

# Self-Motion Processing in Humans from Psychophysics to High Density Electrical Mapping

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# Talk Overview

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# Self-motion

- Self-motion
  - Walking
  - Driving
- Cues for Self-motion
  - Visual
  - Vestibular
  - Somatosensory
  - Etc.



# Inertial (vestibular)

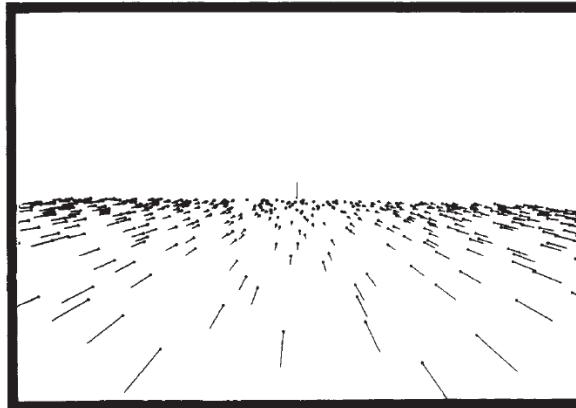
- Otoliths
  - Linear acceleration
- Semi-circular Canals
  - Rotational velocity
- Function
  - Eye movements
  - Heading
- Disorders
  - Vertigo
  - Motion sickness
  - Falls



# Optic flow

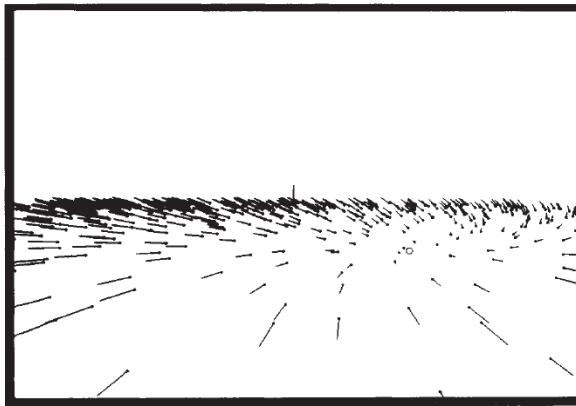
## Behavioural

- Relative distance perception
- Heading

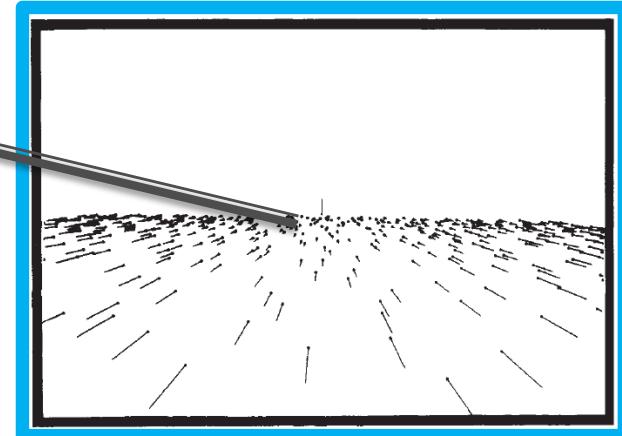
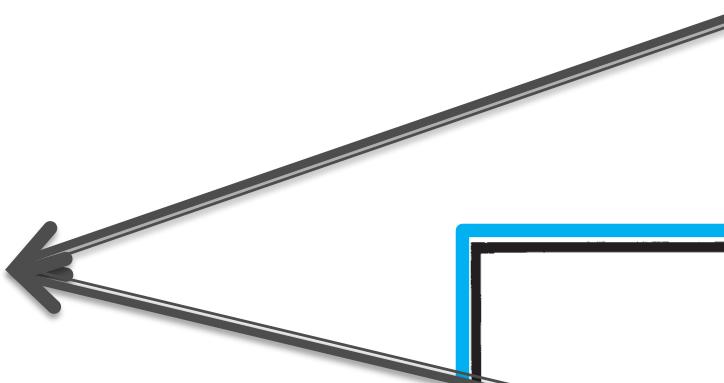
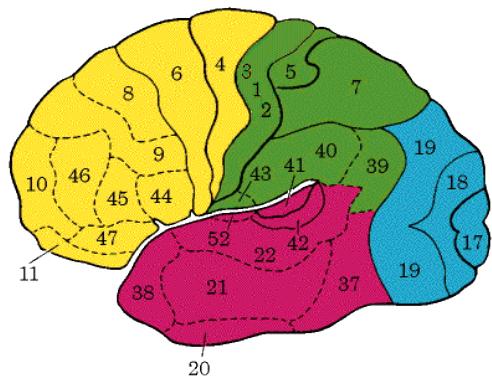


## Neurophysiology

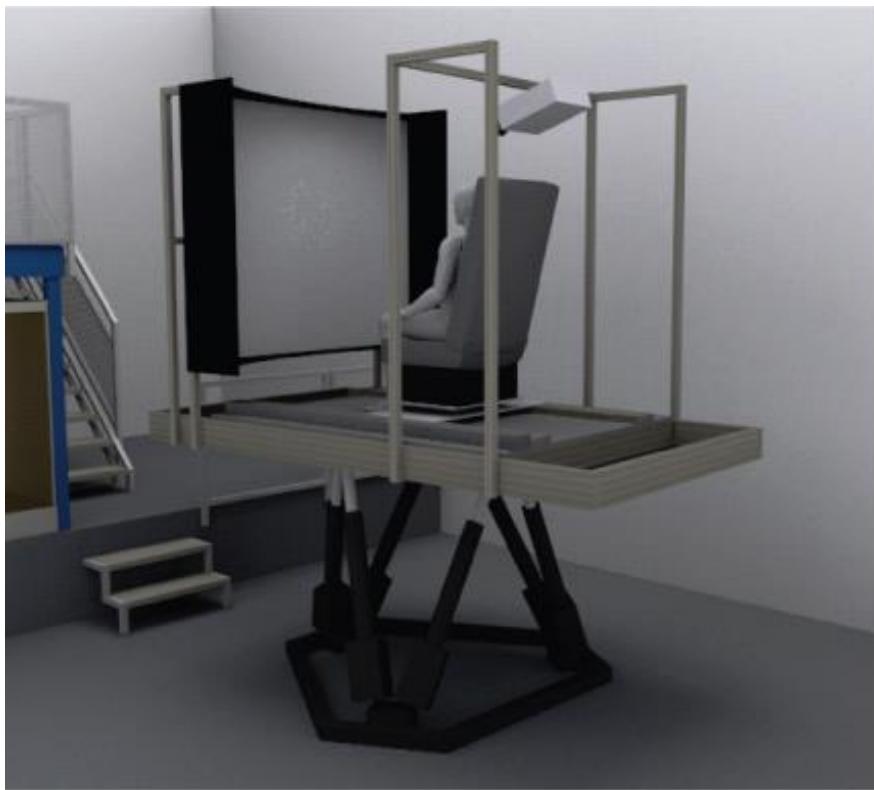
- Vection
  - hFMRI (MT+)
- Heading
  - MST



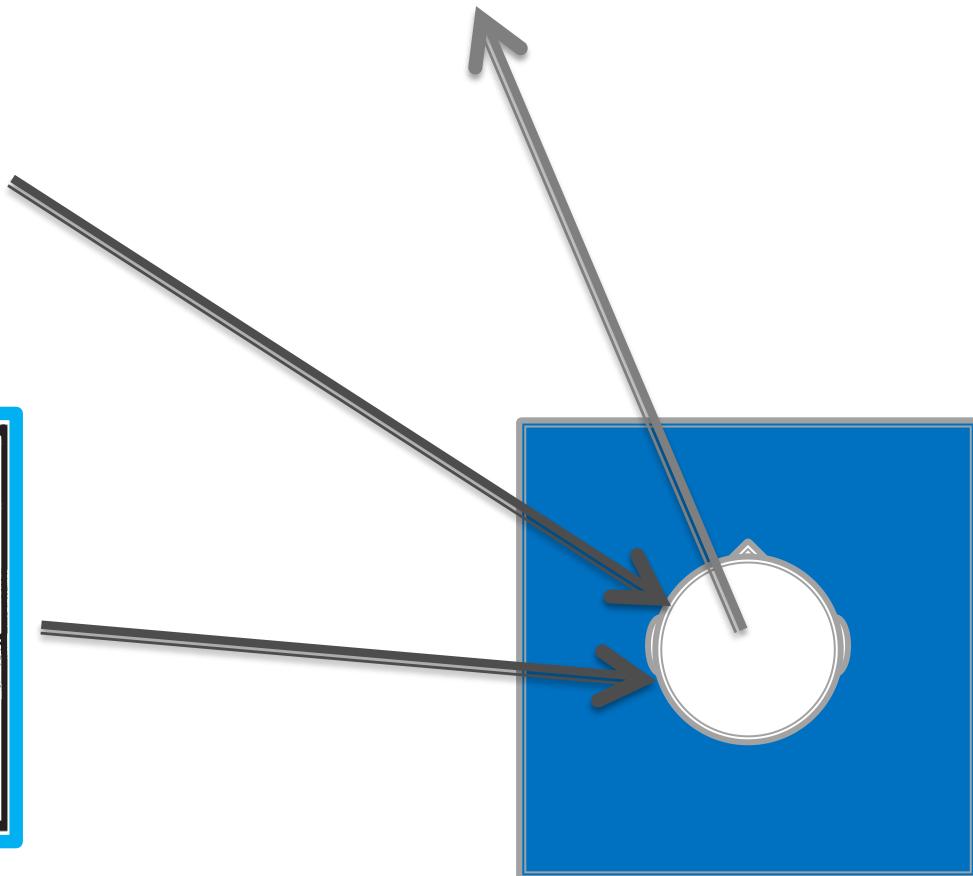
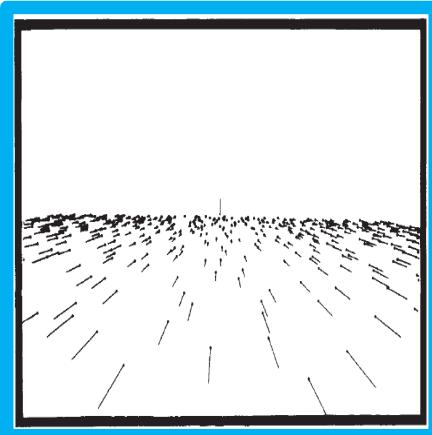
# Combination of Senses



# Virtual reality setup and stimuli

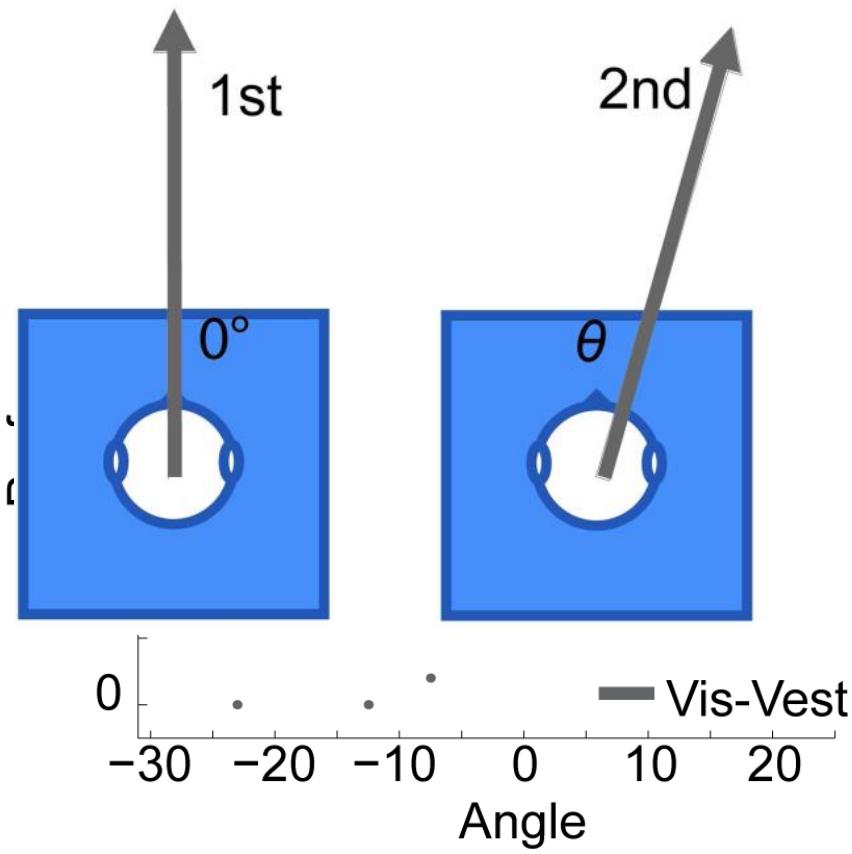


# Visual-Vestibular Integration for Heading

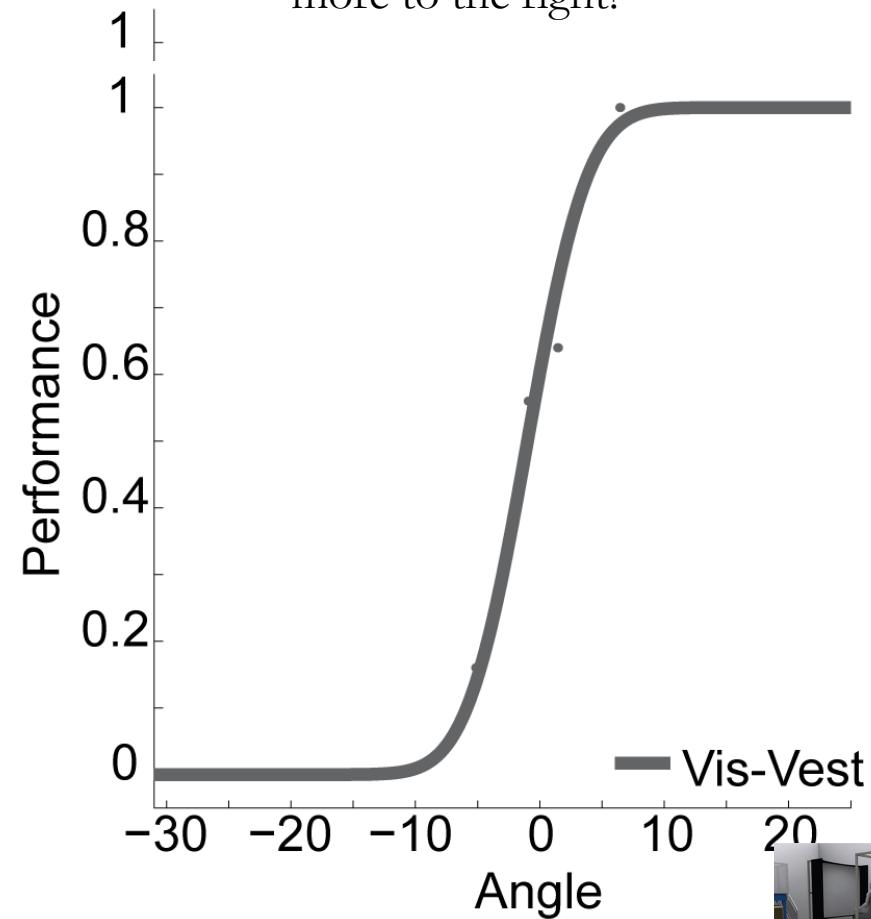


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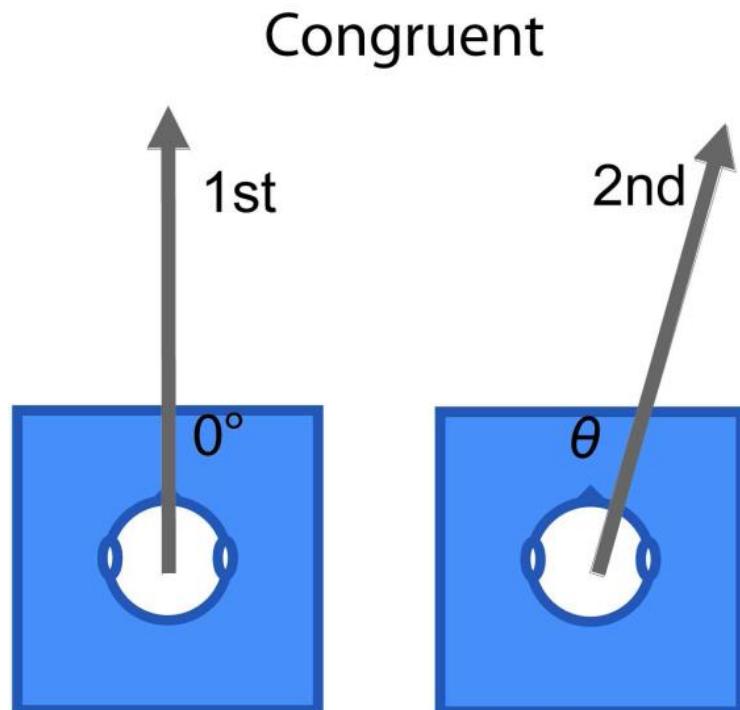
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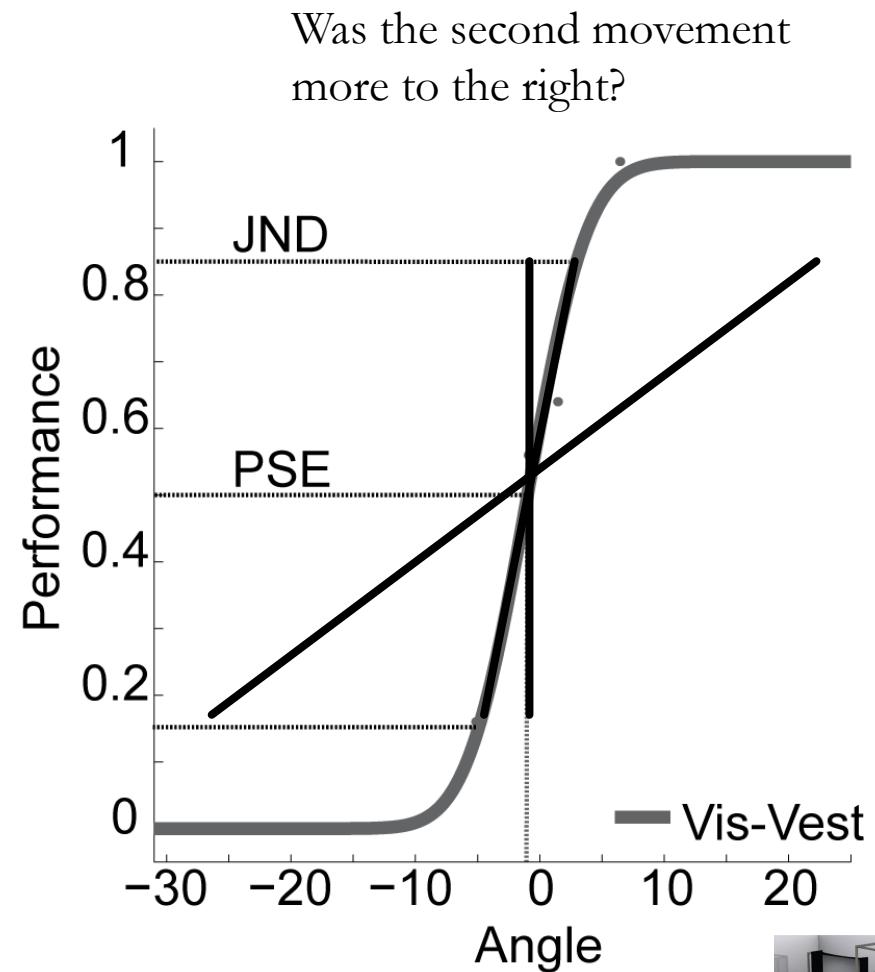
Was the second movement  
more to the right?



