

## **ICON Session S06:**

**Cross-modal integration and plasticity of sensory systems in the normal and peripherally deprived brain**

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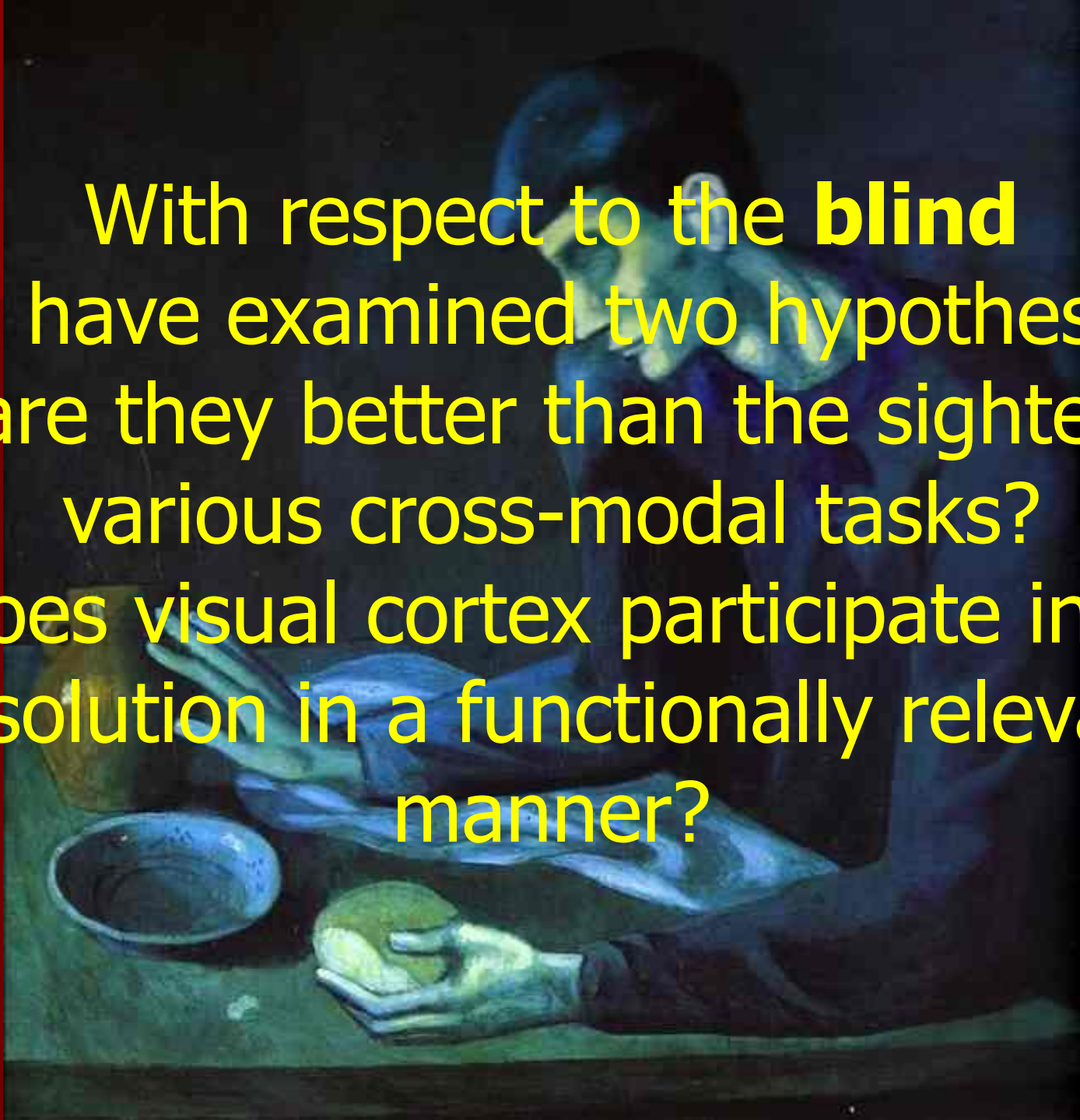
**Cross-modal compensation and  
plasticity in the blind and deaf: These  
two modalities do not always show  
similar outcomes**

**Franco Lepore**

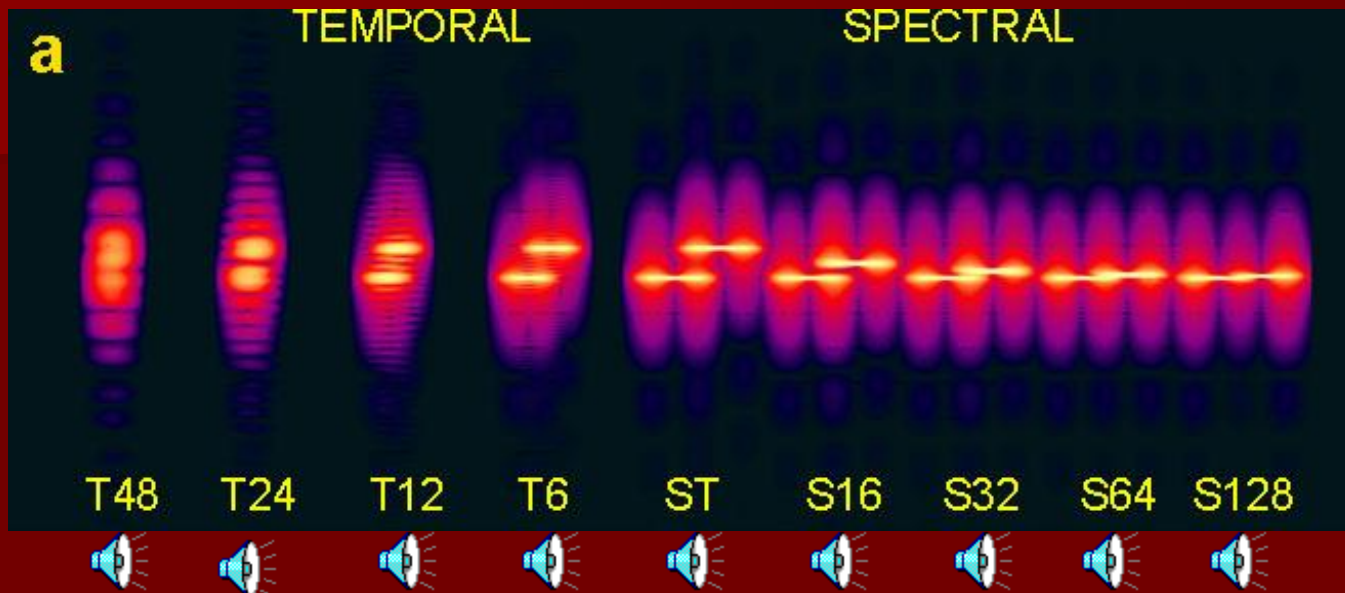
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With respect to the **blind**  
we have examined two hypotheses:  
1- are they better than the sighted in  
various cross-modal tasks?  
2- does visual cortex participate in task  
resolution in a functionally relevant  
manner?



# Simple task: Pitch discrimination



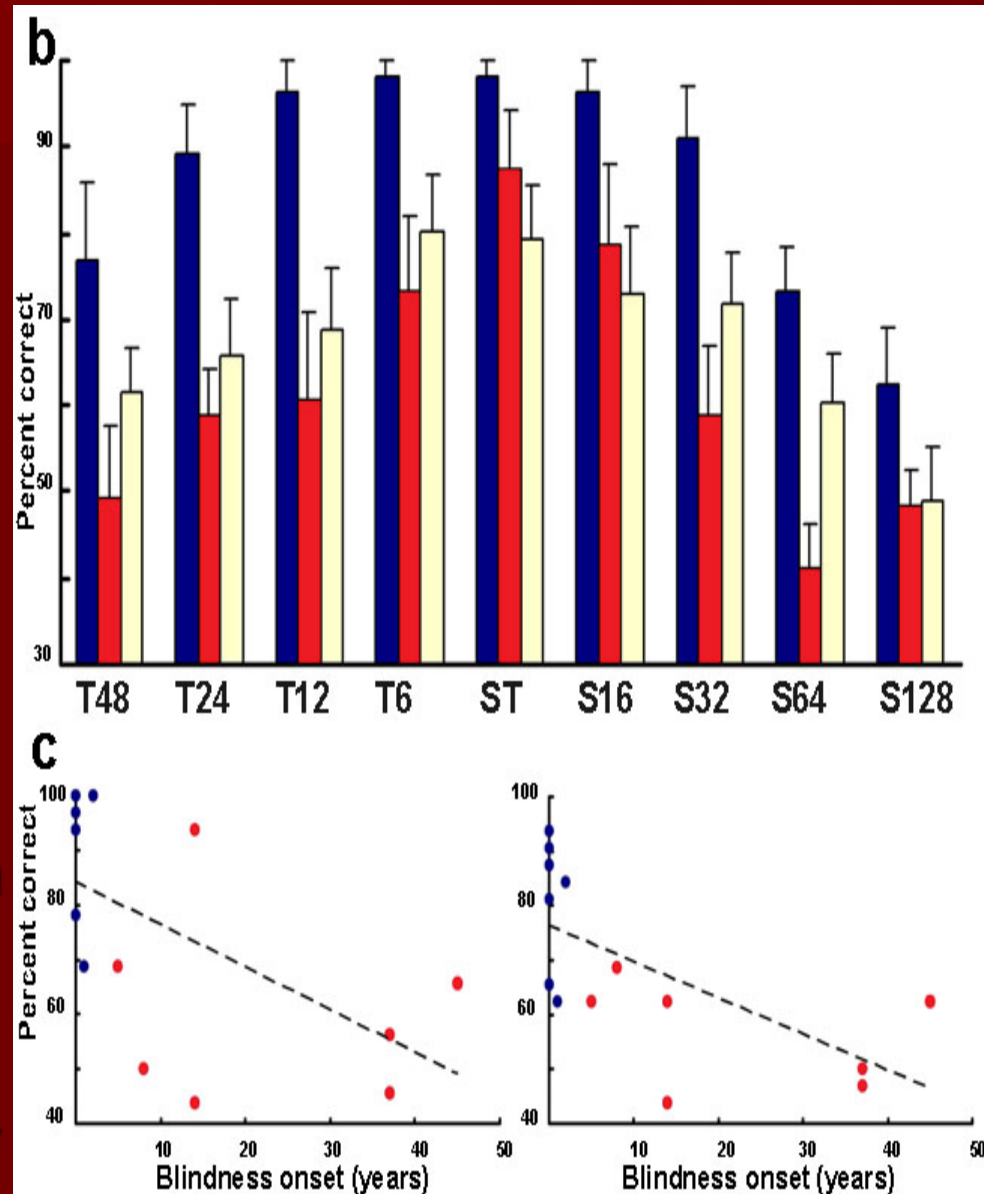
- Two tones of different frequencies or time intervals
- Is frequency decreasing or increasing?
- Standard stimulus (ST): 1.24 kHz, difference 1/8 octave, duration 333ms
- Increasing difficulty-symmetrical

Gougoux, Lepore, Lassonde, Voss, Zatorre, Belin (2004) Nature

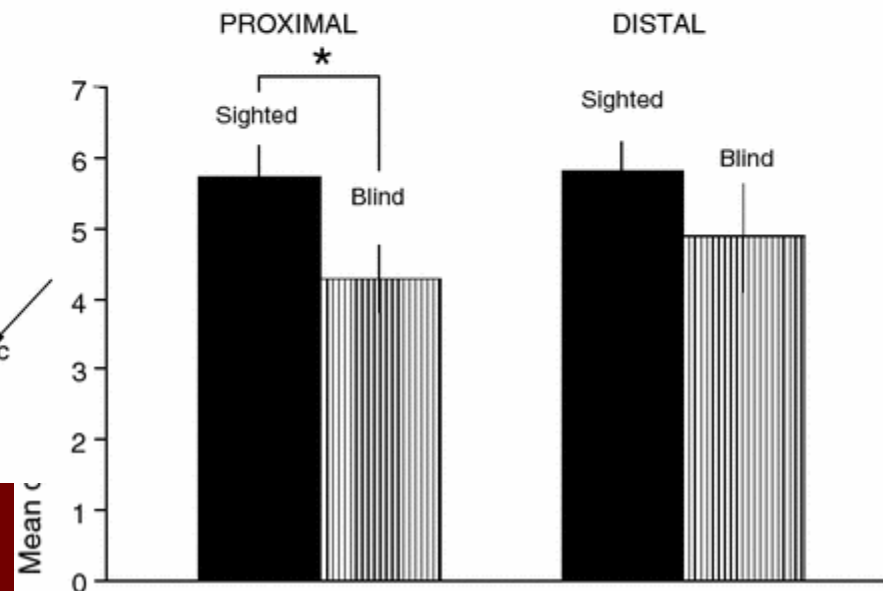
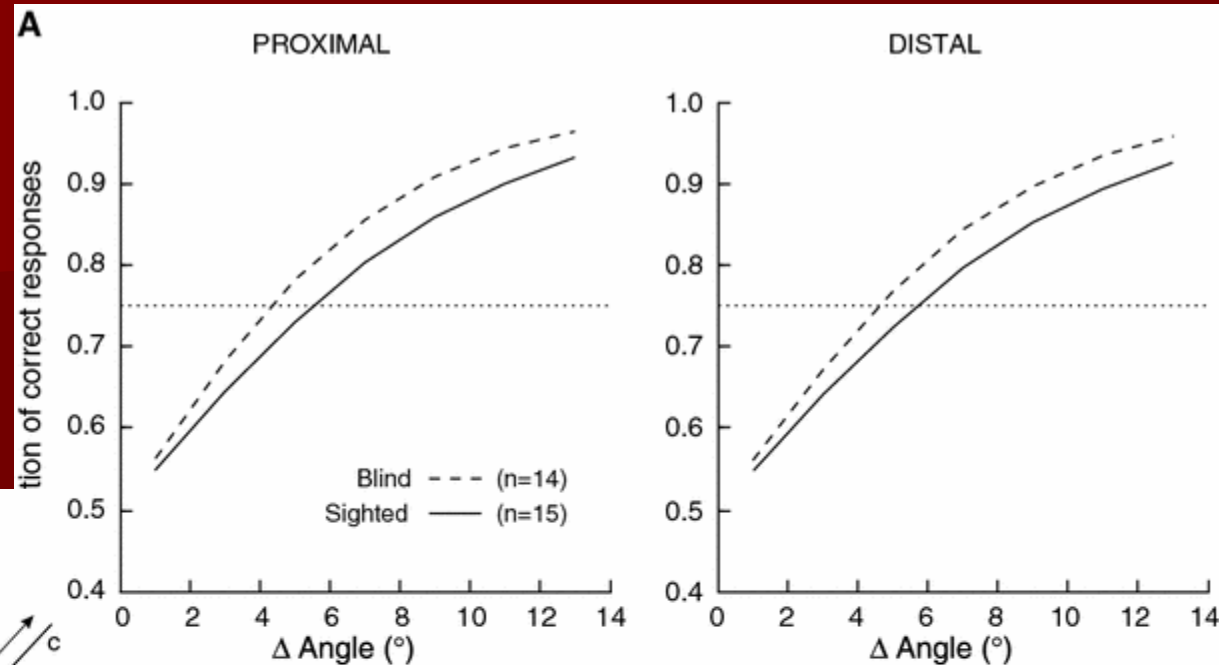
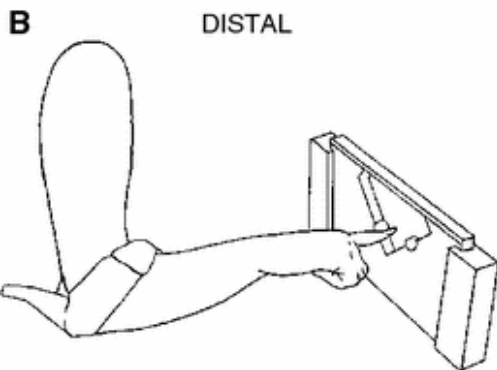
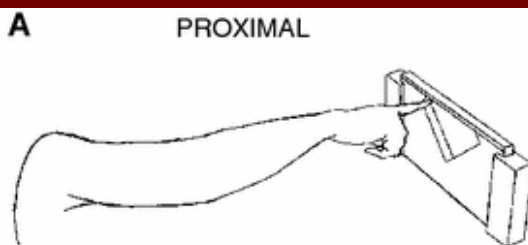


# Pitch discrimination in the blind

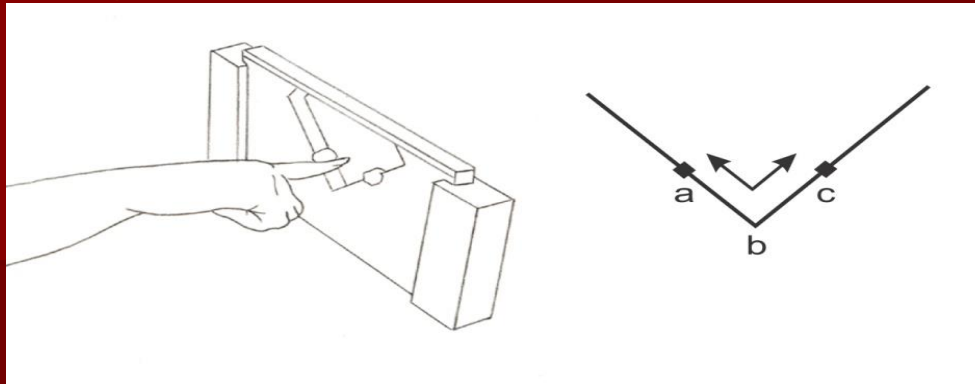
- Judgement of pitch direction and inter-tone interval
- The early-blind are superior to the sighted but, with respect to the critical period, they are also superior to the **late-blind subjects**
- Performance was negatively correlated with age of blindness onset
- Gougoux, Lepore, Lassonde, Voss, Zatorre, Belin (2004) Nature



# Tactile angle discrimination: the blind are better

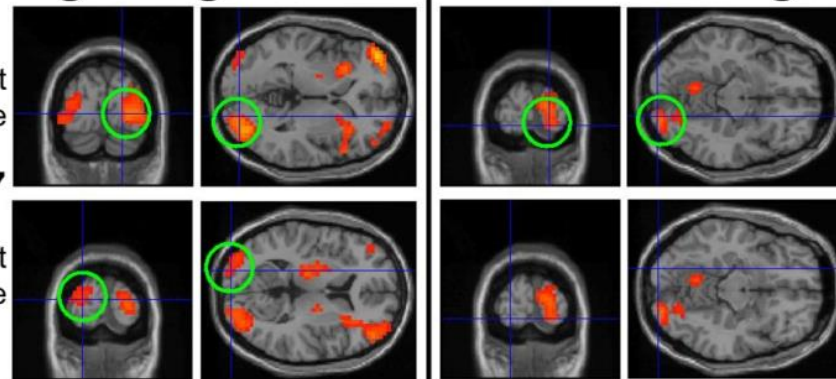


# Tactile : angle discrimination in the blind

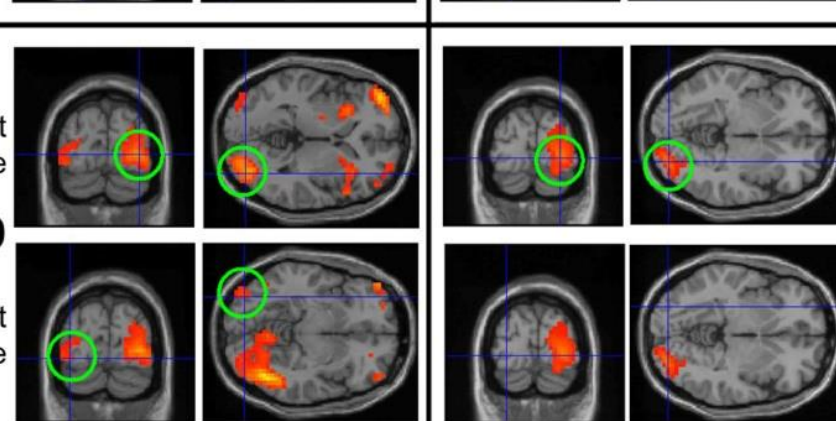


Right finger

Left finger



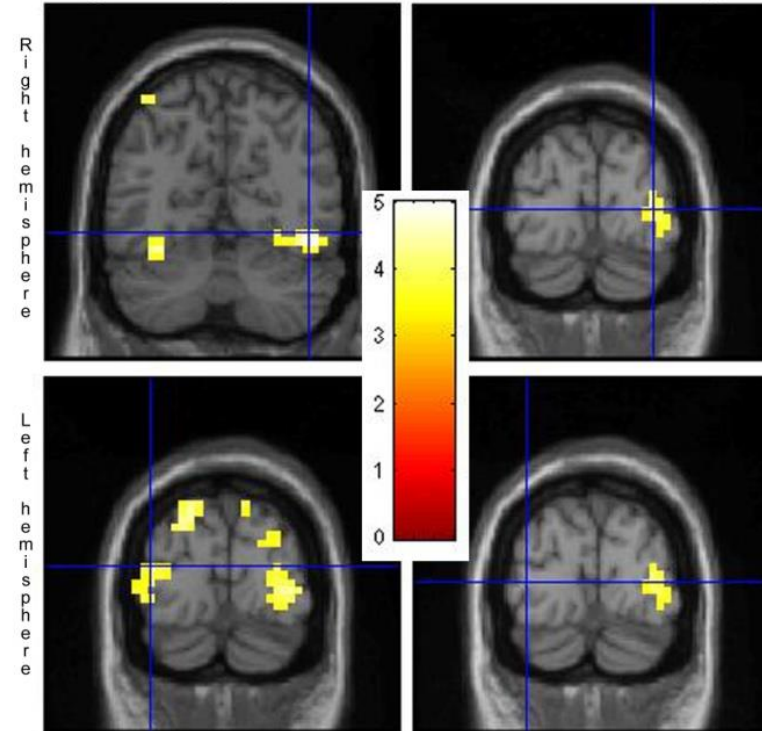
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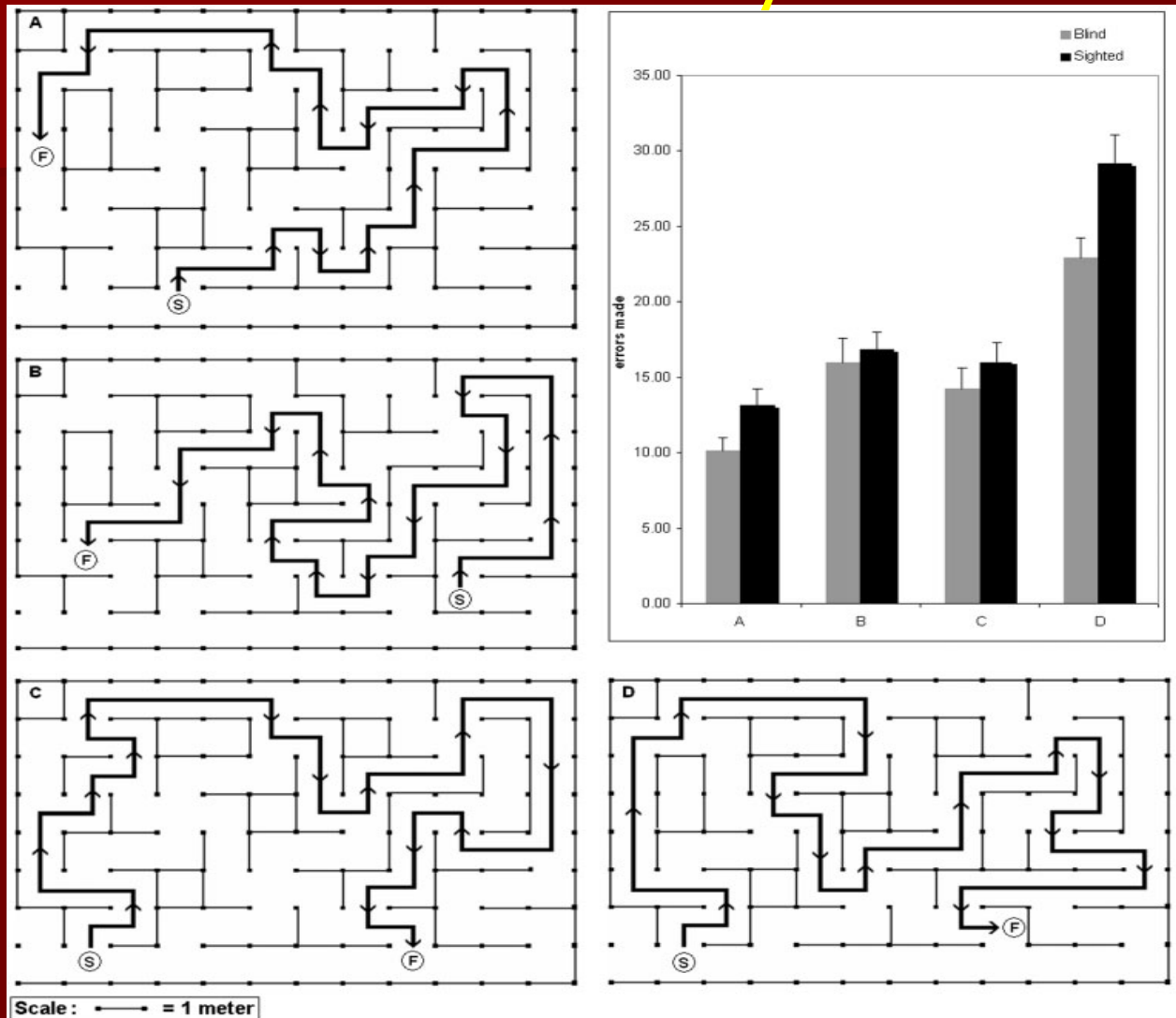
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Right finger

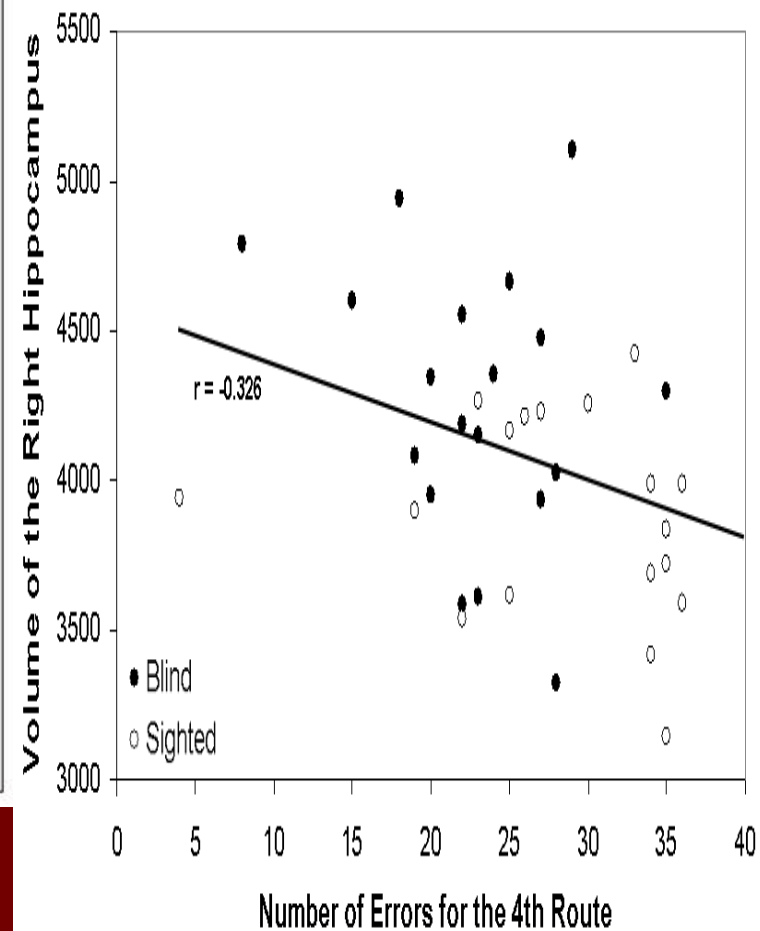
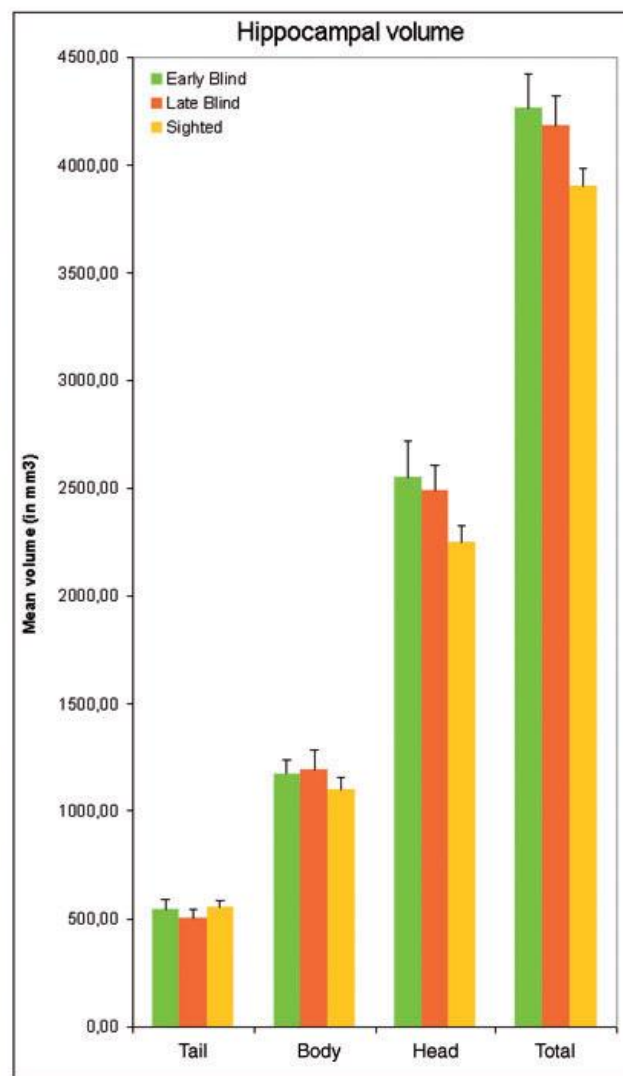
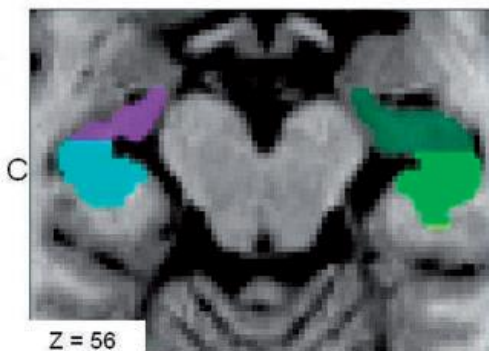
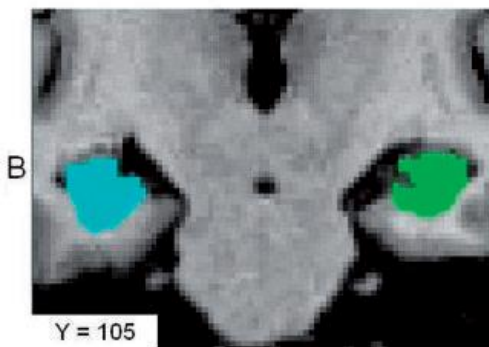
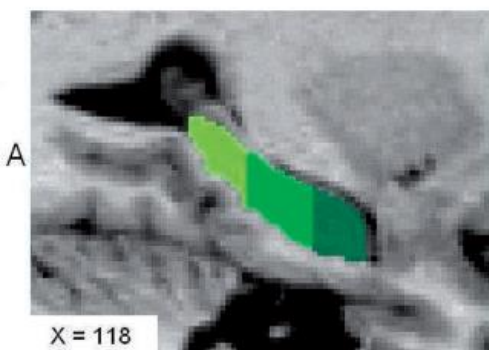
Left finger



# The blind are better at **navigating** in a human size labyrinth



Fortin, Voss, Lassonde, Belin, Zato rre, Lepore, 2008, Brain



Fortin, Voss, Lassonde, Belin, Zatorre, Lepore, 2008, Brain



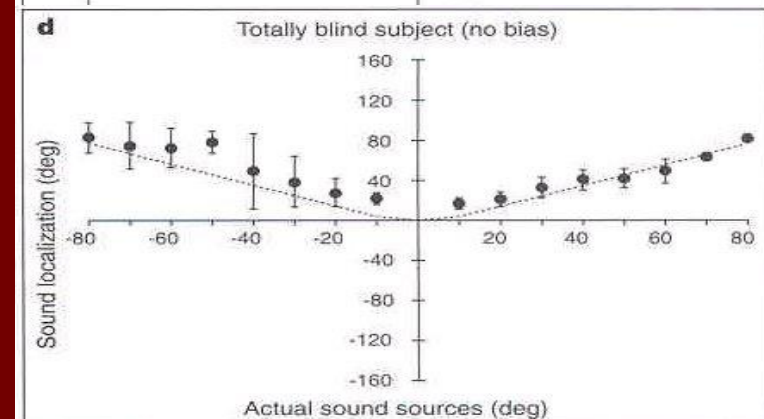
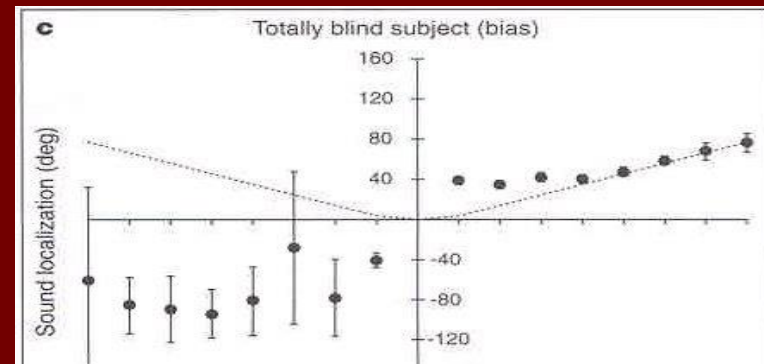
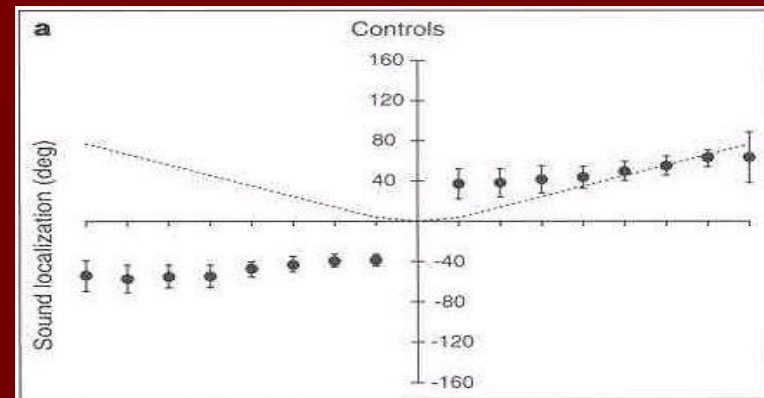
# Monaural sound localization



Sighted

Blind

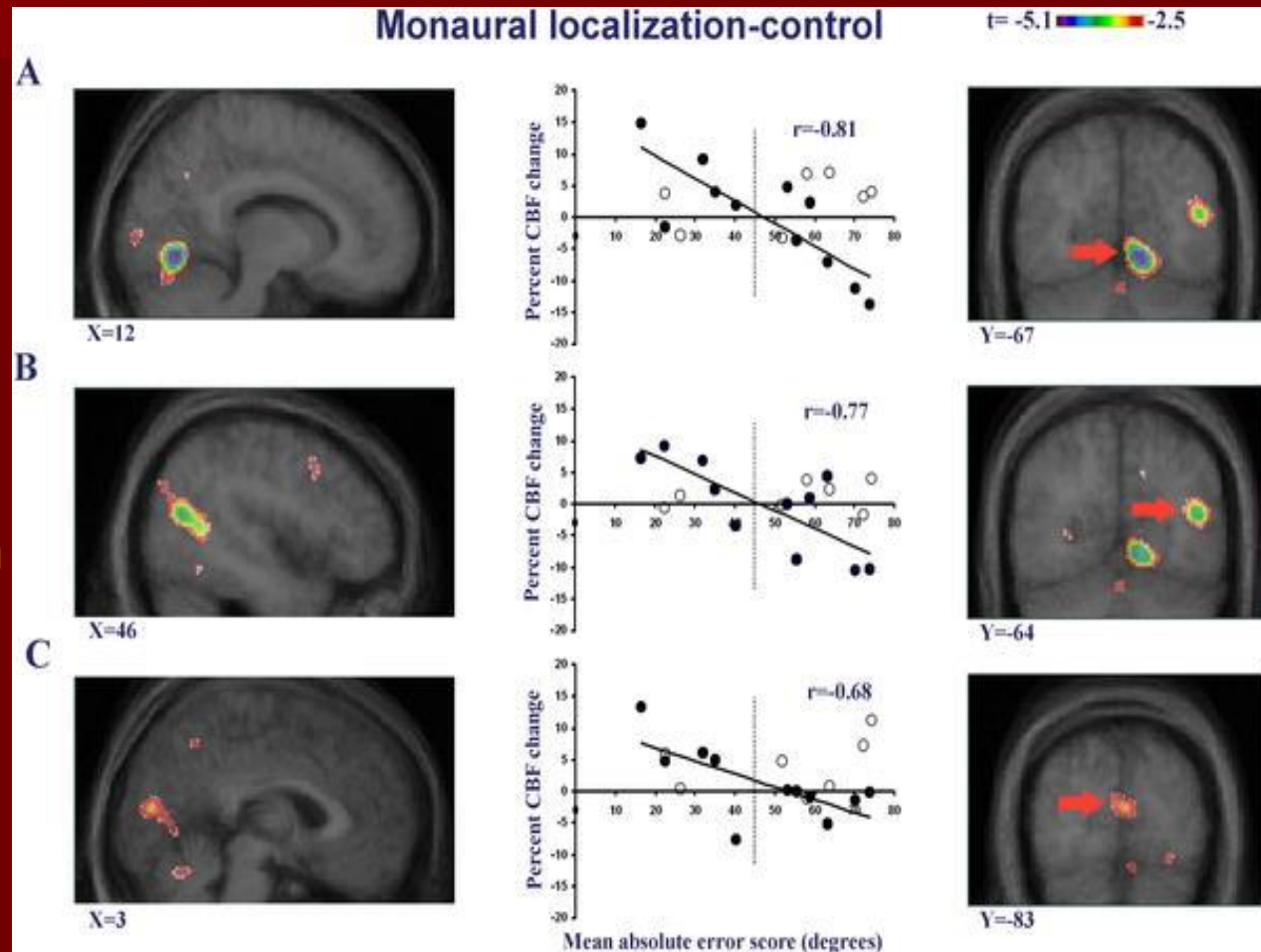
**Lessard, Paré, Lepore,  
Lassonde (1998) Nature**



# Monaural localization and PET

**A strong activation was observed in different regions of visual cortex in the blind individuals**

**But more importantly, there was a correlation between degree of activation and localization performance**



Gougoux, Zatorre, Lassonde, Voss, Lepore,  
(2005) PLoS Biology



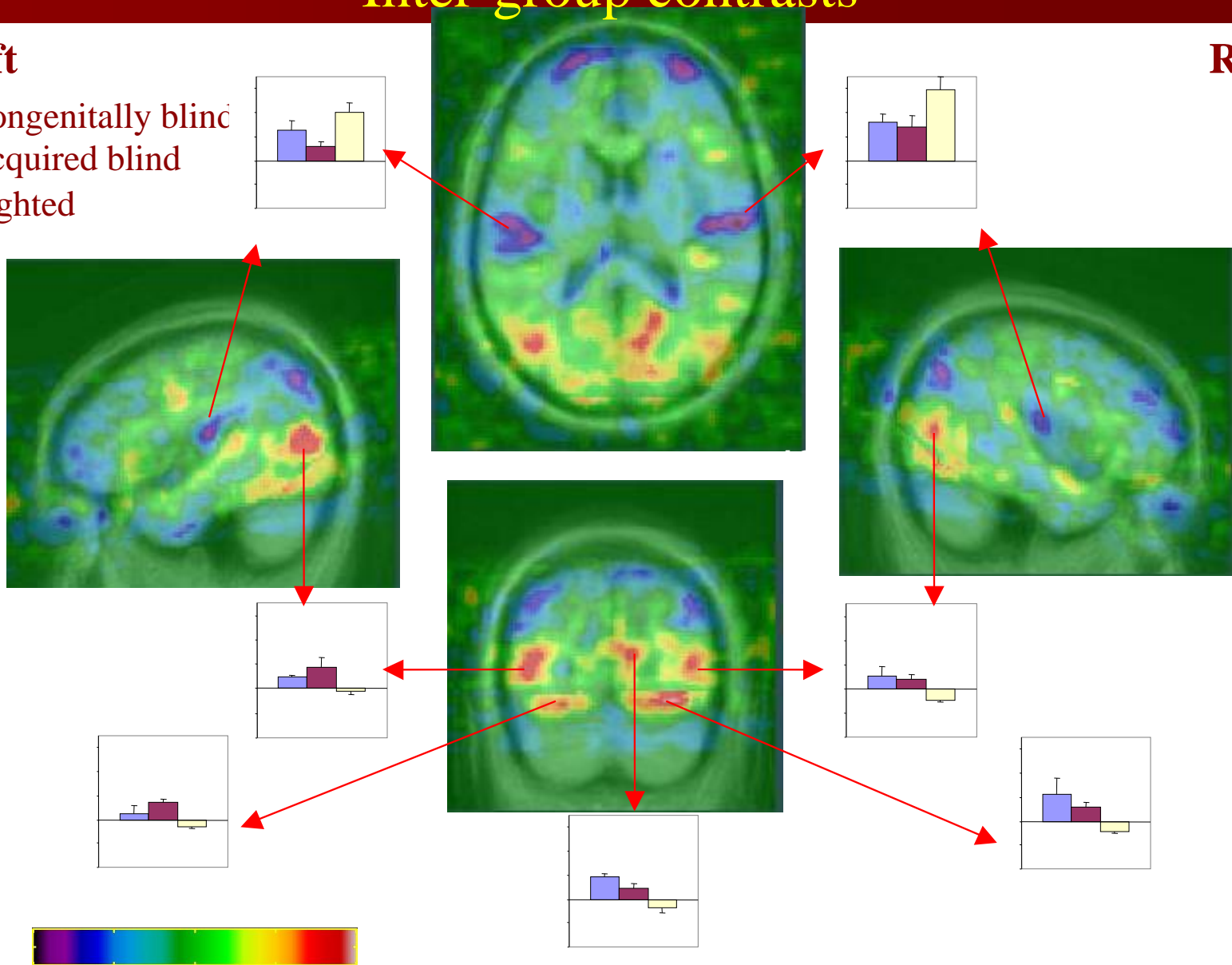
# Voice discrimination: All stimuli - silence

## Inter-group contrasts

**Left**

congenitally blind  
acquired blind  
sighted

**Right**



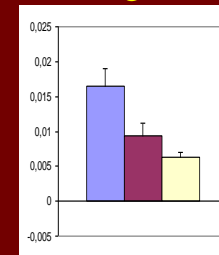
# Vocal versus non-vocal

## Inter-group contrasts

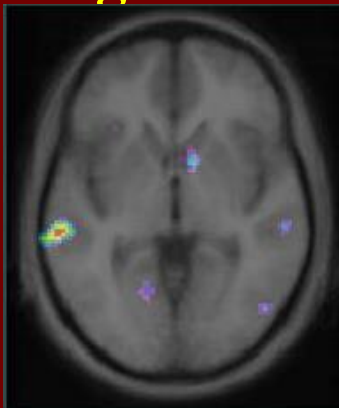
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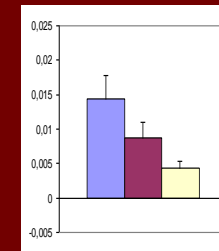
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### congenital vs sighted



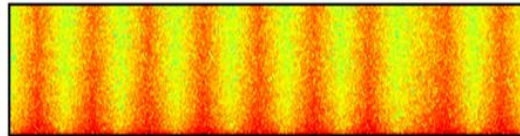
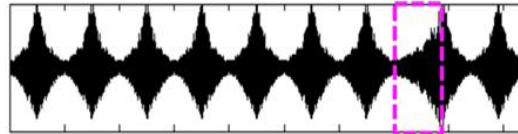
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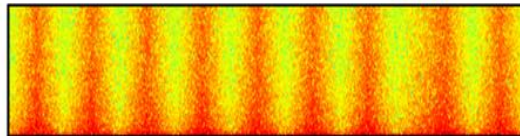
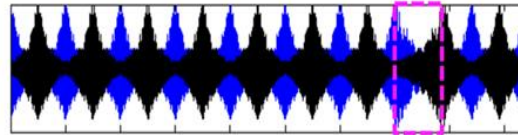
Gougoux, Lassonde, Zatorre, Voss, Belin, Lepore (Neuropsychologia, 2009)

A.

