

# **Cue Integration Cosmo 2012**

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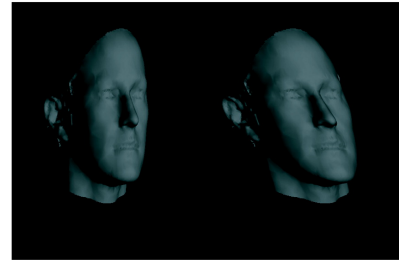
# Complex Perceptual Problems are ambiguous



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***Recognition,  
Shape,  
Material***

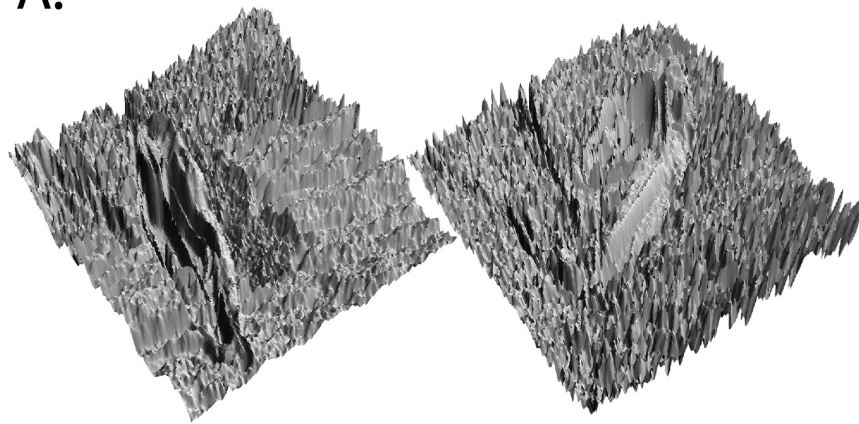
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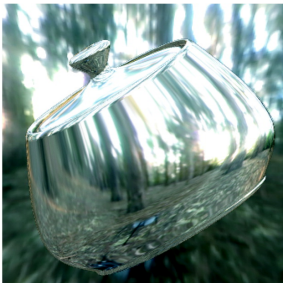
A) Invariance to Pose, lighting, and shading.

B) Single image ambiguity:  
Bas relief transform of shape lighting (viewpoint

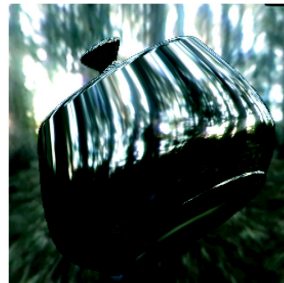
C,D) Reflectivity vs. paint



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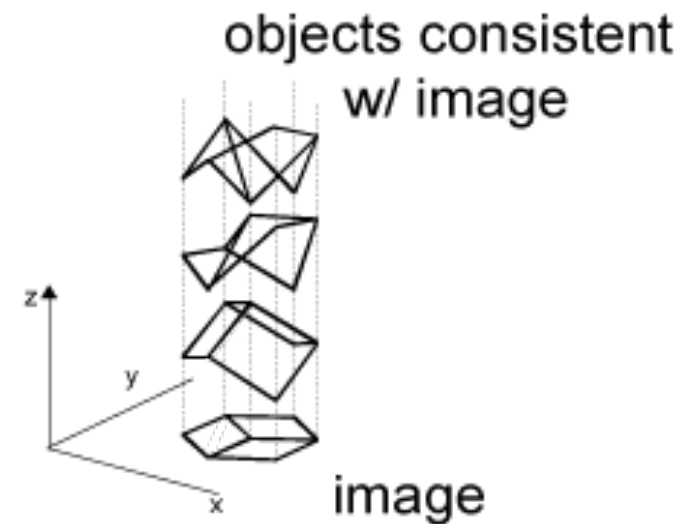
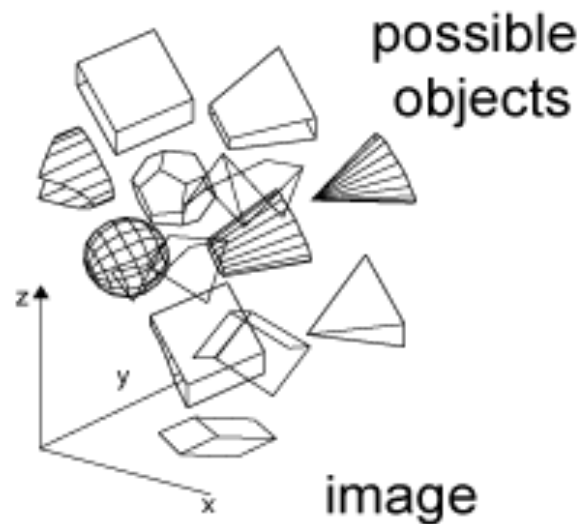
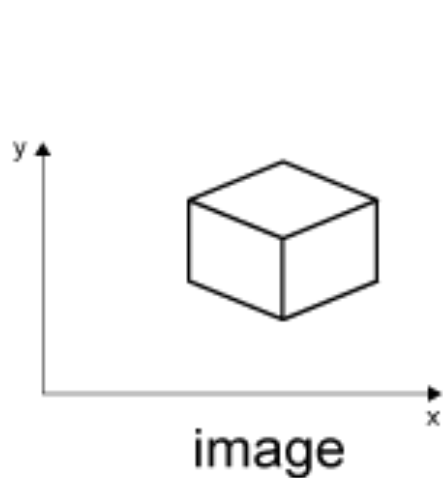
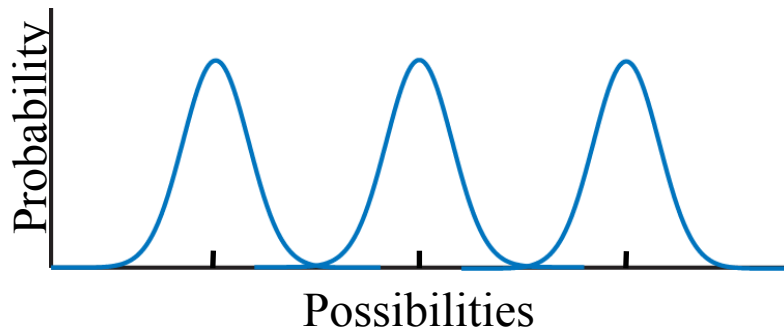
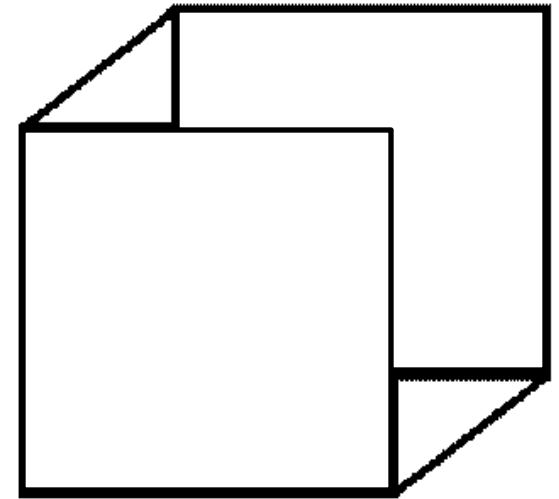


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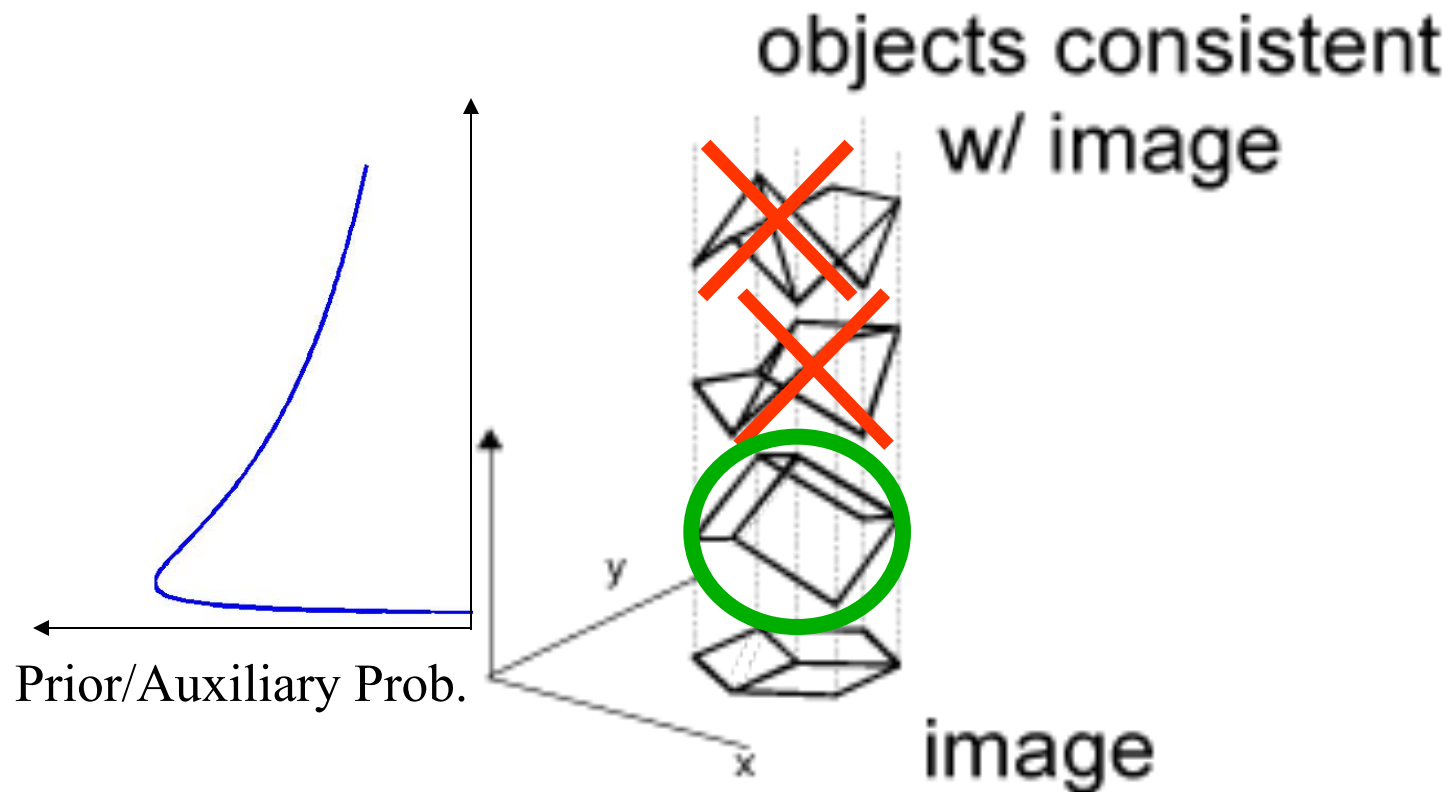
# Ambiguity:

can be characterized by a **probability distribution** for which multiple possibilities have equal/similar probability.



Overcoming ambiguity requires applying additional **knowledge**

*Prior knowledge* and *auxiliary information* can further disambiguate candidate scene interpretations





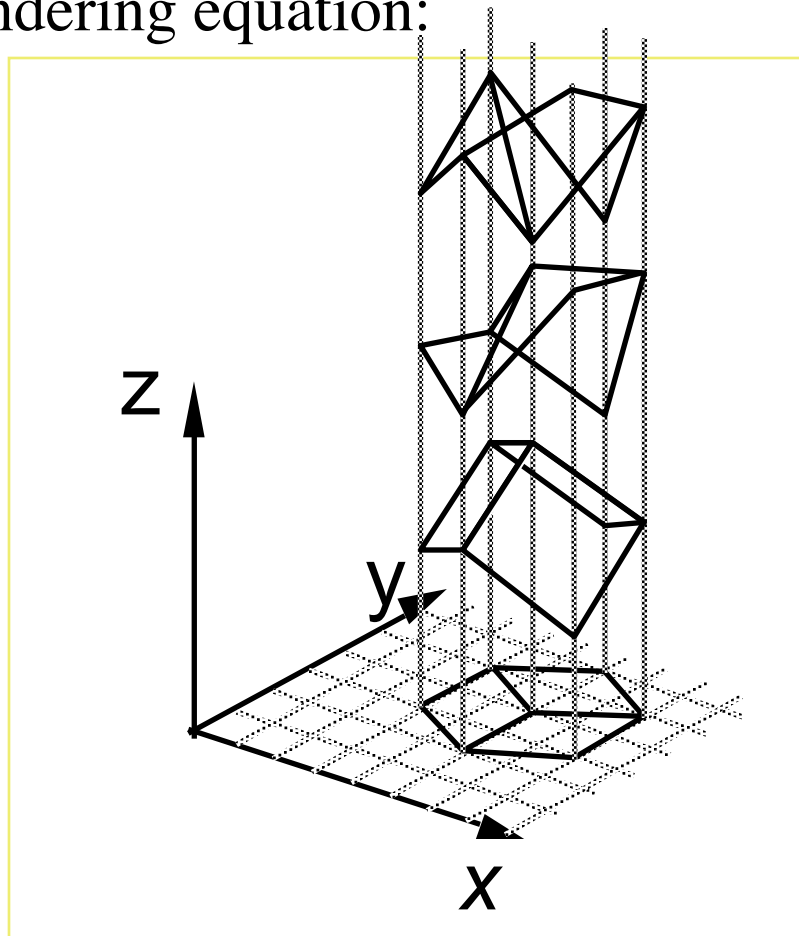
# Outline

- How do we specify/describe what we mean by generative knowledge
- What kinds of generative knowledge do people use?
- How do we test for its use?

# Forward models for perception:

Built in knowledge of image formation

Images are produced by physical processes that can be modeled via a rendering equation:



$$I = f(A, L, V) = f(scene)$$

$A$  = object attributes

$L$  = description of the scene lighting

$V$  = viewpoint and imaging parameters (e.g. focus)

Modeling rendering probabilistically:

Likelihood:  $p(I | scene)$

e.g. for no rendering noise

$$p(I | scene) = \delta(I - f(scene))$$

How do we describe the other kinds of generative knowledge?

# Bayesian Networks: Modeling complex inferences

*This model represents the decomposition:*

$$P(X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4) = P(X_4 | X_2) P(X_3 | X_1, X_2) P(X_1)P(X_2)$$

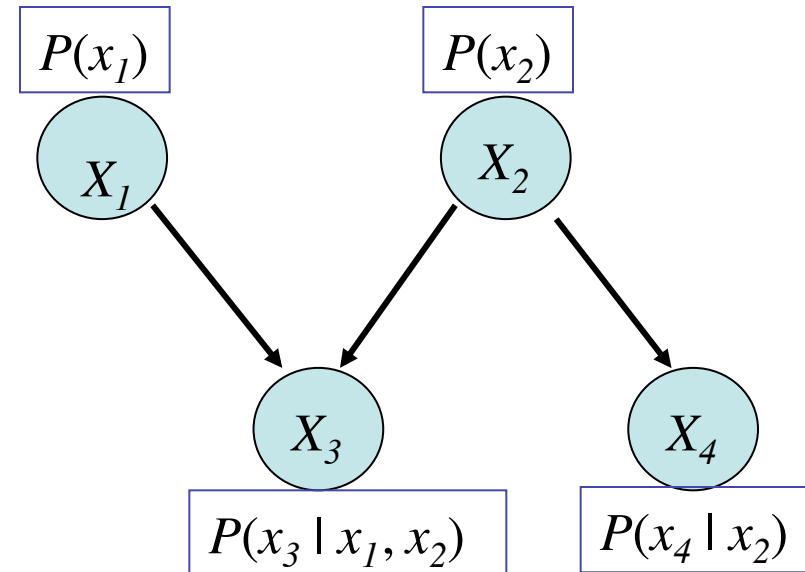
**Nodes:** random variables

$$X_1, \dots, X_4$$

*Each node has a conditional probability distribution*

**Links:** direct dependencies

**Data:** observations of  $X_3$  and  $X_4$



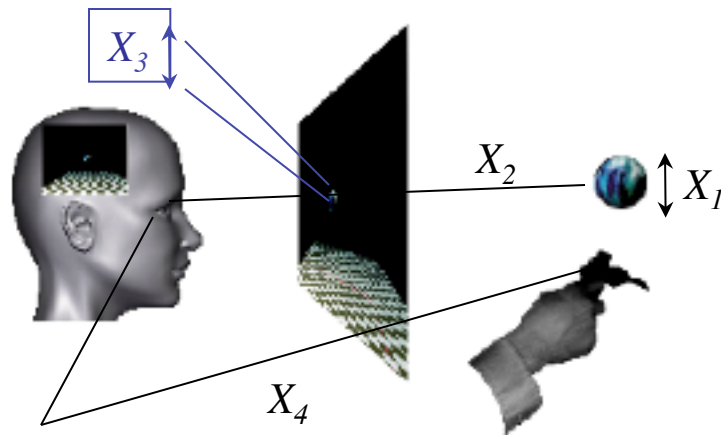
## EXAMPLE

$X_1$  object size

$X_2$  object distance

$X_3$  image size

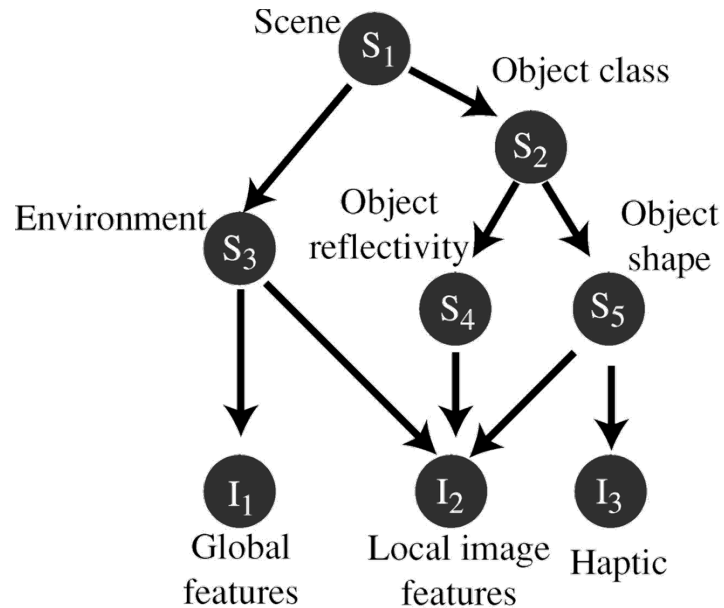
$X_4$  “felt” distance



# Basics of Bayesian inference

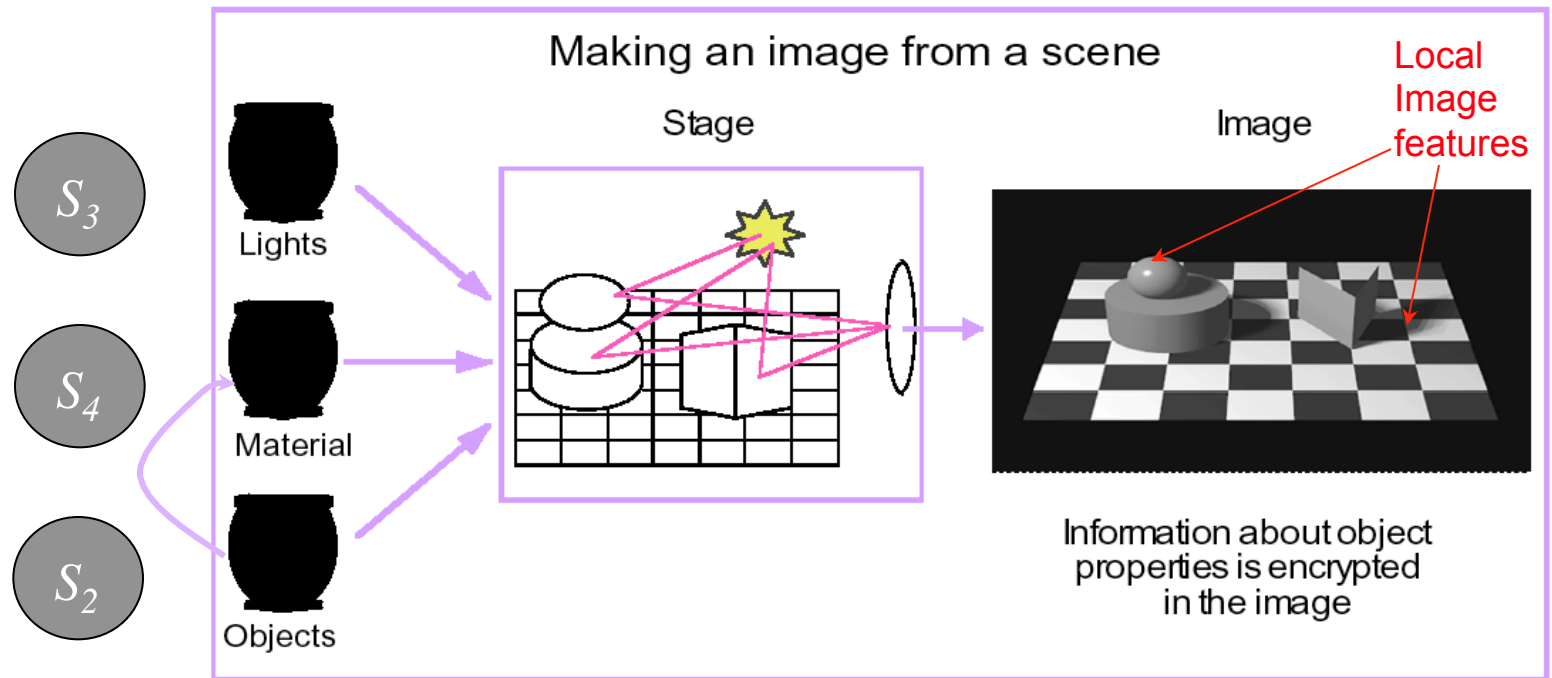
- Bayes' rule: 
$$P(h \mid d_1, d_2) = \frac{P(d_1 \mid h)P(d_2 \mid h)P(h)}{\sum_{h_i \in H} P(d_1 \mid h_i)P(h_i)}$$
- An example
  - Data: Large image size  $d_1$  and small felt distance  $d_2$
  - Some hypotheses:
    1. Small object, near
    2. Large object, more distant
  - Likelihood  $P(d_1 \mid h)$  is ambiguous with respect to 1 and 2
  - Prior probability  $P(h)$  may favor hypothesis 1 over 2
  - Likelihood  $P(d_2 \mid h)$  favors 1
  - Posterior  $P(h \mid d_1, d_2)$  favors 1 over 2

# Generative Knowledge



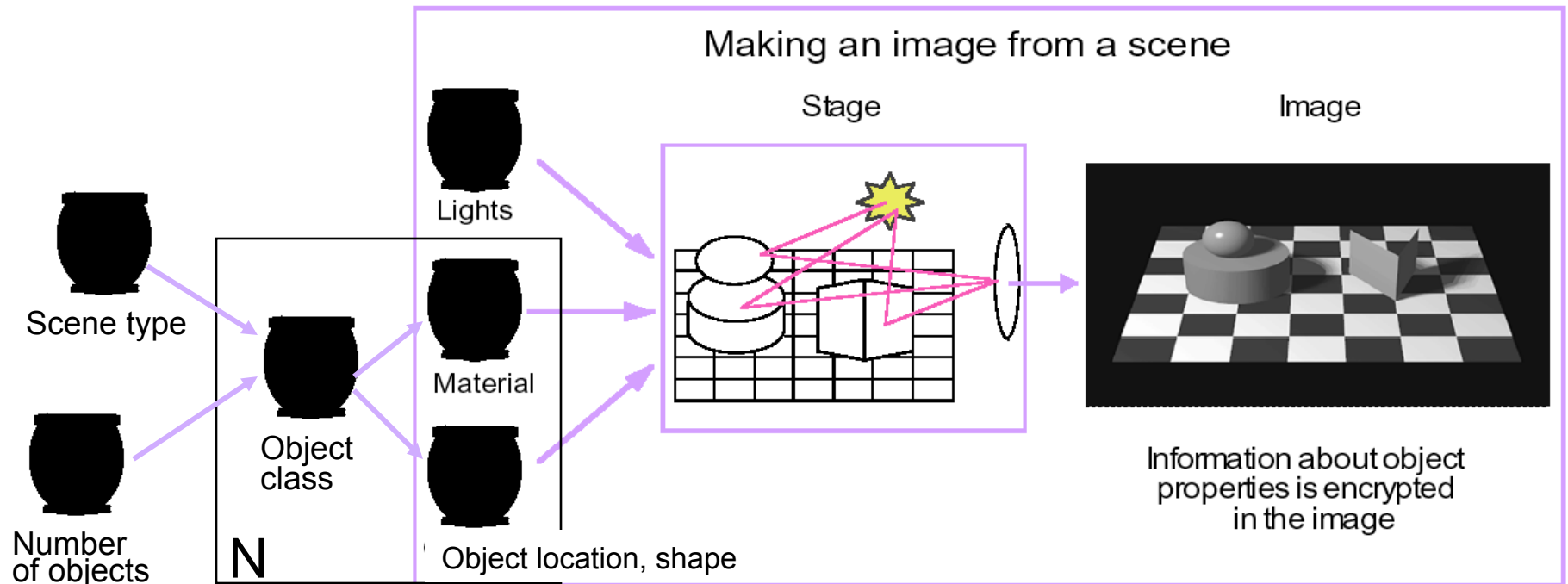
Knowledge about the dependencies between variables can be represented by a graphical model *in two ways*

- 1) *As a connective graph (right)*
- 2) *As an inferential graph (explained next)*

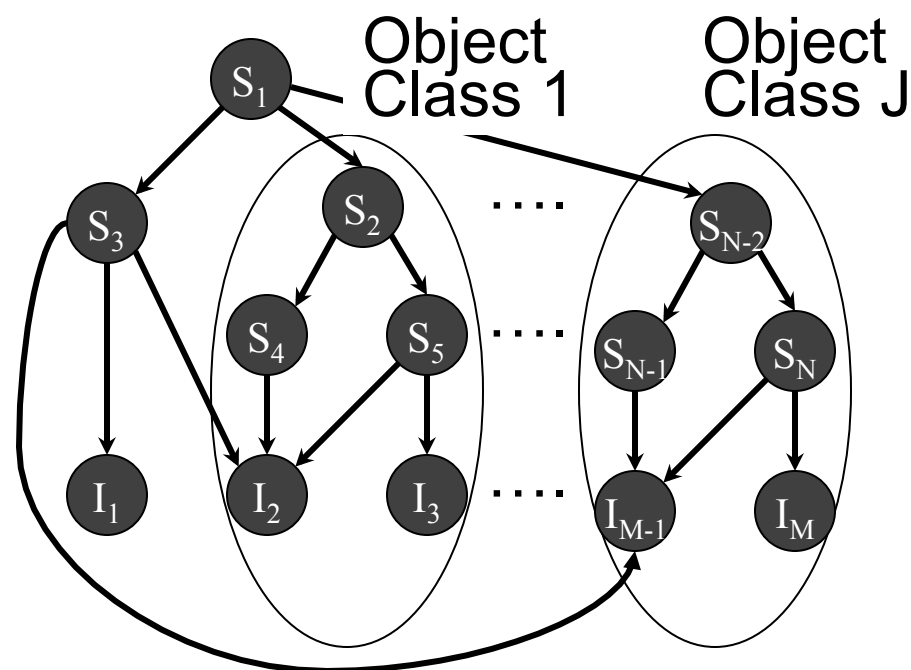
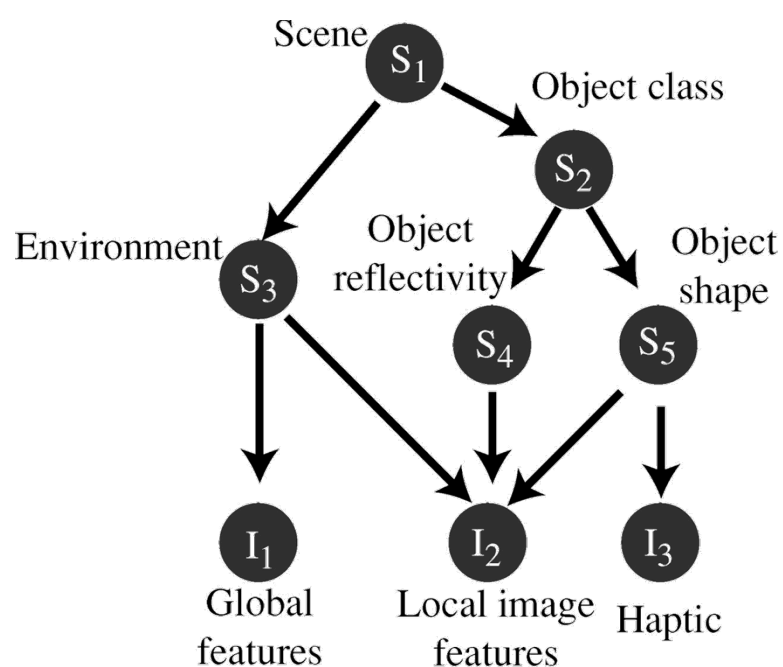


# Forward Graphics Analogy

- Sample a **scene** type
- Sample **N** object classes
- Sample **Objects** from each class (locations and attributes for each object)
- Sample **rendering variables** (lights, viewpoint)
- Sample **image features** from rendered scene



The graphical model for scene *inference* requires different structure for each scene

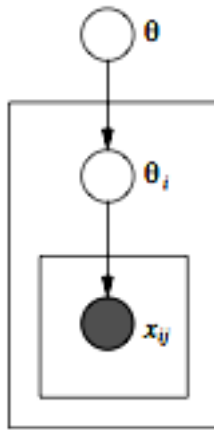


However, this structure is part of what we INFER in scene perception!

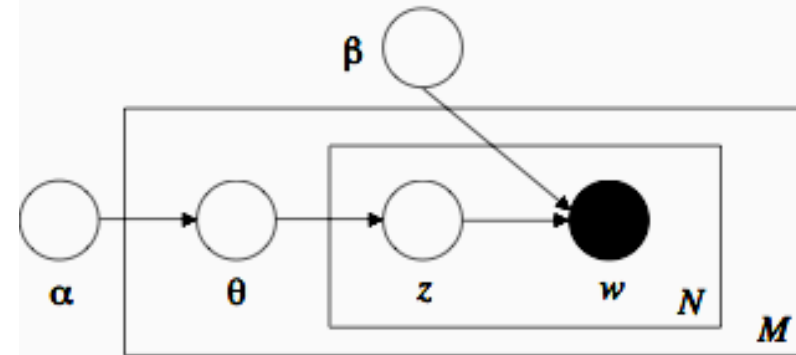
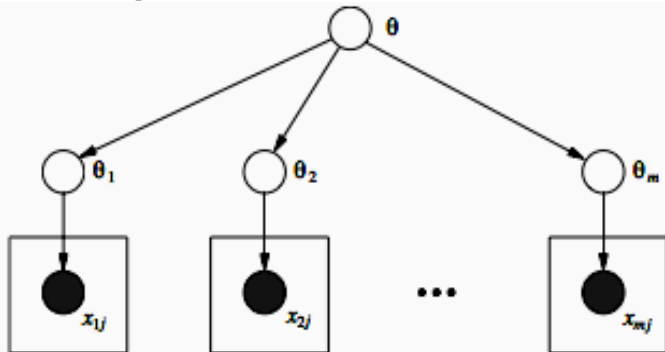


# Non-parametric Bayes

Plate notation:



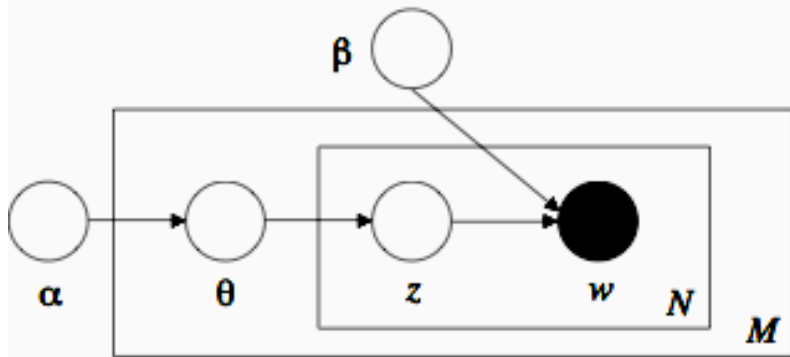
Is equivalent to:



- *Random variables for document clustering*
  - A **word** is a multinomial random variable  $w$
  - A **topic** is a multinomial random variable  $z$
  - A **document** is a Dirichlet random variable  $\theta$

Treats number of words and topics as *random variables*

# An analogy

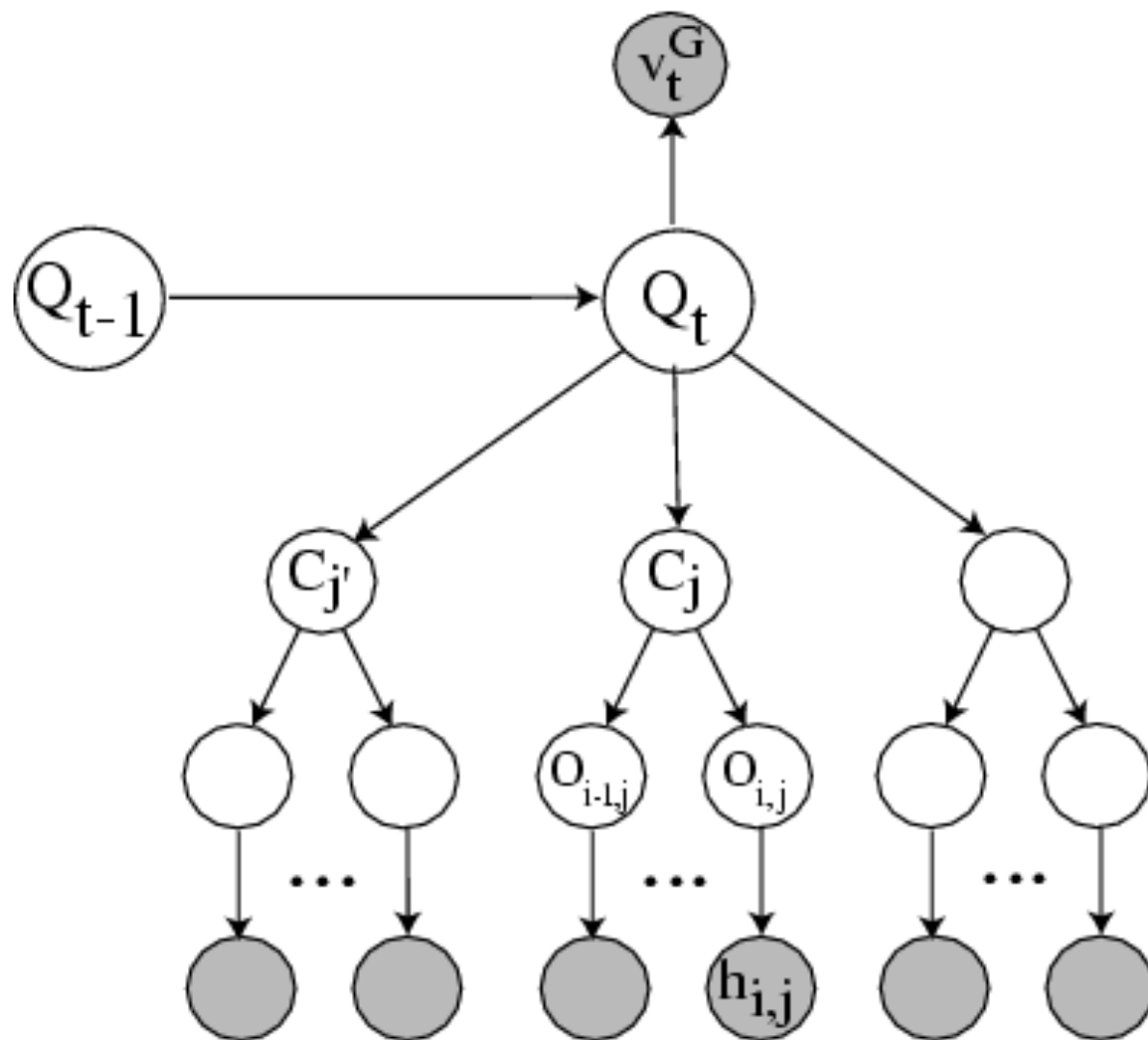


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- *Random variables for scene inference*
  - An **object class** is a multinomial random variable  $w$
  - A **subscene** is a multinomial random variable  $z$
  - A **scene** is a Dirichlet random variable  $\theta$

# Non-Parametric Bayes Model

- Parametric vs. non-parametric Bayes
  - Parametric: Fixed parameterization of the prior
    - Needs prior on space of all possible scenes
    - Difficult to learn models (curse of dimensionality)
    - Has generated skepticism of Bayes for vision
  - Non-parametric:
    - Developed in response to limitations of parametric approach
    - ***Only generates scene graph during inference***
    - Needs prior on scene construction (not scenes)
    - Parameters naturally coupled, reducing dimensionality
    - Increasingly used for “hard problems” in machine learning
    - Examples: Latent Dirichlet allocation, Chinese restaurant process, Indian buffet process, etc.

