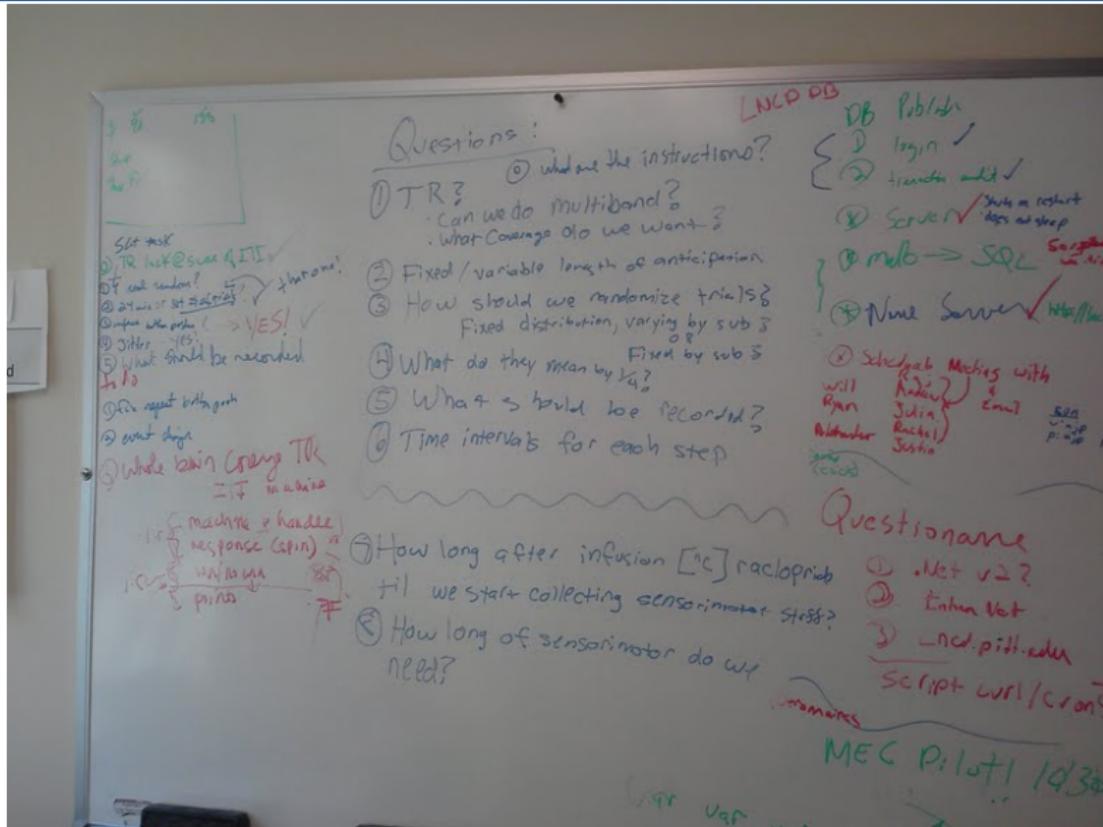


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## Overview



## Slot Task



### The Slot Task

# Martin-Soelch Task

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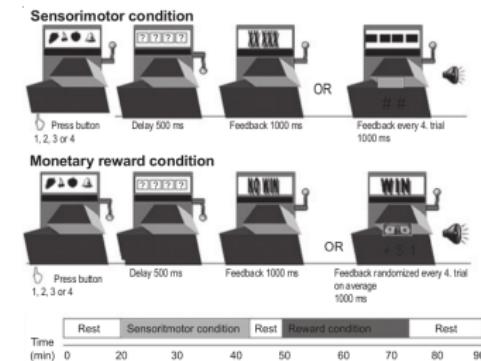


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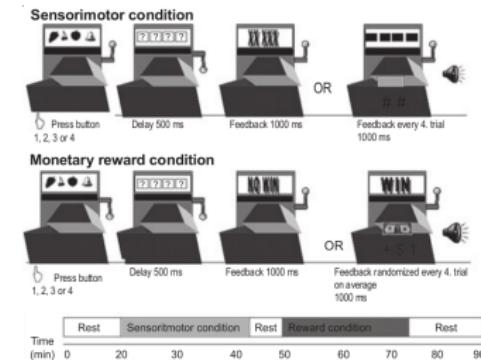


