

# NIRS and fNIRS in clinical settings and clinical research

## What expectations ?

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# Many fields!

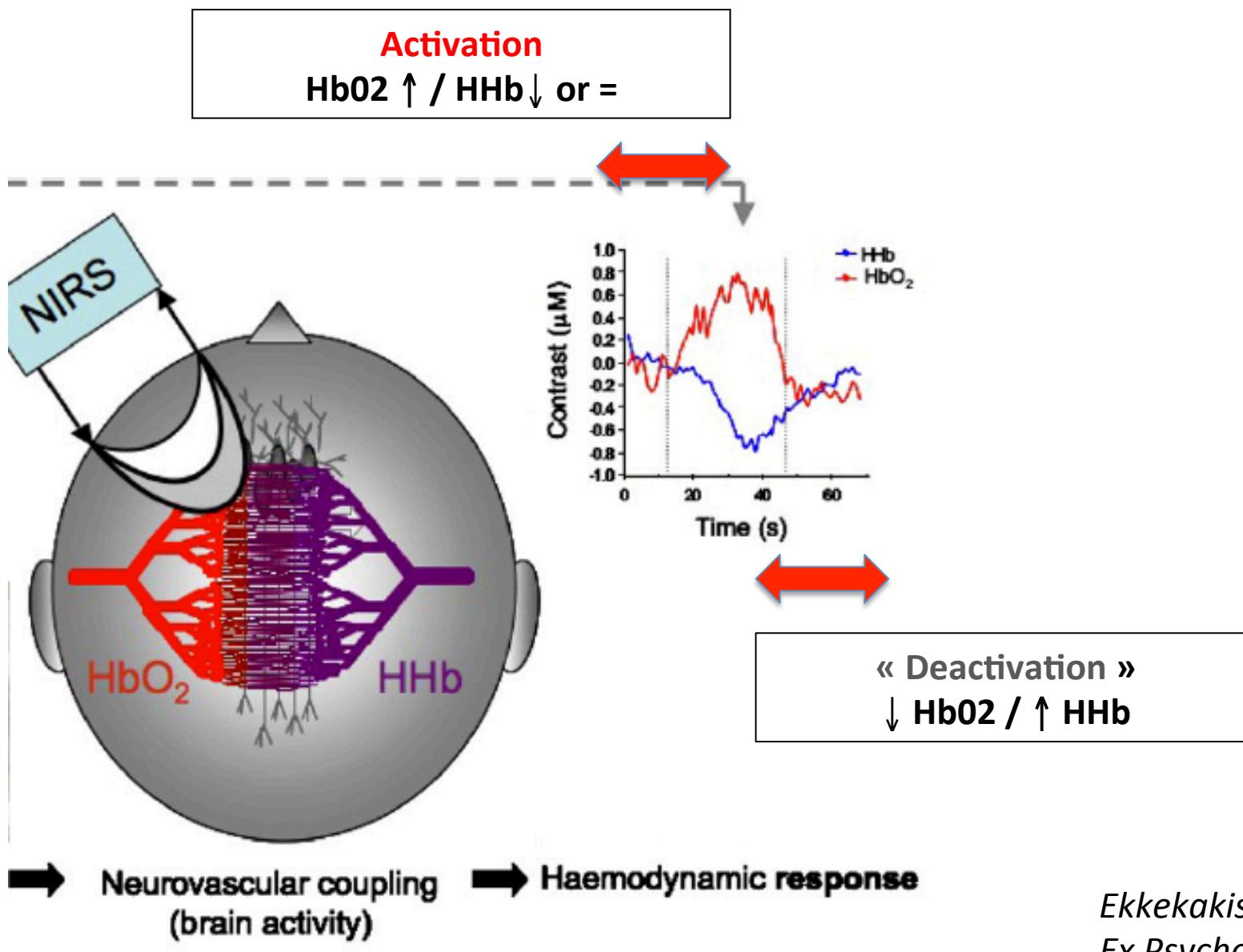
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- **Cerebral applications**
  - Screening for subtle cognitive impairments
  - Assessing double tasks ability and attentionnal state
  - Understanding brain – muscle « dialogue »
    - Central part of exercise intolerance
    - positive effects of exercise on cognitive functions
    - Interaction physical – mental fatigue
    - Identifying neuroplasticity induced by rehabilitation
- **Muscular and vascular applications**
  - Assessing microcirculation disorders in patients with Cvasc risk factors
  - Assessing muscle metabolism
    - Determining ventilatory threshold
    - Improvements after an exercise training program
    - During eccentric exercise → improving its prescription
  - Assessing prognosis in amputees

# Are all these expectations achievable?

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# NIRS at the brain level



# 1 - Early screening for subtle cognitive impairments ?

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- At rest
- During cognitive tasks
- In ecological conditions

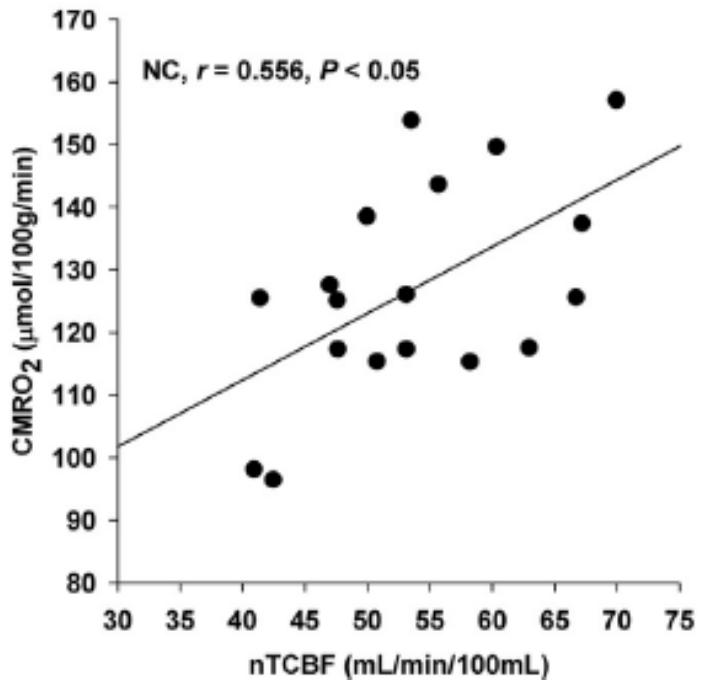


# Global brain hypoperfusion and oxygenation in amnestic mild cognitive impairment

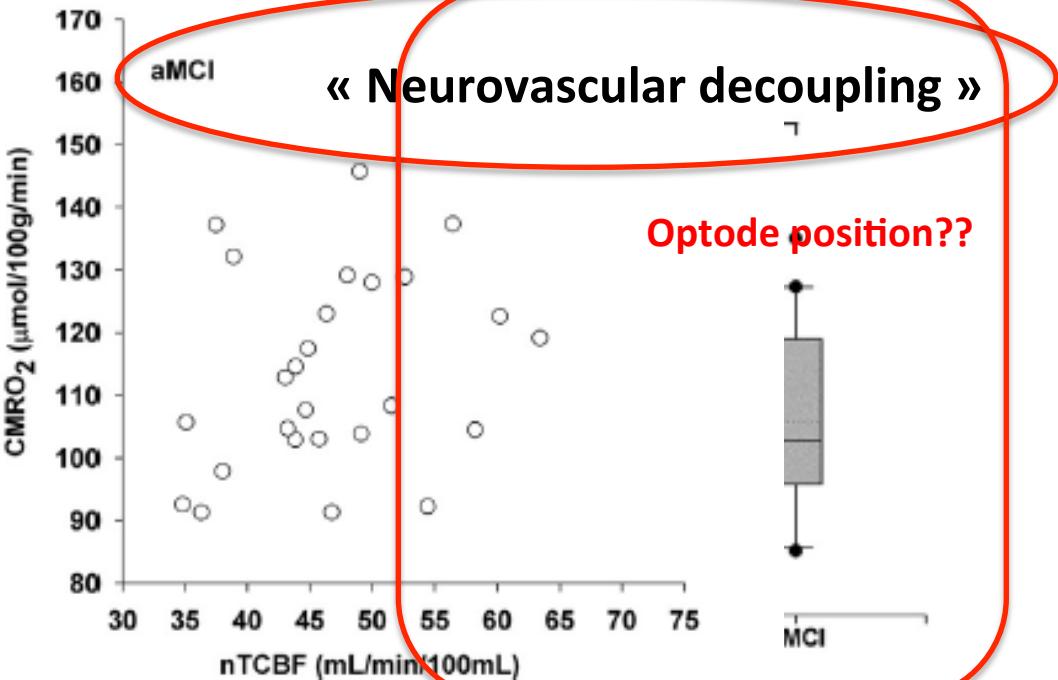
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- Color-coded duplex ultrasonography: Total Cerebral Blood flow
- Spatially resolved NIRS: TOI ( $O_2Hb/tHb$ ) + CMRO<sub>2</sub> calculation

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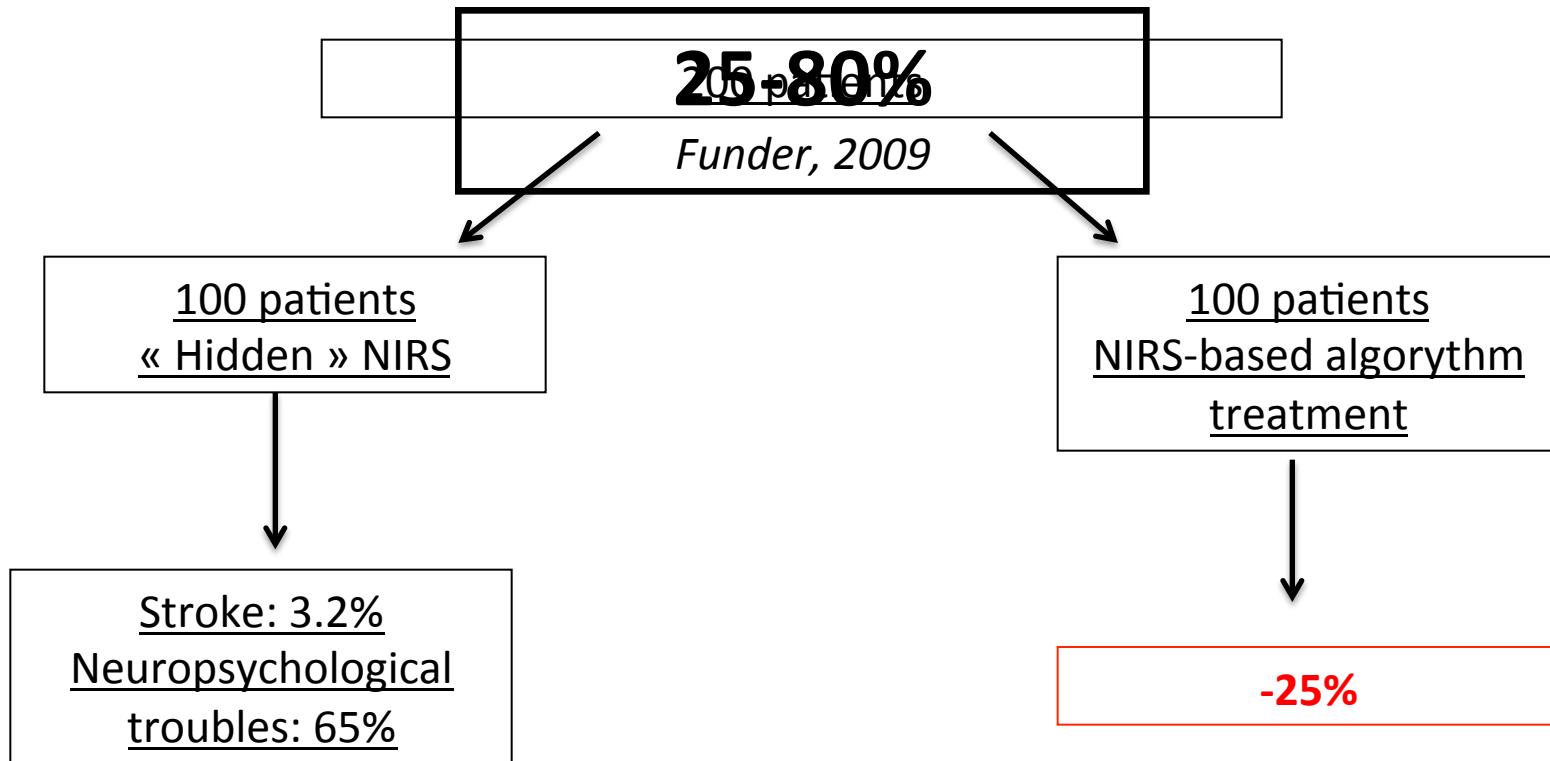


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# A tool to decrease post-operative neurological and cognitive troubles during coronary artery bypass with extracorporeal circulation?

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# **1 - Early screening for subtle cognitive impairments ?**

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- At rest
- During cognitive tasks :  
understanding (and preventing?) age-related cognitive decline
- In ecological conditions

# A fNIRS investigation of switching and inhibition during the modified Stroop task in younger and older adults

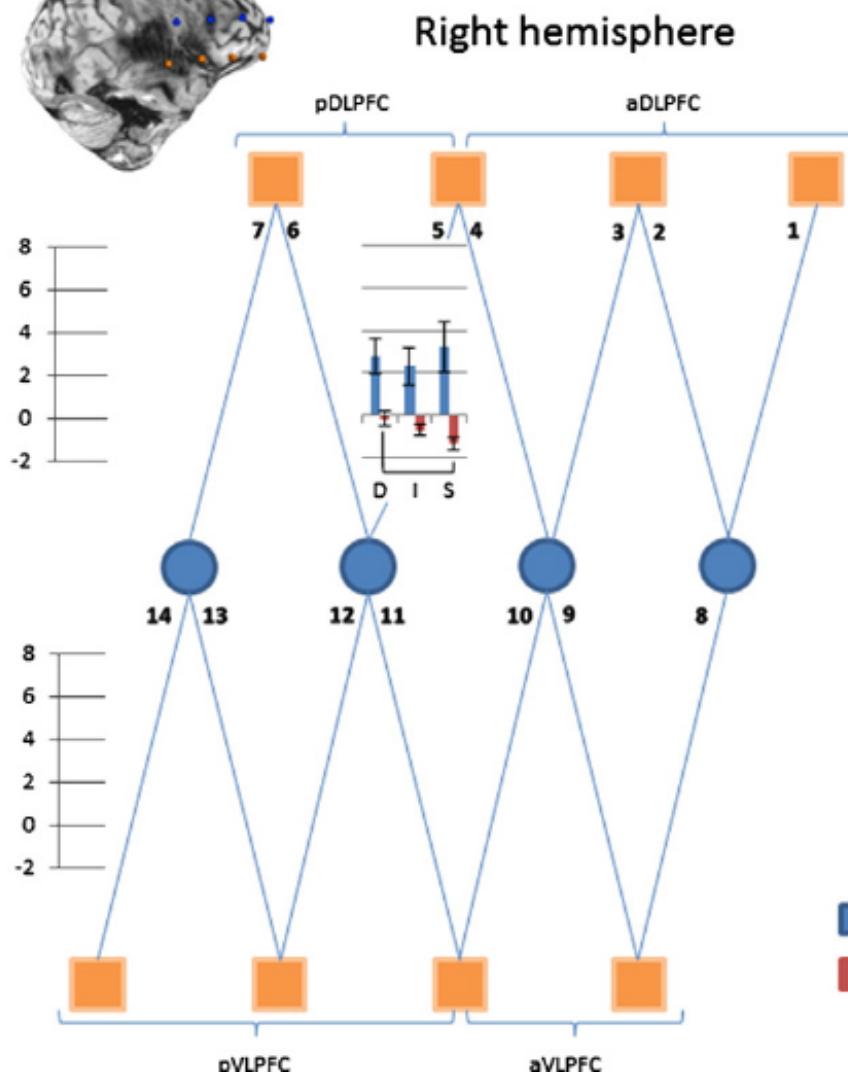
NeuroImage 64 (2013) 485–495

Maude Laguë-Beauvais <sup>a,b</sup>, Julie Brunet <sup>b,c</sup>, Louis Gagnon <sup>d</sup>, Frédéric Lesage <sup>e</sup>, Louis Bherer <sup>a,b,\*</sup>

