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43 **Abstract**

44 Transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) is often used to understand the function of
45 individual brain regions, but this ignores the fact that TMS may affect network-level rather than
46 nodal-level processes. We examine the effects of a double perturbation to two frontoparietal
47 network nodes, as compared to the effects of single lesions to either node. We hypothesized that
48 Bayesian evidence for the absence of effects that build upon one another indicates that a single
49 perturbation is consequential to network-level processes. Twenty-three humans performed pro-
50 (look towards) and anti- (look away) saccades after receiving continuous theta-burst stimulation
51 (cTBS) to right frontal eye fields (FEF), dorsolateral prefrontal cortex (DLPFC) or
52 somatosensory cortex (S1) (the control region). On a subset of trials, a TMS pulse was applied to
53 right posterior parietal cortex (PPC). FEF, DLPFC and PPC are important frontoparietal network
54 nodes for generating anti-saccades. Bayesian T-tests were used to test hypotheses for enhanced
55 double perturbation effects (cTBS plus TMS pulse) on saccade behaviors, against the alternative
56 hypothesis that double perturbation effects to a network are not greater than single perturbation
57 effects. In one case, we observed strong evidence ($BF_{10} = 325$) that PPC TMS following DLPFC
58 cTBS enhanced impairments in ipsilateral anti-saccade amplitudes over DLPFC cTBS alone, and
59 not over the effect of the PPC pulse alone ($BF_{10} = 0.75$), suggesting double perturbation effects
60 do not augment one another. Rather, this suggests that computations are distributed across the
61 network, and in some cases there can be compensation for cTBS perturbations.

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63 Keywords: Transcranial magnetic stimulation, Prefrontal cortex, FEF, Frontal Eye Fields,
64 Parietal Cortex, Saccade

65 **Significance Statement**

66 We explore whether a frontoparietal network important to executive control, attentional
67 processing, and saccadic gaze behaviors operates in a distributed fashion, as compared to what
68 would be predicted from combining contributions from individual brain regions. This is
69 important as lesions or perturbations to these regions individually can produce behavioral
70 deficits. We apply inhibitory Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) to a frontal cortical
71 region, followed by a second TMS perturbation to a parietal region. The point is that this second
72 perturbation could, in principle, build upon the effects of the first perturbation. We tested
73 different hypotheses regarding the effects of such double perturbations, and conclude that the
74 effects do not build upon one another, suggesting a single perturbation affects a network-level
75 process.

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77 **Introduction**

78 It is well known that effects of transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) extend beyond
79 the site of stimulation (Ilmoniemi et al., 1997; Paus et al., 1997; Ruff et al., 2006; Ko et al.,
80 2008; Morishima et al., 2009). In some instances, distal effects may reflect compensatory
81 responses to the TMS perturbation (Sack et al., 2005; O’Shea et al., 2007; Hartwigsen et al.,
82 2013), suggesting “homeostatic metaplasticity” (Müller-Dahlhaus and Ziemann, 2015) at the
83 level of network nodes. Here we assess another functionally relevant possibility: whether
84 behavioral consequences of a spatially-localized perturbation from TMS are driven by the
85 distributed nature of computations throughout a circuit (Price and Friston, 2002). This would
86 have consequences as to whether nodal effects build-upon one another.

87 The saccadic eye-movement system provides a tractable testing ground for assessing
88 circuit-level consequences of TMS (Leigh and Kennard, 2004; Munoz et al., 2007). Roles of
89 three cortical nodes, frontal eye fields (FEF), dorsolateral prefrontal cortex (DLPFC), and
90 posterior parietal cortex (PPC) have been well-described (Munoz and Everling, 2004; Johnston
91 and Everling, 2011; Paré and Dorris, 2011). In the anti-saccade task (where subjects must look
92 away from a peripheral visual stimulus (Hallett, 1978)) DLPFC is thought to be critical to
93 establishing the appropriate task set and preventing an automatic saccade to the stimulus; FEF is
94 thought to be critical to voluntary saccade programming, and to “preparatory set”; and FEF,
95 along with PPC are thought to be critical to the visuo-motor transformations to develop a saccade
96 “vector” (Connolly et al., 2002; Leigh and Kennard, 2004; Munoz and Everling, 2004).

97 Evidence shows how DLPFC, FEF and PPC interact as part of a distributed system: TMS
98 to *either* DLPFC, FEF (or supplementary eye fields) during saccade programming prolonged
99 reaction times, suggesting “preparatory set” is distributed between all three nodes (Nagel et al.,

100 2008). Magnetoencephalography (MEG) and fMRI showed that FEF and PPC are both involved
101 in the attentional aspects of the anti-saccade “vector” (Medendorp et al., 2005; Moon et al.,
102 2007), and TMS to FEF or PPC produces hypometric anti-saccades (Nyffeler et al., 2008b; Jaun-
103 Frutiger et al., 2013; Cameron et al., 2015). However, it is not possible to distinguish a difference
104 in timing (even with MEG) between when an anti-saccade program is developed in the PPC
105 compared to FEF (Moon et al., 2007), implying a distributed process.

106 We build on this knowledge to study the effects on behavior after a “double perturbation”
107 to this network in the right hemisphere. Shortly after applying cTBS (Huang et al., 2005) to
108 either right FEF or DLPFC, we measure the consequences of a second time-resolved perturbation
109 to the circuit, in the form of a single TMS pulse to right PPC. This approach arbitrates between
110 five hypotheses regarding consequences of the double perturbation. In hypothesis A –
111 “*Augmented*”, the double perturbation could produce an augmented effect by concurrently
112 impairing spatially separate nodes that provide critical, but computationally distinct functions,
113 resulting in behavioral perturbations that are greater than the effect of either perturbation alone
114 (Figure 1A). Alternatively, hypothesis B – “*Distributed*” pertains to the case where computations
115 are performed by a distributed system at the network-level, so a single perturbation to either node
116 should perturb behavior as much as the double perturbation (Price et al., 2017) (Figure 1B). In
117 hypothesis C – “*Compensatory*” - distal nodes could compensate for the perturbation, which
118 would predict greater effects from the double perturbation compared to the cTBS perturbation
119 alone (Figure 1C), because the second perturbation impairs a region that has become more
120 important functionally, *because* of the first (cTBS) perturbation. In hypothesis D – “*Spreading*”
121 the effects from cTBS spread trans-synaptically to other portions of the network (Ko et al.,
122 2008), predicting greater effects from the double perturbation than to the single pulse

123 perturbation alone (Figure 1D). Finally, in “*Boosting*”, additional regions throughout the
124 network could provide homeostatic compensation, which would manifest as a perplexing boost
125 to performance following cTBS (alone), and which could reduce or prevent the impairment from
126 additional TMS perturbations (Figure 1E). (The difference between this and the Compensatory
127 hypothesis, is that there is the perplexing boost to performance after cTBS).

128 To discriminate between those hypotheses, we used functional magnetic resonance
129 imaging (fMRI) to localize right DLPFC, FEF and PPC in individual subjects performing an
130 anti-saccade task. These regions were then used for targeting subject-specific TMS interventions
131 while participants performed the same task outside the scanner. Performance (percentage correct
132 direction), reaction times, and saccade amplitudes were assessed using Bayesian t-tests to
133 provide statistical evidence in favor or against greater effects from double- compared to single-
134 TMS perturbations.

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137 **Materials and methods**

138 *Participants*

139 The study was approved by the local ethics committee (Commissie Mensgebonden
140 Onderzoek, Arnhem-Nijmegen) and written informed consent was obtained from the participants
141 in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki. A total of 27 healthy right-handed, young-adult,
142 human subjects were recruited for 4 sessions approximately 1 week apart. 3 subjects were
143 excluded for failure to provide useable eye-tracking data on all TMS sessions, and one subject
144 had error rates on anti-saccade trials exceeding 90% (greater than 3 times the standard
145 deviation), so was excluded resulting in a sample size of 24 participants (mean \pm SE, age 23 ± 2
146 years, 11 male).

147 *Detailed procedure*

148 *Session 1*

149 Participants were screened for contraindications related to fMRI, and to single-pulse
150 TMS and cTBS according to common safety guidelines (Rossi et al., 2009; Oberman et al.,
151 2011). Resting and active motor thresholds were established for the first dorsal interosseous
152 (FDI) muscle of the subject's right-hand using electromyography (EMG). TMS was applied
153 using a hand-held bi-phasic figure-eight coil with a 75 mm outer winding diameter (MagVenture,
154 Denmark), connected to a MagProX100 system (MagVenture). Coil orientation was chosen to
155 induce a posterior-anterior electrical field in the brain (45° from the mid-sagittal axis).

156 Subjects performed 5 runs of an interleaved pro-(look towards)/anti-(look away) saccade
157 task to identify the cortical regions of interest (Figure 2B). An interleaved task was utilized as
158 evidence suggests an important role for DLPFC (Everling and DeSouza, 2005; Johnston et al.,

159 2014) as well as for FEF (DeSouza and Everling, 2010) in task or “preparatory set” and thus
160 could not simply default to an anti-saccade task set on each trial. Two target positions (13° or 9°)
161 in the left and right direction were included so that subjects would have to rely on spatial
162 information to calculate the saccade vector. In this way, we could be sure that the paradigm
163 required DLPFC, FEF and PPC processes.

164 *Detailed fMRI procedure*

165 Functional MRI scans were obtained with a 3 Tesla MRI scanner (Skyra, Siemens
166 Medical Systems Erlangen, Germany) using a 32-channel head coil. The functional images were
167 acquired with multiband sequence (acceleration factor = 3, repetition time (TR) = 1000 ms, echo
168 time (TE) = 30 ms, flip angle= 60°). Each volume consisted of 33 slices, with a distance of 17%
169 and a thickness of 3 mm. The voxel resolution was 3.5 x 3.5 x 3.0 mm, FoV in the read direction
170 of 224 mm and FoV in the phase direction of 100%. Two volumes were discarded from each
171 functional run, to account for scanner steady state equilibrium, leading to a total of 339 volumes
172 per run. The anatomical images were acquired with a MPRAGE sequence (repetition time (TR)
173 = 2300 ms, echo time (TE) = 3.9 ms, voxel size = 1 x 1 x1 mm). In total, 192 images were
174 obtained for each participant. During the scan, participants lay in a supine position and their head
175 was stabilized using soft cushions.

176 Imaging data were analyzed with SPM8 (Wellcome Trust Centre for Cognitive
177 Neuroimaging, London, UK). At the single-subject level, the data were realigned to the first
178 volume of each run using six rigid body transformations (3 translations and 3 rotations). The
179 images were then coregistered to the individual structural T1 and spatial smoothing was
180 performed by means of an 8-mm full-width half-maximum (FWHM) Gaussian kernel. A first-
181 level analysis was performed by specifying a general linear model with regressors for each

182 condition (fixation trials were not modeled however). Motion parameters (3 translations, 3
183 rotations) were included as nuisance regressors.

