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43  
44 **Abstract**

45 Coordinated reach-to-grasp movements are often accompanied by rapid eye move-  
46 ments (saccades) that displace the desired object image relative to the retina. Parietal  
47 cortex compensates for this by updating reach goals relative to current gaze direction,  
48 but its role in the integration of oculomotor and visual orientation signals for updating  
49 *grasp* plans is unknown. Based on a recent perceptual experiment, we hypothesized  
50 that inferior parietal cortex (specifically supramarginal gyrus; SMG) integrates saccade  
51 and visual signals to update grasp plans in additional intraparietal / superior parietal re-  
52 gions. To test this hypothesis in humans (7 females, 6 males), we employed a functional  
53 magnetic resonance adaptation paradigm, where saccades sometimes interrupted  
54 grasp preparation toward a briefly presented object that later reappeared (with the  
55 same/different orientation) just before movement. Right SMG and several parietal grasp  
56 regions, namely left anterior intraparietal sulcus (aIPS) and bilateral superior parietal  
57 lobule (SPL), met our criteria for transsaccadic orientation integration: they showed  
58 task-dependent saccade modulations and, during grasp execution, they were specifical-  
59 ly sensitive to changes in object orientation that followed saccades. Finally, SMG  
60 showed enhanced functional connectivity with both prefrontal saccade regions (con-  
61 sistent with oculomotor input) and aIPS / SPL (consistent with sensorimotor output).  
62 These results support the general role of parietal cortex for the integration of visuospa-  
63 tial perturbations, and provide specific cortical modules for the integration of oculomotor  
64 and visual signals for grasp updating.

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66 **Significance Statement**

67 How does the brain simultaneously compensate for both external and internally-driven  
68 changes in visual input? For example, how do we grasp an unstable object while eye  
69 movements are simultaneously changing its retinal location? Here, we employed func-  
70 tional magnetic resonance imaging adaptation (fMRIa) to identify a group of inferior pa-  
71 rietal (supramarginal gyrus) and superior parietal (intraparietal and superior parietal) re-  
72 gions that show saccade-specific modulations during unexpected changes in object /  
73 grasp orientation, and functional connectivity with frontal cortex saccade centers. This  
74 provides a network –complementary to the reach *goal* updater– that integrates  
75 visuospatial updating into grasp plans, and may help to explain some of the more com-  
76 plex symptoms associated with parietal damage such as constructional ataxia.

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78 **Introduction**

79 We inhabit a dynamic visual environment, where the brain must simultaneously com-  
80 pensate for both *afferent* (externally-driven) and *reafferent* (internally-driven) sensory  
81 events, often using internal *efference* copies of our own motion (Sherrington, 1918;  
82 Sperry, 1950; von Holst and Mittelstaedt, 1950; Helmholtz, trans. 1963). For example,  
83 parietal cortex plays an important role in updating reach goals in response to both un-  
84 expected changes in object location (Pisella et al., 2000) and internally-driven changes  
85 in eye position (Batista et al., 1999; Khan et al., 2005). This internal compensation, like-  
86 ly using saccade efference copies, allows more precise aiming (Vaziri, 2006; Dash et  
87 al., 2016) and reaches toward targets that are no longer visible (Henriques et al., 1998;

88 Fiehler et al., 2011). However, successful object manipulation also requires grasping:  
89 shaping of the hand to fit specific object attributes like shape and orientation  
90 (Jeannerod, 1984; Fabbri et al., 2016; Desmurget and Prablanc, 2017). In order to suc-  
91 cessfully coordinate reach transport and grasp (Castiello, 2005; Marotta et al., 2006),  
92 intended grasp location and orientation must remain linked and updated during sac-  
93 cades (Crawford et al., 2004; Fan et al., 2006). However, to date, the cortical mecha-  
94 nisms for *transsaccadic grasp updating* have not been studied.

95 Transsaccadic grasp updating could recruit the mechanisms for transsaccadic  
96 perception: the comparison and integration of visual information across visual fixations  
97 (Irwin, 1996; Prime et al., 2007; Melcher and Colby, 2008). Transcranial magnetic  
98 stimulation (TMS) studies suggest that the frontal eye field (FEF) provides the saccade  
99 efference copy for transsaccadic integration in posterior parietal cortex (PPC) (Prime et  
100 al., 2010, 2011). A recent functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) study showed  
101 that inferior parietal cortex (specifically, the supramarginal gyrus, SMG) is sensitive to  
102 transsaccadic changes in visual stimulus orientation (Dunkley et al., 2016). Human  
103 SMG may be an expansion of primate lateral intraparietal cortex, which contains sac-  
104 cade, visual feature, and spatial updating signals (Gnadt et al., 1988; Subramanian and  
105 Colby, 2013). Since the inferior parietal cortex is thought to mediate perception and ac-  
106 tion (Goodale and Milner, 1992; Rizzolatti and Matelli, 2003), we hypothesized that  
107 SMG might also play a role in transsaccadic updating of grasp orientation, using effer-  
108 ence copy input from the FEF.

109 Successful grasp also requires the updating of sensorimotor plans. Several pa-  
110 rietal regions have been implicated in the visuomotor transformations for grasp, includ-

111 ing the anterior intraparietal sulcus (aIPS) (Murata et al., 2000; Monaco et al., 2010),  
112 superior parietal cortex (SPL) (Culham et al., 2003; Filimon et al., 2009), and superior  
113 parieto-occipital cortex (SPOC) (Gallivan et al., 2011; Rossit et al., 2013). TMS experi-  
114 ments suggest that SPOC is involved in early visuomotor transformations for reach  
115 goals (Vesia and Crawford, 2012; Monaco et al., 2014). Of these regions, the more an-  
116 terior intraparietal regions have specifically been implicated in updating grasp in re-  
117 sponse to external visual perturbations (Glover et al., 2005; Le et al., 2014; Janssen  
118 and Scherberger, 2015). However, it is not known if any part or all of these regions are  
119 specifically involved in transsaccadic grasp updating.

120         Based on this literature, we hypothesized that SMG and the parietal grasp net-  
121 work provide the visuomotor coupling for transsaccadic grasp updating, by integrating  
122 visual features with saccade signals from FEF. To test this model, we merged two pre-  
123 vious event-related fMRI paradigms for transsaccadic integration (Dunkley et al., 2016)  
124 and grasp planning (Monaco et al., 2014) (Fig. 1B). We then applied a specific set of  
125 criteria to identify regions involved in the integration of eye position and visual orienta-  
126 tion signals for grasp updating: 1) these regions should be specifically sensitive to  
127 transsaccadic changes in required grasp orientation plans (Fig. 1 C.1), 2) they should  
128 show saccade modulations during grasp preparation (Fig. 1 C.2), and 3) these modula-  
129 tions should become progressively more grasp task-specific as the sensorimotor trans-  
130 formation advances (Fig. 1 C.3). Finally, during grasp updating, these regions should  
131 show stronger functional connectivity, both with each other and the cortical saccade  
132 generator, during saccades as compared to fixation.

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134 **Materials and Methods**

135 **Participants**

136 To determine the appropriate number of participants (human) required for a sufficient  
137 effect size/ level of power in this study, we reviewed the most relevant previous litera-  
138 ture and then did a power analysis. The current experimental design was based on our  
139 previous fMRI studies of transsaccadic memory (Dunkley et al., 2016) and grasp orien-  
140 tation (Monaco et al., 2014). Thirteen participants were analyzed in the Dunkley et al.  
141 (2016) study and 14 in the Monaco et al. (2014) study. We have found previously that  
142 an additional motor response in the experiment increases the cortical activation in the  
143 posterior parietal regions of interest for this study (Chen et al., 2014; Cappadocia et al.,  
144 2018), so we based our power analysis on the Monaco et al. (2011) study and chose  
145 their region of interest that was closest to the posterior parietal activation that we ex-  
146 pected. Specifically, we used the effect size (1.27, Cohen's d) from their left posterior  
147 intraparietal sulcus (pIPS) activation, along with the following parameters: 1) two-tailed  
148 t-test option, 2) an  $\alpha$  value of 0.05 (we had planned for one contrast), and 3) a high  
149 power value (0.98). Using these values in G\*Power (Faul, Erdfelder, Lang, & Buchner,  
150 2009), we calculated that 13 participants would provide a sufficient actual power value  
151 (0.987).

152 In order to obtain a reliable dataset of 13 participants (after the exclusion criteria  
153 described in the analysis section below), we had to test seventeen participants. These  
154 were all graduate students from York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, experienced  
155 with performing visual experiments and with no known neurological disorders and nor-  
156 mal or corrected-to-normal vision. These participants (7 females, 6 males) were all right-

157 handed and were aged 26.5 +/- 3.7 years (from 22 to 32). All participants provided writ-  
158 ten consent and were compensated financially for their time. The York University Hu-  
159 man Participants Review Subcommittee approved all experiments.

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### 161 **Experimental Set-up and Stimuli**

162 Participants were asked to fill out an MRI screening form. Upon passing MRI  
163 screening, participants were informed about the task. Once they felt comfortable with  
164 what the experiment entailed, they were asked to assume a supine position on the MRI  
165 table, with their head in a six-channel coil tilted forward at a 20° angle (in order to allow  
166 for direct visibility of the objects) (Monaco et al., 2014). To obtain a complete signal, we  
167 also placed a four-channel coil anteriorly on the head (Monaco et al., 2014).

