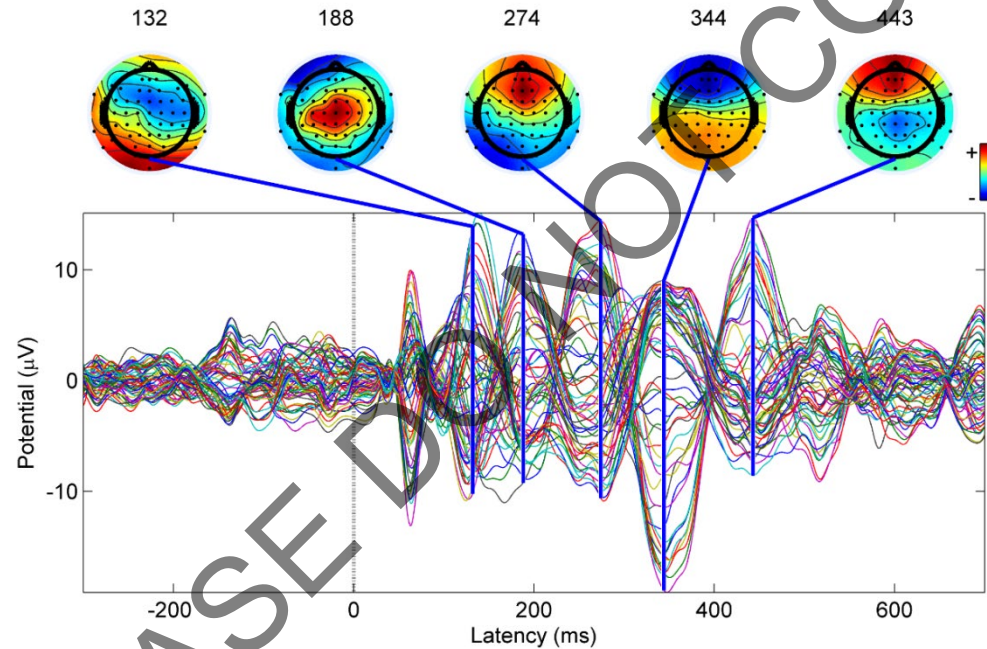


Combining TMS and EEG



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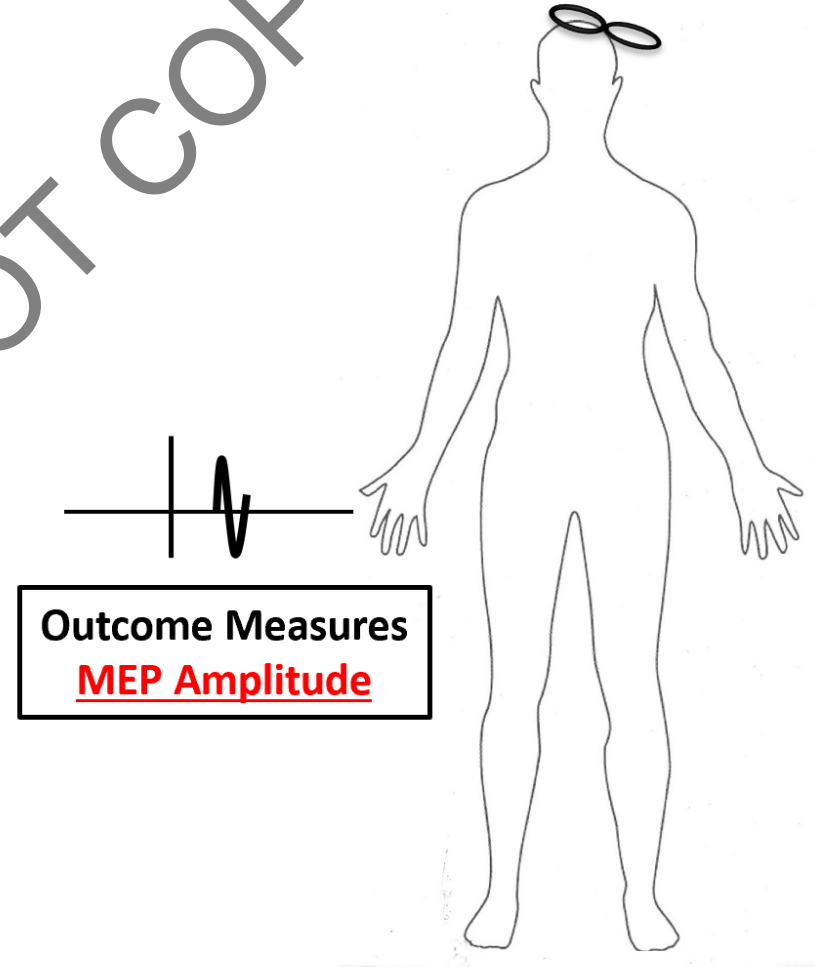
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TMS: What do we know?

TMS Protocols

- Single Pulse TMS
 - Cortical Mapping
 - Motor Threshold
 - Central Conduction Time
- Paired Pulse TMS
 - One Region
 - Two Regions
- Repetitive TMS
- CLINICAL APPLICATIONS
 - Across a wide spectrum of neurologic and psychiatric diseases



This is FINE, But ...

What Is Missing?

Cortical origin?

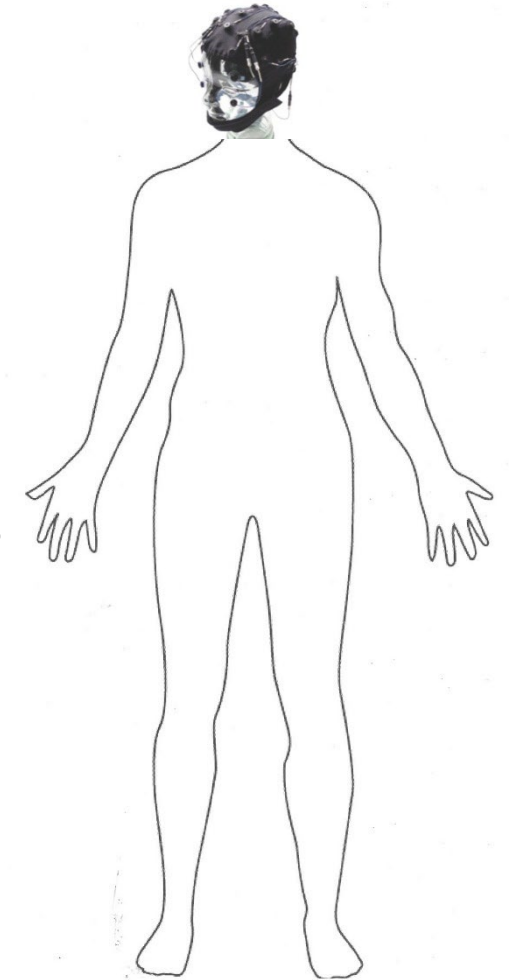
Non-motor regions?

State-Dependency?

**Changing brain
activity states in
disease conditions?**

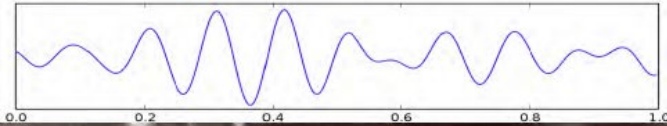
Motor Responses

MEPS

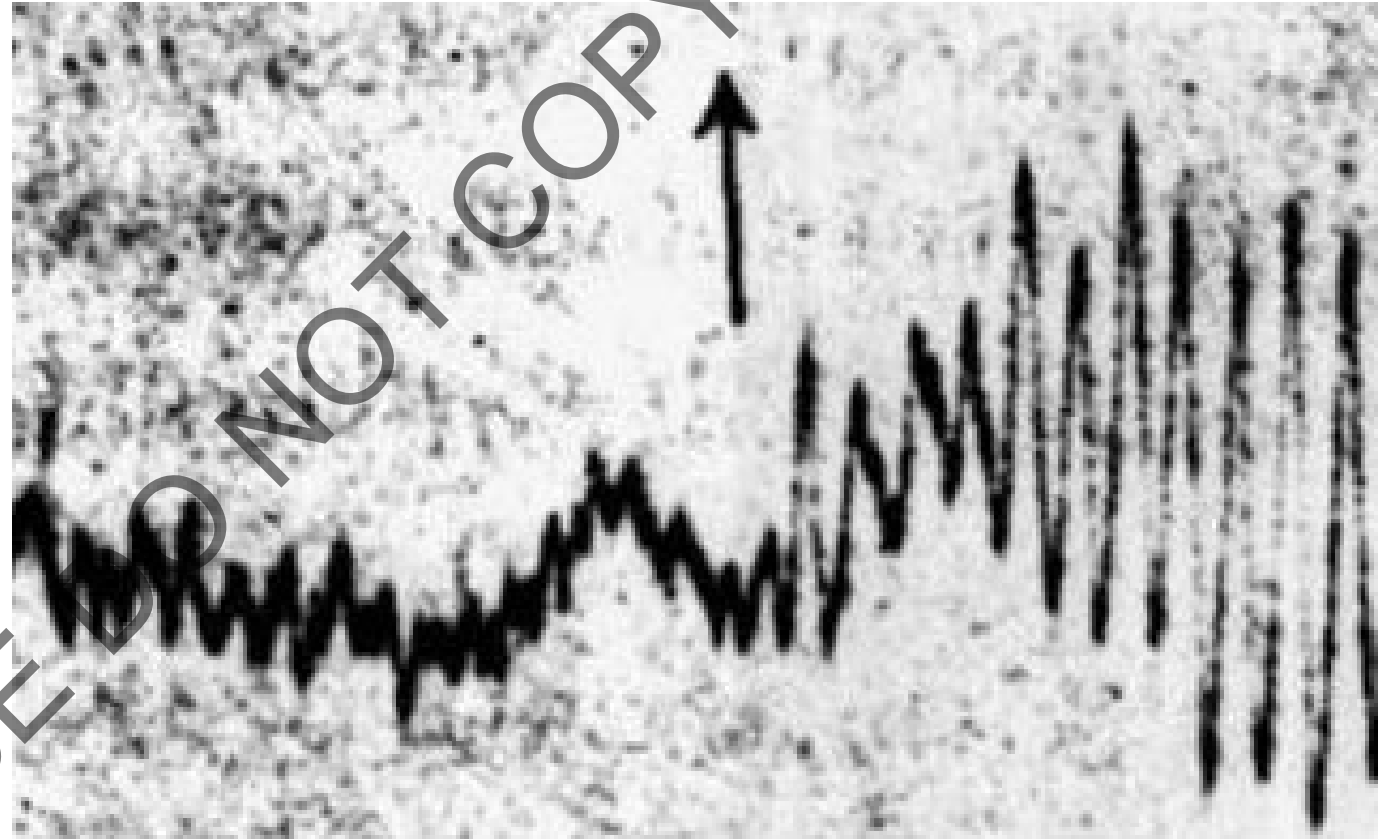


FFG to the rescue?

Berger's Waves



German psychiatrist. First EEG recorded in 1924 and reported in 1929.



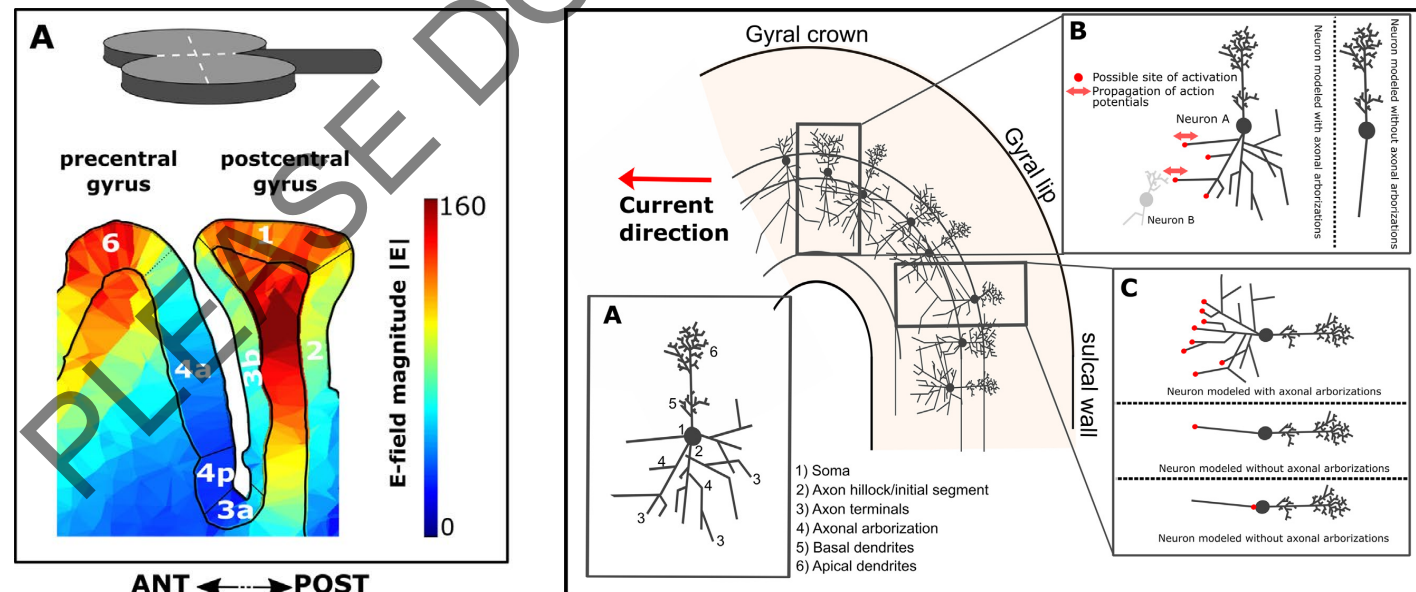
An early EEG recording performed by Hans Berger. Prior to the arrow the subject is performing a mental arithmetic task. After the task stops, alpha returns. (Jensen, Spaak, Zumer 2014)

EEG: What are we recording?

- Mostly captures the synaptic activity at the **surface of the cortex**.
- EPSP + IPSP generated by **synchronous** activity of **thousands** of neurons oriented **in parallel** to each other.
- Interplay between **excitatory pyramidal neurons** and inhibitory **interneurons**

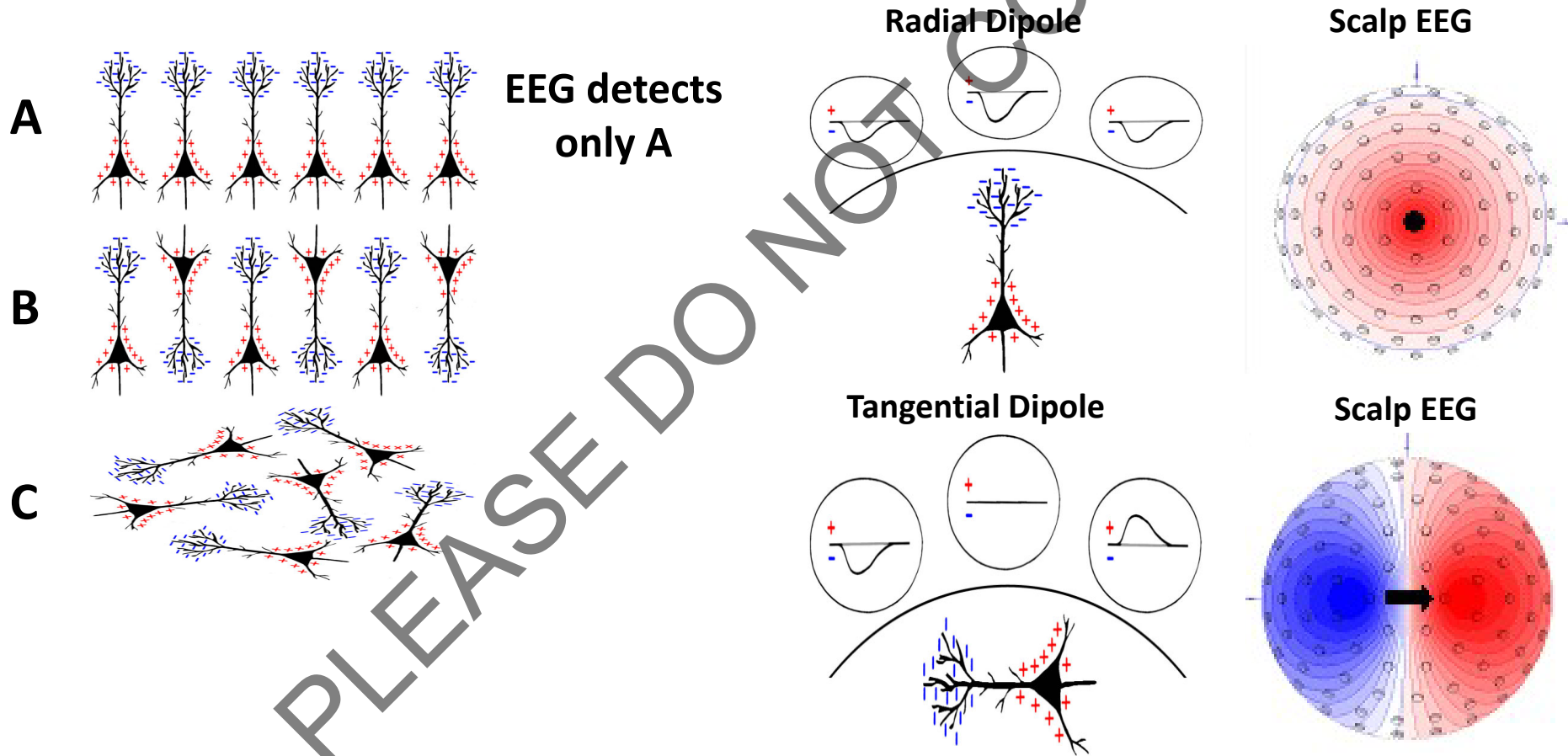
What is stimulated by TMS?

Thousands of pyramidal cells, interneurons and axons with maximum efficiency at the **surface of the cortex**.



EEG: What are we recording?

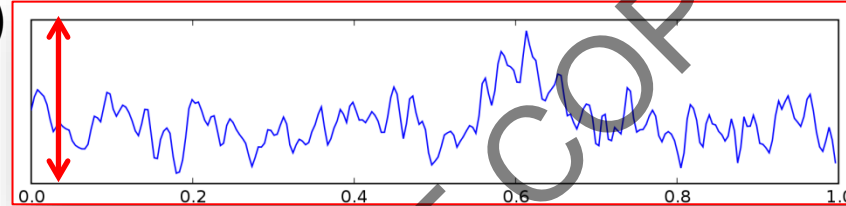
- Orientation is critical and dictates what we can see at the scalp



EEG language?

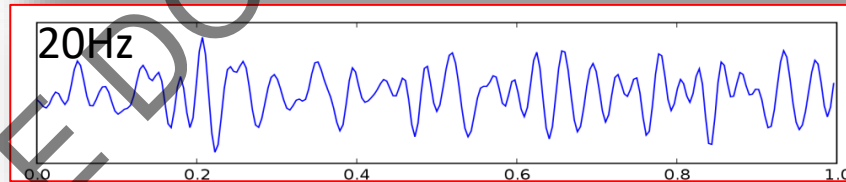
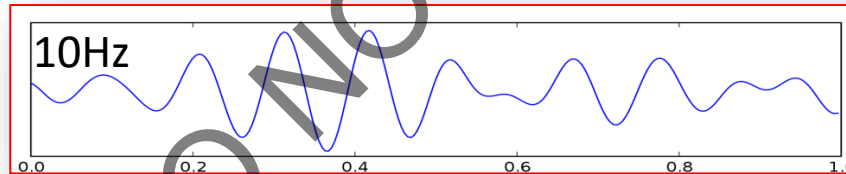
Amplitude (or Power)

Strength
(μV or μV^2)



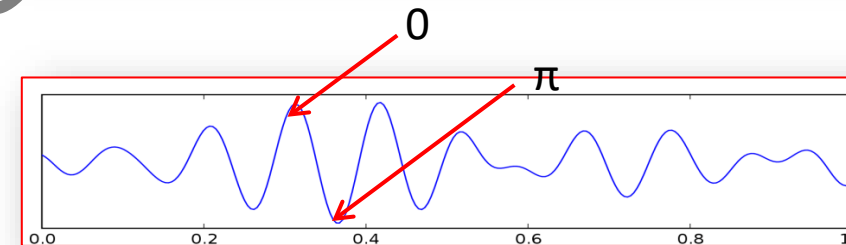
Frequency

of Cycles/Second
(Hz)



Phase

(Radians)



When/How to Record EEG?

Continuous Recording (No Event)

- Anesthesia,
- Sleep
- Resting (eyes open/closed)

Relative to An Event/Stimulation

- Sensory, motor, cognitive processing
- Electrical stimulation

Time: Event Related Potential or Evoked potentials

Frequency: Event Related Spectral Perturbation

Phase

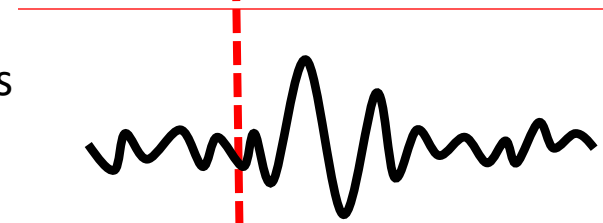


Event/Stimulus

Trial 1

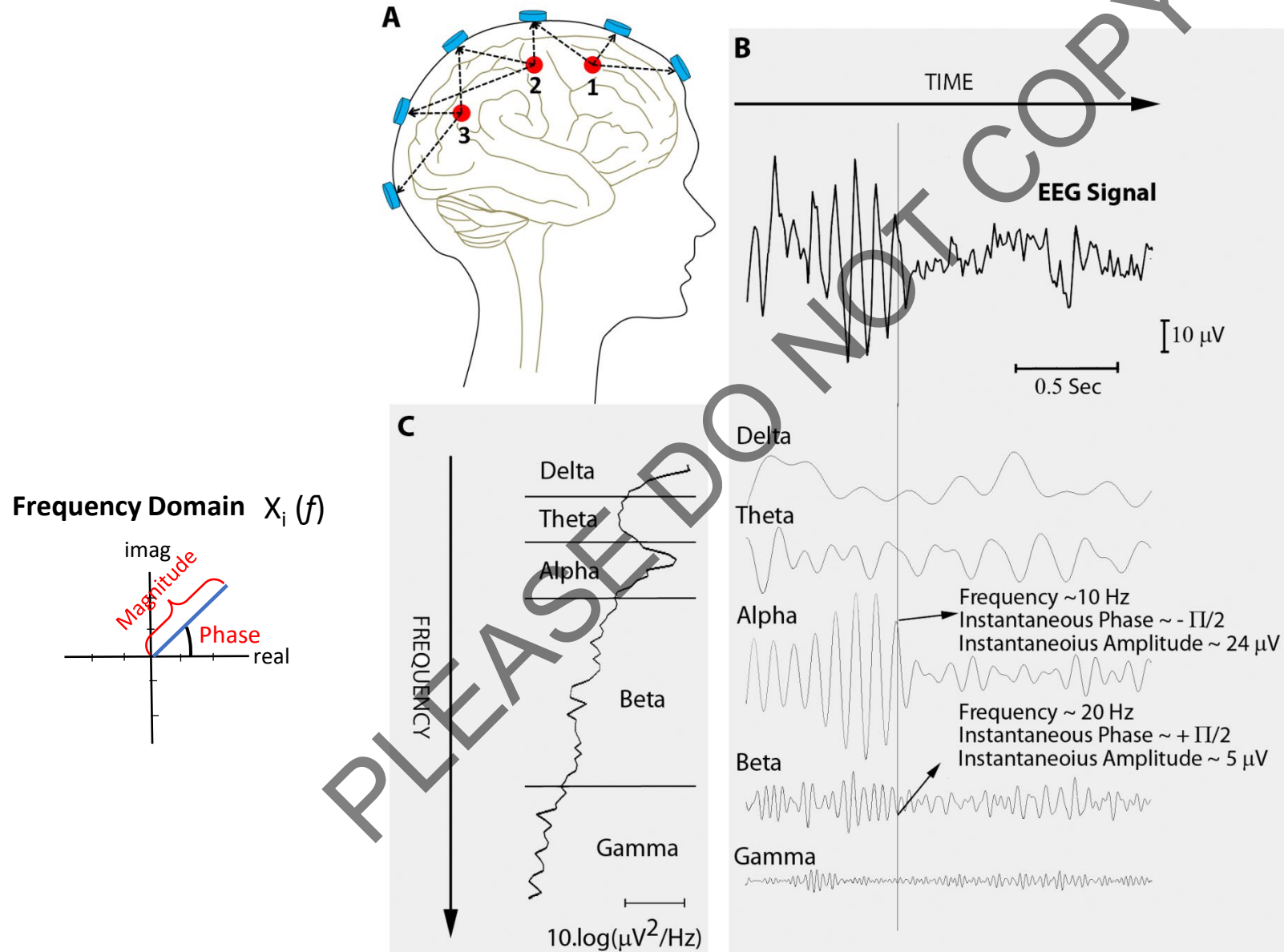
Trial 2

Trial 100



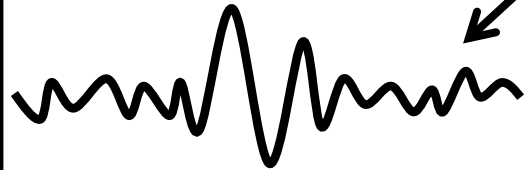
How to Analyze EEG?

Time vs. Frequency Domain



How to Analyze EEG?

Local Response



- Amplitude/Power
- Frequency
- Phase

Spontaneous EEG:

Spectral Power

EEG + Event:

Event-Related Potentials (**ERP** or **EP**)

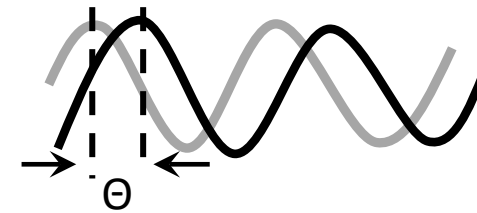
Event-Related Spectral Perturbation (**ERSP**)

Event-Related Synchronization (**ERS**)

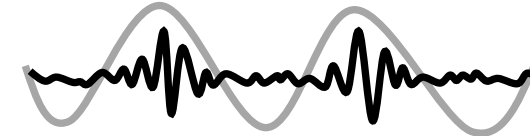
Event-Related Desynchronization (**ERD**)

Functional Connectivity

Correlation (time)
Coherence (frequency)
Synchrony (phase-locking)



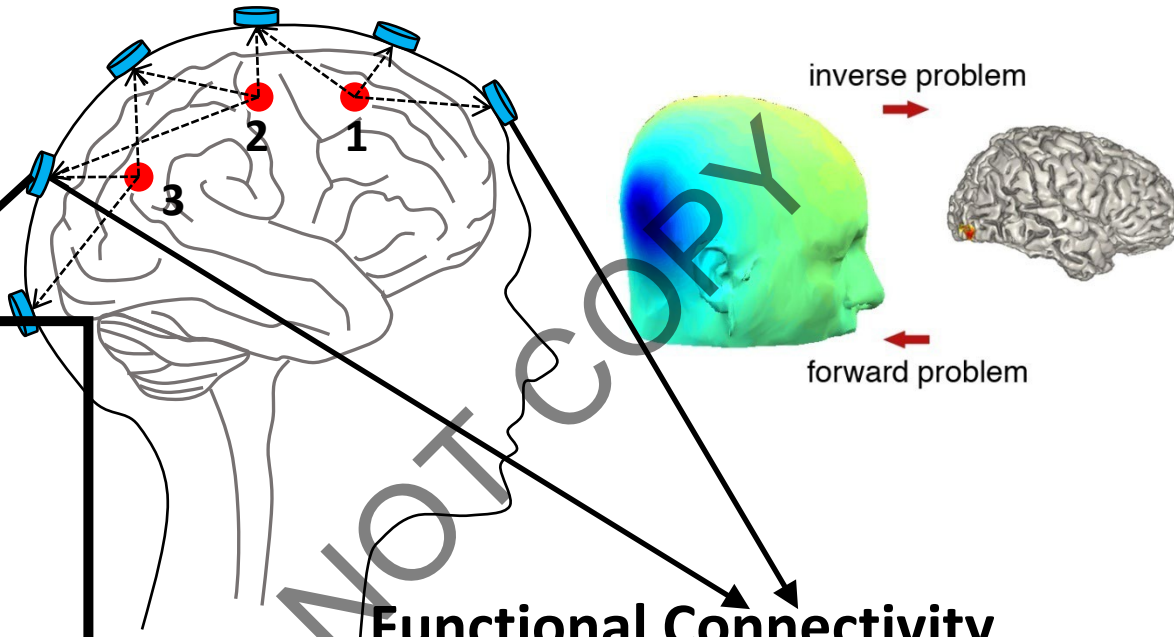
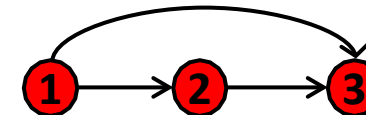
Cross-Frequency Phase-Amplitude Coupling



Direction of Information Flow

Directed Transfer Function

Directed Partial Coherence



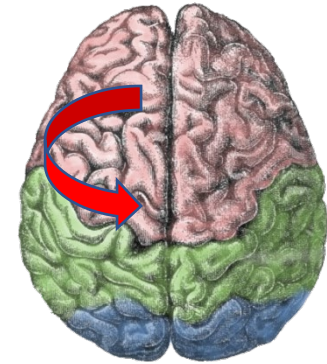
In summary what can EEG tell us?

Excitability of cortical tissue, and the balance of excitation and inhibition



Brain state and the integrity of different networks

Dynamics of interactions within and between different brain regions



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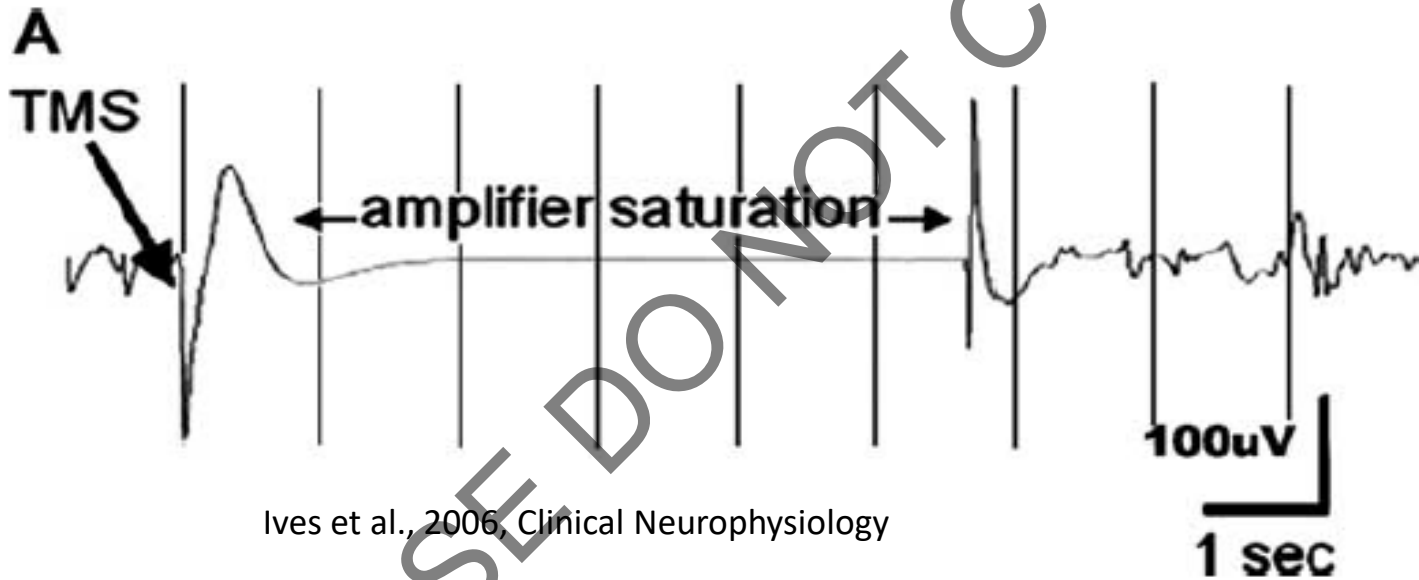


Marrying TMS with EEG ... the problems ...

- Very brief (5min) Summary here.
- More detailed illustrations and explanations during TMS-EEG hands on session.

Initial Problems?

EEG Amplifiers Saturated!



Ives et al., 2006, Clinical Neurophysiology

TMS pulse generated too high a voltage (> 50mV) for most amplifiers to handle. Amplifiers were saturated or even damaged!

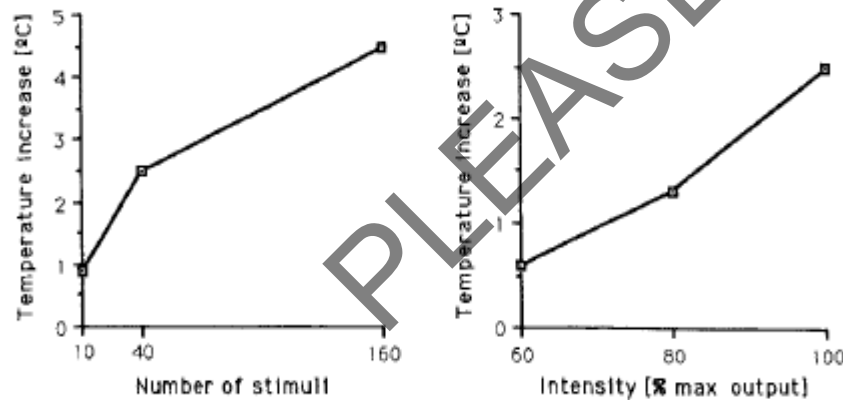
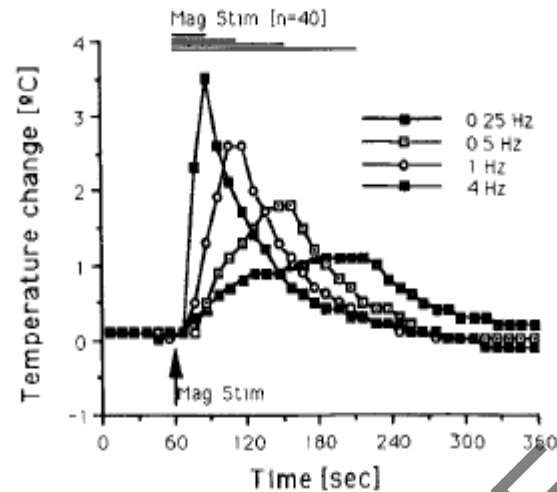
Problem 1: EEG Amplifier Saturation



Some Solutions

- **De-coupling:** TMS pulse is short (.2 to .6ms), so block the amplifier and reduce the gain for -50 μ s to 2.5 ms relative to TMS pulse.
Virtanen et al., Med Biol Eng Comput, 1999; **Nexstim (Helsinki, Finland)**
- **Increased Sensitivity & Operational Range:** Adjust the sensitivity (100 nV/bit) and operational range of EEG amplifiers so that amplifiers would not saturate by large TMS voltage
BrainProducts (Munich, Germany)
- **DC-Coupling/High Sampling Rate:** A combination of DC-coupling, fast 24-bit analog digital converter (ADC) resolution (i.e., 24 nV/bit) compared to older 16-bit ADC resolution that was limited to 6.1 mV/bit, and high sampling rate (20 kHz)=> capture the full shape of artifact and prevent amplifier clipping. **NeuroScan (Compumedics)**
- **Limited Slew Rate:** Limiting the slew rate (the rate of change of voltage) to avoid amplifier saturation; Artifact removed by finding the difference between two conditions.
Thut et al., 2003; Ives et al., 2006;

TMS Heated Up Electrodes!



Skin temperature changes during magnetic stimulation.

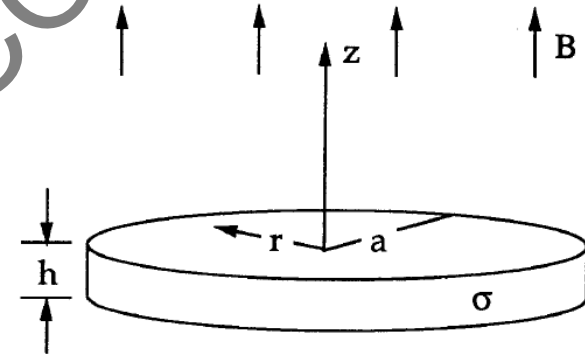
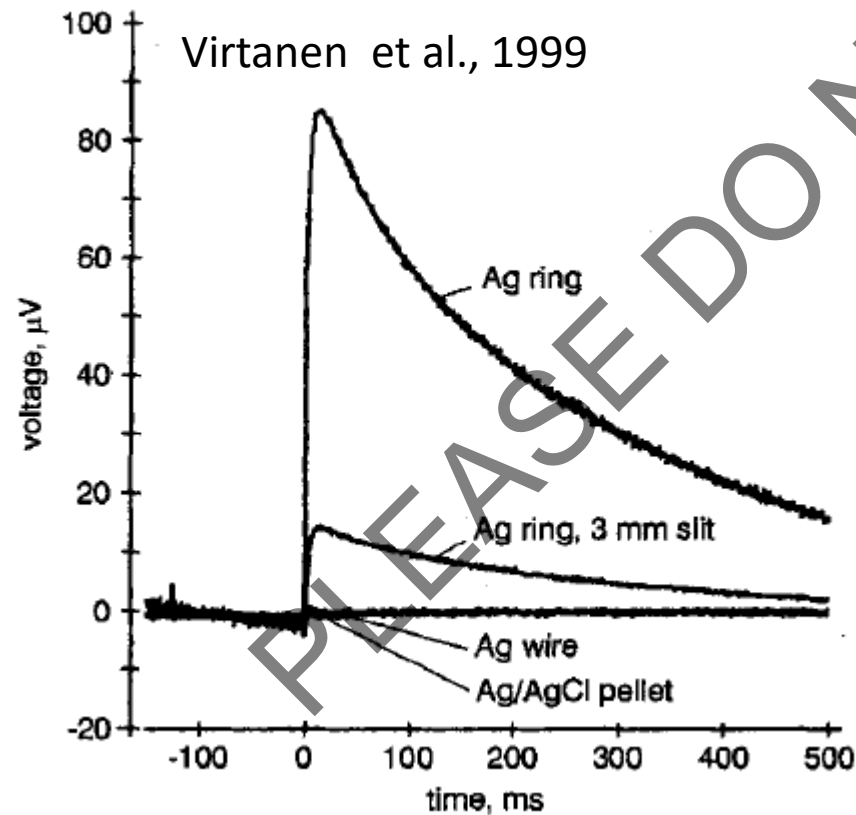
One of the subjects had a burn on the skin, to test whether this had anything to do with rTMS, they placed electrodes on their arm and stimulated the electrode with different number of stimuli, different intensity and different duration of stimulation.

Reference: Pascual-Leone et al., 1990, Lancet

Problem 2: Electrode Heating

Some Solutions

Small Ag/AgCl Pellet Electrodes



$$\text{Temp} \sim r^2$$

$$\text{Temp} \sim B^2$$

$$\text{Temp} \sim \text{metal electrical conductivity } (\sigma)$$

There were all kinds of other issues too ...

- We learned that TMS induces a secondary current (eddy current) in near by conductors. Well... EEG electrodes are conductors!

High frequency noise in the electrode under the coil

- Movement of electrodes by TMS coil, muscle movement or electromagnetic force.

Slow frequency movement & motion artifact in EEG recording

- Capacitor recharge also induced artifact in the EEG.

Smaller amplitude TMS artifact sometime after TMS pulse

And some remain problematic...