184 A contrast of anti-saccade trials against baseline was computed to define 5 mm ROIs
185 centered on locations of peak activation on each subject anatomical scan, using a t-contrast at $P <$
186 0.001 (uncorrected). Table 1 provides the Montreal Neurological Institute (MNI) coordinates of
187 these ROIs, and their distances to the scalp as derived from Localite TMS Navigation software
188 2.2 (Localite, Germany). Figure 2A illustrates the coordinates on a canonical T1 scan. Right
189 DLPFC (r-DLPFC) was defined as peak fMRI anti-saccade activity surrounding the middle
190 frontal gyrus, anterior to the ventricles. Right FEF was defined as peak activity in the precentral
191 sulcus (selecting medial peaks if lateral peaks were also present, to relate more to anti-saccade
192 processes (Neggers et al., 2012)). Right PPC was defined as peak activity in the intraparietal
193 sulcus, selecting peaks in more medial clusters if more than one was present. Finally, right S1
194 (the control region) was localized anatomically for each participant, as the most superior extent
195 of the postcentral gyrus, located on average 9 ± 2 mm lateral to the longitudinal fissure to avoid
196 lateral proprioceptive eye-position signals (Zhang et al., 2008; Balslev et al., 2011) (Table 1,
197 Figure 2A).

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199 *Session 2-4*

200 cTBS was applied to r-DLPFC, r-FEF or r-S1 prior to performing the task on three
201 separate sessions, counterbalanced for order. cTBS was applied to FEF or to DLPFC because we
202 wished to assess double perturbation effects across two nodes which are both linked to PPC, but
203 where one (FEF) is thought to have a more direct link in visuo-motor processes (Leigh and
204 Kennard, 2004; Munoz and Everling, 2004) and in network interactions described in the resting

205 state (Corbetta et al., 2005; He et al., 2007; Vossel et al., 2014). cTBS was delivered with a
206 posterior-anterior direction of the electric field induced in the brain, with the handle pointed
207 backwards at approximately 30° to the sagittal plane. In this way the outer windings of the TMS
208 coil did not overlap the other ROIs. TMS coil alignment was achieved using Localite and a
209 subject-specific anatomical scan.

210 The parameters for cTBS were identical to those described by Huang and colleagues
211 (2005) consisting of 50 Hz triplets repeated at 5 Hz over a period of 40 s (Huang et al., 2005).
212 Stimulation intensity for cTBS was defined as 80% of the active motor threshold (AMT: mean =
213 41% ± 9 % maximum stimulator output), defined as peak-to-peak MEP amplitudes exceeding
214 200 μV on 5 out of 10 trials, while subjects maintained voluntary contraction of approximately
215 10%. Stimulation intensity for single pulse TMS to PPC was set at 110% of the resting motor
216 threshold (RMT: mean = 43% ± 8 % maximum stimulator output), defined as peak-to-peak MEP
217 amplitudes of 50 μV on 5 of 10 trials. 40 s of cTBS (at 80% of active motor threshold) has
218 effects lasting approximately 50 minutes (Wischniewski and Schutter, 2015), providing sufficient
219 time to test the influence of the PPC pulse.

220 *Eye Tracking and Task*

221 The position of the right eye was recorded using an infrared Eyelink 1000 eye tracker
222 (SR Research, Ottawa, Canada) with a 1000 Hz sampling rate. A 9- point calibration was carried
223 out and a drift correction point was used as the inter-trial fixation point. Saccades were identified
224 by a horizontal deflection (3 X standard deviations of the baseline velocity) and duration
225 between 15 and 150 ms. The camera was positioned under the stimulus screen, approximately 60
226 cm away from the eyes of the participant, who sat precisely at 70 cm from a wide-angle LCD
227 screen (with central presentation zone set at 4:3, 1024 X 768 resolution).

228 Subjects performed the same task (Figure 2B) as in the fMRI. Representative eye-traces
229 from a single subject is shown in Figure 2C. In each run, there were 72 trials, of which 48
230 contained a TMS pulse presented to PPC at a random interval between 30 and 300 ms after onset
231 of the peripheral stimulus (described in Data Analysis). The first run commenced 10 minutes
232 after cTBS, and was analyzed up to 50 minutes after cTBS to capture the same cTBS effects on
233 each session. Subjects were asked to perform 5 runs, each taking approximately 8 minutes
234 including drift corrections and breaks, meaning that for each condition of interest (task,
235 direction) there were 30 trials without the single pulse (“*pulse absent*”), and 60 trials containing
236 the single pulse.

237 ***Data analysis***

238 Data was analyzed in MATLAB v11 (The MathWorks Inc., Natick, MA). Valid trials
239 consisting of correct and incorrect directions were separated from invalid trials, consisting of
240 saccade reaction times (SRTs) < 90 ms (anticipatory errors), slower than 1000 ms, and trials
241 where the TMS pulse to PPC occurred after saccade onset. Three behavioral parameters of
242 interest were analyzed: amplitude of the primary saccade, percentage correct direction, and
243 saccade reaction time (SRT).

244 We first set a division between an “Early” and “Late” pulse time bin as follows: using the
245 pulse absent trials, we collected the SRTs across subjects for correctly performed anti-saccades,
246 and for direction errors on anti-saccades for each cTBS session separately, and plotted these data
247 in 10 ms bin histograms (Figure 3). A binomial test revealed the first bin (black arrows, Figure 3)
248 where the two trial types were no longer significantly different than chance (50 %); these bins
249 occurred at 150 ms for the S1 cTBS and DLPFC cTBS sessions, and at 160 ms for the FEF-
250 cTBS session. This method approximates the division between visually triggered “express” pro-

251 saccades, and voluntary saccades (Munoz and Everling, 2004), and is important to approximate
252 when the PPC pulse would have greater influences during visual processing rather than motor
253 programming components of an anti-saccade, which are in different directions.

254 We performed a repeated measures ANOVA in SPSS (IBM Corporation) using pulse
255 absent trials to determine if there were significant interactions between the site of cTBS and
256 stimulus eccentricity for amplitudes. However, no interactions with cTBS Site and Eccentricity
257 were significant, $F(2,44) < 1.75$, $P > 0.19$, so we collapsed across eccentricity. Next, we
258 performed a multivariate repeated measures ANOVA using pulse absent trials, split into the first
259 and second half of testing time, to examine if there were any significant interactions involving
260 Half and cTBS Site across the 3 parameters of interest (a potential concern being that cTBS
261 effects wore off): however no interactions with cTBS Site and Half reached significance, *Pillai's*
262 *Trace values* < 0.19 , $F(6,86) < 1.54$, $P > 0.18$.

263 *Statistics*

264 To directly assess our five network hypotheses regarding the combined effects from
265 cTBS and the PPC pulse (Figure 1), we performed Bayesian paired-sample t-tests in JASP (JASP
266 Team, 2017) (Figures 4-7, brackets). A Bayes Factor (BF_{10}) indicates the evidence for the
267 alternative hypothesis relative to the null hypothesis given the data. Our tests were focused first
268 on situations where the “double perturbation” produces impairments that were greater than the
269 single perturbations; thus, the Bayes Factor (BF_{10}) here indicates whether the *combined effects*
270 were greater than the individual effects from cTBS alone, or from PPC TMS alone). For
271 amplitude and percent correct, lower values are indicative of greater impairments: therefore, the
272 alternative hypothesis for BF_{10} is that the difference of the combined effect minus the single
273 perturbation effect was less than 0, and the null hypothesis would be that this difference is not

274 less than zero. For reaction times, higher values are indicative of an impairment (slower latency),
275 so the alternative hypothesis is that the combined effect minus the single perturbation effect is
276 greater than zero (and the null hypothesis is that it is not greater than zero). Note, however, that
277 strong evidence from these tests for the null hypothesis (not less than zero) could be driven by a
278 difference in the opposite direction. When such “strong” evidence was found ($BF_{10} < 0.1$)
279 (Jeffreys, 1961; Wetzels et al., 2011), we subsequently performed tests in the opposite direction
280 to determine if the effect of the single perturbation was greater than that of the double
281 perturbation.

282 We report evidence for behavioral impairments that meet or exceed “*substantial*” ($BF_{10} >$
283 3) (Jeffreys, 1961; Wetzels et al., 2011). Between 0.33 and 3, the evidence is considered only
284 “*anecdotal*”, and in relation to P-values, it was shown that approximately 70% of “positive”
285 results from 855 tests falling in the interval between $P < 0.01$ to $P < 0.05$ corresponded to only
286 “anecdotal” evidence (Wetzels et al., 2011). Therefore, our boundary criteria of “substantial” is
287 conservative in relation to typical P-values.

288 Tests for each individual trial type compared to the control condition (S1 cTBS, PPC
289 Pulse Absent) were also conducted using Bayesian one-sample t-tests in JASP to confirm if the
290 individual perturbations themselves caused impairments. Here, the BF_{10} indicates the relative
291 likelihood that cTBS or single pulse TMS impaired behavior compared to the null hypothesis
292 that the behaviors were not impaired relative to the control condition. The values for these tests
293 are listed in Tables 3-6, and are illustrated as asterisks in Figure 4-7 when substantial.

294 Table 2 (Statistics Table) lists all BF values from the Bayesian t-tests along with their
295 corresponding effect sizes as the medians of the posterior distributions, with 95% confidence
296 intervals.

297 **Results**

298 ***FEF vs control cTBS conditions: anti-saccades***

299 *Saccade amplitude*

300 There was substantial evidence that FEF cTBS caused impairments in leftward anti-
301 saccade amplitudes for conditions also involving PPC pulses, and for rightwards anti-saccades
302 for conditions involving the late PPC pulse (Table 3A, $BF_{10} > 3$). There was not substantial
303 evidence that the PPC pulse *on its own* produced an impairment, and there was also *not*
304 substantial evidence (Figure 4A, brackets, all $BF_{10} \leq 2.91$) to indicate greater impairments from
305 the double perturbation condition compared to either single perturbation condition.

306 *Percentage correct direction*

307 There was not substantial evidence that anti-saccades were impaired by either form of
308 TMS; in fact, *strong* evidence towards the null hypothesis was found for conditions with the PPC
309 pulse (Table 3B, $BF_{10} < 0.1$). (Bayesian t-tests performed in the opposite direction revealed
310 substantial or greater evidence ($BF_{10} > 3$) for a performance *benefit* from the PPC pulses).
311 Similarly, there was strong evidence that there were *not* greater impairments from the double
312 perturbation compared to either single perturbation (Figure 4B).

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314 *Saccade Reaction Times (SRT)*

315 For SRT, “*decisive*” (Wetzels et al., 2011) evidence for impairments were observed for
316 conditions with the late PPC pulse alone, but not for those following FEF cTBS (Table 3C).
317 Strong evidence was found that FEF cTBS plus a late PPC pulse did result in greater
318 impairments relative to FEF cTBS alone (and substantial evidence was found for a greater
319 impairment for the early PPC pulse for leftwards anti-saccades) (Figure 4C). However, strong

320 evidence was found that impairments for leftwards anti-saccades were *not* greater when the late
321 PPC pulse followed FEF cTBS compared to when it was alone (Figure 4C, $BF = 0.08$,
322 italicized): when tested in the reverse direction, there was substantial evidence that the
323 impairment after the late PPC pulse *alone* was greater than after FEF cTBS, $BF_{10} = 4.12$.

