

Beyond the Symptom: The Biology of Fatigue September 27 – 28, 2021

# 'Psychomotor slowing'

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### Definitions

#### **Psychomotor slowing**

Retardation

Dysexecutive syndrome

Abulia

Avolitional

Amotivation

Detachment

Apathy

Anergia

Flattened / blunted affect

Resource limitation

Diminished self-efficacy

Negative symptoms

Catatonia with akinetic mutism

Obsessional slowness

Preoccupation

#### **Motor activity**

Decreased activity (actimetry)

Slowed reaction times

Lower velocity

Reduced amplitude of limb movements

Latency and accuracy of eye-movements

#### Speech

Decreased speech production Increased speech pause time Prosody articulation

#### Cognition

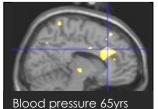
Reduced psychomotor speed (reaction time on cognitive tasks)
Fluency impairments (self-generated items)

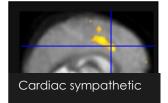


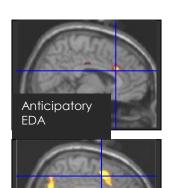


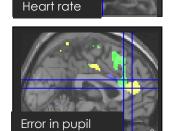
# Adaptive autonomic engagement



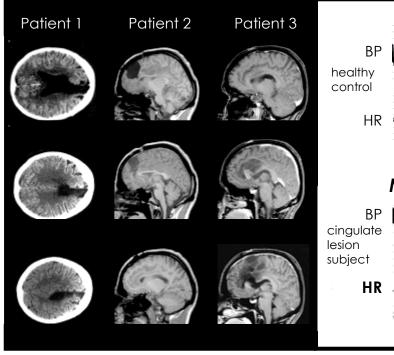


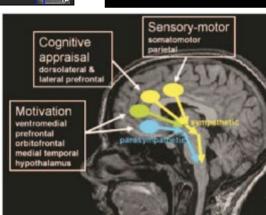


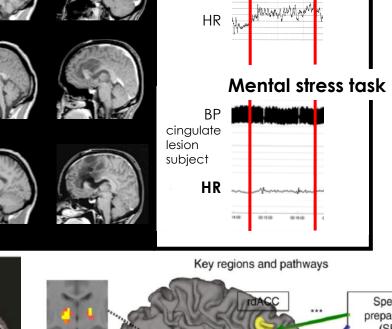


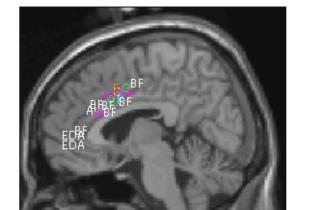


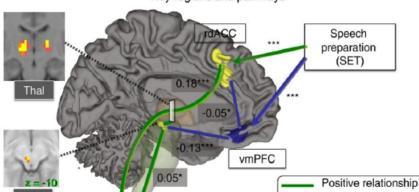
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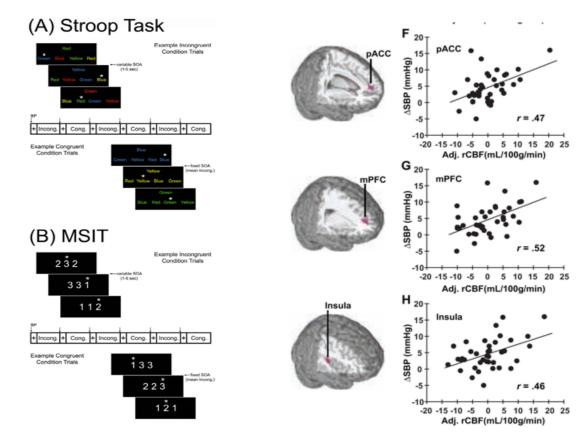


