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Mild traumatic brain injury impairs the coordination of intrinsic and motor-related neural dynamics

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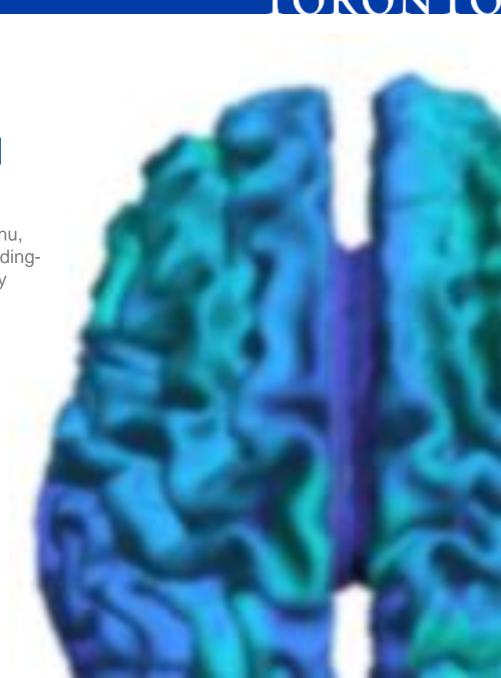
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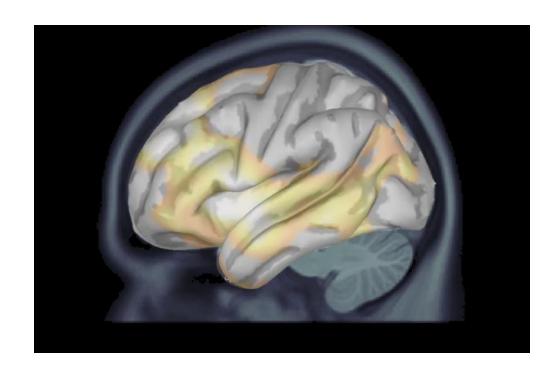
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Brain activity at the speed of thought

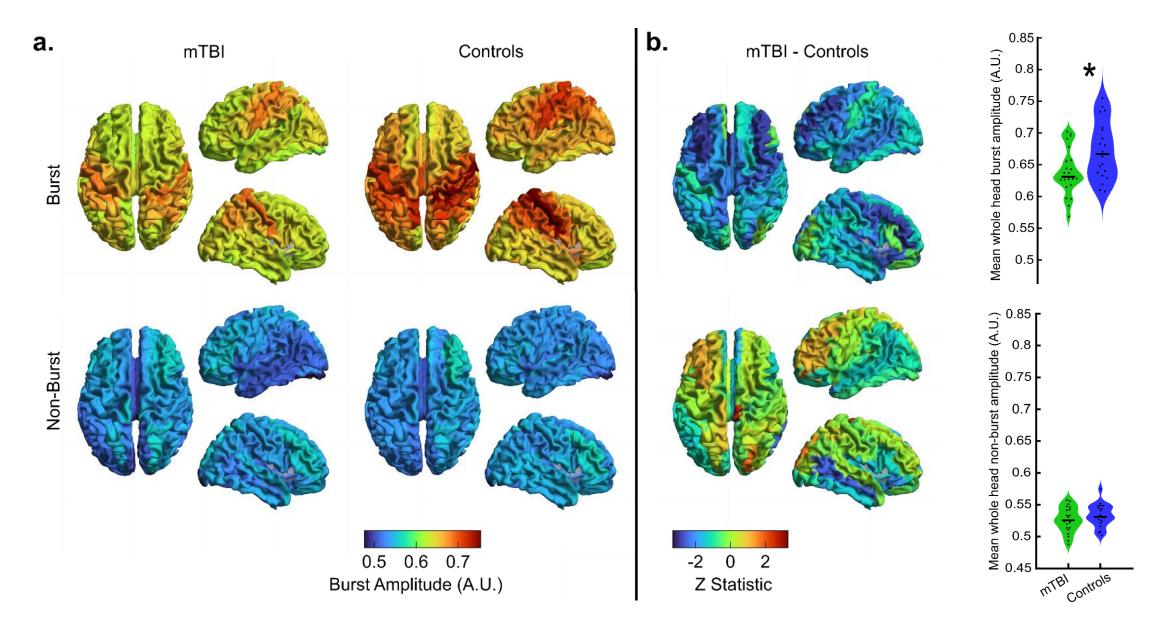


Objective: Measure transient neural bursting, a marker of thalamocortical and corticocortical circuits, mTBI in the subacute phase (mTBI n=26, control n=22)

