



# How to give ACT-R a brain?

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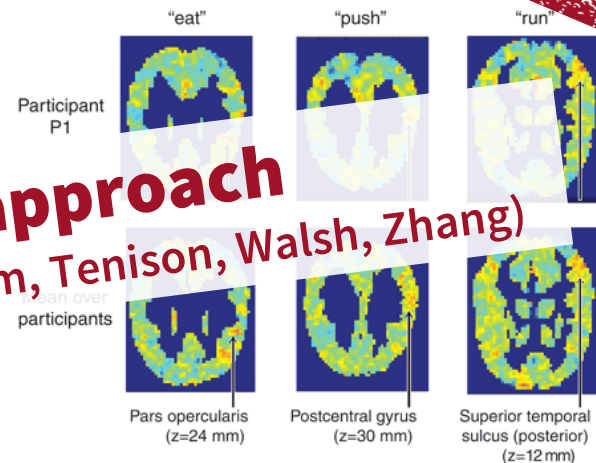
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# How to improve neuroscience for ACS-2011

PGSS-2011

- Model-based multi-voxel pattern analysis  
'mind-reading'

→ **HMM-MVPA approach**  
(5+ papers, Anderson, Borst, Fincham, Tenison, Walsh, Zhang)

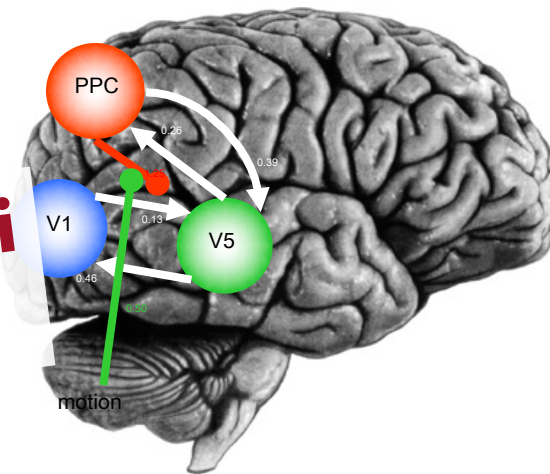


- Dynamic Causal Modeling (DCM)

→ **Andrea Stocco**

- EEG/MEG?

→ **Daniel Cassenti**  
+ this talk



# How to give ACT-R a *faster* brain?

**What Did We Learn from EEG and MEG?**

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# Studies

- EEG 1: Fan

Borst, Schneider, Walsh, & Anderson, *JOCN*, 2013; Borst & Anderson, *NeuroImage*, 2015; Anderson, Zhang, Borst, & Walsh, *Psych Review*, 2016

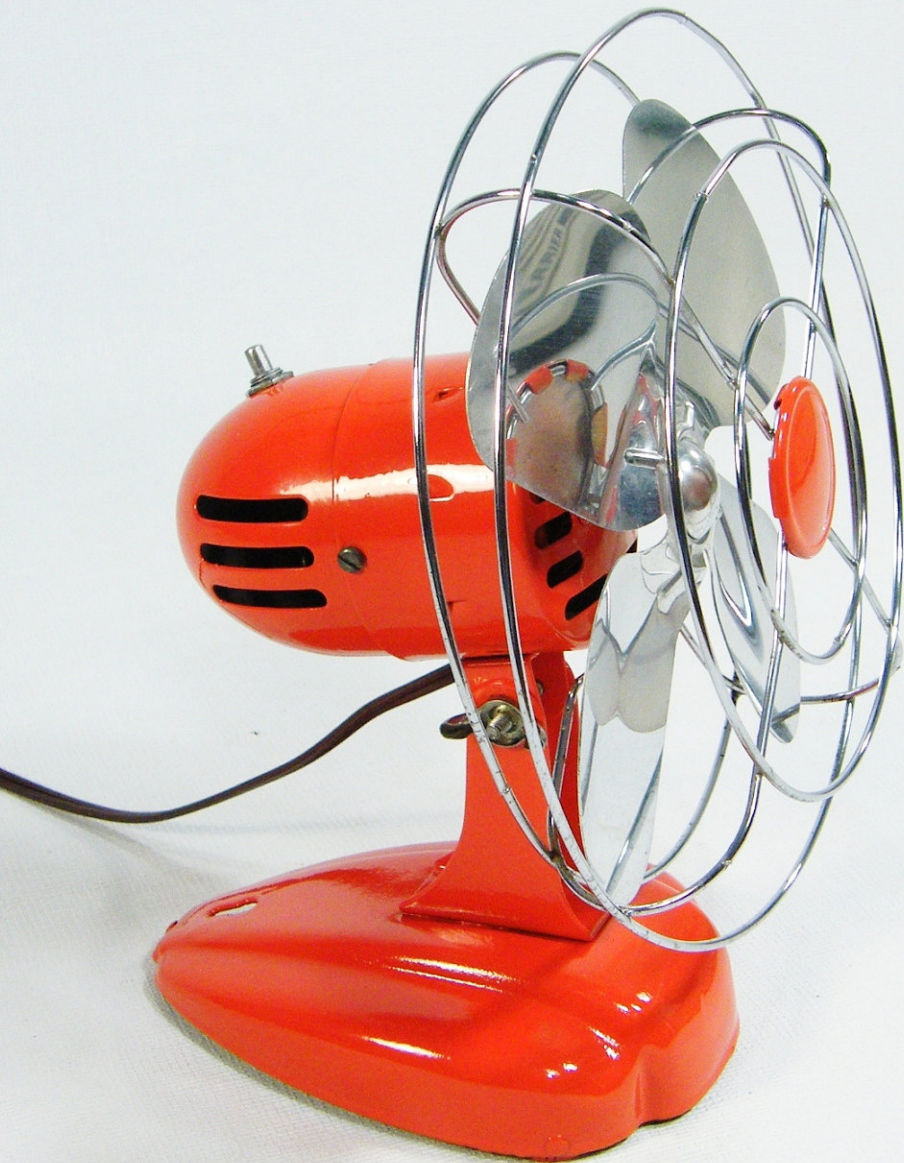
- MEG: Fan

Borst & Anderson, *NeuroImage*, *accepted*

- EEG 2: Complex Fan

Zhang, Walsh, & Anderson, *draft*





The task:  
associative  
recognition

# Associative Recognition Task

## Study Phase

COMFORT – MUSTARD

FLAME – CAPE

METAL – SPARK

EXCHANGE – HARVEST

JELLY – MOTOR

DUNGEON – GODDESS

DRUNKARD – HARVEST

CAPE – DECK

## Test Phase

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Target vs Re-paired Foil vs New Foil

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short vs long words

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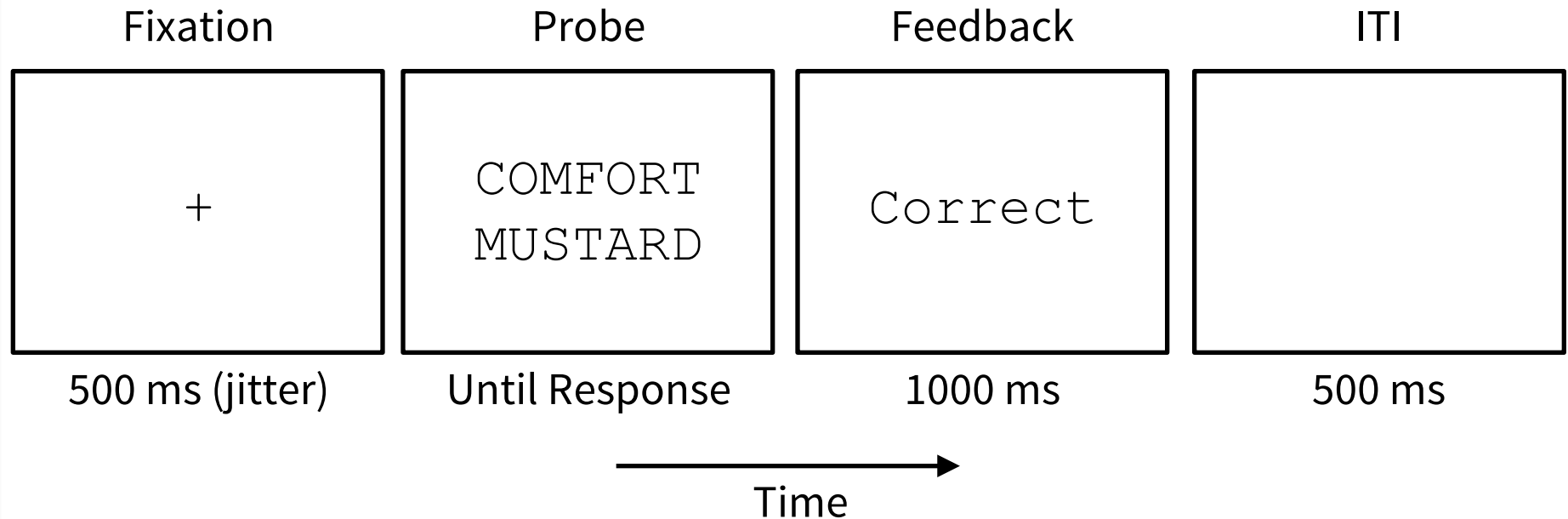
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JELLY – MOTOR

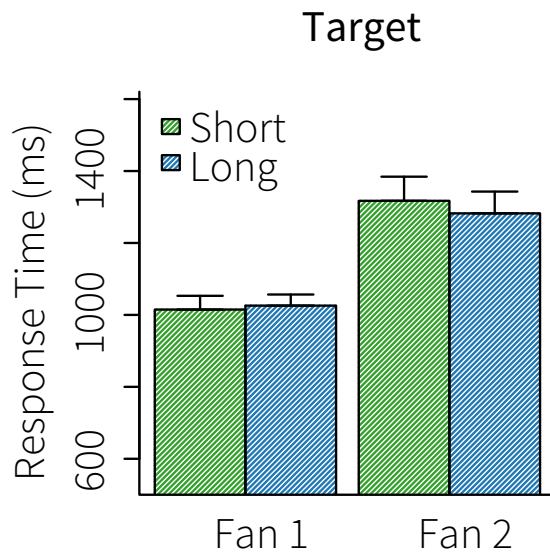
associative fan of 1 or 2

# Test Phase



**+ M/EEG**

# Behavioral Results



# Theories of Associative Recognition



## Global Matching

(e.g., Gillund & Shiffrin, 1984;  
Hintzman, 1988; Murdock, 1993;  
Wixted & Stretch, 2004)

*Encoding*

*Matching*

*Response*

## Dual-process

(e.g., Diana et al., 2006;  
Malmberg, 2008; Rugg &  
Curran, 2007; Yonelinas, 2002)

*Encoding*

*Familiarity*

*Recollection*

*Response*

## ACT-R

(e.g., Anderson, 2007;  
Anderson & Reder, 1999;  
Schneider & Anderson, 2012)

