

# How to give ACT-R a brain?

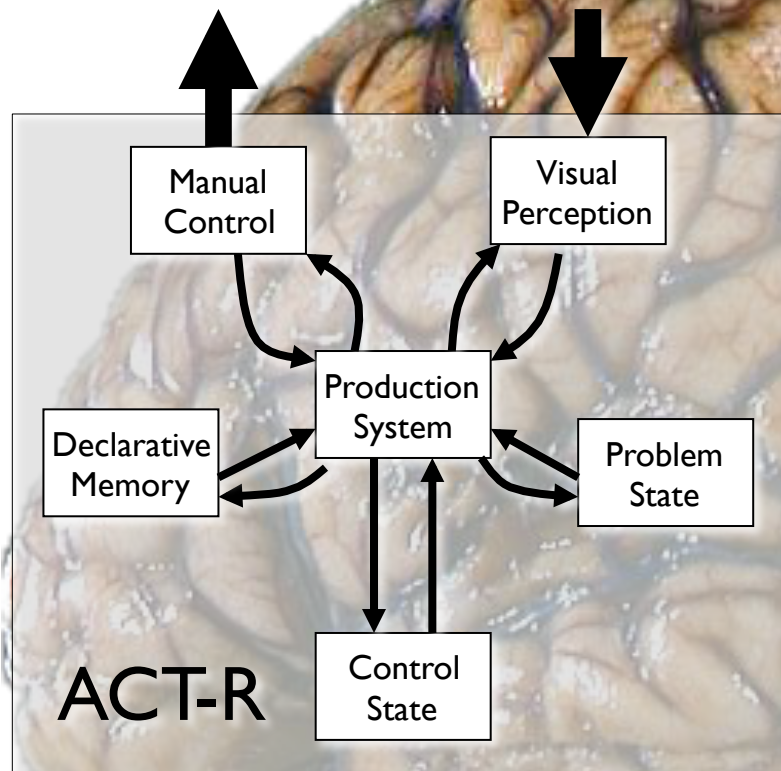
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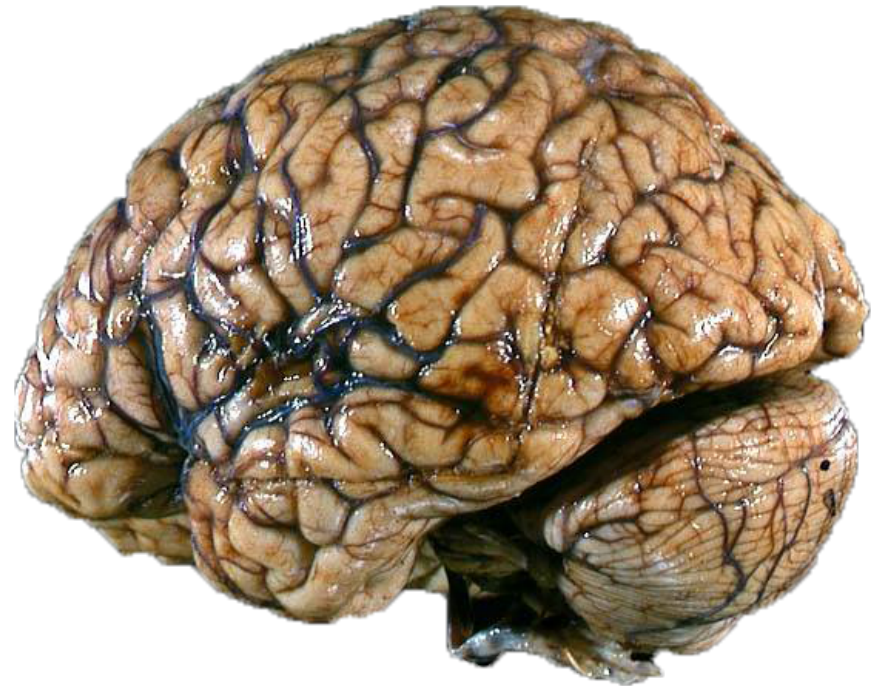
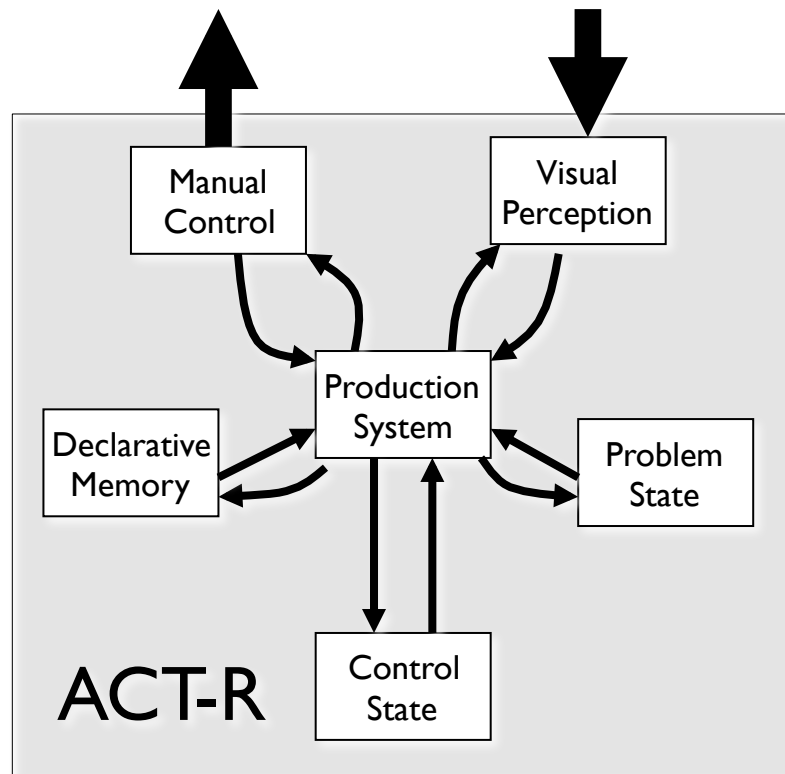
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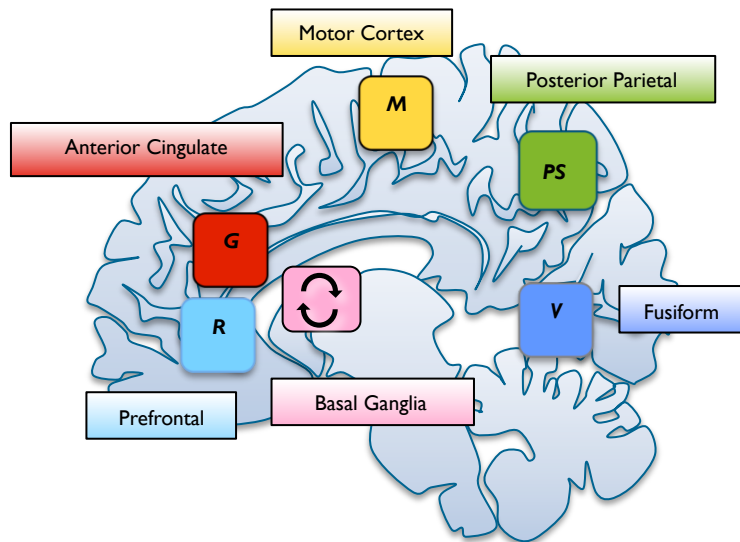
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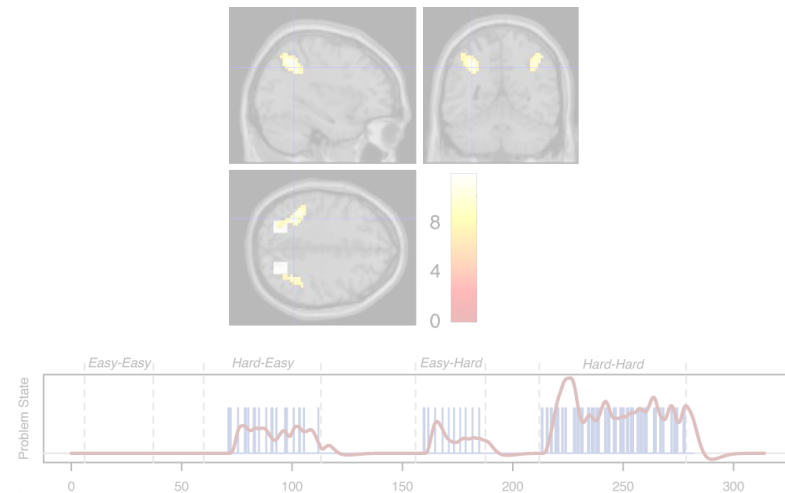


