

# FUNCTIONAL NETWORK ACTIVITY MEDIATING THE SHIFT OF ATTENTIONAL RESOURCES DURING INATTENTIONAL DEAFNESS IN AN AVIATION PURSUIT TASK



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# Inattentional Deafness

Inattention to clearly audible information, dual-task

Inferior frontal gyrus  
suppresses auditory regions  
during high workload/low performance  
to focus on non-auditory primary task

Implies an attentional bottleneck

## Experimental Task

### Fly Through Simplified Red Bull Air Race Course

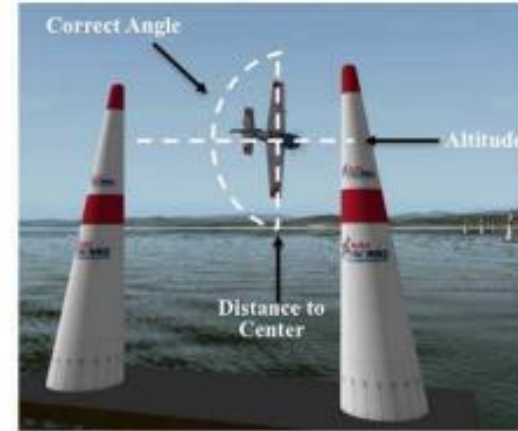
Blue Gates  
Horizontal  
Flight



Red Gates  
Vertical Flight  
'Knife Edge'



## Evaluating Performance



Press Trigger Button when  
Hear or See Alarm



Video Alarm



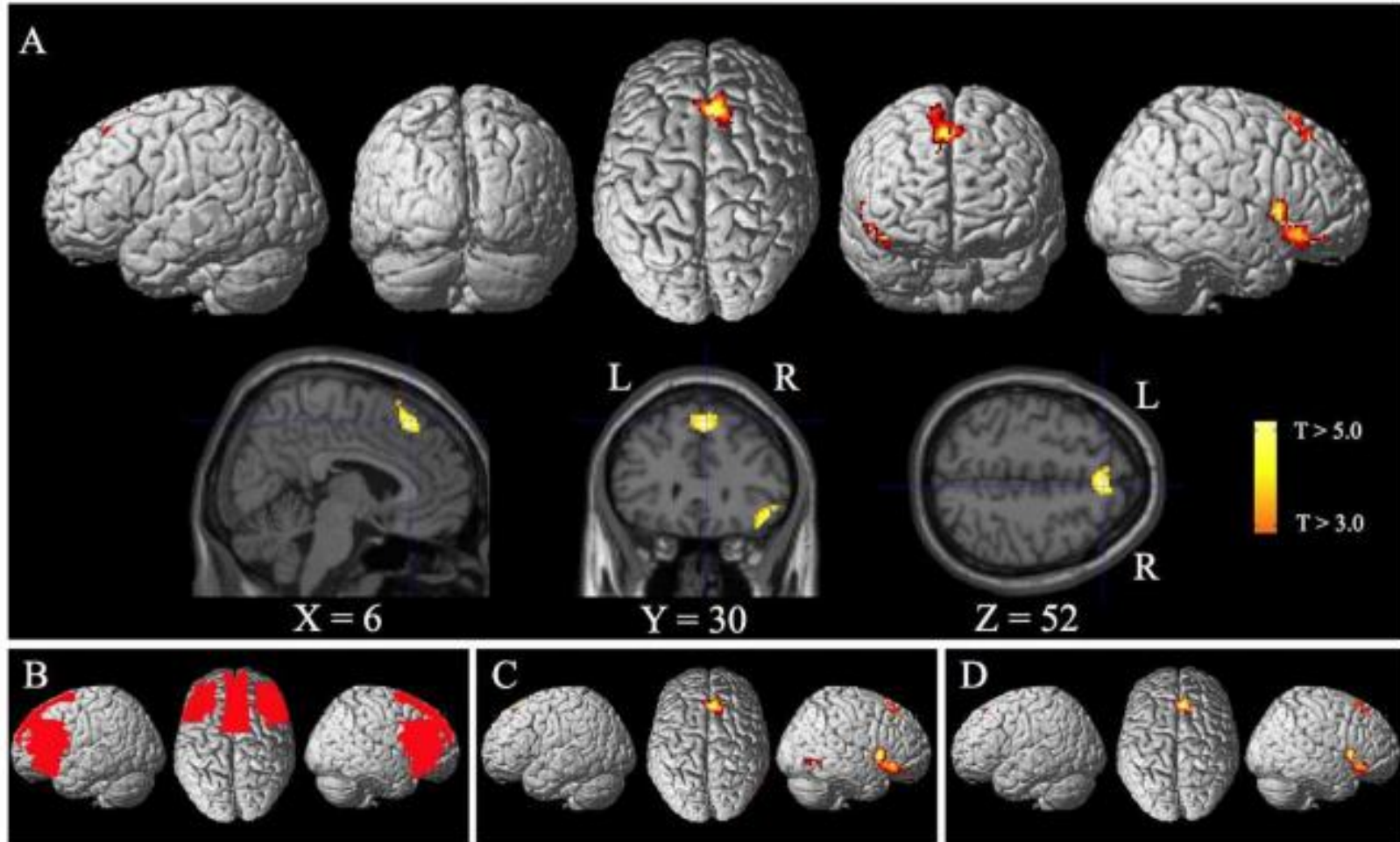
Inverted Instruction  
Light

Figure 1.  
The Red Bull flying task.

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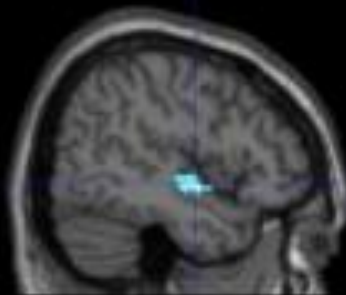
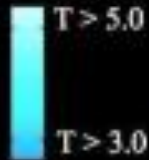
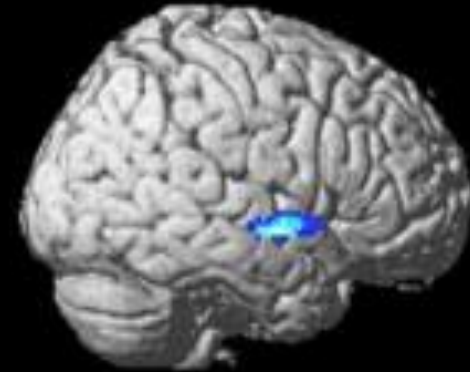
## Audio Misses > Audio Hits



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# Psychophysiological Interaction Analysis For the Contrast of Audio Misses > Audio Hits Connectivity from IFG to the STG/MTG

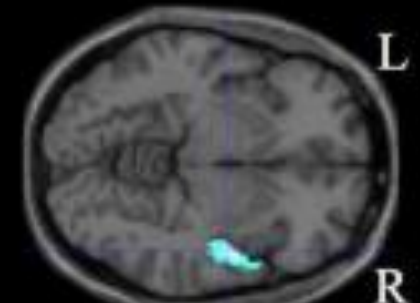
Seed Voxel in IFG  
MNI (52,18,-6)



