

Innovations in technology and IT solutions for cognition in relation to falls

“Harnessing the Power of Neural Networks”

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“When you play a videogame, you could be a completely different person than you are in the real world, certain aspects of the way your brain works can be leveraged for something you could never do in the real world.”

Christopher Nolan

https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christopher_Nolan



[1] Theoretical relevance of VR approaches / «why would we care for neuromuscular control & healthy aging in an aging society?»

– *Focus on **brain, gait & falls***

[2] Important mobility components of aging populations

– *Muscle Strength, Gait Speed, Gait Variability & Executive Function*

[3] How should/could interventions be designed?

– *Exergames and physical and cognitive functioning*

- *understand the relation between cognitive and physical functions*
- *understand why we should train the brain to improve gait and prevent falls*
- *understand the rationale to use VR/Exergaming in aging populations*

HEALTHY AGING (WHO)

*“the process of developing and maintaining **functional ability** that enables well-being in older age.”*^[1]

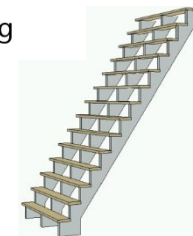
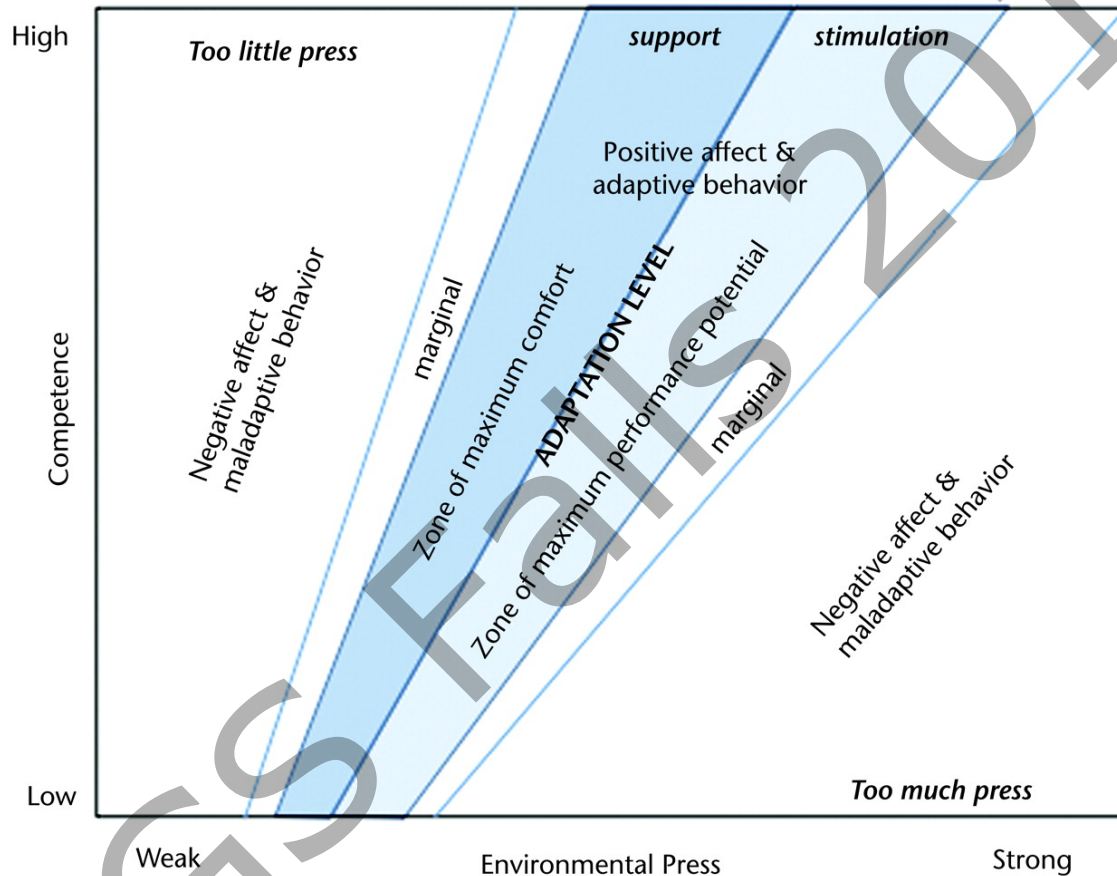
TWO MAIN CONCEPTS^[2]

Intrinsic Capacity: *“the combination of the individual’s physical and mental – including psychosocial – capacities”*

- *Mobility, Cognition, Vitality (Psycho-social, neuro-sensorial), Vision, Hearing*

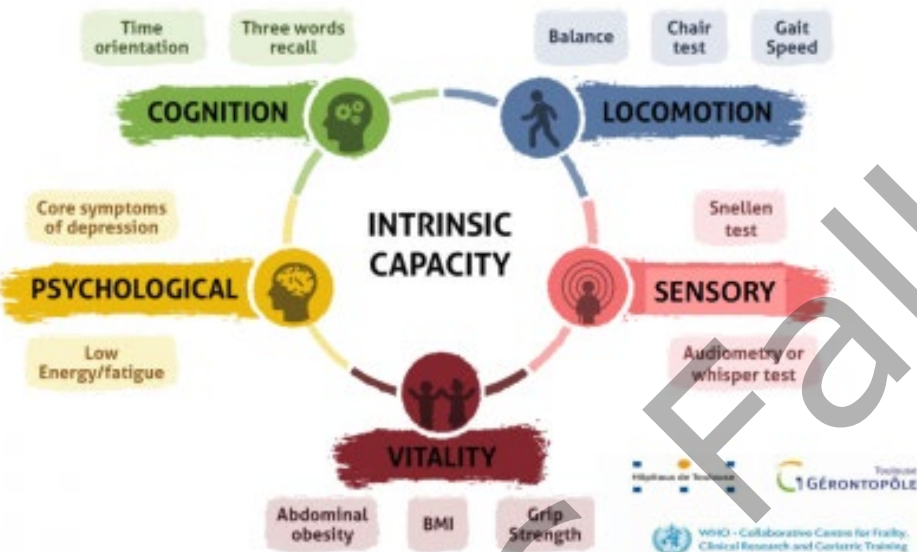
Functional Ability: *“having the capabilities that enable all people to be and do what they have reason to value.”*

Environmental gerontology: Lawton's press-competence model.



INTRINSIC CAPACITY VS. (PHYSICAL) FITNESS

ASSESSMENT OF INTRINSIC CAPACITY



– Health related

- Cardio-respiratory & muscle endurance, muscle strength, body composition, flexibility

– Skill related

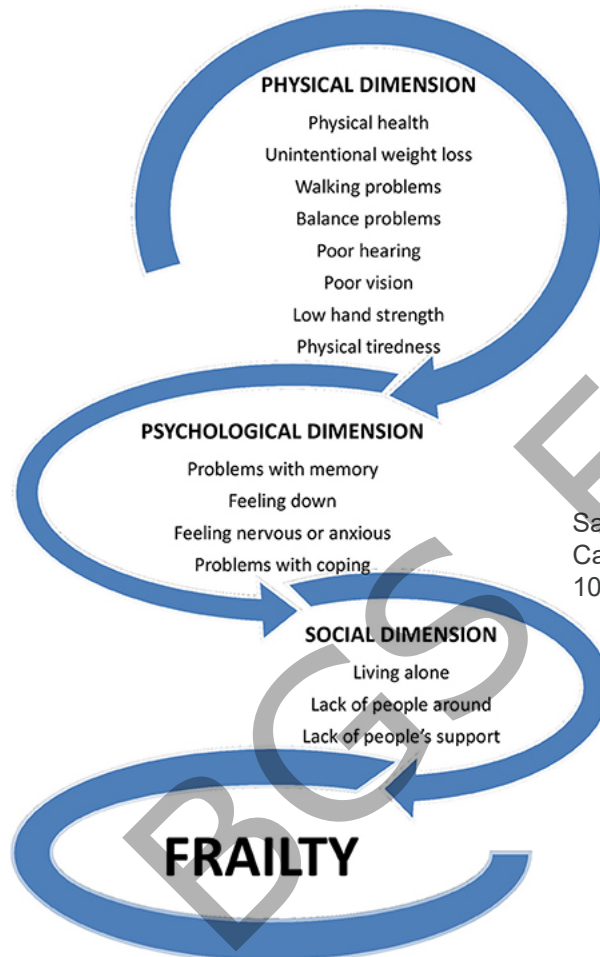
- Agility, balance, coordination, speed, power, reaction time

<http://www.aging-news.net/w-h-o-world-health-organization-program-on-maintaining-intrinsic-capacities-with-aging/>

Caspersen CJ, Powell KE, Christenson GM. Physical activity, exercise, and physical fitness: definitions and distinctions for health-related research. Public Health Rep. **1985**;100(2):126-31.

NEUROMUSCULAR CONTROL

- “involves the detection, perception, and utilization of relevant sensory information in order to perform specific tasks”



Multidimensional concept of frailty integrating various domains of human functioning that, by interaction, may accelerate frailty development

Sacha J, Sacha M, Soboń J, Borysiuk Z and Feusette P (2017) Is It Time to Begin a Public Campaign Concerning Frailty and Pre-frailty? A Review Article. *Front. Physiol.* 8:484. doi: 10.3389/fphys.2017.00484

Video capture of the circumstances of falls in elderly people residing in long-term care: an observational study

Stephen N Robinovitch*, Fabio Feldman*, Yijian Yang, Rebecca Schonnop, Pet Ming Lueng, Thiago Sarraf, Joanie Sims-Gould, Marie Loughin

www.thelancet.com Published online October 17, 2012 [http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(12\)61263-X](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(12)61263-X)



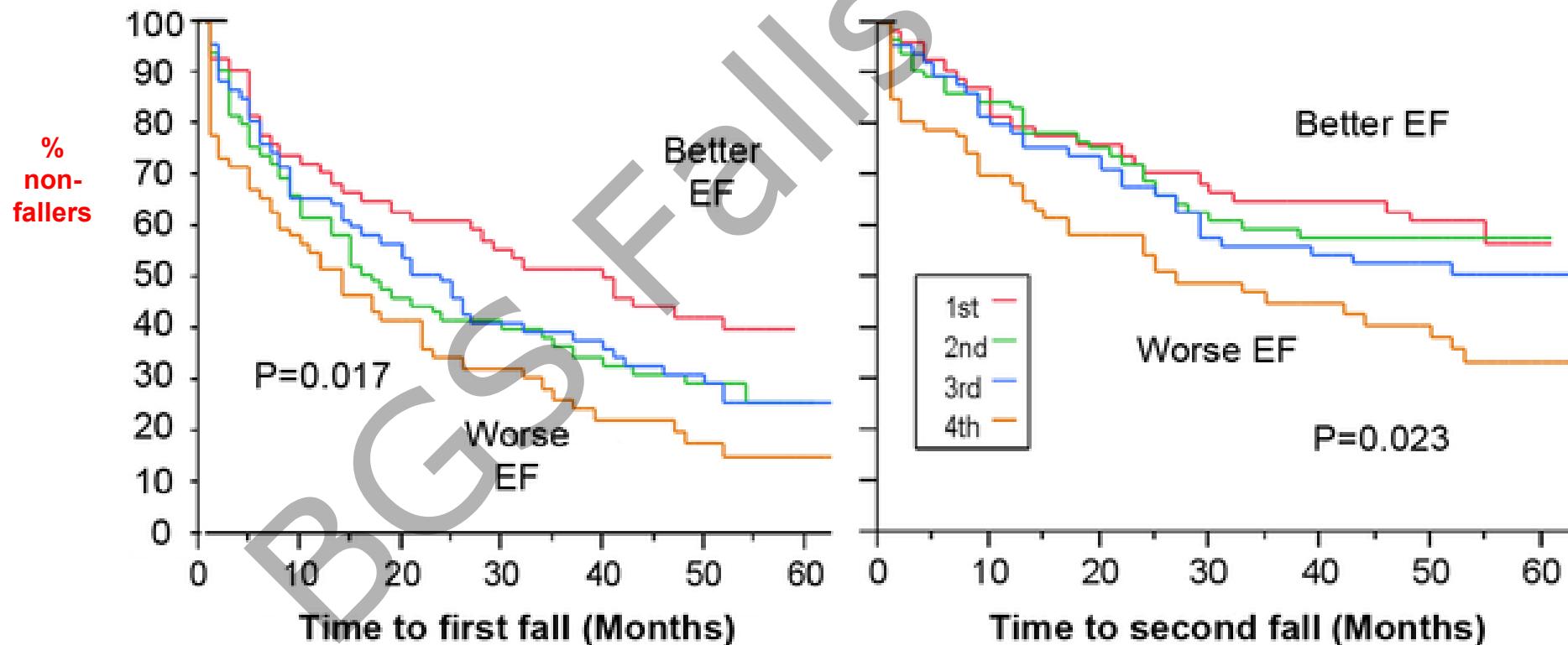
Impairment in sensory filtering (e.g., longer time to characterize stimuli in working memory), presumed to explain the deficits in motor processes (i.e., selection of motor responses). Cognitive working memory changes in aging lead to slowing down of motor response selection.

