

# Autonomic monitoring

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# Agenda

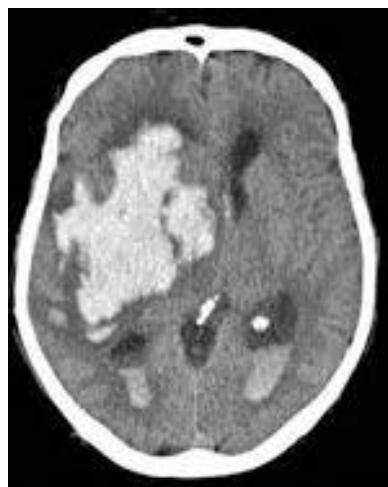
- Meaning of ANS in acute brain injury
- Studies using ICM+ for autonomic assessment

# Types of brain injury

**Ischemic stroke**



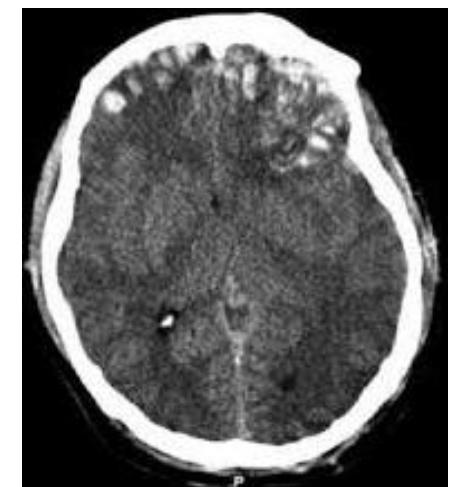
**ICH +/- IVH**



**SAH**

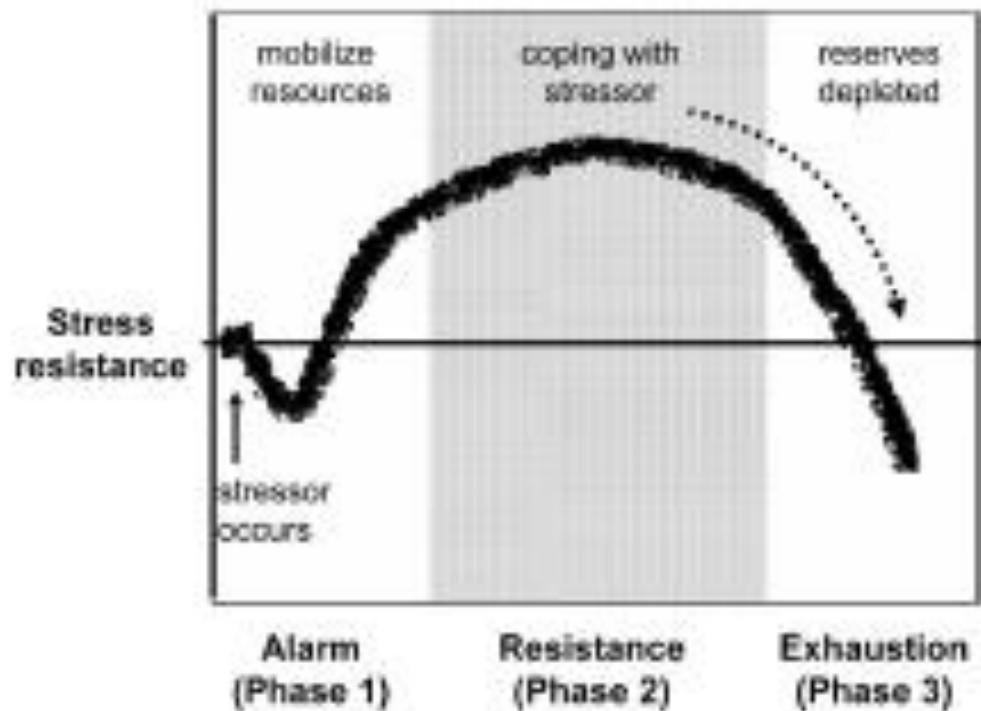


**TBI**

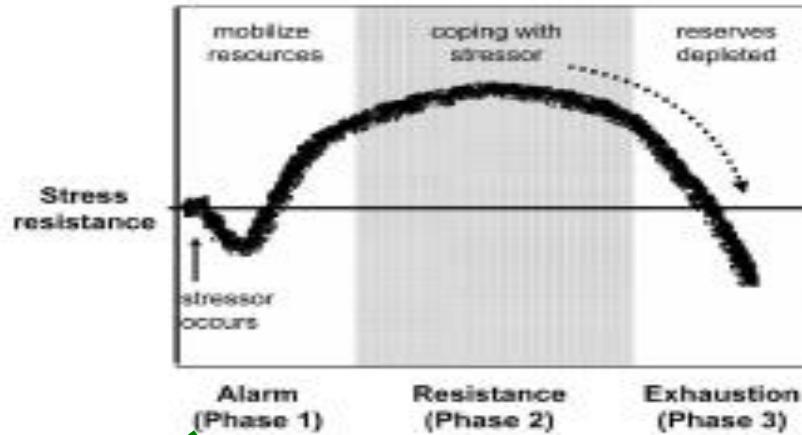


# Stress and stress-reaction

- Stress is everything what disturbs or endangers *homeostasis*
- ANS, hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis, cardiovascular, metabolic, and immune systems try to maintain “stability through change”
- Adaptive stress-reaction
- Maladaptive stress-reaction



# Stress response: a major contributor to harm



## *Fight-or-flight-or-freeze reaction*

Adrenaline, Cortisole ↑  
 Glycogenolysis  
 Blood pressure centralisation  
 BP, HF ↑  
 Bronchodilation  
 Leu, Tr ↑  
 Thrombogenicity ↑

Arrhytmiae  
 Myocardial necrosis  
 Endothelial dysfunction  
 Insulin resistance, hyperglycemia  
 Immunodepression  
 Catabolism, end-organ damage  
 SIRS, MODS

