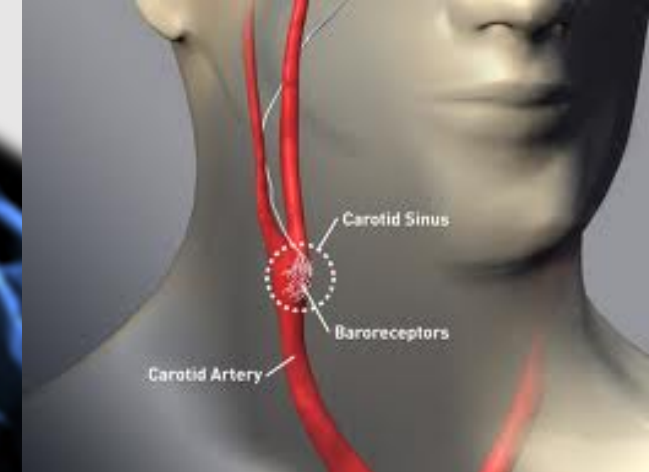




# Using Movesense to guide therapy for chronic pain patients



**Movesense**  
**Dec 3, 2019 Helsinki, Finland**

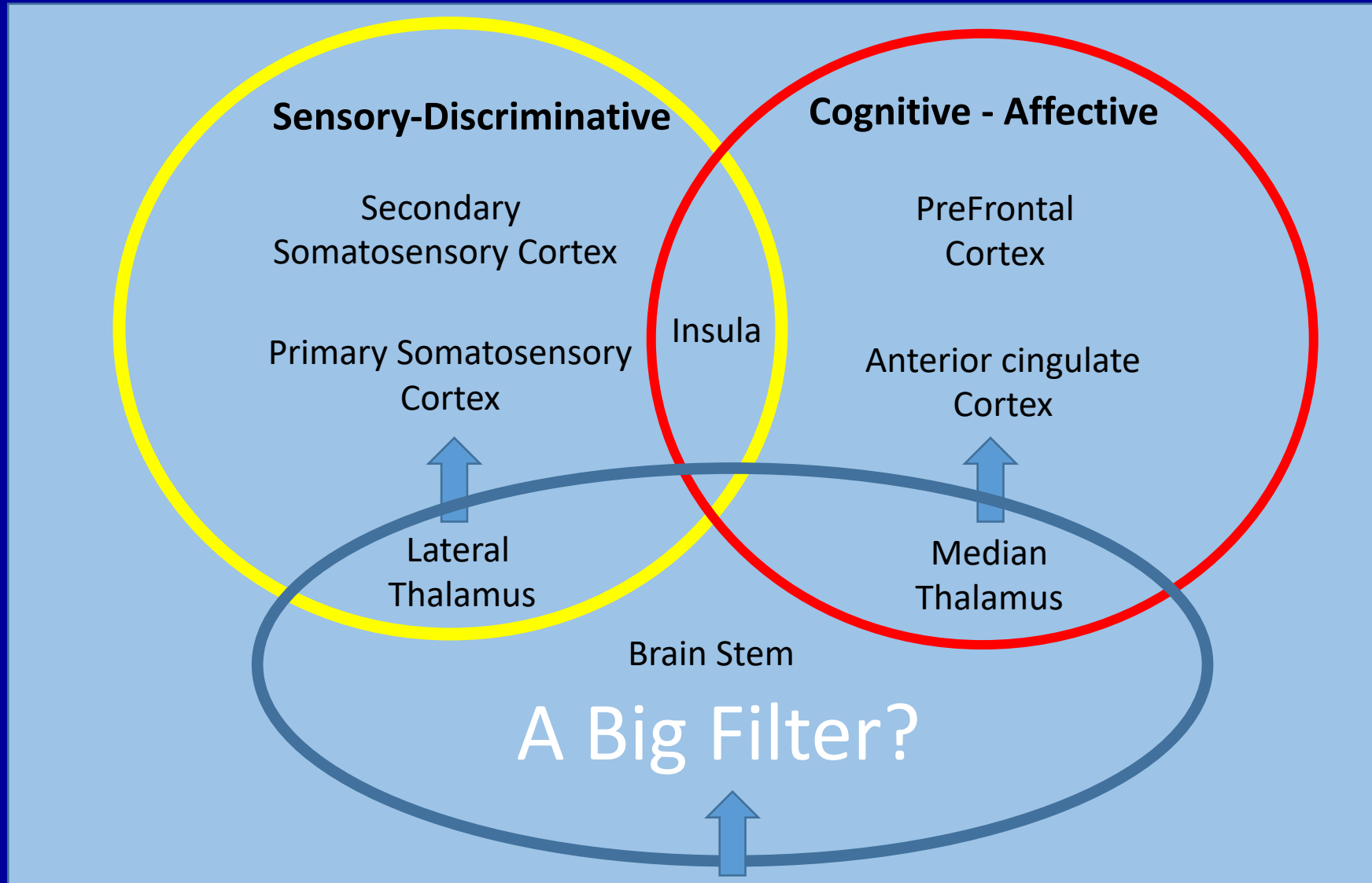


- The 5th largest economy isn't a country, it's the US healthcare system.
- Americans will spend \$4 trillion on healthcare in 2020, growing at 2x GDP growth rate. \$6 trillion projected by 2027. Half of that is wasted.
- Europe is not far behind.
- 85% of diseases are chronic – this means that you will have them for over 5 years and the mental aspects are paramount.
- 50% of people over 50 have high blood pressure.

# **Psychobiological Learning in Pain Chronification**

- Sensitization (Central & Peripheral)**
- Classical conditioned**
- Operant conditioned (Reward/Punishment)**
- Model Learning**
- Cognitive Factors  
(Helplessness, Catastrophizing)**

# Brain Pain Network







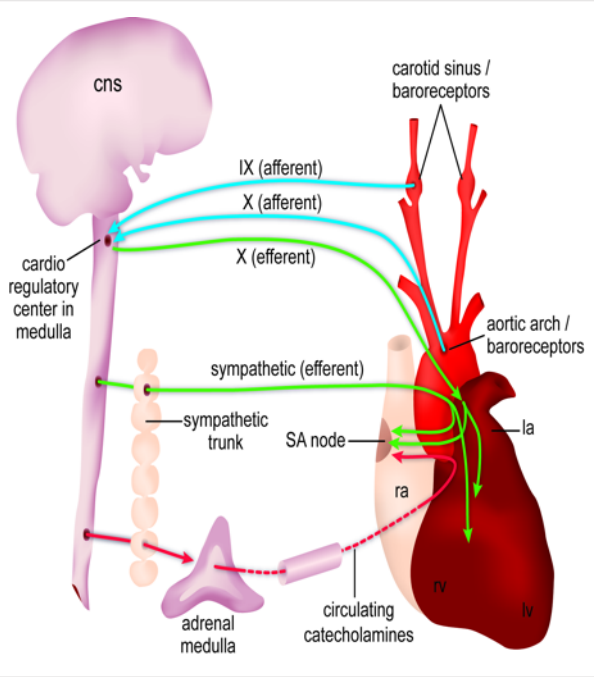
Activity of a spontaneous active dorsal horn neuron of a rat that responds with a firing rate after painful electrical stimuli.

The action potentials are proportional to the stimulus intensity in the first 30 minutes.

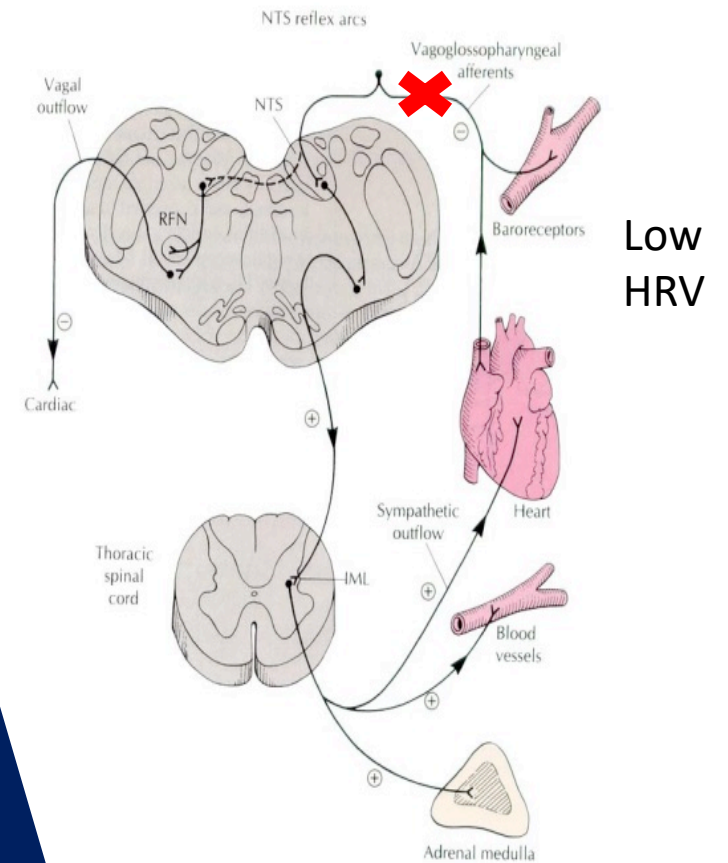
Then the behaviour of the cell changes...



