# Platform Averages are too Simple To Allow for Successful Optimization



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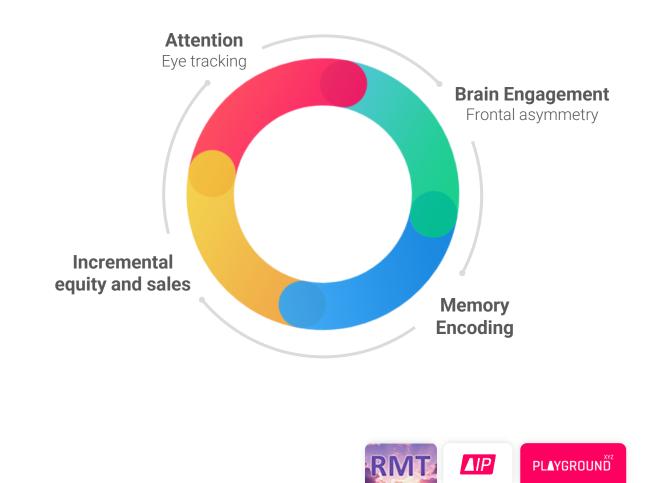


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Advertising 'nudges' consumers towards purchases

Attention is the driver of behavioural change



# What drives attention & outcomes?

Platform or creative









# **Current Research**

#### Combine conscious & subconscious measures

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- 35 well-established brands
- 60 ads
- Instagram, Facebook, TikTok, YouTube
- Eye-tracking
- Post exposure survey



- 50 participants, 150 sessions
- Over 1800 ads
- Instagram, Facebook, TikTok
- Eye-tracking and EEG
- RMT method for measuring subconscious motivations based on content consumption In-feed, live exposure



### **Hypotheses**

#### Hypothesis 1

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Some ads achieve their desired effects with lower Attention Times than others

#### Hypothesis 2

Platform attention averages mislead media selection because they leave out:

- The effect of the creative
- The effect of the motivational resonance between the ad and the viewer

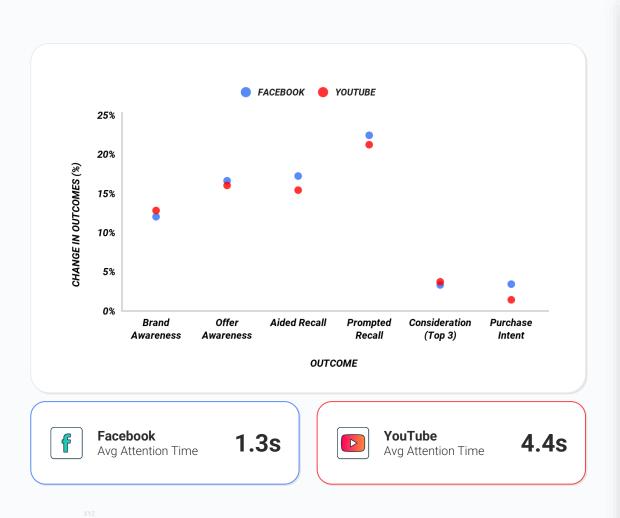
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Higher order effects add to our understanding of what is 'Optimal'

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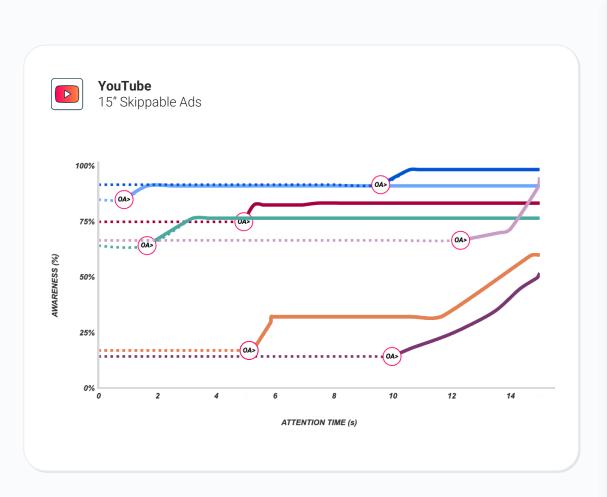
- Attitude/Motivation
- Memory Encoding
- Immersion
- Cognitive Load





The platform is not the largest driver of outcomes





# The creative determines outcomes

Creatives present the best opportunity for behaviour change





Platforms dictate the range of attention and how the consumer interacts, but it's the creative that influences outcomes





