A photograph of a baby sitting on a bed with a gold blanket. There are two cats on the bed: one orange and white, and one tabby. A black dog is standing on the floor in the foreground. The background is a plain white wall. Several dark blue rounded rectangular shapes are overlaid on the image, some containing text and others empty.

The Infant Occipital Cortex Responds to a Predictive Cross-Modal Stimulus

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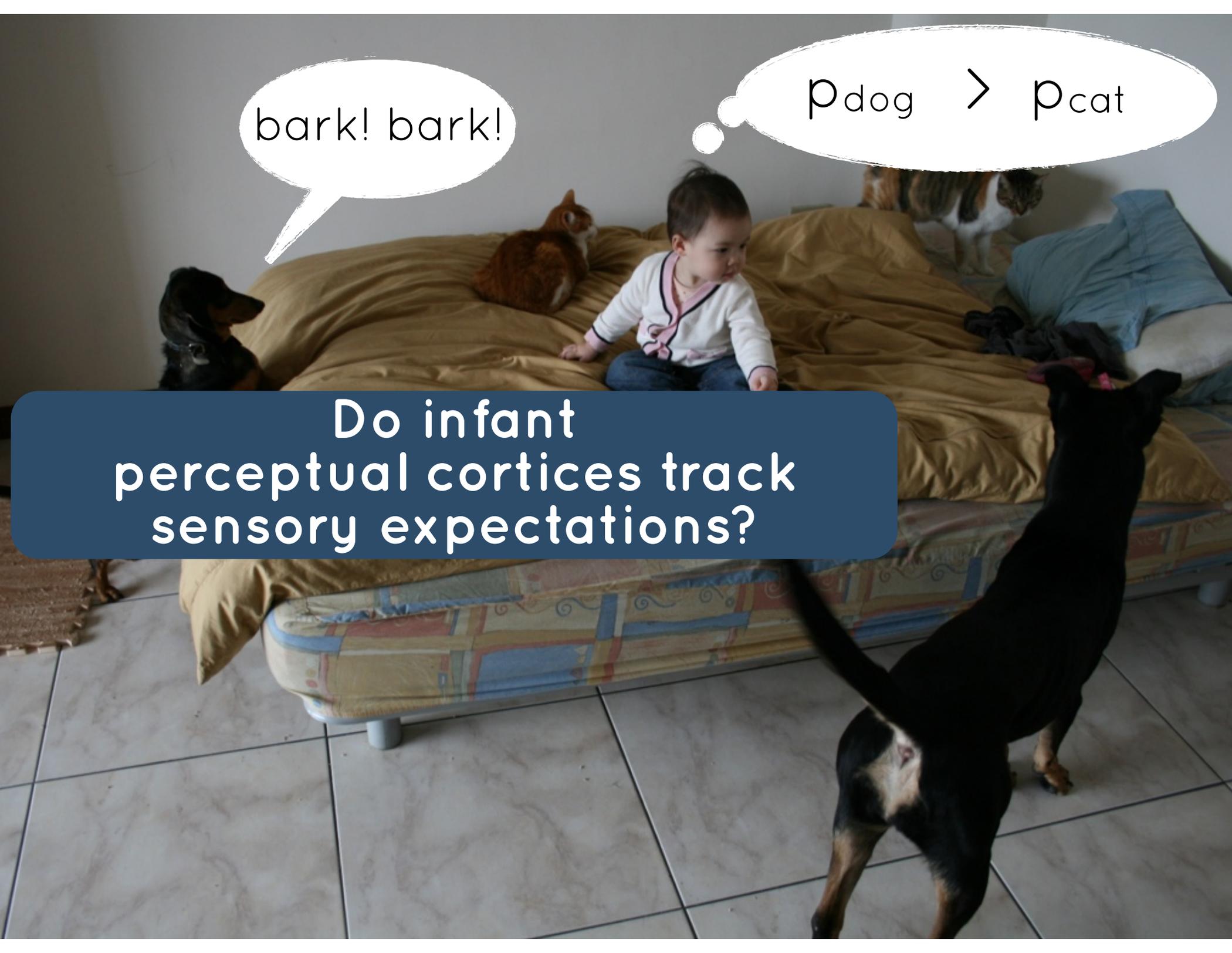
A photograph of a baby sitting on a bed with a tan blanket. A ginger cat is curled up on the bed to the left of the baby. A tabby cat is standing on the bed to the right. A black and tan dog is standing on the tiled floor in the foreground, looking towards the baby. The background shows a white wall and a blue pillow on the bed. There are three blue rounded squares on the left side of the image.

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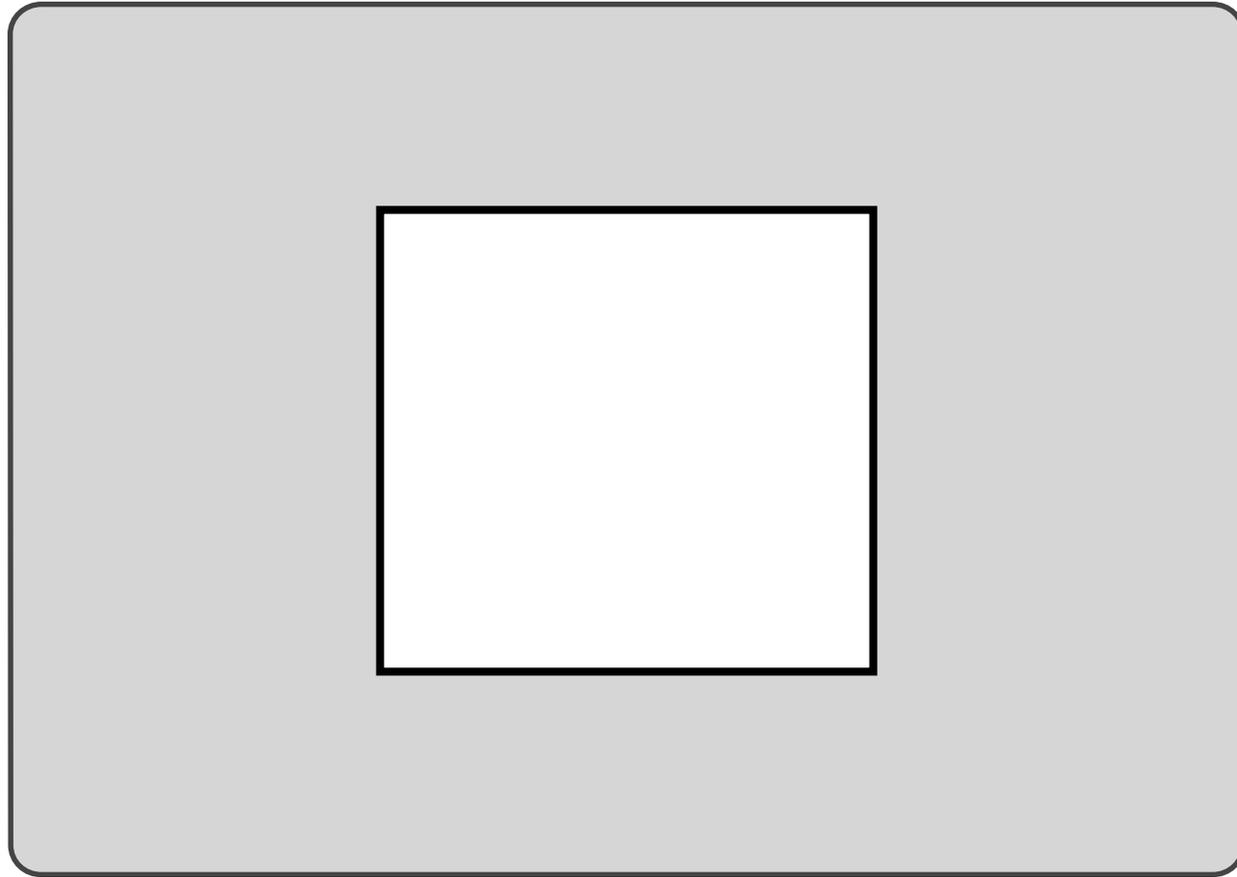
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$p_{\text{dog}} > p_{\text{cat}}$