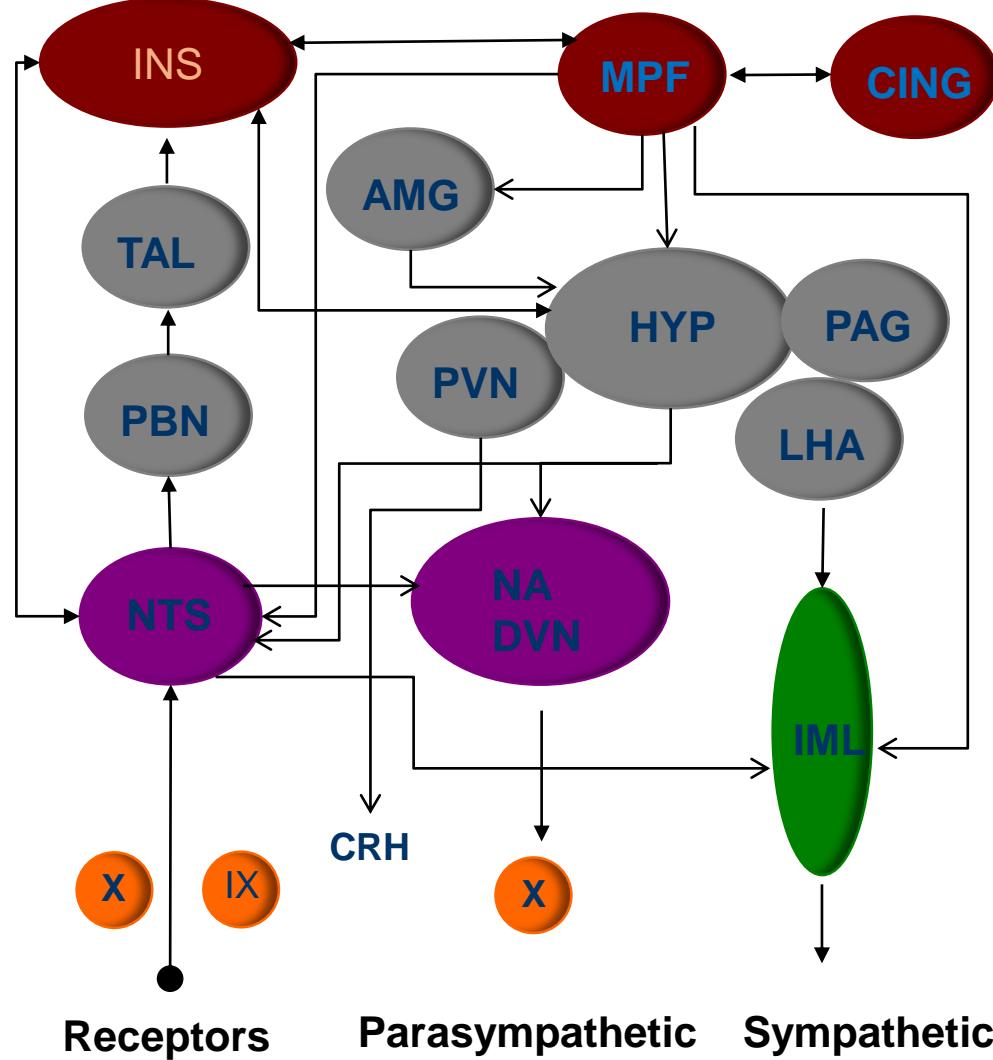
# Central autonomic network

Cortical

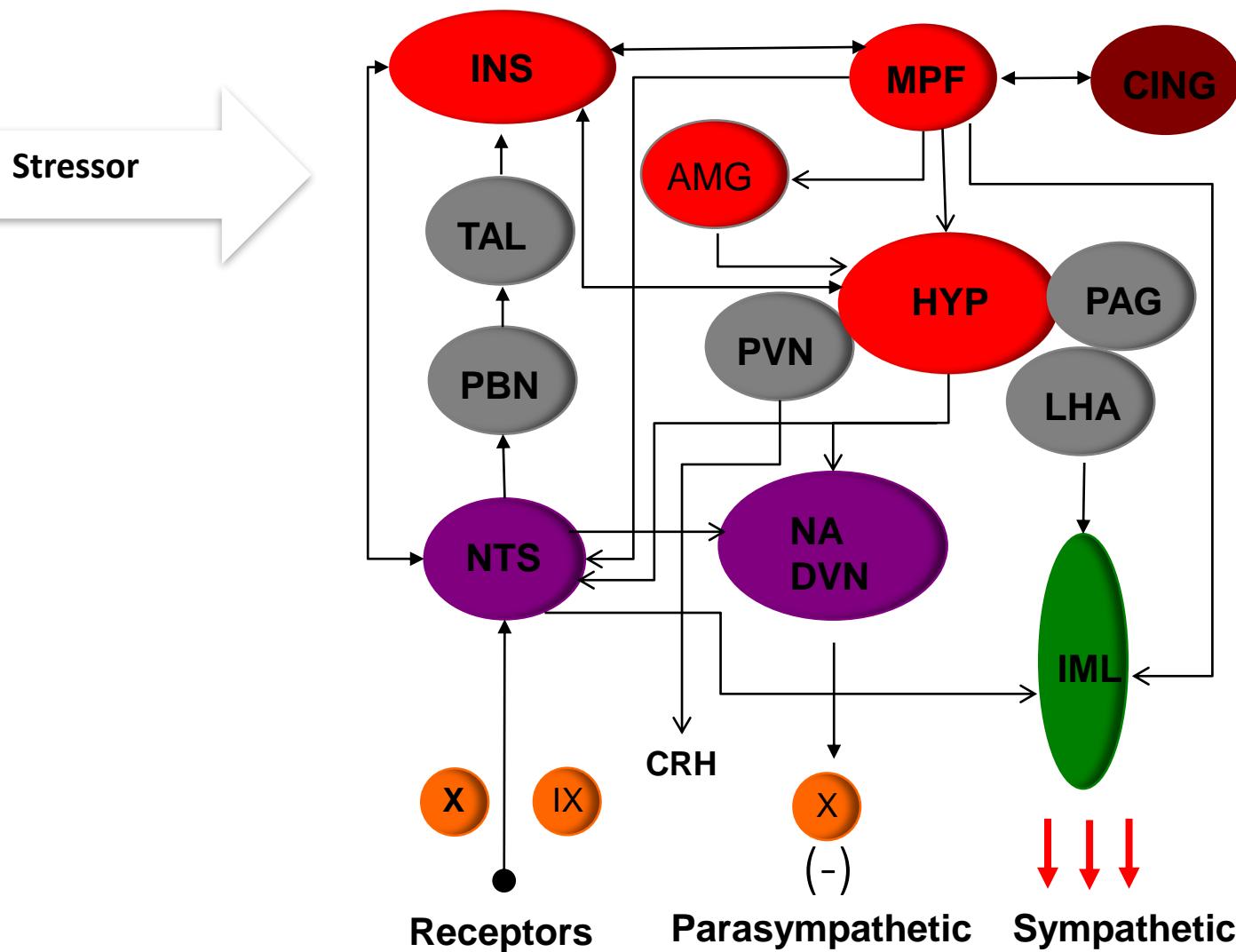
Subcortical

Brain stem

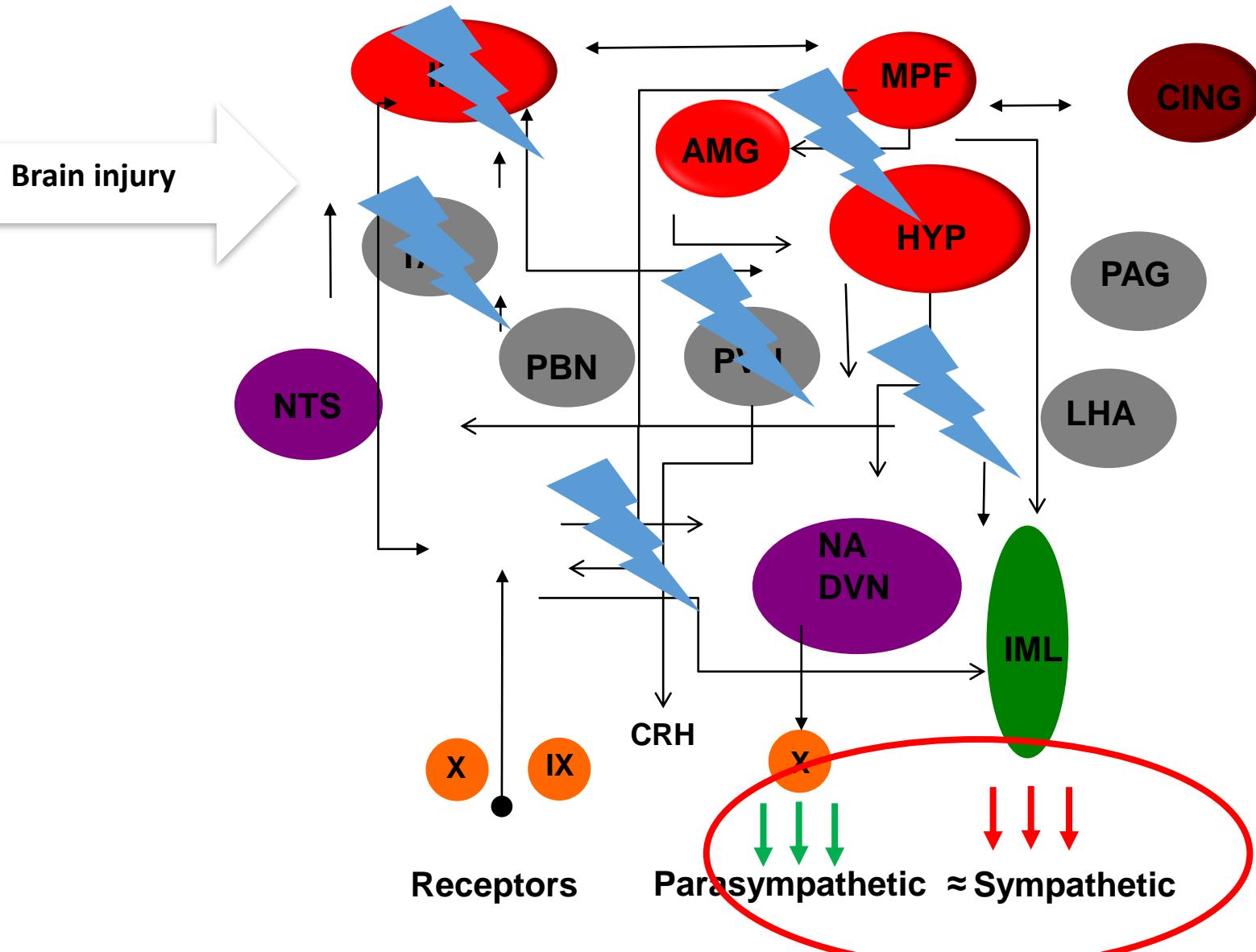
Medulla



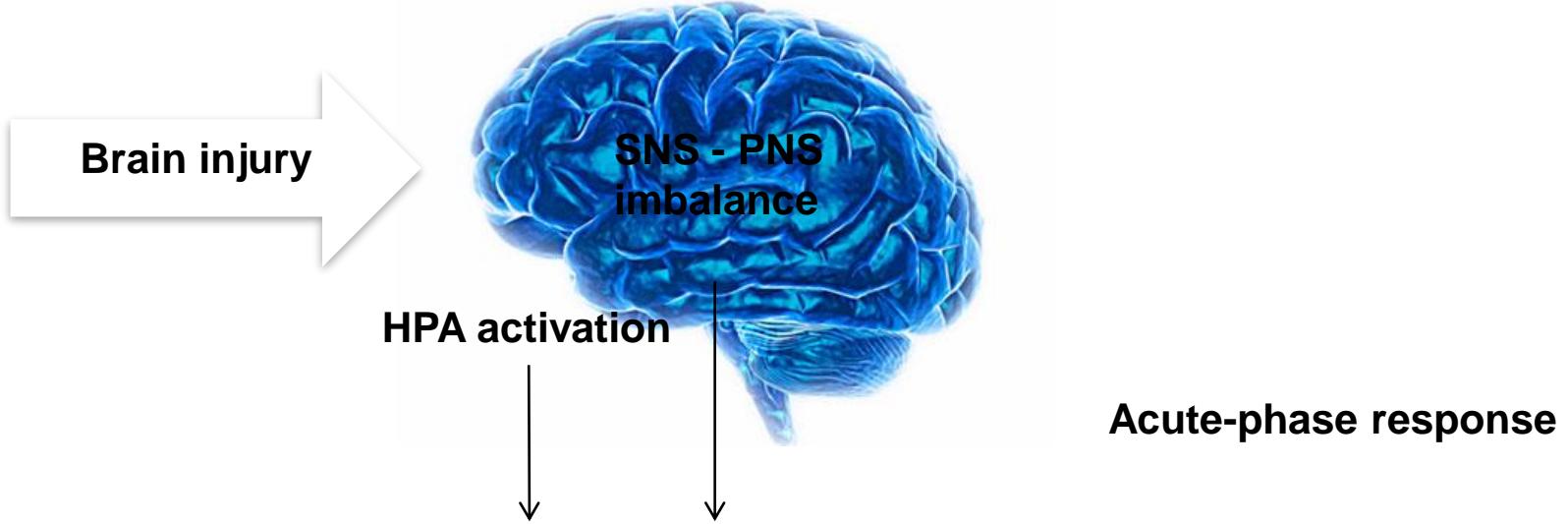
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# Central autonomic disconnection syndrome



