

Modeling Social Interaction for Baby in Simulated Environment for Developmental Robotics (SEDRo)

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Demo of SEDRo



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In [ ]: 1 # print(state_size, action_size)
2 # agent = Agent(state_size=state_size, action_size=action_size, dqn_type='DQN')
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In [23]: 1 touchHappened = False;
2 visualObservationNames = ["Common Central View", "Common Peripheral View",
3                             "Left Central View", "Left Peripheral View",
4                             "Right Central View", "Right Peripheral View"]
5 for episode in range(1000):
6     env.reset()
7     step_result = env.get_steps(group_name)[0]
8     done = False
9     episode_rewards = 0
10    step = 0
11    # print(step)
12    voiceTxt = ""
13
14    # while not done:
15    while not done:
16        action_size = group_spec.action_size
17        # print( group_spec.is_action_continuous())
18        if group_spec.is_action_continuous():
19            action = np.random.randn(len(step_result), group_spec.action_size)
20        # action = np.zeros((step_result.n_agents(), group_spec.action_size))
21        # action[0][40] = .5;
22
23        # action[0][41] = .0002
24        # print("action shape: ", action.shape)
25
26        # Set the default brain to work with
27        group_name = env.get_agent_groups()[0]
28        print(group_name)
29        group_spec = env.get_agent_group_spec(group_name)
30        print(group_spec.observation_shapes)
31
32        if group_spec.is_action_discrete():
33            branch_size = group_spec.discrete_action_branches
34            print("branch_size", branch_size)
35            action = np.column_stack((np.random.randint(0, branch_size[i], size=(step_result.n_a
36        # print(action)
37        env.set_actions(group_name, action)
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Key Characteristics of SEDRo

1. Open-ended tasks with No Reward
2. Human-like Experience
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In this talk

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1. Why No Rewards?

“Mommy, look, it’s doggy”

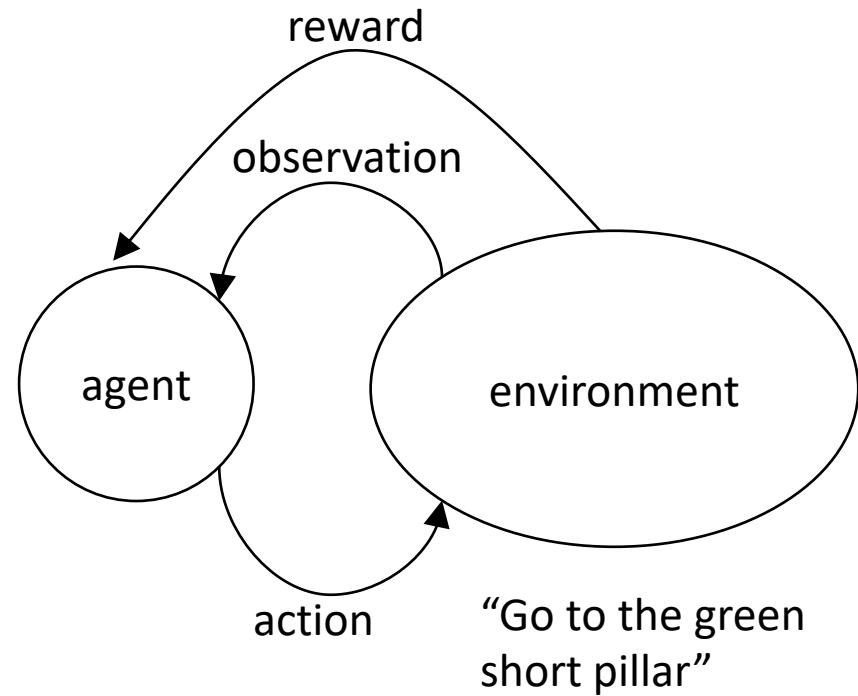


“Good job. Here is your candy.”

Grounded Language Acquisition

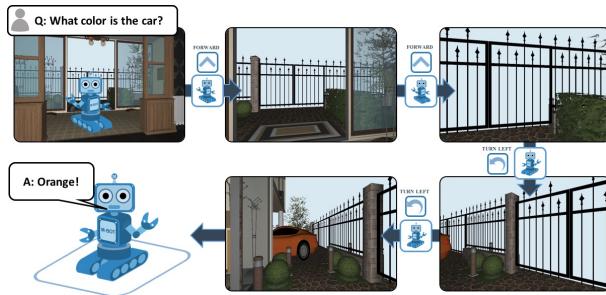


Chaplot 2018





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Embodied Q&A



"Put the cereal, the sponge, and the dishwashing soap into the cupboard above the sink."

CHALET, Yan et al 2018



Orient yourself so that the umbrellas are to the right. Go straight and take a right at the first intersection. At the next intersection there should be an old-fashioned store to the left. There is also a dinosaur mural to the right. Touchdown is on the back of the dinosaur.



Navigation
Question and Answering

Transferring language skill



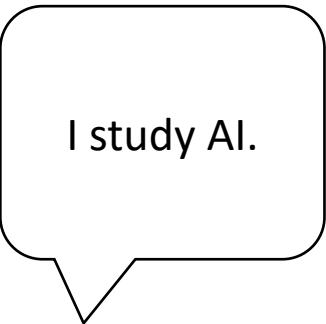
- Conversation
- Status reporting
- Book reading
- Knowledge acquisition

Value function (State, action) is **overfitted** to specific application.

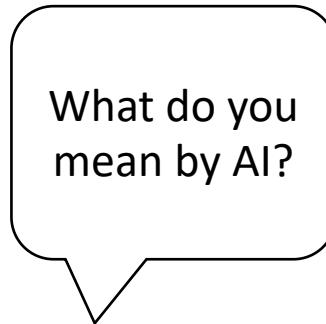
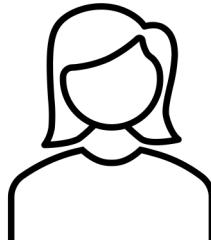
State = being heard some words
Action = doing some stuff

State = Being in certain state
Action = Saying some words

Is the reward the culprit?



I study AI.



What do you
mean by AI?

Universal Intelligence

“Intelligence measure an agent’s ability to achieve goals in a wide range of environments.”

Legg, Shane, and Marcus Hutter. "Universal intelligence: A definition of machine intelligence." *Minds and machines* 17.4 (2007): 391-444.