X = 48



Y = -6



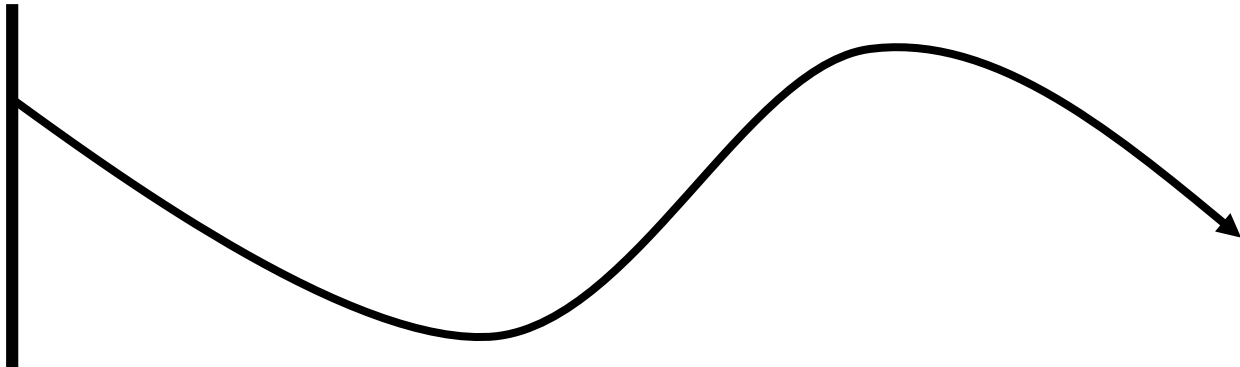
Z = -6

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Plane that the participant controls  
Plane that the participant pursues

