

# Bayesian modeling of action and perception and some other stuff

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Konrad Kording

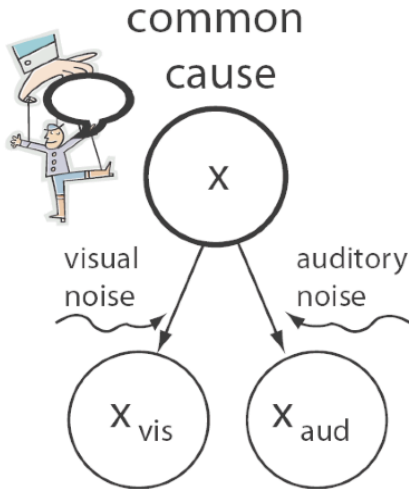
# Part I: Cue Combination

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# Modeling: Where do cues come from?

Generate



# Optimal behavior

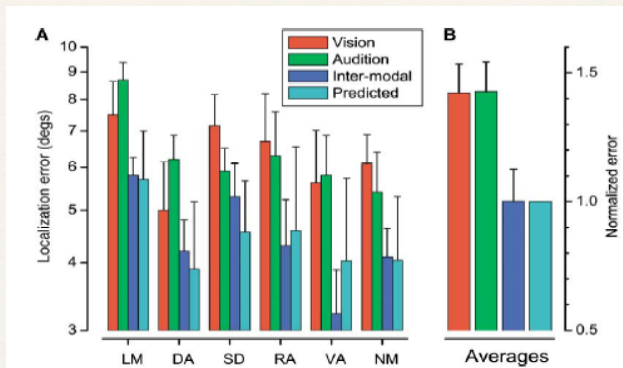
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$$p(x|V, A) \propto p(x)p(V|x)p(A|x)$$

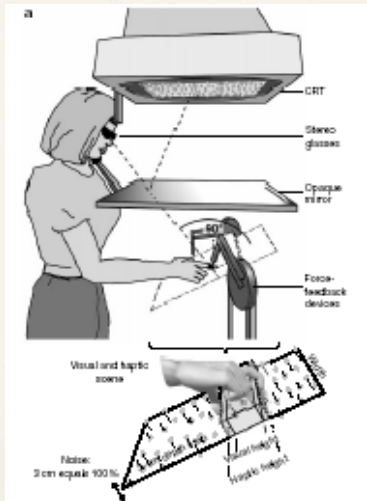
Assume Gaussian noise on both:

$$w_{\text{vis}} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{aud}}^2}{\sigma_{\text{aud}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{vis}}^2} \quad w_{\text{aud}} = 1 - w_{\text{vis}} = \frac{\sigma_{\text{vis}}^2}{\sigma_{\text{aud}}^2 + \sigma_{\text{vis}}^2}.$$

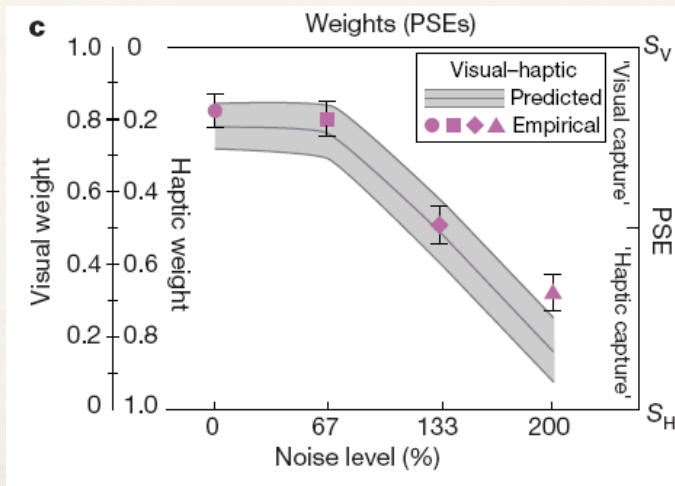
# Comparison to predicted behavior



# Experimental test



# Results





# Visual Auditory combination (Ventriloquist effect)

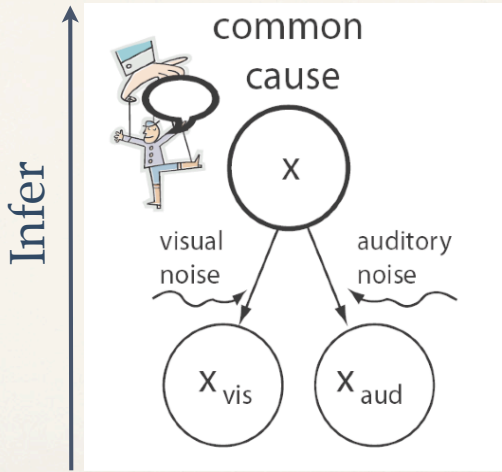
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Both cues





