



Machine Learning and NeuroEngineering

机器学习与神经工程

Lecture 2 – Introduction to Machine Learning

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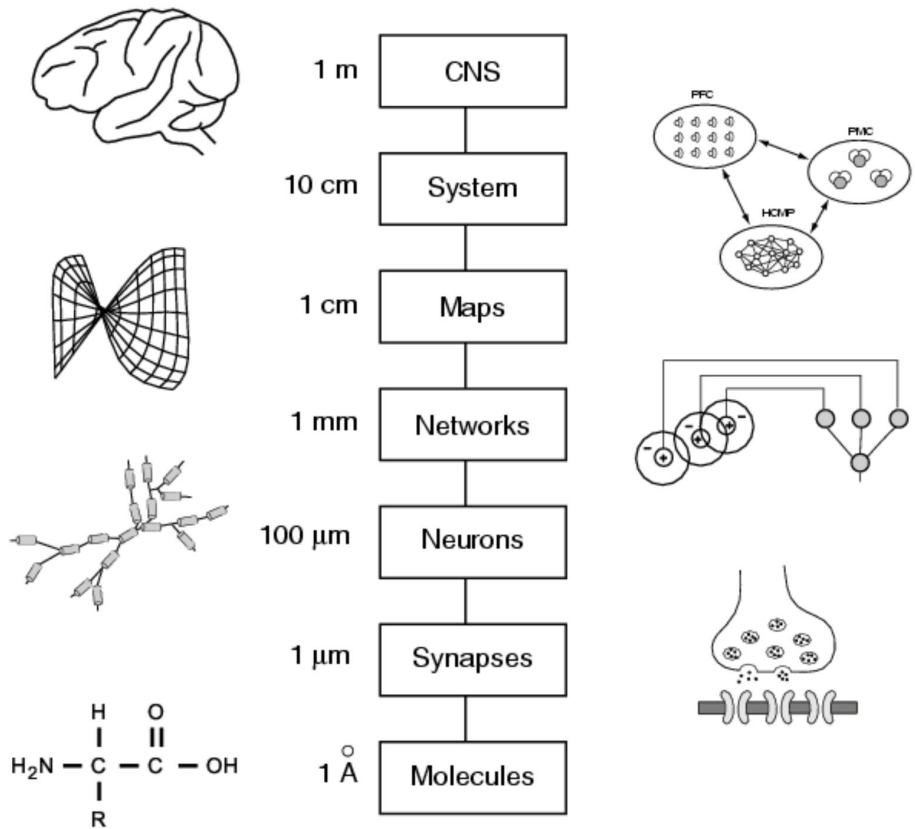
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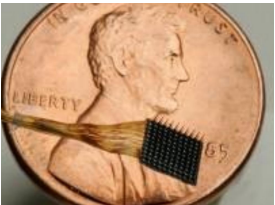
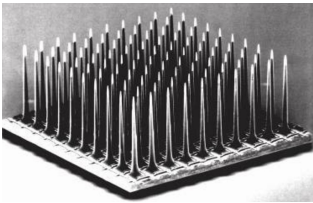
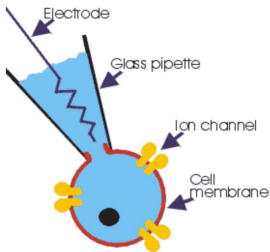
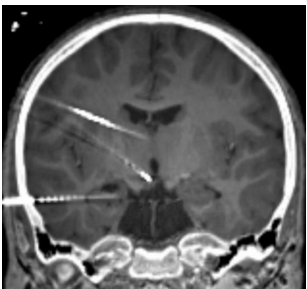
Electrophysiological and Neuroimaging techniques

help to see what is happening in the brain

Different levels



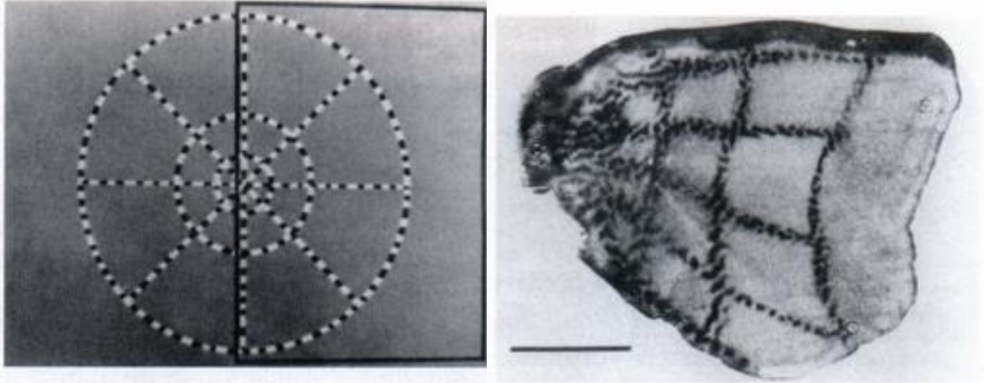
- MRI, fMRI
- EEG, MEG
- SEEG
- ECoG
- Local field potential (extracellular)
- Utah Array
- Patch clamp (intracellular recording)



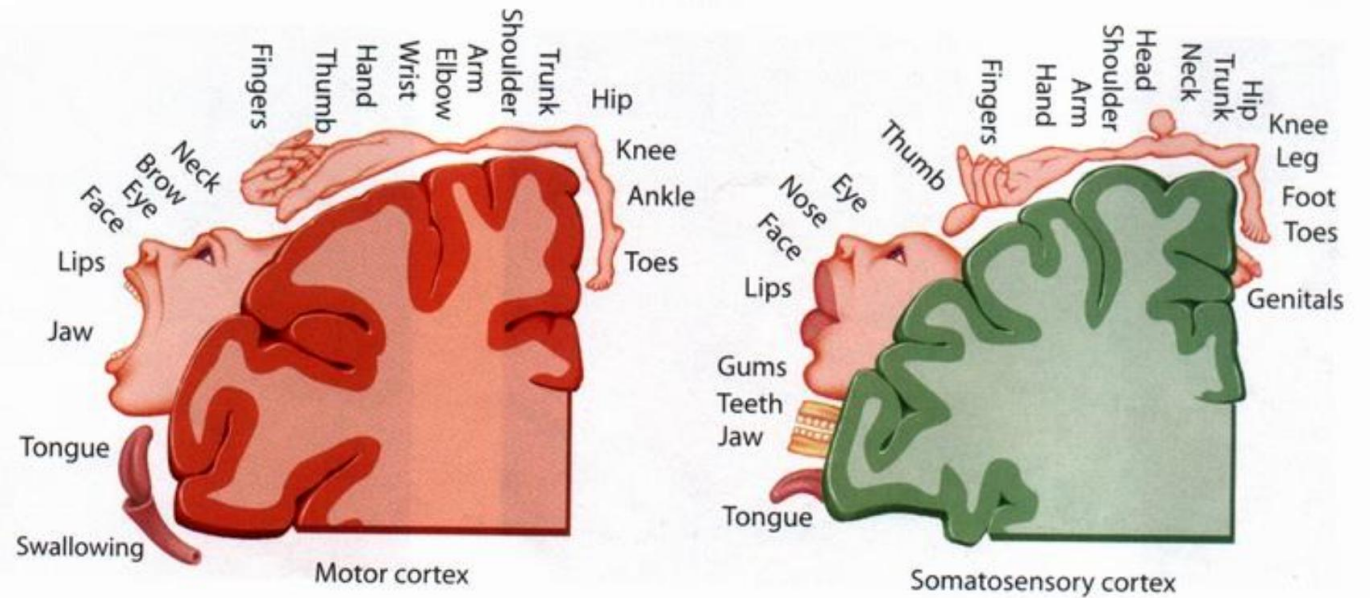
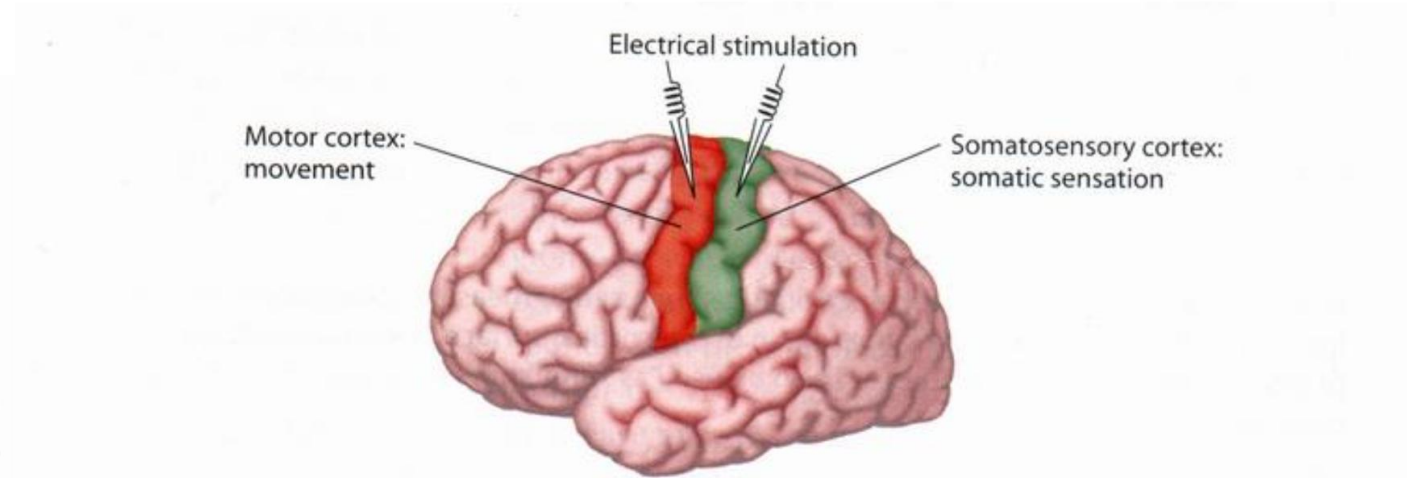
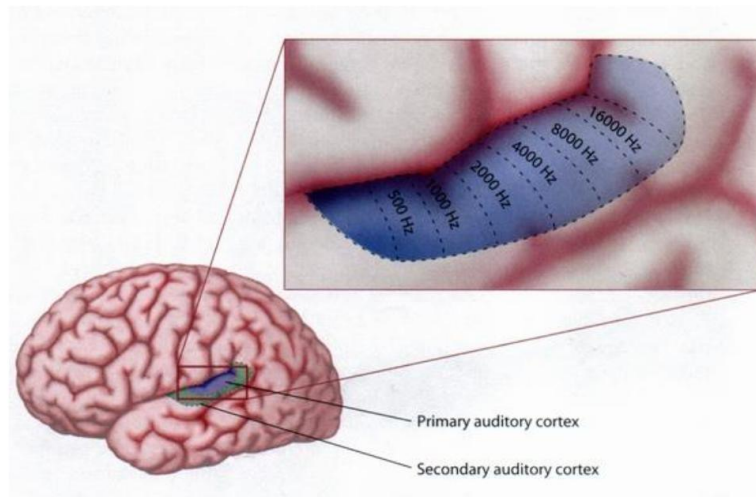
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Retinotopic map