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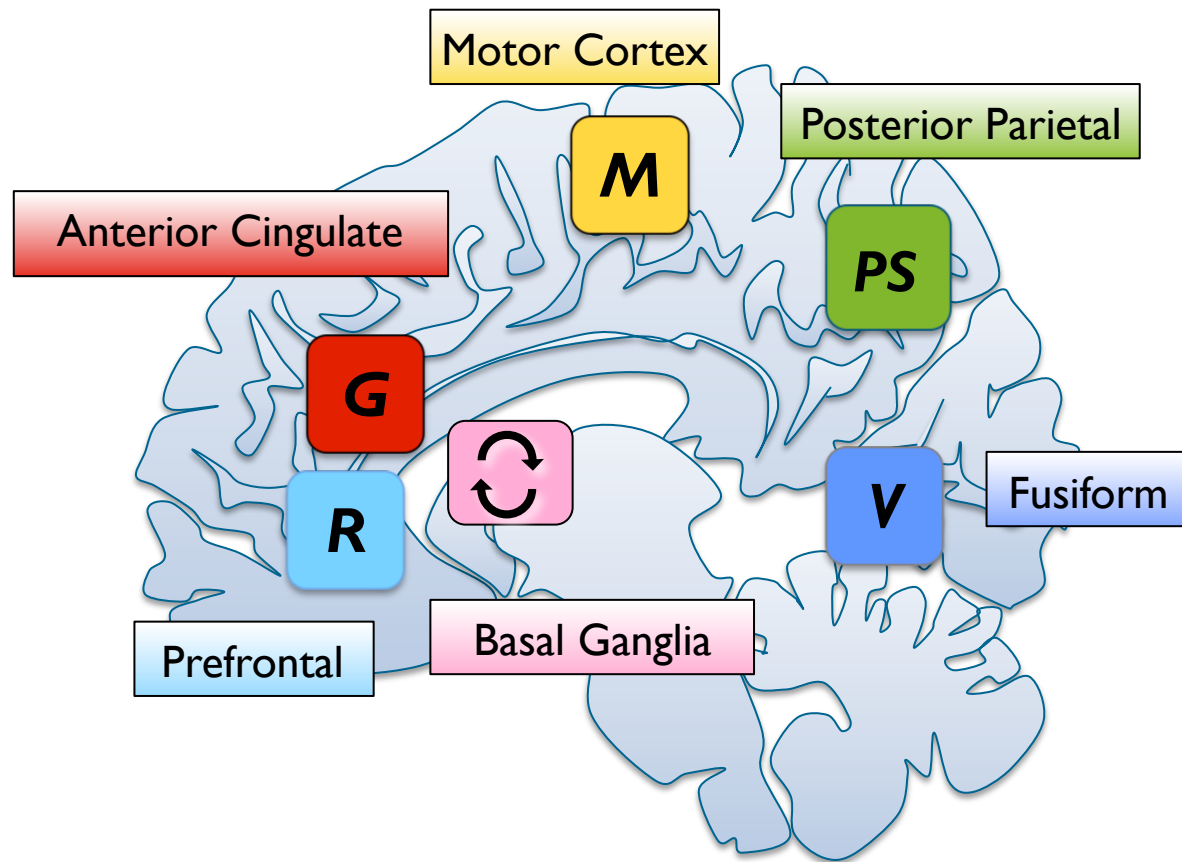
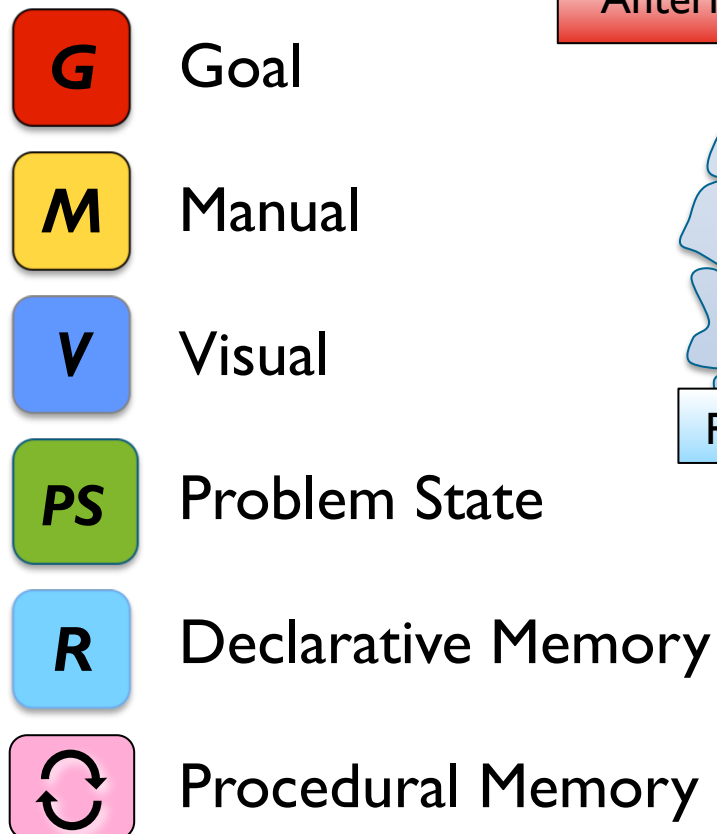
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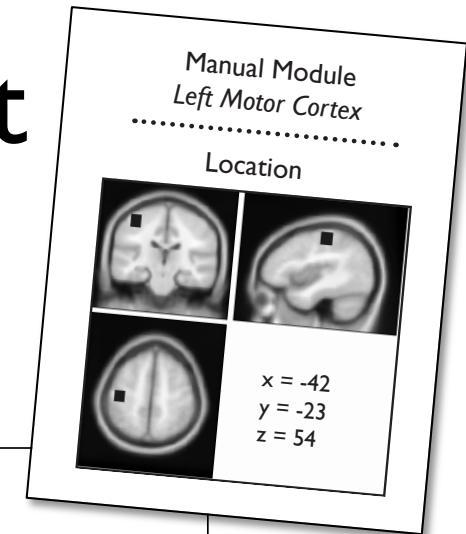
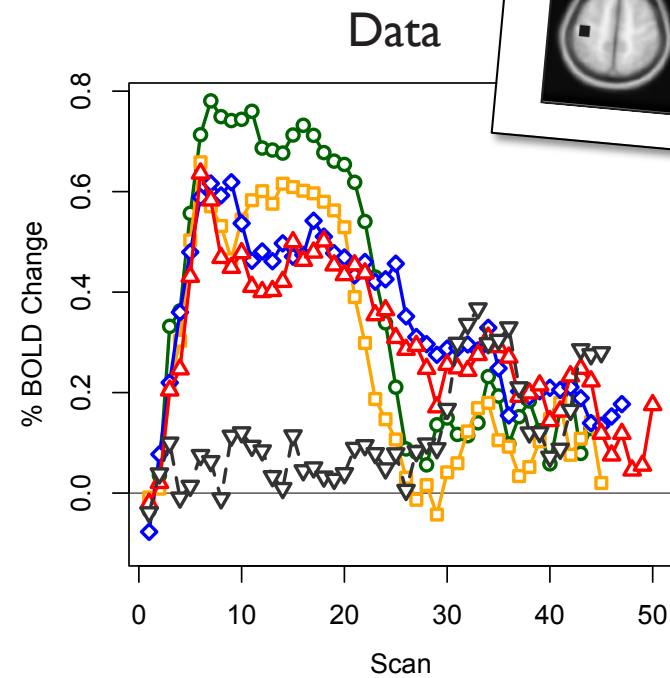
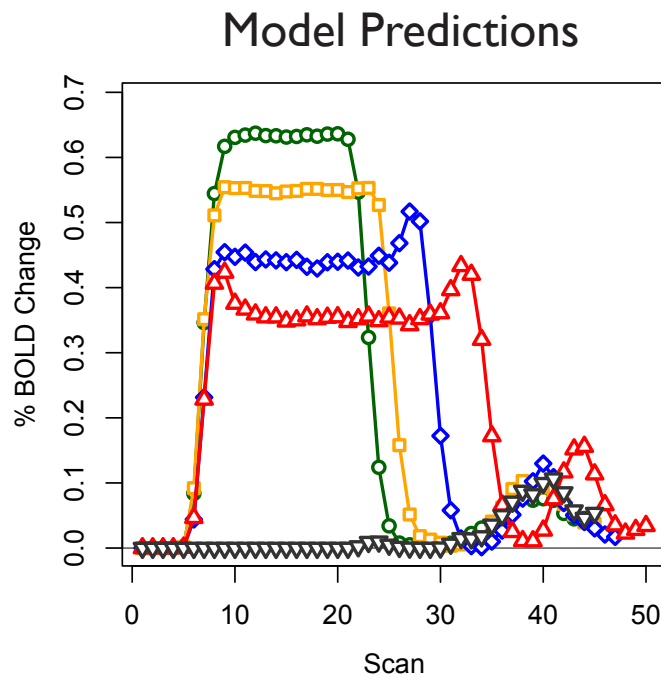
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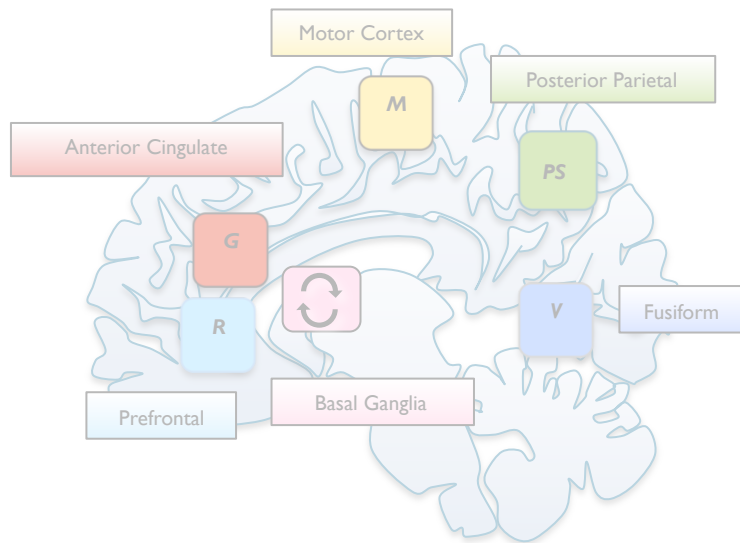


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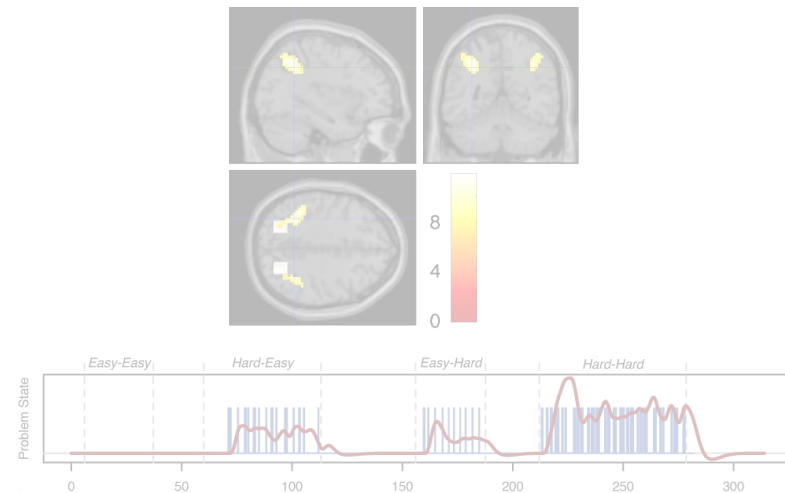