# Reliability



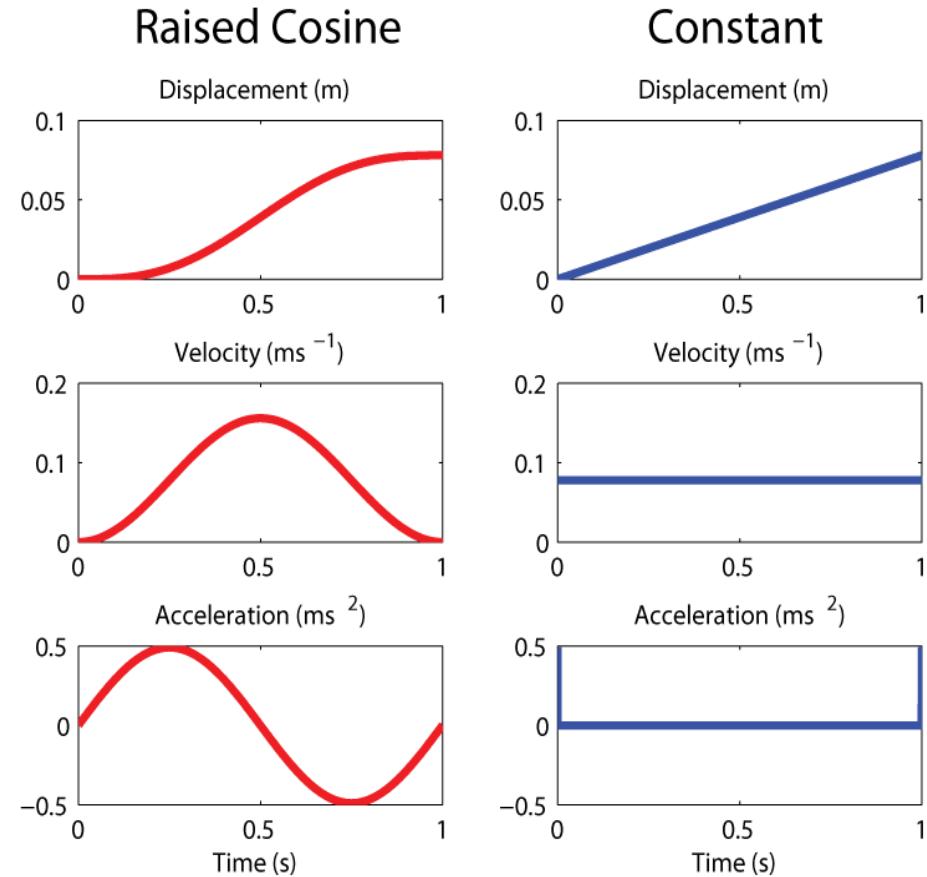
Just Noticeable Difference (JND)



# Information Conflict

## Conditions

- Visual
  - Raised cosine
  - Constant velocity
- Vestibular
  - Raised cosine
- Visual-vestibular
  - Raised cosine velocity
  - Constant velocity (conflict)

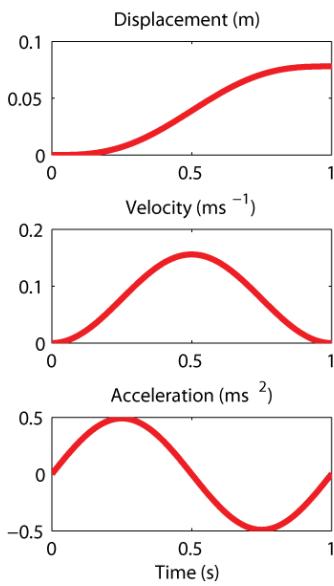


# Visual motion Profile and heading estimation

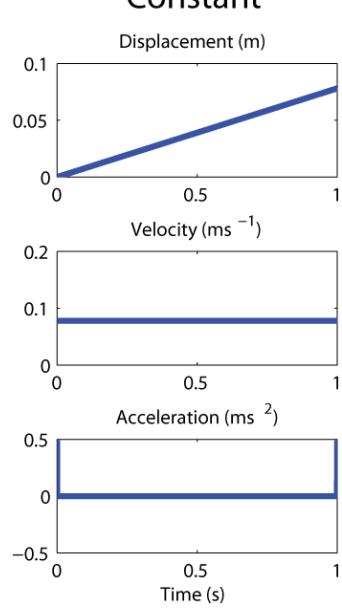
## Objective

To investigate if the velocity and acceleration play a role in visual heading discrimination

Raised Cosine



Constant



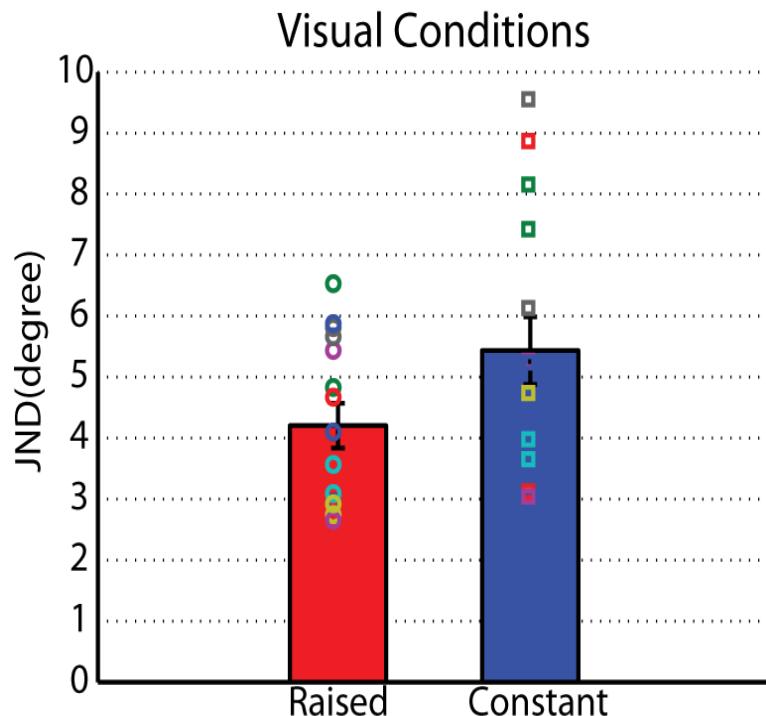
## PREDICTION 1

The constant velocity profile will give more reliable results as it is highly predictable

## PREDICTION 2

The more “natural” raised cosine profile is more reliable as we are more commonly exposed to it

# Results



The raised cosine profile is gives more reliable estimates of visual heading

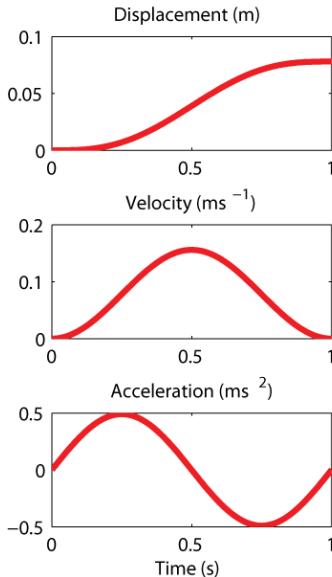
# Predictions for the discrepant condition

## Objective

To investigate the combination of visual and vestibular information under different visual motion profile conditions

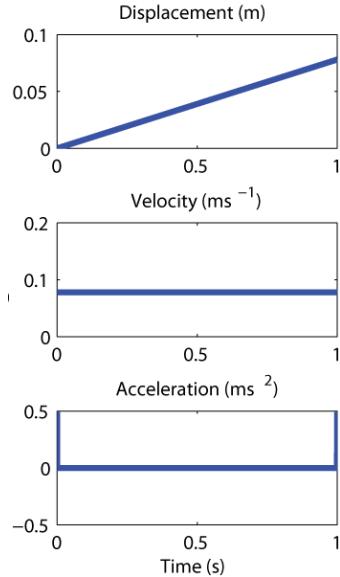
### Vestibular

Raised Cosine



### Visual

Constant



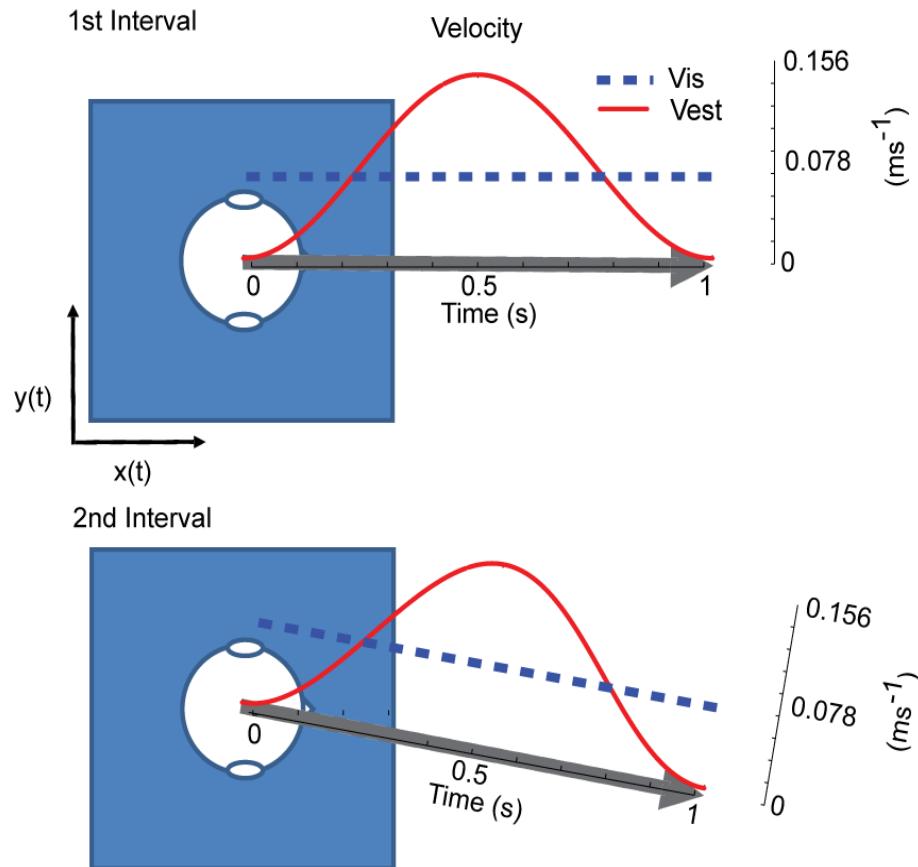
### PREDICTION 1

The visual and vestibular information do not combine in an optimal fashion

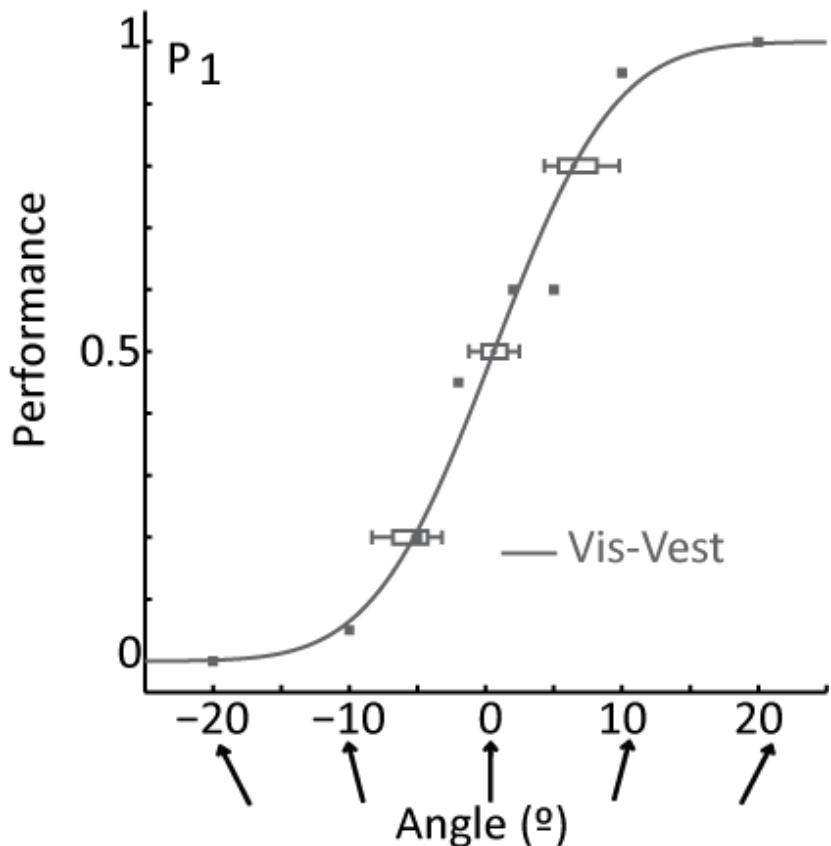
### PREDICTION 2

Combination of senses is not dependent on the motion profile

# Effect of visual motion profile on heading discrimination



# Combination of Senses



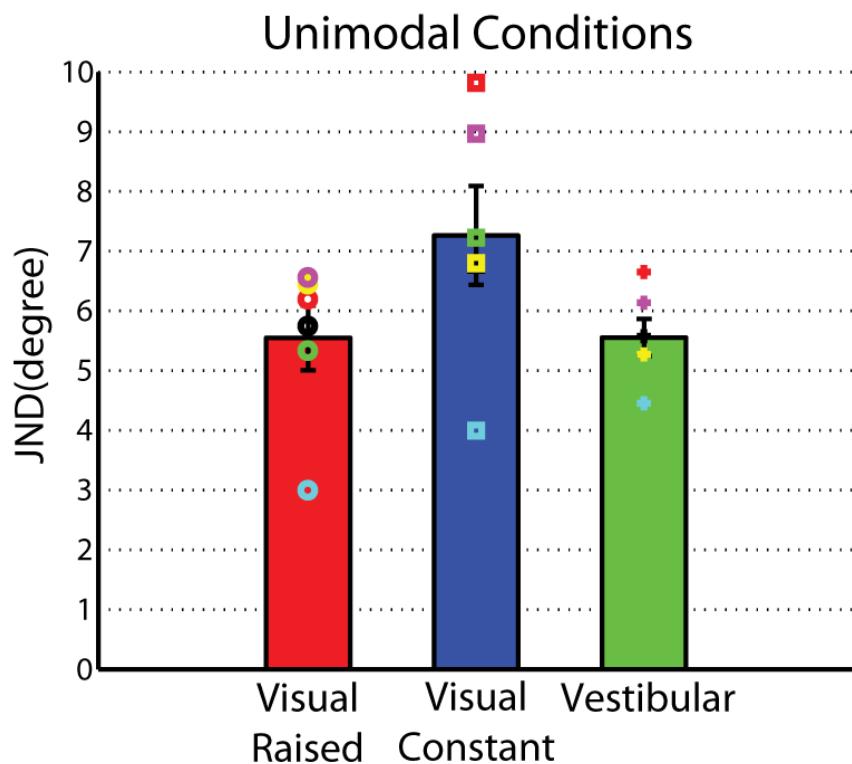
Predicted

$$JND_{Vis-Vest} \leq \min(JND_{Vis}, JND_{Vest})$$

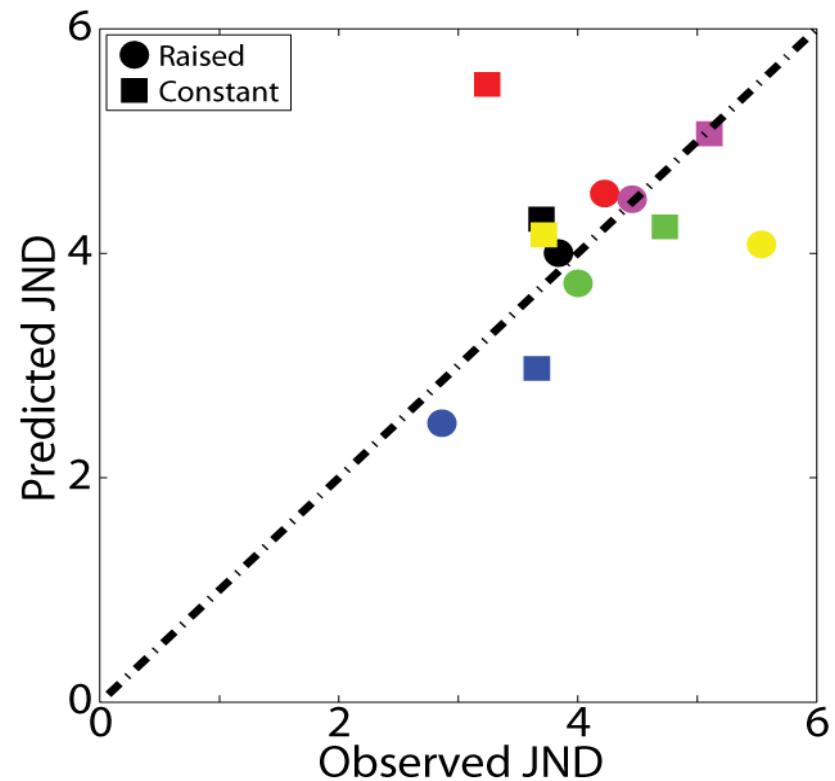
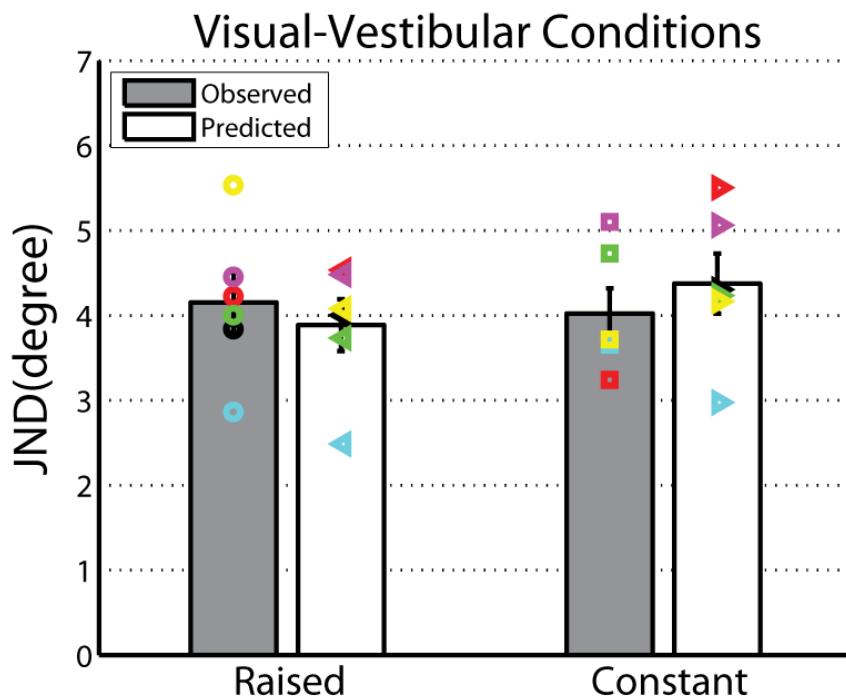
$$JND_{Vis-Vest} = \sqrt{\frac{JND_{Vis}^2 JND_{Vest}^2}{JND_{Vis}^2 + JND_{Vest}^2}}$$



# Unimodal results



# Multisensory Results



# Conclusion

- Visual motion is not just a snap shot but an accumulation of information
  - The more natural profile yielded the more accurate heading discrimination
- Visual and Vestibular cues combine in an optimal fashion even when there is an information conflict

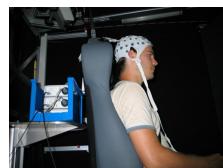
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# Neuronal Correlates of Self-Motion

- Behavioural tasks
  - Open loop
  - Closed loop
- Imaging techniques
  - fMRI
  - MEG
  - TMS
  - Imaging in non-human primates



# Benefits of using EEG

- Systems level snapshot
- Attention deployment
- Temporal resolution
- Light weight
- Real world environment
- Online feedback loop
- ...



