

Effect of aesthetic images in a population with mild cognitive decline: an EEG/fNIRS study



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Neuroaesthetic is derived from psychophysiology and cognitive neuroscience.

It explores the processes involved in the human capacity to experience and appreciate the beauty of artworks.

It involves the evaluation and discussion of three different levels of aesthetic experience:

- Perceptual
- Cognitive
- Emotional

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





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Art can positively affect motor performance and the virtual reality task is a promising approach for rehabilitative purposes in the neurorehabilitation of stroke patients.

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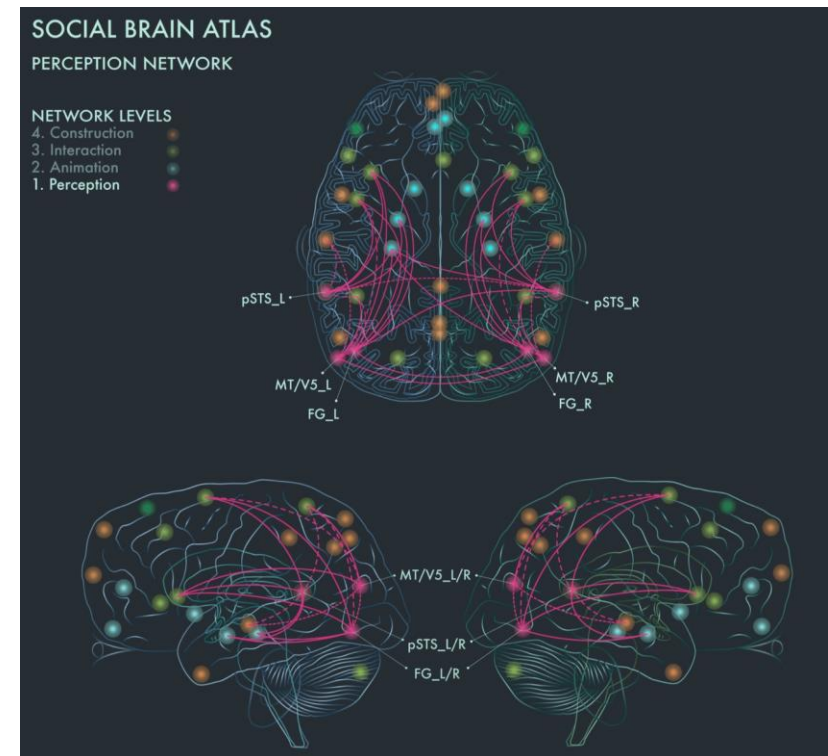
AD patients may have a somewhat preserved implicit valence system for negative compared to neutral or positive visual information, especially in the domain of aesthetics.

Neuroaesthetics in early stages of dementia



Impaired aging is a condition similar to MCI (Mild Cognitive Impairment) which represents an intermediate stage between normal cognitive ageing and more severe dementia.

Conditions such as dementia or other neurodegenerative diseases can affect aesthetic perception. These disorders can alter the areas of the brain involved in visual perception and aesthetic evaluation



More Than Meets the Eye: Art Engages the Social Brain

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The Study

34 subjects > 65 years

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Mini Mental State Examination (MMSE)
Scores: NA > 24
IA 18 - 24

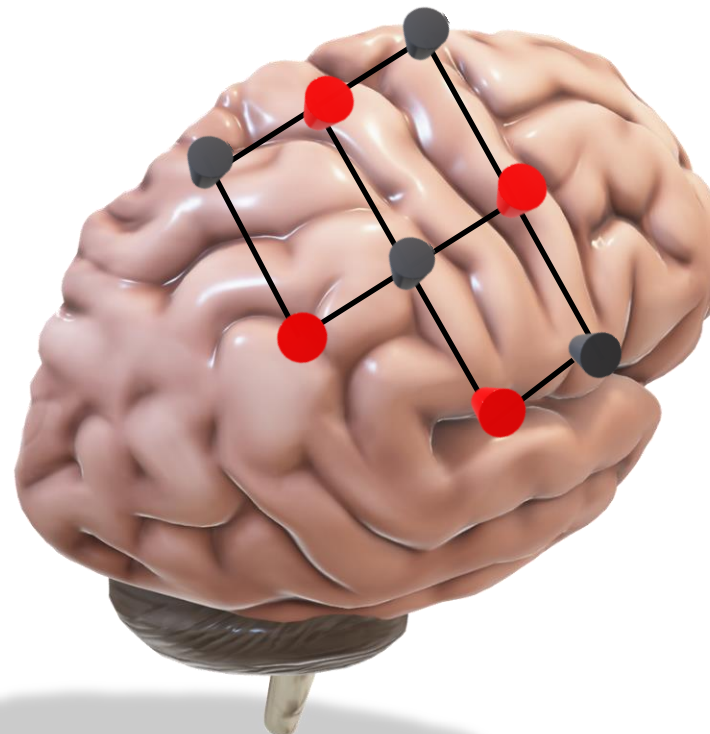
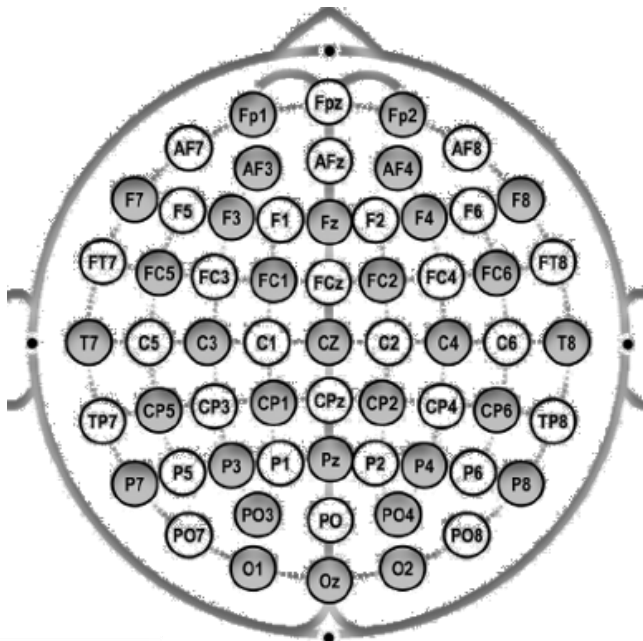