The nerve cell fires spontaneously **without any external stimulus**



# Baroreflex Sensitivity Nucleus Tractus Solitarius & NTS - reflex Arcs



- Inverse relationship between Baseline pain sensitivity in animals (Reynolds) and human (Falcone et al.)
- Increased BR sensitivity in chronic pain spinal and supraspinal
- Reduced Baroreflex Sensitivity (BRS) in chronic pain patients

**Nociceptive effect of Stress in Chronic Disease**

## Central effects of baroreceptor activation in humans: Attenuation of skeletal reflexes and pain perception

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### Baroreceptor Stimulation Alters Pain Sensation Depending on Tonic Blood Pressure



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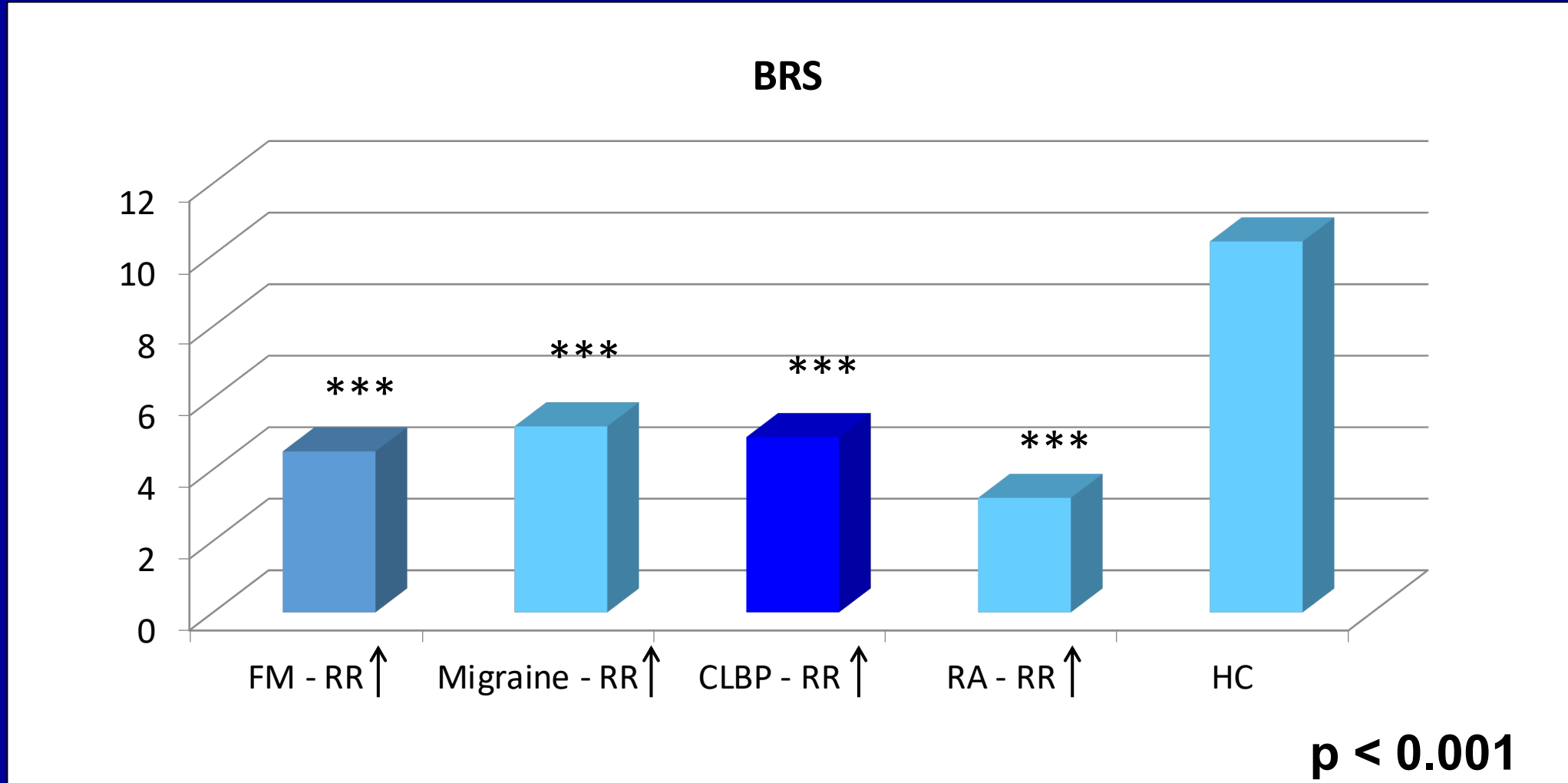
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[www.elsevier.com/locate/pain](http://www.elsevier.com/locate/pain)

Parental history of chronic pain may be associated with impairments in endogenous opioid analgesic systems

Stephen Bruehl \*, Ok Yung Chung

# Diminished Baroreflex Sensitivity in Patients with chronic Pain



## The Relationship Among Psychological and Psychophysiological Characteristics of Fibromyalgia Patients

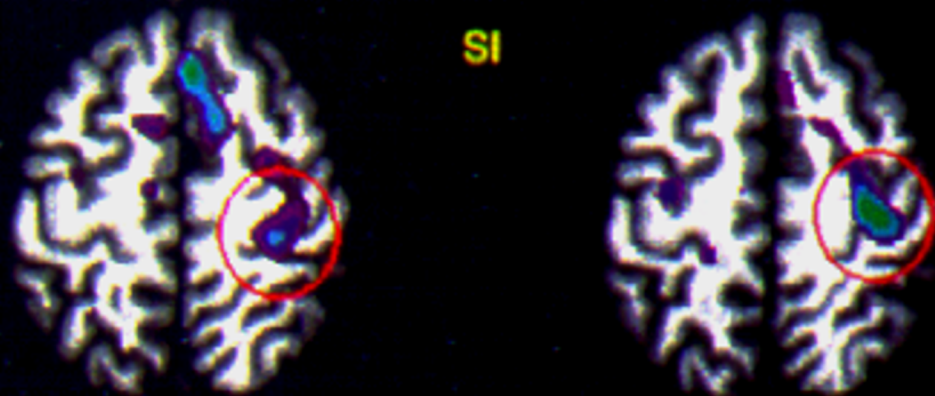
Kati Thieme,<sup>\*,†</sup> Dennis C. Turk,<sup>‡</sup> Richard H. Gracely,<sup>§</sup> William Maixner,<sup>§</sup> and Herta Flor<sup>†</sup>



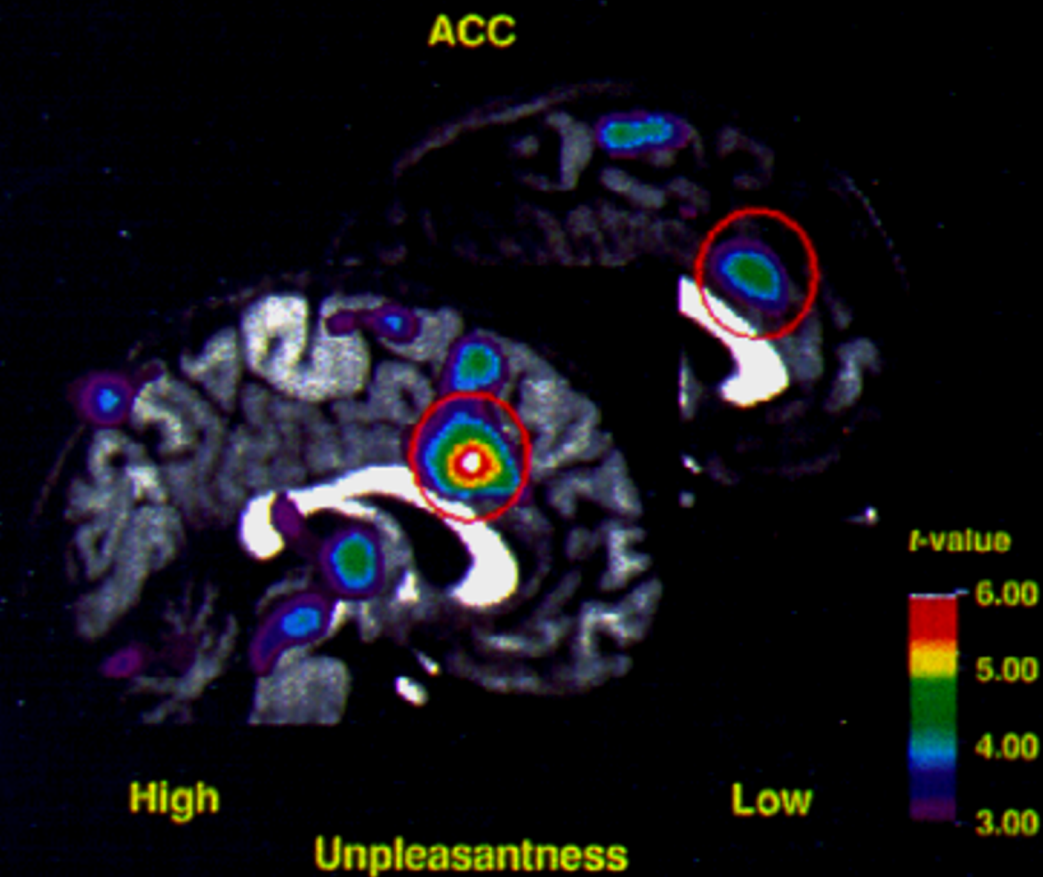
For example patients with hypertensive baseline and stress reactivity display:

- Higher Pain Intensity (MPI) ( $F(3,116) = 15.42, p < 0.001$ )
- Higher Interference (MPI) ( $F(3,116) = 15.83, p < 0.001$ )
- Less Activity (MPI) ( $F(3,116) = 8.41, p < 0.005$ )
- Extensive Pain Behaviors (TPB) ( $F(3,116) = 7.41, p < 0.005$ )





