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**Abstract** Deqi response, a psychophysical response characterized by a spectrum of different needling sensations, is essential for Chinese acupuncture clinical efficacy. Previous neuroimaging research works have investigated the neural correlates of an overall deqi response by summing the scores of different needling sensations. However, the roles of individual sensations in brain activity and how they interact with each other remain to be clarified. In this study, we applied fMRI to investigate the neural correlates of individual components of deqi during acupuncture on the right LV3 Taichong acupoint. We selected a subset of deqi responses, namely, pressure, heaviness, fullness, numbness, and tingling. Using the individual components of deqi of different subjects as covariates in the analysis of percentage change of bold signal, pressure was found to be a striking sensation, contributing to most of negative activation of a limbic-paralimbic-neocortical network LPNN. The similar or opposite neural activity in the heavily overlapping regions is found to be responding to different needling sensations, including bilateral LPNN, right orbitofrontal cortex, and bilateral posterior parietal cortex. These findings provide the neuroimaging evidence of how the individual needle sensations interact in the brain, showing that the modulatory effects of different needling sensations contribute to acupuncture modulations of LPNN network.

**Introduction** The needling sensation of deqi, a psychophysical response, is considered by traditional Chinese medicine to play a key role in the clinical efficacy of acupuncture [ 1 – 4 ]. Deqi is a composite of a series of needling sensations which include but are not limited to aching, pressure, soreness, heaviness, fullness, temperature change warmth or coolness , numbness, tingling, and dull pain [ 2 , 3 , 5 ]. It has been demonstrated that the deqi sensations during acupuncture stimulation are conveyed by different nerve fiber systems [ 6 ]. However, the link between the needling sensation and the acupuncture effect on the brain remains an ongoing area of research. Moreover, the different components of deqi may attribute to effective treatment in some disorders. It has been demonstrated that numbness and soreness but not stabbing, throbbing, tingling, burning, heaviness, fullness, or aching are correlated with clinical efficacy of analgesia [ 4 ]. In this paper we investigated how components of the deqi sensation were individually related to the brain responses to acupuncture. A few acupuncture imaging reports accounted for the needling sensation [ 8 , 9 , 14 – 18 ]. A number of fMRI studies on healthy subjects including ours have consistently revealed that acupuncture with deqi induced extensive negative BOLD signal change deactivation of a limbic-paralimbic-neocortical network LPNN and positive BOLD signal change of somatosensory regions of the brain [ 9 , 14 – 16 , 19 , 20 ]. Both commonality and specificity were observed in brain responses to acupuncture at different acupoints [ 16 , 17 , 21 ]. It was reported that the sensation of sharp pain and overall deqi were associated with separate patterns of brain activity [ 9 , 14 – 16 , 22 ]. The previous literatures has reported so far only the relationship between brain responses and overall deqi sensation. However, questions on the roles of individual needling sensations of deqi in brain activity and how they interact with each other remain to be clarified, especially the correlation with negative or positive brain activations. In the present study, we attempted to characterize the brain response to a subset of needle sensations relating to deqi during the manual acupuncture at right LV3 acupoint Taichong on the dorsum of distal foot, with the primary purpose of confirming the hypothesis that each individual needling sensation may correspond with a distinct map of brain responses to acupuncture. The five selected sensations are pressure, numbness, heaviness, fullness, and tingling. The other deqi sensations related

