

# *Plasticità cerebrale nella visione*

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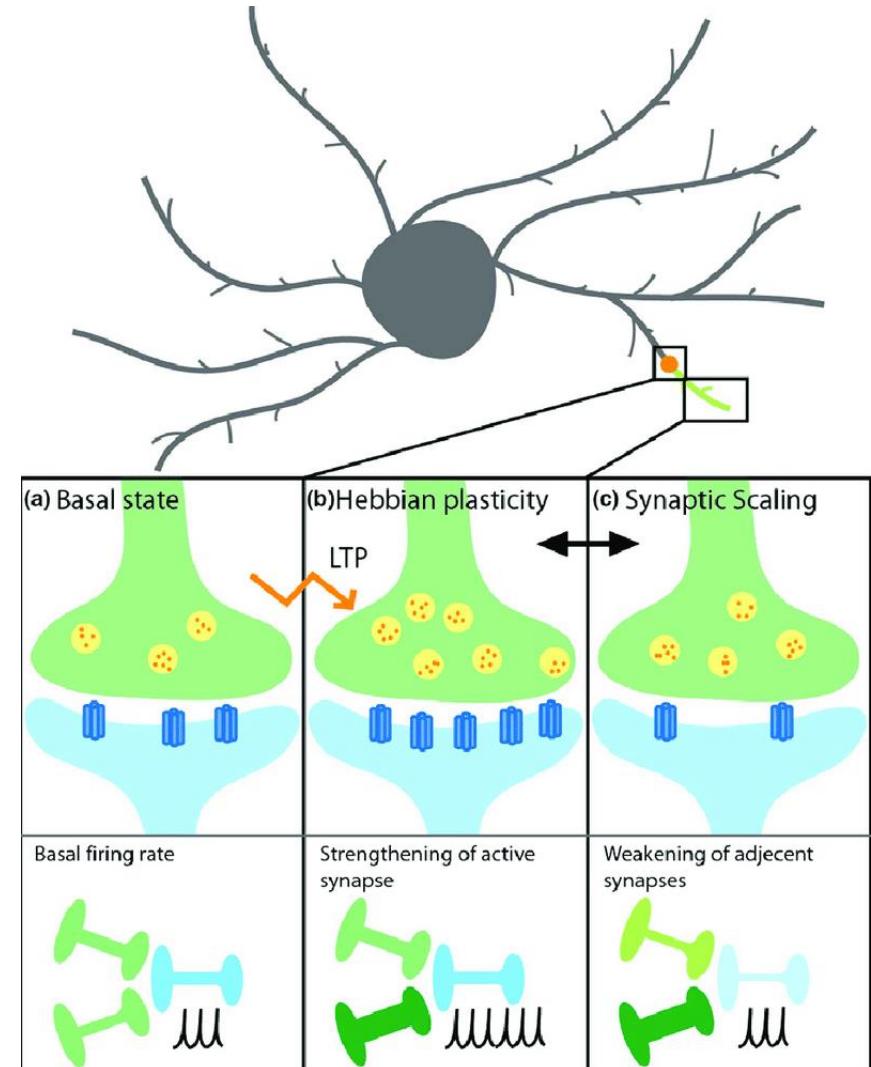


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# Neuroplasticità

La neuroplasticità consiste nella possibilità del cervello di riorganizzare **funzionalmente e/o strutturalmente** le sue connessioni in risposta a cambiamenti ambientali

