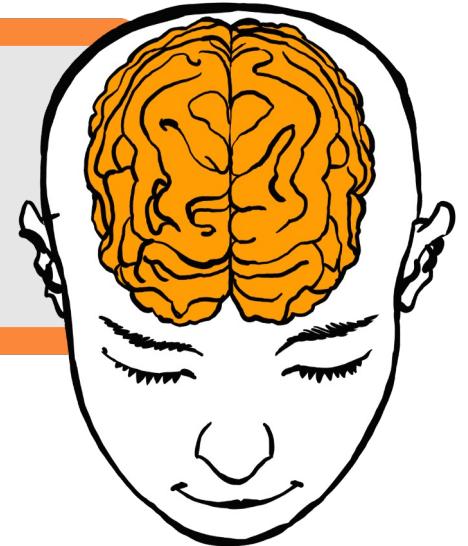


PreCont: Continuous Prediction Error



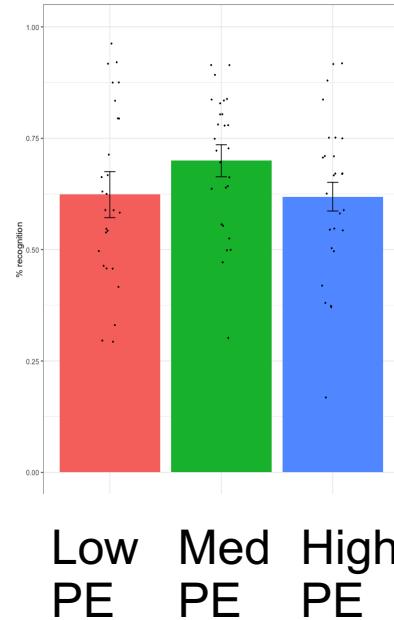
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THEORETICAL BACKGROUND

So far we have considered PE as a categorical variables, depending on the condition



In the current setup, we aim to derive a continuous PE variable

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"In each city, the truck has to stop at certain warehouses to drop off the goods"

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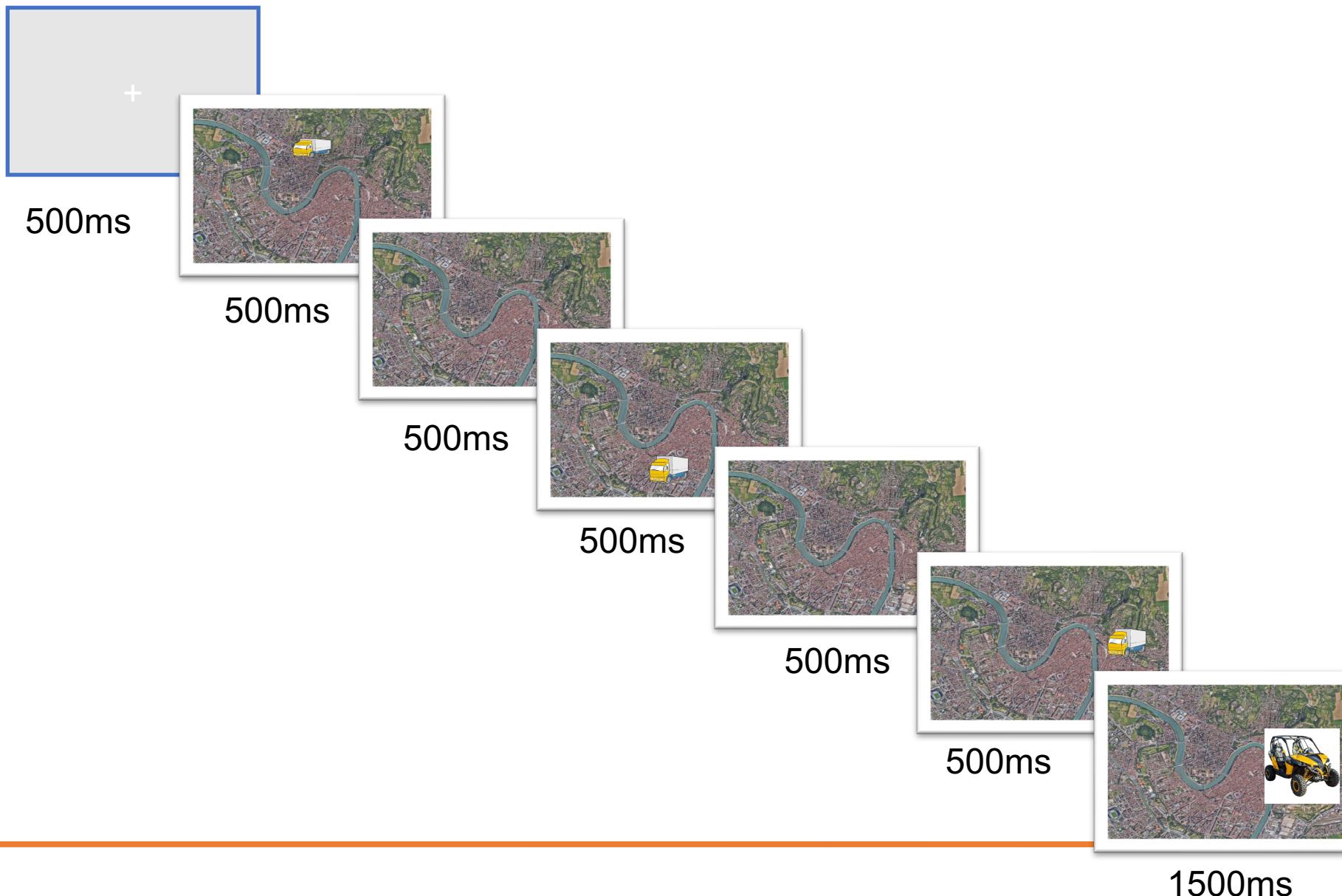


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"The truck will travel through a ring that surrounds the city"

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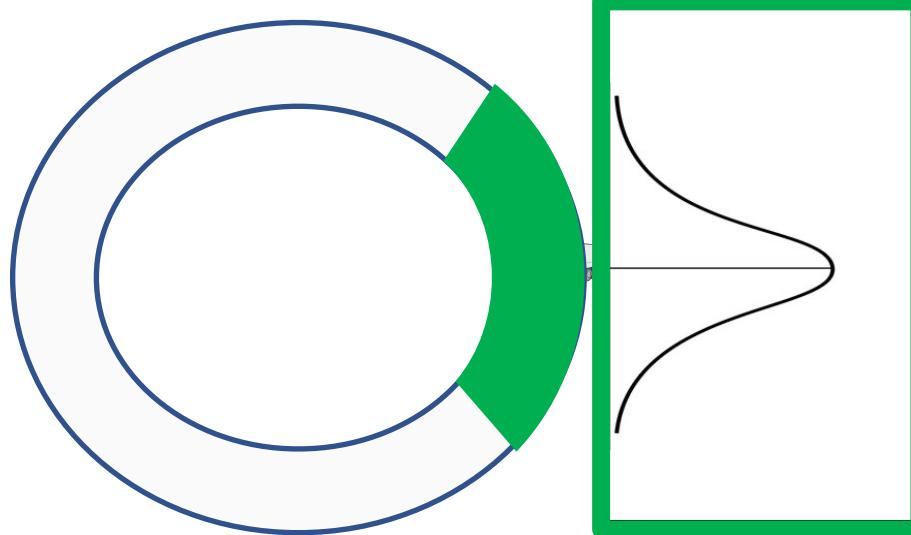
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Is the object that you
have just seen typically
found indoor or
outdoor?

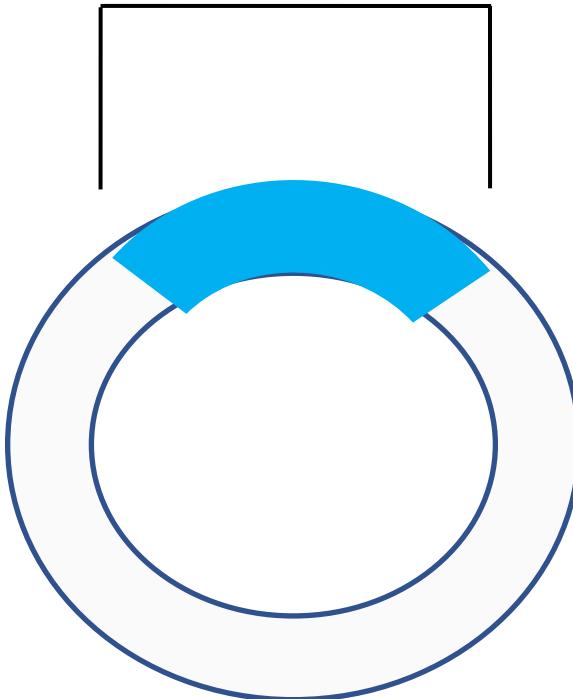
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N trials = 170



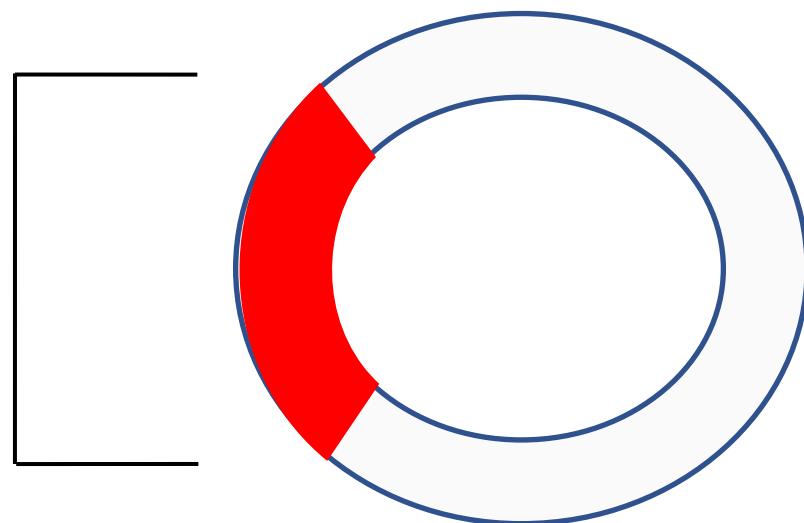
65% of the times
Von Mises distribution, $\kappa = 10$.
 $N = 110$

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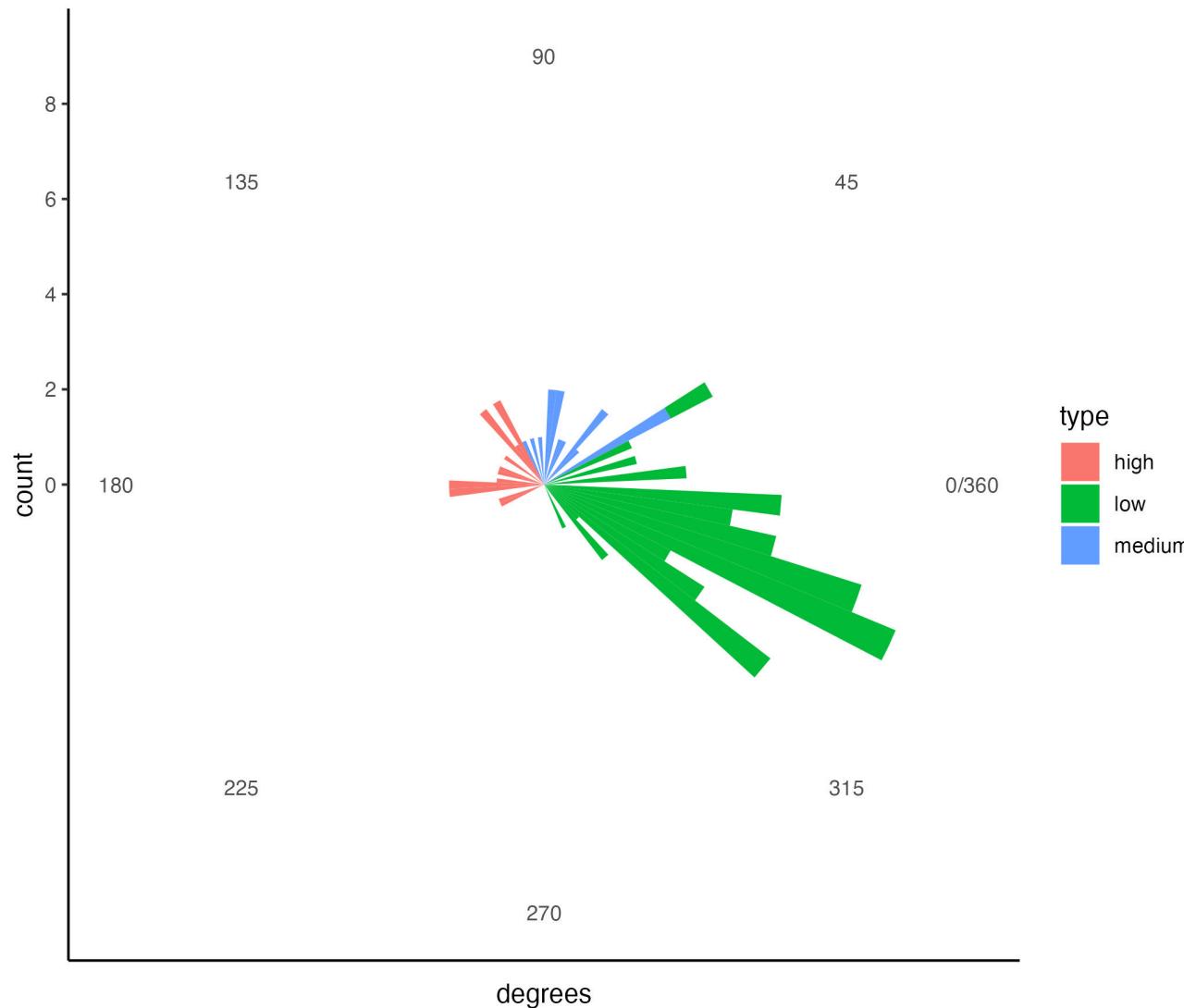
~17.5% of the times
Uniform distribution.
 $N = 30$

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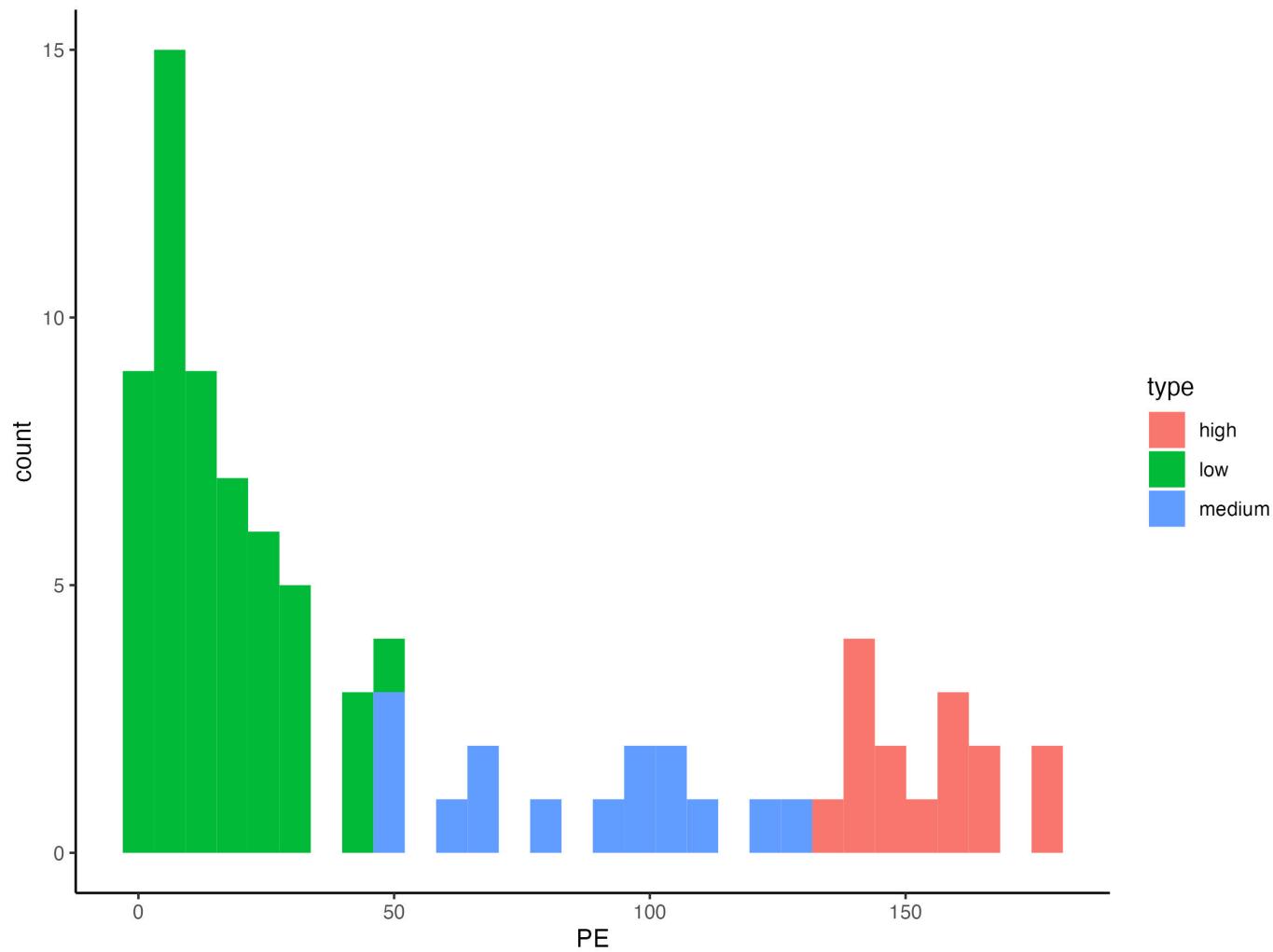


