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Neuroscienze e Scienze cognitive del cambiamento

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Il segno cardinale della dipendenza

- Perdita del controllo volontario del comportamento sull'oggetto della dipendenza
- Reiterazione del comportamento di ricerca e consumo a dispetto delle conseguenze negative
- La dipendenza come apprendimento

Comportamenti, abitudini, stili di vita, dipendenze

- Abitudini, stili di vita e dipendenze
- Condividono le basi psicobiologiche dei processi e delle dinamiche dell'apprendimento

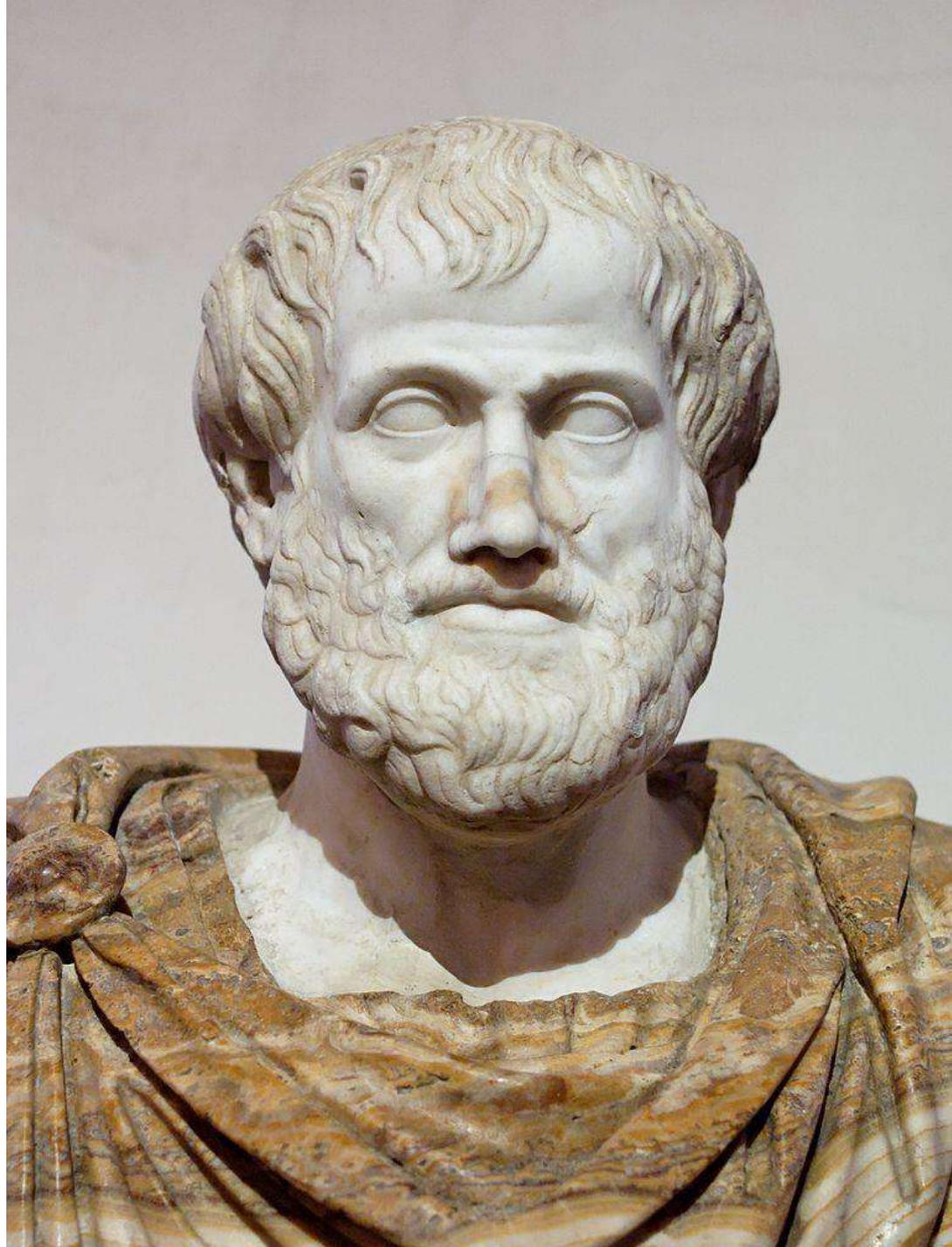
An aerial photograph of a winding river or stream in a lush green landscape. The river flows from the top right towards the bottom left, forming a large loop. In the center of this loop is a prominent island covered in tall, dry, brown reeds and some green bushes. The surrounding fields are vibrant green, and there are some small figures of people on the grassy banks. The overall scene is a natural, rural setting.

**PERCHÉ IL CAMBIAMENTO
È COSÌ DIFFICILE?**

IL PARADIGMA DELLE ABITUDINI

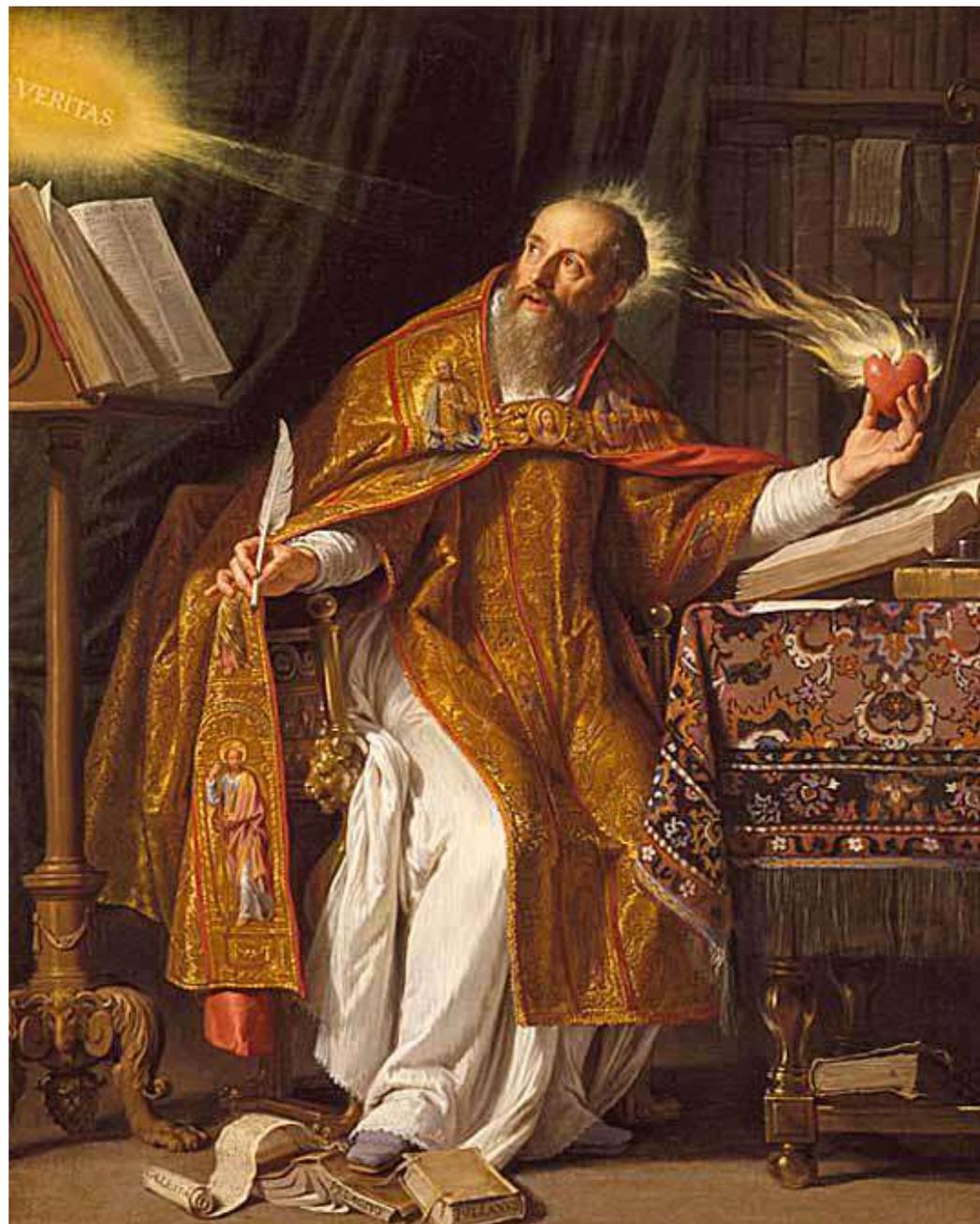
*Noi siamo quello
che facciamo
ripetutamente.
L'eccellenza
dunque, non è un
atto ma
un'abitudine.*

Aristotele



L'abitudine ...
che non a torto
alcuni chiamano
seconda natura.

S. Agostino, (354-430)
Contra Julianum: IV, 103



Habits in Everyday Life: Thought, Emotion, and Action

Wendy Wood and Jeffrey M. Quinn
Texas A&M University

Deborah A. Kashy
Michigan State University

To illustrate the differing thoughts and emotions involved in guiding habitual and nonhabitual behavior, 2 diary studies were conducted in which participants provided hourly reports of their ongoing experiences. When participants were engaged in habitual behavior, defined as behavior that had been performed almost daily in stable contexts, they were likely to think about issues unrelated to their behavior, presumably because they did not have to consciously guide their actions. When engaged in nonhabitual behavior, or actions performed less often or in shifting contexts, participants' thoughts tended to correspond to their behavior, suggesting that thought was necessary to guide action. Furthermore, the self-regulatory benefits of habits were apparent in the lesser feelings of stress associated with habitual than nonhabitual behavior.

Circa il 50% del tempo comportamenti abituali

Reflections on Past Behavior: A Self-Report Index of Habit Strength¹

Bas Verplanken^{1,*} and Sheina Orbell²

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1. Faccio frequentemente.
2. Faccio automaticamente.
3. Faccio senza dovermene coscientemente ricordare.
4. Mi fa sentire strano se non la faccio.
5. Faccio senza pensare.
6. Richiede sforzo per evitare di farla.
7. Appartiene alle mie routine giornaliere, settimanali, mensili.
8. Inizio a fare senza essere consapevole di iniziare a farla.
9. Trovo difficile non fare.
10. Non richiede che io debba pensare mentre la faccio.
11. È tipicamente una cosa mia.
12. Faccio da tanto tempo.



Abitudine è qualcosa che

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I quattro cavalieri dell'abitudine

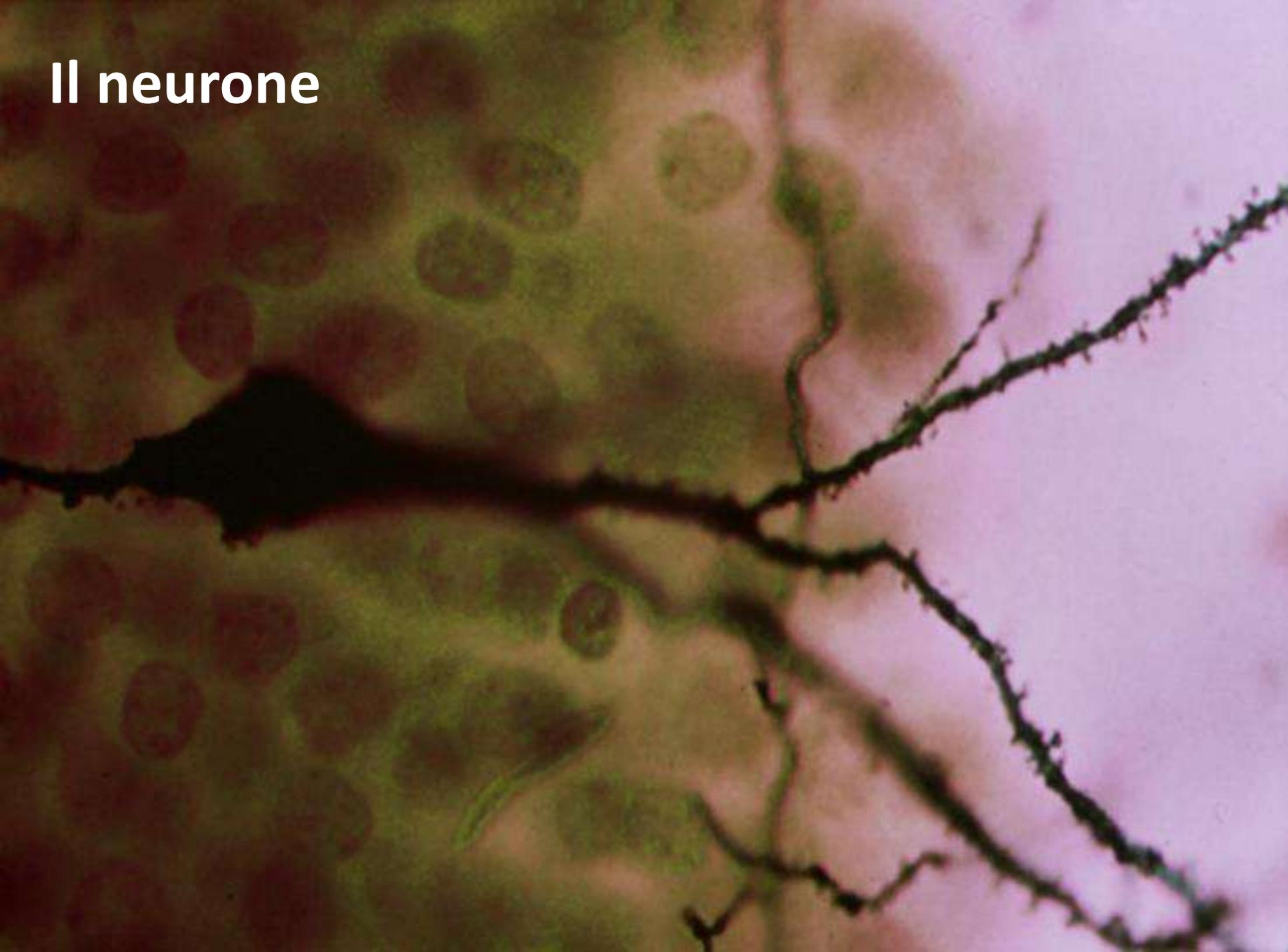


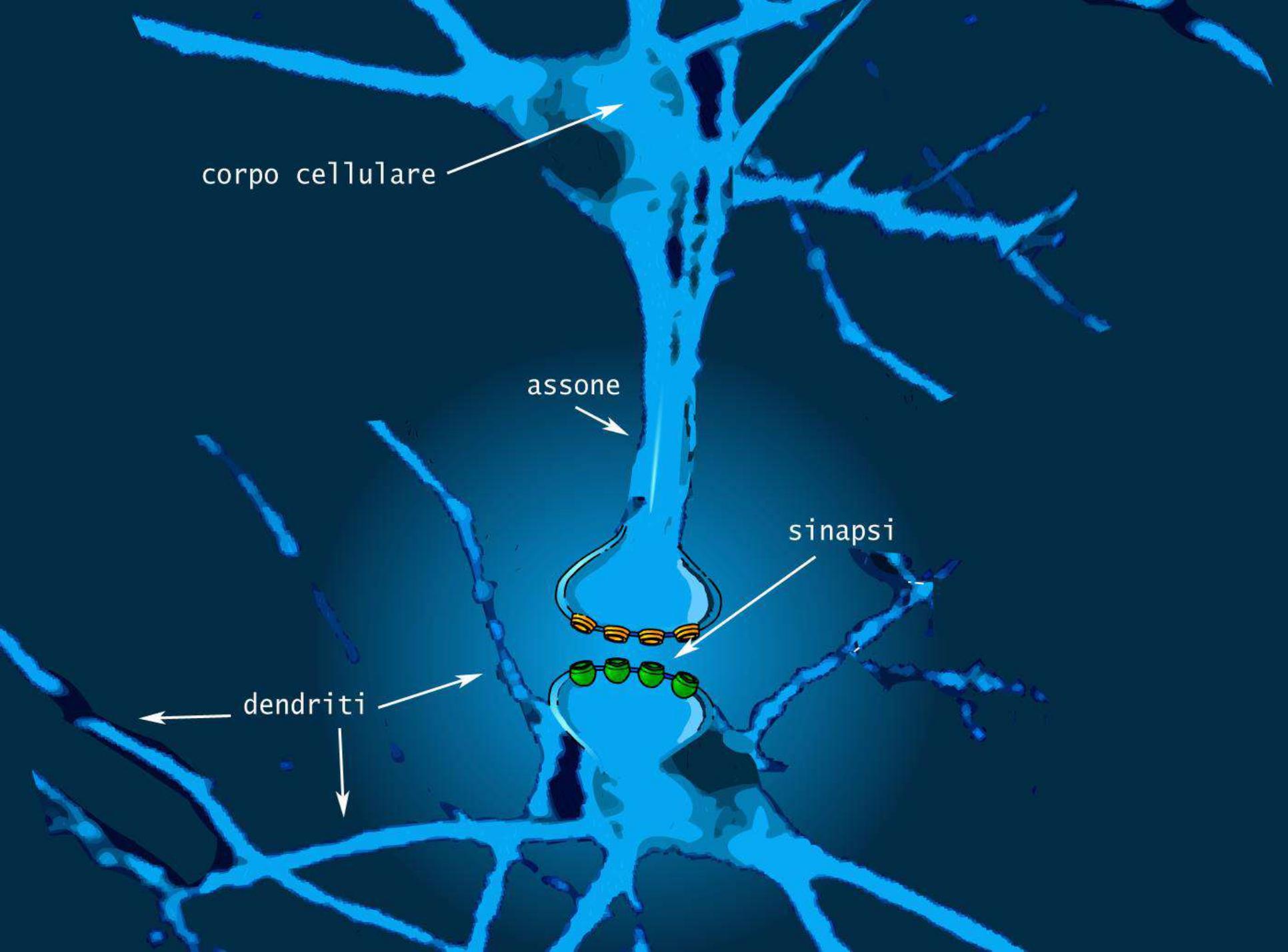
Incosapevolezza, efficienza, automaticità, controllo ambientale

apprendimento



Il neurone



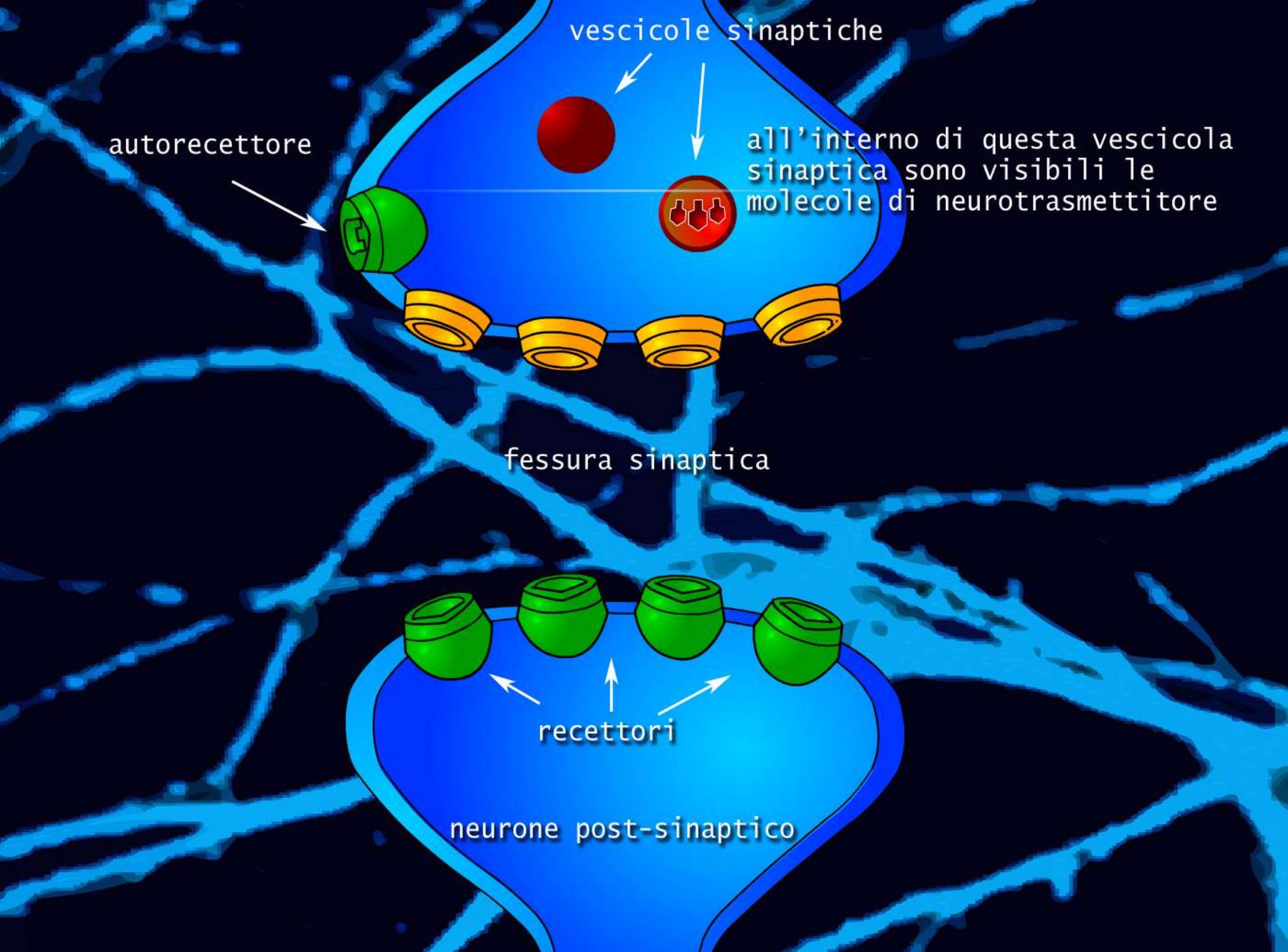


corpo cellulare

assone

sinapsi

dendriti



vescicole sinaptiche

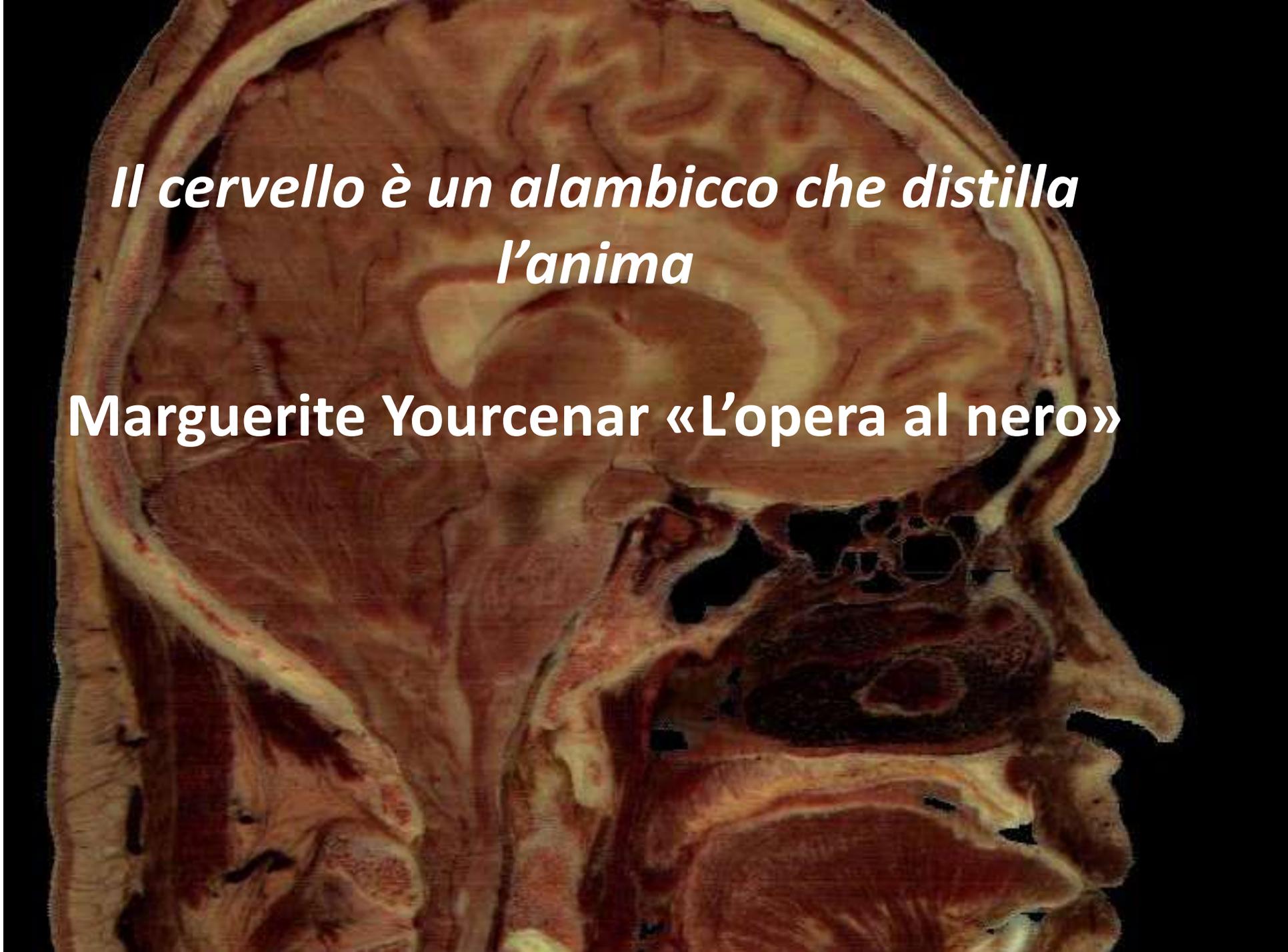
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all'interno di questa vescicola sinaptica sono visibili le molecole di neurotrasmettitore

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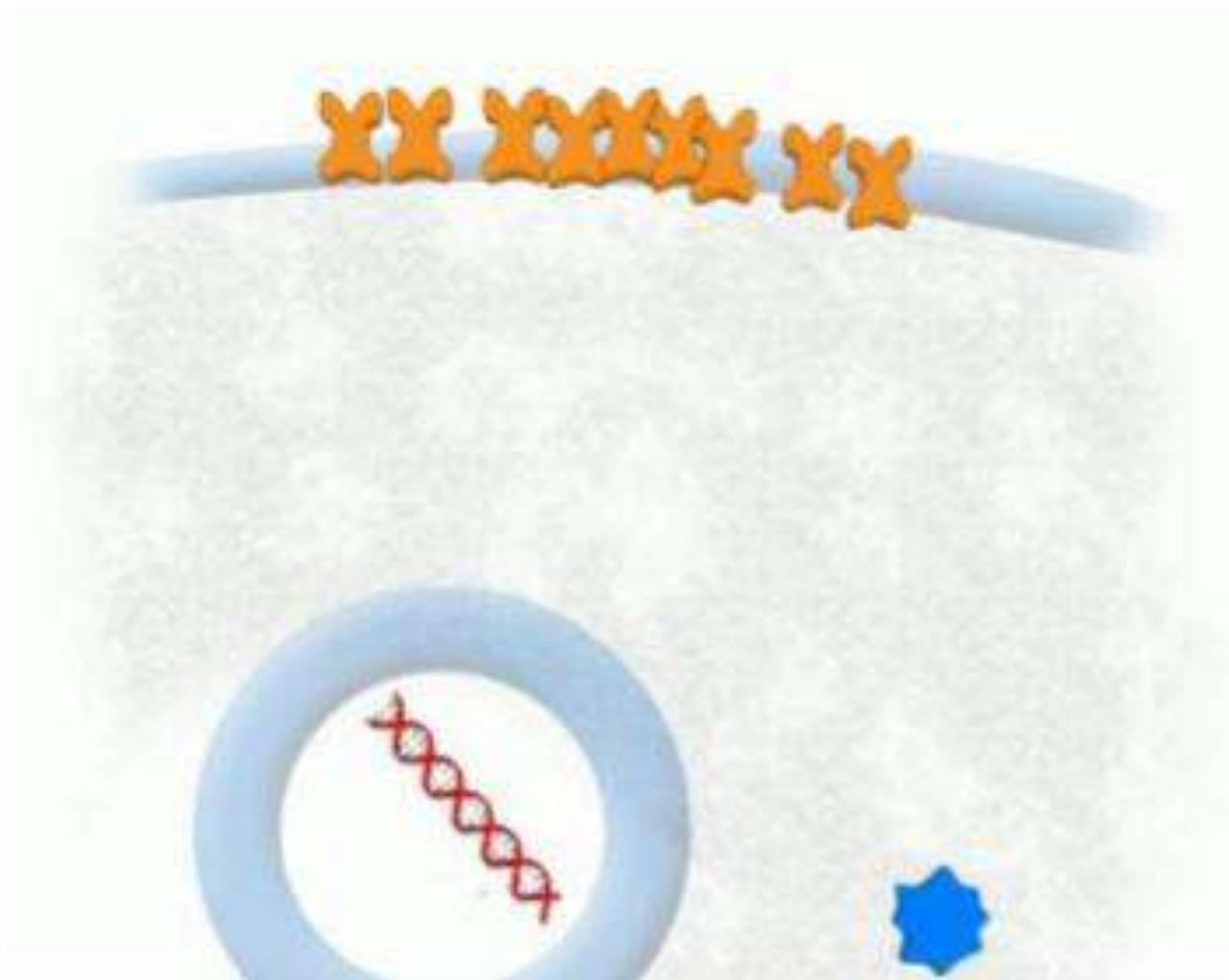
recettori

neurone post-sinaptico



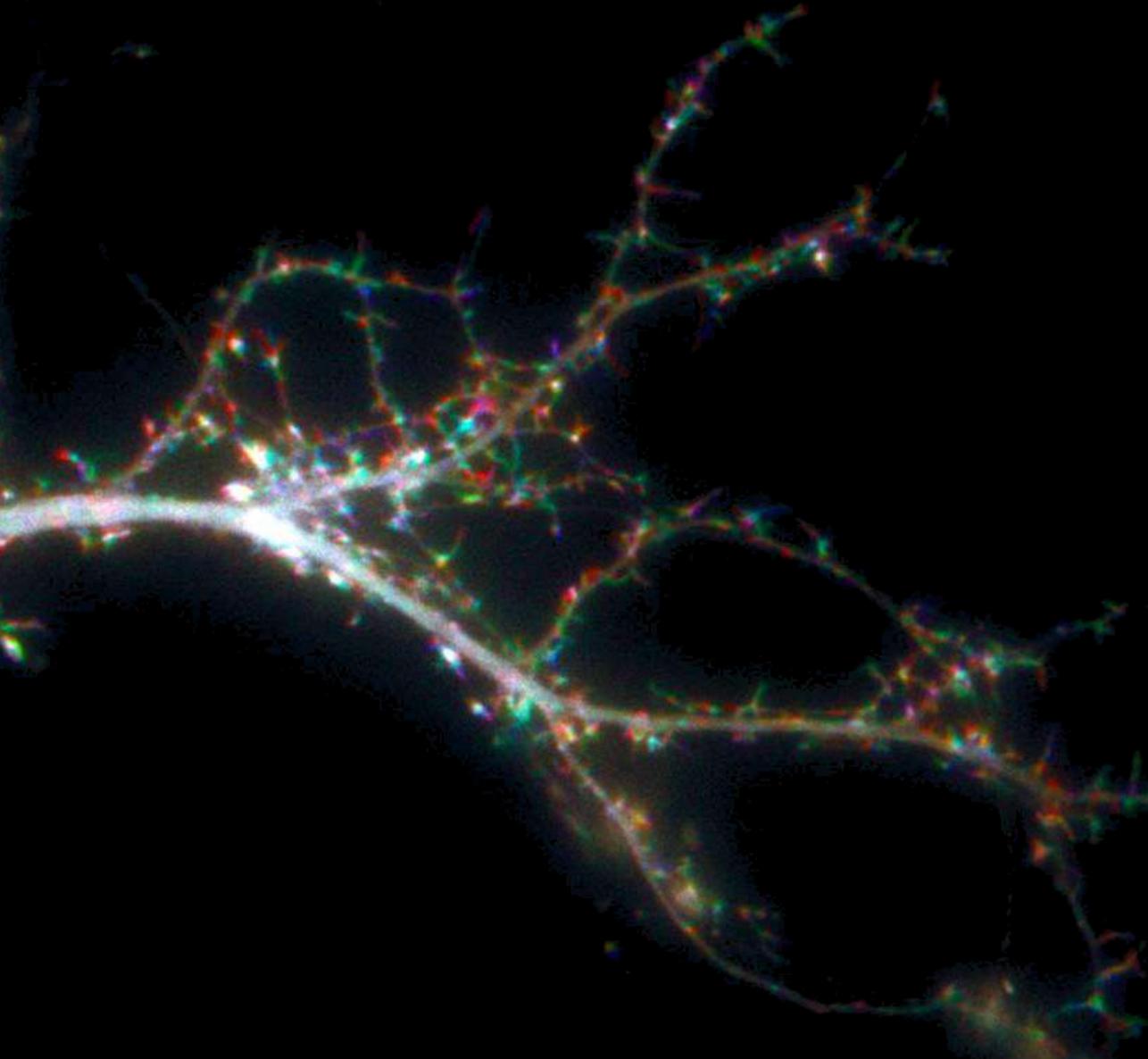
*Il cervello è un alambicco che distilla
l'anima*

Marguerite Yourcenar «L'opera al nero»



Neuroplasticità

Il cervello è in
perenne
costruzione ed è
plasmato dalle
esperienze e dai
comportamenti



*L'attività principale del cervello è
quella di cambiare se stesso*

Marvin L. Minsky

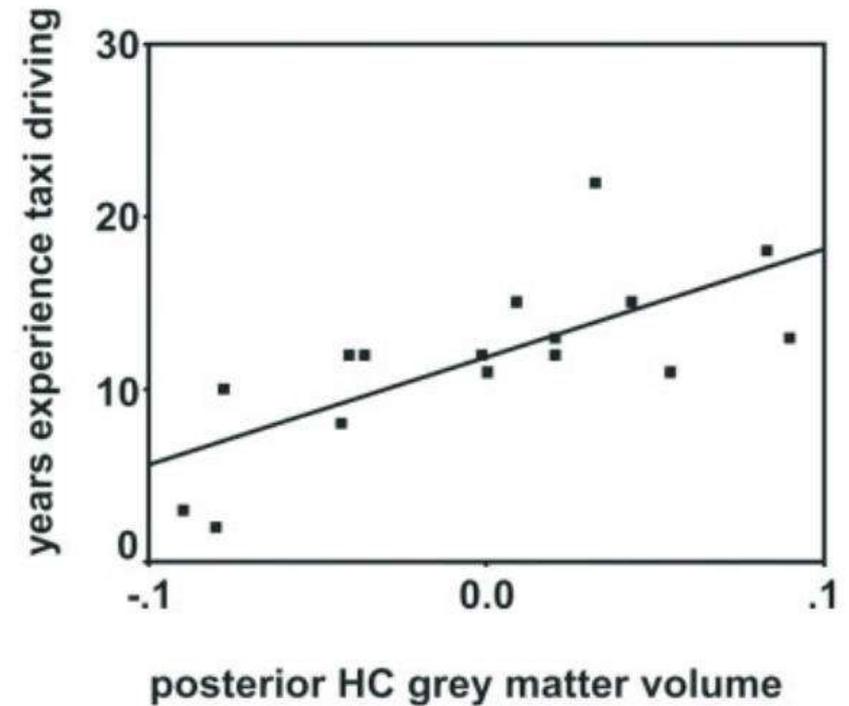
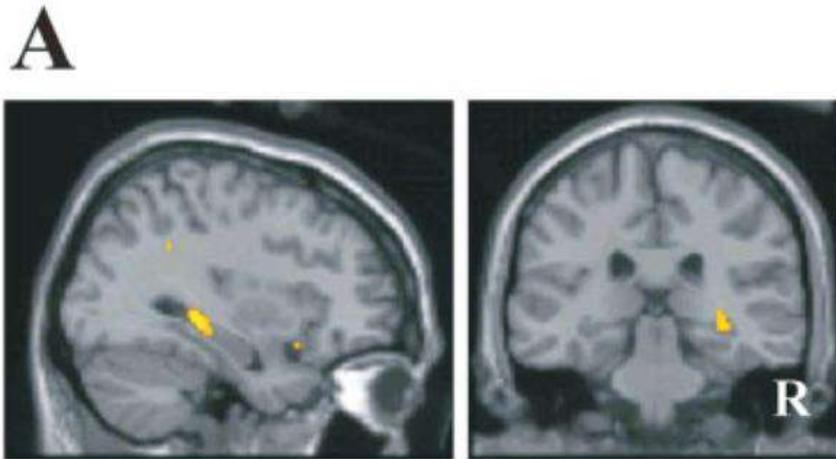
Diventiamo ciò che facciamo
ripetutamente

Neuroplasticità

Scolpire il proprio cervello



HIPPOCAMPUS OF LONDON TAXI DRIVERS

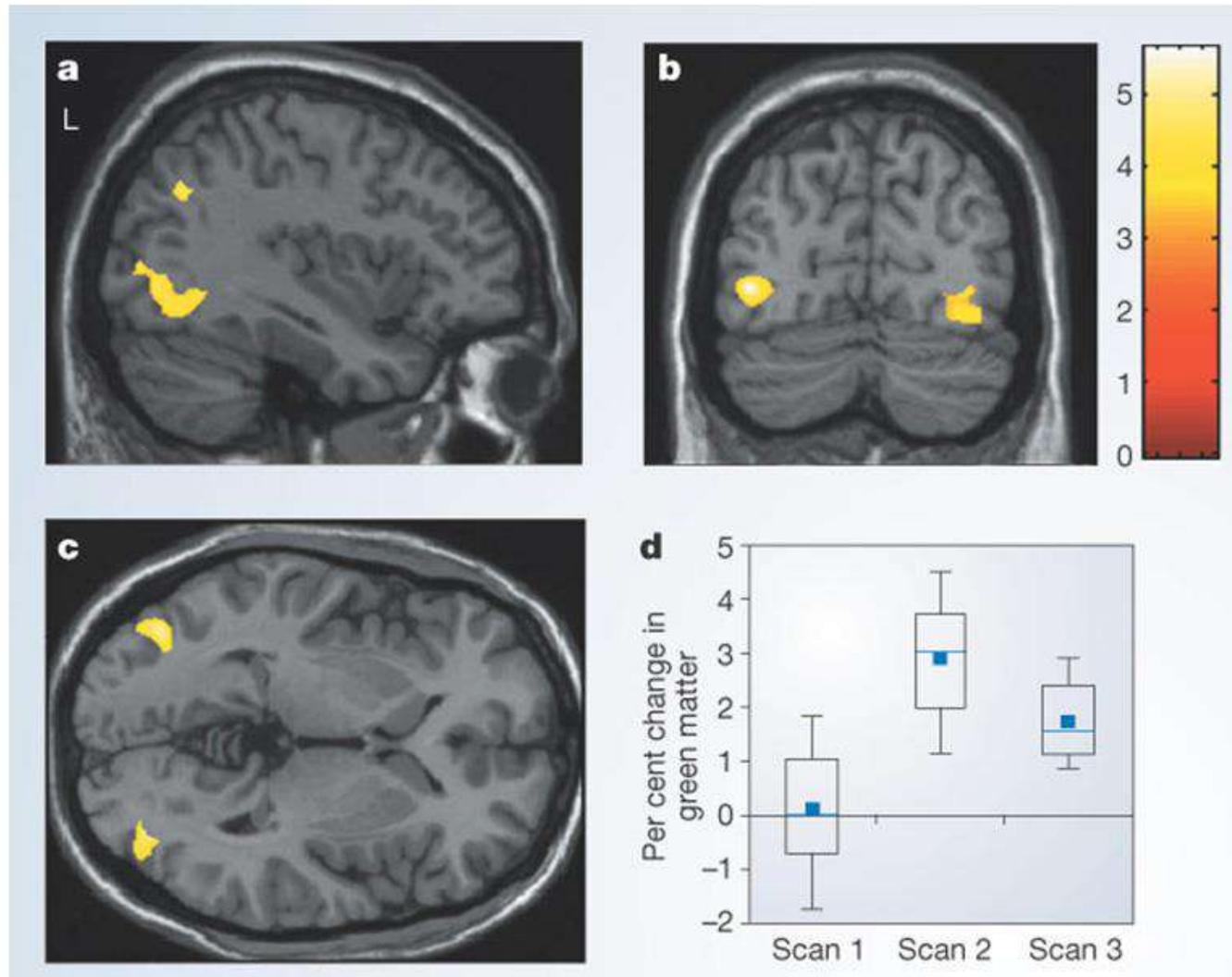


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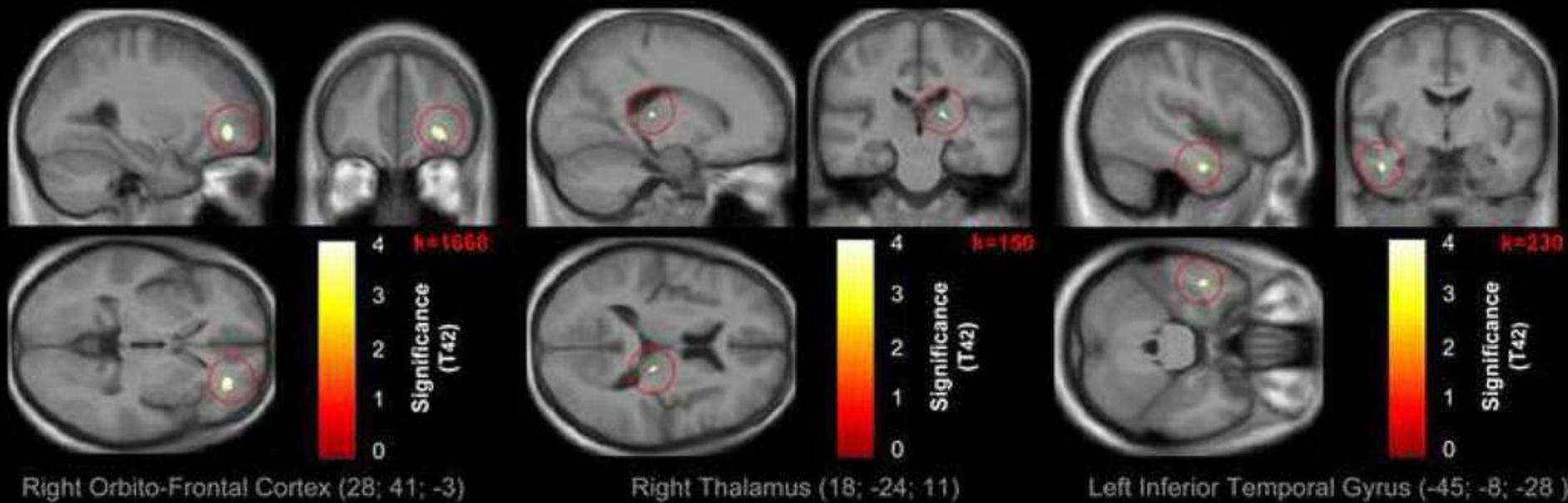
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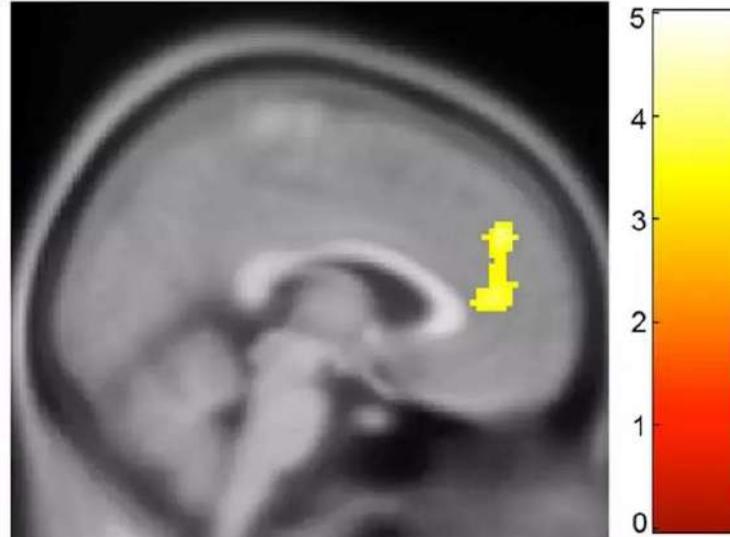
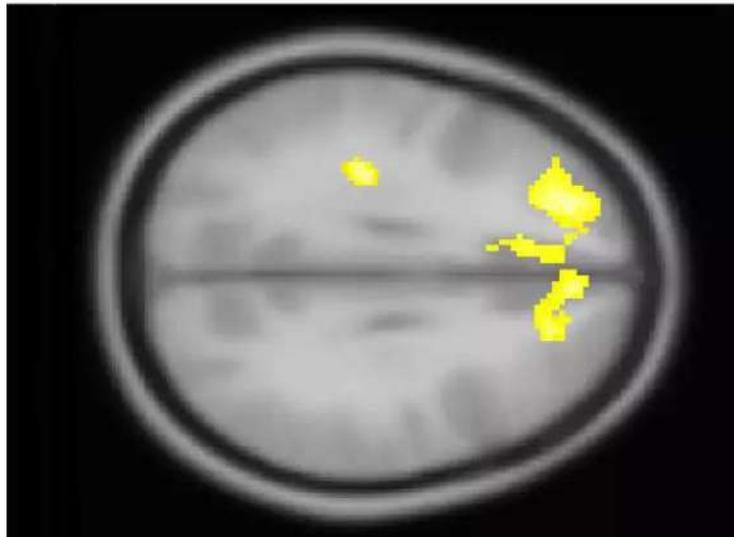
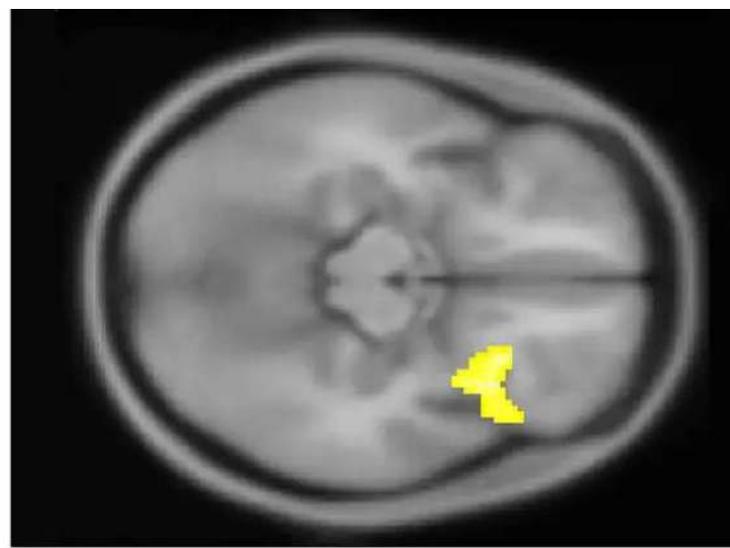
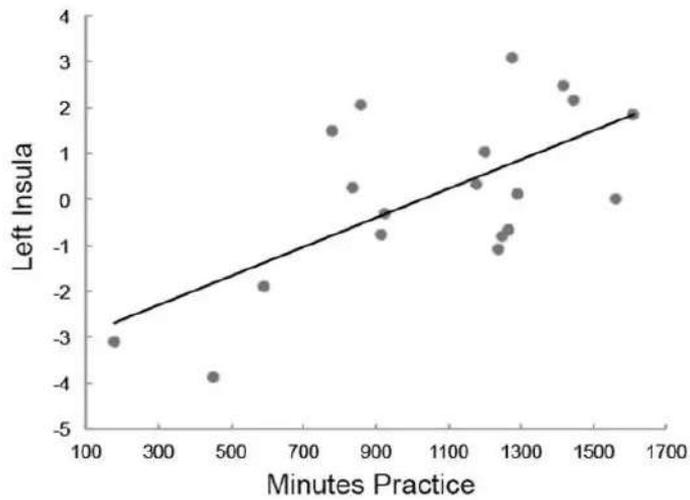
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Neuroplasticità attivata da funzioni puramente mentali

Larger Gray Matter Volumes in Meditators





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Cognitive-affective neural plasticity following active-controlled mindfulness intervention. *J Neurosci.* 2012 Oct 31;32(44):15601-10.