Cid-Fernandez et al. (2014). *Front. Hum. Neurosci.* 8:745. doi: 10.3389/fnhum.2014.00745

Executive Control Deficits as a Prodrome to Falls in Healthy Older Adults: A Prospective Study Linking Thinking, Walking, and Falling

Talia Herman,¹ Anat Mirelman,^{1,2} Nir Giladi,^{1,3} Avraham Schweiger,^{4,5} and Jeffrey M. Hausdorff^{1,2,6}

Conclusions. Among healthy older adults, individuals with poorer EF are more prone to falls. Higher-level cognitive functions such as those regulated by the frontal lobes are apparently needed for safe everyday navigation that demands multi-tasking. Optimal screening, early detection, and treatment of falls should, apparently, also target this cognitive domain.



Brian C. Clark, Todd M. Manini, Sarcopenia ≠ Dynapenia, *The Journals of Gerontology: Series A*, Volume 63, Issue 8, August 2008, Pages 829–834

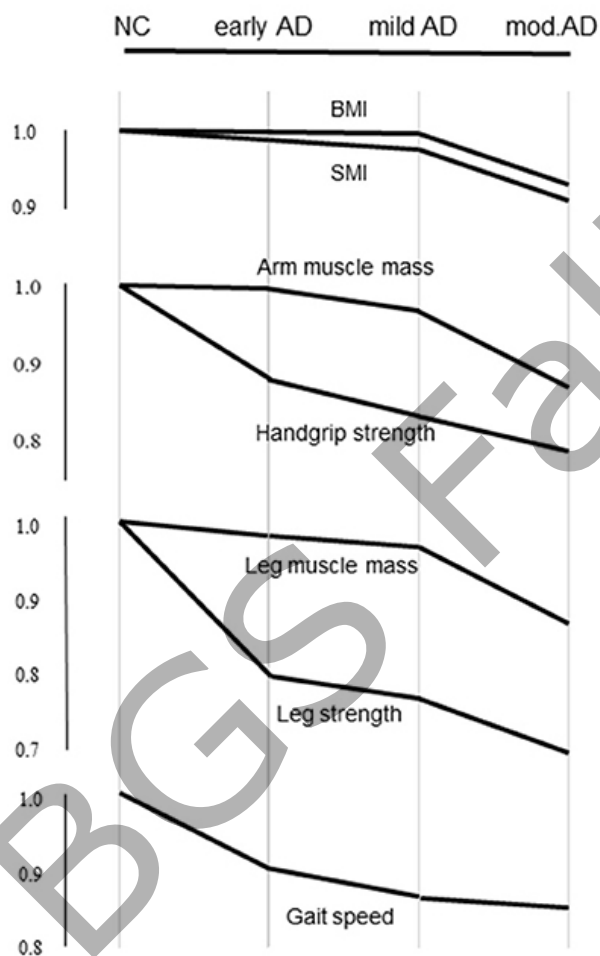
- **There is no equivalence between muscle mass and strength**
 - *longitudinal aging studies indicate a disassociation between the loss of muscle mass and strength*
 - *the changes in muscle mass and in strength resulting from altered physical activity levels (i.e., exercise training or disuse) do not follow the same time course*
- **Thus, adaptations in other properties in the human neuromuscular system must be involved in the regulation of strength**
- mechanisms accounting for ▲ or ▼ in strength can arise from neurological and skeletal muscle factors
- potential sites that can affect maximal voluntary force output:
 - *excitatory drive from supraspinal centers, α -motoneuron excitability, antagonistic muscle activity, motor unit recruitment and rate coding, neuromuscular transmission, muscle mass, E-C coupling processes, and muscle morphology and architecture*



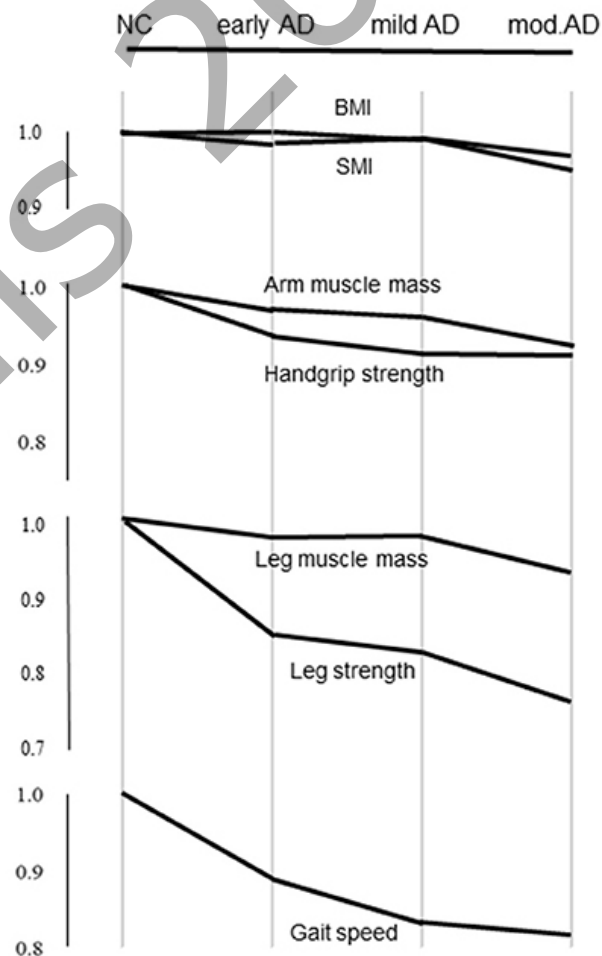
Sarcopenia and Muscle Functions at Various Stages of Alzheimer Disease

Yusuke Ogawa, Yoshitsugu Kaneko, Tomohiko Sato, Soichiro Shimizu, Hidekazu Kanetaka and Haruo Hanyu*

Female group



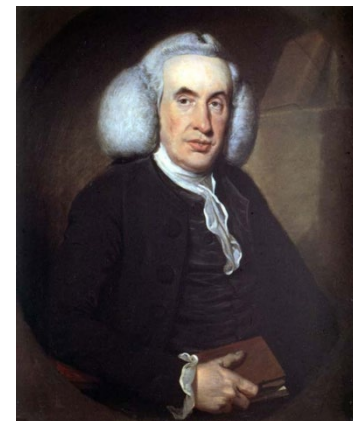
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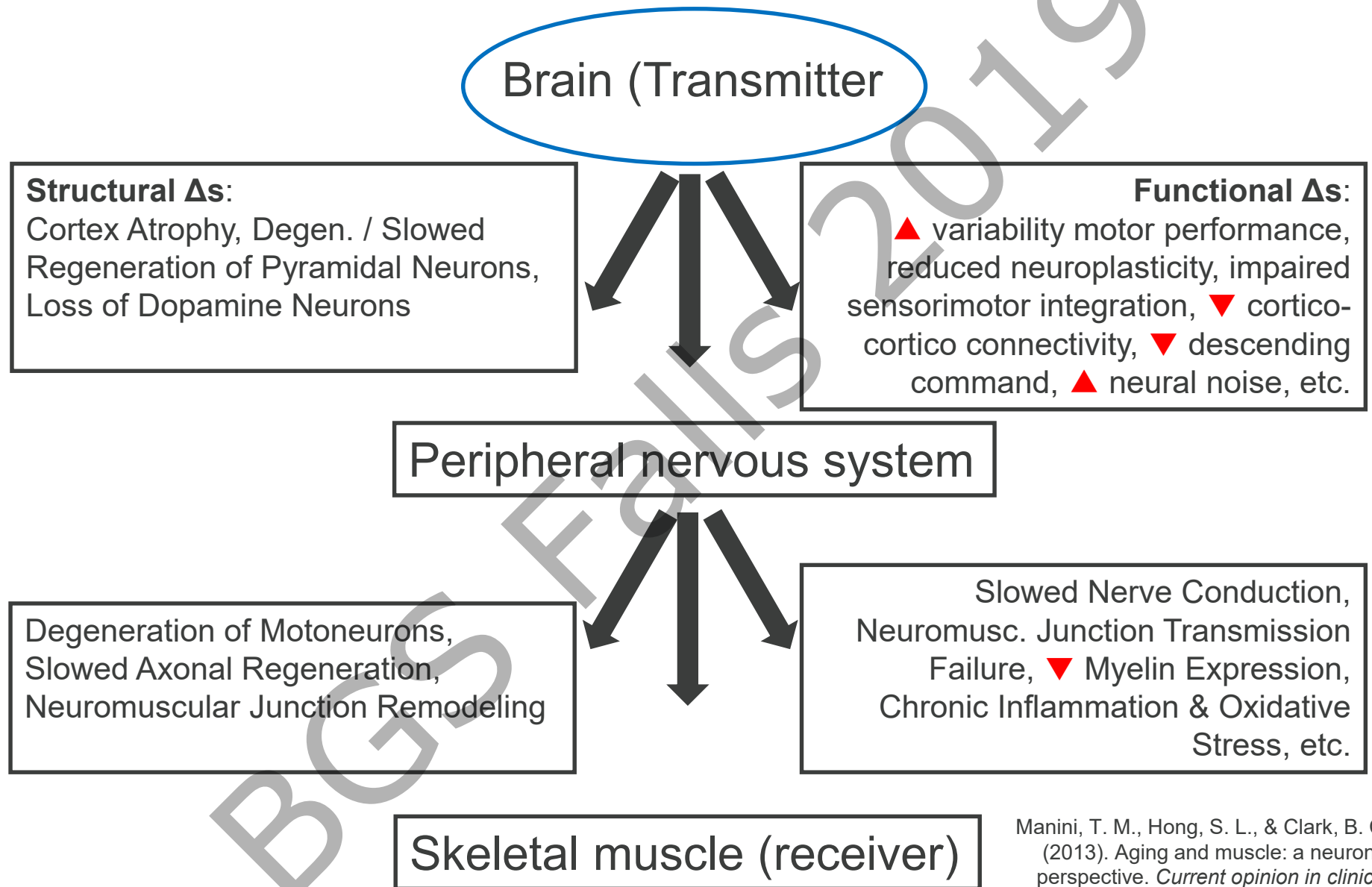
William Cullen (1710-1790; from *Institutions of Medicine, Pt.*)

Sensation and volition, so far as they are connected with corporeal motions, are functions of the brain alone...the will operating in the brain only, by a motion begun there, and propagated along the nerves, produces the contraction of the muscles.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Cullen



IS MUSCLE STRENGTH LOSS CAUSED BY FAILING EFFICIENCY OF BRAIN-MUSCLES COMMUNICATION (E.G. A NEUROGENIC DRIVEN SYNDROME)?