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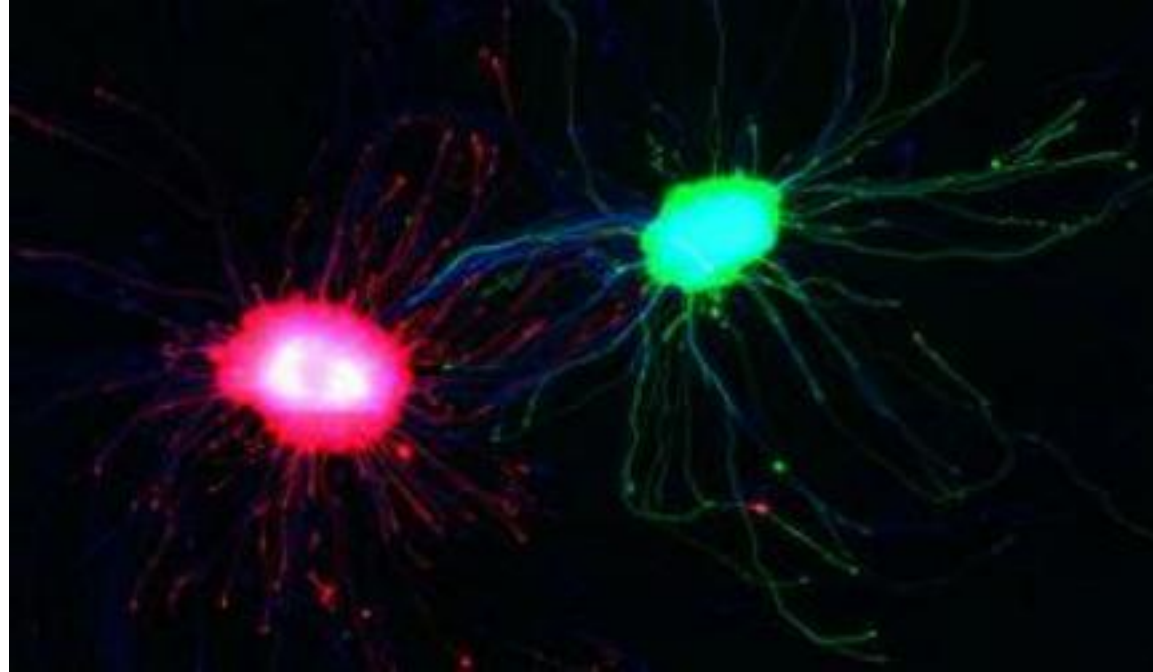
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7. Macro organization of human brain (brain regions and their function)

Some fun facts of brain

True or False?

We have over 80 billion cells in our brain.



True!

We only use around 10% of our brain.

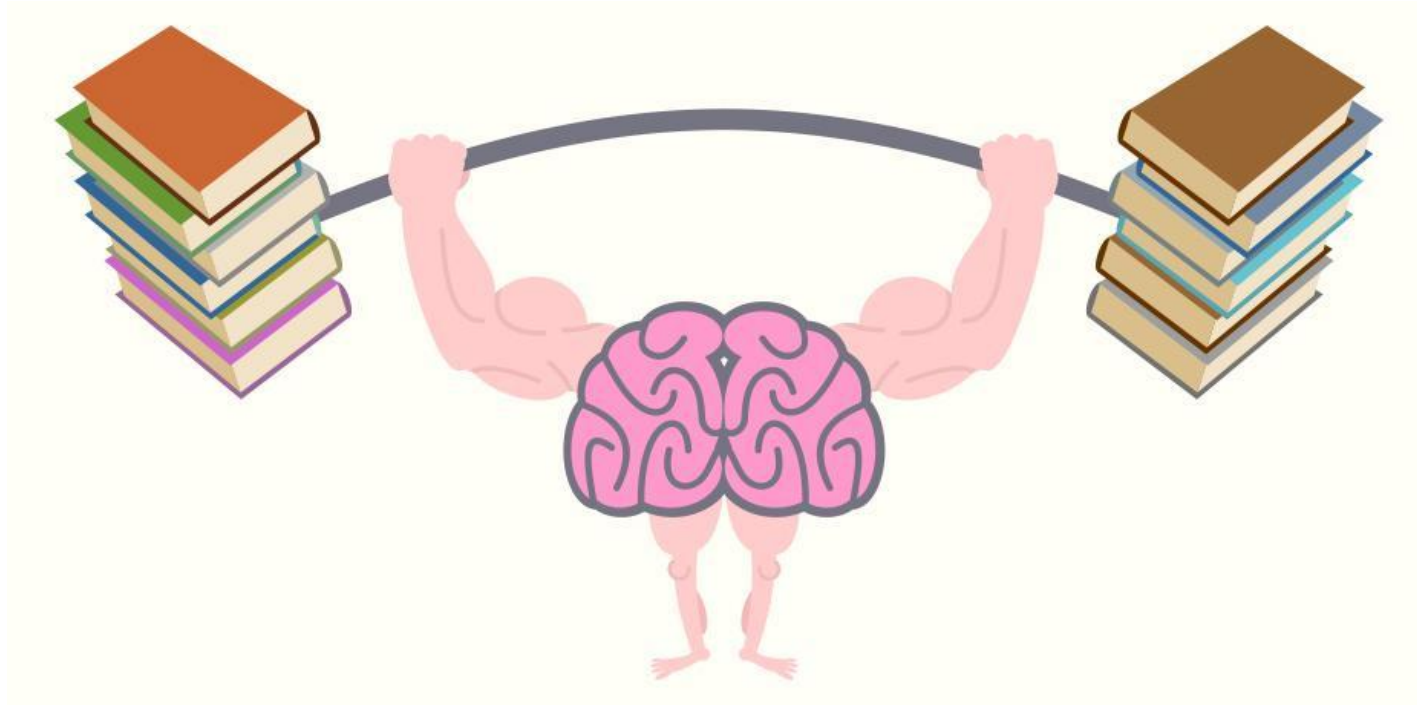
False!

Messages from our brain to our
body can travel as fast as 400 km
per hour.

True!

Once we reach adult age, our brain's structure does not change anymore.

False!



*A bigger human brain is a smarter
brain.*

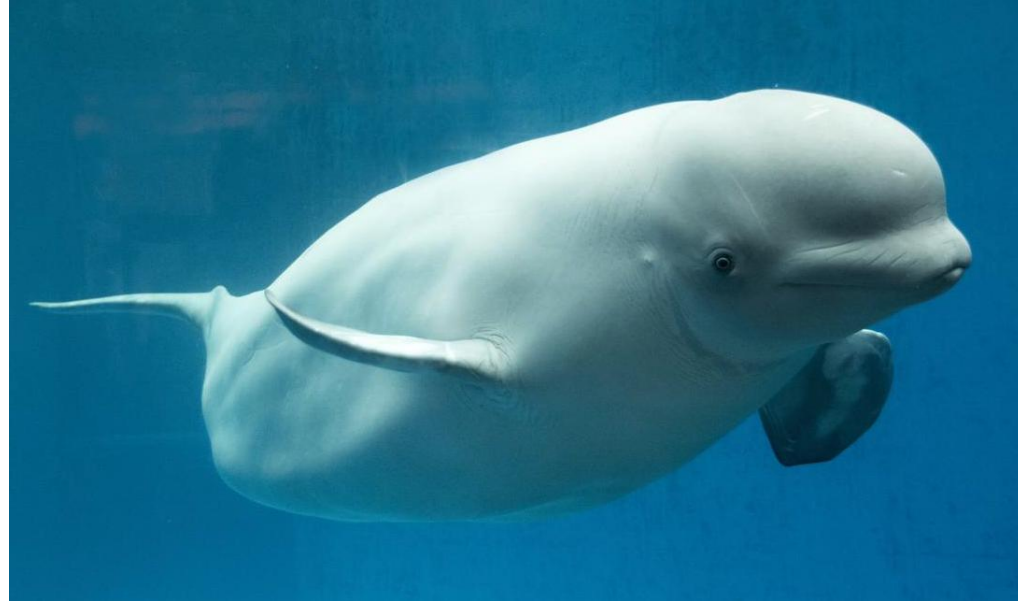
False!

A *Spermaceti* whale has the largest brain in the world.



True!

A *While* whale does not sleep.



False!
Unihemispheric sleep

The energy used by the brain similar as a 25 watts bulb.



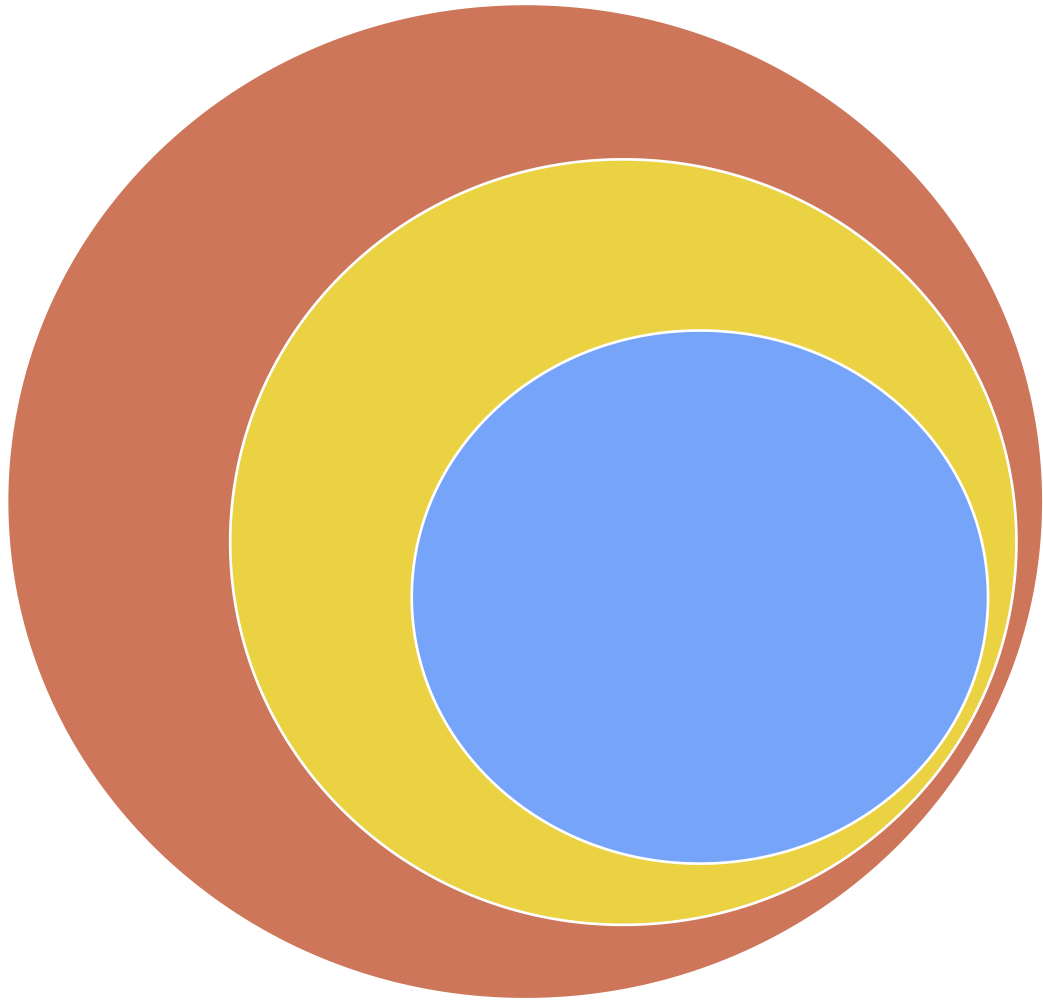
True!

Some people have brains that are more right-sided (artistic) and others more left-sided (logical).

False!