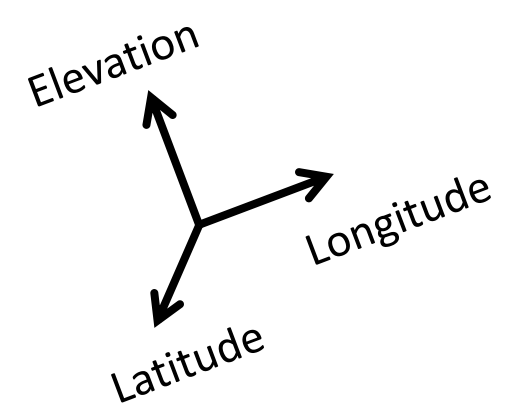


We  
manipulated  
distance →



Participant  
plane

Target  
plane









N = 17, half glider pilots, half novices

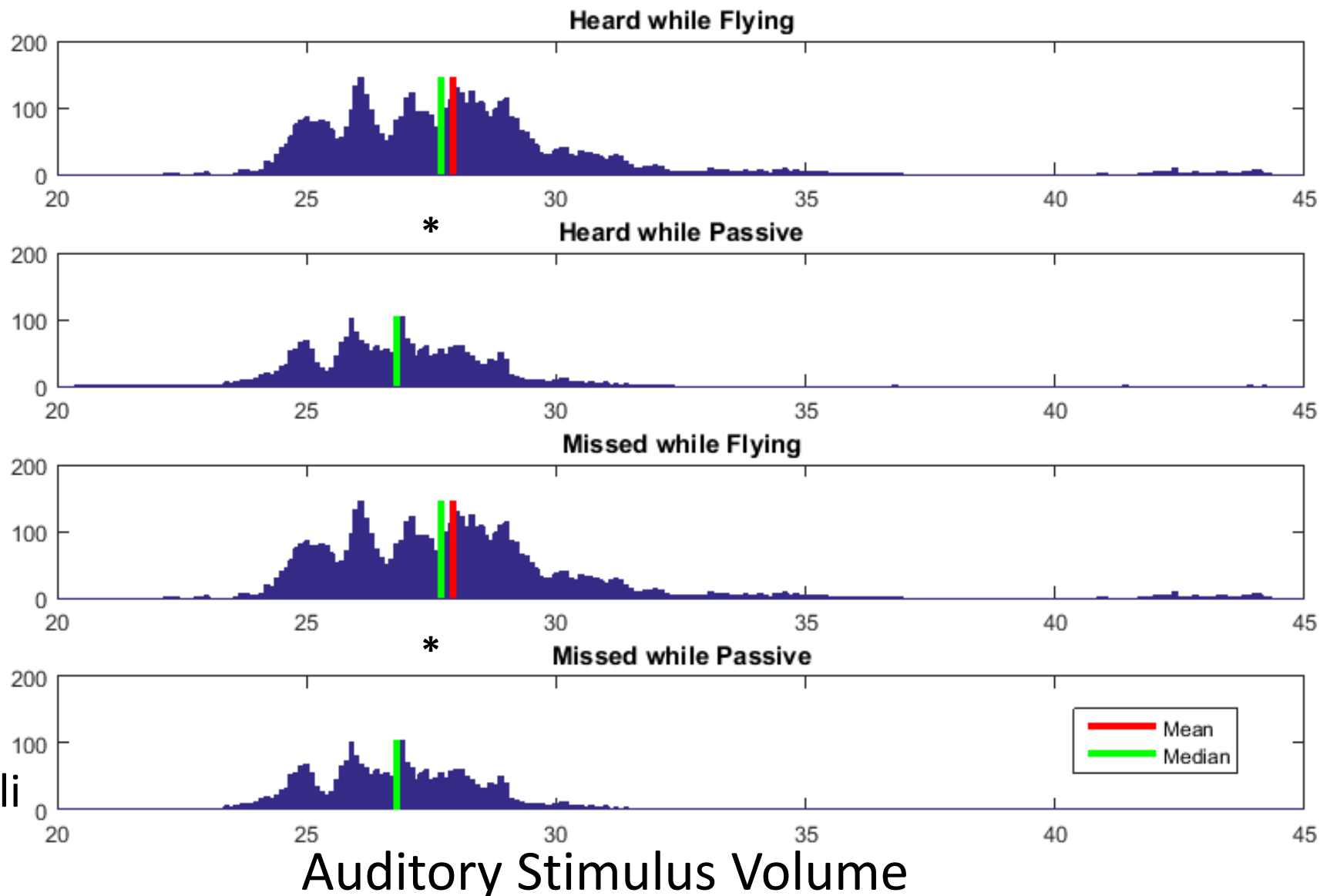


MEG

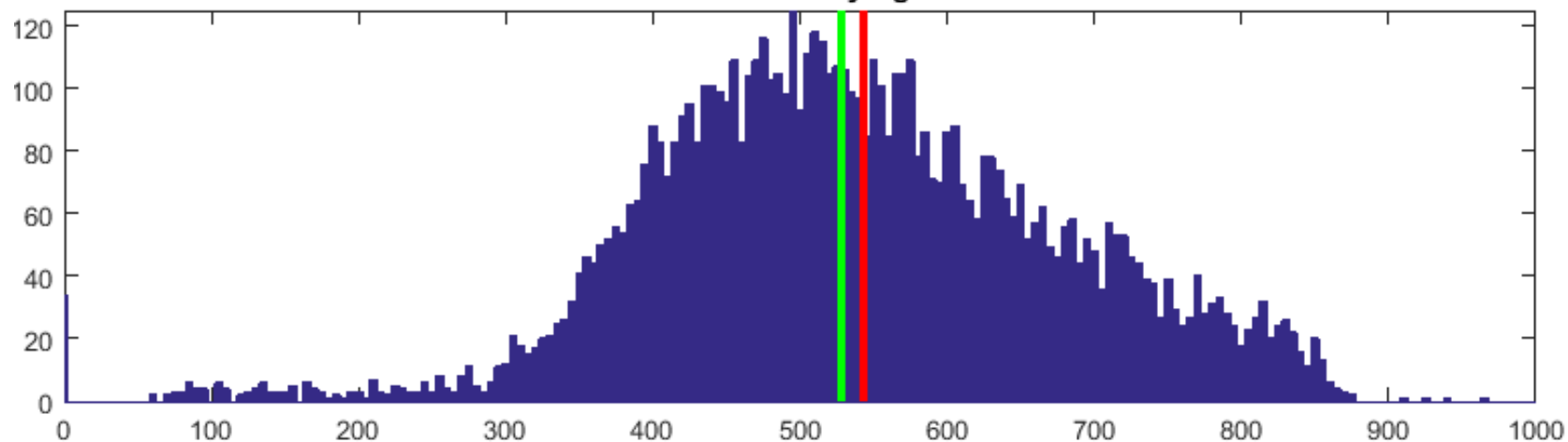
EEG+MEG



fMRI

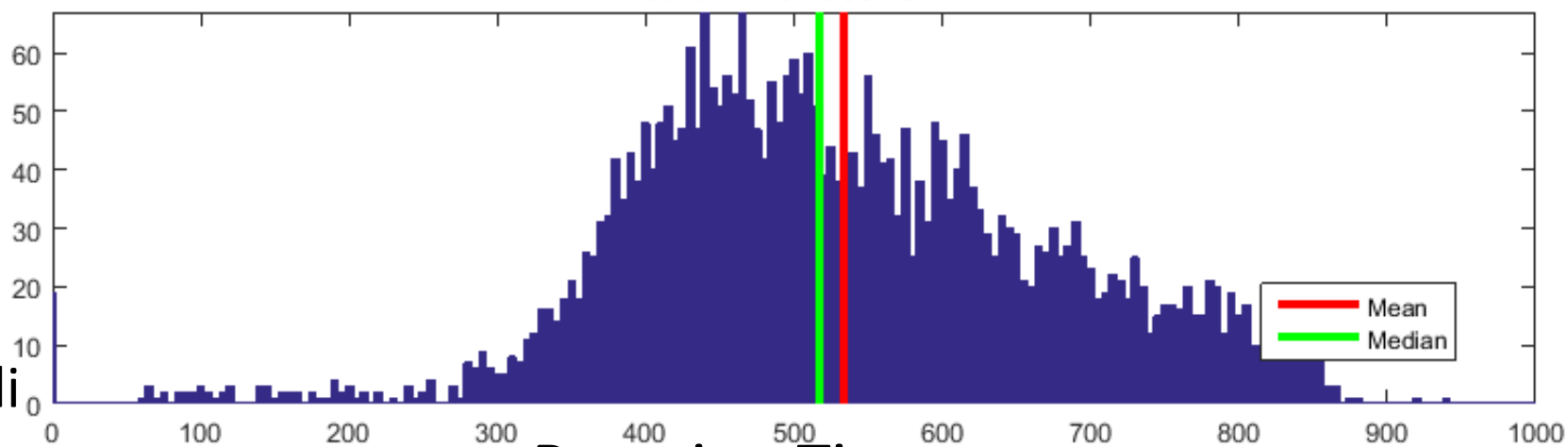


Heard while Flying RT



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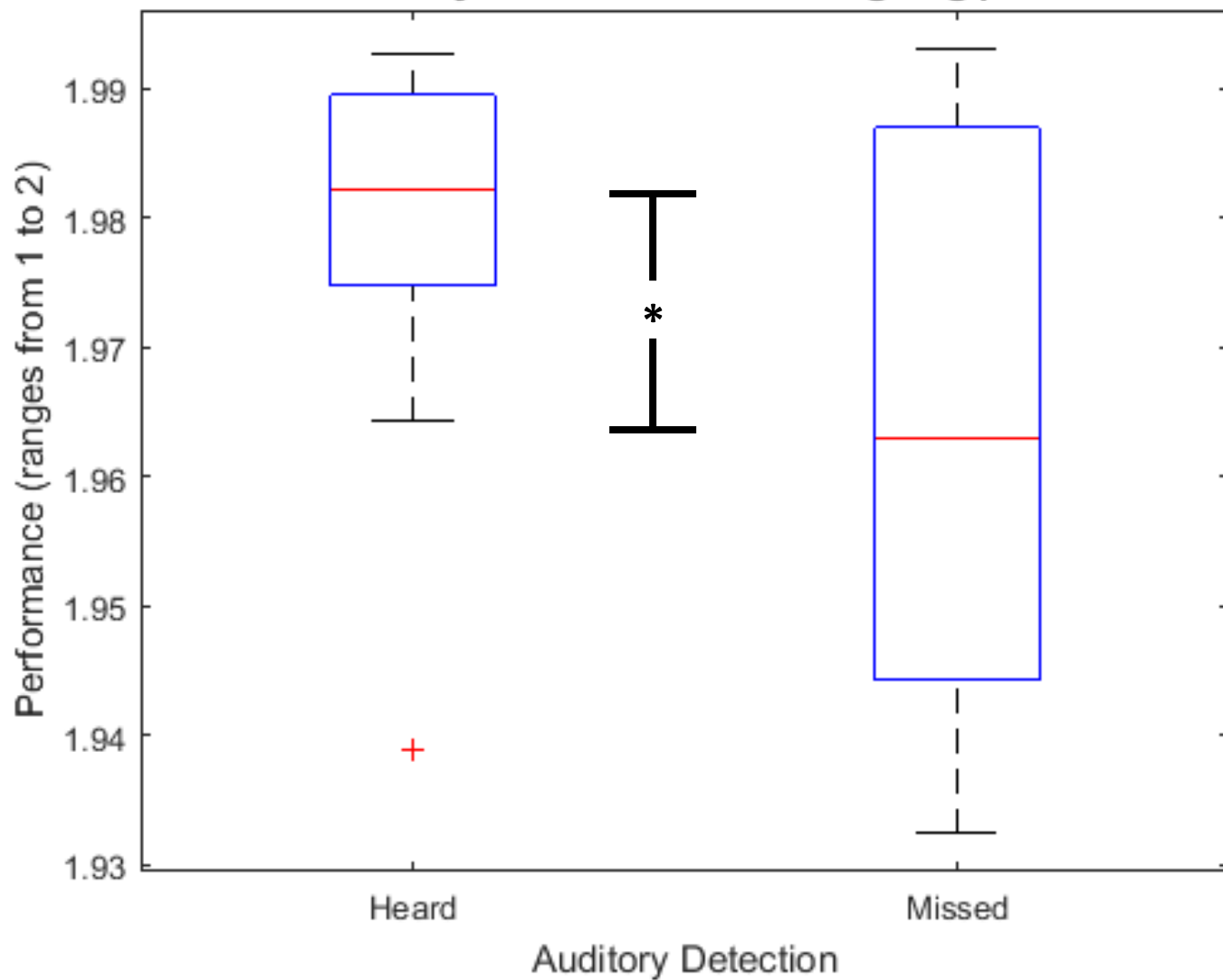
Heard while Passive RT