Fenomeni neuroplastici con attività puramente mentali

- Imparare un movimento simulandolo mentalmente



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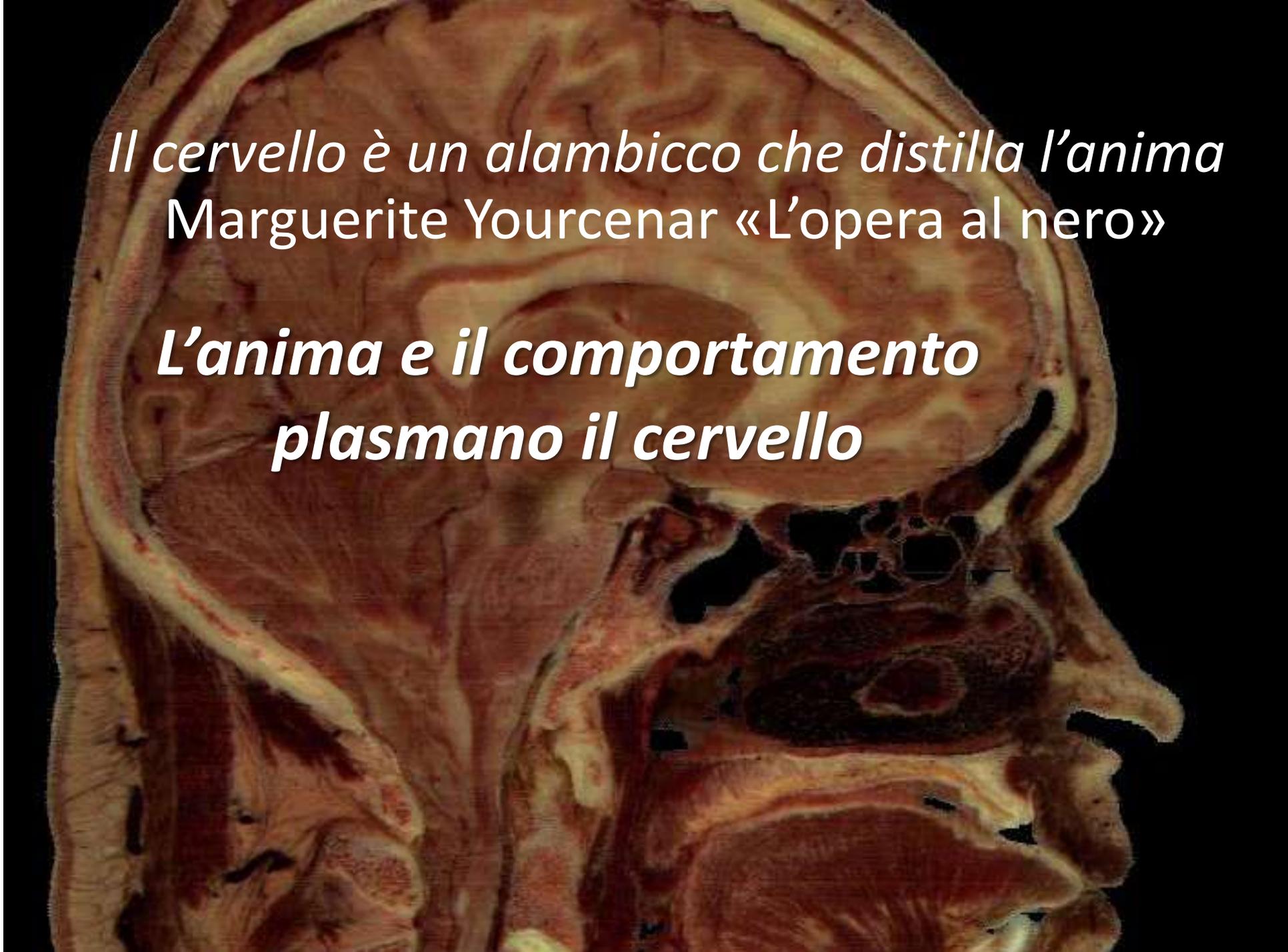
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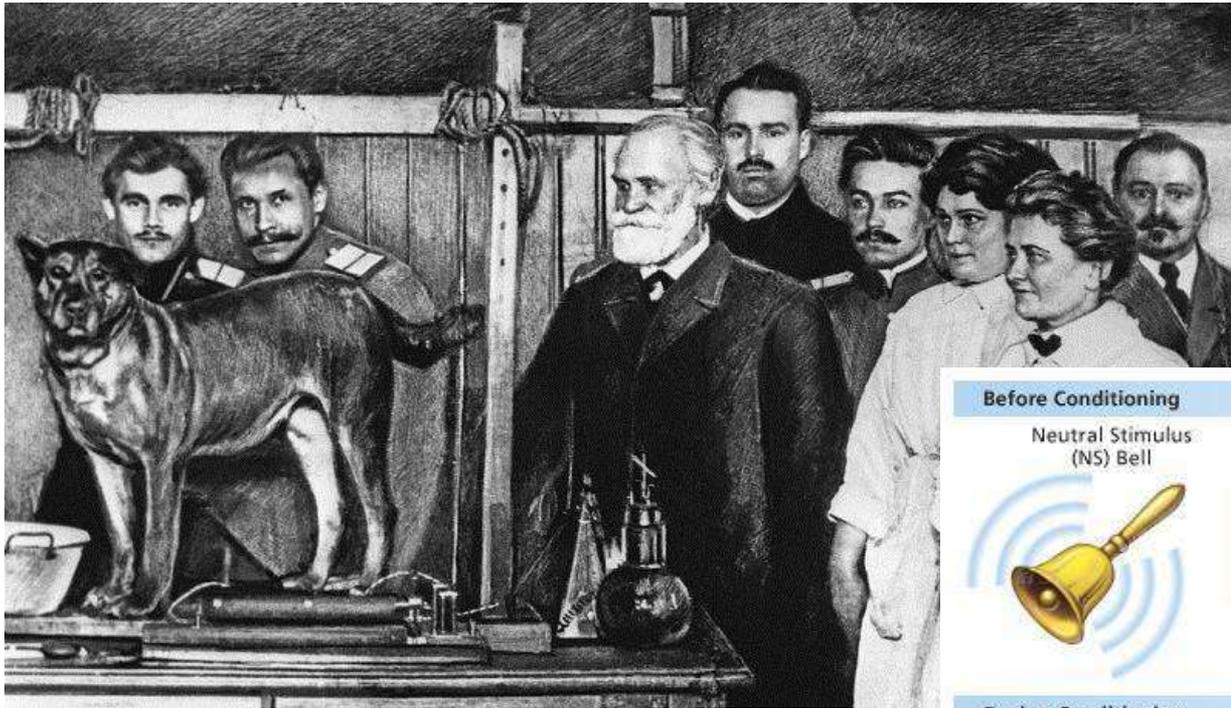
***L'anima e il comportamento
plasmano il cervello***



**Usare la neuroplasticità
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**COME SI COSTRUISCE
UN'ABITUDINE?**

Apprendimenti associativi

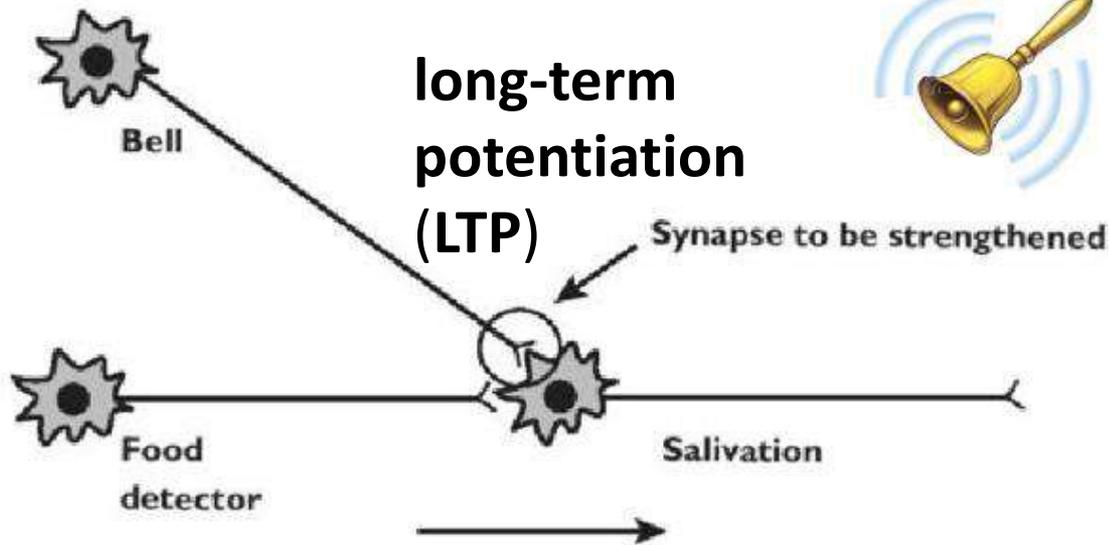


Condizionamento classico



I neuroni che scaricano assieme si associano – Legge di Hebb



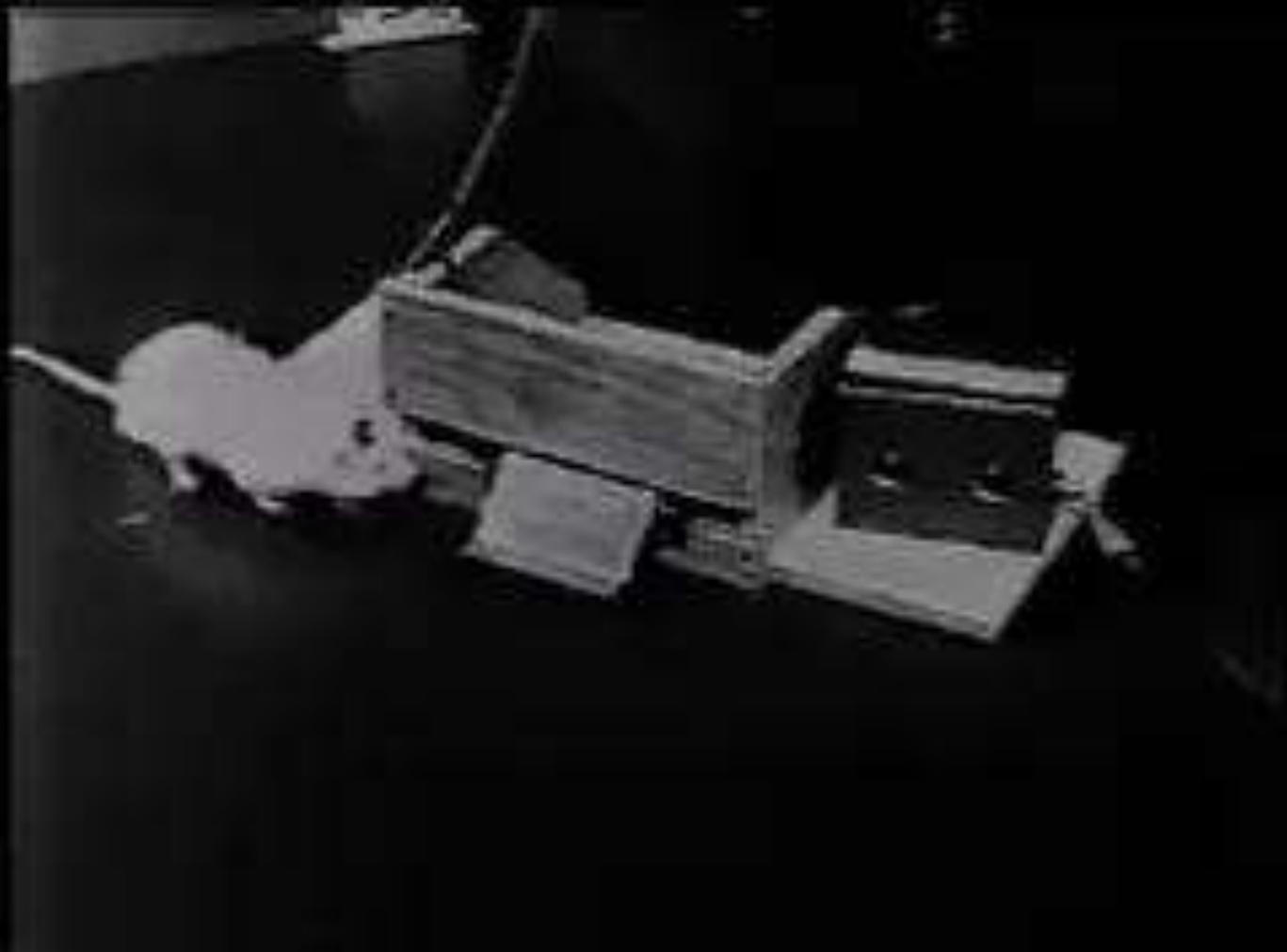


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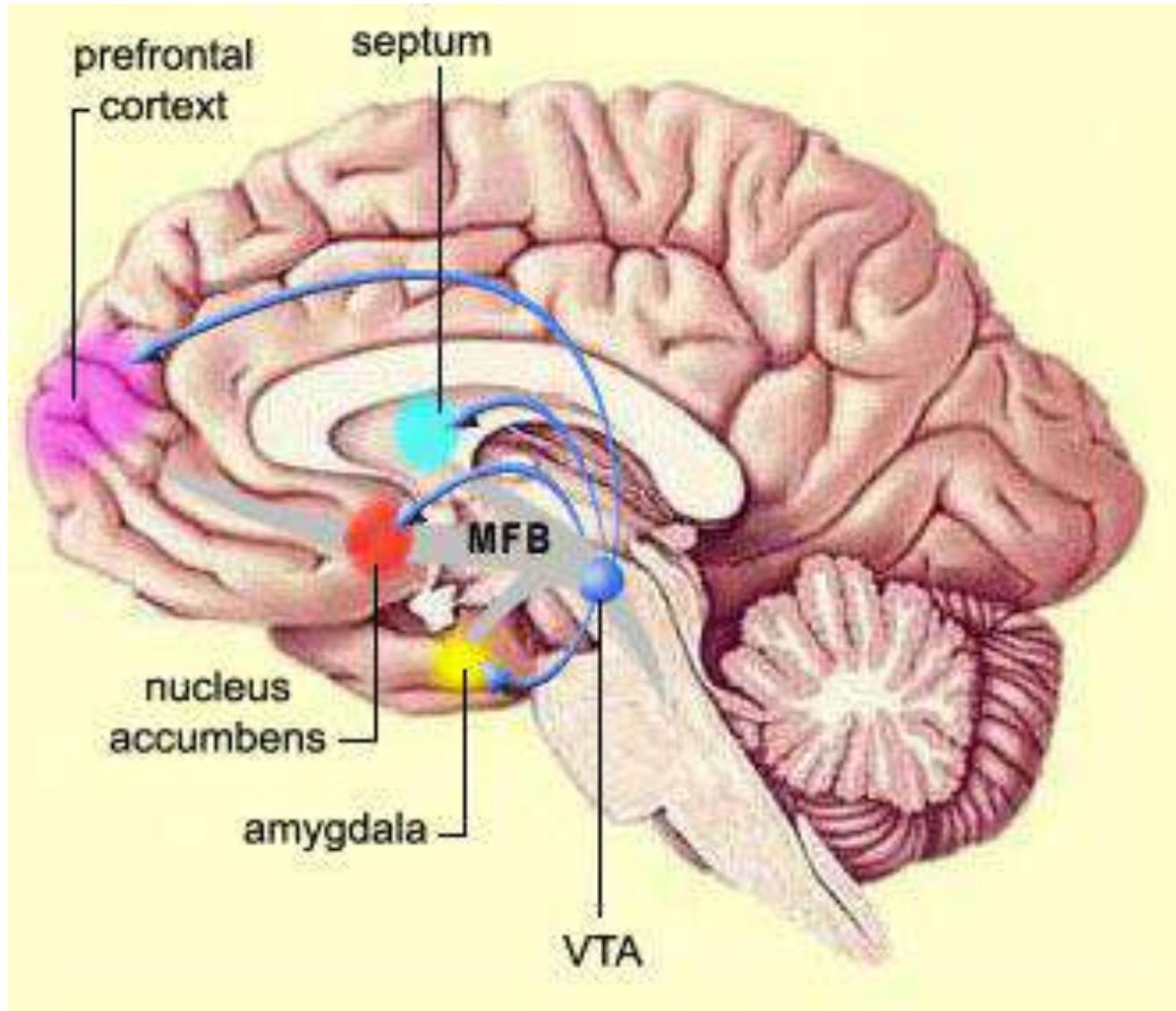
Apprendimento strumentale



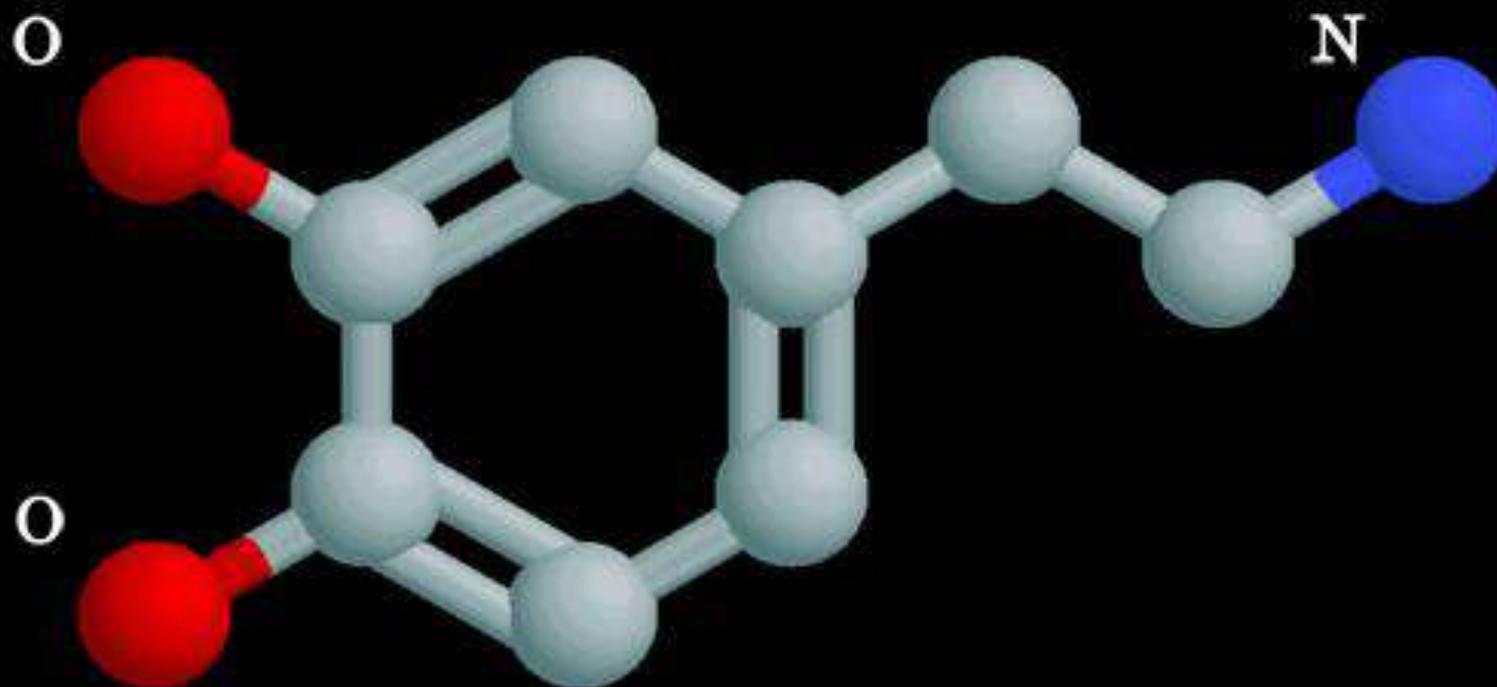
Piacere, ricompensa e cervello



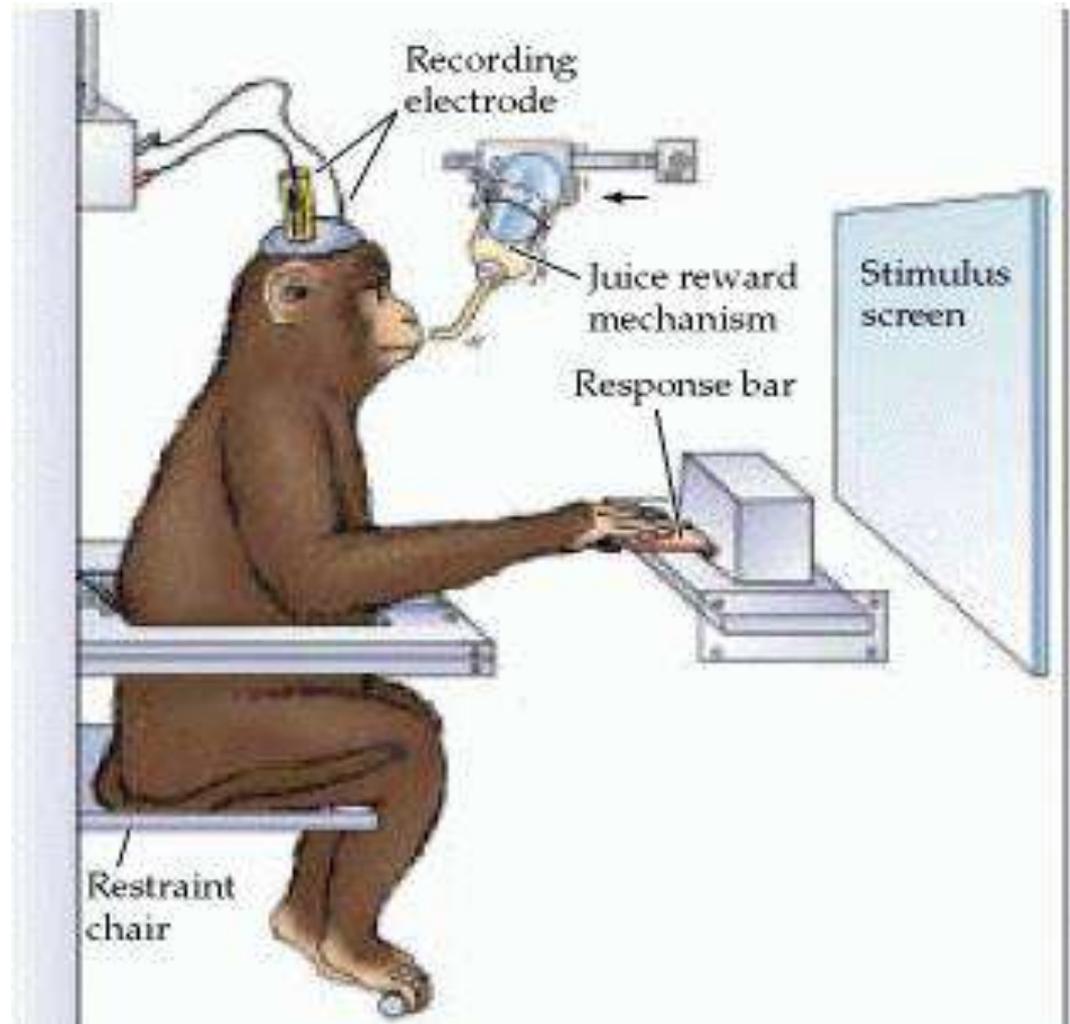
Sistema di ricompensa cerebrale



dopamina

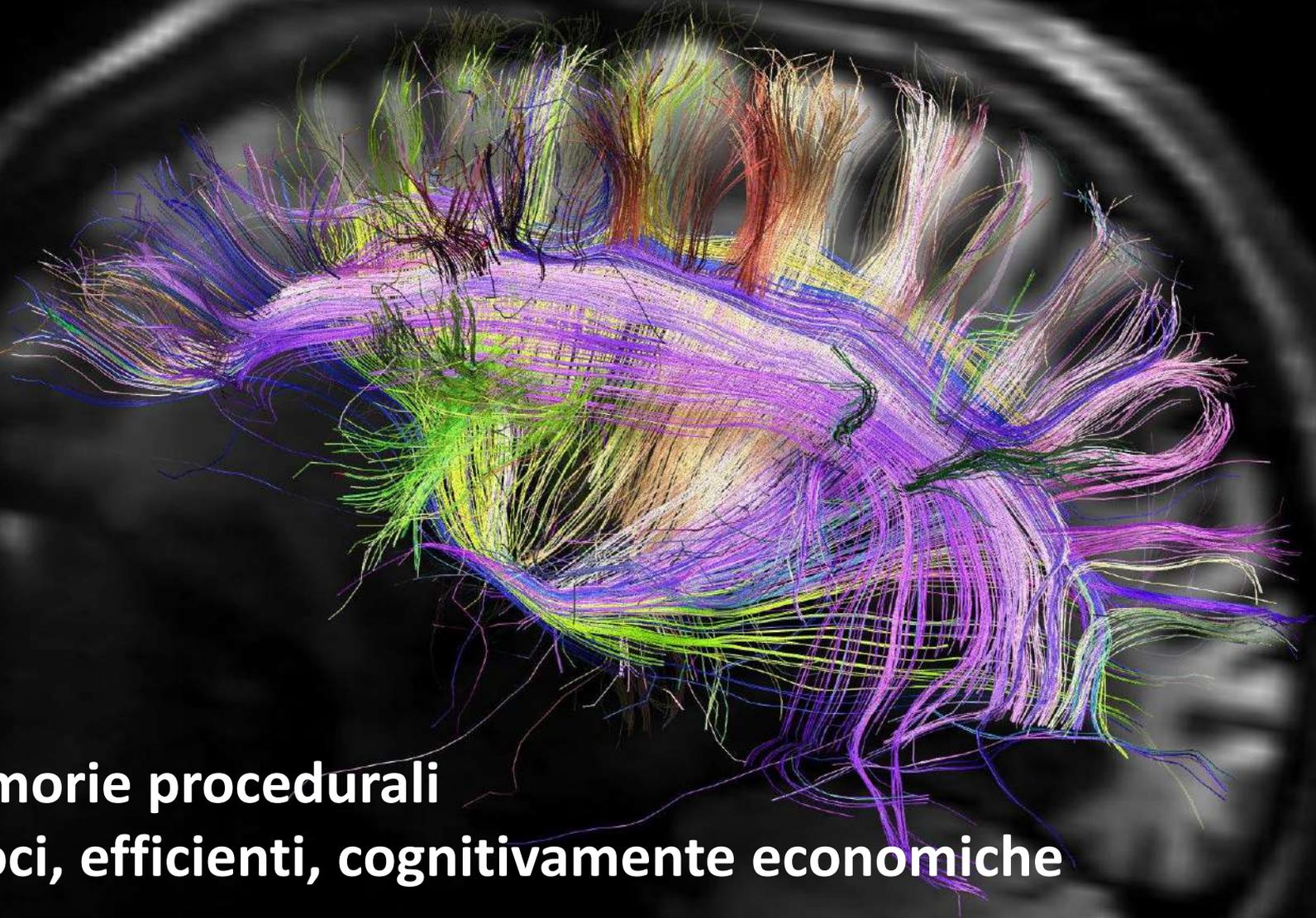


Le funzioni della dopamina





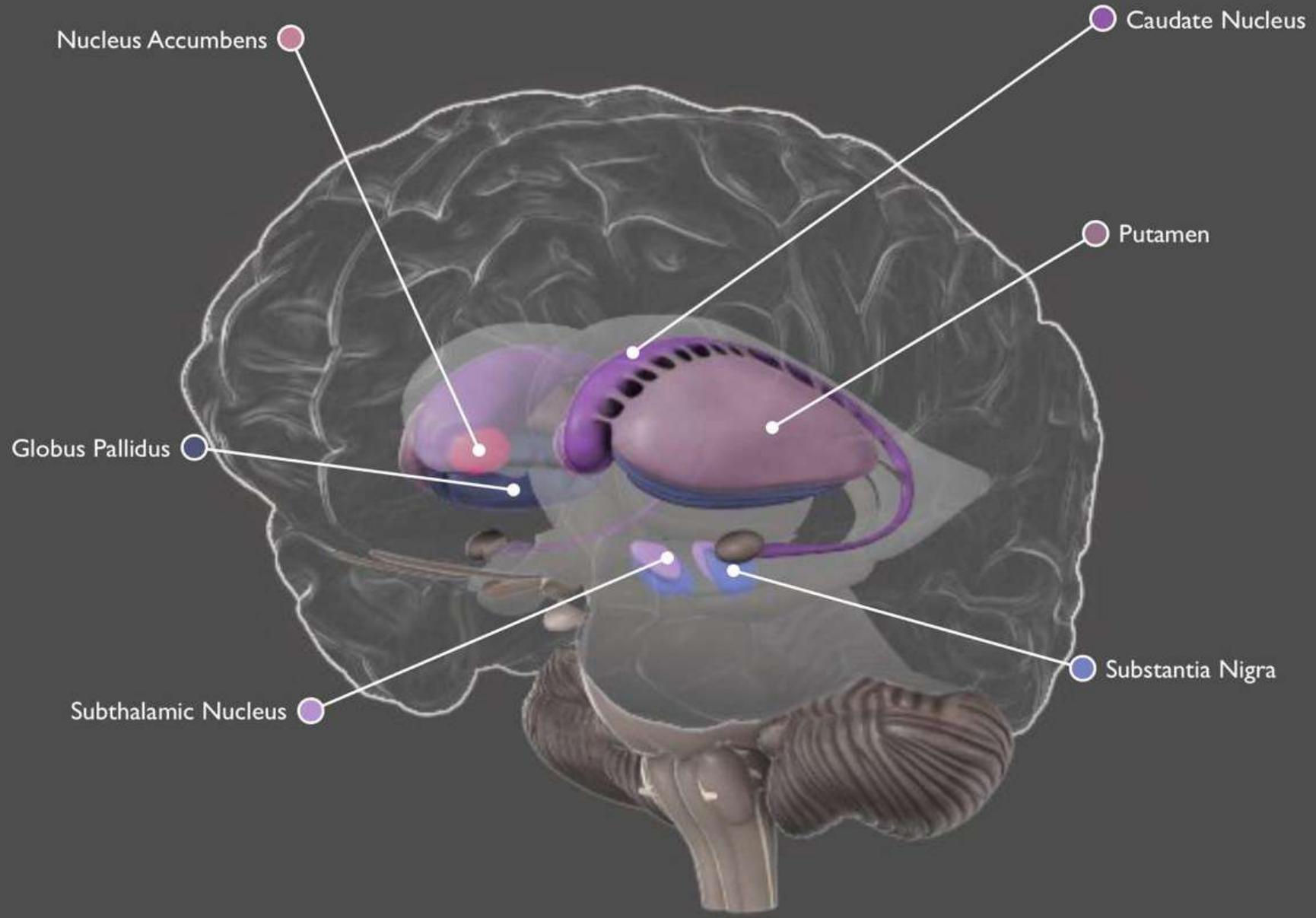
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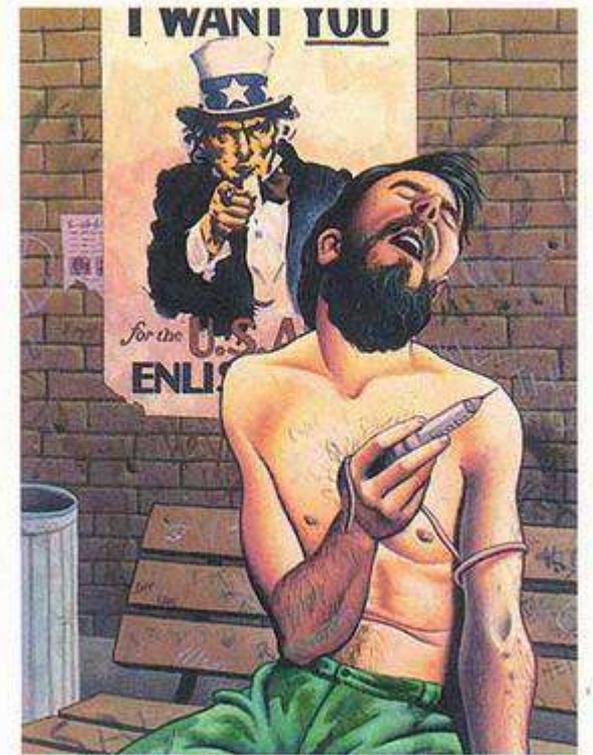
Memorie procedurali

Veloci, efficienti, cognitivamente economiche

Basal Ganglia



Errore fondamentale di attribuzione



THE WAR COMES HOME

**ESISTE UN'ALTRA RAGIONE PER CUI
ABBIAMO DIFFICOLTÀ A CONTROLLARE I
COMPORAMENTI ABITUALI O COMPULSIVI
CHE HANNO CONSEGUENZE NEGATIVA**

UNA QUESTIONE DI PROSPETTIVA



Decidere oggi per il nostro io di
domani

le decisioni intertemporali

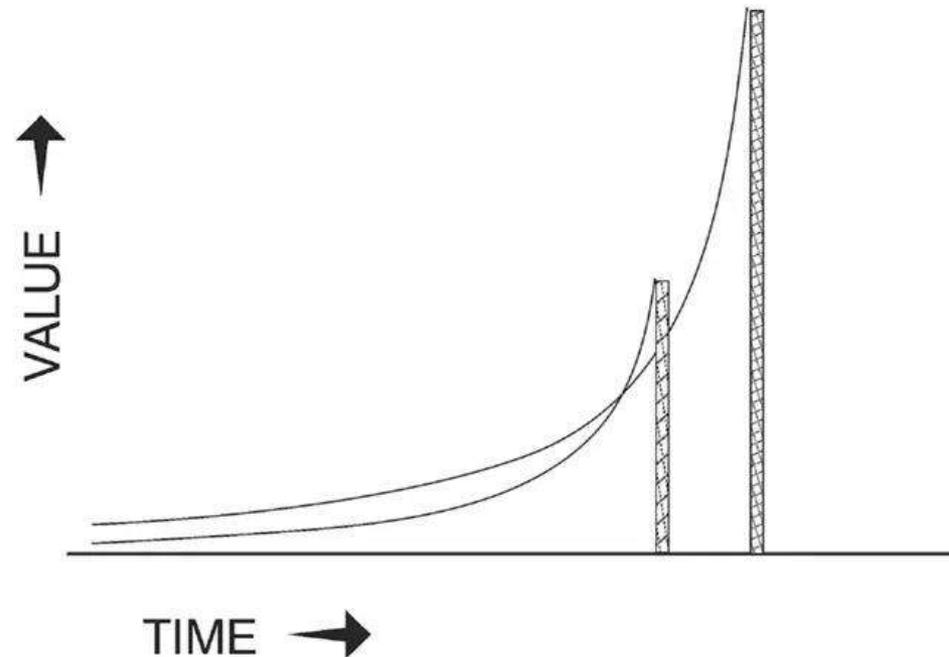
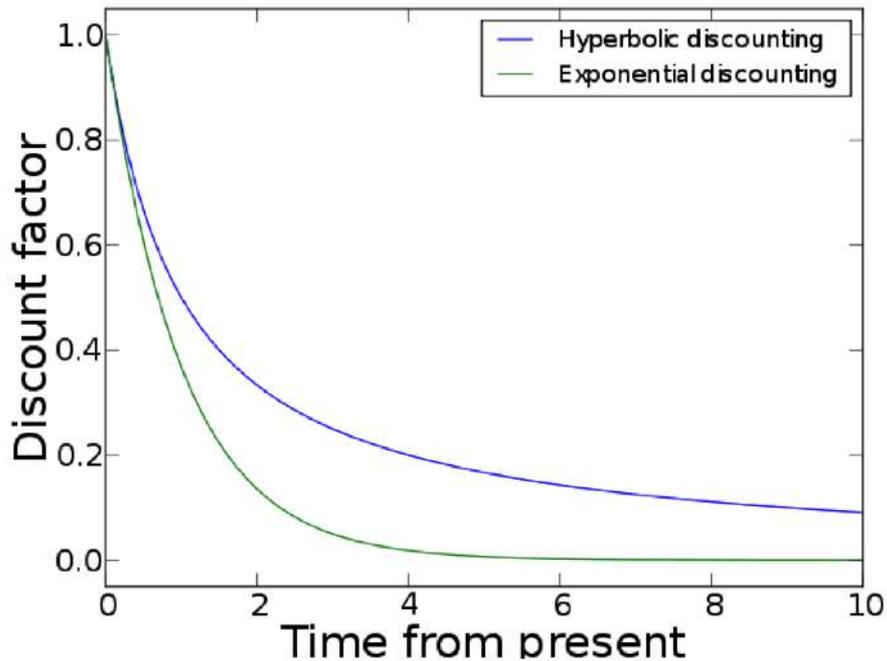
Miopia per il futuro



**Ipersensibilità verso le
ricompense presenti**

Le decisioni intertemporali

- Lo sconto iperbolico del futuro
- L'ipersensibilità verso le ricompense prossime



uno, due, tre o molti?

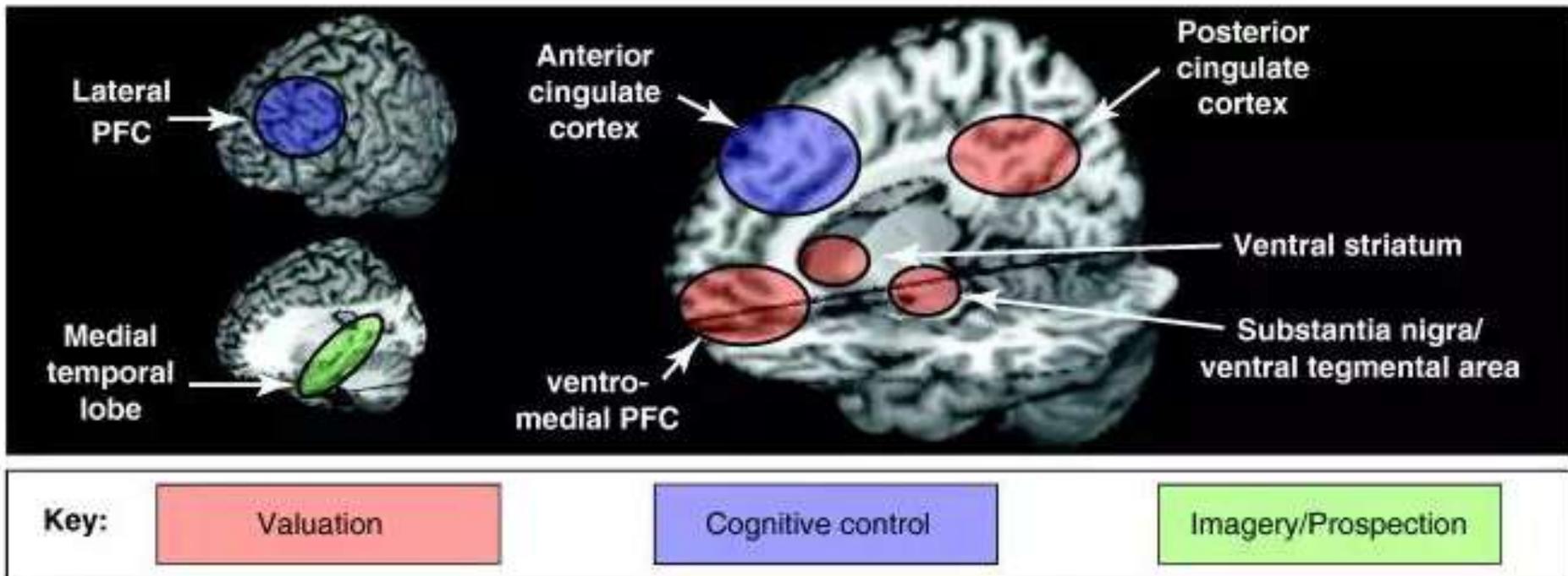
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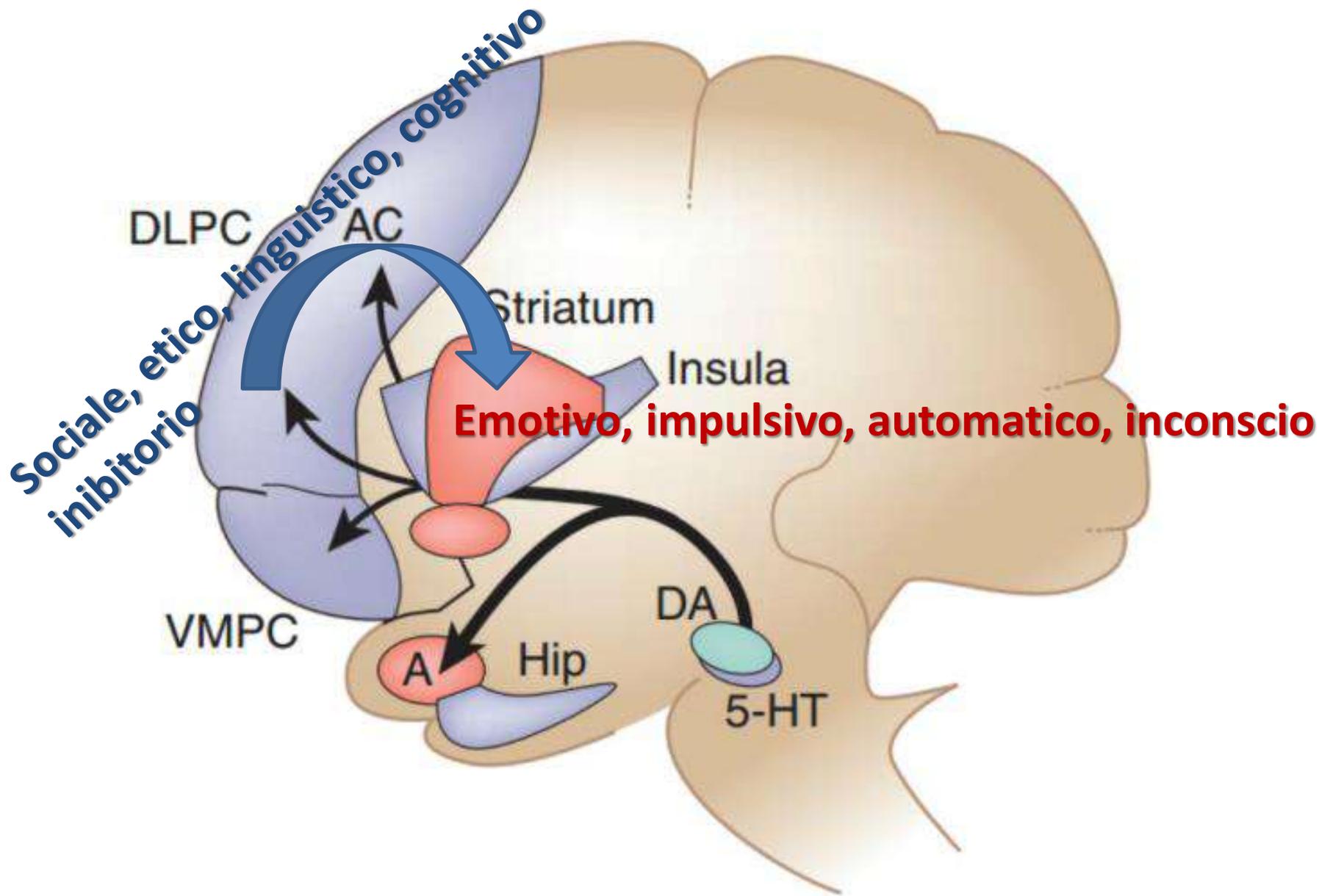
siamo uno per
ogni presente?

