

All How You Think About It? Examining the Temporal Dynamics of Emotion Regulation in Adolescents with Depression and at High and Low Risk Based on Maternal History

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### **Background & Research Questions**



For reviews, Hammen, 2005; Hu et al., 2014; Yap et al., 2007

# Measuring the temporal dynamics of emotion regulation using event-related potentials





e.g., Hajcak & Nieuwenhuis, 2006; Moser et al., 2014

### Emotion regulation effects on the late positive potential (LPP) component



Sample 1: Adolescents selected based on maternal history of depression or current depression

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Do neural markers of ER abilities differentiate clinically depressed vs. non-depressed adolescents and high vs. low risk?

- At later stages of processing, LPP amplitudes were significantly reduced for the reappraisal condition relative to the passive viewing condition for never-depressed adolescents, *F*(1, 84) = 11.43, *p* < .001, η<sub>p</sub><sup>2</sup> = .12, but not currently depressed adolescents, *F*(1, 70) = 1.83, *p* = .181, η<sub>p</sub><sup>2</sup> = .03
- Effect of reappraisal on the late LPP was relatively stronger among the low-risk adolescents, F(1, 44) = 6.60, p = .014,  $\eta_p^2 = .13$ , compared to the high-risk adolescents, F(1, 39)= 4.72, p = .036,  $\eta_p^2 = .11$

Dickey et al., under review



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- Reduced during reappraisal relative to passive viewing among never-depressed adolescents, F(1, 75) = 5.47, p = .02,  $\eta_p^2 = .07$ , but not currently depressed adolescents, F(1, 57) = 0.10, p = .75,  $\eta_p^2 < .01$
- Comparison between reappraisal and passive viewing did not reach significance for either the high-risk or low-risk groups when examined separately, *p*s > .08

## Do neural markers of emotion regulation prospectively predict responses to stress?



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Pandemic-related stressful events endorsed by adolescents in April 2020

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## Pre-pandemic neural markers of emotion regulation moderated effects of COVID-19-related stress on depressive symptom change



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Difficulties with ER (assessed by ERPs) predict greater improvement with CBT for depression (focused on cognitive restructuring skills)



Beta = -0.32, p = 0.03 (among treatment completers)

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## Conclusions





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