



Bayesian Statistics and Hierarchical Bayesian Modeling for Psychological Science

Lecture 10

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https://github.com/lei-zhang/BayesCog_Wien

Evaluate the review

- the ability to briefly and clearly summarize the main findings
- critical thinking
 - regarding the design
 - regarding the analyses (stats)
- appreciate the use of cognitive modeling
 - is the modeling approach appropriate to answer the research question?
 - is the interpretation sound?
 - could there be alternative models?
 - model recovery
 - posterior check etc.

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70%	40%
30%	60%

New deadline: 17th Jan. 2020

Programming Project

Deadline: 23rd Feb. 2020



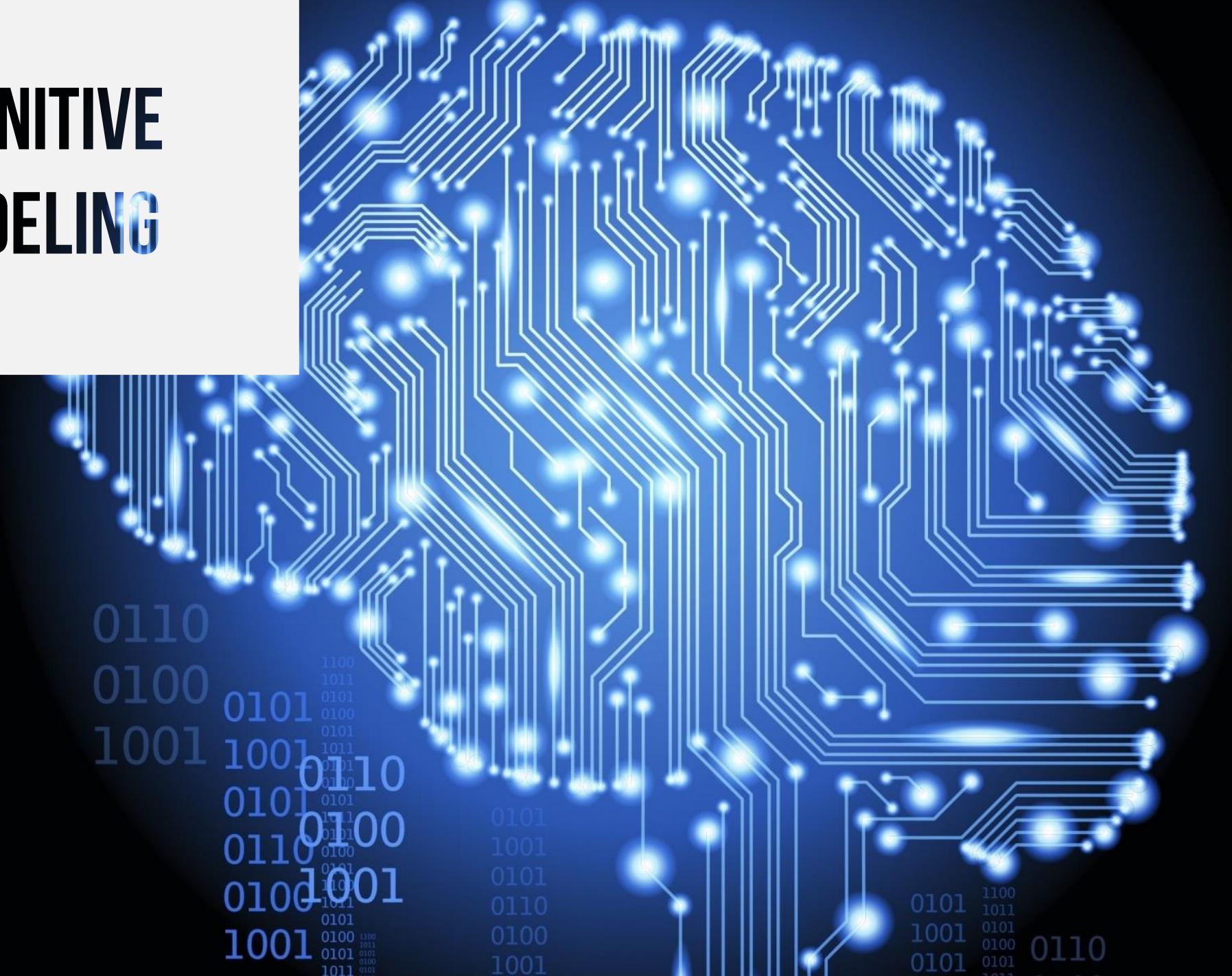
Your colleague Lisa is currently working on a project about intertemporal decision-making. In this experiment, participants were instructed to choose from an immediate but small monetary reward (aka, small but soon option, SS) and a large but delayed alternative (aka, large but late option, LL). See Fig.1 for an example. She just finished the data collection and is now focusing on the analysis. She is aware of a commonly used delay discounting model in such tasks, that is, the Hyperbolic Discounting Model (Mazur, 1987), and would like to fit this model with hierarchical Bayesian methods (Gelman et al., 2013). Her supervisor told her that an increasing number of researchers are using a newly developed programming language Stan (Carpenter et al., 2017) for this purpose and encouraged her to try it out. She knows R already, but she has never used Stan. She spent a few days reading the Stan documentation and coded her first Stan model. As she expected, she received some errors, and she was unable to understand them. She was told that you are now taking a course on Bayesian statistics and cognitive modeling, and therefore, she came to you for some help with the Stan code.

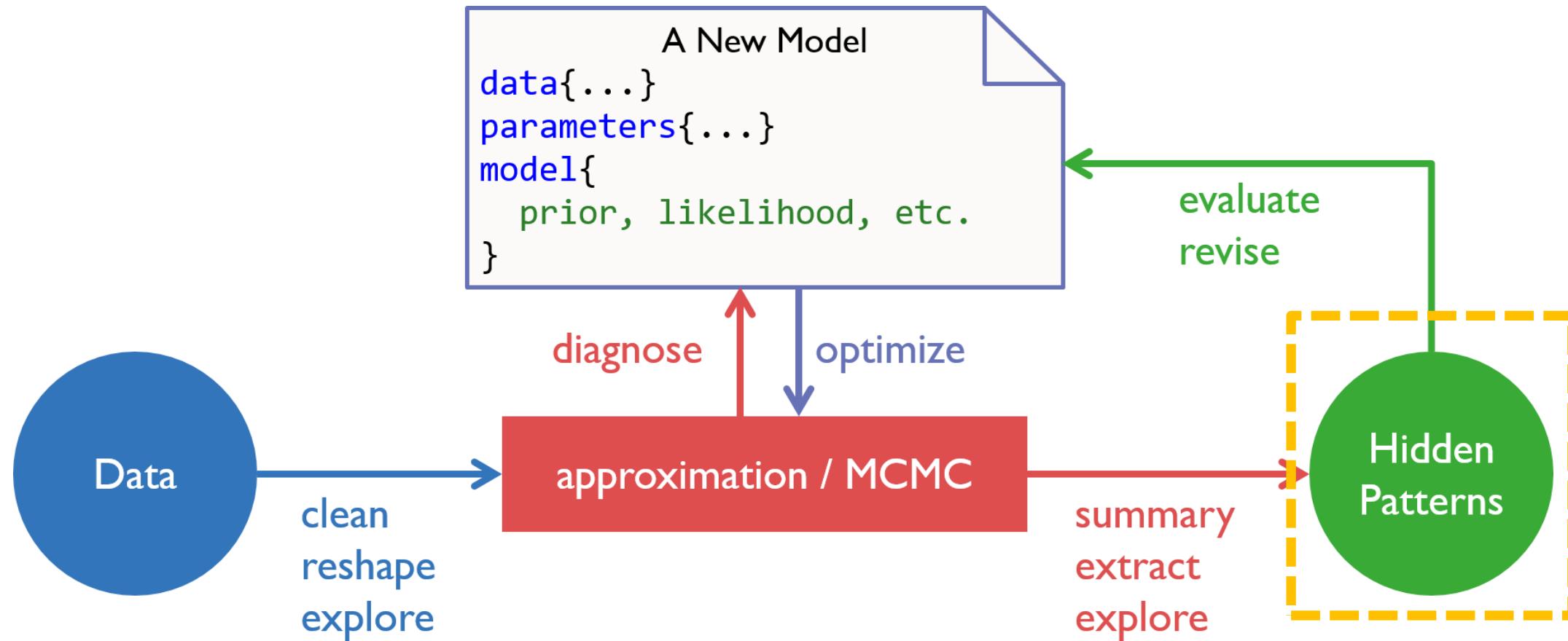
A few days later, her supervisor sent her a paper about a new model for intertemporal choices (Ericson et al., 2015). In this paper, the authors proposed a simple heuristic model, and claimed that this model would outperform traditional delay discounting models. She read the equations a bit, but she had no clue what this paper was talking about. Therefore, she came to you again, asking if you could help her implement this model in Stan.

[Task]

1. Fix the potential bugs/errors in the “hyperbolic.stan” model file, and fit this model.
2. Read the (Ericson et al., 2015) paper, implement this model in “heuristic.stan”, and fit this model.
3. Compare these two models using widely applicable information criterion (WAIC).

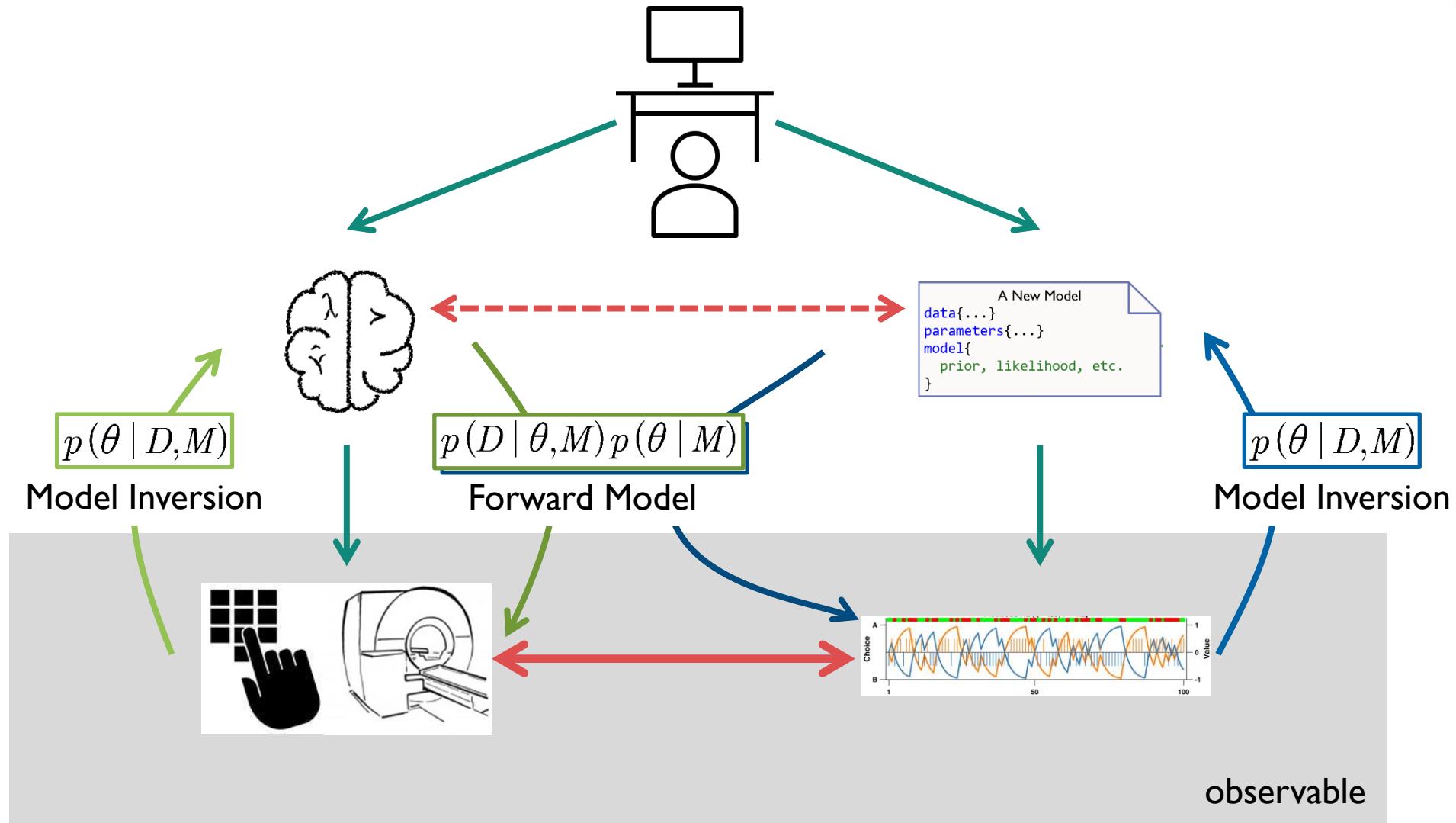
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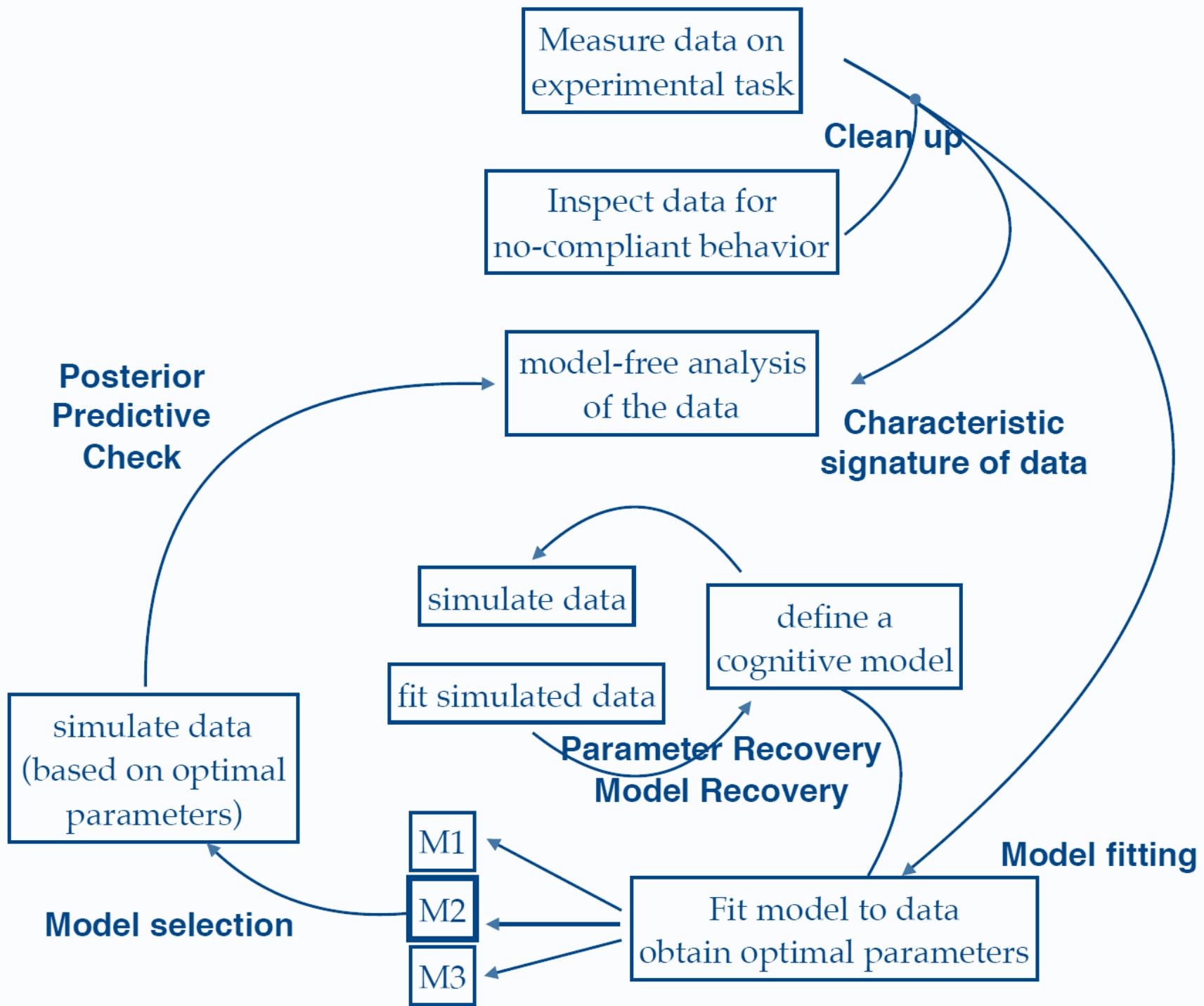




What is Cognitive Modeling?