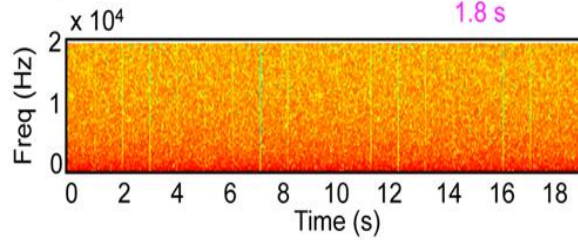
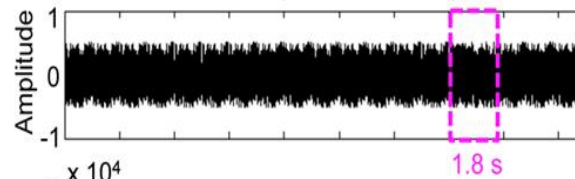
IN-DEPTH MOTION



LATERAL MOTION

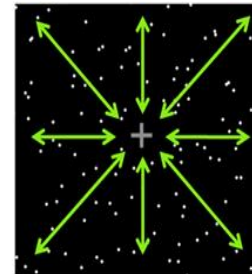


STATIC (NO MOTION)

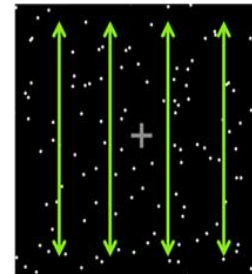


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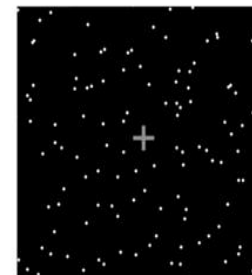
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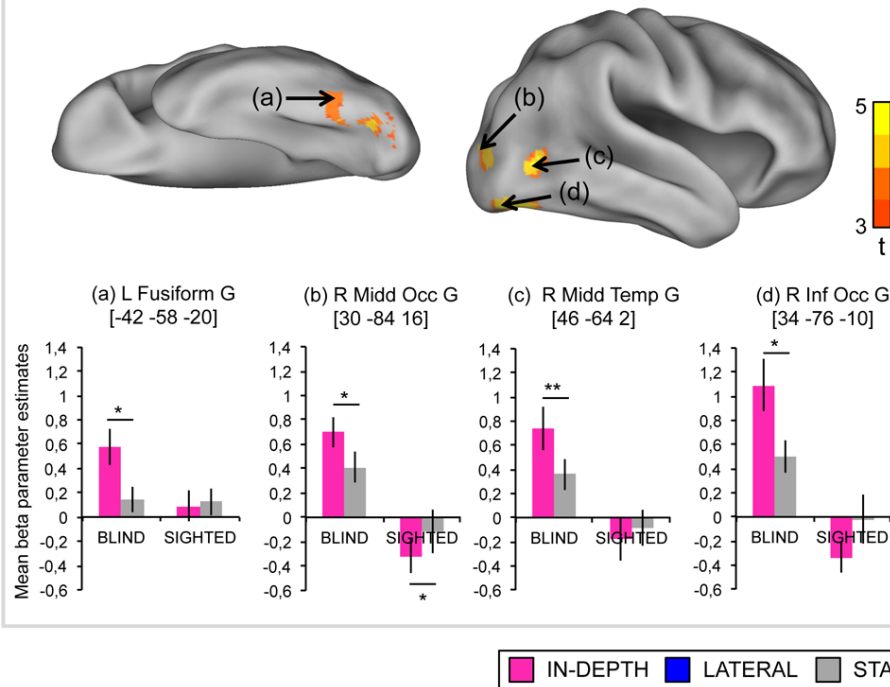
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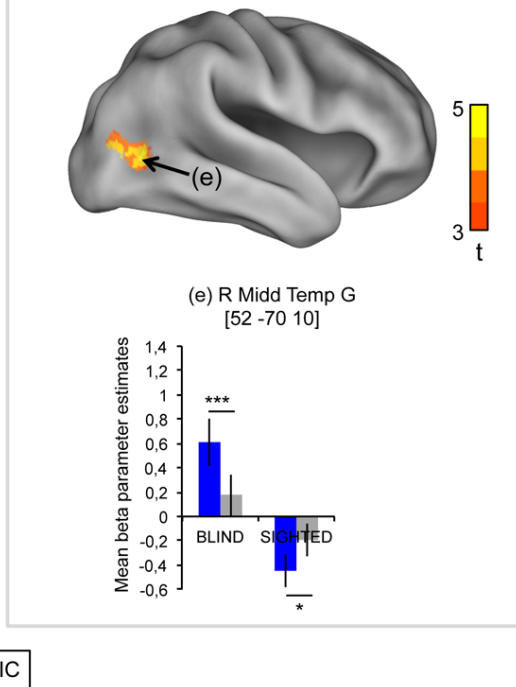
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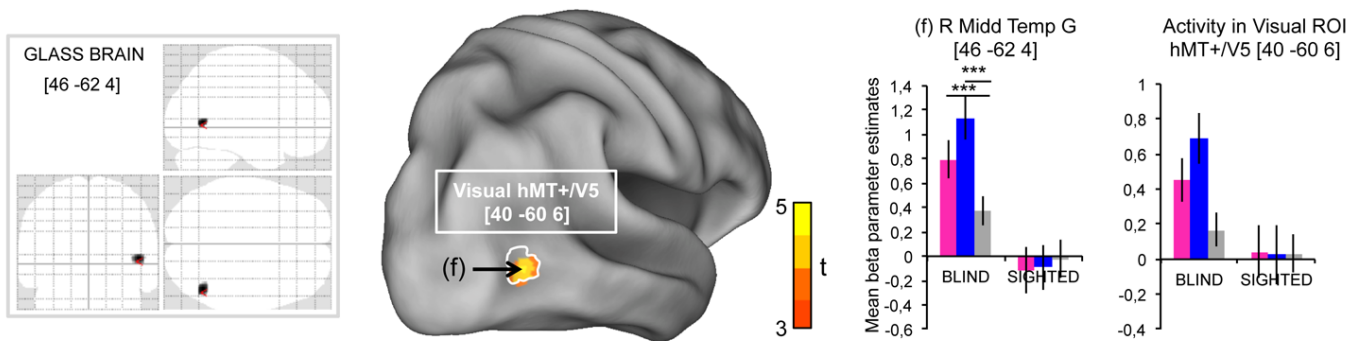
A. [Blind > Sighted] x [In-depth > Static]



B. [Blind > Sighted] x [Lateral > Static]

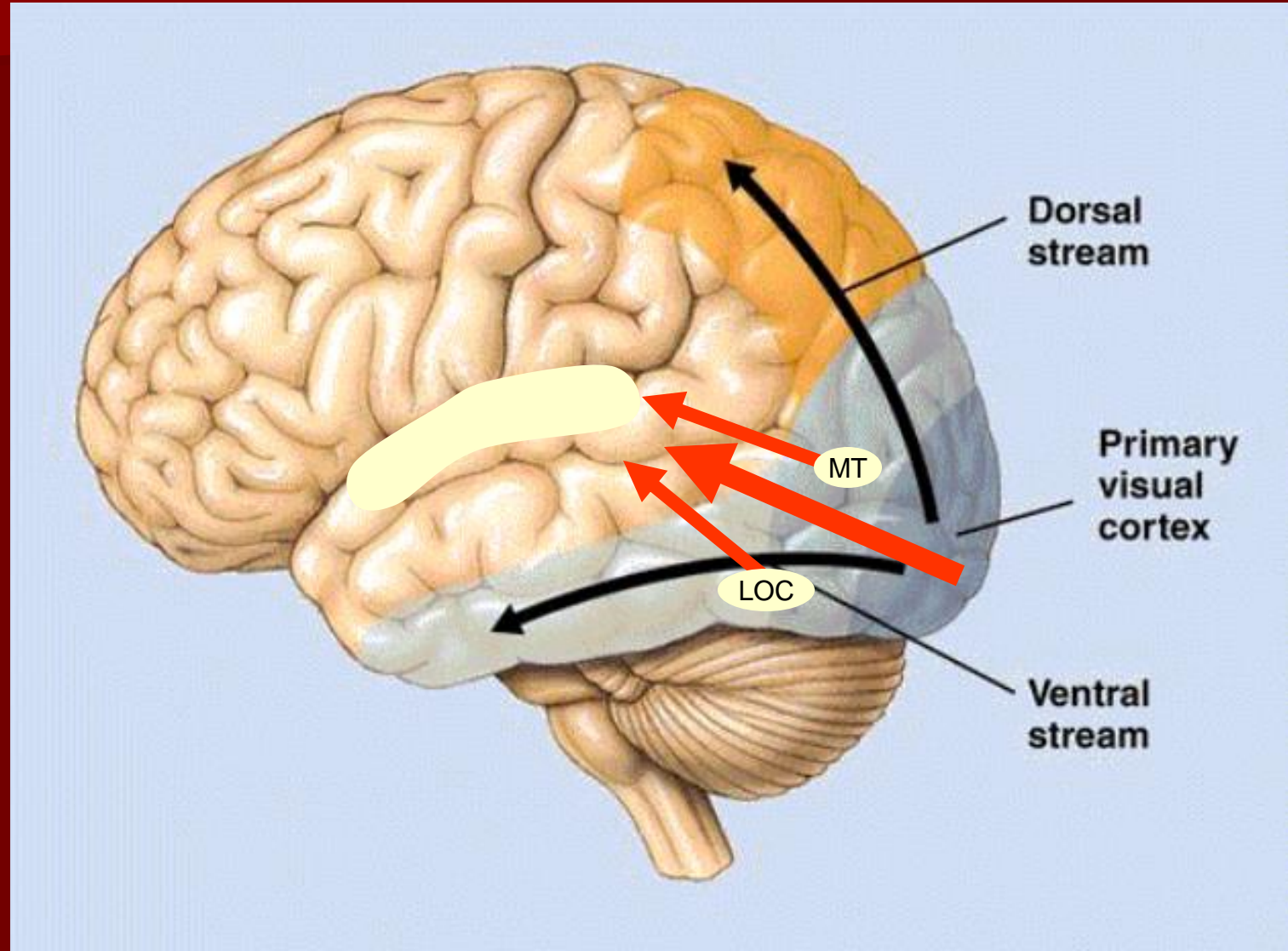


C. Conjunction analysis [Blind > Sighted] x [In-depth > Static] **AND** [Blind > Sighted] x [Lateral > Static]

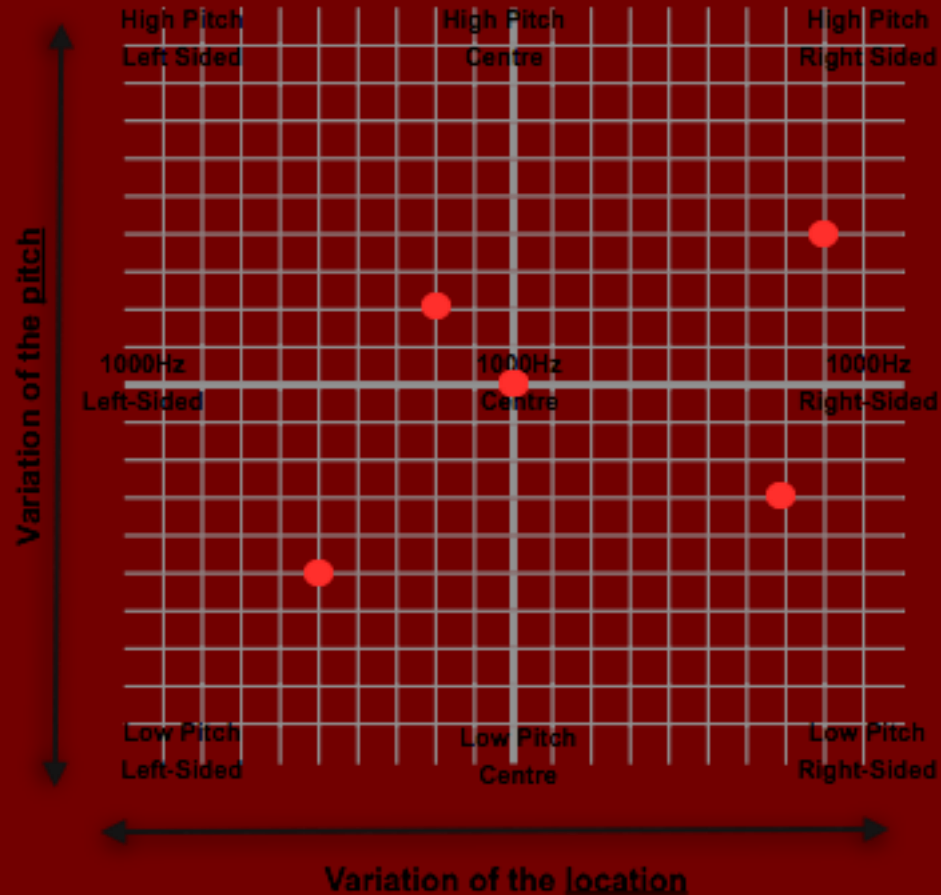




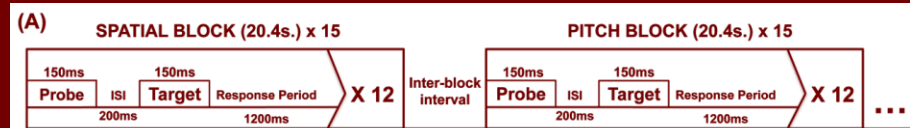
# Does reorganisation in blind individuals also respect another critical function : ventral and dorsal streams



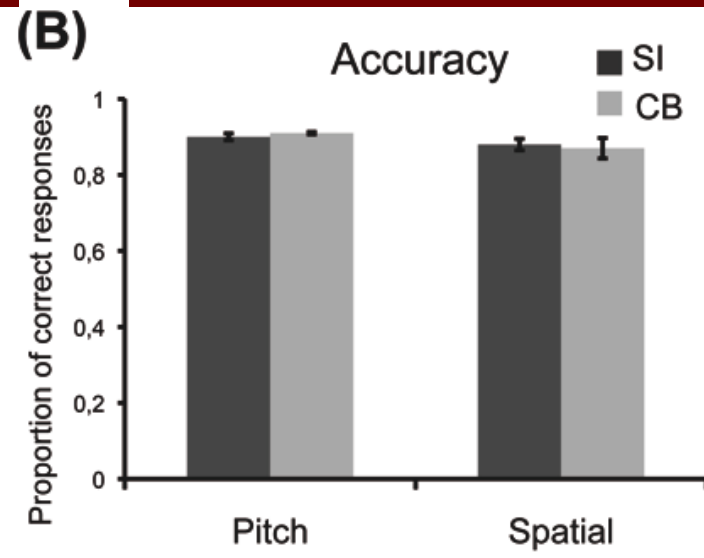
## 6400 sounds matrix

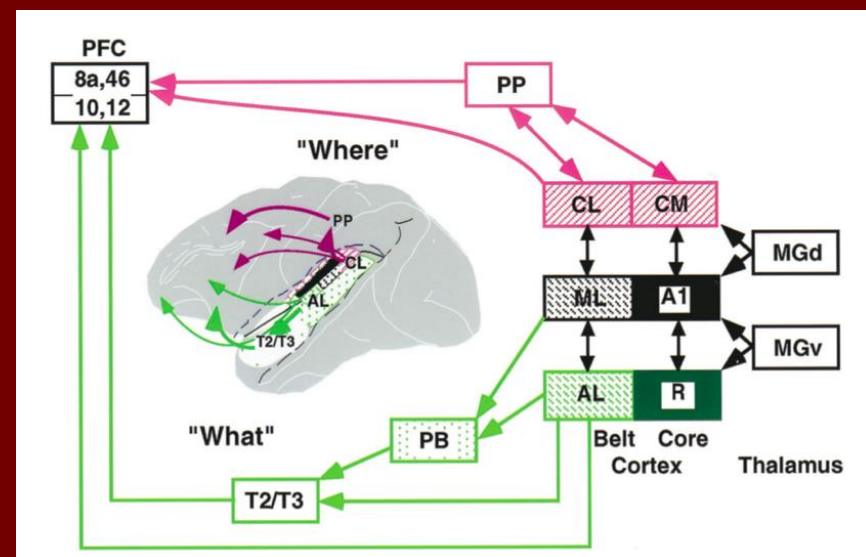
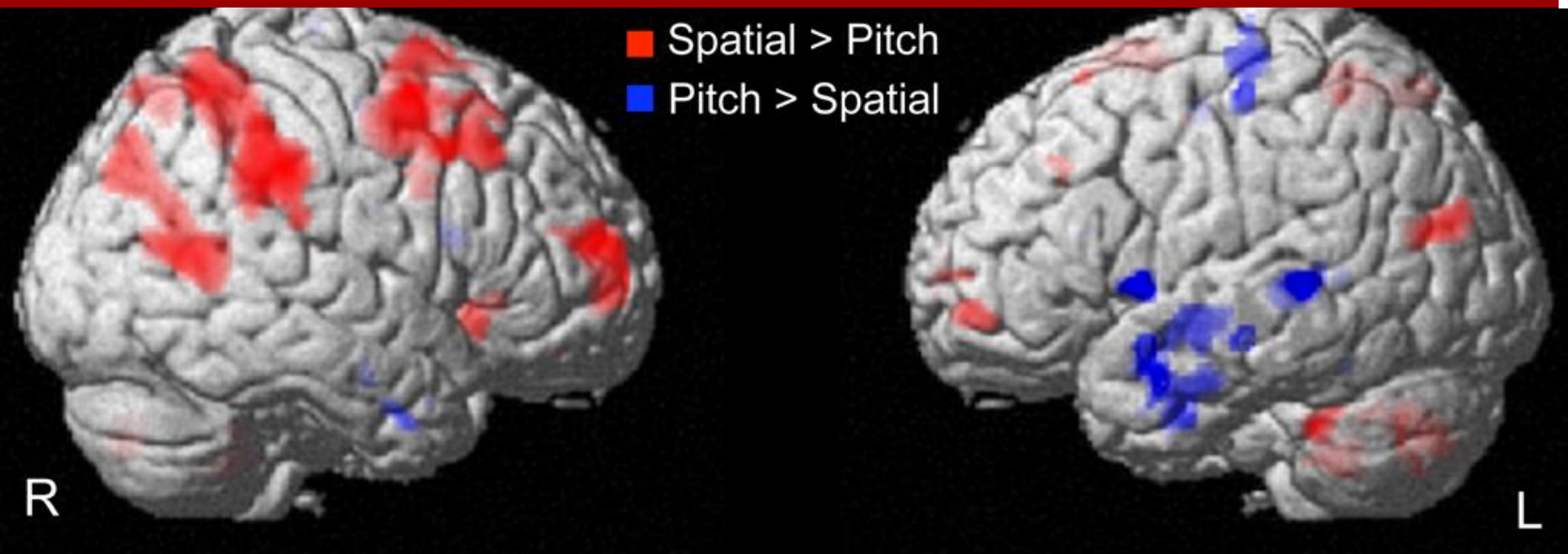


## Design:



- Same sounds in each condition
- Staircase [ $\sim$  1 down - 6 up]







As seen with respect to the **blind**  
two comments can be made:

- 1- They are better than the sighted in various cross-modal tasks
- 2-The visual cortex participates in task resolution in a functionally significant manner

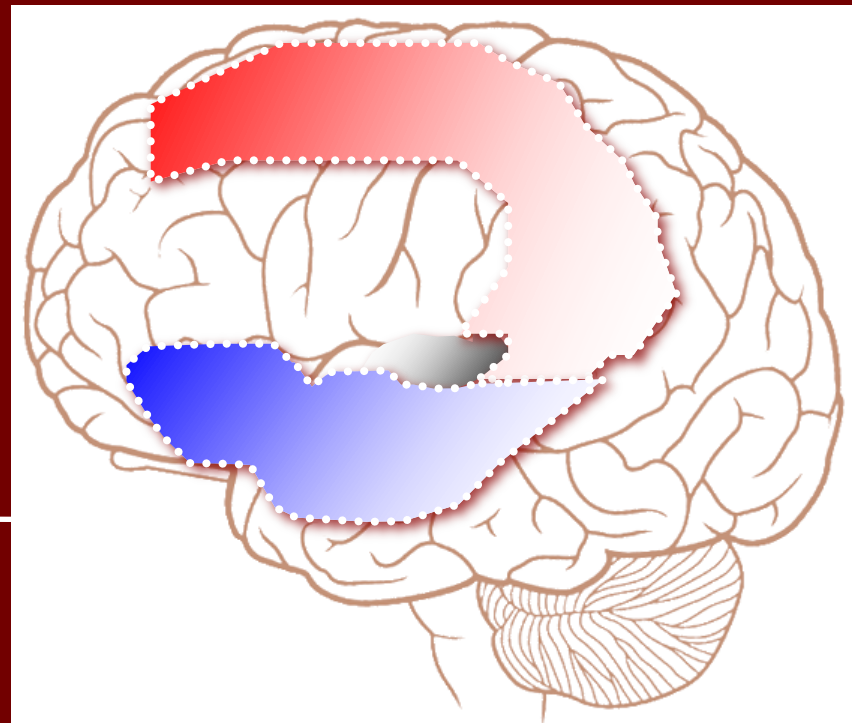
Does this hold for the **deaf** with respect to other functions?



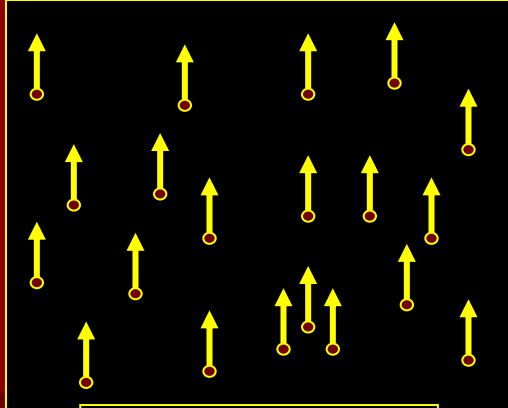
**Auditory  
Domain**



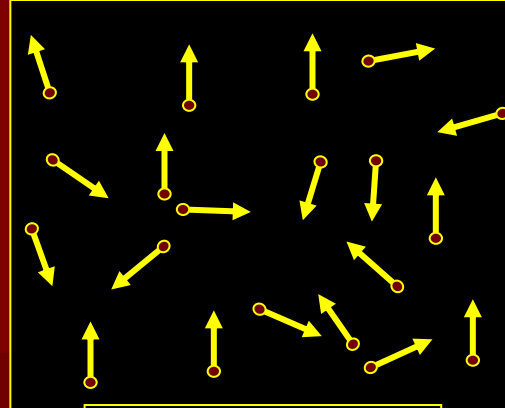
**Dorsal Stream - Localization**



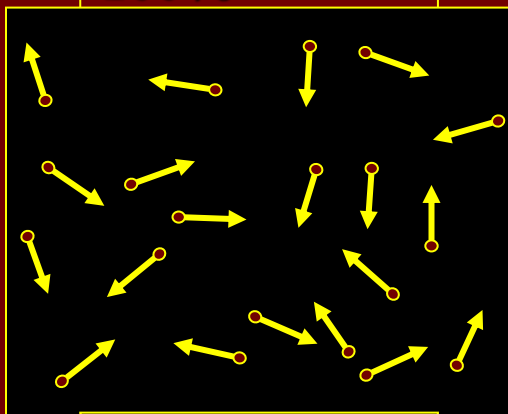
**Ventral Stream - Identification**



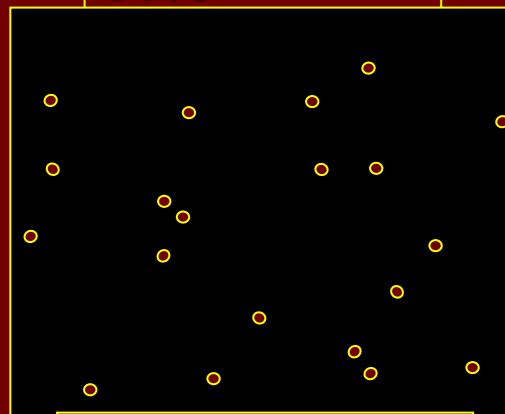
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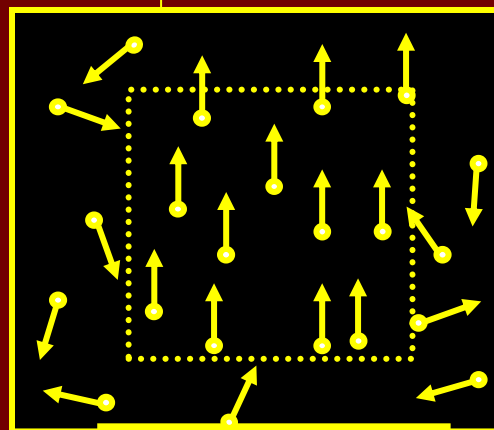
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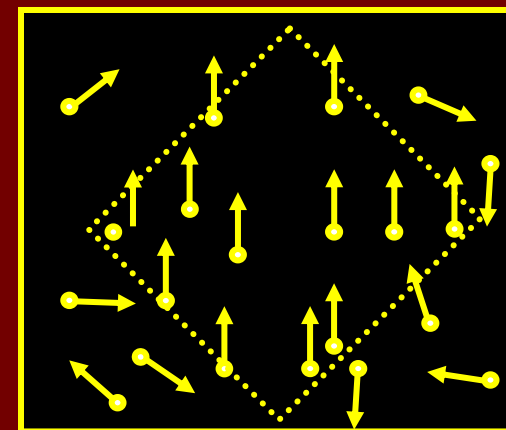
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cohérence**



**Static**

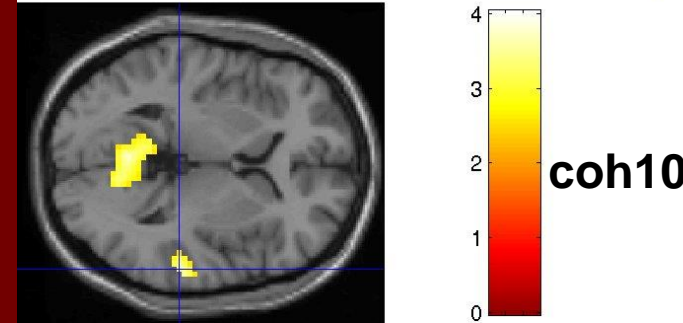
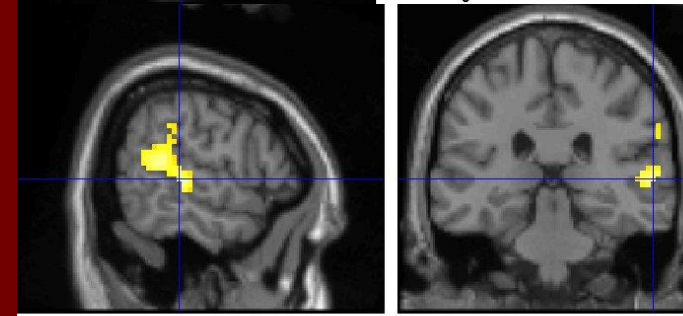
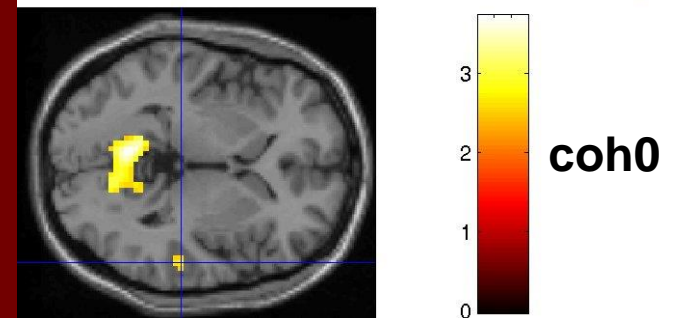
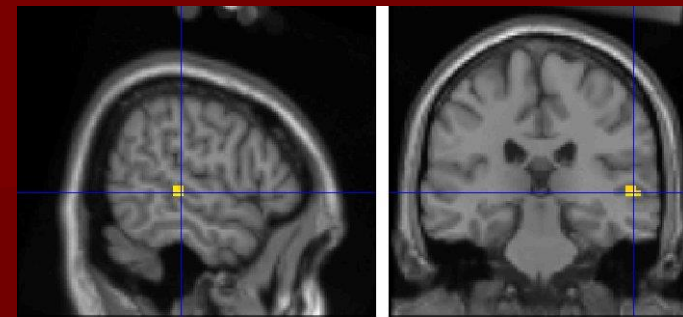
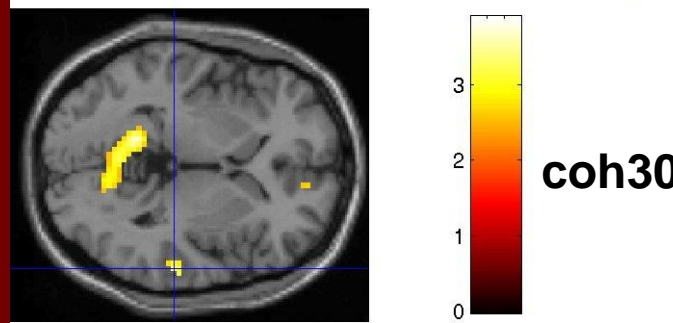
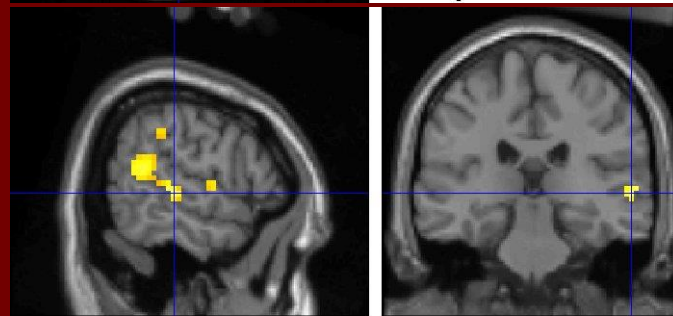
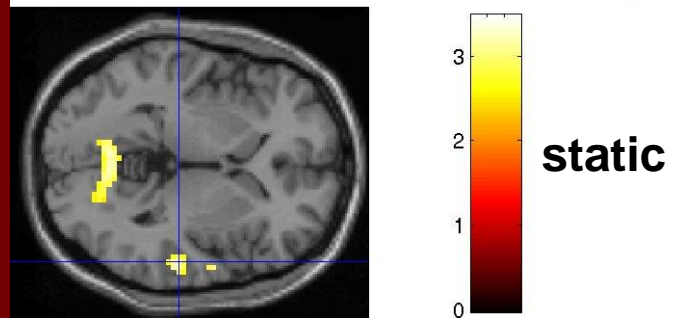
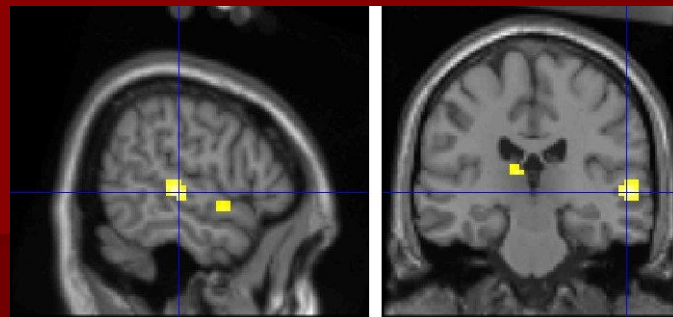


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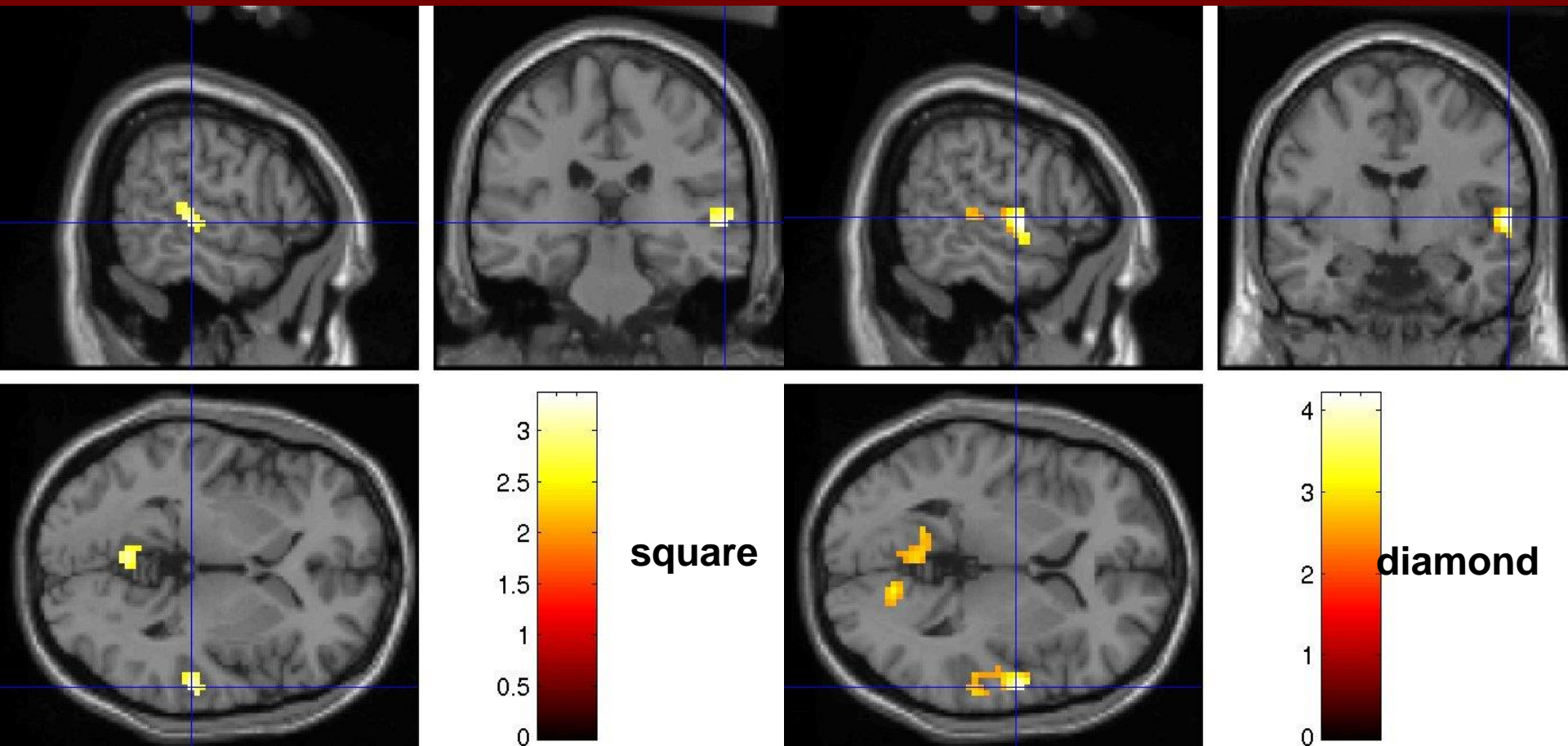


