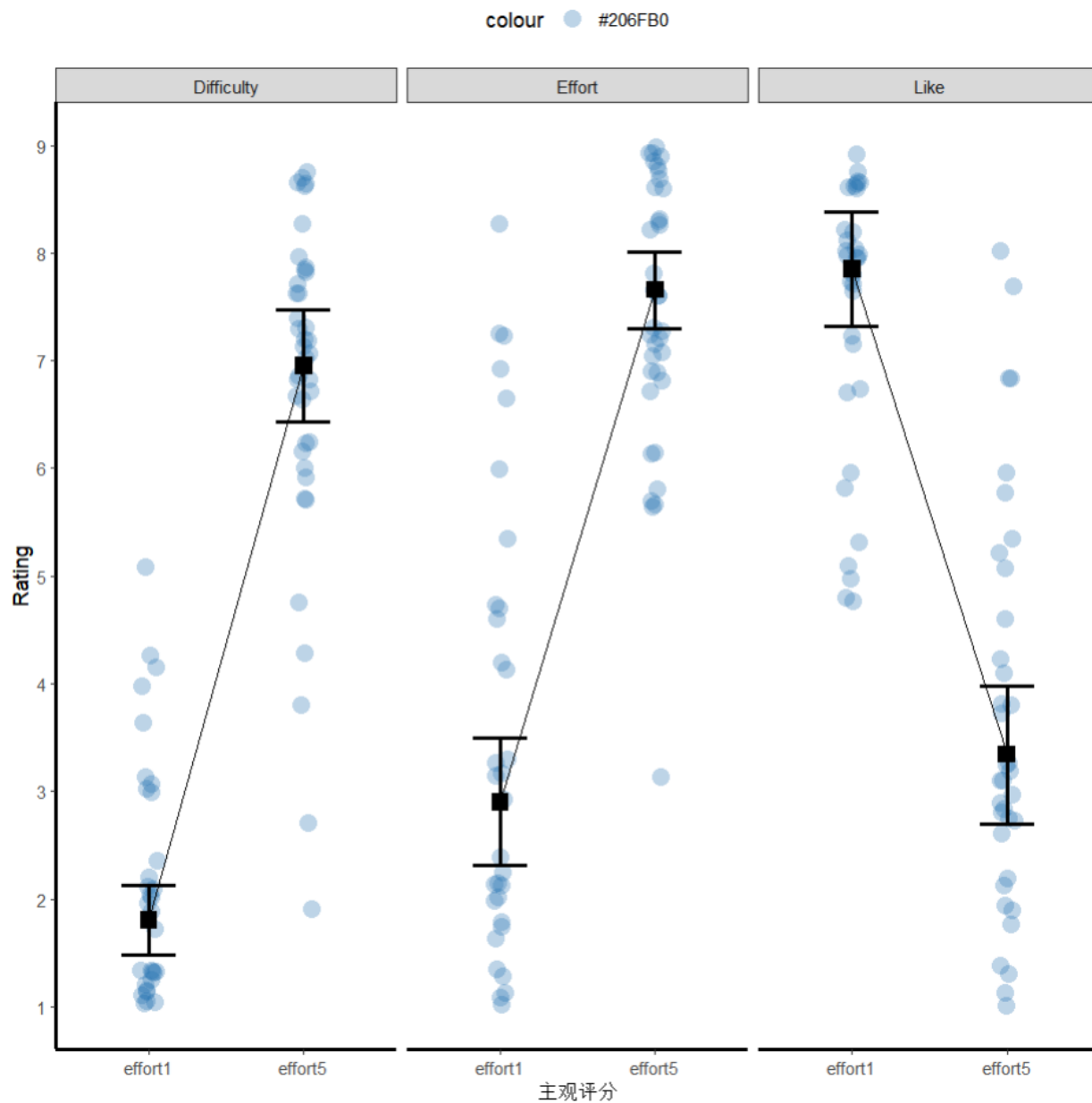


(2effort: low – high)

(EPSS-Limb)



Rating



ANOVA Table:

Dependent variable(s): Rating

Between-subjects factor(s): -

Within-subjects factor(s): Type

Covariate(s): -

	MS	MSE	df1	df2	F	p	η^2p [90% CI of η^2p]	η^2G
Type	542.939	2.189	1	40	248.028	<.001 ***	.861 [.793, .900]	.776

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	MS	MSE	df1	df2	F	p	η^2p [90% CI of η^2p]	η^2G
Type	463.720	2.145	1	40	216.235	<.001 ***	.844 [.768, .888]	.649

