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Stanford professor Andrew Ng, the man at the center of the Deep Learning movement. Photo: Ariel Zambell/Wired

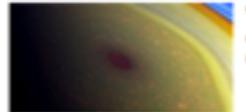
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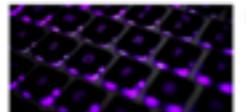
The idea arises from experiments suggesting that the portion of your brain dedicated to processing sound from your ears could also handle sight for your eyes. This is possible only while your brain is in the earliest stages of development, but it implies that the brain is — at its core — a general-purpose machine that can be tuned to specific tasks.

About seven years ago, Stanford computer science professor Andrew Ng stumbled across this theory, and it changed the course of his career, reigniting a passion for artificial intelligence, or AI. "For the first time in my life," Ng says, "it made me feel like it might be possible to make some progress on a small part of the AI

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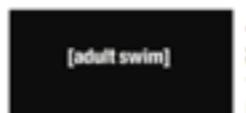
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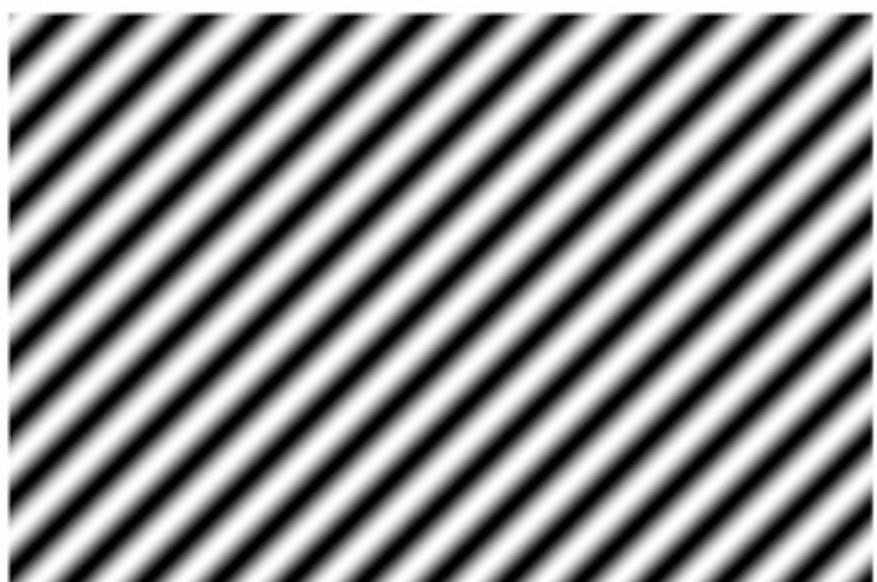


