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27 **0. Abstract**

28 Essential tremor (ET) is a neurological disorder characterized by involuntary oscillations of
29 the limbs. Previous studies have hypothesized that ET was a cerebellar disorder and reported
30 impairments in motor adaptation. However, recent advances have highlighted that motor
31 adaptation involved several components linked to anticipation and control, all dependent on
32 cerebellum. We studied the contribution of both components in adaptation to better understand
33 the adaptation impairments observed in ET from a behavioural perspective. To address this
34 question, we investigated behavioural markers of adaptation in ET patients (n=20) and age-matched
35 neurologically intact volunteers (n=20) in saccadic and upper limb adaptation tasks, probing
36 compensation for target jumps and for velocity-dependent force fields, respectively. We found that
37 both groups adapted their movements to the novel contexts, however, ET patients adapted to a
38 lesser extent compared to neurologically intact volunteers. Importantly, components of the
39 movement linked to anticipation were preserved in the ET group, whereas components linked to
40 movement execution appeared responsible for the adaptation deficit in this group. Altogether, our
41 results suggest that execution deficits may be a specific functional consequence of the alteration of
42 neural pathways associated with ET.

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44 New & Noteworthy: We tested Essential Tremor patients' adaptation abilities in classical
45 tasks including saccadic adaptation to target jumps and reaching adaptation to force field
46 disturbances. Patients' adaptation was present but impaired in both tasks. Interestingly, the deficits
47 were mainly present during movement execution, while the anticipatory components of movements
48 were similar to neurologically intact volunteers. These findings reinforce the hypothesis of a
49 cerebellar origin for essential tremor and detail the motor adaptation impairments previously found
50 in this disorder.

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53 **1. Introduction**

54 Essential tremor (ET) is one of the most common movement disorders provoking involuntary
55 oscillations of patients' limbs (1). Typical clinical features of ET are kinetic and intention tremors of
56 limbs, particularly upper limbs and, to a lesser extent, head and trunk (2–4). To date, the
57 pathophysiology of this neurological disorder is not fully understood, but some previous works have
58 suggested a cerebellar origin (5). Neuroimaging studies reported abnormalities in the structure and
59 connectivity of cerebellum as well as differences in the cerebello-thalamo-cortical loop (6–9).
60 Postmortem studies also pointed towards alterations of cerebellar cells (10). Characterizing whether
61 specific cerebellar functions are preserved or impaired in this condition is therefore important to
62 better understand this disorder.

63 Crucial functions of cerebellum include movement control, state-estimation, and adaptation
64 (11–13). The central nervous system cannot exactly access the state of the limbs (position, speed,
65 etc.) due to the intrinsic delays in sensory feedback and to sensorimotor noise. As a result of this
66 uncertainty, the brain must predict the next state that will be used to plan and control fast and
67 accurate movements. The prediction is computed based on the delayed sensory feedback and an
68 efferent copy of the motor command used in conjunction with prior knowledge of body and
69 environmental dynamics. This operation of state estimation, which makes use of internal models,
70 has been associated with cerebellum (14–17).

71 The ability to adapt motor patterns to novel environments rests on our ability to update the
72 internal models used for estimation and control, thereby allowing for predictive compensation for
73 sustained disturbance. It has been reported that adaptation depends on the integrity of cerebellum.
74 The involvement of cerebellum in motor adaptation has been studied with a variety of movements,
75 with non-human species (18, 19), as well as with cerebellar patients (20–22), who have shown
76 deficits of adaptation in response to repeated perturbations. These results possibly reflect
77 inaccurate internal models and a relative inability to update them in a way that counters the
78 disturbance induced by the novel environment (11, 13).

79 Given the involvement of cerebellum in sensorimotor adaptation and its putative link with
80 tremor, we set out to describe motor adaptation impairments in ET across two different tasks.
81 Previous works reported that these patients were able to adapt to perturbations, but to a lesser
82 extent than neurologically intact volunteers in force-field, visuomotor and prism adaptation tasks,
83 as well as eyeblink conditioning (23–26). Considering that sensorimotor adaptation may involve
84 multiple components (27), we aimed to expound this adaptation deficit using two tasks probing

85 visual and upper limb motor systems. In particular, we focused on the contributions of anticipation
86 and movement execution on motor adaptation deficits. To do so, we studied adaptation in saccadic
87 eye movements evoked by peri-saccadic target jumps, and upper limb reaching adaptation to
88 velocity-dependent force fields as well as the correlation of adaptation performances in both tasks.
89 We found that motor adaptation deficits observed in both tasks were due to the time course of
90 movement execution while anticipatory compensation for the perturbation was comparable to the
91 control group.

92 Our results support the hypothesis of a cerebellar origin for essential tremor but suggest a
93 specific alteration of the pathways linked to the real-time motor execution across both visual and
94 upper limb motor systems.

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96 **2. Methods**

97 *Participants*

98 A total of 22 Essential Tremor (ET) patients and 20 neurologically intact (NI) volunteers
99 participated in this study. All participants provided written informed consent following procedures
100 approved by the Ethics Committee at the host institution (*Comité d'Éthique Hospitalo Facultaire*,
101 UCLouvain, Belgium). A neurologist performed a clinical evaluation with the Fahn-Tolosa-Marin
102 Tremor Rating Scale (FTM-TRS) (28) on all participants to evaluate the severity of the tremor. ET
103 patients did not interrupt their medication before the assessment. We kept track of current
104 medications and dosages (Supplementary Table 1). All but four ET participants took part in the two
105 experiments. For the reaching experiment, one participant could not perform the task due to the
106 amplitude of their hand tremor, another participant did not complete the task due to pre-existing
107 shoulder condition. For the saccadic adaptation experiment, two other participants were excluded
108 following technical limitations impeding calibration of the eye-tracking system. As a result, each
109 population of ET patients was composed of 20 volunteers. Force sensors were defective for one ET
110 participant, and another ET participant decided to stop the experiment a block earlier. We kept the
111 data for the analyses and took into account the missing trials and the absence of force recordings.
112 All NI volunteers participated in the two tasks, resulting in a group of 20 NI volunteers.

113 The FTM tremor rating scale was divided into three sections. Part A quantified the tremor
114 amplitude of the limbs at rest, with posture holding, and during action. Part B quantified the action
115 tremor of the upper limbs, particularly writing, drawing, and pouring liquids. Part C quantified the
116 functional disability, evaluating patients' impairments in daily life activities (eating, drinking,
117 working, etc.). We ignored this part filled by the participant due to the higher subjectivity of some

118 criteria and because our experiments assessed different tasks. Maximum scores for each section
119 were respectively, 80, 32, and 28. Since this scale is not specific to ET evaluation, a low score in some
120 items is expected like rest tremor, uncommon in ET.