324 ***DLPFC vs control cTBS conditions: anti-saccades***

325 *Saccade amplitude*

326 There was substantial evidence for impairments to anti-saccades after DLPFC cTBS in
327 conditions involving the late PPC pulse, and for DLPFC cTBS alone for leftward anti-saccades
328 (Table 4A). Strong evidence was found for a *greater* impairment from the combined perturbation
329 effects for rightward anti-saccades after the late pulse relative to the DLPFC cTBS alone ($BF_{10} =$
330 325.22), but this was not found compared to the effects of the late PPC pulse alone ($BF_{10} = 0.75$)
331 (Figure 5A).

332 *Percentage correct direction*

333 There was no evidence that anti-saccades were impaired by DLPFC cTBS, with, or
334 without, the PPC pulse (Table 4B). (Bayesian t-tests revealed strong evidence for anti-saccade
335 *benefits* to performance following DLPFC cTBS and late PPC pulses). There was also no
336 evidence for greater impairment from a double compared to single perturbation (Figure 5B).

337 *Saccade Reaction Times (SRT)*

338 There was strong evidence for impaired reaction times at the late pulse time following
339 DLPFC cTBS for right anti-saccades (Table 4C), and there was strong evidence that the
340 combined effects of DLPFC cTBS and a late PPC pulse resulted in greater impairments relative

341 to DLPFC cTBS alone (Figure 5C), but there was no evidence for greater impairment in
342 comparison to the PPC pulse.

343 ***FEF vs control cTBS conditions: pro-saccades***

344 *Saccade amplitude*

345 Table 5A and Figure 6A show that there was not substantial evidence for effects of either
346 TMS condition on pro-saccade amplitudes.

347 *Percentage correct direction*

348 Substantial impairments were found for rightwards pro-saccades following FEF cTBS
349 during trials with the addition of a late PPC pulse (Table 5B; $BF_{10} = 4.53$). There was also
350 substantial evidence that the impairments to leftwards pro-saccades were greater following FEF
351 cTBS when there was a late PPC pulse (Figure 6B; $BF_{10} = 3.74$) compared to FEF cTBS alone.
352 There was not substantial evidence for other impairments.

353

354 *Saccade Reaction Times (SRT)*

355 Substantial or greater evidence for pro-saccade reaction time impairments was observed
356 for all PPC pulse conditions (Table 5C). There was also strong evidence that the combined
357 effects of FEF cTBS and PPC pulses resulted in greater impairments relative to FEF cTBS alone
358 (Figure 6C), however, there was not evidence for a greater impairment over the PPC pulse
359 effects alone.

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361 ***DLPFC vs control cTBS conditions: pro-saccades***

362 *Saccade amplitude*

363 There was not substantial evidence for any effects to pro-saccade amplitudes (Table 6A,
364 Figure 7A).

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368 *Percentage correct direction*

369 There was substantial evidence that the impairments to rightwards pro-saccades were
370 greater following DLPFC cTBS when the late PPC pulse was present (Figure 7B; $BF_{10} = 3.60$),
371 but no other evidence for impairments was substantial (Table 6B).

372 *Saccade Reaction Times (SRT)*

373 There was decisive evidence for reaction time impairments at the late PPC pulse time
374 following DLPFC cTBS, and substantial evidence for impairments at the early PPC pulse time
375 for left-ward anti-saccades (Table 6C). Also, there was substantial evidence that the combined
376 effects of DLPFC cTBS and PPC pulses resulted in greater impairments relative to DLPFC cTBS
377 alone (Figure 7C).

378 **Discussion**

379 We found Bayesian evidence for impaired FEF and DLPFC anti-saccade amplitudes
380 following a cTBS perturbation, and that compensation by PPC was possible after DLPFC cTBS
381 perturbed ipsilateral anti-saccades. There was not evidence that cTBS impaired anti-saccade
382 reaction times or correct directions, and we note that the impairments to anti-saccade amplitudes
383 were not found in every condition following cTBS alone. Interestingly however, we did not find
384 any Bayesian evidence for an “augmented” effect, whereby the two TMS perturbations built
385 upon one another, suggesting instead the effects are generated at the network rather than
386 nodal/regional level only.

387 Performance of pro- and anti-saccades involves cortical and sub-cortical regions
388 including FEF, PPC, DLPFC, supplementary eye fields (SEF), anterior cingulate cortex, visual
389 cortex, basal ganglia, cerebellum, superior colliculus, and brainstem reticular formation
390 (Moschovakis et al., 1996; Munoz and Everling, 2004; Munoz and Schall, 2004; Everling and
391 DeSouza, 2005; Ford et al., 2005; Medendorp et al., 2006; Schall, 2009). A frontoparietal,
392 precuneus, and parietal-medio-temporal network have also been identified as being involved in
393 anti-saccade generation by independent component analysis (ICA)-based fMRI, in addition to an
394 eye-field network involved in both pro- and anti-saccades (Domagalik et al., 2012). This
395 highlights the wide-ranging involvement of several brain networks with the implication that one
396 may not always observe deficits after a TMS perturbation or lesion, given the potential for
397 redundancy or “degeneracy” (Price and Friston, 2002). Nevertheless, key neurophysiological
398 processes related to voluntary saccade programming, reflexive saccade inhibition, and attentional
399 re-orienting processes point to important nodal roles for FEF, PCC, and DLPFC, explaining why
400 deficits *can* result from single lesions or perturbations.

401 ***The Frontal Eye Fields***

402 In FEF, “saccade” and “fixation” neurons could provide two substrates for saccade
403 programming and saccade inhibition. First, some of the “saccade” neurons code for the motor
404 goal of saccades, while others process visual and visuomotor information (Bruce and Goldberg,
405 1985; Schlag-Rey et al., 1992; Schall, 2002; Sato and Schall, 2003; Schall et al., 2011).
406 Reversible FEF lesions by cooling probe in monkeys were shown to produce hypometria
407 (Keating and Gooley, 1988; Peel et al., 2014), and patients with FEF lesions have shown reduced
408 contralateral saccade amplitudes (Rivaud et al., 1994; Ploner et al., 1999), though not always
409 (Terao et al., 2016). Second, FEF saccade neurons show decreased activity during the

410 preparatory phase of anti- compared to pro-saccade trials, (Everling and Munoz, 2000). FEF
411 “fixation” neurons, on the other hand, show increased activity during fixation (even in the
412 absence of a stimulus) (Hanes et al., 1998; Izawa et al., 2009), implying that they are substrates
413 for stopping reflexive saccades (Munoz and Everling, 2004; Boucher et al., 2007; Schall and
414 Godlove, 2012). Indeed, some patients with lesions encompassing FEF have shown difficulty in
415 suppressing reflexive saccades (Guitton et al., 1985; Van der Stigchel et al., 2012; Terao et al.,
416 2016), and increased voluntary saccade latencies (Terao et al., 2016). However, one patient with
417 a highly circumscribed left FEF lesion showed no deficits in inhibiting reflexive saccades, but
418 did have hypometria (Gaymard et al., 1999). Together this shows that FEF is important to
419 voluntary saccade programming, but task, or lesion, specifics may dictate whether its role is
420 critical given the potential for the contributions from other network regions with neuronal
421 populations that can carry similar information. Evidence shows, for instance, that deficits
422 following an FEF lesion become more severe if the superior colliculus is also lesioned (Schiller
423 et al., 1979; Keating and Gooley, 1988).

424 TMS perturbations to FEF have largely produced similar effects. Like lesions, TMS
425 perturbations lack the specificity to affect saccade neurons uniquely from fixation neurons,
426 meaning that caution should be taken in attempts to interpret the effects on particular neuronal
427 populations. A single TMS pulse to FEF increased the latency for ipsilateral anti-saccade trials,
428 but did not increase pro-saccade errors (Müri et al., 1991; Olk et al., 2006). However, in another
429 study, a single TMS pulse to FEF at 100 ms post stimulus-onset, increased anti-saccade latency
430 *and* increased the frequency of contralateral pro-saccade errors (Terao et al., 1998). (This
431 distinction may be due to the fact that single pulses during anti-saccade generation would perturb
432 an ongoing process whereby anti-saccade processes are in competition with more automatic pro-

433 saccade signals, an effect that can explain our findings regarding pro- and anti-saccade reaction
434 times). Another study showed both latency increases in pro- as well as anti-saccade trials,
435 particularly late during preparation (at 200 ms) (Nagel et al., 2008). In a few studies, cTBS to
436 FEF was shown to increase reaction times (Nyffeler et al., 2006a, 2006b; Liu et al., 2011), but in
437 other cases cTBS was reported to affect saccade amplitudes instead (Jaun-Frutiger et al., 2013;
438 Cameron et al., 2015).

439 *The Posterior Parietal Cortex*

440 In monkeys, the generation of anti-saccades recruits lateral intraparietal area (LIP)
441 neurons (the region of the primate PPC mostly associated with attention and eye movements)
442 (Gottlieb and Goldberg, 1999; Zhang and Barash, 2000; Bisley and Goldberg, 2010). LIP has
443 been described as a “priority” map for attentional orienting, either overtly (a gaze change) or
444 covertly (Bisley and Goldberg, 2010), integrating bottom-up visual information with top-down
445 goal-directed information. Some LIP neurons signaling a visual stimulus then show activity
446 during the motor component of vector inversion, which could be representing a remapped visual
447 response (Zhang and Barash, 2000). In humans, PPC bilaterally (along with FEF) is shown to
448 signal the vector inversion process (Medendorp et al., 2005; Moon et al., 2007; Collins et al.,
449 2008). Patients with lesions to PPC have demonstrated saccade hypometria (Duhamel et al.,
450 1992; Ptak and Müri, 2013), and those exhibiting neglect lesions often display erroneous
451 saccades to ipsilesional “distractor” stimuli (Ptak and Müri, 2013), or deficits in remapping a
452 saccade goal if the target changes position (Duhamel et al., 1992). Some patients display longer
453 latencies on reaction times for reflexive, visually guided saccades (Pierrot-Deseilligny et al.,
454 1991; Terao et al., 2016), fitting with evidence that the PPC may have a role in triggering
455 “express” saccades (Hamm et al., 2010; Chen et al., 2013). Altogether, this highlights and

456 important role of PPC in the *visuo*-motor aspects of saccade generation. Disruptive effects from
457 TMS on these visuo-motor aspects is also consistent with these observations: a TMS pulse to
458 PPC shortly after stimulus onset (100 ms) produces hypometric anti-saccades to the ipsilateral
459 (to TMS) direction, which then reverses to affect the motor vector in the opposite direction when
460 applied later (>333 ms) (Nyffeler et al., 2008b). Contralateral neglect is also reported from cTBS
461 to right PPC (Nyffeler et al., 2008a).

462 ***The Dorsolateral Prefrontal Cortex***

463 DLPFC is well known to be involved in cognitive control (Gazzaley and D'Esposito,
464 2007), and is therefore highly likely to be an important region in a network controlling voluntary
465 saccades. Human and monkey studies have indeed found “preparatory” signals during pro- or
466 anti- instruction periods in DLPFC (Everling and Munoz, 2000; Connolly et al., 2002; DeSouza
467 et al., 2003; Everling and DeSouza, 2005; Ford et al., 2005; Brown et al., 2007), and SC neurons
468 have been demonstrated to receive task-related signals from DLPFC (Johnston and Everling,
469 2006). There are also spatial signals in some DLPFC neurons, particularly important in visual
470 working memory: DLPFC neurons were shown to have receptive/response fields with a
471 contralateral bias (across the population) in working memory task delay-periods (Funahashi et
472 al., 1989; Ikkai and Curtis, 2011), which is not surprising if it shares information with FEF and
473 PPC. Indeed, findings from human neuroimaging suggest DLPFC is connected to FEF as well as
474 PPC functionally as well as anatomically (de Schotten et al., 2011; Vossel et al., 2014), and one
475 physiological study that recorded all three regions simultaneously in a sensorimotor decision task
476 showed sensory information “flows” from early visual regions, to LIP, FEF and DLPFC, and
477 task-related signals flows from DLPFC and LIP to FEF (Siegel et al., 2015).