*Encoding*

*Associative retrieval*

*Decision*

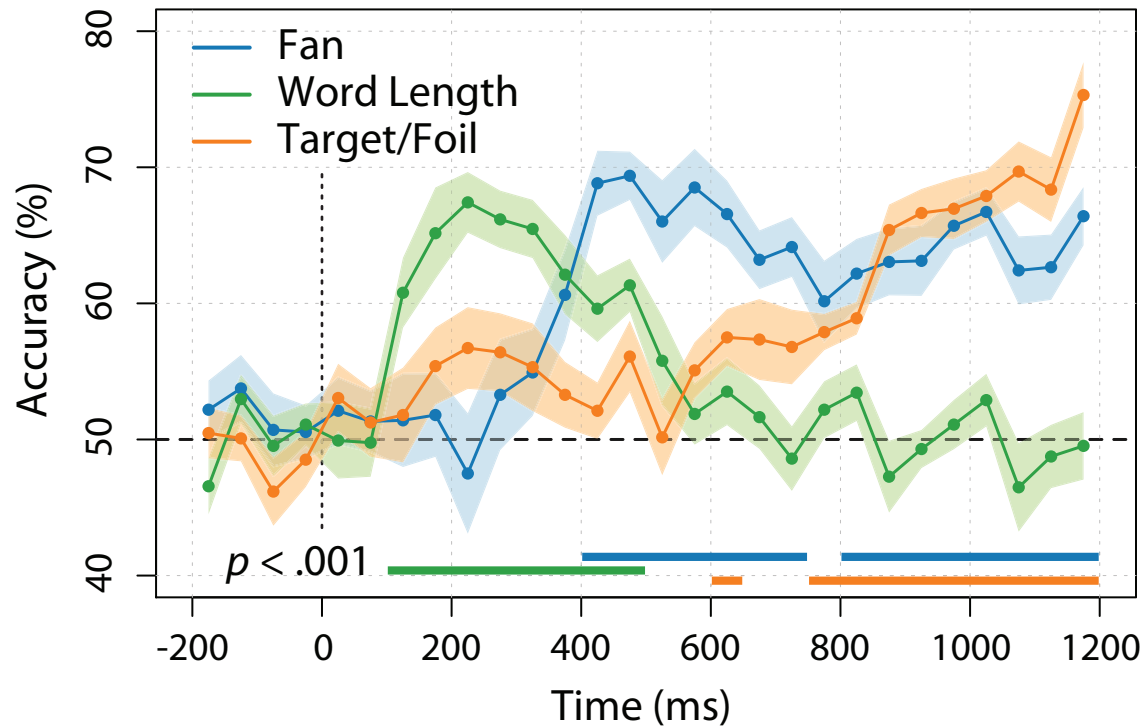
*Response*



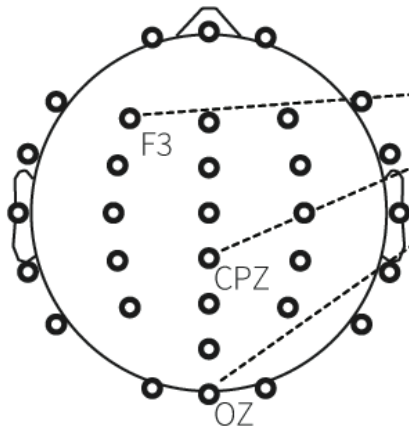


EEG 1: Fan

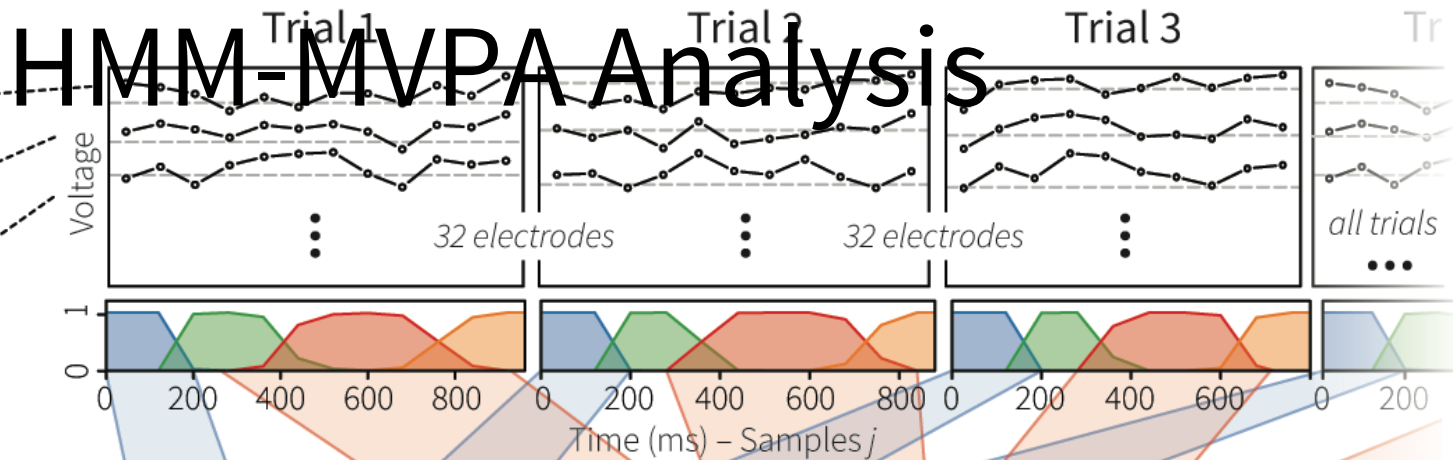
# Classifier



## EEG Channels



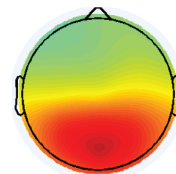
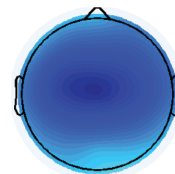
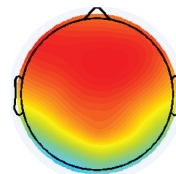
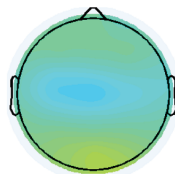
## EEG Data



## HMM

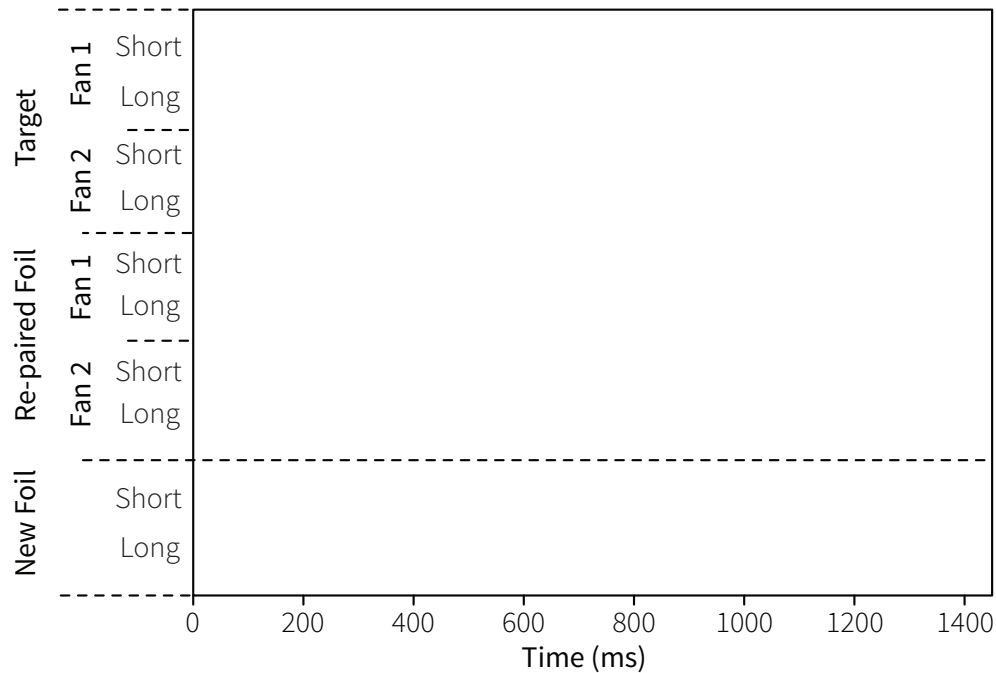


*Brain  
Signatures*



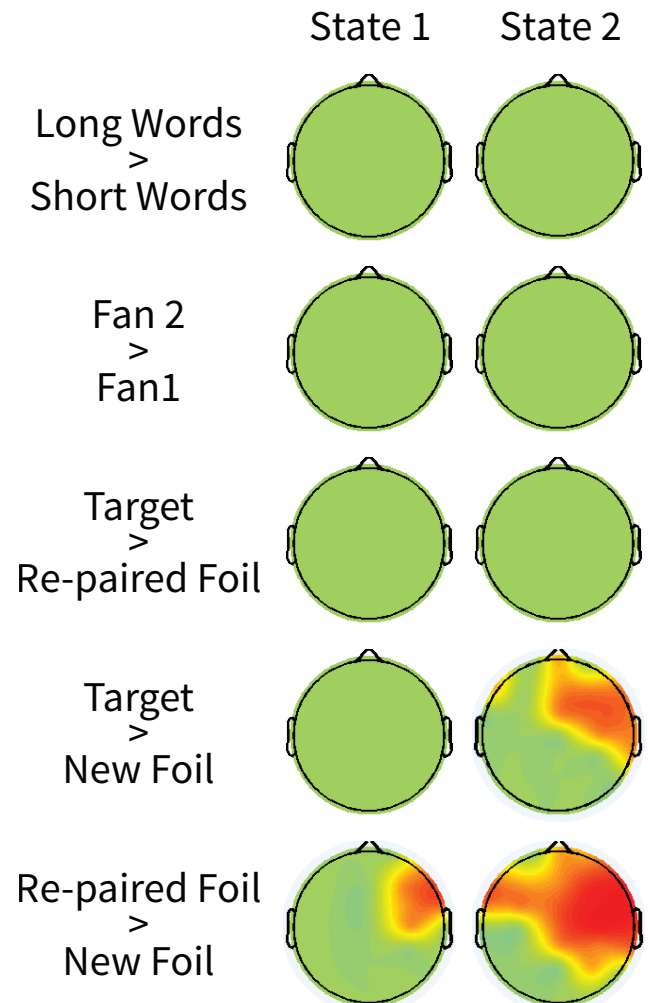
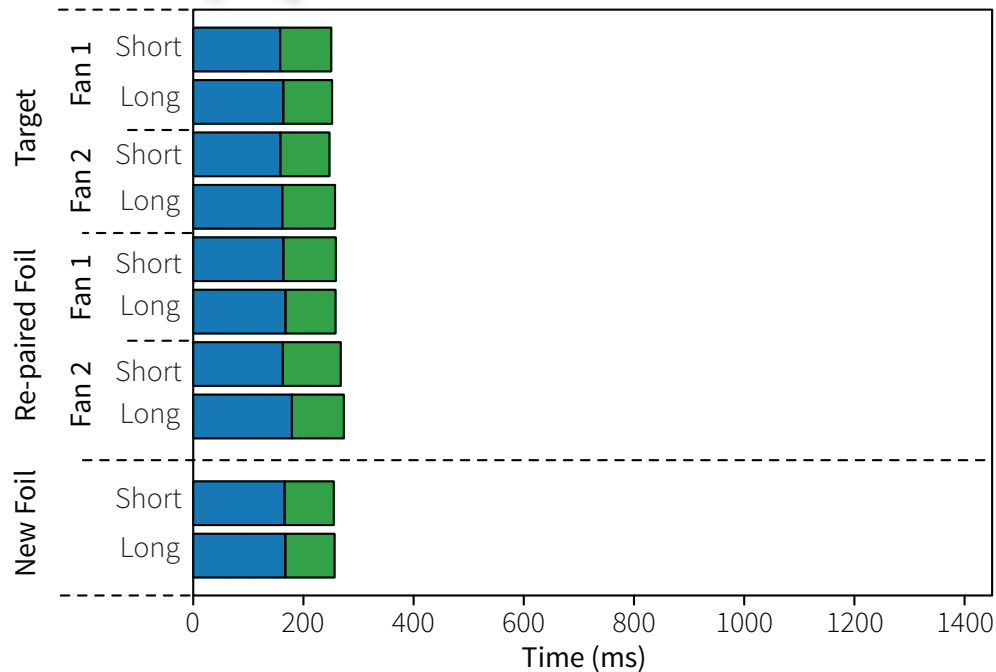
*Gamma  
Distributions*

# Stages 1 & 2

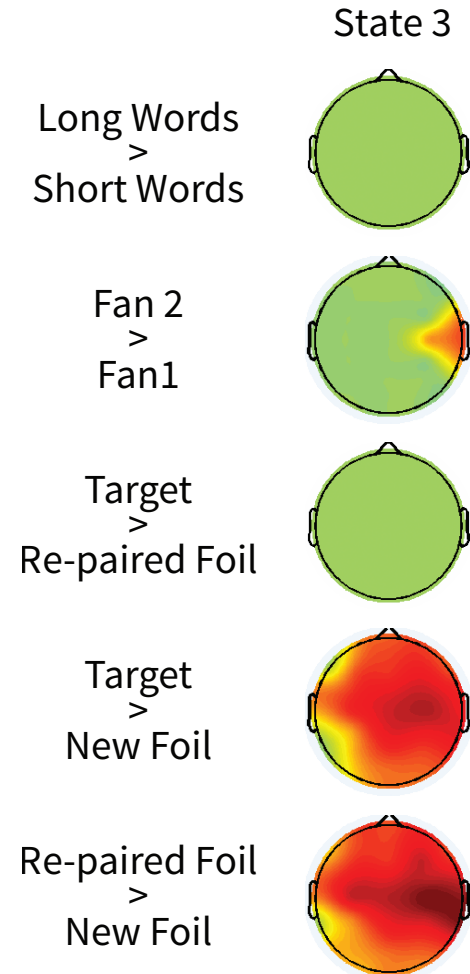
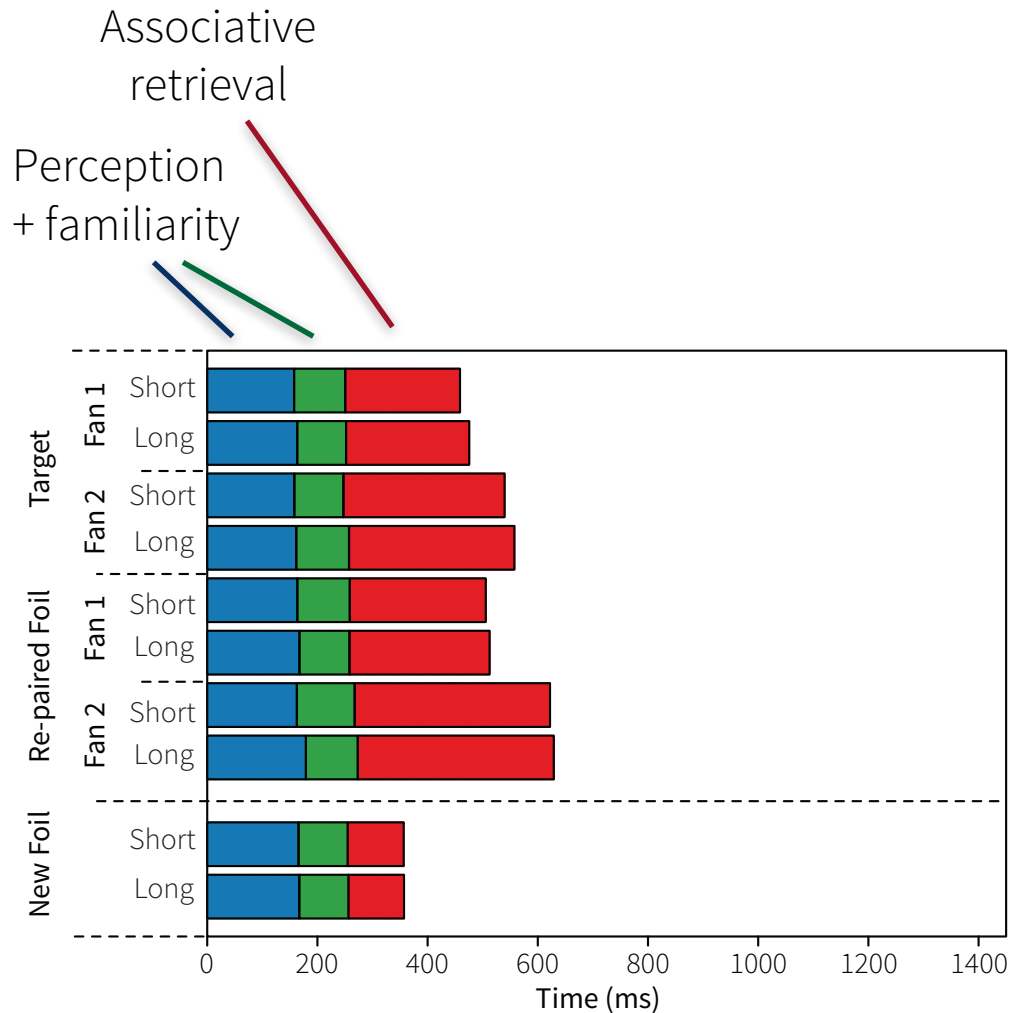