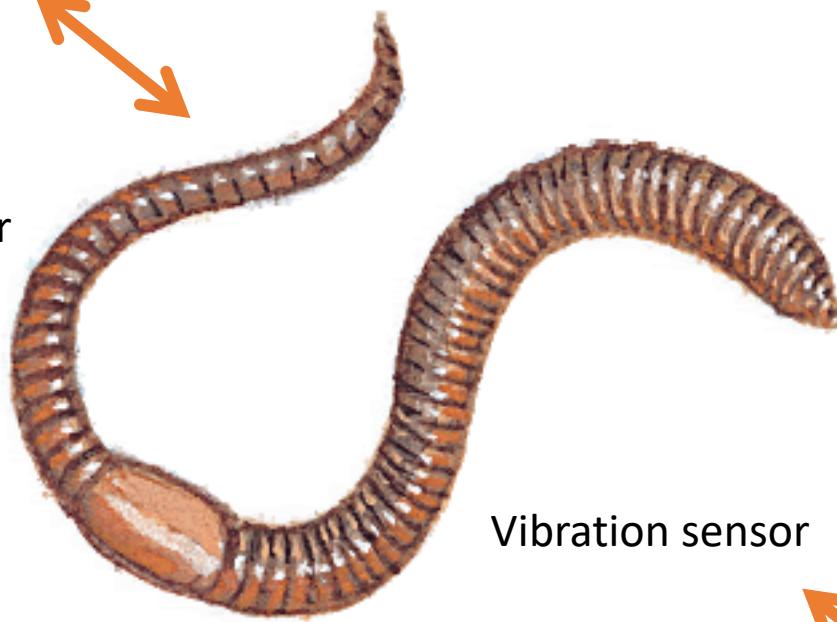
Earthworm





Sun

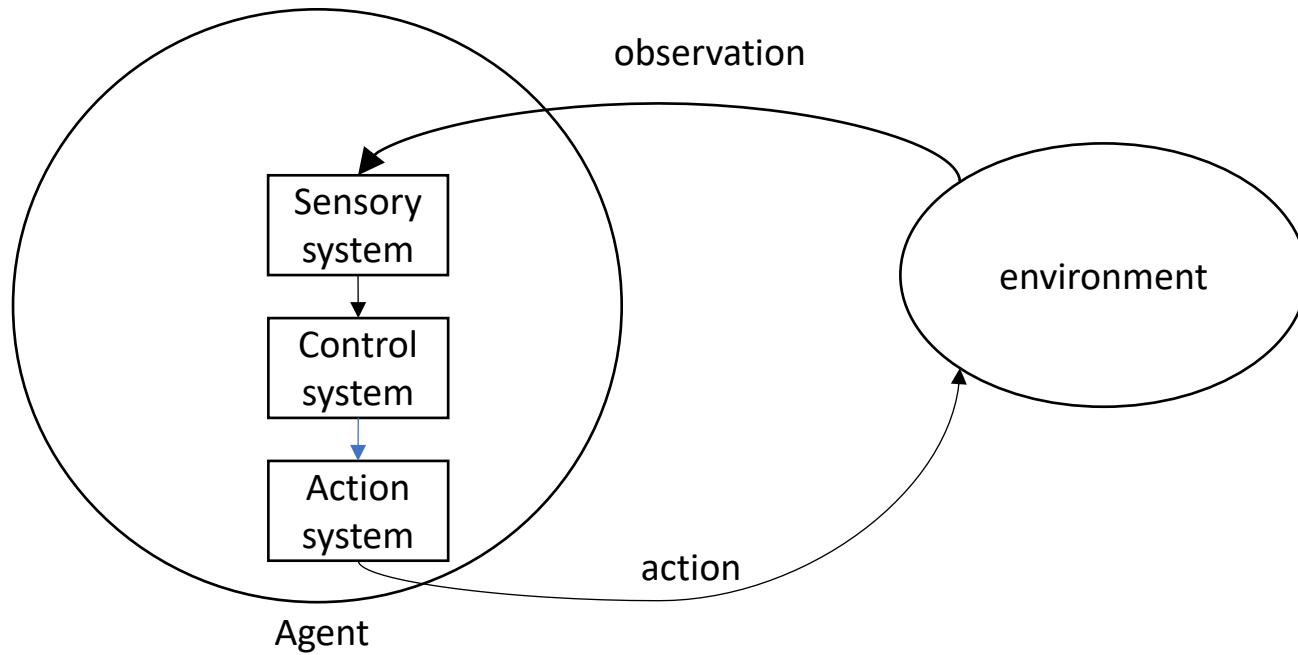
Light receptor



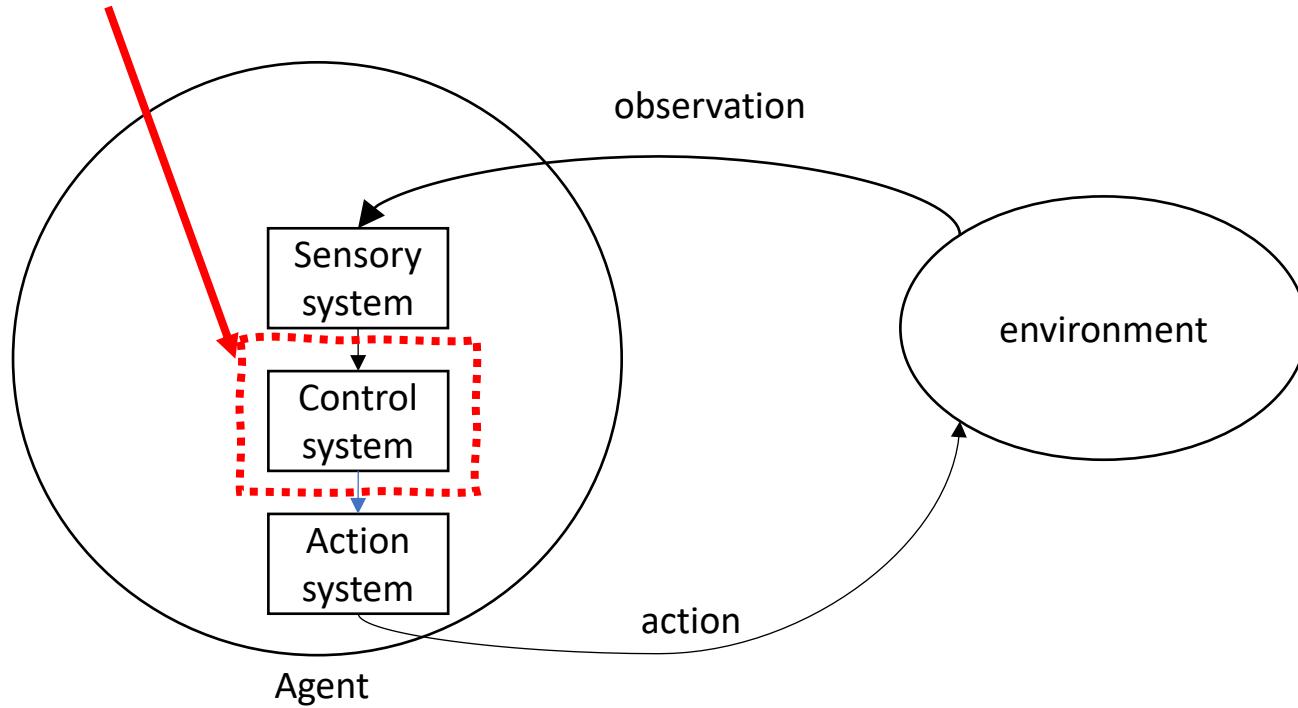
Vibration sensor



Mole



Updated by Evolution



Three levels of Intelligence



Level 1

- No individual learning
- Evolution-based refinement
- Ex) earthworms

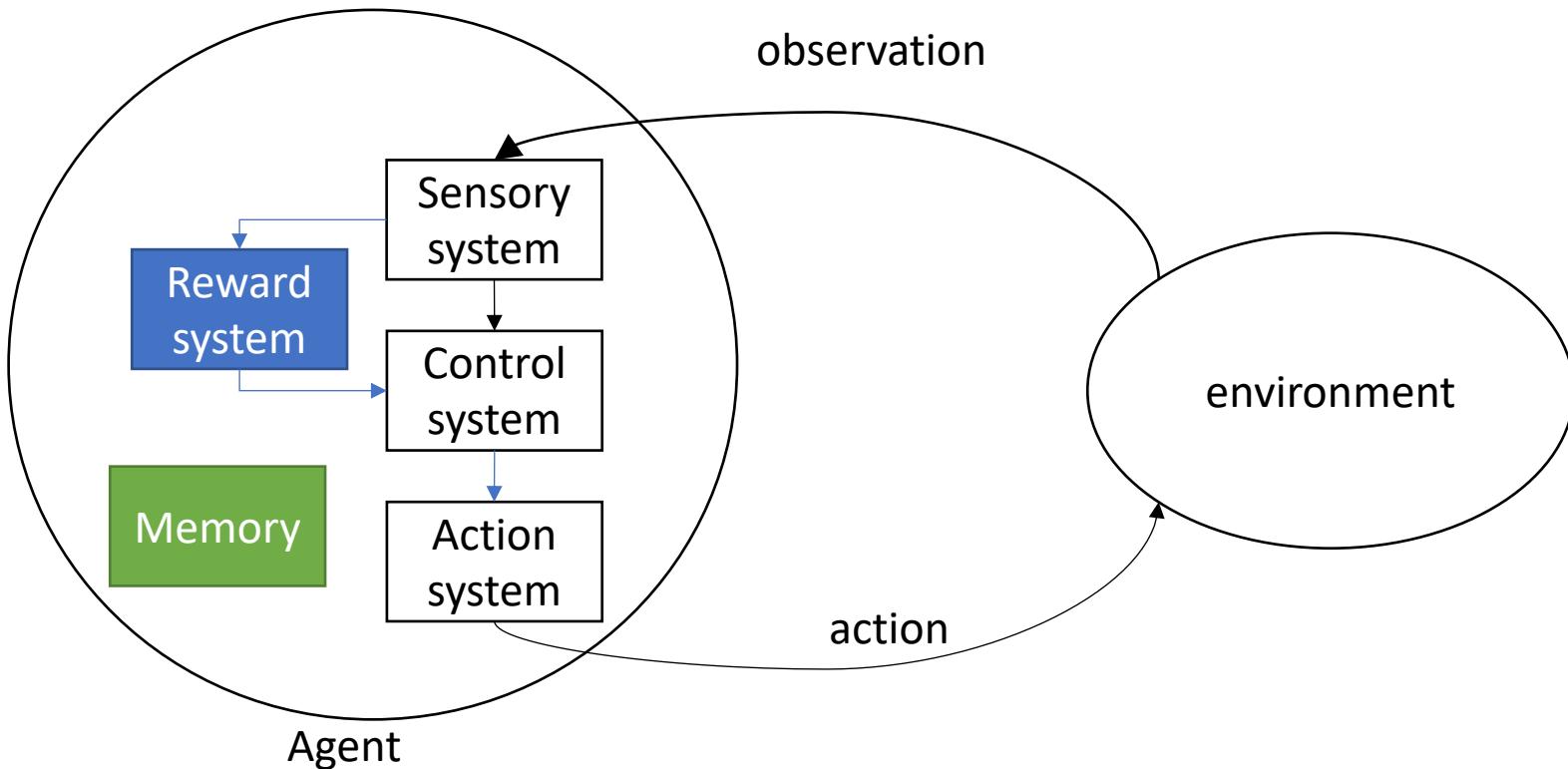
Level 2

- Learning from direct experience
- Reward-based refinement
- Ex) rats, dogs

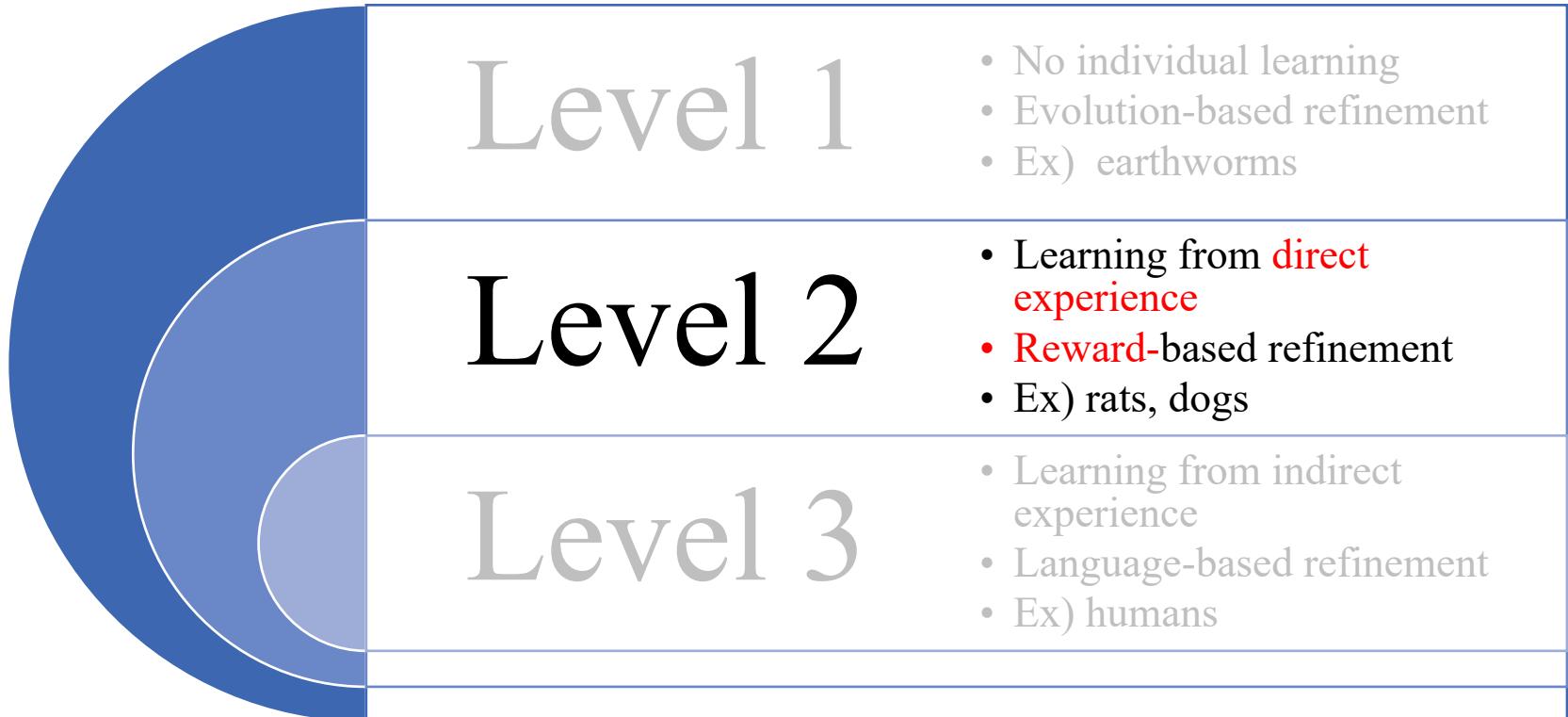
Level 3

- Learning from indirect experience
- Language-based refinement
- Ex) humans

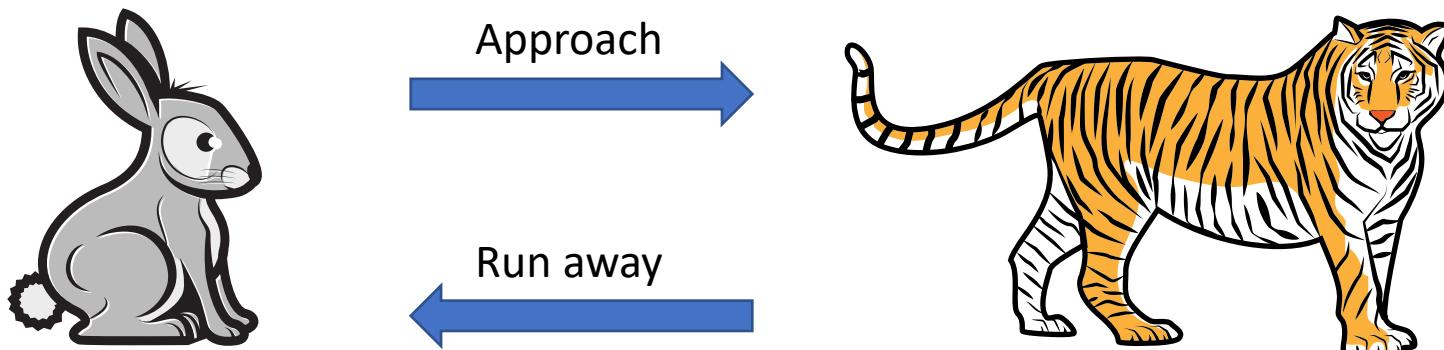
Level 2 Intelligence