478 Patients with DLPFC lesions exhibit increased pro-saccade errors on anti-saccade trials
479 (Guitton et al., 1985; Pierrot-Deseilligny et al., 1991; Ploner et al., 2005), suggesting it has a
480 direct role in suppression. However it has been difficult to dissociate a suppression role
481 specifically of DLPFC from a role in task set establishment (Johnston and Everling, 2006;
482 Johnston et al., 2009), as reflexive saccade errors following a DLPFC lesion could be explained
483 by disruption to anti-saccade task-set signals to overcome the pro-saccade bias. A TMS pulse to
484 DLPFC during the preparatory phase in an anti-saccade task did result in increased pro-saccade
485 errors (Nyffeler et al., 2007), and “intermittent” TBS (thought to have excitatory effects) (Huang
486 et al., 2005) over DLPFC produced a reduction in pro-saccade errors (in patients with bipolar
487 disorder) (Beynel et al., 2014). In another study however, a TMS pulse to DLPFC at the end of
488 the preparatory period increased anti-saccade as well as pro-saccade latency, but not direction
489 errors (Nagel et al., 2008).

490 TMS to DLPFC has also been shown to affect endpoint accuracy in memory-saccades
491 (Brandt et al., 1998), and DLPFC lesions resulted in higher variability in memory-guided
492 saccade endpoints, with non-significant reductions in amplitudes (Pierrot-Deseilligny et al.,
493 2003), and a single pulse TMS study did find that DLPFC pulses disrupted contralateral saccade
494 amplitudes during the target memory component of a delayed saccade task (Müri et al., 1996).
495 However, it has also been concluded in one lesion study that DLPFC was not necessary for
496 performing the spatial calculations in a memory-guided saccade task (Mackey et al., 2016), and a
497 study employing cTBS to DLPFC did not find amplitude deficits to either ipsilateral or
498 contralateral anti-saccades (Cameron et al., 2015).

499 ***Implications from the double perturbation***

500 As outlined above, individual lesion or TMS studies have indicated that FEF, PPC and
501 DLPFC are important to pro and anti-saccade tasks. However, there is a high level of variability
502 across studies in the types of behavioral deficits one observes. This may be the result of relative
503 unfocused effects of a TMS perturbation, or lesion, on the underlying populations, and/or
504 network-level effects that extend beyond the role of an individual node. This implies that caution
505 should be taken in assuming that any one TMS (or lesion) study can definitively define the role
506 of an oculomotor region. In this study, we focus on the effects of a double compared to single
507 perturbation in a single paradigm and environment, acknowledging that the specifics of the
508 paradigm may make direct comparisons to other studies difficult.

509 *FEF vs control cTBS conditions: anti-saccades*

510 We did not find evidence to suggest an augmented impairment effect (Hypothesis A)
511 from the double perturbation across any of the saccade behaviors. Substantial evidence did
512 suggest impairments to anti-saccade amplitude in FEF cTBS conditions when PPC pulses were
513 present; however, because there was not substantial evidence that PPC pulses on their own
514 caused impairments, nor were the effects greater following the double perturbation relative to
515 following FEF cTBS alone, we conclude that cTBS to FEF on its own was consequential to anti-
516 saccade amplitudes. We suggest FEF cTBS had a “distributed” effect on processing in the
517 network (Hypothesis B).

518 For saccade reaction times, we found evidence for greater impairments from the double
519 perturbation compared to FEF cTBS on its own. The observation that a second perturbation
520 produces a deficit that is not otherwise observed unless the first node is perturbed, is the
521 argument to indicate compensation by that second node (Sack et al., 2005). We do not however

522 believe our findings here indicate compensation by PPC (the second node), because the
523 combined FEF cTBS plus PPC pulse conditions did not actually reveal substantial evidence for
524 impairing behavior (see Table 3B). In fact, the late PPC pulses on their own produced
525 impairments that were *greater* than the double perturbation for contralateral anti-saccades
526 (Hypothesis E). We conclude therefore that later PPC pulses were disruptive to the motor
527 component of the anti-saccade. Following FEF cTBS however, a compensatory mechanism
528 might be revealed by other network structures which aid in anti-saccade generation. One
529 possibility is that after FEF cTBS, there is compensation by DLPFC-colliculus projections to
530 contralateral SC saccade neurons (Everling and Johnston, 2013), reducing the disruptive effect
531 from a PPC pulse on the same network structures. This is sensible, considering the PPC pulses
532 also produced substantial anti-saccade performance benefits in percentage correct directions, and
533 human EEG evidence has shown that the posterior parietal/occipital cortex is involved in
534 triggering “express” pro-saccades (Hamm et al., 2010), possibly by a cortical-SC mechanism
535 (Watanabe et al., 2010; Chen et al., 2013). A PPC pulse could therefore disrupt the bias towards
536 stimulus-driven saccades thus indirectly facilitating anti-saccade performance.

537 Altered SC function could contribute to both the behavioral deficits, as well as to
538 compensatory effects in either visuomotor or executive control for the following reasons: it
539 receives widespread projections from the retina, subcortical and cortical brain regions including
540 FEF, PPC, and DLPFC, and thus, its activity is influenced by the afferent signals it receives; it
541 has a spatial map for programming a saccade to a particular spatial location; it has the internal
542 architecture for directly translating visual information into the motor commands which it also
543 sends to the brainstem saccade generator circuits, and finally, it has “fixation” and “saccade”

544 neurons which could play a similar role in to those described in FEF (Munoz and Everling, 2004;
545 Munoz and Schall, 2004; Boucher et al., 2007; Watanabe and Munoz, 2011).

546 However, we acknowledge that these effects could be driven in part by the auditory/or
547 somatosensory influence of the pulse (Duecker and Sack, 2013; Duecker et al., 2013), which
548 could engage a startle-like reflex that inhibits ongoing motor commands, by acting also on the
549 SC or brain stem saccade generator circuits (Xu-Wilson et al., 2011) (perhaps with less of a
550 consequence in cases of compensation). As the goal of this study was to compare hypotheses
551 regarding the double vs single perturbations situations, the important comparisons are those
552 between the PPC pulses following control versus verum cTBS, which both have the same
553 auditory/somatosensory influences of the PPC pulse.

554 *DLPFC vs control cTBS conditions: anti-saccades*

555 We found strong evidence for “compensation” by PPC (Hypothesis C) following DLPFC
556 cTBS for ipsilateral (rightward) anti-saccade amplitudes, but not substantial evidence for an
557 augmented effect (Hypothesis A). Importantly, there was not substantial evidence that the PPC
558 pulses alone produced an impairment. This finding *is* consistent with a compensatory
559 mechanism, in that the second perturbation impairs a node which has assumed a greater
560 contribution (Sack et al., 2005; Hartwigsen et al., 2016). We note that these effects were
561 lateralized, as compensation was only seen in this ipsilateral direction. cTBS to DLPFC alone
562 produced impairments in the contralateral direction, suggesting that DLPFC perturbations were
563 more consequential for contralateral anti-saccades. The finding on its own is interesting as it
564 suggests DLPFC may be part of the vector inversion process previously emphasized to involve
565 FEF and PPC (Munoz and Everling, 2004; Medendorp et al., 2005; Moon et al., 2007). However,
566 the mixed findings from previous TMS and lesions studies lend support to a hypothesis that the

567 spatial calculations for anti-saccades are performed by a distributed process. We can only
568 speculate that compensation occurs in some circumstances depending on the particular task
569 demands, such as spatial working memory complexity.

570 As with FEF cTBS, there was no evidence that any of the conditions impaired percentage
571 correct direction, but there was evidence for greater SRT impairments from the combined double
572 perturbation compared to DLPFC cTBS alone. As addressed, the late PPC pulse impaired SRT
573 on its own, suggesting the effects are more related to that of the PPC pulse.

574 *FEF vs control cTBS conditions: pro-saccades*

575 There was no evidence to suggest that TMS to FEF or PPC impaired pro-saccade
576 amplitudes, suggesting that other regions in a wider network are sufficient for the spatial
577 calculations for a pro-saccade (Munoz and Schall, 2004). There were findings to suggest that the
578 late PPC pulses following FEF cTBS impaired pro-saccade correct directions and that PPC
579 pulses substantially increased reaction times, suggesting a detrimental effect of the PPC pulse,
580 possibly by impairing PPC-SC signals (as described previously). We acknowledge, however, that
581 because we rejected trials when reaction time was less than the PPC pulse time, the outcome
582 measures of the late PPC pulse are biased as coming from pro-saccade trials with a slower
583 latency.

584 *DLPFC vs control cTBS conditions: pro-saccades*

585 As with FEF cTBS, DLPFC appears not to be critical to pro-saccade amplitudes.
586 Interestingly, the late PPC pulse following DLPFC cTBS impaired rightward pro-saccade
587 performance compared to DLPFC cTBS alone, but it is difficult to interpret this as compensatory
588 as this condition did not actually produce substantial evidence for an impairment ($BF_{10} < 3$,
589 Table 6).

590 Conclusions

591 Our findings for a general lack of augmented effects from two TMS perturbations to
592 critical nodes in anti-saccade programming suggest that these saccade behaviors are governed by
593 distributed computations. Yet if these regions are critical for behavior, how can we reconcile a
594 lack of augmented effects from a double perturbation? Given evidence that anti-saccade vector
595 inversion is developed simultaneously in FEF and PPC neuronal populations, our cTBS effects
596 may be interpreted as being consequential for the communication of information between nodes
597 (Sporns et al., 2007; Bullmore and Sporns, 2009) rather than for perturbing nodal computations
598 only. FEF, DLPFC and PPC are part of interconnected frontoparietal networks which are
599 recruited when attentional control is needed (Dosenbach et al., 2008; de Schotten et al., 2011;
600 Ptak, 2012; Vossel et al., 2014; Tschentscher et al., 2017). FEF and DLPFC may be critical
601 nodes in terms of network-level processes, behaving as “connector hubs” for long-range
602 information flow (Sporns et al., 2007; Bullmore and Sporns, 2009). A cTBS perturbation to FEF,
603 or DLPFC, may therefore be consequential for the communication of information. Neuronal
604 oscillations, (not addressed in this study), nevertheless have been shown to be modulated in a
605 cortical oculomotor network by TMS (Marshall et al., 2015), and could represent a “collective-
606 order process” in network-level representations and interactions (Buzsáki, 2006 p.25). Taken
607 together, this study illustrates how network interactions are important, over summated
608 contributions of individual nodes.