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with pain, including aching, soreness, dull pain, warmth, or coolness were investigated in another separate paper. The differences in the pattern of deqi, including frequency and intensity in individual sensation, were used to discriminate between acupuncture and simple tactile stimulation used as control. We hypothesized that the modulatory effects of different needling sensations contribute to acupuncture modulations of LPNN network. To our knowledge, we are the first team to explore the relationship between individual components of deqi and brain activity during acupuncture. Materials and Methods 2. Subjects In the present study, we extracted data from a larger project that investigated the brain effect of acupuncture at the Athinoula A. Eight subjects had acupuncture stimulation and tactile stimulation in the same session. Six subjects had twice acupuncture stimulations and eight subjects had performed twice tactile stimulations for different objectives, such as the comparison of real acupuncture and sham acupuncture, different acupoints, different acupuncture stimulations. Subjects were screened to exclude neurological, mental and medical disorders, drug abuse, history of head trauma with loss of consciousness, and contraindications for exposure to high magnetic field. All experimental procedures were explained to the subjects, and signed informed consent was obtained prior to participation in the study. Acupuncture and Tactile Stimulations During a single session, we administered acupuncture to LV3 on the right dorsum of distal foot using sterile, single-use, stainless steel acupuncture needles 0. Stimulation was enhanced with manipulation of the needle to elicit deqi, the composite of unique sensations related to efficacy according to TCM [ 2 ]. A licensed acupuncturist JL with more than 25 years of clinical acupuncture experience administered acupuncture for all subjects.

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Instead of the sound powerful judgement which would probably have grown up if they had learned nothing, their thoughts creep timidly and hypnotically after words, principles and formulae, constantly by the same paths. There is no problem in all mathematics that cannot be solved by direct counting. But with the present implements of mathematics many operations can be performed in a few minutes which without mathematical methods would take a lifetime. Mach "Die Leitgedanken meiner naturwissenschaftlichen Erkenntnislehre und ihr Aufnahme durch die Zeitgenossen", Physikalische Zeitschrift. Smith " Mach and Ehrenfels: Ernst Mach Analyse der Empfindungen [The Analysis of Sensations] Not bodies produce sensations, but element-complexes sensation-complexes constitute the bodies. Primitive man first takes out of them certain complexes of these elements that present themselves with a certain stability and are most important to him. The first and oldest words are names for "things". On the contrary the "thing" is a mental symbol for a sensation-complex of relative stability. Not the things, the bodies, but colours, sounds, pressures, times what we usually call sensations are the true elements of the world. Skizzen zur Psychologie der Forschung" [ edit ] Knowledge and Error: Sketches Toward a Psychology of Scientific Research The mental operation by which one achieves new concepts and which one denotes generally by the inadequate name of induction is not a simple but rather a very complicated process. Above all, it is not a logical process although such processes can be inserted as intermediary and auxiliary links. The principle effort that leads to the discovery of new knowledge is due to abstraction and imagination. Thought-economy is most highly developed in mathematics, that science which has reached the highest formal development, and on which natural science so frequently calls for assistance. Strange as it may seem, the strength of mathematics lies in the avoidance of all unnecessary thoughts, in the utmost economy of thought-operations. The symbols of order, which we call numbers, form already a system of wonderful simplicity and economy. When in the multiplication of a number with several digits we employ the multiplication table and thus make use of previously accomplished results rather than to repeat them each time, when by the use of tables of logarithms we avoid new numerical calculations by replacing them by others long since performed, when we employ determinants instead of carrying through from the beginning the solution of a system of equations, when we decompose new integral expressions into others that are familiar, we see in all this but a faint reflection of the intellectual activity of a Lagrange or Cauchy, who with the keen discernment of a military commander marshalls a whole troop of completed operations in the execution of a new one. On thought-economy in m. Popular Scientific Lectures, Chicago, [ edit ] Reported in: The student of mathematics often finds it hard to throw off the uncomfortable feeling that his science, in the person of his pencil, surpasses him in intelligence, an impression which the great Euler confessed he often could not get rid of. This feeling finds a sort of justification when we reflect that the majority of the ideas we deal with were conceived by others, often centuries ago. In a great measure it is really the intelligence of other people that confronts us in science. Mathematics seems possessed of intelligence The aim of research is the discovery of the equations which subsist between the elements of phenomena. Mathematical and physiological researches have shown that the space of experience is simply an actual case of many conceivable cases, about whose peculiar properties experience alone can instruct us. Bartley III , "Philosophy of biology versus philosophy of physics" p. Critical Assessments of Leading Philosophers, Vol. Philosophy of Science 2. There is a loud echo of Hume in the work, for Mach, like Hume, emphasized the tangibility of all knowledge ultimately, all knowledge is based in the senses. The Mind of Friedrich Hayek , Ch. Mach also emphasized the internal nature of all knowledge, in that it is experienced in the mind. Finally, he emphasized the importance of quantitative and mathematical methods and models to understand sensory experience. Epistemology, Psychology, and Methodology In the philosophy of Mach a