168 This experiment was conducted in complete darkness. In our set-up, we had red  
169 fixation light emitting diodes (LEDs) for participants to focus on during the entire dura-  
170 tion of a trial. A fixation LED was placed to the left and right of the central stimulus (be-  
171 tween 10-12° from the center of the stimulus to each LED; (Monaco et al., 2014)). There  
172 was also a white LED that was used to illuminate the stimulus only when participants  
173 would grasp at a particular time point in each trial (Fig. 1A, B). These LEDs were  
174 mounted onto a rotatable platform that was placed above each participant's pelvis.  
175 LEDs were held in place by MRI-compatible rigid tubes (which were made of many units  
176 to allow for movement of the overall tube in order to position the LEDs accordingly).

177 The stimulus that participants had to grasp was a six-degree long bar with  
178 rounded ends (Fig. 1A, B) and centered on the platform. The bar could be rotated, but

179 two MRI-compatible pins were placed in the surrounding area to ensure that the bar  
180 could only be oriented horizontally ( $0^\circ$ ) or obliquely ( $135^\circ$ ).

181 For each participant, right eye position was recorded using an infrared camera  
182 affixed to the right side of the MRI table (Fig. 1A). Eye movement signals were recorded  
183 using iViewX software (SensoMotoric Instruments) for offline analysis. We recorded, us-  
184 ing a hand camera (Fig. 1A), the reaching and grasping movements of participants dur-  
185 ing each trial of every run.

186 Lastly, in order to reduce any motion artifacts in the imaging data, participants'  
187 upper arm and shoulder were immobilized using an MRI-compatible belt that was  
188 strapped down across their torso. Participants reached with their right hand and pivoted  
189 only from their elbow joint, with only the minimal rotation of the shoulder joint. Their right  
190 arm was supported with foam padding and sand bags to provide a comfortable height  
191 from which the arm could reach and grasp the object for the duration of the experiment.  
192 We also made sure that the addition of the padding was appropriate and allowed partic-  
193 ipants to reach and grasp the object appropriately.

194

## 195 **General Paradigm/Procedure**

### 196 **Experiment**

197 We used an event-related fMRI design to identify cortical regions involved in updating  
198 grasp orientation across saccadic eye movements. Specifically, we developed a behav-  
199 ioral paradigm that combined elements of 1) a transsaccadic orientation memory study,  
200 where participants viewed a briefly-presented sine-wave grating, made a saccade, and  
201 then had to judge if a second visual stimulus had the same or different orientation

202 (Dunkley et al., 2016) and 2) a grasp orientation study, where the orientation of a grasp  
203 stimulus could remain the same or change just before the reach (Monaco et al., 2011).  
204 First, participants were placed in the MRI bore and a comfortable reach distance was  
205 determined for placement of the grasp stimulus by moving the platform along the MRI  
206 table. Participants were then trained to reach and grasp this bar stimulus (see previous)  
207 in response to a specific 'go' signal (Fig. 1A, B). At the beginning of each reach trial,  
208 participants rested their arm, bent at the elbow, on their abdomen in a position that was  
209 within comfortable reaching distance of the stimulus. Participants were instructed to use  
210 all digits of their right hand to grasp the center of the object (Fig. 1A). Upon completing  
211 the grasp, participants returned their arm to the same resting position as prior to the  
212 reach.

213 Each trial started with the illumination of one of the two LEDs to the right and left  
214 of the central target. Then, the central target was illuminated for 250 ms. The target  
215 could be oriented at  $0^\circ$  or  $135^\circ$  (pseudorandomized and counterbalanced within and  
216 across runs). Participants were required to keep fixating for another 1.75 s. This first  
217 two-second phase was referred to as the '*Stimulus Presentation*' phase (Fig. 1B). After  
218 this period, participants kept fixating on the same LED for another 1.75 s ('Fixate' condi-  
219 tion) or made a saccade to the other LED, which would be illuminated while the previ-  
220 ous LED would be extinguished ('Saccade' condition). (Note that fixation occurred for  
221 the entirety of a trial only for Fixation trials, which were intermingled with Saccade tri-  
222 als.) Following this 1.75 s period, the object was illuminated for 250 ms. This was re-  
223 ferred to as the '*Action Preparation*' phase (Fig. 1B), when participants were expected  
224 to retain stimulus location and orientation information, and use this to prepare for a

225 movement (Monaco et al., 2011; Chen et al., 2014; Cappadocia et al., 2018). The object  
226 could now be oriented in the same orientation as in the first illumination/presentation  
227 ('Same Orientation' condition, e.g., 0° orientation first and then, another 0° orientation;  
228 same for the 135° orientation) or a different orientation as compared to the first ('Differ-  
229 ent Orientation' condition, e.g., 0° orientation first, followed by a 135° orientation, and  
230 vice versa). Participants were then given 4 s to reach out to grasp the object in its final  
231 orientation as described above ('*Action Execution*' phase) while still fixating the illumi-  
232 nated LED. Following this phase, the LED was set up for the next trial and participants  
233 had 16 s to rest while maintaining fixation (intertrial interval, ITI), so as to allow the  
234 BOLD signal to return to baseline. The illumination of the stimulus marked the beginning  
235 of each trial, whereas the end of the 16 s period of relaxation marked the end of the tri-  
236 al.

237         In order to create the different orientation conditions, one experimenter rotated  
238 the stimulus as needed in the scanner room, but out of the participant's view and in  
239 complete darkness. To reduce the possibility of participants predicting Different versus  
240 Same orientation based on sound feedback, the experimenter moved the stimulus away  
241 and back to its required orientation (also during Same Orientation conditions).

242         The design of the experiment consisted of a 2 (Gaze Position: Fixate or Sac-  
243 cade) x 2 (Gaze Fixation Location: Left or Right) x 2 (Object Orientation: 0° or 135°) de-  
244 sign. This produced eight condition types, which were repeated four times within one  
245 run. There were six runs in total. As mentioned previously, the condition types were  
246 pseudorandomized and intermingled within each run and across runs.

247 Compared to our previous study (Dunkley et al., 2016), we used a shorter stimu-  
248 lus period (total of 2 s for each stimulus presentation) in order to match an acquisition  
249 time of 2 s, and to ensure a reasonably long run/ experiment (given that a long ITI is  
250 needed to allow the BOLD to return to baseline). Recent studies have suggested that  
251 this transsaccadic integration can occur on the order of tens of ms (Prime et al., 2008;  
252 Dunkley et al., 2016; Stewart and Schütz, 2019). In addition, we chose a fixed ITI (no  
253 jitter) because we did not investigate response timing in this study and we wished to  
254 maximize our statistical power in order to detect transsaccadic integration signals  
255 (Dunkley et al., 2016).

256

### 257 **Saccade Localizer**

258 To determine which regions are involved in the production of saccadic eye movements,  
259 we used a localizer that had a sequence similar to that of the experimental runs. This  
260 localizer comprised alternating periods of fixation and saccadic eye movements. First, a  
261 baseline of activity would be established as a result of participants fixating the illuminat-  
262 ed LED for 18 s (two runs total of data were collected, where participants fixated the left  
263 LED first and right LED second, or vice versa). Then, every second for 6 s, the LEDs  
264 would alternate in illumination, resulting in saccades. After this, participants would then  
265 fixate the initial LED for 16 s. This fixation-saccade sequence was repeated eight times  
266 in the localizer run. There was a last fixation period of 18 s.

267

### 268 **Imaging Parameters**

269 We used a 3T Siemens Magnetom TIM Trio magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scan-  
270 ner. The functional experimental data were acquired using an echo-planar imaging  
271 (EPI) sequence (repetition time [TR]= 2000 ms; echo time [TE]= 30 ms; flip angle [FA]=  
272 90 degrees; field of view [FOV]= 192 x 192 mm, matrix size= 64 x 64 with an in-slice  
273 resolution of 3 mm x 3 mm; slice thickness= 3.5 mm, no gap) for all six functional runs in  
274 an ascending and interleaved manner. For the saccade localizer, an EPI sequence was  
275 also used to acquire the data sequences (repetition time [TR]= 2000 ms; echo time  
276 [TE]= 30 ms; flip angle [FA]= 90 degrees; field of view [FOV]= 192 x 192 mm, matrix  
277 size= 64 x 64 with an in-slice resolution of 3 mm x 3 mm; slice thickness= 3.5 mm, no  
278 gap). Along with functional data, a T1-weighted anatomical reference volume was ac-  
279 quired using an MPRAGE sequence (TR= 1900 ms, FA= 256 mm x 256 mm; voxel  
280 size= 1 x 1 x 1 mm<sup>3</sup>). For each volume of anatomical data obtained, 192 slices were ac-  
281 quired. For the experimental task, we collected 395 volumes of functional data for the  
282 experimental runs, where each volume comprised 35 slices. For the saccade localizer,  
283 we collected 98 volumes of functional data, where each volume comprised 35 slices.

284

## 285 **Analysis**

### 286 **Behavioral Data**

287 We monitored eye position during the experiment and analyzed it offline, to verify that  
288 participants fixated on the appropriate LED and did not make any additional, unneces-  
289 sary saccades during trials. Any trials showing inappropriate fixation or saccades were  
290 removed from additional analysis. Similarly, video data were analyzed offline to deter-  
291 mine if the participant grasped the object at the required time. Any trials during which

292 any anomaly in grasping occurred (i.e., participant grasped the object too early or too  
293 late, etc.) were removed from further analysis by being designated as confound predic-  
294 tors in the general linear model (see below). On this basis, eight trials across all partici-  
295 pants (0.003%) were removed from the entire data set (two trials each were excluded  
296 from two participants and one trial from another four participants).