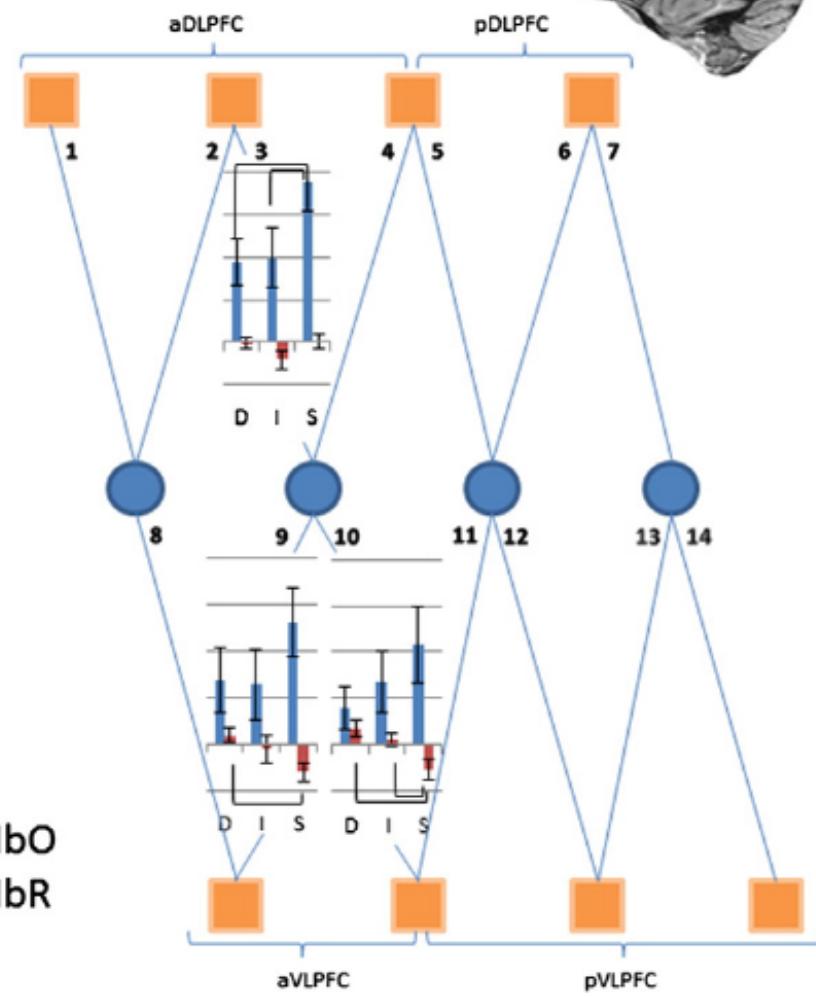
## Switching Definition

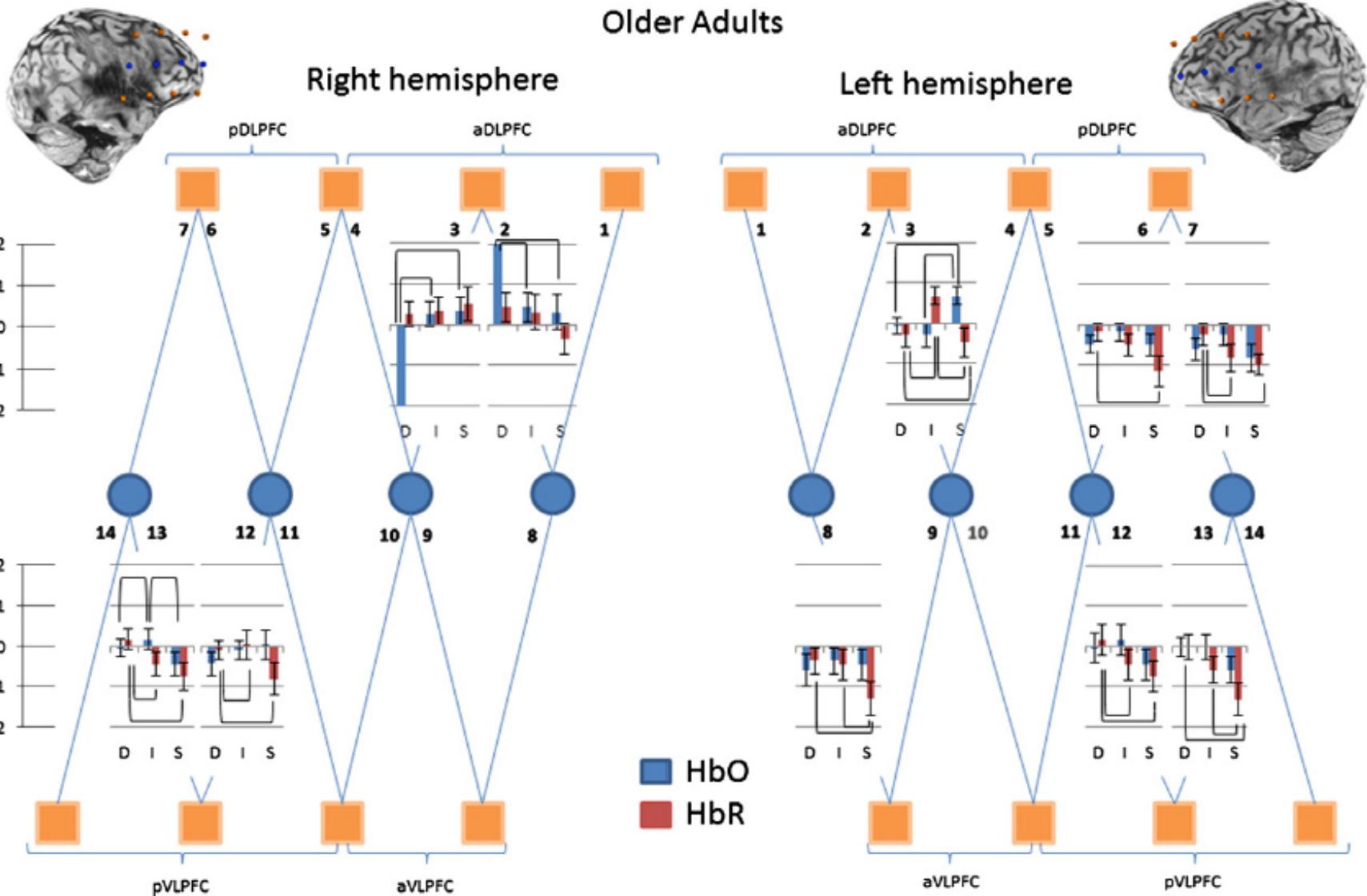
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## Younger Adults



## Left hemisphere





- Inhibition and switching are associated with different patterns of pre-frontal activation
- Age-related difference in these patterns: prefrontal activation more spread out in older

→ **Multimodal cognitive stimulation++**

# **1 - Early screening for subtle cognitive impairments ?**

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- At rest
- During cognitive tasks
- In more ecological conditions : double task

# Perspectives

Clinical Interventions in Aging

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ORIGINAL RESEARCH

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A Berthoz<sup>5</sup>

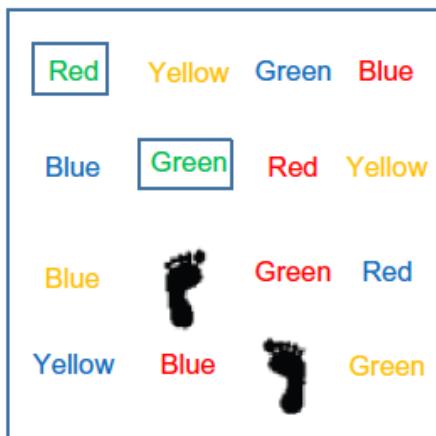
## Walking Stroop carpet: an innovative dual-task concept for detecting cognitive impairment

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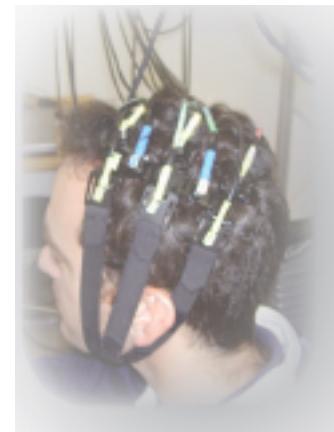
Finishing position



GaitRite system



Starting position



**Conclusion:** The Walking Stroop carpet is a dual-task test that enables early detection of cognitive fragility that has not been revealed by traditional neuropsychological tests or single-task walking analysis.

## 2 – Assessing double task ability

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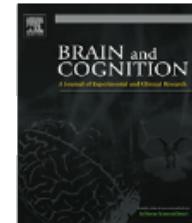
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Low exercise capacity in elderly, chronic heart failure, chronic diseases...

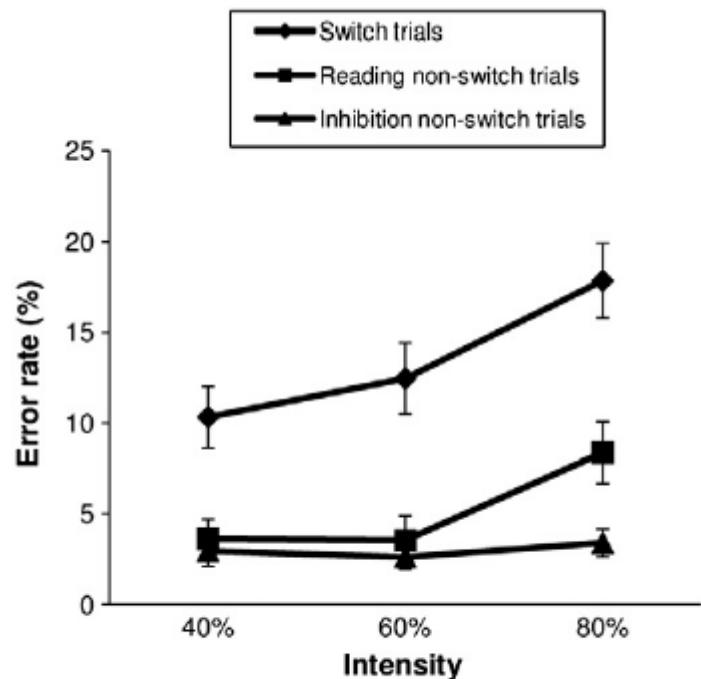
→ **risk of falls**

# Decline in executive control during acute bouts of exercise as a function of exercise intensity and fitness level

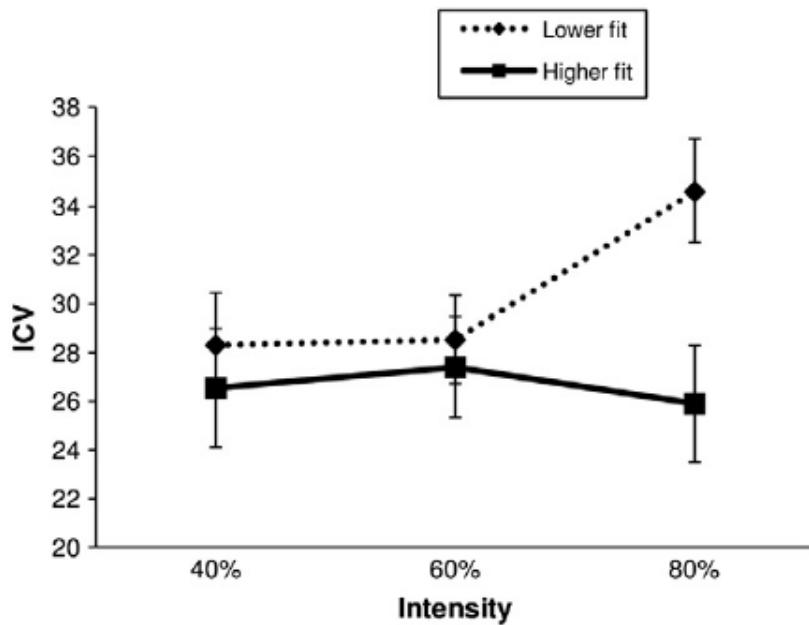
Brain and Cognition 81 (2013) 10–17



Véronique Labelle<sup>a,b</sup>, Laurent Bosquet<sup>c,d,1</sup>, Saïd Mekary<sup>b,c</sup>, Louis Bherer<sup>a,b,\*</sup>



**Fig. 1.** Mean error rate as a function of exercise intensity in the switching, reading non-switch trials and inhibition non-switch trials of the switching condition.

