

Spatial attention not affected by tACS: a registered report

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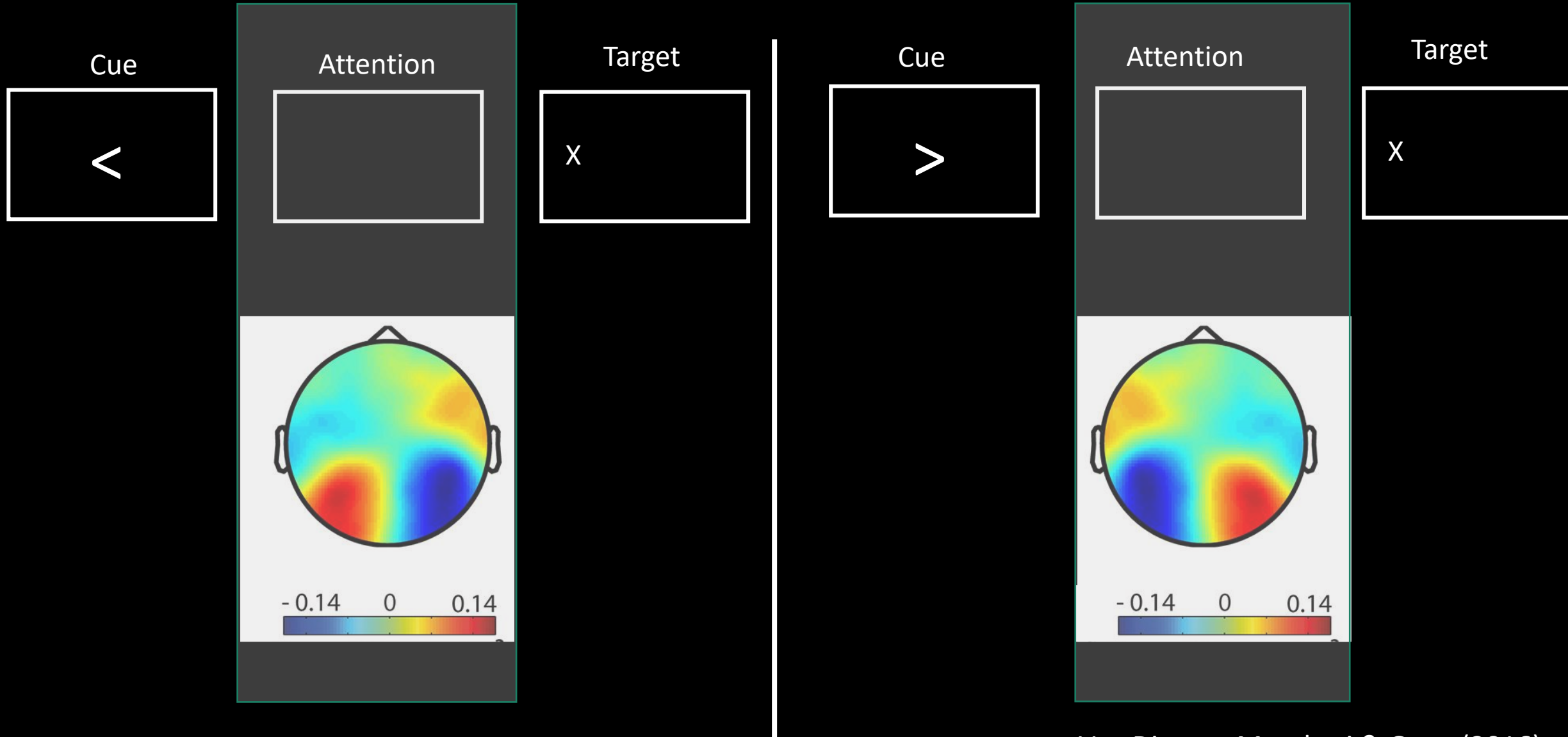
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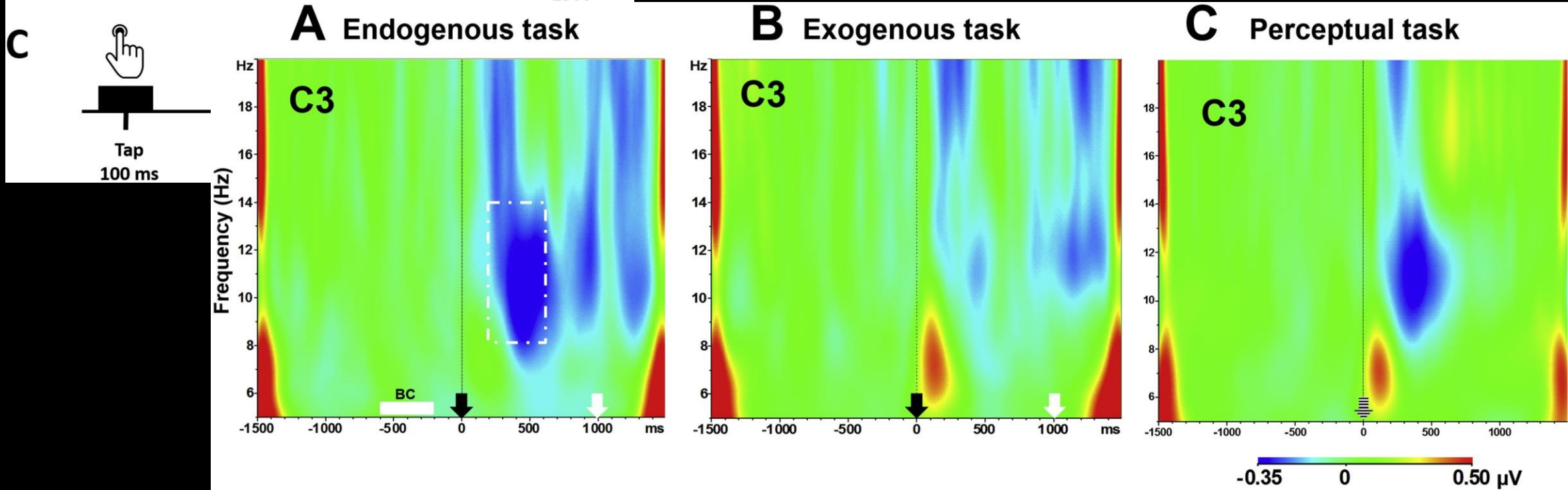