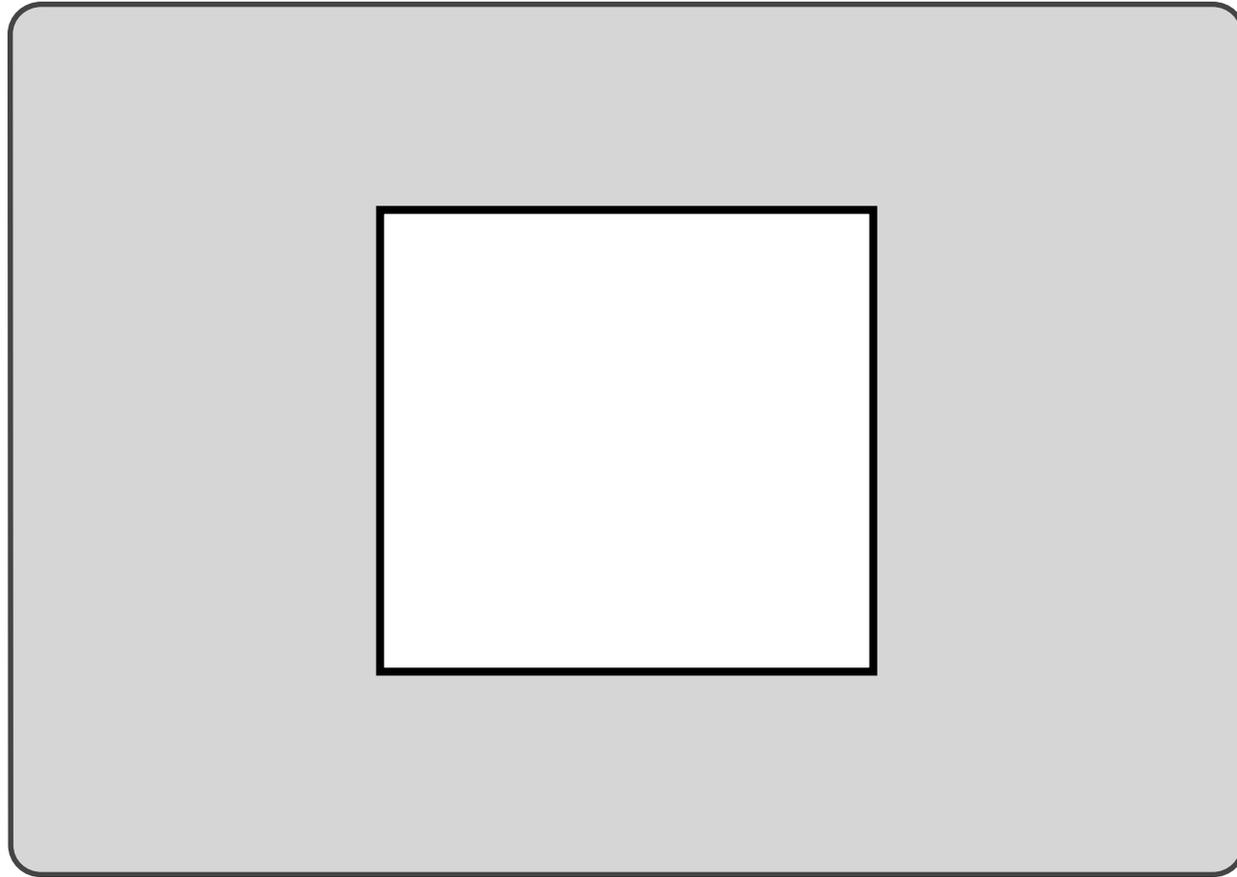
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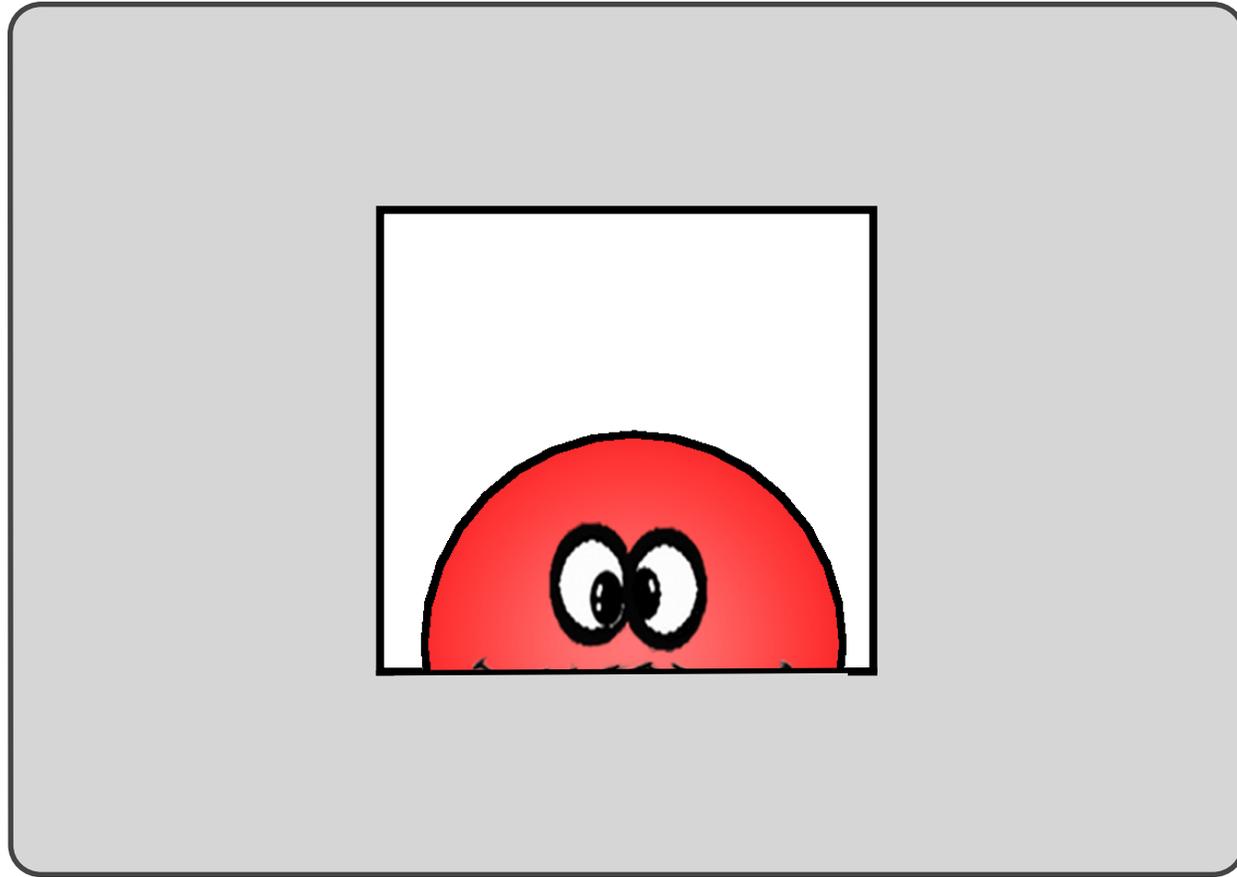
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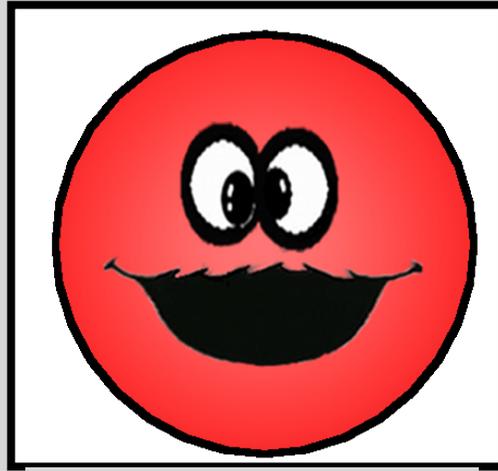
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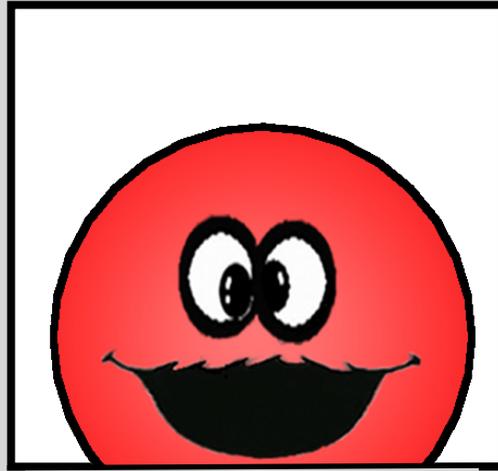
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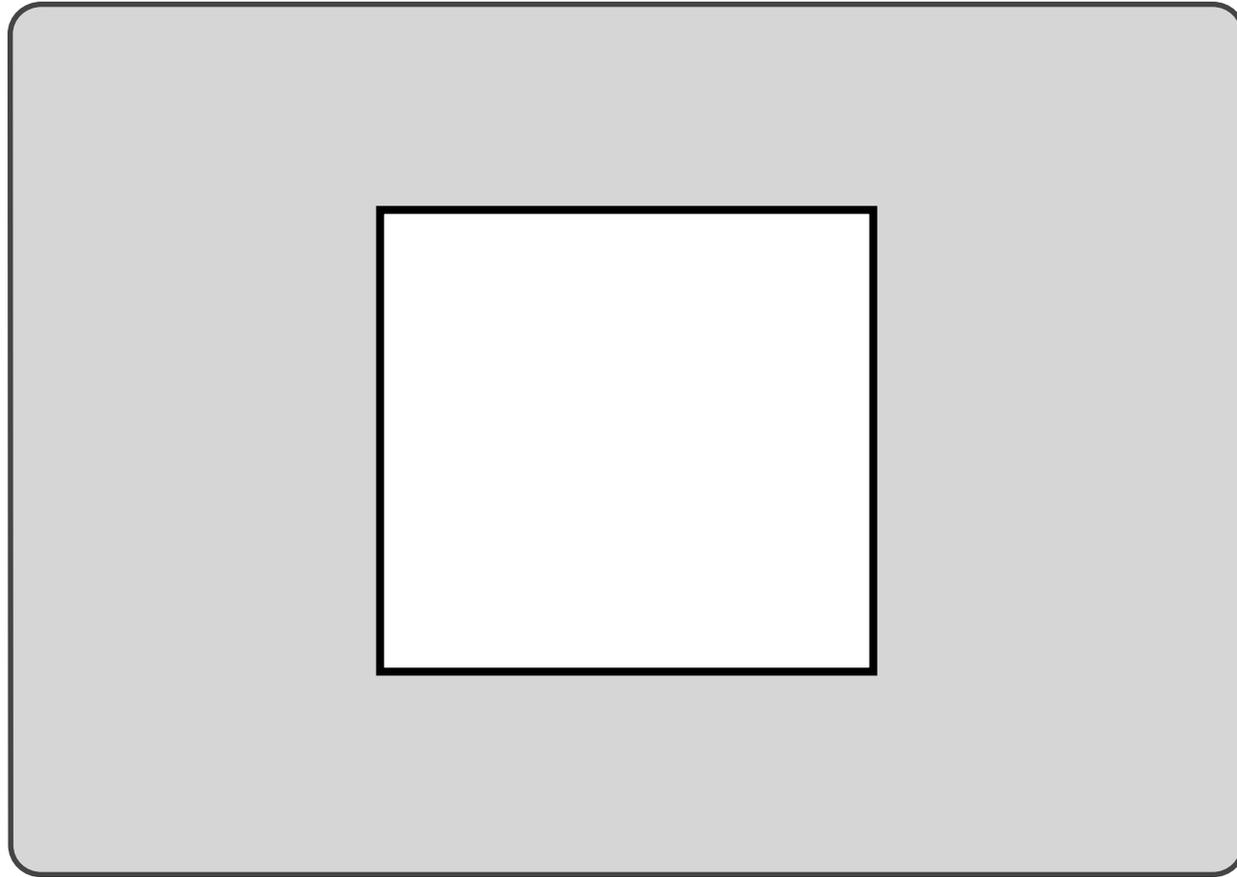
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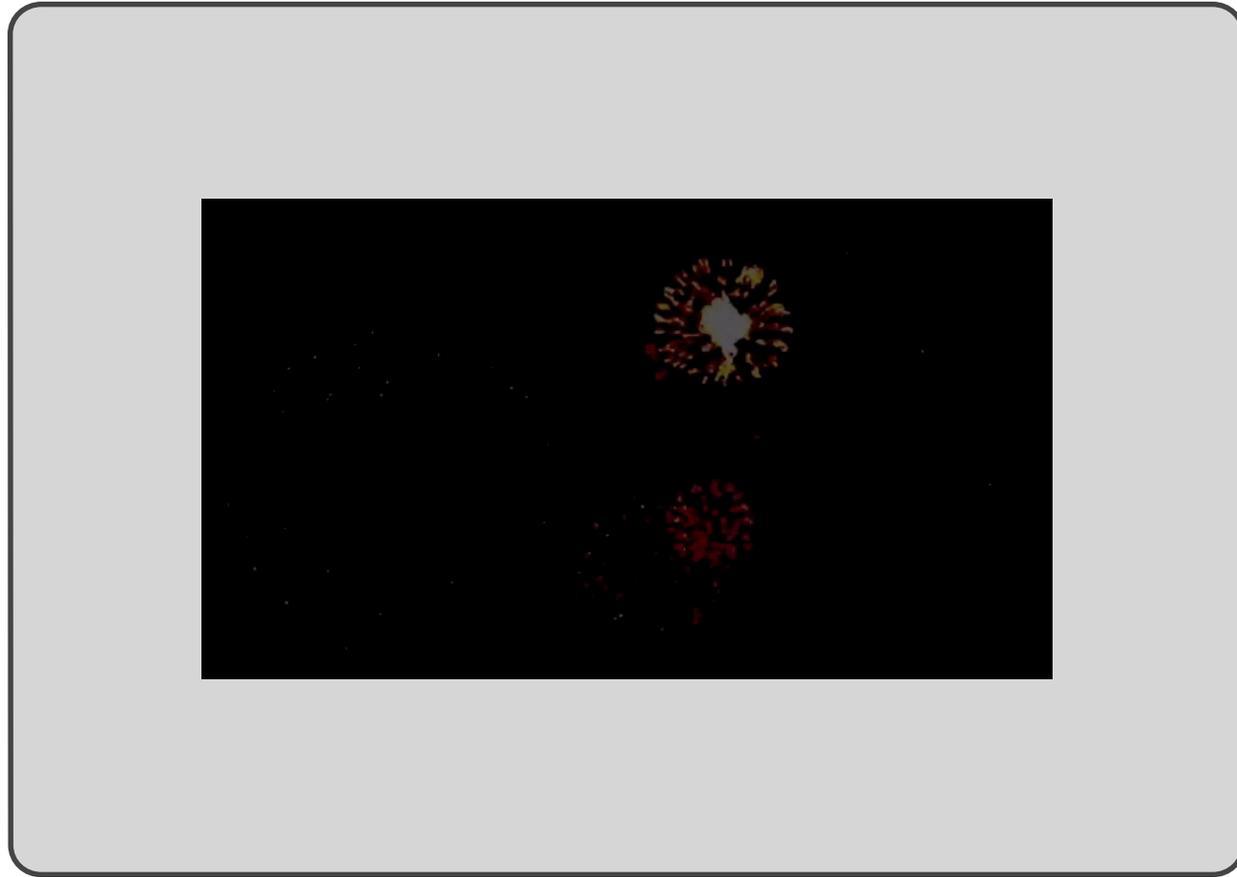
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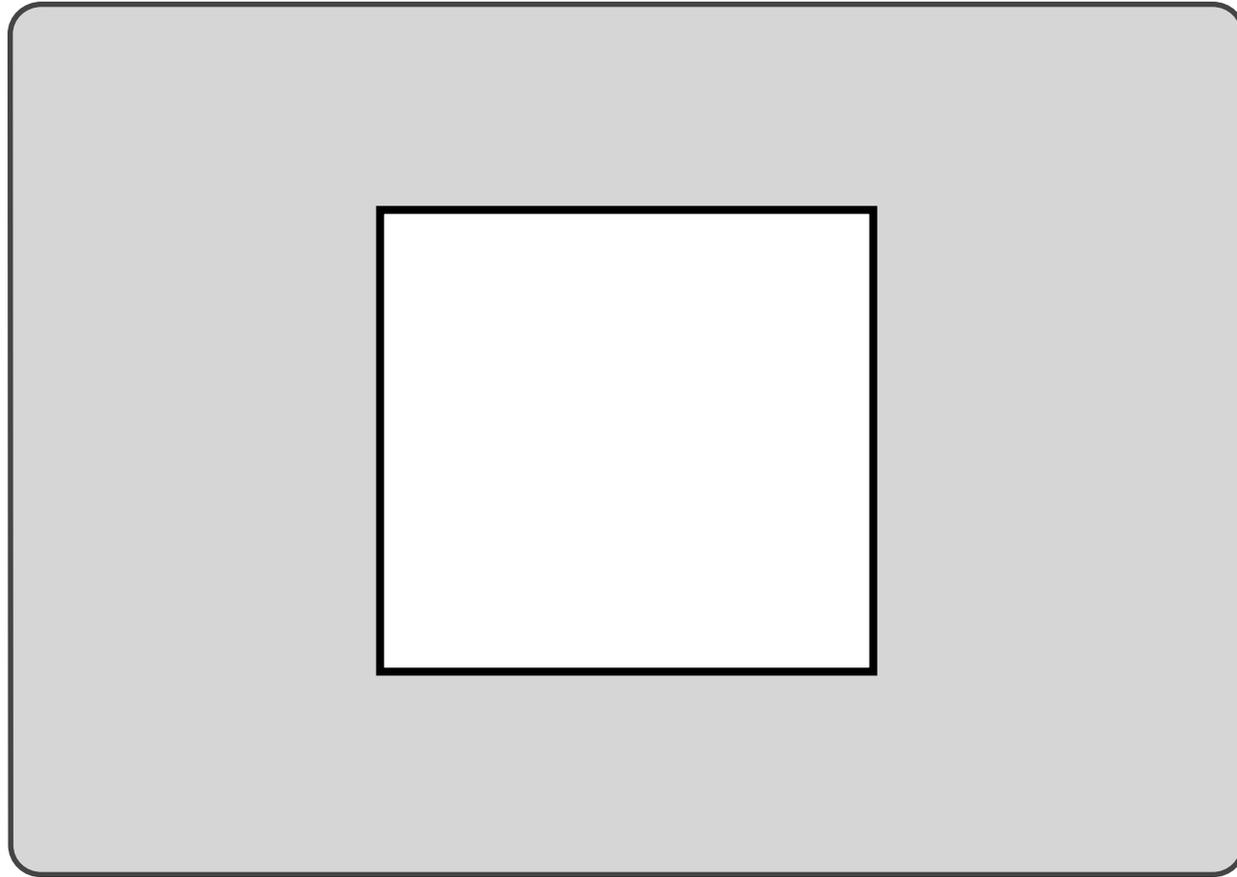


