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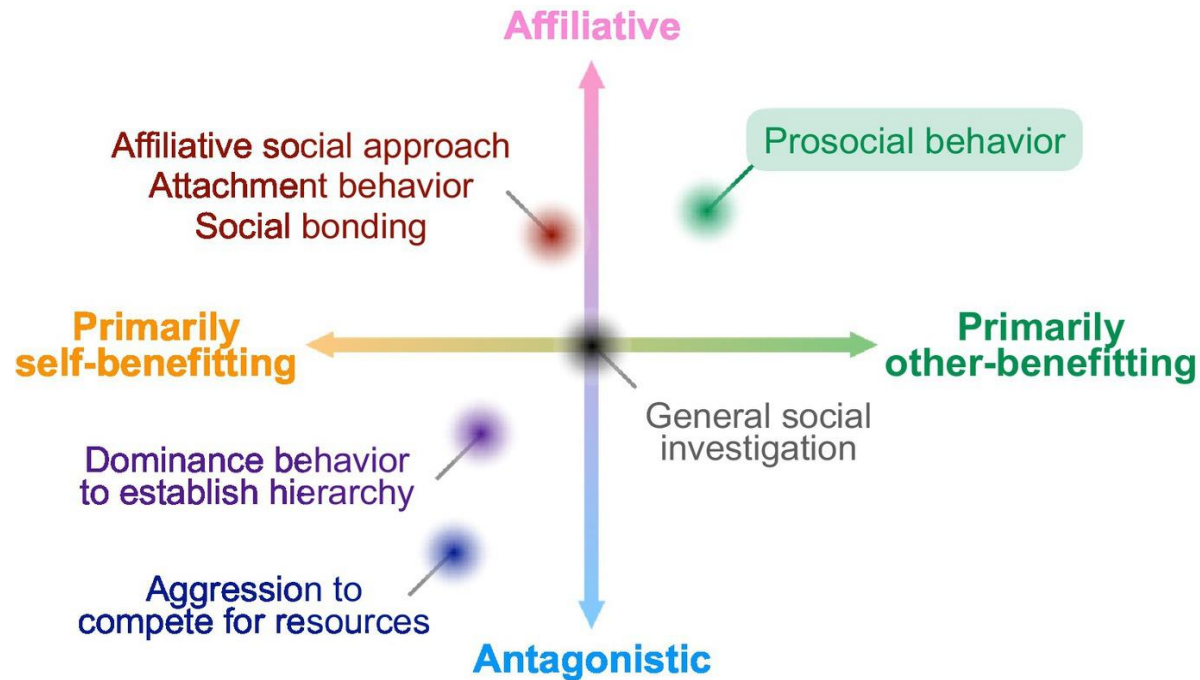
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# Introduction



(Wu et al, 2022; TiNC)



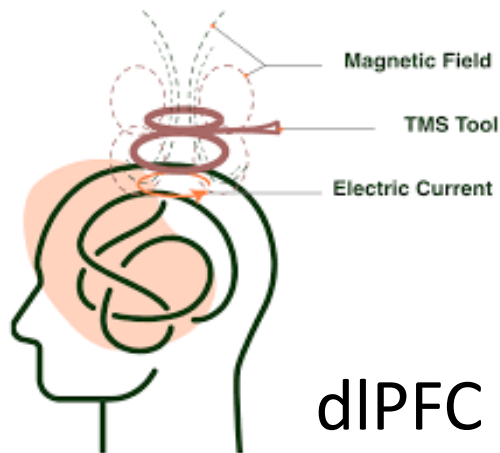
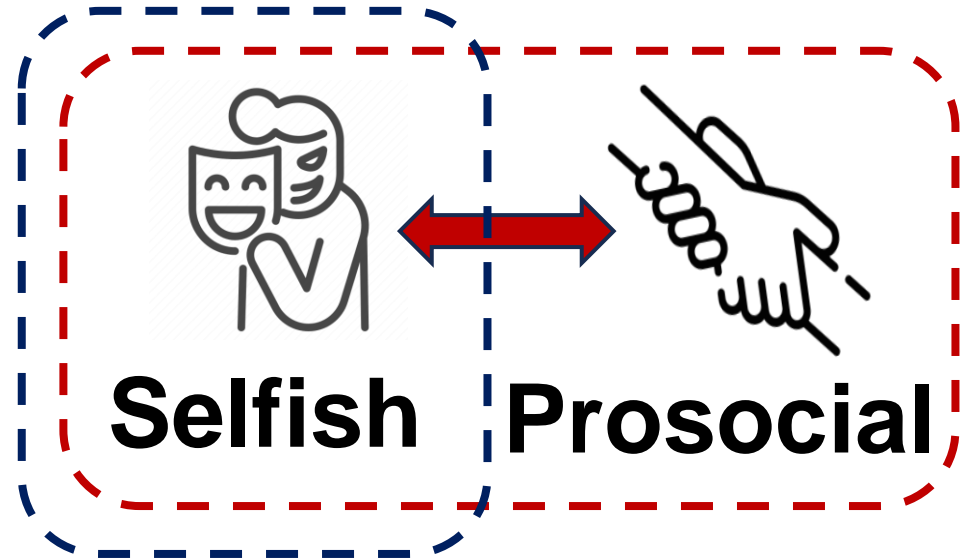
**Selfish**