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world without matter is unthinkable. It will be seen how welcome to such a philosophy is the theory that space and the inertial frame come into being with matter, and grow as it grows. Arthur Eddington, *Space, Time and Gravitation* Vienna is the origin of so many schools of its own which were dominant in the s. And one of the most fundamental and influential, in which we all were partially caught, was logical positivism. Epistemology, Psychology, and Methodology Intellectually, the dominating figure That was the principle of thinking in which we all grew up, and at first all adopted it. But some of usâ€”My psychological thinking begins directly with Ernst Mach. Mach in his famous book *The Analysis of Sensations* explains or assumes that while all our individual sensations have an original pure quality, they are constantly modified by experience. There is only an original order and then the experiential change. Which led me to the conclusion that if you can show that experience can change the thing, why need there be an original quality? The original quality may have arisen in the same fashion. So it was only a step beyond Mach, which turns against him with the result that my own psychology developed. In this sense I began from the same thing on which the logical positivist [movement]â€”Schlick, Neurath, Carnap, and so onâ€”developed from Vienna; but split at the base, led us apart very much. But these two apparently absolutely contrary trends come from a common initial viewpoint. Epistemology, Psychology, and Methodology Scientists believe there is a hierarchy of facts and that among them may be made a judicious choice. They are right, since otherwise there would be no science One need only open the eyes to see that the conquests of industry which have enriched so many practical men would never have seen the light, if these practical men alone had existed and if they had not been preceded by unselfish devotees who died poor, who never thought of utility, and yet had a guide far other than caprice. As Mach says, these devotees have spared their successors the trouble of thinking. George Bruce Halsted *The new historiography on Logical Empiricism* sets in with the rediscovery of Ernst Mach as a precursor of Gestalt theory, evolutionary epistemology, possibly radical constructivism and the modern historically oriented philosophy of science. Friedrich Stadler "What is the Vienna Circle? The Vienna Circle and Logical Empiricism: Re-evaluation and Future Perspectives. At bottom it is a grammatical investigation. Ludwig Wittgenstein, *Philosophical Remarks* p.