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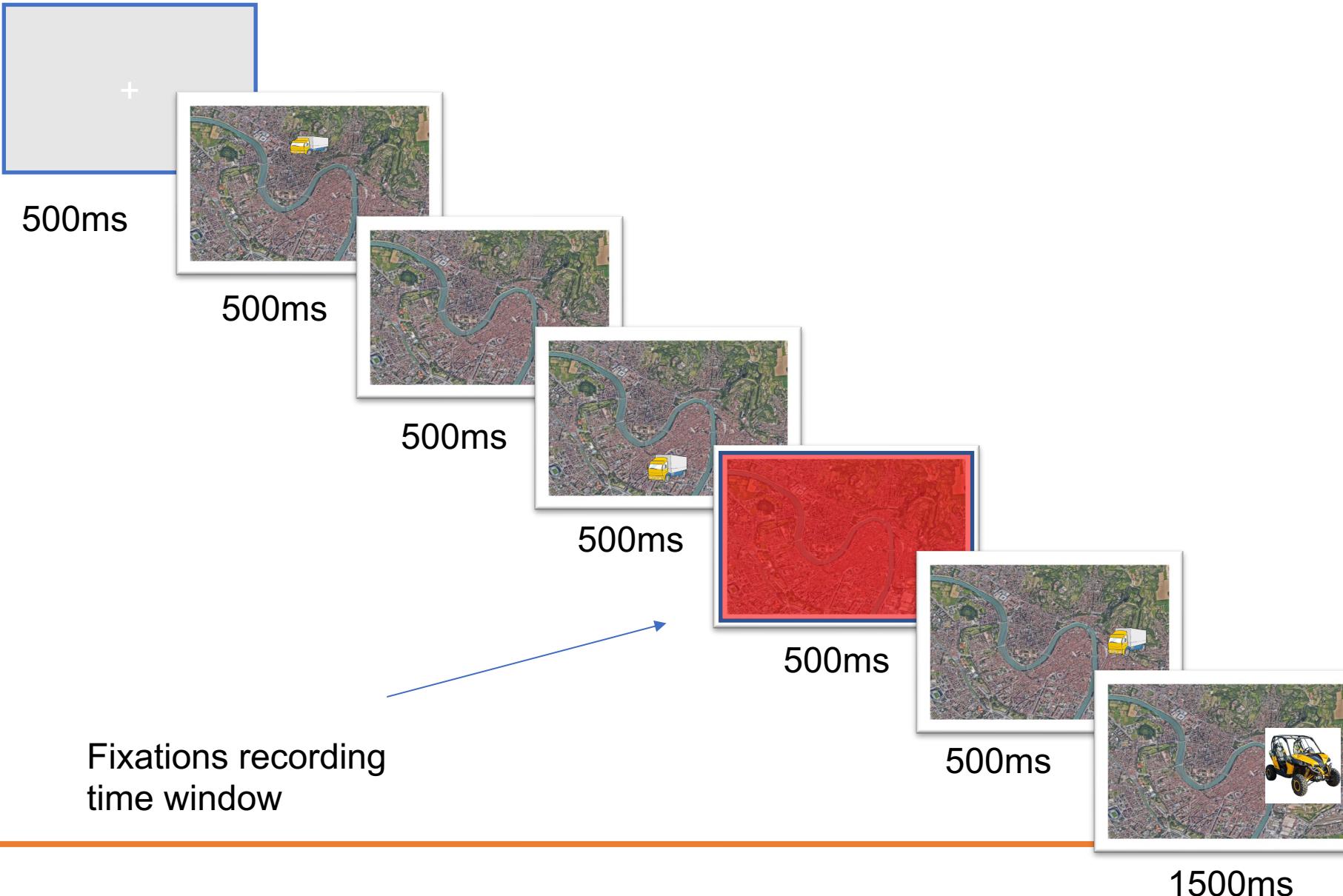


Experimentally-manipulated prediction error

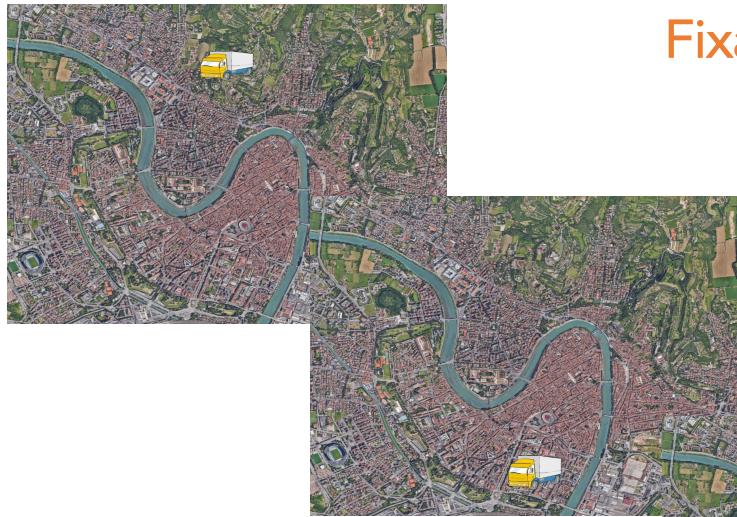


Angular distance between
the center of the low PE
distribution and presented
location

METHODS – EYE TRACKING



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Fixation-based prediction error



Angular distance between
the fixation and presented
location

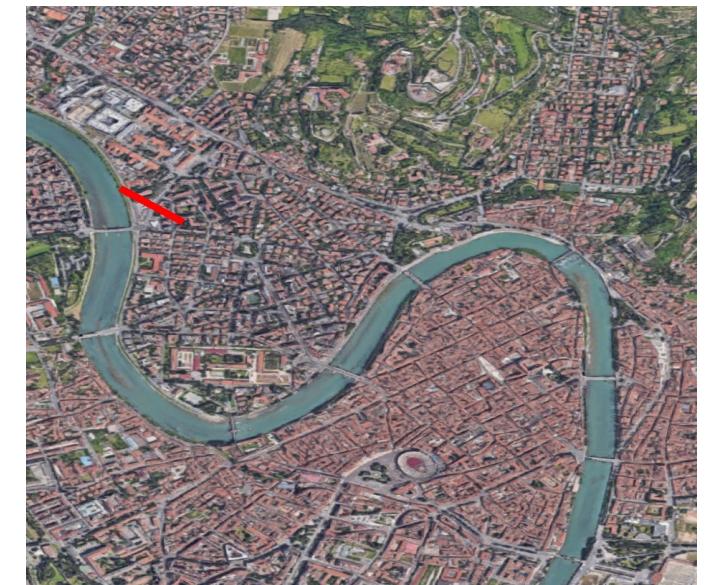
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Recognition Task

Old/New judgements + Confidence ratings



Location Memory



Where was the item
delivered?

Recognition Task



Location error = distance
between location at
encoding and reported
location at retrieval

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In order to reduce the bias towards the most frequent location in the low PE trials, and make them more comparable with the high PE ones, we have two blocks with two different sequences

Block 1



Block 2



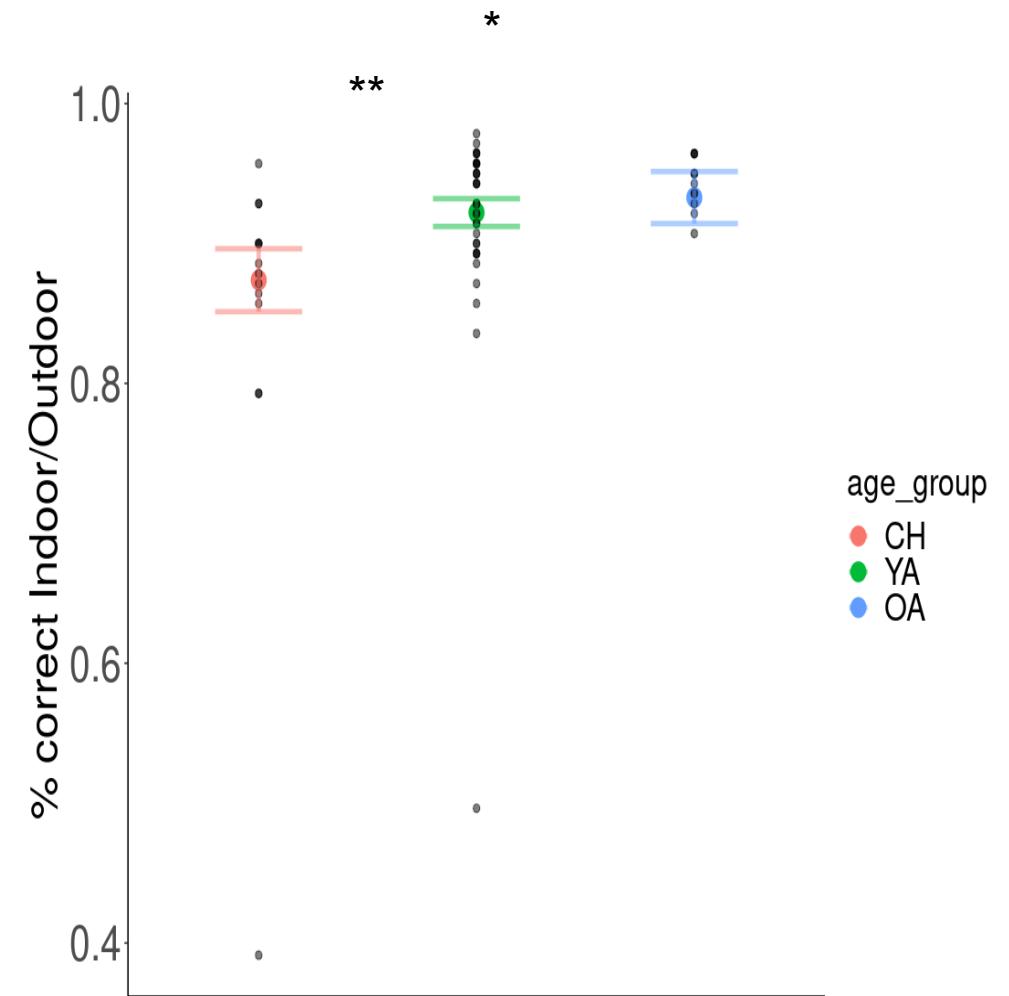
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We also added **singletons**: trials in which the trajectory of the truck is not predictable. In these trials, the truck starts its journey from a quadrant that is different from the predictable trials. These trials occur randomly and constitute ~1/3rd of the total sample.

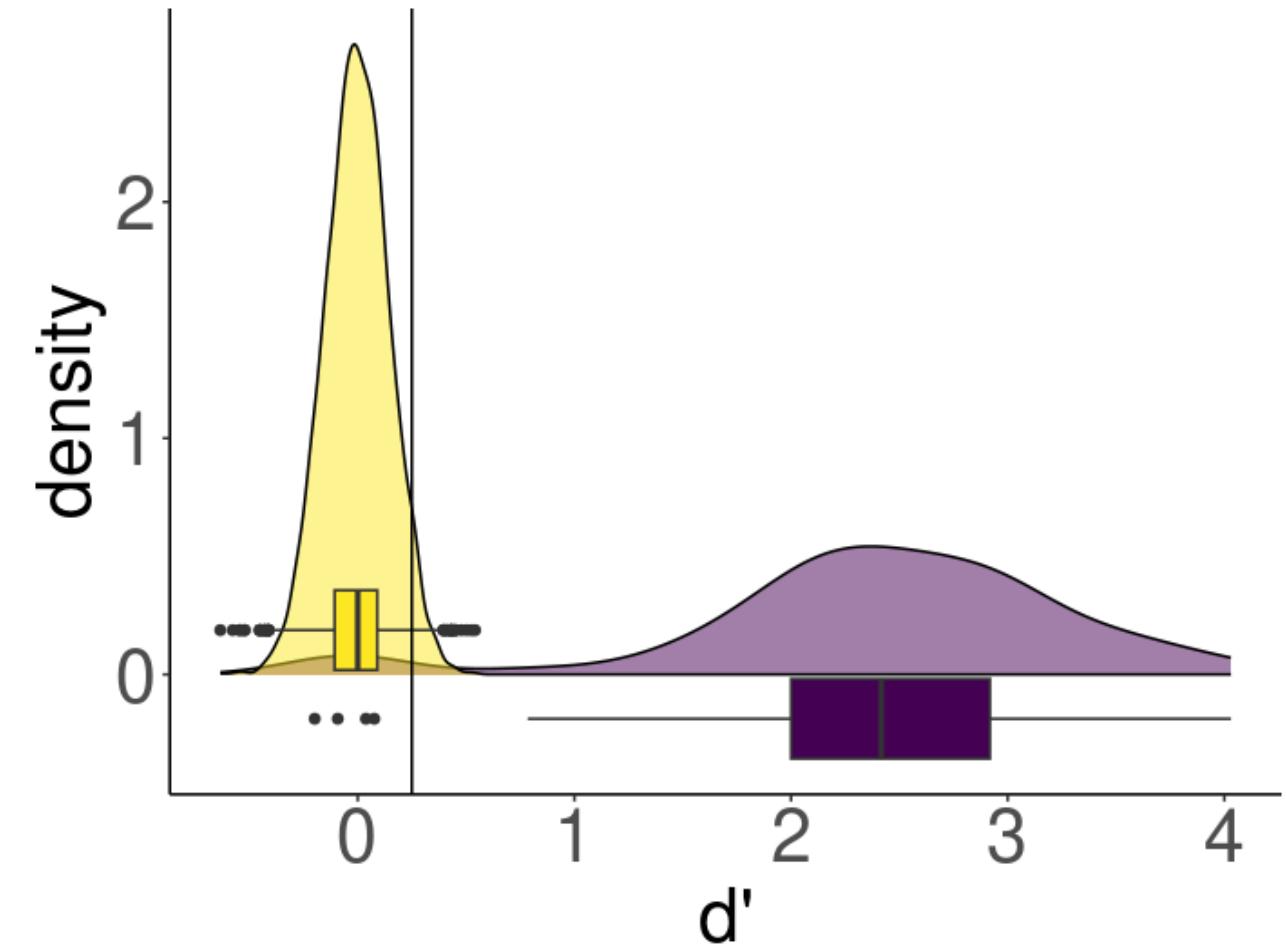
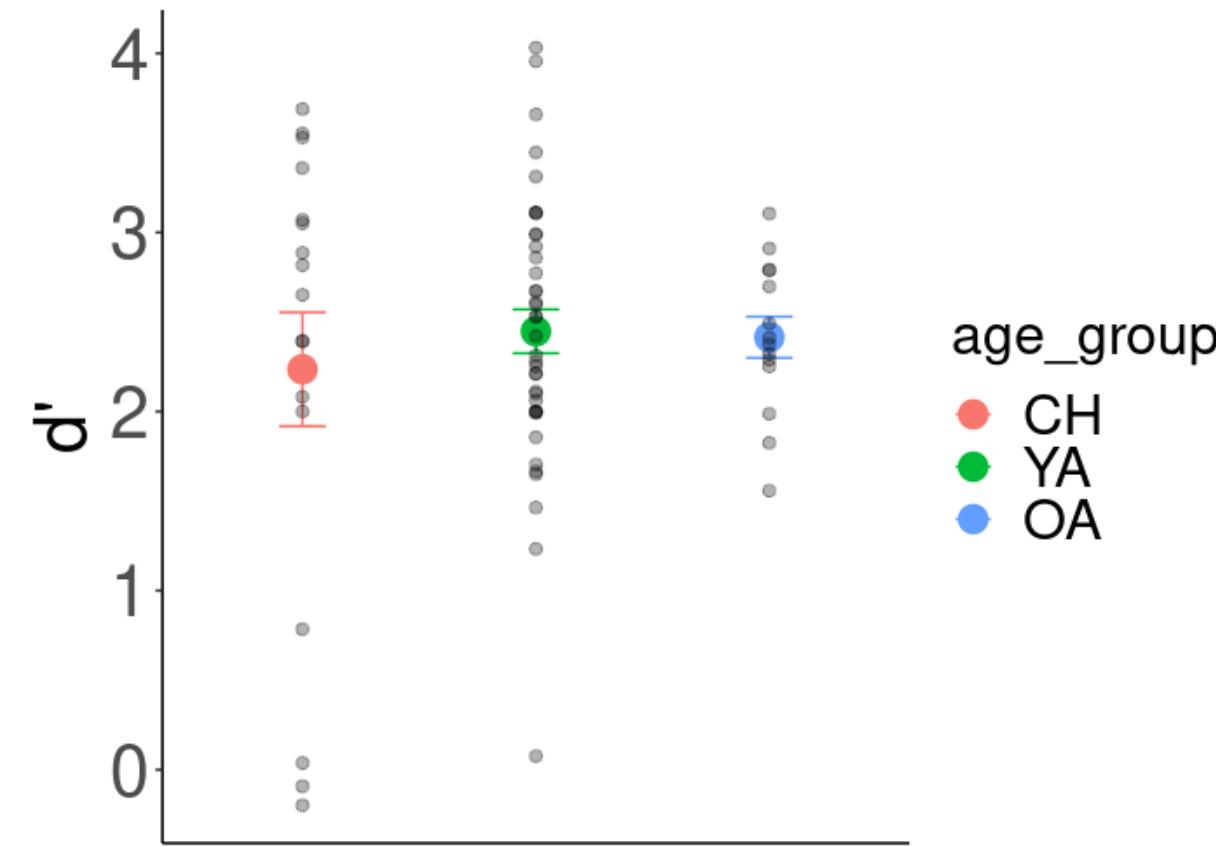


