

# Supernovae

*Studying Neurological differences  
between winning and losing a gamble*

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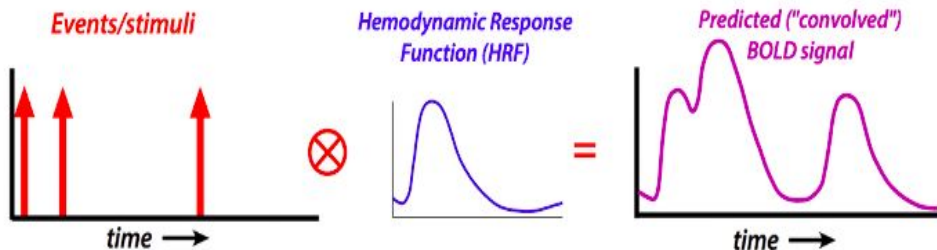
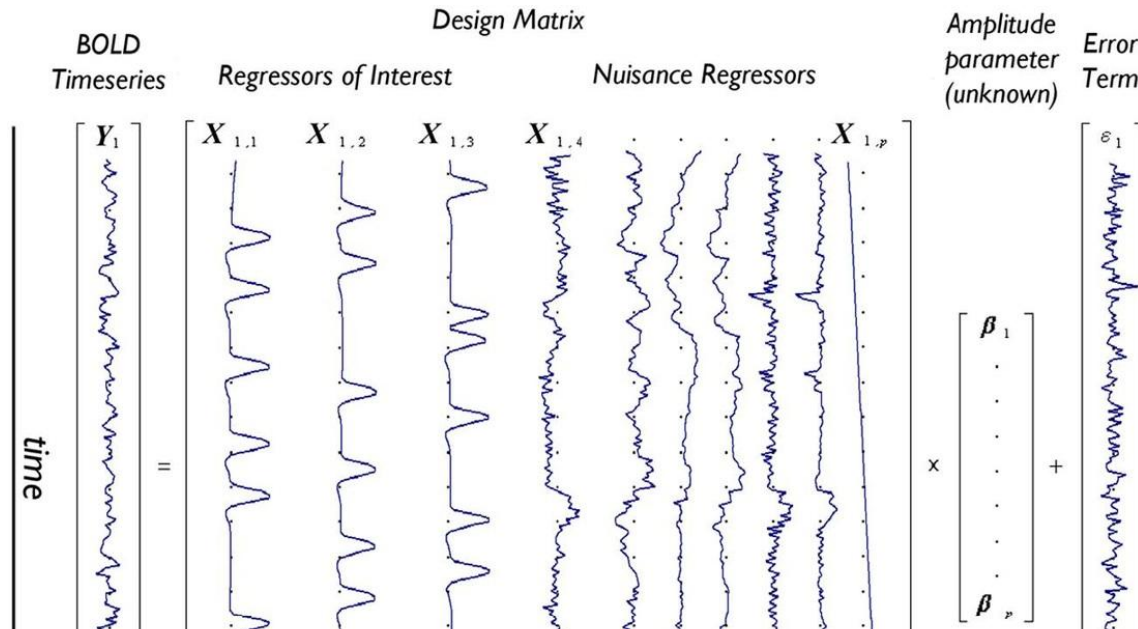
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# Data Preparation

- A high beta coefficient would indicate high neural activity in the region
- We have two regressor of interest; winning or losing a bet
- There are two runs for each subject, we average over the beta values of both runs