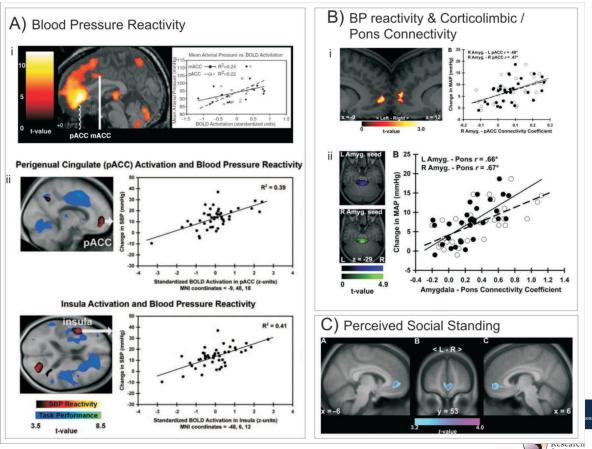




### Individual differences

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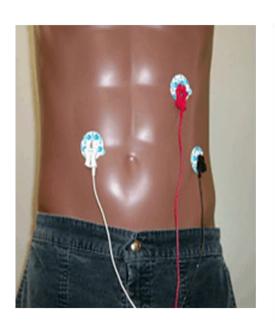


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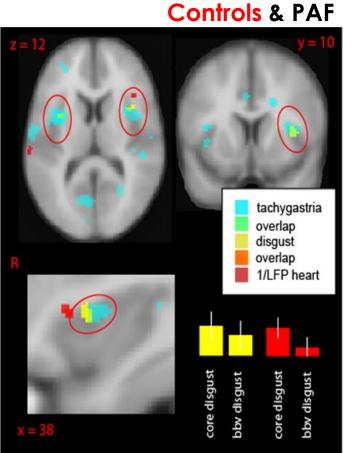


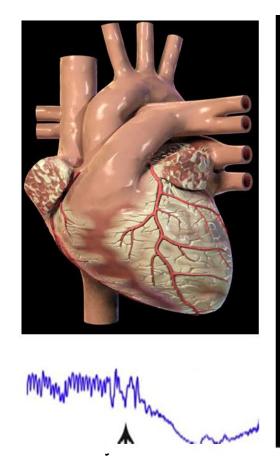
### Interoceptive access via insula

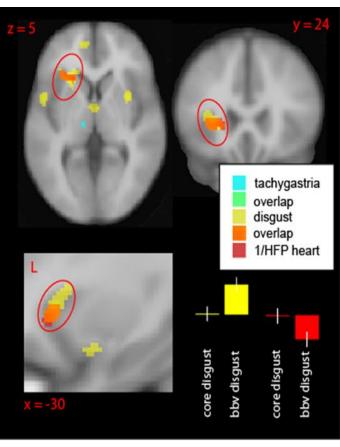
insular cortical regions: viscerosensory cortex, conscious access,



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# Interoceptive predictive coding

**Opinion** 



# Neural Mec A common role of ins Affective, an empathy and uncertained



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Although accumulating evidence highlights a crucial role of the insular cortex in feelings, empathy and processing uncertainty in the context of decision making, neuroscientific models of affective learning and decision making have mostly focused on structures such as the amygdala and the striatum. Here, we propose a unifying model in which insula cortex supports different levels of representation of current and predictive states allowing for error-based learning of both feeling states and uncertainty. This information is then integrated in a general subjective feeling state which is modulated by individual preferences such as risk aversion and contextual appraisal. Such mechanisms could facilitate affective learning and regulation of body homeostasis, and could also guide decision making in complex and uncertain environments.

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Influential theoretical model

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#### Extending predictive processing to the body: Emotion as interoceptive inference