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122 *Tasks*

123 The study was composed of two experiments: a saccadic adaptation task (Figure 1&2) and a
124 reaching adaptation task to a force field (Figure 3&4). During the saccadic adaptation task inspired
125 from Xu-Wilson et al. (22), participants sat in a dark room on a height-adjustable chair in front of a
126 screen. Head movements were restricted using a chin rest bar and forehead support. Eye
127 movements were recorded using an EYELINK 1000 Tower-mounted eye tracker (SR Research, Ottawa,
128 Canada) at a sampling rate of 1kHz, and stored for offline analyses. Participants gazed at the green
129 targets (0.8 visual degrees wide) displayed on the screen. After a series of baseline trials containing
130 a fixation target and a goal target, a jump of the goal target was introduced as a perturbation for the
131 adaptation trials (Figure 1a&b). We divided the experiment into 7 blocks: oblique (30 trials),
132 horizontal (30 trials), and five adaptation blocks (60 trials each). Coordinates are expressed in
133 degrees of visual angle both for the horizontal and vertical component, with the center (0°,0°) being
134 straight ahead of the participants.

135 During the oblique trials, a fixation target (F: (-10°,0°)) was projected on the left side of the
136 screen. After a random wait time between 2 sec and 3 sec distributed uniformly, a new target was
137 projected 20° away from the fixation target in the horizontal direction and 5° above the meridian
138 vertically (T1: (10°,5°)). For the horizontal trials, the same fixation target (F) was used, and the final
139 target was 20° away in the horizontal direction but aligned vertically (T1: (10°,0°)). We refer to the
140 initial measurements of oblique and horizontal trials as *baseline* trials. The adaptation trials started
141 with the same initial fixation target (F). A second target displayed 20° to the right appeared (T1:
142 (10°,0°)), and participants were instructed to direct their gaze to the new target. As soon as the
143 saccade was detected, the target jumped 5° away in the vertical direction (T2: (10°,5°)). The target
144 T2 served as a fixation target for the next trial, the jump continued to be counterclockwise (F =
145 (10°,5°); T1: (-10,5°); T2: (-10,0°)). See Figure 1a&b for a sketch of the different targets coordinates.
146 The saccades were detected based on a horizontal velocity threshold of 150°/s computed online
147 using backward 2nd order finite differences. Because of the perturbation, the saccade towards T1
148 was followed by a corrective saccade towards T2. An inter trial time of 2.3sec was used in all cases.
149 Participants took a short break between each block (15sec to 1min).

150 For the reaching adaptation task, participants sat on a height-adjustable chair in front of an
151 End Point KINARM device (KINARM, Kingston, Ontario). They grabbed the handle of the robotic arm
152 and performed reaching movements toward the target projected on the screen (Figure 3a). All
153 participants performed the experiment with their right arm, independently of their laterality based
154 on recent observation that adaptation on each side for the same task is very similar (29). The device
155 recorded the participants' hand cursor position and forces applied to the handle. An occluder
156 blocked the direct vision of the hand, but a hand-aligned cursor was always represented (white dot,
157 radius 0.6 cm). The radius of the targets was 1.2 cm. A criterion on movement time was applied to
158 encourage consistent velocities, but all movements crossing the target at least once and finishing
159 within less than 3 cm from its center were kept for analyses. Good movement time ([600 ms – 1500
160 ms]) was indicated by a green target at the end of the trial. If the participant was too slow, the target
161 remained red and full. For movements too quick, the target switched to red and hollow. The
162 experiment was composed of two trial types: null-field trials, and force field trials. During the null-
163 field block (40 trials), participants were instructed to reach and stop at the displayed target. Two
164 goal targets were used to avoid potential bias linked to the repetition of one target and to make the
165 task less repetitive. The two goal targets and the start target formed an equilateral triangle. Targets
166 centers were 10 cm apart. The start target, closest to the participant, was aligned with their elbow.
167 For each trial, one of the two possible goal target was randomly selected and displayed on the
168 screen. Each set was composed of the same number of trials towards each target. The adaptation
169 blocks (4 blocks) featured trials with similar instructions but performed in the presence of a
170 clockwise velocity-dependent curl field applied throughout the whole movement. The force field
171 was defined as followed: $f_x = 15 \dot{y}$ and $f_y = -15 \dot{x}$ (N). Each block was composed of 66 trials: 30
172 trials towards each target with the force field, and 3 catch trials per target during which the force
173 field was unpredictably turned off. The trials were presented in random order. The inter-trial time
174 was 1sec. Participants were encouraged to take short breaks between the blocks to reduce fatigue
175 (15 sec to 1 min).

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177 *Data Analysis*

178 Raw measurements of eye position were filtered with a dual-pass 4th order low pass
179 Butterworth filter with a cut-off frequency of 50 Hz. Eye velocity was computed based on position
180 signals using 4th order finite differences. The beginning and end of each saccade were defined using
181 a threshold on the horizontal eye velocity of 16°/s for at least 10 ms. Additional criteria for saccade
182 inclusion were: (1) its duration, within 50 to 200 ms, (2) its peak velocity, above 100°/s, and (3) a

183 minimum amplitude of 10° , corresponding to one-half of the instructed horizontal displacement.
184 These inclusion/exclusion criteria were adapted from (22). On average, NI volunteers had 11.7%
185 of their trials excluded (min: 3.9%, max: 38.9%), ET patients 14.7% excluded (min: 3.9%, max: 31.4%).
186 Non-detected saccades were mainly due to blinks and fatigue leading to poor detection of the pupil
187 by the eye-tracking system. The mean velocity was computed on a 40ms window, centered around
188 the trial's peak velocity. The curvature of saccades was approximated using the same method as
189 Chen-Harris and colleagues (30). Each saccade was divided into 4 equal segments along the
190 horizontal direction, the slope of the line extending the end of each segment was computed and was
191 referred to as S1-S4 (see Figure 2c-g). The timing of each segment was in average 21.7ms, 11.8ms,
192 13.2ms and 28.5ms. After observing no qualitative differences between the left and right saccades,
193 adaptation trials in both directions were combined for analyses.

194 For the reaching adaptation task, the data was filtered using a dual-pass 6th order low pass
195 Butterworth filter with a cut-off frequency of 25 Hz. Movement onset and end were defined using a
196 speed threshold of 3cm/s. Movements were included in the dataset if their duration was above
197 300ms, crossed at least once the target, and ended less than 3cm from the target center. Based on
198 this criterion, we excluded in average 1.1% of the trials for NI participants (min: 0.3%, max: 2.3%)
199 and 4.9% of the trials for ET patients (min: 0%, max: 21.1%). Adaptation was quantified using
200 Pearson's correlation between the force orthogonal to straight path measured at the interface
201 between the hand and the robot handle (measured force), and the force field commanded by the
202 robot and extracted offline based on velocity signals of each trial (commanded force). Intuitively, if
203 the measured force and the commanded force are equal and opposite, one expects high values of
204 correlation between these signals. In contrast, a lack of knowledge of the force field producing only
205 approximate or poorly tuned compensation for the perturbation should yield lower correlation
206 values. It was also verified empirically that this metric was indeed sensitive to adaptation in the same
207 setup and task (31). Initial angles, between the hand path and the straight line connecting the two
208 targets, were computed at 200ms after movement initiation, with a counter-clockwise angle being
209 defined as positive. We verified that there was no qualitative difference between the two targets,
210 thus movements were remapped and combined for all analyses. We used a constant bin width of 8
211 trials for illustration purposes to show the effect of the perturbations.