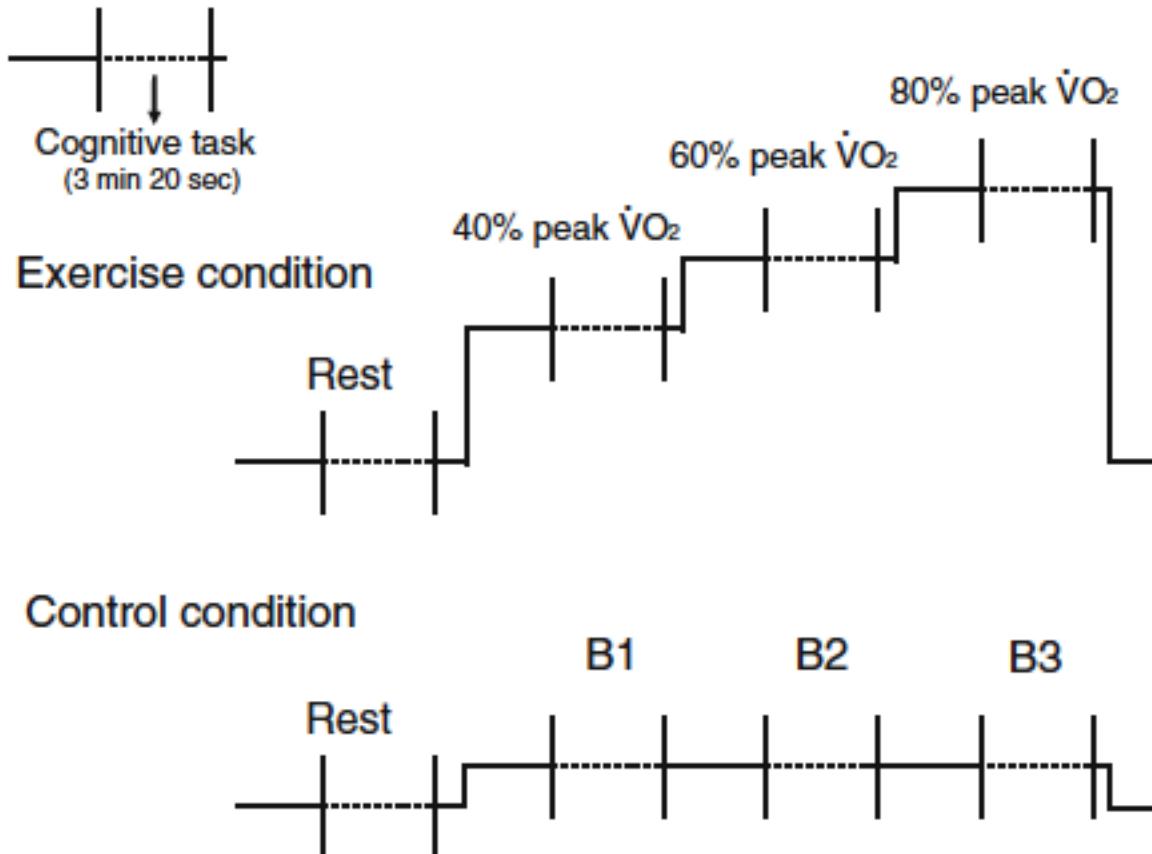


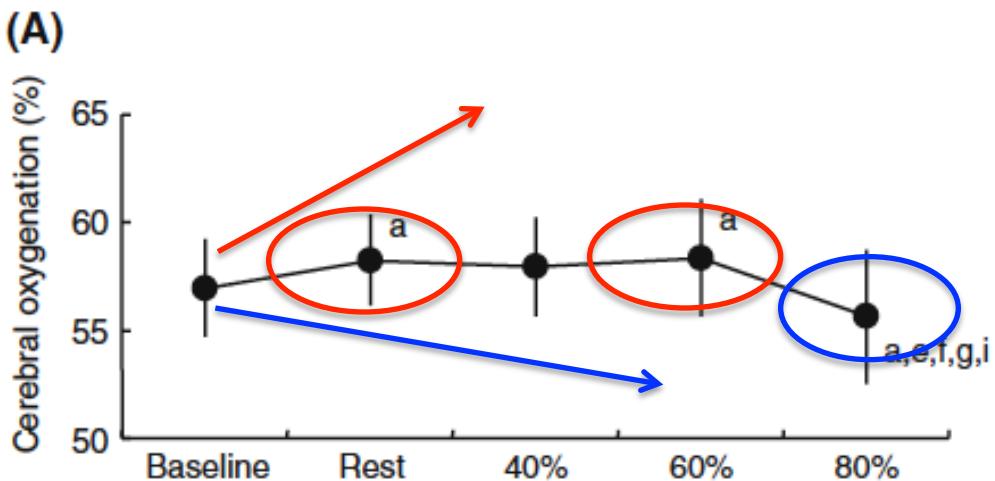
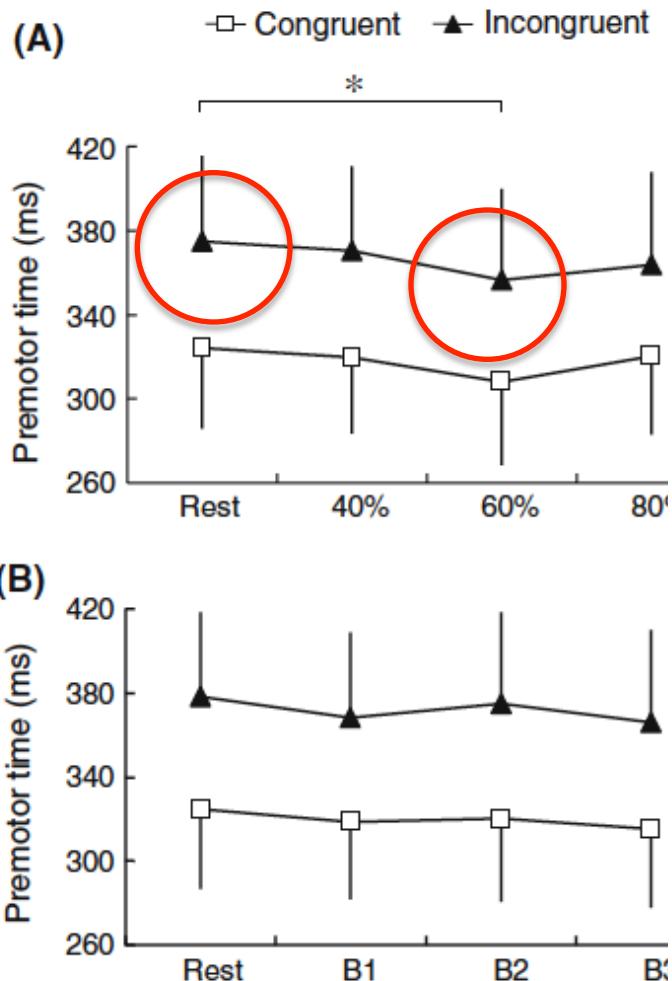
**Fig. 2.** Mean coefficient of variability (ICV) in the inhibition non-switch trials of the switching condition as a function of exercise intensity in lower and higher fit participants.

# Does cerebral oxygenation affect cognitive function during exercise?

Soichi Ando · Masahiro Kokubu · Yosuke Yamada ·  
Misaka Kimura

Eur J Appl Physiol (2011) 111:1973–1982





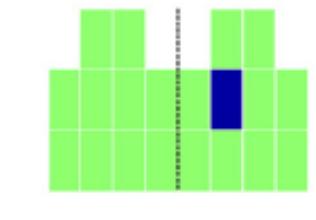
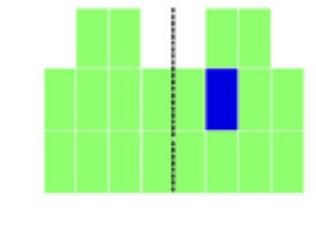
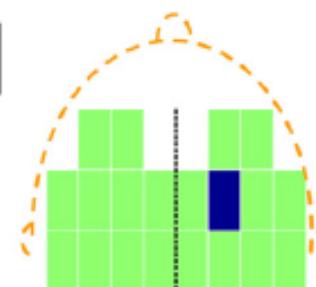
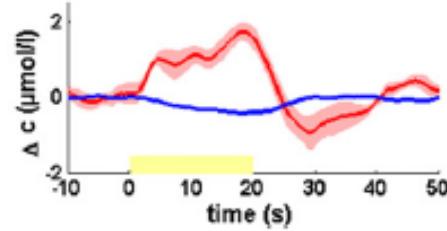
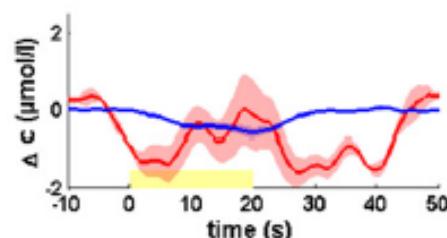
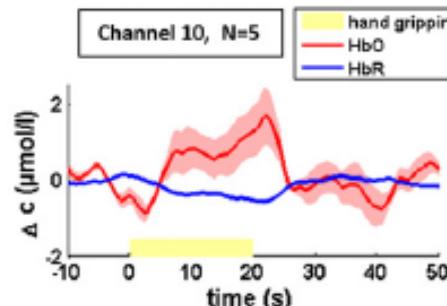
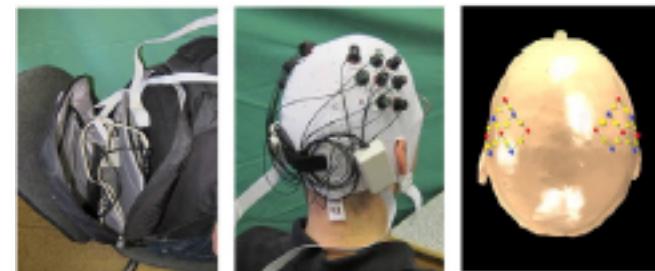
**Fig. 2** The premotor time in the exercise (a) and control conditions. Filled triangles represent incongruent trials. Open

# A wearable multi-channel fNIRS system for brain imaging in freely moving subjects

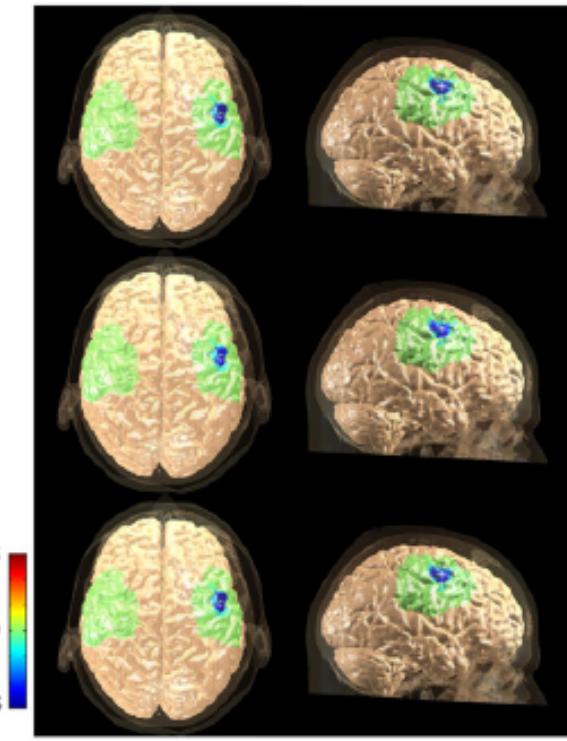
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Sophie K. Piper <sup>a,\*</sup>, Arne Krueger <sup>a</sup>, Stefan P. Koch <sup>a</sup>, Jan Mehnert <sup>a,b</sup>, Christina Habermehl <sup>a</sup>, Jens Steinbrink <sup>a,b</sup>, Hellmuth Obrig <sup>c,d</sup>, Christoph H. Schmitz <sup>a,e,1</sup>

- 8 Subjects: left Hangrip while
  - Cycling outdoor
  - Cycling indoor
  - Sitting



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# Perspectives

**« Stop talking when walking » test**

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# Perspectives

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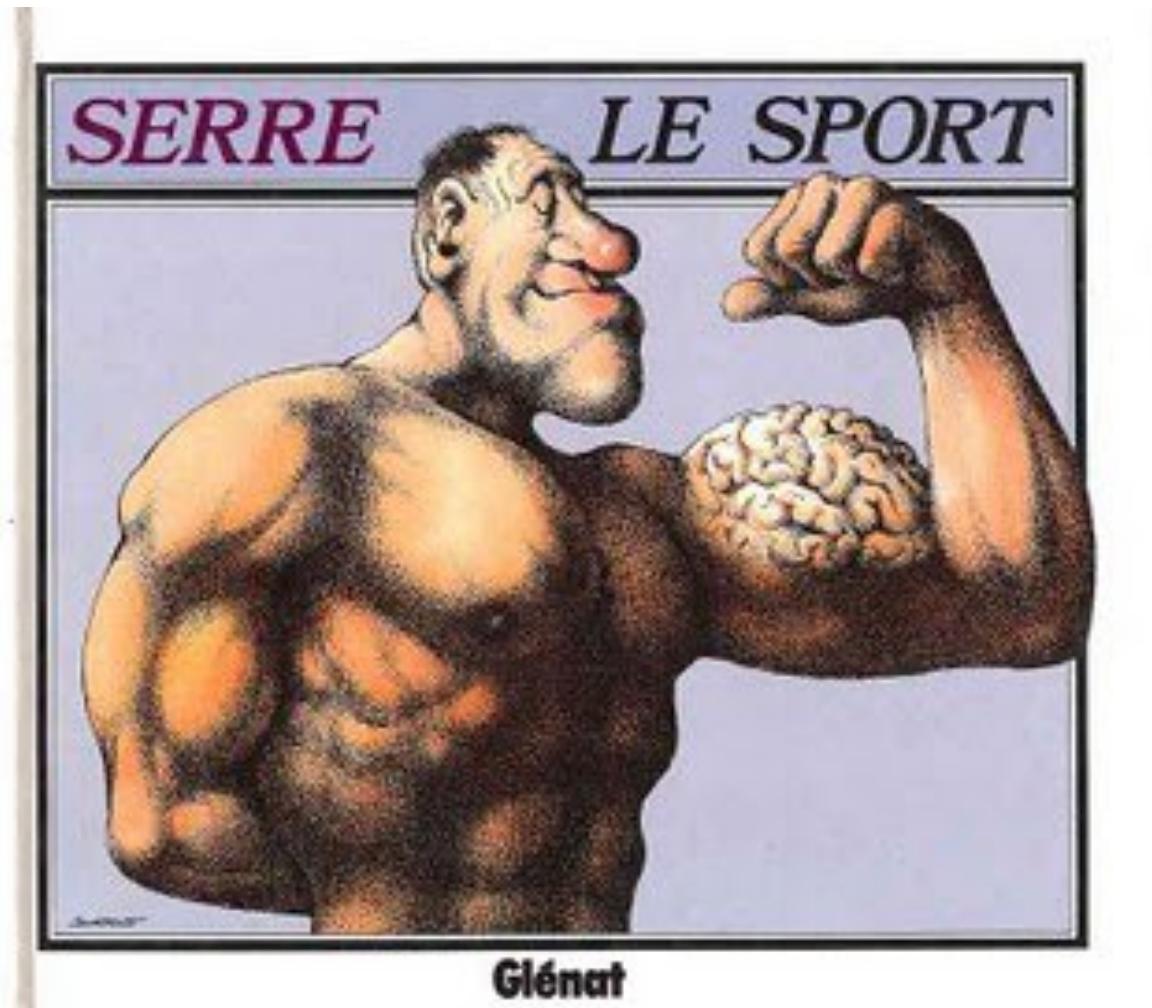


## Towards a Near Infrared Spectroscopy-Based Estimation of Operator Attentional State

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### 3- Understanding brain-muscle dialogue