**TMS may cause
motor responses in
scalp muscles**

Frontalis

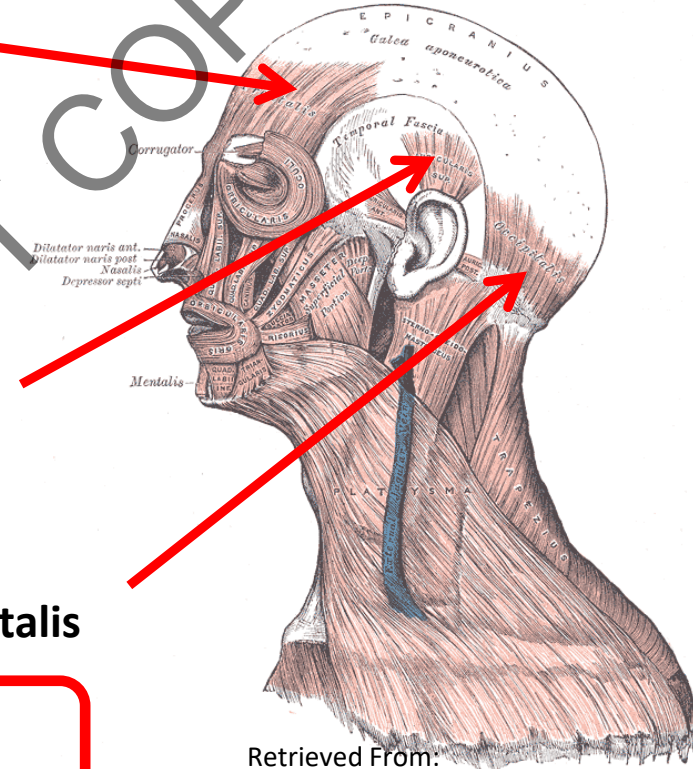
Temporalis

Occipitalis

Some Solutions

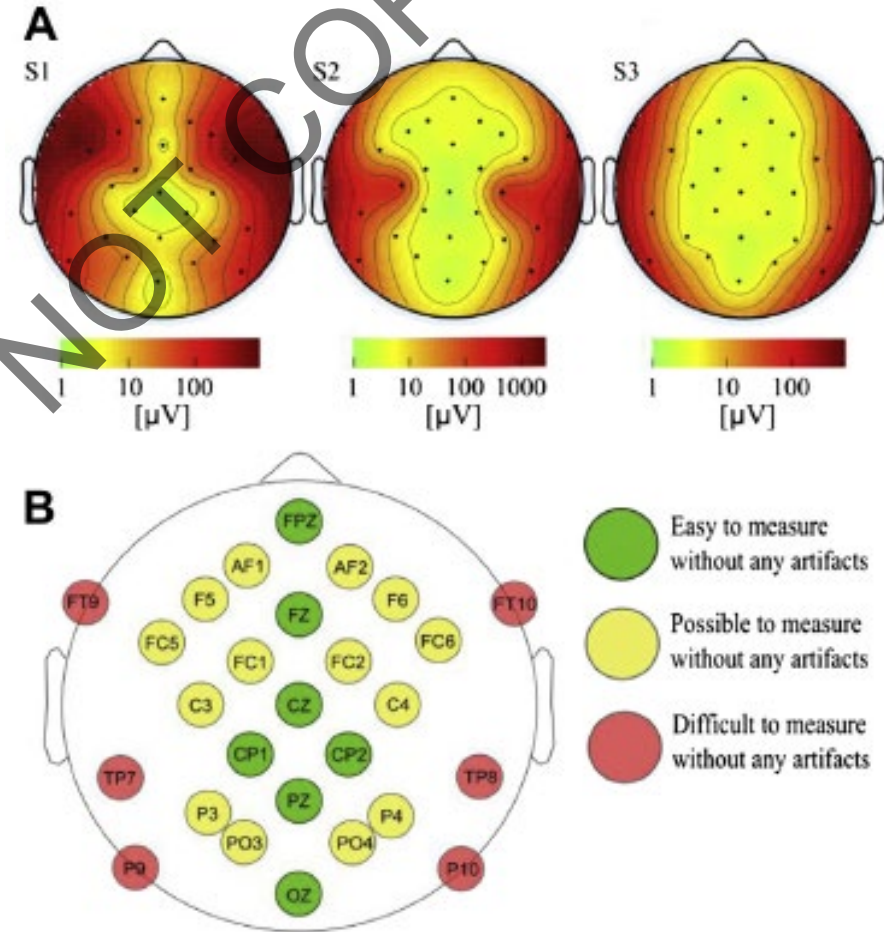
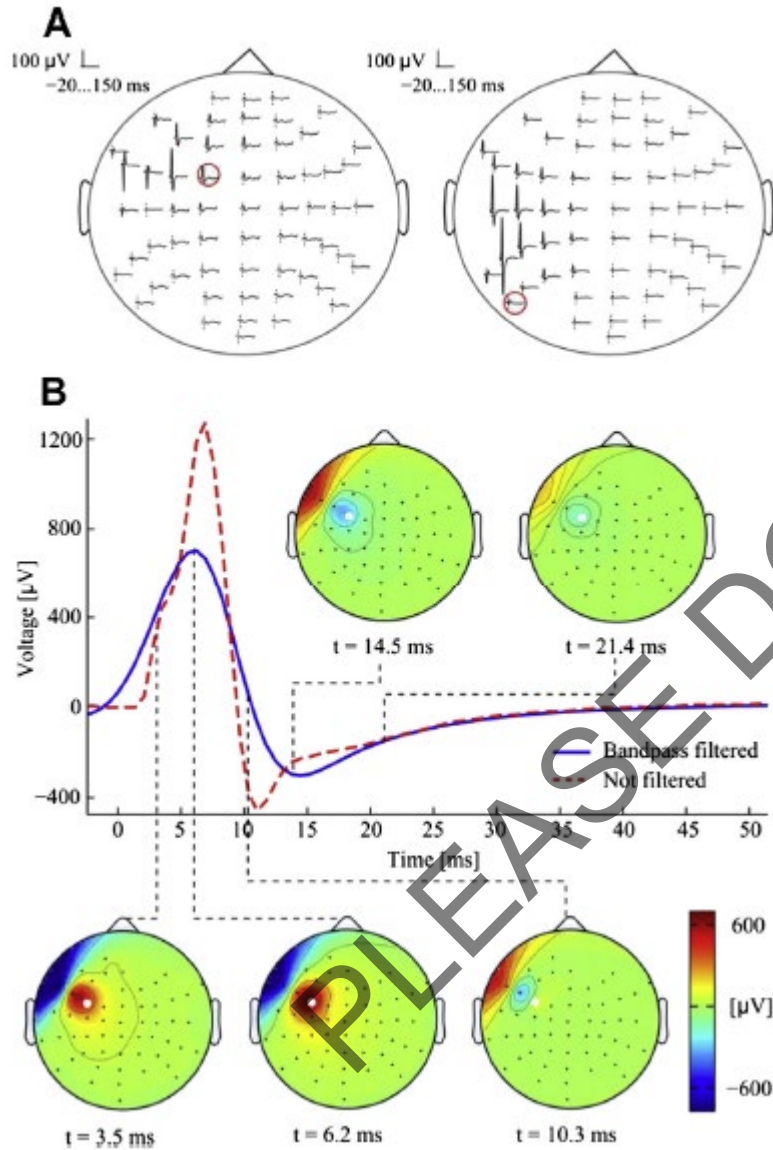
**Changing the coil angle to stimulate
muscles less**

**EMG artifact removal after recording
Independent Component Analysis**



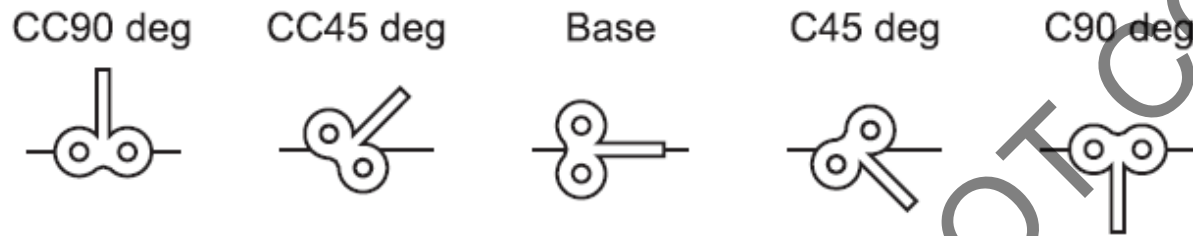
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Site of stimulation is critical



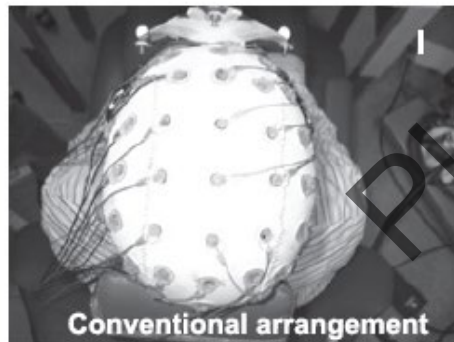
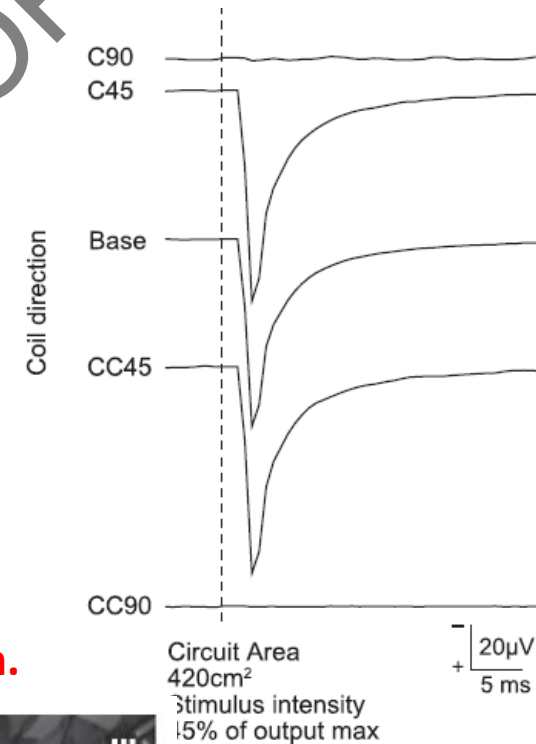
Minimizing recorded artifact online

Coil Orientation with Respect to the Electrode Wires



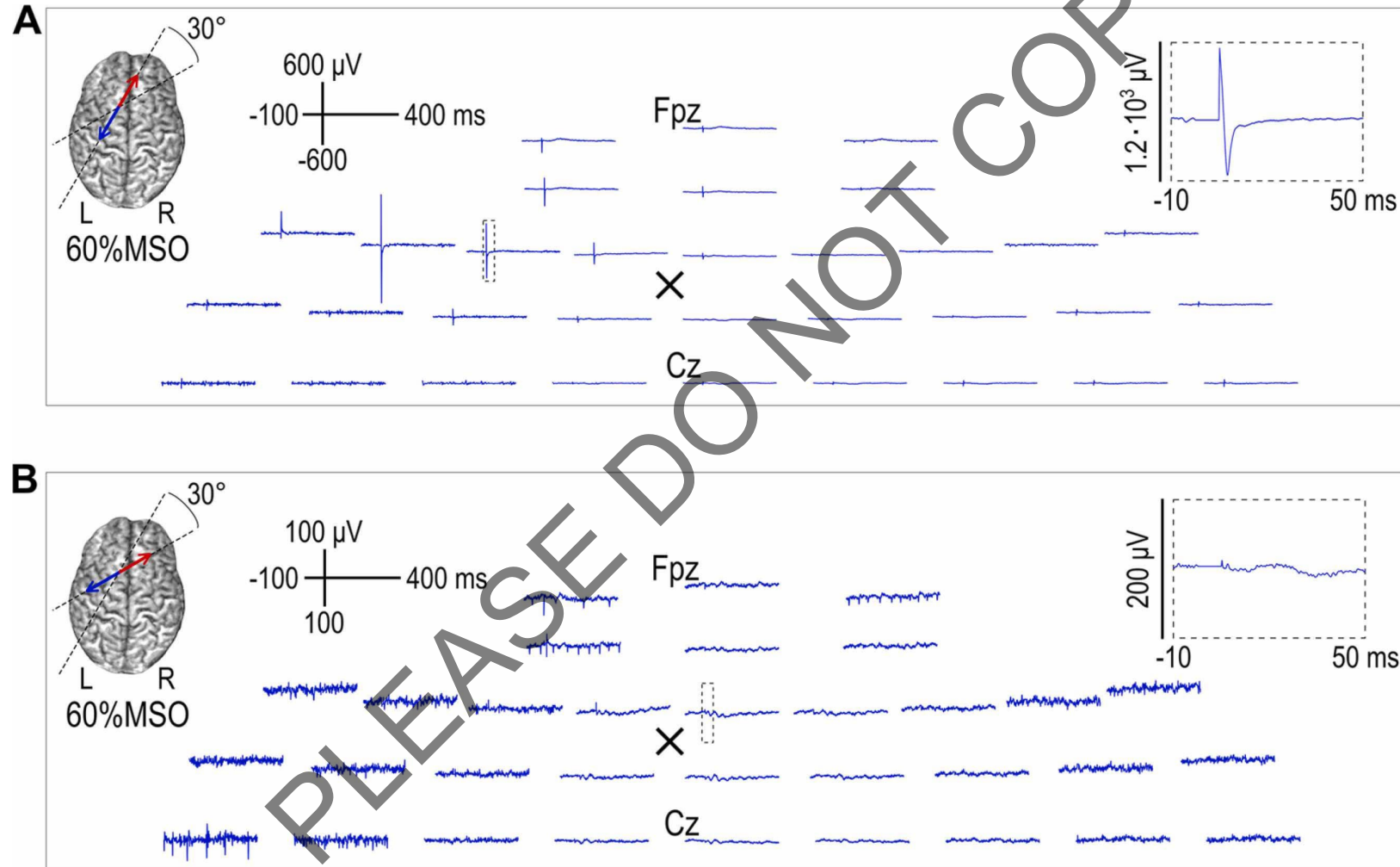
- Large positive depression after the stimulus onset for Base, C45, and CC45 directions,
- Residual artifacts were negligible at both 90 positions

Solution: Rearrange the lead wires relative to the coil orientation.

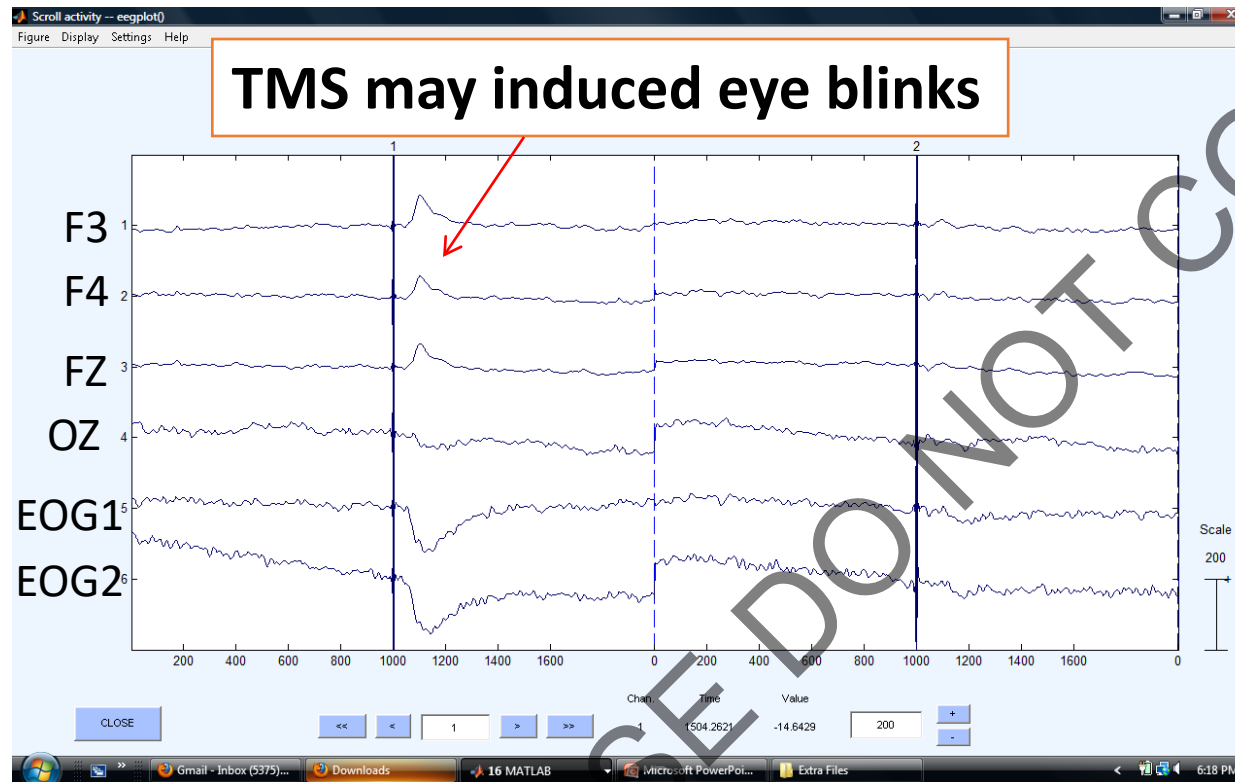


Results from: H. Sekiguchi et al., Clinical Neurophysiology

Potential solution: Real-time visualization of TEPs



Other difficulties



Some Solutions

EOG Calibration Trial

Delete Contaminated Trials

Independent Component Analysis (ICA)

Minimizing recorded artifact Offline

Deleting, Ignoring, or 'Zero-Padding'

Remove by setting the artifact to zero

References: Esser 2006; Van Der Werf and Paus 2006; Huber 2008; Farzan 2010;

Temporal Subtraction Method

Create a temporal template of TMS artifact and subtract it; Example: TMS only condition; TMS+Task Condition, then subtract TMS Only from TMS+Task

References: Thut et al. 2003; 2005.

Removing Artifact and Interpolate

Interpolation: Cut the artifact and connect the prestimulus data point to artifact free post stimulus

References: Kahkonen et al. 2001; Fuggetta et al. 2005; Reichenbach et al. 2011.

PCA and ICA

Parse out EEG recording into independent (ICA) or principle (PCA) components and remove the component that are due to noise;

References: Litvak et al. 2007; Korhonen 2011 Hamidi 2010; Maki & Ilmoniemi 2011; Hernandez-Pavon 2012; Braack 2013, Rogasch 2014

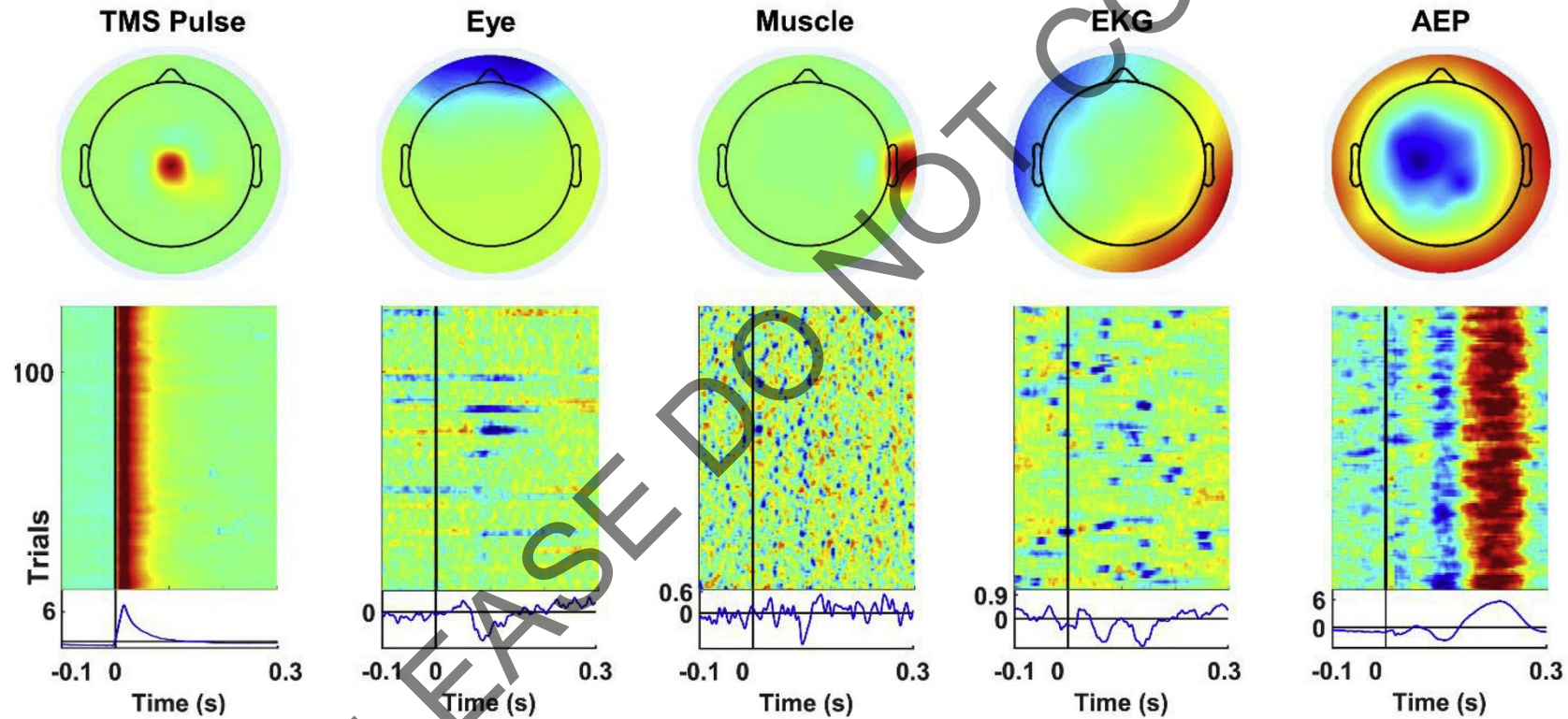
Filtering

Non-linear Kalman filter to account for TMS induced artifact

References: Morbidi et al., 2007

M/F

ICA can remove artifactual components



Ozdemir et al, Brain Stim 2021

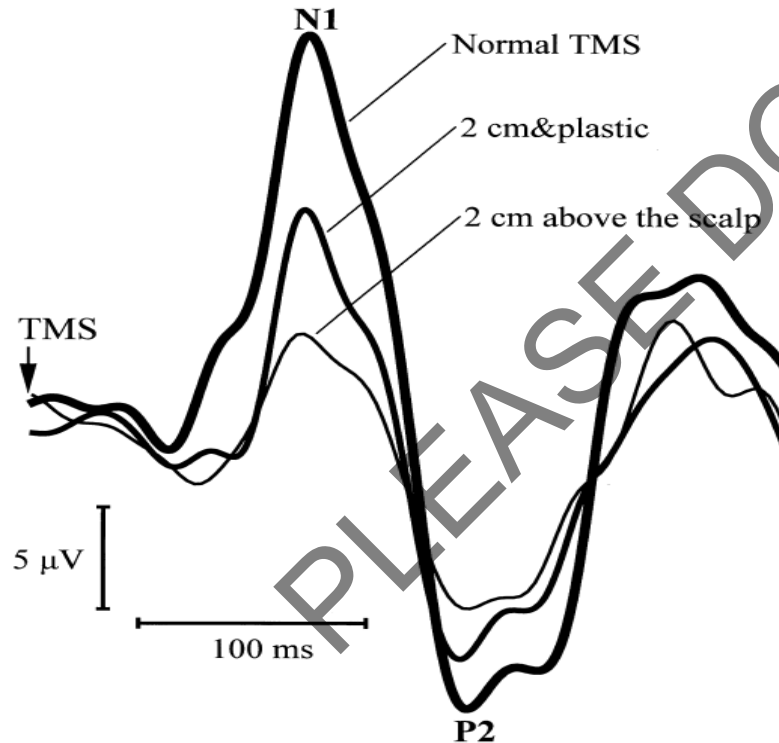
TMS Sound

TMS click is loud!

~ 100 dB 5 cm of the coil

TMS induces auditory evoked potentials

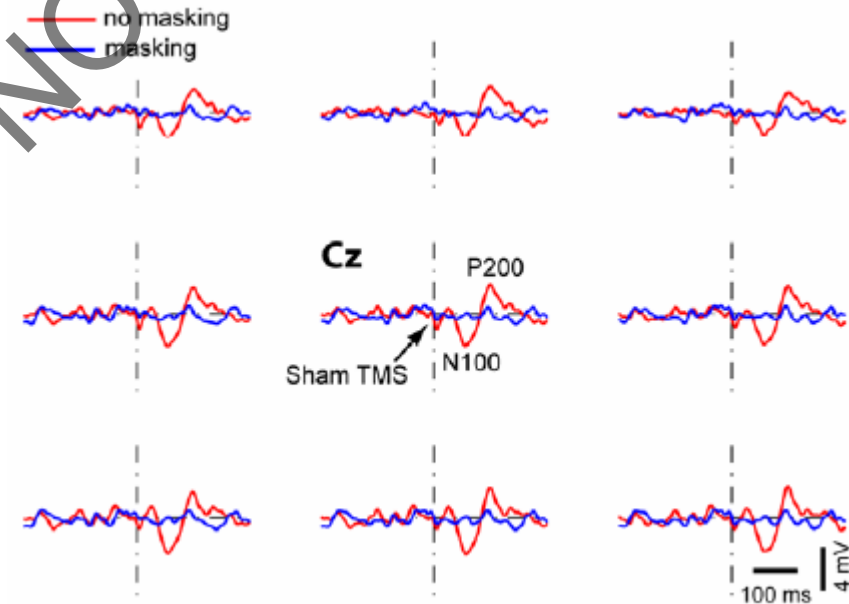
Air & Bone Conducted



Nikouline 1999

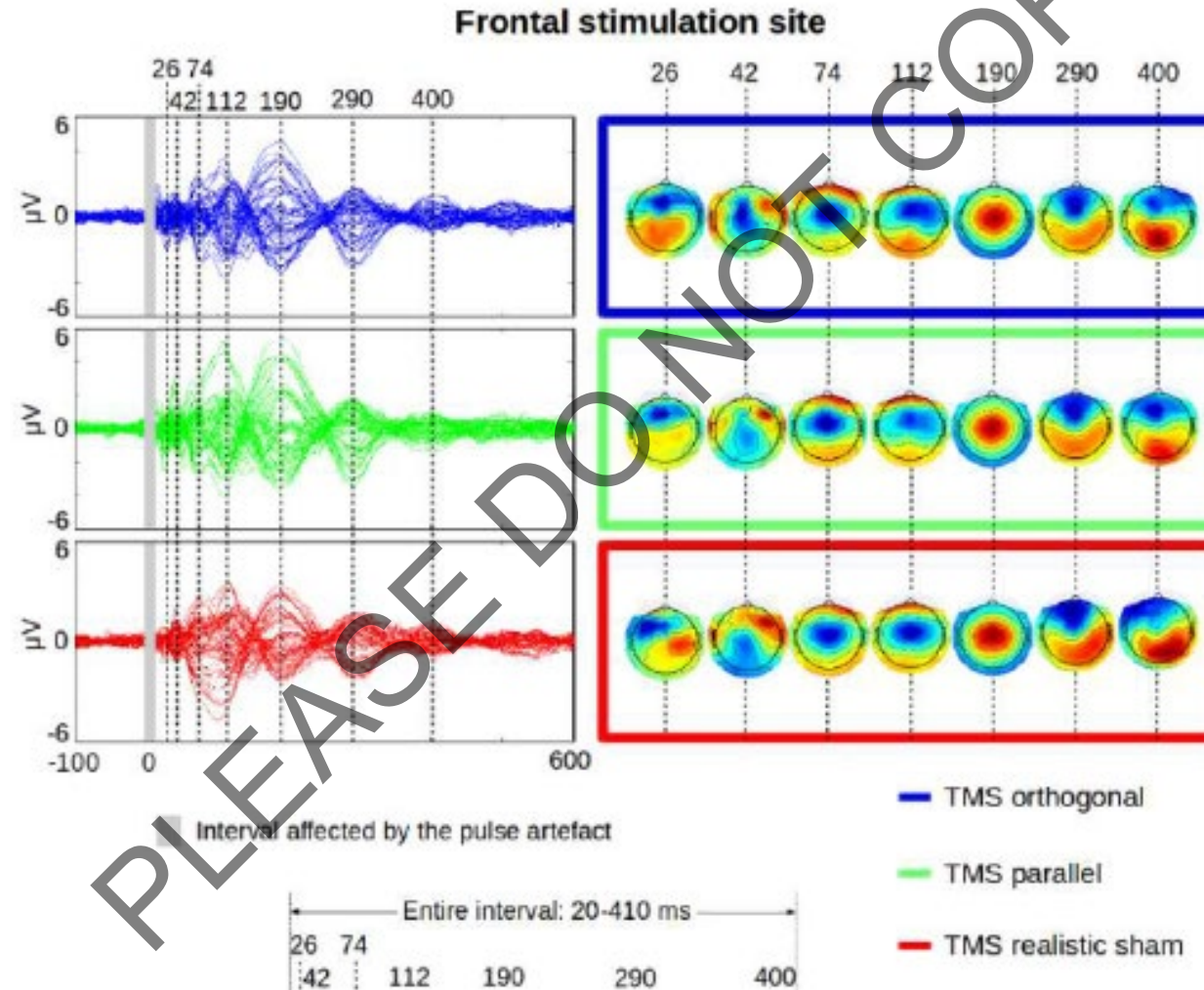
Some Solutions

Auditory masking with a frequency matched to the spectrum of the TMS click

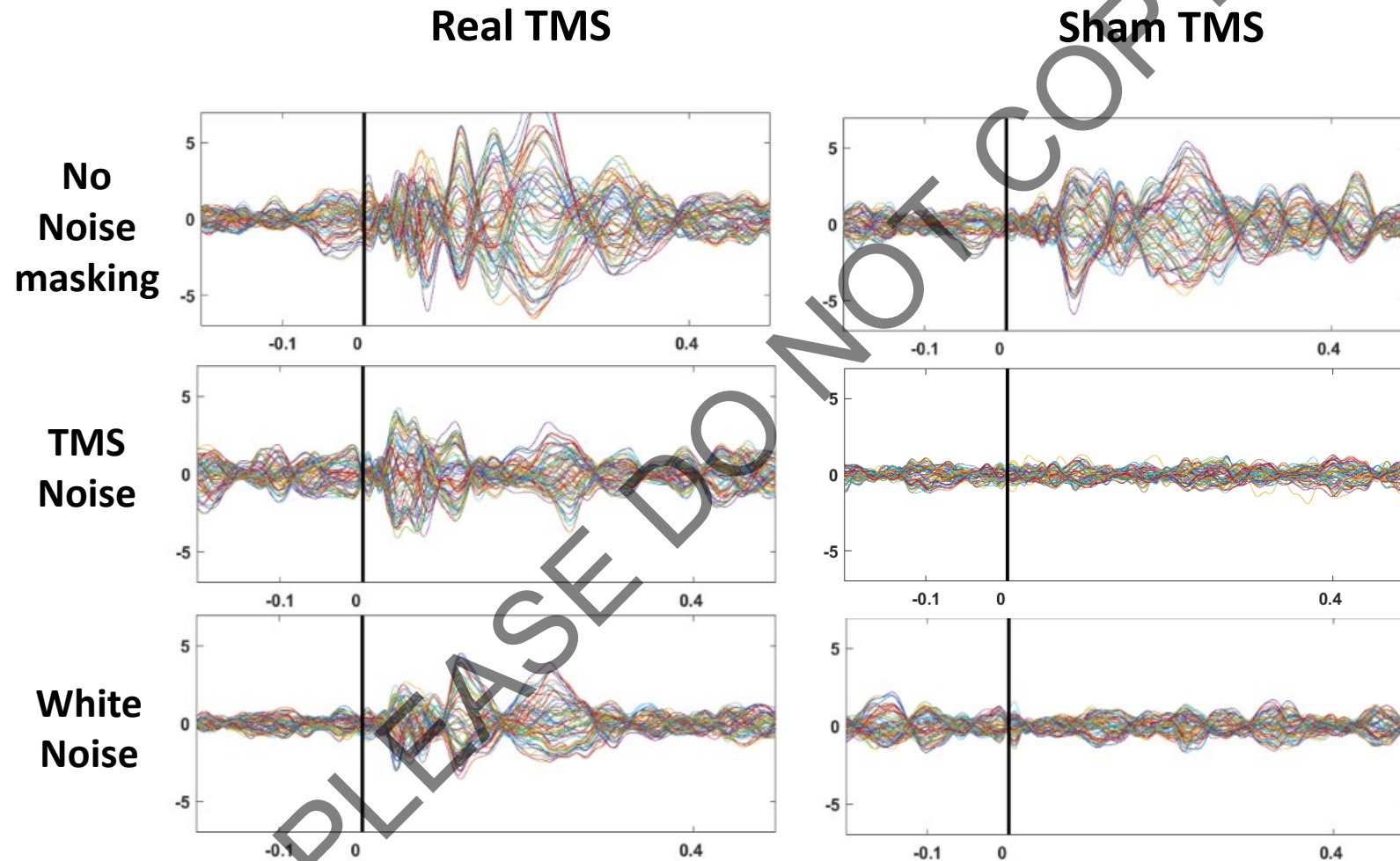


Massimini 2005

TMS sound: Auditory Evoked Potentials (AEPs)

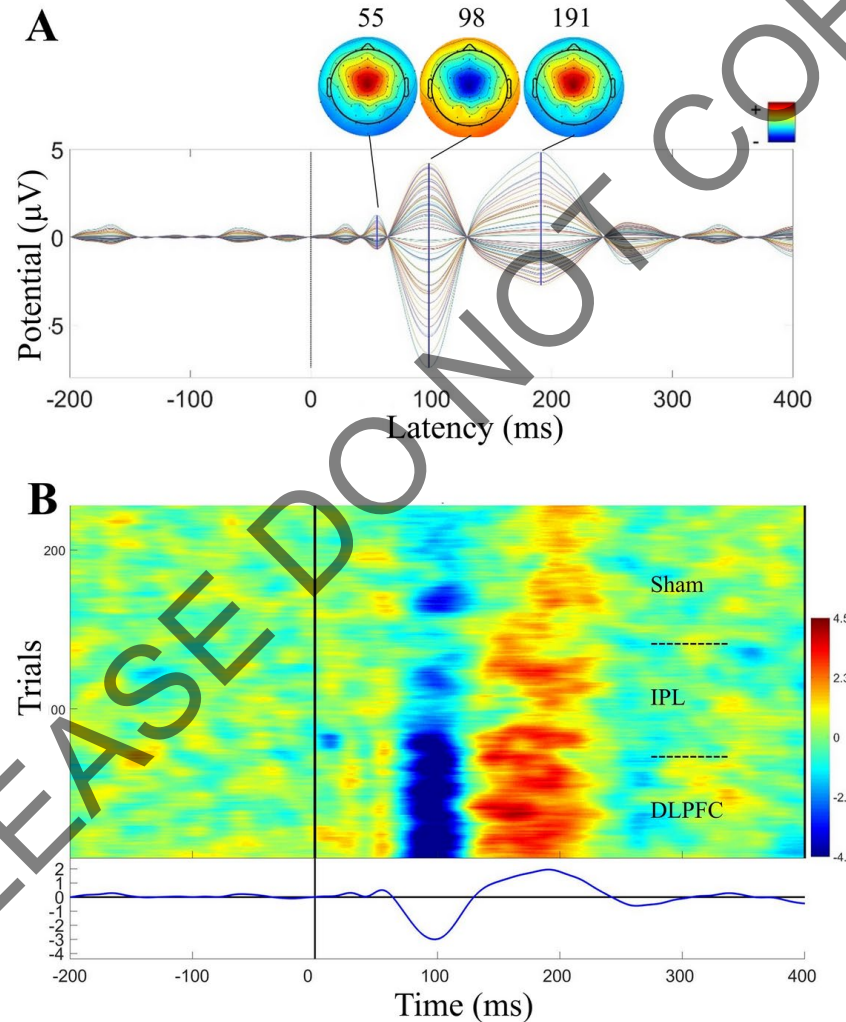


Auditory Noise for AEP removal

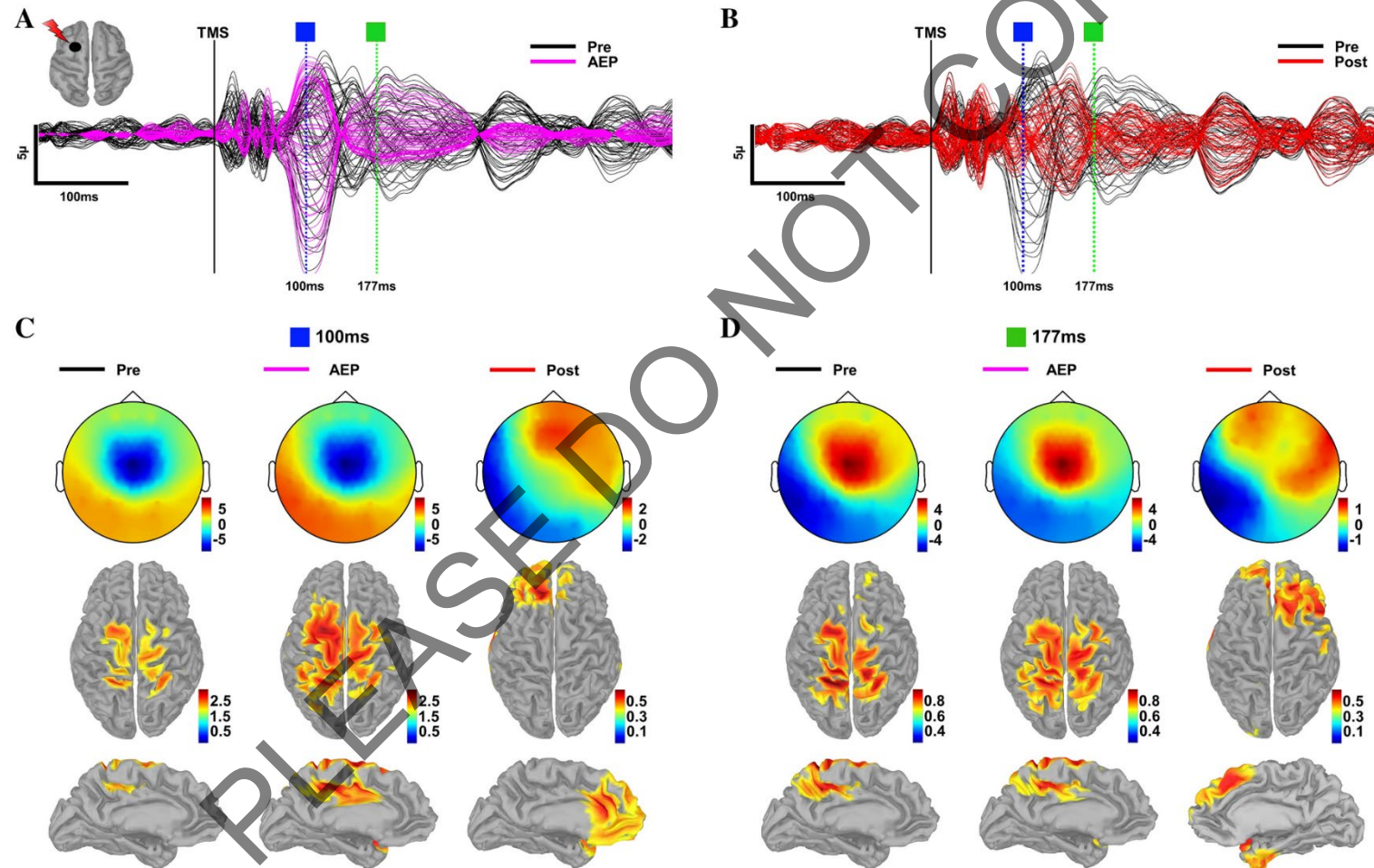


In house data

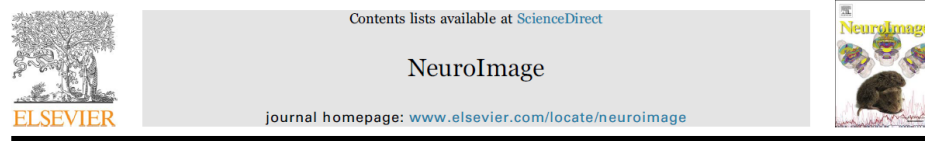
Sham informed ICA for AEP removal



Sham informed ICA for AEP removal



TMS-EEG preprocessing Tools



Analysing concurrent transcranial magnetic stimulation and electroencephalographic data: A review and introduction to the open-source TESA software