# Traditional Bayesian model



Some groups: Angelaki, Banks, Burr, Deneve, Ernst, Ghahramani, Kersten, Knill, Landy, Mamassian, Maloney, Schrater, Yuille, van Beers, Wolpert

# Visual Auditory combination (Ventriloquist effect)

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# What would happen now?

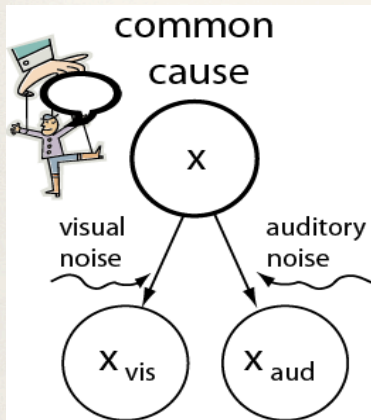
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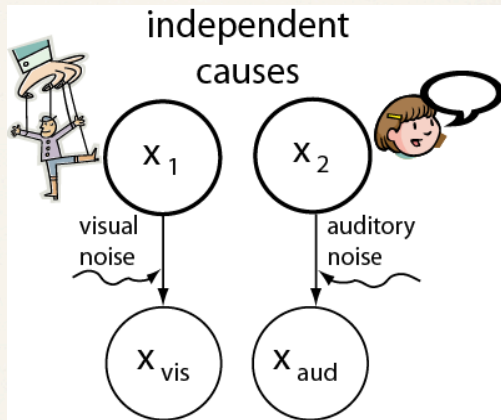
Obviously there may be more than one source.

Joint work with Beierholm, Ma, Tenenbaum, Quartz, Shams

# Mixture model



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e.g. Kording, et al 2007, Sato et al 2007, Ernst and coworkers, Stein and coworkers, Knill and coworkers, Stocker and coworkers

# $p(\text{causal model})$

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\* Using Bayes rule:

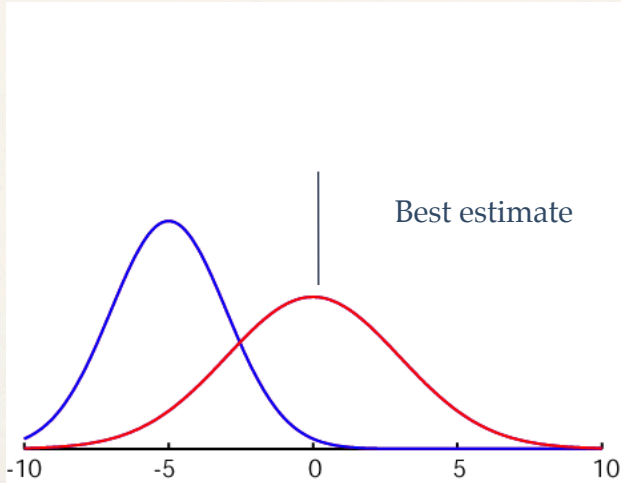
$$p(\text{common} | x_{\text{vis}}, x_{\text{aud}}) = \frac{p_{\text{common}} p(x_{\text{vis}}, x_{\text{aud}} | \text{common})}{p_{\text{common}} p(x_{\text{vis}}, x_{\text{aud}} | \text{common}) + (1 - p_{\text{common}}) p(x_{\text{vis}}, x_{\text{aud}} | \neg \text{common})}$$

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# Independent causes: where is the auditory stimulus