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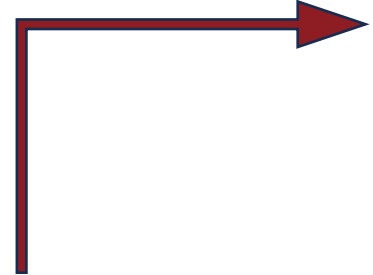


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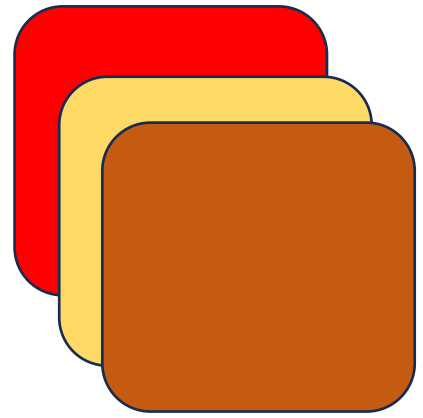


EEG/fNirs

- 2 mins of resting state baseline
- 40 mins task



115 single-color frequent images



50 target images





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Aesthetic appretiaction

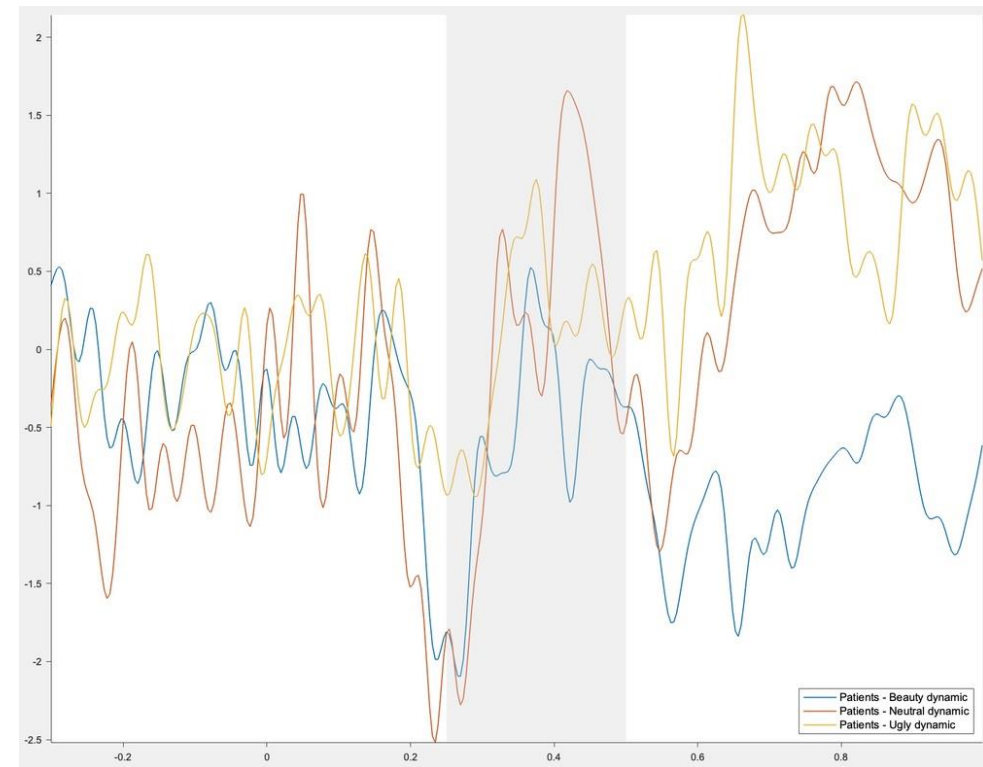
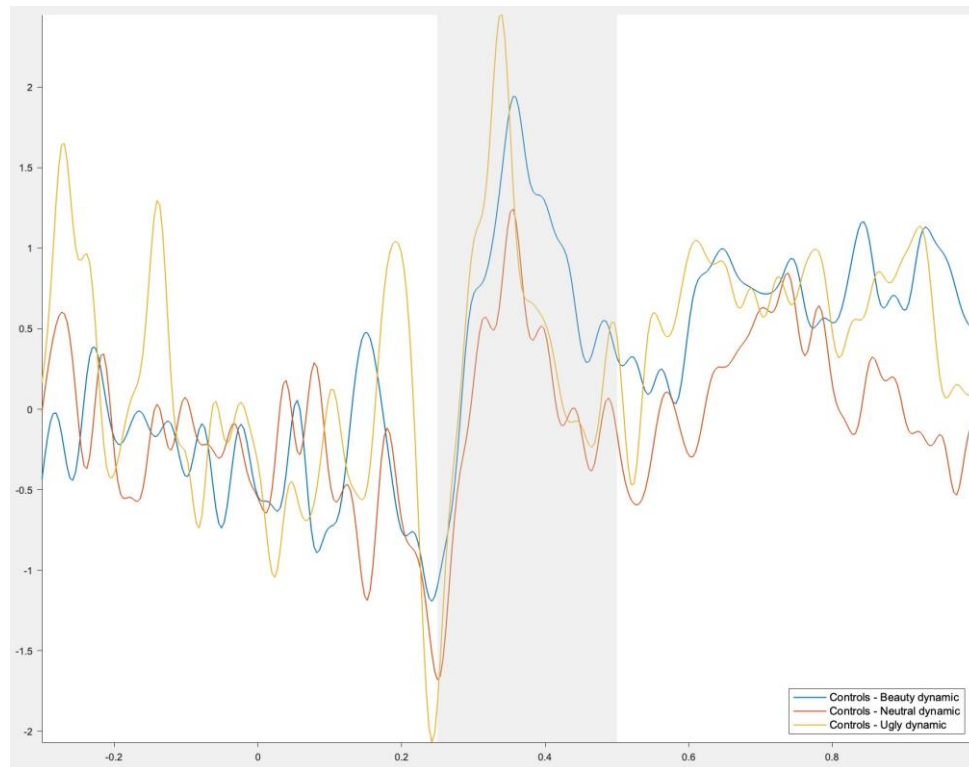
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Neuropsychological results