RESULTS-recognition memory

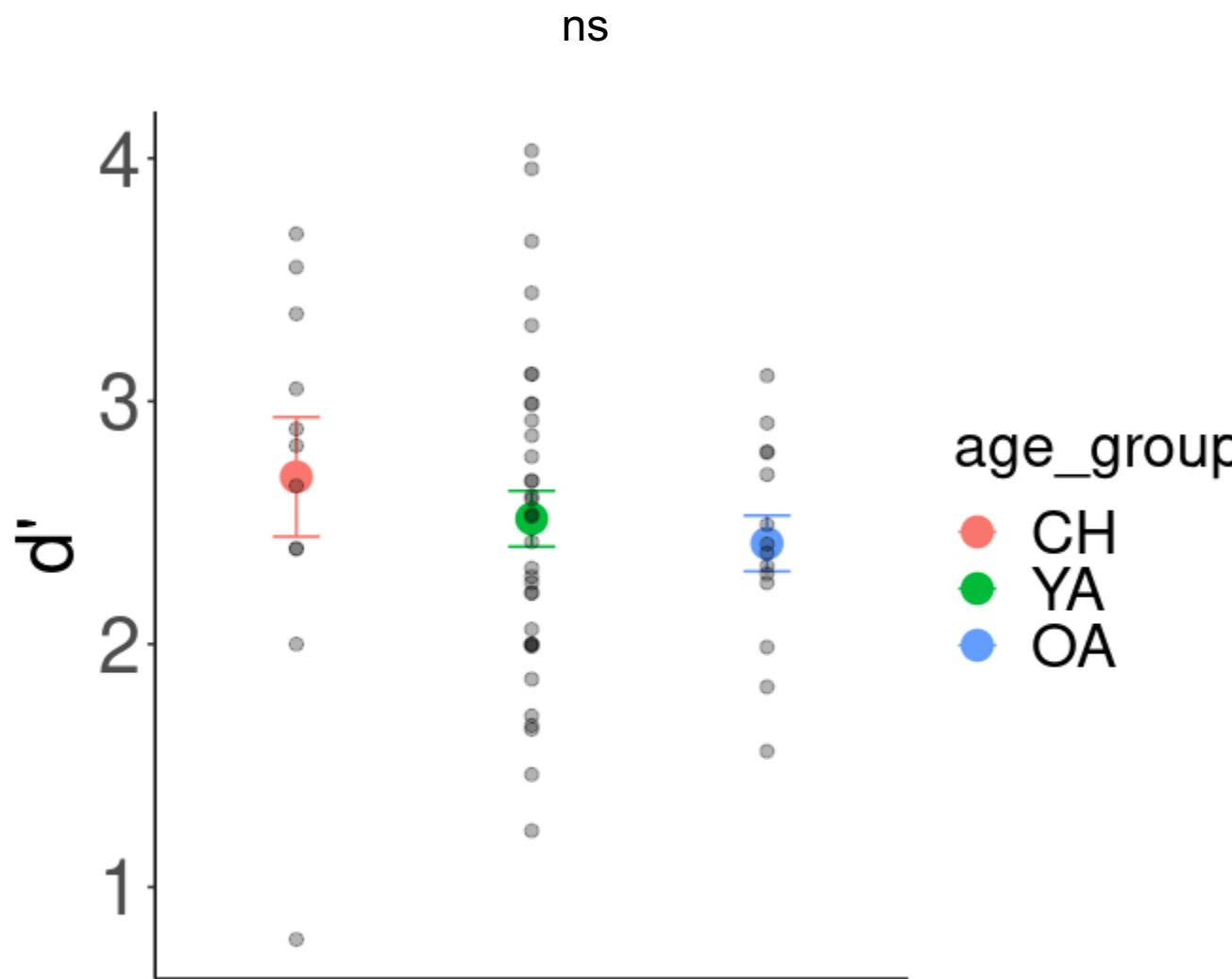
Sample: 14 CH (9-13 years old)
36 YA (18-30 years old)
14 OA (62-75 years old)



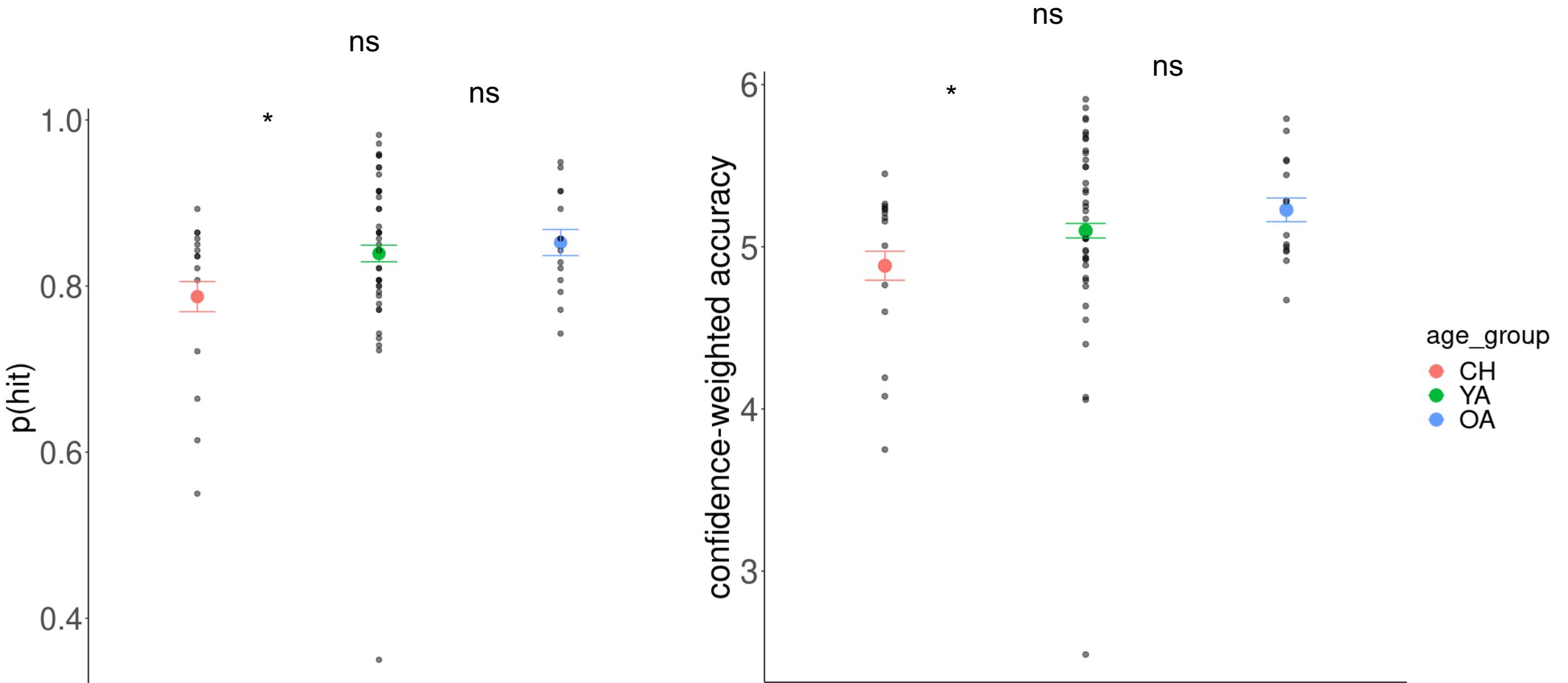
RESULTS-recognition memory



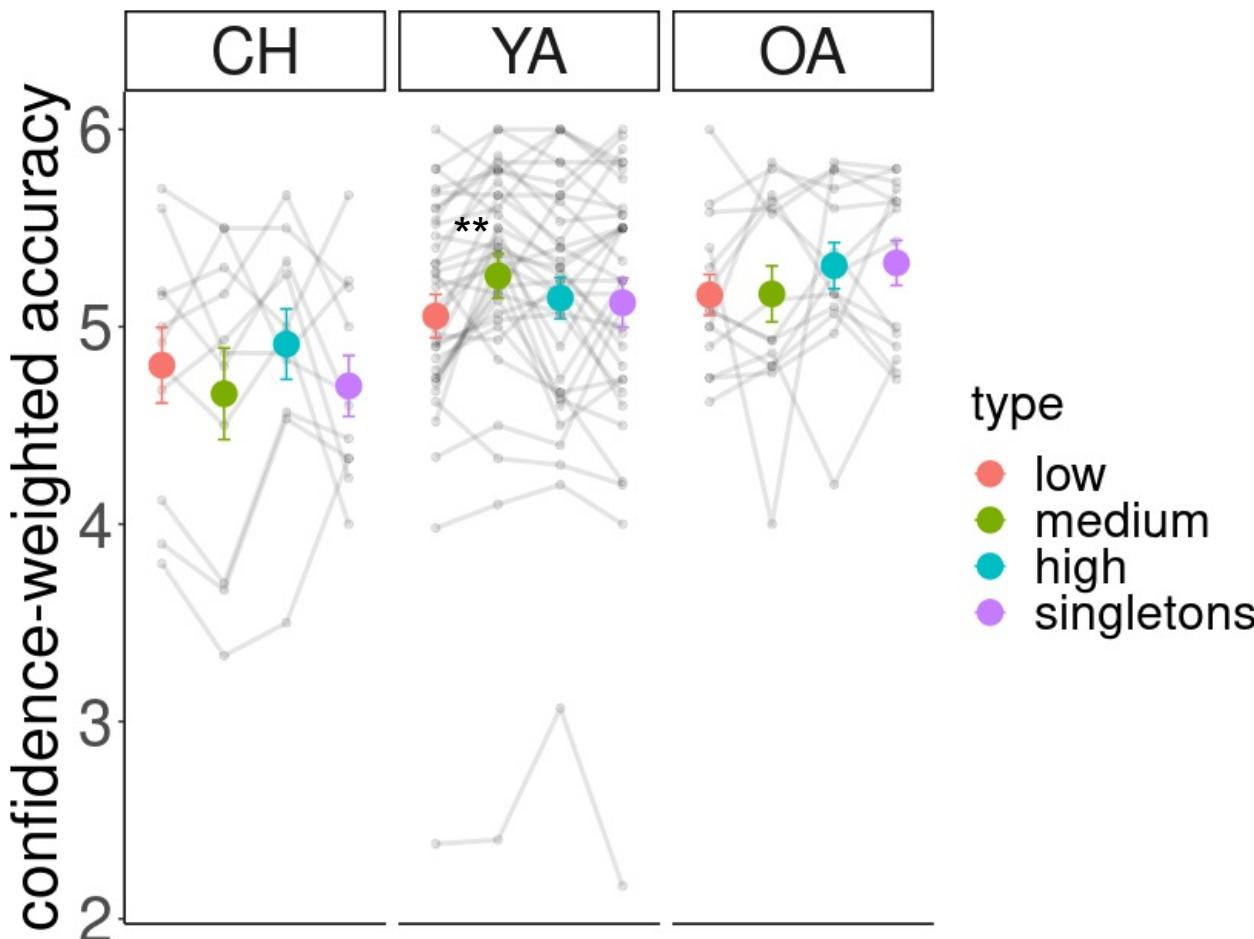
RESULTS-recognition memory



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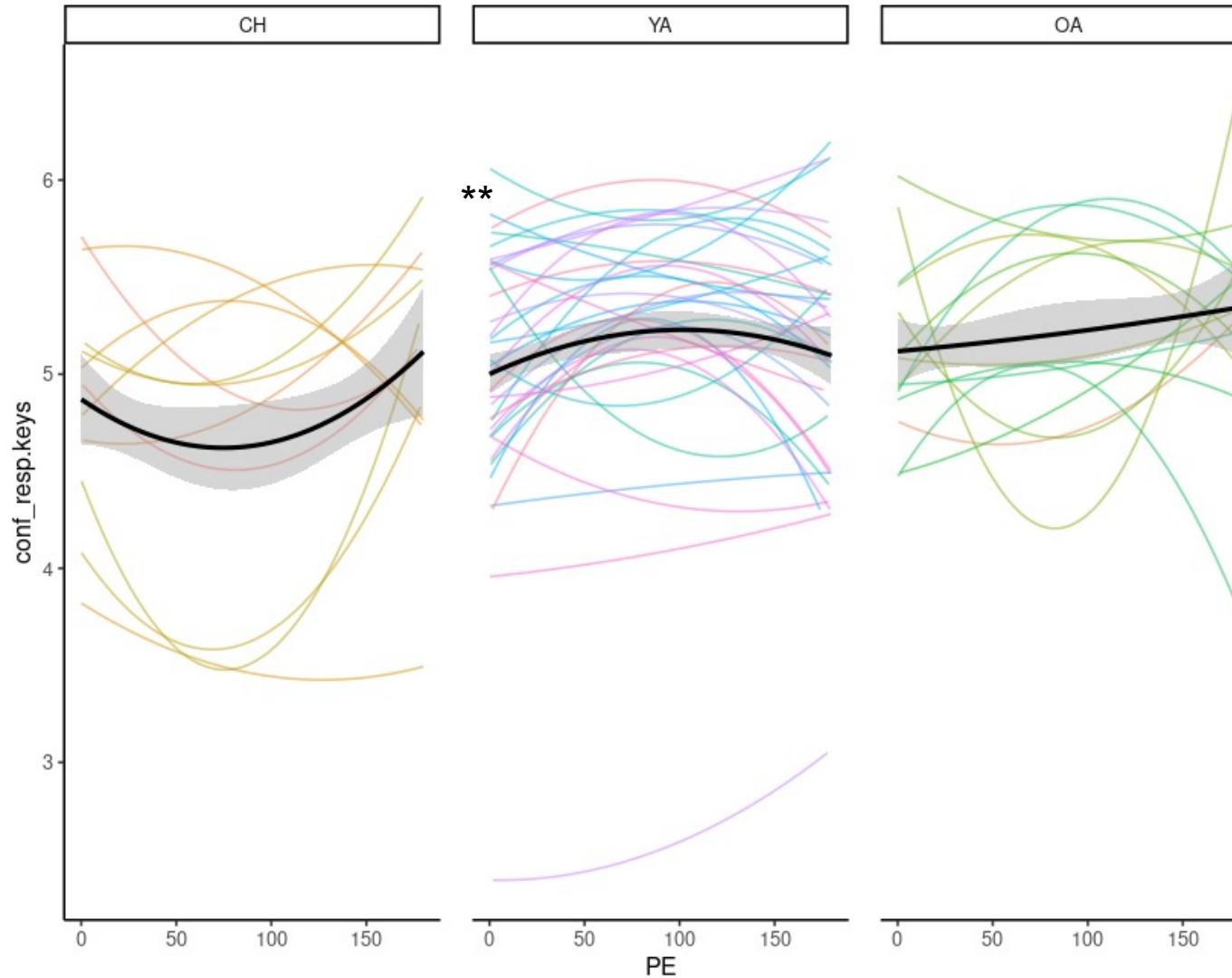
RESULTS-recognition memory



Response: conf_resp.keys

	Chisq	Df	Pr(>Chisq)
age_group	2.8589	2	0.23943
type	6.4852	2	0.03906 *
age_group:type	9.1151	4	0.05829 .