Magneto/Electroencephalography Neural activity



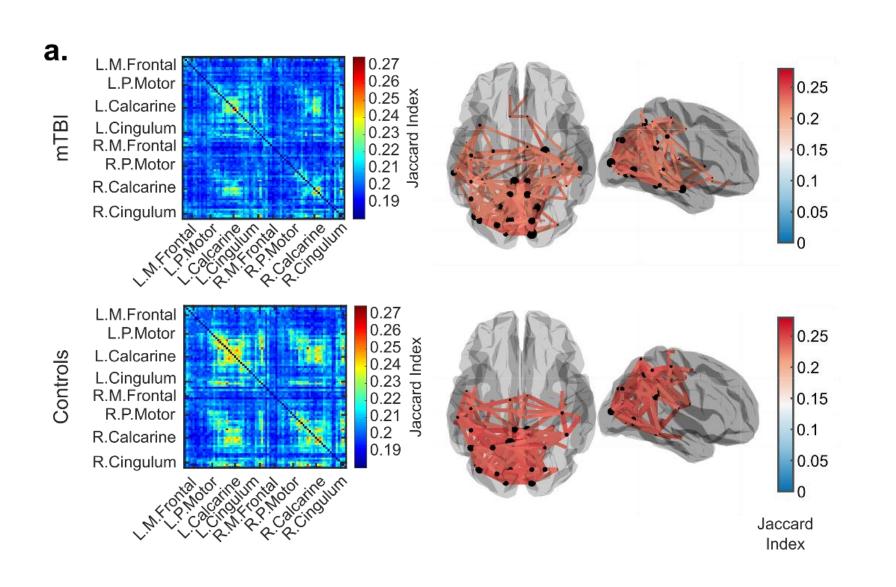
mTBI compromises activity in the neural burst state

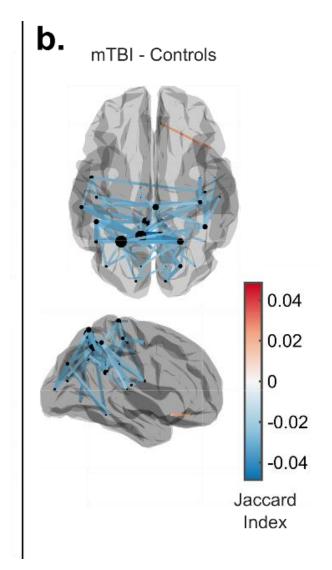


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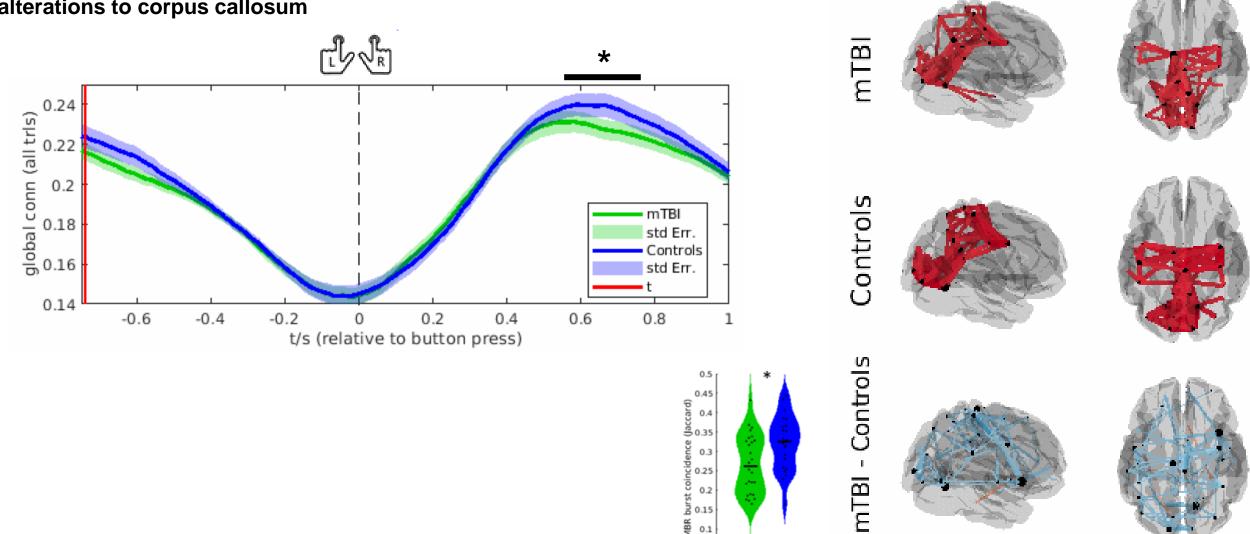
mTBI impairs the coordination of coincident neural bursting





mTBI motor network dynamics are dysrhythmic

Post-movement motor system recalibration is deficit in concussion, evidenced by **bilateral burst decoupling – suggesting microstructural alterations to corpus callosum**



mTBI Controls

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mTBI disrupts bursting dynamics

- mTBI results in multiscale neurophysiological disruption
- Manifests as deficits in transient neural events known as **bursts**
- These bursts are driven by interactions between thalamocortical and corticocortical inputs
- Suggesting large-scale perturbations in these circuits after mTBI
- Future directions: test in on-head MEG

