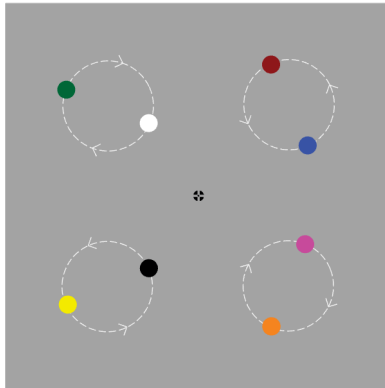


Spatiotemporal Processing Drives Contralateral Delay Activity in a Dual Working Memory and Attentional Tracking Task



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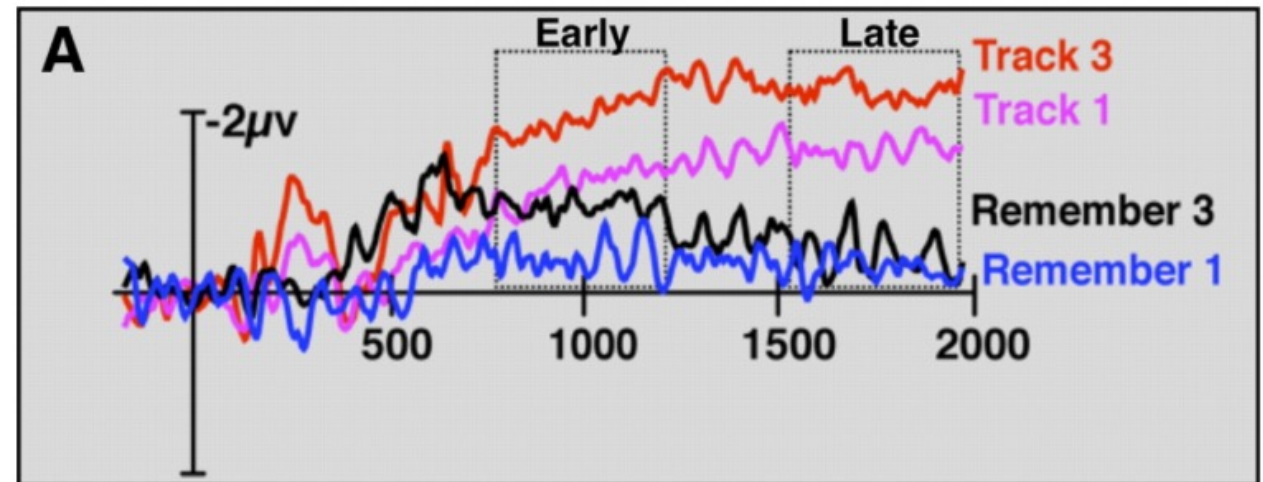
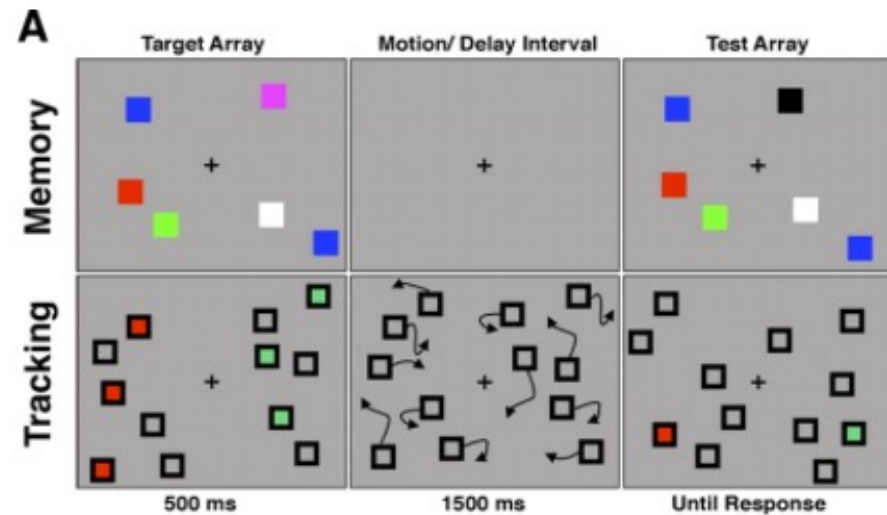
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Introduction

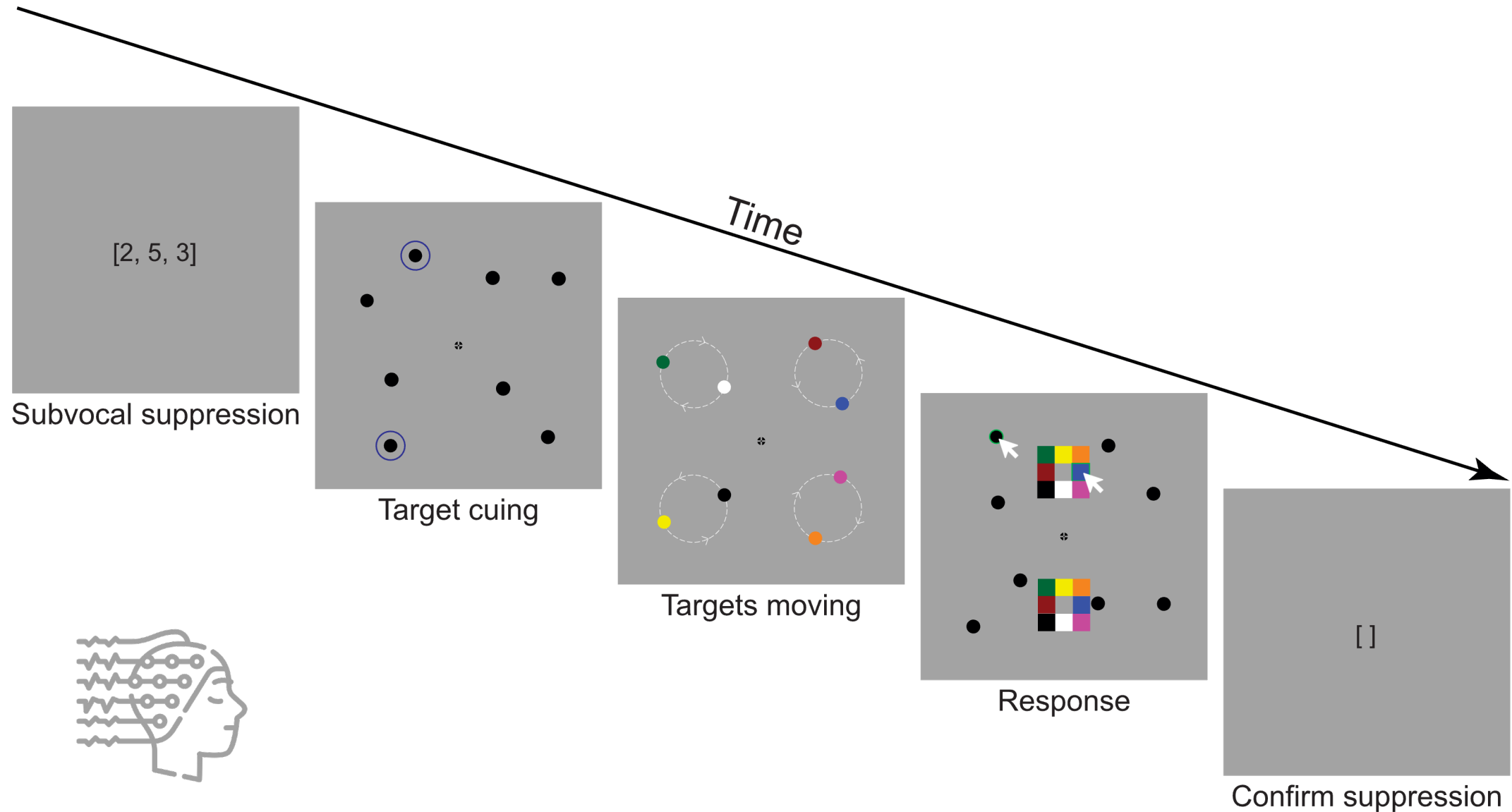
It has been shown that CDA is sensitive to:

- visual working memory load (Vogel & Machizawa, 2004, *Nature*)
- attentional tracking load (Drew & Vogel, 2008, *JoN*)

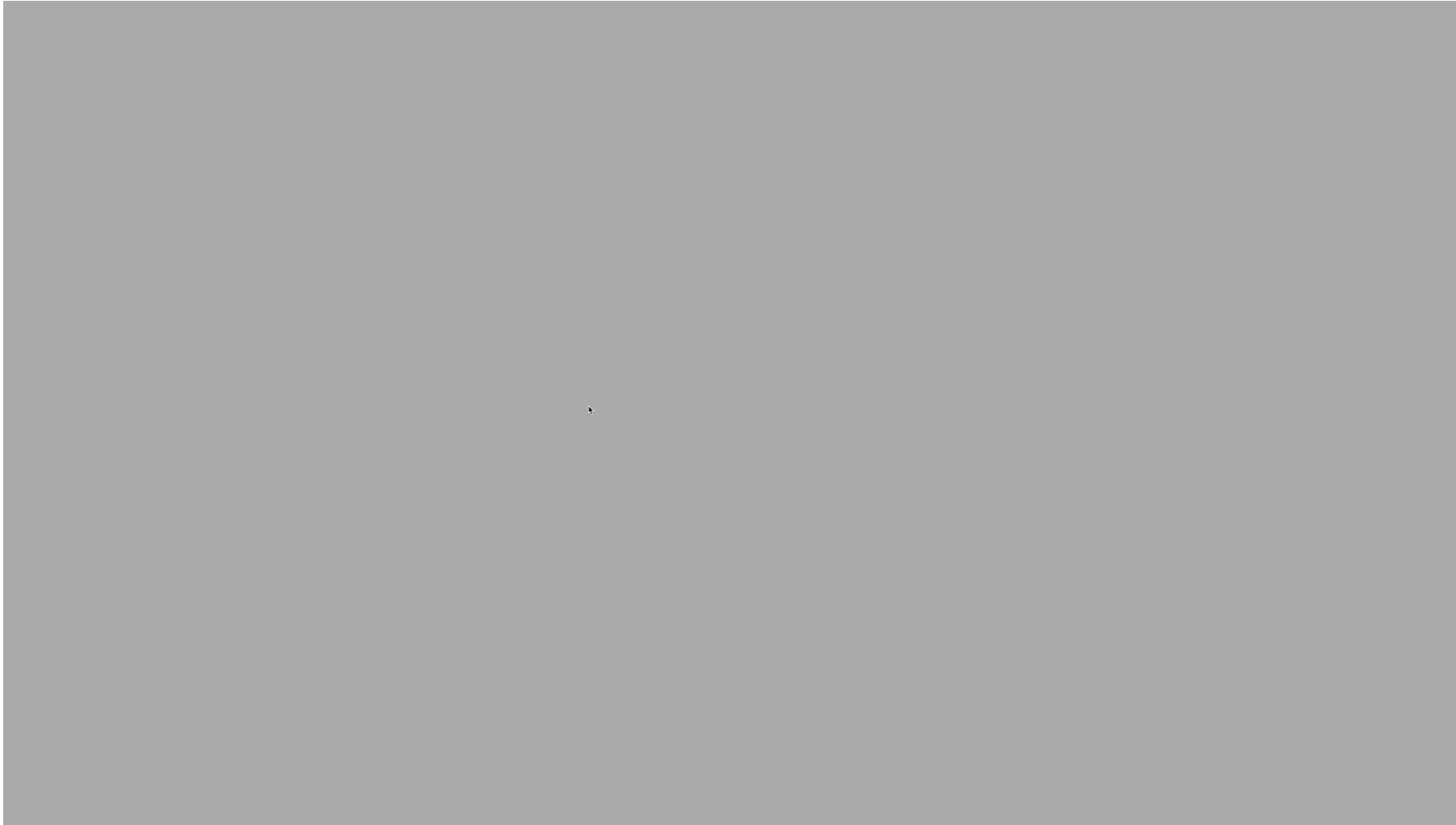


Drew, Horowitz, Wolfe & Vogel, 2011, *JoN*

Experiment 1 - method



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Attentional tracking only
[click all discs]

1 disc, 2 colors

1 disc, 4 colors

2 discs, 2 colors

2 discs, 4 colors

Attentional tracking and
working memory
[click all discs and all colors]