*“Use it or lose it”*

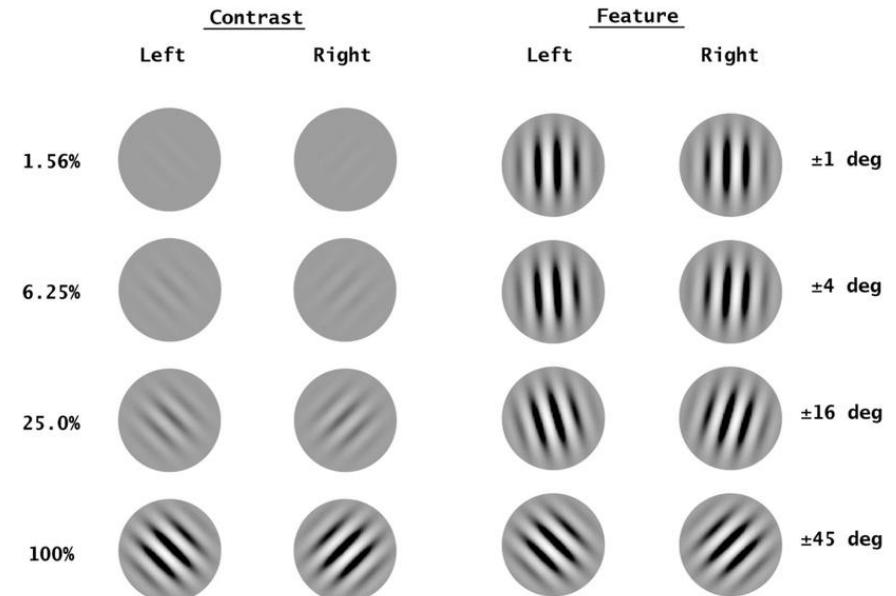


# Esempi di plasticità visiva «quotidiana»:

## **Visual Perceptual Learning (VPL):**

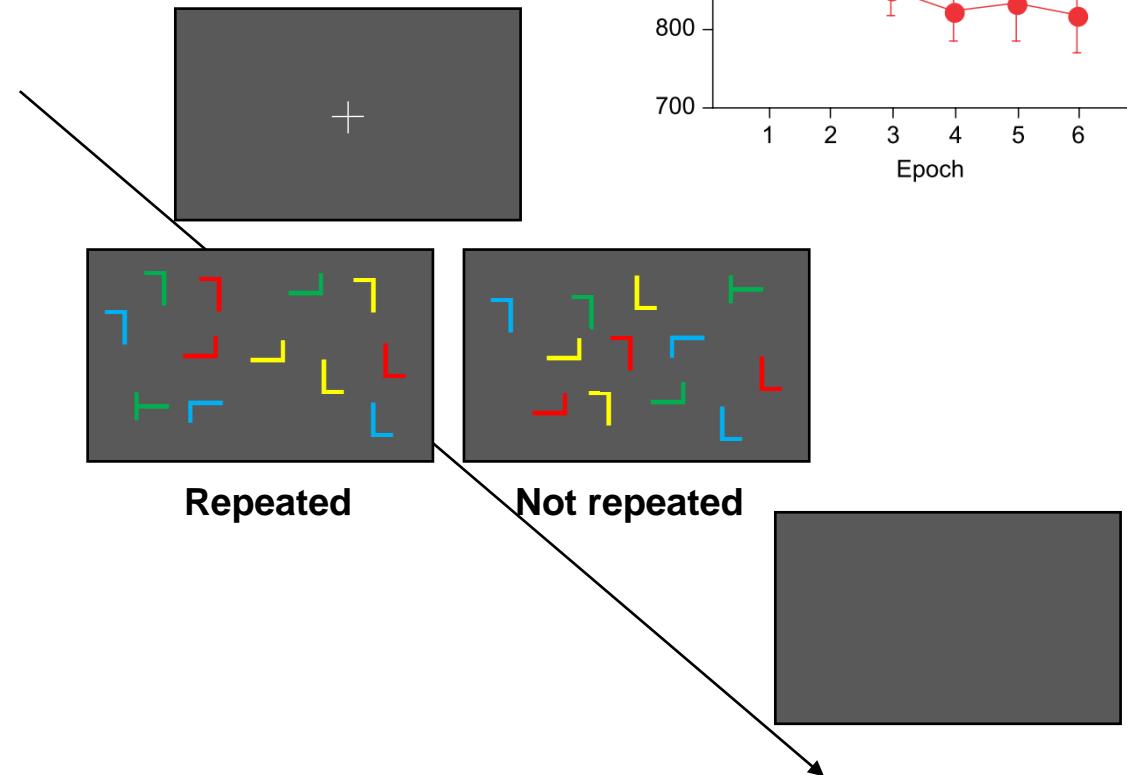
Praticare ripetutamente un compito complesso porta a miglioramenti significativi e persistenti nella performance

- **Contrast sensitivity**
- **Orientation discrimination**
- **Venier acuity**
- **Motion discrimination**



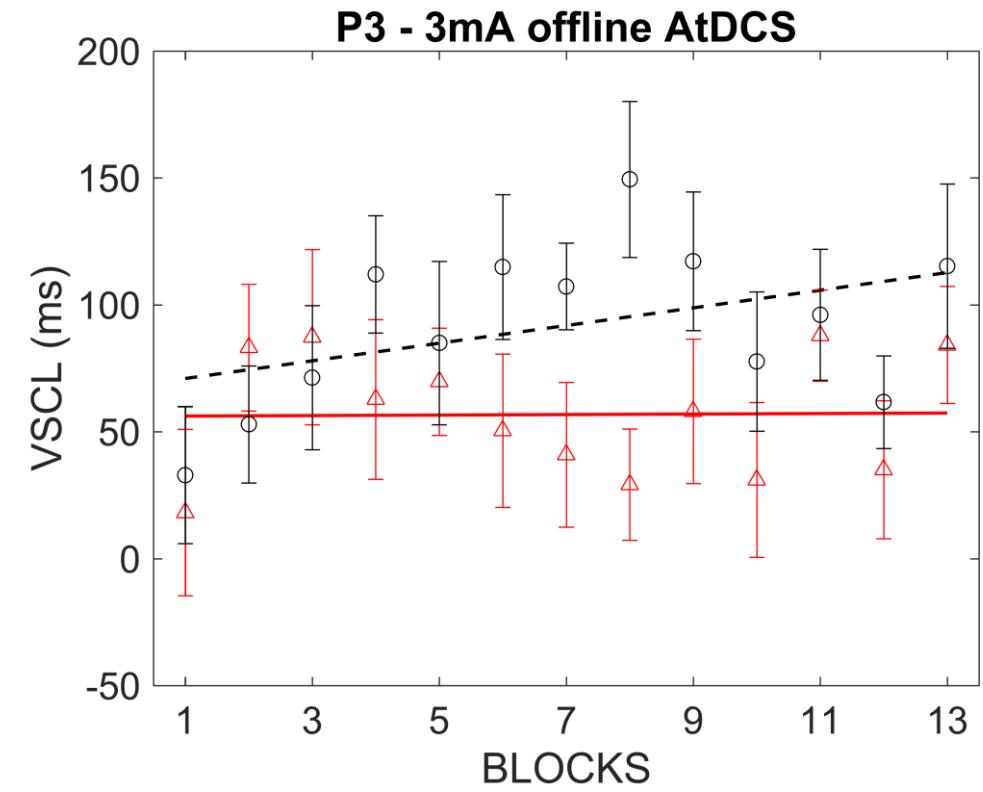
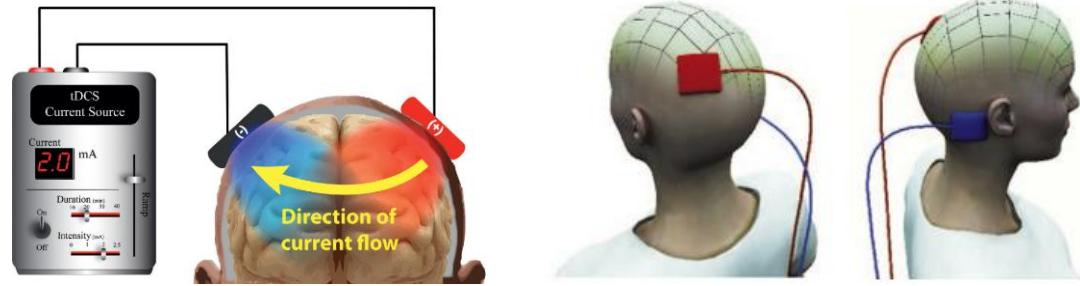
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**Visuo-spatial contextual learning:**  
Apprendimento implicito di relazioni  
visuospatiali tra oggetti





## Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation (tDCS)