**diamond**

# Activations under different conditions between deaf participants and hearing controls: mouvement

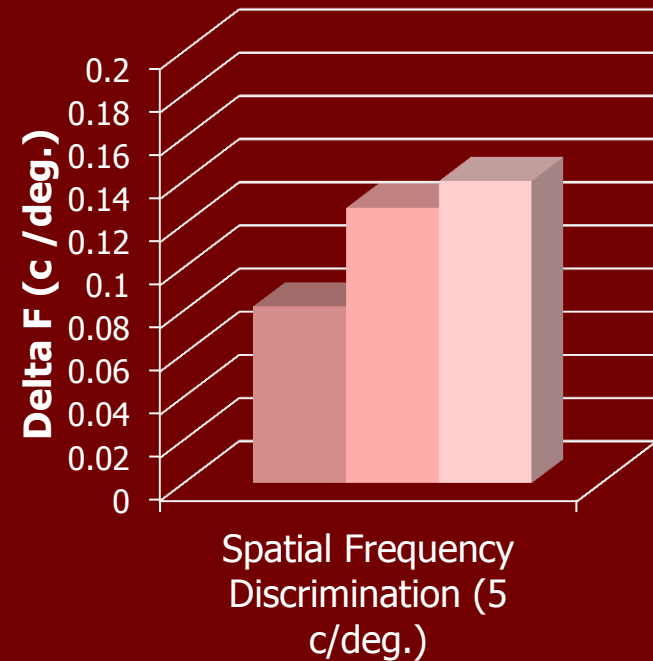
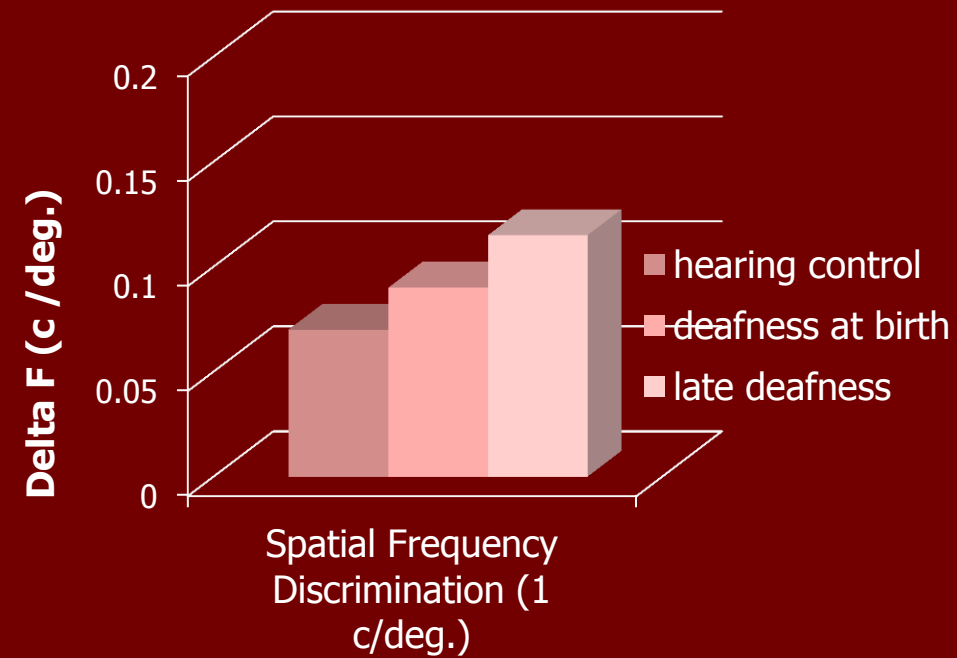
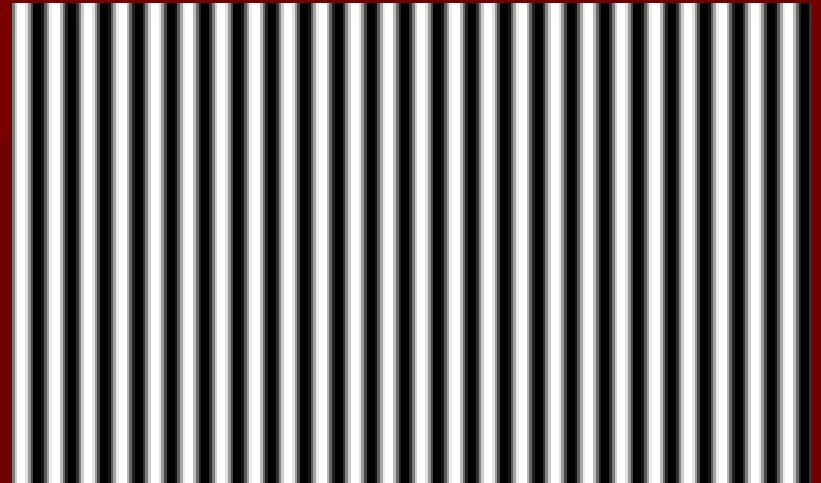
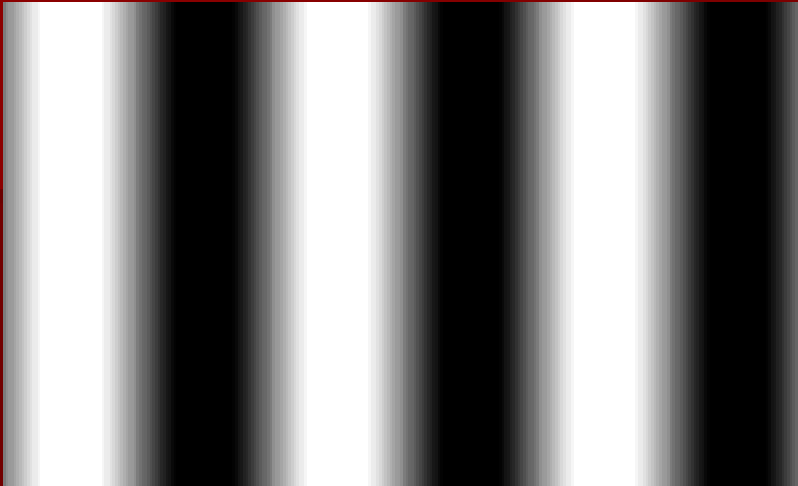


# Activations under different conditions between deaf participants and hearing controls: form

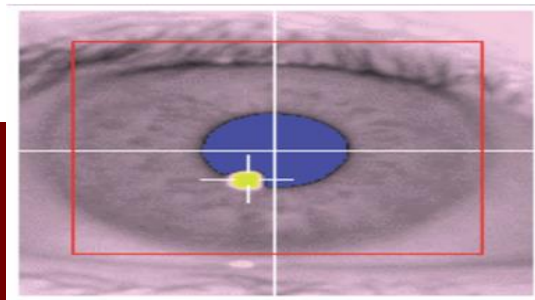
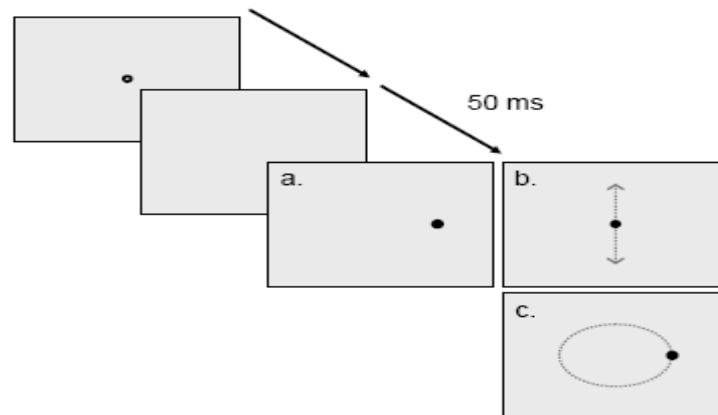




# Visual Discrimination



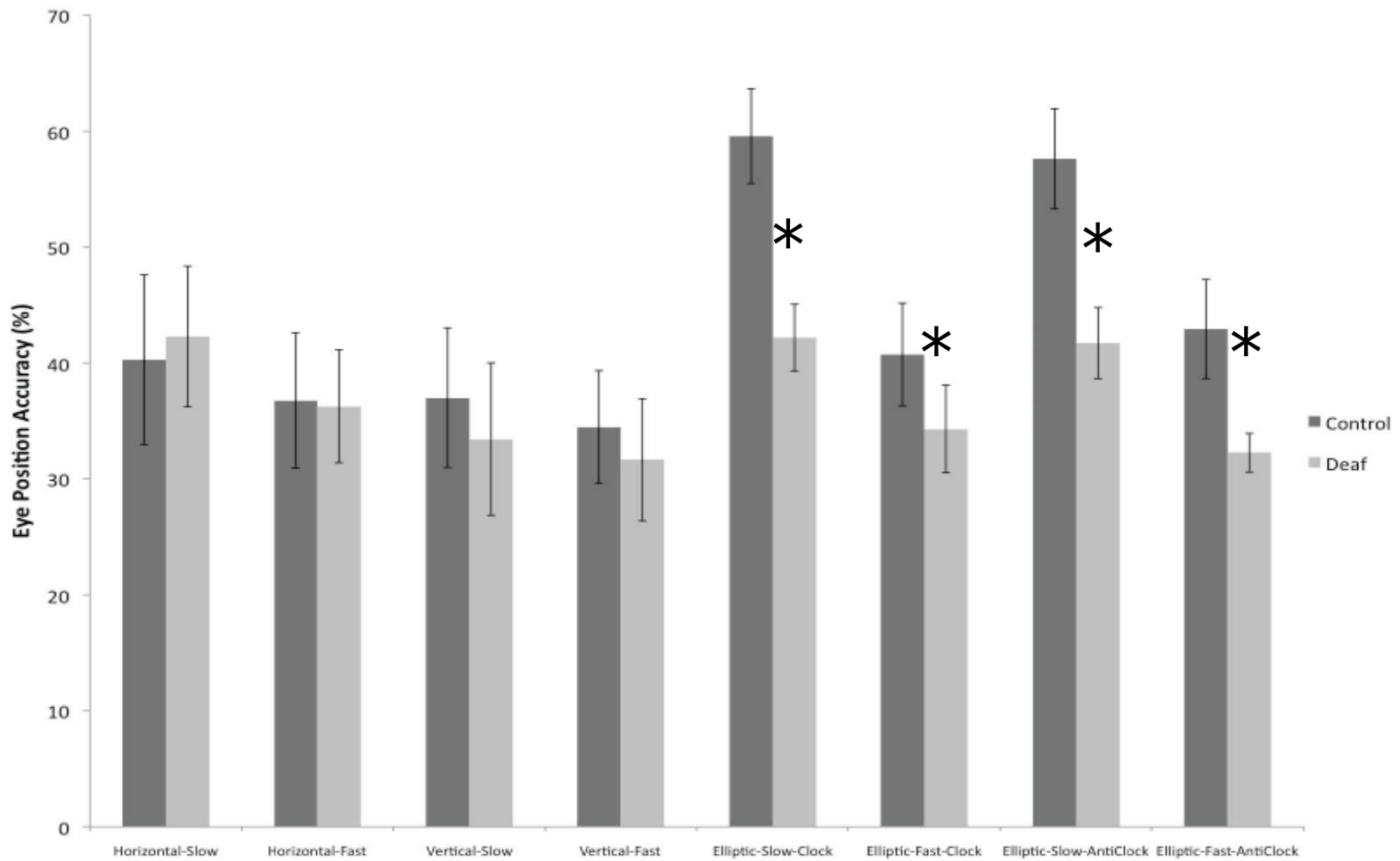
# Auditory deprivation during infancy affects eye movement scanning function



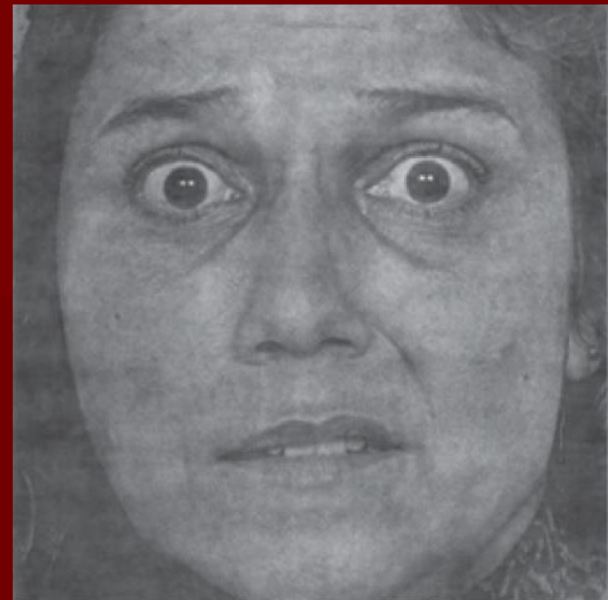
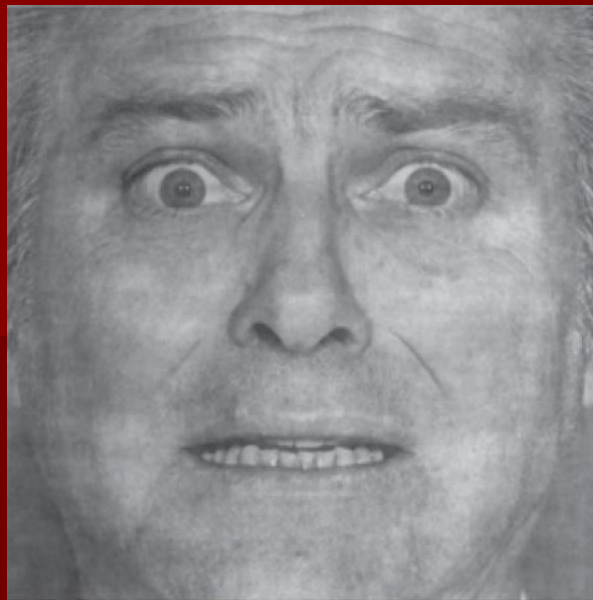
Turgeon, Johnson, Lepore, & Ellemberg (CAA 2009)



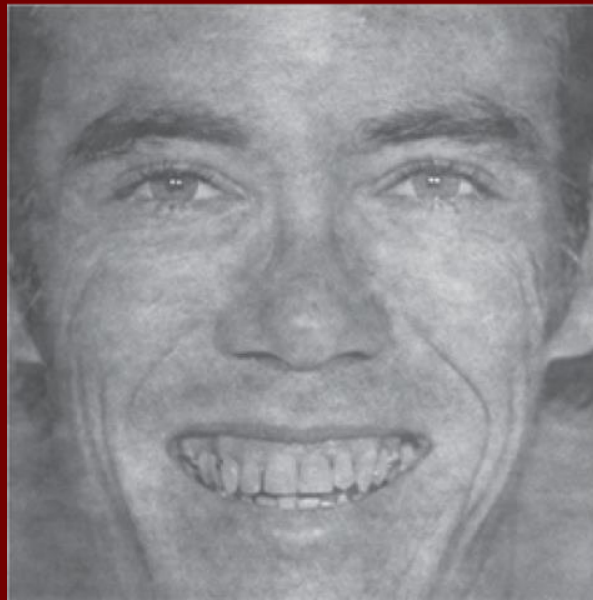
# Pursuit task



fearful



happy

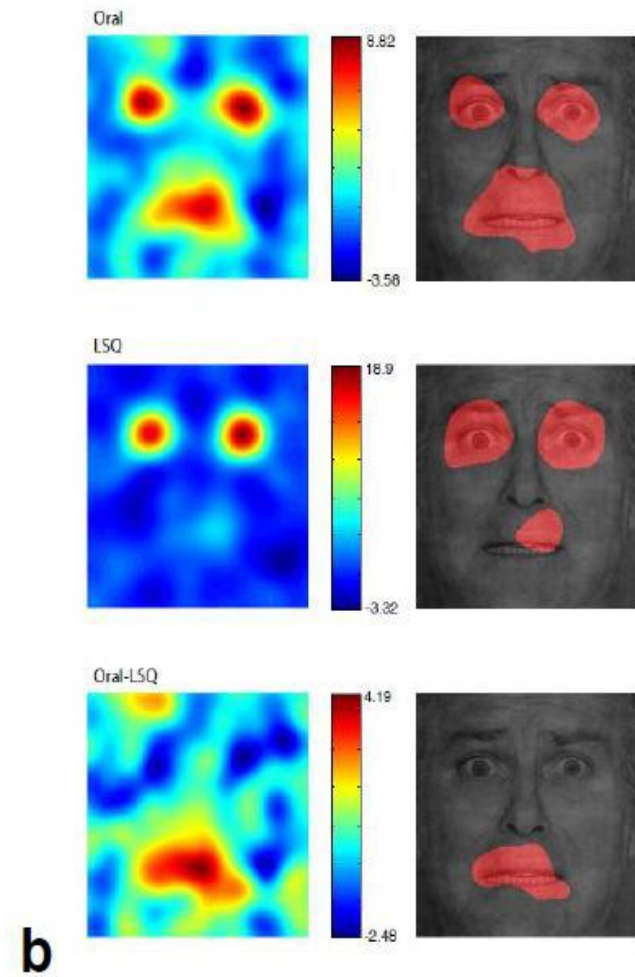
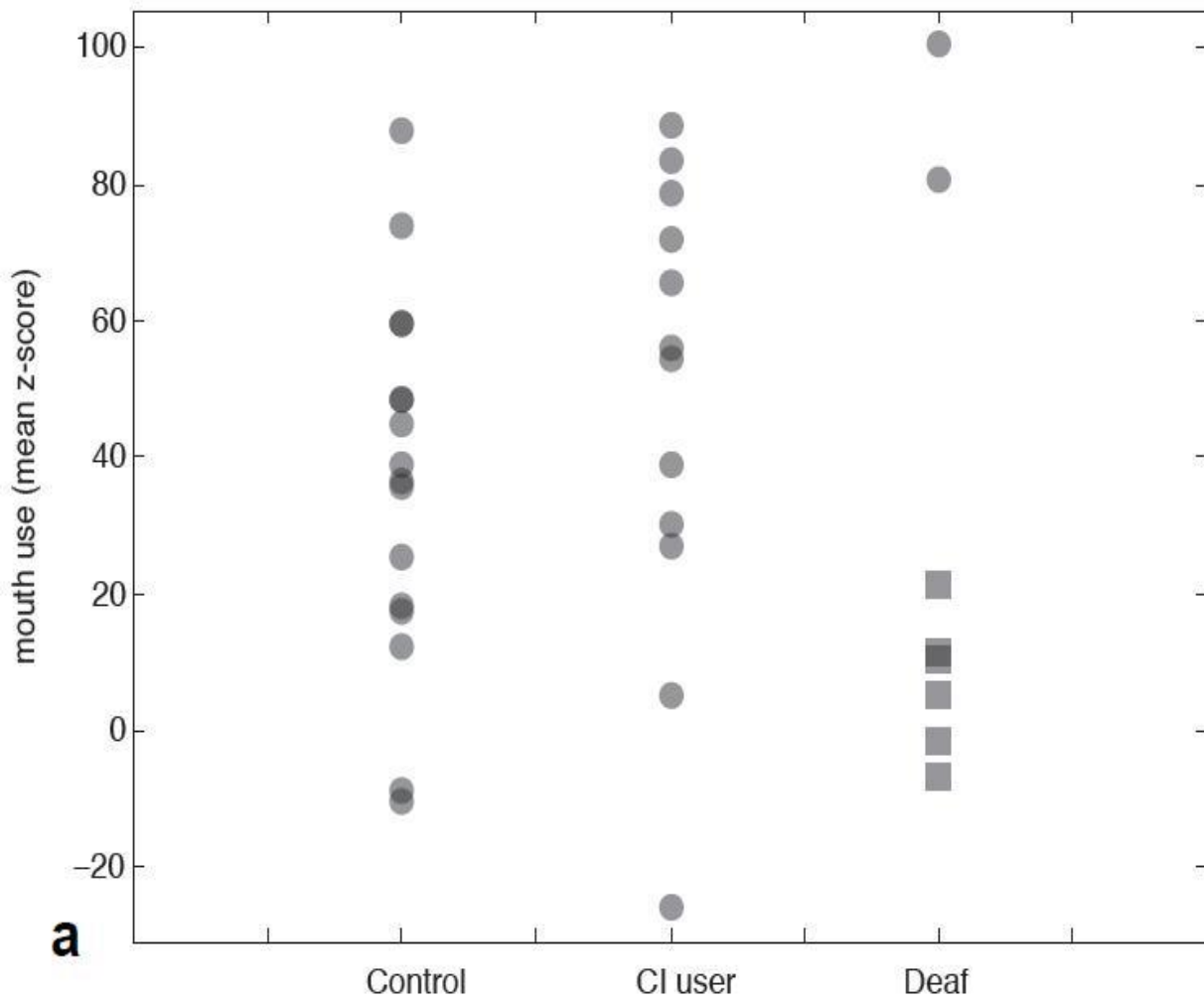


Doucet, Gosselin, Lepore, et al

The “bubbles” technique  
i.e. gaussian apertures



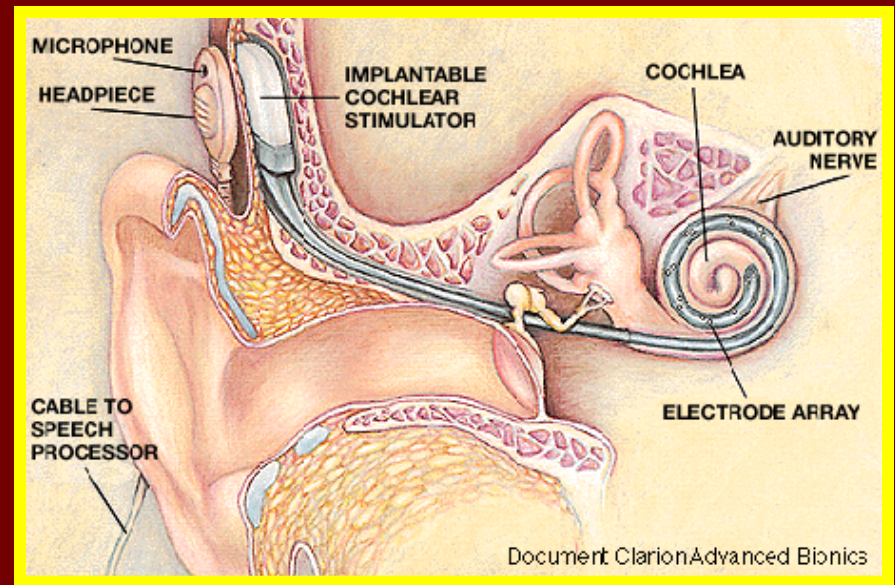
Gosselin et al, 2005;  
Schyns et al, 2004



The conclusions with respect to the **deaf** are:

- Yes** vision recruits in a cross-modal fashion auditory areas
- No**, in both simple and higher level tasks we found no supra-performance and in fact there is under-performance

## *Reactivation of a sensory system*



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Thank you

« And the Blind shall hear »



Results show that cochlear implants are efficient in re-establishing oral language comprehension

However, they are not always equally efficient for all deaf subjects to recognize language. Why?:

We examined the conditions that affect performance using four modes of presentations of **40 bi-syllabic words**:

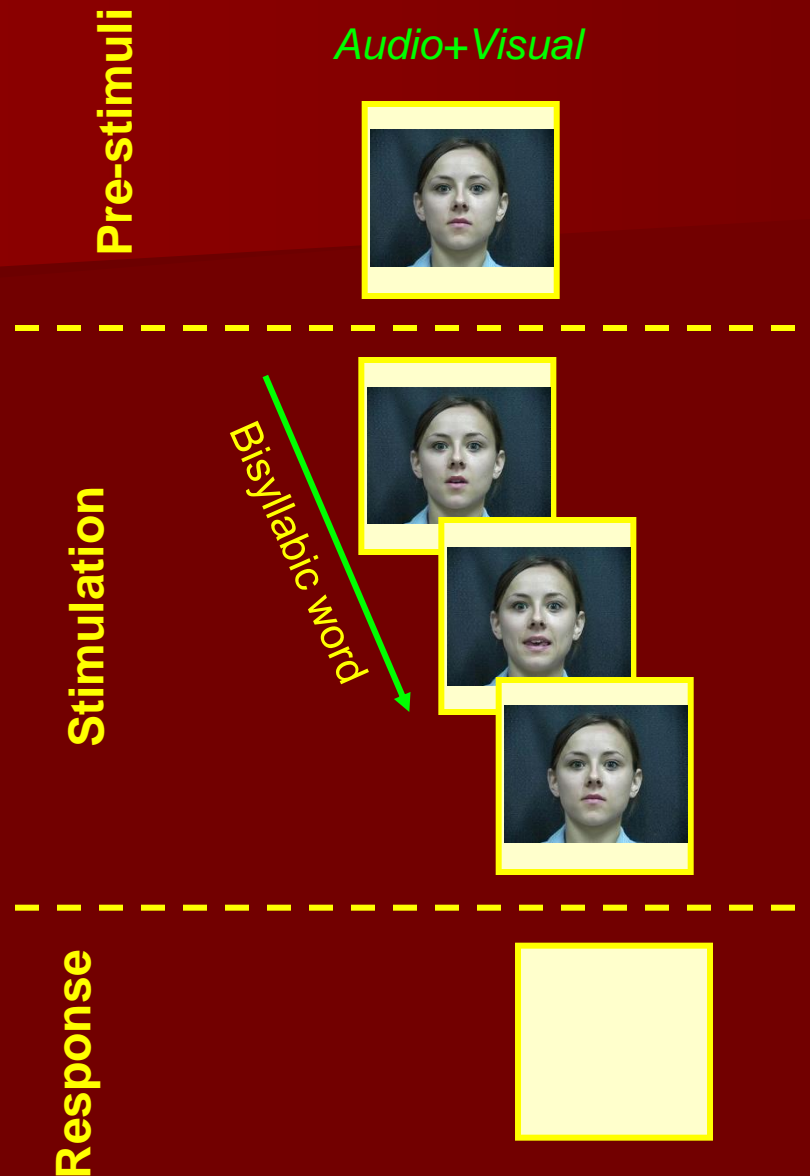
- presented alone

- presented simultaneously with a color

- presented with coherently moving dots

- presented with facial expressions saying a different bi-syllabic word

# What happens in language comprehension?



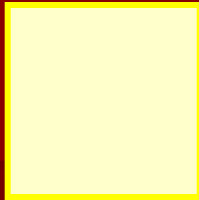
Task:

Repeat mono- or bisyllabic words

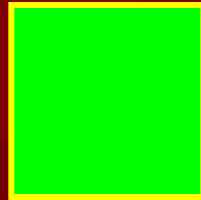
Some deaf subjects who have received a cochlear implant perform well on this task while others do not

Pre-stimuli

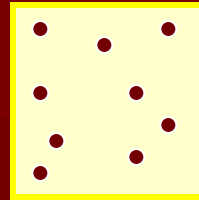
Condition 1



Condition 2



Condition 3

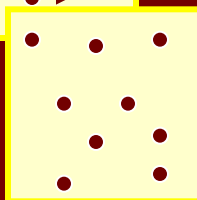
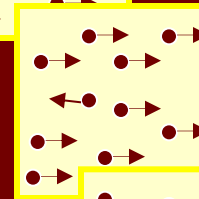
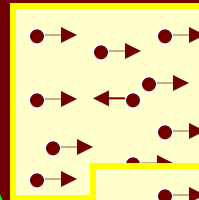
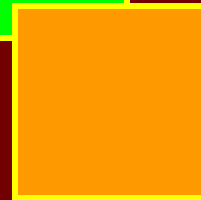
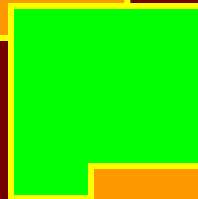
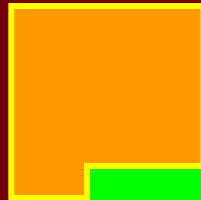
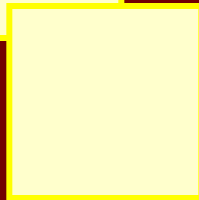
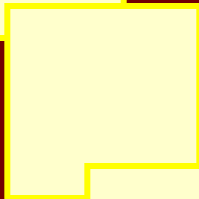
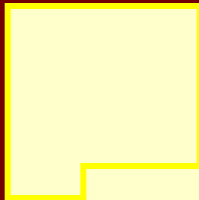


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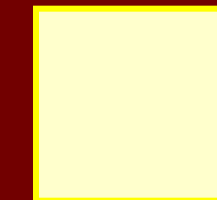
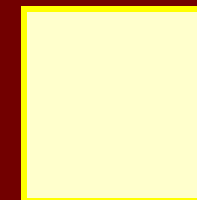
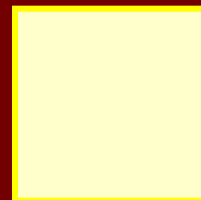
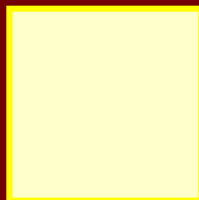


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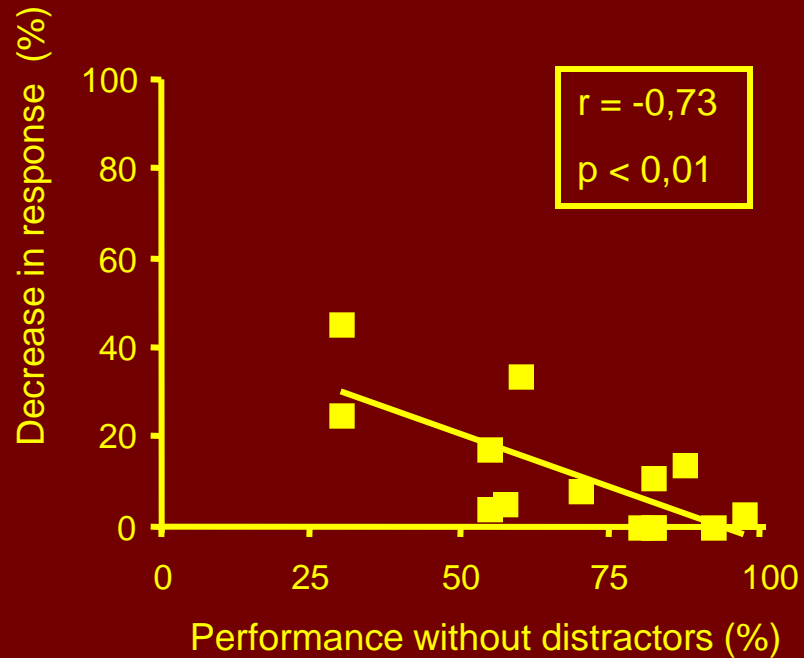
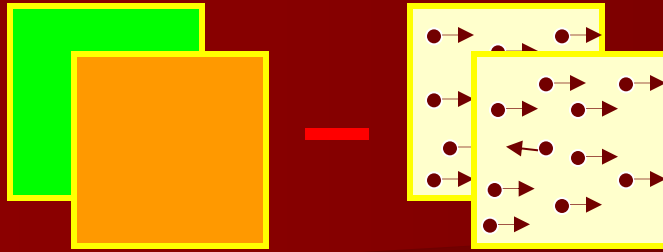


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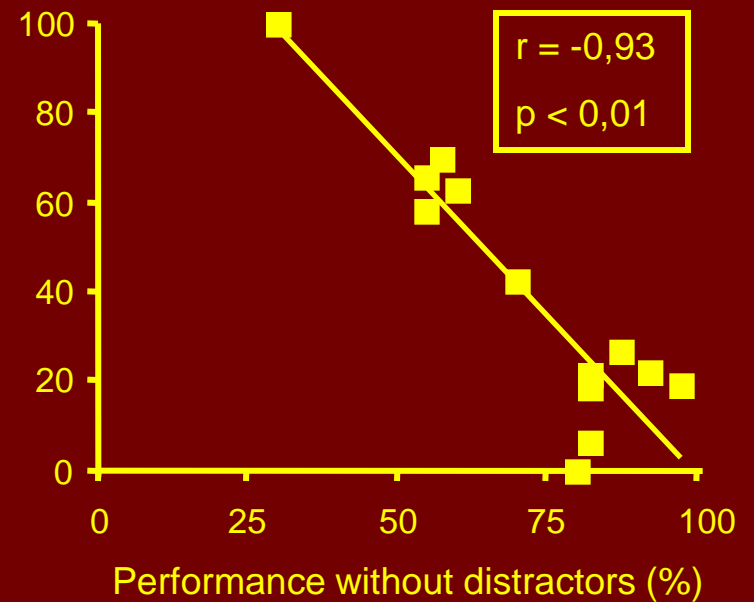
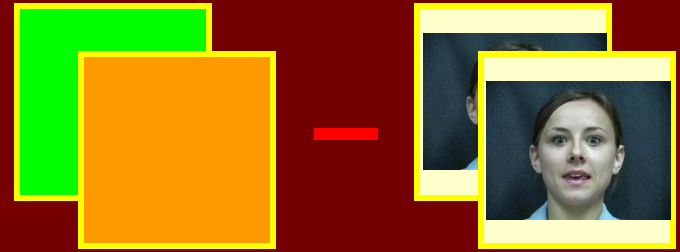


Champoux, F, Tremblay, C, Lepore, F, Theoret, H, Neuropsychologia, 2008

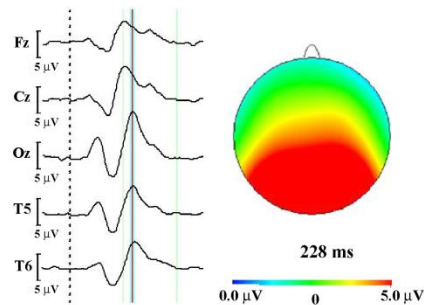
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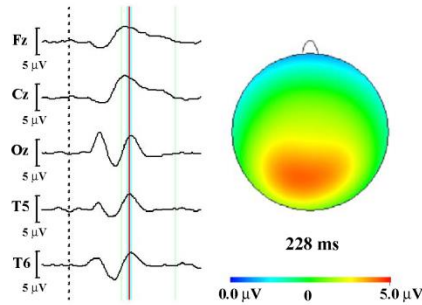
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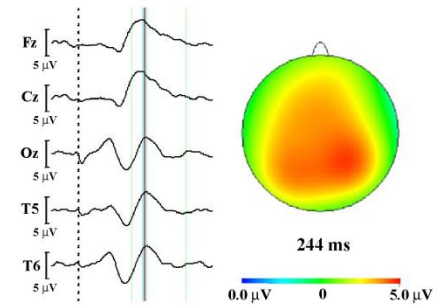
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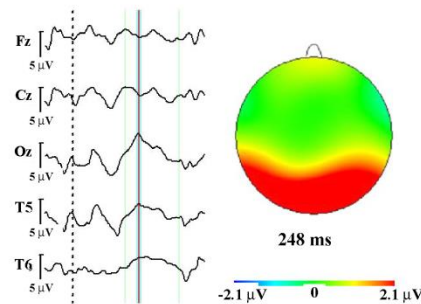
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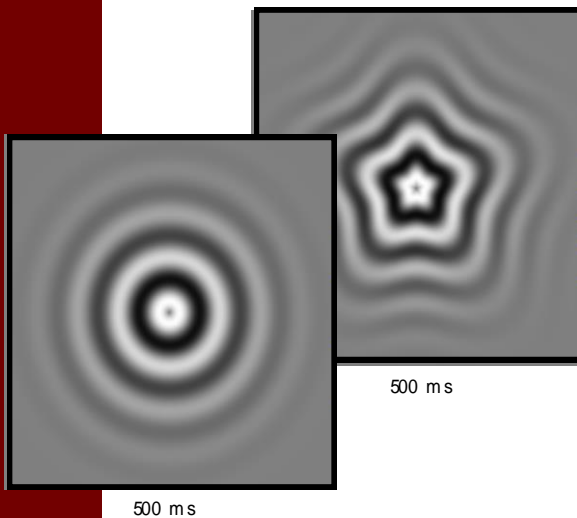
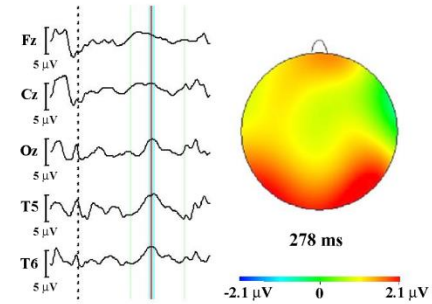
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**Good performers - controls**



**Poor performers - controls**



**Visual evoked potentials to the presentation of the transformational apparent motion stimulus for good performing and badly performing subjects**

**Doucet, Lassonde, Lepore et al, Brain, 2006**





# Measure used to study dancing in cochlear implanted subjects: Perception and time reproduction of music using a synchronization and music capture apparatus



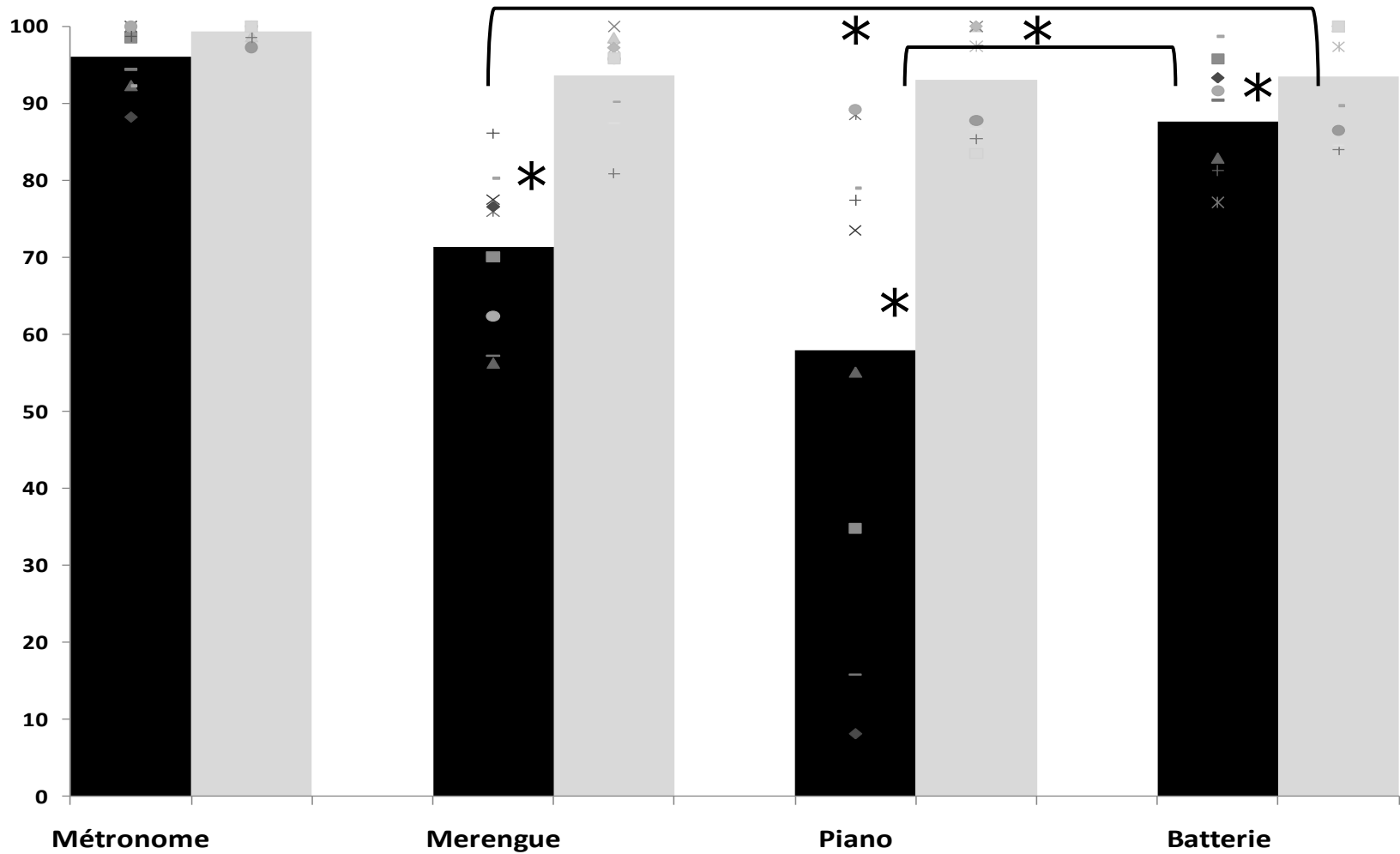
It gives:

- 1.Periodicity of body movements
- 2.The constancy of this movement
- 3.The ability to compare performance with norms



# Music perception and dance with cochlear implant

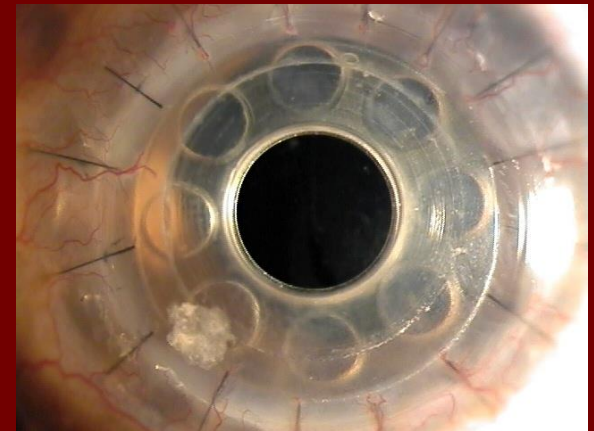
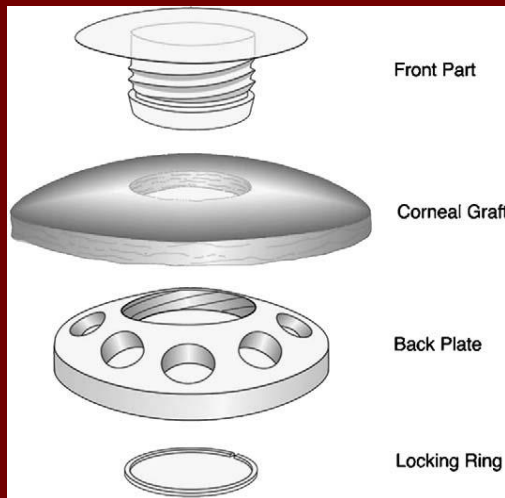
■ Hearing  
■ Cochlear implants



These results with hearing  
restoration using cochlear implants  
with the deaf raise an interesting  
question: what happens with sight  
restoration in the blind- the  
**Boston Keratoprosthesis (Kpro)**



We have seen that there appears to be a « sensitive period » for plasticity to manifest itself. But is this an absolute rule? The Boston Keratoprosthesis study seems to indicate that this is not true!