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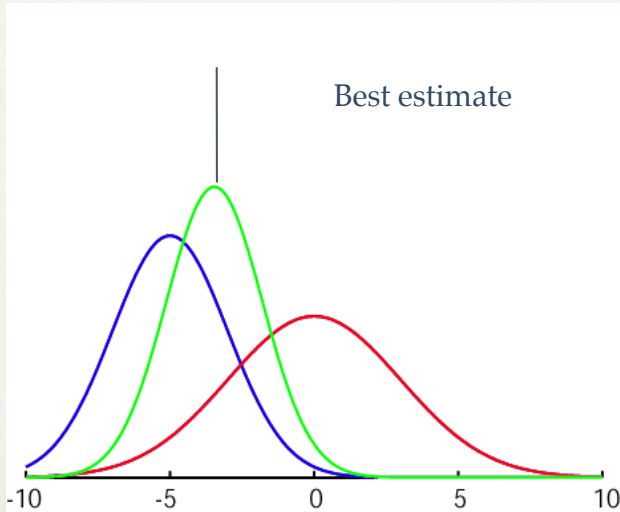
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# Common cause: where is the auditory stimulus

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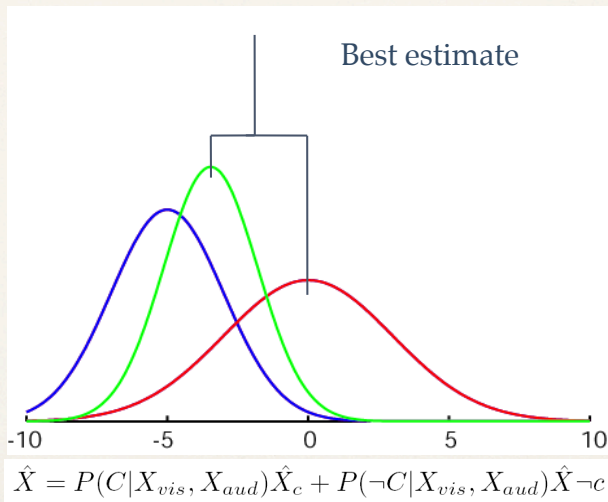
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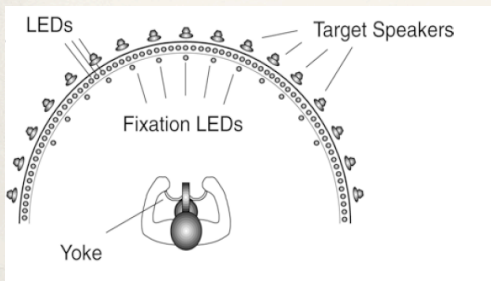
# Mean squared error estimate

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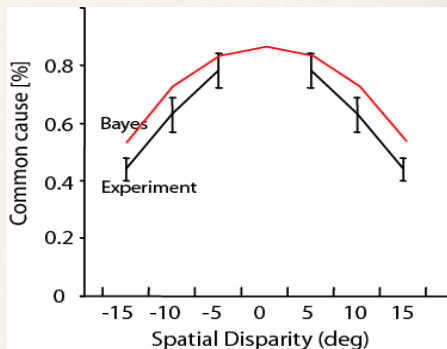