# Stages 1 & 2

Perception  
+ familiarity



# Stage 3

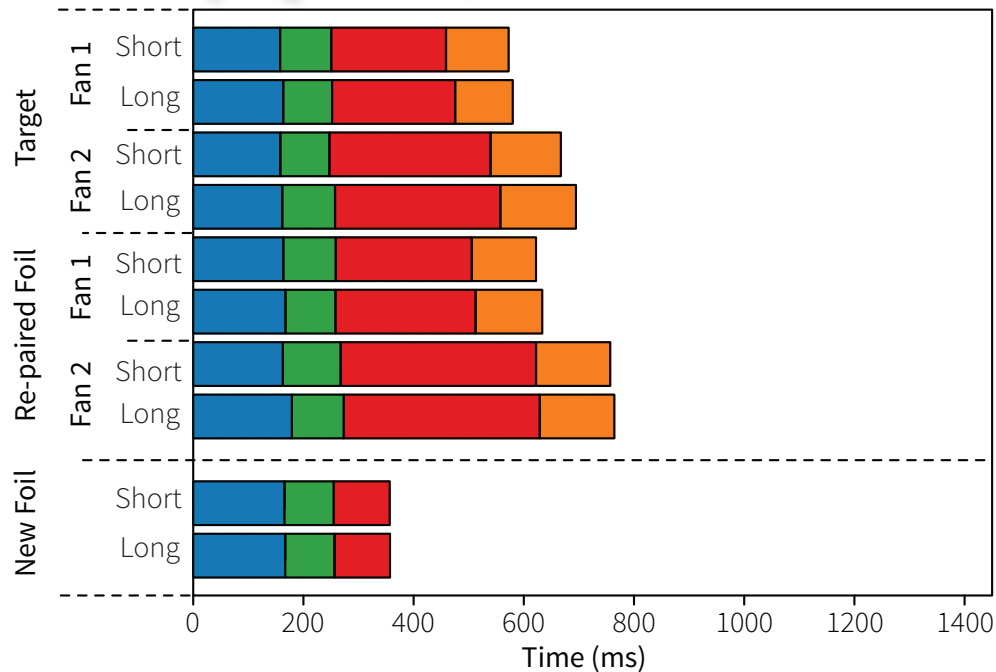


# Stage 4

Working Memory  
consolidation (?)

Associative  
retrieval

Perception  
+ familiarity



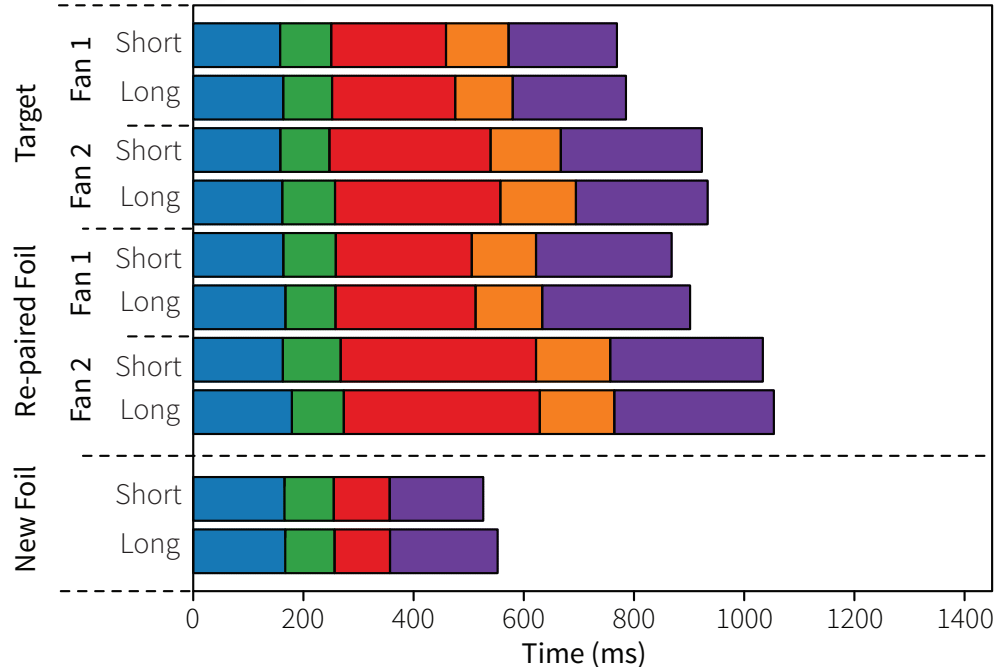
# Stage 5

Working Memory  
consolidation (?)

Associative  
retrieval

Decision

Perception  
+ familiarity



State 5

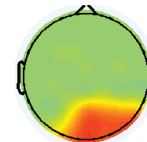
Long Words  
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Short Words



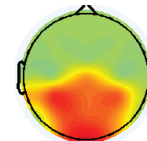
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Fan 1



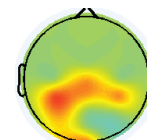
Target  
>  
Re-paired Foil



Target  
>  
New Foil

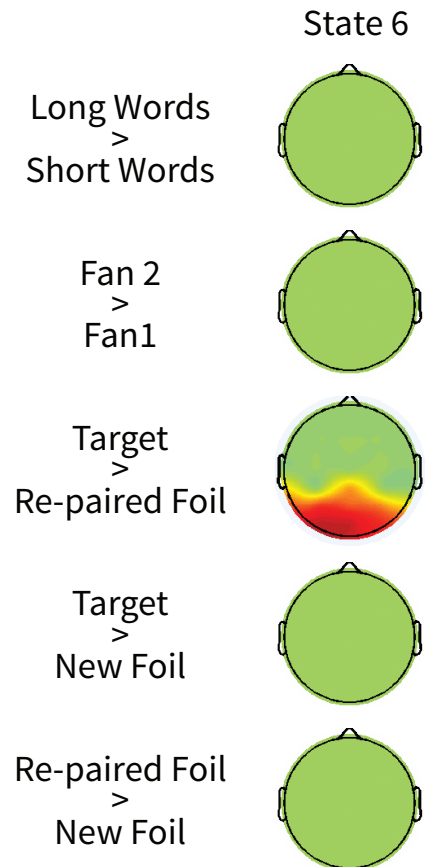
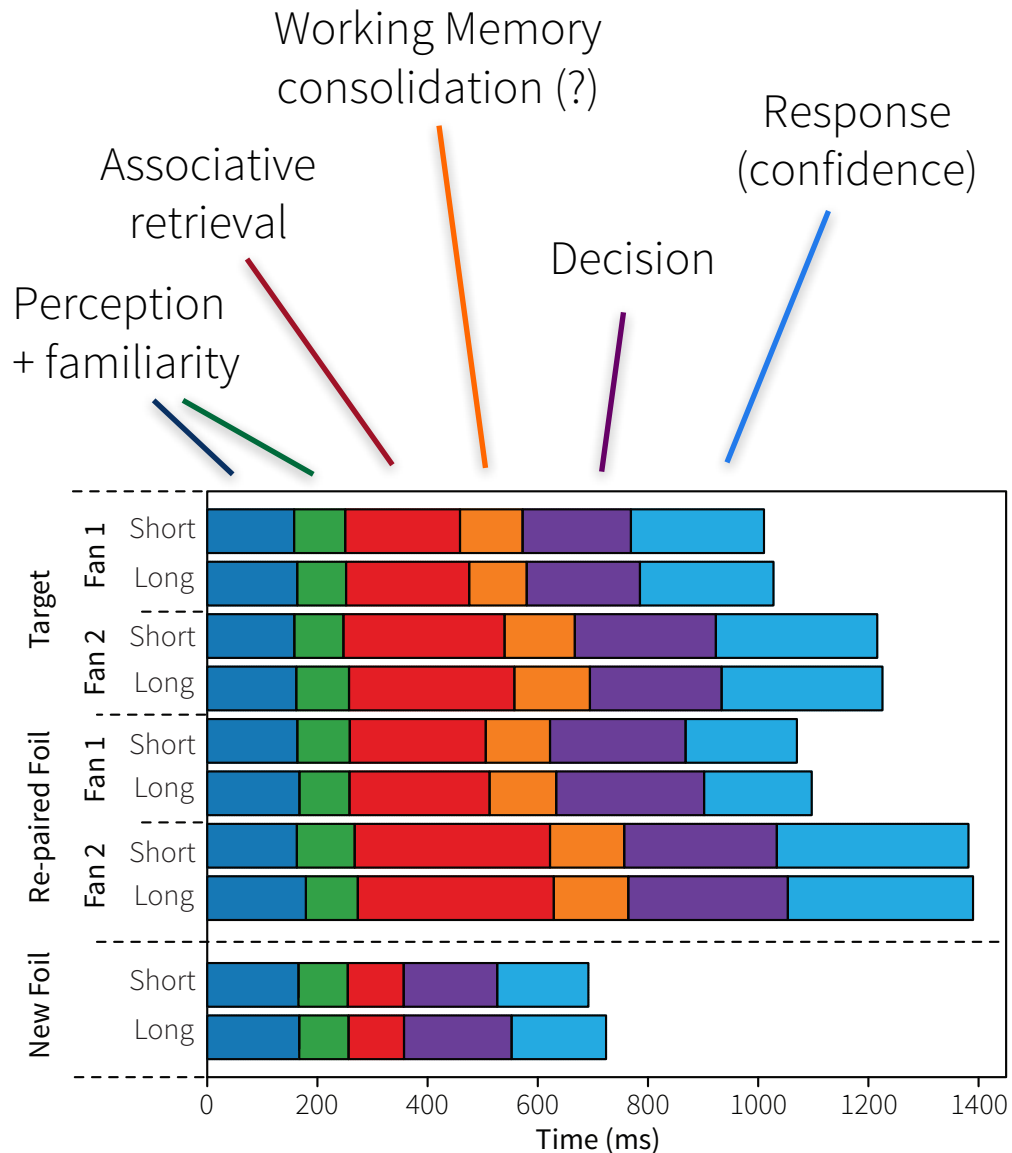


