

### Temporal dynamics of serial dependence in ocular tracking

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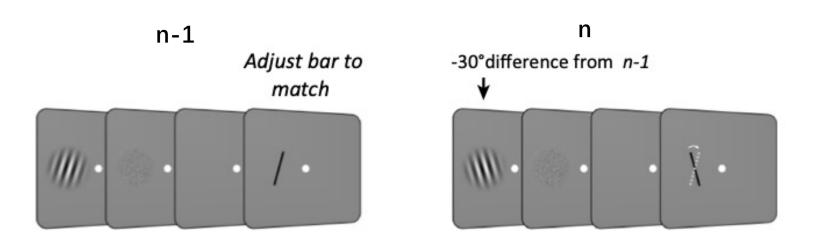
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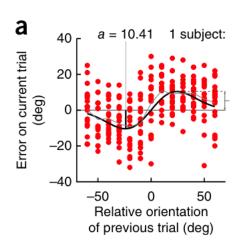
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#### Serial dependence





Perceived orientation was systematically biased toward recently seen stimuli.

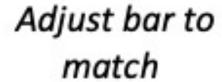
#### Whether serial dependence occurs in perception?





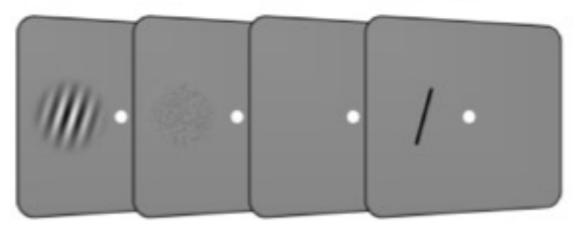


### Method of adjustments





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Attractive serial dependence

Repulsive adaptation effect (perceptual phenomenon)



#### Remove post-perceptual processes

- Memory
  - Remove the time delay between stimulus presentation and response
  - Spatial location tasks
    - **Repulsive** (Bliss et al., 2017)
    - Attractive (Manassi et al., 2018)
- Memory and decision processes
  - Use the alternative forced-choice task
  - Orientation tasks
    - Repulsive (Fritsche et al., 2017; Pascucci et al., 2019)
    - Attractive (Cicchini et al., 2017; Fischer & Whitney, 2014)

#### Inconsistent results!



### Temporal dynamics of serial dependence

Attractive serial dependence



Repulsive adaptation effect

Temporal interaction of serial dependence and adaptation



When serial dependence appears and disappears



### Research goals

- Temporal dynamics of serial dependence
  - Whether serial dependence occurs in perception?
- The mechanism underlying the temporal dynamics of serial dependence
  - Temporal Bayesian ideal observer model constrained by efficient coding
  - The relationship between the temporal dynamics of the serial dependence and the sensory noise over time