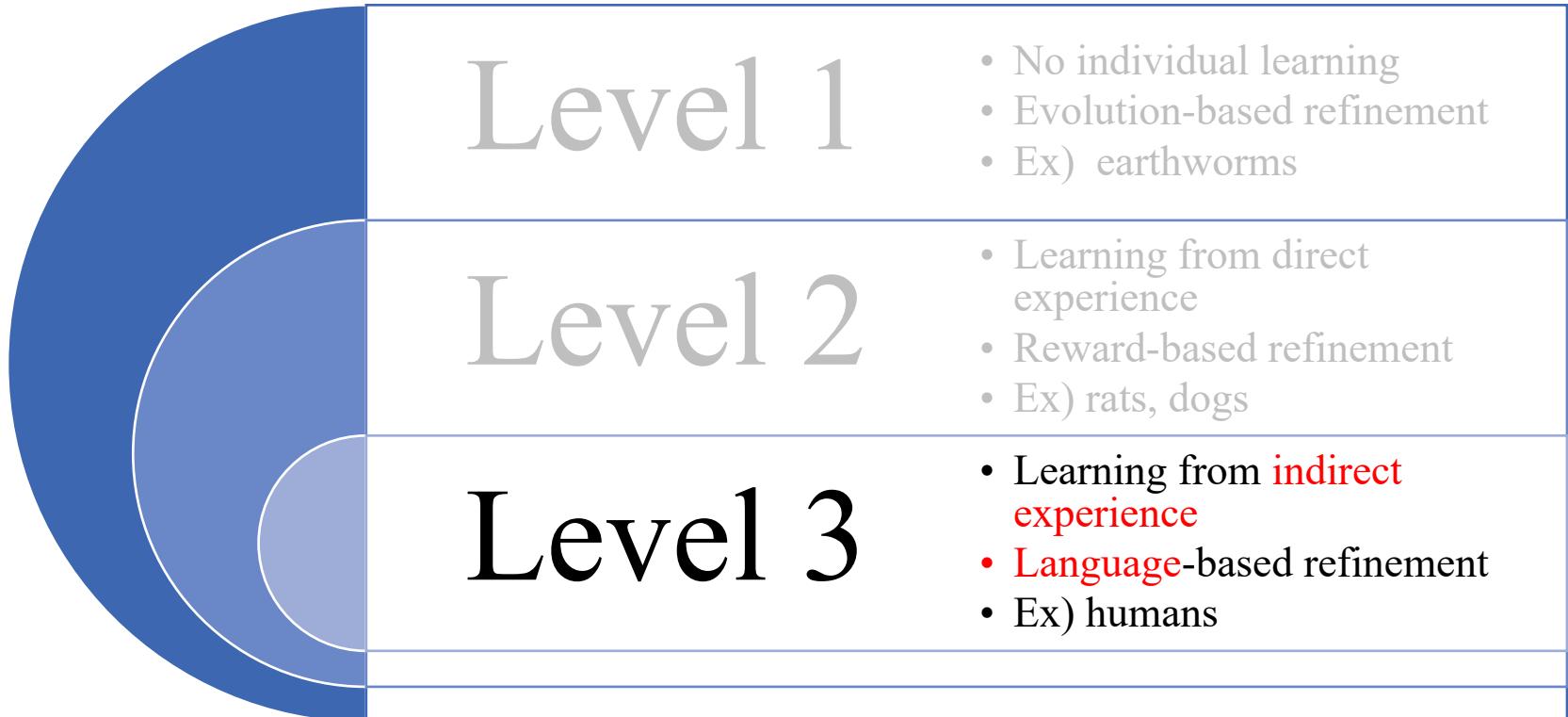
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Limitation of Direct Experience



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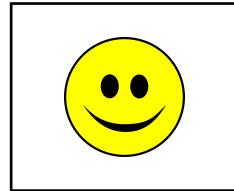


Clarifying Language Skills

- Dolphins use a verbal sign to communicate
- Monkeys learned a sign language
- Voice assistant - Siri, Alexa, Google assistant
- Agents navigate or answer questions using RL
- GPT-3 can write human-like article
- Models do multi-task in GLUE or DecaNLP

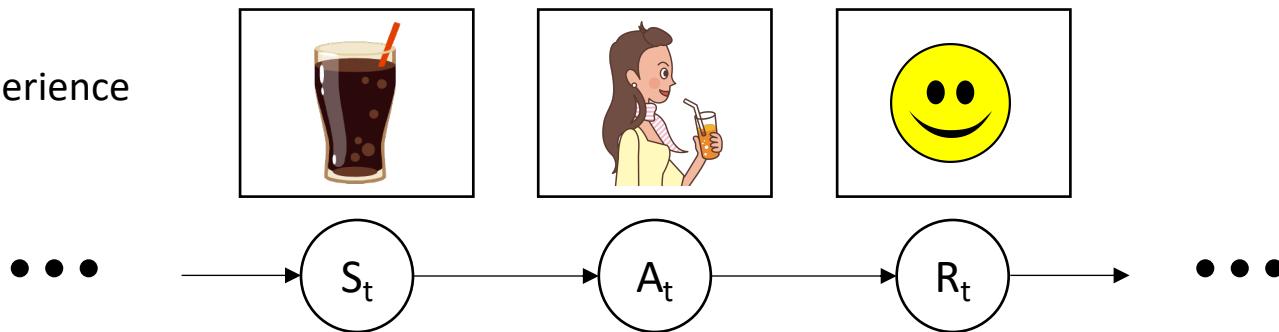
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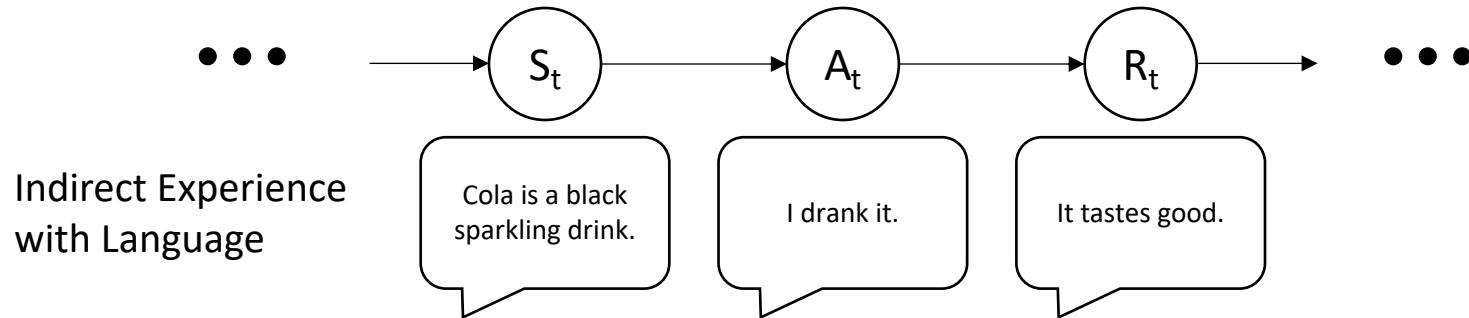