# Recent work in computer vision using this approach (Sudderth et al, 2006)



**Visual “gist”  
observations**

**Scene category**

kitchen, office, lab, conference  
room, open area, corridor,  
elevator and street.

**Object class**

**Particular objects**

**Local image features**

# “Top-down” information: a representation for image context

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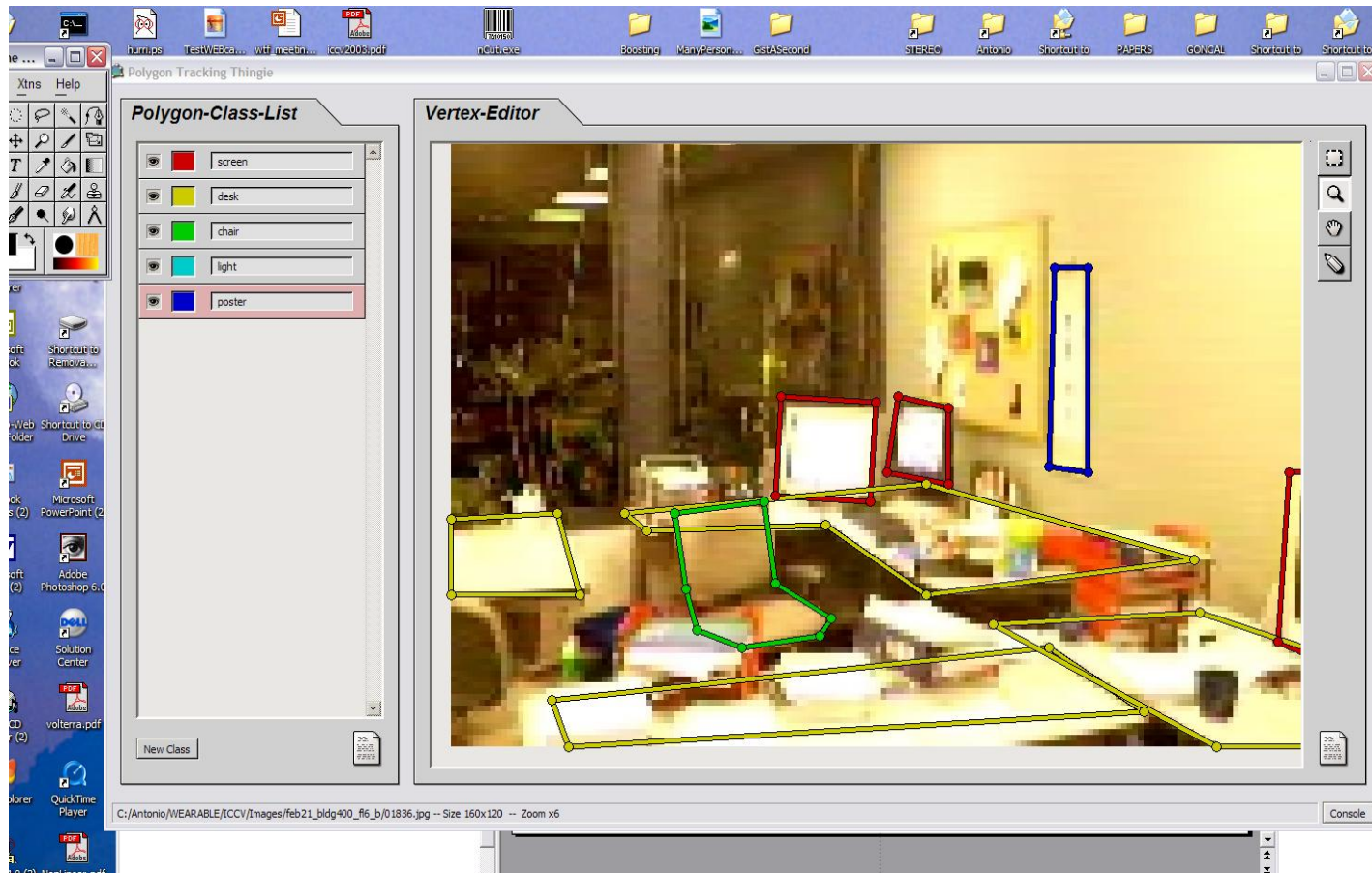


80-dimensional  
representation



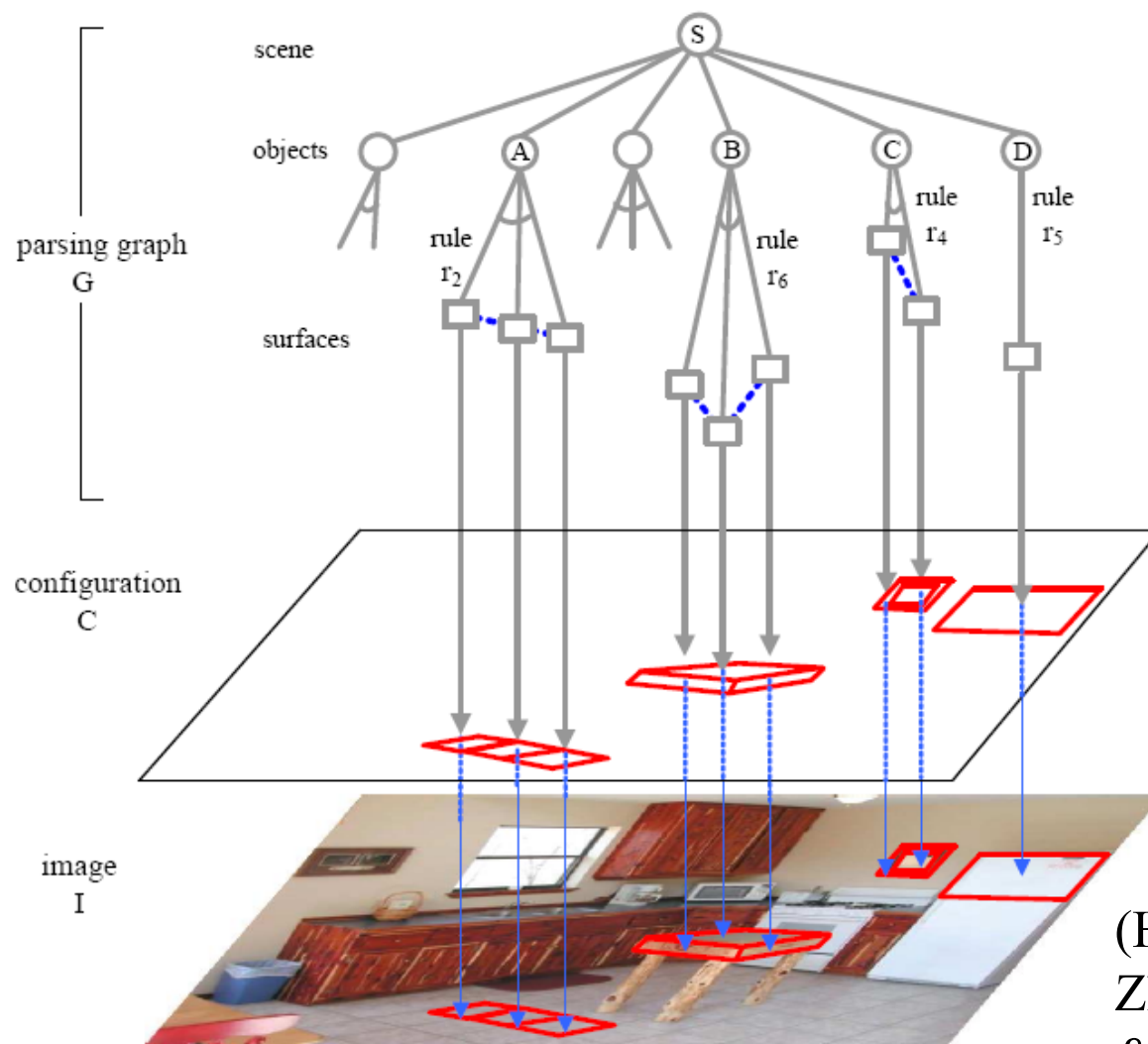
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“Bottom-up” information: labeled training data for object recognition.



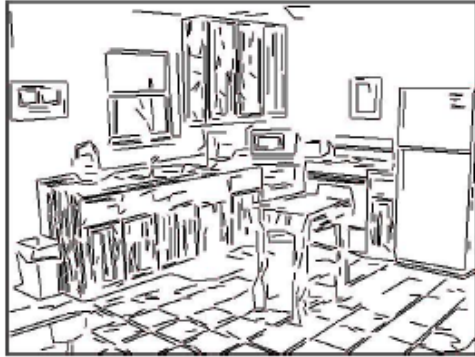
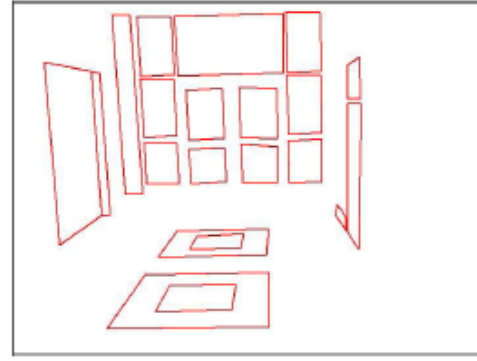
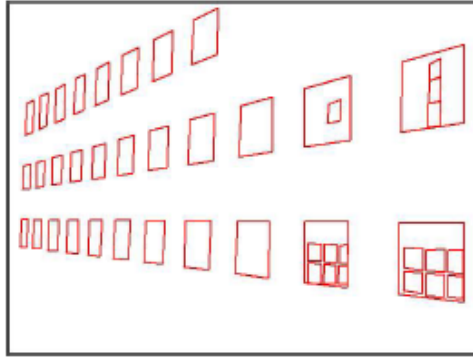
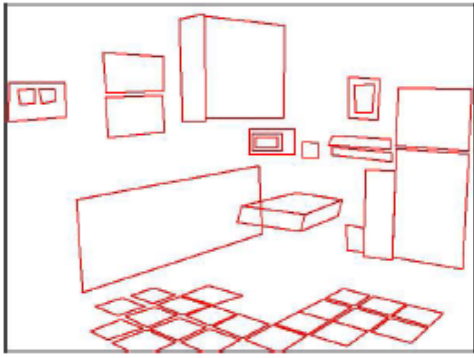
- Hand-annotated 1200 frames of video from a wearable webcam
- Trained detectors for 9 types of objects: bookshelf, desk, screen (frontal) , steps, building facade, etc.
- 100-200 positive patches, > 10,000 negative patches

# Vision as probabilistic parsing

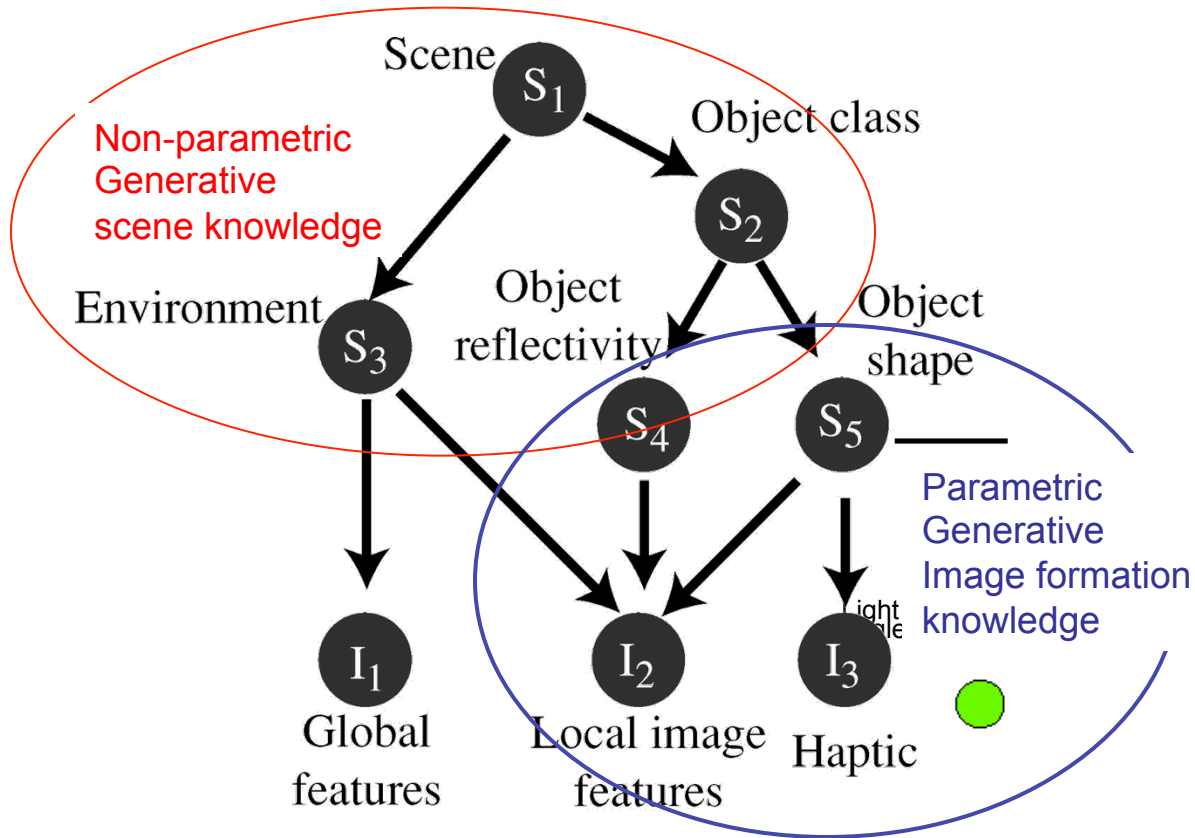


(Han & Zhu, 2006; c.f.,  
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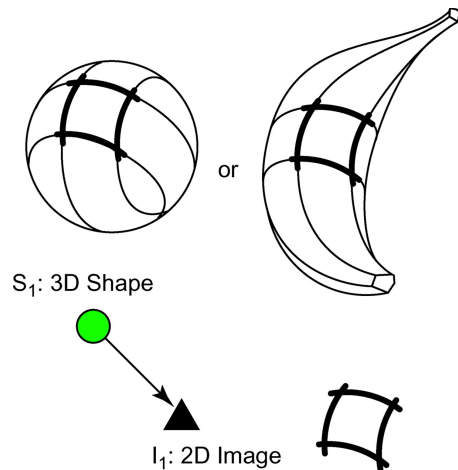


# Kinds of Generative Model

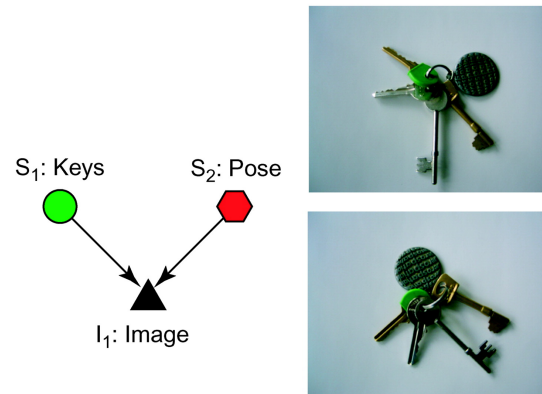


- **Scene:** *type* puts distributions on constituents, layout, lighting, etc
- **Object class:** puts distribution on object attributes
- **Image formation:** puts distribution on image measurements given objects
- **Dynamics model:** *transformations*

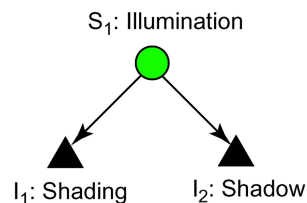
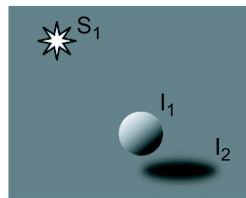
# Image formation generative knowledge



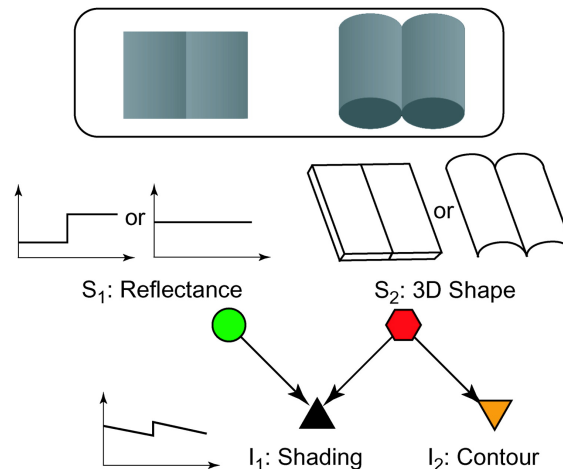
**A.** Basic Bayes



**B.** Discounting



**C.** Cue Integration



**D.** "Explaining Away"

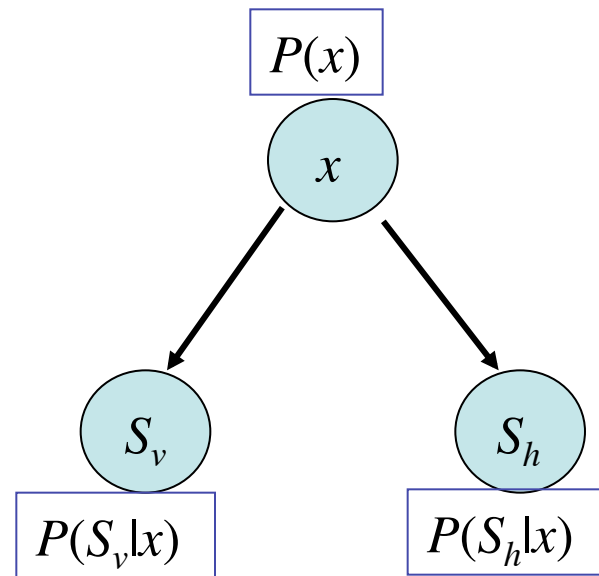
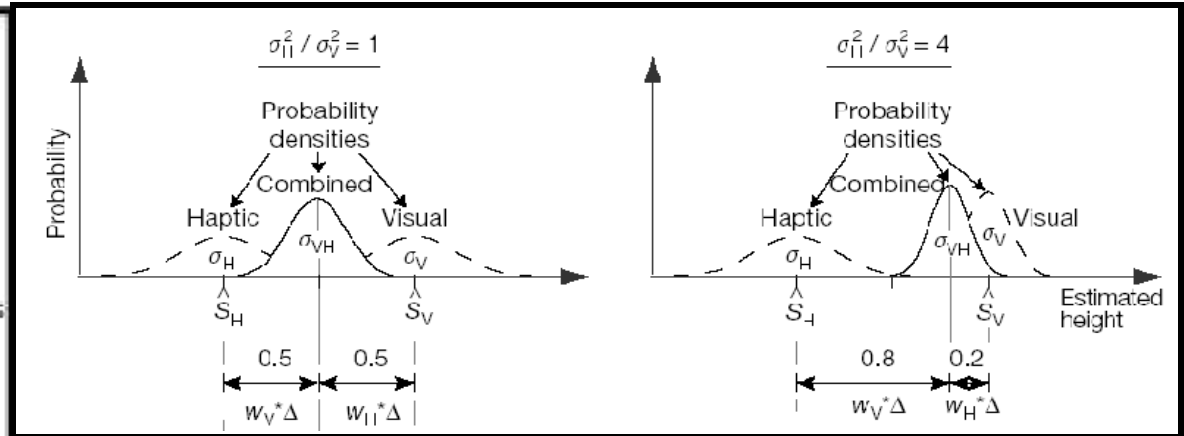
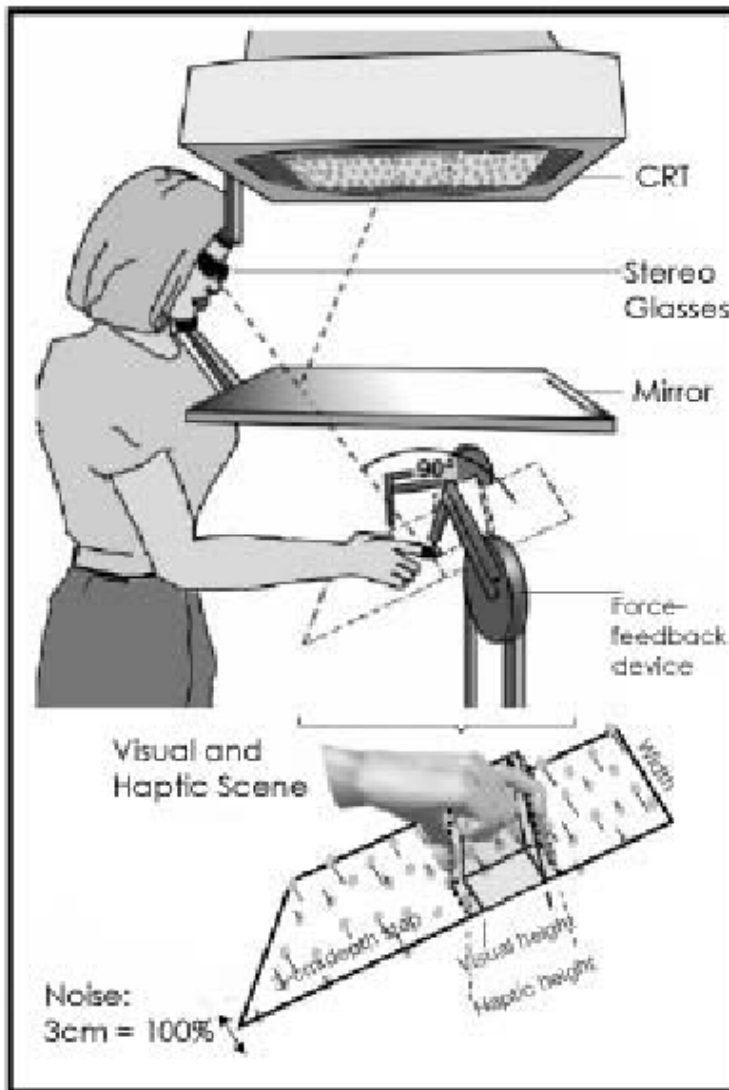


- Different relationships between image measurements and object attributes lead to different inference problems.
- Object property inference frequently requires knowing aspects of the scene (how many objects are present, illumination, object layout and pose, etc)

# Testing Image generative knowledge

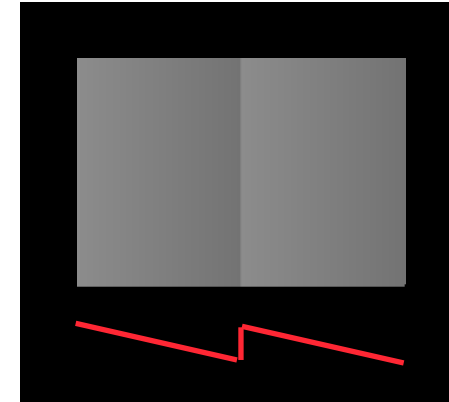
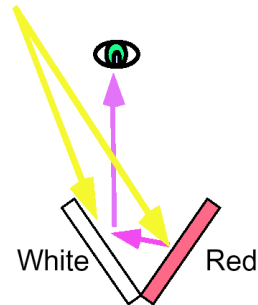
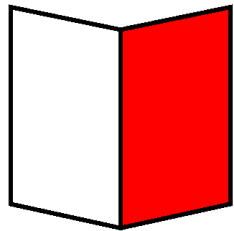
- How do we test whether people understand the relationship between object attributes and image measurements?
- Difficulty: Experimental design must eliminate *ambiguity in scene perception (number of objects, lighting, etc)*.
  - (otherwise not studying image formation generative knowledge at all)
- Case studies:
  - Cue integration (quantitative)
  - Explaining away (previously qualitative)

# Cue Integration

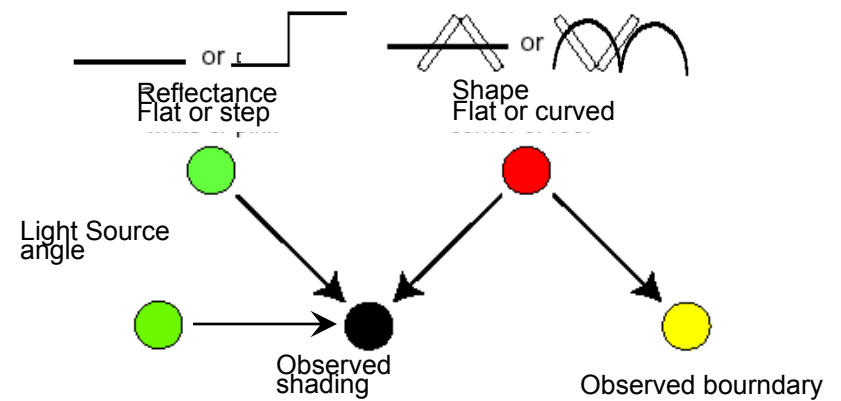
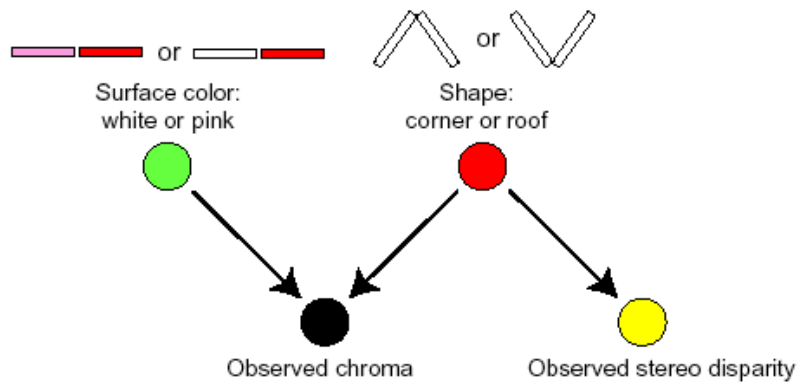
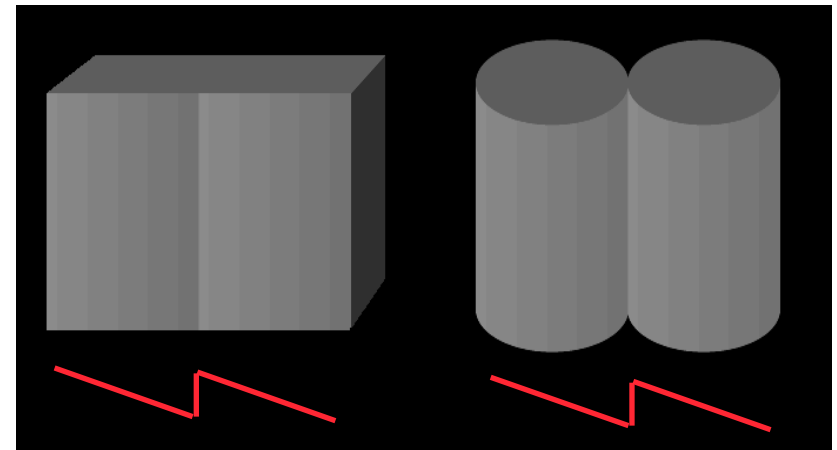
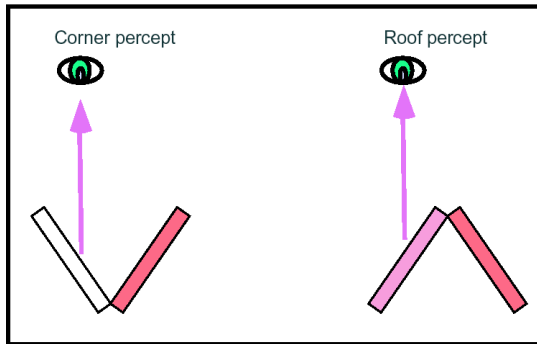


# Explaining away

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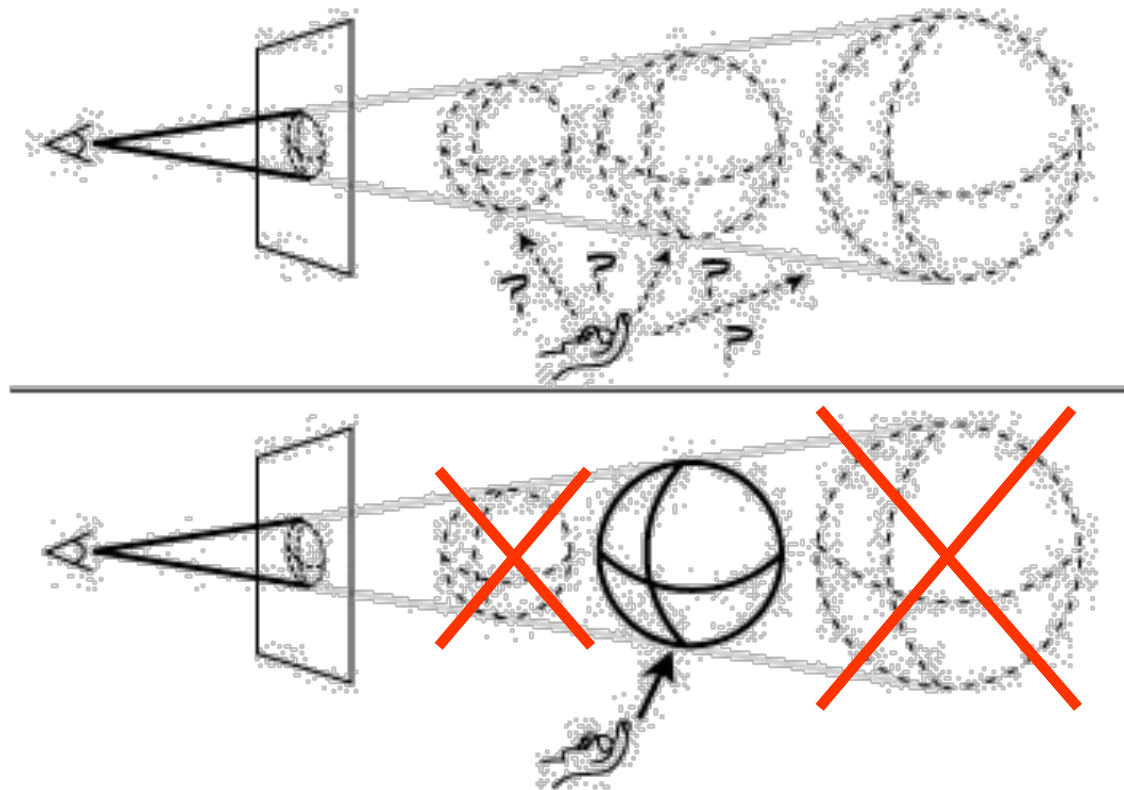


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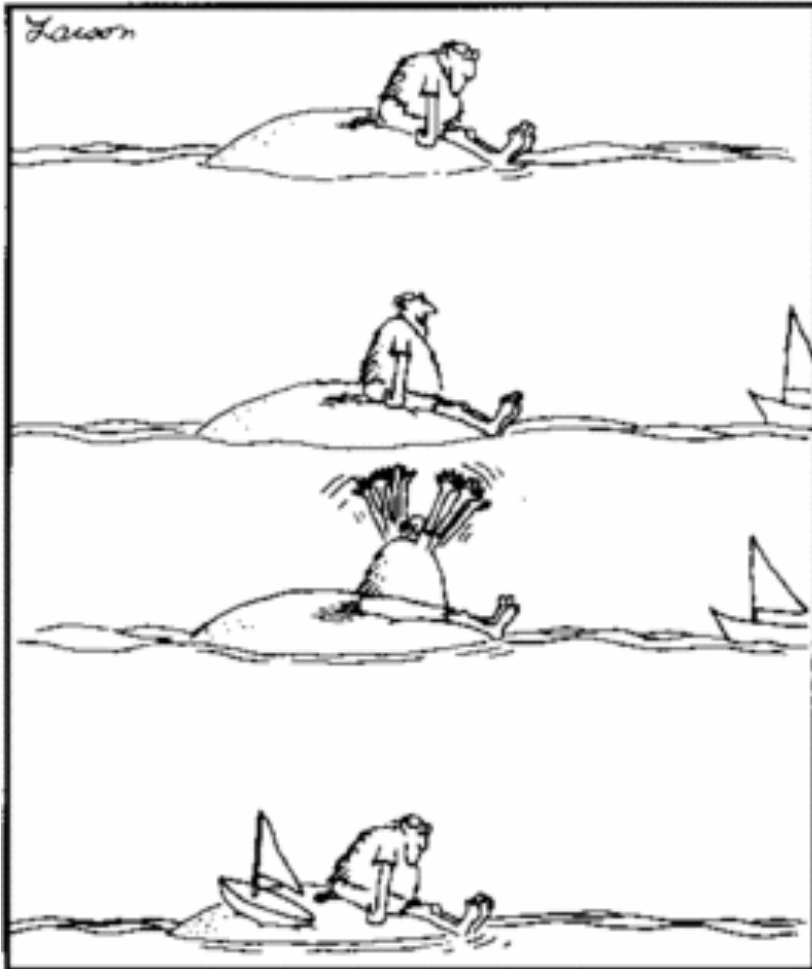
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# Experiment 1: Humans use size cues to improve distance perception