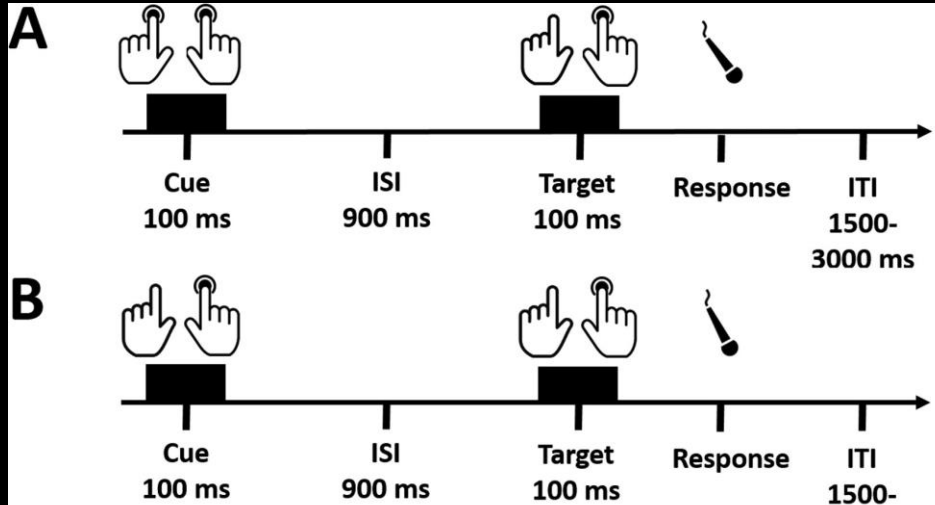
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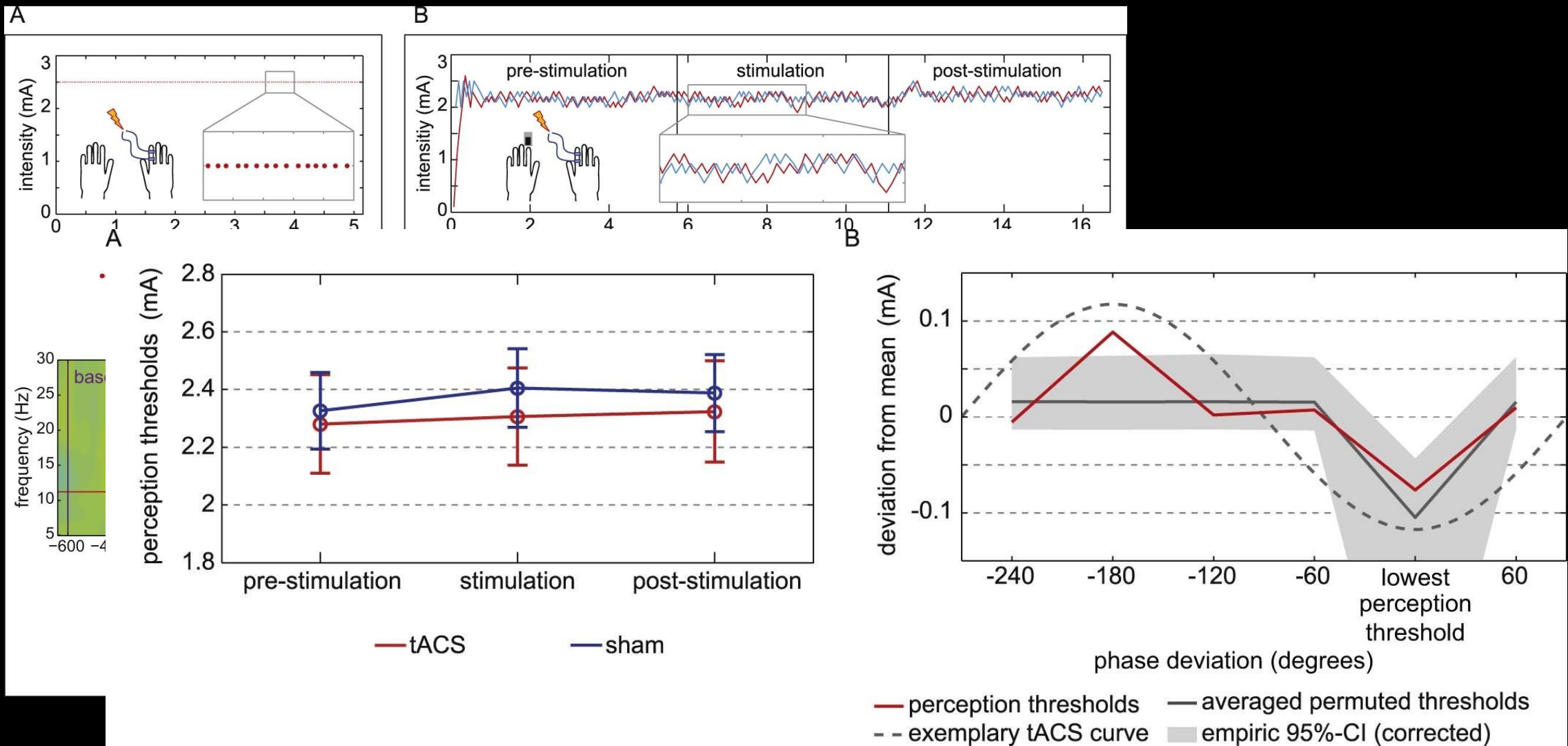
Alpha & attention