Manini, T. M., Hong, S. L., & Clark, B. C. (2013). Aging and muscle: a neuron's perspective. *Current opinion in clinical nutrition and metabolic care*, 16(1), 21–26.

Clark, B. C., & Taylor, J. L. (2011). Age-related changes in motor cortical properties and voluntary activation of skeletal muscle. *Current aging science*, 4(3), 192–199.

- *«Deficits in the neural drive can contribute to much of the muscle weakness observed in the very elderly – at least in the knee extensor muscles»*
- *«Clinically meaningful deficits in voluntary activation do exist in the knee extensors when a population of older adults is considered»*
- *«There is also evidence for a deficit in activation of the knee extensors, which are clinically important as the level of muscle strength has been linked to disability development and functional capacity»*



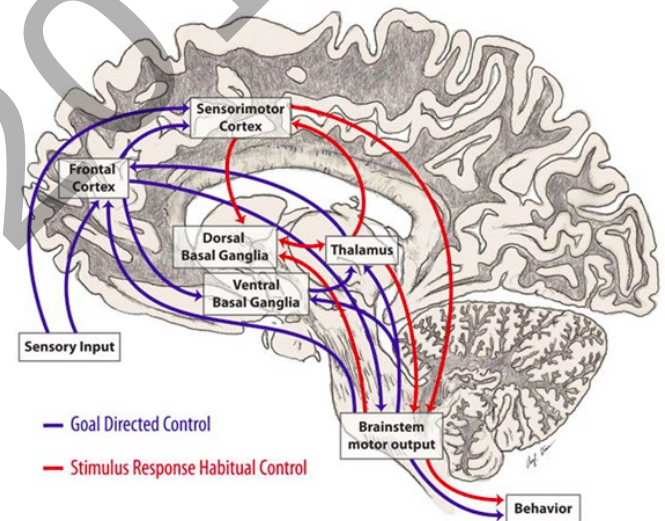
Thinking, Walking, Talking: Integratory Motor and Cognitive Brain Function

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Motor control integrates both cortical and subcortical structures principally involving those connections between the basal ganglia and frontal lobes involved in automaticity of motor function and its cognitive mediation.

Gait in the elderly is a **complex motor-cognitive task**

Attention, executive functions and memory are needed



Front. Public Health
<https://doi.org/10.3389/fpubh.2016.00094>

de Bruin, E. D., & Schmidt, A. (2010). Walking behaviour of healthy elderly: attention should be paid. *Behavioral and Brain Functions*, 6. doi: 10.1186/1744-9081-6-59

Pichierri, G., Wolf, P., Murer, K., & de Bruin, E. D. (2011). Cognitive and cognitive-motor interventions affecting physical functioning: A systematic review. *Bmc Geriatrics*, 11. doi: 10.1186/1471-2318-11-29

Loss of white matter integrity is associated with gait disorders in cerebral small vessel disease

Karlijn F. de Laat,^{1,*} Anil M. Tuladhar,^{1,*} Anouk G. W. van Norden,¹ David G. Norris,² Marcel P. Zwiers^{2,3} and Frank-Erik de Leeuw¹

Brain 2011; 134; 73–83

- «.. in elderly subjects with small vessel disease, **widespread disruption of white matter integrity**, predominantly in the normal-appearing white matter, is **involved in gait disturbances**.
- In particular, loss of fibres interconnecting bilateral cortical regions, **especially the prefrontal cortex** that is involved in cognitive control on motor performance, may be important ..»

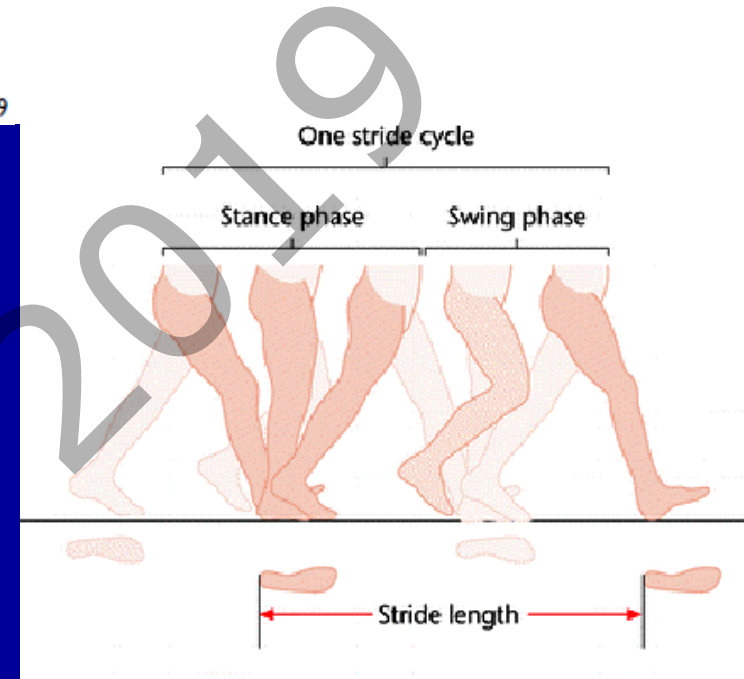
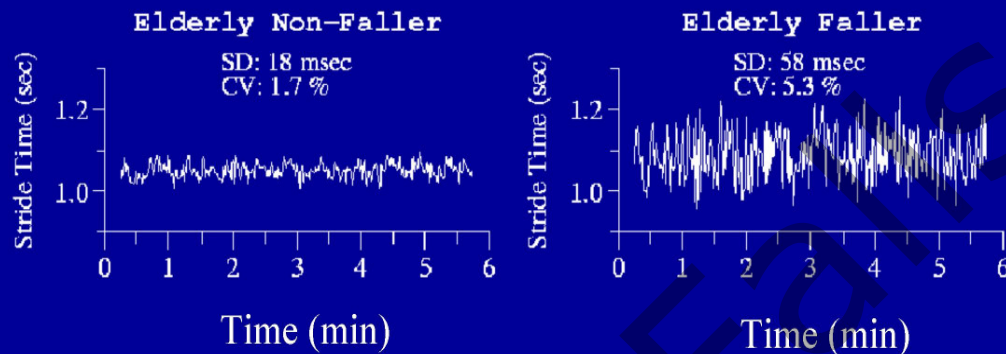
J Am Geriatr Soc. 2010 February ; 58(2): 275–281. doi:10.1111/j.1532-5415.2009.02699.x.

White Matter Hyperintensities Predict Functional Decline in Voiding, Mobility and Cognition in Older Persons

Dorothy B. Wakefield, MS¹, Nicola Moscufo, PhD³, Charles R. Guttmann, MD³, George A. Kuchel, MD⁴, Richard F. Kaplan, PhD², Godfrey Pearlson, MD⁵, and Leslie Wolfson, MD¹

Example of Increased Stride Time Variability in Elderly Fallers

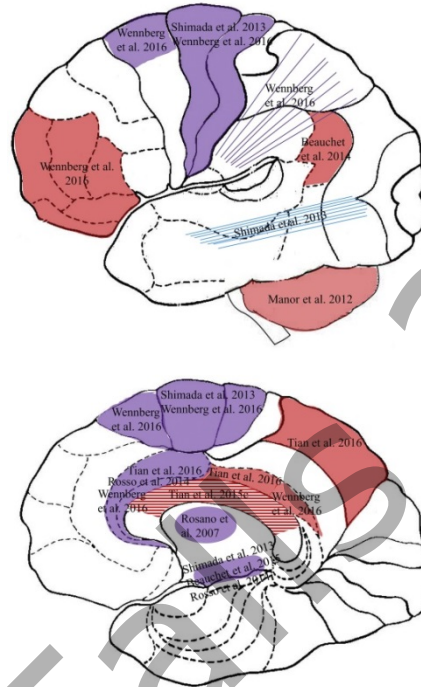
Quantification of Stride-to-Stride Fluctuations



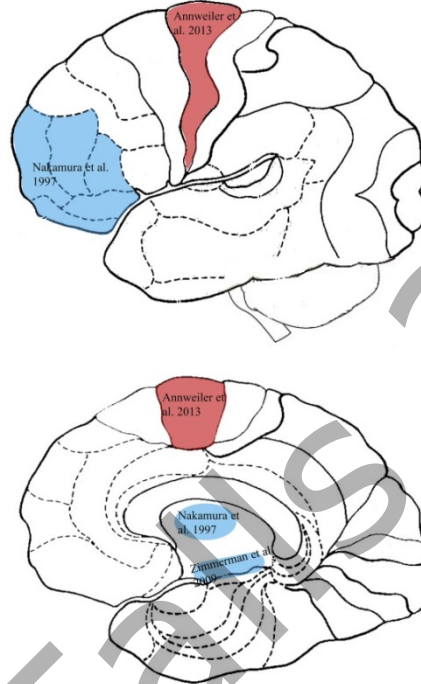
Upper threshold 2.6% - Lower threshold 1.1% for **pathologic variability**

N. König et al. / Neuroscience and Biobehavioral Reviews 68 (2016) 111–119

The mean values of the stride time are essentially identical in both subjects, the magnitude of the stride-to-stride fluctuations is much larger in the faller. SD: standard deviation; CV: coefficient of variation



The brain map of gait variability in aging. Caption: Brain gray matter (solid fill) and white matter (line fill) on sagittal view of the lateral cortex (top) and the medial cortex (bottom), that are associated with temporal gait variability (red), spatial gait variability (purple)



The brain map of gait variability in cognitive impairment or dementia. Caption: Brain gray matter areas on sagittal view of the lateral cortex (top) and the medial cortex (bottom), that are associated with temporal gait variability (red) and spatial gait variability (blue)

New Technologies & Neuroplasticity: VR / Exergames



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«*Use dependent plasticity*»:

Practicing movements results in improvement in performance and in plasticity of the motor cortex. **Non-practicing gives the opposite effect!**