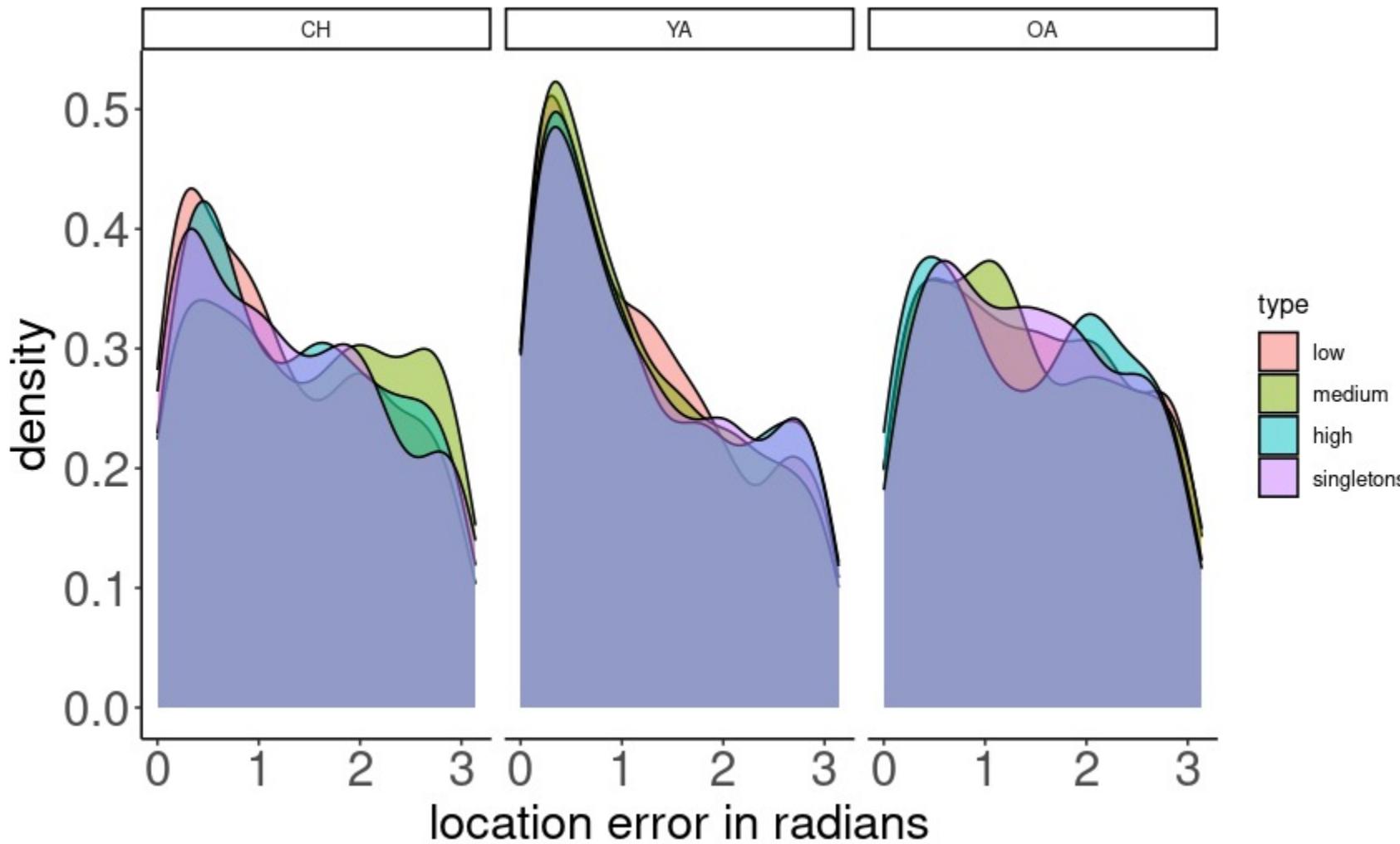
RESULTS-recognition memory: PE



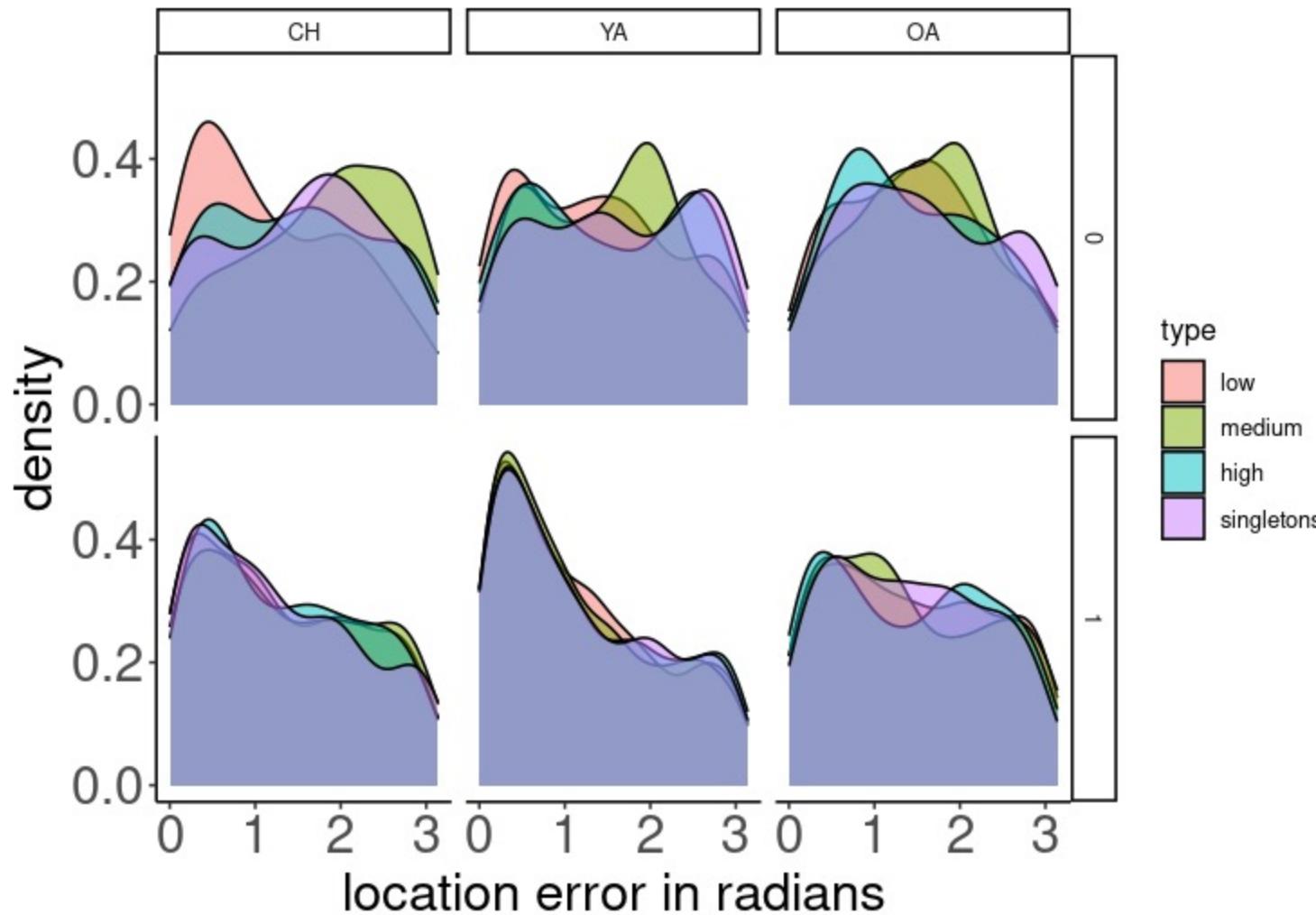
Response: conf_resp.keys

	Chisq	Df	Pr(>Chisq)
poly(PE_sc, 2)	7.6273	2	0.02207 *
age_group	3.7273	2	0.15510
poly(PE_sc, 2):age_group	10.2564	4	0.03632 *