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2. Supervised & Unsupervised & Semi-supervised learning
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4. Generalized Context Model
5. Scope and Falsifiability
6. Summary



Artificial Intelligence

grand project to build non-human intelligence

Machine Learning

machines that learn to be smarter

Deep Learning

particular kind of machine learning

Is Machine Learning Everywhere?



AlphaGo



Recommendation systems



Autonomous Vehicles

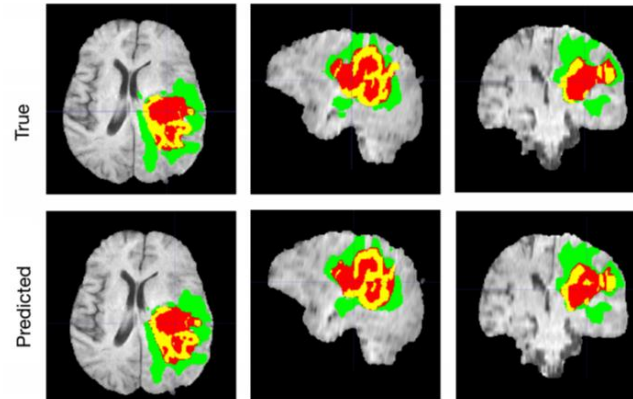
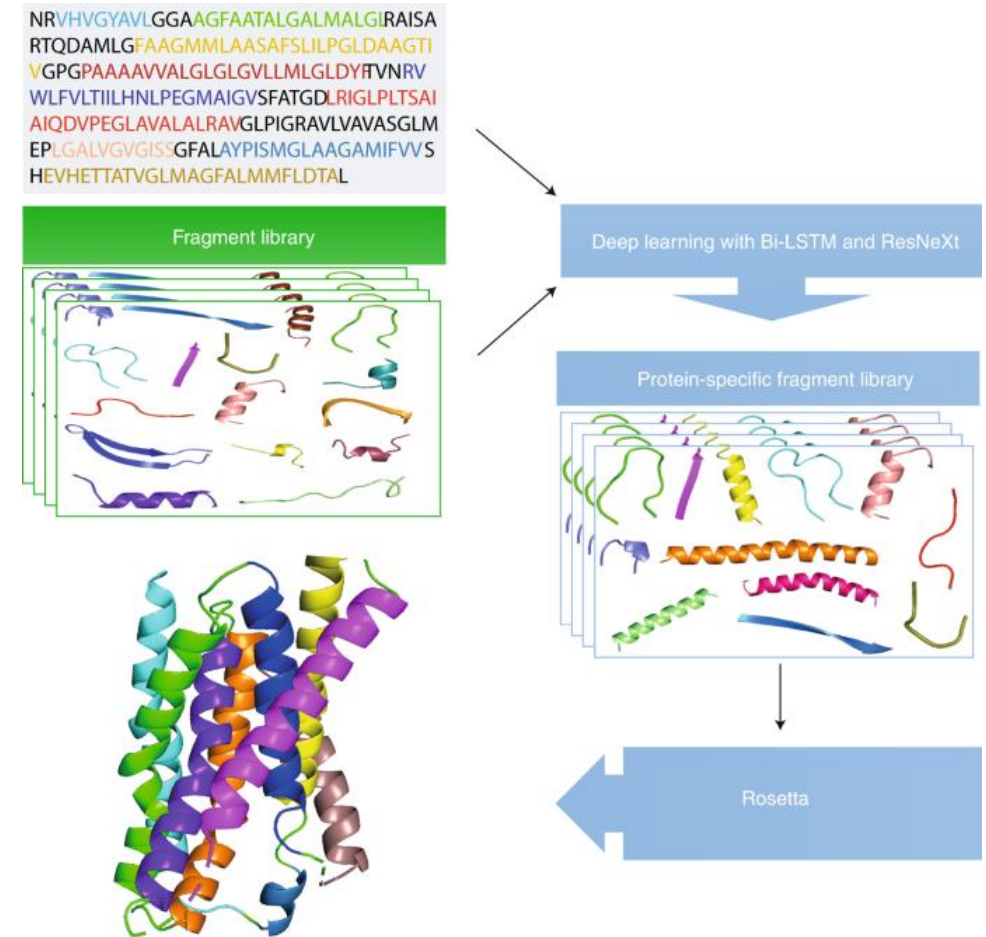


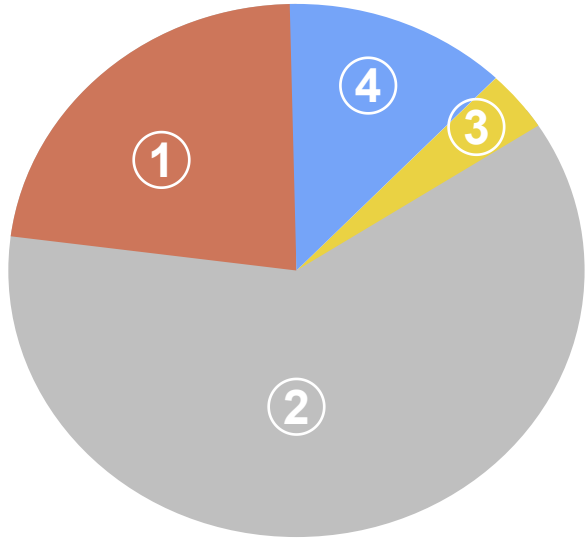
Image processing



AlphaFold

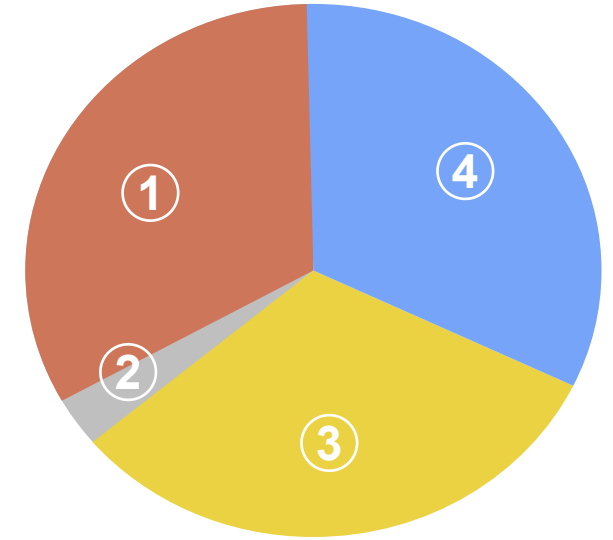
Rebalances Effort Invested to Model

Traditional Machine Learning



- ① Data preparation
- ② Features engineering
- ③ Model architecture
- ④ Numerical optimization

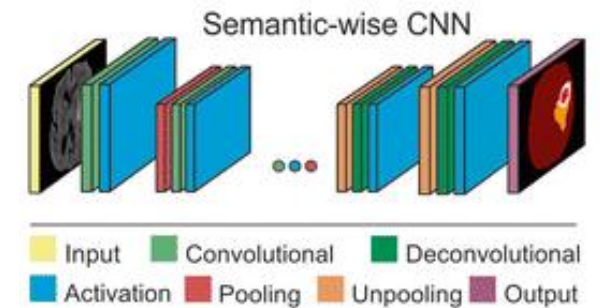
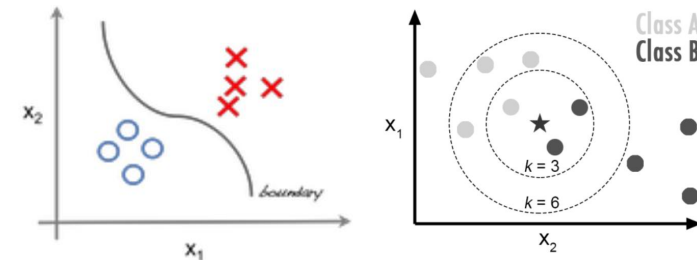
Deep Learning

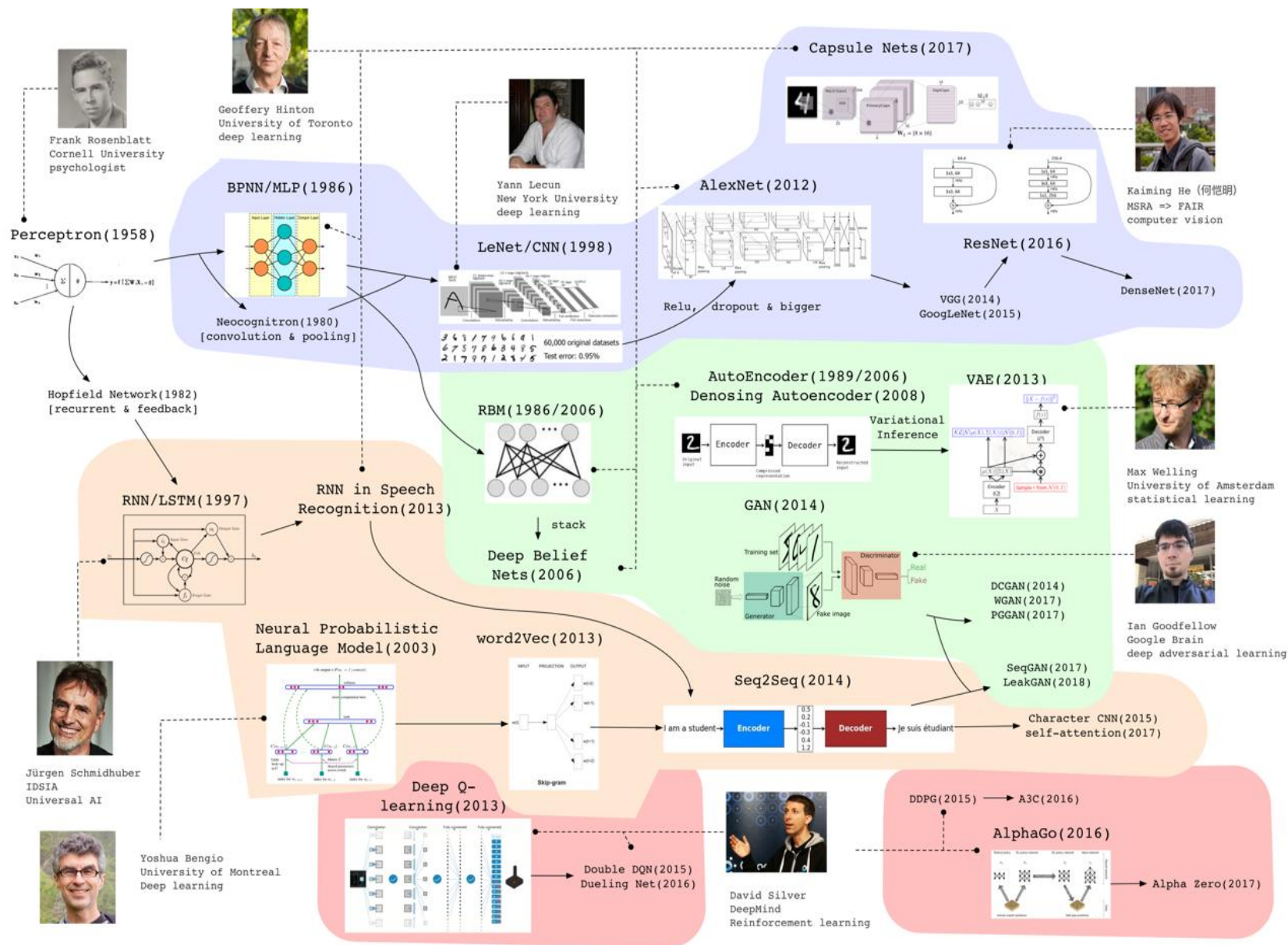


How much data is "enough"?

