

Dynamic Causal Modelling for EEG and MEG

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4 Bayesian inference

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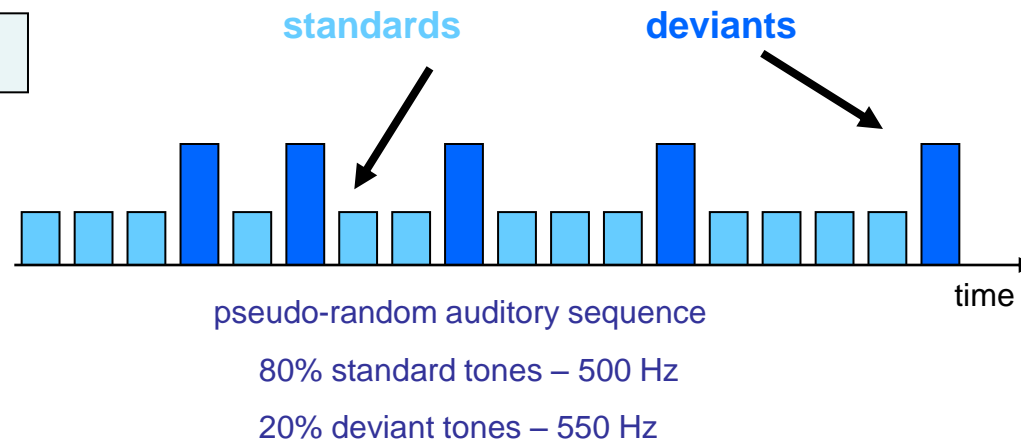
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Mismatch negativity (MMN)

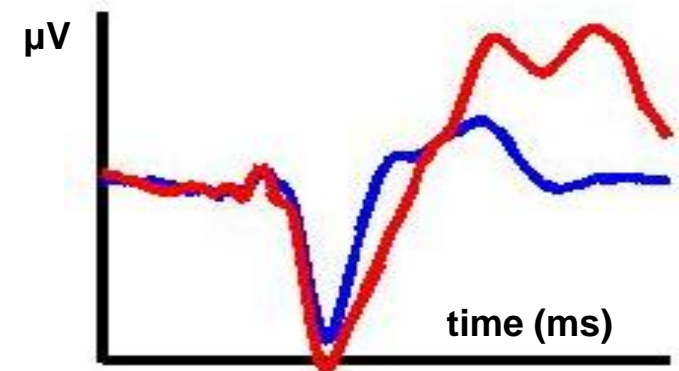
Paradigm



Raw data
(e.g., 128 sensors)

Preprocessing
(SPM8)

Evoked responses
(here: single sensor)



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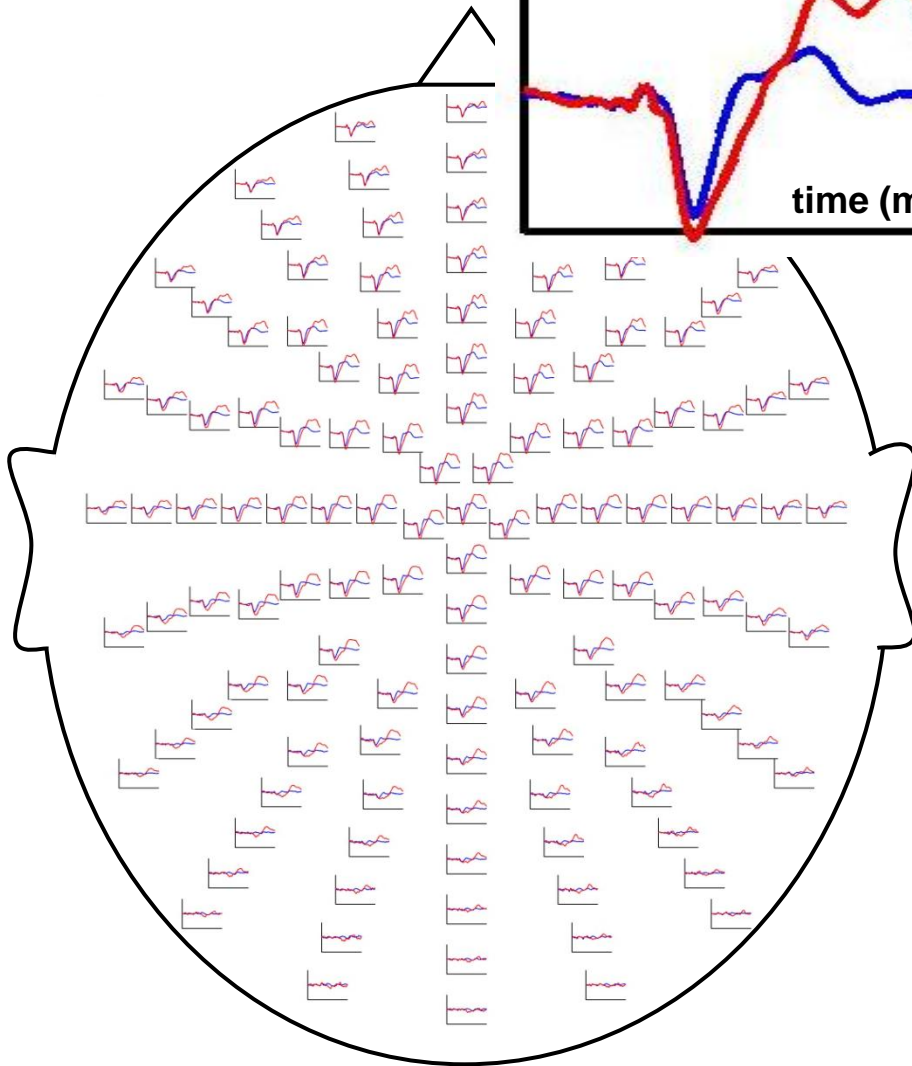
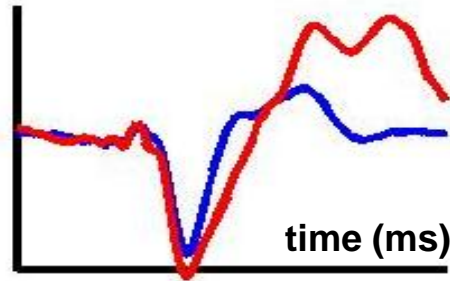
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Electroencephalography (EEG)

amplitude (μV)



Modelling aim:

Explain **all** data with few parameters

How to:

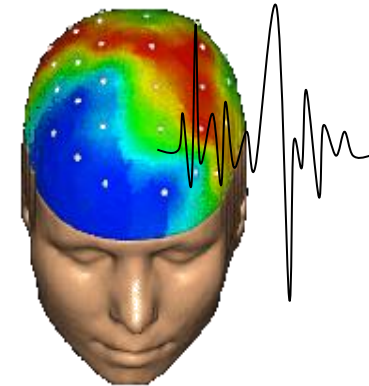
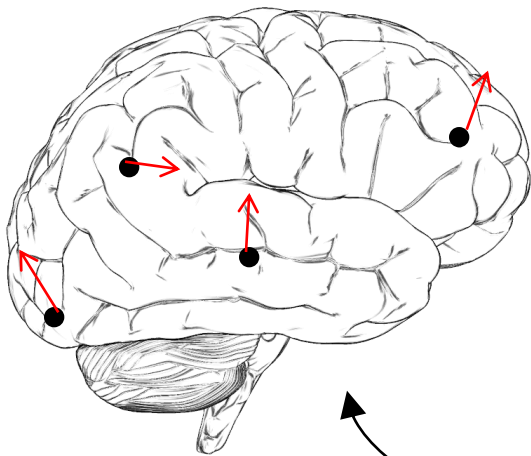
Assume data are caused by few interacting brain sources