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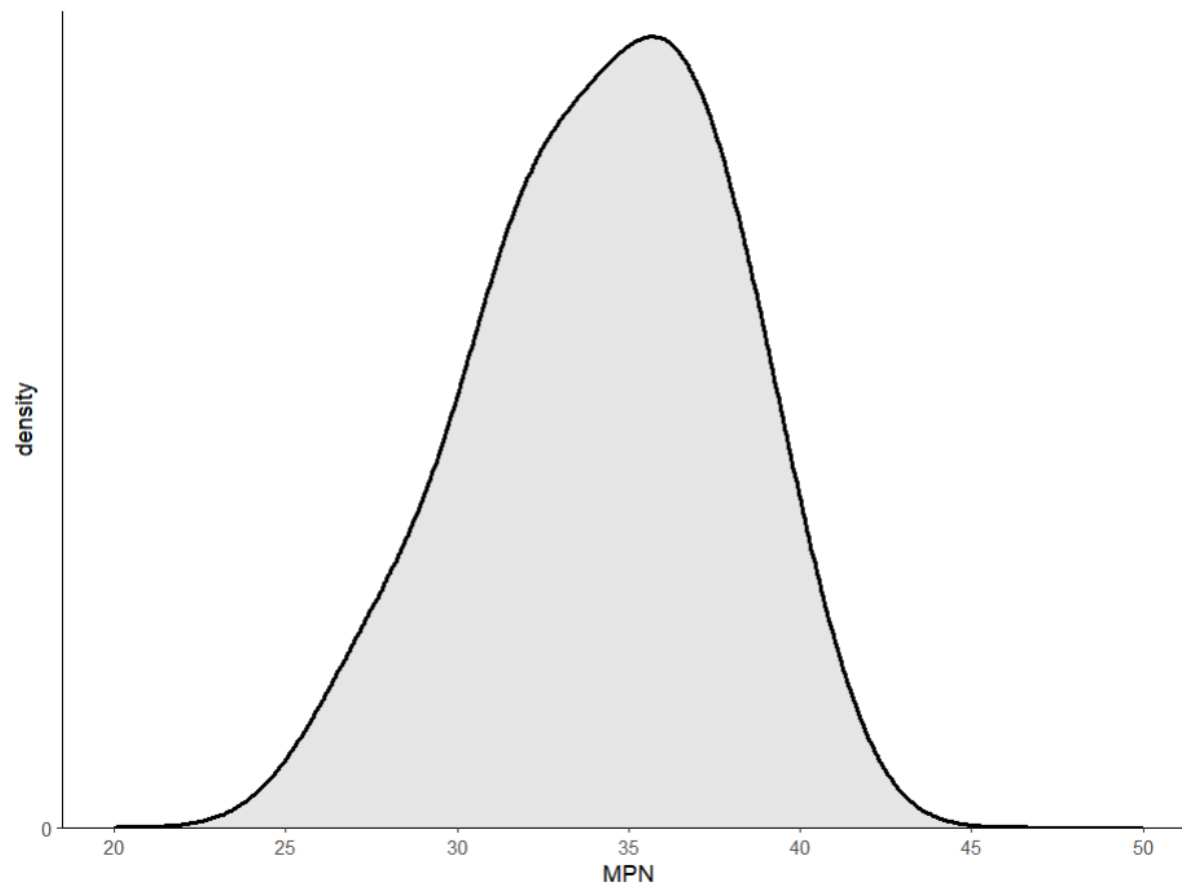
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Type	417.378	3.353	1	40	124.477	<.001 ***	.757 [.643, .825]	.644