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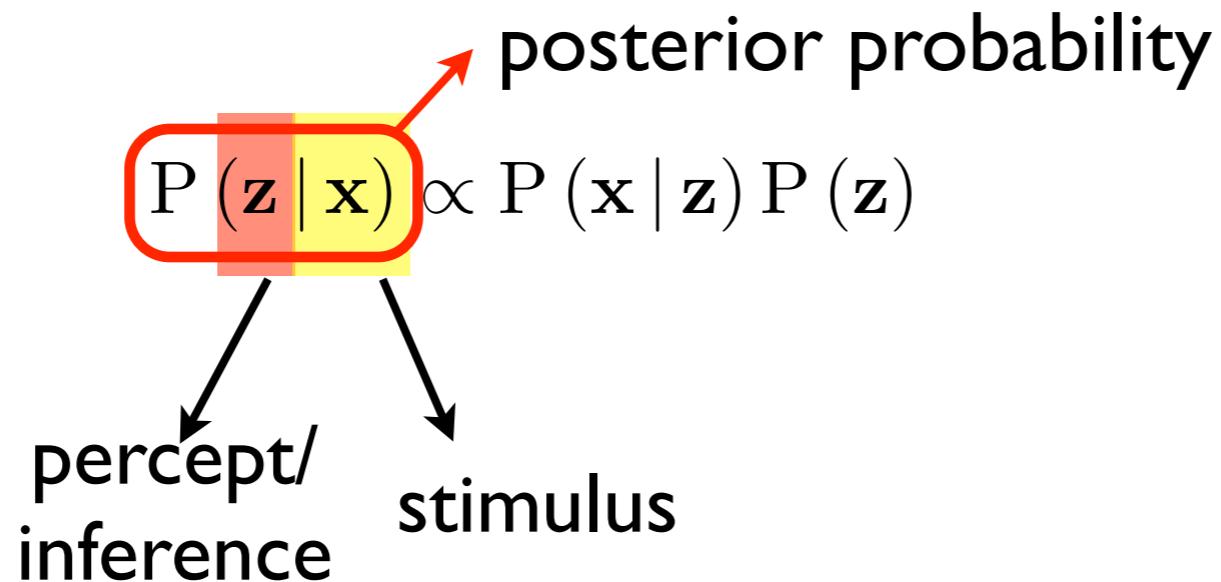
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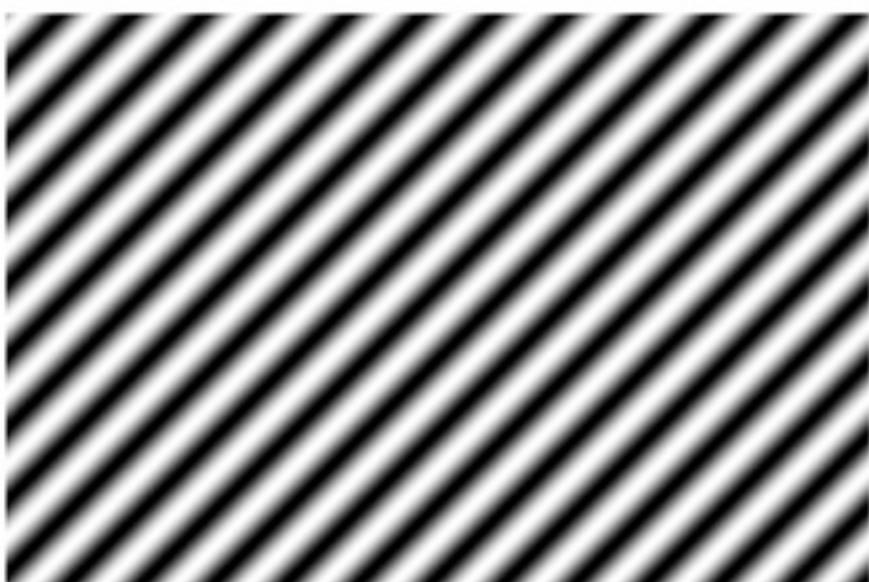
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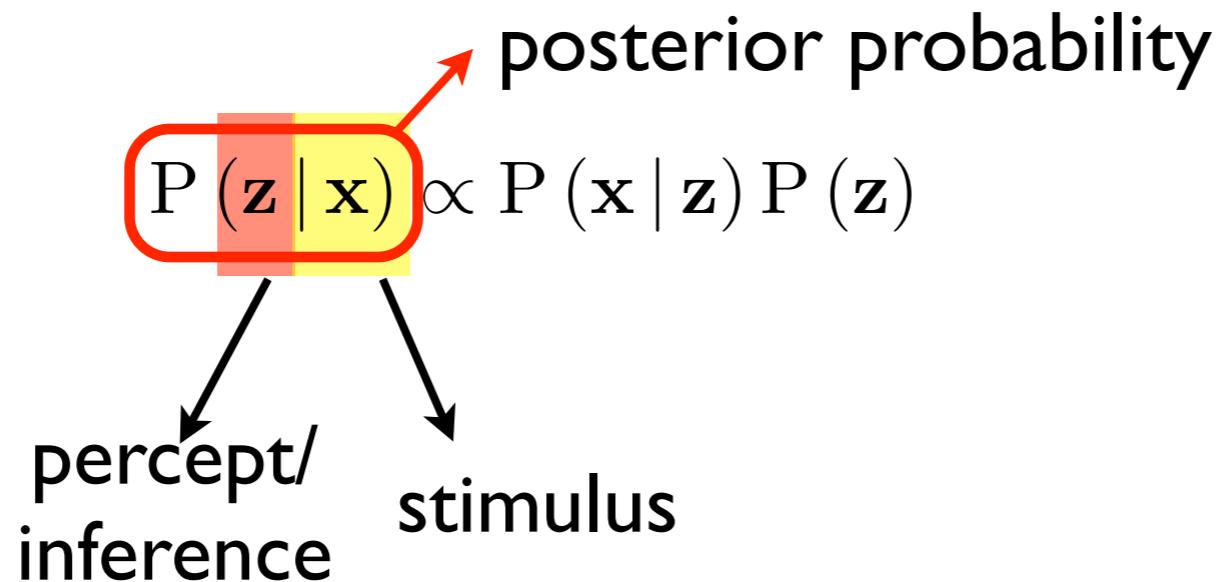
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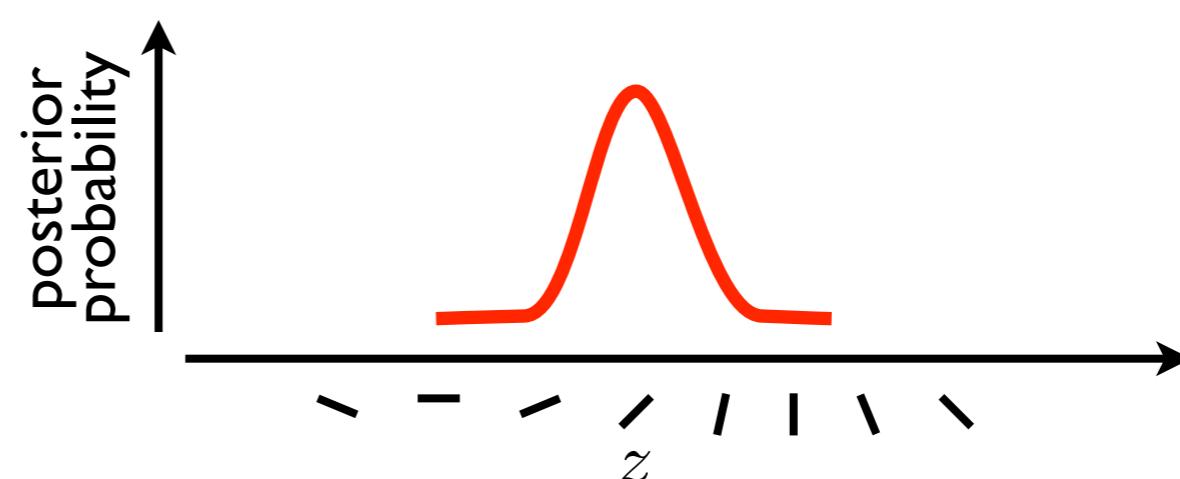
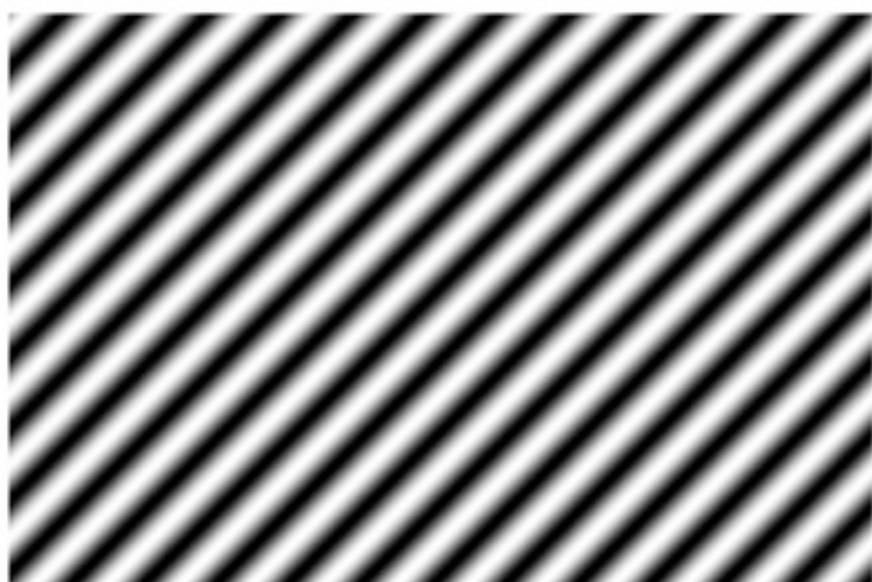
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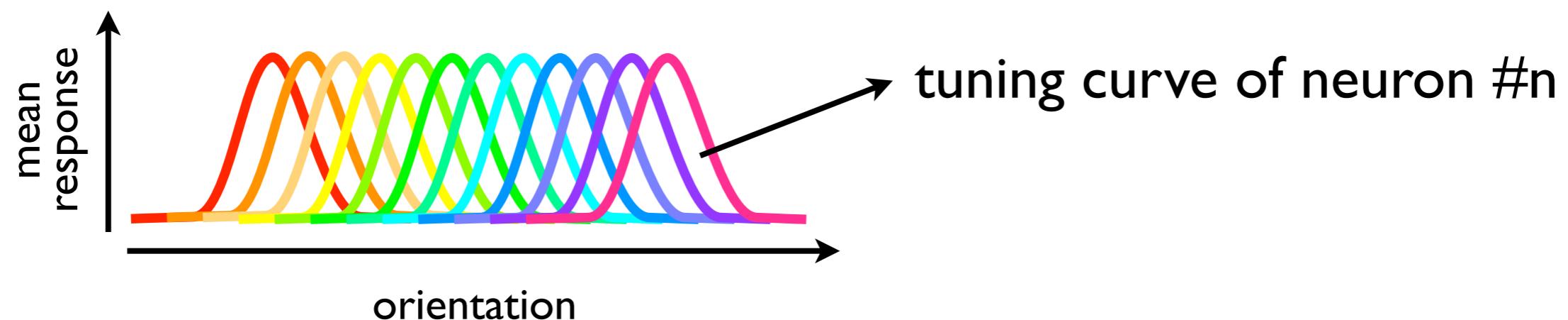
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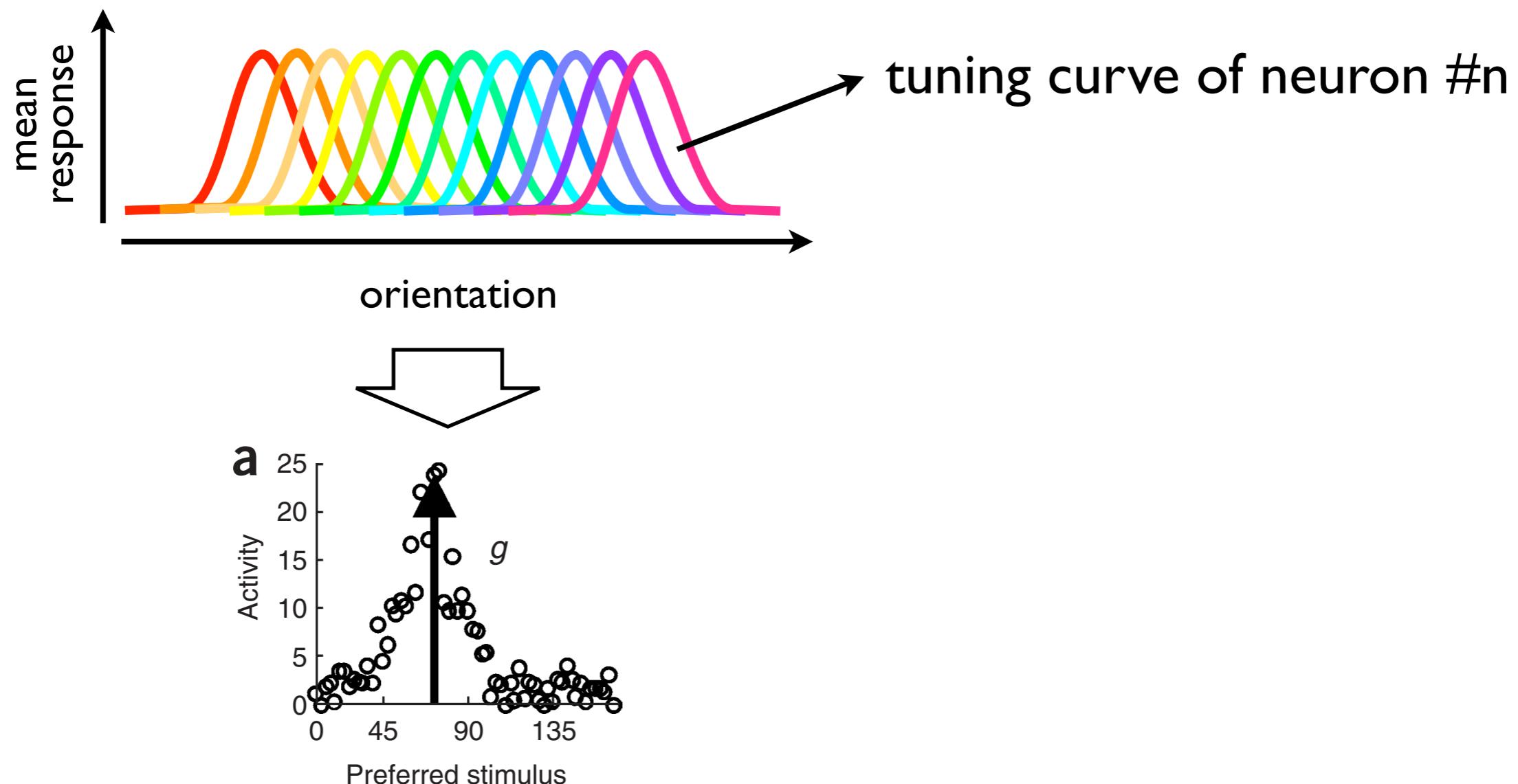
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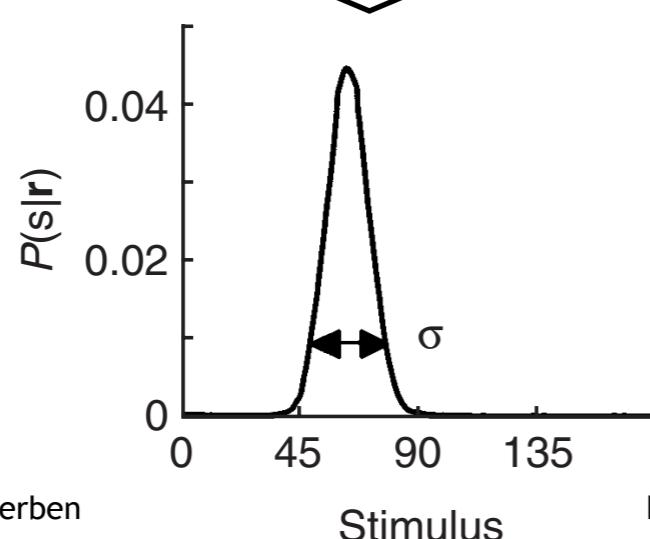
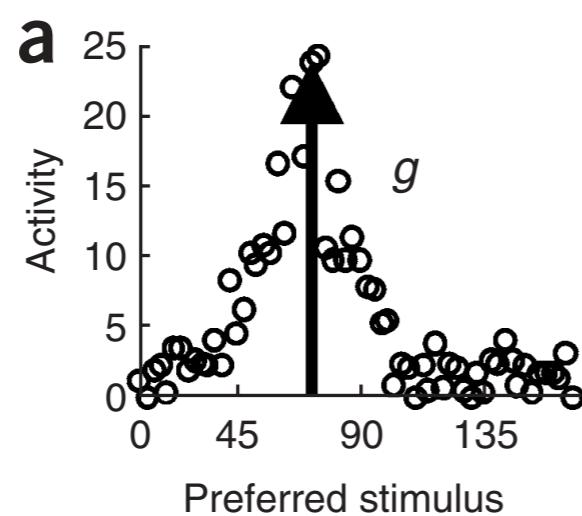
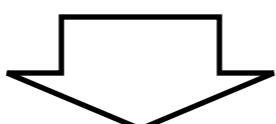
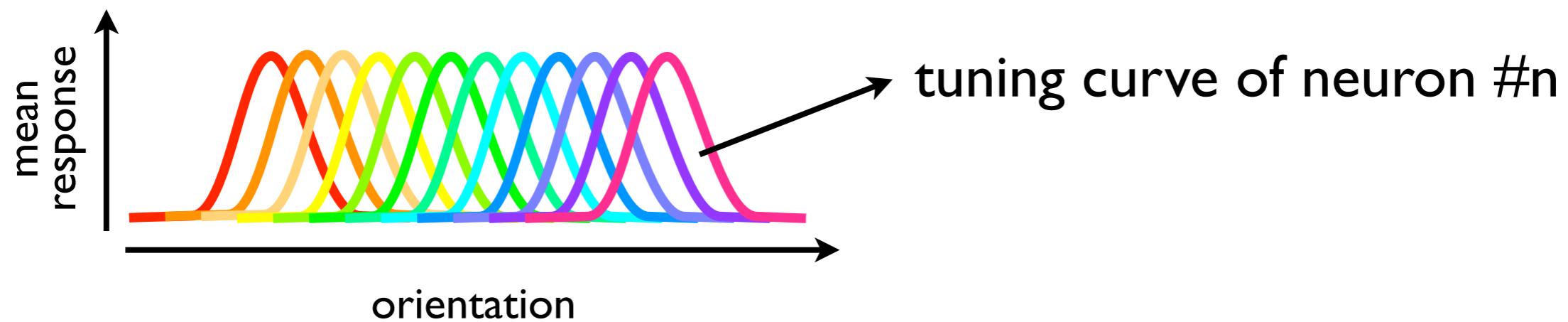
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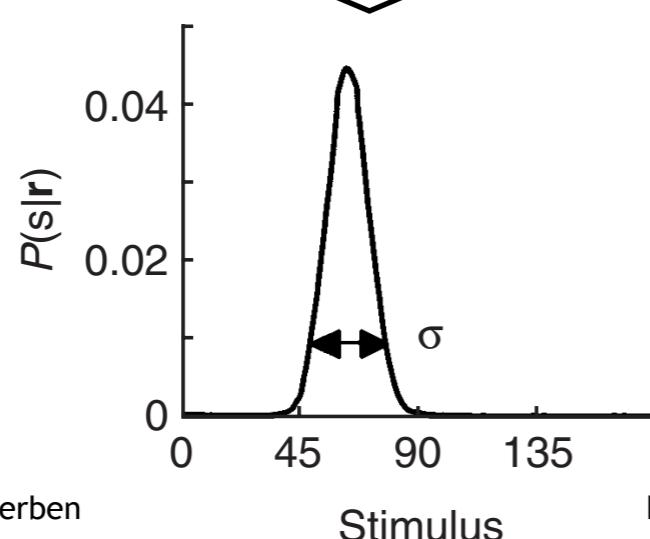
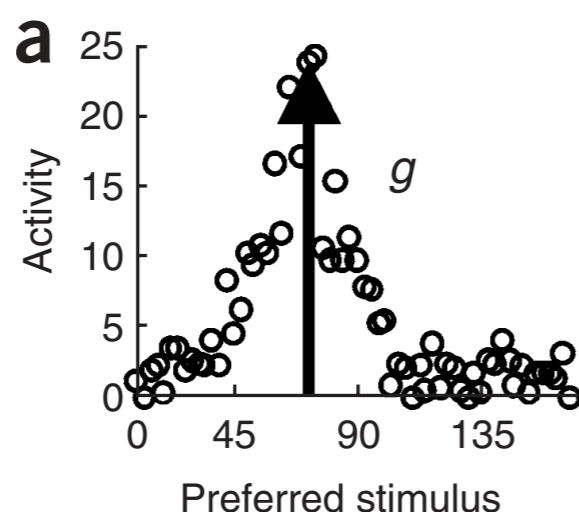
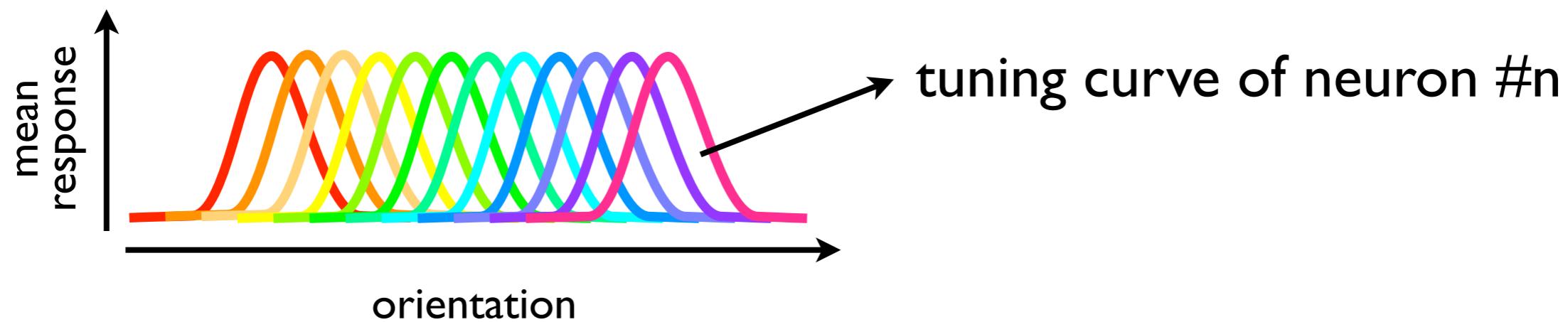
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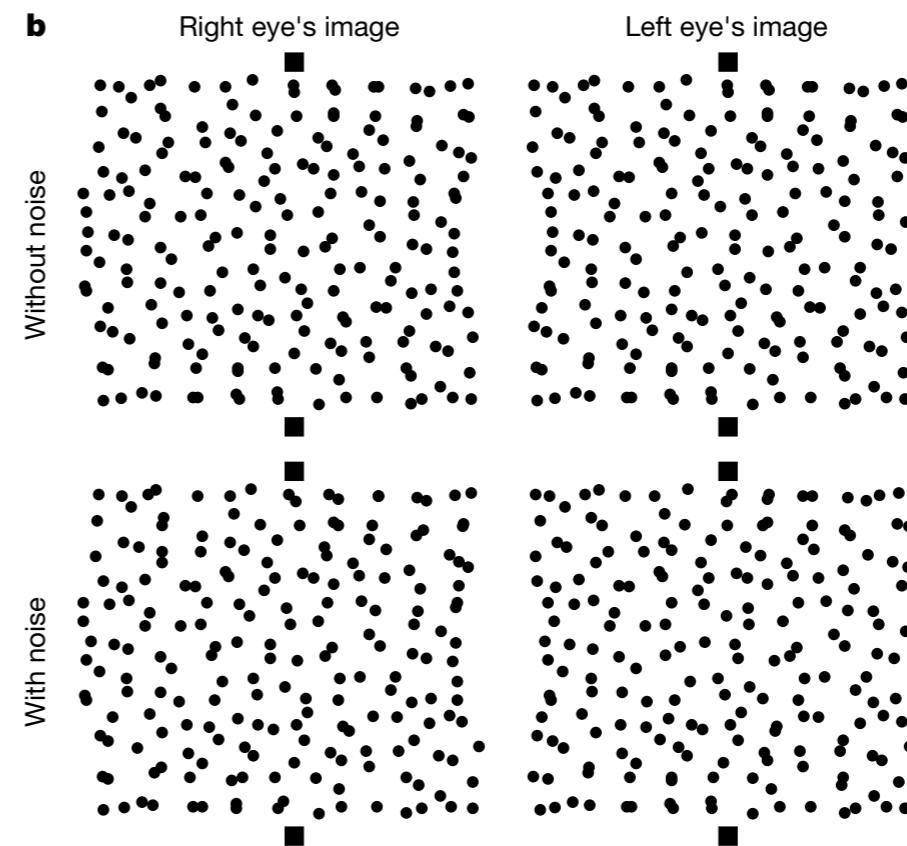
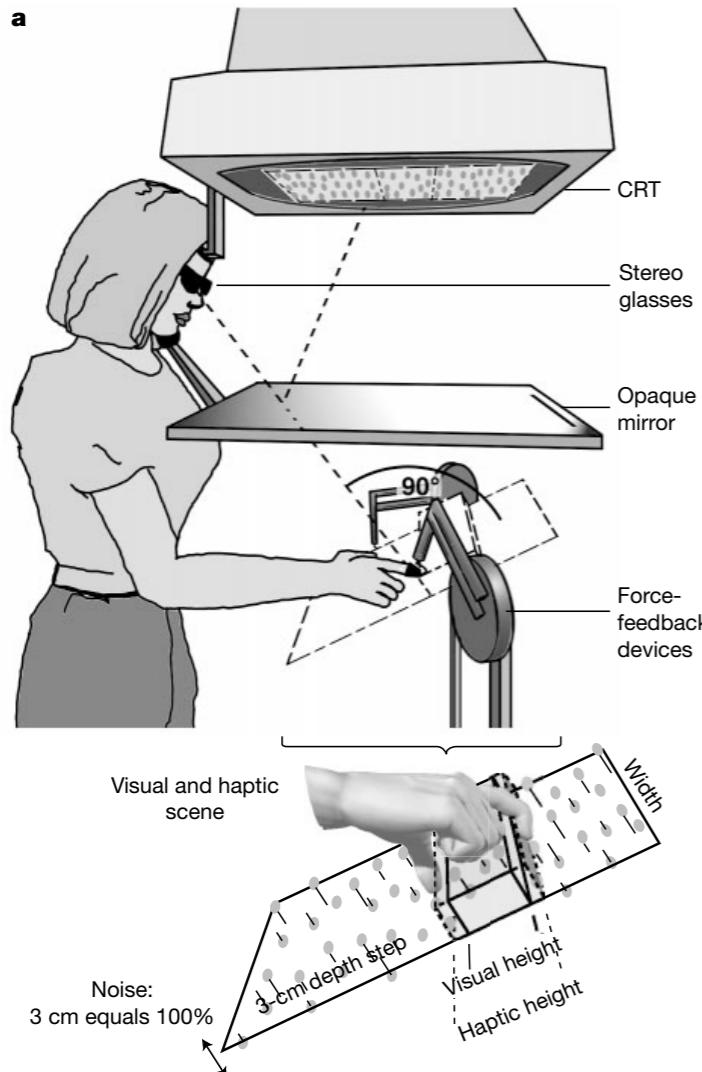
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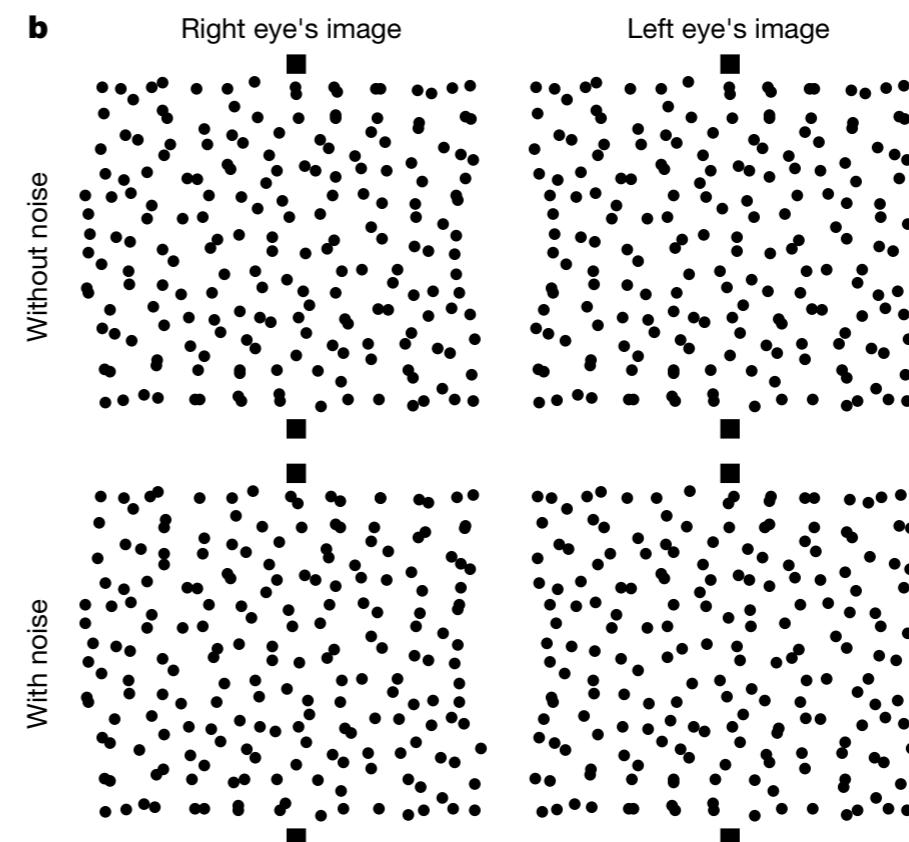
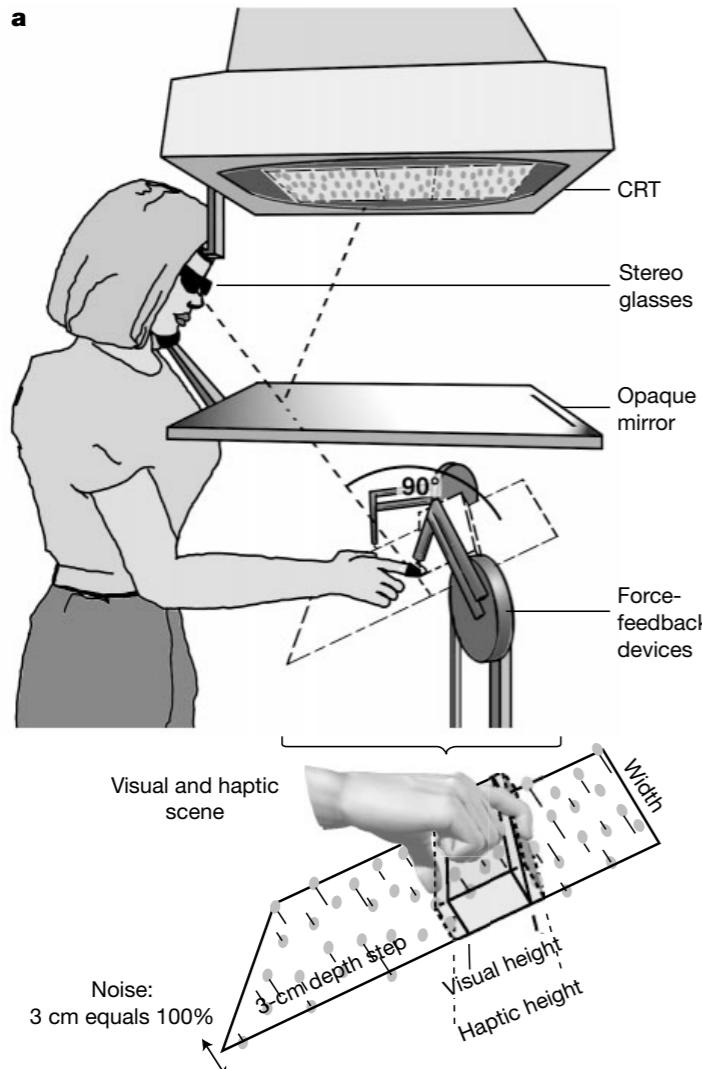
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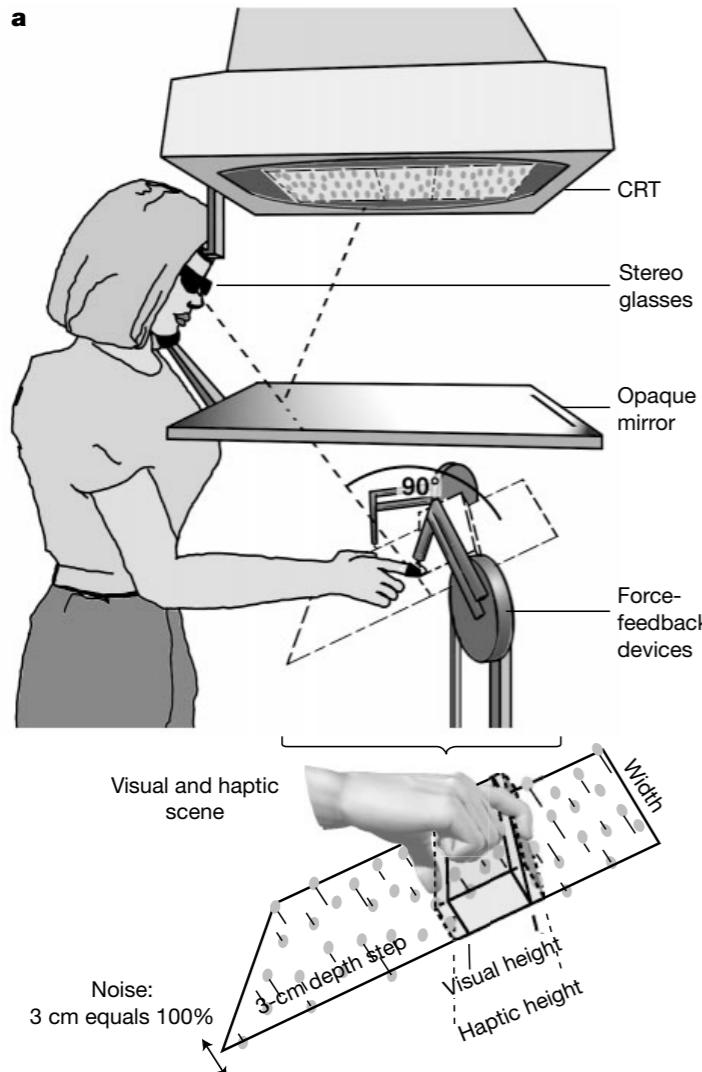
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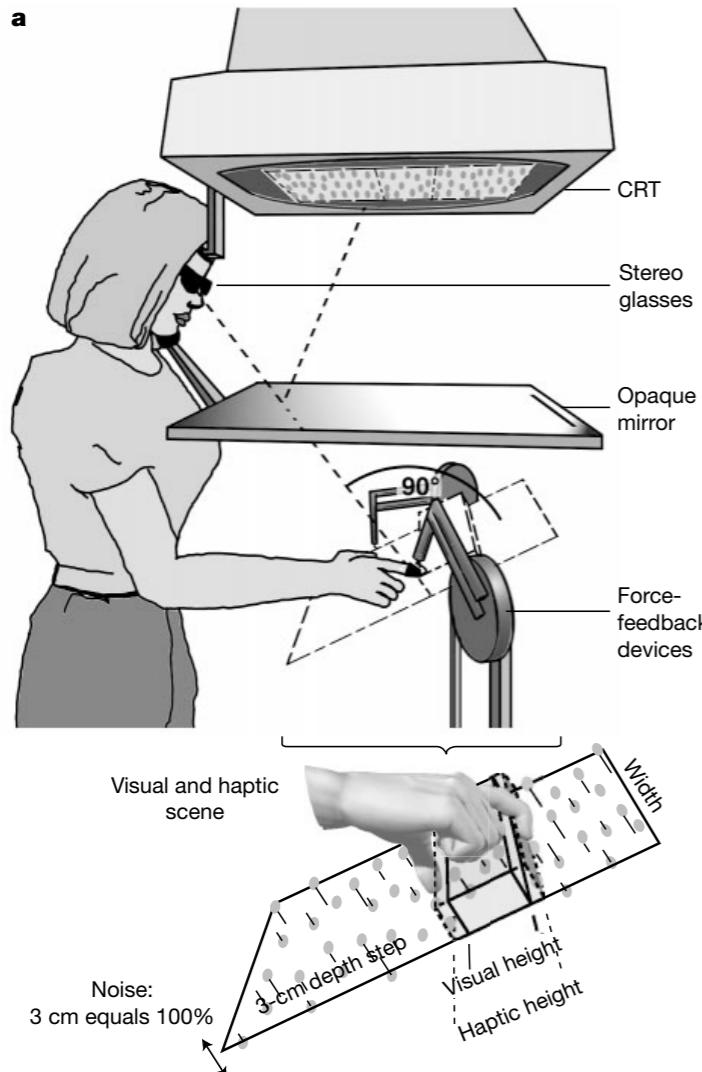
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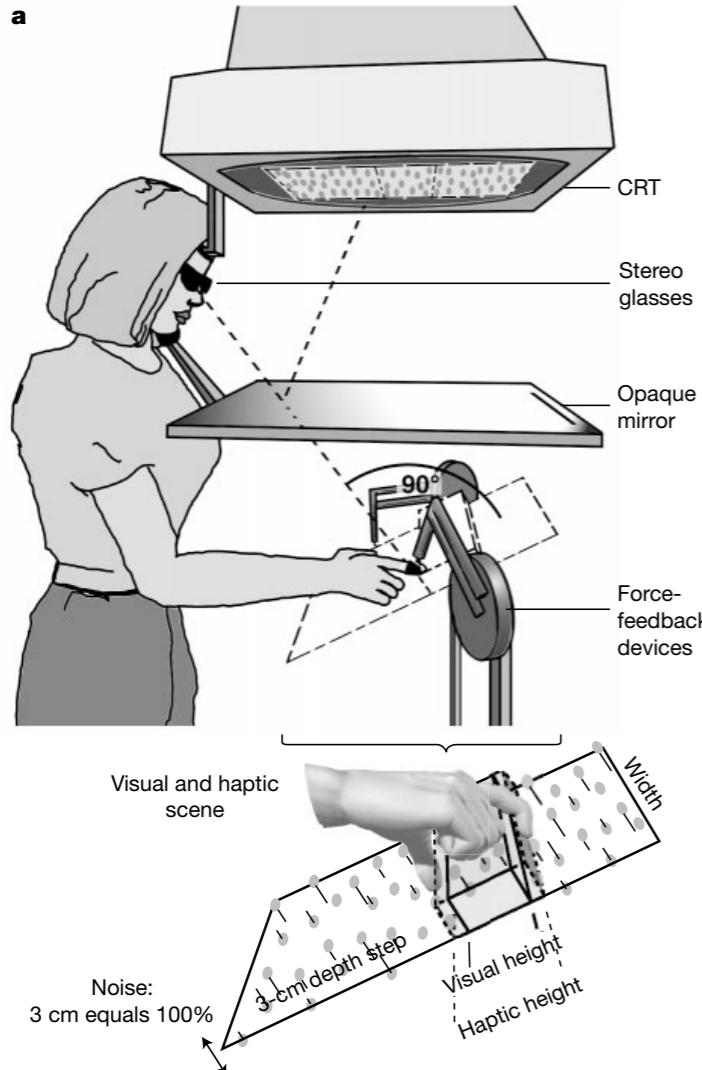
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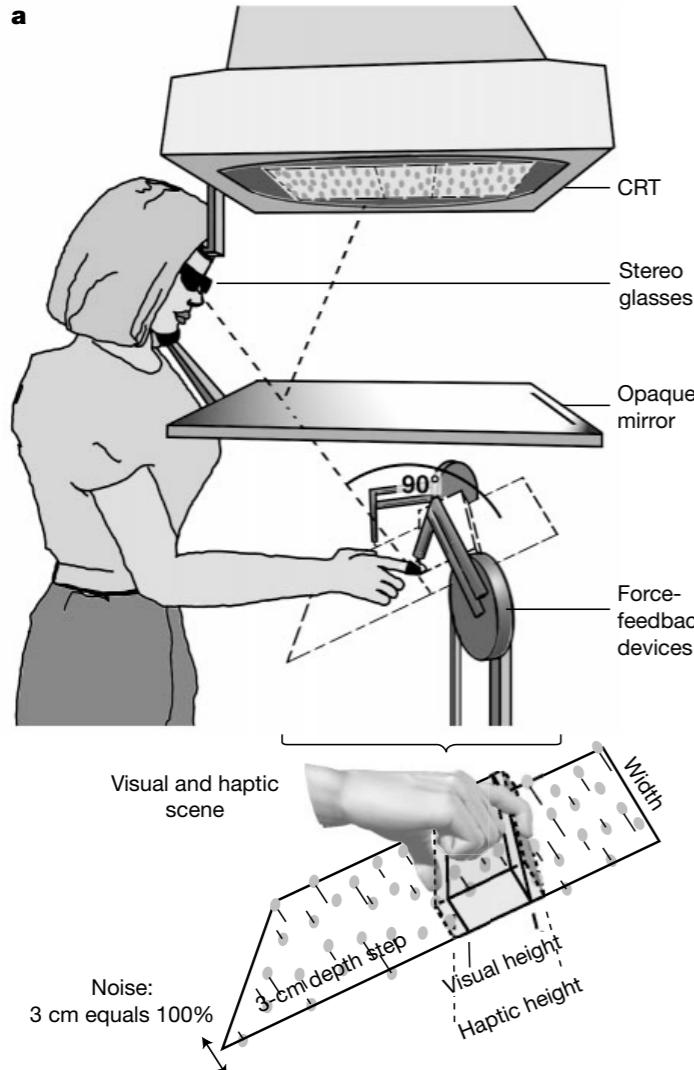
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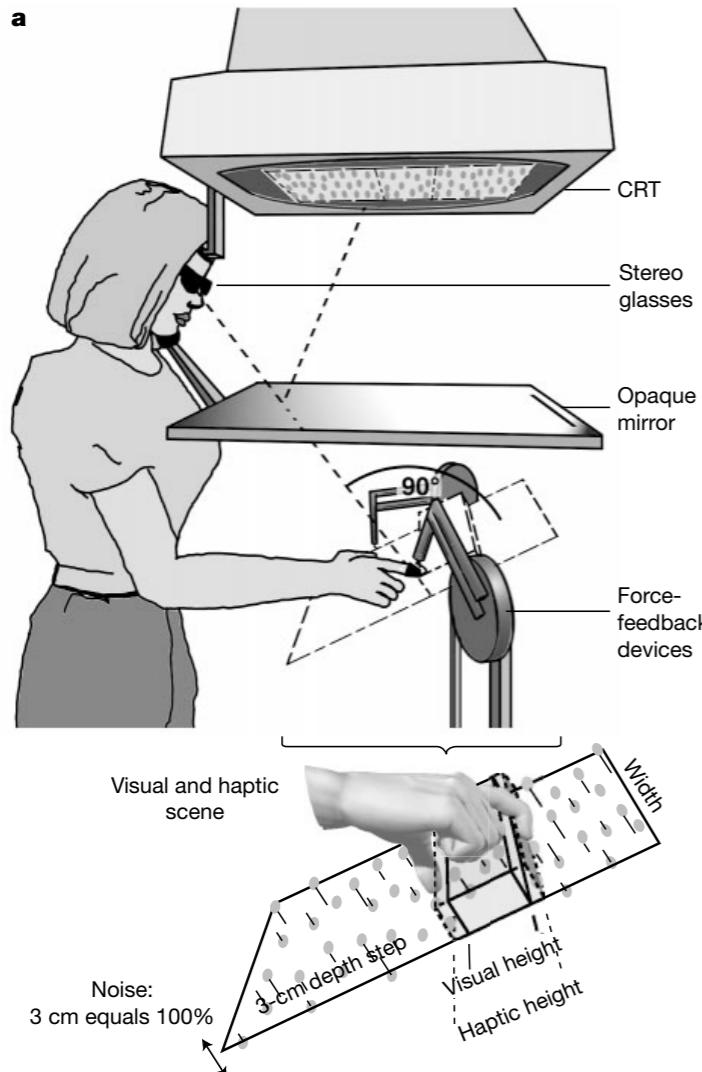
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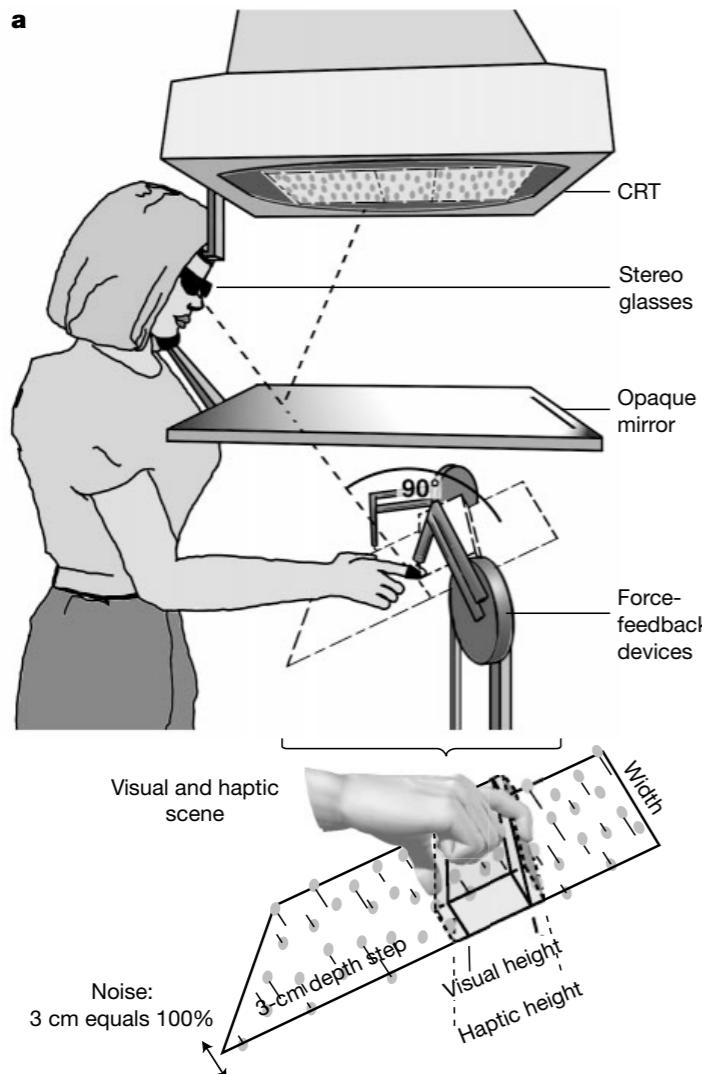
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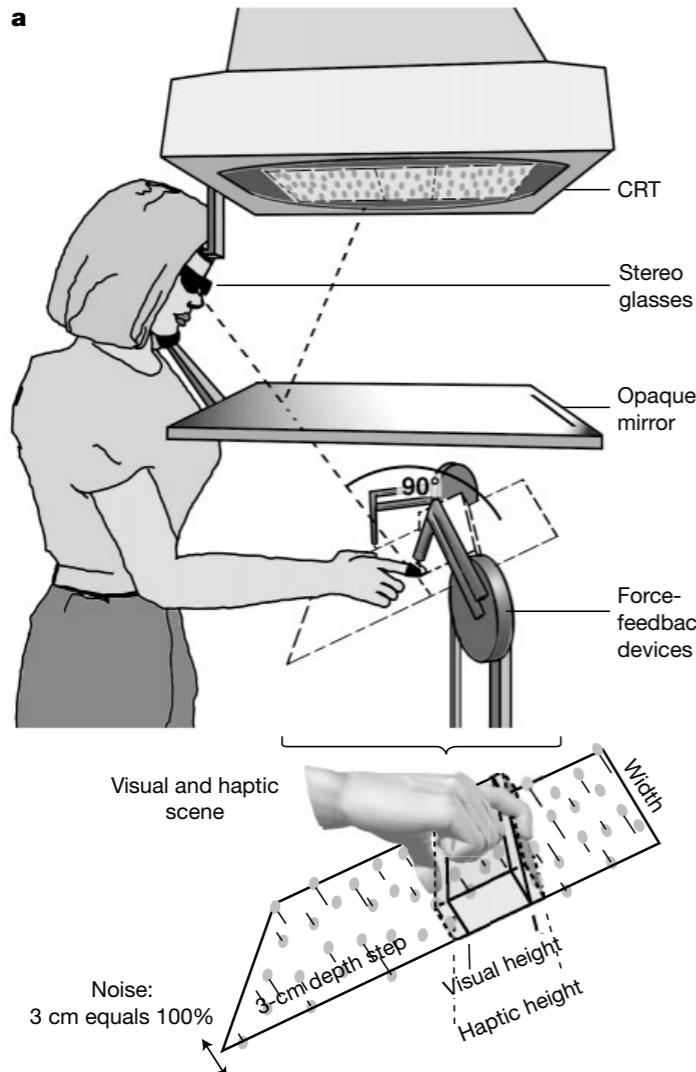
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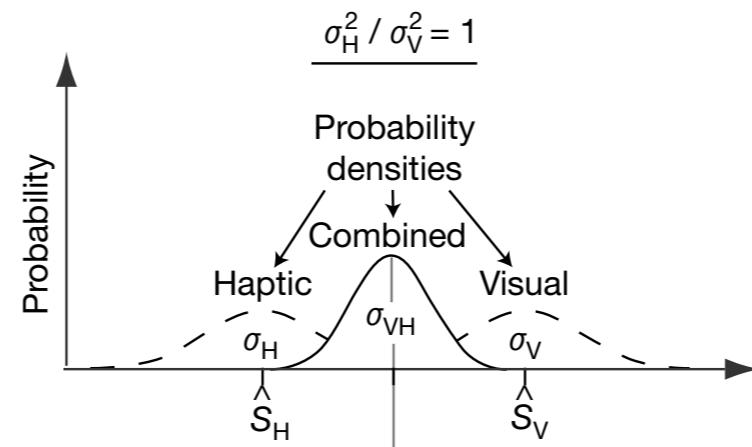
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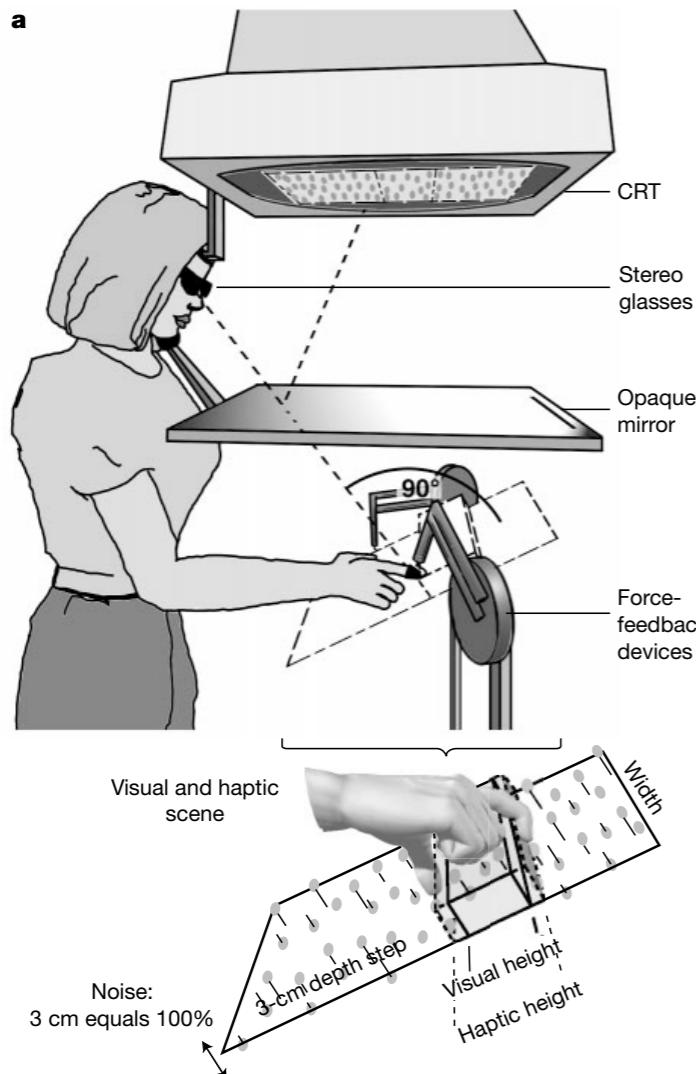