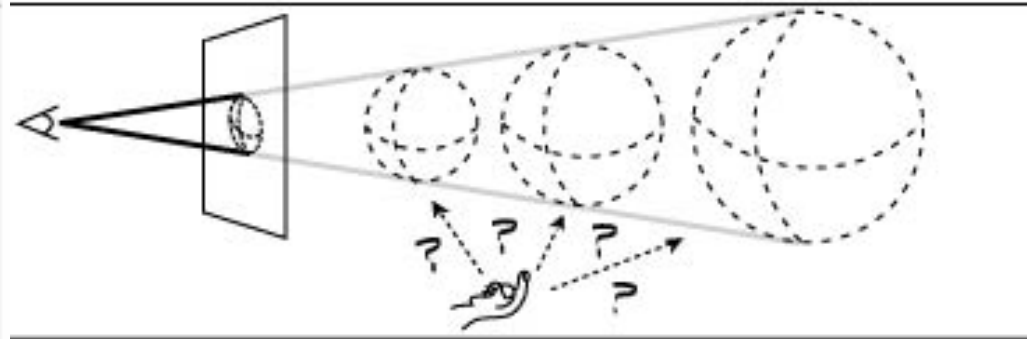




# The “size / distance” problem



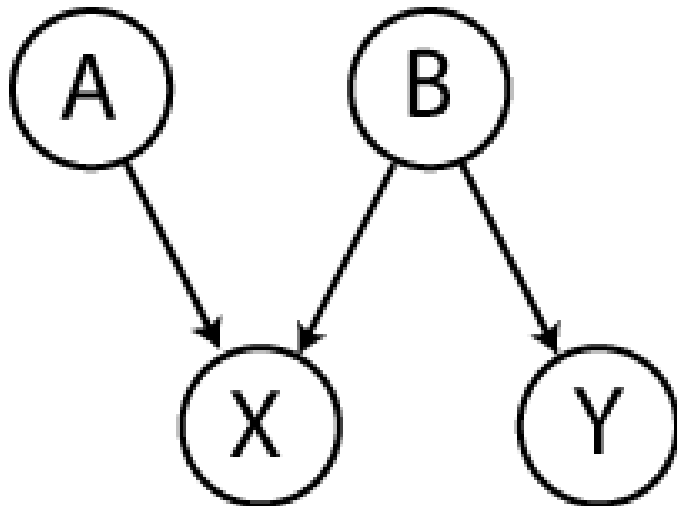
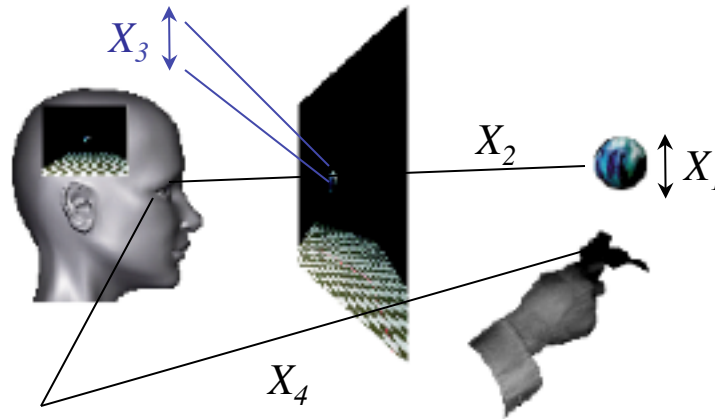
- **Size** and **distance** are *ambiguous* given only a monocular image size cue
  - Emmert's Law (Boring, 1940; Weintraub & Gardner, 1970)



# Quantitative Predictions for Explaining away?

## EXAMPLE

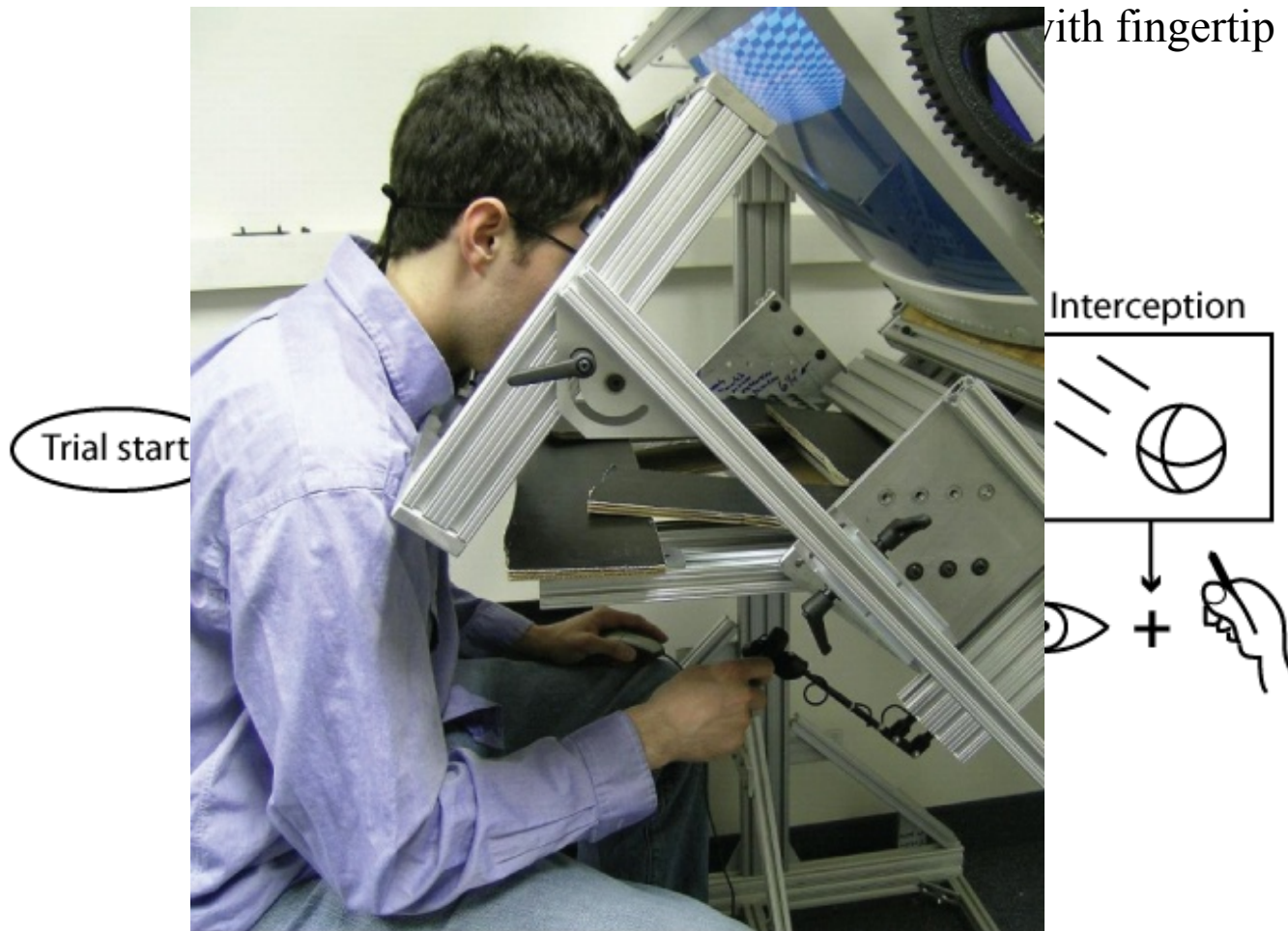
$A$  object size  
 $B$  object distance  
 $X$  image size  
 $Y$  “felt” distance



- *Sensory generative knowledge:*
  - constrains possible **size & distance** combinations to those consistent with the **image size cue** (Epstein et al., 1961)
- *Auxiliary size cue:*
  - rules out **size & distance** combinations that are inconsistent with auxiliary cue
  - allows unambiguous *inference* of **distance**
- Consistent with feature of Bayesian reasoning: Explaining Away (Pearl, 1988)

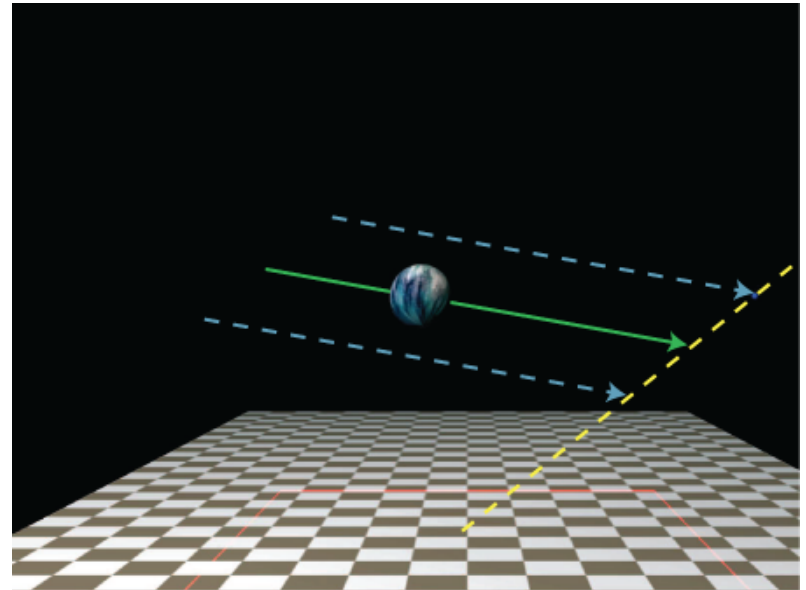
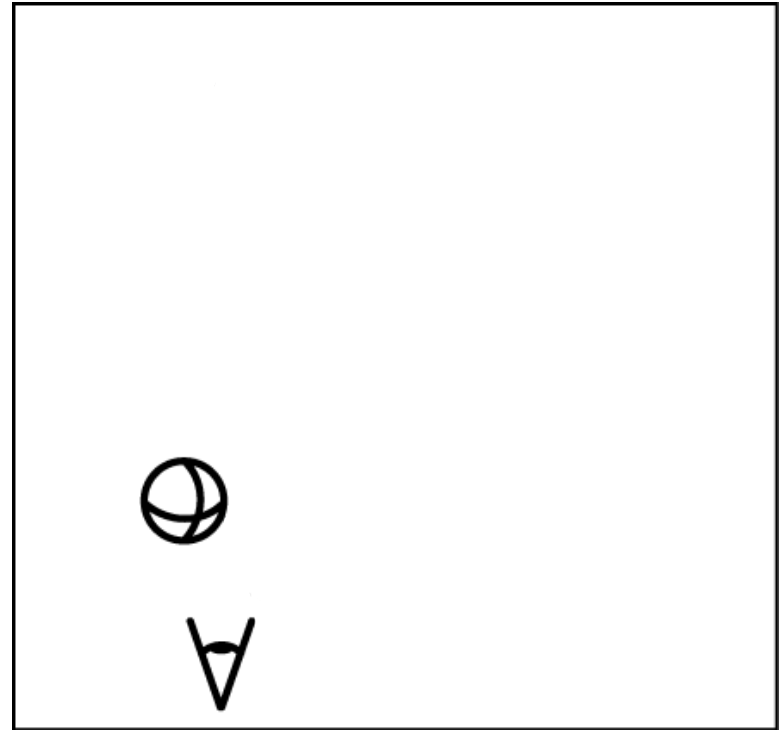
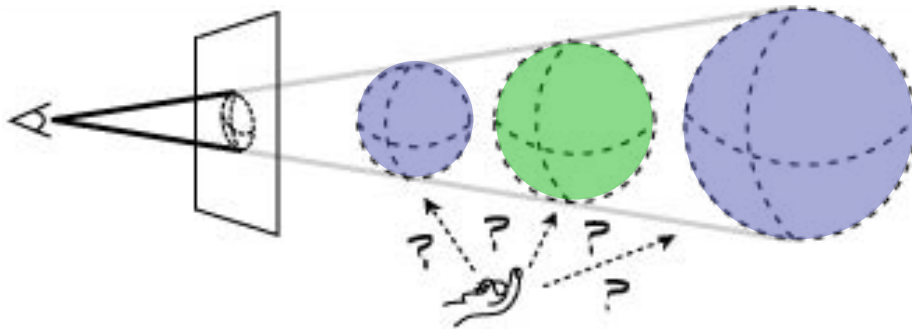
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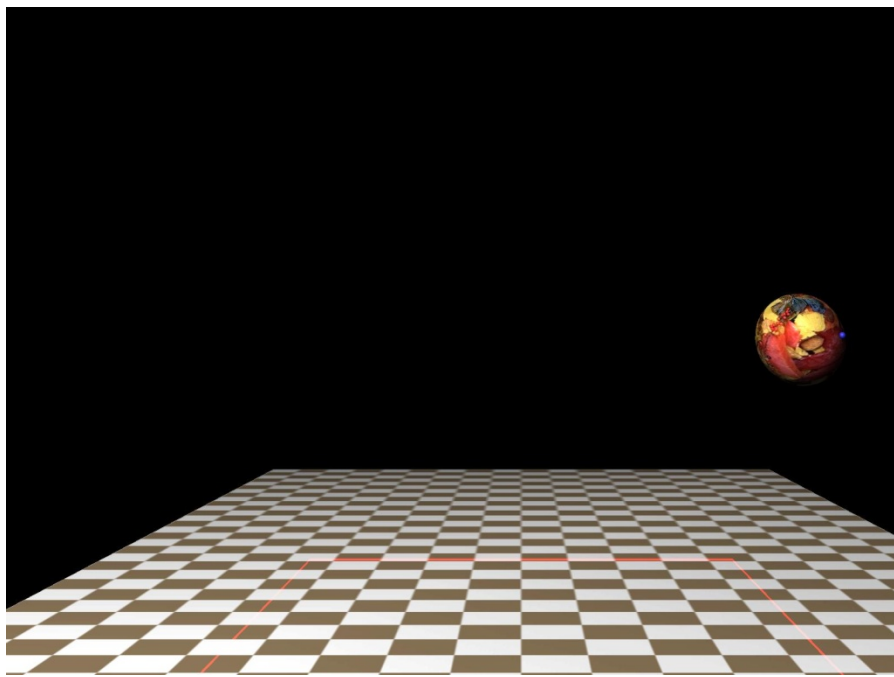
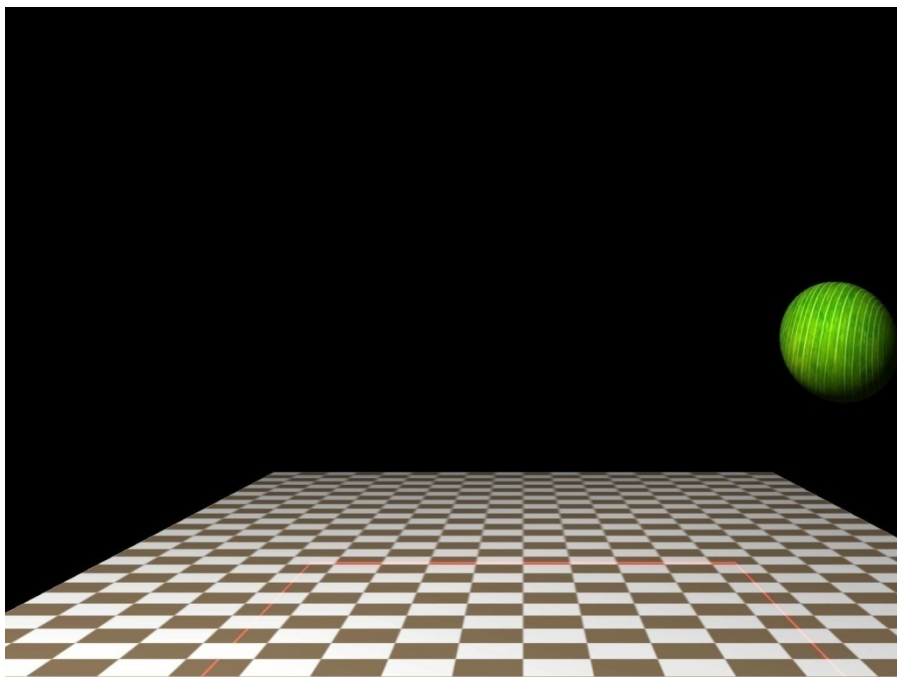
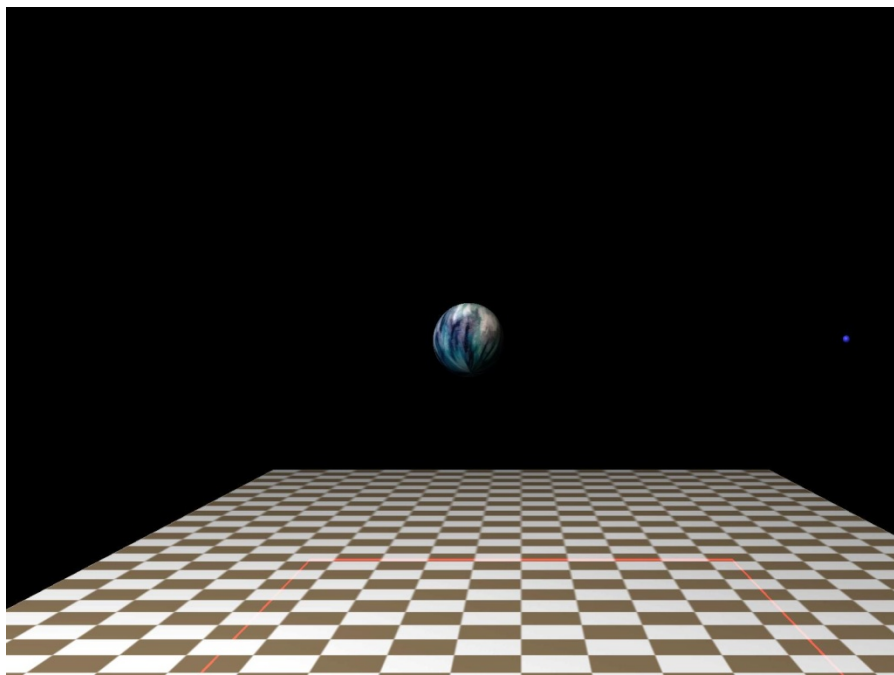
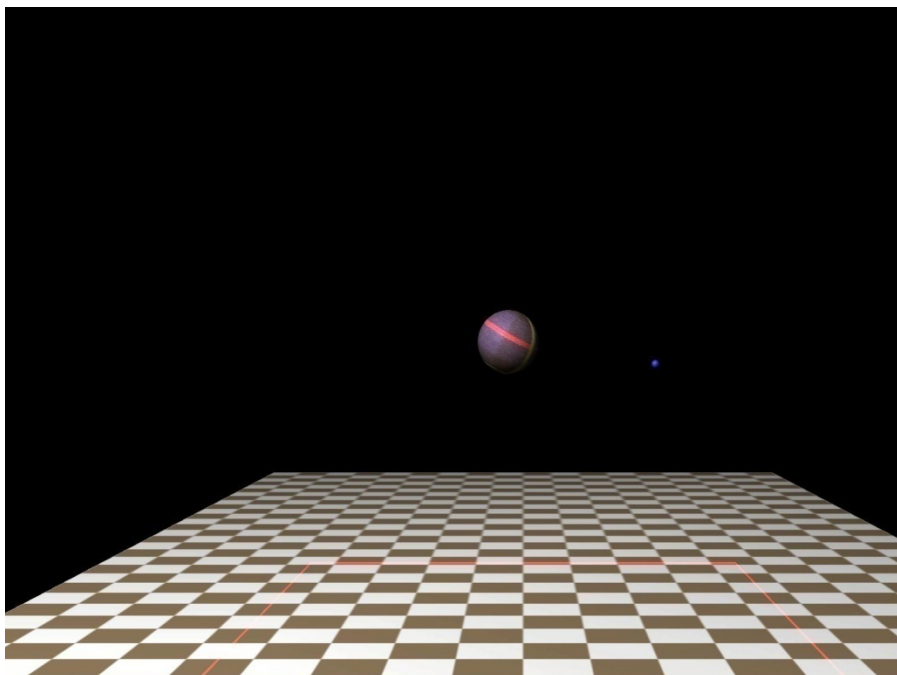
- 6 human participants in virtual reality workbench (PHANToM & 3D graphics)
- *Exploration phase:*
  - **NO-HAPTIC:** view ball, no touching



# Methods 2

- *Interception phase:*
  - Depress mouse
  - Ball moves to left of scene
  - Begins to approach and move rightward
  - Participant positions fingertip along “constraint line” to intercept
- Computer records:
  - True distance as ***crossing distance***
  - Fingertip position as ***judged distance***

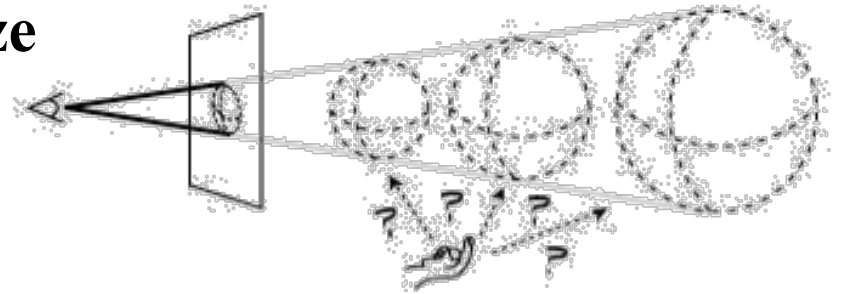




# Predictions:

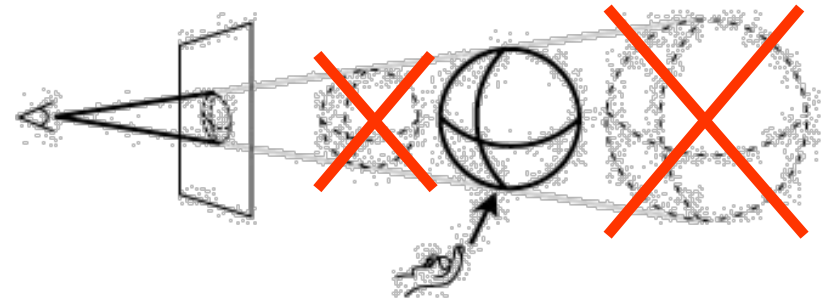
## 1) NO-HAPTIC case:

- *Judged distances* depend on **ball size**
- Substantial errors in *judged distances* due to ambiguity

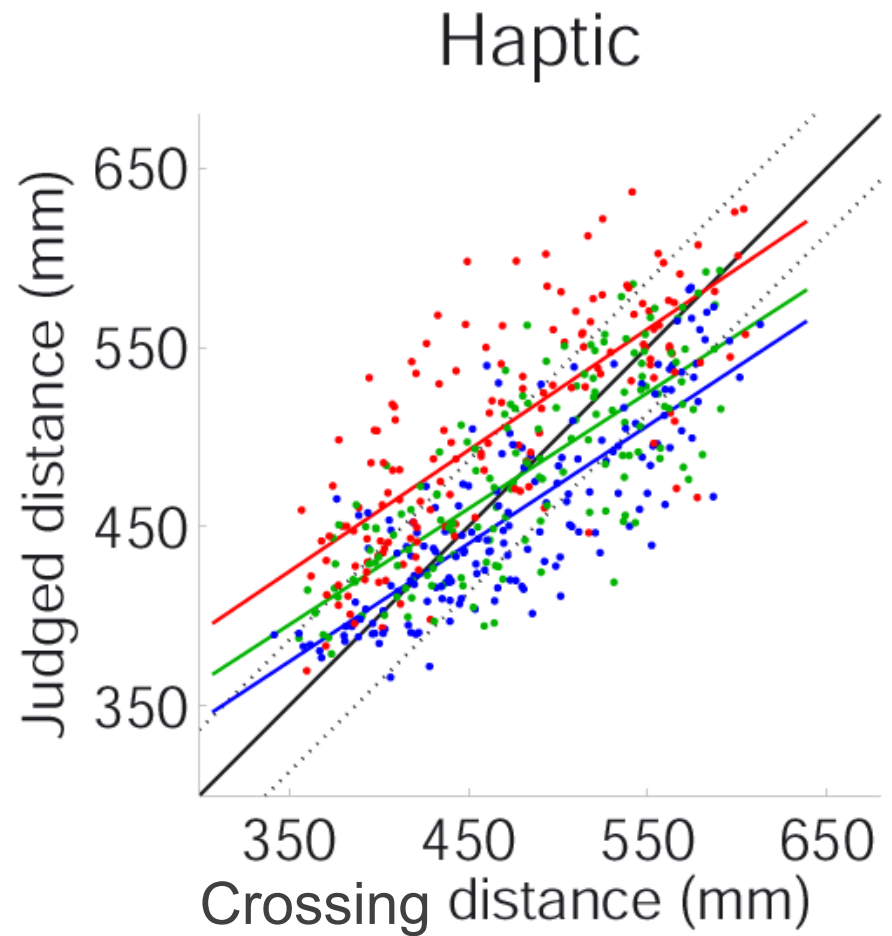
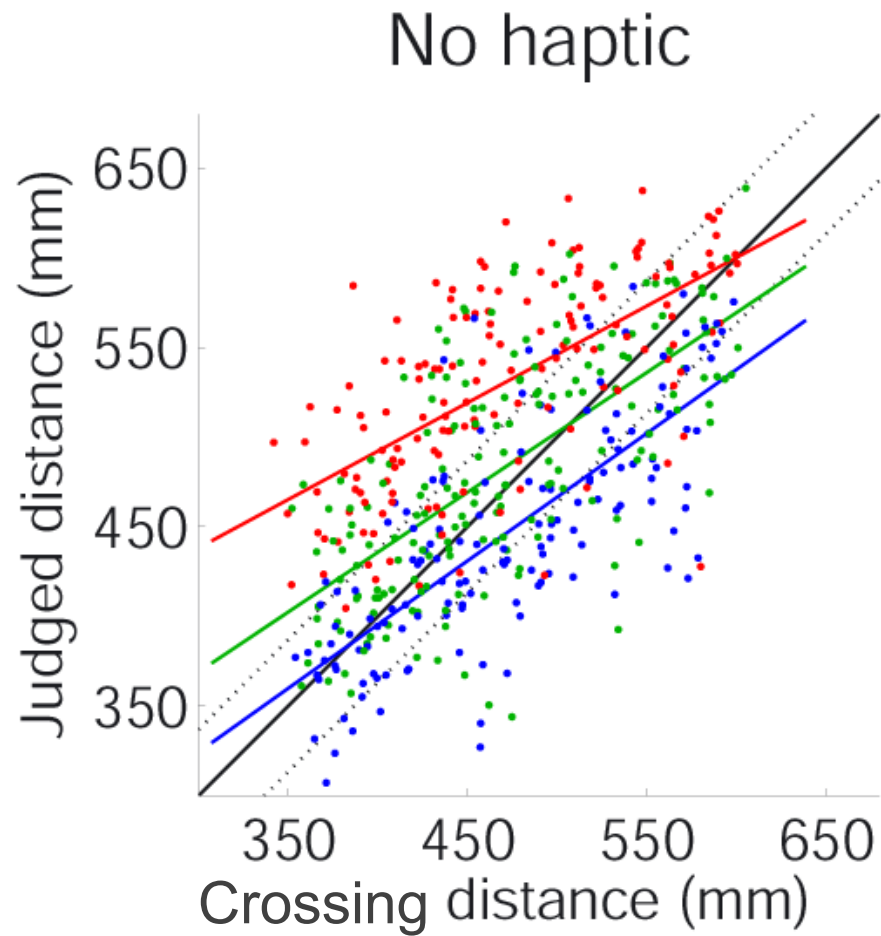


## 2) HAPTIC case:

- *Judged distances* depend **LESS** on **ball size**
- Reduced errors due to *explaining away* of inconsistent distances



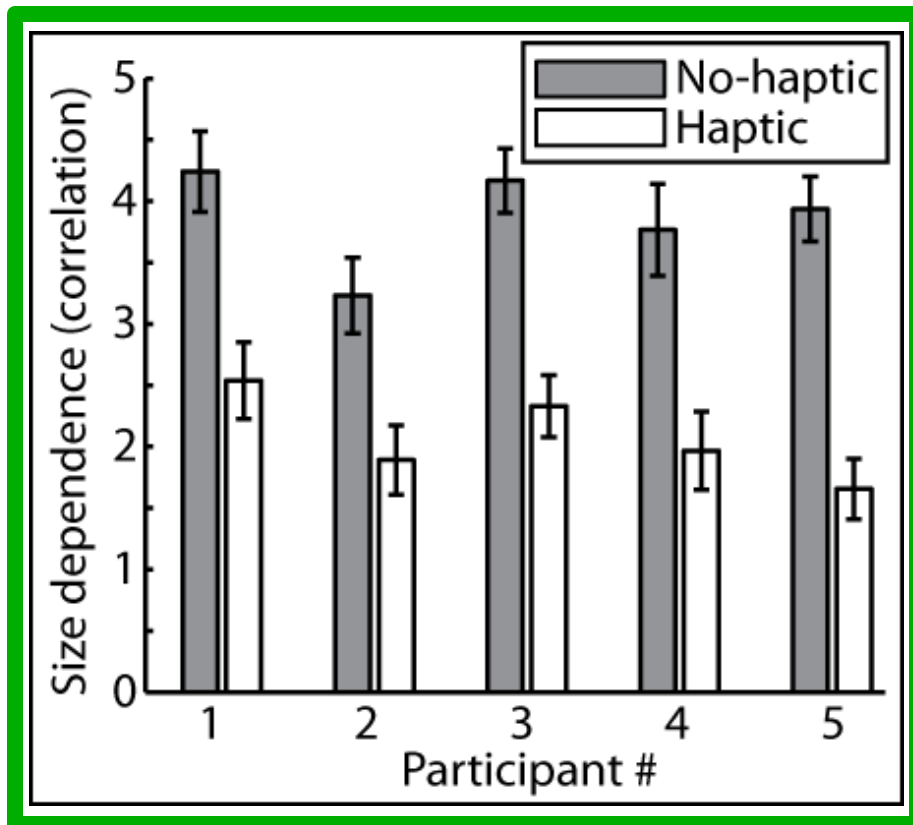
## Judged distances vs. crossing distances (participant 4)