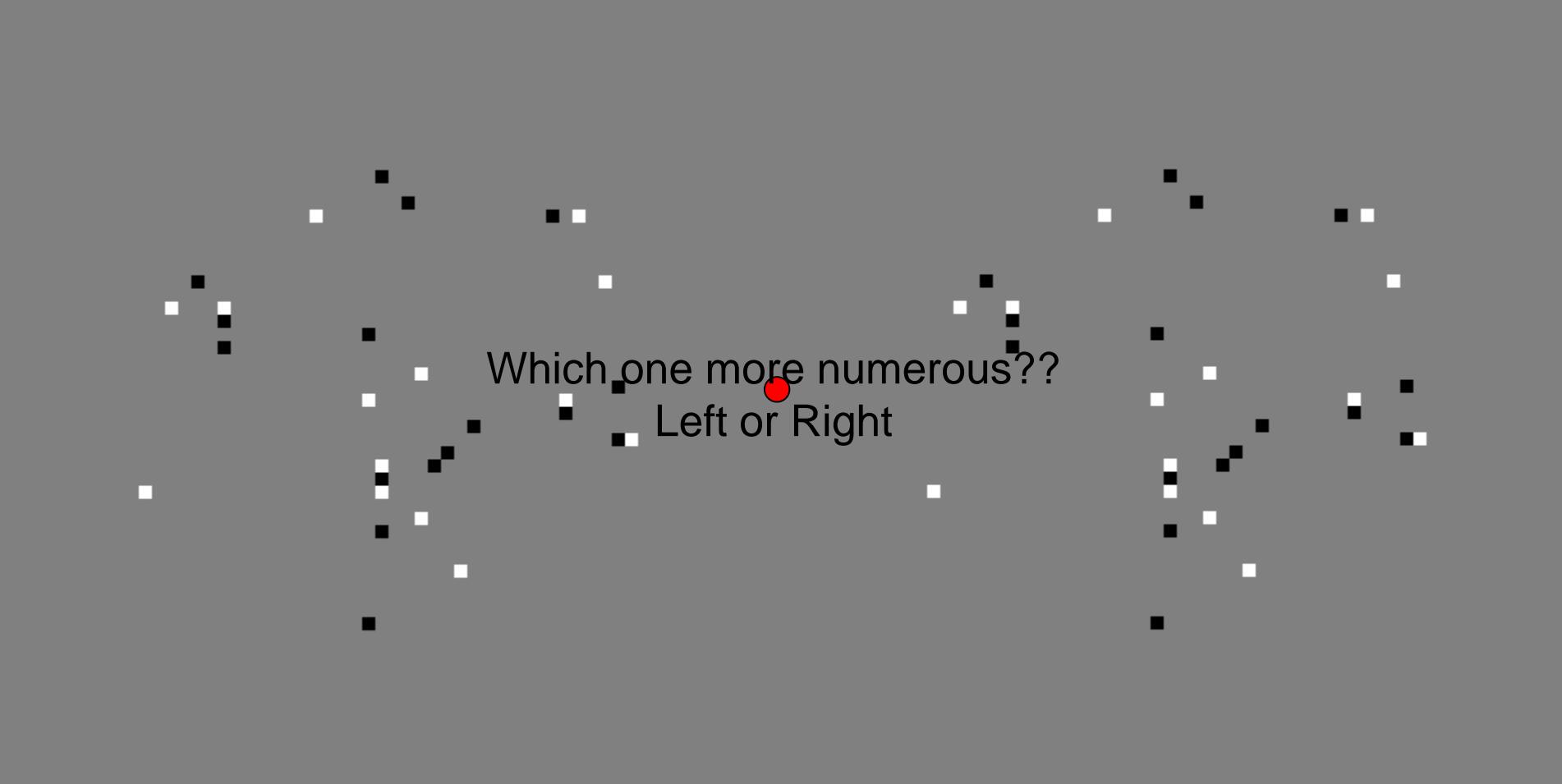


## Esempi di plasticità visiva «quotidiana»:

**Perceptual Adaptation:** osservare un pattern visivo per un periodo prolungato produce una riduzione della sensibilità visiva a quel pattern producendo un bias percettivo nei pattern successivi.

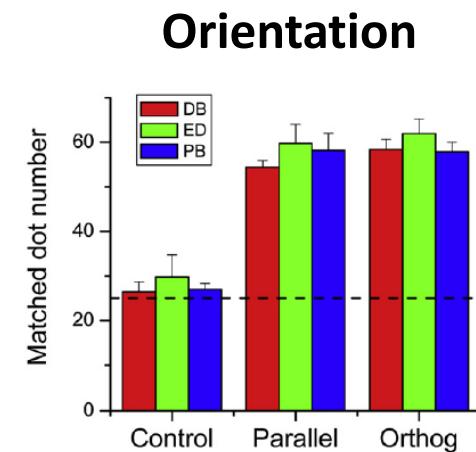
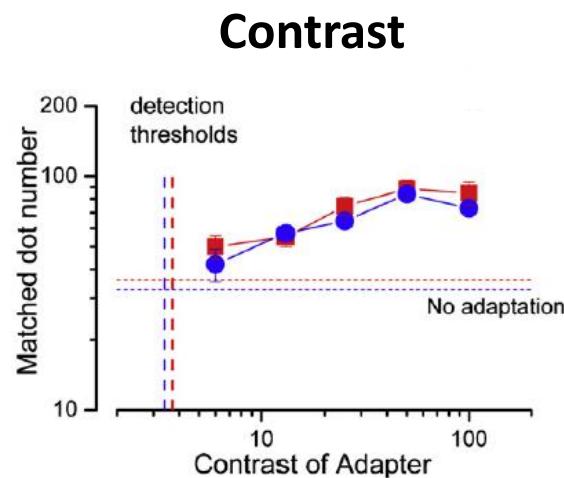
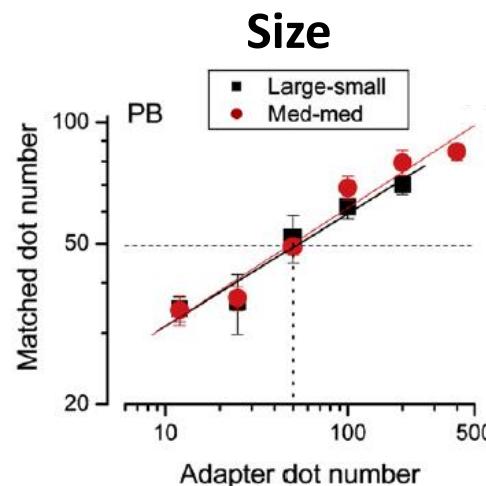
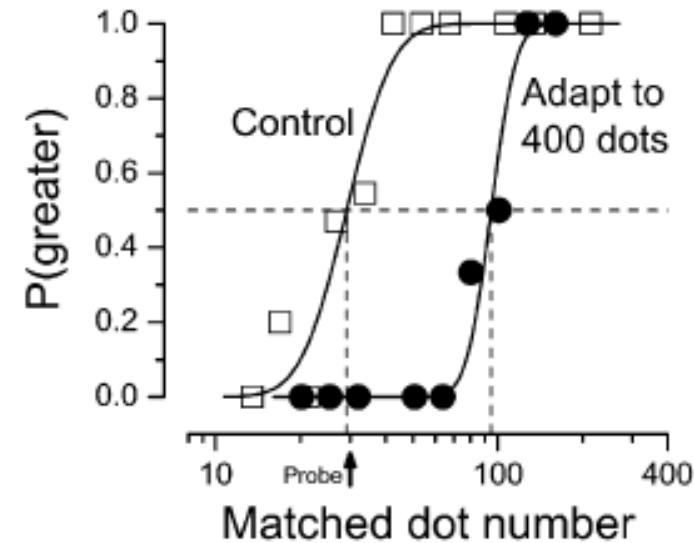
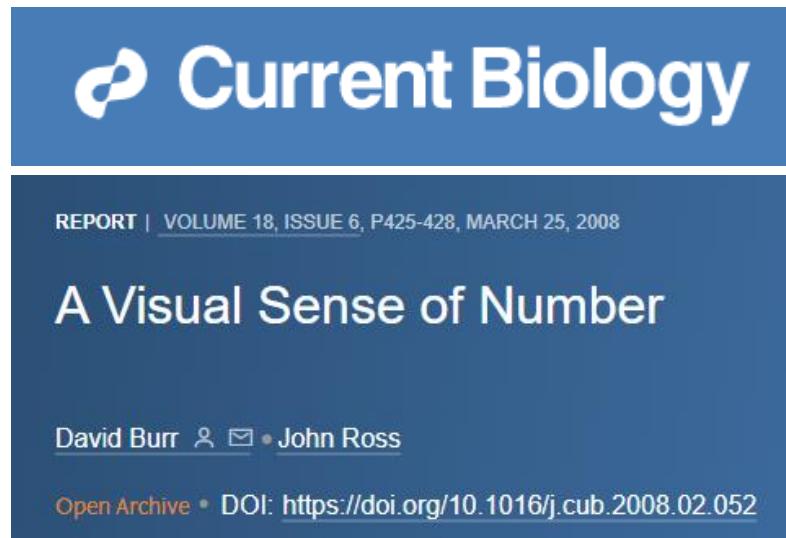
- **Light adaptation**
- **Color adaptation**
- **Motion adaptation**
- **Numerosity adaptation**