Probabilistic inference

Forward problem

$$p(y | \theta, m)$$

Likelihood



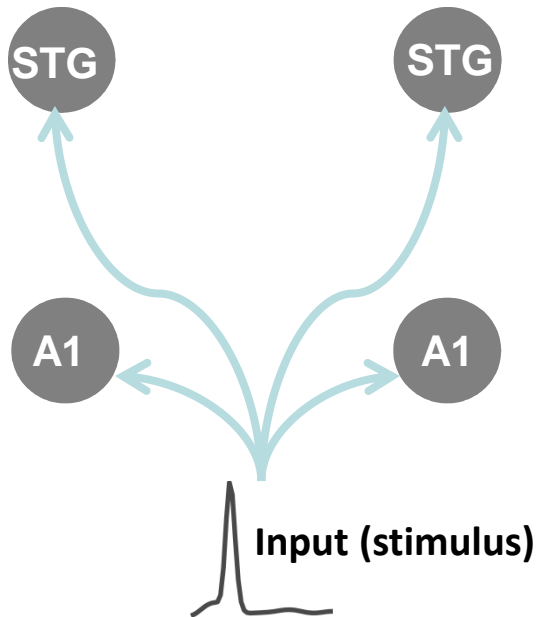
Posterior distribution

$$p(\theta | y, m)$$

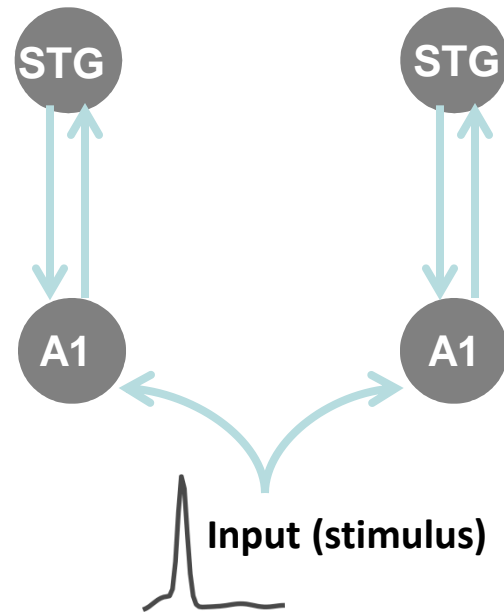
Inverse problem

Connectivity models

**Conventional analysis:
Which regions are involved in task?**

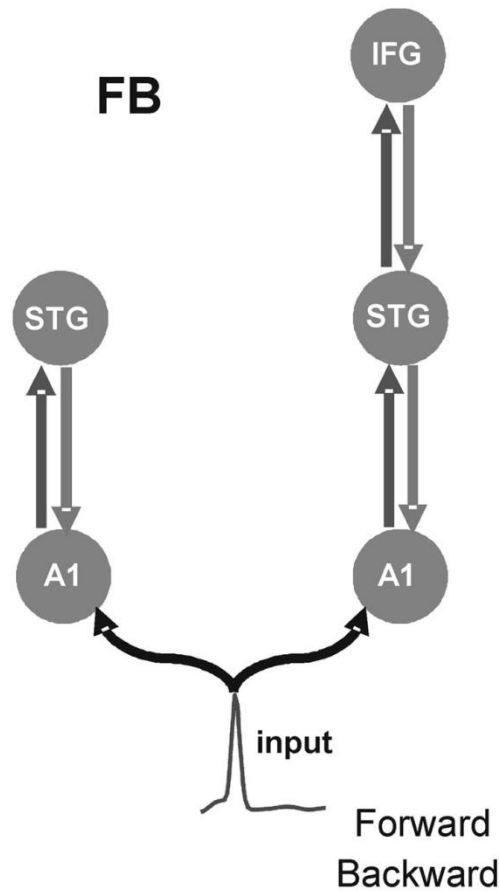


**DCM analysis:
How do regions communicate?**

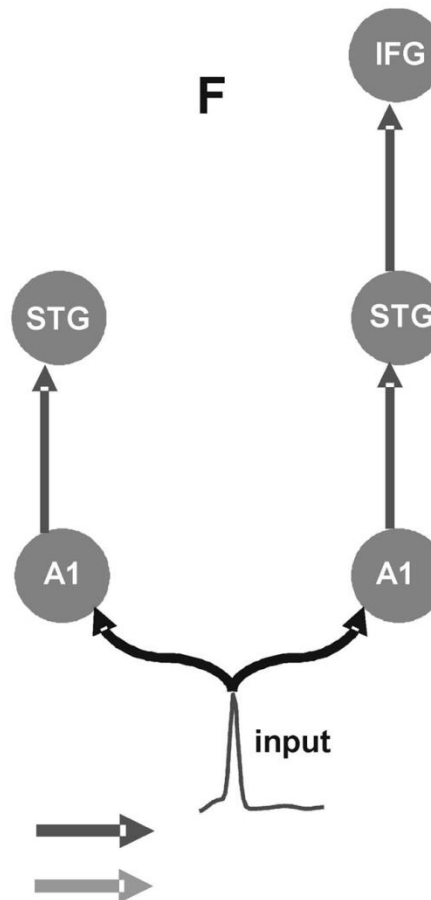


Model for auditory evoked response

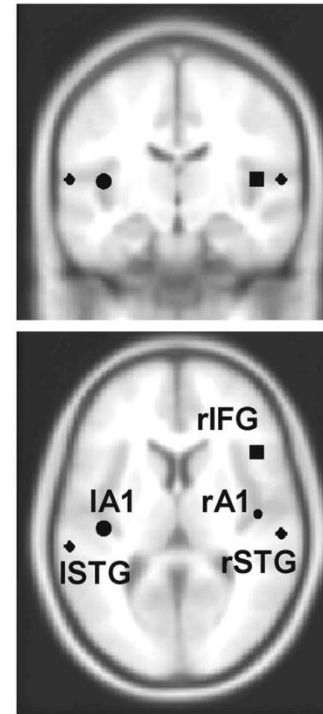
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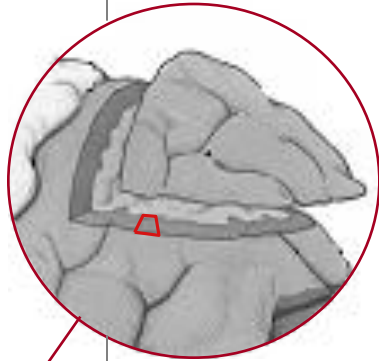
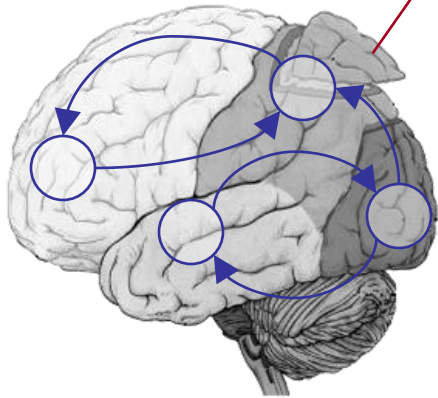
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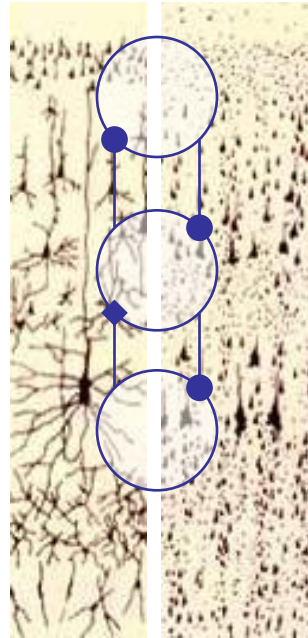
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Inference at meso-scale

macro-scale

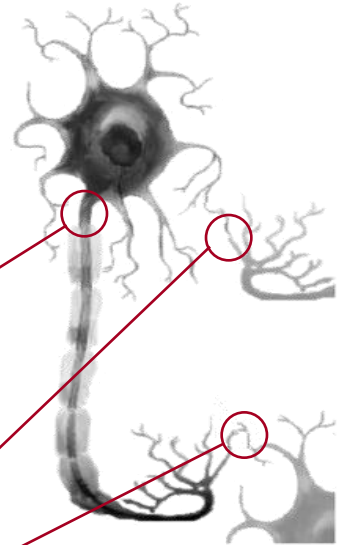


meso-scale

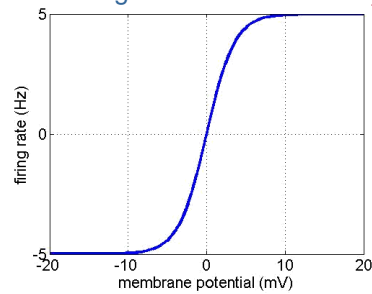


external granular layer
external pyramidal layer
internal granular layer
internal pyramidal layer