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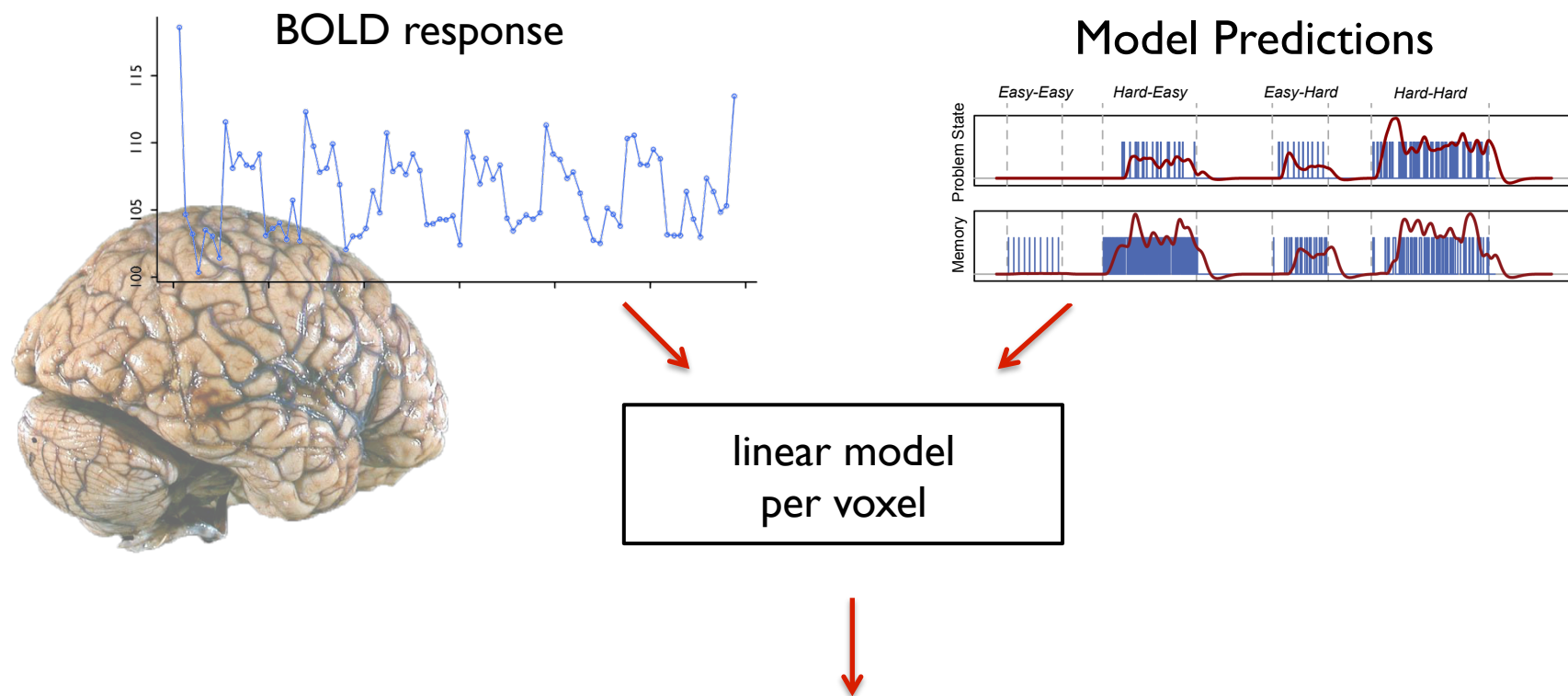


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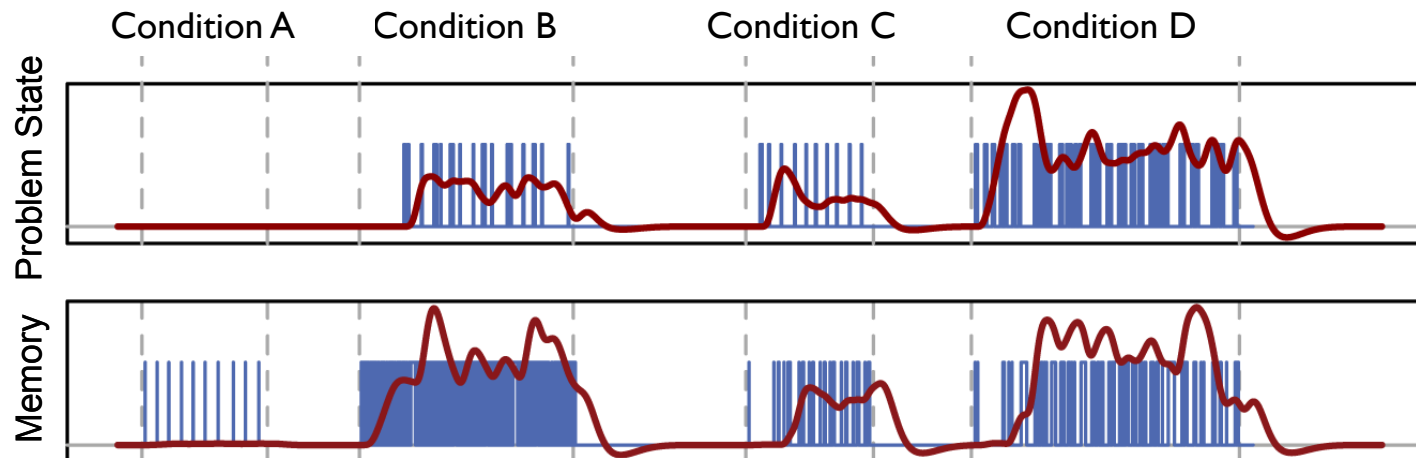
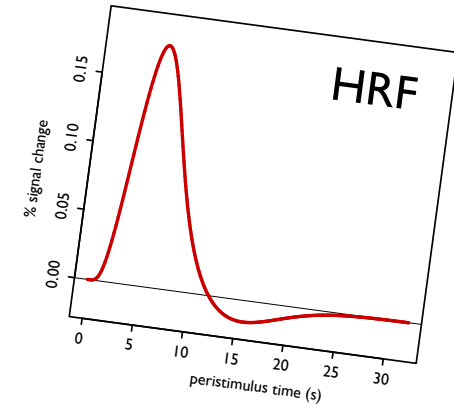


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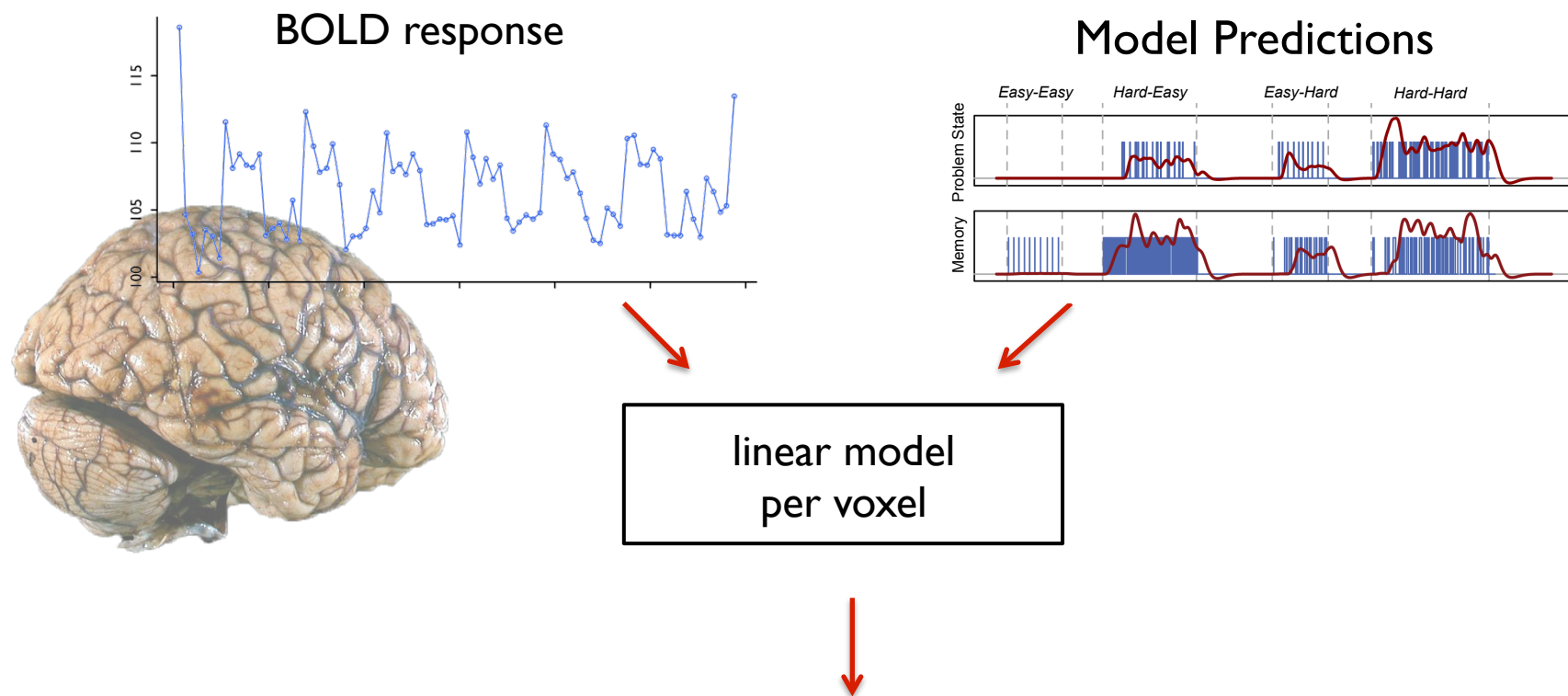


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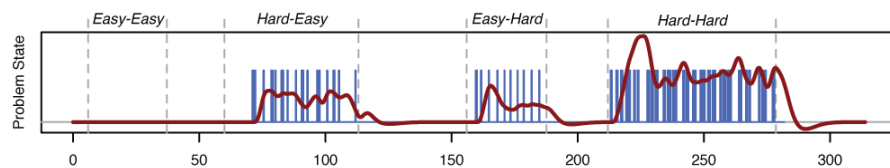
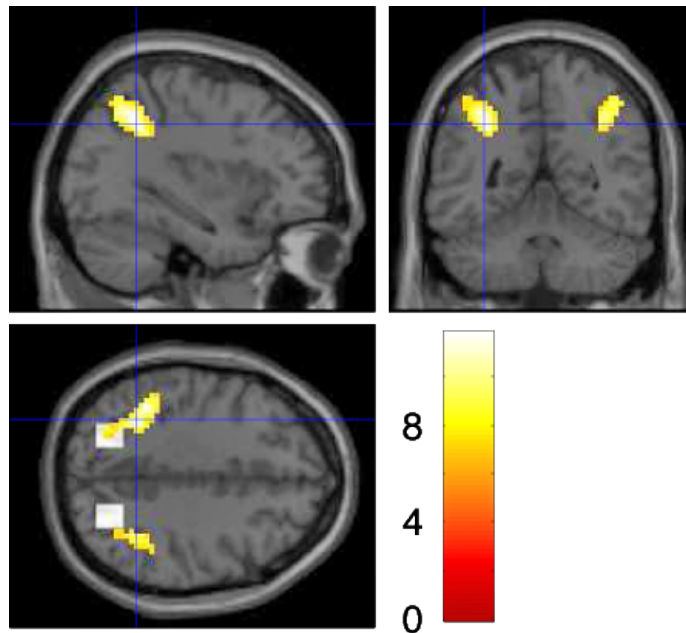