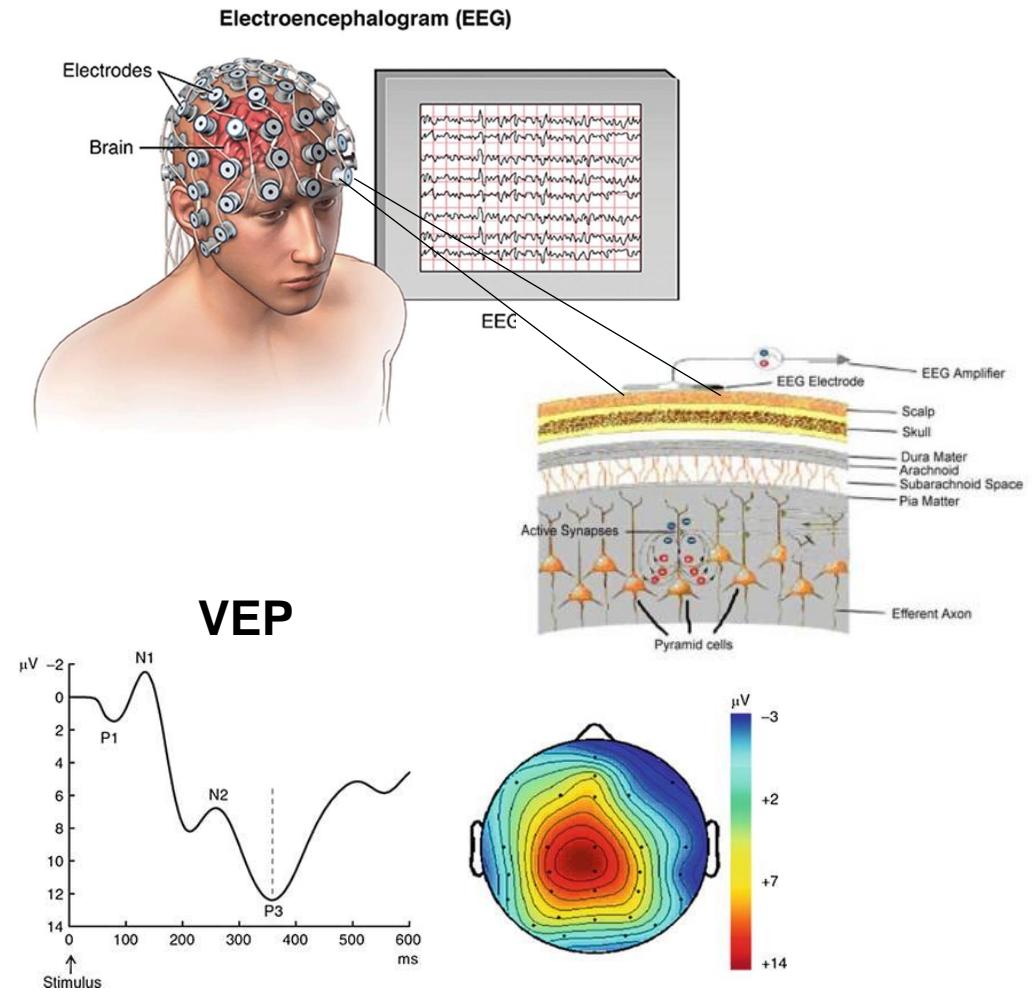
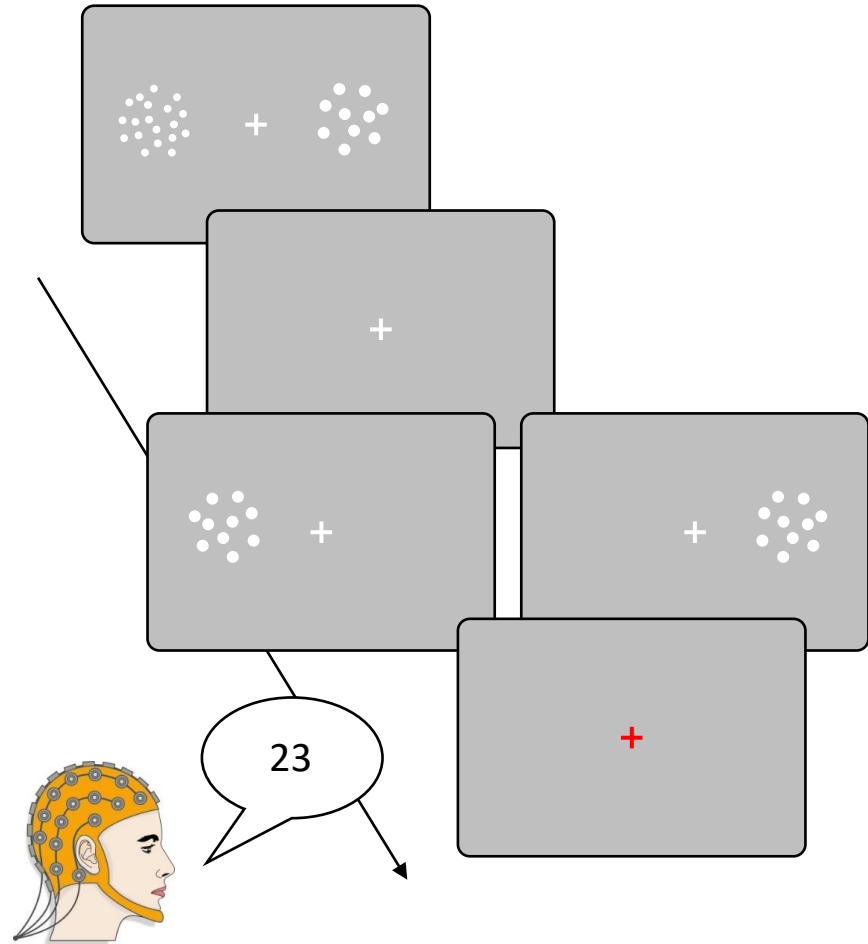