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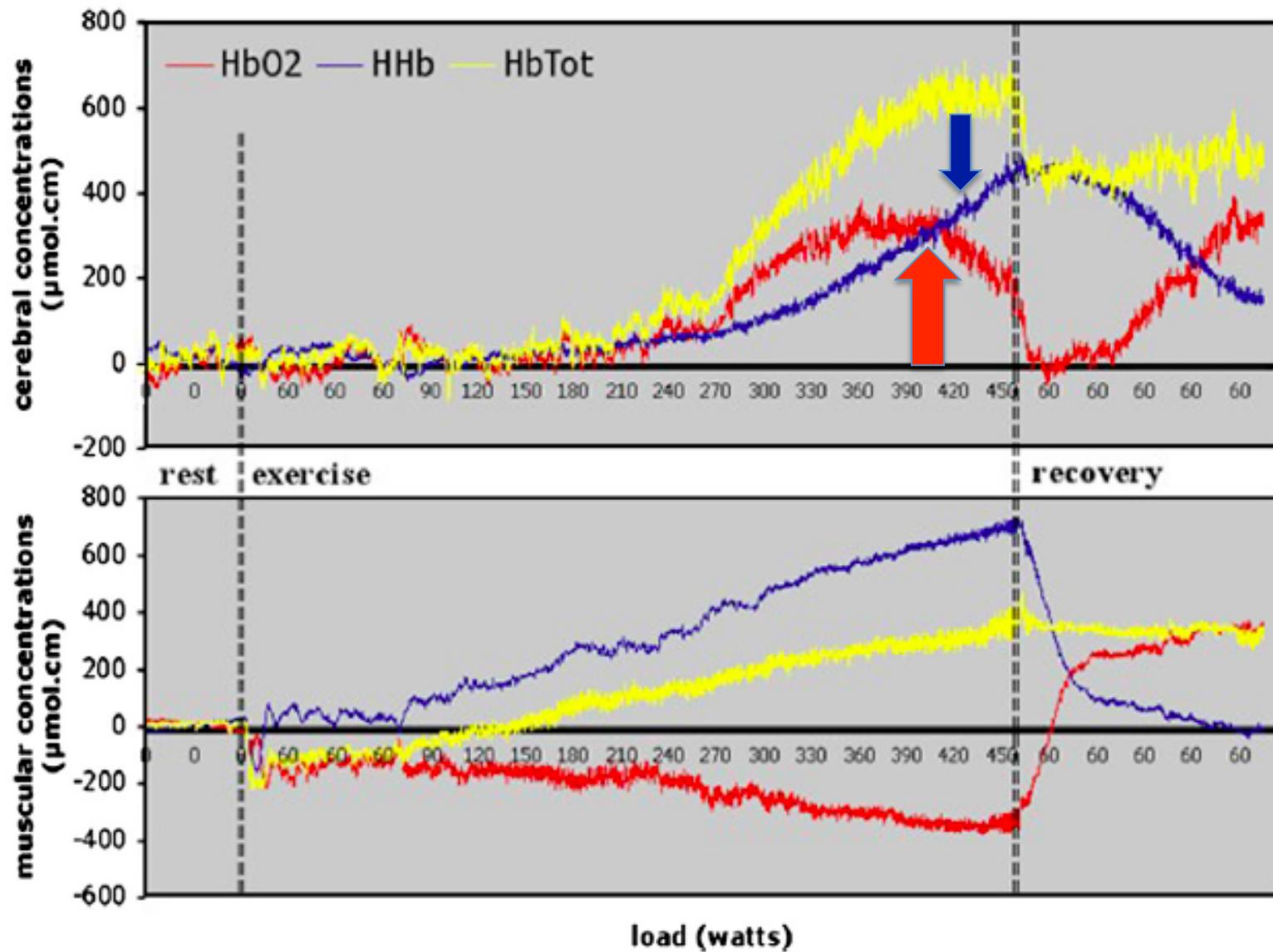
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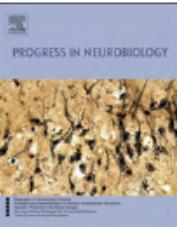
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# Non-invasive NIR spectroscopy of human brain function during exercise

Stéphane Perrey \* Methods 45 (2008) 289–299



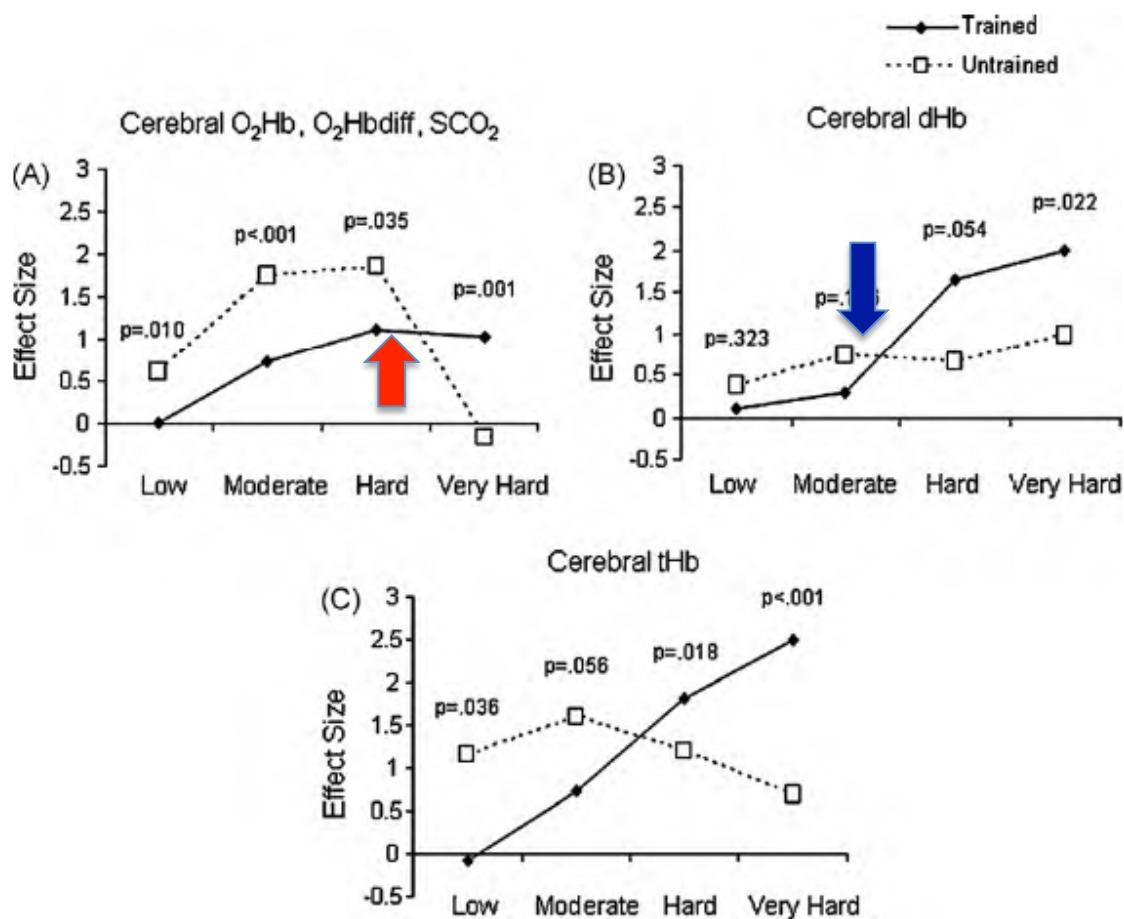
# Effects of incremental exercise on cerebral oxygenation measured by near-infrared spectroscopy: A systematic review



Cherie R. Rooks, Nathaniel J. Thom, Kevin K. McCully, Rod K. Dishman \*

Department of Kinesiology, University of Georgia, 330 River Road, Athens, GA 30602-6554, United States

Progress in Neurobiology 92 (2010) 134–150

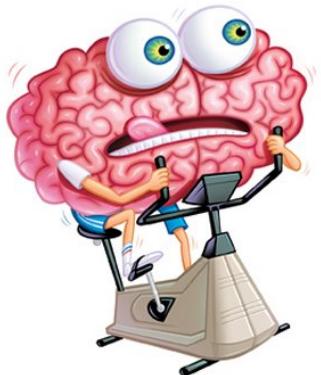


**Fig. 5.** Effects of exercise on (A) cerebral O<sub>2</sub>Hb, O<sub>2</sub>Hbdiff, SCO<sub>2</sub>, (B) dHb, and (C) blood volume (tHb) at low, moderate, hard, and very hard intensities in aerobically trained and untrained individuals.

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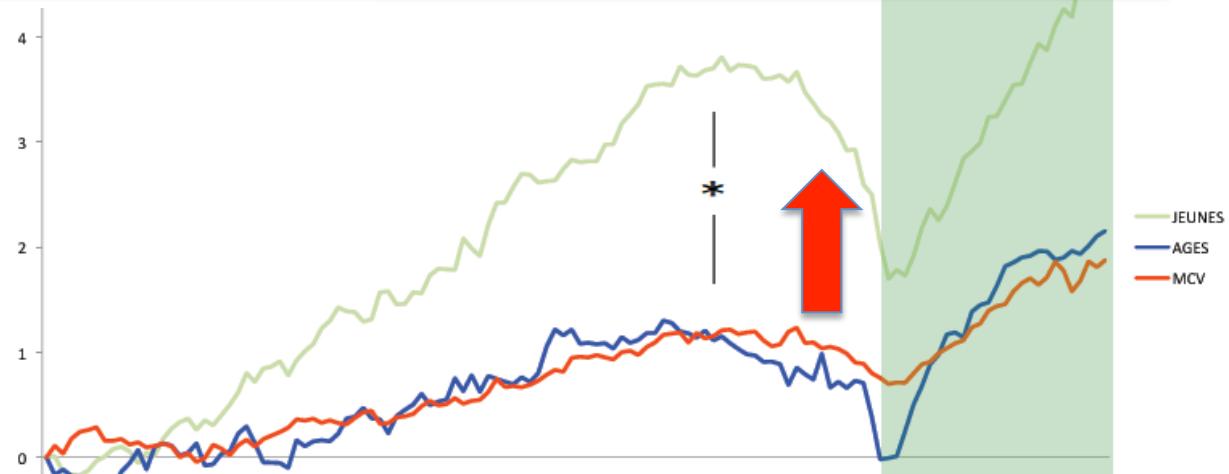


# Cerebral oxygenation, exercise capacity, cardiac output, and cognitive performance in patients with coronary heart disease

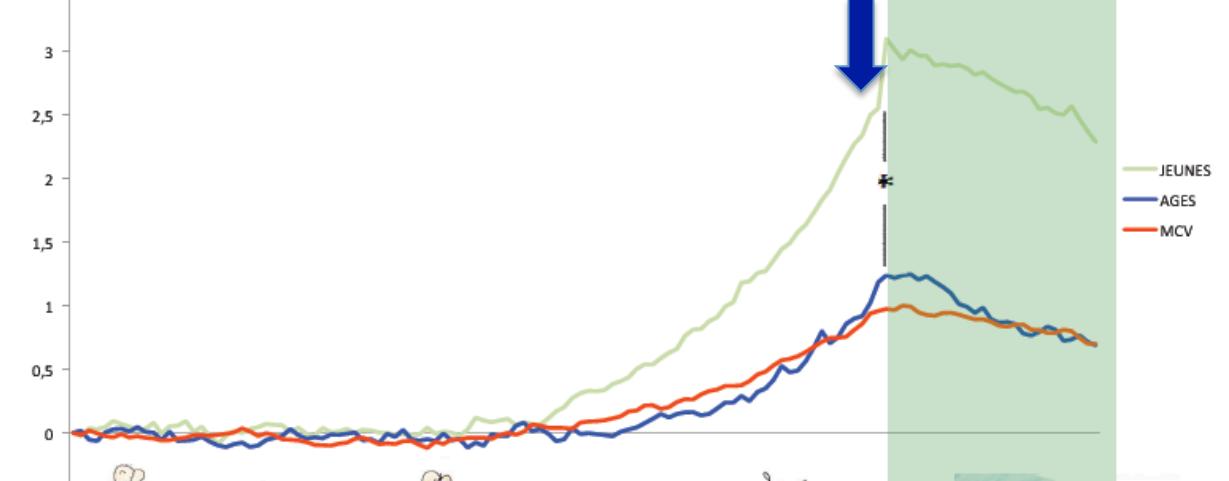
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O<sub>2</sub>Hb



HHb



Left PFC NIRS during incremental exercise



EFFORT

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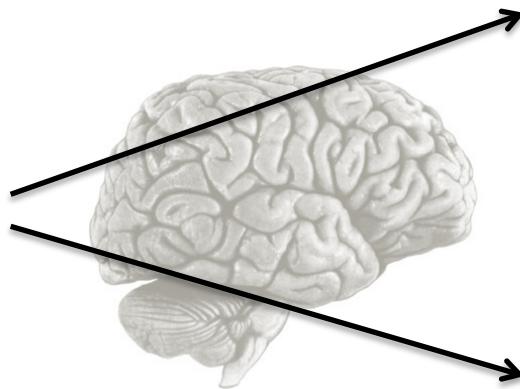
# Cognitive performance at rest and Left PFC NIRS during exercise in coronary artery disease patients

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21 CAD patients

TMTB Percentile



<50<sup>e</sup> = 12. (69,8 years)

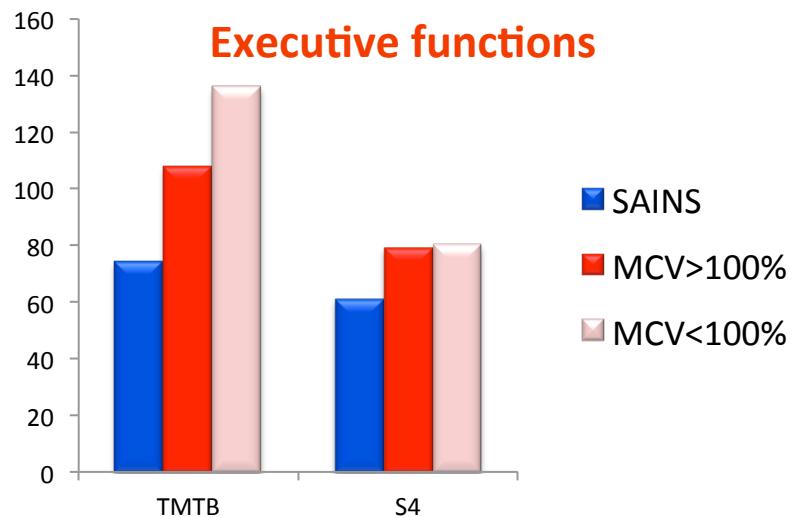
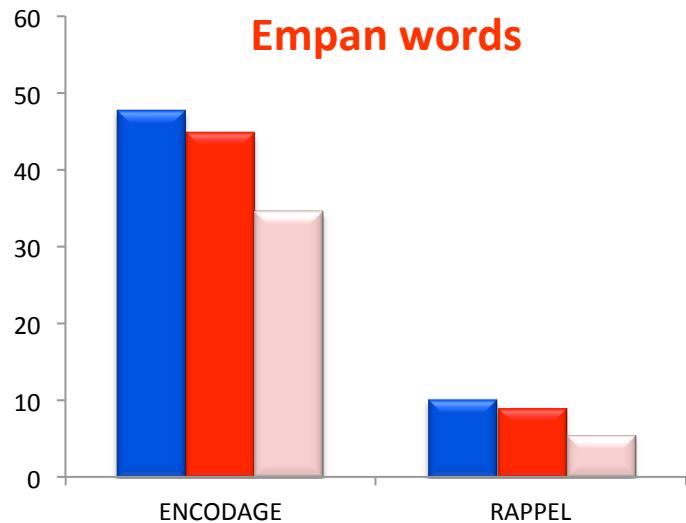
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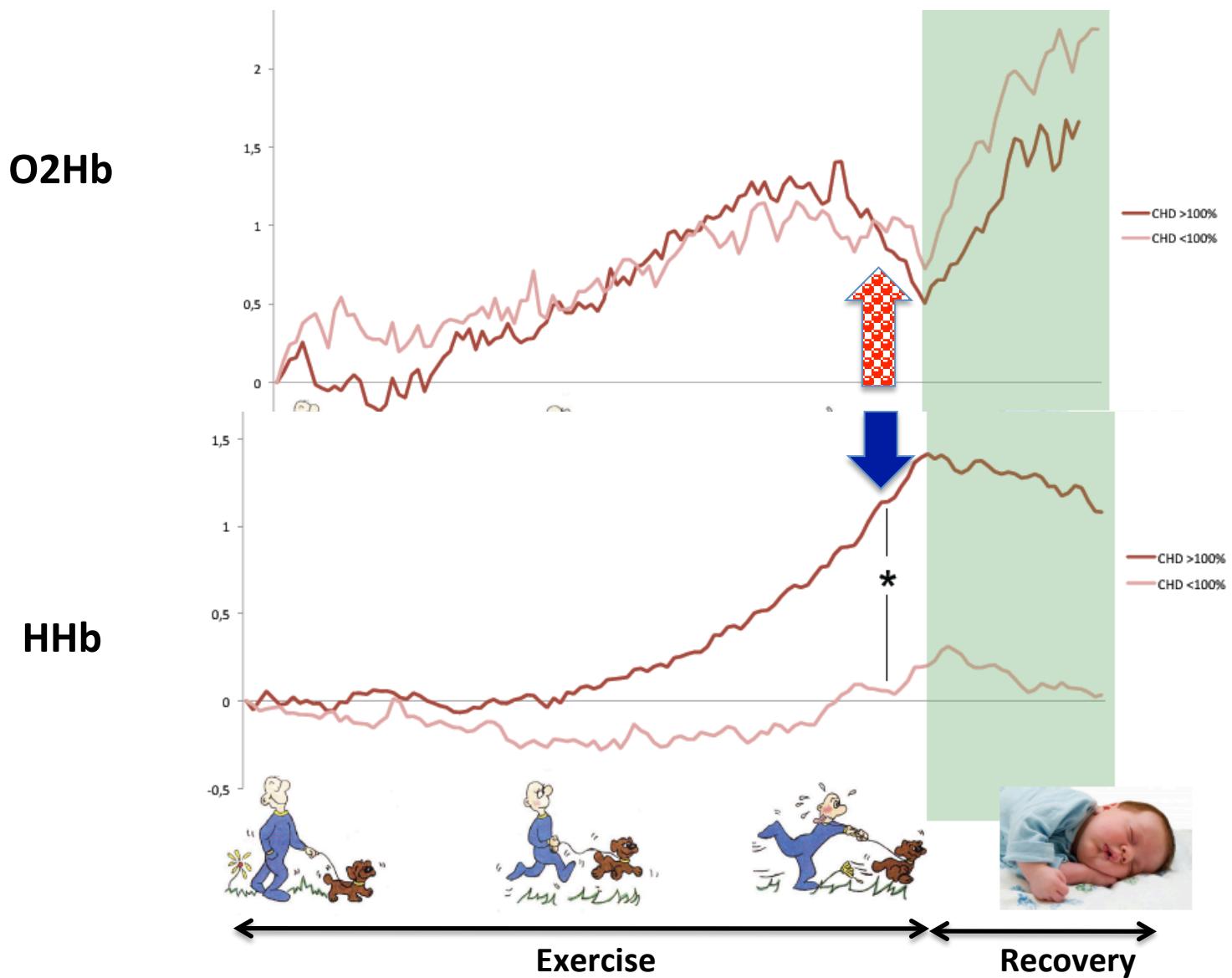
>50<sup>e</sup> = 9 (72,4 years)

