

# Genes, medio ambiente y desarrollo cerebral

Contribuciones recientes de las imágenes cerebrales

## Plan del curso

- ¿Un gen para el lenguaje humano?
- Estudios en gemelos y algunas condiciones clásicas (síndrome de Williams, X fragil...)
- El músico profesional : un modelo privilegiado
- Efecto de la lengua materna en el desarrollo cerebral
- Aportes recientes de estudios trans-lingüísticos

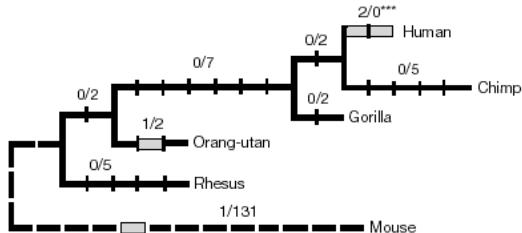
# Molecular evolution of *FOXP2*, a gene involved in speech and language

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Language is a uniquely human trait likely to have been a prerequisite for the development of human culture. The ability to develop articulate speech relies on capabilities, such as fine control of the larynx and mouth<sup>1</sup>, that are absent in chimpanzees and other great apes. *FOXP2* is the first gene relevant to the human ability to develop language<sup>2</sup>. A point mutation in *FOXP2* co-segregates with a disorder in a family in which half of the members have severe articulation difficulties accompanied by linguistic and grammatical impairment<sup>3</sup>. This gene is disrupted by translocation in an unrelated individual who has a similar disorder. Thus, two functional copies of *FOXP2* seem to be required for acquisition of normal spoken language. We sequenced the complementary DNAs that encode the *FOXP2* protein in the chimpanzee, gorilla, orang-utan, rhesus macaque and mouse, and compared them with the human cDNA. We also investigated intraspecific variation of the human *FOXP2* gene. Here we show that human *FOXP2* contains changes in amino-acid coding and a pattern of nucleotide polymorphism, which strongly suggest that this gene has been the target of selection during recent human evolution.



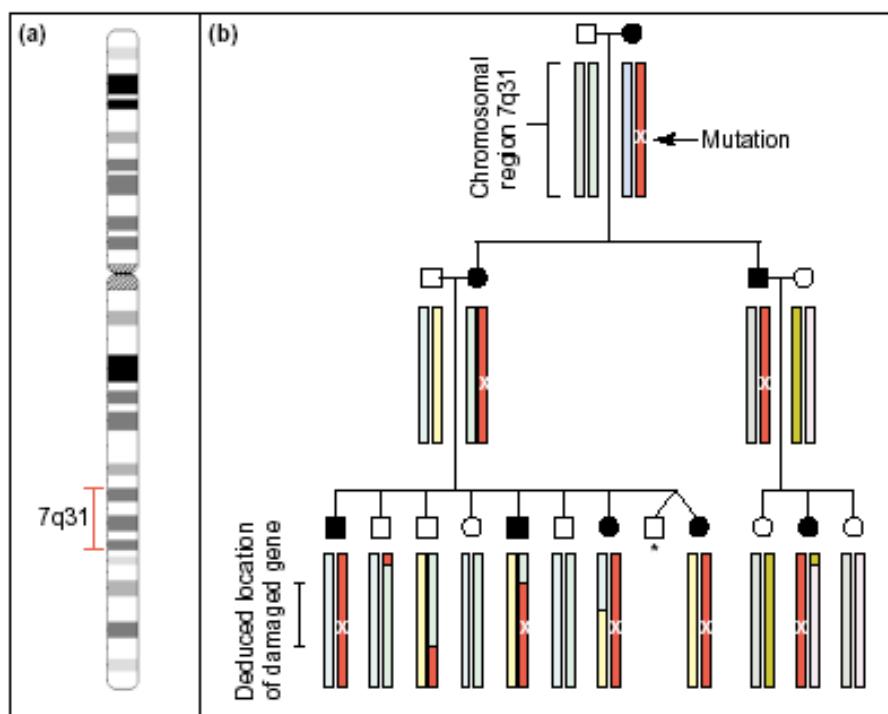
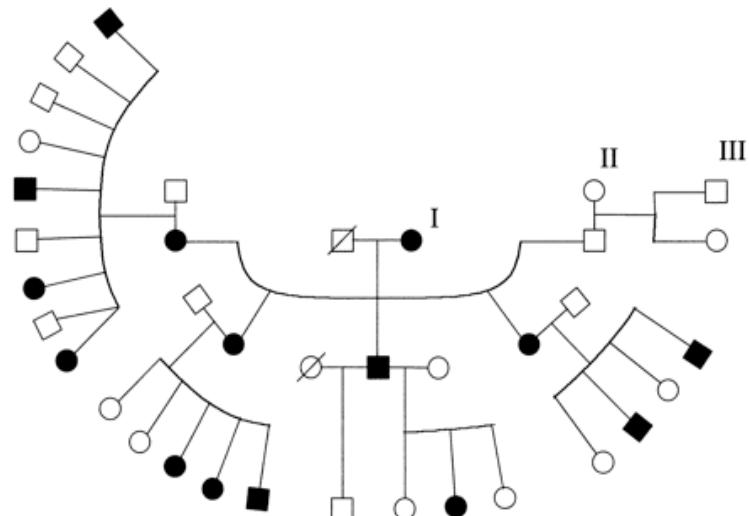
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## MRI analysis of an inherited speech and language disorder: structural brain abnormalities

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# Language fMRI abnormalities associated with *FOXP2* gene mutation

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Half the members of the KE family suffer from a speech and language disorder caused by a mutation in the *FOXP2* gene. We examined functional brain abnormalities associated with this mutation using two fMRI language experiments, one involving covert (silent) verb generation and the other overt (spoken) verb generation and word repetition. The unaffected family members showed a typical left-dominant distribution of activation involving Broca's area in the generation tasks and a more bilateral distribution in the repetition task, whereas the affected members showed a more posterior and more extensively bilateral pattern of activation in all tasks. Consistent with previously reported bilateral morphological abnormalities, the affected members showed significant underactivation relative to the unaffected members in Broca's area and its right homolog, as well as in other cortical language-related regions and in the putamen. Our findings suggest that the *FOXP2* gene is critically involved in the development of the neural systems that mediate speech and language.

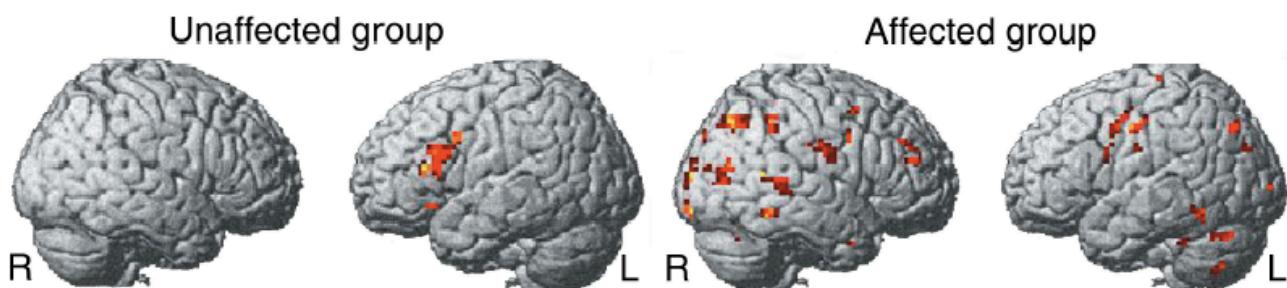


Figure 1 Covert language task: group average fMRI activation in the unaffected and affected members of the KE family. Activated regions are projected onto the surface rendering of a typical 3D individual brain (within SPM99), displayed at a statistical threshold of  $P < 0.05$ , corrected for multiple comparisons. See Table 1 for detailed list of activated regions. L, left hemisphere; R, right hemisphere.

## A Twin MRI Study of Size Variations in the Human Brain

Table 1. Description of the Sample

	RD Sample		Control Sample	
	(MZ) 25 pairs	(DZ) 23 pairs	(MZ) 9 pairs	(DZ) 9 pairs
Mean Age	17.10 <sup>a</sup>	16.82 <sup>a</sup>	19.41 <sup>b</sup>	18.71 <sup>a,b</sup>
SD	4.59	3.66	5.00	2.40
Gender Ratio (M:F)	12:13 <sup>a</sup>	16:7 <sup>b</sup>	4:5 <sup>a,b</sup>	4:5 <sup>a,b</sup>

The volumes of seven structures comprising all the gray matter in the neocortex, and the volumes of six other structures comprising most of the rest of the brain were factor-analyzed using data from the entire sample.

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Estudio morfológico de 132 individuos perteneciendo a 66 pares de gemelos.  
Correlaciones de 7 diferentes medidas del cerebro entre pares de gemelos mono- o dicigotos : herencia da cuenta de 56 a 90% de la varianza

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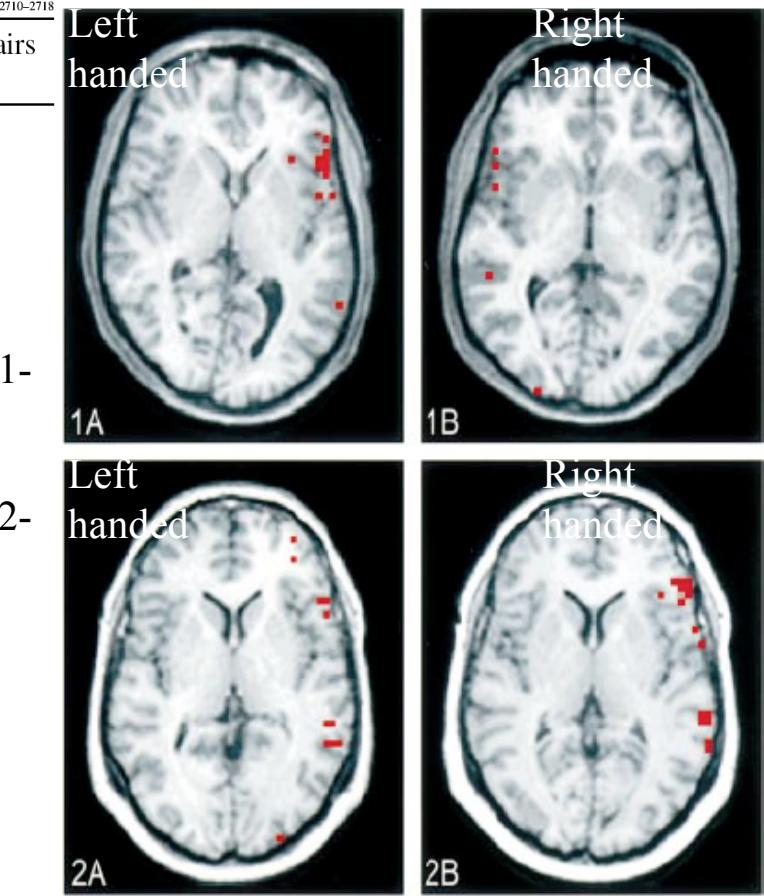
Table 4. Intraclass Correlations ( $\alpha_{ij}$ ) in the Control Sample

	MZ (9 pairs)	DZ (9 pairs)	Fisher's Z
Factor 1	0.78 <sup>a</sup> (0.24)	0.34 (0.36)	1.20
Factor 2	0.84 <sup>a</sup> (0.20)	0.32 (0.36)	1.54
Cerebral Total	0.98 <sup>a</sup> (0.08)	0.58 (0.31)	2.84 <sup>a</sup>
Right Neocortex	0.93 <sup>a</sup> (0.14)	0.60 (0.30)	1.67
Left Neocortex	0.93 <sup>a</sup> (0.14)	0.65 (0.29)	1.53

<sup>a</sup>p<0.01 [alpha was set at 0.01 using Dunn's multiple comparison procedure].