297

### 298 **Functional Imaging Data: Experimental**

299 A general linear model (GLM) was created for each run for each participant. A predictor  
300 was used as a baseline for the period of fixation at the beginning and the end of each  
301 run (“Baseline”), accounting for the first 18 s of each run and the 16 s intertrial interval.

302 The initial 2 s (*Stimulus Presentation* phase) during which the object was illuminated  
303 and participants had to fixate an LED was assigned a predictor that indicated the loca-  
304 tion of the fixation LED (“Adapt\_LVF” and “Adapt\_RVF” if the fixation was on the right  
305 LED or left LED, respectively; left and right visual field for LVF and RVF, respectively).

306 The subsequent *Action Preparation* phase (2 s) was assigned one of four predictors:  
307 “Sacc\_DiffFeature”, “Sacc\_SameFeature”, “Fix\_DiffFeature”, or “Fix\_SameFeature” for  
308 when participants made a saccade or fixated and, for each of these, whether the orien-  
309 tation of the object was the same (Same Orientation condition) or different (Different  
310 Orientation condition). The *Action Execution* phase was divided in two 2-s phases.

311 There were four predictors for the first 2 s of the grasp event. These predictors were  
312 based on the direction of the preceding saccade and upon whether the orientation of the  
313 object that was being grasped was the same in the *Action Preparation* phase as in the  
314 *Stimulus Presentation* phase (Same Orientation condition) or different (Different Orien-

315 tation condition). Thus, the four predictors were: “Motor Execution\_Sacc\_DiffFeature”,  
316 “Motor Execution\_Sacc\_SameFeature”, “Motor Execution\_Fix\_DiffFeature”, and “Motor  
317 Execution\_Fix\_SameFeature”. The following 2 s of the *Action Execution* phase were  
318 provided a “Motor Execution” predictor. These predictors comprised each GLM for each  
319 participant (BrainVoyager QX 2.8, Brain Innovation). Each predictor variable was con-  
320 volved with a haemodynamic response function (standard two-gamma function model).  
321 GLMs were modified through the addition of confound predictors for eye movement or  
322 hand movement errors. If a GLM had more than 50% of the trials being modelled in the  
323 confound predictor, the GLM for that run was not included in the overall population level  
324 GLM (random effects GLM, RFX GLM).

325       Additionally, functional data for all runs across all participants were preprocessed  
326 (slice time correction: cubic spline, temporal filtering: <2 cycles/run, and 3D motion cor-  
327 rection: trilinear/sinc). Data for runs that had abrupt motion of over 2 mm were excluded  
328 from the RFX GLM and additional analysis. As a result, four participants’ data were ex-  
329 cluded because more than half of the runs were unusable due to abrupt, excessive  
330 head motion of over 2 mm. From the remaining 13 participants, 8 additional runs were  
331 removed (i.e., 256 trials out of a possible 2496 across the 13 participants, or 10.3%).  
332 The anatomical data was transformed to a Talairach template (Talairach and Tournoux,  
333 1988) and the functional data from the remaining 13 participants were coregistered us-  
334 ing gradient-based affine alignment (translation, rotation, scale affine transformation) to  
335 raw anatomical data. Functional data were smoothed using an FWHM of 8 mm.

336

337 **Functional Imaging Data: Saccade Localizer**

338 For the preprocessing of functional data for the localizer, see above section. On the ba-  
339 sis of excessive head motion (>2 mm), one person's data was completely excluded, half  
340 of the data were excluded for a second person (runs where initial fixation was on the  
341 left), and half were excluded for a third person (runs where initial fixation was on the  
342 right). Using the remaining functional data, we ran an RFX GLM on the data for each of  
343 the localizers. For the saccade localizers, we had three predictors: a 9 s "Baseline" pre-  
344 dictor, a 16 s fixation "Fix" predictor, and a 6 s saccade "Sacc" predictor. The results of  
345 the saccade localizer were used to identify which areas are involved in saccade produc-  
346 tion in our task specifically (Figs. 2B, 4B).

347

#### 348 **Experimental Design and Statistical Analysis**

349 BrainVoyager (BrainVoyager QX 2.8, Brain Innovation) was used for the analysis in this  
350 study. For each analysis we derived data from the most appropriate experimental phase  
351 (*i.e.*, *Action Preparation* phase, *Action Execution* phase), *i.e.*, when the relevant brain  
352 events would be expected. This included volumetric map contrasts for general grasp  
353 and saccade activation (Grasp Fixation – Baseline; Grasp Saccade – Fixation) from the  
354 *Action Preparation* phase (Fig. 2), as well as more the specific hypothesis tests de-  
355 scribed below. Note that this experiment was not designed to temporally separate  
356 BOLD signals from our task phases, so they could be influenced by other task phases,  
357 but these additional signals should cancel in our specific hypothesis tests.

358 In the above contrasts, the volumetric maps had p-values Bonferroni corrected  
359 according to the number of contrasts that were applied to the same dataset (*i.e.*,  $p < 0.25$   
360 for two contrasts, corrected from  $p < 0.05$ ). in addition, cluster threshold correction was

361 applied to these data using the plugin provided by BrainVoyager that implements Monte  
362 Carlo simulations (Forman et al., 1995). In order to qualitatively visualize the data (Figs.  
363 2-5), we superimposed the surviving clusters onto the 'inflated brain rendering of an ex-  
364 ample participant' for each analysis. Since this process often results in small anatomic  
365 distortions, we sometimes also include transverse slice renderings below in key points  
366 (Fig. 3A). Note that these data are only provided for visualization purposes: the follow-  
367 ing describes the objective procedures that we used for anatomic localization and hy-  
368 pothesis testing.

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#### 370 **Localization of Sites of Interest**

371 We hypothesized that 1) several specific cortical areas are involved in transsaccadic  
372 updating of grasp plans (see Introduction), and 2) to qualify for this role, they must pass  
373 three specific predictions (Fig. 1C). In order to apply these predictions to specific sites,  
374 we first used the contrast [(Grasp Saccade Different Orientation – Grasp Saccade  
375 Same Orientation) – (Grasp Fixation Different Orientation – Grasp Fixation Same Ori-  
376 entation)], with a t-statistic of 2.2 ( $p < 0.048$ ), as implemented in BrainVoyager, to the *Action*  
377 *Execution* phase. This was designed to provide a preliminary dataset related to cortical  
378 signals that are feature modulated in a saccade-specific manner. Again, cluster thresh-  
379 old correction was applied to these data. In the Results section, we refer to the regions  
380 that survive as 'clusters of activation' (i.e., Fig. 3A).

381 Next, to localize specific anatomic sites within these clusters, we decreased the  
382 p-values applied to the data until only peak voxels of activation remained within each of  
383 the clusters (Frost and Goebel, 2012; Lührs, Sorger, Goebel, & Esposito, 2016). These

384 peak voxels were then used to determine the Talairach coordinates shown in Table 1.  
385 These coordinates were then fed into BrainVoyager Brain Tutor (BrainVoyager Brain  
386 Tutor 2.5, Brain Innovation) to provide an initial estimate of the anatomic name of each  
387 'site', which were then confirmed against previous conventions in the literature (see Ta-  
388 ble 1). We then re-adjusted the thresholds to select active voxels within a maximum  
389 1000 mm<sup>3</sup> cubic area surrounding the peak voxel(s). The selected areas were then  
390 used to test our specific predictions (see next subsection).

391

### 392 **Hypothesis Testing**

393 Once the sites of interest were determined, they were used to test our specific predic-  
394 tions (Fig. 1C). Here, we used BrainVoyager to select a sub-cluster of activation around  
395 each peak voxel and extract the corresponding  $\beta$ -weights. We then plotted these  $\beta$ -  
396 weights in 'bar graph' format that allowed direct visual comparisons to our predictions.  
397 For each prediction, the p-value (0.05) was Bonferroni corrected for the number of t-  
398 tests conducted (i.e., relative to how many sites were tested).

399 First, we tested if the overall statistical results of the volumetric map contrast de-  
400 scribed above [(Grasp Saccade Different Orientation – Grasp Saccade Same Orienta-  
401 tion) – (Grasp Fixation Different Orientation – Grasp Fixation Same Orientation)] from  
402 the *Action Execution* phase held up for the specific anatomic coordinates selected as  
403 our sites of interest, using their  $\beta$ -weights for direct comparison to prediction 1 (Fig. 1,  
404 C.1). In other words, we confirmed if these specific sites of interest showed the same  
405 saccade-specific stimulus orientation modulations as the entire cluster. We then used  
406 their active voxels to extract  $\beta$ -weights from two additional *Preparatory Phase* contrasts

407 (when saccades occurred) in order to test predictions 2 and 3: saccade-related activa-  
408 tion (Grasp Saccade – Grasp Fixation) to test prediction 2 (Fig. 1 C.2), and task-specific  
409 saccade-sensitivity [(Grasp Saccade – Grasp Fixation) - (Localizer Saccade – Localizer  
410 Fixation)] to test prediction 3. In other words, we tested if these sites were modulated by  
411 saccades in our task, and if those modulations were task-specific. Lastly, for each test  
412 of our predictions, t- and p-values, as well as effect size (calculated Cohen's d, using  
413 G\*Power (Faul, Erdfelder, Lang, & Buchner, 2009)) are provided.