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Memory

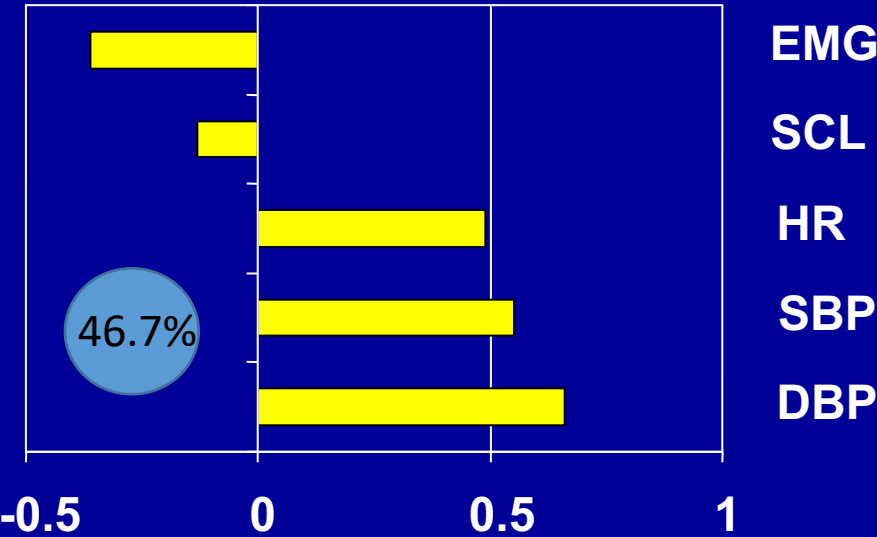


Affective  
Memory

# Heterogeneity in psychophysiological stress response patterns in FM

Thieme & Turk, 2006

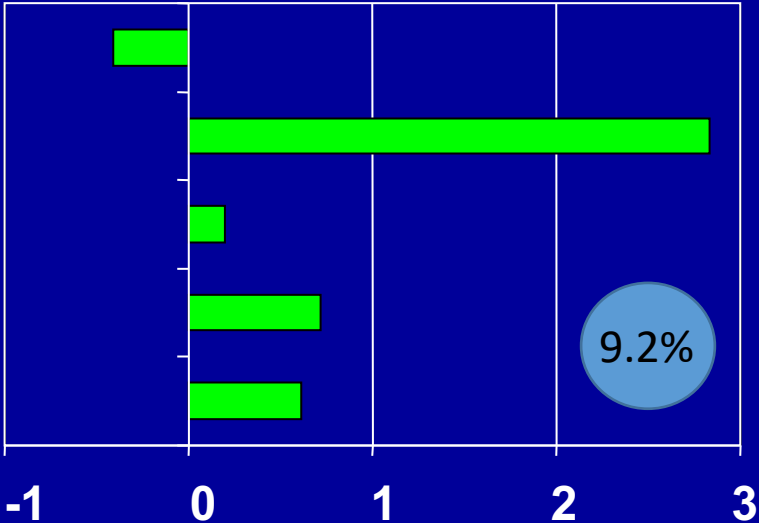
Sympathetic-vasomotor Pattern



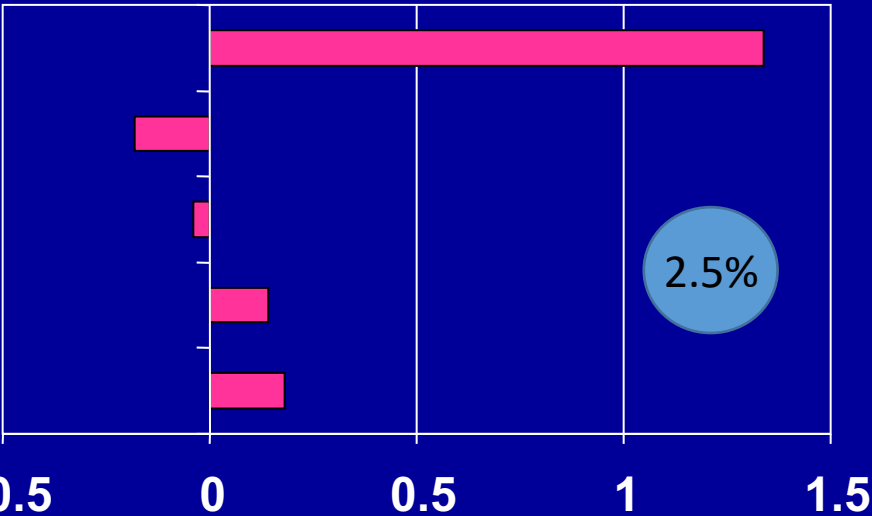
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Sympathetic-sudomotor Pattern



Increased Muscular Pattern

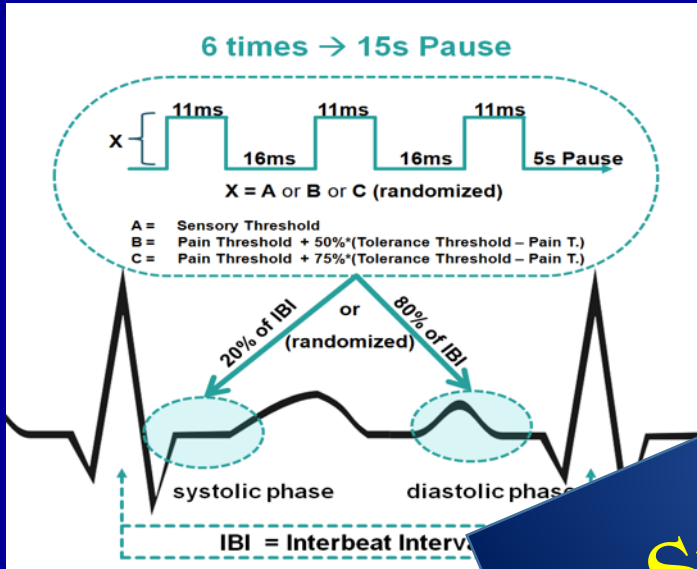


# Pain Behaviors

- Nonverbal signals (Fordyce, 1976; Baumstark et al., 1993)
- Deficient activity levels (Romano et al., 1992,5)
- Excessive use of medication (Turk et al., 1998)
- Intake of opioids (Turk et al., 1997)
- Excessive use of doctor visits  
(Thieme et al., 2003)
- Avoidance behavior in various  
areas of the patients life  
(Vlayen et al., 1990: Nicassio et al., 2000)



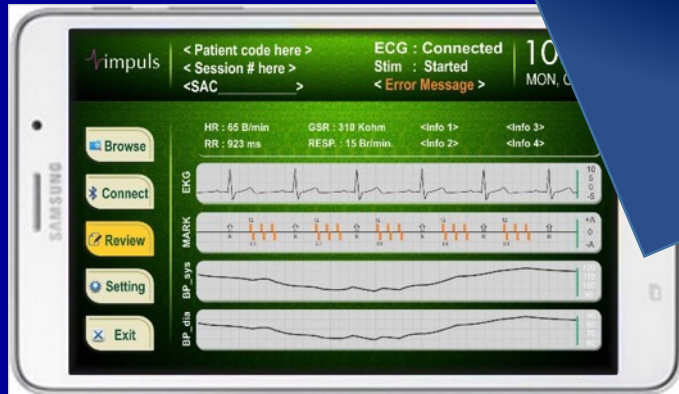
# New Approach: Baroreceptor Training and Extinction Training



Behavioral training to prevent and extinguish pain memories

- Training of pain-incompatible health
- Reduction of pain expression
- Work with sports
- Training

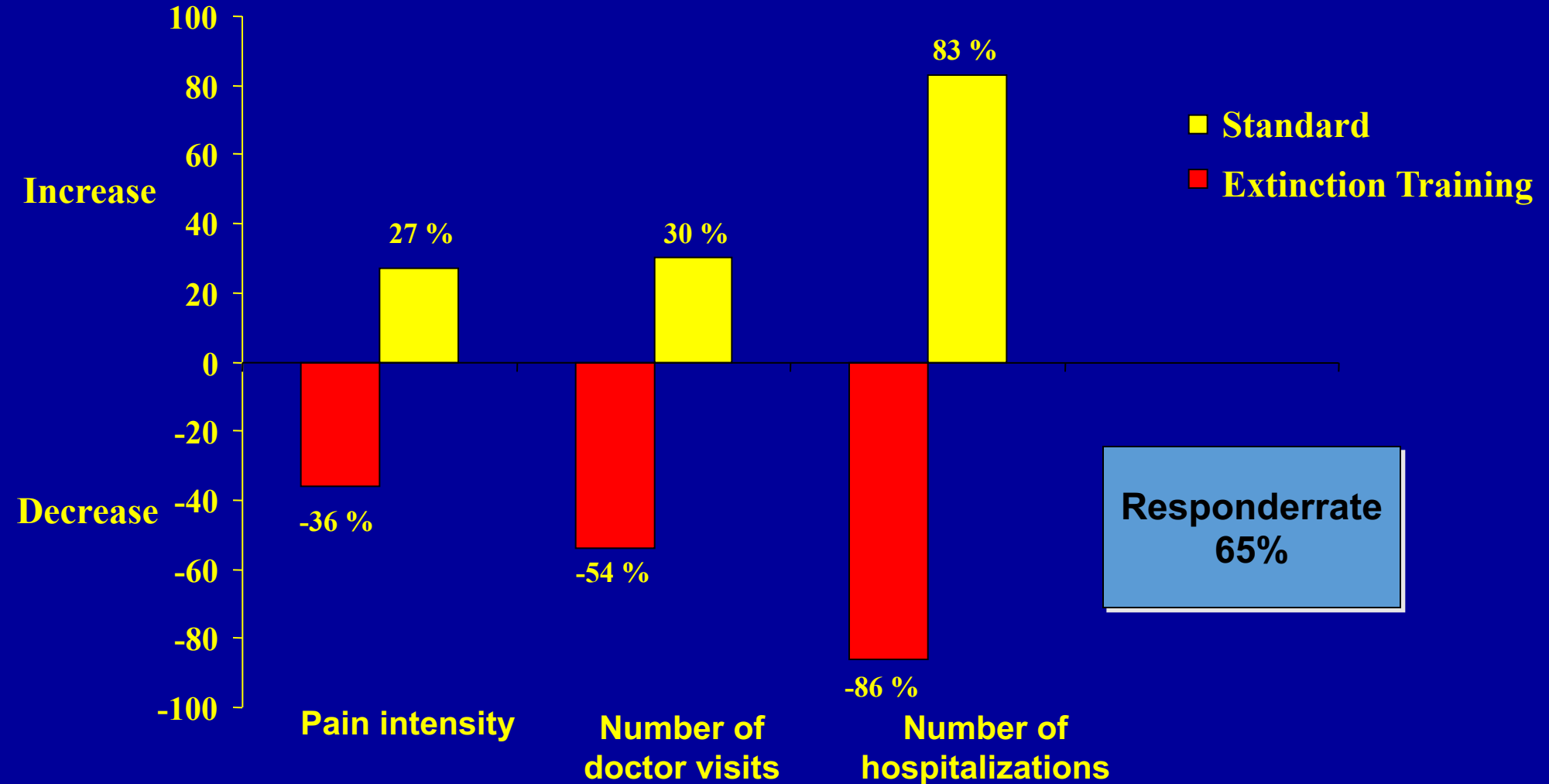
**Systolic Extinction Training SET**  
[setmarburg.com](http://setmarburg.com)