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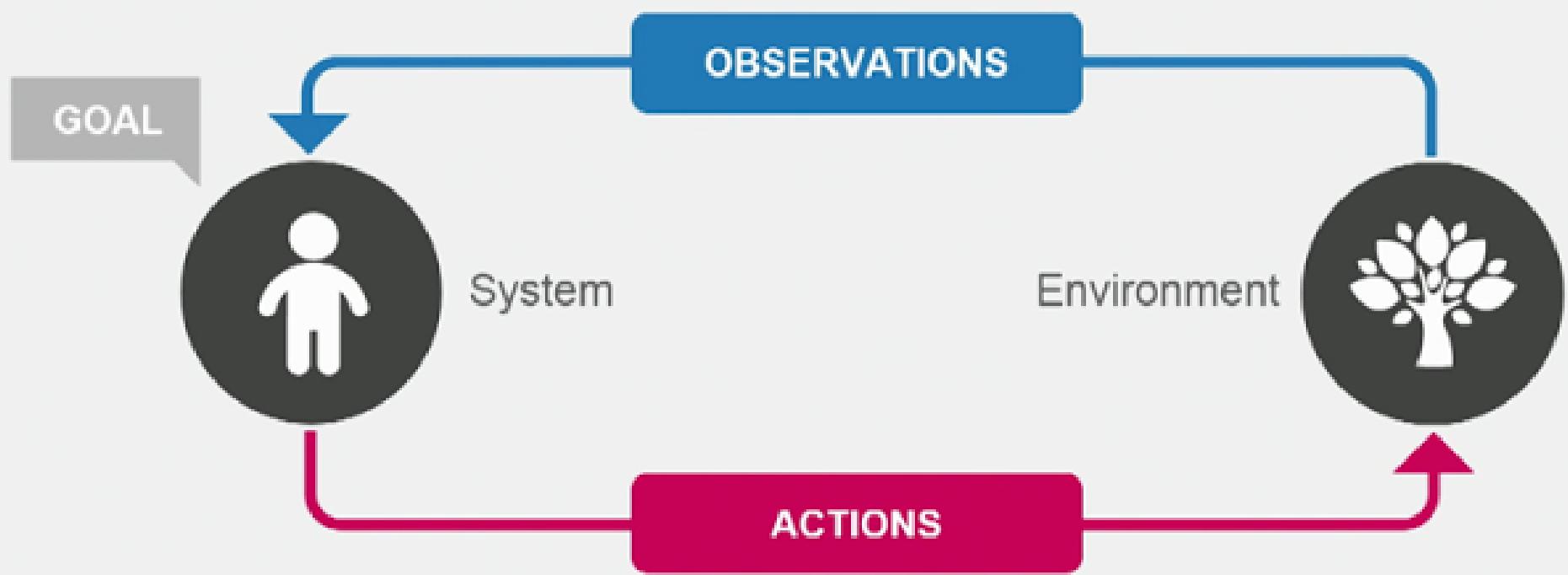
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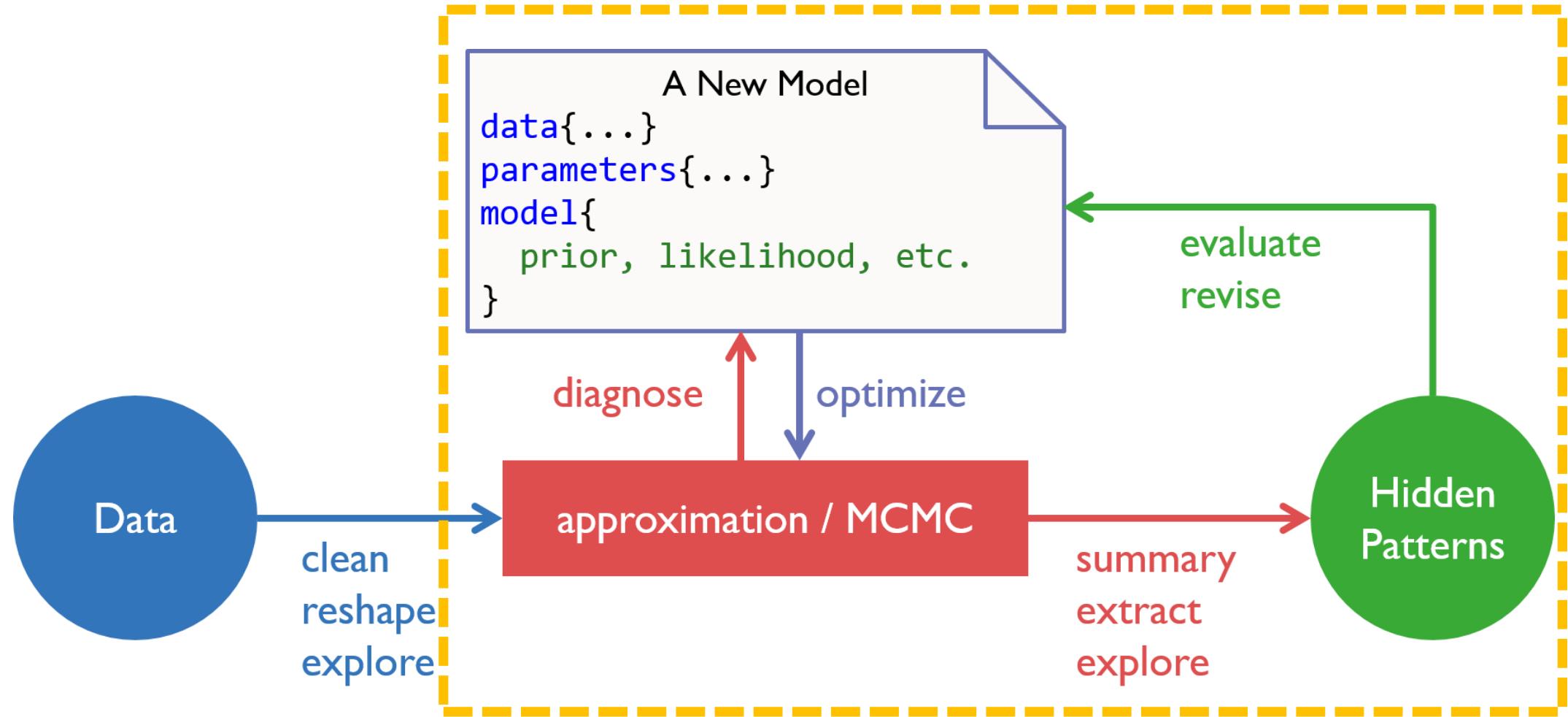


– George E. P. Box

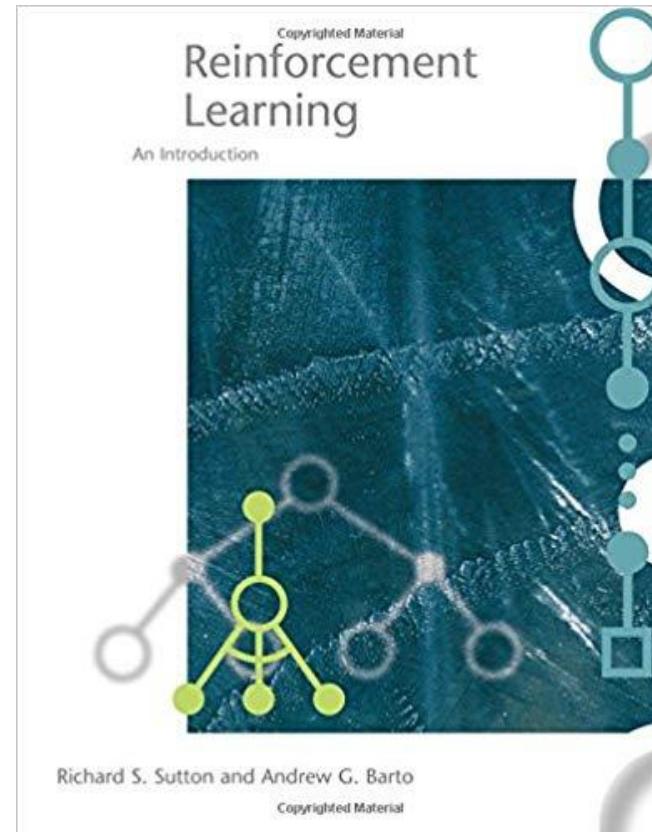
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REINFORCEMENT LEARNING FRAMEWORK

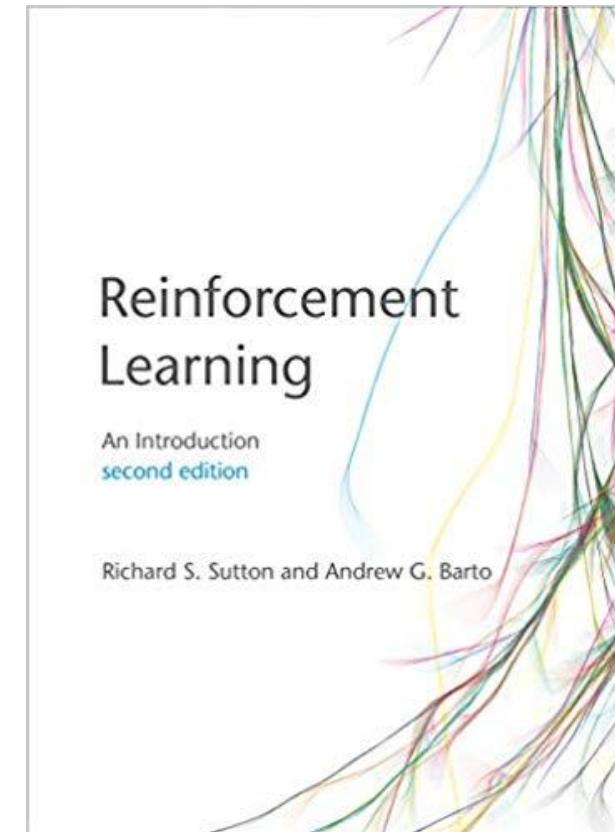




The very short history



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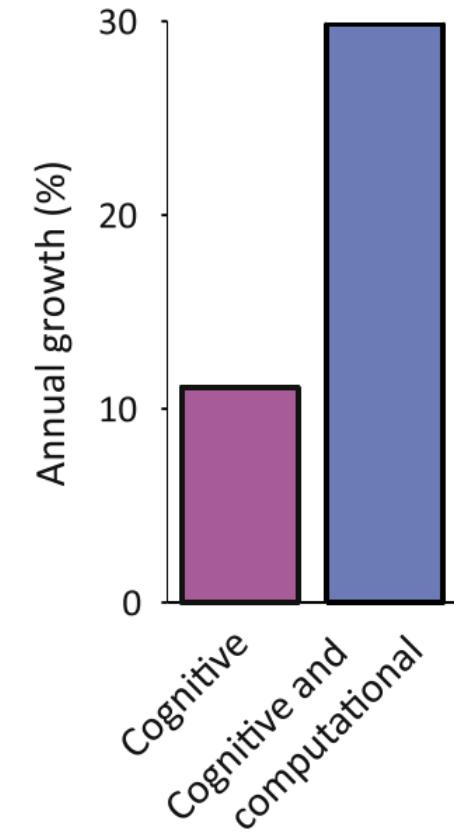
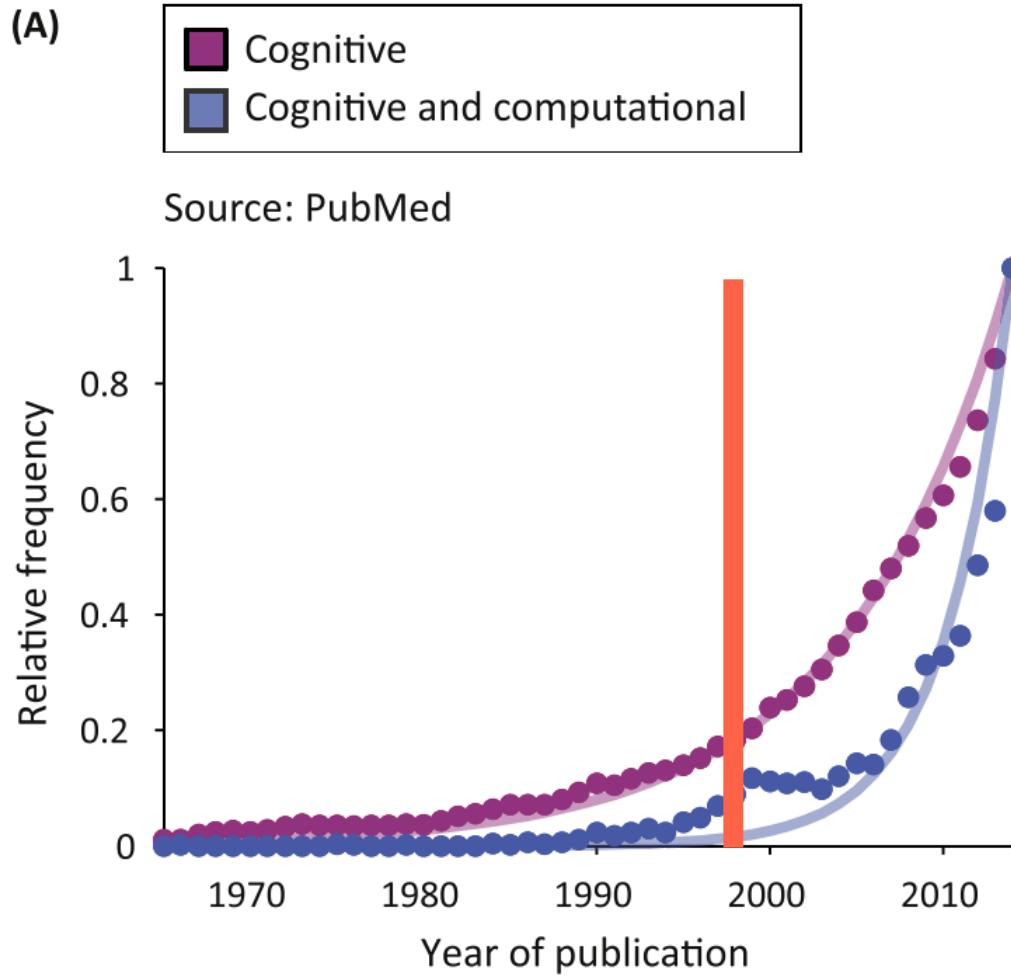


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Boom in Cognitive Modeling

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(A)



2-armed bandit task



a simple task often used in the laboratory:

- **repeated choice** between N options (**N-armed bandit**)
- ...whose properties (reward amounts, probabilities) are learned through **trial-and-error**
- ...with a **goal** in mind: maximize the overall reward

2-armed bandit task

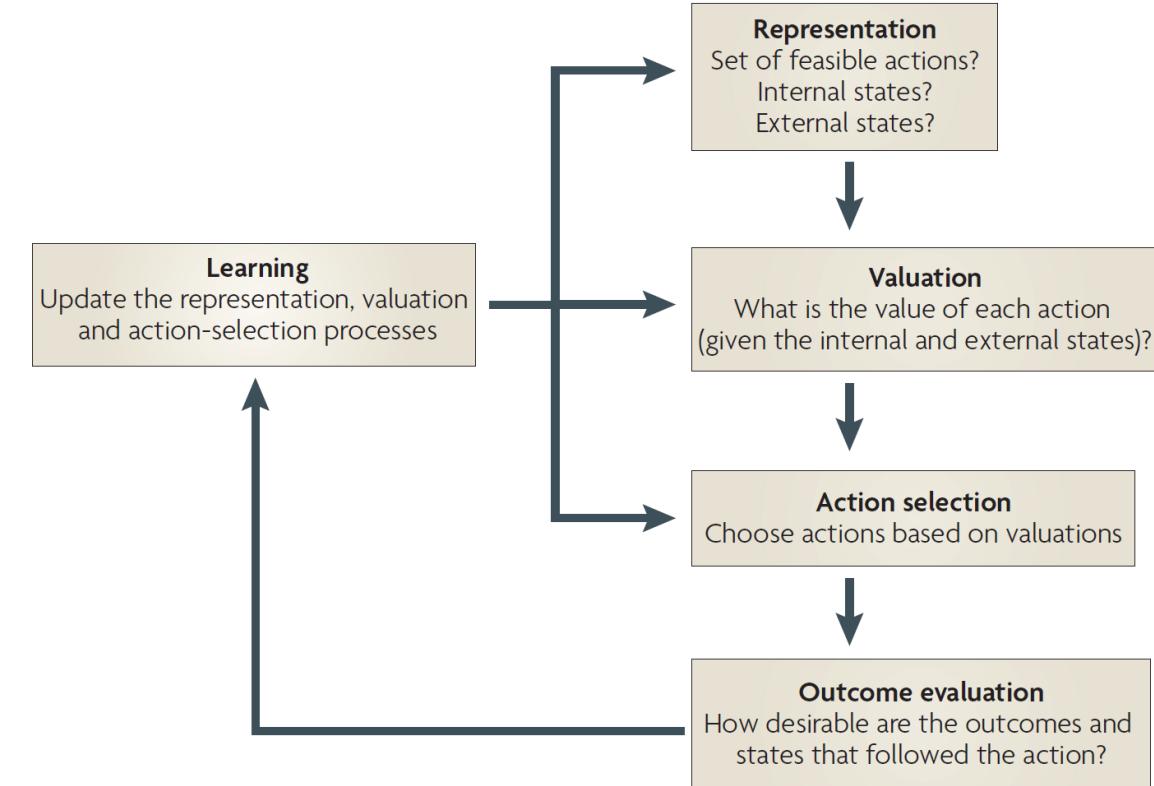
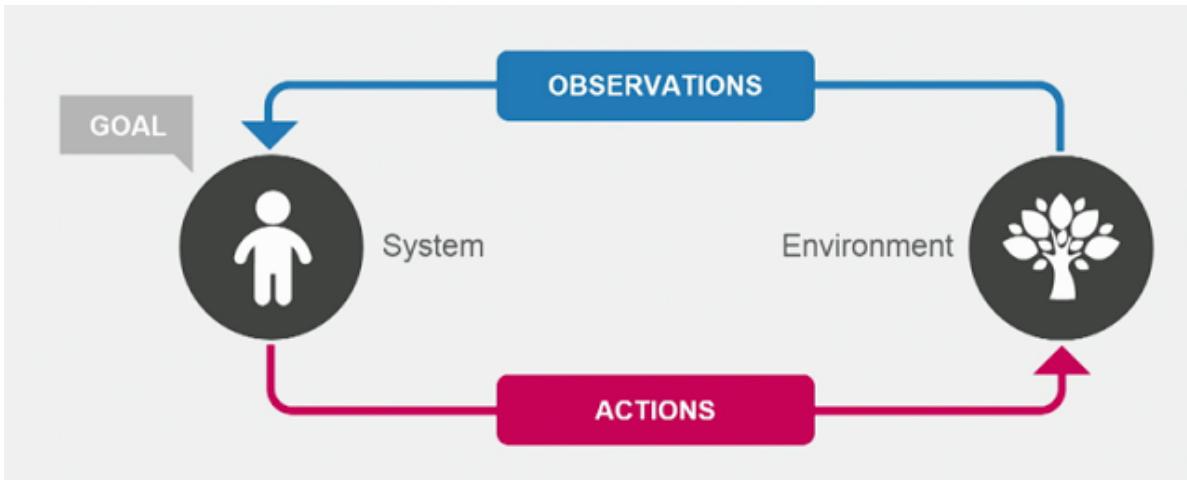