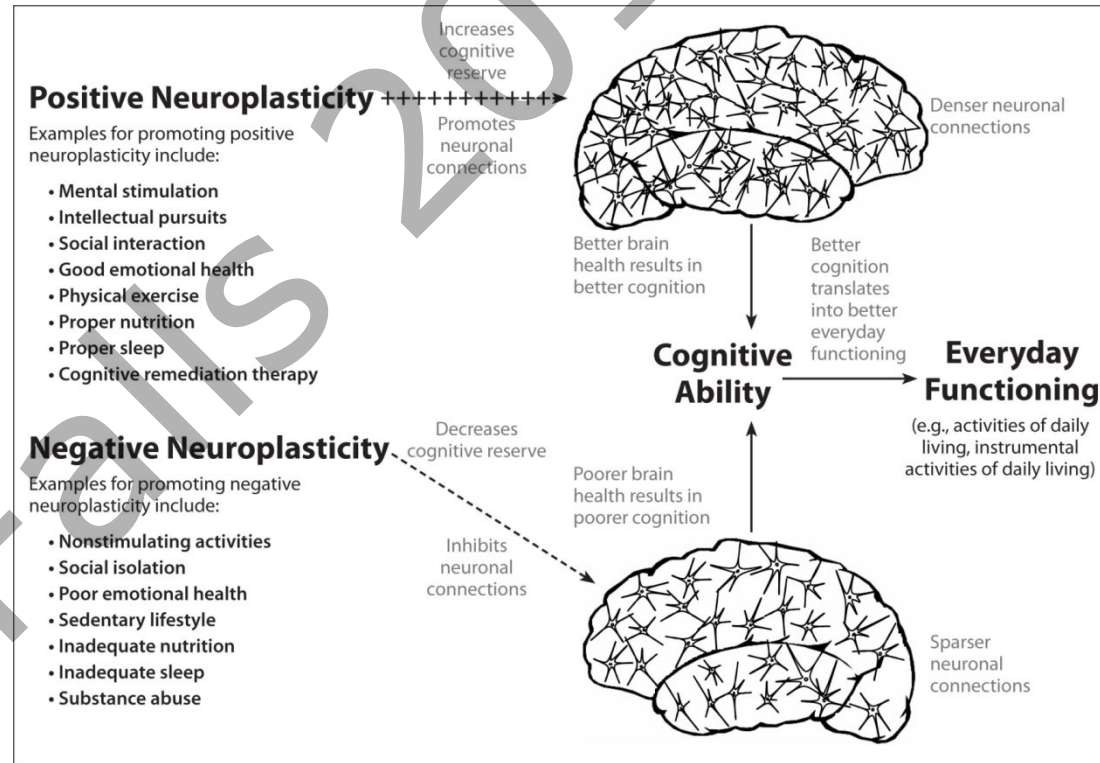
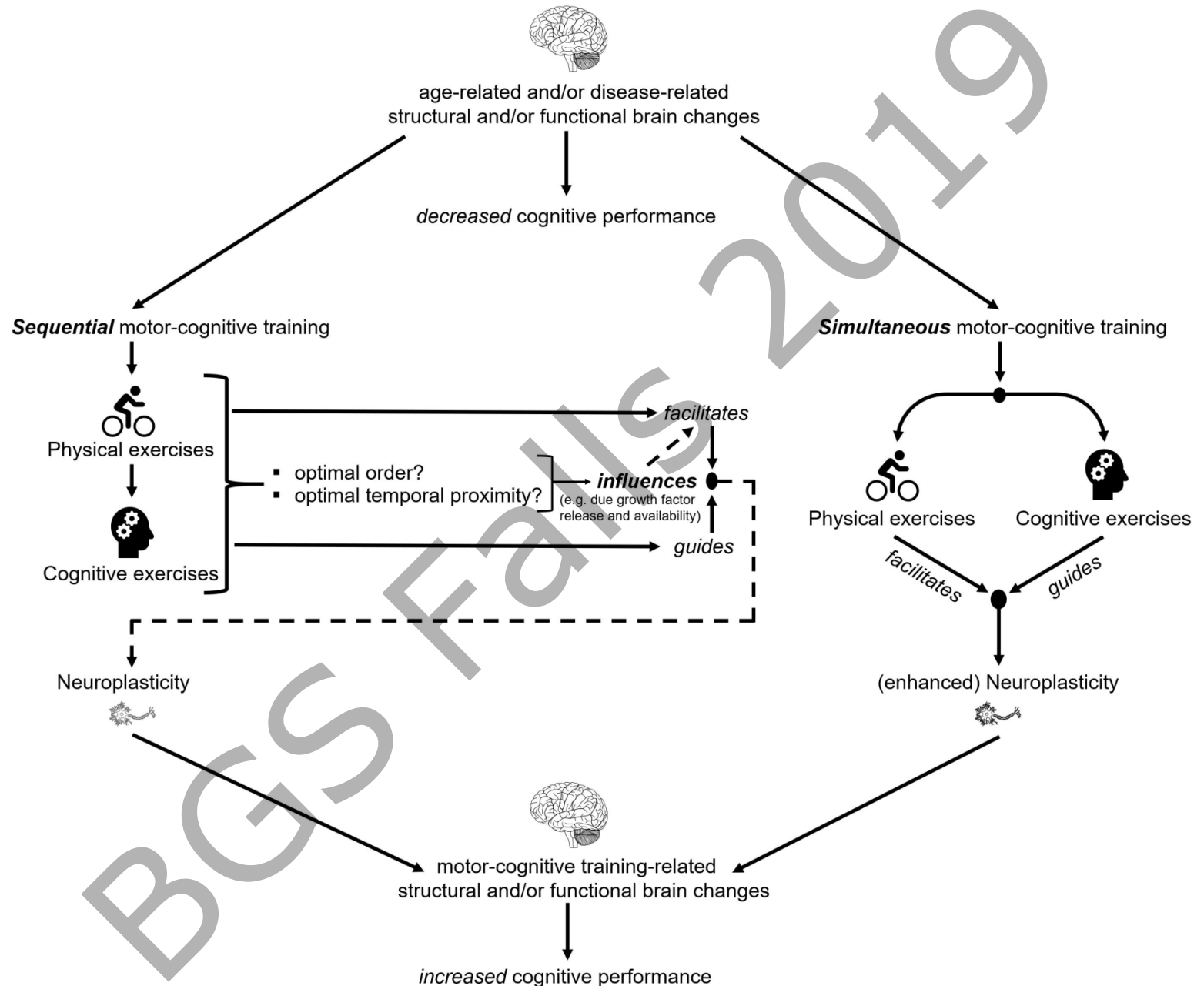
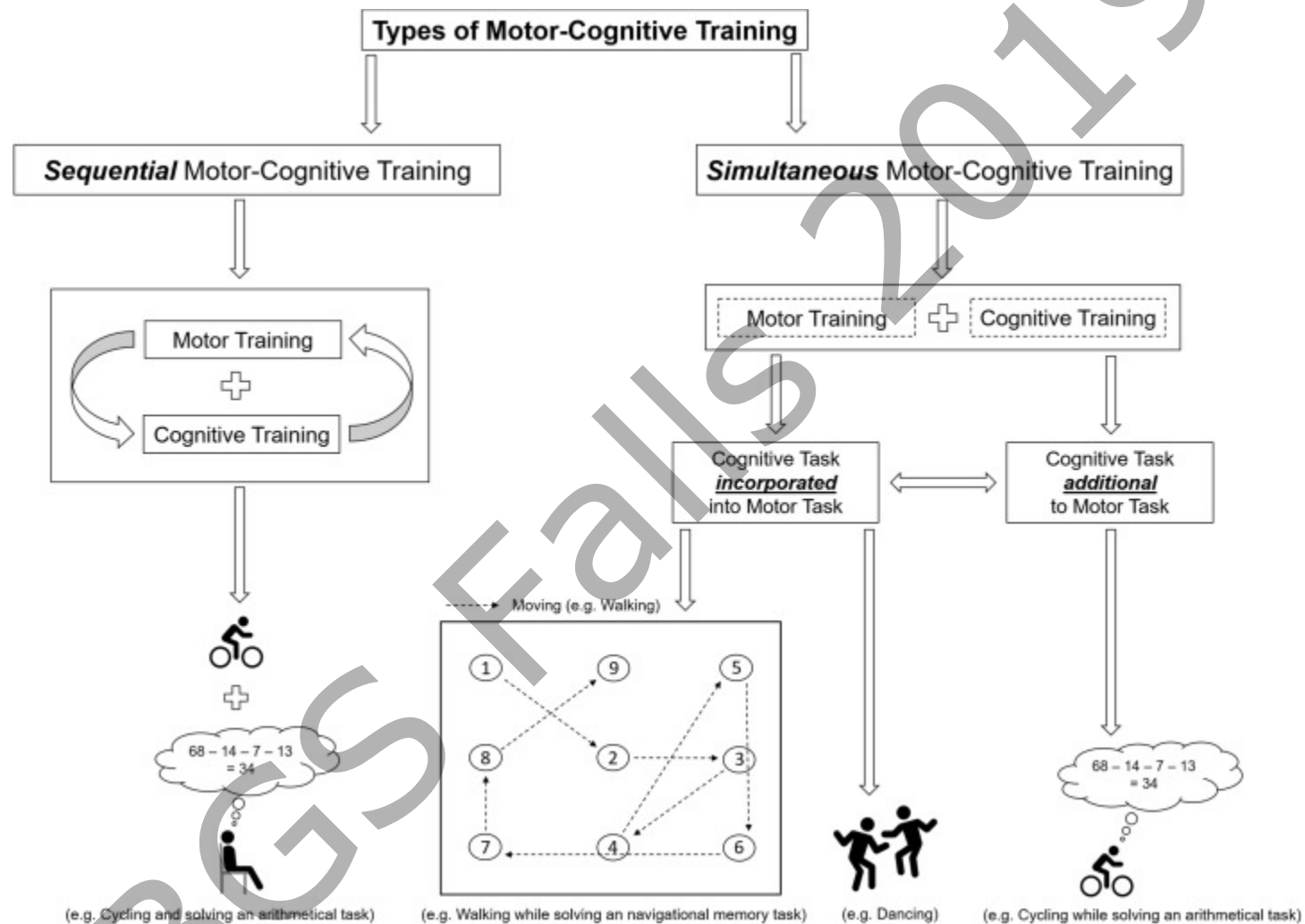
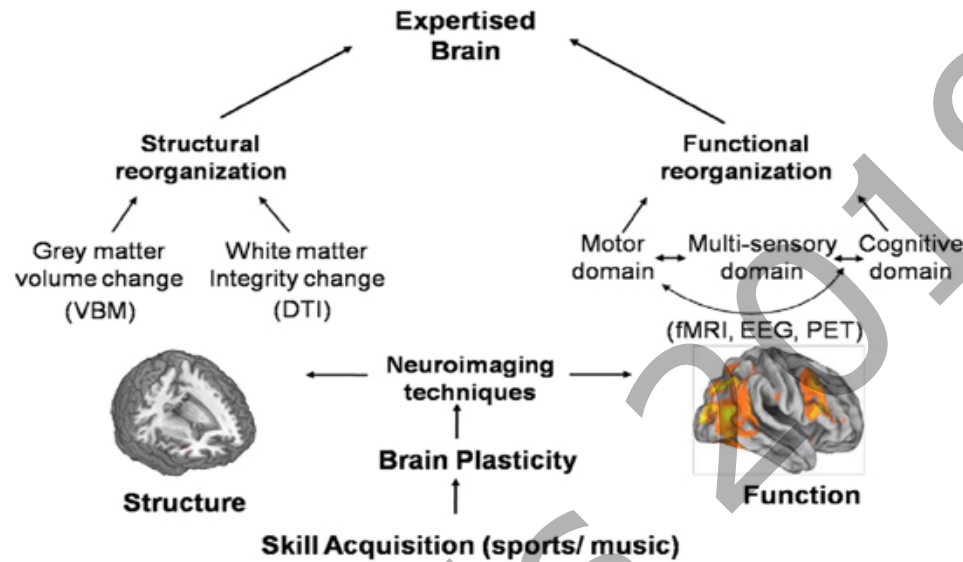


Figure. Methods of promoting positive and negative neuroplasticity.