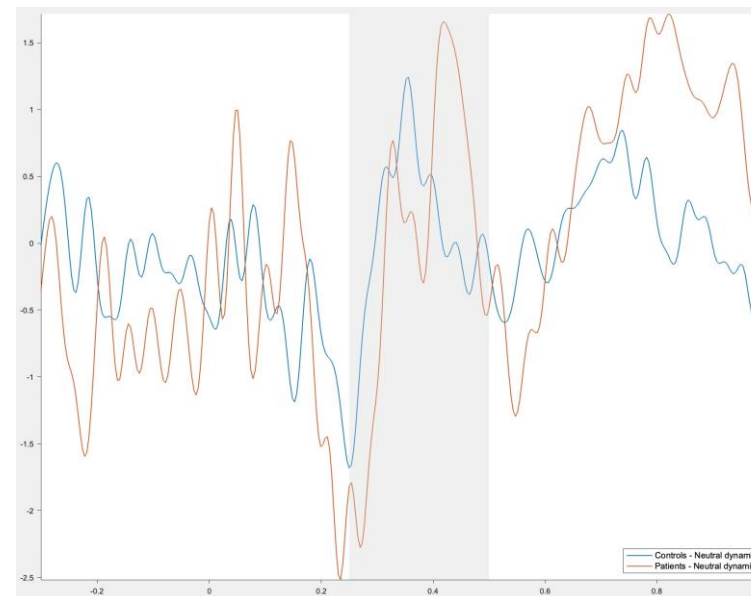
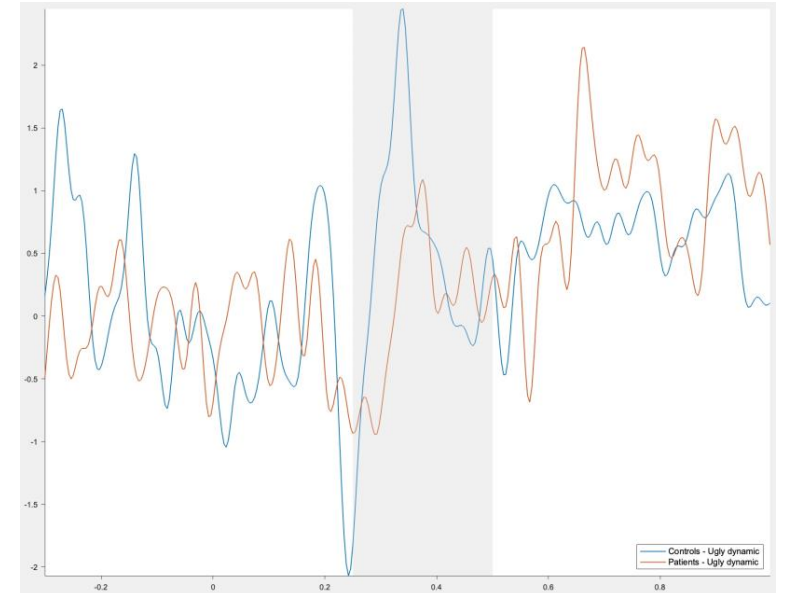
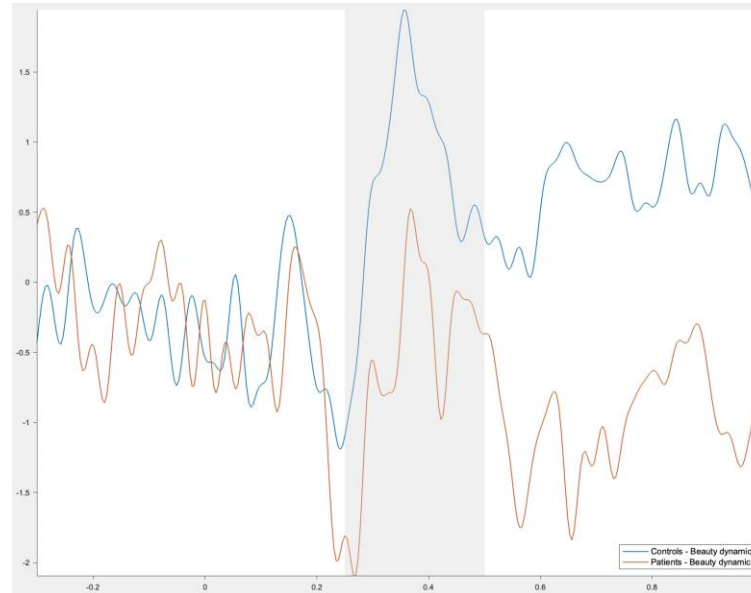
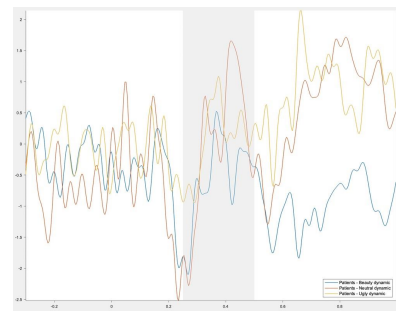
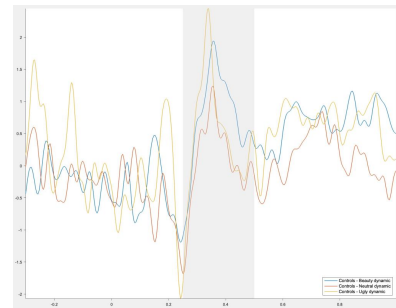
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GDS	Student's t	1.2054	0.237	} No differences
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STAI_Y2	Student's t	0.8575	0.398	
Span forward	Student's t	-0.9717	0.338	
Span backward	Student's t	-3.1282	0.004	← Working memory
Babcock_immediate	Student's t	-1.9008	0.066	
Babcock_Delayed	Student's t	-1.9031	0.066	
Corsi	Student's t	-2.4998	0.018	← Visuospatial memory
Attentional matrices	Student's t	-4.0099	< .001	} Attention
TMT-A	Student's t	2.1033	0.044	
TMT-B	Student's t	2.2910	0.029	
Stroop time	Student's t	1.6829	0.102	
FAS	Student's t	-2.9154	0.007	
Clock	Student's t	-1.3125	0.199	
SET-GS	Student's t	-5.1345	< .001	← Social cognition
cri_tot	Student's t	-3.1346	0.004	← Cognitive reserve