MaxPressNumber



```
> summary(MPN)
  MeanMaxNum
Min.   :26.33
1st Qu.:31.67
Median :34.67
Mean   :34.26
3rd Qu.:37.00
Max.   :40.00
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```
Shapiro-Wilk normality test

data:  MPN$MPN
W = 0.97056, p-value = 0.3597
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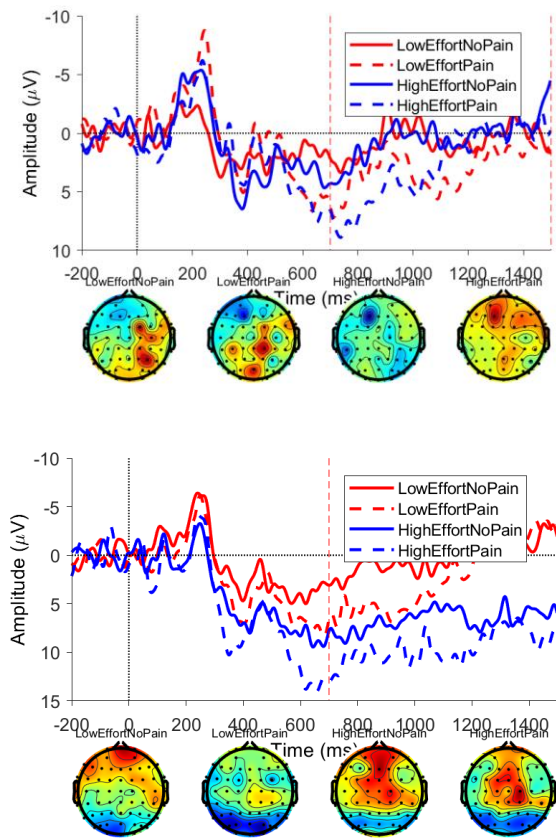
符合正态分布

sd_MPN

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203	50	49	48	49
204	48	43	42	43
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207	47	49	49	50
208	50	49	47	50
209	49	50	47	44
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211	38	43	33	32
212	48	48	46	44
213	48	47	47	50
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219	47	46	49	49
220	49	49	50	47

subj	LENP	LEPP	HENP	HEPP
301	47	49	40	40
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306	49	48	49	47
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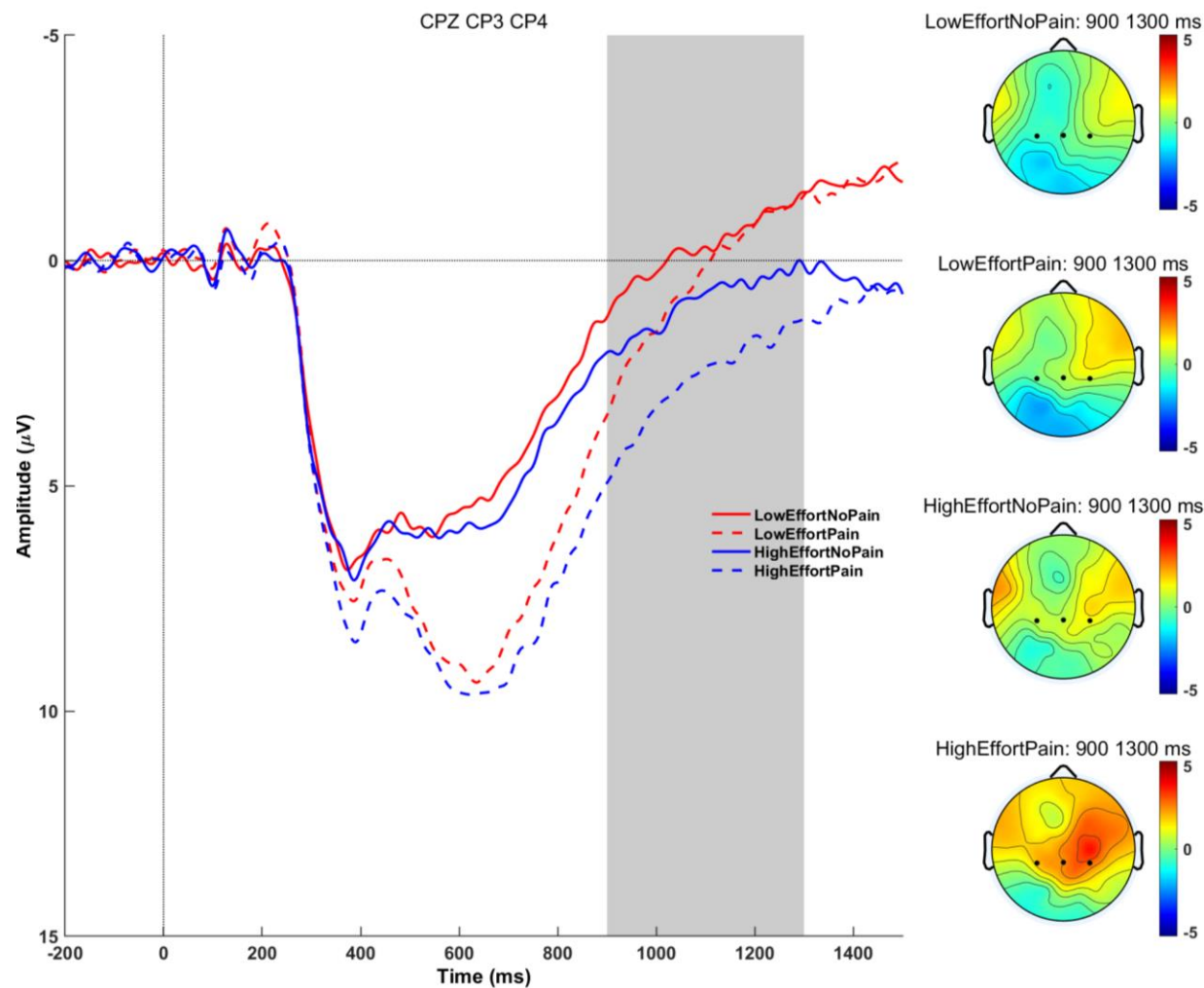


LPP

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print(summary(Mod_LPP <- lmer(LPP ~ Effort*Pain+(Effort|Subject), a1, REML=FALSE)))
```

LMM

TW:900-1300ms 电极点: CP3 CPZ CP4



LPP			
Predictors	Estimates	CI	p
(Intercept)	0.83	0.03 – 1.62	0.041
Effort2-1	1.58	0.64 – 2.51	0.001
Pain2-1	1.10	0.66 – 1.54	<0.001
Effort2-1:Pain2-1	0.90	0.02 – 1.78	0.045
Random Effects			
σ^2	90.00	(Effort*Pain Subject)	
τ_{00} Subject	5.75	(Effort+Pain Subject)	
τ_{11} Subject.Effort2-1	6.71	均未能拟合	
ρ_{01} Subject	0.22	(Pain Subject)	
ICC	0.08	畸形拟合	
N Subject	38		
Observations	7182		
Marginal R ² / Conditional R ²	0.010 / 0.085		

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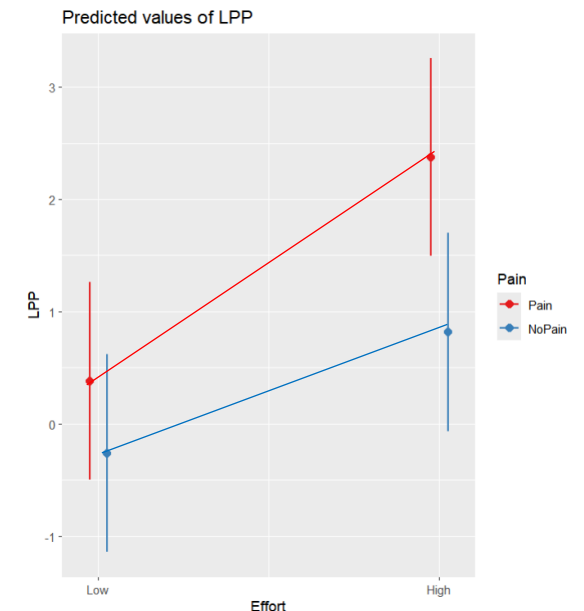
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```
$contrasts
Effort = Low:
contrast      estimate      SE    df z.ratio p.value
NoPain - Pain   -0.649 0.315  Inf   -2.061  0.0393