# Sight restoration following lens implant

- Patient: 41 years, Rieger Syndrome
- Keratoprosthesis of the right eye



	OD	OS	OU
PRE	MM	20/400 -	20/400
POST +J3	20/100	20/400	20/100 - 20/125

Examined with fMRI

- 1) Just before implant
- 2) 3 days after

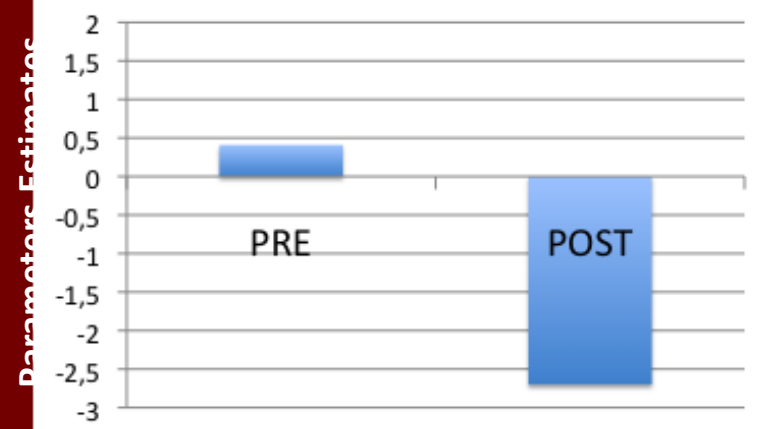
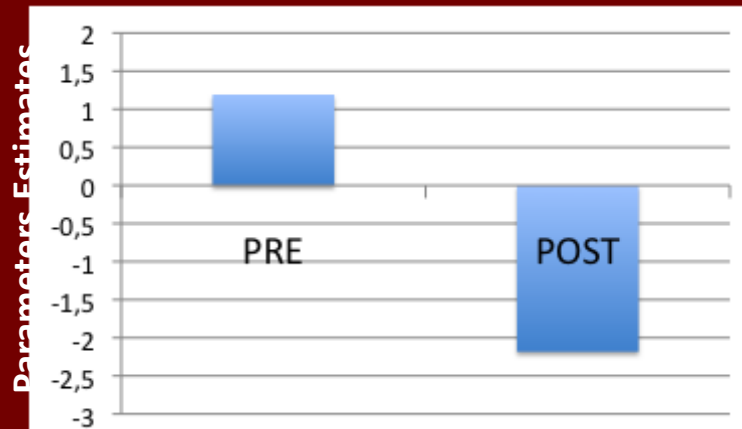
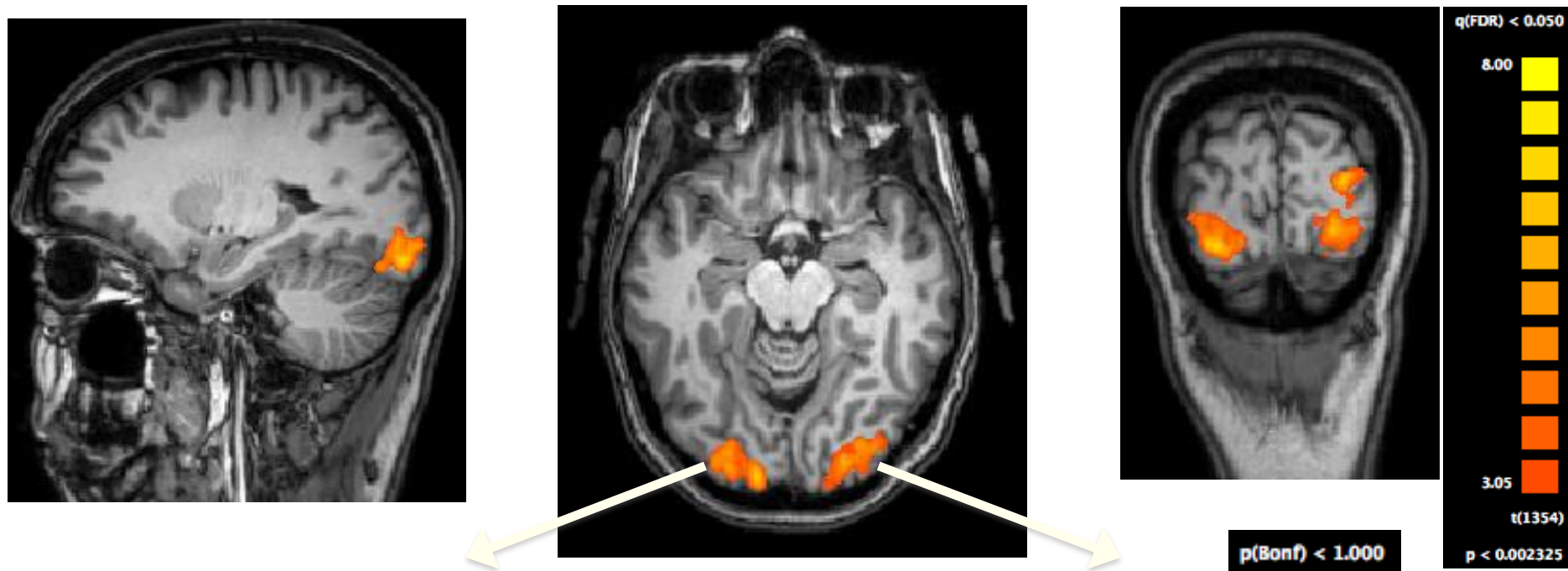
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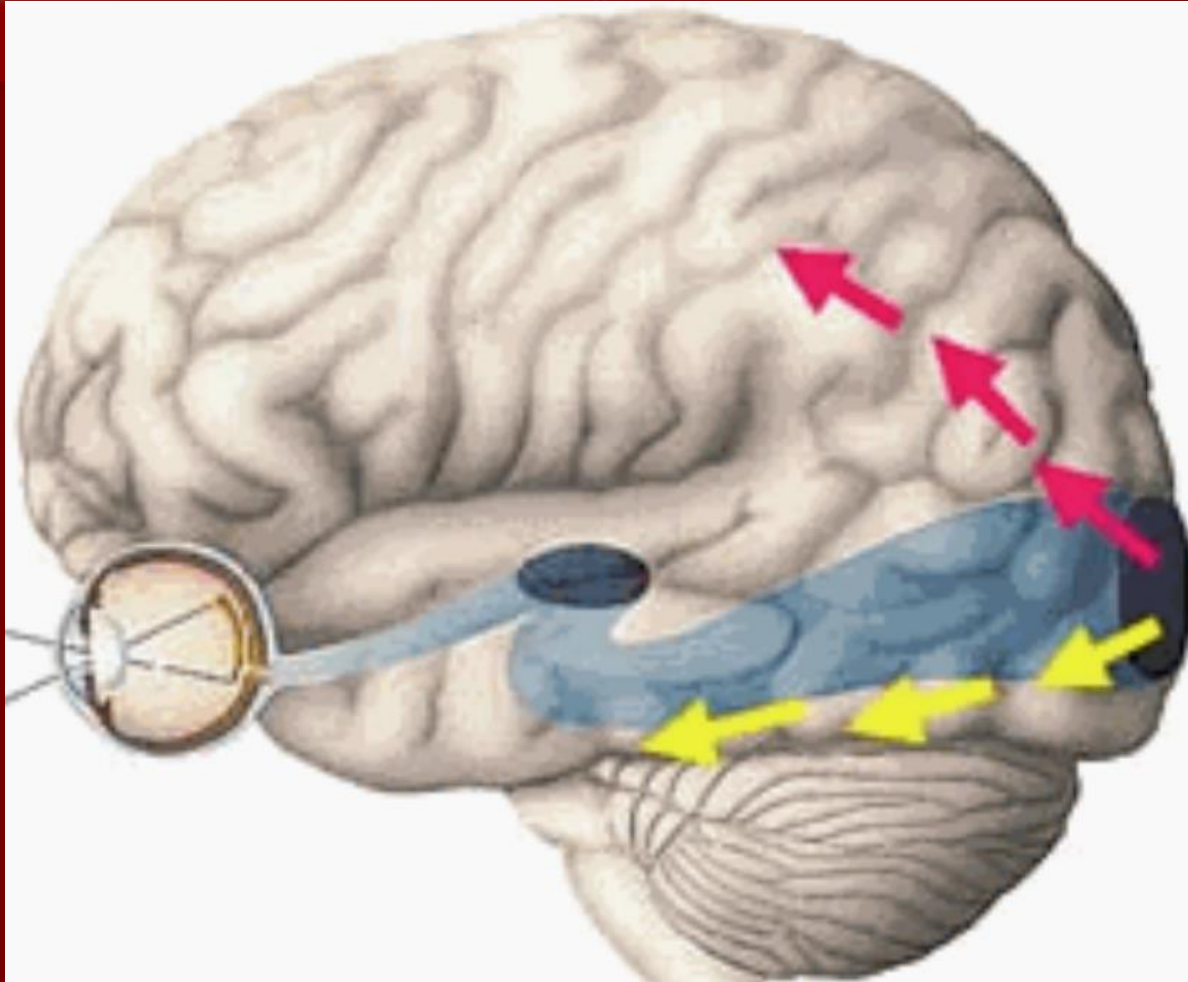


# Cross-modal plasticity before Kpro

AUDITION Before KPro > After KPro

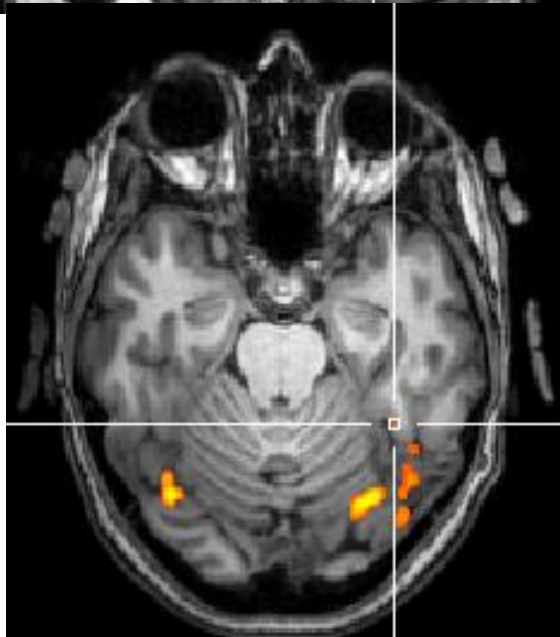
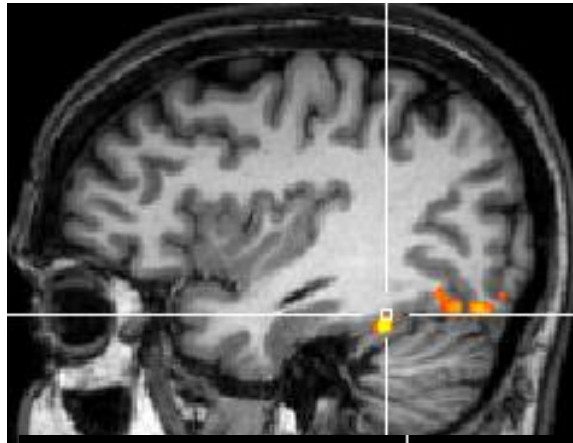


# Face specific ventral visual areas

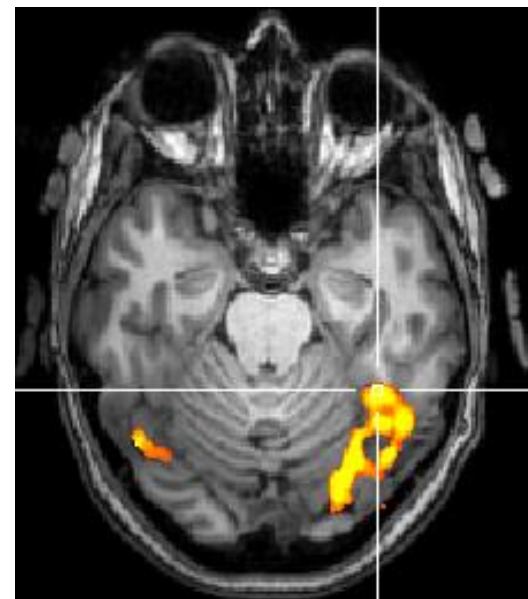
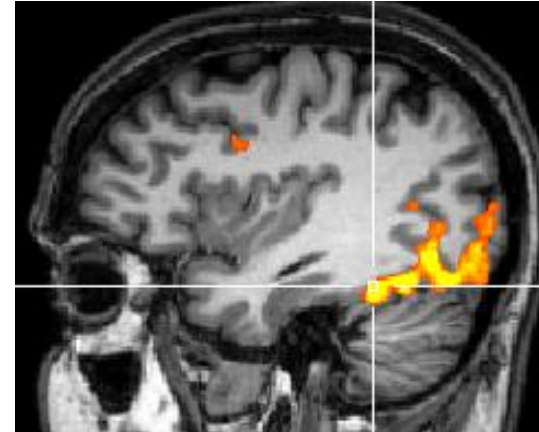


Haxby et al., *PNAS*, 1991; Kanwisher et al., *The Journal of Neuroscience*, 1997

Before  
KPro



3 days after  
Kpro



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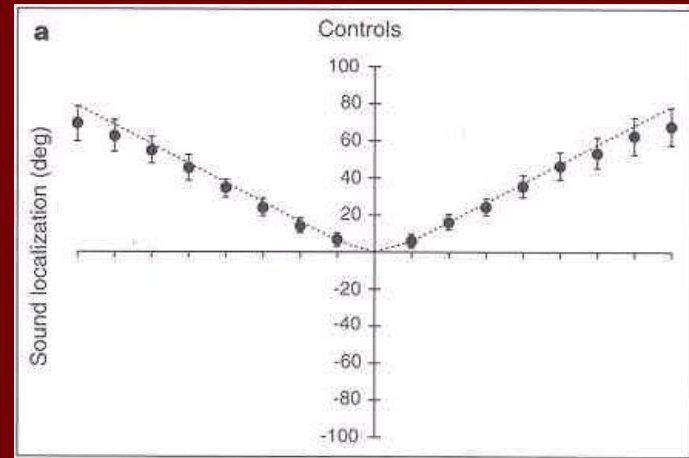


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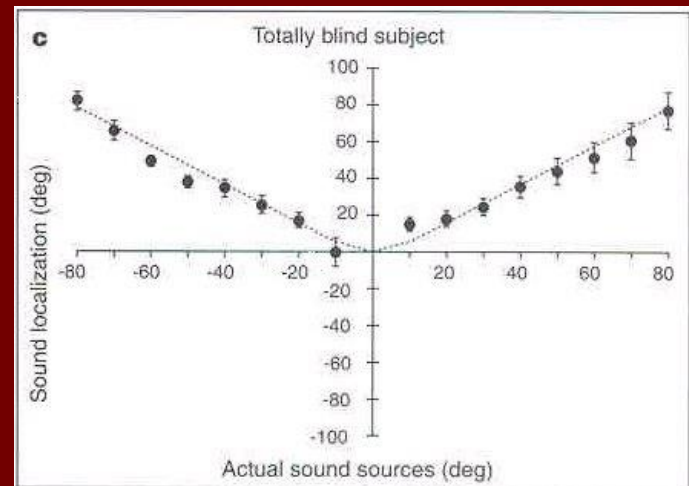
p(Bonf) < 0.050

# Binaural sound localization

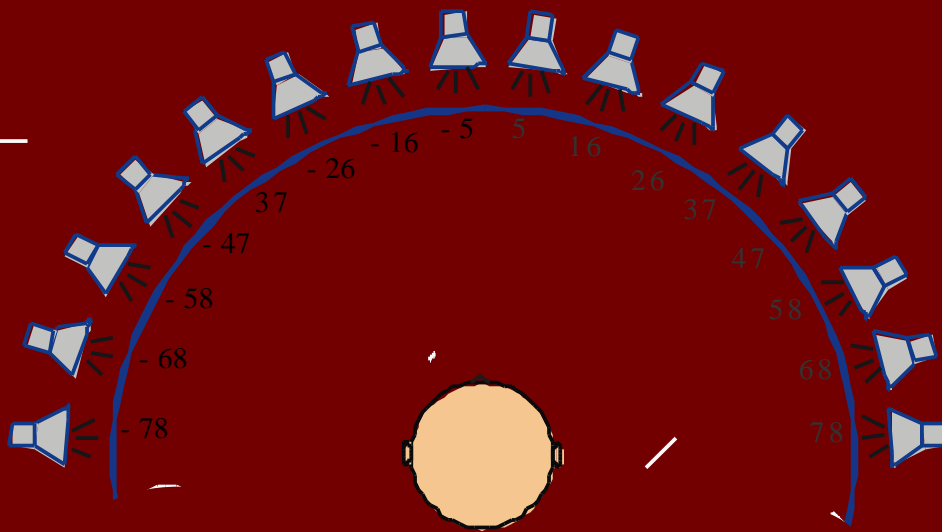
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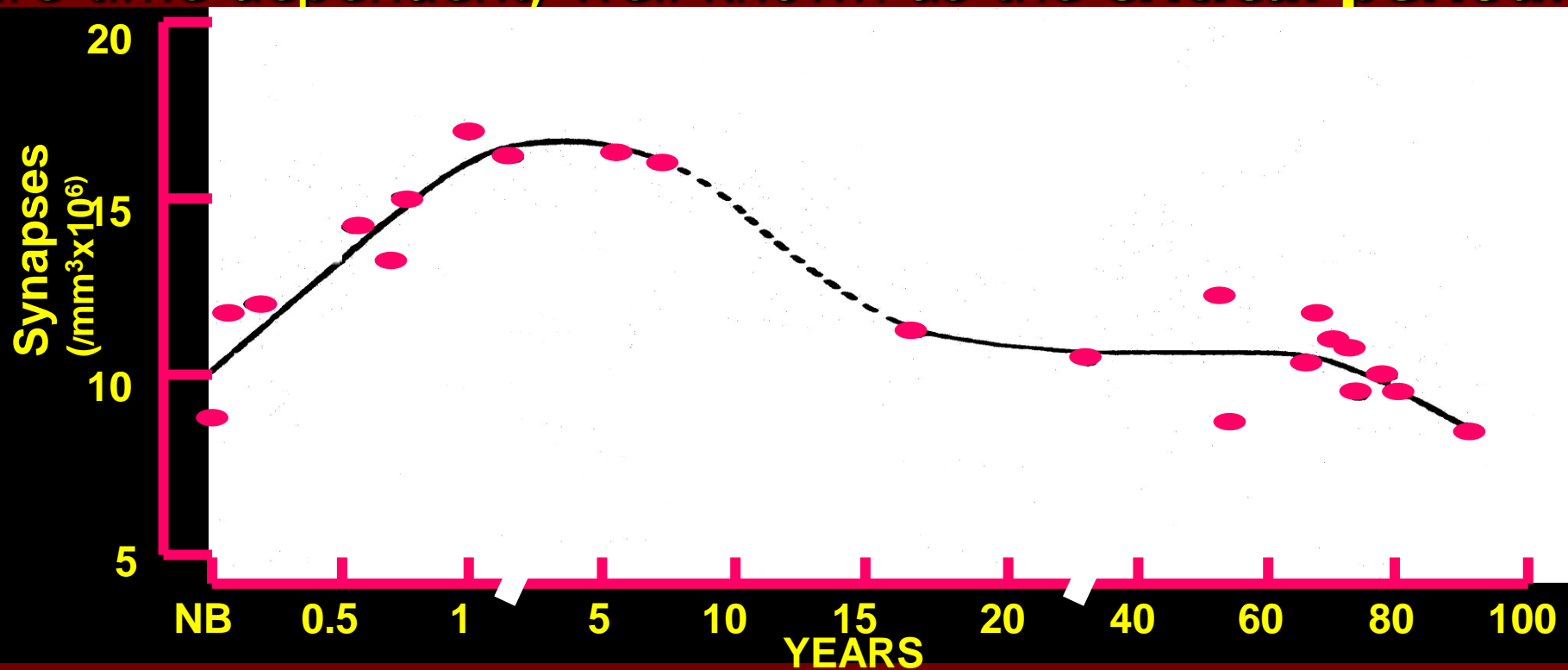
**Blind**



**Lessard, Paré, Lepore,  
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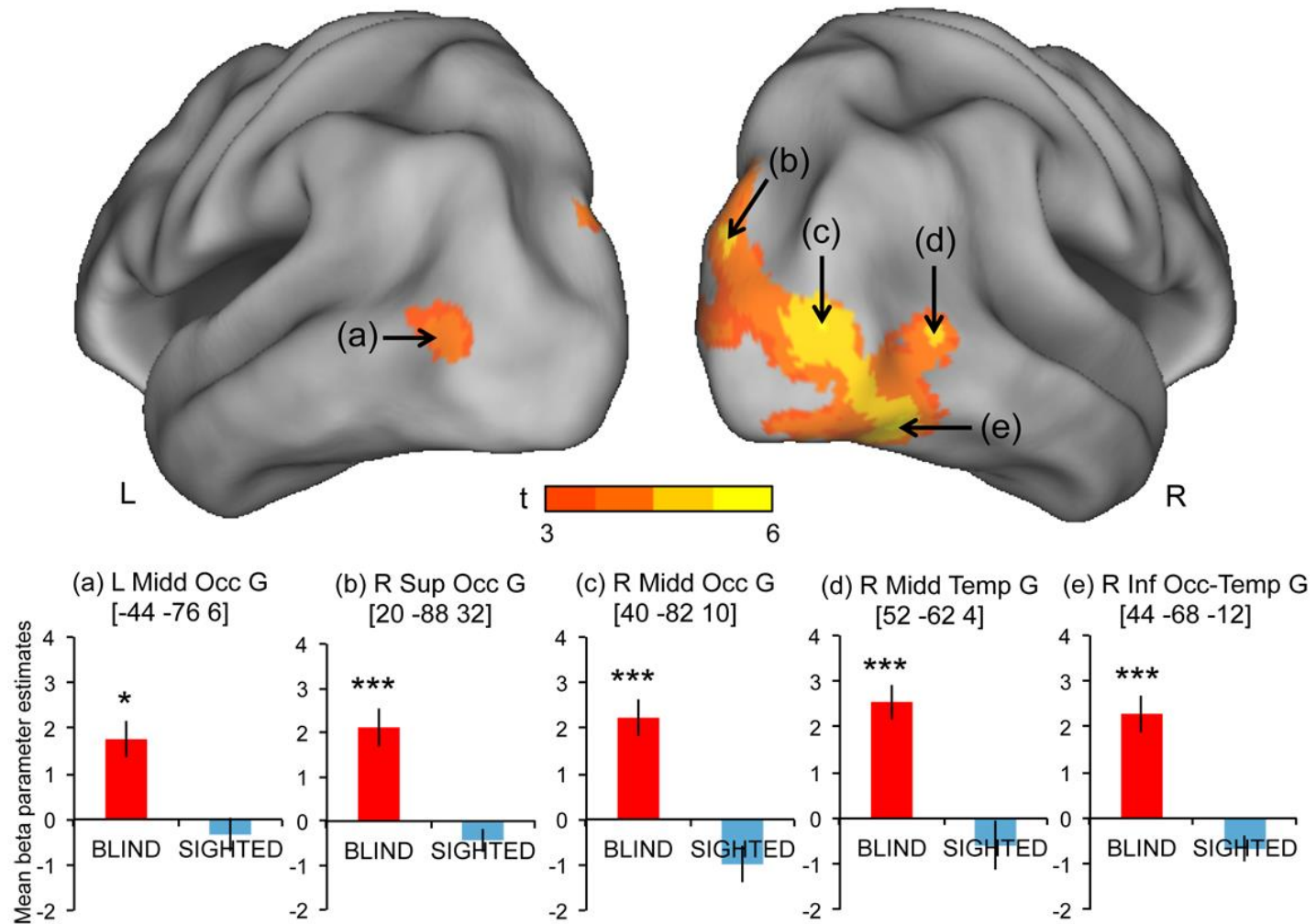


The human brain is hard-wired at birth. However, following development and learning, a number of phenomena take place, such as **synaptic pruning**, which modify substantially its structure. These modifications are normal and allow us to act, feel and adapt to the environment as well as to others. These are time dependent, well known as the **critical period**.





[Blind > Sighted] x [In-depth + Lateral + Static]



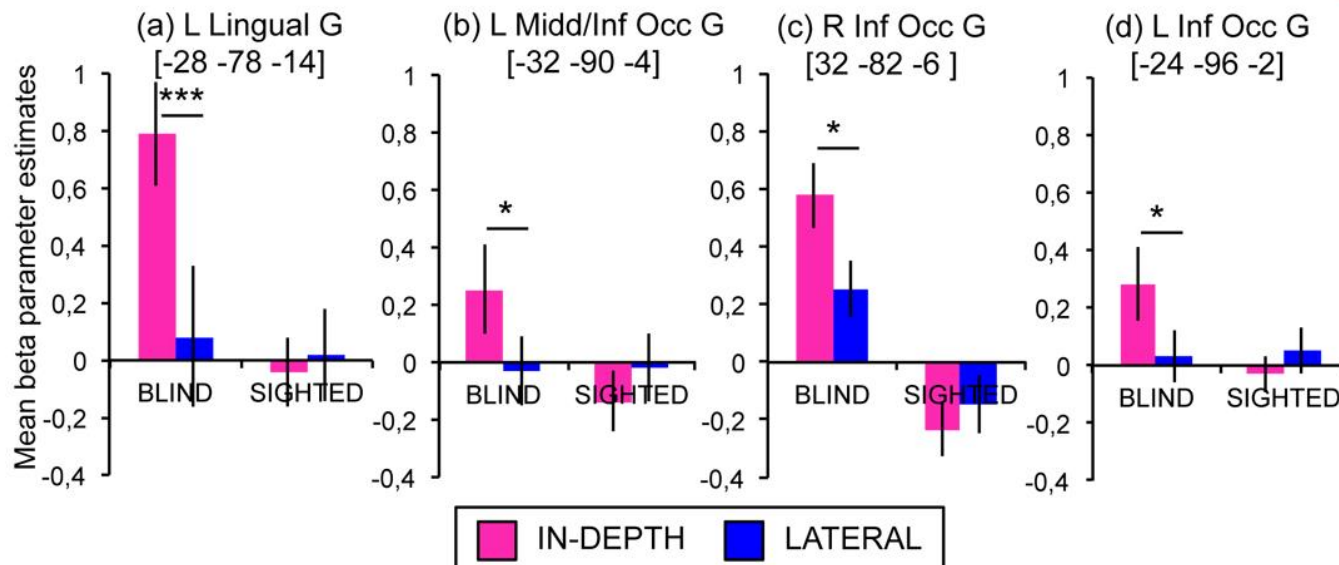
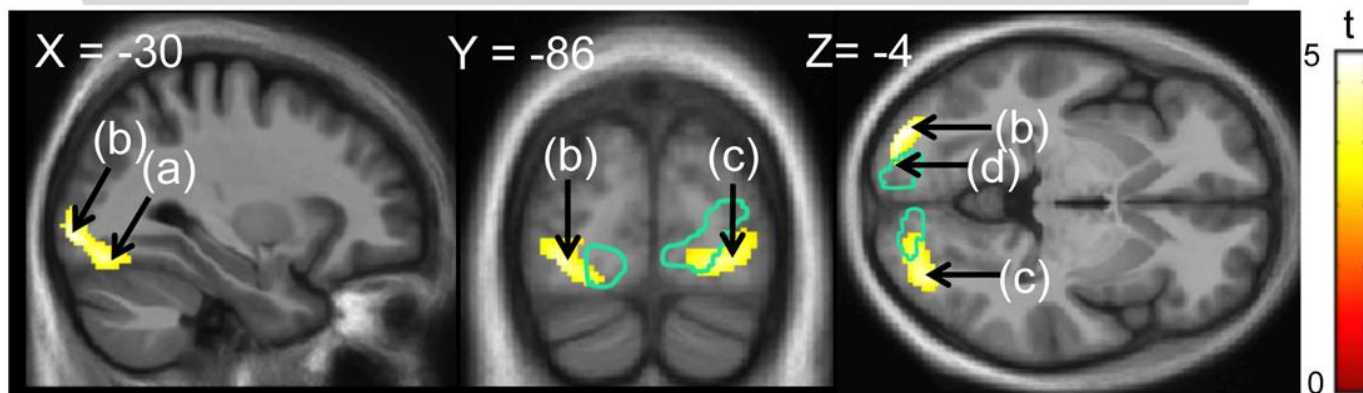
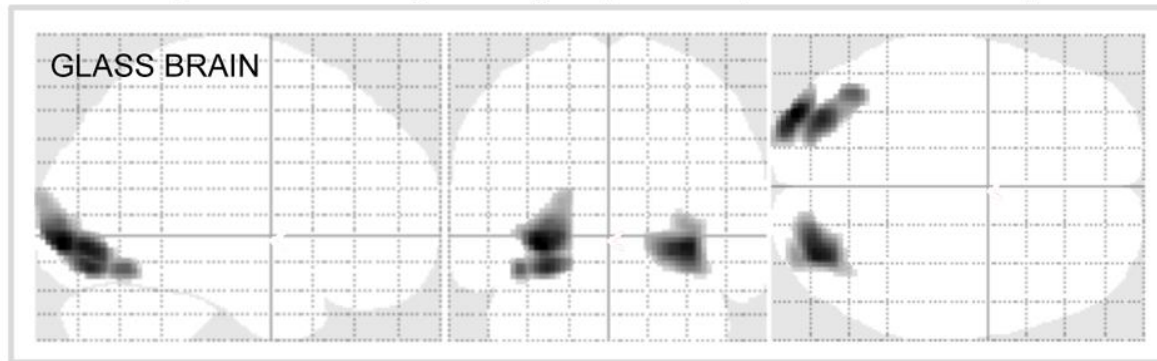
We have in the context of the studies to be presented today two subject populations who had significant sensory impairments: visual loss or deafness

- with respect to vision loss, we shall examine two sub-populations:

- blind subjects and individuals with lens restoration

- with respect to the deaf, we shall also look at two sub-populations: deaf subjects and individuals whose auditory functions were re-established with a cochlear implant

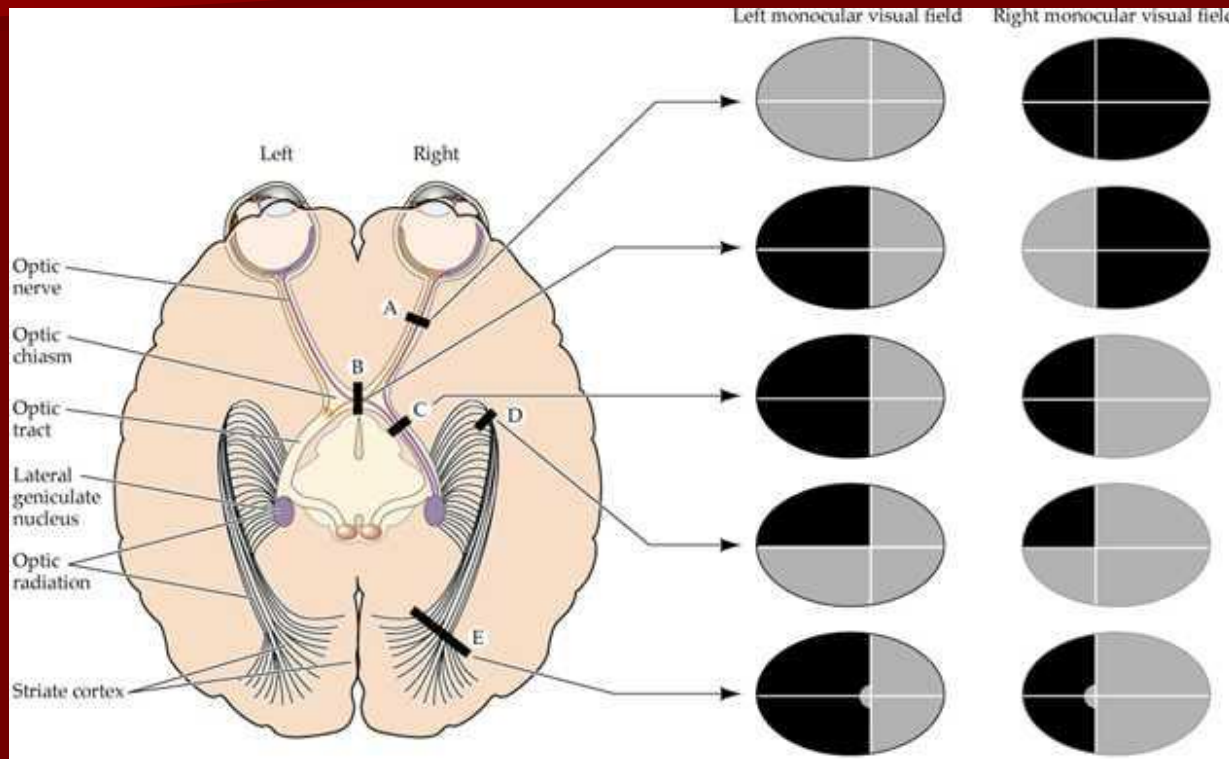
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We have shown important plasticity and reorganization in individuals who lose sight through peripheral receptor loss. How do persons adapt to vision loss due to cerebral cortical loss: the case of hemianopic subjects

I would like to specify that this is a new project and we only have preliminary data. The reason for presenting it is to show another field in which we are working and where biomedical imaging can furnish an excellent tool to study spared function and the effect of rehabilitation

# Hemianopia and blindsight: why is it interesting?



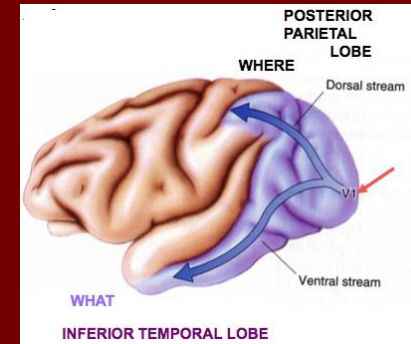
*Unilateral loss of posterior visual cortex due to surgery or stroke leads to blindness in contralateral field.*

- *Sign of a residual cortical or sub-cortical visual pathway remaining.*
- *Residual visual capacities in the blind field.*
- Develop a rehabilitation technique to improve the visual abilities in the blind field.