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976 **Figure Legends**

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978 **Figure 1:** Hypotheses for the effects of TMS perturbations to two oculomotor network nodes
979 (e.g., F: frontal eye fields / D, dorsolateral prefrontal cortex; and P, posterior parietal cortex) in
980 the same hemisphere. A) “Augmented”: augmented impairment from a double perturbation
981 compared to a single perturbation to either node. B) “Distributed”: no augmented effects (a
982 single perturbation to the network is equally disruptive). C) “Compensatory”: compensatory
983 effect from second node that became more important. D) “Spreading”: greater effect due to
984 cTBS spreading through the network to influence the second node. E) “Boosting”: additional
985 network regions (region ‘X’) provide sources of compensation after cTBS leading to a boost to
986 performance.

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988 **Figure 2:** A) MRI images: illustration of coil placement over right dorsolateral prefrontal cortex
989 (r-DLPFC), right frontal eye fields (r-FEF), right primary sensory cortex (r-S1), and right
990 posterior parietal cortex (r-PPC) on an SPM single-subject anatomical template. Mean
991 coordinates are shown as large bright dots, and individual subject coordinates are shown as faint
992 dots. Right: scalp “entry” points for TMS stimulation for a representative subject, showing also a
993 representation of the coil orientation over right PPC (handle of coil = base of ‘T’ shape). B)
994 Paradigm and stimulus timings shown for representative anti-saccade and pro-saccade trials,
995 where the target stimulus was on the left side. C) Illustrations of raw eye-traces from a
996 representative subject in one run (subject 22841) with respect to stimuli on the left side. For 13°
997 stimuli, red illustrates anti-saccades and green illustrates pro-saccades; for 9° stimuli, magenta
998 illustrates anti-saccades, and turquoise illustrates pro-saccades. This subject made a high

999 proportion of direction errors on anti-saccade trials in this run, indicated by the reversals of
1000 direction. Blinks are shown as gaps in the traces.

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1002 **Figure 3:** Derivation of the Early and Late PPC pulse bins based on anti-saccade reaction times.
1003 Reaction time distributions were calculated for correct and direction error anti-saccades in PPC
1004 Pulse Absent trials on each cTBS session. A binomial sign test was performed compared the
1005 distributions, and arrows indicate the first reaction time bin where the two distributions were no
1006 longer significantly different. This value was taken as the boundary for Early and Late PPC
1007 pulses.

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1009 **Figure 4:** Effects on left and right anti-saccades when the double perturbation involved FEF
1010 cTBS and PPC TMS is compared to the single perturbation conditions. All data is normalized to
1011 the cTBS control condition (cTBS to S1, no PPC pulses). Error bars represent standard error of
1012 the mean across subjects (N=23), and dark grey represents the double perturbation conditions.
1013 Values between brackets indicate the Bayes Factor evidence for the alternative hypothesis that
1014 the combined effects from the double perturbation resulted in a greater impairment (more
1015 negative values, note the Y axis is reversed for saccade reaction times) compared to the effects of
1016 the single perturbations. Values > 3 provide substantial evidence for the alternative hypothesis
1017 that the combined effects resulted in a greater impairment than the single perturbation effects.
1018 Asterisks show the results from Bayesian one-sample t-tests for evidence that the values are < 0
1019 for amplitude and percent correct, or > 0 for reaction time, where $BF_{10} > 3$.

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1021 **Figure 5:** Effects on left and right anti-saccades when the double perturbation involving DLPFC
1022 cTBS and PPC TMS is compared to the single perturbation conditions. PPC pulse conditions
1023 relative to S1 cTBS are shown in duplication as in Figure 4, and conventions are as in Figure 4.

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1025 **Figure 6:** Effects on left and right pro-saccades when the double perturbation involving FEF
1026 cTBS and PPC TMS is compared to the single perturbation conditions. Conventions as in Figure
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1029 **Figure 7:** Effects on left and right pro-saccades when the double perturbation involving DLPFC
1030 cTBS and PPC TMS is compared to the single perturbation conditions. Conventions as in Figure
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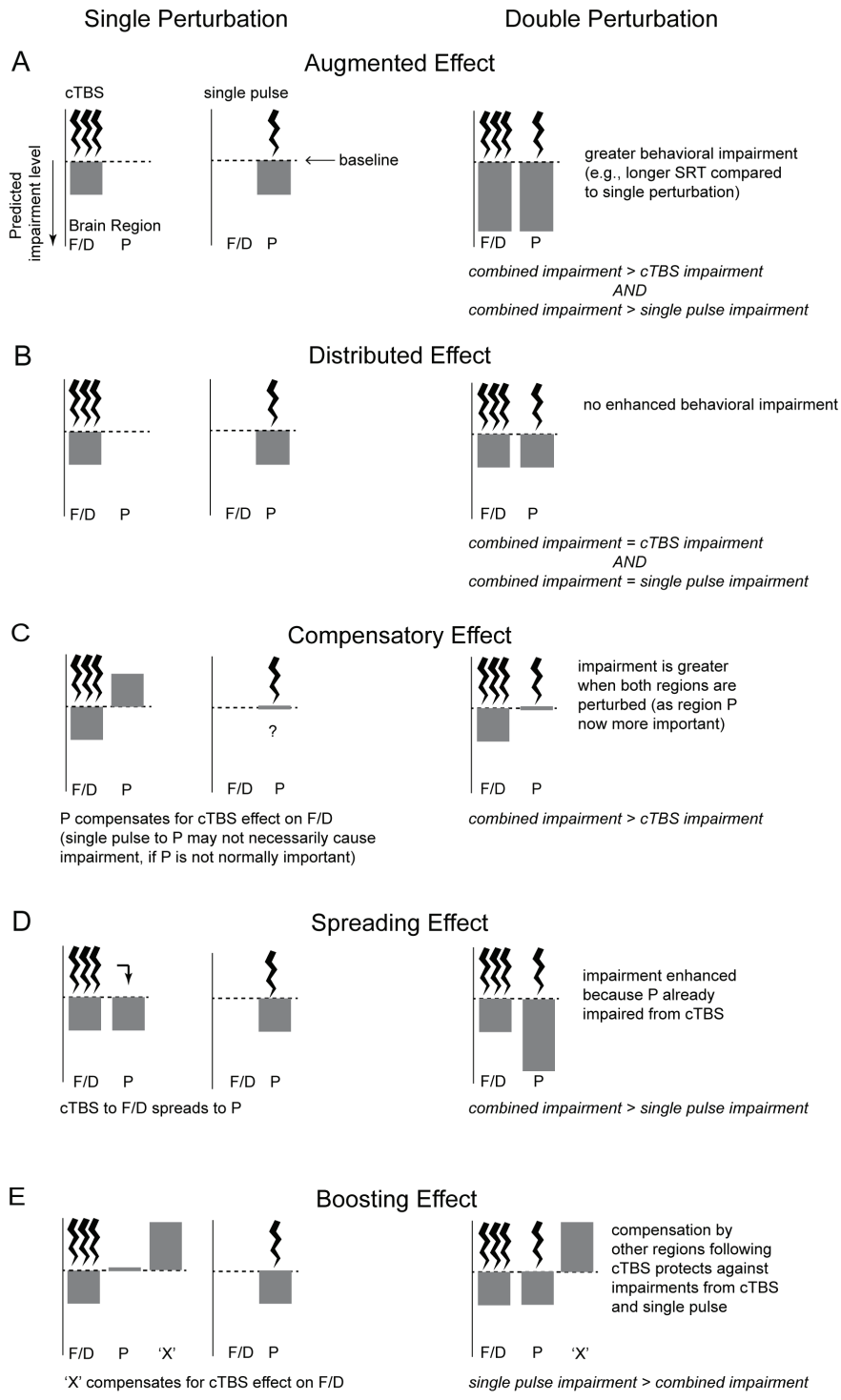
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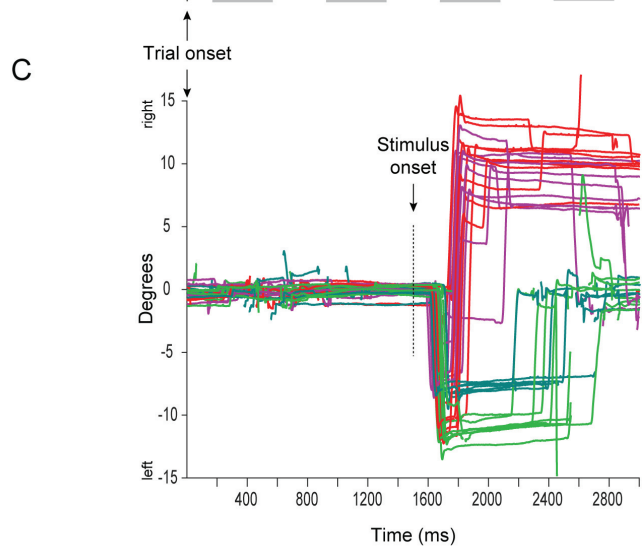
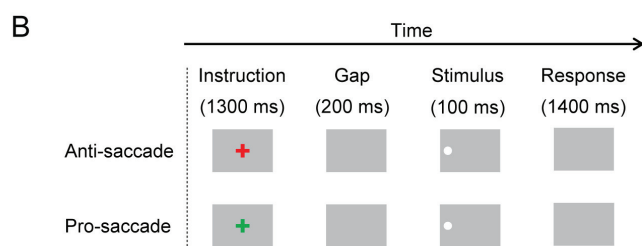
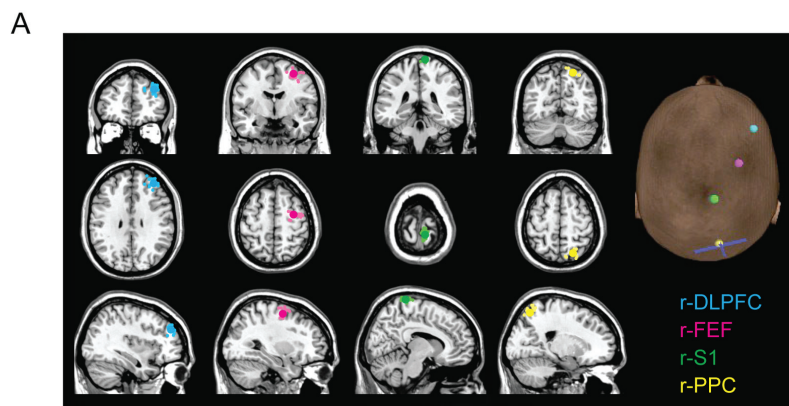
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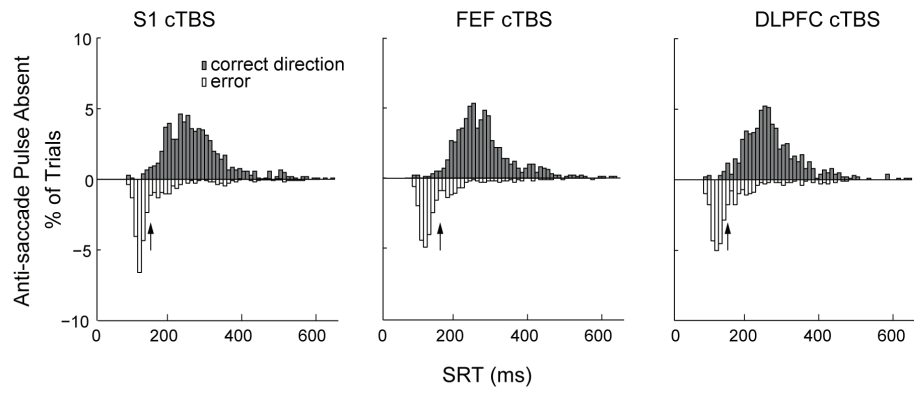
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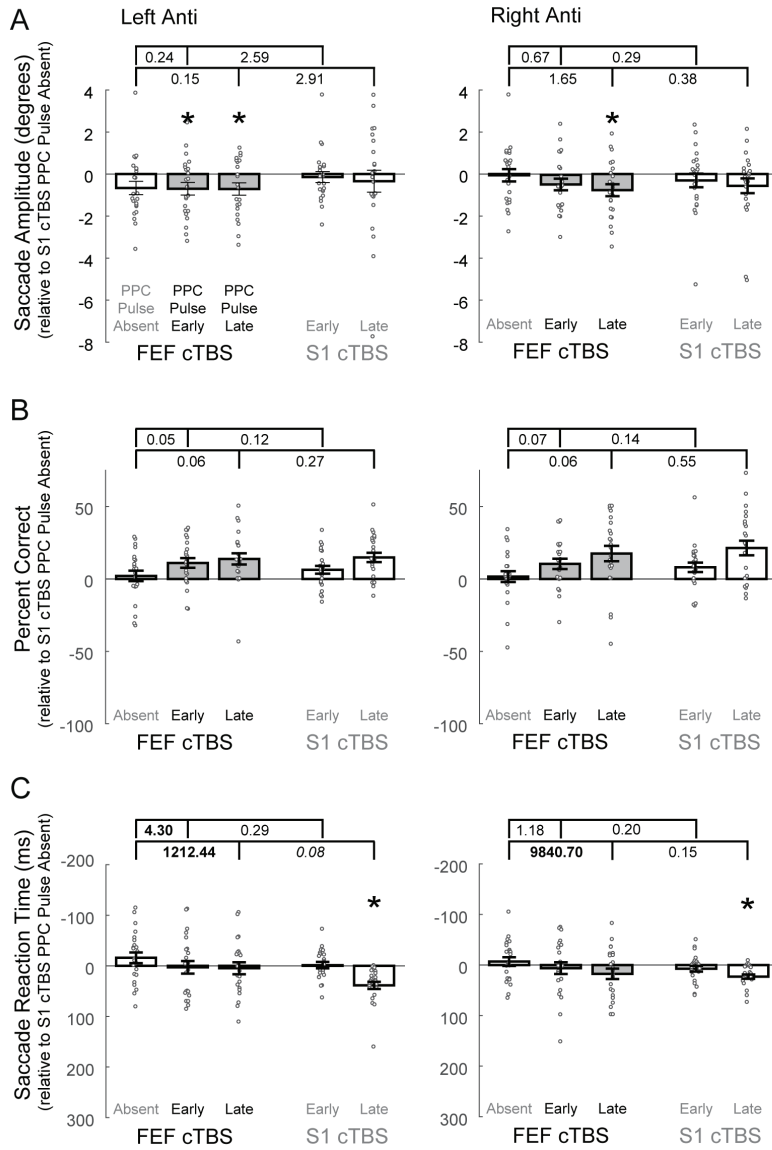
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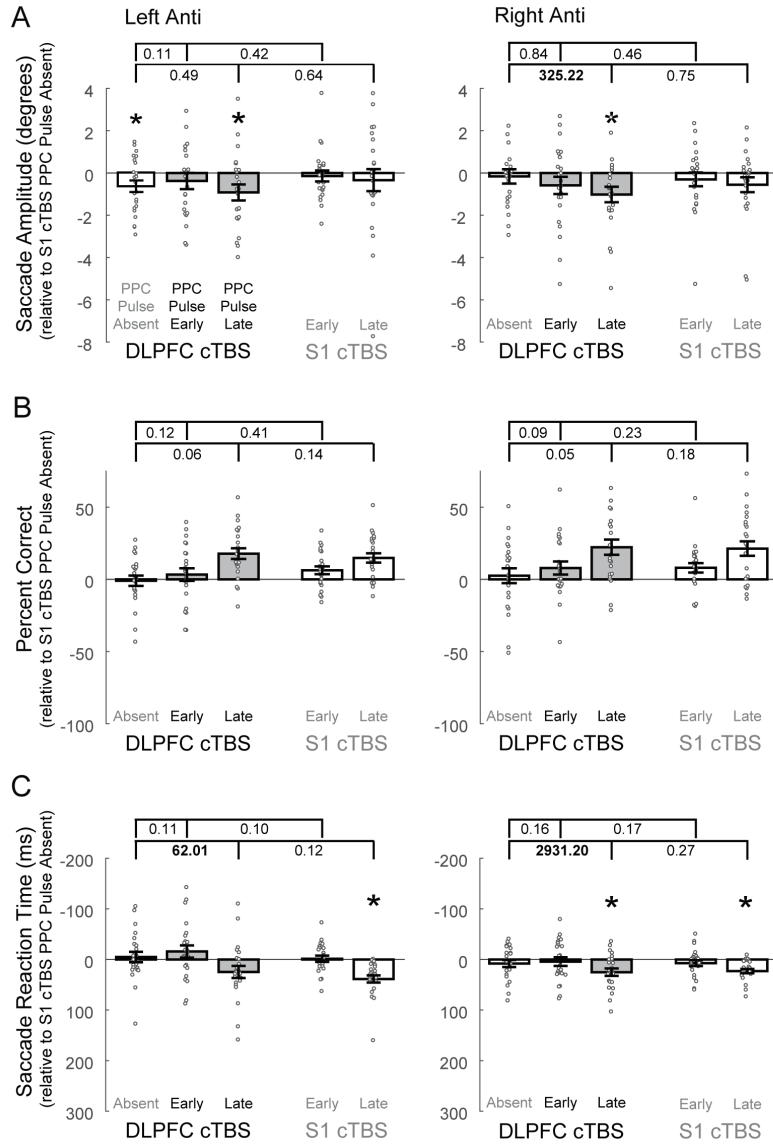