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Aspetti principali

L'AUTOCONTROLLO



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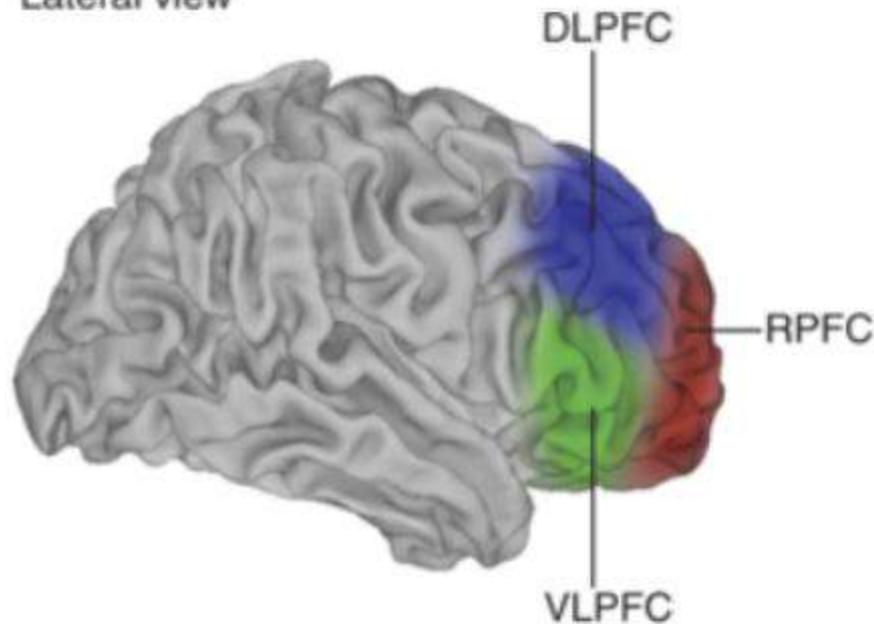
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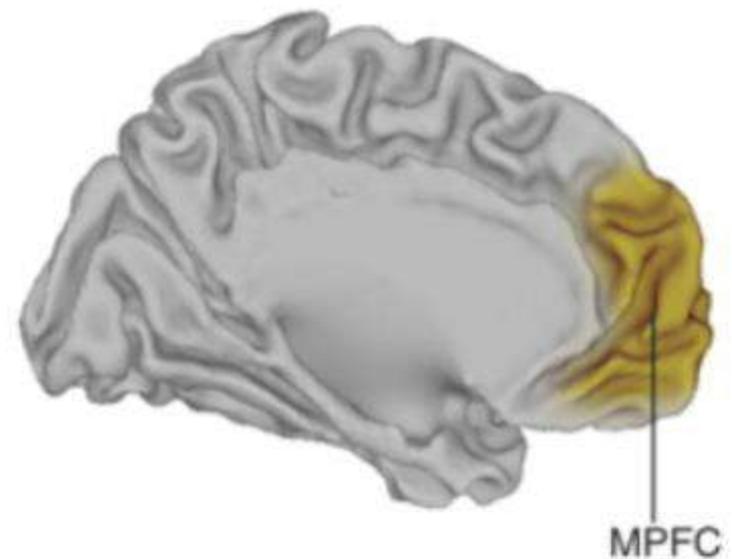
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Lateral view

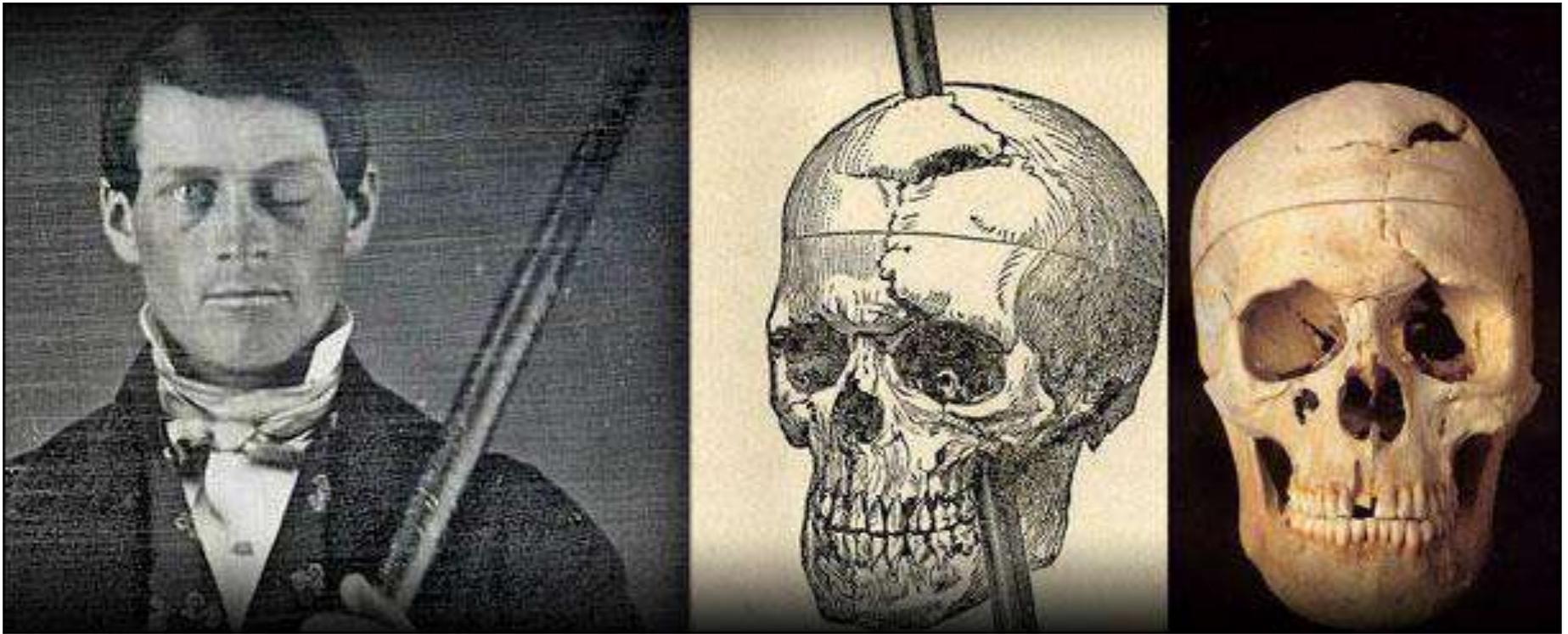


Medial view



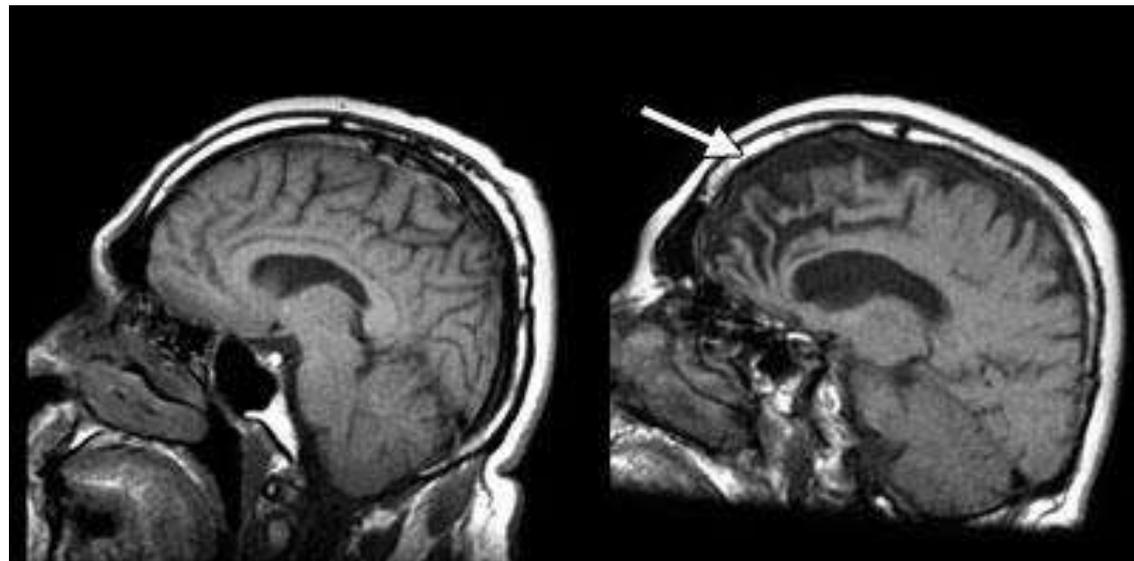
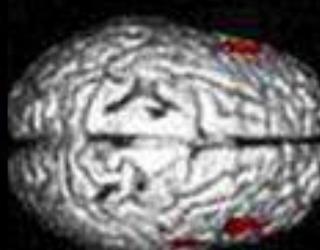
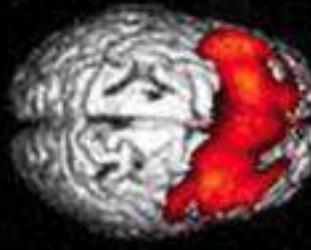
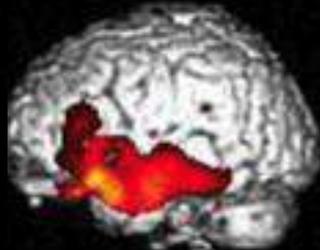
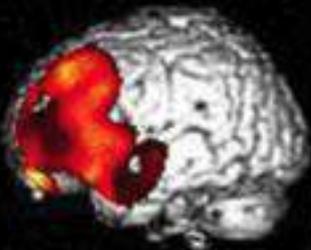
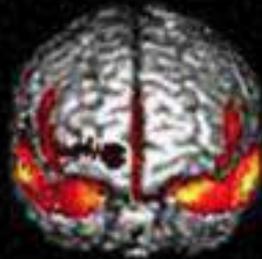
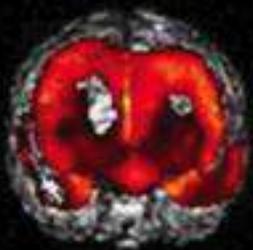
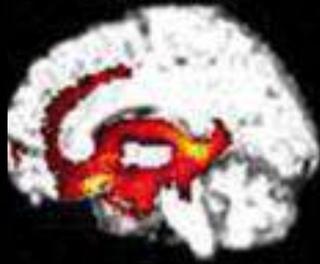
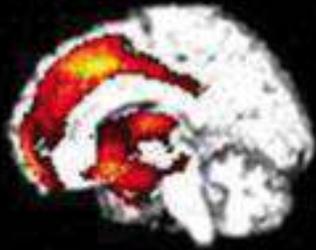
Basi neurali dell'autocontrollo

- Il caso Phineas Gage



Inert
group

Desinhibited
group



Normal

Frontotemporal dementia

Pensieri lenti, pensieri veloci

Daniel Kahneman

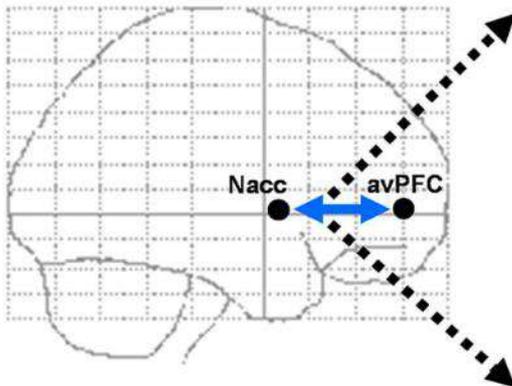
- **Sistema 1 – automatico**
 - Non-controllato
 - Senza sforzo
 - Associativo
 - Veloce
 - Inconscio
 - Competente
- **Sistema 2 – Riflessivo**
 - Controllato
 - Con sforzo
 - Deduttivo
 - Lento
 - Autocosciente
 - Dipendente da regole

Tre problemi per il sistema 1

1. Un caffè e un cioccolatino costano insieme 1 euro e 10. Il caffè costa 1 euro più del cioccolatino. Quanto costa il cioccolatino?
2. Se 5 macchine fanno 5 viti in 5 minuti, quanto tempo impiegheranno 100 macchine per fare 100 viti?
3. Rifacendo il pavimento a una piazza, gli operai raddoppiano ogni giorno l'area delle nuove mattonelle posate. Se servono 48 giorni per coprire tutta la piazza con nuove mattonelle, quanti giorni servono per coprire metà della piazza?

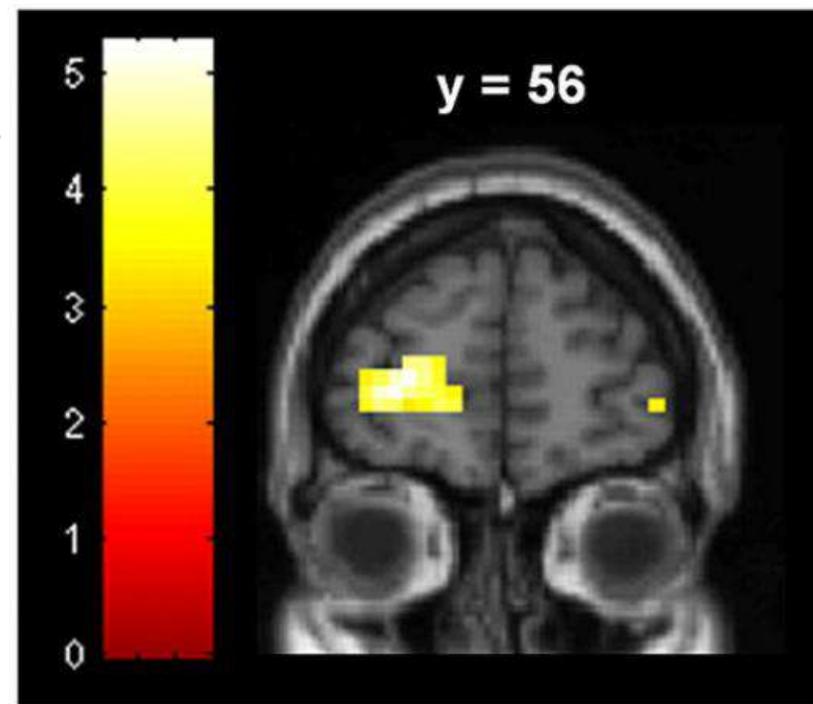
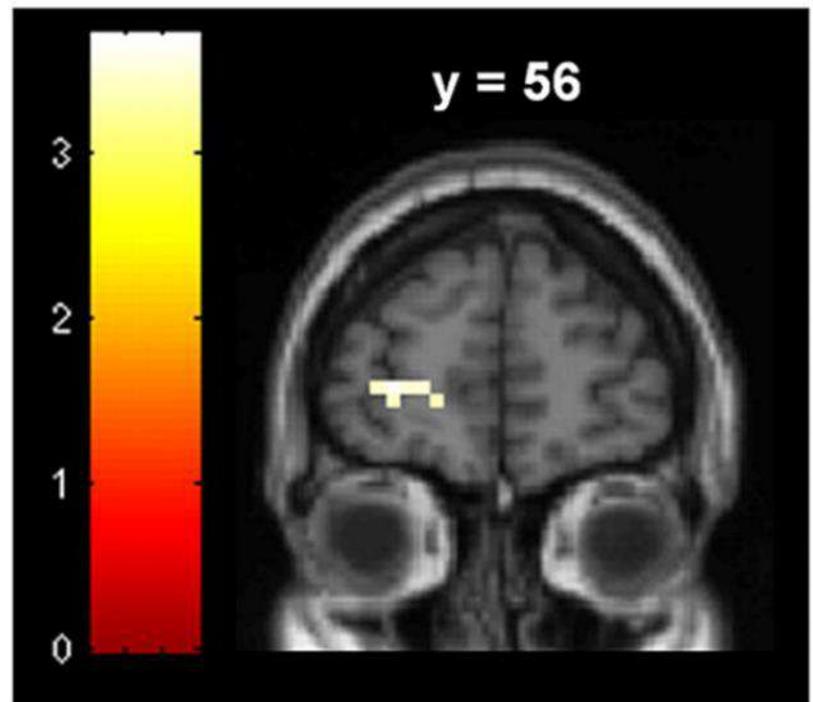
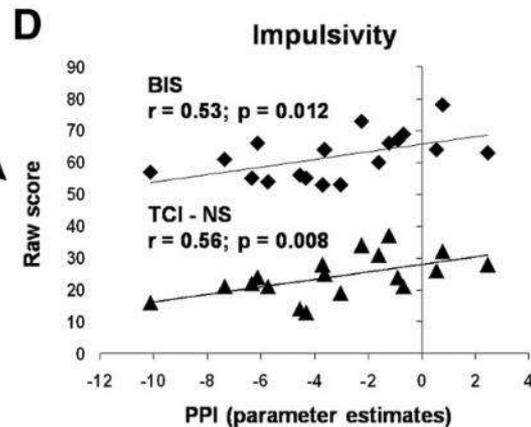
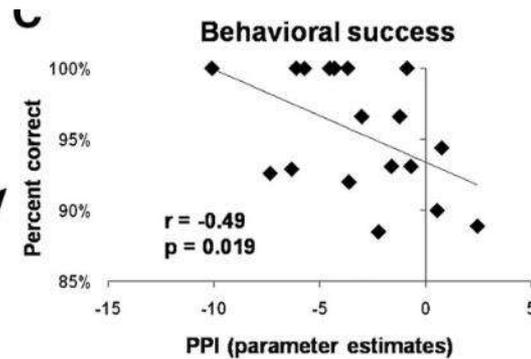
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'Desire-reason dilemma'

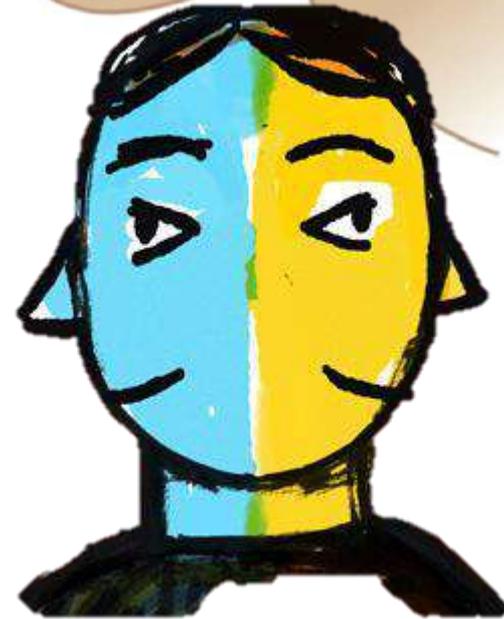
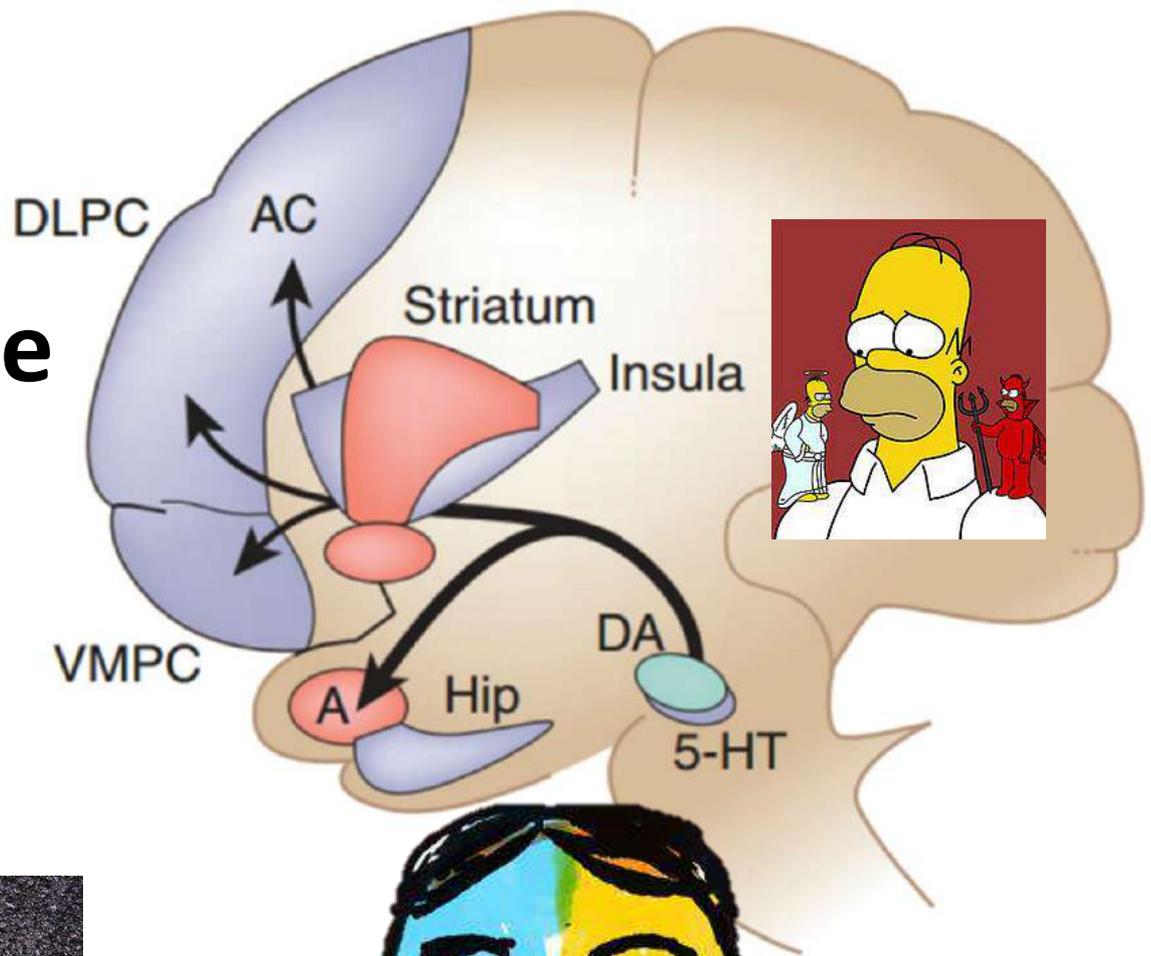


Negative functional interaction between right Nacc and left avPFC

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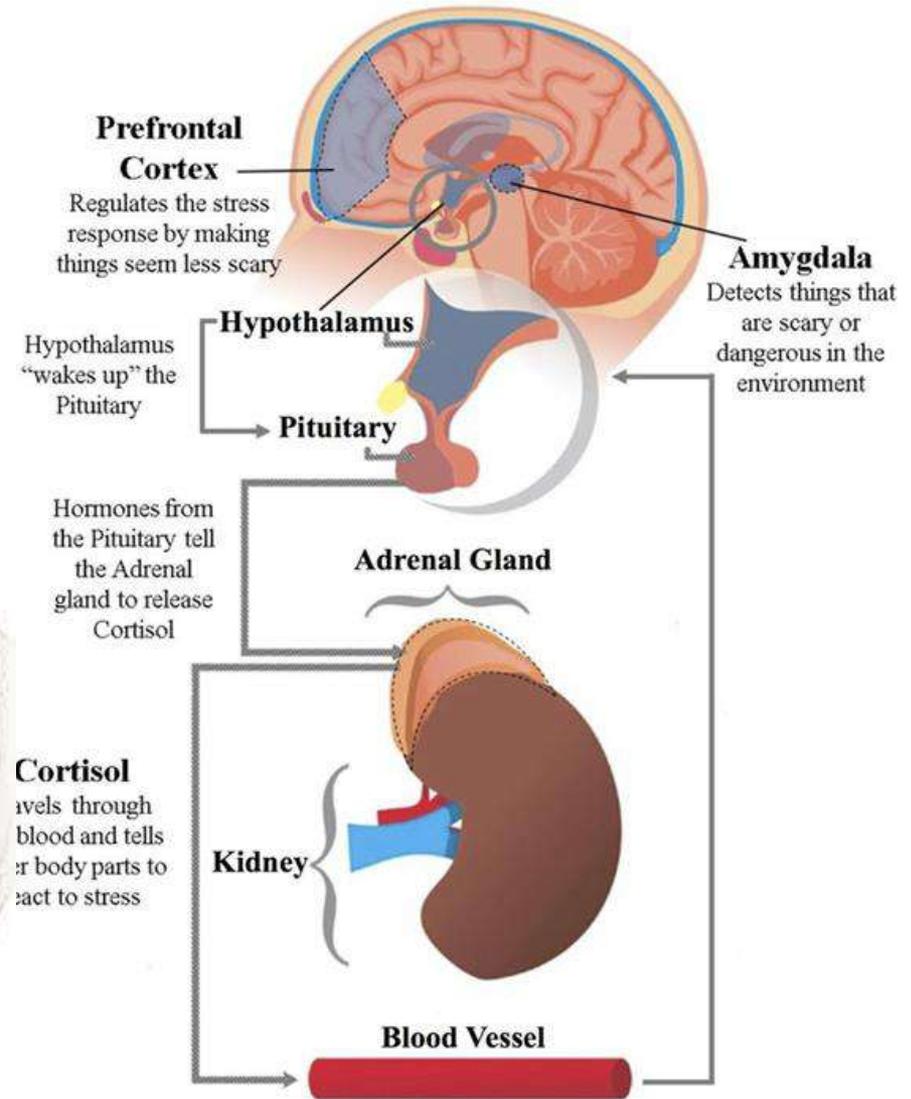
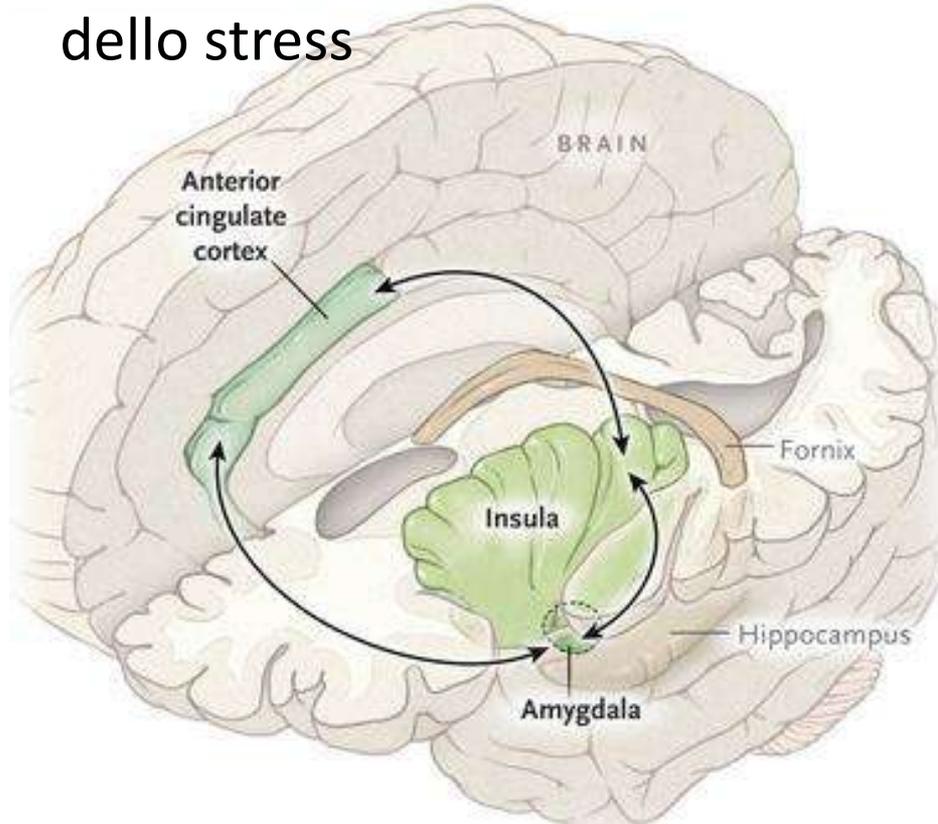


Ambivalenza e oscillazione delle preferenze



Normalizzare l'ambivalenza acuta

- Ambivalenza acuta attiva ACC e questa a sua volta attiva l'amigdala, che «accende» l'asse dello stress

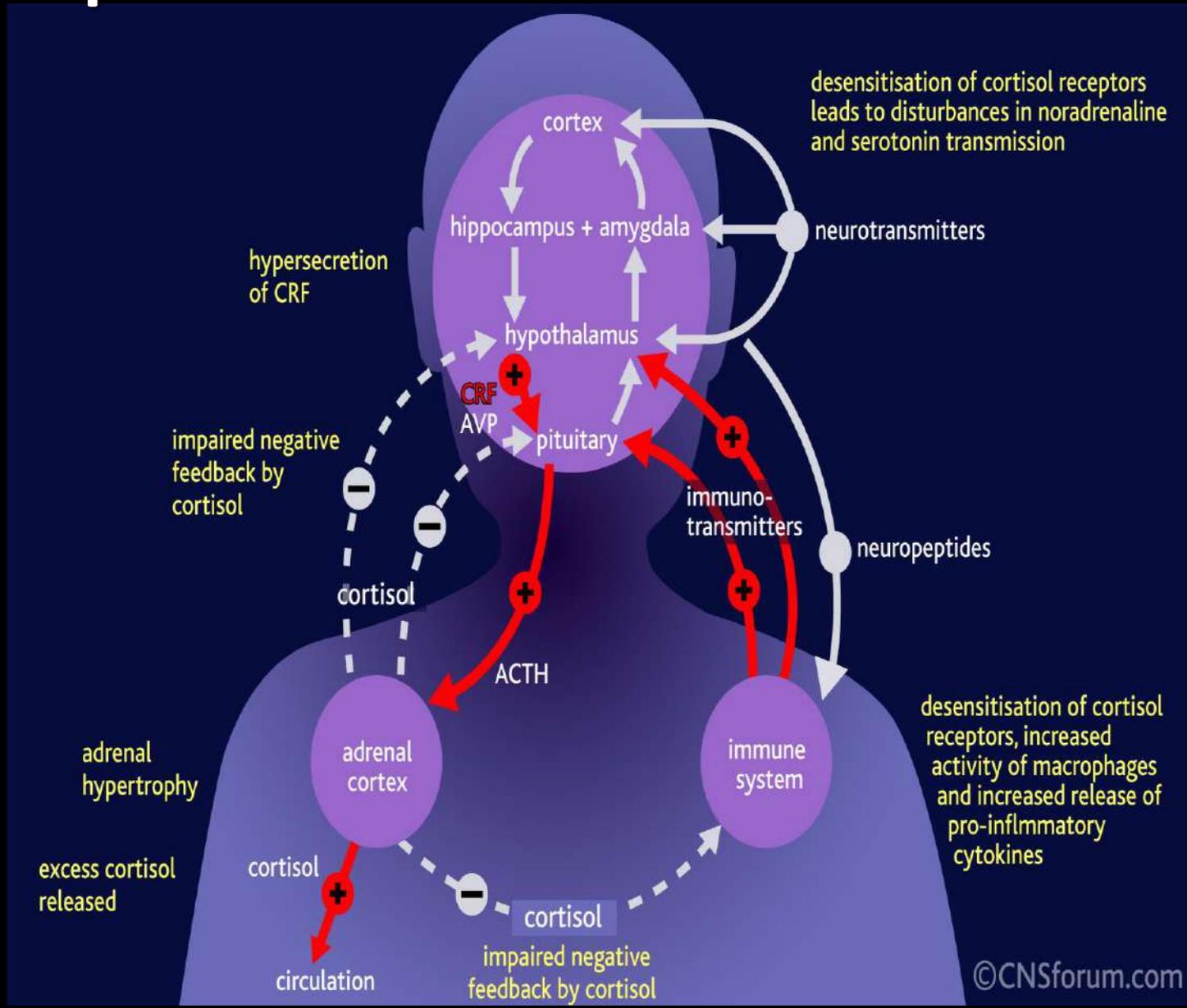


STRESS, CERVELLO, E CAMBIAMENTO



IL CAMBIAMENTO GENERA STRESS

Risposte neuroendocrine dello stress



Stress, funzioni cognitive ed esecutive

How Stress Impairs Cognitive Function

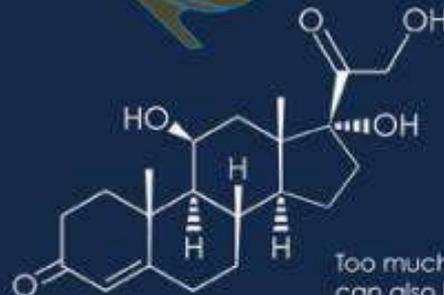
Stress can trigger problems like insomnia, headaches, irritability, anxiety, and depression.



When the body feels stressed, it releases cortisol. Too much cortisol can break down hippocampus cells, which can lead to memory deficits.



In one study, stressed students had a difficult time shifting attention from one task to another.

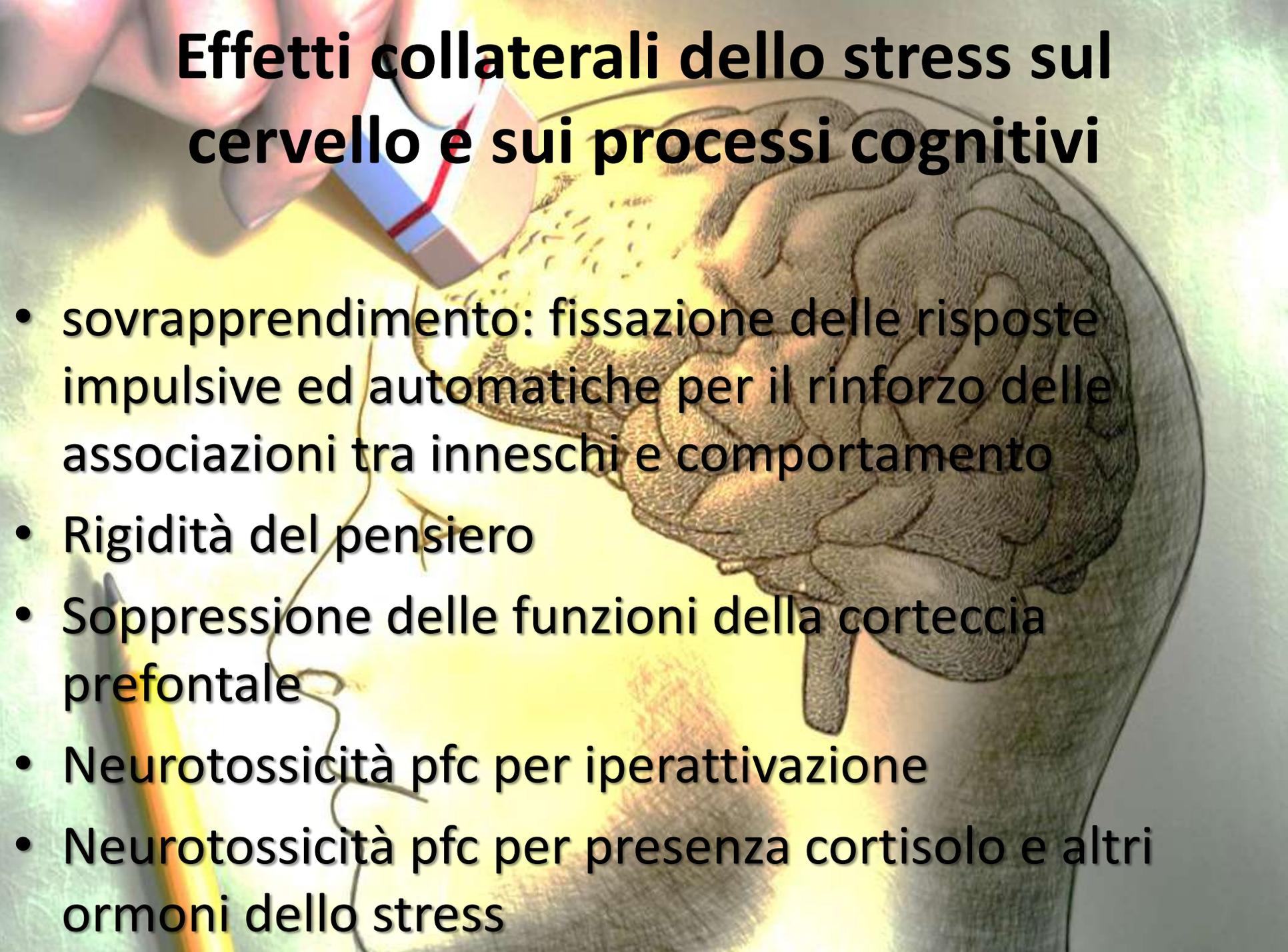


Too much cortisol can also lead to depression.



Chronic stress can impair the prefrontal cortex, which controls working memory and decision making.

Effetti collaterali dello stress sul cervello e sui processi cognitivi

An illustration of a human head in profile, facing left. The brain is shown in a detailed, textured style. A hand is holding a device with a red and blue light, which is shining on the brain. The background is a soft, glowing green and yellow.

- sovrapprendimento: fissazione delle risposte impulsive ed automatiche per il rinforzo delle associazioni tra inneschi e comportamento
- Rigidità del pensiero
- Soppressione delle funzioni della corteccia prefrontale
- Neurotossicità pfc per iperattivazione
- Neurotossicità pfc per presenza cortisolo e altri ormoni dello stress

Evitare la confrontazione, i giudizi che suscitano vergogna o sensi di colpa acuti

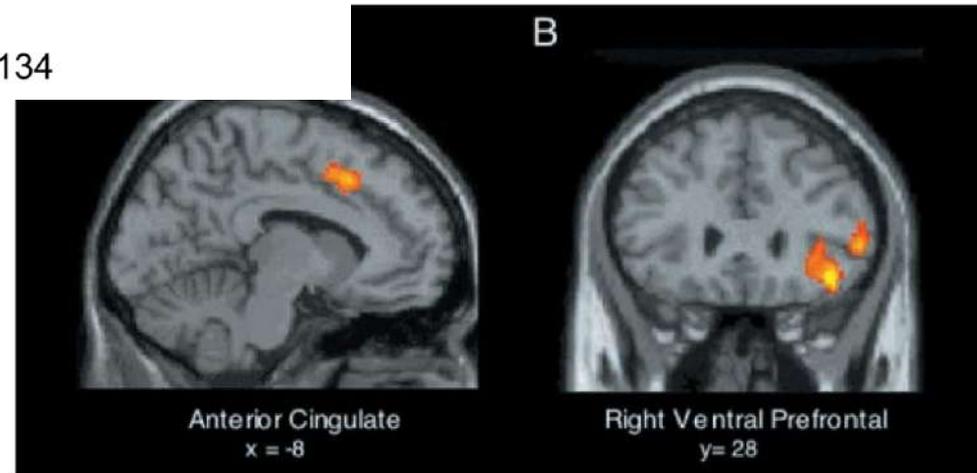


Does Rejection Hurt? An fMRI Study of Social Exclusion

Naomi I. Eisenberger, *et al.*

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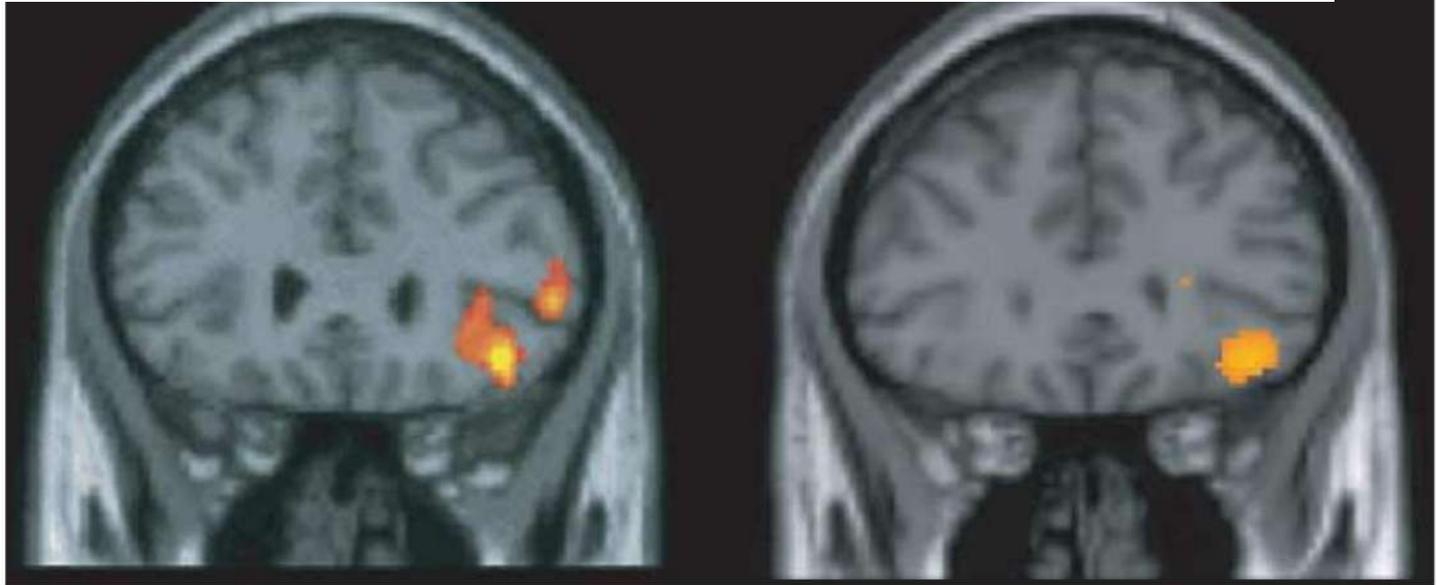
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- Confrontazione, biasimo = rigetto sociale
- Attivazione aree che codificano cognitivamente il dolore fisico
- Innesco della risposta dello stress (lotta e ritiro)
- Pensiero rigido, stereotipato

Why rejection hurts: a common neural alarm system for physical and social pain

Naomi I. Eisenberger and Matthew D. Lieberman



Social pain regulation
RVPFC ($y = 27$)

Physical pain regulation
RVPFC ($y = 30$)



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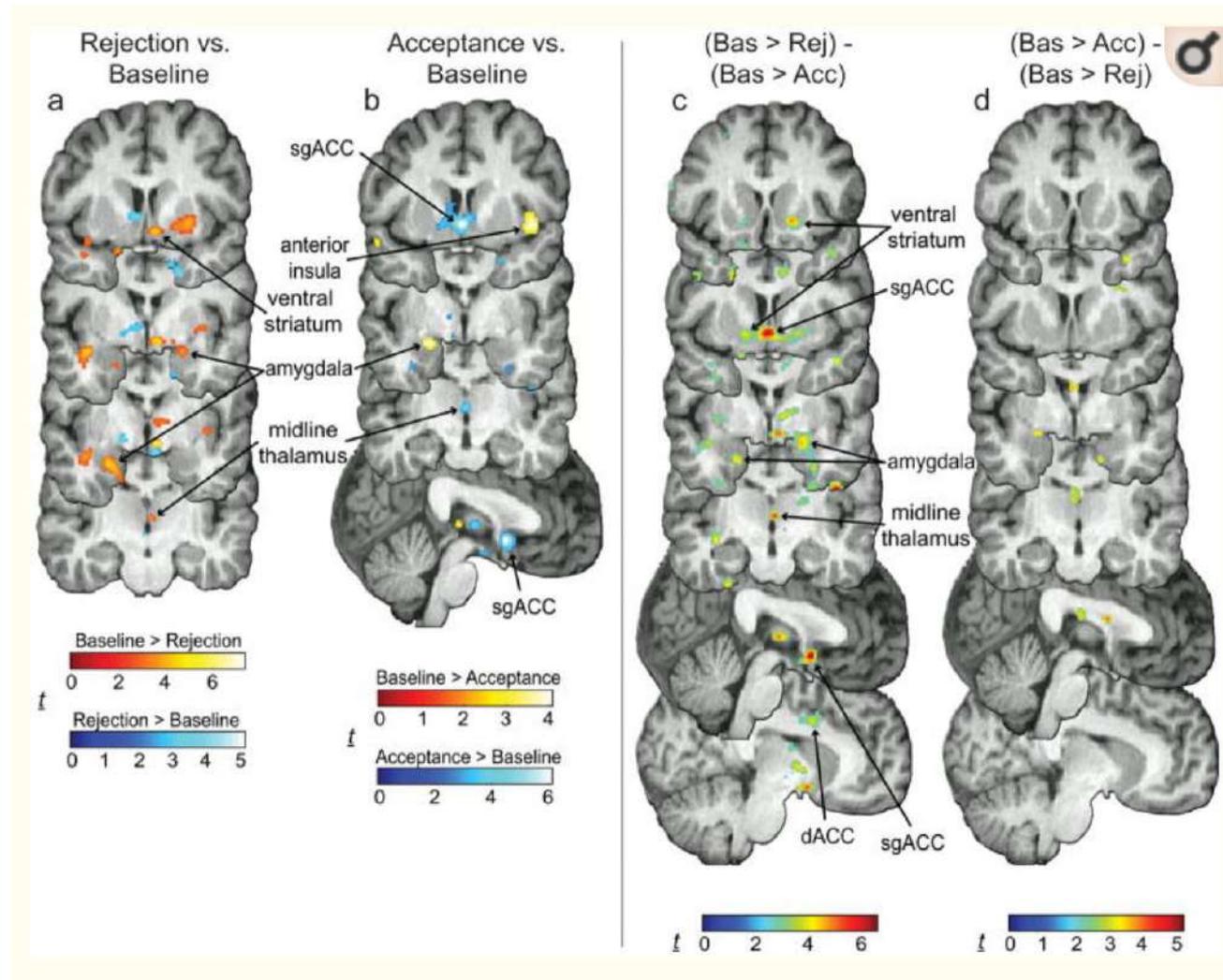
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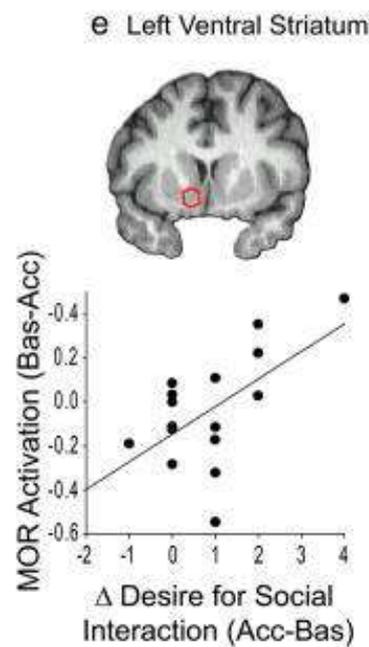
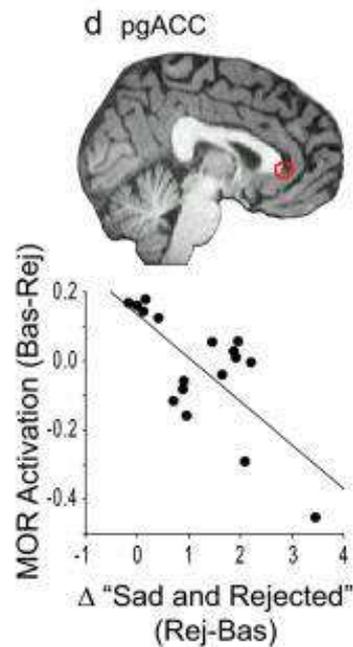
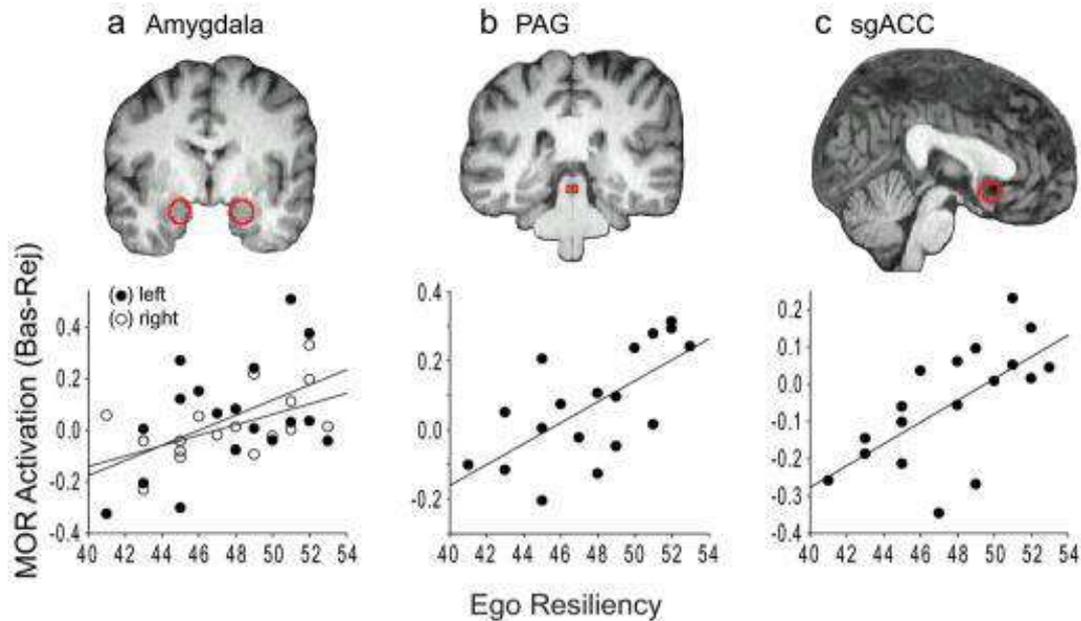
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Attivazioni recettori oppioidi M (MOR)

maggiore
attivazione durante
l'accettazione
nell'insula
anteriore e
amigdala sinistra,
disattivazione
sgACC





Attivazione MOR nello striato durante accettazione e aumento del desiderio dell'interazione sociale

La dissonanza cognitiva

Leon Festinger, *A Theory of Cognitive Dissonance*, 1957

- Forma di stress psicologico vissuto da una persona che detiene due o più credenze, idee o valori contraddittori
- Si manifesta nelle situazioni in cui la persona constata che la sua azione contraddice le sue intenzioni e le sue credenze
- La percezione di questa frattura tende a innescare la motivazione ad agire per ridurre la dissonanza (ripristinare il controllo volontario) e quindi il disagio percepito.
- È legata al bisogno di coerenza

POSTDECISION CHANGES IN THE DESIRABILITY OF ALTERNATIVES¹

JACK W. BREHM²

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THE importance of the choice situation is reflected in the considerable amount of theory and research on conflict. Conflict theory has generally dealt, however, with the phenomena that lead up to the choice. What happens after the choice has received little attention. The present paper is concerned with some of the consequences of making a choice

consequent pressure to reduce it are greater the more closely the alternatives approach equal desirability.