# A multidimensional approach amplifies our understanding of platform & creative interactions



#### Better Understanding of Outcomes!





# Neuroscience taps into the subconscious mind of the consumer



#### Memory Encoding

Storing Information

#### **Immersion (Engagement)**

Mental Involvement

#### Approach (Attitude)

Positive or Negative Interactions

#### - Cognitive Load

Capacity to Process Information



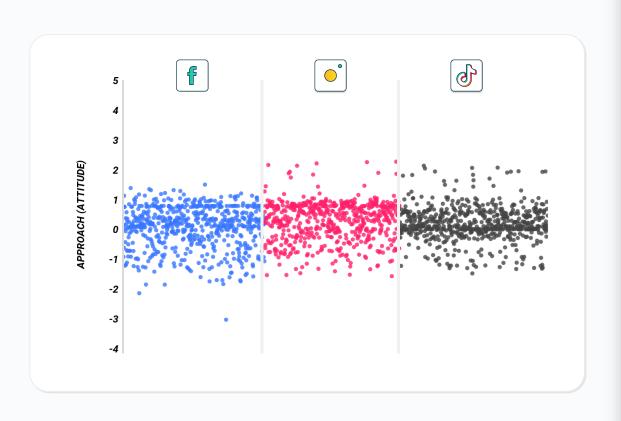




Source: Playground xyz, 2024, Neuroscience Project: How Neuroscience Informs the Value of Attention Time in Driving Outcomes, N = 50

Platform performance is too broad to effectively allocate media spend





## Low Variance

Driver: Platform

#### **Medium Variance**

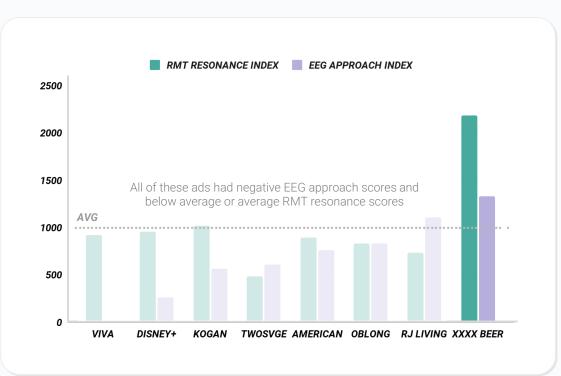
Driver: Platform

#### **High Variance**

Driver: Creative







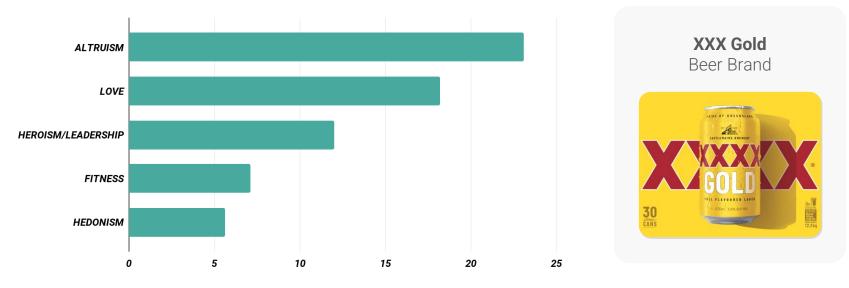
#### RMT Resonance identified the one ad that worked

Consumer motivations drive interactions



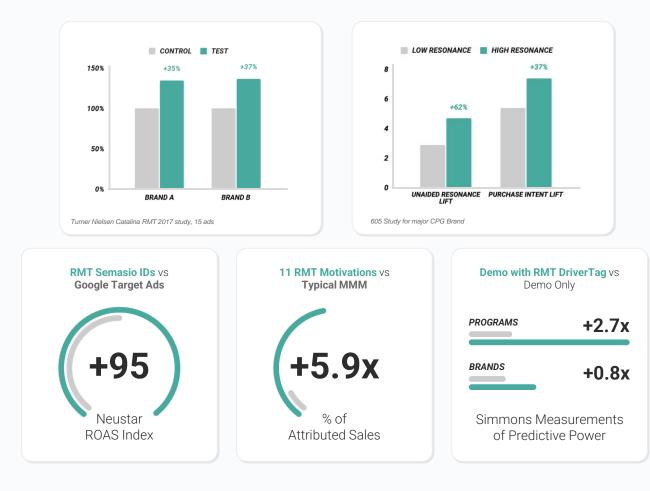


# Consumer motivations predict consideration & purchase outcomes



RMT MOTIVATION SCORES





RMT DriverTags are a validated method of understanding lower funnel outcomes



## Key Takeaways

#### **Attention Drives Outcomes**

Attention is the key to driving success within advertising. Without attention, the process of building memories and positive attitudes towards brands can't occur.

#### Creative is King

Brands that are heavily incentivised to pursue a specific platform because they think it yields specific results, need to take a good look at their creative.

#### **Consider Consumer Motivation**

Consumer motivations correlate with neuroscience metrics and allow for a more nuanced understanding of the importance of the creative in driving outcomes.

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