Remark: Knill and Sato use virtually identical math

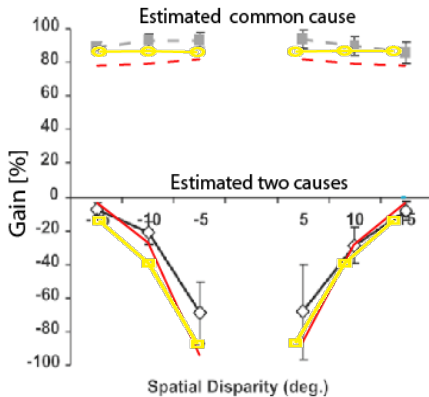
# Experimental test



Button: common cause  
or two



# Measured gain



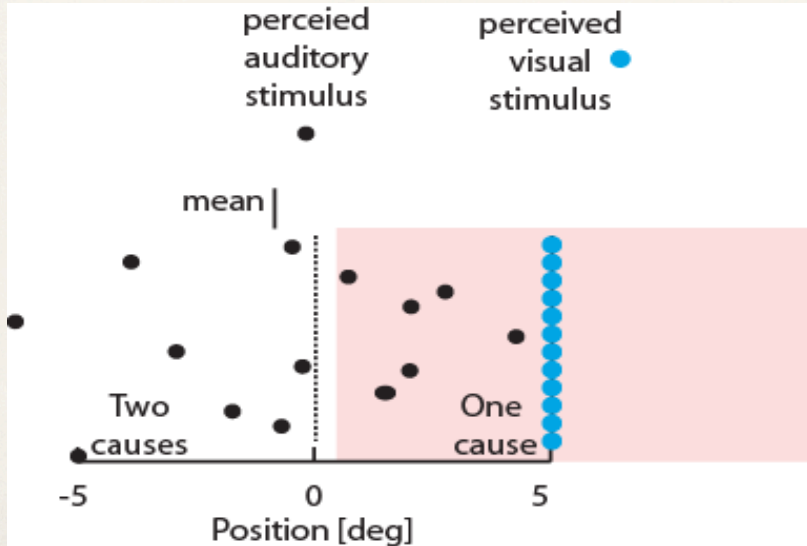
— Data

— Kording et al

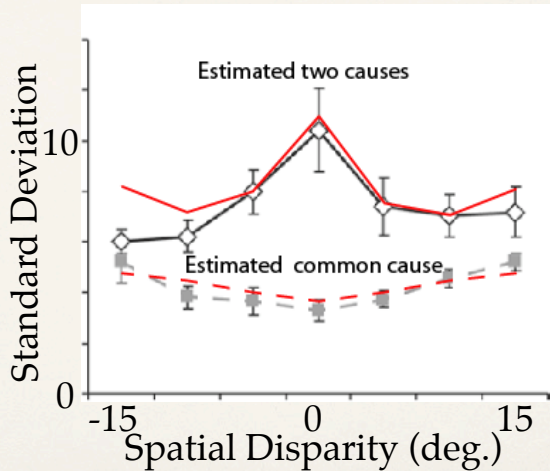
— Sato et al, 2007

Wallace et al 2005 Hairston et al 2004

# How can the gain be negative?



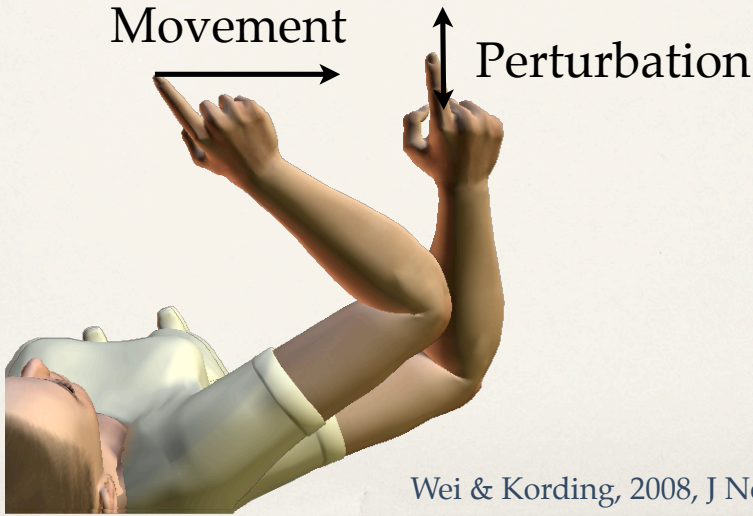
# Predicting the variance



Worse prediction if we assume model selection

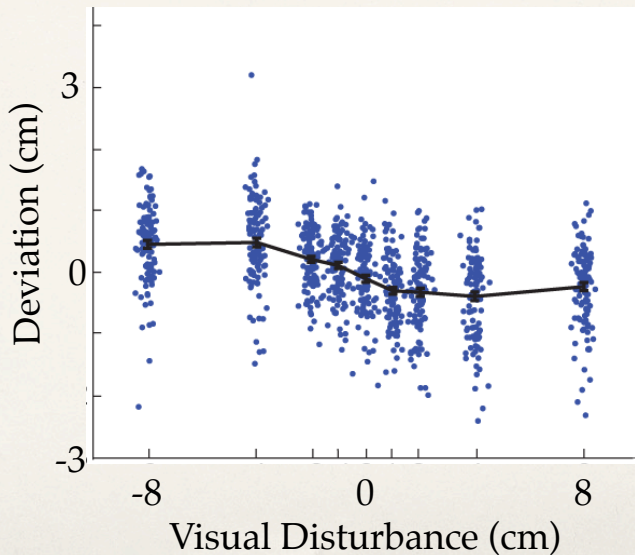
# Same question in motor learning

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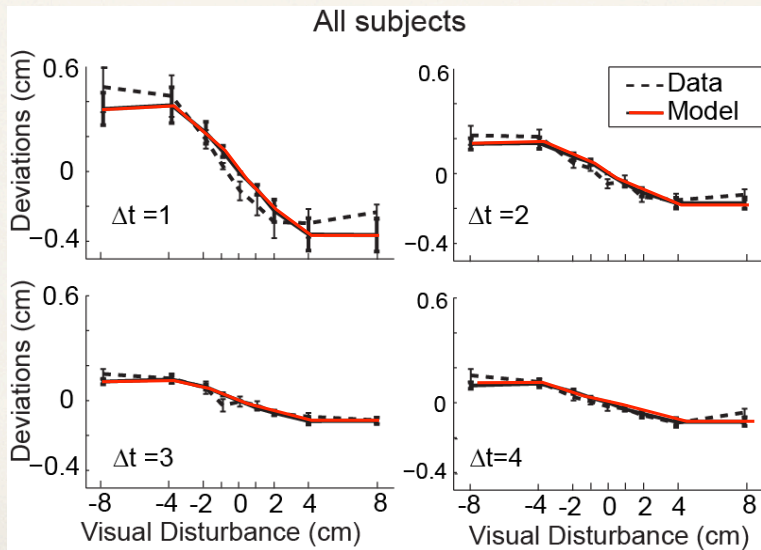