More is better.

General rule: **>5k** per class





Computer Vision and CNN

1979, **Neocognitron** by Fukushima
 1986, **Backpropagation MLP** by Hinton
 1998, **LeNet-5** by LeCun
 2012, **AlexNet** by Hinton
 2016, **ResNet** by 何恺明

Generative Models

1986-2006, **RBM** by Hinton
 1989/2006, **AutoEncoder** by Hinton
 2014, **GAN** by Goodfellow

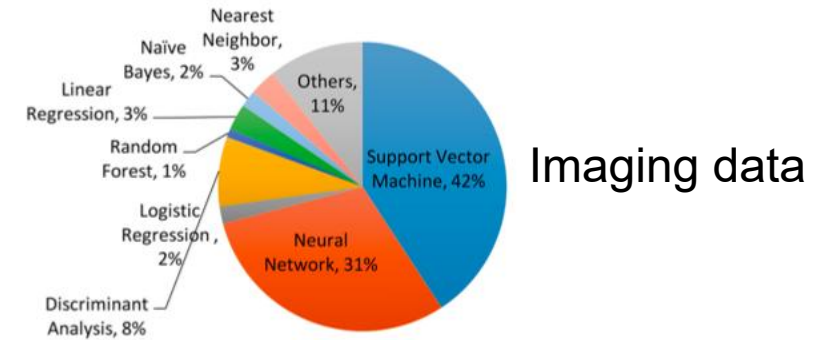
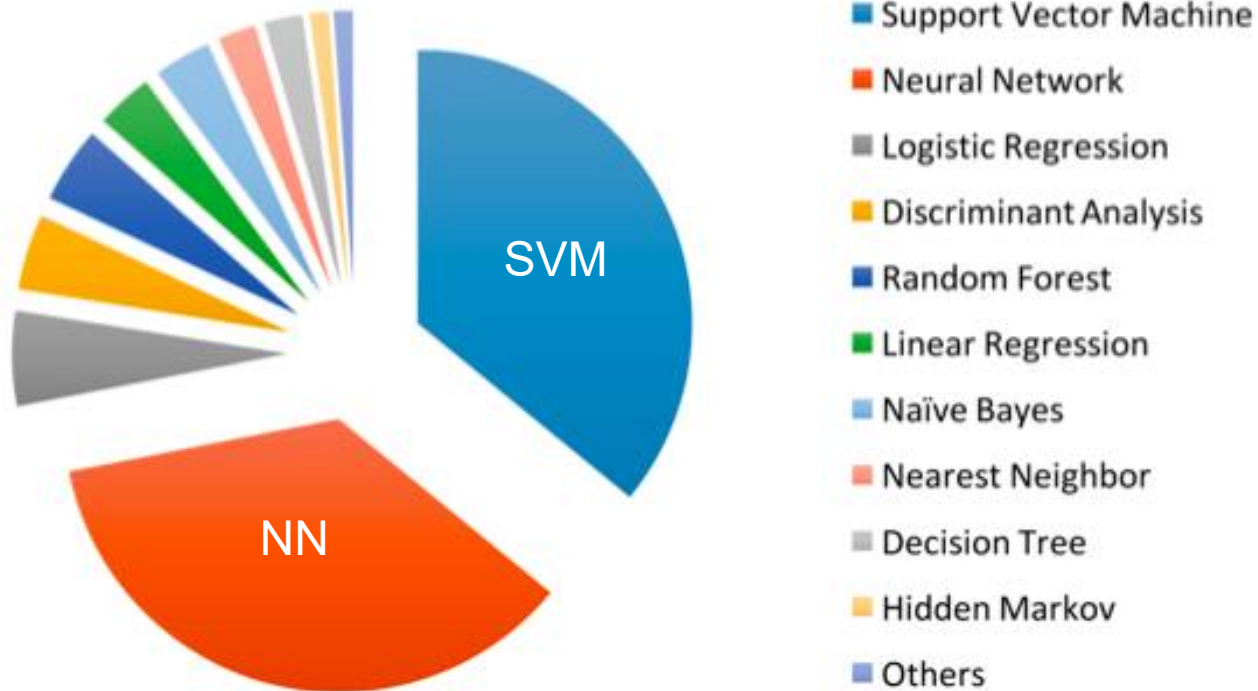
Sequence Models

1982, **Hopfield Network** by Hopfield
 1997, **LSTM** by Schmidhuber
 2013, **RNN** by Hinton

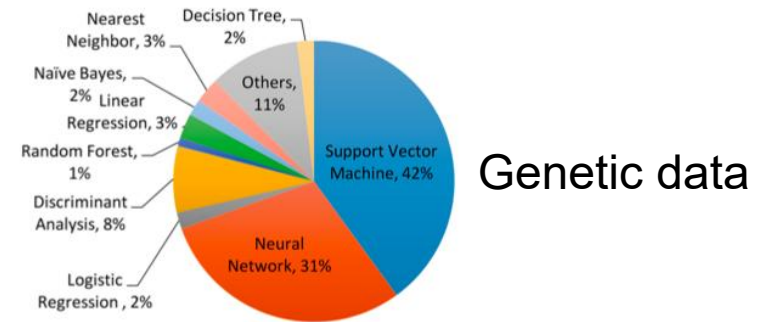
Reinforcement Learning

2013, **Deep Q-learning** by Silver
 2016, **AlphaGo** by Google

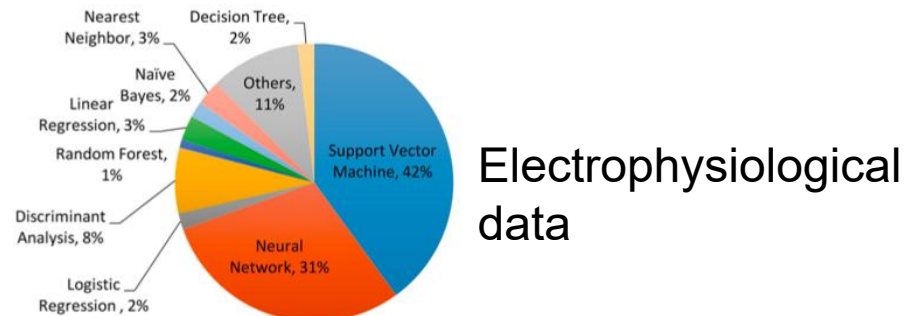
The top 10 machine learning algorithms in medical literature



Imaging data



Genetic data

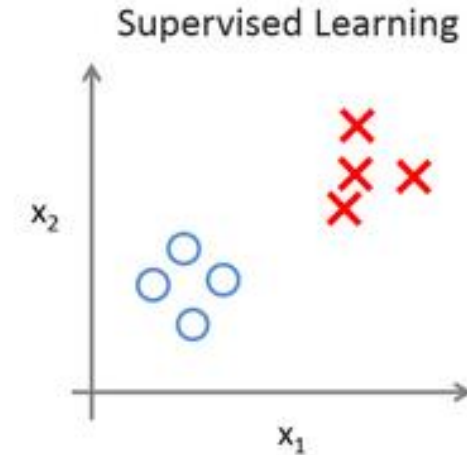


Electrophysiological data

Machine learning

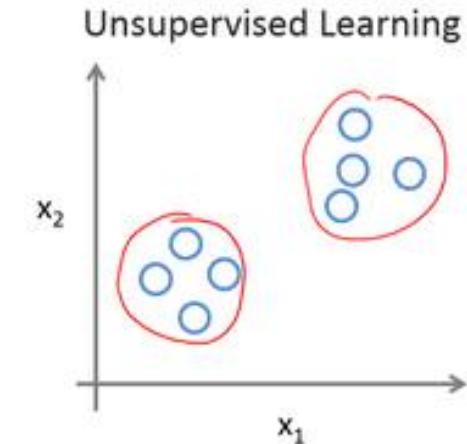
Supervised Learning

Given (data, label) pairs
e.g. classification, regression



Unsupervised Learning

Given data, **no** labels
e.g. clustering, PCA



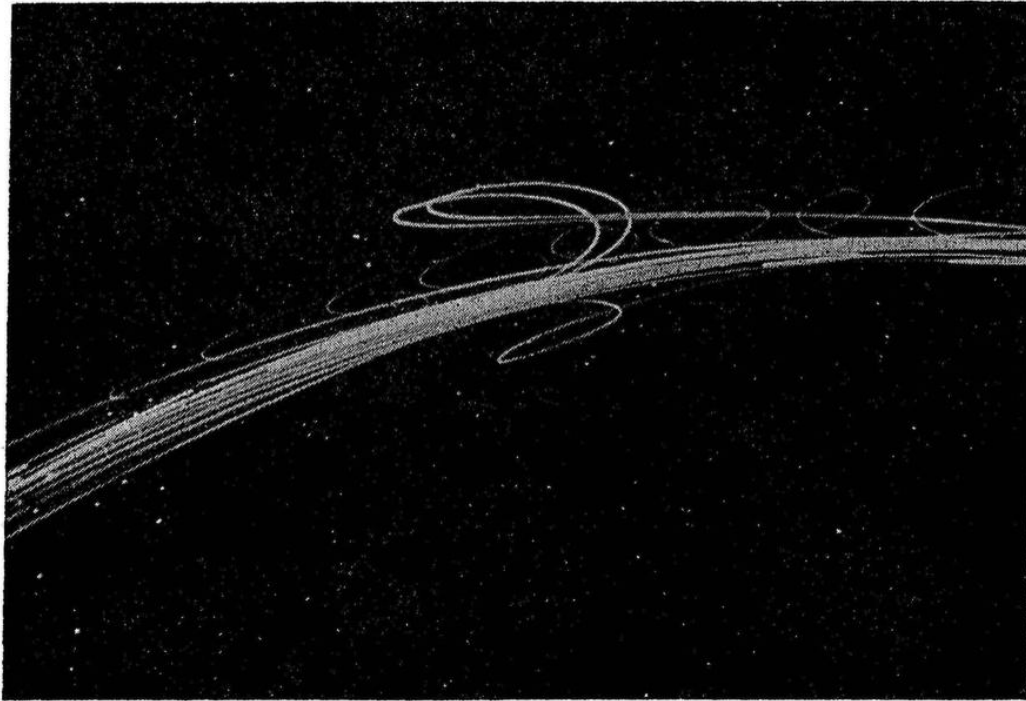
Semi-supervised Learning

Some labeled data, and some unlabeled data

Transductive learning: unlabeled data is the testing data

Inductive learning: unlabeled data is not the testing data

The orbit of the Mars



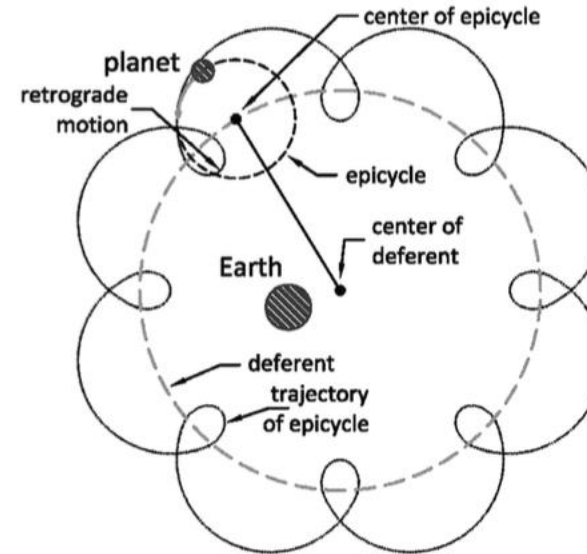
How to **describe** the orbit?