# Our plan...

- Compare the results obtained in **two populations**.
  - Cortical infarct
  - Delimited lesion of the visual cortex
- Evaluate the **residual visual capacities** of our participants.
- **fMRI and Diffusion Tensor Imaging (DTI)** to try to define the **functional activations and connectivity between areas**.
- **Training using coupled visual/auditory stimulations and stimuli which are treated by subcortical structures, such as moving dots (to come in the future!)**



## Our hypothesis ...

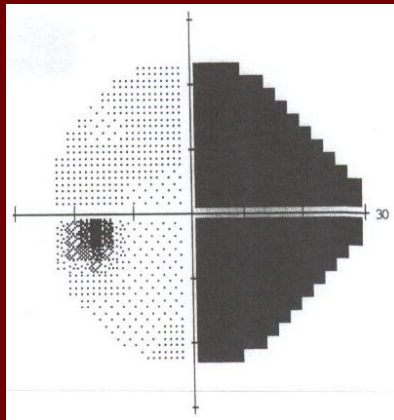
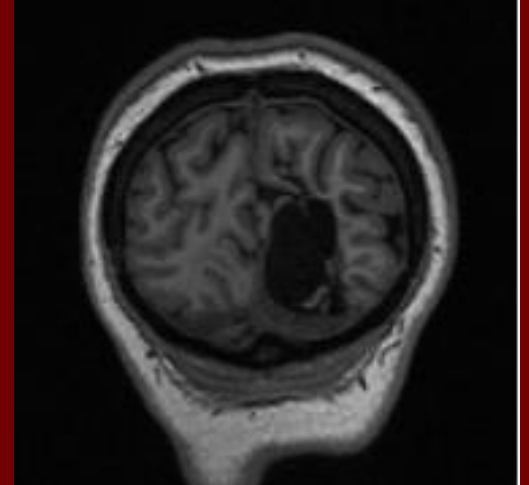
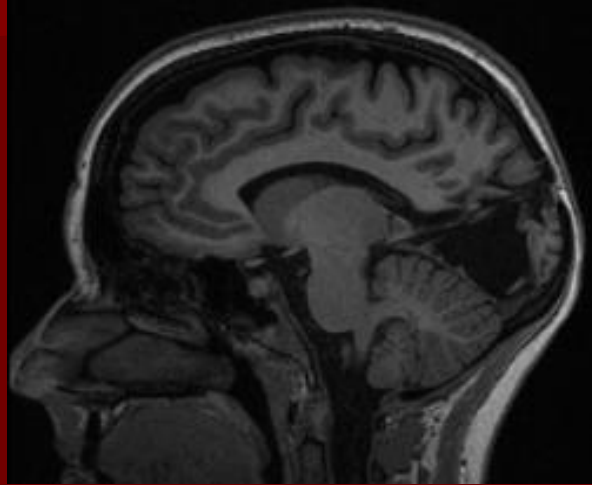
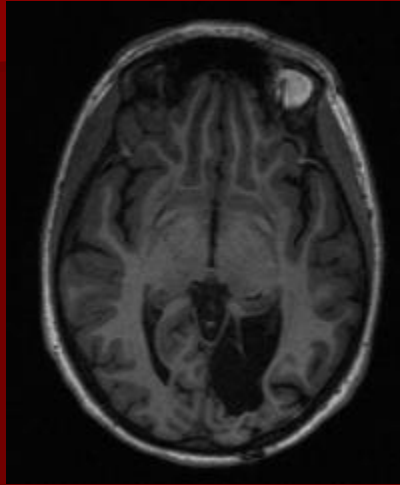
*Implication of the **subcortical pathways** passing by the superior colliculus and pulvinar and by the "**where**" or **parietal dorsal stream pathway**.*

# Preliminary behavioural study on two hemianopic participants

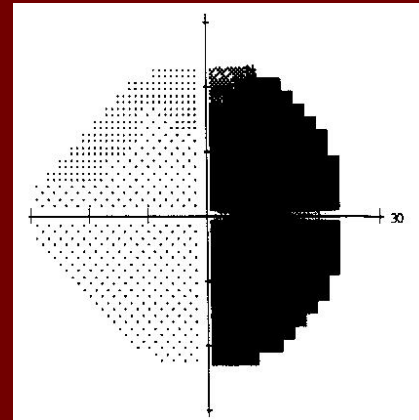
- Two participants :
  - Participant 1 : right homonymous hemianopia.
  - Participant 2 : left homonymous hemianopia
- Use the functional specificity of the superior colliculus and of the parietal pathway to evaluate the quality of the residual visual capacities and to determine the implication of these regions.
  - (low frequency, motion, multisensory stimulation and integration).

*All potential saccadic movements were controlled with an EOG system.*

# Participant 1



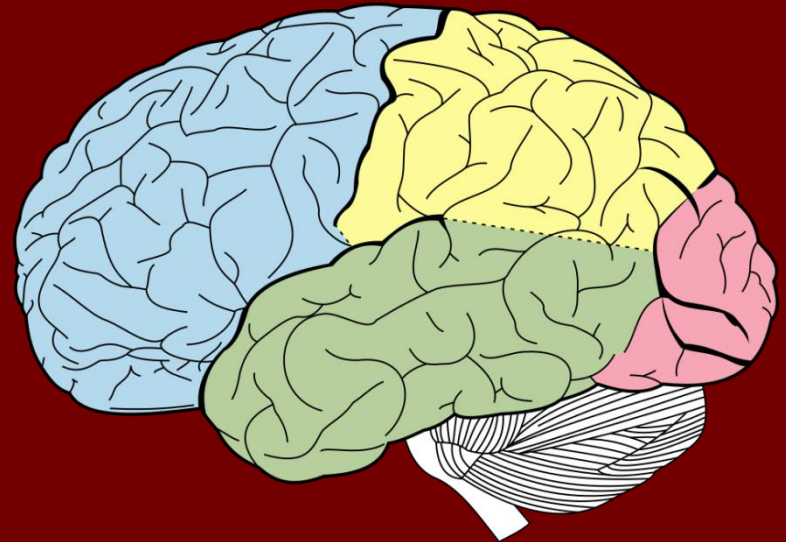
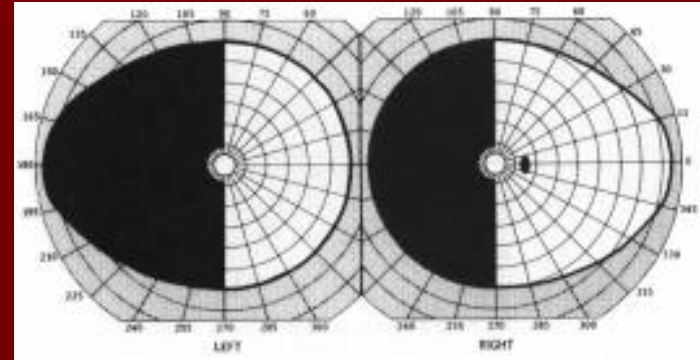
Retinotopy left eye



Retinotopy right eye

# Participant 2

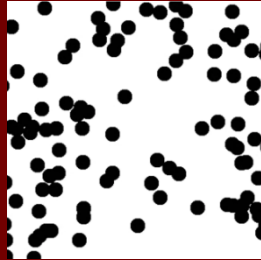
- Had epilepsy in her right hemisphere.
- Had the removal of the visual cortex the 24 of September 2013.
- Doesn't have any sensation of visual stimulation, including motion in her natural environment.
- Has developed a sweeping oculomotor technique, when concentrated.



# Patch of moving dots paradigm

*(All the tasks where carried out in the blind field)*

## ■ First part : Presentation of moving dots versus static dots.



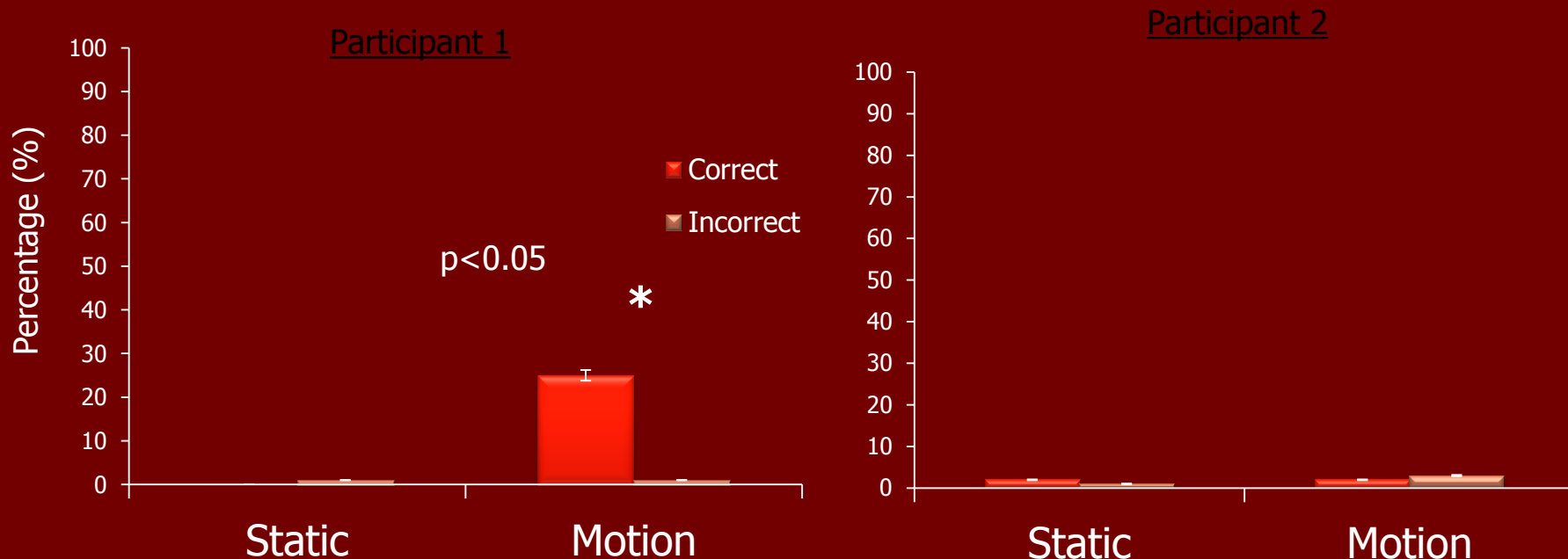
- 12 degree patch
- White background
- 150 dots of 0.5 degree each with a  $12^\circ/\text{sec}$  for the vertically moving dots.
- Presented at 12 degrees.

## ■ Second part : Discrimination of the direction of the motion.

- Same parameters as in the first part.
- Upward and downward discrimination.
- White noise auditory stimulus to initiate the answer presented at the same position.



# Is there any reported perception in the blind field when presented with moving dots or static dots?

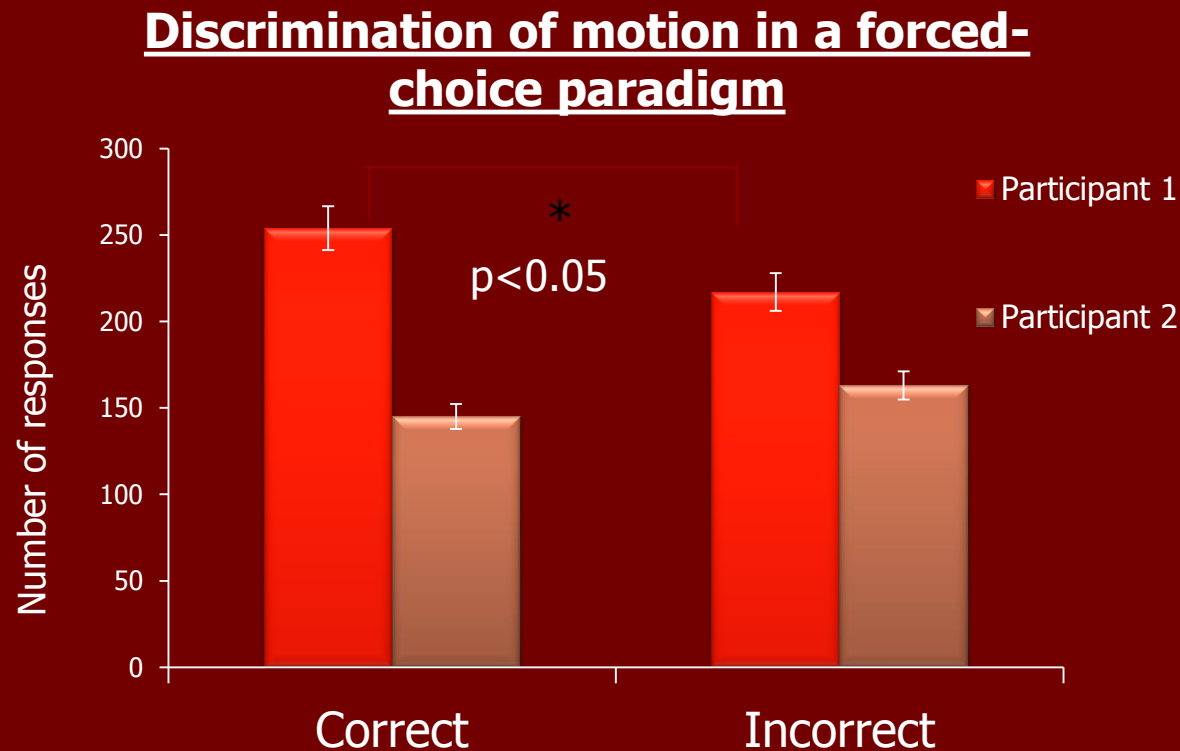


*\* Participant 1 reported correctly a sensation of motion when moving dots were presented compared to the presentation of static dots.*

***No false positives.***



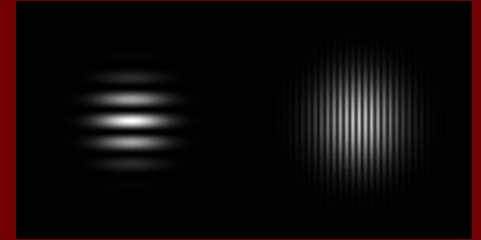
# Is this awareness reflected in the detection of the motion direction?



*\* Significant results only in participant 1 who had better performance when discriminating between downward and upward motion.*

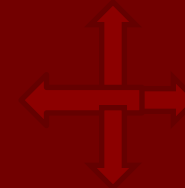
- Gabor patch ( $12^\circ$ ) of low and high spatial frequency

- Low frequency = 1 Hz. High frequency = 5 Hz.
- Two directions = vertical and horizontal.
- Two positions :  $20^\circ$  on the y axis in the upper field and in the lower field, with a  $24^\circ$  on the abscissa.



- Motion detection of a moving single gray bar

- 4 directions of movement : up, down, left, right.
- Moving from  $10^\circ$  to  $36^\circ$  on the x axis and from  $20^\circ$  upper field and  $20^\circ$  lower field.

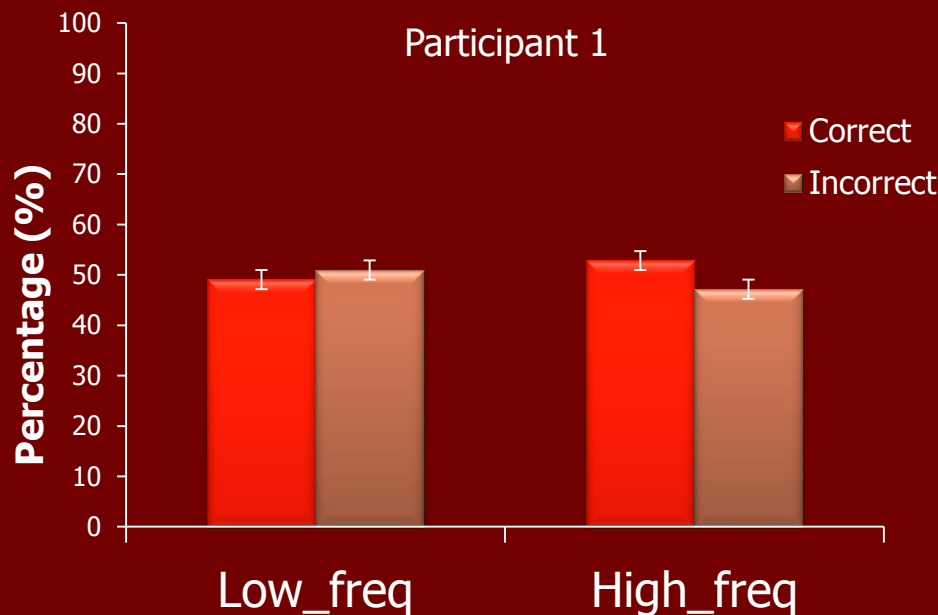


- Pointing task

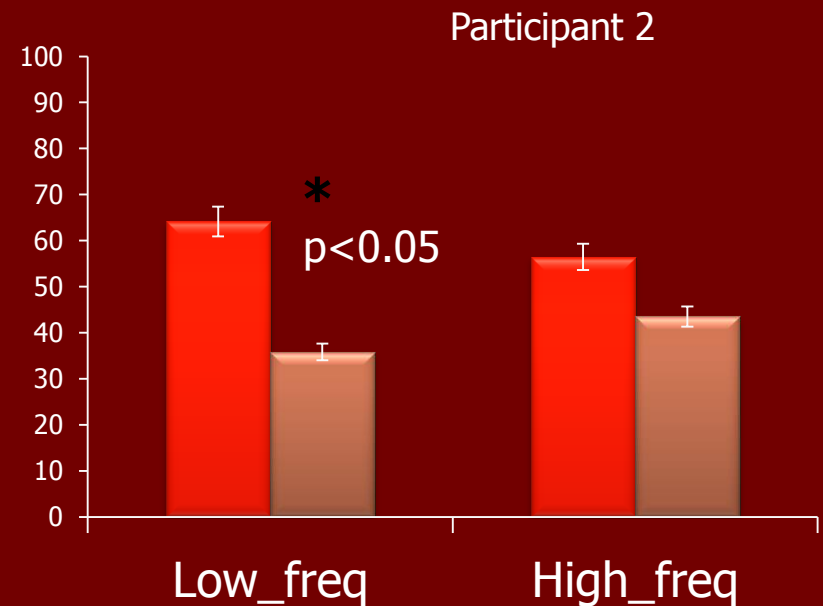
- Gray flash presented in random positions.

# Low and high frequency Gabor patch presented vertically or horizontally

## Orientation discrimination in a forced-choice paradigm

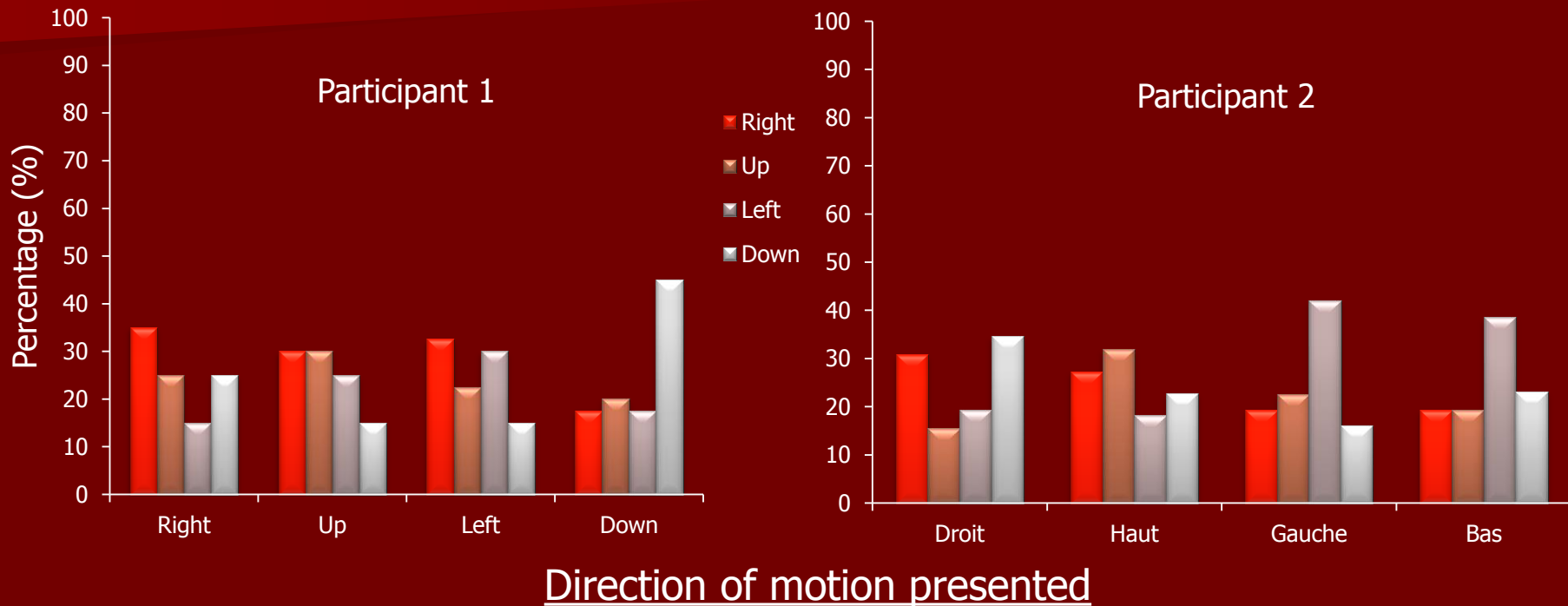


*No differences between conditions for participant 1.*



*\* Participant 2 had significantly better responses to low frequency than to high frequency.*

# Motion detection of a single bar

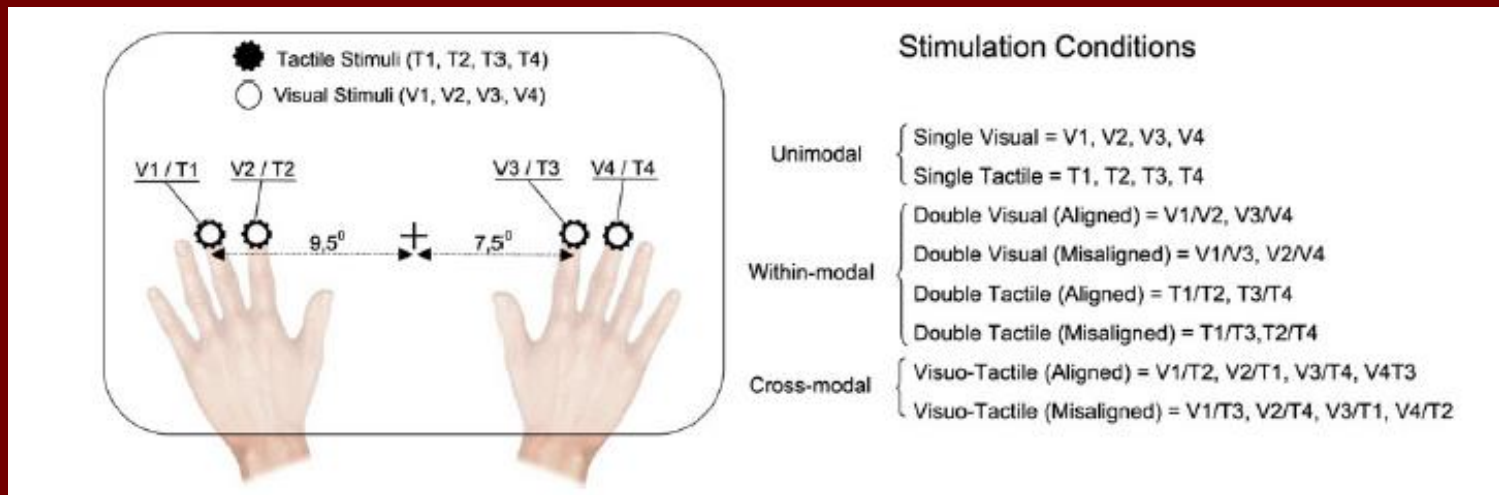


*The participants could not detect the direction of the moving bar when presented in their blind field.*

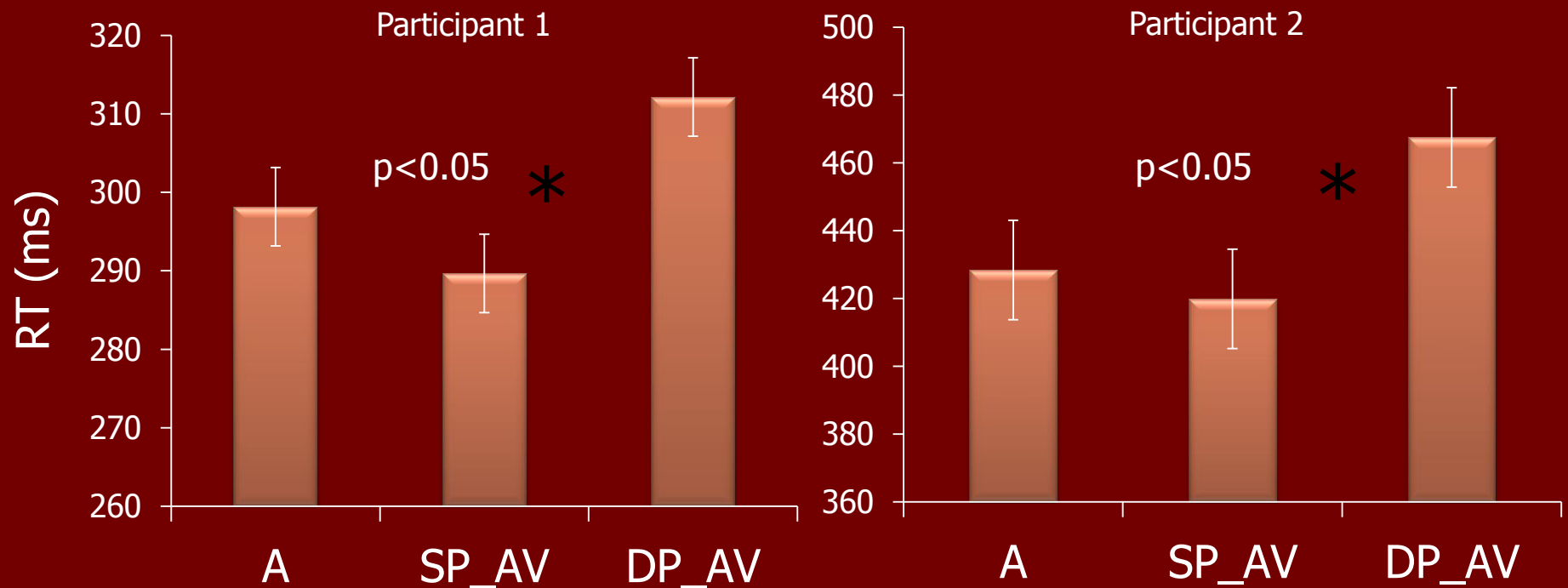
***Pointing task:*** No relation was found between the position of the target and the position aimed.

# Multisensory integration

- Audio-visual paradigm (gray flash of 2 °)
  - 4 positions (x/y) : 8°/20 °; 8°/-20°; 36°/20°; 36°/-20°.
  - Soft white noise presented alone (A), at the same position (SP) or at a different position (DP) of the visual stimulus.
  - Localisation of the sound at 8 ° or 36°.
  - Reaction time was measured.
- Visuo-tactile paradigm



# Audio-visual integration in a localisation task presented in the blind field

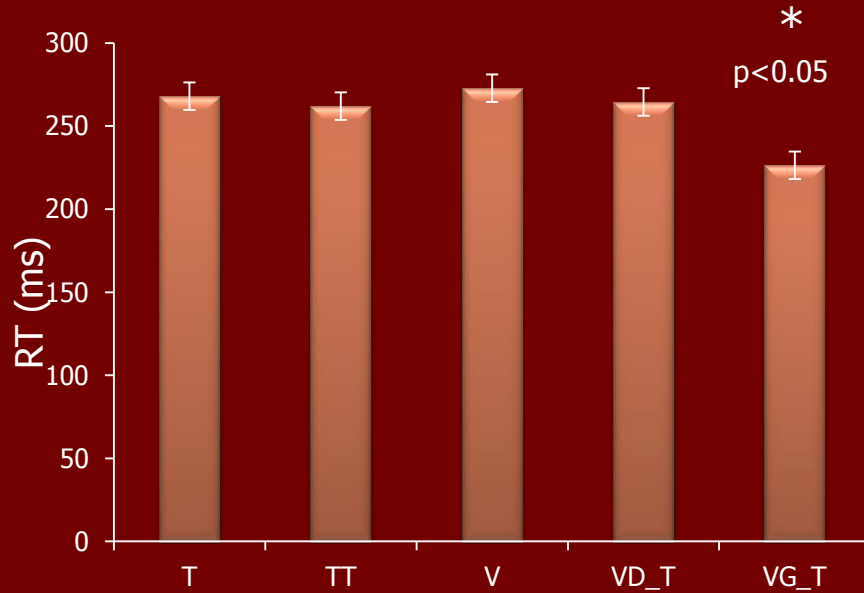


\* *Faster RT in same position (SP\_AV) condition compared to different position (DP\_AV), reflecting in integration with unseen visual stimuli.*

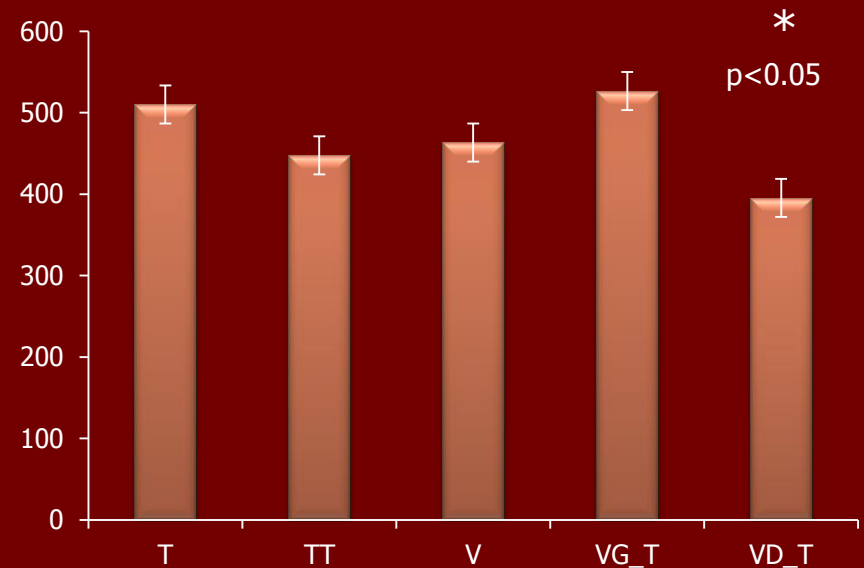



# Impact of the spatial congruence of redundant targets on within-modal and cross-modal integration (tactile and visual)

Participant 1



Participant 2



 *Slower RT for combinations of cross-modal stimuli than for combinations of within stimuli shown only when the visual was presented in the normal field.*

# Magnetic Resonance Imaging

## Hypothesis & Scanning session

- Hypotheses : Hemianopic participants present different pattern of activation when seeing stimulus movement depending on their blindsight performances
- -they could also present different white matter tracks supporting their behavioural performances.
- MRI Scanner Siemens Trio 3T :
  - Anatomical scan
  - Diffusion Tensor Imaging scan
  - BOLD scan :
    - Whole brain
    - 17 slices Thalamic focused scan
  - Resting State scan

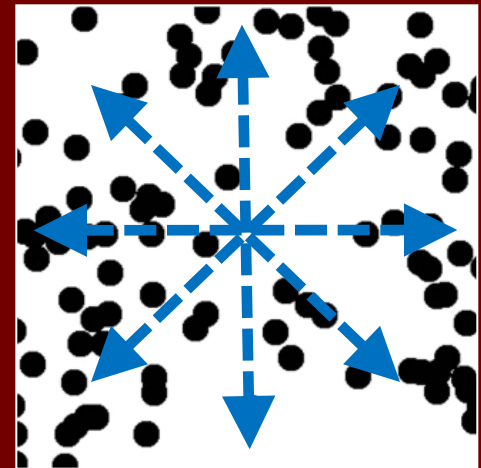
# Statistical approaches

- Whole brain analyses :
  - GLM analyses of the visual mouvement induced activations
- ROI based Superior Colliculus (SC) imaging :
  - Noise-Reduction ROI based analysis (ROI : SC ; Anterior Cerebellum ; V1 ; V5 ; LGN)  
(De Zwart et al. 2008)
  - Custom HRF with max amplitude pick at 4s  
(Wall et al. 2010)
- ROI based DTI :
  - Using the same ROI : creation of tracks linking vision and movement perception for cortical sub-cortical areas (Leh et al. 2006)

# Preliminary results

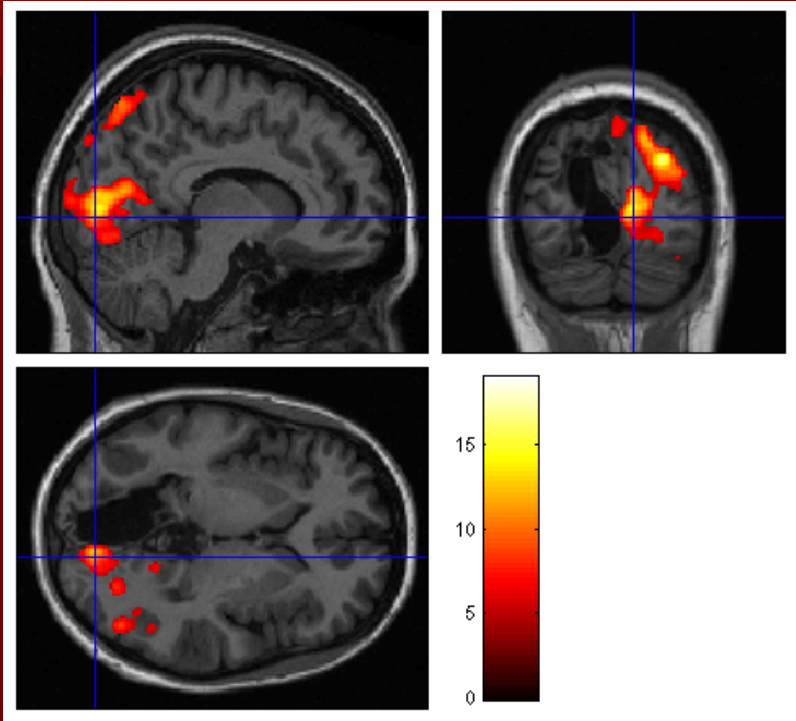
## In-scan performances

- Stimuli : Presentation of moving dots patches in the left or the right visual hemifield
- Task : Report any feeling or sensation of presence of the stimulus in the blind field
- Results : Detection in the blind hemifield 89,23 % ( $P < 0,05$ )
- Control : MR-Video Eye-tracker, the excentricity has been tested in order to avoid any stimulation that could occur in both hemifields.

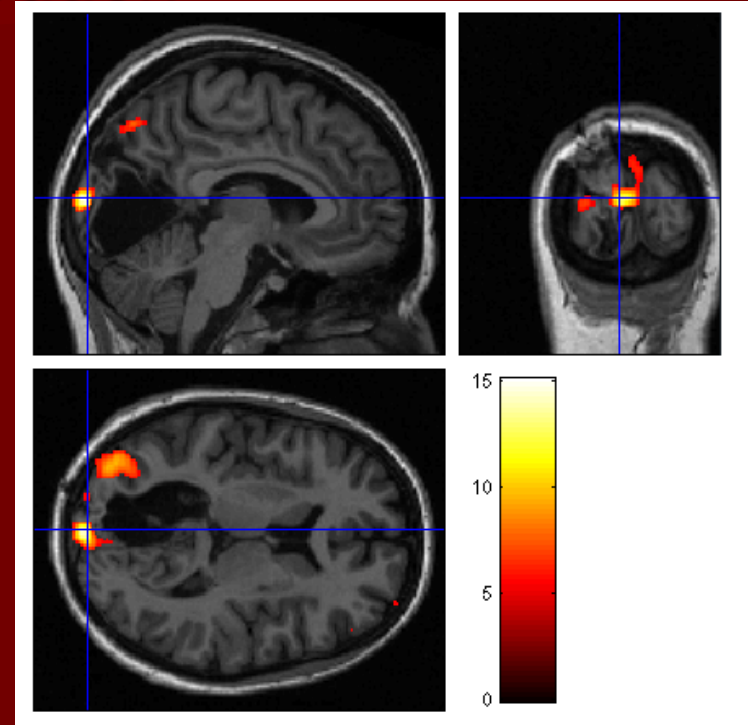


# Preliminary results

## WB BOLD activation



Left cortical activations (stimuli presented in the right hemifield)  
( $p < 0,05(\text{FWE})$ )



Right cortical activations (stimuli presented in the left hemifield)  
( $p < 0,05(\text{FWE})$ )

Participant 1

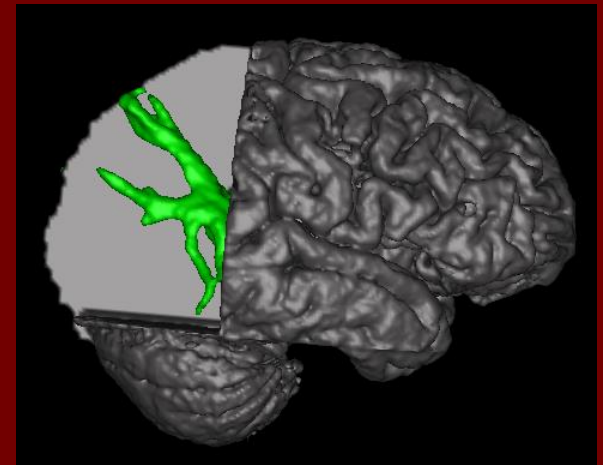
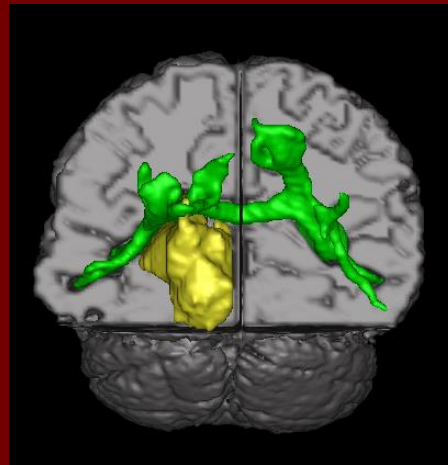
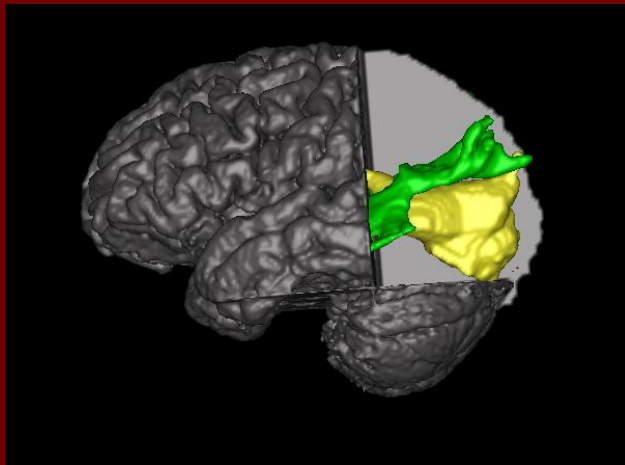
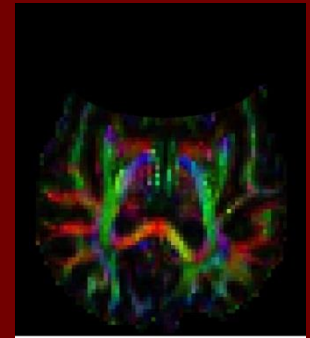


*There are contra-lateral BOLD activations during visual presentation in the blind hemifield*

# Preliminary Results

## Diffusion Tensor Imaging

Plotted regions : Striate Cortex (V1) ; Extra-Striate Cortex (V5) ; Sub-Cortical areas (Pulvinar ; Superior Colliculus ; Lateral Geniculate Nucleus) Other Regions (Cerebellum; Corpus Callosum)



Corpus Callosum posterior tracts (green) and surgery caused lesion (yellow) (participant 1)

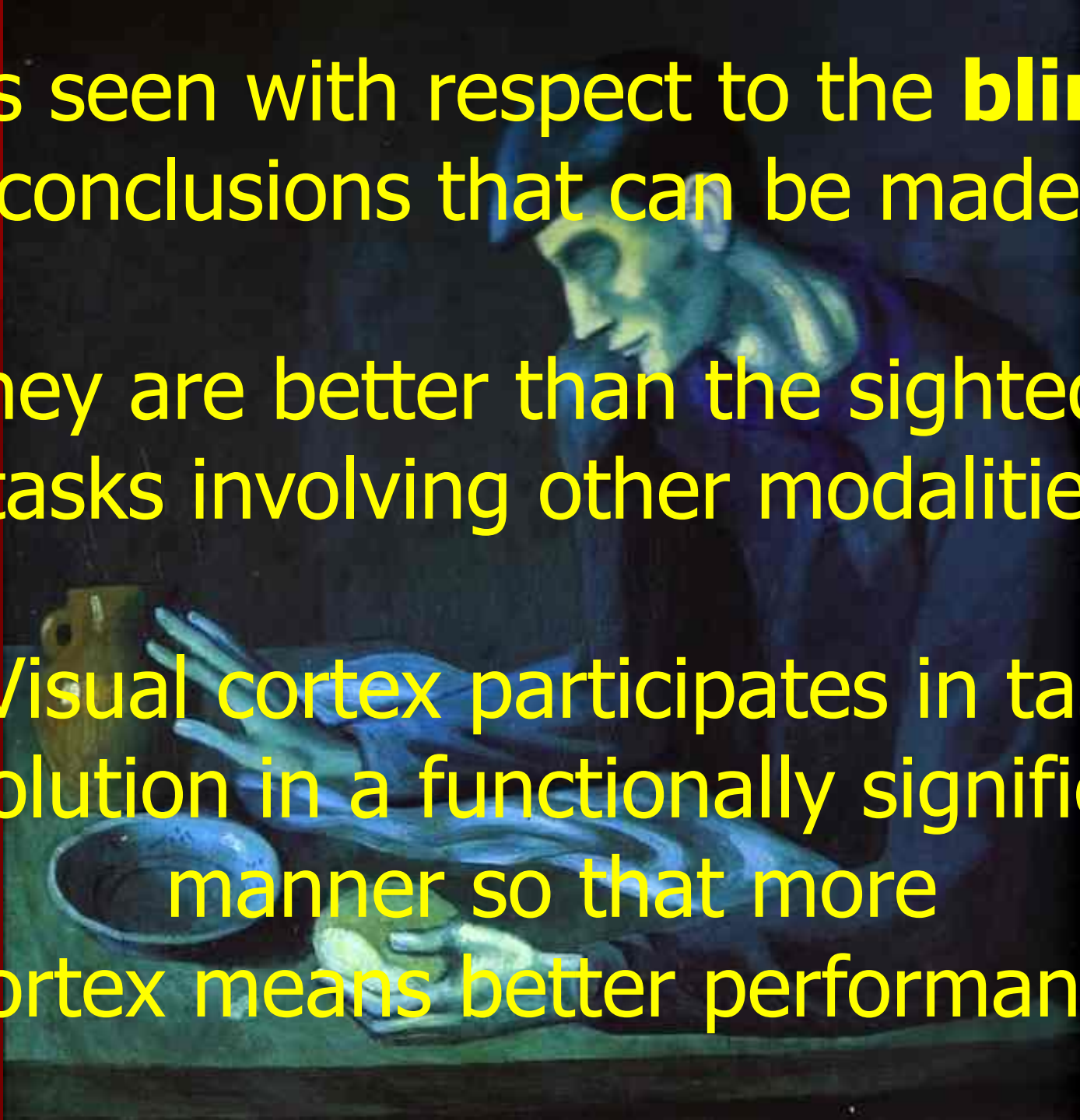


*The lesion induces a structural asymmetry  
between left and right tracks*



As seen with respect to the **blind**  
the conclusions that can be made are:

- They are better than the sighted in tasks involving other modalities
- Visual cortex participates in task resolution in a functionally significant manner so that more cortex means better performance



# Next step...

*Test 10 other hemianopic participants (cortical stroke and delimited surgical lesion groups).*

- Begin the audio-visual and the moving dots training.