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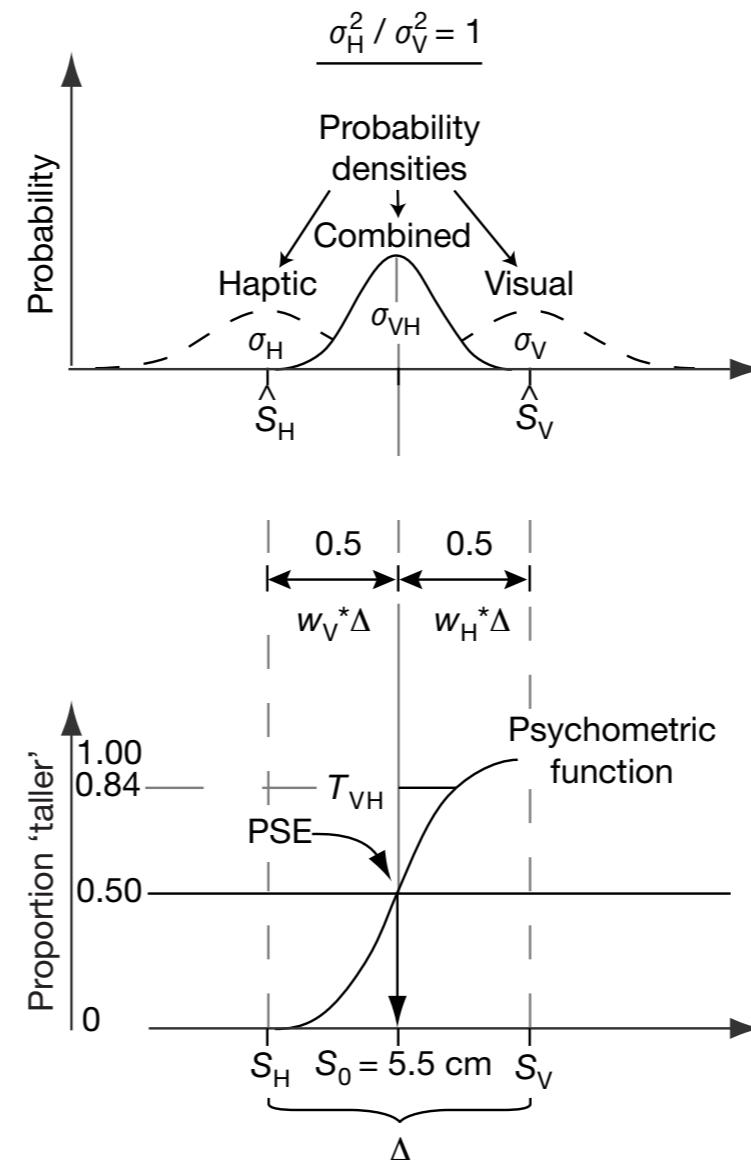


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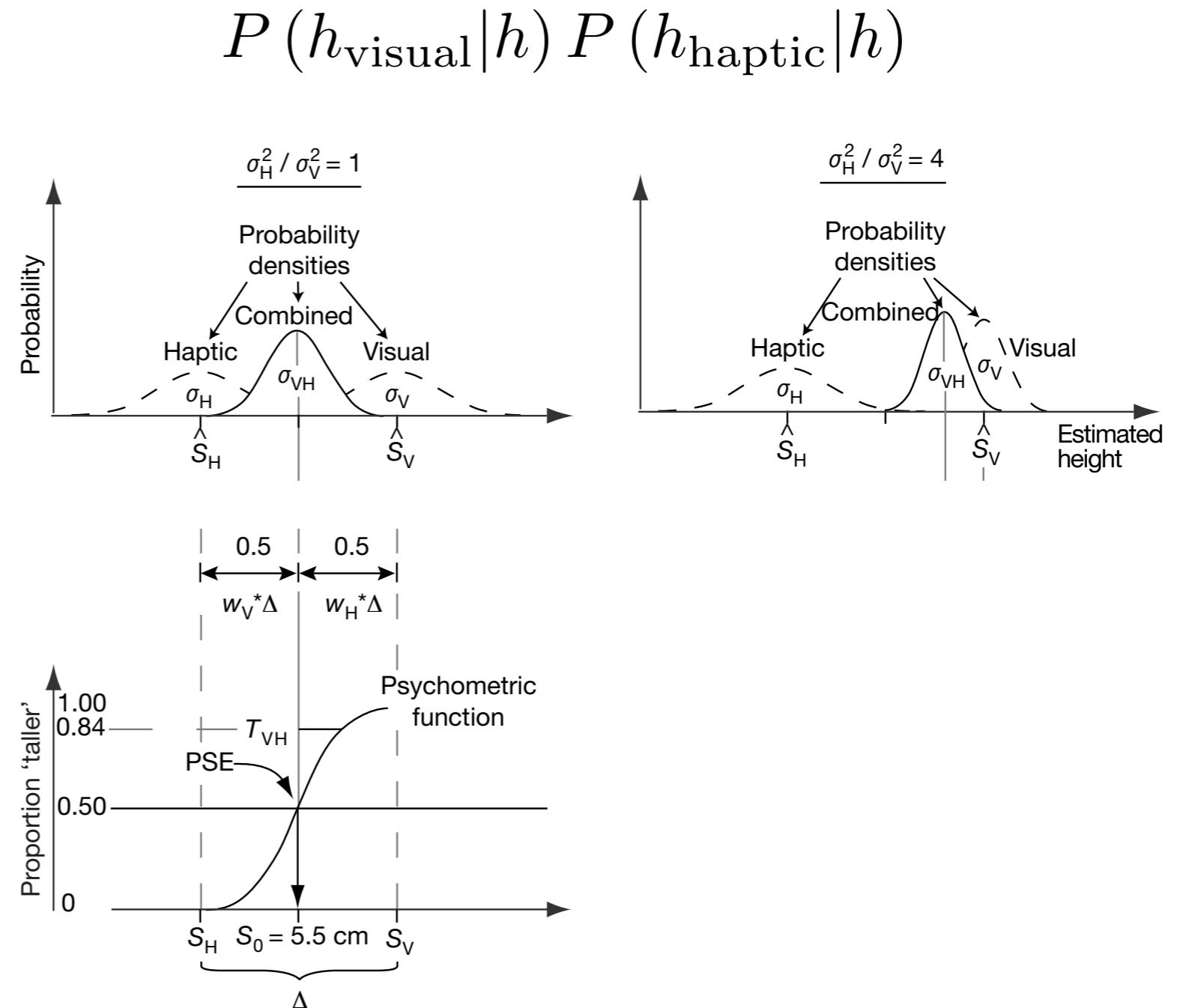
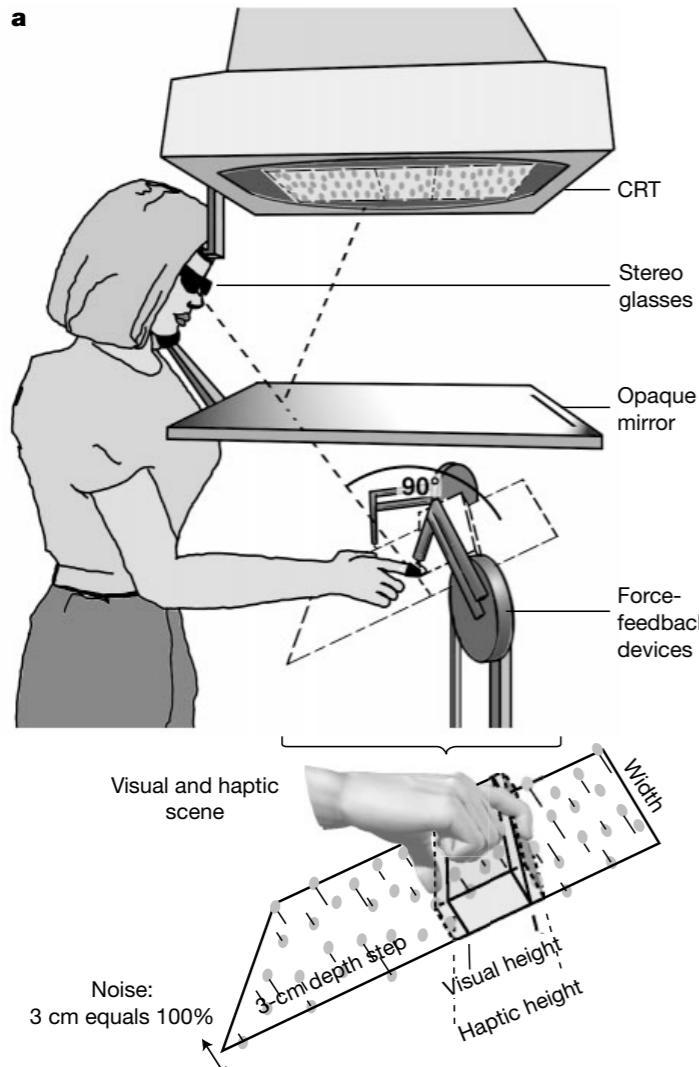