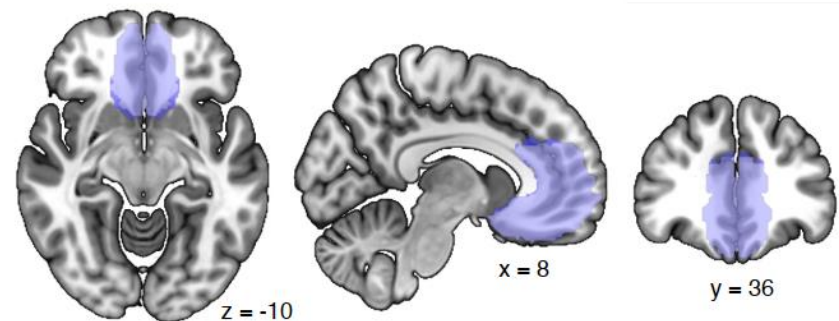
**Prosocial**

# Introduction

exerting cognitive  
control



Low frequency  
TMS



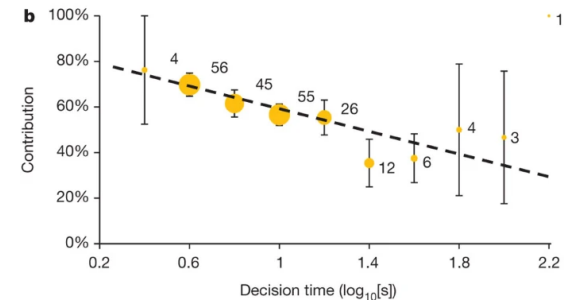
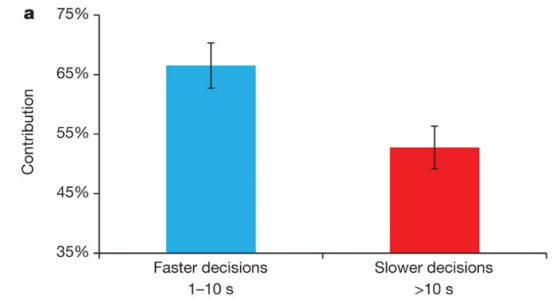
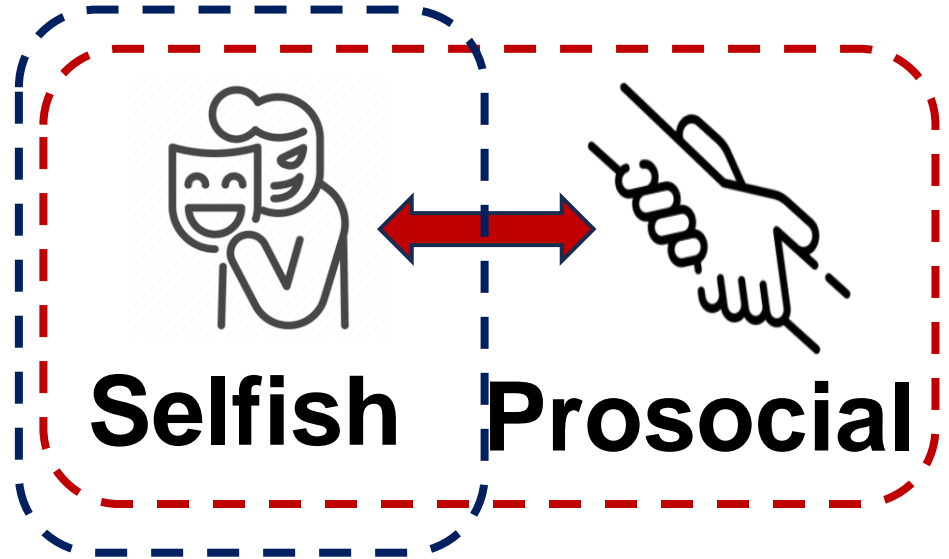
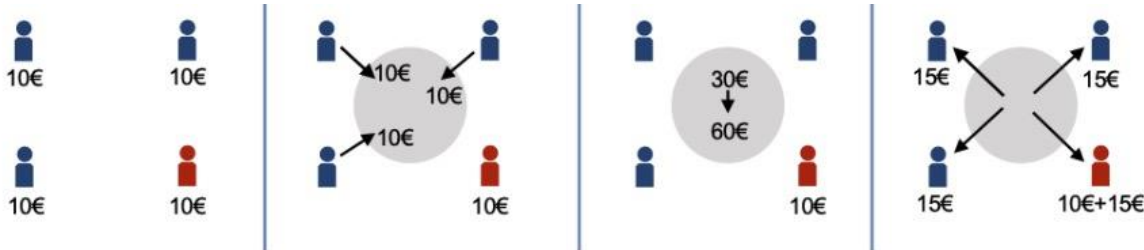
vmPFC