# The cusp of a wave

## HARDWARE

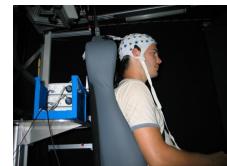
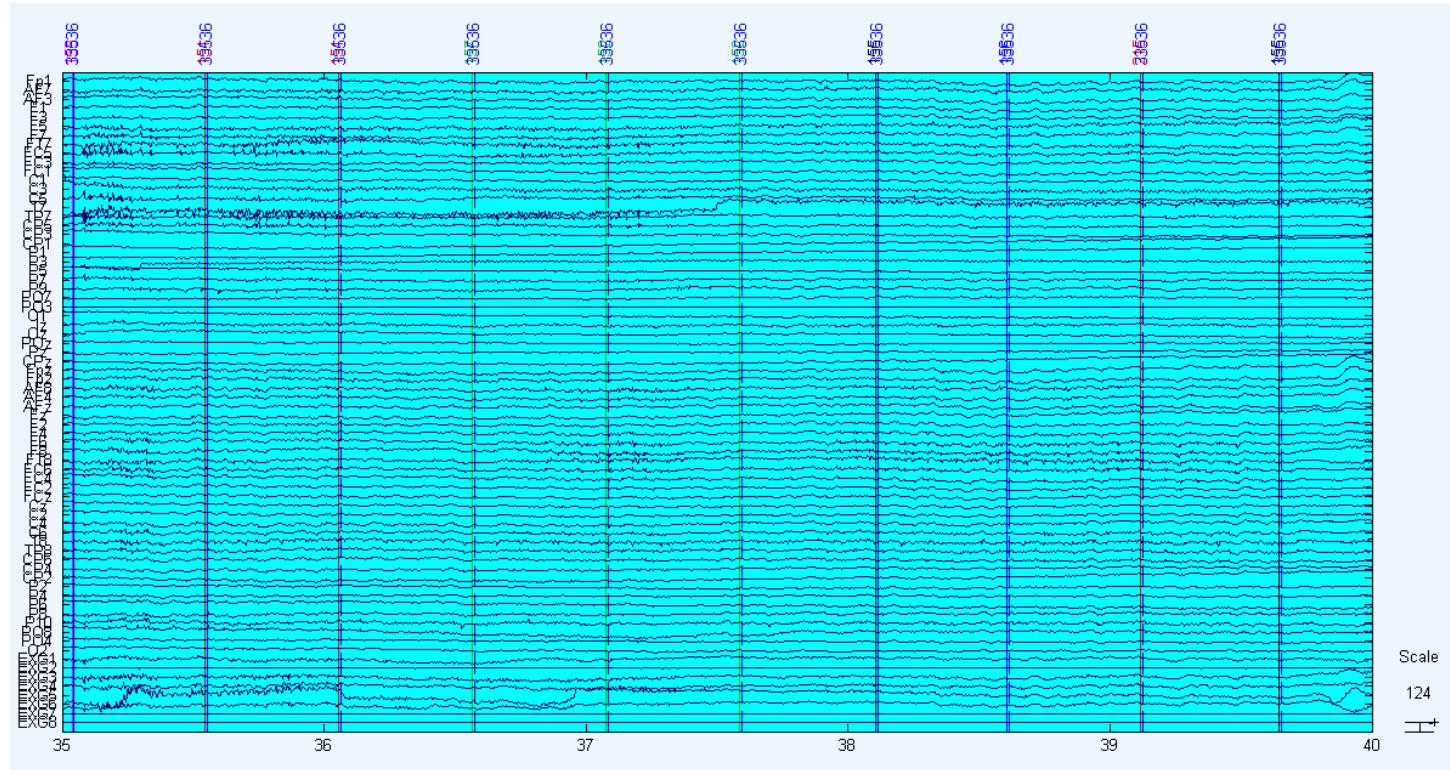
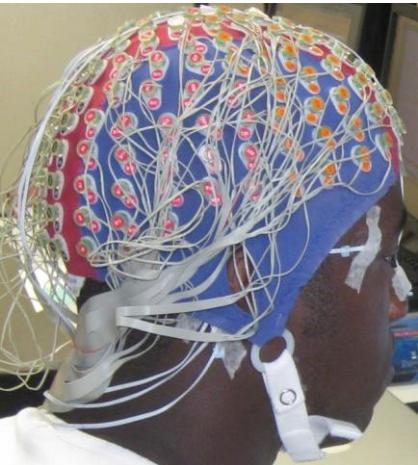
- Advances in motion platform design
- Advances in electrodes design

## SOFTWARE

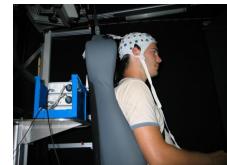
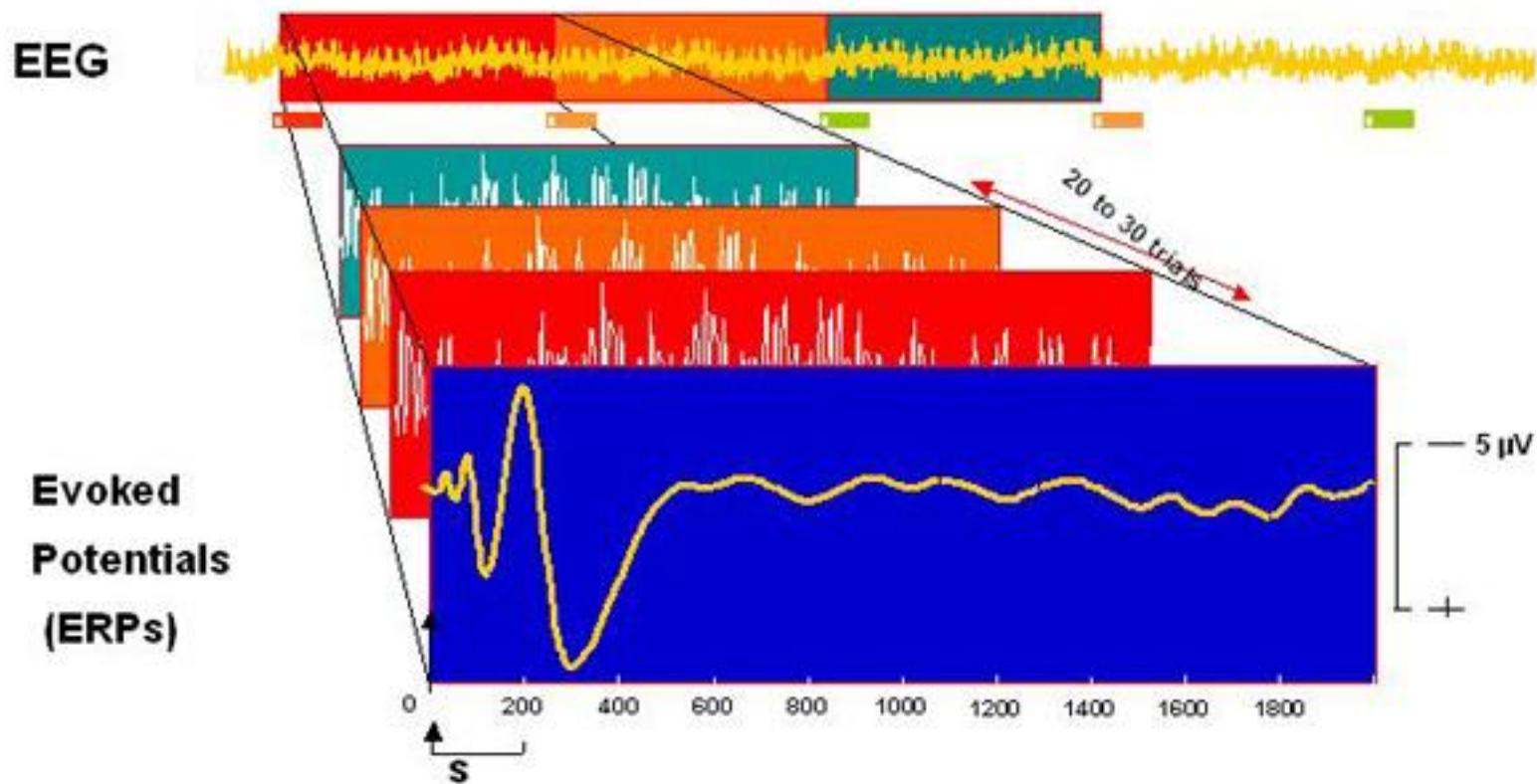
- Advanced analysis techniques
  - Independent Component Analysis
  - Source localisation techniques
  - Mobile Brain Imaging (MoBi – Scott Makeig)
- Individual data analysis
  - Bootstrapped Statistics



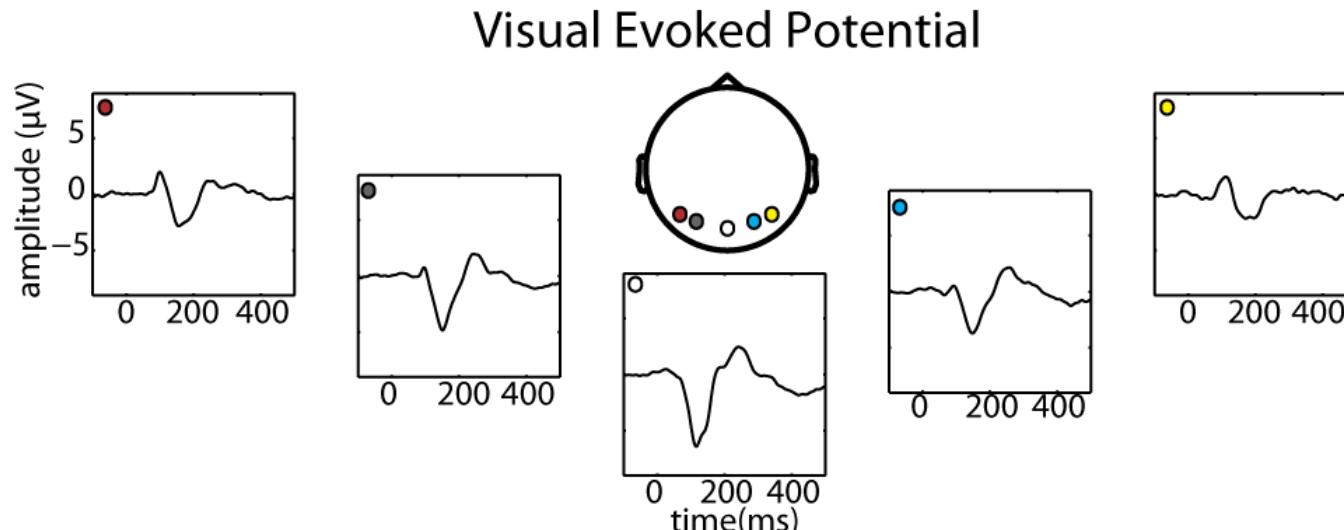
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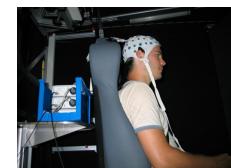
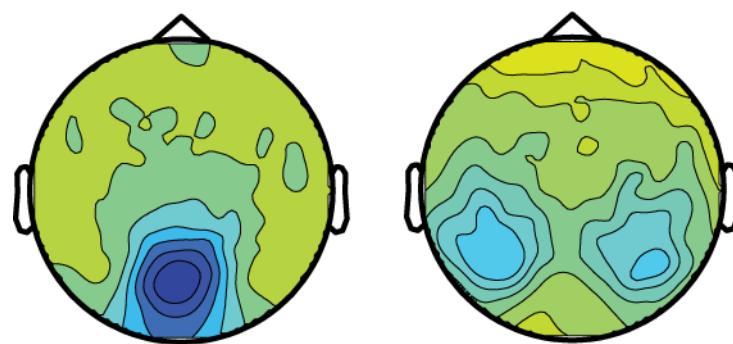
# Event-Related Potential (ERPs)



# Electroencephalography (EEG)



105-115ms      180-190ms



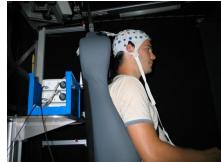
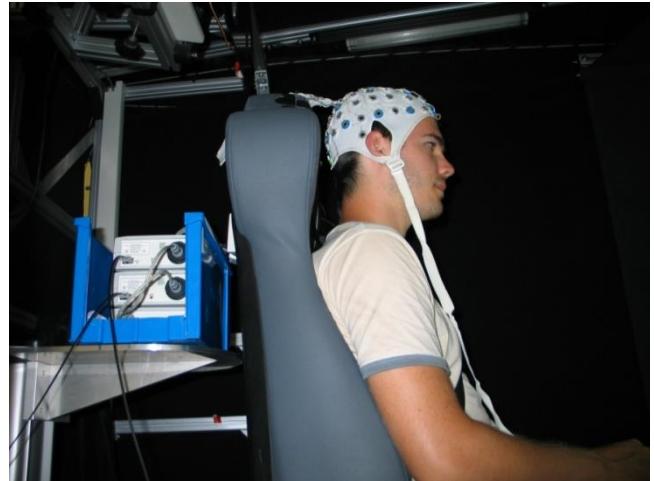
# EEG on a Stewart Platform

## Experiment I

- EEG on the platform

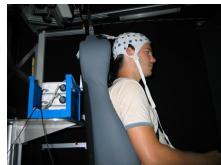
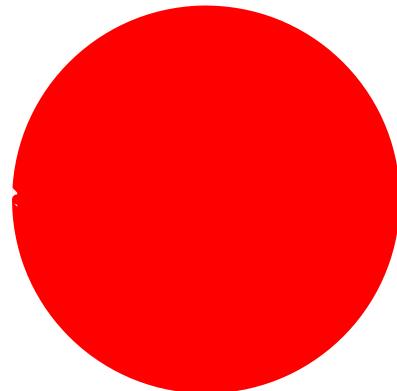
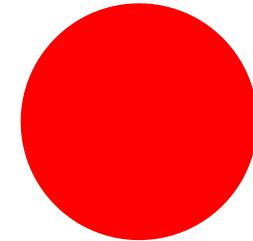
## Experiment II

- Vestibular P3



# Control experiment

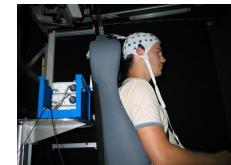
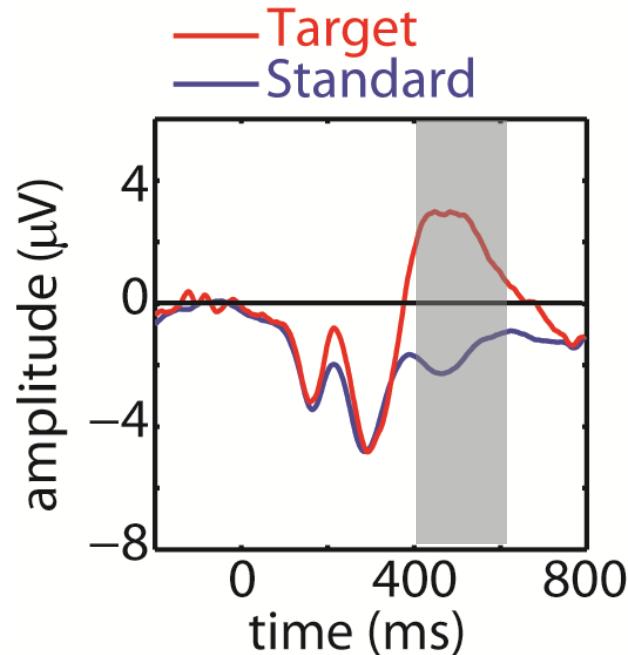
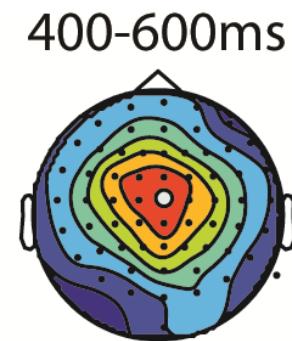
- Can we get an EEG signal while moving people?
- Visual P3 paradigm
  - 80% Standard
  - 20% Target
- Four levels of motion
  - Stationary
  - Idle
  - Slow 0.5 hertz at 0.25mG
  - Fast 0.5 hertz at 0.75mG



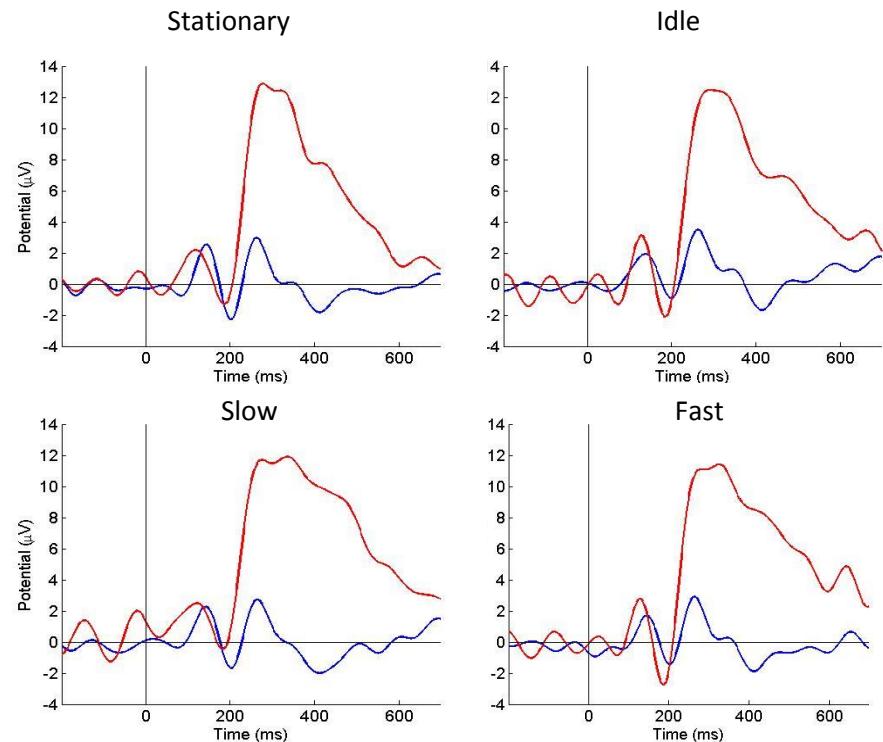
# The Oddball Paradigm

- Change detection is essential to interact with our environment
- Robust response elicited for visual, auditory, somatosensory and olfactory stimuli

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# Results - Control Experiment



## Summary

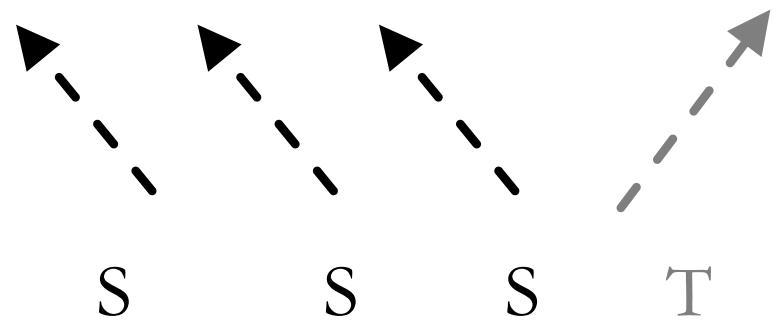
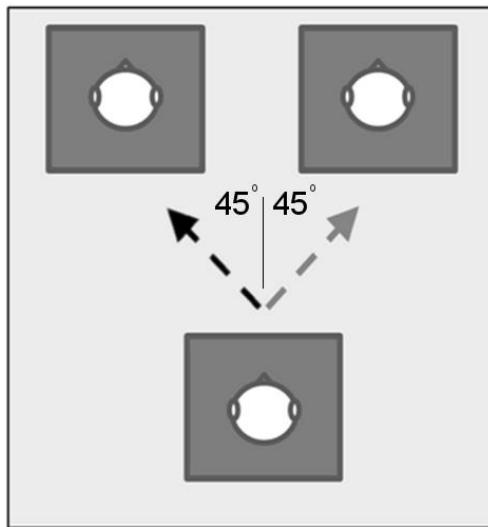
- We can conduct EEG on the motion platform

# Vestibular Oddball

- Vestibular Conditions
  - Diagonal Left Target
  - Diagonal Right Target
- Vestibular P3 paradigm
  - 80% Standard (320 sweeps)
  - 20% Target (80 sweeps)
- 15 participants
- 128 scalp channels



