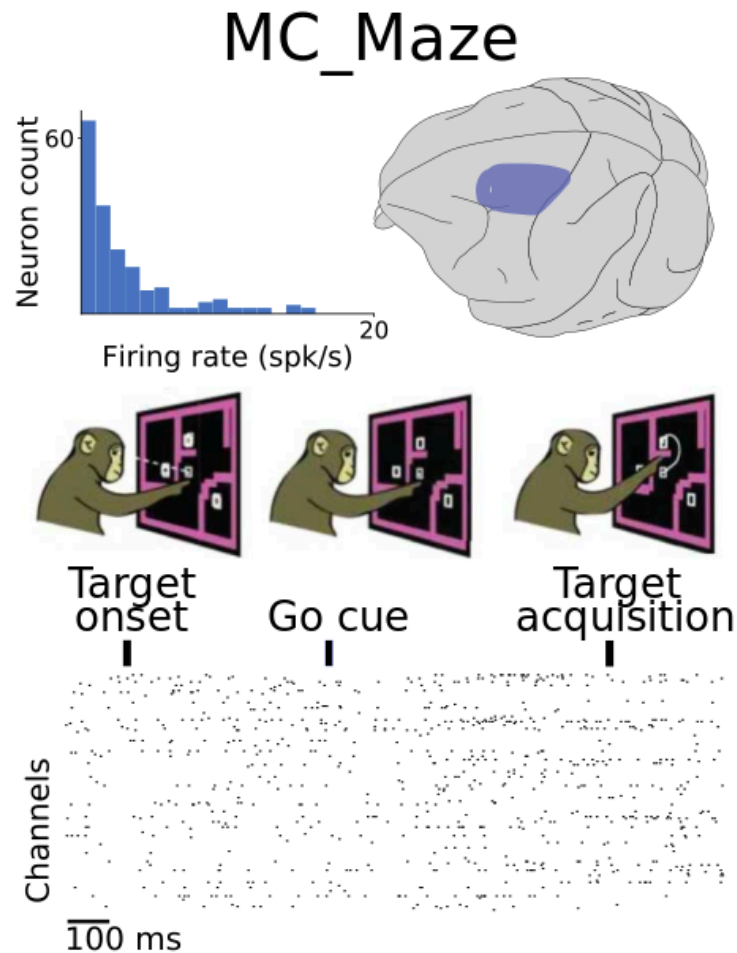
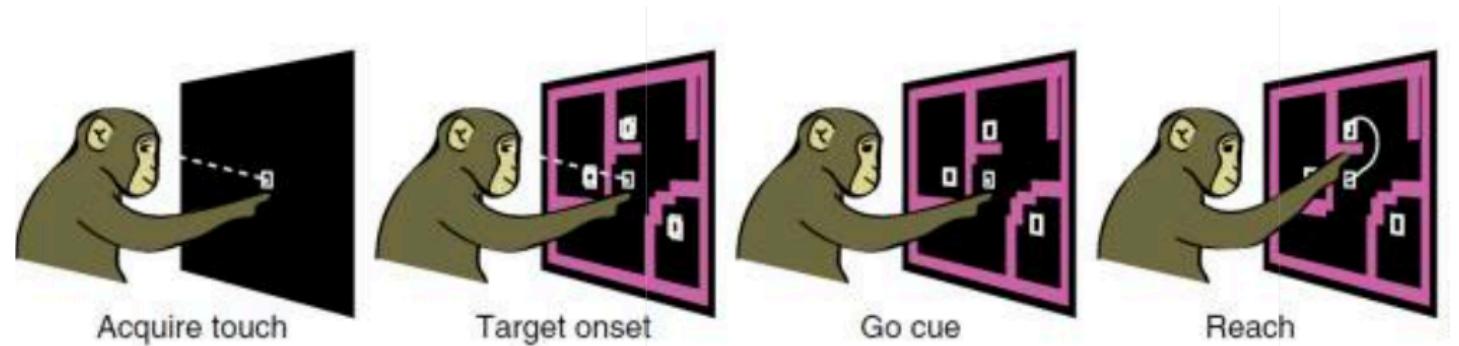