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213 *Statistical Analysis*

214 In both experiments, Student's t-tests were used to compare performances between groups
215 during baseline condition (endpoint and maximum velocity of the saccade, movement duration, and

216 path length of the reaching movement) and for the initial angles from catch trials in the reaching
 217 adaptation task. T-tests were also used to compare average group age. Adaptation was evaluated
 218 using two techniques: exponential fits and Linear Mixed Effects (LME) models. A standard
 219 exponential model of adaptation was fitted on group average and 95% confidence intervals of each
 220 parameter were compared between ET and NI. The parameter a corresponds to the final offset to
 221 which the exponential curve converges, b is the amplitude of adaptation which therefore impacts
 222 the starting point of the curve, and c to the learning rate. The variable i was the trial number. The
 223 exponential fit was as follows:

$$224 \quad y = a + b * e^{-c*i} . \quad (1)$$

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 226 Because the exponential fits were not significant in all cases, we also used linear mixed
 227 models to assess the evolution of the dependent variables across trials and group while taking inter-
 228 individual variance as a random factor. More precisely, LME models were fitted with factors *Trial*
 229 *Number (i)* and *Group* (2 level factor) as fixed predictors, and a random intercept to capture
 230 idiosyncrasy. LME and exponential fits were used for vertical end-point, vertical velocity, and
 231 saccades slopes in the first experiment, and maximum perturbation forces, normalized deviation,
 232 initial angle, and forces correlations in the second experiment. For each dependent variable the
 233 formulae of LME was:

$$234 \quad Y_{ij} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 * i + \beta_2 * Group + \beta_3 * Group * i + b_j + \epsilon_{i,j} , \quad (2)$$

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 236 where Y_{ij} represents the dependent variable of trial number i from participant j , β_i are the
 237 coefficient of the fixed predictors including trial number, group (control or ET), and interaction
 238 between them, and b_j is the random intercept for participant j , and $\epsilon_{i,j}$ is the residual.

240 To measure the variability of the movements, we investigated several bins across the movement and
 241 kept the bin with the highest variability which corresponded to 20ms around the midpoint between
 242 peak velocity and target crossing for the reaching adaptation and 20ms around the midpoint
 243 between peak velocity and movement end for the saccadic adaptation. Variability of each person
 244 was computed using their movement in each block. We compared variability of participants using
 245 Wilcoxon rank-sum tests. For the unpaired comparisons between groups, due to the limited number
 246 of participants and the inherent variability of our populations we defined the significance threshold
 247 at 0.05. This includes Spearman's and Pearson's correlations, Wilcoxon rank-sum tests and Student's
 248 t-test. Concerning the LME, where all trials are considered we expect increased statistical power and

249 therefore assessed the significance of each effect using an F-test and a significance threshold of
250 0.005 (32, 33).

251 Finally, a linear support vector machine classifier was trained on the final performances of
252 each participant in a 2-dimensional space that contained the learning indices that exhibited strong
253 differences across trials and groups. The purpose of the classification technique was to quantify the
254 overlap between the two groups in this two-dimensional space, however the accuracy of the model
255 was still assessed based on leave-one-out cross-validation. In addition to quantifying the overlap
256 between the distributions, the support vector machine was also used to illustrate that the boundary
257 between the two groups separated the plane into overall better or worse performances in the two
258 groups. All analyses were performed offline with Matlab 2020b. The data will be available in Zenodo
259 following the publication of the article.

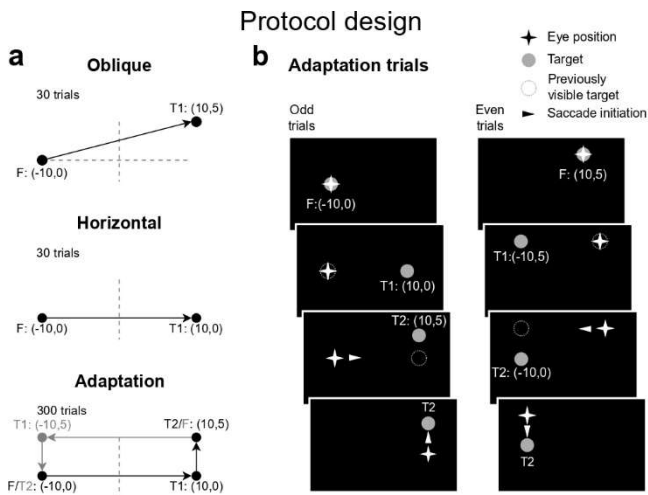
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261 **3. Results**

262 *Experiment 1: Saccadic Adaptation*

263 We instructed participants to perform visually guided saccades to a target projected on a
264 screen. The time course of a trial followed standard protocols of saccadic adaptation (22, 30): after
265 an initial fixation delay, the target was projected, and participants initiated a saccade (Figure 1a&b).
266 During movement, the goal target jumped vertically, inducing a terminal error that was gradually
267 reduced as adaptation progressed. The experiment started with baseline trials, during which the
268 target did not jump (see Methods). A total of 40 volunteers took part to this experiment, 20 Essential
269 Tremor (ET) patients (14 F, 6 M) and 20 neurologically intact (NI) volunteers (14 F, 6 M). There was
270 no significant difference in age between ET patients ($M = 58.6$, $SD = 15.4$) and NI volunteers ($M=56.8$,
271 $SD = 12.4$); (t-test; $t_{38}=-0.4013$, $p= 0.69$). We assessed tremor severity in all participants using the
272 Fahn-Tolosa-Marin Tremor Rating Scale (FTM-TRS). ET patients obtained an average score of 8.8 ± 5
273 (mean \pm SD) points in part A assessing tremor amplitude and 14.6 ± 7.6 points for part B which
274 assesses drawings and pouring (part B). The average score of NI participants was 1 ± 1.3 (part A)
275 and 1.5 ± 1.7 (part B).