# Typical behavior

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# Causal inference in motor adaptation



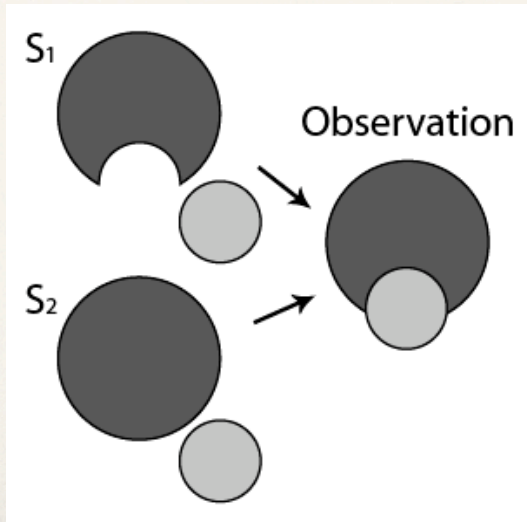
# The essence of causal inference

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- \* Noisy identity
- \* positions  $V = \text{position } A$  with  $p = p_{\text{common}}$
- \* independent otherwise

# Similar problem in depth perception: structure inference

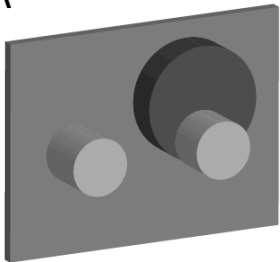
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# Basic idea

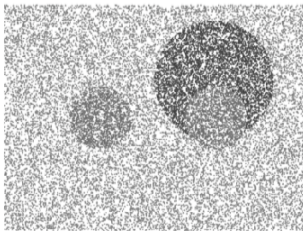
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A