Effort = High:
contrast      estimate      SE    df z.ratio p.value
NoPain - Pain   -1.549 0.319  Inf   -4.860 <.0001
```

在High\Low Effort两种条件下，
Pain的激活都显著大于NoPain
但在HighEffort条件下效应更大



LPP `print(summary(Mod_LPP <- lmer(LPP ~ Effort*Pain*cTrial+(Effort|Subject), a1, REML=FALSE))`

LMM TW:900-1300ms 电极点: CP3 CPZ CP4

Predictors	Estimates	CI	p
(Intercept)	0.82	0.03 – 1.62	0.041
Effort2-1	1.59	0.66 – 2.52	0.001
Pain2-1	1.12	0.68 – 1.55	<0.001
cTrial	-0.41	-0.75 – -0.08	0.015
Effort2-1:Pain2-1	0.88	0.01 – 1.76	0.048
Effort2-1:cTrial	-0.28	-0.90 – 0.35	0.387
Pain2-1:cTrial	-0.55	-0.99 – -0.11	0.014
Effort2-1:Pain2-1:cTrial	0.35	-0.53 – 1.23	0.434

Random Effects

σ^2	88.67
τ_{00} Subject	5.74
τ_{11} Subject.Effort2-1	6.72
τ_{11} Subject.cTrial	0.62
τ_{11} Subject.Effort2-1:cTrial	1.94
P01	0.22
	-0.31
	0.33
ICC	0.09
N Subject	38
Observations	7182
Marginal R^2 / Conditional R^2	0.013 / 0.099

(Effort*cTrial*Pain | Subject)

(Effort*cTrial+Pain | Subject)

(Effort*Pain | Subject)

畸形拟合

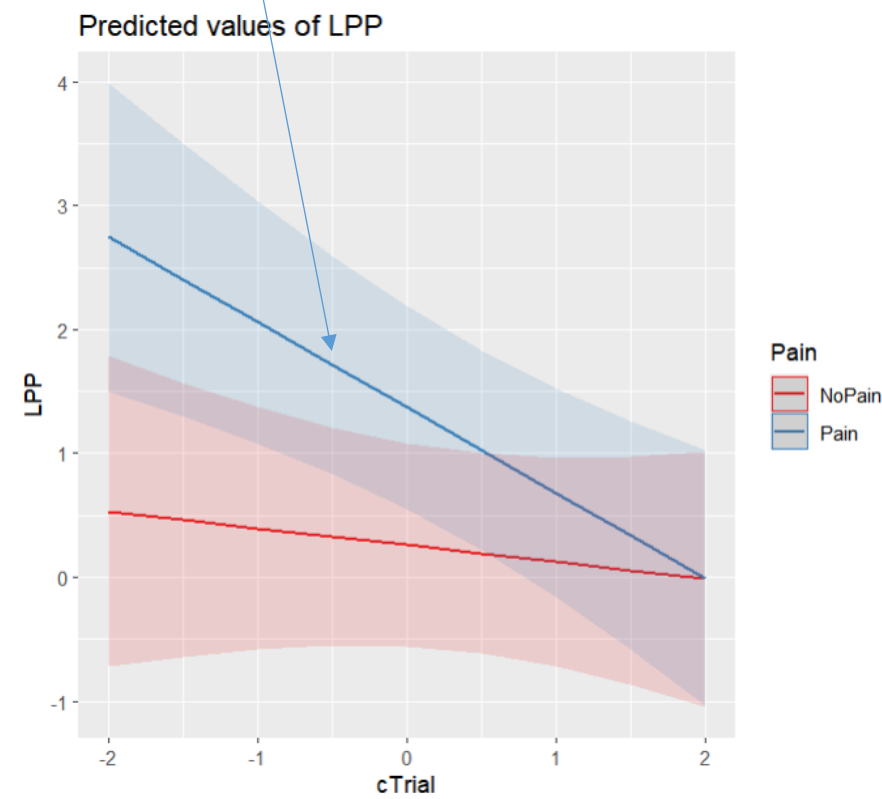
(Effort+Pain | Subject)

(Pain | Subject)

未能拟合

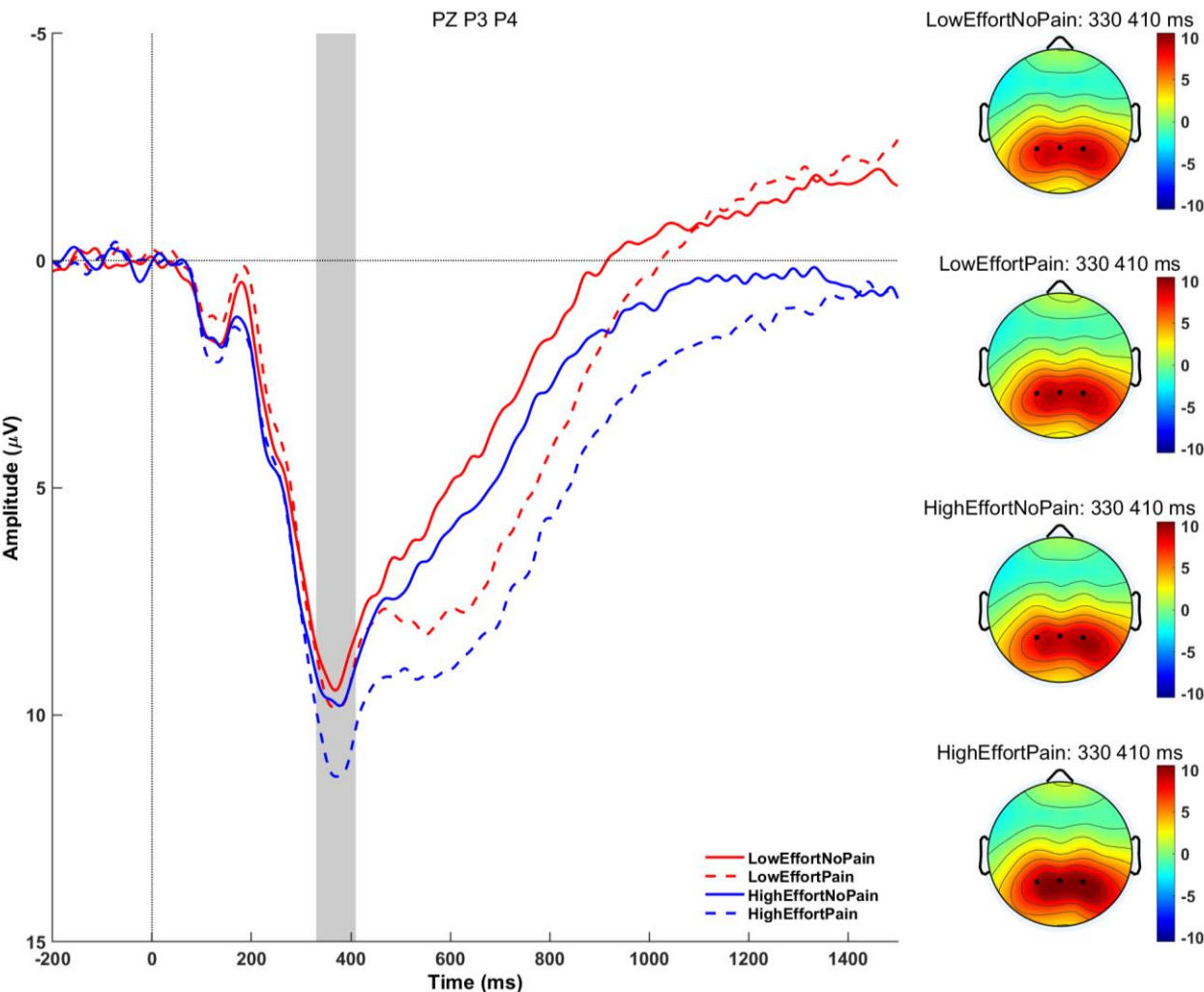
\$semtrends					
Pain	cTrial.trend	SE	df	lower.CL	upper.CL
Pain	-0.689	0.205	79.9	-1.10	-0.280