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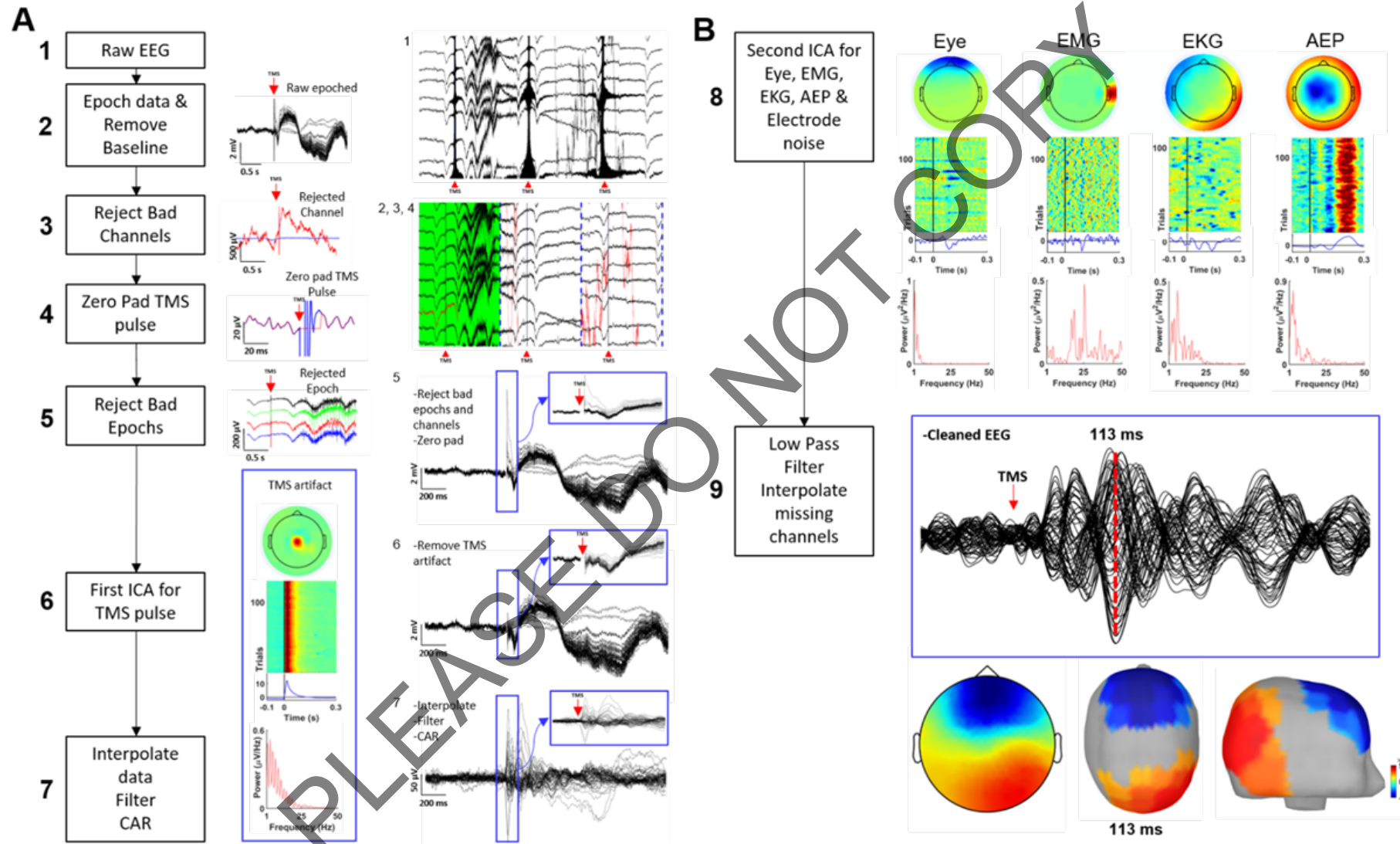
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ARTIST: A fully automated artifact rejection algorithm for single-pulse TMS-EEG data

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Our Pipeline

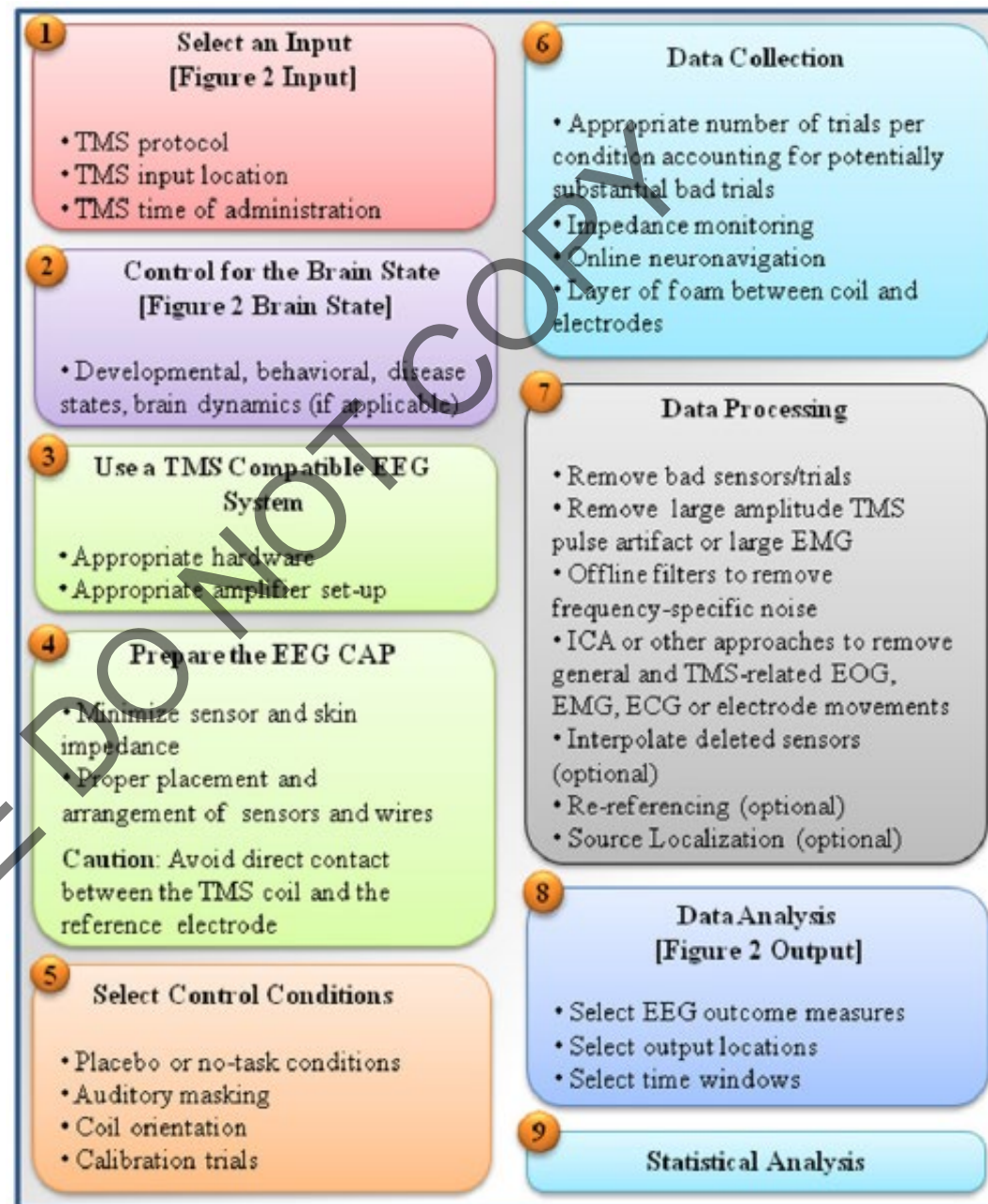


Take Home Message

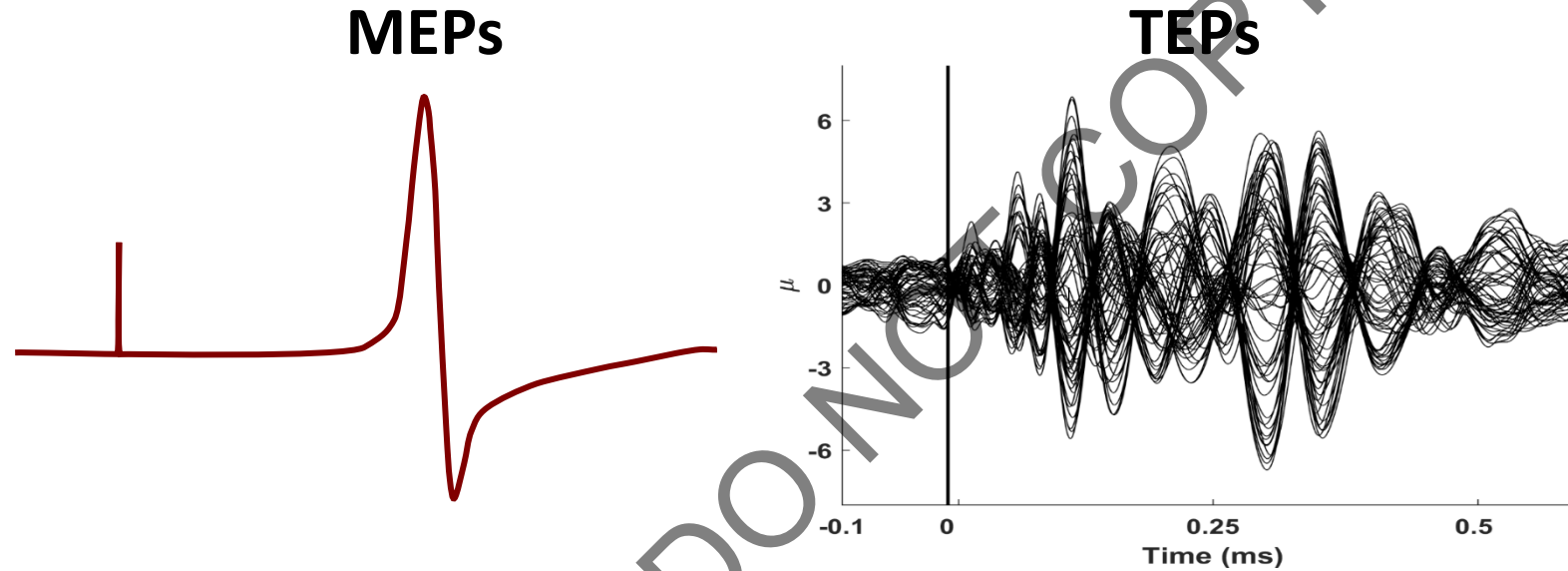
What do I need to do if I want to go back home and try this?

Step-by-Step Guideline

What then?

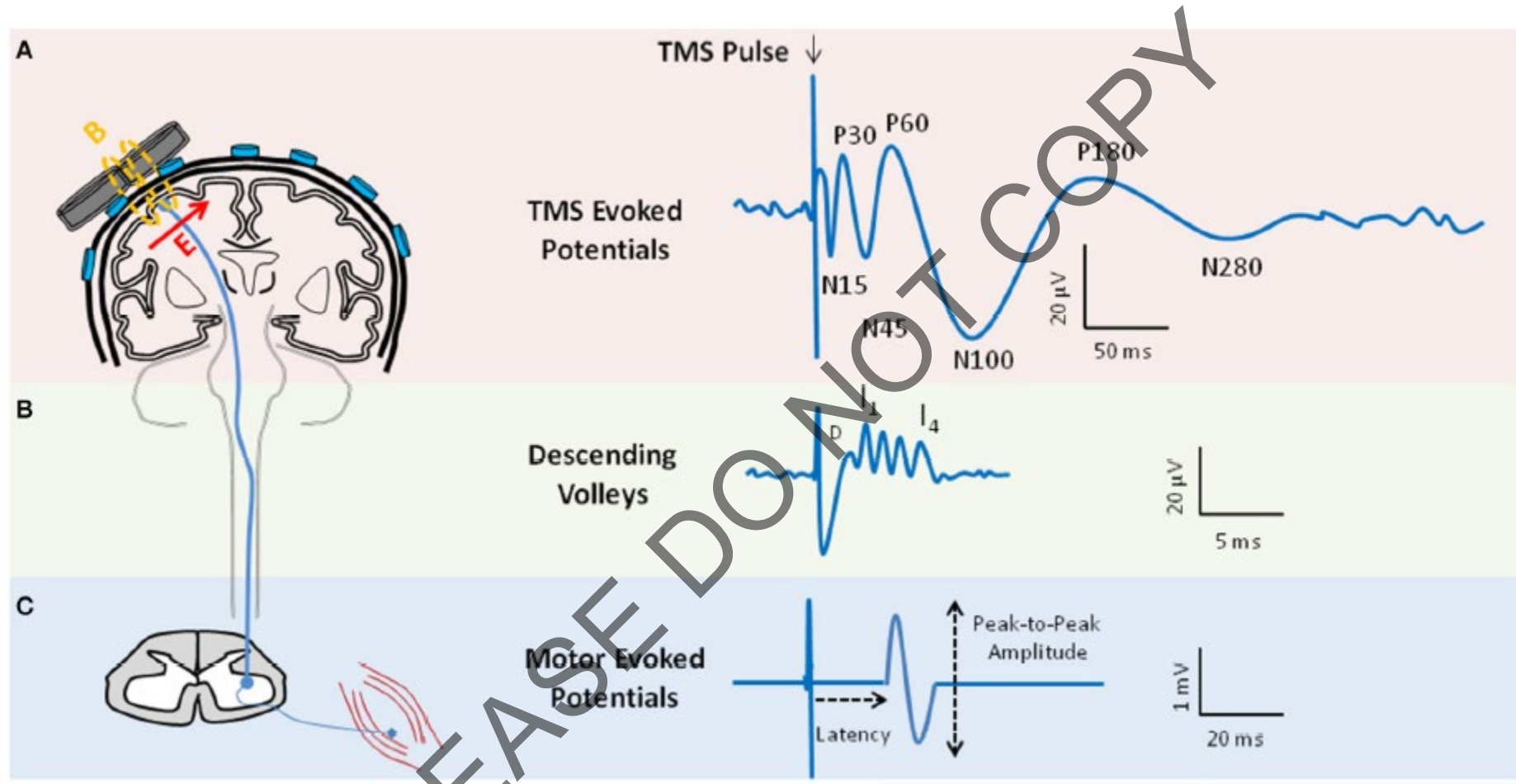


Does it worth the trouble?



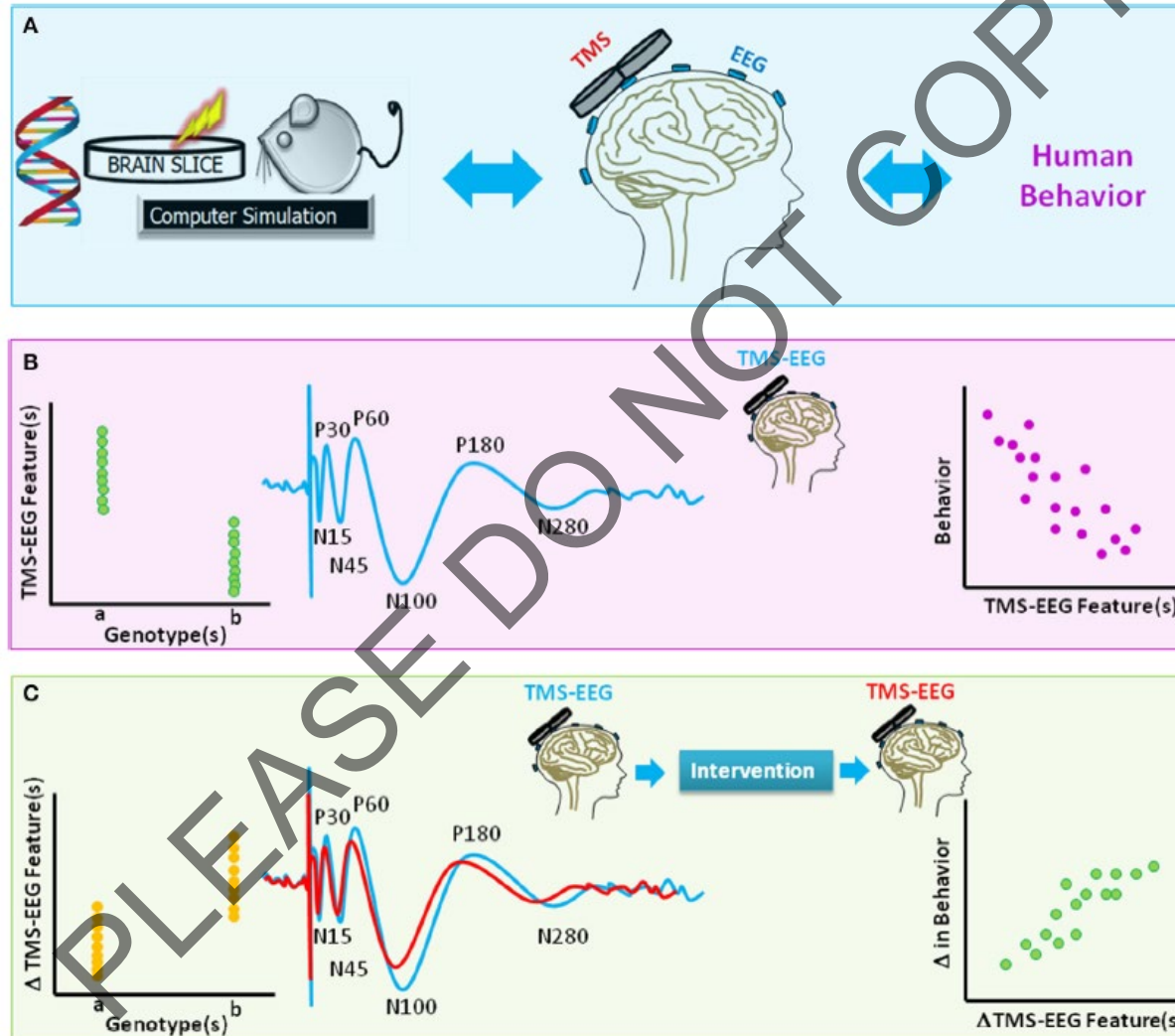
- Rich temporal and spatial and oscillatory information.
- *But it comes with a price!!!*
 - *More time, expense, and technical expertise.*

What is the added value?



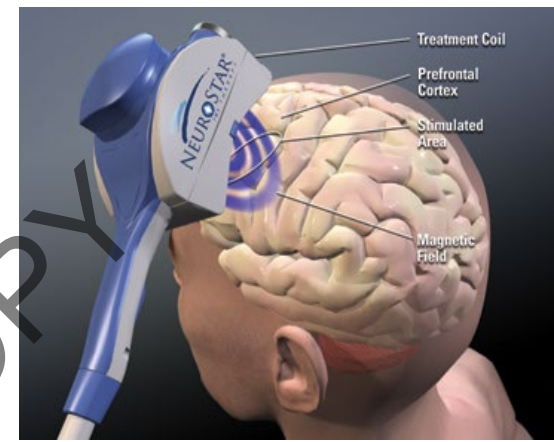
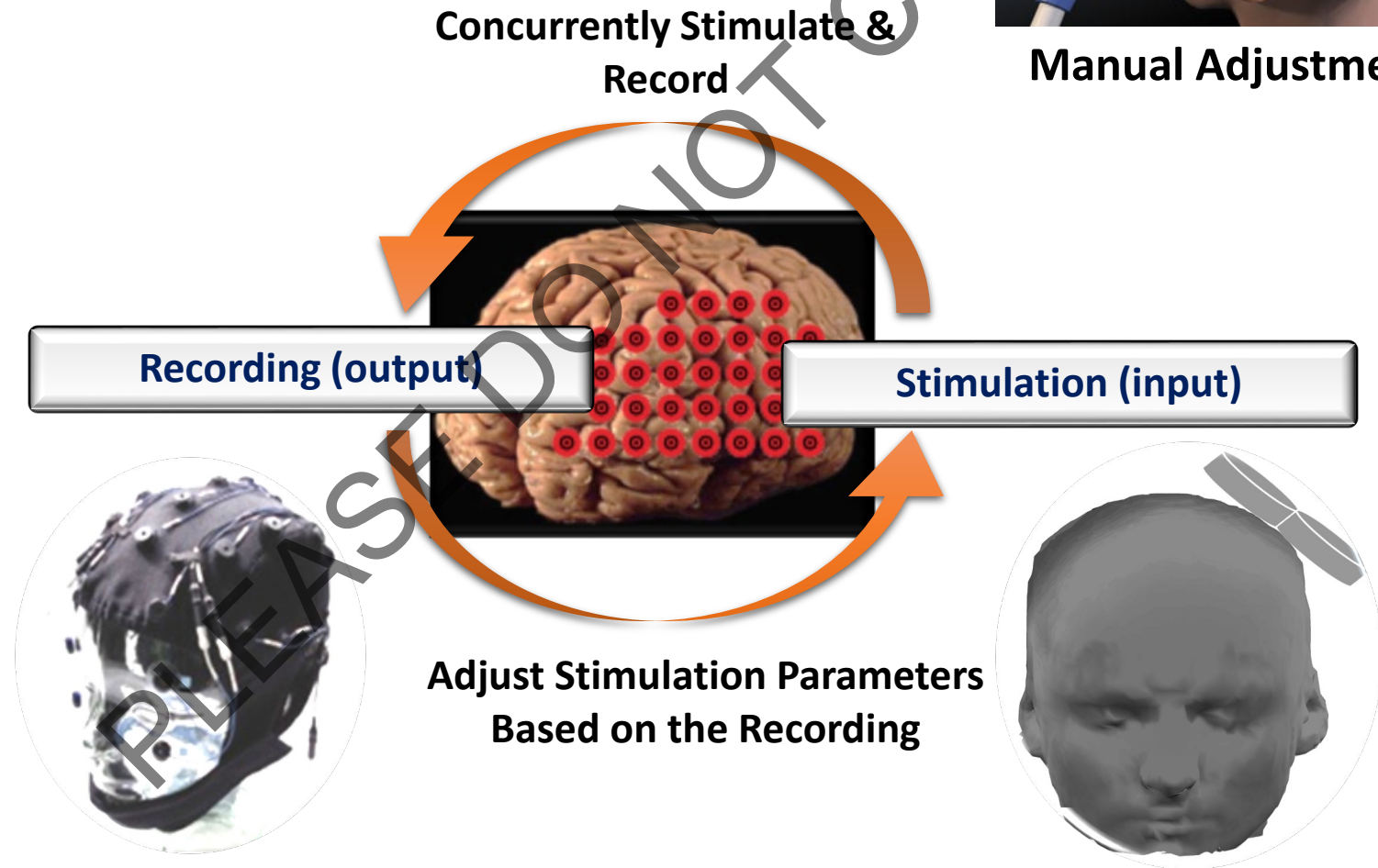
Examine the TMS effect more directly & understand brain physiology *in vivo*

And understand relationship between brain and behavior



And ...

EEG-gated TMS!



Manual Adjustment

What is the Added Value of TMS+EEG

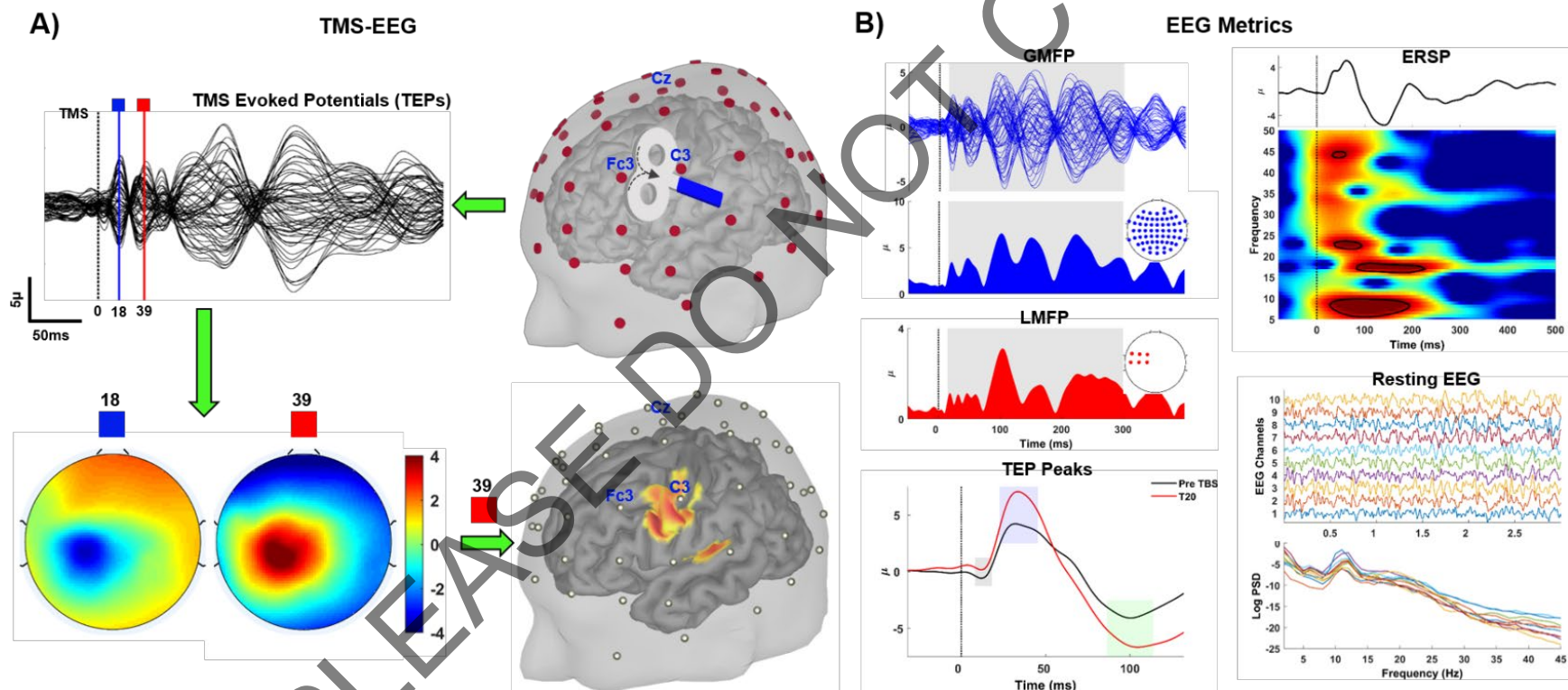
Advanced Technology	Monitor cortical activation with high temporal resolution
	A more direct measure of TMS effect
	EEG guided TMS
Neuroscience	Examine physiology of motor AND non-motor regions at various mental states of sleep, rest, cognitive processing <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Local excitation, inhibition & plasticity➤ Functional (causal!!!) connectivity between regions➤ Disrupt behavior to examine causality
Clinical Application	Improve diagnosis and predict prognosis.
	Investigate the mechanism of actions of rTMS therapy
	Safety monitoring during rTMS (e.g., in epilepsy)

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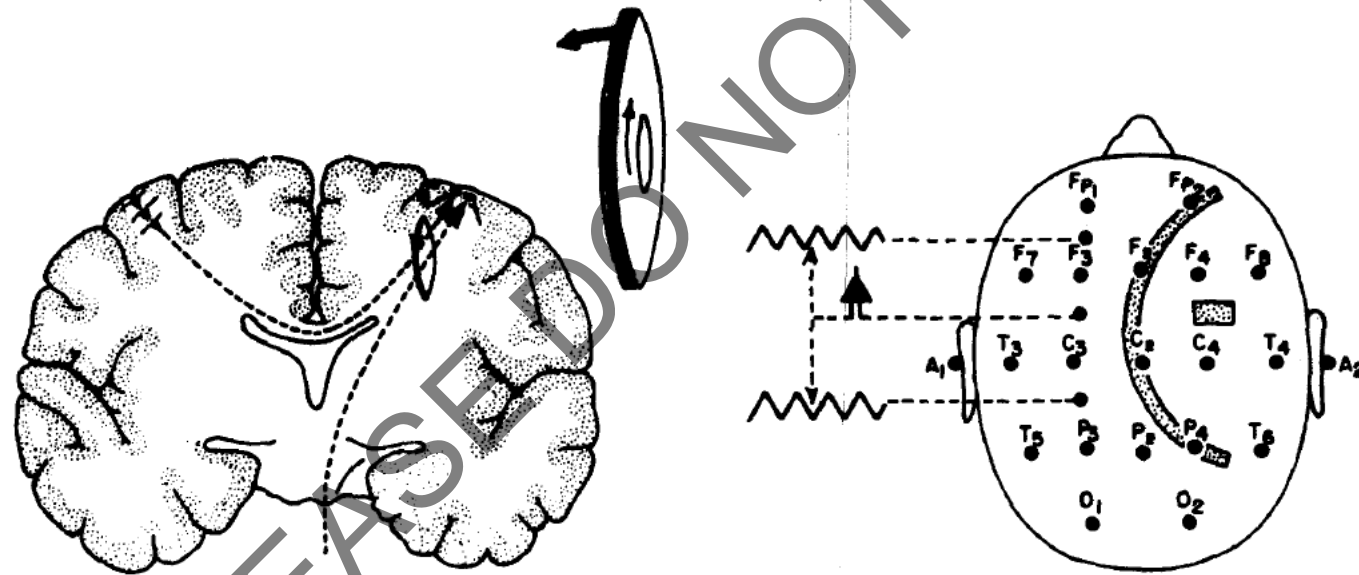
- TMS evoked EEG potentials (TEPs)



Transcallosal Transfer Time in Motor Cortex

Giving Credit to the First Published TMS-EEG Attempt

In **1989**, Cracco et al., examined transcallosal responses by applying TMS to one side and recording EEG from the other side (8.8–12.2 msec)



Artifact reduced by adjusting the arrangement between the coil and the electrode and placing a steel strip ground electrode in between the coil and the recording electrodes

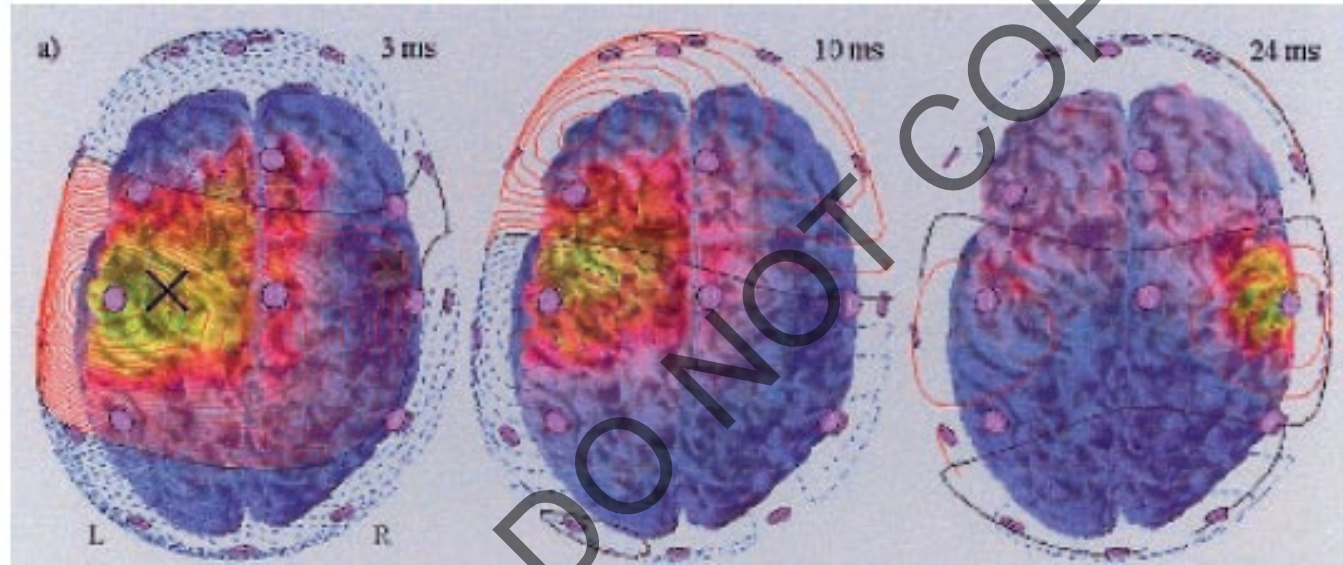
Before Fancy Amplifiers!!

Cracco et al., 1989, Electroencephalogr Clin Neurophysiol

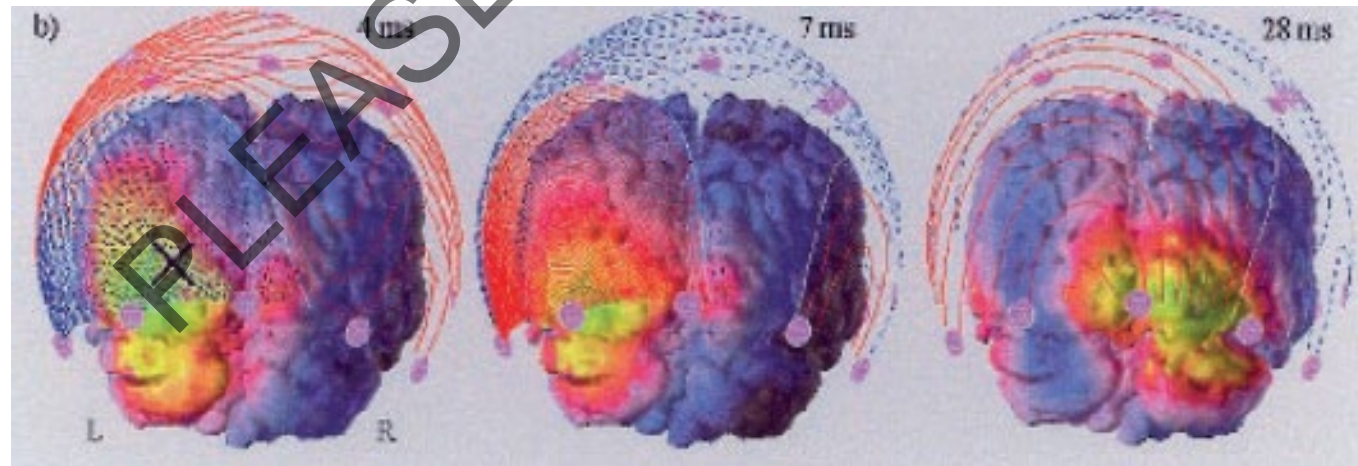
Temporal Evolution of early TEPs

Ilmoniemi et al., Neuroreport 1997

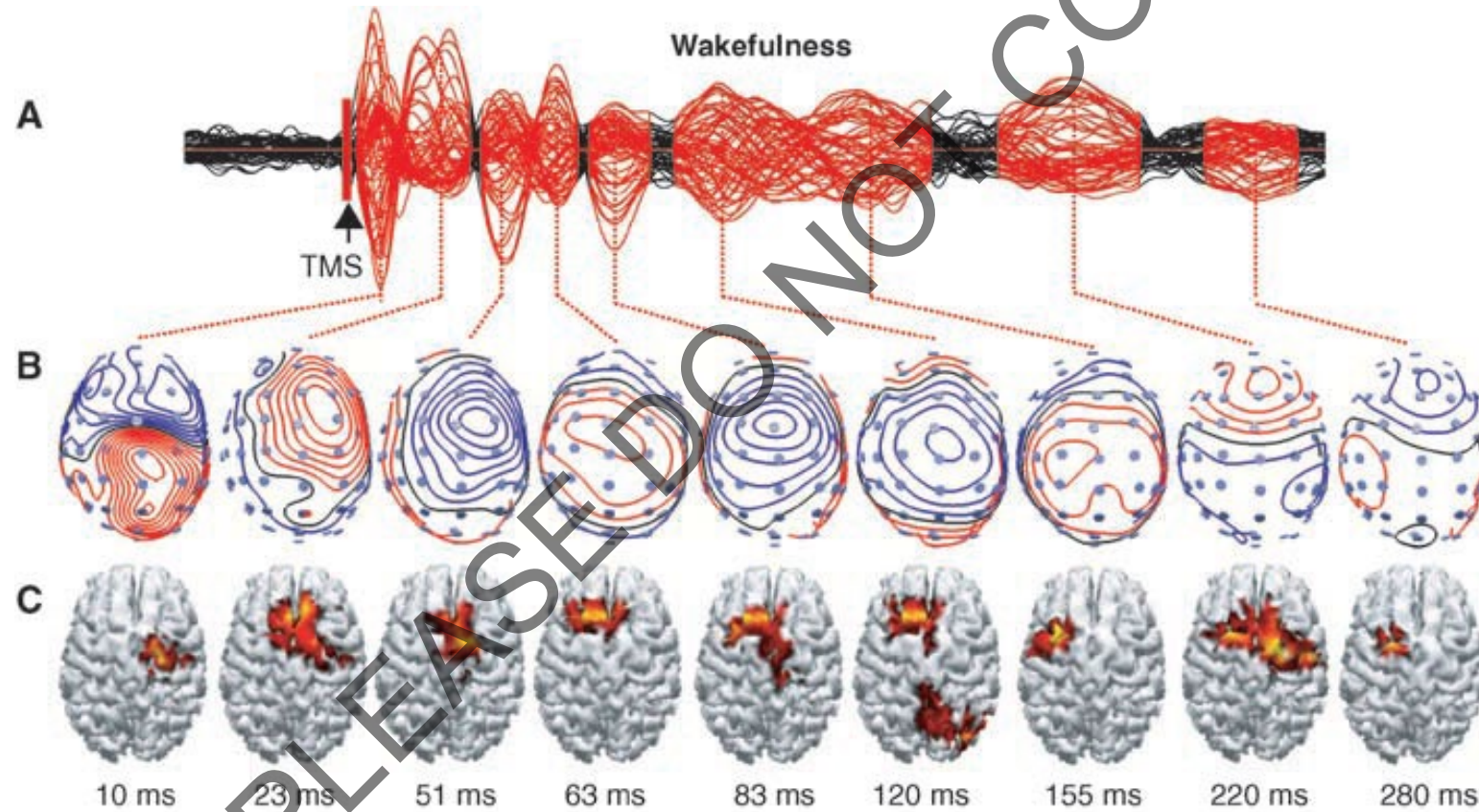
Motor Cortex



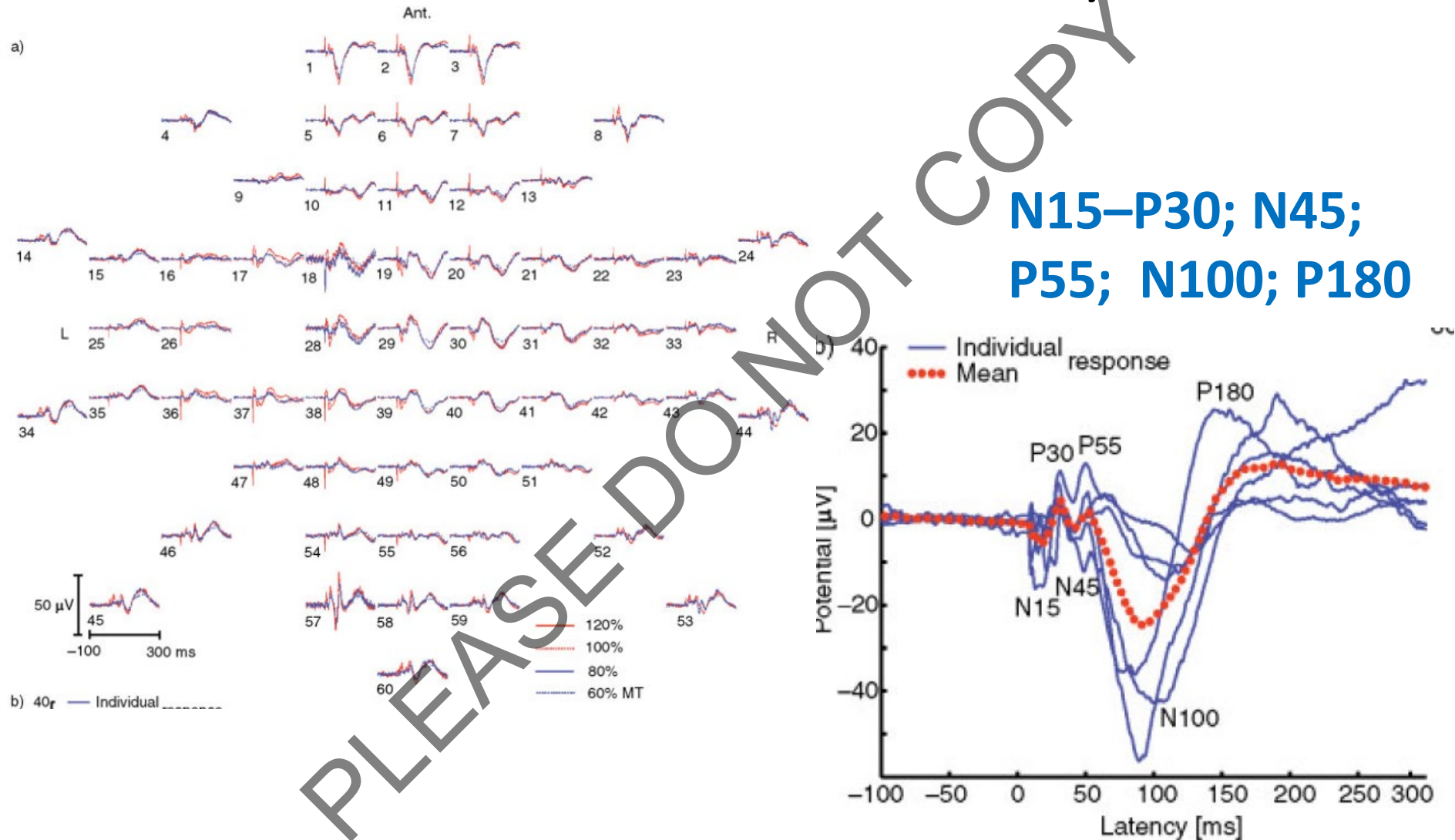
Visual Cortex



Temporal Evolution of early and late TEPs



TMS Induces Several EEG Peaks, But....

