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#### CNV, LRP, AND ERN/PE EFFECTS IN THE DIFFERENTIATION-OF-DECEPTION PARADIGM

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The Differentiation-of-Deception paradigm is unique in that the experimental (lie) and control (truth) condition differ only in the crucial variable: Deception. In this study, we extended the paradigm to gain insight in the cognitive mechanisms of deception using different event-related components: the Contingent Negative Variation (CNV), the Lateralized Readiness Potential (LRP) and error-related components, i.e., the Error-Related Negativity (ERN) and the Error Positivity (Pe). Twenty participants committed a mock crime and gave speeded yes/no responses to crime and control questions using left and right button presses. A question was presented (e.g., Did you steal a . . .) for 2000 ms, followed by a truth (T) or lie (L) cue. The cue was replaced after 1500 ms by a keyword (e.g., wallet), allowing participants to respond. The CNV was measured during the cue-keyword interval, the LRP during the keyword-response interval, and the ERN and the Pe after (correct) responses. In line with previous research, lying resulted in more errors and longer reaction times than truthful responses. Results revealed an enlarged frontal CNV after the lie cue, which might be interpreted as anticipation of a higher cognitive workload. The stimulus-locked LRP and the ERN did not differ between the lie and the truth condition. A larger Pe was found after lie responses compared to truth responses, which may indicate a conscious confl ict between the lie response and the known truth.