Van Diepen, Mazaheri & Geng (2016)

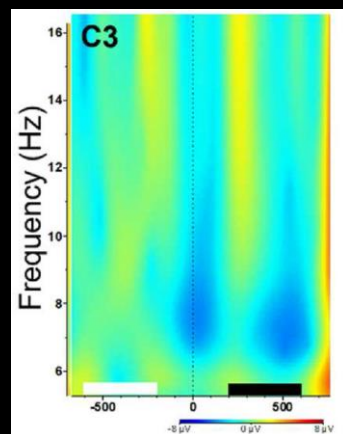


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EEG: Individual
alpha frequency



ALPHA

BETA

SHAM

tACS = 2mA

> 12 hours

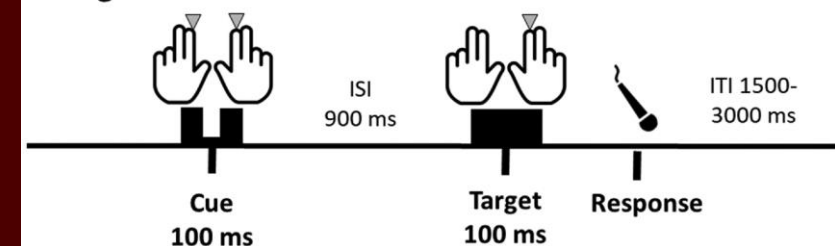