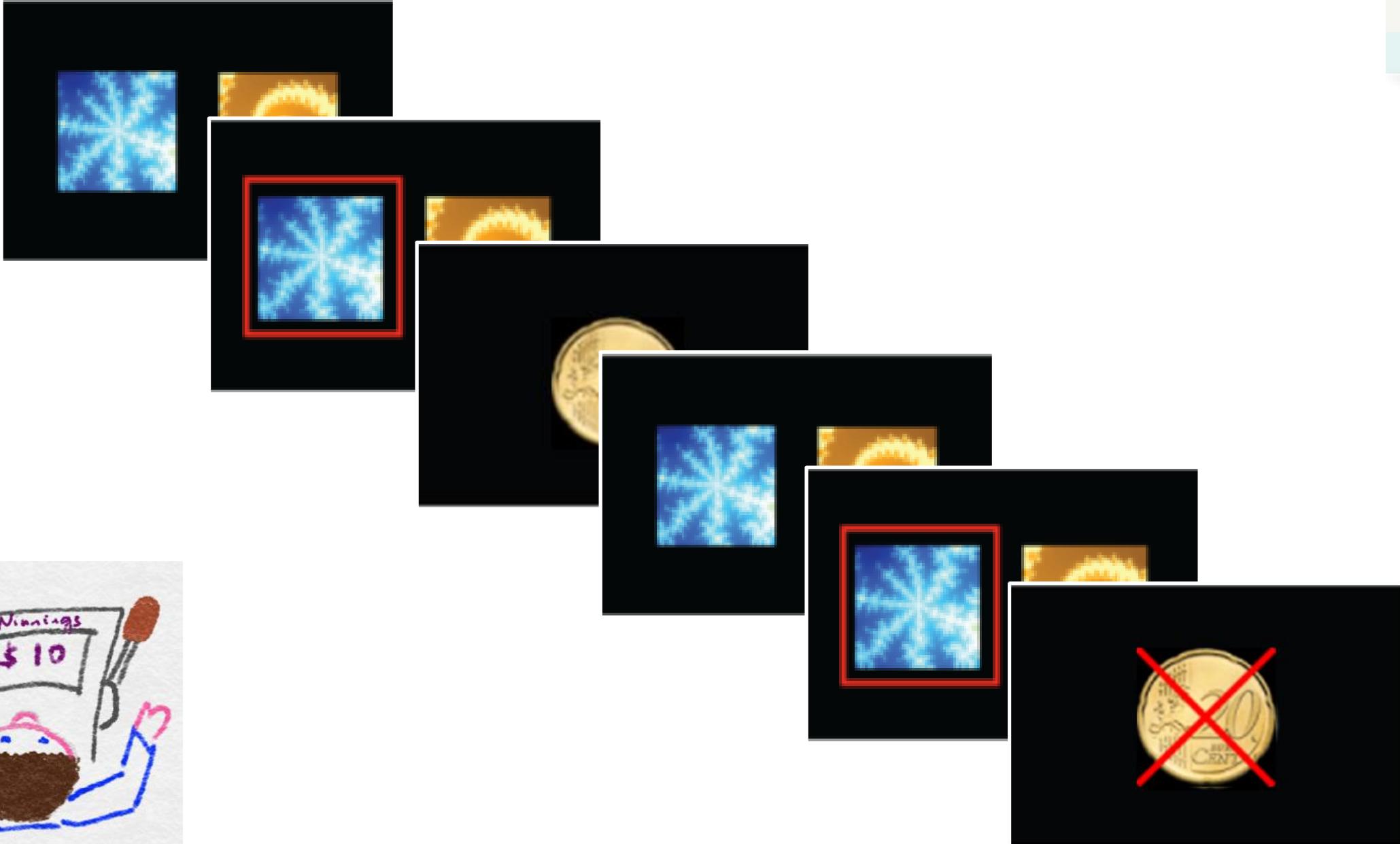
What can be your **strategies**:

1. **predict** the value of each deck
2. **choose** the best
3. **learn** from outcome to update predictions
(repeat)

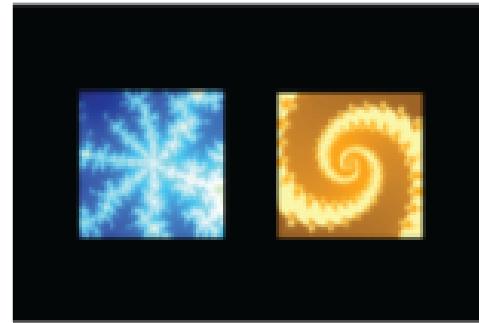
How prediction is shaped by learning?

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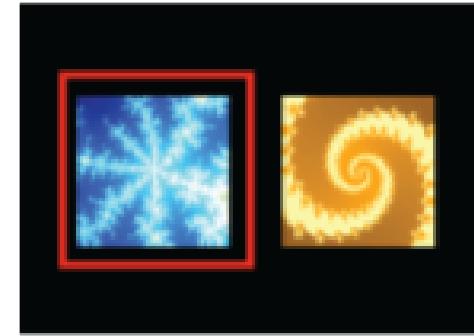




One simple experiment: two choice task



choice presentation



action selection



outcome

what do we know?

what can we measure?

what do we not know?

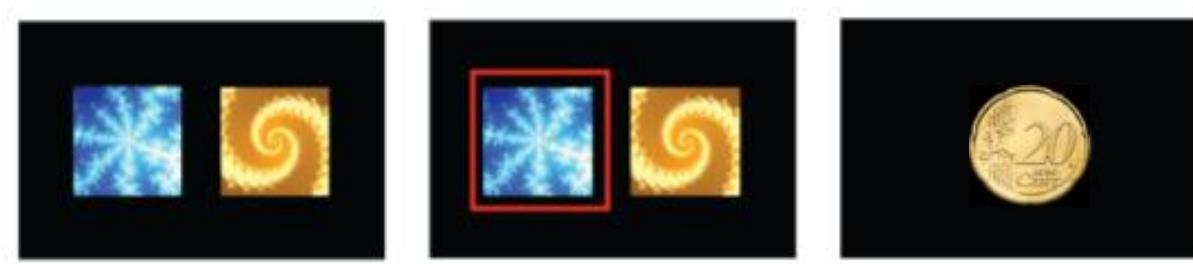
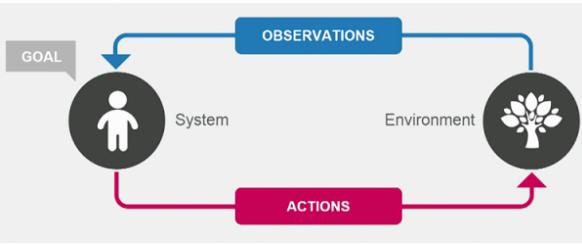
Data: choice & outcome

Summary stats: choice accuracy

Learning algorithm: RL update

$p(\text{choosing the better option})$

Rescorla-Wagner Value Update



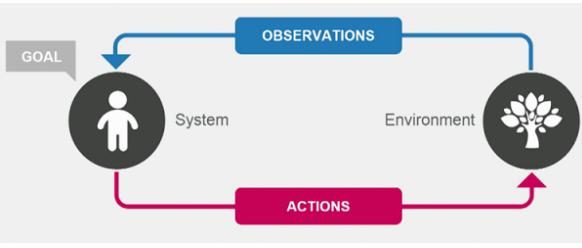
Cognitive Model

- cognitive process
- using internal variables and free parameters

Observation Model (Data Model)

- relate model to observed data
- has to account for noise

Rescorla-Wagner Value Update



Value update: $V_t = V_{t-1} + \alpha * PE_{t-1}$

Prediction error: $PE_{t-1} = R_{t-1} - V_{t-1}$

α - learning rate

PE - reward prediction error

V - value

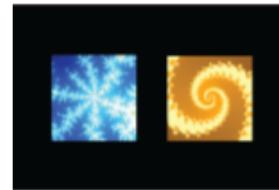
R - reward

Understand the learning rate

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Value update: $V_t = V_{t-1} + \alpha * PE_{t-1}$

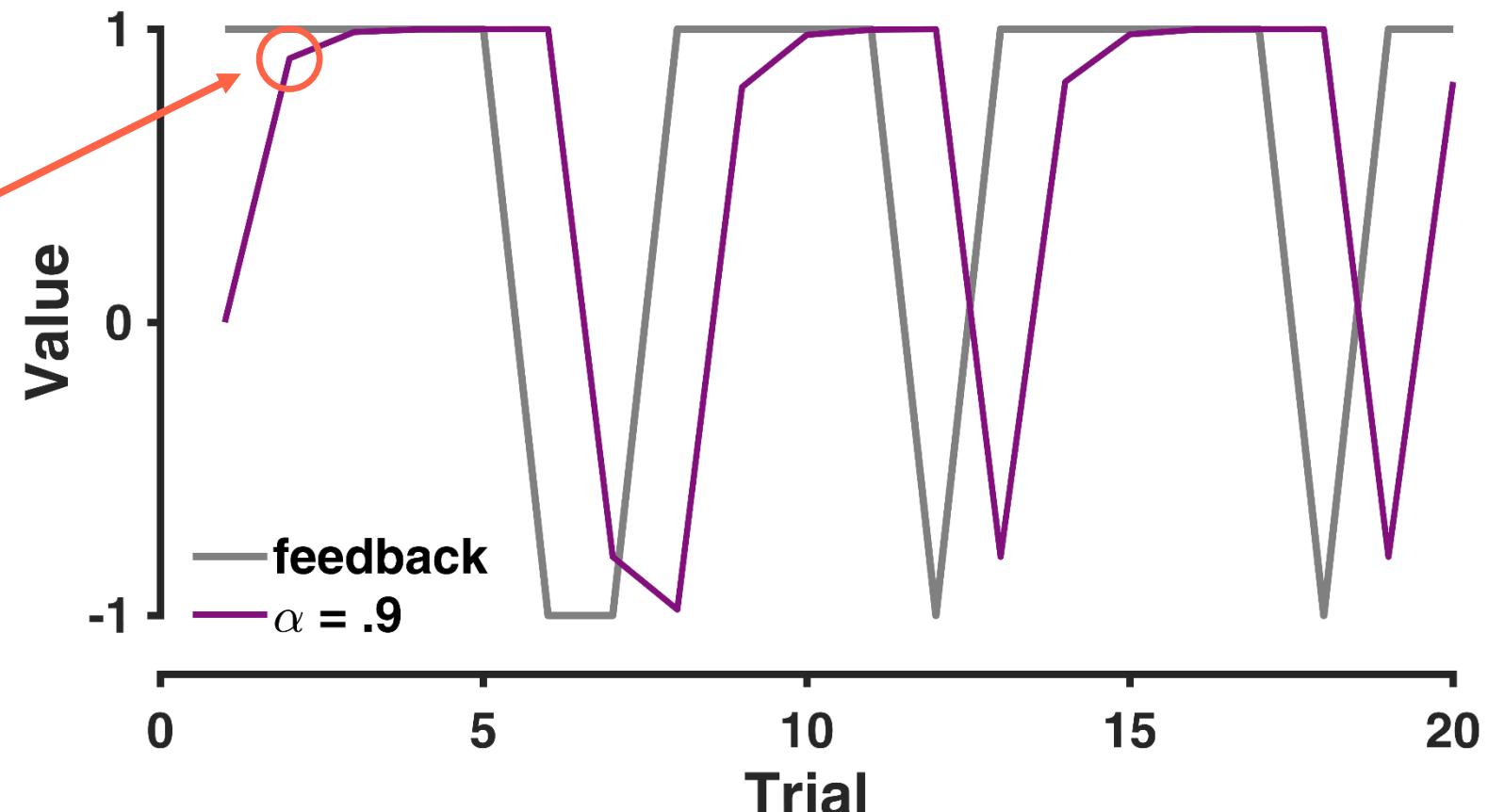
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if $\alpha = 0.9$

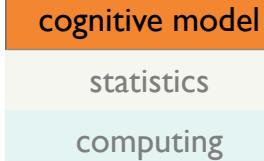
$$V_1 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_2 &= V_1 + 0.9 * (1 - V_1) \\ &= 0 + 0.9 * (1 - 0) \\ &= 0.9 \end{aligned}$$



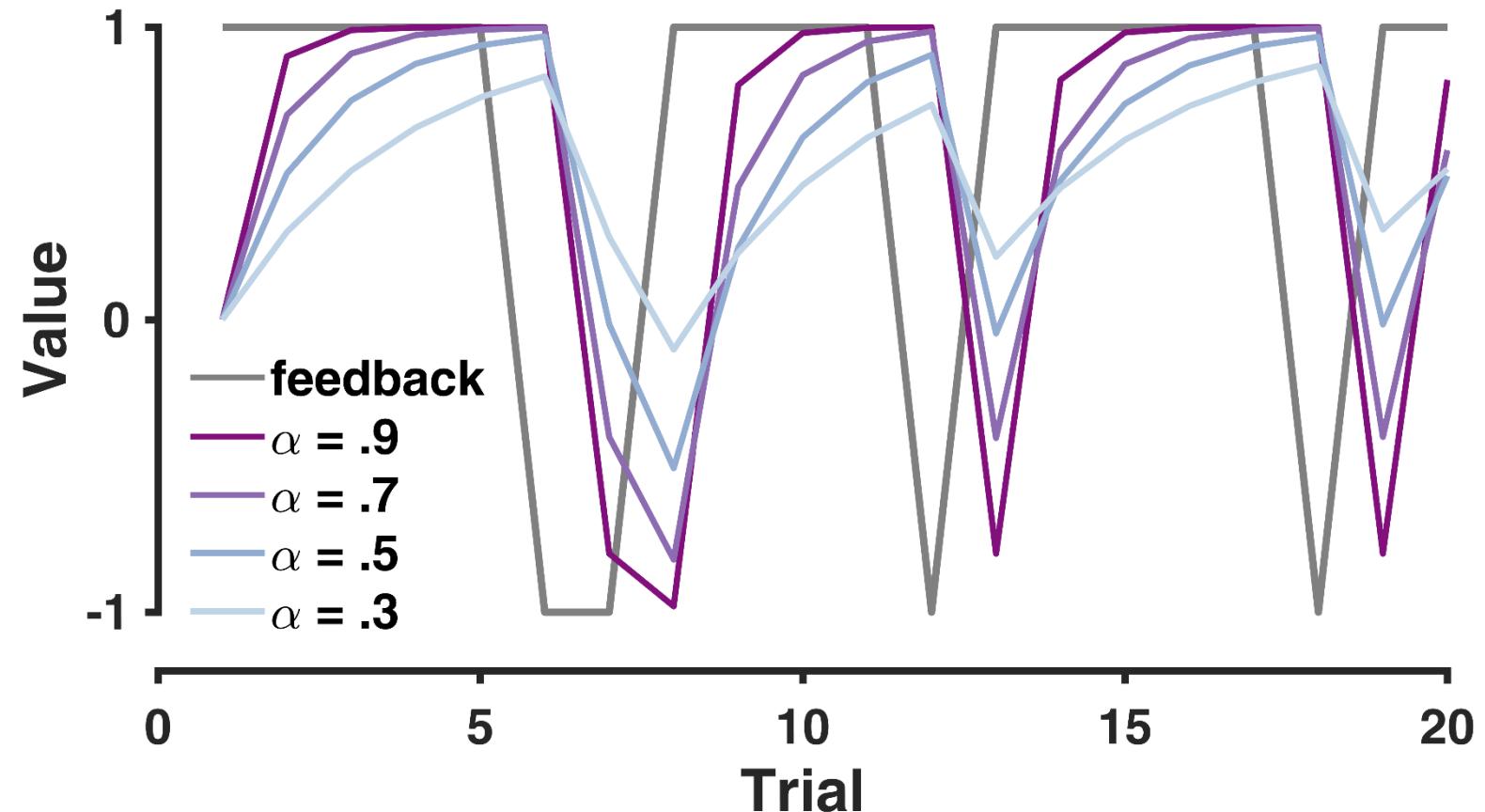
reward contingency – 80:20

Understand the learning rate



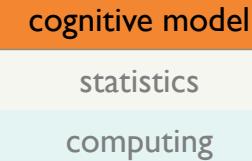
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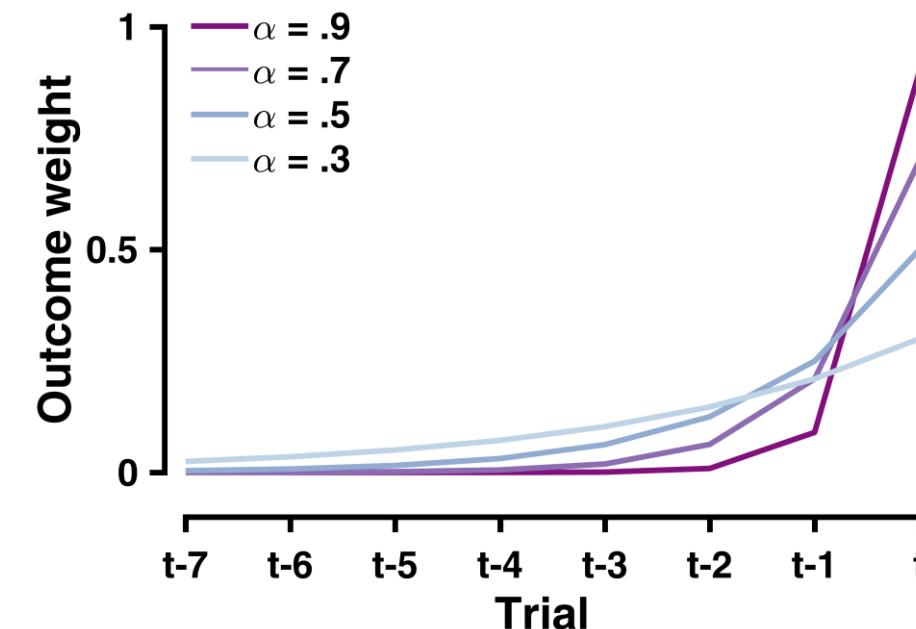
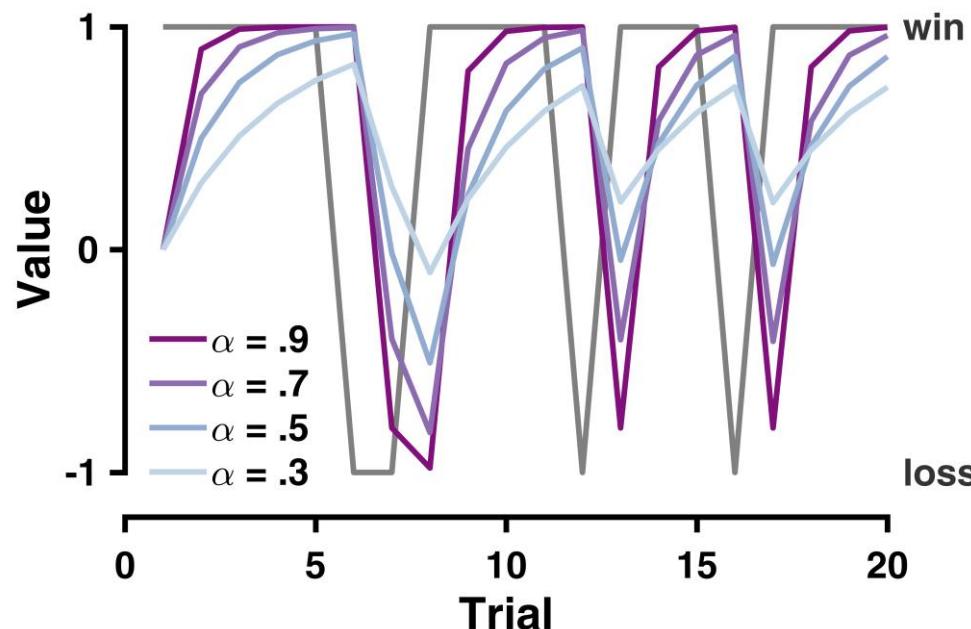
Understand the learning rate