# MC\_Maze - Delayed Arm-Reaching Task Dataset



Paper: *Cortical preparatory activity: representation of movement or first cog in a dynamical machine?*

## Experimental Task Structure

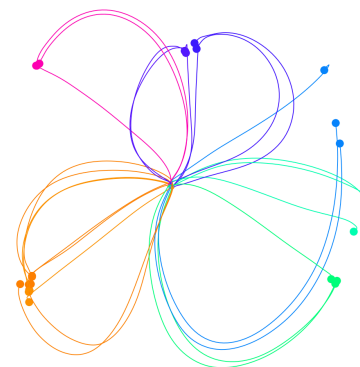


Subject reached repeatedly within a maze (each maze configuration specified by the target location x barrier location)

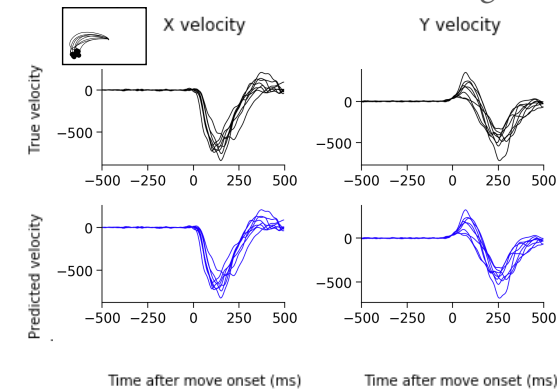
- Rich set of “straight” and “curved” reaching, all start at the center (0, 0)