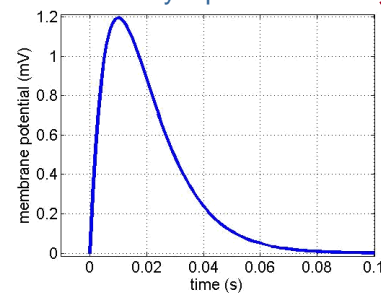
micro-scale



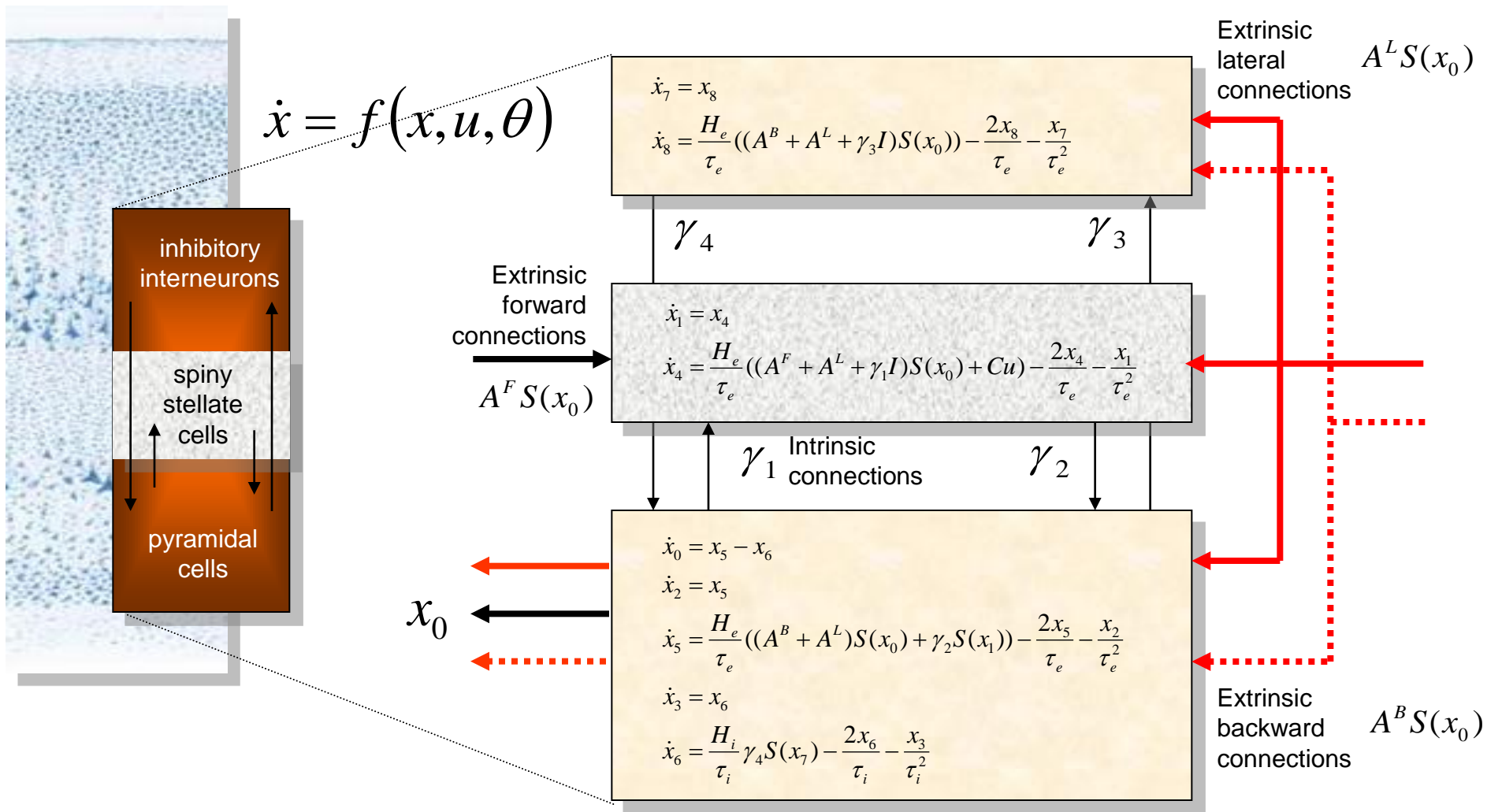
AP generation zone



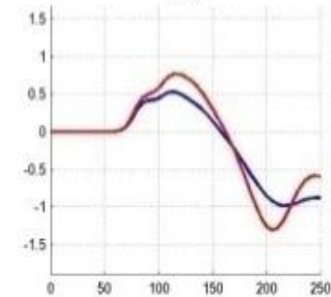
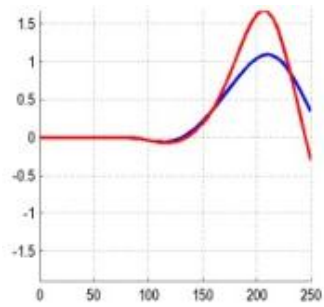
synapses



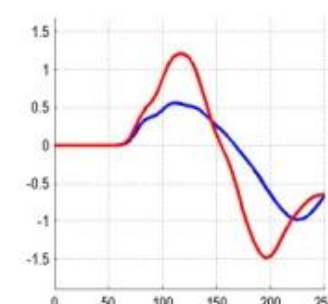
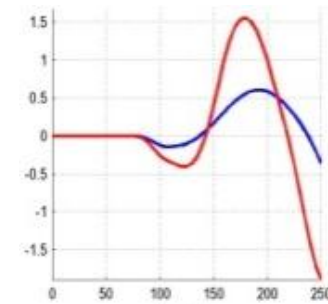
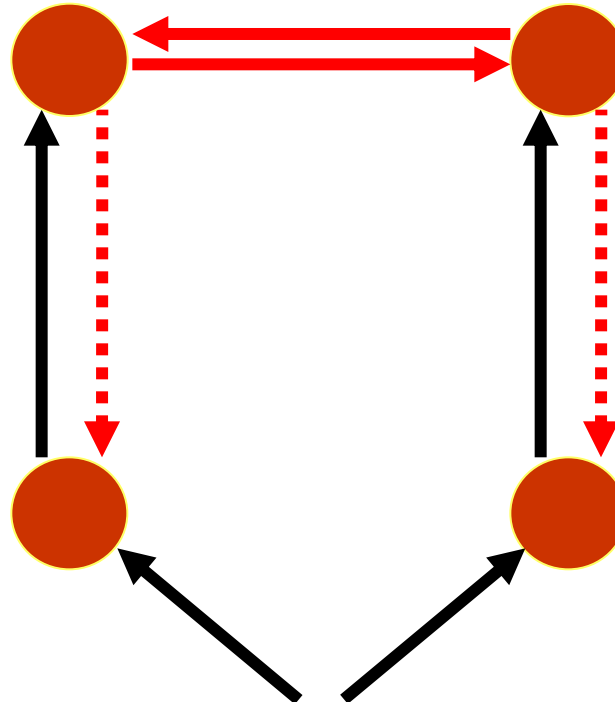
Neural mass equations and connectivity



