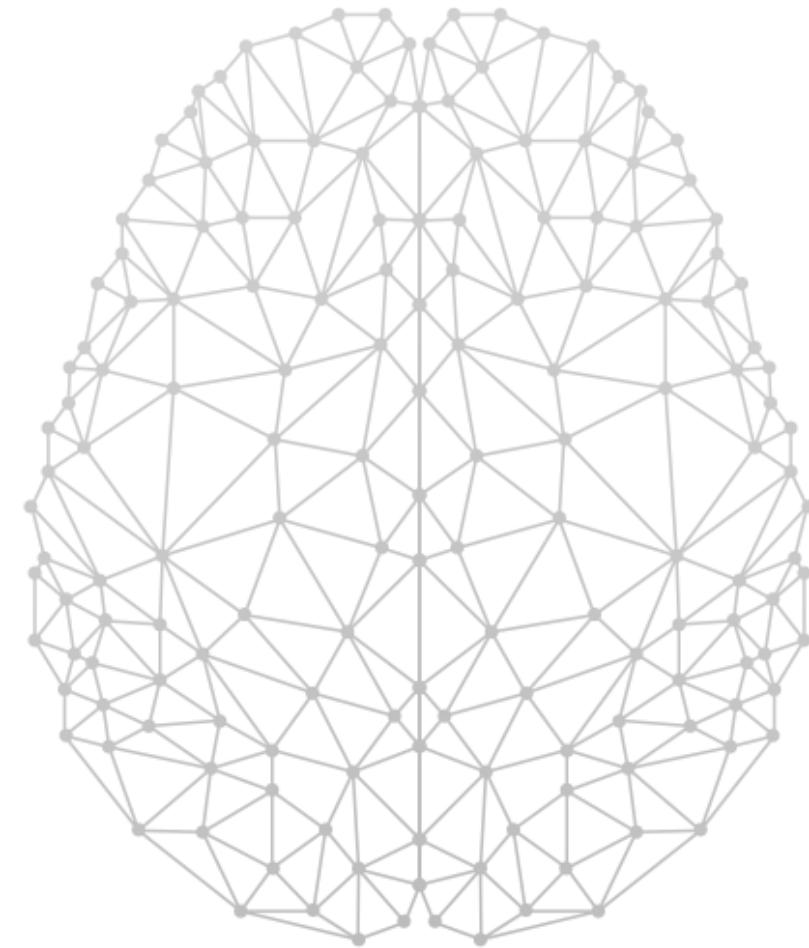


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- National Institute of Republic of Serbia (2019)
- 11 Research Units & two Centers of Excellence

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Explore mechanisms and biological correlates of higher cognitive and motor functions in healthy and pathological conditions.

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Neurology &  
Neuropsychiatry



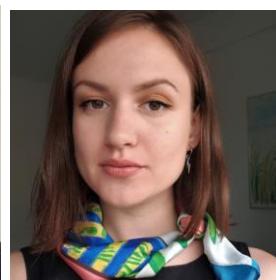
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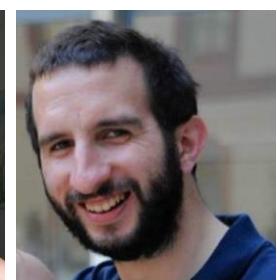
Language  
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Sport  
sciences



Psychology



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Psychology



Rehabilitation

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Non-invasive brain stimulation (tDCS/TMS)  
& Neurophysiological methods (EEG)

**Jonos-4** (Electronic Design Medical D.O.O., Serbia)

**STMISOLA** (BIOPAC Systems, Inc., USA) + **CED 1401 Plus** (Cambridge Electronic Design Limited)

**StarStim 32** (Neuroelectrics, Spain)

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**Magstim 200<sup>2</sup>** and **Magstim Rapid<sup>2</sup>** stimulators (Magstim Ltd, UK) + **CED 1401 Plus** (Cambridge Electronic Design Limited, UK) + **Ag-AgCl EMG** surface electrodes

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**STARSTIM32** (Neuroelectrics, Spain)

**SMARTING mobi** (mBrainTrain LLC, Serbia)



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Cognitive assessment tools/tasks

*We develop, program and standardize tasks/test (and we do it in parallel forms)*

<https://doi.org/10.17605/OSF.IO/F28AK>

OpenSesame (<https://osdoc.cogsci.nl/>),  
TotalAssessment (<https://totalassessment.net/>)  
E-Prime (<https://pstnet.com/products/e-prime/>).

-  Face Word Associative Memory Tasks ...

Vulić, Paunovic, Živanović & 3 more  
Face Word Associative Memory Tasks assess the ability to remember the pairs of unfamiliar human faces and common words. Tasks are developed in OpenSesame...
-  Face Object Associative Memory Tasks ...