Re-paired Foil  
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New Foil



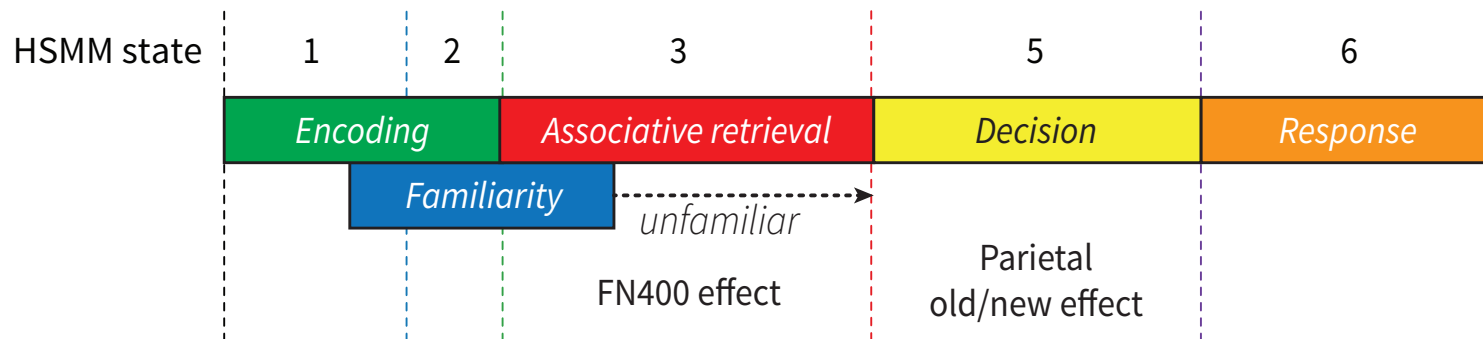


# Stage 6



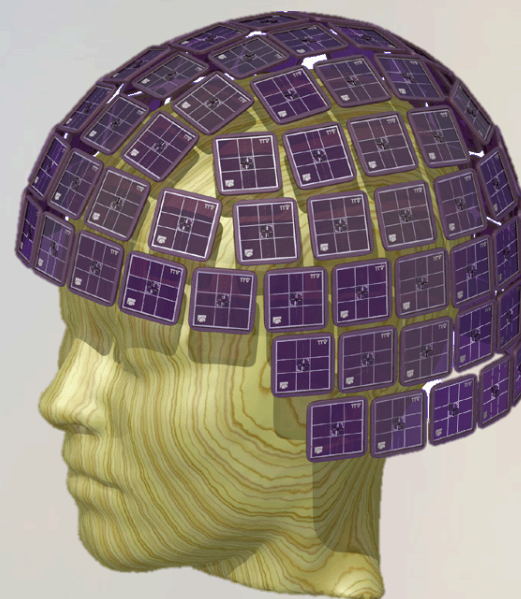
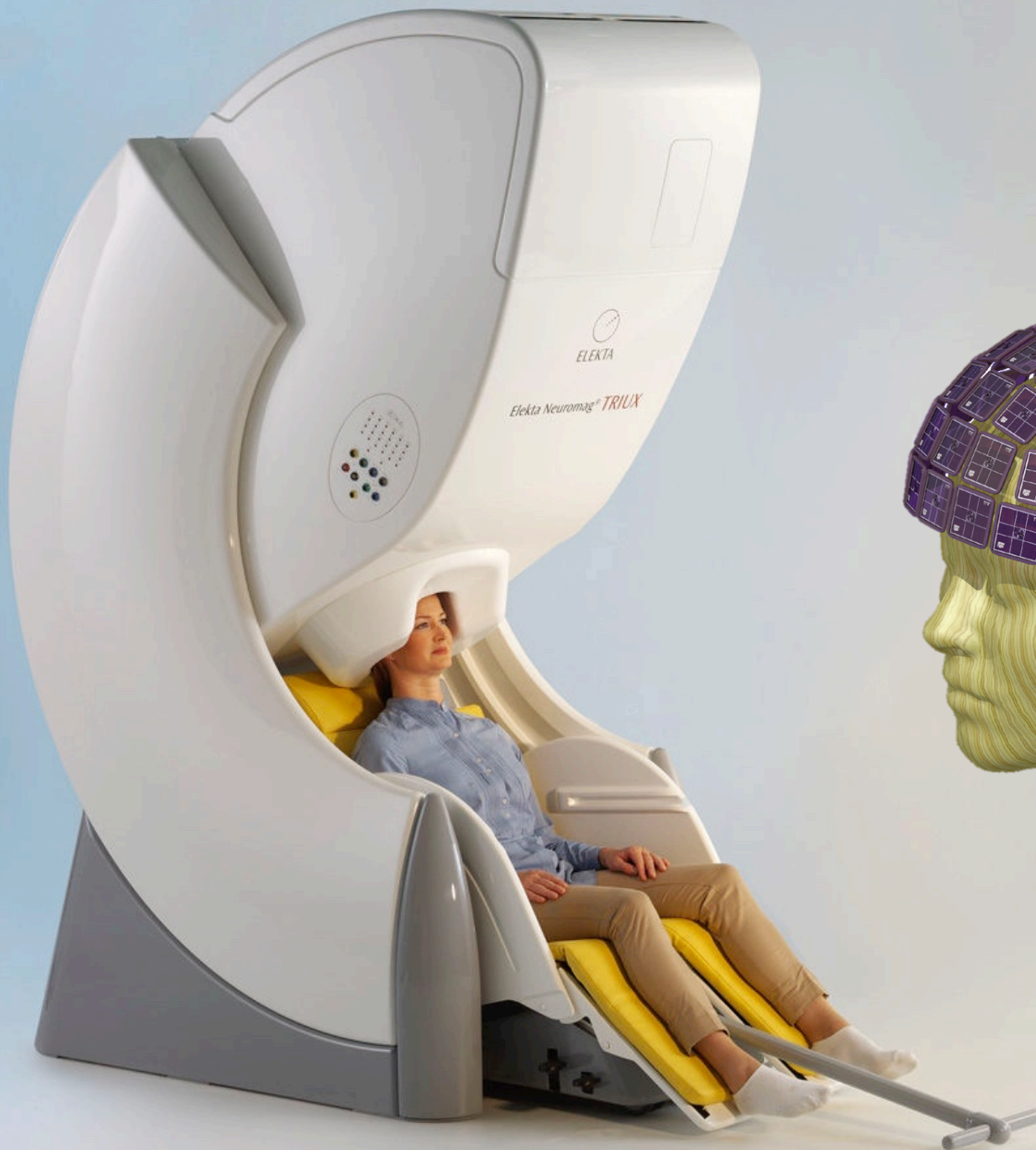
# EEG 1: Conclusions

- Two memory stages: familiarity and associative retrieval
- More involved decision process, that feeds on retrieved information