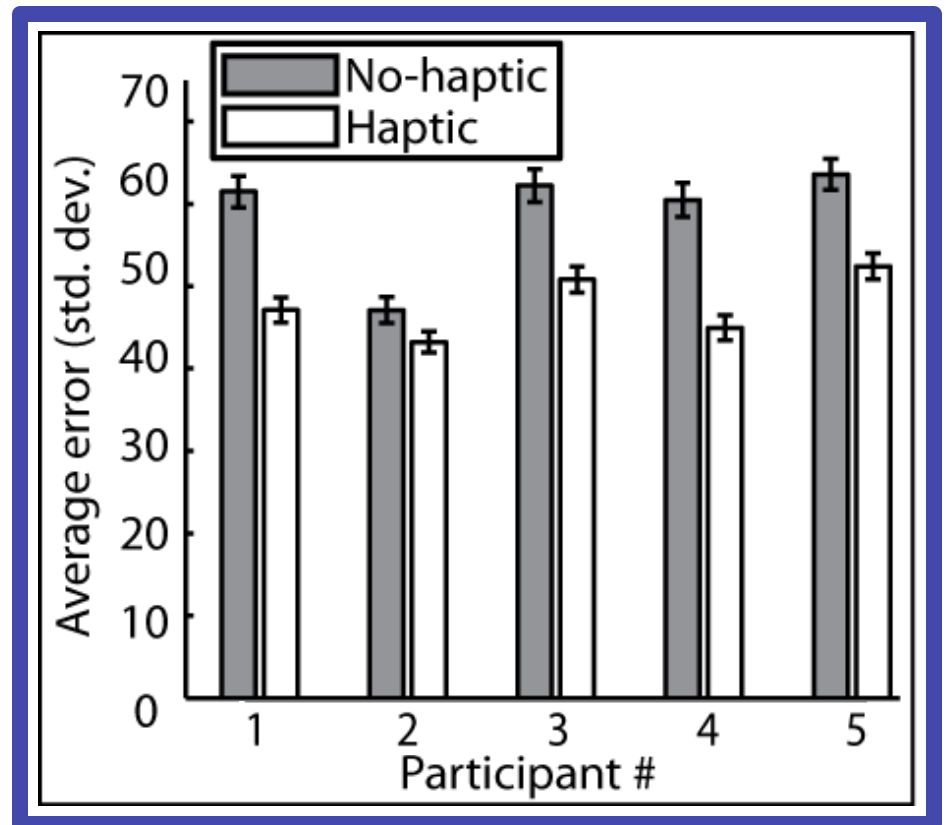


# Results:

## Size dependence

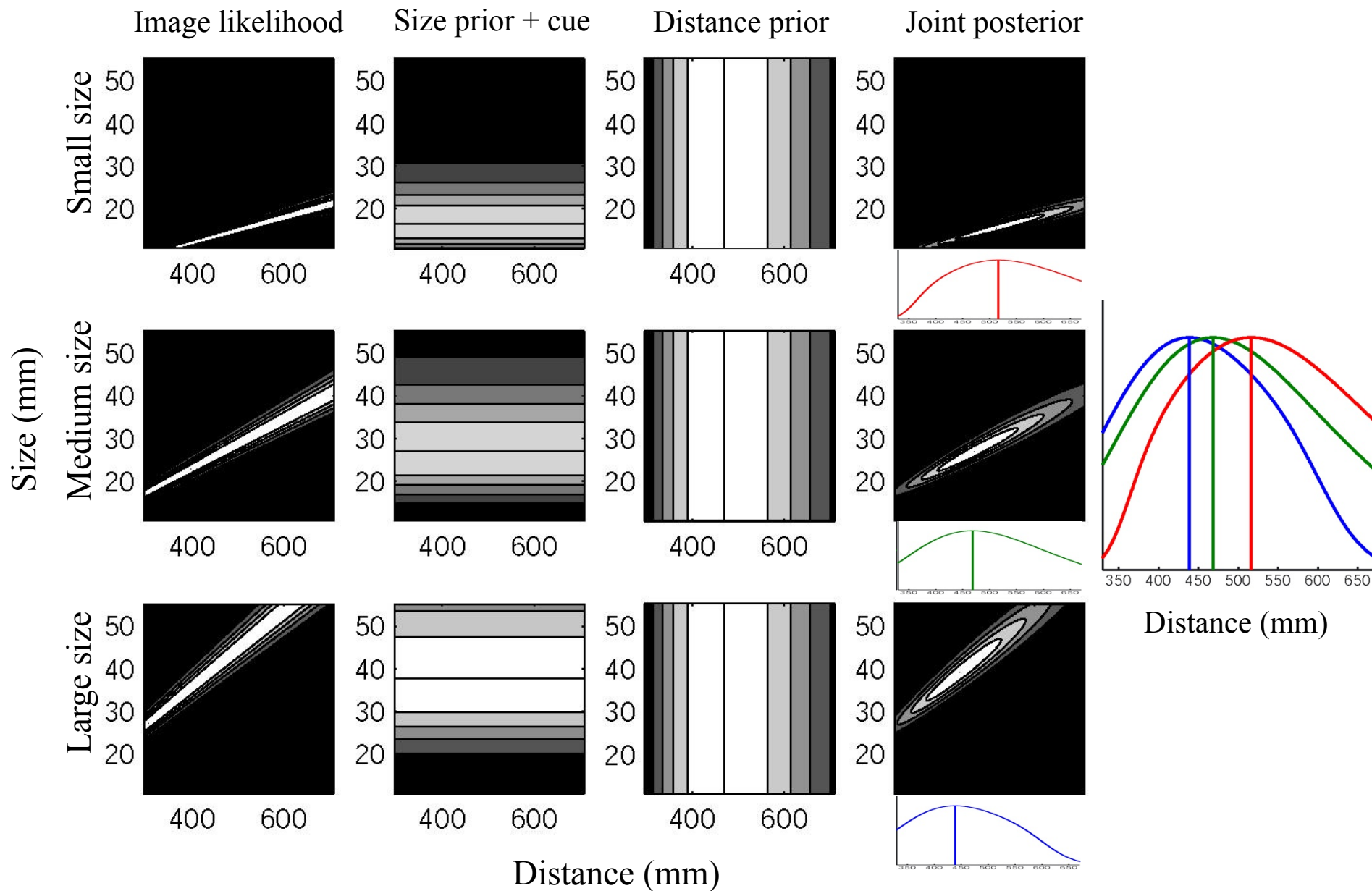


## Accuracy



ALL SAME DISTANCE

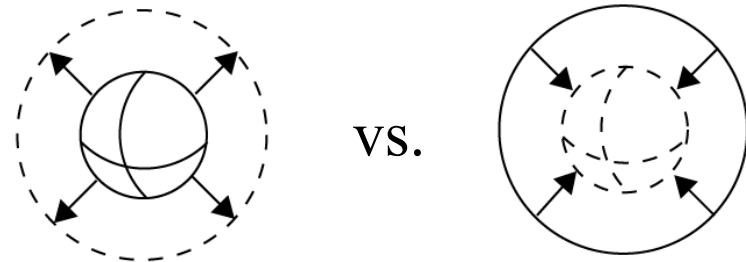
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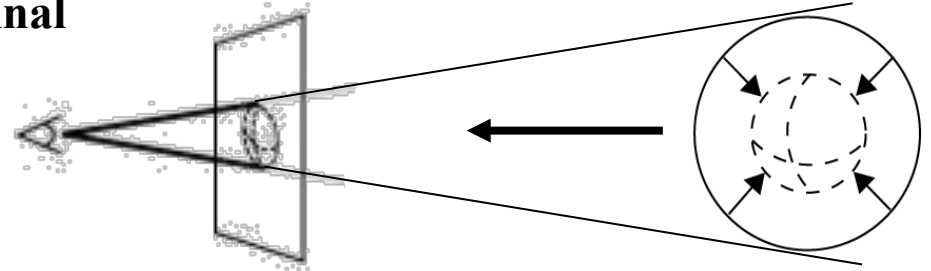
- Bayesian model does a good job of predicting data
- Modeling the participants as “sampling from their posteriors” does better job of predicting data than modeling them as “MAP estimators”
- Reasonable noise estimates:
  - Vis. angle noise std. dev.  $\sim [6, 30]$  minutes @ [81, 410]
  - Haptic size noise std. dev.  $\sim [2, 5]$  mm @ [14, 42]

# Size-change perception

- Extension of *size/distance* problem:
  - **size-change** perception



- Example:
  - Imagine viewing a balloon whose **retinal image size** is *shrinking*
  - The balloon may be *deflating*, OR *inflating* and receding rapidly
  - Knowing the **distance-change** rate can disambiguate the **size-change** rate



- Experimental question:
  - Can auxiliary **distance-change** cues improve **size-change** judgments?
  - Are both HAPTIC and STEREO **distance-change** cues effective?

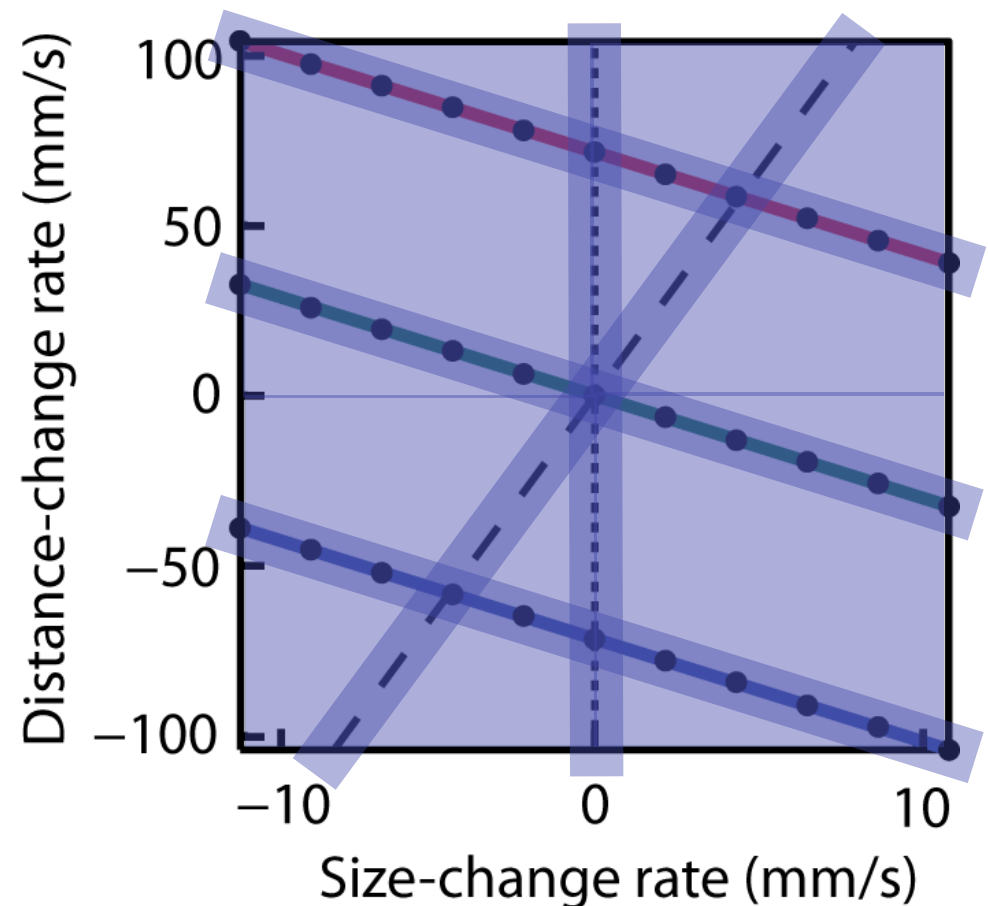
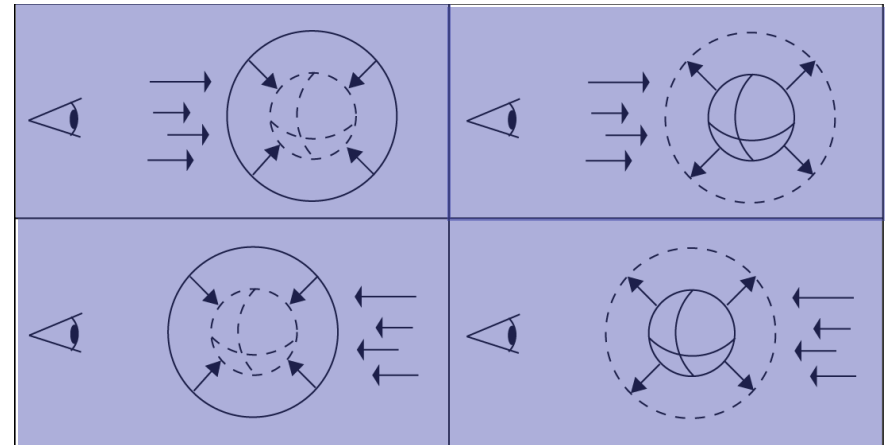
# Psychophysical Methods 1



- 11 human participants in virtual reality workbench (PHANToM & 3D graphics)
  - (1 outlier was removed)
- Stimulus: monocularly-viewed ball that changed in size and distance
- Distance-change cues:
  - **HAPTIC**: 1 fingertip “stuck” in center of ball as it moves
  - **STEREO**: binocular images consistent with real physical projection
- After 1000ms, participant chooses:
  - **INFLATING** or **DEFLATING**

## Methods 2:

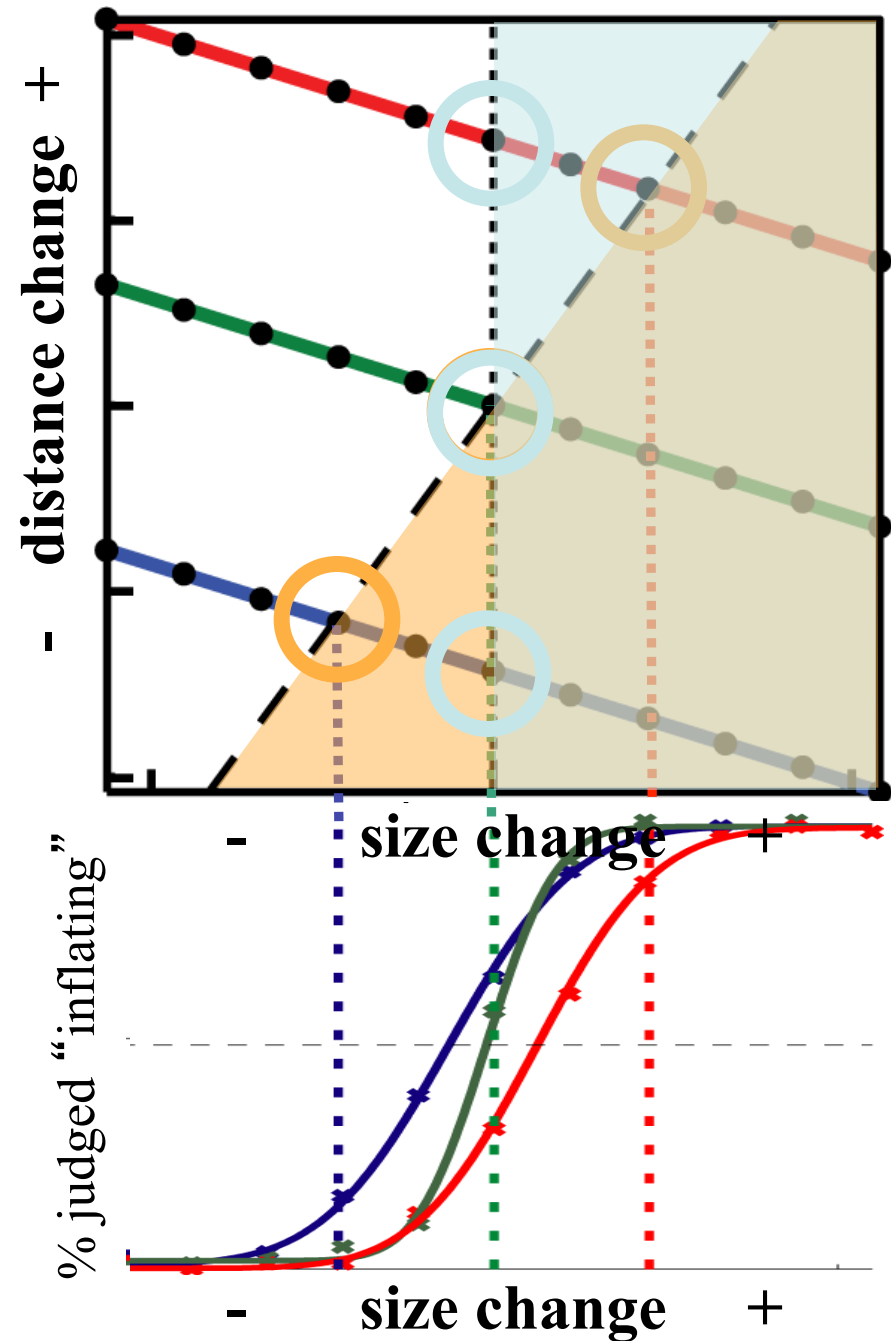
- 330 trials per 4 distance-cue cases:
  - 1) No Auxiliary cues
  - 2) Haptic-only
  - 3) Stereo-only
  - 4) Haptic & Stereo
- Each case: 3 psychometric functions - 11 points x 10 repetitions per point (black dots) - were measured.
- Diagonal, dashed line: size- & distance-change combinations that yield **ZERO** image size-change.
- Vertical, dotted line: boundary of unbiased discrimination between inflating and deflating sizes.



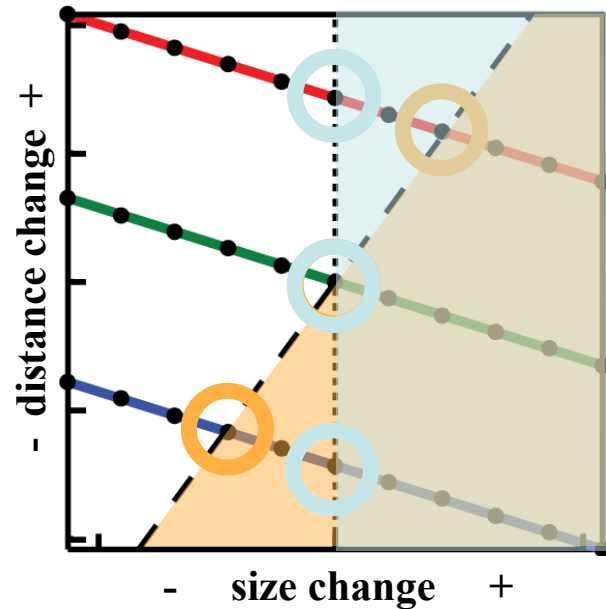
# Predictions:

2 predictions for “explaining away” observer:

1. No Auxiliary case: psychometric curves along the diagonal, dotted line
2. Auxiliary cases: psychometric curves along the vertical, dotted line



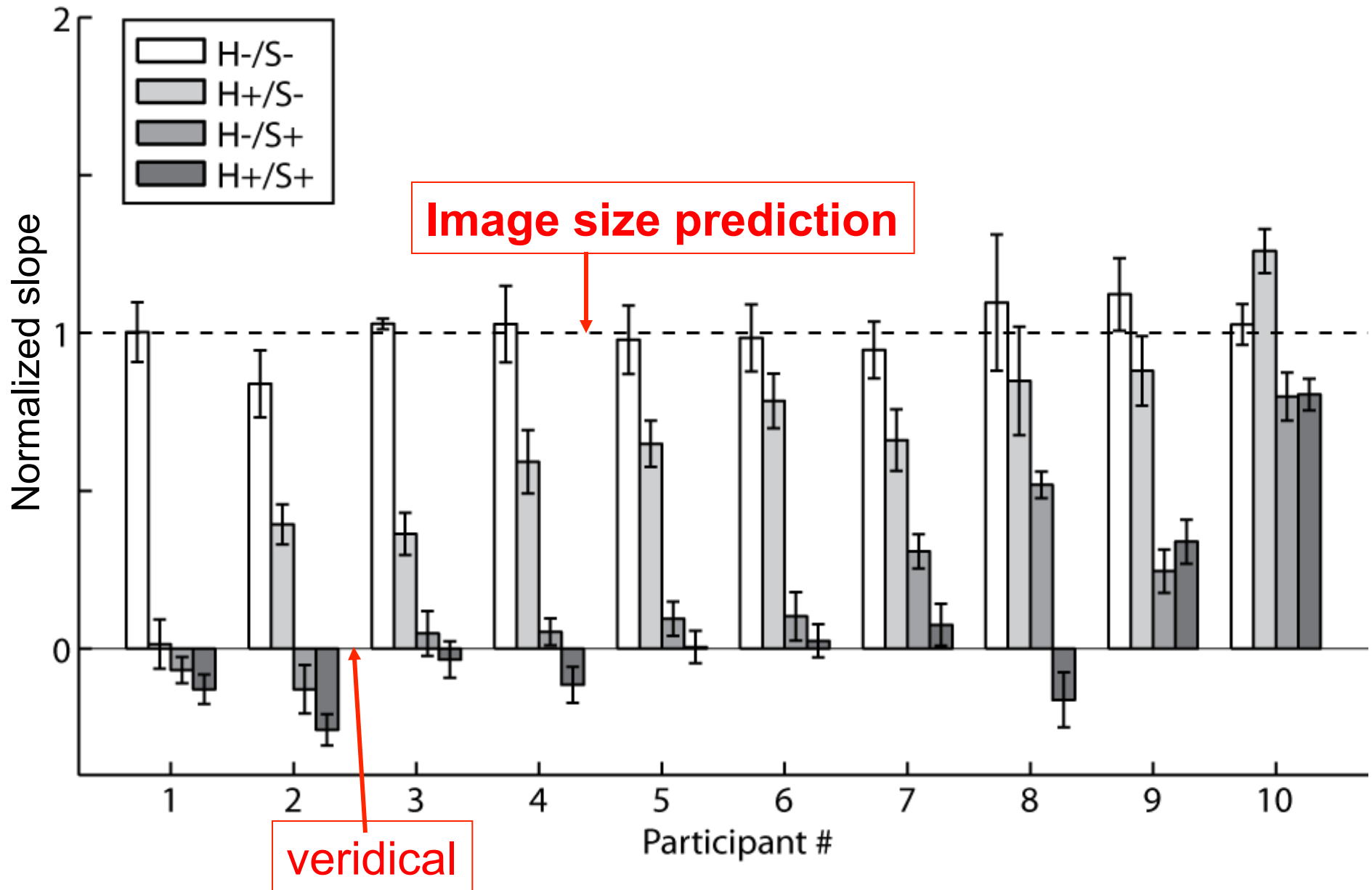
## Results



1. No Auxiliary case: the size-change judgments are based on image size-change.
2. Haptic-only, Stereo-only, Haptic & Stereo: increased veridicality, physical size-change is more accurately judged.

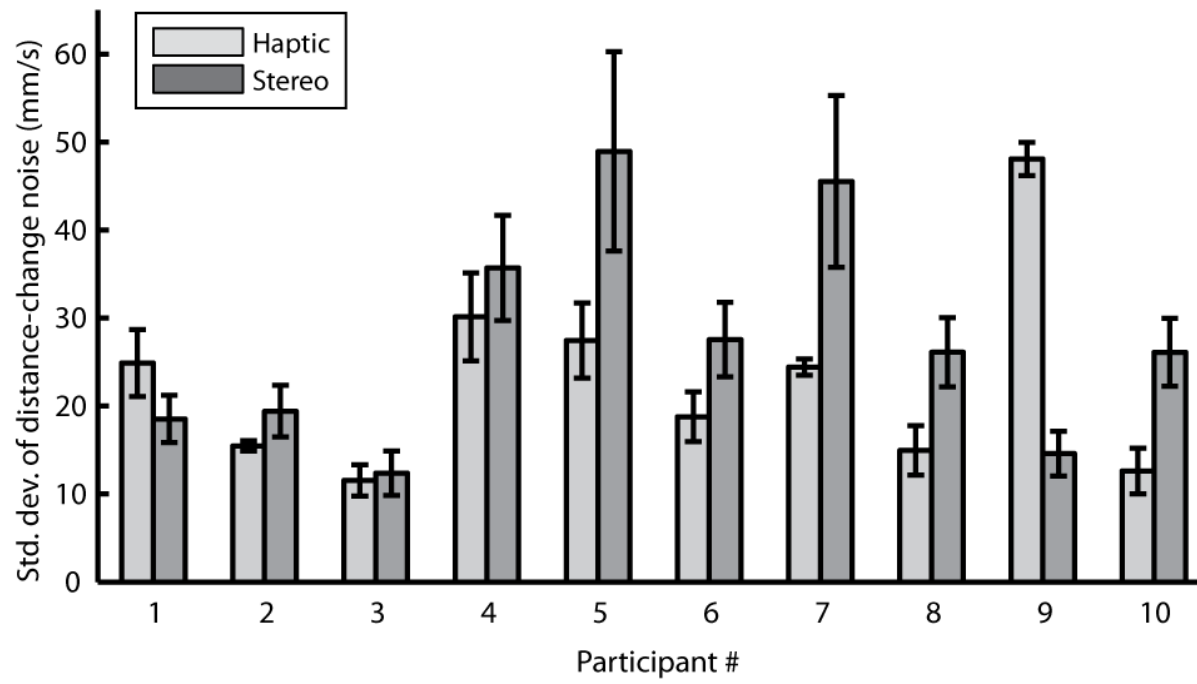


## Summary of participants' normalized slopes

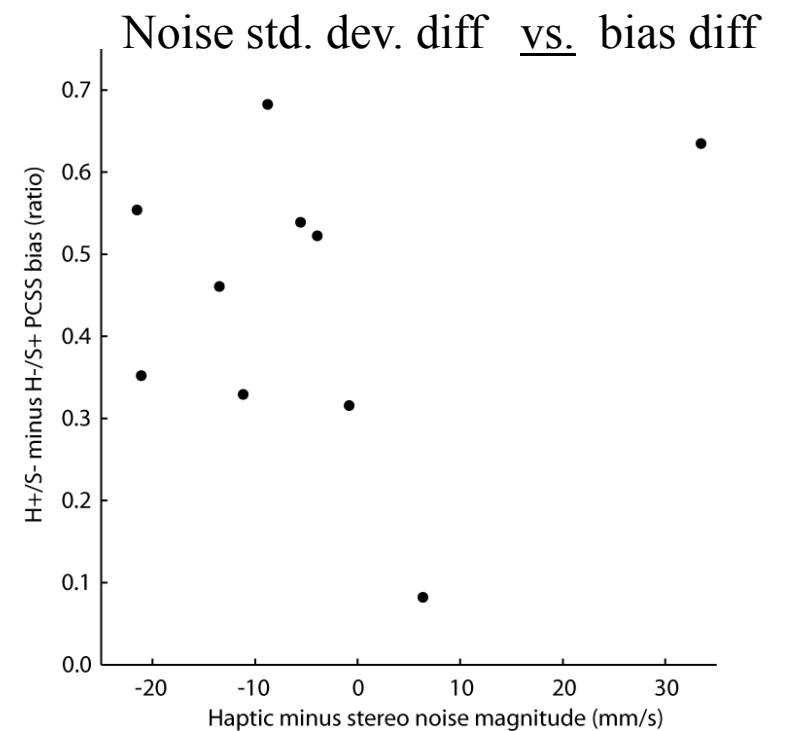


## Why is **stereo** > **haptic**?

- Follow-up experiment: measured stereo & haptic distance-change cue reliabilities (Ernst, 2005)
- 2IFC: “Which interval contained faster ball?”
- Psychometric function (cumulative normal) slope gives us each cue’s noise std. dev.



NO CORRELATION → not simply a difference in auxiliary cue quality



# Experiment 2: Conclusions

- Participants use **distance-change cues** to improve their **size-change** perception.
- **Stereo distance-change cue** is more useful than *haptic*
  - There is a discrepancy between how haptic and stereo distance information are used to improve size-change judgments.
- *Haptic* and *stereo* distance-change cues have similar reliability
  - (perhaps even haptic > stereo)

## Possible reasons for stereo/haptic discrepancy:

- Brain is suboptimal - does not exploit haptic cue's full potential
- Brain understands haptic distance cue is less likely to be causally-related to image size cue, thus only integrates it partially (Koerding et al., 2007)
- Next steps:
  - Quantitative Bayesian model
  - Causal model

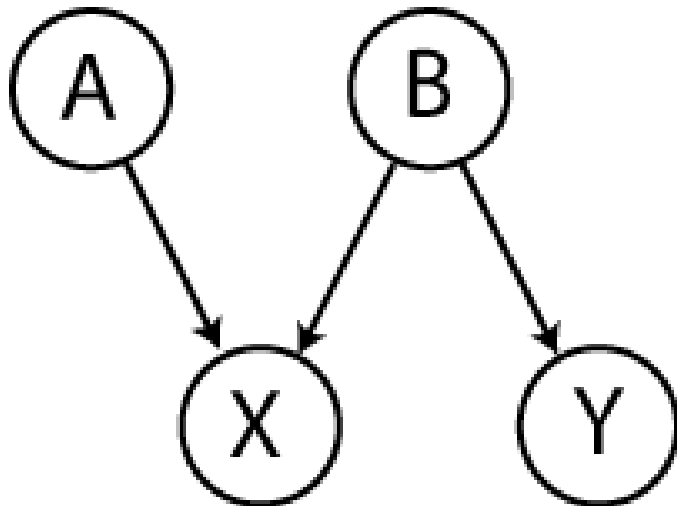
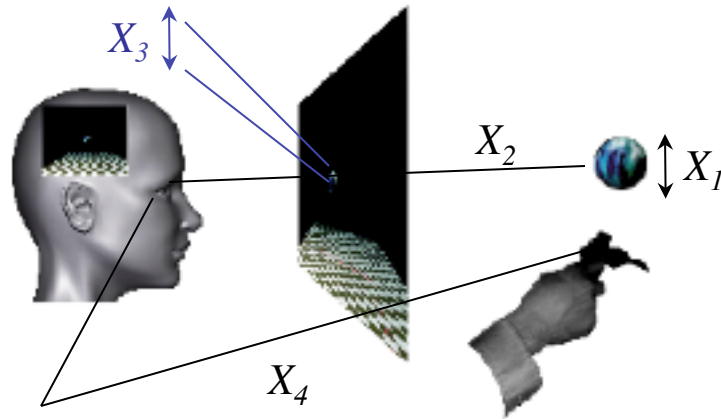
## General Conclusions

- Uncertainty and ambiguity plague perceptually-guided actions.
- The brain has knowledge of each, and forms percepts and plans actions to overcome their negative consequences.
- Generative knowledge has (potentially) a hierarchical structure
- Non-parametric Bayesian models provide a language to handle the difference between fixed relationships and those that vary from scene to scene, sharing relevant information across scenes.
- Such processing is characteristic of Bayesian reasoning and decision-making.

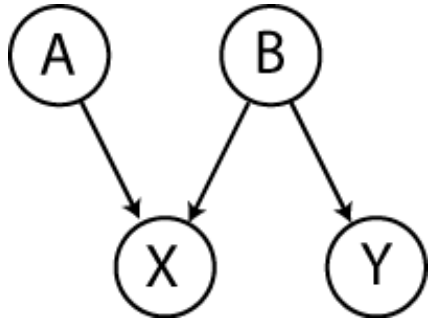
# Quantitative Predictions for Explaining away?

## EXAMPLE

$A$  object size  
 $B$  object distance  
 $X$  image size  
 $Y$  “felt” distance



# Making more Complex *Qualitative* Predictions

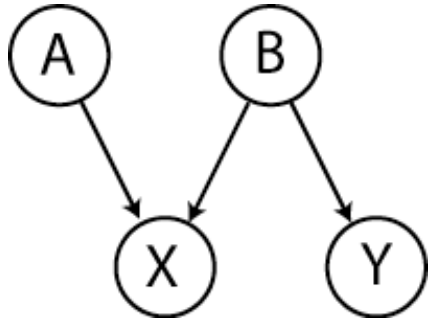


GOAL: Not meant to be a substitute for modeling, but how do you get cute “cue weight formulas” for complex models

- Given a network structure
- Linearize around values of hidden variables to 2nd order (moment matching, taylor, Laplace)

$$\begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \end{bmatrix} = T \cdot \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \omega_X \\ \omega_Y \end{bmatrix}$$

# Making more Complex *Qualitative* Predictions



GOAL: Not meant to be a substitute for modeling, but how do you might get cute “cue weight formulas” for complex models

- Linearization

$$\begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \omega_x \\ \omega_y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{z} = T\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{w}$$

PRIOR

**Assume Gaussian Noise**

$$P(a)P(b) = P(\mathbf{x}) = N(\mathbf{x} | \mu_{prior}, C_{prior})$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} a \\ b \end{bmatrix} \quad C_{prior} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

LIKELIHOOD

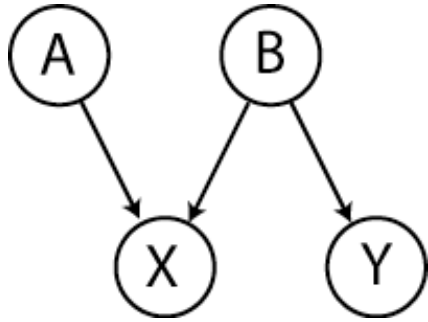
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# Making more Complex *Qualitative* Predictions

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***WANTED***

$$P(b \mid \mathbf{z})$$

**PRIOR**

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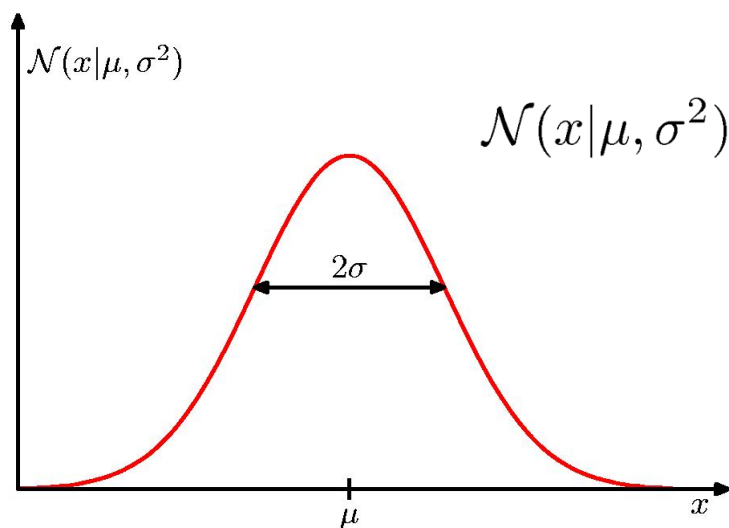
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**LIKELIHOOD**

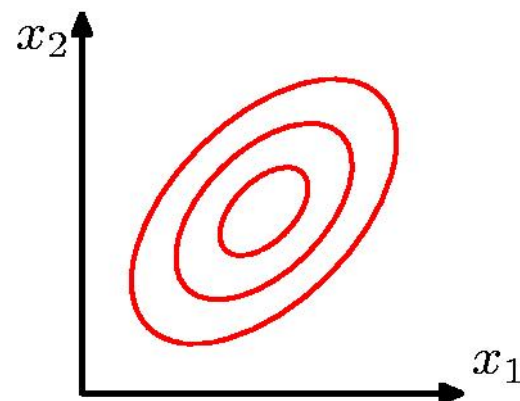
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# The Gaussian Distribution



$$\mathcal{N}(x|\mu, \sigma^2) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2\sigma^2} (x - \mu)^2 \right\}$$



$$\mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{1}{|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right\}$$

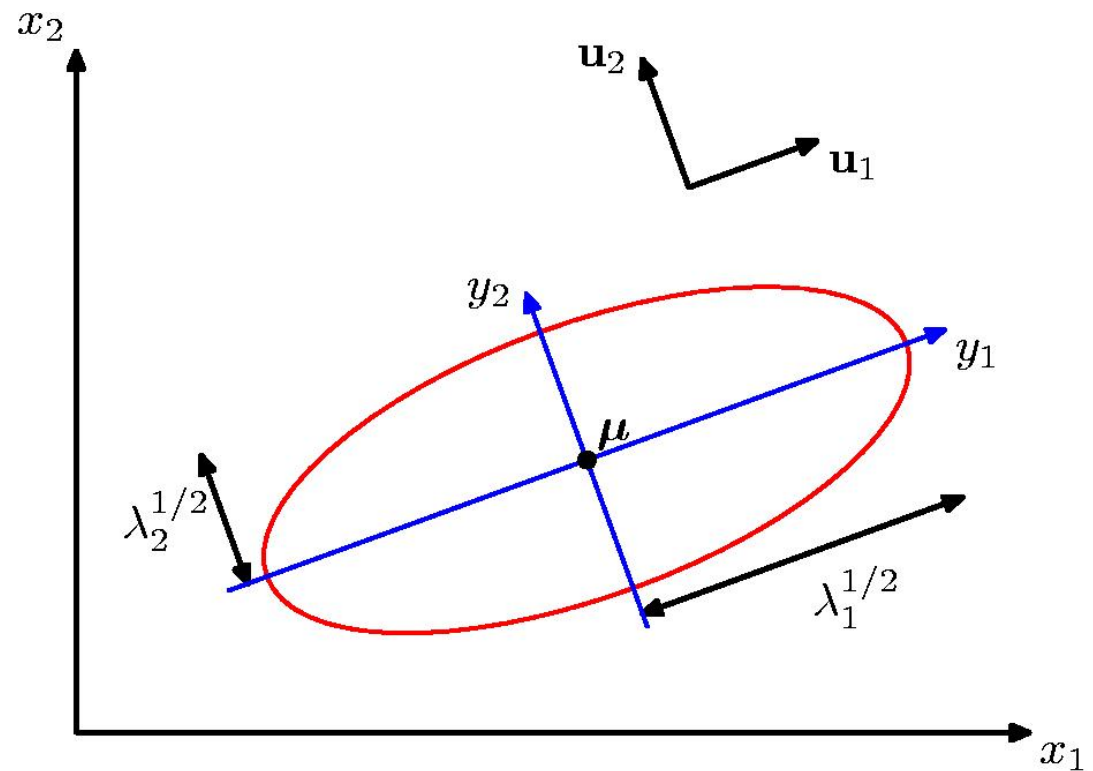
# Geometry of the Multivariate Gaussian

$$\Delta^2 = (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} = \sum_{i=1}^D \frac{1}{\lambda_i} \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_i^T$$

$$\Delta^2 = \sum_{i=1}^D \frac{y_i^2}{\lambda_i}$$

$$y_i = \mathbf{u}_i^T (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})$$