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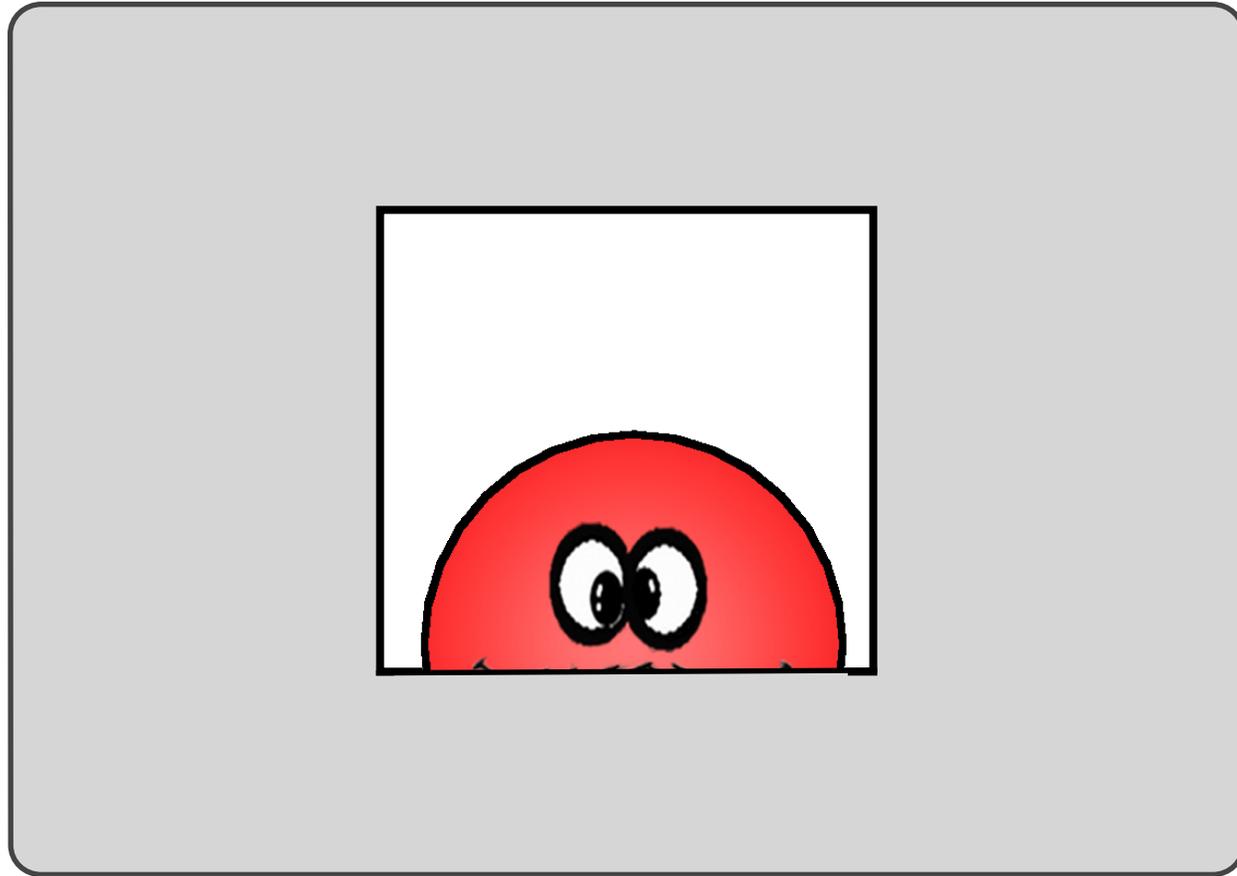
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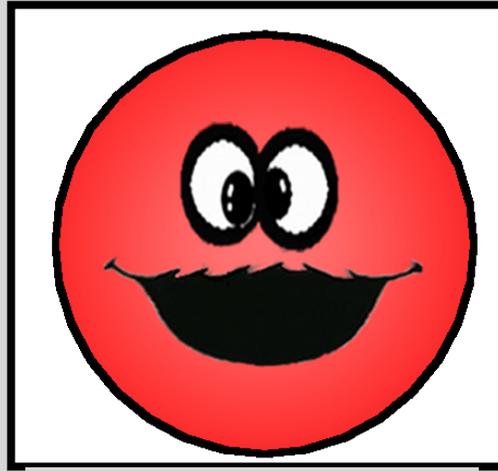
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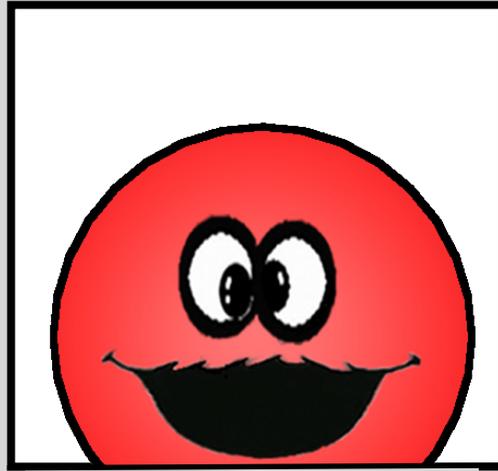
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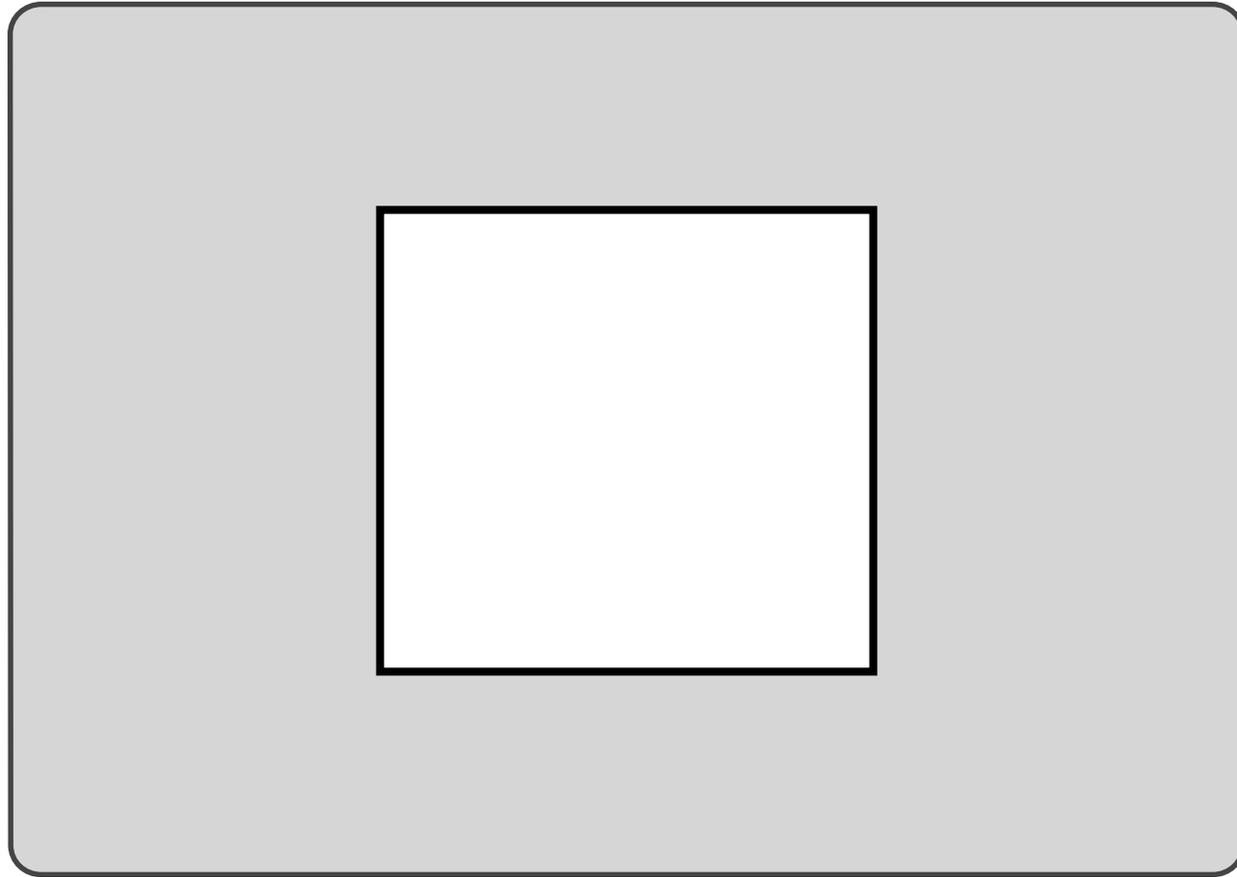
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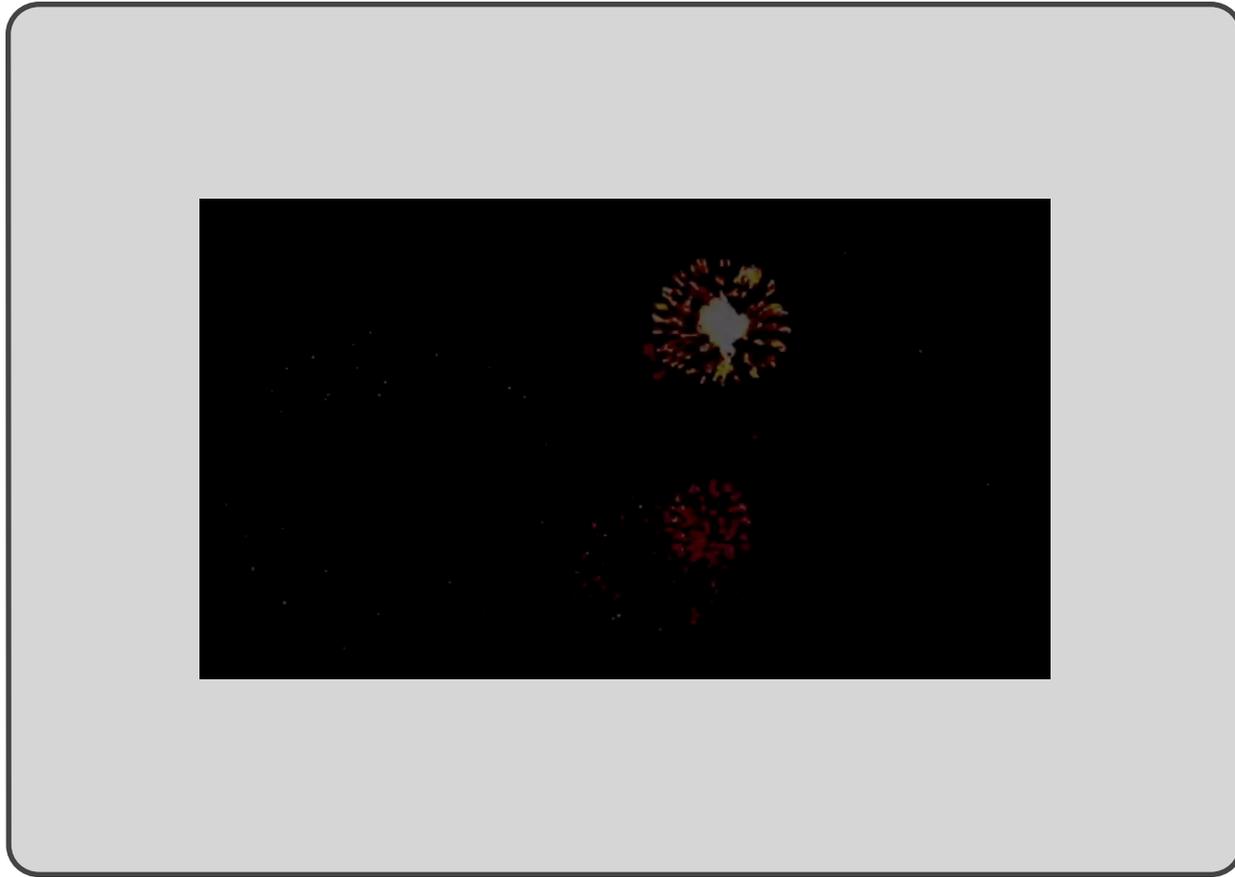
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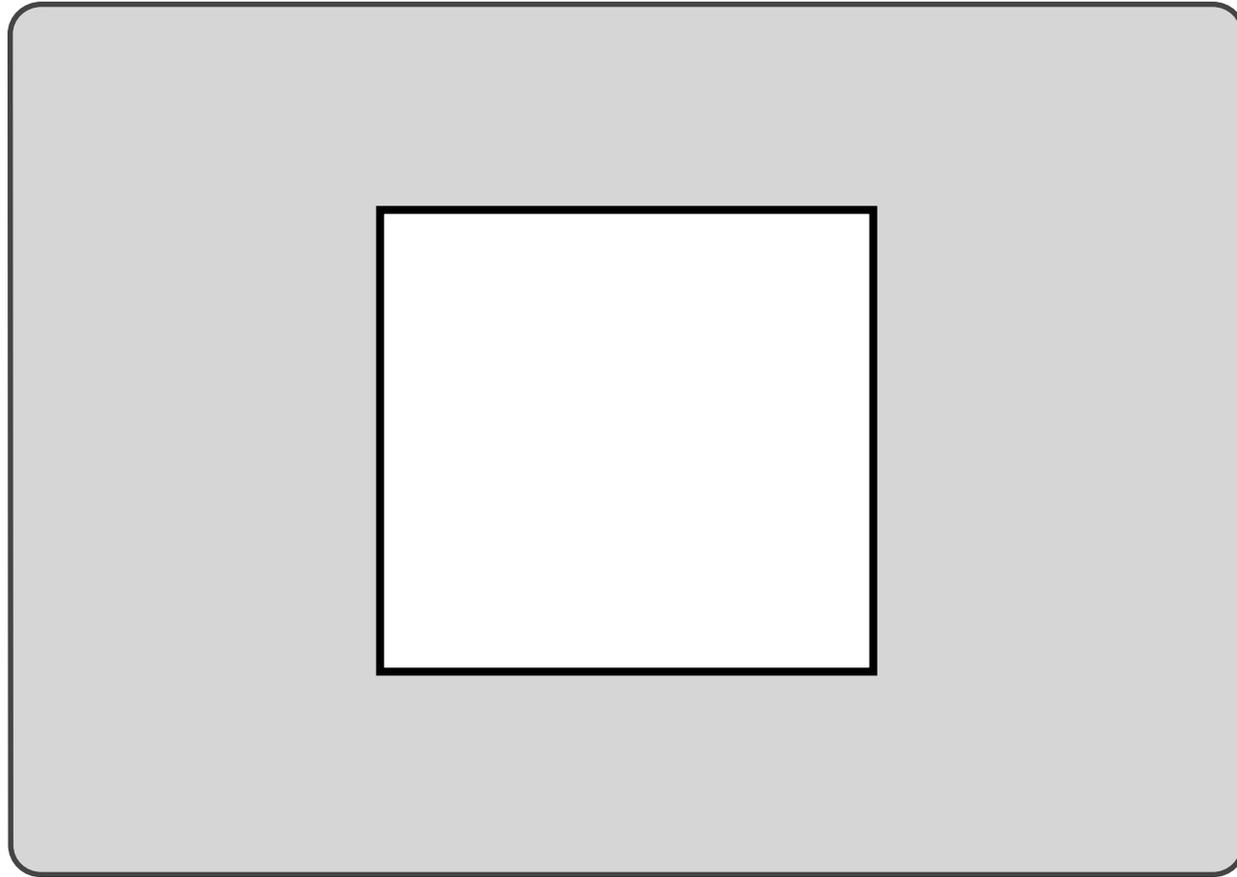
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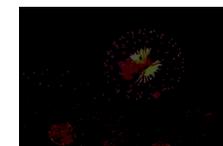
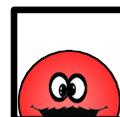
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Honk!