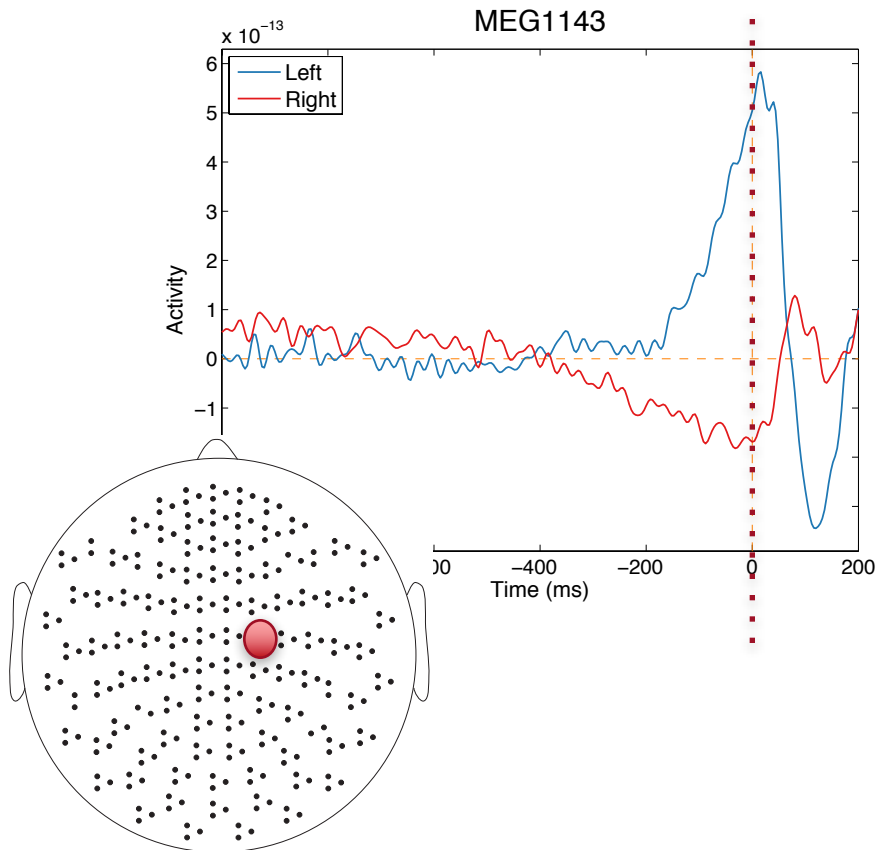


# MEG: Fan

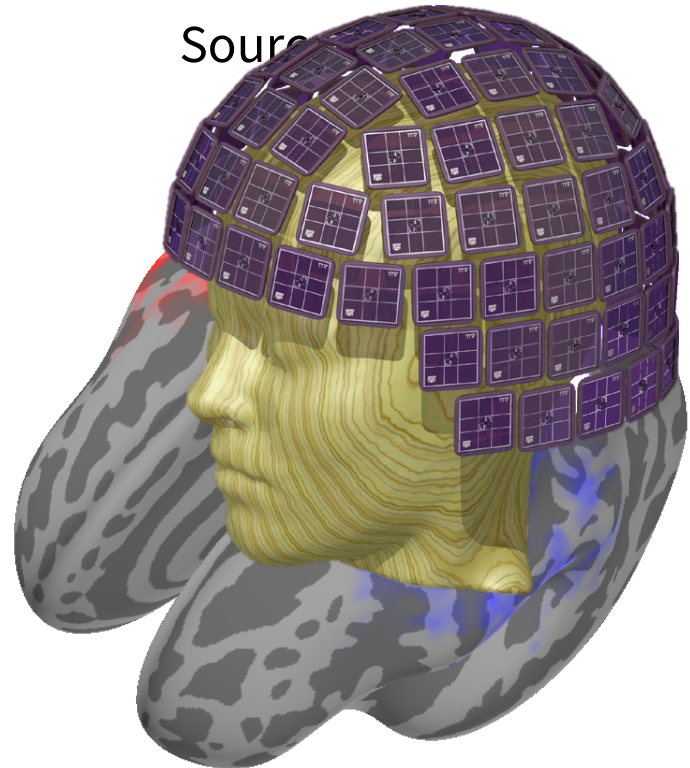


# Sensors and sources

Sensor space



Source

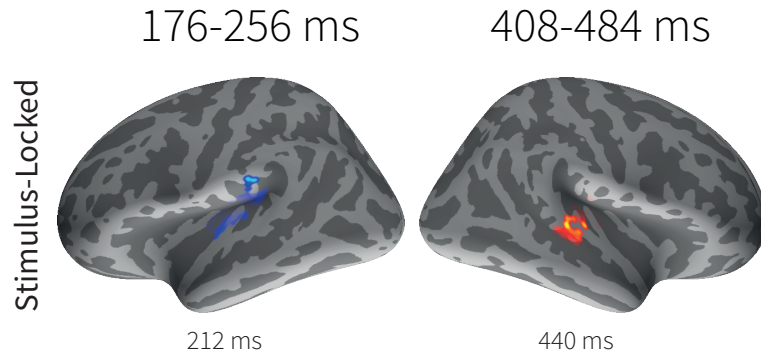




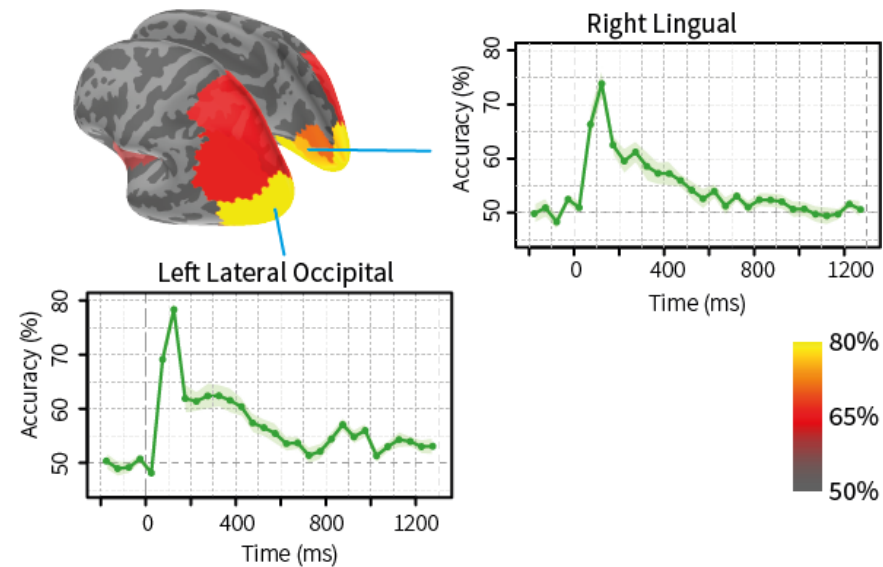
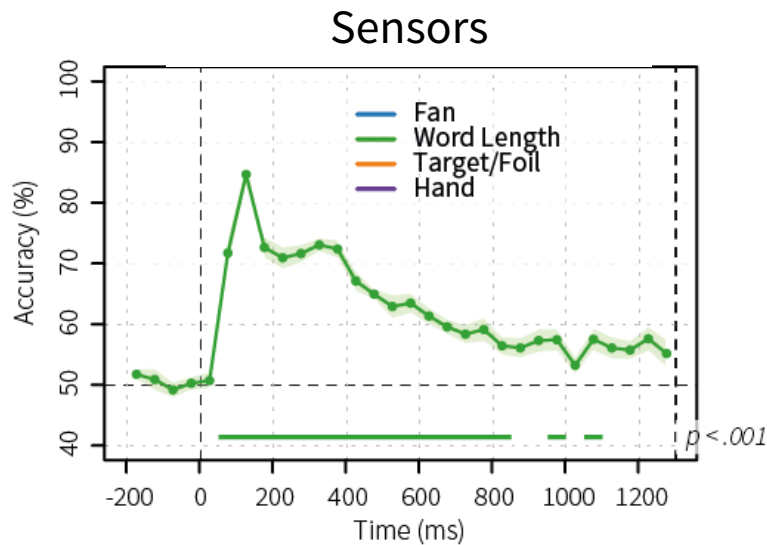
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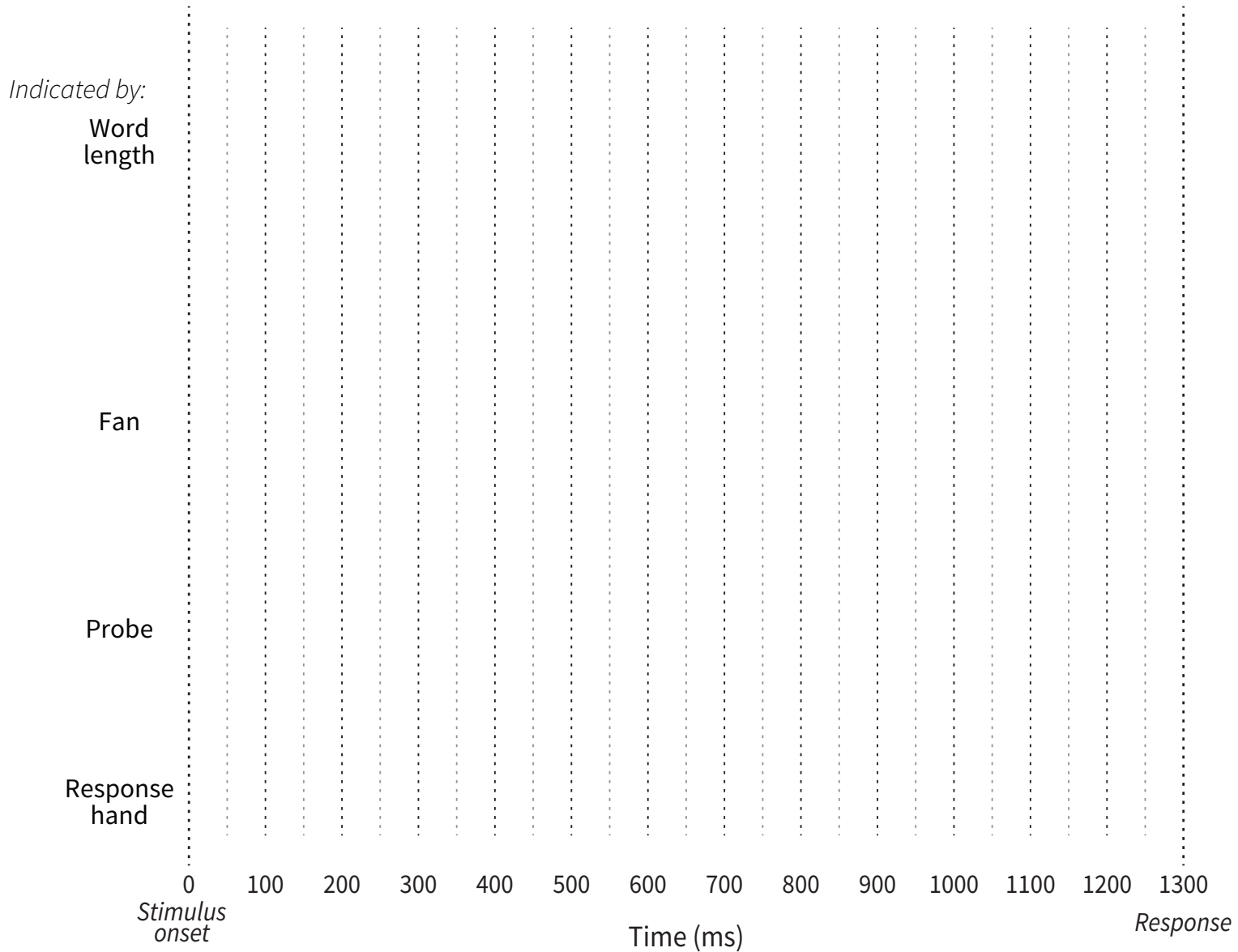
Permutation  
Clusters



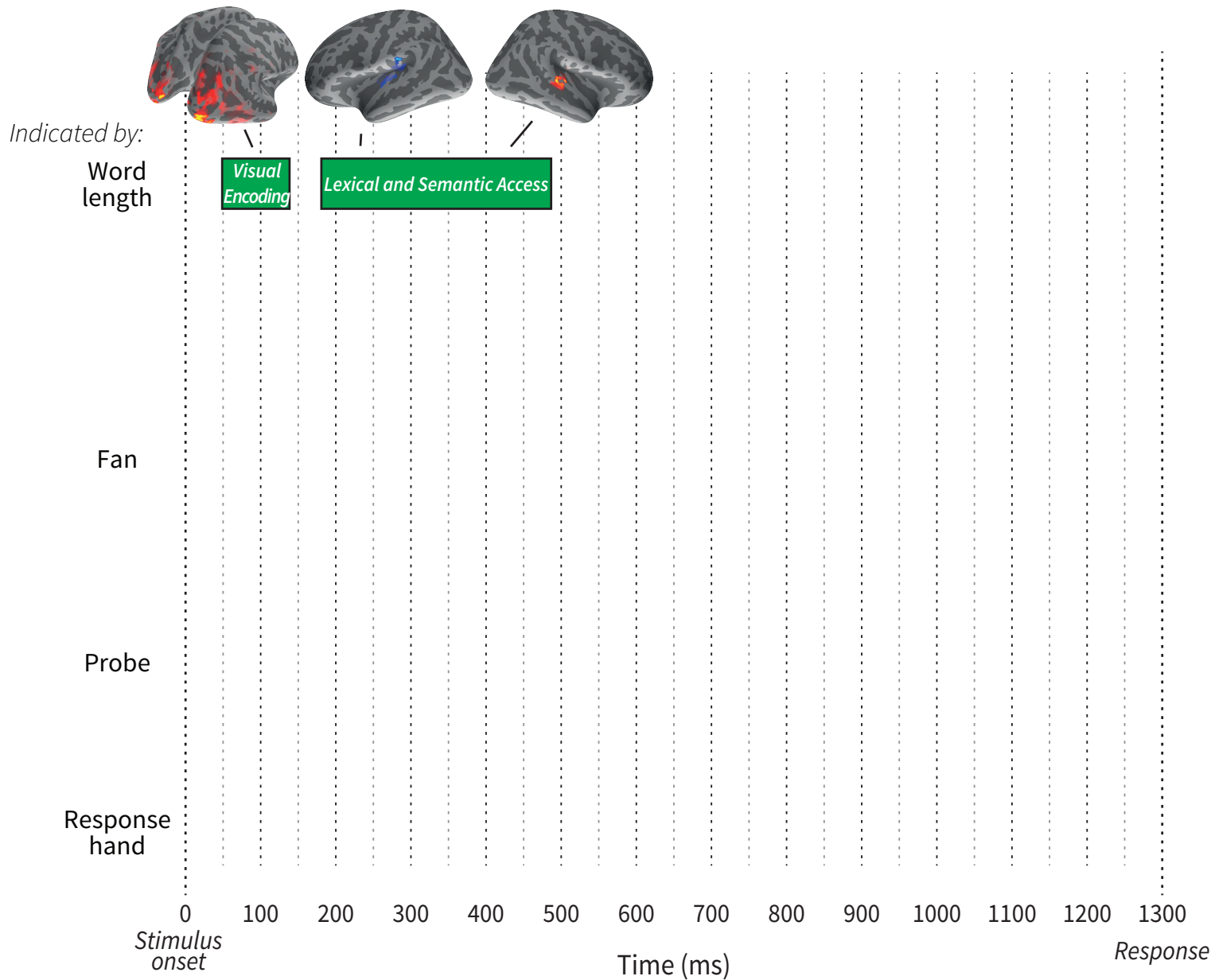
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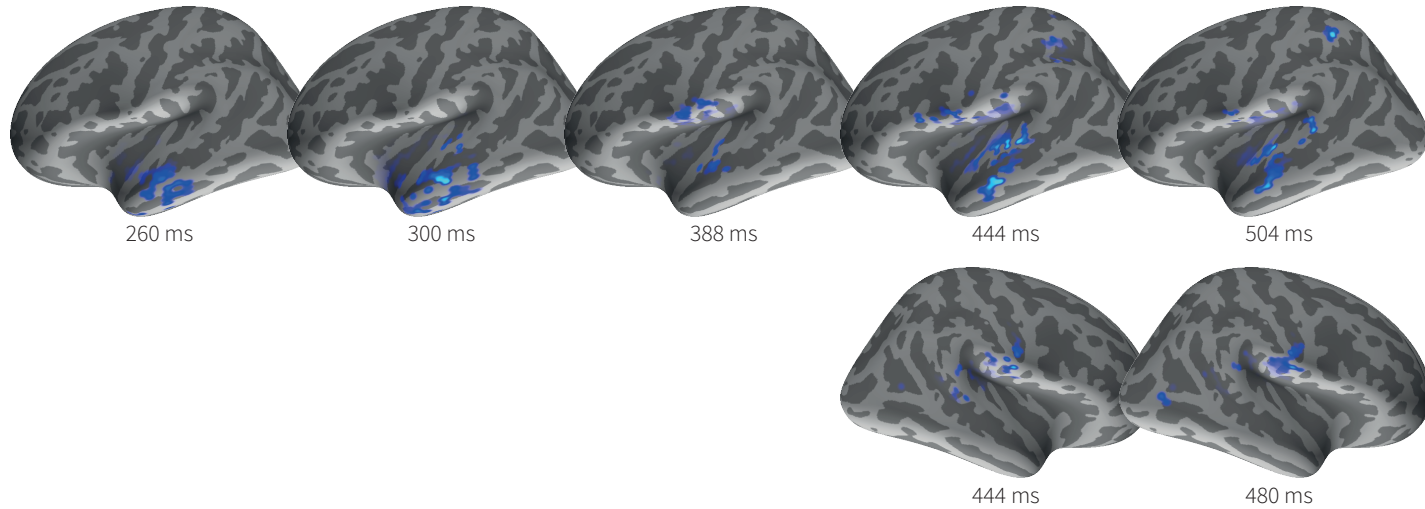


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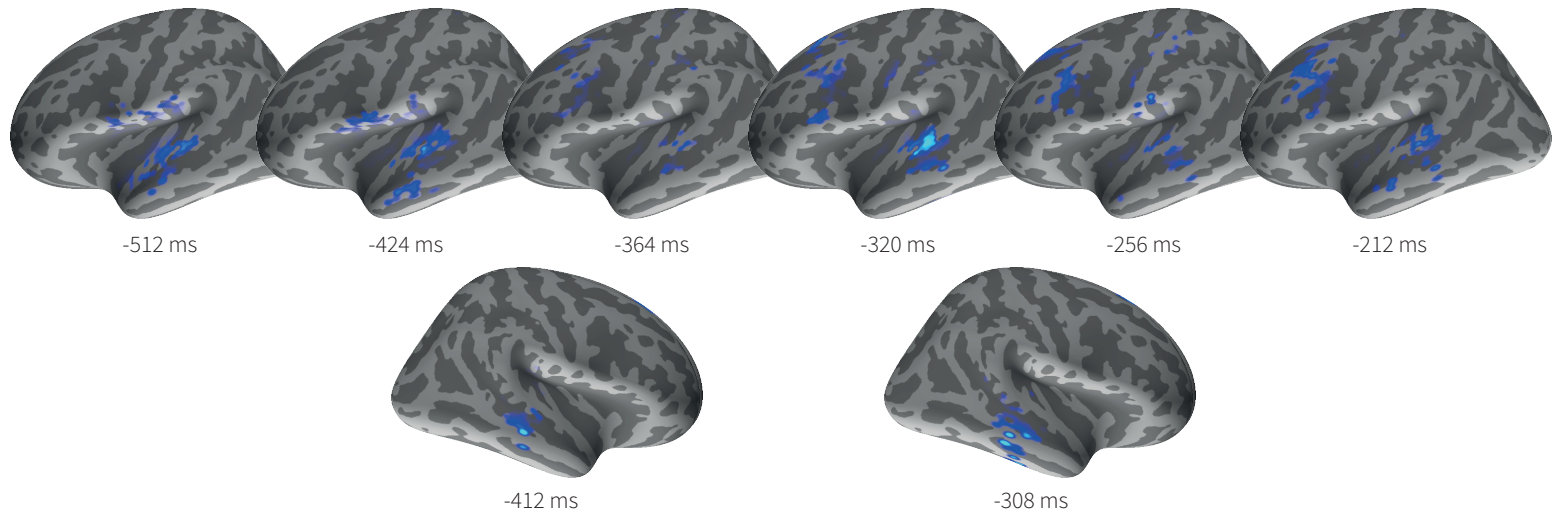
# Associative Strength

(fan 2 > fan 1)