Value update: $V_t = V_{t-1} + \alpha * \text{PE}_{t-1}$

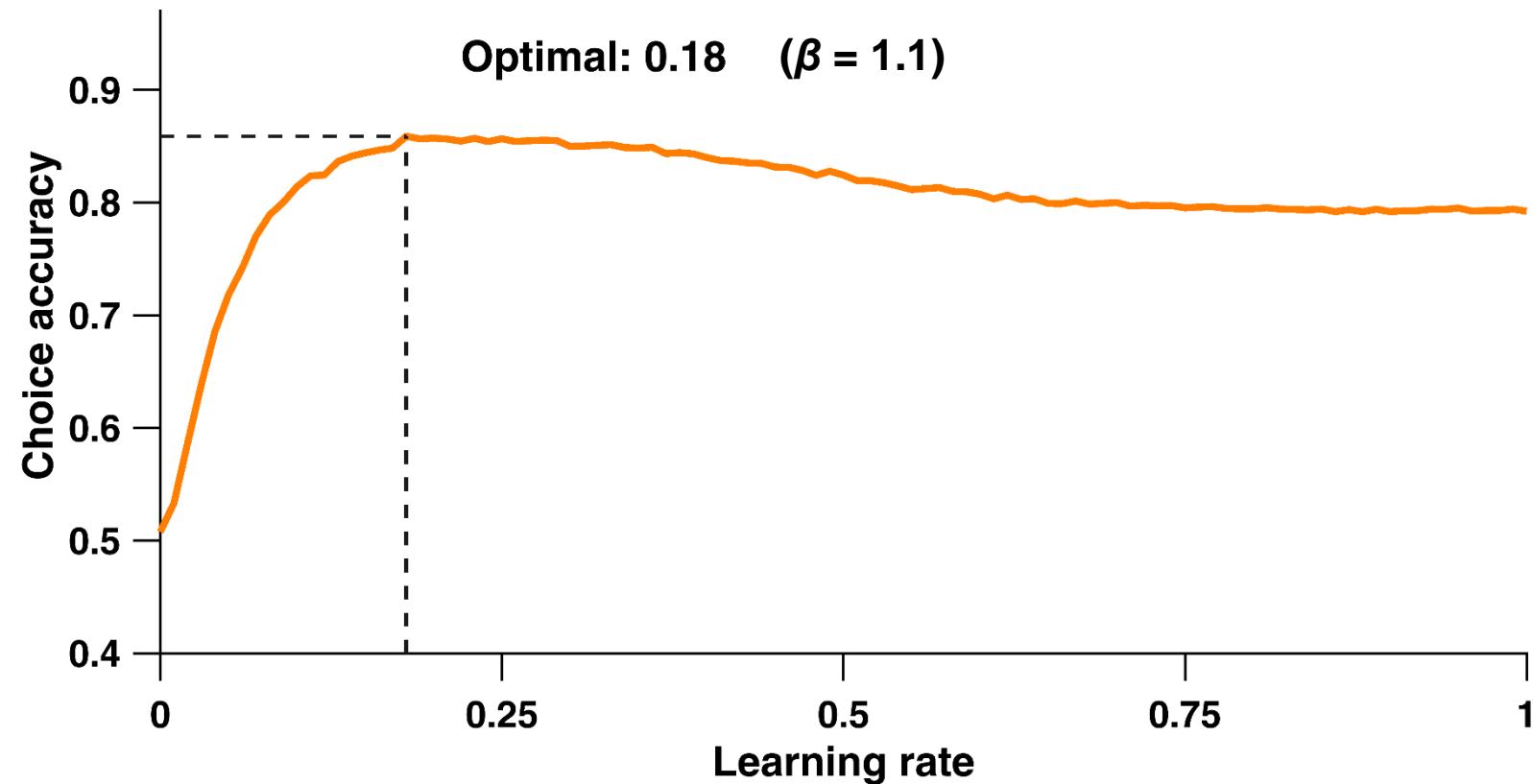
Prediction error: $\text{PE}_{t-1} = R_{t-1} - V_{t-1}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_t &= (1 - \alpha) V_{t-1} + \alpha R_{t-1} \\
 &= (1 - \alpha) (V_{t-2} + \alpha (R_{t-2} - V_{t-2})) + \alpha R_{t-1} \\
 &= (1 - \alpha)^t V_0 + \sum_{i=1}^t (1 - \alpha)^{t-i} \alpha R_i
 \end{aligned}$$

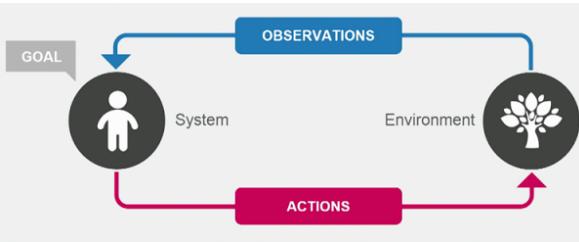


Optimal learning rate?

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Rescorla-Wagner Value Update



Value update:

$$V_{t+1} = V_t + \alpha * PE_t$$

Prediction error:

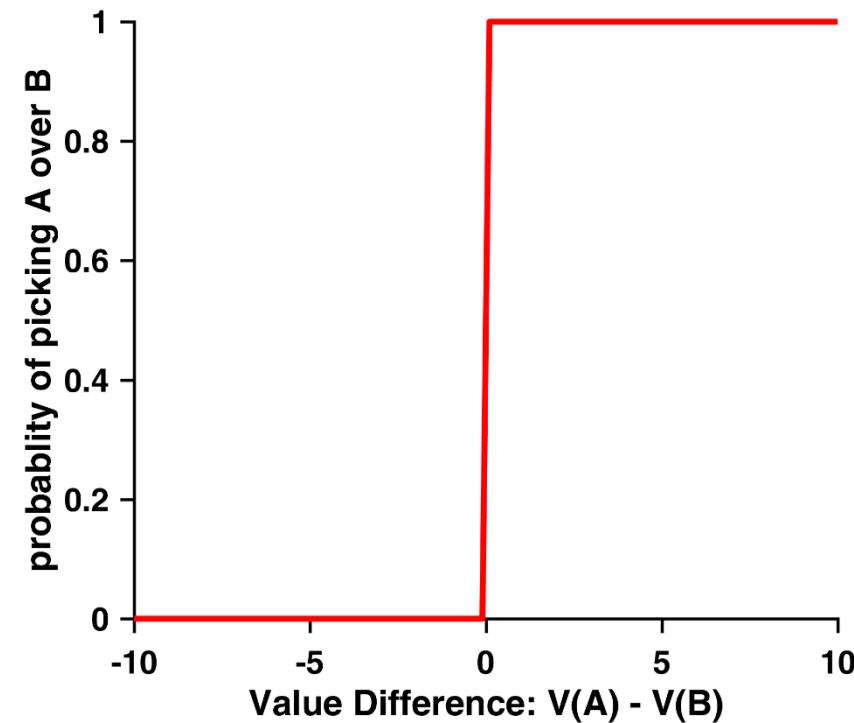
$$PE_t = R_t - V_t$$

choice rule:

greedy / ϵ -greedy / softmax

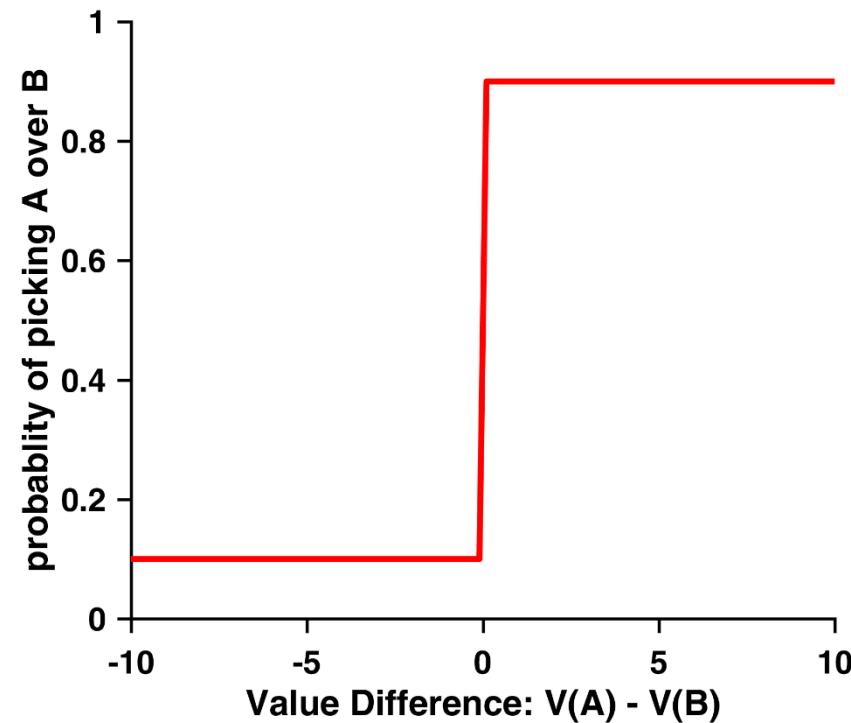
Choice rule: greedy

$$p(C = a) = \begin{cases} 1, & V(a) > V(b) \\ 0, & V(a) < V(b) \end{cases}$$

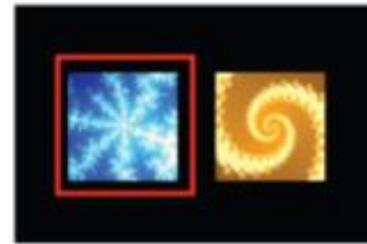
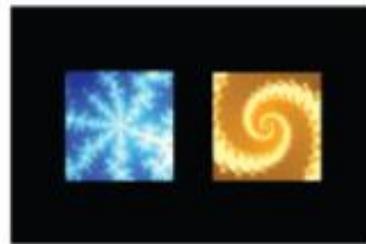


Choice rule: ϵ -greedy

$$p(C = a) = \begin{cases} 1 - \epsilon, & V(a) > V(b) \\ \epsilon, & V(a) < V(b) \end{cases}$$



Choice rule: softmax

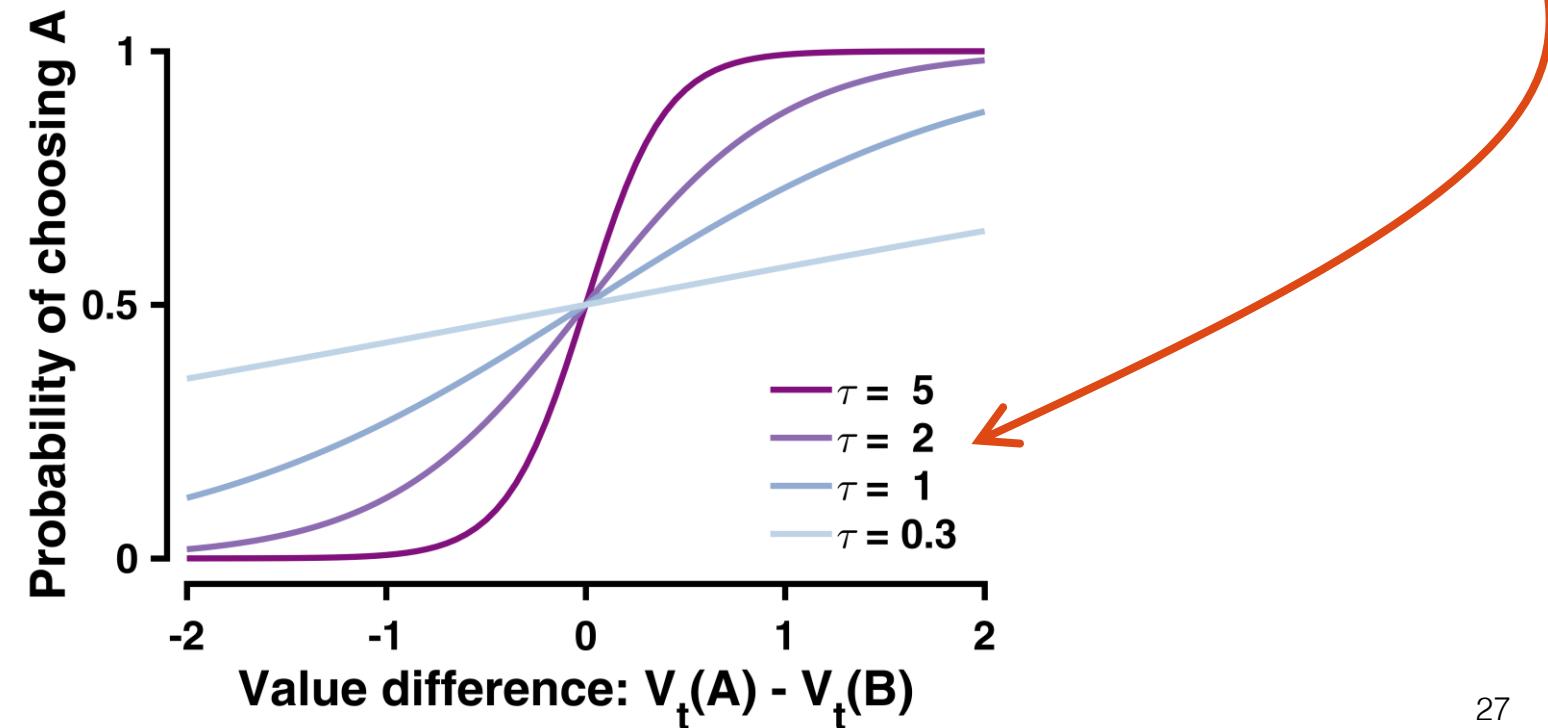


$$V(\text{orange})$$

$$V(\text{blue})$$

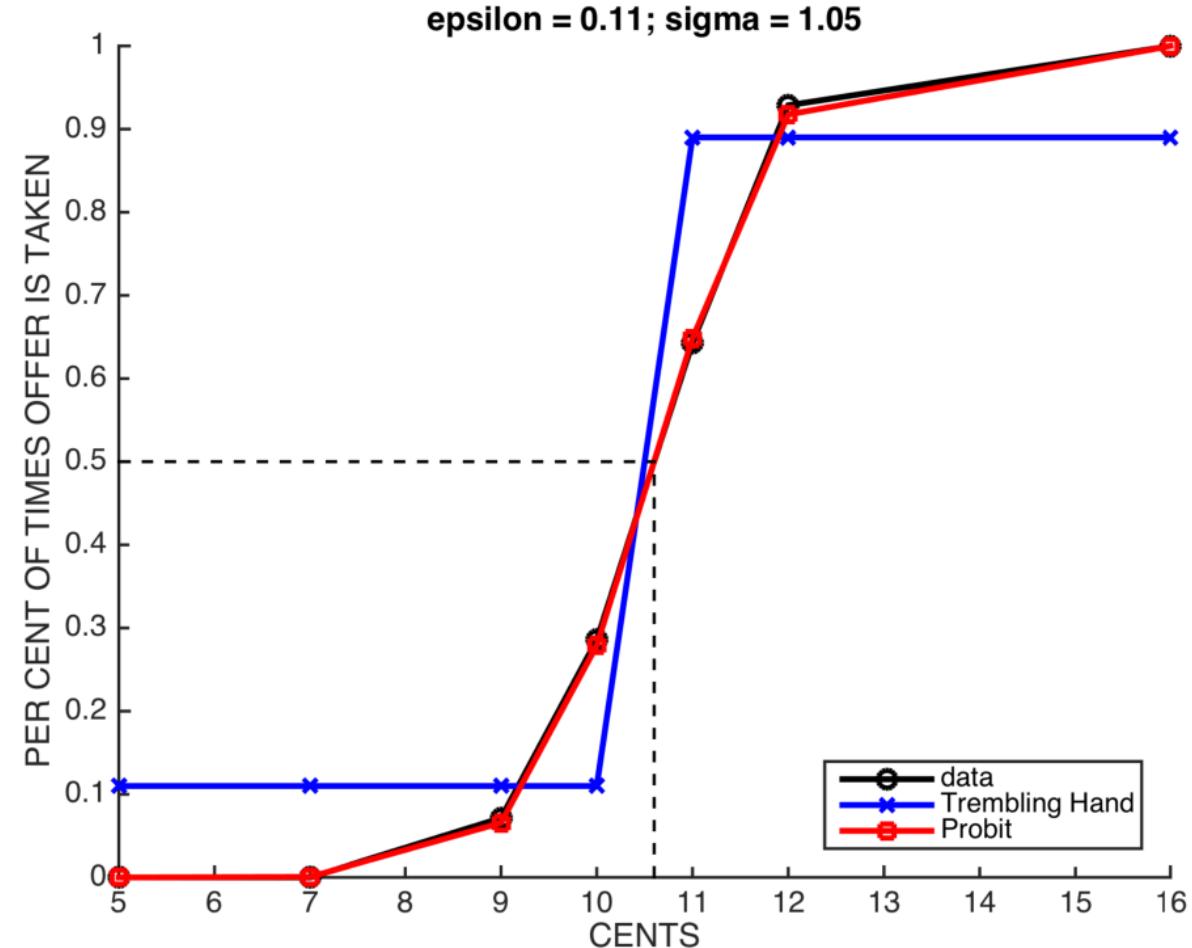
$$p_t(A) = \frac{e^{\tau * V_t(A)}}{e^{\tau * V_t(A)} + e^{\tau * V_t(B)}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + e^{-\tau * (V_t(A) - V_t(B))}}$$

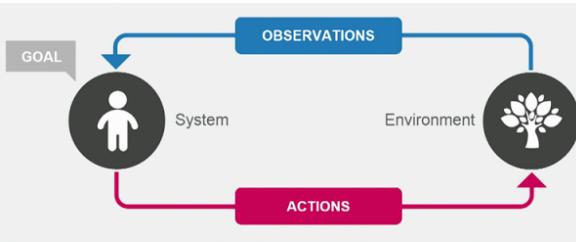


Choice rule: direct comparison

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Rescorla-Wagner Value Update