414

#### 415 **Functional Connectivity: Psychophysiological Interaction Analysis**

416 Finally, in order to determine the network of cortical regions that interact to update sac-  
417 cade signals during the grasp preparation, we conducted psychophysiological (PPI)  
418 analysis (Friston et al., 1997; McLaren et al., 2012; O'Reilly et al., 2012) on data derived  
419 from right SMG (seed region) from the *Action Preparation* phase. We used three predic-  
420 tors: 1) physiological component (z-normalized time courses obtained from the seed re-  
421 gions for each participant for each included run), 2) psychological component (predic-  
422 tors of the model were convolved with a haemodynamic response function), and 3) psy-  
423 chophysiological interaction component (multiplication of z-normalized time courses with  
424 task model in a volume-by-volume manner). For the task model produced for the psy-  
425 chological component, the Saccade predictors were set to a value of '+1', whereas the  
426 Fixation predictors were set to a value of '-1'; all other and baseline predictors were set  
427 to a value of '0'. Single design matrices (SDMs) were created for each participant for  
428 each included run. These were subsequently included in an RFX GLM (Friston et al.,

429 1997) in order to determine functional connectivity between right SMG with each of  
430 these and associated sites.

431

## 432 **Results**

### 433 **Task-Related Grasp and Saccade Modulations**

434 Various studies have shown that humans can remember stimulus properties for several  
435 seconds, and use these to plan action until a 'go' signal is provided (Chen et al., 2014;  
436 Cappadocia et al., 2018). Our goal here was to examine the influence of a saccade on  
437 these signals, especially when it interrupts a change in the external world. To test this,  
438 we used a task (Fig. 1B) with three key phases: *Stimulus Presentation* (which begins  
439 with the original grasp stimulus orientation), *Action Preparation* (which included a sac-  
440 cade in 50% of trials, and ends with a Different or Same stimulus orientation that also  
441 acts as a 'go' signal), and *Action Execution* (where the actual reach and grasp occurs).  
442 By design, we expected brain activation to be dominated by: 1) visual signals during the  
443 *Stimulus Presentation* phase, 2) grasp preparation, saccade, and spatial updating sig-  
444 nals during the *Action Preparation* phase, and 3) grasp motor signals and (in the case of  
445 Different stimulus orientations) grasp orientation updating during the *Action Execution*  
446 phase of this task. As noted in the Methods, our experiment was not designed to distin-  
447 guish the temporal events in this sequence (Cappadocia et al., 2017), but for each anal-  
448 ysis we maximized the relevant signal by deriving data from the most appropriate task  
449 phase.

450 We begin with an overview of the activation derived from the *Action Preparation*  
451 phase (between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> stimulus; Fig. 1B), where one might expect to find events

452 most closely related to the saccade-related updating of the original grasp stimulus. First,  
453 we derived the overall task-related activity from this phase, by contrasting Grasp Fixa-  
454 tion trials against their baseline activity (Fig. 2A). This revealed activation in a parieto-  
455 frontal network, including right SMG and several well-established reach/grasp regions:  
456 aIPS, lateral SPL (ISPL), precentral gyrus (PCG; corresponding to primary motor cor-  
457 tex), and dorsal / ventral precentral sulcus (PCSd/ PCSv; likely portions of these regions  
458 corresponding to dorsal and ventral premotor cortex, respectively) (Culham et al., 2003;  
459 Galletti et al., 2003; Castiello, 2005). In short, the initial stimulus (and likely subsequent  
460 events) evoked massive activity in the grasp network.

461 To detect if these task-related signals were also modulated by saccades, we  
462 compared Grasp Saccade trials to Grasp Fixation trials derived from the *Action Prepa-*  
463 *ration* phase (Fig. 2B, sky blue regions), and compared this to activity from our saccade  
464 localizer task (Fig. 2B, fuchsia regions). These two contrasts produced overlap in some  
465 cortical regions (e.g., right frontal cortex and SMG), but saccades also produced exten-  
466 sive superior parietal and occipital modulations in the grasp task, including aIPS and  
467 adjacent portions of SPL (Murata et al., 2000; Culham et al., 2003; Filimon et al., 2009;  
468 Monaco et al., 2010). However, these additional modulations could be related to various  
469 functions, such as updating reach *goals* (Batista et al., 1999; Khan et al., 2005), general  
470 aspects of eye-hand coordination (Vesia and Crawford, 2012), or expected sensory  
471 feedback (Culham and Valyear, 2006). To identify specific *transsaccadic grasp updating*  
472 activity, we used our *a priori* predictions (Fig. 1 C.1, 2, 3), to localize and test specific  
473 sites of interest, as described in the Methods and shown in the following analyses.

474

475 **Interactions Between Saccade and Orientation Sensitivity**

476 If our participants incorporated original object orientation into short-term memory and  
477 used this for grasp planning (Monaco et al., 2011; Chen et al., 2014), their brains should  
478 1) update this information across saccades (Melcher and Colby, 2008; Dunkley et al.,  
479 2016), and 2) update this again when they saw the final object orientation (Wolf and  
480 Schütz, 2015; Fornaciai et al., 2018). Thus, the cortical response to the second stimulus  
481 should be modulated by the orientation of the first stimulus (Monaco et al., 2011), and  
482 some of these modulations should depend on changes in eye position. Specifically, we  
483 predicted that these sites should show an increased response to orientation changes in  
484 the Grasp Saccade condition and little or no increase in the Grasp Fixation condition  
485 (Fig. 1 C.1). Alternatively, if participants ignored the initial stimulus and waited for the  
486 final stimulus to plan the grasp, these modulations should not occur.

487         Based on previous literature, we hypothesized that this might involve both right  
488 SMG (Dunkley et al., 2016) and the intra/superior parietal grasp network (Glover et al.,  
489 2005; Le et al., 2014). To test this, we had to localize specific sites of interest and apply  
490 our three predictions (Fig. 1C). As a first step, we identified cortical regions that were  
491 sensitive to changes in grasp orientation (Different versus Same Orientation) that follow  
492 saccades. Specifically, we used a voxelwise contrast applied to the trials wherein a sac-  
493 cade or fixation occurred (i.e., (Grasp Saccade Different Orientation - Grasp Saccade  
494 Same Orientation) - (Grasp Fixation Different Orientation - Grasp Fixation Same Ori-  
495 entation)). Then (as described in the Methods) we applied a cluster thresholding algorithm  
496 to isolate specific clusters of activation. This yielded four separate clusters of activation,  
497 spanning left and right anterior PPC (Fig. 3A). This suggests that several regions within

498 anterior PPC show saccade-specific sensitivity to grasp stimulus orientation changes,  
499 but does not yet provide the anatomic specificity required to test our hypotheses.

500

#### 501 **Site Localization and Anatomic Coordinates**

502 To localize specific anatomic sites for our subsequent analysis, we identified the peak  
503 voxels of PPC clusters described in the previous section, and then extracted their Ta-  
504 lairach coordinates (Table 1). According to BrainVoyager Brain Tutor (BrainVoyager  
505 Brain Tutor 2.5, Brain Innovation), these peak voxels correspond to right SMG, left  
506 aIPS, and left/right SPL, which we further identified as left mSPL (a medial portion of left  
507 superior parietal lobule), and right ISPL (a lateral portion of right superior parietal lobule,  
508 slightly postero-lateral to right aIPS). This was confirmed against previous literature  
509 (Tunik et al., 2008; Singhal et al., 2013; Dunkley et al., 2016). These sites have been  
510 indicated as black/white dots superimposed on the voxel clusters in Figure 3A, and will  
511 henceforth be referred to as 'putative transsaccadic grasp updating sites'. Note that in  
512 the following two hypothesis sections, it is only the active voxels immediately surround-  
513 ing these sites (within a 1000 mm<sup>3</sup> cubic area) that were analyzed (see Methods).

514

#### 515 **Prediction 1: Saccade-Specific Orientation Sensitivity**

516 Prediction 1 (Fig. 1 C.1) was that our putative transsaccadic grasp updating sites  
517 should be more sensitive to changes in grasp stimulus orientation that occur across a  
518 saccade, as opposed to fixation. [Note that we have already shown this for the voxel  
519 clusters used to localize these sites (Fig. 3A), so here we are simply confirming this for  
520 data derived from these specific anatomic coordinates (right SMG, left aIPS, left mSPL,

521 and right ISPL), and converting the data into a bar-graph format for direct comparison  
522 with our prediction (Fig. 1 C.1).] To do this, we extracted  $\beta$ -weights from the active  
523 voxels including and surrounding the peak voxel(s) of these sites, again from the *Action*  
524 *Execution* phase. Figure 3B shows the orientation change sensitivity of these variables  
525 (Different – Same) for each of our four sites, contrasting the Saccade condition against  
526 the Fixation condition.

527 As expected, each followed the predicted pattern: higher orientation change sen-  
528 sitivity following saccades versus fixation. For statistical analysis of these data, we used  
529 an  $\alpha$  value of 0.05; we tested prediction 1 for our four transsaccadic grasp updaters sites,  
530 so resulting p-values were adjusted for multiple comparisons and assessed against a  
531 Bonferroni p-value of 0.0125 (0.05/4) for statistical significance. All four sites showed  
532 significant saccade-specific responses to changes in stimulus orientation ( $t(12)_{\text{SMG}} =$   
533 3.30,  $p_{\text{SMG}} = 0.0032$ , effect size= 0.92;  $t(12)_{\text{alPS}} = 2.34$ ,  $p_{\text{alPS}} = 0.019$ , effect size= 0.65;  
534  $t(12)_{\text{ISPL}} = 5.49$ ,  $p_{\text{ISPL}} = 0.000069$ , effect size= 1.52;  $t(12)_{\text{mSPL}} = 3.04$ ,  $p_{\text{mSPL}} = 0.0051$ , effect  
535 size= 0.84). These p-values remained significant after correction for multiple compari-  
536 sons, with the exception of one site: alPS. However, the original cluster associated with  
537 alPS (Fig. 3A) did survive cluster threshold correction, and this was a key component of  
538 our hypothesis, so we retained this site for further analysis.