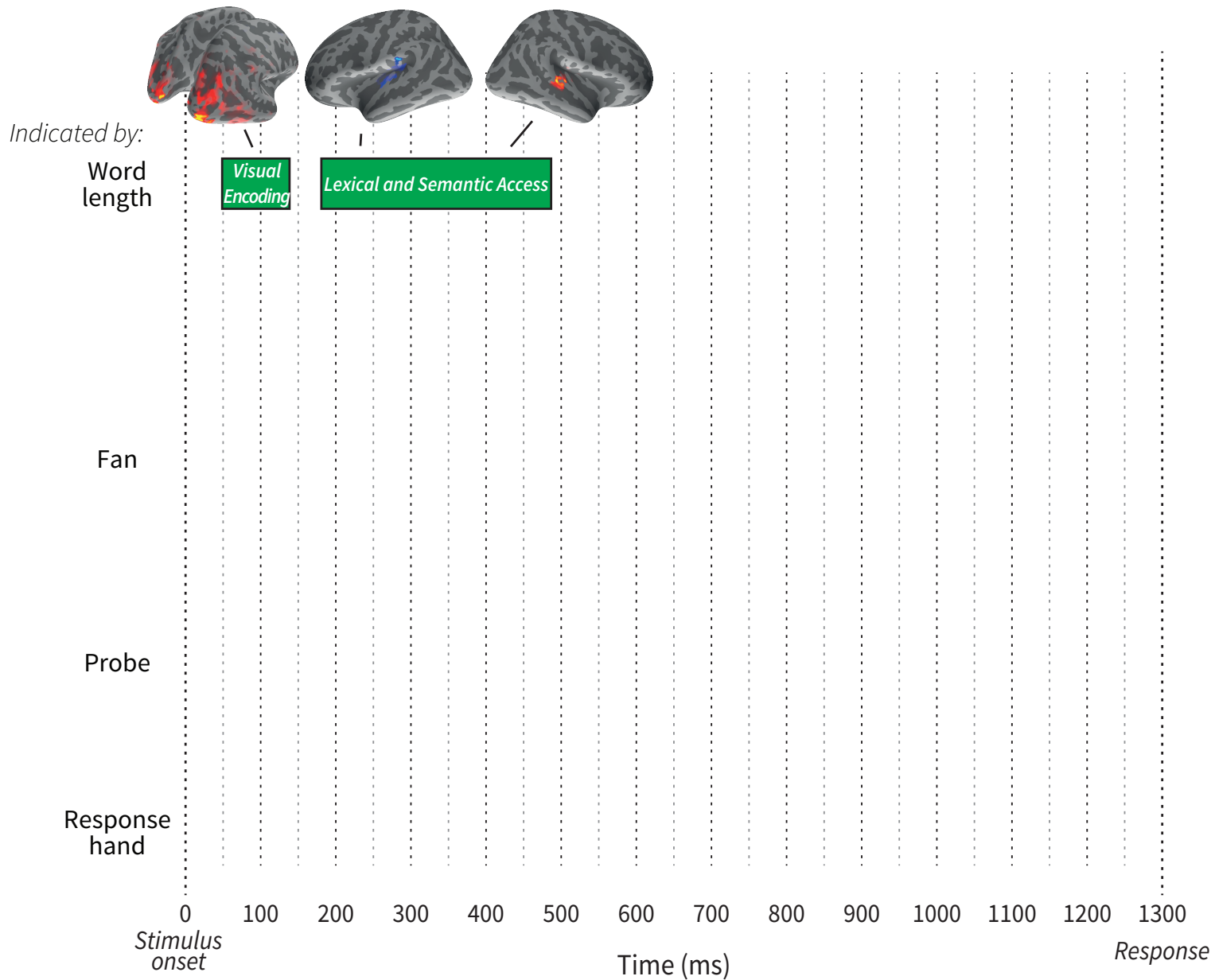
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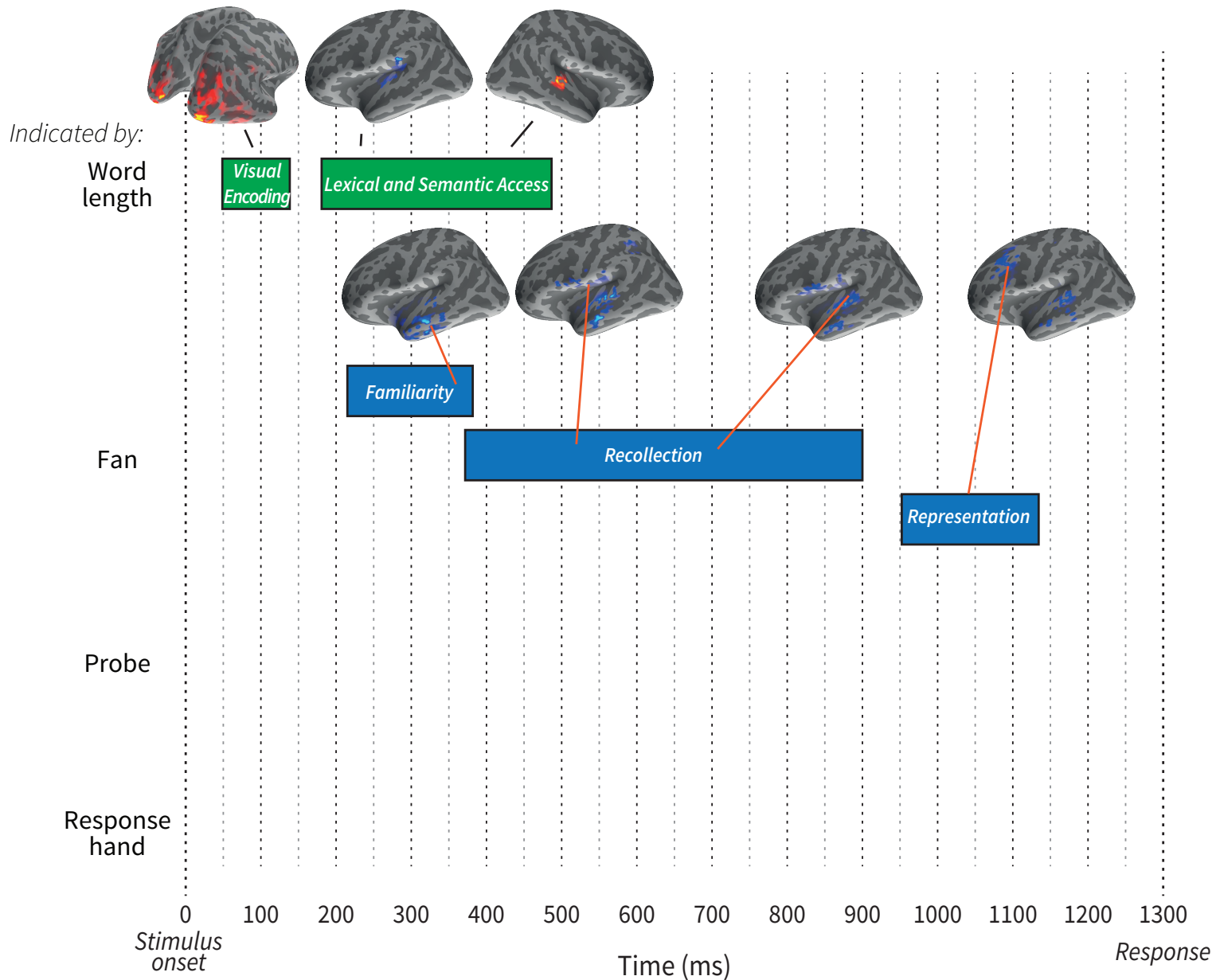
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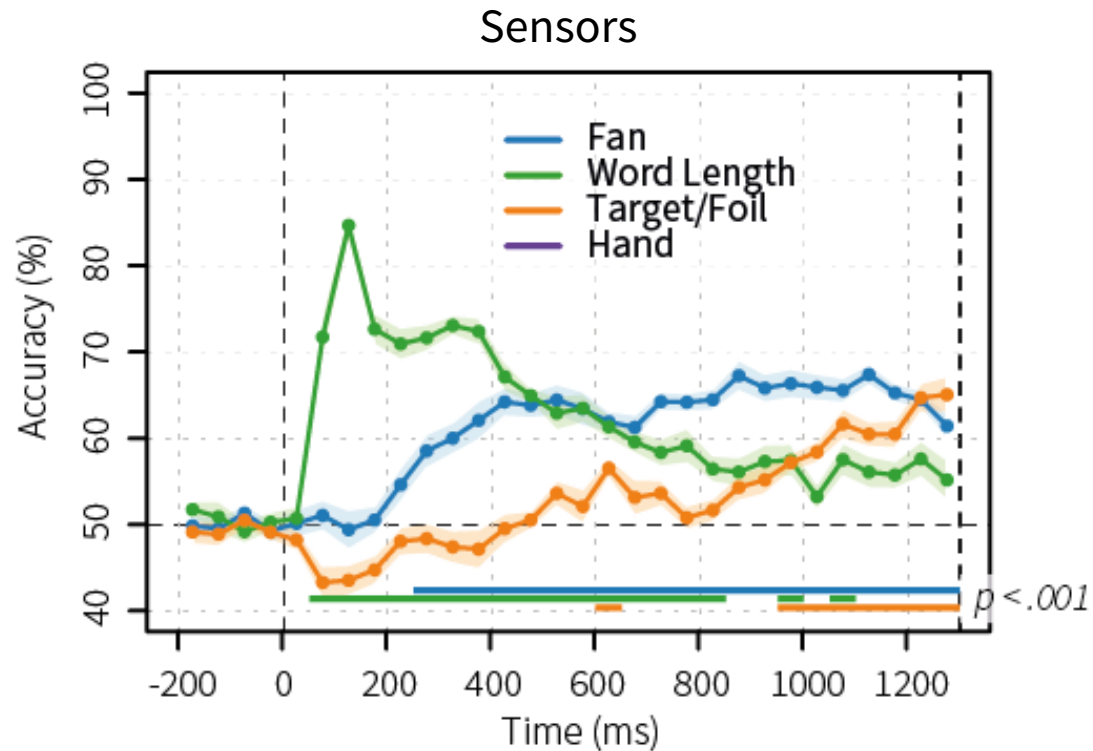


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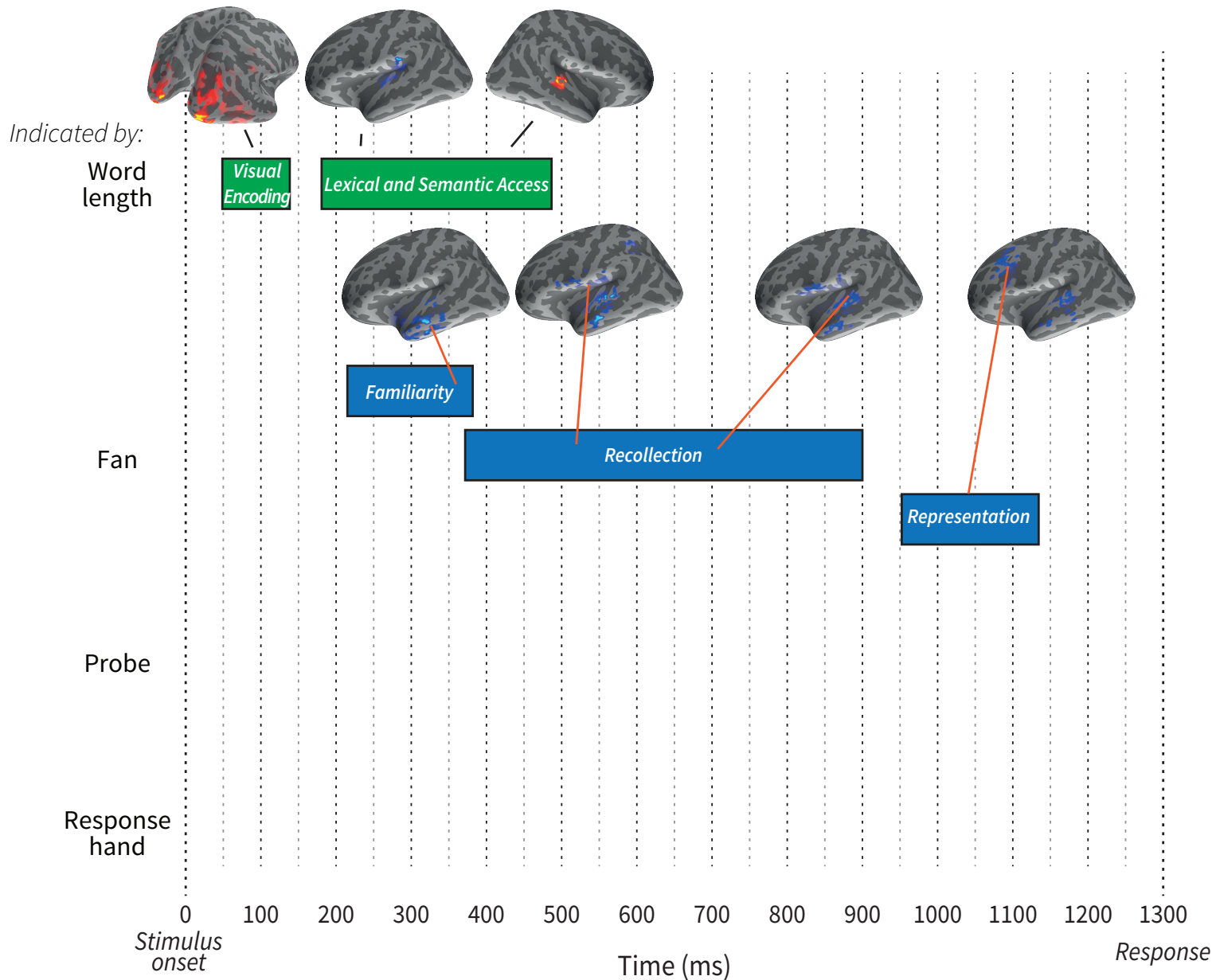


