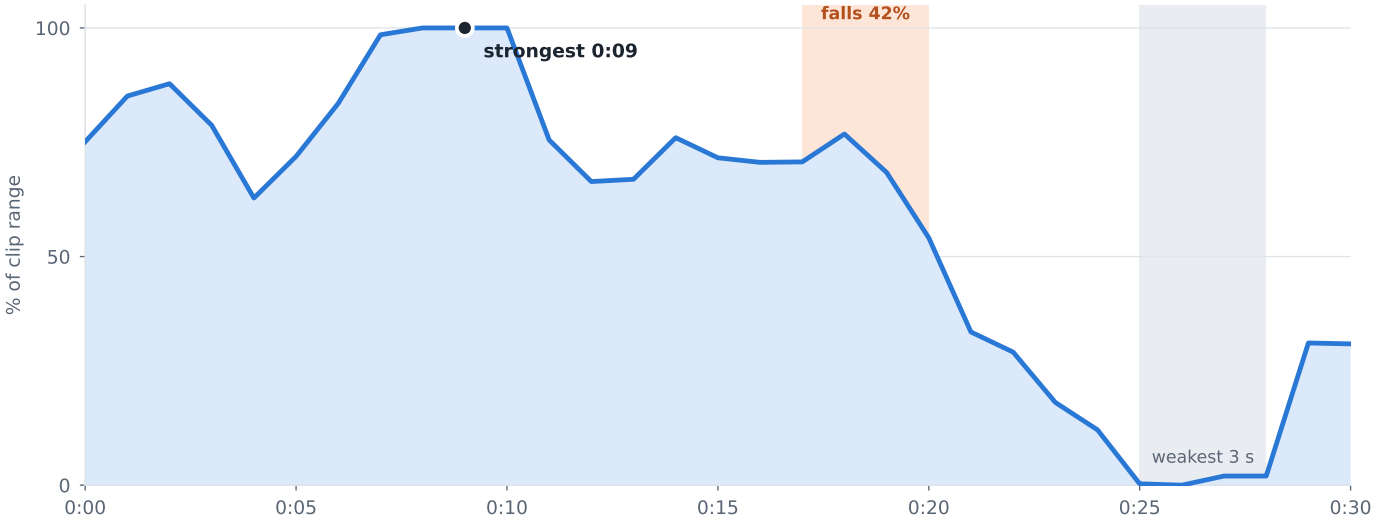
VIDEO REPORT

Macy's: Black Friday with The Macy's Gift Guide

STRONGEST SECOND	STEEPEST FALL	WEAKEST 3 SECONDS	AVERAGE LEVEL
0:09	**42%**	**0:25 to 0:28**	**58%**
after the first three seconds	0:17 to 0:20	lowest stretch of the curve	of this clip's own range

Predicted response across the video

Each point is one second. The scale is this clip's own range: 0 is its lowest second, 100 its highest.