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Summary A broad foundation is laid for the theory in question, and light is shed upon it from new sides, if, in conformity with the stimulus given by Darwinism, we conceive of all psychical life "including science" as biological appearance, and if we apply to the theory the Darwinian conceptions of struggle for existence, of development, and of selection. The connection between naturalism and materialism is an important one for Mach. Naturalism, in its simplest sense, is the doctrine that there is nothing beyond nature, not even the organic or mental, and evolution is thus generally a crucial component of it. The materialism of the mechanical philosophy is the further view that this nature consists of matter in motion, and in particular that psychic phenomena can be reduced to matter in motion. Mach is part of the empiricist tradition, but he also believed in something like a priori truths. But it is a biologized a priori: It was simultaneously the contradiction and confirmation of Kantian epistemology. In as much as Kant used the a priori to explain how knowledge is possible, Mach uses the knowledge of the new sciences to explain how an a priori is possible. One more patch of philosophy, it was thought, yielded to science. It has its roots in the belief that knowledge is a product of evolution, that our senses, minds, and cultures have an evolutionary history. It was simple experience to which early organisms responded, and it was out of simple experiences that the first images of the world were constructed. These constructions became a priori, allowing new and more complicated understandings, and so forth. This process is in a sense repeated in development; individual development begins through a process of the interaction of simple sensations with those innate capacities formed in our ancestors. Out of this, more complex understandings arise; the process continues. Science furthers this biological process by bringing our primitive conceptions into contact with new environments, thus causing mental adaptation. The one and same process unites all features of activity in nature: He is not in the least a traditional empiricist. However, this tells us little, as positivism is really a collection of traditions, connected often by misunderstandings as much as by actual intellectual agreement. Furthermore, the word today has come to mean something so far removed from its nineteenth century origins as to be practically harmful in understanding the how it was used in the nineteenth century. Comte was a Positivist. Mach, too, was a Positivist, but Mach probably has more in common with Husserl than Comte, and certainly more in common with James. Mach is not a phenomenalist under normal uses of this term, but this certainly requires investigation. This was clearly meant as a methodological suggestion, arising out of the way he thought physics could best respond to the challenges presented to it by the life sciences. Thirdly, he writes that his ideas were the same as Avenarius who had approached questions of the relationship between the psychical and the physical from a physicalistic perspective. Although Mach undoubtedly adopts a sensationalist basis, this foundation is not crucial for Mach. He recognizes the possibility of other foundations: And, to begin with, I must say that anyone who, in spite of repeated protests from myself and from other quarters, identifies my view with that of Berkeley, is undoubtedly very far removed from a proper appreciation of my position. This misconception is no doubt partly due to the fact that my view was developed from an earlier idealistic phase, which has left on my language traces which are probably not even yet entirely obliterated. For, of all the approaches to my standpoint, the one by way of idealism seems to me the easiest and most natural. I feel it to be a piece of particularly good fortune that Avenarius has developed the same conception of the relation between the physical and psychical on an entirely realistic, or, if the phrase be preferred, a materialistic foundation. [italics mine; AS: Mach was part of the first generation of physiological psychologists that thought they had broken through the primeval walls dividing the physical from the mental. They thought they had solved this ancient problem through a scientific, monistic unification. The physical was characterized by its ability to be quantified: Now, the realm of Geist was falling under the same methods used so successfully in physics. Following the pioneering work of Fechner, they had measured sensation and found that the

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relationship of external stimulus to inner response followed mathematical law. Fueled further by developments in evolutionary theory, their optimism soared, perhaps a bit too high. As so often happens in periods of scientific optimism, these new discoveries called for a philosophy in which they would be at home. Mach not only took up this challenge, but as a physicist also applied the results of this tradition to the categories of physics. Modern psychologists regard Mach as the forerunner of the idea of neural nets in perception. He discovered that the eye has a mind of its own; we perceive not direct stimuli but relations of stimuli. The visual system operates through a process of continual adaptation of the present sensation to previous ones. Furthermore, from an evolutionary perspective, it was necessary that this relational nature of perception be so. What were once thought of as errors of the brain, Mach showed to be adaptations. His argument is brilliant and he is cited even today in psychology textbooks for these contributions. Furthermore, his work in physiology influenced his epistemology. If we perceive not things directly but contrasts of things, then the world is a biological construction formed through the process of our nervous system adapting to new sensations. Representationalist theories of perception, which posit a direct correspondence between appearance and reality, become untenable. Mach is also considered by Gestalt theorists to be one of their forerunners. These ideas arose in the context of his research on Mach bands where he realized that the mind and senses actively contribute to sensation. The *Analysis of Sensations* is full of examples of this sort; its central concern is to understand the dynamic relation between our cognitive structure and experience. Our cognitive structure is itself formed through previous experience, and our current experience is structured by it in turn. In his family moved to a farm in Untersiebenbrunn, Lower Austria. He studied physics at the University of Vienna from 1865 to 1870, continuing on as a lecturer until 1873. After spending three years as Professor of Mathematics at Graz, he received a Chair at Prague where he stayed until 1883. He suffered a stroke in 1882 and retired in 1884. He died near Munich in 1901. The book made at the time a powerful and ineffaceable impression upon me, the like of which I never afterwards experienced in any of my philosophical reading. On a bright summer day in the open air, the world with my ego suddenly appeared to me as one coherent mass of sensations, only more strongly coherent in the ego. Although the actual working out of this thought did not occur until a later period, yet this moment was decisive for my whole view. After graduation, he stayed in Vienna as a privat dozent, supporting himself through giving lectures paid for directly by students which means he made very little money. It was in these years at Vienna that Mach began his interest in physiology. Although his degree was in physics, Mach enrolled as a student of the Medical Faculty, taking 22 hours of classes in physiology, chemistry, and anatomy. During the next years in Vienna, he also taught classes in psychophysics and a class entitled *Die Principien der Mechanik und mechanischen Physik in ihrer historischen Entwicklung*, which possibly marks the start of his interest in the history of science though we do not know the actual contents of the lectures. In 1842, Christian Doppler noticed that sound changes in frequency as a source moves toward and away from an observer. By 1845 he had generalized this to include all wave phenomena, including light. Mach devised a simple apparatus that demonstrated that the Doppler effect was real, at least for sound. A six-foot tube with a whistle at one end was mounted so as to rotate in a vertical plane. When the listener stood in the plane of the axis of rotation no changes in pitch could be heard. But if the observer stood in the plane of rotation, fluctuations in pitch that corresponded to the speed of rotation could be heard. As his interests shifted to physiology and psychology, the mechanical models remained, but the atomism became less important. Eventually, the mechanical approach to physiology gave way to an evolutionary approach, and as the mechanical approach lost ground here atomism did as well. Mach makes little mention of Herbart in his later writings; for instance, only two brief references are made to Herbart in *Analysis of Sensations*, both in the context of reflections on his intellectual development. In 1873 Mach received an appointment in mathematics at Graz. For the first time he had the money and freedom to carry out his own experiments. In 1876 he exchanged his math chair for one in physics. While at Graz he had personal contact with Fechner and carried out his important work on Mach Bands. It was in this work that Mach first made use of evolutionary theory. He returned to this work twenty years later, after further developing his own ideas. In 1897 Mach went to Prague as a