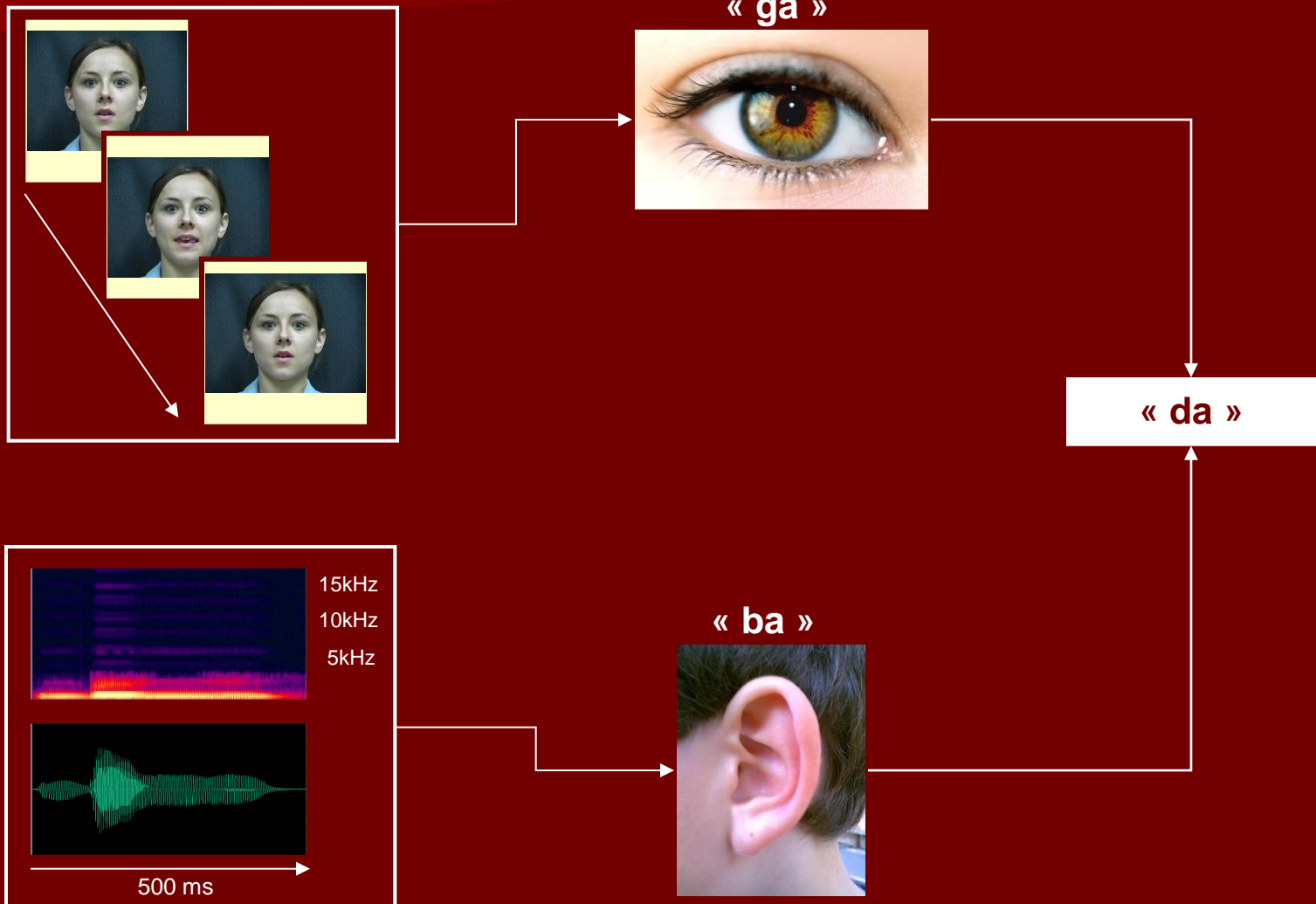
*Training of 2 hours /day for 10 consecutive days.*

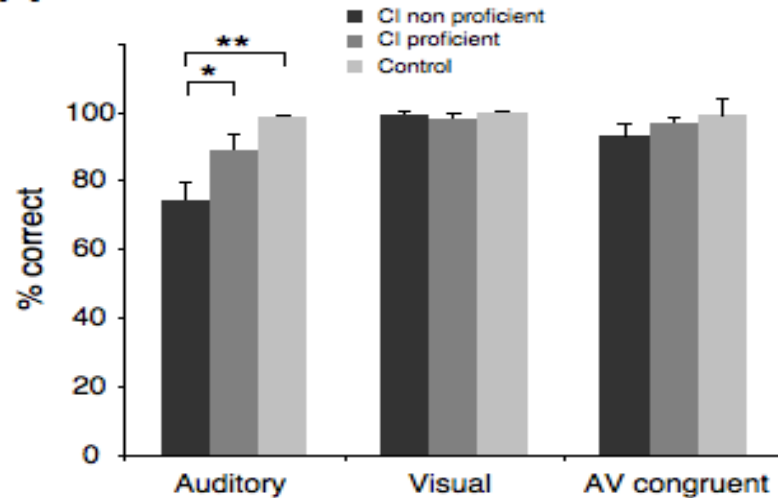
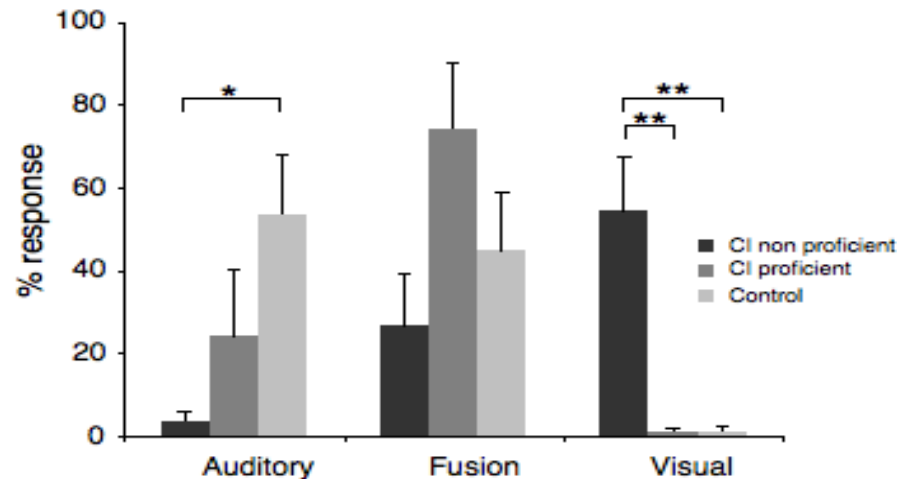
- Audio-visual training :
  - Visual stimulation presented with a white noise to improve the oculomotor search.
- Moving dots training :
  - Forced choice paradigm of the discrimination of the direction of moving dots (same paradigm seen before).
- **Compare** the results obtained in the behaviour and fMRI tasks **before and after training**, while also comparing the **lesion** of each participant.
- Develop a readaptive technique to restore partially the vision in the blind field.

**But what about specialized function, which in humans are generally treated in specialized areas or structures? Are they also transferred to these structures?**

- The spatial navigation and the Hippocampus (involved in route learning i.e., the London taxi drivers**
- Human vocalizations, that are generally treated in structures within the superior temporal sulcus (STS)**

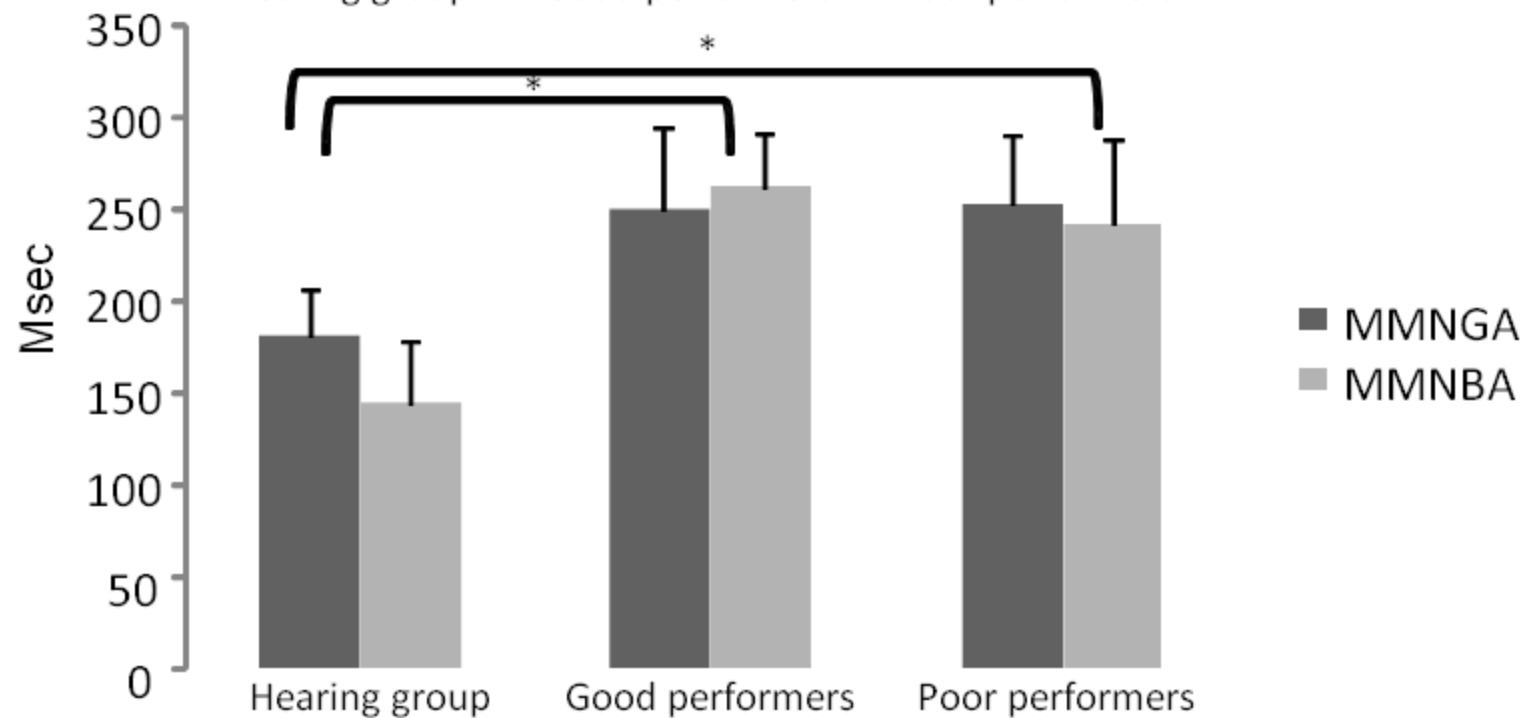
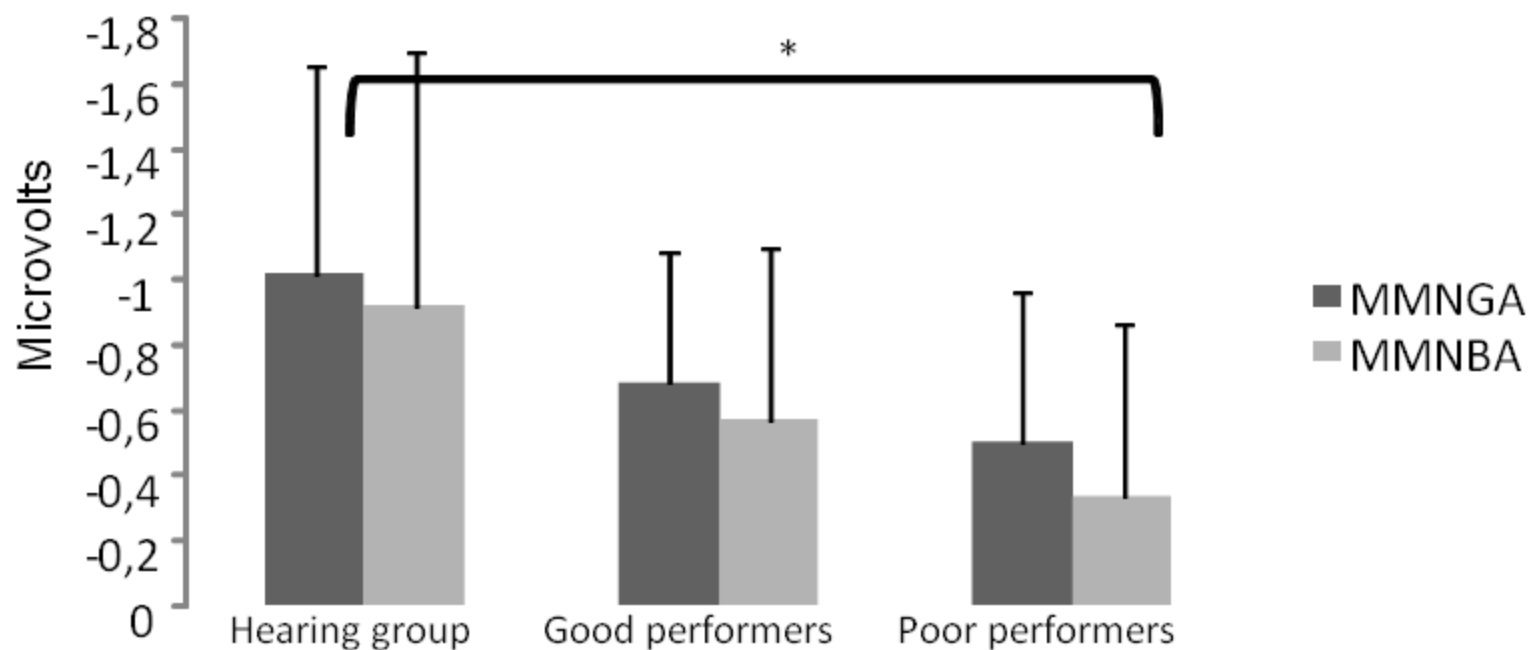
# Visual-Auditory interactions: The McGurk effect



**A****B**

Performance in McGurk audio-visual trials for normal, pCI and npCI groups

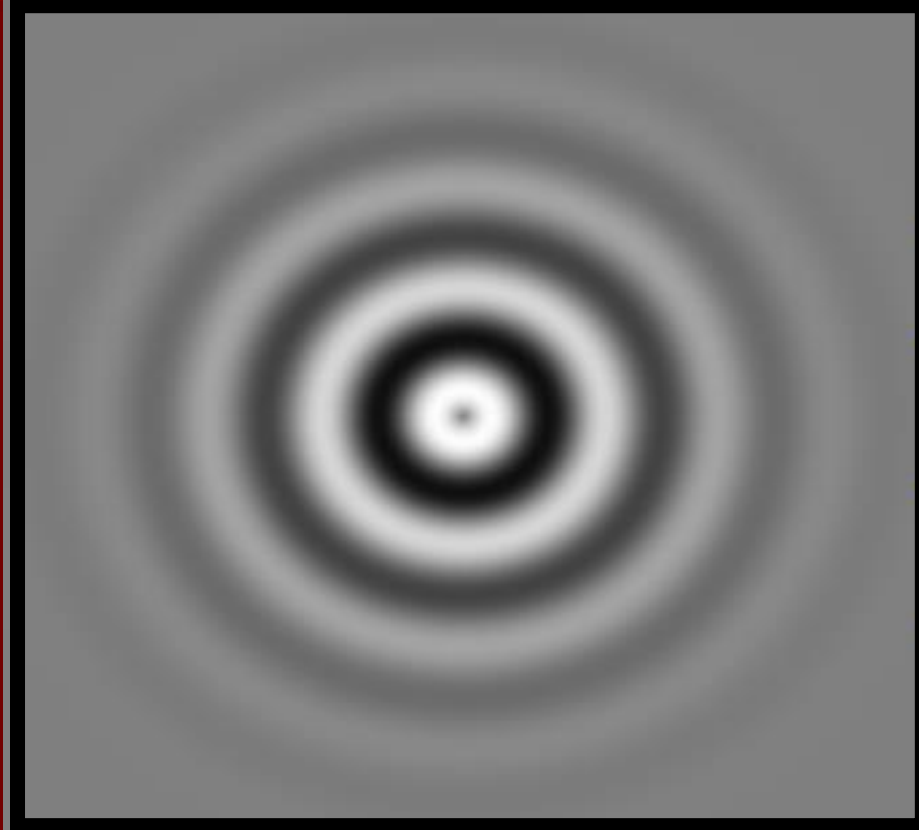
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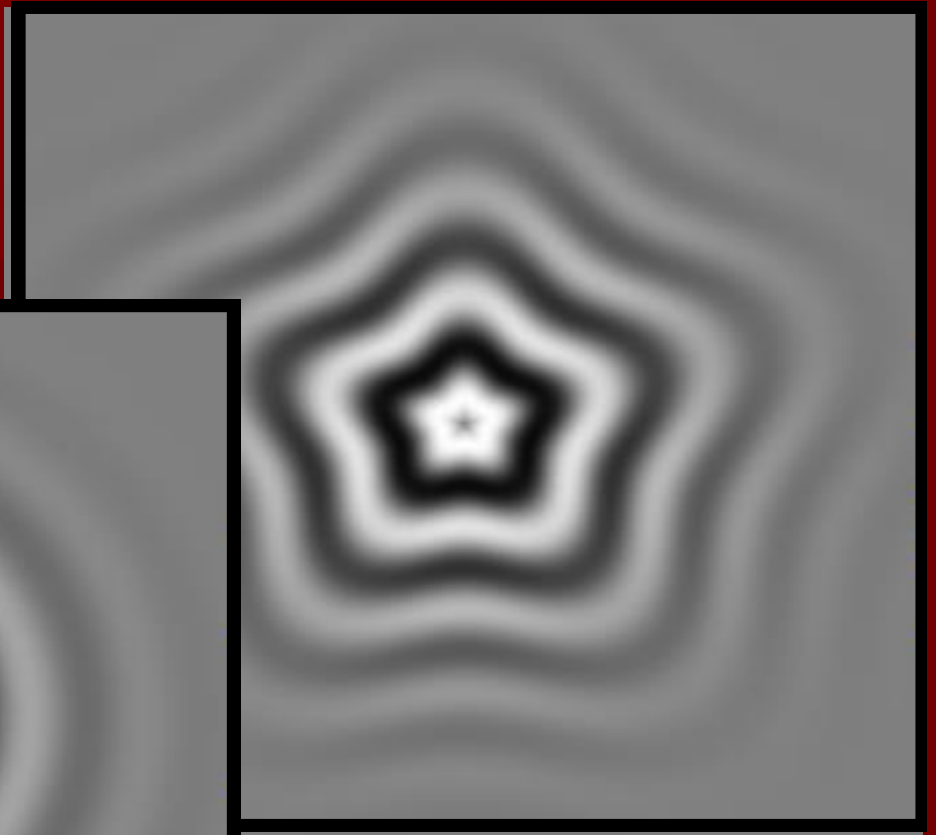


# Stimuli: Transformational Concentric Pattern (TCP)

10 deg. of visual angle



500 ms



500 ms

**Doucet, Lassonde, Lepore et al, Brain, 2006**

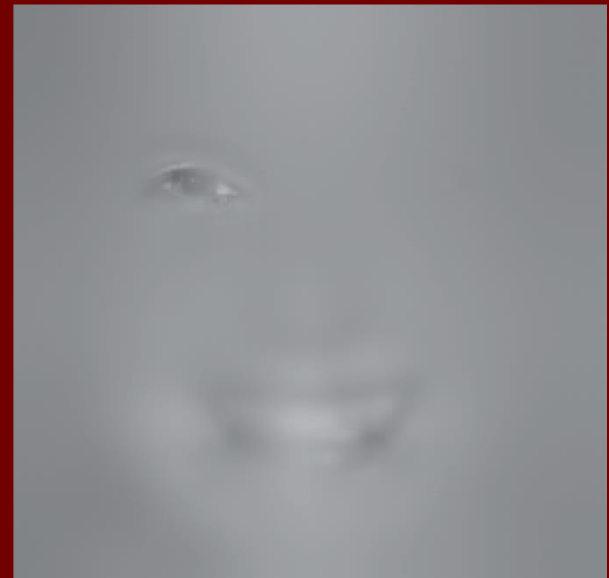
Control

Deaf

Fearful

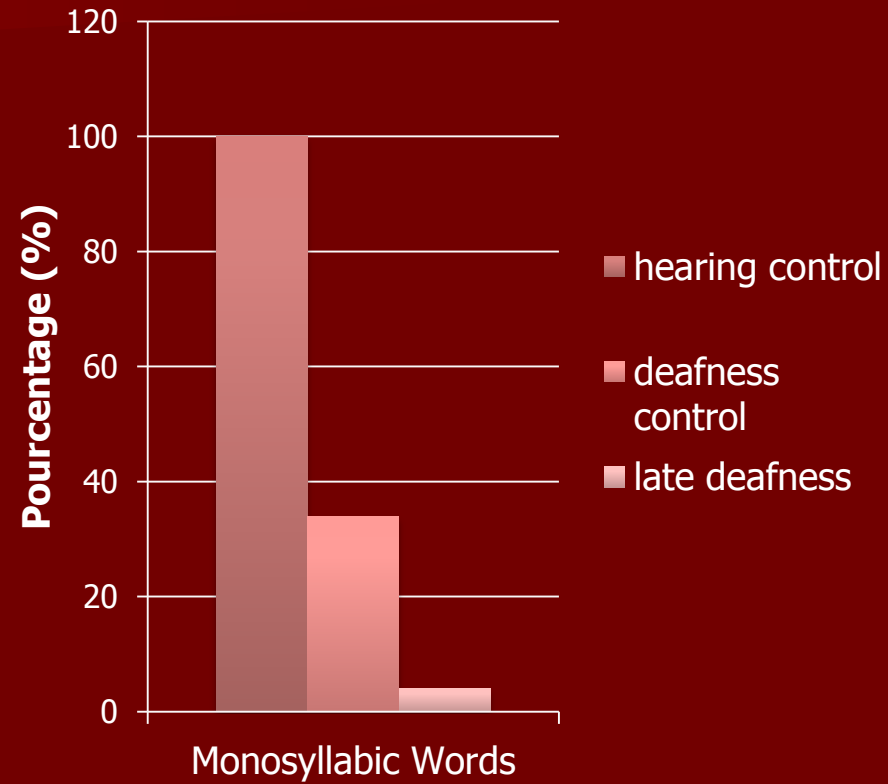
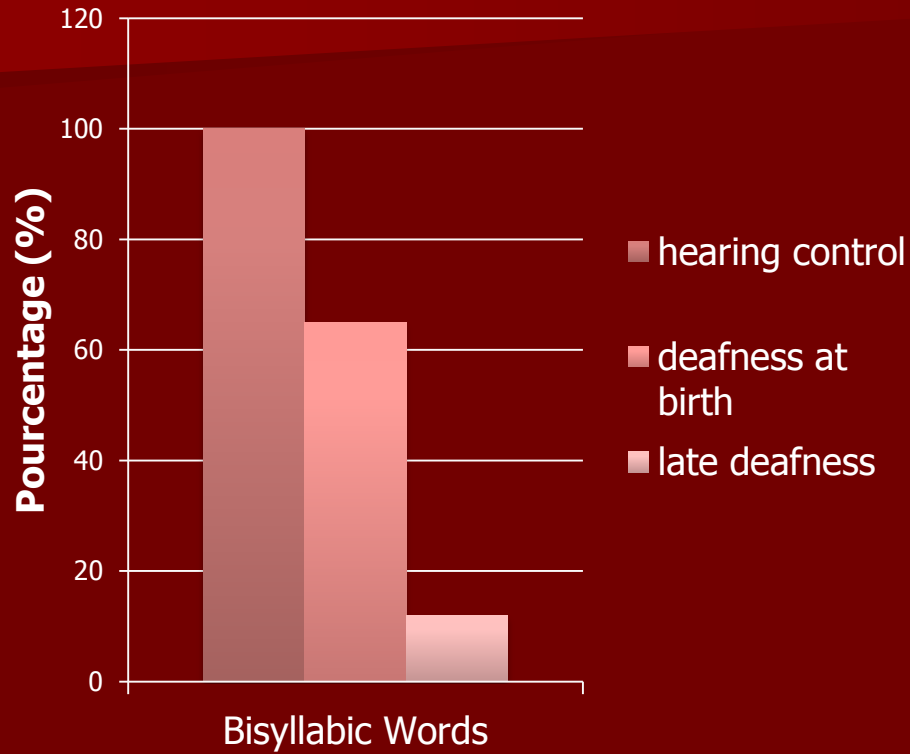


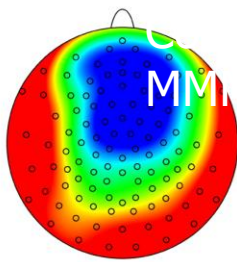
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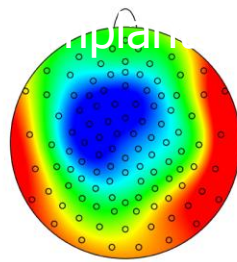
Doucet, Gosselin, Lepore, et al ECVF 2008

# Speech discrimination in silence

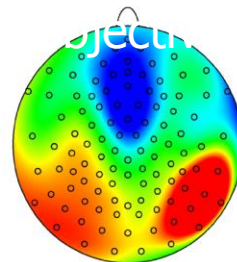




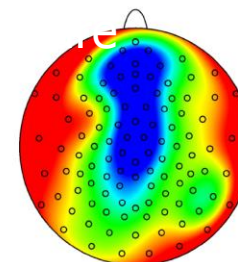
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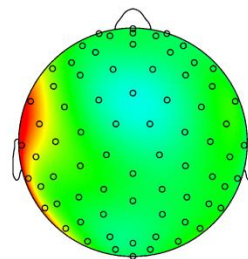
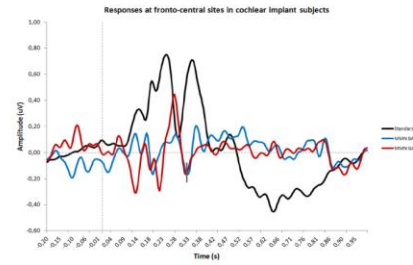
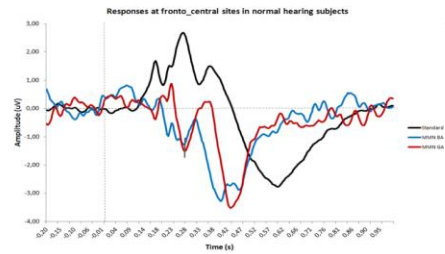
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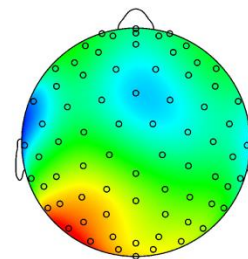


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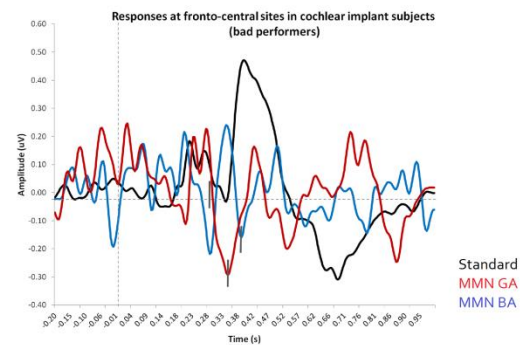


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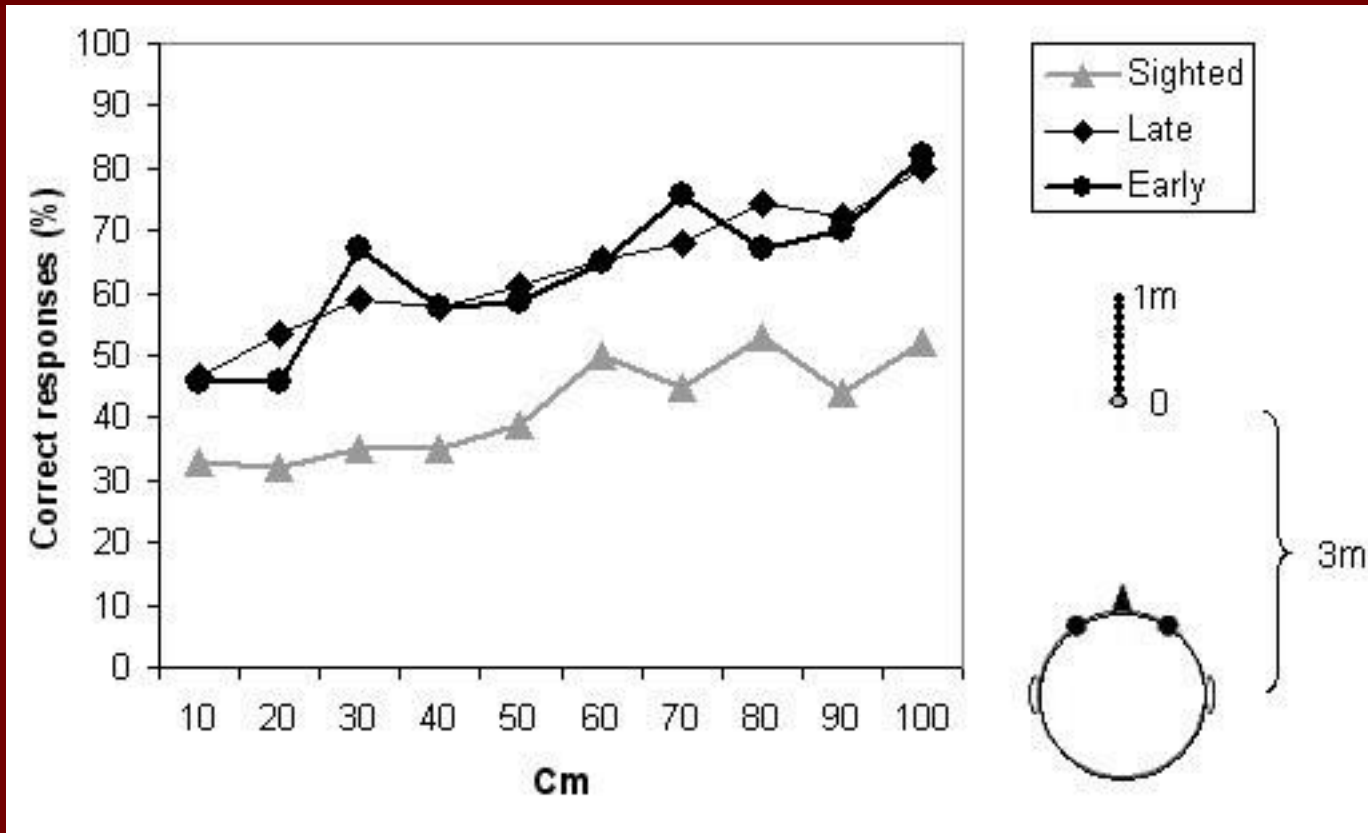
Bad performers



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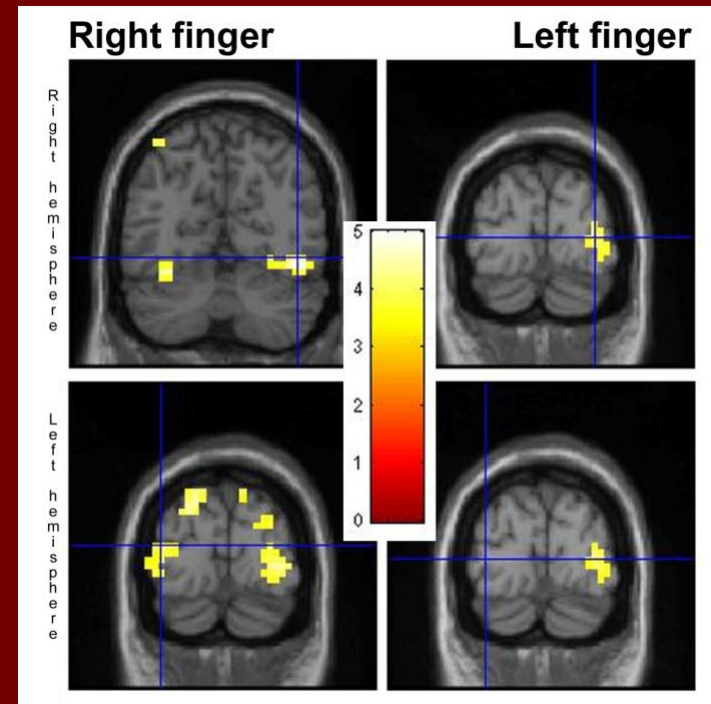
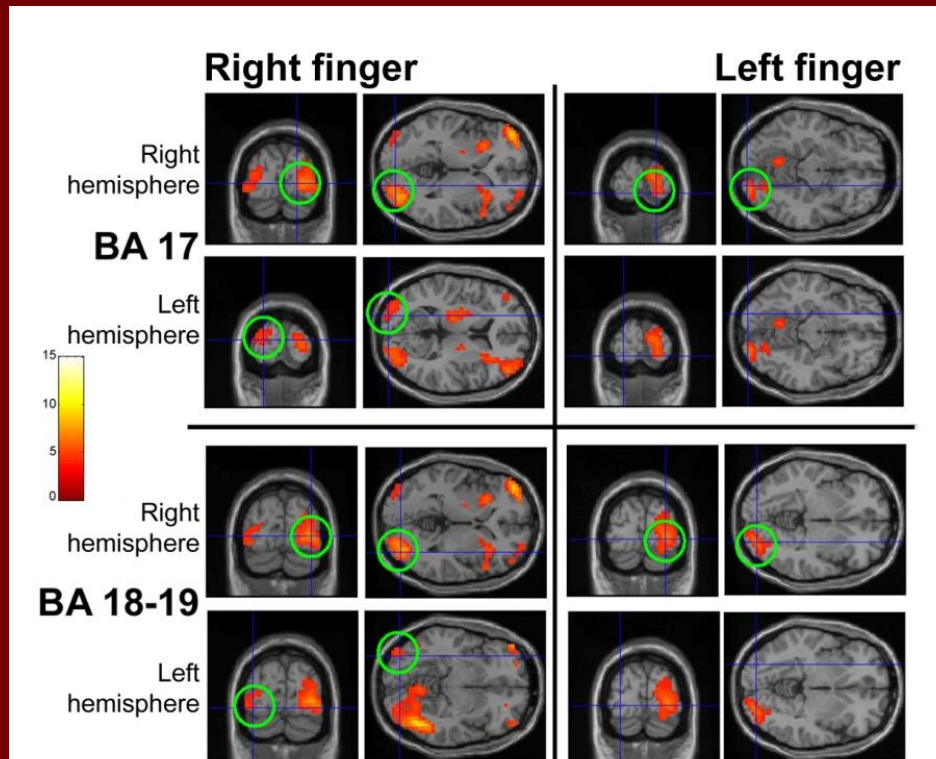
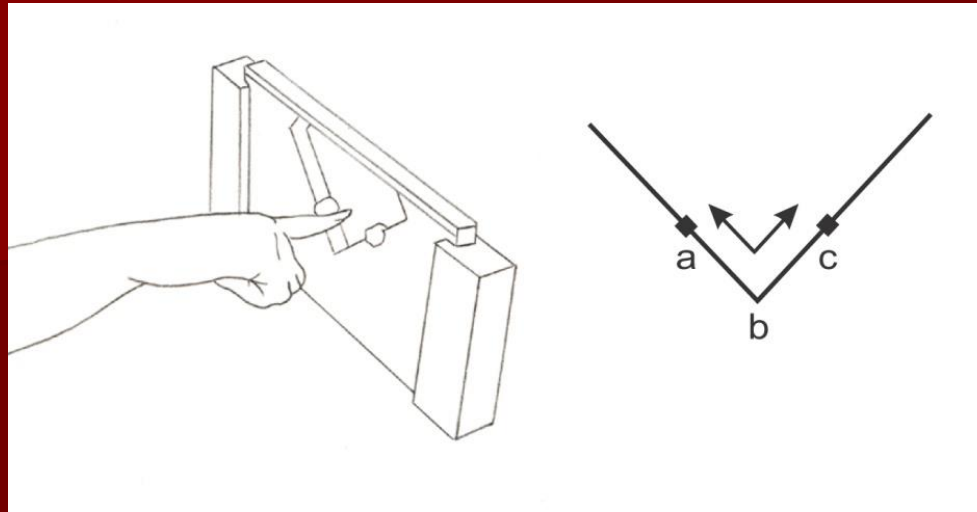