Language lateralization in monozygotic twin pairs concordant and discordant for handedness

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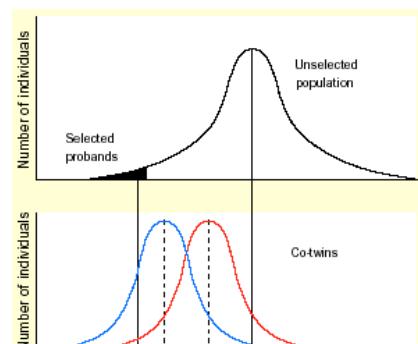


## Genética de los trastornos de aprendizaje

### Dislexia :

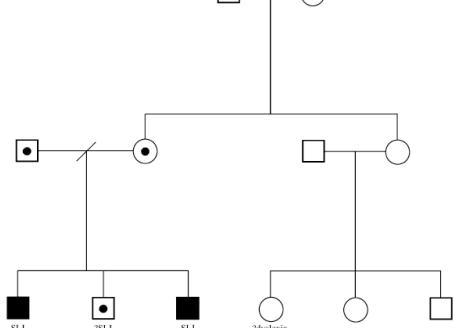
- hasta 65% : uno de sus padres es disléxico
- 40% de los familiares son disléxicos

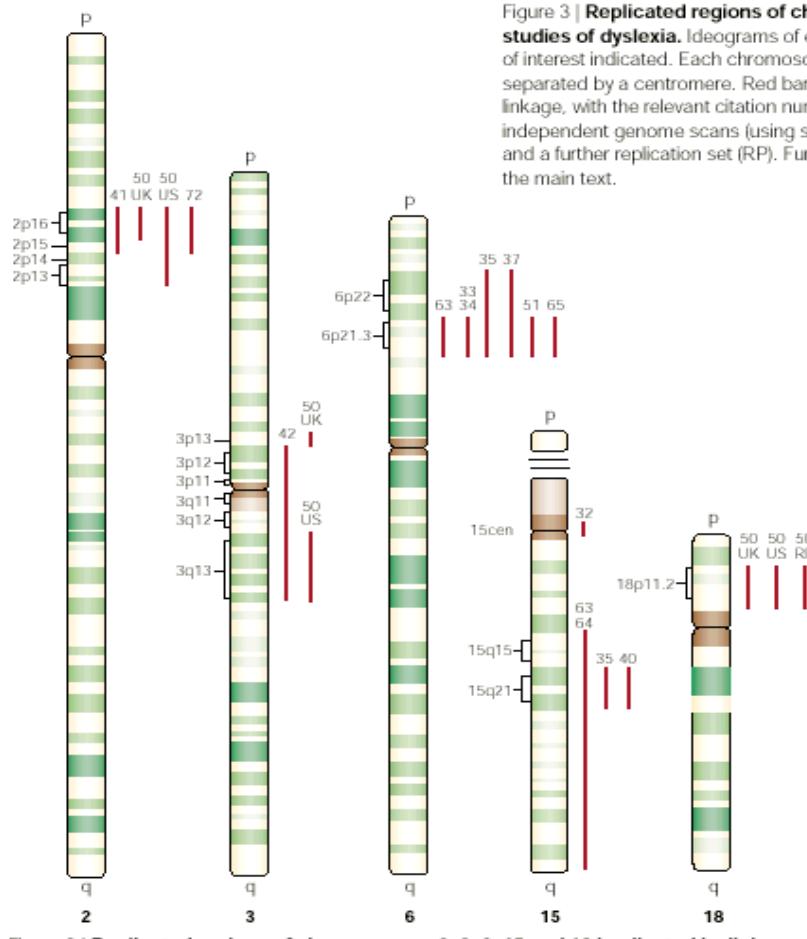
Nivel de concordancia en pares de gemelos  
68% DZ, 38% MZ (Colorado Twin Study of  
Reading Disability), Olson et al.



SLI : 90 pares de gemelos (Bishop, 1995)

- 70% concordancia en pares MZ, 46% en DZ
- Hasta 100% concordancia por MZ con criterios más amplios
- Variancia compartida entre déficit oral y lectura

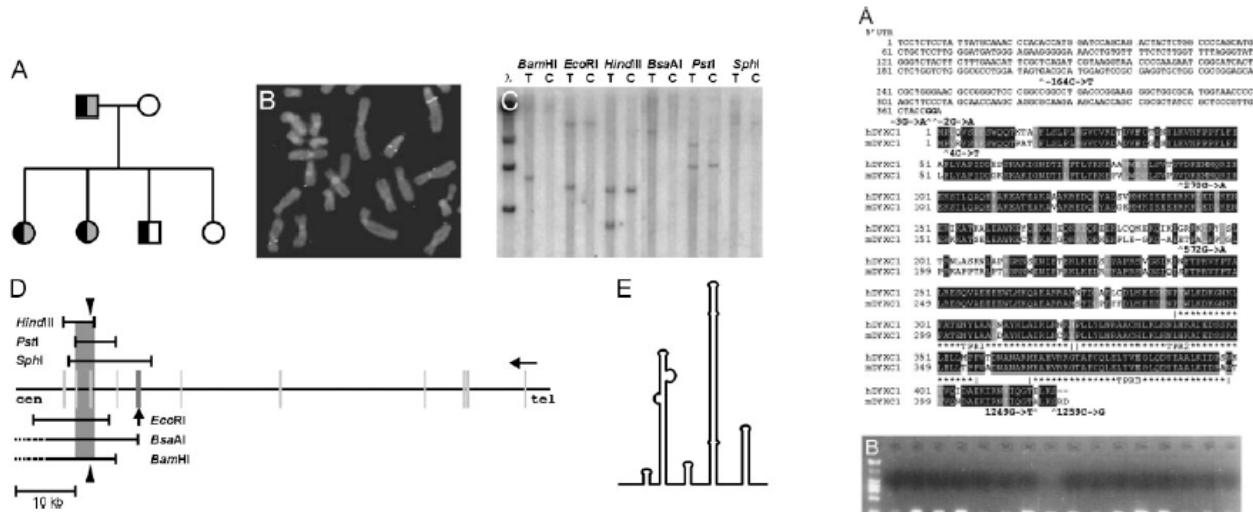




**Figure 3 | Replicated regions of chromosomes 2, 3, 6, 15 and 18 implicated by linkage studies of dyslexia.** Ideograms of each chromosome are shown with the cytogenetic bands of interest indicated. Each chromosome has a short (p) arm and a long (q) arm, which are separated by a centromere. Red bars indicate approximate positions of positive regions of linkage, with the relevant citation number of the study shown above. REF. 50 included two independent genome scans (using samples from the United Kingdom and the United States) and a further replication set (RP). Further details of each study are given in TABLES 2–4 and in the main text.

## A candidate gene for developmental dyslexia encodes a nuclear tetratricopeptide repeat domain protein dynamically regulated in brain

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Translocación en el gen DYX1C1 situado cerca del locus DYX1 sobre el cromosoma 15q21

**Fig. 2.** (A) Comparison of the protein sequences of human (h) DYX1C1 and mouse (m) Dyx1c1. The SNPs found in this study are marked with arrowheads,

## Neuroanatomic Variation in Monozygotic Twin Pairs Discordant for the Narrow Phenotype for Autism

TABLE 1. Scores on the Autism Diagnostic Inventory and Autism Diagnostic Observational Scale of Monozygotic Twin Pairs Who Were Concordant or Discordant for Autism

Scale and Domain	Score									
	Concordant Twin Pairs (seven pairs)				Discordant Twin Pairs (nine pairs)				ANOVA (3, 26)	
	Autistic Twin A		Autistic Twin B		Autistic Twin A		Twin B <sup>a</sup>			
	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	Mean	SD	F	p
Autism Diagnostic Inventory—Revised (22)										
Reciprocal social interaction	21.5	2.2	21.3	6.5	19.7	5.2	5.2	7.1	15.0	<0.0001
Communication	15.7	4.2	15.9	4.9	14.7	3.5	6.3	6.6	6.6	0.002
Stereotyped behavior	6.2	1.7	5.2	1.7	5.9	1.2	1.9	2.0	11.5	0.001
Abnormal development	3.7	2.0	3.3	1.2	3.9	1.4	1.9	2.1	2.3	n.s.
Autism Diagnostic Observational Scale—Generic (23)										
Social	10.2	2.1	8.0	1.9	9.0	2.2	3.4	3.9	9.0	0.0003
Communication	6.0	1.3	4.3	1.0	5.8	2.0	2.9	2.1	5.3	0.006
Stereotyped behavior	1.7	1.2	0.3	0.5	1.4	1.0	0.2	0.4	5.8	0.004

TABLE 2. Within-Twin-Pair Correlations in Volumes of Cerebral and Cerebellar Gray and White Matter and Ventricles for Monozygotic Twin Pairs Who Were Concordant or Discordant for Autism

Type of Twin Pair	Intraclass Correlation Coefficient <sup>a</sup>				
	Cerebral White	Cerebral Gray	Cerebellar White	Cerebellar Gray	Ventricles
Clinically concordant (seven pairs)	0.90	0.84	0.86	0.92	0.71
Clinically discordant (nine pairs)	0.86	0.74	0.11 <sup>b</sup>	0.50 <sup>b</sup>	0.49

<sup>a</sup> Compared by means of the r-to-z transformation.

<sup>b</sup> Significantly lower than the value for the clinically concordant twin pairs ( $p \leq 0.05$ , one-tailed).

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## Language activation in monozygotic twins discordant for schizophrenia

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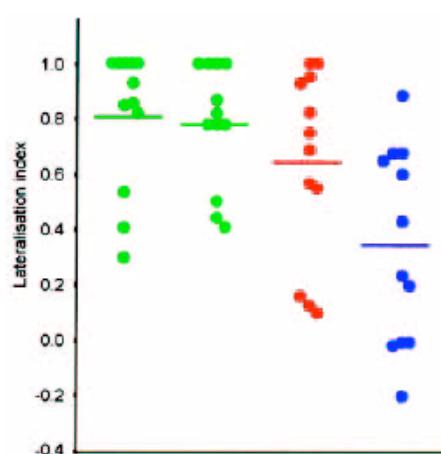


Fig. 1 Language lateralisation indices in 12 control twin pairs (●) and in 12 twin pairs discordant for schizophrenia: (○) probands; (●) unaffected co-twin.

Comparación de 2 grupos de gemelos monocigotos concordantes o discordantes por autismo : Solo el volumen del cerebelo parece específico del fenotipo autístico

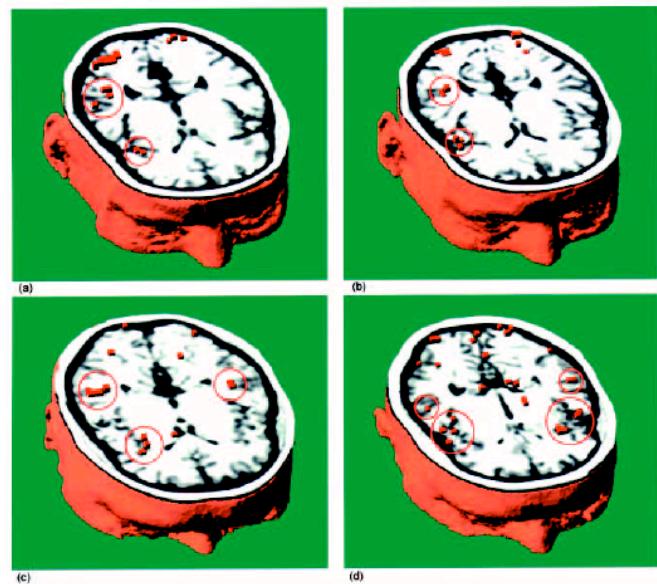


Fig. 2 Examples of language activation patterns in a healthy monozygotic twin pair (a,b), in an unaffected co-twin (c) and in the twin with schizophrenia (d); language-related activation is circled.

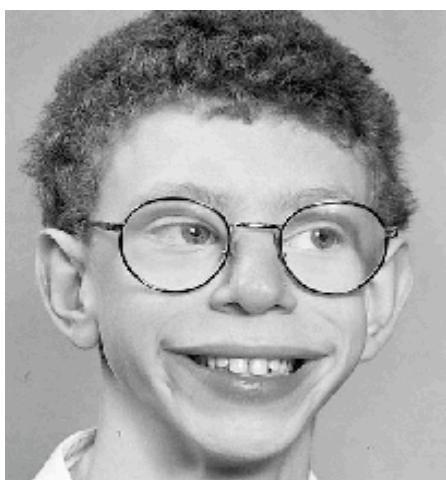
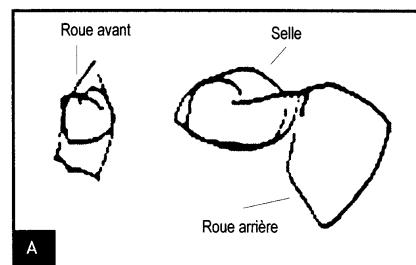
Tendencia por activación bilateral en gemelos discordantes por esquizofrenia  
 No diferencia entre el gemelo afectado y no afectado

# Syndrome de Williams

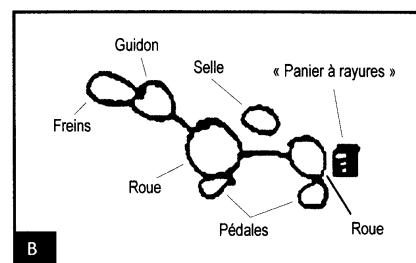
- Syndrome génétique dû à la microdélétion du bras long du chromosome 7
- Syndrome dysmorphique (hauteur de la partie moyenne du visage, oreilles larges et inclinées, base du nez fine et courte)
- Profil neuropsychologique caractéristique : déficit spatial, surtout dans le dessin, supériorité relative du langage
- Mais difficultés dans certains aspects du langage (syntaxe des verbes, sémantique complexe)
- Seraient bons en musique