1 disc, 2 colors

1 disc, 4 colors

2 discs, 2 colors

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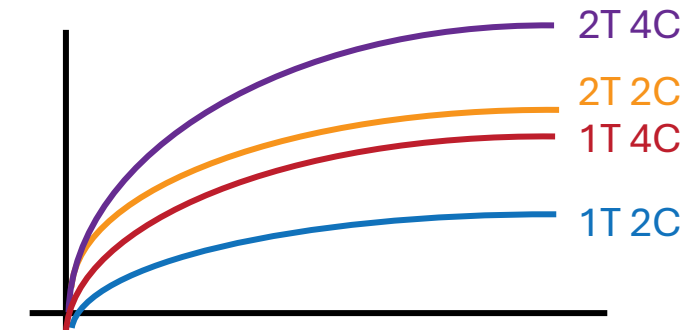
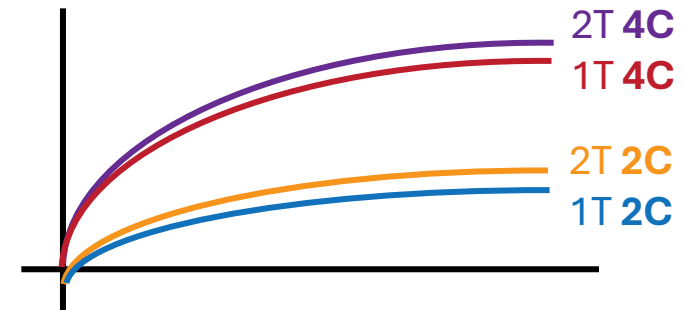
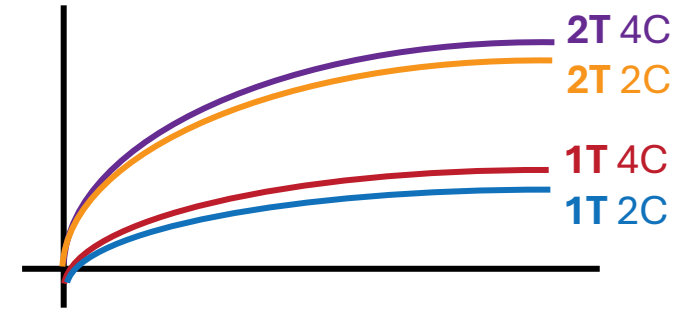
96 trials per condition

16 blocks

20 participants

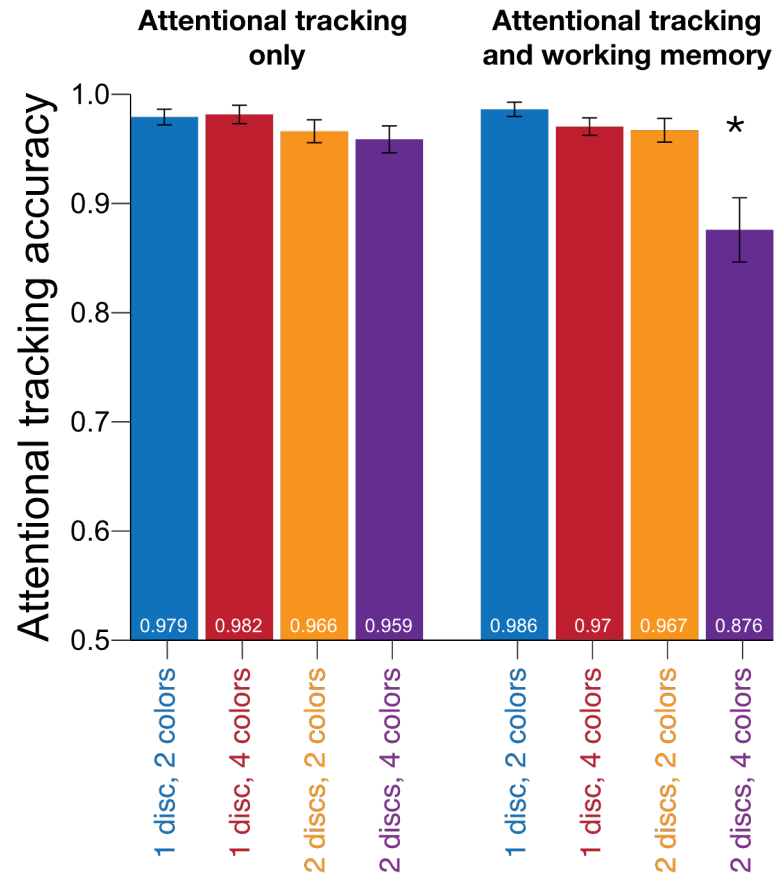
Possible patterns of results

- CDA will reflect mainly attentional tracking load
- CDA will reflect mainly working memory load
- CDA will reflect combined effect of attentional tracking load and working memory load