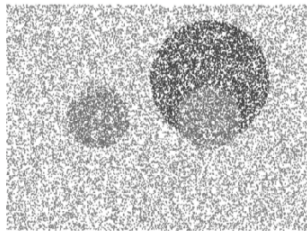


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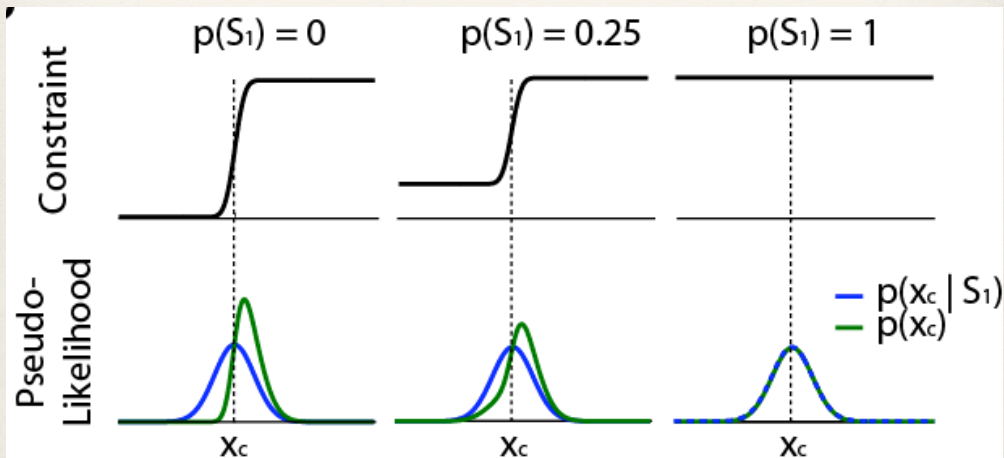
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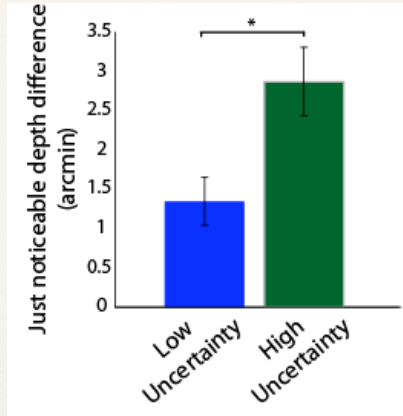


# Induced likelihoods

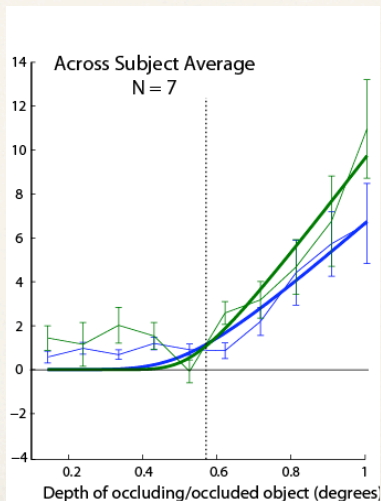


# Two levels of uncertainty

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# Effect of structure knowledge



High uncertainty

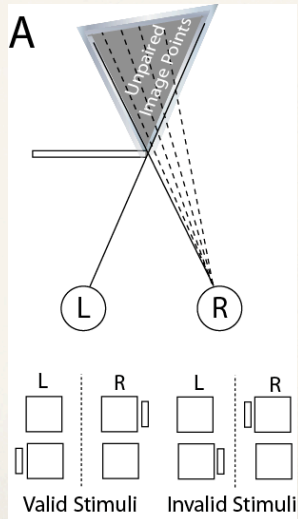
Low uncertainty

No causal breakdown (no holes)

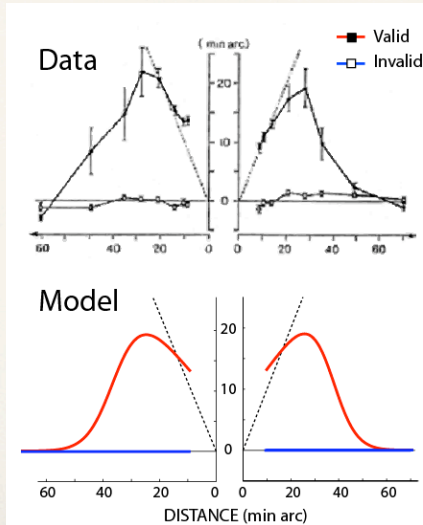


# Nakayama et al 1990

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# Effects of structure inference



# The essence of structure inference

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- \* Noisy inequality
- \*  $\text{depth}_1 > \text{depth}_2$  with  $p = p_{\text{order}}$
- \* independent otherwise
  
- \* Thus this structure inference generalizes causal inference

# Part 2: Estimation for movement

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# Adaptation ~ estimation

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World



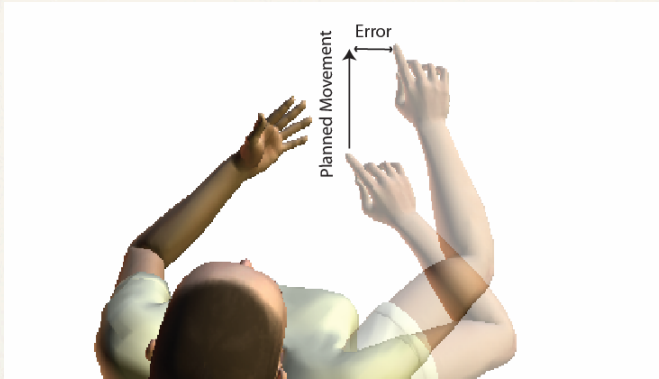
Body



Moveme

# Ambiguity

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Limb impedance: Viscosity, stiffness, inertia, muscle strength