↑catecholamines, ↑cortisol, ↑ TNF $\alpha$ , ↑ NPY, ↑ IL1, ↑ IL6 ↑ IL10, insuline resistency, ↑ Glu

Ly-Apoptosis  
Th1->Th2 cytokines  
↓NK activity  
↓ Macrophage activity

Immunusupression

Contraction band necrosis  
Myocytolysis  
Cross-band formation  
Subendocardial hemorrhage

Myocardial damage

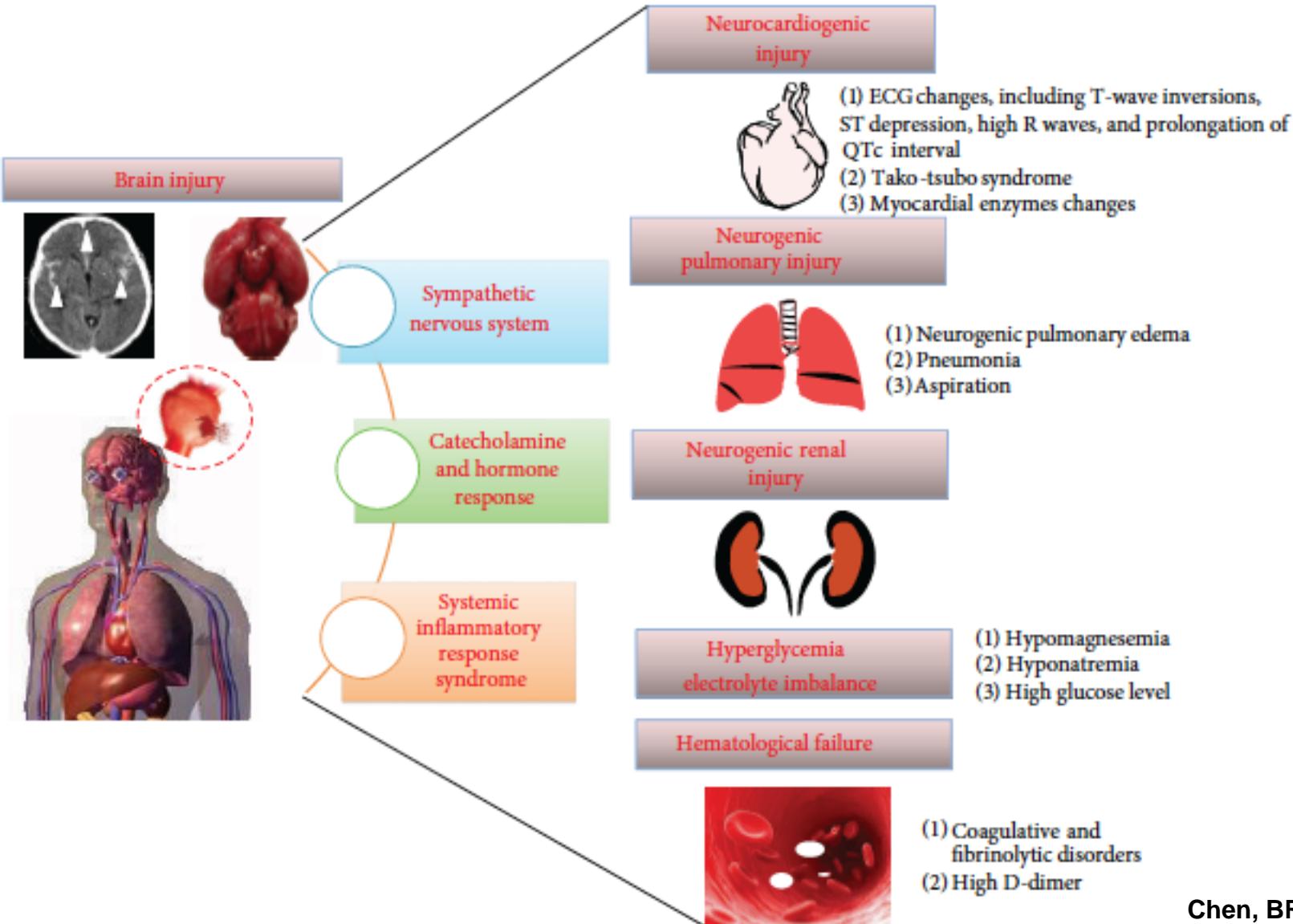
IL 6, syst. immfl.  
↑ Vessel permeability  
Second hit