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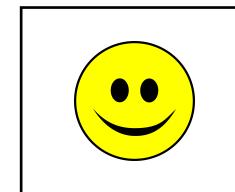
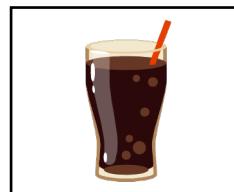


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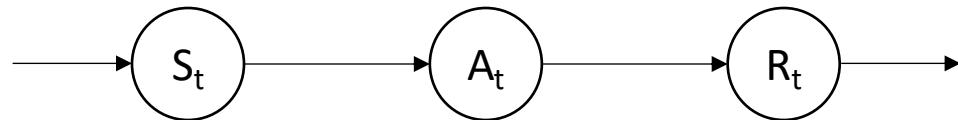


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Direct Experience



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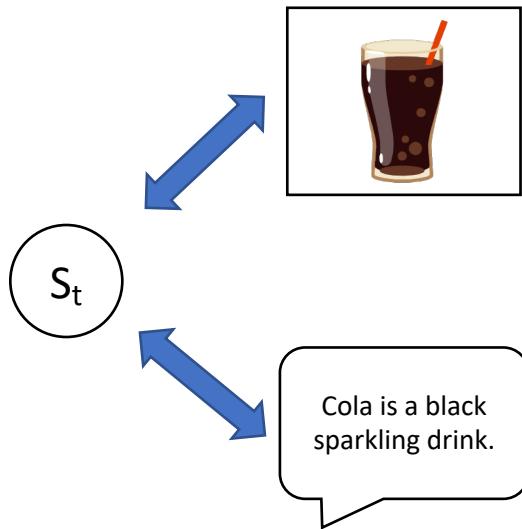
Indirect Experience
with Language

Cola is a black
sparkling drink.

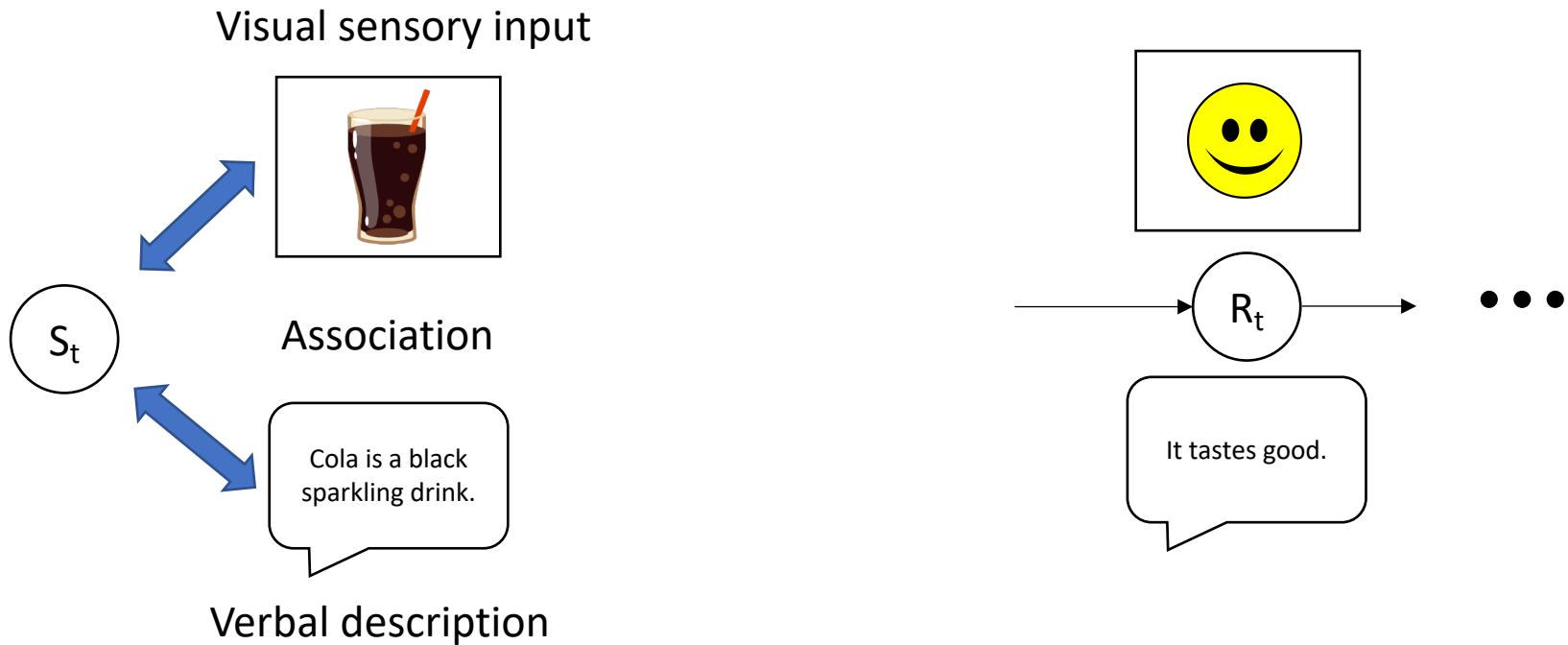
I drank it.

It tastes good.

Visual sensory input

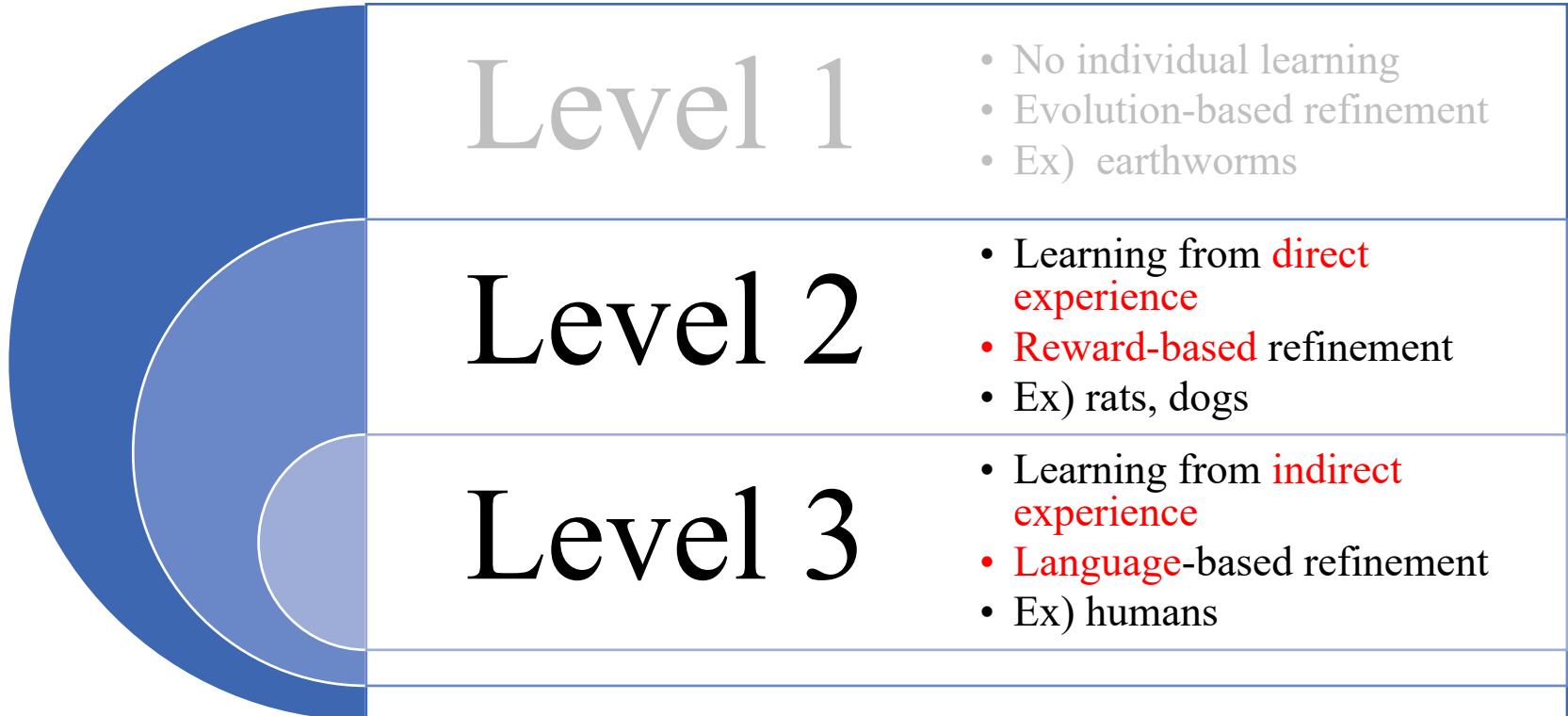


Verbal description



Previous RL updates Value function with Rewards
Association between sensory input and language cannot be learned.