# Moments of the Multivariate Gaussian (1)

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}] &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{1}{|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \int \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}) \right\} \mathbf{x} \, d\mathbf{x} \\ &= \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{D/2}} \frac{1}{|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}|^{1/2}} \int \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}\mathbf{z}^T \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1}\mathbf{z} \right\} (\mathbf{z} + \boldsymbol{\mu}) \, d\mathbf{z}\end{aligned}$$

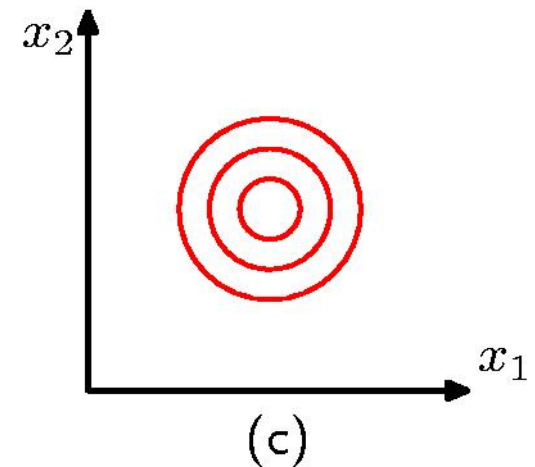
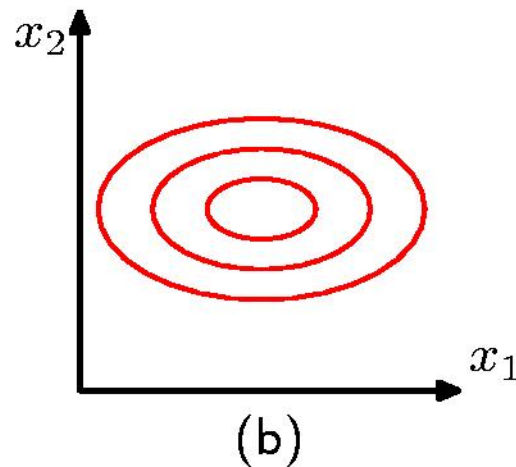
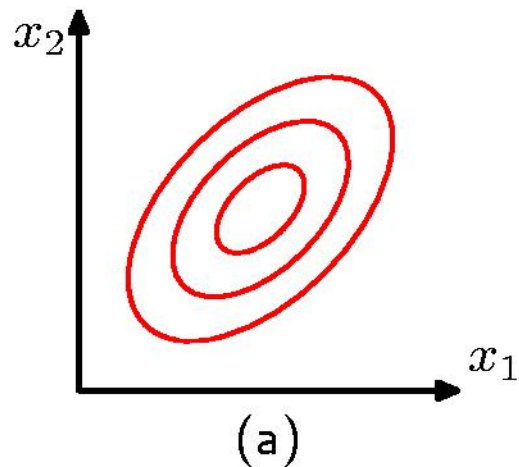
thanks to anti-symmetry of  $\mathbf{z}$

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}] = \boldsymbol{\mu}$$

# Moments of the Multivariate Gaussian (2)

$$\mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}\mathbf{x}^T] = \boldsymbol{\mu}\boldsymbol{\mu}^T + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}$$

$$\text{cov}[\mathbf{x}] = \mathbb{E}[(\mathbf{x} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}])(\mathbf{x} - \mathbb{E}[\mathbf{x}])^T] = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}$$



# Partitioned Gaussian Distributions

$$p(\mathbf{x}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_a \\ \mathbf{x}_b \end{pmatrix} \quad \boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_a \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_b \end{pmatrix} \quad \boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{aa} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ab} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ba} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{bb} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Lambda} \equiv \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{-1} \quad \boldsymbol{\Lambda} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{aa} & \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ab} \\ \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ba} & \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{bb} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Partitioned Conditionals and Marginals

## *Conditionals*

$$p(\mathbf{x}_a | \mathbf{x}_b) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_a | \boldsymbol{\mu}_{a|b}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{a|b})$$

$$\mathbf{x} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{x}_a \\ \mathbf{x}_b \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_a \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_b \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{a|b} &= \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{aa}^{-1} = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{aa} - \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ab} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{bb}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ba} \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_{a|b} &= \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{a|b} \{ \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{aa} \boldsymbol{\mu}_a - \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ab} (\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b) \} \\ &= \boldsymbol{\mu}_a - \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{aa}^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ab} (\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b) \\ &= \boldsymbol{\mu}_a + \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ab} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{bb}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_b - \boldsymbol{\mu}_b) \end{aligned}$$

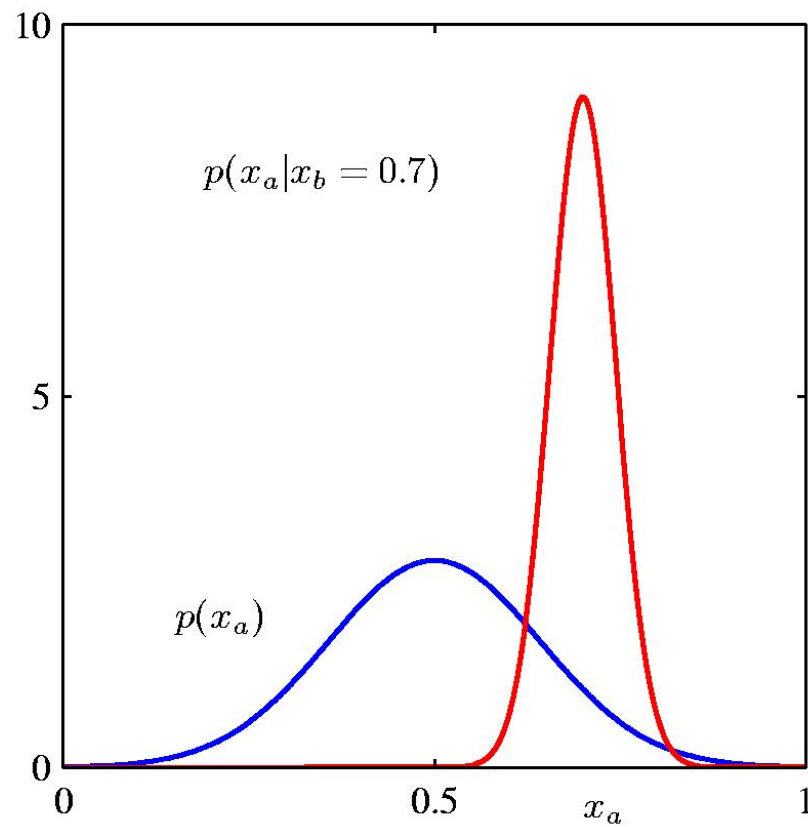
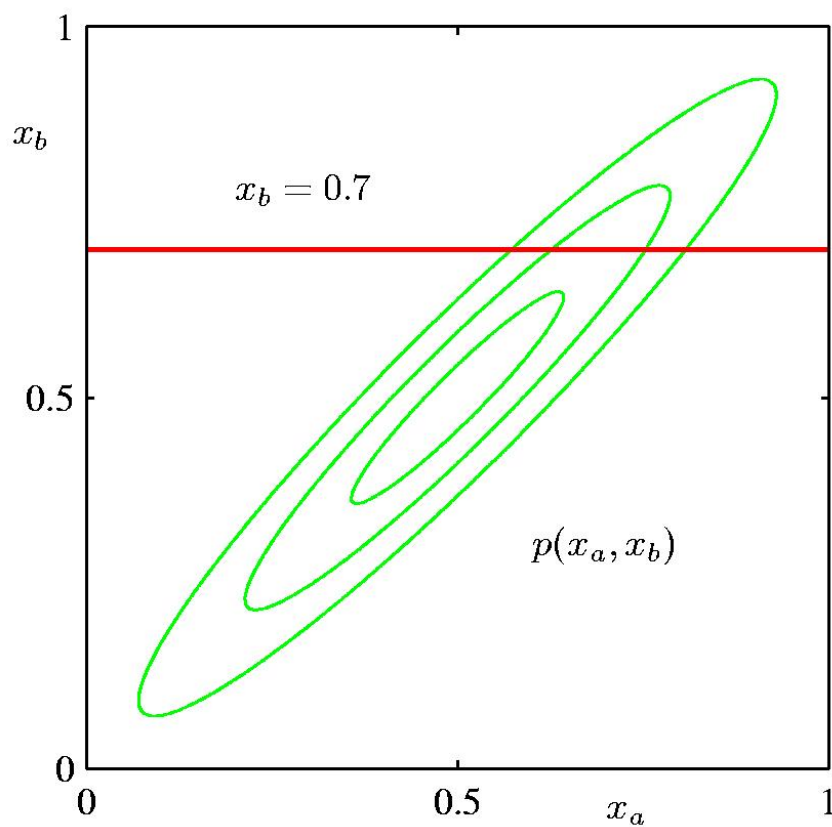
$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{aa} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ab} \\ \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{ba} & \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{bb} \end{pmatrix}$$

## *Marginals*

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{x}_a) &= \int p(\mathbf{x}_a, \mathbf{x}_b) d\mathbf{x}_b \\ &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_a | \boldsymbol{\mu}_a, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{aa}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Lambda} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{aa} & \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ab} \\ \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{ba} & \boldsymbol{\Lambda}_{bb} \end{pmatrix}$$

# Partitioned Conditionals and Marginals





# Bayes' Theorem for Gaussian Variables

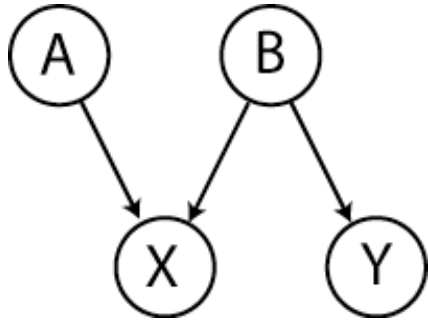
- Given

- we have
$$\begin{aligned}p(\mathbf{x}) &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\mu}, \boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{-1}) \\p(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{x}) &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{L}^{-1})\end{aligned}$$

- where
$$\begin{aligned}p(\mathbf{y}) &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{y}|\mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{L}^{-1} + \mathbf{A}\boldsymbol{\Lambda}^{-1}\mathbf{A}^T) \\p(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{y}) &= \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}|\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\{\mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{L}(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{b}) + \boldsymbol{\Lambda}\boldsymbol{\mu}\}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma})^{-1}\end{aligned}$$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = (\boldsymbol{\Lambda} + \mathbf{A}^T\mathbf{L}\mathbf{A})^{-1}$$

# Making more Complex *Qualitative* Predictions



**WANTED:**  $P(b | \mathbf{z})$

1 ) Bayes: *Given*  
 $P(\mathbf{x}) = N(\mathbf{x} | \mu_{prior}, C_{prior})$   
 $P(\mathbf{z} | \mathbf{x}) = N(\mathbf{z} | T\mathbf{x}, C_{XY})$

PRIOR

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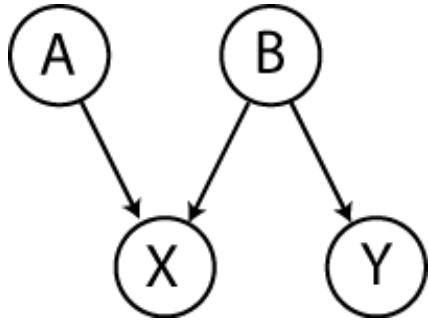
$$C_{XY} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_X^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_Y^2 \end{pmatrix}; \quad T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(\mathbf{x} | \mathbf{z}) &= N(\mathbf{x} | \mu_{post}, C_{post}) \\ \mu_{post} &= C_{post}^{-1} \left( T^T C_{XY}^{-1} \mathbf{z} + C_{prior}^{-1} \mu_{prior} \right) \\ C_{post} &= \left( C_{prior}^{-1} + T^T C_{XY}^{-1} T \right)^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

2 ) Marginalize  $a$ :

$$P(b | \mathbf{z}) = N(b | \mu_{post}^b, C_{post}^{bb})$$

# Making more Complex Quantitative Predictions



EXAMPLE FOR:  $P(a|z)$

$$\bar{\mu}_{Post} = \bar{\mu}_{prior} + C_{prior}^T \cdot T^T \cdot (T \cdot C_{prior} \cdot T^T + C_{XY})^{-1} \cdot (z - T \cdot \bar{\mu}_{prior})$$

Different properties than cue combination!

$$T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

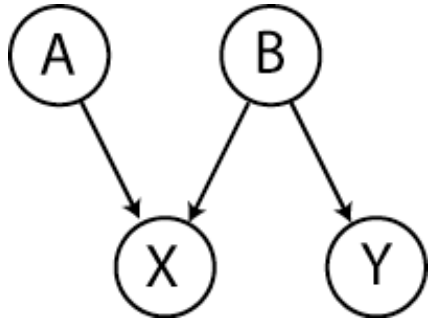
$$C_{prior} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & 0 \\ 0 & \beta \end{pmatrix}$$

$$C_{XY} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_X^2 & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_Y^2 \end{pmatrix};$$

$$A^* = \frac{\alpha}{\sigma_X^2 (\beta + \sigma_Y^2) + \alpha (\beta + \sigma_Y^2 + \sigma_X^2)} \left\{ (\beta + \sigma_Y^2) X + \sigma_X^2 Y + (\beta + \sigma_X^2 + \sigma_Y^2) \bar{\mu}_{prior}^A + (\beta + \sigma_Y^2) \bar{\mu}_{prior}^B \right\}$$

Cue weights don't sum to one, both priors matter, etc.

# Making more Complex *Qualitative* Predictions



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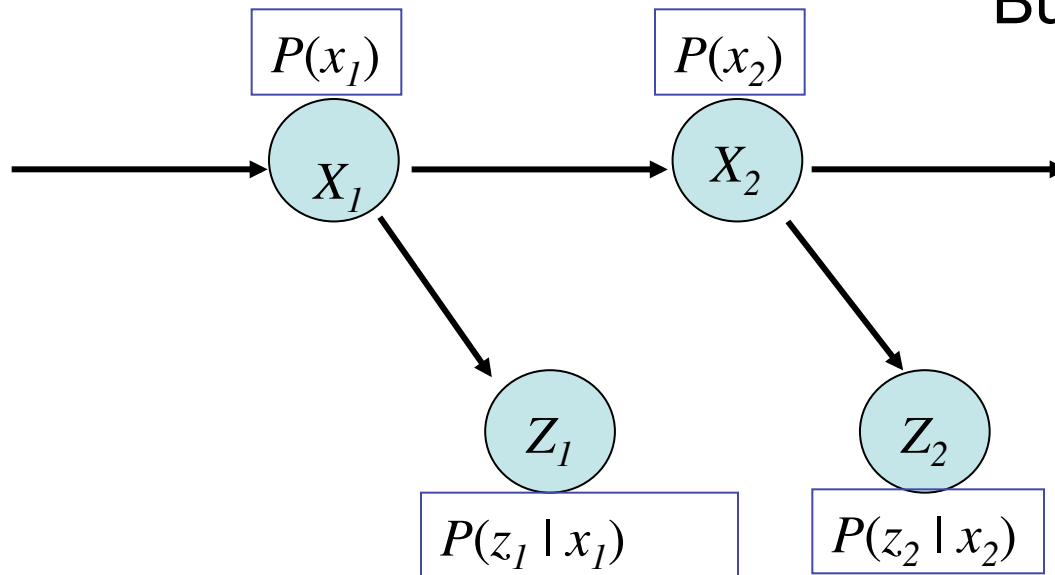
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2 ) Marginalize  $a$ :

$$P(b | \mathbf{z}) = N(b | \mu_{\text{post}}^b, C_{\text{post}}^{bb})$$

# Bayesian Networks: Modeling temporal dependence

This is just cue combination  
But with a more complex prior.



## **EXAMPLES**

Sensori-motor integration  
Calibration  
Learning  
Trajectory Perception

# Conceptual Overview (The Kalman Equations)

- Basic Idea:

Make prediction based on previous data



Take measurement

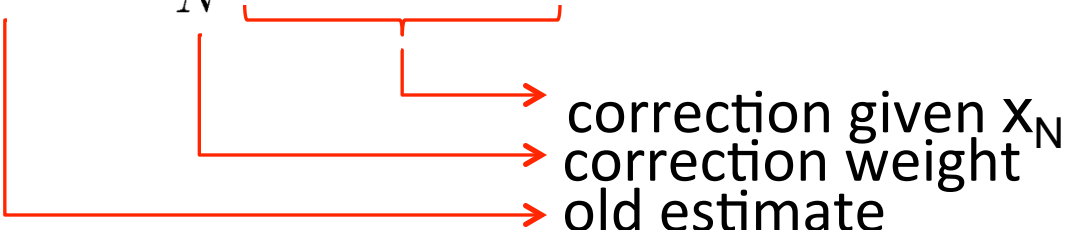


**Optimal estimate ( $\hat{y}$ ) =**  
**Prediction + (Kalman Gain) \* (Measurement - Prediction)**

**Variance of estimate =**  
**Variance of prediction \* (1 - Kalman Gain)**

# Sequential Estimation, temporal independence

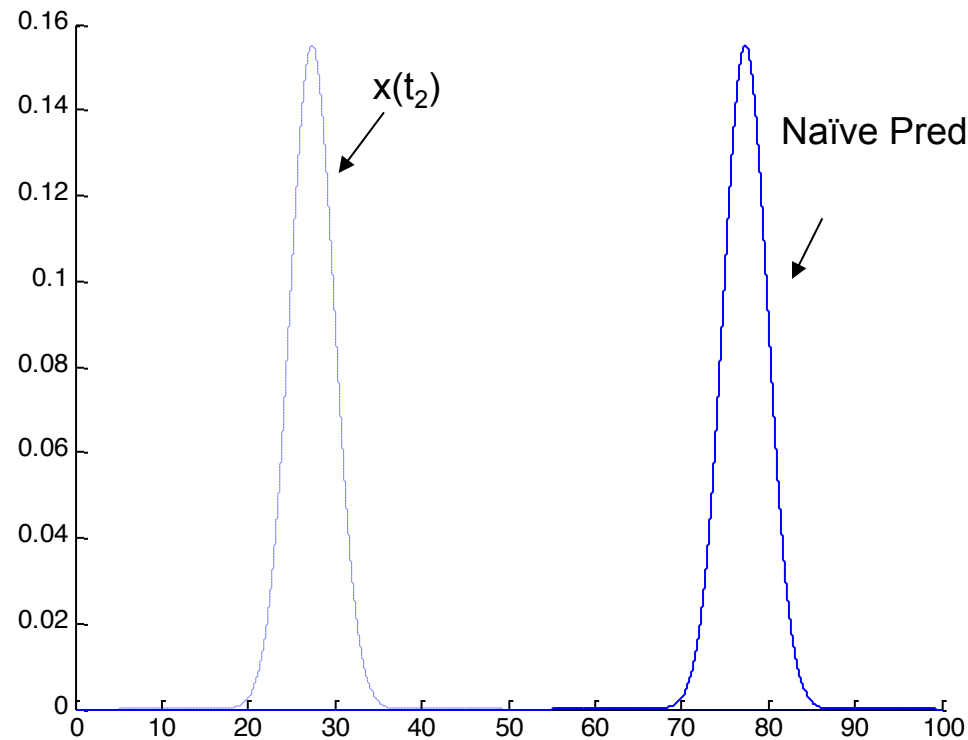
Contribution of the  $N^{\text{th}}$  data point,  $\mathbf{x}_N$

$$\begin{aligned}\mu_{\text{ML}}^{(N)} &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \mathbf{x}_n \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{x}_N + \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} \mathbf{x}_n \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \mathbf{x}_N + \frac{N-1}{N} \mu_{\text{ML}}^{(N-1)} \\ &= \underbrace{\mu_{\text{ML}}^{(N-1)}}_{\text{old estimate}} + \underbrace{\frac{1}{N} (\mathbf{x}_N - \mu_{\text{ML}}^{(N-1)})}_{\text{correction given } \mathbf{x}_N \text{ with correction weight } \frac{1}{N}}\end{aligned}$$


The diagram illustrates the decomposition of the Nth data point contribution into an old estimate and a correction term. Red arrows point from the terms in the final equation to their descriptions: from  $\mu_{\text{ML}}^{(N-1)}$  to "old estimate", and from  $\frac{1}{N} (\mathbf{x}_N - \mu_{\text{ML}}^{(N-1)})$  to "correction given  $\mathbf{x}_N$  with correction weight  $\frac{1}{N}$ ".

# Conceptual Overview

**Predict new location if an observer was moving?**

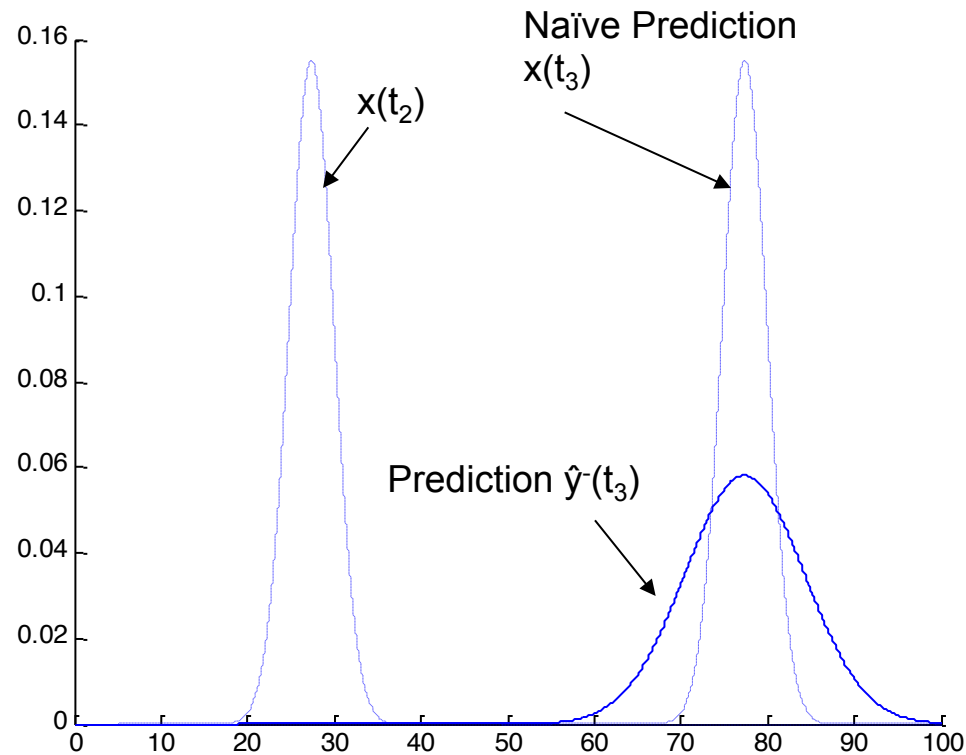


$$x_t = Ax_{t-1} + Bx + \omega_{walk}$$
$$y_t = Hx_t + \omega_{sensory}$$

- At time  $t_3$ , observer moves with velocity  $dy/dt=u$
- Naïve approach: Shift probability to the right to predict
- This would work if we knew the velocity exactly (perfect model)



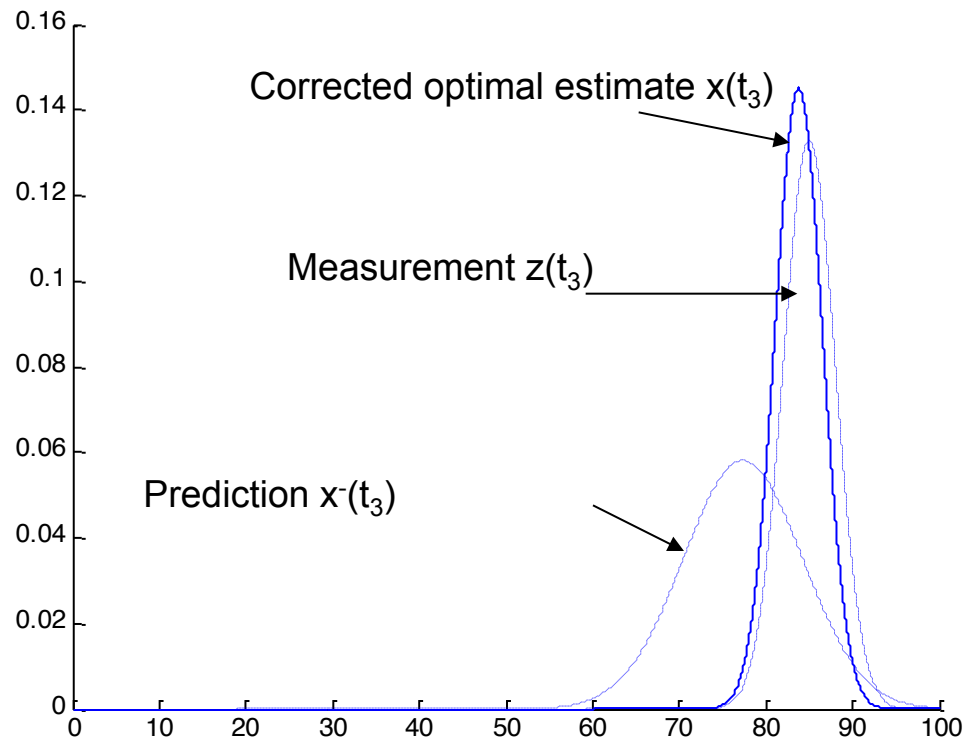
# Conceptual Overview



But you may not be so sure about the exact velocity

- Better to assume imperfect model by adding Gaussian noise
- $dy/dt = u + w$
- Distribution for prediction moves and spreads out

# Conceptual Overview



- Now we take a measurement at  $t_3$
- Need to once again correct the prediction
- Same as before

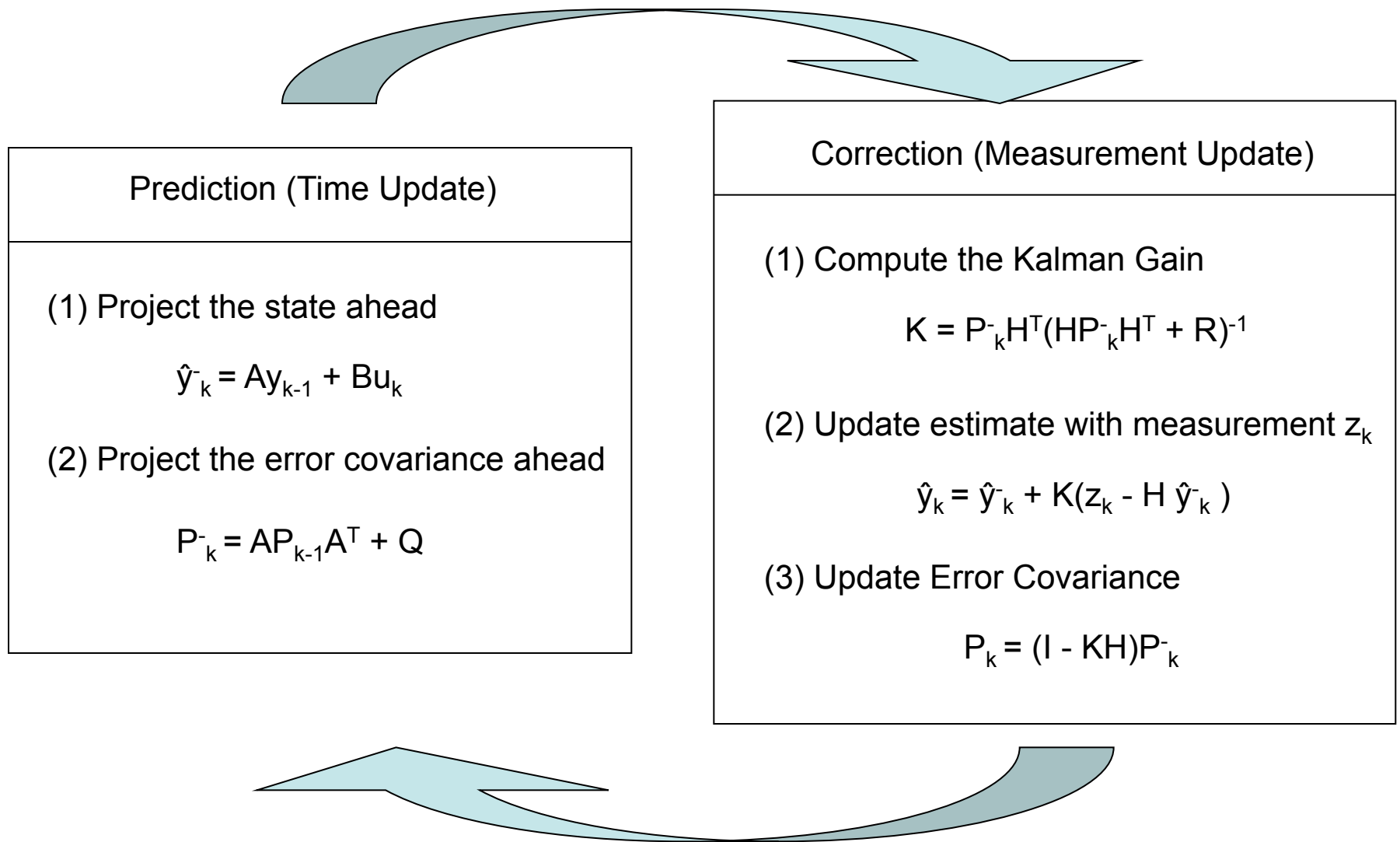
# Conceptual Overview

- Initial conditions ( $x_{k-1}$  and  $\sigma_{k-1}$ )
- Prediction ( $x_k^-, \sigma_k^-$ )
  - Use initial conditions and model (eg. constant velocity) to make prediction
- Measurement ( $z_k$ )
  - Take measurement
- Correction ( $x_k, \sigma_k$ )
  - Use measurement to correct prediction by ‘blending’ prediction and residual – always a case of merging only two Gaussians
  - Optimal estimate with smaller variance

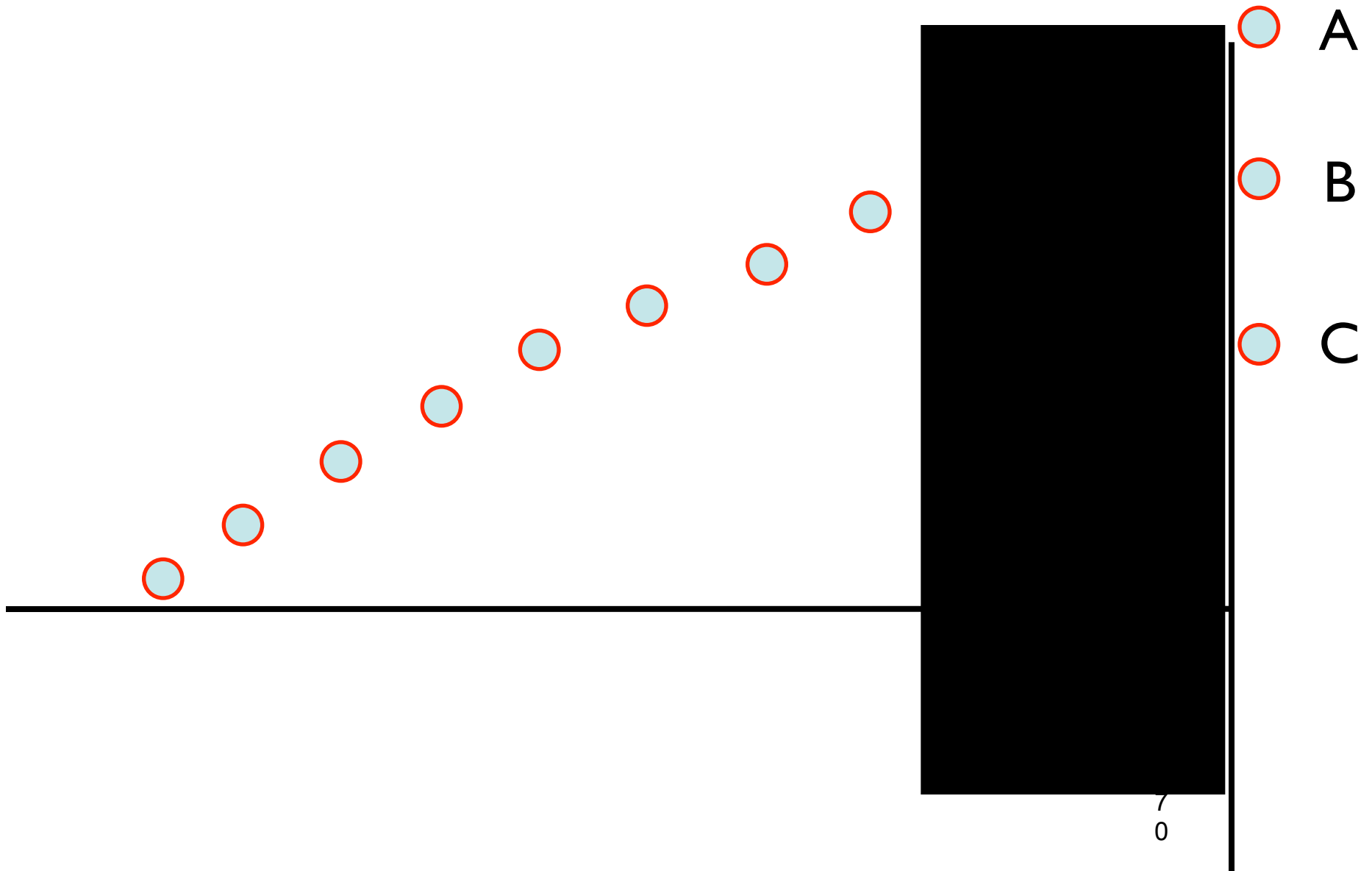
# Blending Factor

- If we are sure about measurements:
  - Measurement error covariance ( $R$ ) decreases to zero
  - $K$  decreases and weights residual more heavily than prediction
- If we are sure about prediction
  - Prediction error covariance  $P_k^-$  decreases to zero
  - $K$  increases and weights prediction more heavily than residual