Which one more numerous??  
Left or Right

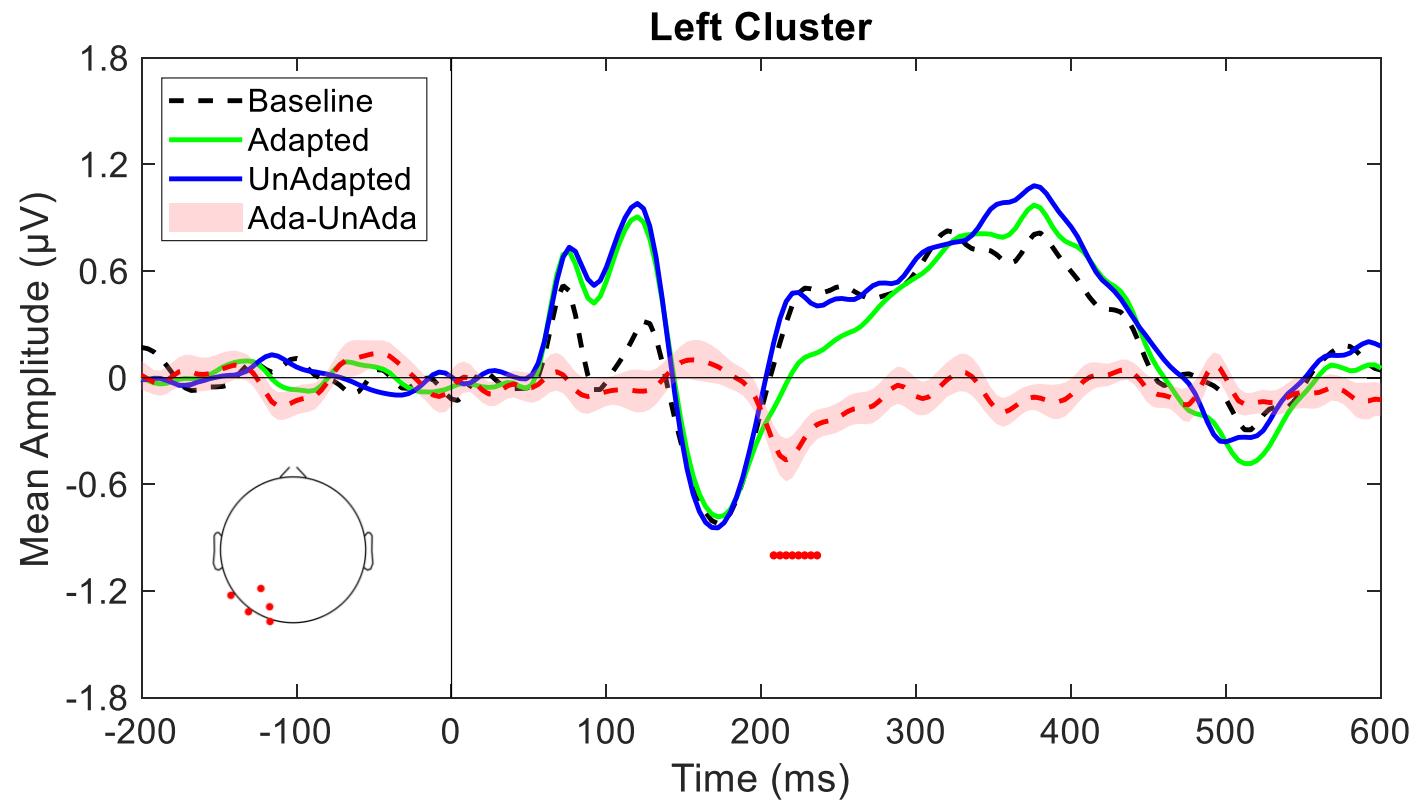
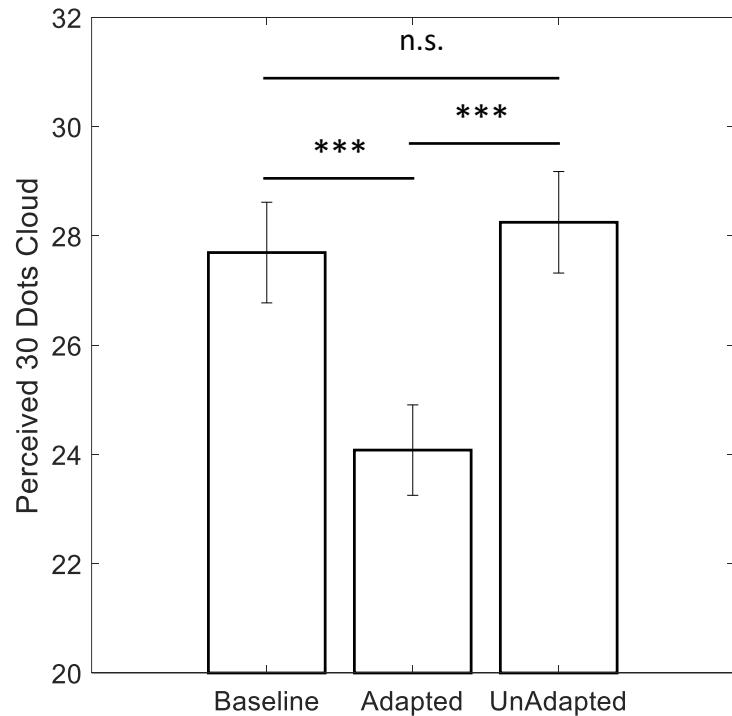
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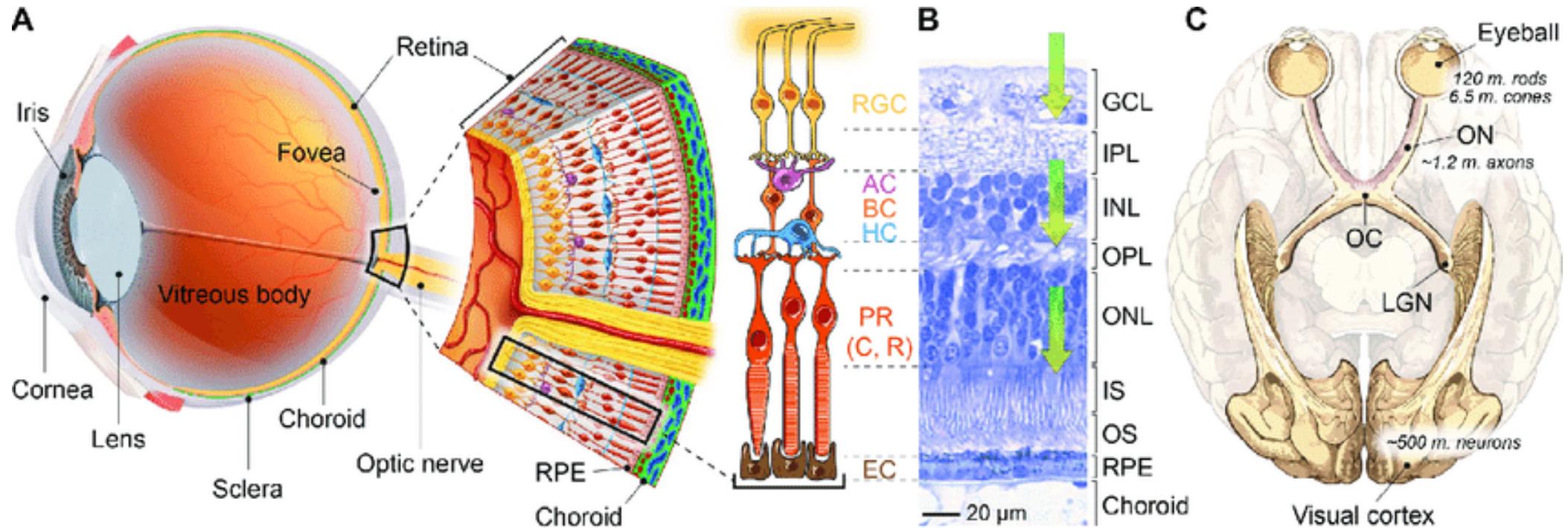