- verbally
- with mathematical model

Ptolemy

Geocentric model

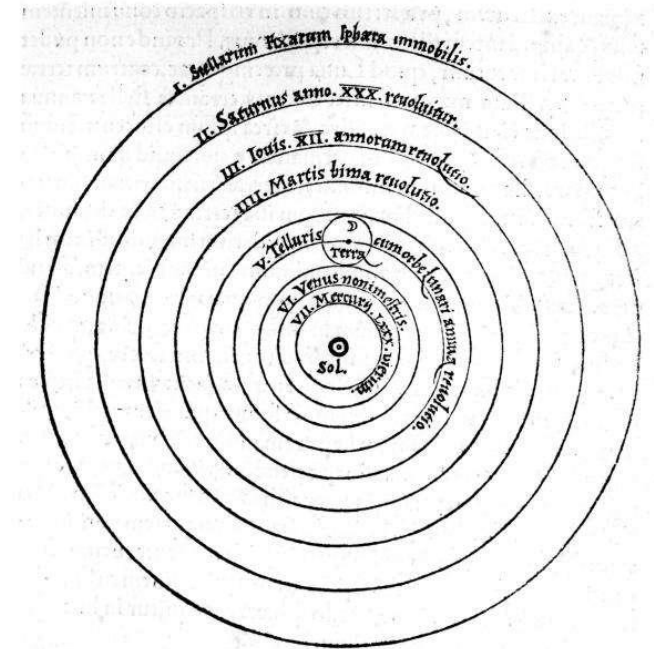
地心说



Copernicus

Heliocentric model

日心说



How to **compare** these two models?

- Goodness-of-fit & simplicity
- Intellectual and scholarly judgement

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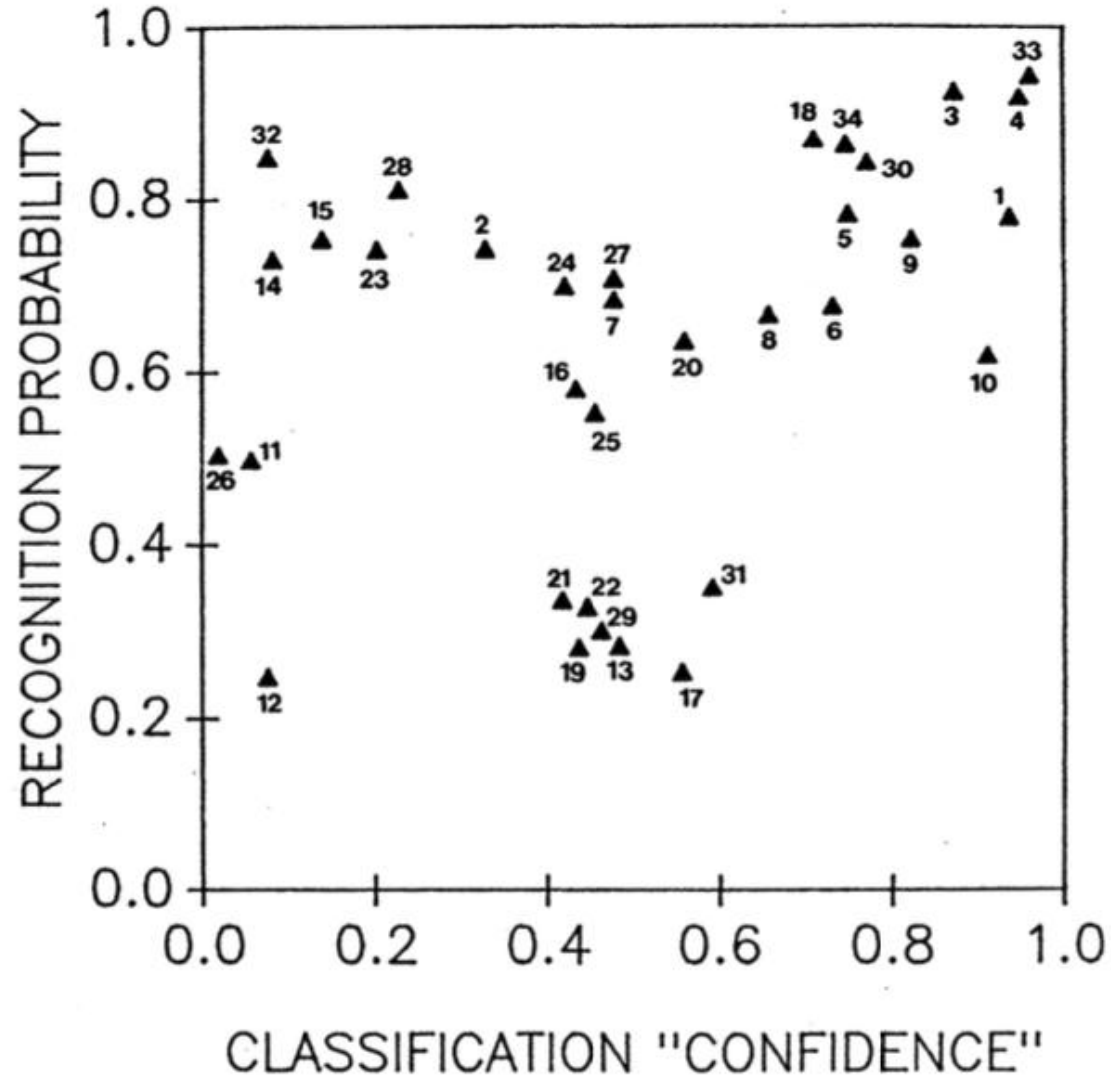
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B



Any **relationship** between *perceptual classification* and *recognition memory*?

Models to study relationship:

- Correlation
- Linear regression
- Fitting a specific function
- Regression with neural network
- ...

Nosofsky, R. M. (1991). Tests of an exemplar mode for relating perceptual classification and recognition memory, *Journal of Experimental Psychology*

Two types of models

1. models that simply **describe data**

Neural Networks, and deep learning...

Very often to see people just use a model without thinking too much

2. models that **explain the underlying process** (e.g. physics, chemistry, cognition, nature...)

Heliocentric model for astronomy

Dynamical models for chemical process

Generalized Context Model for our cognitive task

Generalized Context Model (GCM)

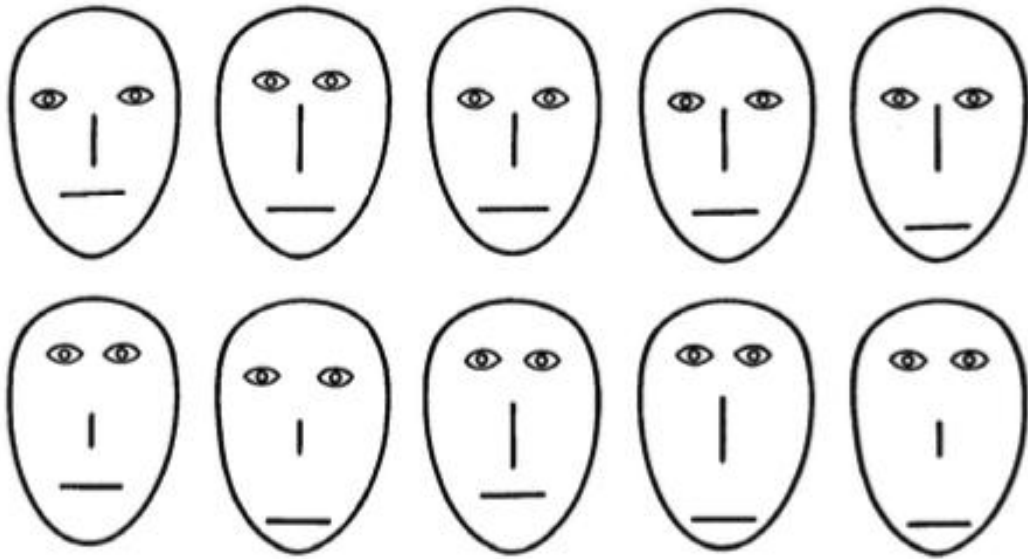
GCM **stores** every category exemplar encountered during training in memory.

In GCM, the classification procedure would be implemented by **adding** each stimulus to the pile of faces belonging to the same category.

Remember that each response during training is followed by feedback, so people know whether a face belongs to A or B at the end of each trial.

Following training, GCM has thus built two sets of exemplars, one for each category, and all subsequent test stimuli are classified by referring to those memorized ensembles.

Generalized Context Model



Decompose a face into 4 dimensions of features:

1. eye height
2. eye separation
3. nose length
4. mouth height

x_{ik}

i: the index of face

k: the index of the feature

The **distance** between two faces (i&j):