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#### 540 **Predictions 2 and 3: Site-Specific Saccade Modulations and Task Specificity**

541 To examine the influence of saccades on our putative transsaccadic grasp updating  
542 sites, we performed additional contrasts. Figure 4 shows 1) the overall activity over  
543 baseline during the Fixation condition (Fig. 4A), and 2) saccade modulations in both our

544 task and saccade localizer (Fig. 4B), derived as in Figure 2B. The location of our puta-  
545 tive transsaccadic grasp updating sites are indicated by the four black dots superim-  
546 posed on the contrasts. All four sites (right SMG, left aIPS, and bilateral SPL) fell within  
547 these task-related regions of activation, as well as within or bordering on, regions of  
548 saccade modulation in the localizer task (Fig. 4B). We then used the sites of interest de-  
549 fined in Figure 3A to extract  $\beta$ -weights from the latter data, to directly test prediction 2  
550 (greater activation during saccades compared to fixation) and prediction 3 (greater  
551 modulation during the grasp task than during saccades alone, i.e. task-specific saccade  
552 modulations).

553 Figure 4C shows the application of prediction 2 on  $\beta$ -weights extracted from  
554 grasp-related activity in Figure 4B. All four sites showed significantly higher activity in  
555 the presence of saccades (t-test statistics were assessed against a Bonferroni corrected  
556 p-value of 0.0125 ( $0.05/4=0.0125$ ) for multiple comparisons for the four transsaccadic  
557 sites separately for each of the predictions, 2 and 3), although SMG did not survive cor-  
558 rection for multiple comparisons ( $t(12)_{\text{SMG}}=2.08$ ,  $p_{\text{SMG}}=0.030$ , effect size= 0.58;  
559  $t(12)_{\text{aIPS}}=3.85$ ,  $p_{\text{aIPS}}=0.0011$ , effect size= 1.07;  $t(12)_{\text{ISPL}}=4.53$ ,  $p_{\text{ISPL}}=0.00034$ , effect  
560 size= 1.26;  $t(12)_{\text{mSPL}}=7.27$ ,  $p_{\text{mSPL}}=0.0000050$ , effect size= 2.02).

561 To test the task specificity of these modulations, we applied prediction 3, i.e., we  
562 tested if our putative updating sites showed saccade modulations during the grasp task,  
563 but not during saccades alone (Fig. 4D). In this case, only aIPS and bilateral SPL  
564 showed significant task specificity ( $t(12)_{\text{SMG}}=1.34$ ,  $p_{\text{SMG}}=0.11$ , effect size= 0.43;  
565  $t(12)_{\text{aIPS}}=3.58$ ,  $p_{\text{aIPS}}=0.0030$ , effect size= 1.14;  $t(12)_{\text{ISPL}}=3.44$ ,  $p_{\text{ISPL}}=0.0037$ , effect

566 size= 1.09;  $t(12)_{\text{mSPL}} = 3.12$ ,  $p_{\text{mSPL}} = 0.0062$ , effect size= 0.99). This suggests a progres-  
567 sion of grasp task-specificity from SMG to the more superior motor regions.

568

### 569 **Functional Connectivity of SMG with Saccade and Grasp Sites**

570 Our analyses so far have confirmed our perceptual updating result for SMG (Dunkley et  
571 al., 2016), and extended this function to sensorimotor updating in aIPS and SPL for  
572 grasp; but, do these sites participate in a coherent functional network for grasp updat-  
573 ing? Based on our previous finding that right SMG is active for perceptual orientation  
574 updating (Dunkley et al., 2016), and its re-appearance in the current grasp task, we hy-  
575 pothesized that SMG is a key hub for updating visual orientation across saccades, and  
576 that it would communicate with both saccade regions (for signal input) and grasp re-  
577 gions (for signal output) during our grasp task. To do this, we identified a seed site with-  
578 in the right SMG using our independent saccade localizer data, and performed a psy-  
579 chophysiological interaction (PPI) analysis to examine which sites showed increased  
580 functional connectivity for Saccade as compared with Fixation trials with SMG derived  
581 from data aligned with the *Action Preparation* phase (Fig. 5A-C). This resulted in three  
582 sites that survived cluster threshold correction: right PCSd (likely a portion correspond-  
583 ing to FEF), left medial, superior frontal gyrus (likely the supplementary eye field, SEF),  
584 and SPL (including a cluster that overlaps with aIPS).

585

### 586 **Discussion**

587 In this study, we set out to identify the cortical regions associated with updating grasp  
588 plans during changes in gaze direction and/or object orientation. We reasoned that, in

589 order to perform this function, the brain would have to integrate saccade signals in re-  
590 gions sensitive to visual orientation and/or grasp orientation updating. To identify these  
591 sites, we applied three specific criteria: specific transsaccadic sensitivity to orientation  
592 changes, sensitivity to intervening saccades versus fixation, and task specificity in these  
593 saccade modulations, at least in the more superior parietal grasp motor sites. We found  
594 four sites that met these criteria: right SMG, a site previously implicated in transsaccadic  
595 orientation perception (Dunkley et al., 2016), and three more dorsal sites that are asso-  
596 ciated with grasp correction (Prime et al., 2008; Vesia et al., 2010). Finally, with the use  
597 of task-related functional connectivity analysis with seed site SMG, we identified a puta-  
598 tive network for saccades that includes parietal and prefrontal regions.

599

#### 600 **Transsaccadic Updating of Object Orientation for Grasp**

601 Here, we hypothesized that SMG (Dunkley et al., 2016) would contribute to feature up-  
602 dating for grasp execution, whereas some part of other regions involved plan-  
603 ning/updating grasp orientation (Murata et al., 2000; Monaco et al., 2014, 2015) would  
604 also be involved in the transsaccadic updating of orientation for grasp preparation. To  
605 test this, we compared orientation change specificity for saccades versus fixation during  
606 *Action Execution*, and found four sites (right SMG, left aIPS, and bilateral SPL) that fit  
607 this criterion and passed our standard statistical criteria. (Note that our right ISPL site  
608 was similar to left aIPS, but positioned more laterally and posterior.) We further found  
609 that all of these sites were modulated by saccades, although the motor task specificity  
610 of these modulations was clearer in aIPS and SPL. Finally, the laterality of these re-  
611 sponses was consistent with our hypothesis, i.e., right SMG being consistent with the

612 general role of right parietal cortex in spatial awareness (Perry and Zeki, 2000), where-  
613 as left aIPS was opposite to the motor effector uses (the right hand). This supports a  
614 general-purpose role for right SMG in the transsaccadic updating of object orientation,  
615 and adds a more unique role for aIPS and SPL in updating grasp orientation.

616 SMG is a region that has largely been implicated in perception tasks, such as  
617 those requiring spatial processing of orientation (Kheradmand et al., 2015) and visual  
618 search (Eimer et al., 2011), or those requiring crossmodal spatial attention (Macaluso et  
619 al., 2000). In contrast, SPL possesses both saccade and grasp-preshaping signals  
620 (Filimon et al., 2009; Gallivan et al., 2011), making this an ideal site to update grasp  
621 plans. Our anterior SPL grasp updating sites excluded more posterior grasp areas like  
622 SPOC (Gallivan et al., 2011; Rossit et al., 2013), consistent with the idea that the latter  
623 is concerned with setting initial reach goals (Vesia et al., 2010; Vesia and Crawford,  
624 2012), whereas the former anterior areas are involved in updating those goals (Glover  
625 et al., 2005; Le et al., 2014; Janssen and Scherberger, 2015). These updated signals  
626 might then be relayed to PMd (Tanné-Gariépy et al., 2002; Davare, 2006), which pos-  
627 sesses both reach-only and intermingled saccade-reach populations of neurons  
628 (Filimon et al., 2009). Finally, aIPS is sensitive to object orientation information for grasp  
629 (Murata et al., 2000; Brouwer et al., 2009; Glover et al., 2012; Vesia et al., 2017). aIPS  
630 appeared twice in our analysis: first in Figure 3, near the coordinates provided in some  
631 previous studies (Gallivan et al., 2011; Monaco et al., 2011; Medendorp et al., 2018)  
632 and second, clustered with SPL in our network analysis (Fig. 5). It is thought that popu-  
633 lations of neurons in aIPS may process object features such as its orientation in order to  
634 ultimately shape and orient the hand to match the object's shape and orientation

635 (Monaco et al., 2014). Information related to grasping is then proposed to travel to PMv  
636 to engage specific reach/grasp-related neuronal populations to generate motor com-  
637 mands (Davare, 2006; Davare et al., 2009; Filimon et al., 2009). Thus, our result ap-  
638 pears to be consistent with the known functions of these regions, and extends our un-  
639 derstanding of how these functions might be linked to update grasp signals in the pres-  
640 ence of saccades.