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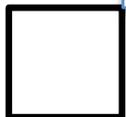
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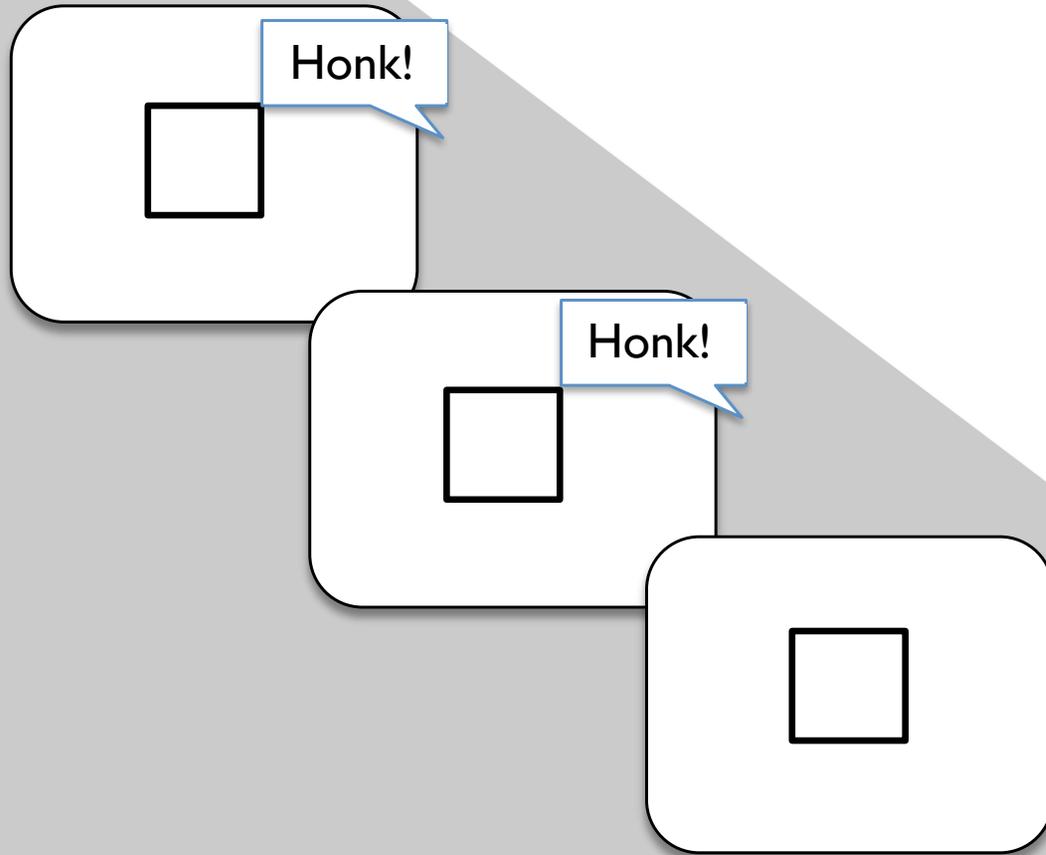
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Visual Omissions A+V-

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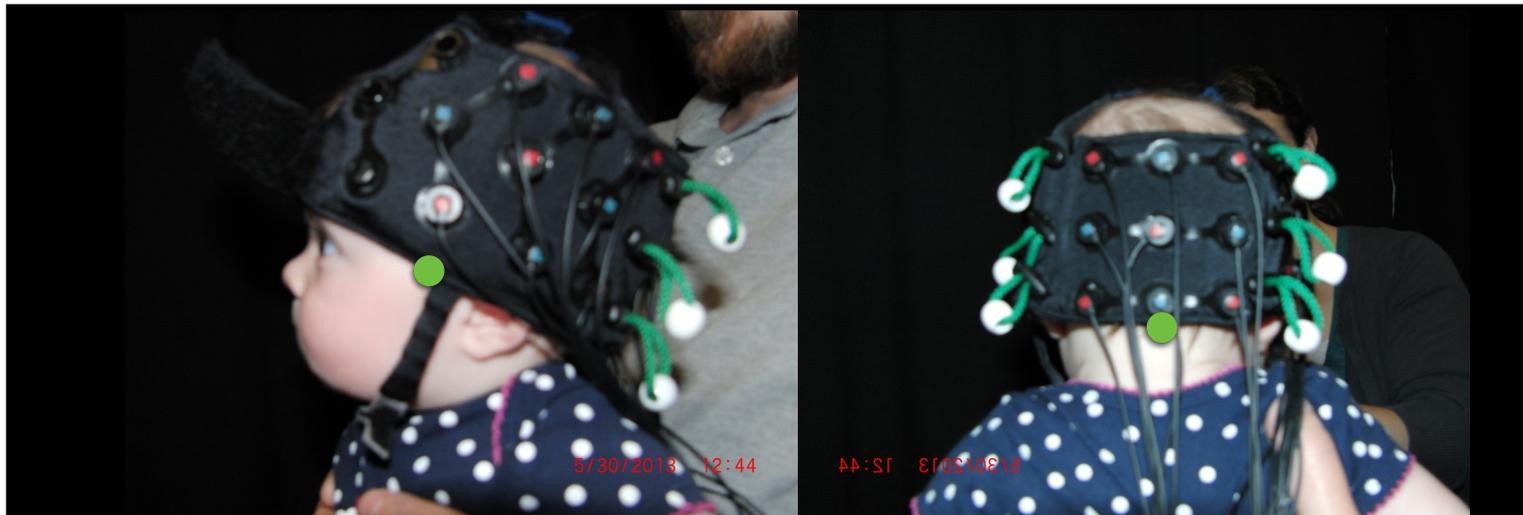
Is the occipital cortex sensitive to infant's visual expectations?