"Guided plasticity facilitation" framework







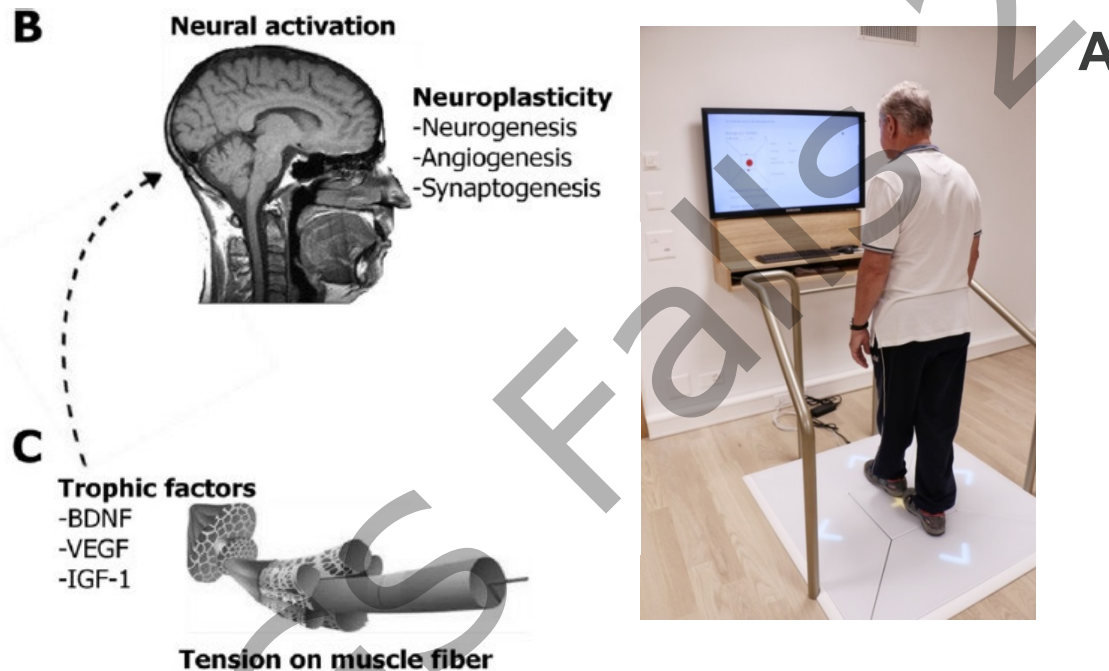
Front. Hum. Neurosci. 2014 | <https://doi.org/10.3389/fnhum.2014.00035>

VR = the use of computer technology to create a simulated environment

- *Your brain treats VR like a real life experience*
- *Real life experiences are the best way to learn and remember*
- *Experiences in VR help you learn better, remember more and improve*

(American College of Sports Medicine. “Exergaming.” ACSM.org .
<http://www.acsm.org/docs/brochures/exergaming.pdf> (accessed February 24, 2017).)

«...technology-driven physical activities, such as video game play, that requires participants to be physically active or exercise in order to play the game»



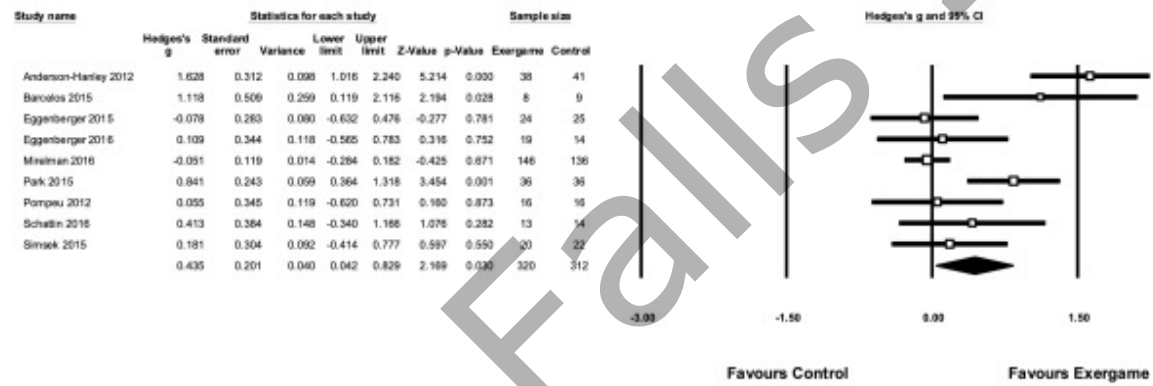
(A) An individual playing exergame; (B) increases neural activation; (C) promotes a muscle fiber tension.

The effect of active video games on cognitive functioning in clinical and non-clinical populations: a meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials

Emma Stanmore^a, , , Brendon Stubbs^{b, c}, Davy Vancampfort^{d, e}, Eling D. de Bruin^f, Joseph Firth^g





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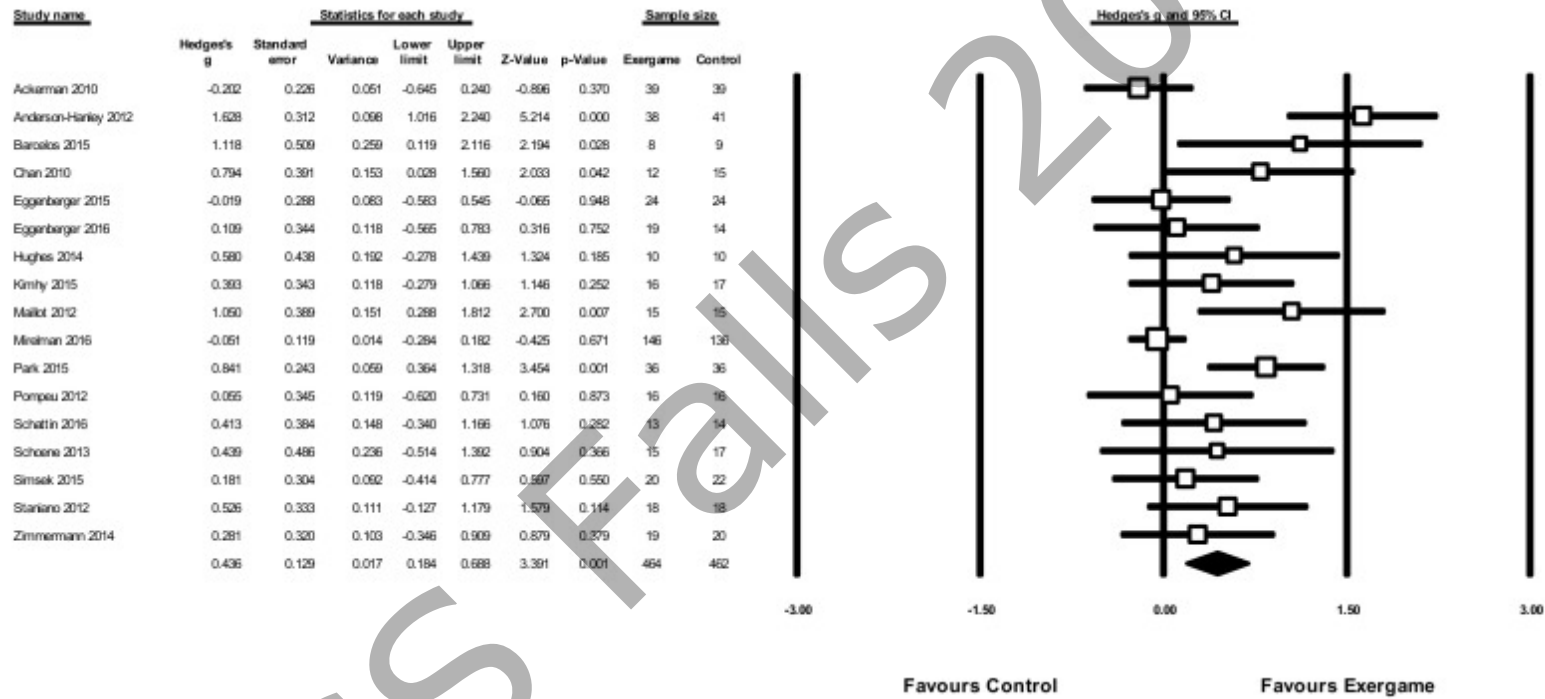


Meta-analysis showing effects of exergame interventions on global cognition **in comparison to physically-active control conditions**. Box size represents study weighting. Diamond represents overall effect size and 95% confidence intervals.

Domain-specific analyses found exergames improved executive functions, attentional processing and visuospatial skills.

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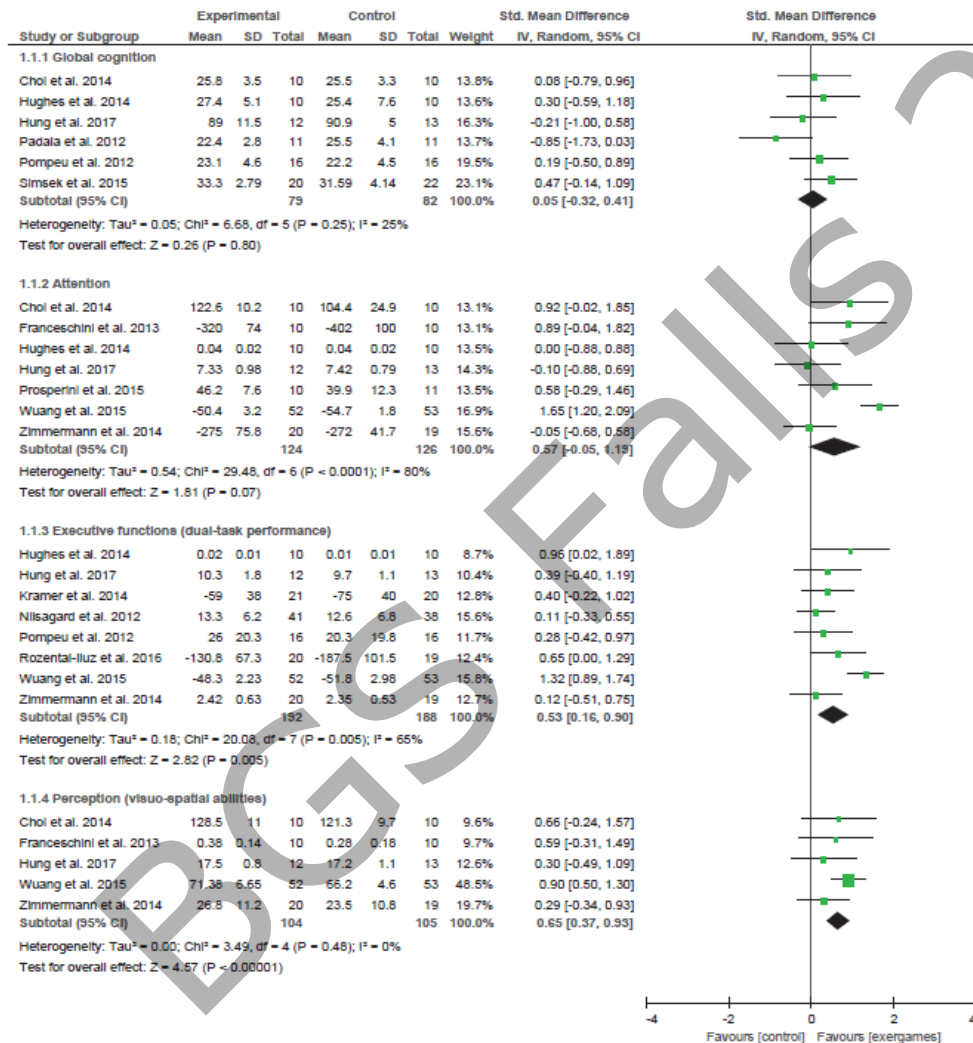


Meta-analysis of exergames effects on global cognition in comparison to control conditions. Box size represents study weighting. Diamond represents overall effect size and 95% confidence intervals.

Active exergames to improve cognitive functioning in neurological disabilities: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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Review

Step training improves reaction time, gait and balance and reduces falls in older people: a systematic review and meta-analysis

Yoshiro Okubo^{1,2}, Daniel Schoene³, Stephen R Lord^{1,4}

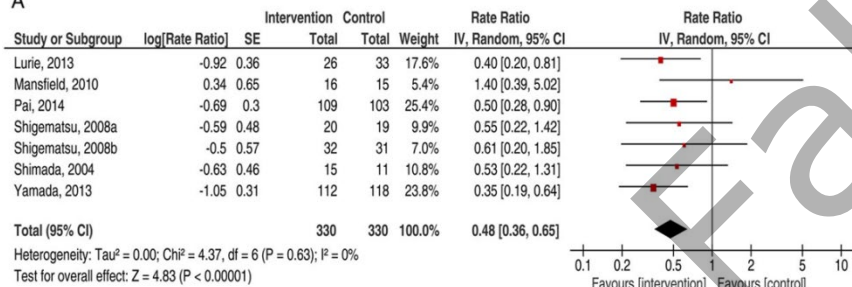
- This training could be either volitional or reactive but should be performed in an upright position and undertaken in response to environmental challenges which mimic common fall situations such as stepping onto a target, avoiding an obstacle or responding to a perturbation.