### Ocular tracking task

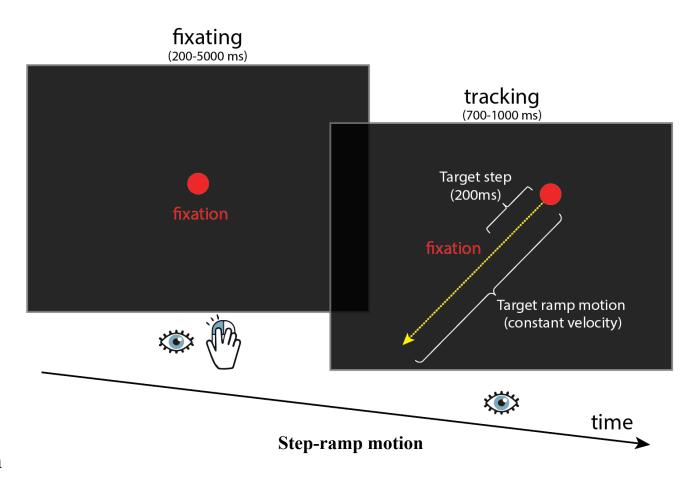


#### EyeLink 1000 Plus

Trial number 1440 = 16 blocks \* 90 trials

Motion direction 0 - 360°, in 12° step, 48 trials each

Motion speed 16 deg/s



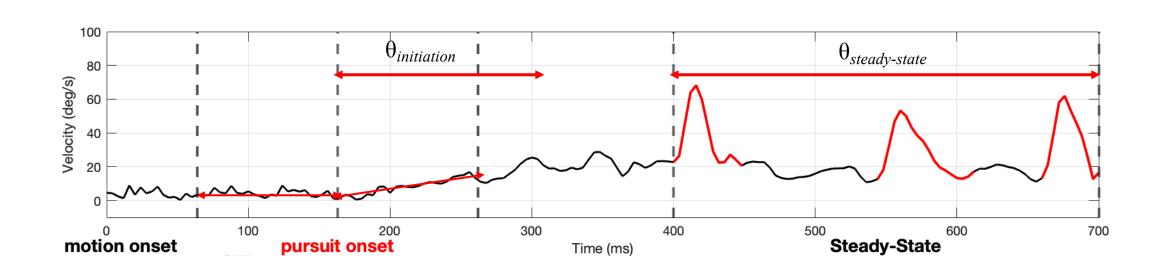
Rashbass, C. (1961). *The Journal of Physiology* Chen, Stone, Li (2021). *Journal of Vision* Chen et al., (2022). *Movement Disorders* 







# Typical eye velocity trace



# $\theta_{response}$

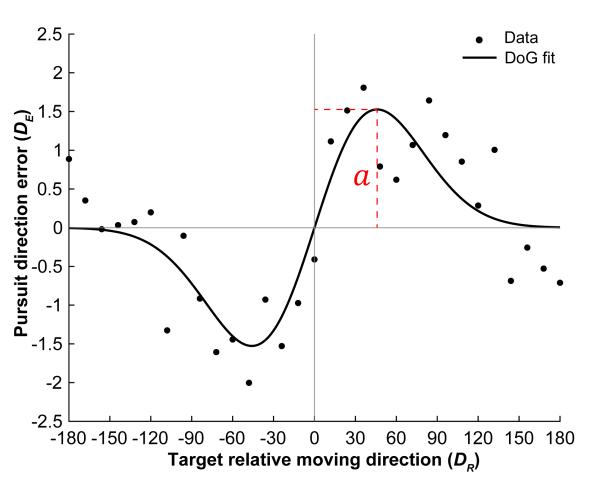
- $\theta_{initiation}$ : Driven by retinal motion signal
- $\theta_{steady-state}$ : Driven by extra-retinal signal
- $\theta_t$ : Pursuit response in each time point