# Cognitive performance, Fitness and Left PFC NIRS during exercise,

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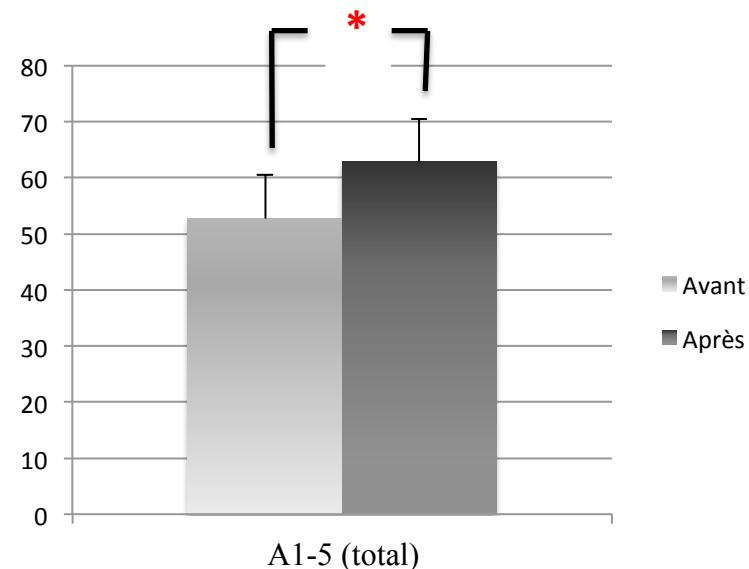
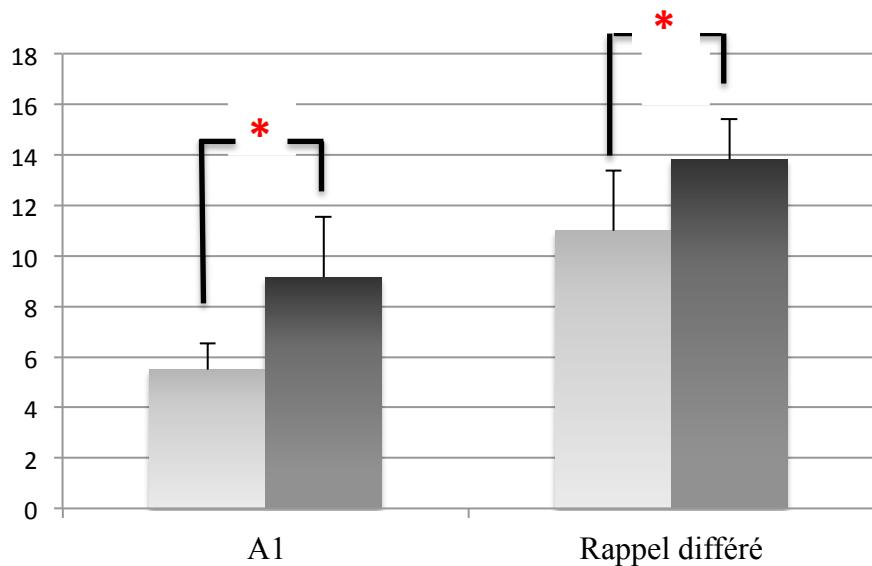
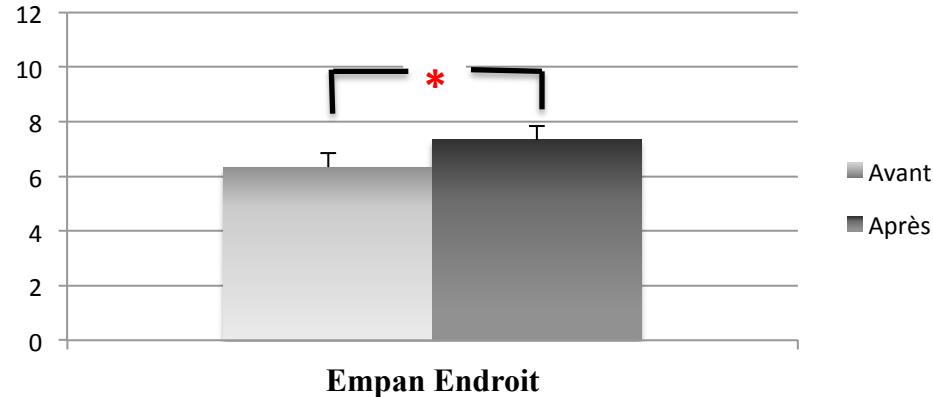
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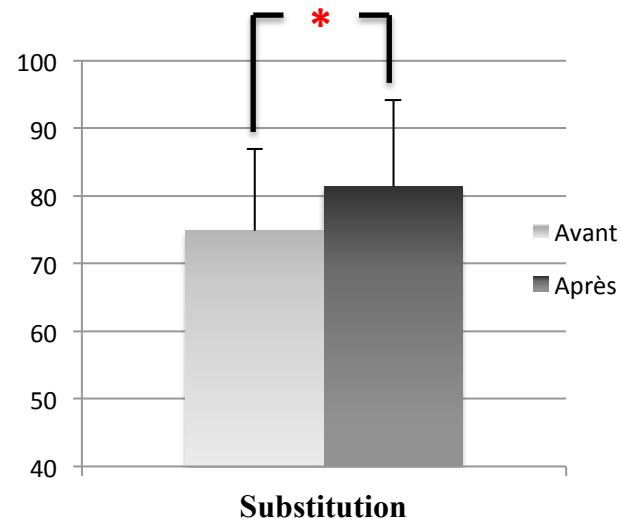
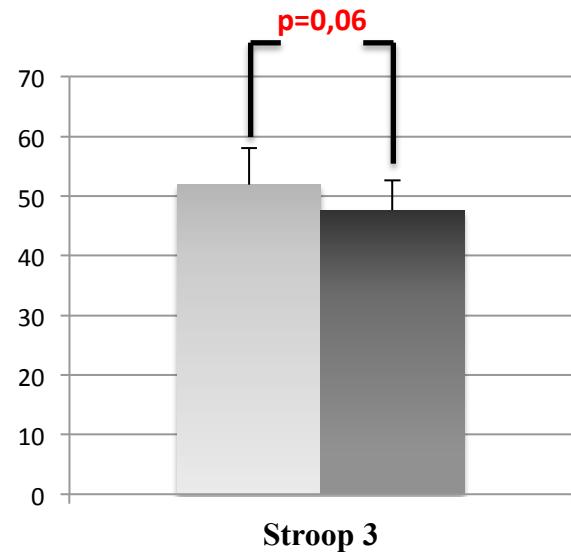
# Effects of interval training on cognitive function and cerebral oxygenation in obese patients: a pilot study

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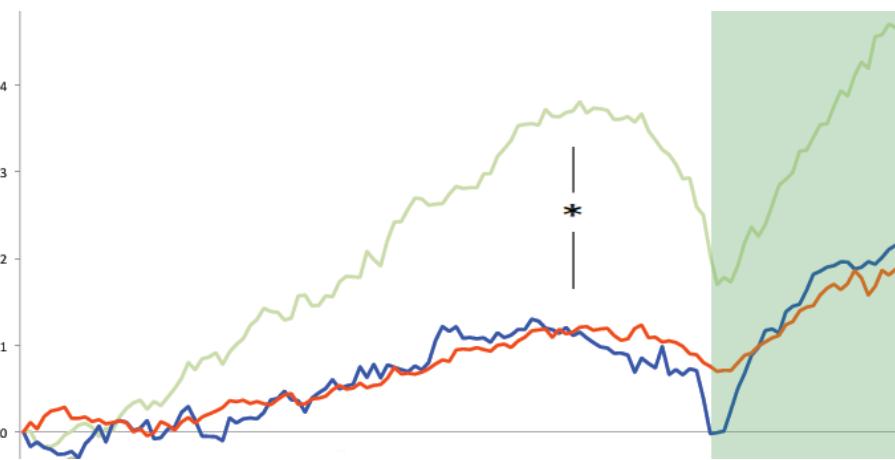
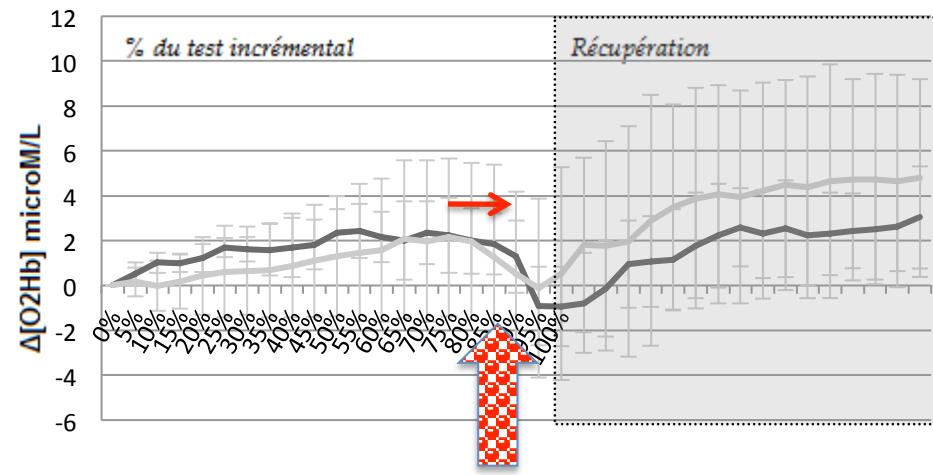


- Executive functions

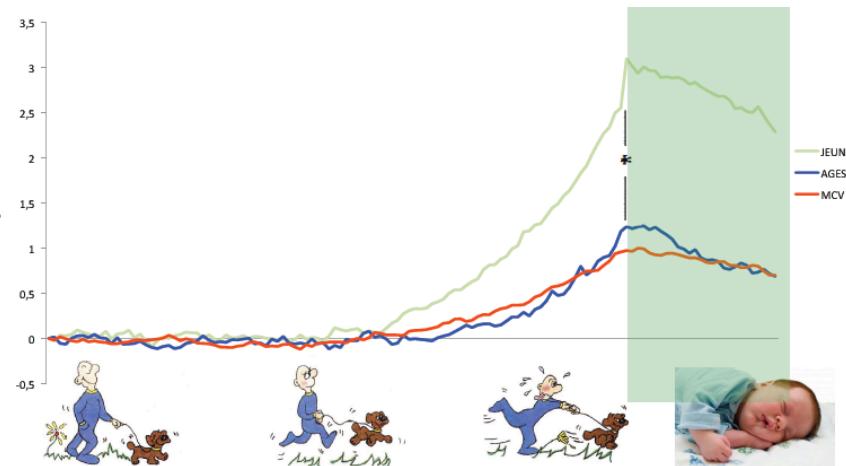
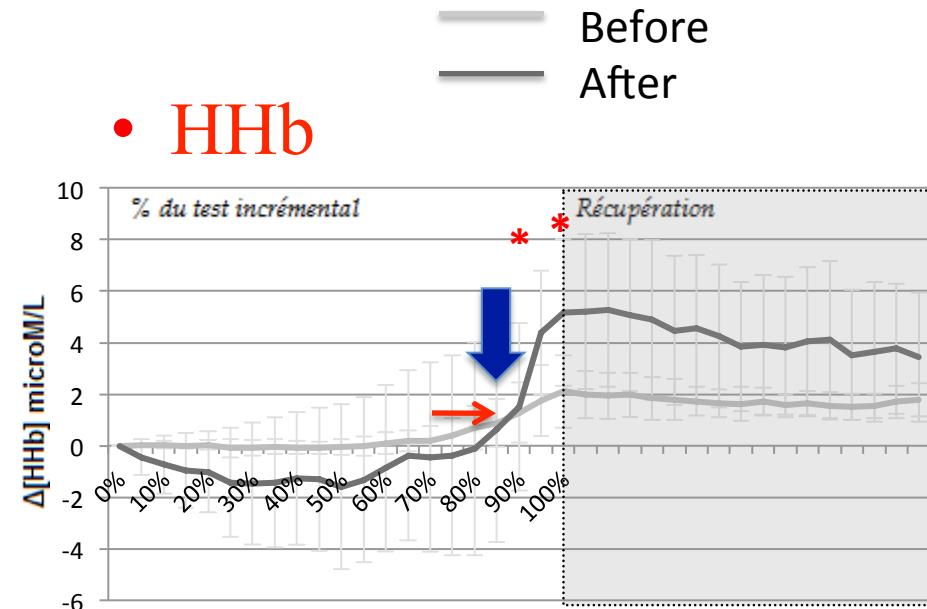