What the model predicts

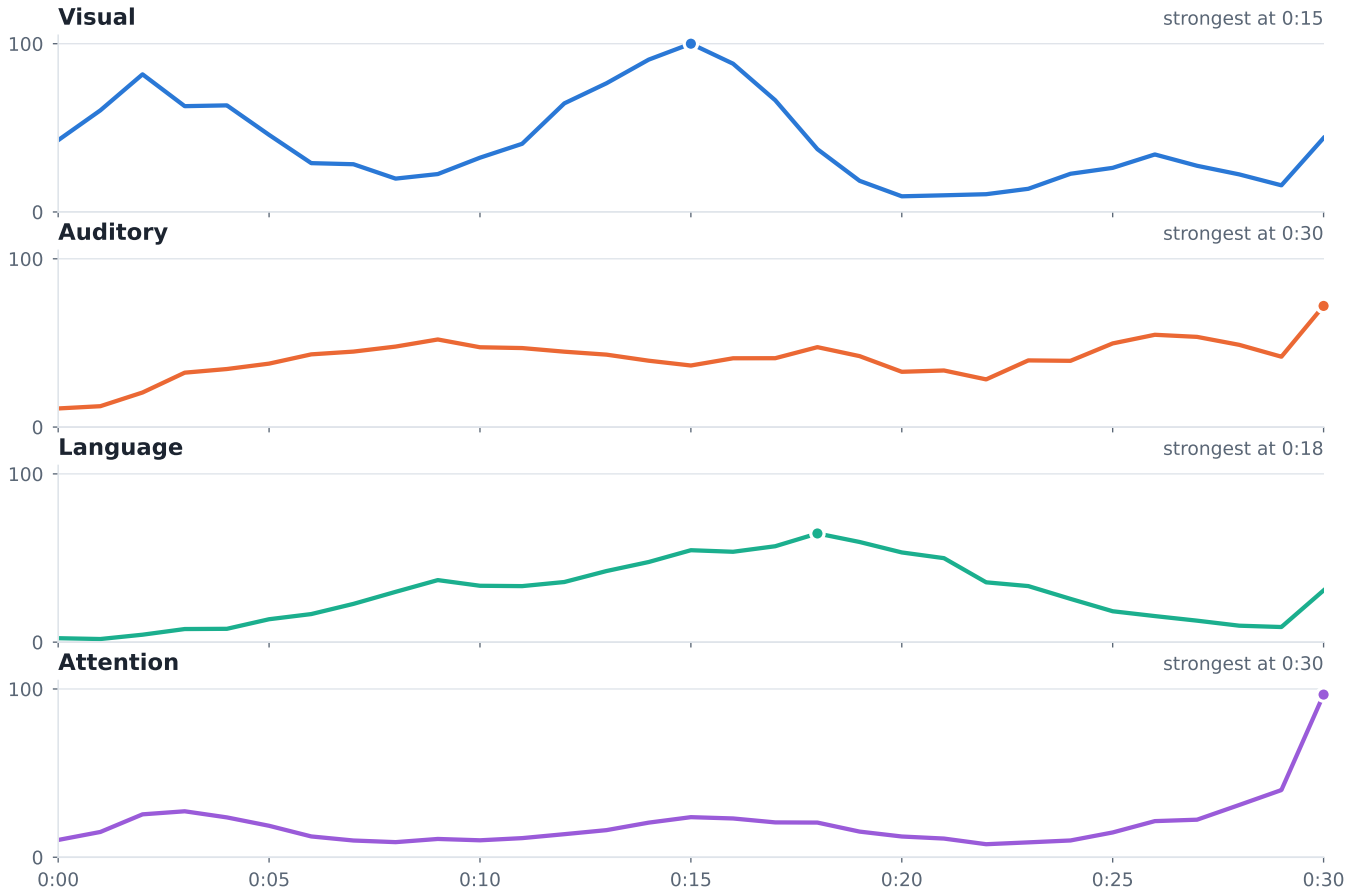
- After the first three seconds, the predicted brain response peaks at 0:09, the predicted response falls 42% between 0:17 and 0:20, and the weakest 3-second stretch is 0:25 to 0:28.
- After the fall at 0:20 the predicted response comes back up past its pre-fall level by 0:30 (132% of it), the strongest moment after the opening.
- The auditory network has the highest predicted response for 42% of the clip, the visual network for 39%.
- Speech is present in 35% of the seconds; the words are set against the curve on the later pages.

In this report

Brain networks: which of the four networks leads, and when
Key moments: the seconds worth a close look, with the frame and the words
Every second: level, leading network, most active regions and words
How to read this report: what each number is and what it is not

Brain networks

The model's cortical prediction is summarised as four networks. Each panel is scaled to that network's own range within this clip, so compare the shape and the timing of the panels, not their heights.