3. Exposing a person to new relevant cognitive elements, at least some of which are consonant, facilitates the reduction of dissonance.

METHOD

In order to test these hypotheses, a procedure was

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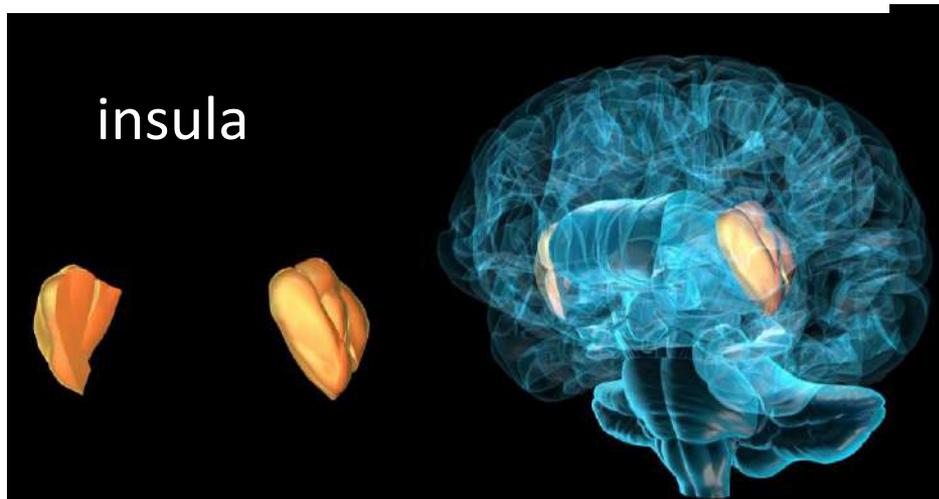
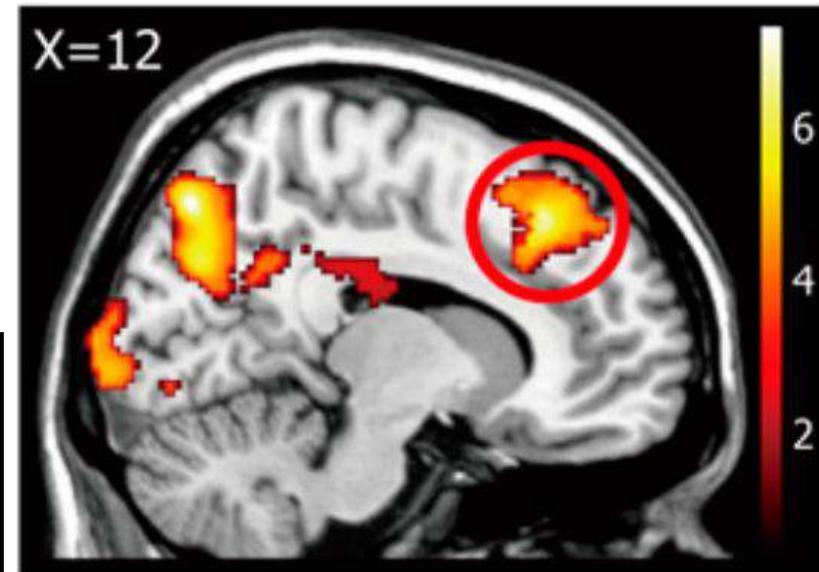
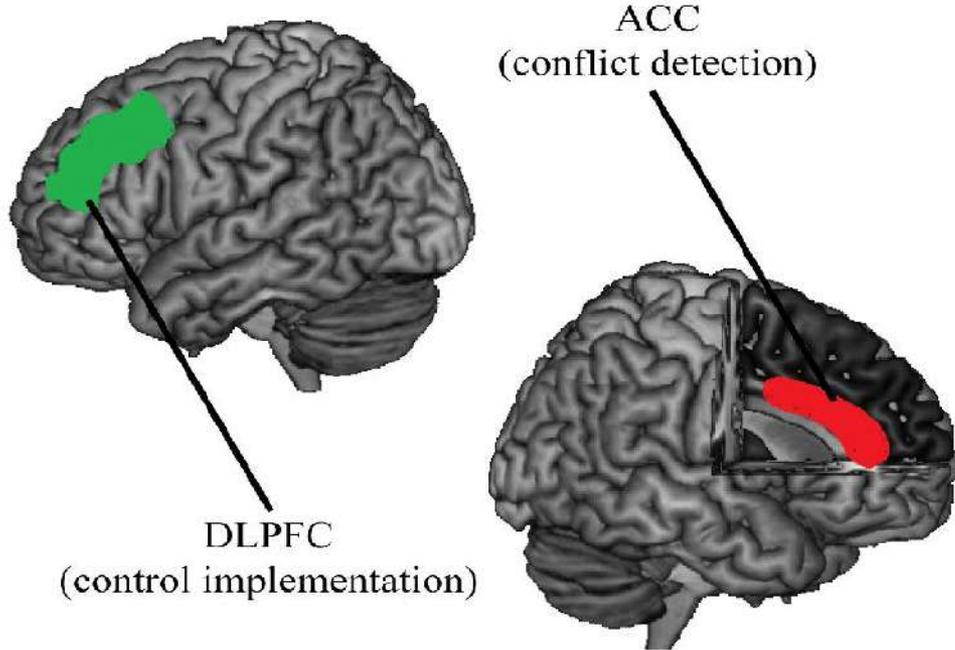
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Correlati neurali dissonanza cognitiva:

attivazione dACC

DLPFC

insula



Dalla dissonanza cognitiva alla decisione di cambiare

Il primo passo non ti porta dove vuoi, ma ti toglie da dove sei

- Superare l'effetto Zeigarnik

(Zeigarnik, B. Das Behalten erledigter und unerledigter Handlungen. *Psychologische Forschung*, 1927, 9; Zeigarnik, B. (1938), "On Finished and Unfinished Tasks", pp.300-314 in [W. D. Ellis \(Ed.\), A Sourcebook of Gestalt Psychology, London: Kegan Paul, Trench, Trubner & Co.](#))

- Effetti postdecisionali sulla motivazione al cambiamento
- Si accresce la preferenza per la cosa scelta, si diminuisce il valore per quella rigettata
- **Anche l'affermazione orientata al cambiamento rappresenta una forma di azione**

Opinion

Neuroeconomics

How actions create – not just reveal – preferences

Effetti postdecisionali

Dan Ariely¹✉, Michael I. Norton²✉

- Attivazione PFC – soprattutto OFC (autocontrollo, pianificazione)
- Insula (valutazione afferenze somatiche-viscerali, marker fisiologici delle emozioni)
- Striato (motivazione, energia per azione)
- Sistema della ricompensa (valenza e salienza incentivante)

Previous

Articles, Behavioral/Systems/Cognitive

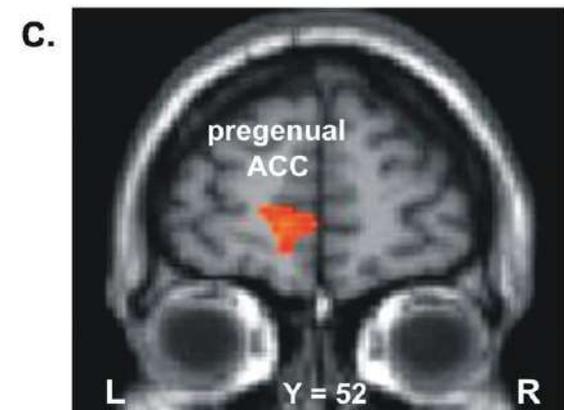
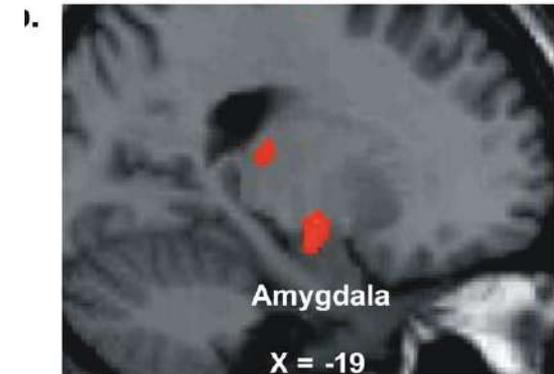
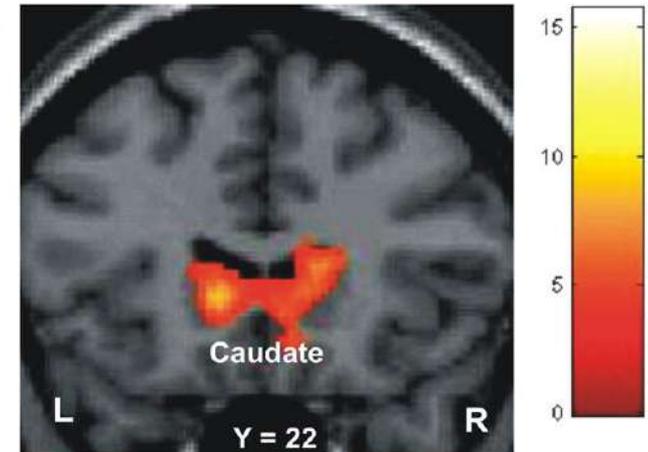
How Choice Reveals and Shapes Expected Hedonic Outcome

Tali Sharot, Benedetto De Martino, and Raymond J. Dolan

Journal of Neuroscience 25 March 2009, 29 (12) 3760-3765; DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1523/JNEUROSCI.4972-08.2009>

Fare una scelta, anche solo immaginarla, modula l'esperienza edonica attesa delle sue conseguenze

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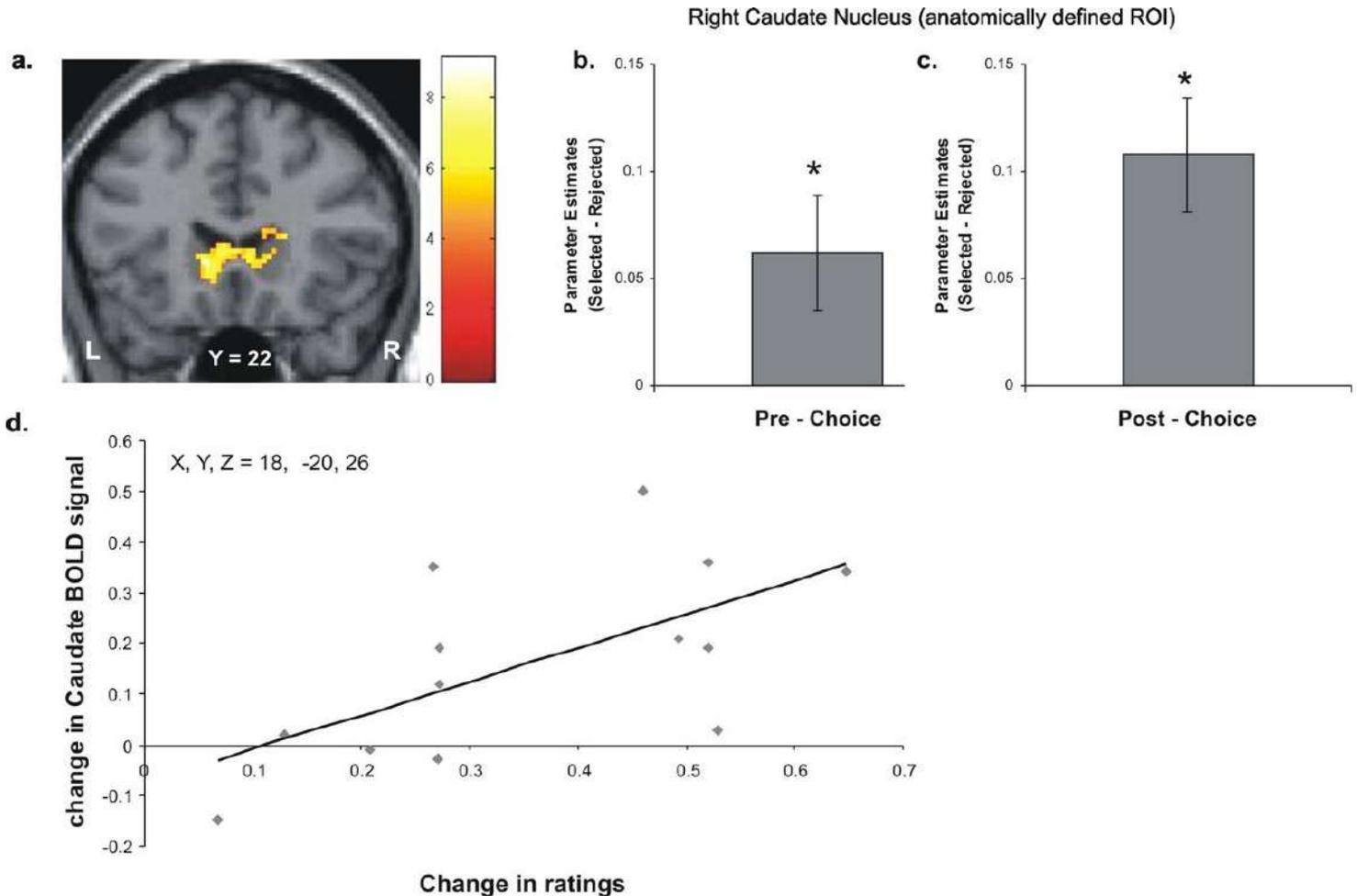


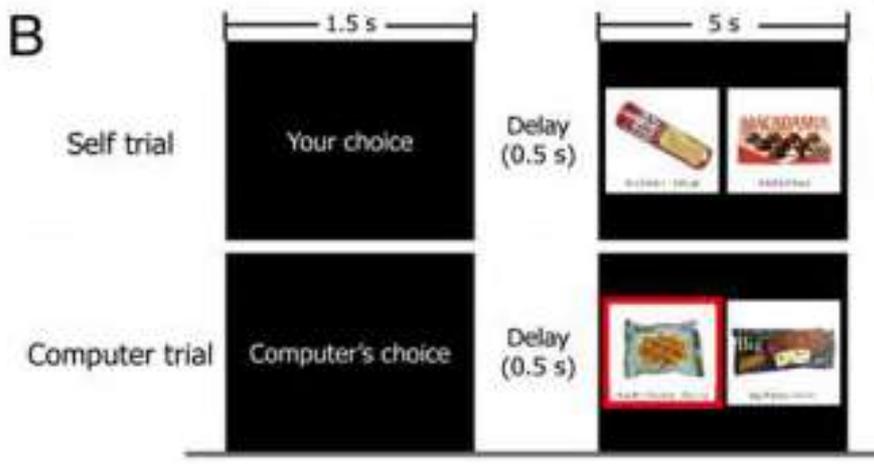
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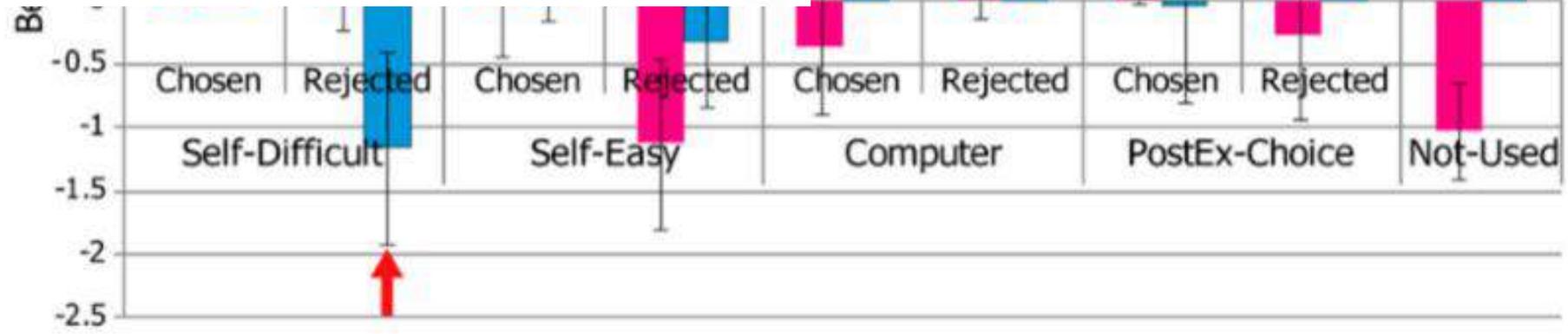


Neural correlates of cognitive dissonance and choice-induced preference change

Keise Izuma^{a,1,2}, Madoka Matsumoto^a, Kou Murayama^b, Kazuyuki Samejima^a, Norihiro Sadato^c, and Kenji Matsumoto^a

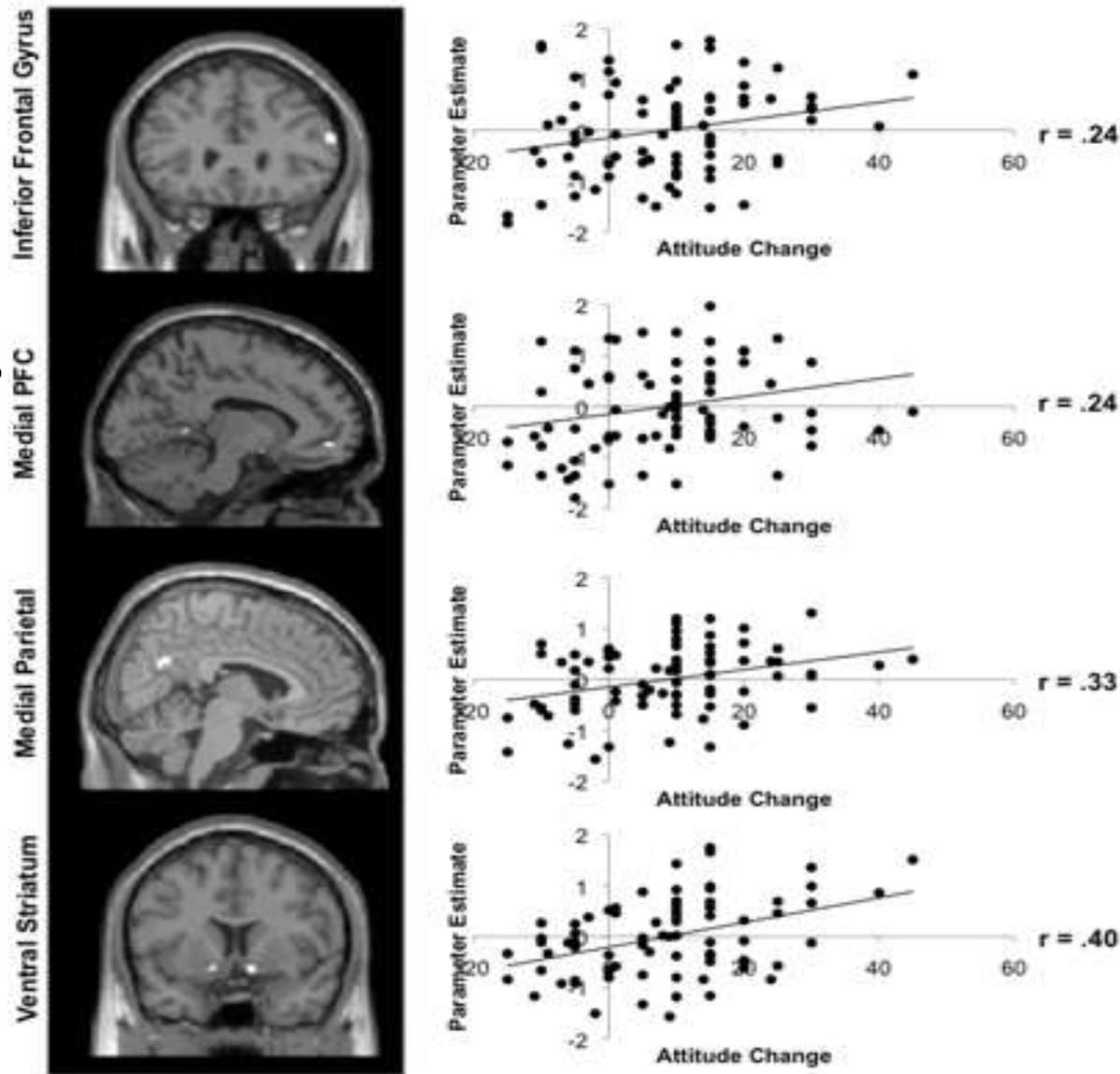
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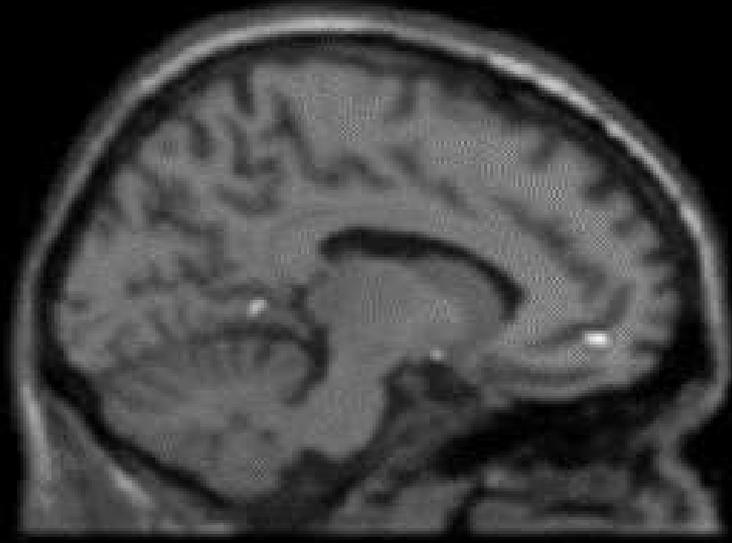


Jarcho, Berkman, Lieberman, *The neural basis of rationalization: cognitive dissonance reduction during decision-making*

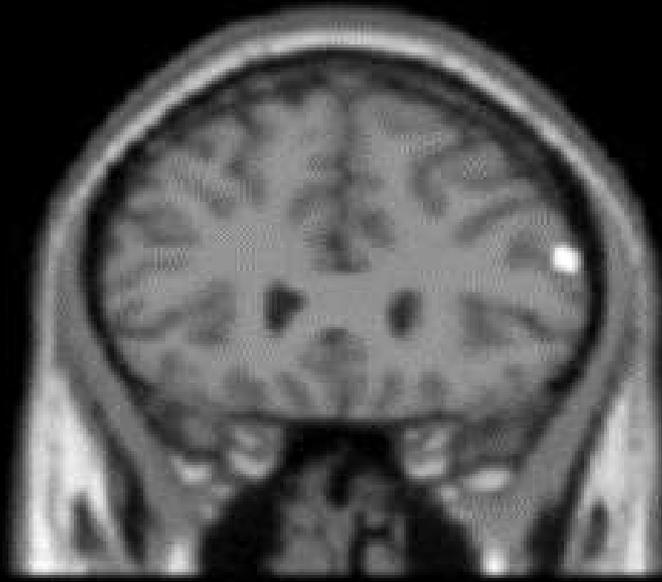
Fig. 2 Neural correlates of post-decision attitude change. The left column shows clusters of activation identified



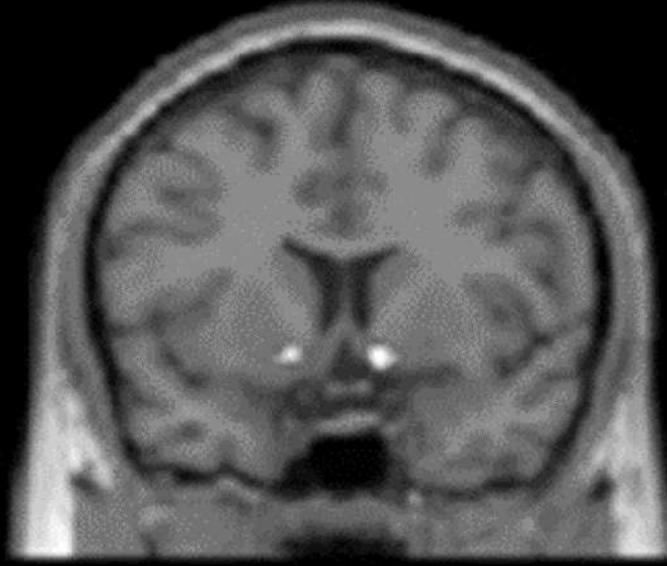
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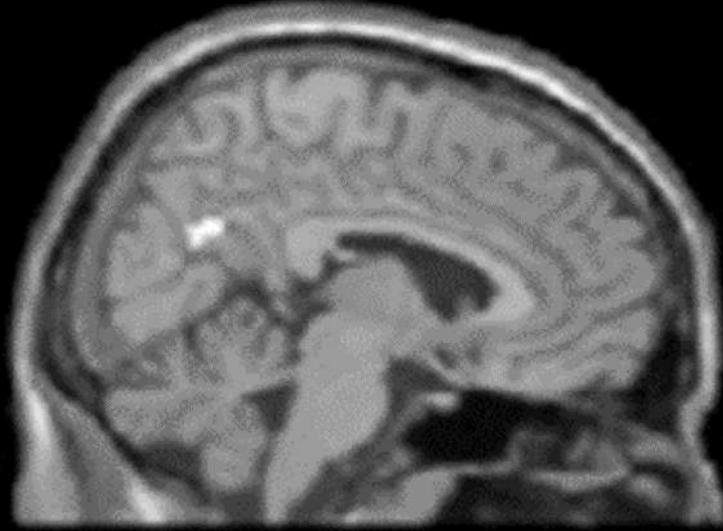
Inferior Frontal Gyrus



Ventral Striatum



Medial Parietal





How choice modifies preference: Neural correlates of choice justification

Jungang Qin^a, Sasha Kimel^b, Shinobu Kitayama^{b,*}, Xiaoying Wang^c, Xuedong Yang^c, Shihui Han^{a,*}

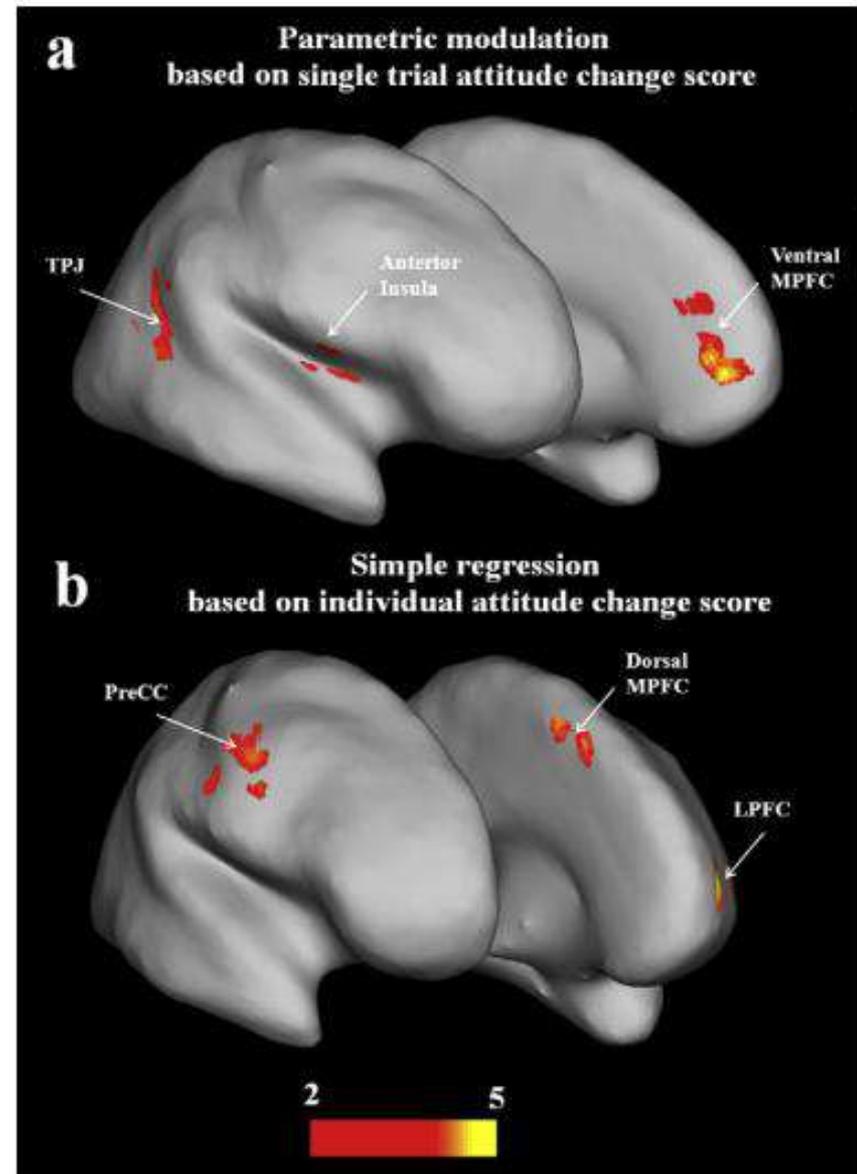
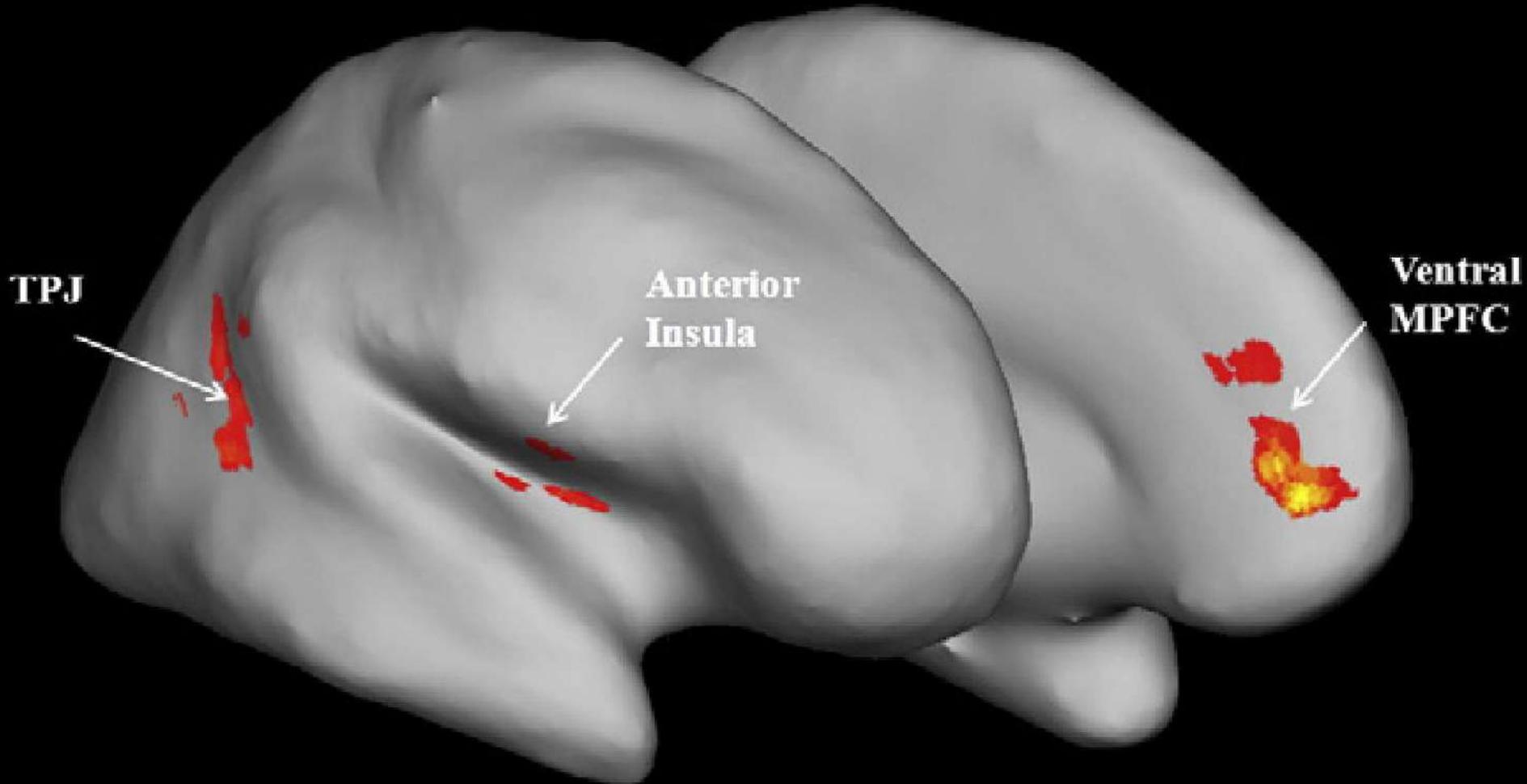


Fig. 2. (a) Parametric analysis revealed neural activities related to subjects' attitude change. (b) Simple regression analysis revealed neural activities positively correlated with individual attitude change score. Ventral MPFC = ventral medial prefrontal cortex; TPJ = temporal-parietal junction; dorsal LPFC = dorsal lateral prefrontal cortex; dorsal MPFC = dorsal medial prefrontal cortex; PreCC = precentral cortex.

La decisione, soprattutto se verbalizzata o scritta tende a suscitare una assunzione di prospettiva. Il soggetto scioglie il conflitto e lo trasforma in qualcosa di oggettivabile e osservabile nell'azione e nei comportamenti infatti si attiva la TPJ – area principale della ToM



Teoria dell'autopercezione Daryl Bem

Mi percepisco per come agisco
le persone sviluppano atteggiamenti,
orientamenti credenze e preferenze osservando
il loro comportamento

Concezione tradizionale

Preferenze e orientamenti
determinano il
comportamento

**Preferenze,
orientamenti**
«non mi piace fare
sport»



comportamento

«passo il tempo libero
a casa, leggendo»

Teoria dell'autopercezione

Il comportamento auto-
osservato determina
preferenze, orientamenti

comportamento
«ultimamente mi son
reso conto che passo il
tempo libero a casa,
leggendo»



Preferenze, orientamenti

«credo ormai non mi
piaccia più fare sport»

Meccanismi e processi implicati nelle dipendenze

IL CONTROLLO VOLONTARIO DEL COMPORTAMENTO

**L'autocontrollo è come un muscolo, si affatica
e si scarica con l'esercizio**

WILLPOWER



EGO
DEPLETION

Cosa scarica l'io

- Compiti cognitivi
- Decisioni
- Fatica
- Esposizione alle emozioni
- Stress



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autoaffermazione e autocontrollo



Schmeichel, B. J, and K. Vohs.
“Self-affirmation and Self-Control:
Affirming Core Values Counteracts
Ego Depletion.” *Journal of
Personality and Social Psychology*
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Helping the self help others: self-affirmation increases self-compassion and pro-social behaviors

 Emily K. Lindsay and  J. David Creswell*

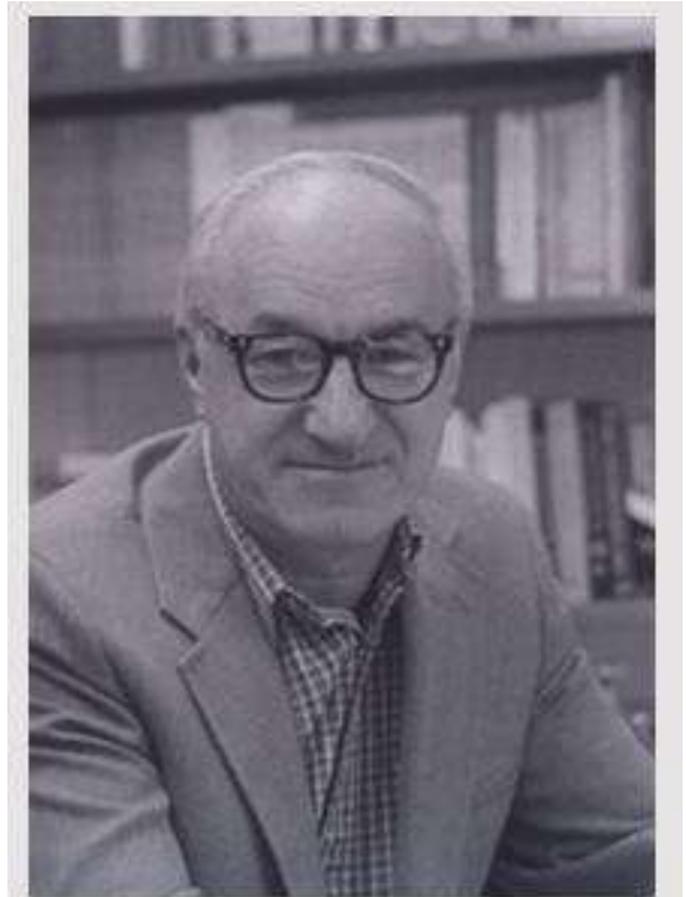
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**Aiutare se stessi
aiuta gli altri**

Autoefficacia

- Valutazione personale sulla capacità di svolgere compiti particolari.
- L'autoefficacia aumenta la motivazione e la persistenza verso compiti impegnativi; aumentando la probabilità che siano completati

Albert Bandura, ***Social Learning Theory***, Alexandria, VA: Prentice Hall, 1977



Albert Bandura

Autoefficacia percepita

MEMORIA DELLA PERFORMANCE

Ricordo di precedenti successi o fallimenti in comportamenti analoghi

1

APPRENDIMENTO OSSERVAZIONALE

Esperienza vicaria, osservazione del comportamento e delle conseguenze di azioni analoghe negli altri

2

PERSUASIONE VERBALE

Messaggi incoraggianti o scoraggianti da parte degli altri

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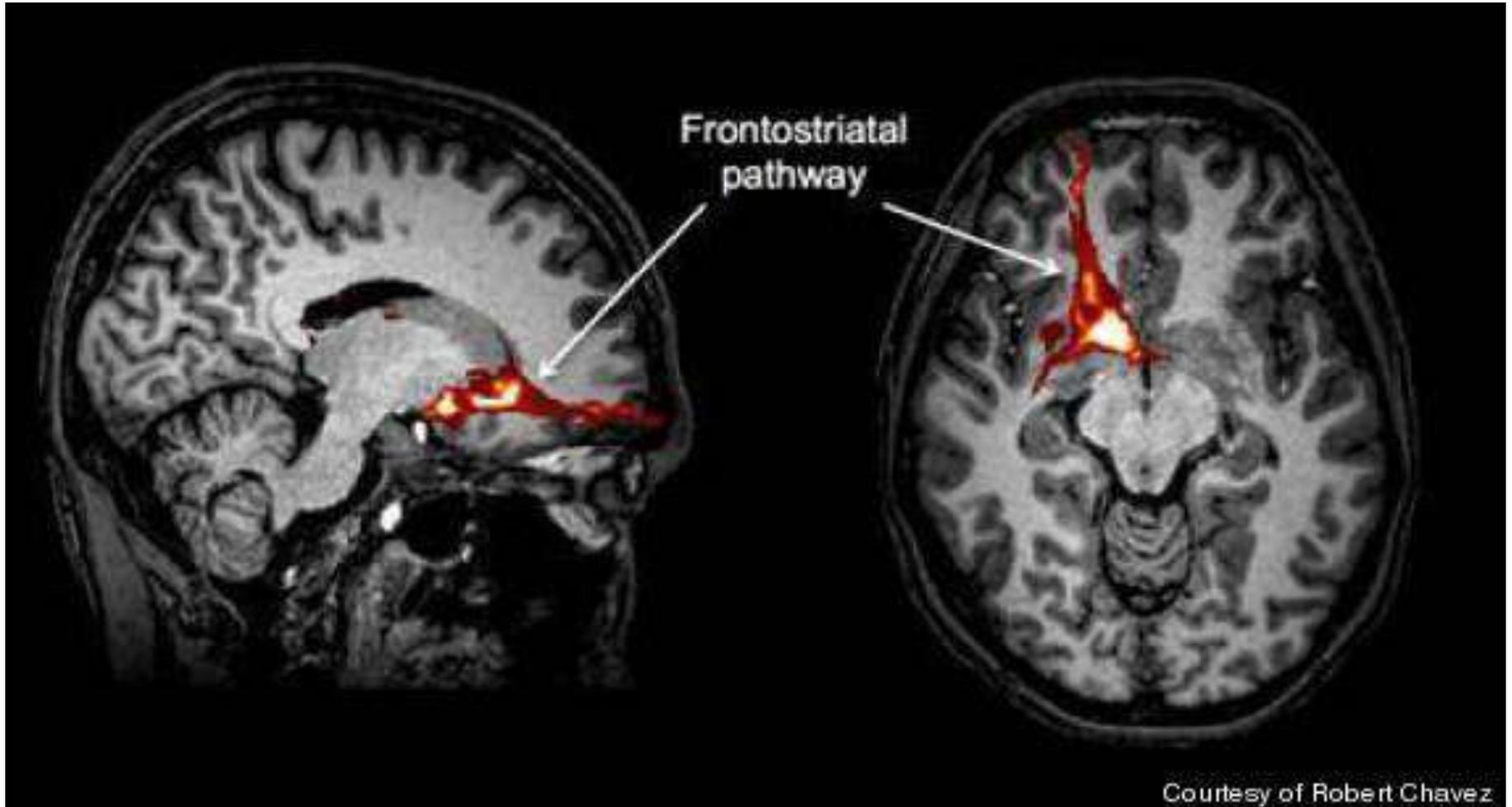
AROUSAL EMOTIVO

Interpretazione delle attivazioni fisiologiche, dei marcatori somatici

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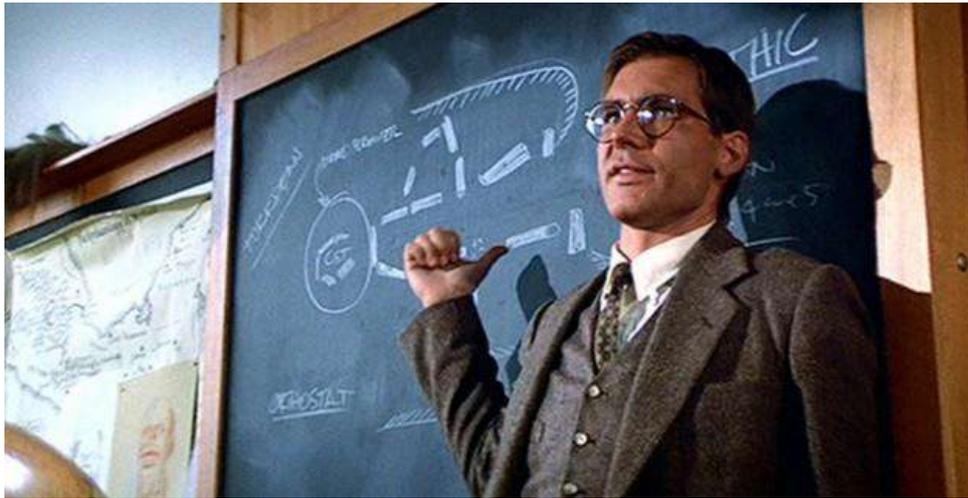


Brain imaging auto-efficacia e autostima



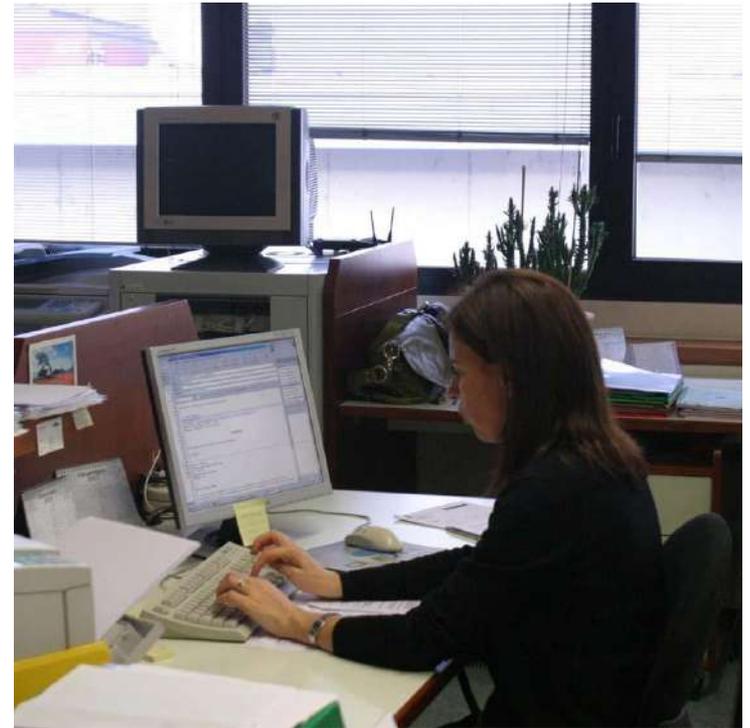
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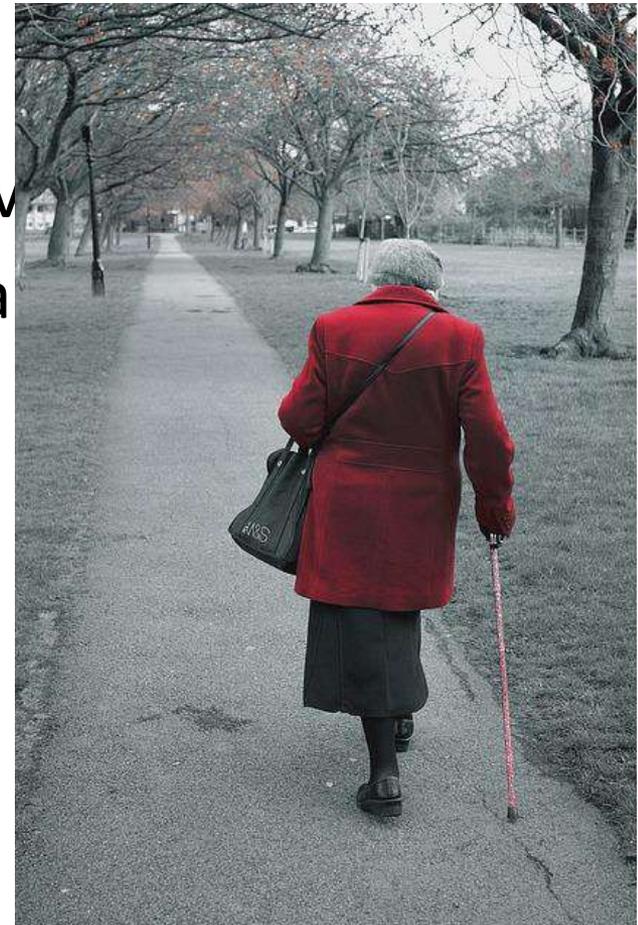
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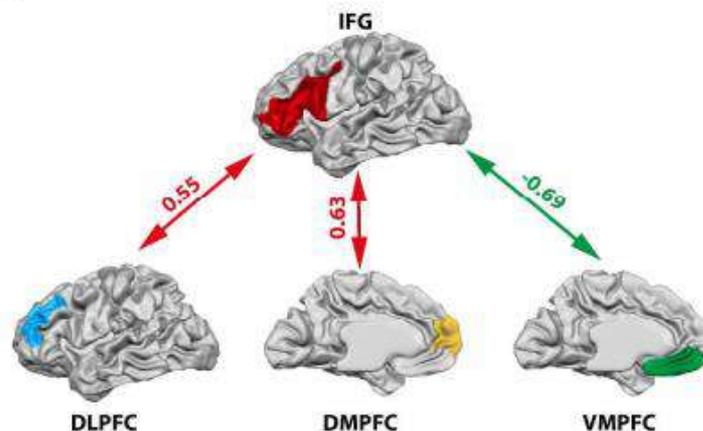
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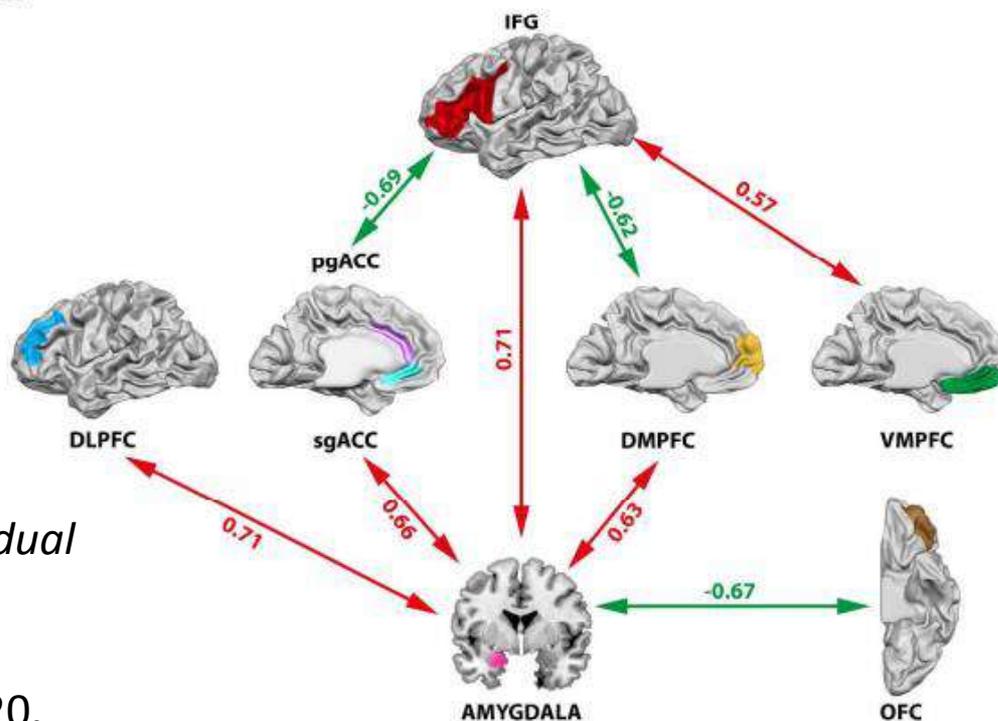
**EMOZIONI, LINGUAGGIO,
AUTOCONTROLLO**

Connettività amigdala corteccia prefrontale

A DECREASE



B INCREASE



Morawetz C, Bode S, Baudewig J, Heekeren HR, *Effective amygdala-prefrontal connectivity predicts individual differences in successful emotion regulation.*

Soc Cogn Affect Neurosci. 2016 Dec 20.