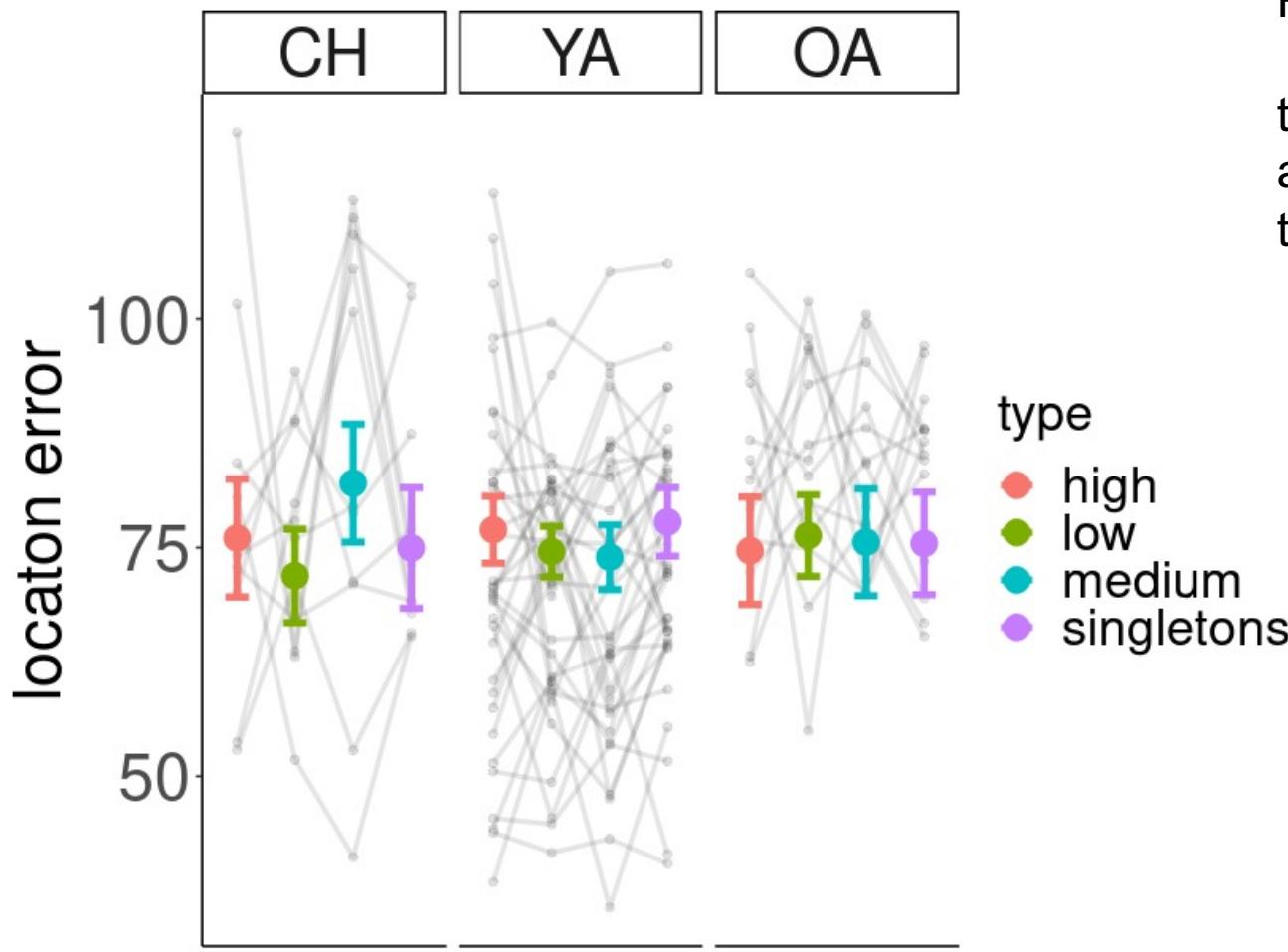
RESULTS - Location error



RESULTS - Location error: Misses vs Hits

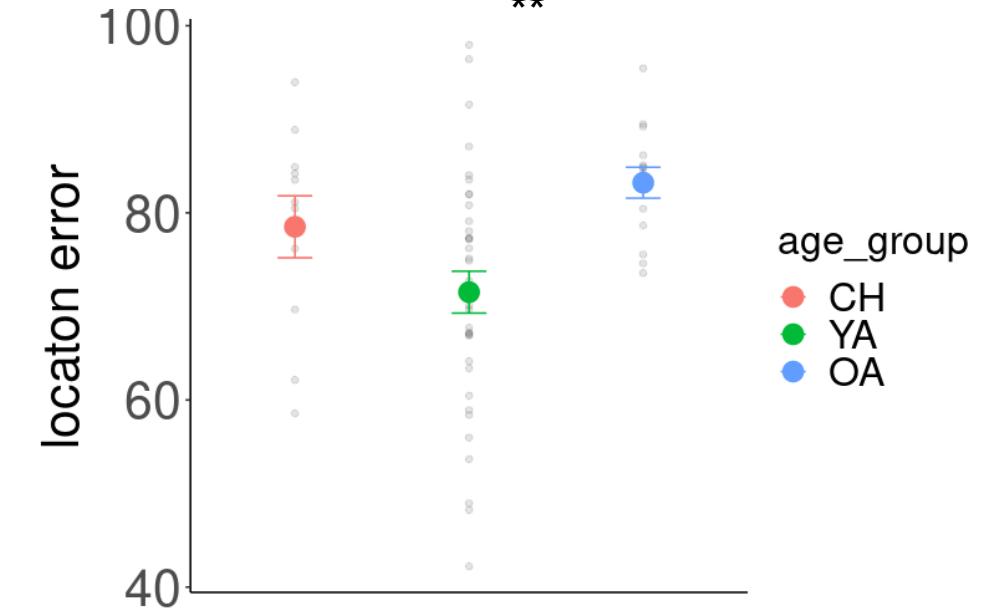


RESULTS - Location error

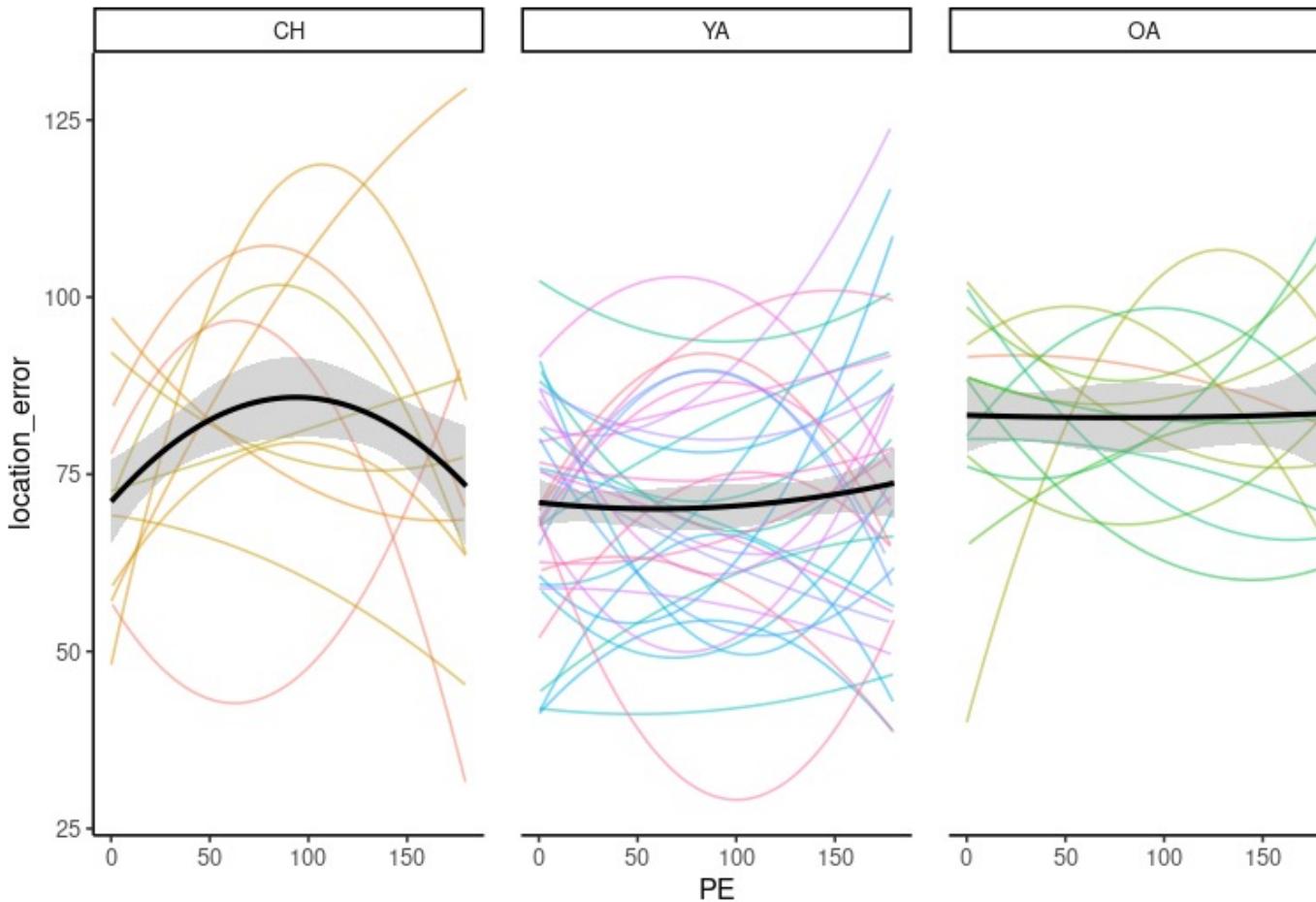


Response: location_error

	Chisq	Df	Pr(>Chisq)
type	0.2877	2	0.866007
age_group	13.7775	2	0.001019 **
type:age_group	2.1456	4	0.709001



RESULTS - Location error



Response: location_error

	Chisq	Df	Pr(>Chisq)
poly(PE, 2)	0.7006	2	0.704477
age_group	11.3998	2	0.003346 **
poly(PE, 2):age_group	6.4337	4	0.169019

Fixations

Sample: 6 CH (9-13 years old)
20 YA (18-30 years old)
5 OA (62-75 years old)

The standard parser setting uses velocity and acceleration thresholds of $30^{\circ}/s$ and $8000^{\circ}/s^2$, respectively.

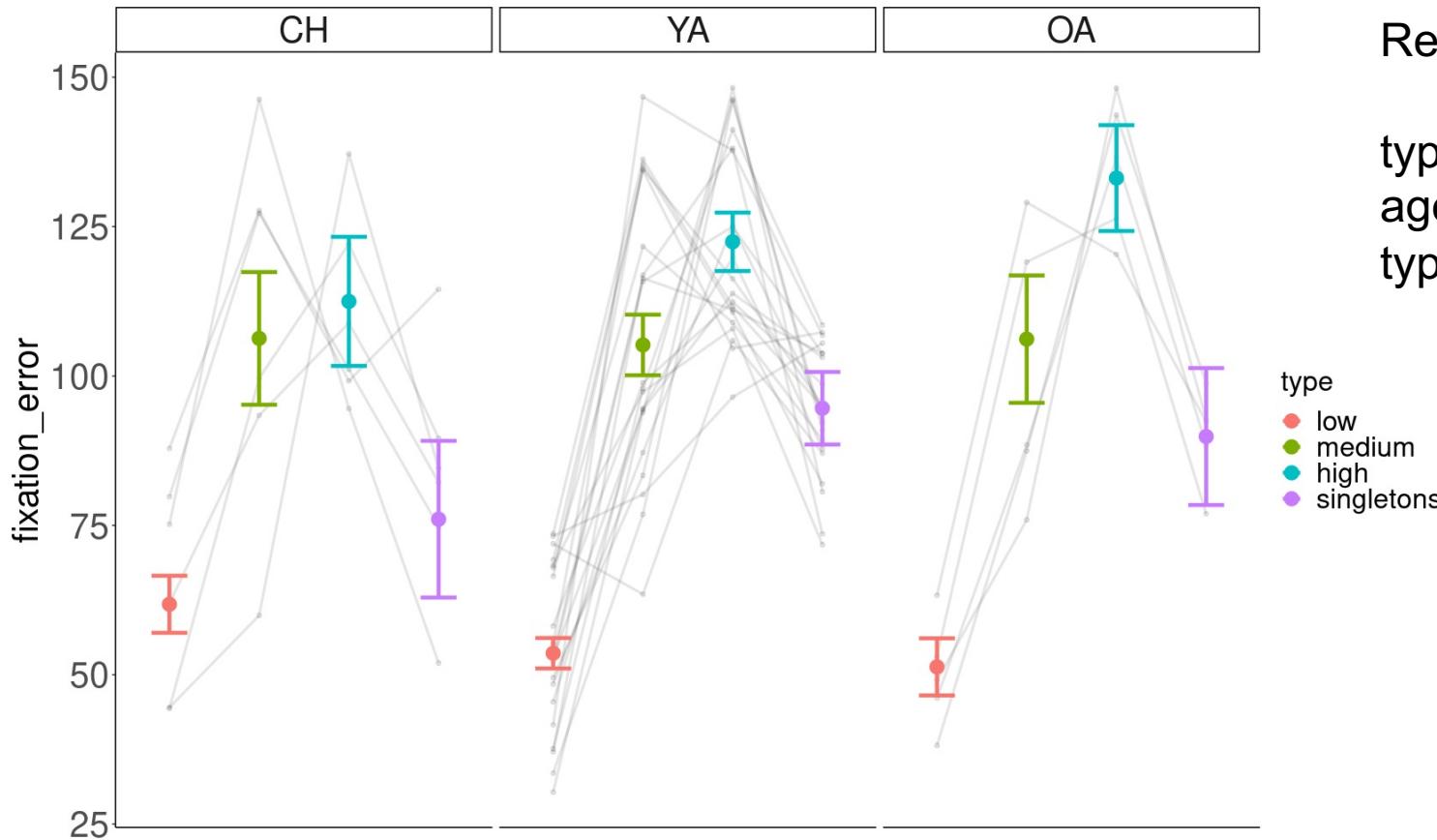
Samples above threshold are determined to be in saccade, and samples below threshold are determined to be in fixation

So the onset of a fixation is determined by the offset of the previous saccade, and the offset of a fixation is determined by the onset of the subsequent saccade.

We took the last fixation within the time window and extracted the angle in relation to the circle

RESULTS - FIXATIONS

Fixation error = angular distance between the location of the third truck
and the last fixation before the truck appears



Response: fixation_error

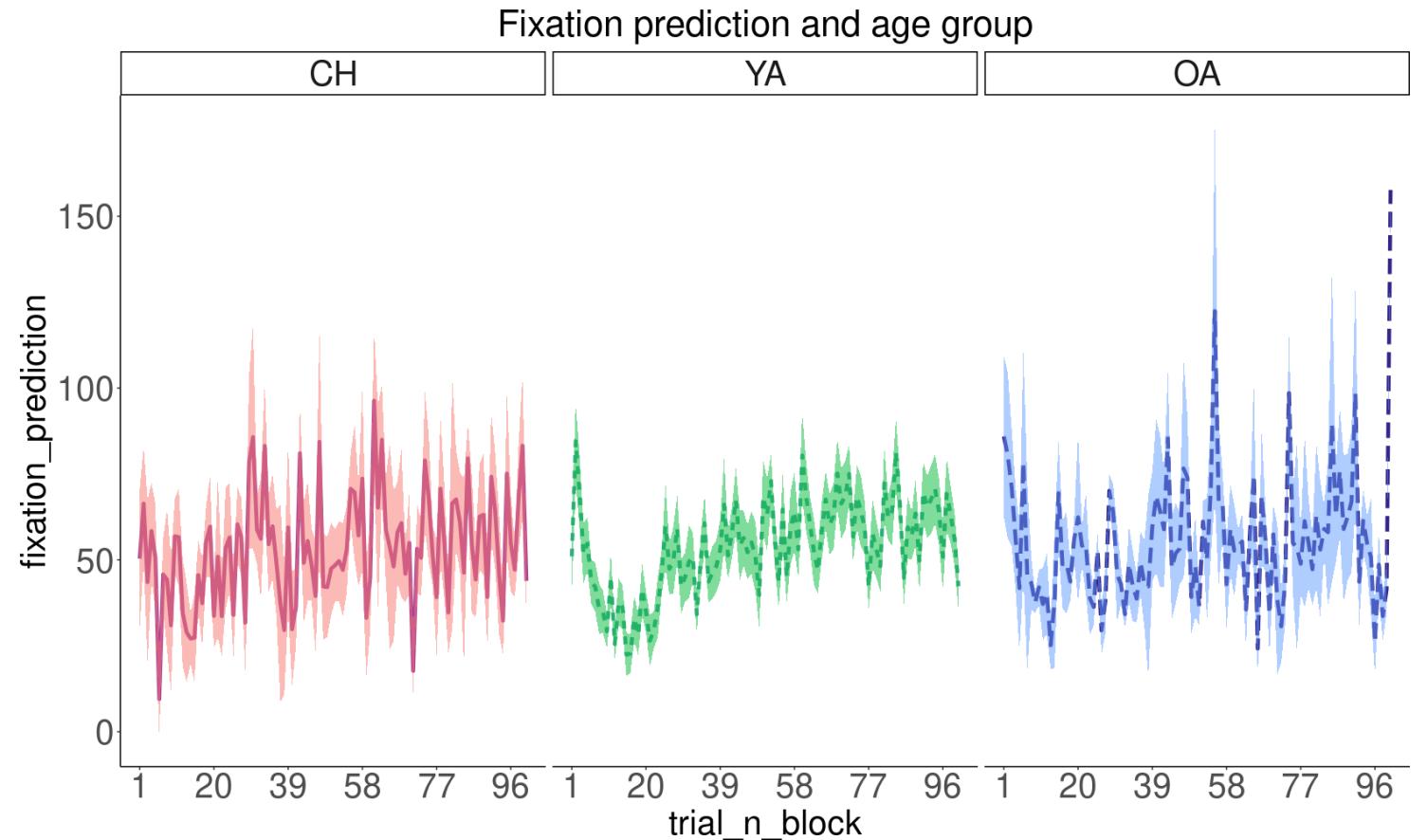
	Chisq	Df	Pr(>Chisq)
type	264.2416	3	< 2e-16 ***
age_group	1.6959	2	0.42829
type:age_group	11.9090	6	0.06403 .

type
• low
• medium
• high
• singletons

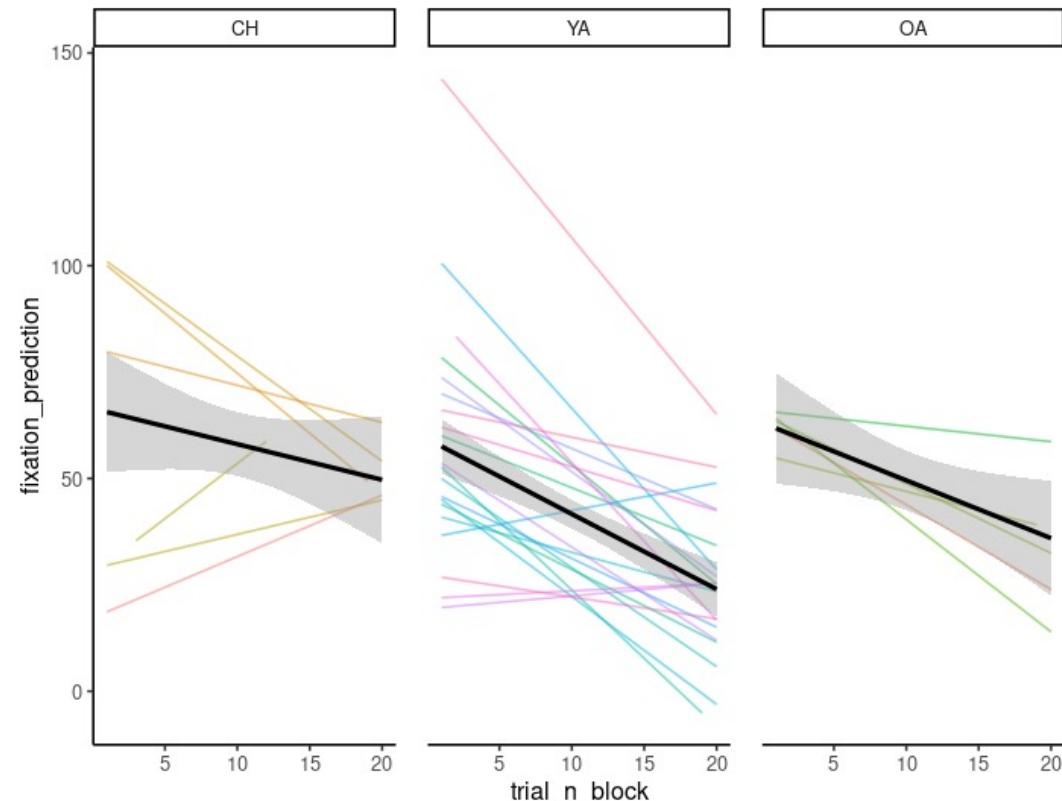
Many NAs!

