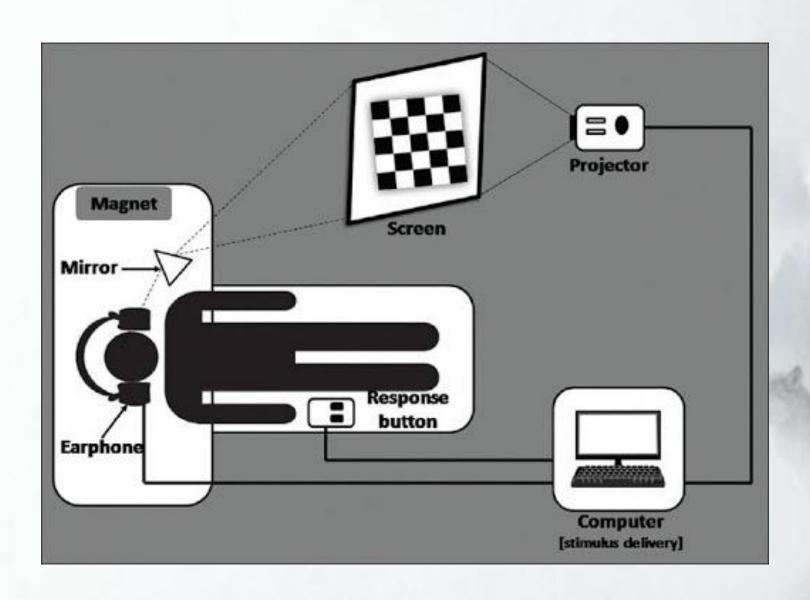
Automated planning for fMRI paradigms design

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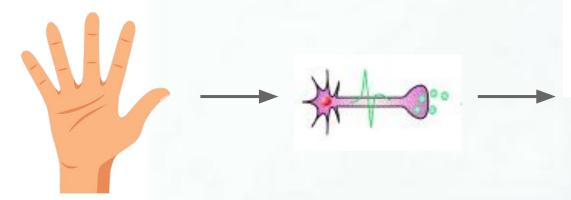
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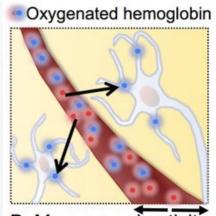


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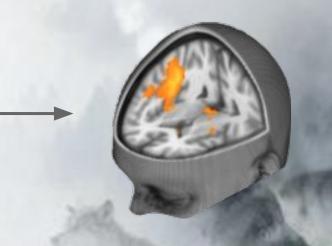


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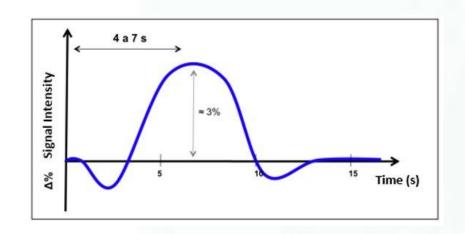
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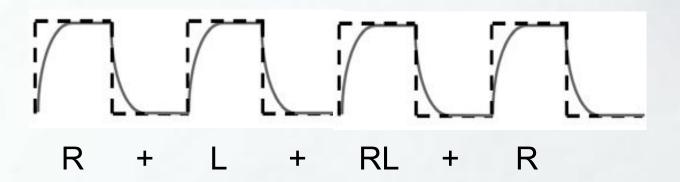
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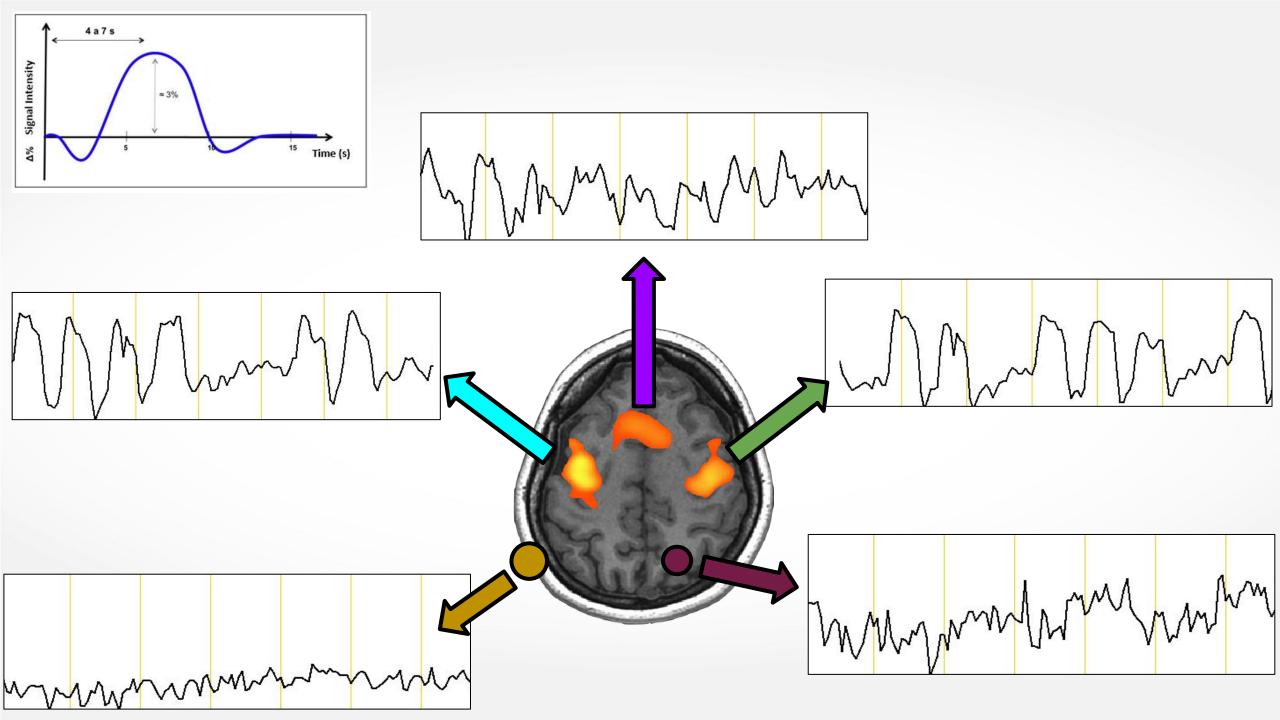


Hemodynamic Response









Objective

An fMRI experiment relies on precise and effective paradigm design.

- Design an fMRI paradigm planner:
 - Develop a planner to indicate the proper task according to the research questions.
- Ensure good experimental design.
- Reduce the difficulties in the creation of an fMRI task design.

Technical Approach

Planning research

- a. Research on how this specific problem will be modeled in the planning domain;
- b. Path-finding algorithm;
- c. Planner goal: cerebral region to be activated.

Technical Approach

Dataset

- a. Task database provided by BraIns;
- b. Paradigms that activate areas related to: Motor skills, language, visual, auditive, memory, attention network and default mode network.

Project Management

- First step first week:
 - Planning techniques;
- Second step second week:
 - Paradigm database from BraIns;
- Third step third and fourth weeks:
 - Develop the planner.

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