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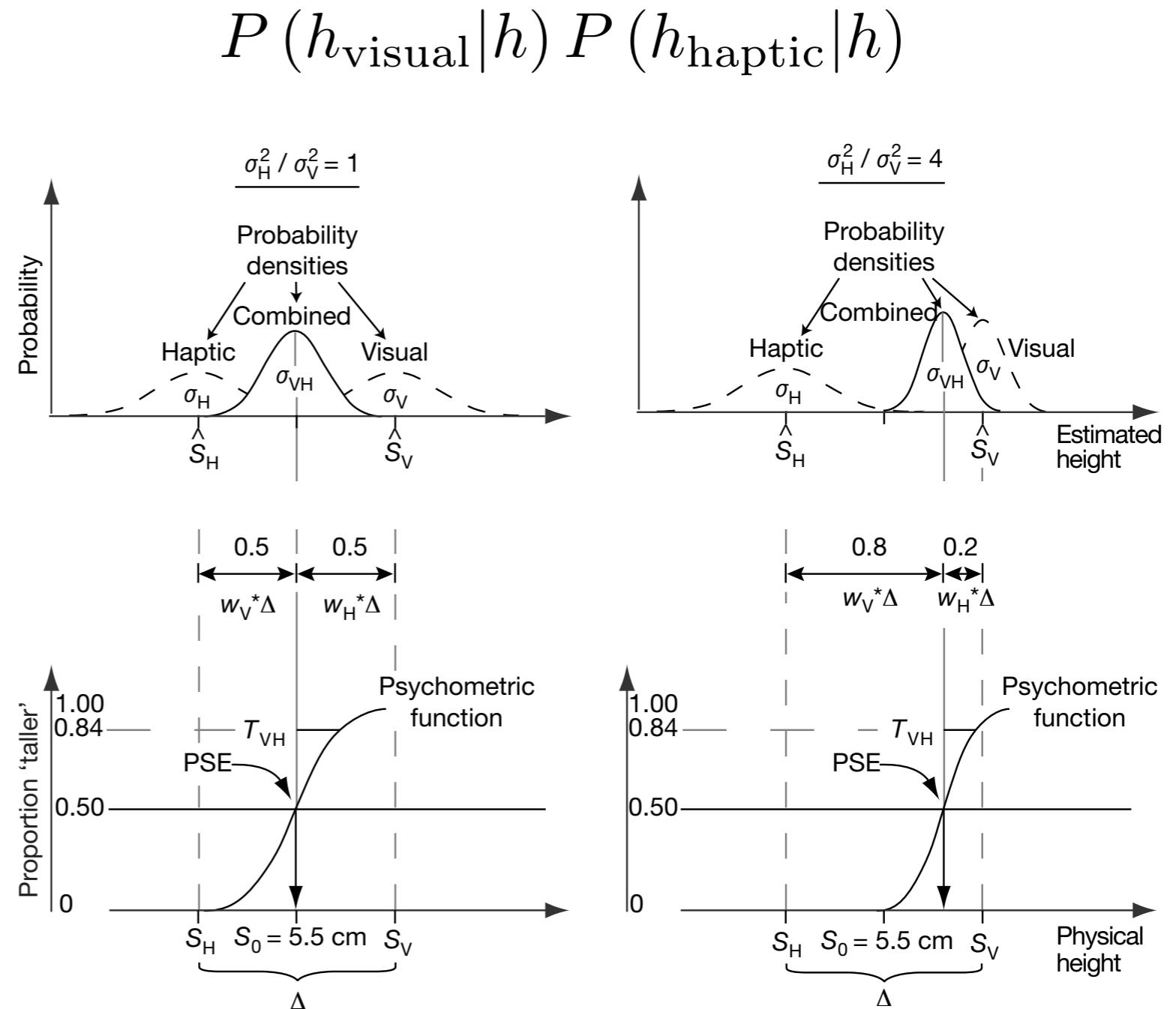
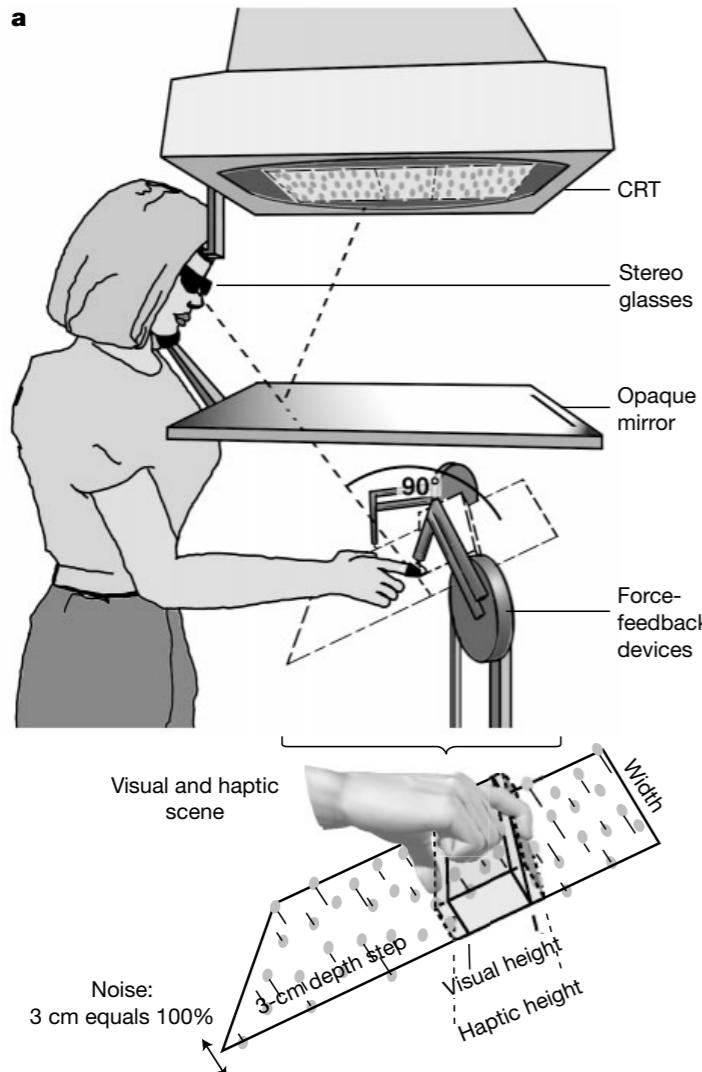
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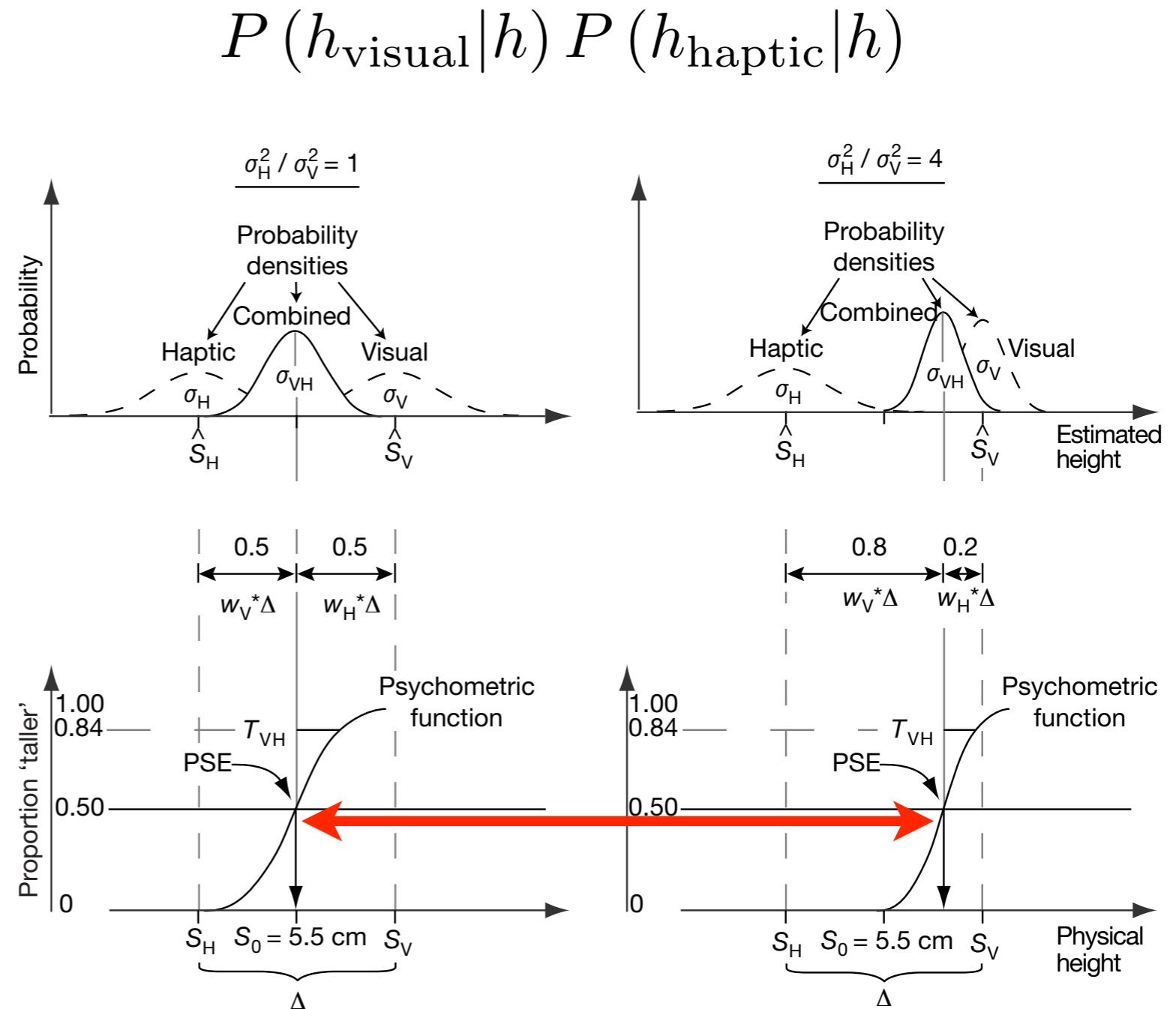
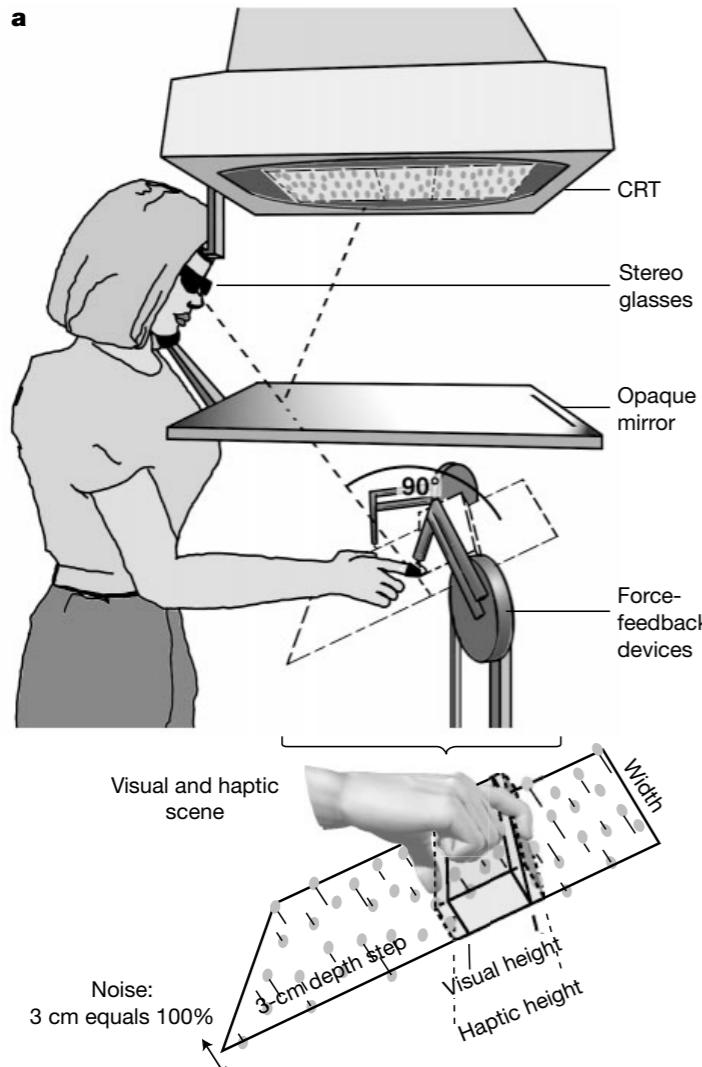
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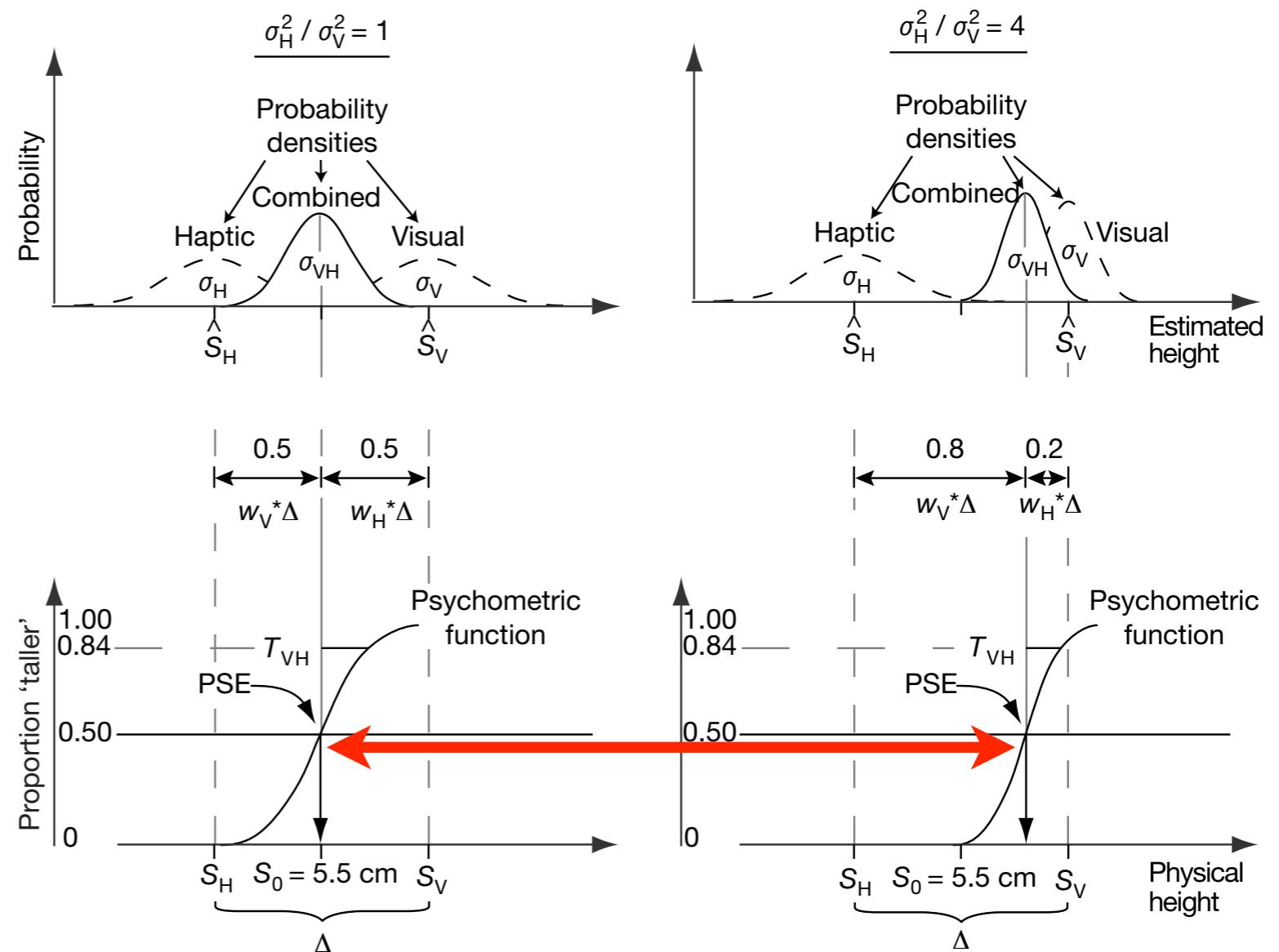
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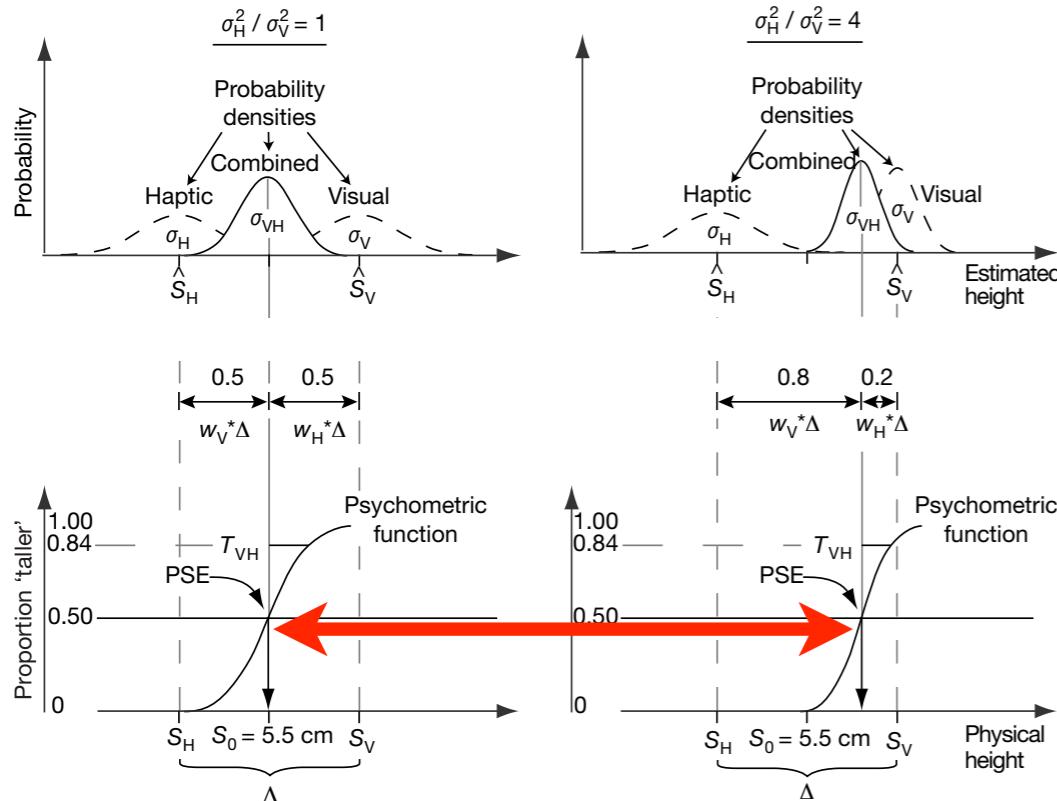
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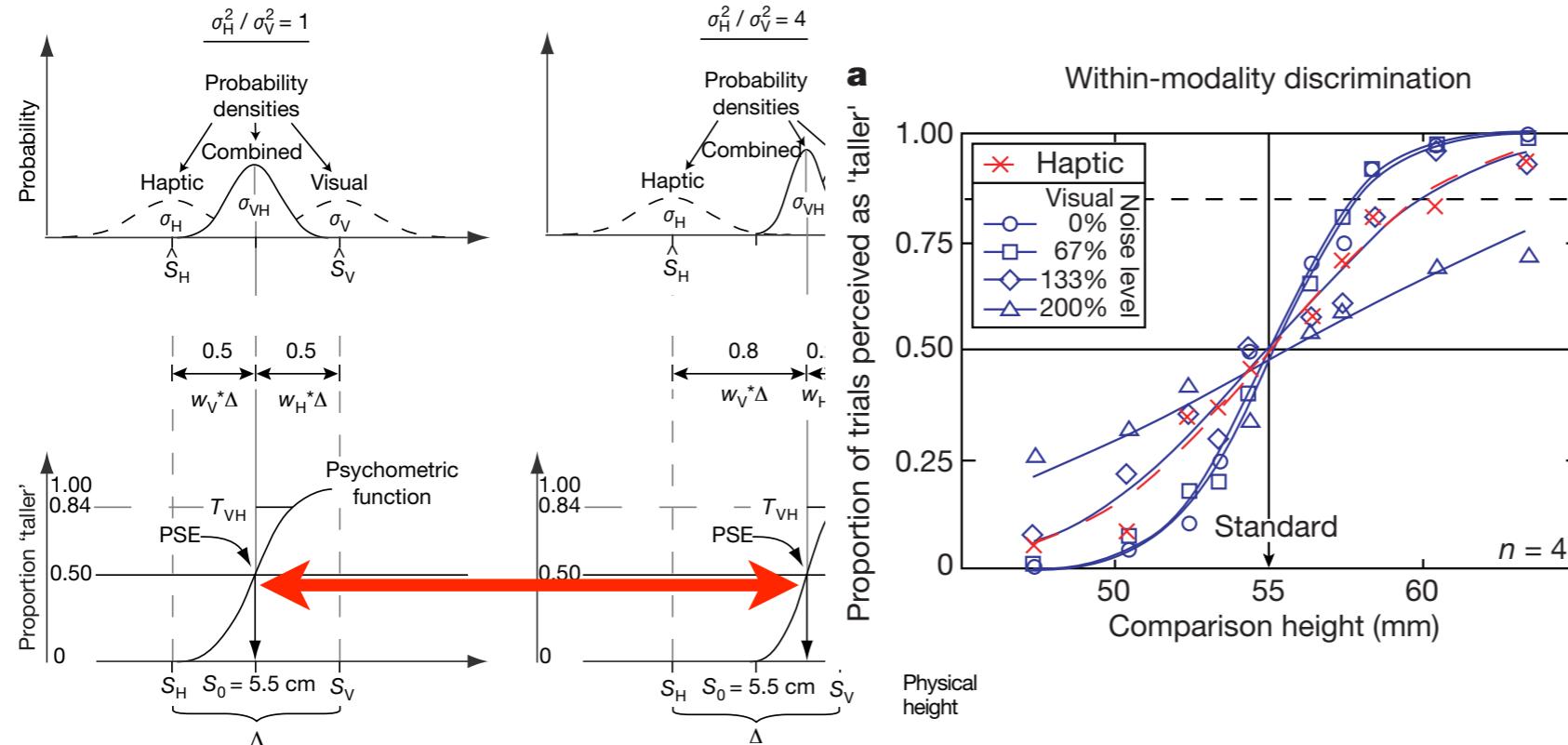
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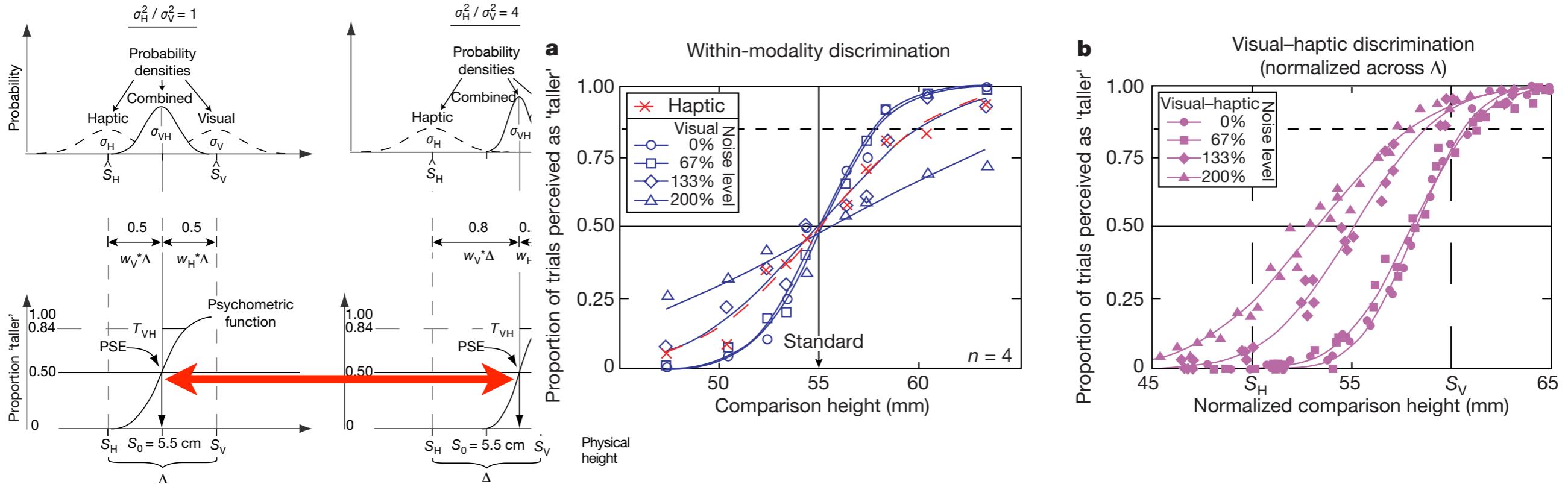
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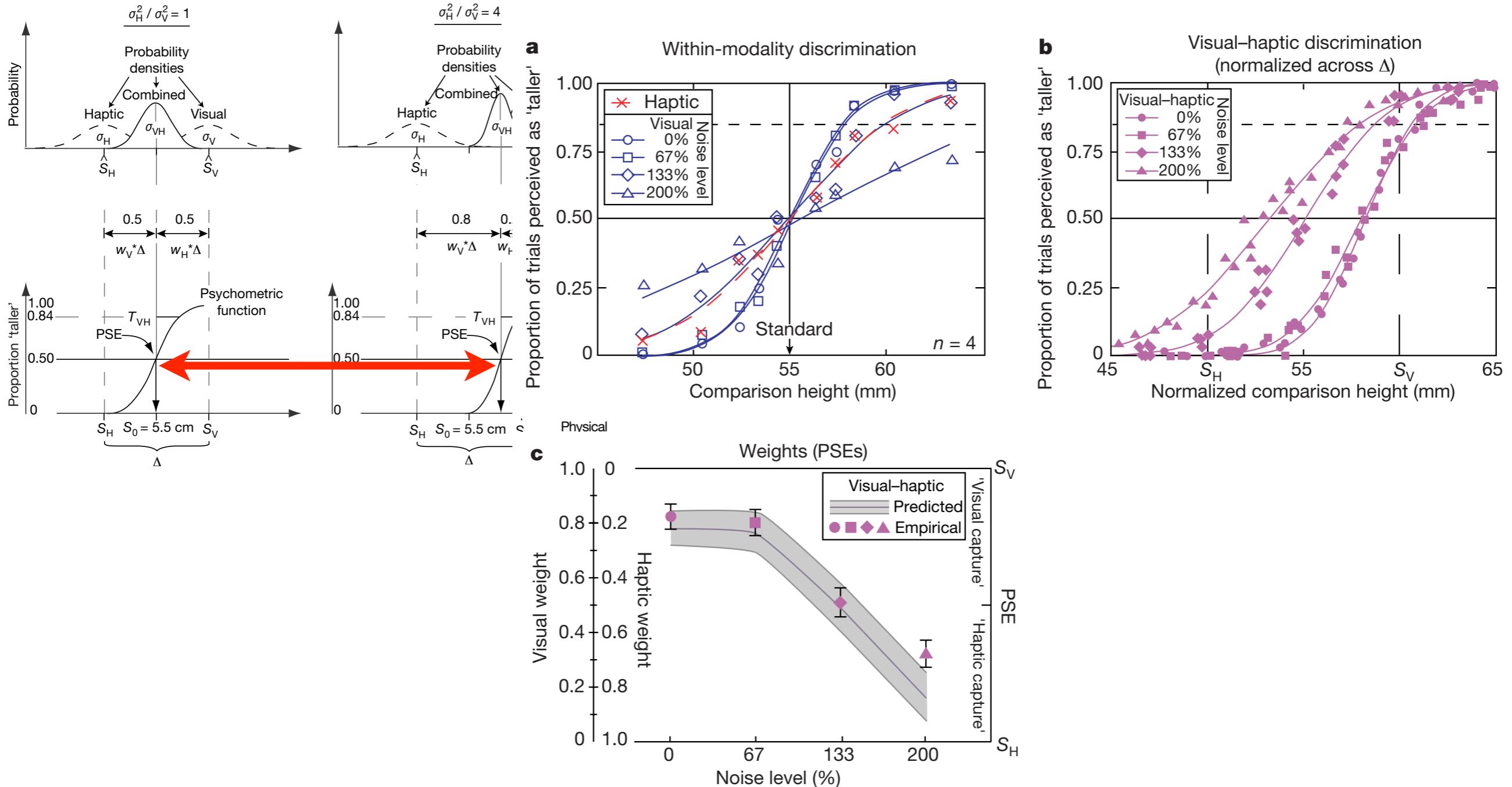
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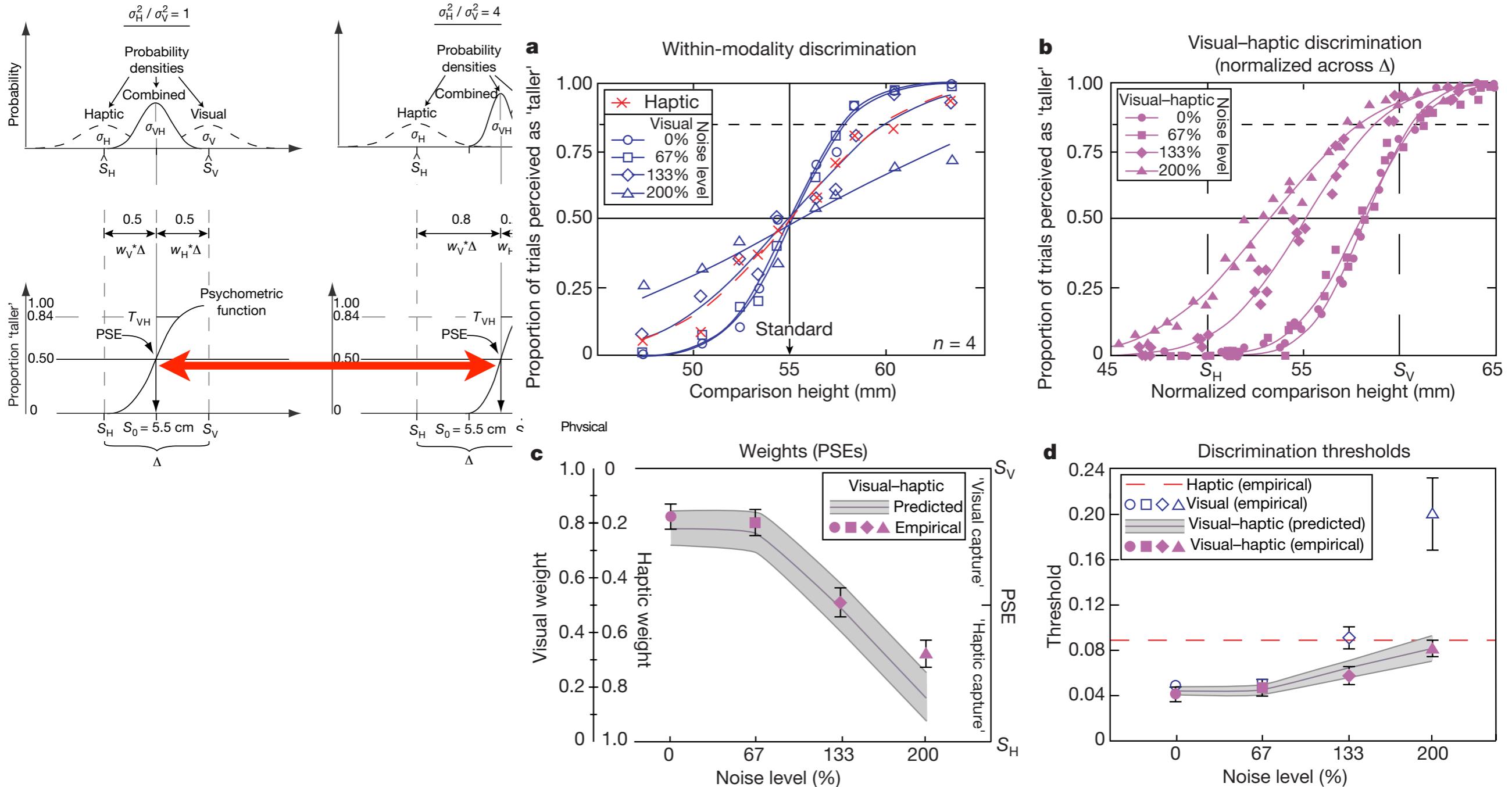
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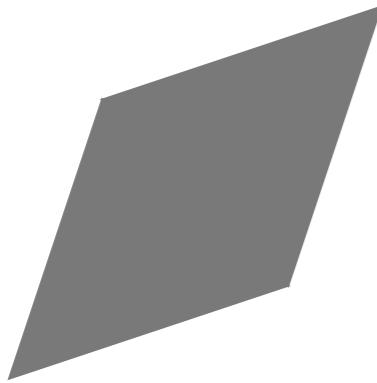
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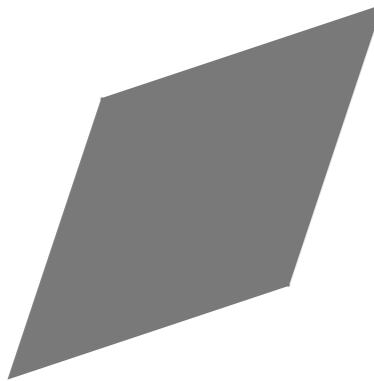
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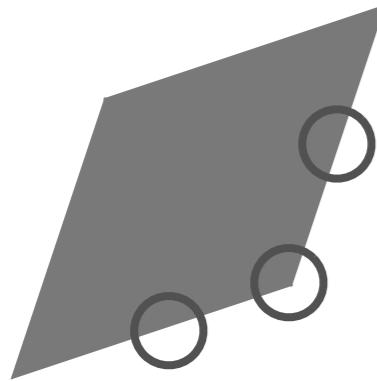
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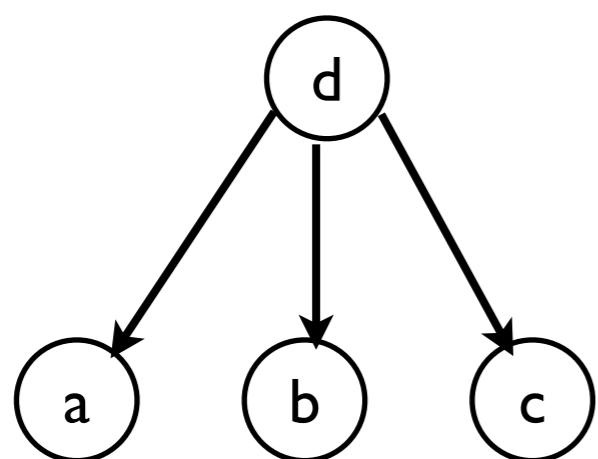
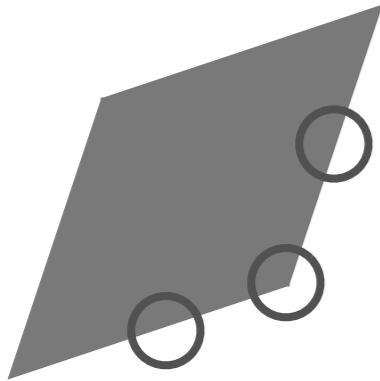
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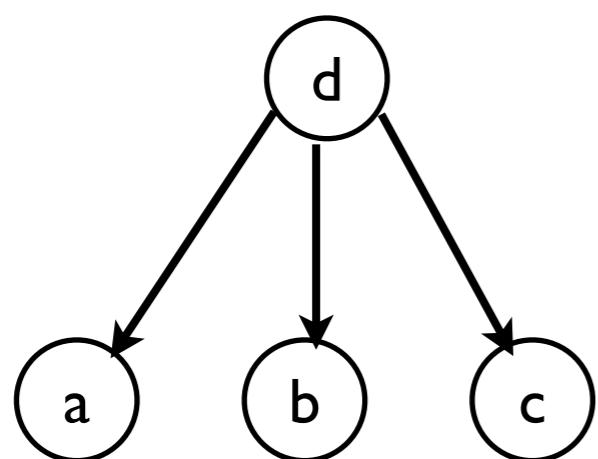
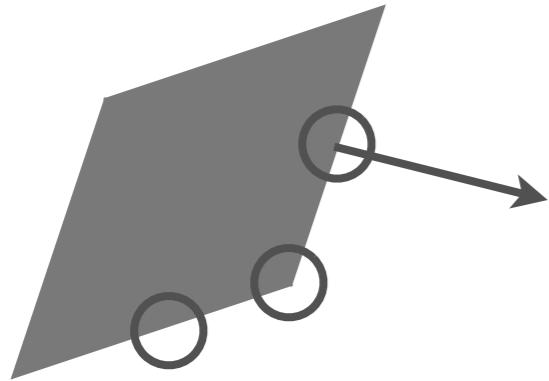
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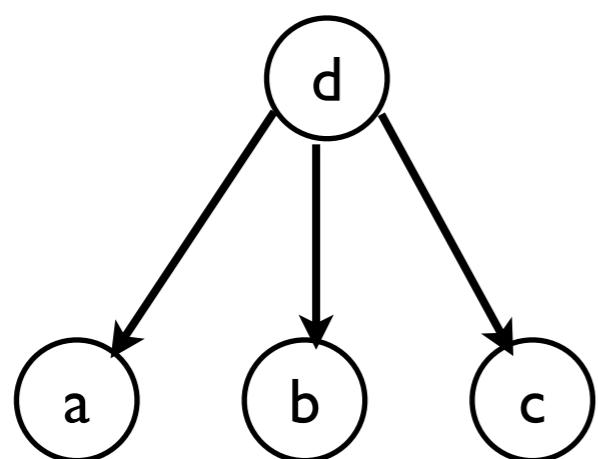
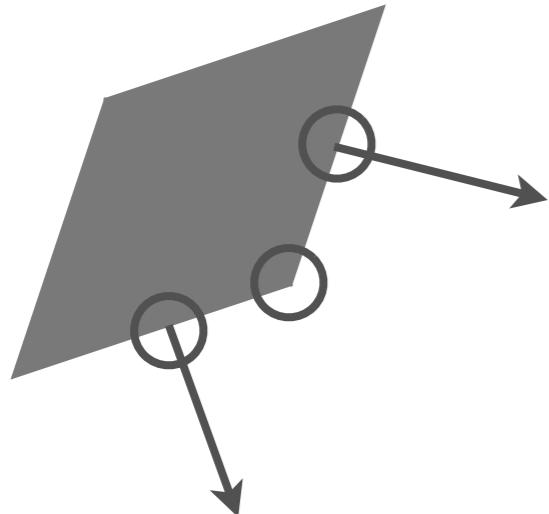
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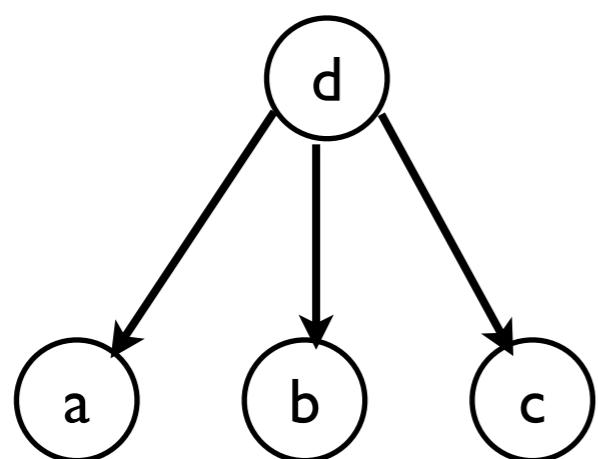
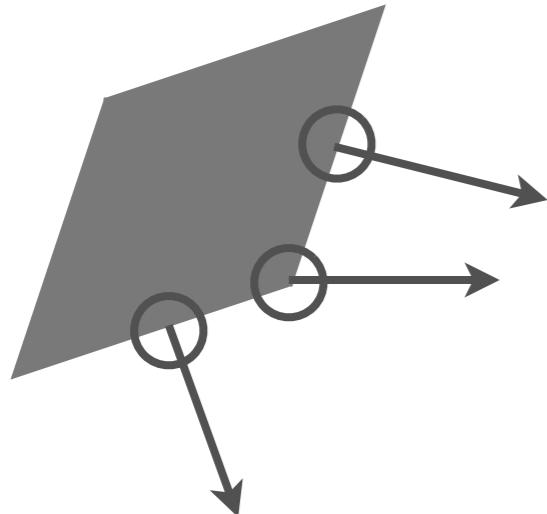
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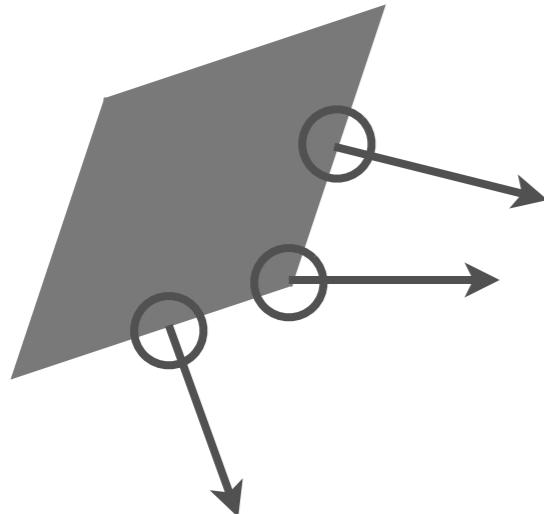
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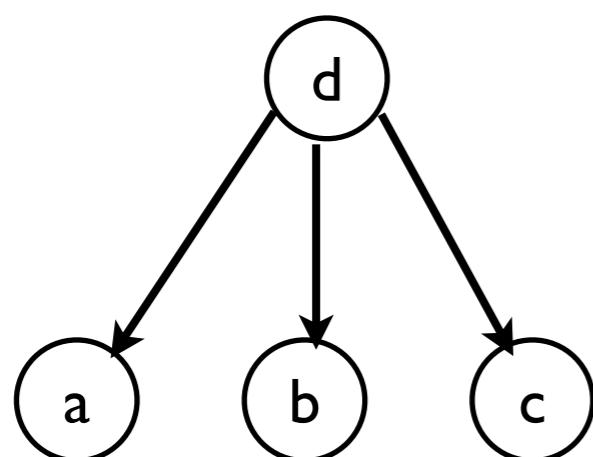