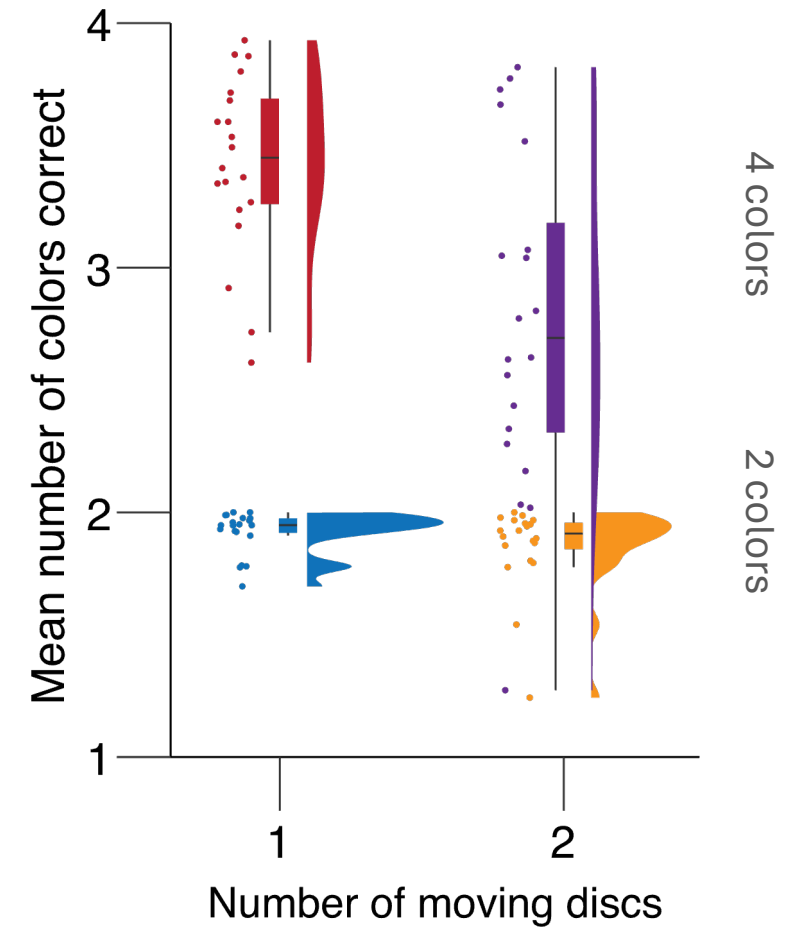


Experiment 1 – behavioral results

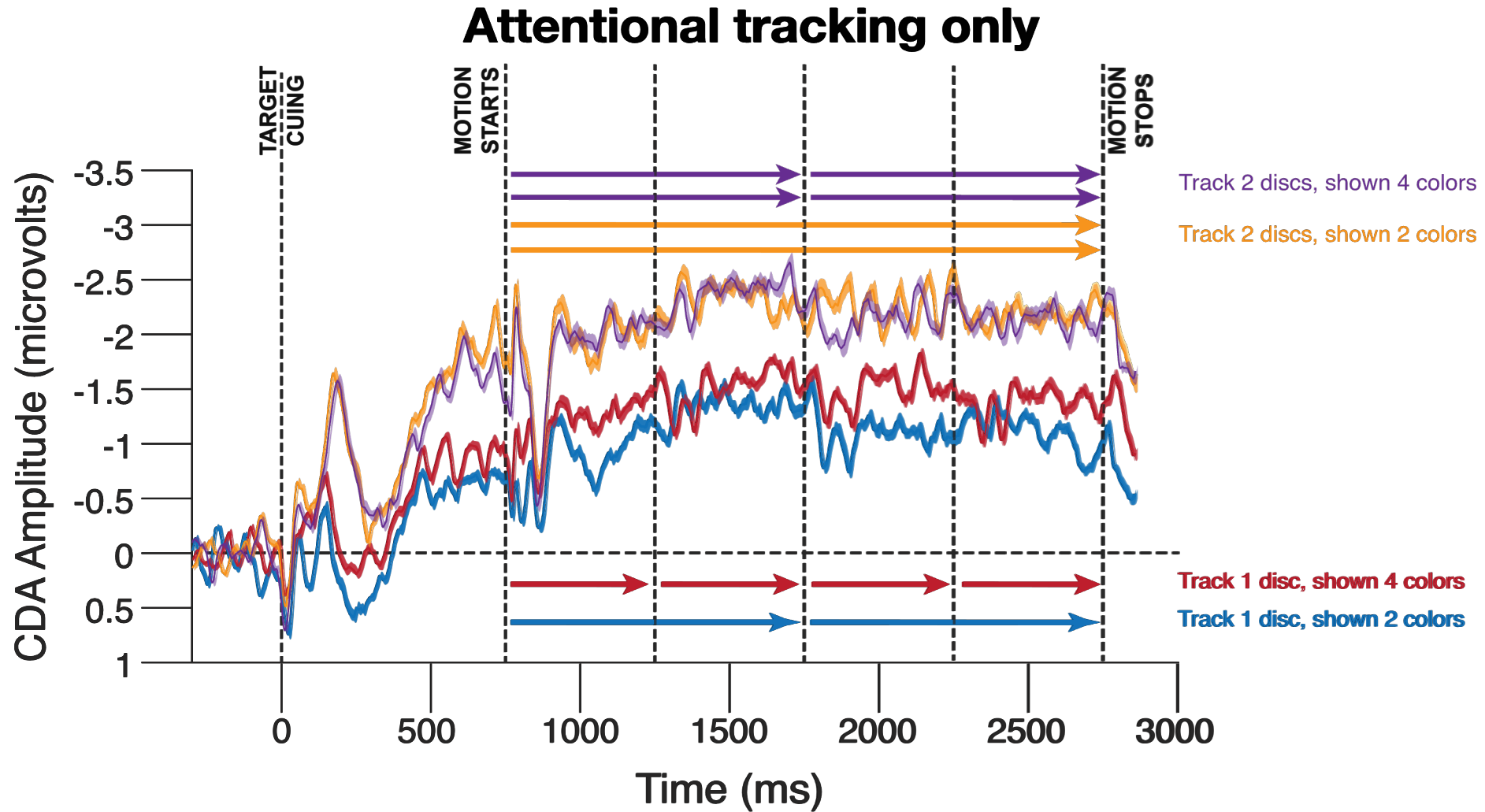
Attentional tracking performance



Working memory performance
(number of colors correct)