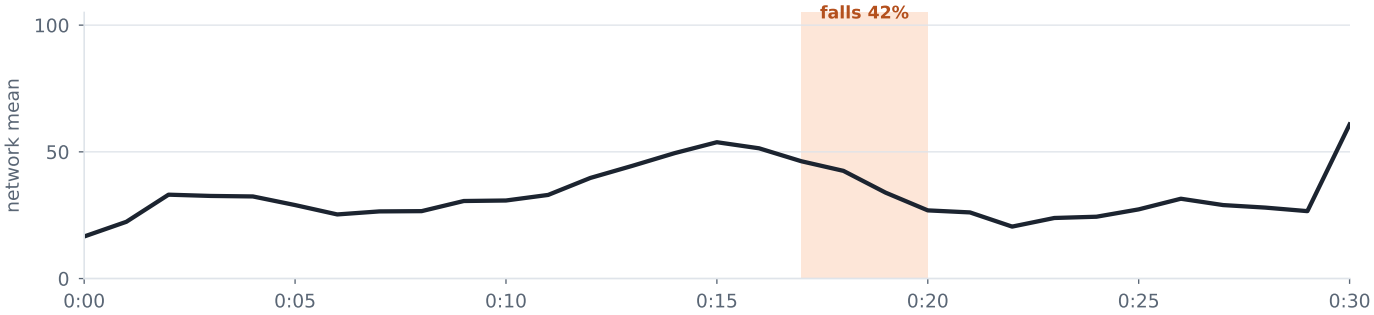
Leading network, second by second



NETWORK	LEADS FOR	SHARE OF THE CLIP	ITS STRONGEST SECOND
Auditory	13 s	42%	0:30
Visual	12 s	39%	0:15
Language	5 s	16%	0:18
Attention	1 s	3%	0:30

Mean of the four networks

This is the one series a percentage change is taken on, because it is not stretched to fill the chart. A fall is reported only when it starts at or above the clip average and loses 20% or more within three seconds.



Key moments

The seconds that define this video's predicted response. Levels are on the clip's own 0 to 100 range.

0:00 Opening

75 of 100

Leading network	Visual
System	Scene & place recognition
Regions	Ventro-medial visual (scene); Higher visual: color + face/object patches

0:09 Strongest second

100 of 100

Leading network	Auditory
System	Auditory cortex
Regions	Auditory area 5 (superior temporal); Superior temporal sulcus (speech)

“Oh, I'd never let you miss Black Friday. It's only the best shopping day of the best shopping season.”

0:17 Fall begins

71 of 100

Leading network	Visual
System	Auditory cortex
Regions	Auditory area 5 (superior temporal); Superior temporal sulcus (speech)

“Well, I hope you got some sleep too.”

0:20 Fall ends

54 of 100

Leading network	Language
System	Voice & speech
Regions	Superior temporal sulcus (speech); Auditory area 5 (superior temporal)

“Oh, the gift guide never sleeps.”

0:25 Weakest 3 s begin

0 of 100

Leading network	Auditory
System	Auditory cortex
Regions	Auditory area 5 (superior temporal); Superior temporal sulcus (speech)

“I'm actually very tired. This holiday season, let Macy's be your guide to gifting.”

0:30 Best after the fall, Final second

31 of 100

Leading network	Attention
System	Salience / control
Regions	Anterior cingulate (monitoring); Cingulate (control)

“This holiday season, let Macy's be your guide to gifting. you.”

Every second

One row per second. Level is the position on the clip's own 0 to 100 range. The strongest second is marked with a dot; rows inside the steepest fall are tinted. Words are listed at the second their line starts.