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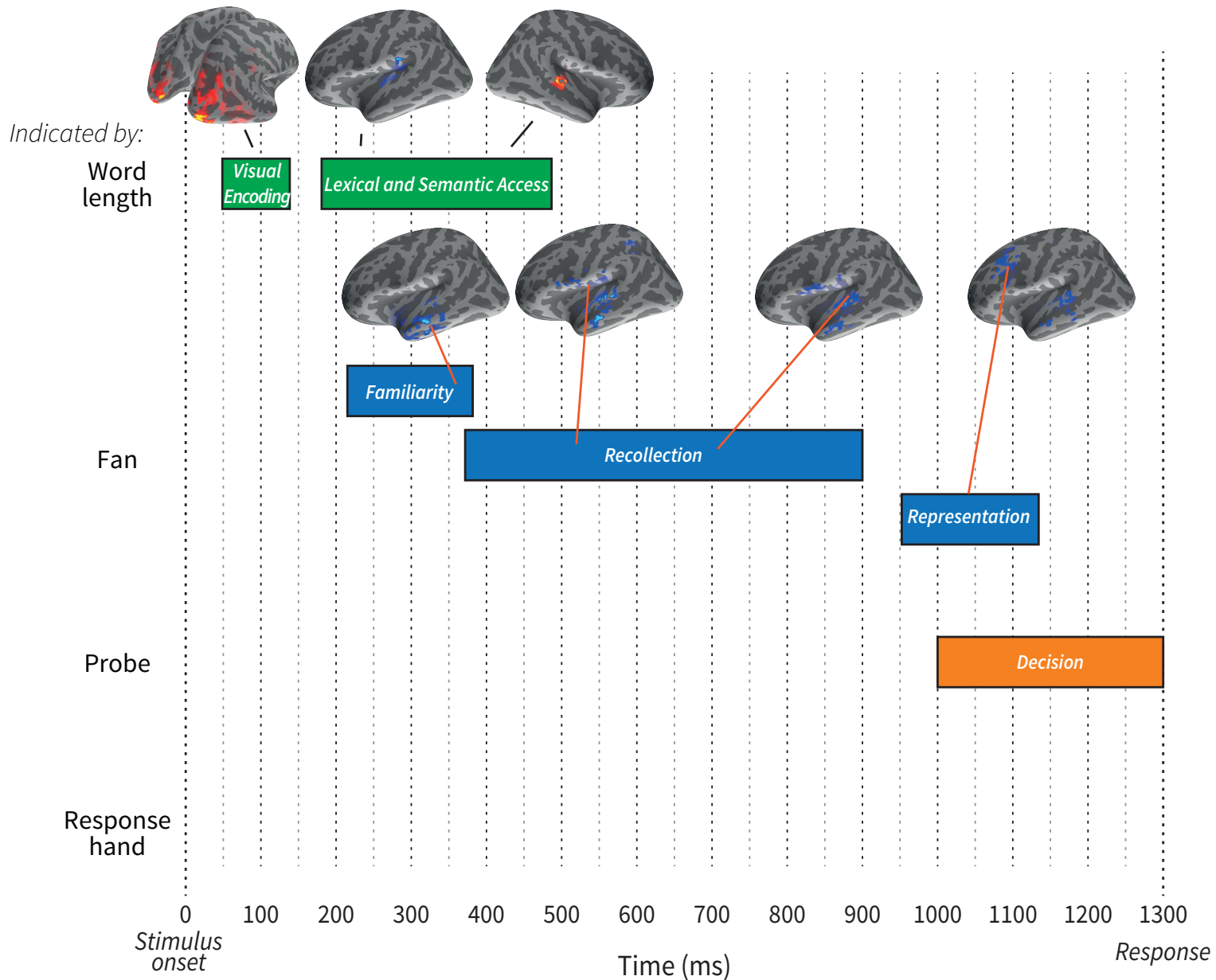
(target > foil)



# MEG Model



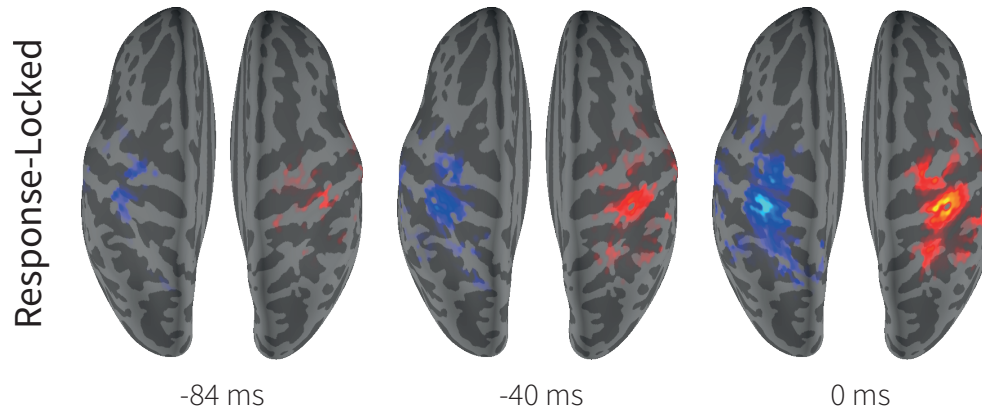
# MEG Model



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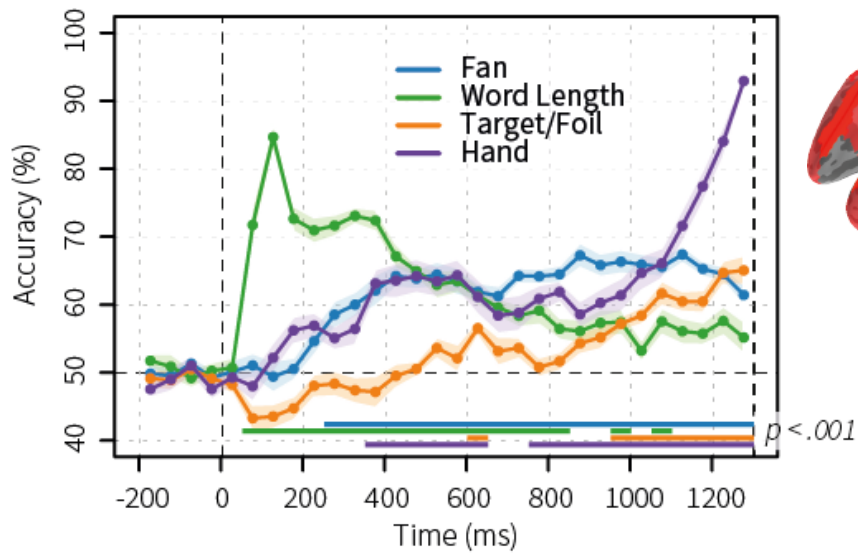
(left > right)

Permutation  
Clusters

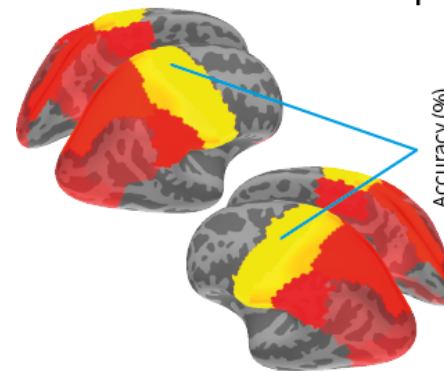


Sensors

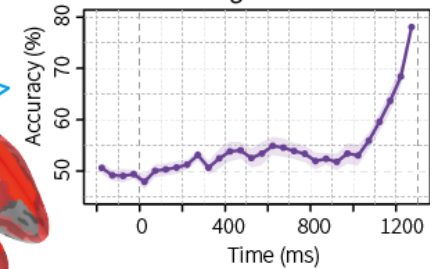
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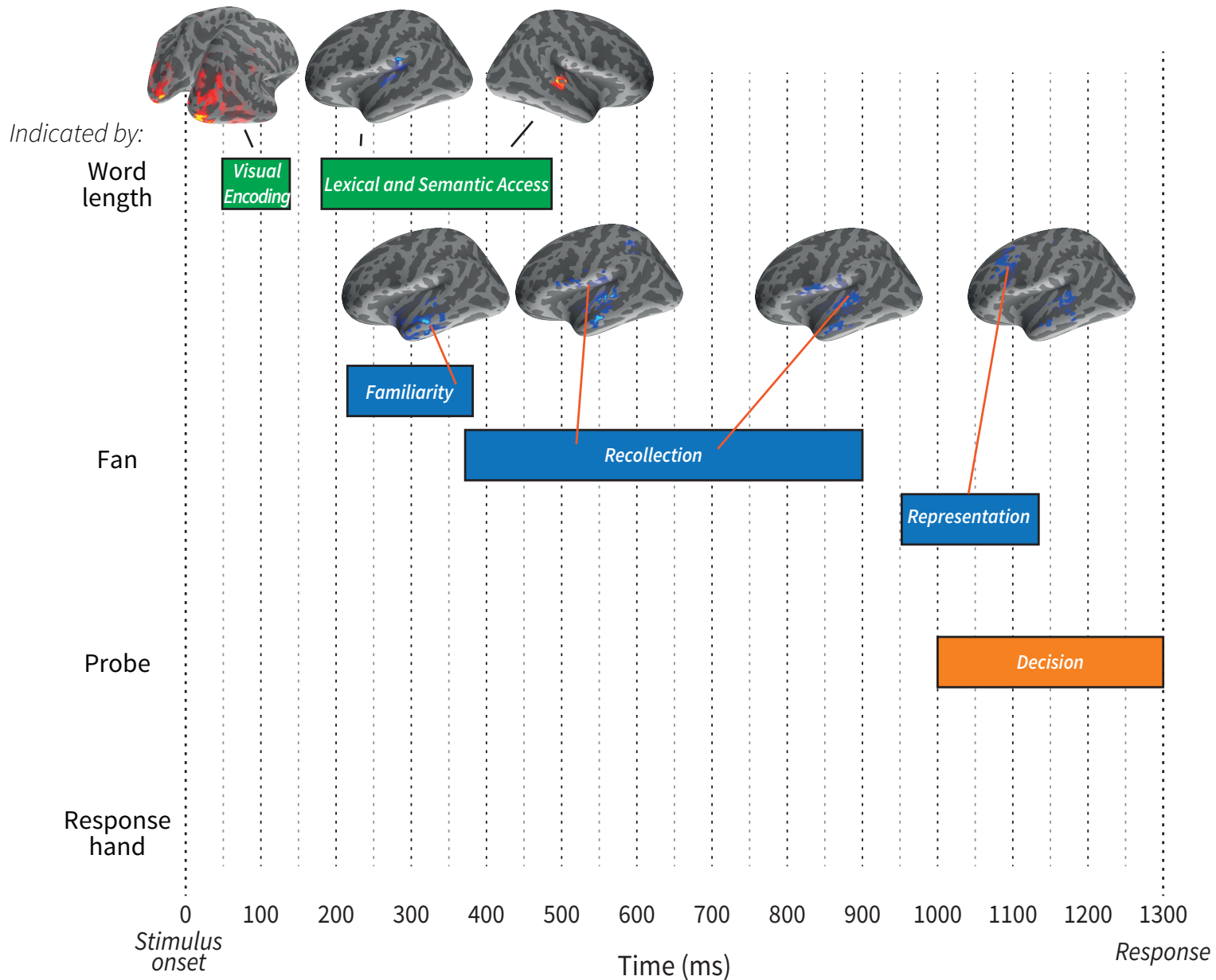
Response Hand