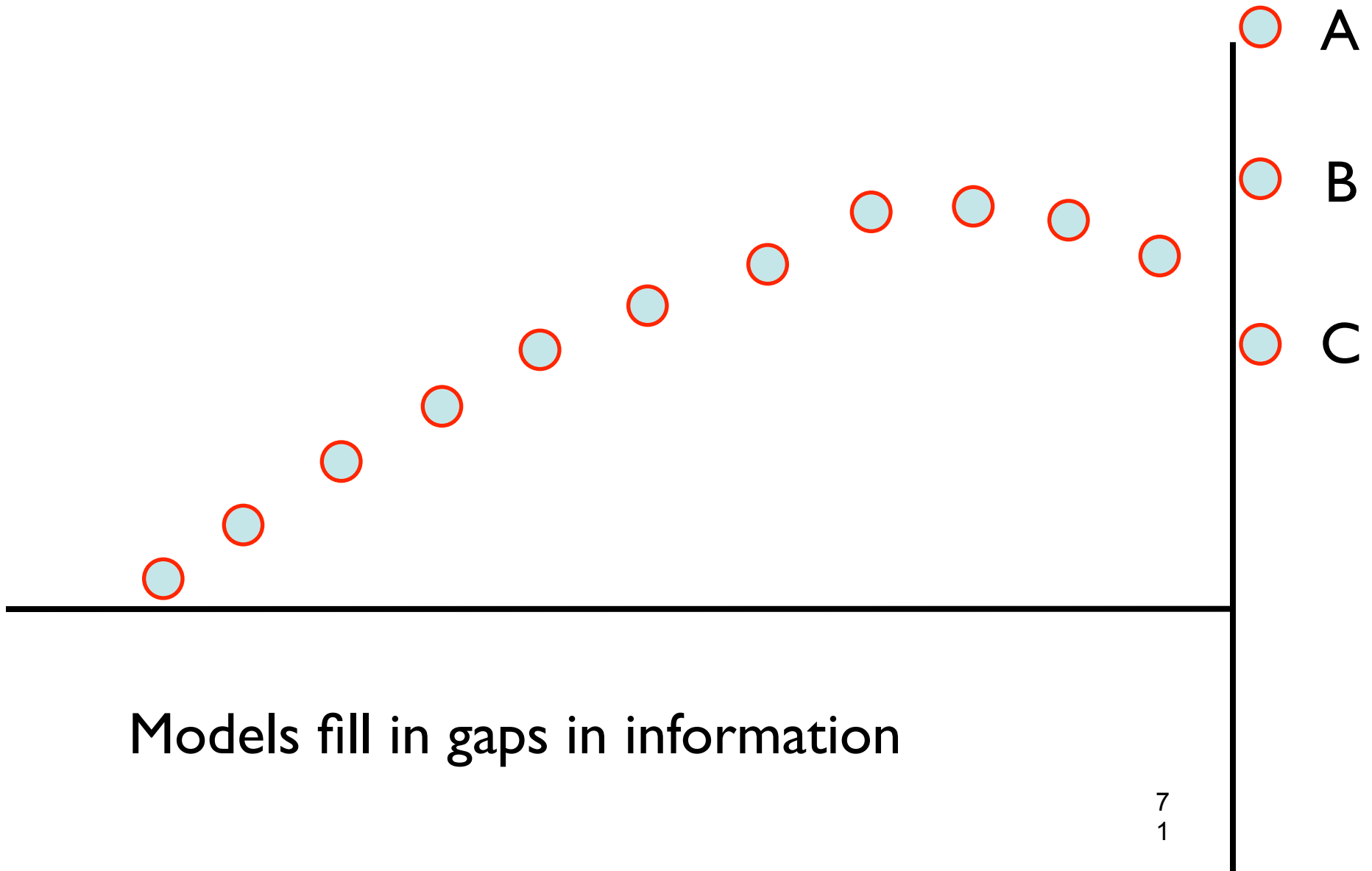
# The set of Kalman Filtering Equations in Detail



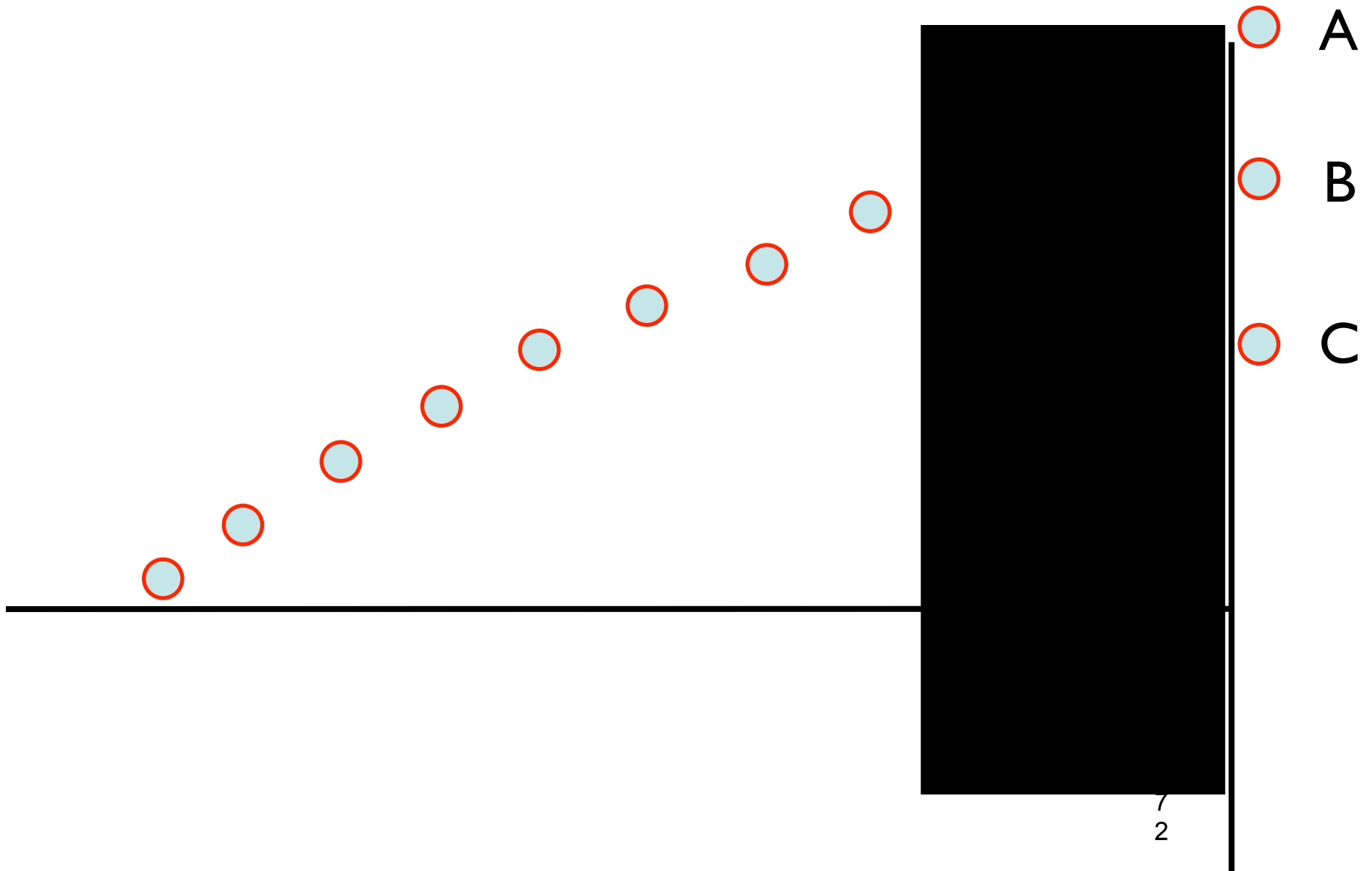
# Model example



# Model Example

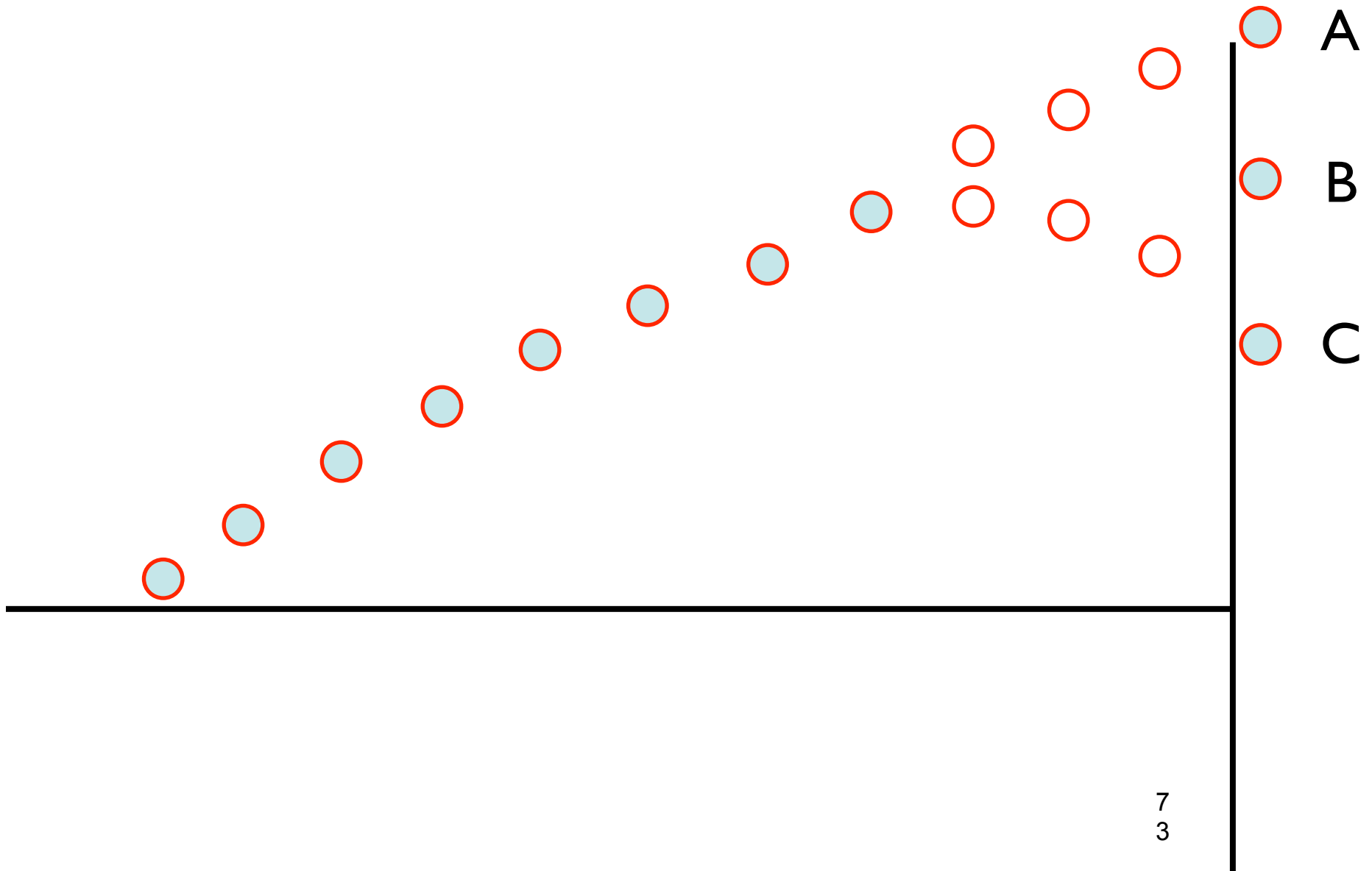


# Model example





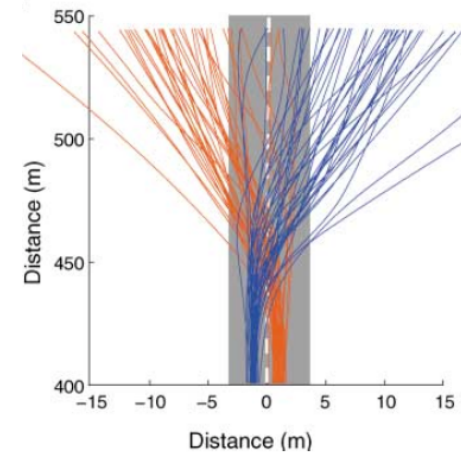
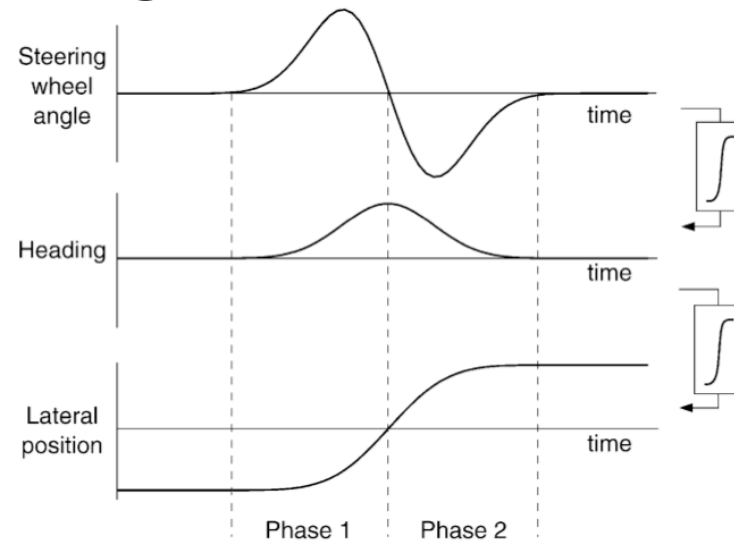
# Extrapolation depends on model



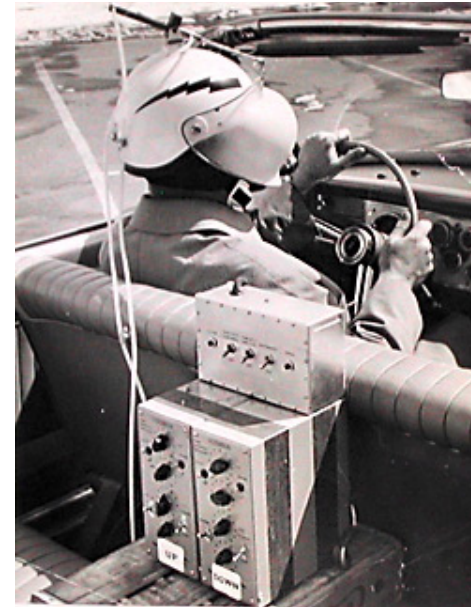
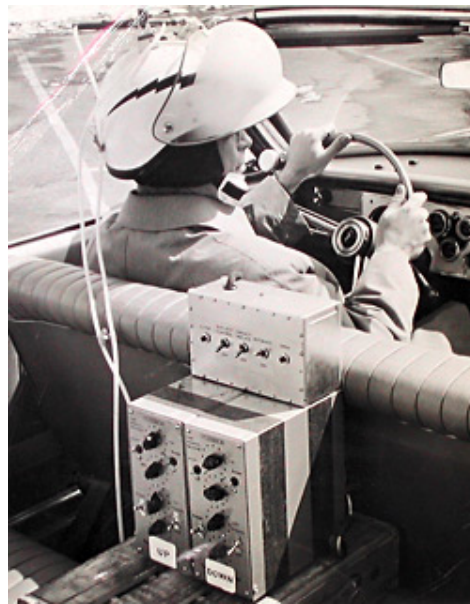
# Do we have internal models for everything? NO!



Classic example  
of a failure to learn  
Internal model



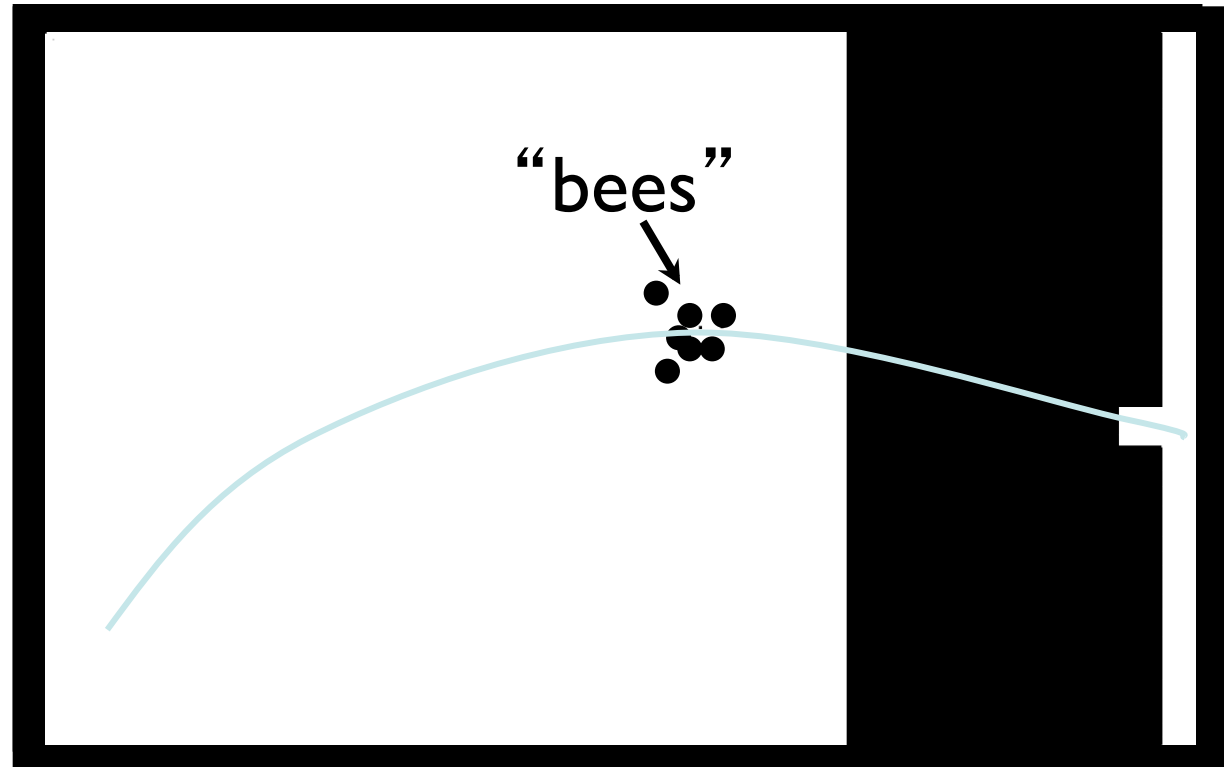
# ***Prediction*** - the reason for models



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kOguslSPpgo>

# Moving Dot task

- Prediction task
- Watch the dots move
- Position “bucket” to catch the emerging dots



# Moving Dot task

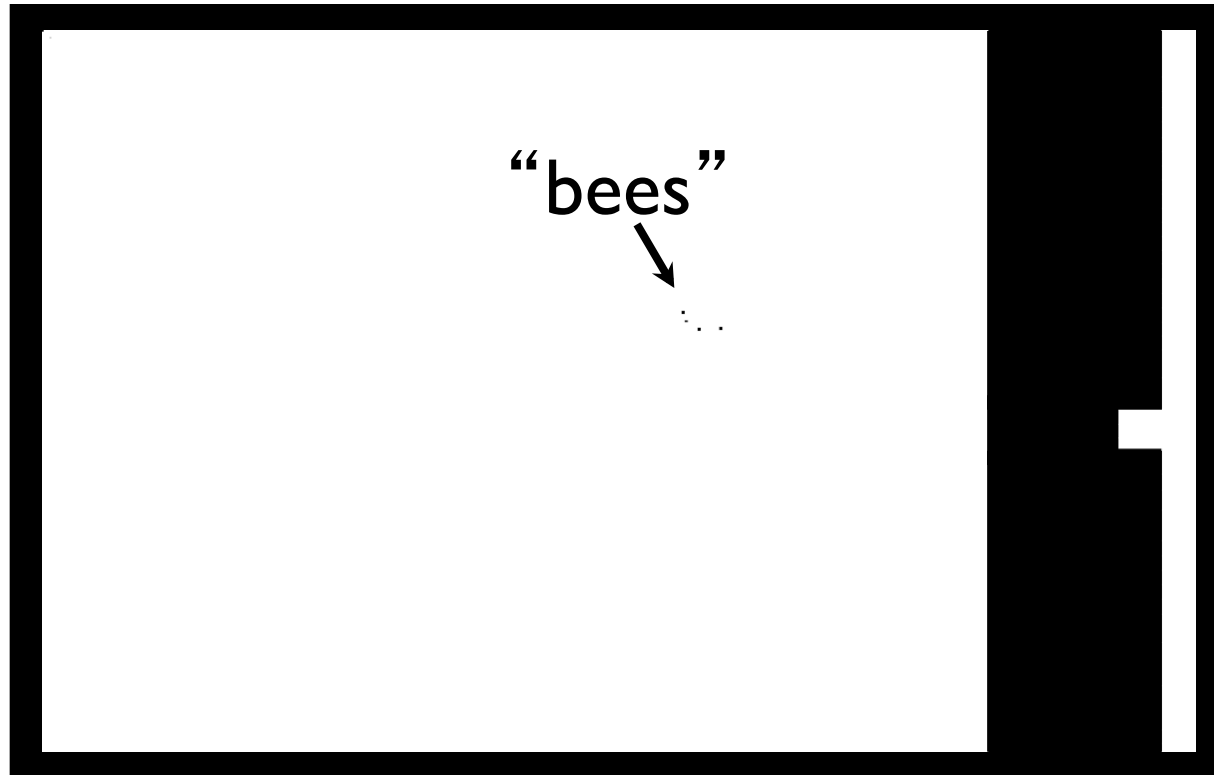
- Prediction task
- Watch the dots move
- Position “bucket” to catch the emerging dots



Stimuli designed to be optimal for matched Kalman filter

# Moving Dot task

- Capture the “bees”

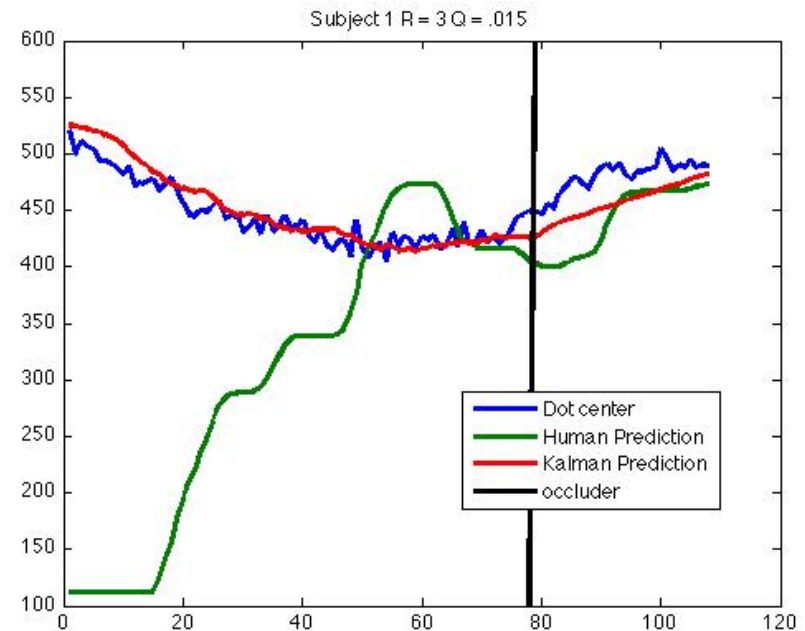
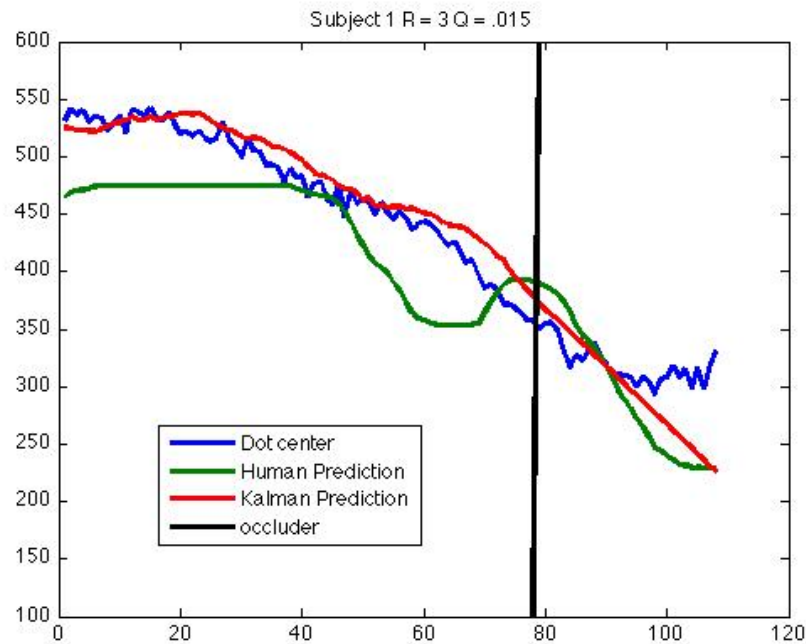


Trajectory = ~random walk

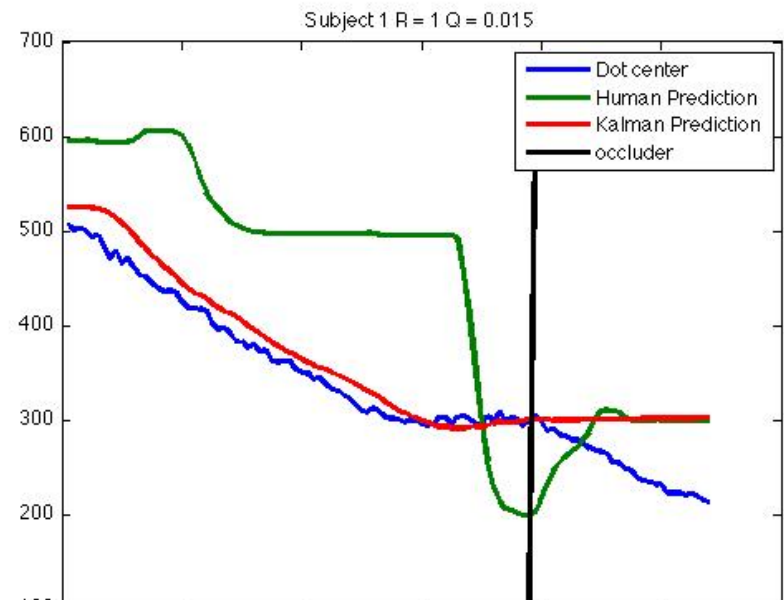
# movie demo



# Humans vs. Kalman Filter

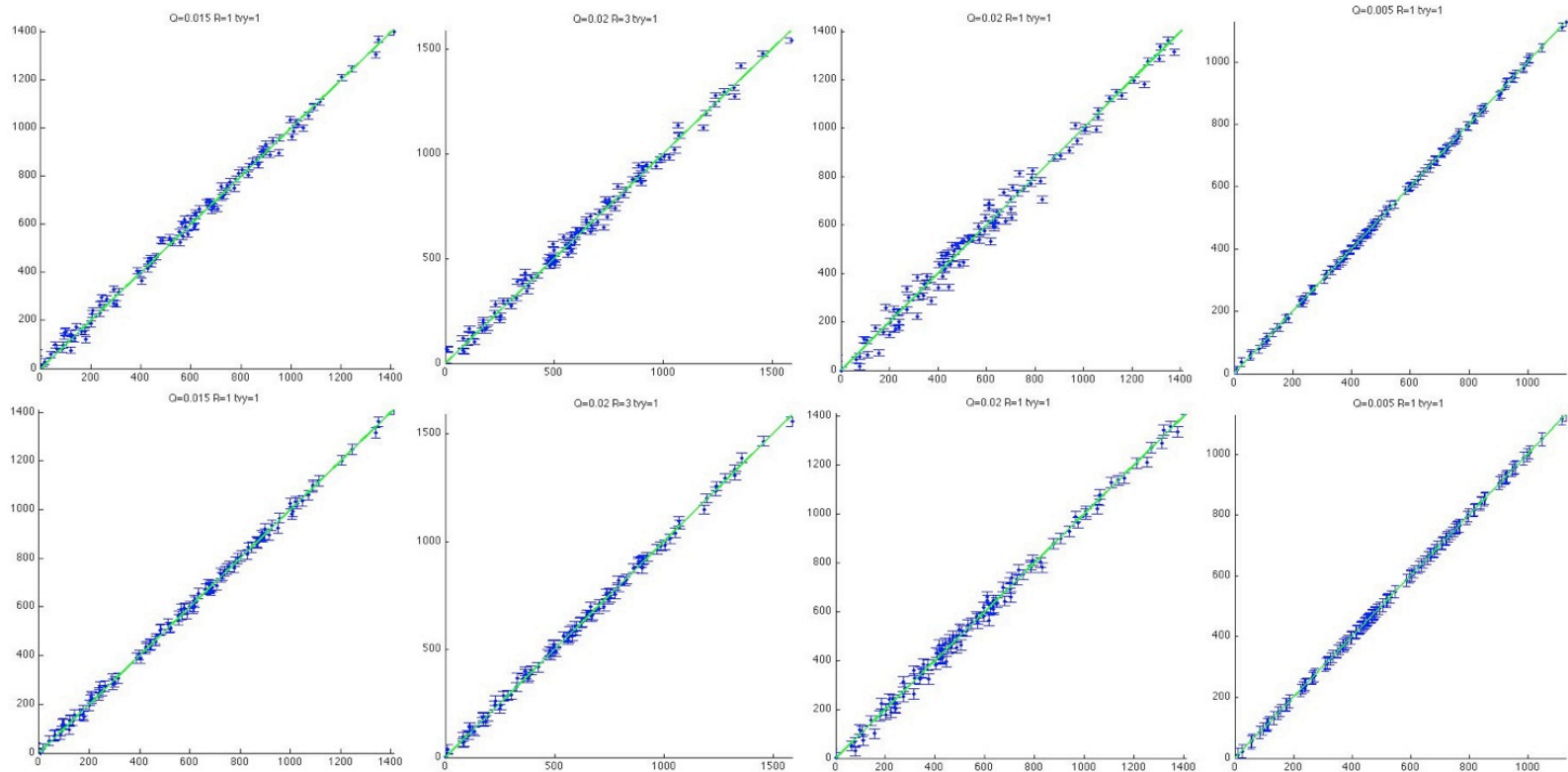


- Demonstration of the task, human vs. filter performance
- Kalman filter predicts human behavior well





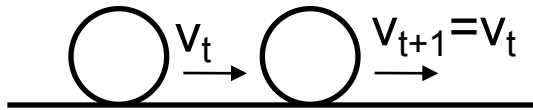
# Matched Kalman excellent predictor



# What are Human default Motion Models?

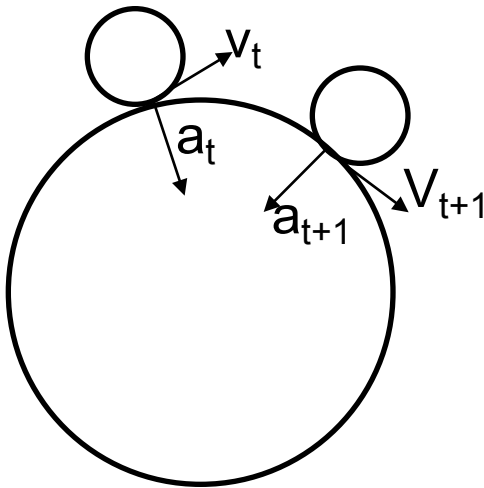
Object velocity: speed **5 m/s**  
direction **south**

## 1. Constant velocity (**CV**)



-maintain speed and direction

## 2. Constant acceleration (**CA**)



-constant change in speed and/or **direction**

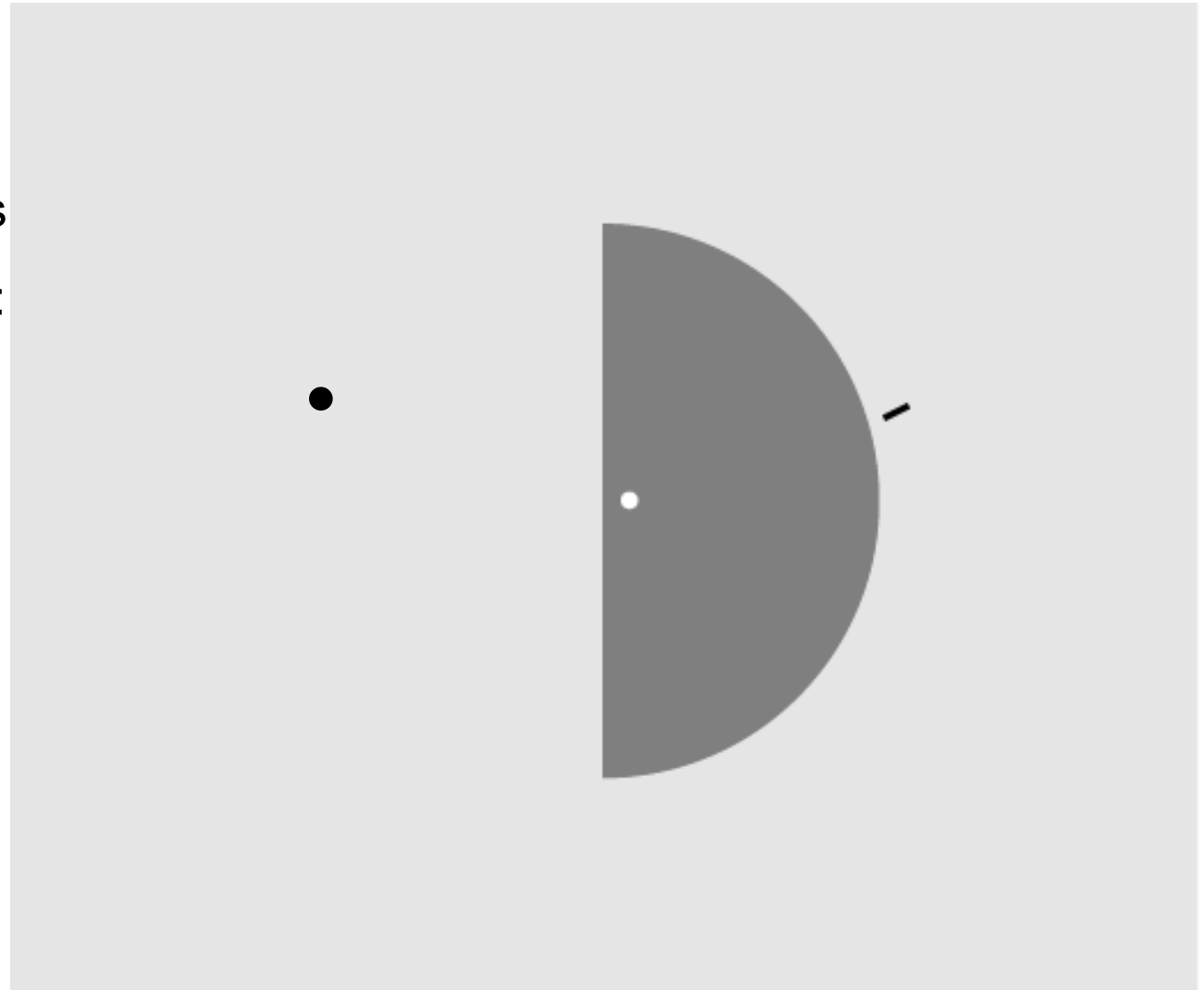
## Motion extrapolation task

- Fixation
- After 500ms dot travels
- Extrapolation judgment:  
“above” or “below”