Source activity over time



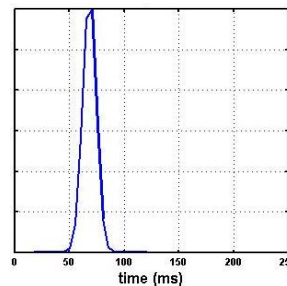
Source dynamics f



Forward

Backward

Lateral



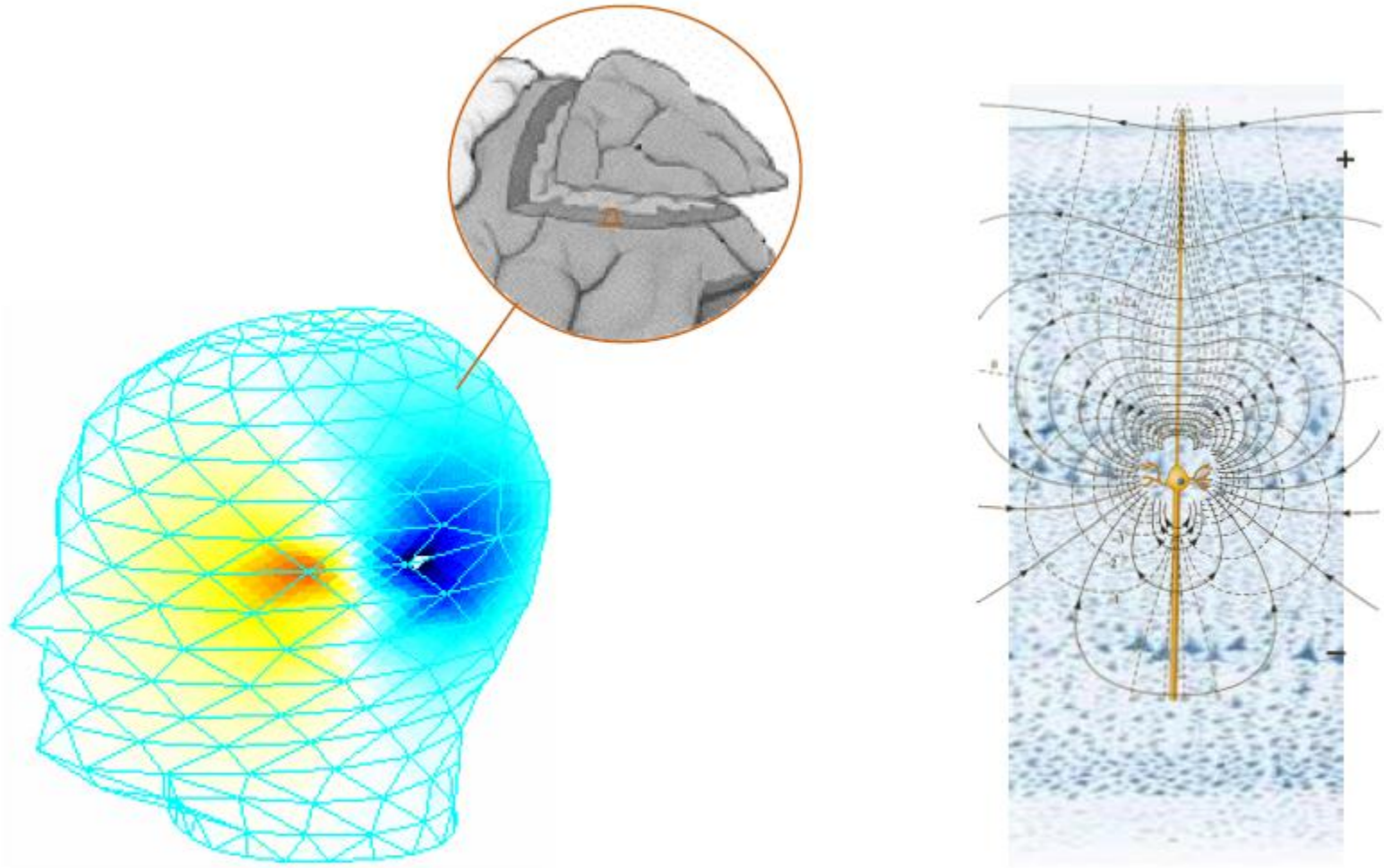
Input u

$$\dot{x} = f(x, u, \theta)$$

states x

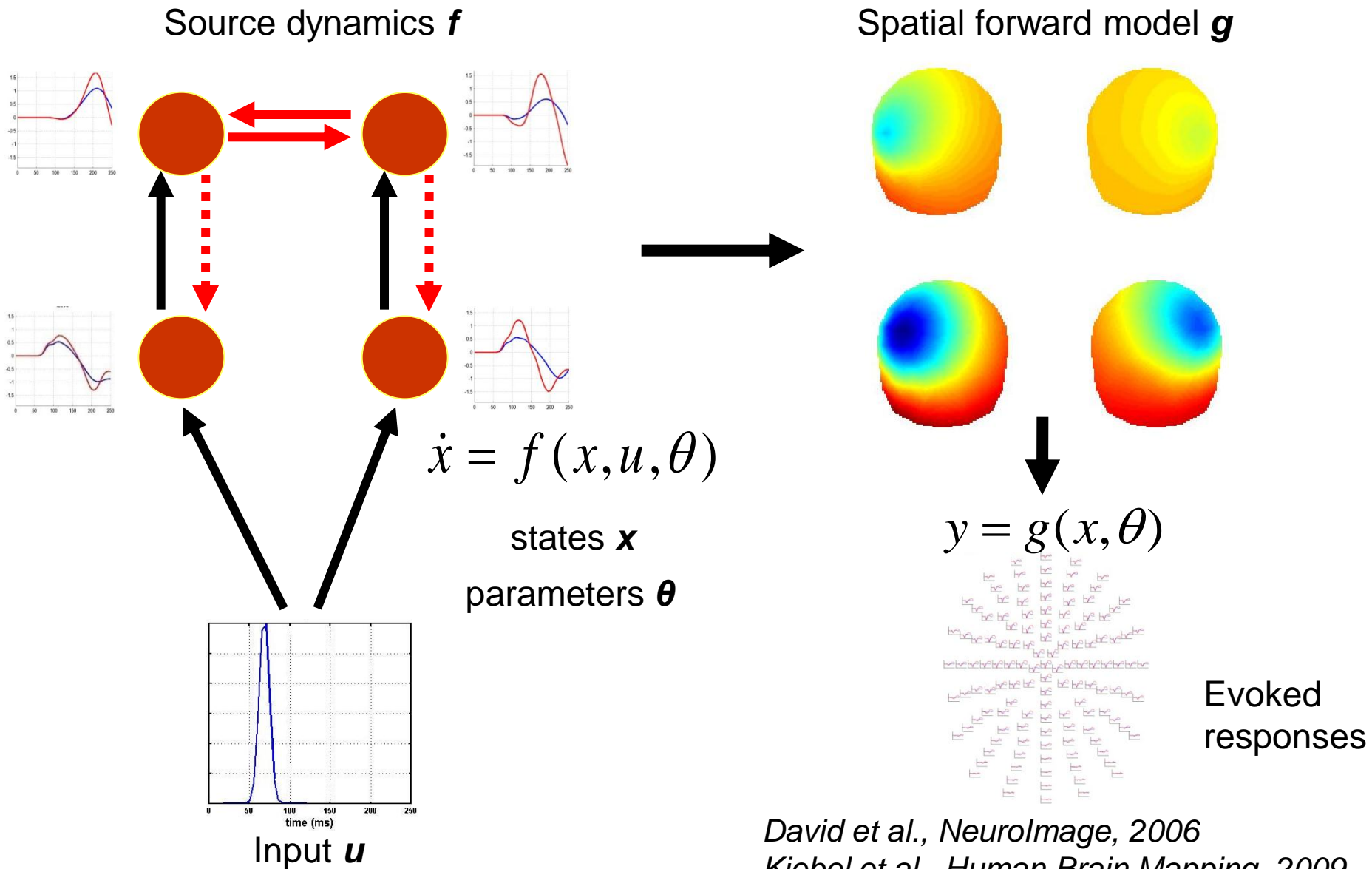
parameters θ

Spatial forward model



Kiebel et al., NeuroImage, 2006
Daunizeau et al., NeuroImage, 2009

The generative model