NPE

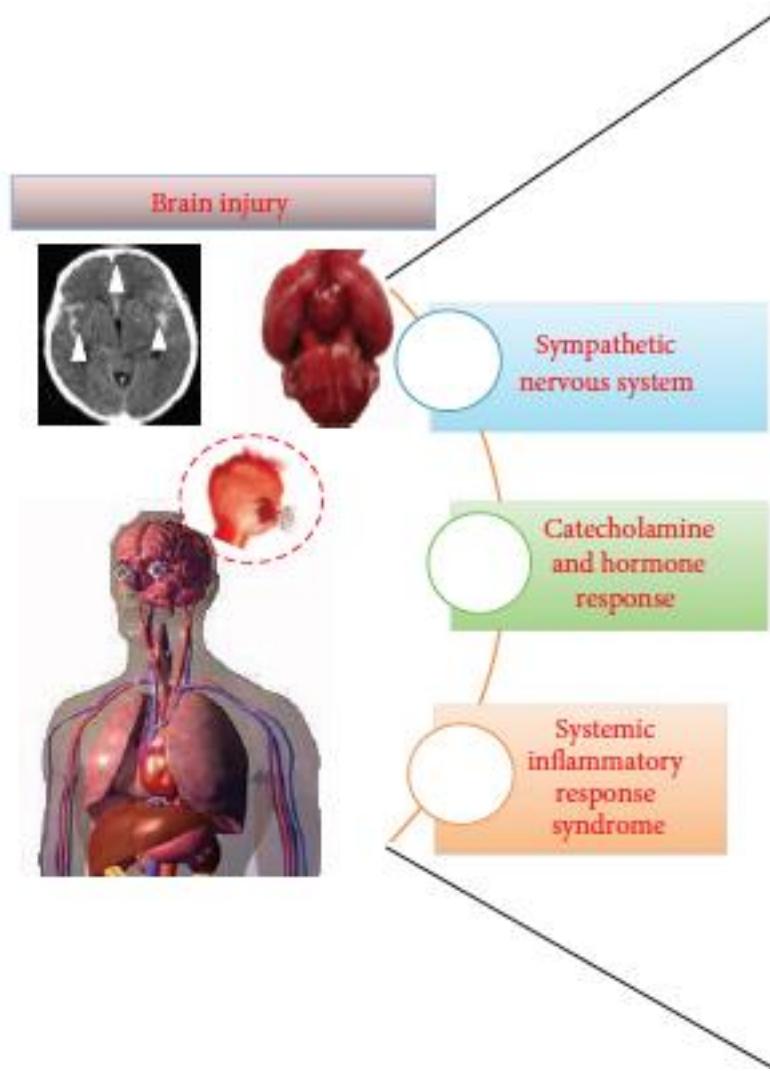
Hypoperfusion  
↑ Permeability  
Endotoxin  
Loc. autonomic Dysreg.

Colon paralysis

# Extracerebral effects



# Cerebral effects (secondary brain injury)



Vasoconstriction

↑ Permeability

Microthrombosis

Hyperglycemia

BBB breakdown

Spleen Tr, systemic IL-1, IL-6, IL-12, TNFalpha

Local inflammation

Immunosuppression

Post-stroke autoimmune response

Autoimmune inflammation

# Surrogates of autonomic activity

*cardiac derived*

**HRV**

(SDNN, RMSSD)

HF, LF, HF/LF, VLF powers)

**BRS**

Deceleration capacity

HR turbulence

QT-variability index

*HPA derived*

AVP, CRH

Cortisol

Catecholamines

Degradation products

Orexin, Urocortins

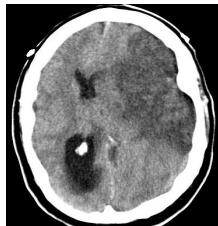
Copeptin

**IS, ICH, IVH, SAB, TBI, GBS, SIRS, MODS, acute MI, HF**



↓ Outcome and ↑Mortality  
90 days, 6 month, 1 year, 5 years

# HRV and BRS in brain injury



**IS** Colivicchi 2005  
Hilz 2011

↓ HF pow  
↑ LF pow  
↑ LF/HF  
↓ BRS



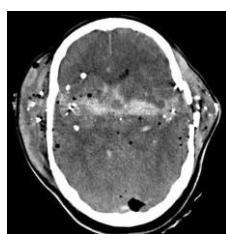
**ICH** Sykora 2008  
Sykora 2018

↑ HF pow  
↓ LF pow  
↓ LF/HF  
↓ BRS



**SAH** Chiu 2012  
Chen 2016  
Nasr 2018

↑ HF pow  
↓ LF pow  
↓ LF/HF  
↓ BRS



**TBI** Sykora 2016  
Henden 2014  
Biswas 2000

↓(↑) HF pow  
↓(↑) LF pow  
↑(↓) LF/HF  
↓ BRS

↓ Outcome and ↑ Mortality

# Autonomic impairment influences outcome

- Cardiac complications und susceptibility to sudden death
- Boost of brain edema und BBB damage
- Blood pressure derrangements und cerebral hypoperfusion
- Stress hyperglycemia
- Immunosupression / Infections

# Autonomic Impairment in Severe Traumatic Brain Injury: A Multimodal Neuromonitoring Study

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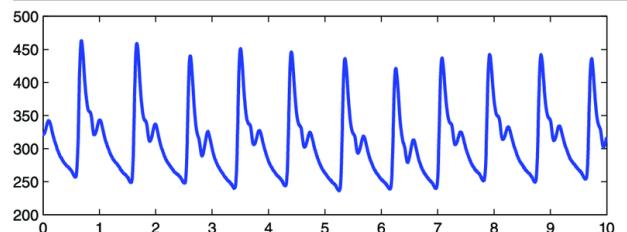
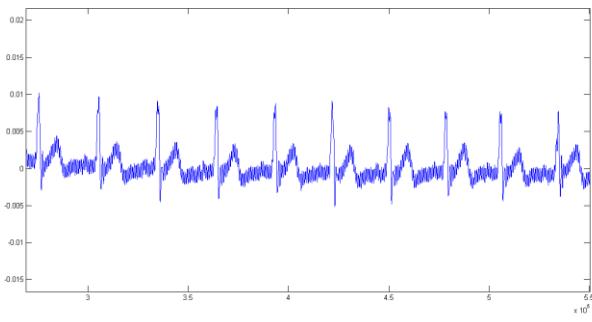
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Heart rate variability is associated with outcome in spontaneous intracerebral hemorrhage