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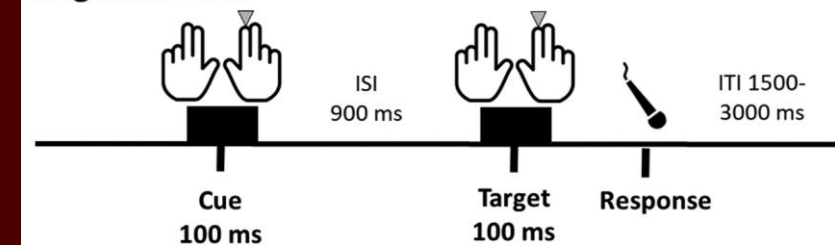
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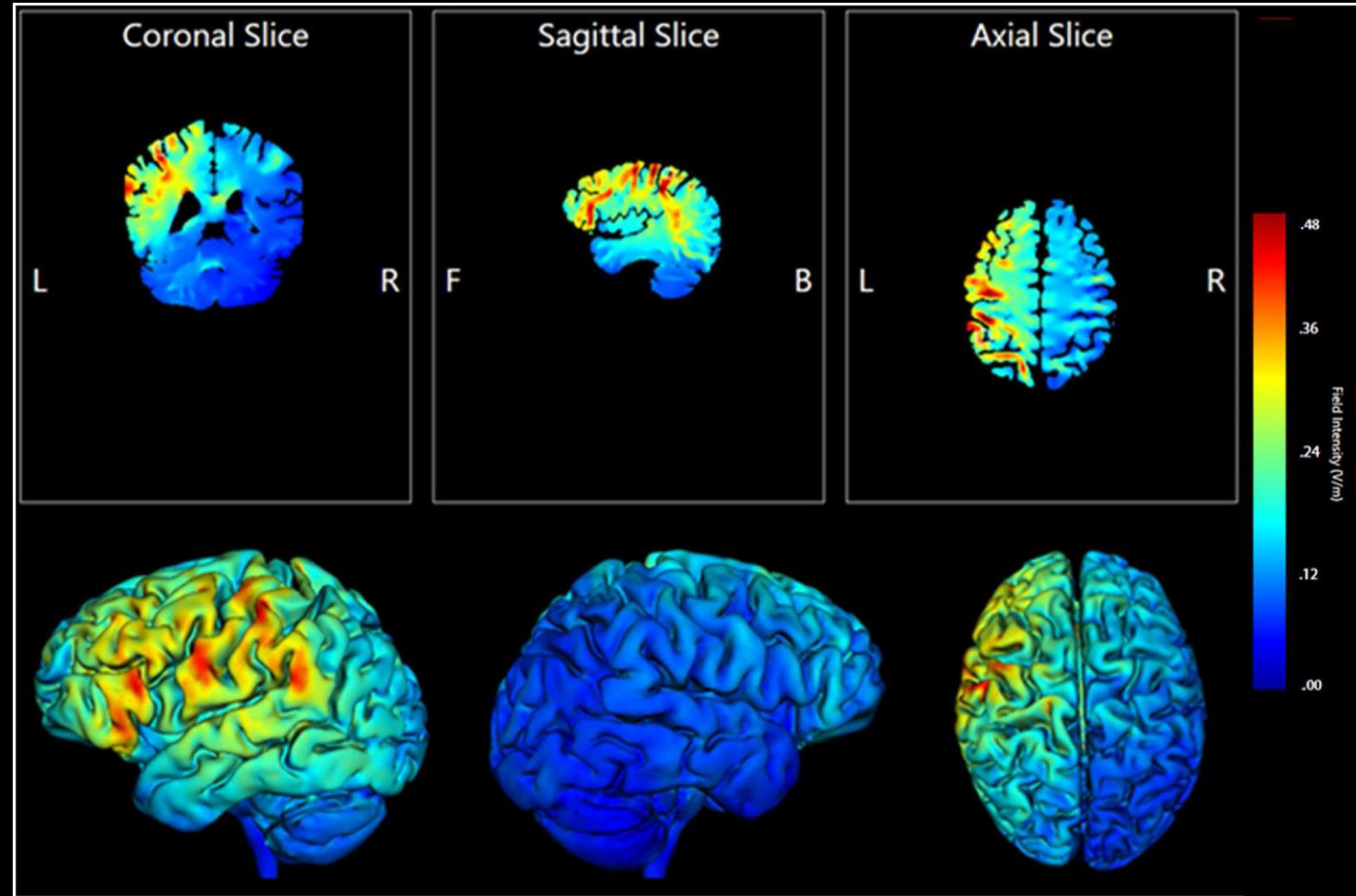
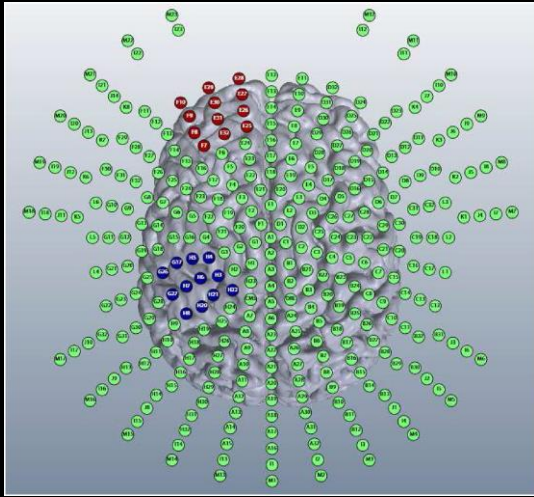
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Endogenous task