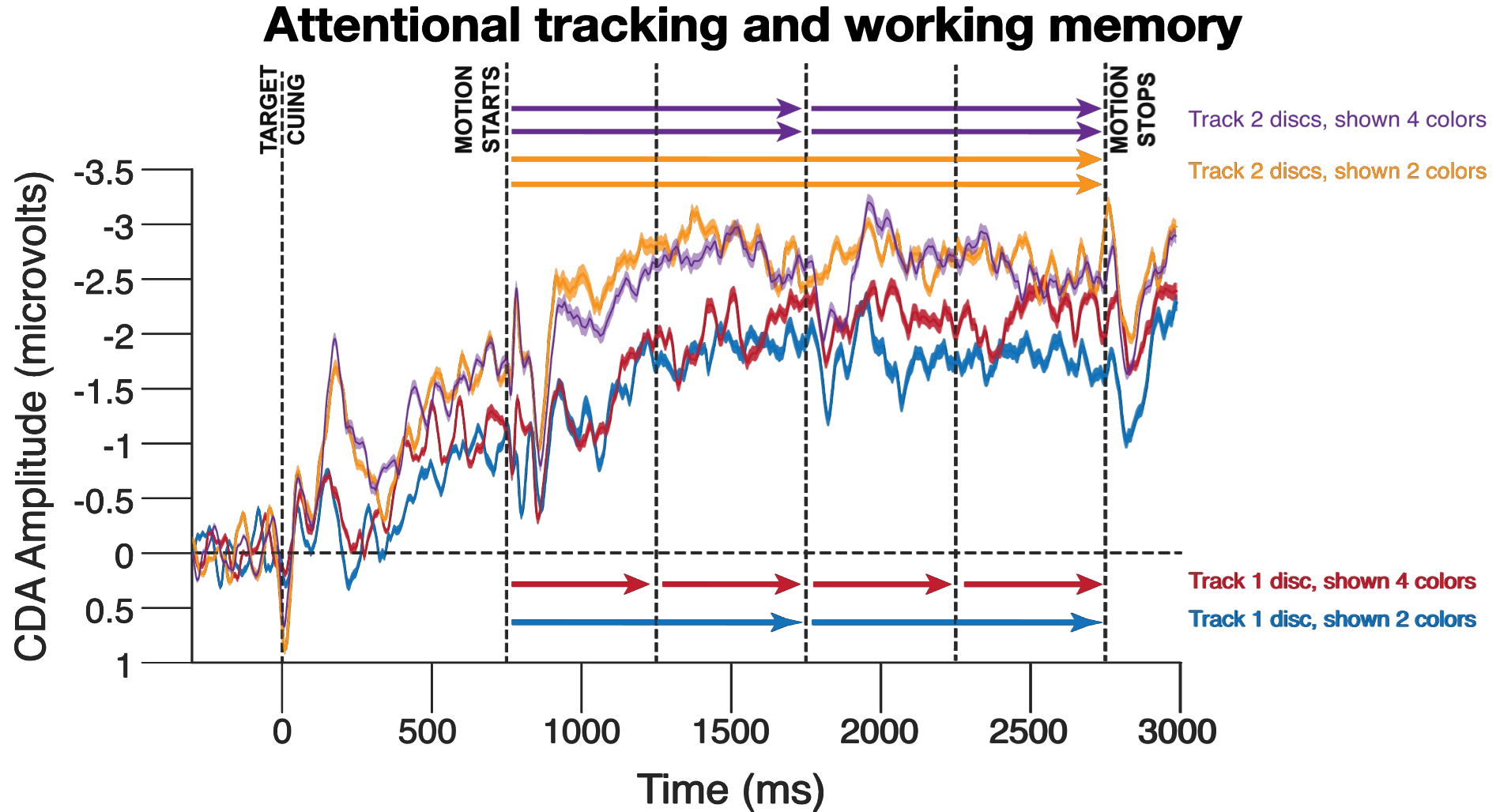


Experiment 1 – EEG results



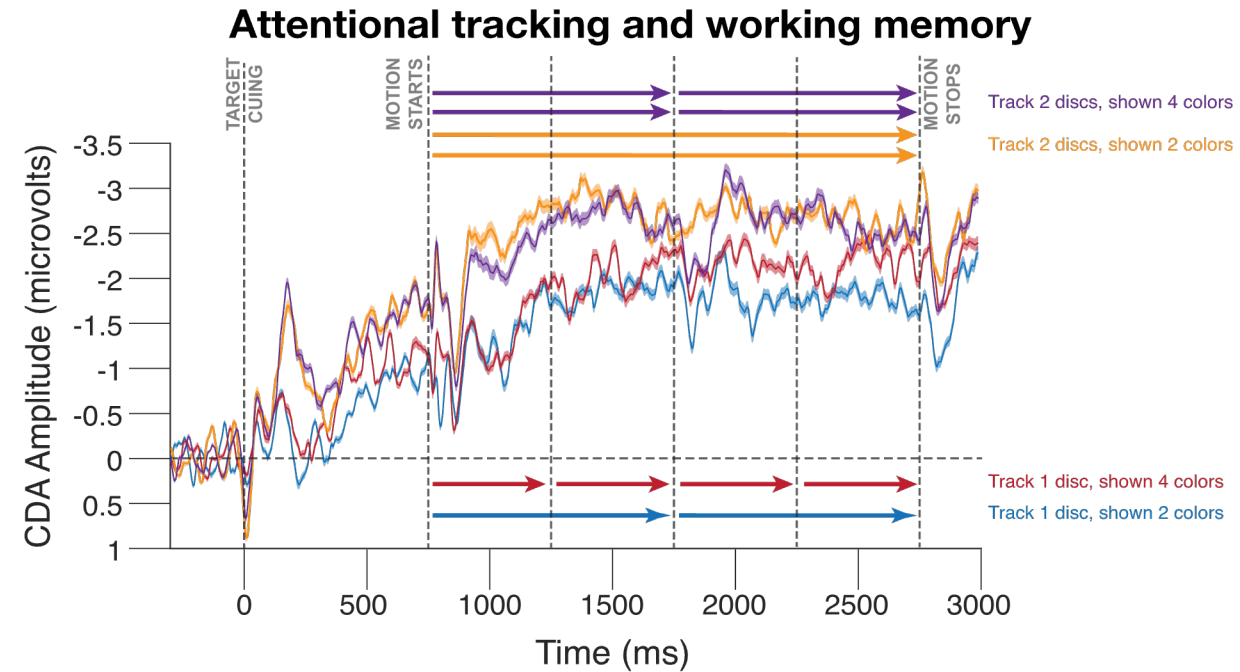
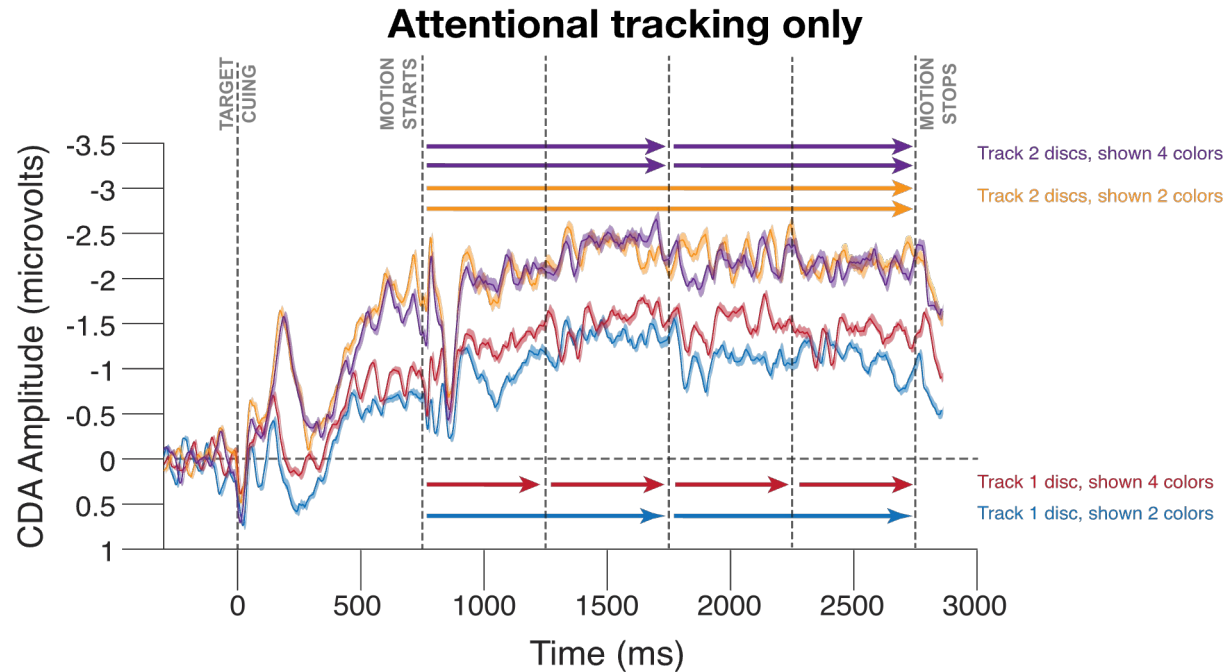
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Interim conclusions