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So far

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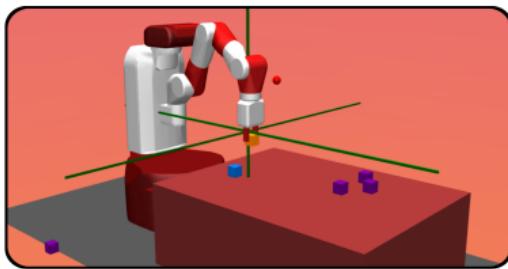
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Intrinsic rewards or motivation (Curiosity)

Self-Supervised Learning

Exploration

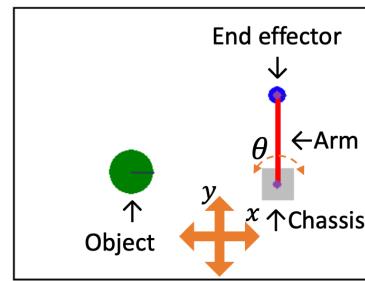
Manipulation



Colas, Cédric, et al.
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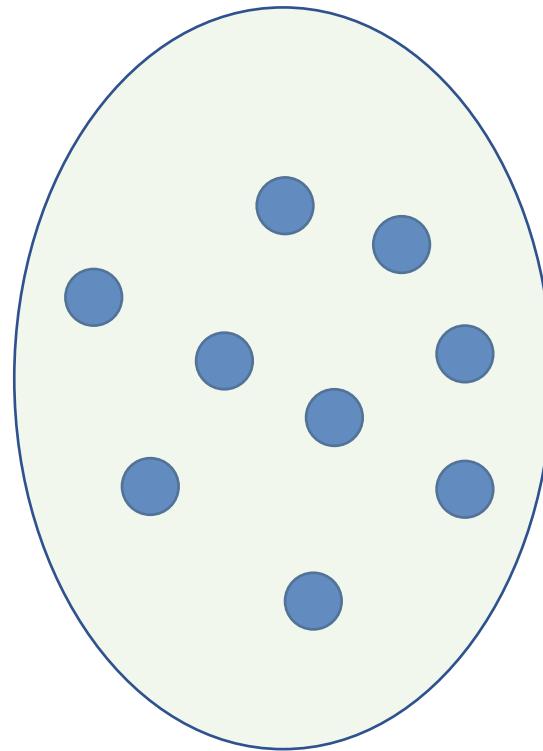


Chentanez, Nuttapong, Andrew Barto, and Satinder Singh.
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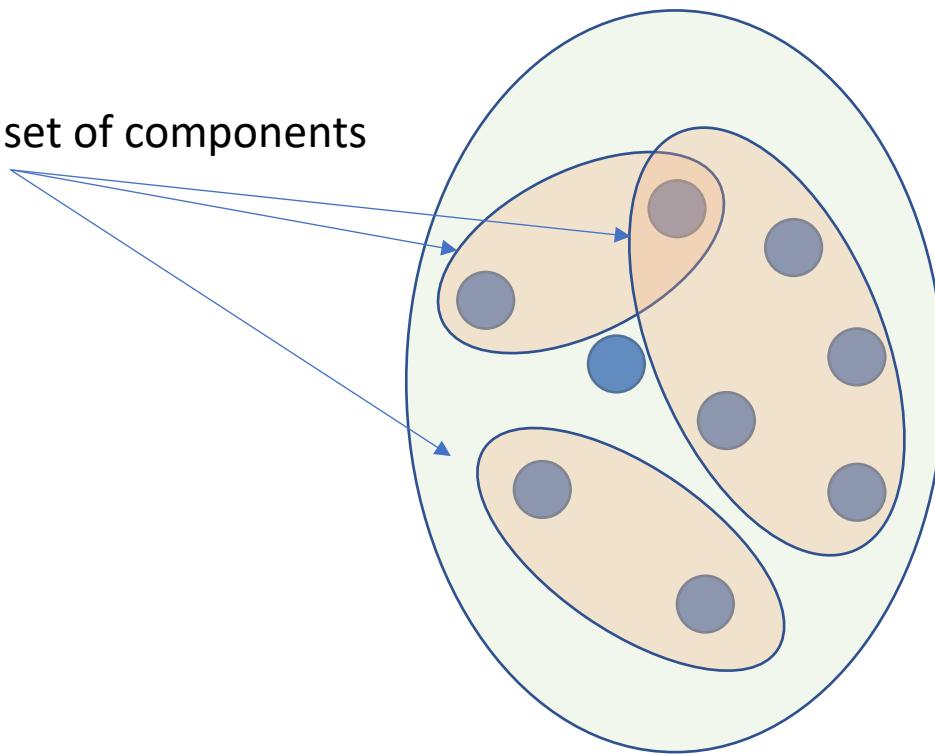
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Tactile-based curiosity maximizes tactile-rich object-oriented actions even without any extrinsic rewards, Proceeding of IEEE International Conference on Development and Learning and on Epigenetic Robotics (ICDL-EpiRob 2009)

Bellemare, Marc, et al.
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Sufficient set of
Components for
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Partial: Necessary set of components

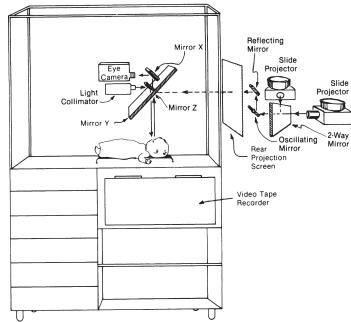


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Interpretability

How can we evaluate the development of the agents exploring with babbling?

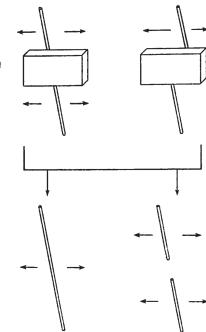
Evaluation of Non-Verbal Agent



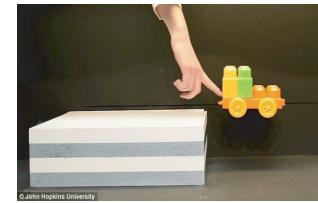
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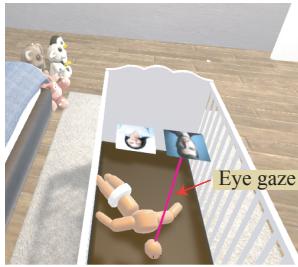
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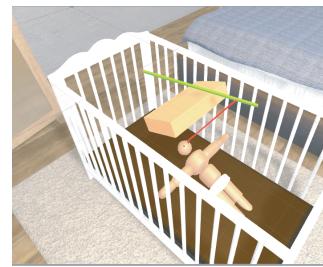
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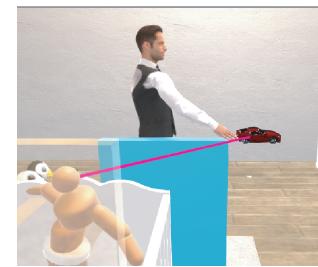
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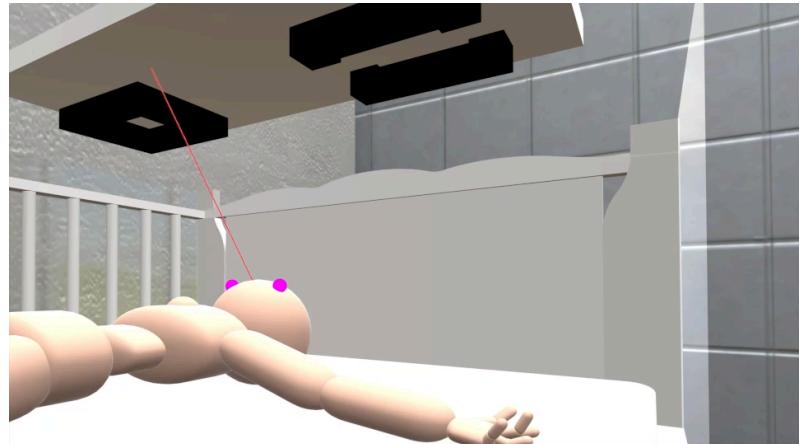
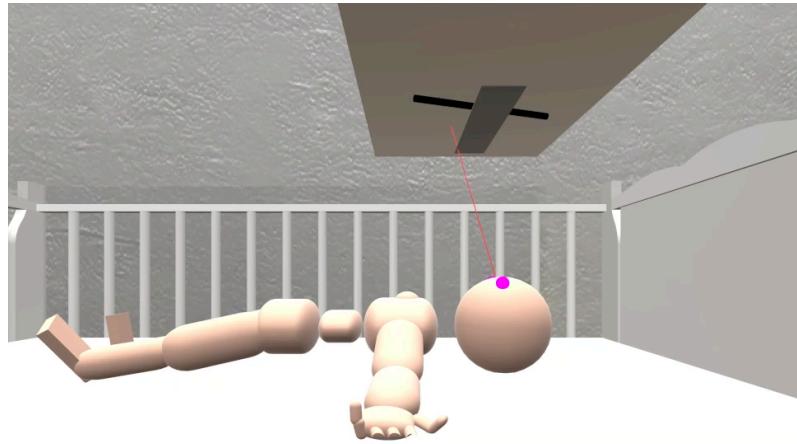


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(h)

Unity Perception



Slater, Alan, et al. "Newborn and older infants' perception of partly occluded objects." *Infant Behavior and Development* 13.1 (1990): 33-49.