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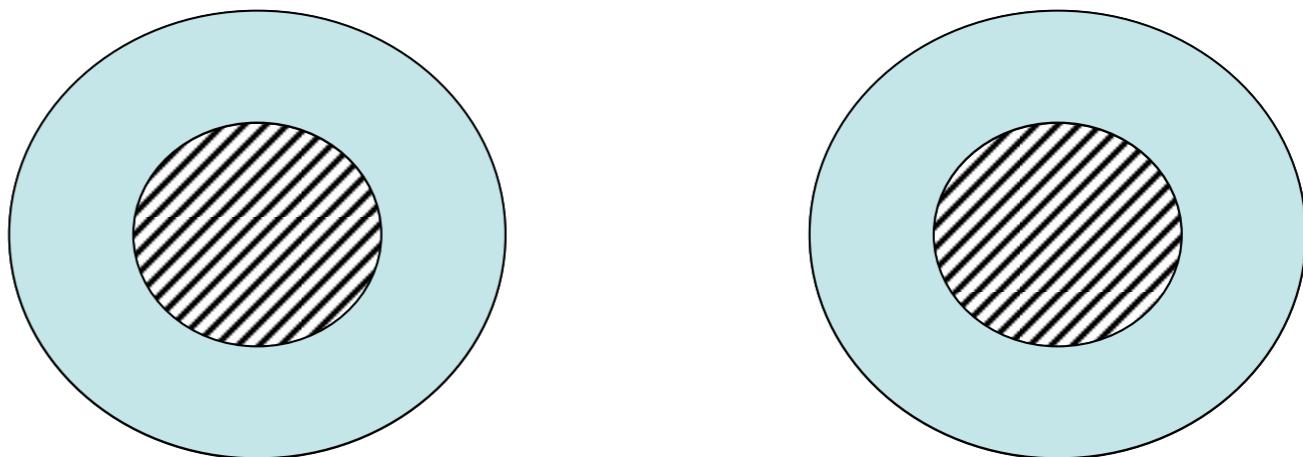
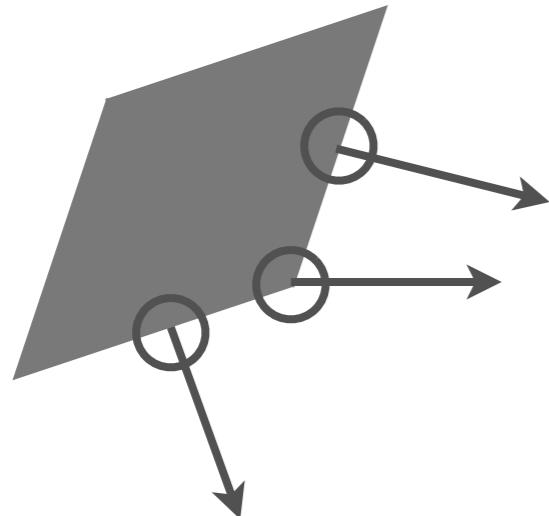