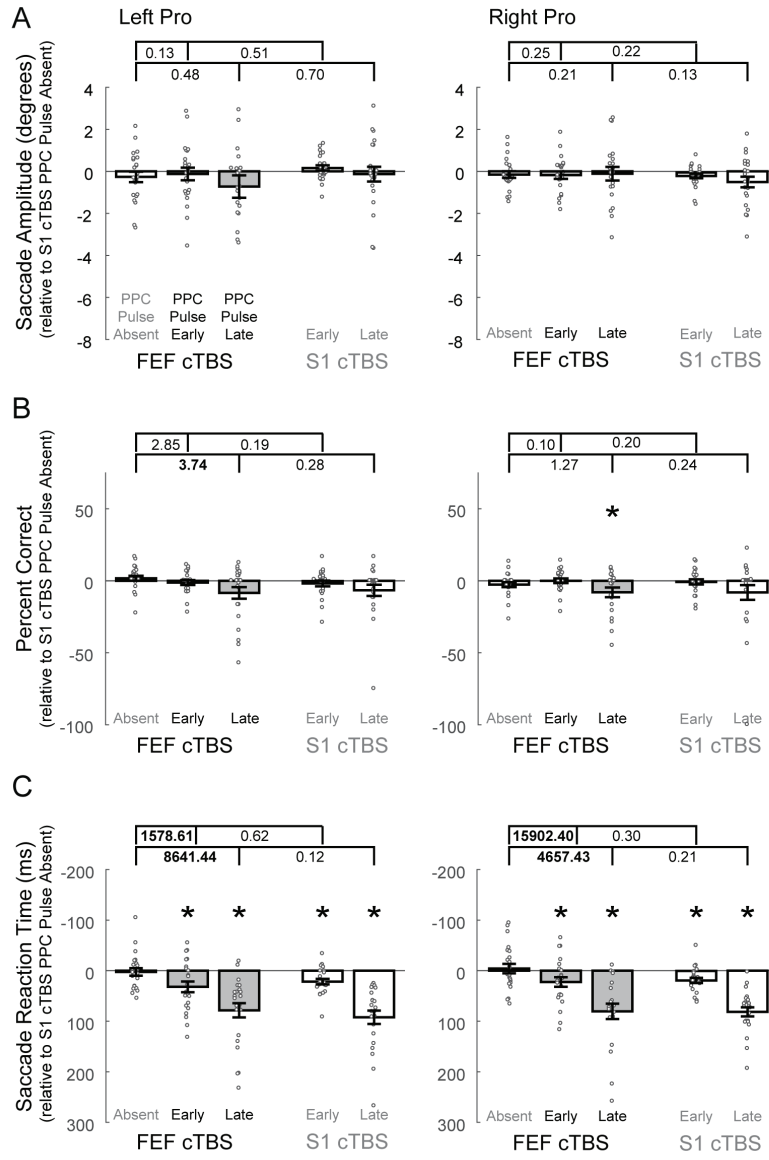




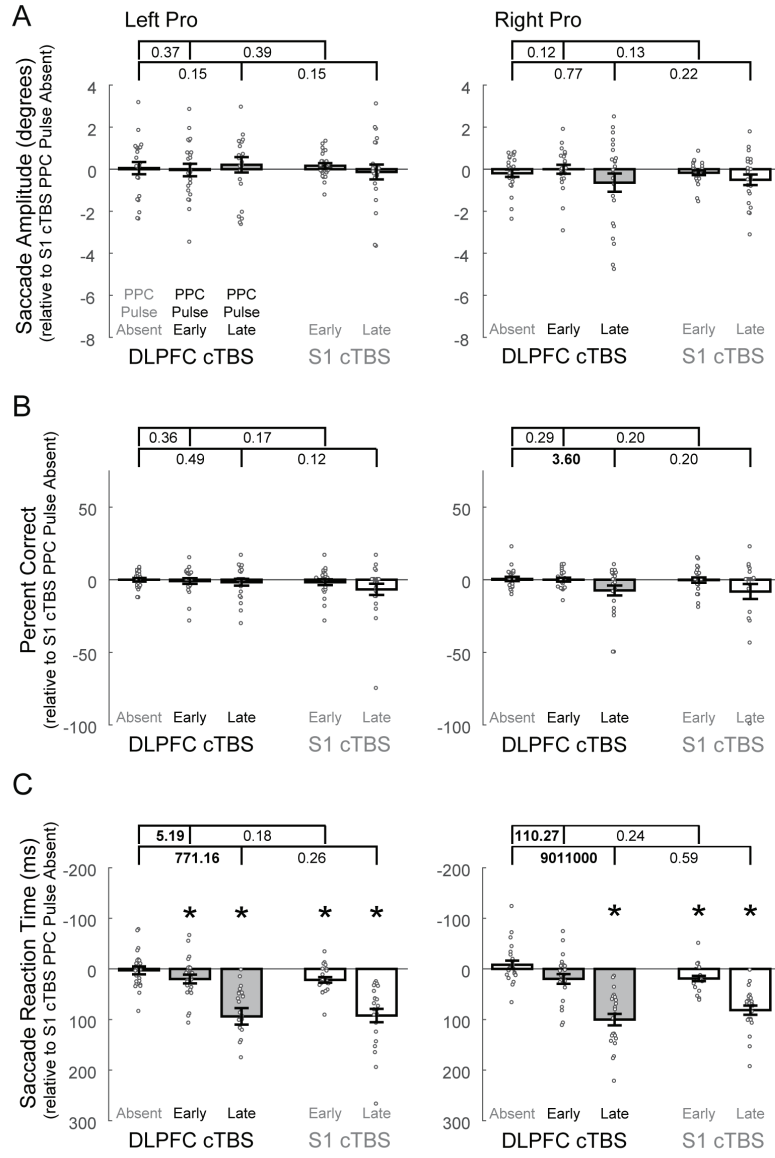
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Table 1: Regions Of Interest (ROI) information (average \pm standard deviations (mm))