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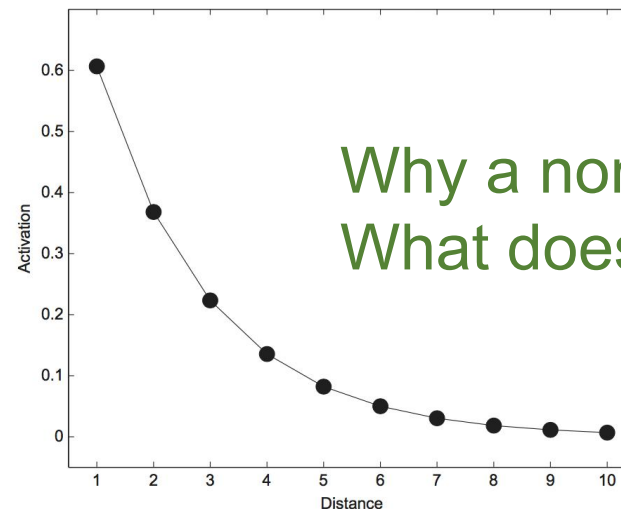
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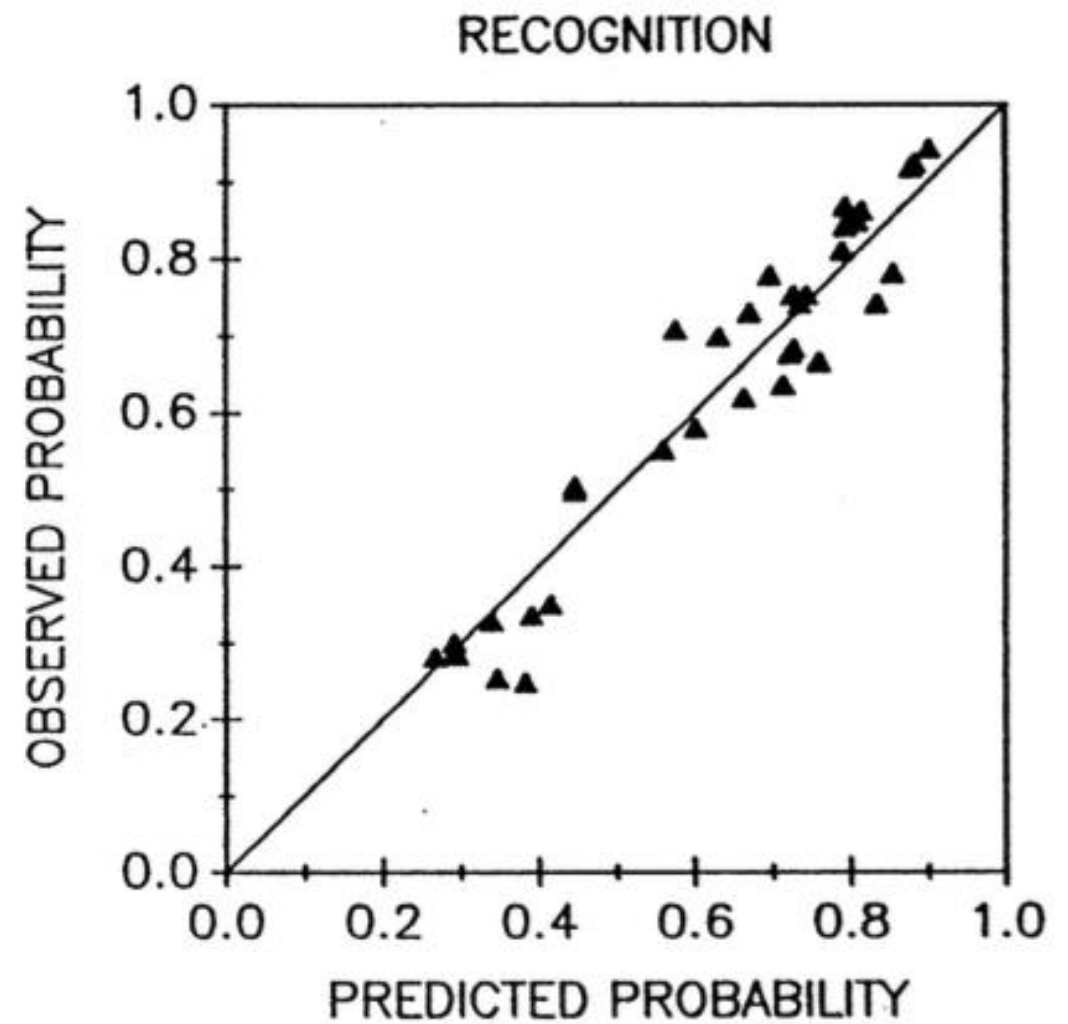
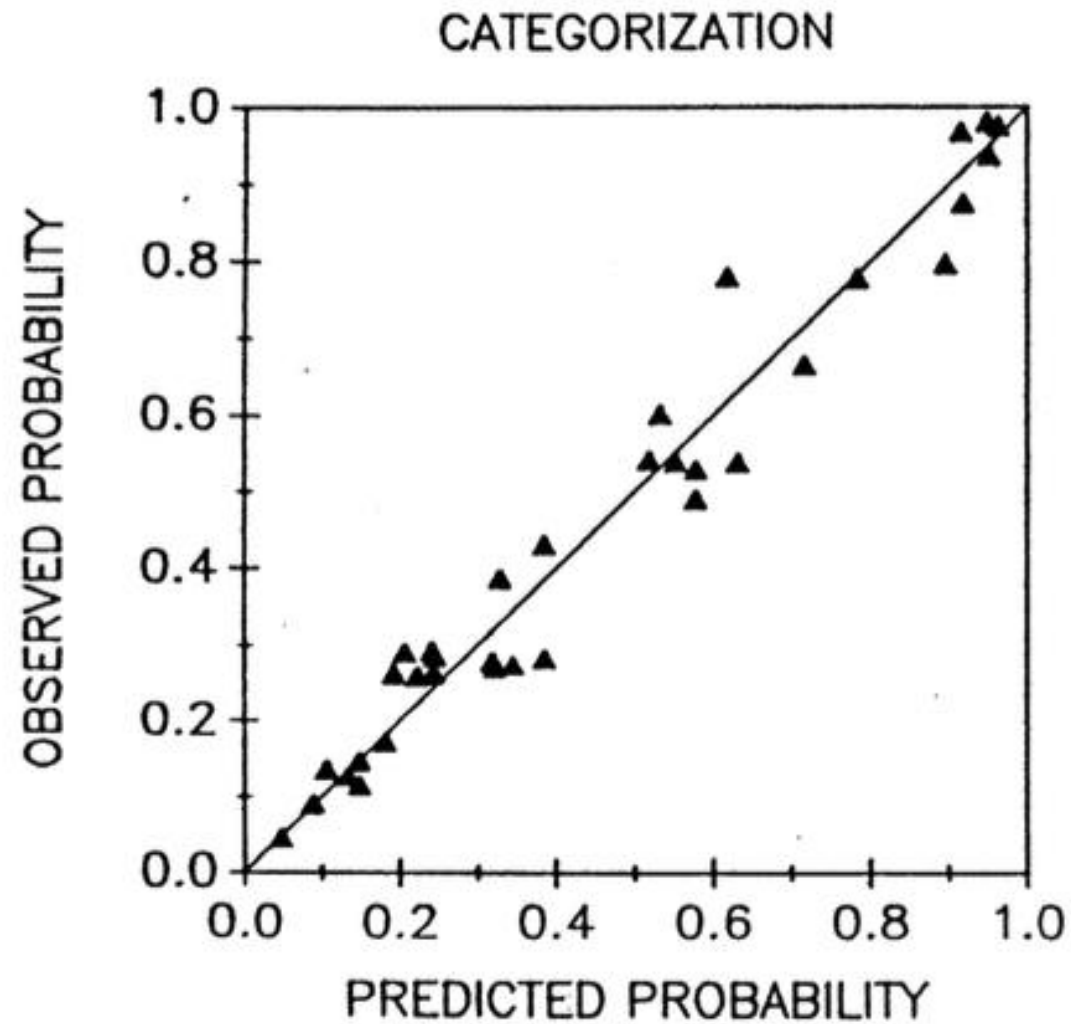
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Why a nonlinear function?
What does it mean?

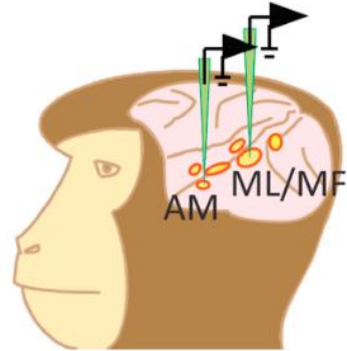


The perceptual classification and recognition memory have a **unified** account of cognitive processes.

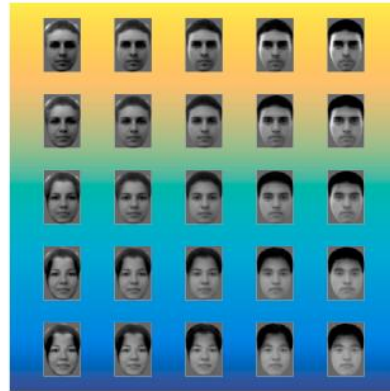
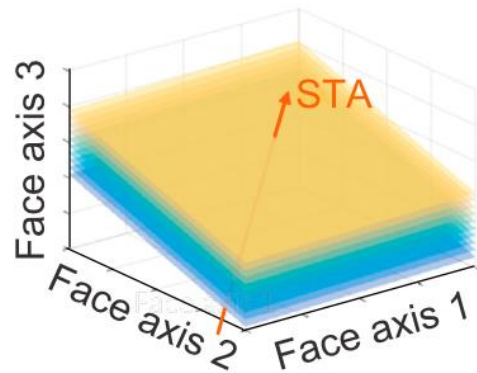
What's next?

- **Other ways to decompose** the face features?
 - PCA? (principle component decomposition)
 - ICA? (Independent component decomposition)
- Can GCM generalize to **real faces? Naturalistic stimuli?**
 - The answer is **yes**.
 - But you can design experiments to study it.
- Where is **the brain region** to **store** the information of the category exemplar encountered?
- Where is **the brain region** to **calculate** x_{ik} , d_{ij} , s_{ij} and $P(i)$.

1. We recorded responses to parameterized faces from macaque face patches

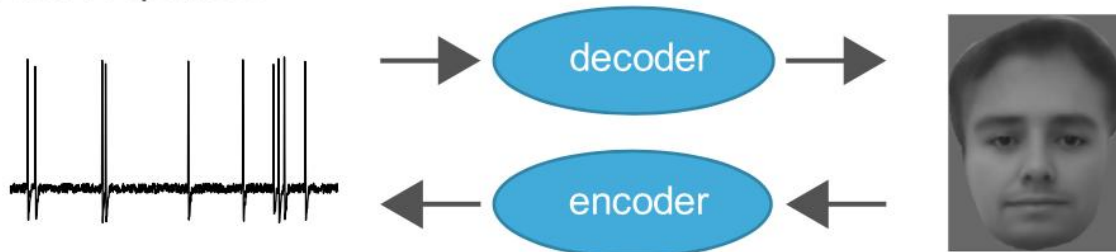


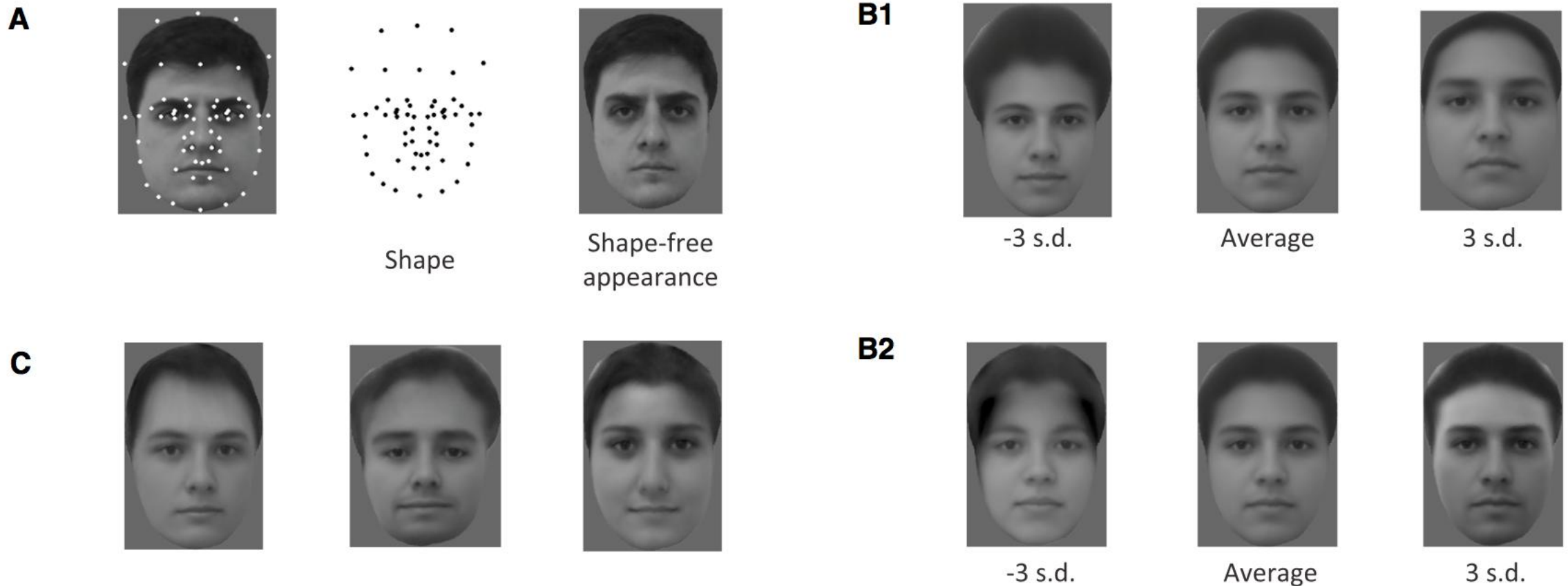
2. We found that single cells are tuned to single face axes, and are blind to changes orthogonal to this axis