RESULTS - FIXATIONS

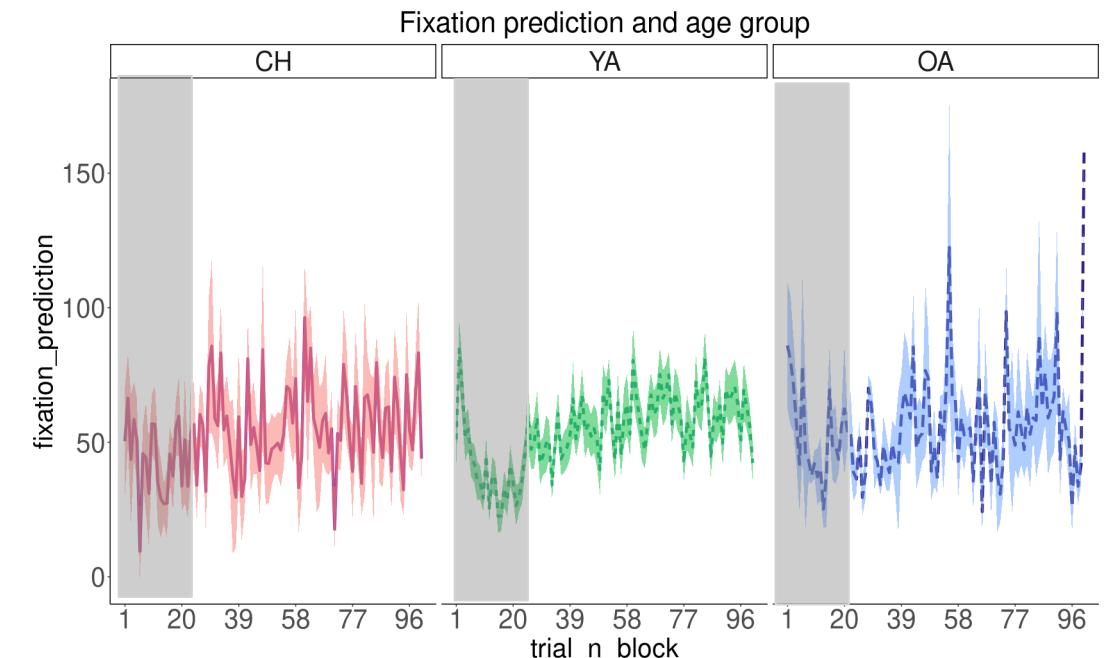
Fixation Prediction: angular distance between the center of distribution of the most frequent location and the last fixation before the truck appears



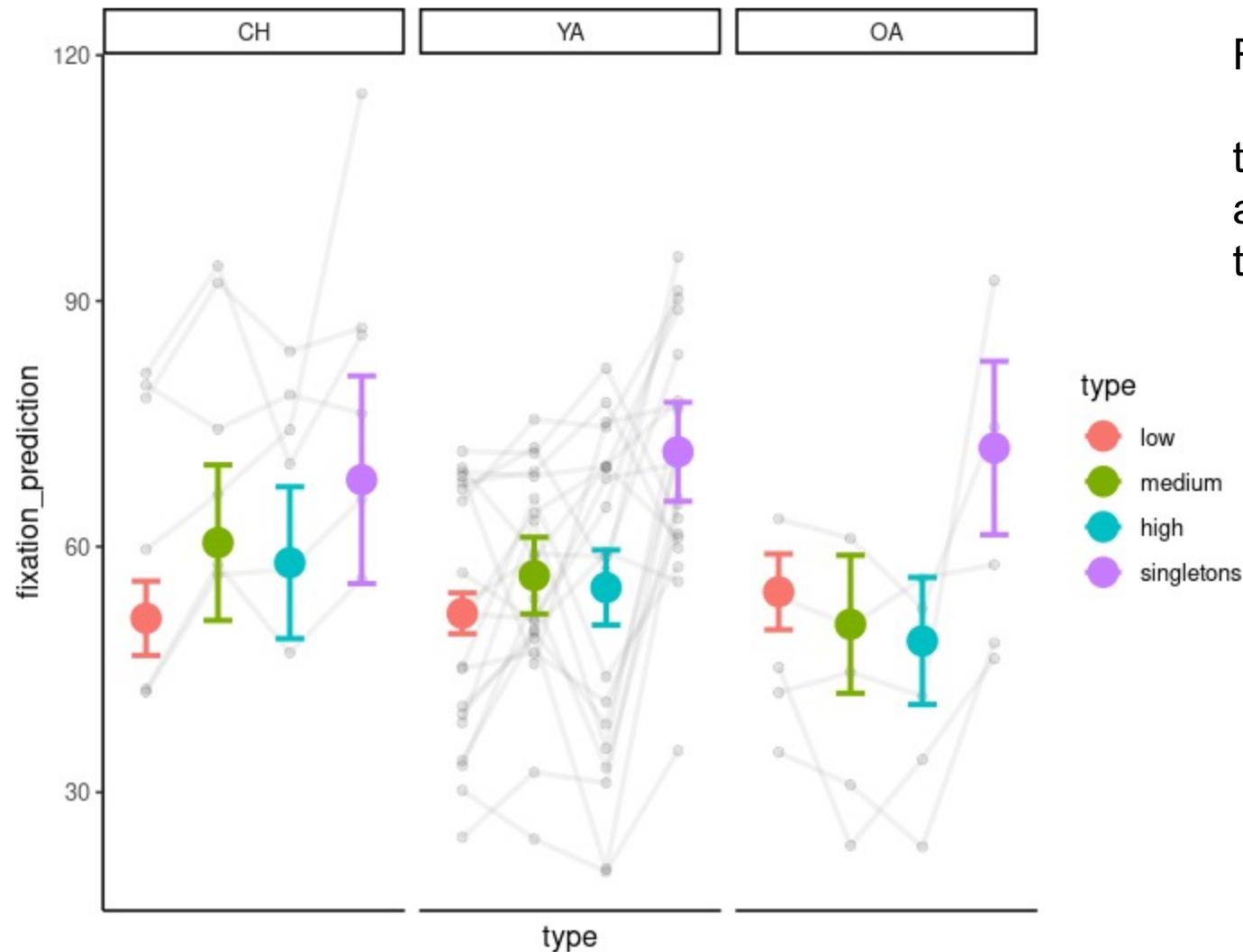
RESULTS - FIXATIONS



trial_n_block -1.241 0.253 160.478 -4.903 2.30e-06 ***



RESULTS - FIXATIONS



Response: fixation_prediction

Chisq Df Pr(>Chisq)

type 34.7855 3 1.352e-07 ***

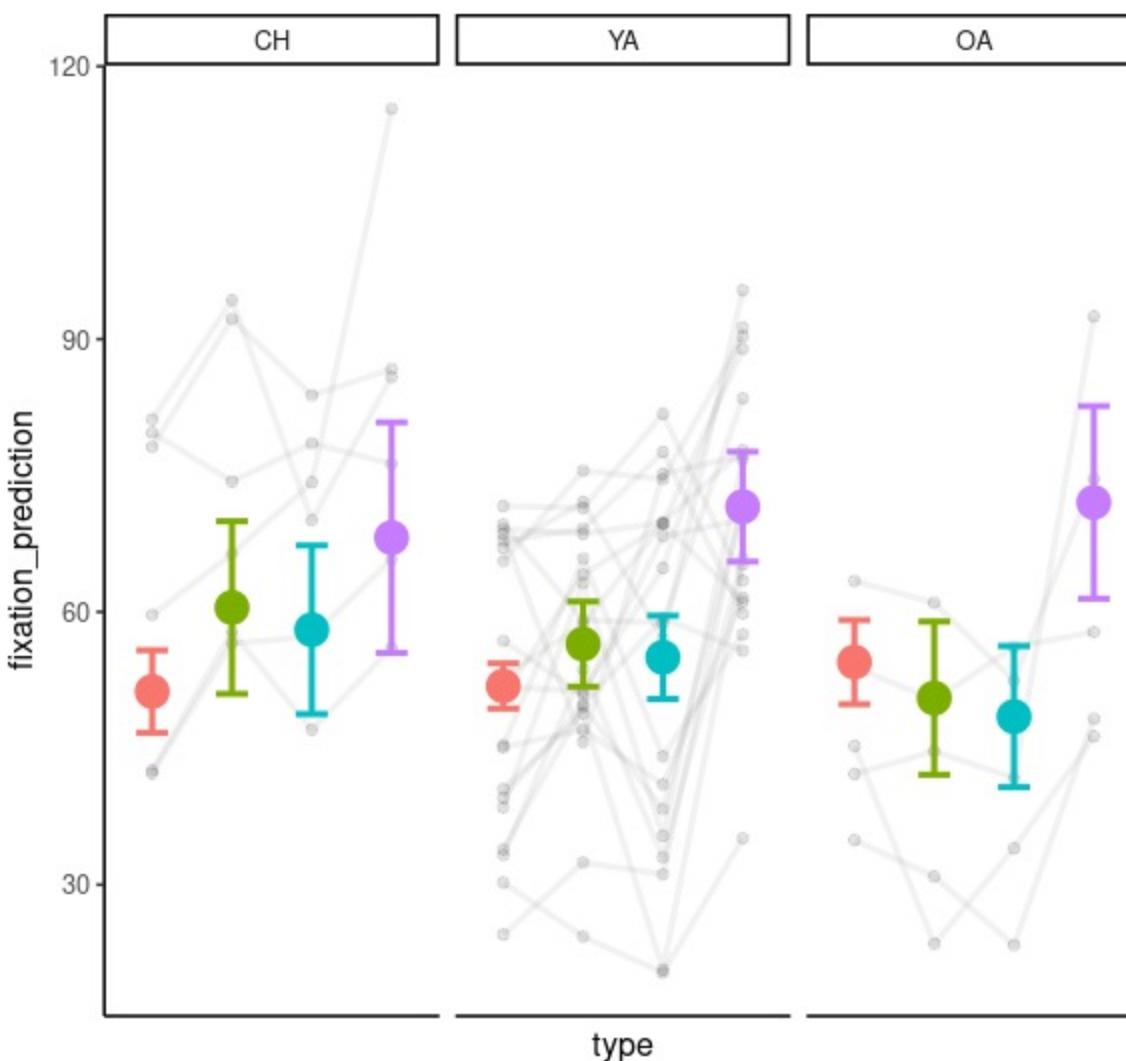
age_group 5.9997 2 0.04979 *

type:age_group 6.6115 6 0.35827

type

- low
- medium
- high
- singletons

RESULTS - FIXATIONS



\$`pairwise differences of type`

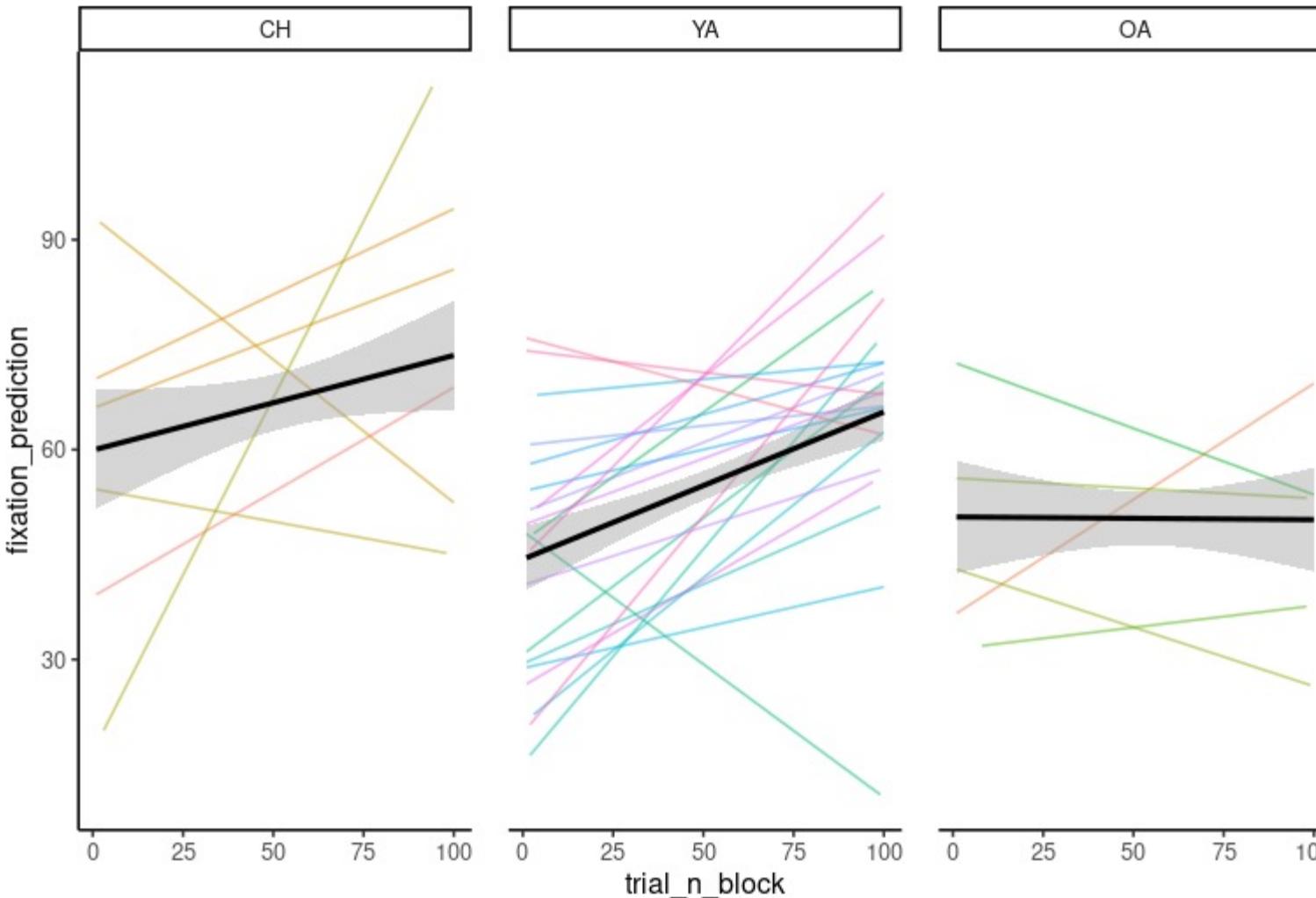
	estimate	SE	df	z.ratio	p.value
low - medium	-4.17	2.03	Inf	-2.053	0.2406
low - high	-2.64	2.00	Inf	-1.320	1.0000
low - singletons	-18.84	3.12	Inf	-6.033	<.0001
medium - high	1.53	2.53	Inf	0.604	1.0000
medium – singletons	-14.66	3.07	Inf	-4.770	<.0001
high - singletons	-16.19	3.41	Inf	-4.755	<.0001

type
 ● low
 ● medium
 ● high
 ● singletons

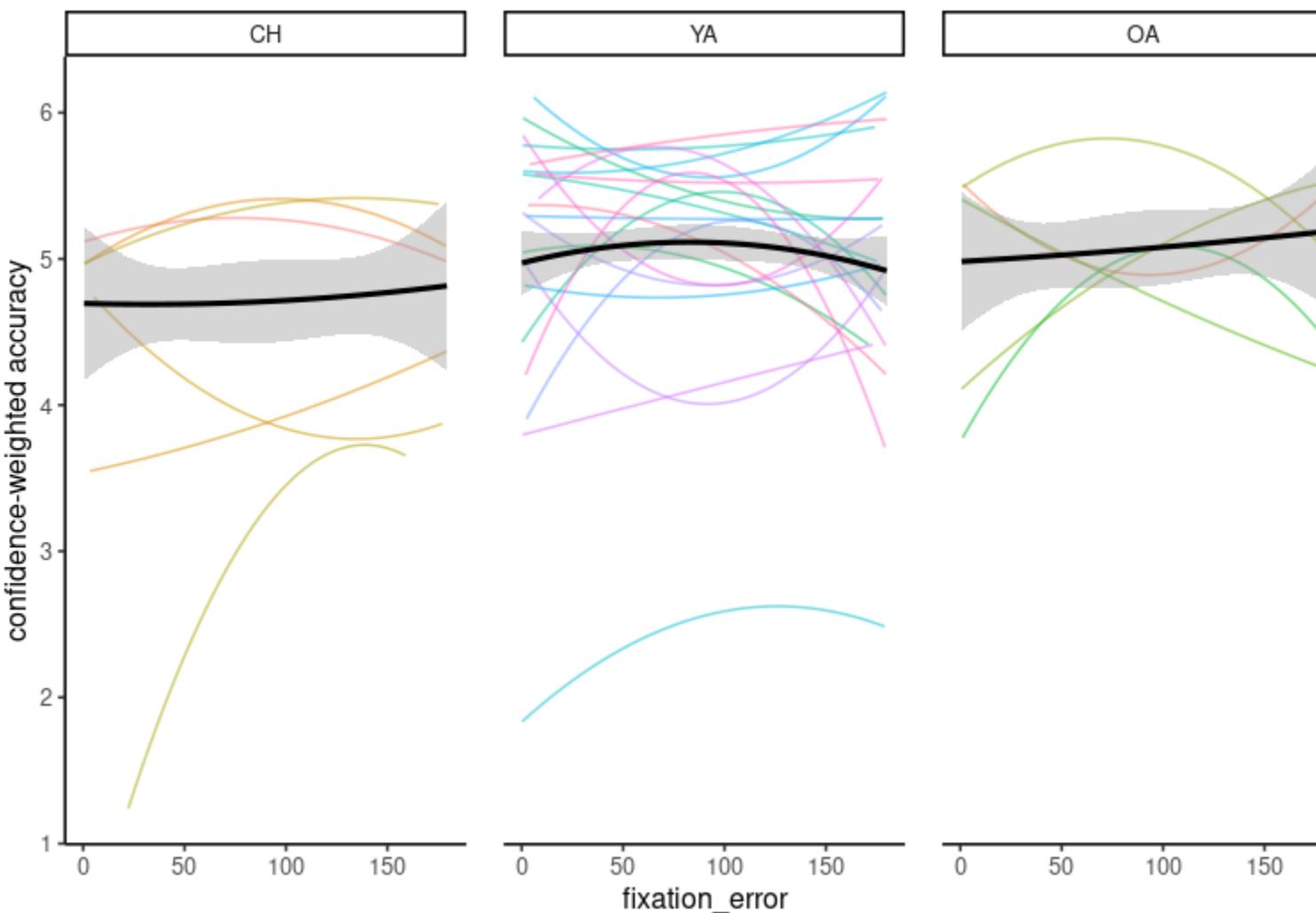
\$`pairwise differences of age_group`

	estimate	SE	df	z.ratio	p.value
CH - YA	14.41	6.58	Inf	2.189	0.0731
CH - OA	22.12	8.56	Inf	2.582	0.0265
YA - OA	7.71	7.03	Inf	1.097	0.5161