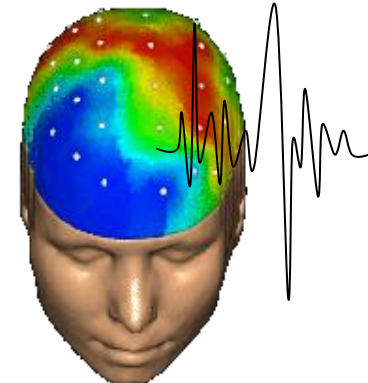
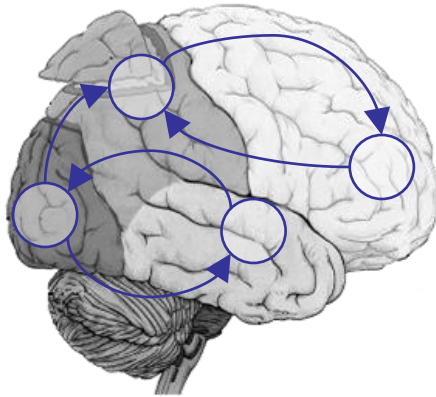


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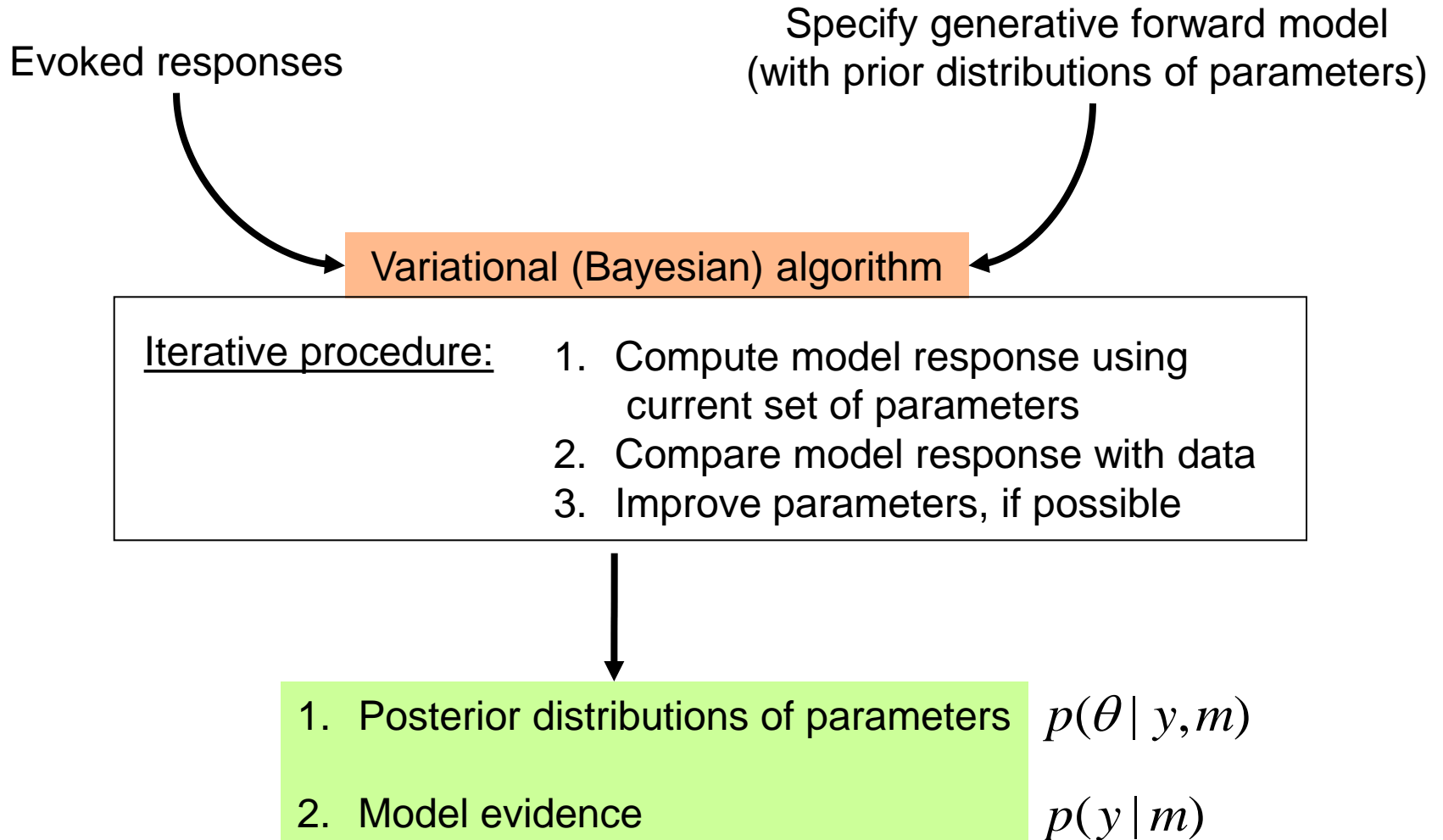
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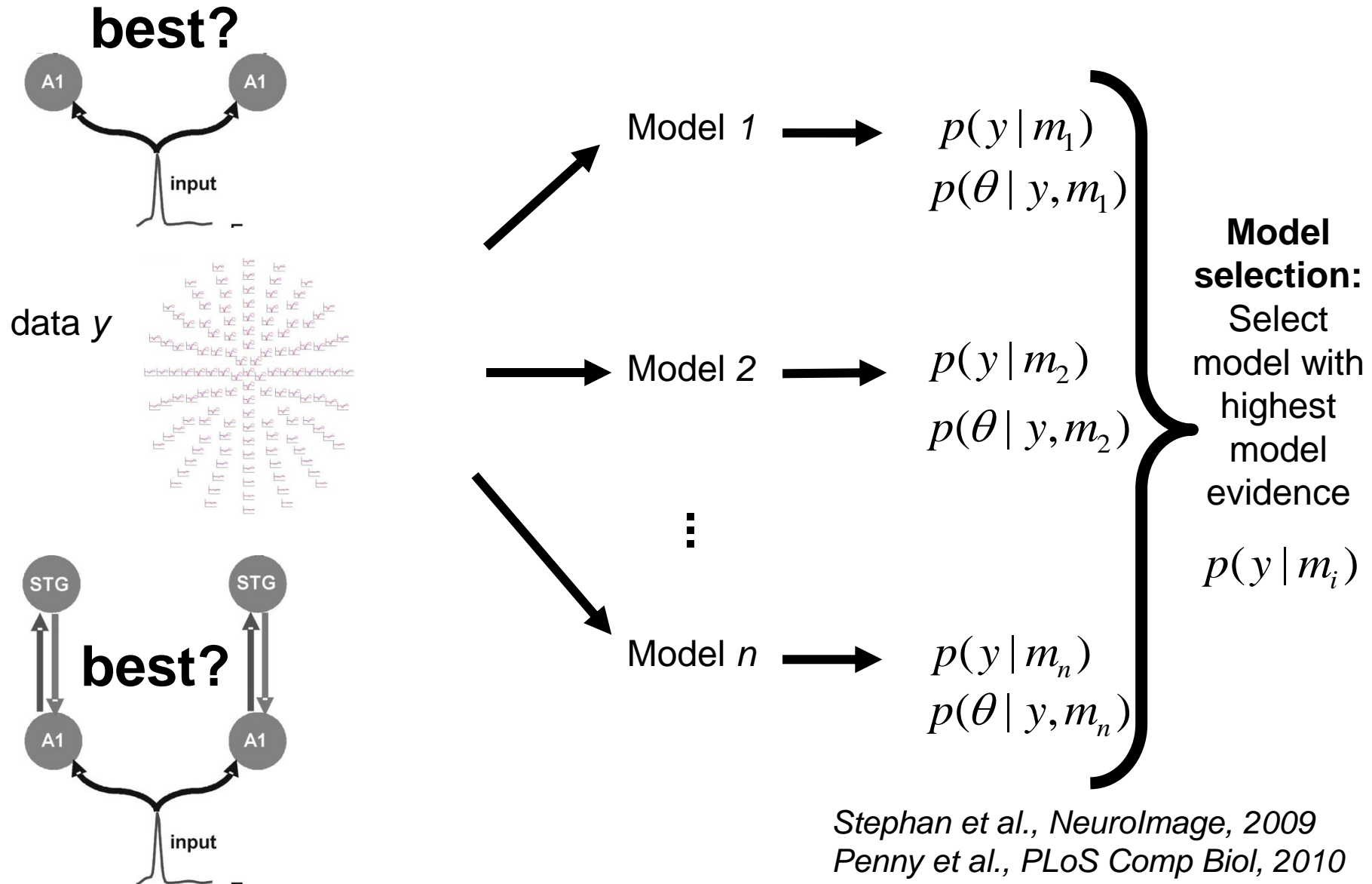
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Model selection: Which model is the best?