NoPain	-0.139	0.206	81.3	-0.55	0.271

\$contrasts					
contrast	estimate	SE	df	t.ratio	p.value
Pain - NoPain	-0.55	0.225	7105	-2.443	0.0146



P3 `print(summary(Mod_P3 <- lmer(P3 ~ Effort*Pain+(Effort+Pain|Subject), a1,REML=FALSE)))`

LMM TW:330-410ms 电极点: PZ P3 P4



P3			
Predictors	Estimates	CI	p
(Intercept)	8.92	7.84 – 10.00	<0.001
Effort2-1	0.91	0.43 – 1.39	<0.001
Pain2-1	0.84	0.43 – 1.26	<0.001
Effort2-1:Pain2-1	0.81	0.04 – 1.58	0.039
Random Effects			
σ ²	69.00		
τ ₀₀ Subject	11.19		
τ ₁₁ Subject.Effort2-1	0.82		
τ ₁₁ Subject.Pain2-1	0.25		
ρ ₀₁	0.07		
ICC	0.77		
N _{Subject}	38		
Observations	7182		
Marginal R ² / Conditional R ²	0.005 / 0.147		

(Effort*Pain|Subject)
畸形拟合

P3 `print(summary(Mod_P3 <- lmer(P3 ~ Effort*Pain+(Effort+Pain|Subject), a1, REML=FALSE))`

LMM TW:330-410ms 电极点: PZ P3 P4

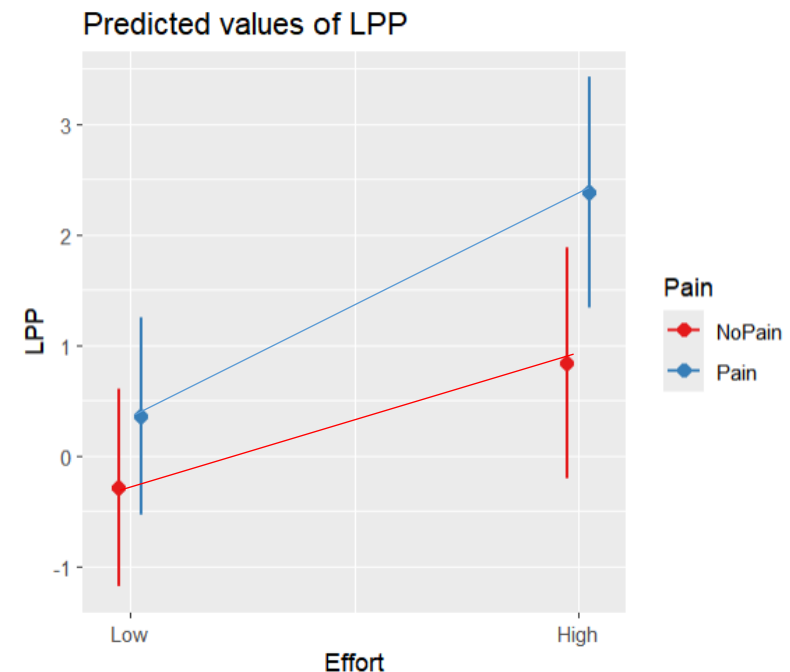
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(Intercept)	8.92	7.84 – 10.00	<0.001
Effort2-1	0.91	0.43 – 1.39	<0.001
Pain2-1	0.84	0.43 – 1.26	<0.001
Effort2-1:Pain2-1	0.81	0.04 – 1.58	0.039

Random Effects

σ^2	69.00
τ_{00} Subject	11.19
τ_{11} Subject.Effort2-1	0.82
τ_{11} Subject.Pain2-1	0.25
ρ_{01}	0.07
ICC	0.77
N Subject	0.14
Observations	38
Marginal R^2 / Conditional R^2	0.005 / 0.147