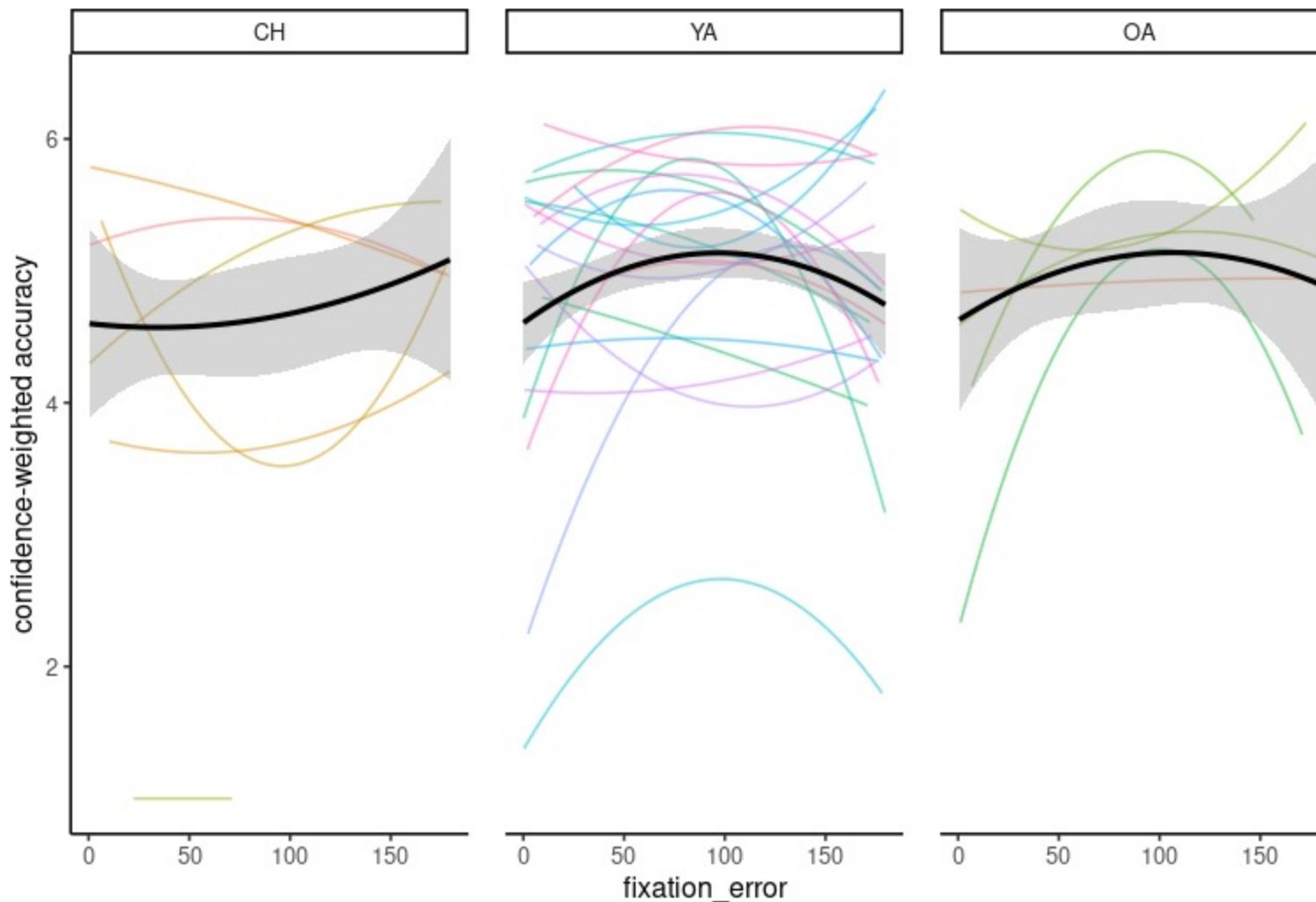
RESULTS - FIXATIONS



RESULTS – FIXATIONS: memory

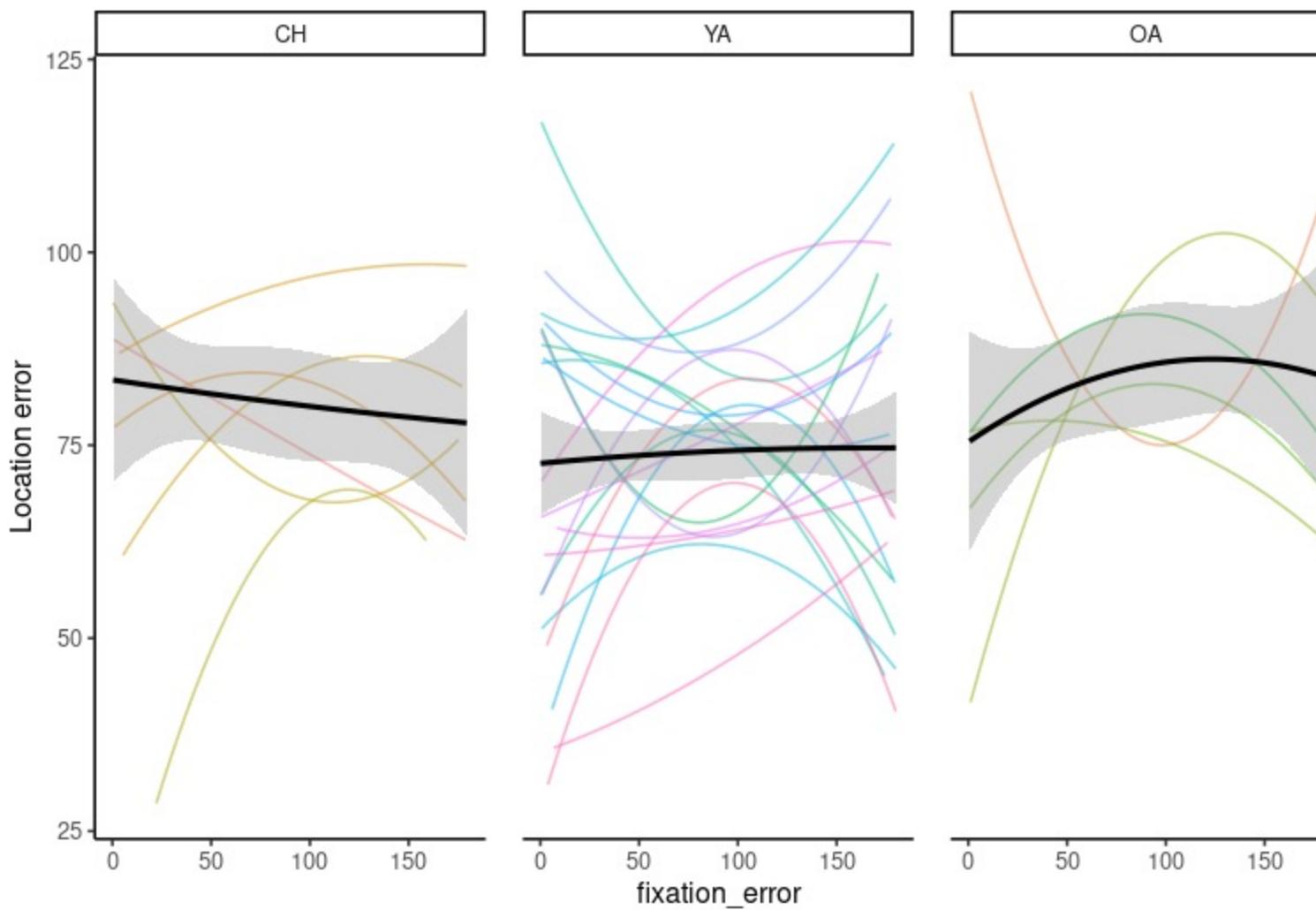


RESULTS – FIXATIONS: memory

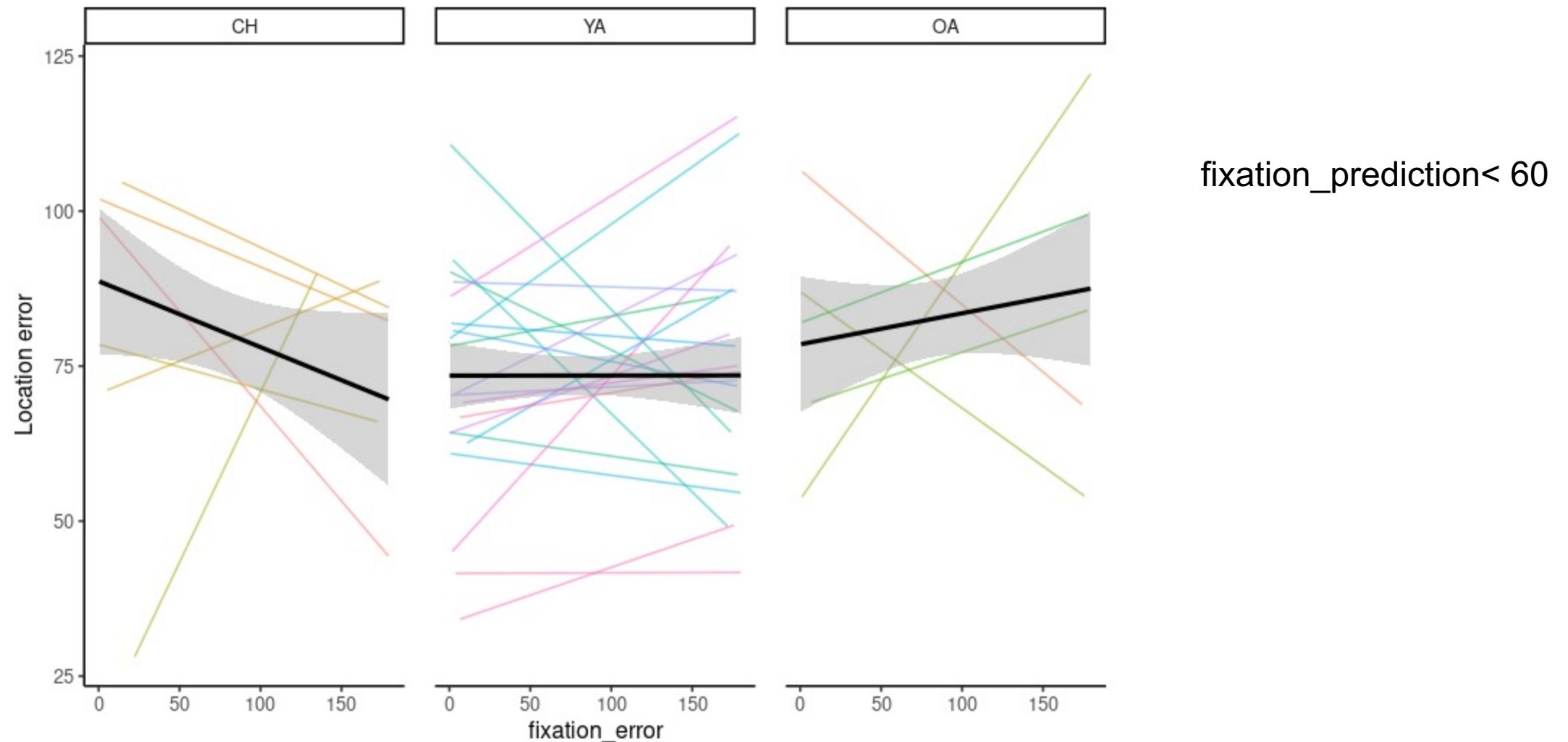


First 50 trials

RESULTS – FIXATIONS: memory



RESULTS – FIXATIONS: memory



Suggestions?



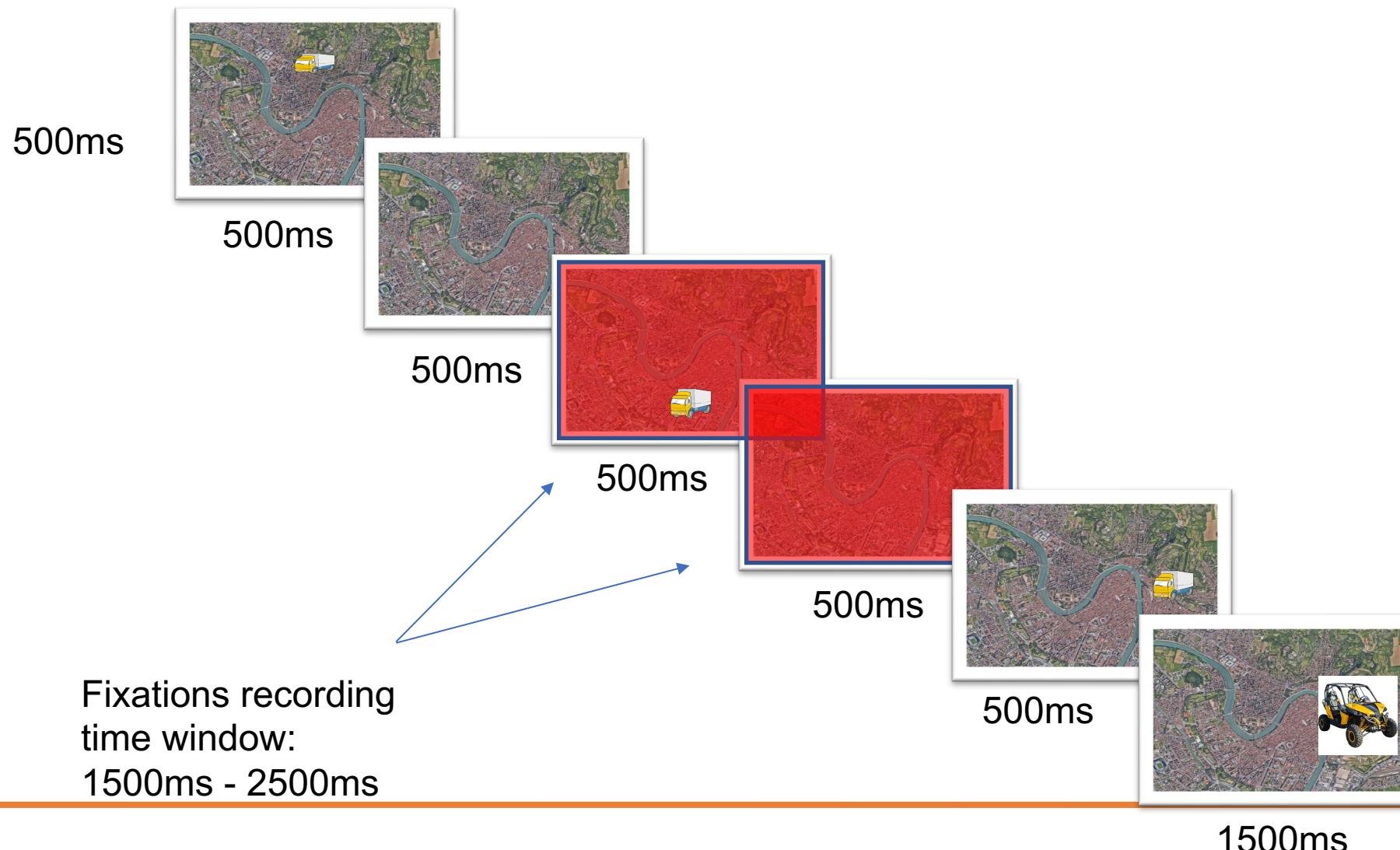
Hello! I'm here to help. It sounds like you're conducting an experiment where you're trying to manipulate participants' expectations and measure their response to unexpected events. If I understand correctly, you're saying that initially participants look at the expected location, but after being exposed to some trials where the truck appears in different locations, they stop looking at the most likely location.

One approach to encourage participants to continue looking at the expected location is to use a technique called "attentional cueing." This involves using a cue, such as a brief flash of light or a sound, to direct participants' attention to the expected location before the truck appears. This can help to reinforce their expectation and increase the likelihood that they will look at the expected location.