“Dai parole al dolore; il dolore che non parla,
sussurra al cuore oppresso e gli ordina di
spezzarsi”



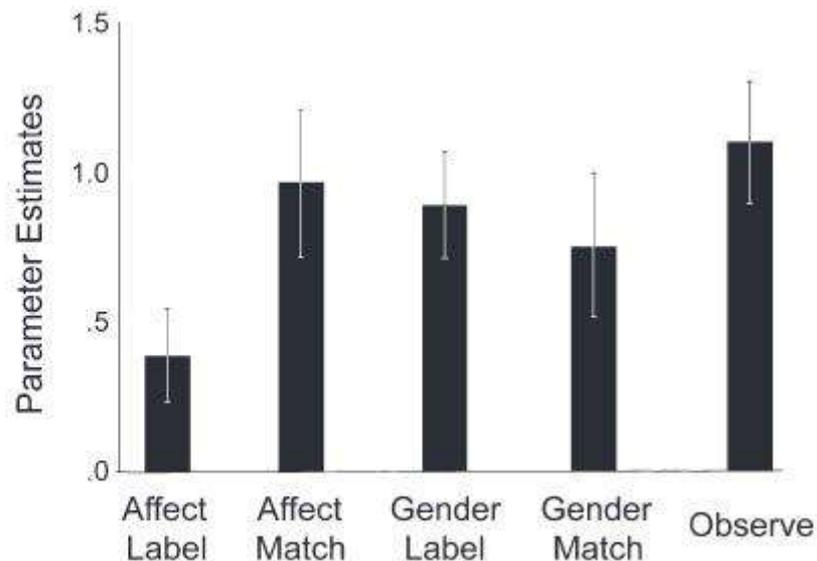
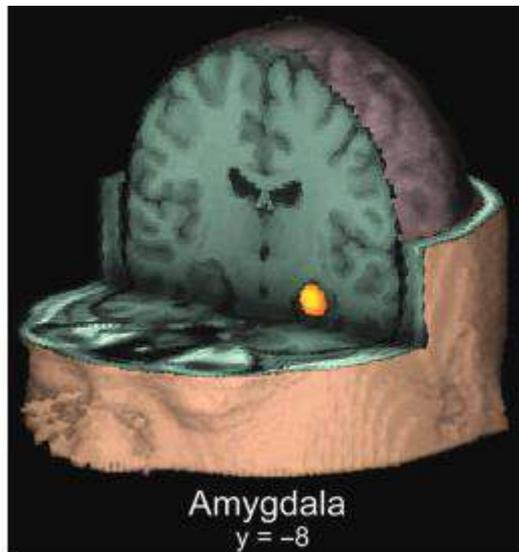
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Putting Feelings Into Words

Affect Labeling Disrupts Amygdala Activity in Response to Affective Stimuli

Matthew D. Lieberman, Naomi I. Eisenberger, Molly J. Crockett, Sabrina M. Tom, Jennifer H. Pfeifer, and Baldwin M. Way

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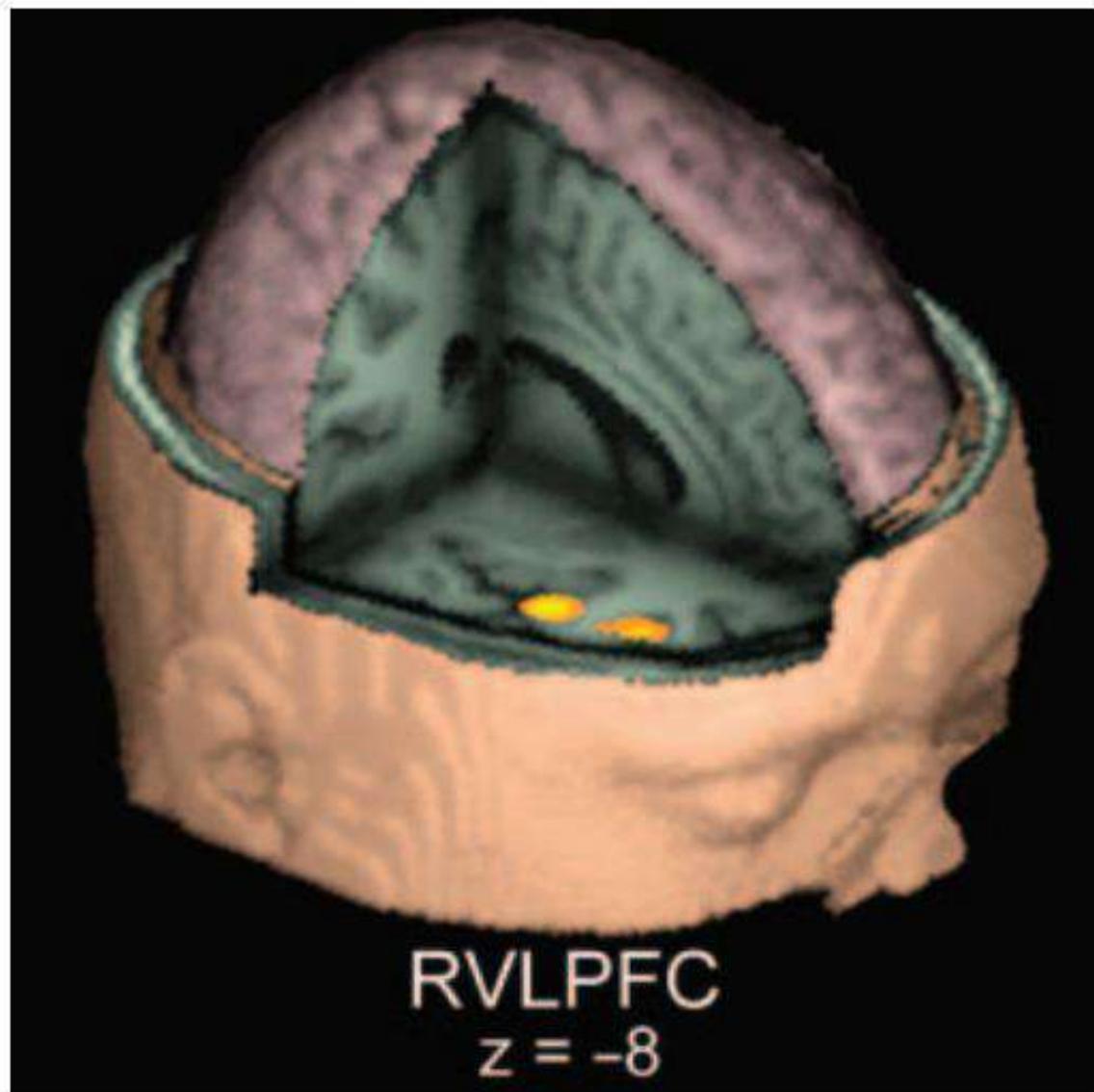


Fig. 3. Illustration of a canonical brain showing two clusters in right ventrolateral prefrontal cortex (RVL PFC) where activity was greater during affect labeling than during gender labeling.

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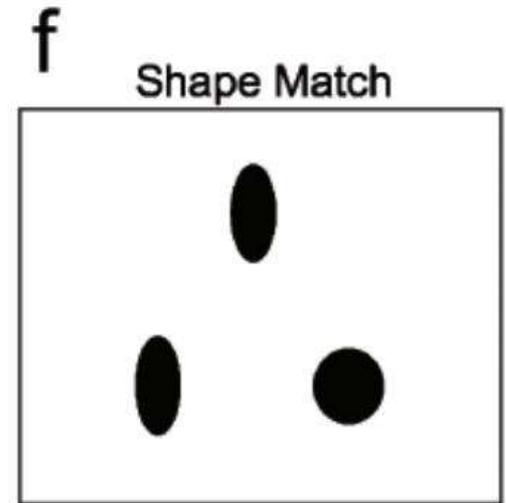
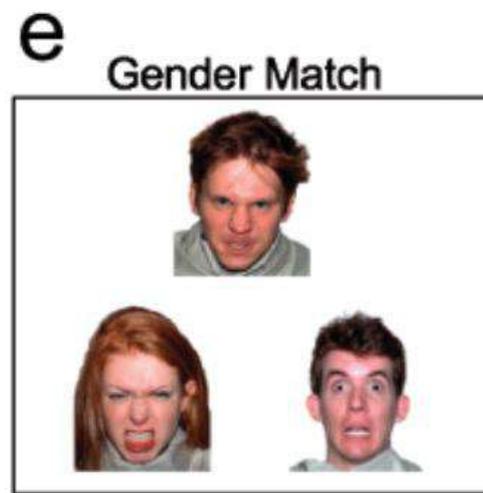
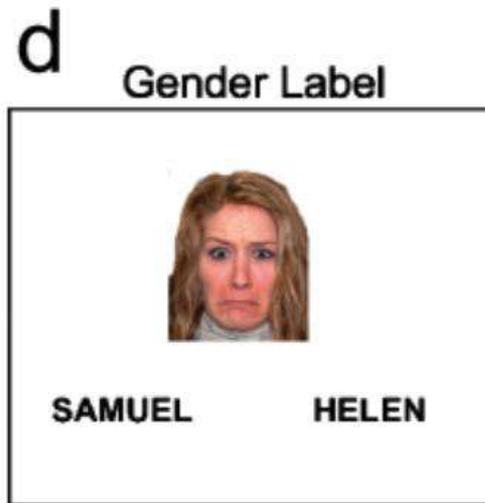
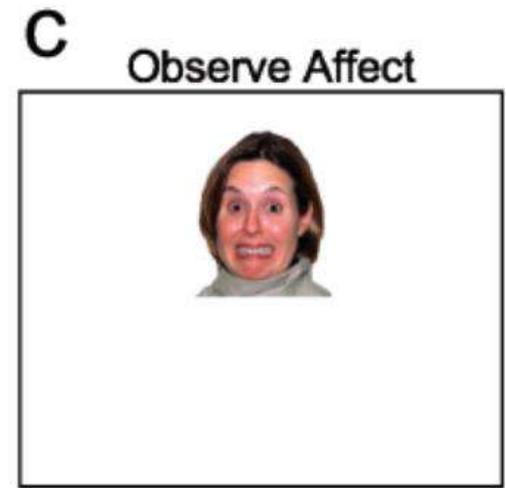
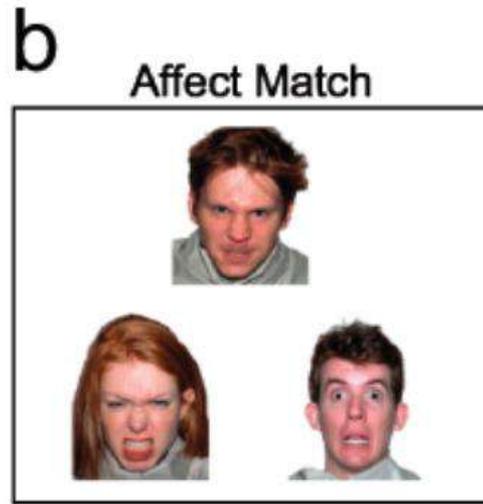


Fig. 1. A sample display from each of the six types of experimental trials.

Nell'etichettamento verbale delle emozioni l'attività dell'amigdala è inversamente proporzionale a quella della corteccia frontale ventrolaterale

Putting Feelings Into Words

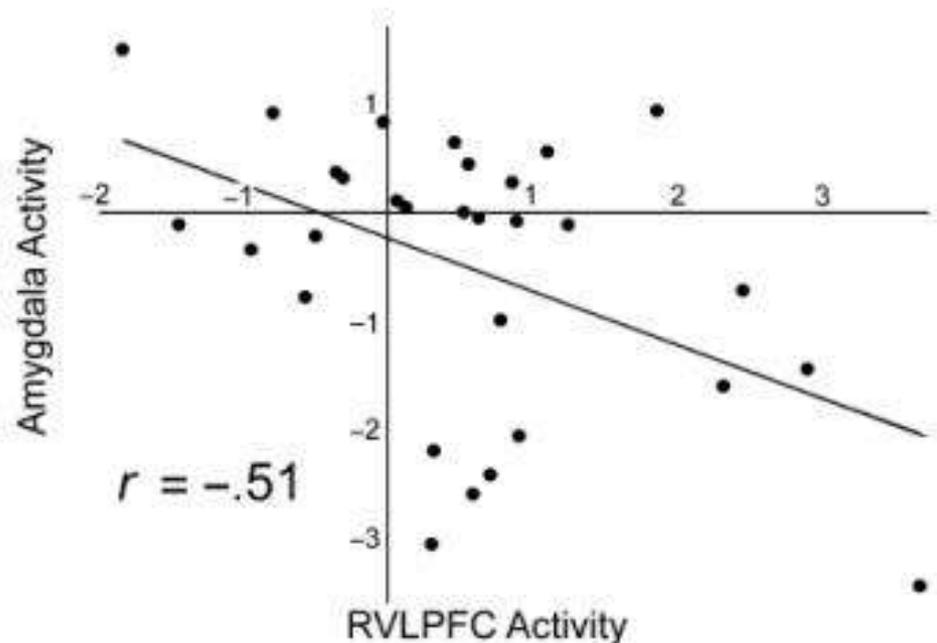
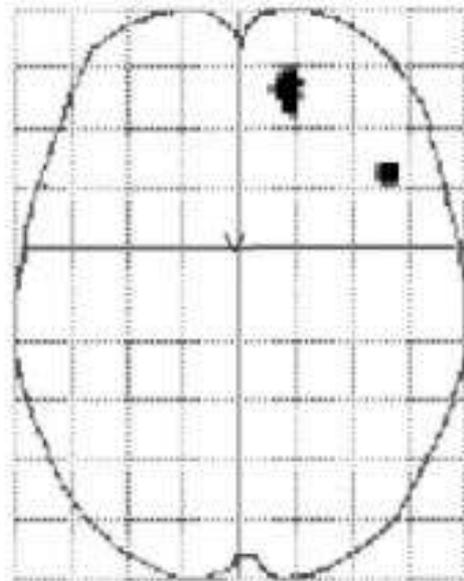


Fig. 4. Correlation between right ventrolateral prefrontal cortex (RVL PFC) and amygdala activity. Each plotted point represents the parameter estimates for a single subject's activity in RVL PFC and the amygdala during affect labeling, relative to gender labeling. The view of the glass brain on the left shows all brain regions (RVL PFC and medial prefrontal cortex) for which activity was inversely correlated with amygdala activity during affect labeling, relative to gender labeling.

Lavorare sul lessico affettivo

- Educare alla consapevolezza emotiva
- Favorire il riconoscimento delle emozioni
- **Rispecchiare** in parole gli stati d'animo espressi dal paziente (favorire l'etichettamento e la consapevolezza degli stati emotivi)
- Ascolto riflessivo
- mindfulness

Soc Neurosci. 2015 Jan 2; 10(1): 16–26.

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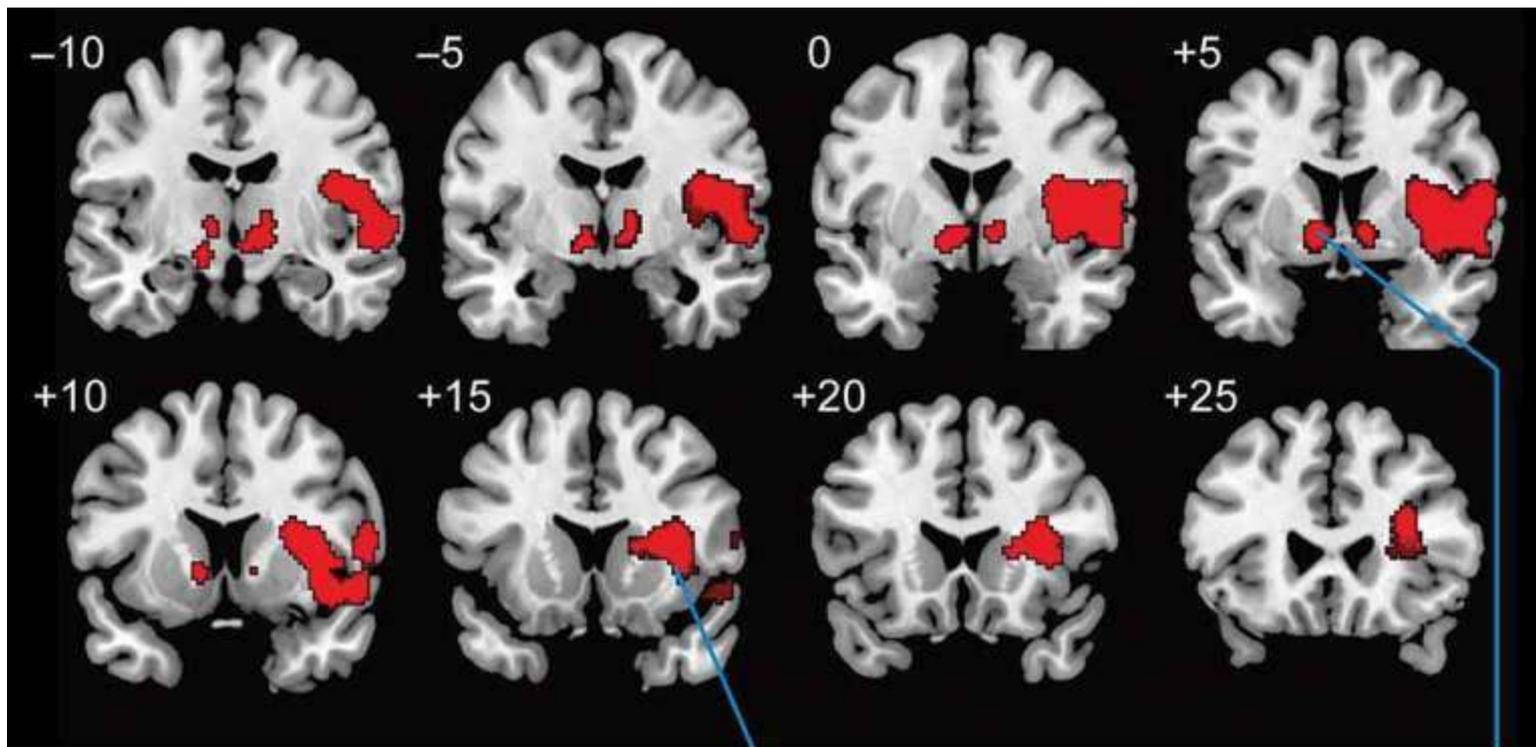
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Perceiving active listening activates the reward system and improves the impression of relevant experiences

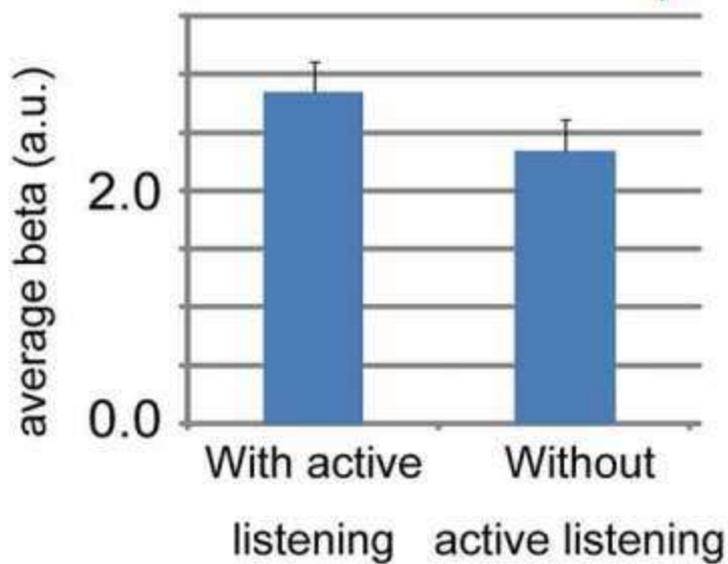
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L'ascolto attivo e l'ascolto riflessivo attivano:

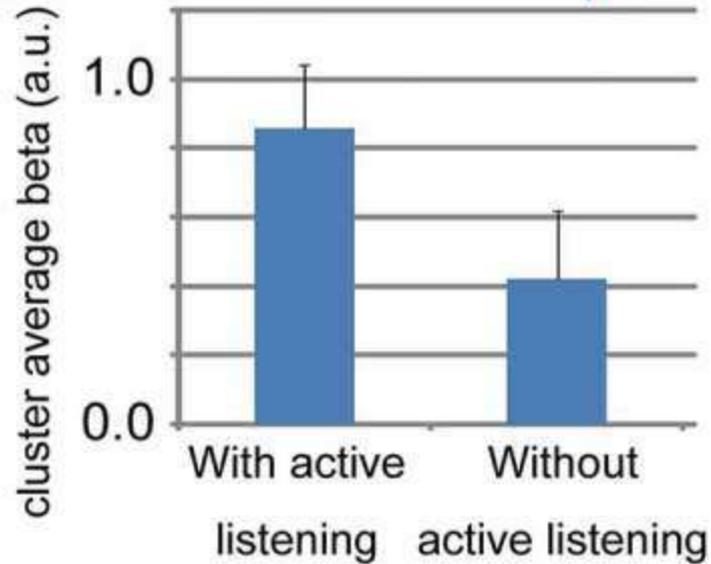
- il sistema della ricompensa
- Aree corticali della consapevolezza somatica (insula)
- Aree prefrontali della regolazione emotiva e dell'autocontrollo
- Aree che hanno a che fare con la motivazione ad agire (striato)
- Aree della mentalizzazione
- Circuiti dell'empatia



Right insula/IFG cluster



Ventral striatum/thalamus



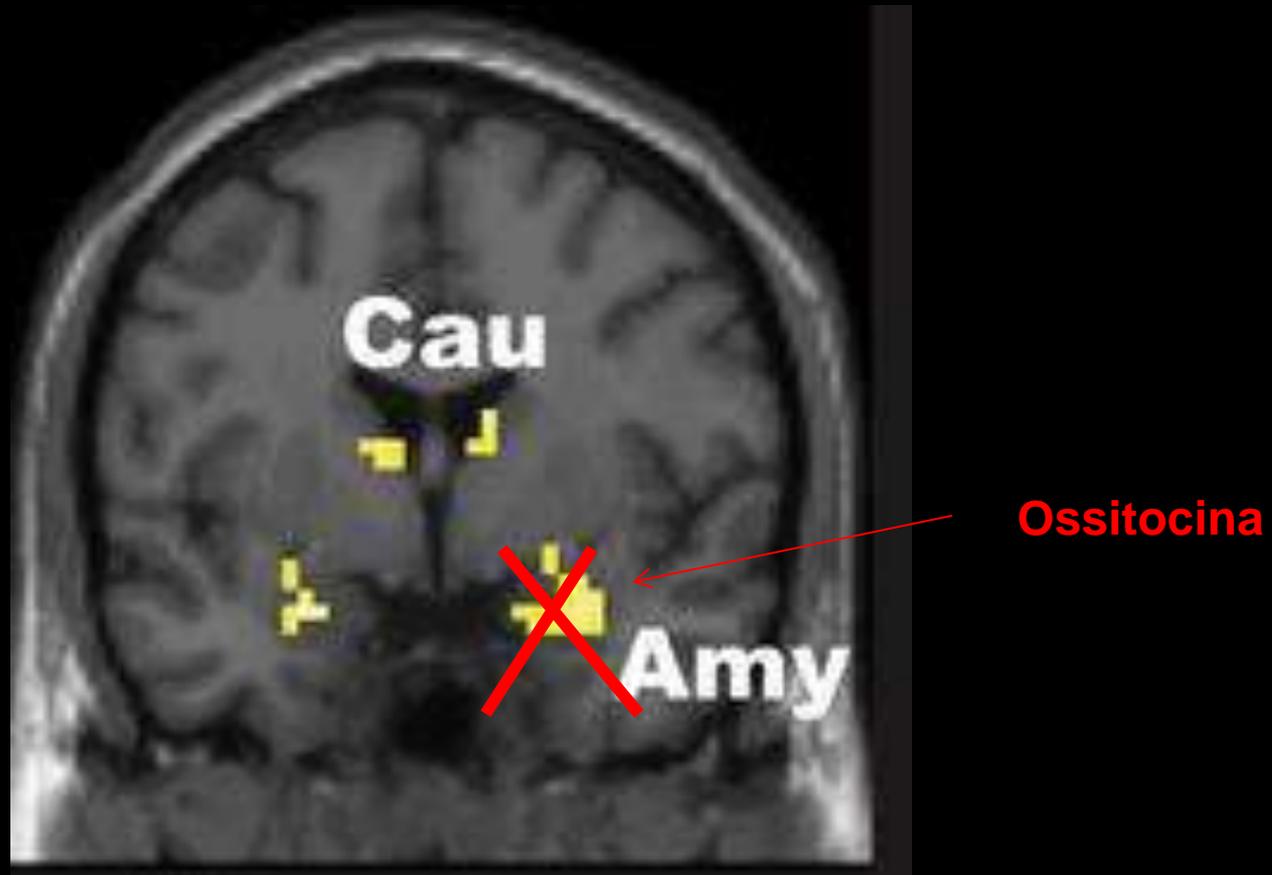
Regolazioni cognitive nell'ascolto riflessivo

- Rispecchiamento
- Empatia
- Perspective taking
- Attivazione circuiti che mediano il pensiero e le componenti cognitive dei processi decisionali
- Attivazione circuiti dell'autocontrollo e della pianificazione

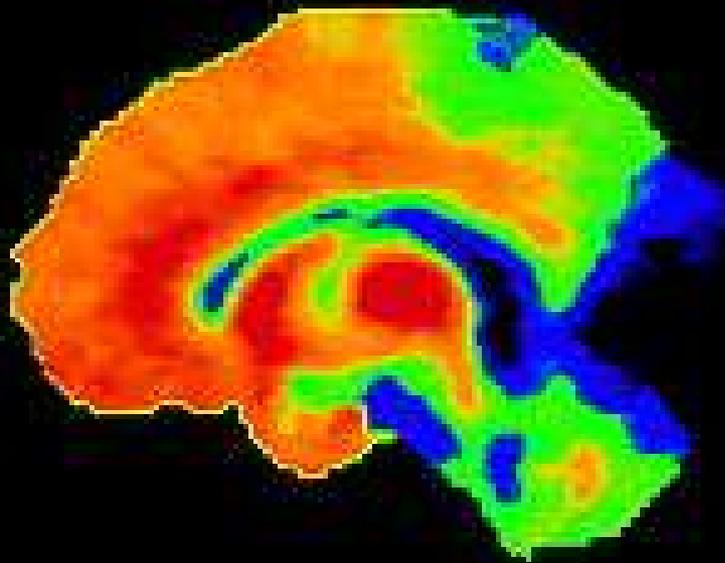
Ascolto riflessivo: ingaggio emotivo ed empatico dell'operatore

- Imitazione = attivazione circuiti sistema dei neuroni specchio
- Facilitazione dell'ingaggio empatico e dell'intenzione e della messa in moto per l'aiuto

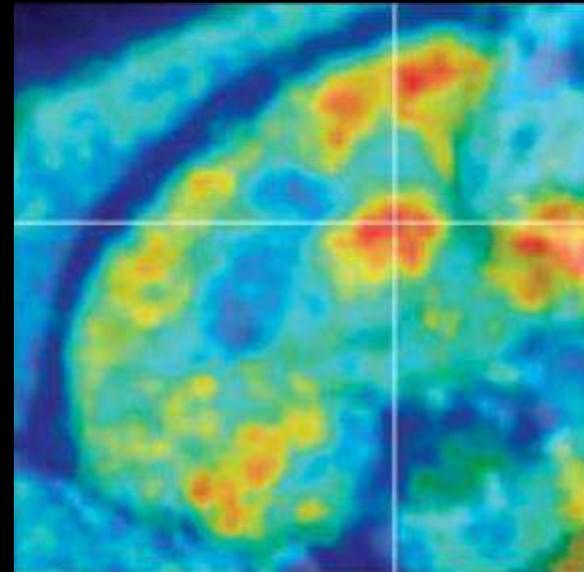
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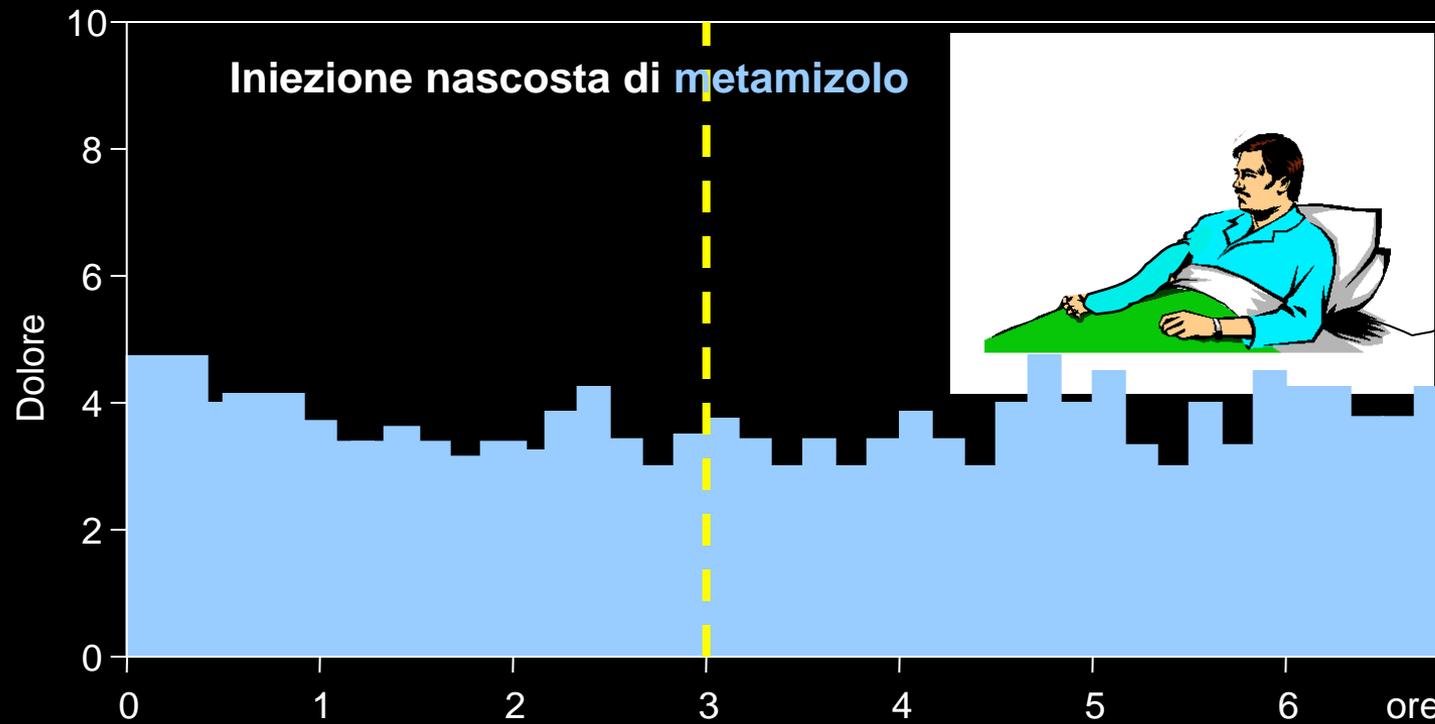
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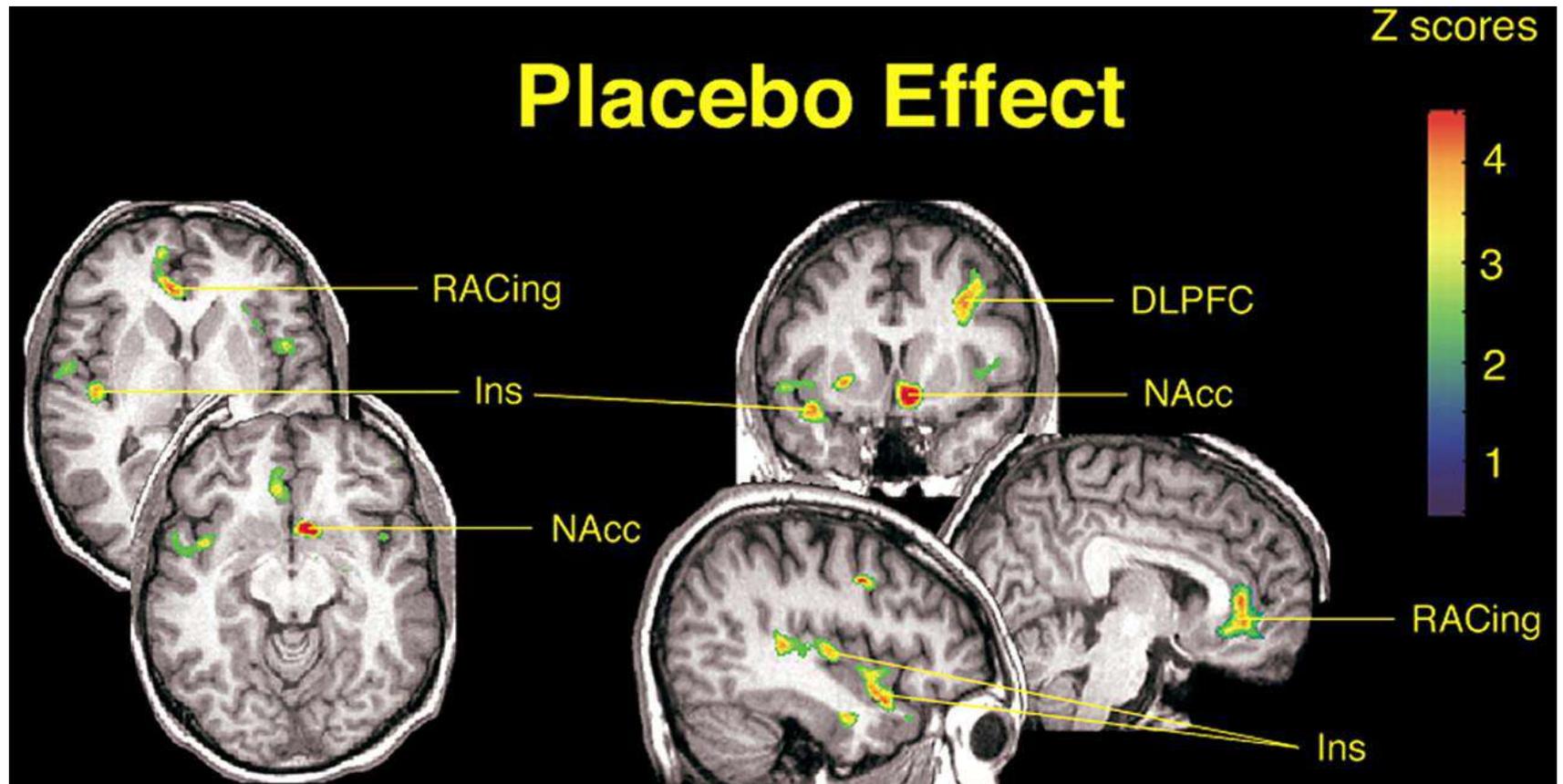
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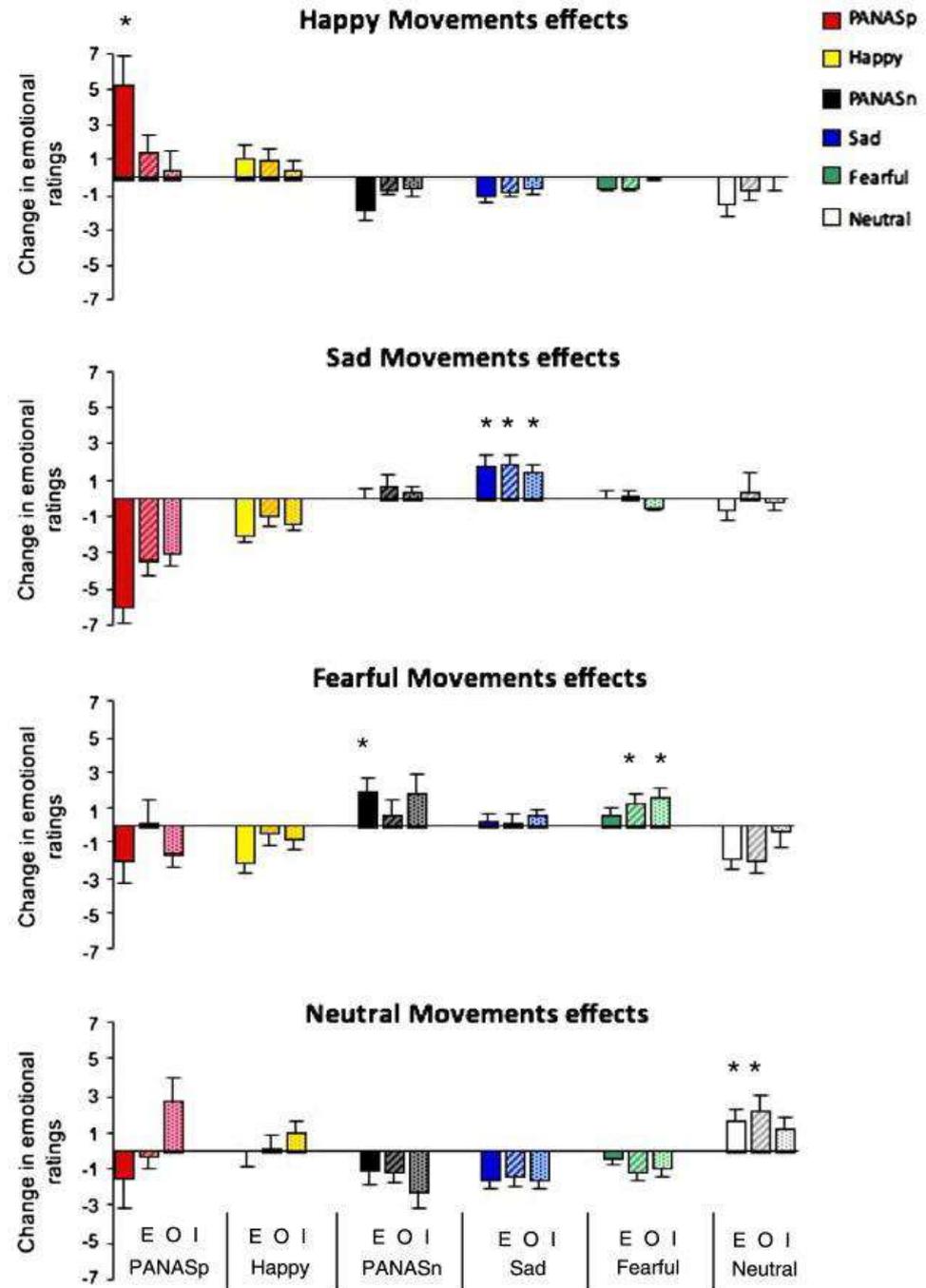
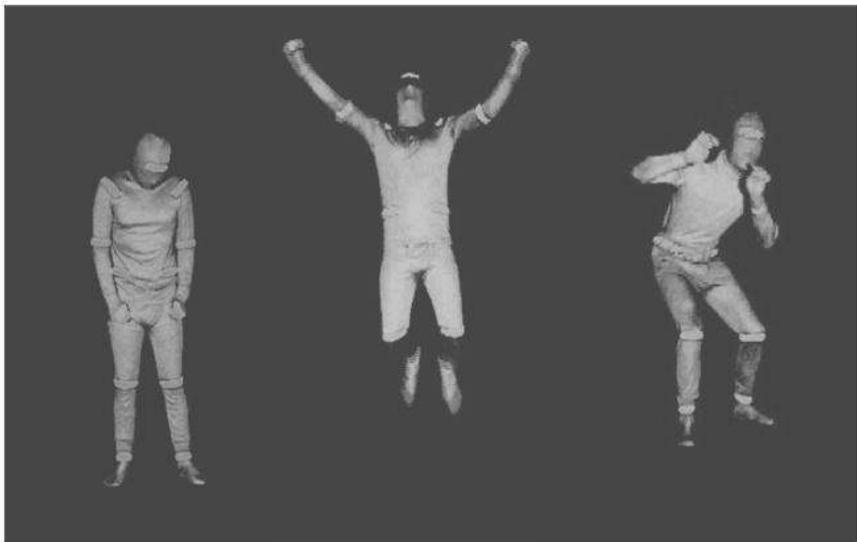


La cura come ricompensa la gratificazione e l'empatia come cura



Emotion regulation through execution, observation, and imagery of emotional movements.