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# Autonomic assessment



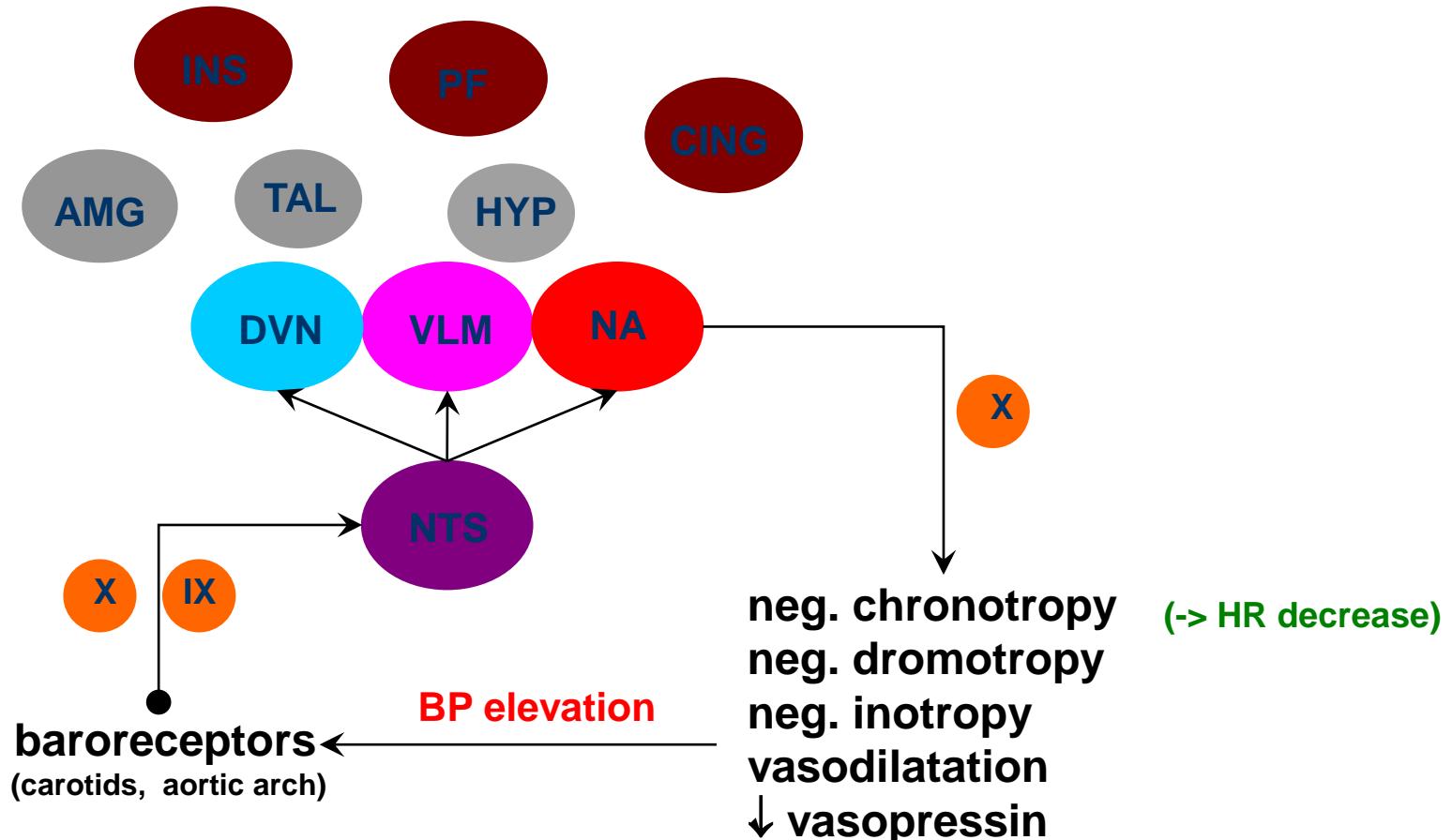
ICM+  
peak detection  
ectopics removal  
spectral analysis  
cross-correlation  
moving window



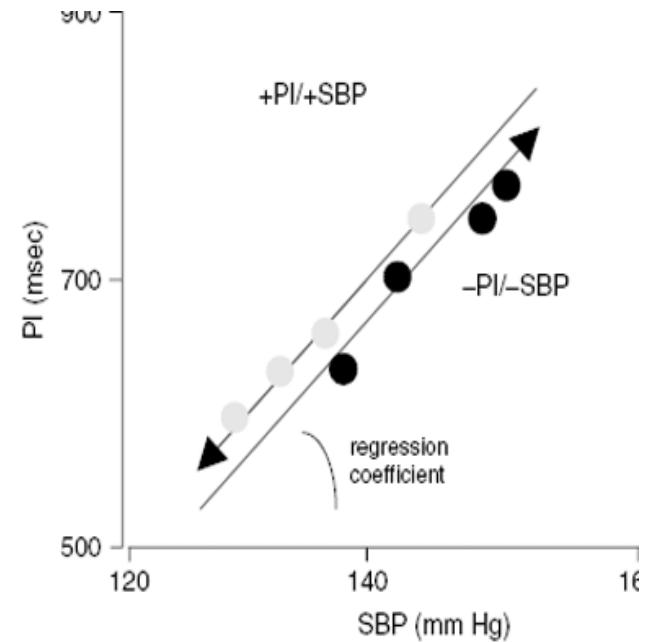
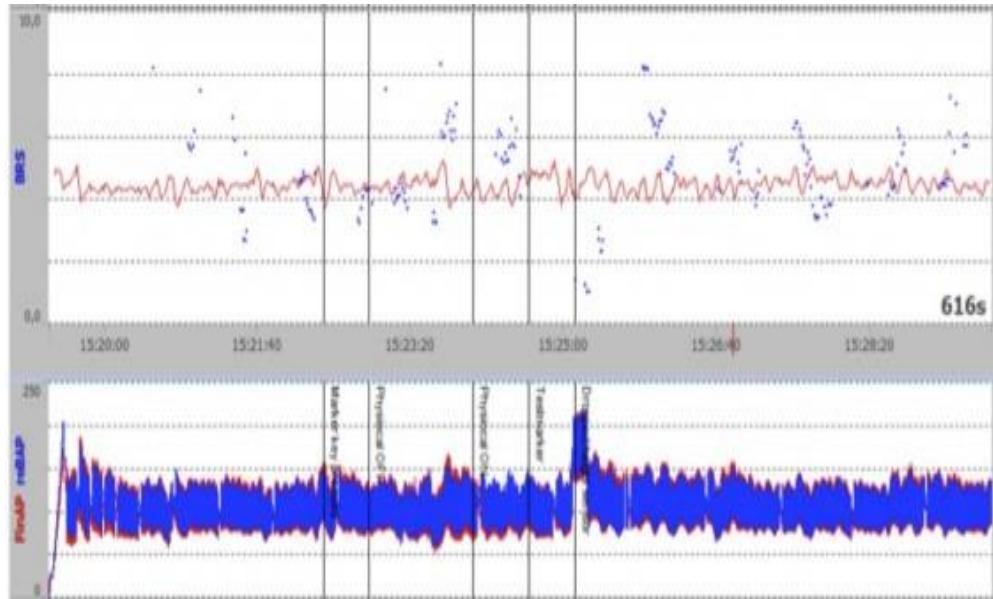
HRV variability  
HF, LF, VLF powers  
LF/HF ratio