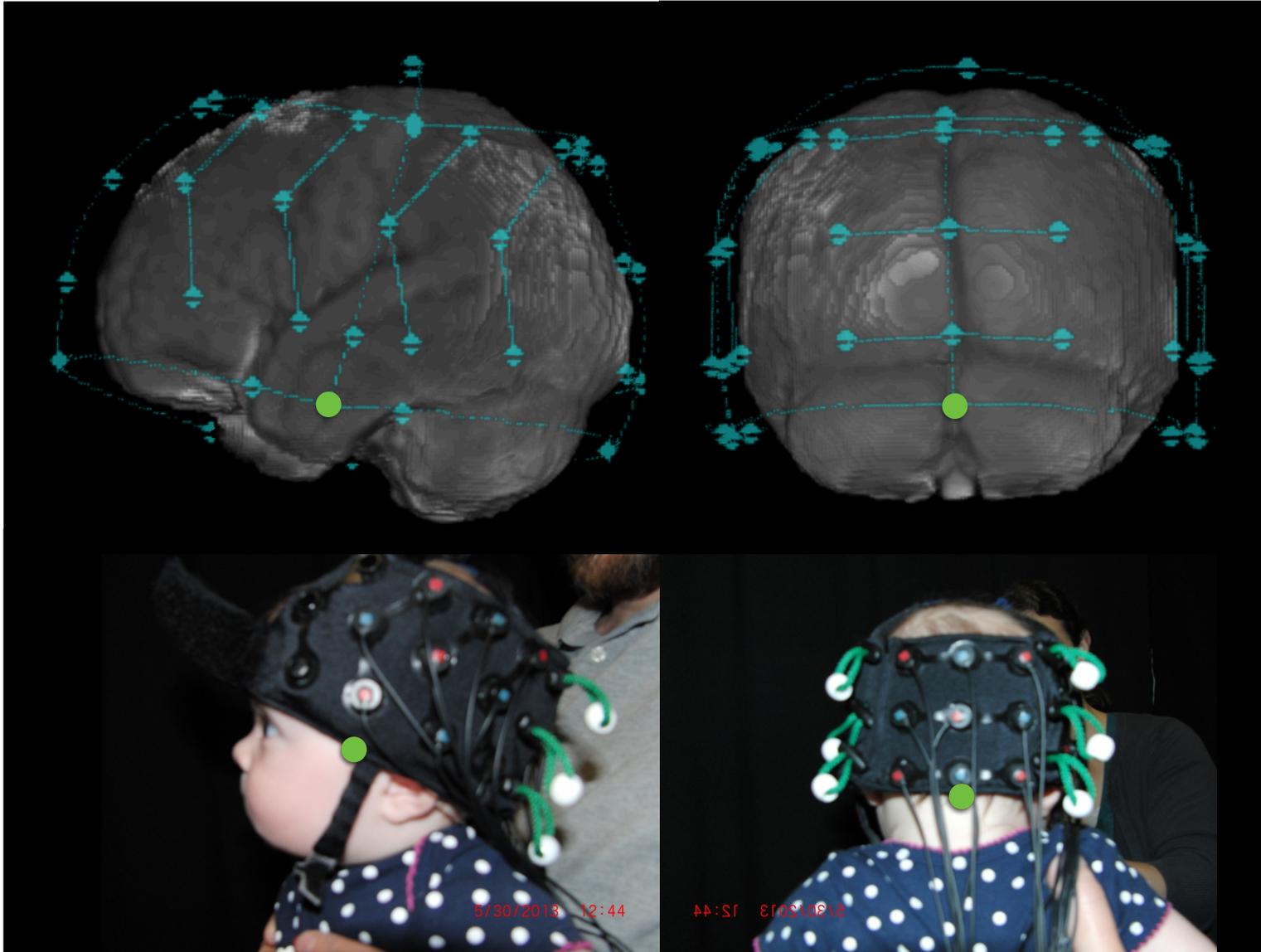
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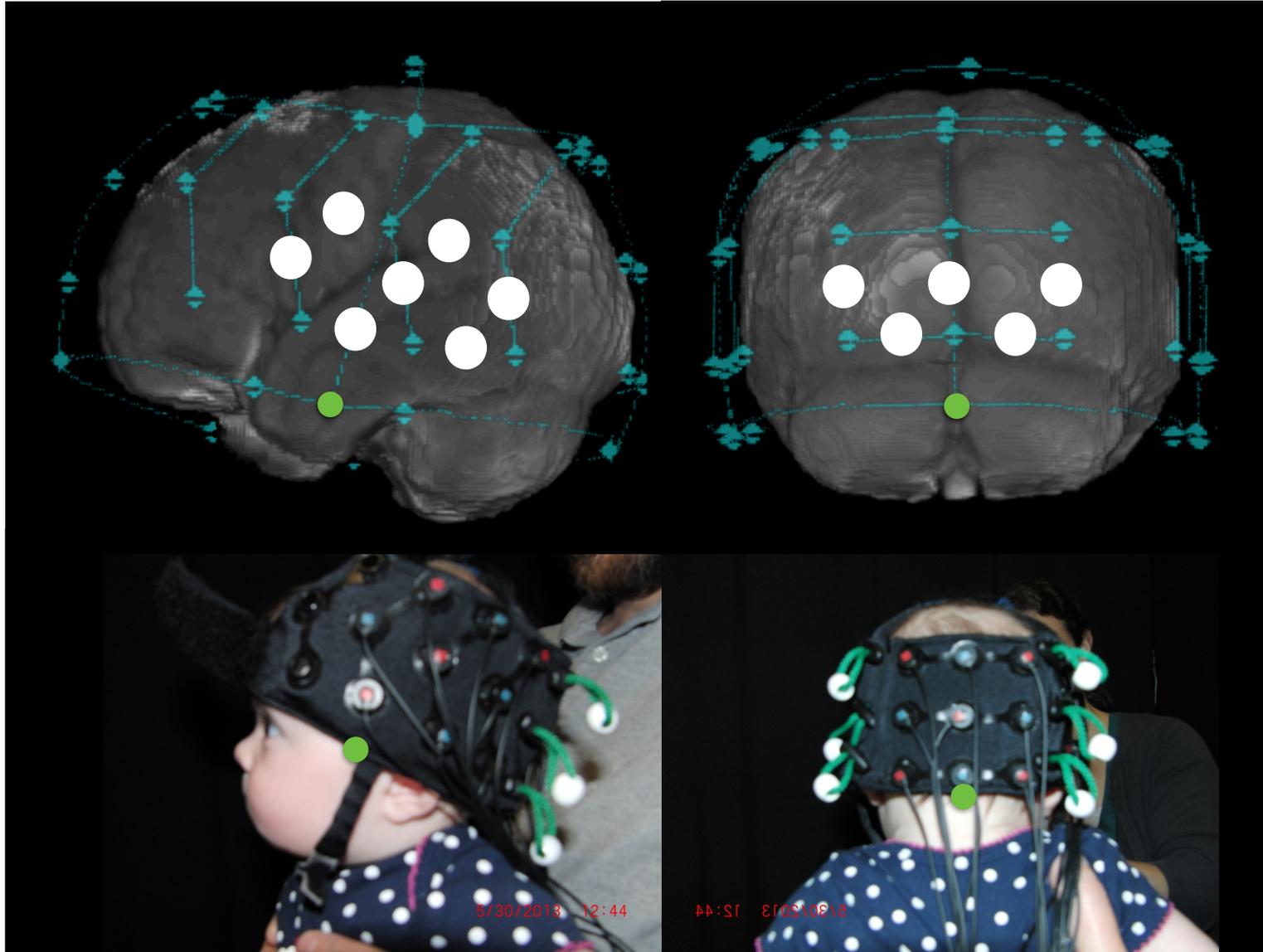
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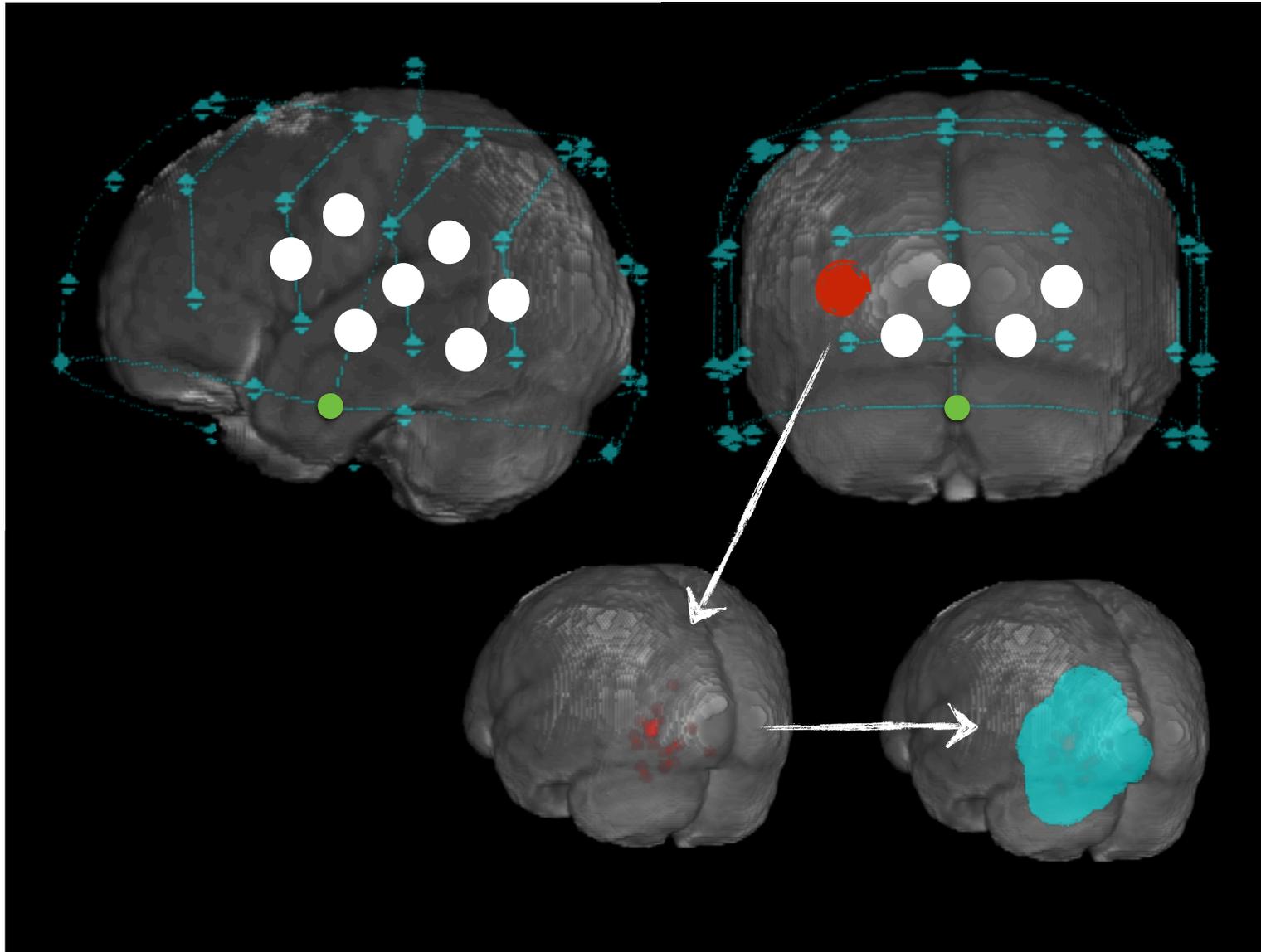
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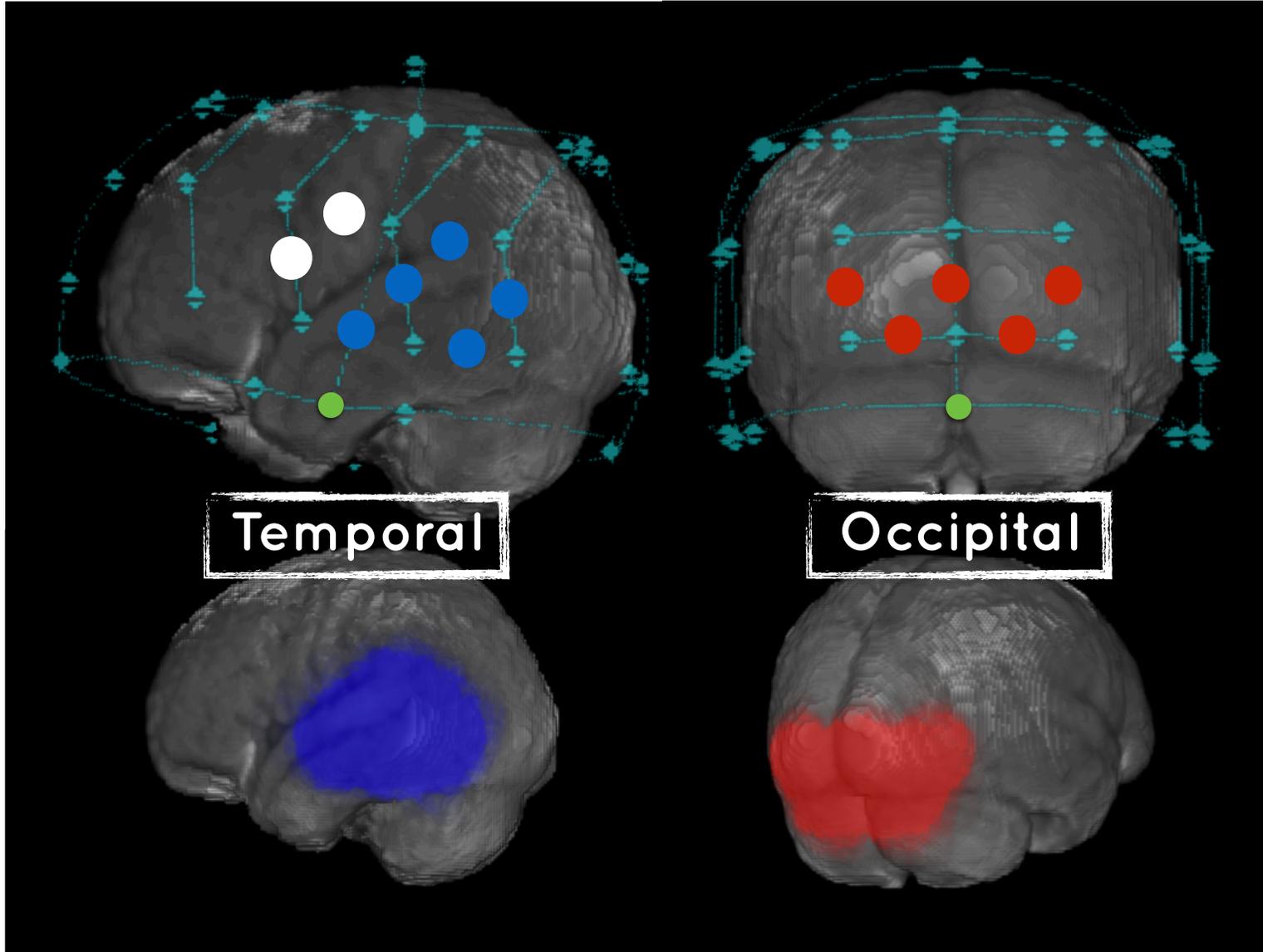
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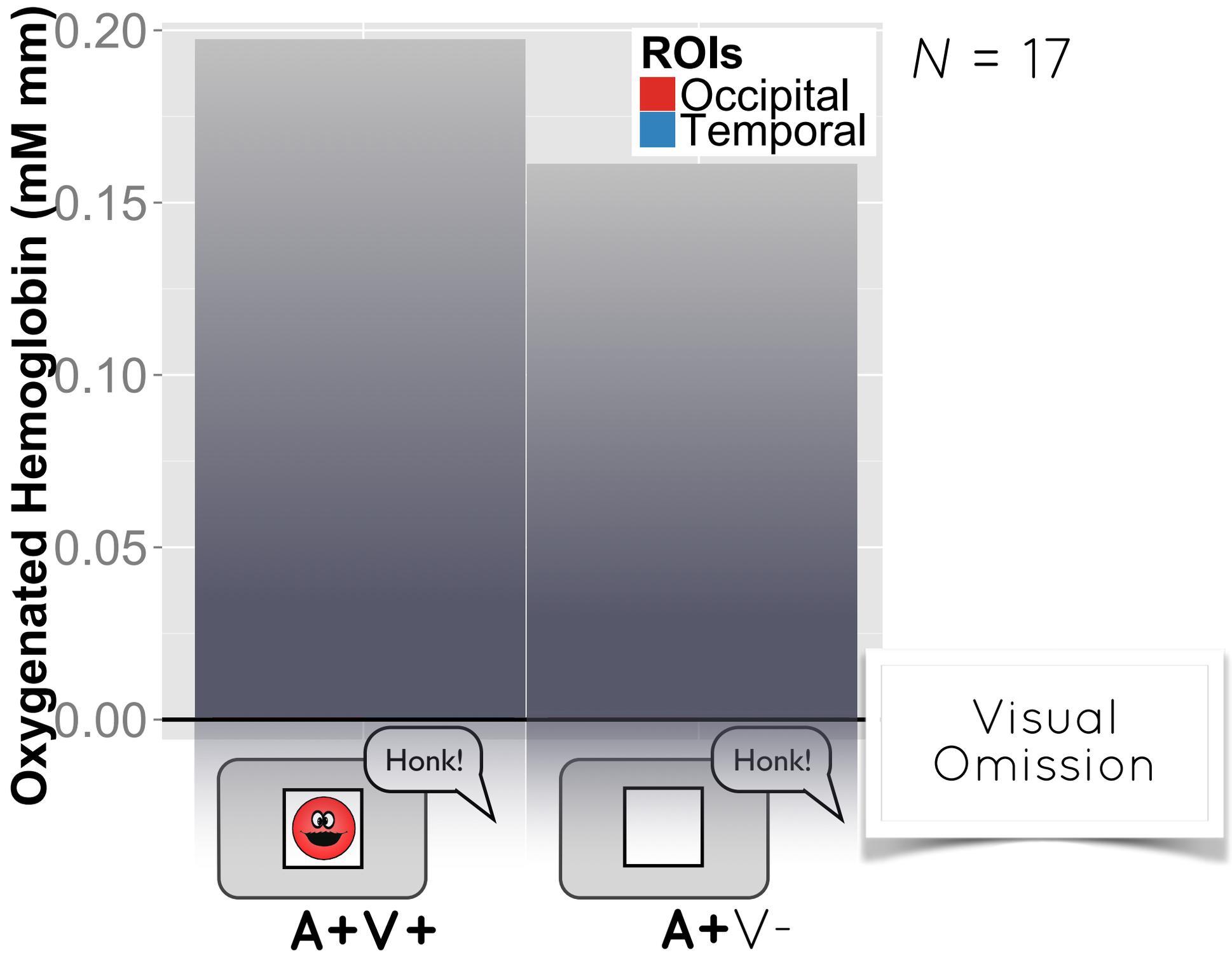


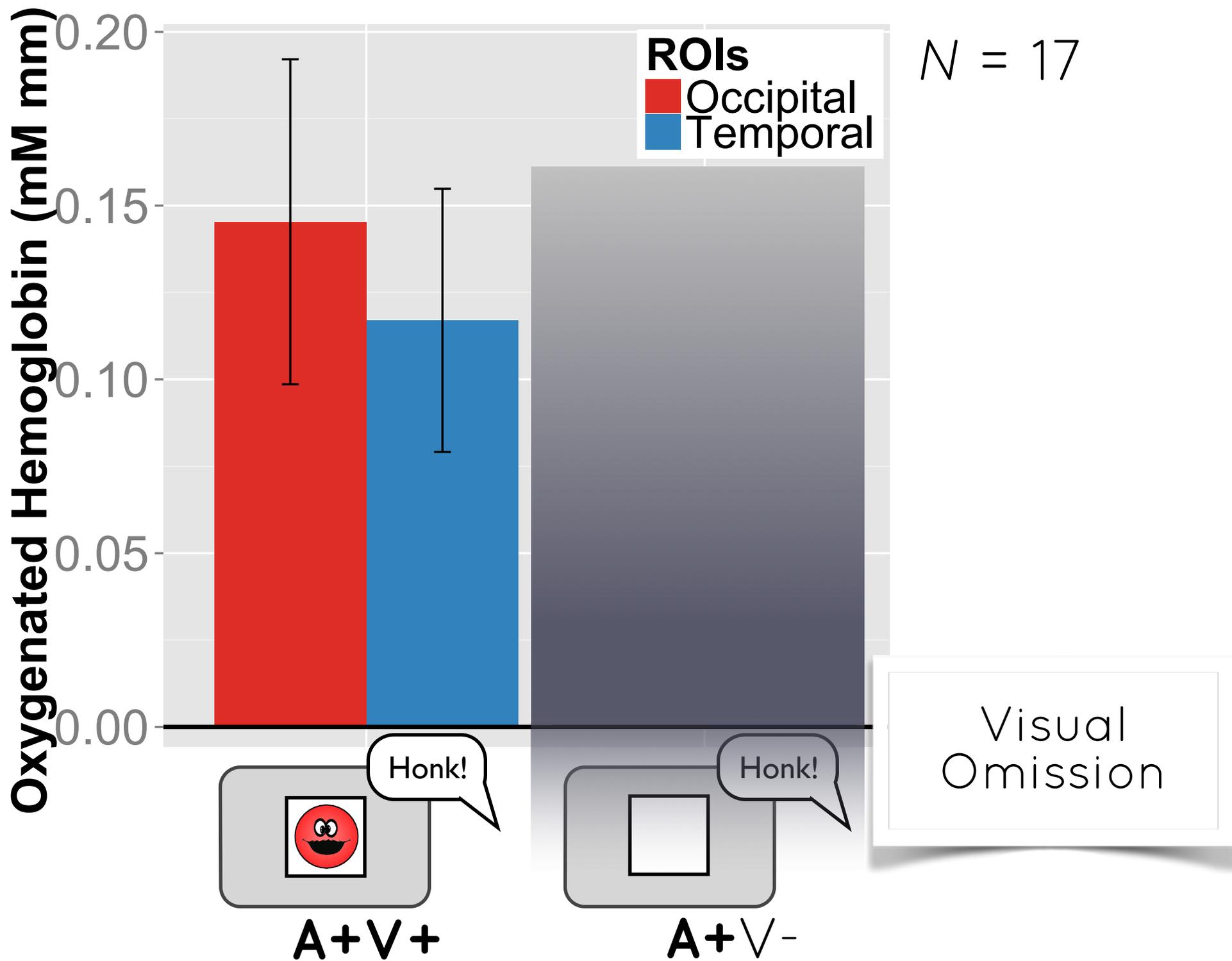
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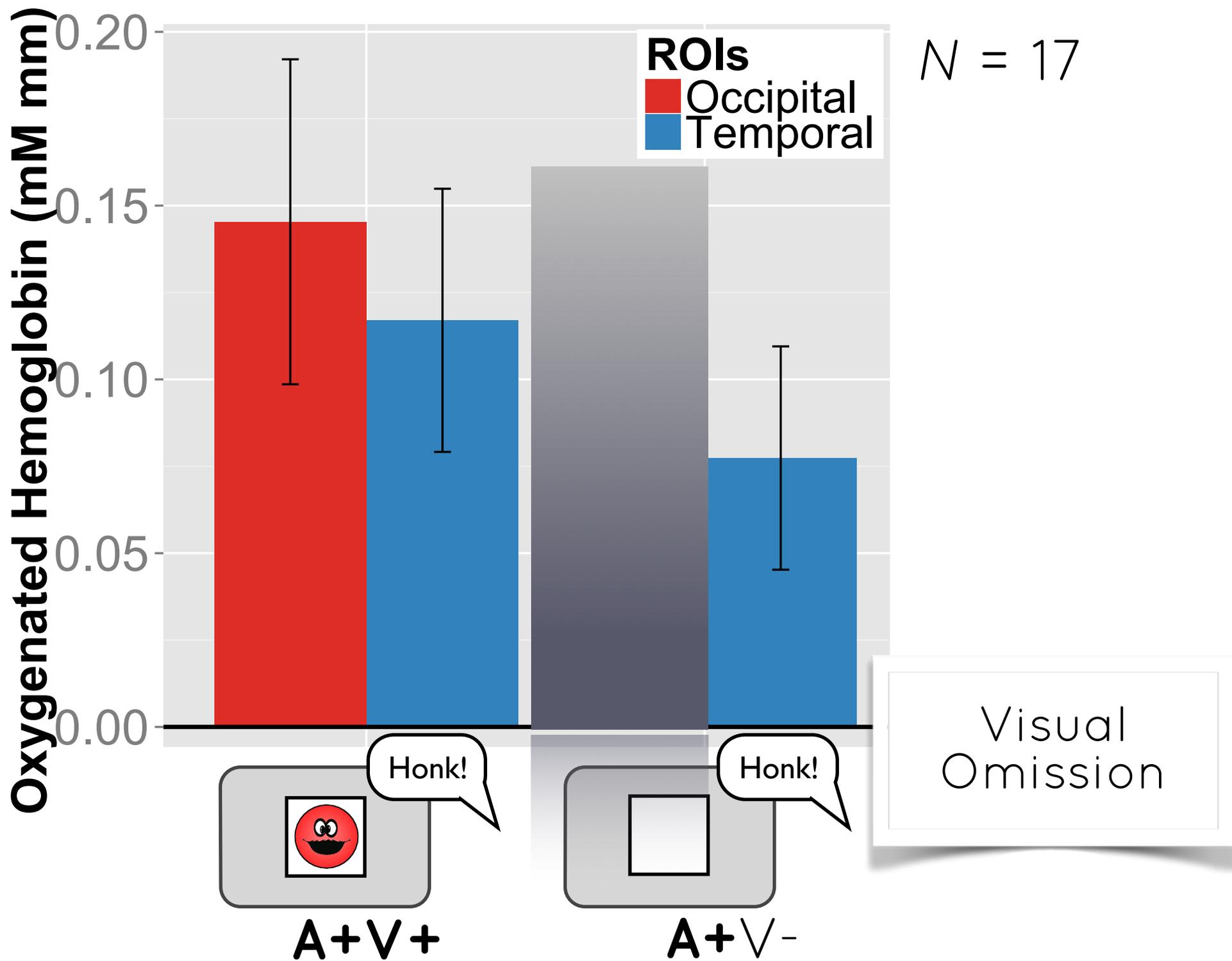