- No reemergence;  
no feedback

- Determine the PSE  
based on staircase  
procedure

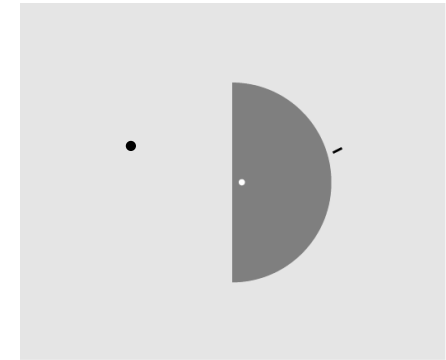


# Motion extrapolation: Kalman filters for simple motions

Parameters of dot motion:

$$\mathbf{x}_k = [x, y, vx, vy, ax, ay]^T_k$$

position   velocity   acceleration



Process:

True state:

$$\mathbf{x}_k = \mathbf{A}_k \mathbf{x}_{k-1} + \mathbf{w}_{k-1}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_k \\ y_k \\ vx_k \\ vy_k \\ ax_k \\ ay_k \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \Delta & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \Delta & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \Delta & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & \Delta \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_{k-1} \\ y_{k-1} \\ vx_{k-1} \\ vy_{k-1} \\ ax_{k-1} \\ ay_{k-1} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} w_{x_{k-1}} \\ w_{y_{k-1}} \\ w_{vx_{k-1}} \\ w_{vy_{k-1}} \\ w_{ax_{k-1}} \\ w_{ay_{k-1}} \end{pmatrix}$$

“w”  $\sim N(0, Q)$ ,

“Q” = covariance; reflects trust in prior (“A”)

$Q = 0 \rightarrow$  complete trust

“A” represents the prior model in the absence of data

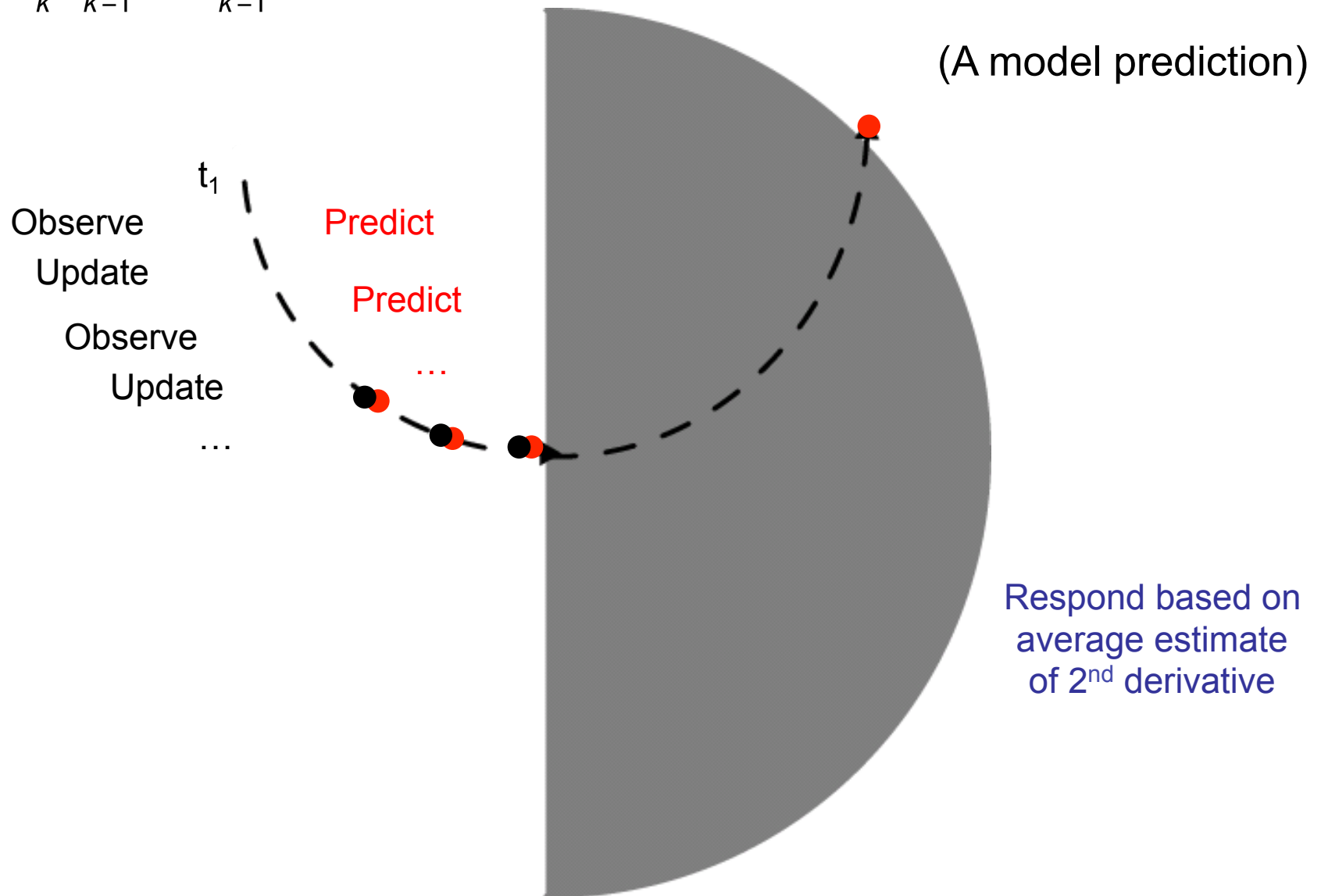
→ **CV**: constant speed & direction: Linear motion prior

→ **CA**: constant change in direction: Circular motion prior

## Motion extrapolation: Model behavior

### CA prediction using a Kalman filter

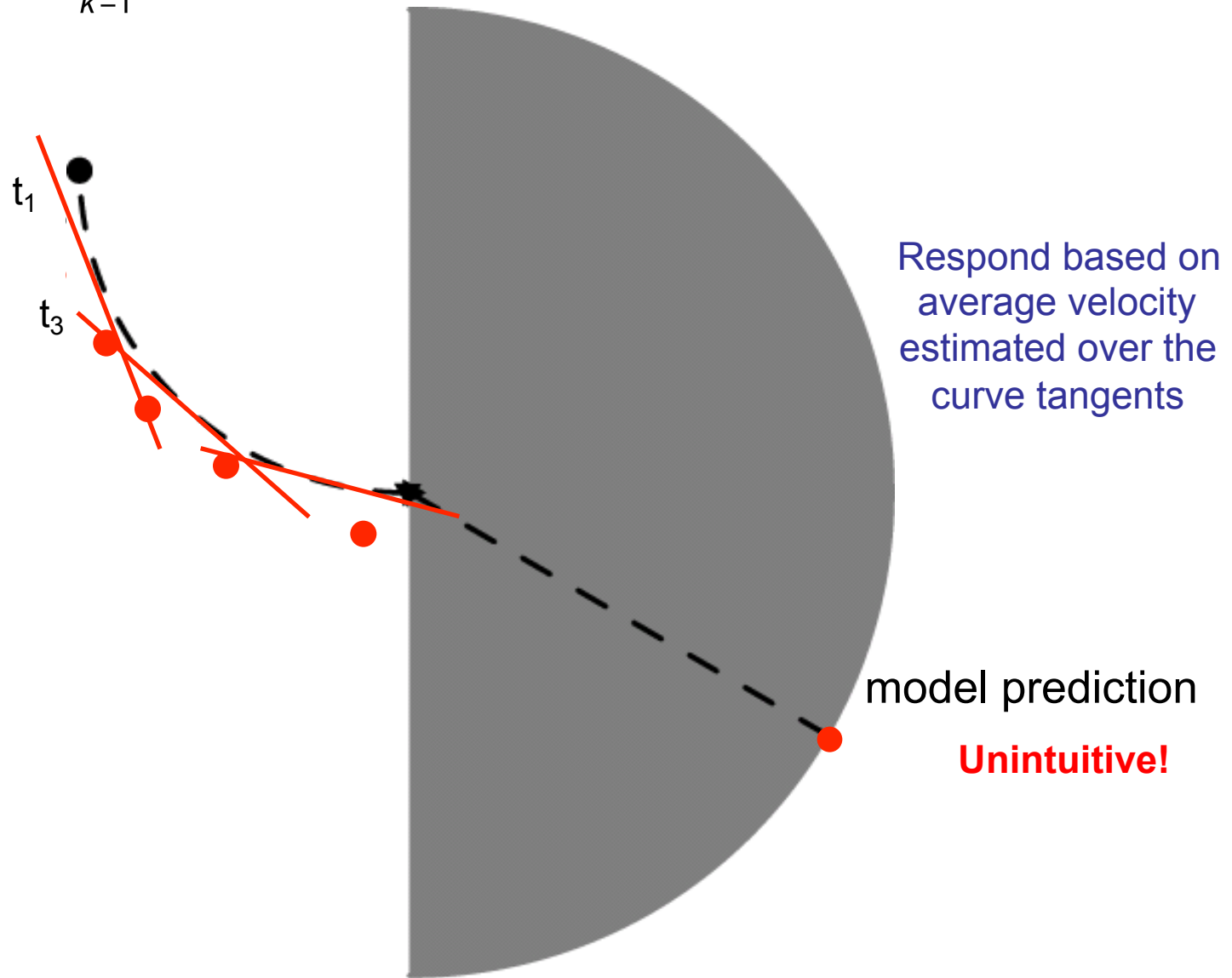
$$x_k = A_k x_{k-1} + w_{k-1}$$



## Motion extrapolation: Model behavior

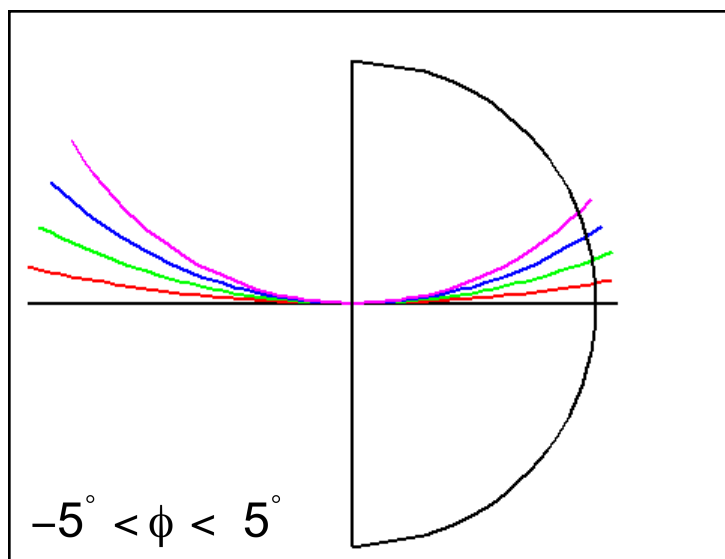
**CV** prediction using a Kalman filter

$$x_k = A_k x_{k-1} + w_{k-1}$$

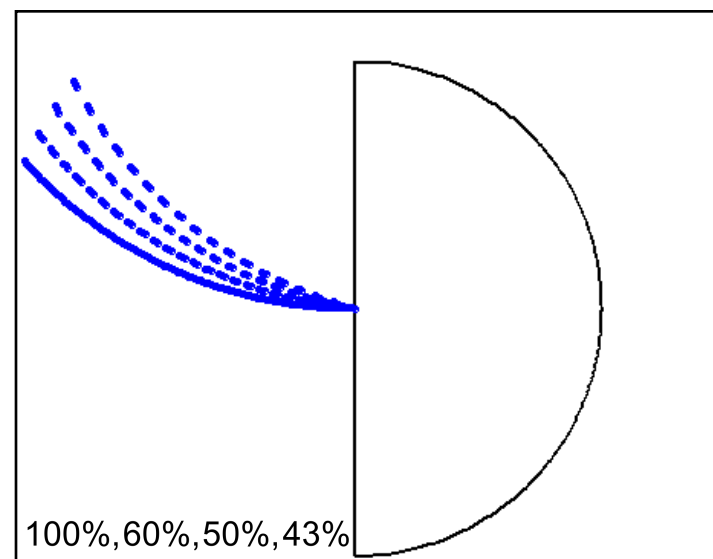


# Stimulus manipulations:

Path curvature (5)



Motion sampling (4)

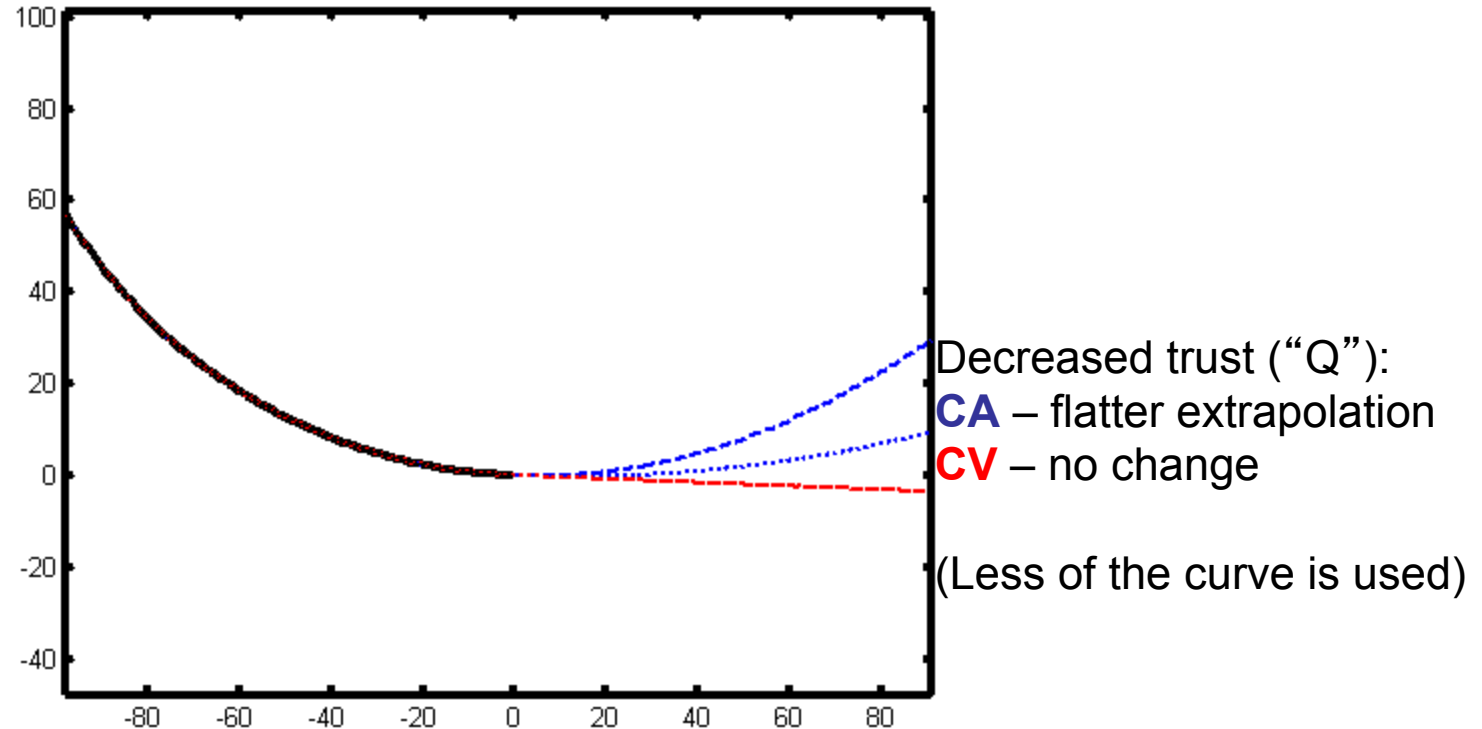


- Dot speed: 5 deg/s (constant)
- 2 staircases (i.e. 1U-2D, 2U-1D) per condition (curvature x sampling)
- 100 trials per staircase
- 10 participants unaware of the purpose of the experiment

# Motion extrapolation: Model behavior

The simple linear process predicts a wide range of behaviors by varying:

- i. The specific internal model (**CA**, **CV**)
- ii. Trust in model predictions vs. measurements

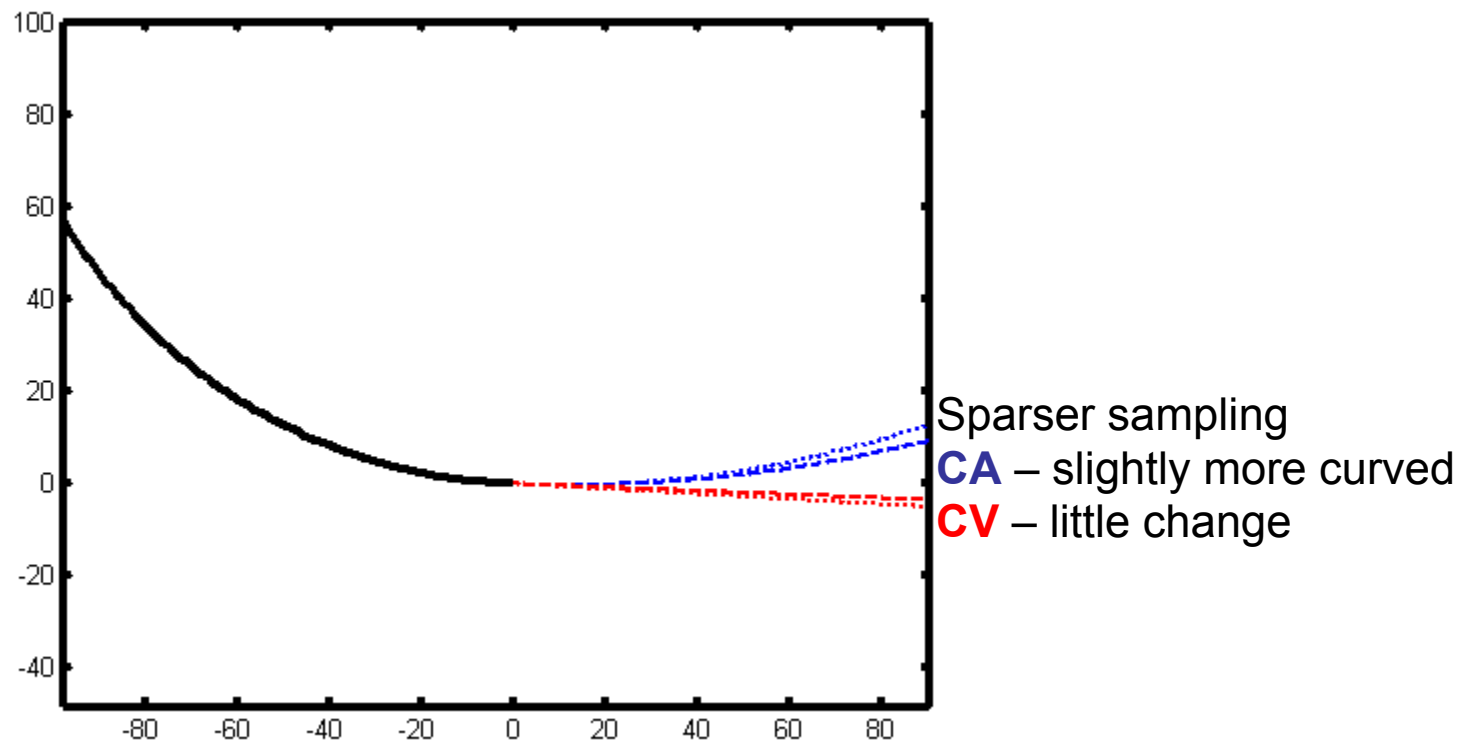




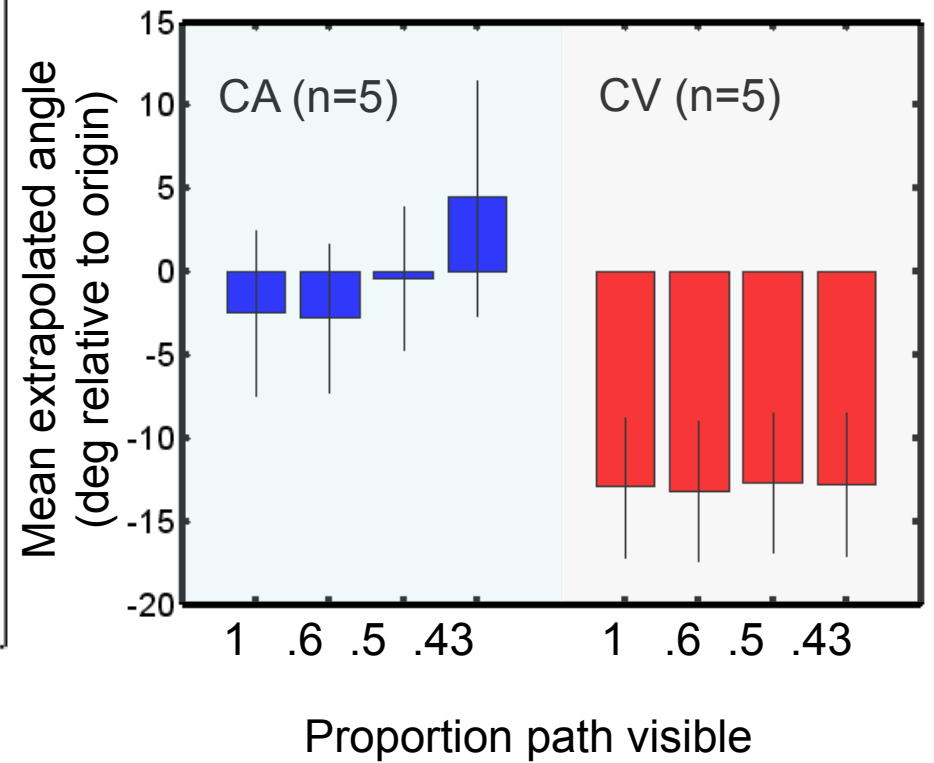
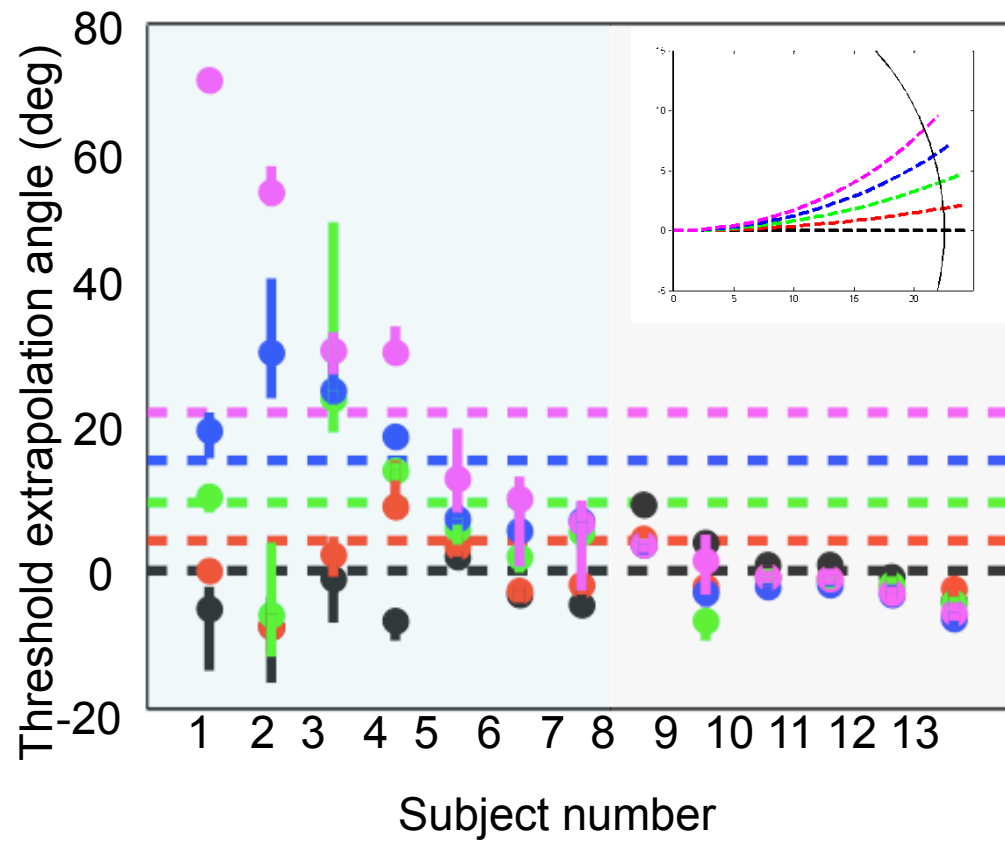
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The model predicts a wide range of behaviors by varying:

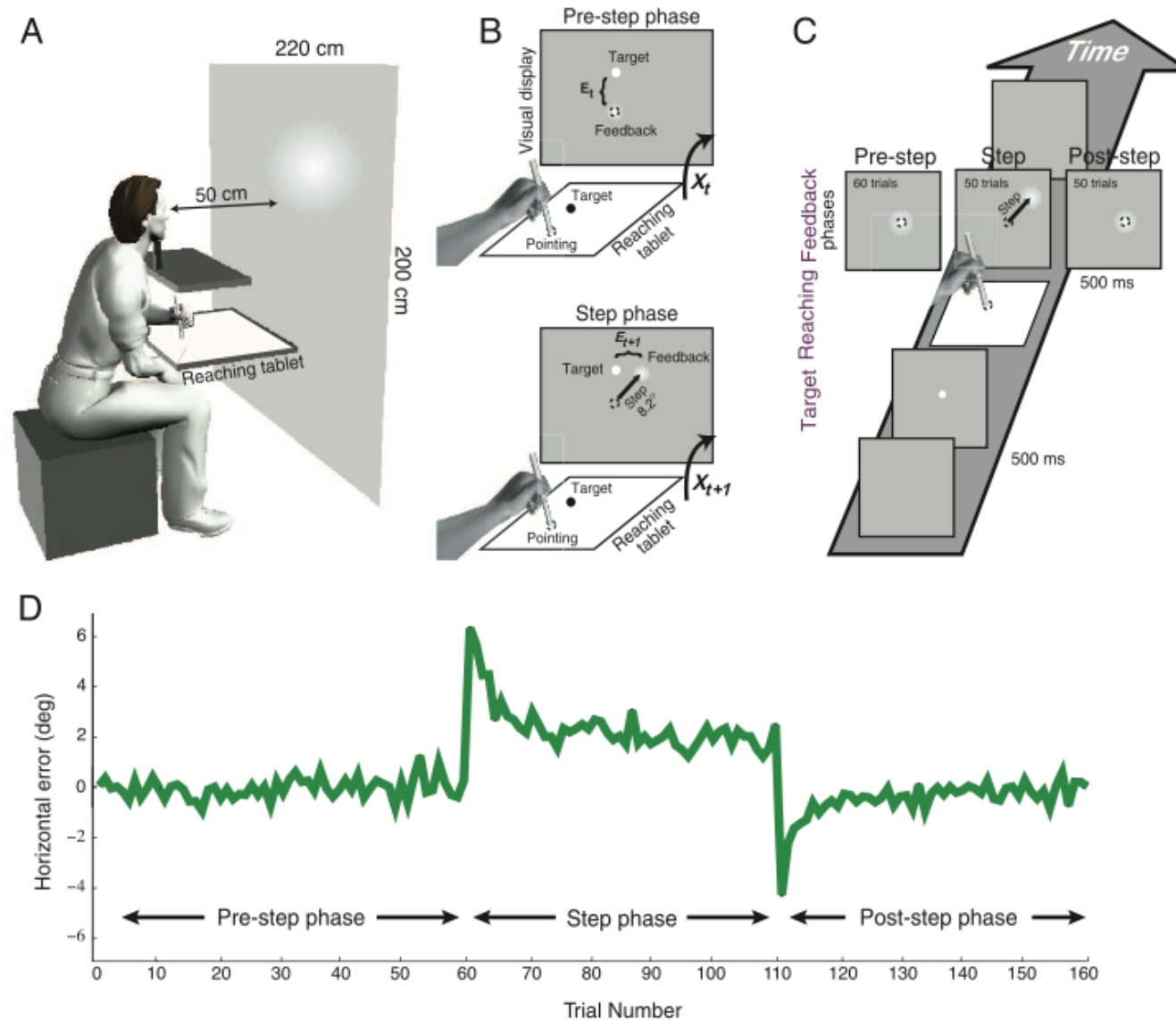
- i. The specific internal model (CA, CV)
- ii. Trust in the model
- iii. Motion sampling