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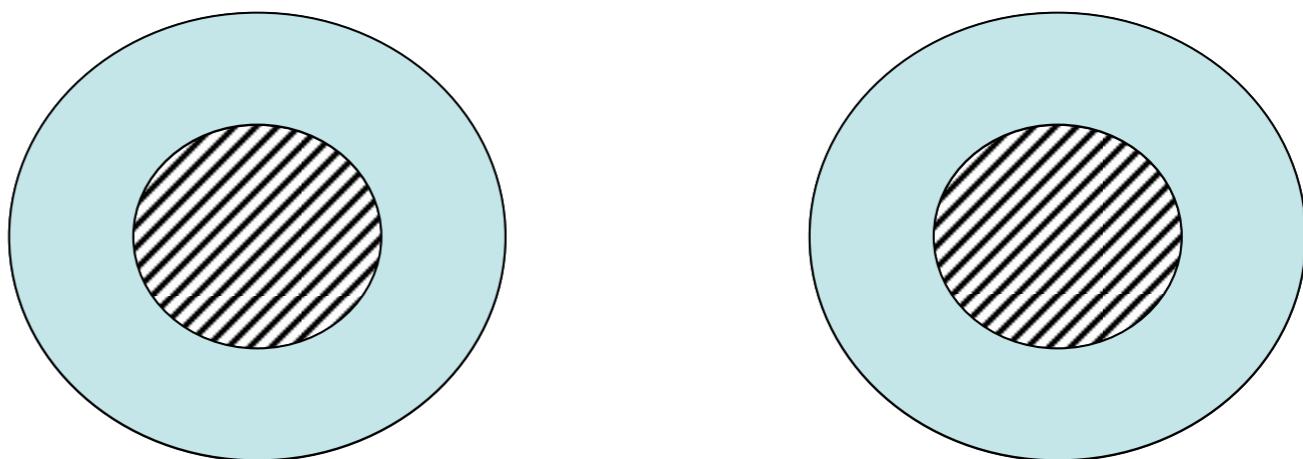
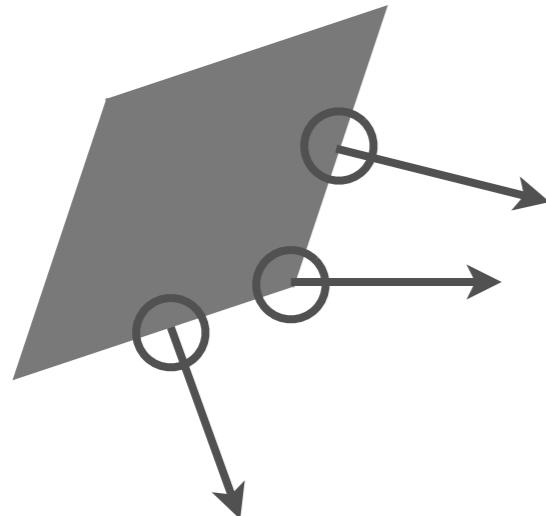
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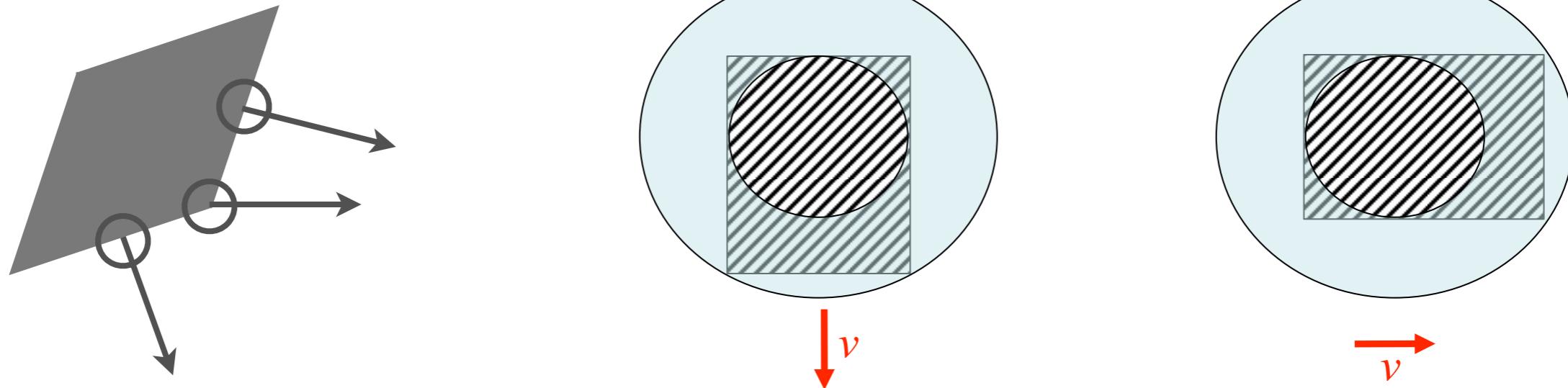
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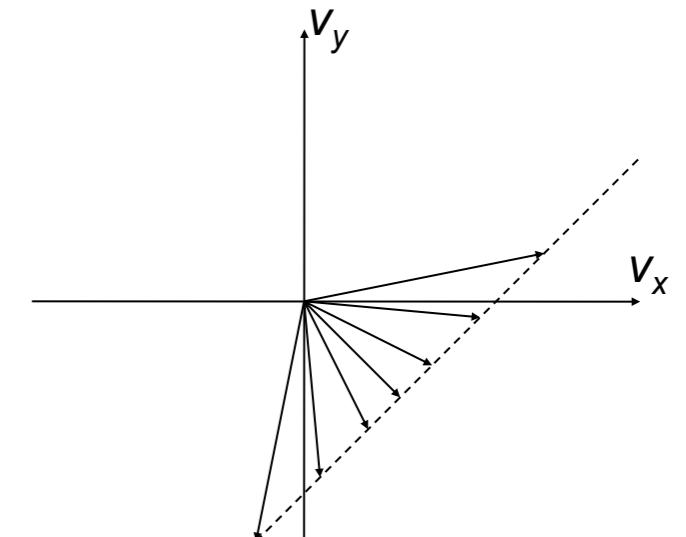
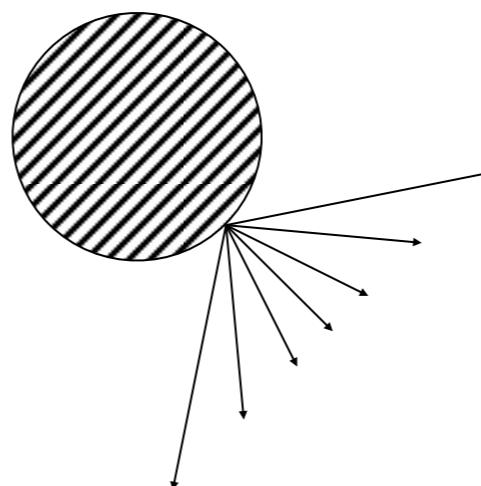
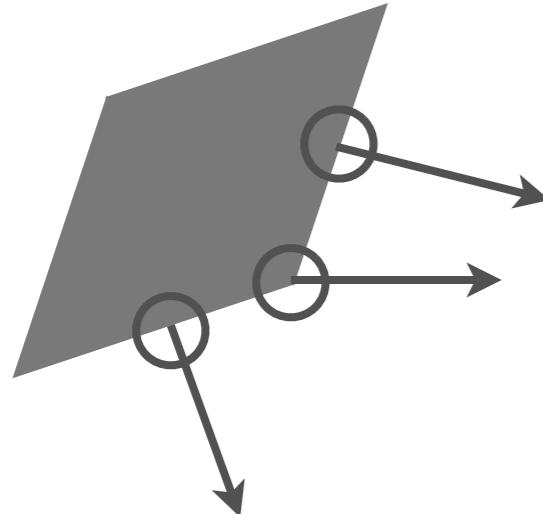
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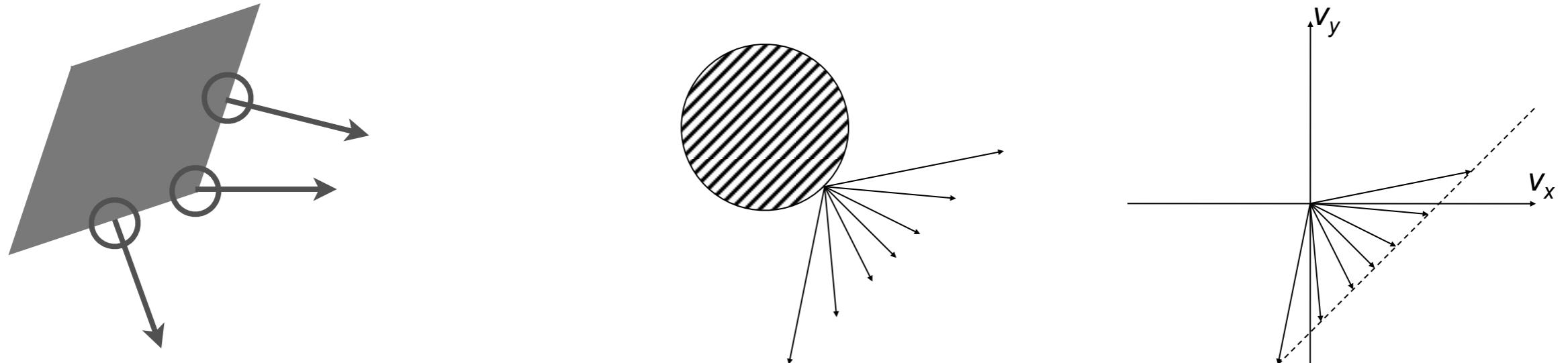
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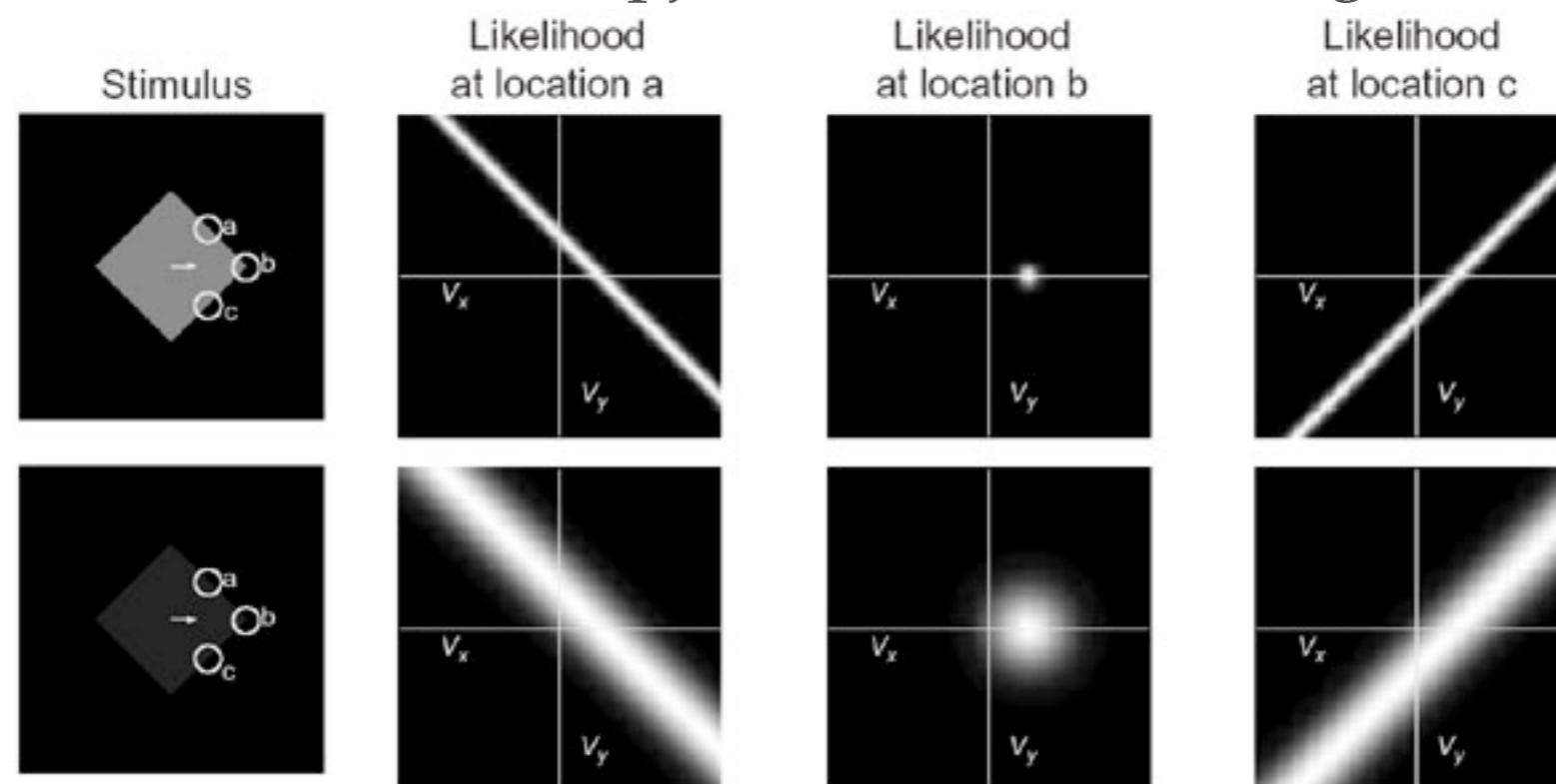
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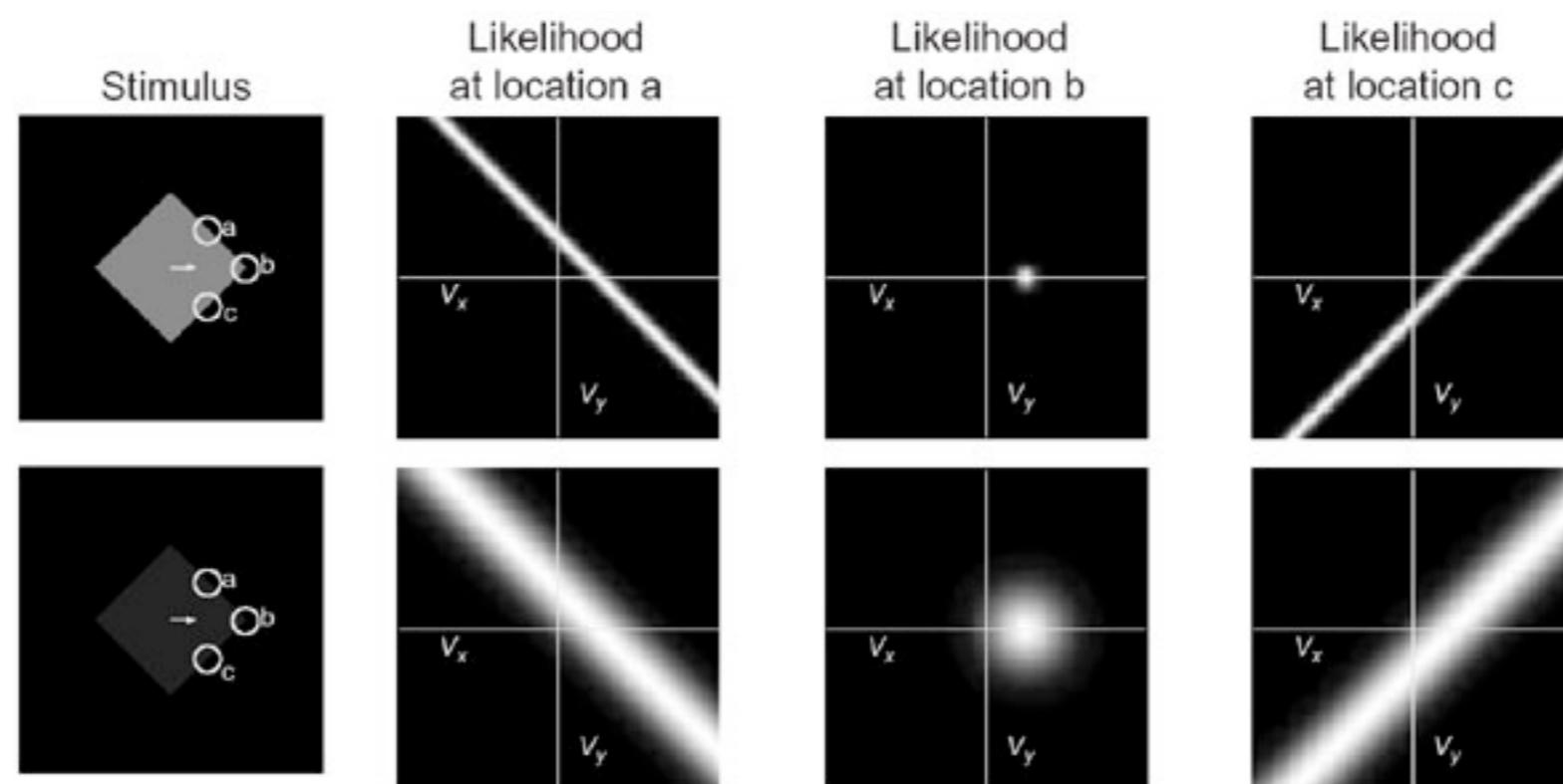


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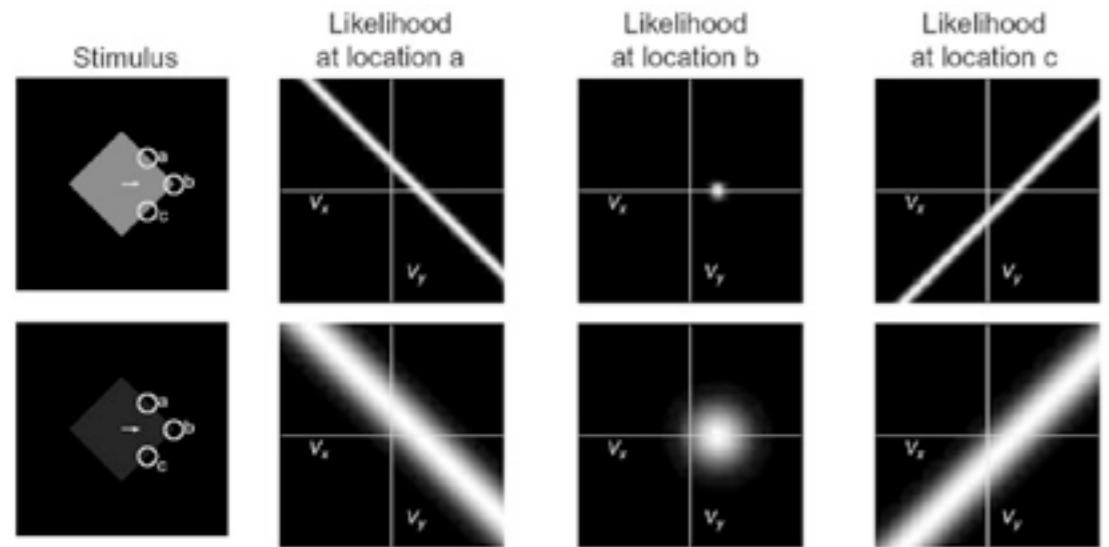
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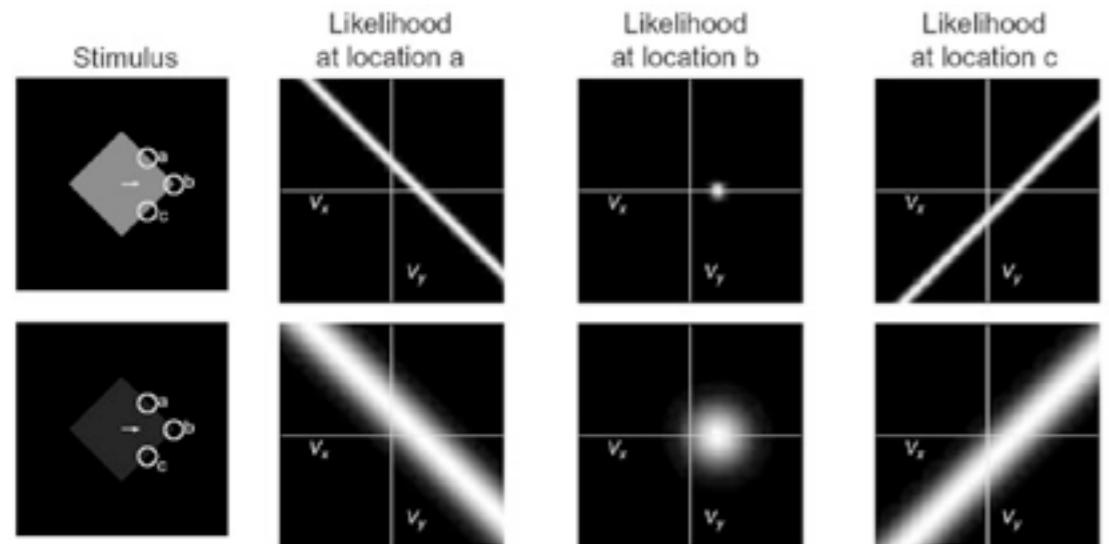
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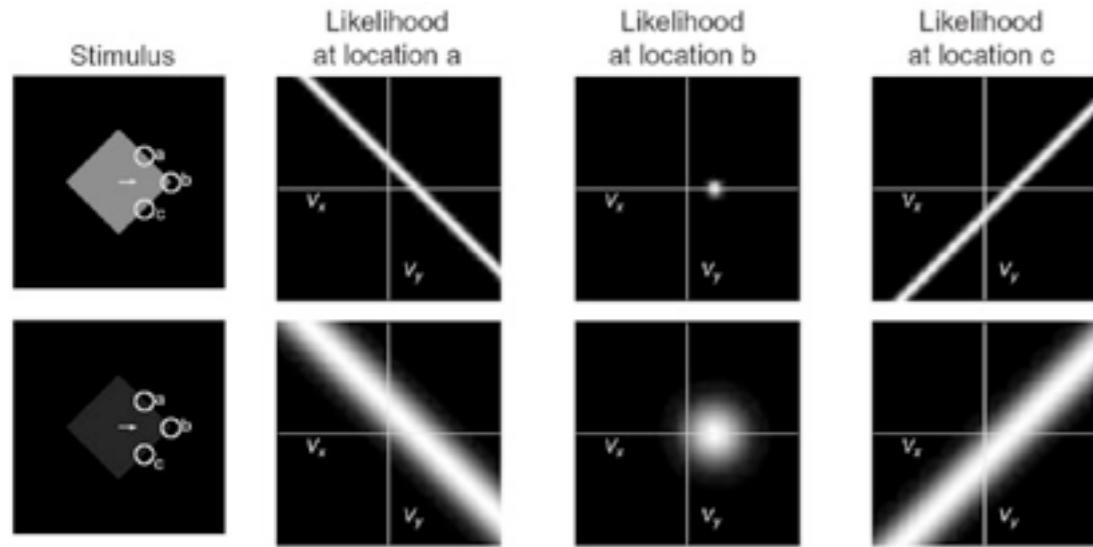
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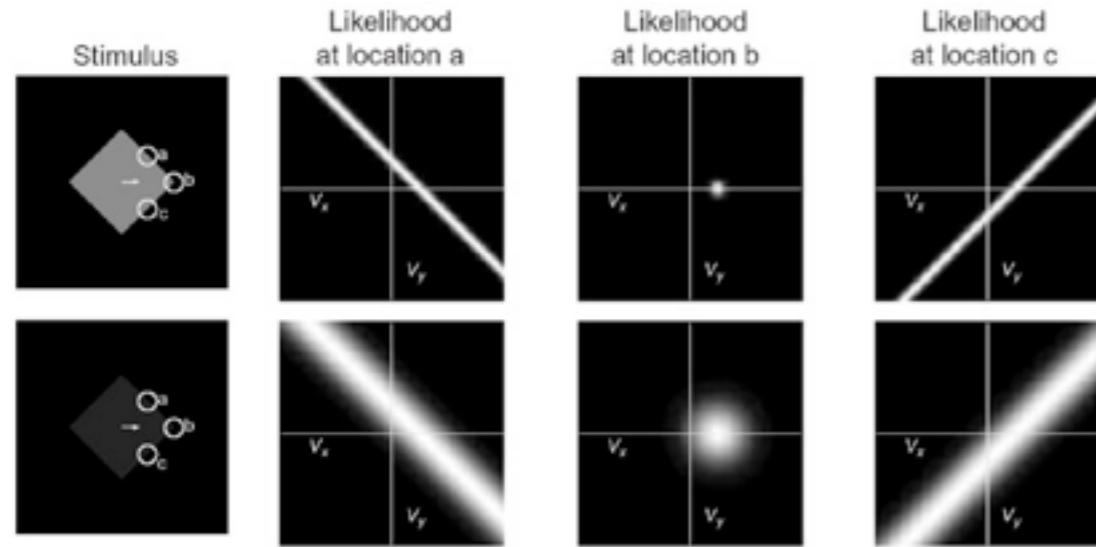


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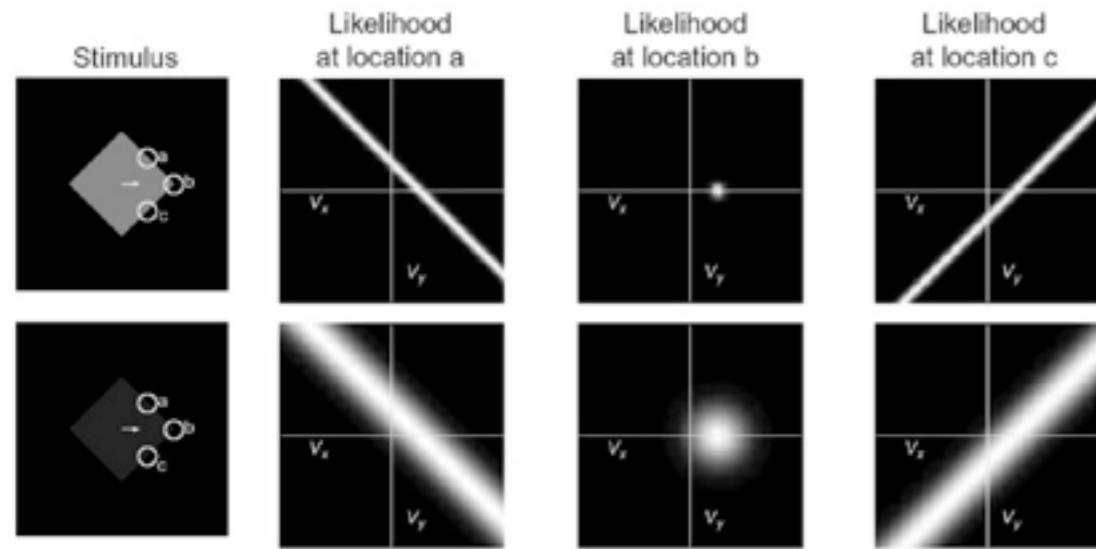