Exogenous task





Pre-registration

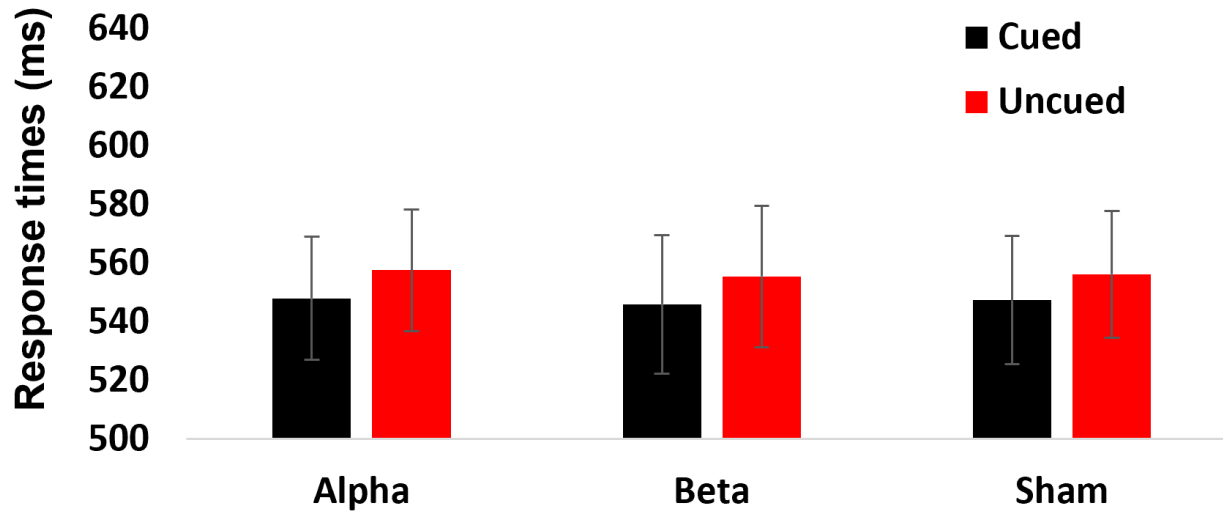
Sample size estimation

- Powering critical effect of interest = 43 
- Powering smallest effect of interest = 56 
- Modelling sample size based on pilot data = 77 

Design

- One sham 
- One sham + one control 

Endogenous task

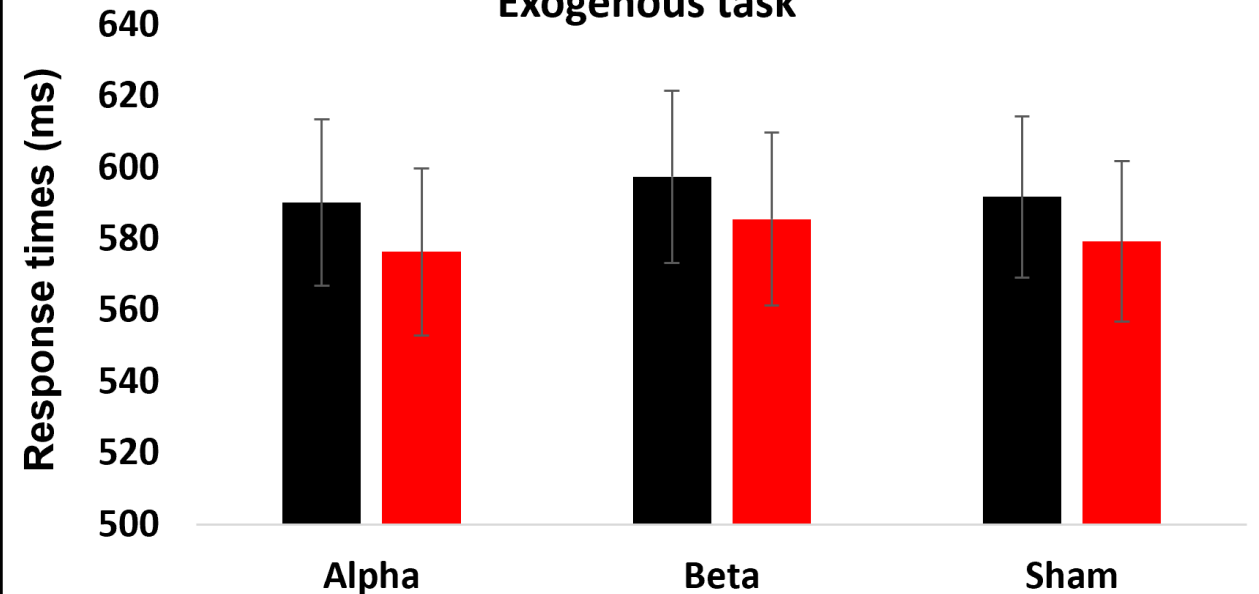


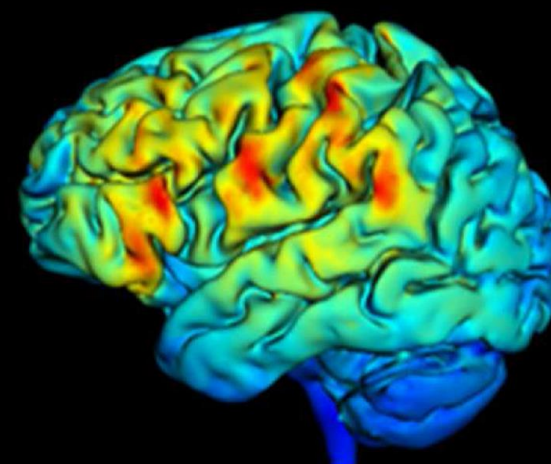
Task*Cue*-Stimulation interaction
 $F = .21, p = .182 \eta_p^2 = .003.$