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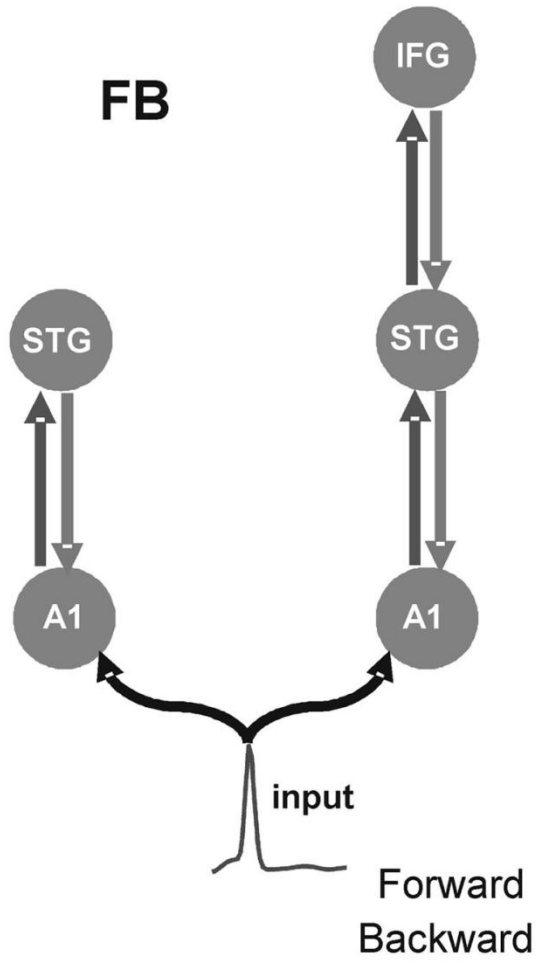
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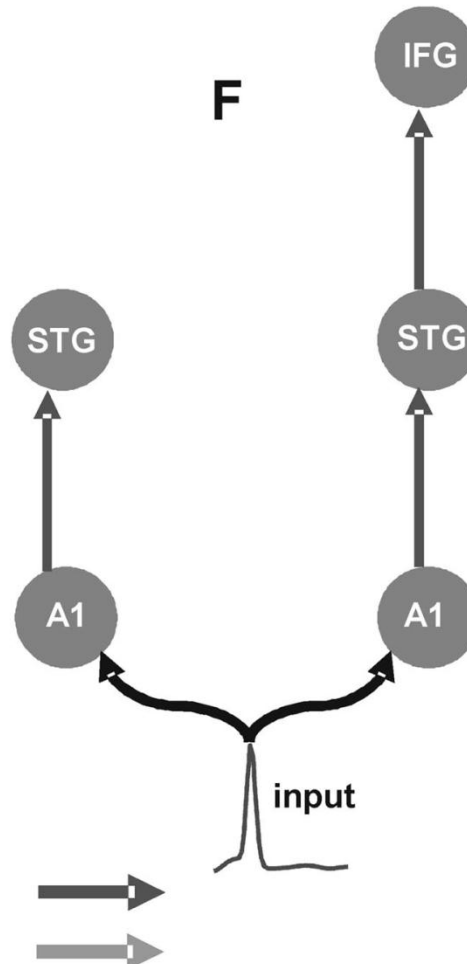
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Auditory evoked potential