Firing rate
50 Hz
0

3. We found that an axis model allows precise encoding and decoding of neural responses

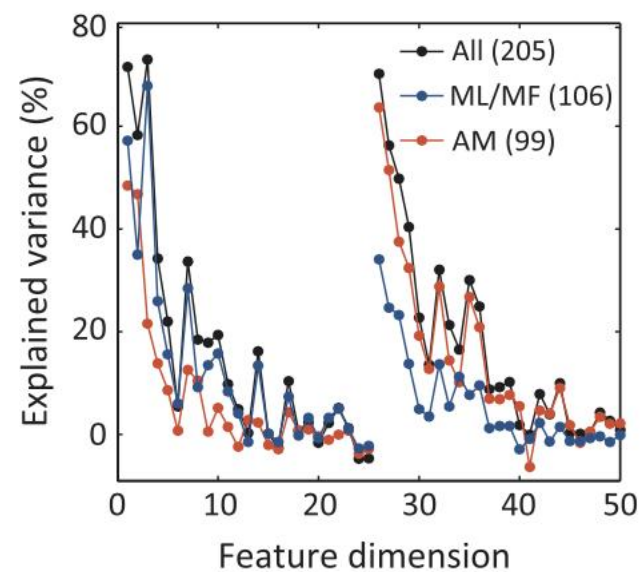
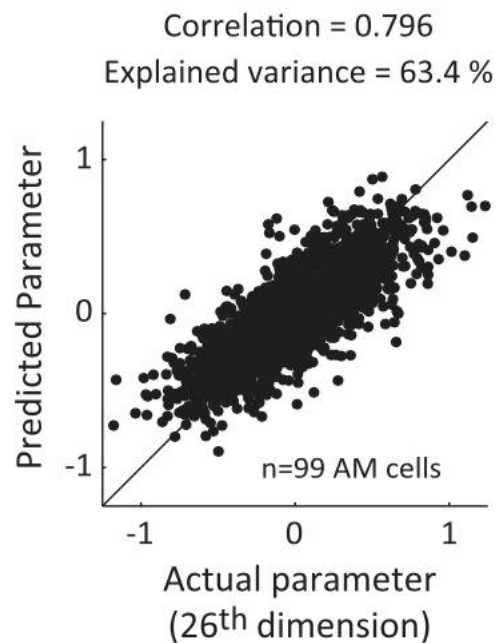
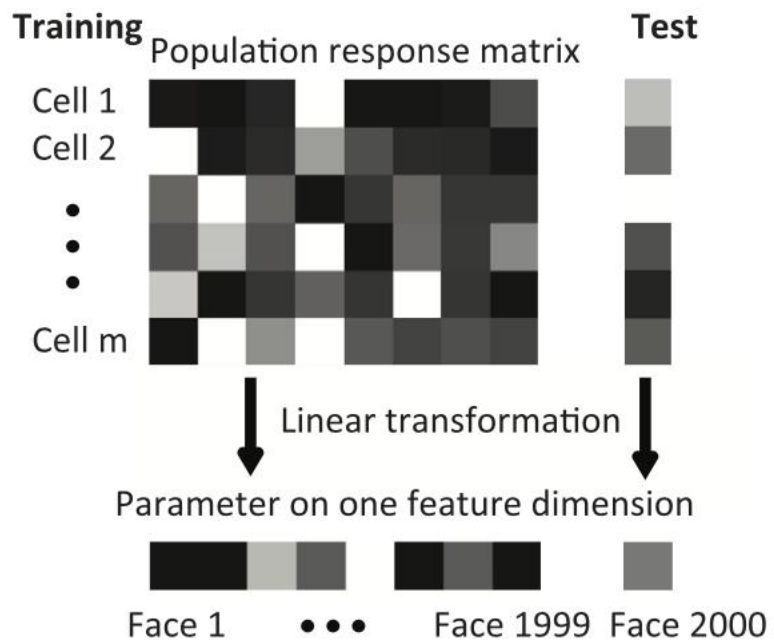
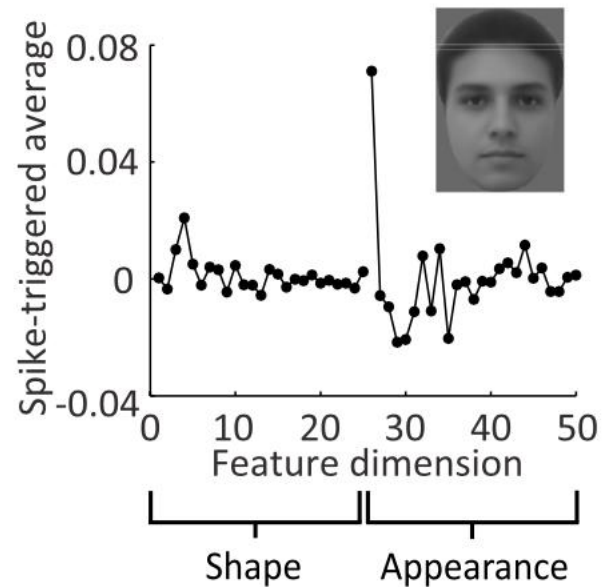




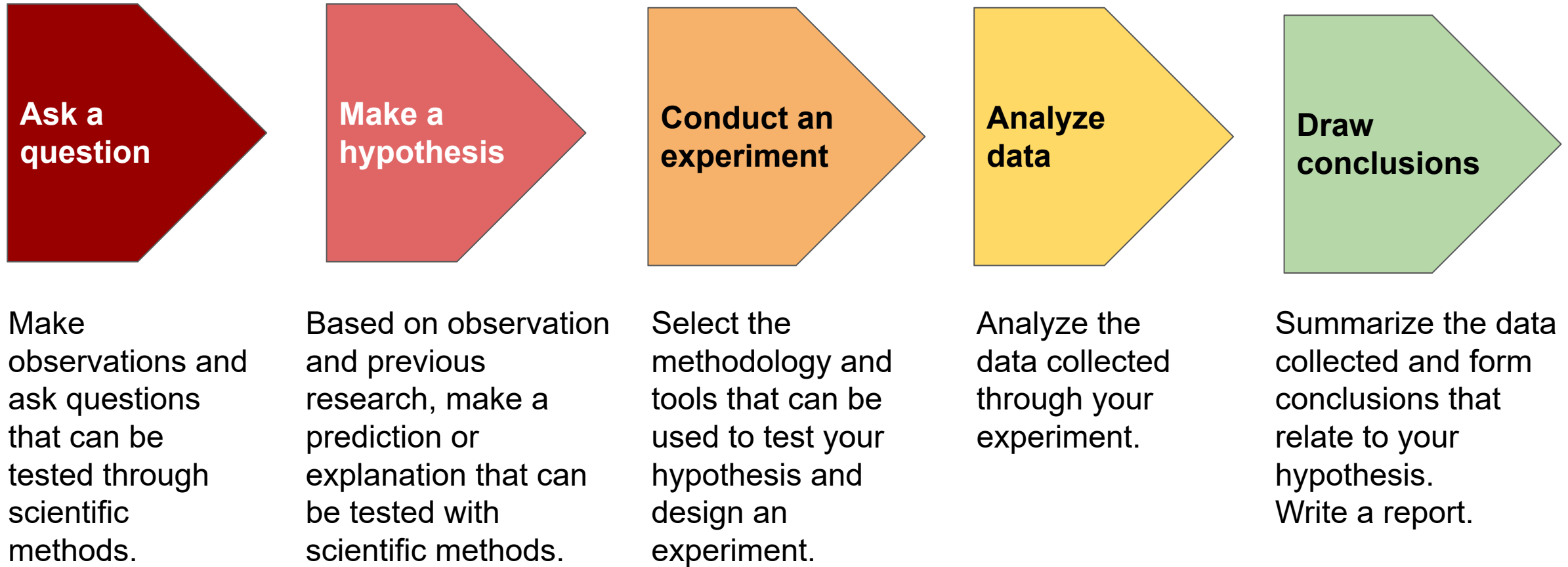
(A) **58 landmark points** were labeled on 200 facial images from a face database (FEI face database, left). The positions of these landmarks carry shape information about each facial image (middle). The landmarks were smoothly morphed to match the average landmark positions in the 200 faces, generating an image carrying shape-free appearance information about each face (right).

(B) **PCA** was performed to extract the feature dimensions that account for **the largest variability in the database**. The first principal component for shape (B1) and appearance (B2) are shown.

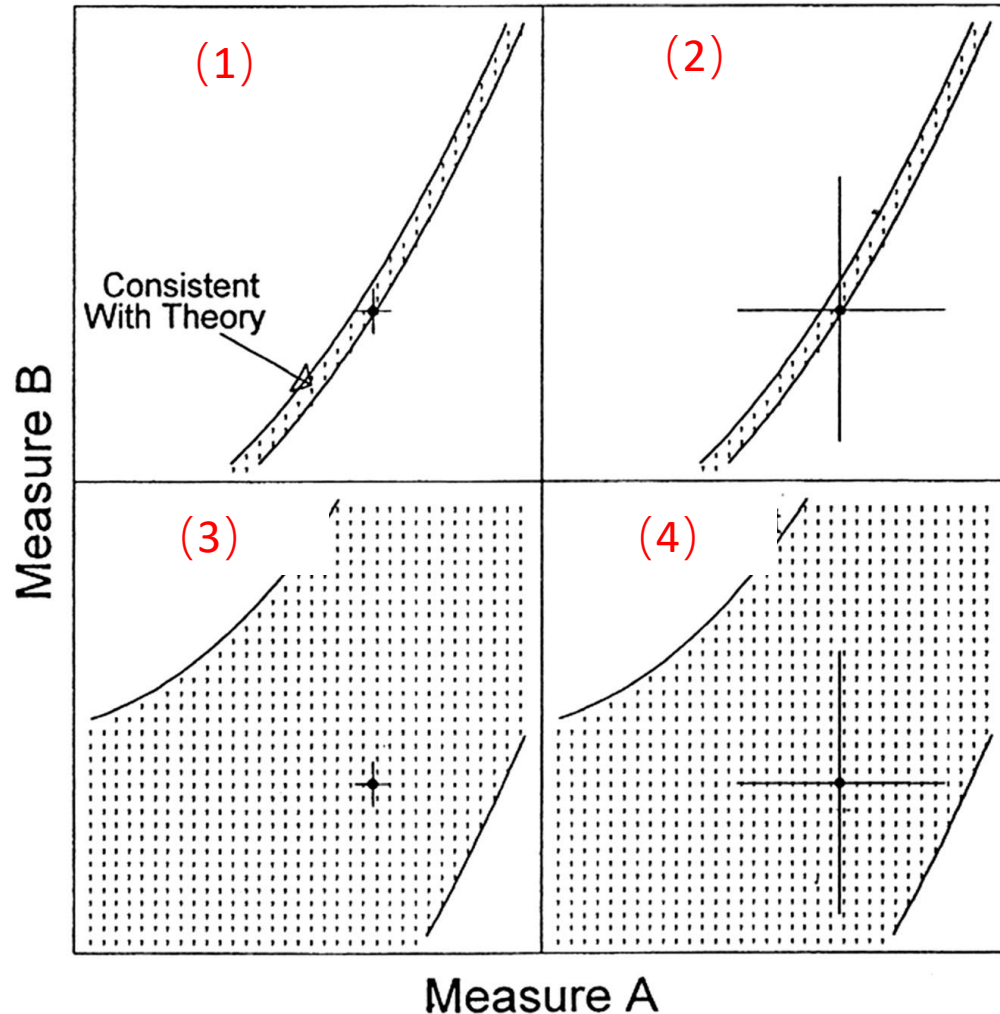
(C) Example face stimuli **generated** by randomly drawing from a face space constructed by the first 25 shape PCs and first 25 appearance PCs.