Syndrome de Williams :  
Dessin d'un vélo

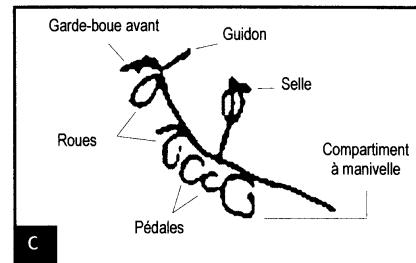
12 ans



15 ans



16 ans



## Le syndrome du retard mental avec X fragile

### Clinique: caractères physiques



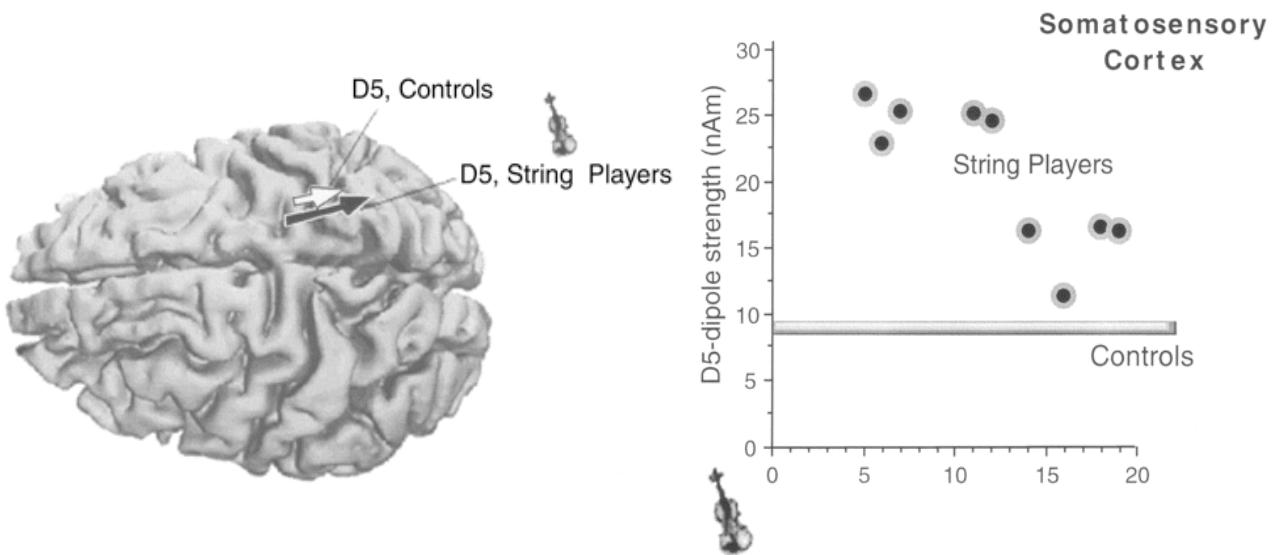
- **Particularités faciales**, évolutives avec l'âge:  
visage allongé, front haut, lèvres épaisses, **grandes oreilles**
- **Macroencéphalie**
- Tissu conjonctif anormal: **hyperlaxité**, peau ‘souple’, plis palmaires et plantaires anx
- **Macroorchidie**, après 8-10 ans
- Parfois grande taille, obésité, pilosité diminuée



## Le syndrome X fragile chez le garçon

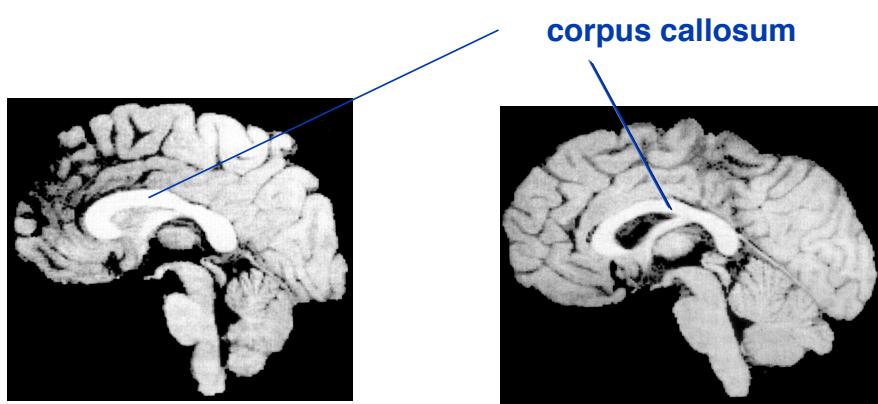
### Signes d'appel, problème de développement et de comportement

- Retard mental moyen à sévère (QI: 50)
  - Retard de langage, **langage persévératif**
  - Hyperactivité, troubles d'attention...
  - Fuite du regard, timidité, angoisse
  - Battements des mains, auto- agressivité
  - Colères fréquentes, sautes d'humeur
- ‘Traits autistiques’, mais sans autisme typique*



Elbert et al., 1998 (estudio con MEG=magnetoencefalografía).  
El quinto dedo de la mano izquierda en músicos de instrumentos a cuerdas posee una representación funcional distinta. Efecto de la edad de aprendizaje.

**Anterior part of the corpus callosum is larger in early-trained musicians**

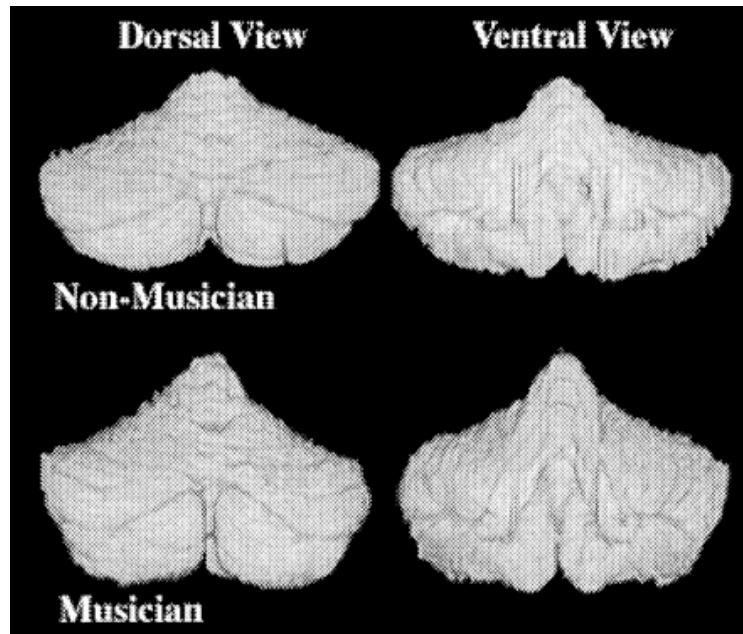


**MUSICIAN**

**NON-MUSICIAN**

(Schlaug et al., 1995)

Le cervelet de musiciens (mâles) est plus volumineux de 5% (Schlaug et al., 2001)



	%CV	aCV (in cc)
Male musicians ( <i>n</i> = 32)	10.30 (0.64)	145.3 (9.7)
Male nonmusicians ( <i>n</i> = 24)	9.85 (0.68)*	139.6 (15.4)
Female musicians ( <i>n</i> = 24)	10.43 (0.65)	134.7 (12.1)
Female nonmusicians ( <i>n</i> = 15)	10.43 (0.82)	131.8 (12.9)
All males ( <i>n</i> = 56)	10.11 (0.69)	142.8 (12.6)
All females ( <i>n</i> = 34)	10.43 (0.72)	133.3 (12.3)

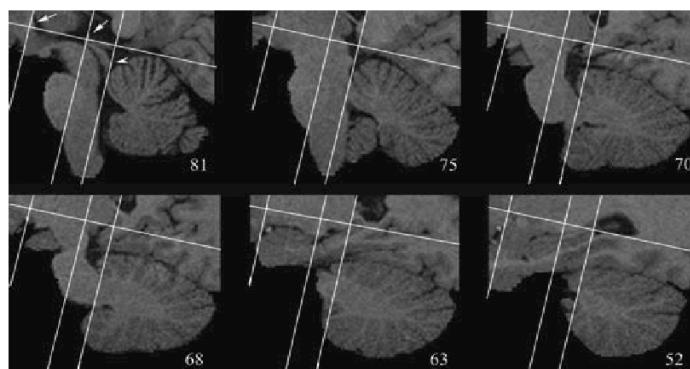
ABBREVIATIONS: %CV = % cerebellar volume of total brain volume; aCV = absolute cerebellar volume in cubic centimeters.

\*Significant differences between the groups of male nonmusicians and musicians in relative cerebellar volume.

## Cerebellar Volume of Musicians

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Relative cerebellar volume is proportional to intensity of practice

Table 3  
Mean ( $\pm$  SD) for the measures of musicianship in each musician subgroup<sup>a</sup>

	Age of commencement	Intensity of practice	Years of practice
Male musicians (30)	6.40 (1.96) <sup>+</sup>	2.62 (1.06)	19.90 (4.35)
Female musicians (30)	4.81 (1.83) <sup>+</sup>	2.29 (1.06)	19.25 (4.87)

<sup>a</sup>In each subgroup (*n* =); Age of commencement of musical training (years of age); Intensity of practice (average hours per day over lifetime of practice); Years of practice (years of practice since commencement of musical training). <sup>+</sup>Significant difference  $P < 0.005$ .

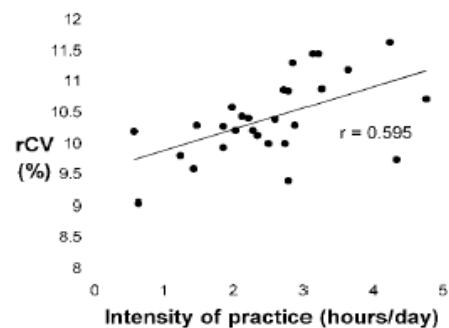
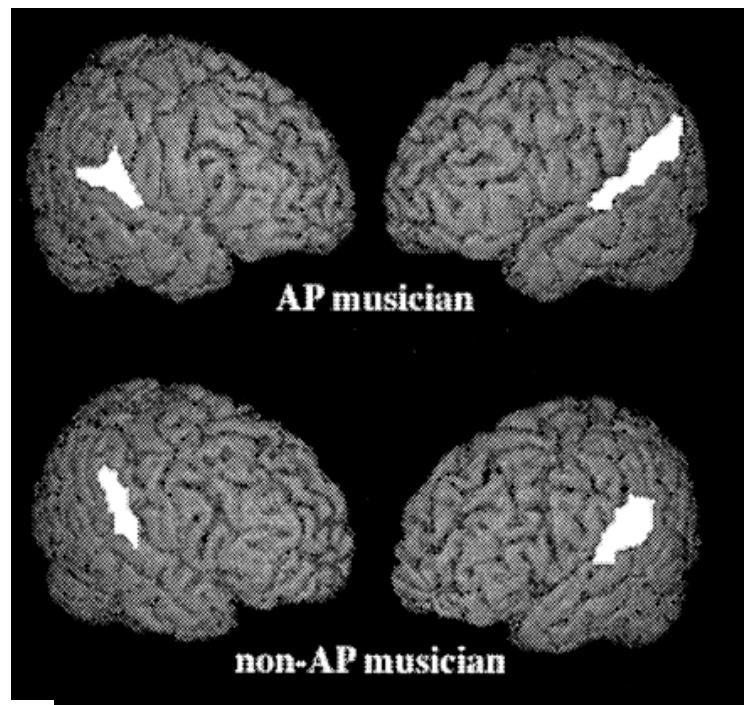


Figure 2. The relationship between relative cerebellar volume (rCV as a % of total brain volume) and lifelong intensity of practice (hours per day averaged over years of practice) for the male musician group. Bivariate Pearson correlation analysis revealed a significant positive correlation between the variables [ $r = 0.595$ ,  $P = 0.001$ , two-tailed].