FALLS 50%

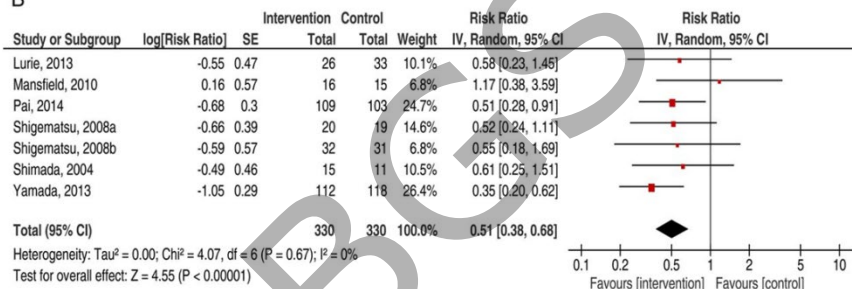


WALKING

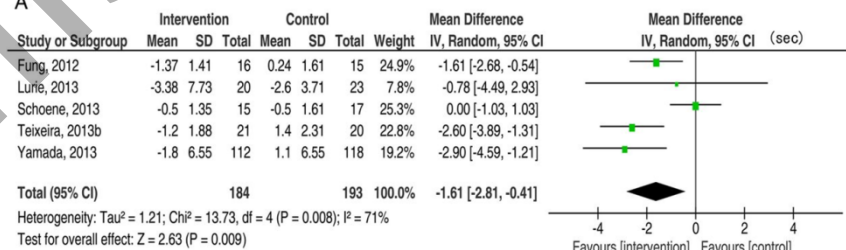
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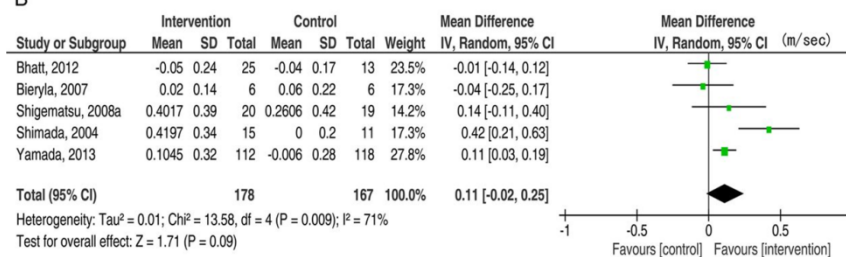
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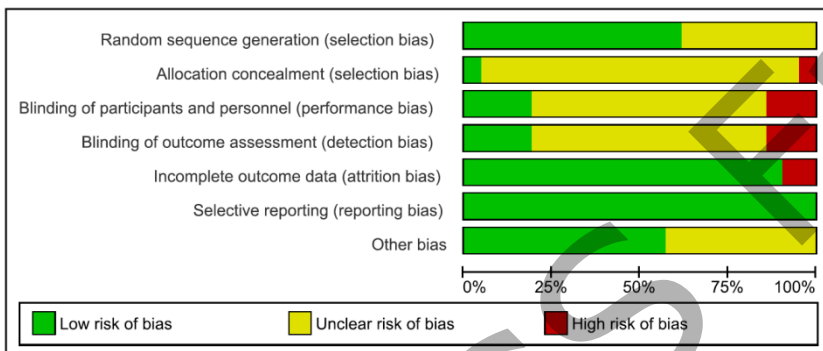
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Efficacy of video game-based interventions for active aging. A systematic literature review and meta-analysis

Fernando L. Vázquez^{1*}, Patricia Otero², J. Antonio García-Casal¹, Vanessa Blanco³, Ángela J. Torres⁴, Manuel Arrojo⁵

PLoS ONE 13(12): e0208192. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0208192>

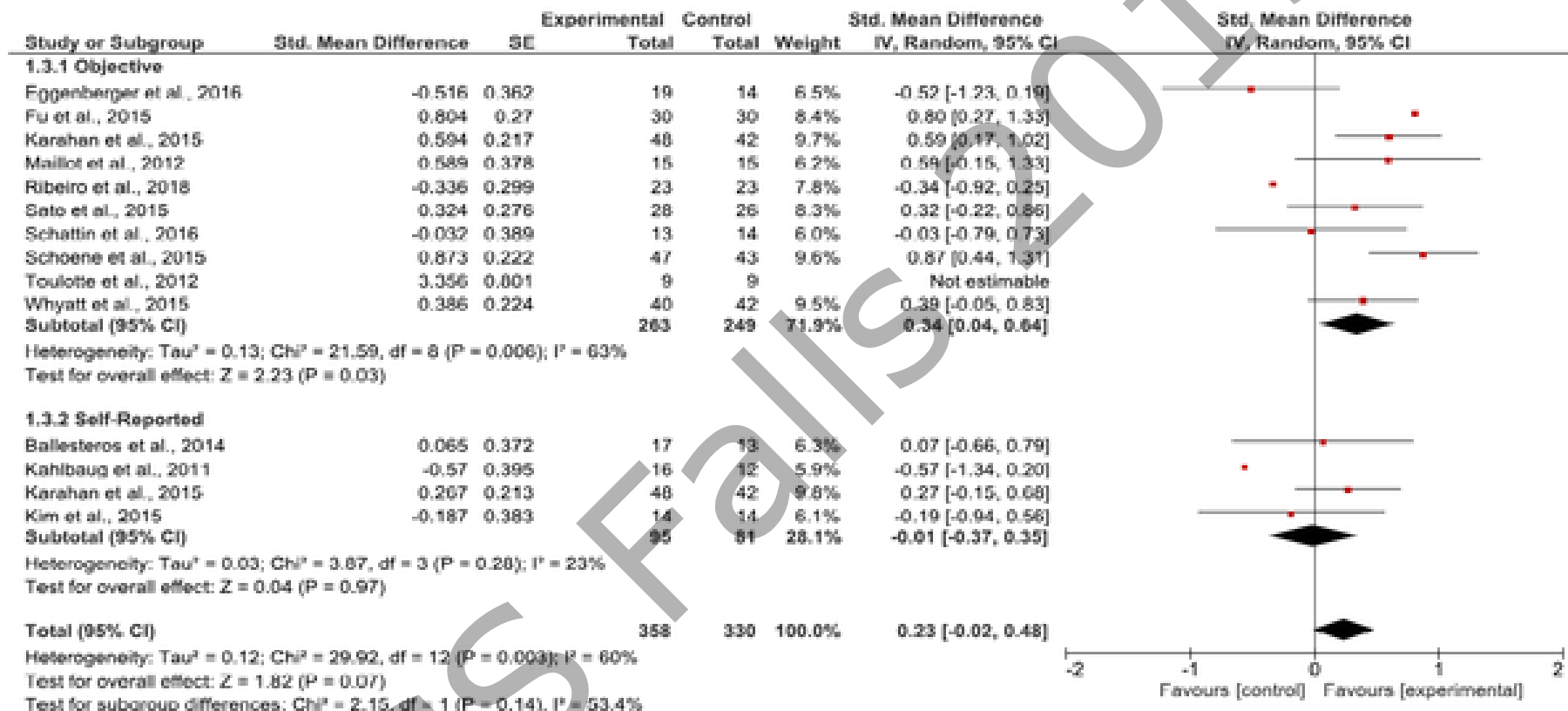


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Whyatt et al., 2015	2-2-2-2-1-1-2	7	0	5	4	2	18	56
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Total score		184	9	111	101	27	432	
%		80	14	76	80	26	64	

Note: Risk of bias values reflect categories proposed by Cochrane, in order: random sequence generation; allocation concealment; blinding of participants and personnel; blinding of outcome assessment; incomplete outcome data; selective reporting; and other sources of bias. 1 = low; 2 = Unclear; 3 = high; 4 = Not Reported. Max. Score: maximum possible score all the studies together.

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Fig 3. Forest plot of comparisons: Experimental vs. control group change in physical health.



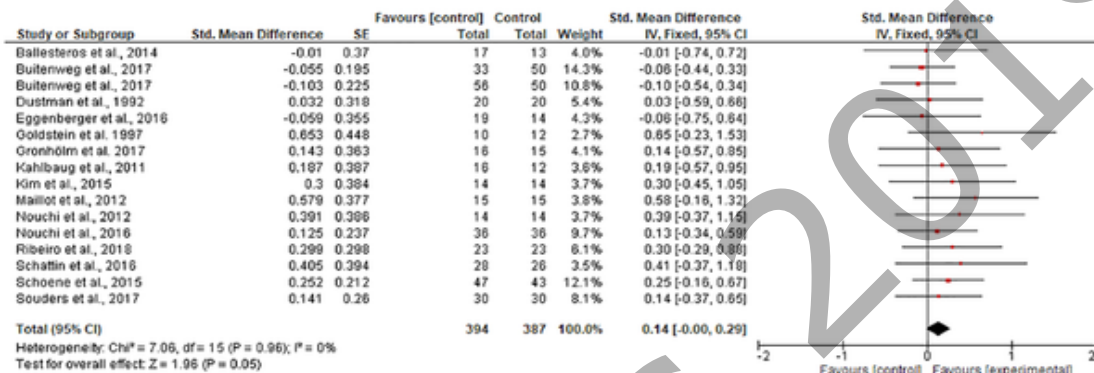
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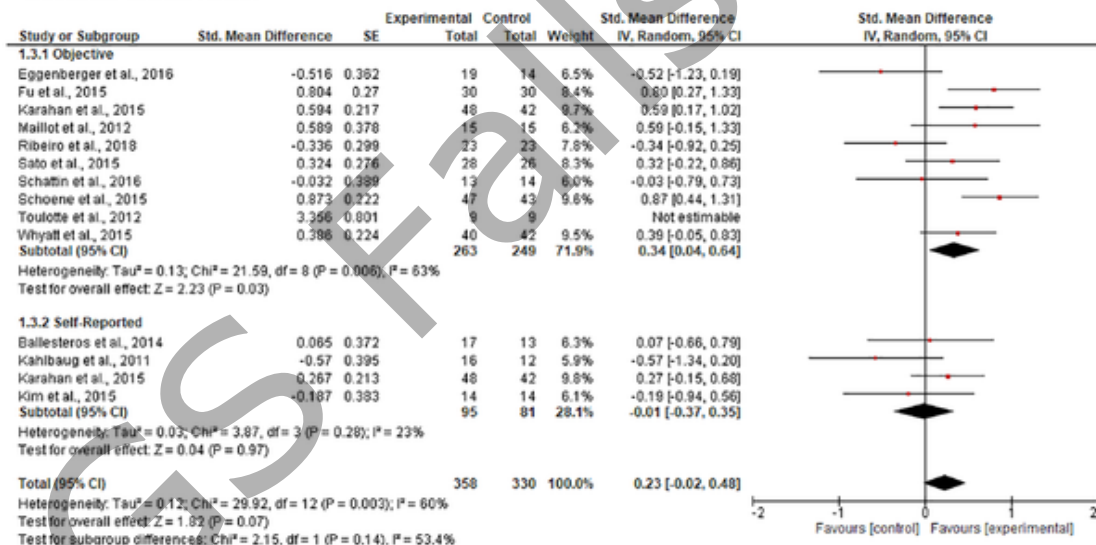
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Fig 4. Forest plot of comparisons: Experimental vs. control group change in cognitive and emotional mental health.