Note. $H_a \mu_0 \neq \mu_1$

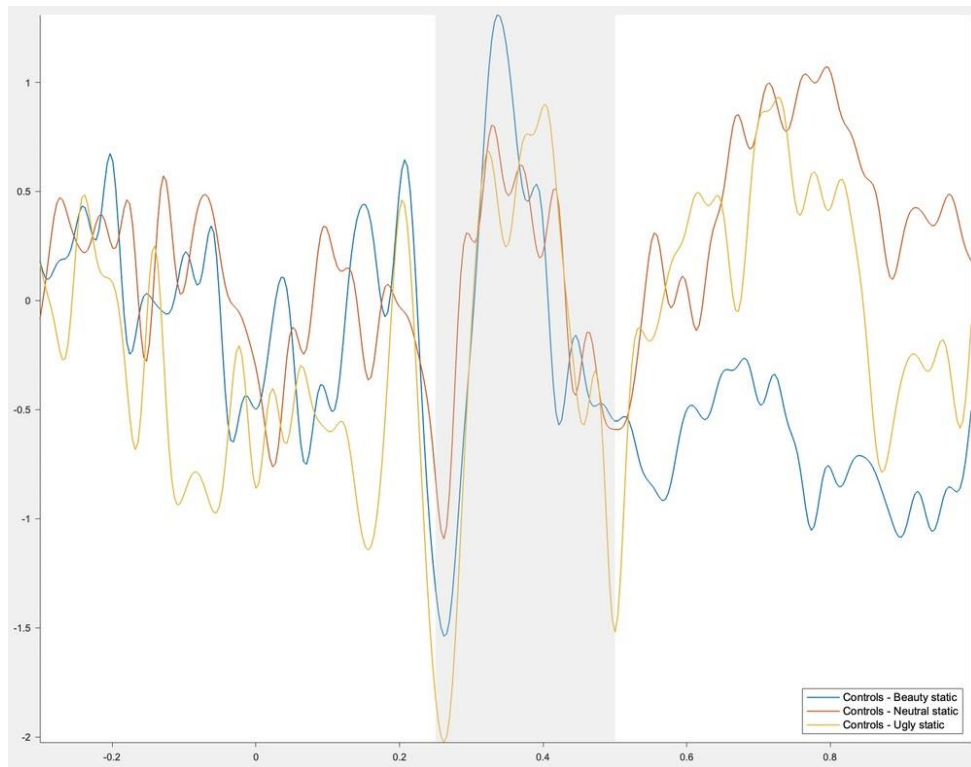
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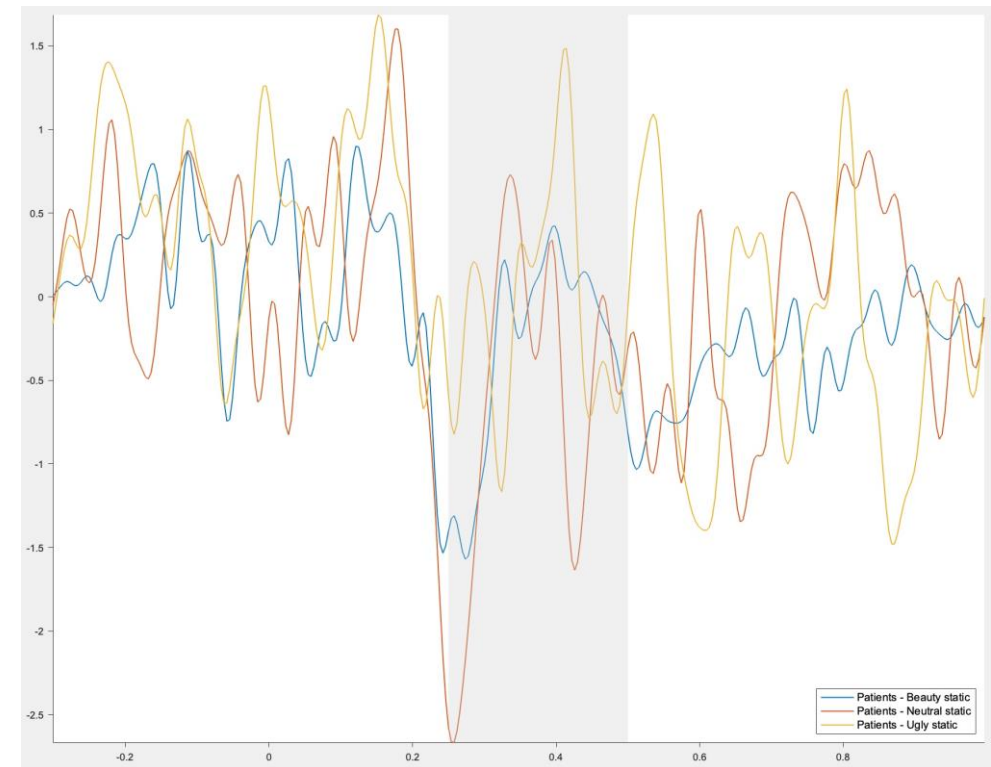
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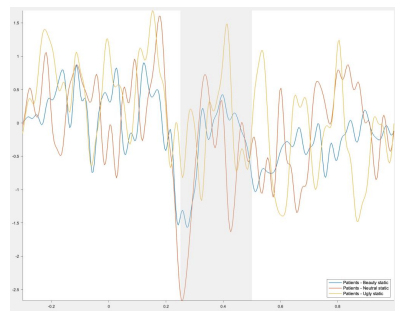
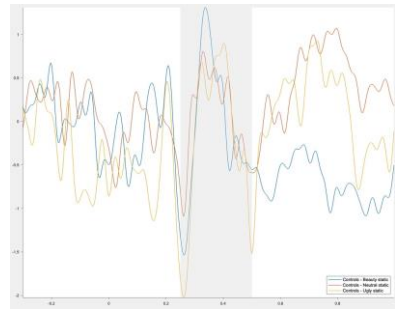
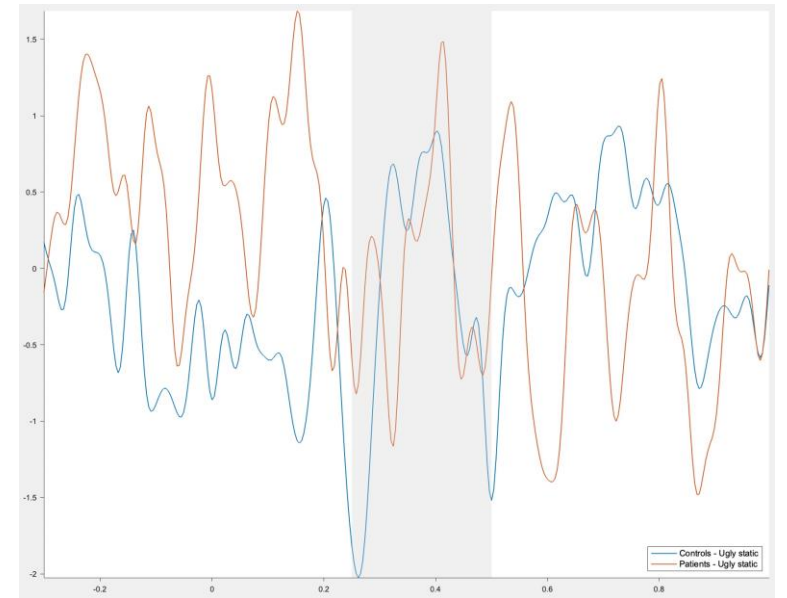
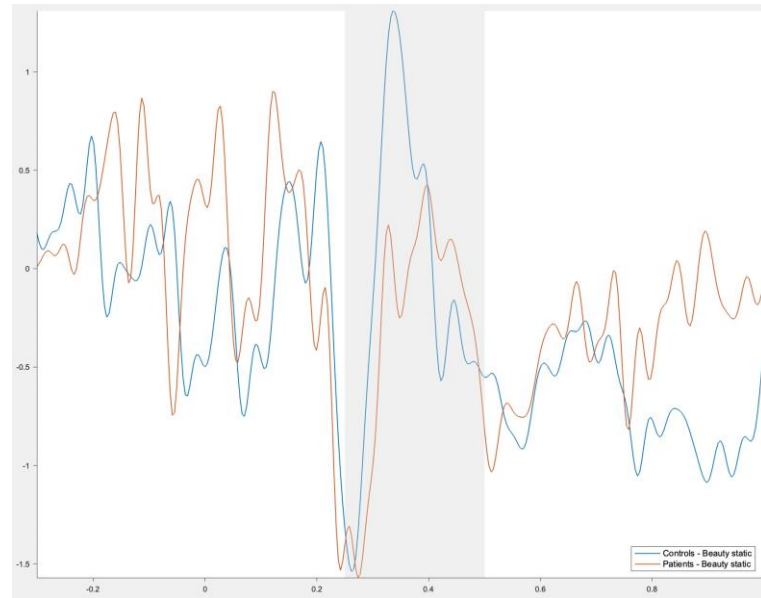