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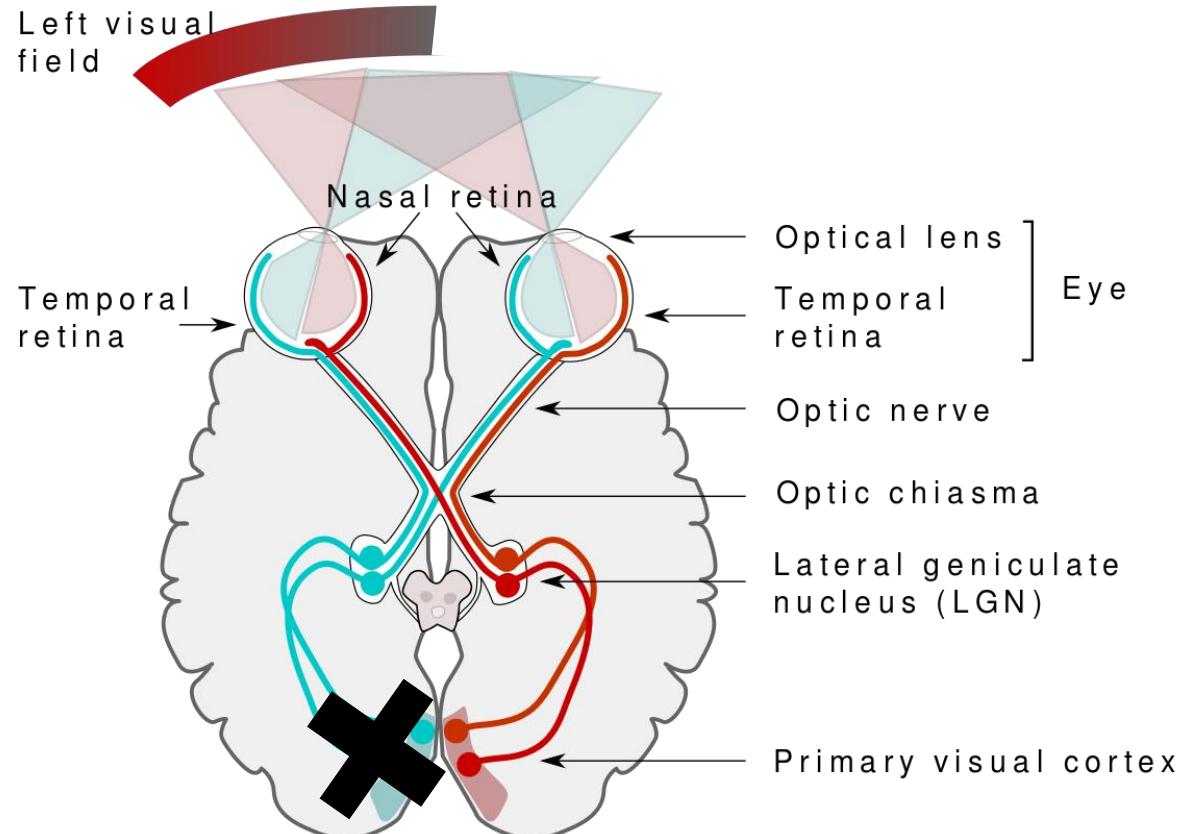
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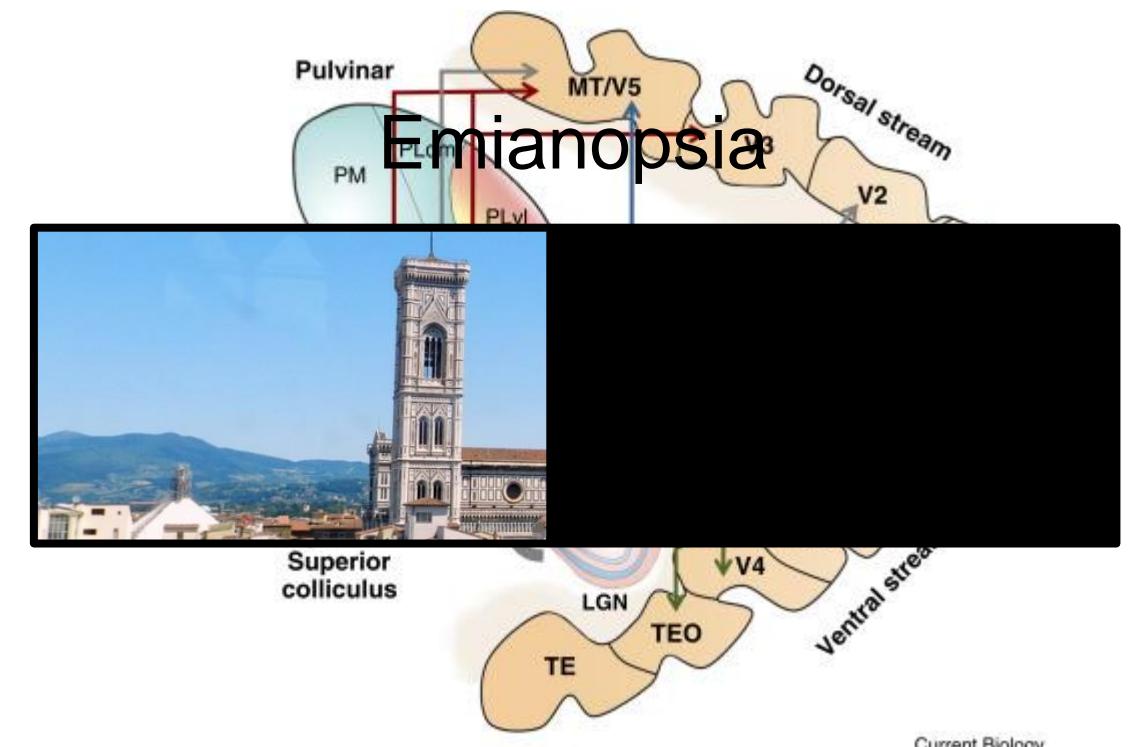
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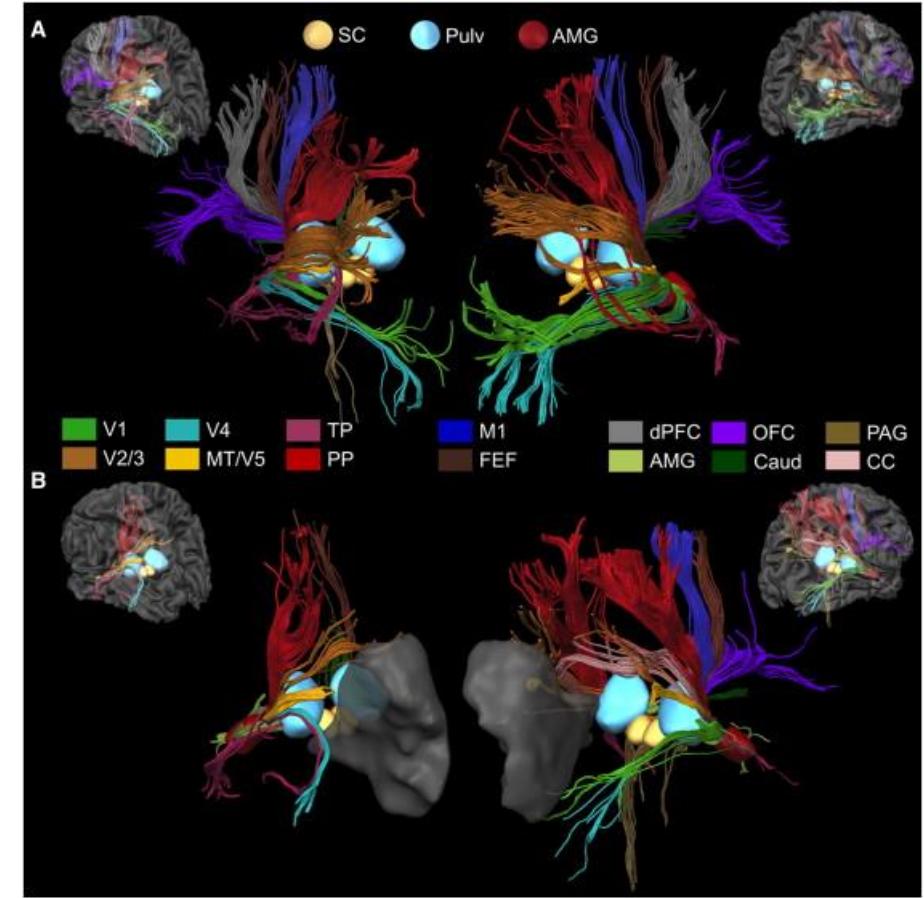