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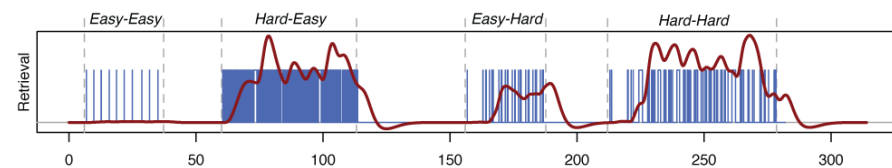
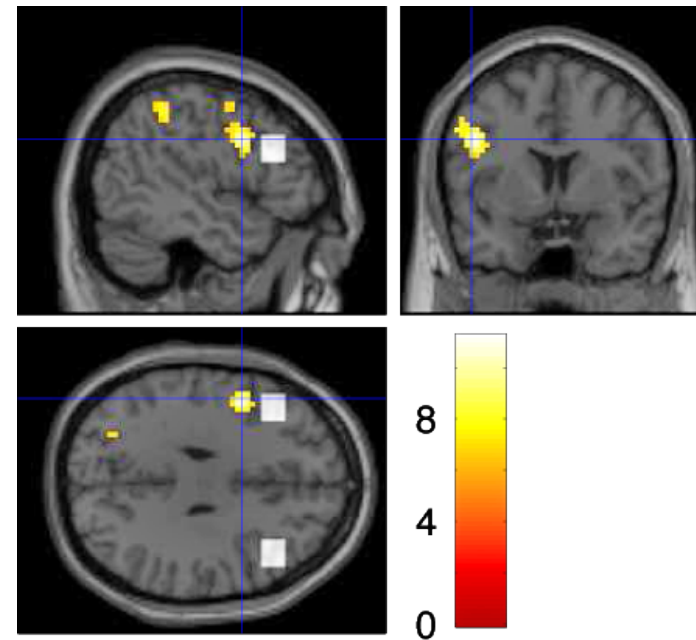


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## Problem State/ Imaginal



## Declarative Memory

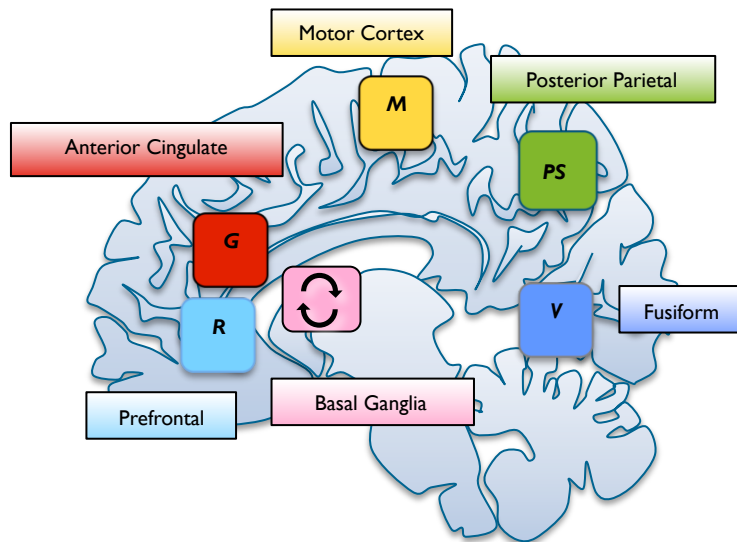


(Borst et al., 2011, *NeuroImage*)

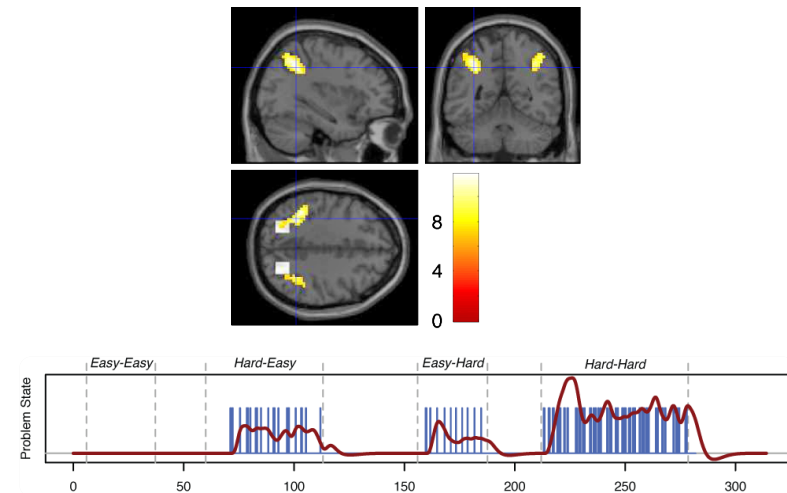


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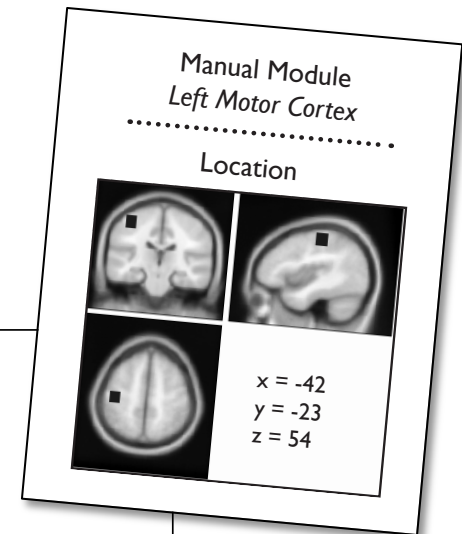
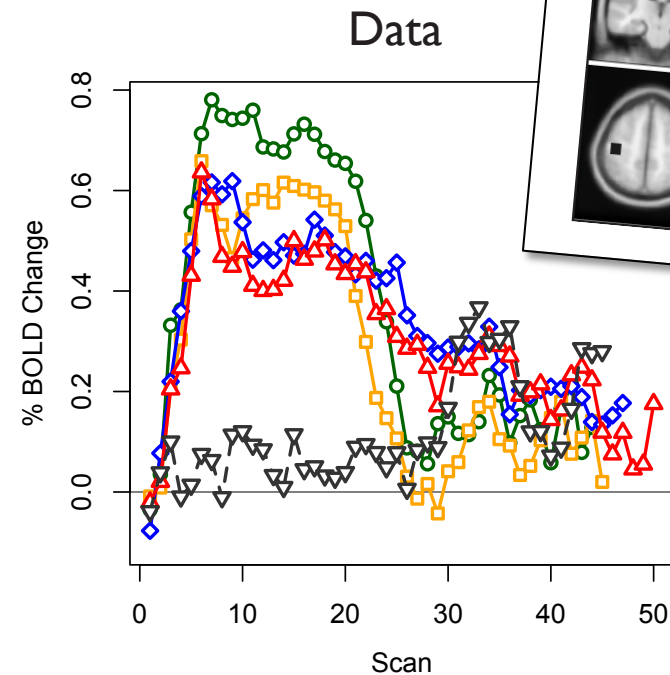
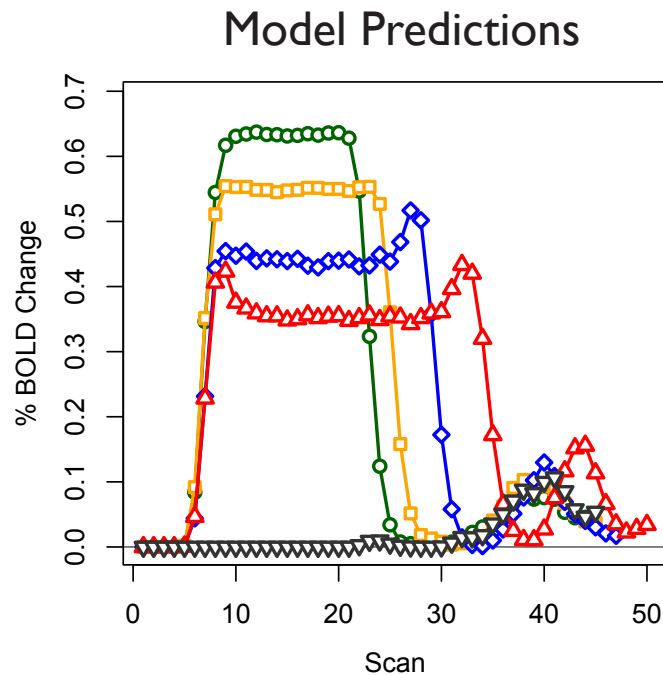