# Extinction Training versus Standard treatment (Antidepressants, passive Physiotherapy) in FM

Setting:  
Inpatient  
5 weeks



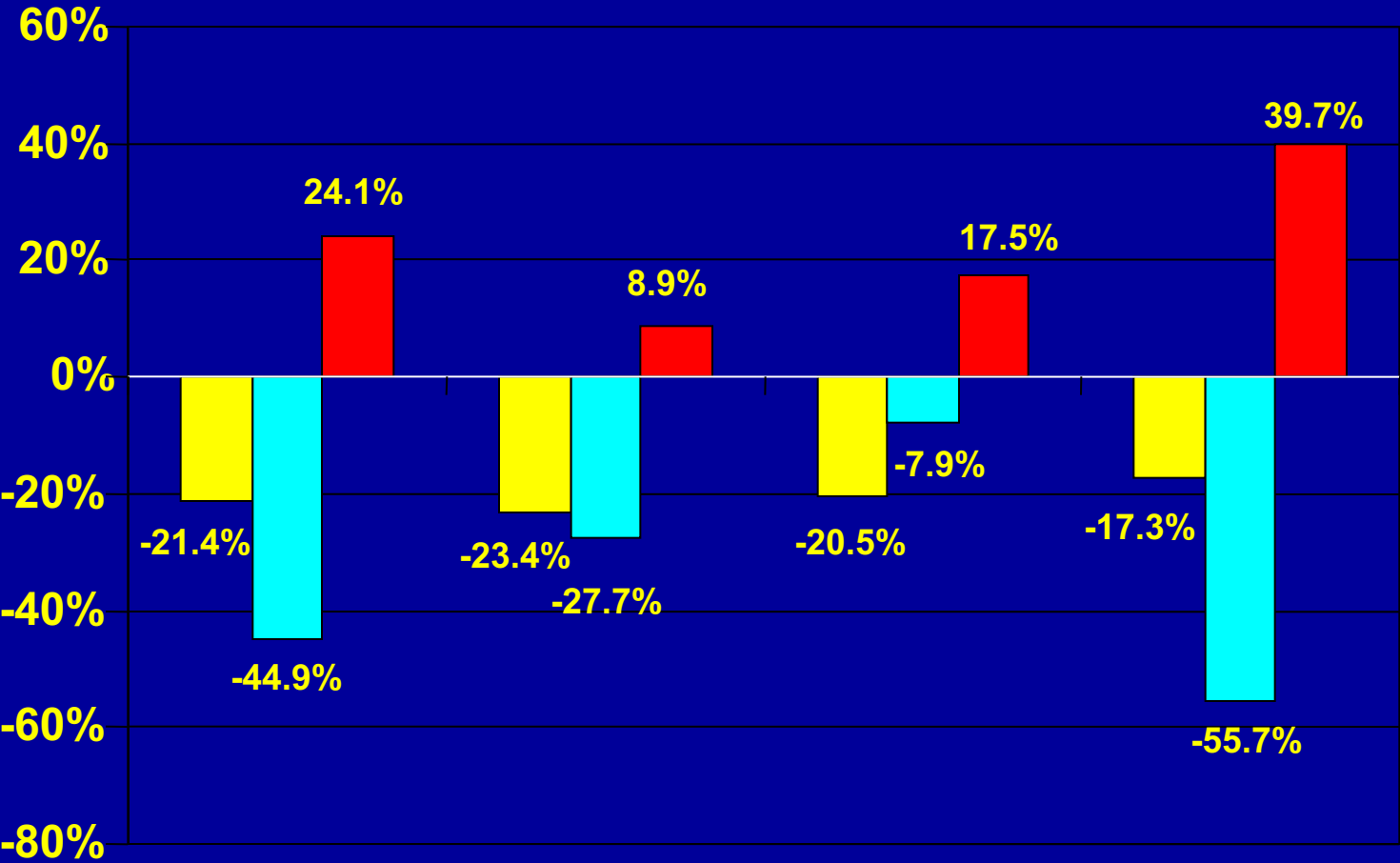


# Extinction Training, CBT versus Attention Placebo in FM

Setting:  
Outpatient  
15 weeks

Increase

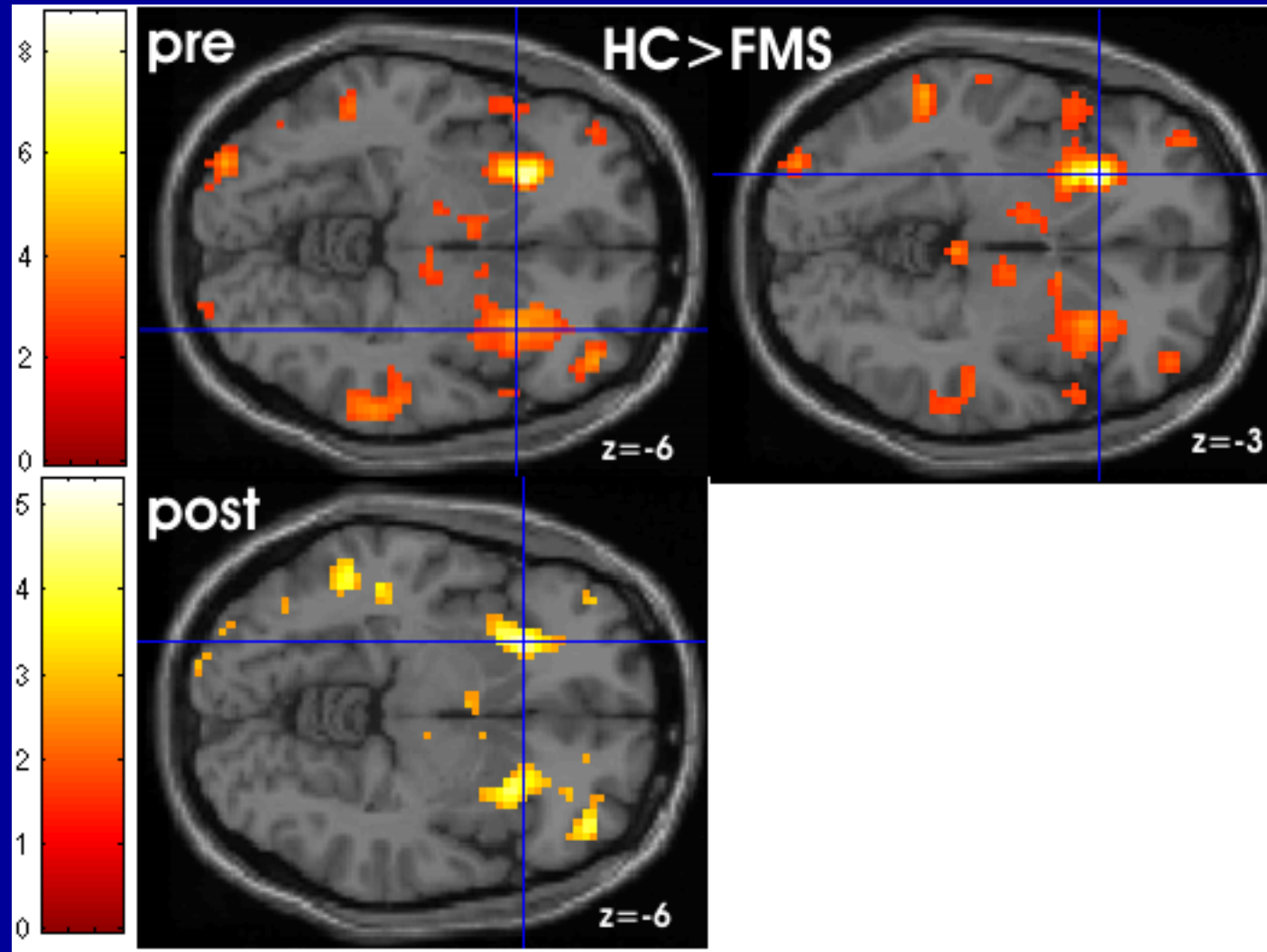
Decrease



Respondderate  
53%

- Extinction Training
- Cognitive-behavior Pain Therapy
- Attention Placebo (Discussion about Pain and Stress)

# Central Changes after Extinction Training



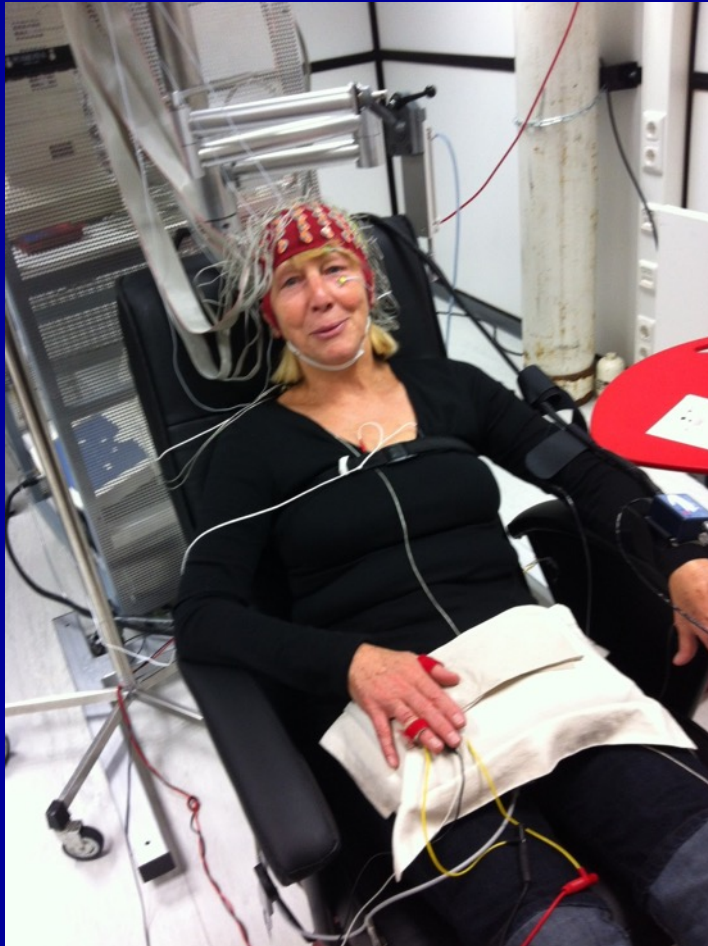
*After ET:*  
Increased Bold response in  
SS-I and SS-II,  
ACC,  
Amygdala and Insula  
associated with  
Clinically sign. Pain reduction