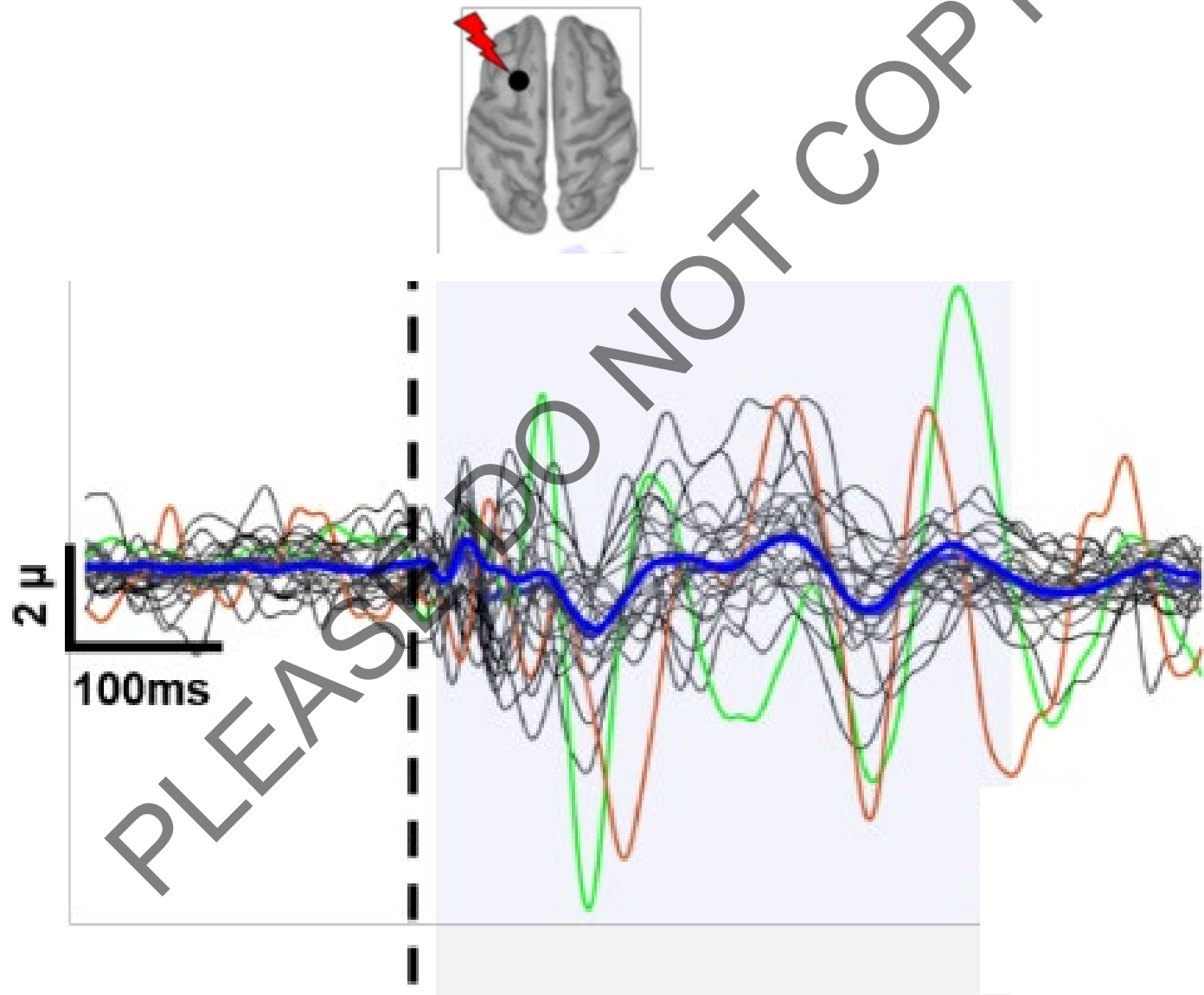


Komssi, Human Brain Mapping, 2004

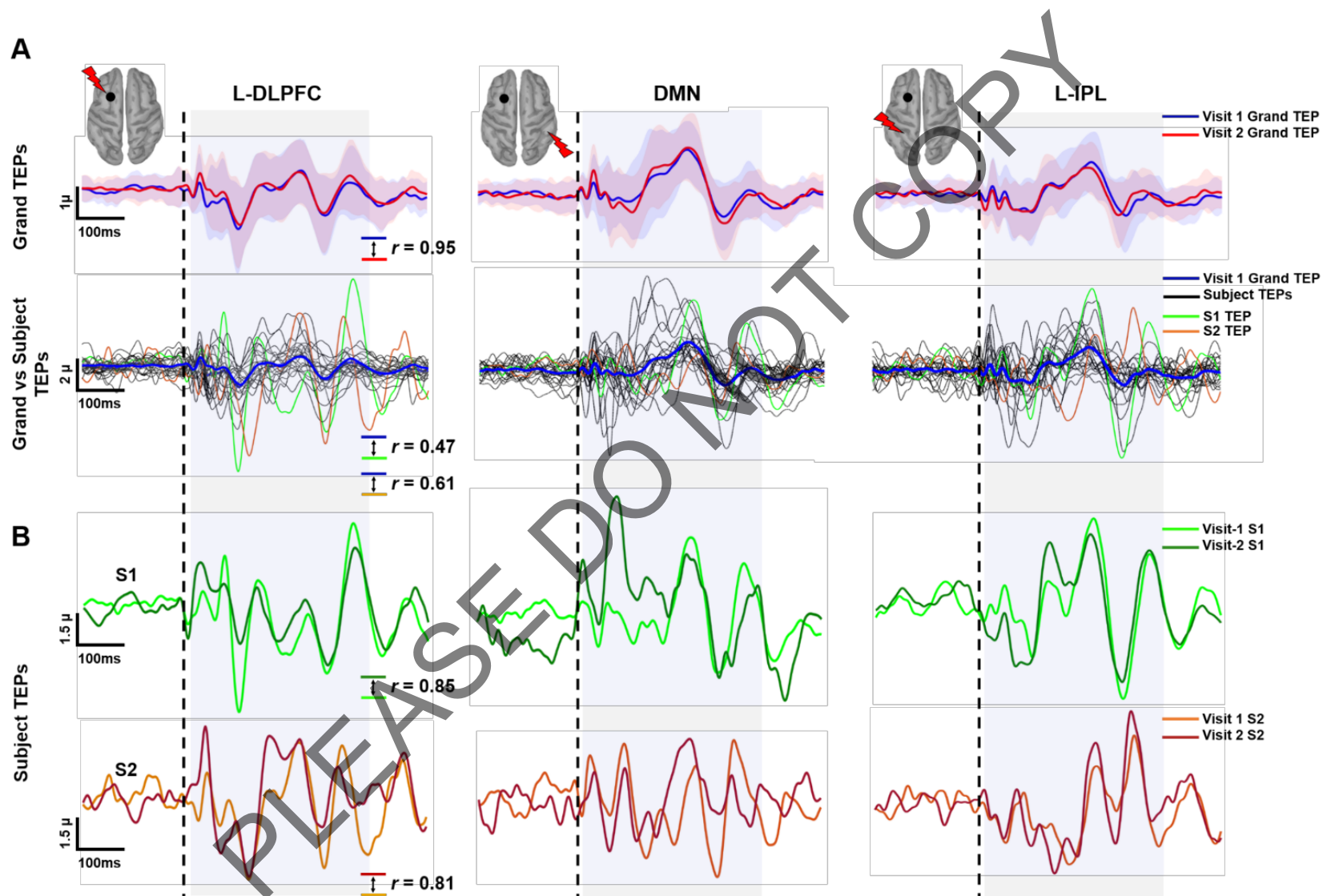
Other Earlier or Later References: Paus 2001; Komssi, 2002; Ferreri 2010;

- Be careful with TEP peaks outside the Motor cortex !!!

Grand vs Subject TEPs

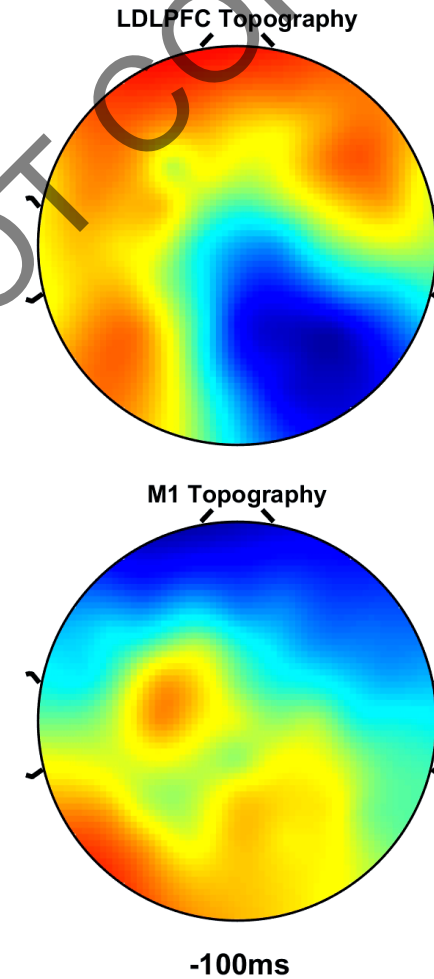
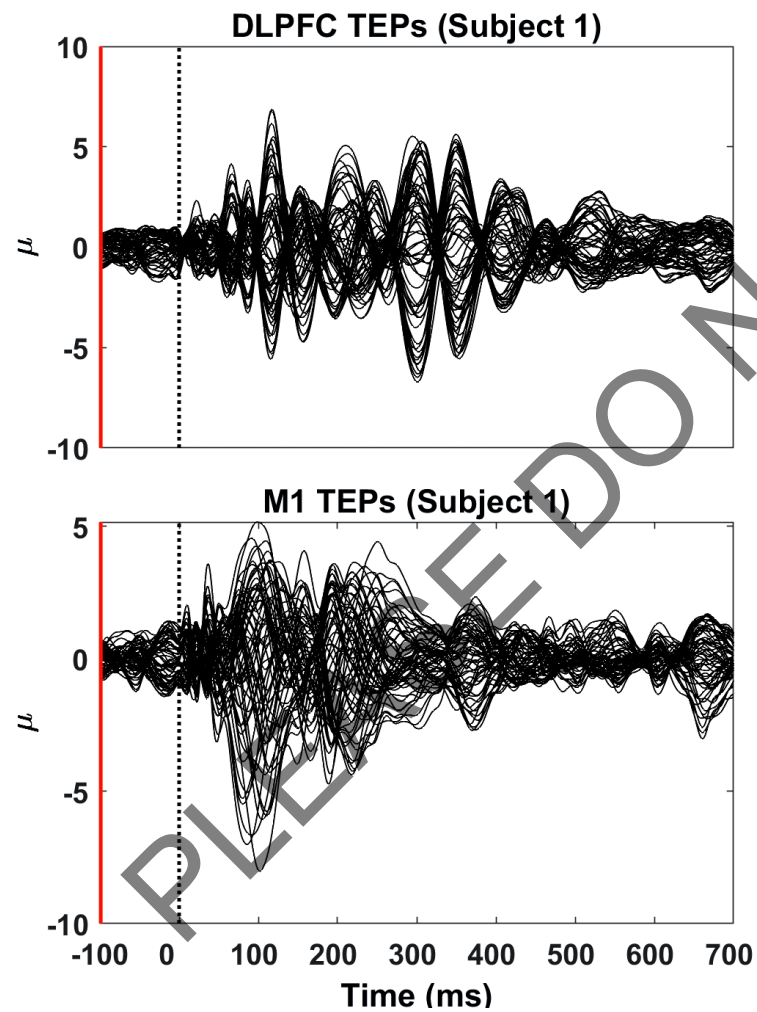


- Characteristics of TEPs outside the Motor cortex !!!



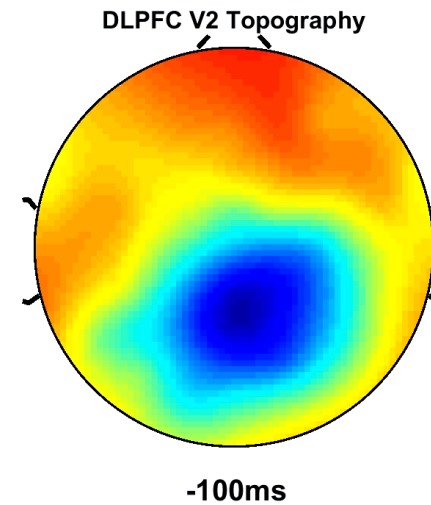
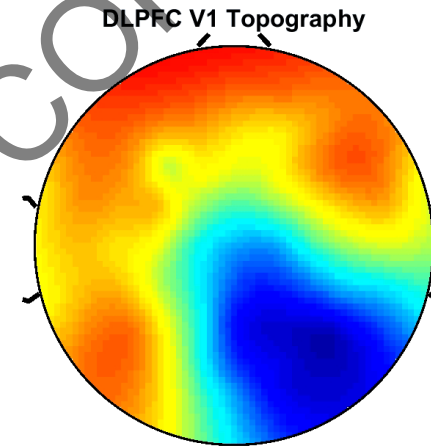
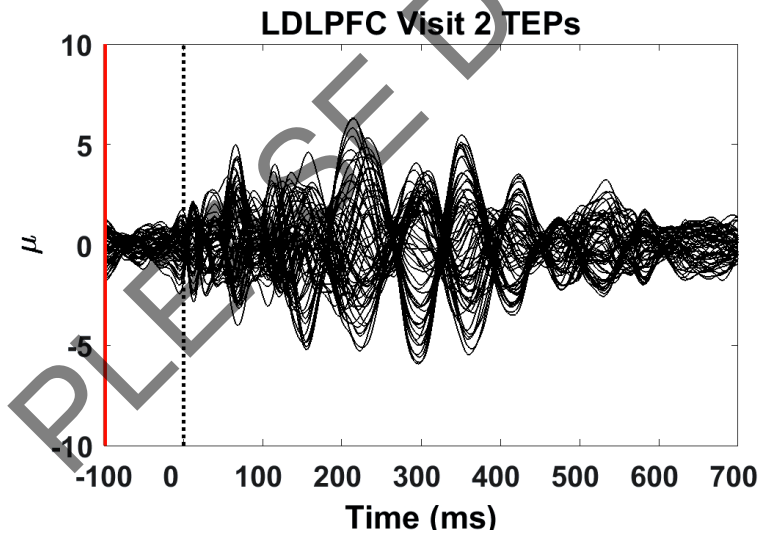
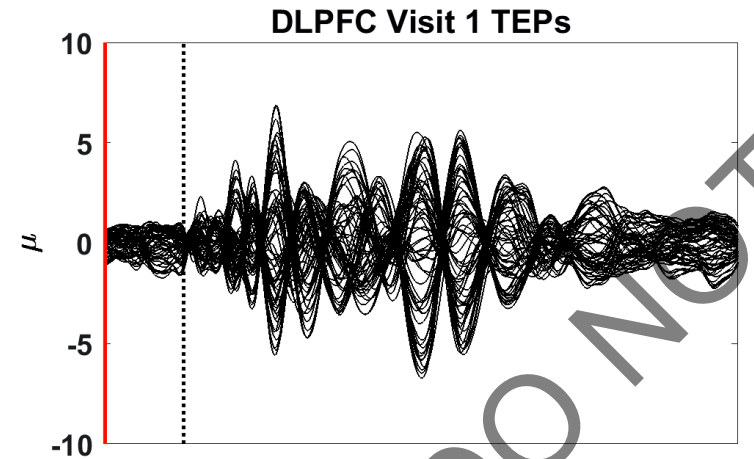
Site Specificity of TEPs

- TEPs are Specific to stimulation site

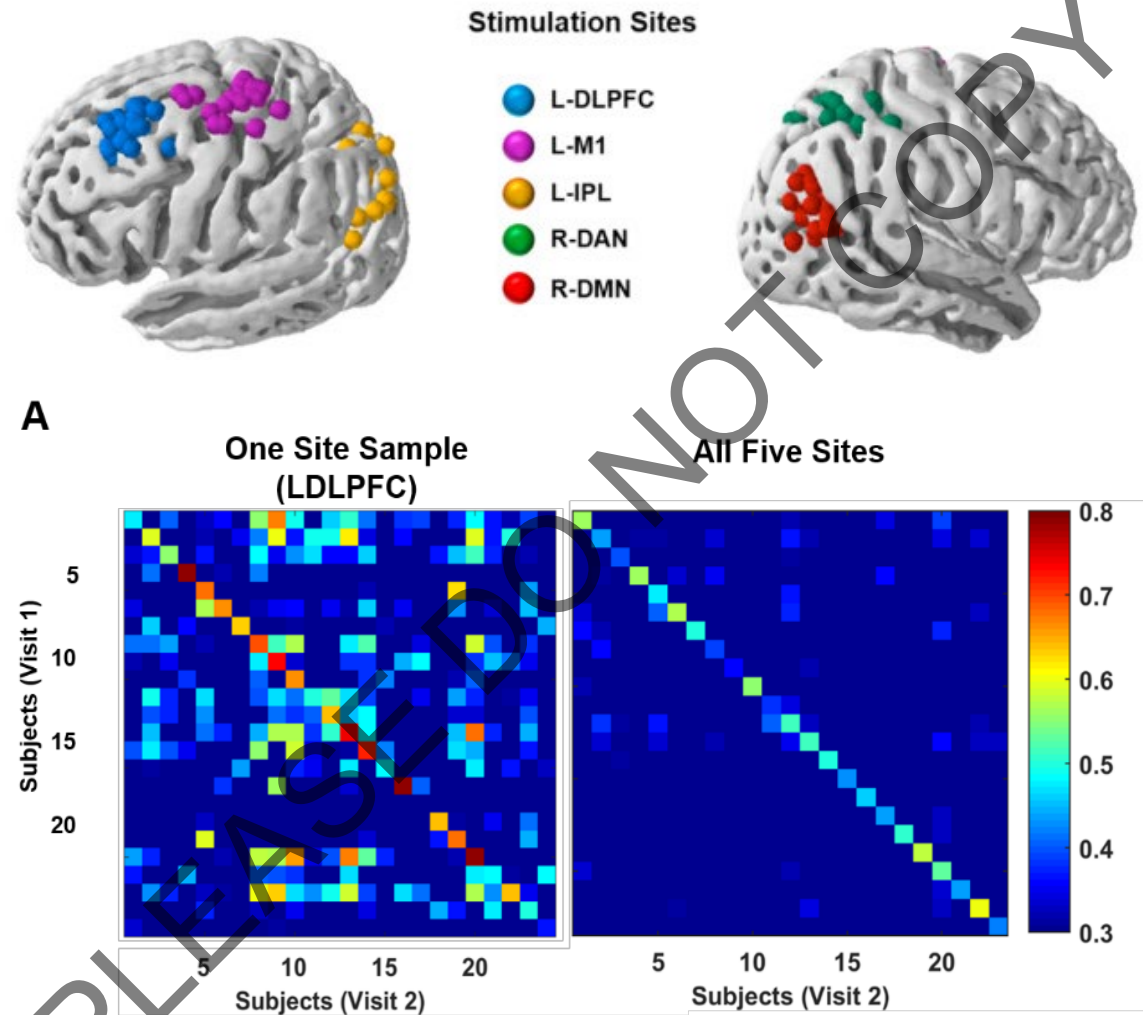


Individual Consistency

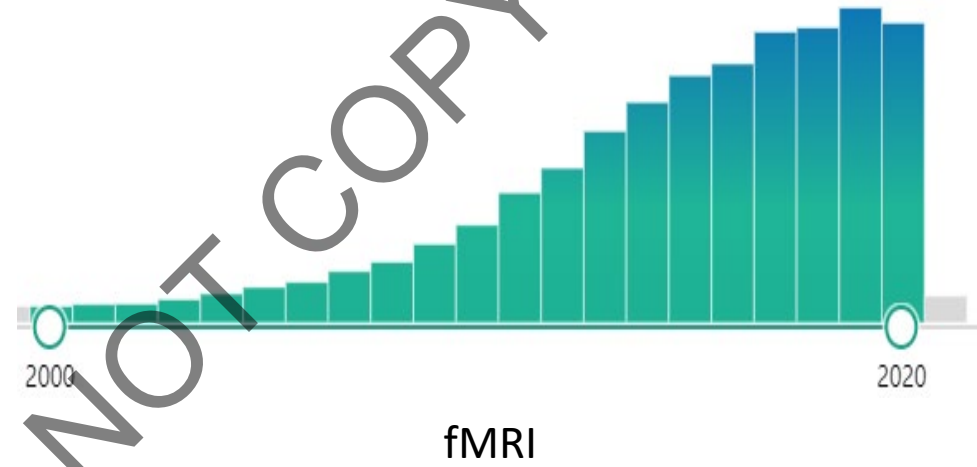
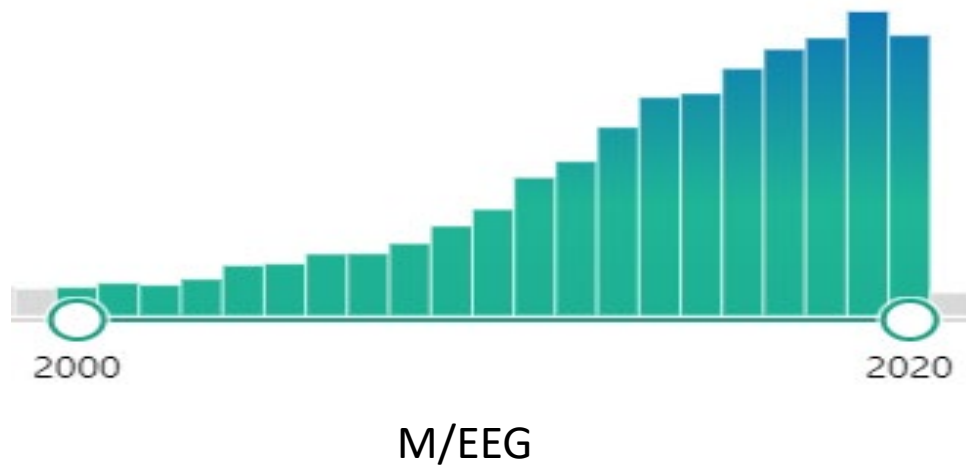
- TEPs are Reproducible within the Individual!



Brain Fingerprinting



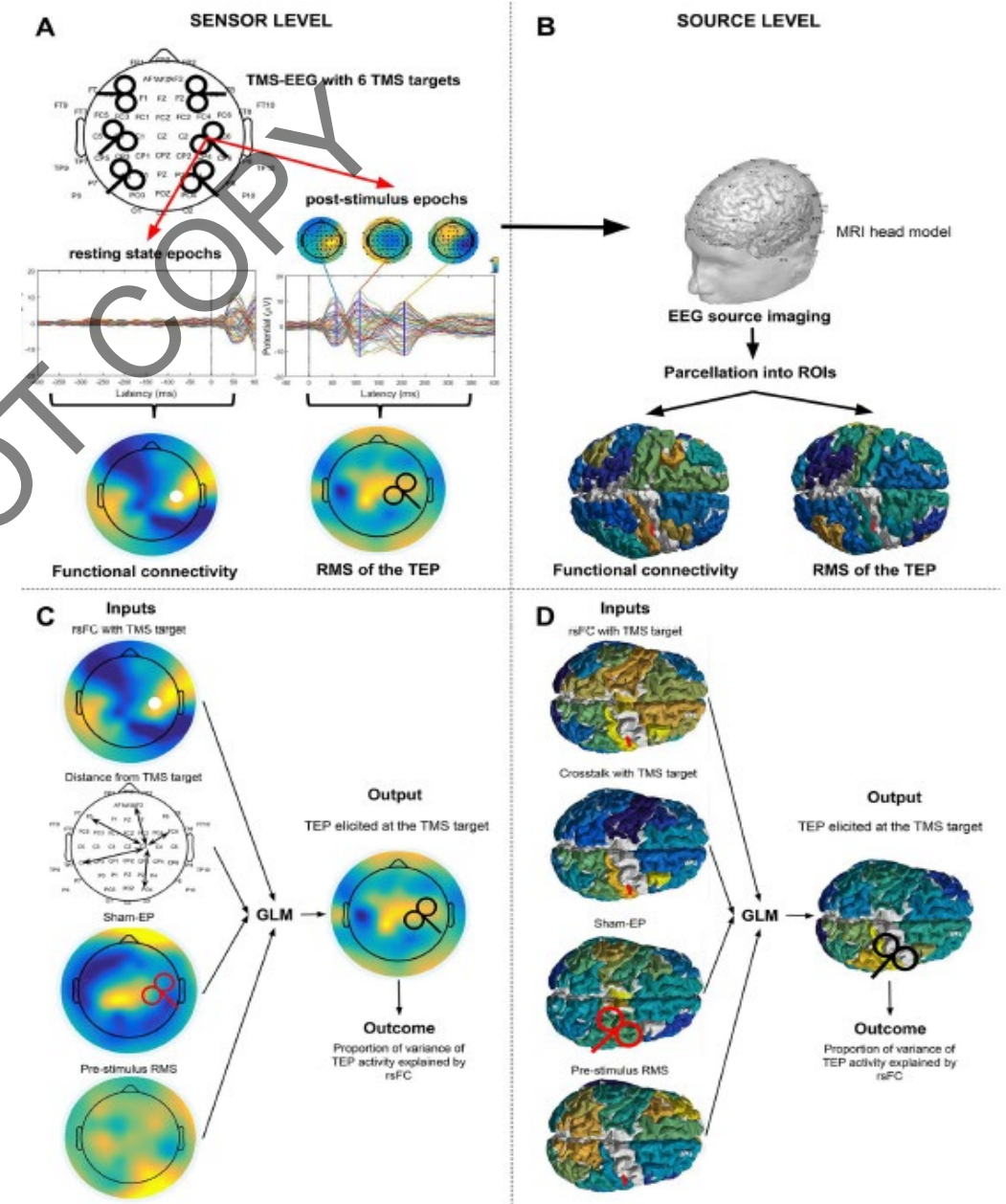
Brain connectivity analysis is exploding



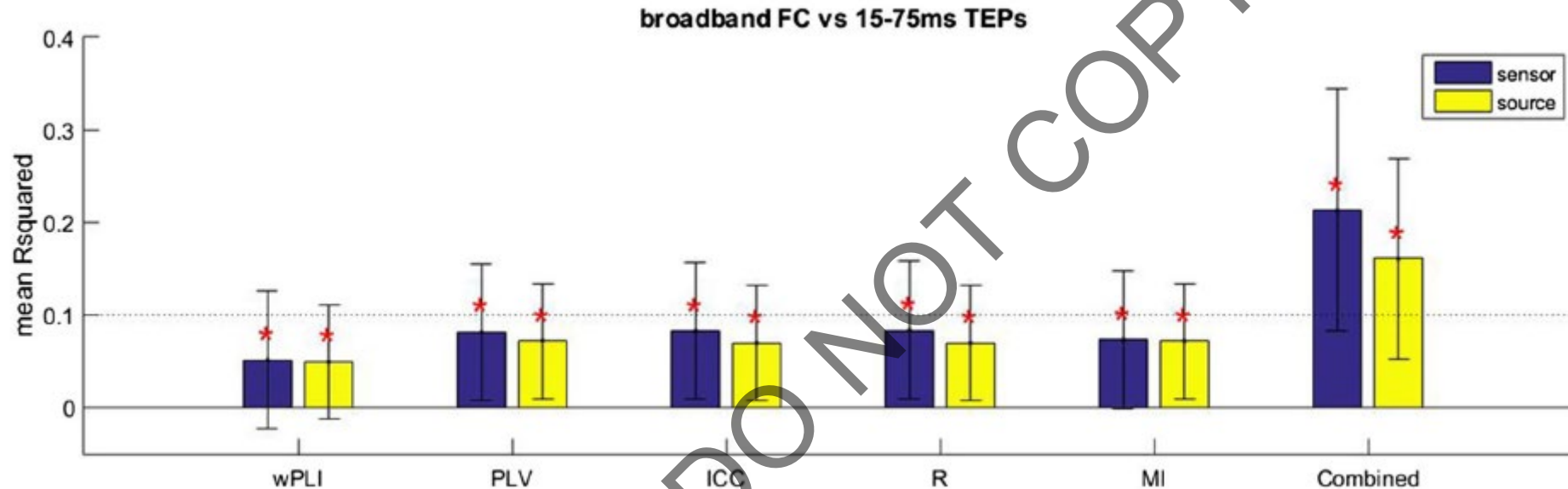
- Analysis of the human connectome has become a core goal of Neuroscience
 - NIH Human Connectome Project 2009 Blueprint Grand Challenge
 - 7332 EEG/MEG “connectivity” papers from 2000-2020
 - 27090 fMRI “connectivity papers”
 - A large number of these studies focus on “resting-state” “functional” connectivity
- Unanswered question: Do functional connectivity measures actually capture causal brain interactions? We can evaluate CAUSAL brain interactions with TMS and EEG

TMS-EEG to assess EEG connectivity?

- Vink 2020 *Brain Topography*: Assessed whether resting-state EEG functional connectivity predicted propagation of the TMS-evoked EEG potential

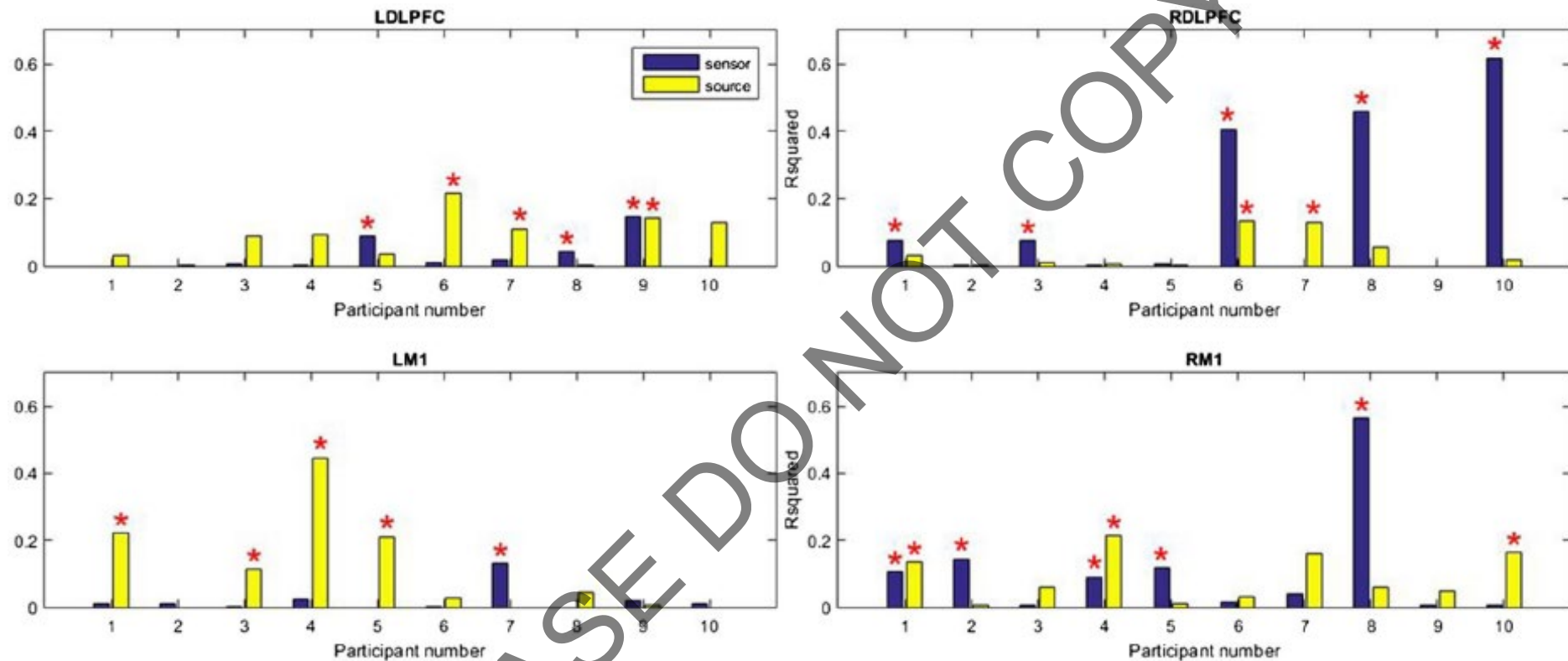


Does EEG connectivity predict propagation?



- All functional connectivity measures were only weak predictors of propagation of the TMS-EEG potential
 - True in both sensor and source space
 - Combination of information from multiple connectivity measures improved the predictive power of the model

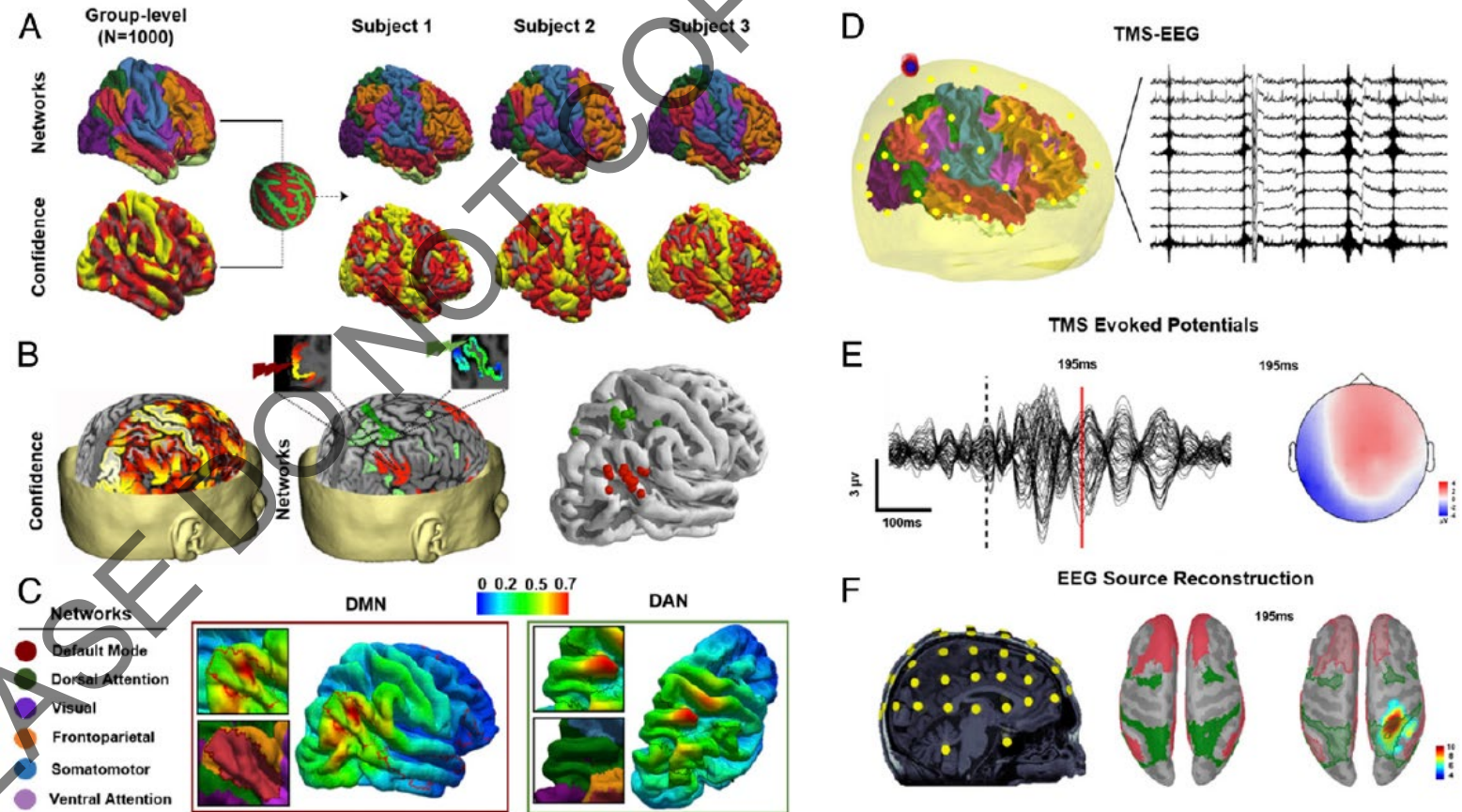
Marked variability across subjects & sites



- Key takeaway: EEG connectivity is not a reliable predictor of propagation of evoked activity

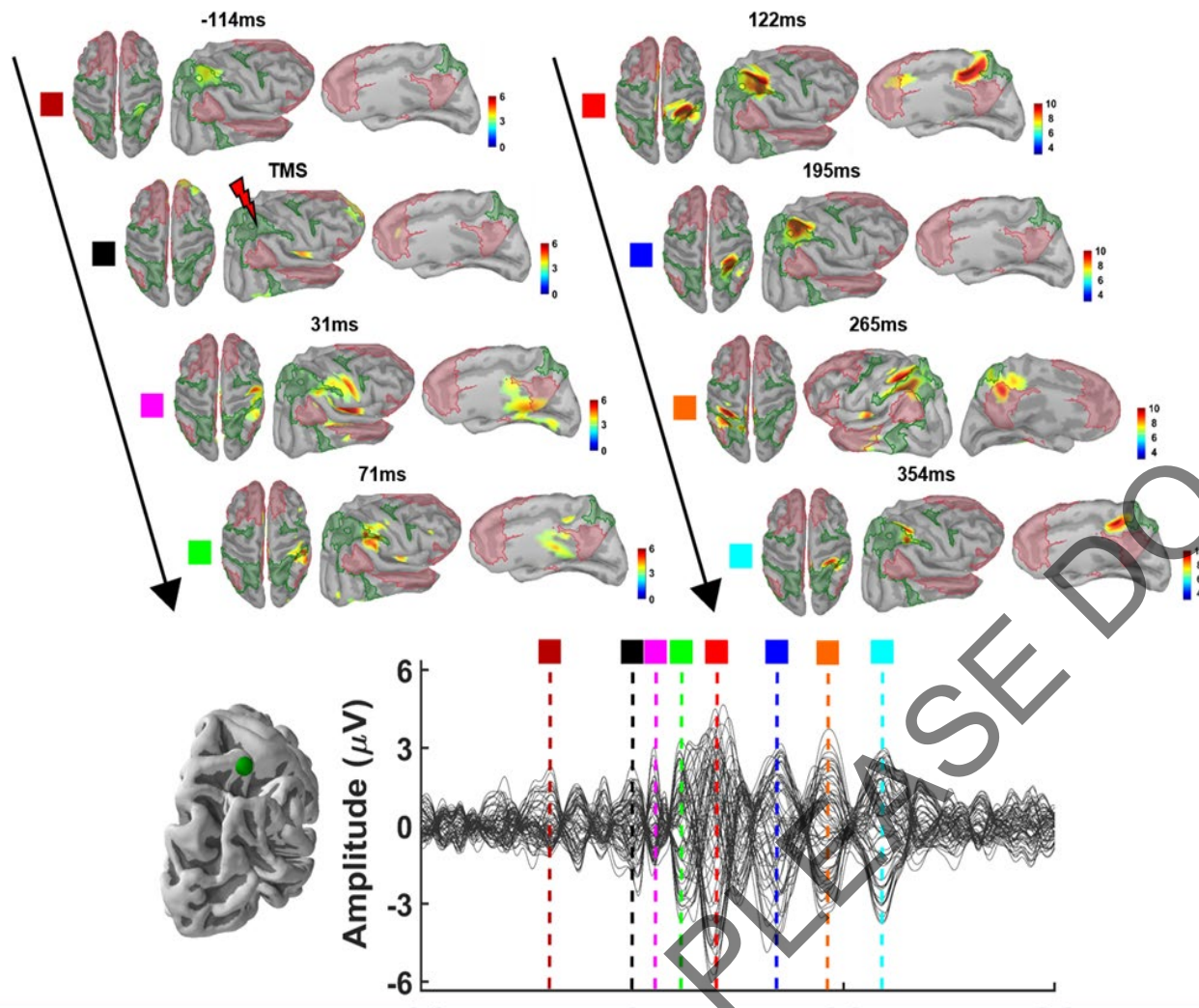
What about resting-state fMRI connectivity?