## Neural Decoding Problem

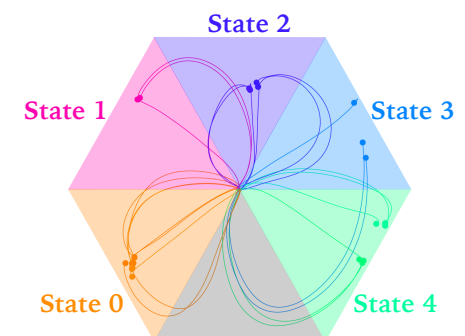
### Reaching Trajectories



### Continuous Decoding

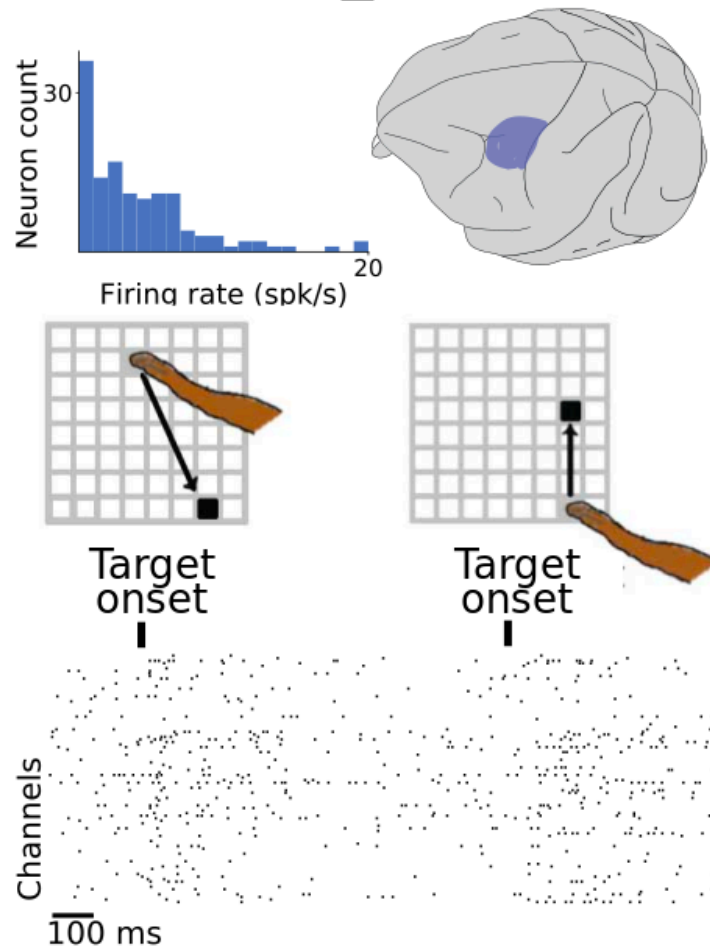


### Discrete Decoding



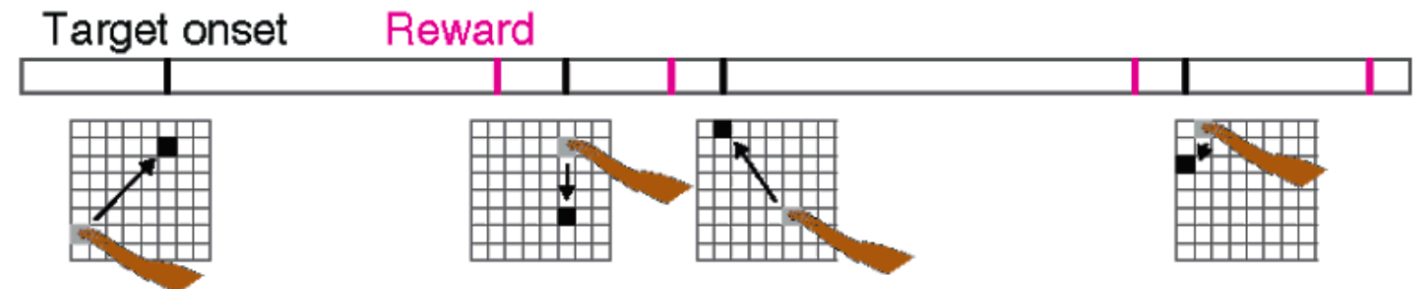
# MC\_RTT - Random Target Task Dataset

## MC\_RTT



Paper: *Superior arm-movement decoding from cortex with a new, unsupervised-learning algorithm*

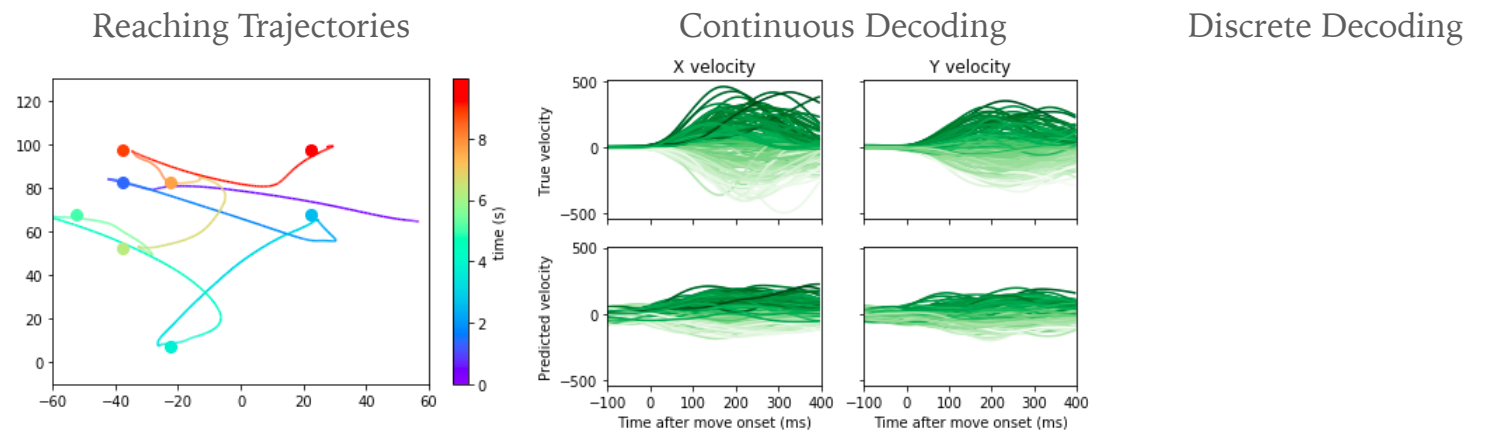
## Experimental Task Structure



Subject reached continuously between randomly selected elements of an 8x8 grid. This task design differs significantly from typical reaching task (e.g. MC\_Maze)