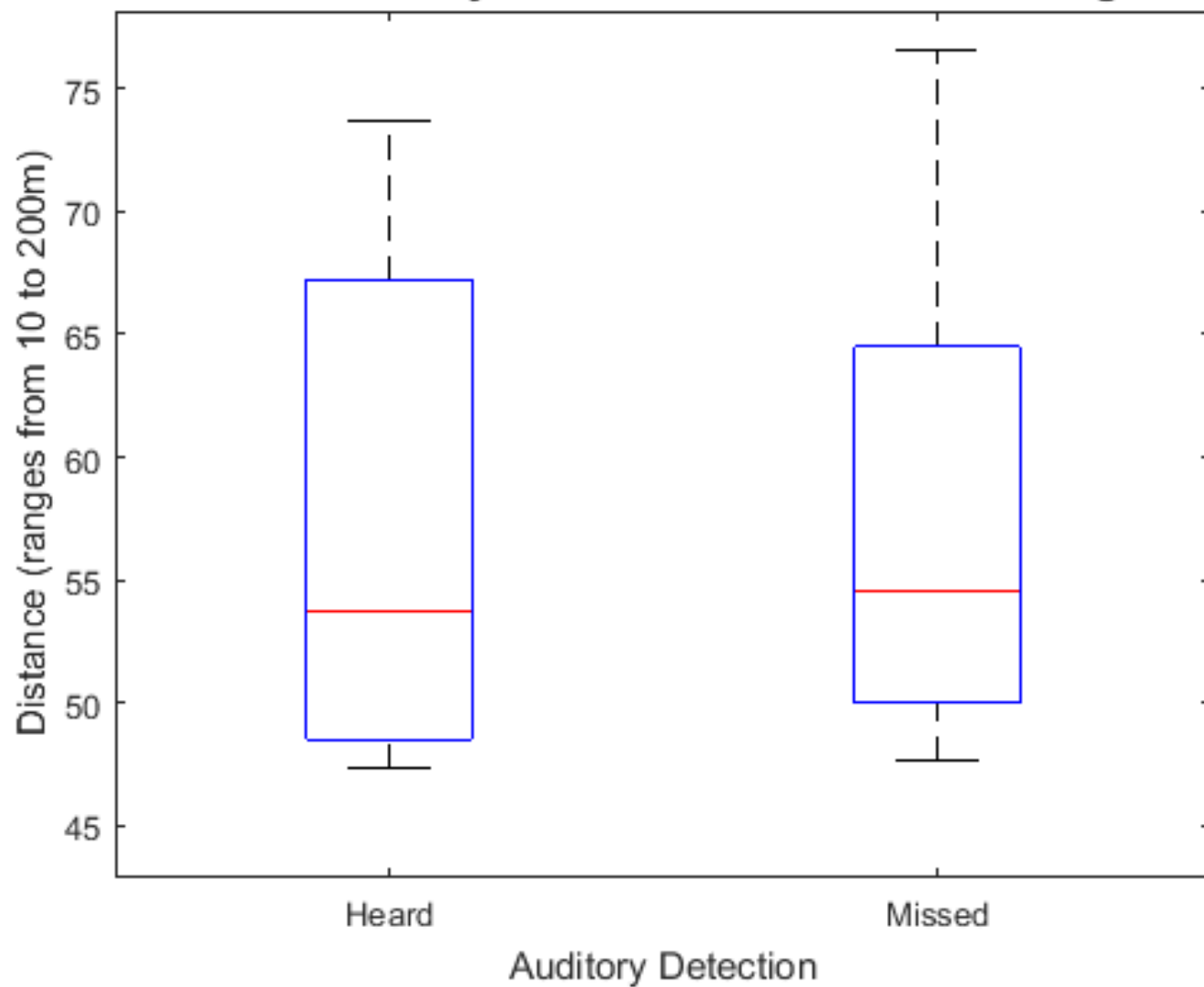
# of  
Stimuli

Reaction Time

# How does auditory detection relate to ongoing performance?



### How does auditory detection relate to distance to target?



# Behavioral Results Summary

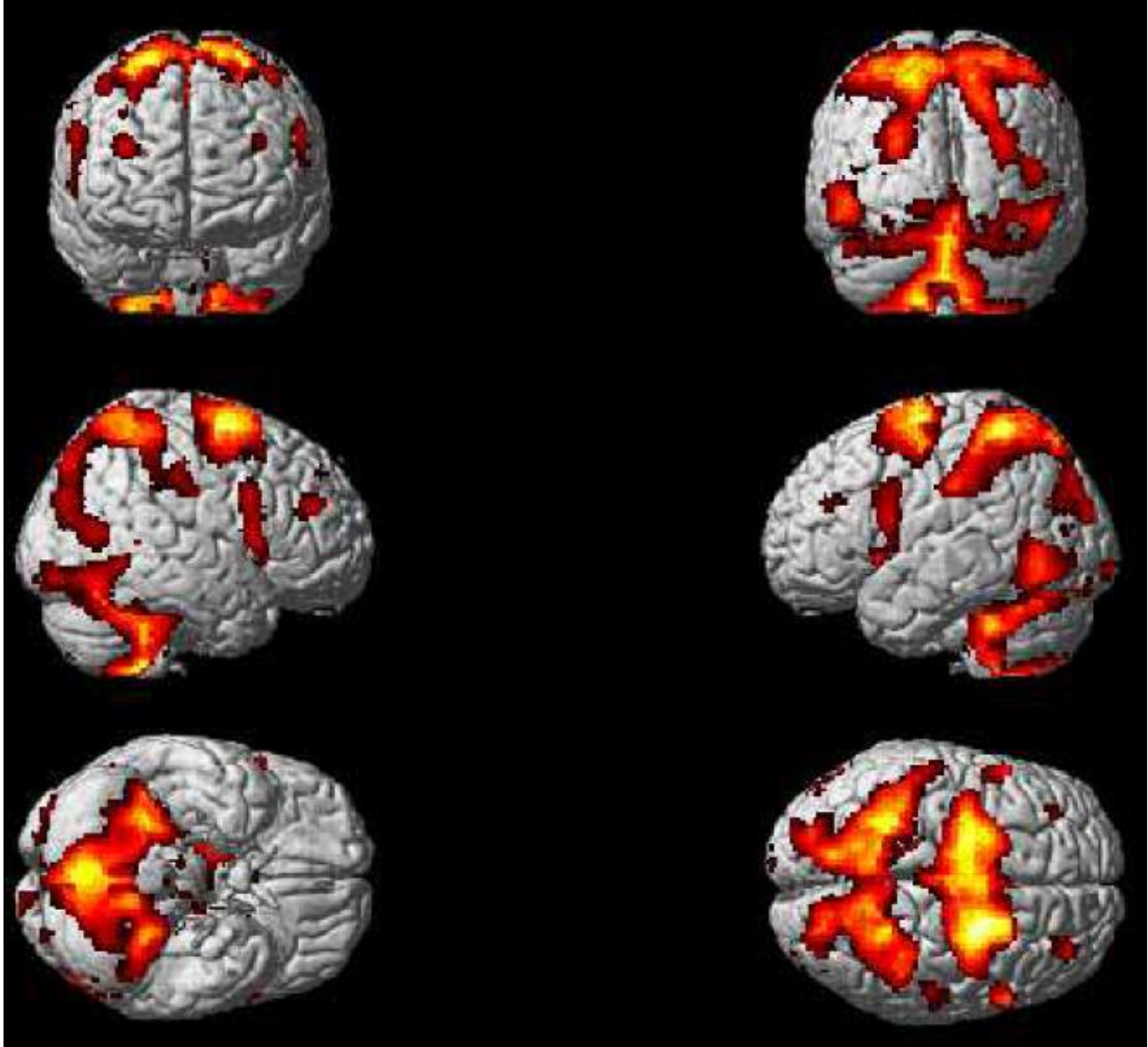
The flying task makes auditory detection harder,  
i.e. induces inattentional deafness