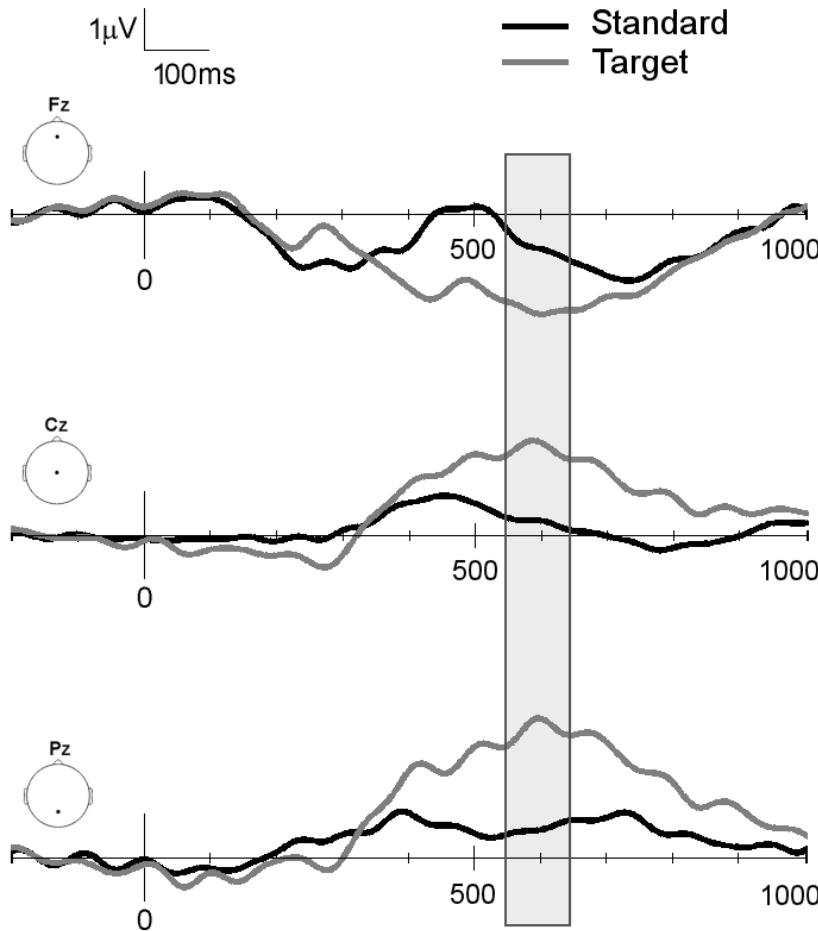
# Procedure



A neuronal marker for vestibular change detection



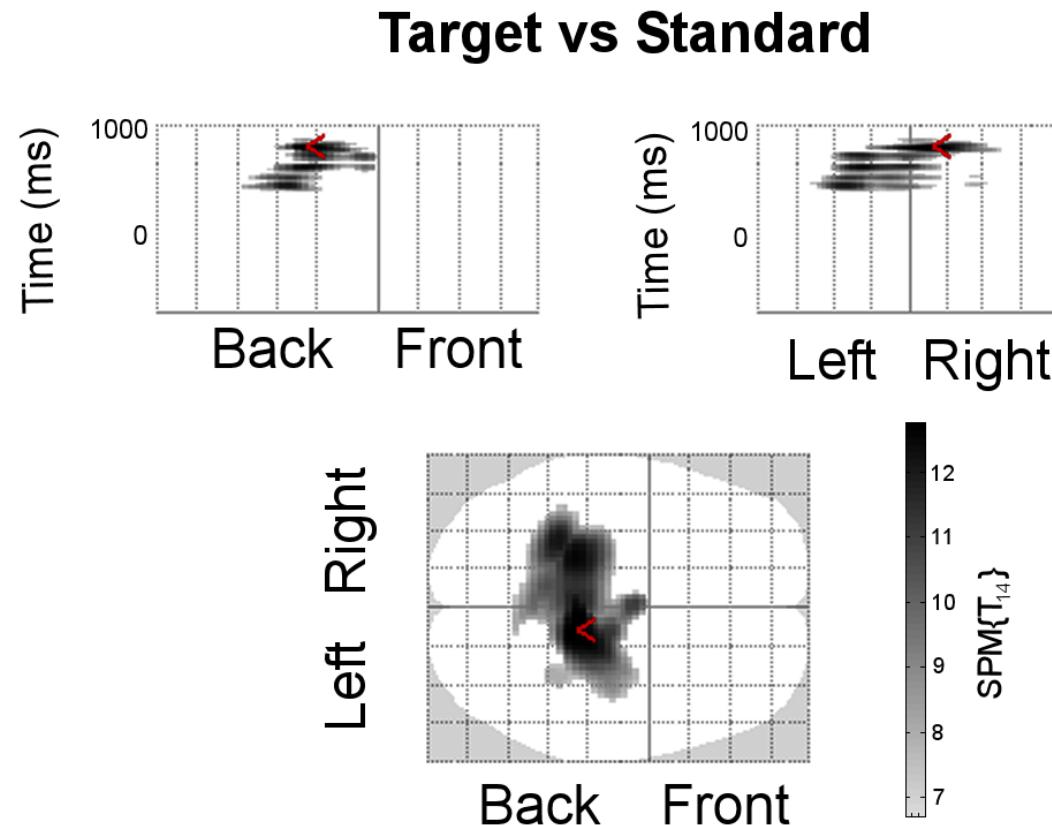
# Results- Vestibular P3



- Statistical difference between the standard and target



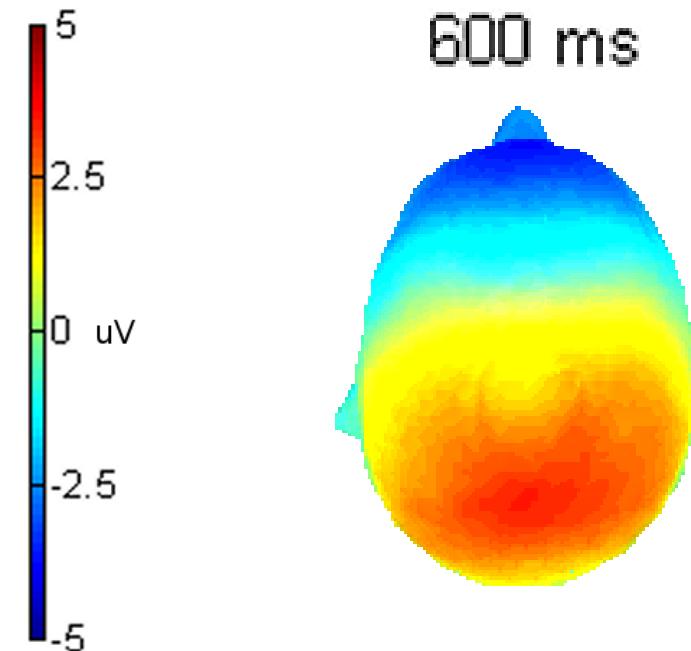
# P3 distribution



Target topographic scalp distribution is similar to the typical P3 distribution for other sensory modalities



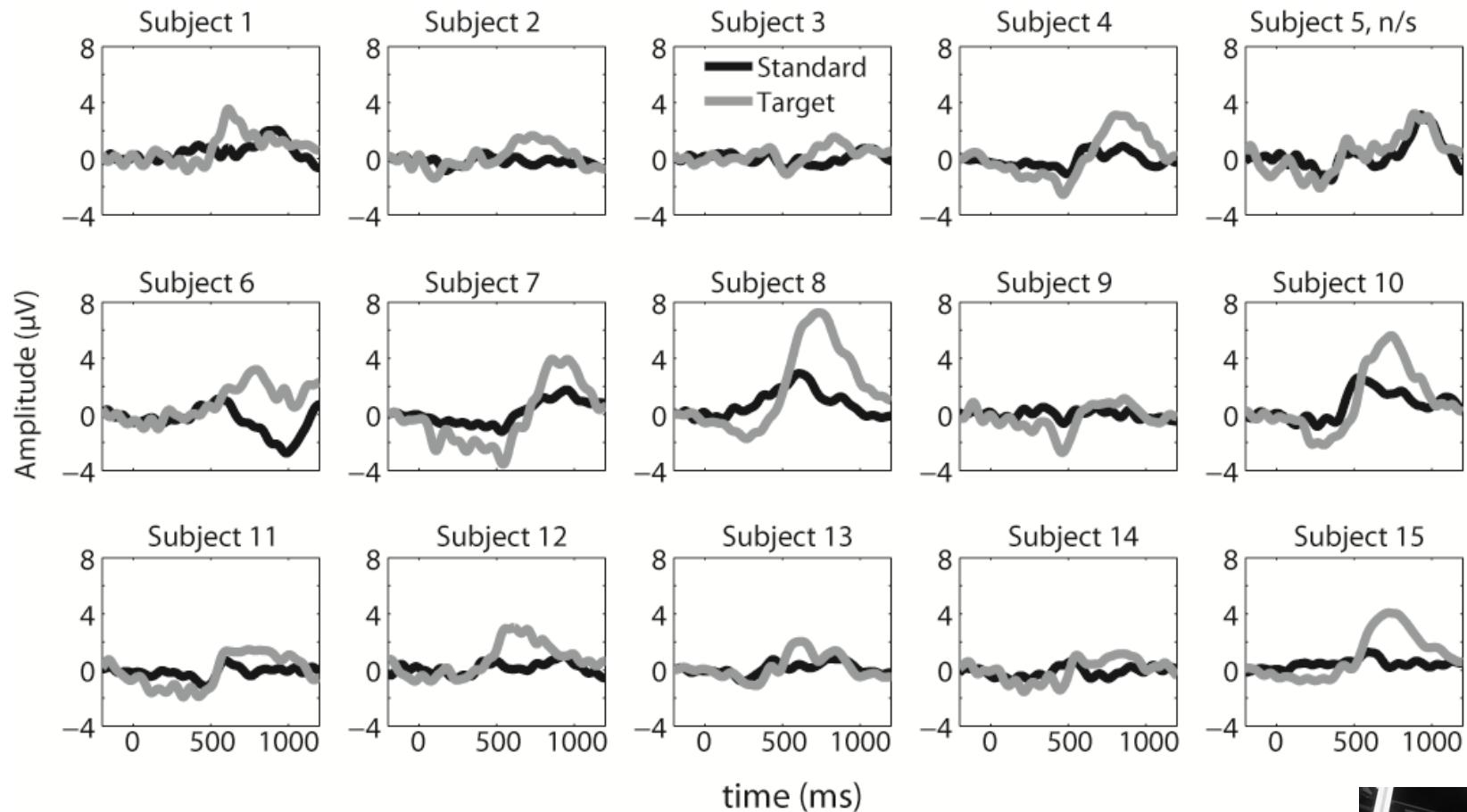
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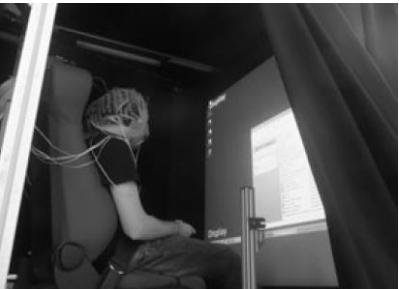
# Individual Participant data



14 of 15 participants exhibited a P3



# Summary



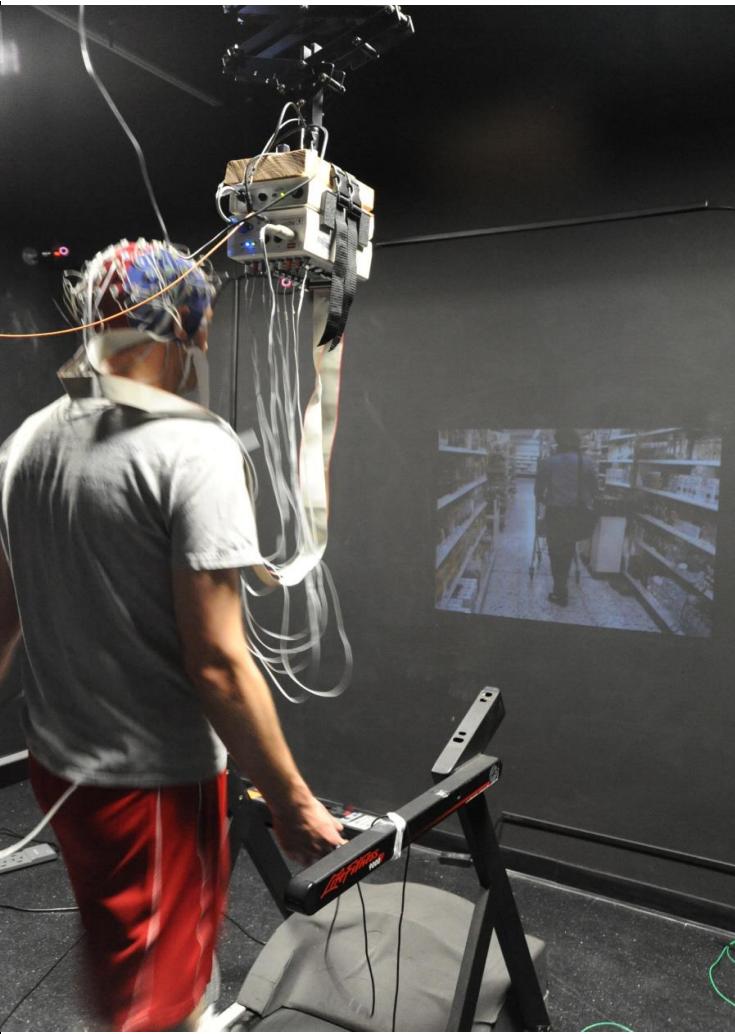
- This is the first time vestibular heading change detection has been shown to elicit a P3 component.

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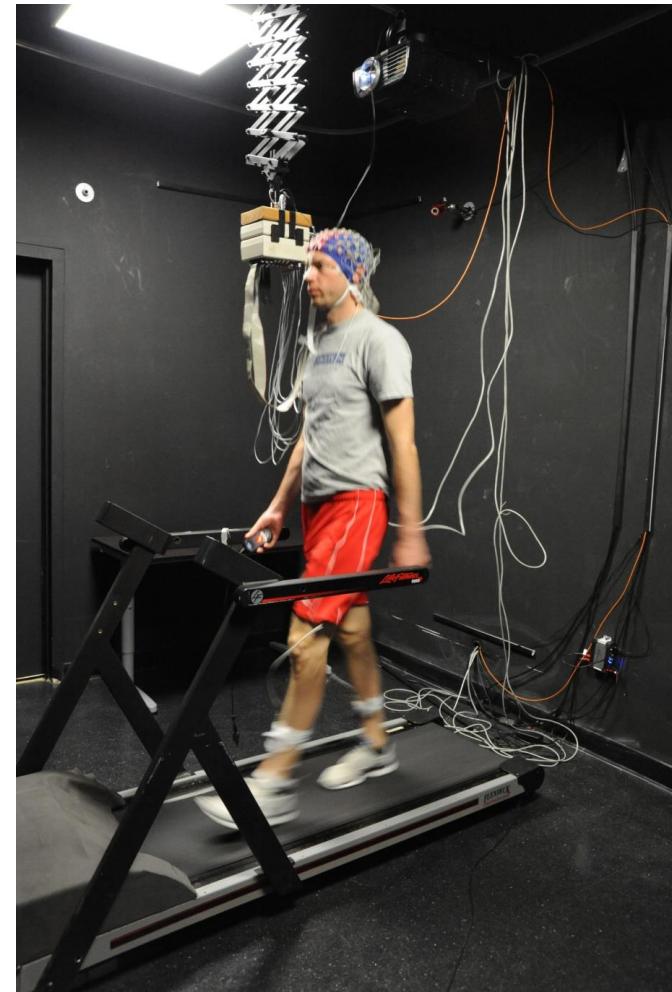
# EEG while Walking



# EEG while Walking



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# Response Inhibition Task



## Task

- Go/Nogo Response Inhibition Task
- NoGo: repetition of the same picture
- Stimulus presentation rate 1/ per sec
- $\text{Go/Nogo} = 80/20\%$

## Conditions

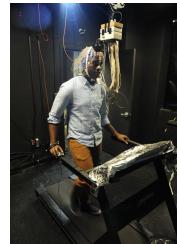
- Sitting
- Walking Slow (2.4 km/h)
- Walking Fast (5 km/h)



# Response Inhibition Task

- Hit:
  - correct response in a *go* trial
- Correct Rejection:
  - successful withholding of a response in a *nogo* trial
- False Alarm:
  - Executing a response in a *nogo* trial

1. Feasible to acquire usable EEG data while walking
2. Interaction of walking and response inhibition



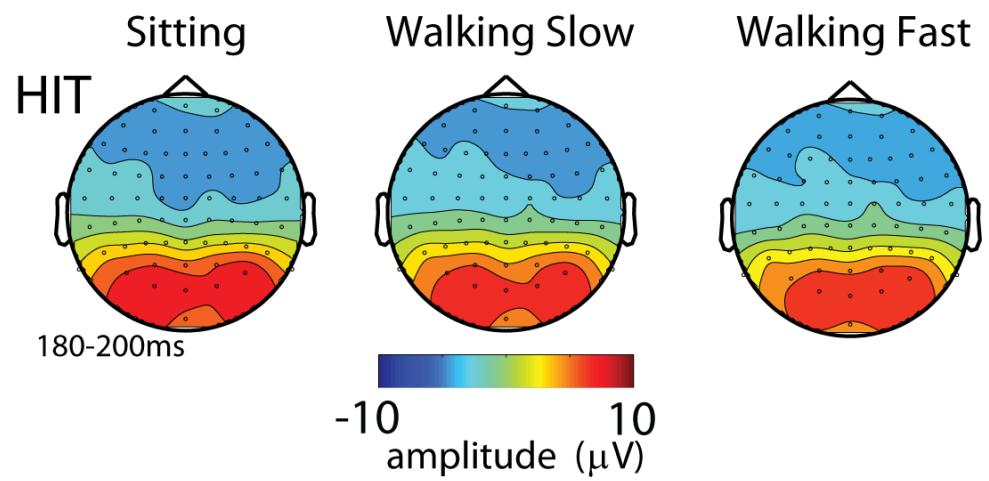
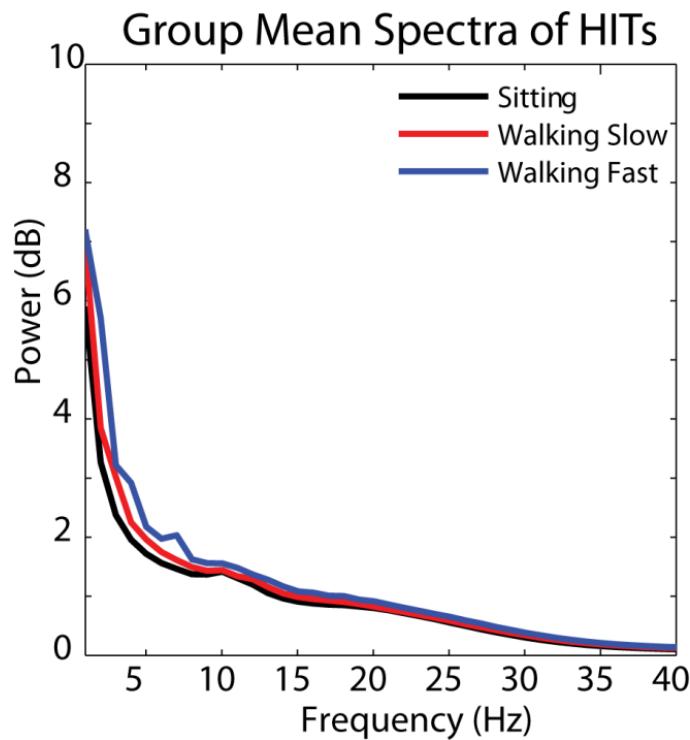
# Behavioral and SNR Results