# exerting cognitive control

# nature

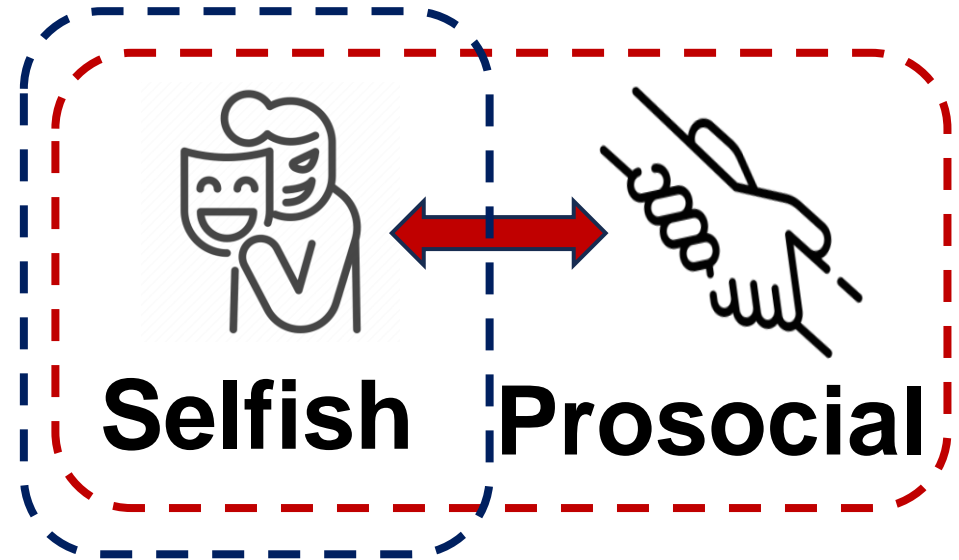
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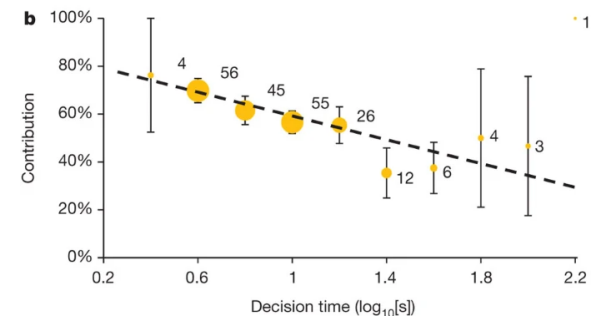
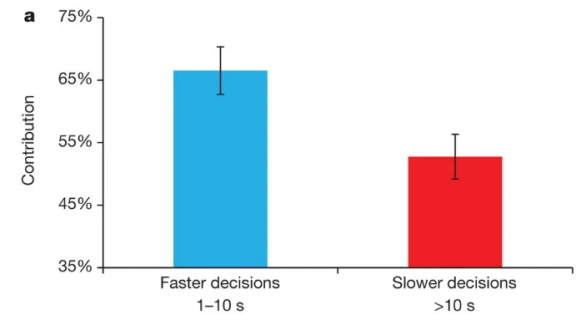
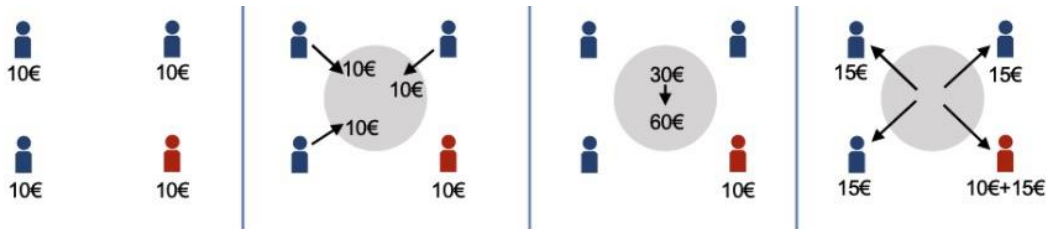
*Prosocial behaviors* are often **faster** than *Proself behaviors*