Cortical Reorganisation  
based of  
Plasticity and Learning

# SET - Schedule

10 Sessions in 5 weeks with 2 x 2 hours per week

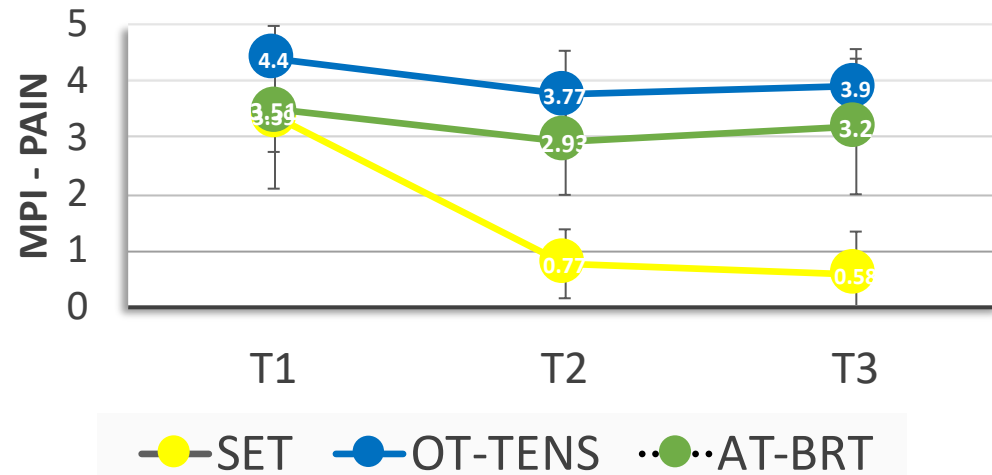


1<sup>st</sup> hour: Extinction Training with practices of muscle perception and graded activity as well as healthy behaviors

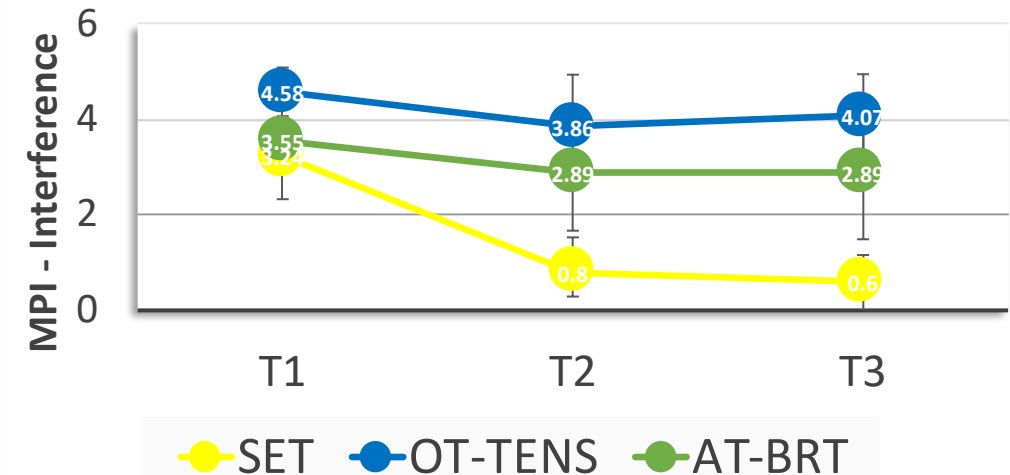
2<sup>nd</sup> hour: Baroreflex Training