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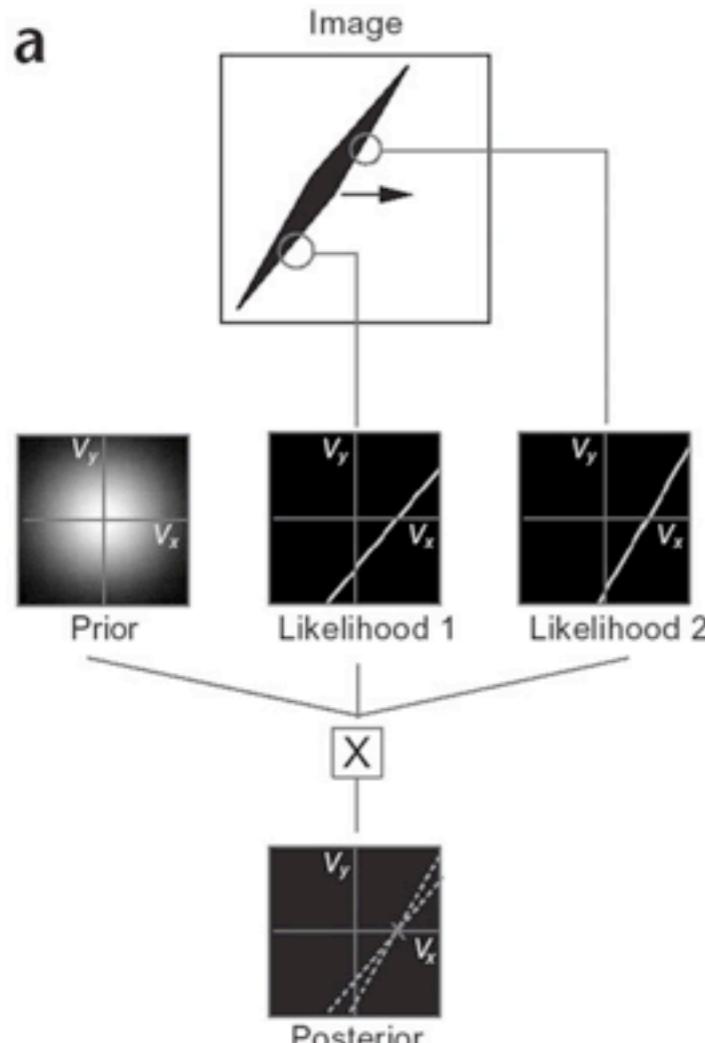
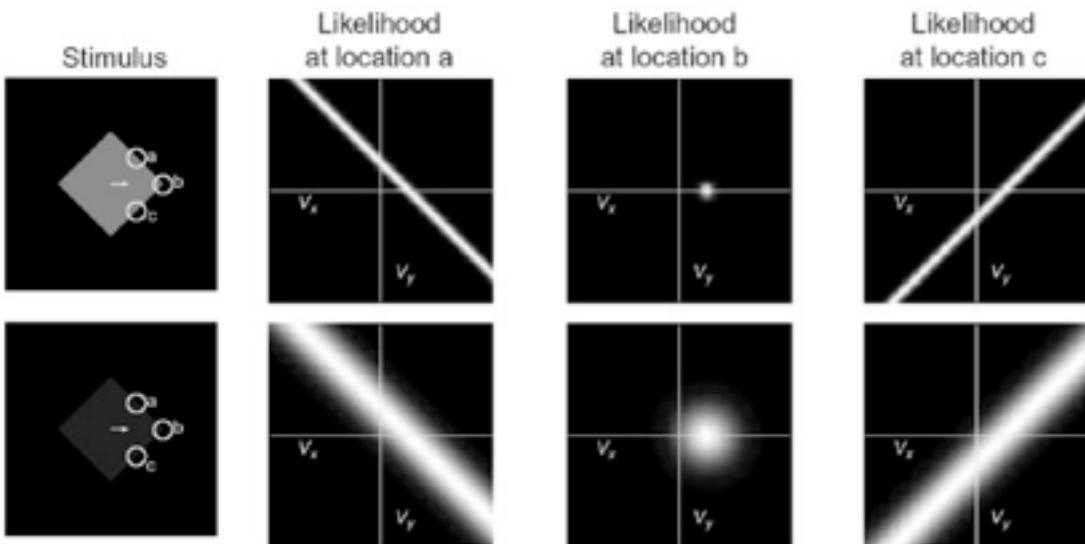


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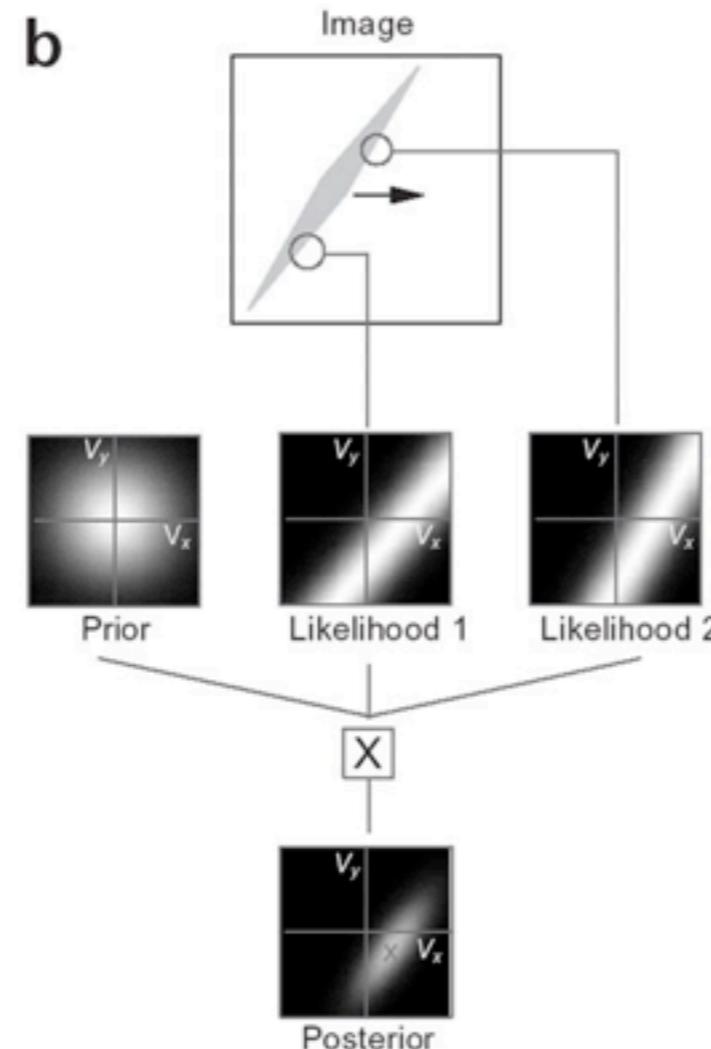
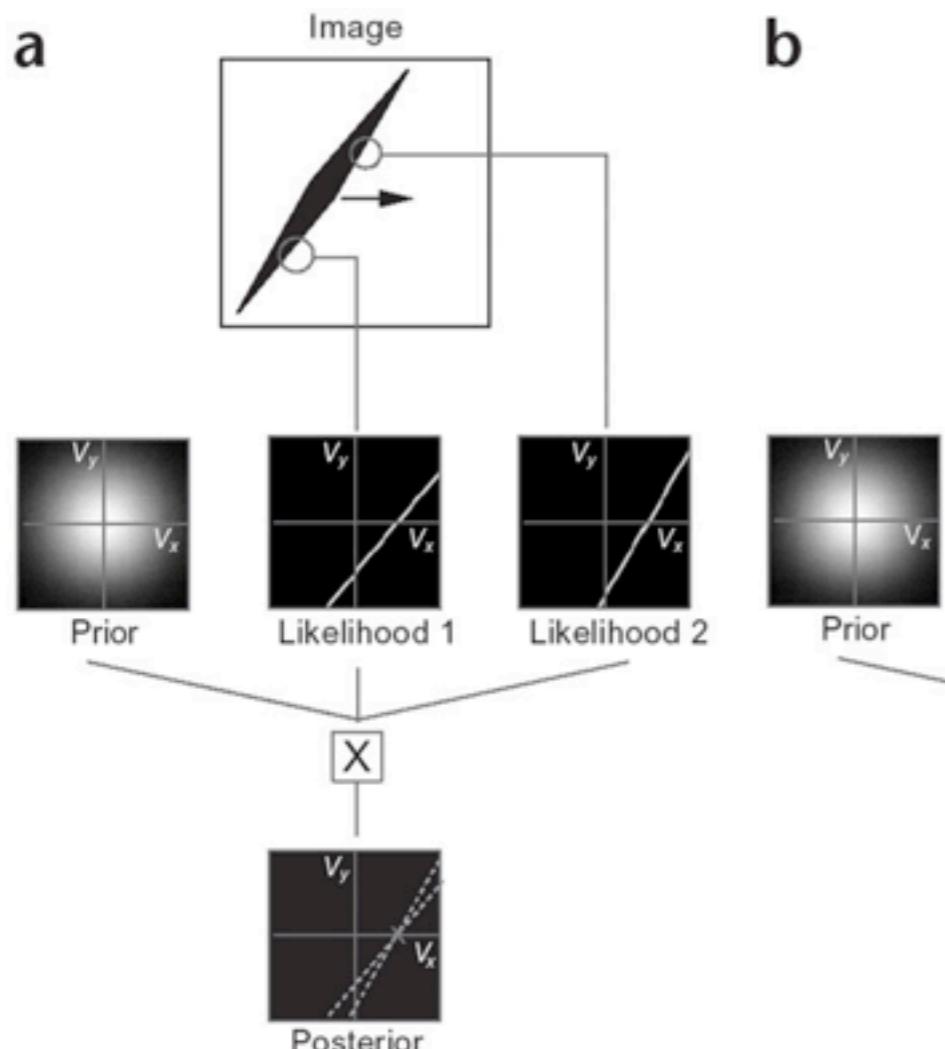
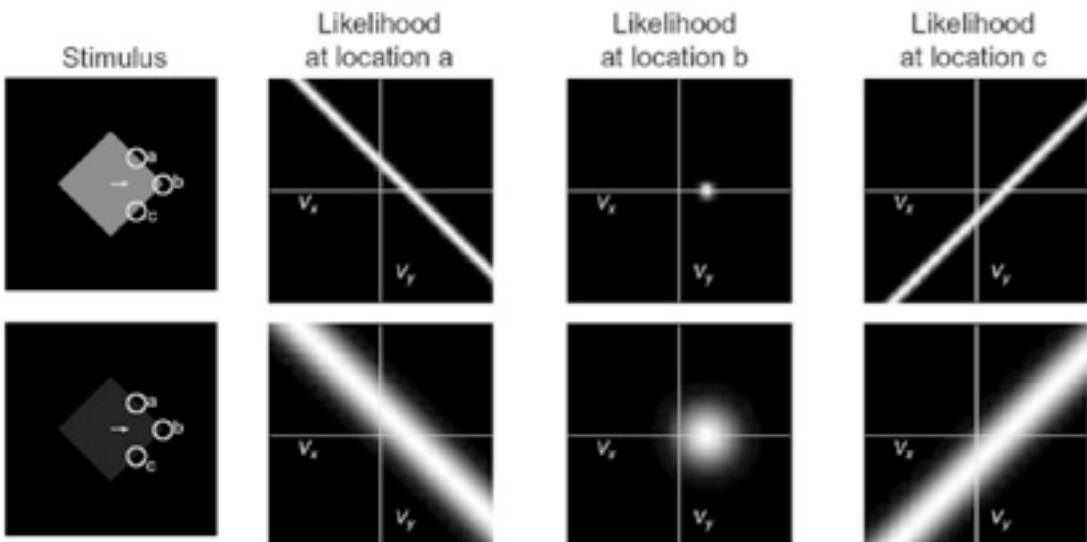


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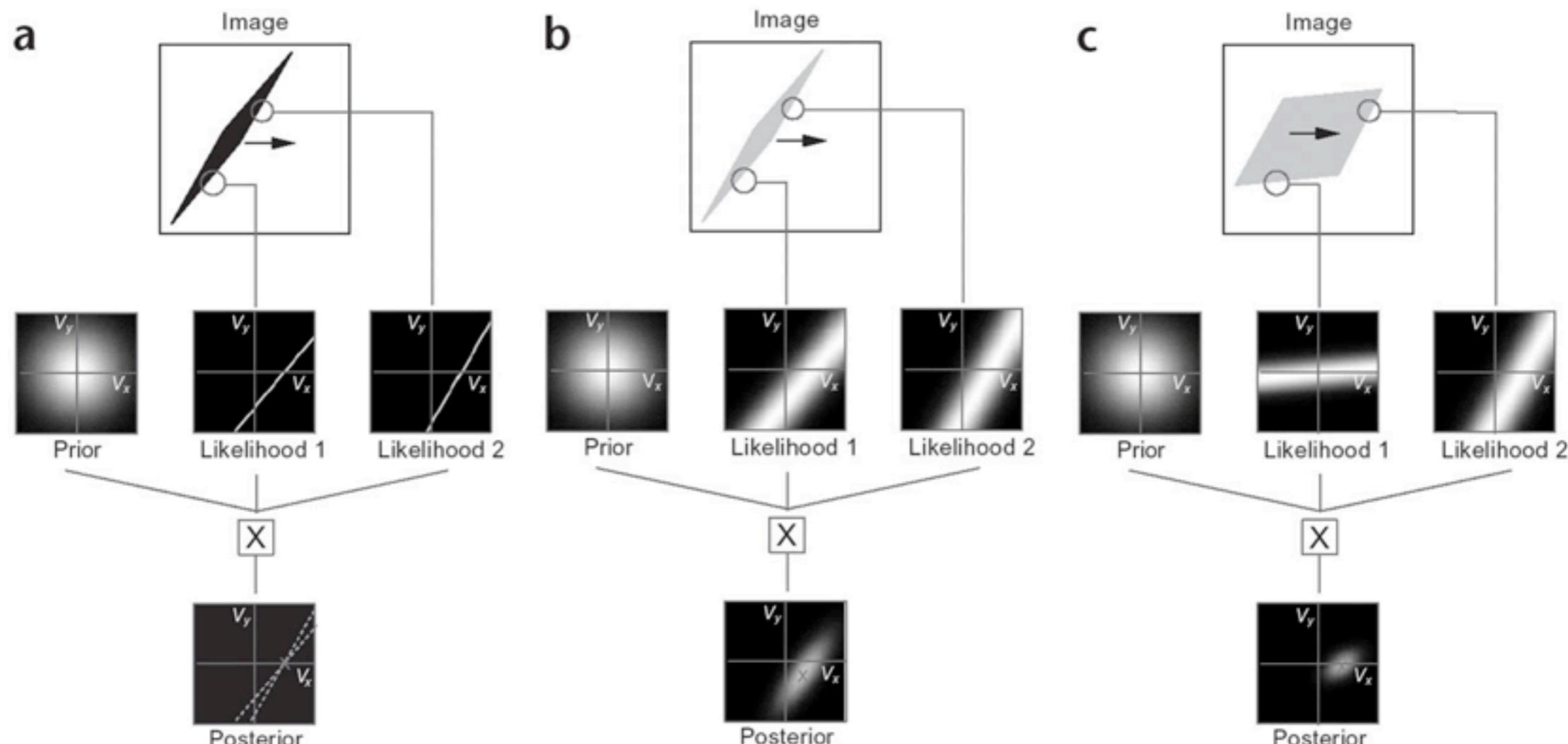
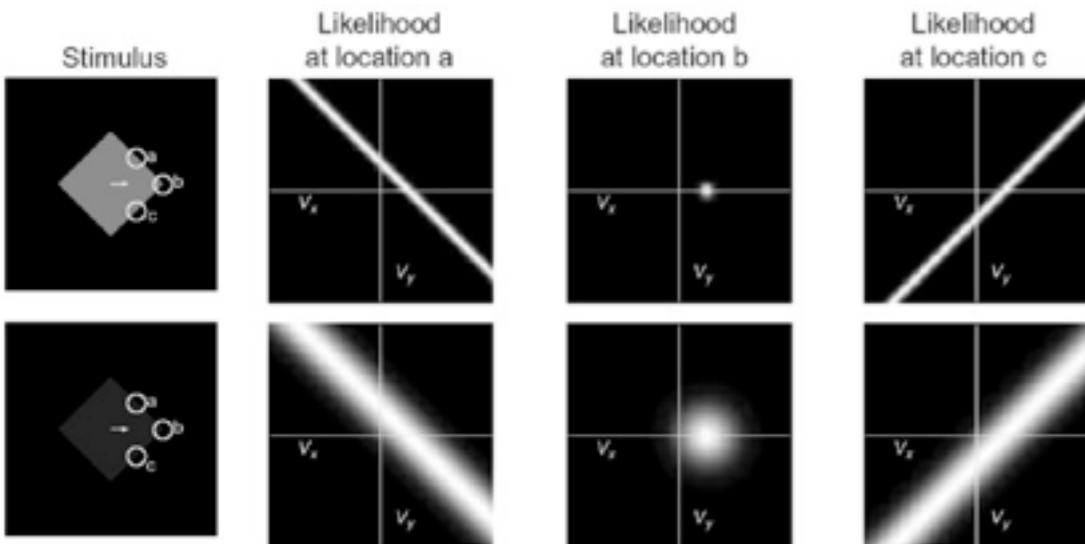


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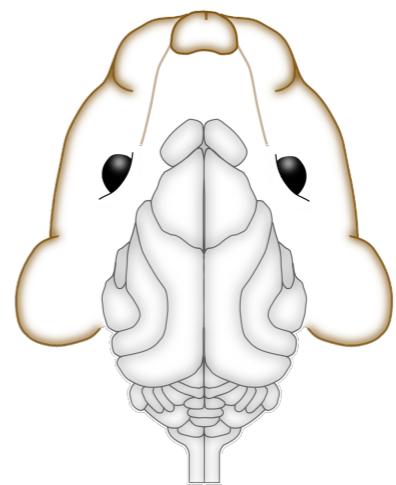
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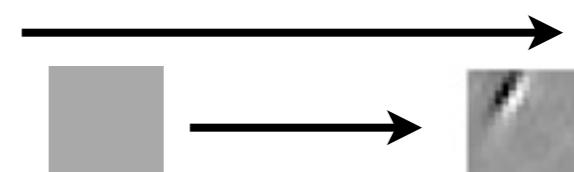
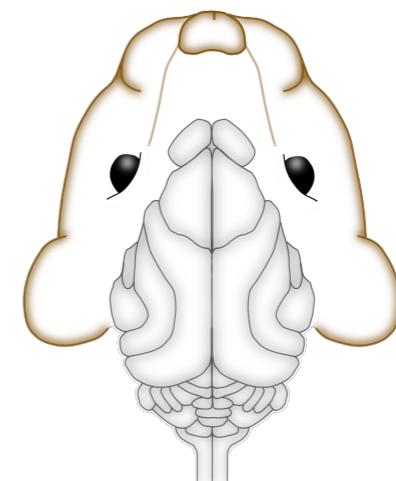


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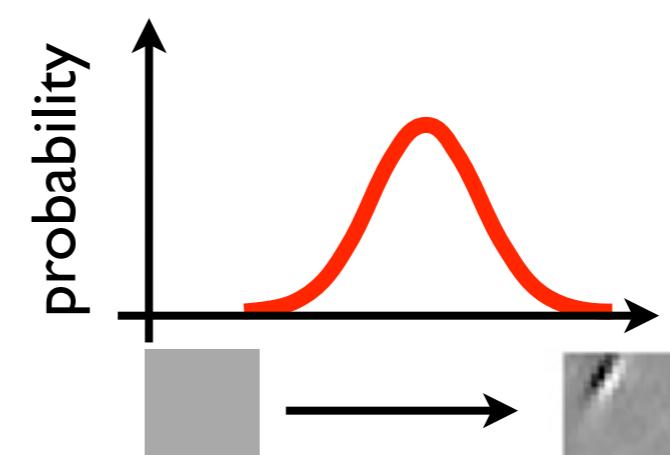
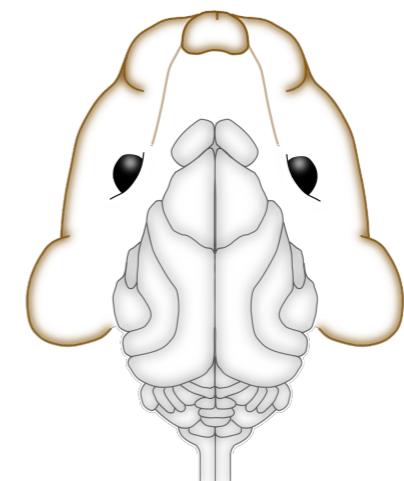
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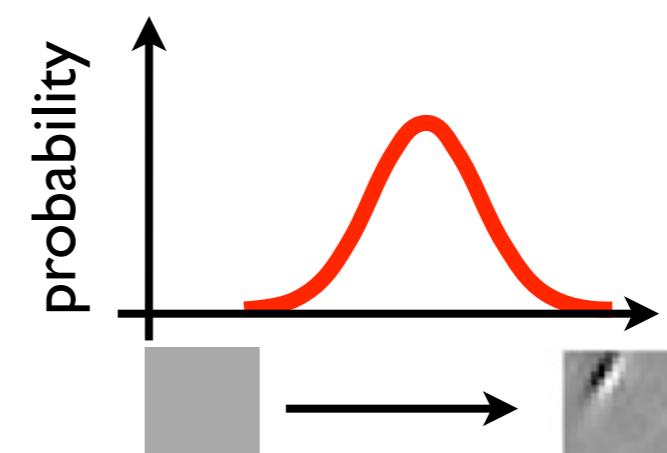
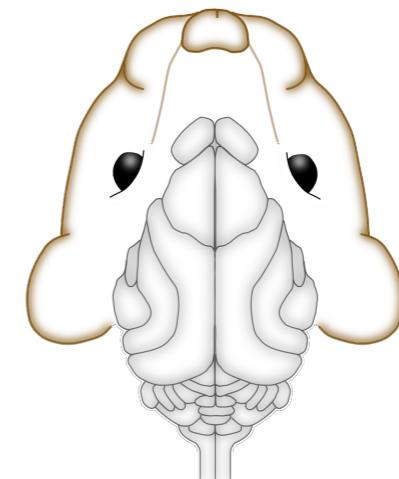