Controls static



Patients static

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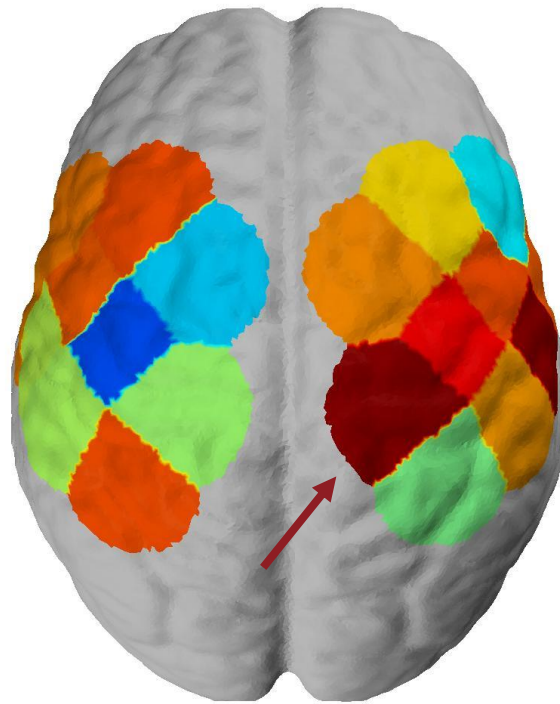