## nature

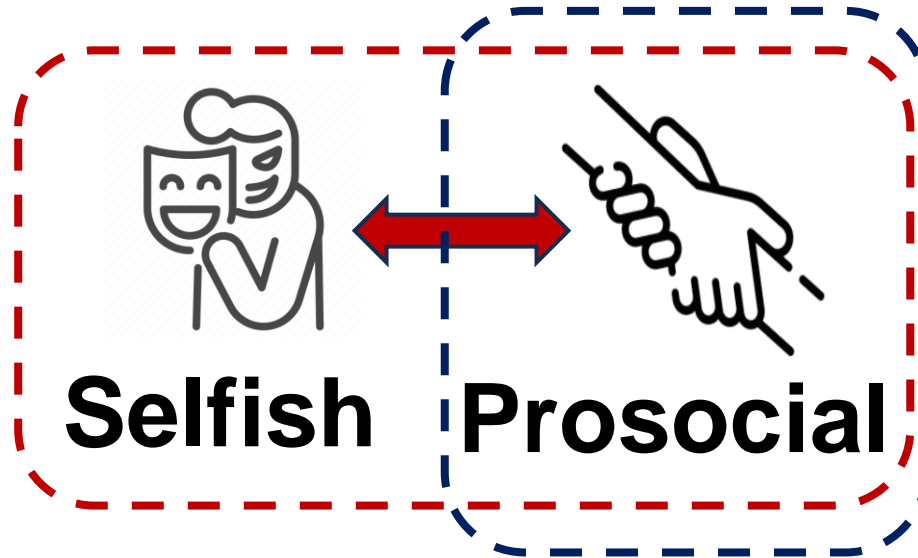
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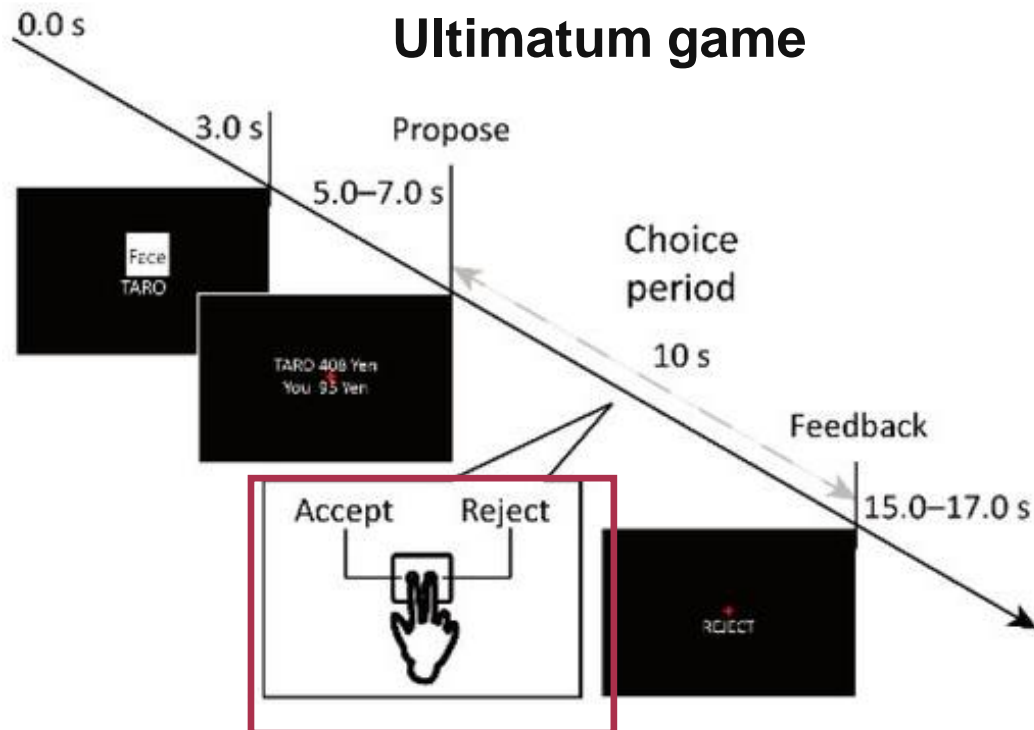
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top-down control of intuitive prosocial motives  
underlies the selection of prosocial behaviors

# Design

## Ultimatum game



- 58 participants (36 males and 22 females)

(self-reward; SR) - (other-reward; OR)

7-3; 3-2;

1-1;

2-3; 3-7; 1-4; 1-9

advantageous inequity (AI)

disadvantageous inequity (DI)

