

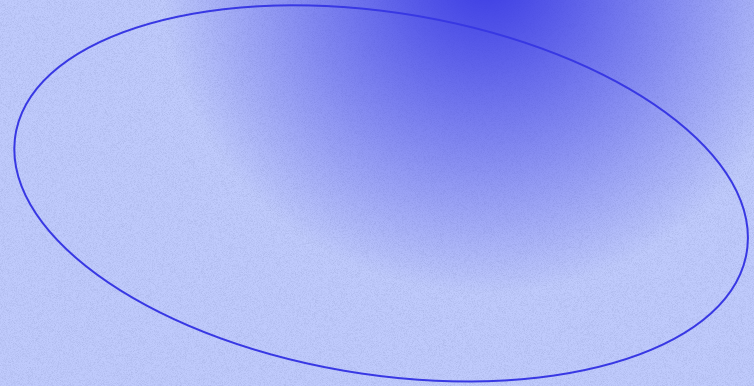


Personality Instability and Relationship Satisfaction

SRI Thesis



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The SHARe Lab



The **S**tudy of **H**ealth, **A**ging, and **R**elationships

The Current Study: **The CAre Study**



The Goal: **Gaining knowledge about couples and how they affect each others' physical and mental health**

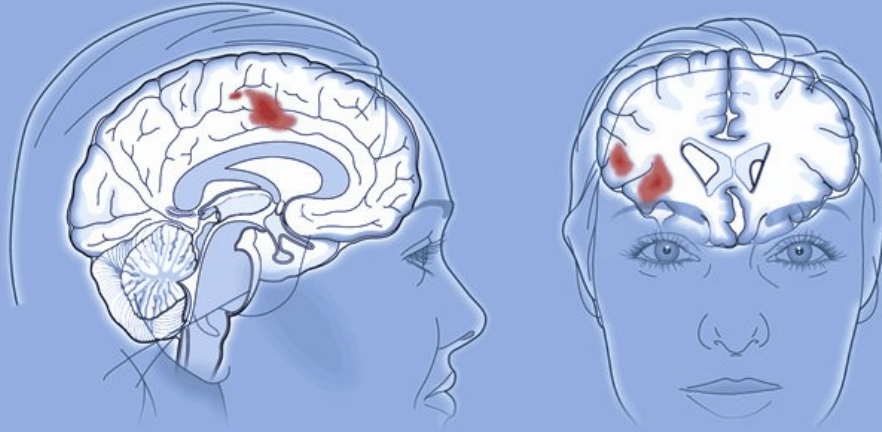
The Process: **Studying the interaction of couples in the lab and assessing their mood and physiological state**



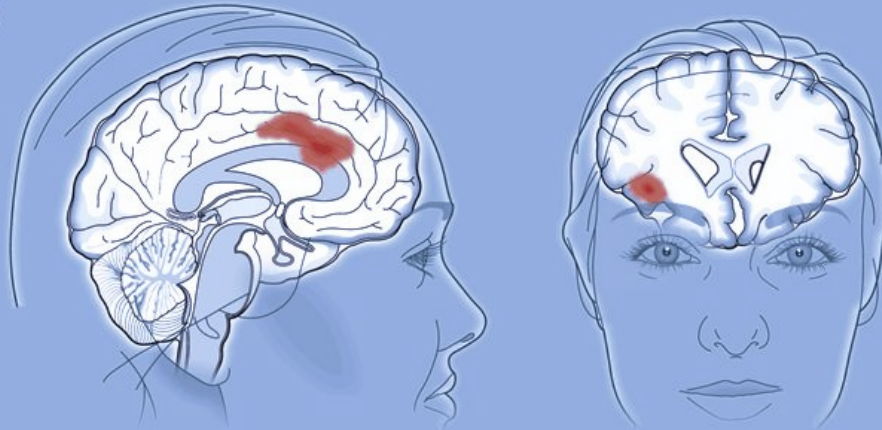
Rejection.

What does it feel like?

**Social
Pain**



**Physical
Pain**



The Variables



Neuroticism

trait disposition to experience negative affects

Rejection Sensitivity

processing disposition to anxiously expect
rejection



My Question:

**Do high levels of
neuroticism and rejection
sensitivity predict low
relationship satisfaction?**

What is being used to measure these variables?



RSQ-A

Adult Rejection Sensitivity
Questionnaire



Neuroticism

The Five-Factor Personality
Inventory or “The Big 5”



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Satisfaction Index

The Findings