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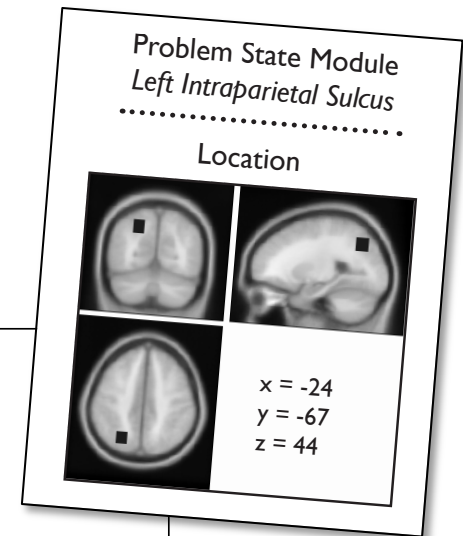
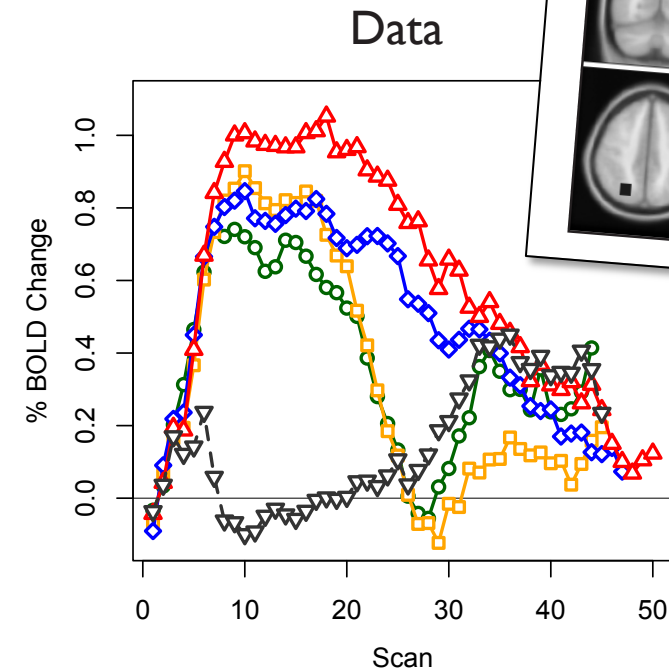
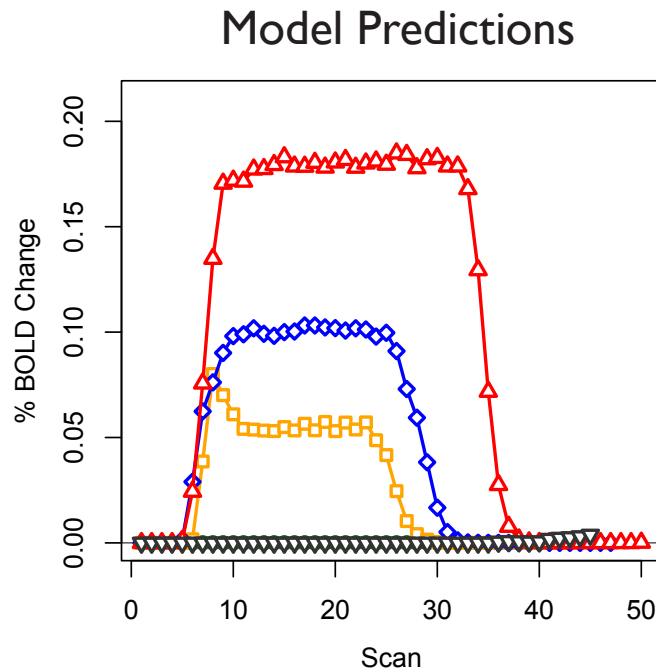
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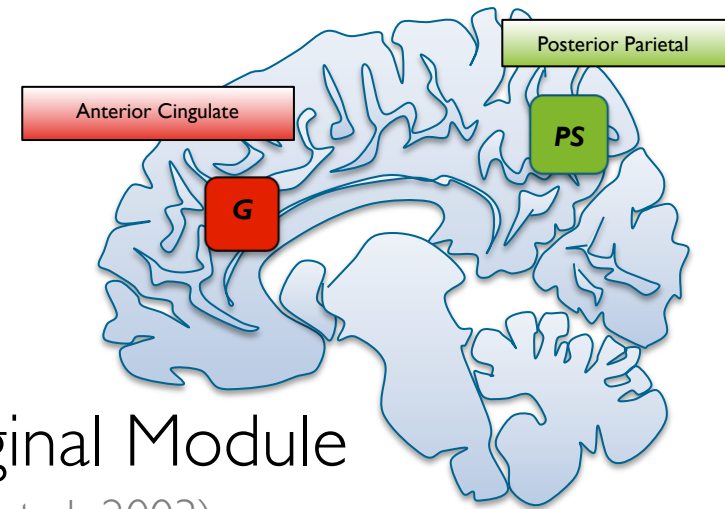
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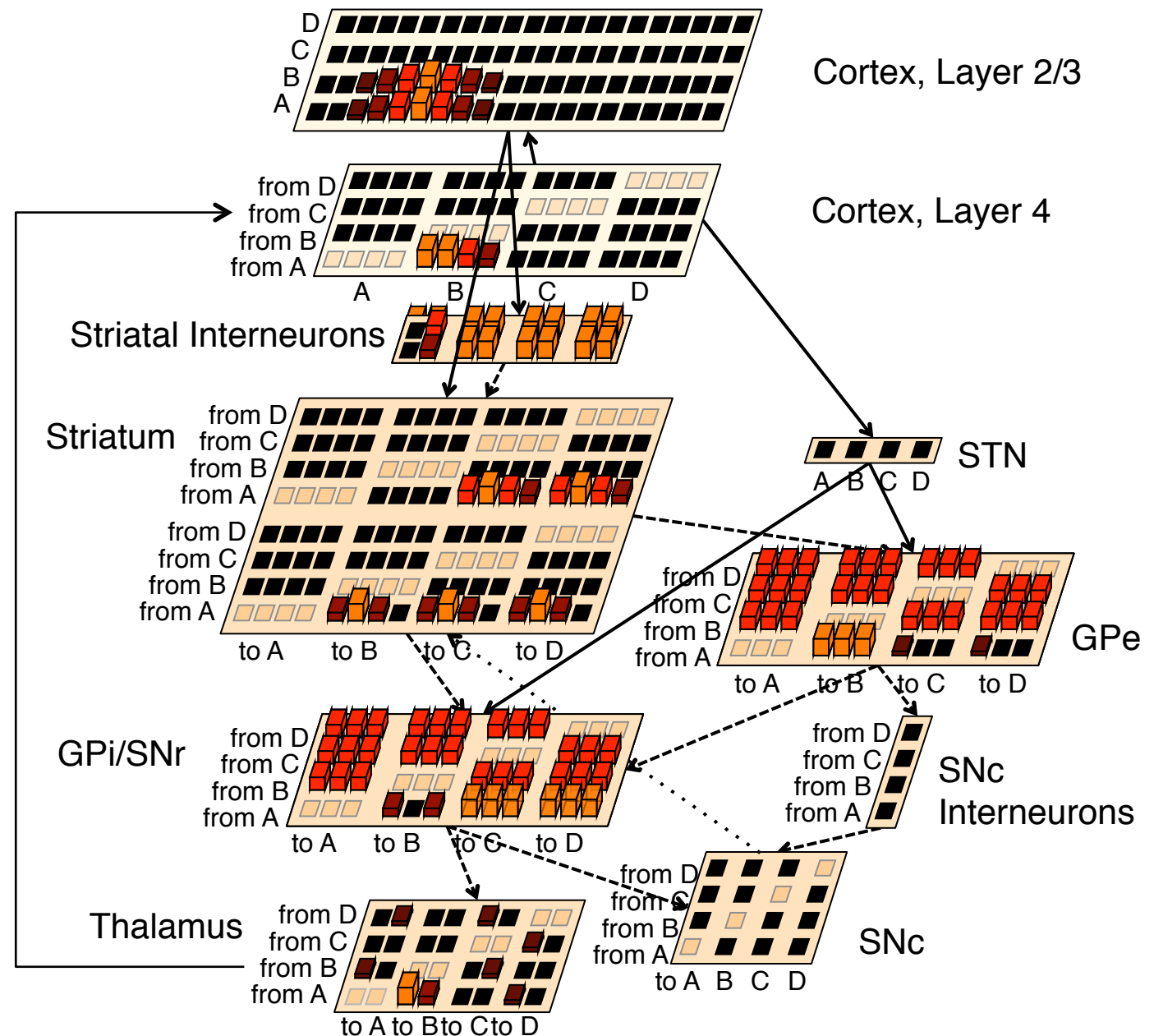