# Changes in Pain, Interference and BRS after Therapy - 12 months f/u

## PAIN

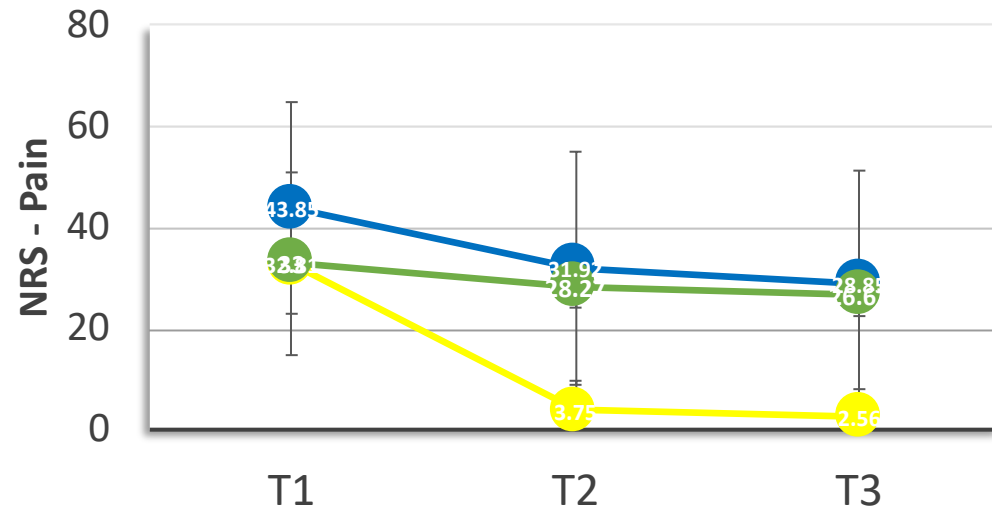


## Physical Functioning

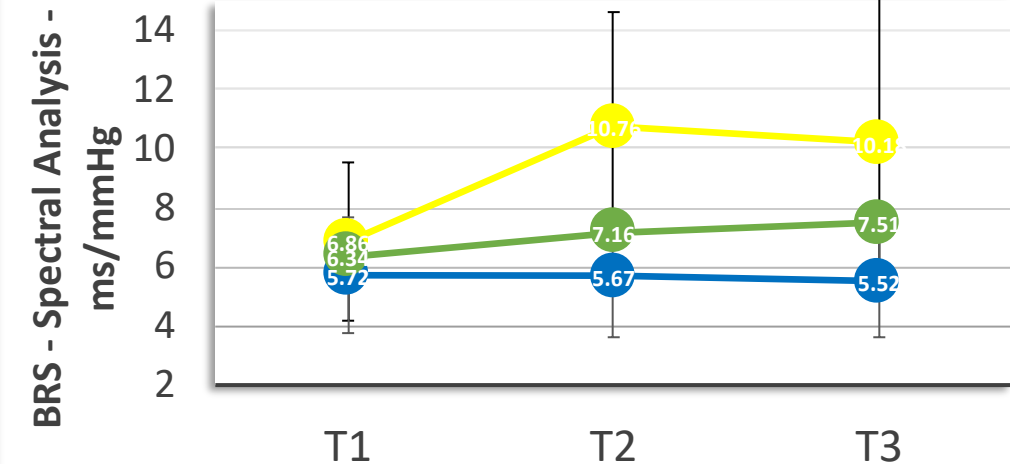


$P < 0.01$

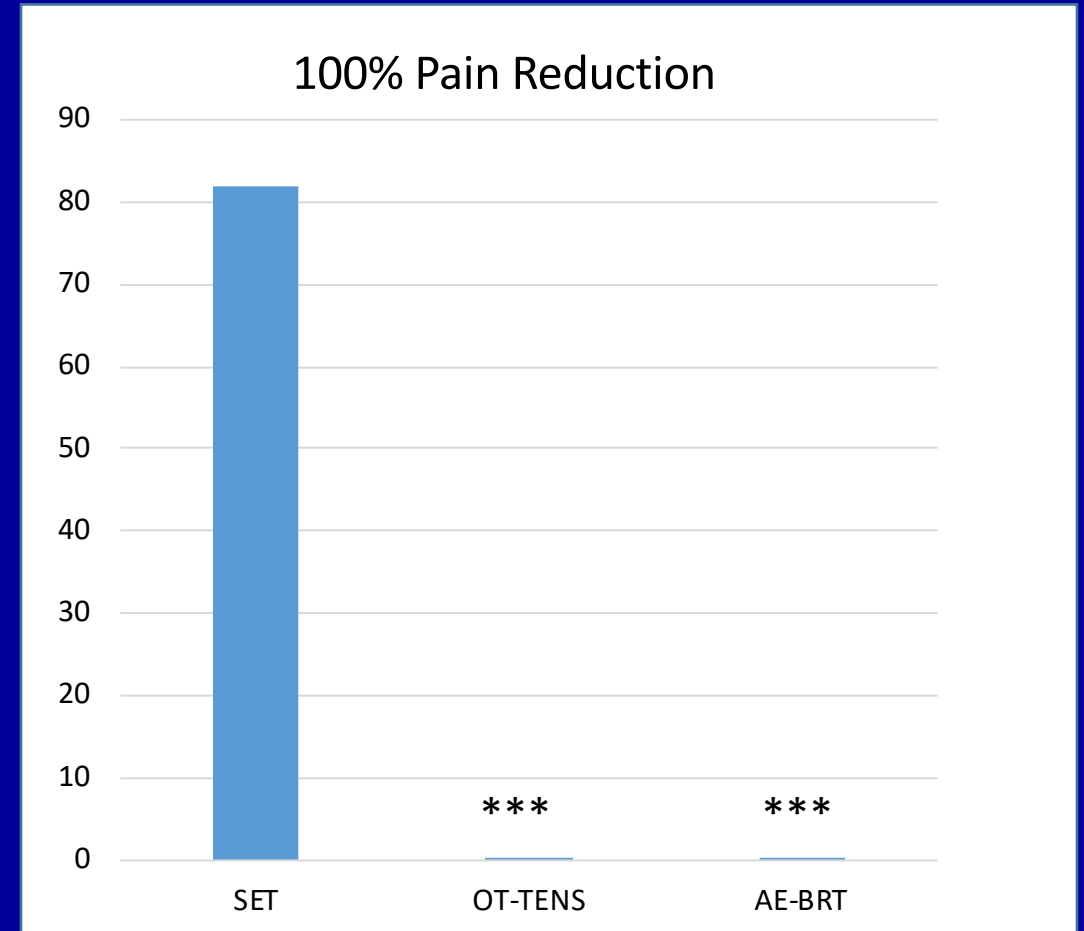
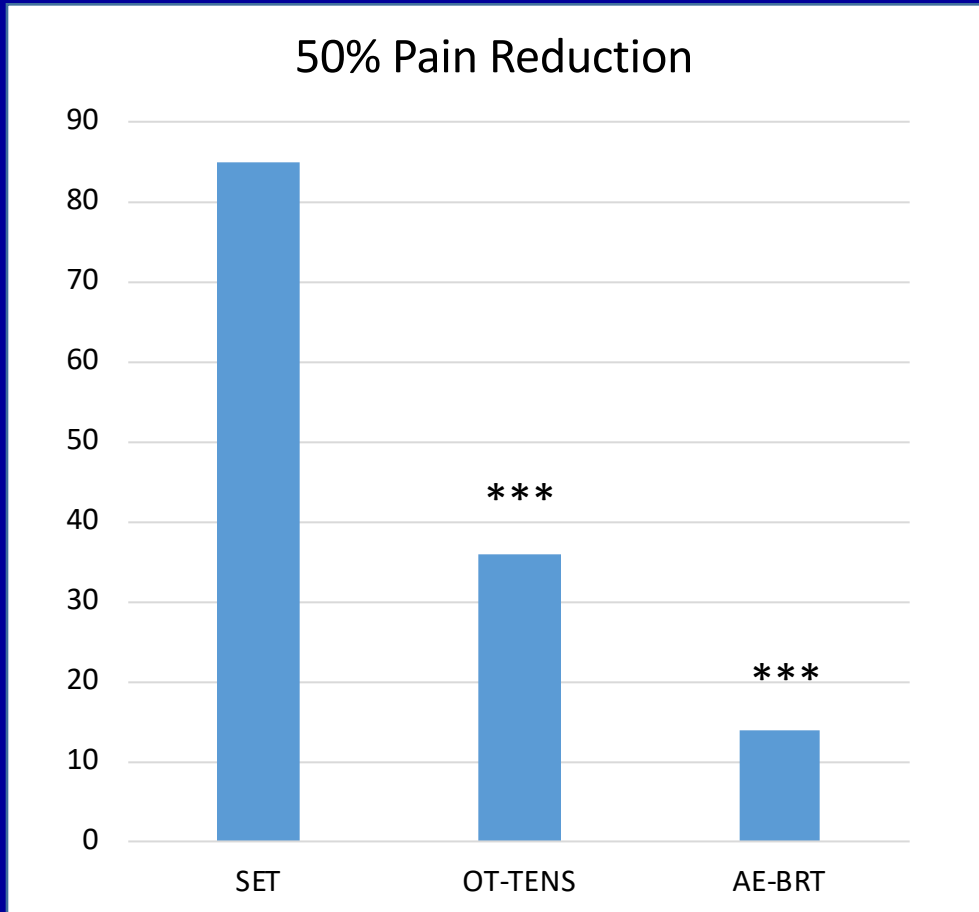
## NRS PAIN



## Baroreflex Sensitivity



# Responder rates 12 months after Treatment



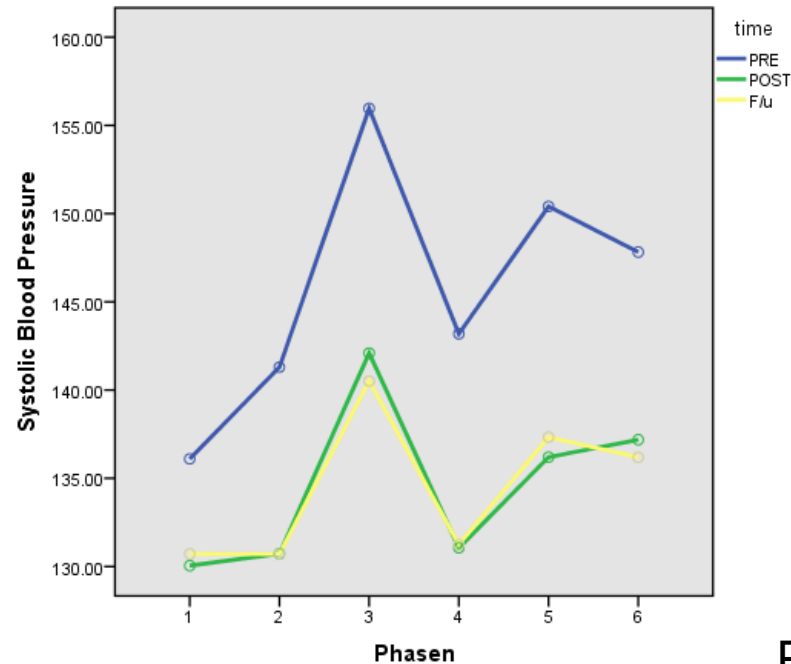


# How do we know if NTS reflex arcs are re-activated after SET?

Clinically significant Reduction of Systolic Blood Pressure after SET

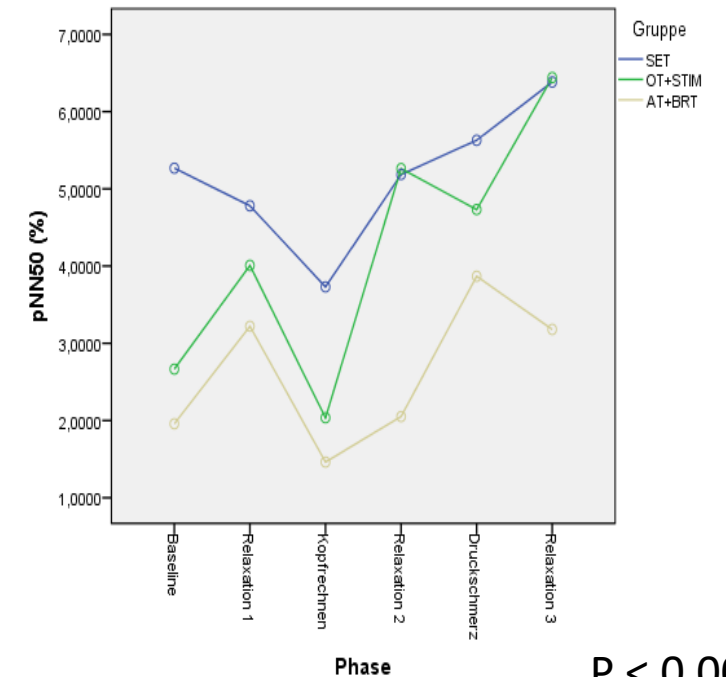
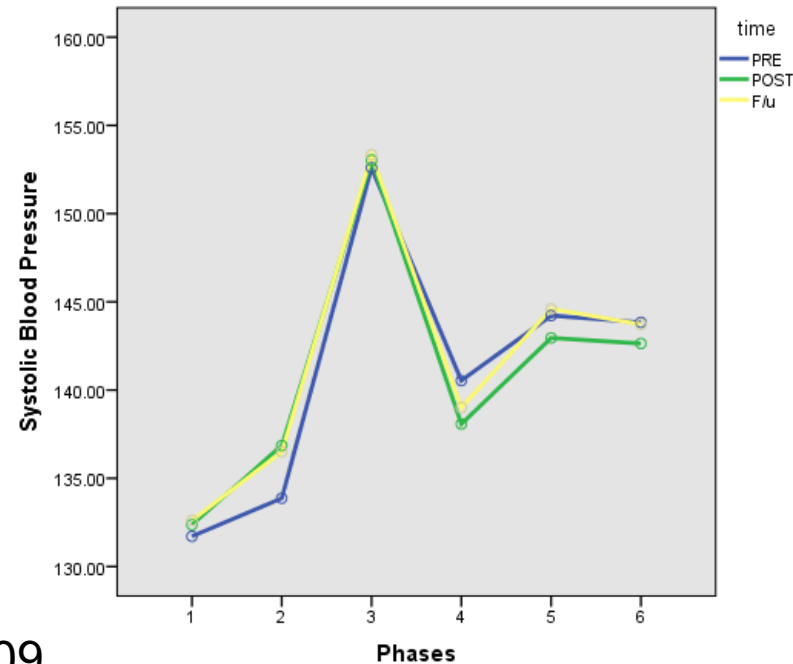
Increased HRV after SET