# Sound discrimination in far space



Voss, Lassonde, Gougoux, Fortin, Guillemot, Lepore (2004) Current Biology

# Tactile : angle discrimination in the blind

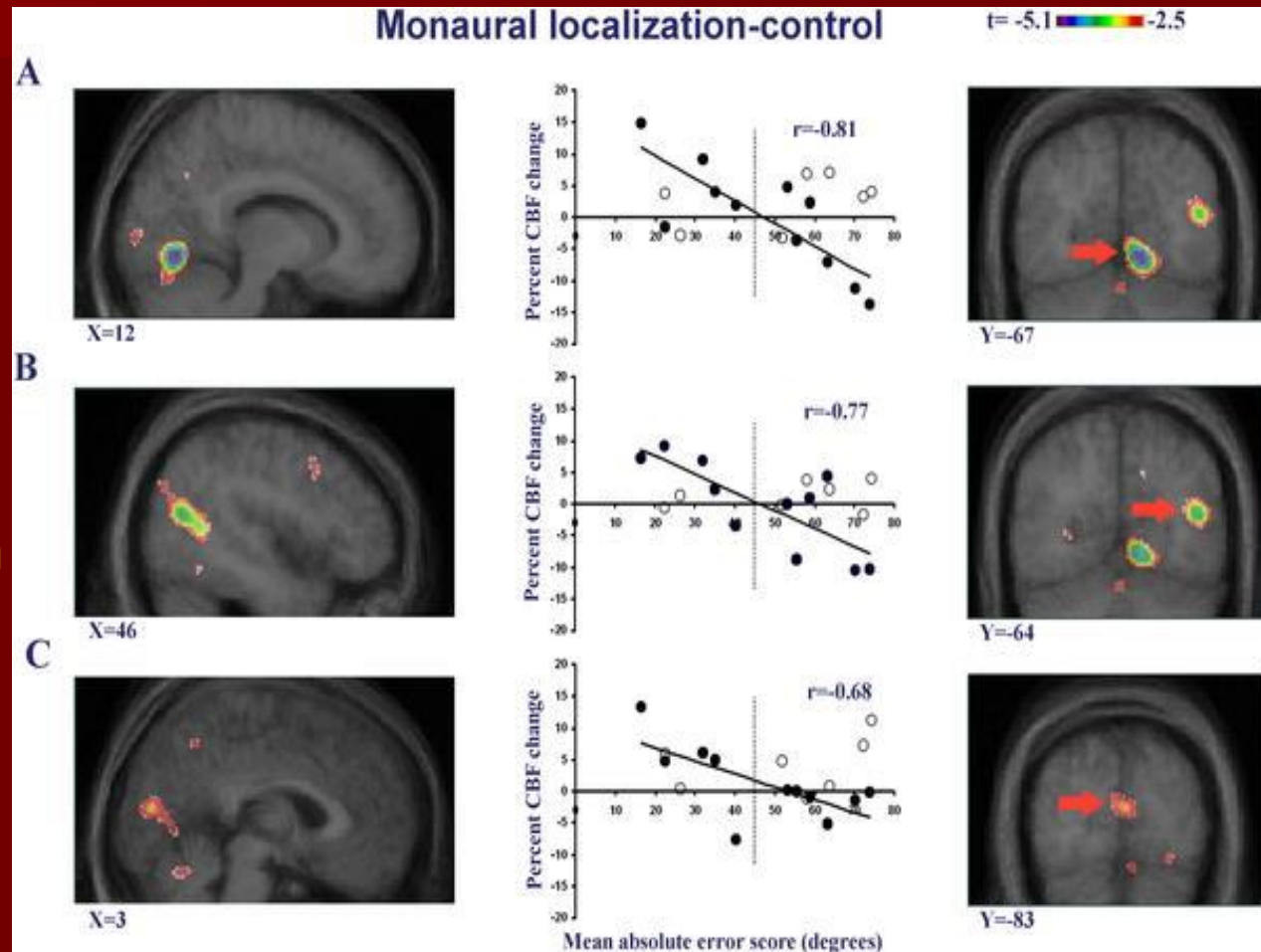




# Monaural localization and PET

**A strong activation was observed in different regions of visual cortex in the blind individuals**

**But more importantly, there was a correlation between degree of activation and localization performance**



Gougoux, Zatorre, Lassonde, Voss, Lepore,  
(2005) PLoS Biology

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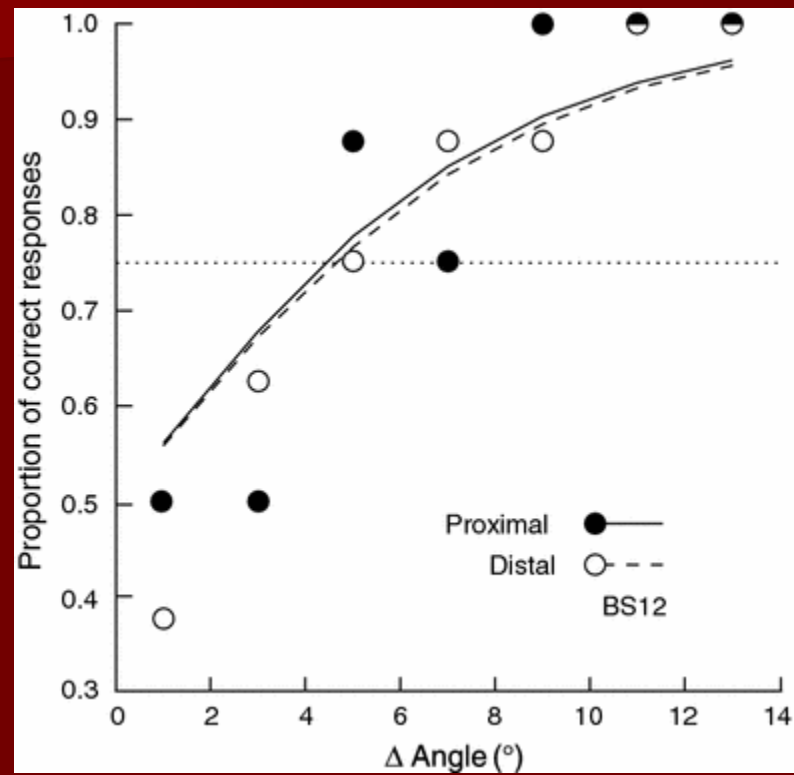
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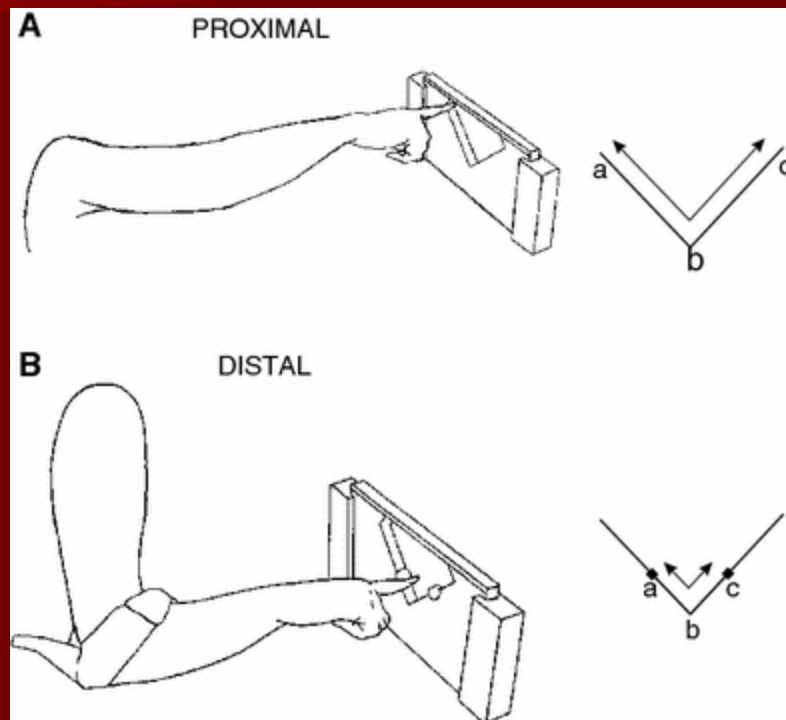
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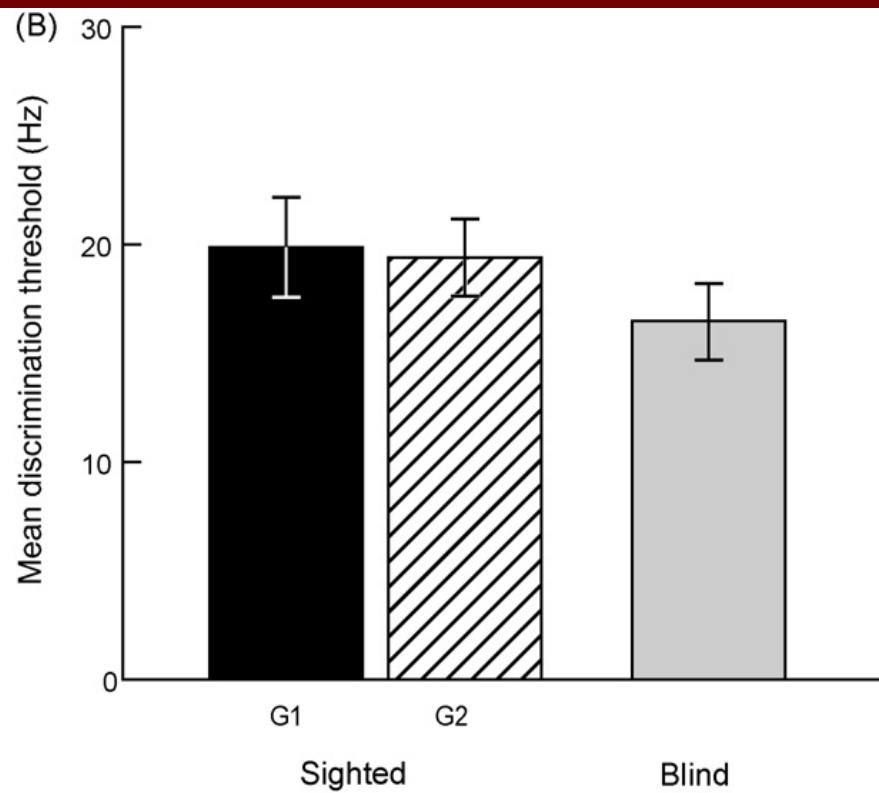
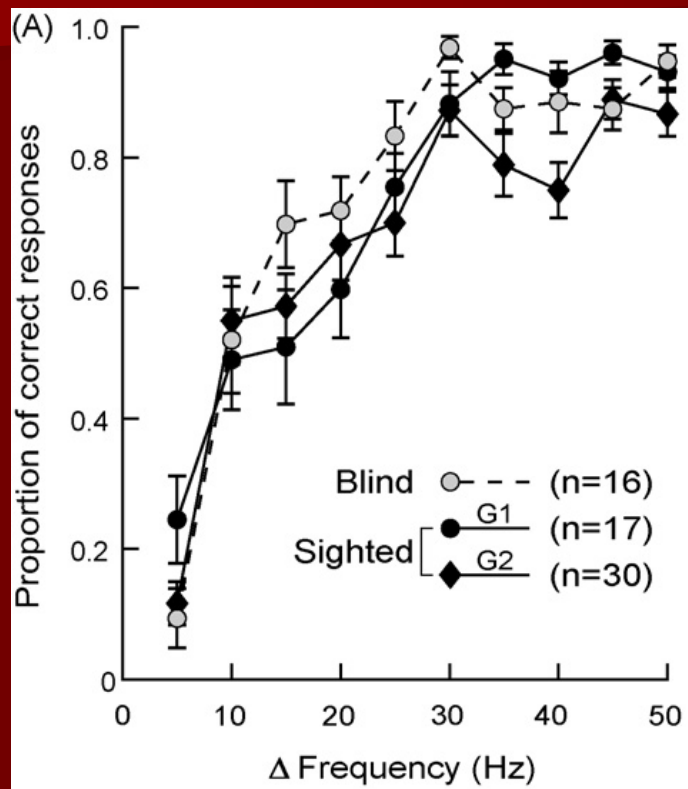
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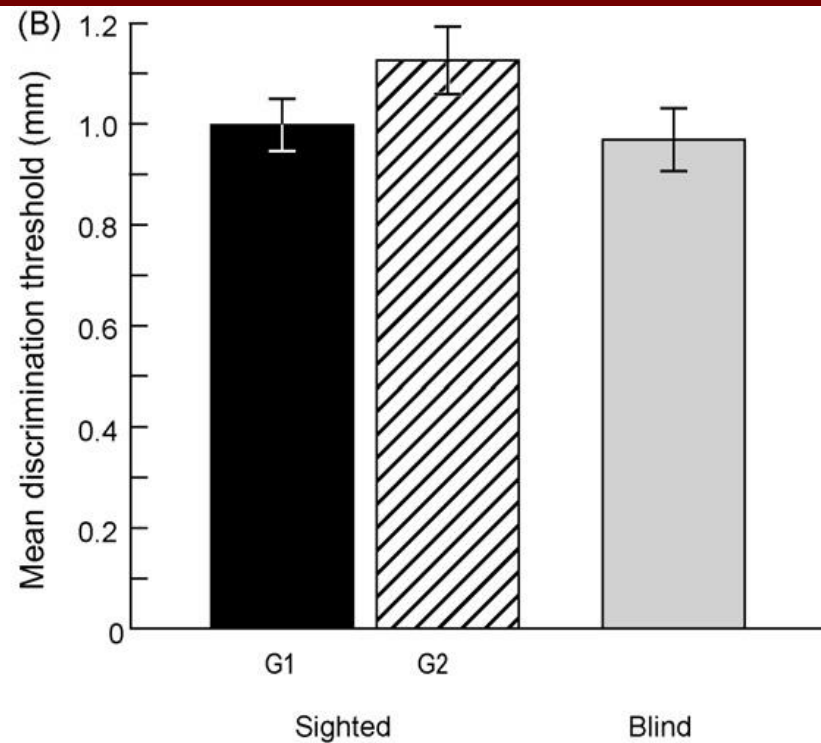
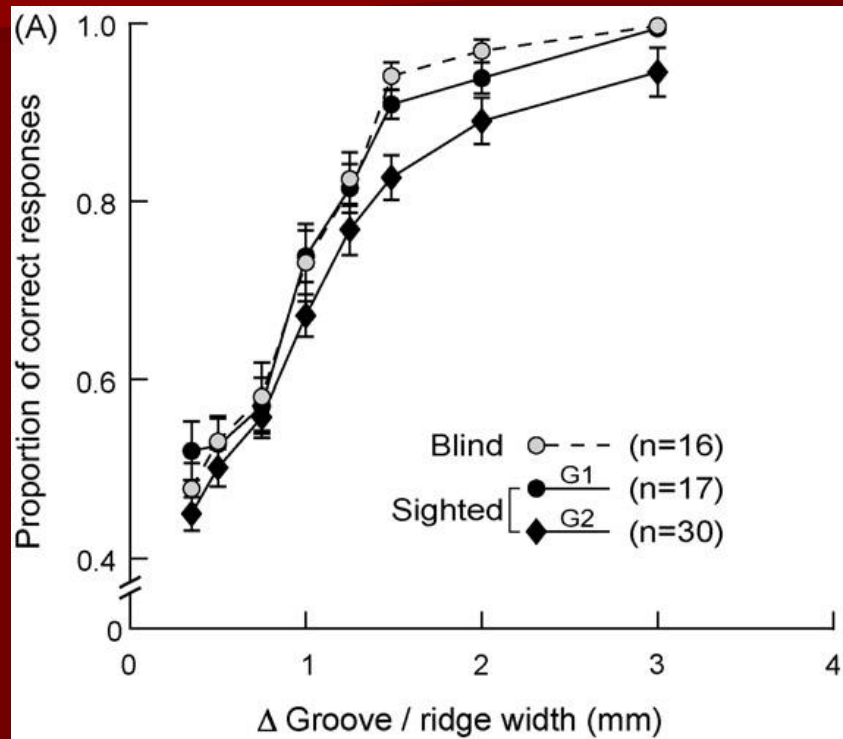
■ Identification

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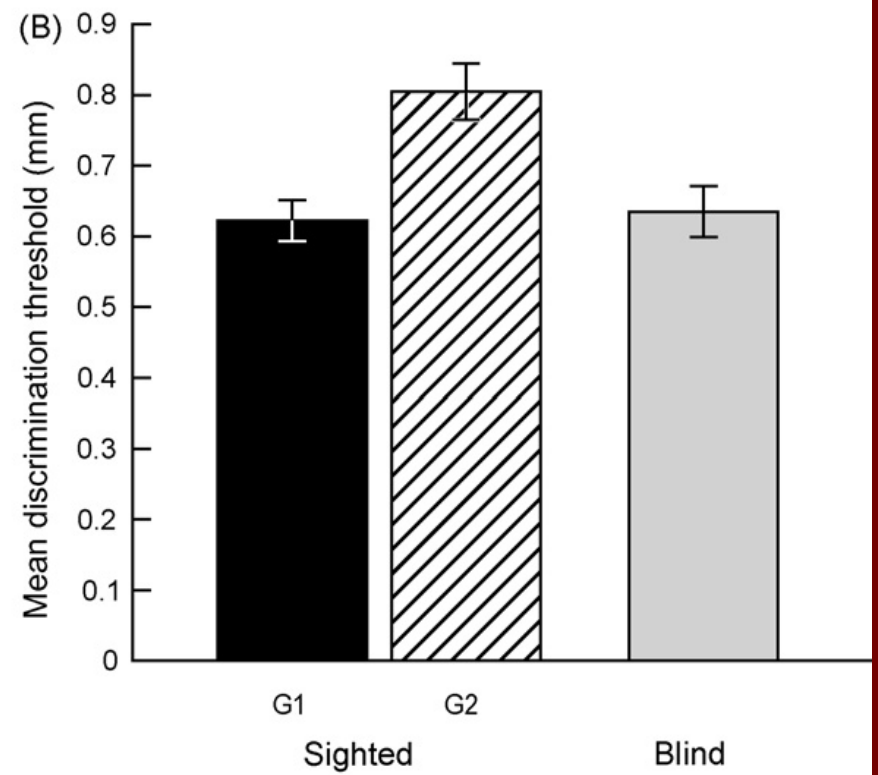
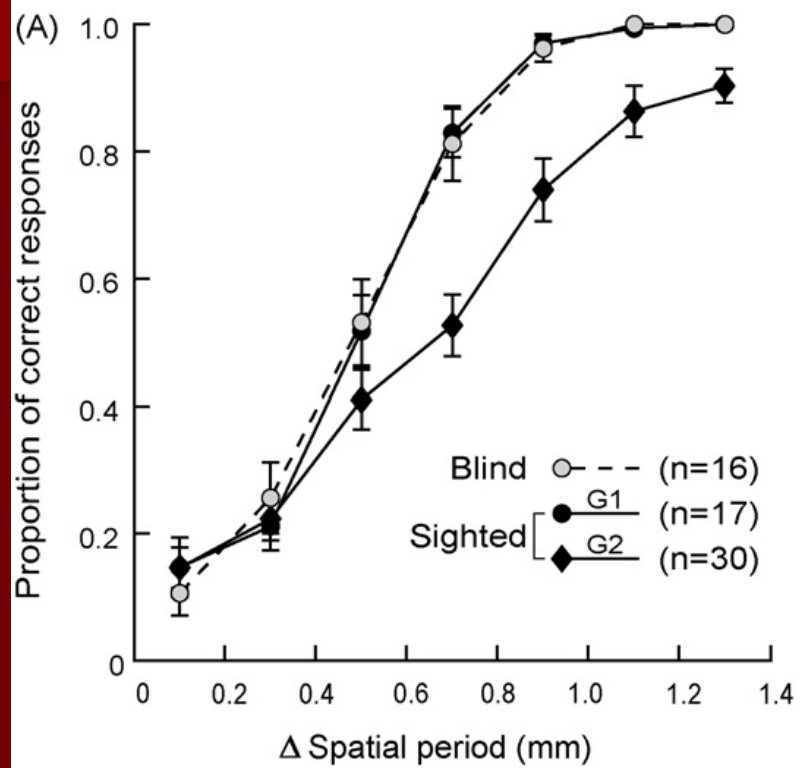




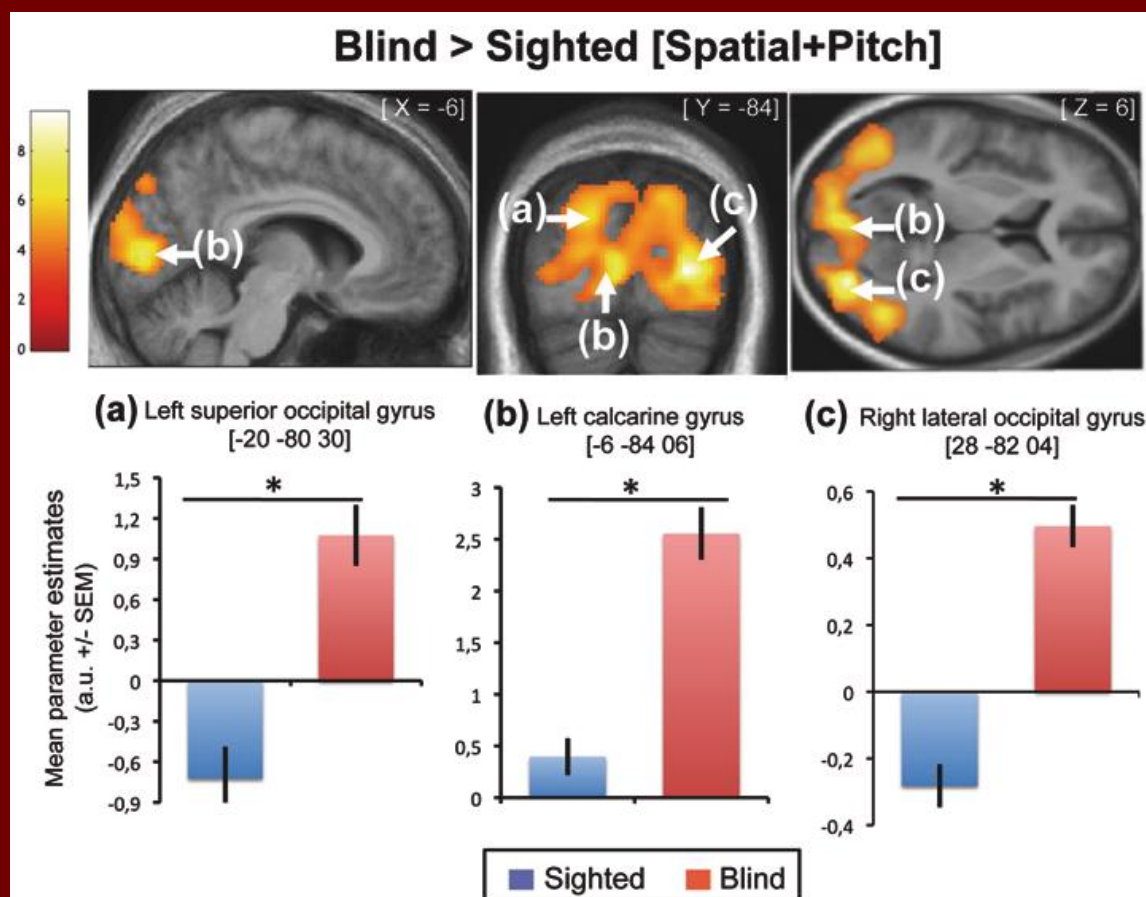
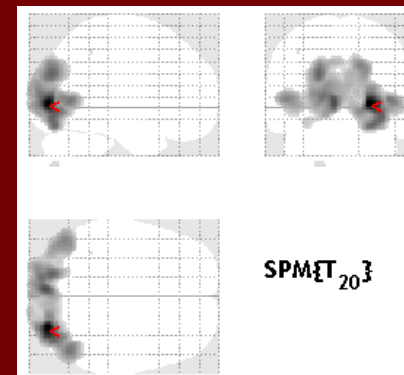




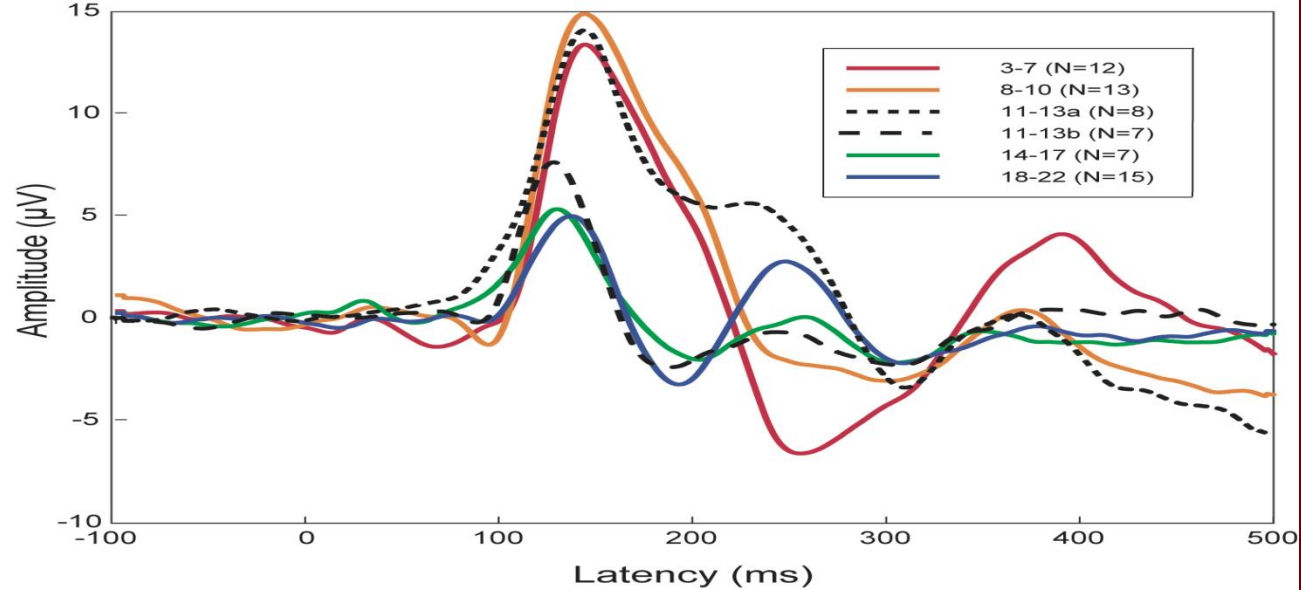




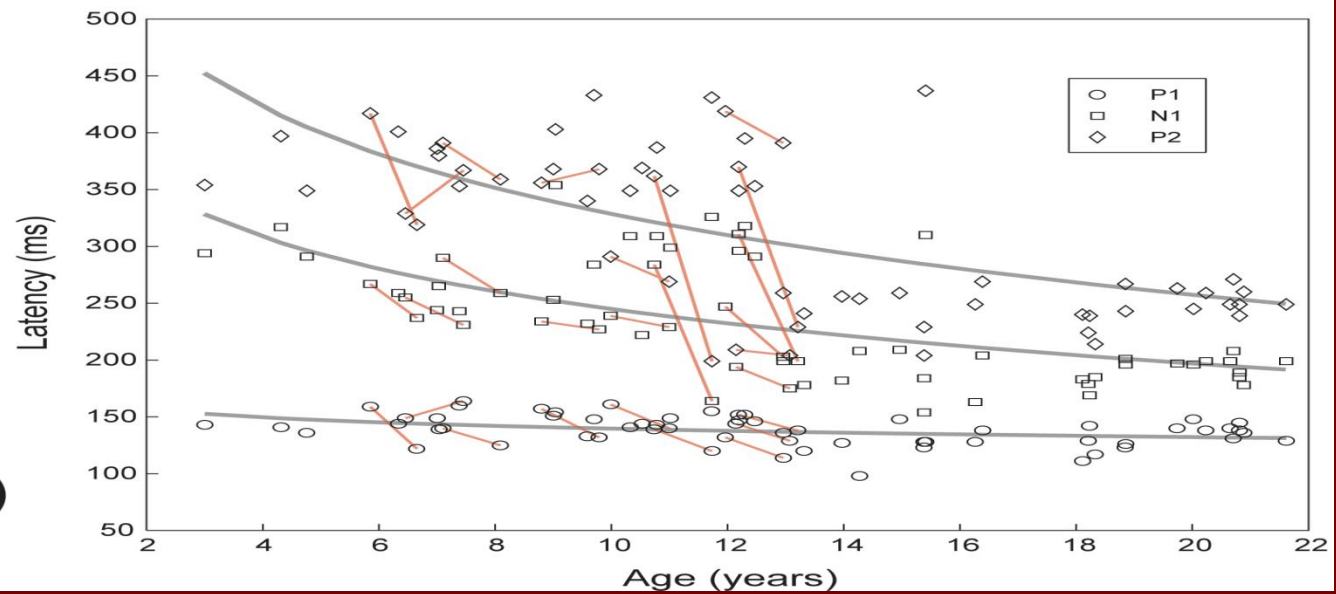
Glass brain



(a)



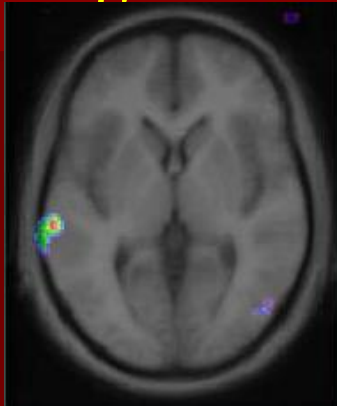
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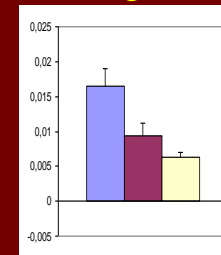
# Vocal versus non-vocal

## Inter-group contrasts

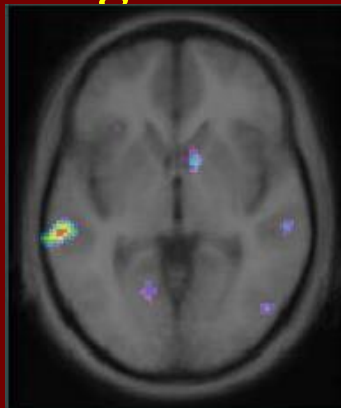
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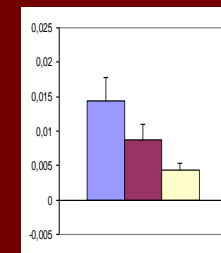
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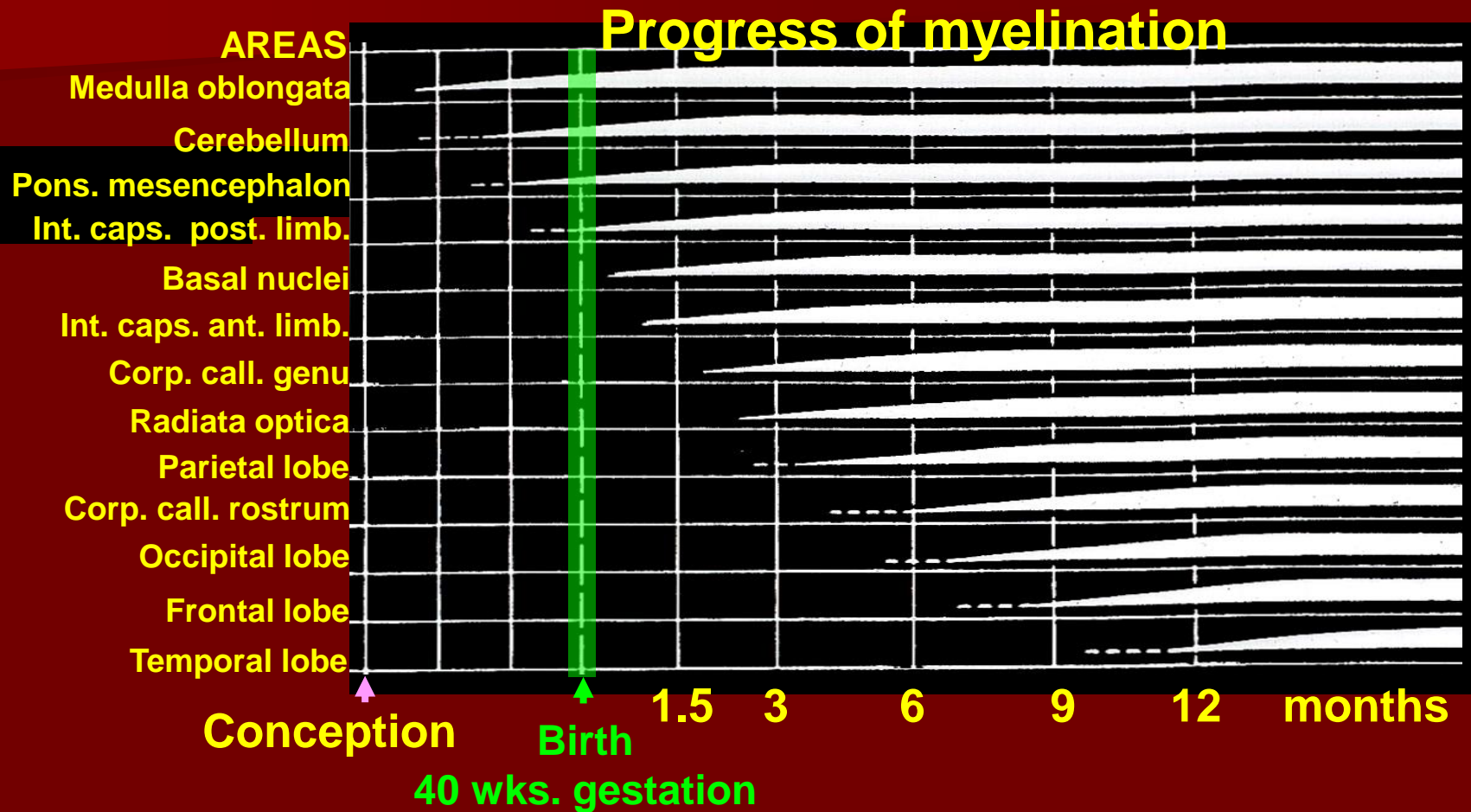


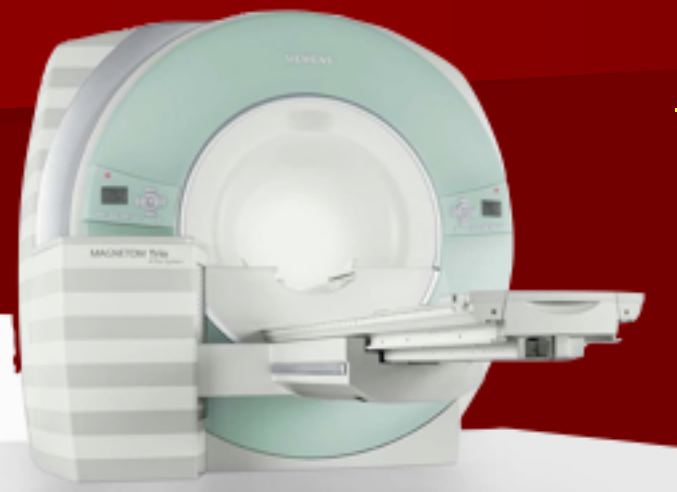
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Gougoux, Lassonde, Zatorre, Voss, Belin, Lepore (Neuropsychologia, 2009)