- Ozdemir 2020 *PNAS*:
Assessed whether TMS to individually defined nodes of the default-mode network versus dorsal attention network produced network-specific brain dynamics
- Networks and targets identified based on group-level connectivity

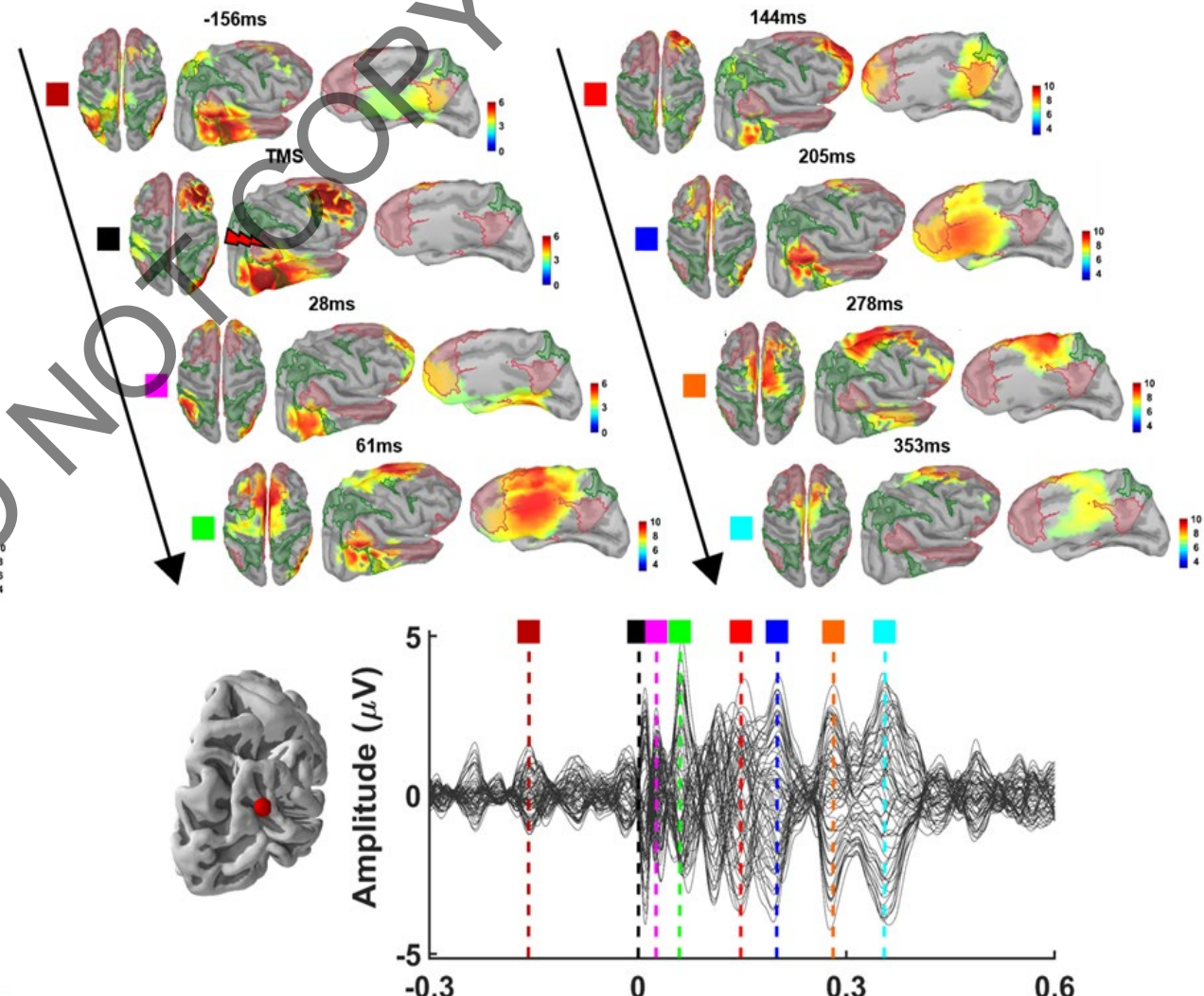


Network Stimulation and Evoked Activity

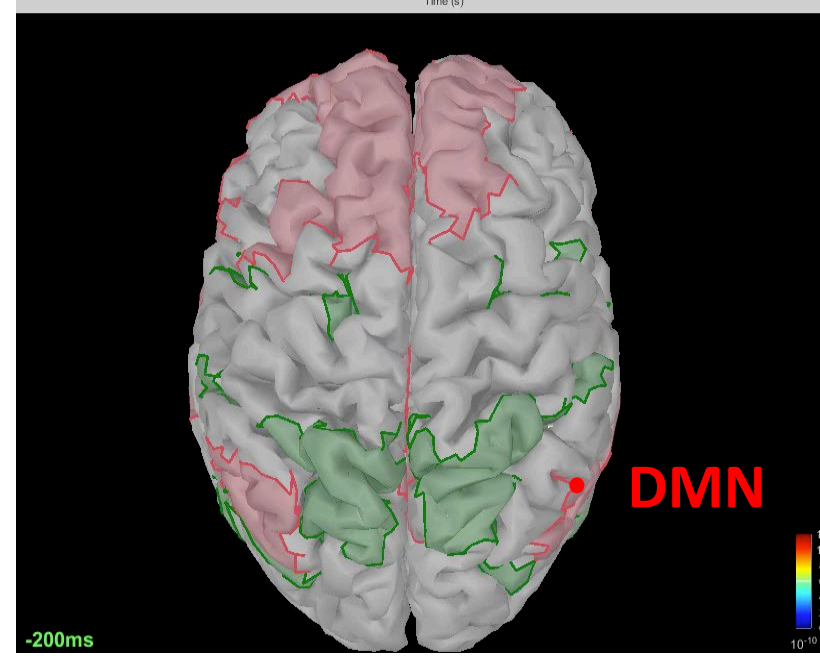
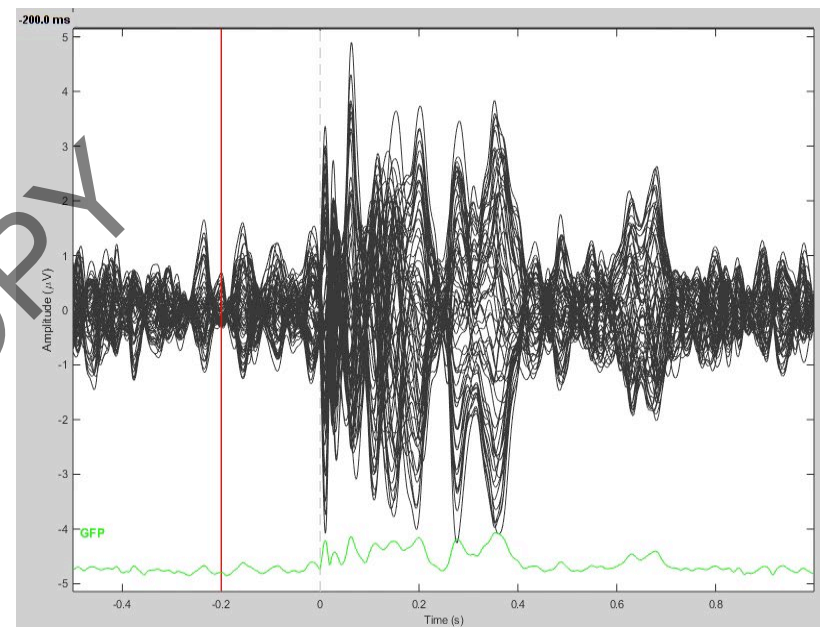
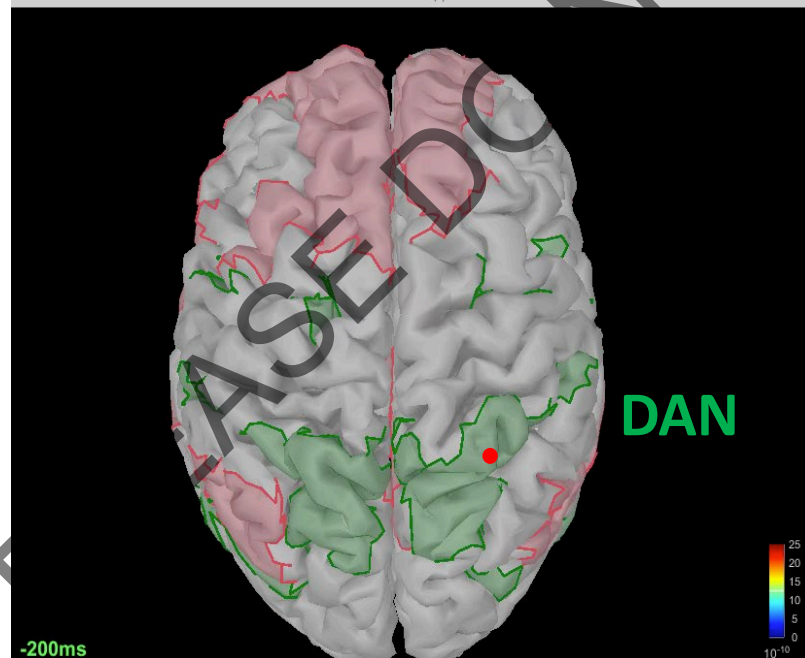
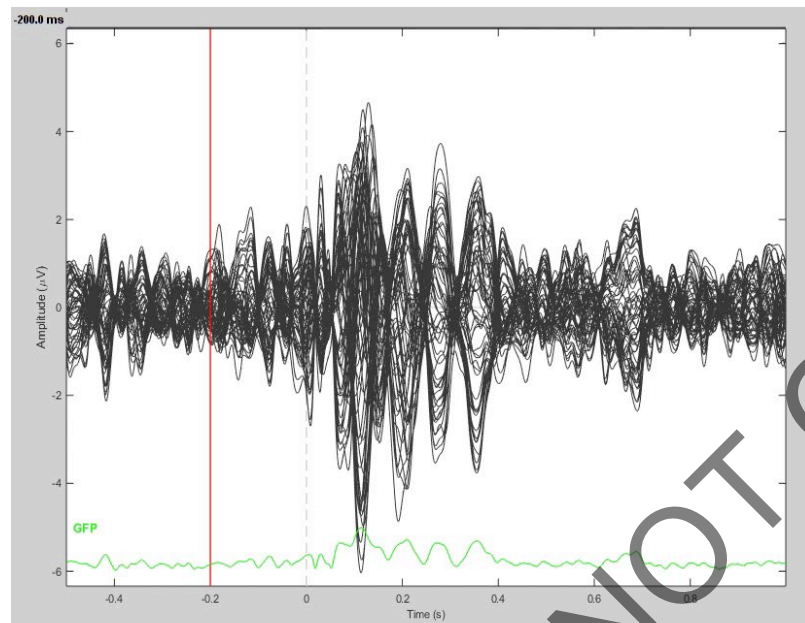
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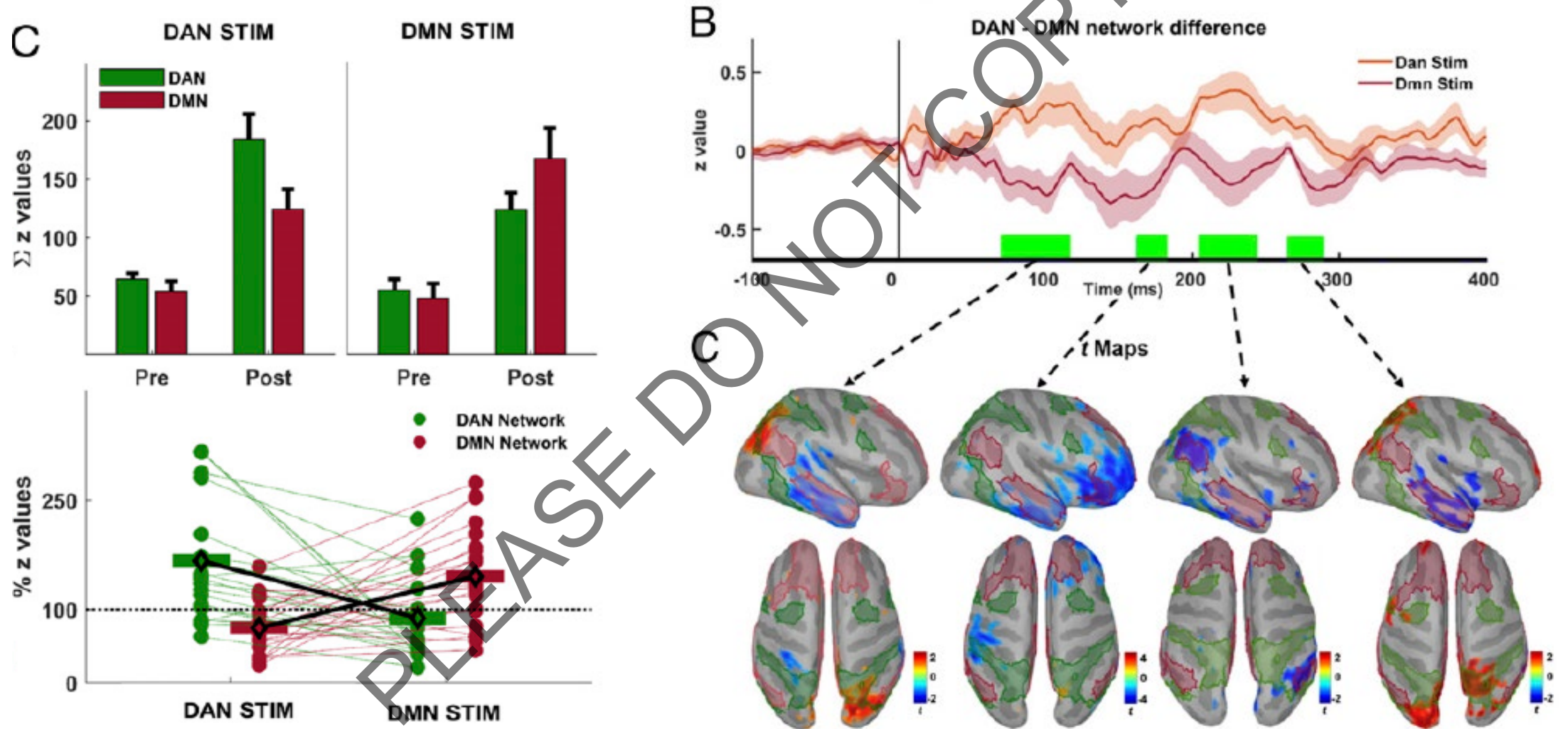
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Network Evoked Activity

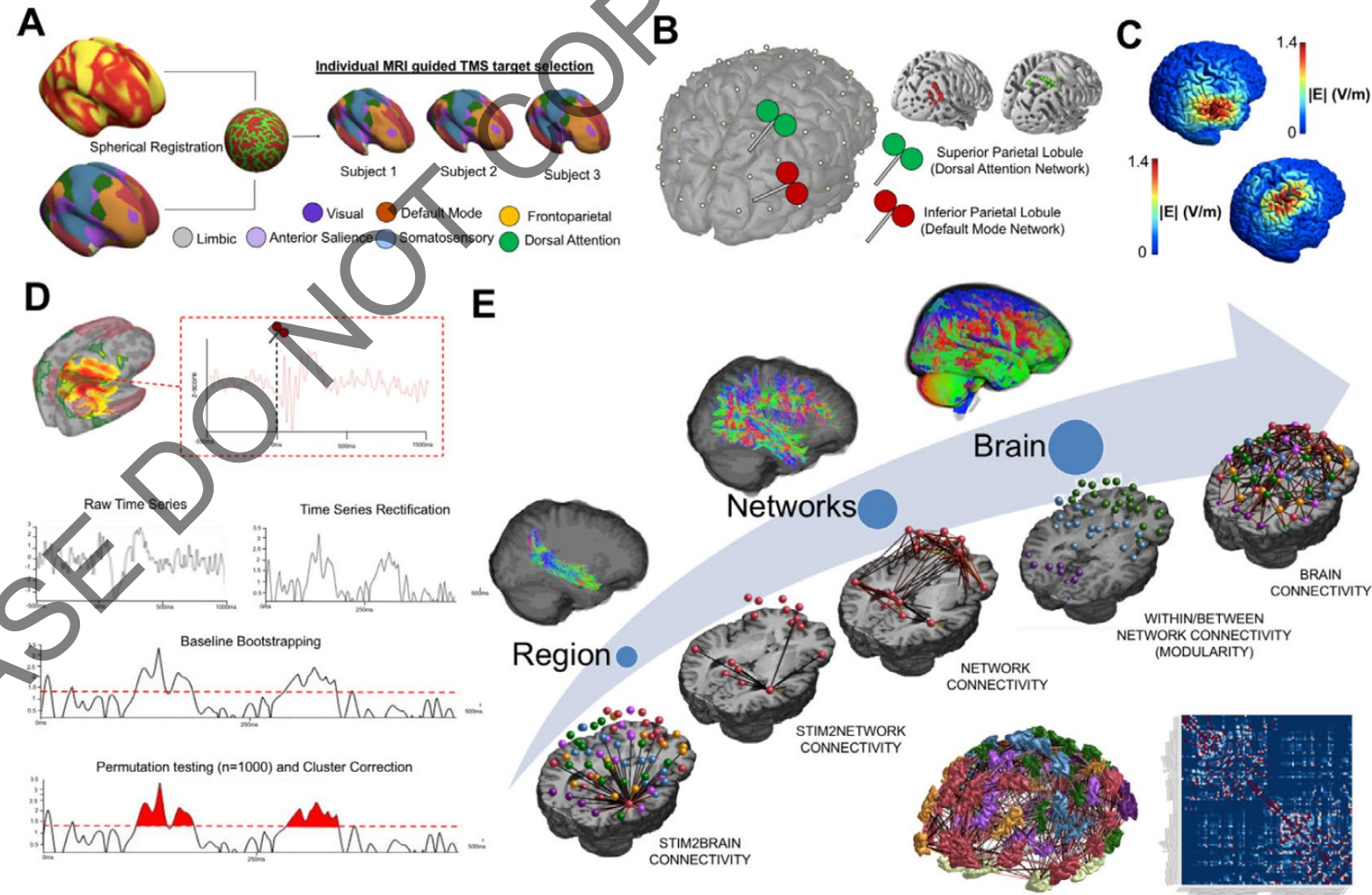


Network-specific activations



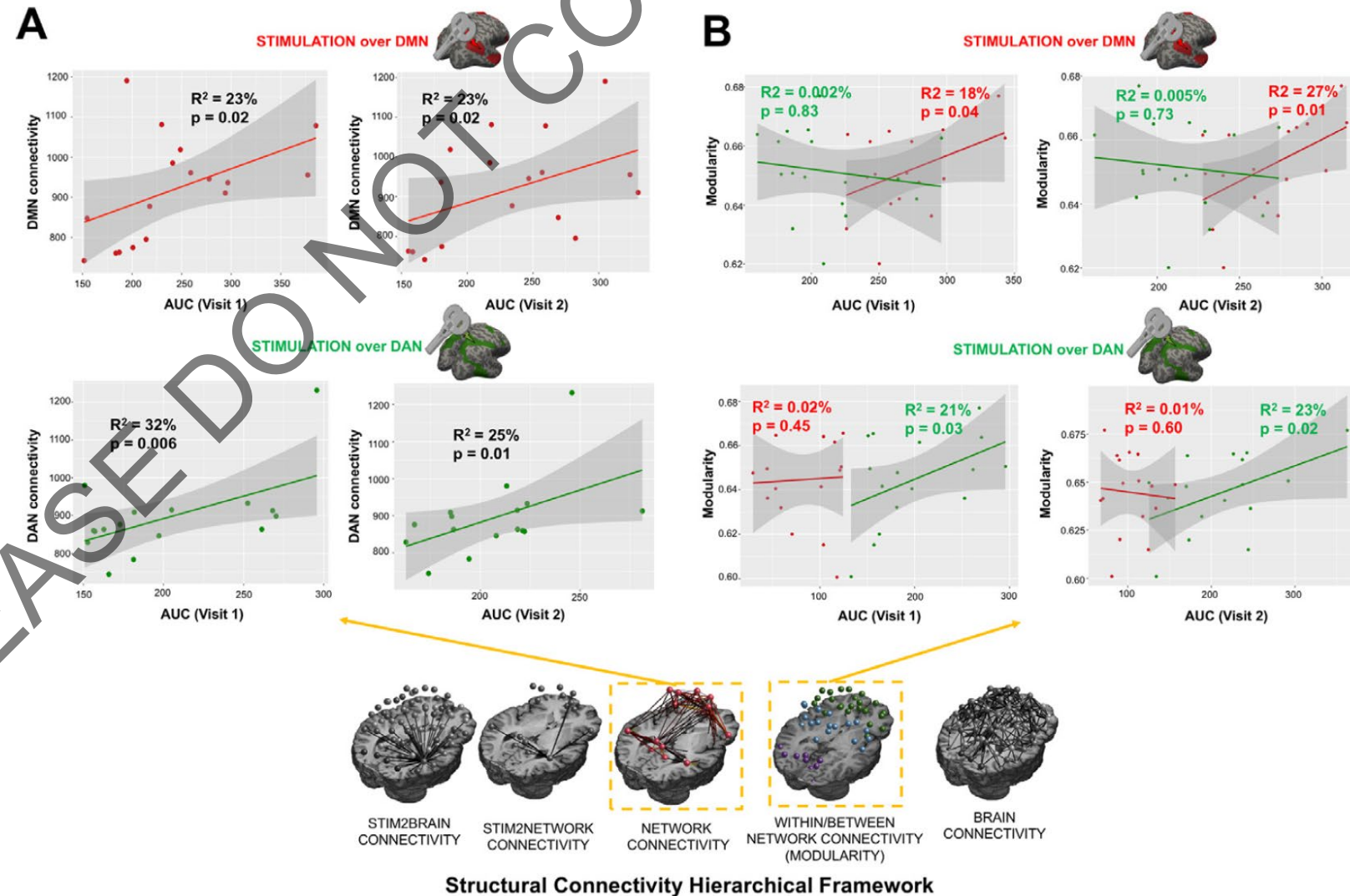
What about structural connectivity?

- Momi 2021 *NeuroImage*
 - Evaluated whether and how DTI connectivity predicts TMS-evoked EEG activity
 - Evaluated whether regional, network-level or whole brain connectivity better predicted TEPs



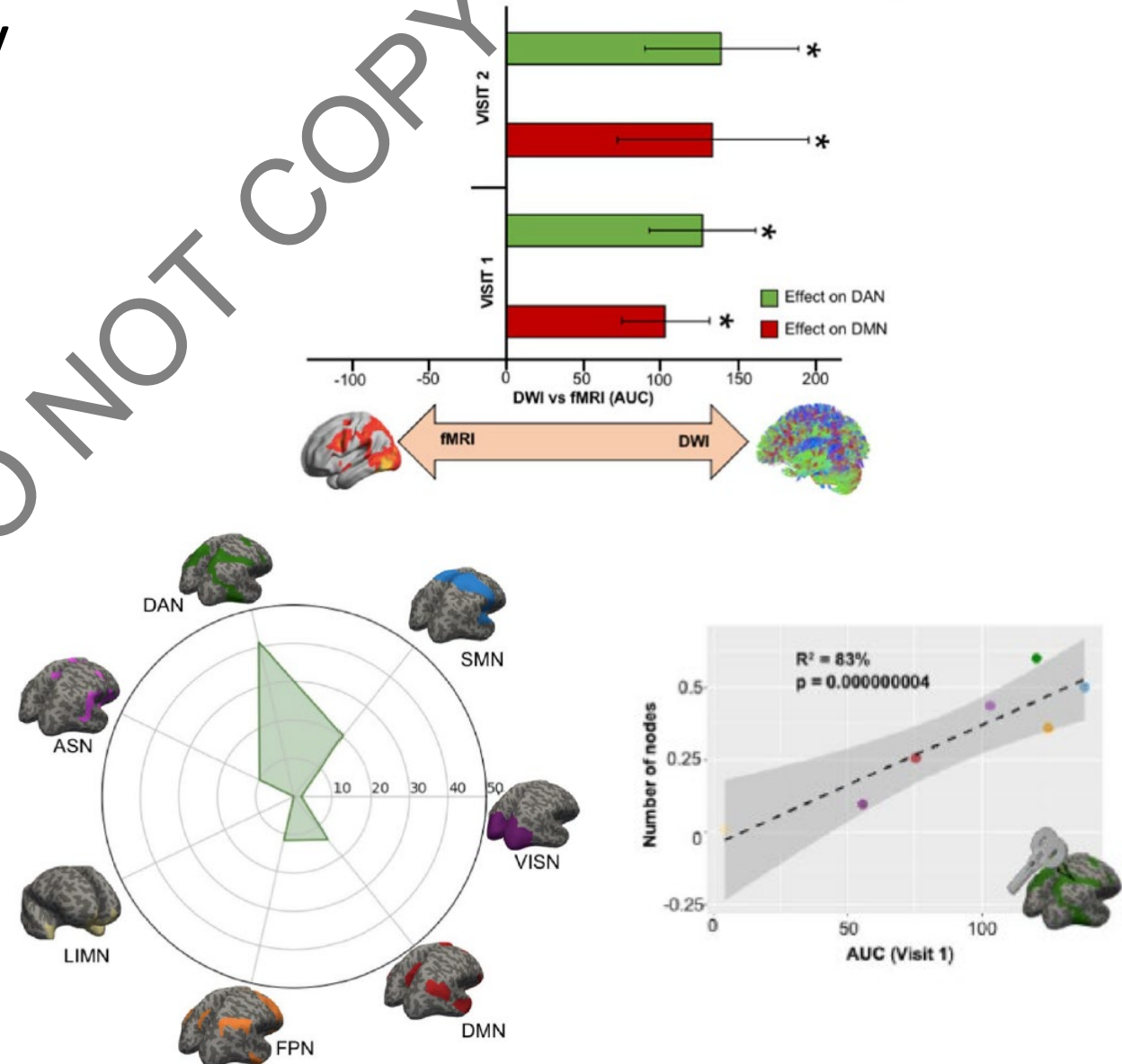
Evoked activity correlated with network connectivity and modularity

- Magnitude of evoked activity correlated with the total connectivity within the stimulated network, and with the modularity of the stimulated network, but NOT connectivity of the stimulated region or whole brain connectivity

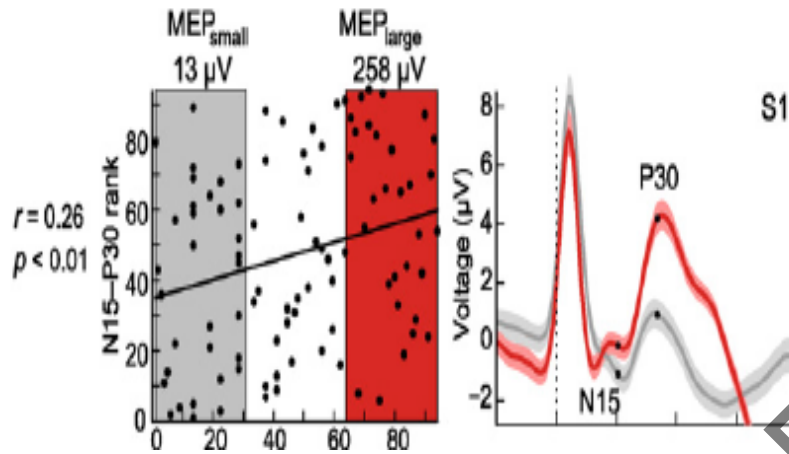


Structural connectivity more predictive than functional connectivity

- Momi 2021 *Scientific Reports*: Assessed whether TMS-evoked EEG activity is better predicted by MRI structural connectivity (DTI) or resting-state functional connectivity (rs-fcMRI)
- Top: propagation of TMS-evoked activity is better predicted by structural rather than functional connectivity
- Bottom: The structural connectivity to different networks predicts the TMS-evoked activity within each network

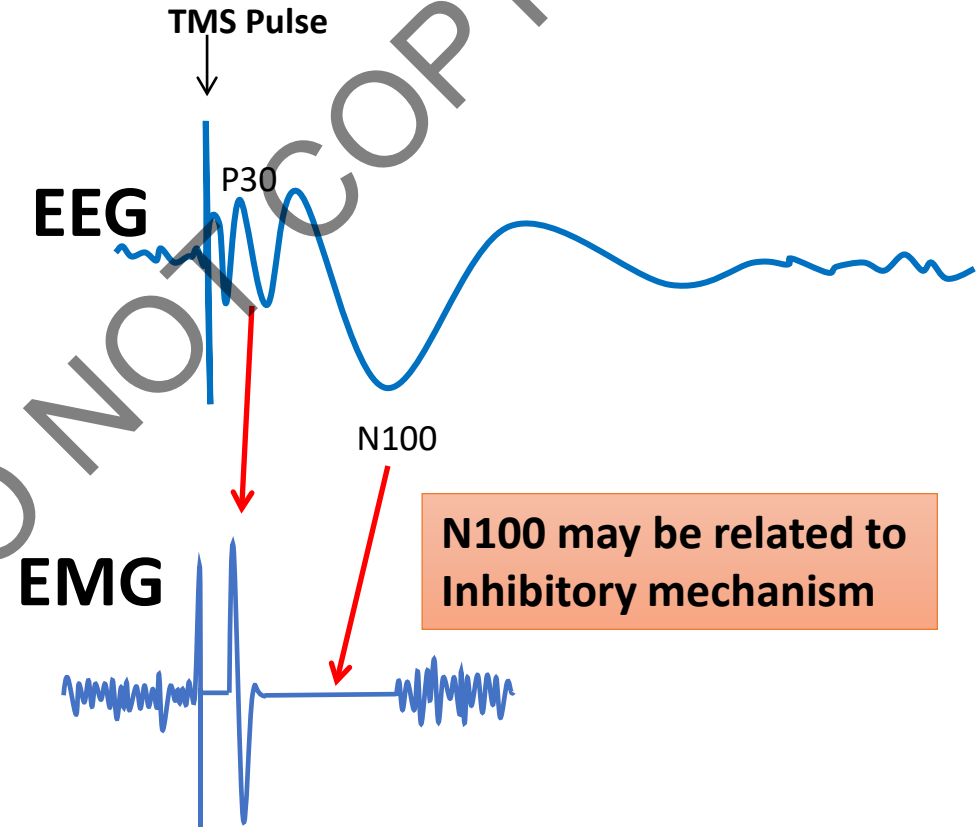


TEPs and MEPs



The N15-P30 correlated with the amplitude of MEP

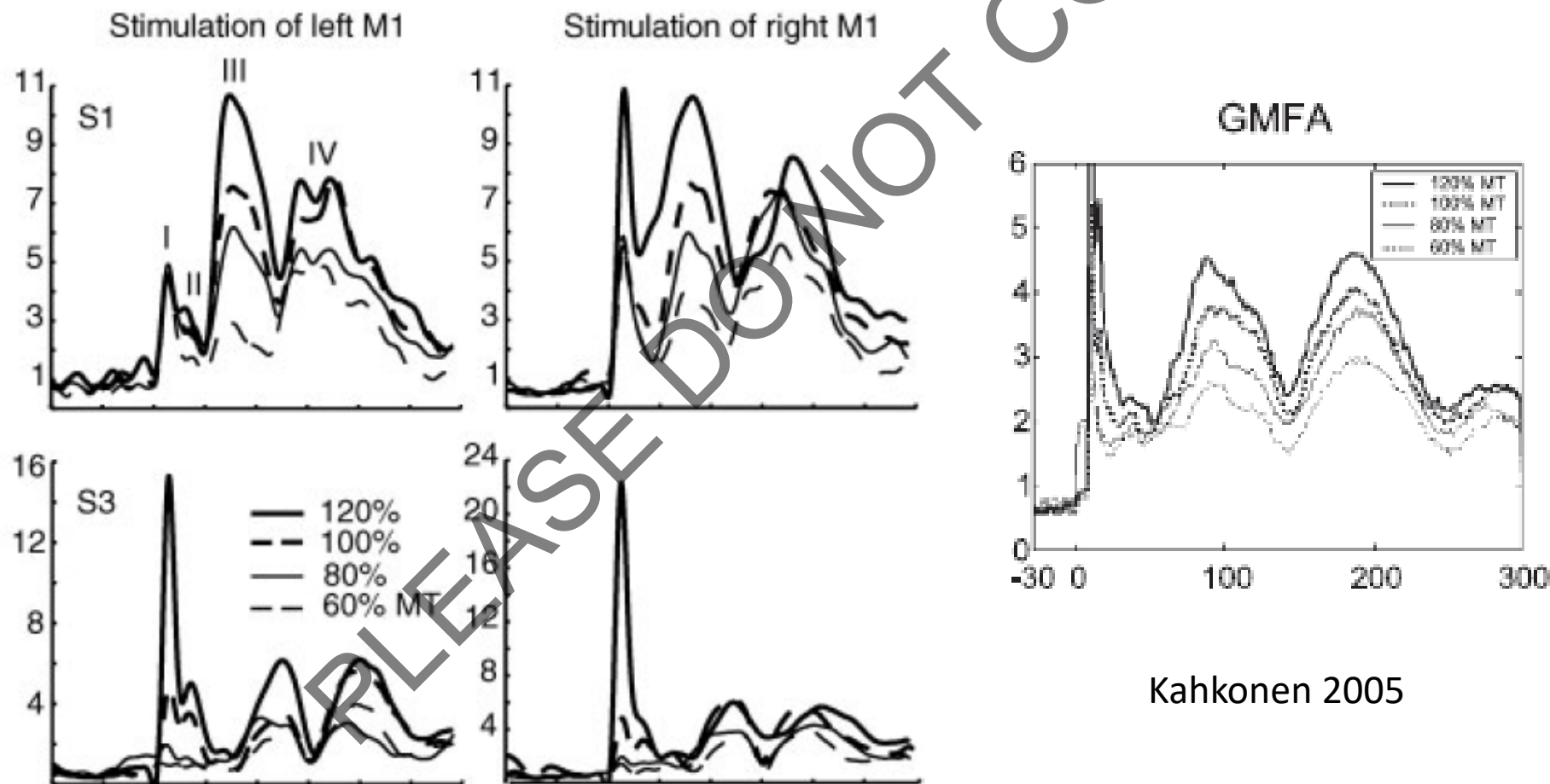
Maki & Ilmoniemi 2010



Bender et al., 2005; Bonato et al., 2006
Farzan et al., 2013

TMS generates TEPs even below motor threshold!

60% motor threshold was enough to evoke a cortical response!