```
$contrasts
Effort = Low:
contrast      estimate      SE    df t.ratio p.value
Pain - NoPain    0.643  0.315  7113    2.044  0.0410

Effort = High:
contrast      estimate      SE    df t.ratio p.value
Pain - NoPain    1.542  0.318  7113    4.845  <.0001
```



```
P3      print(summary(Mod_P3 <- lmer(P3 ~ Effort*Pain*Gender + (Effort|Subject), a1, REML=FALSE)))
```

LMM TW:330-410ms 电极点: PZ P3 P4

Predictors	Estimates	CI	p
(Intercept)	8.89	7.82 – 9.96	<0.001
Effort2-1	0.92	0.44 – 1.40	<0.001
Pain2-1	0.83	0.44 – 1.21	<0.001
Gender2-1	1.10	-1.04 – 3.24	0.314
Effort2-1:Pain2-1	0.79	0.02 – 1.55	0.045
Effort2-1:Gender2-1	-0.40	-1.35 – 0.56	0.416
Pain2-1:Gender2-1	1.06	0.29 – 1.83	0.007
Effort2-1:Pain2-1:Gender2-1	1.42	-0.12 – 2.96	0.070

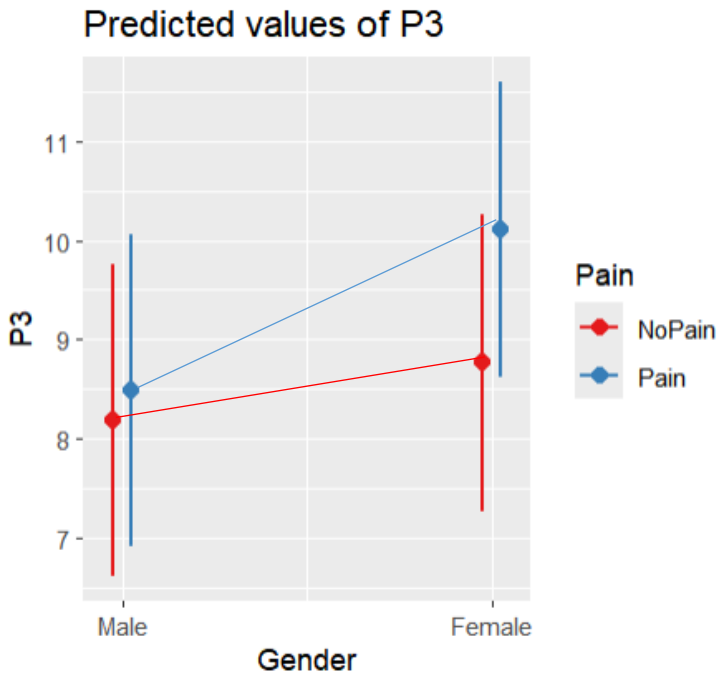
Random Effects

σ^2	68.96	(Effort*Pain Subject)
τ_{00} Subject	10.90	未能收敛
τ_{11} Subject.Effort2-1	0.79	(Effort+Pain Subject)
P01 Subject	0.11	(Pain Subject)
ICC	0.14	畸形拟合
N Subject	38	
Observations	7182	
Marginal R ² / Conditional R ²	0.010 / 0.147	

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$contrasts
Gender = Male:
contrast      estimate      SE    df t.ratio p.value
Pain - NoPain    0.296 0.283 7111   1.046  0.2957

Gender = Female:
contrast      estimate      SE    df t.ratio p.value