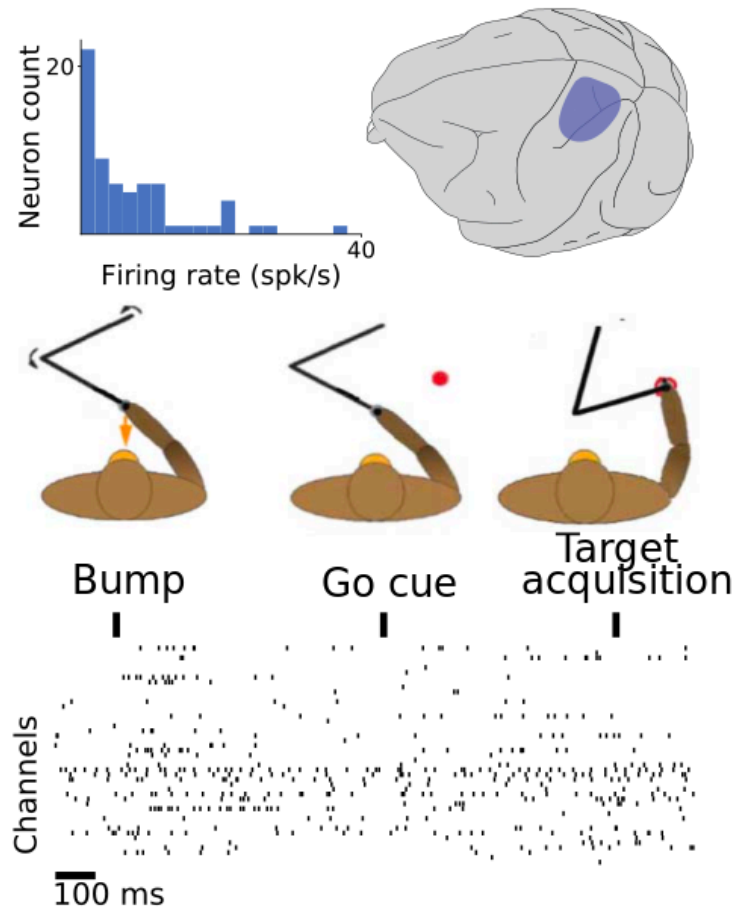
- Rich set of “straight” reaching: reach may be initiated from any location on the 8x8 grid
- Lacking clear trial structure, pre-movement delay periods for preparation

## Neural Decoding Problem

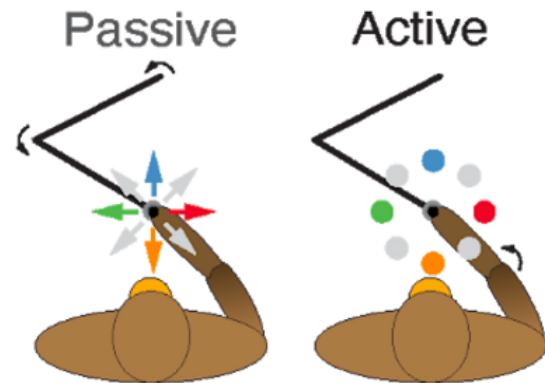


# Area2\_Bump - Arm Reach With Perturbation Task Dataset

## Area2\_Bump



## Experimental Task Structure

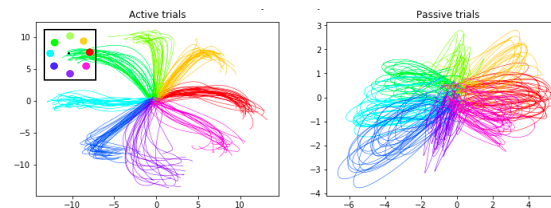


Subject performed 8 target center out reach with perturbation. This task design differs from typical reaching task (e.g. MC\_Maze) in passive condition