La asimetría del planum temporal es más fuerte en músicos con oído absoluto

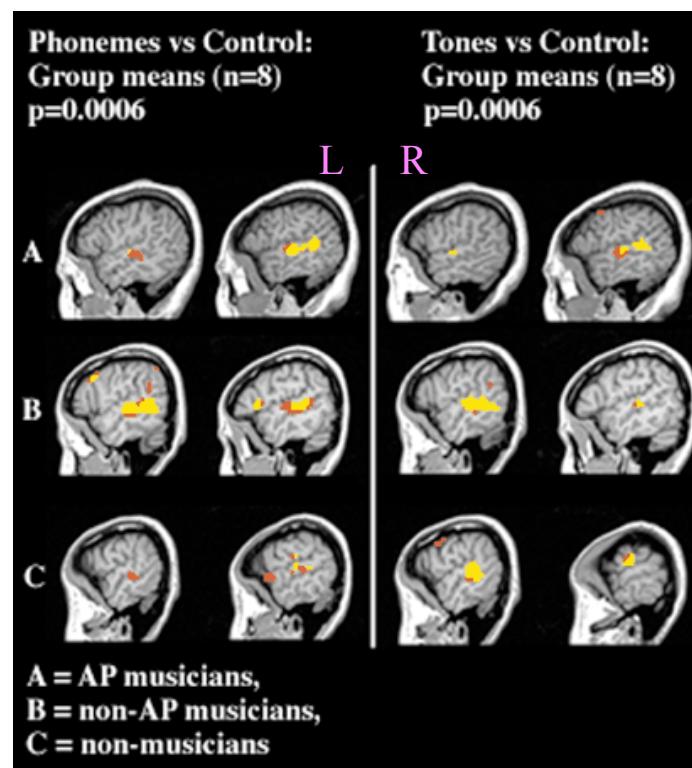


Subject	$\delta$ PT	PT size ( $\text{mm}^2$ )	
		Left	Right
AP musicians (n = 27)	-0.50 (0.27) <sup>a</sup>	1381 (449)	822 (236)
Non-AP musicians (n = 24)	-0.24 (0.14)	1350 (340)	1062 (267)
Nonmusicians (n = 27)	-0.28 (0.24)	1341 (306)	008 (285)

GOTTTFRIED SCHLAUG

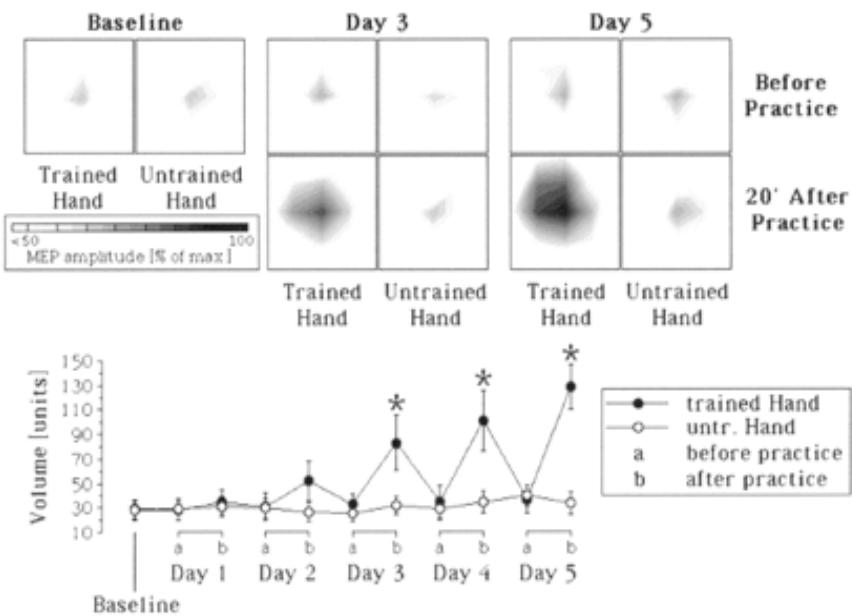
The Brain of Musicians: A Model for Functional and Structural Adaptation  
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<sup>a</sup>Significant differences between AP musicians and non-AP musicians as well as between AP musicians and nonmusicians.

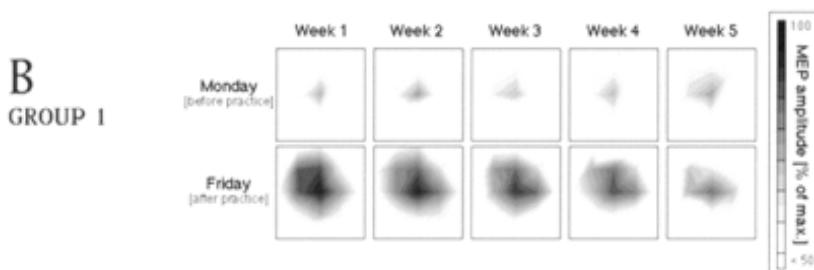
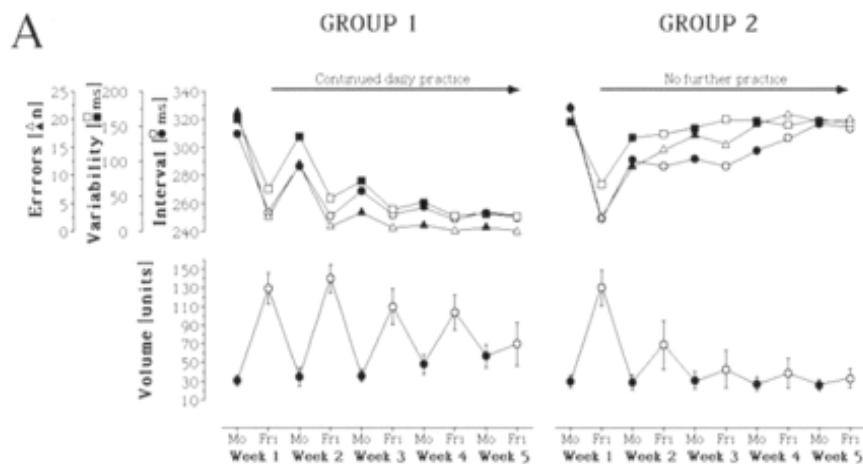


Le langage comme la musique sont localisés à gauche chez le musicien, la musique à droite chez les non musiciens

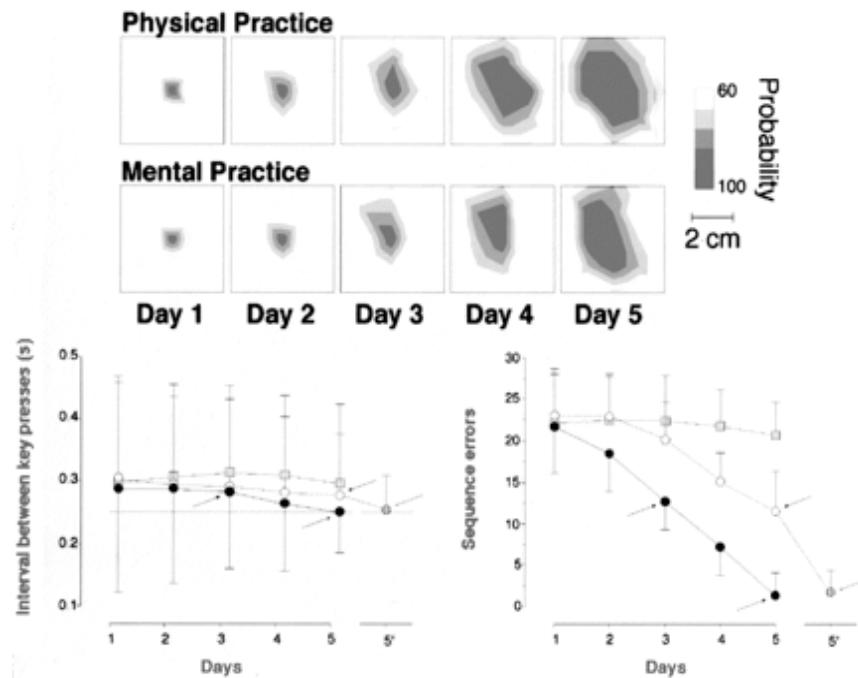
## Aprendizaje de un gesto pianístico por no músicos : aumento de tamaño de la zona cortical de actividad



ALVARO PASCUAL-LEONE  
The Brain That Plays Music and Is Changed by It  
Ann NY Acad Sci 930: 315-329



Al cabo de 5 semanas, la ventaja de fin de semana se transfiere al primer día



Similitud entre práctica física y mental : mejoración proporcional de las medidas comportamentales

## Enhancement of auditory cortical development by musical experience in children

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6 Suzuki trained 5 year-old children

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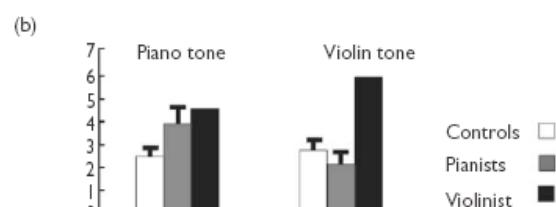
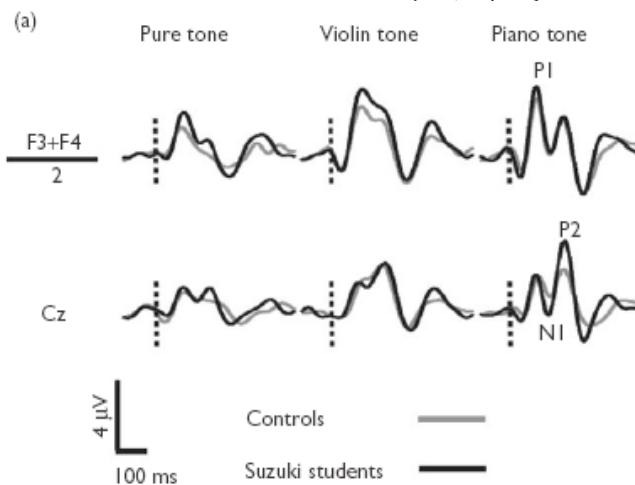
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-5 pianists

-1 violinist

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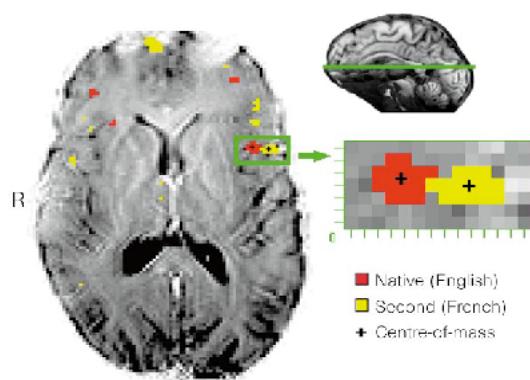
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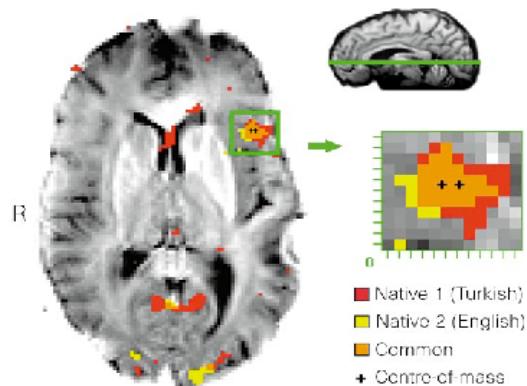
**Fig. 3.** AEPs in Suzuki and non-musician children. (a) NI and P2 amplitude are enhanced in the Suzuki group only for piano tones (6 of the 7 Suzuki students played piano). The dotted vertical line denotes tone onset. (b) Timbre specificity. P2 amplitude evoked by the piano tones is larger in the Suzuki pianists ( $n=6$ ) than in the non-musicians ( $n=6$ ), but P2 evoked by the violin tones is not. P2 amplitude evoked by the violin tone is largest in the violinist ( $n=1$ ) compared to the other groups and to P2 evoked by piano tones.

# El modelo del músico : conclusiones

- Interés debido al carácter excepcional de la situación ofrecida por esa población especial
- Constituyen las primeras y tal vez más convincentes pruebas de modificaciones tanto morfológicas como funcionales del cerebro, como efecto de un entrenamiento
- No hay todavía un acuerdo total respecto a los mecanismos (adquirido o constitucional)
- El tema ofrece perspectivas muy interesantes a través de la comparación lenguaje/música



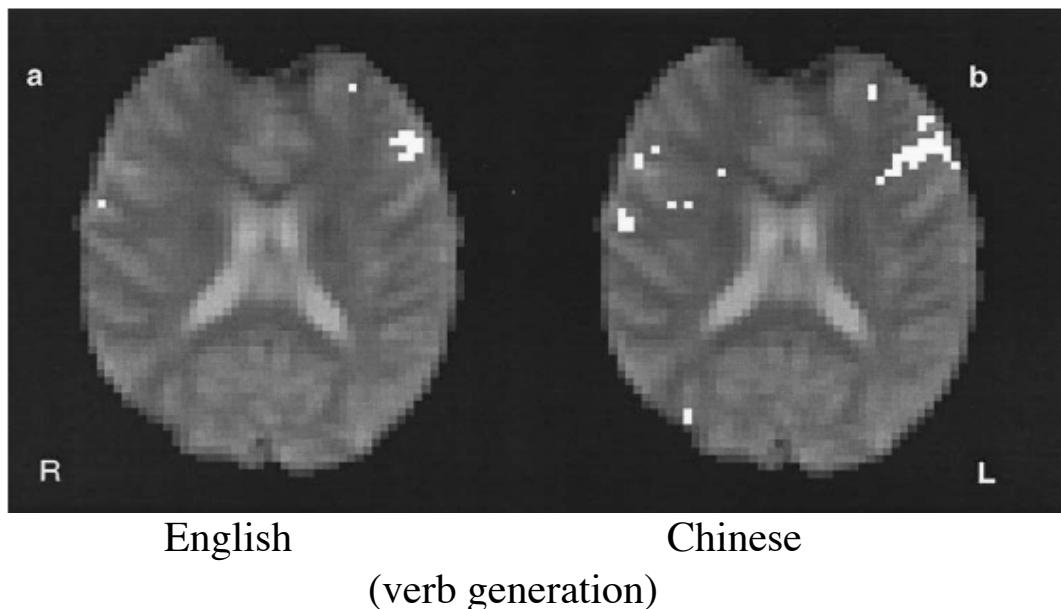
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**Distinct cortical areas  
associated with native  
and second languages**

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Cerebral hemodynamic response in Chinese (first) and English (second) language processing revealed by event-related functional MRI