xBRS

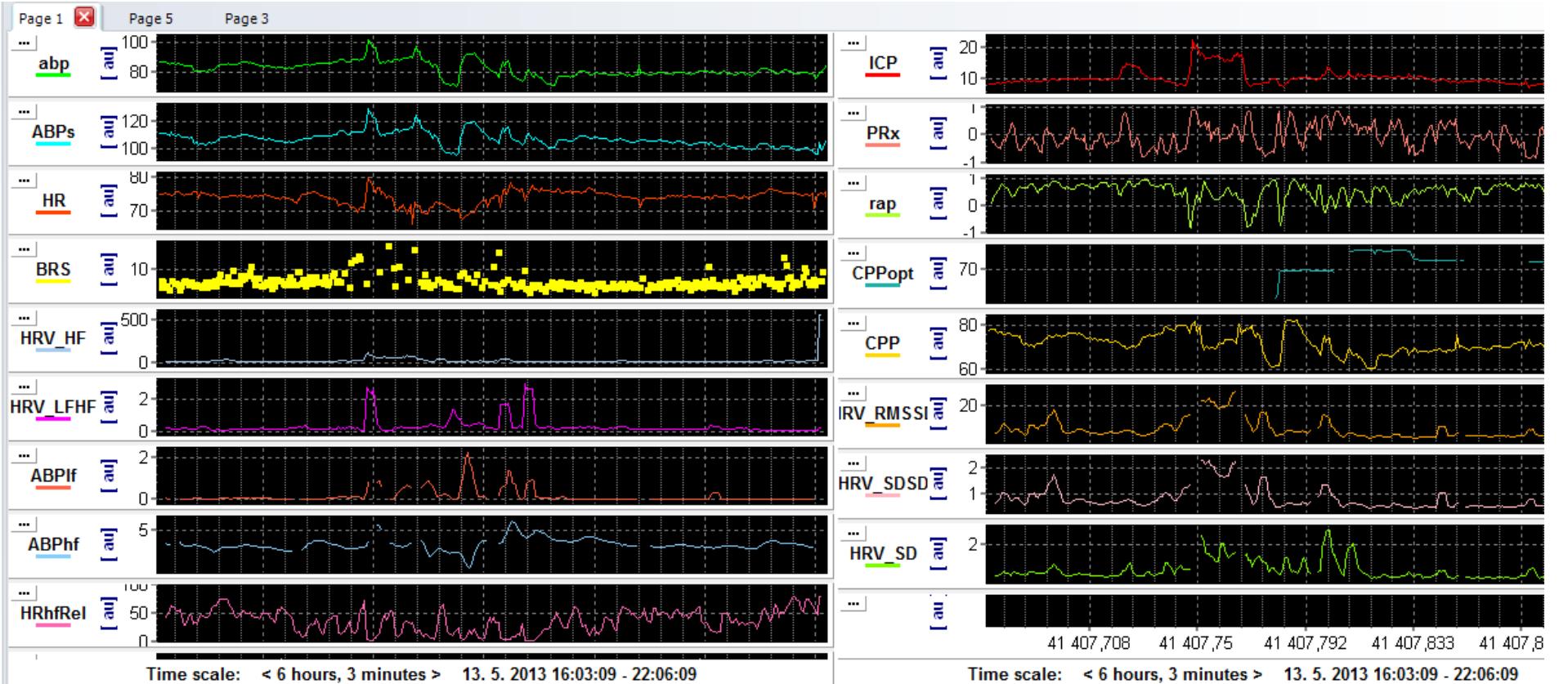
# Baroreflex - physiology

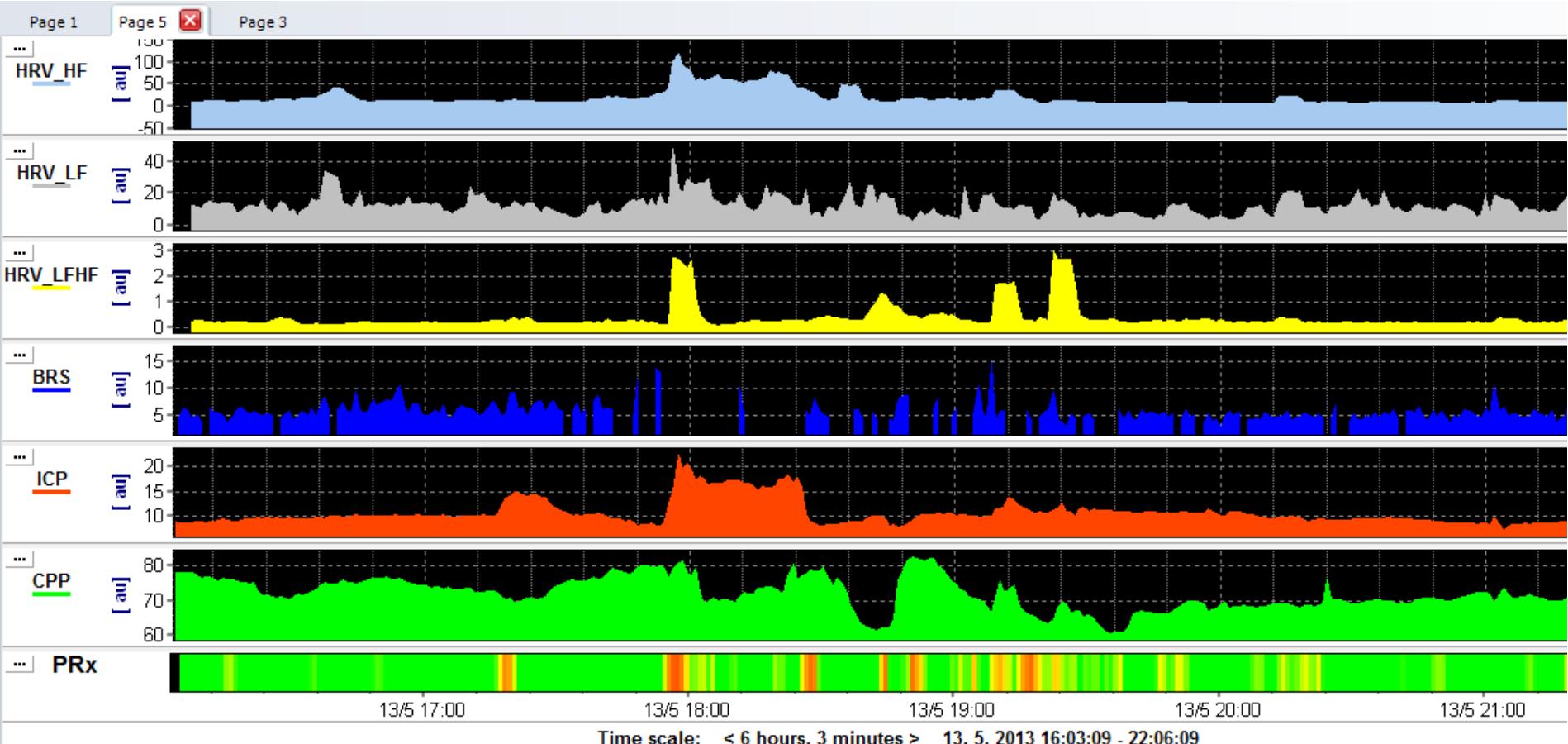


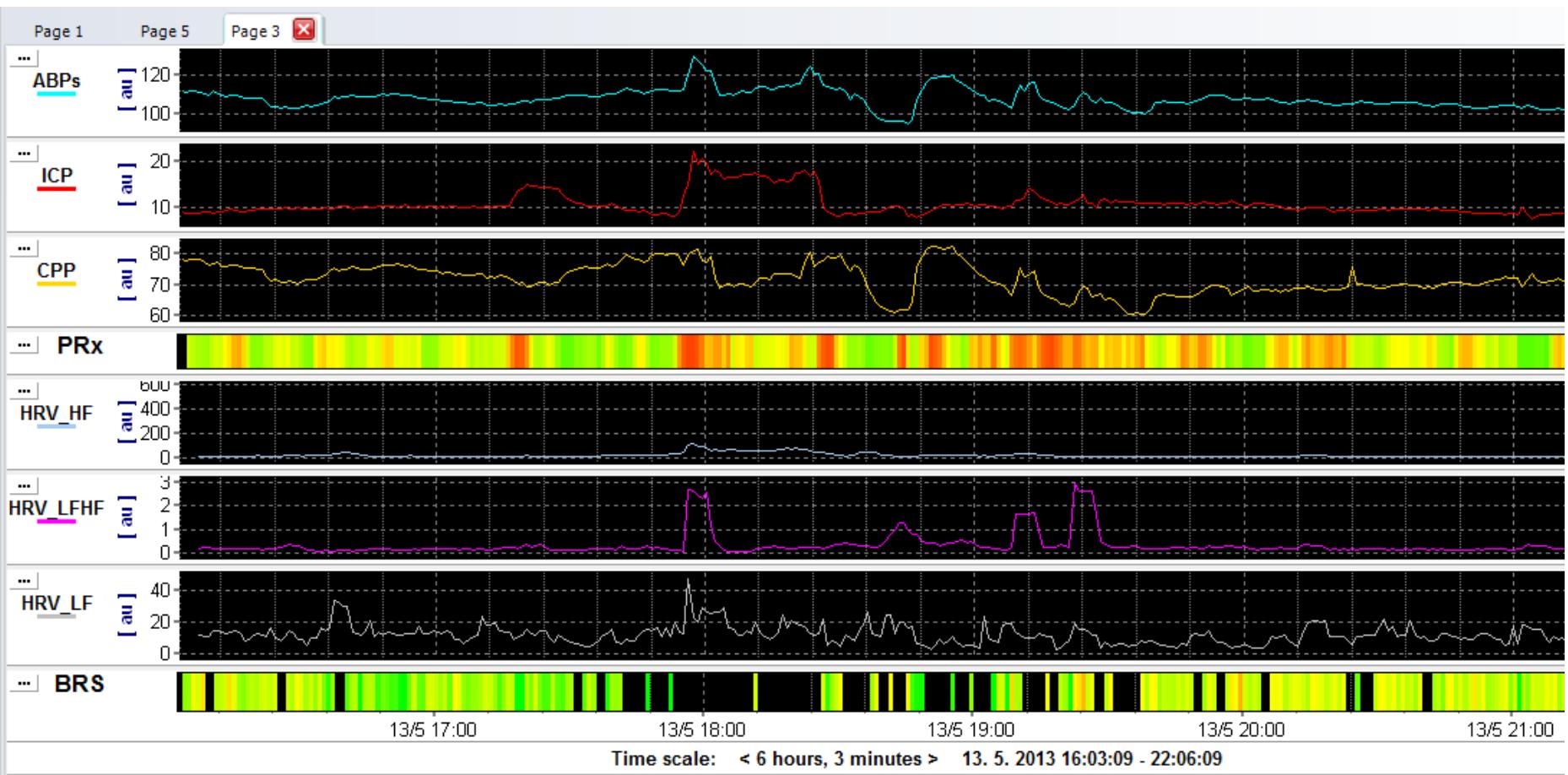
# Baroreflex sensitivity (xBRS) im ICM+®