acceptance of  
unfair offers

Accept

Reject

rejection of  
unfair offers

be seen as a form  
of **proself** behavior

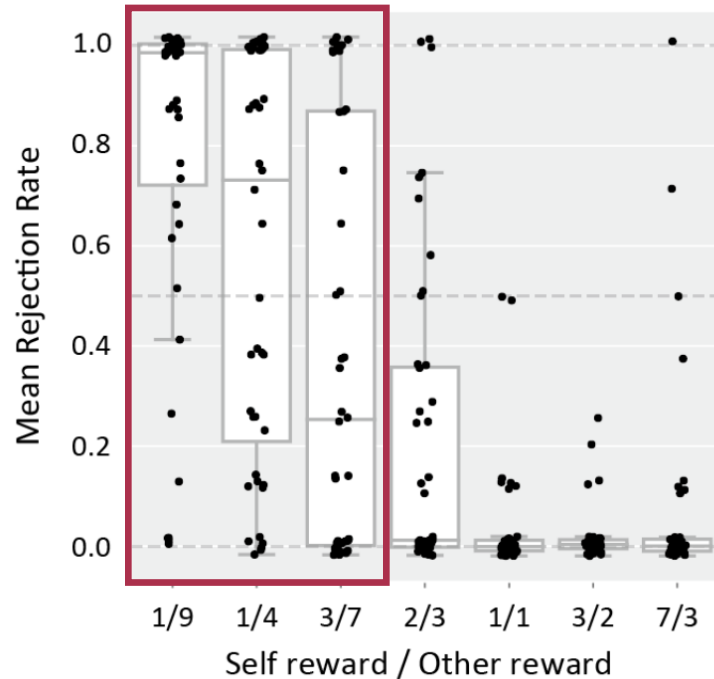


be seen as a form of  
**altruistic** punishment

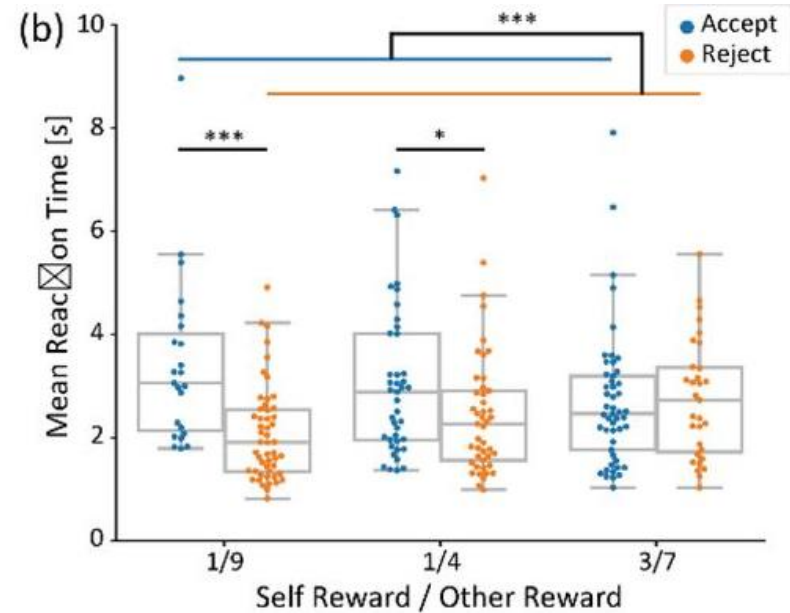
*\*adding a uniform random number  
ranging from ¥-25 to ¥25 in each trial*

- eight trials for each based offer, 56 trials in total

# Result



Participants rejected more as the degree of DI increased



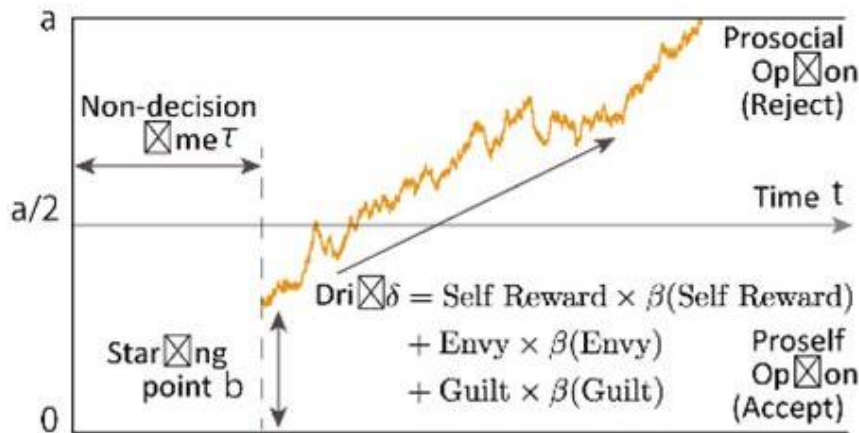
Proself longer

Only for disadvantageous offers were **acceptances (proself choices)** slower than **rejections (prosocial choices)**



# Result

上限和下限之间的距离  $a$   
 相对起点  $b$ ;  
 漂移率  $\delta$   
 非决策时间  $\tau$



evidence height ( $a$ ) and non-decision time ( $\tau$ ) to be **constant** across all part