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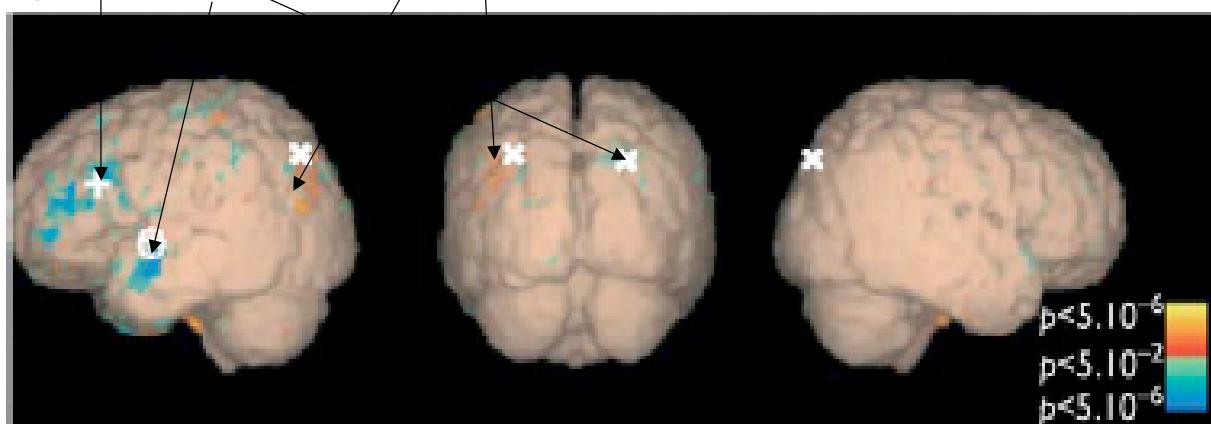
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**Localized morphological brain differences between English-speaking Caucasians and Chinese-speaking Asians: new evidence of anatomical plasticity**

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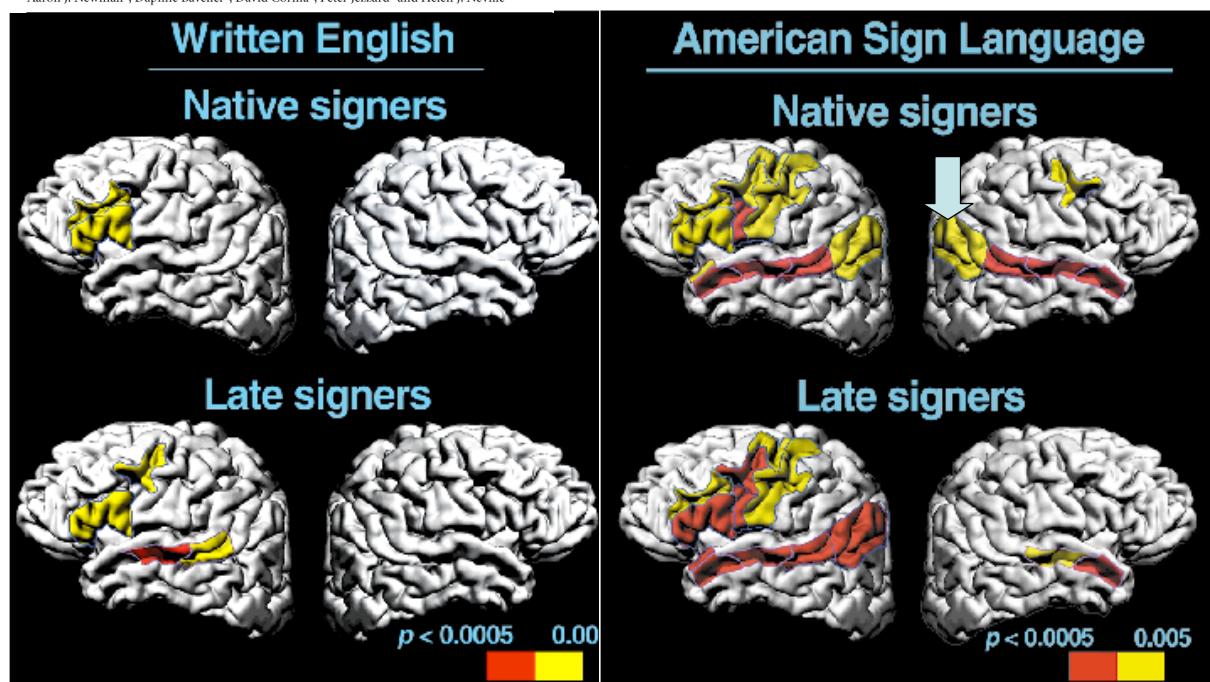


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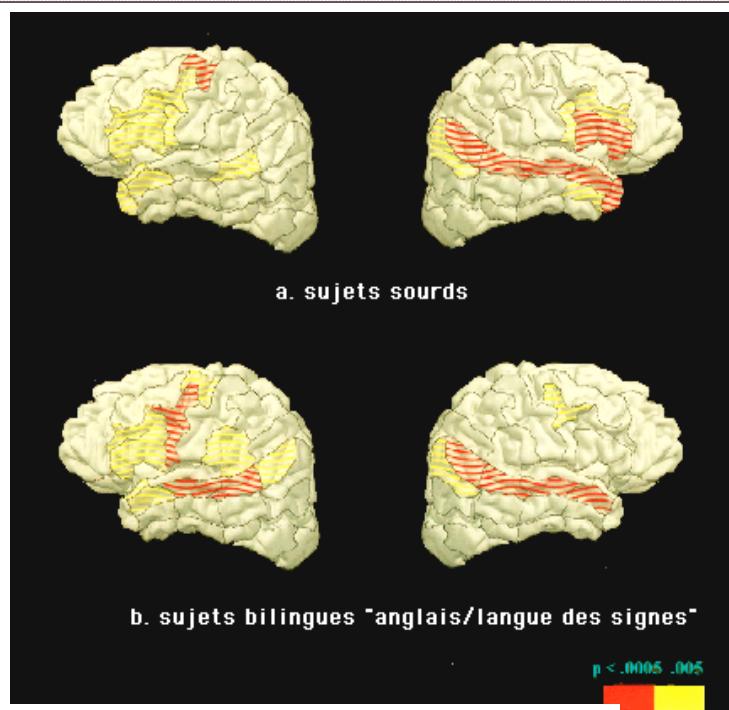
## A critical period for right hemisphere recruitment in American Sign Language processing

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Signed languages such as American Sign Language (ASL) are natural languages that are formally similar to spoken languages, and thus present an opportunity to examine the effects of language structure and modality on the neural organization for language. Native learners of spoken languages show predominantly left-lateralized patterns of neural activation for language processing, whereas native learners of ASL show extensive right hemisphere (RH) and LH activation. We demonstrate that the RH angular gyrus is active during ASL processing only in native signers (hearing, ASL-English bilinguals) but not in those who acquired ASL after puberty (hearing, native English speakers). This is the first demonstration of a 'sensitive' or 'critical' period for language in an RH structure. This has implications for language acquisition and for understanding age-related changes in neuroplasticity more generally.

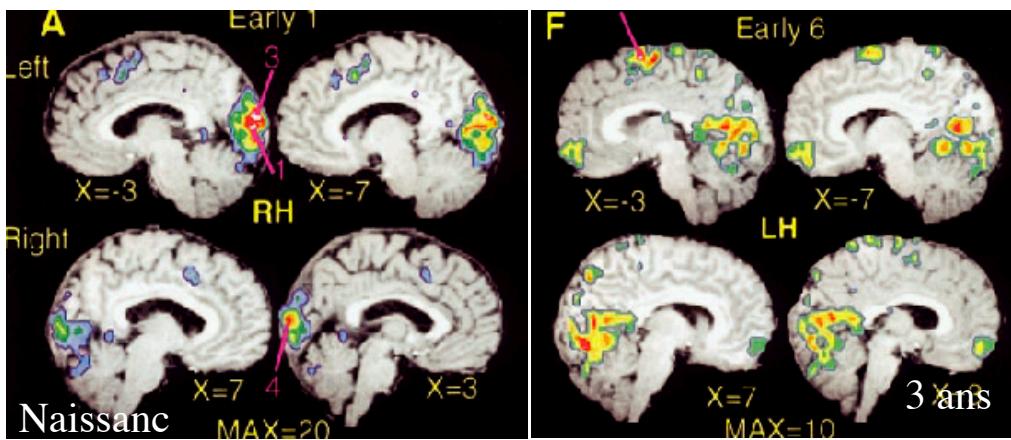


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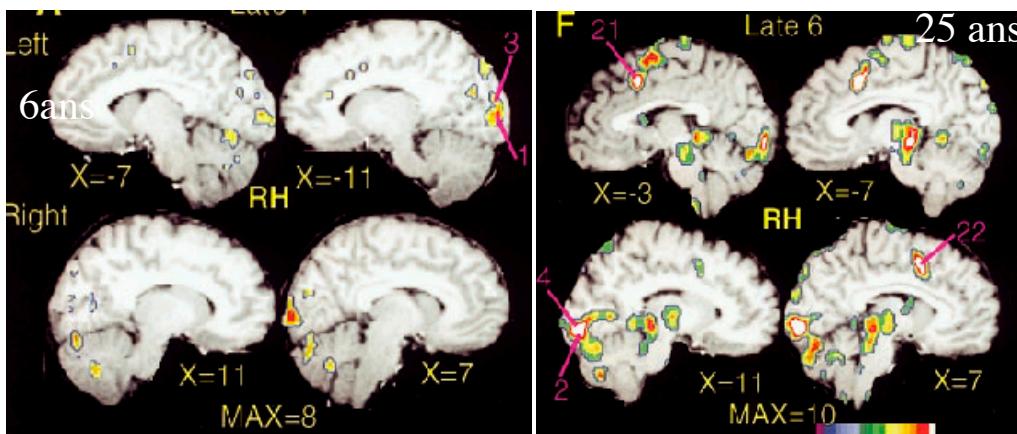


### Cerebral organization for language in deaf and hearing subjects: Biological constraints and effects of experience

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Lectura del Braille  
Efecto de edad de ocurrencia de la ceguera



Bilingual corpus callosum variability  
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La zona media del C.C. es más vasta en los bilingües : ¿mayor capacidad fonética y/o actividad articulatoria?  
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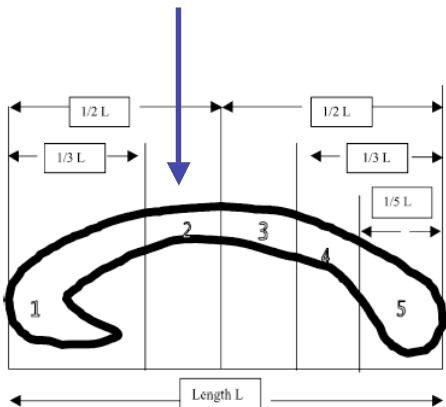
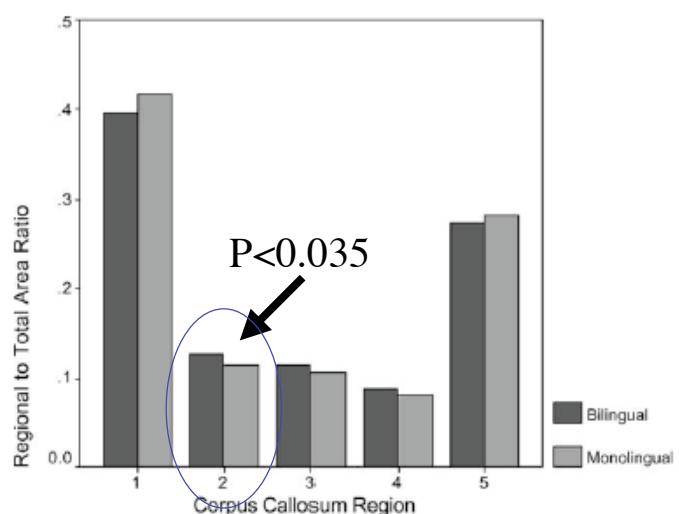


Fig. 1. Regional subdivision of the midsagittal corpus callosum. Region 1, anterior third; Region 2, anterior midbody; Region 3, posterior midbody; Region 4, isthmus; Region 5, splenium. Adapted from Witelson (1989).