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professor of physics. He stayed in Prague for twenty-eight years, until , whereupon he returned to Vienna. It was in Prague that his mature thought developed. Since the speed of sound varies with the density of the medium it is traveling through, Mach numbers are not absolute quantities but relational ones. In warring European powers had signed The St. Various theories over their cause were put forward, leading Mach to investigate. By Mach had worked out the details of supersonic motion, along the way developing high-speed photographic techniques. Previously, scientifically based views on reality were essentially Newtonian-mechanistic. After Darwin and Fechner, the new sciences of psychology and evolutionary theory opened up new areas of philosophic-scientific interaction. The possibility of a new scientific view opened up, one based upon these new sciences, and sought to displace the Newtonian paradigm with one based upon developmental orientations. Our senses have thresholds of perception; that is, given any amount of stimulation of a sense, there is an amount more of that stimulation which is required for us to notice it. Furthermore, that amount increases logarithmically as the base-line sensation increases. This holds true, with complications and variations, for all of our sensations. The import was that there is a mathematical relationship between the external world and the inner, between the physical and the psychological. It was then possible to talk about these dual aspects of reality in a neutral manner see Neutral Monism. With some loss, embed Fechnerian methodology within nineteenth century evolutionary theory, and apply it to the categories of physics, and we get Machian epistemology. The thin dark bands along the outer edges of the gradients and the thin light bands along the inner edges of the gradients are optical illusions. The cause of this effect is due to contrast perception; we over process at boundaries and under process where there is constancy. In fact sensory response can even stop with unchanging stimulation. Mach is credited for discovering lateral inhibition in our sense organs, the idea that our senses pre-process information before sending it to the brain. Before this period, optical illusions were understood as just that, errors in judgment, quirks of the brain.