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Participants' behavior

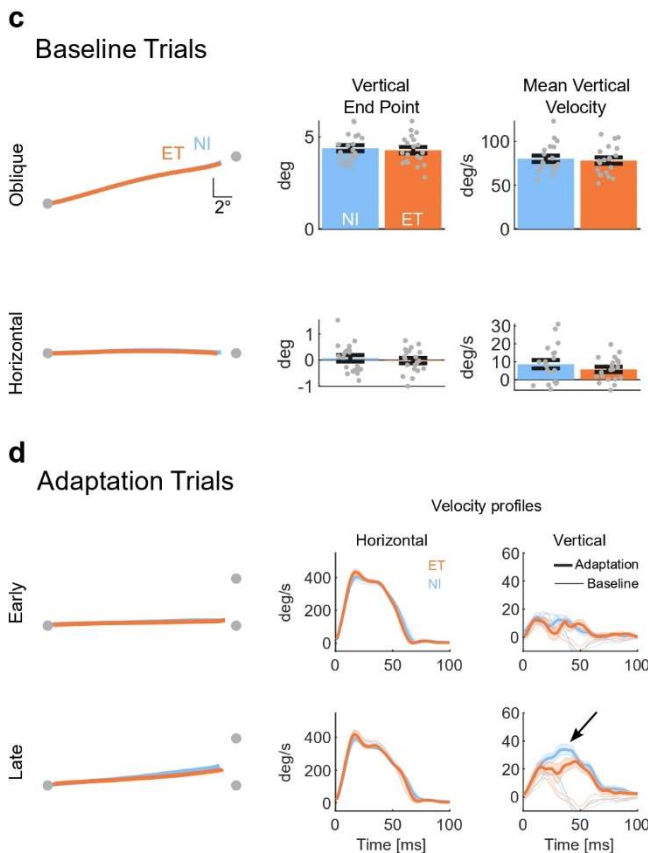


Figure 1 Schematic representation of the saccadic adaptation protocol design (a,b) & behavior in saccadic adaptation task (c,d). **a** Time course of a trial in the saccadic -adaptation task. **A**: Participants (n=40) were asked to perform saccades to gaze at a target visible on the screen. The experiment was divided into 3 trial types: oblique saccades, horizontal saccades, and adaptation saccades. Each trial began with a fixation target (F), followed by the appearance of the goal target (T1) after a random delay. Locations are indicated in visual degrees. During adaptation trials, the goal target was shifted by 5 degrees (T2). These trials occurred in two directions, to the right (black) and the left (grey). Target jump was counterclockwise. The dashed lines depict the axes centered straight ahead. **B** Target sequence from an adaptation trial. Arrows indicate when a saccade was initiated. Target jump (T1 to T2) occurs when the saccade is initiated. At the end of the trial, T2 served as fixation for the next trial (grey in 1A). **c** (Left) Group average of participants' eye trajectories averaged over the oblique and horizontal blocks. Grey dots represent the targets. (Right) Vertical end point and mean vertical velocity of saccades, across all trials, and averaged for the two groups. Error bars represent the SEM. Grey dots represent individual datapoints. **D** (Left) Saccades averaged over the first and last 10 trials to highlight differences between early and late adaptation phases. (Right) Average velocity traces are plotted for the horizontal and vertical components. Thin traces correspond to the horizontal baseline trials. Shaded areas represent the SEM.

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The average eye trajectories of the baseline phase of the experiment are depicted in Figure 1c, left panel. No significant differences of vertical (t-tests; oblique: $t_{38}=0.47$, $p=0.64$; horizontal: $t_{38}=0.55$, $p=0.58$) and horizontal (t-tests; oblique: $t_{38}=0.23$, $p=0.82$; horizontal: $t_{38}=0.79$, $p=0.43$) end-point were observed between the two participants groups during these baseline trials. Likewise, average vertical (t-tests; oblique: $t_{38}=0.39$, $p=0.7$; horizontal: $t_{38}=1.04$, $p=0.31$) and horizontal (t-tests; oblique: $t_{38}=-0.19$, $p=0.85$; horizontal: $t_{38}=-0.28$, $p=0.78$) velocities were similar across the two groups. Mean velocity was computed on a 40ms window centered on the trial's peak velocity. No

324 statistical differences were observed regarding the fixation prior to the saccade, which was assessed
325 by comparing averaged position and velocity across a 100ms window prior saccade initiation.

326 During the adaptation phase of the experiment, the target jumped vertically (5 visual degrees
327 up/down) depending on the saccade direction (right/left respectively). The perturbation resulted in
328 an endpoint error corrected by a second saccade. Both groups adapted their saccades to the target
329 jump by increasing the vertical endpoint coordinate of the first saccade, but the extent of adaptation
330 was significantly smaller for ET patients. The average eye trajectories at the beginning and the end
331 of adaptation trials are plotted for each participant in Figure 1d. First, the vertical end-point of
332 saccade increased with trial repetitions to reach an average of 2.06° (visual degrees) for NI
333 participants, and only 1.83° for ET patients as can be seen in Figure 2a. Exponential fits were
334 generally non-significant for the saccadic adaptation task (except for the 3rd slope), we therefore
335 only present LME analyses for this task. A linear mixed-effect (LME) model revealed a significant
336 main effect of the trial ($F_{(10,356)} = 24.20, p < 10^{-4}$), no effect of the group (NI or ET) on the vertical end
337 point was observed ($F_{(38)} = -0.44, p = 0.66$) but there was a clear interaction effect between these two
338 factors with a negative coefficient ($F_{(10,356)} = -5.22, p < 10^{-4}$). This model shows that even if both groups
339 started at the same level (no main effect, thus no offset on average) ET patients adapted at a lower
340 rate to the perturbation than neurologically intact volunteers (interaction effect). The mean vertical
341 velocity increased with trials for both groups, but with a smaller increase for the ET group (Figure
342 2b, LME; Trial : $F_{(10,356)} = 0.07, P < 10^{-4}$; Group: $F_{(38)} = -2.16, P = 0.51$; Group-by-Trial : $F_{(10,356)} = -6.14,$
343 $P < 10^{-4}$). Participants performed a corrective saccade, in order to reach the final target T2. The
344 amplitude of this saccade decreased with trial repetition, in accordance with the increase in the
345 vertical endpoint coordinate of the first saccade. Similar to the first saccade, there was no group
346 effect for the amplitude of the corrective saccade, but there was a significant interaction between
347 the group and trial number, reflecting that ET patients adapted less to the perturbation (LME: Trial:
348 $F_{(9497)} = -17.4, P < 10^{-4}$; Group: $F_{(38)} = 0.29, P = 0.78$; Group: Trial: $F_{(9255)} = 3.89, P < 10^{-3}$).

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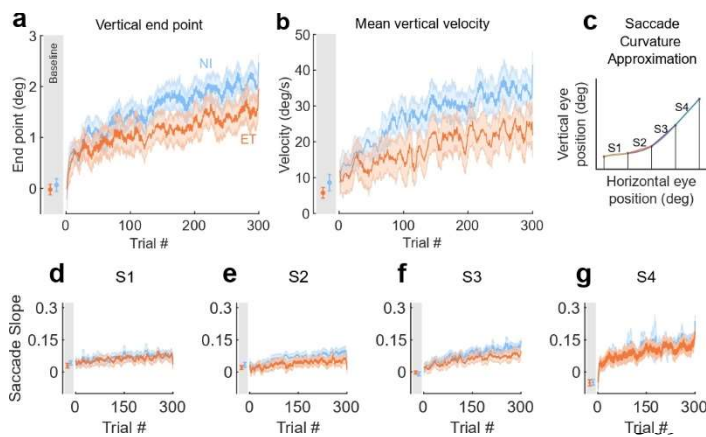


Figure 2 – Participants' behaviour during the saccadic adaptation task

ET patients showed reduced saccadic adaptation **a**, **b**, Evolution of the vertical end point (a) and peak vertical velocity (b) averaged over each group. Shading indicates SEM. **c**, The curvature was approximated by dividing saccade into 4 segments along the horizontal axis and by computing the slope of each segment (labeled S1 – S4). **d-g**, Evolution of the segment slopes with adaptation. **a,b,d-g**, grey area: Behavior in the horizontal baseline trials, error bars depicts the SEM.