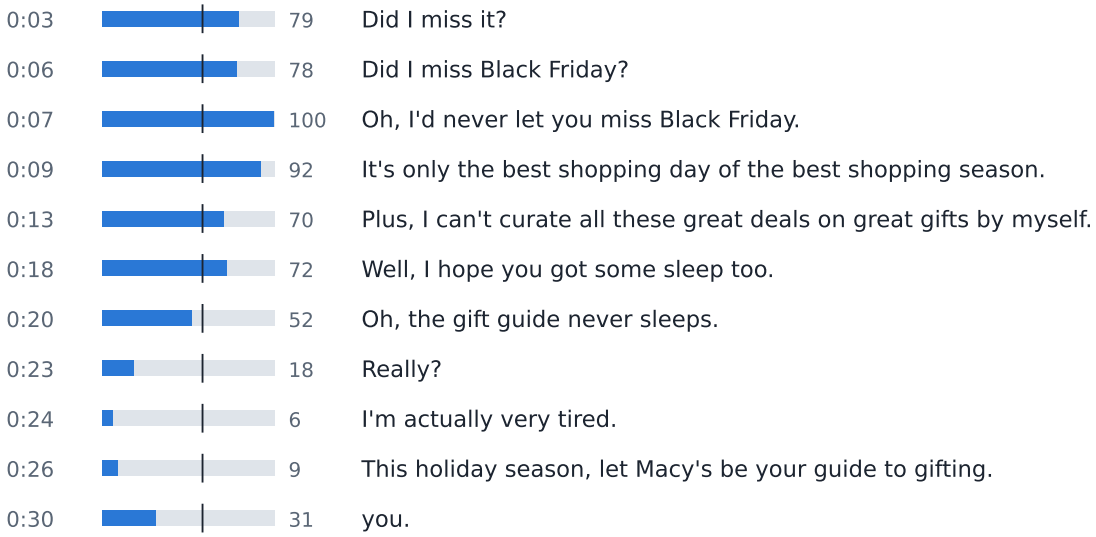
TIME	LEVEL	NETWORK	MOST ACTIVE REGIONS	WORDS	CONFID.
0:00	75	Visual	Ventro-medial visual (scene); Higher visual: color + face/object patches		medium
0:01	85	Visual	Higher visual: color + face/object patches; Ventro-medial visual (scene)		medium
0:02	88	Visual	Higher visual: color + face/object patches; Ventro-medial visual (scene)		medium
0:03	79	Visual	Higher visual: color + face/object patches; Lateral occipital (objects)	*Did I miss it?*	medium
0:04	63	Visual	Higher visual: color + face/object patches; Lateral belt (secondary auditory)		medium
0:05	72	Visual	Lateral belt (secondary auditory); Posterior belt (secondary auditory)	*Did I miss Black Friday?*	medium
0:06	84	Auditory	Auditory area 5 (superior temporal); Auditory association cortex		medium
0:07	98	Auditory	Auditory area 5 (superior temporal); Superior temporal sulcus (speech)	*Oh, I'd never let you miss Black Friday.*	medium
0:08	100	Auditory	Auditory area 5 (superior temporal); Superior temporal sulcus (speech)		medium
0:09	100 ●	Auditory	Auditory area 5 (superior temporal); Superior temporal sulcus (speech)	*It's only the best shopping day of the best shopping season.*	medium
0:10	100	Auditory	Auditory area 5 (superior temporal); Superior temporal sulcus (speech)		medium
0:11	76	Auditory	Auditory area 5 (superior temporal); Superior temporal sulcus (speech)		medium
0:12	66	Visual	Auditory area 5 (superior temporal); Ventro-medial visual (scene)	*Plus, I can't curate all these great deals on great gifts by myself.*	medium
0:13	67	Visual	Ventro-medial visual (scene); Auditory area 5 (superior temporal)		medium
0:14	76	Visual	Ventro-medial visual (scene); Higher visual: color + face/object patches		medium
0:15	72	Visual	Ventro-medial visual (scene); Higher visual: color + face/object patches		medium
0:16	71	Visual	Higher visual: color + face/object patches; Ventro-medial visual (scene)		medium
0:17	71	Visual	Auditory area 5 (superior temporal); Superior temporal sulcus (speech)	*Well, I hope you got some sleep too.*	medium
0:18	77	Language	Auditory area 5 (superior temporal); Superior temporal sulcus (speech)		medium
0:19	68	Language	Superior temporal sulcus (speech); Auditory area 5 (superior temporal)	*Oh, the gift guide never sleeps.*	lower
0:20	54	Language	Superior temporal sulcus (speech); Auditory area 5 (superior temporal)		lower
0:21	34	Language	Superior temporal sulcus (speech); Auditory area 5 (superior temporal)		lower
0:22	29	Language	Superior temporal sulcus (speech); Temporo-parieto-occipital junction		lower
0:23	18	Auditory	Superior temporal sulcus (speech); Auditory area 5 (superior temporal)	*Really?*	lower
0:24	12	Auditory	Superior temporal sulcus (speech); Auditory area 5 (superior temporal)	*I'm actually very tired.*	lower
0:25	0	Auditory	Auditory area 5 (superior temporal); Superior temporal sulcus (speech)		medium
0:26	0	Auditory	Auditory area 5 (superior temporal); Posterior inferotemporal (objects)	*This holiday season, let Macy's be your guide to gifting.*	medium