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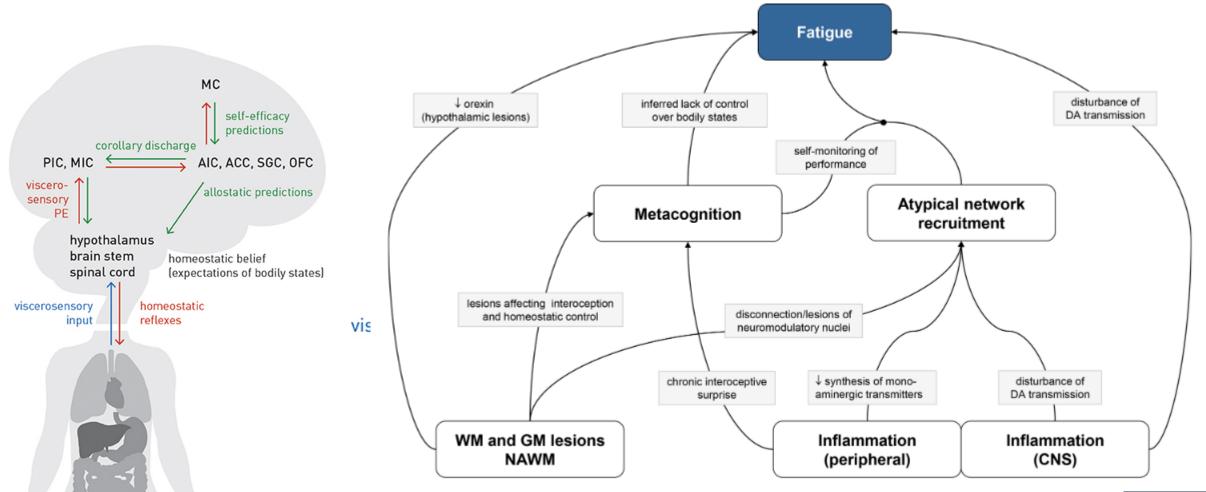
#### Abstract

The Bayesian brain hypothesis provides an attractive unifying framework for perception, cognition, and action. We argue that the framework can also usefully integrate interoception, 7 the sense of the internal physiological condition of the body. Our model of "interoceptive predictive coding" entails a new view of emotion as interoceptive inference and may account for a range of psychiatric disorders of selfhood.





# Metacogntion: allostatic self-efficacy



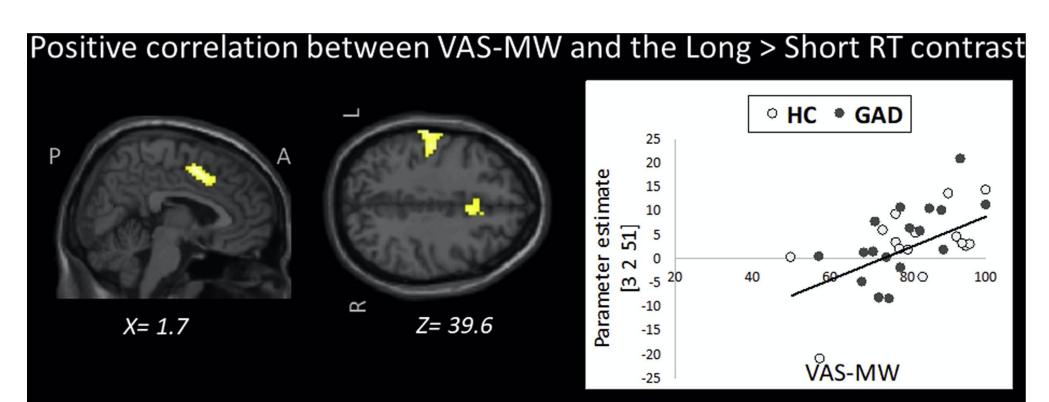
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### Affective distraction