370 Previous studies on saccadic adaptation (22, 30) reported a specific pattern in the evolution
 371 of saccades curvature, differentiating adapted saccades from oblique saccades with the same
 372 amplitude. Using the same technique, we approximated the saccade curvature by dividing the
 373 saccade into four equal segments along the horizontal axis and analyzed the evolution of the slope
 374 of each segment (S1-S4) (Figure 2c-g, see Methods). The differences between the slopes of
 375 segments is a proxy of the curvature since highly curved movements should display large variations
 376 in consecutive slopes. We observed an altered adaptation pattern in ET patients. The LME model
 377 revealed a significant effect of the trial and of the interaction between group and trial for all
 378 segments but the first one (LME; S1: Trial: $F_{(10,356)} = 8.41, p < 10^{-4}$; Group: $F_{(38)} = -0.25, p = 0.8$; Group-
 379 by-Trial: $F_{(10,356)} = -1.25, p = 0.21$; For S2-S4 Trial: $F_{(10,356)} > 15.01, p < 10^{-4}$; Group: $F_{(38)} > 0.09, p > 0.24$;
 380 Group-by-Trial: $F_{(10,356)} < -2.88, p < 0.004$). Differences between NI and ET participants were maximal
 381 during S2 and S3. Interestingly, the fact that the first segment of the saccade was similar across
 382 groups suggested the preservation of the initial component of saccadic adaptation -which could be
 383 seen as a proxy of anticipatory compensation-, whereas differences in S2 and S3 indicated
 384 impairment in the time course of saccadic execution supported by internal feedback. We studied
 385 whether any relationship existed between anticipation and real-time execution performances. For
 386 the patient group, we computed the correlation between the slope of the first segment and the
 387 end point, the correlation coefficient was 0.5 with a p-value of 0.03 (Spearman correlation). This
 388 relationship was expected as reported in Chen-Harris study where S1 was responsible of 75% of
 389 the total adaptation (30).

390 Finally, we compared the variability of participants' behaviour during the baseline blocks, and
 391 during the last trial of adaptation to observe participants' consistency during the task. We only
 392 report the results for the horizontal position, but similar results were observed for the other metrics
 393 (including vertical position as well as velocities in each direction). The variability was the most
 394 important towards the end of the movement, midway between peak horizontal velocity and the end

395 of the movement. For the horizontal, oblique and last block of adaptation, patients were respectively
396 28.8 %, 27.6% and 18.3% significantly more variable than controls (Wilcoxon rank-sum test: $T > 489$,
397 $z > 2.12$, $p < 0.03$). This variability was not correlated with the FTM-TRS score nor the task
398 performance.

399 *Experiment 2: Adaptation of reaching movements to a force field*

400 For this experiment, we tested 20 ET patients (15 F, 5 M) and 20 NI participants (14 F, 6 M).
401 The NI group was identical to the saccadic adaptation experiment, whereas the ET group involved
402 18 participants that were also tested in the saccadic adaptation task and 2 new participants. As for
403 the saccadic adaptation task, we verified that there was no significant difference in age between the
404 two groups (ET patients : M: 57.7, SD: 16.1, t-test: $t_{38} = -0.19$, $p = 0.85$). ET patients obtained an FTM-
405 TRS score of 9 ± 4.8 for part A (tremor amplitude) and 13.7 ± 6.5 for part B (drawings/pouring).

406 Participants first performed 40 movements moving the robotic handle of an instrumented
407 device (KINARM, Kingston, ON) in a null field. These movements were used as control trials to
408 measure differences between the two groups when no perturbation occurred (Figure 3a-d). We
409 decomposed the trials into a reaching and a stabilization phase that were defined based on the time
410 at which participant's hand crossed the target for the first time. The last movement of each
411 participant in this field is depicted in grey in Figure 3f. The reaching phase was exempt of oscillations:
412 movement duration and path length were similar for both groups (Figure 3e, t-test; Movement
413 duration: $t_{38} = -0.16$, $p = 0.87$; Path length: $t_{38} = -0.66$, $p = 0.51$). The stabilization phase was, however,
414 directly impacted by the tremor with longer movement duration and path length (Figure 3e, t-test;
415 Movement duration: $t_{38} = -2.95$, $p = 0.005$; Path length: $t_{38} = -3.3$, $p = 0.002$). Initial assumptions were
416 not made regarding differences between reaching and stabilization. Nevertheless for the
417 subsequent analyses, we focused on the reaching phase of the movement – similar across groups in
418 the absence of perturbation – as adaptation indices taken from this window would likely not be
419 directly affected by the tremor.

Protocol design

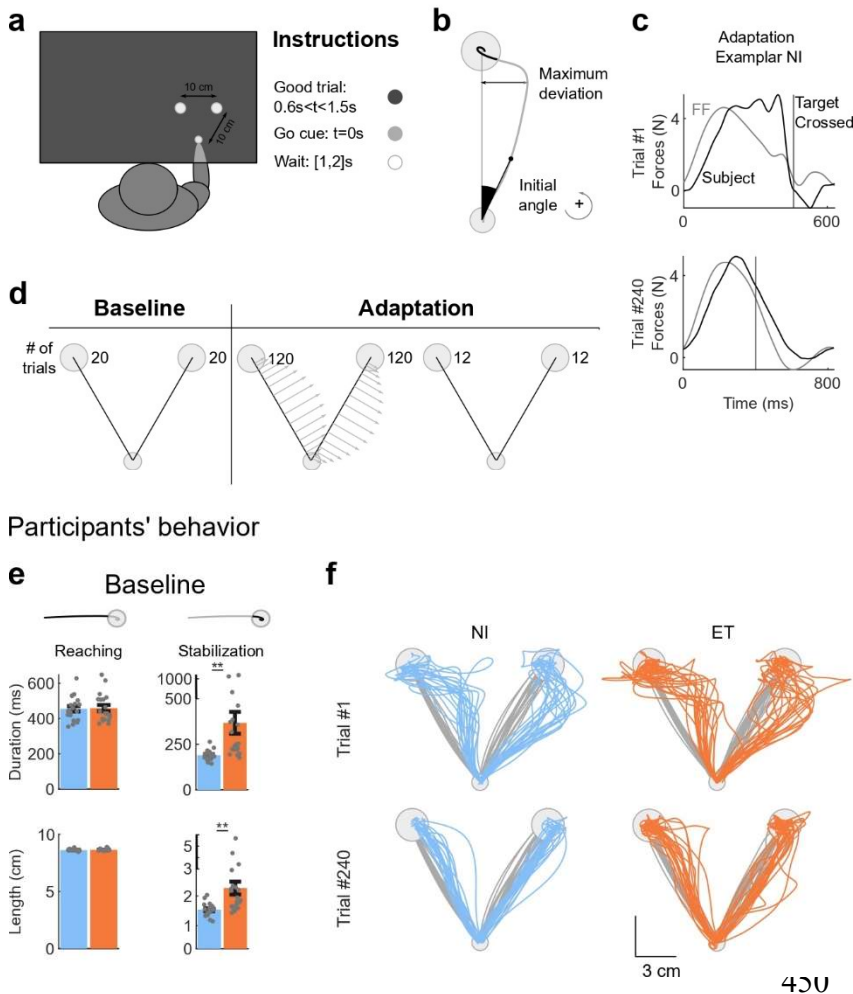


Figure 3 Schematic representation of the upper limb adaptation protocol design (a-d) & Participants behavior during the reaching adaptation task (e,f). **a**, Participants (n=40) were asked to perform reaching movement to one of two goal targets displayed on the screen 10 cm away from the start target with hand-aligned cursor. Direct view of the limb was blocked. The timing of the movement was constrained, the go cue was given by the filling of the goal target. Visual feedback about movement timing was provided (see Methods). **B**, Parameters extracted from individual traces: the initial angle was defined as the angle between the straight line connecting the two targets and the hand position at 200ms. Counter-clockwise angle is defined as positive. Maximum deviation was computed between hand path and the straight line connecting the targets. **C**, Lateral Forces applied by participant on the handle (solid traces) and applied by the robot (grey traces) for an exemplar participant from the control group. Top and bottom panels illustrate the difference between early and late