Pain - NoPain    1.354 0.272 7114   4.985 <.0001
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对于男性来说，Pain和NoPain
诱发的P3波幅无显著差异，
但对于女性来说，Pain诱发的
P3波幅显著大于NoPain



P3 MANOVA(data=a1, dv="P3", subID= "Subject",within=c("Effort","Pain"),between = ("Gender"))

ANOVA TW:330-410ms 电极点: PZ P3 P4

	MS	MSE	df1	df2	F	p	η^2p	[90% CI of η^2p]	η^2G
Gender	46.520	47.439	1	36	0.981	.329	.027	[.000, .162]	.024
Effort	32.825	2.399	1	36	13.683	<.001 ***	.275	[.090, .454]	.017
Gender * Effort	1.458	2.399	1	36	0.608	.441	.017	[.000, .140]	.001
Pain	26.552	1.551	1	36	17.118	<.001 ***	.322	[.126, .495]	.014
Gender * Pain	10.948	1.551	1	36	7.059	.012 *	.164	[.023, .346]	.006
Effort * Pain	6.223	1.070	1	36	5.817	.021 *	.139	[.012, .319]	.003
Gender * Effort * Pain	4.948	1.070	1	36	4.624	.038 *	.114	[.004, .290]	.003

Contrast	"Gender"	Estimate	S.E.	df	t	p	Cohen's d	[95% CI of d]
NoPain - Pain	Male	-0.300	(0.294)	36	-1.020	.314	-0.166	[-0.496, 0.164]
NoPain - Pain	Female	-1.375	(0.278)	36	-4.936	<.001 ***	-0.762	[-1.075, -0.449]

Contrast	"Effort"	Estimate	S.E.	df	t	p	Cohen's d	[95% CI of d]
NoPain - Pain	Low	-0.432	(0.254)	36	-1.700	.098 .	-0.239	[-0.525, 0.046]
NoPain - Pain	High	-1.242	(0.272)	36	-4.574	<.001 ***	-0.688	[-0.994, -0.383]

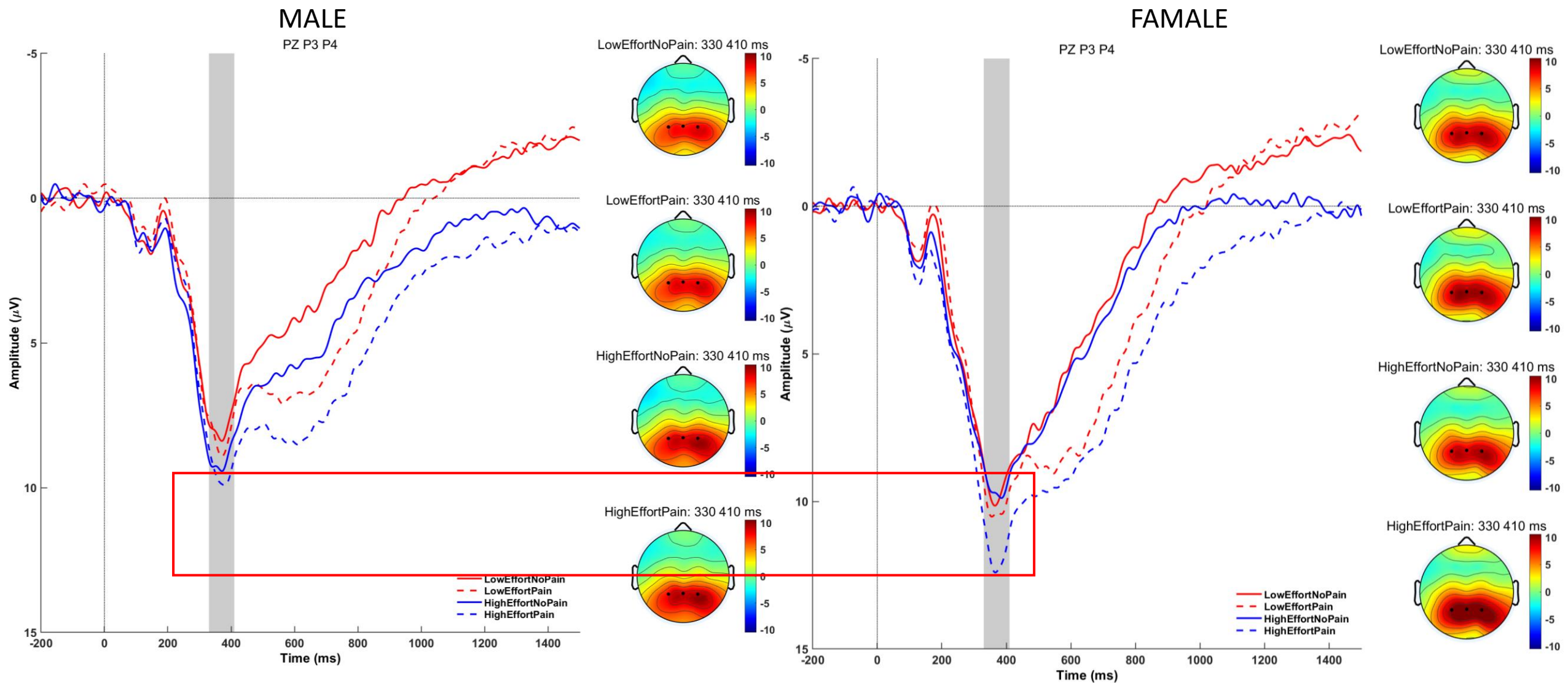