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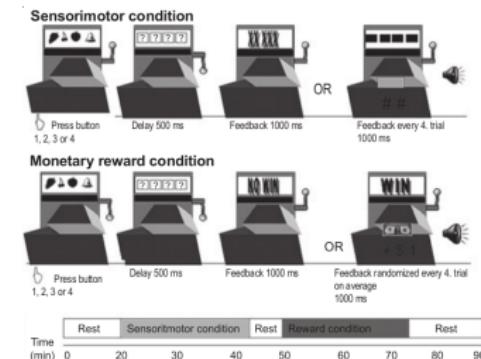
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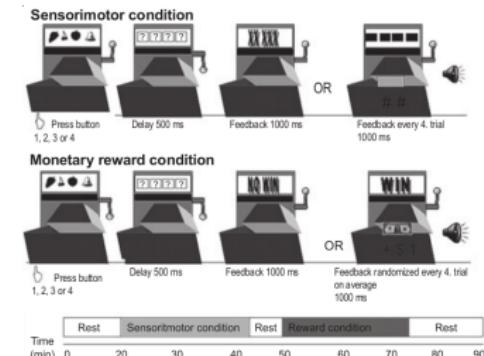


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## Our (much prettier) Task



Your score is: (Do we want this?)



# Length of anticipation stimulus

- Fixed, Variable (jittered at  $TR * n$ ), how long?





## The Slot Task

# Timing/Length of Trial events

- ① Cue and input
- ② Anticipation
- ③ Outcome
- ④ "Fixation"
- ⑤ How long should each of these be?
- ⑥ Where should we include jitter?



Low Hanging Fruit

## Instructions

Do we tell participants:

- No pattern
- Can't choose same fruit twice in a row
- Win/lose independent of response
- Two blocks

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## Behavioral recordings

For each trial, record

- Response
- Response time
- Reward

Is there anything else we should record?

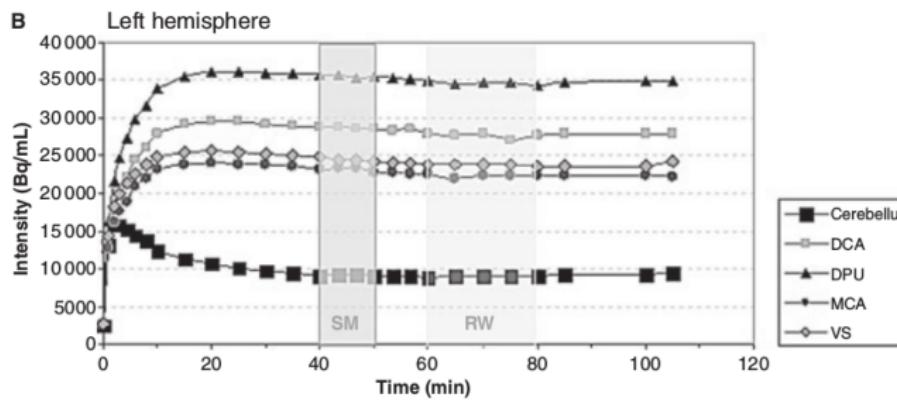


## Randomness

- Trials
  - Win half, at most 4 losses in a row?
- Runs (win/lose trial list)
  - Fixed distribution:
    - Varying by subject, OR
    - Fixed by subject
  - Pre-generated list
  - Totally random

## [<sup>11</sup>C]raclopride and SM task

- Martin-Soelch et al. used only 1/2 of SM block
- Could start collecting PET earlier? Collect less for SM condition?





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    - Acquisition synced to cardiac cycles (pulse-ox, trigger w/in 70ms)
    - Indeterminate acquisition time (no fixed TR)
    - Proton density imaging to find SN, to find VTA
    - Alternative alignment methods
  - Discard motion  $> 1.5mm$  in any direction