$$DI_t = \max(\text{other-reward}_t - \text{self-reward}_t, 0)$$

$$AI_t = \max(\text{self-reward}_t - \text{other-reward}_t, 0),$$

$(SR)_t$  = Self Reward is the reward for the participant

## Nelder-Mead Method

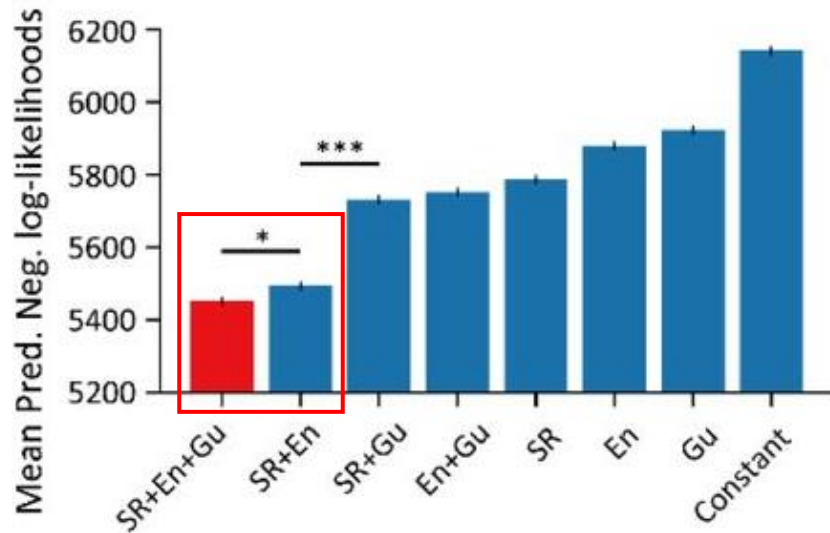
$$\delta_t = \sum_{X \in \Omega} \beta(X) \times X_t,$$

$$\Omega = \{SR, AI, DI\}$$

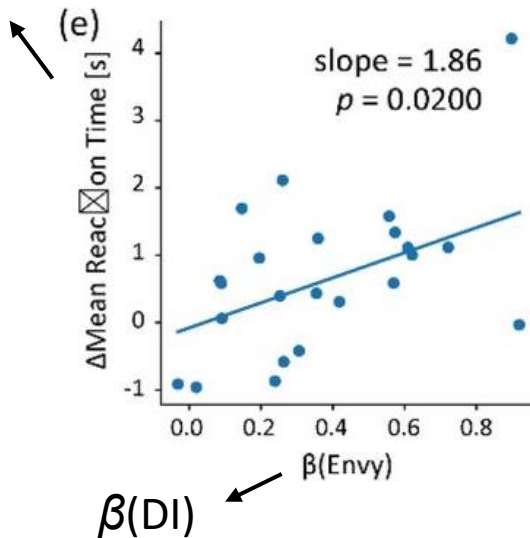
$$\delta_t = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \beta(SR) \times SR_t \\ \beta(AI) \times AI_t \\ \beta(DI) \times DI_t \\ \beta(SR) \times SR_t + \beta(AI) \times AI_t \\ \beta(SR) \times SR_t + \beta(DI) \times DI_t \\ \beta(AI) \times AI_t + \beta(DI) \times DI_t \\ \beta(SR) \times SR_t + \beta(AI) \times AI_t + \beta(DI) \times DI_t \\ \text{Constant only.} \end{array} \right.$$

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individual differences between the mean  
 reaction times for acceptance and rejection



$$\beta(\text{SR}) \times \text{SR}_t + \beta(\text{DI}) \times \text{DI}_t$$

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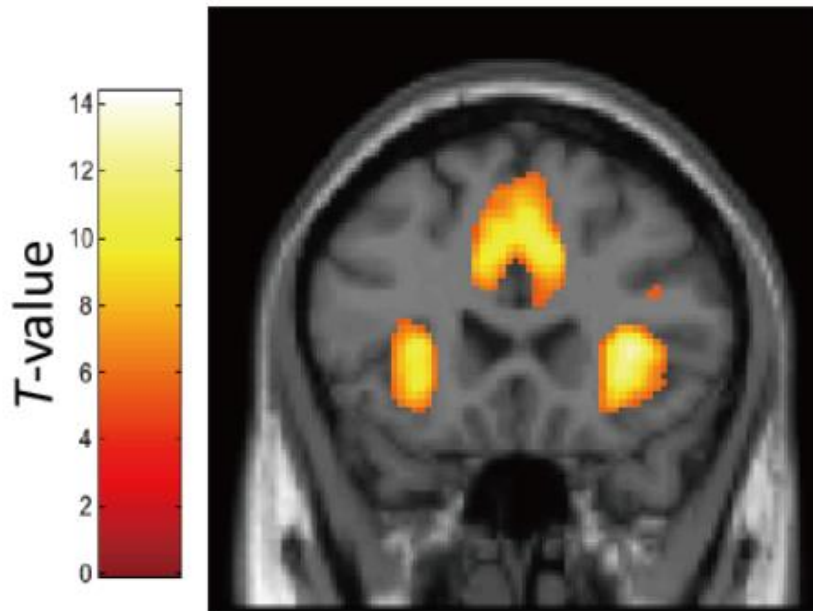
**DI and SR**

in the drift term are important

$\beta(\text{DI})$  showed the strongest  
 correlation with both the mean  
 rejection rate ( $r = 0.689$  and  $p = 3.22 \times 10^{-16}$ ) and the  
 mean reaction time ( $r = -0.409$  and  $p = 1.40 \times 10^{-3}$ )

# Result

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successfully captured brain activity patterns reported in previous studies