P3 MANOVA(*data=a1, dv="P3", subID= "Subject",within=c("Effort","Pain"),between = ("Gender")*)

ANOVA TW:330-410ms 电极点: PZ P3 P4

Pairwise Comparisons of "Pain" & "Gender":

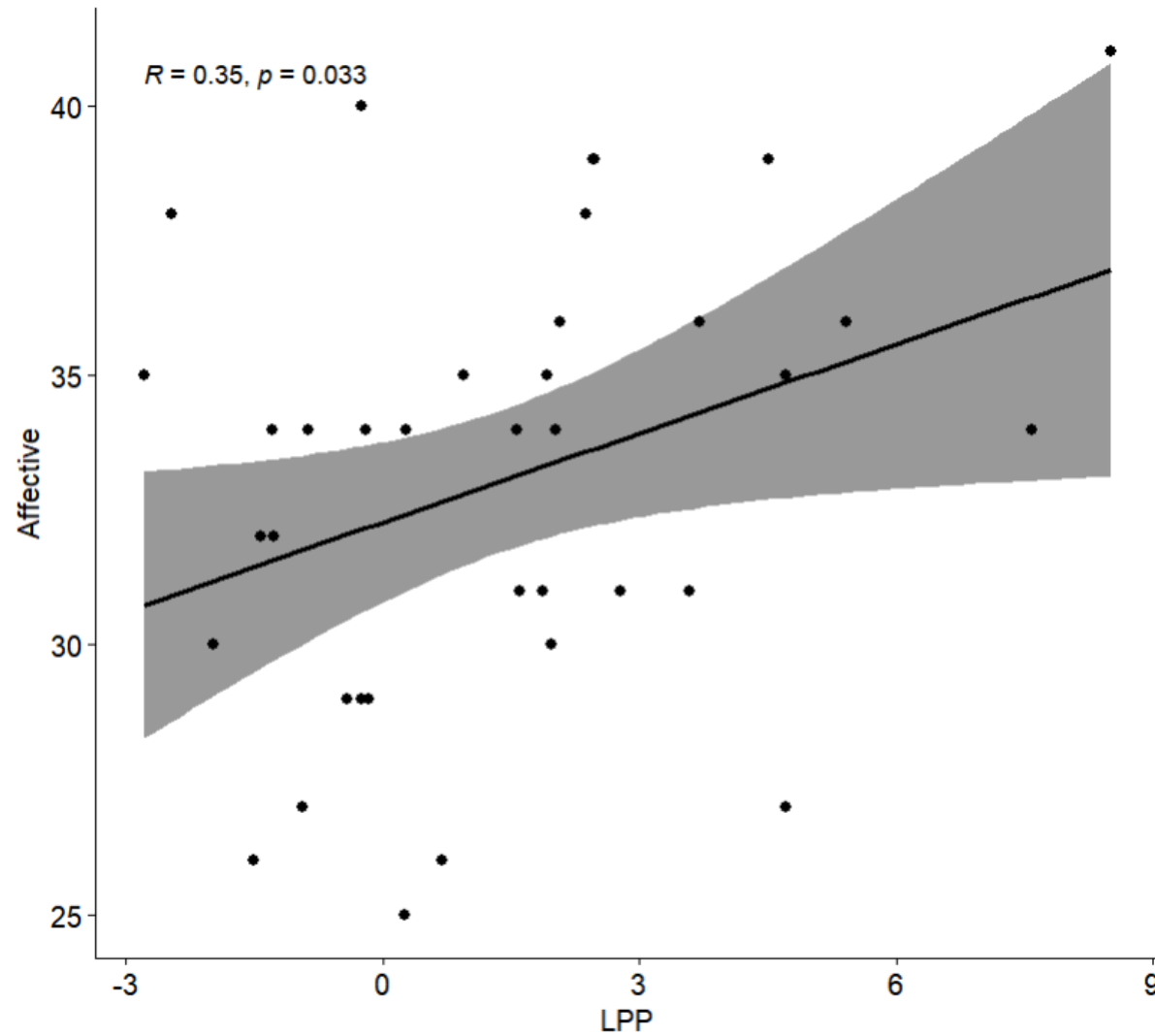
	Contrast	"Effort"	Estimate	S.E.	df	t	p	Cohen's d	[95% CI of d]
NoPain Male - Pain Male	Low	-0.256	(0.369)	36	-0.693	1.000	-0.142	[-0.712, 0.429]	
Pain Female - Pain Male	Low	1.480	(1.206)	36	1.227	1.000	0.820	[-1.046, 2.687]	
Pain Female - NoPain Male	Low	1.736	(1.157)	36	1.500	.853	0.962	[-0.828, 2.752]	
NoPain Female - Pain Male	Low	0.872	(1.162)	36	0.751	1.000	0.483	[-1.314, 2.281]	
NoPain Female - NoPain Male	Low	1.128	(1.110)	36	1.016	1.000	0.625	[-1.093, 2.343]	
NoPain Female - Pain Female	Low	-0.608	(0.350)	36	-1.738	.544	-0.337	[-0.878, 0.204]	
NoPain Male - Pain Male	High	-0.343	(0.394)	36	-0.871	1.000	-0.190	[-0.800, 0.419]	
Pain Female - Pain Male	High	1.811	(1.263)	36	1.434	.961	1.003	[-0.950, 2.957]	
Pain Female - NoPain Male	High	2.154	(1.190)	36	1.811	.471	1.194	[-0.647, 3.035]	
NoPain Female - Pain Male	High	-0.330	(1.197)	36	-0.276	1.000	-0.183	[-2.035, 1.669]	
NoPain Female - NoPain Male	High	0.013	(1.120)	36	0.012	1.000	0.007	[-1.726, 1.740]	
NoPain Female - Pain Female	High	-2.141	(0.374)	36	-5.727	<.001 ***	-1.187	[-1.765, -0.608]	

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Pain:P3~Affective