## A cultural effect on brain function

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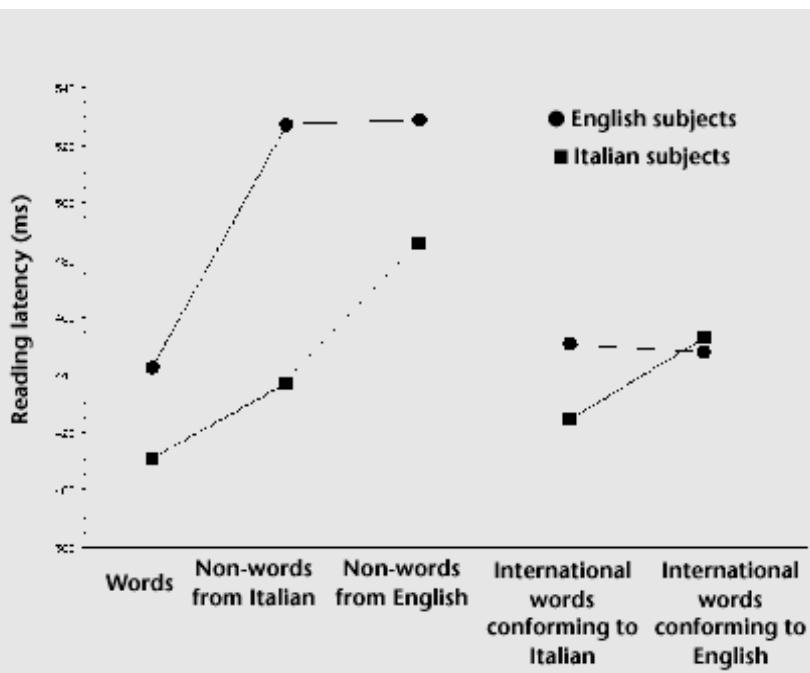
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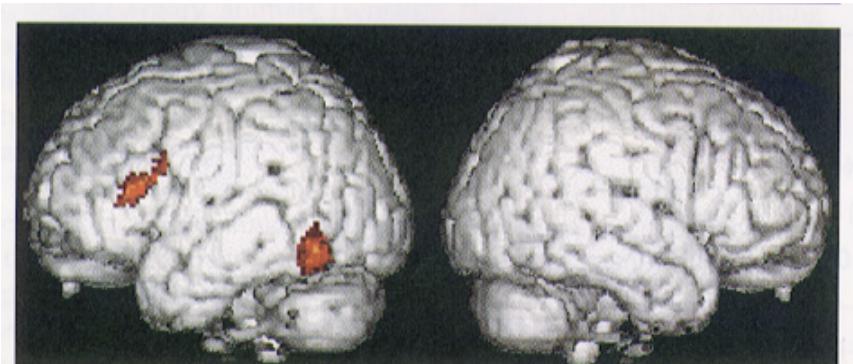
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We present behavioral and anatomical evidence for a multi-component reading system in which different components are differentially weighted depending on culture-specific demands of orthography. Italian orthography is consistent, enabling reliable conversion of graphemes to phonemes to yield correct pronunciation of the word. English orthography is inconsistent, complicating mapping of letters to word sounds. In behavioral studies, Italian students showed faster word and non-word reading than English students. In two PET studies, Italians showed greater activation in left superior temporal regions associated with phoneme processing. In contrast, English readers showed greater activations, particularly for non-words, in left posterior inferior temporal gyrus and anterior inferior frontal gyrus, areas associated with word retrieval during both reading and naming tasks.

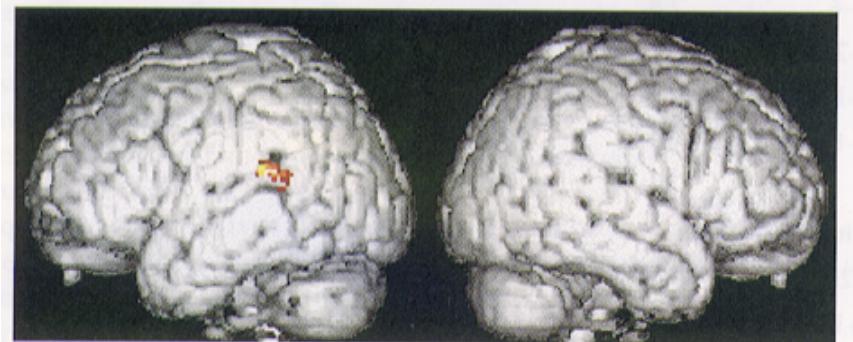


Vocal reaction times in single word and non-word reading  
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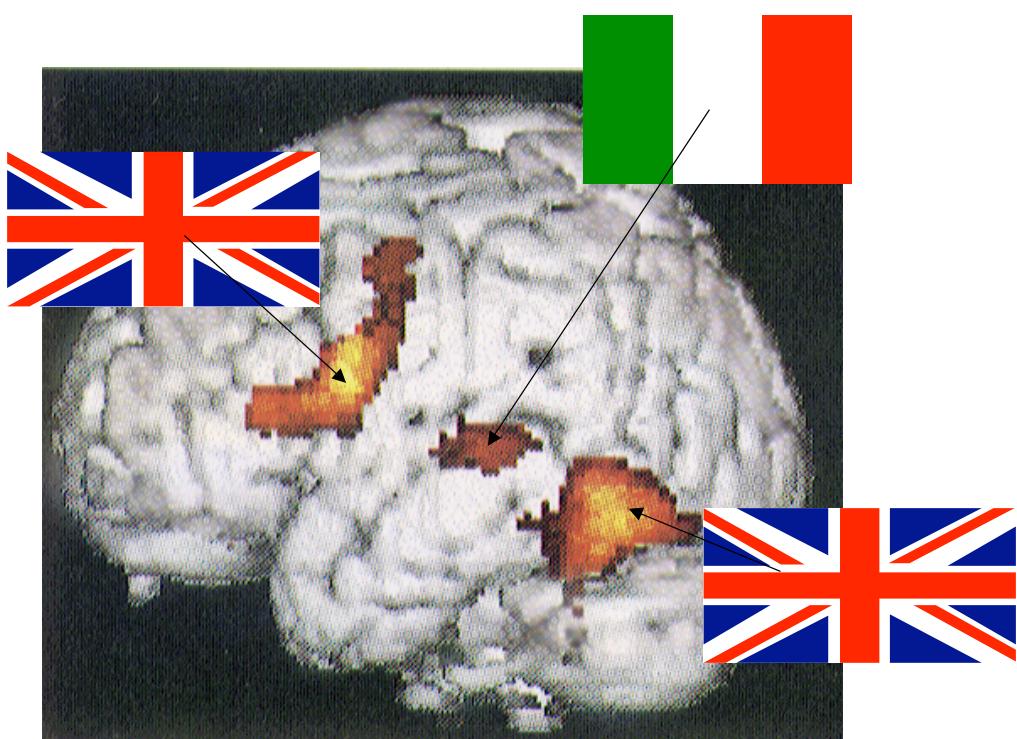
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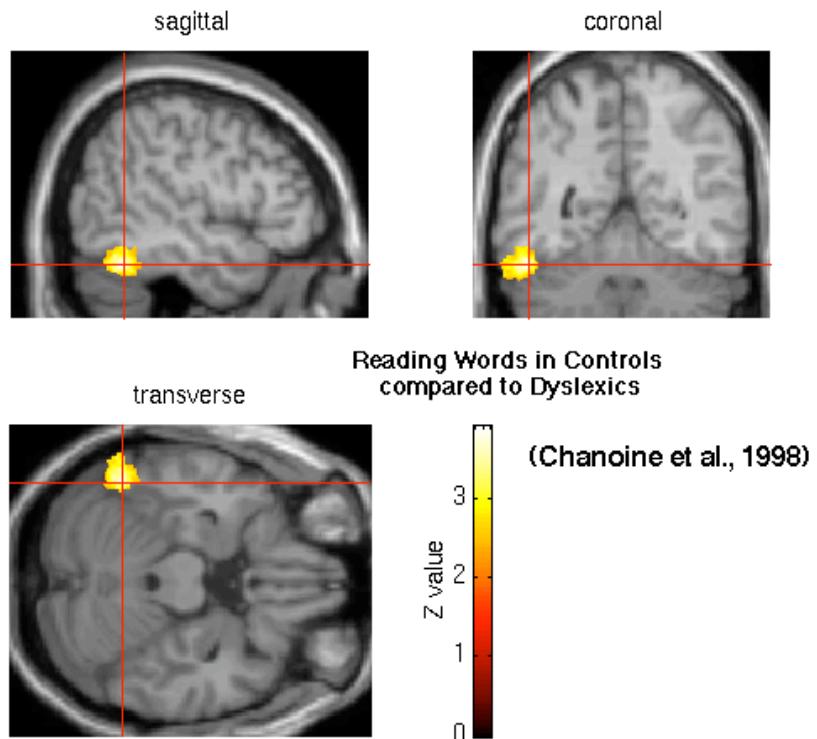
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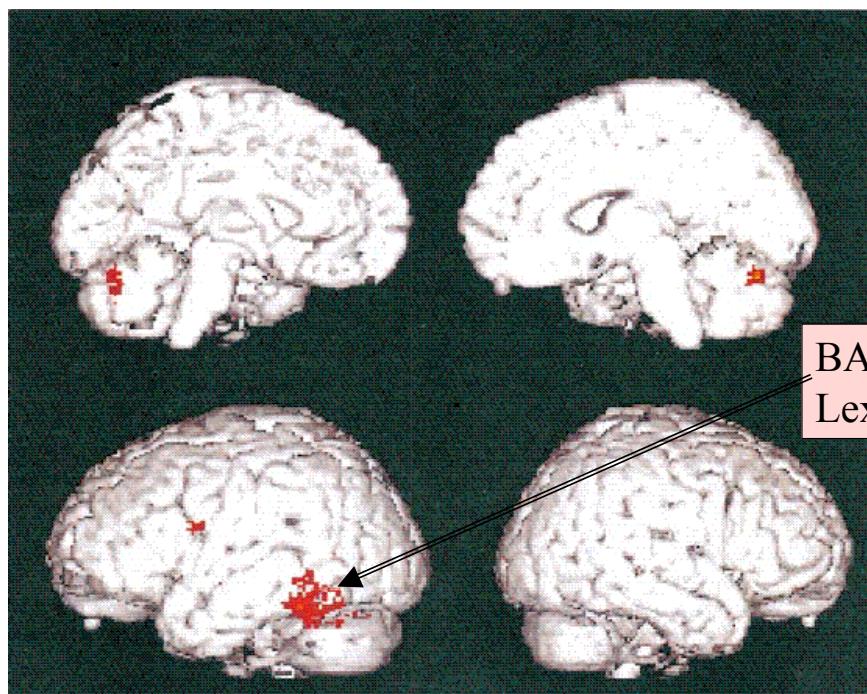
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Pixels of maximal difference between dyslexics and controls



Areas of reduced activation in dyslexics relative to controls reading aloud words and non-words (Brunswick et al., 1999)

# Dyslexia: Cultural Diversity and Biological Unity

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The recognition of dyslexia as a neurodevelopmental disorder has been hampered by the belief that it is not a specific diagnostic entity because it has variable and culture-specific manifestations. In line with this belief, we found that Italian dyslexics, using a shallow orthography which facilitates reading, performed better on reading tasks than did English and French dyslexics. However, all dyslexics were equally impaired relative to their controls on reading and phonological tasks. Positron emission tomography scans during explicit and implicit reading showed the same reduced activity in a region of the left hemisphere in dyslexics from all three countries, with the maximum peak in the middle temporal gyrus and additional peaks in the inferior and superior temporal gyri and middle occipital gyrus. We conclude that there is a universal neurocognitive basis for dyslexia and that differences in reading performance among dyslexics of different countries are due to different orthographies.

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## The Neural System Underlying Chinese Logograph Reading

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pronoun  
/yue/

阅

meaning  
“view”, “read”

+  
/kan/,

看

“look”, “view.”

pronoun  
/hua/

画

meaning  
“draw”

+  
/hua/

话

“talk”,  
“words”

Semantic similarity judgment

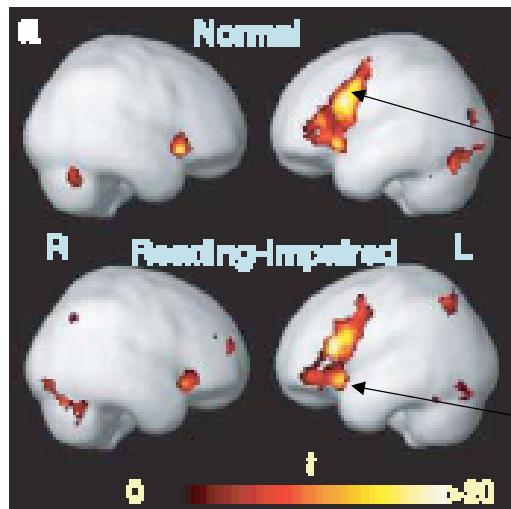
Homophone judgment

# Biological abnormality of impaired reading is constrained by culture

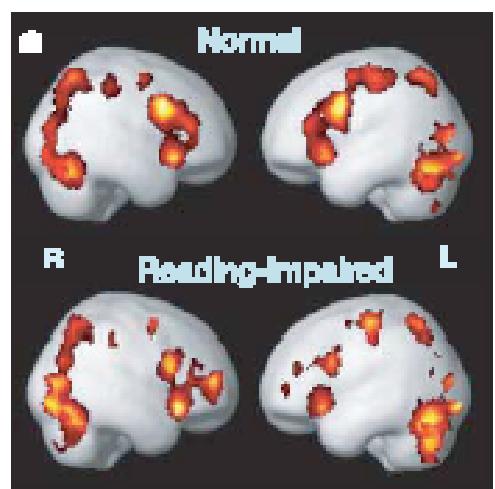
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Orthography - to-phonology mapping  
Homophone judgm - letter size decision