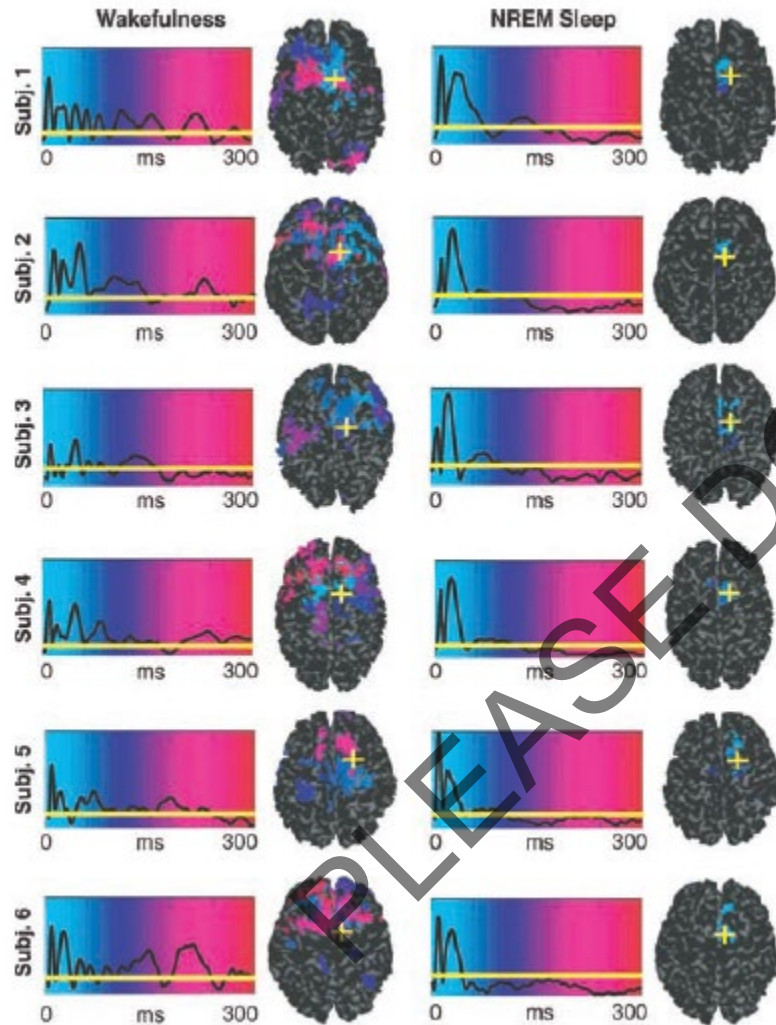


Komissi et al, Human Brain Mapping, 2004

Kahkonen 2005

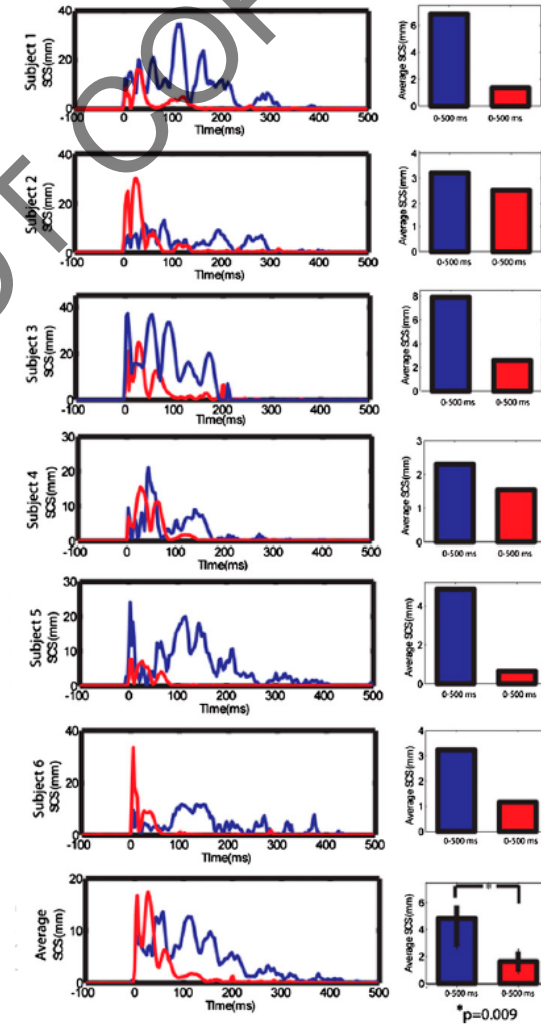
Complexity of TEPs at Different Brain States

Breakdown of effective connectivity during sleep and with anesthesia



Massimini 2005

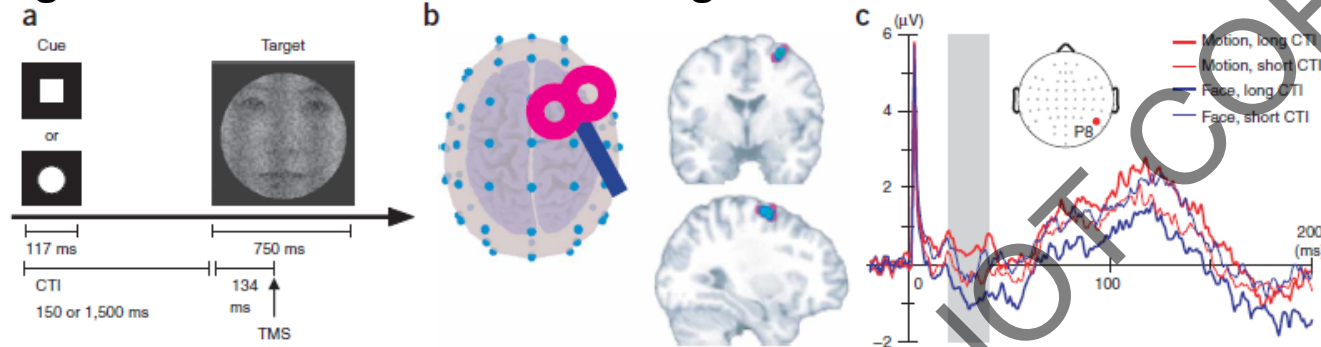
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Ferrarelli 2010

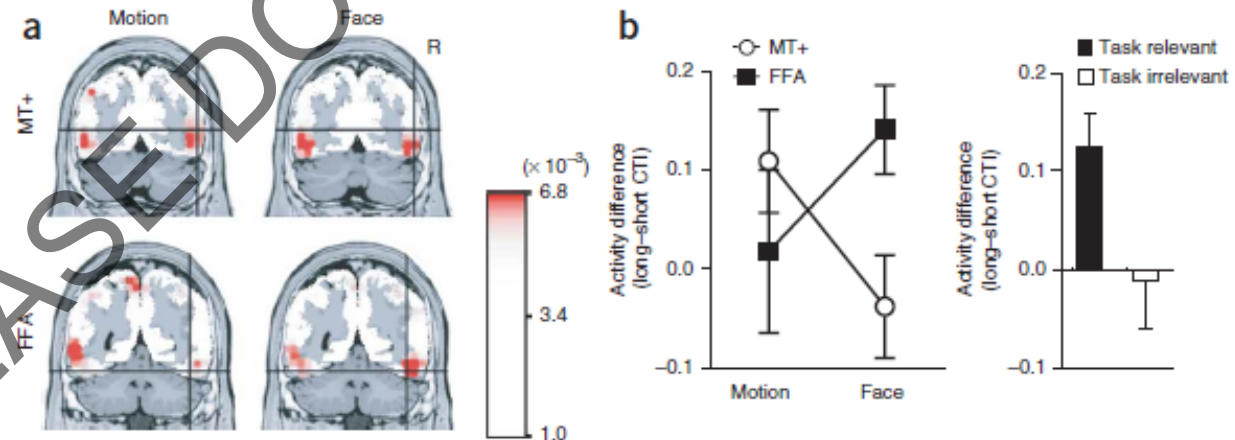
Examining Causality in brain-behavior relationships using TEPs (Cognitive Brain States)

Signal transmission from PFC during visual attention task

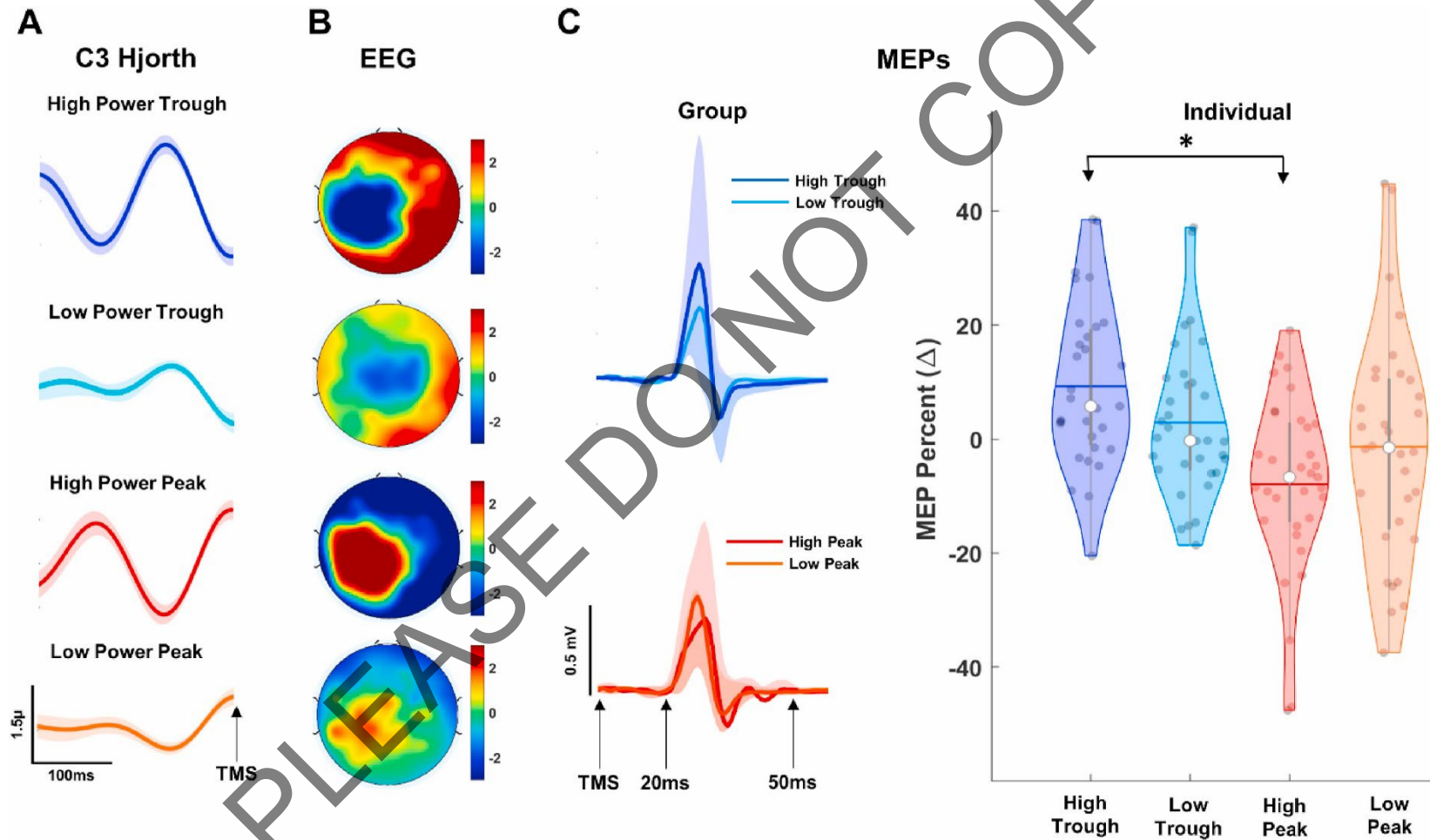


Morishima 2009 Nature Neuroscience: TMS applied to FEF during performance of a visual discrimination task for motion direction or visual gender.

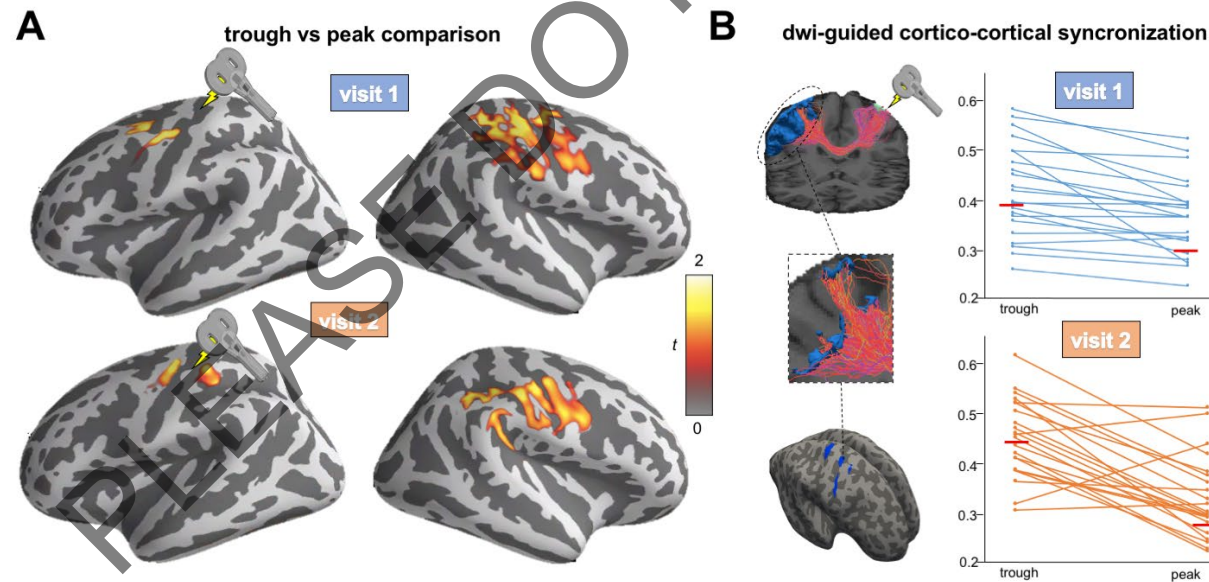
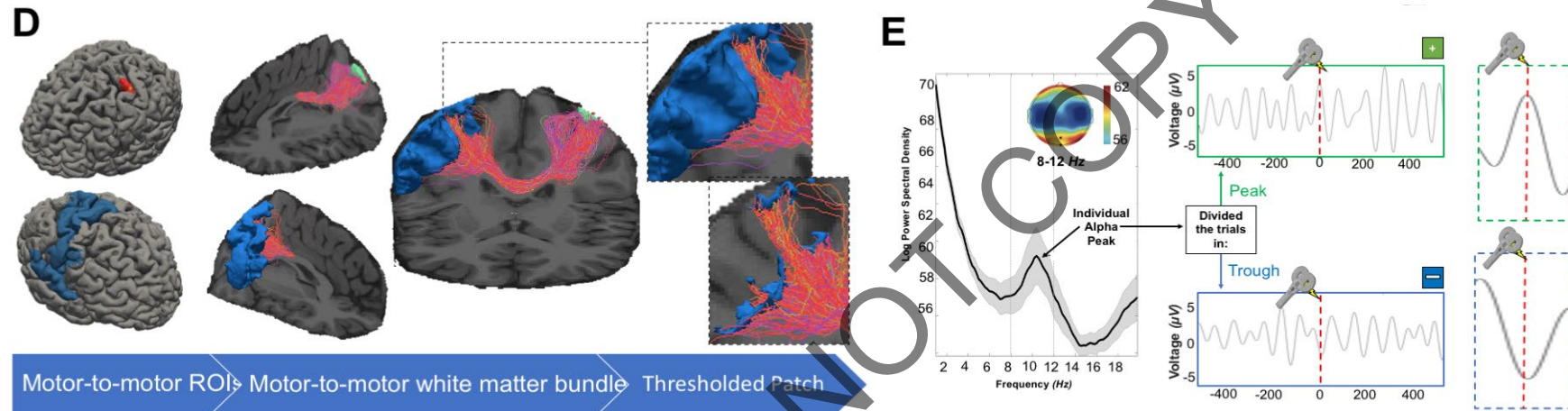
The study found that the transmission of neural impulses from the prefrontal cortex is task-specific. M/F



Instantaneous Brain State and MEPs



Instantaneous Brain State & TEP Connectivity

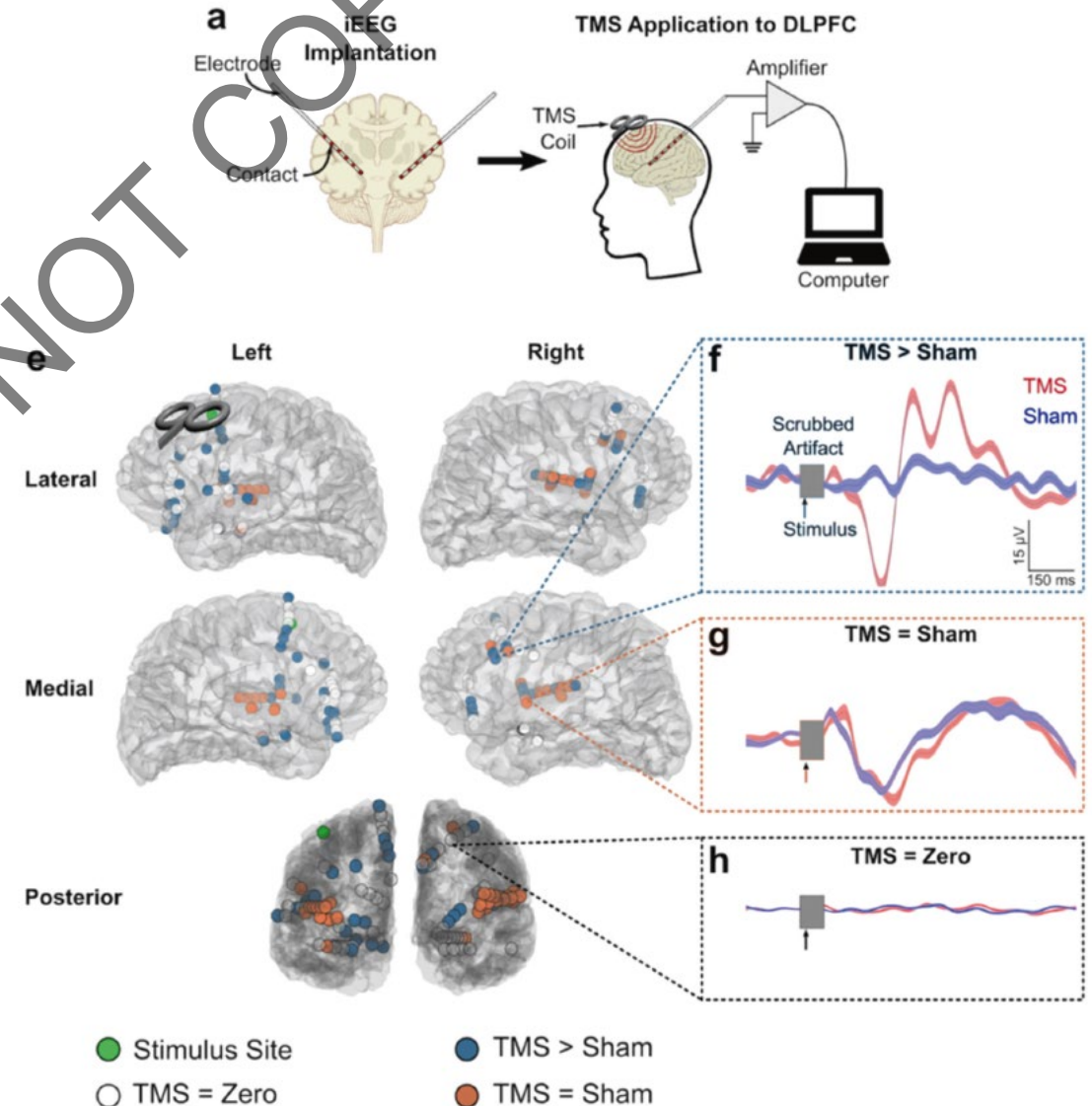


TMS with intracranial EEG

- Patients with medically refractory epilepsy sometimes undergo intracranial EEG recordings with implanted electrodes
- Work led by Aaron Boes at U-Iowa (a former CNBS alum) showed that TMS in patients with implanted intracranial electrodes is safe and feasible
- Permits “ground truth” assessment of human physiology at rest, during tasks, and in response to TMS

Effects of transcranial magnetic stimulation on the human brain recorded with intracranial electrocorticography

Jeffrey B. Wang^{1,2,11}, Umair Hassan^{2,3,4,11}, Joel E. Bruss^{5,6}, Hiroyuki Oya⁷, Brandt D. Uitermarkt⁶, Nicholas T. Trapp^{8,9}, Phillip E. Gander^{7,10}, Matthew A. Howard III⁷, Corey J. Keller^{2,3,4,12} and Aaron D. Boes^{5,6,8,9,12}

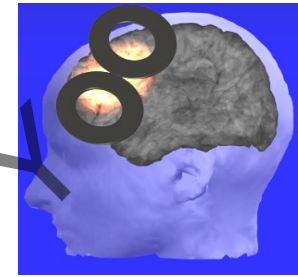


Paired Pulse TMS-EEG

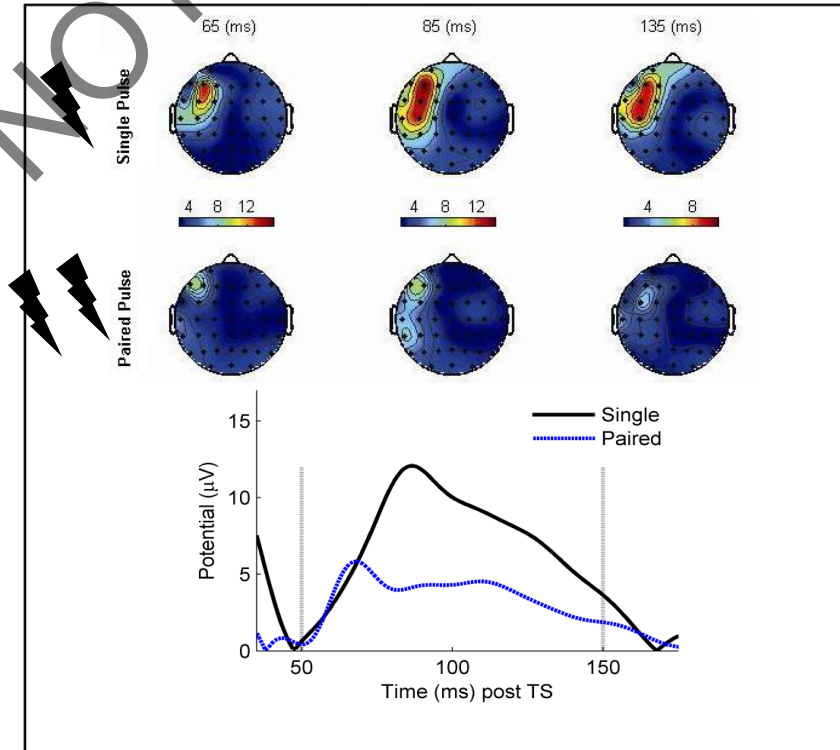
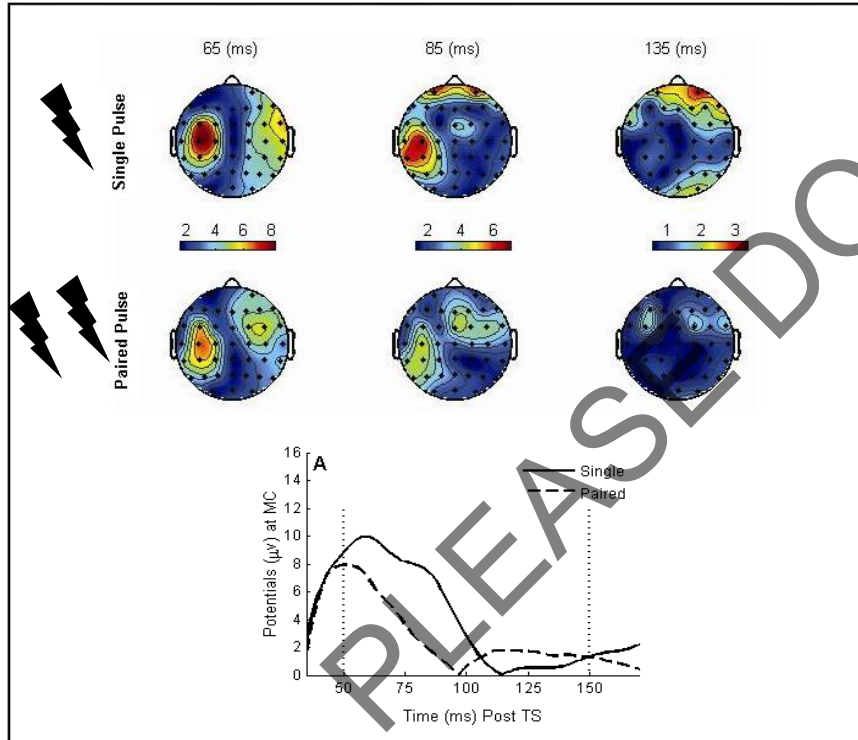


Motor Cortex

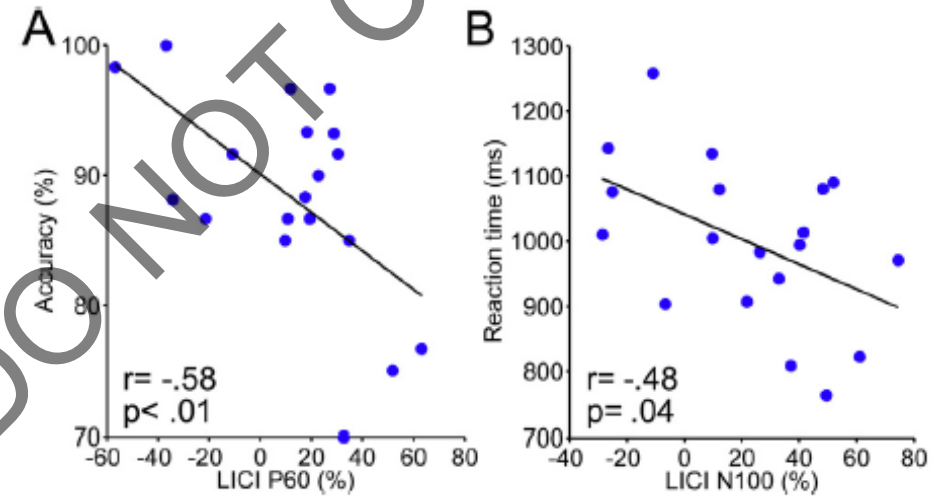
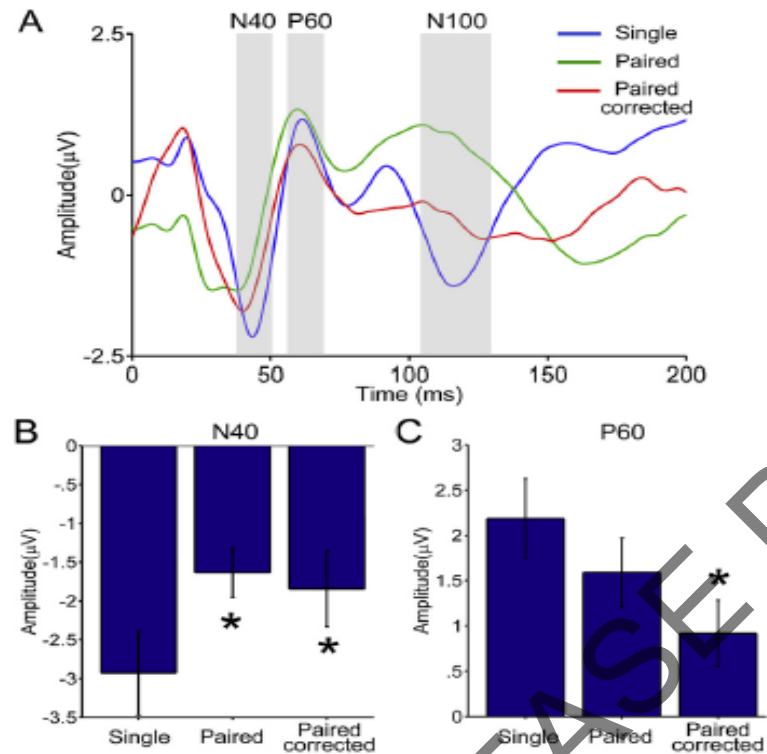
TMS-EEG used to assess LICI in Motor and Prefrontal Cortex



Prefrontal Cortex

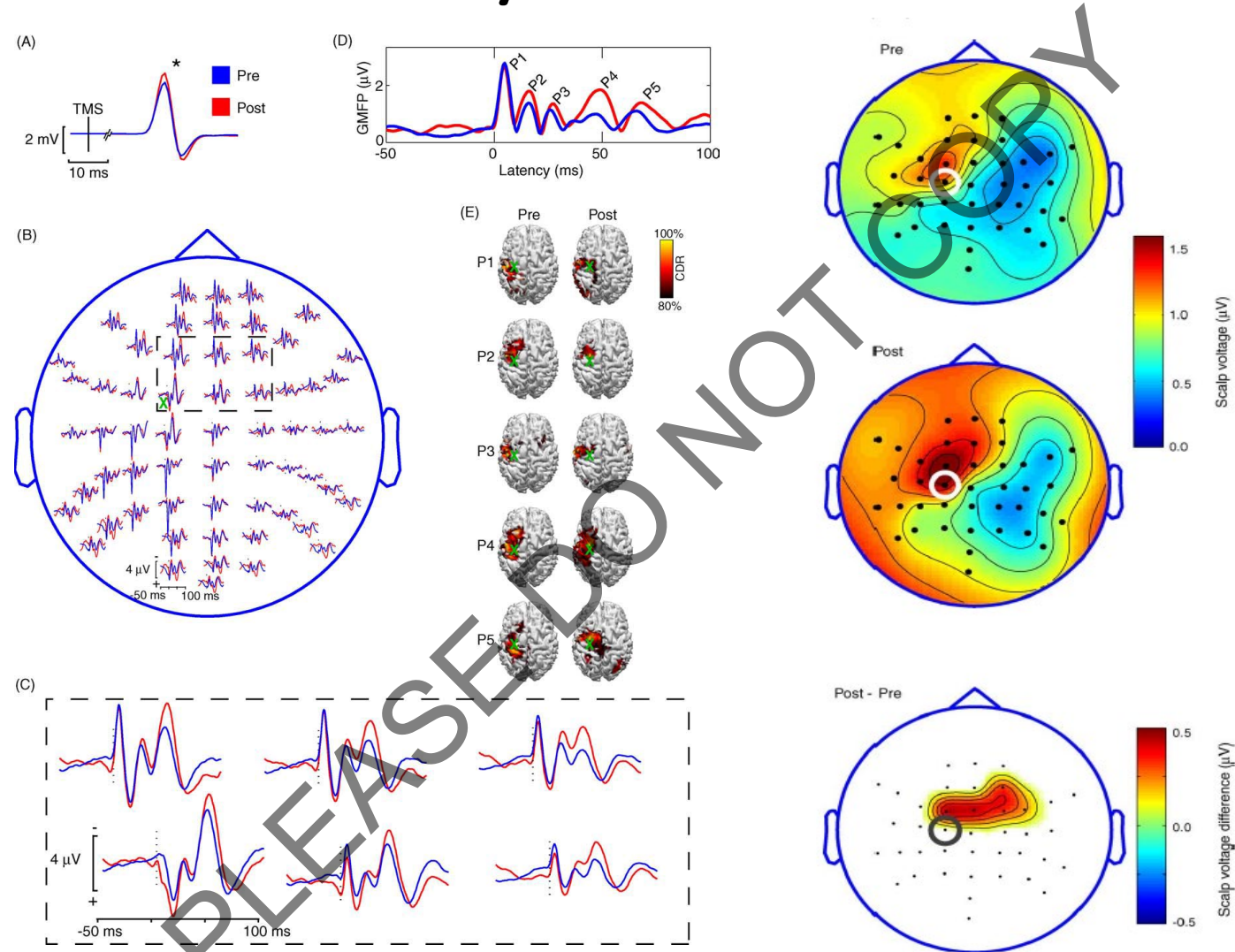


Prefrontal LICl is correlated with WM



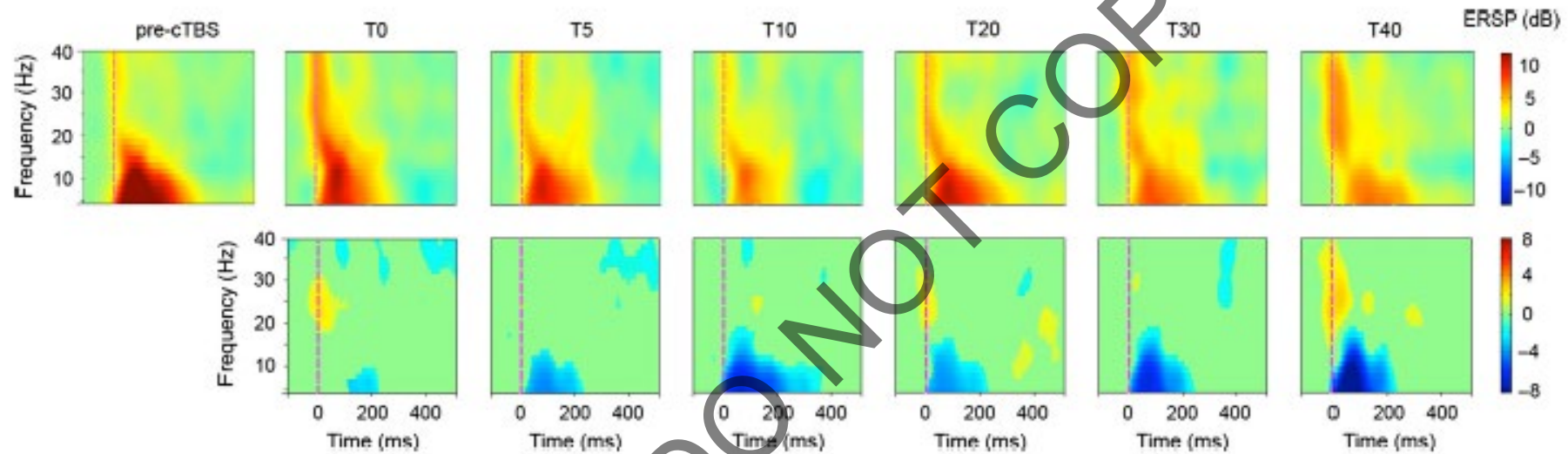
Repetitive TMS

LTP-like Plasticity with rTMS

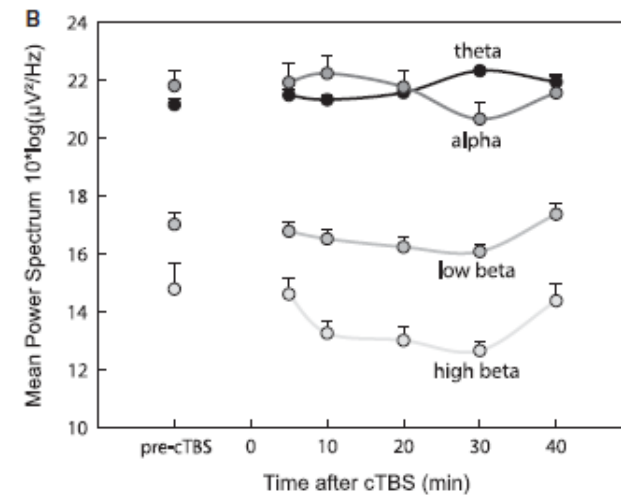


Esser 2006: Following, 5 Hz rTMS to motor cortex, a potentiation of the EEG potentials between 15 and 55ms

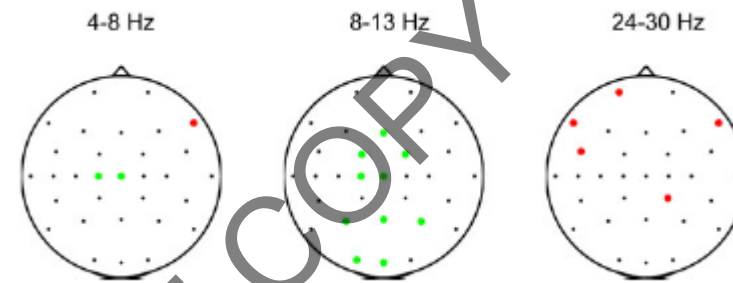
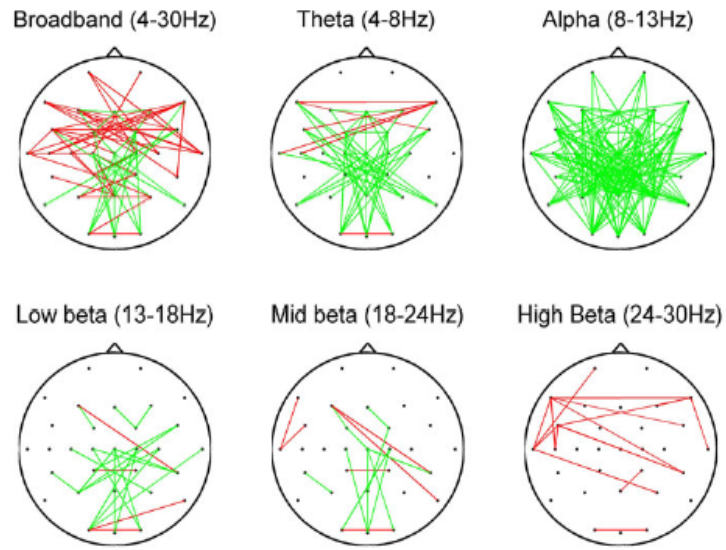
TMS-evoked oscillations



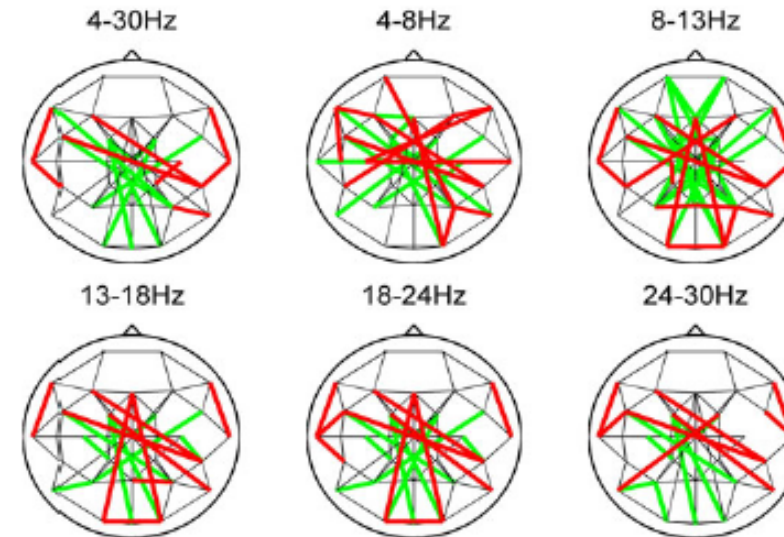
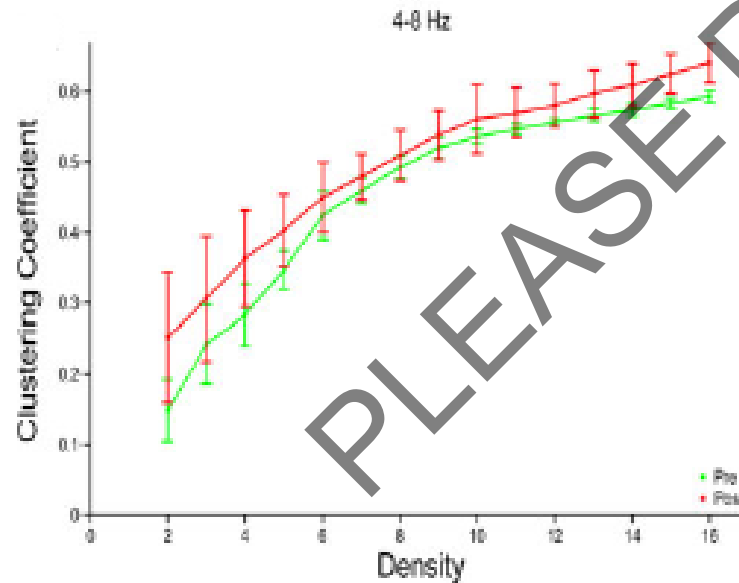
Vernet 2012: TMS-evoked theta and alpha oscillations significantly decreased after cTBS, while TMS-evoked beta activity increased. Significant decrease in resting-state beta power after cTBS