D

The process for course project



Scope and Falsifiability



4 models:

The shadowed region is the zone of prediction from model.

The dot with error bar is the real data.

The real data supports **which model** the most?

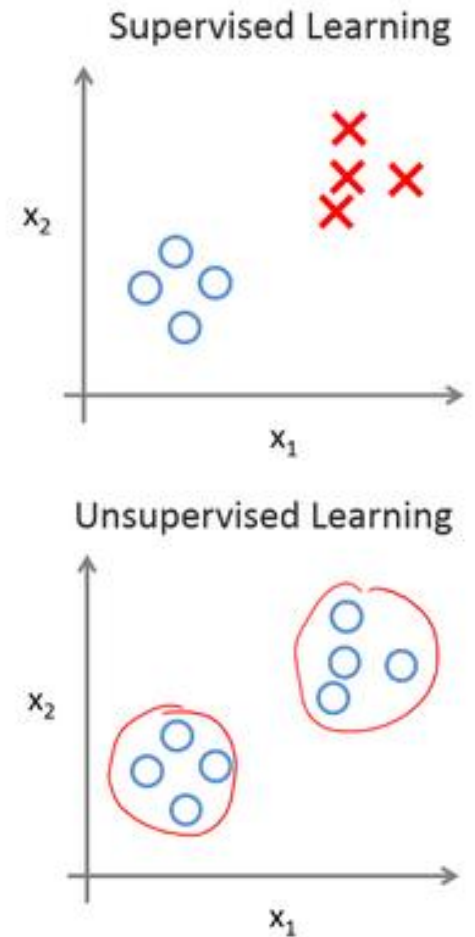
(1)

Which two have better quality of data?

(1 and 3)

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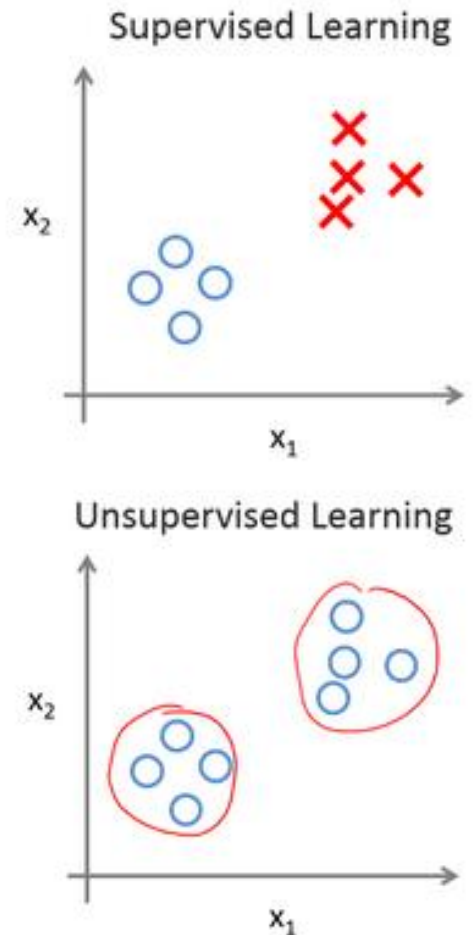


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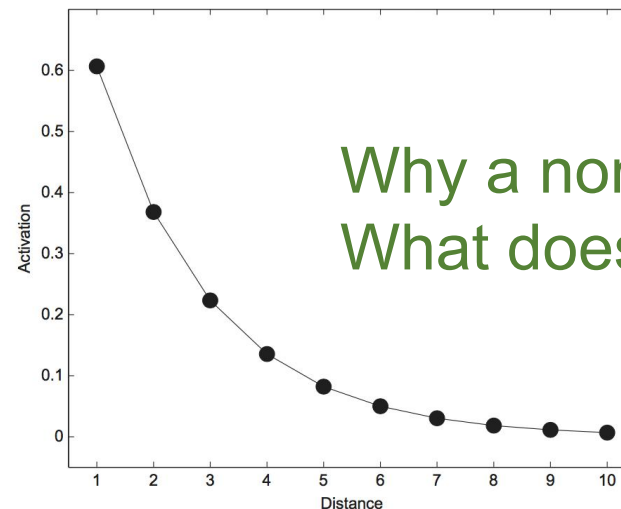
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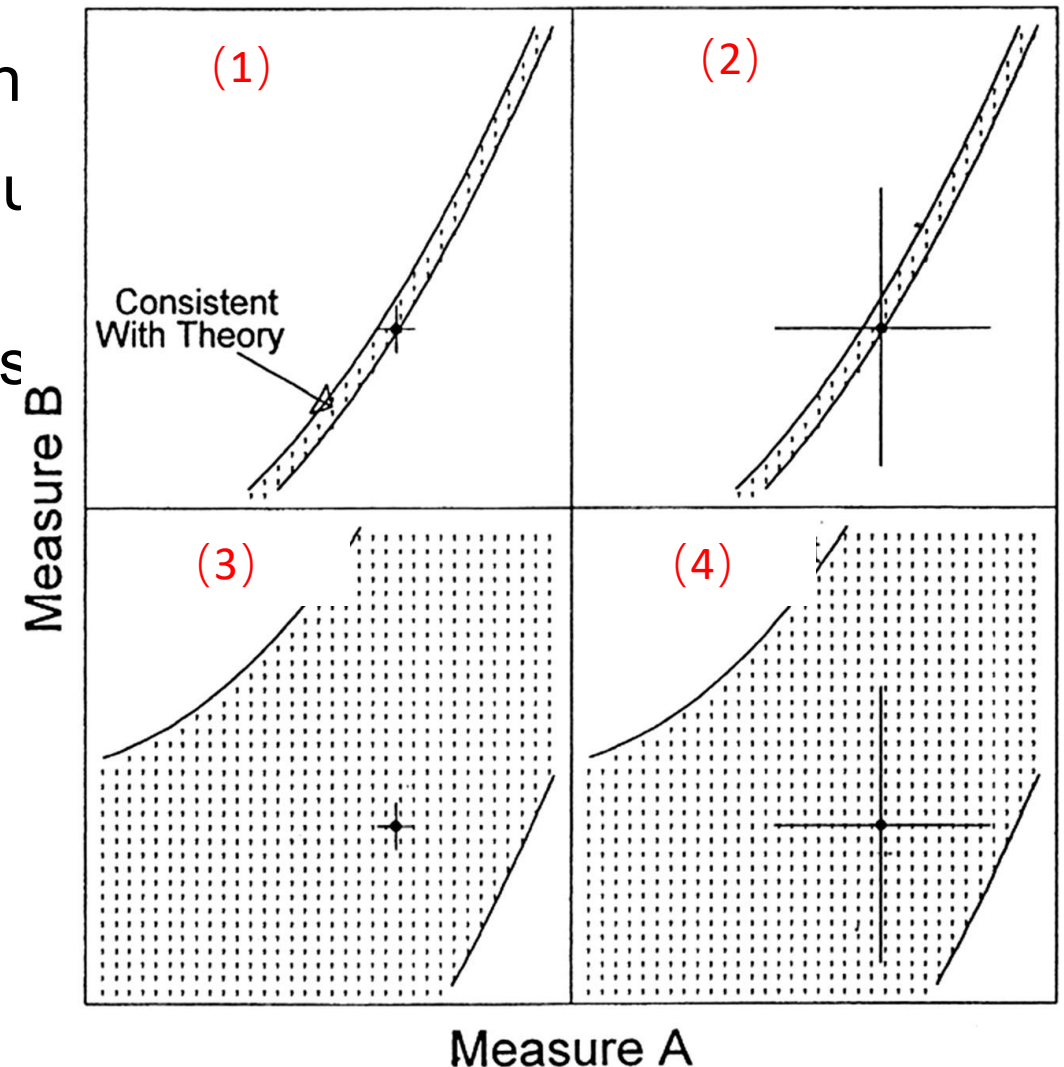
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Recommended materials

Textbook

- Computational Modeling of Cognition and Behavior, Chapter 1

Must read.

Research Paper

- Le Chang and Doris Tsao. (2017), The Code for Facial Identity in the Primate Brain, Cell

Not obliged. For fun.

Which model is better?

A or B

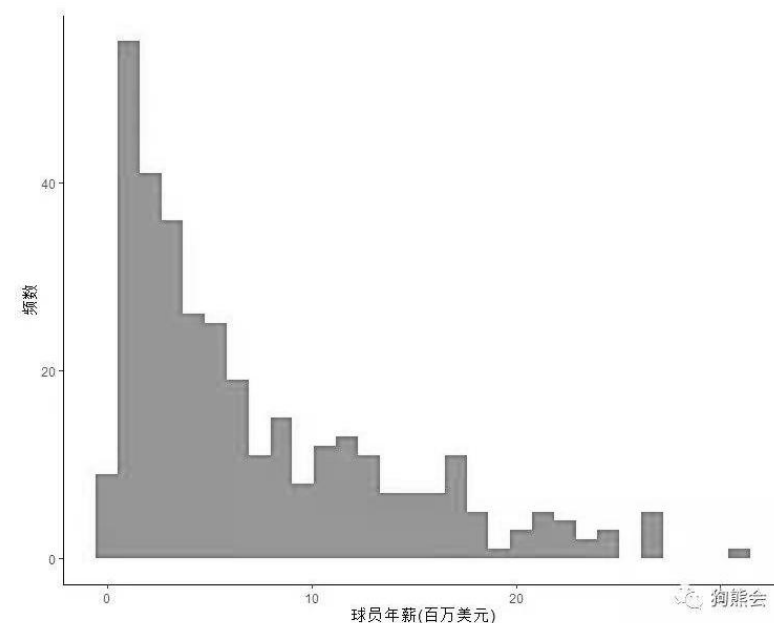
The salary of people in China

A: mean

B: median

B

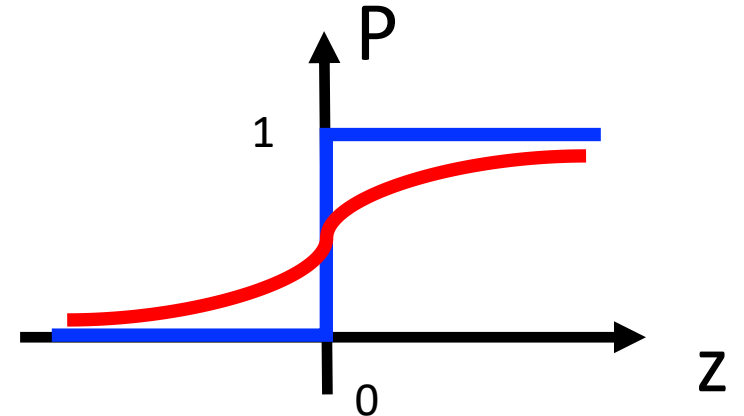
The data is not Gaussian. It has a long tail.



You are blind dating with two persons (p1 and p2).
Variable z is your preference of p1 over p2.
Variable P is the probability of choosing p1.

A: $1/(1+e^{-z})$

B: 0 (if $z < 0$), 1 (otherwise)



A

Allow some randomness

The relation between response time (RT) and the trials of practice (n):

A: $RT(n) = n^{-\beta}$

B: $RT(n) = e^{-\alpha n}$

B

The learning rate between trials is constant.