SET



$P < 0.009$

Physiotherapy with BRT



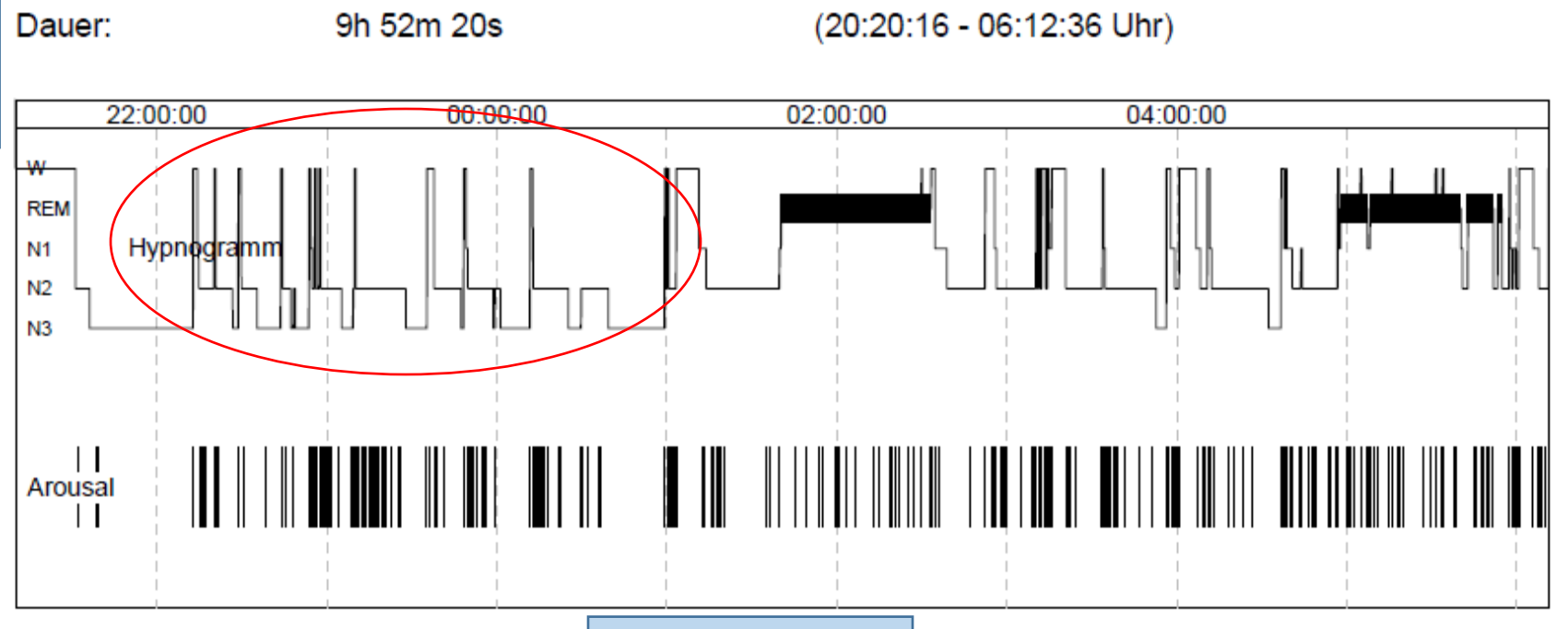
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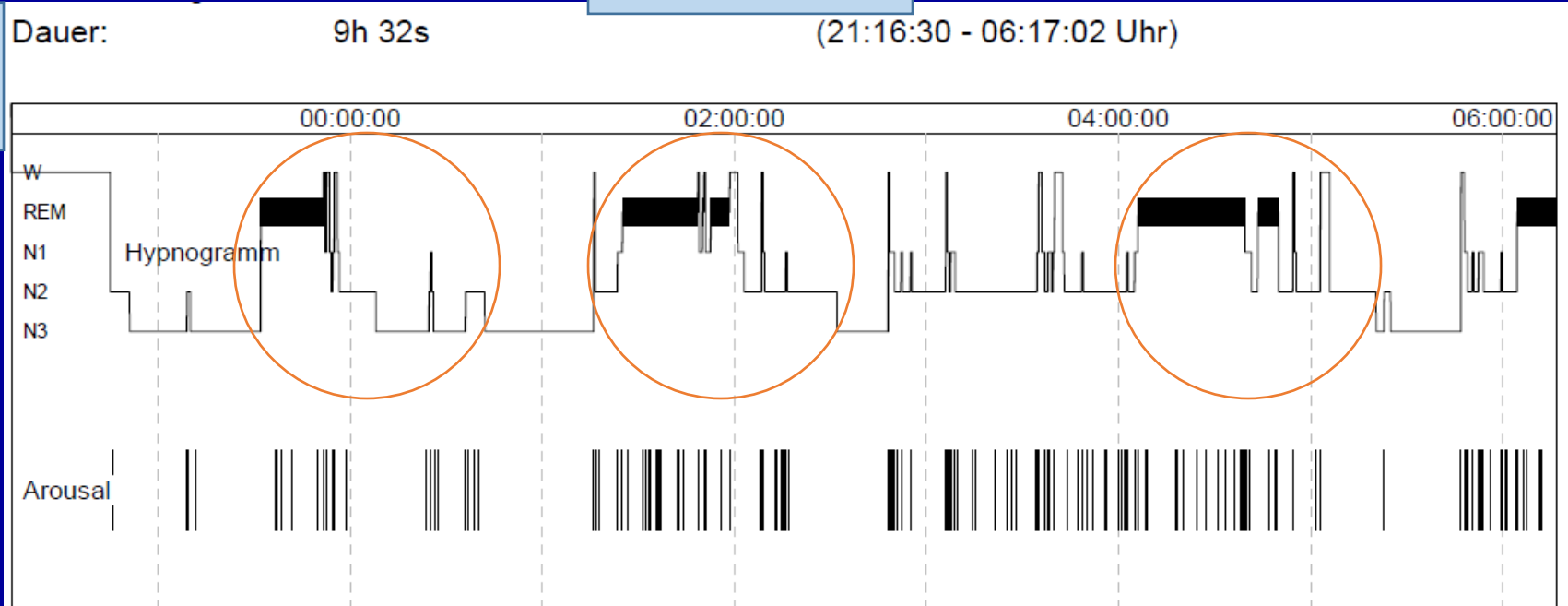
Changed  
**Sleep Pattern**  
after SET in FM  
with sig. **more  
Deep Sleep  
Phases**  
in the 1<sup>st</sup> half  
of the night

Assessment:  
Polysomnography

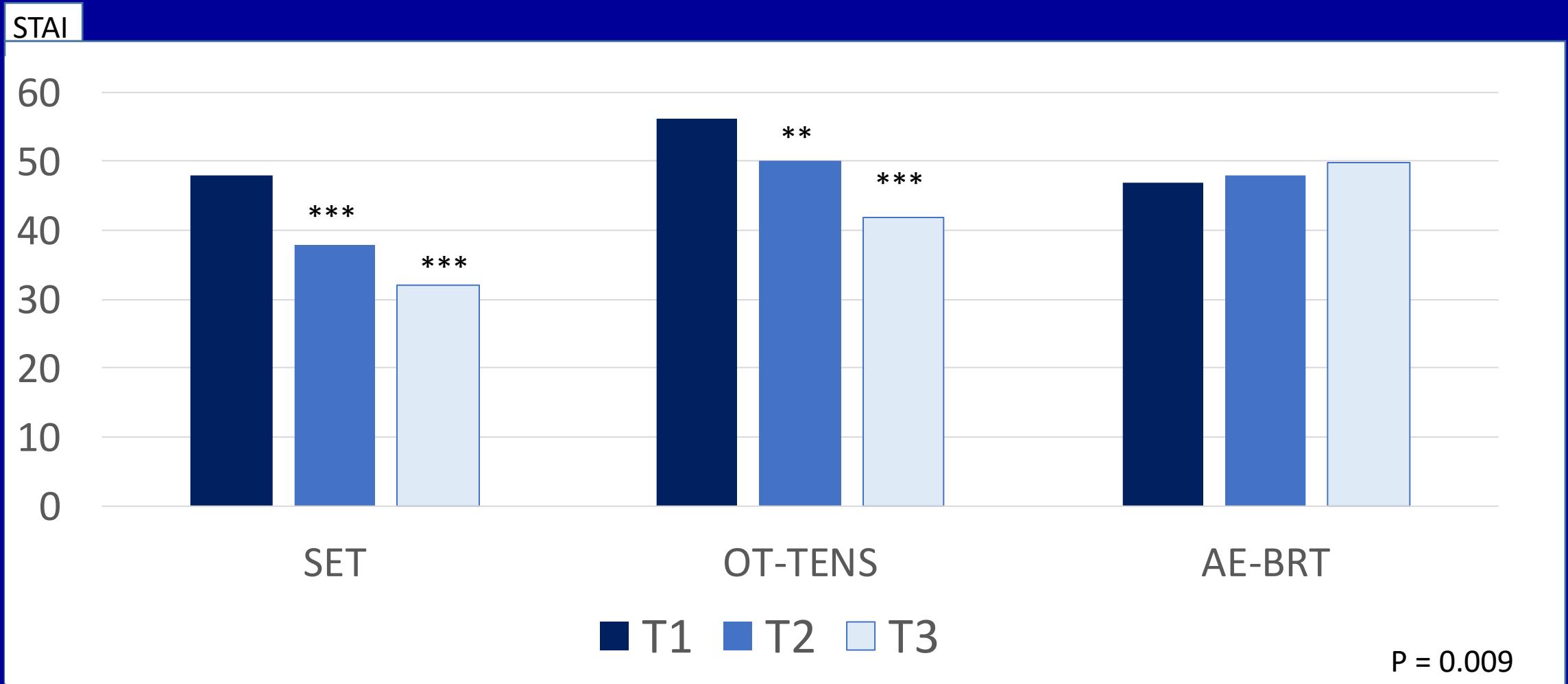


2<sup>nd</sup> Night

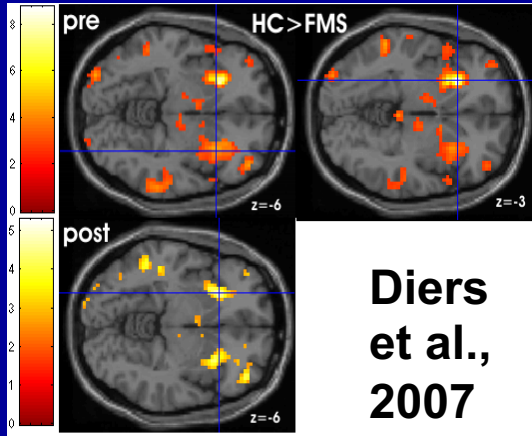
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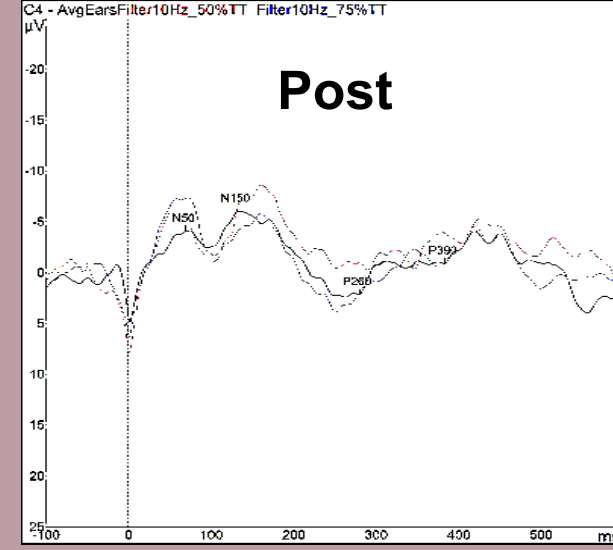
# Clinically significant *Reduction in Trait Anxiety*