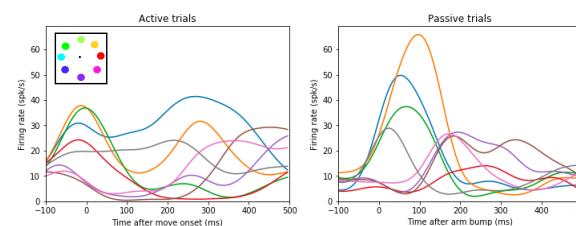
- In the passive trials, the manipulandum bumped the monkey's arm in the direction of one of the targets, forcing the monkey to correct and return the cursor to the center
- In the active trials, the monkey are performing the usual center-out reach

## Neural Decoding Problem

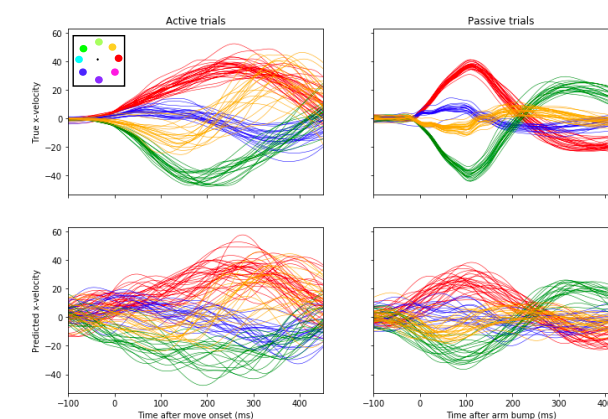
### Reaching Trajectories



### Neural PSTH

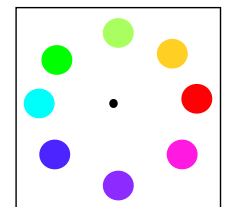


### Continuous Decoding



### Discrete Decoding

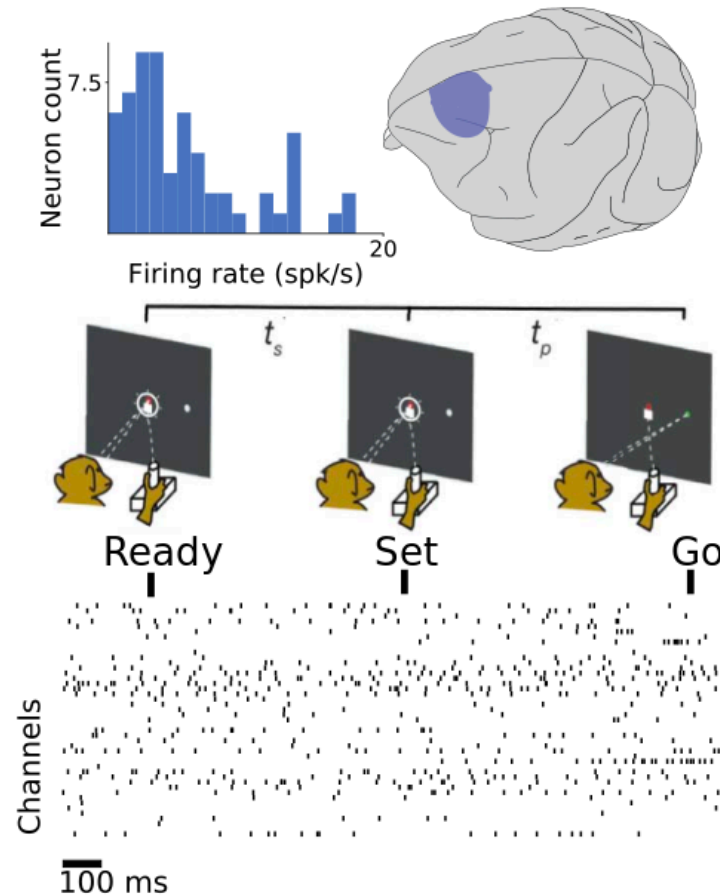
- 1) Active vs. Passive State
- 2) Reach target separate for active / passive state
- 3) Reach target for combined active and passive state