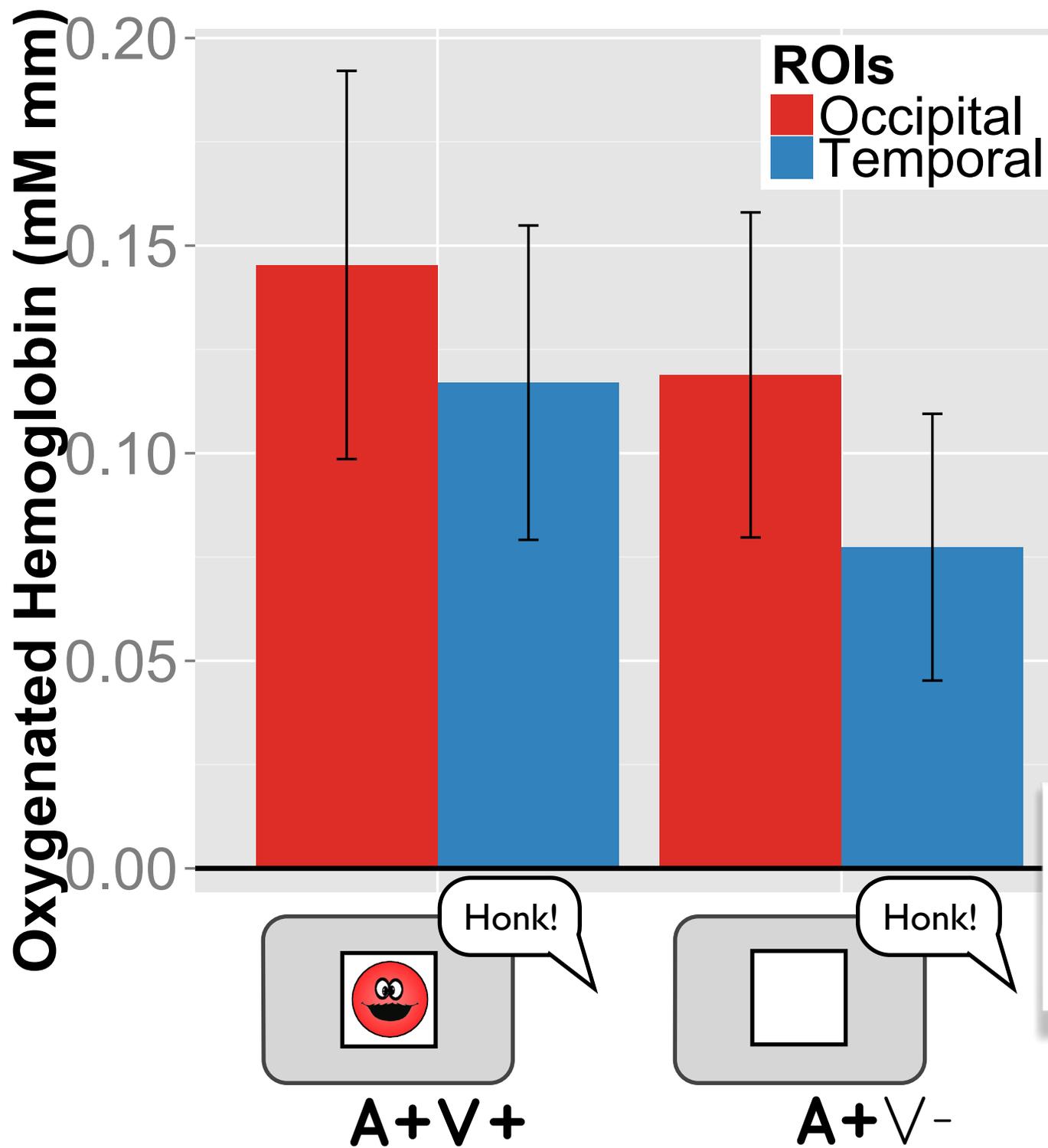
Temporal and Occipital ROIs: Neuroanatomically Defined, 5 channels each









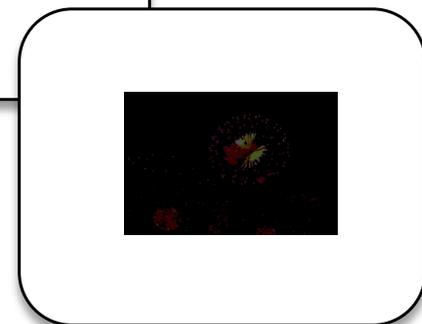
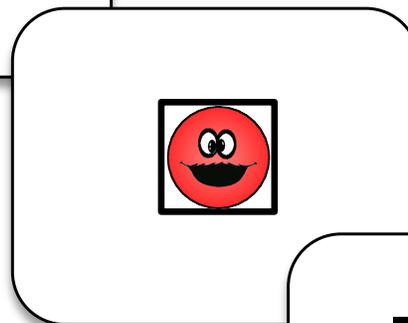
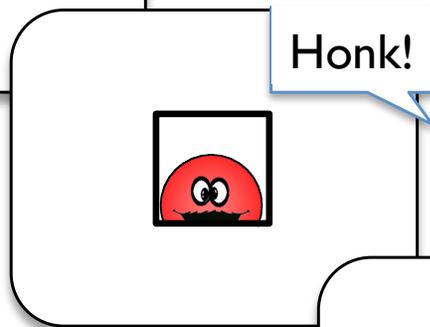
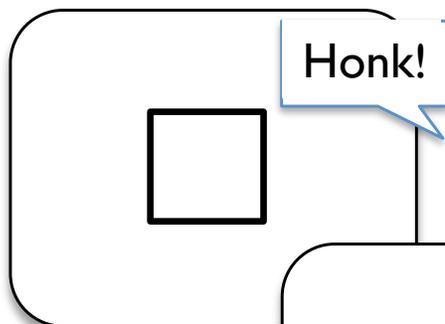
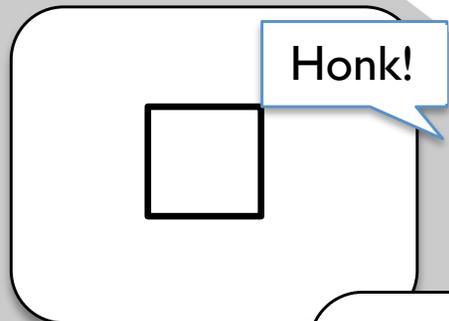


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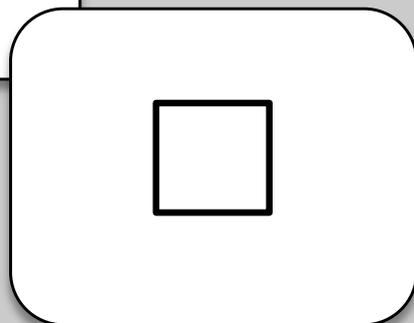
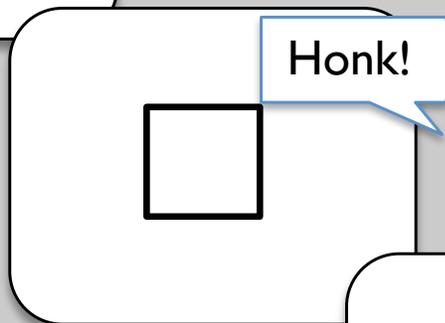
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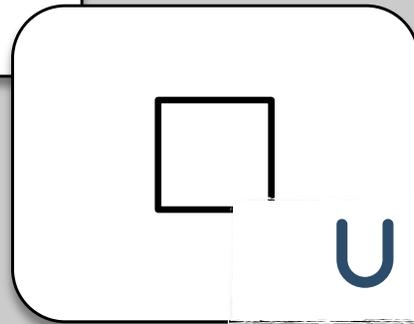
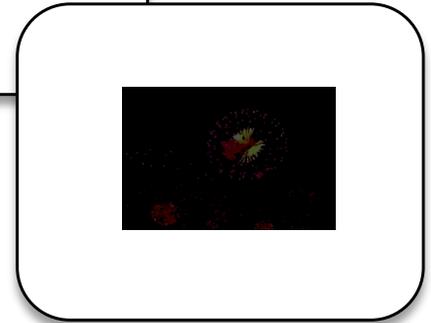
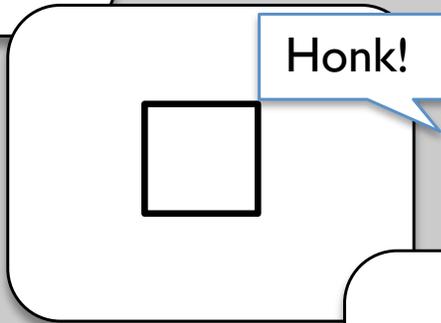
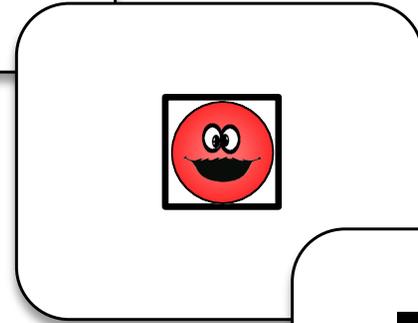
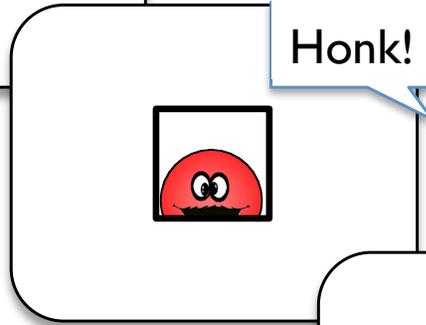
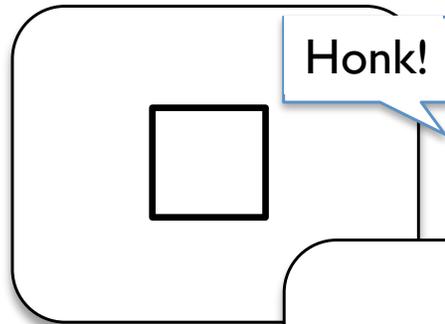
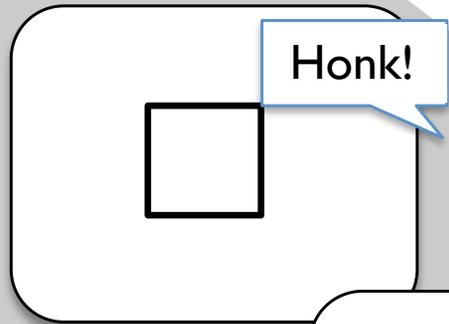