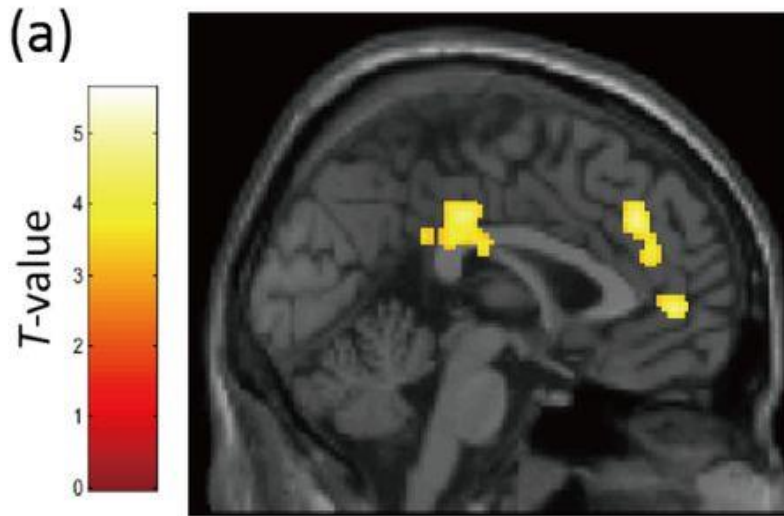
strong activations in the *bilateral anterior insula(AI)* and *dACC*

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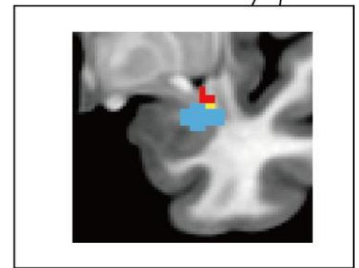
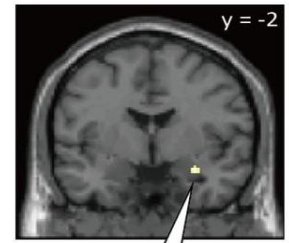
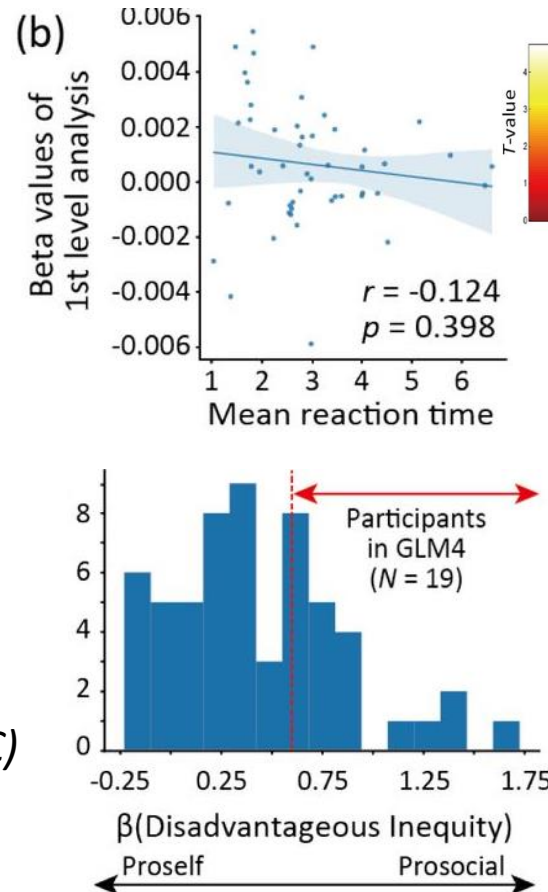
1. conducted a within-participant (first level) general linear model (GLM) analysis for the disadvantageous-offer onsets
2. performed a group-level (second level) one-sample t-test to replicate the previous studies for DI

For disadvantageous offers, accepting behavior is realized by top-down control (or suppression) of the aversion to DI.