Value update:

$$V_{t+1} = V_t + \alpha * PE_t$$

Prediction error:

$$PE_t = R_t - V_t$$

choice rule (sigmoid /softmax):

$$p(C=a) = \frac{1}{1+e^{\tau*(v(b)-v(a))}}$$

α - learning rate

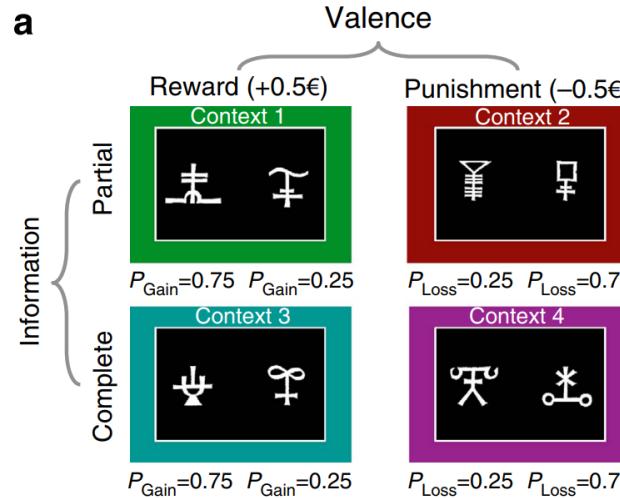
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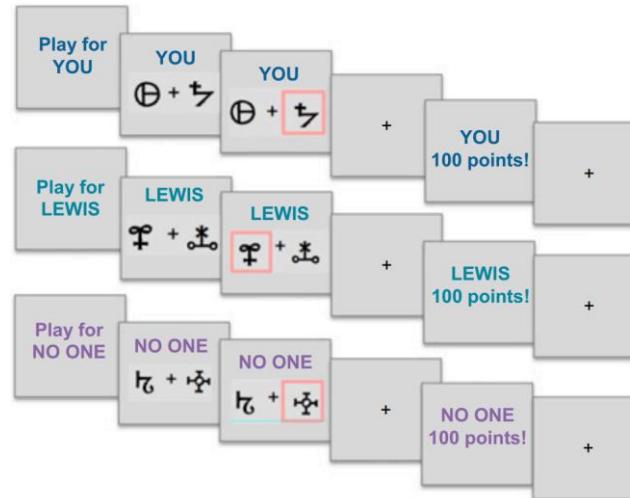
R - reward

τ - softmax temperature

Generalizing RL framework

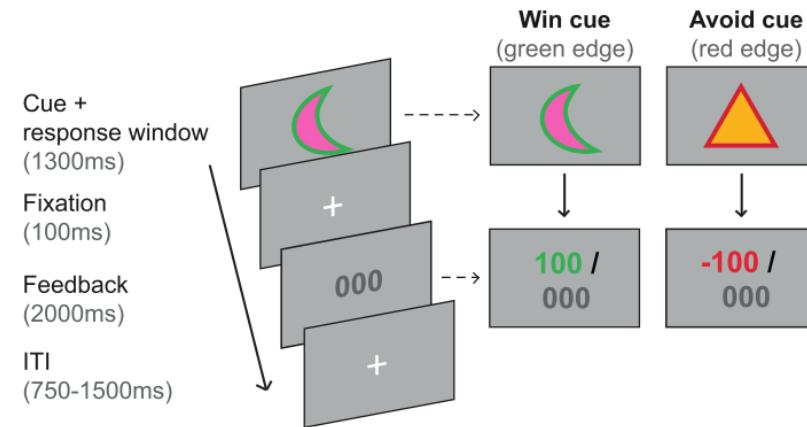


[Palminteri et al. \(2015\)](#)

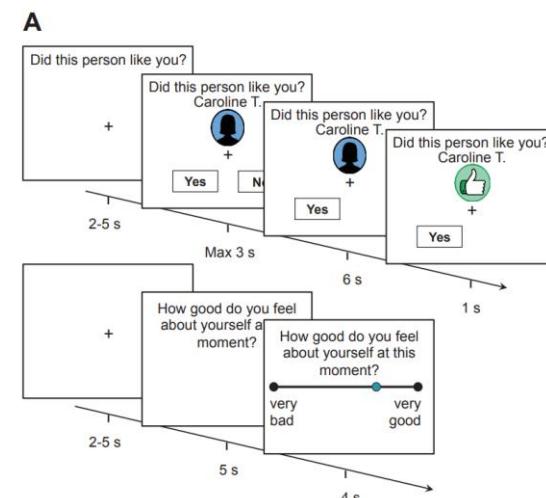


[Lockwood et al. \(2016\)](#)

A. Trial details



[Swart et al. \(2017\)](#)



[Will et al. \(2017\)](#)

B

	Like	Dislike	Participant	Percentage
Blue profile	85%	15%		
Yellow profile	70%	30%		
Purple profile	30%	70%		
Black profile	15%	85%		



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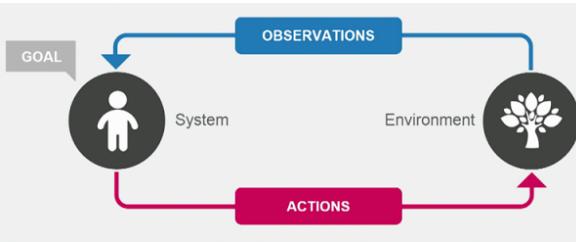
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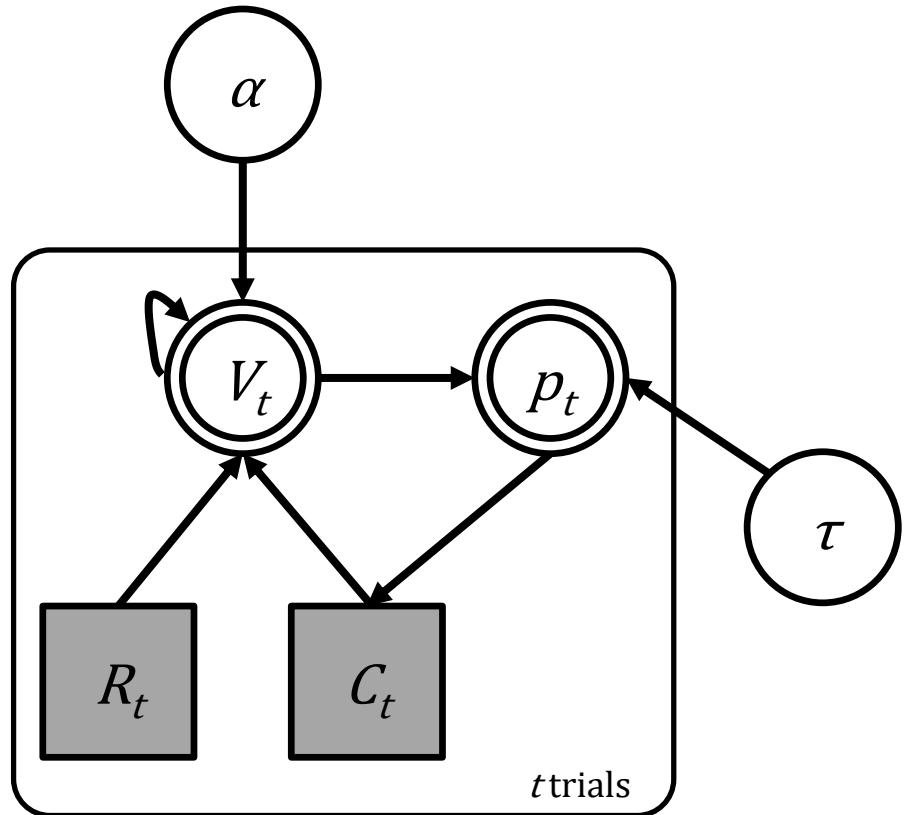
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$$\alpha \sim Uniform(0, 1)$$

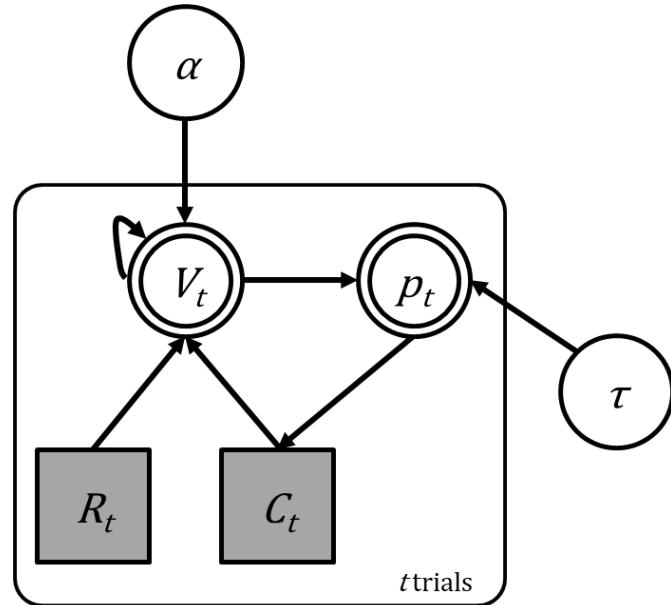
$$\tau \sim Uniform(0, 3)$$

$$p_t(C = A) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{\tau(V_t(B) - V_t(A))}}$$

$$V_{t+1}^c = V_t^c + \alpha (R_t - V_t^c)$$

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$$\alpha \sim Uniform(0, 1)$$

$$\tau \sim Uniform(0, 3)$$

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```

transformed data {
  vector[2] initV;
  initV = rep_vector(0.0, 2);
}

model {
  vector[2] v[nTrials+1];
  real pe[nTrials];

  v[1] = initV;

  for (t in 1:nTrials) {
    choice[t] ~ categorical_logit( tau * v[t] );

    pe[t] = reward[t] - v[t,choice[t]];

    v[t+1] = v[t];
    v[t+1, choice[t]] = v[t, choice[t]] + lr * pe[t];
  }
}

```

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}
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        pe = reward[t] - v[choice[t]];  
  
        v[choice[t]] = v[choice[t]] + lr * pe;  
    }  
}
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RL – Fitting with Stan

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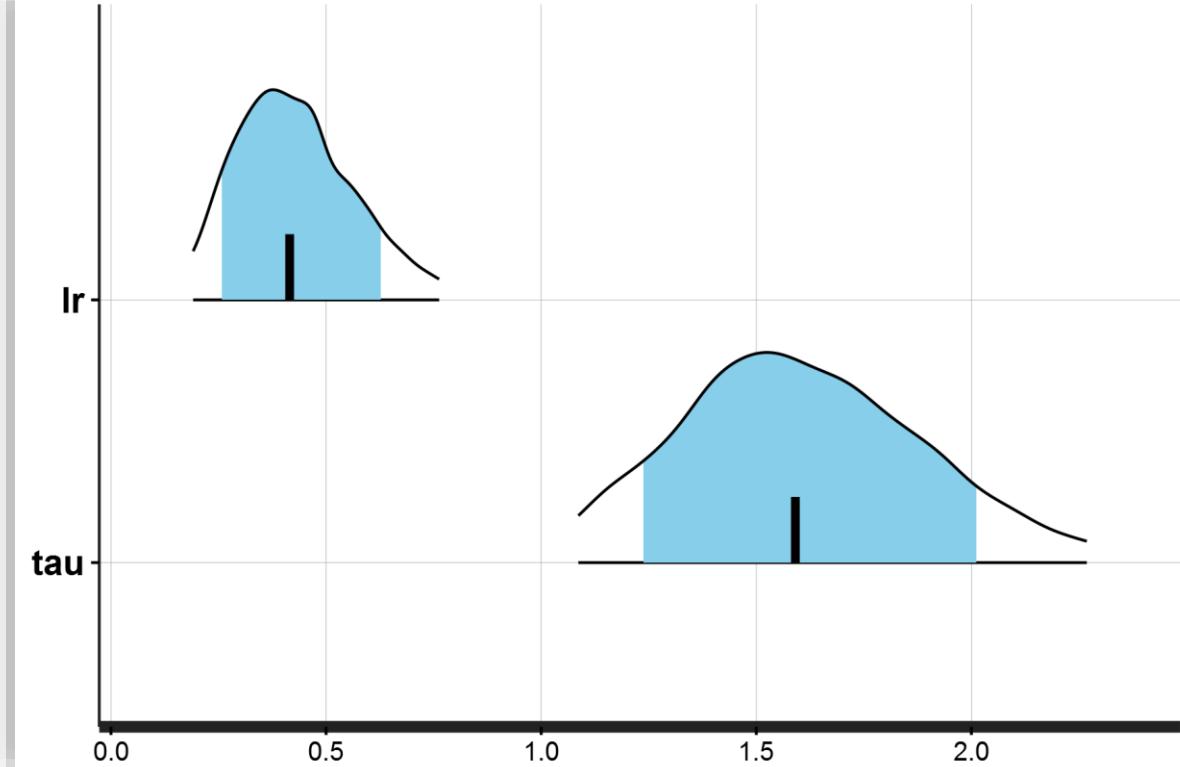
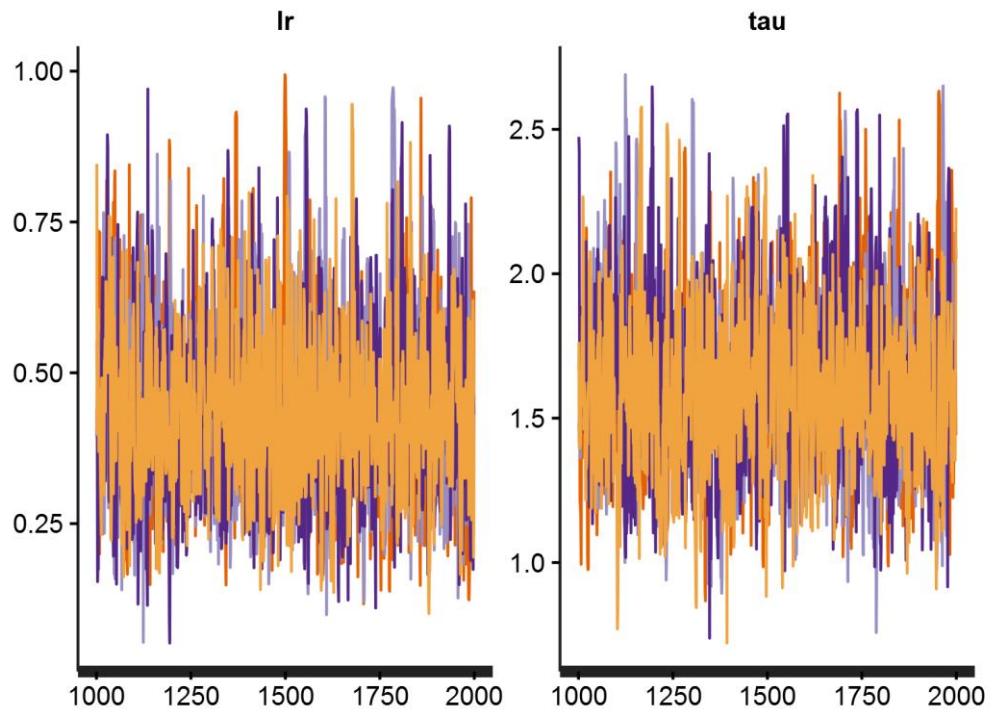
TASK: fit the model for single participants

```
> source('_scripts/reinforcement_learning_single_parm_main.R') # a function  
  
> fit_rl1 <- run_rl_sp(multiSubj = FALSE)
```

```
> load('_data/rl_sp_ss.RData')  
> head(rl_ss)  
     [,1] [,2]  
[1,]    2   -1  
[2,]    1    1  
[3,]    1    1  
[4,]    1    1  
[5,]    2   -1  
[6,]    1    1
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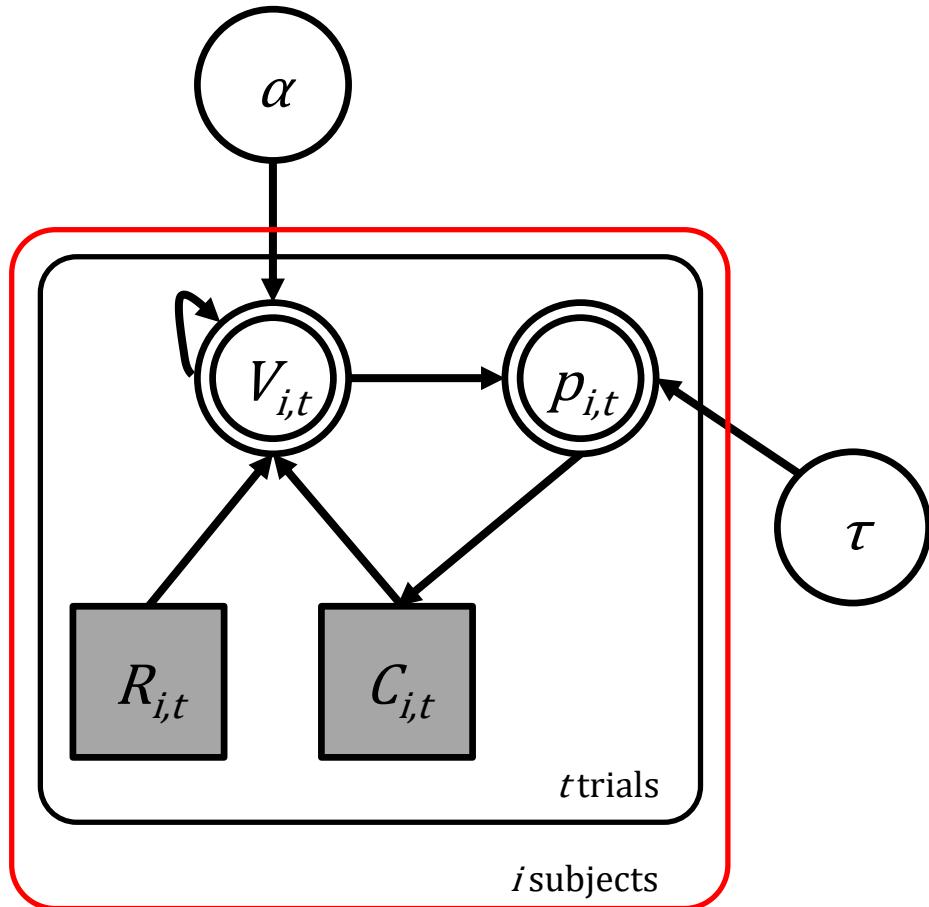
RL - MCMC Output

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Fitting Multiple Participants as ONE

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```
model {  
    for (s in 1:nSubjects) {  
        vector[2] v;  
        real pe;  
        v = initV;  
  
        for (t in 1:nTrials) {  
            choice[s,t] ~ categorical_logit( tau * v );  
            pe = reward[s,t] - v[choice[s,t]];  
            v[choice[s,t]] = v[choice[s,t]] + lr * pe;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Exercise X

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.../06.reinforcement_learning/_scripts/reinforcement_learning_single_parm_main.R

TASK:

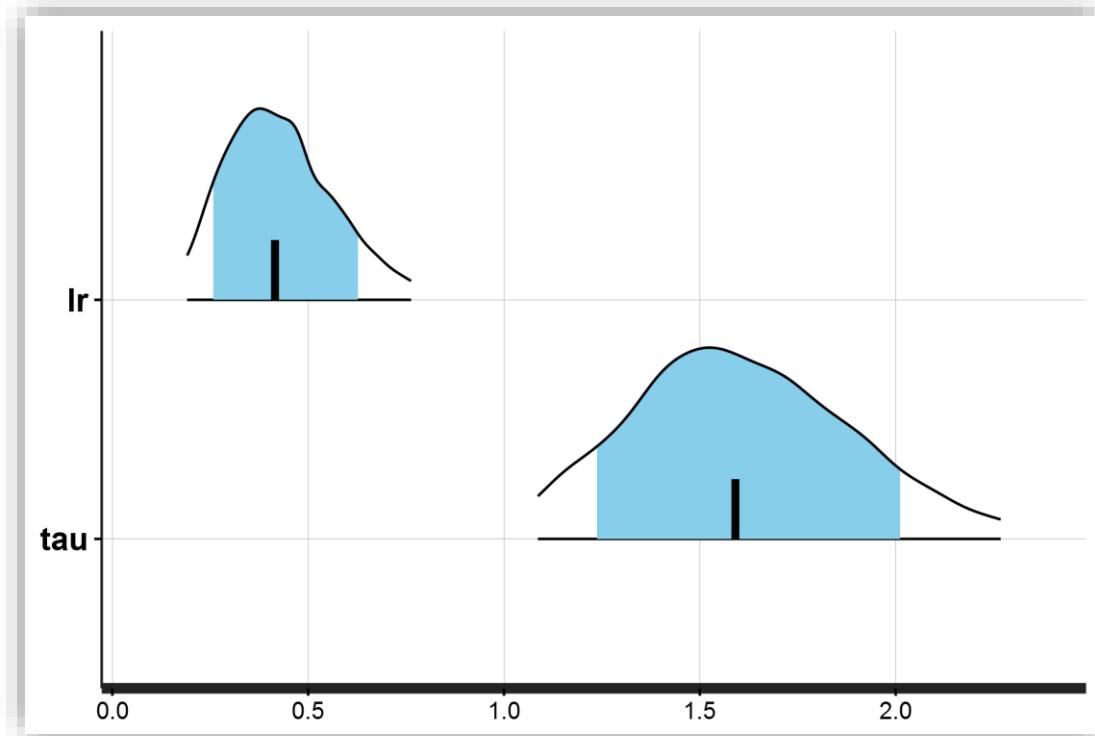
- (1) complete the model (Tip: the for-loop)
- (2) fit the model for multiple participants (assuming same parameters)

```
> source('_scripts/reinforcement_learning_single_parm_main.R')  
  
> fit_rl2 <- run_rl_sp(multiSubj = TRUE)
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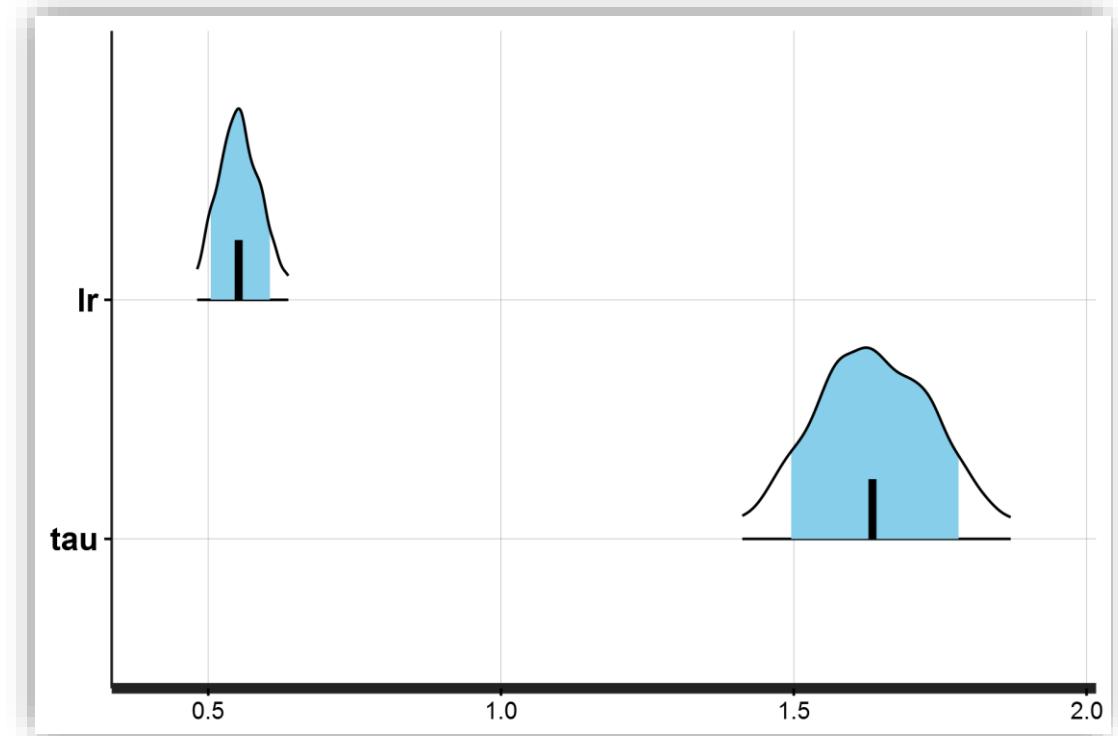
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$N = 1$

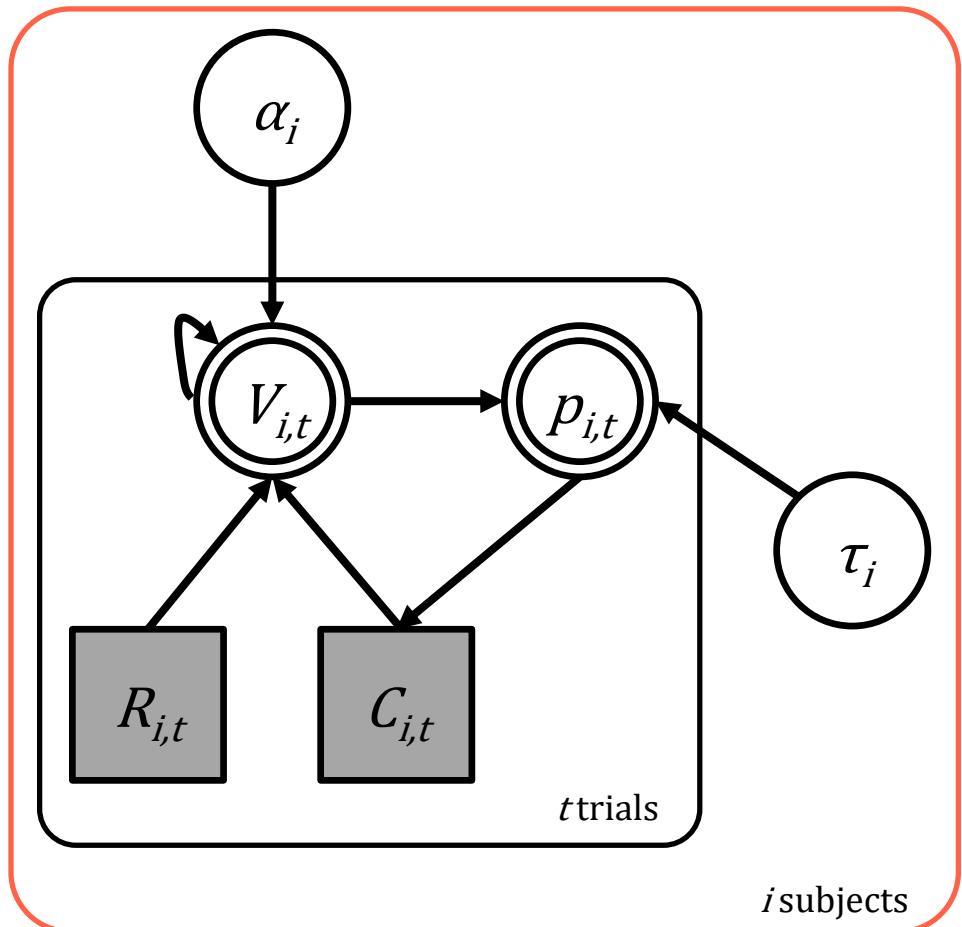


$N = 10$



Fitting Multiple Participants Independently

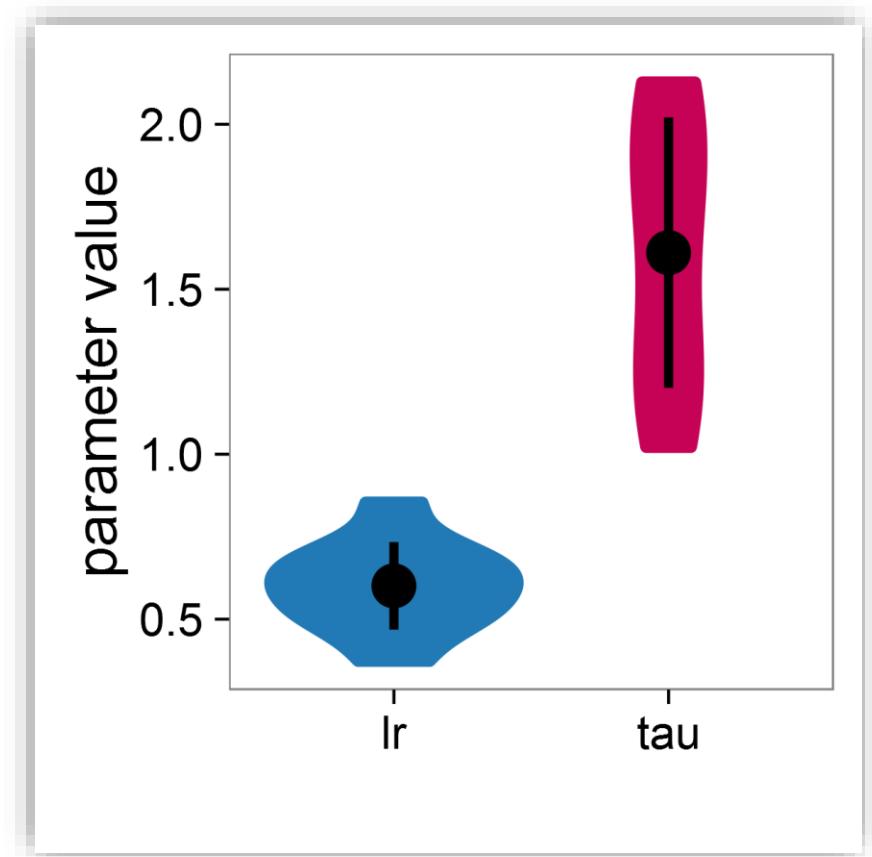
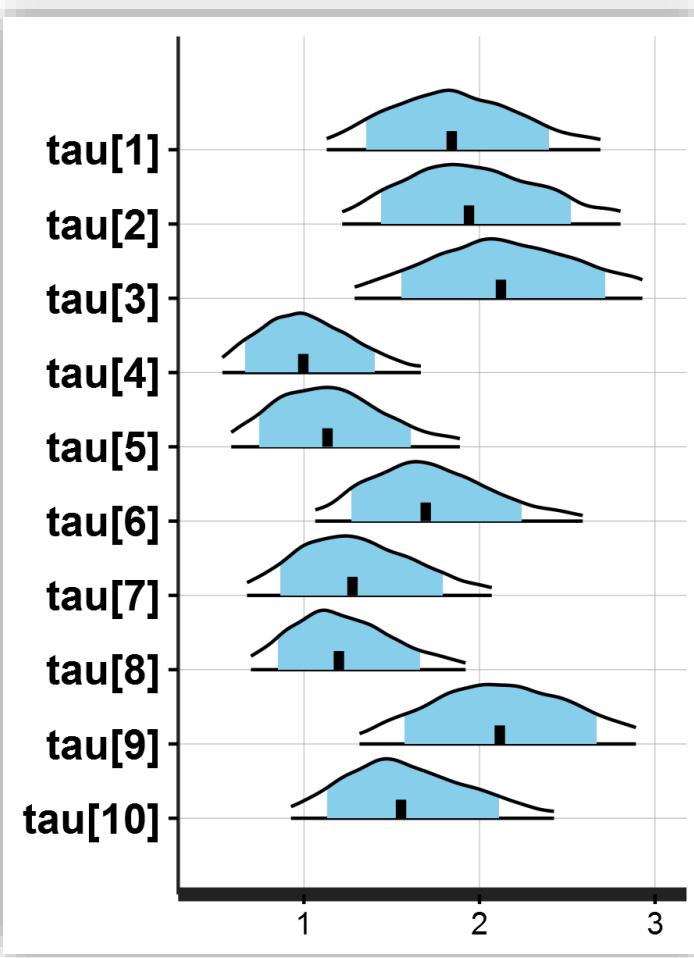
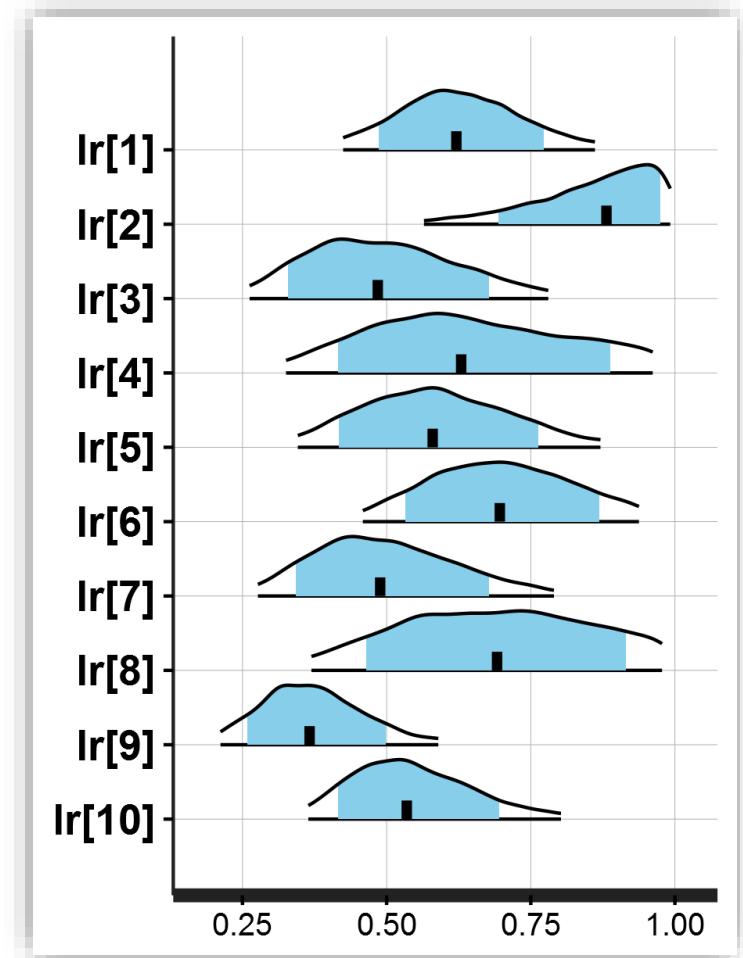
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```
model {  
  for (s in 1:nSubjects) {  
    vector[2] v;  
    real pe;  
    v = initV;  
  
    for (t in 1:nTrials) {  
      choice[s,t] ~ categorical_logit( tau[s] * v );  
      pe = reward[s,t] - v[choice[s,t]];  
      v[choice[s,t]] = v[choice[s,t]] + lr[s] * pe;  