Primary visual route



Primary and secondary visual routes

# Blindsight

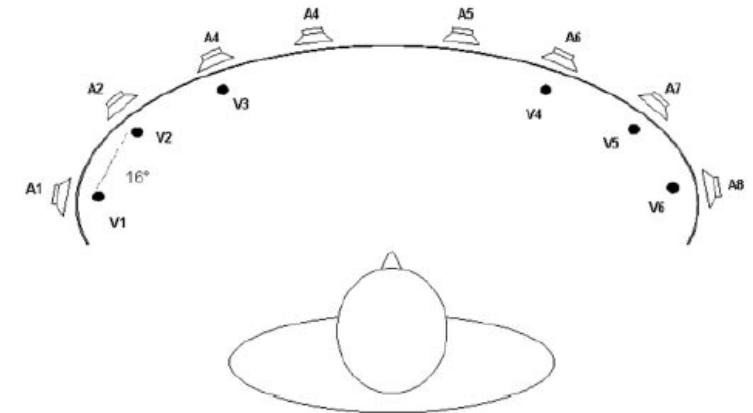
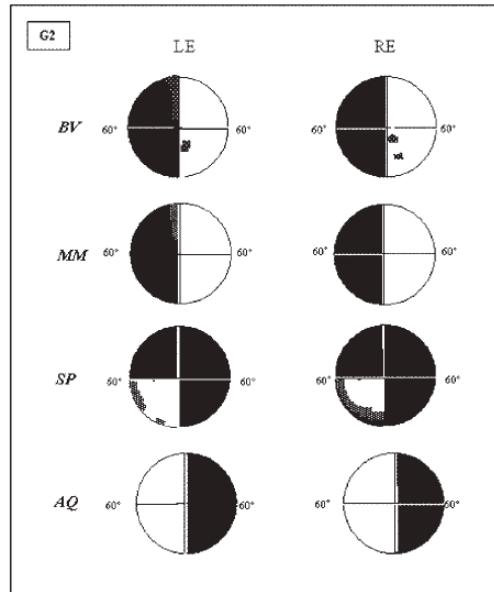
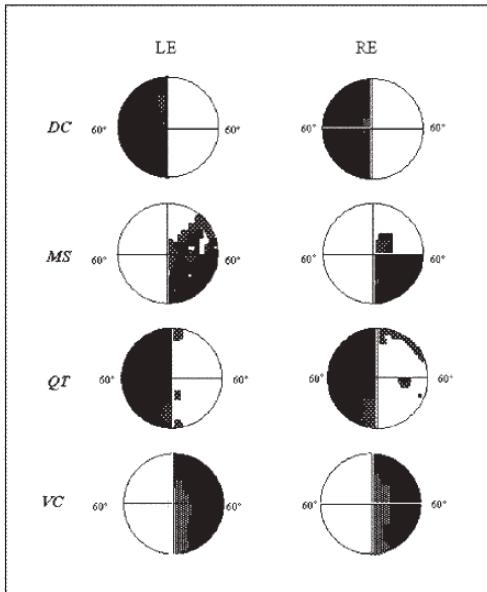