Left&Right Precentral

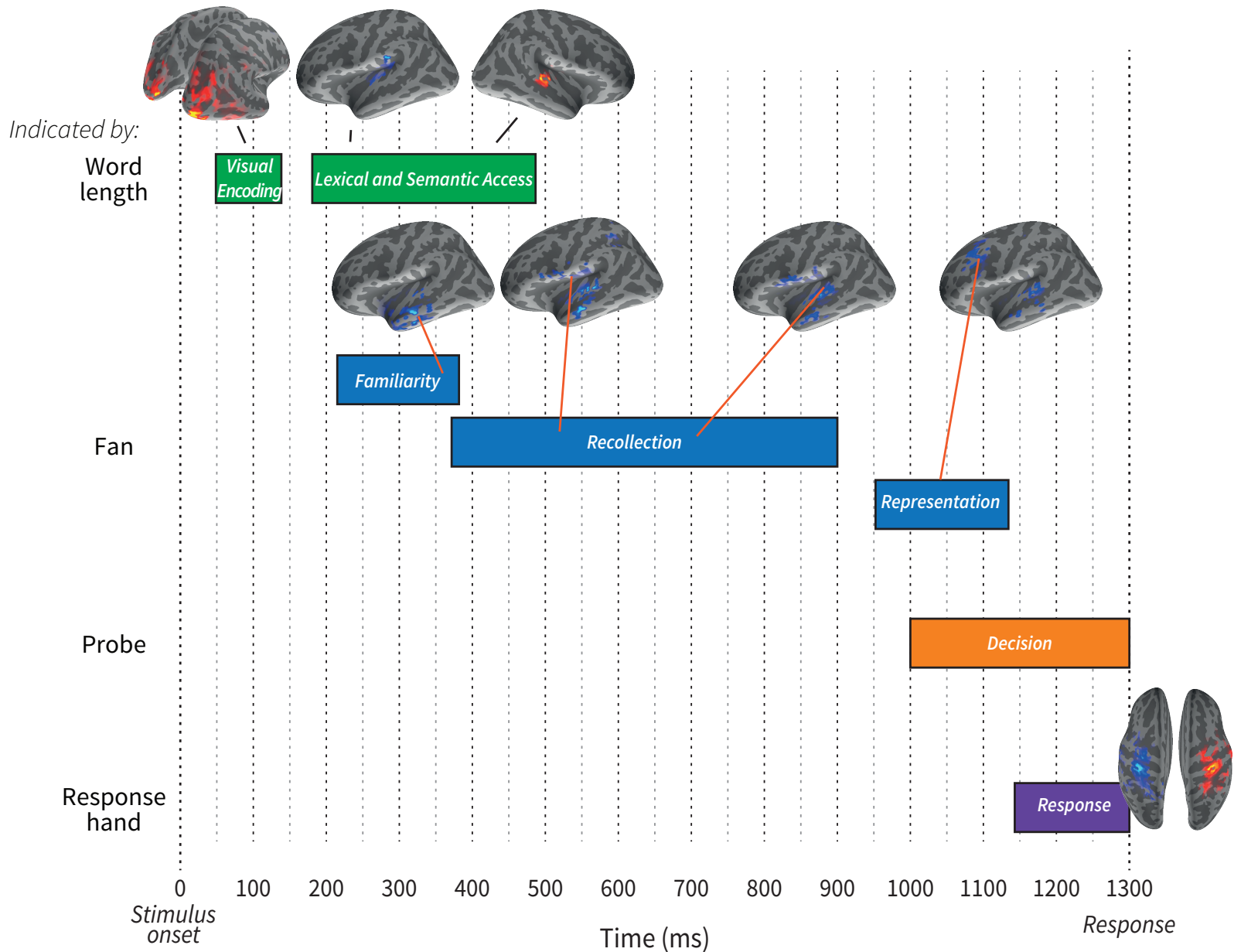


# MEG Model





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# EEG & MEG conclusions

- Encoding (occipital)
- Three memory stages:
  - familiarity (perirhinal cortex)
  - associative retrieval (hippocampus)
  - representation (prefrontal, neural activation depends on activation of facts)
- More involved decision process in parietal cortex, input from prefrontal representation
- Motor (precentral)



# EEG 2: Complex Fan

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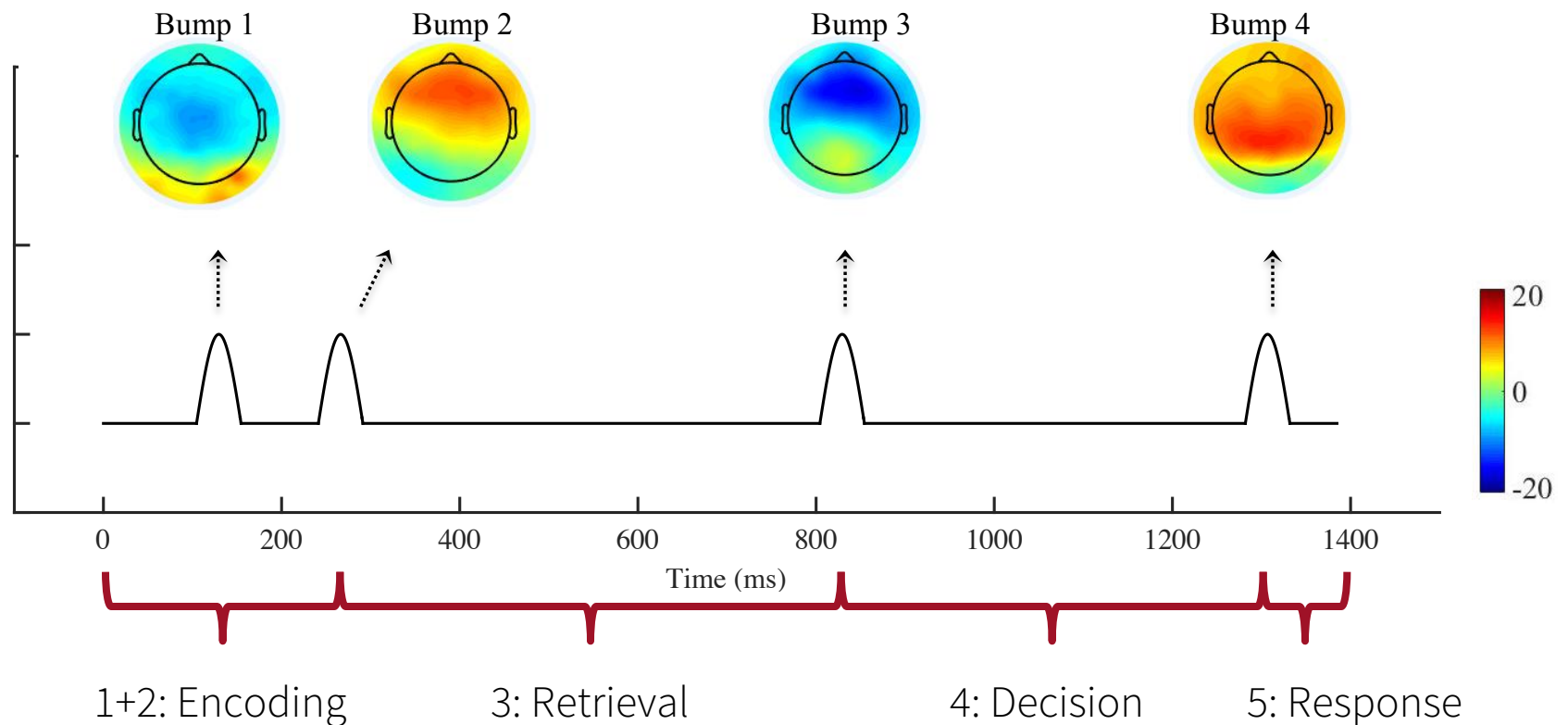
Study

Actor	Verb	Location
Queen	Sing	Office
Sheriff	Laugh	Kitchen
Musician	Sing	Kitchen

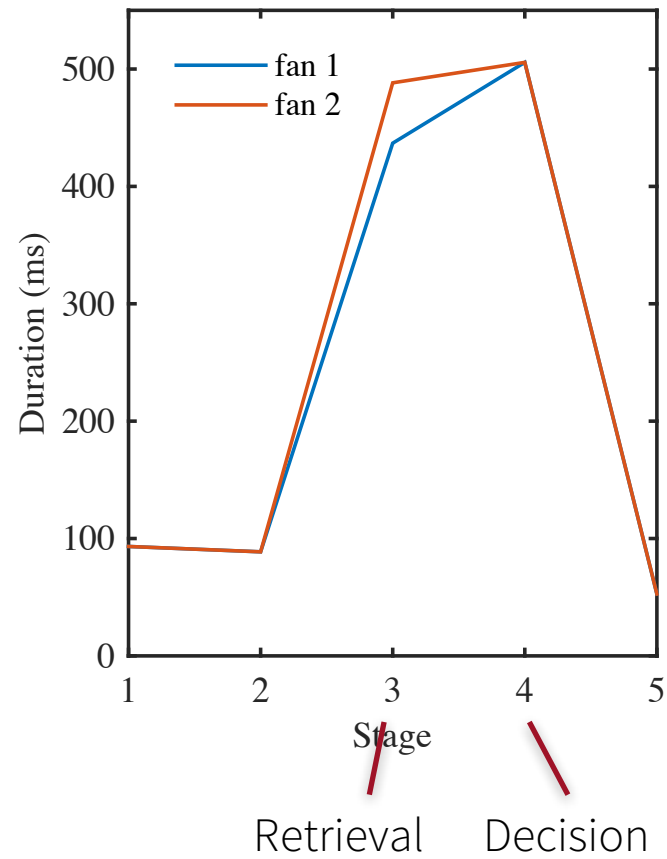
Test

Target (similar 3)	Musician	Sing	Kitchen
Dissimilar (similar 0)	Musician	Sleep	Studio
Similar 1	Queen	Laugh	Kitchen
Similar 2	Musician	Sing	Office

# HSMM Model



# HSMM-MVPA



Retrieval Decision

# EEG 2: Conclusions

- Associative retrieval followed by separate decision
- Decision process is serial, not evidence accumulation



# Summary

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- Three memory stages:

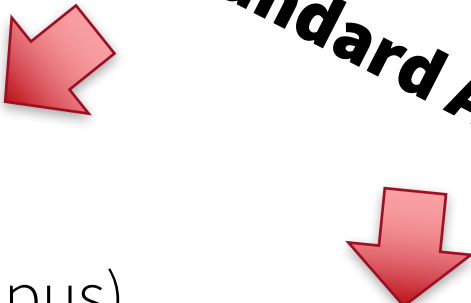
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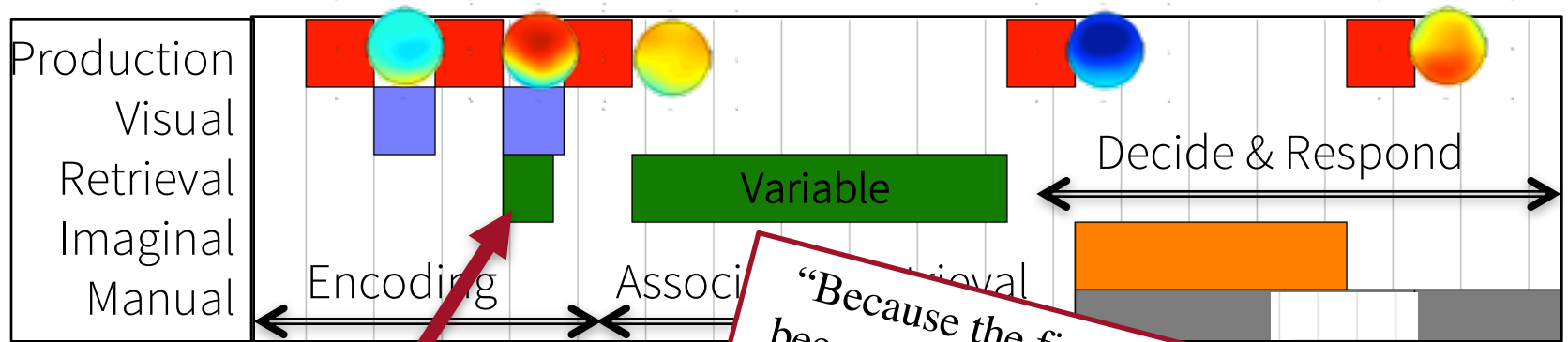
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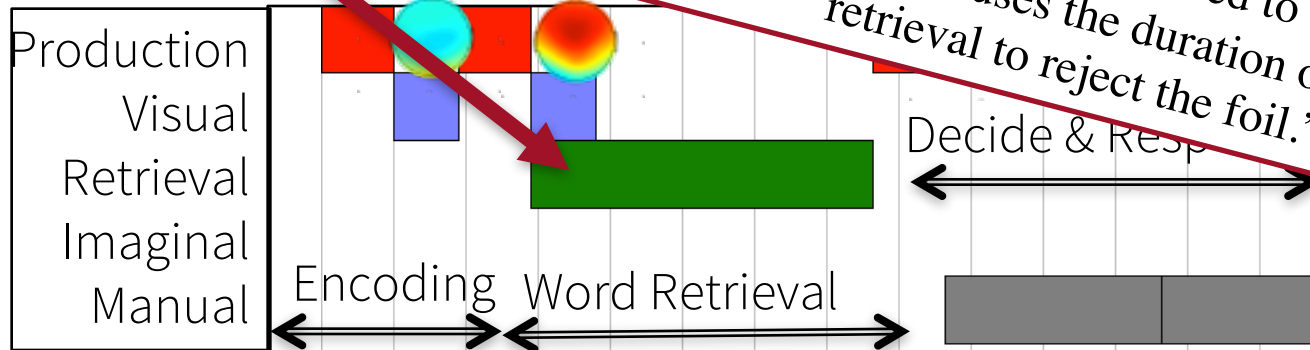


# Psych Review Model

## Targets & Re-paired foils



## Familiarity



“Because the first word of a new foil has not been seen in the experiment, it takes longer to retrieve its meaning (estimated to be 256 ms). The model uses the duration of this retrieval to reject the foil.”

# Discussion

- Familiarity process:
  - Psych Review Model: slower retrieval. How to measure this? Temporal module? (cf. Fechner et al., in revision)
  - Other theories: summed similarity to all items in memory (no recollection of content)
  - **Do we need a separate familiarity process, i.e. estimate of memory activation without retrieval?**
- Prefrontal representation of retrieved facts, maintaining their activation
  - Activation can be used as a proxy for retrieval time
  - **Is this useful for other models? Arguments in favor, against?**

# Thank you!

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