

# Dynocog

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# Project Overview

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# Dynocog Project

*How do neural correlates of learning differ between levels of performance, in a dynamic decision-making task under uncertainty?*





# Dynocog Project

Cognitive Learning Tasks

Model Variation Across  
Individuals

*How do neural correlates of learning differ between levels of performance, in a dynamic decision-making task under uncertainty?*

Captured by  
corresponding Statistical  
Parameters

Human (& AI)  
RL Task



# Execution

Phase 1. Psychological Experiments

Phase 2. Design the Computational Framework

Phase 3. Fit & Perform Inference



# Phase 1. Psychological Experimentation

Primary concerned with ***Dynamic Learning under Uncertainty***

Task Battery:

WCST → Dynamic Learning under Uncertainty

N-Back Task → Working Memory

Corsi → Working Memory

Navon → Complimentary: local/global attention

(Relates to EEG data, Covariate to Corsi)

Fitts → Complimentary: (corroborate RL outcomes? @ Ben)





## Phase 2. Mathematical Framework

Hierarchical Bayesian Reinforcement Learning

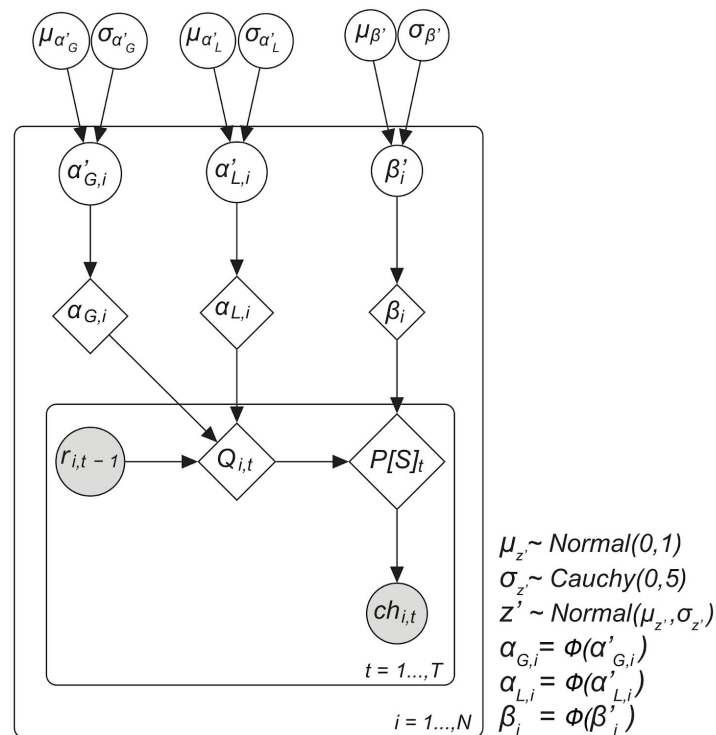
Inspired by the Slooten et. al.

To be Implemented in Pyro (scalable, universal probabilistic programming)



**Hierarchical Bayesian** == Pooled Variation

**RL** == Dynamic Learning Task





## Phase 3. Fit + Inference



Model Specification ~ Neural Correlates

Statistical Parameterisation ~ Neuropsychological Theoretical Model

$$Q_i(t+1) = Q_i(t) + \begin{cases} \alpha_{Gain}[r_i(t) - Q_i(t)] & \text{if } r = 1 \\ \alpha_{Loss}[r_i(t) - Q_i(t)] & \text{if } r = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$P_A(t) = \frac{\exp(\beta Q_A(t))}{\exp(\beta Q_B(t)) + \exp(\beta Q_A(t))}$$





# Current Progress

## Phase 1. Psytoolkit Instance

- Psytoolkit fully implemented
- Awaiting perusal & MTurk



## Phase 2. Model Design

- Thoroughly decomposed comparable model (Slooten)
- Not yet begun our instance



## Phase 3. Model Instance

- Theoretically studied
- Implemented other Pyro instances
- Not yet configured data structure





# Recent Updates

Psytoolkit

Notion + Git == Project Structuring





# Psytoolkit

All iterative changes made:

1. Instruction sets
2. Game Implementation changes
3. WCST rule generation Python script



## 3. Recent Updates



# Instruction sets

Custom vector images

Figma

## Wisconsin Card Sorting Task



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# Psytoolkit

- WCST Python Instance
- Some functional (programming) changes in Psytoolkit (e.g. 'GO' or 'z', 'x' keys)
- @ Ben to peruse

## Instructions:

*H* or *O* = 'z'  
no *H* or *O* = 'x'

**GO!**

## WCST Python Instance

```
cross1blue 1 0 1 "number" "cross1blue"
star2yellow 2 0 2 "number" "star2yellow"
cross4blue 4 0 3 "number" "cross4blue"
star3yellow 3 0 4 "number" "star3yellow"
circle4green 4 0 5 "number" "circle4green"
triangle3yellow 3 0 6 "number" "triangle3yellow"
star2blue 2 0 7 "number" "star2blue"
cross4red 4 0 8 "number" "cross4red"
star3yellow 3 0 9 "number" "star3yellow"
circle4green 4 0 10 "number" "circle4green"
star3red 1 3 1 "color" "star3red"
triangle1blue 3 1 2 "color" "triangle1blue"
circle3green 2 3 3 "color" "circle3green"
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## 3. Recent Updates



# Notion

- Notion: Project migration
- Integrate Git (outdated)
- Taskboard & Calendar



# Dynocog Research Unit

*A mathematical paradigm to comprehend human cognition.*



# Workflow

## Task Board Board view

Not started 4  In progress 3  Completed 1 

Update Calendar on Google doc

Collaboration

Apr 11, 2021

Cleanup Dynocog Repo

Collaboration


Apr 11, 2021

 Zach Wolpe

Find datasets

Superfluous work


Apr 30, 2021

 Zach Wolpe

Prep Recap + Trajectory Presentation

Collaboration


Apr 13, 2021

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Psytoolkit Adjustments

Psytoolkit

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Automate WCST generation

Python

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WCST task generator. 2

Psytoolkit

Apr 10, 2021

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 New

Progress Update

Collaboration

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 New

## Task Board Calendar view

No date (1)







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April 2021

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 New



# Project Details

## Github Link

ZachWolpe/Dynocog

How do neural correlates of learning differ between levels of performance, in a dynamic decision-making task under uncertainty? We're a cognitive neuroscience

 <https://github.com/ZachWolpe/Dynocog>



## Project Overview

### Wisconsin Card Sorting Task Models

+ :: **BACKGROUND** Main research question (RQ):

*How do neural correlates of learning differ between levels of performance, in a dynamic decision-making task under uncertainty?*

We aim to depart from more traditional ideas of comparing dichotomised average neural data,





# What's Next?





# Next Step

1. Final round check Psytoolkit (@ Ben)
2. Psytoolkit data structure (@ Zach)
3. MTurk Implementation (@ Ben @ Jussi @ Zach)
4. Theoretical Model Design (@ Zach @ Jonathan @ Allan)
  - a. RL + graphical architecture
  - b. Bayes sense check
5. Clean up write up structure (@ Zach, Provided by @ Jonathan Shock)
6. Incorporate write up plan (@ Zach)





# Thoughts?