451 phases of the adaptation blocks. It can be observed that the applied force was closer to the perturbation force at the
 452 end of the adaptation phase. **D**, Time course of the protocol: 20 baseline trials towards each target (no force field).
 453 Adaptation trials were composed of 120 trials in each direction perturbed by a velocity dependent clockwise curl force
 454 field. Randomly interleaved catch trials (no force field) were included during the adaptation blocks. Target presentation
 455 order was randomized for each block. **E**, Movements were divided into reaching and stabilization. The end of reaching
 456 corresponded to the time at which the cursor crossed the target boundary. Significant differences between the two
 457 groups in movement duration and hand path lengths were observed only during the stabilization part. Error bars
 458 represent SEM. Note the modified scale for the stabilization measures. **F**, Participants' hand paths during the first (top)
 459 and last (bottom) force field trial. The differences between the trials illustrate adaptation. Grey traces correspond to the
 460 last baseline trial of each participant.

462 When participants were exposed to the force field for the first time, they all
 463 experienced large lateral hand deviations (Figure 3f). After a few trials, they quickly adapted their
 464 movements to the perturbation, and a reduction of the deviation relative to a straight line was
 465 observed: the path length decreased and the forces applied by the participant paralleled the one
 466 applied by the robot, a good compensation being the opposite of the perturbation (Figure 3c).

467 Similar to the saccadic adaptation task, both groups showed an adaptation of their
 468 movements to the force field, however, this adaptation was reduced for ET patients. The ET patients
 469 were slower in the task (Figure 4a&b; Movement duration – LME: Trial: $F_{(9255)} = -2.73$, $P < 10^{-2}$; Group:
 470 $F_{(38)} = 2.19$, $P = 0.03$; Group: Trial: $F_{(9255)} = -3.6$, $P < 10^{-3}$). This resulted in a significantly smaller

471 perturbation (Figure 4c; LME: Trial: $F_{(9255)} = -13.11$, $P < 10^{-4}$; Group: $F_{(38)} = -1.65$, $P = 0.11$; Group:Trial:
 472 $F_{(9255)} = 6.62$, $P < 10^{-4}$). To account for this difference, the maximum deviation measured during each
 473 trial (Figure 4d) was normalized by the maximum perturbation force during the trial. The normalized
 474 deviation (Figure 4e) was significantly higher in the ET group as revealed by the exponential fits,
 475 where all fitted parameters revealed reduced adaptation in the ET population (Figure 4e, asymptote
 476 (a) ET: $a = 0.33$ (95% CI: 0.32-0.34), $P < 10^{-4}$, NI: $a = 0.23$ (0.22-0.24), $P < 10^{-4}$, amplitude (b) ET: $b = 0.30$
 477 (0.24-0.37), $P < 10^{-4}$, NI: $b = 0.21$ (0.19-0.23), $P < 10^{-4}$ and learning rate ET: $c = 0.10$ (0.07-0.14), $P < 10^{-4}$,
 478 NI: $c = 0.02$ (0.015-0.025), $P < 10^{-4}$). LME confirmed these results with a significant interaction between
 479 the group and the trial number (Figure 4e; LME: Trial: $F_{(9255)} = -19.78$, $P < 10^{-4}$; Group: $F_{(38)} = 0.91$, $P =$
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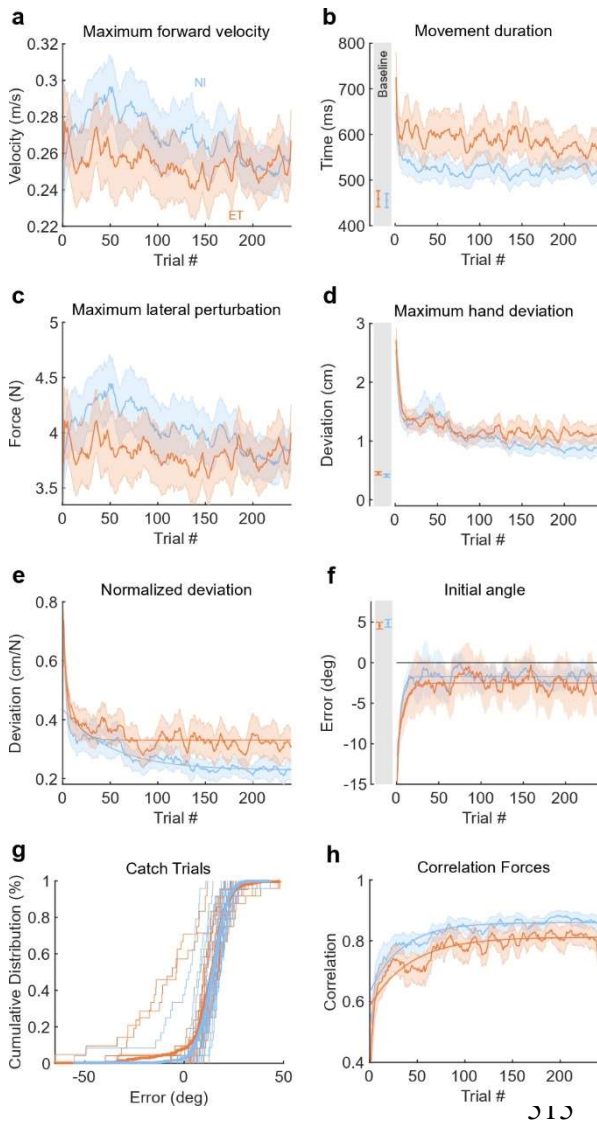


Figure 4 – Participants' adaptation during the reaching task **a**, Maximum forward velocity during the adaptation trials, used to compute the lateral perturbation. **b**, Movement duration during the reaching phase **c**, Maximum lateral perturbation received by the participants during the adaptation trials. Averaged over each group. **d**, Maximum hand deviation observed during force field trials. **e**, Maximum lateral deviation, normalized by the averaged force received during reaching. **f**, Initial angle between the hand and the line connecting the start-target centers at 200ms after movement initiation. **g**, Cumulative distribution of the initial angle during the catch trials for the ET and NI participants. **h**, Trial by trial correlation between the force field applied by the robot and the forces applied by the participant. Averaged over participants of each group. **a-f, h**, Shaded areas represent the SEM, grey area: average behavior in the baseline trials, error bars depicts the SEM. **e, f, h**: Significant exponential fits.