- In the combined attentional tracking and working memory task, the CDA is primarily driven by the attentional tracking load, not working memory load.
- CDA also captures differences between attentional tracking alone and attentional tracking with working memory
 - This might be due to separate but related cognitive mechanisms associated with these tasks

Experiment 2 - method

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Static conditions
[attend discs and remember colors]

2 discs, 2 colors

2 discs, 4 colors

Moving conditions
[track discs and remember colors]

2 discs, 2 colors

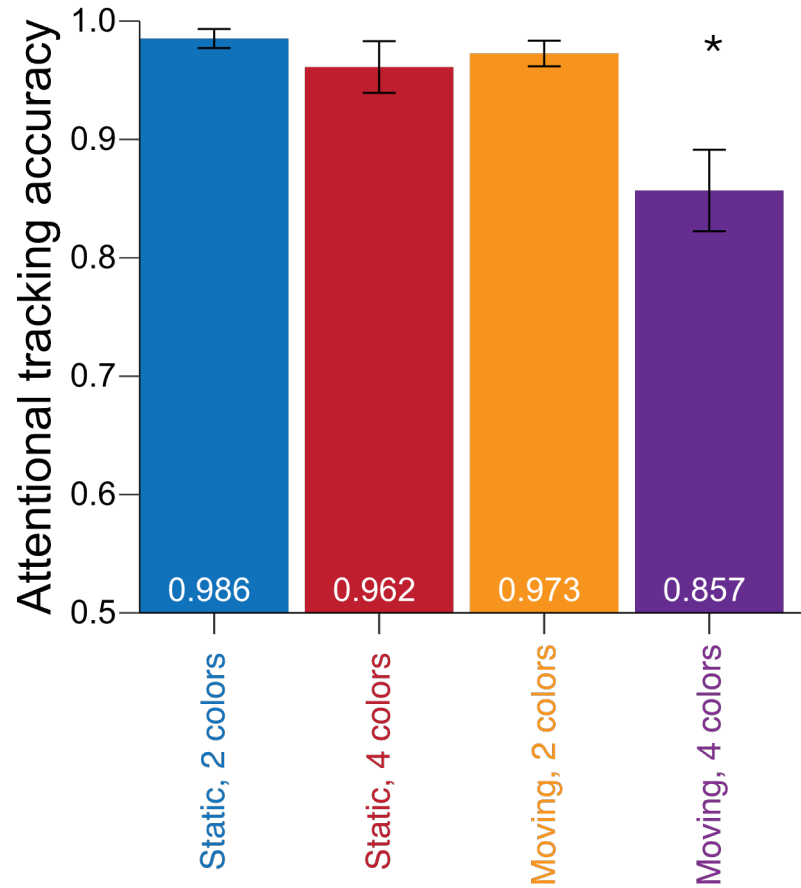
2 discs, 4 colors

192 trials per condition
16 blocks

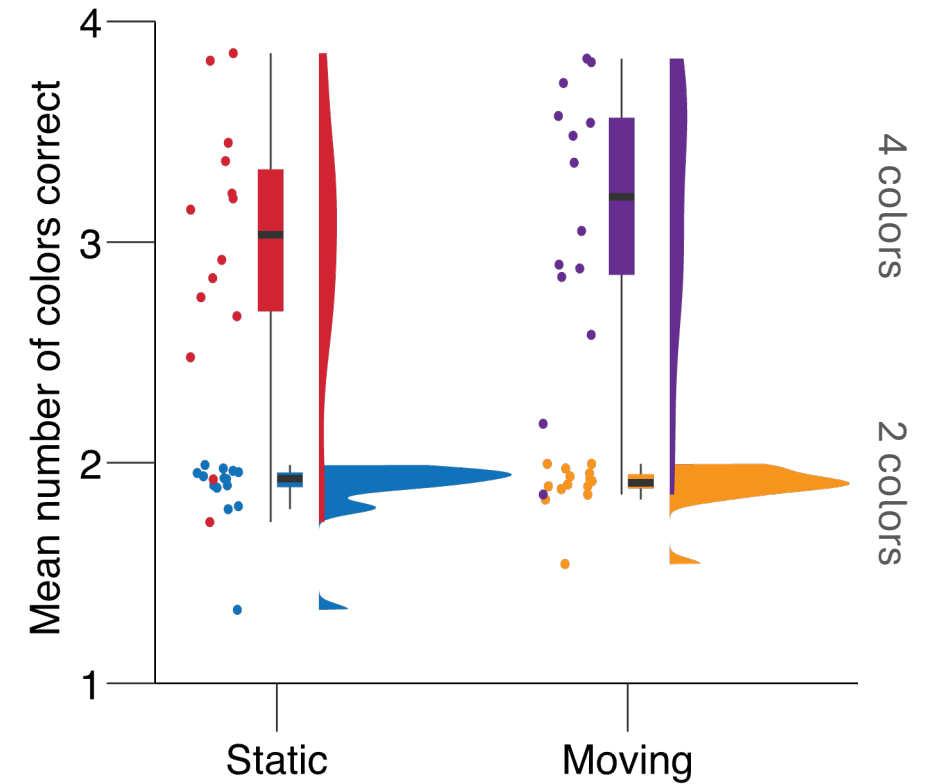
14 participants so far

Experiment 2 – behavioral results

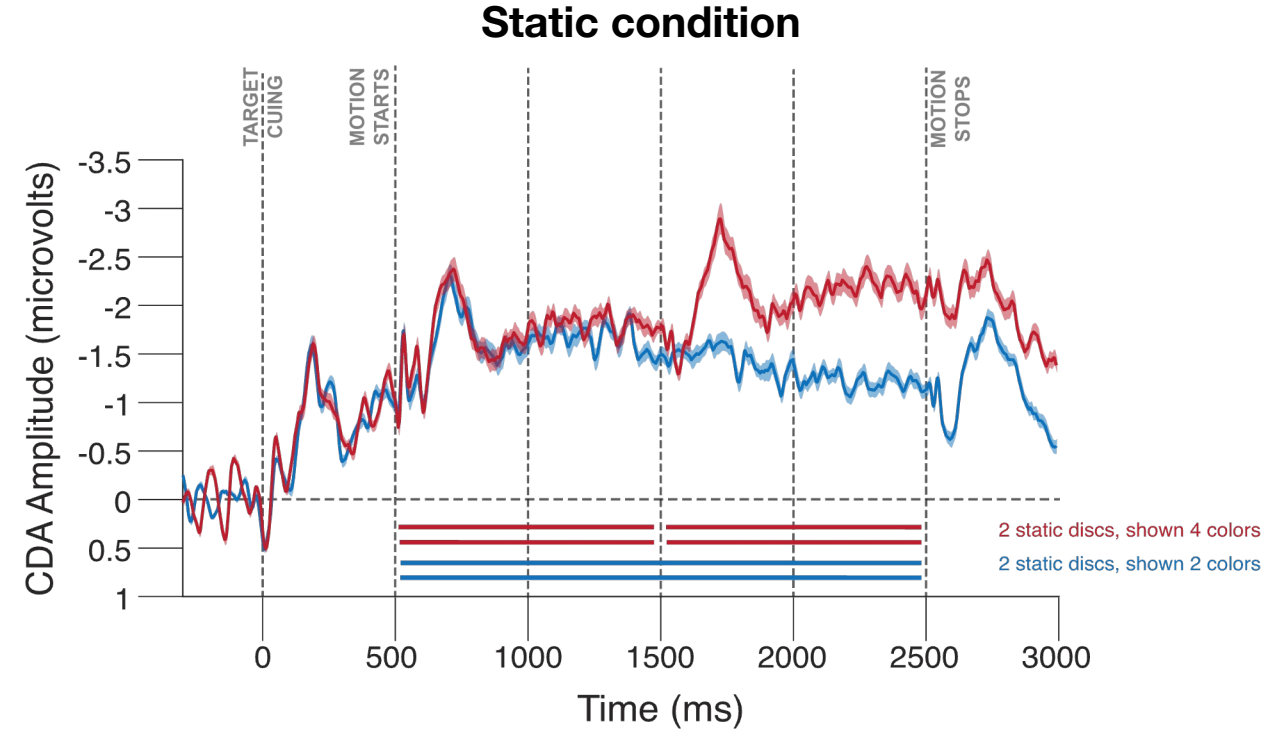
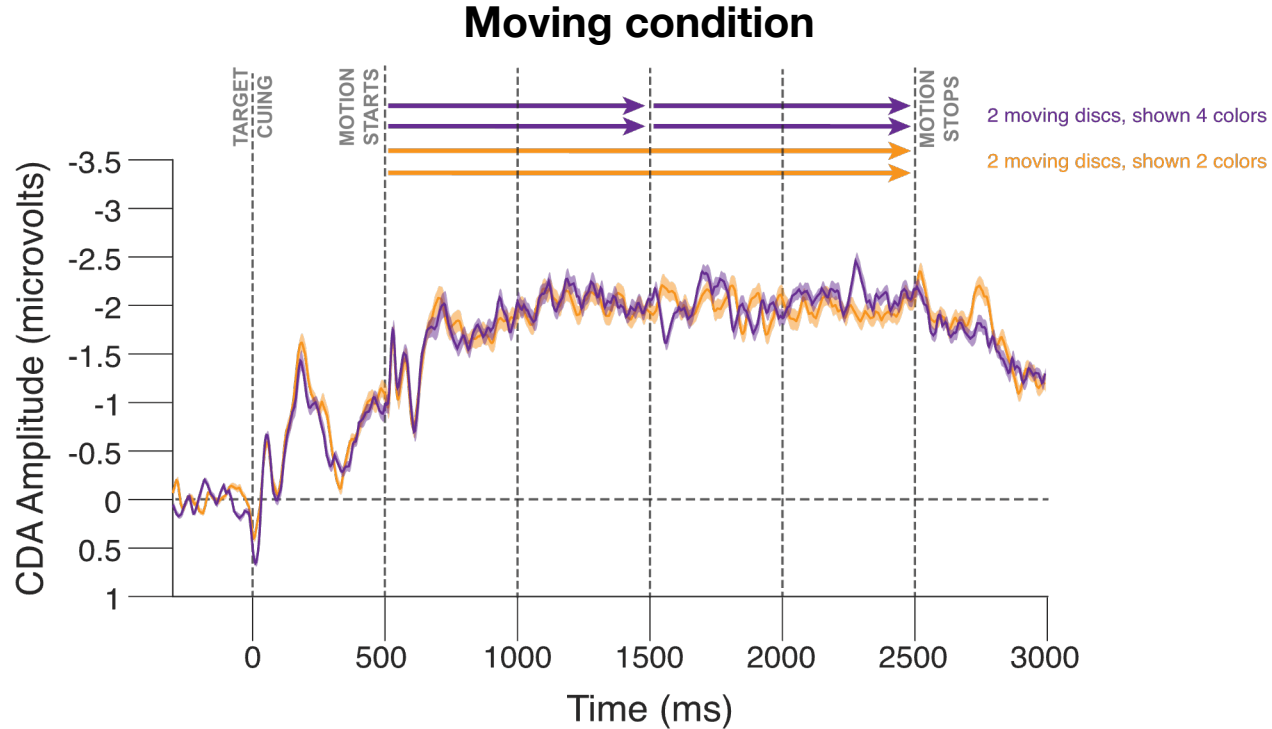
Attentional performance