	Coordinates (MNI space)			Distance to scalp
	X	Y	Z	
r-DLPFC	35 \pm 7	45 \pm 10	31 \pm 7	19 \pm 4
r-FEF	30 \pm 5	-5 \pm 4	57 \pm 6	26 \pm 5
r-PPC	20 \pm 7	-66 \pm 6	60 \pm 5	22 \pm 4
r-S1	9 \pm 2	-38 \pm 5	79 \pm 2	20 \pm 3

Table 2: Statistical Table

	Data structure	Type of test	BF ₁₀	Effect Size: Median of posterior distribution [95% C.I.]		
Table 3A						
L.A., F., Absent	Assumed normal	Bayesian t-test	2.69	-0.40 [-0.82, -0.06]		
L.A., F., Early			4.09	-0.45 [-0.86, -0.08]		
L.A., F., Late			4.58	-0.47 [-0.90, -0.09]		
L.A., S., Early			0.35	-0.18 [-0.53, -0.01]		
L.A., S., Late			0.39	-0.19 [-0.54, -0.01]		
R.A., F., Absent			0.26	-0.15 [-0.47, -0.01]		
R.A., F., Early			1.31	-0.32 [-0.72, -0.03]		
R.A., F., Late			7.60	-0.51 [-0.94, -0.11]		
R.A., S., Early			0.52	-0.22 [-0.58, -0.02]		
R.A., S., Late			1.21	-0.31 [-0.71, -0.03]		
Table 3B						
L.A., F., Absent					0.15	-0.10 [-0.37, 0.00]
L.A., F., Early			0.06	-0.03 [-0.12, 0.00]		
L.A., F., Late			0.06	-0.06 [-0.18, -0.01]		
L.A., S., Early			0.08	-0.06 [-0.22, 0.00]		
L.A., S., Late			0.05	-0.05 [-0.24, 0.00]		
R.A., F., Absent			0.16	-0.11 [-0.38, -0.01]		
R.A., F., Early			0.07	-0.05 [-0.22, 0.00]		
R.A., F., Late			0.06	-0.04 [-0.14, 0.00]		
R.A., S., Early			0.07	-0.06 [-0.22, 0.00]		
R.A., S., Late			0.06	-0.10 [-0.13, -0.01]		
Table 3C						
L.A., F., Absent			0.10	0.07 [0.00, 0.28]		
L.A., F., Early			0.27	0.15 [0.01, 0.47]		
L.A., F., Late			0.31	0.17 [0.01, 0.51]		
L.A., S., Early			0.19	0.12 [0.01, 0.40]		
L.A., S., Late			2299.54	1.04 [0.52, 1.59]		
R.A., F., Absent			0.13	0.09 [0.00, 0.35]		
R.A., F., Early			0.35	0.18 [0.01, 0.52]		
R.A., F., Late			1.39	0.33 [0.03, 0.74]		
R.A., S., Early			0.79	0.27 [0.02, 0.65]		
R.A., S., Late			2619.87	1.05 [0.53, 1.60]		

	Data structure	Type of test	BF ₁₀	Effect Size
Table 4A				
L.A., D., Absent	Assumed normal	Bayesian t-test	4.21	-0.45 [-0.88, -0.08]
L.A., D., Early			0.55	-0.23 [-0.59, -0.02]
L.A., D., Late			4.84	-0.47 [-0.89, -0.08]
R.A., D., Absent			0.33	-0.17 [-0.51, -0.01]
R.A., D., Early			0.98	-0.29 [-0.67, -0.03]
R.A., D., Late			8.84	-0.52 [-0.96, -0.12]
Table 4B				
L.A., D., Absent			0.27	-0.15 [-0.47, -0.01]
L.A., D., Early			0.14	-0.09 [-0.35, 0.00]
L.A., D., Late			0.05	-0.01 [-0.01, -0.01]
R.A., D., Absent			0.16	-0.11 [-0.38, -0.01]
R.A., D., Early			0.09	-0.07 [-0.25, 0.00]
R.A., D., Late			0.05	-0.03 [-0.18, -0.01]
Table 4C				
L.A., D., Absent			0.16	0.10 [0.01, 0.39]
L.A., D., Early			0.11	0.07 [0.00, 0.31]
L.A., D., Late			2.52	0.39 [0.06, 0.81]
R.A., D., Absent			0.68	0.25 [0.02, 0.63]
R.A., D., Early			0.33	0.17 [0.01, 0.51]
R.A., D., Late			33.86	0.65 [0.22, 1.10]

	Data structure	Type of test	BF ₁₀	Effect Size		
Table 5A						
L.P., F., Absent	Assumed normal	Bayesian t-test	0.61	-0.23 [-0.60, -0.02]		
L.P., F., Early			0.31	-0.16 [-0.50, -0.01]		
L.P., F., Late			0.87	-0.28 [-0.66, -0.02]		
L.P., S., Early			0.11	-0.08 [-0.32, 0.00]		
L.P., S., Late			0.30	-0.16 [-0.50, -0.01]		
R.P., F., Absent			0.54	-0.23 [-0.59, -0.01]		
R.P., F., Early			0.56	-0.23 [-0.59, -0.01]		
R.P., F., Late			0.30	-0.16 [-0.51, -0.01]		
R.P., S., Early			1.07	-0.30 [-0.69, -0.03]		
R.P., S., Late			2.32	-0.39 [-0.83, -0.05]		
Table 5B						
L.P., F., Absent					0.12	-0.08 [-0.34, 0.00]
L.P., F., Early			0.41	-0.20 [-0.56, -0.01]		
L.P., F., Late			2.63	-0.40 [-0.81, -0.06]		
L.P., S., Early			0.48	-0.21 [-0.56, -0.01]		
L.P., S., Late			1.44	-0.34 [-0.74, -0.04]		
R.P., F., Absent			1.16	-0.31 [-0.69, -0.03]		
R.P., F., Early			0.22	-0.13 [-0.43, -0.01]		
R.P., F., Late			4.53	-0.47 [-0.91, -0.09]		
R.P., S., Early			0.24	-0.14 [-0.46, -0.01]		
R.P., S., Late			1.19	-0.31 [-0.71, -0.03]		
Table 5C						
L.P., F., Absent			0.29	0.16 [0.01, 0.49]		
L.P., F., Early			14.878	0.57 [0.15, 1.02]		
L.P., F., Late			3314.92	1.08 [0.56, 1.63]		
L.P., S., Early			110.56	0.77 [0.30, 1.25]		
L.P., S., Late			52637.20	1.40 [0.79, 2.03]		
R.P., F., Absent			0.16	0.10 [0.02, 0.38]		
R.P., F., Early			4.08	0.44 [0.08, 0.86]		
R.P., F., Late			1461.64	1.07 [0.53, 1.64]		
R.P., S., Early			51.42	0.69 [0.25, 1.16]		
R.P., S., Late			2165000.00	1.81 [1.09, 2.56]		

	Data structure	Type of test	BF ₁₀	Effect Size
Table 6A				
L.P., D., Absent	Assumed normal	Bayesian t-test	0.19	-0.12 [-0.41, 0.00]
L.P., D., Early			0.24	-0.14 [-0.47, -0.01]
L.P., D., Late			0.15	-0.10 [-0.36, -0.01]
R.P., D., Absent			0.62	-0.24 [-0.62, -0.02]
R.P., D., Early			0.22	-0.13 [-0.43, -0.01]
R.P., D., Late			1.03	-0.29 [-0.69, -0.02]
Table 6B				
L.P., D., Absent			0.22	-0.13 [-0.45, -0.01]
L.P., D., Early			0.32	-0.17 [-0.50, -0.01]
L.P., D., Late			0.42	-0.19 [-0.56, -0.01]
R.P., D., Absent			0.17	-0.11 [-0.39, -0.01]
R.P., D., Early			0.21	-0.13 [-0.44, -0.01]
R.P., D., Late			2.84	-0.41 [-0.82, -0.06]
Table 6C				
L.P., D., Absent			0.29	0.16 [0.01, 0.50]
L.P., D., Early			3.65	0.43 [0.07, 0.85]
L.P., D., Late			5089.32	1.12 [0.58, 1.67]
R.P., D., Absent			0.12	0.09 [0.00, 0.33]
R.P., D., Early			2.49	0.39 [0.05, 0.81]
R.P., D., Late			2344000.00	1.75 [1.07, 2.46]

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Figure 4A				
L.A., F. Absent – F. Early	Assumed normal	Bayesian t-test	0.24	-0.14 [-0.45, -0.01]
L.A., F. Early – S. Early			2.59	-0.40 [-0.80, -0.06]
L.A., F. Absent – F. Late			0.15	-0.10 [-0.38, 0.00]
L.A., F. Late – S. Late			2.91	-0.42 [-0.85, -0.06]
R.A., F. Absent – F. Early			0.67	-0.25 [-0.62, -0.02]
R.A., F. Early – S. Early			0.29	-0.16 [-0.49, -0.01]
R.A., F. Absent – F. Late			1.65	-0.34 [-0.75, -0.05]
R.A., F. Late – S. Late			0.38	-0.18 [-0.53, -0.01]
Figure 4B				
L.A., F. Absent – F. Early			0.05	-0.05 [-0.25, 0.00]
L.A., F. Early – S. Early			0.12	-0.08 [-0.34, 0.00]
L.A., F. Absent – F. Late			0.06	-0.05 [-0.17, -0.01]
L.A., F. Late – S. Late			0.27	-0.15 [-0.47, -0.01]
R.A., F. Absent – F. Early			0.07	-0.05 [-0.23, 0.00]
R.A., F. Early – S. Early			0.14	-0.10 [-0.35, 0.00]
R.A., F. Absent – F. Late			0.06	-0.05 [-0.21, -0.01]
R.A., F. Late – S. Late			0.55	-0.23 [-0.59, -0.02]
Figure 4C				
L.A., F. Absent – F. Early			4.30	0.45 [0.09, 0.87]
L.A., F. Early – S. Early			0.29	0.15 [0.01, 0.49]
L.A., F. Absent – F. Late			1212.45	1.02 [0.49, 1.55]
L.A., F. Late – S. Late			0.08	0.06 [0.00, 0.28]
R.A., F. Absent – F. Early			1.18	0.31 [0.03, 0.71]
R.A., F. Early – S. Early			0.204	0.12 [0.01, 0.44]
R.A., F. Absent – F. Late			9840.70	1.17 [0.63, 1.75]
R.A., F. Late – S. Late			0.152	0.10 [0.01, 0.38]