Environmental affordances: Object inertia, force fields

Different disturbances may lead to the same error

Ongoing  
changes

Body parameters

Environment parameters



Error

adapt



use for  
movement

Parameter  
estimates

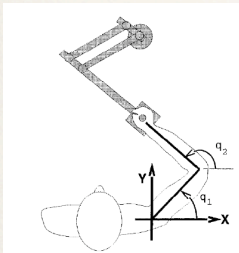


see Kording et al, Nature Neuroscience 2007



# Computational approaches: “Internal models”

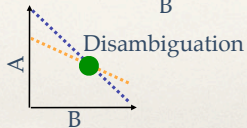
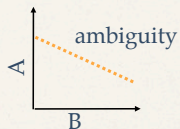
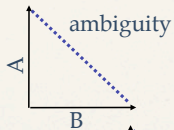
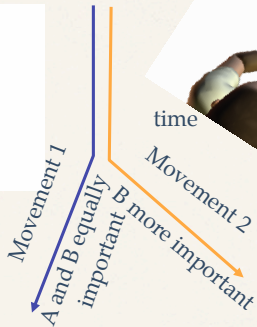
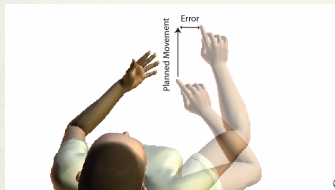
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Perturb movement property

- ❖ Model estimates this property from motor errors

# Resolving ambiguity



# Simulating trajectories

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$\frac{\ddot{x}}{m}$  = *Output from EP controller*

+ *F from velocity dependent force-field* – *Estimated F from velocity dependent force-field*

+ *F from position dependent force-field* – *Estimated F from position dependent force-field*

+ *F from joint stiffness* – *F from joint stiffness*

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# Influences on trajectories

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Trajectories obtained simulating EP trajectory with corrections  
and explicit disturbances

$$\text{Error} = f(\mathbf{d}, \hat{\mathbf{d}}, \text{movement})$$

$$\text{Error} \sim \sum_{i=1}^{N_d} (d_i - \hat{d}_i) I_i(\text{movement})$$

$$I_i(\text{movement}) := \frac{\partial}{\partial d_i} \text{Error}$$

Numerical differentiation ☹

# Assuming changes over time

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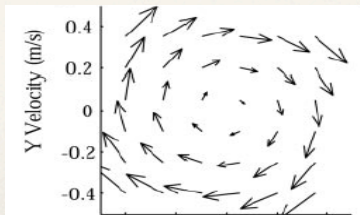
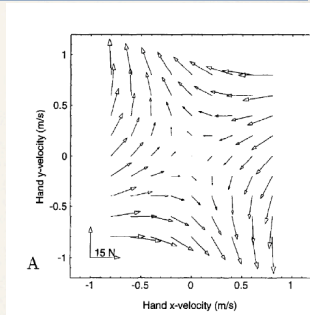
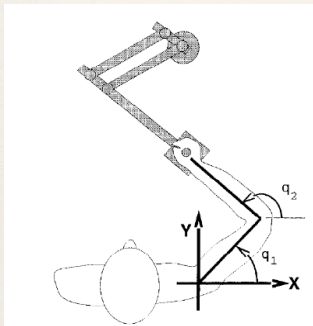
$$d_i(t + \Delta t) = d_i(t) + \varepsilon_i(t)$$

Where  $\varepsilon_i(t)$  is drawn from a Normal  
Distribution of width  $\sigma_i$

2 Free parameters – all  $\sigma_i$  proportional  
to nominal values

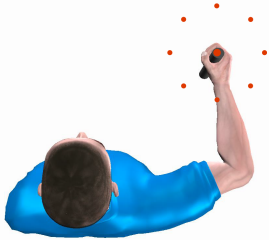
Extended Kalman filter for state estimation

# Force field learning



# Shadmehr and Mussa Ivaldi 1994

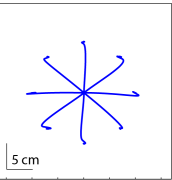
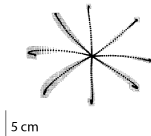
Learn