	Sitting	Walking	Walking	p-value
		Slow	Fast	
RT in msec	399.1	408.2	401.2	0.53
Hit in %	96.4	98.3	98.5	0.49
CR in %	68.6	70.4	69.4	0.6

	Sitting	Walking	Walking
		Slow	Fast
SNR Hit (dB)	54.8±2.3	53.6±1.6	49.9±2.2
SNR CR (dB)	35.3±2.0	34.0±2.5	32.6±2.2

# Results

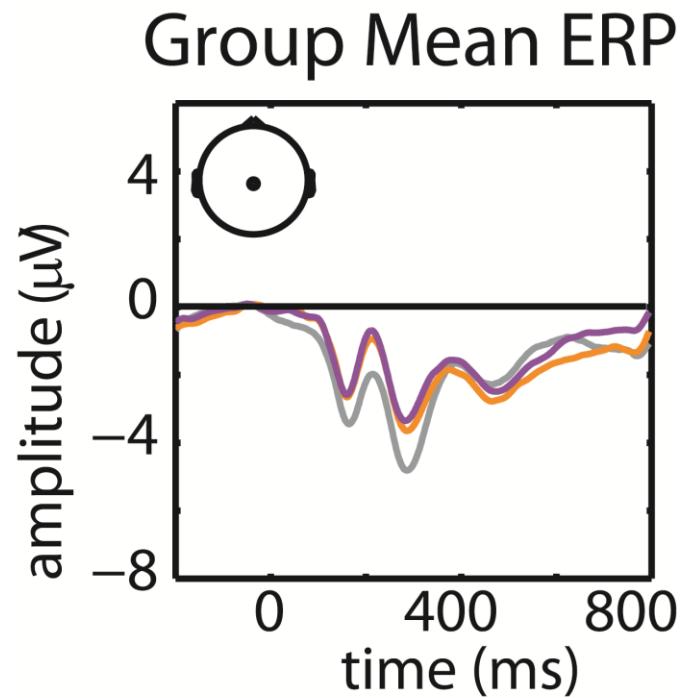


Highly similar early evoked response and power spectrum point to the feasibility of acquiring EEG while walking



# Results

HIT  
— Sitting  
— Walking Slow  
— Walking Fast



# The aging brain shows less flexible reallocation of cognitive resources during dual-task walking: a mobile brain/body imaging (MoBI) study

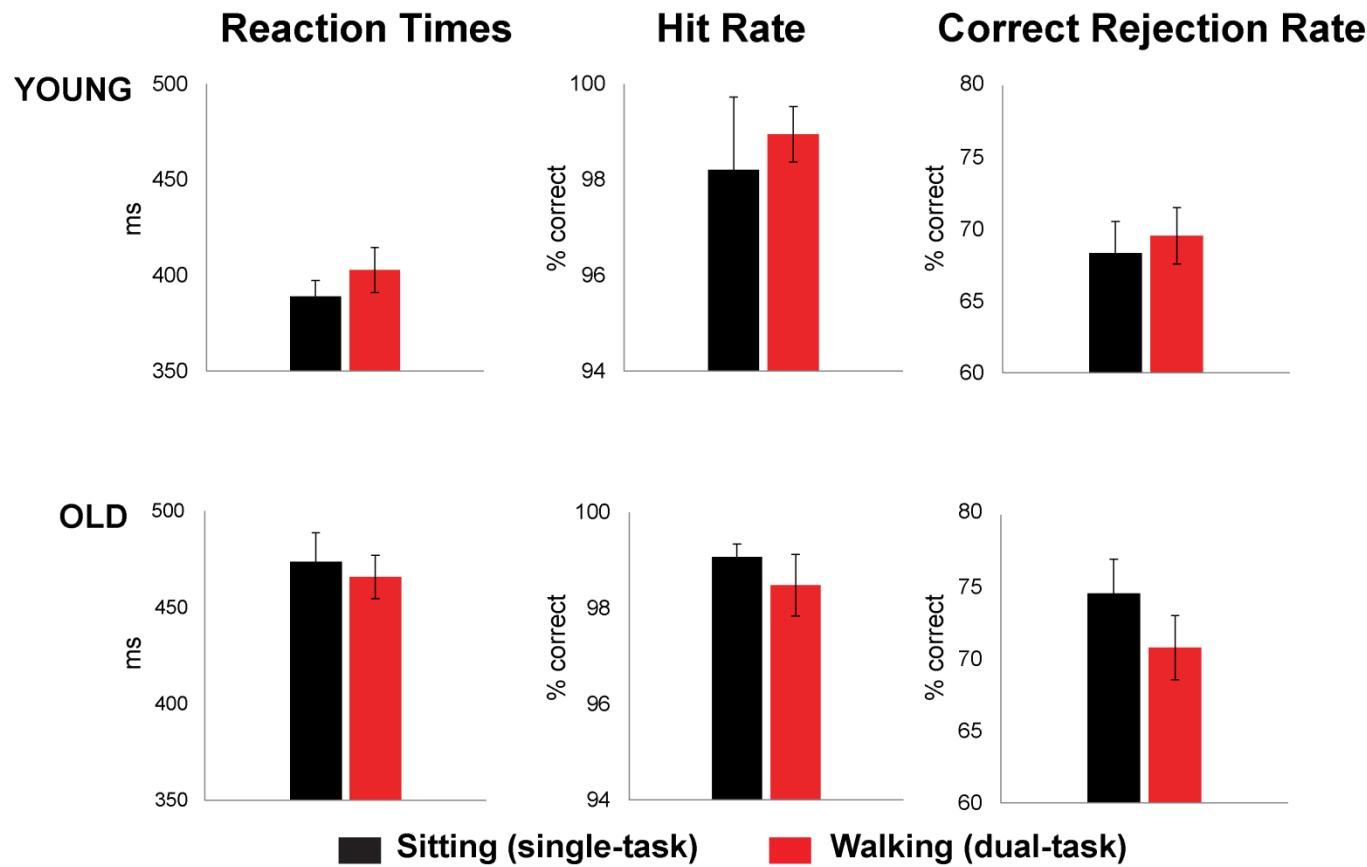
Age	Young	Old
Range	21.8-36.1	57.7-71.0
Mean	27.2	63.9
SD	4.6	4.0

N=18

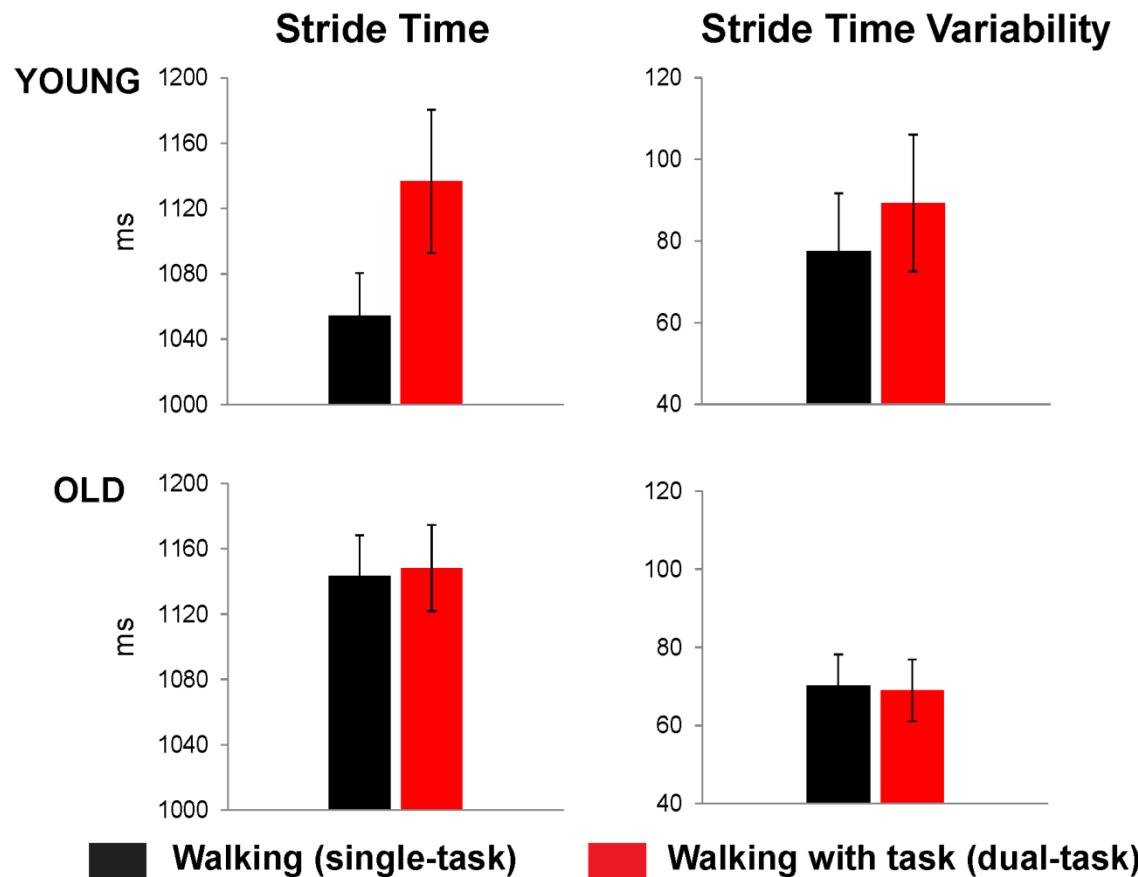
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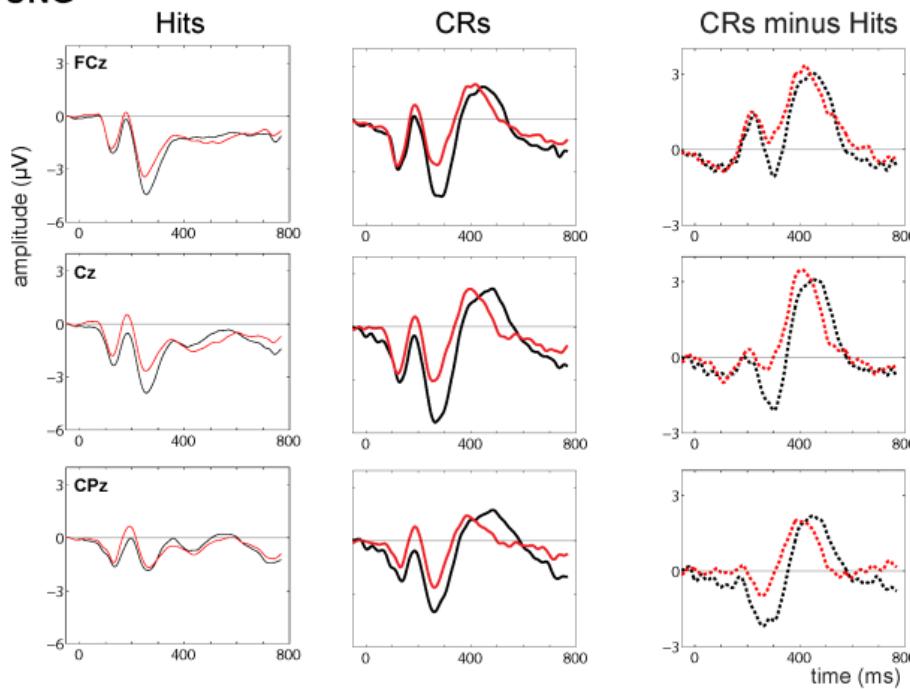


# Gait Parameters



# ERP - Young

YOUNG



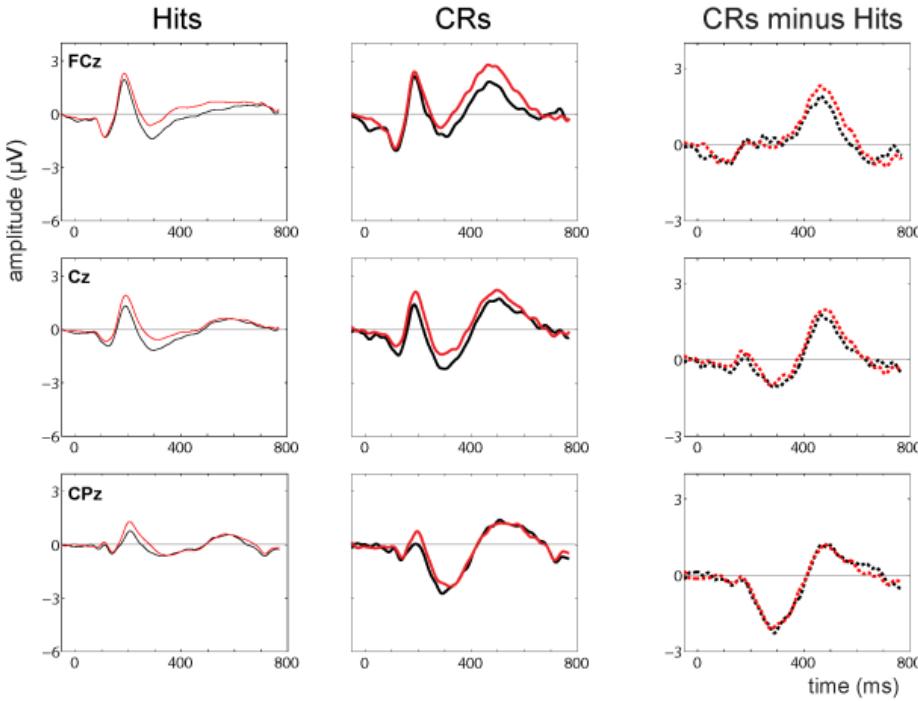
Hits  
— Sitting  
— Walking

Correct Rejections (CRs)  
— Sitting  
— Walking



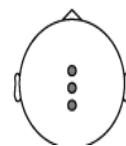
# ERP - Old

OLD

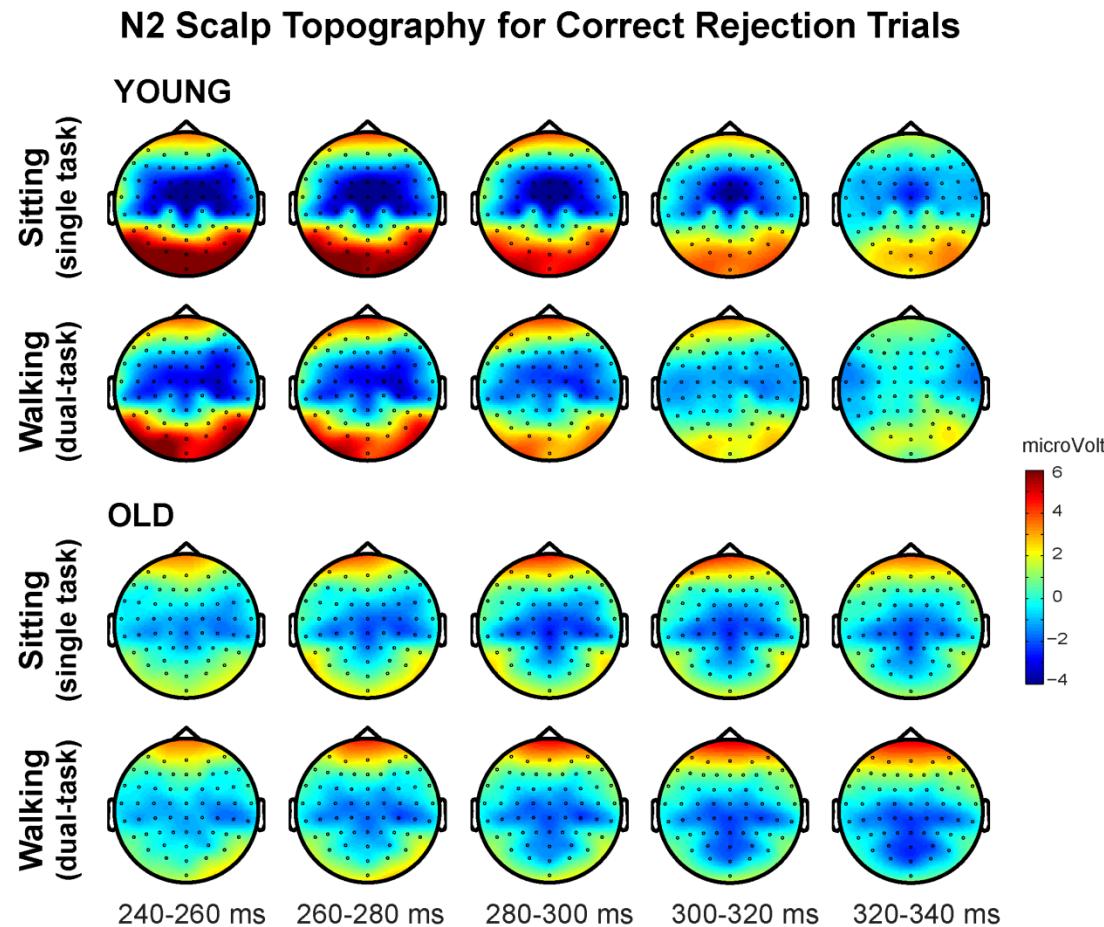


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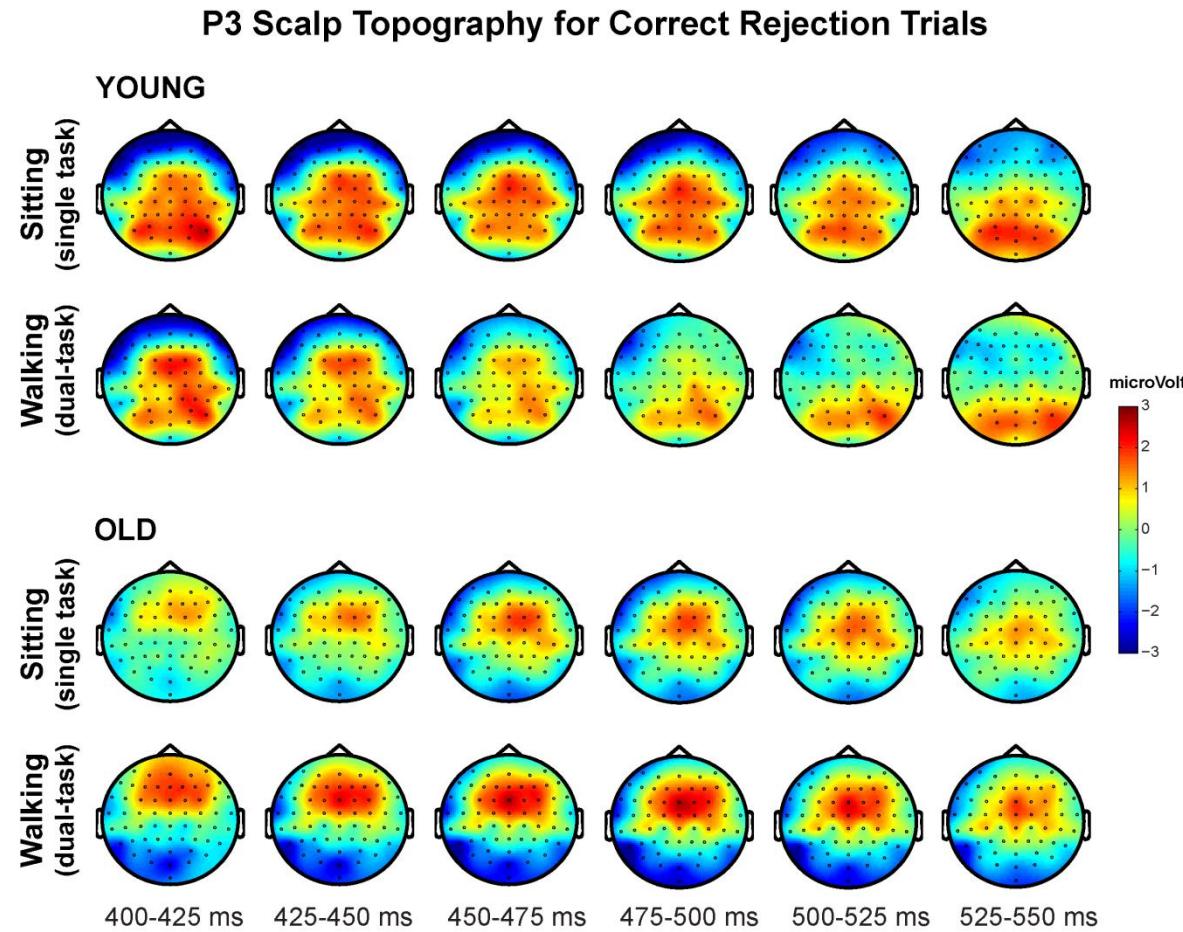
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# N2 topographical distribution



# P3 topographical distribution



# Summary

- Younger adults adjust gait and cognitive control when presented with a dual task situation
- Healthy older adults show a lack of flexibility, both in terms of adjusting physical behavior and in reconfiguring cognitive control mechanisms at the neural level.