Worse performance on the flying task  
makes the auditory task even harder

No effect of distance manipulation on detection

Block

Flying  
Task



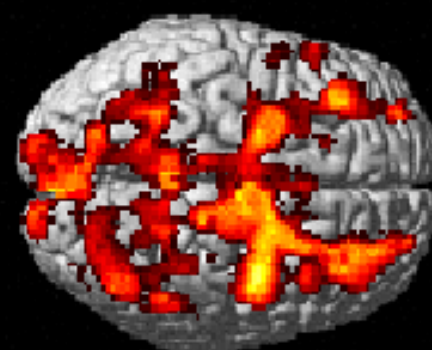
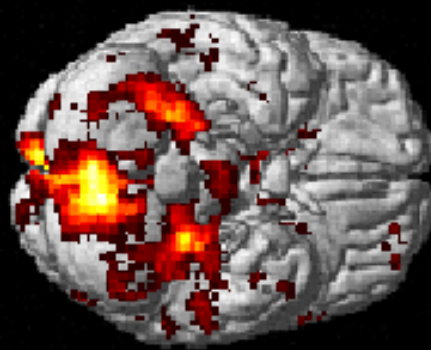
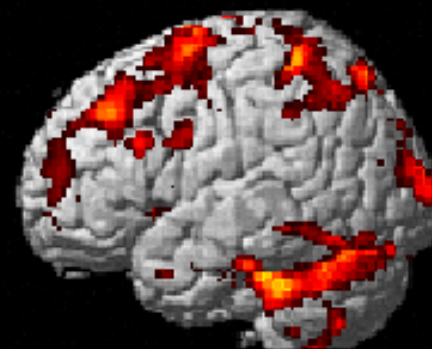
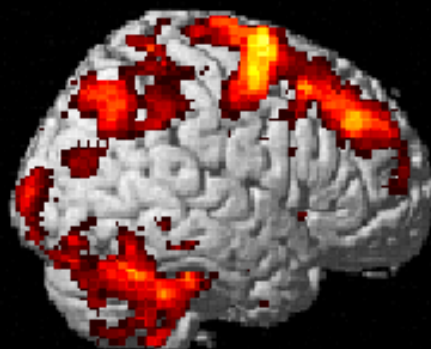
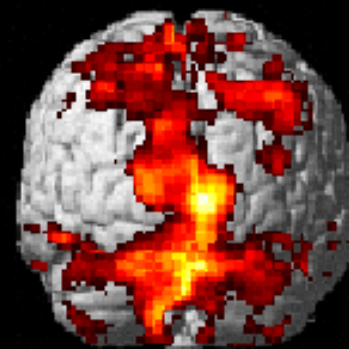
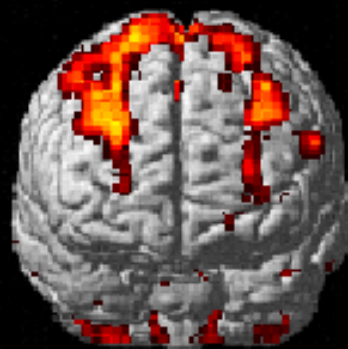


Event

Flying

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Passive

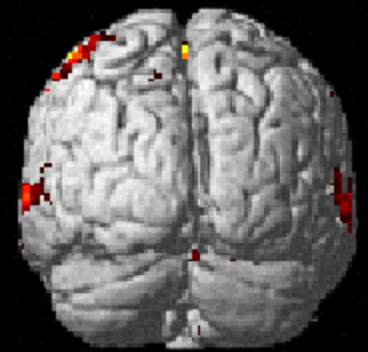
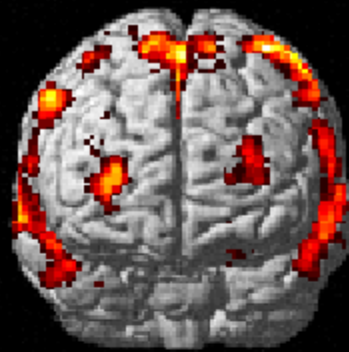


Block

Auditory  
Task



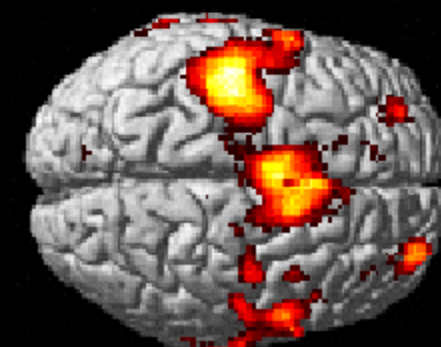
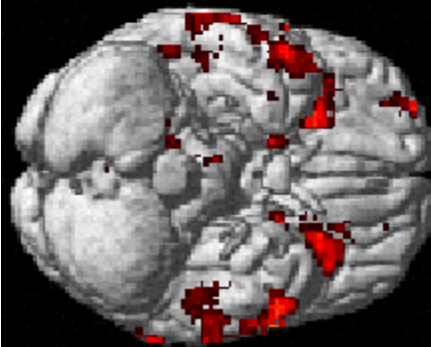
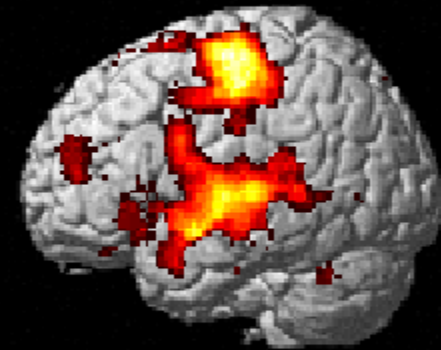
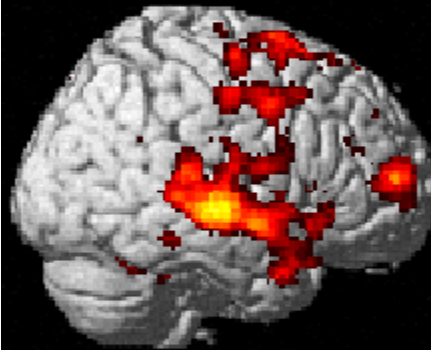
Event