# NIRS at the brain level during incremental exercise

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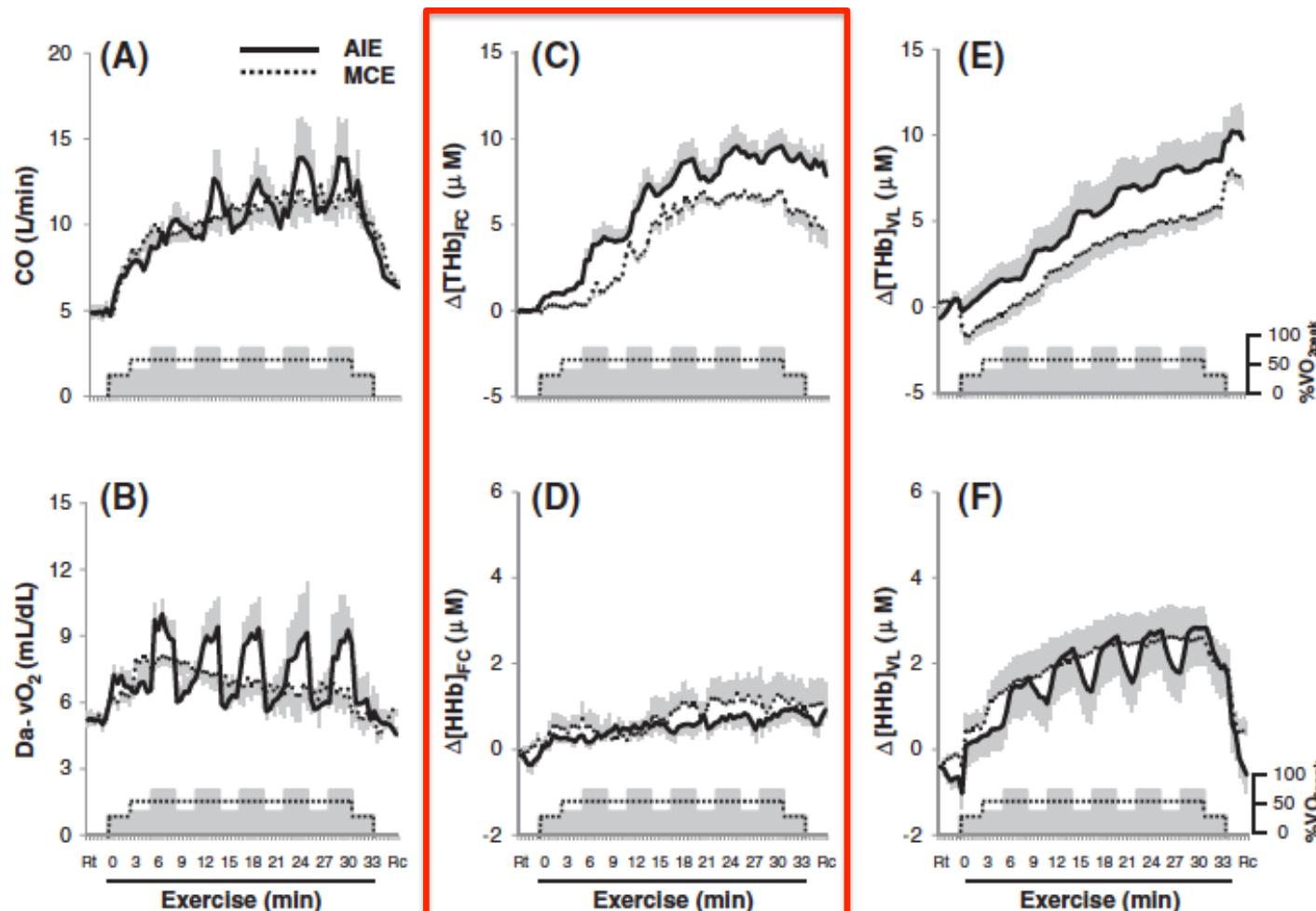
- HHb



# Aerobic interval training improves oxygen uptake efficiency by enhancing cerebral and muscular hemodynamics in patients with heart failure

Tieh-cheng Fu <sup>a</sup>, Chao-Hung Wang <sup>b</sup>, Pay-Shin Lin <sup>c</sup>, Chih-Chin Hsu <sup>a</sup>, Wen-Jin Cherng <sup>b</sup>, Shu-Chun Huang <sup>c</sup>,  
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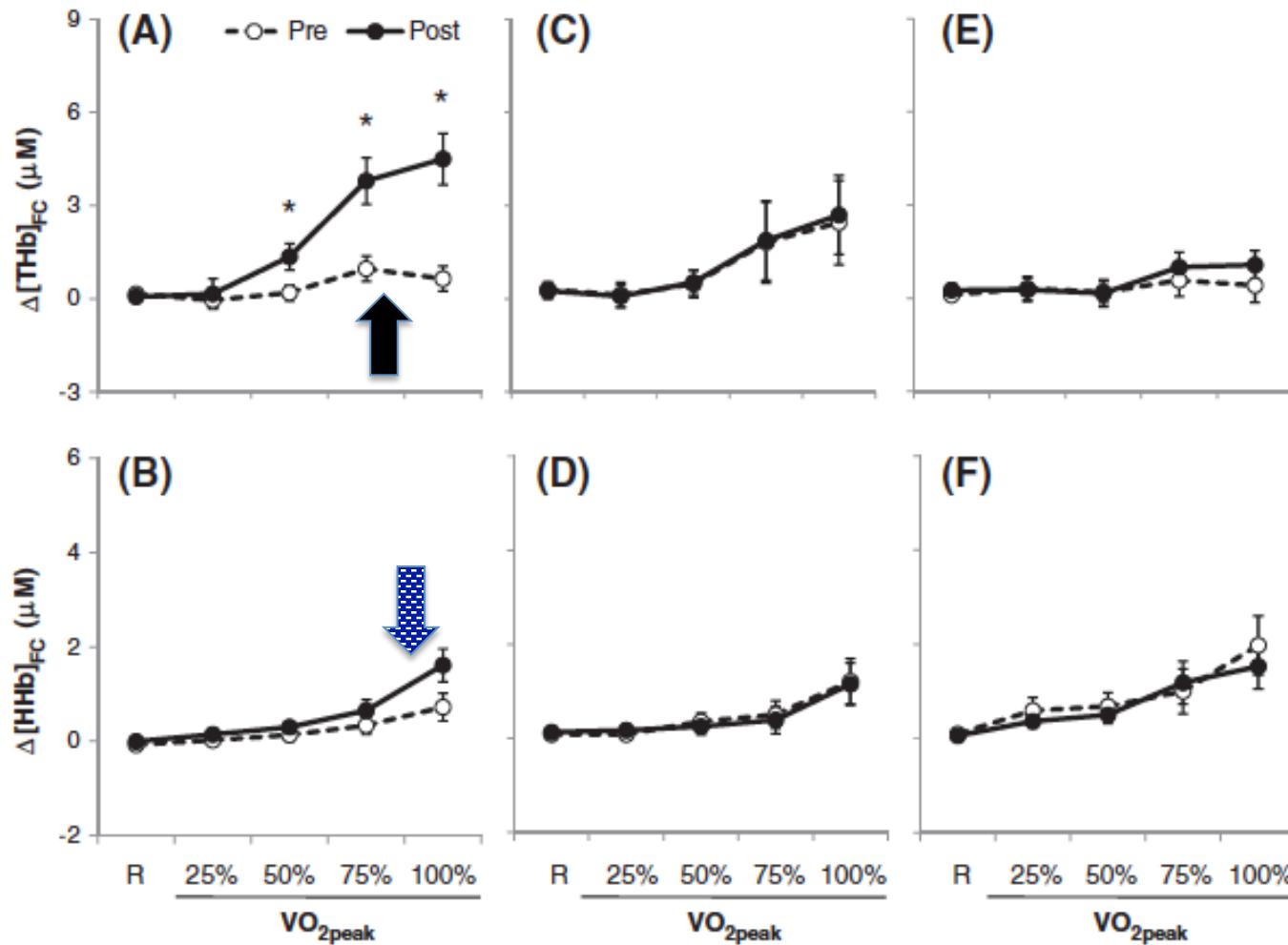


**Fig. 2.** Graphs show cardiac-cerebral-muscle hemodynamic responses to interval aerobic exercise (AIE) or moderate continuous exercise (MCE) in patients with heart failure ( $n=6$ ). CO, cardiac output (A); Da- $\text{vO}_2$ , arteriovenous  $\text{O}_2$  difference (B);  $\Delta[\text{THb}]_{\text{FC}}$ , perfusion in frontal cerebral lobe (C);  $\Delta[\text{HHb}]_{\text{FC}}$ ,  $\text{O}_2$  extraction in frontal cerebral lobe (D);  $\Delta[\text{THb}]_{\text{VL}}$ , perfusion in vastus lateralis muscle (E);  $\Delta[\text{HHb}]_{\text{VL}}$ ,  $\text{O}_2$  extraction in vastus lateralis muscle (F). Values are mean  $\pm$  SEM.

# AIT

# MICE

# Usual care



**Fig. 6.** The effects of aerobic interval training (A, B), moderate continuous training (C, D), and general healthcare (E, F) on perfusion ( $\Delta[\text{THb}]_{\text{FC}}$ ) and O<sub>2</sub> extraction ( $\Delta[\text{HHb}]_{\text{FC}}$ ) in frontal cerebral lobe during the graded exercise test in patients with heart failure. Pre, pre-intervention; Post, post-intervention. Values are mean  $\pm$  SEM. \* $P < 0.05$ , Pre vs. Post.

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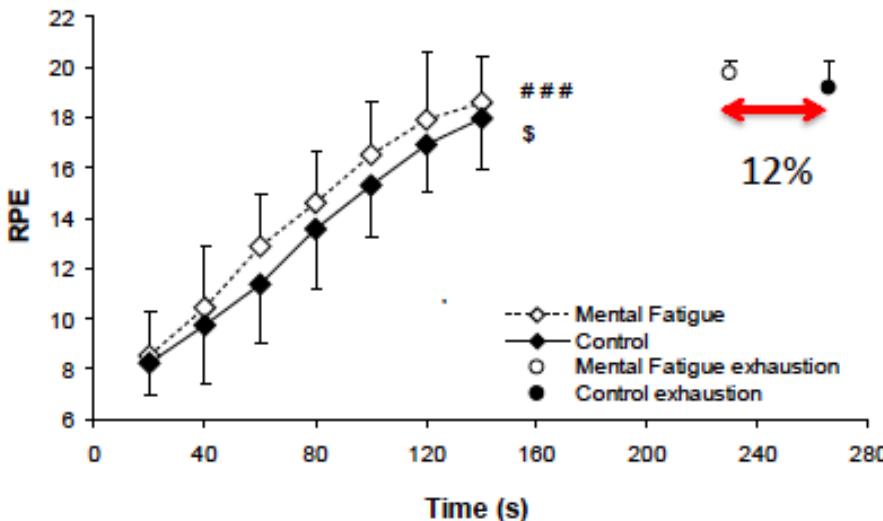
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Tâche cognitive  
1h30 AX-CP test  
ou  
Film (Contrôle)

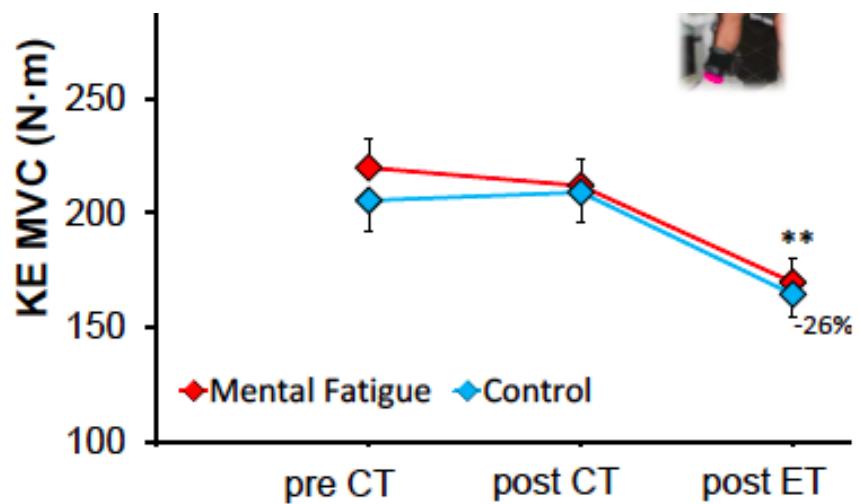
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## Perception de l'effort