# Conclusion

- These studies provide highly promising methods for gaining insight into the neurophysiological correlates of self-motion in more naturalistic environmental settings.
- Further our understanding self-motion disorders

# Overall Conclusion

- The vestibular system is useful
  - Combines in an optimal fashion with visual cues
  - Is processed like other sensory modalities
- EEG can be collected during active and passive motion
  - With meaningful results that further our understanding of self-motion

# Thank you

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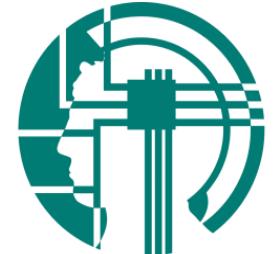
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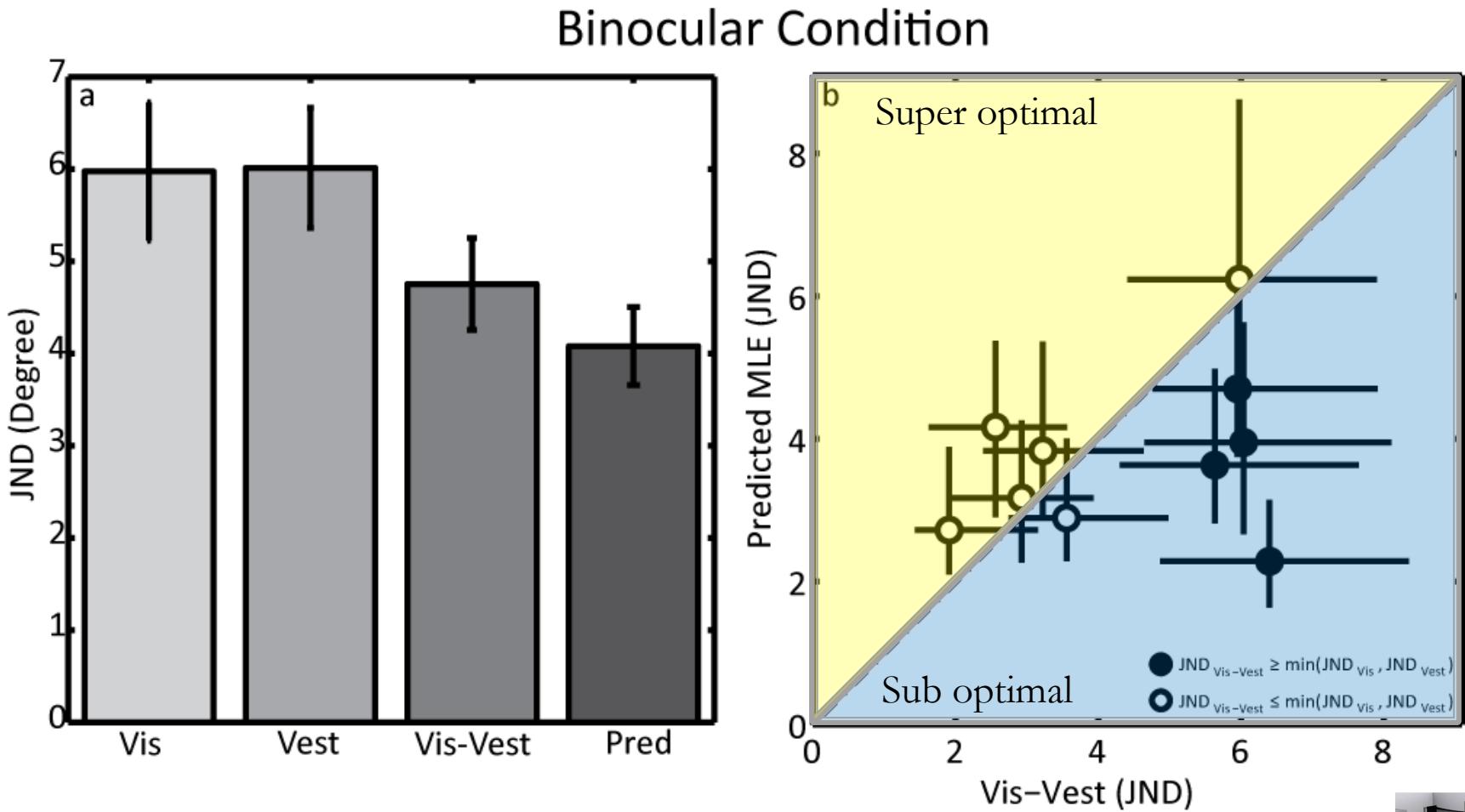


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# Any questions



# Binocular Condition

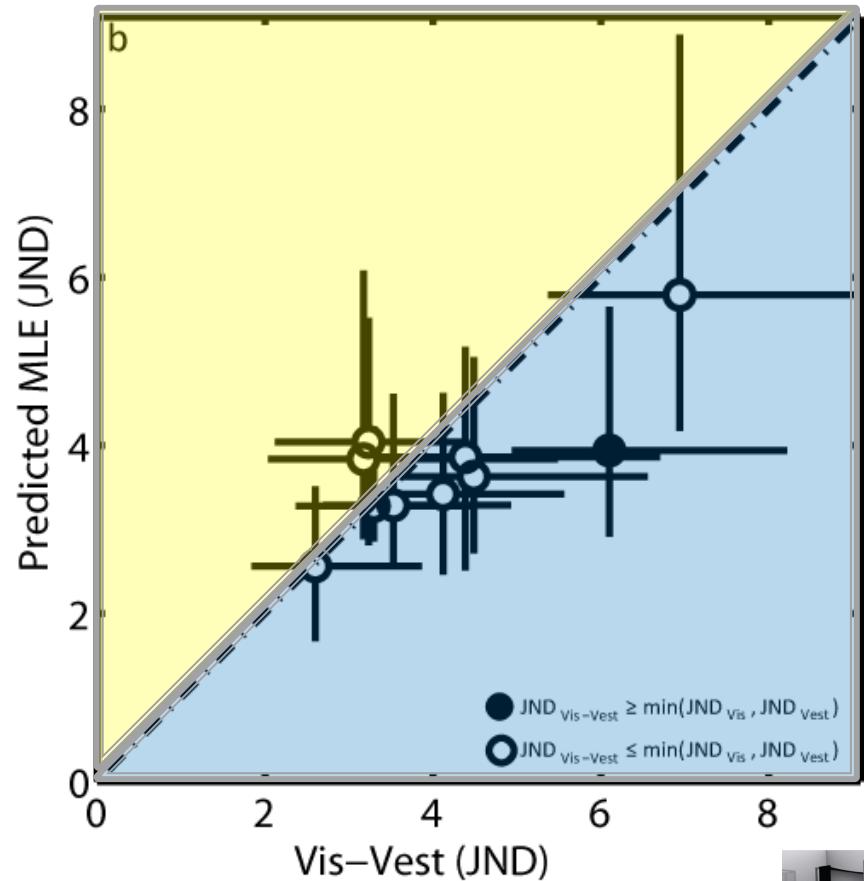
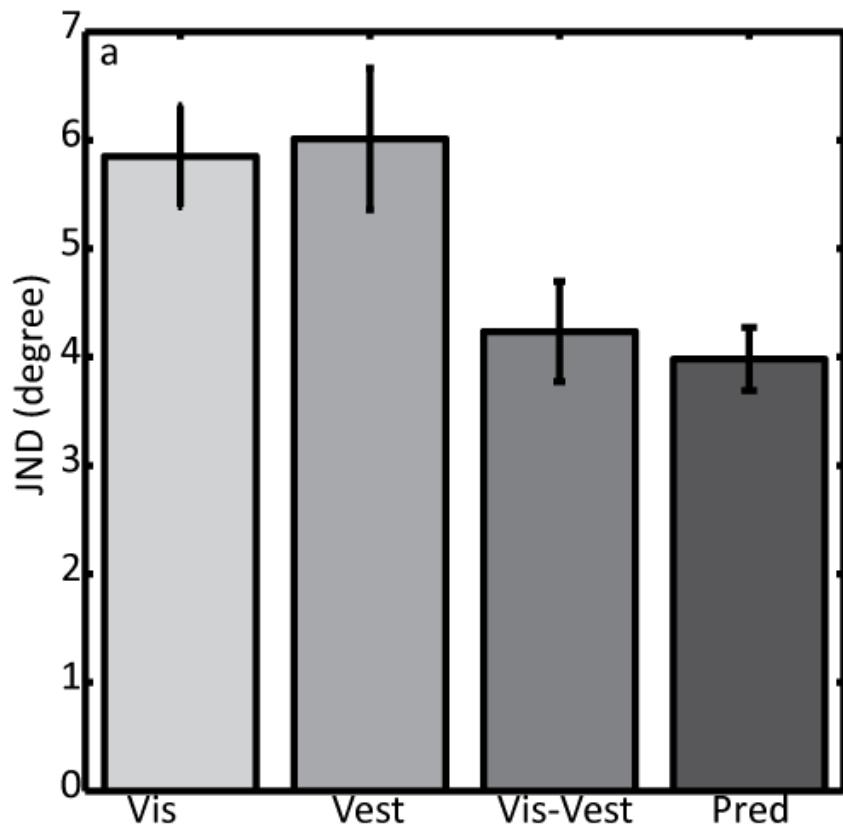


6 of the 10 exhibit optimal combination of sense



# Stereoscopic Condition

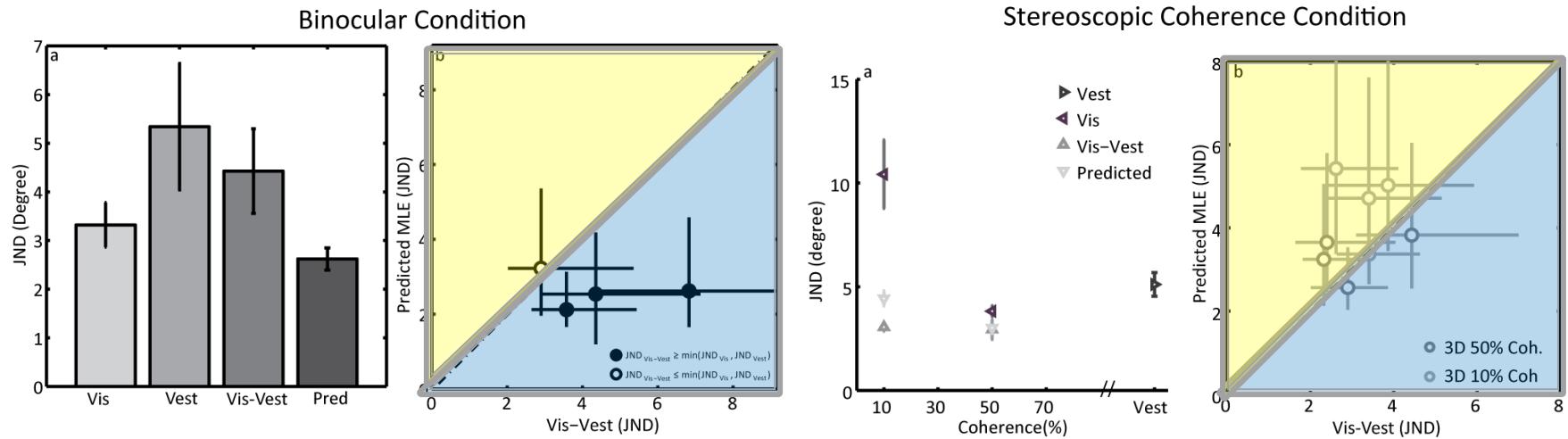
Stereoscopic Condition



9 of the 10 exhibit optimal combination of sense



# Reproducible nature of result



A subset of the original participants were re-run  
and exhibited identical results



# Summary

- The presence/absence of stereoscopic visual information can impact the extent to which visual and vestibular cues are integrated during heading perception.
- This was reproducible within participants

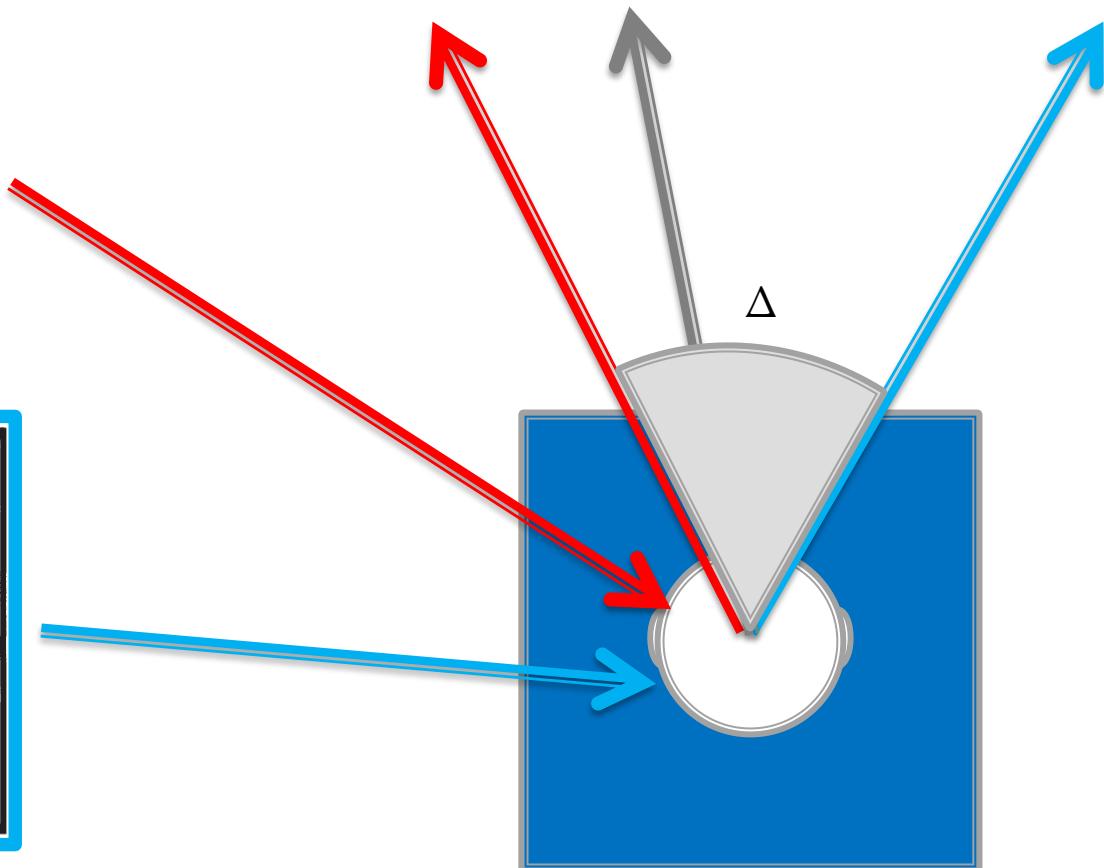
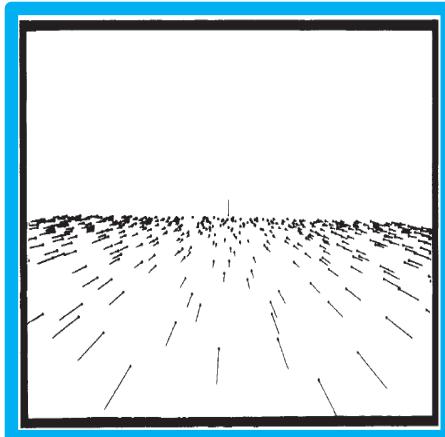


# Talk Overview

- Passive Heading detection
  - 1. The role of Stereo cues
  - 2. Conflict of information
  - 3. Neural correlates of heading detection change
- Active tasks
  - 4. Walking
  - 5. Neural recordings while walking



# Visual-Vestibular Integration for Heading (conflict)



# Why introduce a conflict?

- By introducing a conflict we can see if there is a breakdown of the combination of sense
- We can calculate the weights given to each cue



# The logic of conflicts

Equally weighted



Vestibular weighted more



Vision weighted more



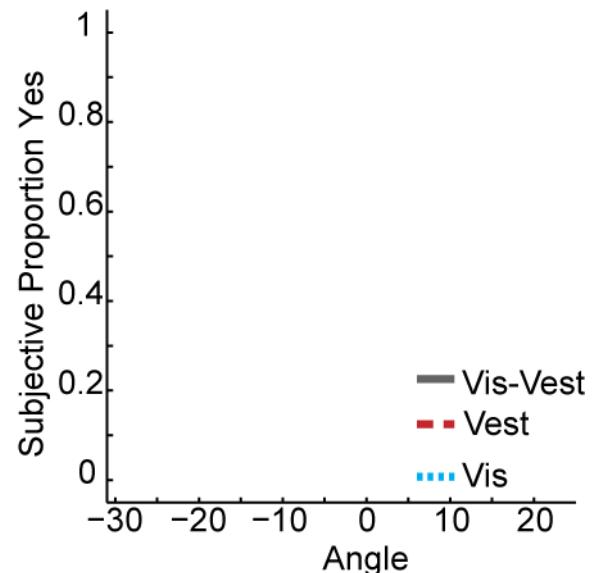
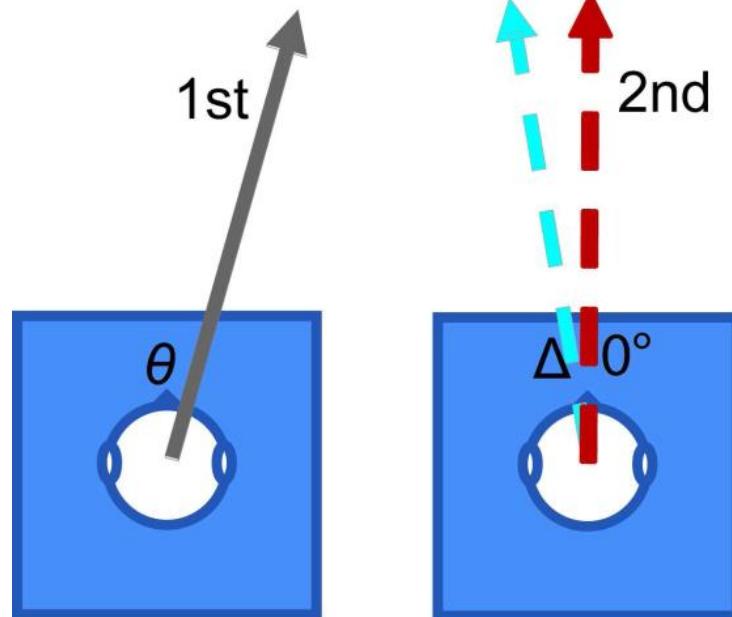
# Individual participant analysis