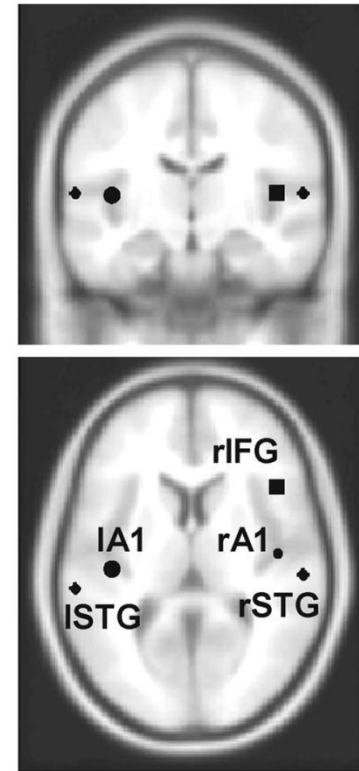
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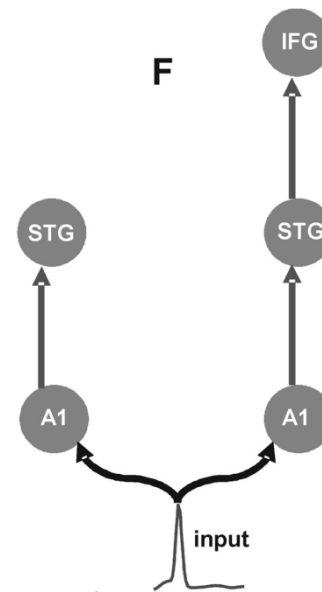
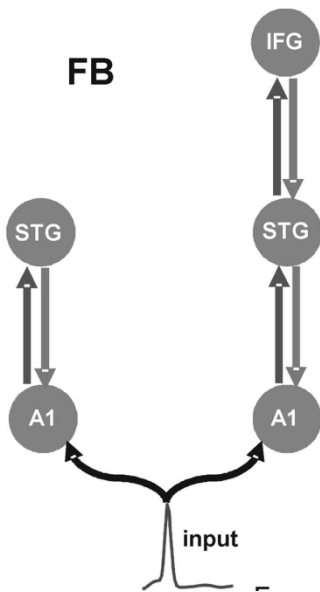
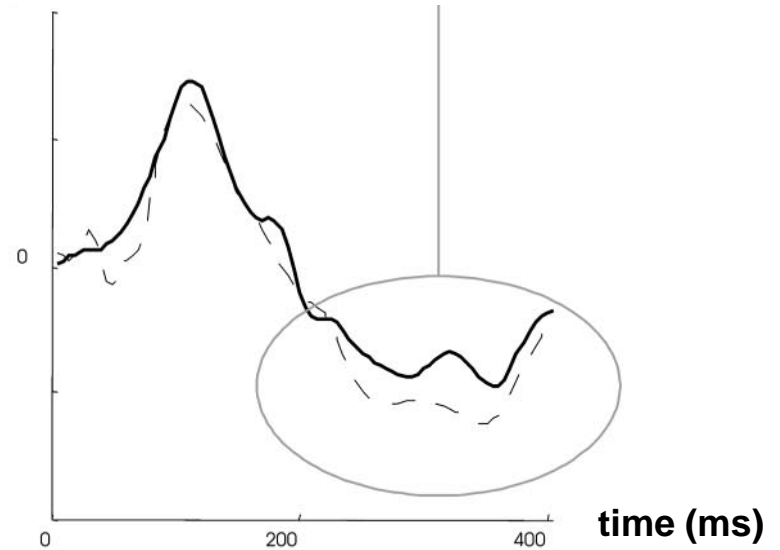
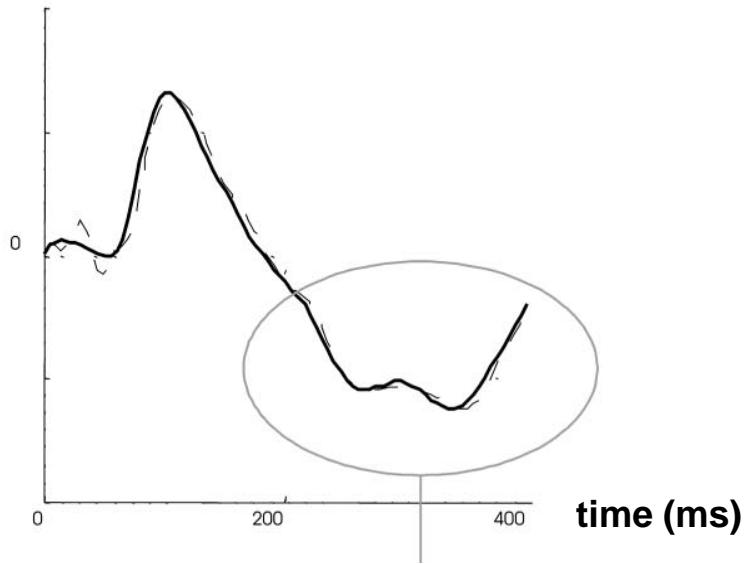
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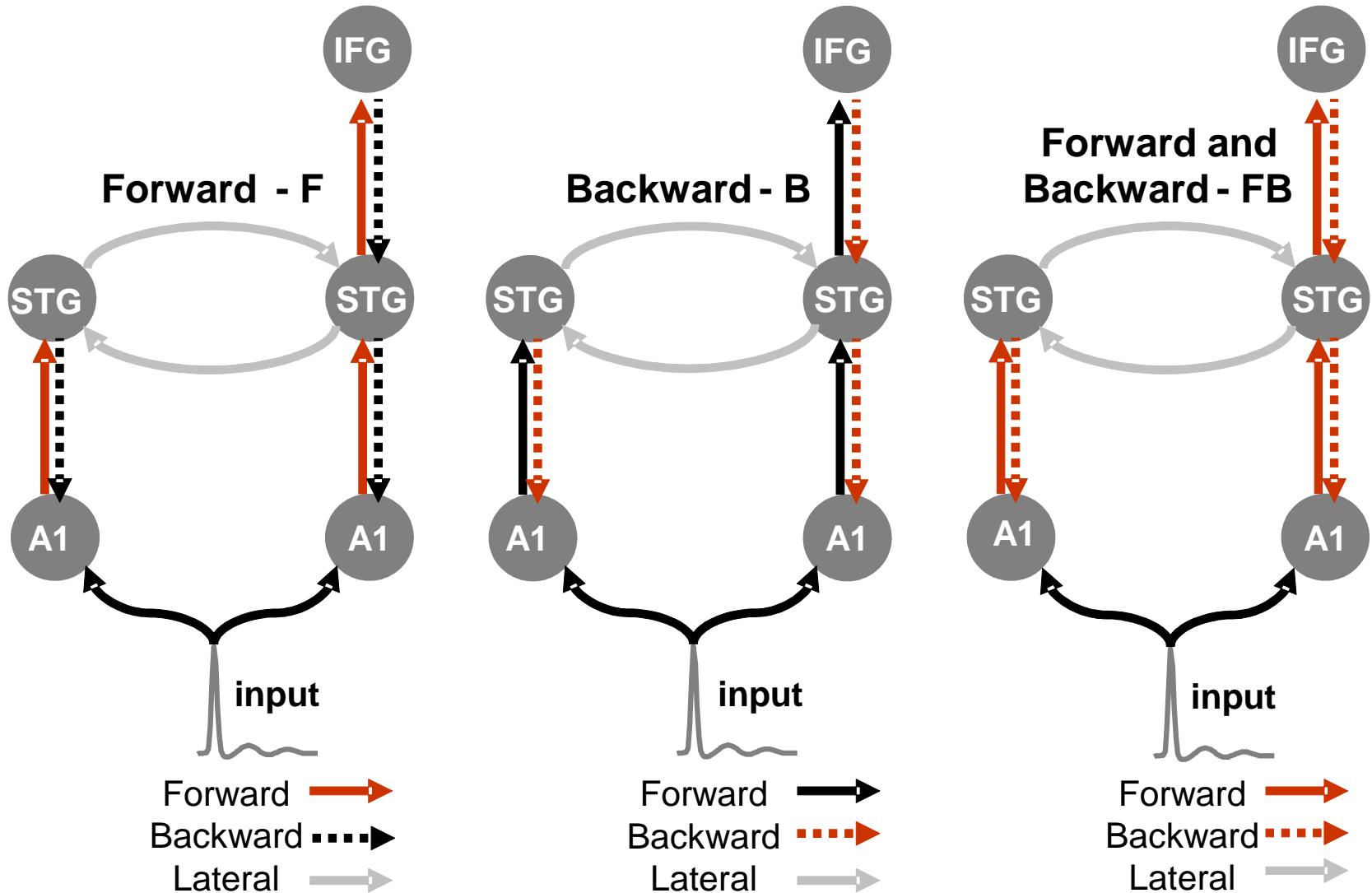
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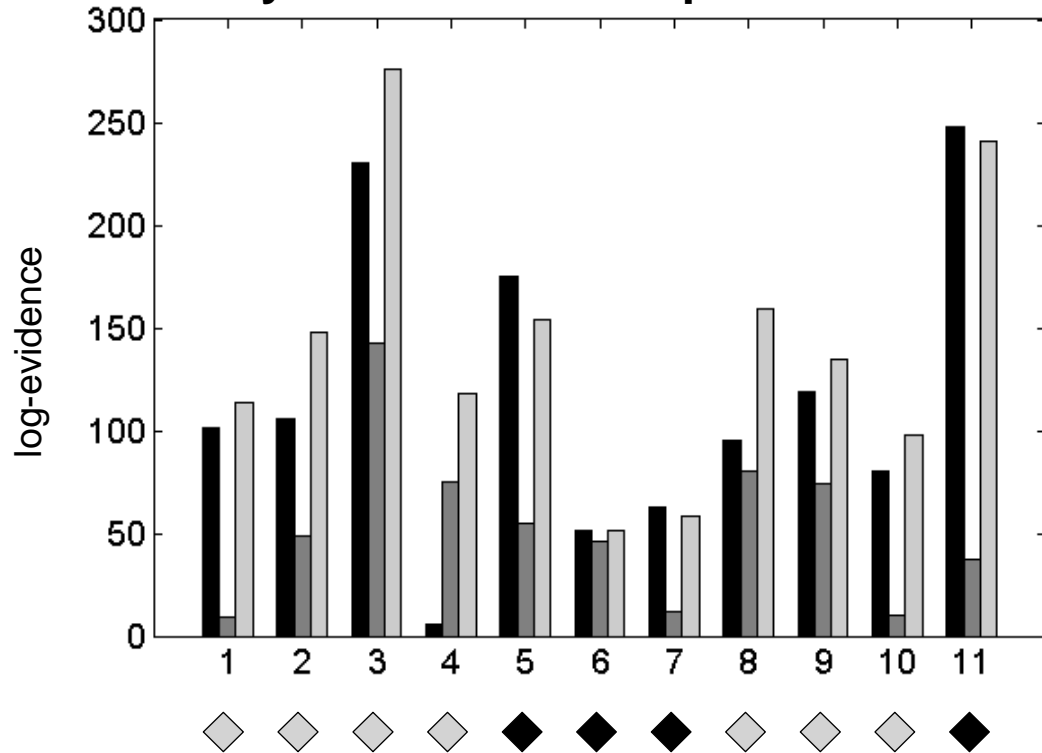


