





per la Neuropsichiatria dell'Infanzia e dell'Adolescenza

# Contribution of molecular, imaging and IC technologies to developmental neuroscience

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# Neurodevelopmental Disorders (NDDs)

In the DSM-V the new cluster of NDDs is proposed, which includes six categories:

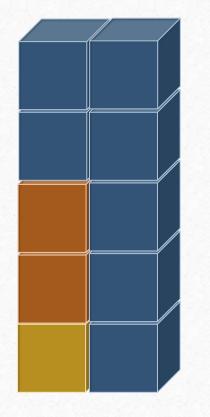
- Intellectual Developmental Disorders
- Communication Disorders
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder
- Learning Disorders
- Motor Disorders

SEVERE FORMS WITH MULTIPLE DISABILITIES

+ MODERATE FORMS

+ MILD FORMS

>1,000,000 children in Italy







# IMAGO7

#### **Research Activity**

#### Current research activity

Design, construction and testing of radio frequency coils for magnetic resonance systems at 7T

Design and development of pulse sequences for data acquisition and imaging techniques at 7T

Safety assessment of magnetic resonance systems at ultra-high field for future employment in developmental age

Clinical impact of ultra high-field MRI in neurodegenerative diseases diagnosis (Grant of the Italian Ministry of Health)

Evaluation of dysplastic and tumoral cortical dysembryoplastic lesions by targeted magnetic resonance imaging at ultra-high fields (Project funded by Fondazione Pisa)

#### Planned research topics

Development of protocols for employment of magnetic resonance at ultrahigh field in pediatric age

Imaging and spectroscopy of neuromuscular pathologies

Functional mapping of the columnar architecture in human cortex

#### How to present a research proposal to Imago7

Researchers of other Institutes that have interest in using the resources of Imago7 are invited to present their project to the Scientific Committee for preliminary feasibility assessment: segreteriaRM7T@imago7.eu





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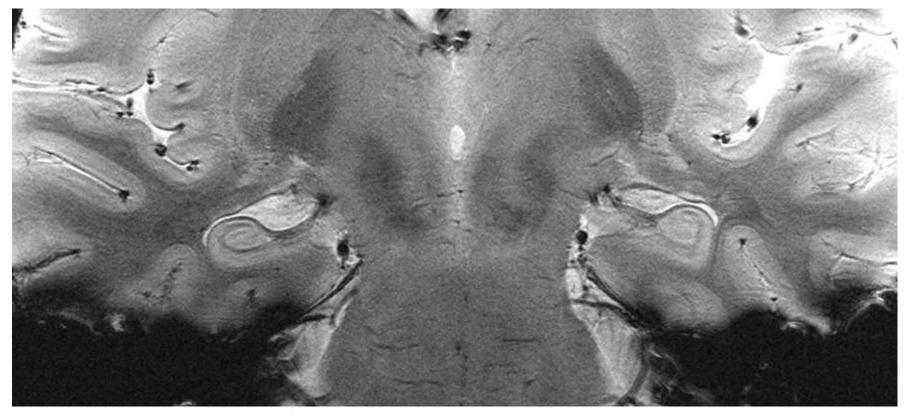
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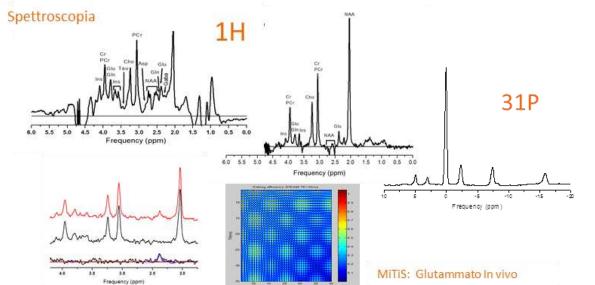
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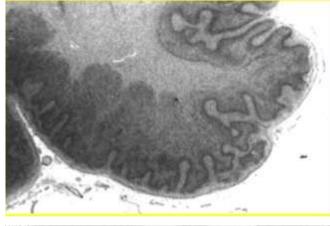