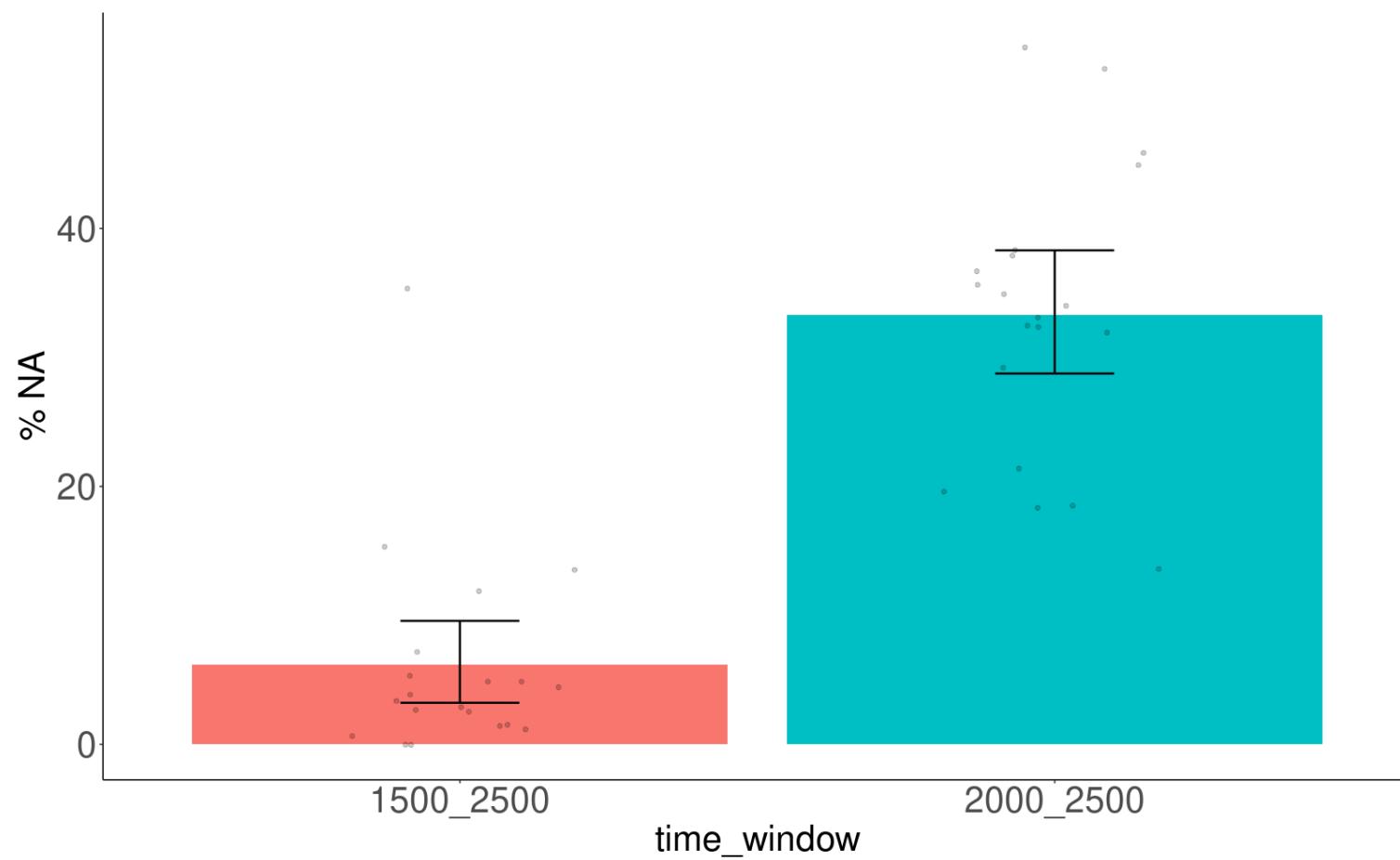
Another approach could be to gradually introduce the prediction error trials, starting with a low frequency and gradually increasing it over time. This would allow participants to adapt to the new information without becoming overwhelmed or confused. Additionally, you could consider providing feedback to participants after each trial to reinforce the correct response.

Finally, you could also consider providing an explicit instruction to participants to continue looking at the expected location, along with a rationale for why this is important. This could help to make participants more aware of their behavior and more motivated to maintain their attention on the expected location.

New Time-window: 1500-2500



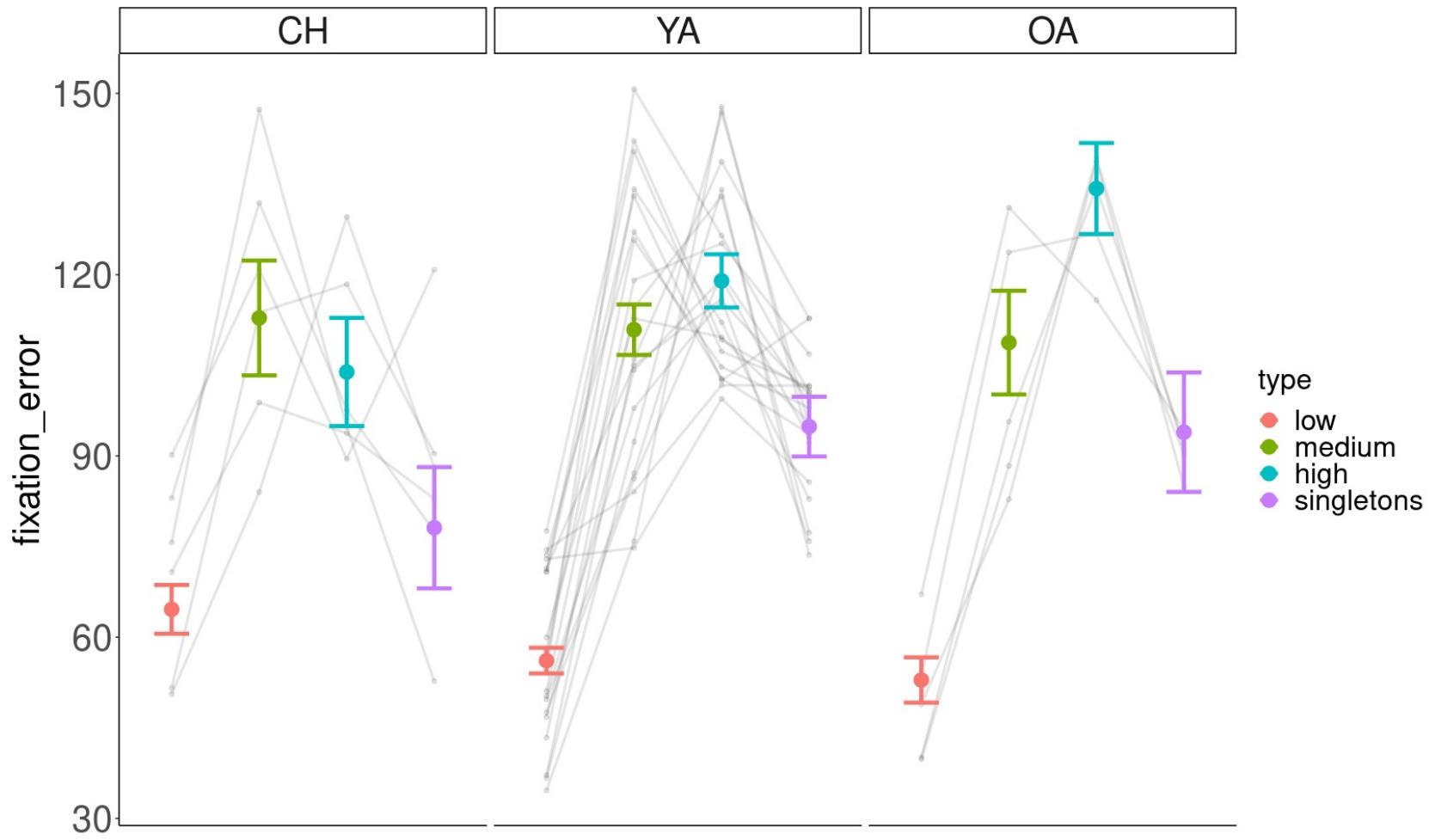
New Time-window: 1500-2500



Including the 500ms before significantly reduced the number of missing fixations

1500ms

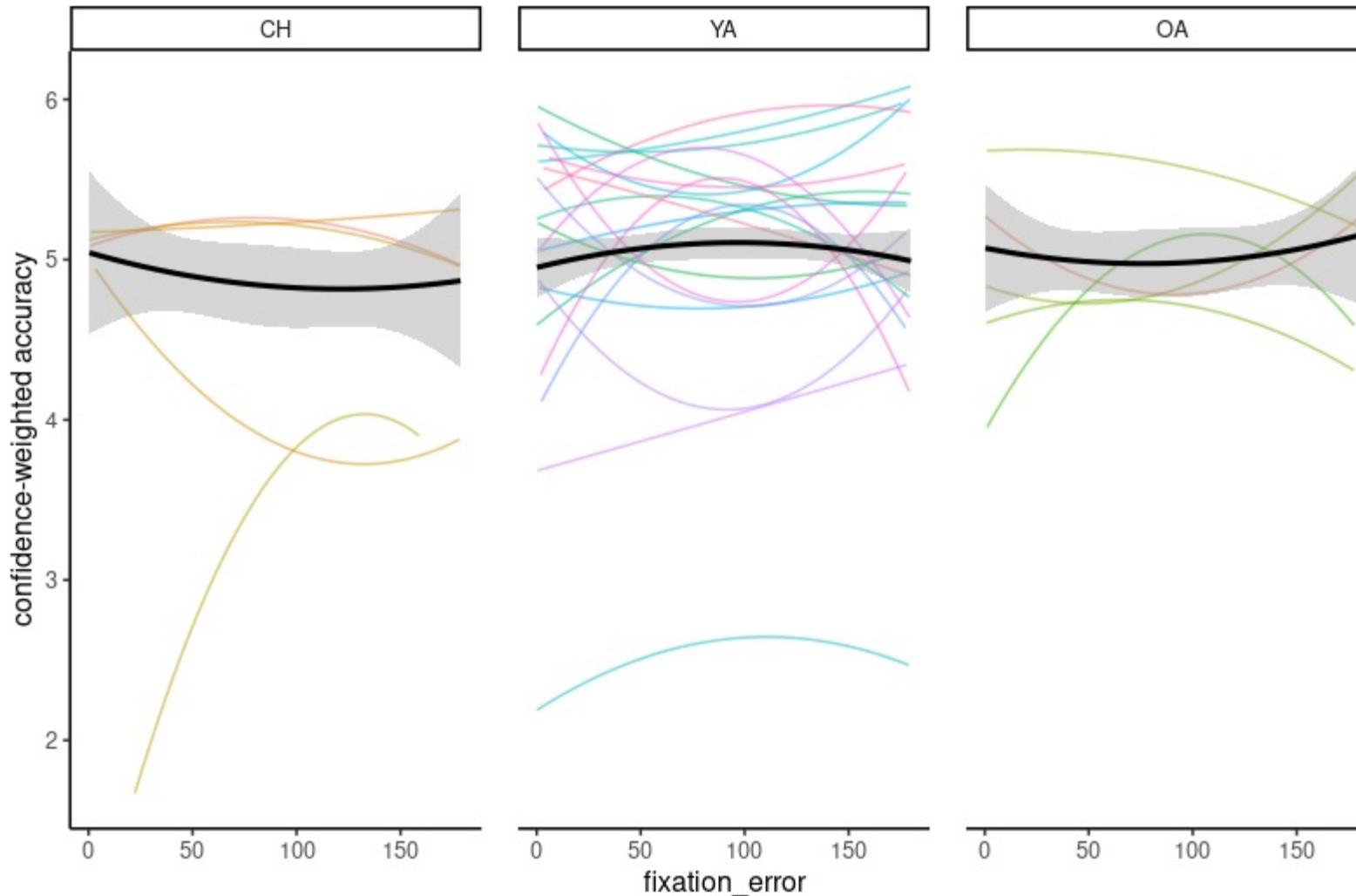
New Time-window: 1500-2500



The pattern is
preserved

1500ms

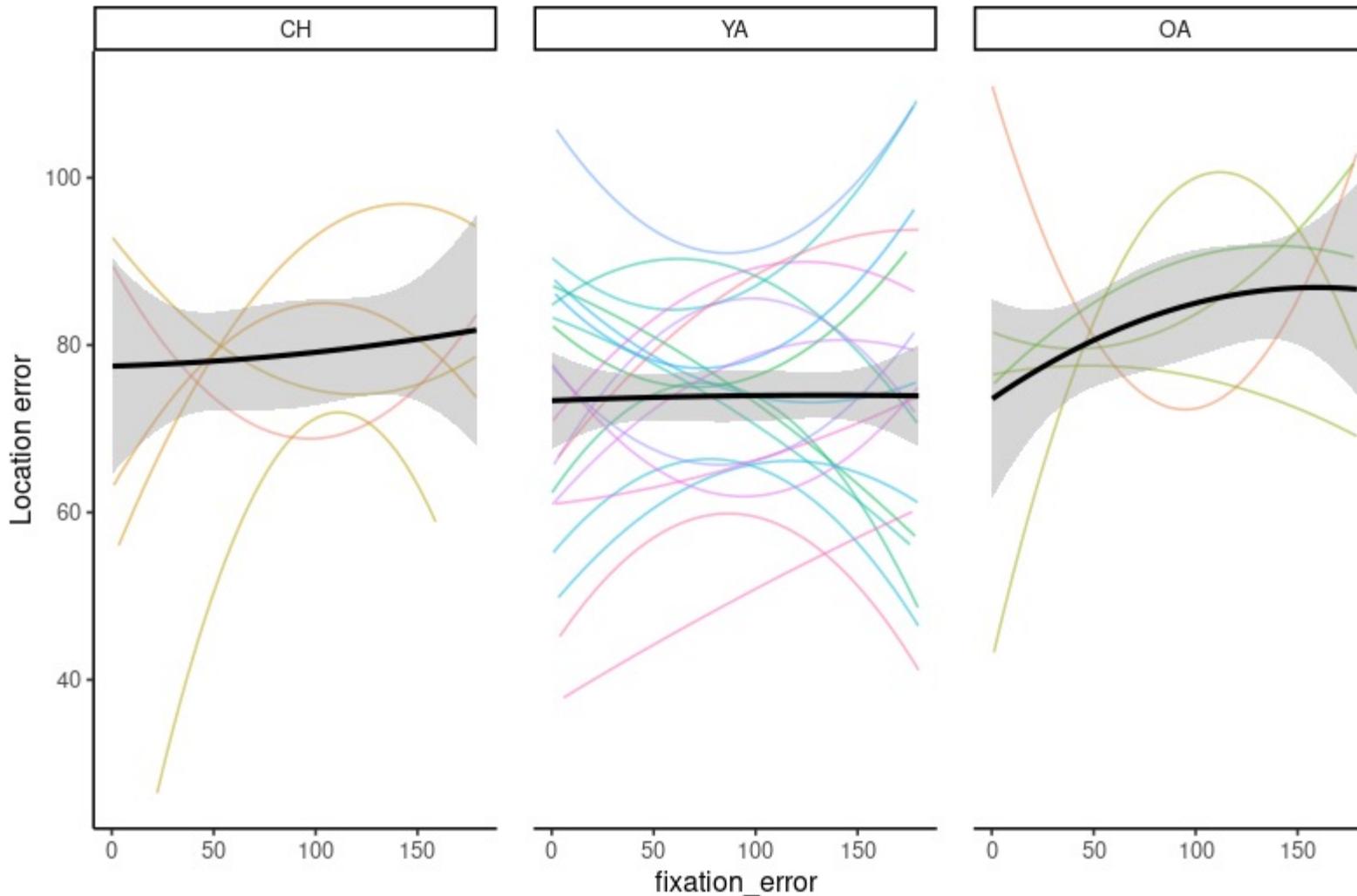
New Time-window: 1500-2500



Fixation error on item memory

1500ms

New Time-window: 1500-2500



Fixation error on
location memory (only
for misses)

1500ms

Computational model

$$\mu_1 = \mu_0 + (x - \mu_0) \frac{\sigma_0^2}{\sigma^2 + \sigma_0^2}$$

Murphy (2007)