Heard

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Missed



Event

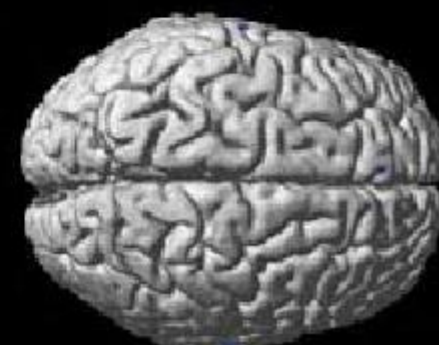
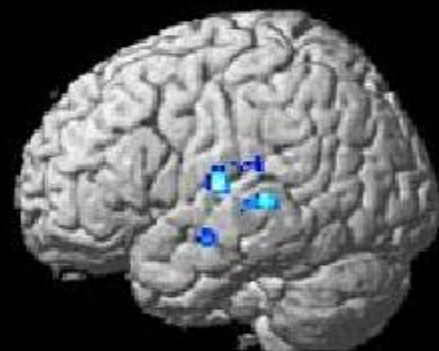
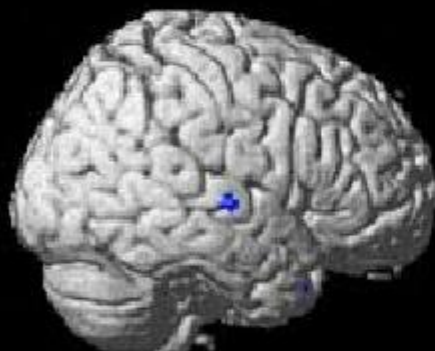
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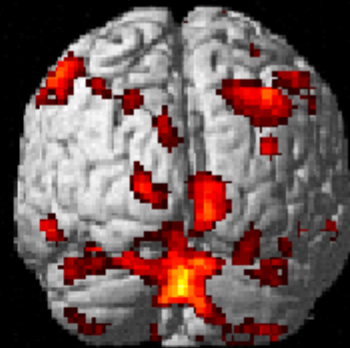
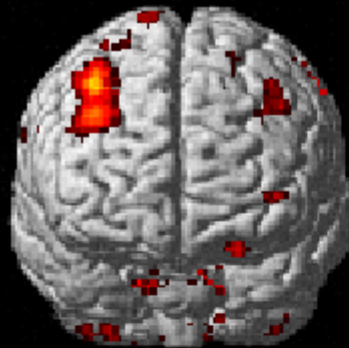
Flying

&

Missed



Event



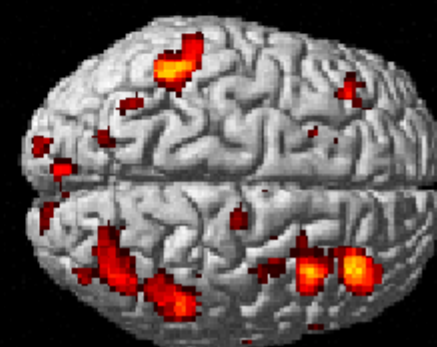
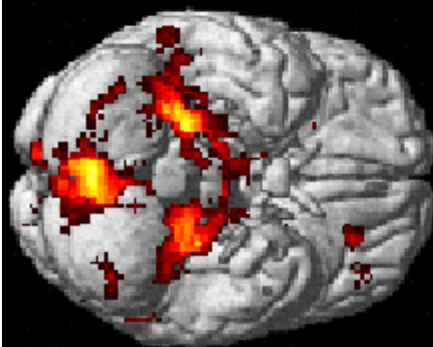
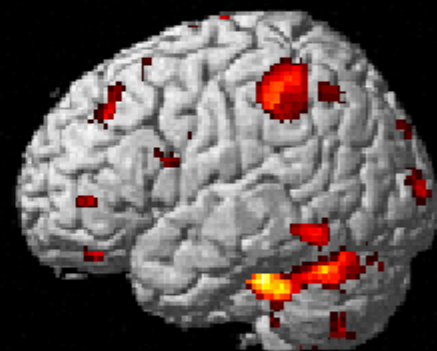
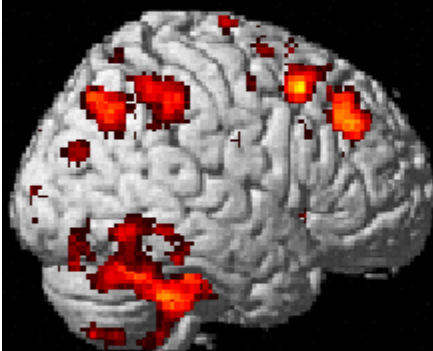
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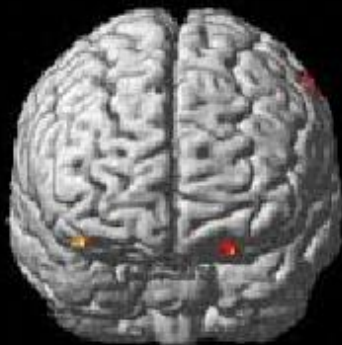
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Event



Flying

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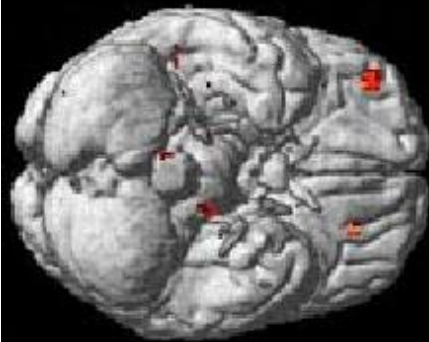
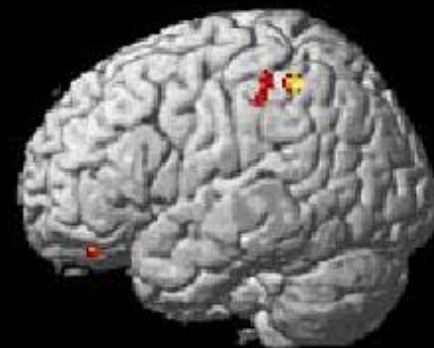
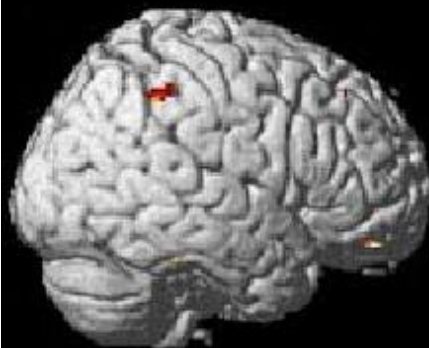
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Heard