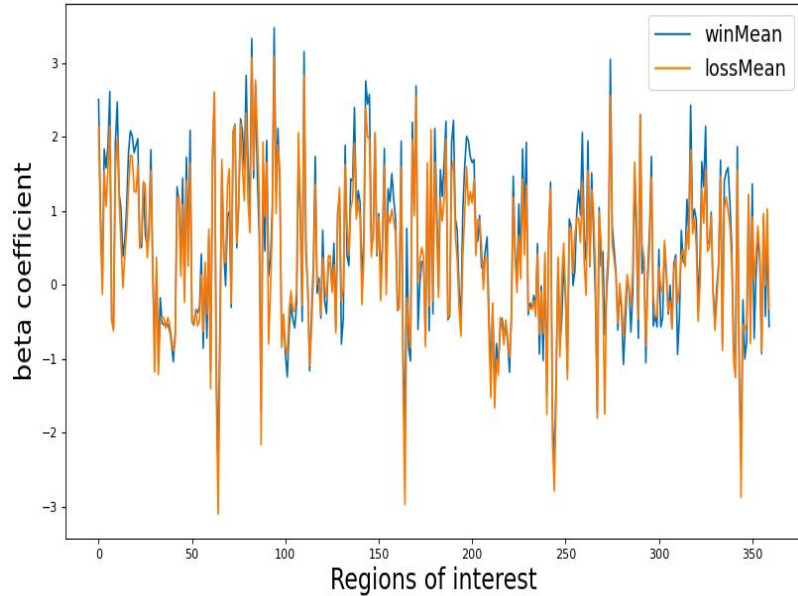


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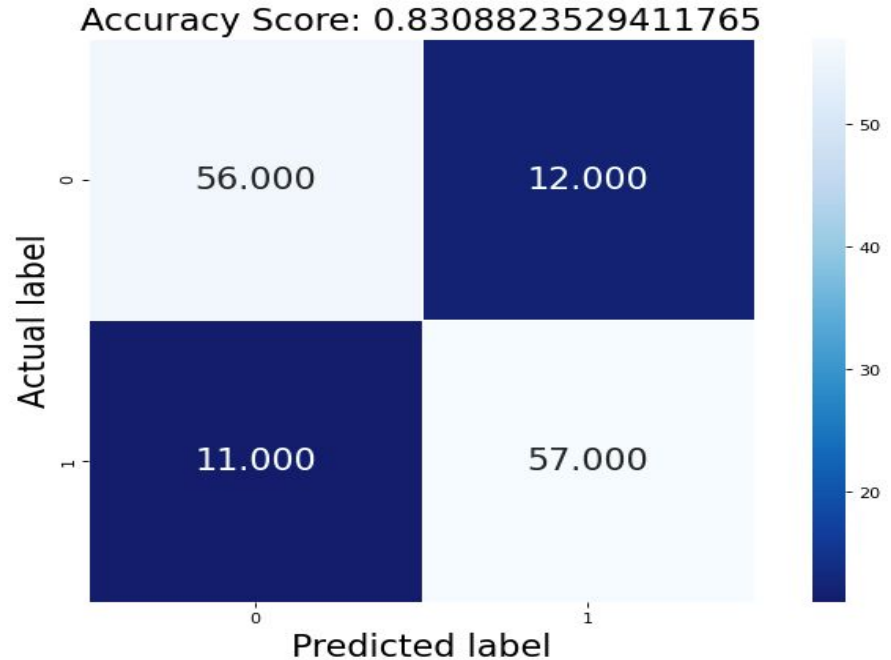
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# Data visualisation and accuracy

First 271 subjects as train data, last 68 as test data.

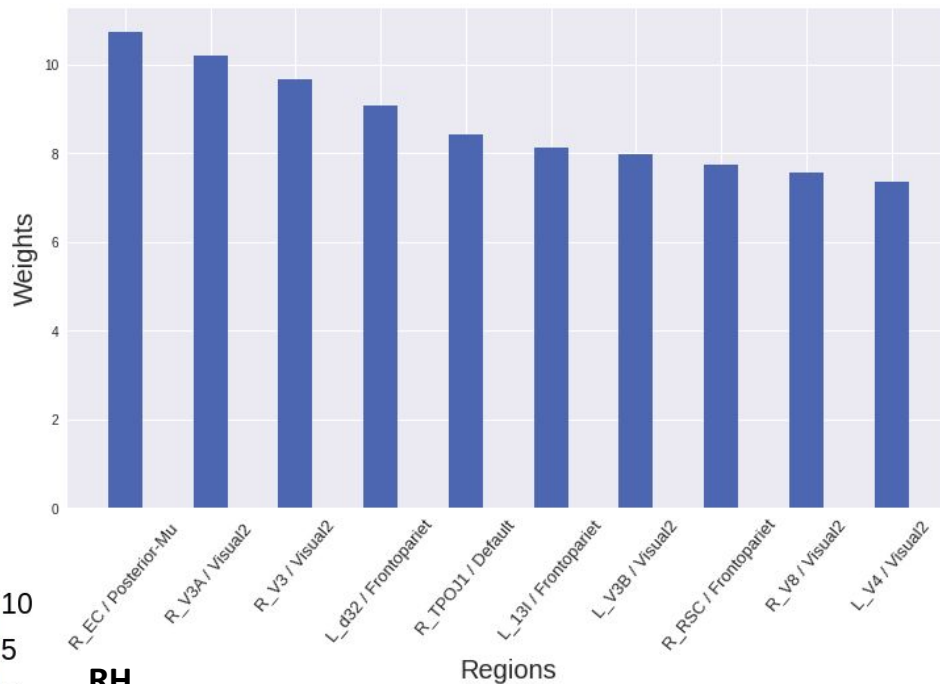
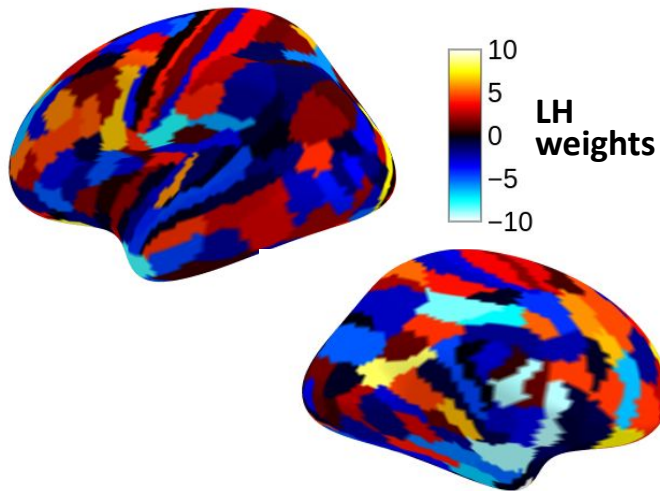