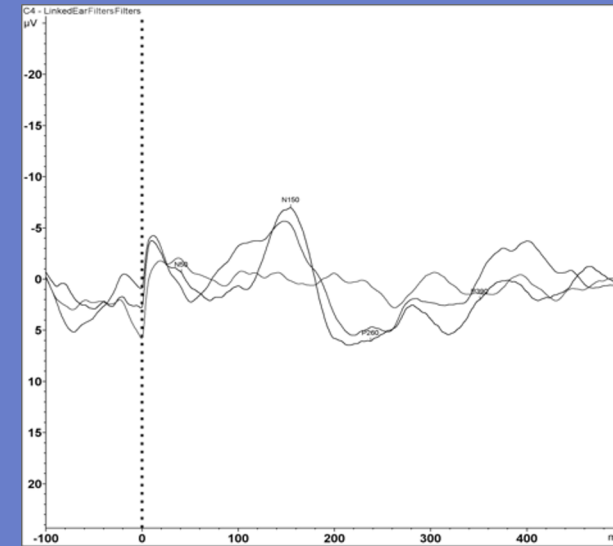
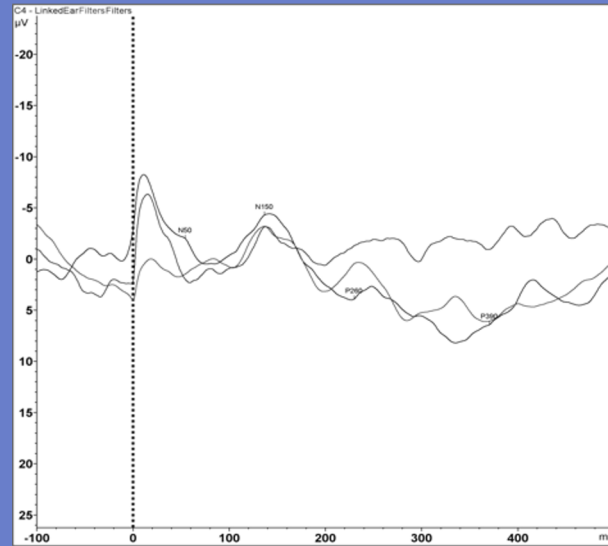
# Higher Cortical Pain Inhibition after SET



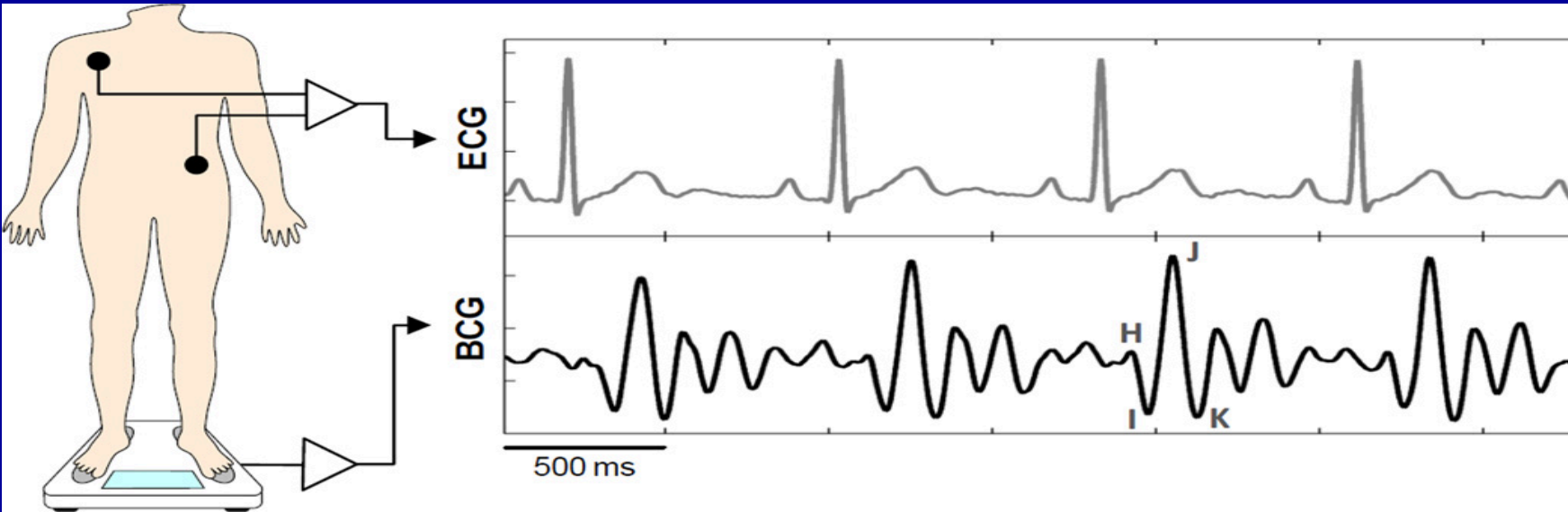
SET



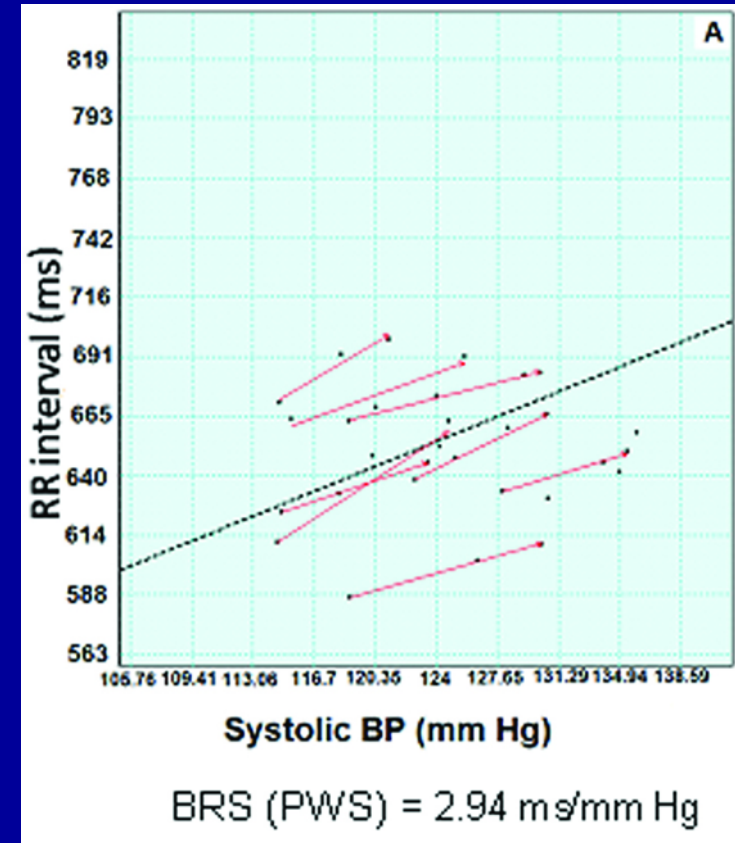
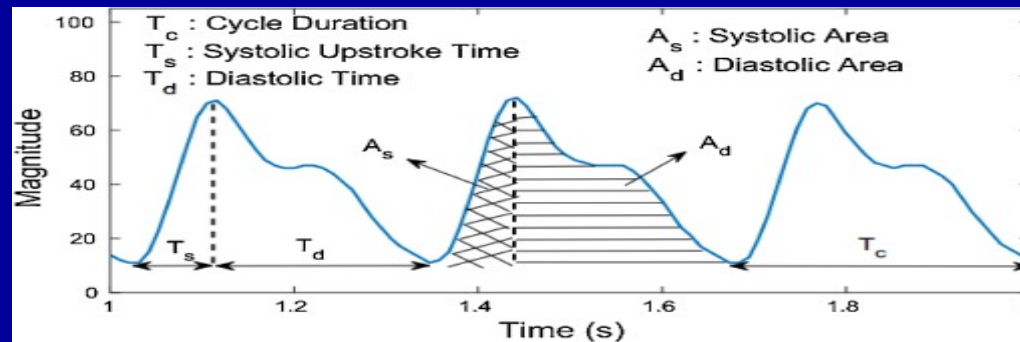
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# The biosignals



Blood Pressure



Baroreflex Sensitivity

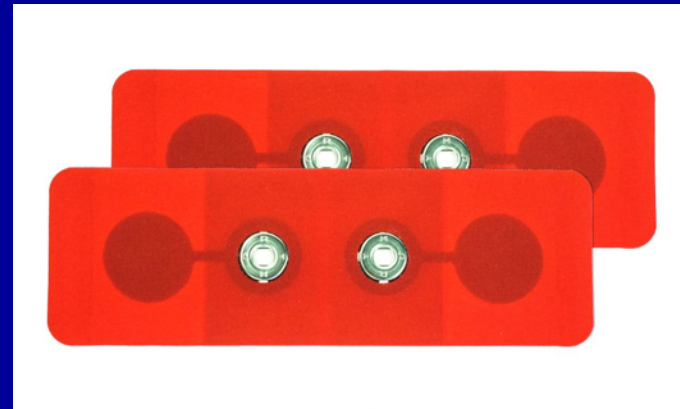


So 85% of disease is chronic. The patient knows - exercise, weight, sleep, and diet; **but doesn't do it.**

- Lifestyle (behavioral) change is needed.
- Fitbit shows that tracking alone works for few and can even harm.
- Psychological therapists can induce behavioral change.
  - Unfortunately the only metric is whether the therapist and patient like each other / feel that the therapy is working.
- BRS and other bio signals give therapists feedback, track progress, allow approach change, and motivate the patients.
- A dual Bio and Psycho intervention is highly synergistic.

## So why Movesense?

- Therapists require a simple low cost innocent looking device that a they can use.
- Device need to monitor EKG and BCG, temperature may also be important.
- BT/Cell phone interface.
- Long term activity tracking.



# Take Home Message

Chronic pain and diseases show diminished BRS and autonomic nervous system.

Movesense device captures EKG and BCG which can be used to calculate BRS

A combination of Baroreceptor Training and Behavioral Therapy increases BRS and reduces blood pressure, sleep, anxiety and pain.

BRS tracking, session by session, allows therapy modification.

Long-term pain relief is possible (> 12 months).



for your attention!

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