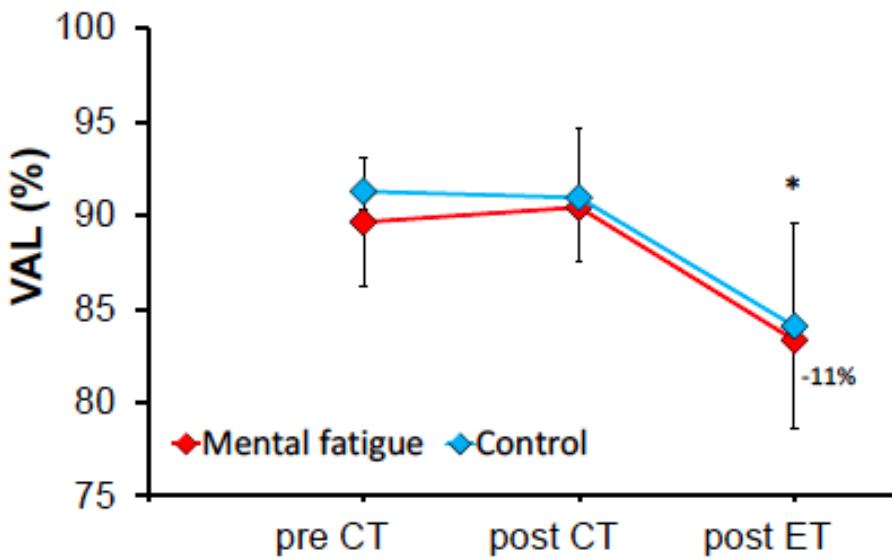


## Ventrolateral part of frontal lobe

Suda et al, 2009



## Activation maximale



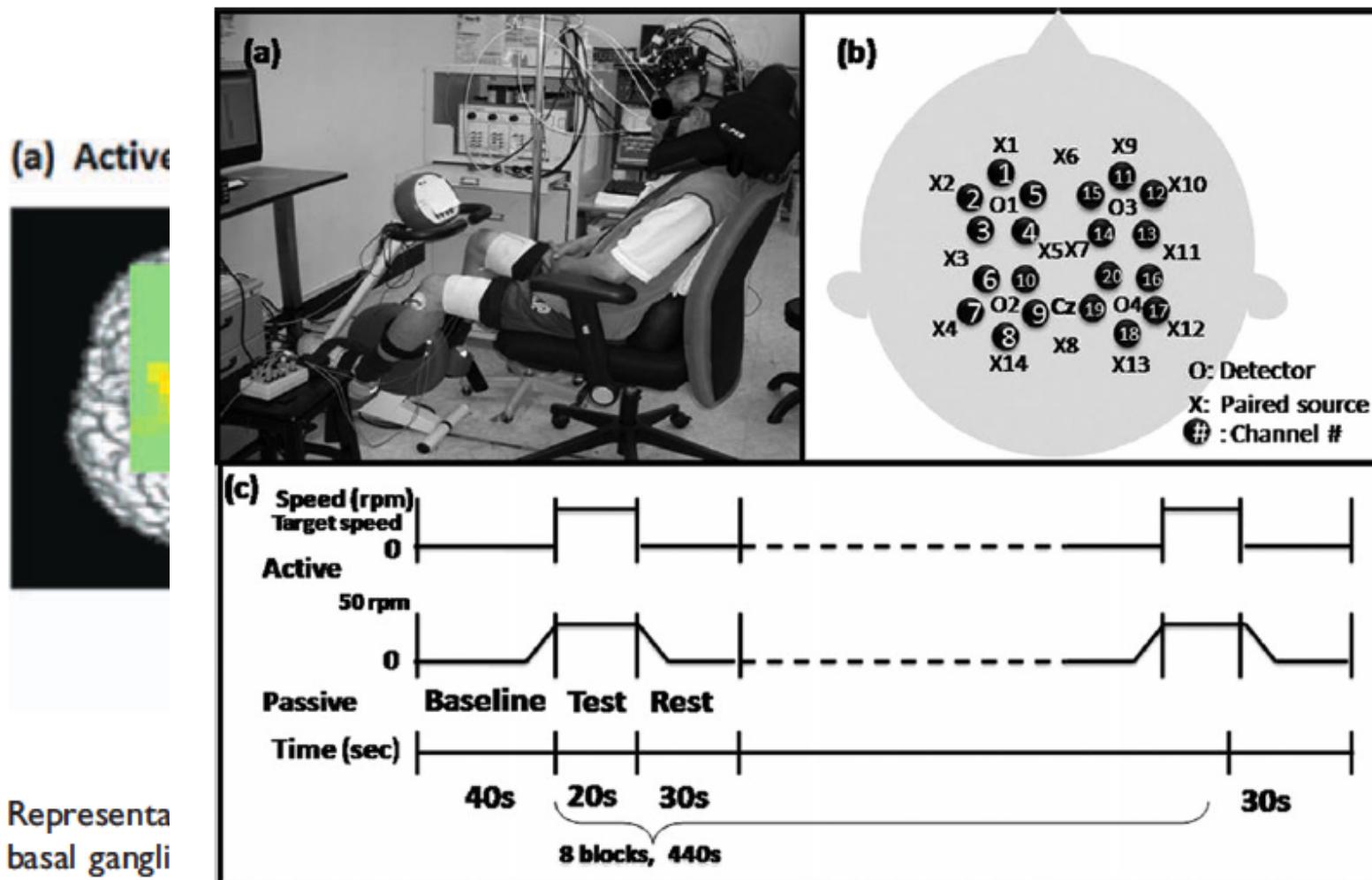
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# The cortical control of cycling exercise in stroke patients: an fNIRS study.

Lin PY<sup>1</sup>, Chen JJ, Lin SI.



Represents basal gangli cycling with figure can be viewed in the online issue, which is available at [wileyonlinelibrary.com](http://wileyonlinelibrary.com).]

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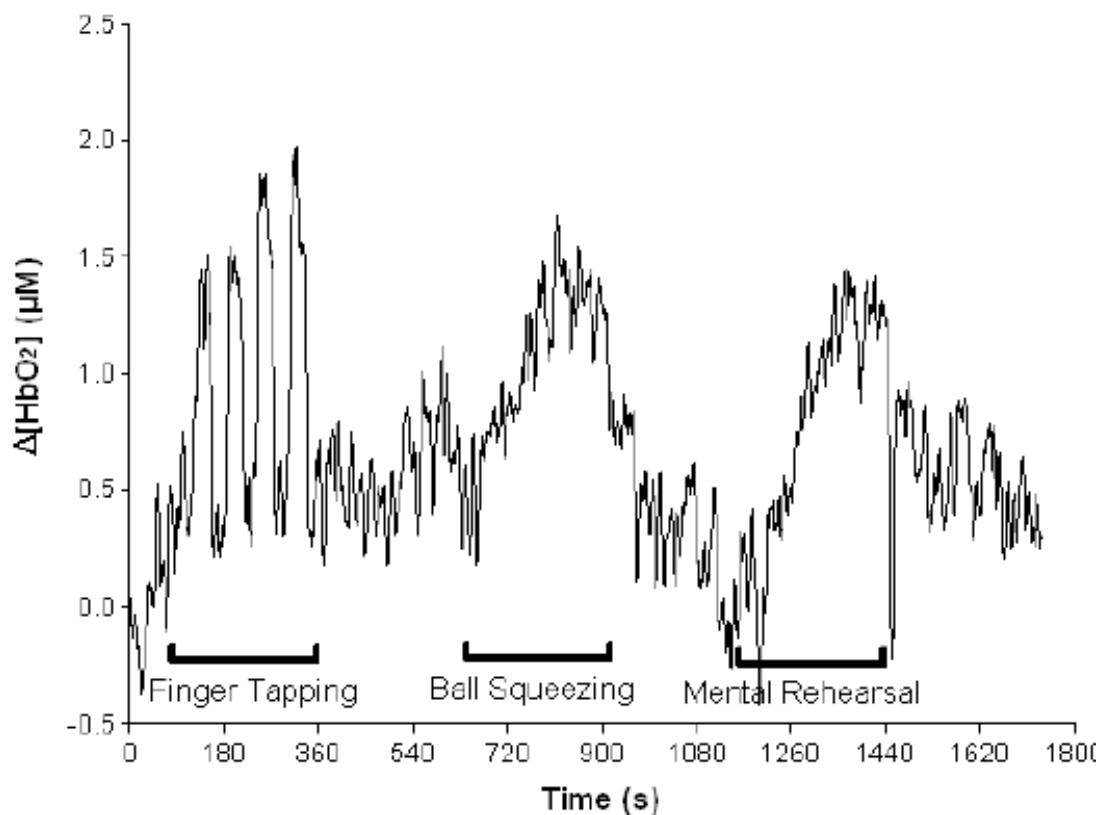
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**NIRS-detected changes in  
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Cooper CE, Pryor D, Hall C, Griffin M.

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**Figure 3.** Magnitude of muscle hemoglobin oxygenation changes during the protocol. Data from Figure 2 averaged for all six subjects.

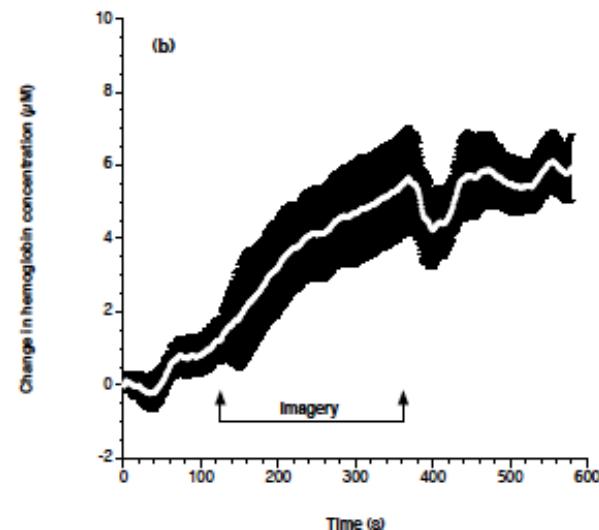
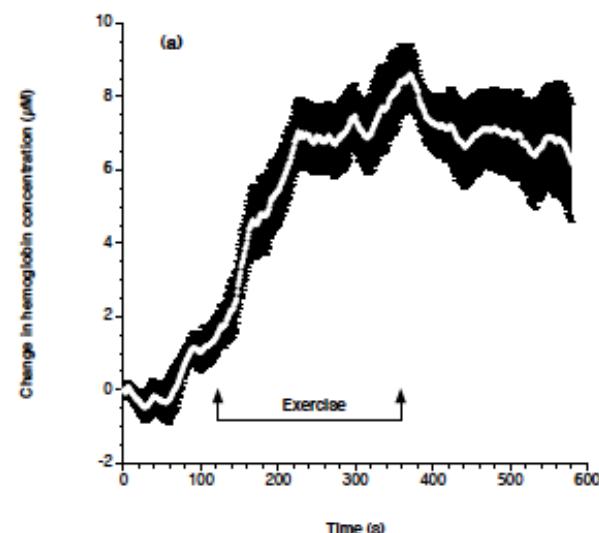
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« Imagery of a motor task in an injured limb may be a way of promoting flow and healing in a limb that would otherwise be dormant »



# Muscular and vascular applications

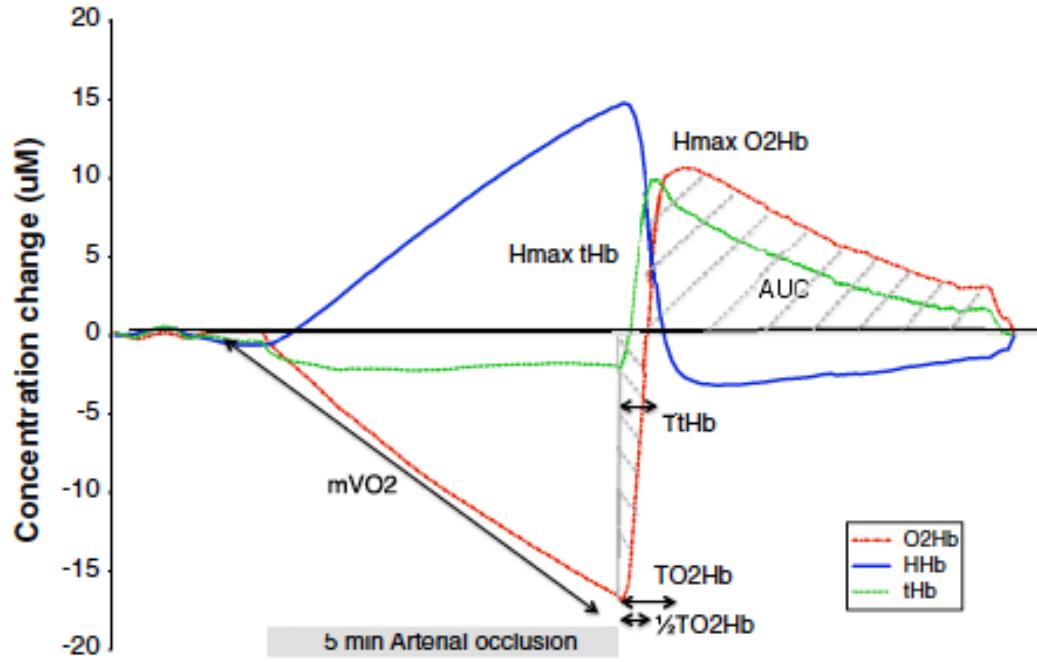
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1- Assess microvascular function in healthy subjects and patients  
with cardio-metabolic diseases?

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# Reproducibility of near-infrared spectroscopy parameters measured during brachial artery occlusion and reactive hyperemia in healthy men

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**Fig. 1** Typical representation of NIRS signals during arterial occlusion and postocclusive reactive hyperemia.

(ICC from 0.85 to 1.00) for every parameter. NIRS parameters during reactive hyperemia are highly reproducible which enables their repeated measurement to study microvascular function in healthy subjects. © 2012 Society of Photo-

# Muscle $VO_2$ and forearm blood flow repeatability during venous and arterial occlusions in healthy and coronary heart disease subjects

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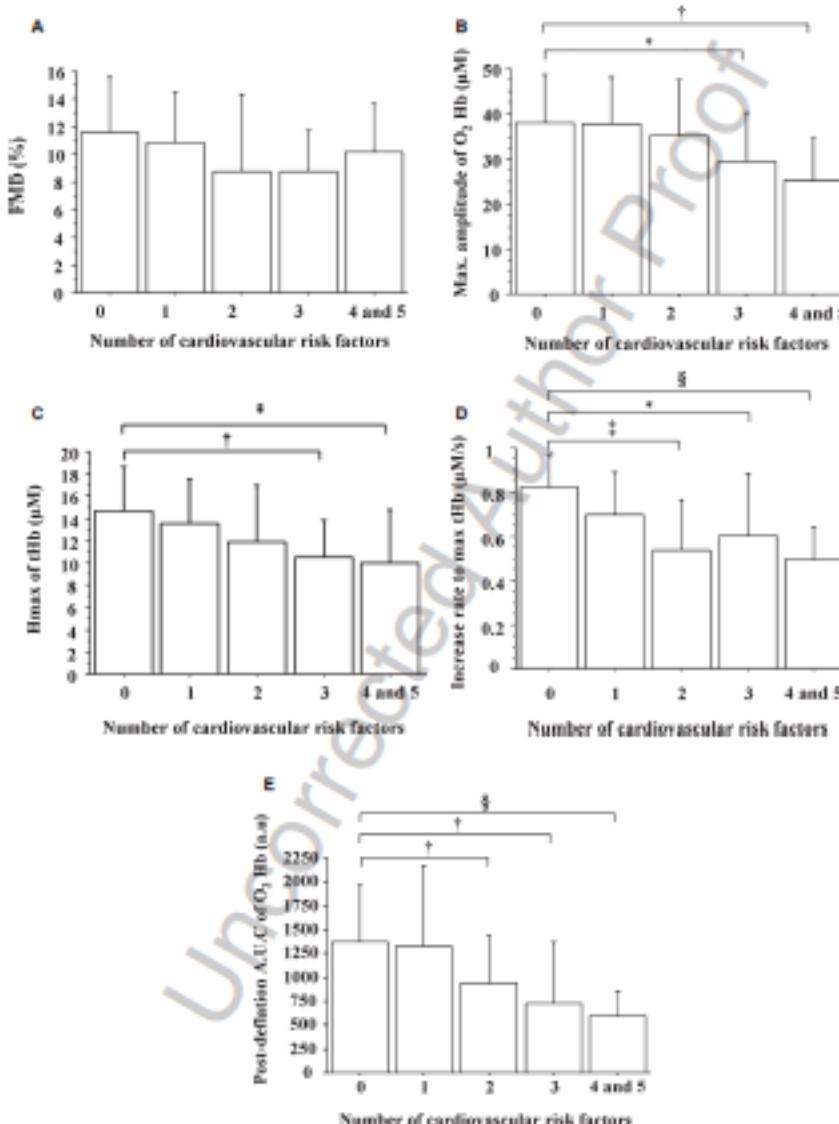
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In conclusion, FBF and m $VO_2$  measured during VO were highly reproducible in healthy and CHD subjects, and a good agreement between m $VO_2$  measured by VO and AO was found. VO method using NIRS can be advantageous to assess microvascular function in clinical settings.  
with a better patients comfort vs. the arterial occlusion

# Cardiometabolic and traditional cardiovascular risk factors and their potential impact on macrovascular and microvascular function: Preliminary data

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Only A.U.C of O<sub>2</sub>Hb was related to CV risk numbers whereas FMD was not

Fig. 1. (A,B,C,D,E): Relation between FMD, NIRS parameters and number of cardiovascular risk factors.