[Shafir T¹](#), [Taylor SF](#), [Atkinson AP](#), [Langenecker SA](#), [Zubieta JK](#). [Brain Cogn.](#) 2013 Jul;82(2):219-27

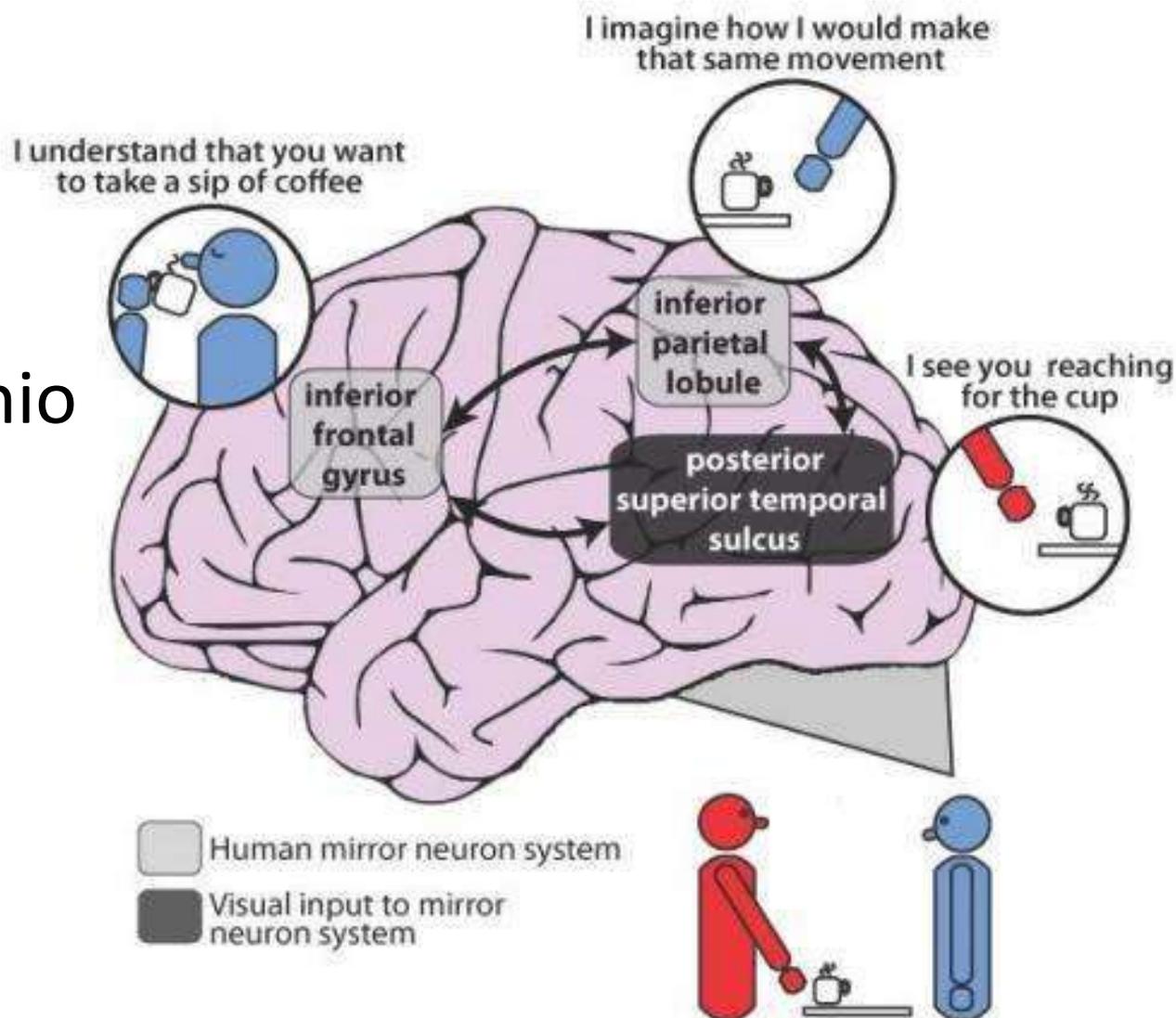


Implicazioni nel contesto terapeutico

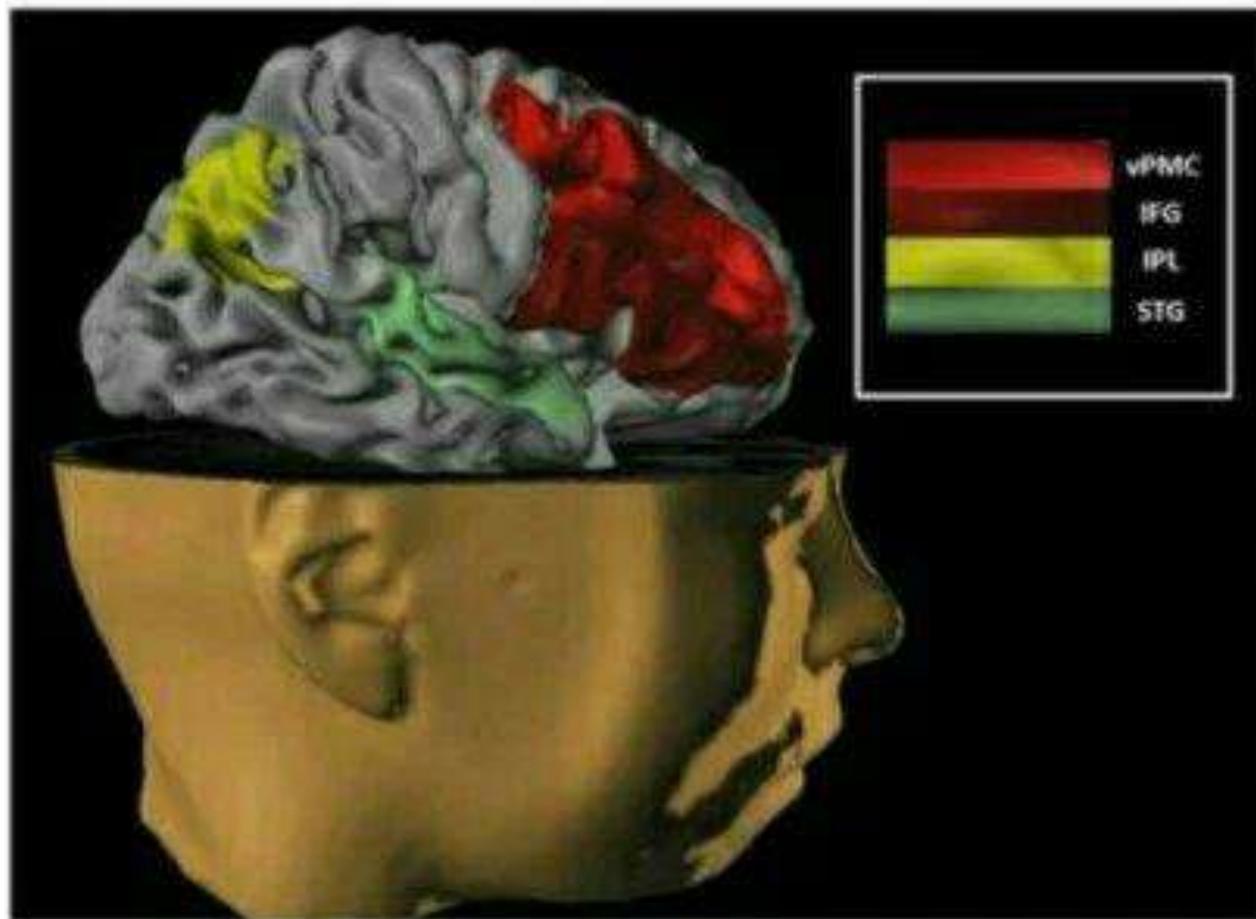
- Attenzione alle espressioni facciali
- Attenzione alle espressioni posturali delle emozioni

Riflettere, comprendere, motivare

Il sistema dei neuroni specchio



'Location' of mirror neurons



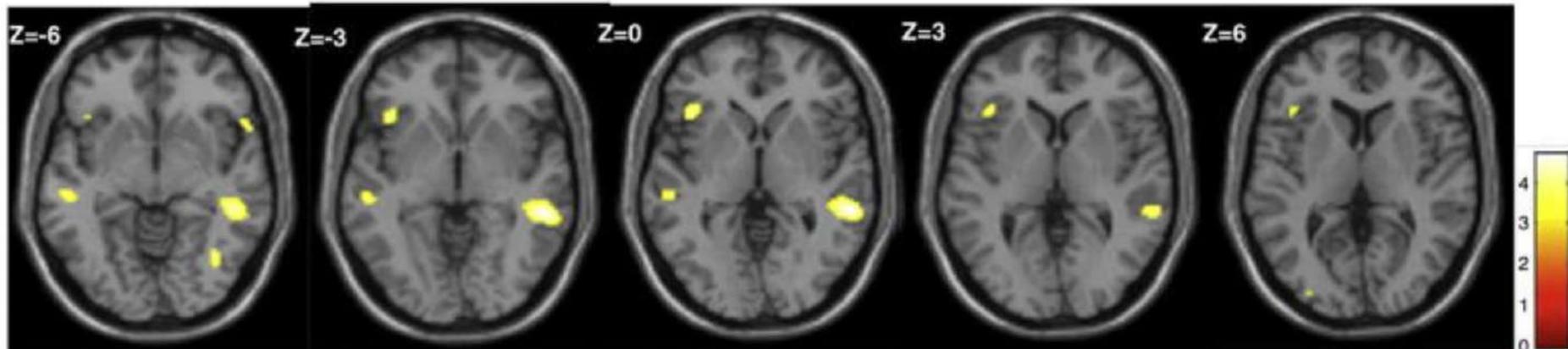
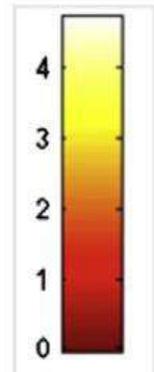
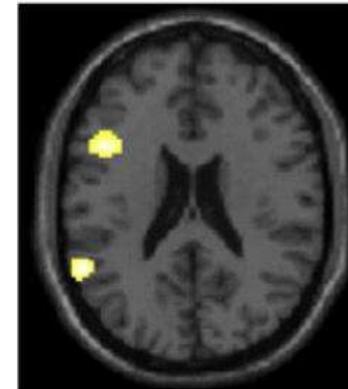
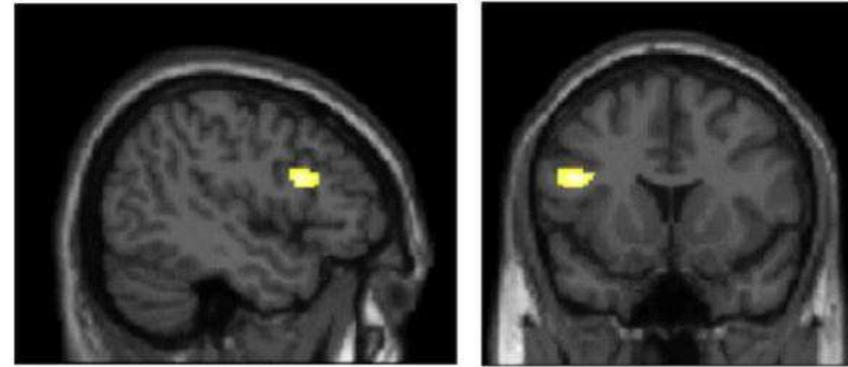
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Brain-based origins of change language: A beginning

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Affermare di essere orientati e decisi al cambiamento attiva le aree cerebrali della consapevolezza somatica, della cognizione e del controllo volontario

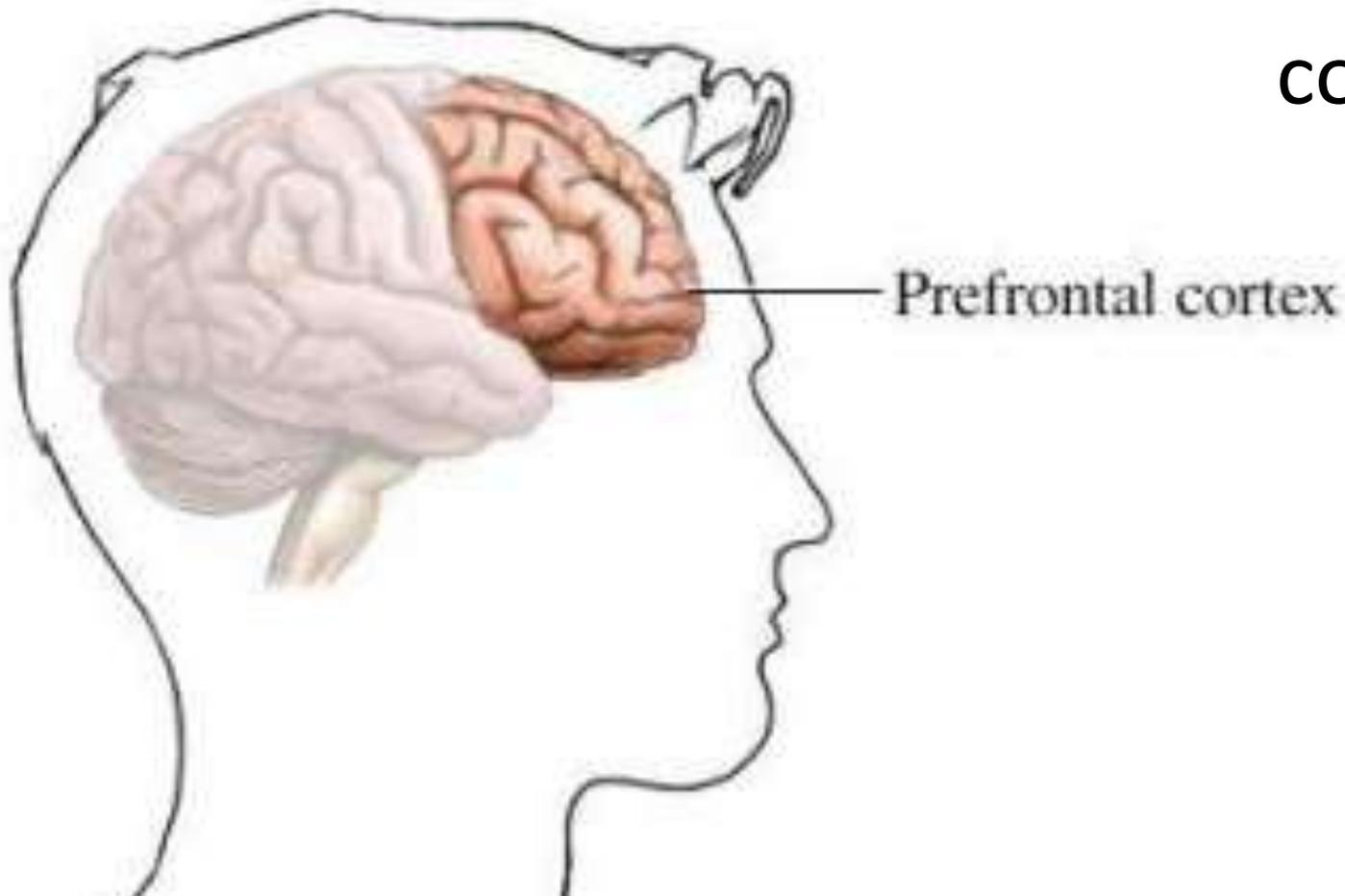


IMPLICAZIONI PER L'INCONTRO TERAPEUTICO

**Autocontrollo, Empatia, altruismo,
compassione**

**I TRATTI FONDANTI DI UNA SPECIE
SOCIALE**

Evoluzione, corteccia frontale,
comunicazione, autocontrollo,
regolazione sociale, empatia,
compassione,
competenze
morali



Componenti psicologiche dell'emaptia e della compassione

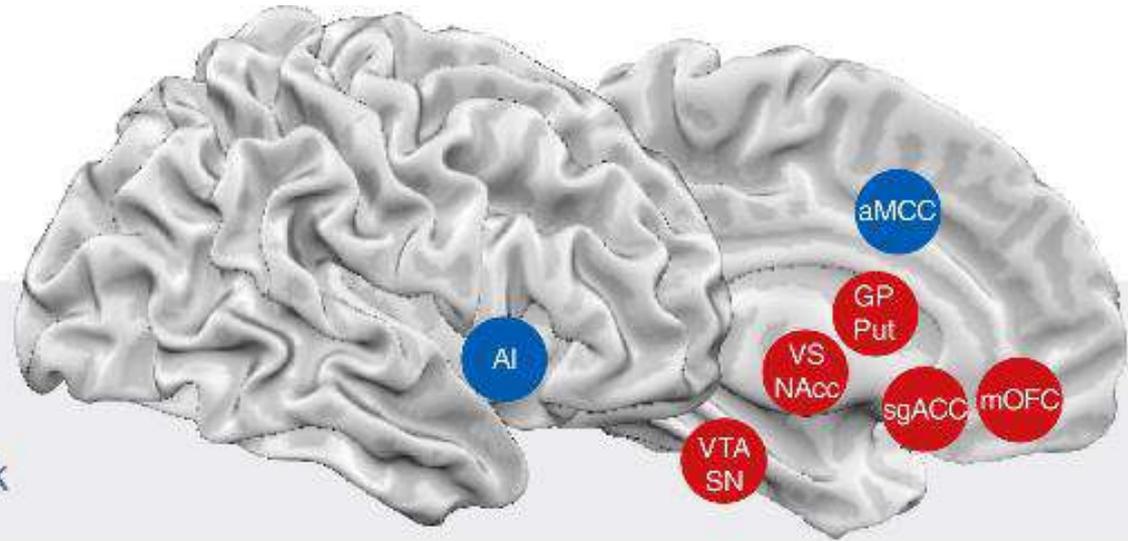
- 1. Consapevolezza della sofferenza**
(componente cognitiva)
- 2. Coinvolgimento simpatetico, essere commossi dalla sofferenza**
(componente emotiva)
- 3. Desiderio di vedere il sollievo da quella sofferenza**
(componente intenzionale)
- 4. Attivazione finalizzata ad aiutare verso il sollievo di quella sofferenza**
(componente motivazionale)

Compassione ed empatia: due funzioni, due sistemi cerebrali

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Compassion network

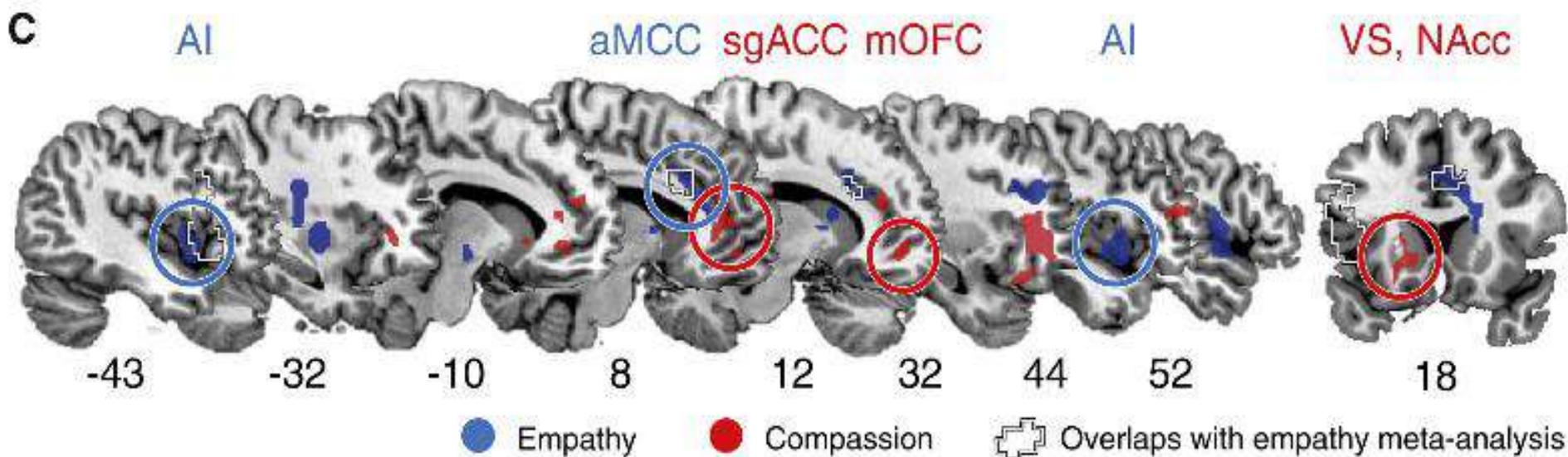
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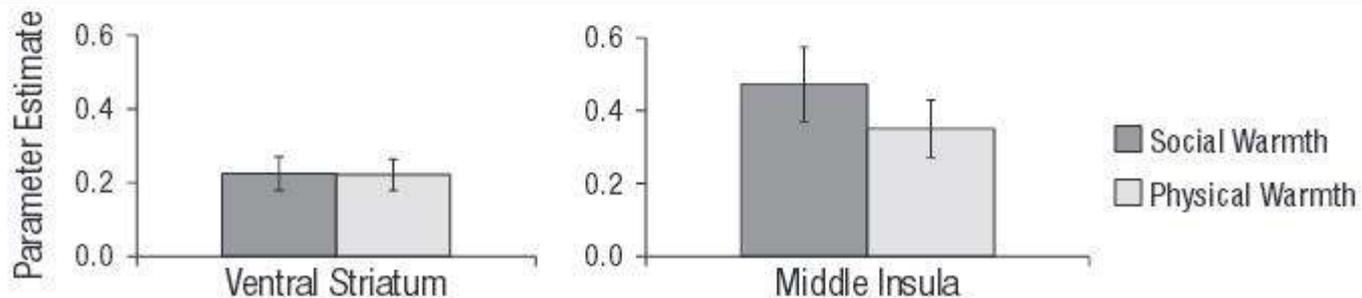
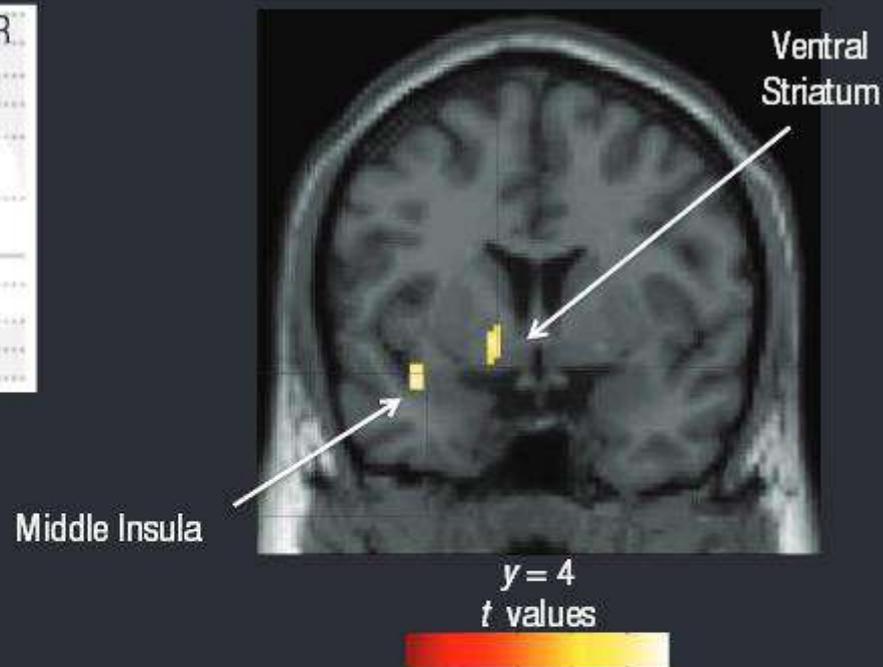
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Calore fisico e calore sociale



Reciprocità e cooperazione sono ricompensanti

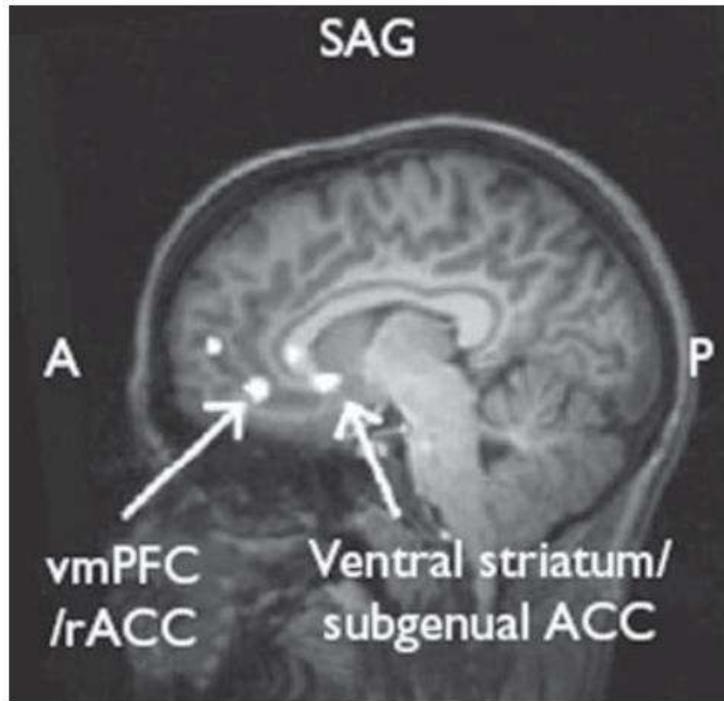


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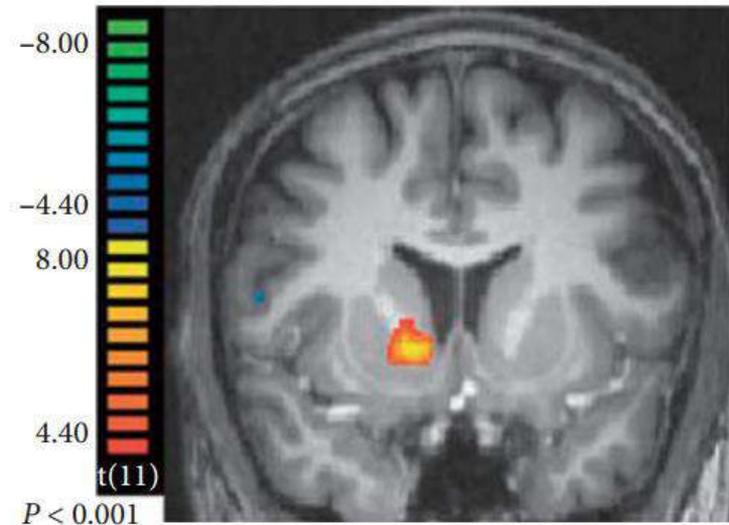
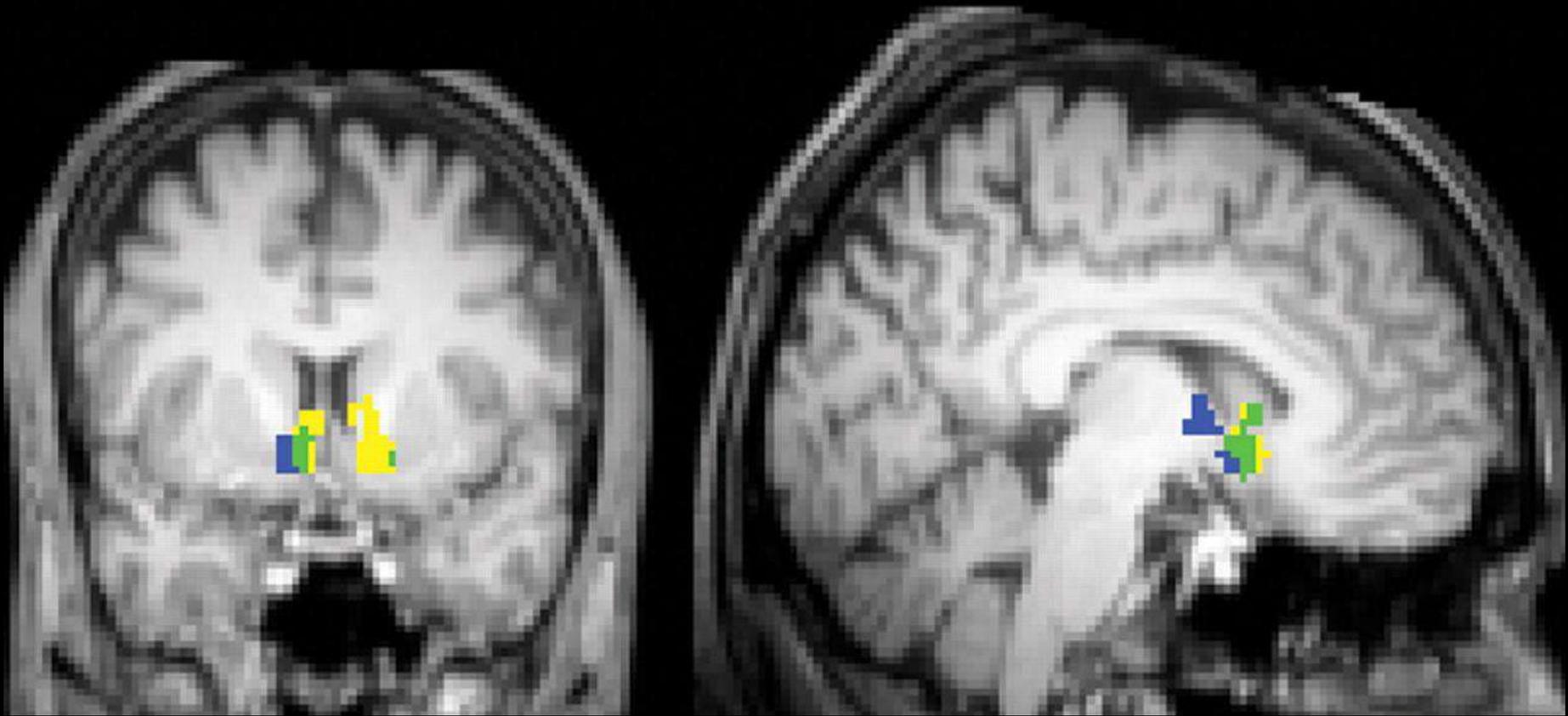


Fig. 15-5 Ventral caudate activation for the contrast between partner reciprocation and non-reciprocation in an iterated trust game. Reprinted by permission from Delgado MR, Frank RH, & Phelps EA. (2005). Perceptions of moral character modulate the neural systems of reward during the trust game. *Nature Neuroscience* 8, 1611-1618.

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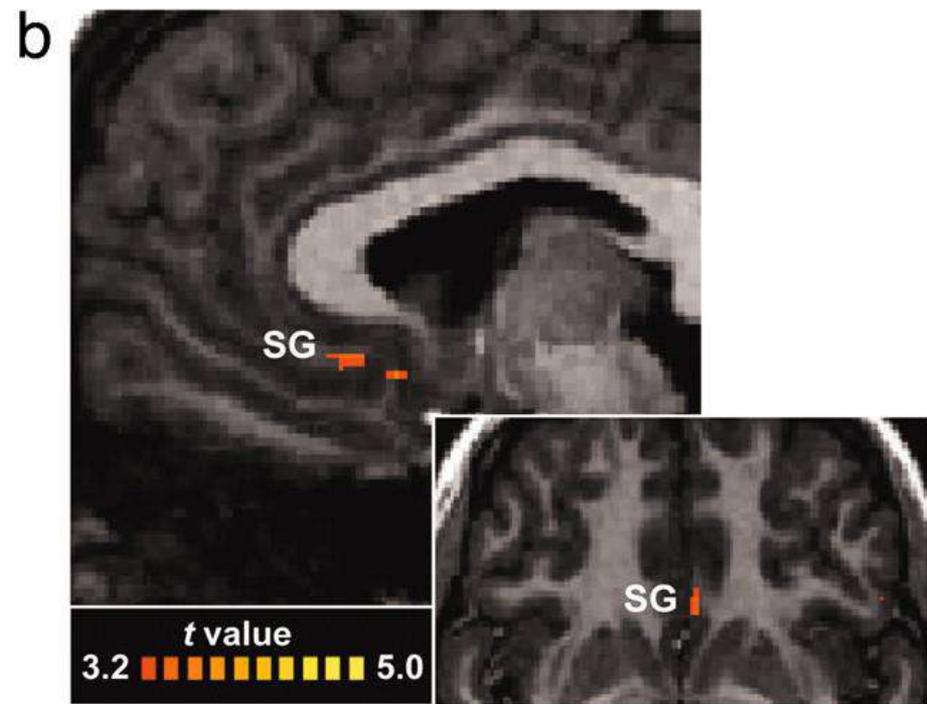
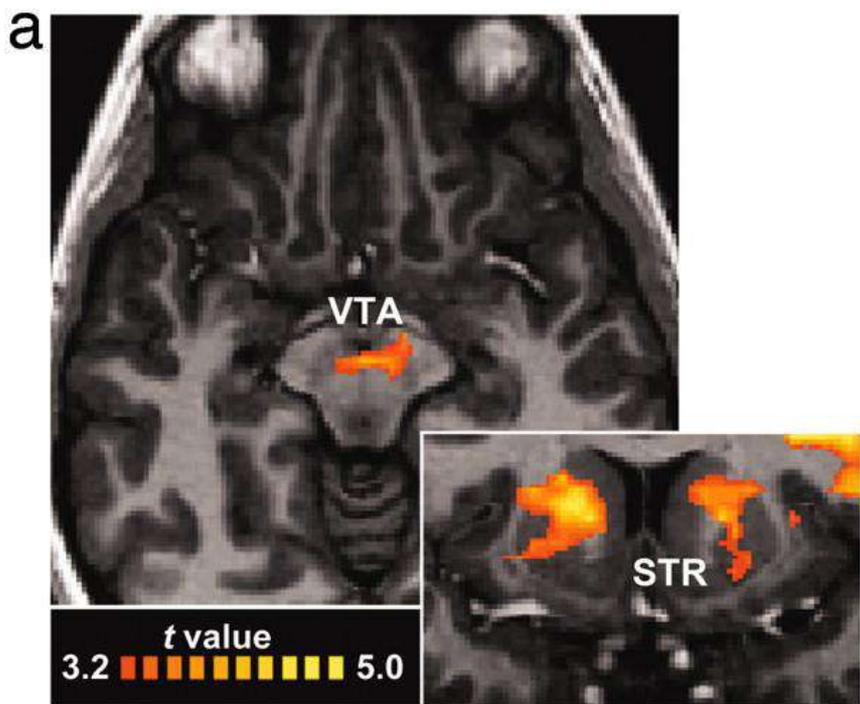
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Human fronto-mesolimbic networks guide decisions about charitable donation

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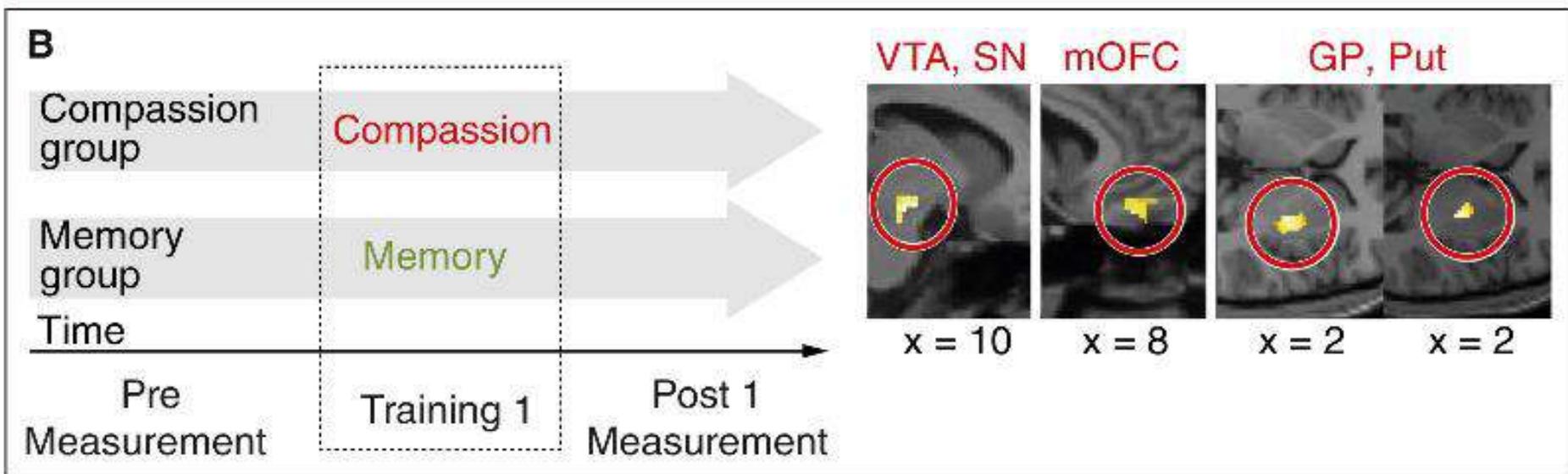
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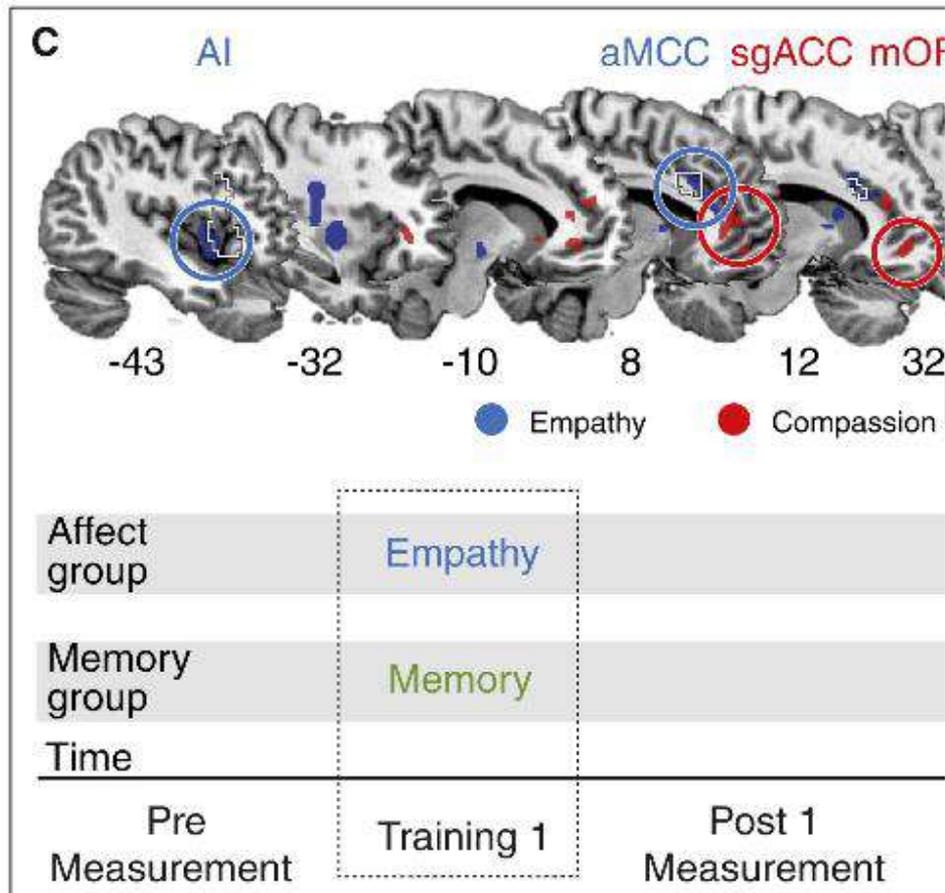
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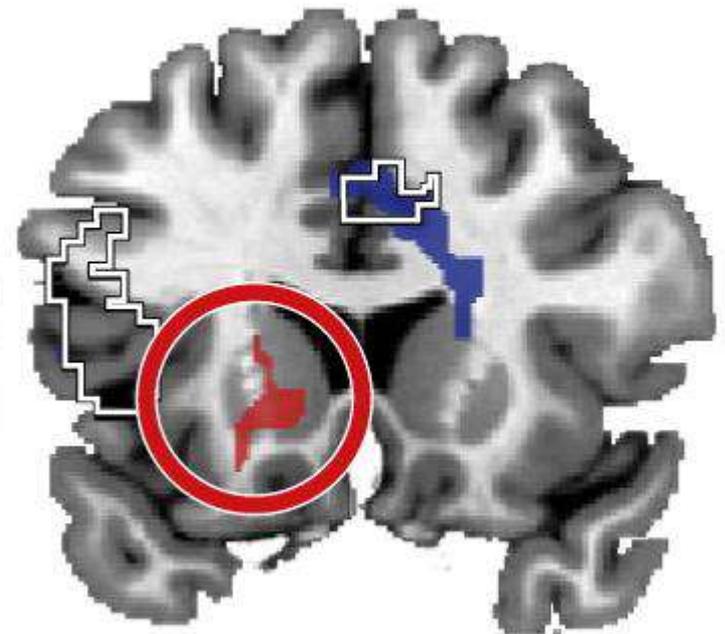
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Measurement

Increases in activation in the nucleus accumbens predicts donation rank

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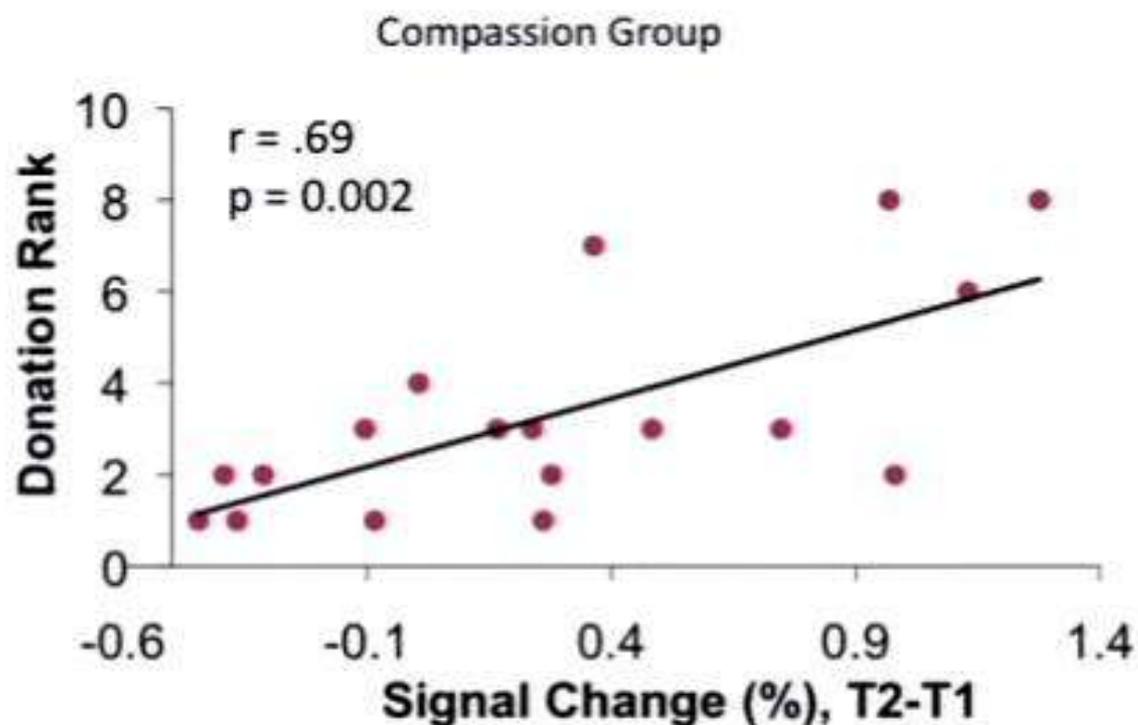
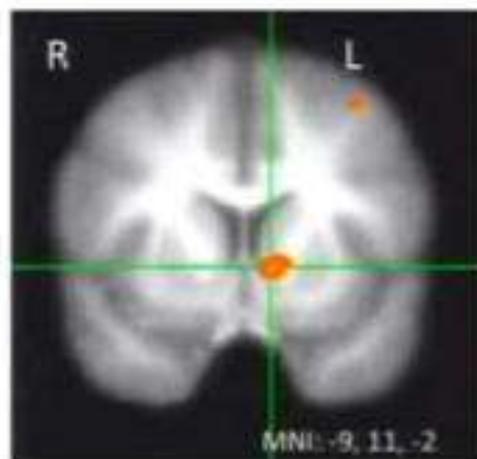
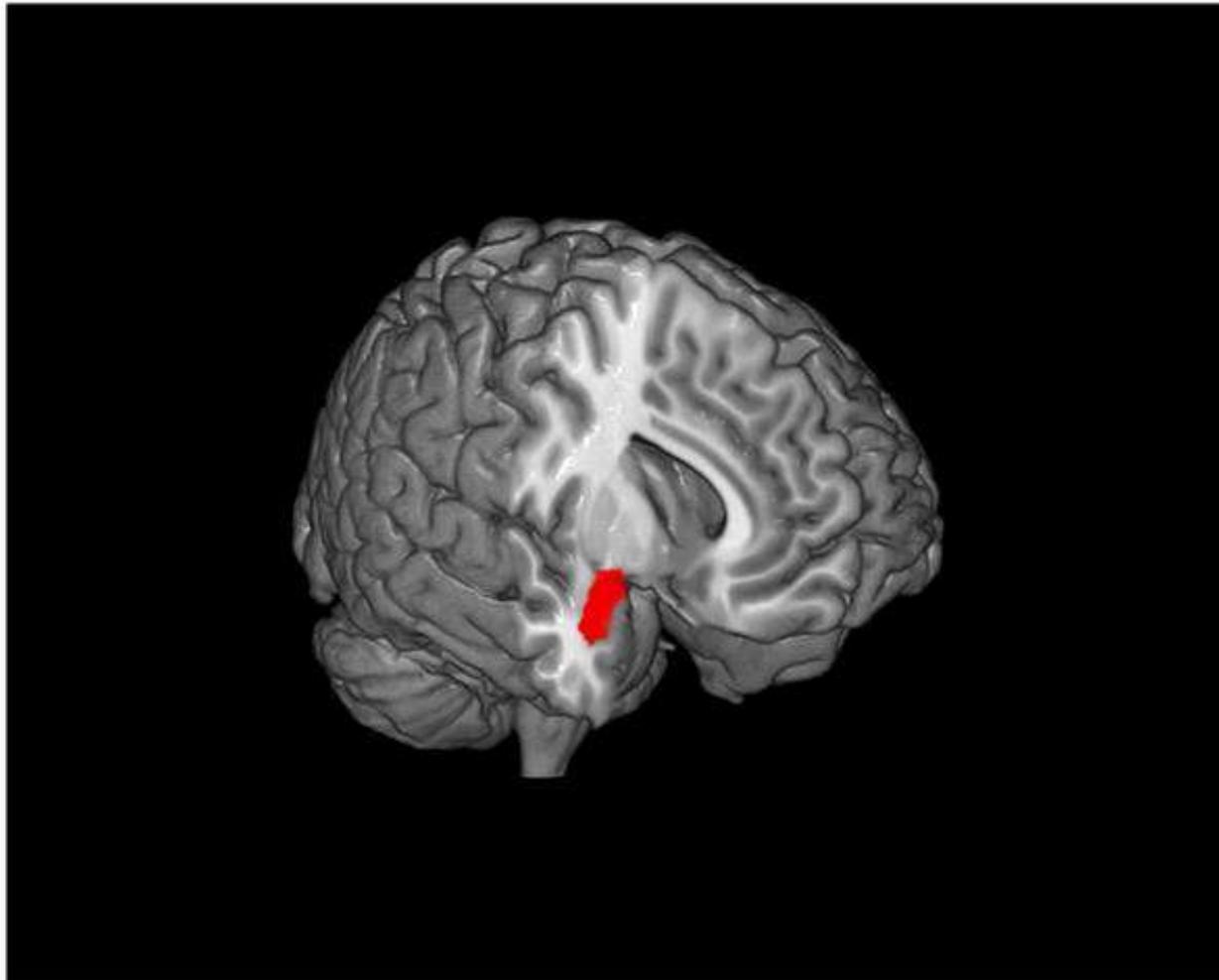