Vis-Vest

Vestibular

Visual

Incongruent



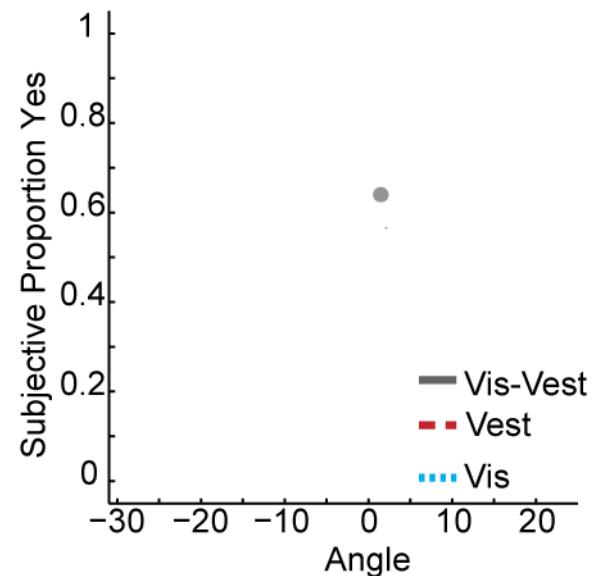
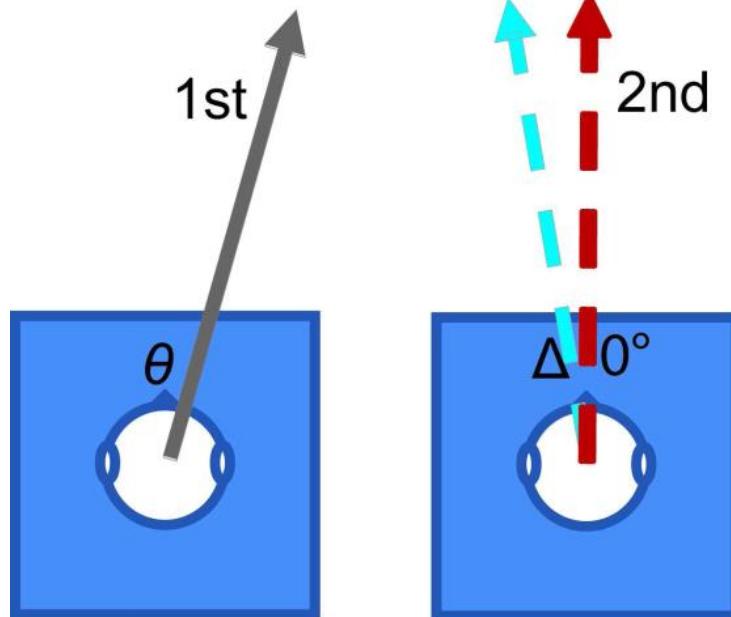
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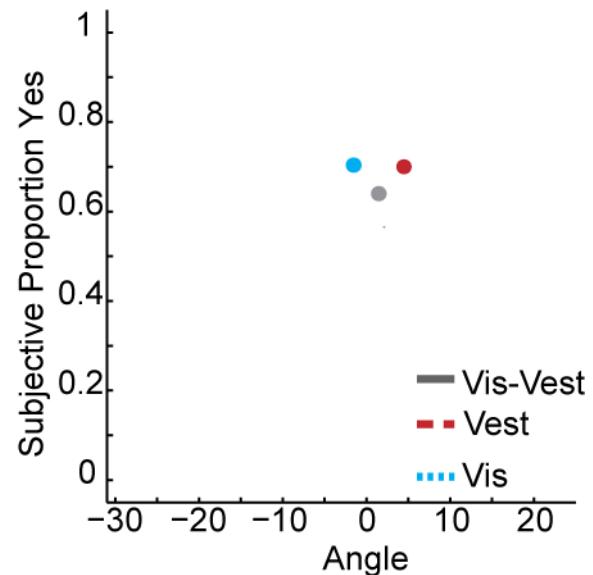
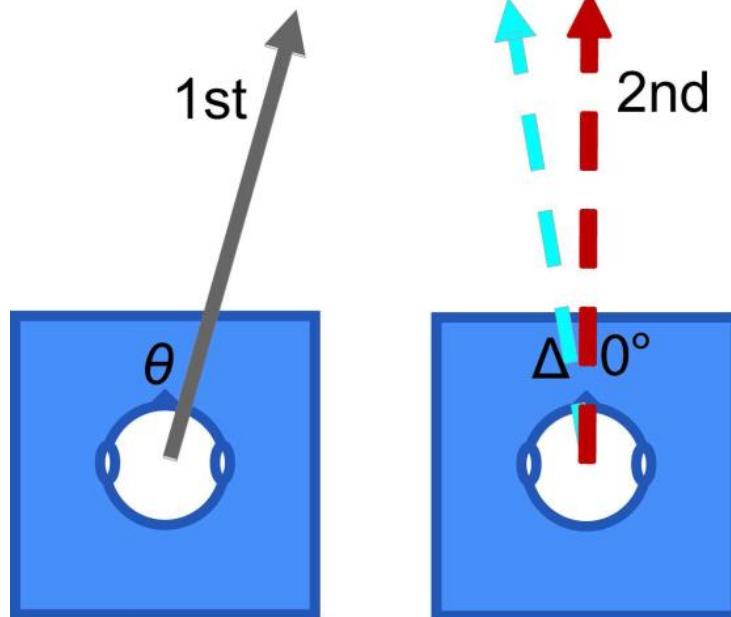
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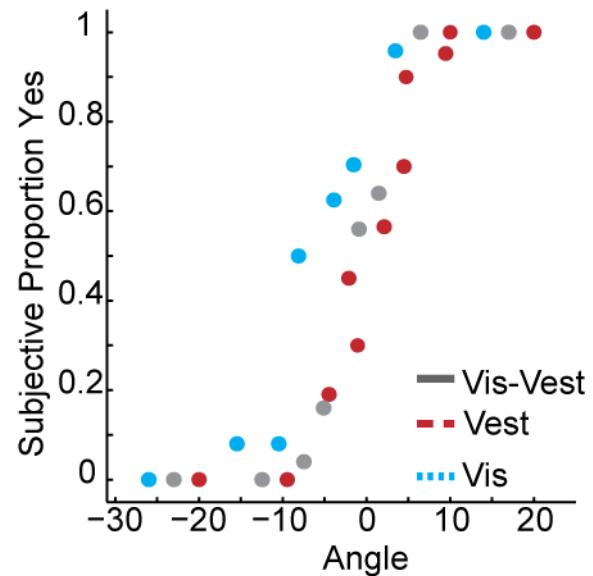
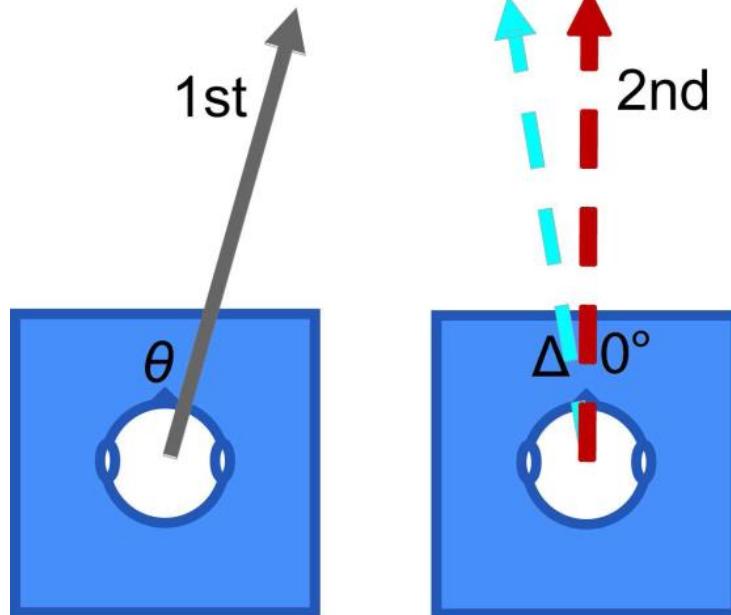
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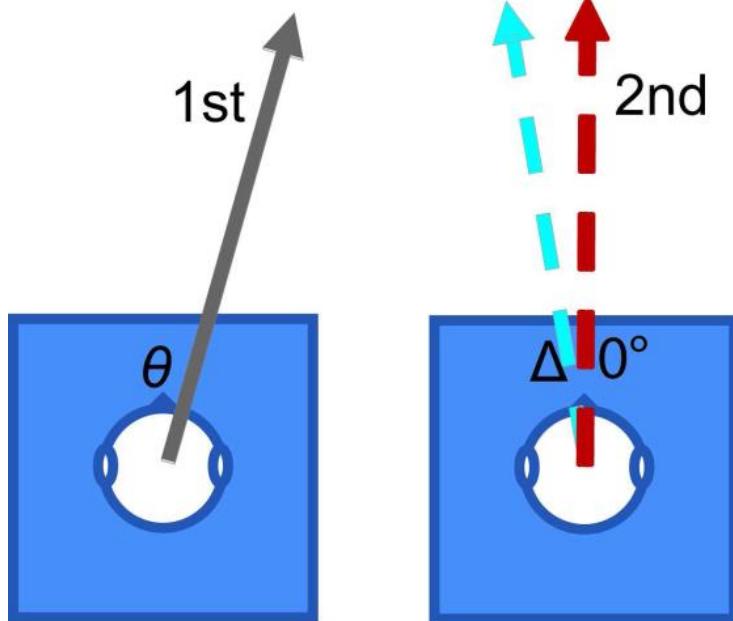
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# Maximum Likelihood Estimation

$$\hat{S}_{Vis-Vest} = w_{Vis} \hat{S}_{Vis} + w_{Vest} \hat{S}_{Vest}$$

Observed

$$w_{Vis} = \frac{PSE_{Vis-Vest} - PSE_{Vest}}{PSE_{Vis} - PSE_{Vest}}$$

Predicted

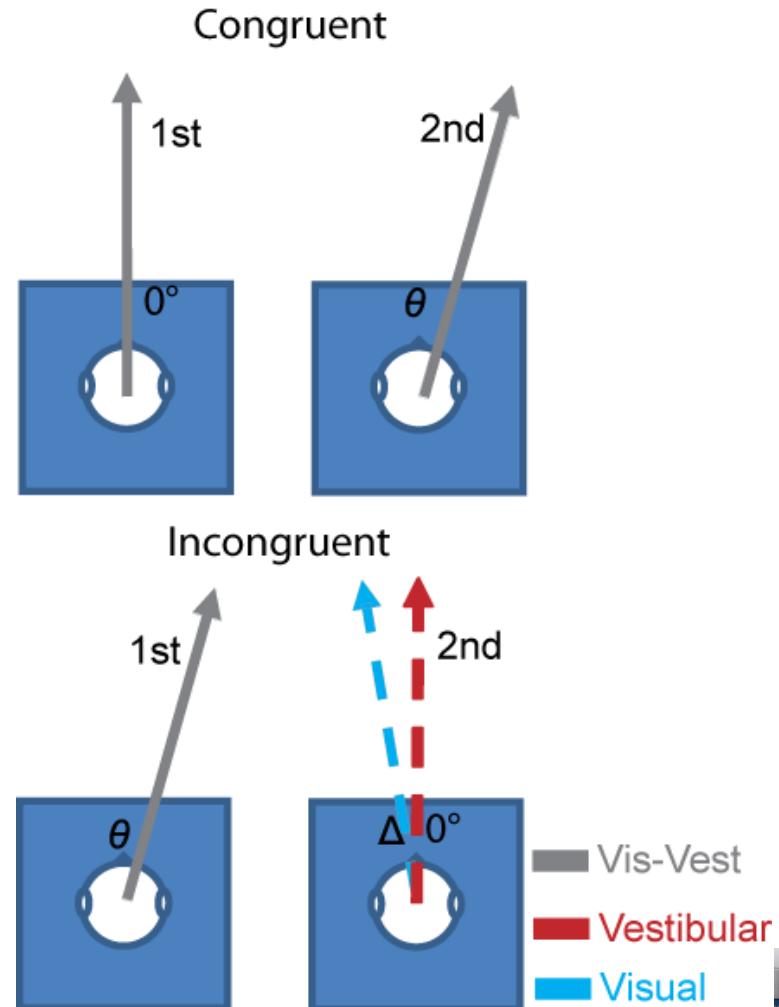
$$\hat{w}_{Vis} = \frac{1/JND_{Vis}^2}{1/JND_{Vis}^2 + 1/JND_{Vest}^2}$$



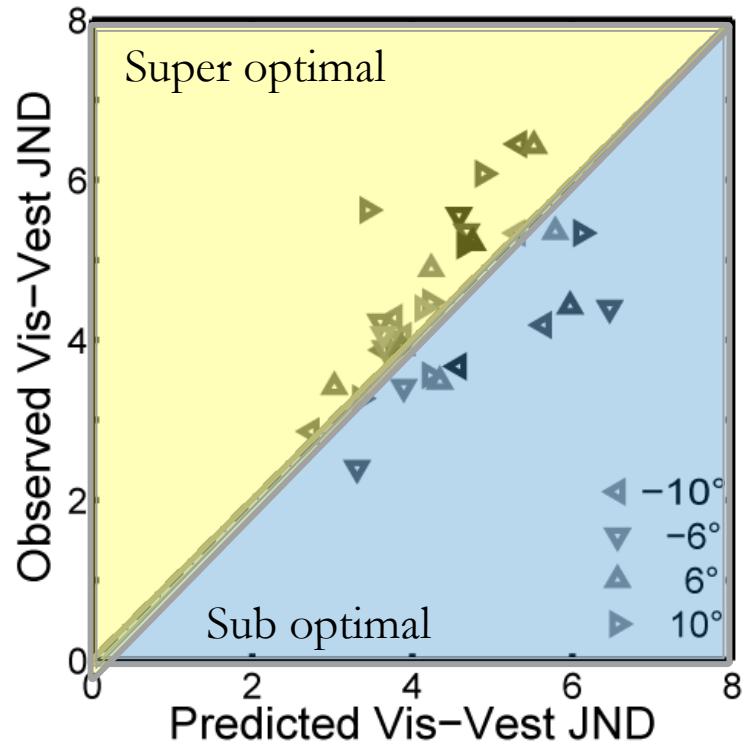
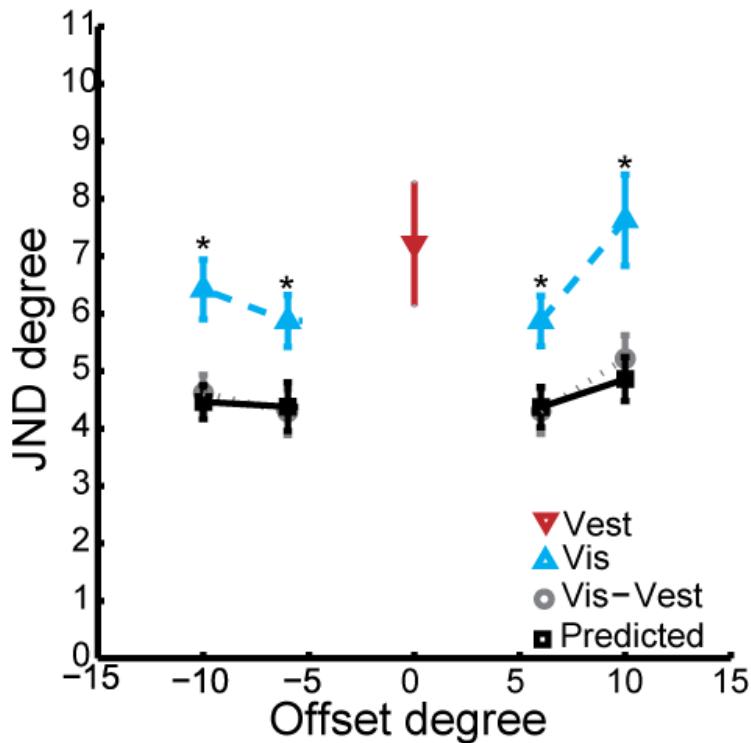
# Spatial Conflict

## Conditions

- 1 Vestibular alone
  - One Standard
  - $\Theta=0^\circ$
- 4 Visual alone
  - Four standards
  - $\Theta=\pm 6^\circ, \pm 10^\circ$
- 4 Visual-vestibular
  - One Standard
  - $\Theta=0^\circ$
  - Four Offset
  - $\Delta=\pm 6^\circ, \pm 10^\circ$



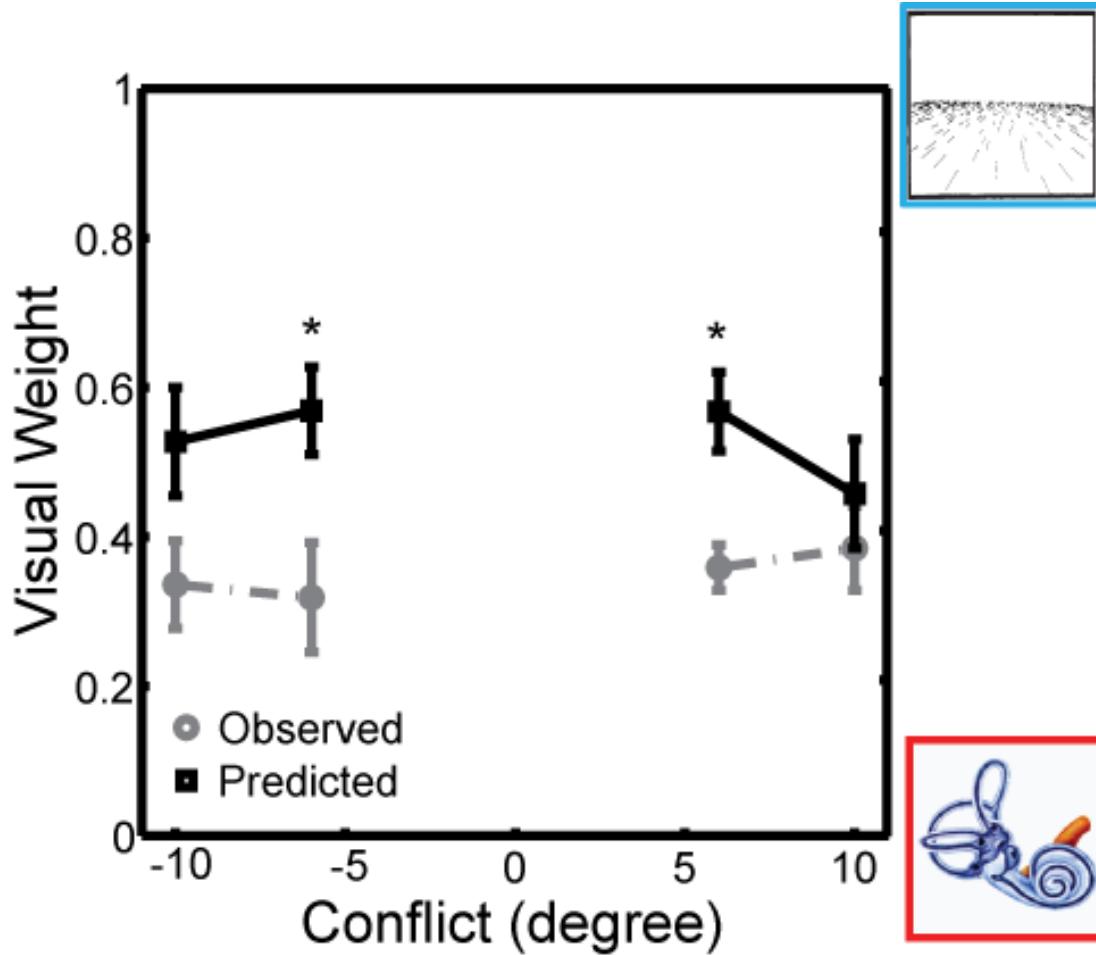
# Optimal reduction in variance



The combination of visual and vestibular cues observe an optimal rule of integration