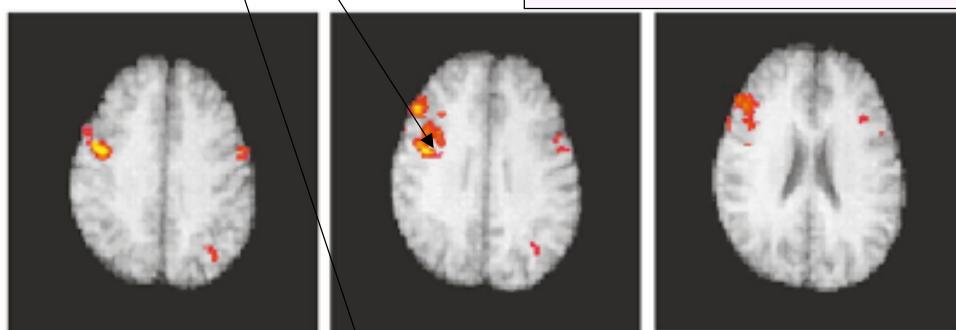
Orthography -to-semantic mapping  
Chinese character decision - fixation



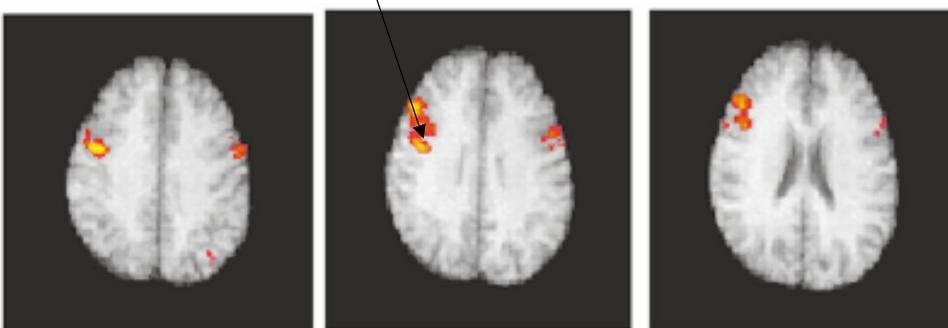
→ Chinese dyslexia : different biological basis

Left middle frontal gyrus

" this region may act as a central executive system of working memory that is responsible for coordination of cognitive resources "???

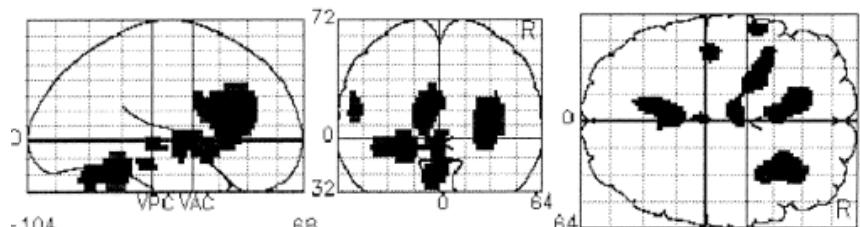


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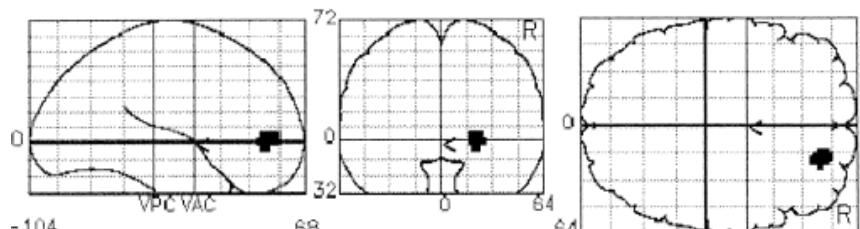


Semantic decision

literates



illiterates



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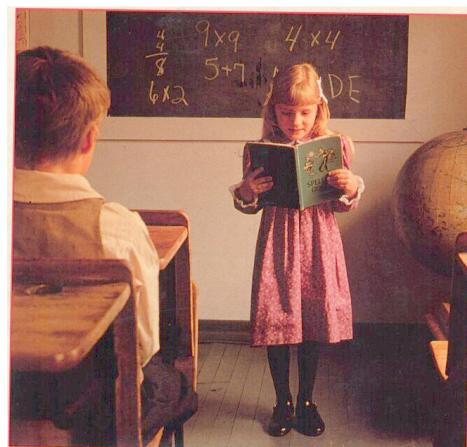
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L'ART DE LIRE



EDITIONS  
ODILE JACOB



1. Dizes que em mim gosto fazes
2. Na presença da minha mãe
3. Por enquanto ainda estou bem
4. Ainda não penso em rapazes
5. Grande vontade tu trazes
6. De ires comigo pró jardim
7. Moço não penses assim
8. E tu não gastes calçado
9. Porque não dá resultado
10. Passos que dês por mim.

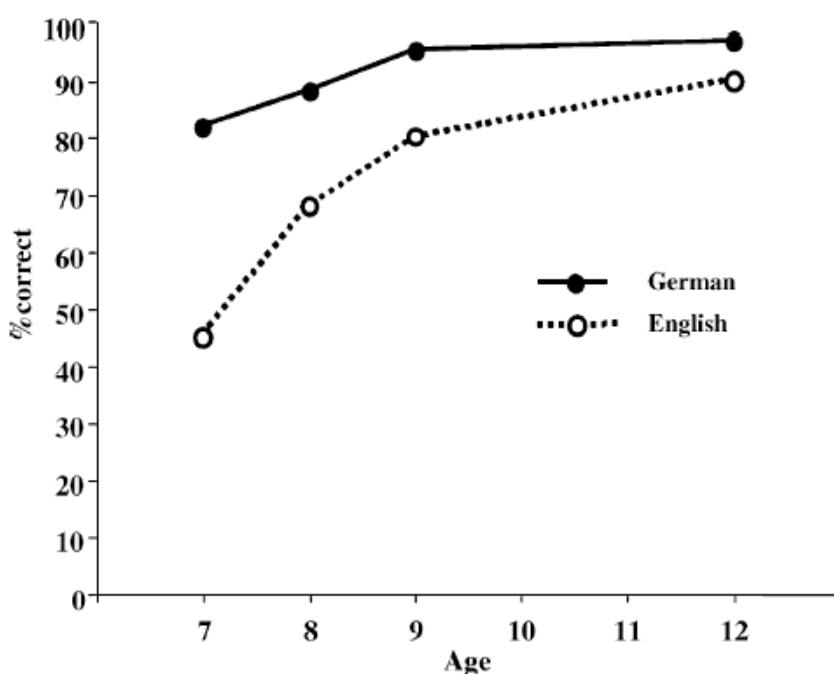
- [1. Tu dis que je suis à ton goût
2. En présence de ma mère
3. Pour l'instant je m'en moque
4. Je ne pense pas aux garçons
5. Grande envie tu portes
6. De me mener au jardin
7. Jeune homme n'y pense pas
8. Et n'use pas tes souliers
9. Car ne mèneraient à rien
10. Les pas que tu feras pour moi.]

Francisco de Jesus Calado

## Comparación entre lenguas

- En Inglés : 40 fonemas - 1120 grafemas
- En Italiano : 25 fonemas - 33 grafemas
- Lectores principiantes italianos : 92% de exactitud en lectura de palabras despues de 6 meses de aprendizaje
- Exactitud tiempo de lectura despues de 3 años de aprendizaje muy superiores en niños alemanes que ingleses.
- Lectura de no-palabras significativamente más lenta en ingleses que italianos o serbo-croates

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## Learning to read: English in comparison to six more regular orthographies

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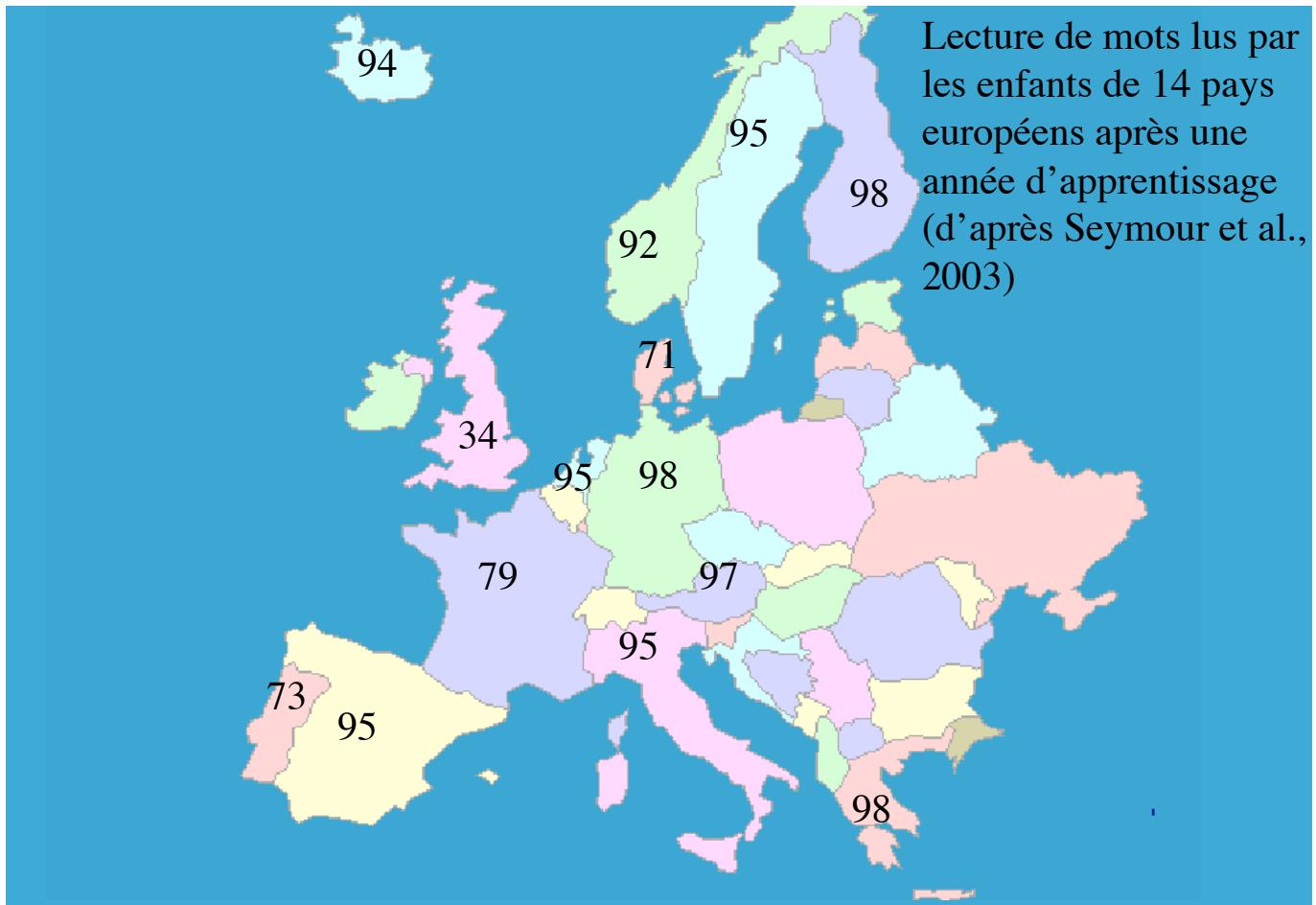
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### Number word and pseudoword items in each language

English		German		Dutch	
Two	Thro	Zwei	Nei	Twee	Tee
Three	Nee	Drei	Fei	Drie	Nie
Four	Nour	Vier	Zwier	Vier	Twier
Five	Twive	Fünf	Sünf	Vijf	Zijf
Six	Tix	Sechs	Vechs	Zes	Twes
Seven	Feven	Sieben	Zieben	Zeven	Veven
Nine	Thrime	Neun	Dreun	Negen	Dregen
Ten	Sen	Zehn	Zwehn	Tien	Vien
Twelve	Felve	Zwölf	Sölf	Twaalf	Zaalf
Swedish		French		Spanish	
Två	Sjå	Deux	Seux	Dos	Sos
Tre	Ne	Trois	Dois	Tres	Ces
Fyra	Tvyra	Quatre	Datre	Cuatro	Duatro
Fem	Tem	Cinq	Dinq	Cinco	Ninco
Sex	Tex	Six	Nix	Seis	Céis
Sju	Tru	Sept	Trept	Siete	Diete
Nio	Sio	Neuf	Seuf	Nueve	Dueve

Table 3. Percentage of accurately read pseudowords (means and standard deviations)

	Grade 1		Grade 2		Grade 3		Grade 4	
	M	SD	M	SD	M	SD	M	SD
English	50.3	32.8	71.0	32.5	73.5	28.8	88.2	15.2
French	86.7	5.9	96.7	3.5	98.4	2.4	98.5	2.7
German	88.0	12.4	87.3	9.5	86.0	15.2	87.2	19.5
Dutch	85.2	8.0	88.9	9.1	91.2	8.1	95.1	5.8
Spanish	87.3	12.2	90.4	8.1	90.9	6.8	90.6	8.2
Swedish	93.2	9.6	90.8	10.5	95.4	8.2	97.4	4.3
Finnish	84.9	13.6	89.6	10.1	88.4	8.1	93.7	8.3



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## « irrégularités » du Portugais