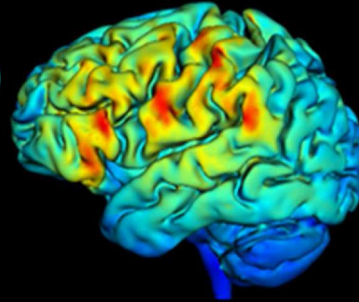
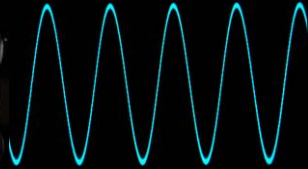
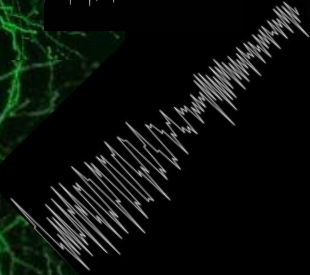
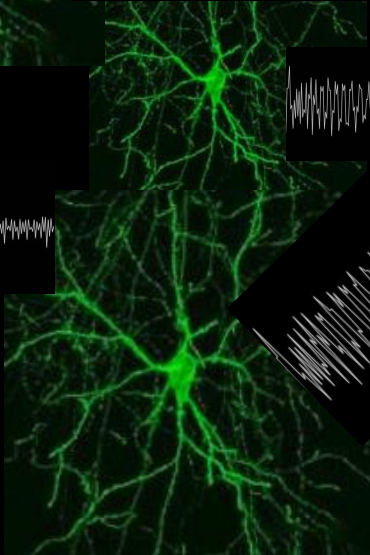
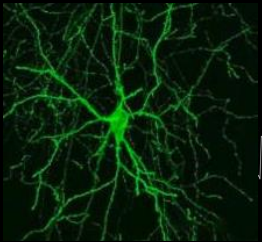
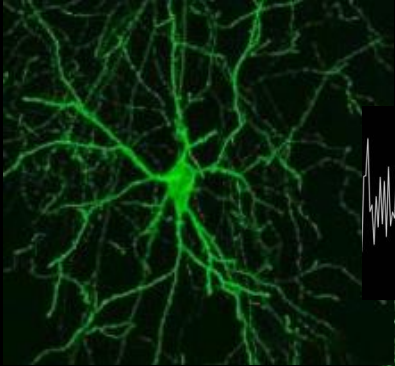
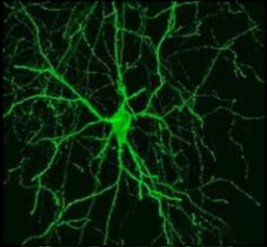
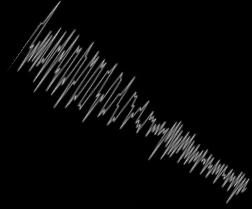
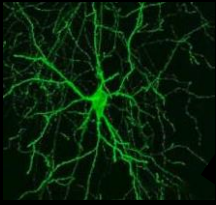
$BF_{10} = .047$

-> strong/moderate evidence for null

Exogenous task







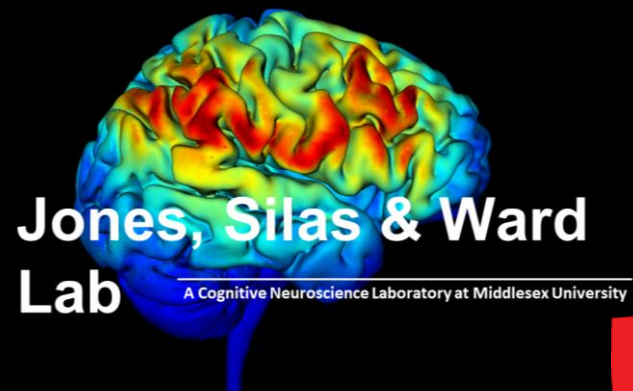
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