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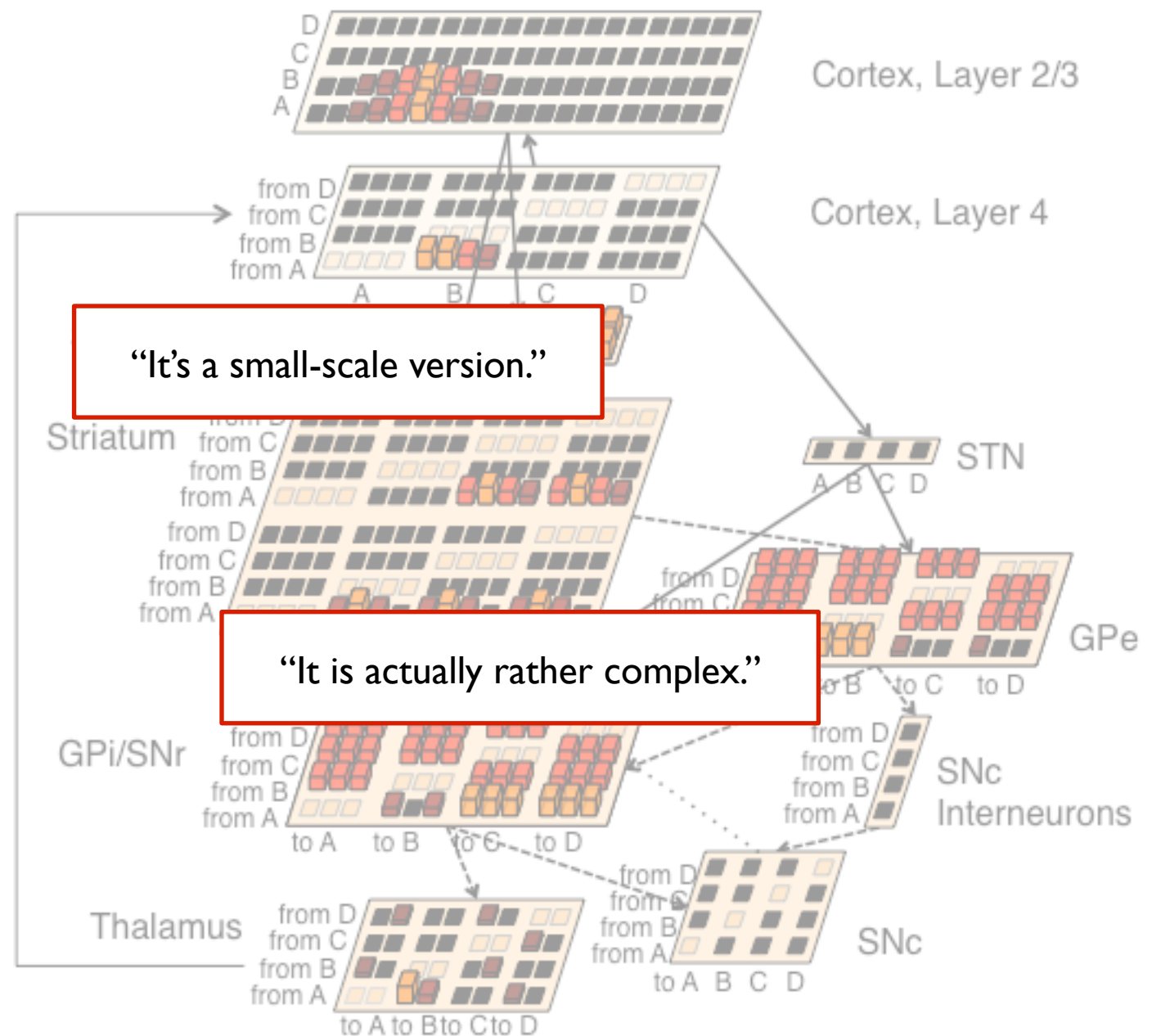
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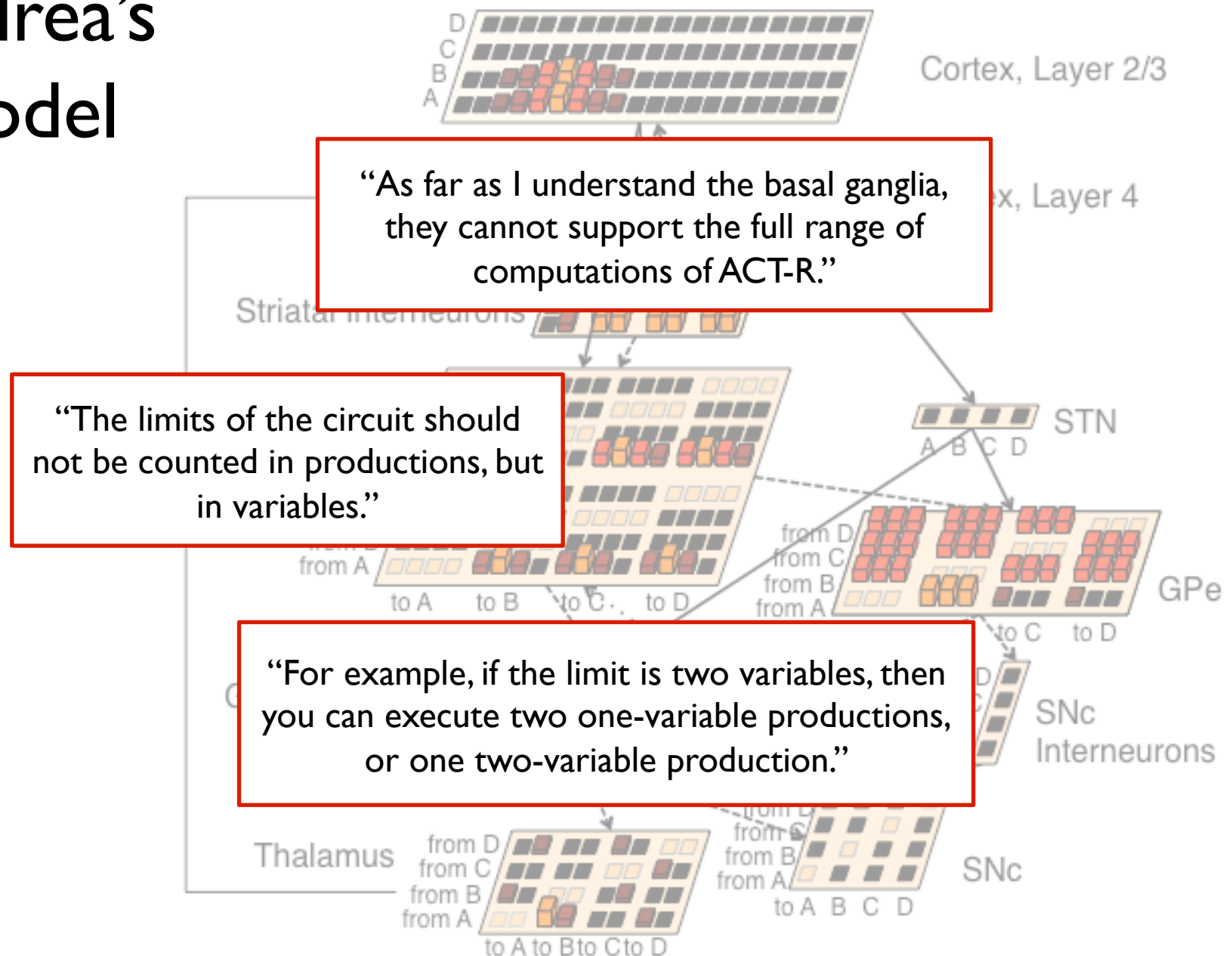
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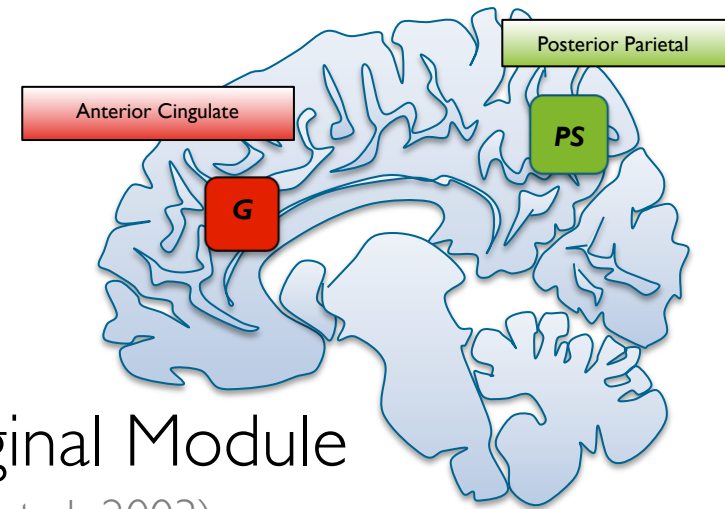
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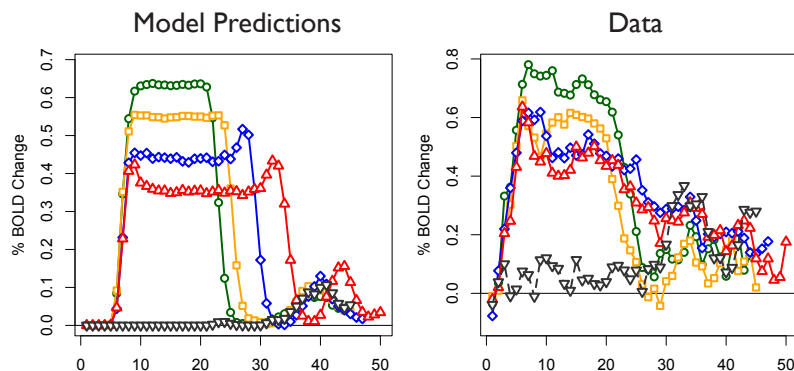
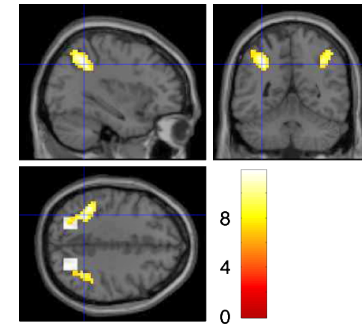


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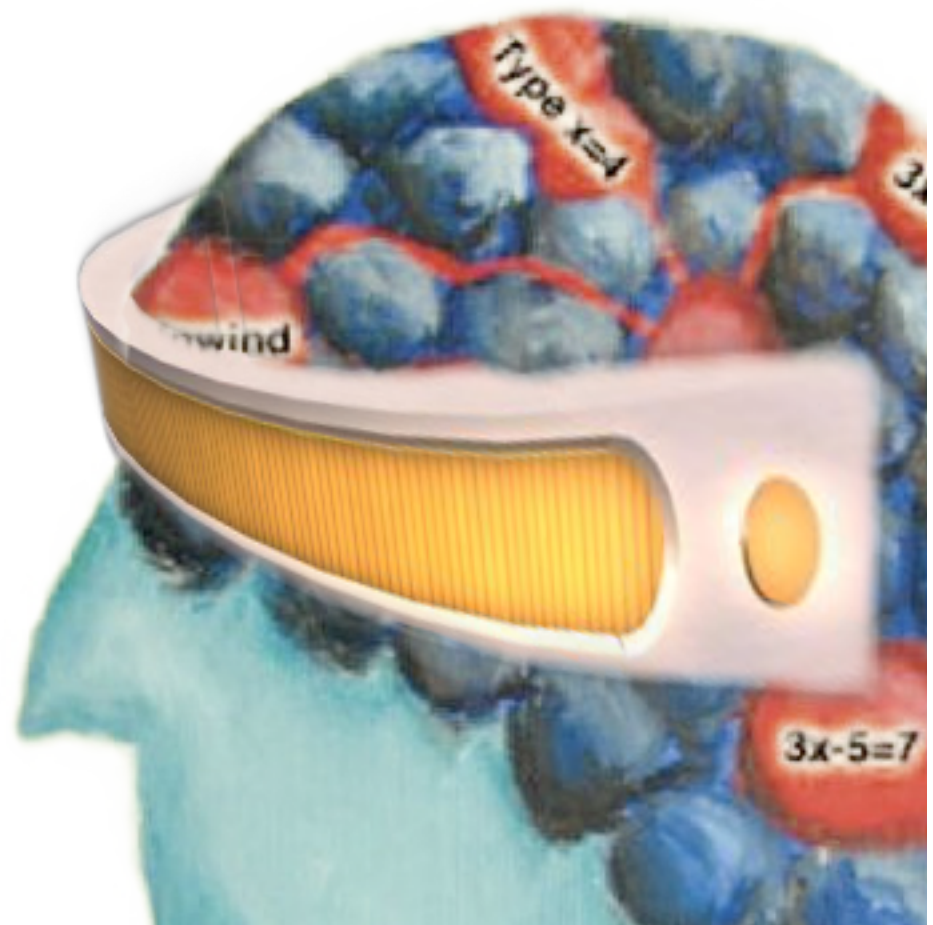
“If the mind happens in space at all,  
it happens somewhere north of the neck.”