### Data analysis



X axis:  $D_R = \theta_{current} - \theta_{previous}$ 

Y axis:  $D_E = \theta_{current} - \theta_{response}$ 

First derivative of Gaussian (DoG) fitting

$$D_E = awce^{-(wD_R)^2}D_R$$

*a*>0 : attractive serial dependence

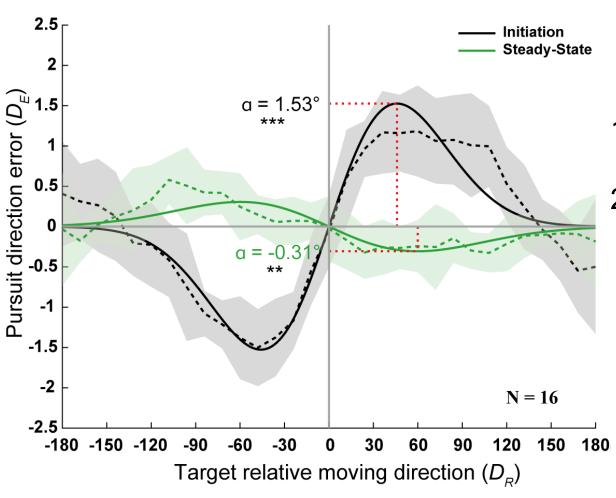
a<0 : repulsive visual adaption







# Serial dependence at different pursuit stages



\*\*\*, *p* <0.001; \*\*, *p* <0.01

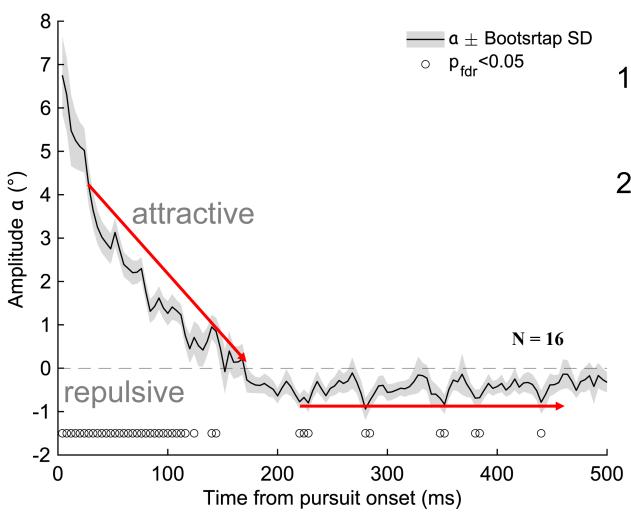
- 1. Pursuit initiation: Attractive serial dependence
- 2. Steady-state: Repulsive adaptation







### Temporal dynamics of serial dependence



- A strong serial dependence at pursuit initiation that quickly declines over time.
- A low-amplitude adaptation that remains stable throughout steady-state.

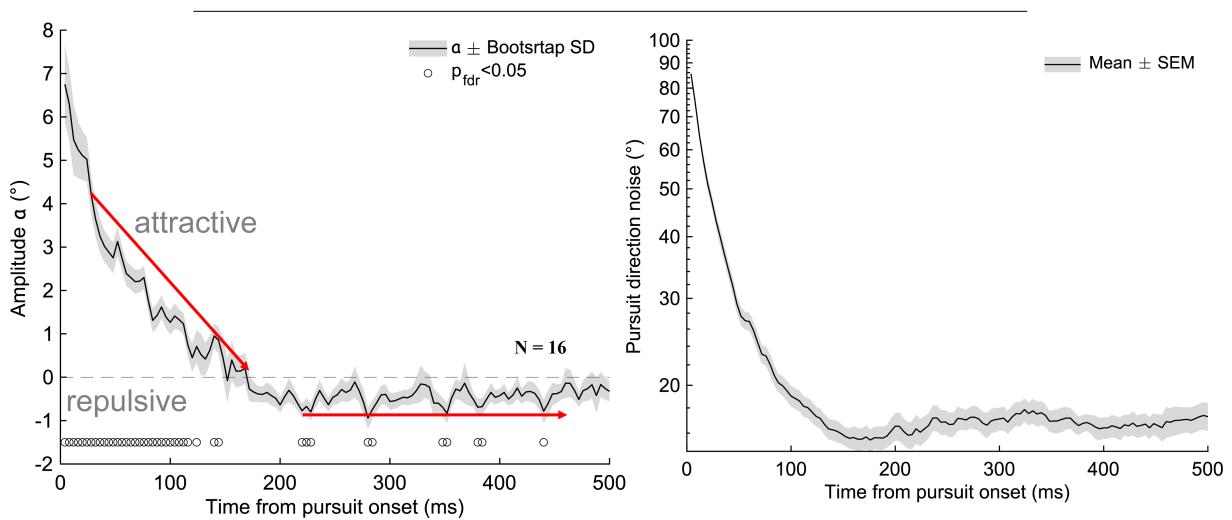
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### Time-series of amplitude and pursuit noise