    }  
  }  
}
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Individual Fitting

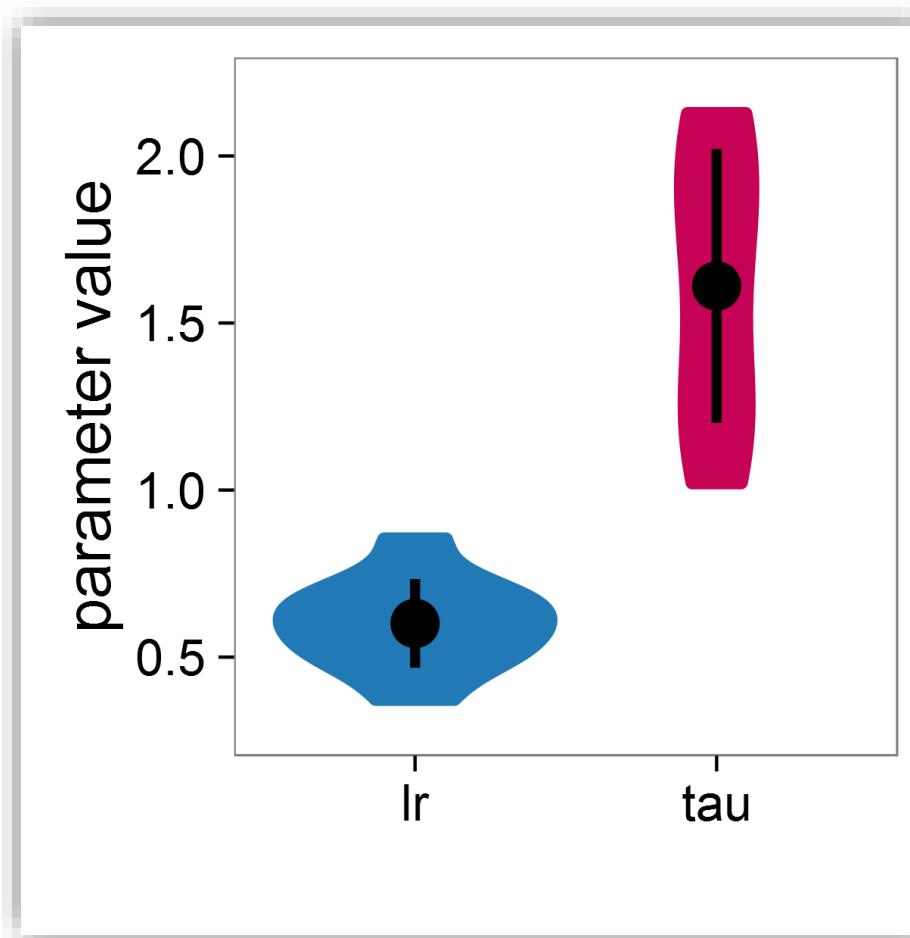
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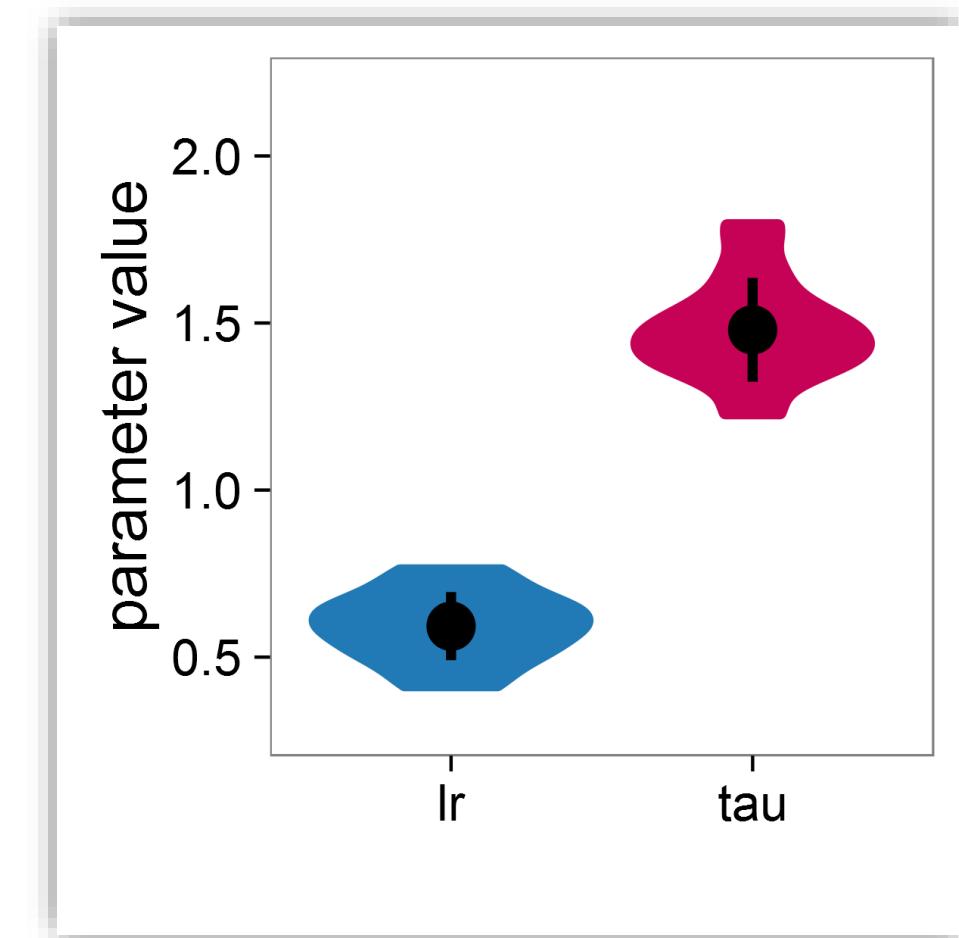
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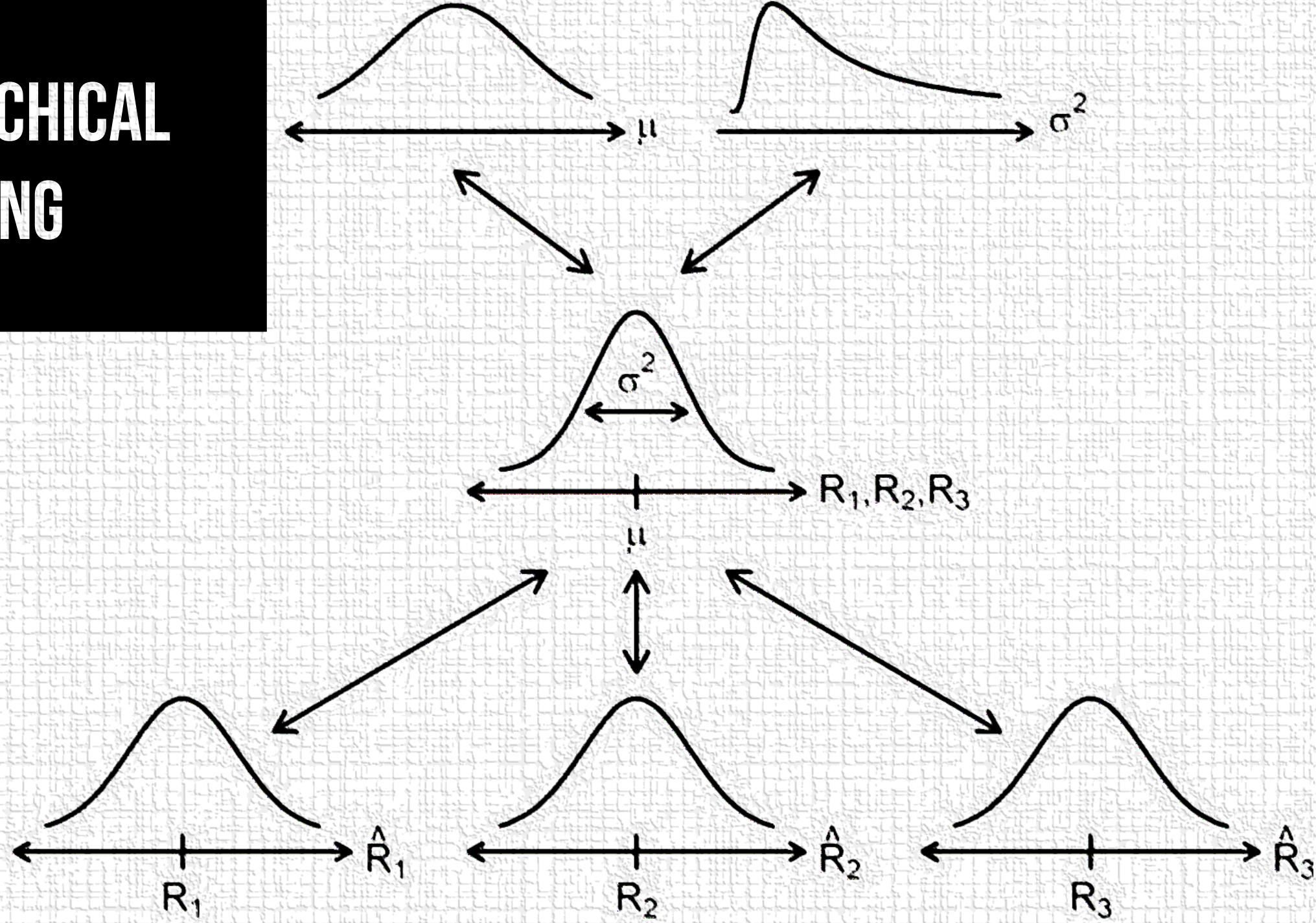
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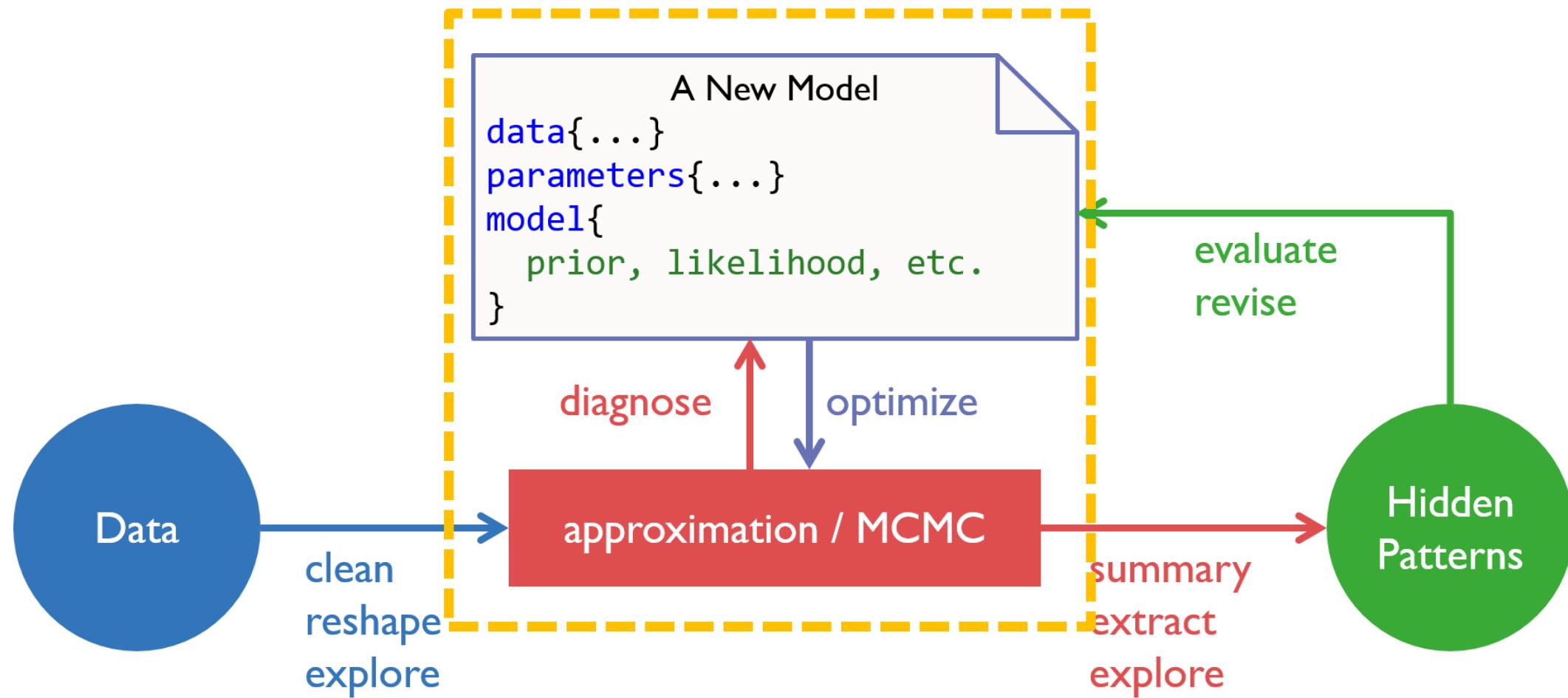


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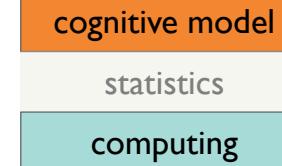


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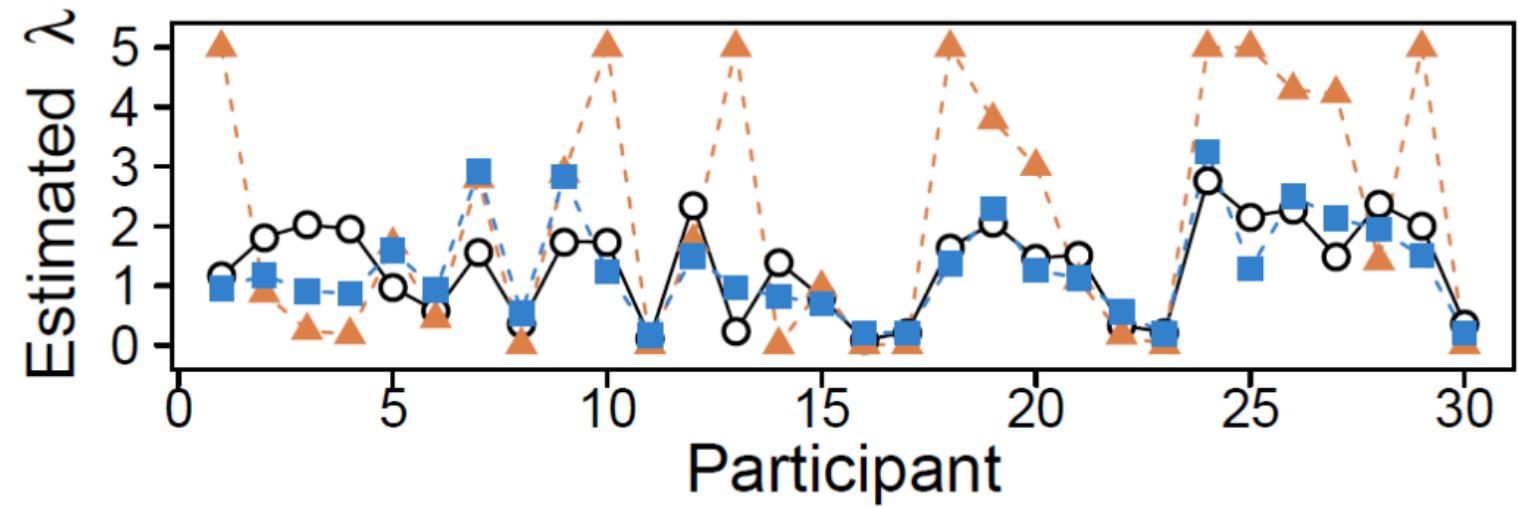


Why Hierarchical Bayesian Cognitive Modeling?



Simulation study

Hierarchical Bayesian ■
Maximum likelihood ▲
Actual values ○



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Fixed effects

- all subjects are fitted with the same set of parameters
- worse model fit than “random effects”

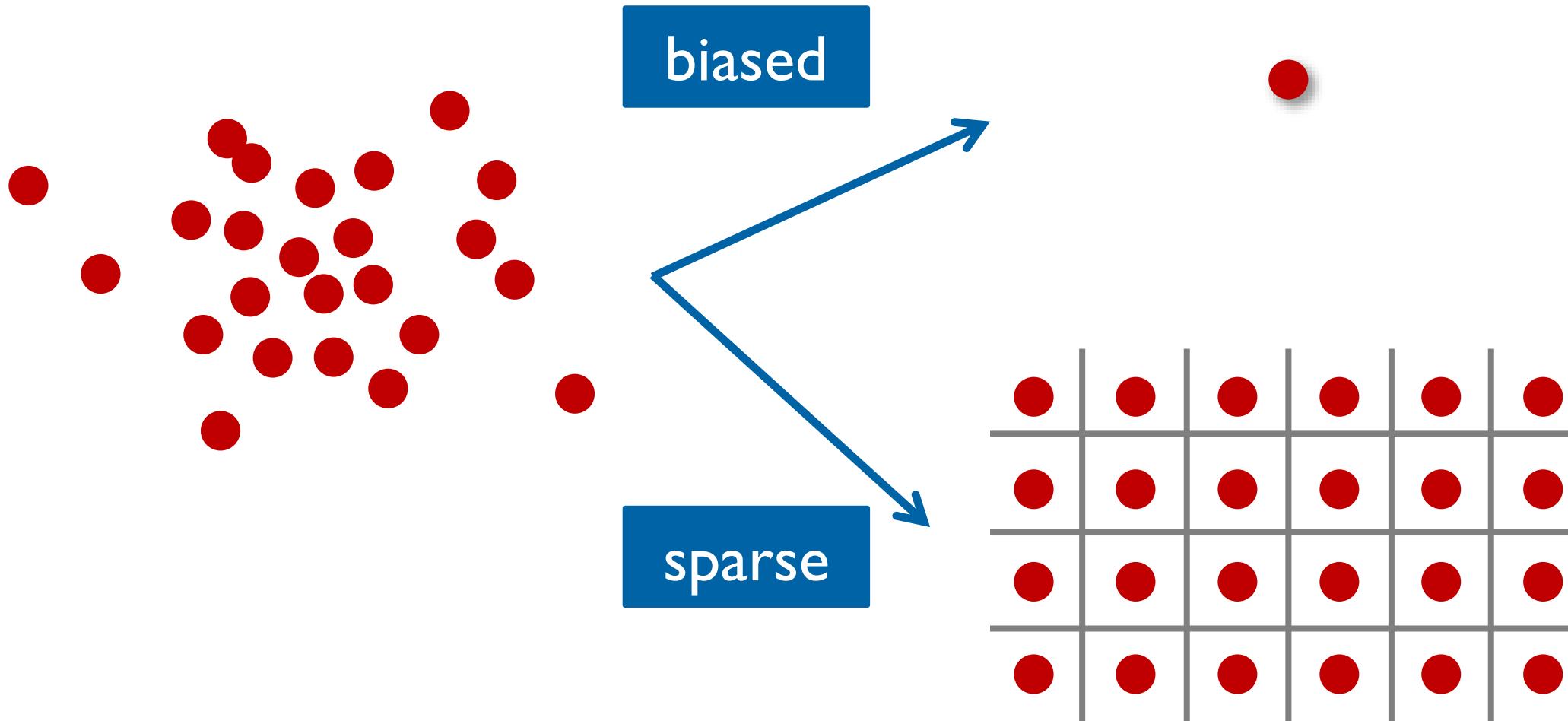
Random effects