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519 The initial reach angle is defined as the angle between the position of the hand at 200ms and
520 the straight line connecting the home and the goal target (Figure 3b). It is a proxy of participants'
521 anticipation of the perturbation as the earliest modulation of motor commands within movement
522 was previously reported at ~250ms after movement onset (27, 31). It suggests that movement
523 parameters prior to this time must be linked to anticipation. It is expected that the force field
524 produces negative values of initial angles early in the adaptation phase, with gradual changes
525 towards 0 as adaptation progresses. Exponential fits reported similar learning rates and amplitude
526 for both groups but a significant difference in the asymptote (ET: $a=-2.5$ (95% CI: -2.8,-2.3), $P<10^{-4}$,
527 NI: $a=-1.7$ (-1.9,-1.5), $P<10^{-4}$). Mixed models analyses reported a small difference in learning rate for
528 the initial angles (Figure 4f), suggesting that both groups had slight differences in initial angles (LME:
529 Trial: $F_{(9255)}=5.35$, $P<10^{-4}$; Group: $F_{(38)}=0.03$, $P=0.98$; Group: Trial: $F_{(9255)}=-3.40$, $P<10^{-3}$). However, no
530 difference in initial angles was observed during the catch trials (Figure 4g; t-test; $t_{38}=0.83$, $p=0.41$).
531 Similarly, the distributions were not significantly different (Kolmogorov-Smirnov test: $D(38)=0.2$,
532 $p=0.77$). Overall, these results reflected no significant differences between the two groups in
533 anticipating the perturbation.

534 In contrast, the compensation for the force field during movement was more strongly
535 impacted. We computed the correlation between the perturbation force and the force measured at
536 the handle, a high correlation highlighting a good compensation for the force field (31). We found
537 an increase across trials for both groups, while remaining significantly smaller for ET patients than
538 for NI participants (Figure 4h). Exponential fits reported a difference of asymptote (ET: $a=0.81$ (0.8-
539 0.82), NI: $a=0.86$ (0.85-0.87)) and no significant differences in amplitude or learning rate. This result
540 was also confirmed by LME models (Trial: $F_{(9020)}=20.41$, $P<10^{-4}$; Group: $F_{(37)}=-2.41$, $P=0.021$;
541 Group: Trial: $F_{(9020)}=0.74$, $P=0.46$). Interestingly, the reaching adaptation experiment revealed
542 impairments qualitatively similar to the saccadic adaptation task: first, ET patients were able to
543 adapt, but they exhibited reduced adaptation in comparison with the control group. In both
544 experiments, it appeared that the aspects linked to anticipation were preserved (S1 for the saccadic
545 adaptation, the catch trials initial angles for the reaching task), whereas the metric closely linked to
546 online execution exhibited a reduced compensation for the perturbation (S2 and S3 for the first task,
547 and the correlations computed on continuous force traces for the reaching task). We did not find
548 any significant correlation between the initial angle and the correlations (Spearman's correlation for
549 the patient group; 0.38, $p=0.12$), suggesting an absence of interaction between both adaptation
550 mechanisms.

551 We also compared participants' variability during the baseline block and the last block of
552 adaptation. Variability peaked close to the end of the movement, midway between peak forward
553 velocity and target crossing. During the baseline and the last block of adaptation, for the lateral
554 velocity, ET patients were in average 51.4% and 49.6% significantly more variable than NI
555 participants (Wilcoxon rank-sum test: $T > 519$, $z > 2.93$, $p < 0.003$). This variability was not correlated
556 with the FTM-TRS score nor the task performance. Similar results were observed for the lateral and
557 forward position and velocity with a difference for the Spearman's correlations in the forward
558 position where the variability positively correlated with the tremor score (Spearman correlation;
559 baseline: 0.54, $p = 0.01$, last block of adaptation: 0.45, $p = 0.046$) and negatively with task
560 performances during the baseline block (Spearman correlation; baseline: -0.75 , $p < 10^{-3}$, last block of
561 adaptation: -0.46 , $p = 0.057$). We also observed trends in two other conditions for both comparisons
562 ($p < 0.10$).

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564 *Correlations between task performances and FTM-TRS scores*

565 We investigated the correlation of tremor severity with the impairment for each task. Despite
566 ET patients' significant impairment of saccadic adaptation, the FTM-TRS score (part A+B) was not
567 correlated with the vertical end-point at the end of the adaptation (Figure 5a; Pearson's correlation
568 = 0.11, $p = 0.65$). Concerning the force field adaptation task, a trend between the correlation of
569 forces and the FTM-TRS score was observed (Figure 5b; Pearson's correlation = -0.47 , $p = 0.047$),
570 suggesting that most affected ET patients were also those showing the larger impairment in reaching
571 adaptation. It is clear that one participant with lowest task performance score both epitomizes and
572 drives this effect. On the one hand, there was no anomaly with their data meaning that the result
573 is likely valid. On the other hand, the correlation diminished to -0.40 with a p-value of 0.11 after
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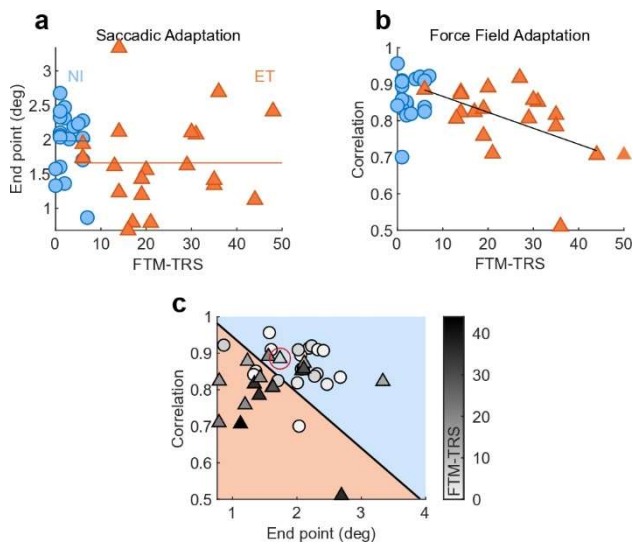


Figure 5 – Correlation between performance and tremor score

a, b, Relationship between the score obtained during late adaptation (**a**, Saccadic adaptation, **b**, Force field adaptation) and the Tremor Score measured via the FTM TRS scale (Part A+B). Each dot represents the average score obtained over the last 10% trials. **c**, Relationship between the performances in the two tasks for each participant. Color gradient represents the FTM TRS Score. The separation between the two groups was computed by training a linear support vector machine to discriminate populations based on the scores obtained in each task (accuracy: 67.6%). Red circle highlights a misclassification error for a less severely affected ET participant.

586 Finally, we sought to quantify the differences between the two-dimensional distributions of
 587 adaptation indices to measure the overlap across NI and patient’s groups. We used a linear support
 588 vector machine, trained on the vertical end-point error and the continuous correlations, to visualize
 589 which task performances regions were associated with each group and quantify the overlap
 590 between the two populations taking two-dimensional linear separation in the space of adaptation
 591 indices. The classifier separated our performance space into reduced performances in both tasks for
 592 ET patients and higher performances in both tasks for NI volunteers, as shown in Figure 5c. In this
 593 dataset, participants classified in the blue region had an average FTM-TRS score of 7.1 points;
 594 participants classified in the orange region had an average score of 18.6 points. The support vector
 595 machine leave-one-out cross-validation accuracy was 67.6%. Classification errors mainly occurred
 596 for patients with a lower FTM-TRS score. Misclassifications happened more frequently for ET
 597 patients with lower FTM-TRS scores, closer to NI participants’ scores. An example of misclassification
 598 for a less severely affected ET patient is highlighted on Figure 5c.