Quelques consonnes

/gɛRɑ/ **[guerra]**

/kɛtə/ **[quente]**

/lǐngwɑ/ **[língua]**

/kwɔdru/ **[quando]**

5 voyelles nasales

(/ã/, /ē/, /í/, /õ/, /ū/)

En plus des 9 orales

(/a/, /o/, /e/, /ɛ/, /ə/, /i/, /o/, /ɔ/, /u/)

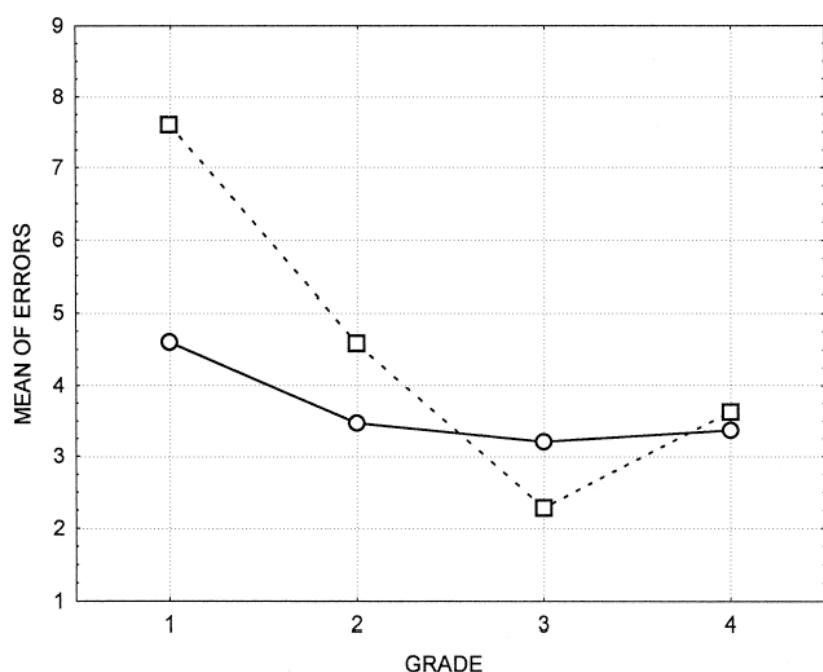


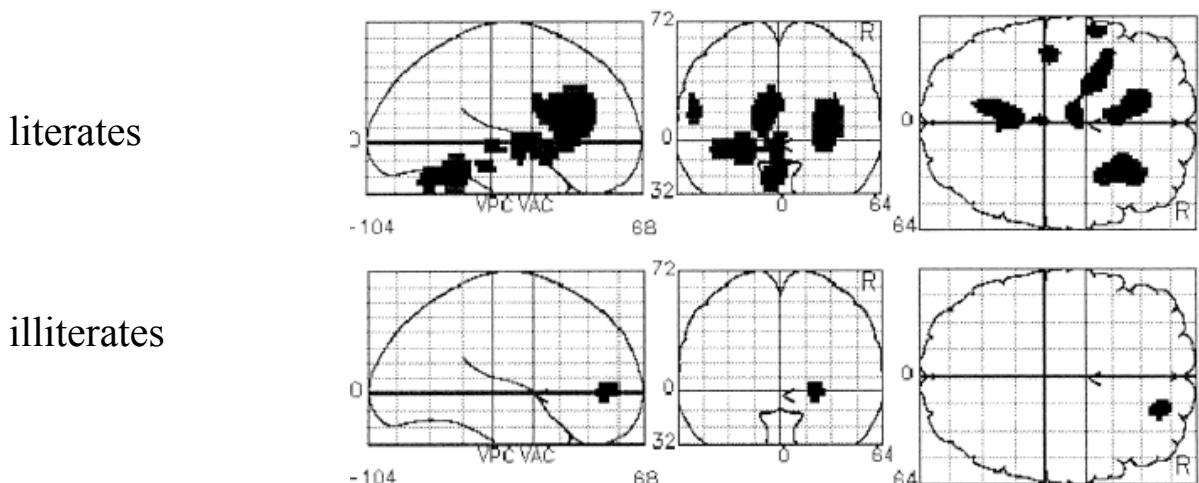
Figure 2. The mean number of errors in the pseudoword reading list as a function of grade and orthography for (○) Spanish and (□) Portuguese.

Comparaison de deux langues transparentes (portugais et espagnol)

# Differences in reading acquisition development in two shallow orthographies: Portuguese and Spanish

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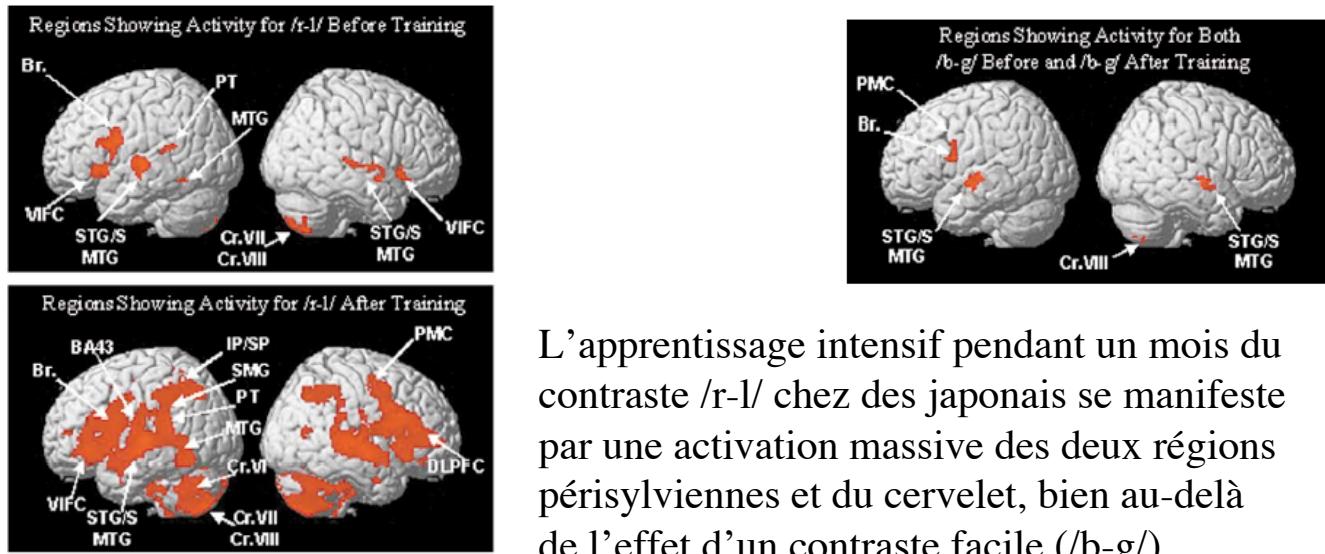
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Learning-induced neural plasticity associated with improved identification performance after training of a difficult second-language phonetic contrast

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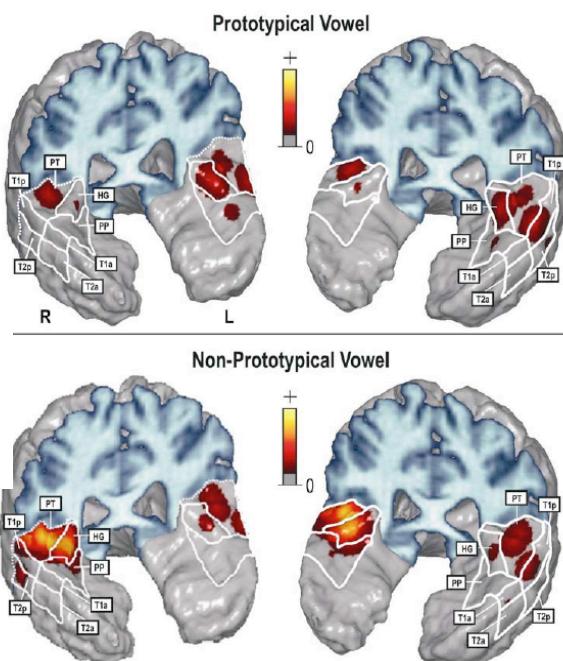


L'apprentissage intensif pendant un mois du contraste /r-l/ chez des japonais se manifeste par une activation massive des deux régions périsylviennes et du cervelet, bien au-delà de l'effet d'un contraste facile (/b-g/)

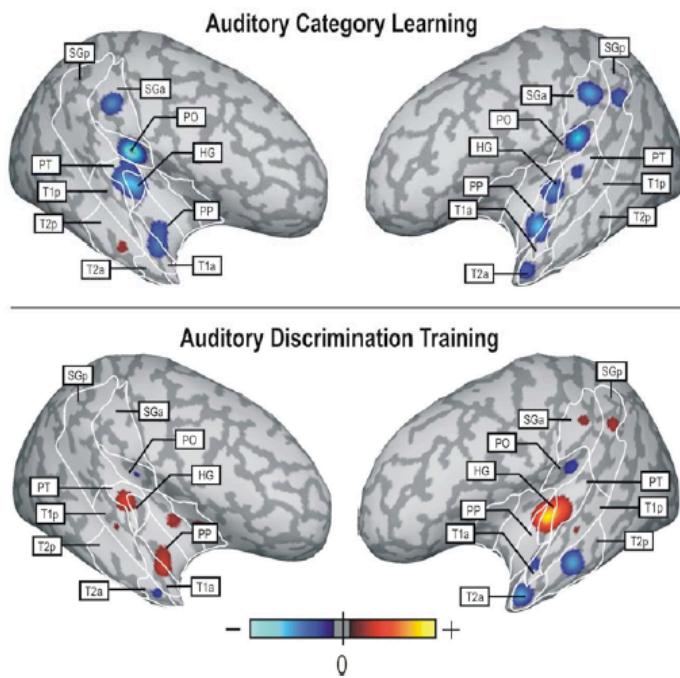
Representation of Sound Categories in Auditory Cortical Maps

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**Figure 2.** Average temporal lobe activations for the prototypical vowel (upper panels) and non-prototypical vowel (lower panels) conditions in Experiment 1. The frontal and parietal lobes have been removed to the posterior end of the sylvian fissure to expose the intrasylvian regions of the temporal lobe. Listening to the prototypical example of a vowel /i/ results in less activation than listening to the non-prototypical example in auditory cortical areas in the temporal lobe and supratemporal plane. HG = Heschl's gyrus; PT = planum temporale; PP = planum polare; T1a,T1p = anterior/posterior superior temporal gyrus; T2a,T2p = anterior/posterior middle temporal gyrus.



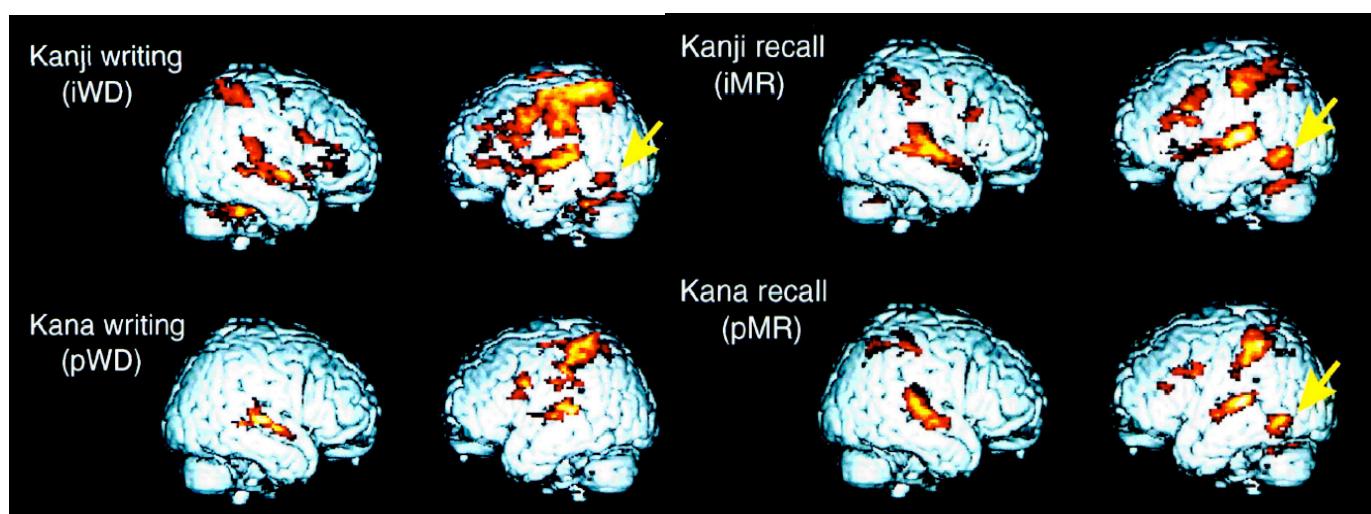
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## Modulation of the Visual Word Retrieval System in Writing: A Functional MRI Study on the Japanese Orthographies

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Left inferior temporal area activated with kanji (ideogram) more than kana (phonogram)

/to-ke-i/  
時計 (kanji)  
とけい (kana)



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confidence that the sentences were in Korean (7= 100% sure it is Korean; 4=totally unsure, 1= sure it is not Korean).

a. Korean sentences identification