Pupllometry HRV anxiety Induction

Network connectivity



# Affective priming

1 Subliminal word presentation 'ANGER' or 'RELAX' (Hull et al., 2002)

2 Letter string > word / non-word judgement

Reaction times

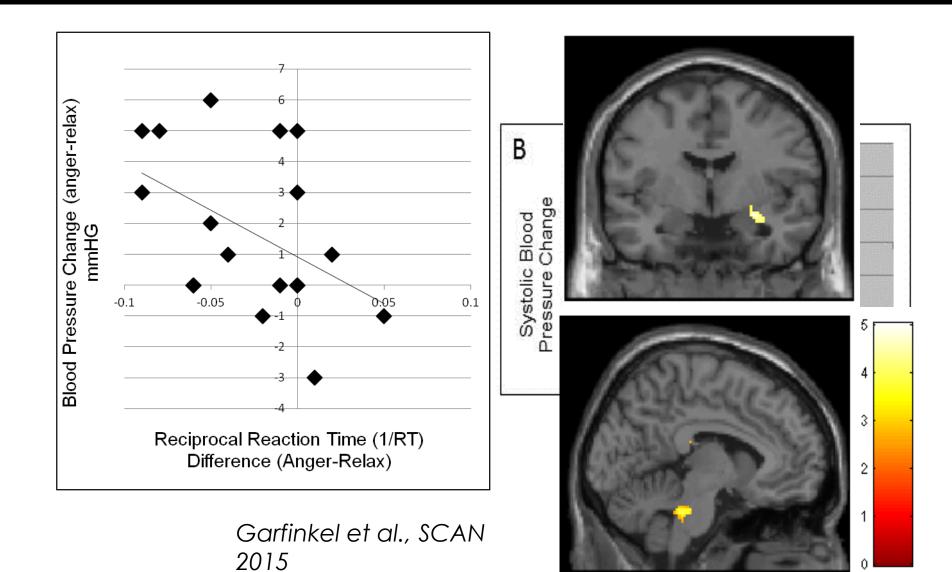
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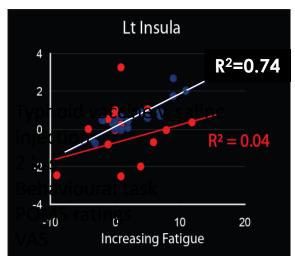
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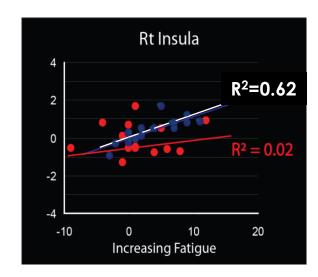