We were able to decode with an accuracy of above random chance.

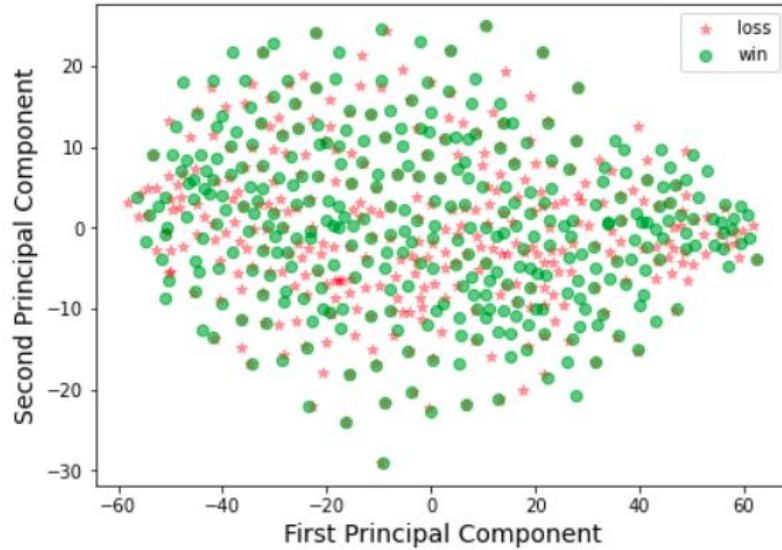


# Which brain areas were most responsible for classifying the data?

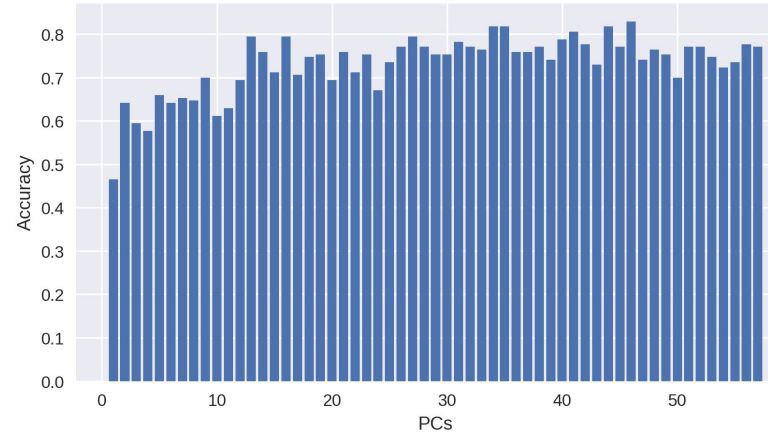
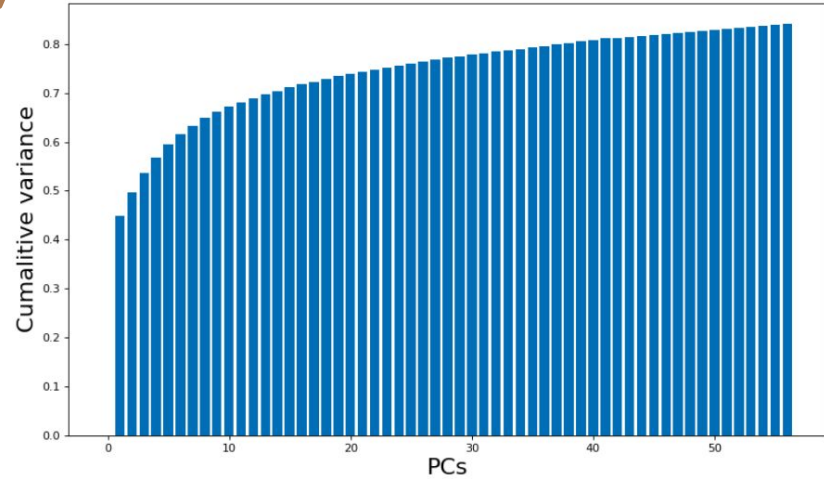
The weights of the Logistic Regression classifier is a good indicator on the regions that were most important in classifying the data