Mismatch negativity: EEG



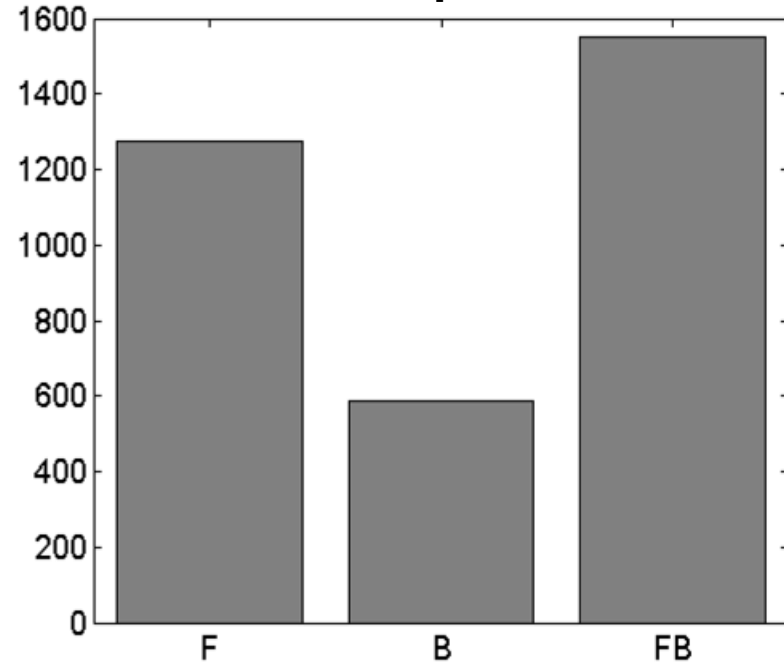
MMN: Group model comparison

Bayesian Model Comparison



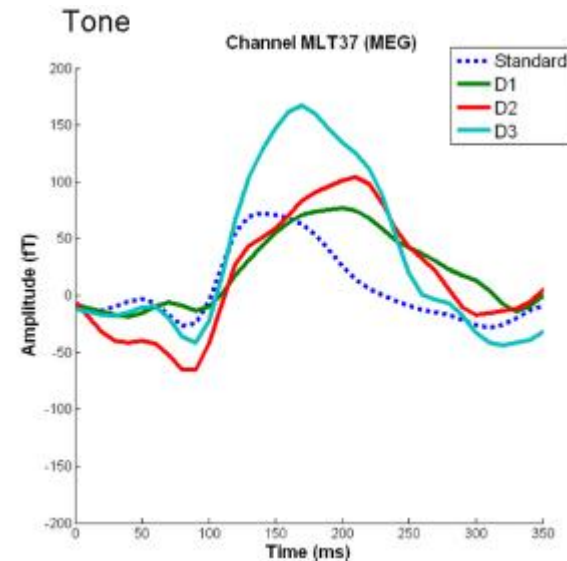
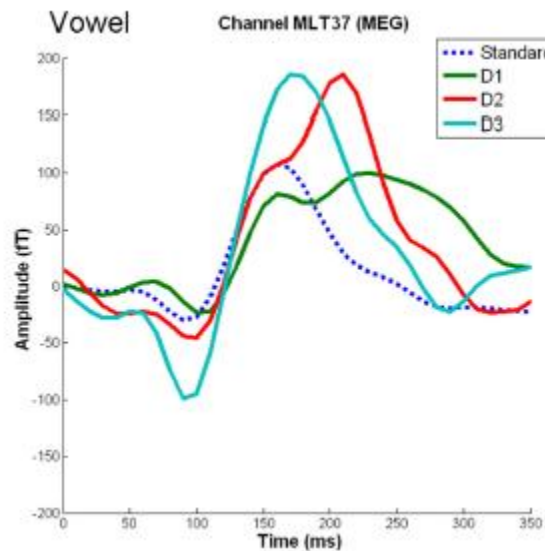
- ◆ Forward (F)
- ◆ Backward (B)
- ◆ Forward and Backward (FB)

Group level

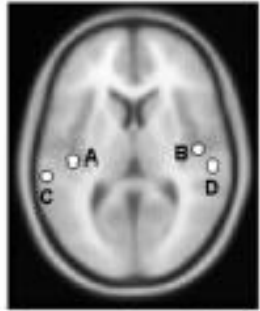


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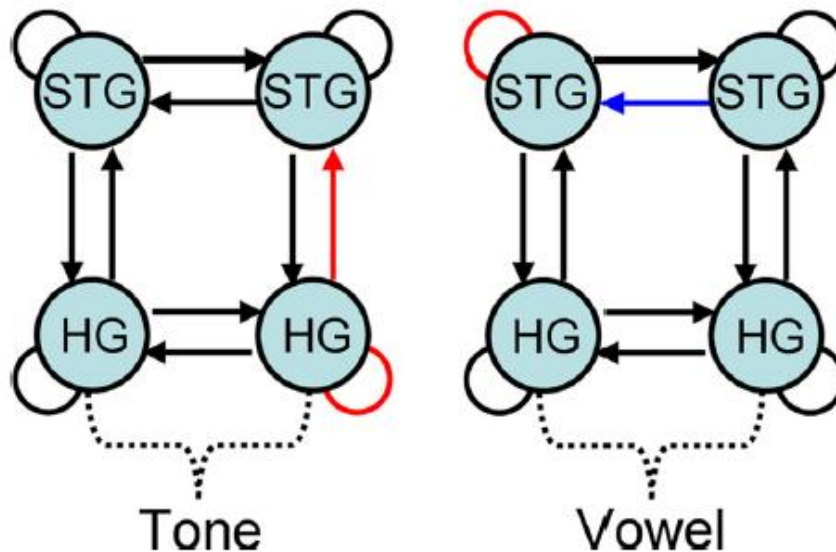
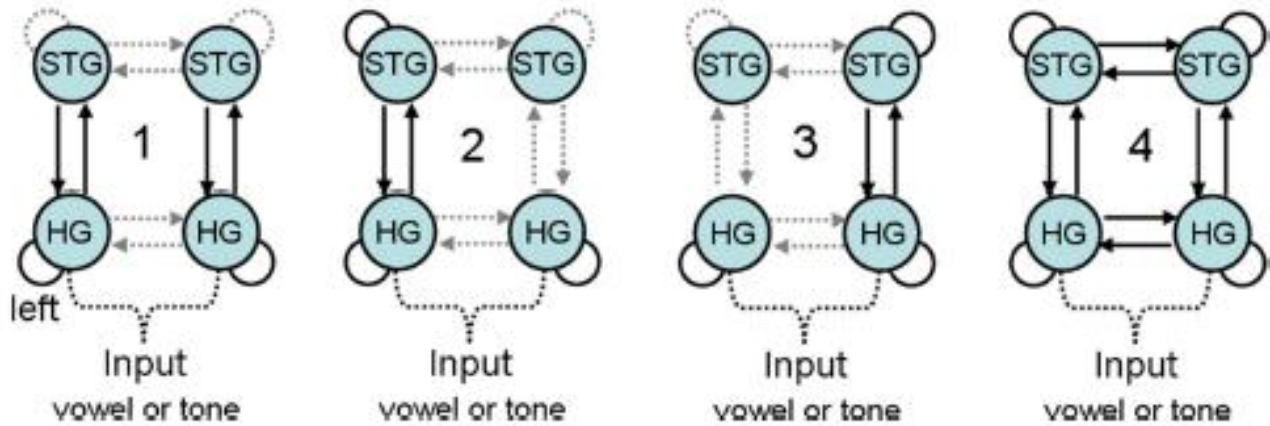
	CVC	Tone
Standard	Bart	Matched to formants of vowel
D1	Bart	
D2	Burt	
D3	beat	



Mismatch negativity: MEG



Source locations



Summary

- DCM enables testing of hypotheses about how brain sources communicate.
- Differences between conditions or groups are modelled as modulation of connectivity.
- Bayesian inference is used to take into account the variability over models and parameters.

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