# fMRI Results Summary

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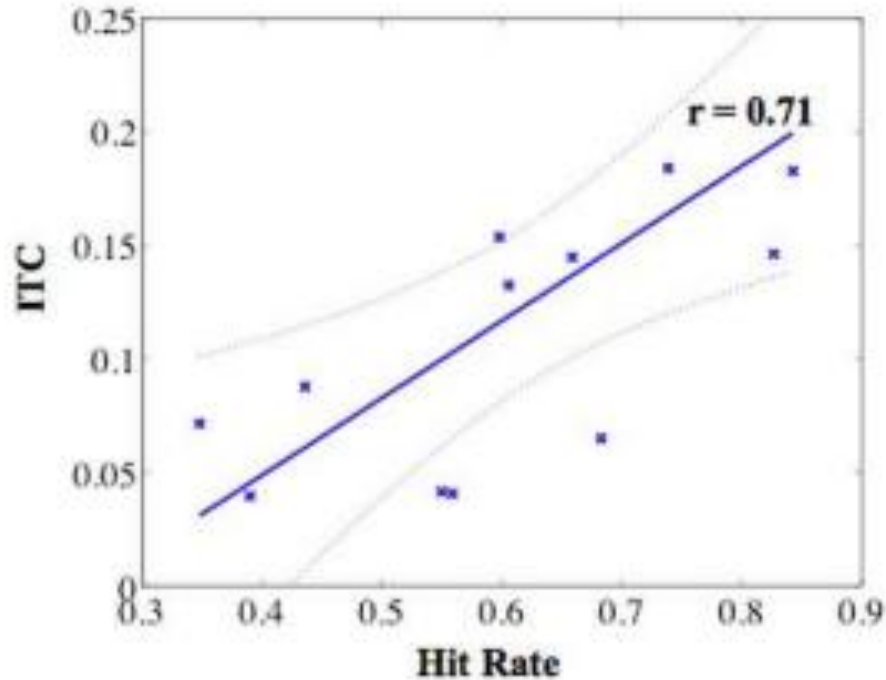
Implies an attentional bottleneck

PPI connectivity analysis pending

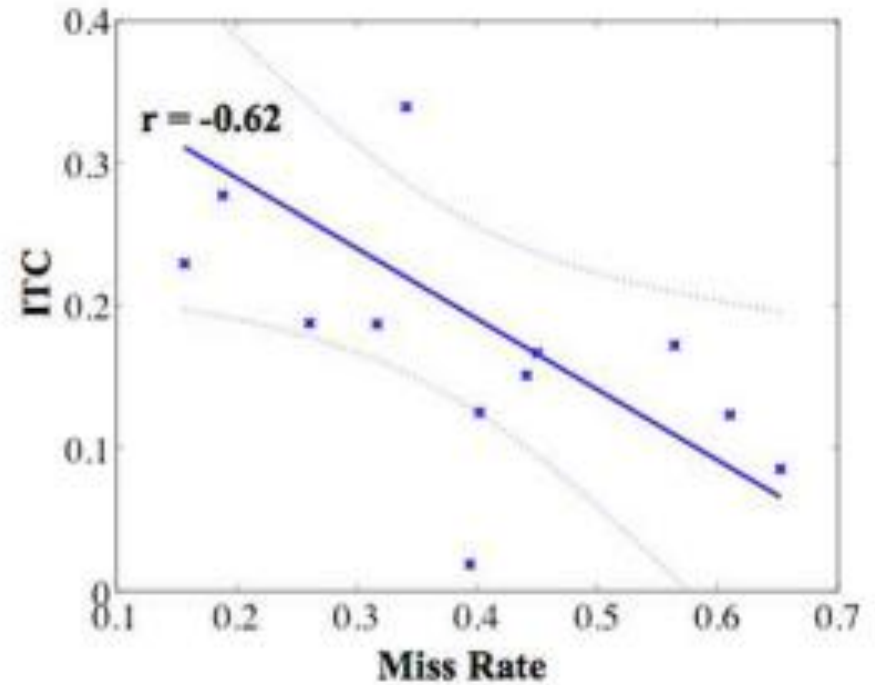


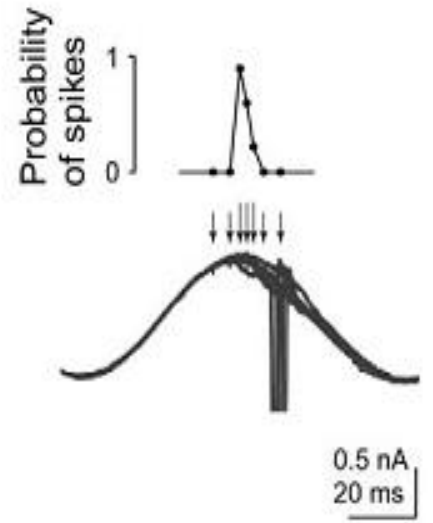
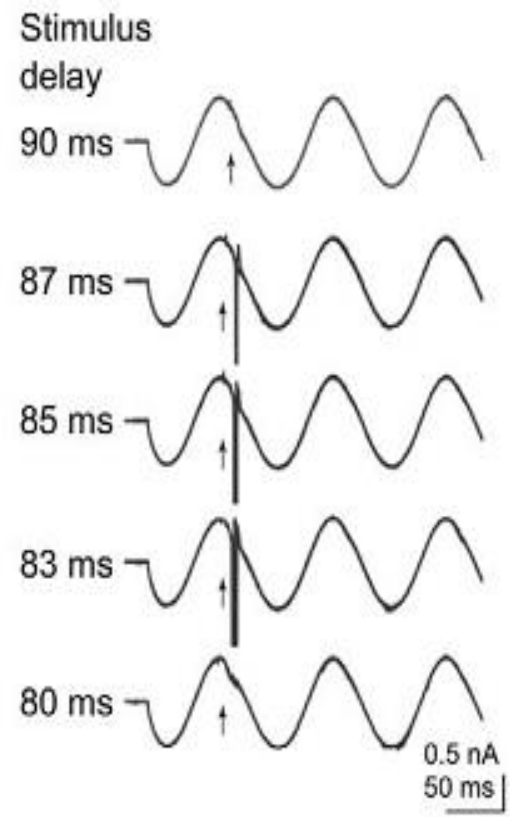
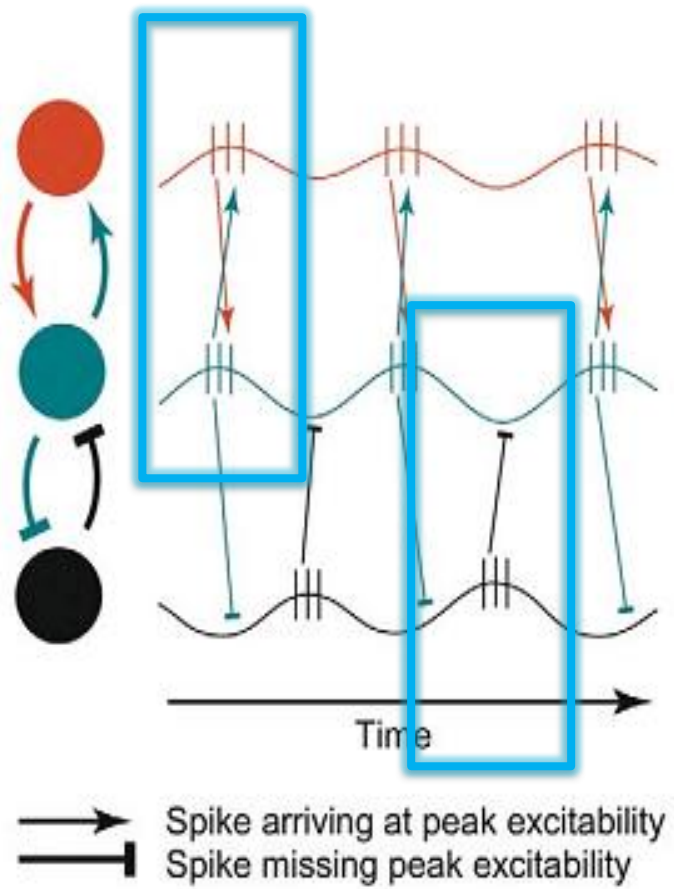
# Phase synchrony