Working memory performance
(number of colors correct)

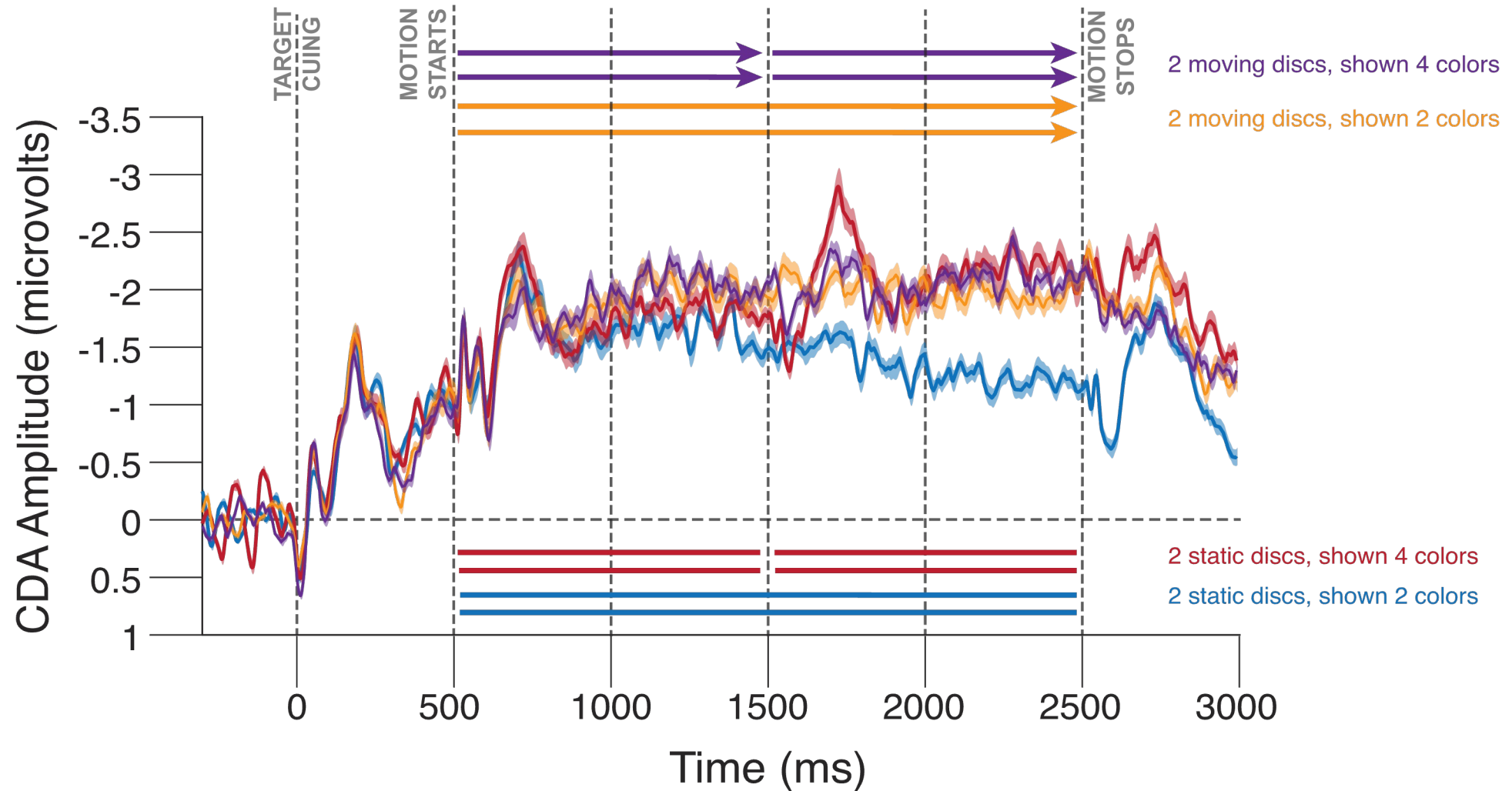


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Conclusions

- In our new paradigm, Contralateral Delay Activity is dominated by attentional tracking demands when motion is involved
 - When both the number of discs to track and the number of colors per disc are varying, CDA amplitudes are determined by the number of tracked discs
- Why was the CDA not sensitive to the number of colors in Exp. 1?
 - Motion serves as a strong Gestalt cue for objecthood (e.g. motion silencing)
- Spatiotemporal indexing is important both for attentional tracking and visual working memory
 - It remains open if this indexing in attentional tracking and working memory is the same or are different processes

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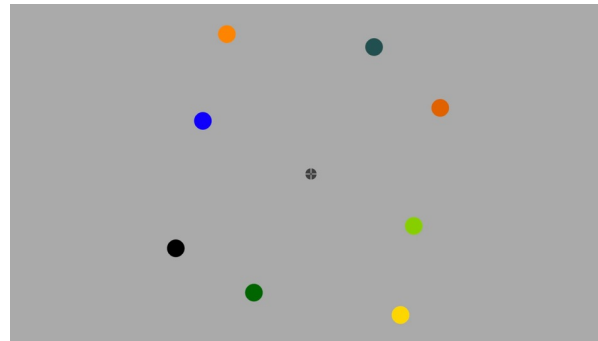
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