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## Chapter 4 : SparkNotes: Frankenstein: Chapters 11-12

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His grandfather, Wenzl Lanhaus, an administrator of the Chirlitz estate, was also master builder of the streets there. His activities in that field later influenced the theoretical work of Ernst Mach. Turas, now also part of Brno, the site of the Chirlitz registry-office. It was there that Ernst Mach was baptized by Peregrin Weiss. Mach later became a socialist and an atheist. Kremsier, where he studied for three years. In he became a student at the University of Vienna. His early work focused on the Doppler effect in optics and acoustics. In he took a job as Professor of Mathematics at the University of Graz, having turned down the position of a chair in surgery at the University of Salzburg to do so, and in he was appointed as Professor of Physics. During that period, Mach continued his work in psycho-physics and in sensory perception. In, he took the chair of Experimental Physics at the Charles University, Prague, where he stayed for 28 years before returning to Vienna. He described how when a bullet or shell moved faster than the speed of sound, it created a compression of air in front of it. Using schlieren photography, he and his son Ludwig were able to photograph the shadows of the invisible shock waves. During the early s Ludwig was able to invent an interferometer which allowed for much clearer photographs. But Mach also made many contributions to psychology and physiology, including his anticipation of gestalt phenomena, his discovery of the oblique effect and of Mach bands, an inhibition-influenced type of visual illusion, and especially his discovery of a non-acoustic function of the inner ear which helps control human balance. This position seemed incompatible with the view of atoms and molecules as external, mind-independent things. In Mach suffered from cardiac arrest and in retired from the University of Vienna and was appointed to the upper chamber of the Austrian parliament. From there followed important explorations in the field of supersonic fluid mechanics. Mach and physicist-photographer Peter Salcher presented their paper on this subject [15] in; it correctly describes the sound effects observed during the supersonic motion of a projectile. They deduced and experimentally confirmed the existence of a shock wave of conical shape, with the projectile at the apex. It is a critical parameter in the description of high-speed fluid movement in aerodynamics and hydrodynamics. Philosophy of science[ edit ] Empirio-criticism[ edit ] From to, Mach held a newly created chair for "the history and philosophy of the inductive sciences" at the University of Vienna. He originally saw scientific laws as summaries of experimental events, constructed for the purpose of making complex data comprehensible, but later emphasized mathematical functions as a more useful way to describe sensory appearances. Thus scientific laws while somewhat idealized have more to do with describing sensations than with reality as it exists beyond sensations. When the human mind, with its limited powers, attempts to mirror in itself the rich life of the world, of which it itself is only a small part, and which it can never hope to exhaust, it has every reason for proceeding economically. In reality, the law always contains less than the fact itself, because it does not reproduce the fact as a whole but only in that aspect of it which is important for us, the rest being intentionally or from necessity omitted. Suppose we were to attribute to nature the property of producing like effects in like circumstances; just these like circumstances we should not know how to find. Nature exists once only. Our schematic mental imitation alone produces like events. Empirio-criticism is the term for the rigorously positivist and radically empirical philosophy established by the German philosopher Richard Avenarius and further developed by Mach, which claims that all we can know is our sensations and that knowledge should be confined to pure experience. Since one cannot observe things as small as atoms directly, and since no atomic model at the time was consistent, the atomic hypothesis seemed to Mach to be unwarranted, and perhaps not sufficiently "economical". Mach had a direct influence on the Vienna Circle philosophers and the school of logical positivism in general. To Mach are attributed a number of principles that distill his ideal of physical theorisation-what is now called "Machian physics": It should be based entirely on directly observable

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phenomena in line with his positivistic leanings [20] It should completely eschew absolute space and time in favor of relative motion [21] Any phenomena that would seem attributable to absolute space and time e. Einstein cited it as one of the three principles underlying general relativity. He took an exceptionally non-dualist, phenomenological position. The founder of radical constructivism, von Glasersfeld , gave a nod to Mach as an ally. That the sense of balance depended on the three semicircular canals was discovered in by the physiologist Friedrich Goltz , but Goltz did not discover how the balance-sensing apparatus functioned. The effect exaggerates the contrast between edges of the slightly differing shades of gray, as soon as they contact one another, by triggering edge-detection in the human visual system. Mach , a lunar crater.

## Chapter 5 : Ernst Mach (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy)

*I am aware, of course, that I can contribute but little to the attainment of this end. The very fact that my investigations have been carried on, not in the way of a profession, but only at odd moments, and frequently only after long interruptions, must detract considerably from the value of my.*

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