寻找在个体层面活动与 DI 相关且群体 beta 值与  $-\beta(\text{DI})$  相关的大脑结构

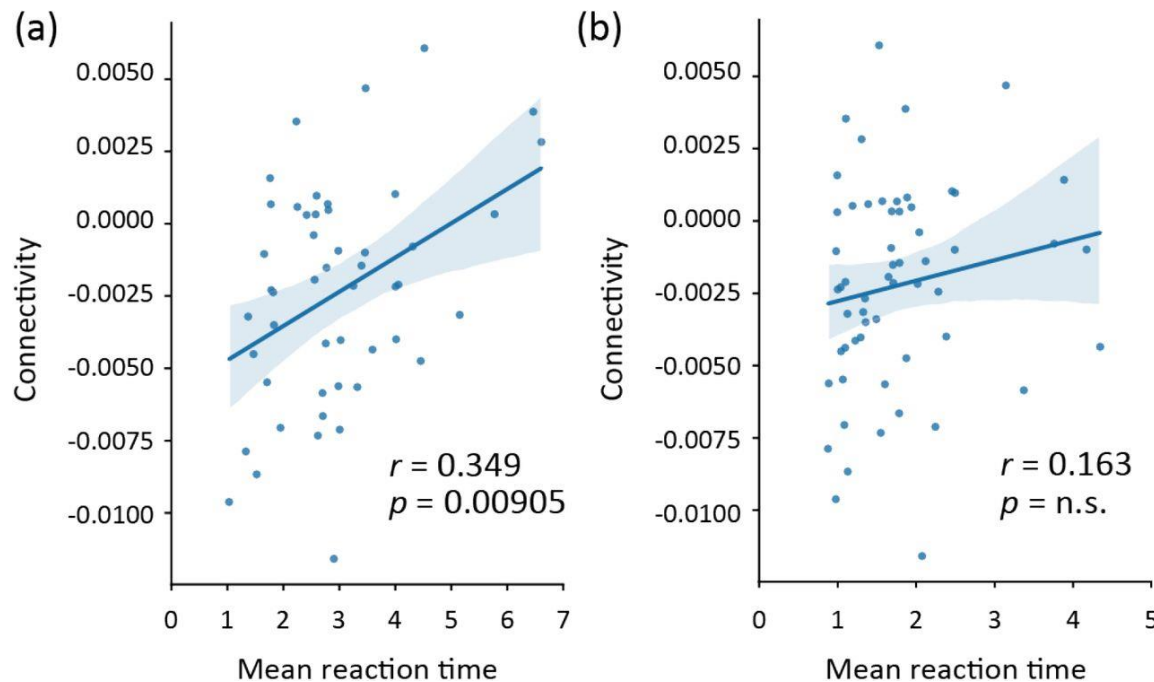


*dACC and posterior cingulate cortex (PCC)*



# Result

this negative interaction between the dACC and amygdala encodes the response times for accepting disadvantageous offers?



dACC 通过对杏仁核中编码的 DI 厌恶进行认知控制，从而为接受 DI 奠定了基础

disadvantageous  
inequity (DI)



advantageous  
inequity (AI)



# Result

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$$v(t) = V_{\{t, \text{prosocial}\}} - V_{\{t, \text{proself}\}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad p_{\text{prosocial}}(t) = 1/[1 + \exp(-v(t))].$$

assumed that the best predictive logistic model  
has the same components as the drift term in  
the best predictive DDM

$$V_{\{t, \text{prosocial}\}} = \gamma_0 \times g_{\{t, \text{prosocial}\}}$$

0

$$V_{\{t, \text{proself}\}} = \gamma_0 \times g_{\{t, \text{proself}\}} - \gamma(\text{AI}) \times \text{AI}_t - \gamma(\text{DI}) \times \text{DI}_t,$$

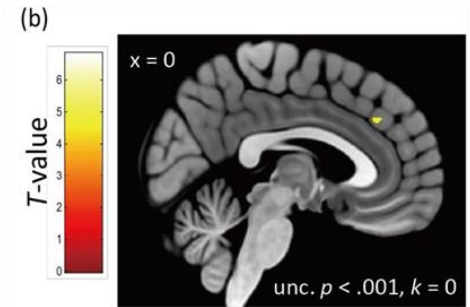
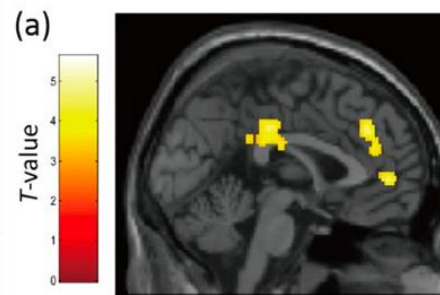
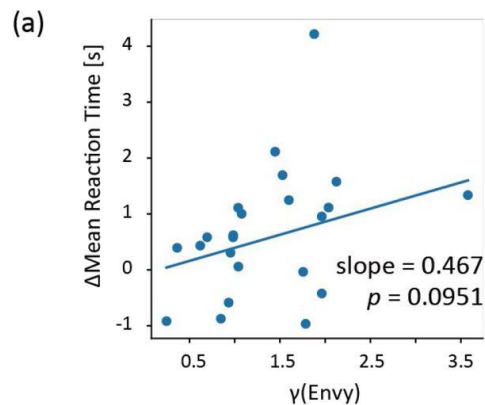
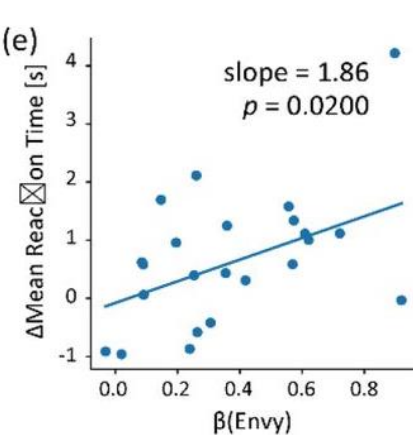
$\text{SR}_{(t)}$

# Result

compared the DDM and a standard value-based model (i.e., a logistic model)

	Drift diffusion model		Logistic model
choices	✓	V.S.	✓
reaction times	✓		✗

所有二级回归量都被逻辑模型的系数取代



identified much weaker activity in the dACC

confirmed that **only the DDM** can capture behaviors in the time domain

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