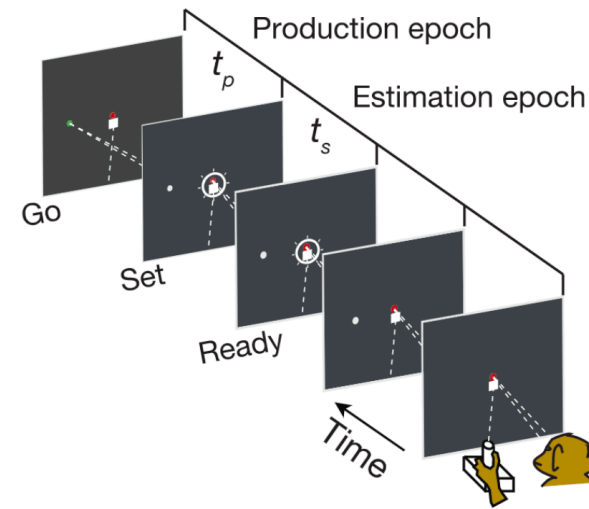
Paper: *Area 2 of primary somatosensory cortex encodes kinematics of the whole arm*

# DMFC\_RSG - Cognitive Timing Task Dataset

## DMFC\_RSG



## Experimental Task Structure

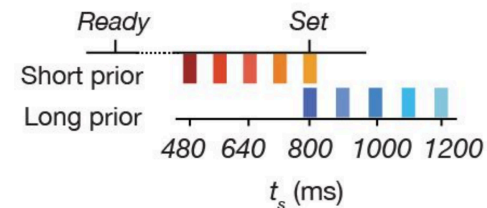


Subject performed time interval reproduction task (ready-set-go).

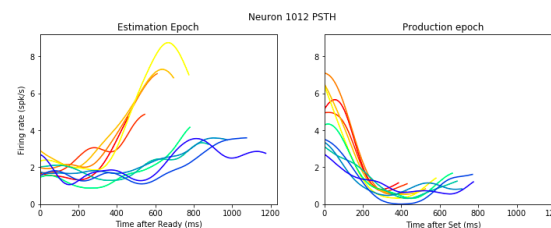
- Monkey is rewarded by how close  $t_s$  (sampling interval) is to  $t_p$  (response interval)
- **Sampling interval  $t_s$** : monkey reset with two visual cues ('Ready' and 'Set') separated by time interval  $t_s$
- **Response interval  $t_p$** : Performing action (joystick movement or eye saccade) after the 'Go' cue.

## Neural Decoding Problem

Timing ( $t_s$ ) conditions

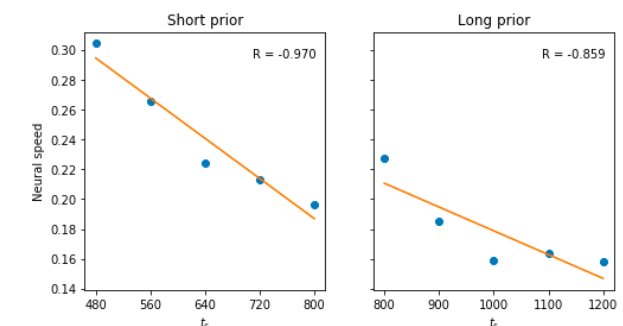


## Neural PSTH



## Discrete Decoding

- 1) Predict 8  $t_s$  state with neural speed (average rate of change)
- 2) Predict 8  $t_s$  state with neural firing rate (FR)
- 3) Predict 2 action state (joystick movement / eye saccade) with FR



Paper: *Bayesian computation through cortical latent dynamics*

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## Neural Latents Benchmark



A Benchmark for Models of Neural Data

Neural Latent Challenge

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