The slope of the linear regression between 10s series of RR intervals and 10s series of systolic BP is calculated. The RR window is shifted against the systolic BP in stepwise manner and the highest correlation is reported, if it fulfills the criteria outlined below. Valid BRS value is returned only if the correlation coefficient is significant at  $p<0.01$ , and if no irregular beats (ectopics) are detected by the software. The BRS is updated every 10s and expressed in ms/mmHg







# Autonomic Impairment in Severe Traumatic Brain Injury: A Multimodal Neuromonitoring Study

- Monocentric, non-randomised comparison
- Cambridge TBI database , n=327, 2003-2009
- Severe TBI, sedated, with ICP monitoring
- xBRS every 10s and HRV every 300s with ICM+
- Adjustment for ICP, CPP und autoregulation (PRx)
- Mortality und Outcome GOS at 6 months

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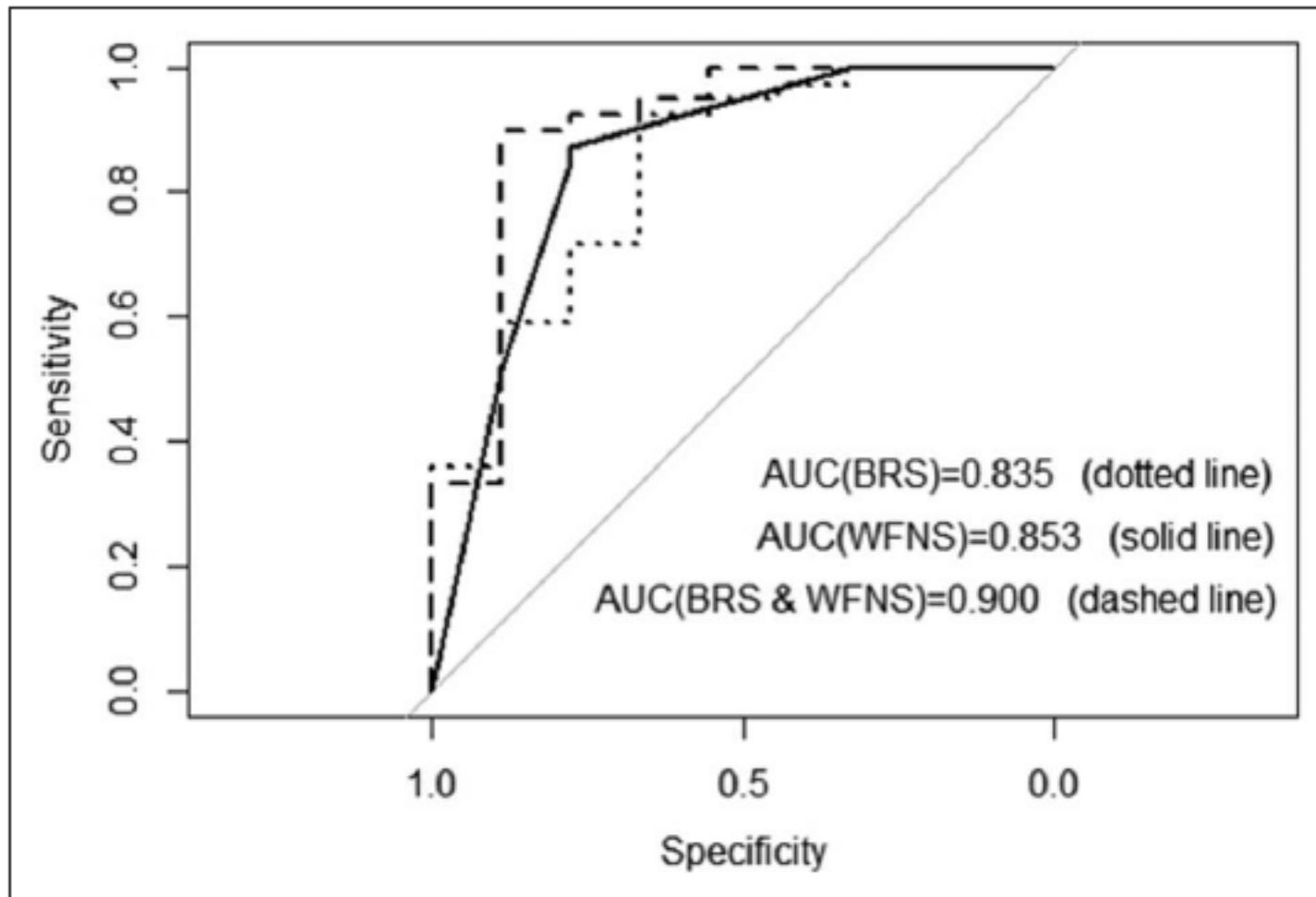
**TABLE 1. Comparison of Clinical and Autonomic Variables Between Traumatic Brain Injury Survivors and Nonsurvivors at 6 Months**

Variable	Survivors, n = 201	Nonsurvivors, n = 61	p
Age (yr), median (range; IQR)	33 (16–76; 23)	44 (18–76; 32)	< 0.001
Glasgow Coma Scale, median (range; IQR)	7 (3–15)	5 (3–14)	0.072
Intracranial pressure, mm Hg, median (range; IQR)	15.8 (4.5–29.0; 5.6)	17.6 (3.0–50.9; 9.7)	0.002
Cerebral perfusion pressure, mmHg, median (range; IQR)	77.7 (57.7–100.1; 6.6)	74.2 (56.2–102.1; 11.6)	0.002
Pressure reactivity index, median (range; IQR)	0.05 (−0.29–0.70; 0.20)	0.14 (−0.30–0.70; 0.23)	0.002
Baroreflex sensitivity, ms/mm Hg, median (range; IQR)	6.6 (1.6–18.8; 4.2)	5.1 (1.3–18.7; 4.0)	0.026
HF power, ms <sup>2</sup> , median (range; IQR)	160.0 (9.9–1853.9; 285.4)	115.0 (6.2–1840.3; 212.1)	0.024
HF relative power, median (range; IQR)	25.8 (5.0–65.4; 17.5)	33.4 (6.6–81.8; 22.3)	< 0.001
LF-to-HF ratio, median (range; IQR)	1.6 (0.2–8.3; 1.3)	1.0 (0.0–8.8; 1.2)	< 0.001
LF power, ms <sup>2</sup> , median (range; IQR)	598 (9–133; 927, 1,883)	748 (1–41; 628, 2,291)	0.833
LF relative power, median (range; IQR)	22.1 (7.7–39.5; 7.5)	19.9 (2.6–45.7; 12.1)	0.137
Heart rate variability total power, ms <sup>2</sup> , median (range; IQR)	2,551 (90–250; 617, 3,802)	2,169 (56–66; 197; 4,228)	0.701

IQR = interquartile range, HF = high frequency, LF = low frequency.