(Fodor, 1999)

- Functional interpretation of fMRI data (model-based)
- Explaining complex fMRI data (ROI)



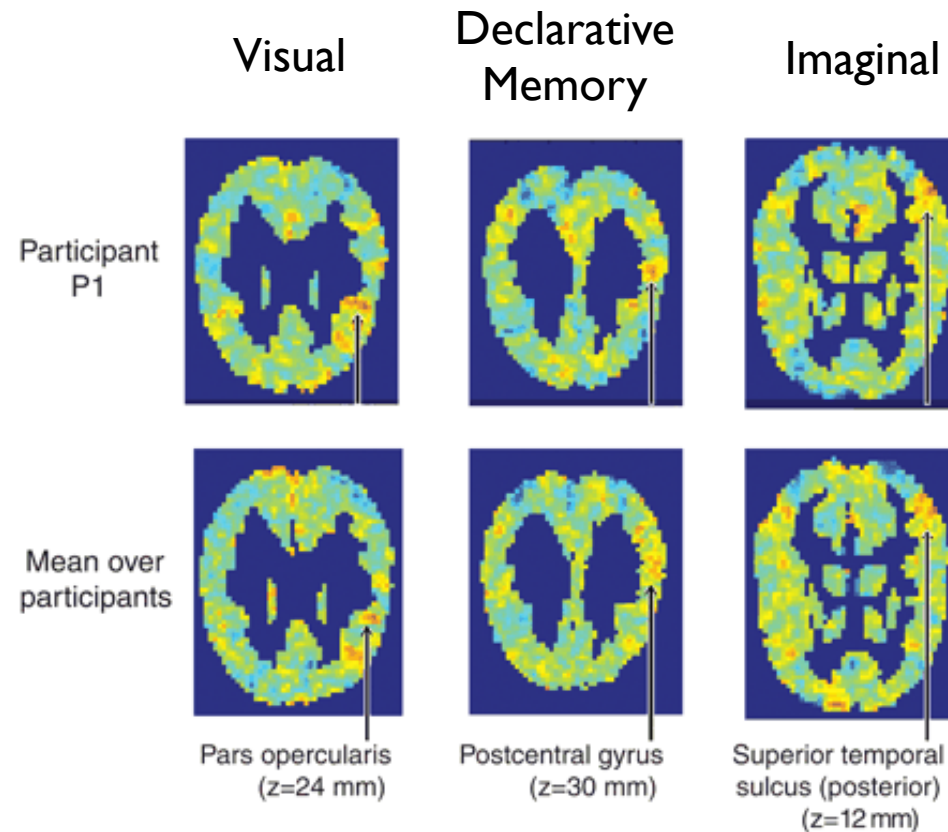
# The Future



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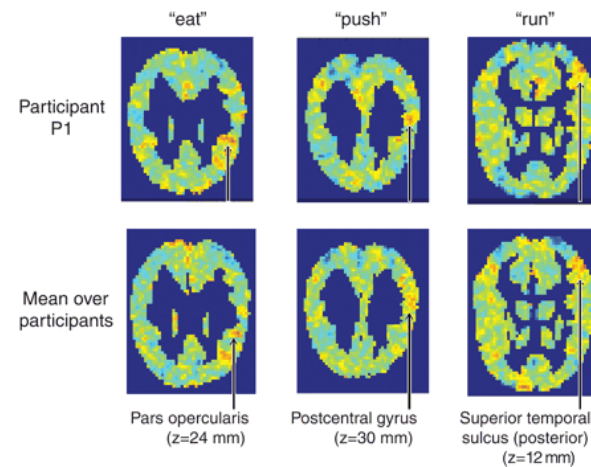
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# Multi-Voxel Pattern Analysis

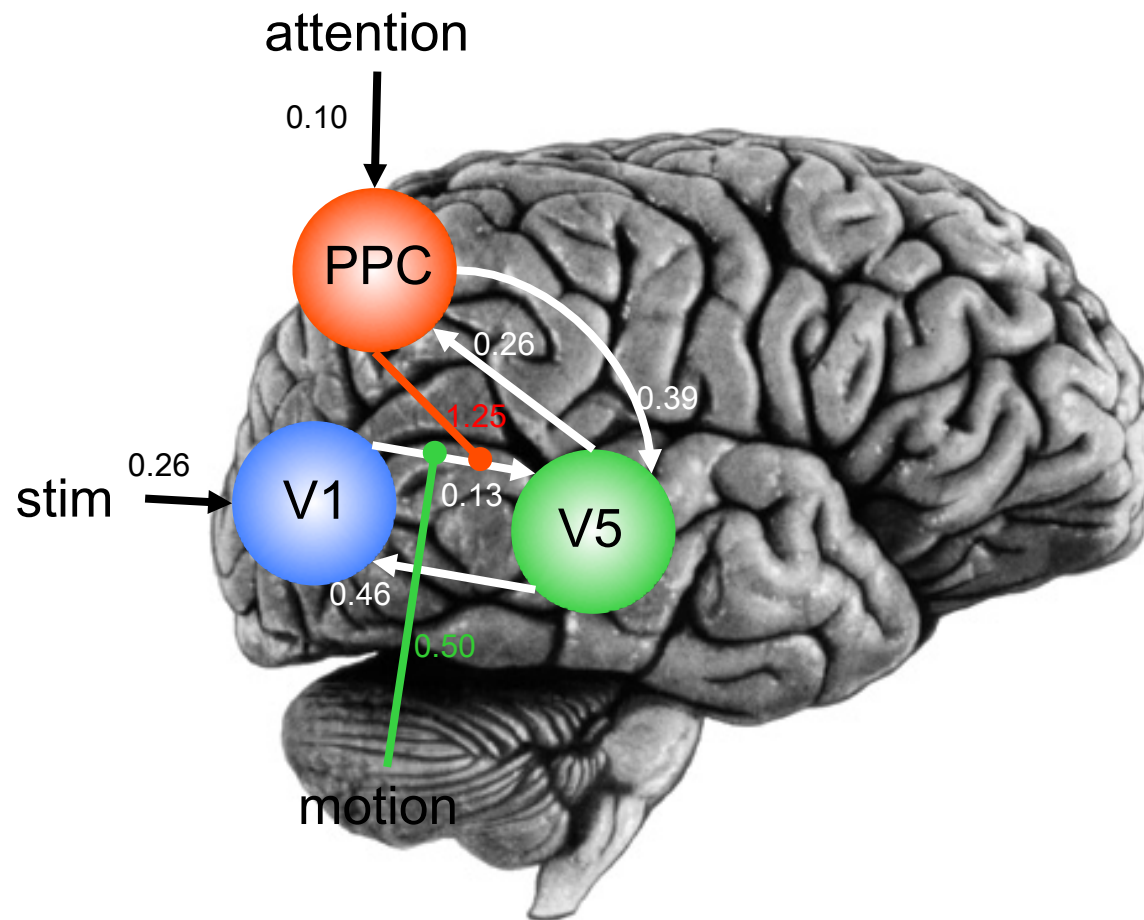


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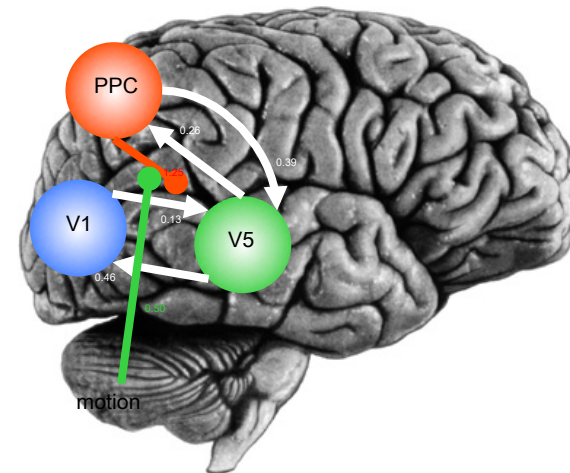
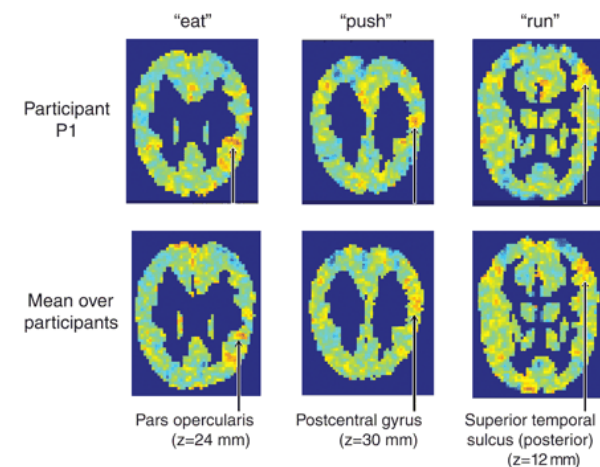
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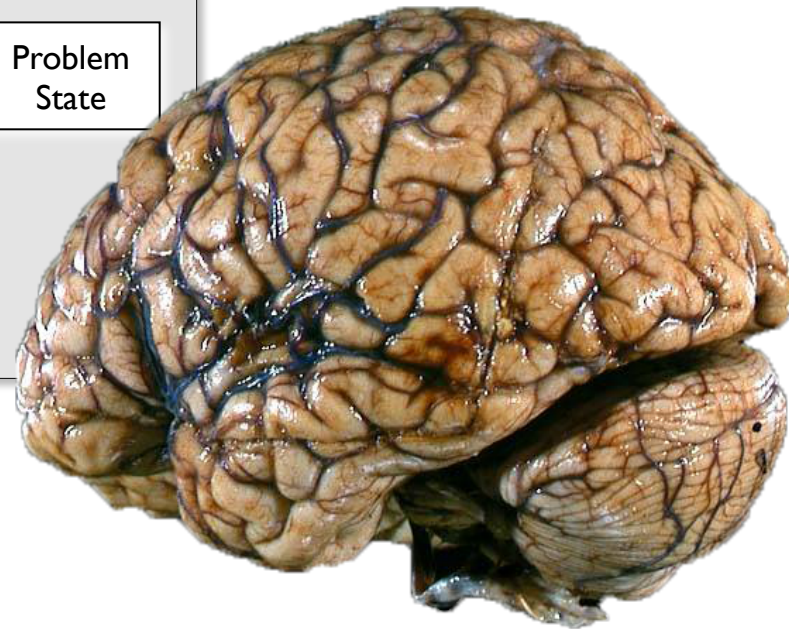
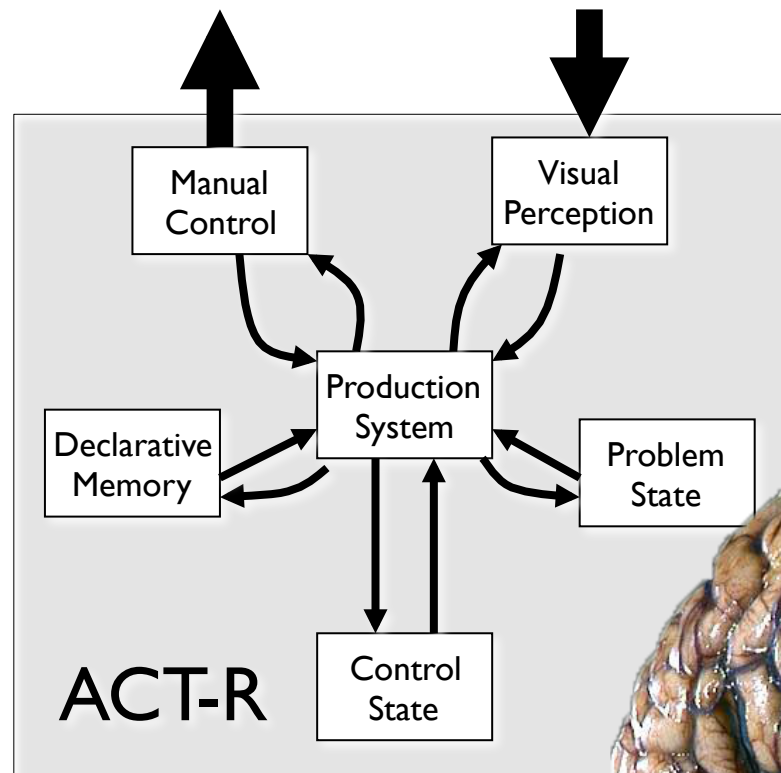