# Weights



The weights are biased towards the vestibular cue



# Introduction of a Prior

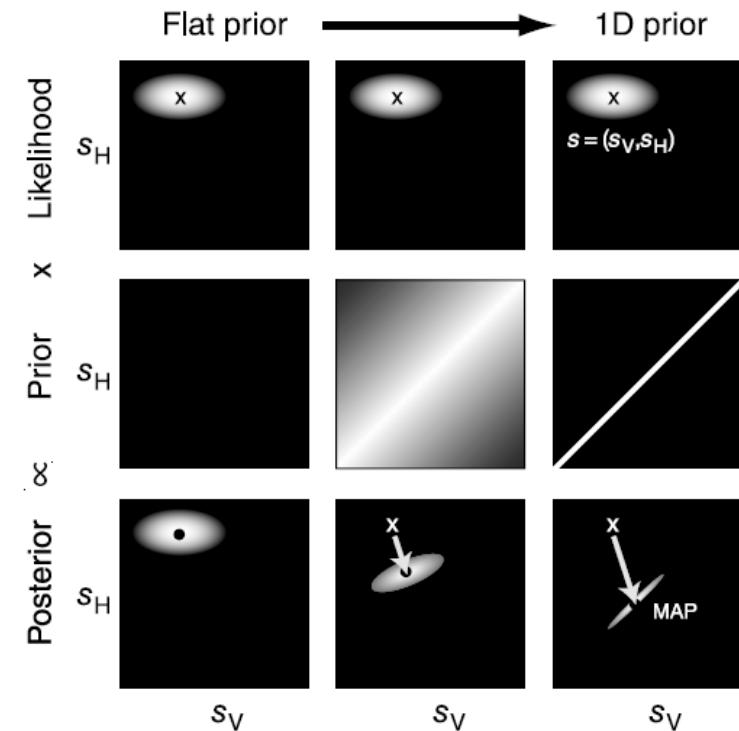
$$\hat{S}_{Vis-Vest} = w_{Vis} \hat{S}_{Vis} + w_{Vest} \hat{S}_{Vest} + w_{Prior} \hat{S}_{Prior}$$

$$JND_{Vis-Vest}^2 = \frac{1}{1/JND_{Vis}^2 + 1/JND_{Vest}^2 + 1/JND_{Prior}^2}$$

$$w_{Vis} = \frac{1/JND_{Vis}^2}{1/JND_{Vis}^2 + 1/JND_{Vest}^2 + 1/JND_{Prior}^2}$$

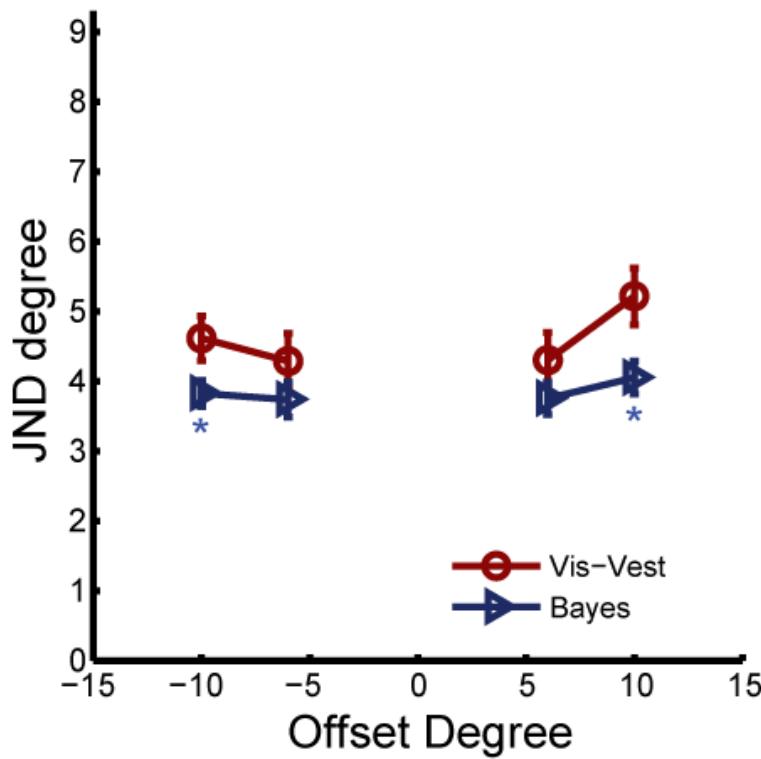
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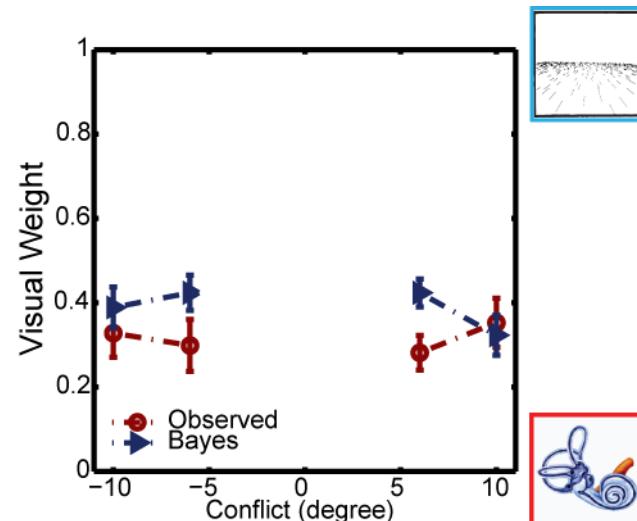


# Bayesian Model

## ACCURACY



## WEIGHTS

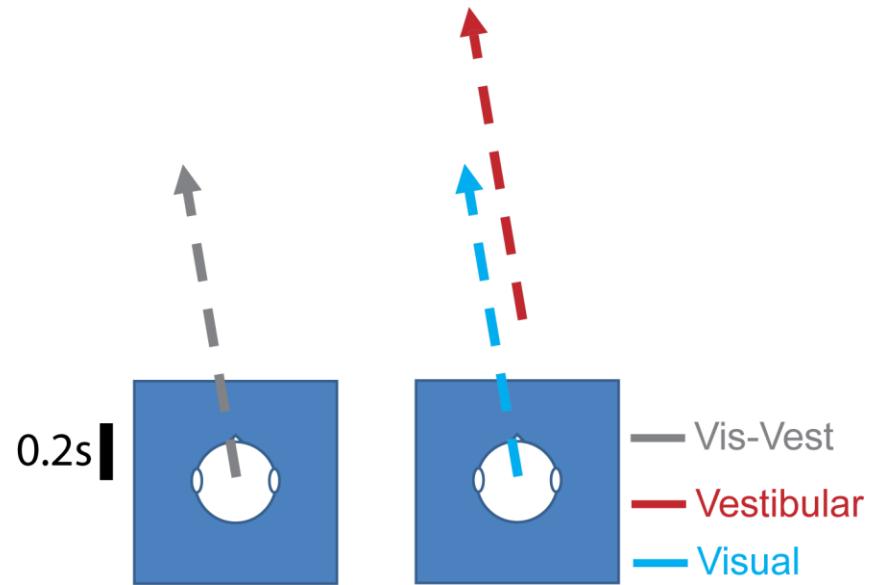
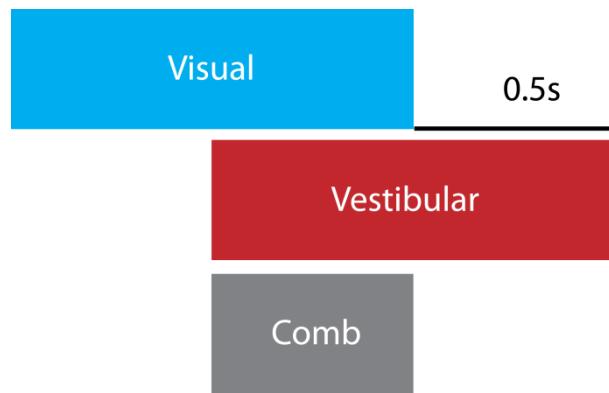


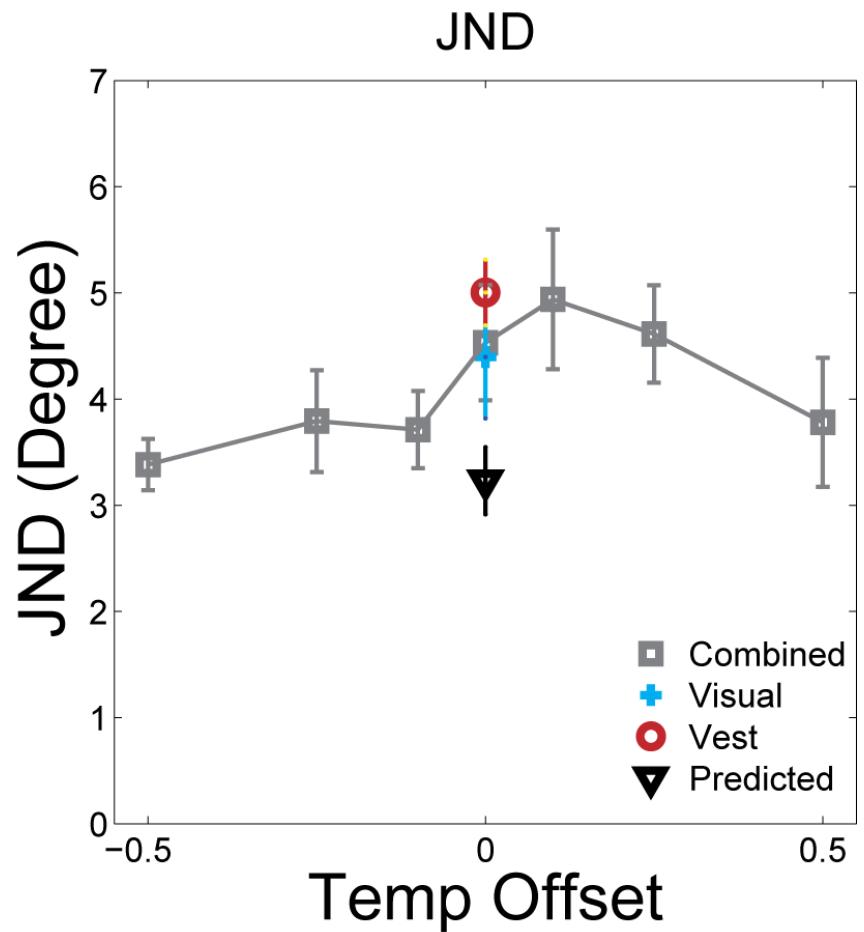
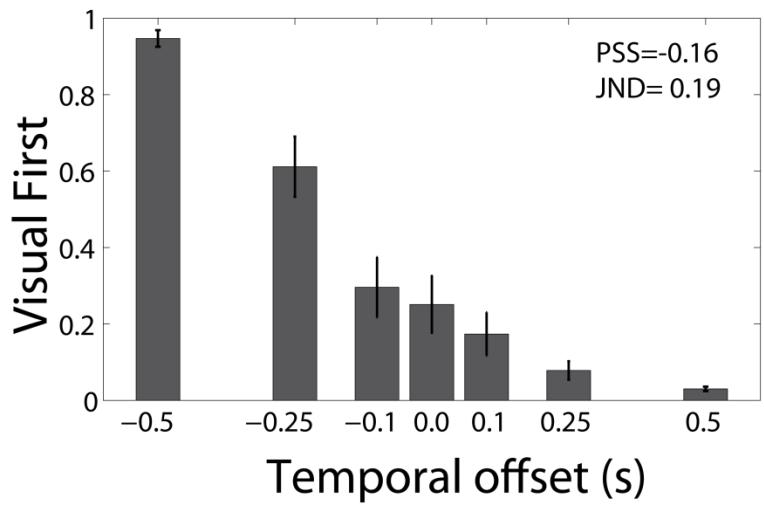
# Summary results

- Participants exhibited a statistically optimal reduction of variance under combined cue conditions.
- Performances in the unimodal conditions did not predict the weights in the combined cue conditions.
- Therefore, we conclude that visual and vestibular cue combination is not predicted solely by the reliability of each individual cue but rather, there is a prior which leads to a higher weighting of vestibular information in this task.



# Temporal Conflict

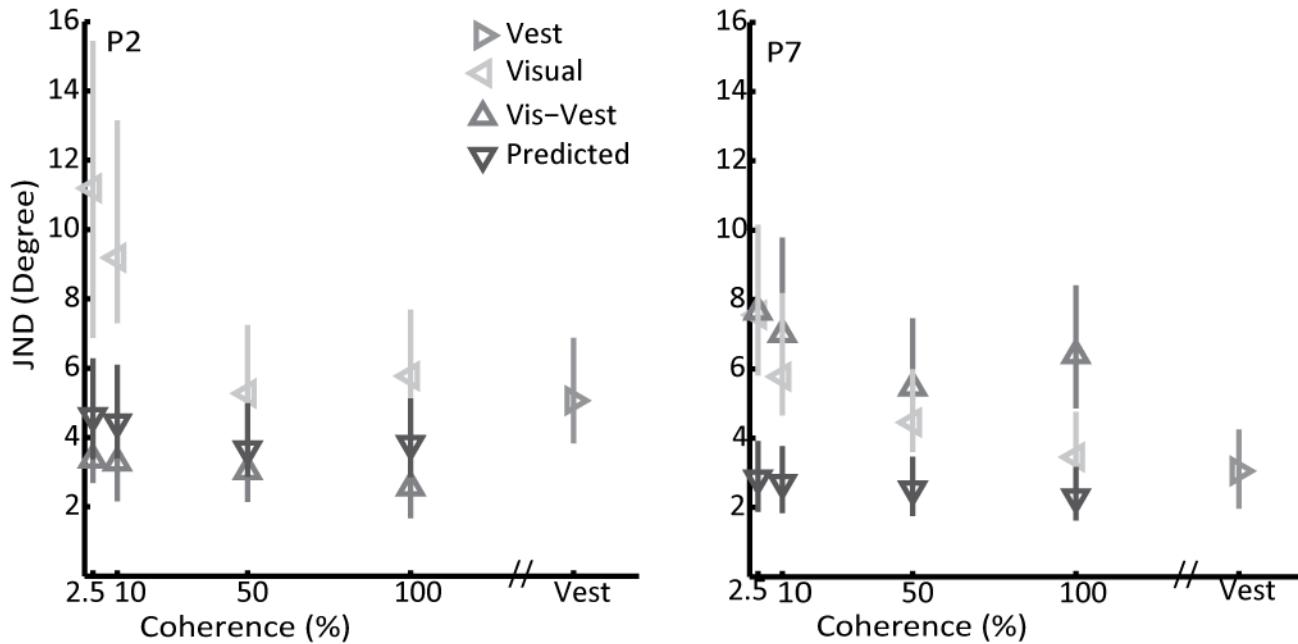




# Reproducible nature of result

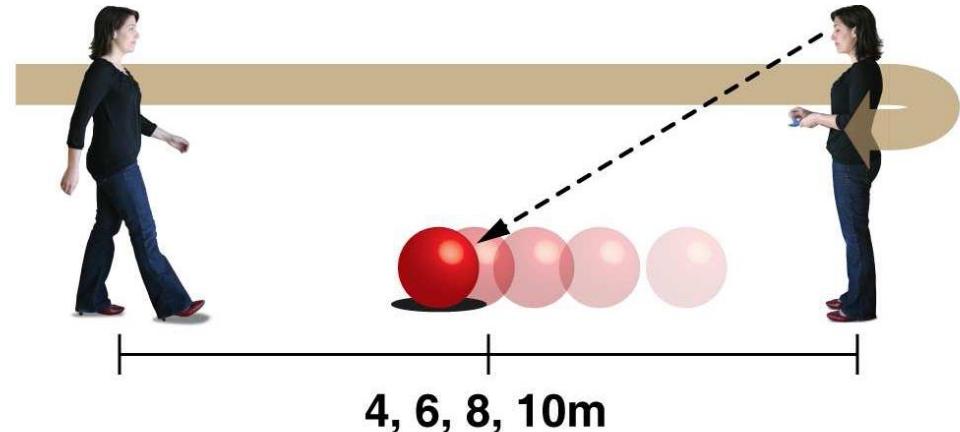


Binocular Coherence Condition

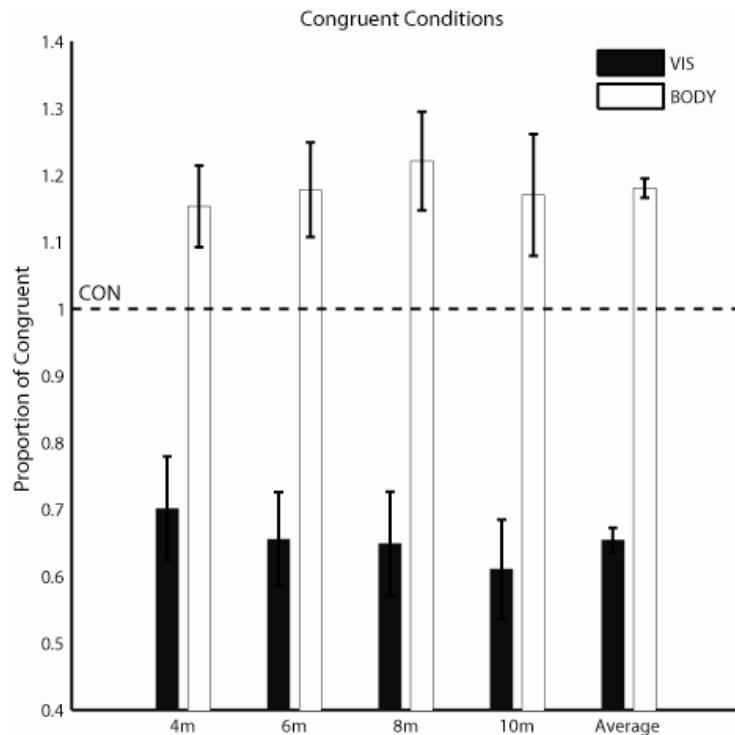


# Multisensory integration in the estimation of walked distances

- Conditions
  - Visual Alone
    - 0.7, 1.0, 1.4
  - Body Cues
  - Combined
    - Congruent
    - Incongruent Visual Gain (0.7 1.4)
  - 4 distances (4, 6, 8 10m)



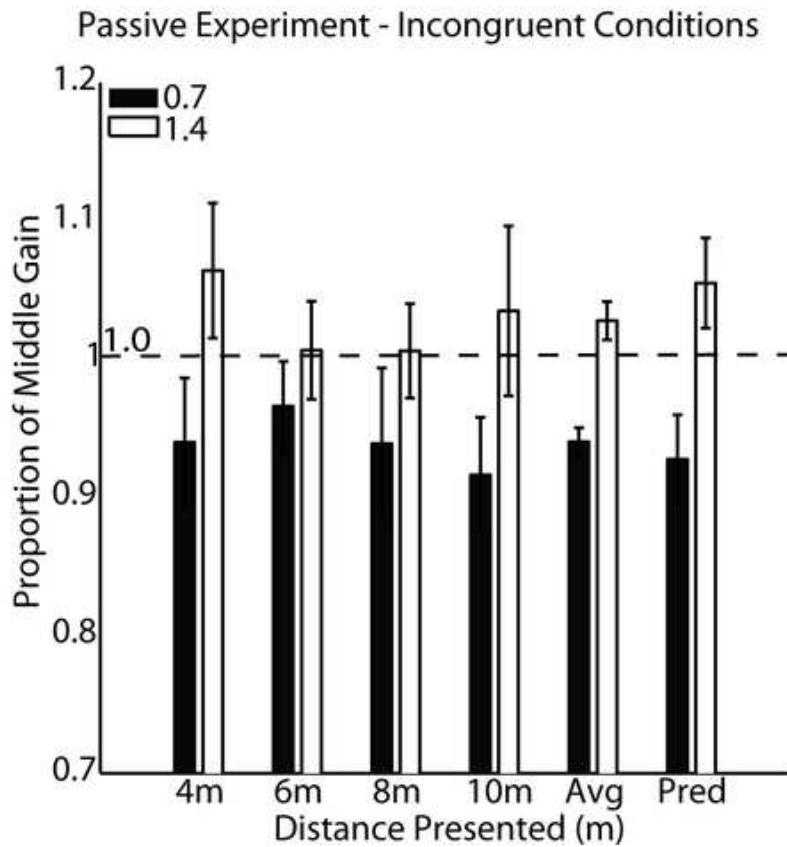
# Congruent results



- Congruent combined distance estimation sits between visual alone and body based cues



# Incongruent Results



- The combined results are predicted by the unisensory results.
- Body based we relied upon more than visual cues
- Within body based cues the vestibular cues were relied upon more than proprioceptive cues



# Conclusion

- The combination of visual and body based cues for walking is predicted by a MLE model