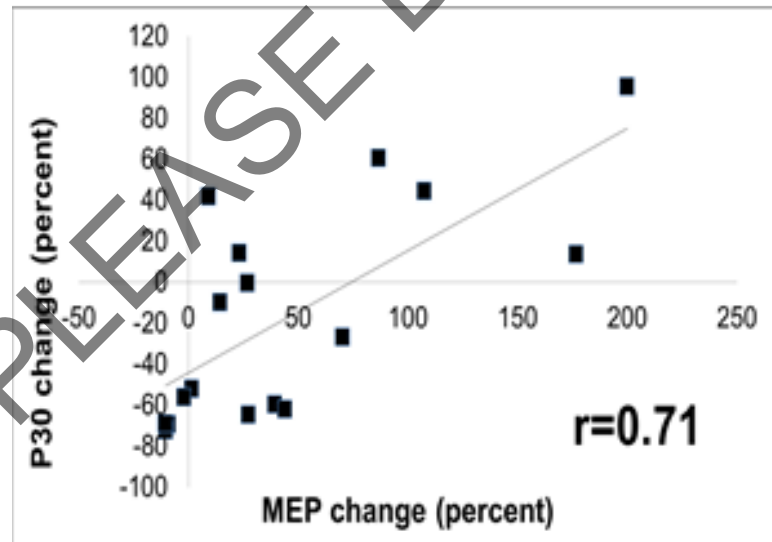
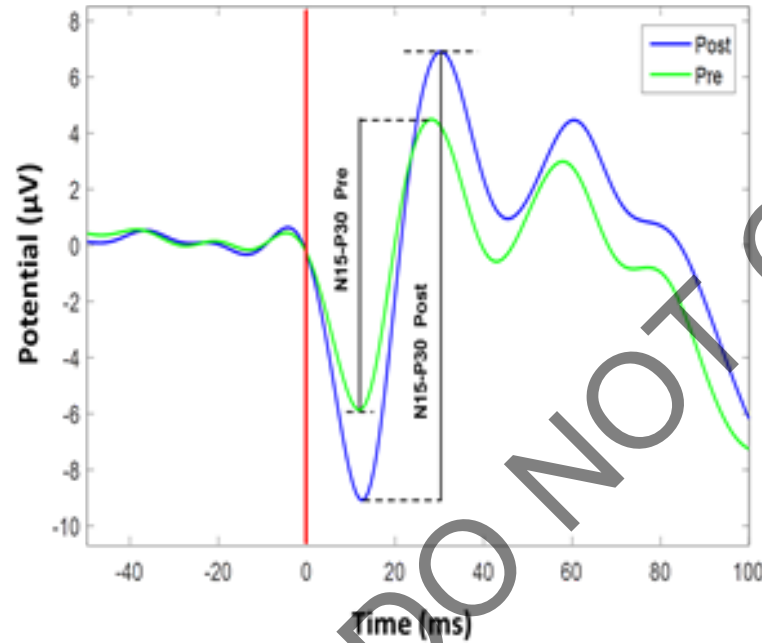
And network connectivity



Shafi 2014: cTBS produced distributed frequency-specific changes in network connectivity, resulting in shifts in network topology and graph-theoretic metrics with implications for brain information processing



TMS-EEG effects correlate with MEP effects

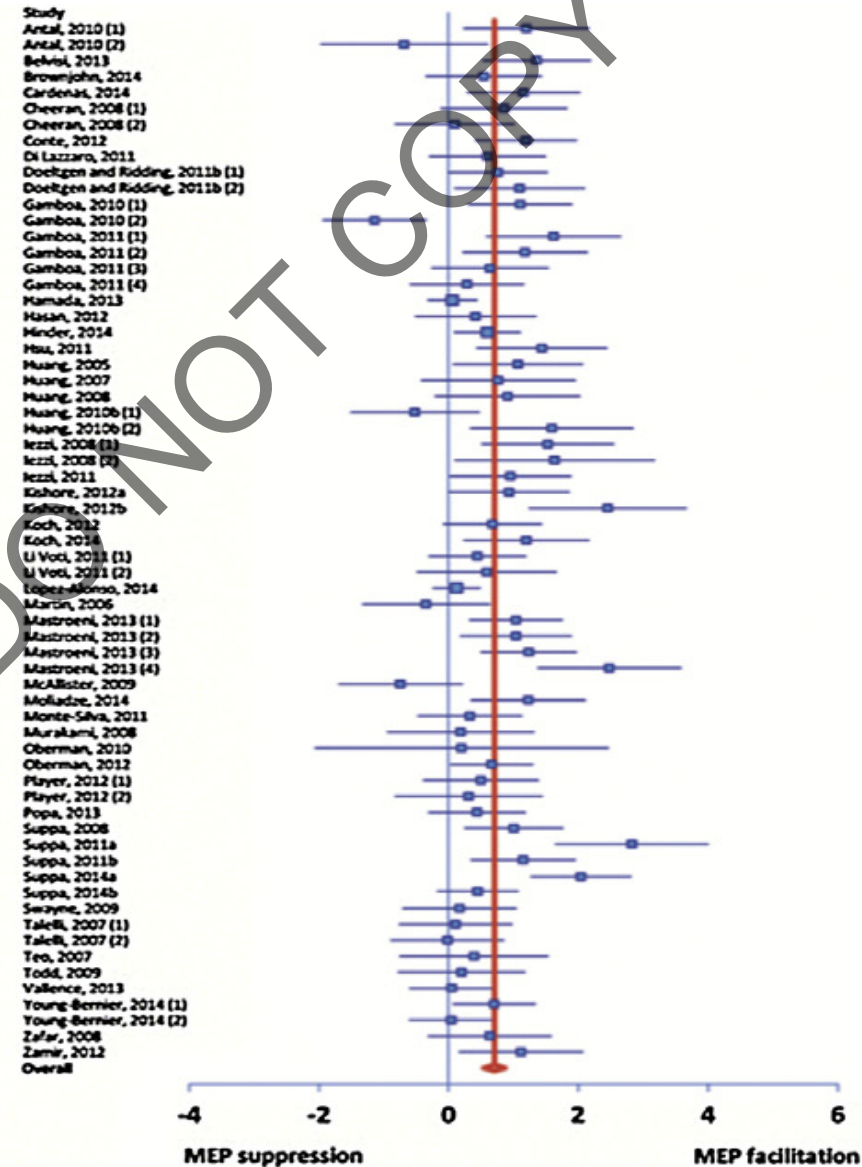


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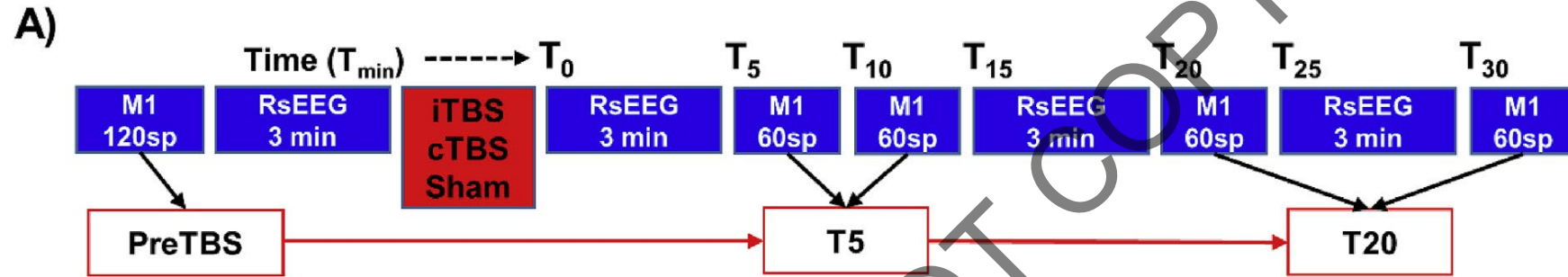
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Assessing the Cortical Excitability Hypothesis of rTMS Effects

Out of 87 studies only 3 employed Sham

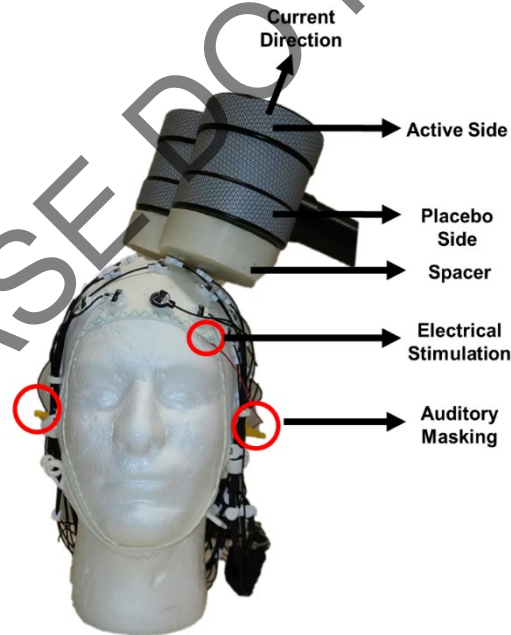


Testing the cortical excitability hypothesis of rTMS effects with sham controls and repeat tests



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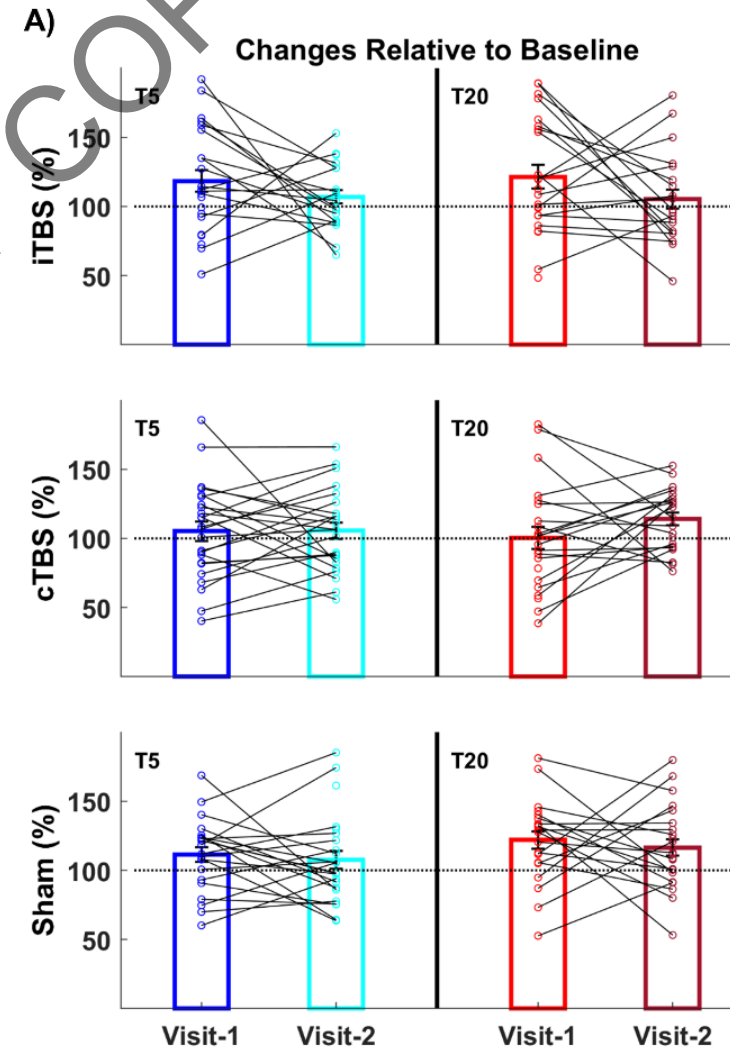
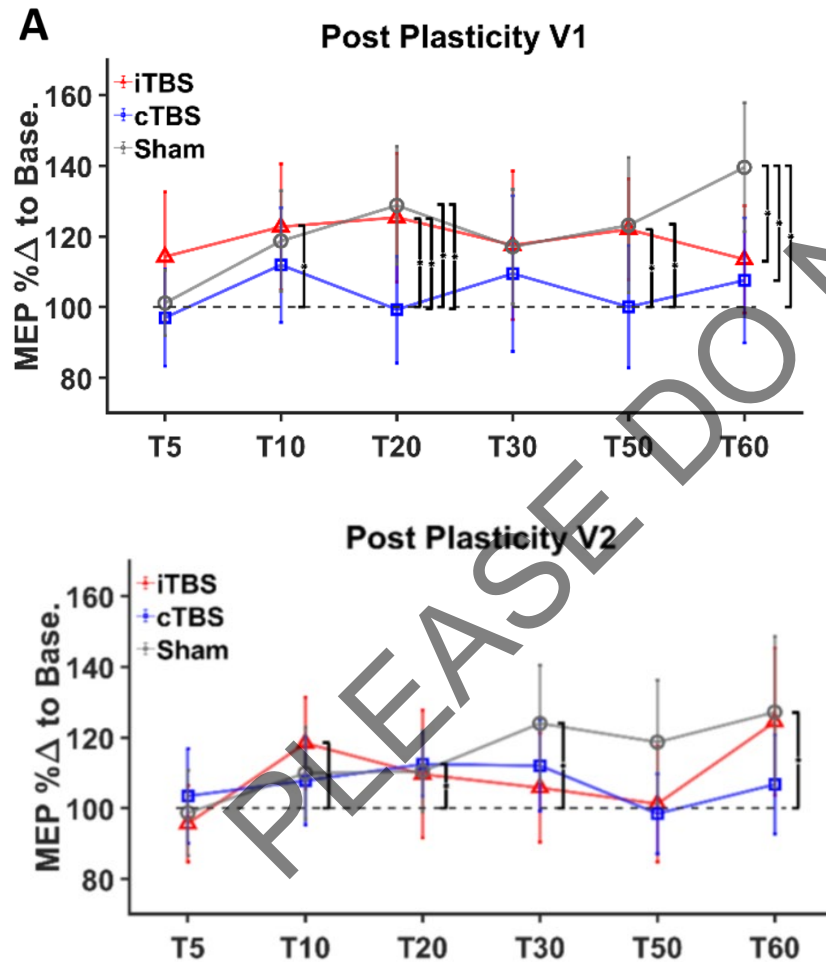
Sham Design-1
(Data set-1: Test Retest Cohort)



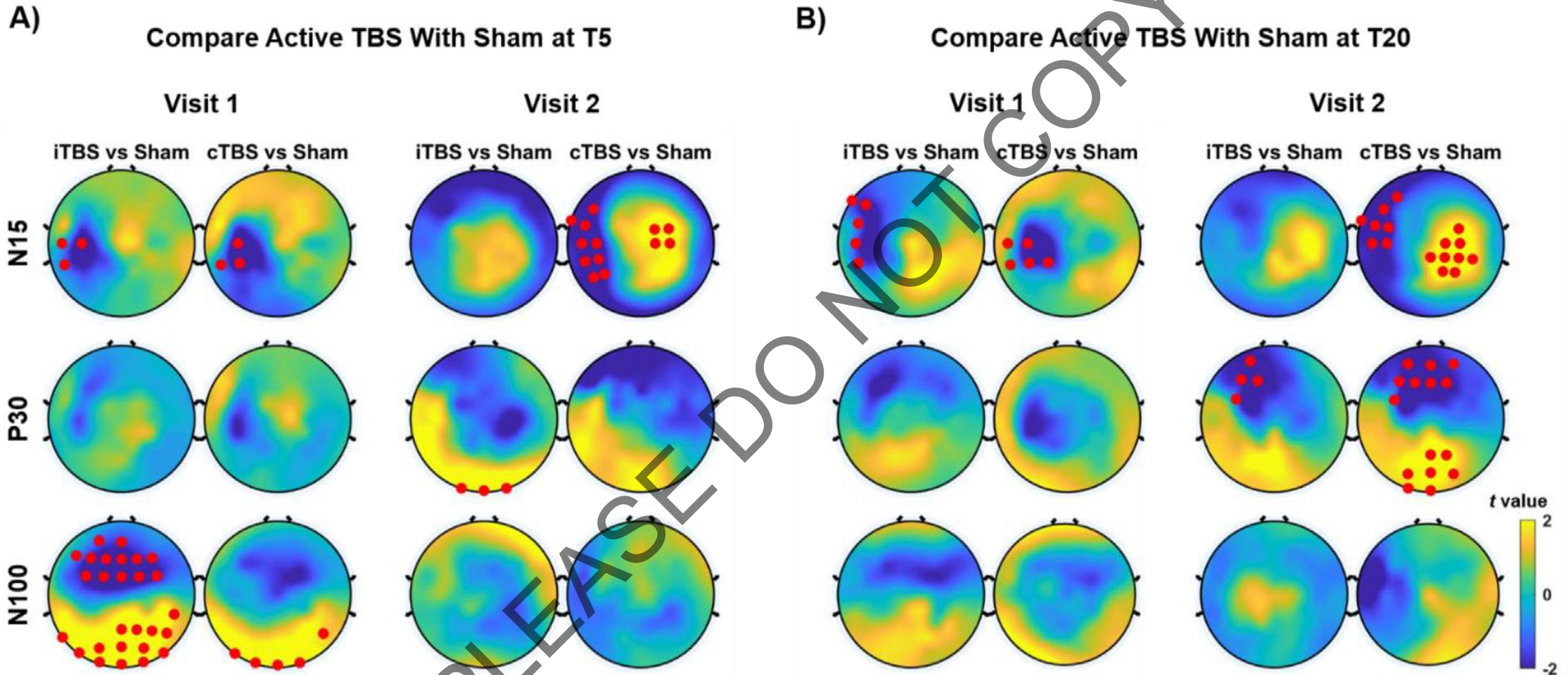
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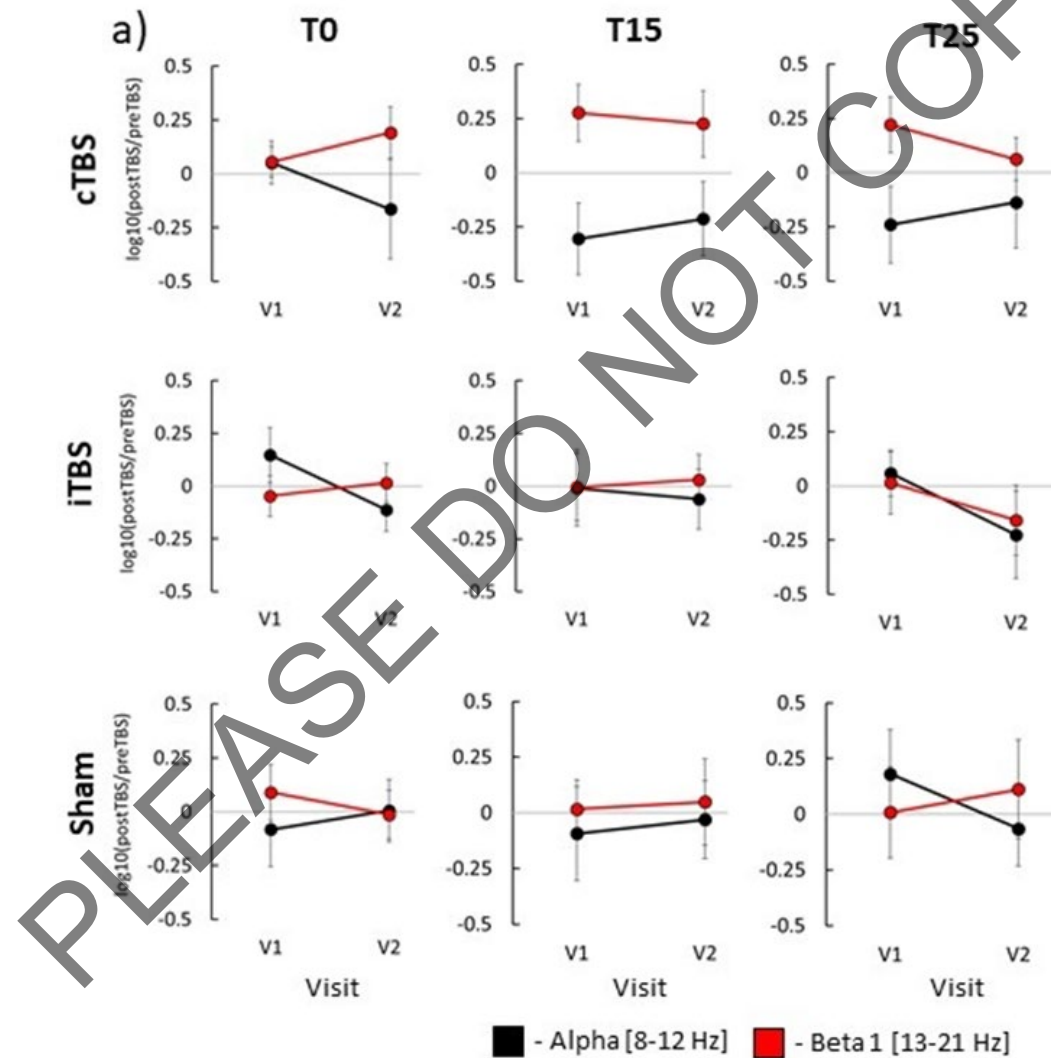
Theta-burst effects on MEPs are not different from sham at most time points at the group level



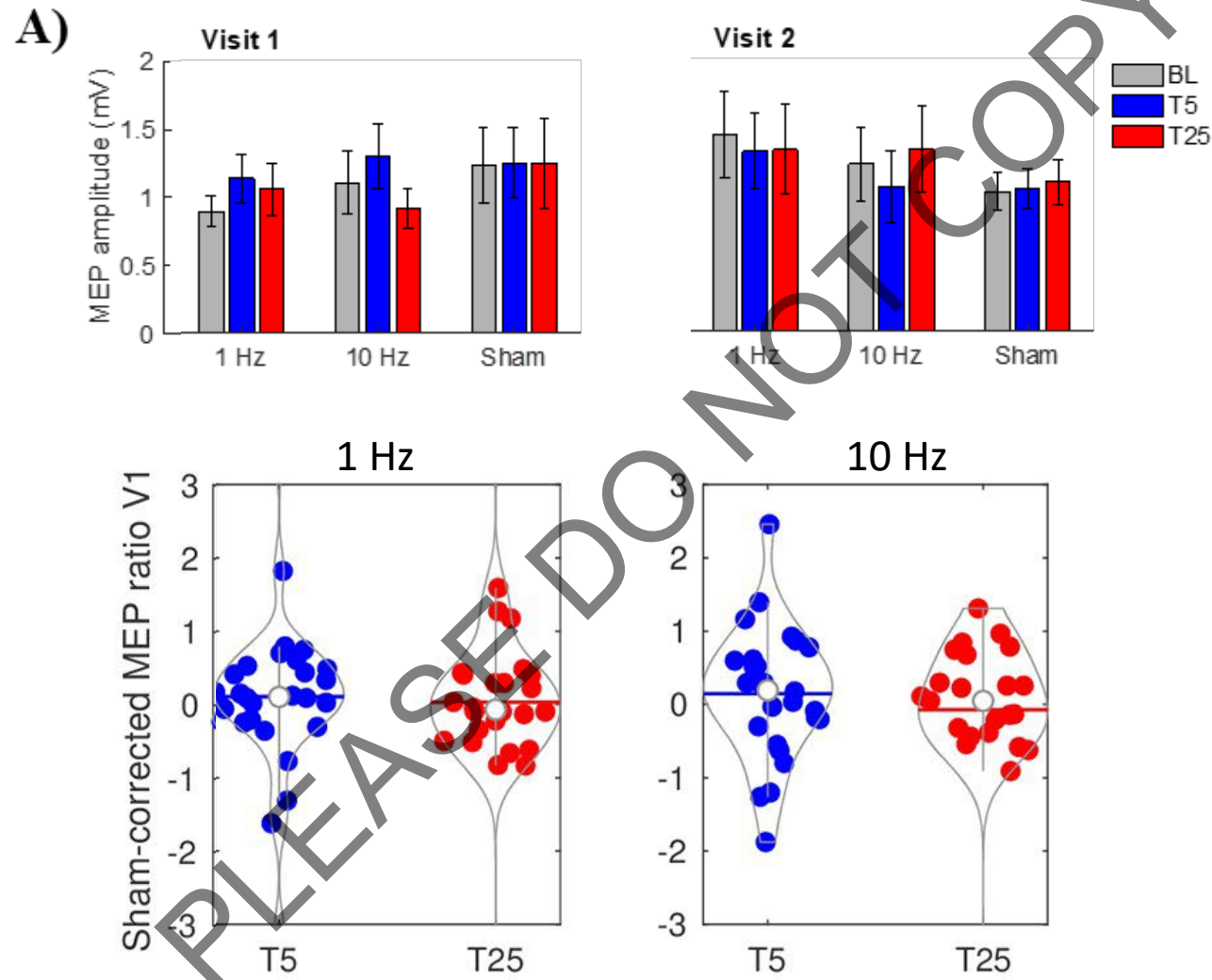
Theta-burst effects on TEPs are not reproducible



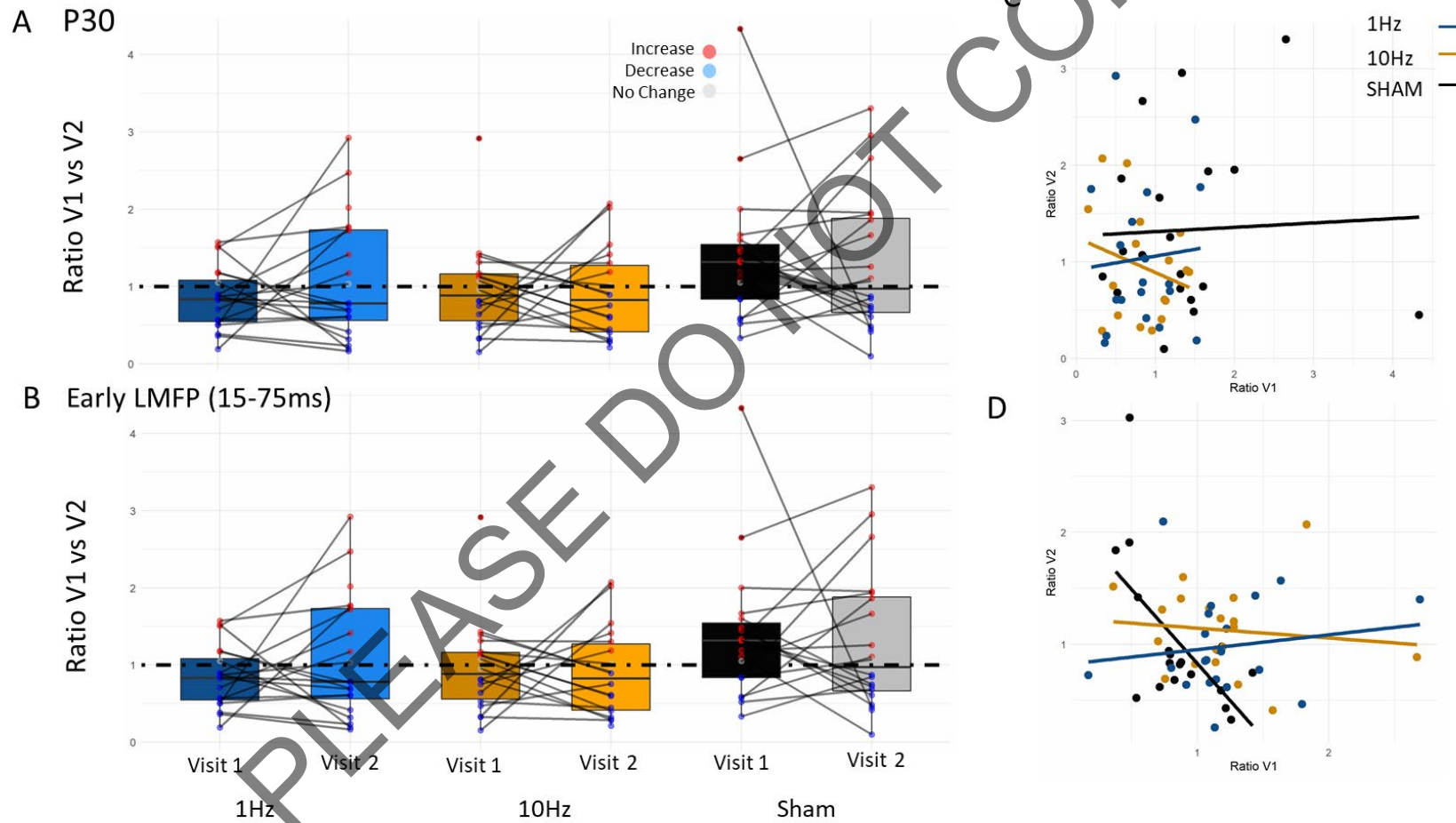
How about rsEEG oscillations



What about conventional rTMS? 1 Hz or 10 Hz effects on MEPs were not different than Sham



1 Hz or 10 Hz did not change TEPs compared Sham

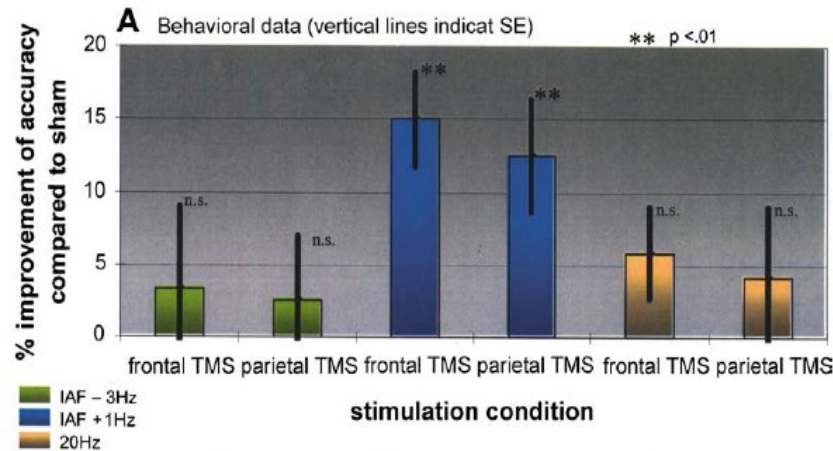


Take Home Message for Cortical Excitability Hypothesis of rTMS effects

- Sham controls and repeat tests are critical for validation
- Cortical Excitability Mechanism assumptions may not be true (Alternative mechanisms)
- Single session rTMS is not effective.

EEG-Guided TMS

Use EEG and rTMS to Induce Natural Brain Oscillations Observed During Cognitive Tasks

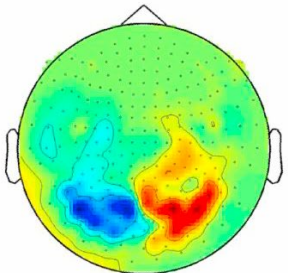


Klimesch 2003: Showed that rTMS at individual alpha frequency to frontal and parietal sites led to significant improvement in mental rotation. Same effect was not present at other frequencies

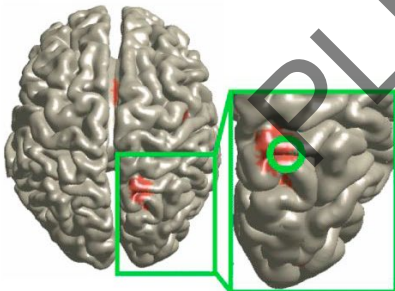
See also: Sauseng 2009, Romei 2010

Thut 2011: Showed that alpha-TMS targeted to the source of EEG alpha activity can upregulate the targeted alpha-oscillations in the attention network. **Thut 2022:** Showed stimulation at IAF +1 Hz improves task performance

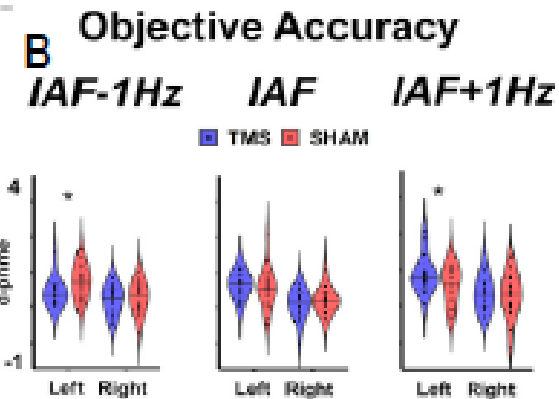
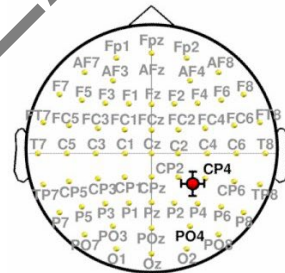
A Attention-modulated α -oscillations in MEG



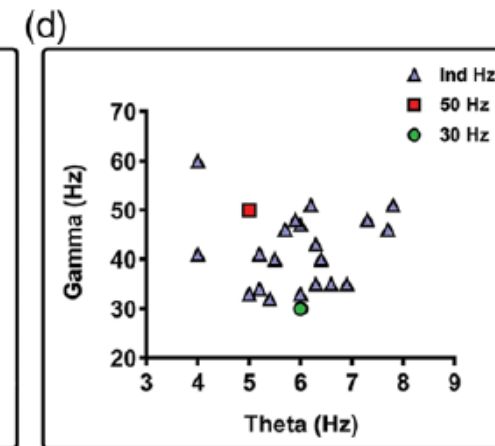
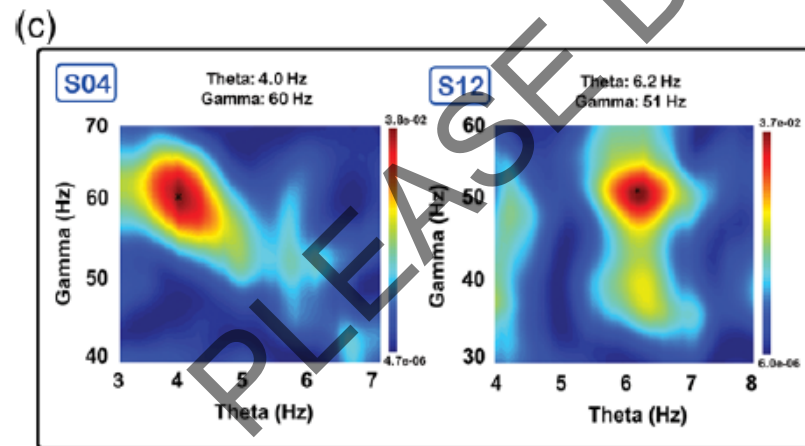
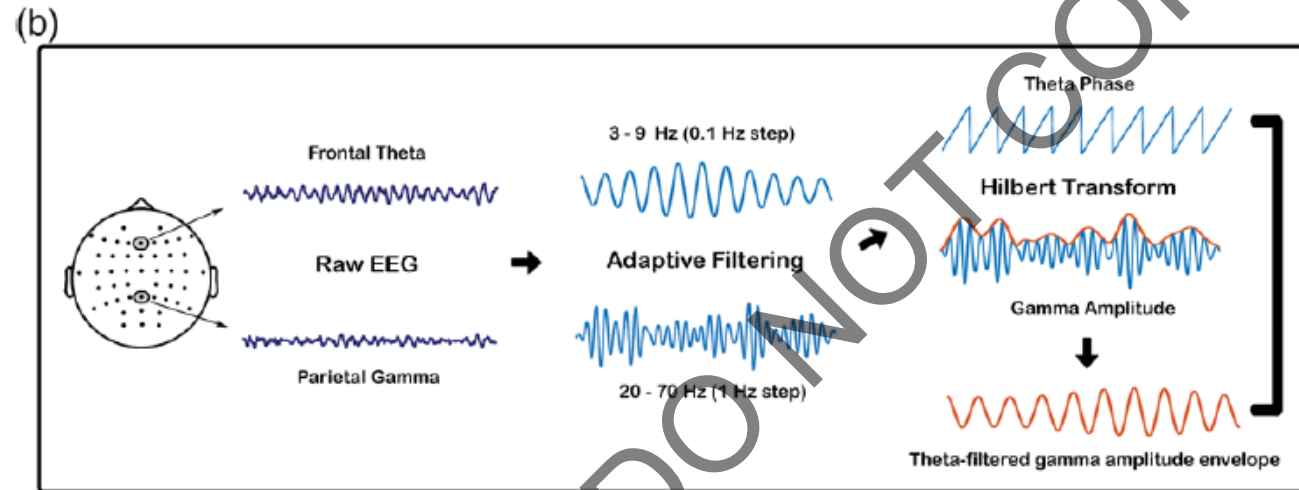
B Source estimate of α -generators in MR



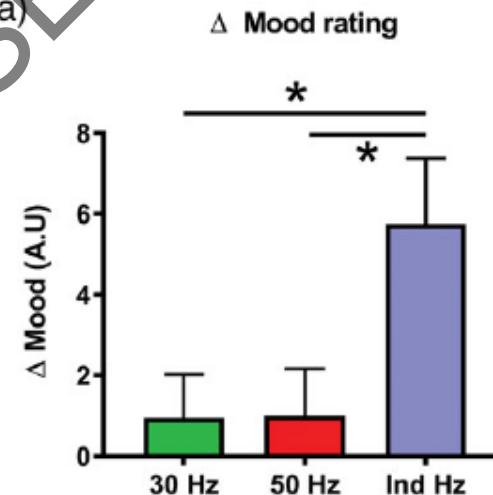
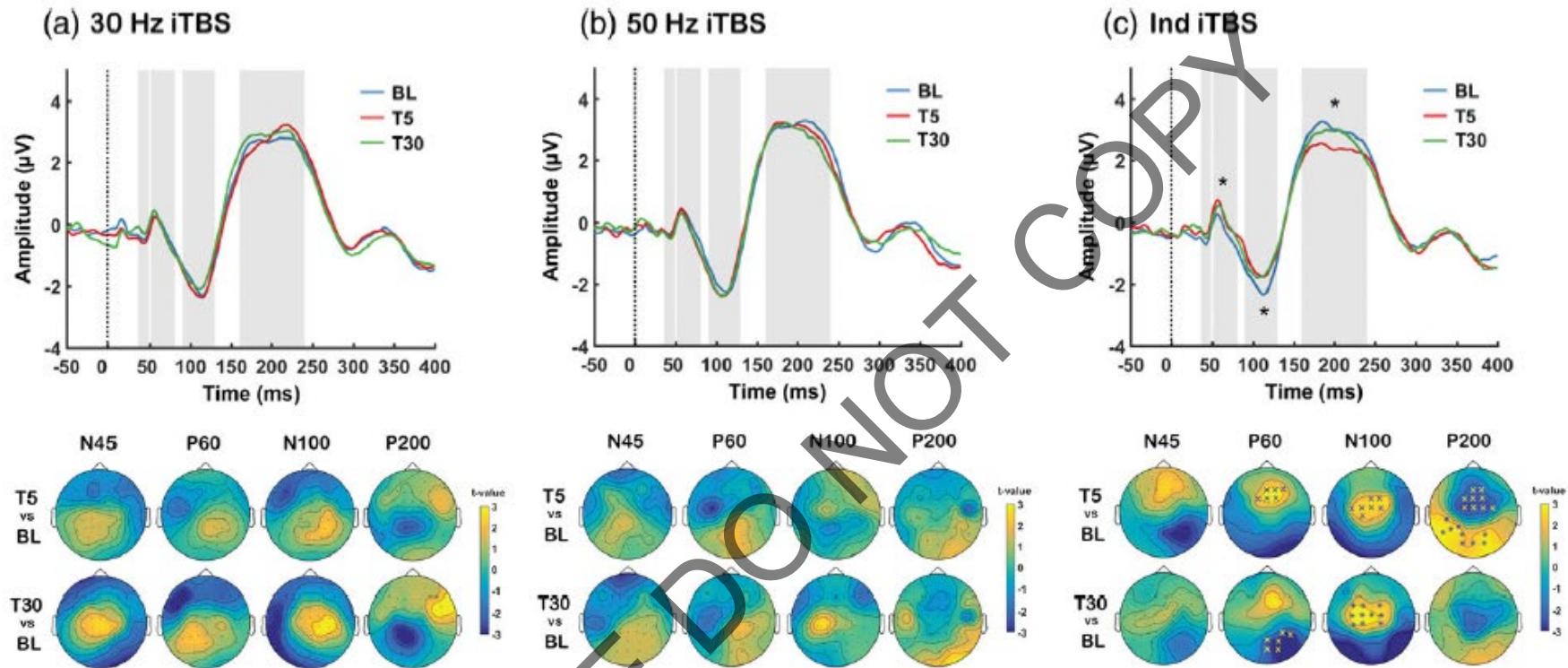
C Stimulation site on electrode array