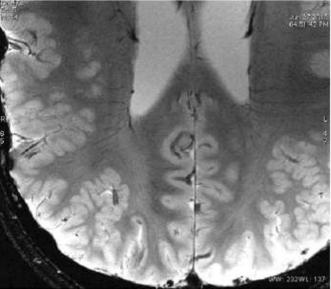


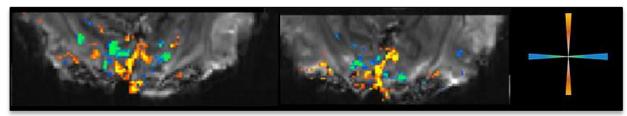




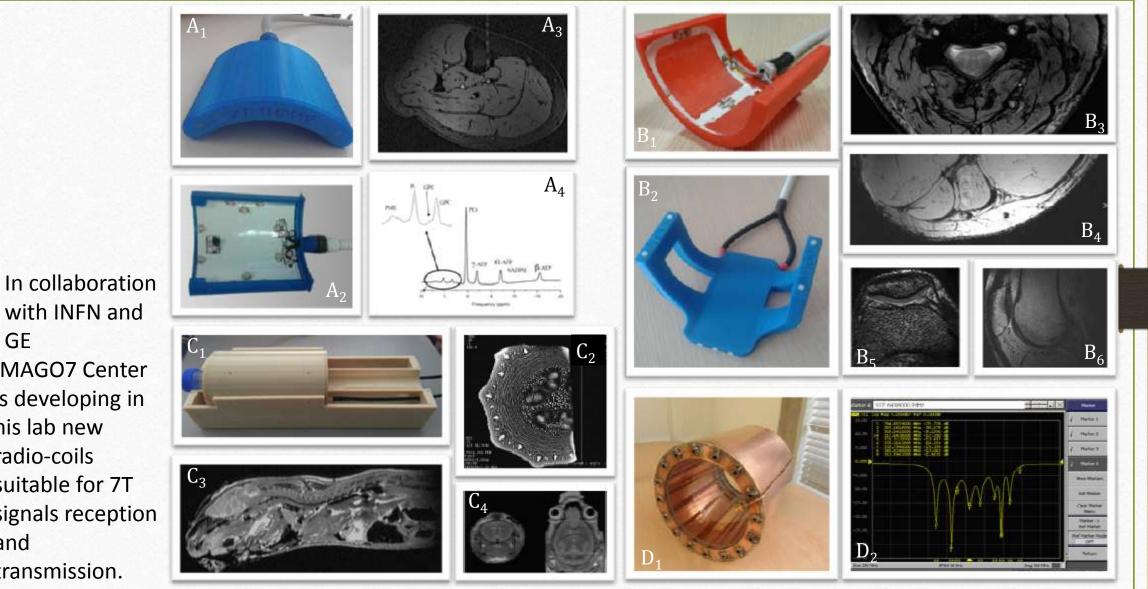








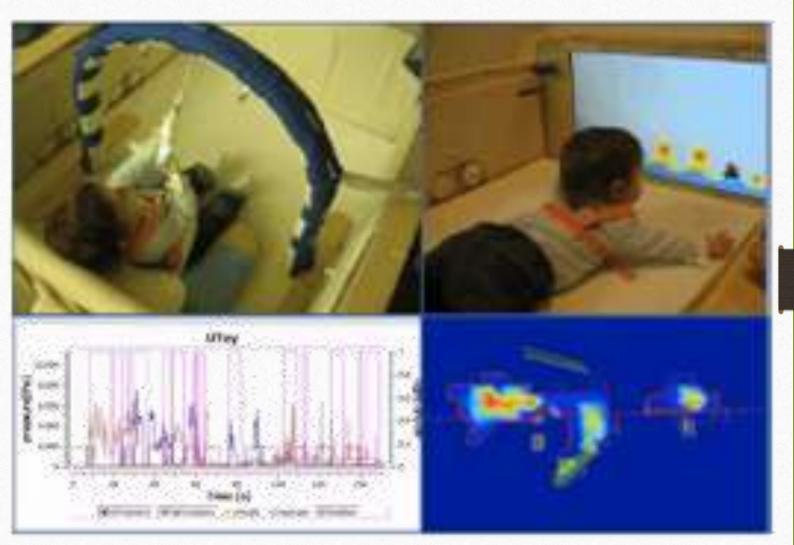
#### fMRI nella corteccia visiva



with INFN and GE IMAGO7 Center is developing in his lab new radio-coils suitable for 7T signals reception and transmission.

## INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES FOR **INTENSIVE HOME TREATMENT** IN INFANTS WITH AUTISM OR OTHER NDDS





INFORMATION COMMUNICATION **TECHNOLOGIES FOR INTENSIVE HOME TREATMENT** IN CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES



#### **Training Products**

#### Cogmed Working Memory Training is built around three age-specific software applications

Each program is proven to improve working memory and strengthen executive functions.

The training consists of a specific set of working memory tasks that are performed on a computer, at school, at home, or the user's place of choice, where the difficulty level is adjusted according to a highly sensitive and specific algorithm.

Each user is required to complete eight exercises every day, taking about 30-45 minutes for the entire session. This is done for five days a week over five weeks (there are now variations to that protocol available in beta). During training, the user's performance is tracked online and can be viewed by the user and his/her Cogmed Coach who communicates with the user throughout the five weeks to assist him/her through the program.



All the products share the same underlying design and algorithms - the differences are in the user interface. System requirements,



Cogmed JM - for Pre-

schoolers



School-age



Adults

Cogmed QM - for

## INFORMATION COMMUNICATION **TECHNOLOGIES FOR INTENSIVE HOME TREATMENT** IN CHILDREN WITH CEREBRAL VISUAL IMPAIRMENT



AvDesk V.2 è un pannello interattivo dal quale vengono emessi stimoli audiovisivi secondo ricette mediche specifiche per il paziente. Il sistema è facilmente trasportabile e utilizzabile a domicilio grazie al pannello che viene riposto all'interno dell'apposita custodia.







Grazie alla stimolazione prodotta da AvDesk V.2, si possono curare i pazienti affetti da emianopsia o da quadrantopsia. Il sistema è concepito in modo che siano programmabili differenti terapie, adatte alle diverse patologie del sistema visivo di adulti e bambini.

Il pannello interattivo è suddiviso in 12 segmenti dotati di speakers e led RGB che generano sequenze di stimoli uditivi e visivi ai quali il paziente risponde semplicemente premendo un pulsante wireless posto di fronte a lui.

Per garantire la massima efficacia della terapia il sistema acquisisce in tempo reale la posizione del capo e degli occhi del paziente con sensori MEMS e eye-tracking. I risultati giornalieri della cura sono inviati automaticamente a un portale WEB attraverso il quale il medico provvedrà a fornire una valutazione e la terapia per il giorno successivo.





AvDesk V.2