- each subject is fitted independently of the others
- best model fit for each subject
- parameter estimates can be noisy

Adapted from Jan Gläscher's workshop

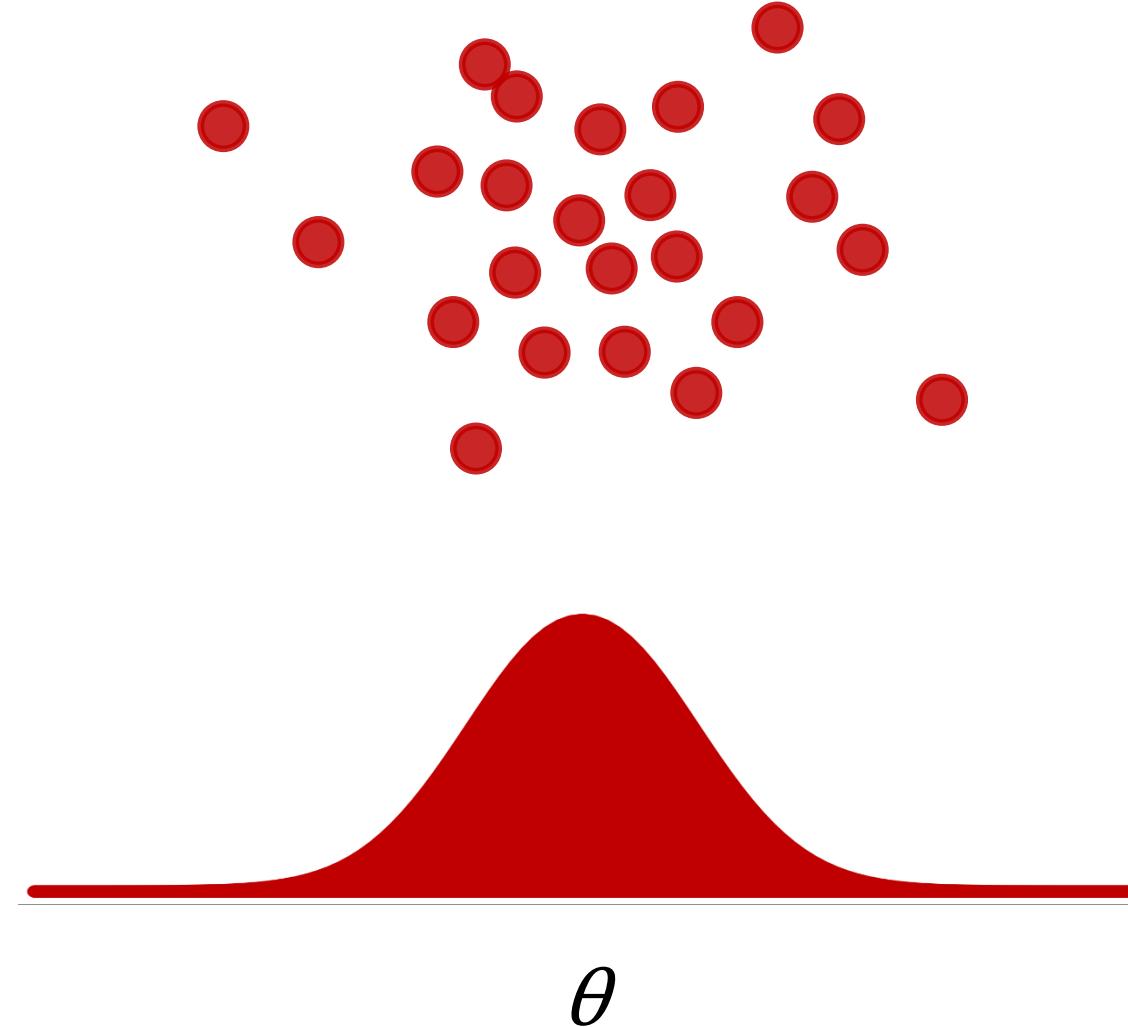
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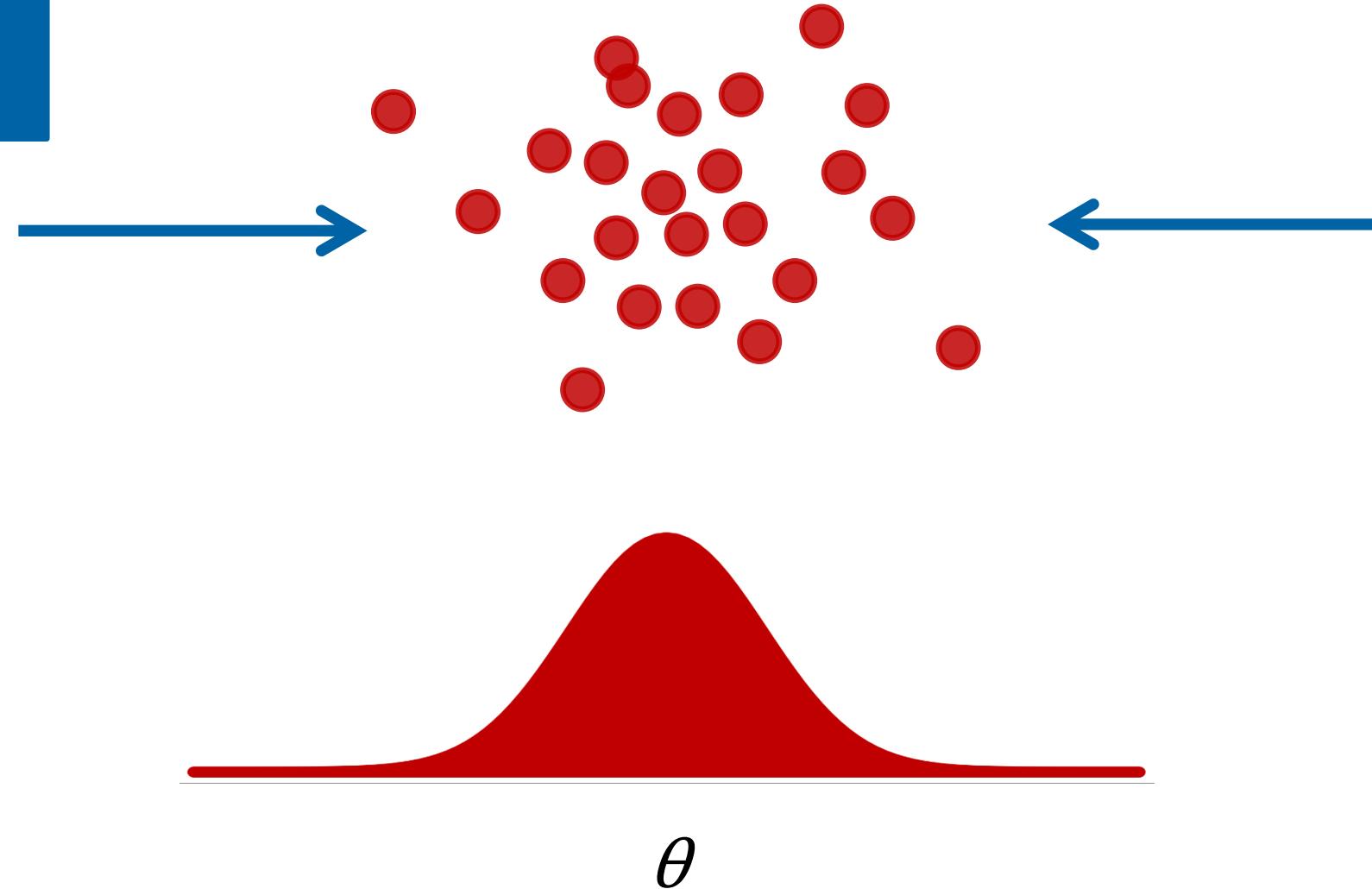
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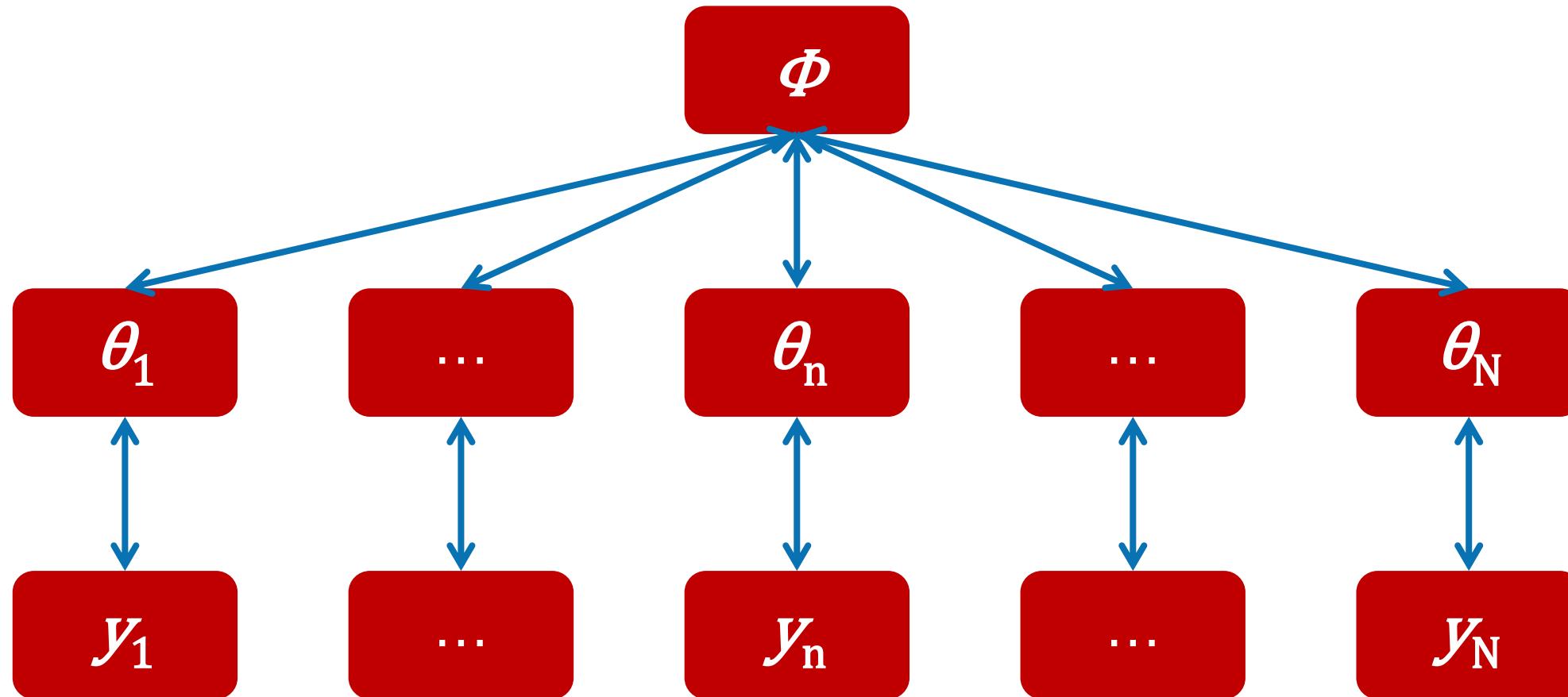
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shrinkage effect



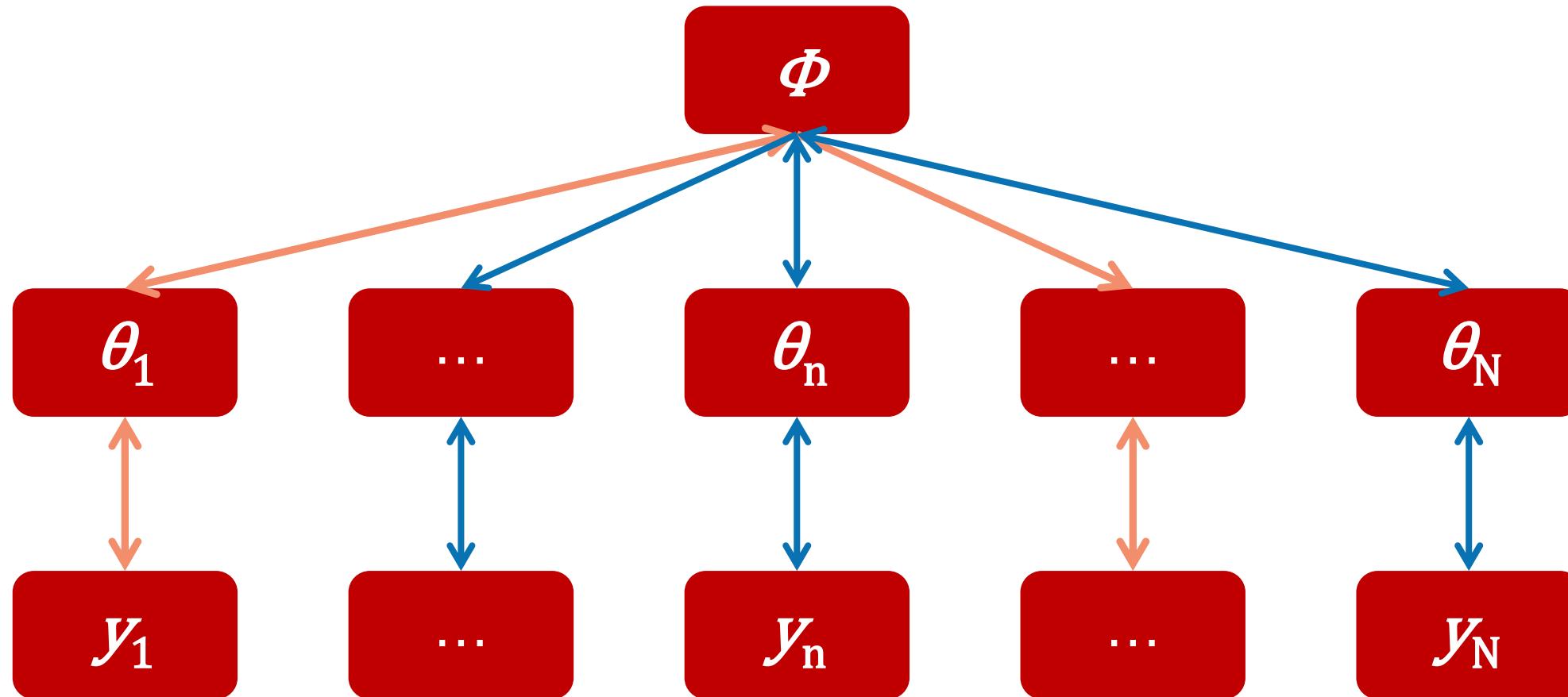
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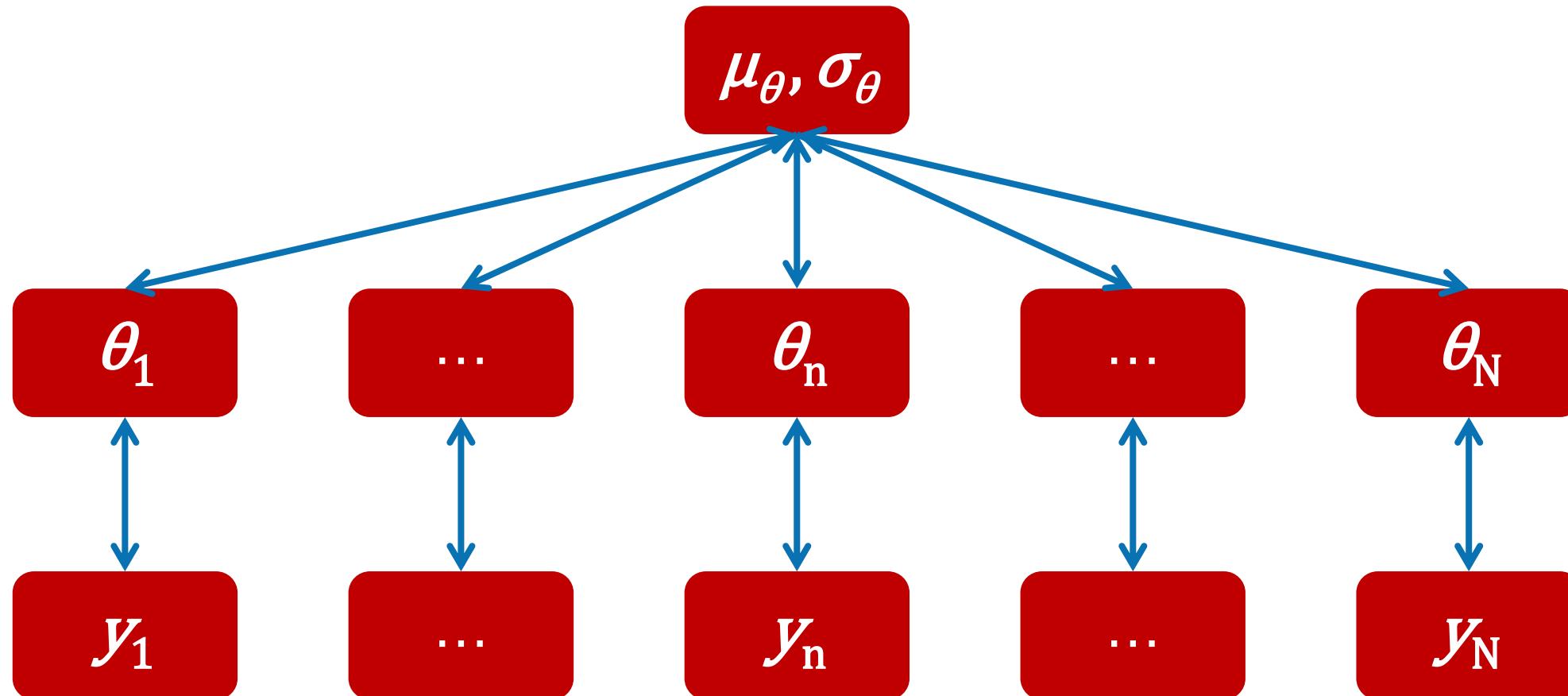
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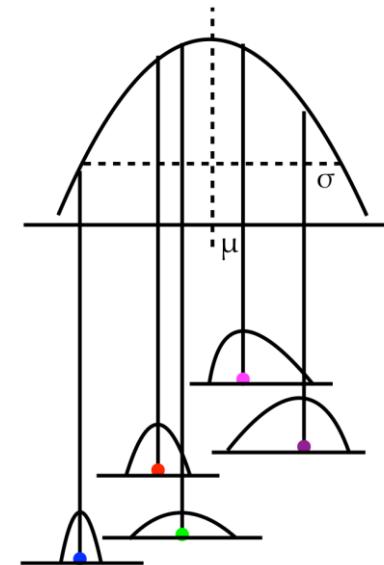
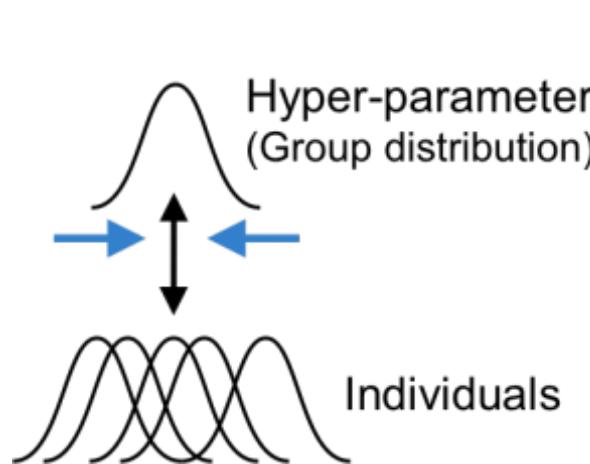
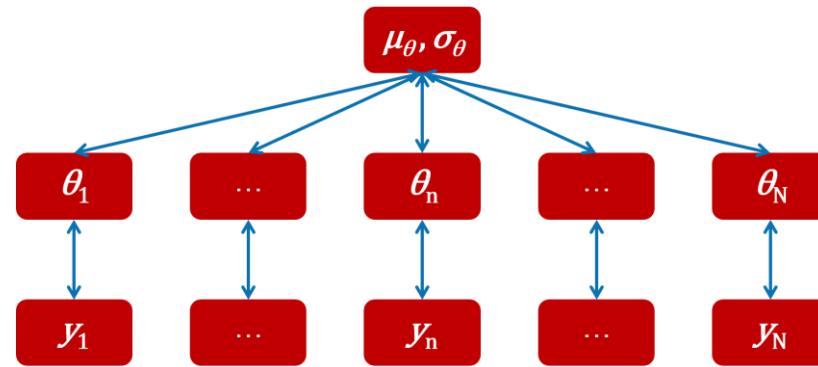


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Hierarchical Structure



$$P(\Theta, \Phi | D) = \frac{P(D | \Theta, \Phi) P(\Theta, \Phi)}{P(D)} \propto P(D | \Theta) P(\Theta | \Phi) P(\Phi)$$