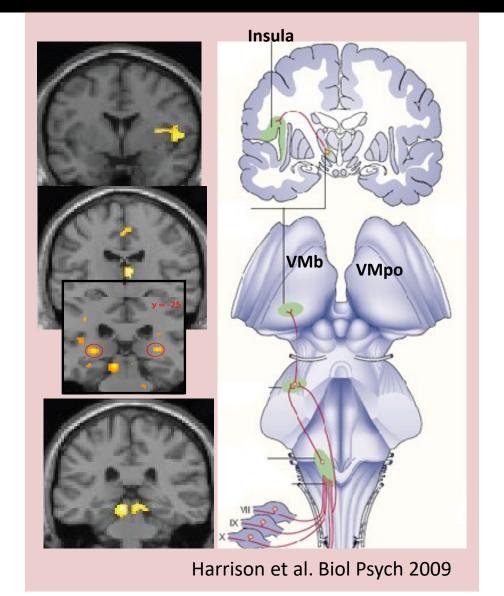


# Inflammatory feelings







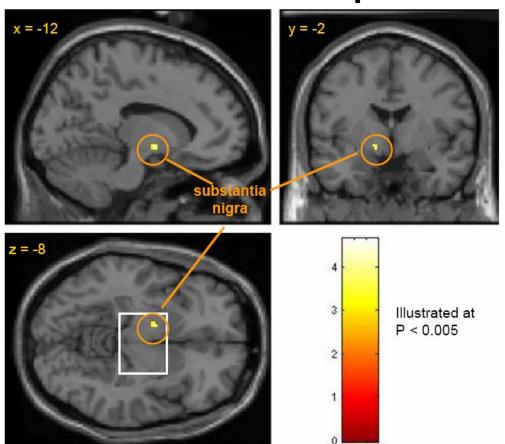


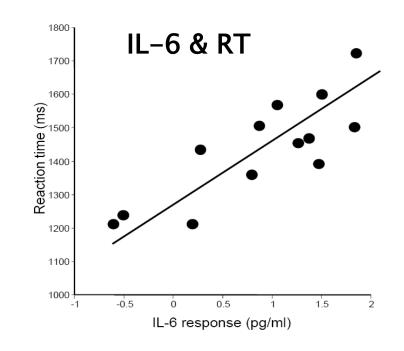




# Inflammation and response

# Typhoid vaccination Correlations with response time

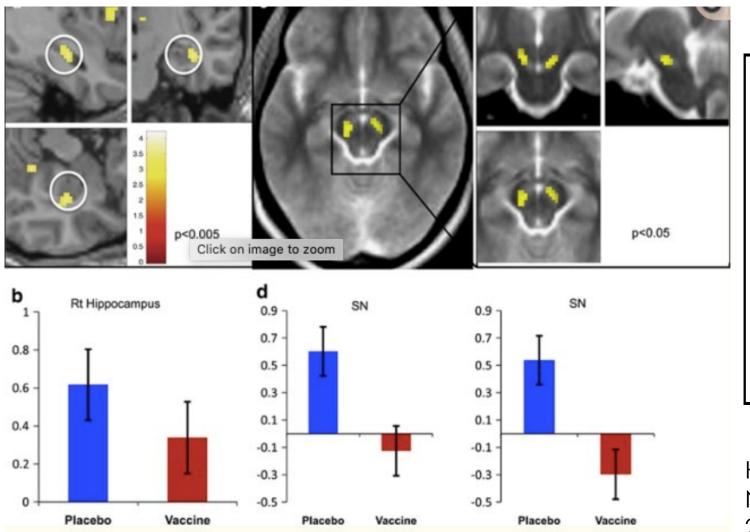


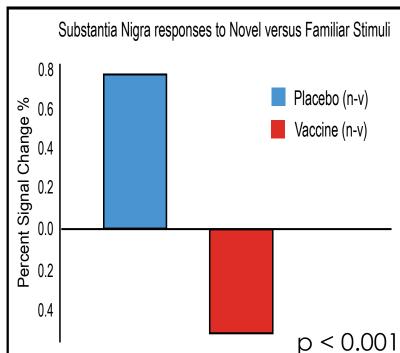


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blue yellow red green



### Inflammation and response





Harrison et al. Neuropsychopharmacology Sleep Research 2015





### Fatigue as value of rest

<u>The temporal dynamics of opportunity costs: A normative account of cognitive fatigue and boredom.</u> Agrawal M, Mattar MG, Cohen JD, Daw ND. Psychol Rev. 2021 Aug 12. doi: 10.1037/rev0000309.

#### **Fatigue**

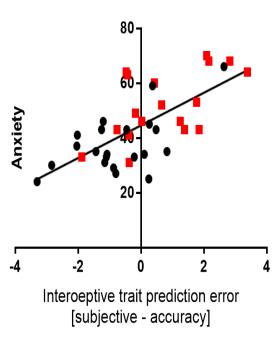
- Not consumption and diminution of resources
- Value of offline internal computation of values for future benefit
- (cf boredom value of changing external behavior to gather more information)
- Explore / exploit
- Delay for 'active rest' to produce more accurate evaluations (e.g. hippocampal replay)

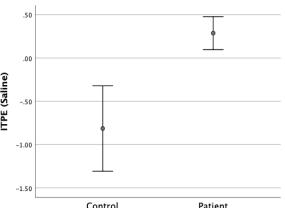
Model can be applied to allostatic interoceptive control
Inflammation and hippocampus
Replay can be rumination
Unconscious rumination and non-restful sleep (e.g. Broschott)





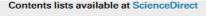
# Interoceptive trait prediction errors





Dimensional level	Nature
Executive	Behavioural
Metacognitive	Correspondence between subjective self-report and objective performance accuracy
Sensibility	Subjective self-report
Accuracy	Objective behavioural performance score
Preconscious impact on other processes	Behavioural, neural
Afferent signal	Neural

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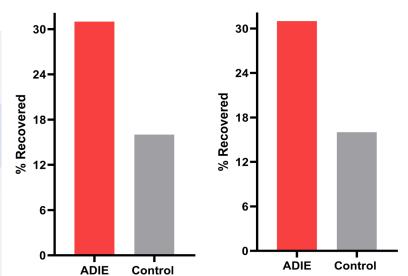


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### Further work

- Fatigue
- Dysautonomia
- Joint hypermobility
- Fibromyalgia
- Inflammation
- Anxiety
- Neurodevelopmental disorders
- Dissociative symptoms
- FND
- MS
- Long COVID