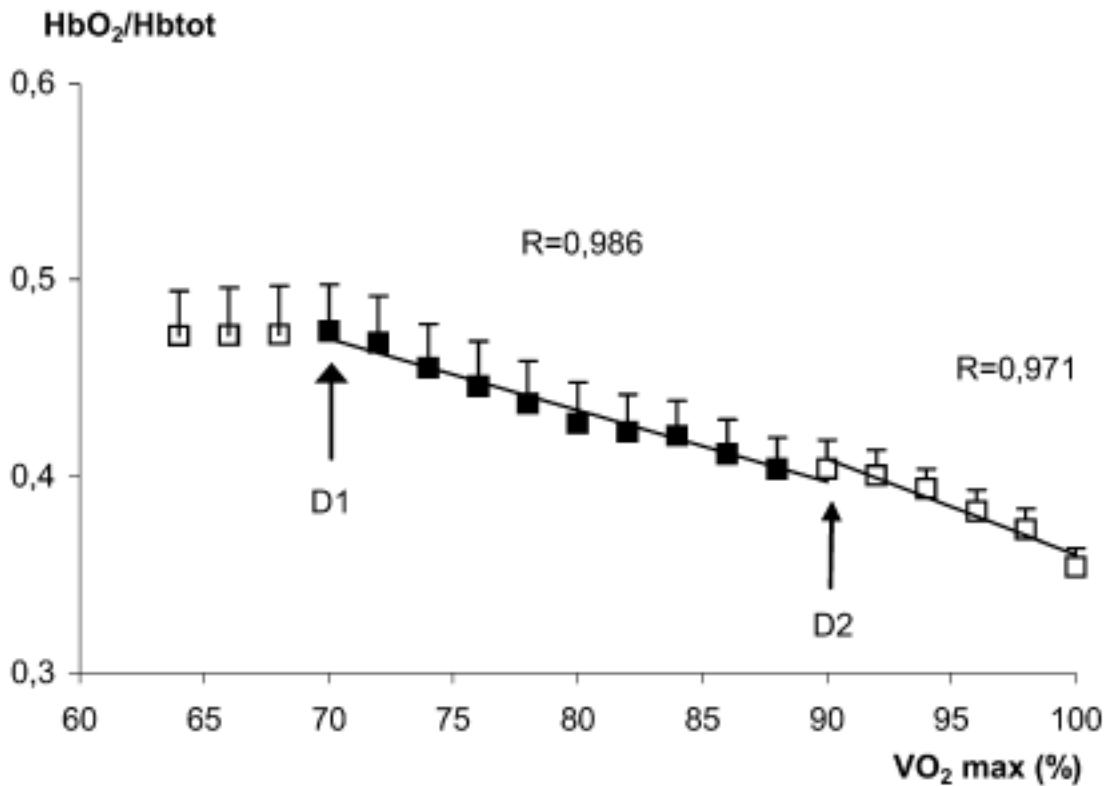
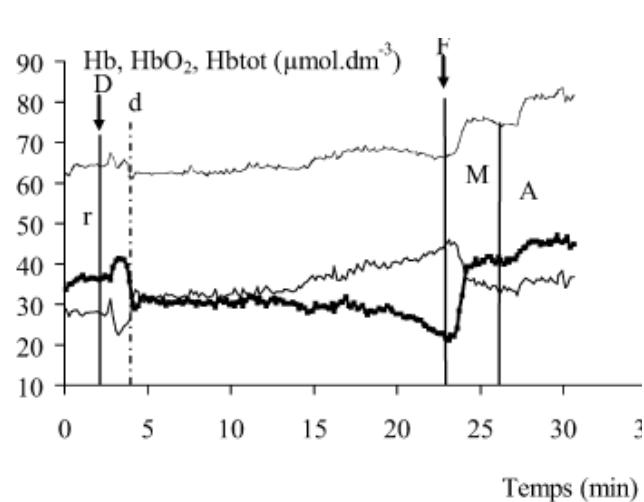
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- Determining ventilatory threshold?
- Improvements after a training program
- During eccentric exercise → improving its prescription

# Evaluation of *vastus lateralis* oxygenation during incremental exercise using near infrared spectroscopy of haemoglobin

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AT= 70% VOmax

D1=70% VO2max

R= 0.653, NS

RCP= 88% VO2max

D2= 89% VO2max

R= 0.747 , p<0.05

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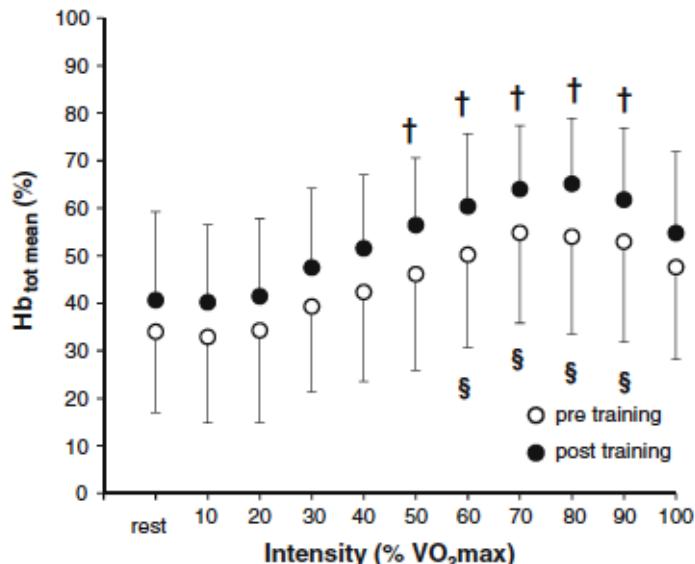
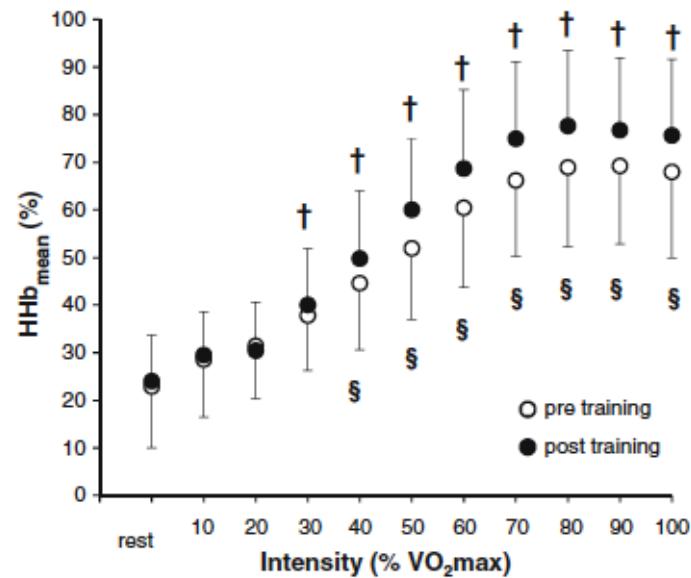
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# Effect of high-intensity interval training on the profile of muscle deoxygenation heterogeneity during incremental exercise

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« HIT changes the muscle deoxygenation profile during incremental exercise, suggesting an improvement in the O<sub>2</sub> extraction with training »



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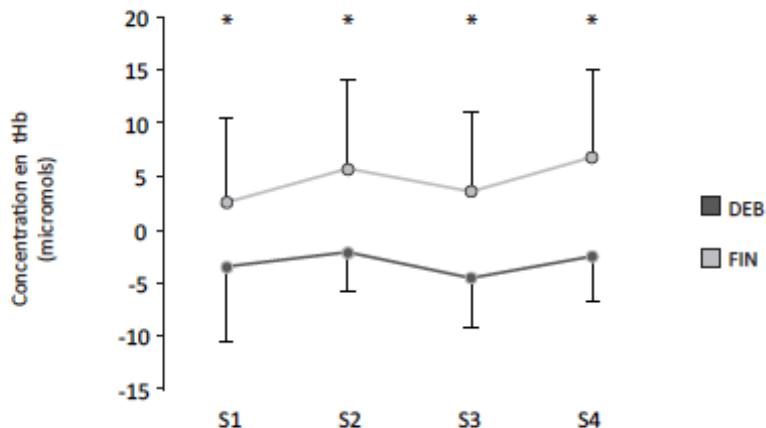


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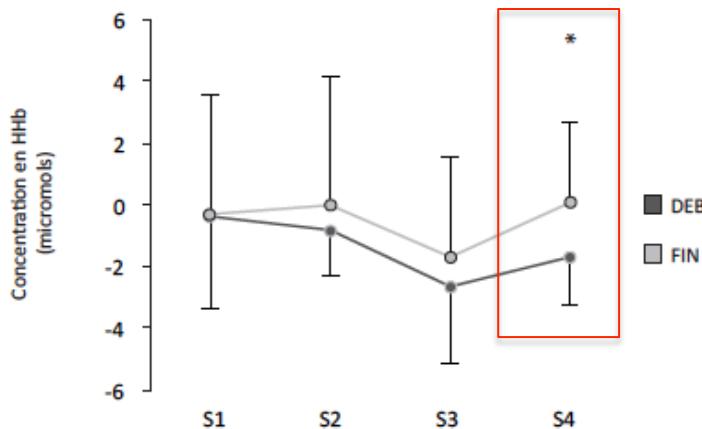


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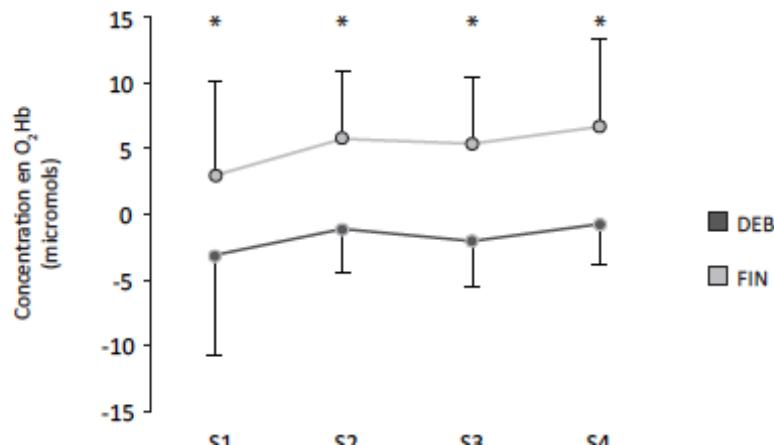


Fig 4. Evolution de la différence de concentration HHb du vaste latéral entre le début et la fin de l'exercice au cours des différentes séances d'entraînement avec standard dérivation. n =11.

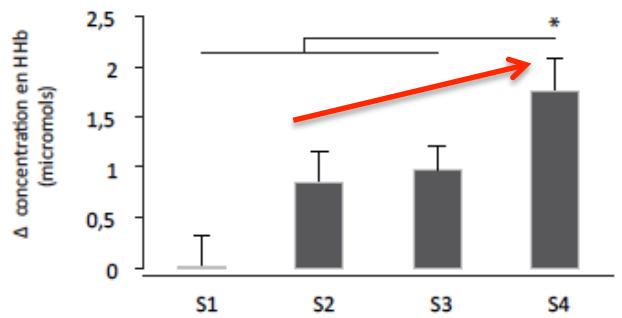
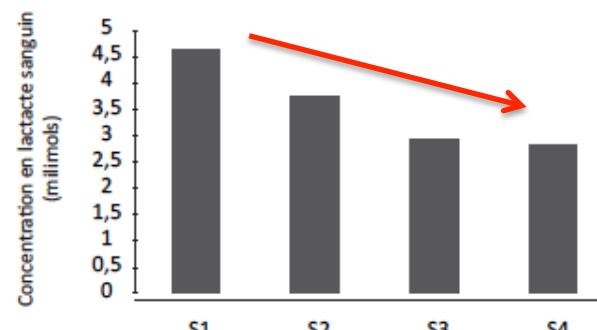
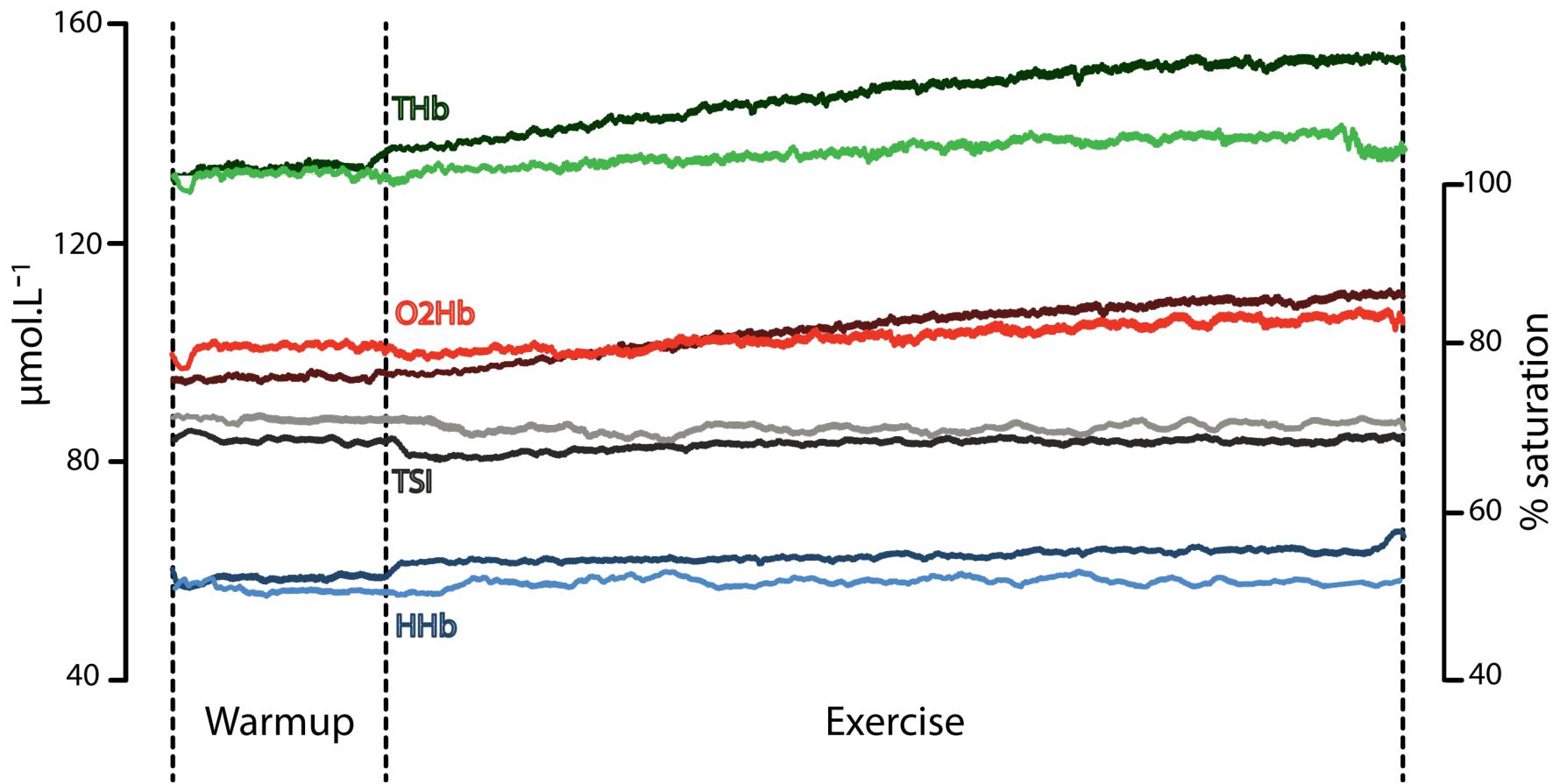


Fig 6. Évolution de la différence de concentration en lactate sanguin entre le début et la fin de l'exercice au cours des différentes séances d'entraînement. n =3.



Light colors : SV1 equivalent power

Dark colors : 220% SV1 power



# Assessing stump prognosis in amputees?

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Variables	D°	ICC	p
TcPO2	0	0,744	0,017
NIRS TSI	0	0,584902	0,0638819
TcPO2	30	0,65	0,057
NIRS TSI	30	0,704110	0,02562076

# Thank you for your attention

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