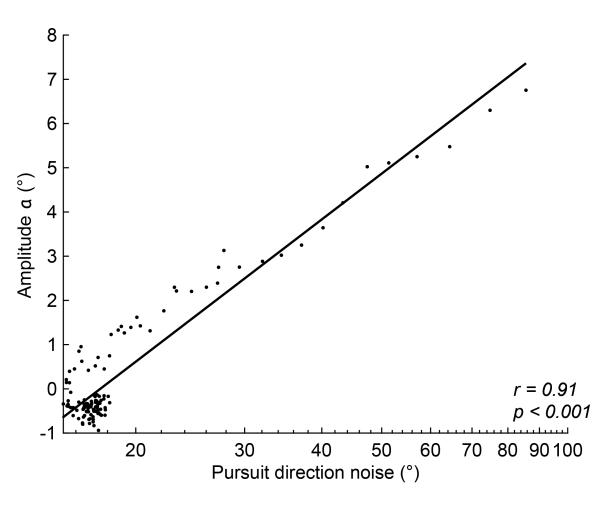
The time-series of amplitude and pursuit direction noise exhibited similar temporal trends







### Correlation between amplitude and noise



Strong correlation between the temporal dynamics of serial dependence and pursuit direction noise.

Whether serial dependence can be predicted by sensory noise over time?