Evaluation

Stage	Fetus Stage	Immobile Stage (Less than 3 Months)	Crawling Stage (4-10 Months)	Walking Stage (11-18 Months)
Description	No vision	Near sighted vision.	Fully developed vision. Sit and interact with objects. Interact with other persons by babbling.	Fully developed muscles. First words
Vision		Imitate facial motion (new born) [75], Visual expectation of regular pattern(2 vs 3.5 Months) [51, 70, 71, 72], face preference(new born, 1 vs 2 Months) [76, 77, 57, 78], mother face preference(2 days) [54, 79] ,face gender detection(newborn vs 3 Months) [80, 81], depth perception by visual cliff(newborn vs 2 months) [82]	Visual scan pattern(2 vs 11 weeks) [83], Attending face (1 vs 2 Months) [76], tracking occluded objects(4 vs 6 Months) [84], egocentric vision(9 months)	Novelty preference inversion (6-12 months) [85, 86], 1 ability to distinguish faces of different gender(3 months vs months) [81]
Joint attention	Mutual gaze through eye contact [87]	left/right attention manipulation	Gaze angle detection, fixation of first salient object	Fixation of any salient object, declarative pointing, drawing attention
Motor	Hand/face contacts (11 gestation weeks) [46]	Open hand grasping [88, 89]	Recognizing own motion vs others(3 vs 5 Months) [90, 91]	Partial integration of visual and motor skills (9 Months) [92]
Memory	Hand/face contacts (11 gestation weeks) [46]	Mobile paradigm(3 Months) [93]		
Language		Differentiate mother tongue and foreign language [47], marginal babbling	canonical babbling	intentional gestures, single word, word-gesture combination [94]
Reasoning		Self-perception at mirror(3 Months) [58]	Fear of heights (after crawling)[95, 96], Allocentric spatial frame of reference (9 Months) [97, 98, 99]	Mark test(10 Months) [100], adapted use hook(12 Months) [100]

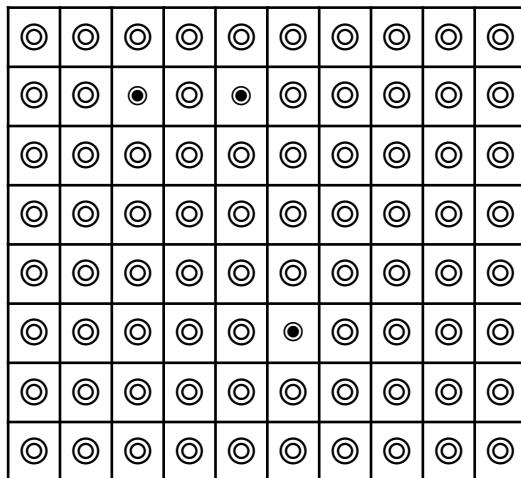
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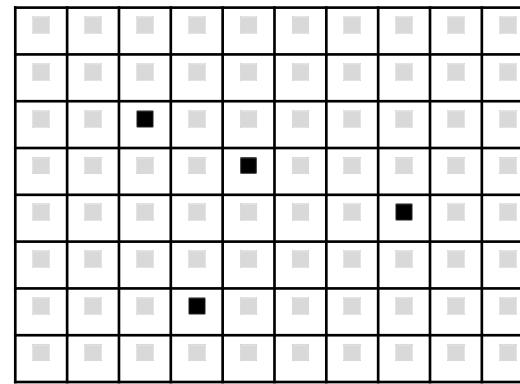
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From fetus to 12 months

What does it feel like to be a baby brain?

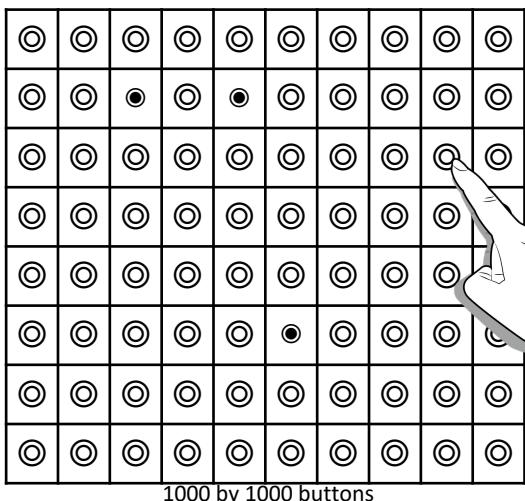


1000 by 1000 buttons

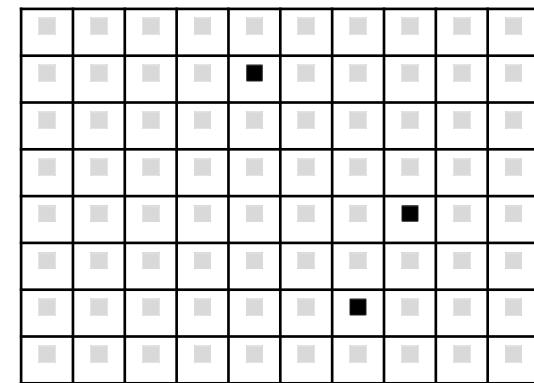


1000 by 1000 LEDs

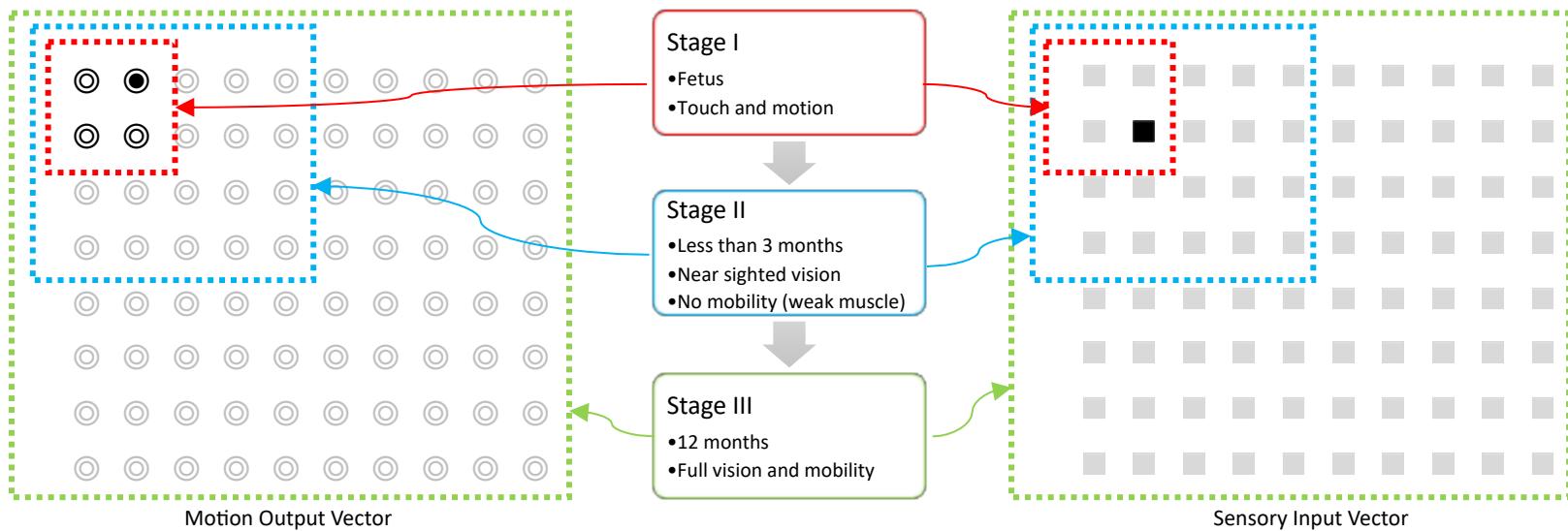
Piaget's sensory-motor stage



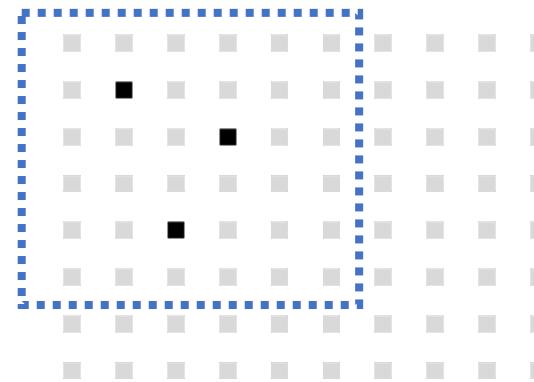
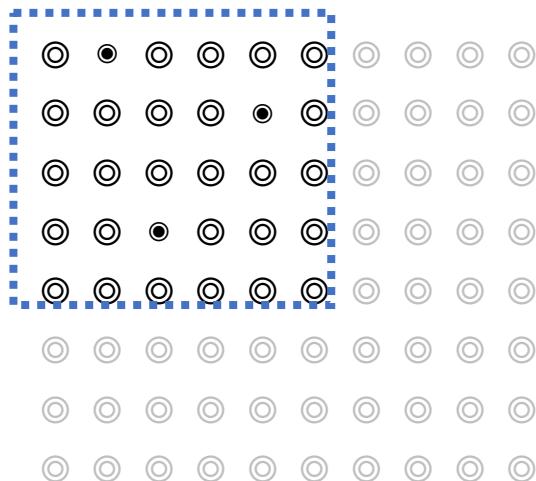
What will
happen if I press
this button?