641

#### 642 **A Putative Network for Transsaccadic Updating of Grasp Plans**

643 An important goal for this study was to understand how distributed cortical regions might  
644 work as a network to update grasp plans during saccades. Based on the computational  
645 requirements of this function, we hypothesized that such a network should involve: 1)  
646 regions specific to transsaccadic updating of orientation features, 2) saccade regions for  
647 oculomotor input, and 3) and grasp updating regions for motor output. Given our previ-  
648 ous (Dunkley et al., 2016) and current results, we hypothesized that right SMG would  
649 play the first role (i.e., here, it would update object features across saccades during the  
650 *Action Preparation* phase so that these could be spatially integrated with new visual in-  
651 formation for *Action Execution*), and chose this as the seed site for our functional con-  
652 nectivity analysis. As described in the Introduction, we expected prefrontal saccade re-  
653 gions to play the second role, and parietal grasp regions to provide the final role (based  
654 on our current results, aIPS/SPL). Indeed, this analysis revealed a functional network  
655 for saccades versus fixation involving right SMG, right SPL, right aIPS, right PCSd, and  
656 the left superior frontal gyrus. Taken together with the overlapping sites that fit the pre-

657 vious three criteria, this suggests a saccade-dependent network with the specific prop-  
658 erties needed for updating grasp orientation.

659 PPI analysis does not provide directionality, but based on the functional require-  
660 ments of the task and known physiology of these regions, we conceptualized this net-  
661 work as shown in Figure 5D. PCSd likely corresponds to the right FEF (Luna et al.,  
662 1998; Krauzlis, 2005). The FEF is a key component of the cortical saccade generator  
663 (Krauzlis, 2005), and is known to provide reentrant feedback to earlier visual areas  
664 (Moore and Armstrong, 2003; Hamker, 2010). The superior frontal gyrus likely corre-  
665 sponds to the supplementary eye field (Grosbras et al., 1999; Krauzlis, 2005), which  
666 has reciprocal connections with FEF. Thus, FEF/SEF could be the source of saccade  
667 signals for SMG and the entire network. As discussed above, aIPS (Gallivan et al.,  
668 2011) and SPL are implicated in grasp planning / corrections, show saccade signals  
669 (Filimon et al., 2009; Filimon, 2010), and of course were already implicated in  
670 transsaccadic grasp updating in our other analyses. Thus, this putative network appears  
671 to possess all of the signals and characteristics that one would expect to find in a  
672 transsaccadic updating circuit during grasp preparation.

673 Eye-hand coordination is relatively understood in terms of the transport compo-  
674 nent of reach, but little is known about the integration of saccade and visual signals for  
675 updating grasp configuration across eye movements. We set out to identify a putative  
676 human grasp updater and found a remarkably consistent cluster of regions including  
677 SMG and aIPS/SPL, (likely) receiving oculomotor inputs from prefrontal eye fields. This  
678 network provides the necessary neural machinery to integrate object features and sac-  
679 cade signals, and thus ensure grasp plans remain updated and coordinated with gaze-

680 centered reach transport plans (Batista et al., 1999; Khan et al., 2005). These new find-  
681 ings have several general implications: First, this circuit might explain some of the vari-  
682 ous symptoms of constructional apraxia resulting from damage to the posterior parietal  
683 cortex (Heilman et al., 1986; Sirigu et al., 1996). Constructional apraxia is a disorder af-  
684 fecting complex manual tasks that involve the coding and updating of multiple objects  
685 (Smith and Gilchrist, 2005; Russell et al., 2010). Second, the role of the inferior parietal  
686 cortex in both transsaccadic perception (Dunkley et al., 2016) and grasp updating sup-  
687 ports the notion that inferior parietal cortex (a very late phylogenetic development) has  
688 high-level visuospatial functions for both ventral and dorsal stream vision (Goodale and  
689 Milner, 1992). Finally, the various roles of specific parietal modules in spatial updating  
690 (Klier and Angelaki, 2008), visual feedback corrections (Medendorp et al., 2018), and  
691 (here) a combination of the two for action updating, support a general role for parietal  
692 cortex for detecting, differentiating, and compensating for internally and externally in-  
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### Figure Legends

904 **Figure 1.** Experimental set-up, paradigm, and predictions. **A.** Set-up of the experiment,  
905 showing participant lying supine on MRI table with head tilted at 20° under the head coil,  
906 along with MRI-compatible eye tracker for right eye and hand tracker. Participants rest-  
907 ed their hand on the abdomen in a comfortable position and were asked to transport  
908 their hand to the platform to grasp an oriented 3D bar only when required to do so; a  
909 strap across the torso was used to ensure minimal-to-no movement of the shoulder and  
910 arm during transportation of the hand to the platform. The blue stalk above the platform  
911 was used to illuminate the central grasp object, whereas those to the left and right con-  
912 tained LEDs and were used to ensure fixation of gaze. **B.** Stimuli and task. An example  
913 of an initial trial condition is shown (0° grasp bar, gaze left) followed by the four possible

914 conditions that might result: Fixate / Different Feature, Fixate / Same Feature, Saccade /  
915 Different Feature, and Saccade / Same Feature. Each trial lasted 24 seconds and was  
916 comprised of three major phases: 1) *Stimulus Presentation*, during which the grasp ob-  
917 ject was illuminated in one of two possible orientations ( $0^\circ$  or  $135^\circ$ ) and gaze could be  
918 left or right; 2) *Action Preparation*, when participants maintained fixation on the same  
919 LED as in the previous phase (Fixate condition) or they made a saccade to the opposite  
920 LED (Saccade condition) – the object was illuminated a second time at the end of this  
921 phase and was presented either in the Same orientation as in phase 1 ( $0^\circ$  if the initial  
922 was  $0^\circ$  or  $135^\circ$  if the initial orientation was  $135^\circ$ ; Same condition) or at a Different orien-  
923 tation ( $0^\circ$  if the initial was  $135^\circ$  or vice versa; Different condition); and 3) *Action Execu-*  
924 *tion*, which required participants to grasp the oriented object within 4 s and then, return  
925 to rest (only the first 2 s were used for analysis). This was followed by an intertrial inter-  
926 val of 16 s. **C.** The possible predictions for sensitivity to saccade signals in grasp re-  
927 gions in three conditions. C.1. The first prediction suggests that, during the *Action Exe-*  
928 *cution* phase, cortical regions that specifically update object orientation across saccades  
929 should show a greater difference in activity between the Same and Different Orientation  
930 conditions in the Grasp Saccade condition, as compared with the Same – Different Ori-  
931 entation difference in the Grasp Fixate condition (GSDO, GSSO, GFDO, GFDO, respec-  
932 tively). C.2. The second prediction indicates that, if a grasp region is modulated by sac-  
933 cade signals, the BOLD activity should be greater for the Saccade condition (Grasp  
934 Saccade condition, GS), as compared with the Fixate condition (Grasp Fixation condi-  
935 tion, GF). C.3. The third prediction tests whether modulations due to saccade signals  
936 during the grasp *Action Preparation* phase (C.2) are specific to grasp-related activity.

937 This predicts a greater difference between the Saccade and Fixate conditions in the  
938 grasp experiment compared to a separate saccade localizer that only required partici-  
939 pants to either saccade between our two LEDs or fixate on one of the LEDs ((Grasp  
940 Saccade - Grasp Fixate) - (Saccade - Fixate); (GS - GF) - (S - F)).

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942 **Figure 2.** Overview of general grasp task-related activity (A) and saccade modulations  
943 (B), derived from the *Action Preparation* phase. **A.** Shown are inflated brain renderings  
944 of an example participant (left and right hemispheres from the lateral view, respectively).  
945 An activation map obtained using an RFX GLM (n=13) is shown for the contrast, Grasp  
946 Fixation > Baseline (chartreuse). *Abbreviations:* PCSd: dorsal precentral sulcus, PCSv:  
947 ventral precentral sulcus, PCG: precentral gyrus, aIPS: anterior intraparietal sulcus,  
948 SPL: superior parietal lobule, SMG: supramarginal gyrus. **B.** Activation maps for a Sac-  
949 cade > Fixate contrast obtained using an RFX GLM (n=13) on grasp experiment data  
950 (sky blue) and on a separate saccade localizer (fuchsia) were overlaid onto inflated  
951 brain renderings from an example participant (left and right hemispheres shown in the  
952 lateral views). *Abbreviations:* PCSd: dorsal precentral sulcus, PCSv: ventral precentral  
953 sulcus, PCG: precentral gyrus, SPL: superior parietal lobule, aIPS: anterior intraparietal  
954 sulcus, mIPS: middle intraparietal sulcus, SMG: supramarginal gyrus, SOG: superior  
955 occipital gyrus, TOS: transverse occipital sulcus, MOG: middle occipital gyrus, IOG: in-  
956 ferior occipital gyrus, STS: superior temporal sulcus.