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# Visual search improvement in hemianopic patients after audio-visual stimulation

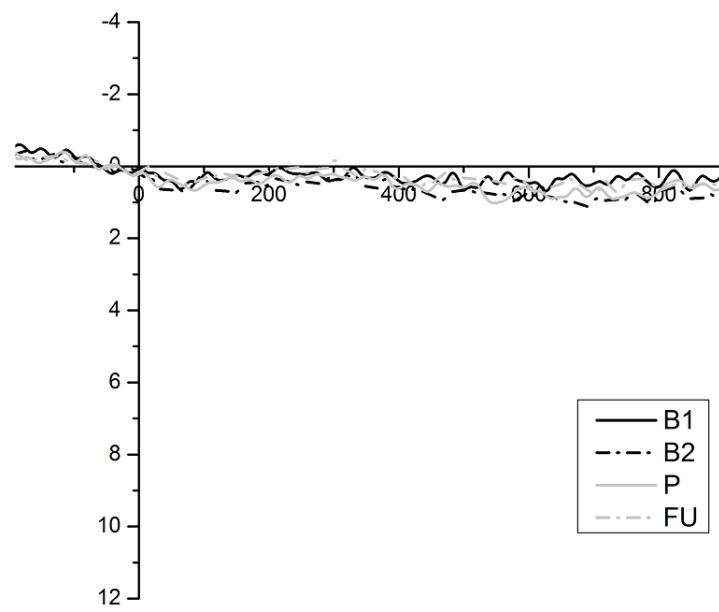
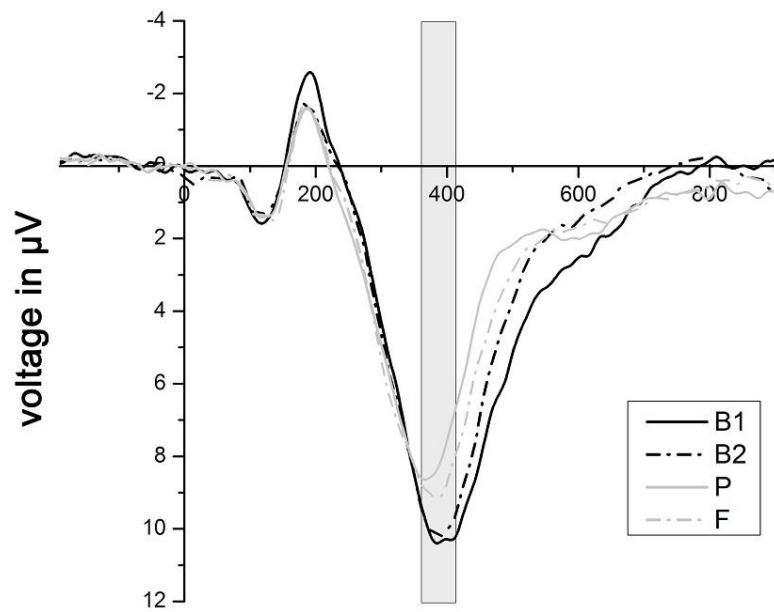
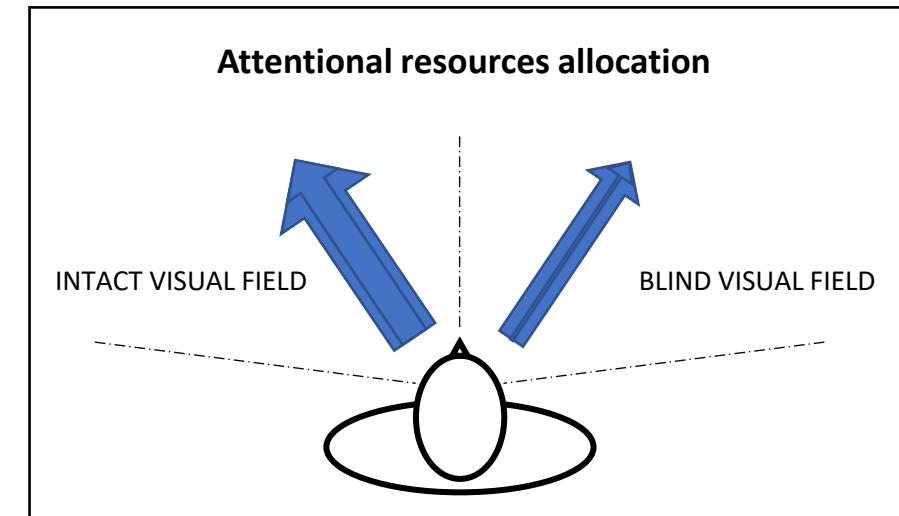
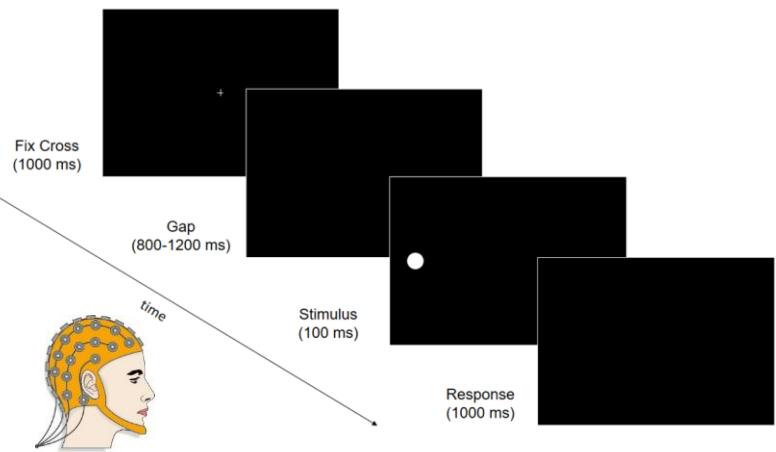
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## CLINICAL IMPROVEMENTS AFTER THE AUDIO-VISUAL TRAINING

- Improved performances on visual search and visual detection tasks
- Improved oculomotor scanning behaviors
- Improvements in self-report measures



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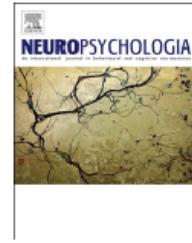




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