# Myelinisation

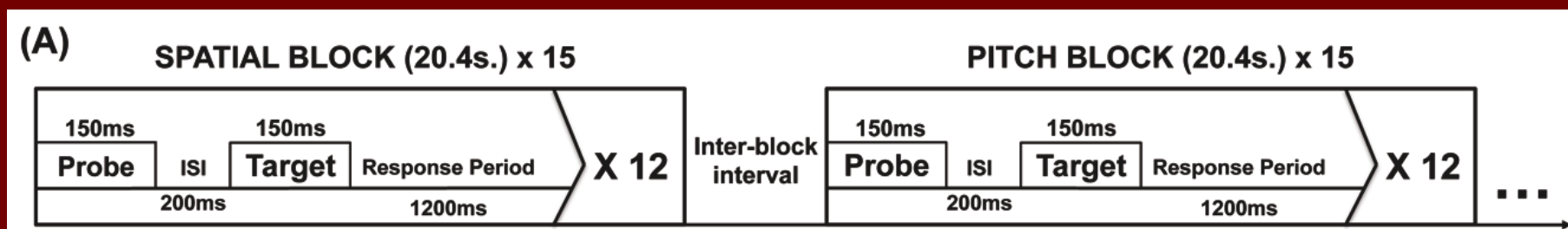


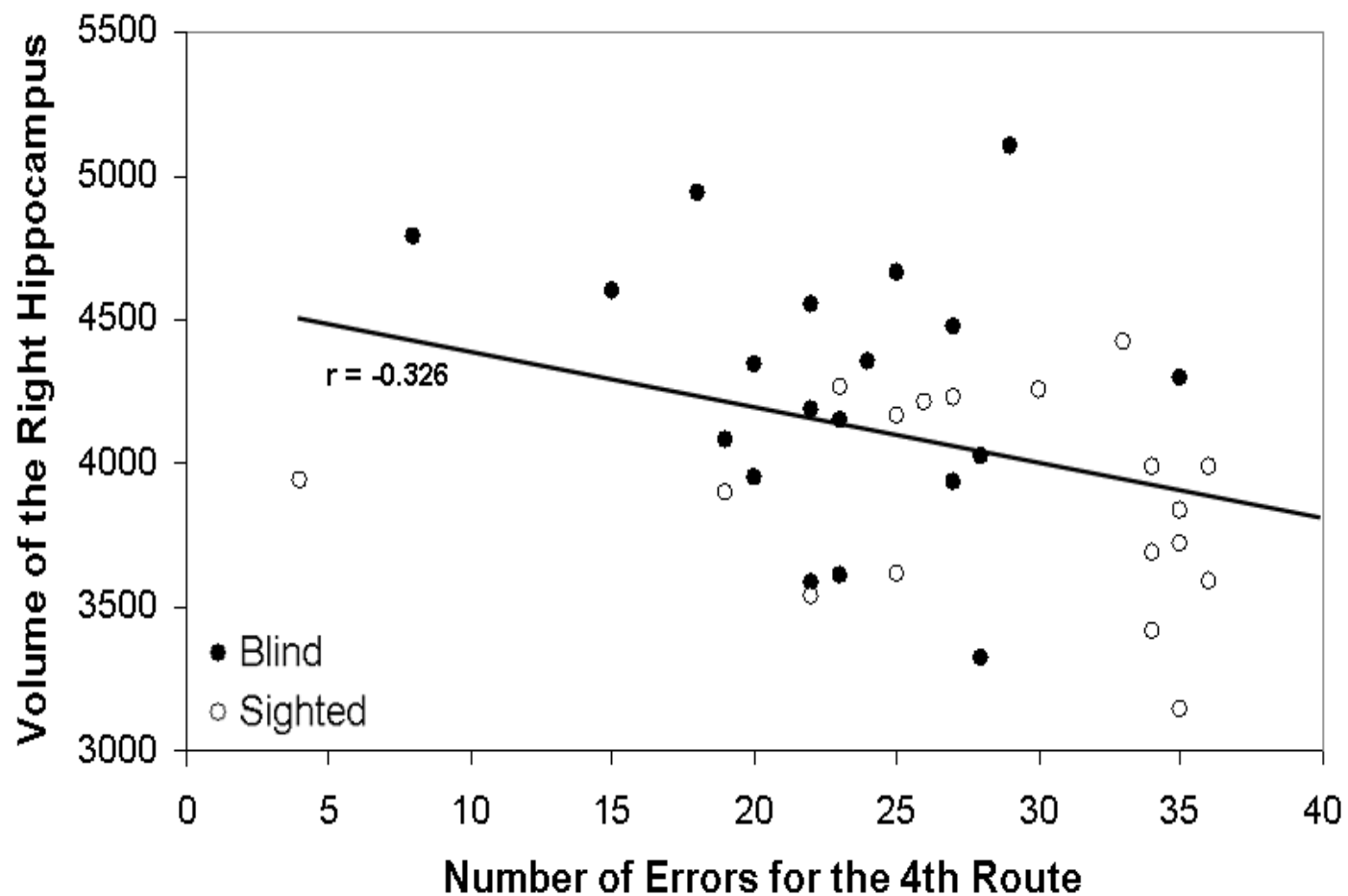


## Sample :

- 11 congenitally blind participants
- 11 matched blindfolded sighted controls

## functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (fMRI) [3T Trio-TIM (Siemens)]

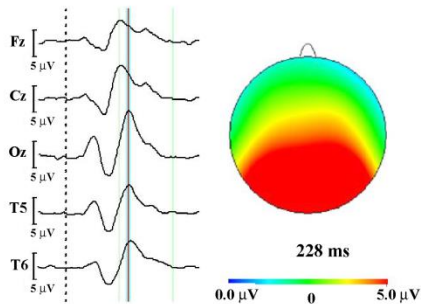




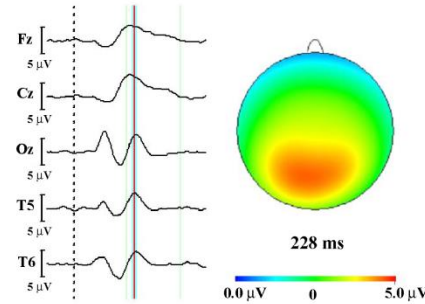
Fortin, Voss, Lassonde, Belin, Zatorre, Lepore, 2008, Brain



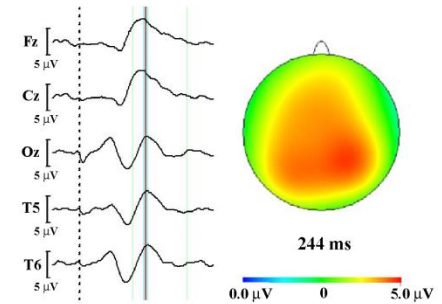
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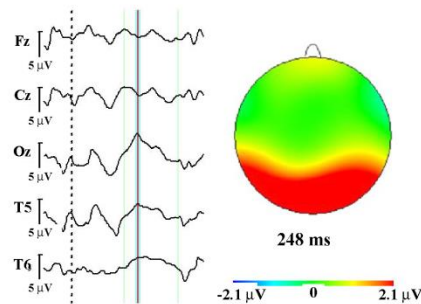
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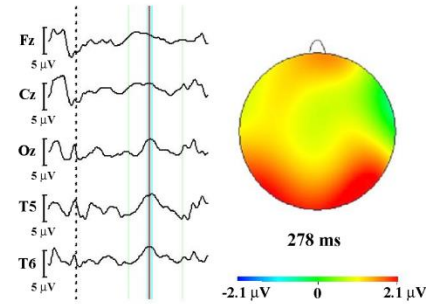
### Poor performers



### Good performers - controls



### Poor performers - controls

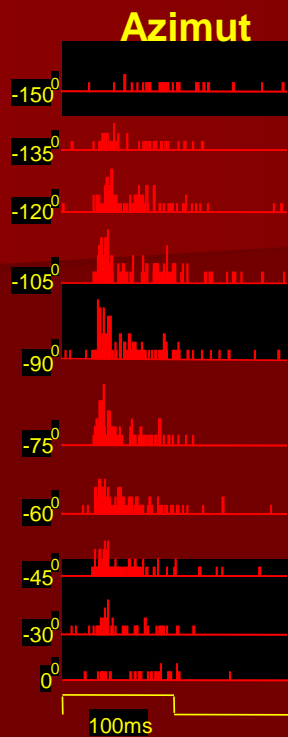


**Visual evoked potentials to the presentation of the transformational apparent motion stimulus for good performing and badly performing subjects**

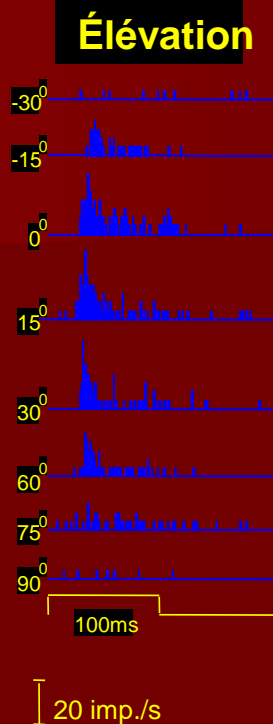
**Doucet, Lassonde, Lepore et al, Brain, 2006**



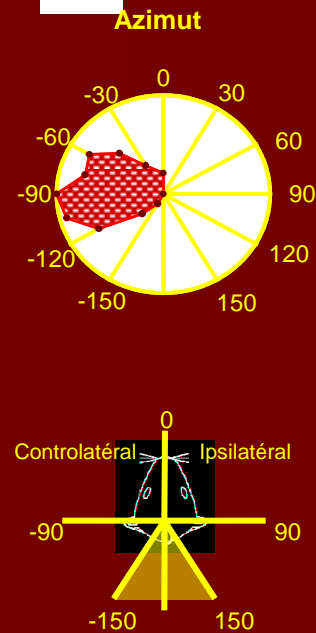
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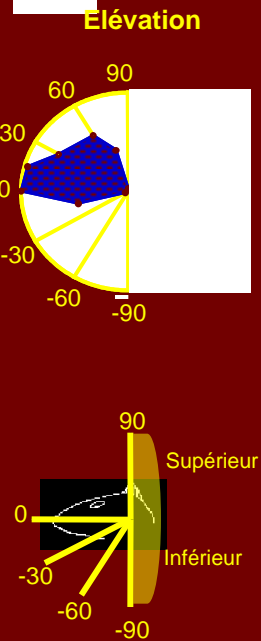
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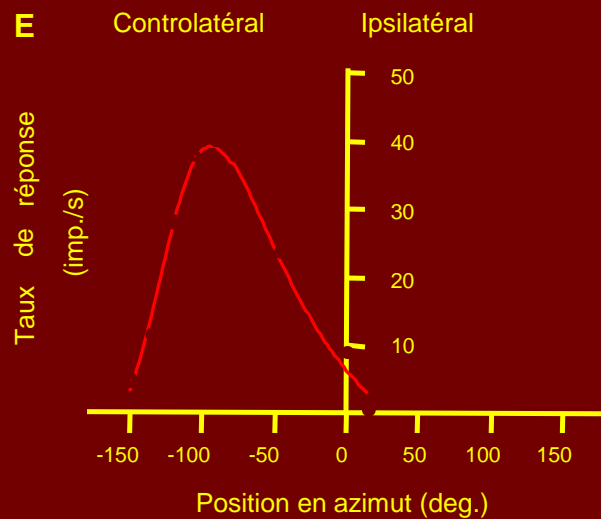
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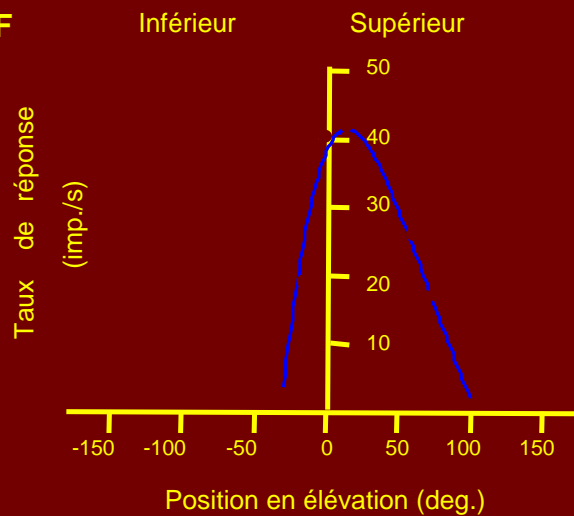
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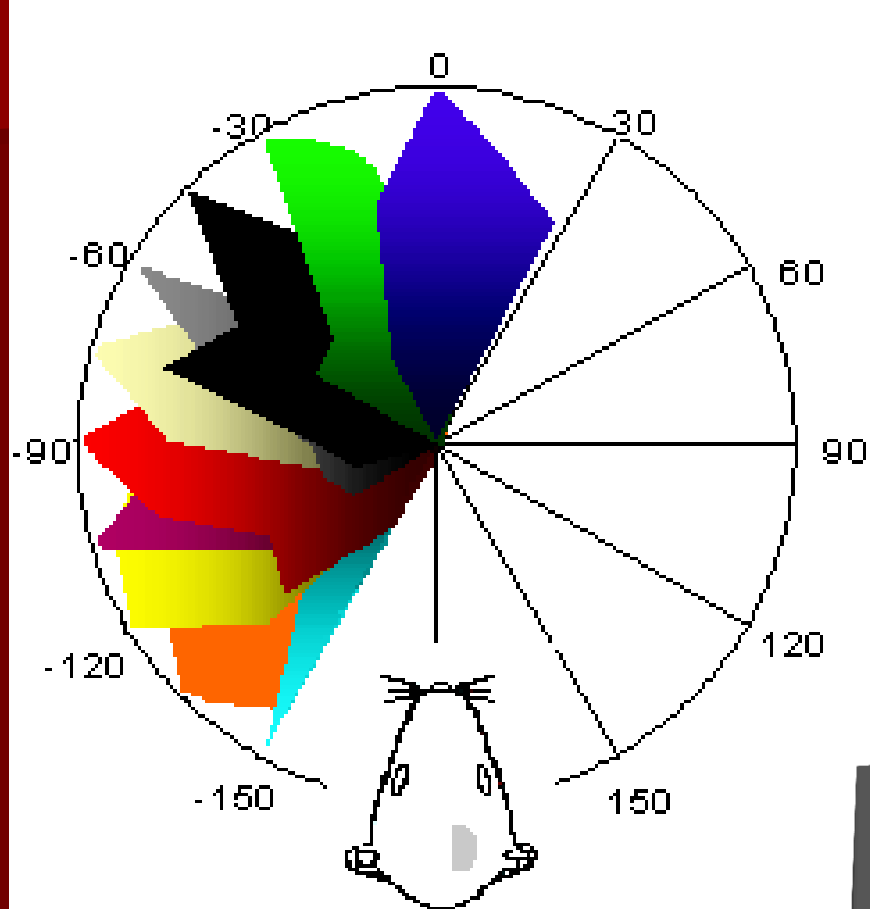
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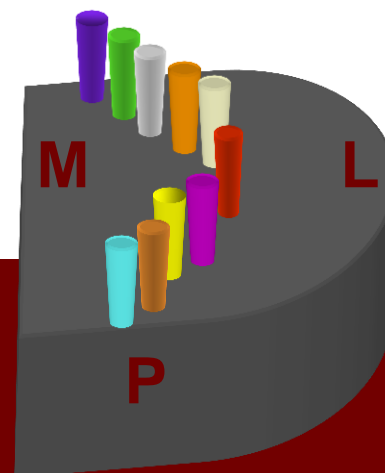
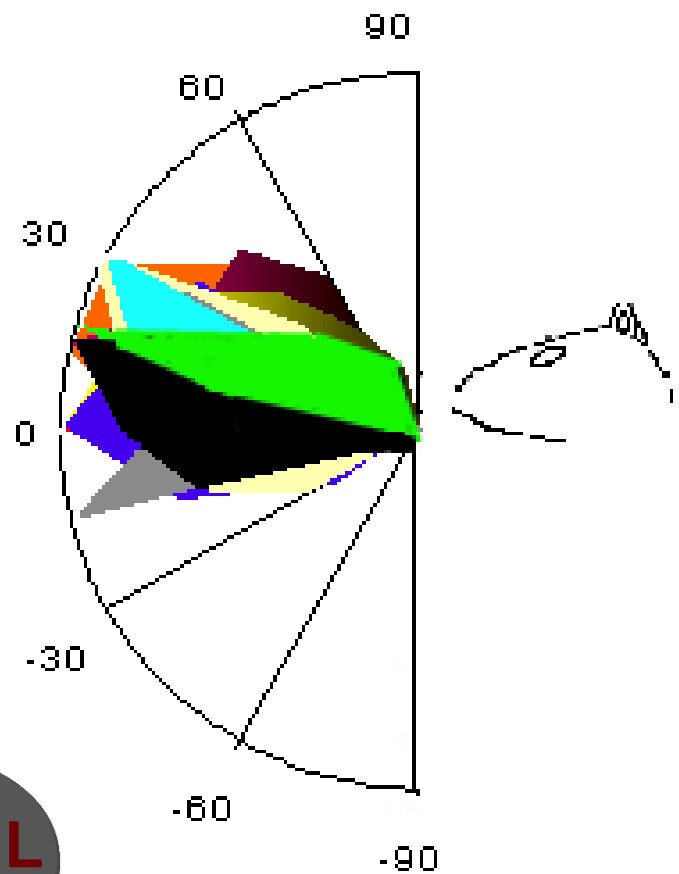
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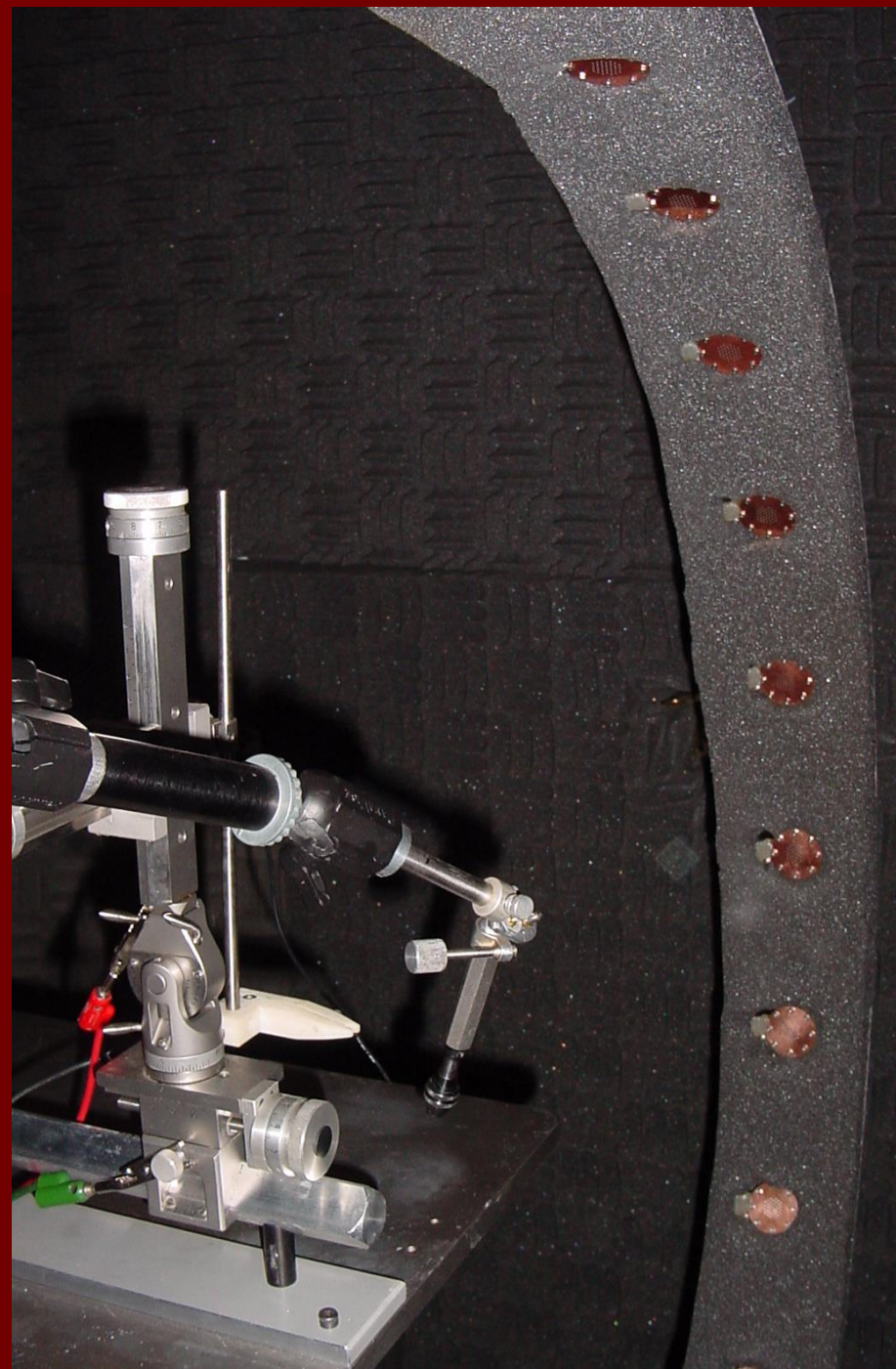
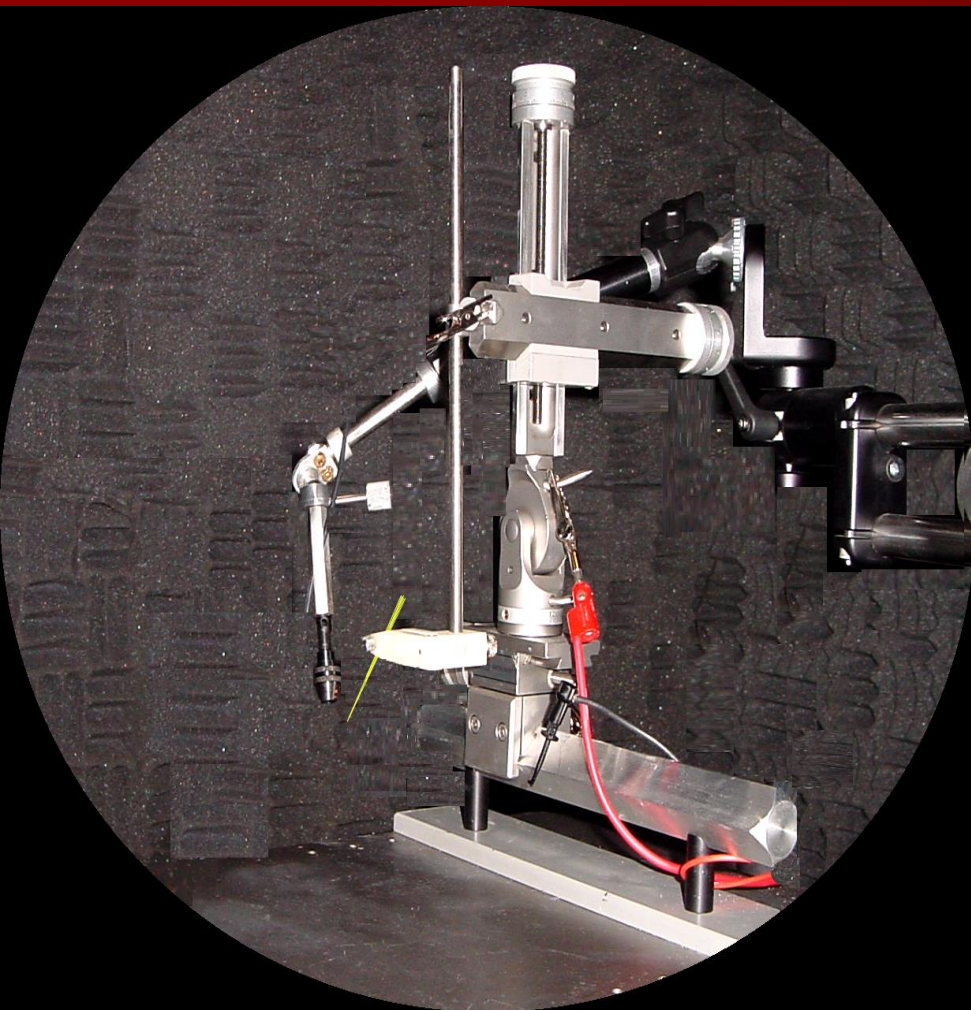


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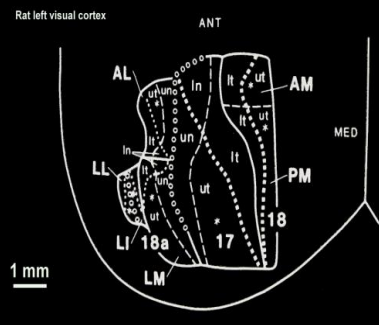


## Elevation



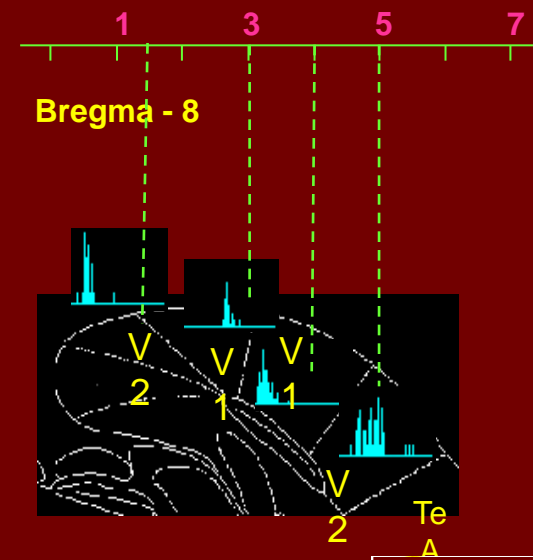
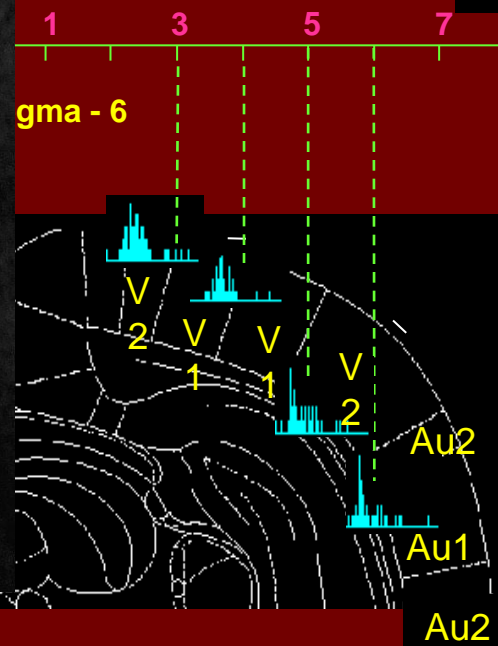
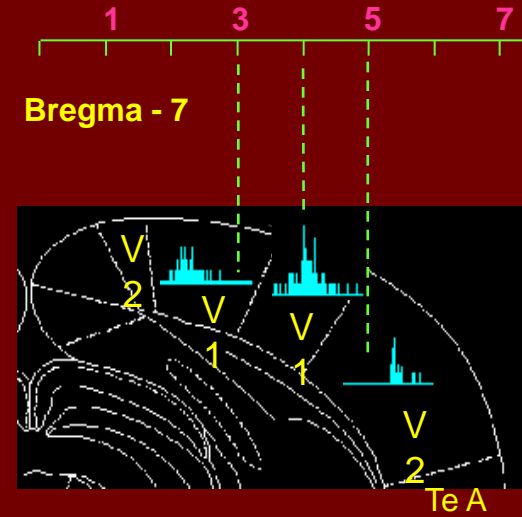
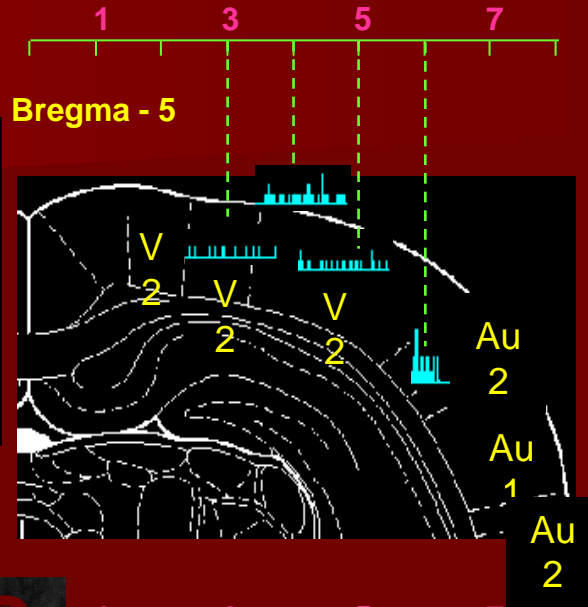




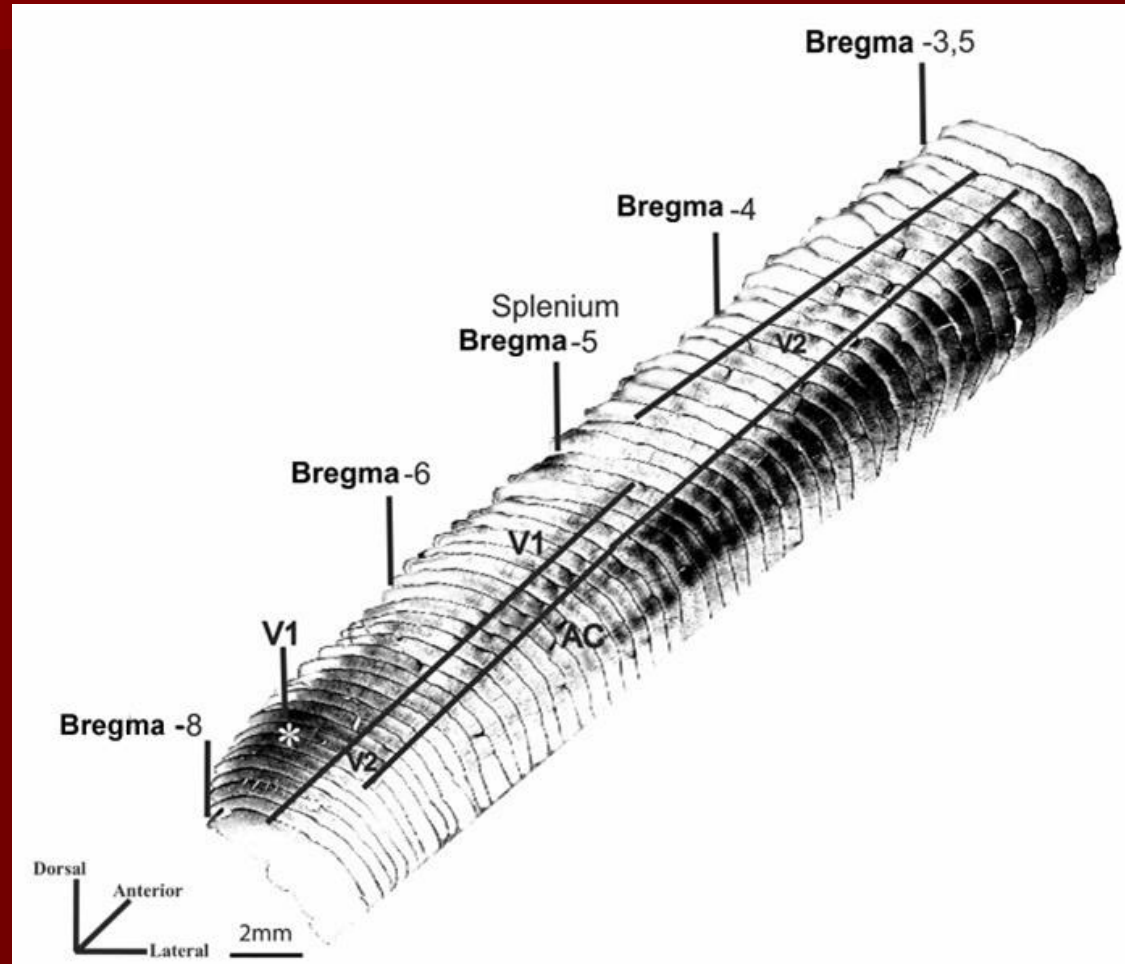
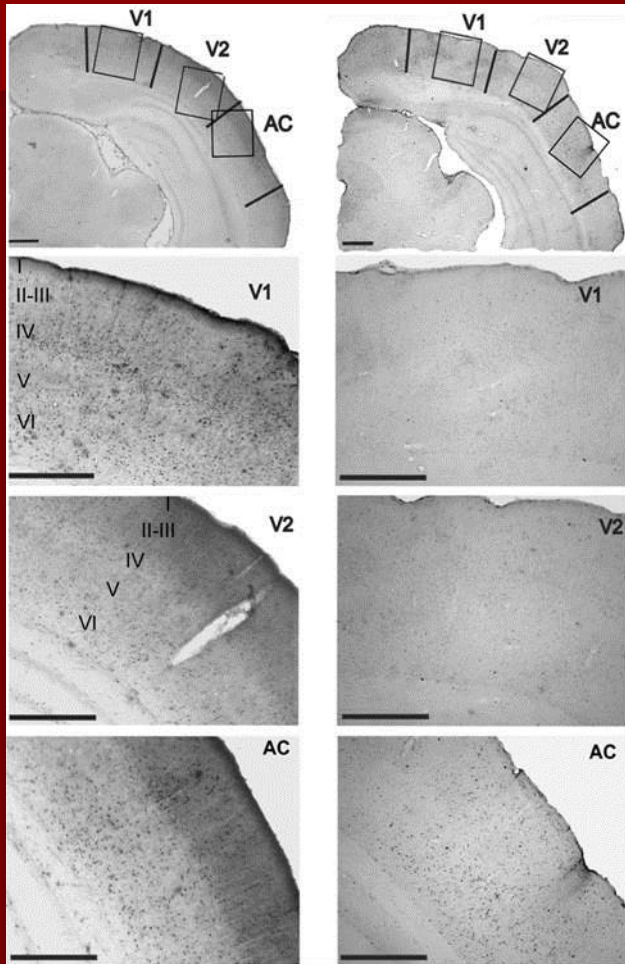


**Blind**

**Normal**

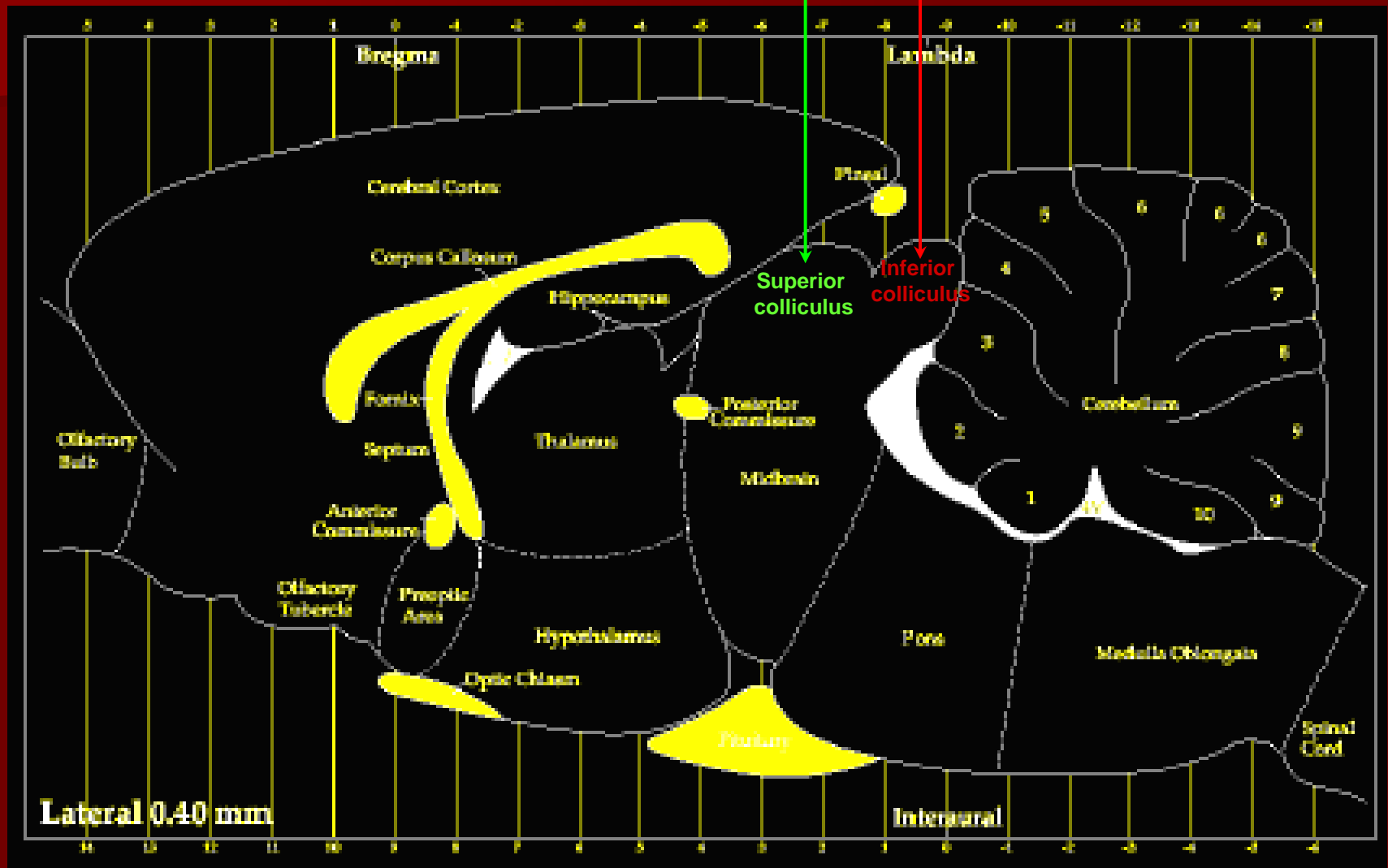


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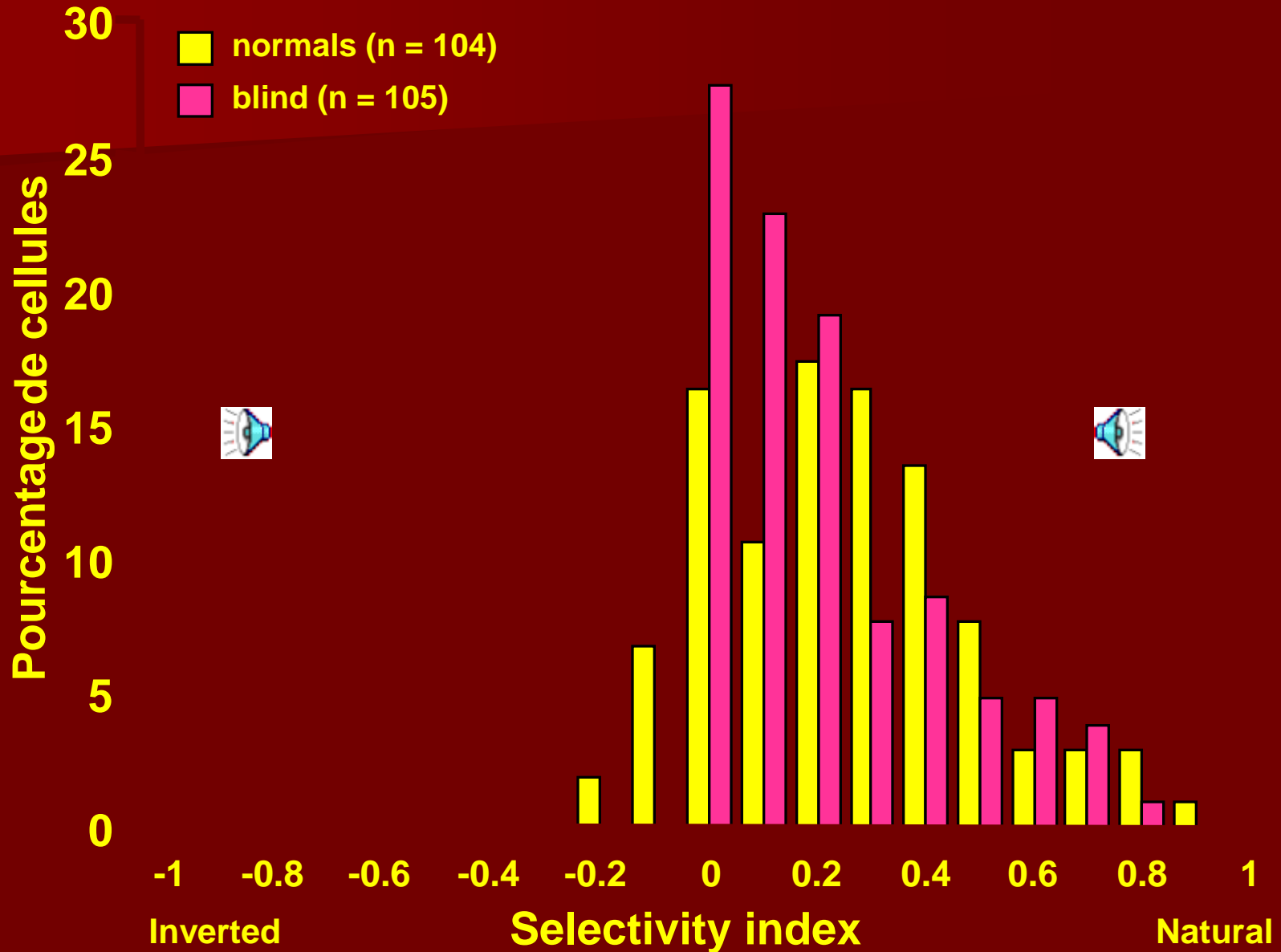
Superior colliculus

Inferior colliculus





# Species specific vocalizations



# The first question: is there cortical reorganisation in deaf individuals?