Variable	Adj OR	95% CI	p
Model for mortality			
BRS, ms/mm Hg	0.888	0.801–0.984	0.024
HF relative power, ms <sup>2</sup>	1.046	1.019–1.074	0.001
Age (yr)	1.073	1.046–1.101	< 0.001
Admission GCS	0.800	0.713–0.899	< 0.001
ICP, mm Hg	1.140	1.062–1.225	< 0.001
PRx	11.927	1.559–91.254	0.017
Model for poor outcome			
BRS, ms/mm Hg	0.887	0.804–0.978	0.016
HF relative power, ms <sup>2</sup>	1.041	1.015–1.068	0.002
Age (yr)	1.068	1.043–1.095	< 0.001
Admission GCS	0.802	0.718–0.897	< 0.001
ICP, mm Hg	1.132	1.058–1.211	< 0.001
PRx	7.317	1.041–51.420	0.045
Model for unfavorable outcome			
BRS, ms/mm Hg	1.027	1.003–1.051	0.030
HF relative power, ms <sup>2</sup>	0.999	0.998–1.000	0.061
Age (yr)	1.058	1.037–1.080	< 0.001
Admission GCS	0.811	0.741–0.888	< 0.001
ICP, mm Hg	1.079	1.017–1.144	0.012

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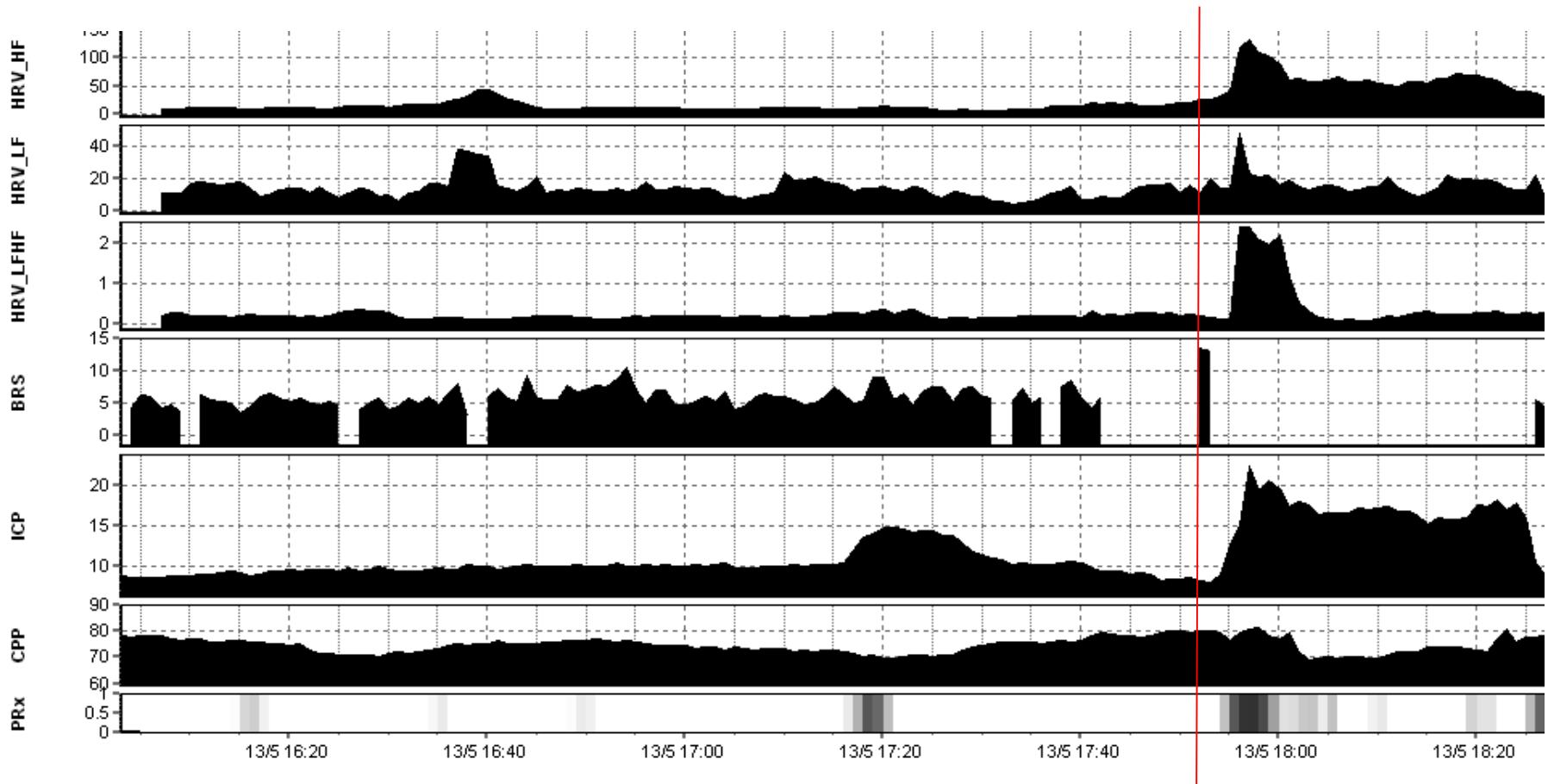


# Heart rate variability is associated with outcome in spontaneous intracerebral hemorrhage

Variable	mRS 0–3 at 3 months	mRS 4–6 at 3 months	P
Age mean (range, SD)	59.5 (17–86, 20)	62.2 (34–84, 21)	0.8
Admission NIHSS, median (range, IQR)	5 (1–34, 13)	28 (6–34, 21)	<0.001
Hemorrhage volume median (range, IQR)	14 (1–102, 34)	50 (7–234, 84)	<0.001
Intraventricular extension n (%)	8 (34.8)	18 (75)	0.008
Admission glucose mg/d, median (range, IQR)	113 (89–162, 26)	154 (95–327, 40)	<0.001
HF power, total, ms <sup>2</sup> , median (range, IQR)	118 (5–22,588, 263)	55 (5–7458, 343)	0.04
HF power, normalized median (range, IQR)	21 (11–60, 16)	34 (15–83, 16)	0.01
LF power, total, ms <sup>2</sup> median (range, IQR)	162 (10–19,060, 262)	24 (2–4704, 178)	0.004
LF power, normalized median (range, IQR)	24 (10–52, 11)	16 (4–46, 14)	0.01
LF/HF ratio median (range, IQR)	1.2 (0.3–4.1, 1)	0.6 (0.05–3, 0.5)	0.003

Variable	Alive at 3 months	Dead at 3 months	P
Age mean (range, SD)	61.3 (17–86, 18)	60.2 (42–84, 13)	0.6
Admission NIHSS, median (range, IQR)	10 (1–34, 18)	34 (11–34, 21)	0.008
Hemorrhage volume median (range, IQR)	36 (1–202, 50)	50 (10–234, 94)	0.03
Intraventricular extension n (%)	15 (43)	11 (92)	0.006
Admission glucose mg/d, median (range, IQR)	124 (89–300, 45)	150 (95–327, 232)	0.04
HF power, total, ms <sup>2</sup> , median (range, IQR)	118 (5–22,588, 338)	34 (6–923, 62)	0.01
HF power, normalized median (range, IQR)	27 (11–83, 19)	39 (20–80, 27)	0.04
LF power, total, ms <sup>2</sup> median (range, IQR)	153 (2–19,057, 314)	16 (2–283, 22)	0.001
LF power, normalized median (range, IQR)	22 (5–52, 12)	15 (4–37, 10)	0.006
LF/HF ratio median (range, IQR)	0.8 (0.1–4.1, 1)	0.4 (0.05–1, 0.6)	0.02

# Future directions – monitoring time trends



# Future directions – examining therapies

- BB reduce infarct size and mortality in stroke models (Savitz 2000)
- Pre-stroke BB may have positive outcome effects (n=111, Laowattana 2007)
- BB reduce edema in ICH (Sansing 2011)
- Pre-injury BB reduce stunned myocardium in SAH (Liang 2013)
- BB reduce tissue injury markers and inflammation in SAH (Kawaguchi 2010)
- BB reduce edema in TBI models (Liu 1995)
- Pre-injury BB have positive outcome effects in TBI (Mohseni 2014)
- Post-injury BB have positive outcome effects in TBI

(meta-analysis, n=4782, adjusted OR 0.35; 95 % CI 0.27-0.45, Alali 2014)



**Thank you for your attention**