Cognitive Mental Health



Emotional Mental Health

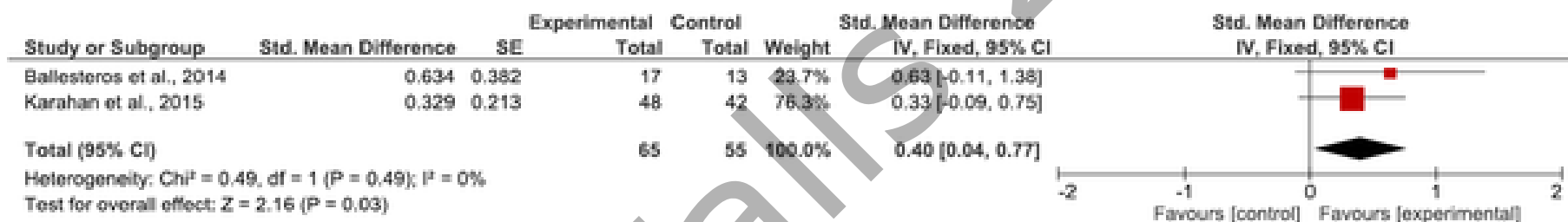


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Fig 5. Forest plot of comparisons: Experimental vs. control group change in social health.



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Special Article

Recommendations on Physical Activity and Exercise for Older Adults Living in Long-Term Care Facilities: A Taskforce Report

Current Physical Activity Guidelines for Older Adults^{12,13}

Minimum Recommendations of Physical Activity for Adults 65 Years and Older

*Recommendation from the American College of Sports Medicine and the American Heart Association (2007)**

Aerobic/endurance (bouts of >10 min). Moderate-intensity aerobic PA, 30 minutes, 5 d/wk or vigorous-intensity aerobic PA, 20 min, 3 d/wk. These moderate or vigorous PAs are in addition to the light-intensity activities performed in daily life (eg, self-care) or moderate-intensity PAs lasting 10 min or less

+

Strength. 8–10 exercises, 10–15 repetitions, for strengthening the major muscles of the body, \geq twice/wk, moderate to high intensity

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Flexibility. \geq twice/wk, 10 min

+

Balance/coordination. “To reduce risk of injury from falls, community-dwelling older adults with substantial risk of falls should perform exercises that maintain or improve balance.”¹²

Recommendation from the World Health Organization (2010)[†]

Aerobic/endurance (bouts of \geq 10 min). Moderate-intensity aerobic PA, \geq 150 min/wk or vigorous-intensity aerobic PA, \geq 75 min/wk

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Strength. \geq twice/wk, muscle-strengthening involving major muscle groups

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Balance/coordination. \geq 3 d/wk, for older adults with poor mobility in order to enhance balance and prevent falls.

PA, physical activity.

*Adapted from: Nelson ME, Rejeski WJ, Blair SN, et al. Physical activity and public health in older adults: recommendation from the American College of Sports Medicine and the American Heart Association. *Med Sci Sports Exerc* 2007;39:1435–1445.

[†]Adapted from: World Health Organization. *Global Recommendations on Physical Activity for Health*. Geneva: WHO Press, 2010.



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Summary of key recommendations of physical activity and exercise for older adults in long-term care facilities

Increasing Overall Physical Activity Levels in Daily Life

1. Motivation and pleasure are the key aspects to take into account so as to increase overall activity levels among older adults living in long-term care facilities (LTCFs).
2. LTCF staff should adopt strategies for breaking (short breaks of 2–5 minutes) the sedentary time of LTCF residents, twice or 3 times a day.
3. LTCF staff should systematically use simple strategies to stimulate residents to move, such as walking to the lunch/dining hall rather than using wheelchairs for people who are able to ambulate. The risk/benefit of using drugs that reduce patients' activity levels, especially psychotropic drugs, must be systematically evaluated. Physical restraints should be avoided. The use of medical equipment and LTCF architecture should be oriented to optimize residents' mobility.
4. LTCF staff should organize group activities that are motivating and pleasant, such as groups to look after the garden, dance, or walk in green spaces.
5. The use of innovative solutions, such as using animal interventions and new technologies (eg, robots), should be encouraged to increase residents' motivation and pleasure and, then, overall activity levels.

Exercise Training for Residents Dependent in Basic Activities of Daily Living, but Capable of Ambulating/Rising From a Chair*

1. Every resident who has no contraindications must have a personalized exercise program as part of his or her health care plan.
2. Exercise type. The best exercise type is a multicomponent training composed of muscle strength and cardiorespiratory endurance exercises as the core components. Other exercise types, particularly flexibility and balance, should be added to the exercise program whenever possible.
3. Exercise intensity. Moderate-intensity exercises are feasible, effective, and safe. Moderate exercises can be achieved by performing the following:
 - (1) Strength, 1 or 2 sets of exercises, performed at 13–15 repetitions maximum;
 - (2) Aerobic, exercises that noticeably increase heart and respiratory frequency, without generating breathlessness or undue fatigue (scoring 5 or 6 in a 10-point scale of perceived effort). High-intensity exercises can be executed, but may require closer monitoring.
4. Frequency. Twice a week, with an interval of at least 48 hours between sessions. Higher weekly frequency is safe and may be feasible for fitter residents.
5. Duration: 35–45 minutes per session. Lesser durations may be needed during the first weeks of exercise. Longer sessions are feasible for most people.

*Capable of ambulating/rising from a chair with or without human assistance.

Innovations in technology and IT solutions for cognition in relation to falls

“Thank you for your attention”

„We don't stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.“

George Bernard Shaw



SYSTEMATIC REVIEW

Active exergames to improve cognitive functioning
in neurological disabilities:
a systematic review and meta-analysis

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The effect of active video games on cognitive functioning in clinical and non-clinical populations: A meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials

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Review

A Systematic Review on the Cognitive Benefits and Neurophysiological Correlates of Exergaming in Healthy Older Adults

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Movements of older adults during exergaming interventions that are associated with the Systems Framework for Postural Control: A systematic review

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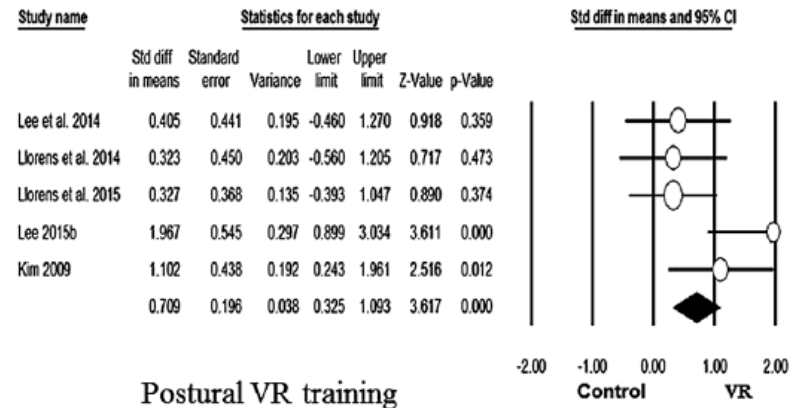
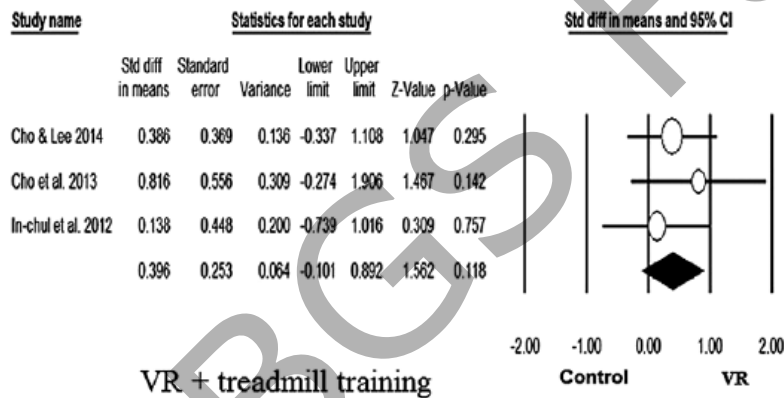
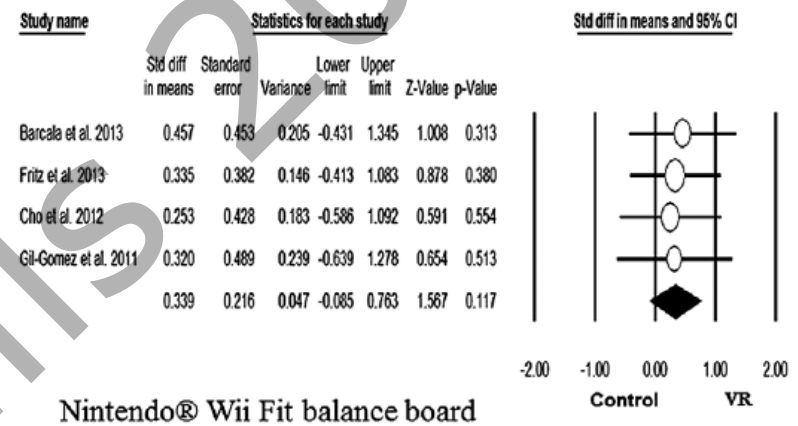
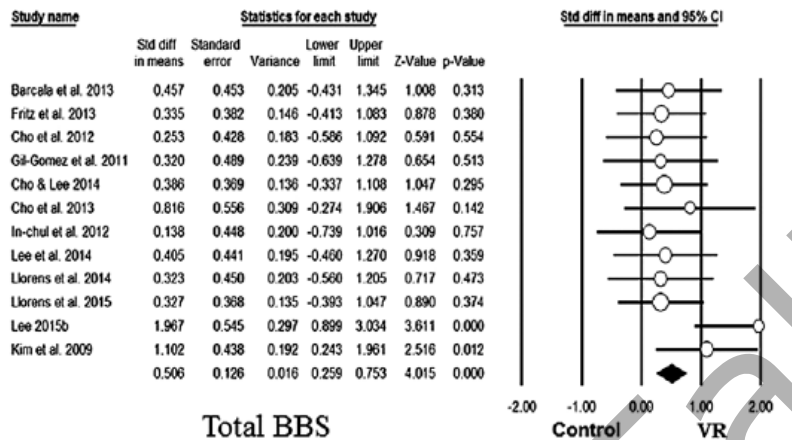


Highlights

- The totality of **postural control** is not currently trained in exergaming interventions.
- The **choice of exergame console and game influence the areas of postural control trained.**
- Sensory integration and reactive postural control is not currently trained using exergames.
- ***Exergames that utilise a changing base of support*** better meet the requirements for training postural control.