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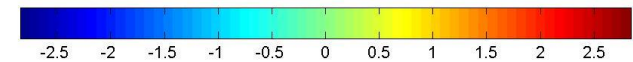
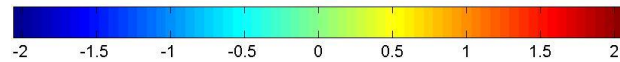
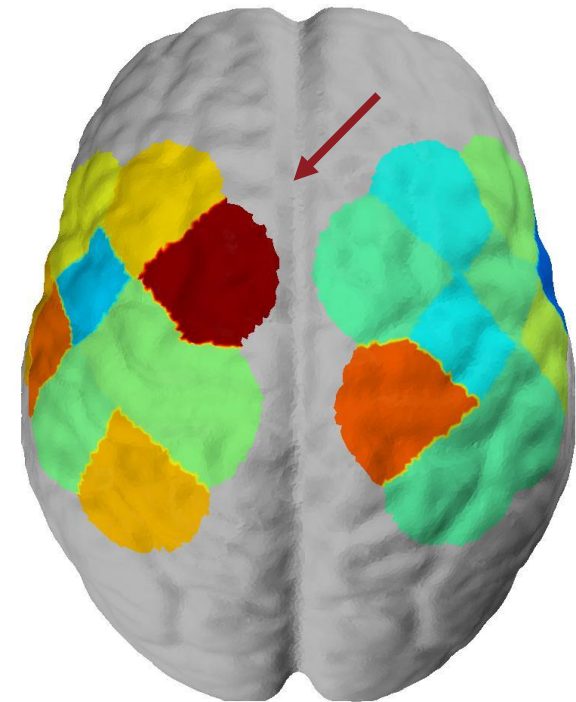
Neutral static

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SPM Image: t-statistic map for Hboxy