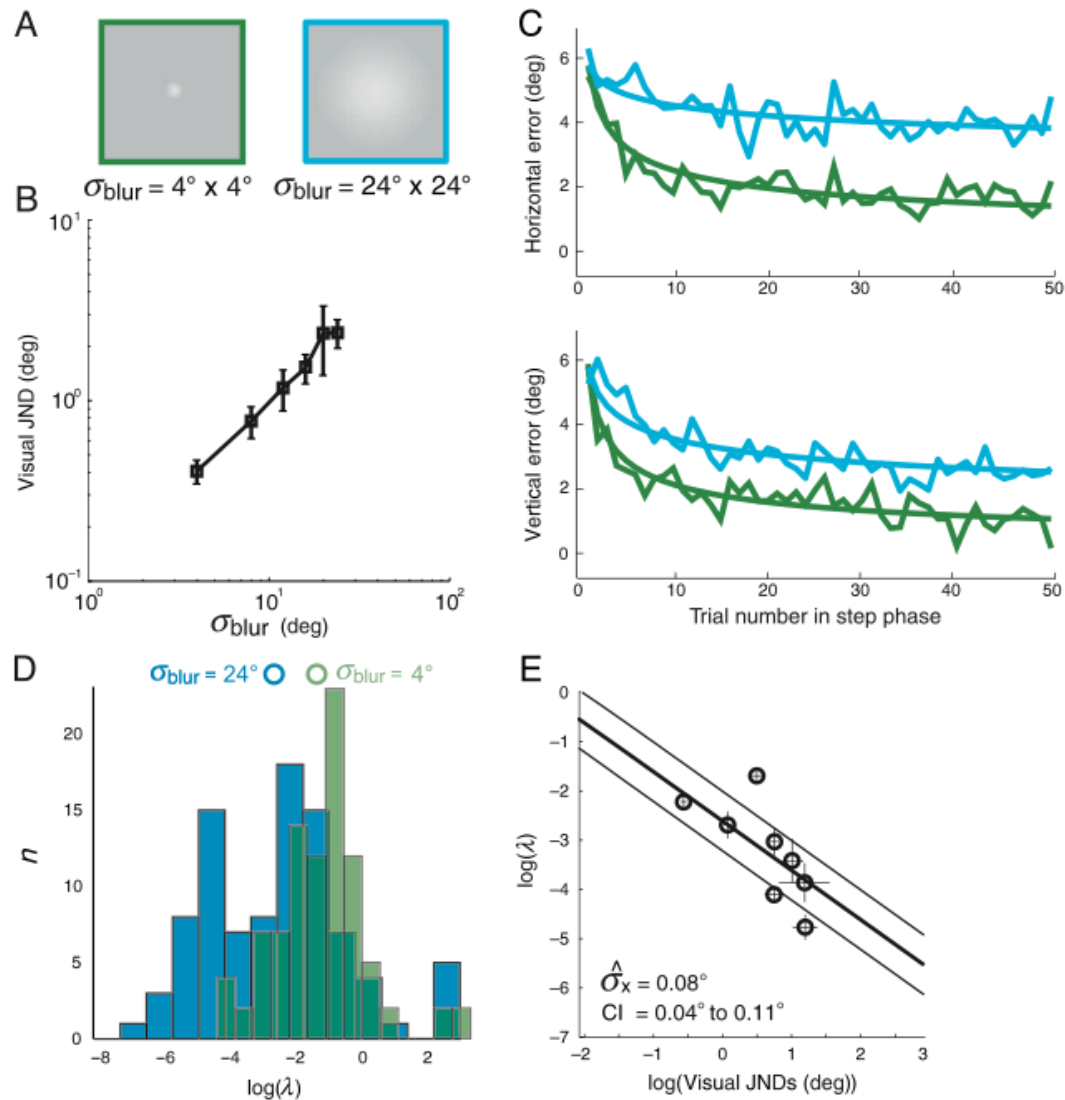
# Results



# Temporal dependence in cue weighting

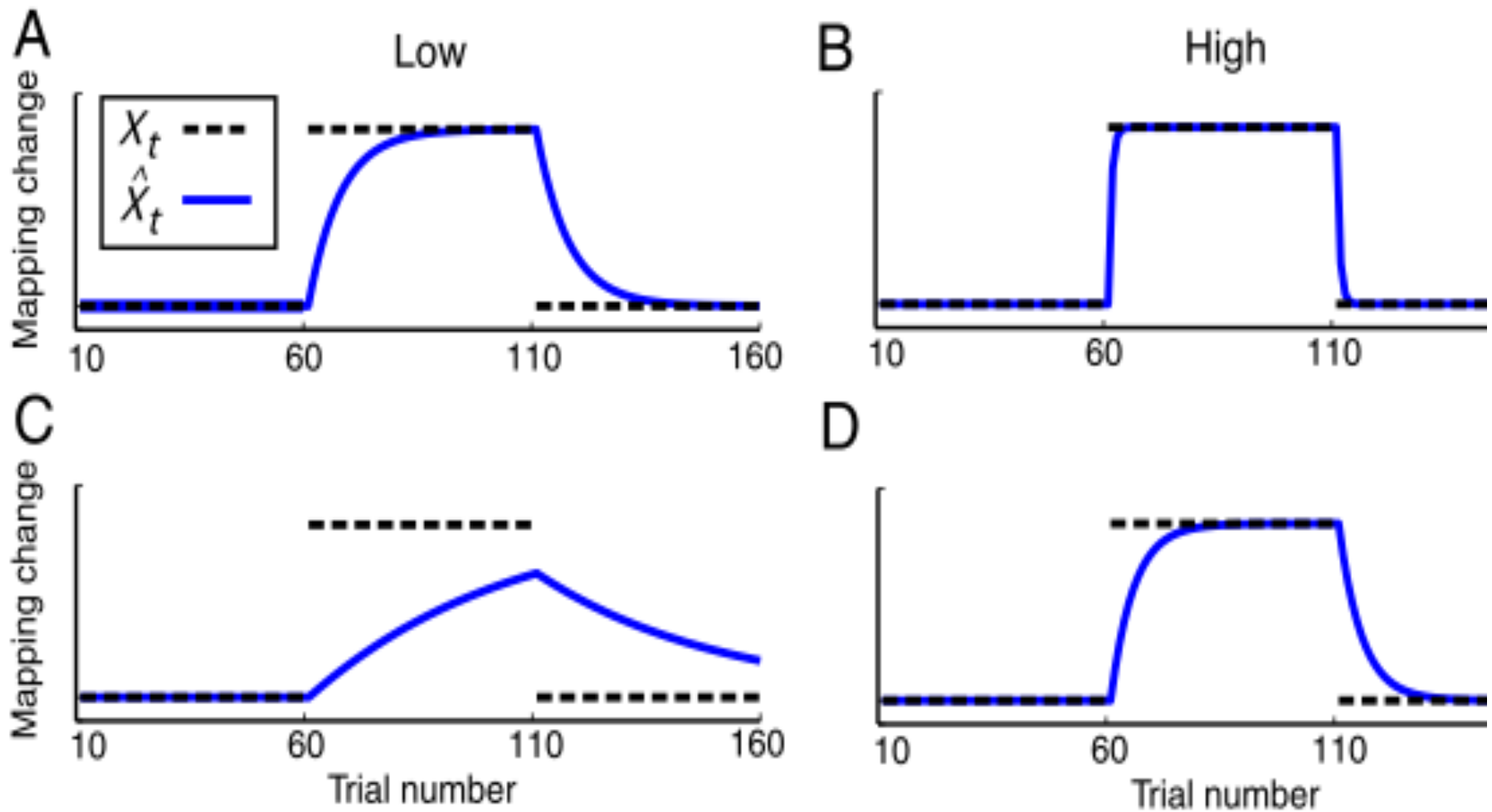


# Position uncertainty and blur

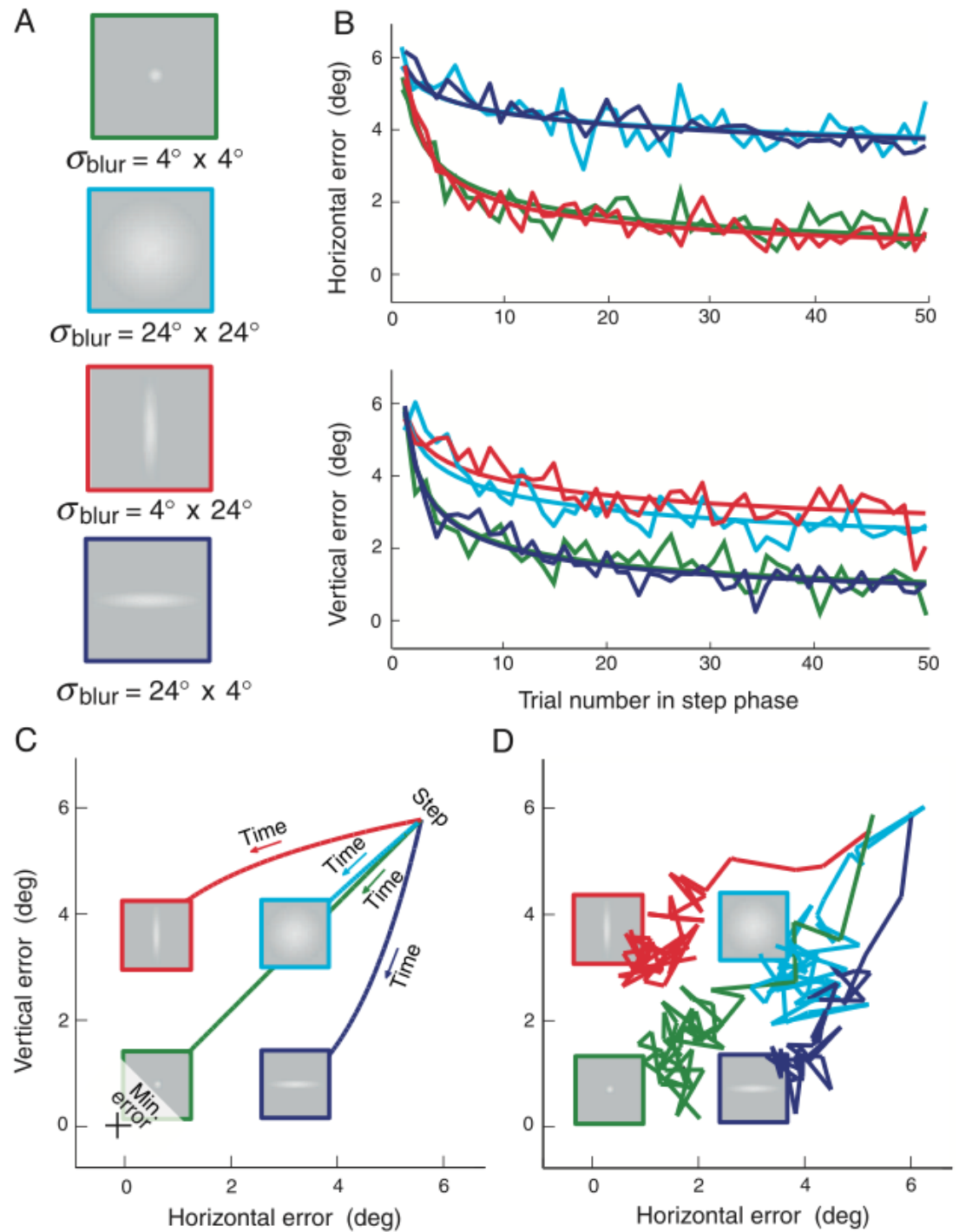


# Predictions

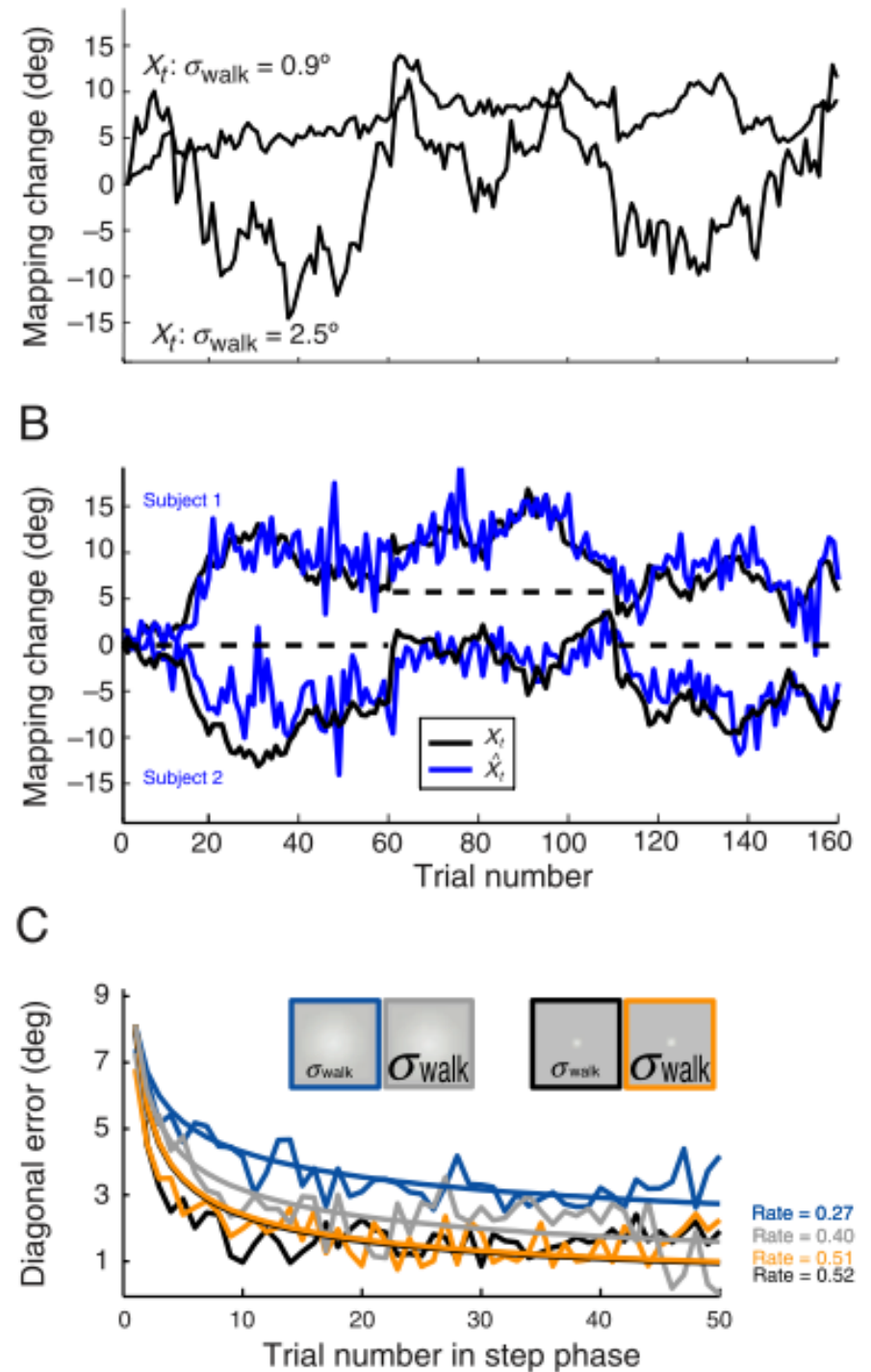
Mapping uncertainty parameter ( $\hat{\sigma}_x$ )



# Directional Blur

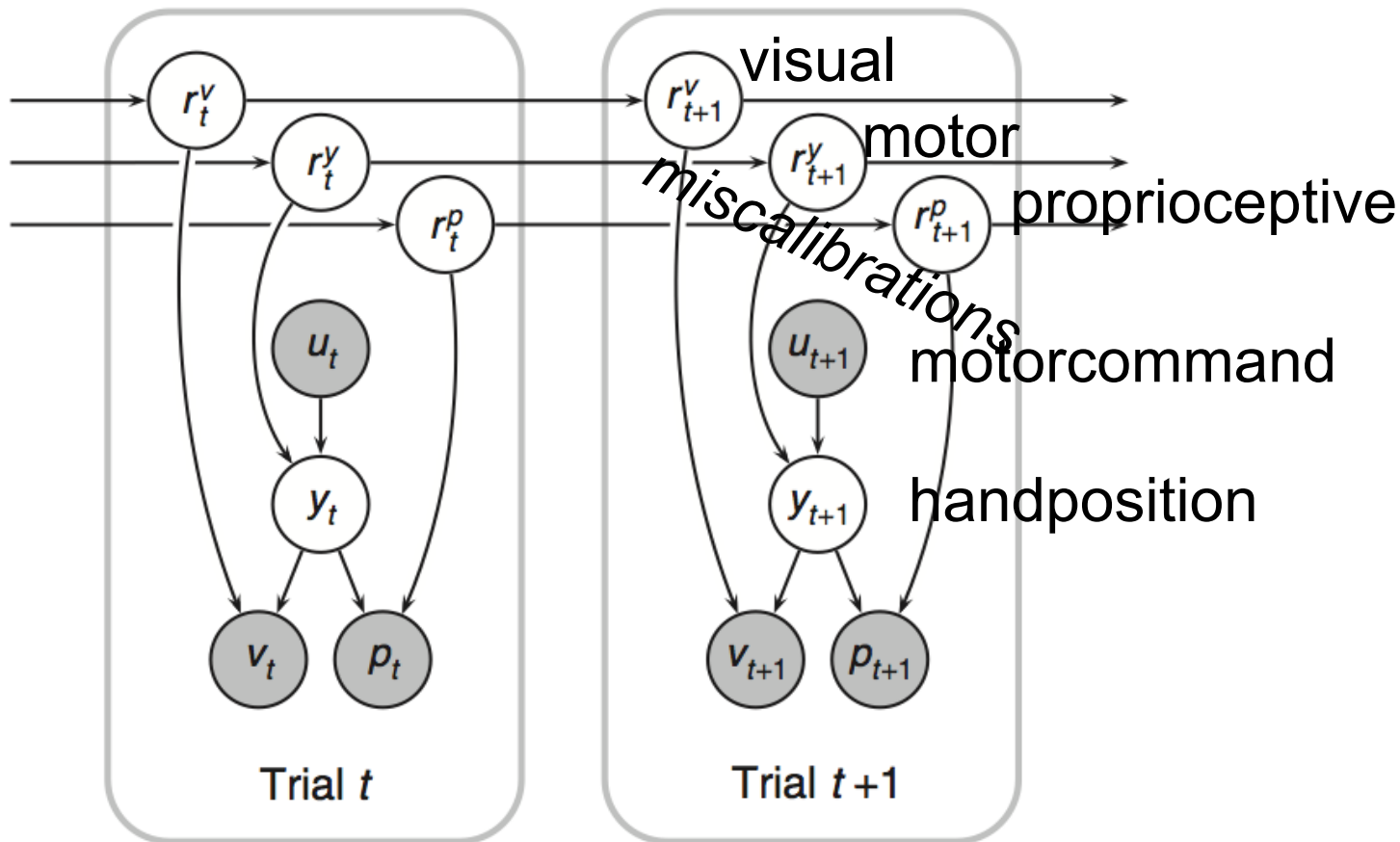


# Random walk increases adaptation rate



# Bayesian sensory- and motor-adaptation model.

Shaded circles represent observed random variables  
Unshaded circles represent unobserved random variables





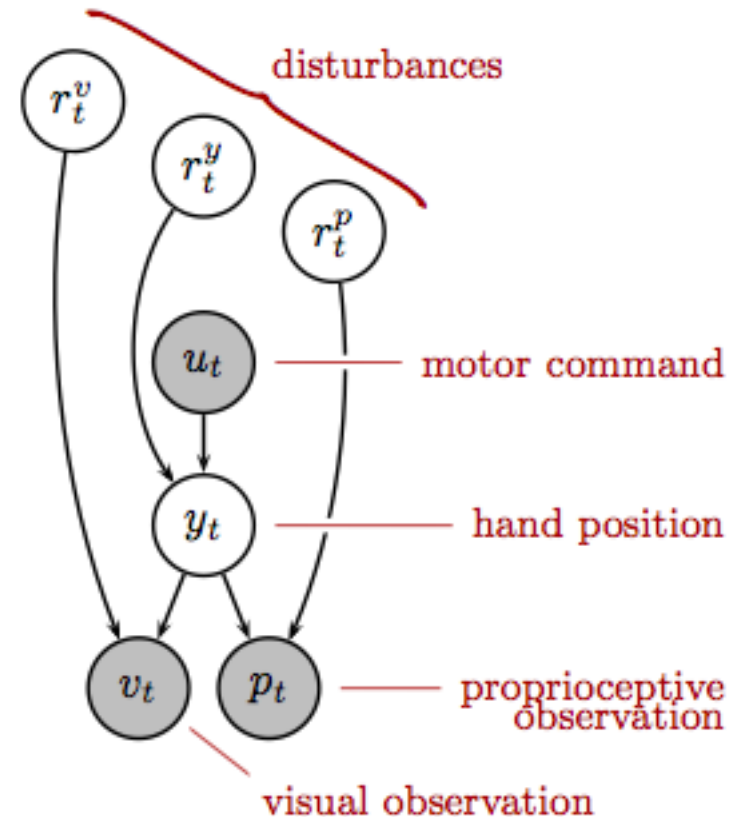
# Rewrite as Kalman

$$v_t = y_t + r_t^v + \varepsilon_t^v$$

$$p_t = y_t + r_t^p + \varepsilon_t^p$$

$$y_t = u_t + r_t^y + \varepsilon_t^y$$

***Problem: This mixes observable and unobserved variables***



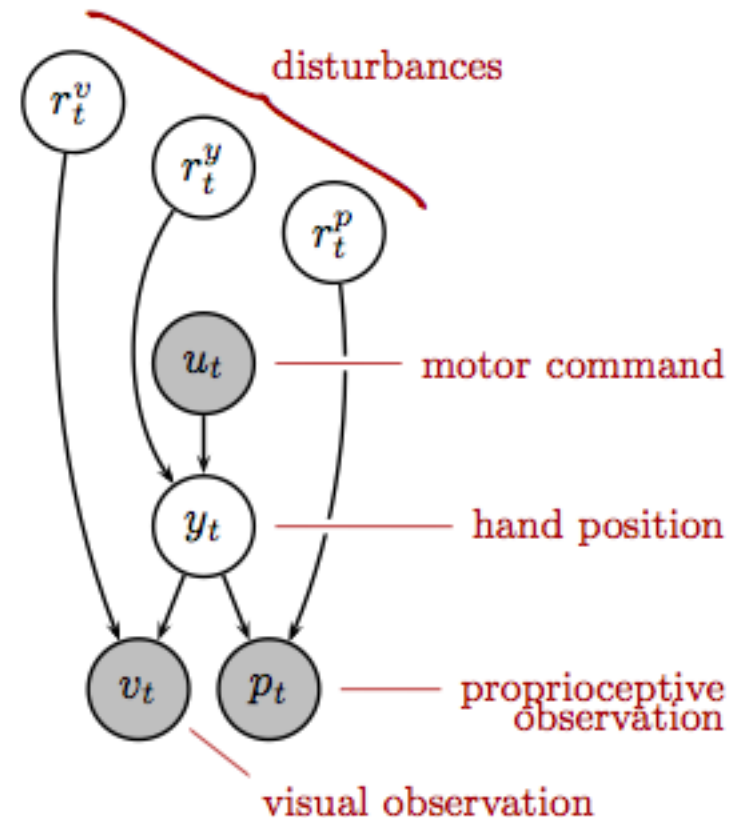
# Rewrite as Kalman

Because Linear and Gaussian,  
we can rewrite:

$$v_t = y_t + r_t^v + \varepsilon_t^v$$

$$p_t = y_t + r_t^p + \varepsilon_t^p$$

$$u_t = y_t - r_t^y - \varepsilon_t^y$$



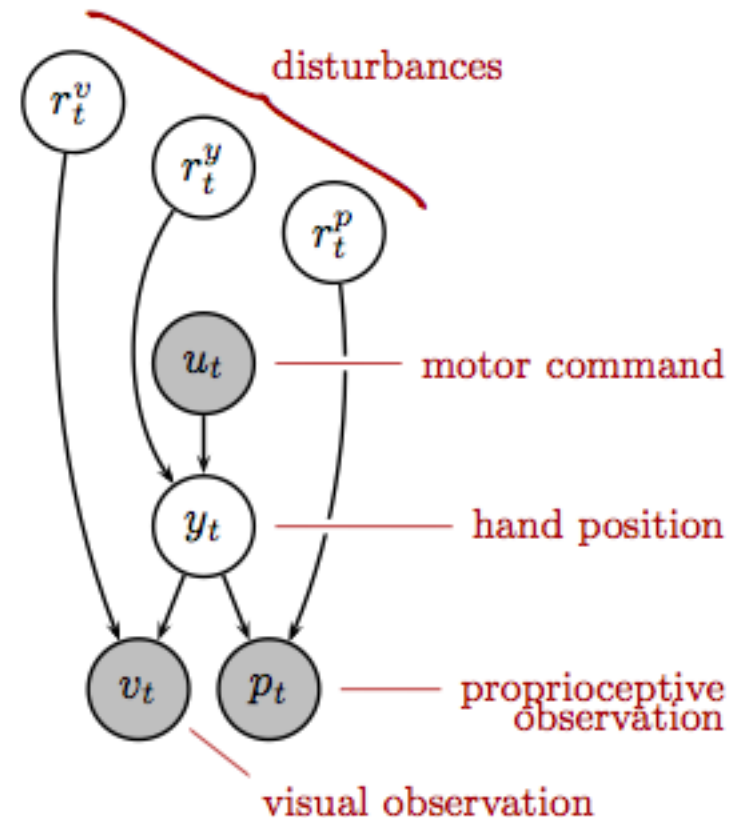
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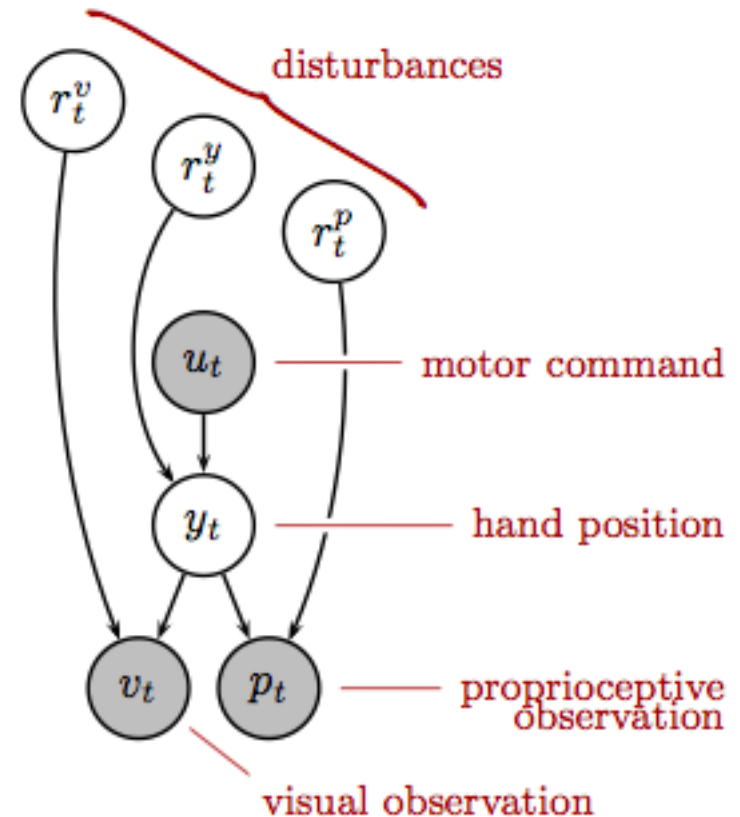
$$\begin{bmatrix} v_t \\ p_t \\ u_t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_t^v \\ r_t^p \\ r_t^y \\ y_t \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_t^v \\ \varepsilon_t^p \\ -\varepsilon_t^y \end{bmatrix}$$



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***THEY DIDN'T DO THIS,  
BUT COULD HAVE***



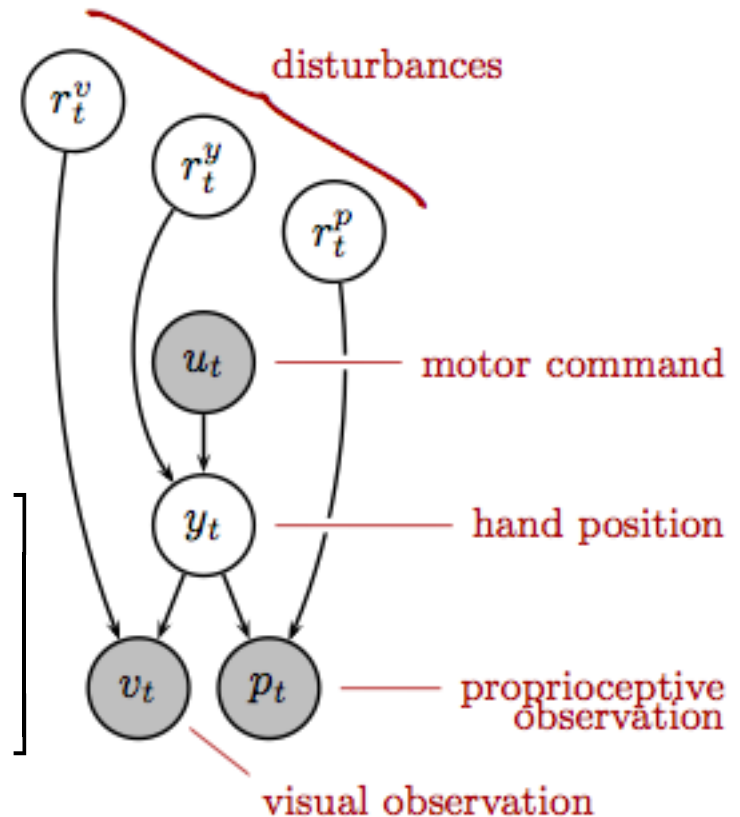
# Rewrite as Kalman

$$y_t = u_t + r_t^y + \varepsilon_t^y$$

$$v_t = (u_t + r_t^y + \varepsilon_t^y) + r_t^v + \varepsilon_t^v$$

$$p_t = (u_t + r_t^y + \varepsilon_t^y) + r_t^p + \varepsilon_t^p$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} v_t - u_t \\ p_t - u_t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} r_t^v \\ r_t^p \\ r_t^y \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_t^v \\ \varepsilon_t^p \\ \varepsilon_t^y \end{bmatrix}$$



$$\mathbf{z}_t = H\mathbf{r}_t + H\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_t$$

# Simple Kalman Filter

## Dynamics Model

$$\mathbf{r}_{t+1} = A\mathbf{r}_t + \eta_t$$

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a^v & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & a^p & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & a^y \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\eta_t \sim N(0, Q)$$

$$Q = \begin{bmatrix} q^v & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & q^p & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & q^y \end{bmatrix}$$

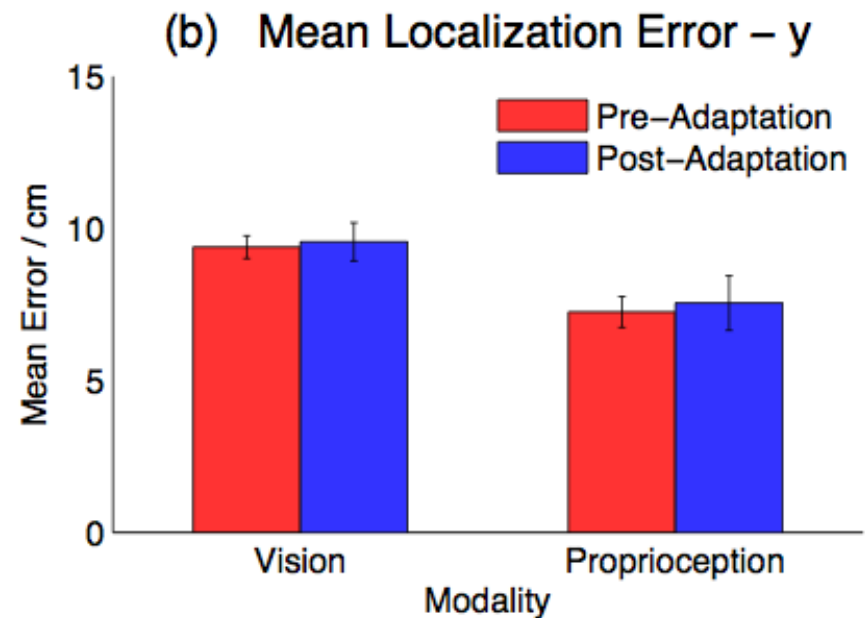
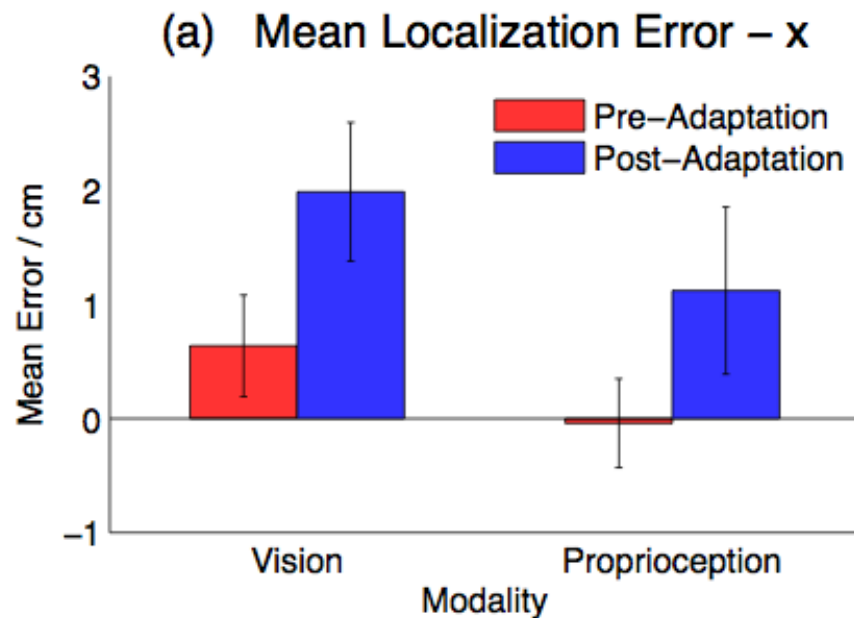
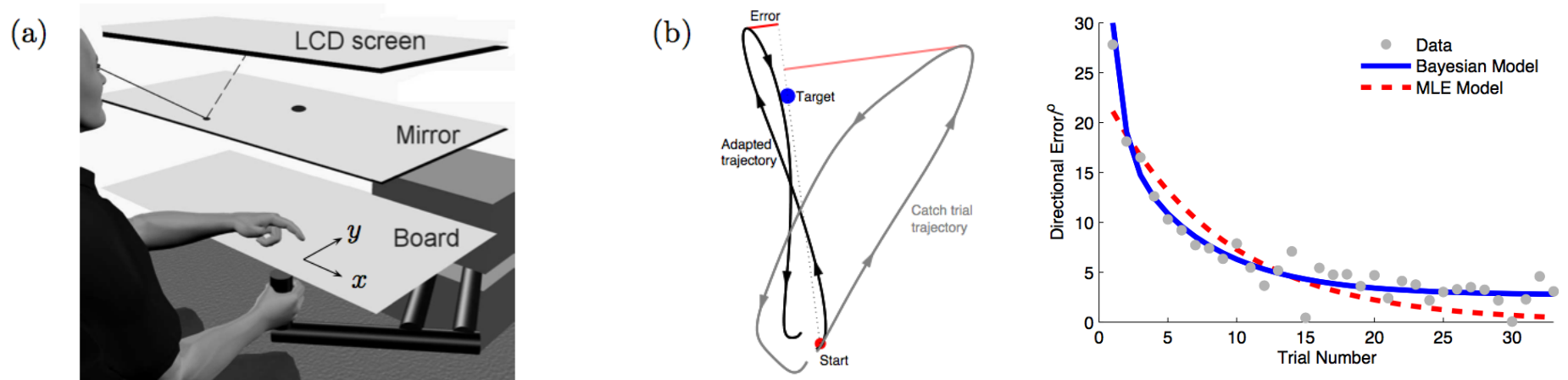
$$\mathbf{z}_t = H\mathbf{r}_t + H\epsilon_t$$

$$H = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\eta_t \sim N(0, R)$$

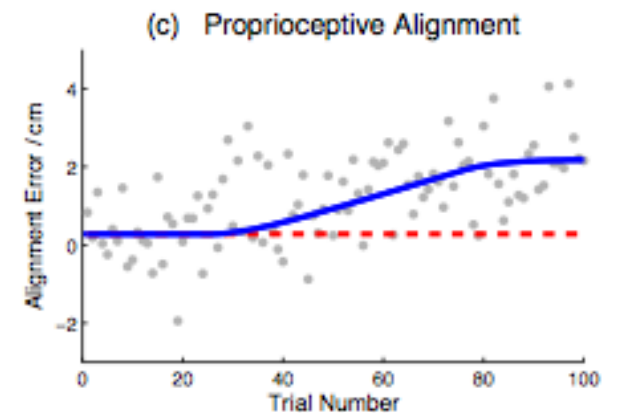
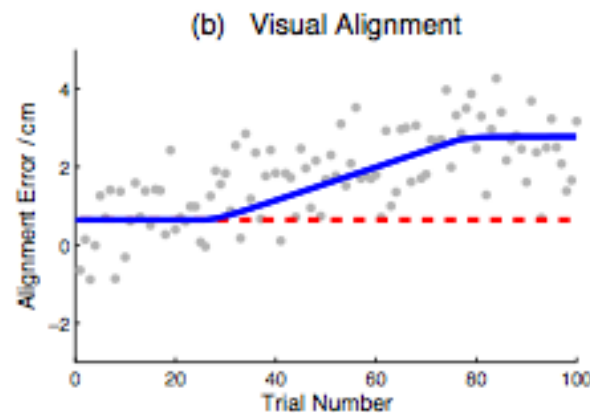
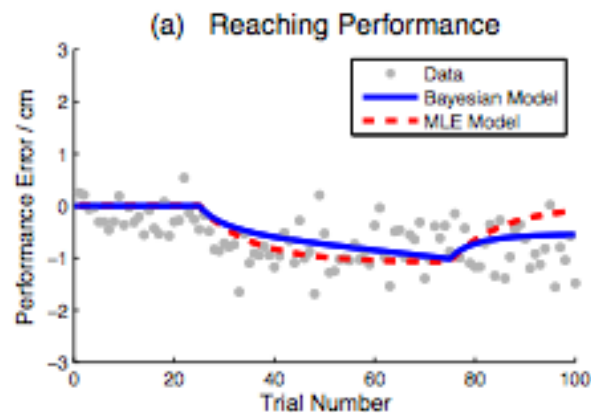
$$R = E[(H\epsilon_t)(H\epsilon_t)^T] = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_v^2 + \sigma_u^2 & \sigma_u^2 \\ \sigma_u^2 & \sigma_p^2 + \sigma_u^2 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Experimental results



# Results contd

Three tasks: Reach to target (right hand),  
left hand to visual  
left hand to right hand's location





# Learning Cues

- How do we get our understanding of what cues are available? We will explore this idea in the afternoon..