# Principal component analysis and classification



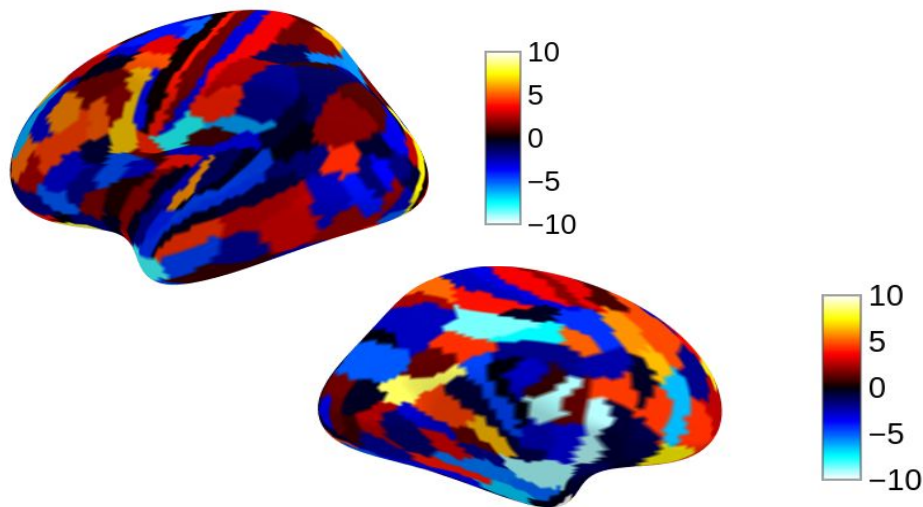
**The first 56 components contain  
80% of the variance**



# Conclusions and Future Directions

## Surprised by the results?

We were too, as the Entorhinal Cortex is among the most active regions.



## Potential link with addictions?

Dorsal Anterior Cingulate Cortex: error detection

Occipital Cortex: relevance to negative event<sub>1</sub>

Insula: decision making

## Is it a dead-end?


1. In depth analysis of dataset and its limitations
2. Predicting pathological gamblers with a few runs

[1] Frederik Van de Steen, Ruth M. Krebs, Nigel Colenbier, Hannes Almgren, Daniele Marinazzo, Effective connectivity modulations related to win and loss outcomes. *NeuroImage*,



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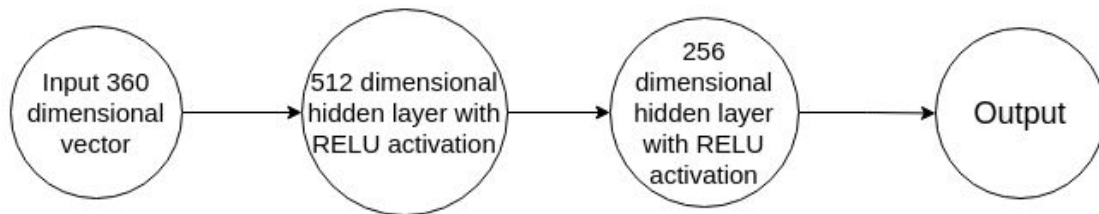
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# Comparing the results with a Neural Net

## Architecture of the neural network



Accuracy	82%
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**A neural net without sufficient training data will not perform as well as intended.**