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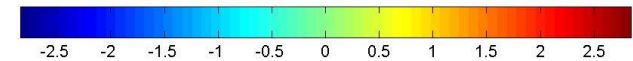
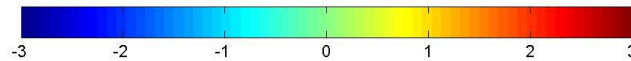
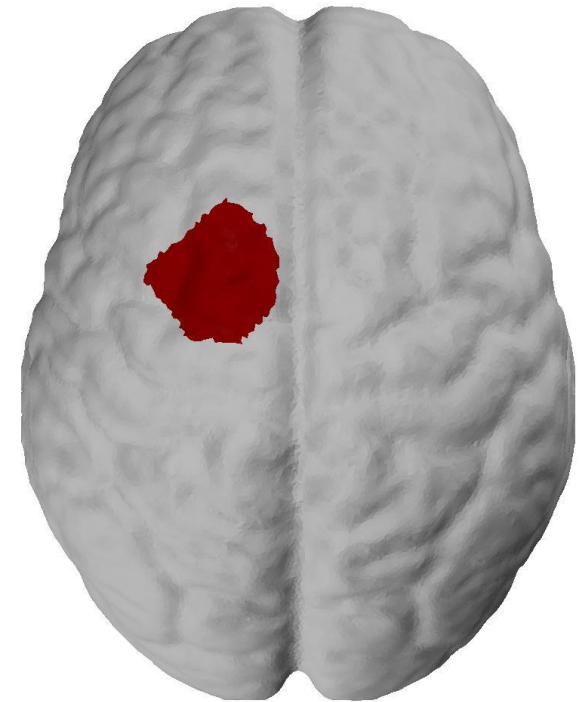
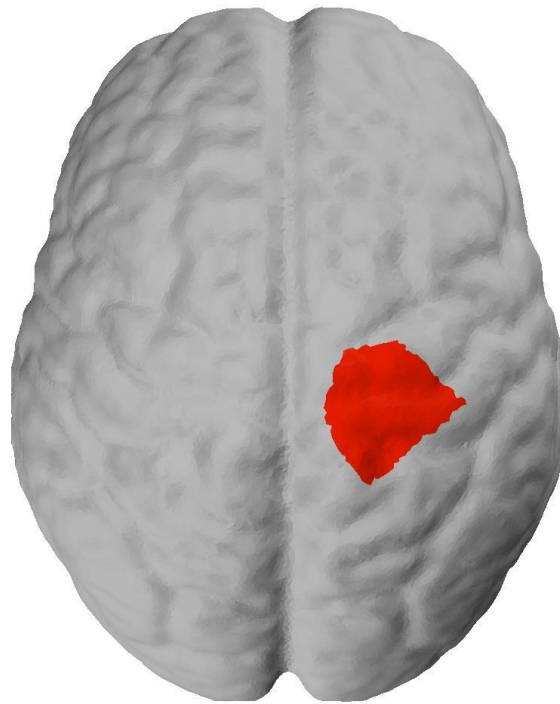
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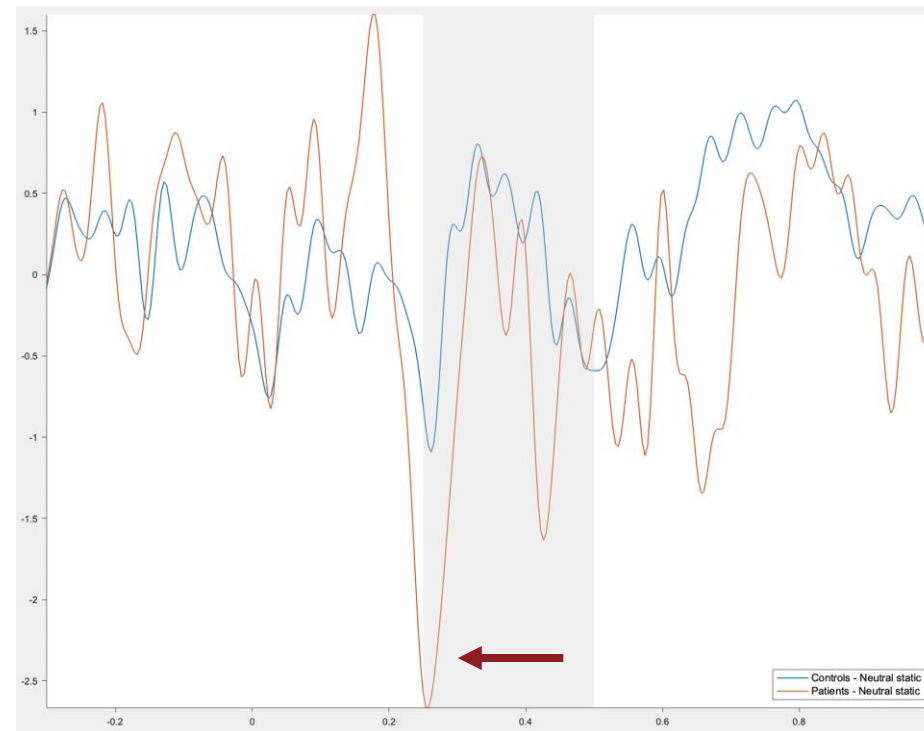
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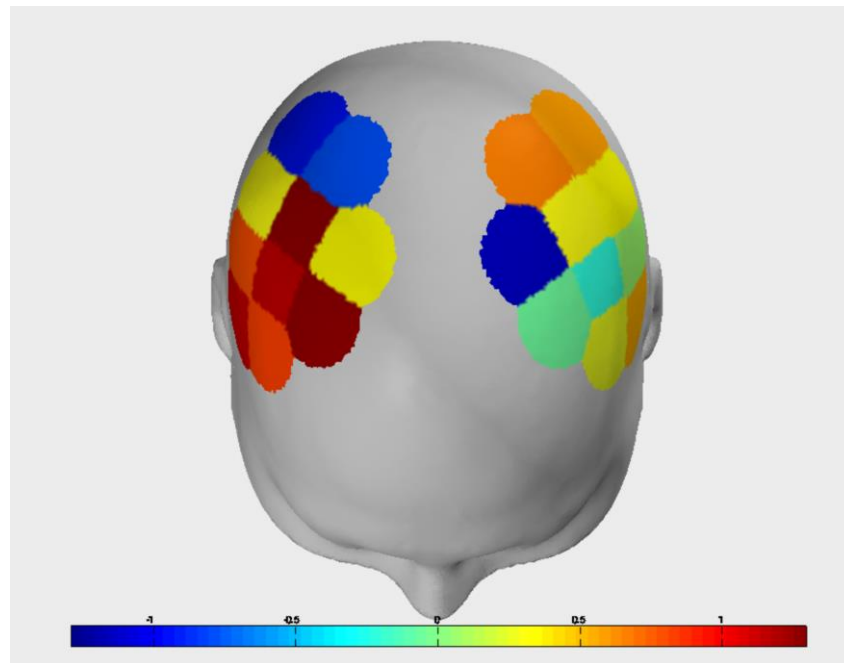
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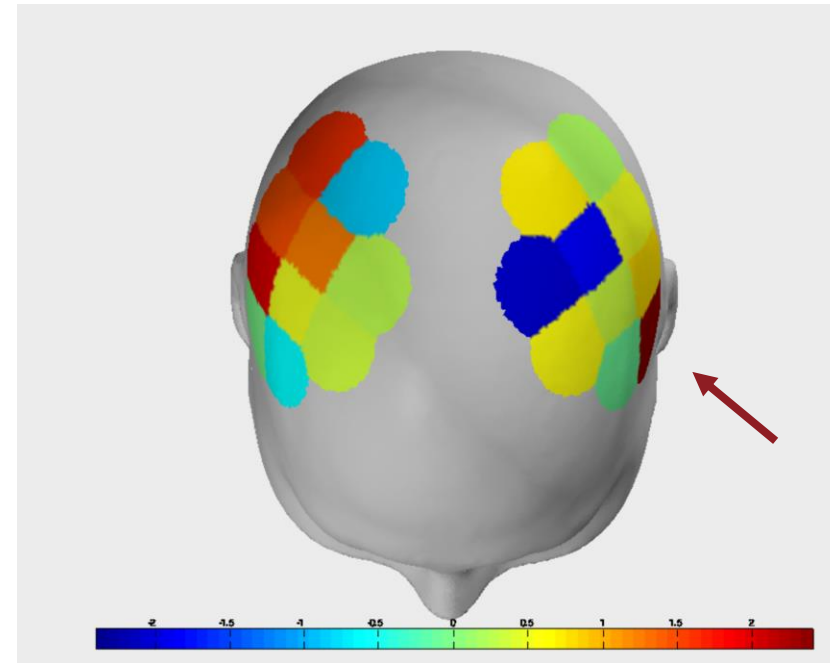


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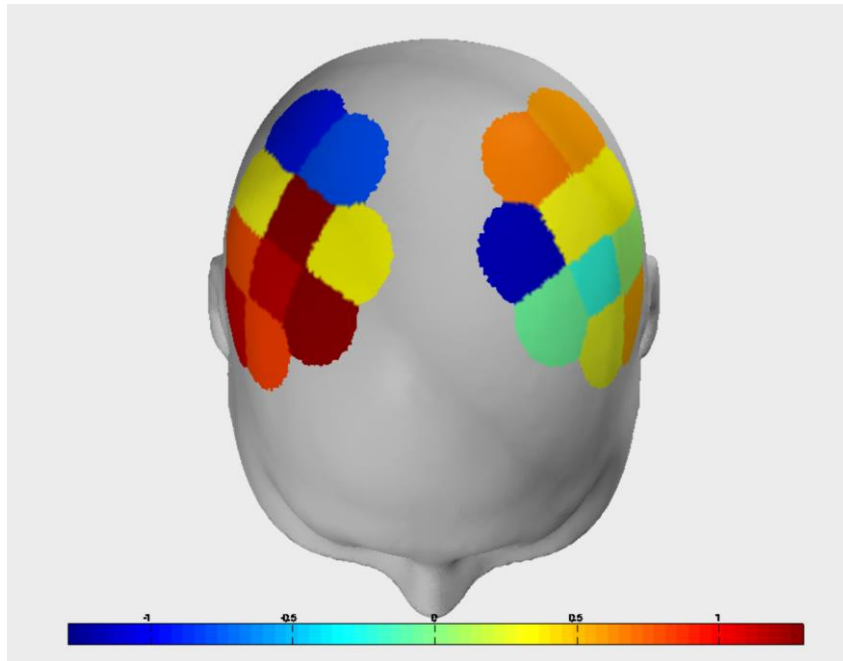