**(a) Linear Regression Slope of Hit Rate and ITC Magnitude for Hits**

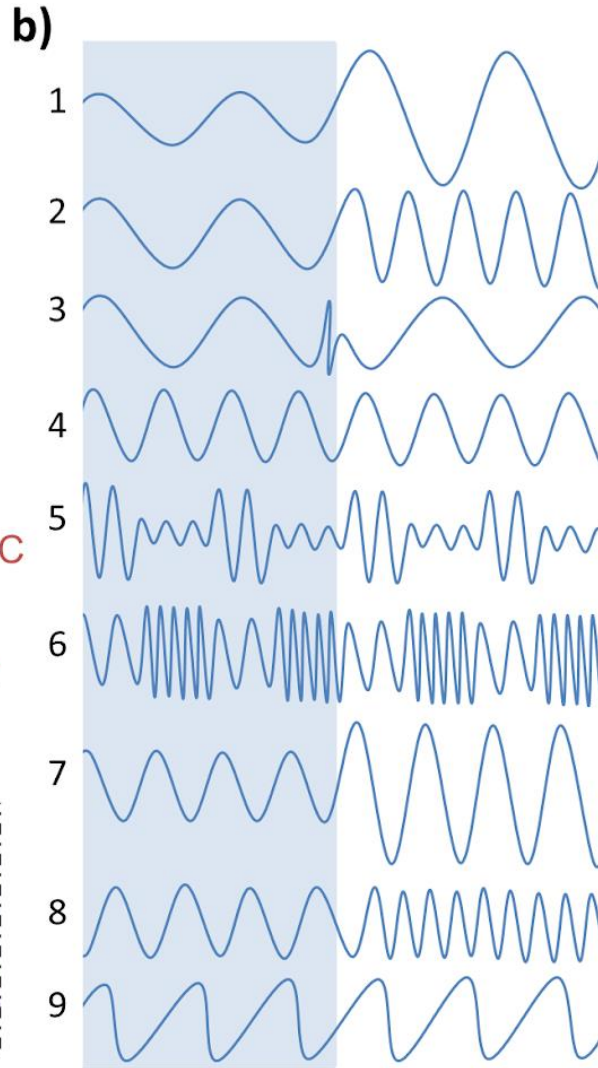
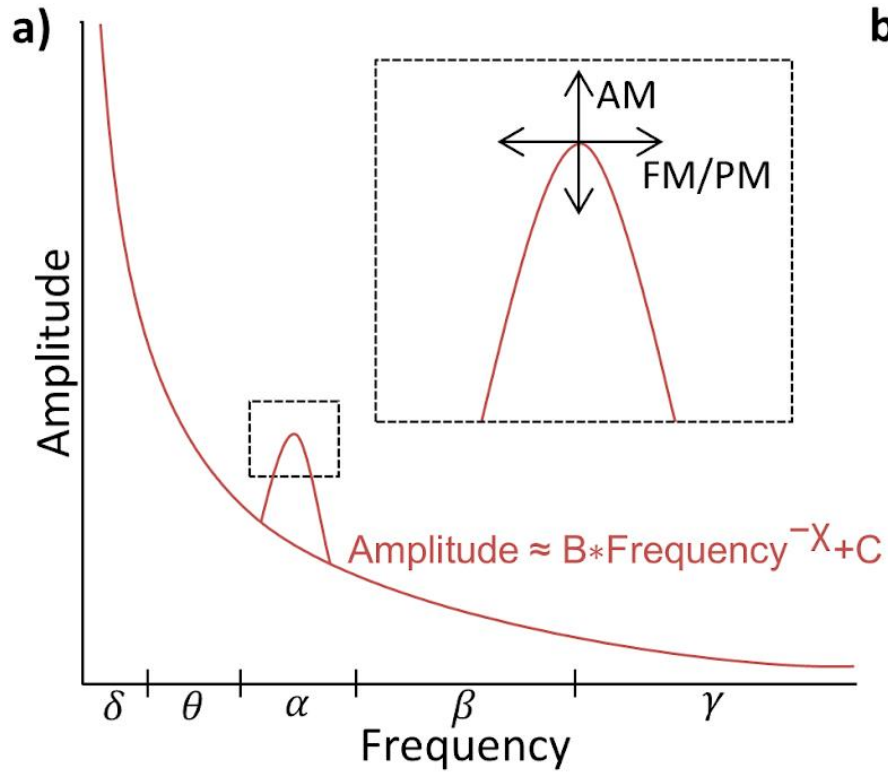


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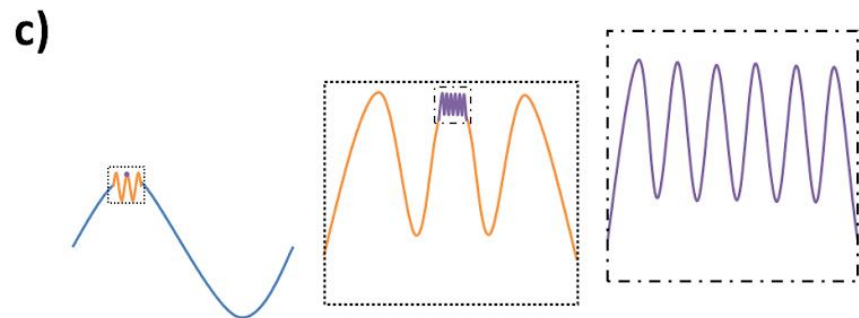




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Dynamic	Rhythms
AM	1, 5, 7
FM	2, 6, 8
PM	3
PPC	1+4, 4+7
PAC	1+5
PFC	1+6
AAC	1+7
AFC	1+2, 1+8
FFC	1+8
Shape	9



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# Next steps...

Determine if  
IFG-auditory, frontal-posterior interaction  
is mediated by alpha inhibition driven  
by cross-frequency coupling

Extend findings  
to neuroergonomic contexts  
and applications



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