Živanović, Vulić, Paunovic & 3 more  
Face Object Associative Memory Tasks assess the ability to remember the pairs of everyday objects and unfamiliar human faces. Tasks are developed in OpenSesame...
-  Object Location Associative Memory Tasks ...

Paunovic, Živanović, Vulić & 3 more  
Object Location Associative Memory Tasks assess spatial associative memory i.e., the ability to remember where a certain object was located. In this task...

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## Some recent papers:

Vulić, K., Bjekić, J., Paunović, D., Jovanović, M., Milanović, S., & Filipović, S. R. (2021). Theta-modulated oscillatory transcranial direct current stimulation over posterior parietal cortex improves associative memory. *Scientific Reports*, 11, 3013. doi: [10.1038/s41598-021-82577-7](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-021-82577-7)

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Parciauskaite V, Pipinis E, Voicikas A, Bjekic J, Potapovas M, Jurkuvenas V, Griskova-Bulanova I. Individual Resonant Frequencies at Low-Gamma Range and Cognitive Processing Speed. *Journal of Personalized Medicine*. 2021; 11(6):453. <https://doi.org/10.3390/jpm11060453>

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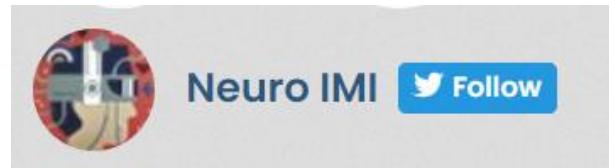
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## MEMORYST

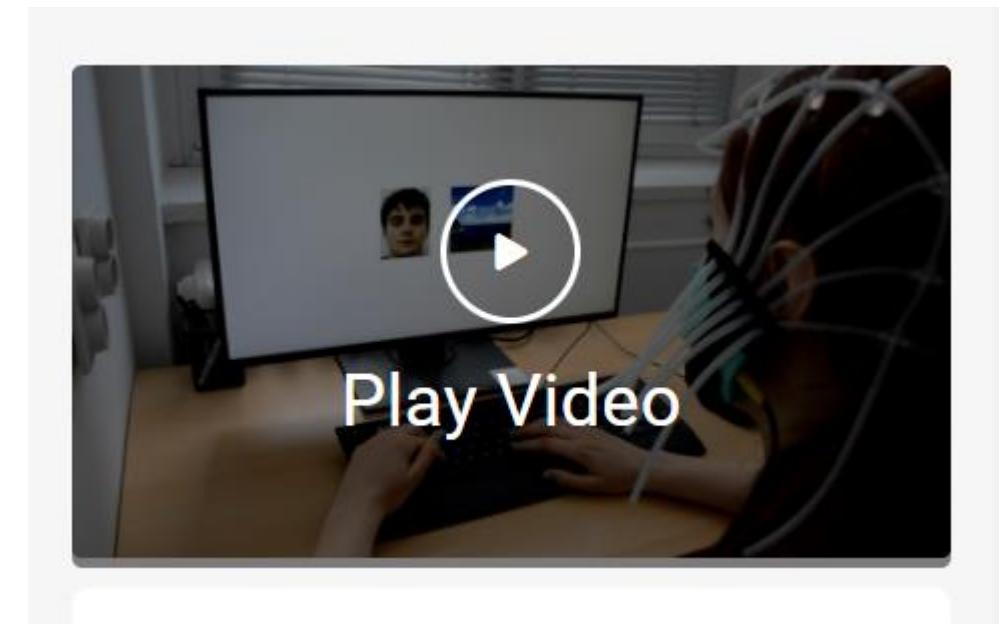
From brain waves to memory boost: Memory enhancement by personalized frequency-modulated noninvasive brain stimulation (2020 - 2022)

THE MEMORYST PROJECT IS FUNDED BY



<https://www.jove.com/t/62681>

Bjekić, J., Živanović, M., Filipović, S. R. Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation (tDCS) for Memory Enhancement. *J. Vis. Exp.* (175), e62681, doi:10.3791/62681 (2021)



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2021 – MA student from Uni Zagreb (2 weeks during MEMORYST data collection)

2021-2022 (in lab)

- Oct 2021 – Dec 2021 – EEG signal processing (a lot!)
- Nov 2021: tDCS data collection (higher cognitive functions)
- Nov – April 2021: TMS data collection (associative memory)
- May – Oct 2022: Combined EEG-tDCS data collection (inhibition/impulsivity)

for 6 ECTS  
(180hours)  
talk to Oliver ☺

Fingers crossed:

- Center for NIBS (Horizon Europe)

Online/virtual collaboration:

- Multi-country associative memory assessment (COST Action driven initiative) expression of interest email Oct 2021

# Thank you.

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