Progressive development

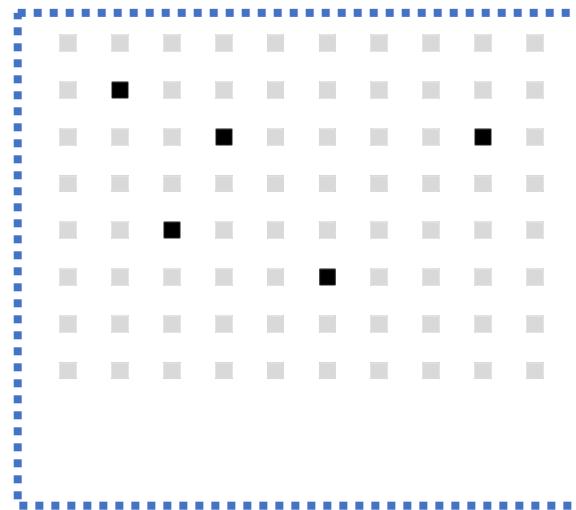
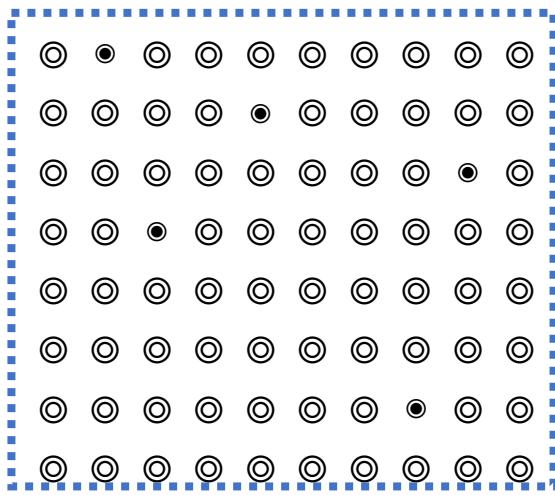


Vygotsky's zone of proximal development



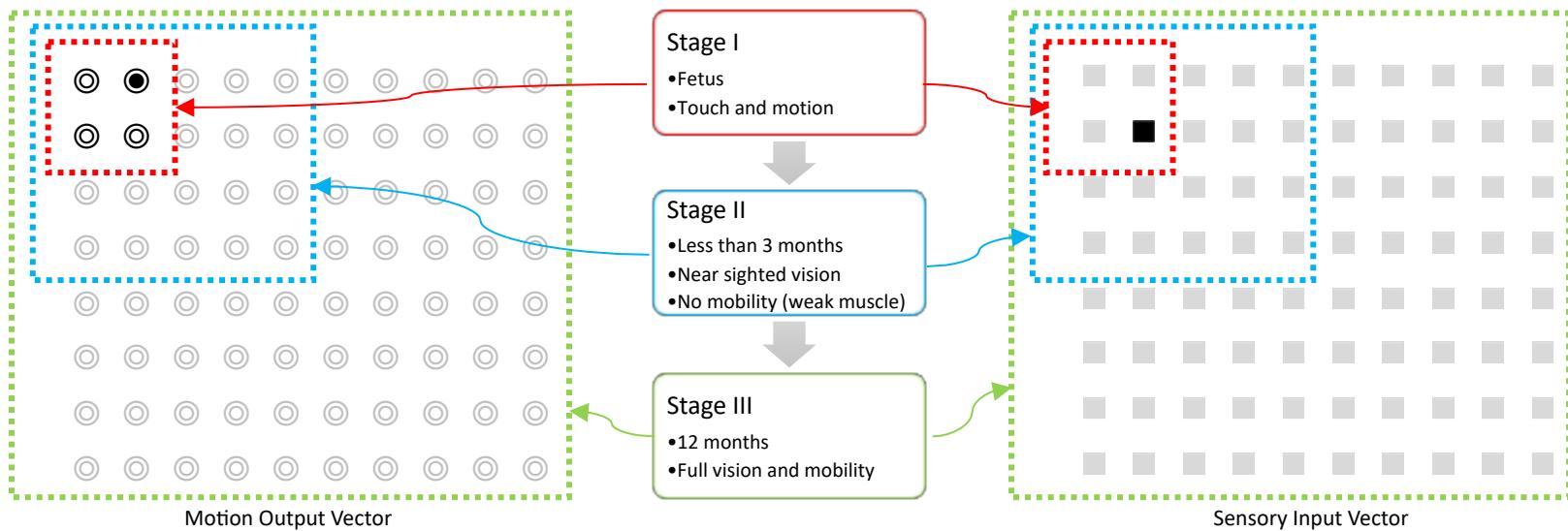
Earlier months

Vygotsky's zone of proximal development



Later months

Progressive development



Language Acquisition

- Joint Attention
 - Requires face recognition and eye contact
 - This skill develops with careful schedule of constraints



Motor constraint

- Incapable of moving neck and torso

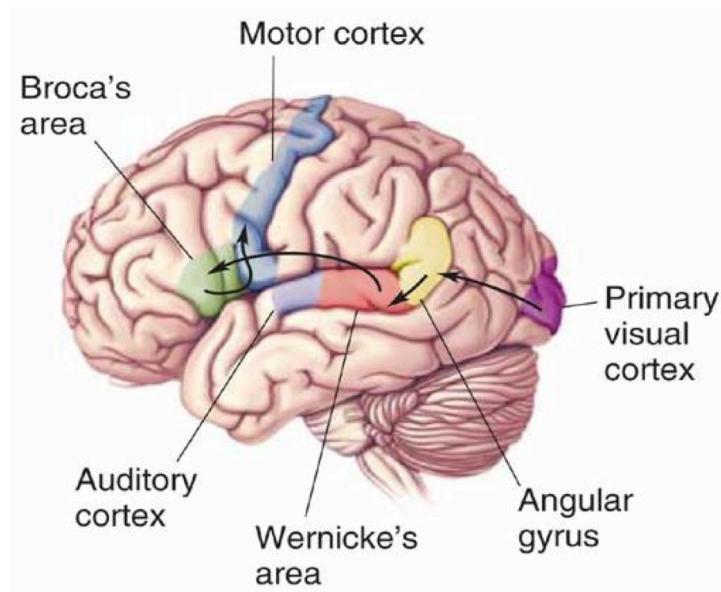
Sensory constraint

- Nearsighted till 3 months (< 20 cm)

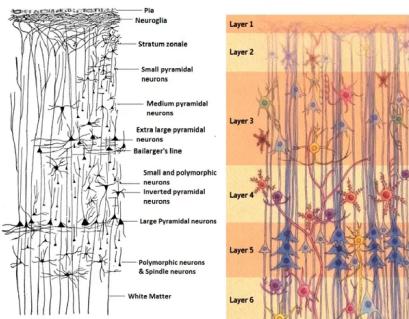
Developmental stage	"Age" (months)	Eyes		Neck		Torso		Saturation criteria			Observed behavior			
		tilt	version	vergence	pitch	roll	yaw	torque	roll	pitch	yaw	torque		
1 Eye saccade	0	d	d									Low occurrence of unknown saccades	Eye saccades to fixate on stimuli	
2 Vergence	0			d								Low occurrence of unknown vergence movements	Both eyes converge onto a single stimuli	
3 Neck movements	0				d	d	d	d				Low occurrence of unknown movements	Neck roll pitch and yaw movements	
4 Eye & head visual search	0	d	d	d	d	d	d	d				Low occurrence of unknown combinations of movements	Head and eyes move together to fixate on a stimulus	
5 Torso pitch	2								d	d		Low occurrence of unknown movements	Torso bends forward and backward	
6 Eye, head & torso pitch visual search	2	d	d	d	d	d	d	d	d	d		Low occurrence of unknown combinations of movements at the waist	Fixations incorporate bending movements at the waist	
7 Torso pitch & yaw	3								d	d	d	Low occurrence of unknown movements	Torso bends forwards, backwards, and sideways at waist	
8 Eye, head & torso pitch & roll visual search	3	x	x	d	d	d	d	d	d	d	d	Low occurrence of unknown combinations of movements	Fixations incorporate bending and leaning movements	
9 Eye, head & torso pitch & roll visual search	4	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	d	d	x	Few improvements in eye and neck movements	Looking whilst bending and leaning	
10 Torso roll, pitch & yaw	5								x	d	d	x	Low occurrence of unknown movements	Torso bends, leans and rotates at waist
11 Full body visual search	5	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	d	d	x	Low occurrence of unknown combinations of movements	Looking with whole body movement
12 Improvement of torso pitch	7	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	d	x	Few improvements in torso pitch	Less jerky bending movement whilst looking
13 Improvement of torso yaw	10	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	Few improvements in torso yaw	Smoother body rotation whilst looking

Figure 4. Constraints architecture for staged development of visual fixation coordinated with eye, head, and torso movements. At each stage the system is constrained so that it only has access to systems marked d or x, where d denotes a system under development, and x is a fully developed system.