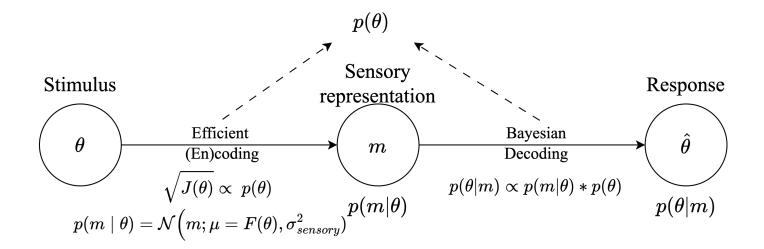






#### Model

#### Bayesian ideal observer model constrained by efficient coding



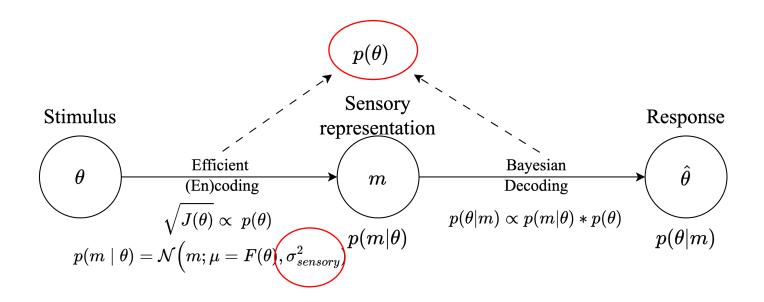






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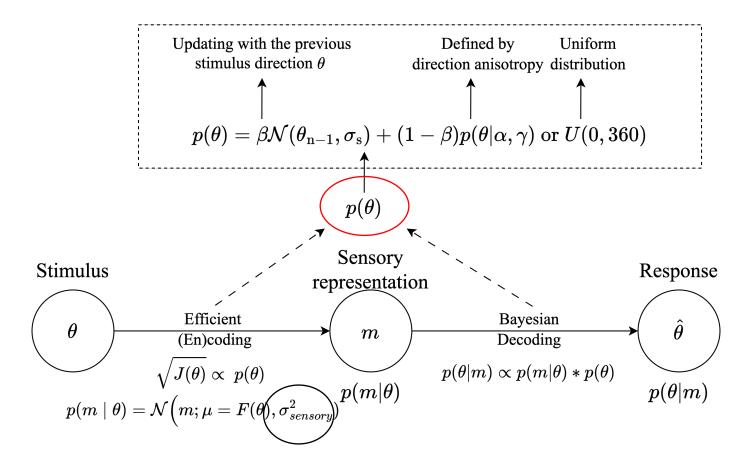
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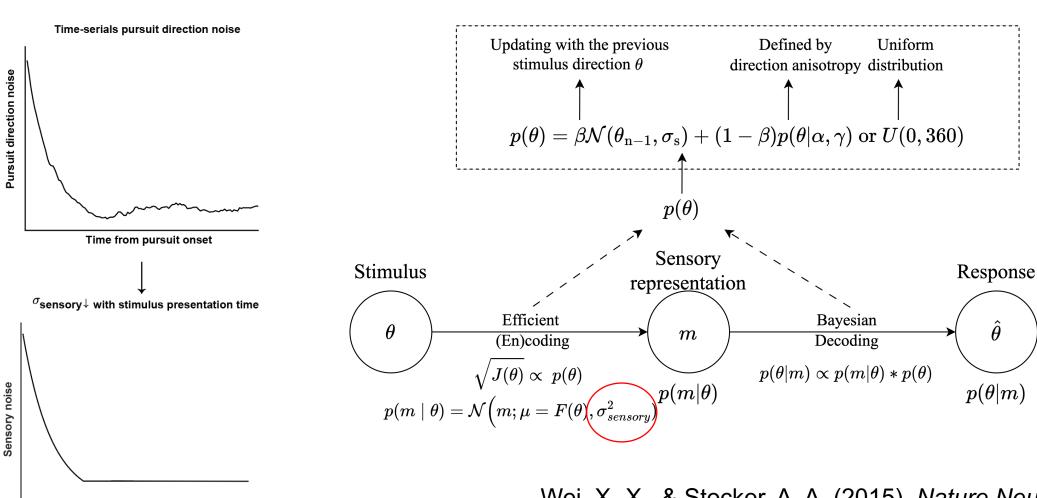




Time point

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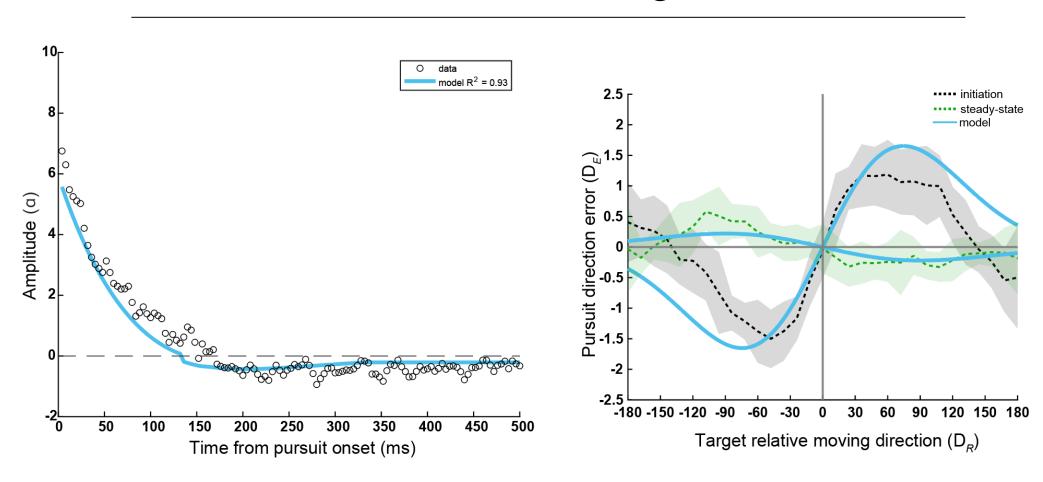
Wei, X.-X., & Stocker, A. A. (2015). Nature Neuroscience







### Model fitting



Temporal dynamics of serial dependence are captured by this Bayesian ideal observer, whose sensory noise decreases with time



### Summary

- Attractive serial dependence effect in the retinal-motion-driven pursuit initiation.
- Serial dependence happens before adaptation in ocular tracking
- >Serial dependence occurs in perception.
- The temporal dynamics of serial dependence can be predicted by the sensory noise over time.
- Serial dependence and temporal continuity (large sensory noise)
- Adaptation and sensitivity optimization (small sensory noise)
- ➤ Visual system regulates the balance of serial dependence and adaptation by sensory noise







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