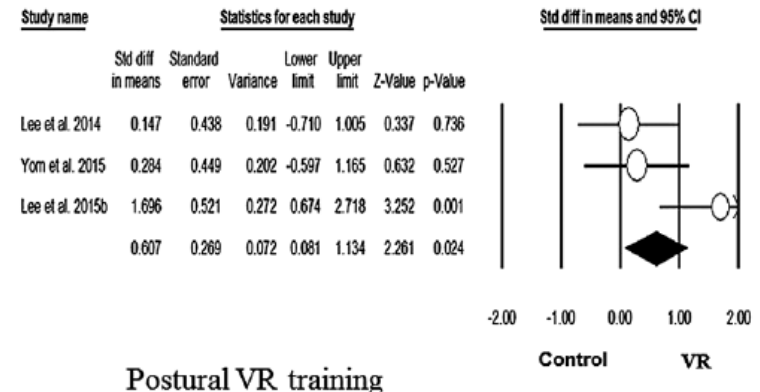
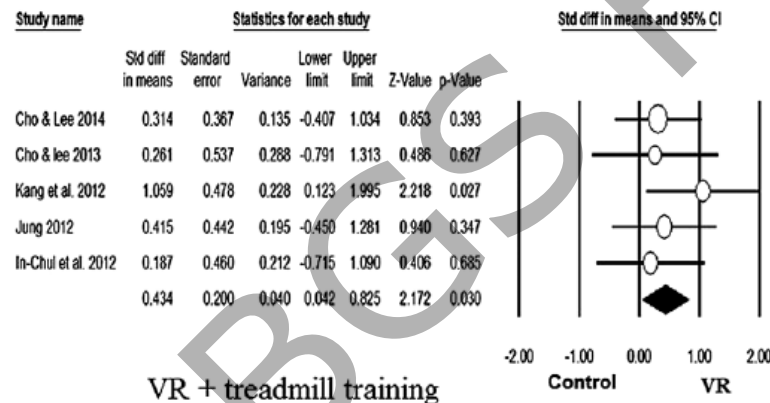
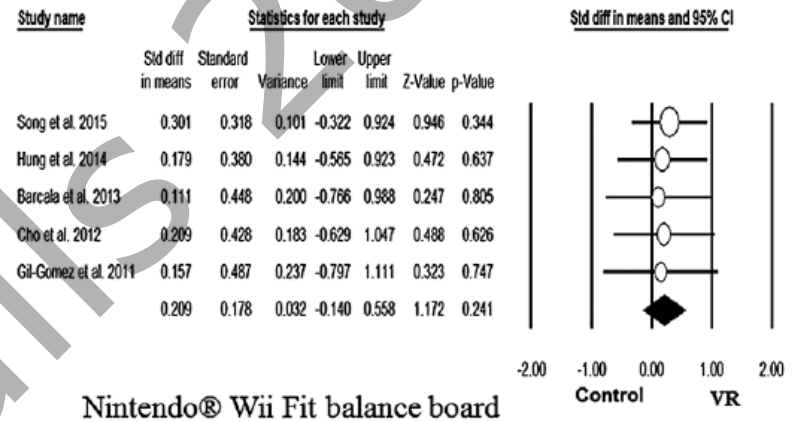
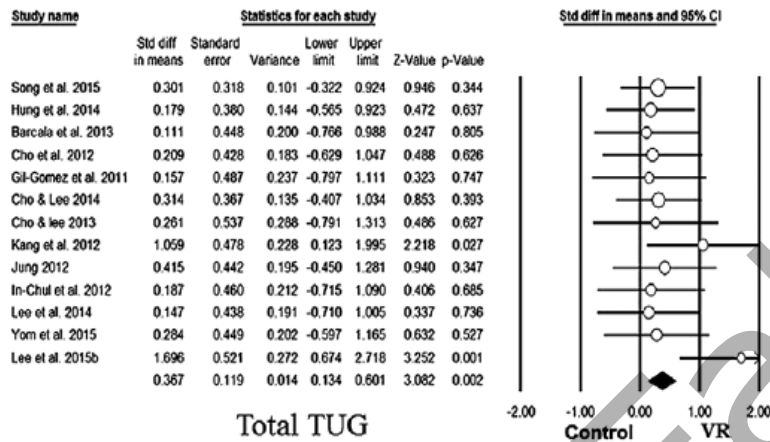
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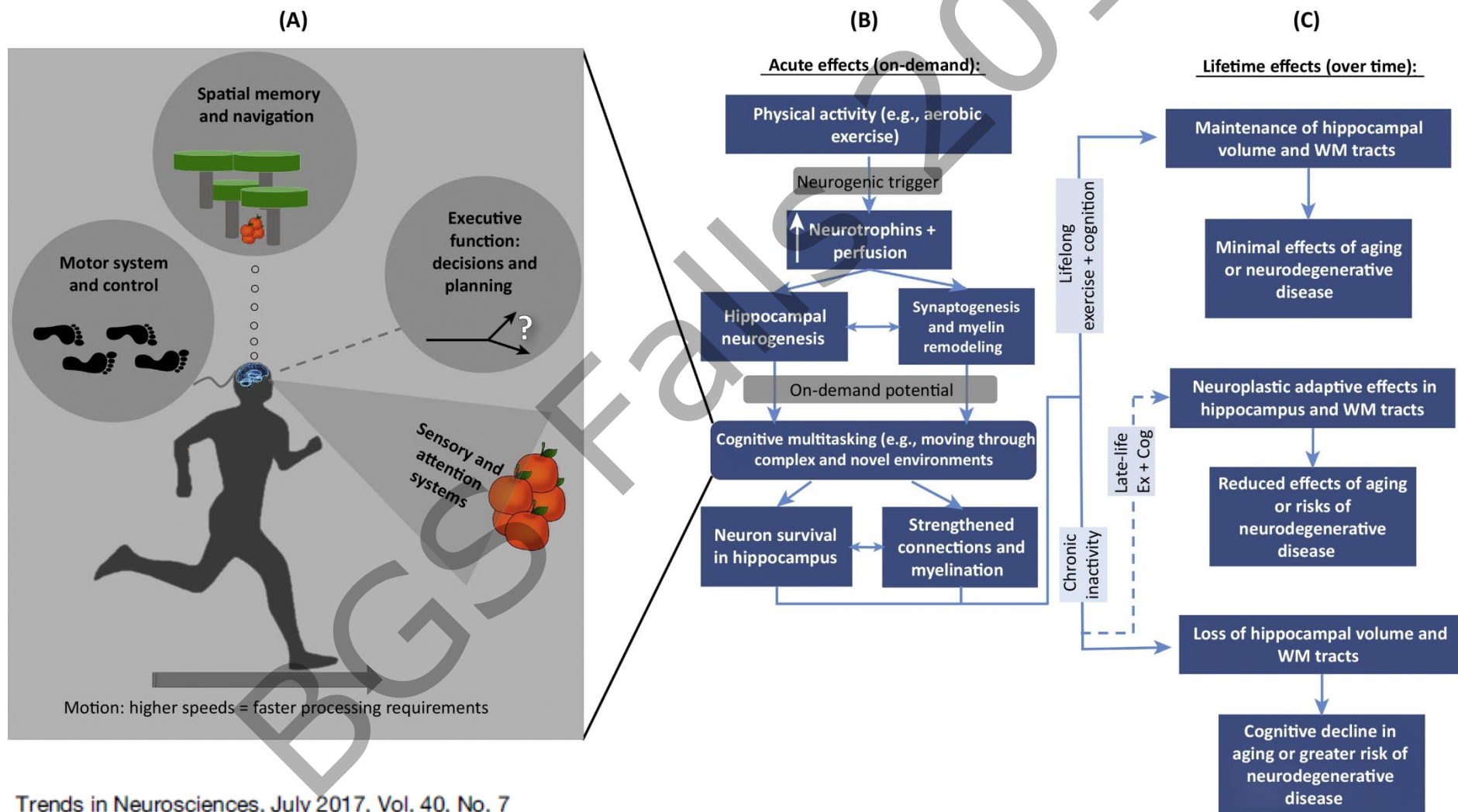


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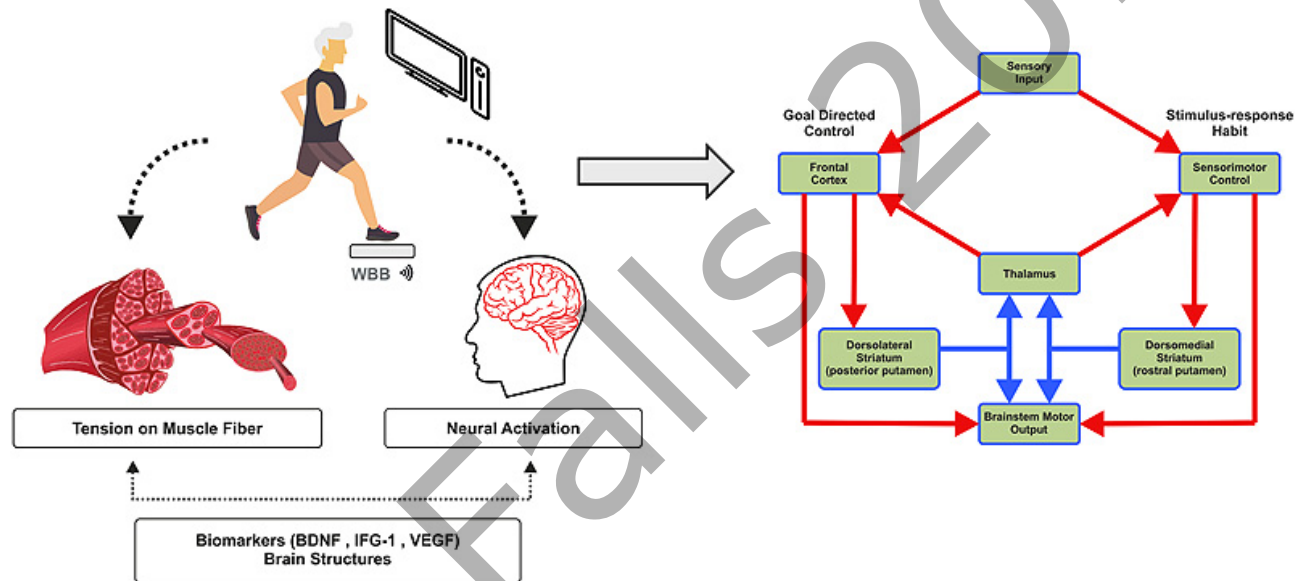
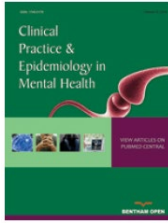


95% of human biology believed to have been naturally selected in the time when our ancestors were hunters and gatherers (Trevathen et al., 1999). The lifestyles we live today are ones that may be maladaptive to those directed by our evolutionary makeup. Particularly, a sedentary lifestyle and a change in dietary habits seem to be prominent contributing factors to many diseases of the body and mind.



Virtual Reality-Based Exercise with Exergames as Medicine in Different Contexts: A Short Review

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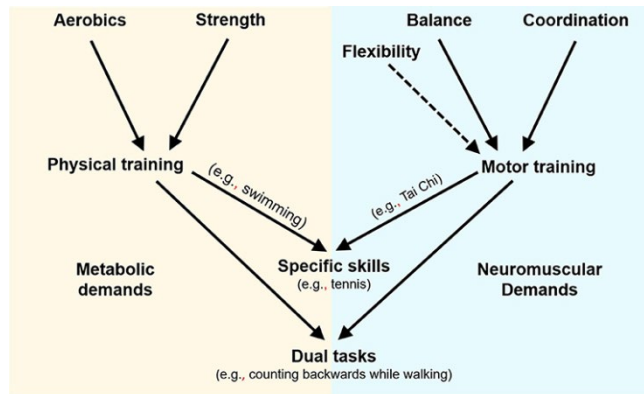


If exercise is considered as “remedy” for its preventive potential and for the treatment of chronic diseases, it is **possible to infer that an association with virtual reality could potentiate its therapeutic effects**, especially in certain cases, for example, in the improvement of the cognitive functions of older adults, in augmenting balance and motor function of PD and stroke patients, as well as reducing spasticity in children with cerebral palsy.

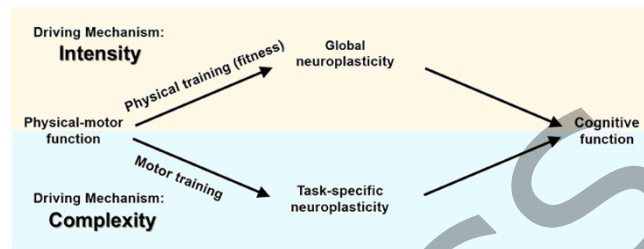


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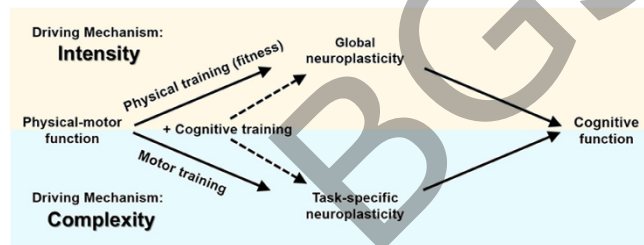
Yael Netz*



Basic modes of exercise—neuromuscular vs. metabolic demands.



Physical-motor training and cognition—different pathways and driving mechanisms.



Physical-motor training and cognition—dual tasks.