LEARNING DYNAMICS IN DETERMINISTIC ENVIRONMENT

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- building ASSCIATIONS between the actions and their outcomes
- operating on the history of previous REWARDS and PUNISHMENTS
- learning how to MAXIMIZE rewards and MINIMIZE punishments

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ERROR-MONITORING SYSTEM

ANTERIOR CINGULATE CORTEX (ACC)



ERROR-MONITORING SYSTEM

ERROR-RELATED NEGATIVITY (ERN)



- INTERNAL EVALUATION OF RECTION

ERROR-MONITORING SYSTEM

FEEDBACK-RELATED NEGATIVITY (ERN)



- EVALUATION BASED ON EXTERNAL INFORMATION







!!! PROBABILISTIC PARADIGMS !!!

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RESEARCH OBJECTIVES







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I Don't Want to Miss a Thing – Learning Dynamics and Effects of Feedback Type and Monetary Incentive in a Paired Associate Deterministic Learning Task

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EEG & fMRI DATA

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OPEN Dynamics of error-related activity in deterministic learning - an EEG and fMRI study

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There is a close relationship between progress in learning and the error-monitoring system. EEG and fMRI studies using probabilistic learning have revealed the distinct dynamics of this system after response and feedback, i.e. an increase of error-related and a decrease of feedback-related activity in the anterior cingulate cortex (ACC). Based on the existing theories, it can be presumed that during deterministic learning feedback-related activity in ACC would also increase. Since these assumptions have not yet been confirmed, it can be only speculated based on the data from the probabilistic paradigms how the information is being integrated within the ACC during deterministic learning. Here we implemented the Paired Associate Deterministic Learning task to the EEG and fMRI experiments. The analysis of EEG data showed a significant increase in the amplitude for both ERN and FN. Similarly, the fMRI results showed an increase in response-related and feedback-related activity of the ACC in erroneous trials. Our findings are in line with the current theories of ACC function: increasing ACC activity can be linked to the detected discrepancy between expected and obtained outcomes. We argue that expectancy violations in the course of deterministic learning are signalled by both, internal and external evaluation system.

EEG



- 256-channel dense-array EEG gę (HydroCel Geodesic Sensor Net, EGI System 300; EGI, OR, USA)
- sampling rate of 250 Hz (band-pass filtered at 0.01–100 Hz with a vertex electrode as a reference) and recorded with NetStation Software (Version 4.5.1, Electrical Geodesic Inc., OR, USA).
- 54 young adults (29 F; M age: 23; SD: 2.3)

- standard pre-processing pipeline, data extracted at the FCz electrode (ROI-based approach)
- **ERN** base-to-peak difference (min. from 0 to 150 ms after response and preceding mean amplitude from -100 to 0 ms before response onset.
- **FN** the difference in voltage between the most negative peak from 250 to 350 ms after negative feedback onset and the most positive peak from 150 to 250 ms after negative feedback onset













fMRI

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Standard preprocessing in AFNI software; 1st level statistical analysis in FEAT FSL - GLM additional regressors (1st derivative for each regressor of interest – COR, ERR, FDB) -> level of activity calculated with both non-derivative and derivative term

ROI analysis – ACC region defined with Neurosynth meta-analytic database



B. FEEDBACK





EEG





Learning time-point

EEG



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