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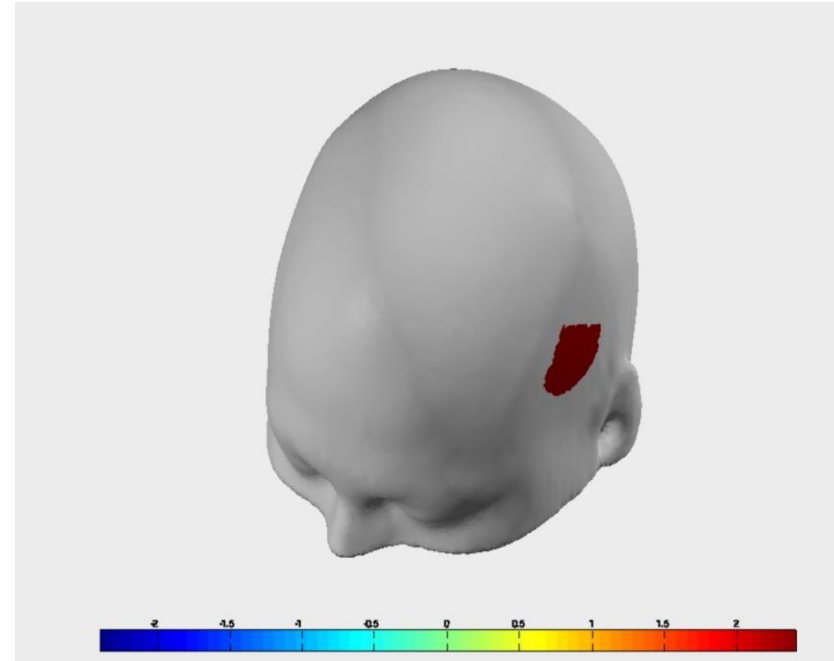


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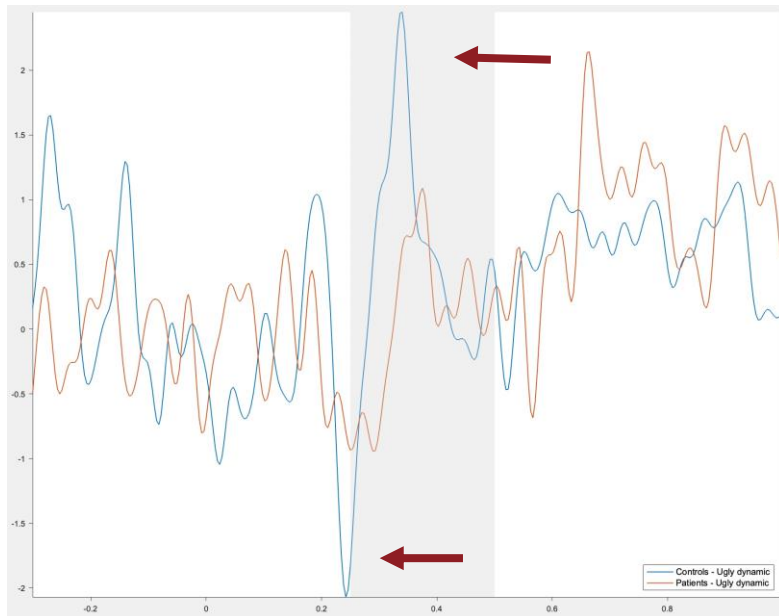
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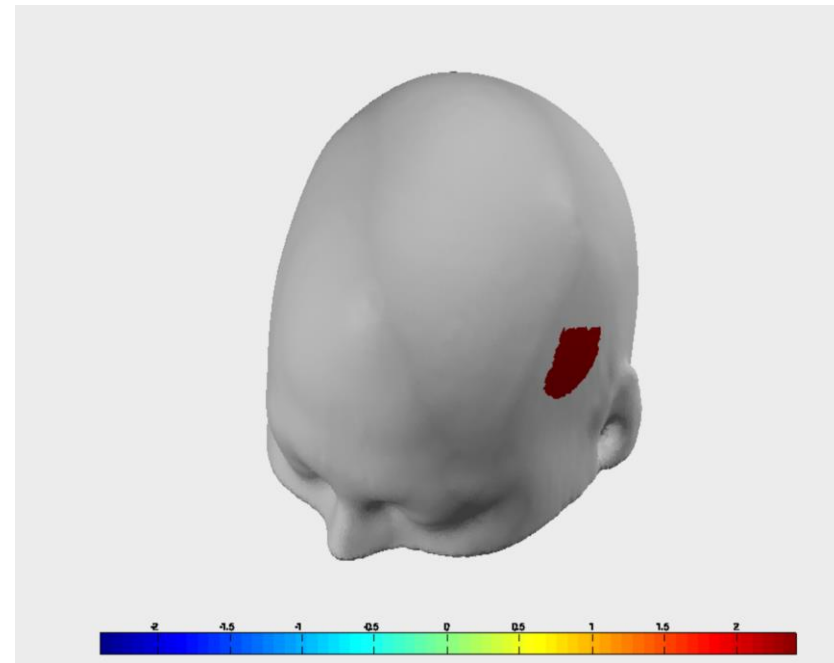
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Future directions

- ✦ A more in-depth analysis of task variables could provide greater insight into the relationship between cognitive function and image processing.
- ✦ Create a connectivity map for both normal and impaired aging
- ✦ Set the ground for criteria for personalized rehabilitation programmes



Thanks for the attention

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