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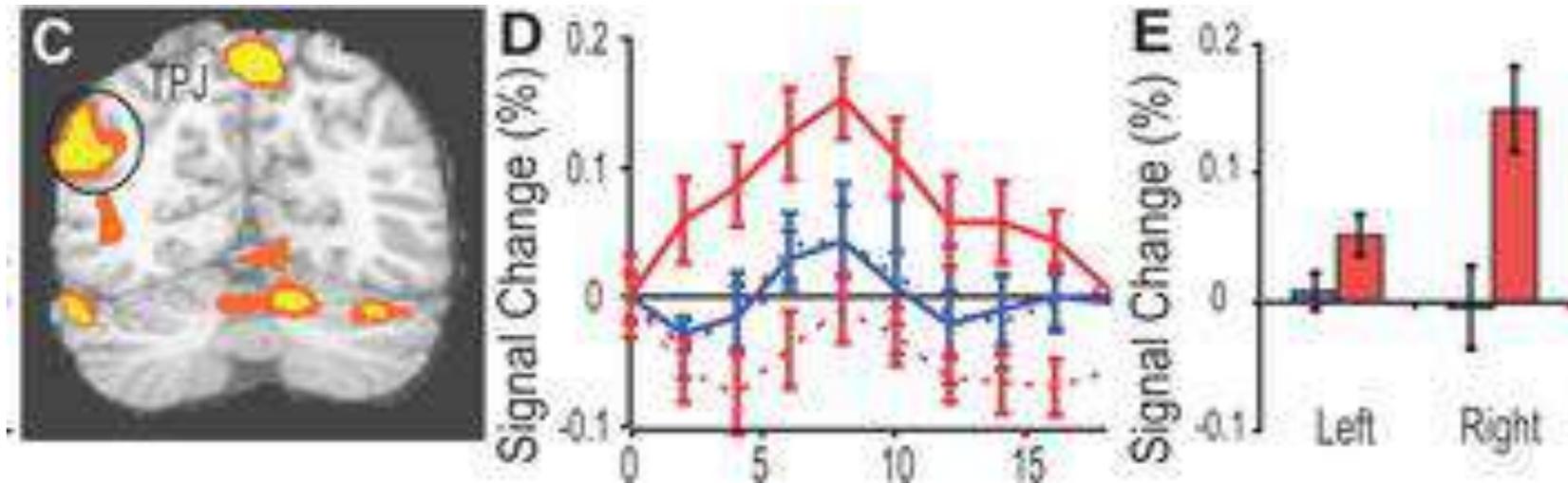


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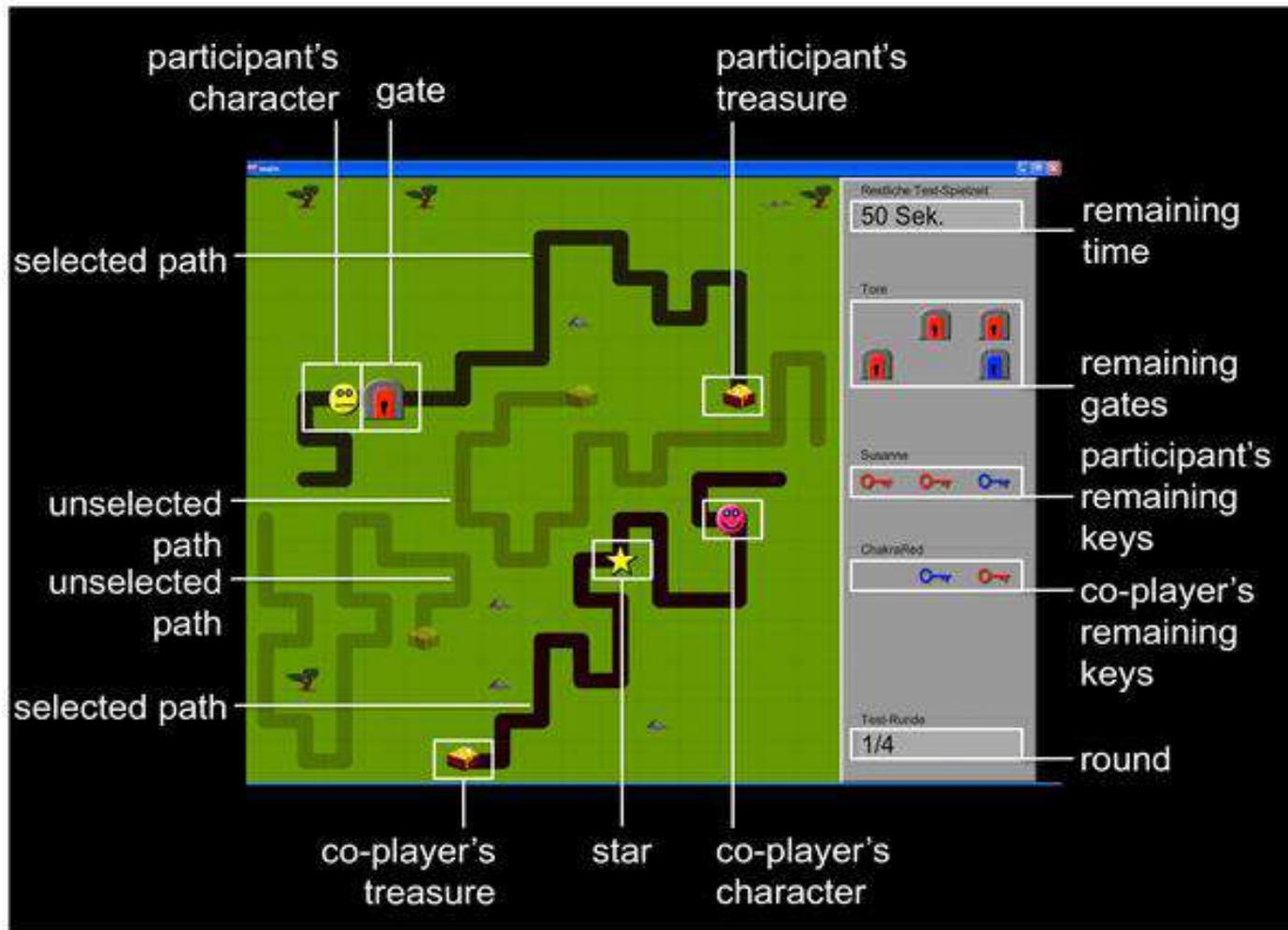
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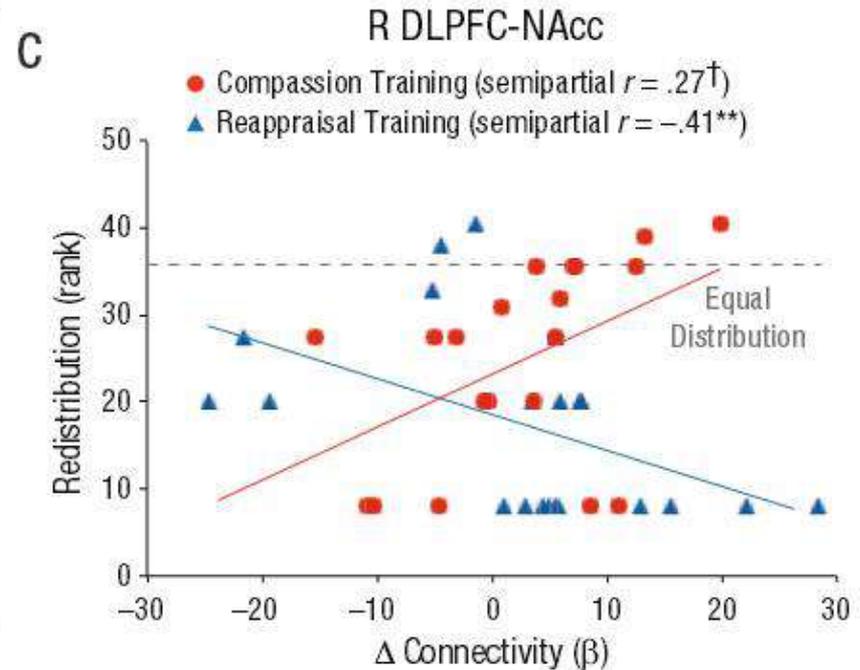
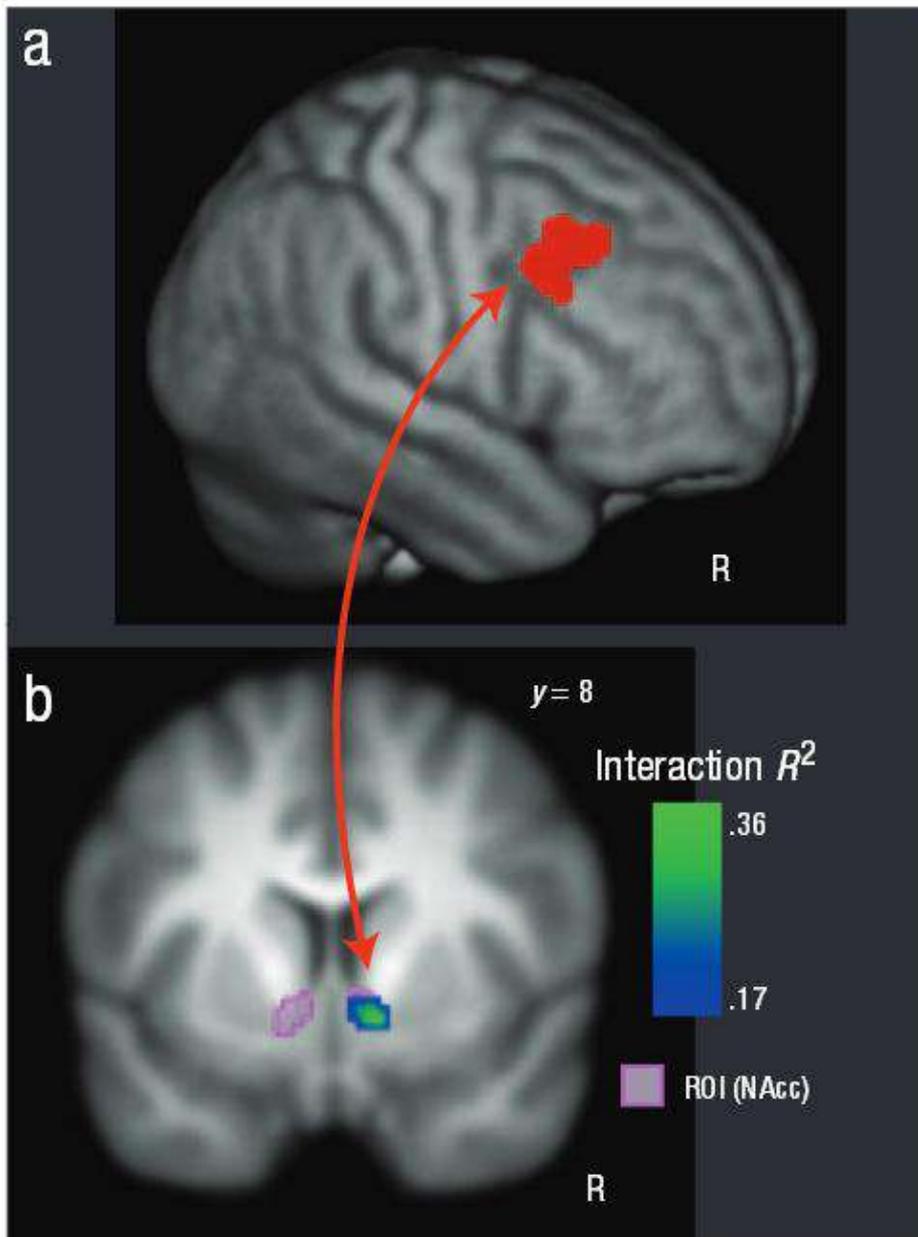
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Allenare la compassione aumenta le attivazioni legate al piacere della prosocialità e quindi alla motivazione verso i comportamenti prosociali

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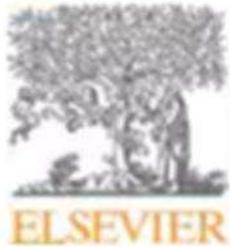
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**La radice dell'autocontrollo è la
consapevolezza**



Ego depletion and meditation



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Standing on the Verge: Lessons and Limits from the Empirical Study of
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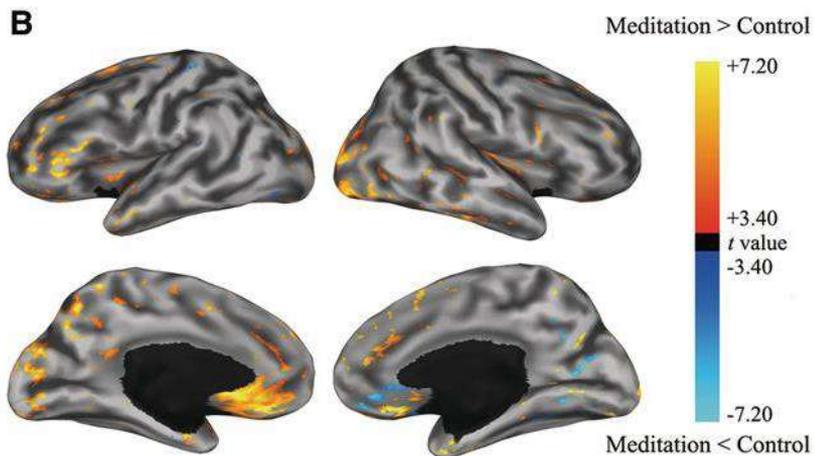
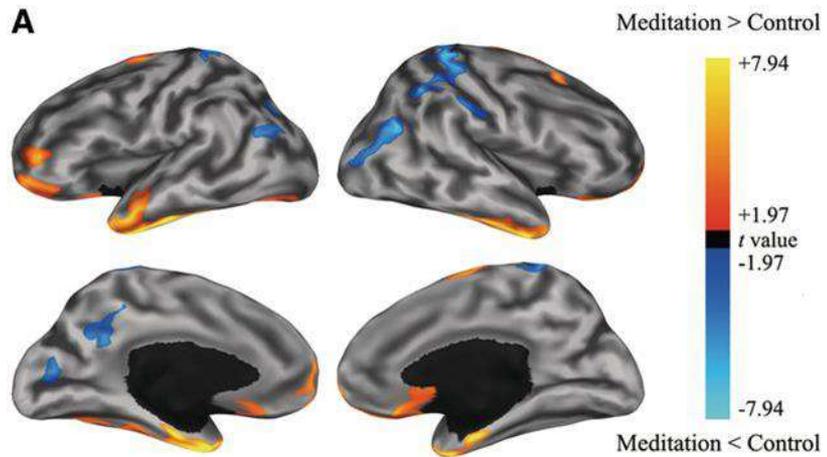


Short Communication

Mindfulness meditation counteracts self-control depletion

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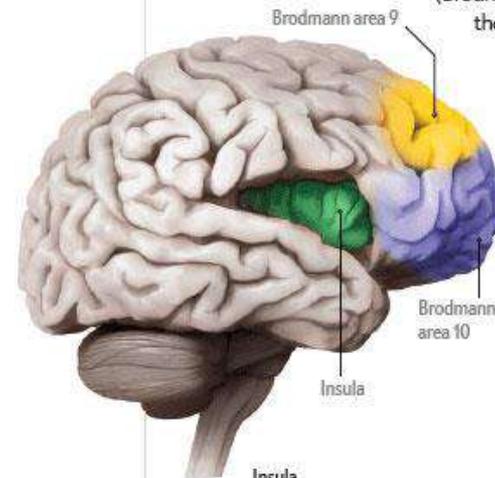


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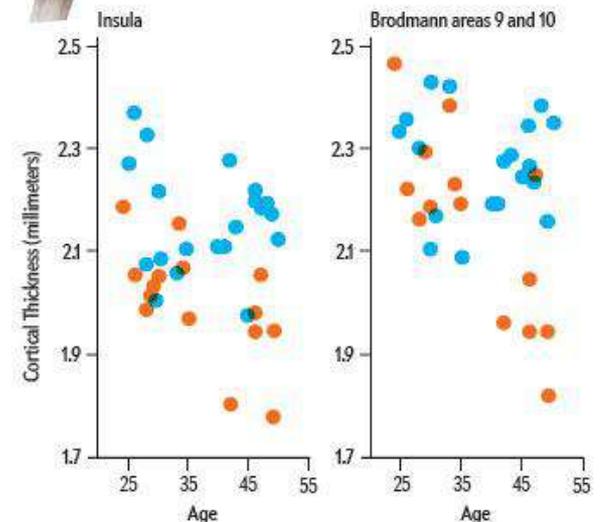
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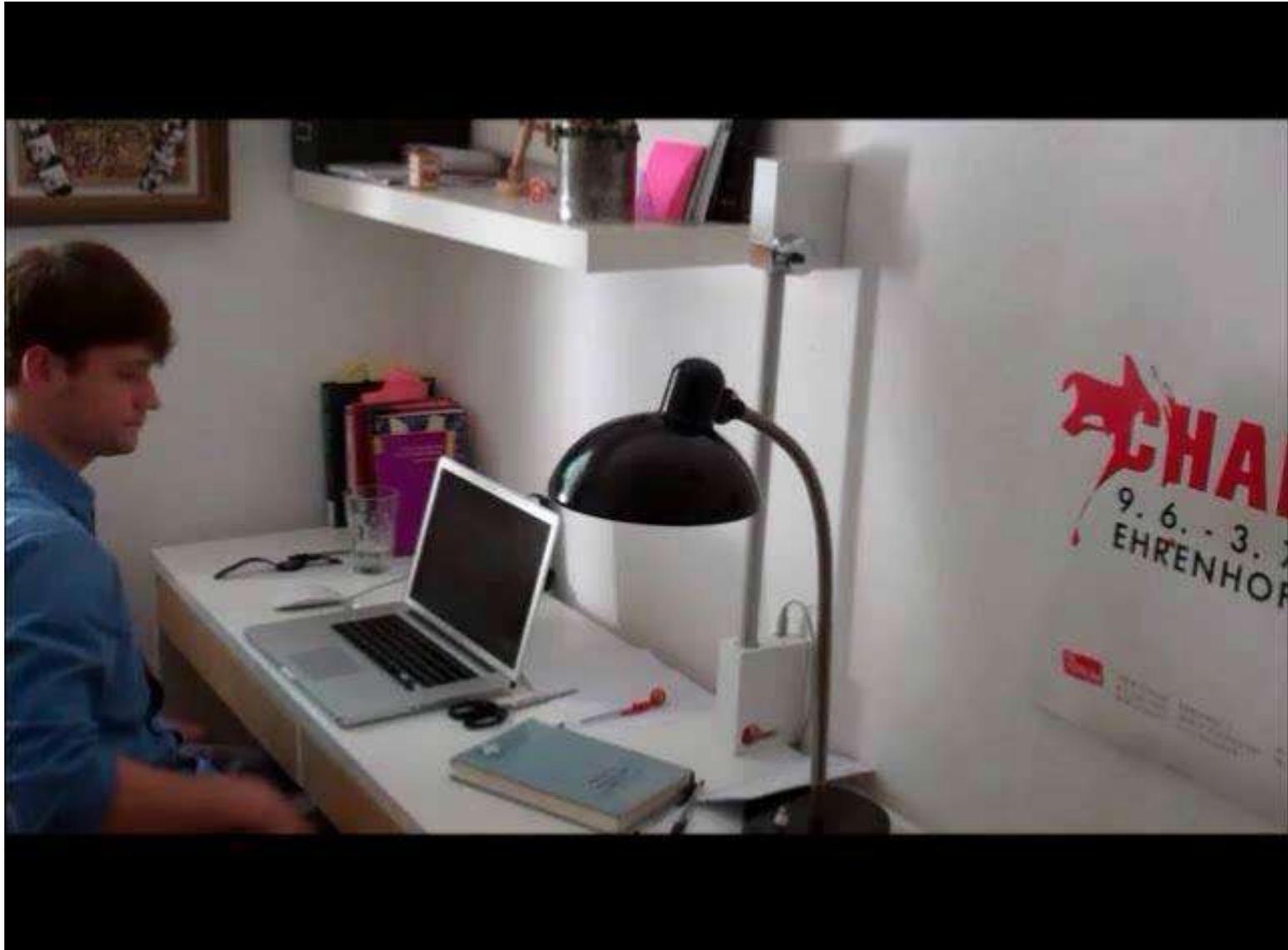
Researchers from several universities explored whether meditation might bring about structural changes in brain tissue. Using magnetic resonance imaging, they found that 20 experienced practitioners of one type of Buddhist meditation had a greater volume of brain tissue in the prefrontal cortex

(Brodmann areas 9 and 10) and the insula than a control group did (graphs). These regions play a role in processing attention, sensory information and internal bodily sensations. Future long-term studies will be needed to confirm this finding.



- Meditation participants
- Control participants





Potenziare l'autocontrollo ricordando di correggere la postura



Allenare il Self-control riduce l'impulsività

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Brief Report

Self-control training decreases aggression in response to provocation in aggressive individuals

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Usare la mano non dominante per aprire le porte come training dell'autocontrollo

Potenziare autocontrollo e consapevolezza

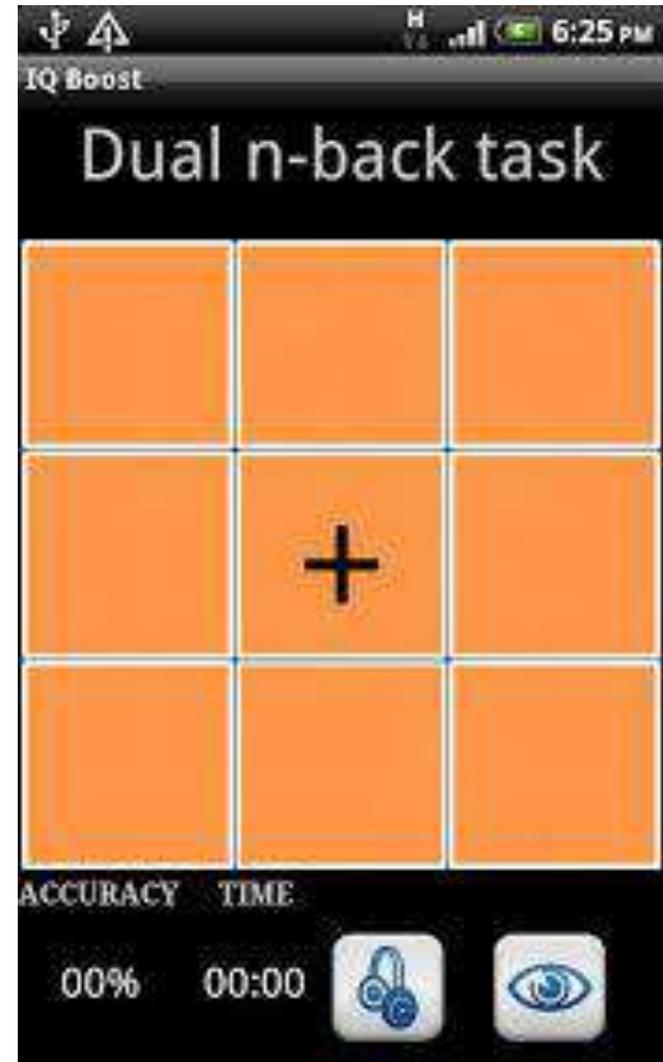


Allenare la memoria di lavoro potenzia il controllo delle decisioni intertemporali

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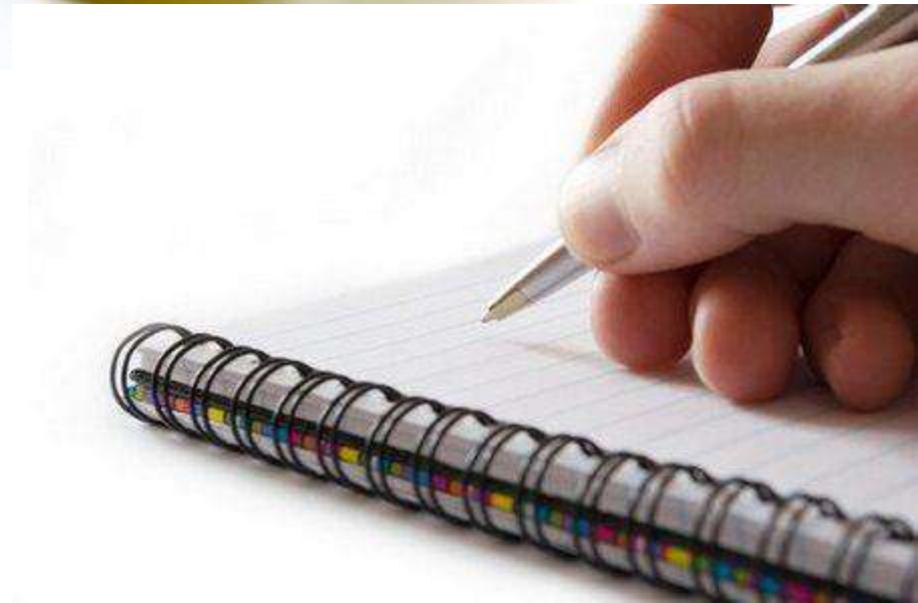
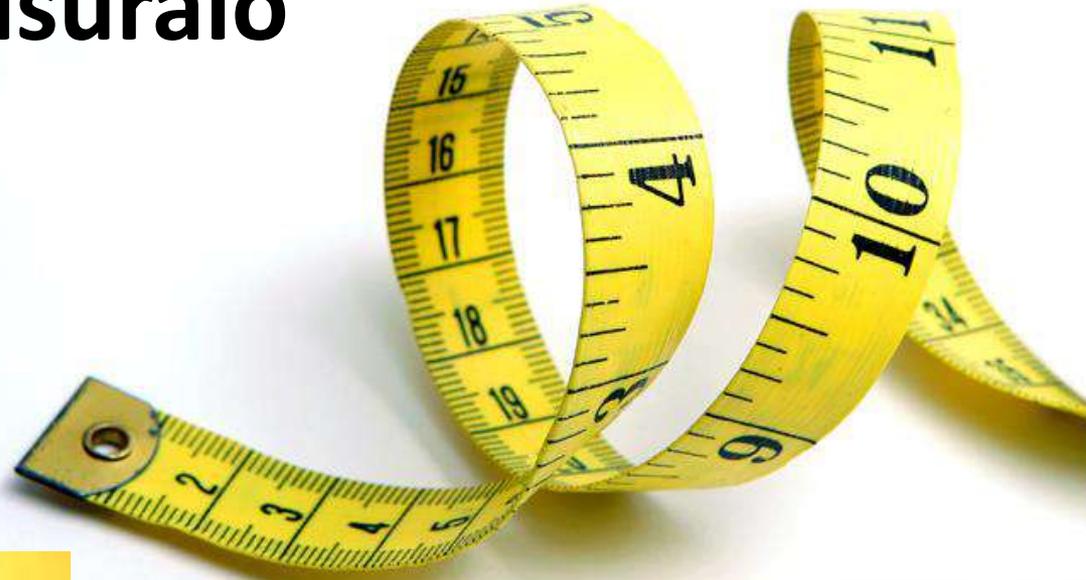


<http://brainworkshop.sourceforge.net>

Imparare e Ricordare il futuro che si preferirebbe

Scrivere e rileggere periodicamente il promemoria per un obiettivo futuro, un cambiamento, e in che modo contribuisce alla realizzazione di obiettivi più vasti o a una dimensione lavorativa, relazione o una vita più soddisfacenti

**Nota il comportamento, se possibile
misuralo**



Misurare, rinforzare



Michie, S., C. Abraham, C. Whittington, J. McAteer, and S. Gupta. "Effective Techniques in Healthy Eating and Physical Activity Interventions: A Meta-regression." *Health Psychology* 28, no. 6 (2009): 690.



Aumentare la consapevolezza degli stimoli che suscitano il comportamento indesiderato

Monitorare gli inneschi:

- Ambientali (cosa succedeva, dove, con chi, a che ora, esisteva uno stimolo particolare?)
- Fisici, fisiologici (, sensazioni generale – malessere/benessere – sonno, fame, sete, stanchezza, respirazione, cuore, tensioni muscolari, ecc)
- Comportamentali e motori (azione concomitante, tensione muscolare, pugni chiusi, tono della voce, postura, sguardo)
- Emotivi (emozioni che occorrono immediatamente prima o contemporaneamente)
- Cognitivi (pensieri, eventuali ruminazioni, giudizi, piani di azione)

Diario delle «ricadute»

- Giorno, ora, luogo
- Cosa facevo, con chi?
- Come mi sentivo fisicamente? Ero stanco, affamato, riposato, avevo dolori, stavo poco bene, ecc....
- C'è stato un innesco in particolare? Reale o immaginato?
- Tono affettivo: come mi sentivo prima dell'episodio
- Quali altre emozioni ho sentito associate?
- C'è stato un eventuale pensiero immediatamente prima della o che ha determinato la «decisione»?
- Perché penso di essermi «lasciato andare»?
- Come mi sono sentito dopo?
- Quali conseguenze?
- Cosa penso ora delle cause di ricaduta? Era giustificata?
- Cosa avrei potuto fare per evitarla?
- Cosa posso fare in futuro per evitarla e non vederla riproporsi?

Scova un accenno di cambiamento

- esistono momenti in cui il comportamento non è problematico o va nella direzione giusta?
- cosa accade in quei momenti?
- cosa c'è nell'ambiente?
- cosa li differenzia dagli altri?
- cosa si prova in quei momenti?
- come possono essere replicati?

Oltre la volontà e la motivazione

**Lavorare con e su
inneschi e ambiente**

Super size me



Per non mangiare in trance?
Mangiare con la mano sinistra

Modificare ambiente e circostanze per cambiare le abitudini

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Changing Circumstances, Disrupting Habits

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The present research investigated the mechanisms guiding habitual behavior, specifically, the stimulus cues that trigger habit performance. When usual contexts for performance change, habits cannot be cued by recurring stimuli, and performance should be disrupted. Thus, the exercising, newspaper reading, and TV watching habits of students transferring to a new university were found to survive the transfer only when aspects of the performance context did not change (e.g., participants continued to read the paper with others). In some cases, the disruption in habits also placed behavior under intentional control so that participants acted on their current intentions. Changes in circumstances also affected the favorability of intentions, but changes in intentions alone could not explain the disruption of habits. Furthermore, regardless of whether contexts changed, nonhabitual behavior was guided by intentions.

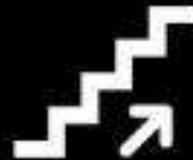
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- Lavorare sull'architettura delle scelte
- feedback



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Fai un piano specifico

- Far leva sul senso di autoefficacia chiedendo di formulare e scrivere piani dettagliati per il cambiamento

Es. esperimento su effetto formulazione scritta dell'impegno a vaccinarsi in una specifica data:

Incrementa 4.2% i vaccinati (Milkman et. Al, 2011)

Chiarezza, specificità dei risultati attesi
e delle procedure per ottenerli

Priming

- Chiedere, rilevare, misurare l'intenzione su un comportamento e un cambiamento promuove quel comportamento e quel comportamento

Es. chiedere ai un campione di cittadini se l'indomani andrà a votare incrementa la probabilità del voto del 25%

(Greenwald, Anthony G., Catherine G. Carnot, Rebecca Beach, and Barbara Young. "Increasing Voting Behavior by Asking People if They Expect to Vote." *Journal of Applied Psychology* 2 (1987): 315–18)

Socializzare e normalizzare il cambiamento

- L'uomo è la specie più sociale
- La conformità è un potente motivatore del cambiamento
- Il comportamento normale percepito viene usato come scorciatoia cognitiva nelle scelte e nei comportamenti
- Socializzare il cambiamento (il caso della riduzione dei consumi elettrici + personalizzazione intestazione + uso emoticon)
- Conformità e aderenza a nuove regole e doveri (il caso delle tasse)

Non buone risoluzioni

Implementazione delle intenzioni

Se/ Quando accade X  Allora faccio Y

Semplici piani grandi effetti

Una decisione precaricata!!

Innesco affidato all'ambiente
e non alla volontà

Individuare gli ostacoli al cambiamento
e prevenirli

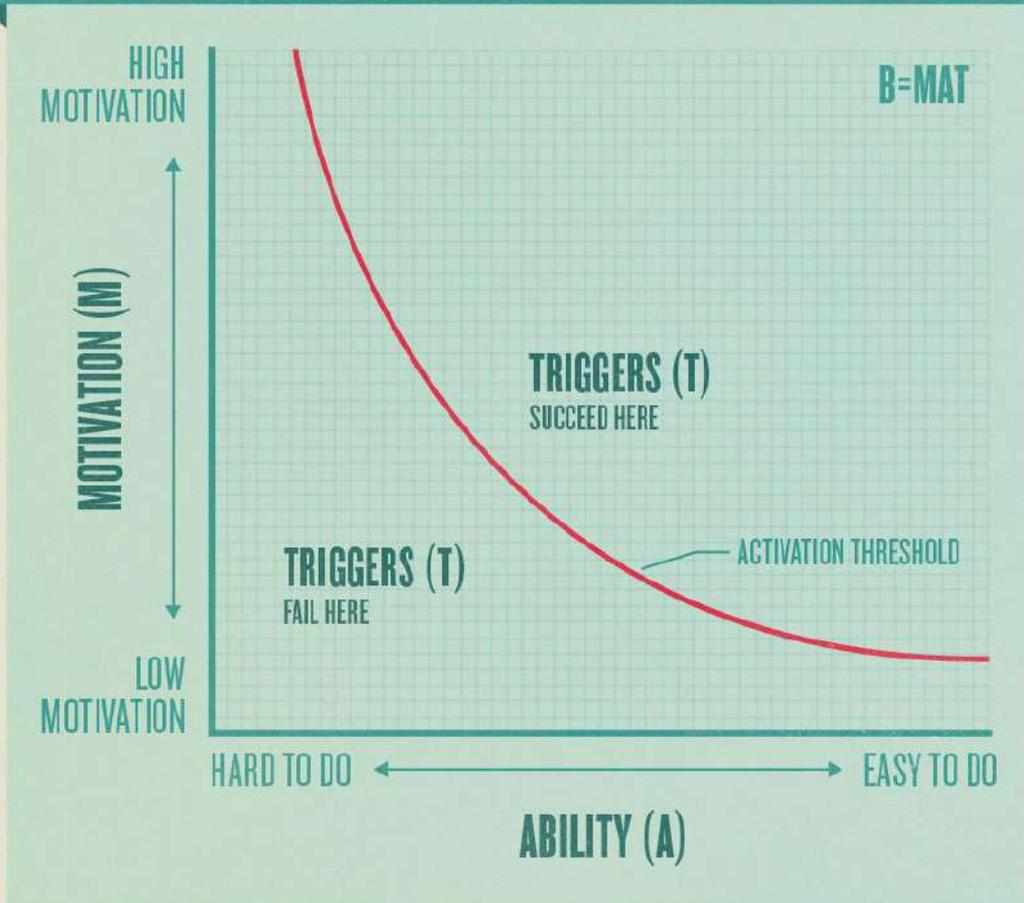
Prevedere gli errori e immaginare le
soluzioni

Lavorare sulla tendenza a stare nel
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WHAT CAUSES BEHAVIOR CHANGE?

THE FOGG BEHAVIOR MODEL (FBM) SHOWS THAT THREE ELEMENTS MUST CONVERGE AT THE SAME MOMENT FOR A BEHAVIOR TO OCCUR: MOTIVATION, ABILITY, AND TRIGGER (MAT). WHEN A BEHAVIOR DOES NOT OCCUR, AT LEAST ONE OF THE THREE ELEMENTS IS MISSING.

THE FOGG BEHAVIOR MODEL



BEHAVIOR CHANGE ELEMENTS



CORE MOTIVATORS



SIMPLICITY FACTORS



BJ Fogg, PhD

Stanford University

Designing for behavior change is systematic. It's not guesswork.

BJ Fogg has created a universal method with three steps.



Step 1: Get specific

What behavior do you want?

Translate target outcomes and goals into behaviors.

And be specific.



Step 2: Make it easy

How can you make the behavior easy to do?

Simplicity changes behavior.



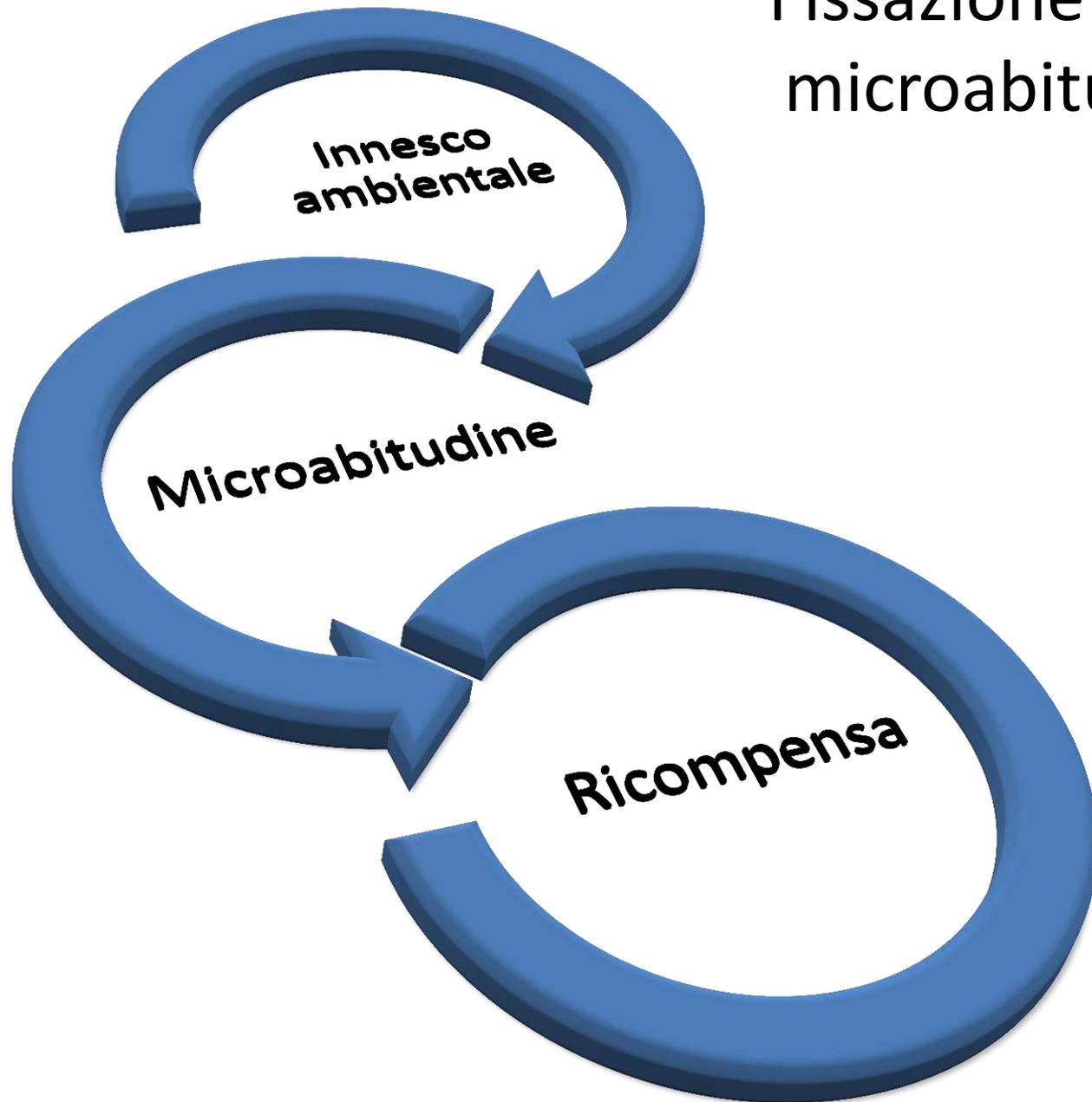
Step 3: Trigger the behavior

What will prompt the behavior?

Some triggers are natural. Others you must design.

No behavior happens w/o a trigger.