Every second (continued)

TIME	LEVEL	NETWORK	MOST ACTIVE REGIONS	WORDS	CONFID.
0:27	2	Auditory	Auditory area 5 (superior temporal); Auditory association cortex		medium
0:28	2	Auditory	Temporo-occipital visual (objects); Lateral intraparietal (attention/eye movements)		medium
0:29	31	Auditory	Lateral intraparietal (attention); Intraparietal (attention)		lower
0:30	31	Attention	Anterior cingulate (monitoring); Cingulate (control)	*you.*	lower

The words against the curve

Each spoken line with the average predicted level while it is said (clip range, 0 to 100). The clip average is 58; the tick on each bar marks it.



0:03	79	Did I miss it?
0:06	78	Did I miss Black Friday?
0:07	100	Oh, I'd never let you miss Black Friday.
0:09	92	It's only the best shopping day of the best shopping season.
0:13	70	Plus, I can't curate all these great deals on great gifts by myself.
0:18	72	Well, I hope you got some sleep too.
0:20	52	Oh, the gift guide never sleeps.
0:23	18	Really?
0:24	6	I'm actually very tired.
0:26	9	This holiday season, let Macy's be your guide to gifting.
0:30	31	you.

How to read this report

What the model is

v2neuro is a brain-encoding model. It was trained on fMRI recordings of people watching video, and for a new video it predicts the response of the cortex, one value per second, from the picture, the sound and the words. Nobody watched your video for this report.

Strongest second

The second with the highest predicted response, leaving aside the first three seconds. The cortex responds to any clip starting, so the opening would win on most videos and say nothing about yours.

Level, and "of this clip's own range"

Charts and bars use a 0 to 100 scale stretched to this clip: 0 is its lowest second and 100 its highest. It shows where a second sits inside this video. It cannot be compared between two videos, and a difference between two levels is not a percentage change.

Steepest fall

The largest fall within three seconds, as a true percentage of the level it falls from, taken on the mean of the four networks without stretching. It is reported only when it starts at or above the clip average and reaches 20%. When no window qualifies the report states no percentage.

Weakest stretch

The three consecutive seconds with the lowest average level (on a clip under 15 seconds, a fifth of its length, at least one second), never the strongest second itself. Every video has one; it is the place to look first, not a fault by itself.

Networks, systems and regions

The four networks (visual, auditory, language, attention) group the cortical surface. The leading network is the one with the highest value in that second, each on its own range. Regions are the atlas areas with the highest predicted response in that second.

Confidence

Higher, medium or lower says how well the model has been shown to predict the regions that lead in that second, and how typical the second is for it. It is a guide to how much weight a row can carry.

What this is not

These are predictions of an average cortical response. They are not a measurement of your viewers and they do not forecast views, watch time or sales. On recordings held out from training, the model's predictions correlate with the measured response at about r = 0.27 for material like its training set and about r = 0.12 for very different films. The useful test is your own data: compare these moments with the numbers you already have.

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