Visual Omissions A+V-

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Unexpected

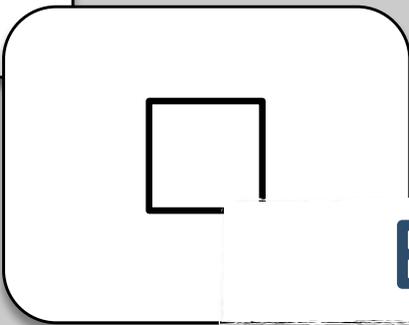
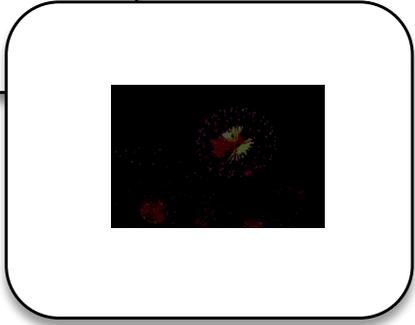
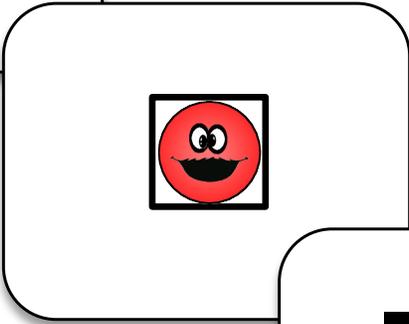
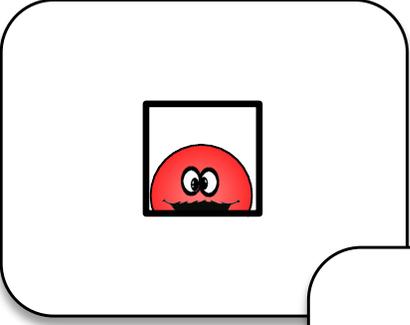
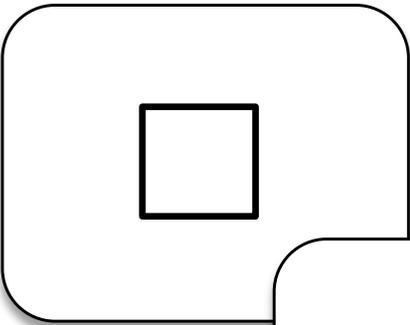
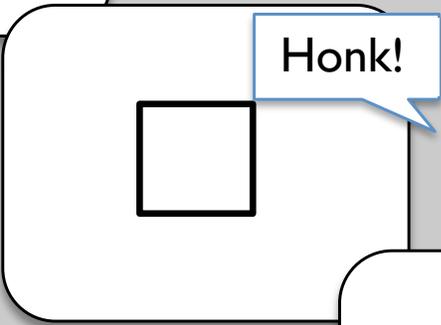
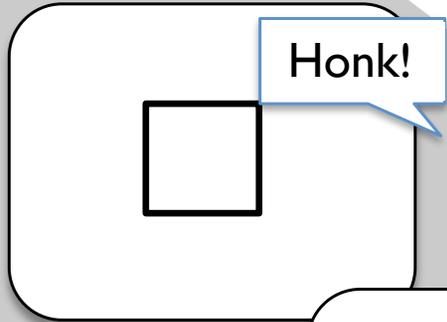
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A+V-

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Visual Only
Trials
A-V+

50%



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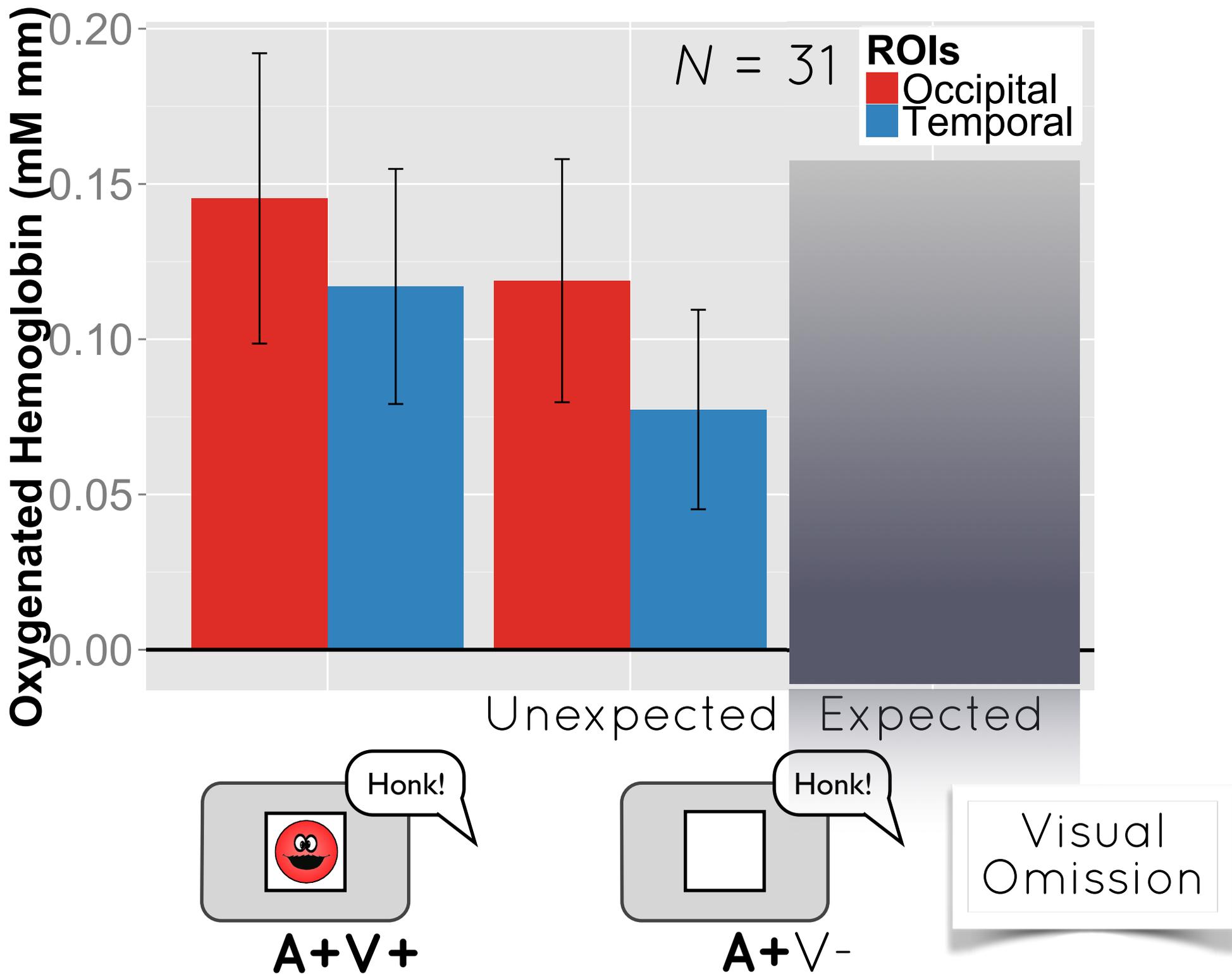
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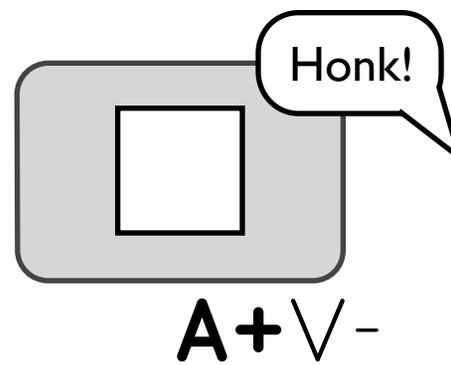
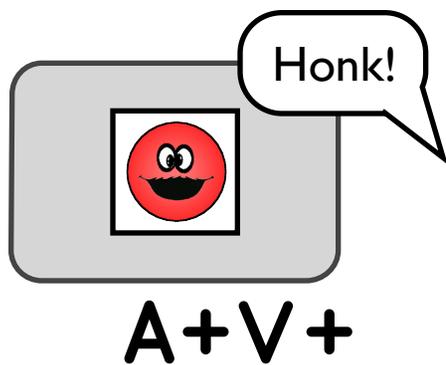
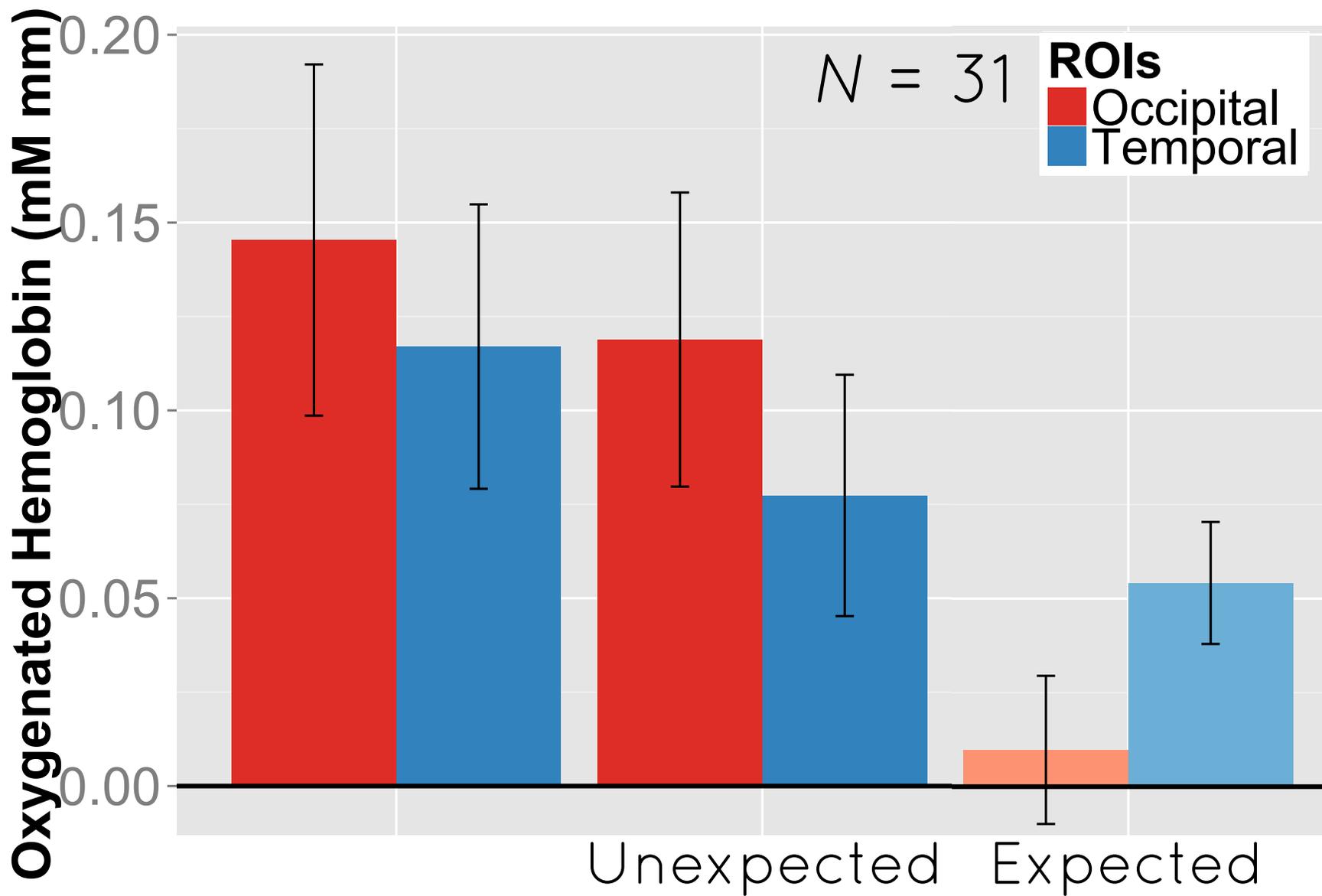
Auditory Only
Trials



Visual
Omissions
A+V-

50%









If unexpected *omissions* drive infant perceptual cortices, does an infant's expanding expectations about the world drive their **perceptual** development?

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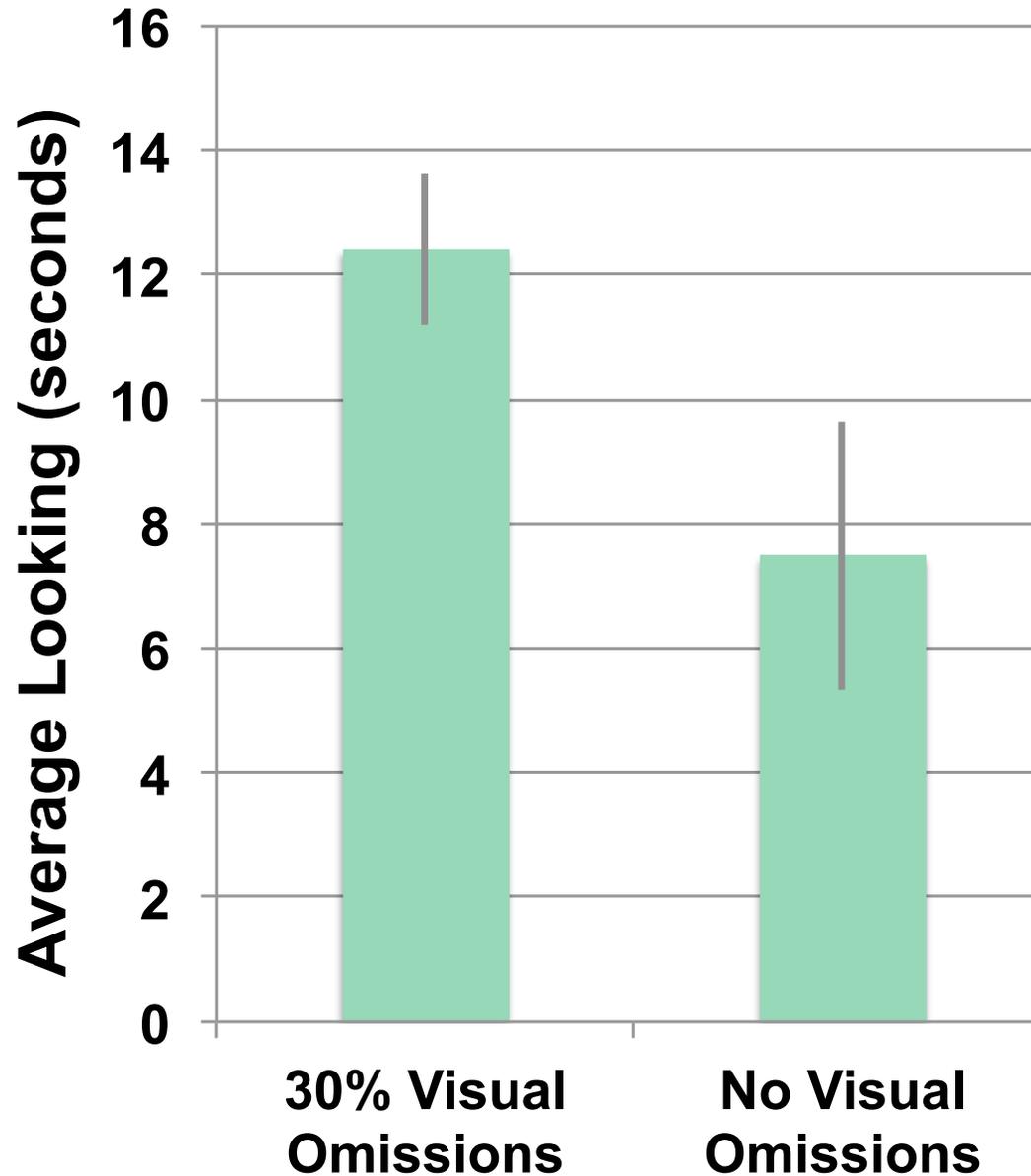