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958 **Figure 3.** Localizing (A) and testing (B) sites for prediction 1: saccade-specific orienta-  
959 tion change sensitivity. **A.** Voxelwise statistical map overlaid onto inflated brain render-

960 ing of an example participant obtained using an RFX GLM ( $n=13$ ) for Different > Same  
961 in the Grasp Saccade (GS) condition as compared with the Grasp Fixate (GF) condition,  
962 derived from the *Action Execution* phase. Top panels show the lateral views of the in-  
963 flated brain rendering on which can be seen activation in right lateral superior lateral  
964 lobule (ISPL) and supramarginal gyrus (SMG; black/white dots correspond to peak  
965 voxels of activation). In the middle, bottom panels, the top view of the left and right hem-  
966 ispheres can be seen, which display activation also in the left anterior intraparietal sul-  
967 cus (aIPS) and medial SPL (mSPL). The left and rightmost panels contain transverse  
968 slices through the average brain of all the participants onto which the activation in these  
969 four regions can be viewed in more detail. These results (that the final motor plan was  
970 modulated by the initial stimulus orientation) contradict the notion that participants wait-  
971 ed for the second stimulus orientation to begin action planning. Instead, they show that  
972 an orientation-specific action plan was formed immediately, and then updated when the  
973 second stimulus was presented. **B.** Bar graphs of  $\beta$ -weights plotted for the difference  
974 between the Grasp Saccade Different and Same Orientation conditions (dark orange)  
975 versus the difference between the Grasp Fixation Different and Same conditions (light  
976 orange). The small, variable Grasp Fixation results are analogous to the results of sen-  
977 sory adaptation studies, where both repetition suppression and enhancement effects  
978 have been observed. Data were extracted from the active voxels in the transsaccadic  
979 sites shown in A. To quantitatively test prediction 1, we performed *a priori*-motivated re-  
980 peated-measures t-tests; given that there are four areas and therefore, four t-tests to be  
981 conducted, the significance level p-value (0.05) was Bonferroni corrected ( $0.05/4 =$   
982 0.0125). Statistical tests were carried out on  $\beta$ -weights extracted from active voxels of

983 these sites in order to test Prediction 1. Values are mean  $\pm$  SEM analyzed by repeated  
984 measures t-tests. (Please see Results for specific statistical values.) \* indicates a statis-  
985 tically significant difference between the GS and GF  $\beta$ -weights (i.e., that the p-value ob-  
986 tained is less than the Bonferroni corrected  $p=0.0125$ ).  $\Delta$  indicates an uncorrected sig-  
987 nificant difference between the GS and GF  $\beta$ -weights (i.e., that the p-value obtained is  
988 less than the original significance level  $p=0.05$ , but is not less than the Bonferroni cor-  
989 rected  $p=0.0125$ ).

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991 **Figure 4.** Location of putative transsaccadic reach updating sites (from Fig. 3) superim-  
992 posed on general grasp regions (A) and saccade modulations (B) derived from the *Ac-*  
993 *tion Preparation* phase, followed by tests for predictions 2 (C) and 3 (D). **A.** Shown is an  
994 inflated brain rendering of an example participant (left and right hemispheres viewed  
995 from above, respectively). An activation map obtained using an RFX GLM ( $n=13$ ) is  
996 shown for the contrast, Grasp Fixation > Baseline (chartreuse). The four putative  
997 transsaccadic grasp updating sites (depicted as black dots) from Figure 3 are superim-  
998 posed on this activation. aIPS: anterior intraparietal sulcus, mSPL: medial superior pari-  
999 etal lobule, ISPL: lateral superior parietal lobule, SMG: supramarginal gyrus. **B.** Activa-  
1000 tion maps for a Saccade > Fixate contrast obtained using an RFX GLM ( $n=13$ ) on grasp  
1001 experiment data (sky blue) and on a separate saccade localizer (fuchsia) were overlaid  
1002 onto an inflated brain rendering from an example participant (left and right hemispheres  
1003 shown from a bird's eye view). These overlaid activation maps allow for comparison of  
1004 which cortical sites respond to saccade signals in a grasp task-specific manner. *Abbre-*  
1005 *viations:* aIPS: anterior intraparietal sulcus, mSPL: medial superior parietal lobule, ISPL:

1006 lateral superior parietal lobule, SMG: supramarginal gyrus. **C.** Bar graphs of  $\beta$ -weights  
1007 plotted for Grasp Saccade (GS) conditions (dark blue) versus Grasp Fixation (GF) con-  
1008 ditions (light blue) from all 13 participants. Data were extracted from active voxels from  
1009 the transsaccadic sites, the peak voxels of which are represented by the black dots  
1010 above in A and B in order to test prediction 2. To quantitatively test prediction 2, we per-  
1011 formed *a priori*-motivated repeated-measures t-tests; given that there are four areas and  
1012 therefore, four t-tests to be conducted, the significance level p-value (0.05) was Bonfer-  
1013 roni corrected ( $0.05/4 = 0.0125$ ). (Please see Results for specific statistical values.) Val-  
1014 ues are mean  $\pm$  SEM analyzed by repeated measures t-tests. **D.** Bar graphs of  $\beta$ -  
1015 weights plotted for Grasp Saccade conditions (pale blue) versus Grasp Fixation condi-  
1016 tions (magenta). Data were extracted from the transsaccadic sites shown in Fig. 2A and  
1017 B, which were compared for only the ten participants whose data were analyzed for the  
1018 saccade localizer. Statistical tests were carried out on  $\beta$ -weights extracted from the ac-  
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1021 motivated repeated-measures t-tests; given that there are four areas and therefore, four  
1022 t-tests to be conducted, the significance level p-value (0.05) was Bonferroni corrected  
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1030 **Figure 5.** Functional connectivity network involved in transsaccadic updating of grasp  
1031 orientation. **A-C.** Using a Saccade > Fixation contrast (from the *Action Preparation*  
1032 phase) and the right supramarginal gyrus (SMG) as a seed region obtained from the  
1033 separate saccade localizer, psychophysiological interaction is shown in the activation  
1034 maps (yellow for positive correlation; copper for negative correlation) overlaid onto the  
1035 inflated brain renderings of an example participant. Right frontal eye field (FEF), SPL  
1036 (that extends into the anterior intraparietal sulcus, aIPS) and left supplementary eye  
1037 field (SEF) show significant, cluster-corrected positive correlation with right SMG. Only  
1038 sites that passed a  $p < 0.05$  and cluster threshold correction are labeled. **D.** A potential  
1039 network for the communication between right SMG and other saccade and grasp re-  
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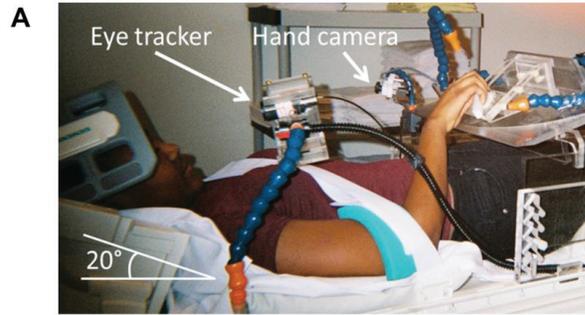
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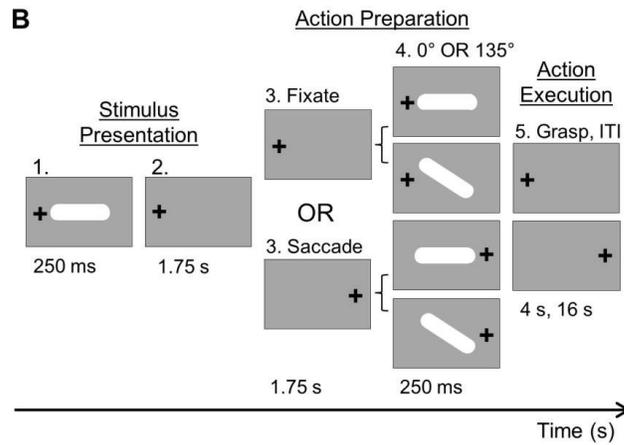
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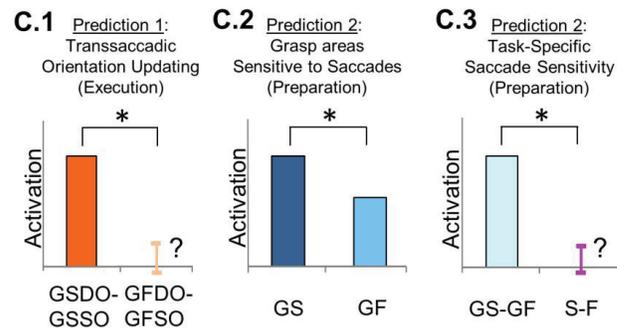
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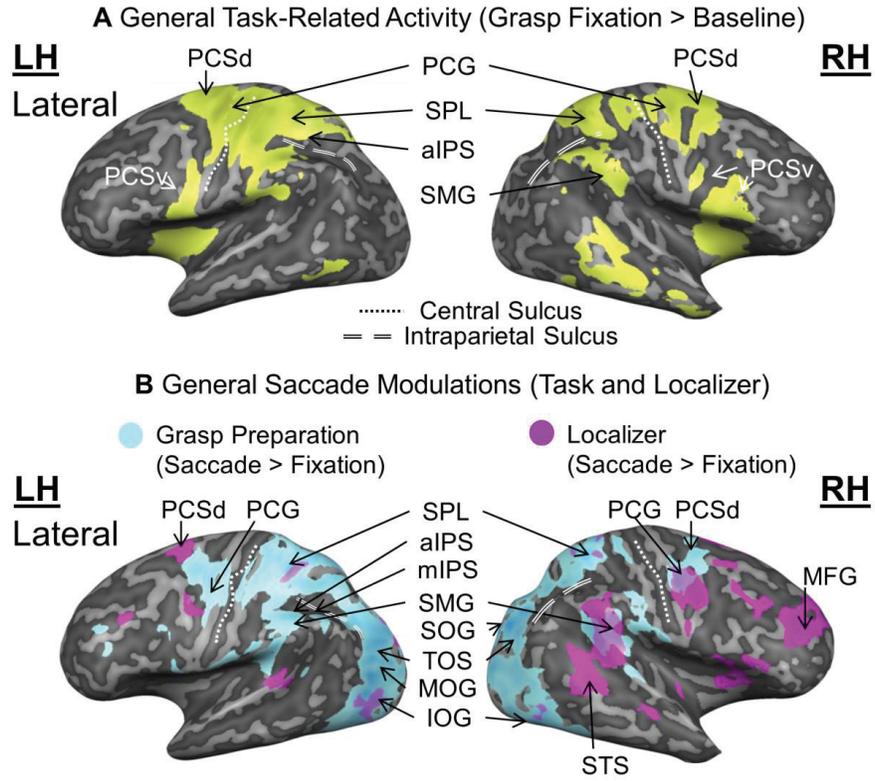
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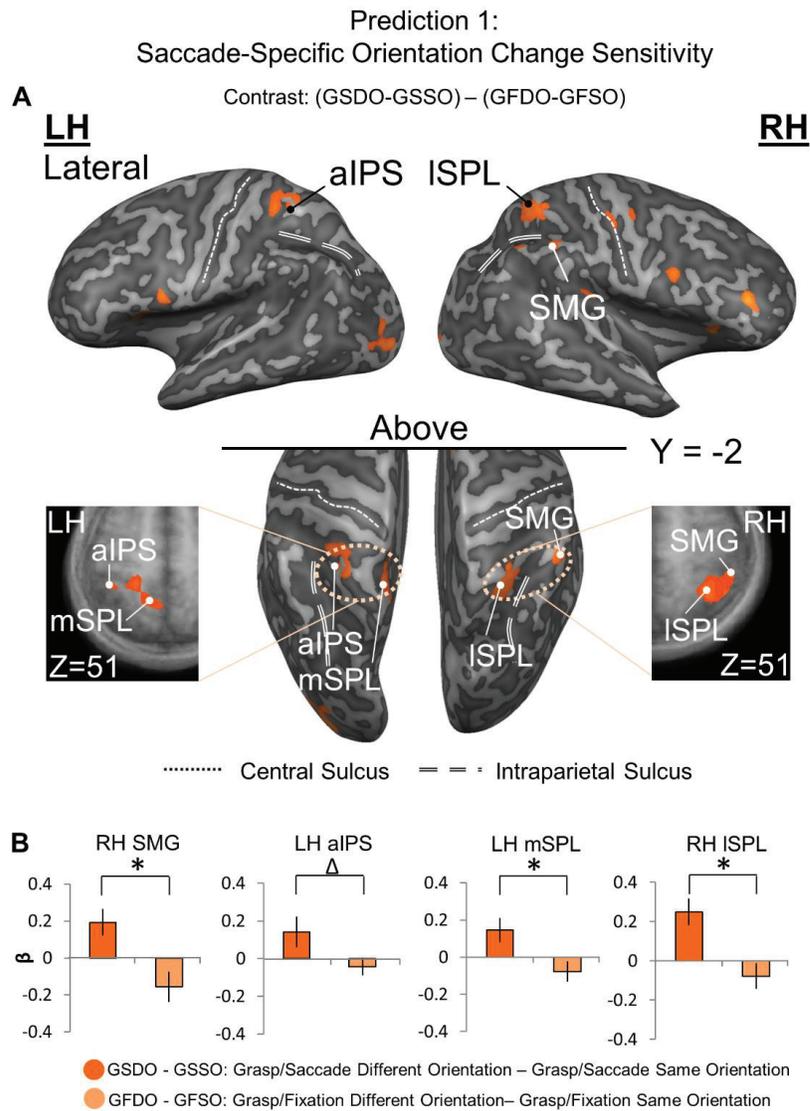
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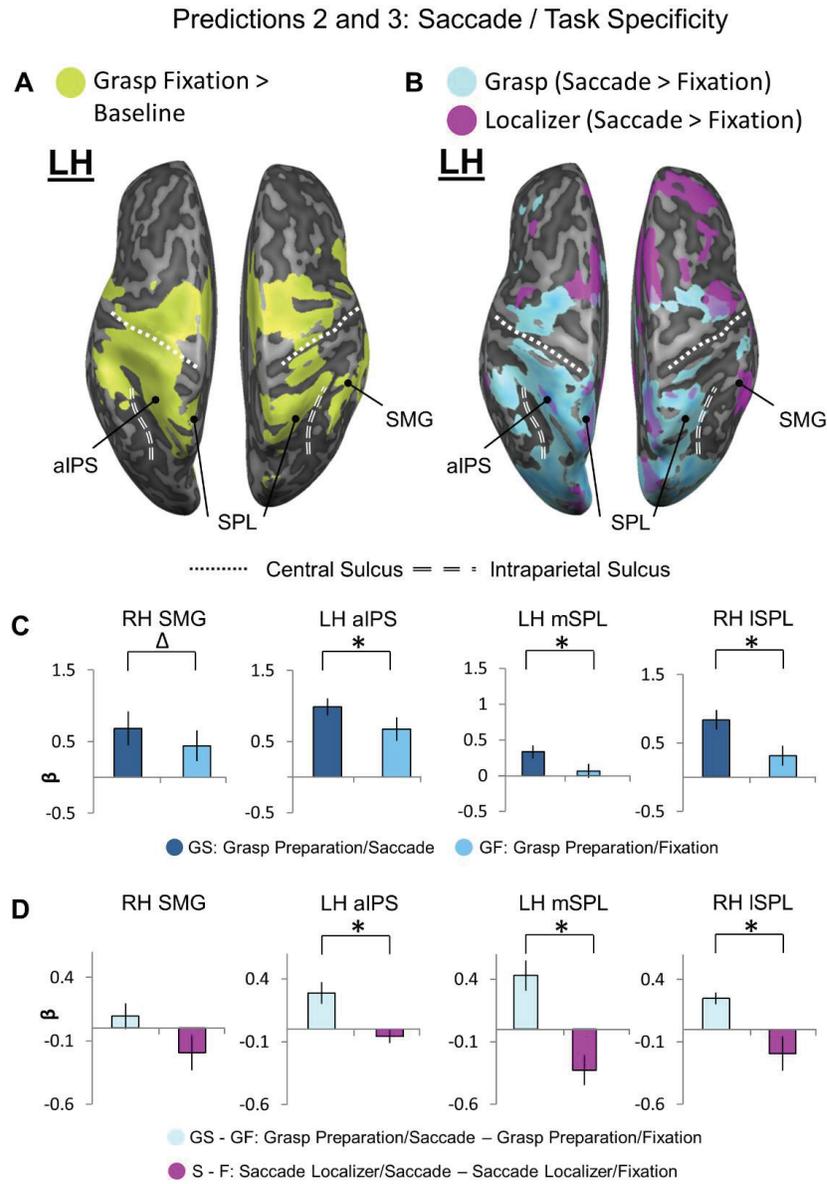
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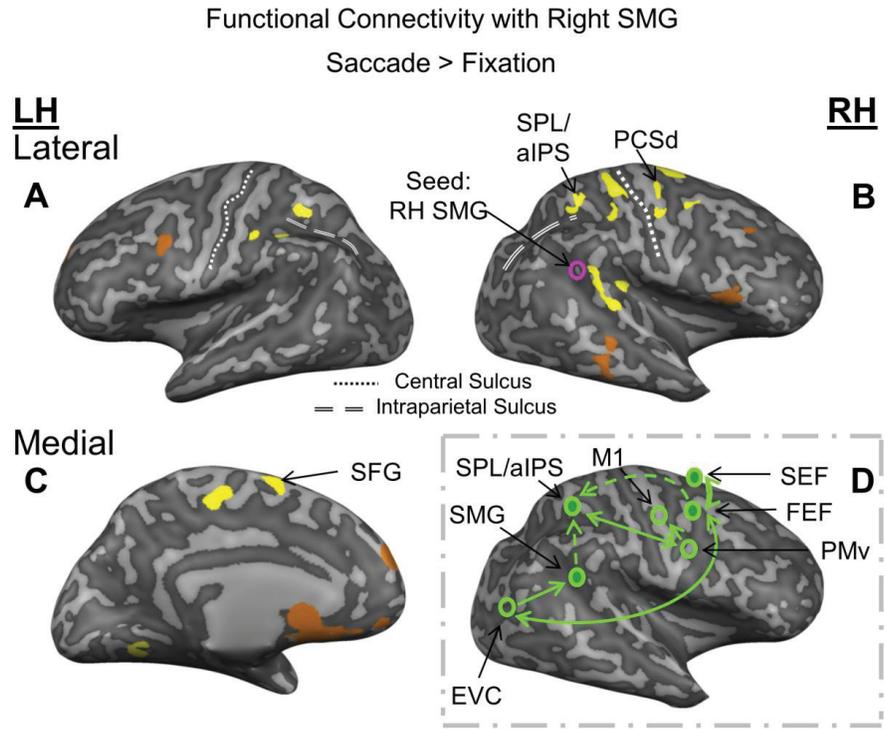
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1107 **Figure 4**



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1141 **Table 1.** Putative names, Talairach coordinates, and active voxels within 1000 mm<sup>3</sup> for  
 1142 each site of interest extracted from the *Action Execution* phase.

Site Name	Talairach coordinates						Active Voxels	References
	x	y	z	Std x	Std y	Std z	<i>n</i> voxels	
<b>LH aIPS</b>	-38	-41	53	2.3	1.6	1.9	217	Tunik et al., 2008; Singhal et al., 2013
<b>LH mSPL</b>	-13	-51	54	2.4	2.3	2.7	642	Tunik et al., 2008; Filimon et al., 2009
<b>RH SMG</b>	49	-40	48	2.0	2.2	2.1	361	Dunkley et al., 2016
<b>RH ISPL</b>	35	-49	53	2.8	2.8	2.7	875	Tunik et al., 2008; Filimon et al., 2009

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