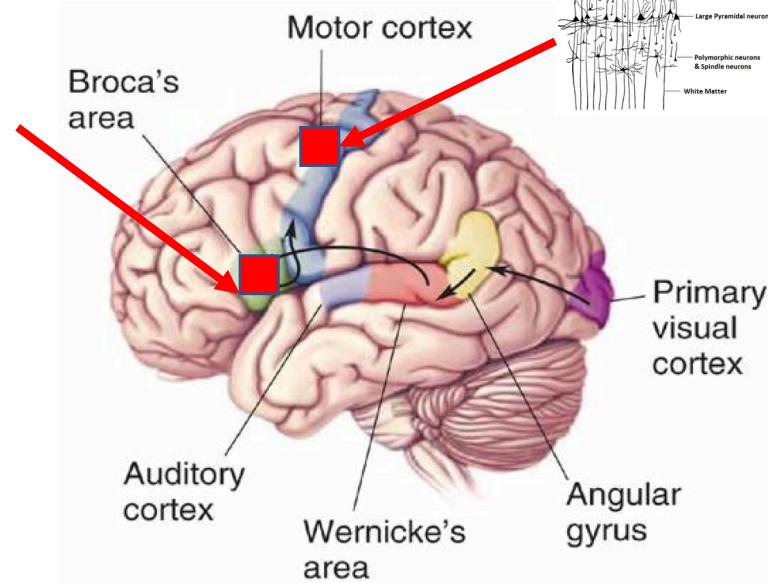
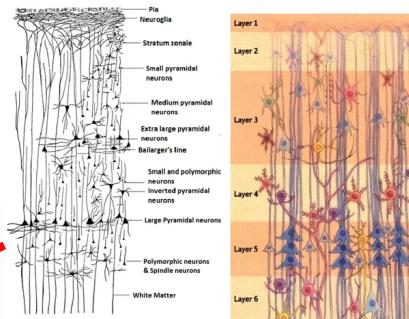
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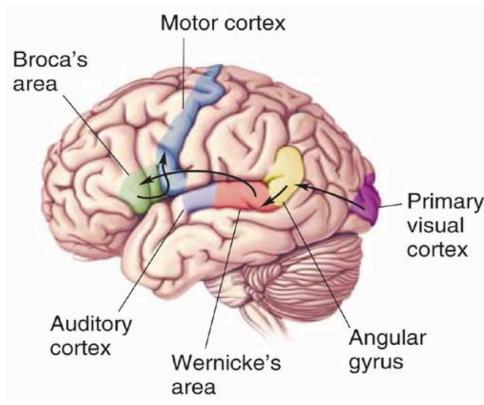


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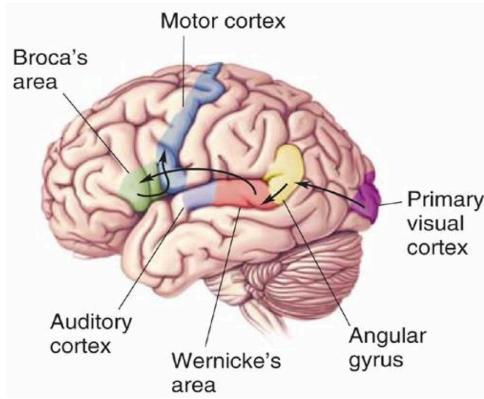


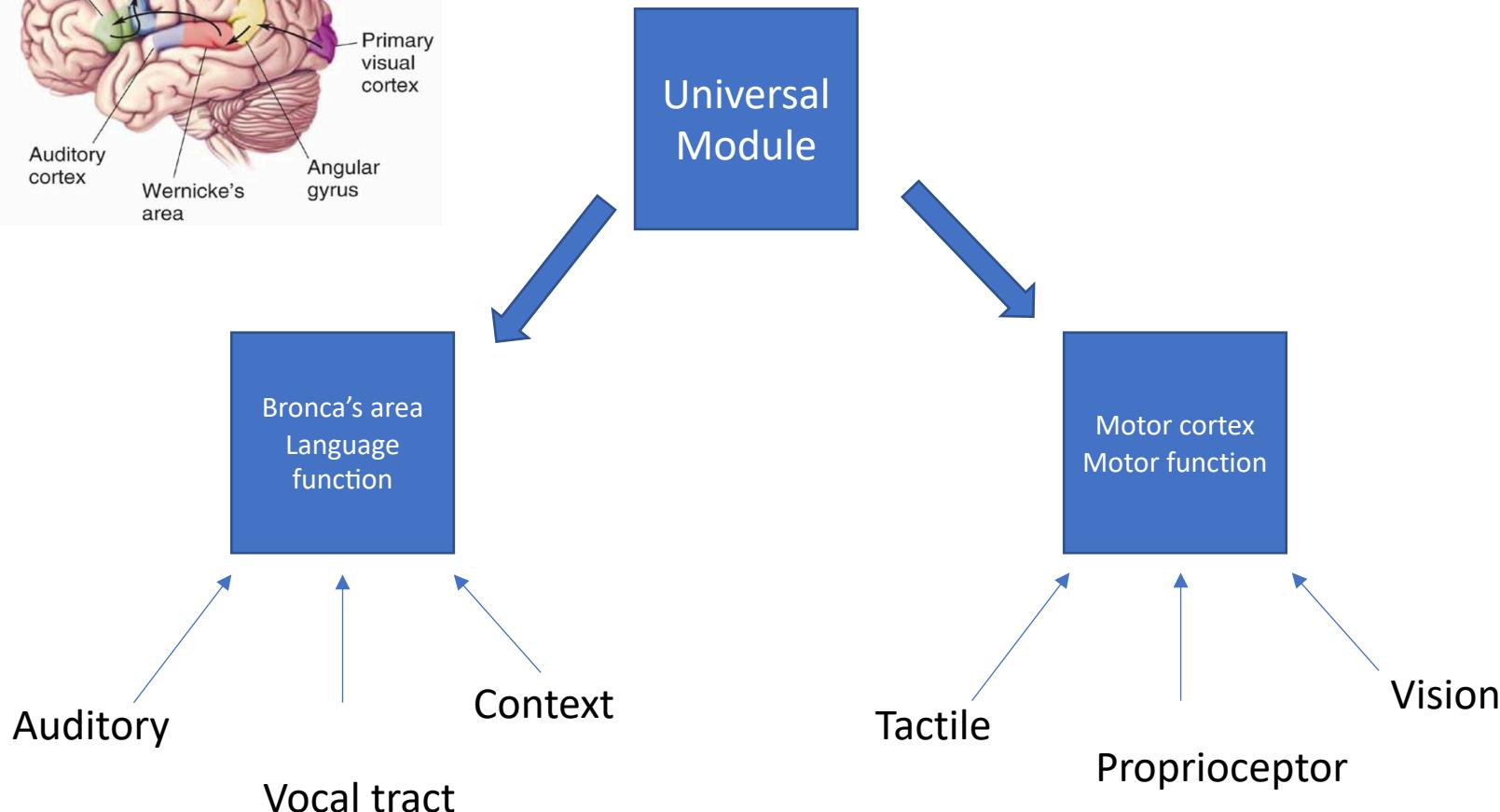
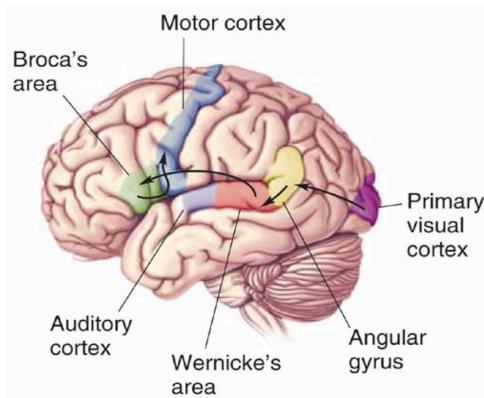
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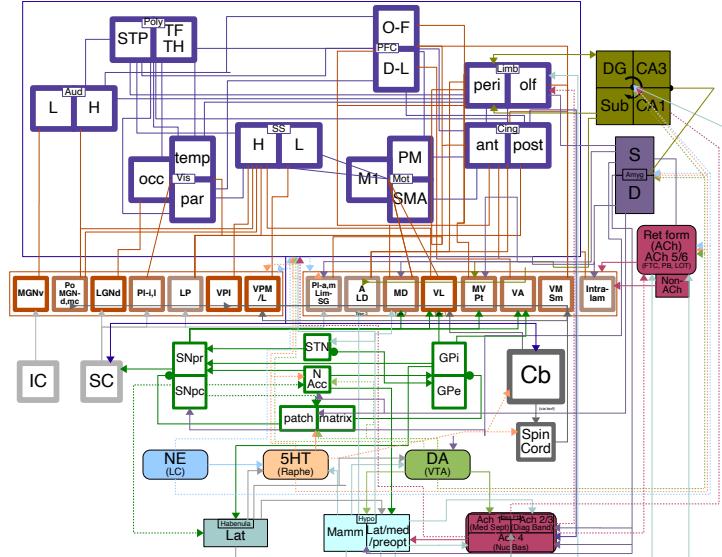
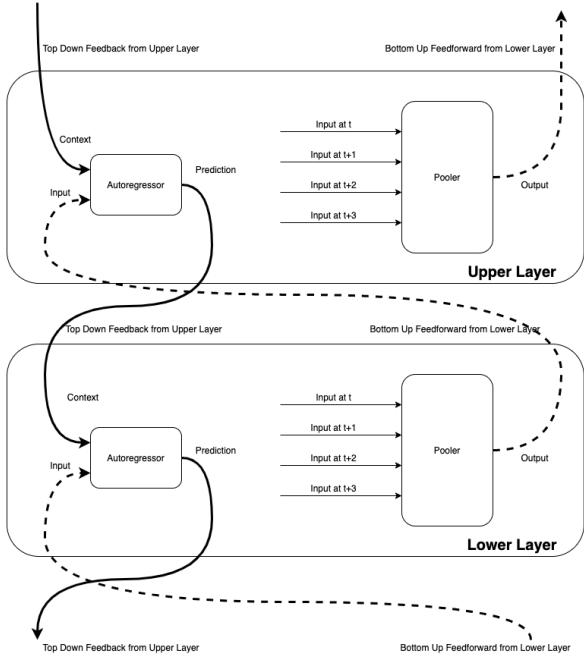


Universal Module





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Heterarchical Network

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Thank you!

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