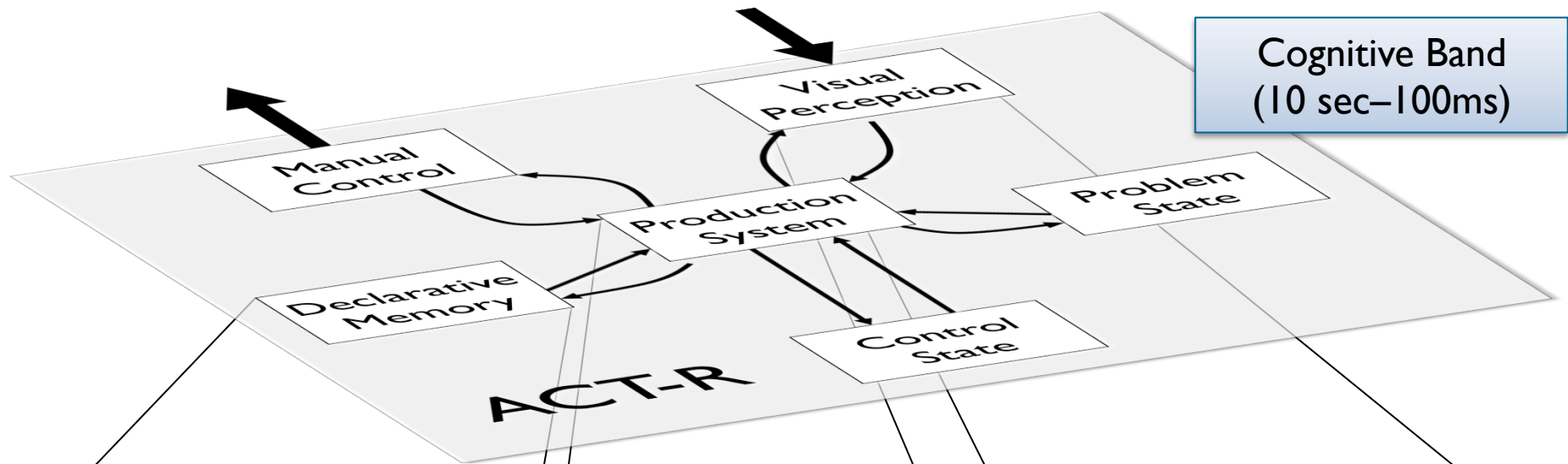
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- Model-based multi-voxel pattern analysis, 'mind-reading'
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- EEG/MEG?
- Other techniques?

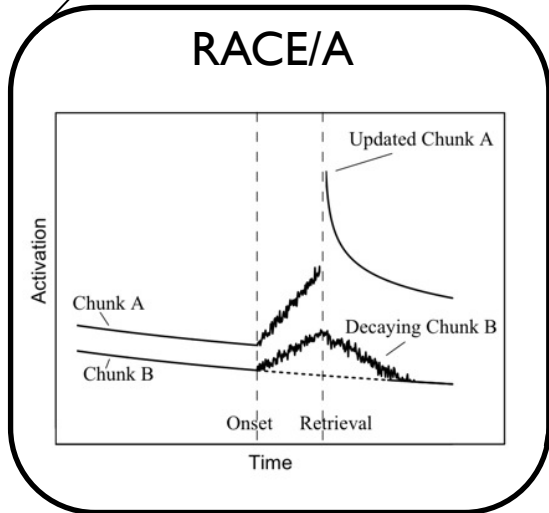


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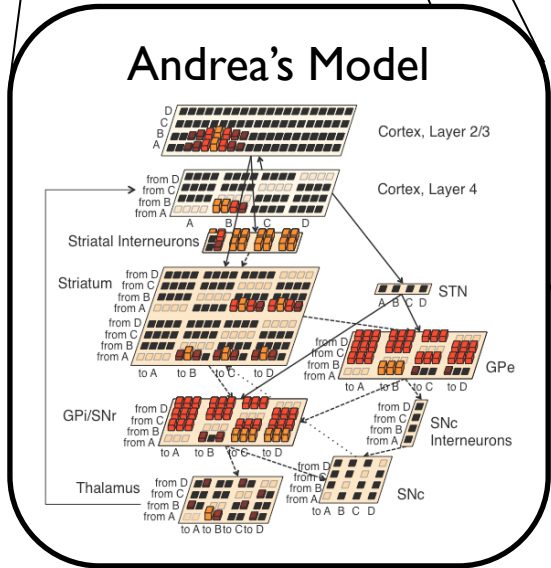




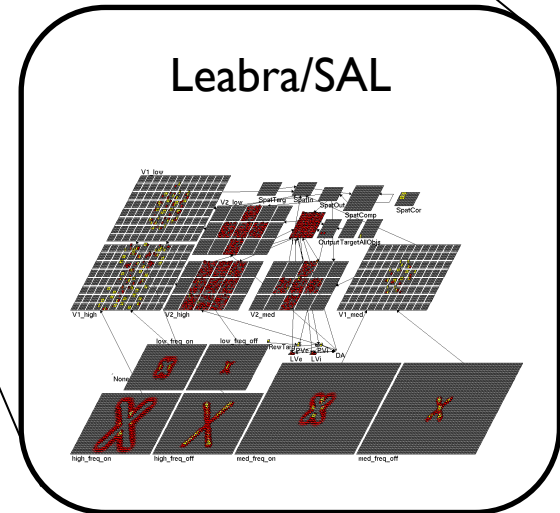
Cognitive Band  
(10 sec–100ms)



Van Maanen et al., in press, *Cogn Sci*



Stocco et al., 2010, *Psych Rev*



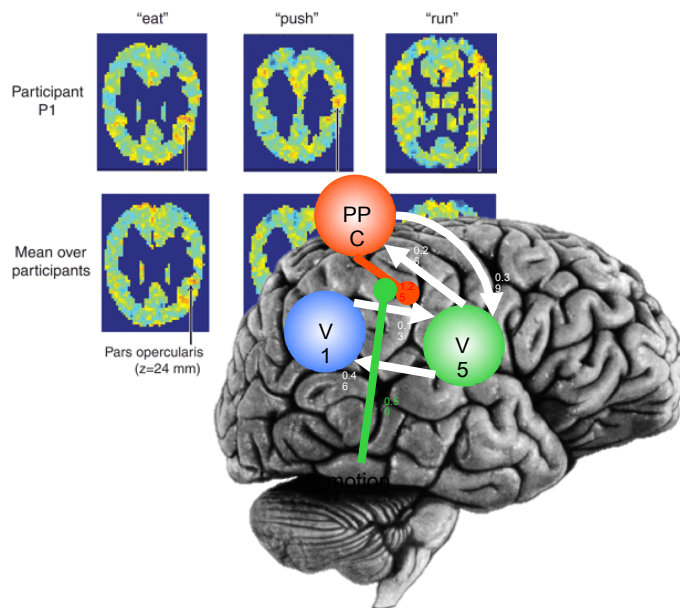
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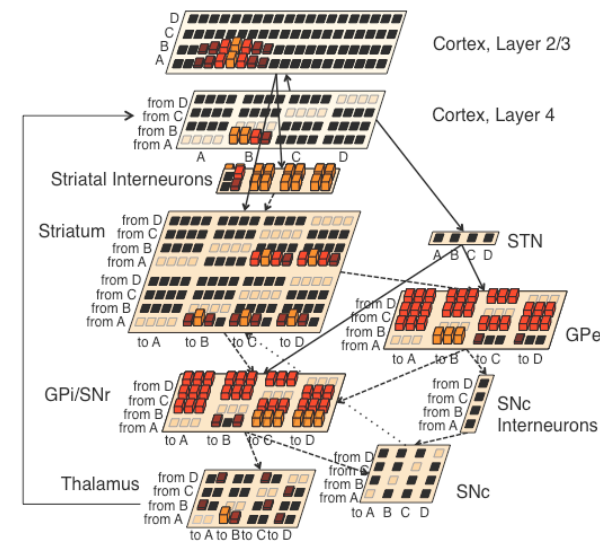


# Conclusions

More powerful  
neuroscience methods



Multi-level  
ACT-R modules



Thanks!