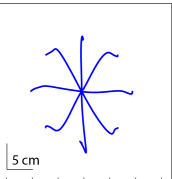
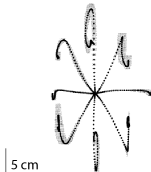
Generalize



Intrinsic  
disturbance  
 $\tau = W\dot{\theta}$



Extrinsic  
disturbance  
 $F = Bx^{\cdot}$



Experimental Data

Simulated Results



# Criscimagna Hemminger et al 2003

CCW



Extrinsic

CW

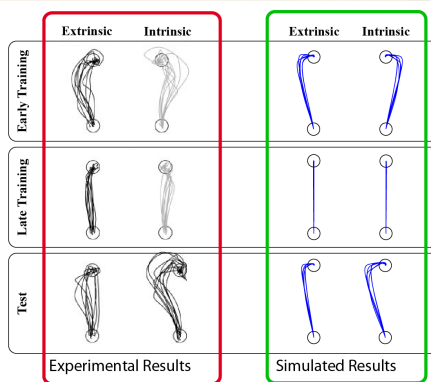


Intrinsic

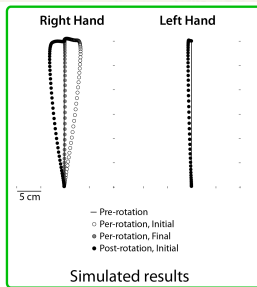
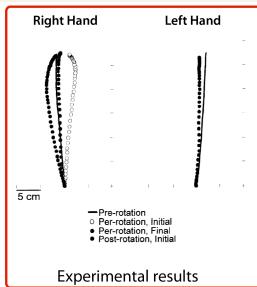
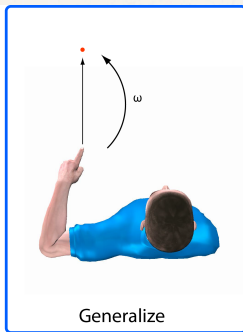
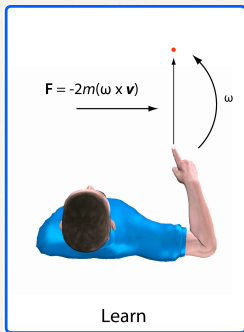
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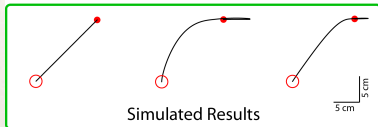
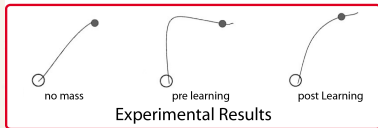
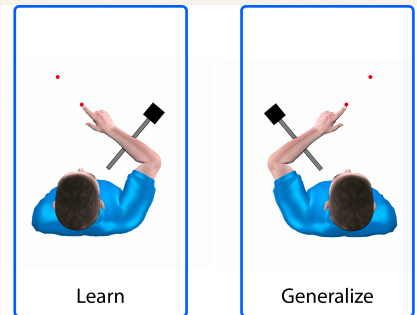
Test



# Dizio and Lackner 1995



# Wang and Sainburg 2004

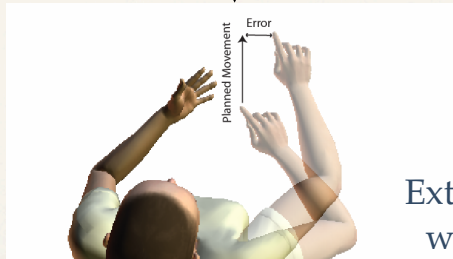
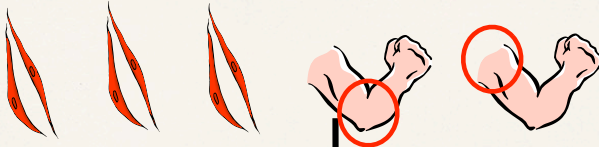


# Asymmetry of transfer

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- \* More or only transfer from dominant to non-dominant hand
- \* Assume more uncertainty about non-dominant hand

# Motor Adaptation: Why



Error



# Take home message

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- \* Uncertainty about causal structure
- \* Bayesian framework is modular
- \* Easy to extend
- \* Causality problems occur in many domains