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600 4. Discussion

601 Our study aimed to better understand the origin of the sensorimotor adaptation deficits
 602 previously reported in ET patients. To do so, we selected standard reaching and saccadic adaptation
 603 tasks known to be altered in patients with cerebellar deficits. As expected, ET patients experienced
 604 a deficit of adaptation in both tasks when compared with the control group. Importantly, our study
 605 revealed that the aspects linked to the anticipation of the perturbation, namely the initial saccade
 606 slope, the catch trials, and the initial reach angles, clearly evolved across trials and were intact for
 607 ET patients. In contrast the deficits seemed to be linked to markers of online control (intermediate
 608 saccade slopes and correlations in the reaching task).

609 Our results are consistent with previous adaptation studies performed with ET patients in
610 various tasks (23–26). Here we reproduced the results of Chen et al. (23), and added to this line of
611 evidence that the impairment in adaptation in ET patients may reflect a general sensorimotor deficit
612 as it also impacts adaptation of saccades despite the absence of ET symptoms in unperturbed
613 saccades (34, 35).

614 Although a linear correlation was not observed between the tremor score and the
615 performance in the saccadic adaptation task, a trend was observed indicating that higher tremor
616 score were related to lower performance in the force field adaptation task. This result might be
617 explained by the fact that the FTM-TRS scale mostly evaluates upper limb sensorimotor function and
618 tremor, whereas eye movements are not included or evaluated in this clinical scale. The overall
619 tendency was an ordering of the patient’s group in the region of the space of parameters used to
620 quantify adaptation corresponding to lower performances in both tasks.

621 A previous study reported an interaction between noise and adaptation performances (36).
622 They reported a decreased adaptation rate when execution noise (noise originating from the
623 sensorimotor pathway) was more important and increased adaptation rate when planning noise was
624 more important. A parallel can be made here between execution noise and the increased variability
625 observed in the population with ET. Interestingly, a negative trend was observed between variability
626 and task performances and a positive trend between variability and tremor score for half of the
627 metrics studied in the reaching adaptation task.

628 Our study is not without limitation but they may not have a strong impact on our
629 interpretations. First, participants did not stop their medications before the evaluation, which may
630 influence the FTM-TRS score. Our analyses of the correlations between performance and the tremor
631 score were computed based on this score, and might therefore suffer from the heterogeneity of
632 patients and treatments. Severely affected patients with efficient treatments might have a lower
633 tremor score than less severely affected patients and therefore have an impact on the correlations
634 computed. Accounting for the medication was however difficult due to the variety of treatments
635 and dosages taken by the participants. Studying sensorimotor deficits while taking medication into
636 account is likely a challenge for prospective studies. Besides the heterogeneity inherent with clinical
637 population and the diversity of treatments, our conclusions are still supported by the fact that the
638 components of motor control prior to the adaptation tasks were similar across groups. Another point
639 of attention concerns the performance of our classifier, which requires validation and should not be
640 hastily generalized. The classifier was used here to quantify the overlap between two distributions,
641 and not to perform prediction on unseen data. The performance of such an approach must be

642 validated with larger datasets before becoming a candidate test to improve the diagnosis of ET.
643 Finally, previous work has reported the existence of cognitive or explicit strategies during adaptation
644 to force fields accounting for a fraction of force produced against a force field (37). It is clear that the
645 initial movement angle could be composed of an explicit component, however it was likely similar
646 across groups and our data do not allow us to isolate it. In addition, the main deficit again was linked
647 to movement control which is difficult to relate to a cognitive bias or strategy in both tasks. We
648 believe that quantifying the contribution of explicit components in ET is an interesting topic for
649 follow-up studies.

650 In contrast with cerebellar ataxia, patients who showed dramatic impairments and almost
651 complete absence of adaptation in the tasks performed in this present study, ET patients showed
652 only reduced adaptation in both tasks (20, 22). When comparing the results of the control group
653 obtained by Xu-Wilson et al. with our control group, it must be noted that adaptation in this study
654 appears to be slightly reduced. This difference could be potentially attributed to variations in the
655 experimental setup and protocols. Our motivation to conduct the present study was to parse out
656 potential cerebellar deficits in ET patients. However, it is important to keep in mind that even if
657 cerebellum seems to be involved, it does not exclude other causes. A clear difficulty in documenting
658 these cerebellar deficits was that cerebellum has been associated with a wide range of sensorimotor
659 functions, including motor adaptation and control (18–22). A common ground between adaptation
660 and control is the use of internal models that have been also associated with cerebellum (11–13). It
661 is widely assumed that the brain uses these internal models to produce an estimation of the next
662 state based on the current state estimate and the sensory feedback. This estimation is required to
663 perform fast and accurate movements in an unpredictable environment despite sensorimotor noise
664 and delayed sensory feedback. Online monitoring of the movement and corrections inflight linked
665 to cerebellar mechanisms was shown in saccadic eye movements (38–42), as well as reaching
666 movements (17). It is therefore possible that internal models for control hosted in cerebellum would
667 be responsible for tremor and for reduced online compensation in adaptation tasks. Such internal
668 models can take several forms, including aspects linked to sensorimotor coordination, as well as
669 operations linked to timing representations (43–46). In this regard, it is known that oscillations,
670 explaining the low frequency components of ET tremor, can arise in a system that incorrectly
671 compensates for sensorimotor delays (47, 48). Thus, we suggest that tremor arises from incorrect
672 internal models in cerebellum likely associated with delay compensation, producing the well
673 documented oscillations and deficits in online control.

674 The possible dissociation between anticipation and online control is important for
675 interpreting ET disorders, and also potentially on the underlying dysfunction of the cerebello-
676 thalamo-cortical loop (7, 49). Our proposed interpretation is that the cerebello-thalamo-cortical
677 pathway conveys an estimate of the state of the system that combines an efferent copy of motor
678 commands with sensory feedback and current estimates that compensates for sensorimotor delays.
679 When the movement was initiated from a static posture, errors had not yet accumulated and
680 movement started in the correct direction, but later in the trial, the faulty delay compensation
681 accumulates errors and the closed-loop system starts producing erroneous control signals
682 potentially leading to oscillations. This view suggests a very specific cause of tremor in ET patients,
683 which is linked to errors in real-time state-estimation based on internal feedback of motor
684 commands. Orienting future research on online feedback control in ET should bring novel insights
685 to validate or invalidate the hypothesis of impaired delay compensation as candidate root cause of
686 oscillations in this population.

687 To conclude, our contribution is twofold: on the one hand we replicate the presence of
688 cerebellar-dependent adaptation deficits in ET population, adding to the line of evidence that this
689 disorder is linked to cerebellar dysfunction. On the other hand, we proposed a movement
690 decomposition suggesting a specific functional consequence of the altered cerebellar pathways,
691 which affects online control more than anticipation.

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693 **Supplemental Data:**

694 Table S1 - Demographic and clinical data of ET patients: DOI: 10.6084/m9.figshare.24072213

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