Fissazione delle microabitudini



Il principio dell'imitazione
il bisogno di riconoscimento e
conformità

il cambiamento è contagioso



Costruire l'incontro Corso ECM



Neuroscienze e Scienze cognitive del cambiamento

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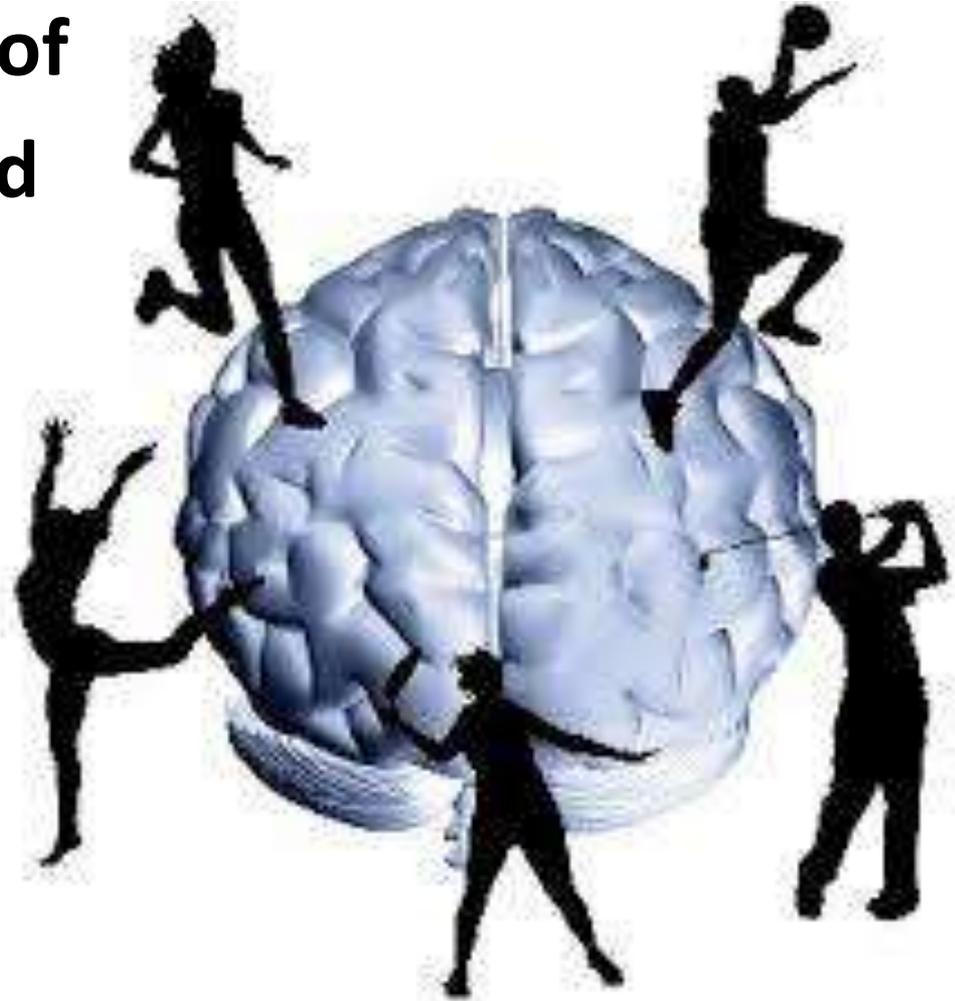
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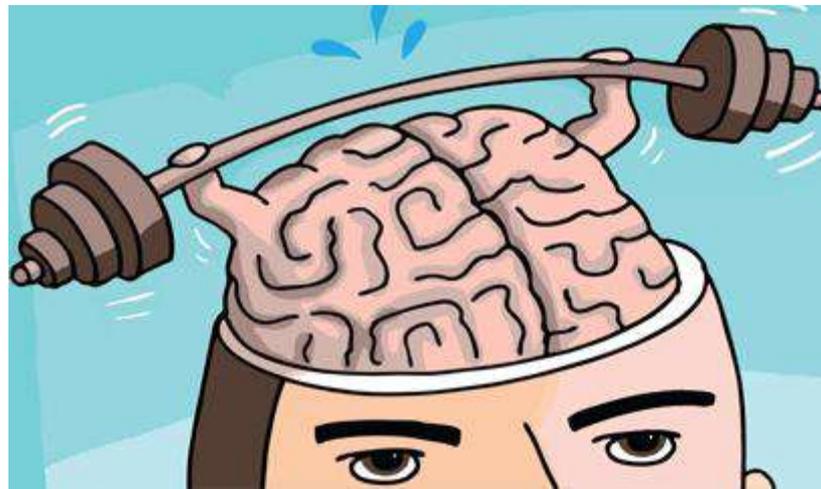
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- **Physical exercise increases neuroplasticity**
- **Physical exercise activates the brain reward system and the system of endogenous opioids and cannabinoids**

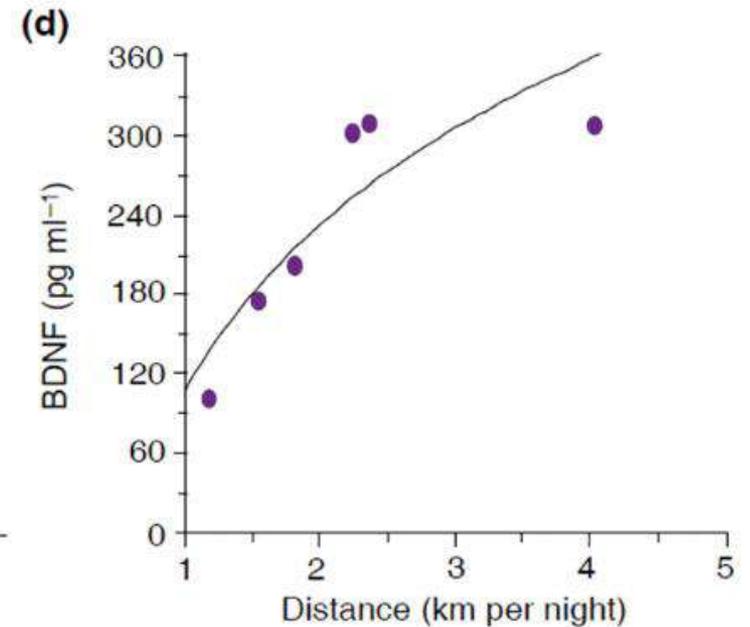
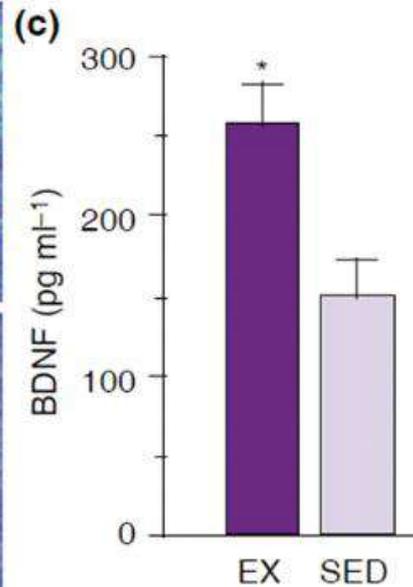
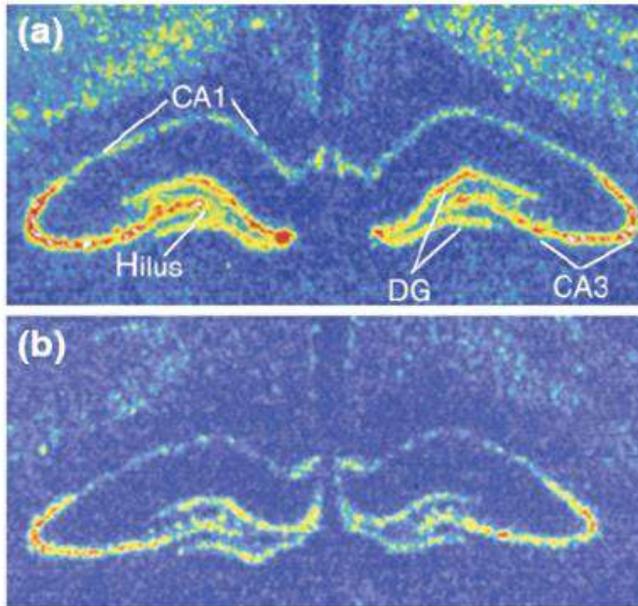


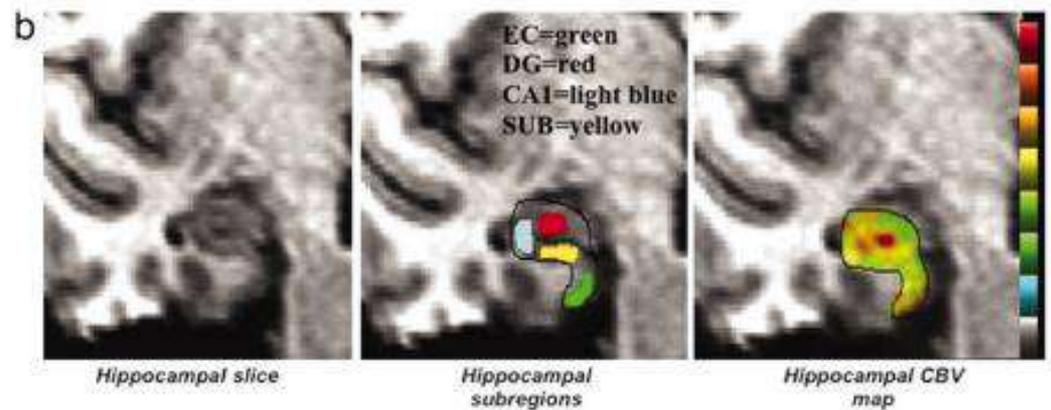
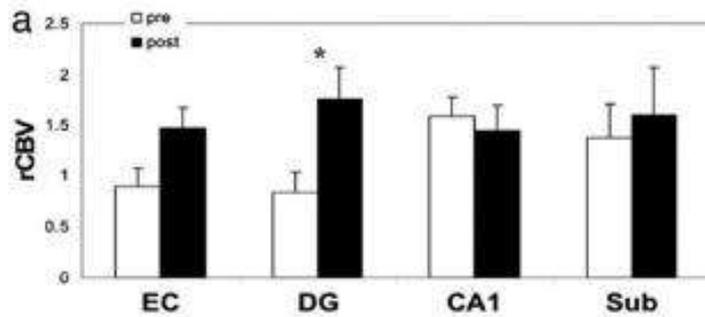
Sport and neuroplasticity

- Physical activity stimulates the production of growth factors, the first promoters of neuroplastic phenomena



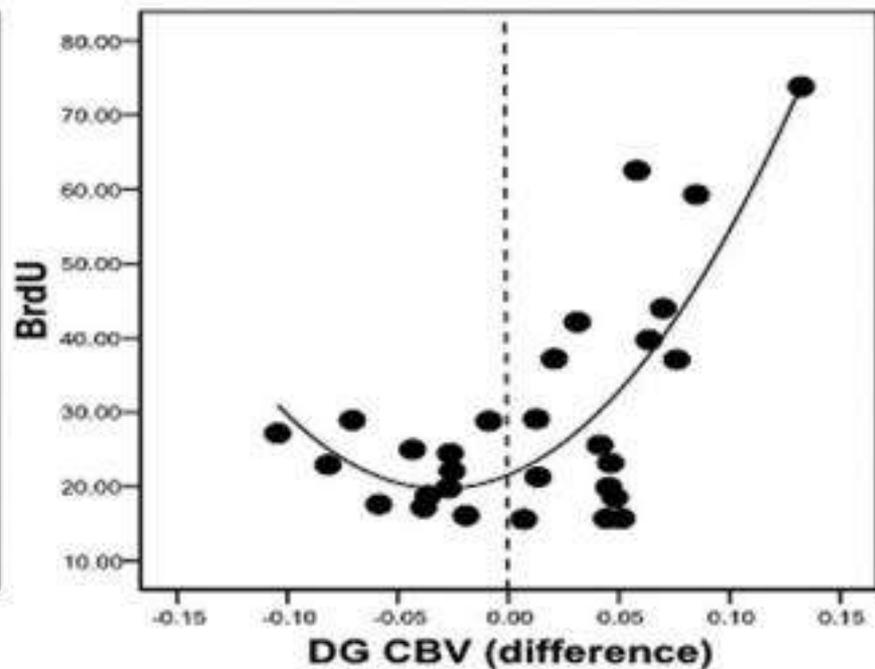
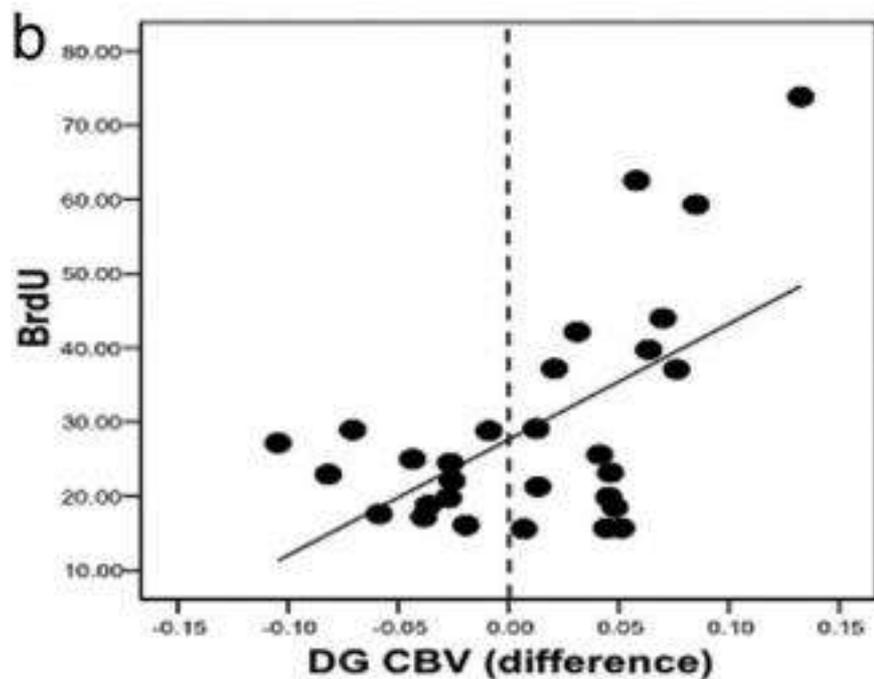
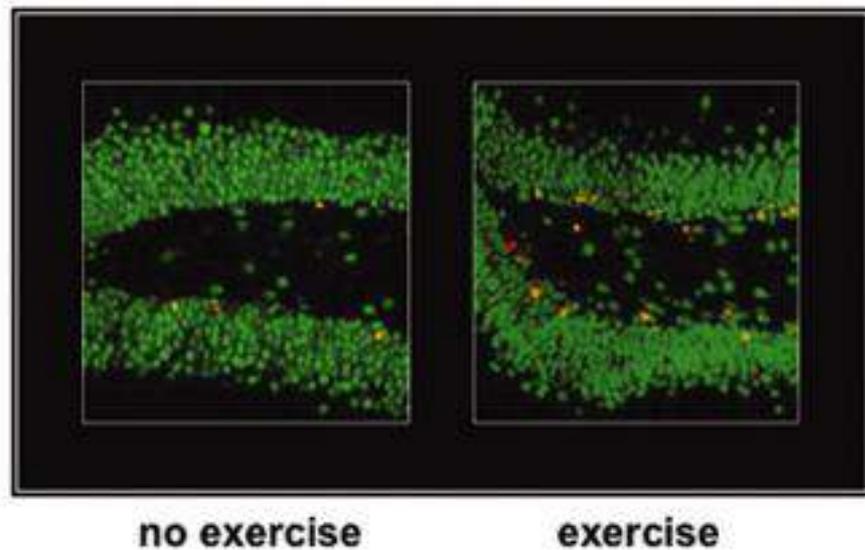
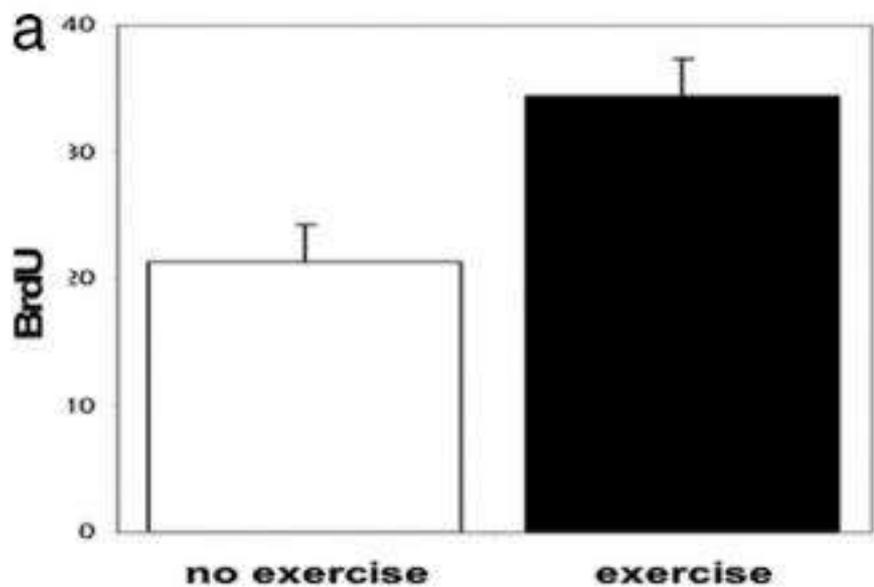
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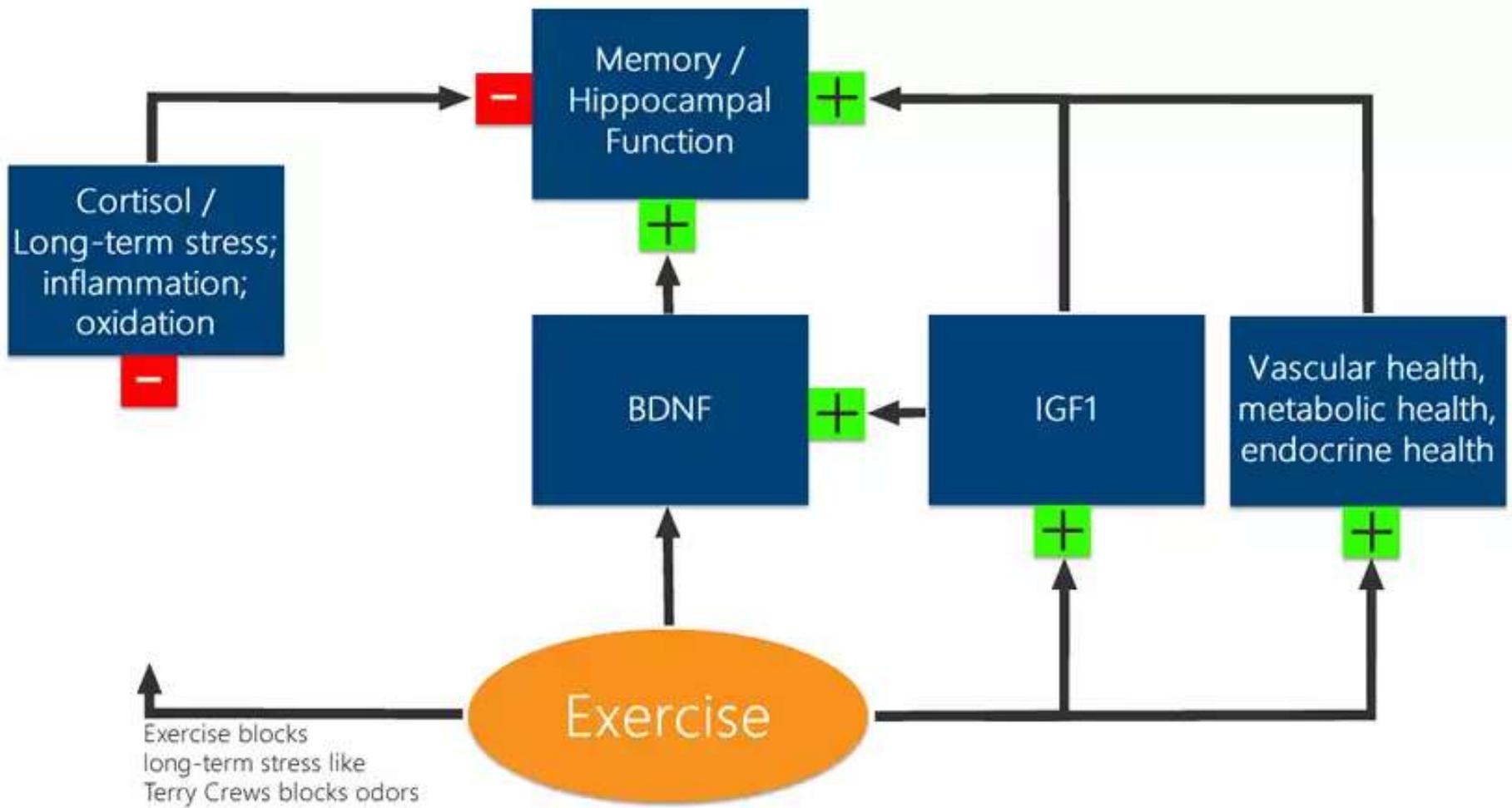
Exercise Selectively Increases Dentate Gyrus CBV in Humans and Correlates with Aerobic Fitness and Cognition

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during physical exercise





Adult Hippocampal Neurogenesis: A Possible Way How Physical Exercise Counteracts Stress

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It was considered that neurogenesis only occurred during the embryonic and developmental stage. This view has greatly changed since the discovery of adult neurogenesis in two brain regions: the hippocampus and the olfactory bulb. Recently, it is suggested that altered hippocampal neurogenesis is related to pathophysiology of mood disorders and mechanism of antidepressant treatments. Accumulating knowledge about the effects of physical exercise on brain function suggests a special role of adult hippocampal neurogenesis in cognitive and mental health, even though the functional significance of adult neurogenesis is still debated. The beneficial effects of running correlating with increased adult neurogenesis may provide a hint that newborn neurons may be involved, at least in part, in the counteractive mechanism of physical exercise on stress-related disorders, like depression. The present review provides an overview of recent findings to emphasize the possible involvement of hippocampal neurogenesis in mediating the beneficial effects of physical exercise on counteracting stress.



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Long-term voluntary wheel running is rewarding and produces plasticity in the mesolimbic reward pathway.

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Abstract

The mesolimbic reward pathway is implicated in stress-related psychiatric disorders and is a potential target of plasticity underlying the stress resistance produced by repeated voluntary exercise. It is unknown, however, whether rats find long-term access to running wheels rewarding, or if repeated voluntary exercise reward produces plastic changes in mesolimbic reward neurocircuitry. In the current studies, young adult, male Fischer 344 rats allowed voluntary access to running wheels for 6 weeks, but not 2 weeks, found wheel running rewarding, as measured by conditioned place preference (CPP). Consistent with prior reports and the behavioral data, 6 weeks of wheel running increased Δ FosB/FosB immunoreactivity in the nucleus accumbens (Acb). In addition, semi quantitative in situ hybridization revealed that 6 weeks of wheel running, compared to sedentary housing, increased tyrosine hydroxylase (TH) mRNA levels in the ventral tegmental area (VTA), increased delta opioid receptor (DOR) mRNA levels in the Acb shell, and reduced levels of dopamine receptor (DR)-D2 mRNA in the Acb core. Results indicate that repeated voluntary exercise is rewarding and alters gene transcription in mesolimbic reward neurocircuitry. The duration-dependent effects of wheel running on CPP suggest that as the weeks of wheel running progress, the rewarding effects of a night of voluntary wheel running might linger longer into the inactive cycle thus providing stronger support for CPP. The observed plasticity could contribute to the mechanisms by which exercise reduces the incidence and severity of substance abuse disorders, changes the rewarding properties of drugs of abuse, and facilitates successful coping with stress.

344 rats – libero accesso alla ruota per correre

- + trascrizione dopamina
- + D2 recettori
- + recettori oppioidi
- - D2 autorecettori

Endocannabinoids and exercise

A Dietrich, W F McDaniel

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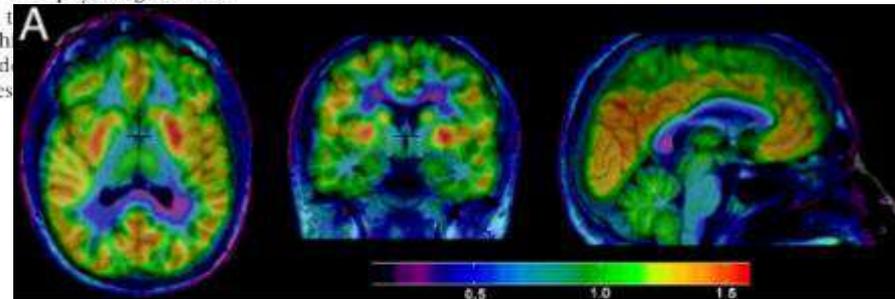
Exercise induces changes in mental status, particularly analgesia, sedation, anxiolysis, and a sense of wellbeing. The mechanisms underlying these changes remain unknown. Recent findings show that exercise increases serum concentrations of endocannabinoids, suggesting a possible explanation for a number of these changes. This article provides an overview of this emerging field.

An exercise induced altered state of consciousness has long been appreciated by endurance athletes. The effect has been well documented in the popular literature and subjected to scientific investigation.¹⁻³ In the late 1960s, the psychological changes associated with prolonged physical activity were often described

However, there are a number of serious problems with the "endorphin hypothesis." Studies examining the exercise-endorphin connection produced equivocal results, and many of the studies were plagued by methodological confounds. For instance, β -endorphin has almost the same amino acid sequence as other members of the pro-opiomelanocortin family such as the adrenocorticotrophic hormone, making cross reactivity to the detecting antibody a serious confound. Also, adrenocorticotrophic hormone is a stress hormone that is known to increase with exercise, compounding the problem. There are also major inconsistencies between the endorphin hypothesis and the physiological and biochemical responses to exercise. For instance, β -endorphin binds to the opioid receptor, the endorphin that mediates the analgesic

- + DA & 5-HT
- - glu + GABA
- - amygdala
- + opioids

Esercizio fisico, endocannabinoidi e altri neurotrasmettitori



H. Donald Burns et al.,
Positron emission tomography (PET)
tracer for in vivo human PET brain
imaging of the cannabinoid-1 receptor
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Molti tipi di meditazione

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Esistono però alcuni tratti fondamentali comuni....

Allenamento e sviluppo delle funzioni esecutive

Allenamento dell'attenzione e della consapevolezza, osservazione non giudicante dei processi e dei contenuti mentali



Mindfulness

- Dal termine Pali (il linguaggio indiano dei primi scritti del Buddha) “sati”:
consapevolezza, attenzione, memoria.
- 1) autoregolazione dell’attenzione (mantenuta sull’esperienza immediata);
 - 2) orientamento attitudinale (curiosità, apertura, accettazione);
 - 3) Intenzione: costantemente “ricordata”
controllo volontario

Mindfulness

- Allenamento mentale che tende a sviluppare metacognizione e consapevolezza,
- Metacognizione è l'osservazione dei contenuti mentali da una prospettiva, da una certa distanza.
- Questa è la preconditione per il controllo dei processi mentali, in particolare per le abitudini e le automaticità.
- **Mindfulness è un esercizio che allena la capacità di rispondere a uno stimolo in una maniera riflessiva piuttosto che riflessa.**

Mindfulness, meditazione e neuroplasticità

ispessimento della corteccia prefrontale

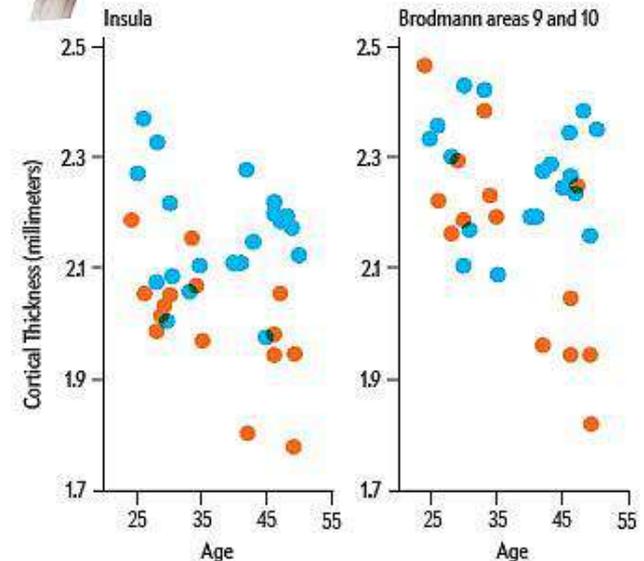
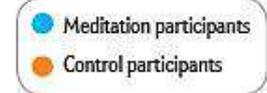
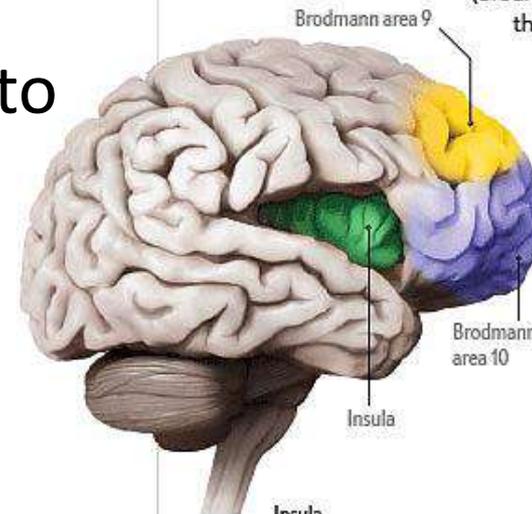
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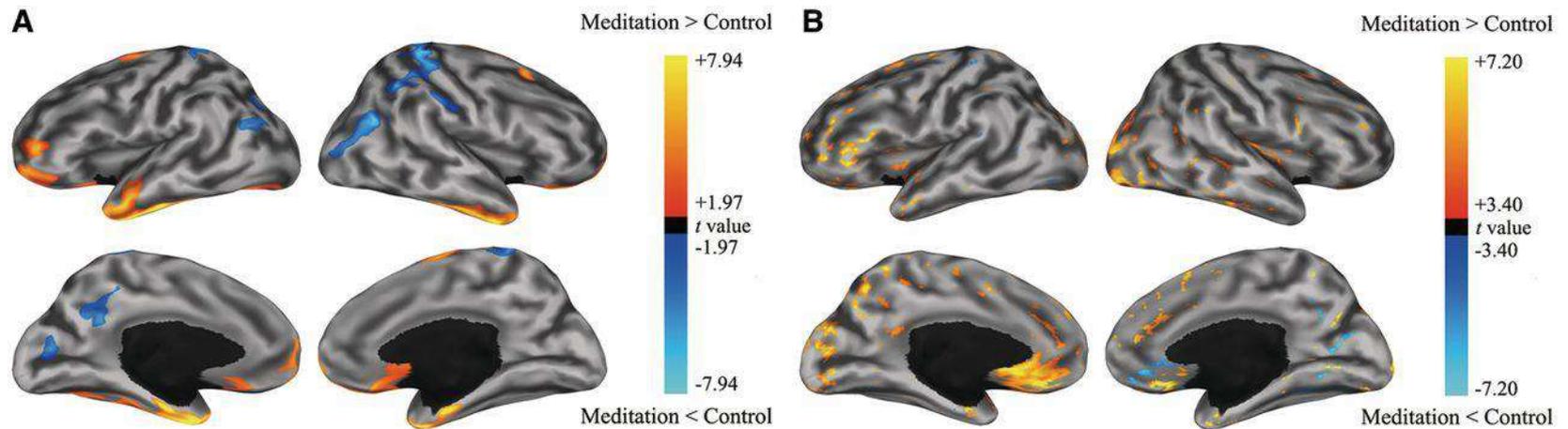
Researchers from several universities explored whether meditation might bring about structural changes in brain tissue. Using magnetic resonance imaging, they found that 20 experienced practitioners of one type of Buddhist meditation had a greater volume of brain tissue in the prefrontal cortex

(Brodmann areas 9 and 10) and the insula than a control

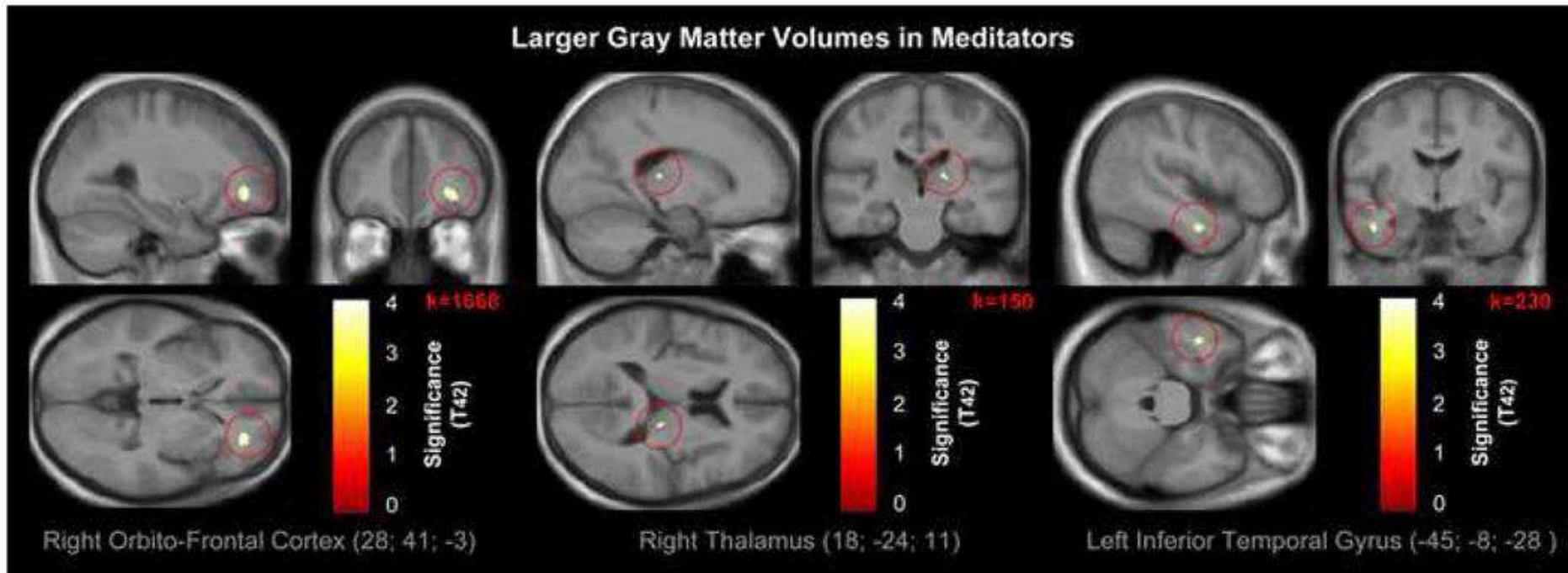
group did (graphs). These regions play a role in processing attention, sensory information and internal bodily sensations. Future long-term studies will be needed to confirm this finding.



Regional maps showing the statistical differences (A) in cortical thickness and (B) in FA between meditation practitioners and control subjects.



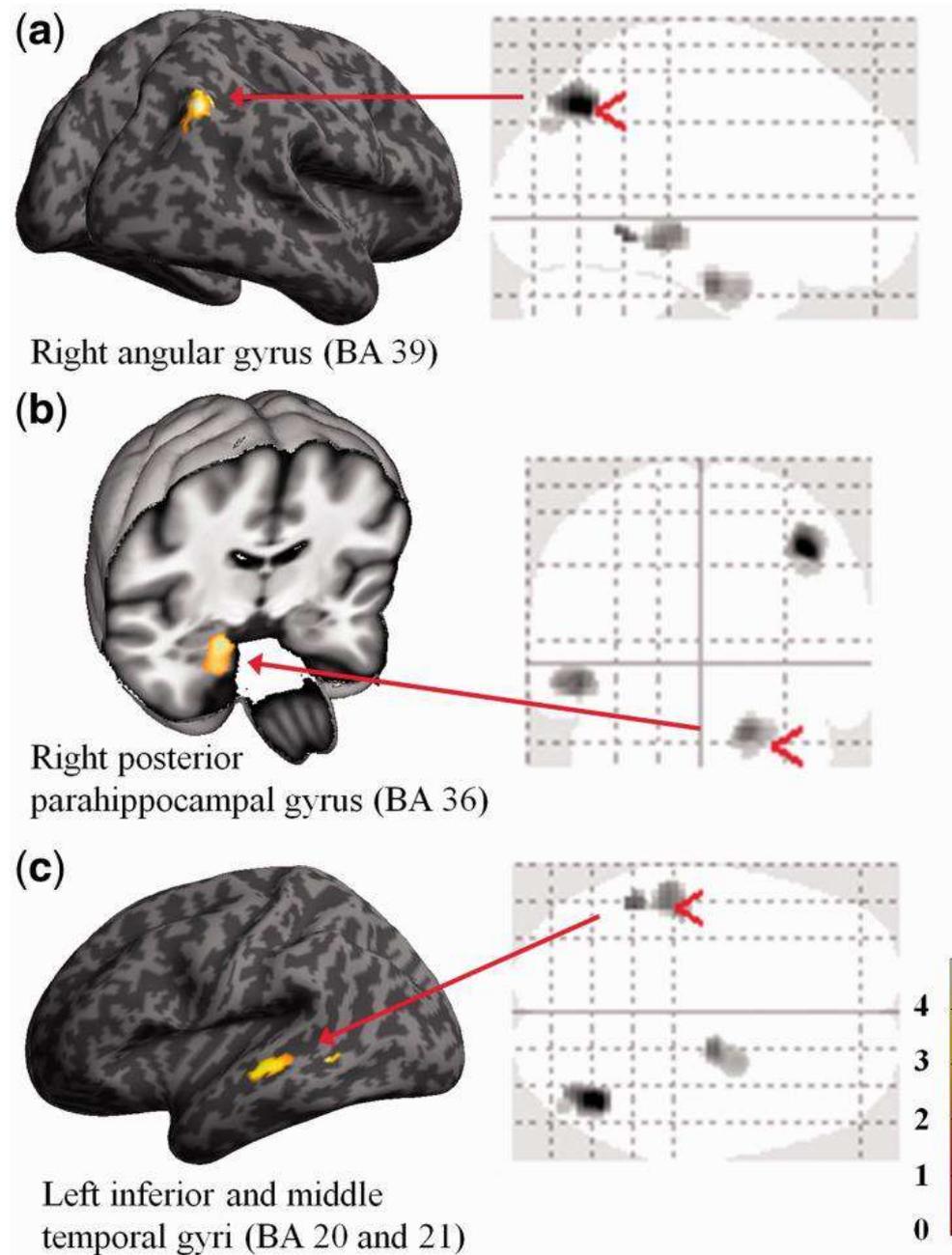
Larger gray matter volume in PFC and hippocampus



[Leung MK¹](#), [Chan CC](#), [Yin J](#), [Lee CF](#), [So KF](#), [Lee TM](#).

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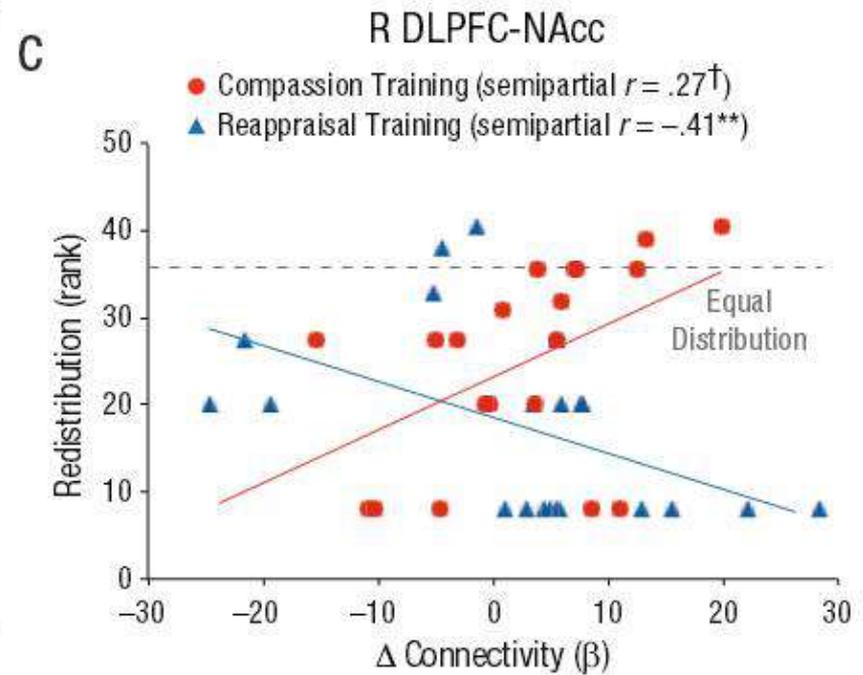
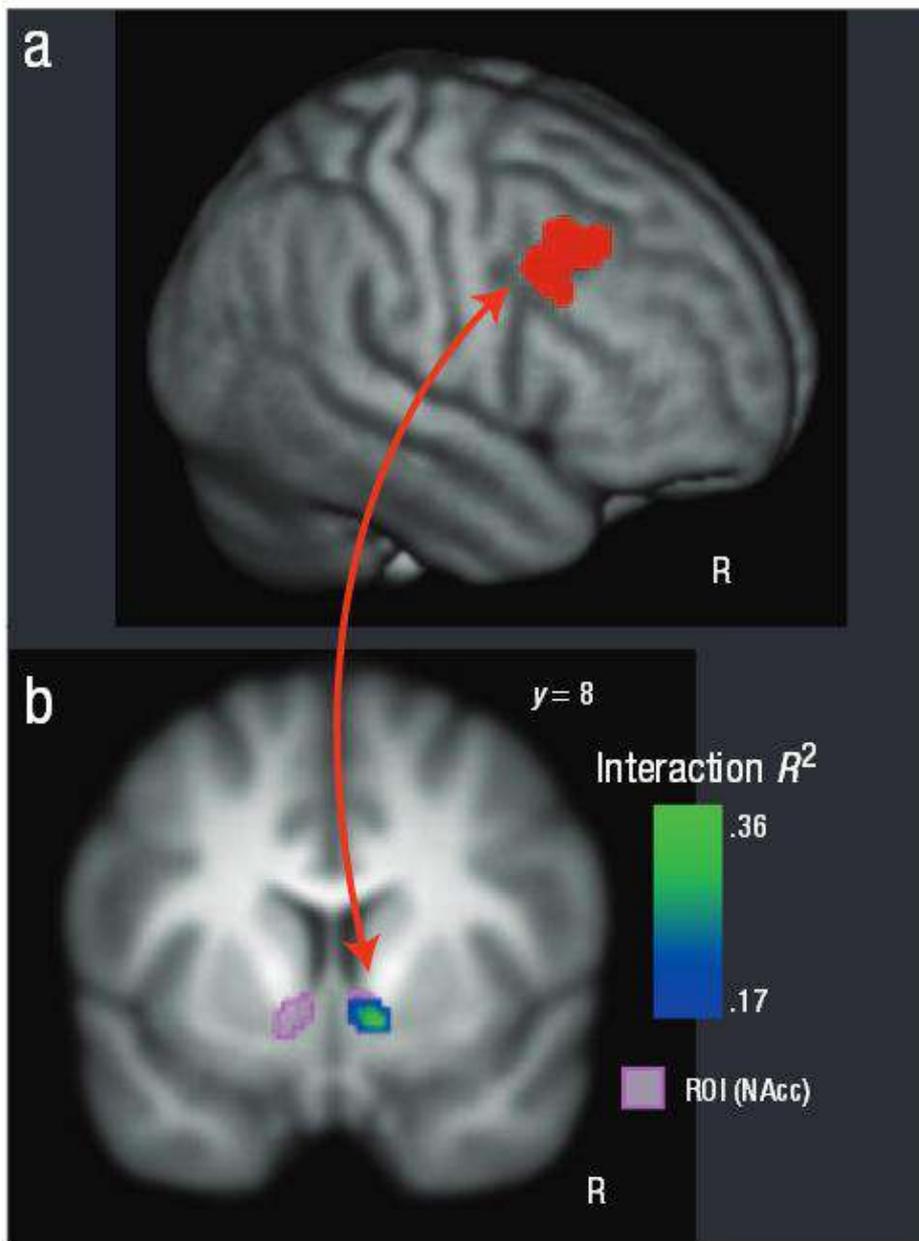
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Loving kindness meditation

- **practice**





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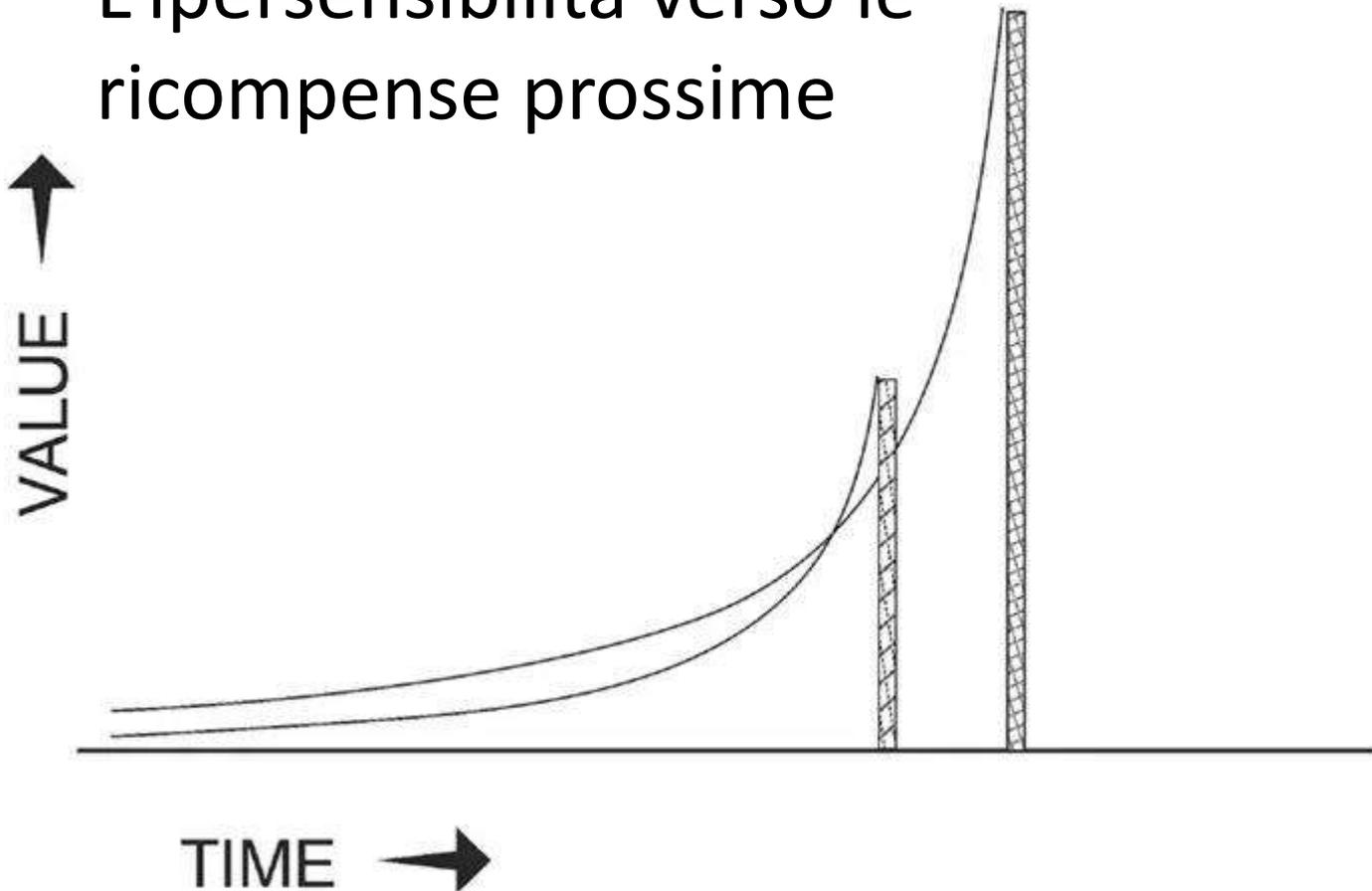
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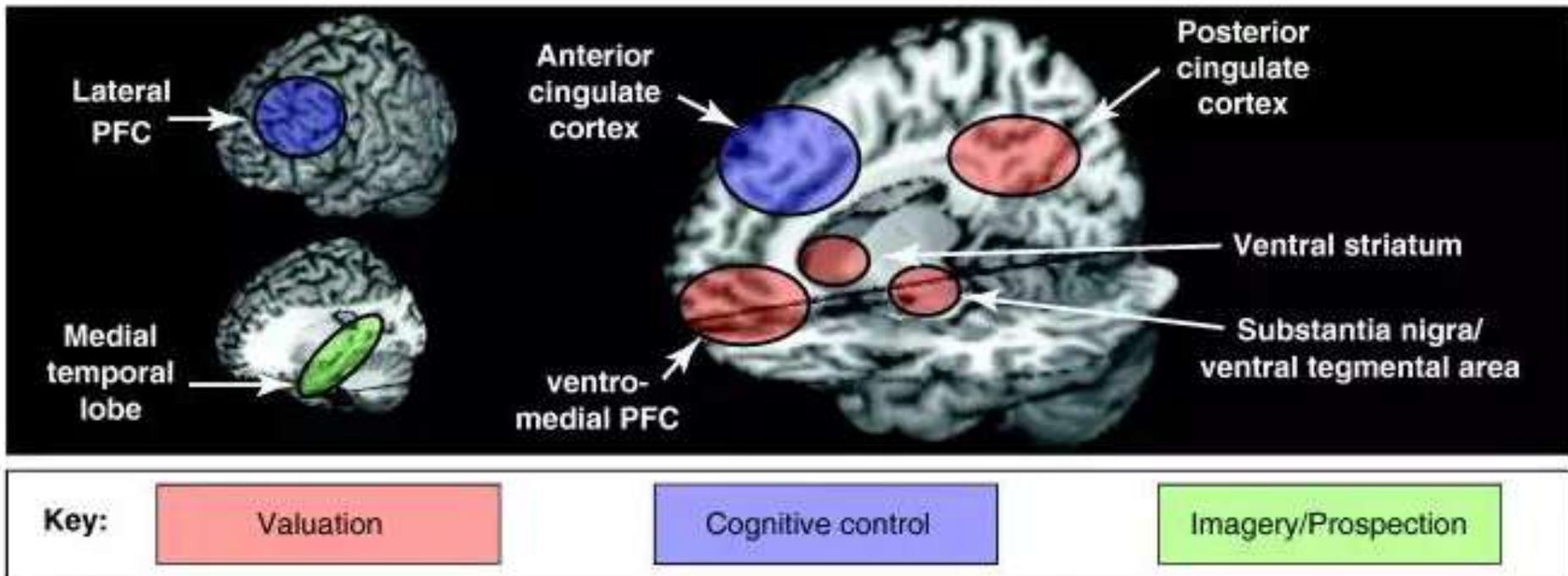
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Decidere oggi per il nostro io di domani

le decisioni intertemporali



uno, due, tre o molti?

sé multipli?



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sè futuri sembrano
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siamo uno per
ogni presente?