	Data structure	Type of test	BF ₁₀	Effect Size
Figure 5A				
L.A., D. Absent – D. Early	Assumed normal	Bayesian t-test	0.11	-0.14 [-0.45, -0.01]
L.A., D. Early – S. Early			0.42	-0.40 [-0.80, -0.06]
L.A., D. Absent – D. Late			0.49	-0.22 [-0.57, -0.02]
L.A., D. Late – S. Late			0.64	-0.24 [-0.62, -0.02]
R.A., D. Absent – D. Early			0.84	-0.25 [-0.62, -0.02]
R.A., D. Early – S. Early			0.46	-0.16 [-0.49, -0.01]
R.A., D. Absent – D. Late			352.22	-0.86 [-1.36, -0.38]
R.A., D. Late – S. Late			0.75	-0.25 [-0.64, -0.02]
Figure 5B				
L.A., D. Absent – D. Early			0.12	-0.08 [-0.31, 0.00]
L.A., D. Early – S. Early			0.41	-0.19 [-0.54, -0.01]
L.A., D. Absent – D. Late			0.06	-0.01 [-0.01, -0.01]
L.A., D. Late – S. Late			0.14	-0.10 [-0.34, 0.00]
R.A., D. Absent – D. Early			0.09	-0.07 [-0.26, 0.00]
R.A., D. Early – S. Early			0.23	-0.13 [-0.45, -0.01]
R.A., D. Absent – D. Late			0.05	0.00 [0.00, 0.00]
R.A., D. Late – S. Late			0.18	-0.11 [-0.41, -0.01]
Figure 5C				
L.A., D. Absent – D. Early			0.11	0.07 [0.00, 0.31]
L.A., D. Early – S. Early			0.10	0.07 [0.00, 0.32]
L.A., D. Absent – D. Late			62.01	0.71 [0.26, 1.18]
L.A., D. Late – S. Late			0.12	0.08 [0.00, 0.31]
R.A., D. Absent – D. Early			0.16	0.10 [0.01, 0.37]
R.A., D. Early – S. Early			0.17	0.11 [0.01, 0.40]
R.A., D. Absent – D. Late			2931.20	1.07 [0.55, 1.60]
R.A., D. Late – S. Late			0.27	0.15 [0.01, 0.47]

	Data structure	Type of test	BF ₁₀	Effect Size
Figure 6A				
L.P., F. Absent – F. Early	Assumed normal	Bayesian t-test	0.13	-0.09 [-0.35, 0.00]
L.P., F. Early – S. Early			0.51	-0.22 [-0.59, -0.02]
L.P., F. Absent – F. Late			0.48	-0.21 [-0.56, -0.01]
L.P., F. Late – S. Late			0.70	-0.26 [-0.64, -0.02]
R.P., F. Absent – F. Early			0.25	-0.15 [-0.46, -0.01]
R.P., F. Early – S. Early			0.22	-0.13 [-0.44, -0.01]
R.P., F. Absent – F. Late			0.21	-0.13 [-0.44, -0.01]
R.P., F. Late – S. Late			0.13	-0.09 [-0.35, 0.00]
Figure 6B				
L.P., F. Absent – F. Early			2.85	-0.40 [-0.83, -0.06]
L.P., F. Early – S. Early			0.19	-0.12 [-0.41, -0.01]
L.P., F. Absent – F. Late			3.74	-0.44 [-0.86, -0.07]
L.P., F. Late – S. Late			0.28	-0.16 [-0.49, -0.01]
R.P., F. Absent – F. Early			0.10	-0.08 [-0.29, 0.00]
R.P., F. Early – S. Early			0.20	-0.12 [-0.41, -0.01]
R.P., F. Absent – F. Late			1.27	-0.33 [-0.74, -0.03]
R.P., F. Late – S. Late			0.24	-0.14 [-0.47, -0.01]
Figure 6C				
L.P., F. Absent – F. Early			1578.61	1.01 [0.50, 1.54]
L.P., F. Early – S. Early			0.62	0.24 [0.02, 0.60]
L.P., F. Absent – F. Late			8641.44	1.17 [0.62, 1.73]
L.P., F. Late – S. Late			0.121	0.09 [0.00, 0.35]
R.P., F. Absent – F. Early			15902.41	1.22 [0.67, 1.81]
R.P., F. Early – S. Early			0.30	0.16 [0.01, 0.50]
R.P., F. Absent – F. Late			4657.42	1.19 [0.63, 1.80]
R.P., F. Late – S. Late			0.21	0.13 [0.01, 0.49]

	Data structure	Type of test	BF ₁₀	Effect Size
Figure 7A				
L.P., D. Absent – D. Early	Assumed normal	Bayesian t-test	0.37	-0.18 [-0.53, -0.01]
L.P., D. Early – S. Early			0.39	-0.19 [-0.54, -0.01]
L.P., D. Absent – D. Late			0.15	-0.10 [-0.38, 0.00]
L.P., D. Late – S. Late			0.15	-0.10 [-0.38, 0.00]
R.P., D. Absent – D. Early			0.12	-0.09 [-0.33, 0.00]
R.P., D. Early – S. Early			0.13	-0.09 [-0.35, 0.00]
R.P., D. Absent – D. Late			0.77	-0.26 [-0.64, -0.02]
R.P., D. Late – S. Late			0.22	-0.13 [-0.44, -0.01]
Figure 7B				
L.P., D. Absent – D. Early			0.36	-0.18 [-0.52, -0.01]
L.P., D. Early – S. Early			0.17	-0.11 [-0.40, -0.01]
L.P., D. Absent – D. Late			0.49	-0.21 [-0.58, -0.01]
L.P., D. Late – S. Late			0.12	-0.08 [-0.33, 0.00]
R.P., D. Absent – D. Early			0.29	-0.16 [-0.48, -0.01]
R.P., D. Early – S. Early			0.20	-0.13 [-0.42, -0.01]
R.P., D. Absent – D. Late			3.60	-0.43 [-0.85, -0.07]
R.P., D. Late – S. Late			0.20	-0.12 [-0.42, -0.05]
Figure 7C				
L.P., D. Absent – D. Early			5.19	0.47 [0.09, 0.90]
L.P., D. Early – S. Early			0.18	0.12 [0.01, 0.41]
L.P., D. Absent – D. Late			771.16	0.94 [0.45, 1.44]
L.P., D. Late – S. Late			0.26	0.15 [0.01, 0.46]
R.P., D. Absent – D. Early			110.27	0.76 [0.30, 1.24]
R.P., D. Early – S. Early			0.24	0.14 [0.01, 0.46]
R.P., D. Absent – D. Late			9011000.00	1.90 [1.18, 2.65]
R.P., D. Late – S. Late			0.59	0.24 [0.02, 0.60]

Table 3: Bayes Factors for the alternative (impairment) vs. null (no impairment) hypothesis (BF_{10}) for left and right anti-saccade trials relative to control cTBS

Left Anti	cTBS site	PPC pulse	BF_{10}	Right Anti	cTBS site	PPC pulse	BF_{10}
A) Amplitude							
	FEF	Absent	2.69		FEF	Absent	0.26
		Early	4.09			Early	1.31
		Late	4.58			Late	7.60
	S1	Early	0.35		S1	Early	0.52
		Late	0.39			Late	1.21
B) Percent Correct							
	FEF	Absent	0.15		FEF	Absent	0.16
		Early	0.06			Early	0.07
		Late	0.06			Late	0.06
	S1	Early	0.08		S1	Early	0.07
		Late	0.05			Late	0.06
C) Saccade Reaction Time							
	FEF	Absent	0.10		FEF	Absent	0.13
		Early	0.27			Early	0.35
		Late	0.31			Late	1.39
	S1	Early	0.19		S1	Early	0.79
		Late	2299.54			Late	2619.87
Bold values: $BF_{10} > 3$							

Table 4: Bayes Factors for the alternative (impairment) vs. null (no impairment) hypothesis (BF_{10}) for left and right anti-saccade trials relative to control cTBS. (The effect of the PPC pulse relative to control cTBS is shown in duplication as in Table 3)

Left Anti	cTBS site	PPC pulse	BF_{10}	Right Anti	cTBS site	PPC pulse	BF_{10}
A) Amplitude							
	DLPFC	Absent	4.21		DLPFC	Absent	0.33
		Early	0.55			Early	0.98
		Late	4.84			Late	8.84
	S1	Early	0.35		S1	Early	0.52
		Late	0.39			Late	1.21
B) Percent Correct							
	DLPFC	Absent	0.27		DLPFC	Absent	0.16
		Early	0.14			Early	0.09
		Late	0.05			Late	0.05
	S1	Early	0.08		S1	Early	0.07
		Late	0.05			Late	0.06
C) Saccade Reaction Time							
	DLPFC	Absent	0.16		DLPFC	Absent	0.68
		Early	0.11			Early	0.33
		Late	2.52			Late	33.86
	S1	Early	0.19		S1	Early	0.79
		Late	2299.54			Late	2619.86
Bold values: $BF_{10} > 3$							

Table 5: Bayes Factors for the alternative (impairment) vs. null (no impairment) hypothesis (BF_{10}) for left and right pro-saccade trials relative to control cTBS

Left Pro	cTBS site	PPC pulse	BF_{10}	Right Pro	cTBS site	PPC pulse	BF_{10}
A) Amplitude							
	FEF	Absent	0.61		FEF	Absent	0.54
		Early	0.31			Early	0.56
		Late	0.87			Late	0.30
	S1	Early	0.11		S1	Early	1.07
		Late	0.30			Late	2.32
B) Percent Correct							
	FEF	Absent	0.12		FEF	Absent	1.16
		Early	0.41			Early	0.22
		Late	2.63			Late	4.53
	S1	Early	0.48		S1	Early	0.24
		Late	1.44			Late	1.19
C) Saccade Reaction Time							
	FEF	Absent	0.29		FEF	Absent	0.16
		Early	14.88			Early	4.08
		Late	3314.92			Late	1461.64
	S1	Early	110.56		S1	Early	51.42
		Late	52637.20			Late	2165000
Bold values: $BF_{10} > 3$							

Table 6: Bayes Factors for the alternative (impairment) vs. null (no impairment) hypothesis (BF_{10}) for left and right pro-saccade trials relative to control cTBS (The effect of the PPC pulse relative to control cTBS is shown in duplication as in Table 5)

Left Pro	cTBS site	PPC pulse	BF_{10}	Right Pro	cTBS site	PPC pulse	BF_{10}
A) Amplitude							
	DLPFC	Absent	0.19		DLPFC	Absent	0.62
		Early	0.24			Early	0.22
		Late	0.15			Late	1.03
	S1	Early	0.11		S1	Early	1.07
		Late	0.30			Late	2.32
B) Percent Correct							
	DLPFC	Absent	0.22		DLPFC	Absent	0.17
		Early	0.32			Early	0.21
		Late	0.42			Late	2.84
	S1	Early	0.48		S1	Early	0.24
		Late	1.44			Late	1.19
C) Saccade Reaction Time							
	DLPFC	Absent	0.29		DLPFC	Absent	0.12
		Early	3.65			Early	2.49
		Late	5089.32			Late	2344000
	S1	Early	110.56		S1	Early	51.42
		Late	52637.20			Late	2165000
Bold values: $BF_{10} > 3$							