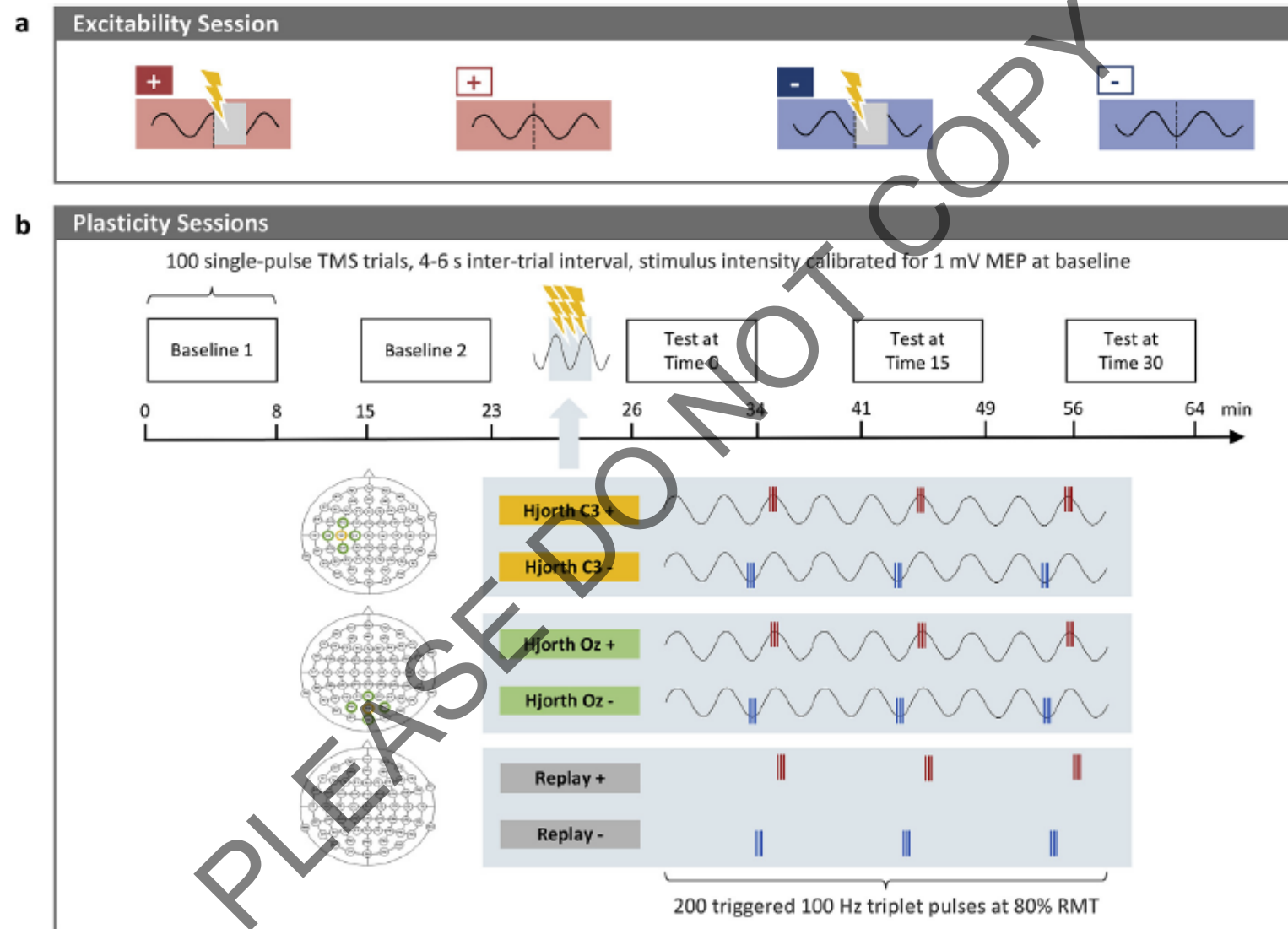
Theta burst using individual theta-gamma coupling



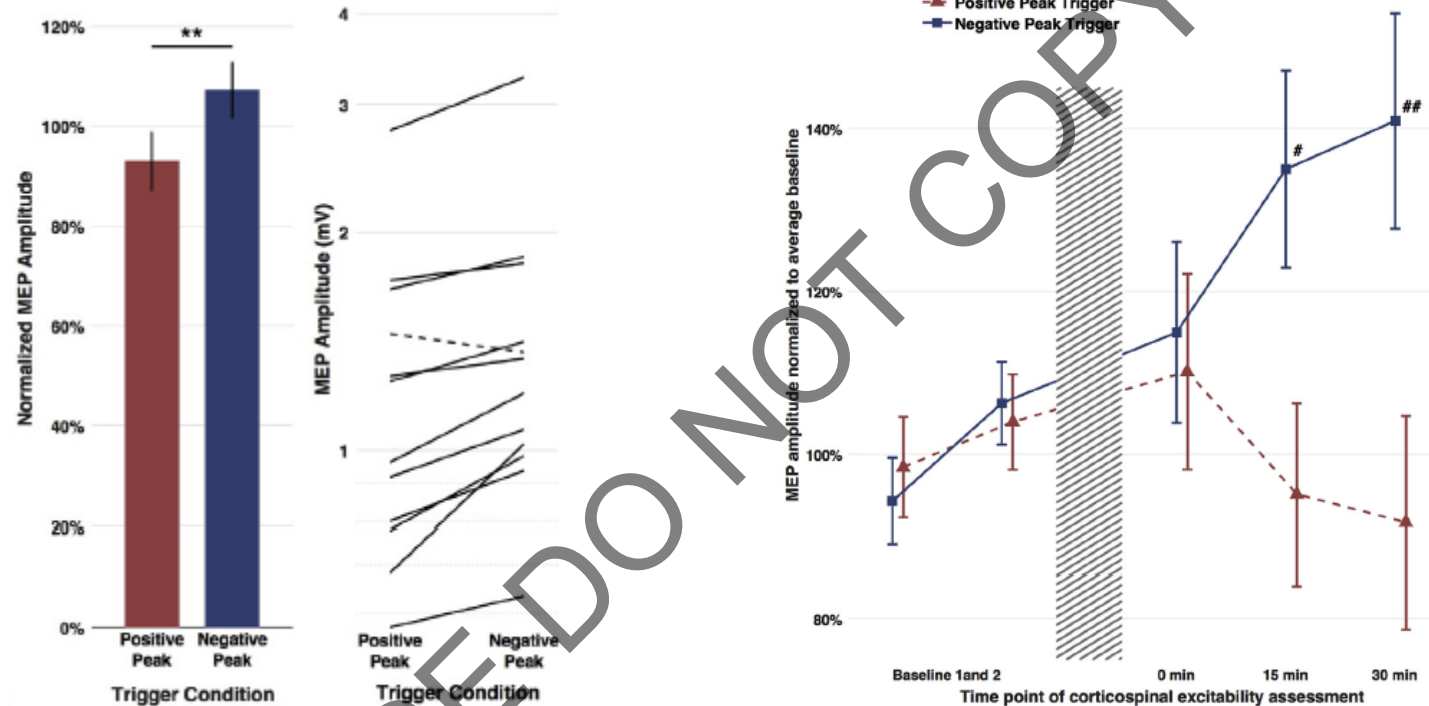
Effects of individualized iTBS?



EEG-gated TMS – effect of ongoing rhythms



EEG-Gated TMS – brain state effects



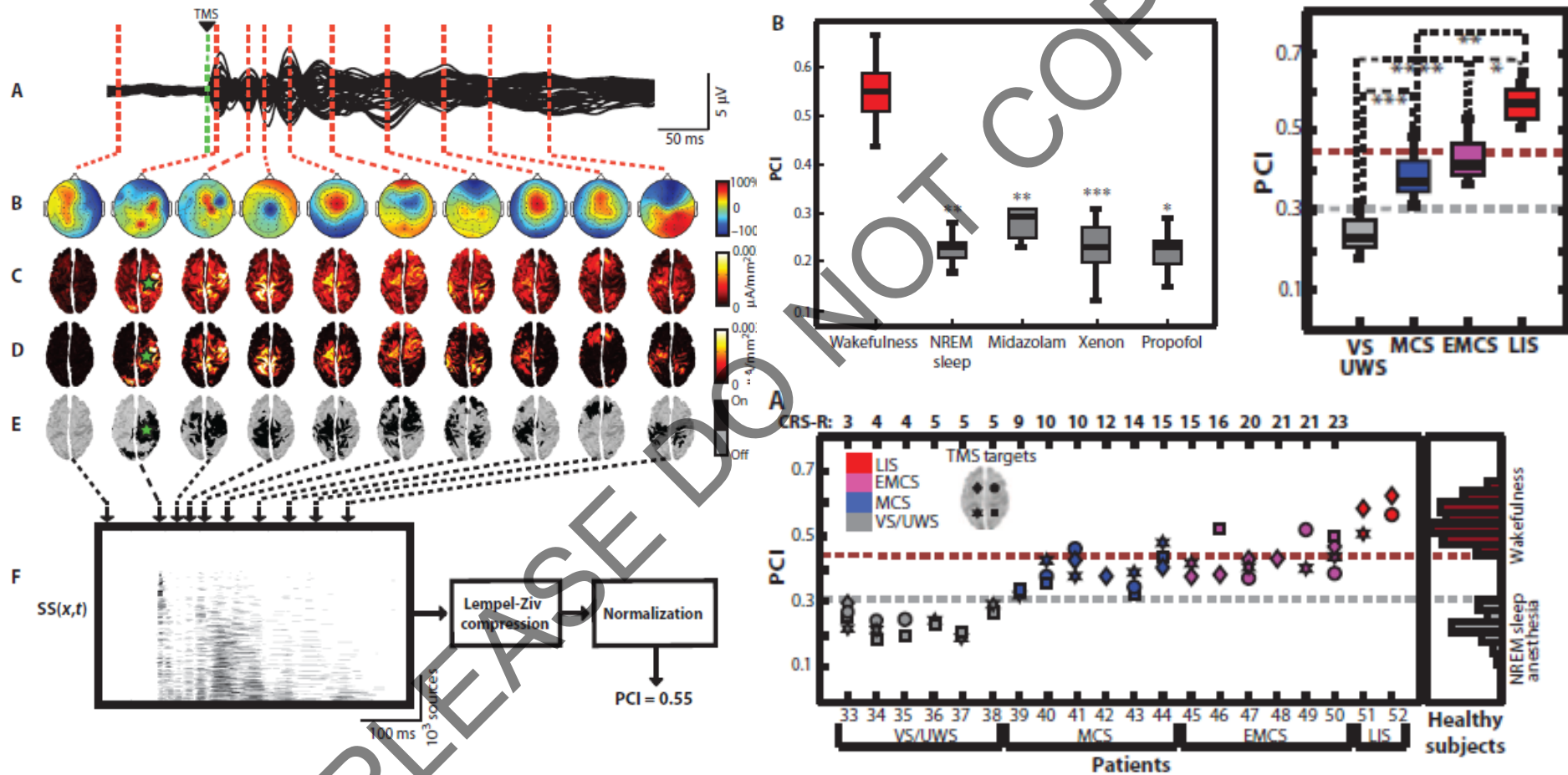
- Administering single pulses of TMS at the negative peak of the ongoing Mu rhythm resulted in a larger evoked MEP
- Plasticity protocol: 200 triple pulses (3 pulses at 100 Hz) and 80% RMT administered at peak vs trough of Mu rhythm. Significant increase in cortical excitability with trough stimulation only

Talk Overview

- Intro to TMS and EEG
 - What does EEG measure and TMS generate/activate in the brain!!!
- Technical issues and challenges
 - EEG compatibility
 - Artifacts, artifacts and artifacts!!!
- Neuroscience Applications of TMS-EEG
- Clinical Applications of TMS-EEG

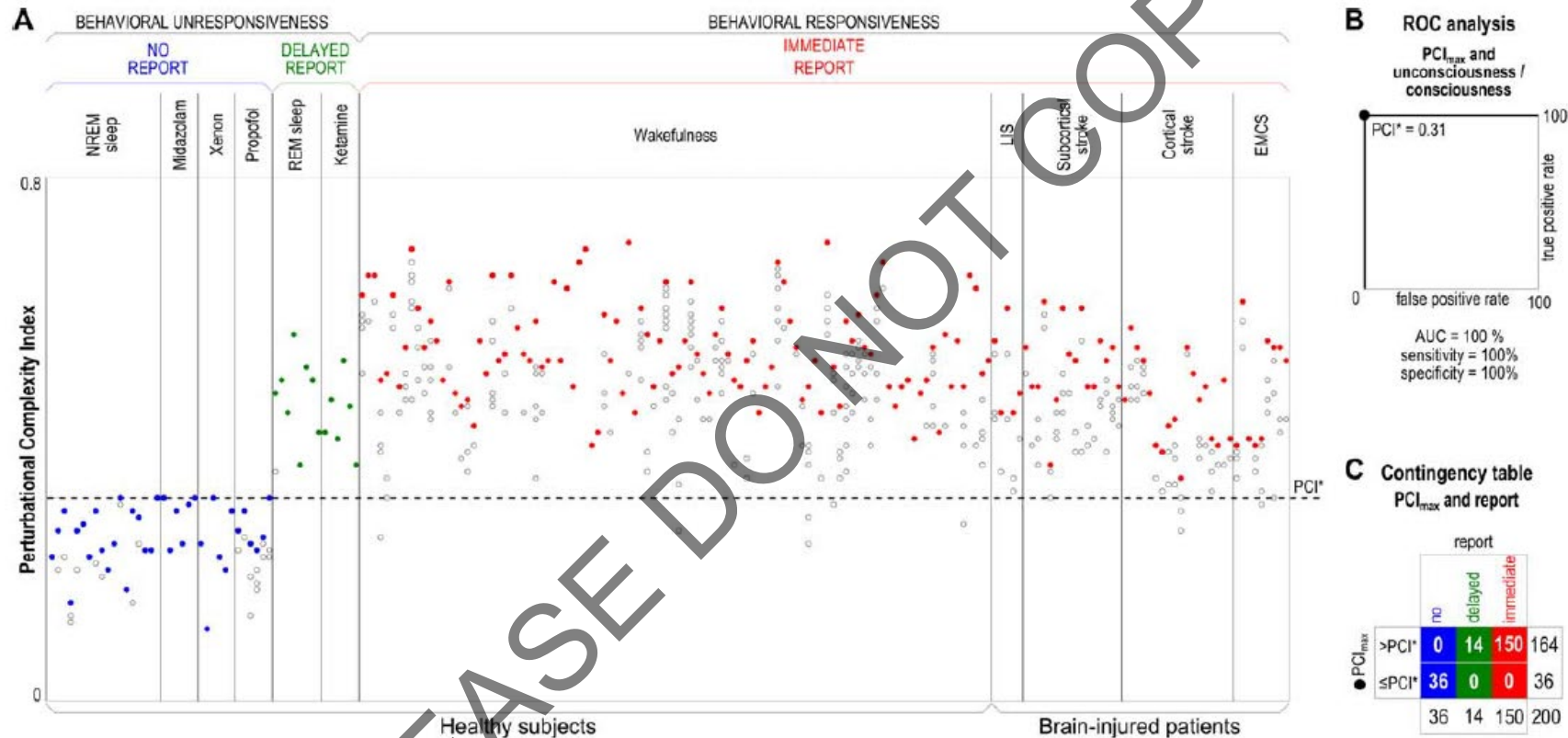
Diagnosis of Persistent Vegetative vs Minimally Conscious State

Casali 2013



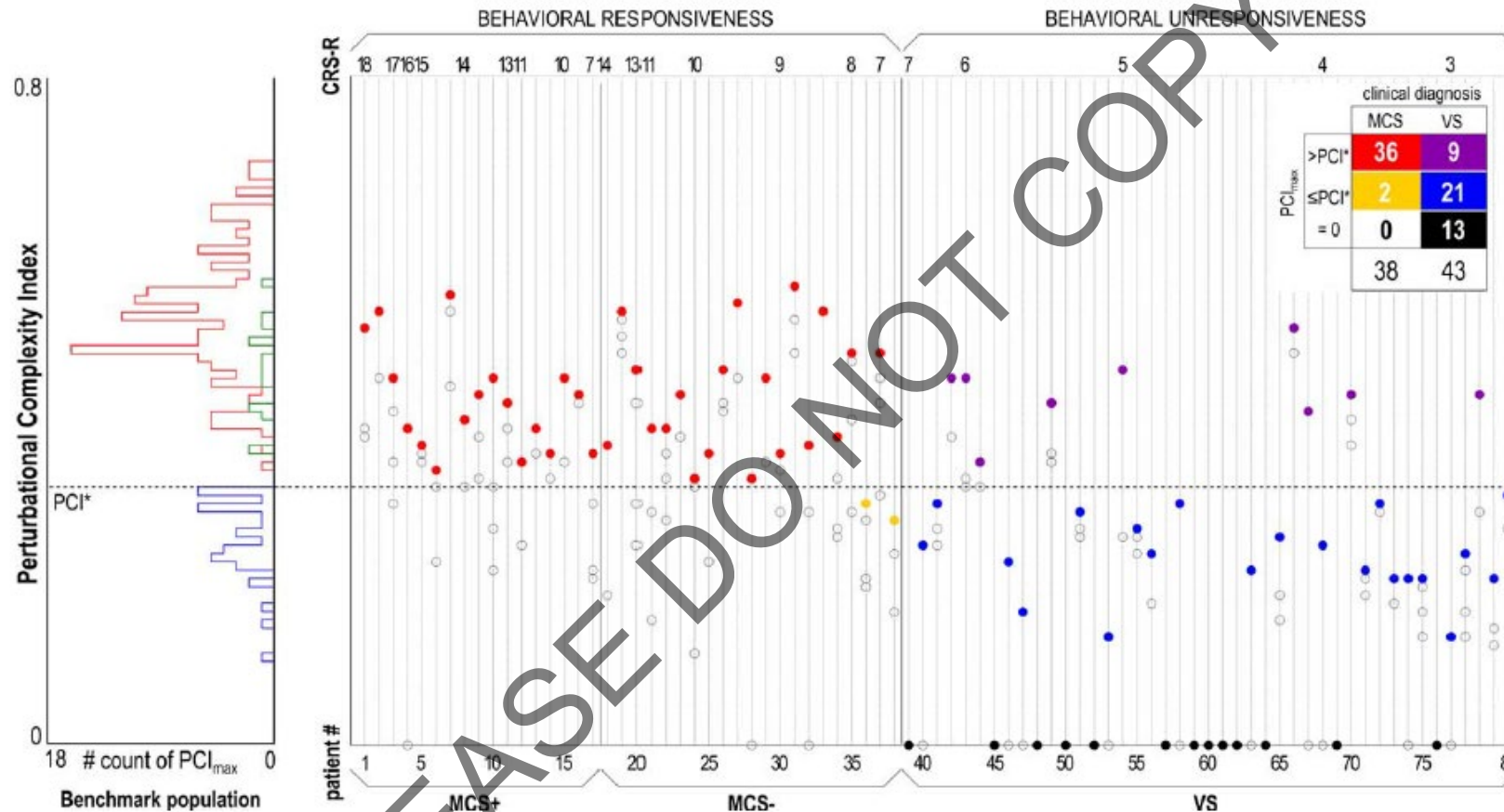
Decreased complexity of evoked response in subjects with loss of consciousness due to any etiology, and in patients with vegetative versus minimally conscious versus locked-in states

Then assessed across large population



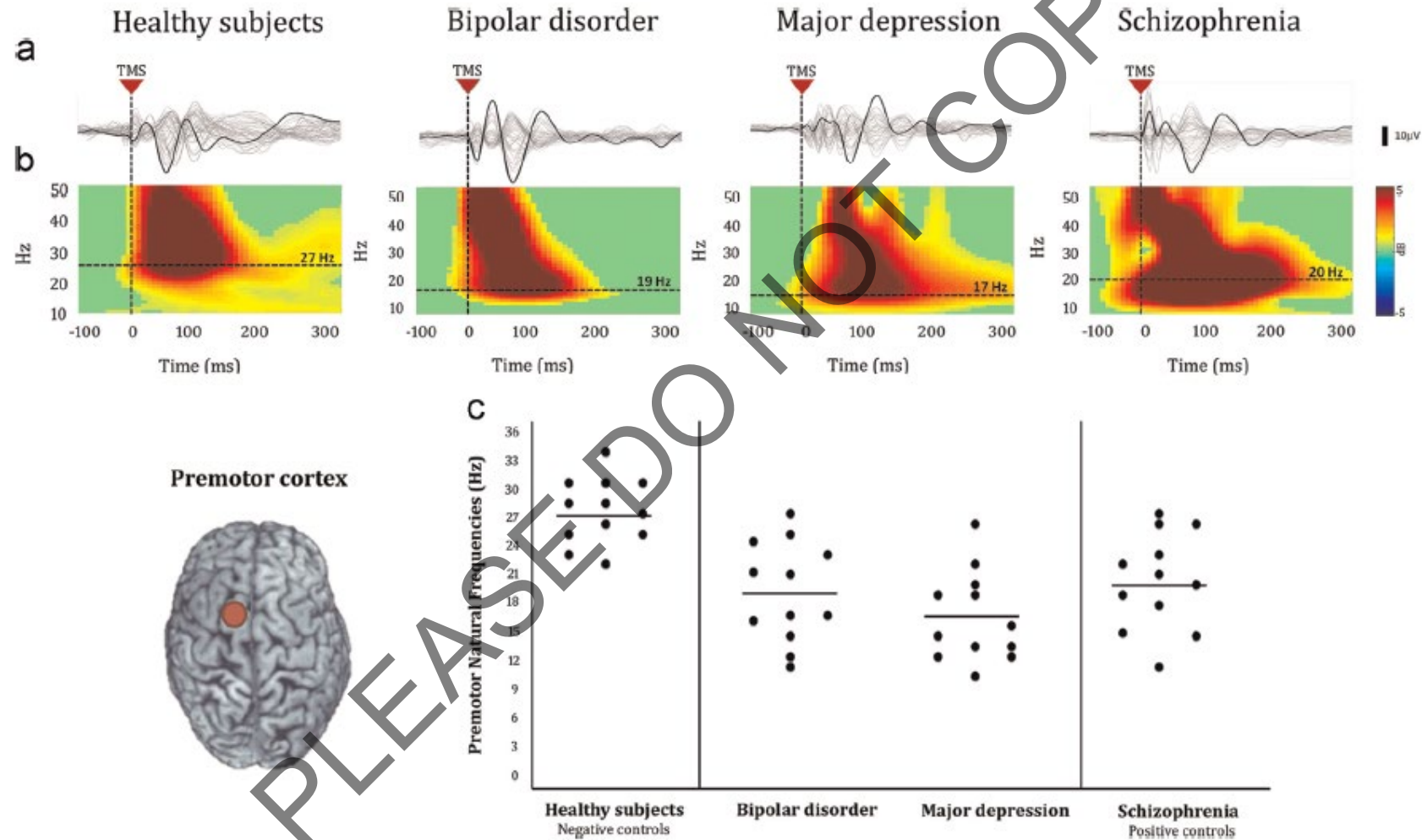
Identified a threshold PCI of 0.31 that differentiated between conscious and unconscious individuals

And applied to a large new population



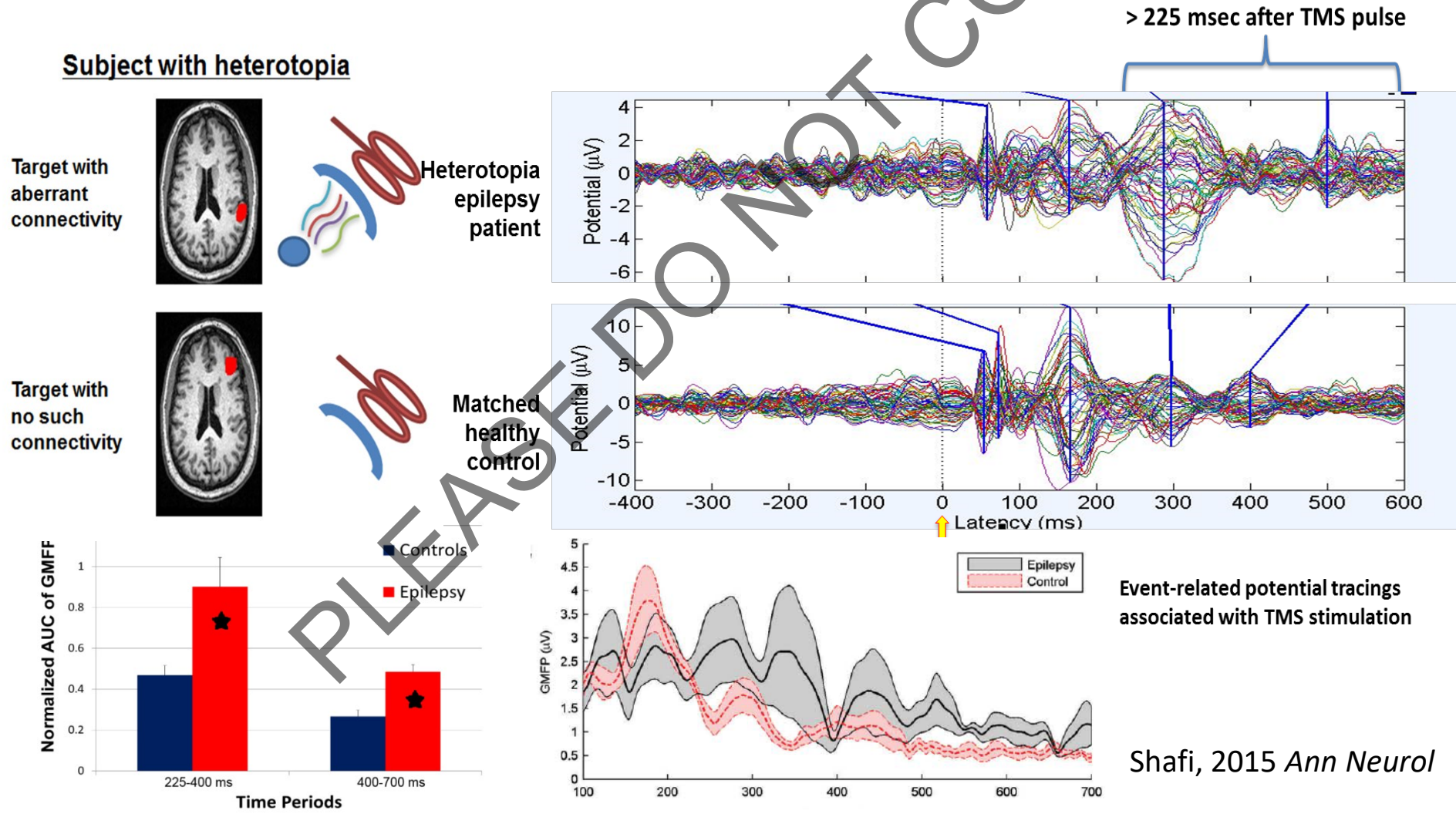
- Max PCI threshold correctly identified 36/38 minimally conscious patients
- Vegetative patients divided into 3 categories: 13 with no obtainable complex response, 21 with subthreshold PCI, and 9 with suprathreshold PCI
- 6 months after testing, 6/9 suprathreshold PCI VS patients became MCS, versus only 5/21 subthreshold and 0/13 absent PCI

Reduced TEP frequency in psychiatric Populations

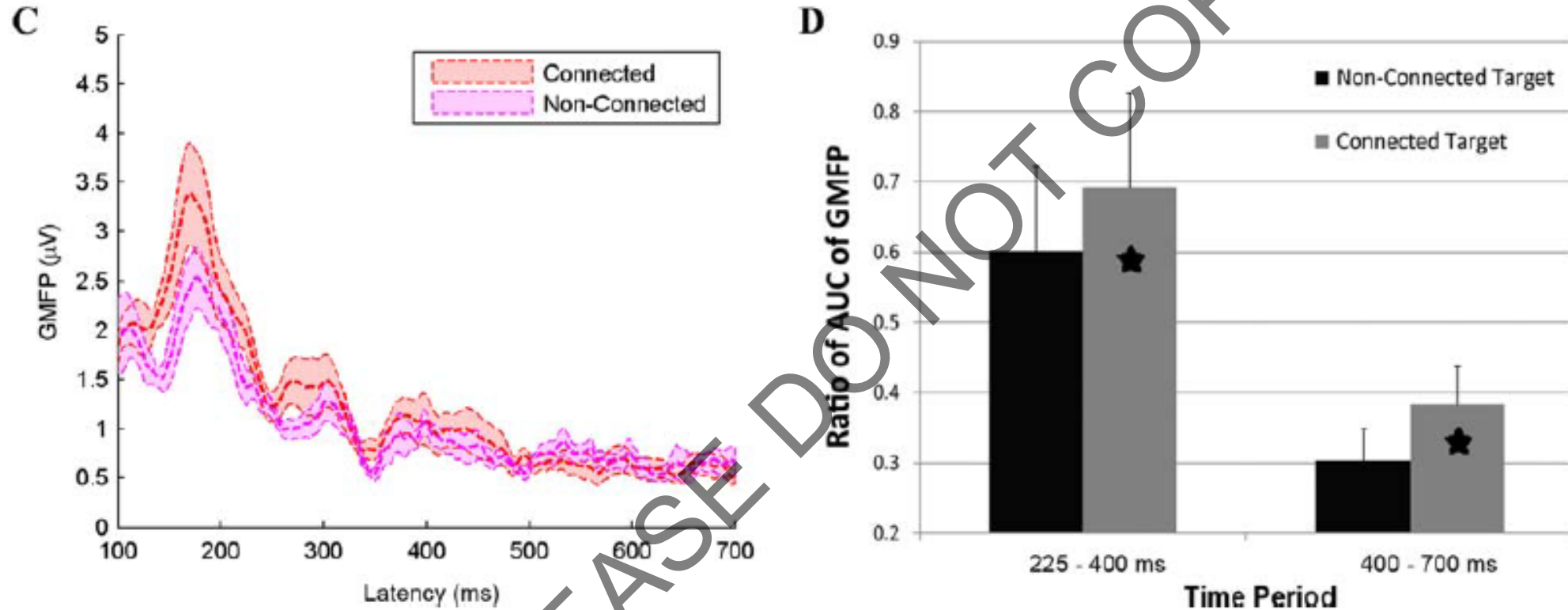


Increased TEPs in epilepsy

Increase in delayed evoked activity in patients with active epilepsy as compared to controls. Abnormal delayed activity is more prominent in regions with functional connectivity to regions of abnormal cortical development

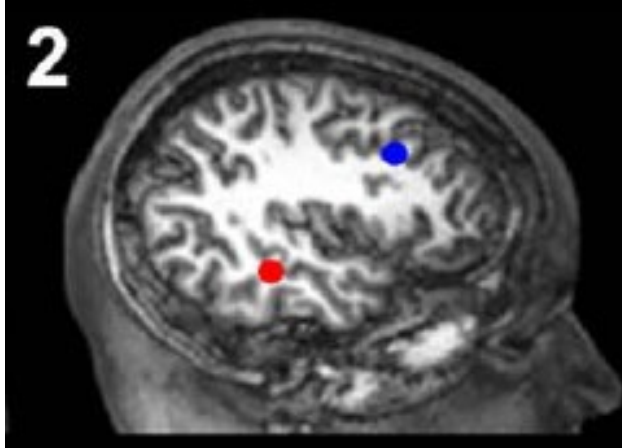


Site-specificity of abnormal evoked activity

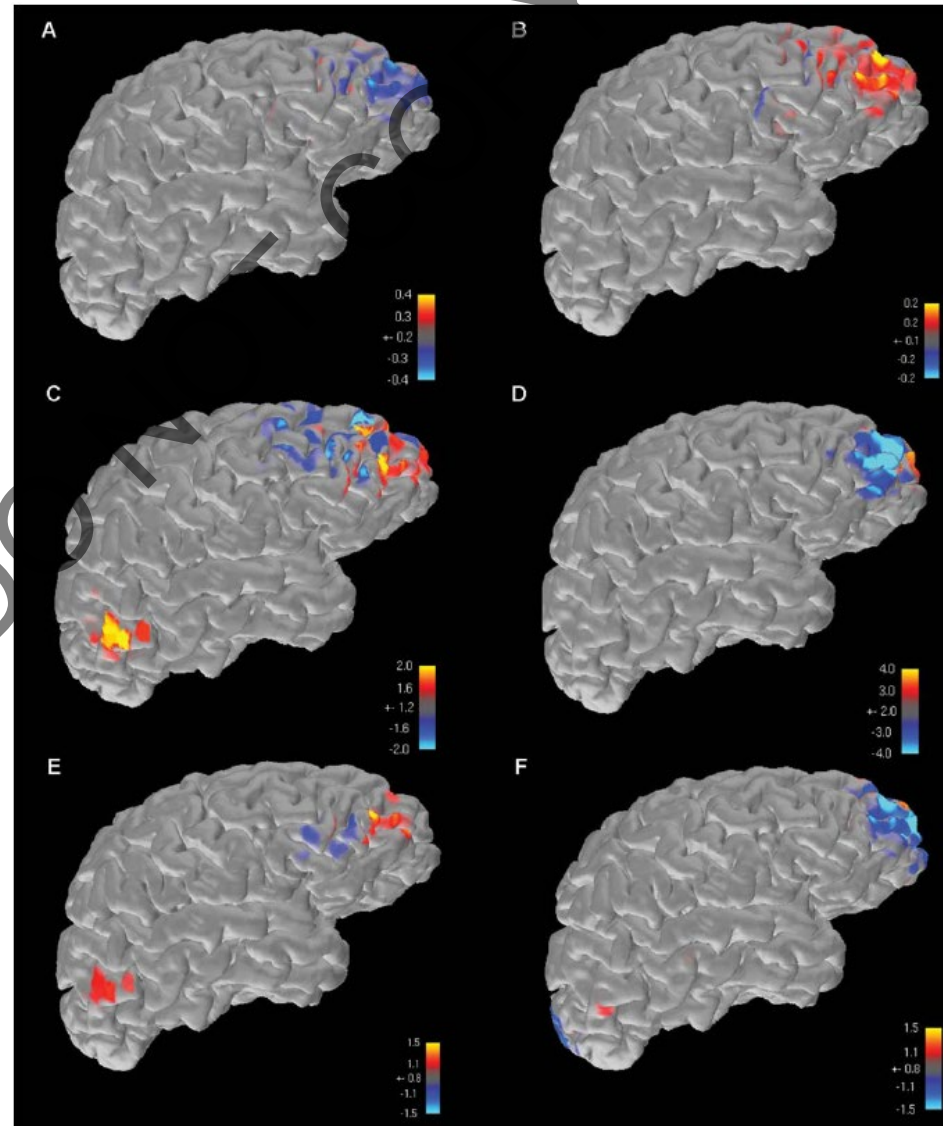


- Significantly greater delayed activity with stimulation of site functionally connected to heterotopic nodules

That may correlate with seizure focus!

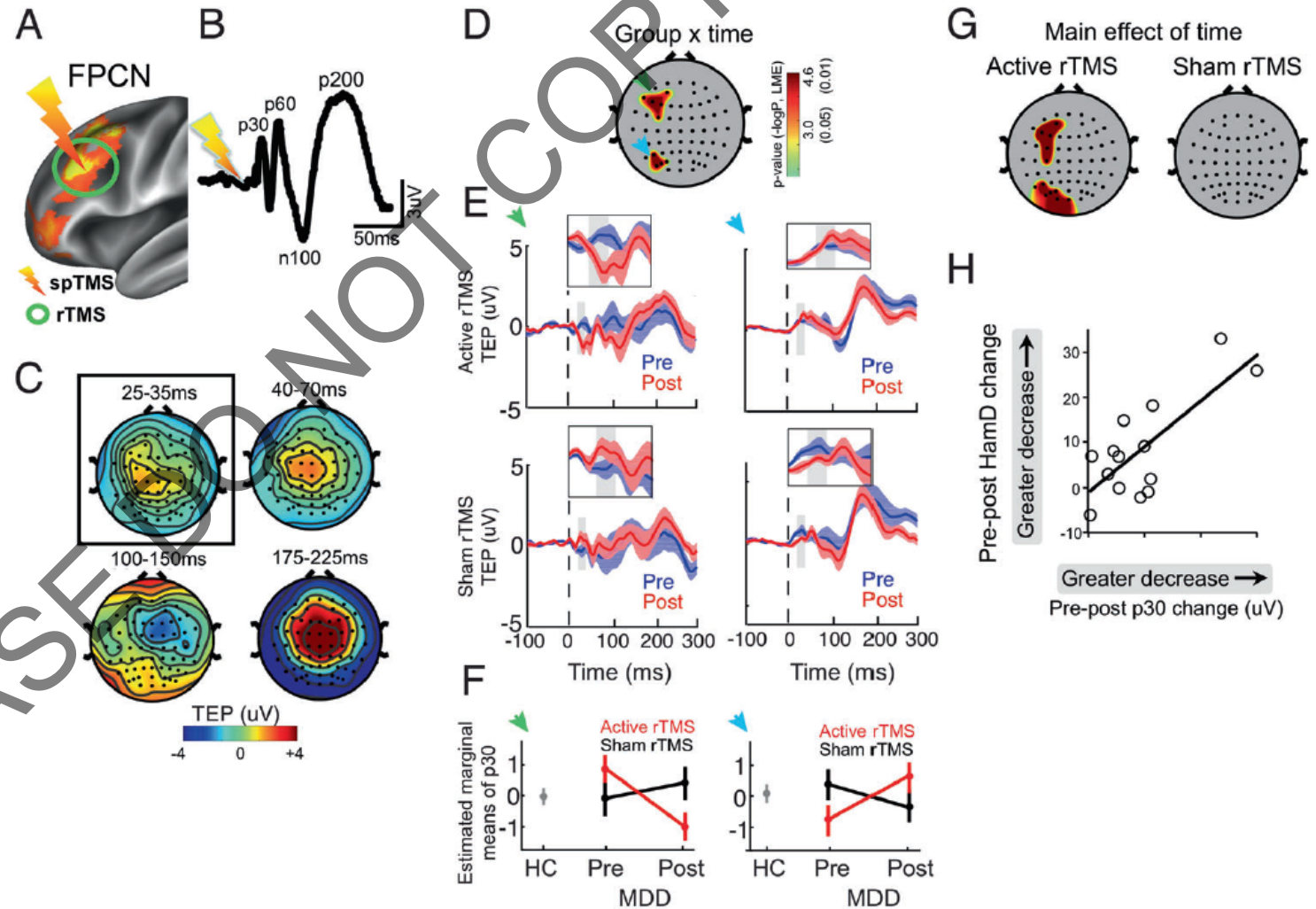


Sources of abnormal delayed activity (A, B) spatially colocalized with interictal discharge (C, E) and seizure onset zones (D, F) even though stimulation site was far away (red dot in above figure)



TEP changes with rTMS in Major Depression

- Eshel 2020 *Neuropsychopharm*: Evaluated rs-fMRI and TMS-EEG measures in patients receiving 20 sessions of 10 Hz rTMS to LDLPFC for MDD (16 active rTMS, 12 sham rTMS, 28 total)
- Significant changes in frontal and parietal clusters for the P30 with real but not sham rTMS
- Decrease in DLPFC and increase in parietal P30 with real stimulation, opposite pattern with sham
- Greater decrease in P30 was associated with greater decrease (improvement) in HamD scale



What is the Added Value of TMS+EEG

Advanced Technology	Monitor cortical activation with high temporal resolution
	A more direct measure of TMS effect
	EEG guided TMS
Neuroscience	Examine physiology of motor AND non-motor regions at various mental states of sleep, rest, cognitive processing <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Local excitation, inhibition & plasticity➤ Functional (causal!!!) connectivity between regions➤ Investigate the mechanisms and effects of rTMS➤ Disrupt behavior to examine causality
Clinical Application	Diagnosis and prognosis
	Biomarkers to track response to therapy
	Safety monitoring during rTMS (e.g., in epilepsy)