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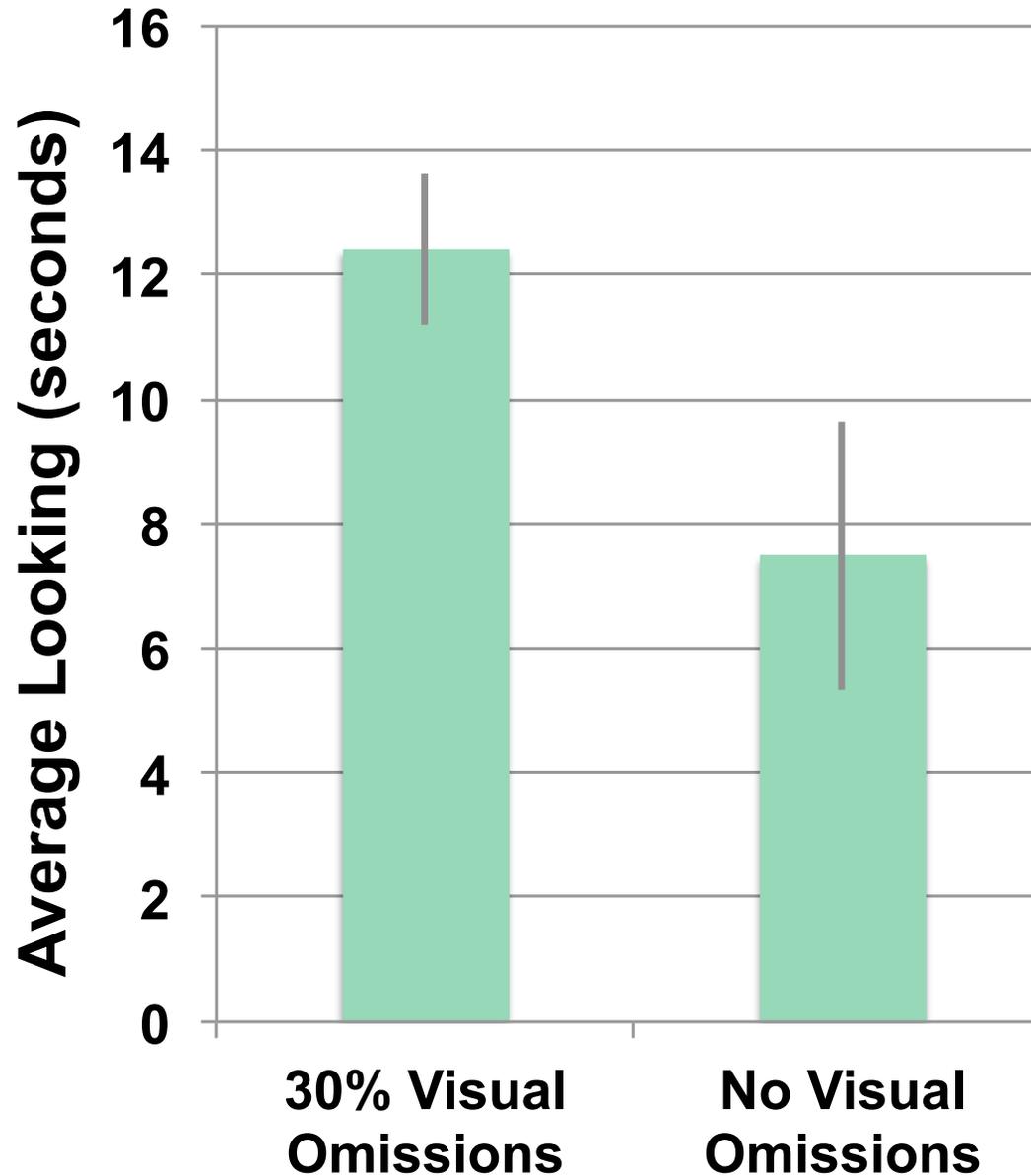
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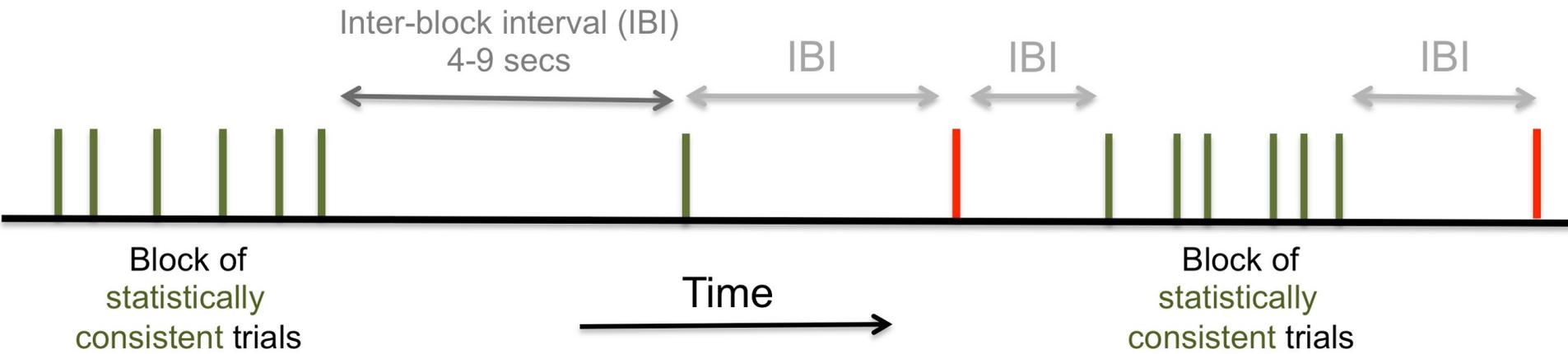
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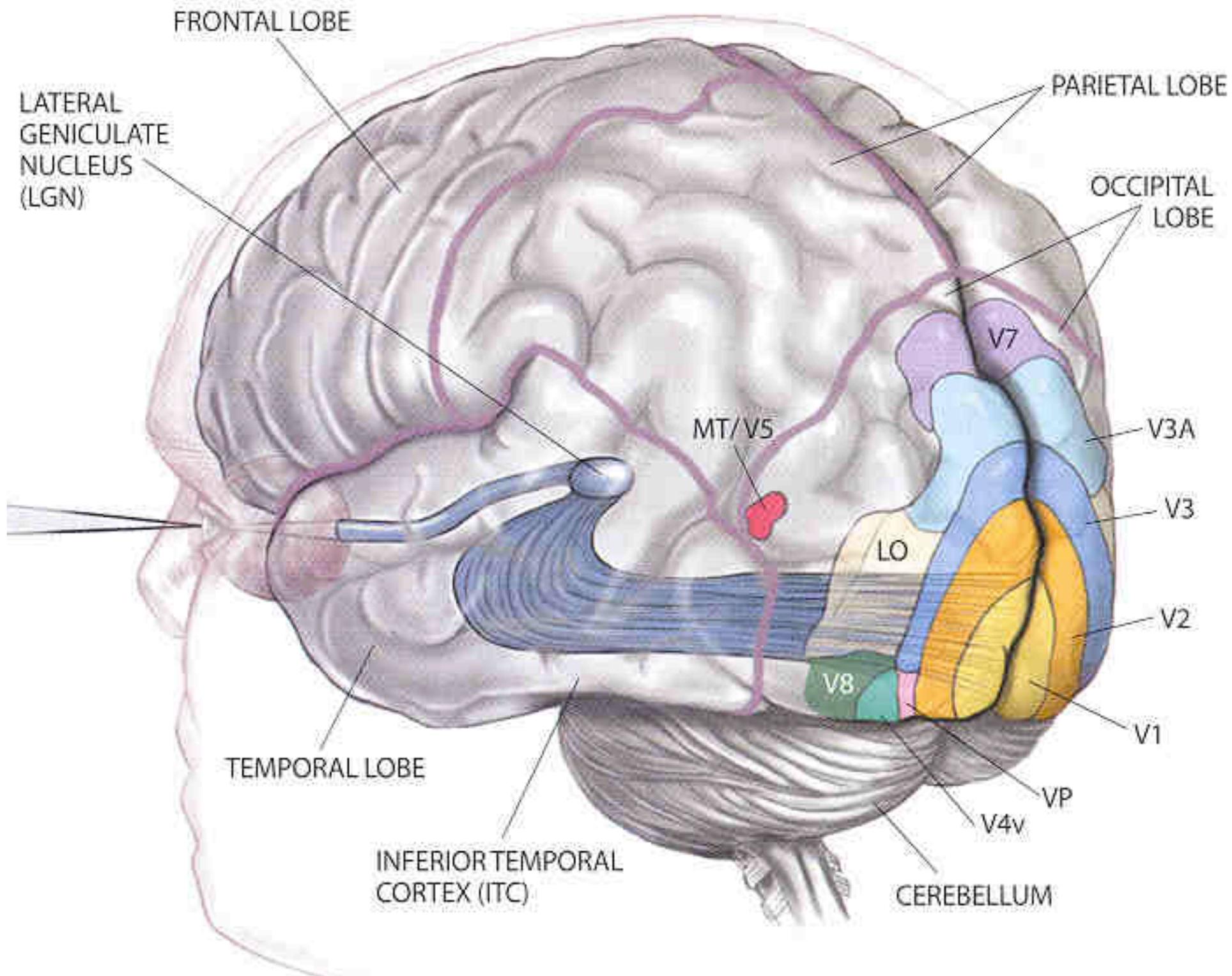


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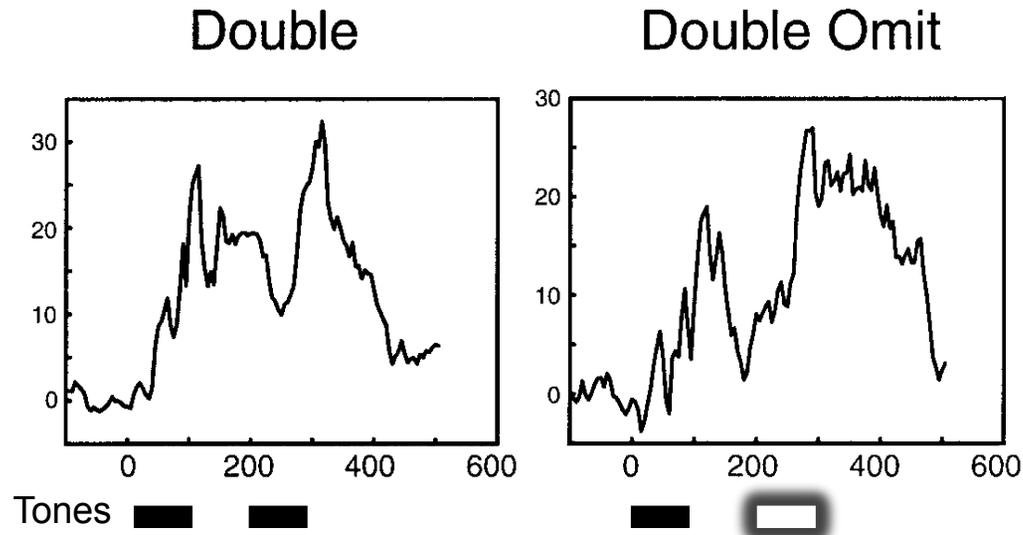


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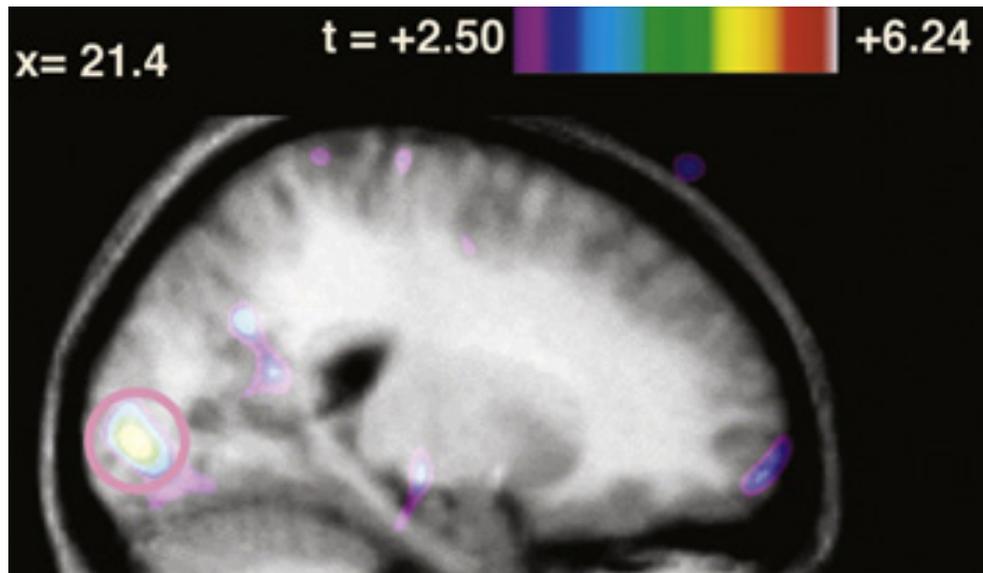




Previous Research on Unexpected Sensory Omissions



Hughes et al., (2001)



Zangenehpour & Zatorre (2010)

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