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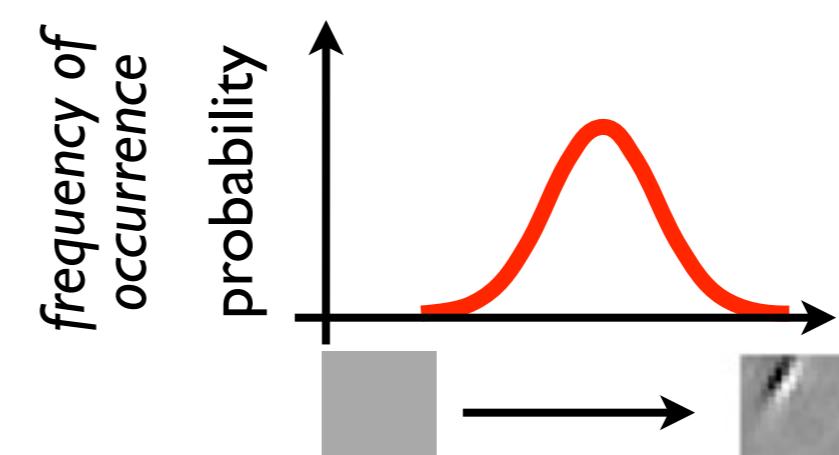
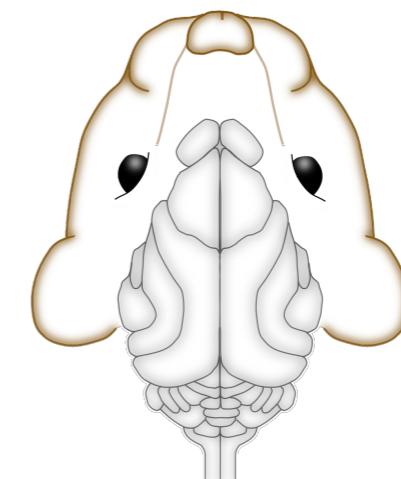
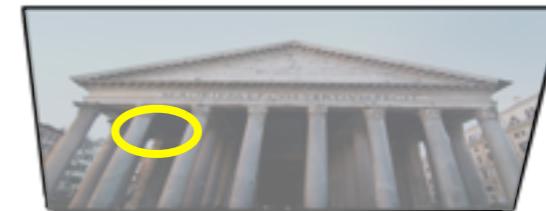
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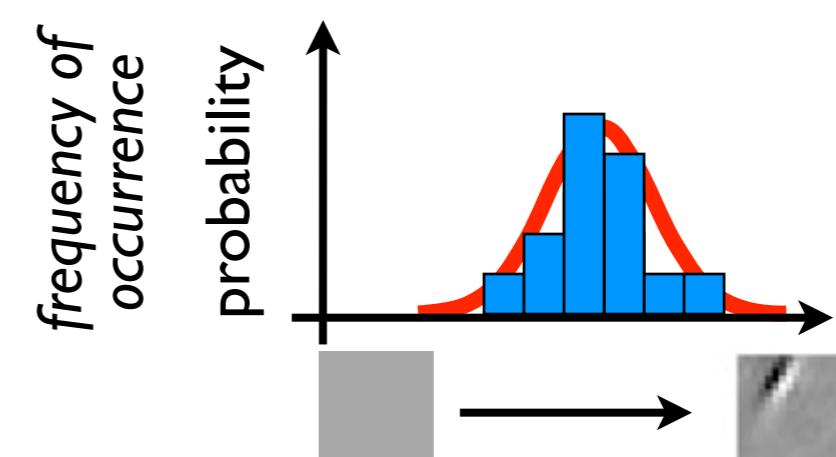
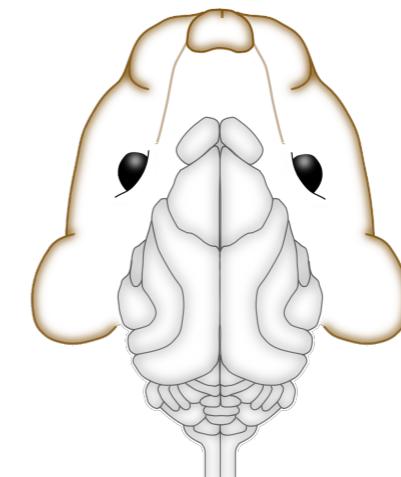
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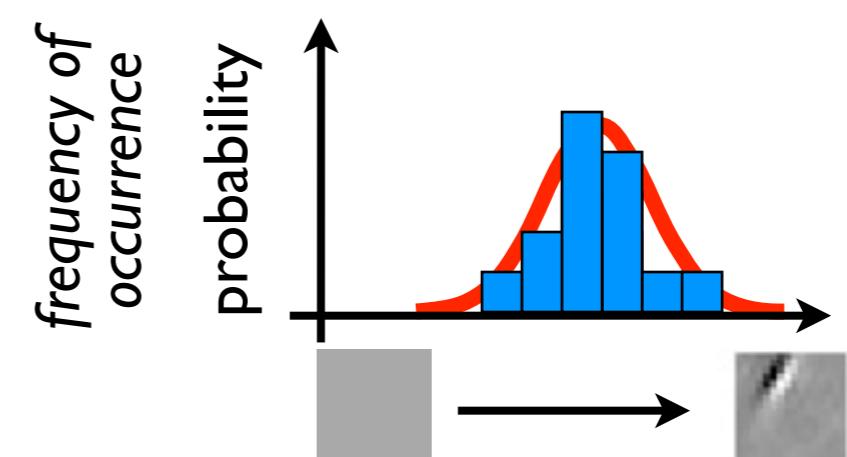
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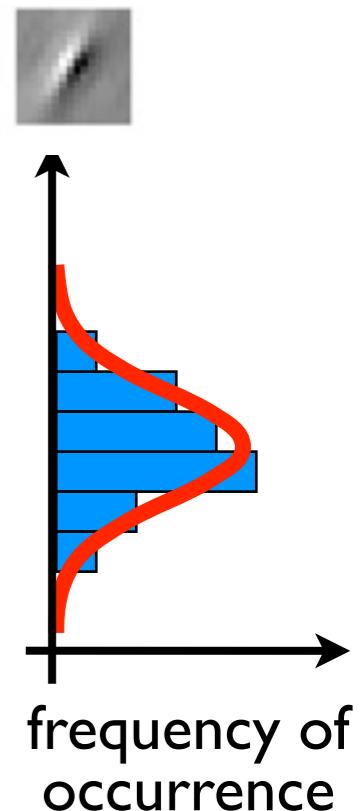
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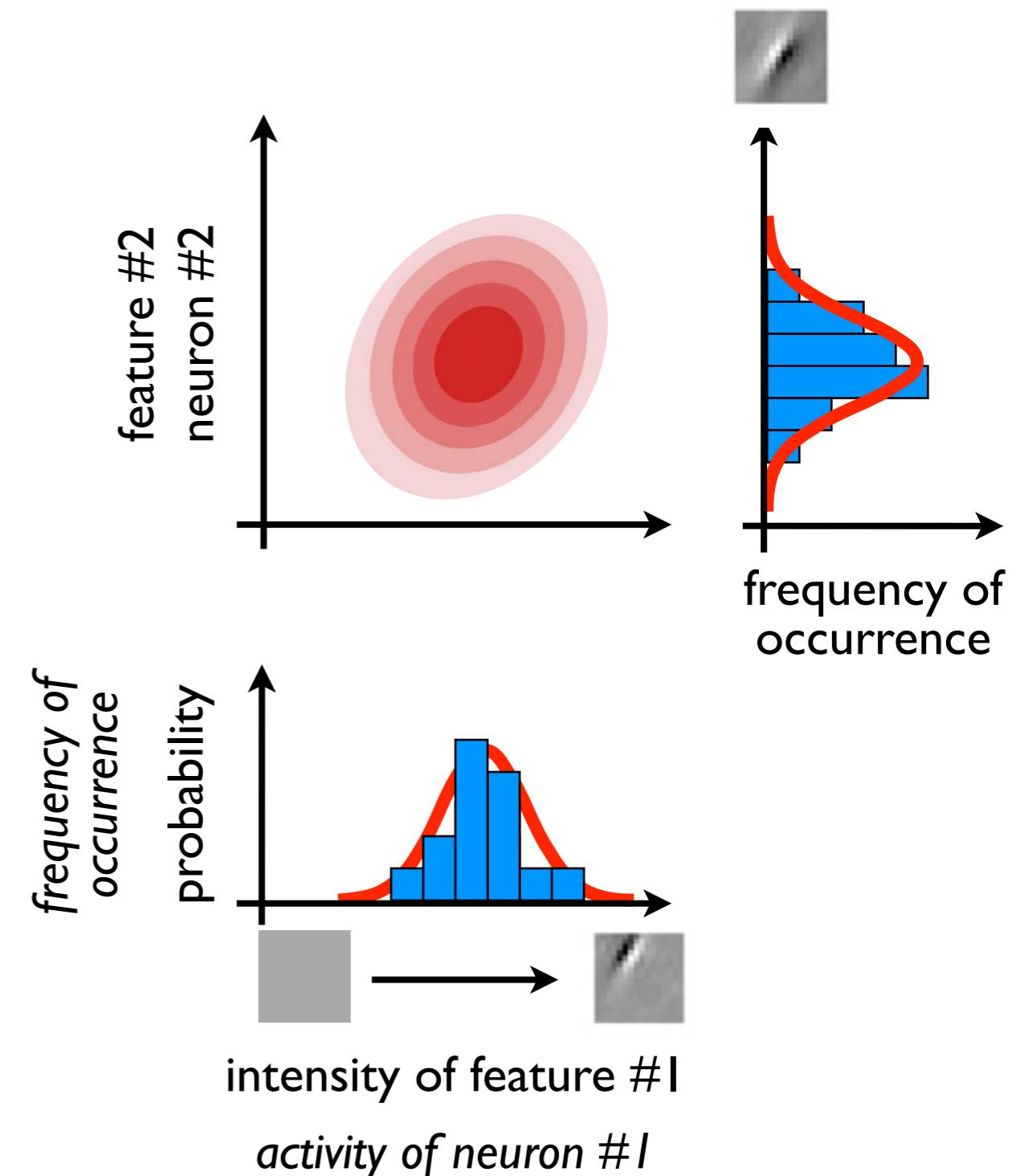
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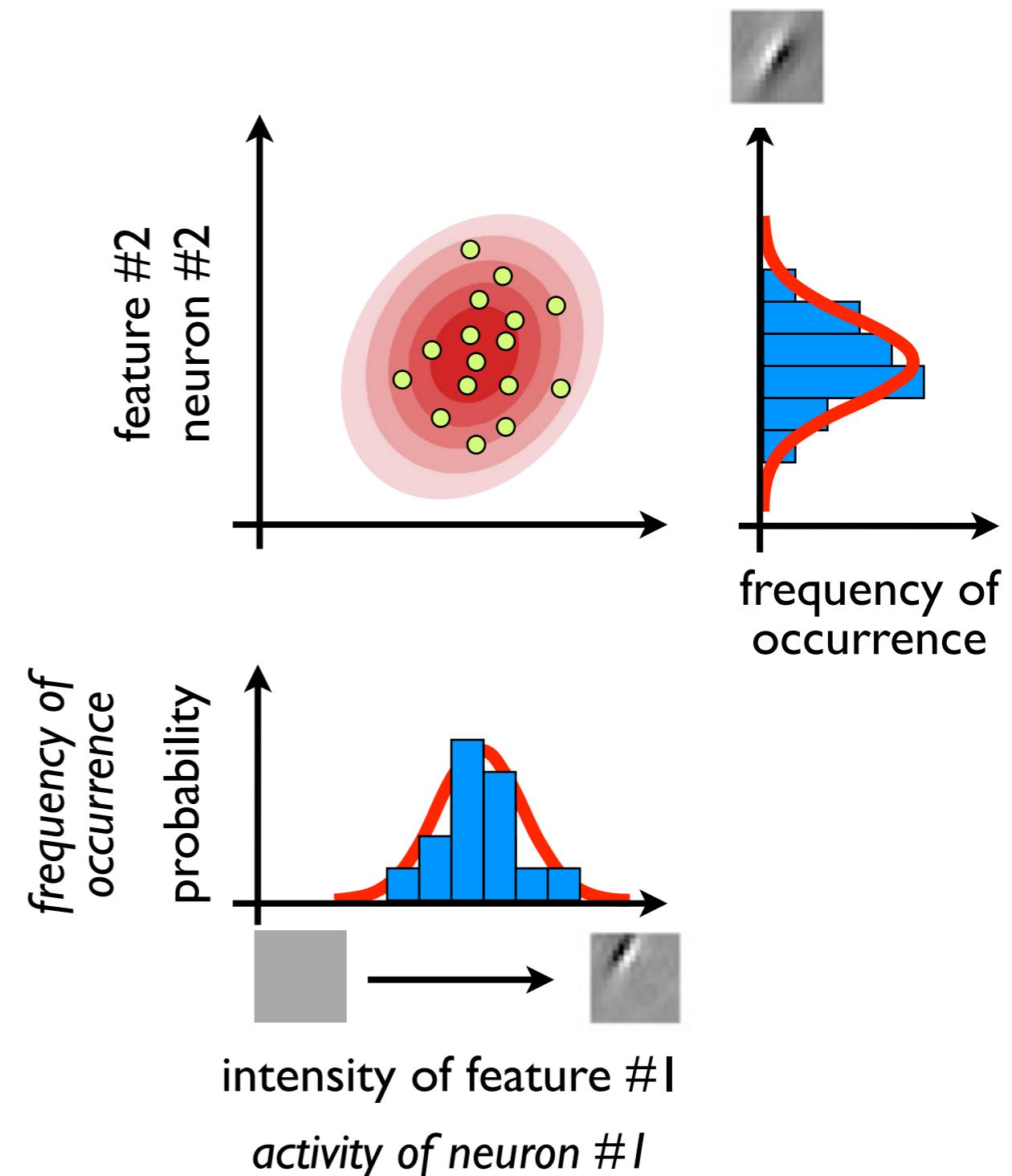
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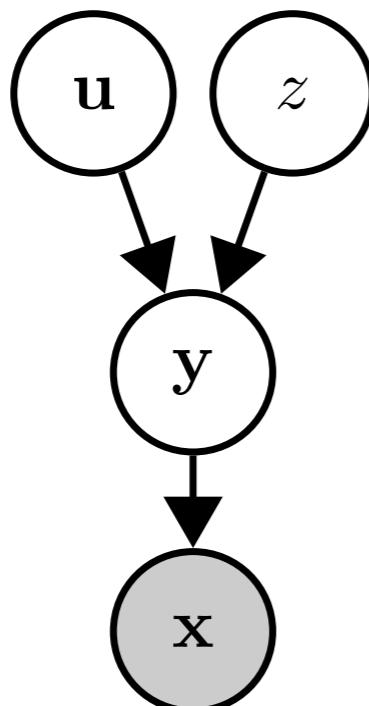
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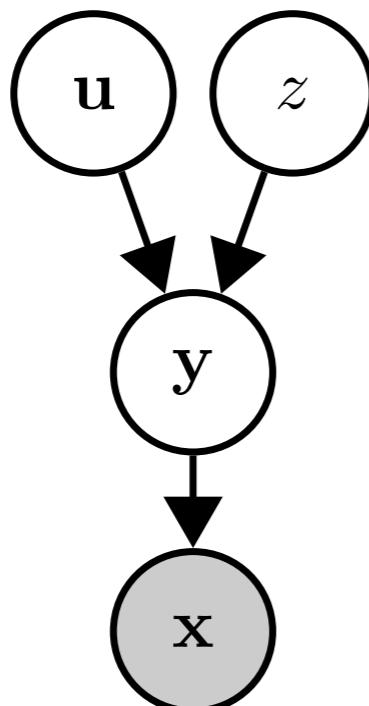
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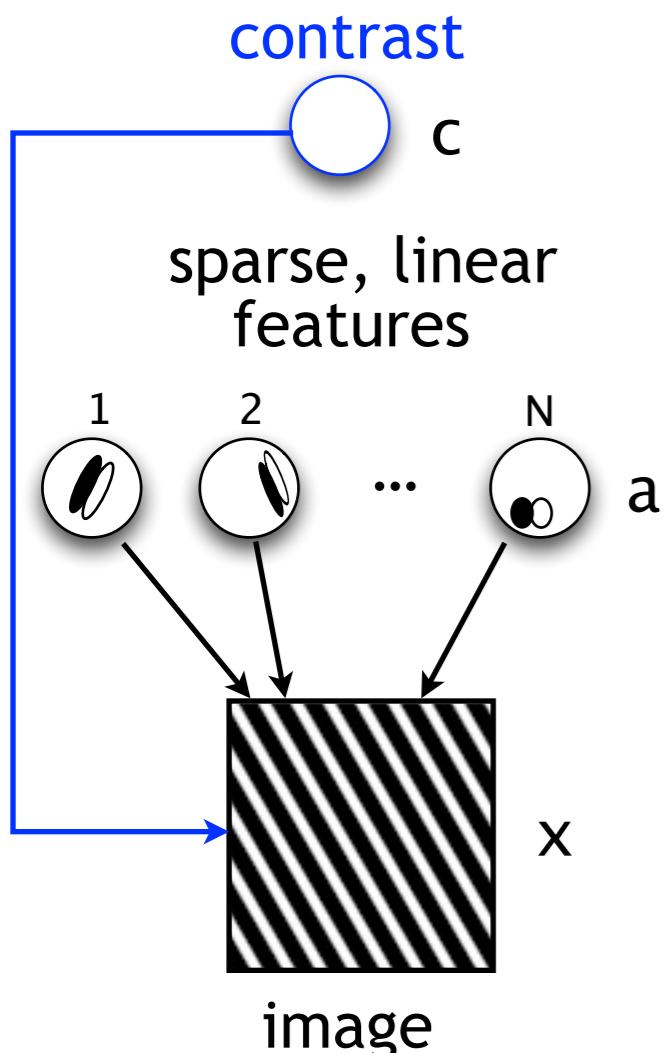
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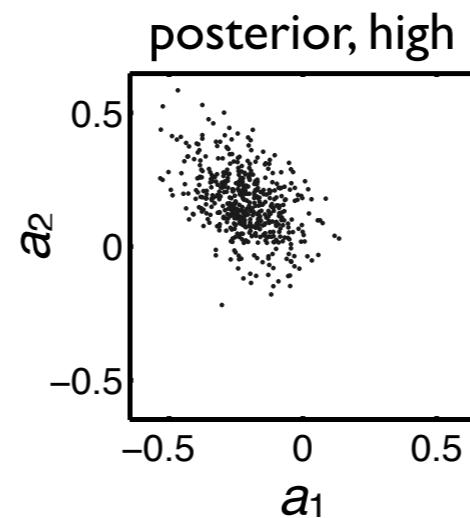
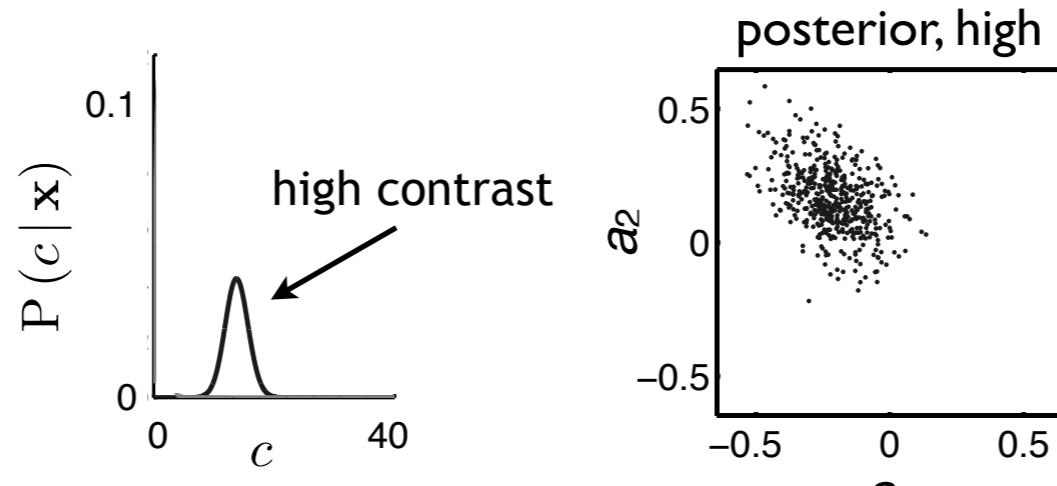
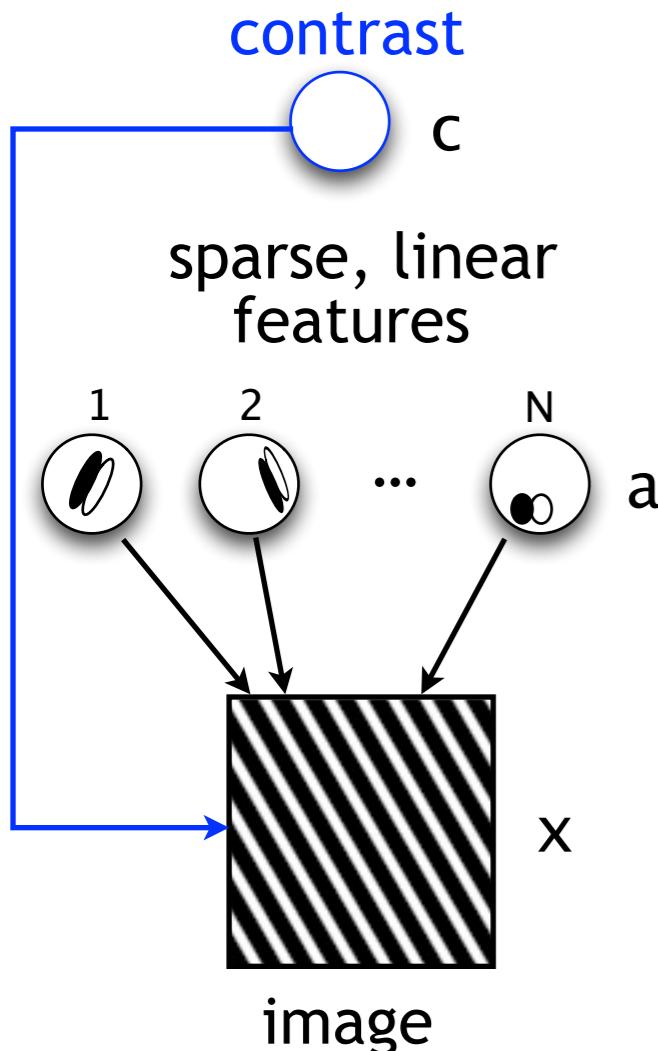
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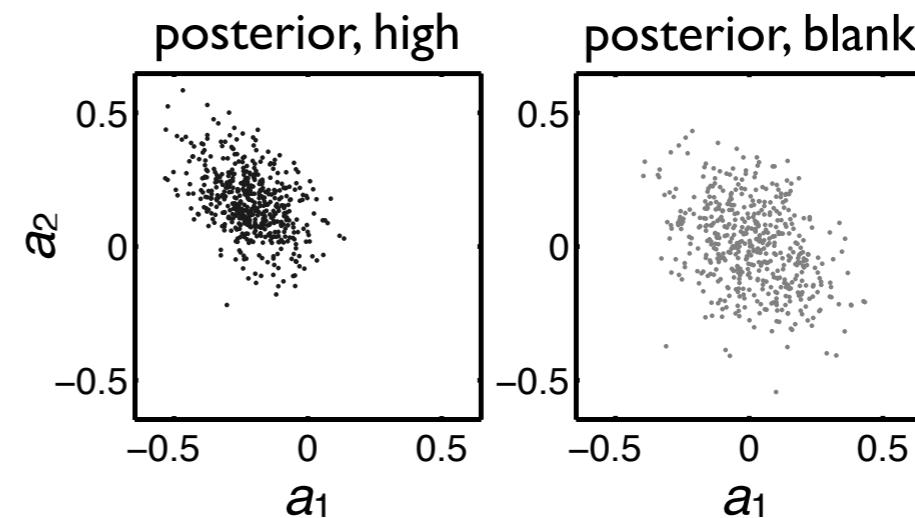
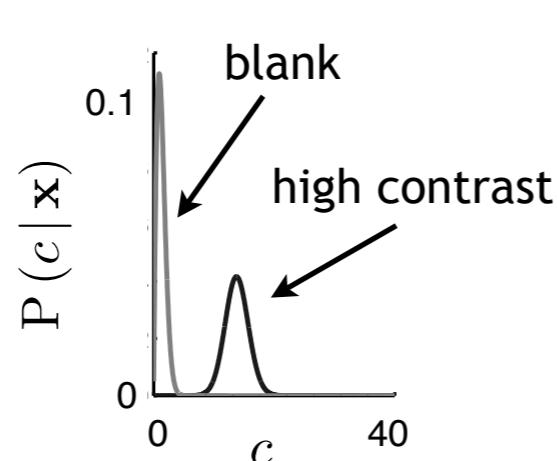
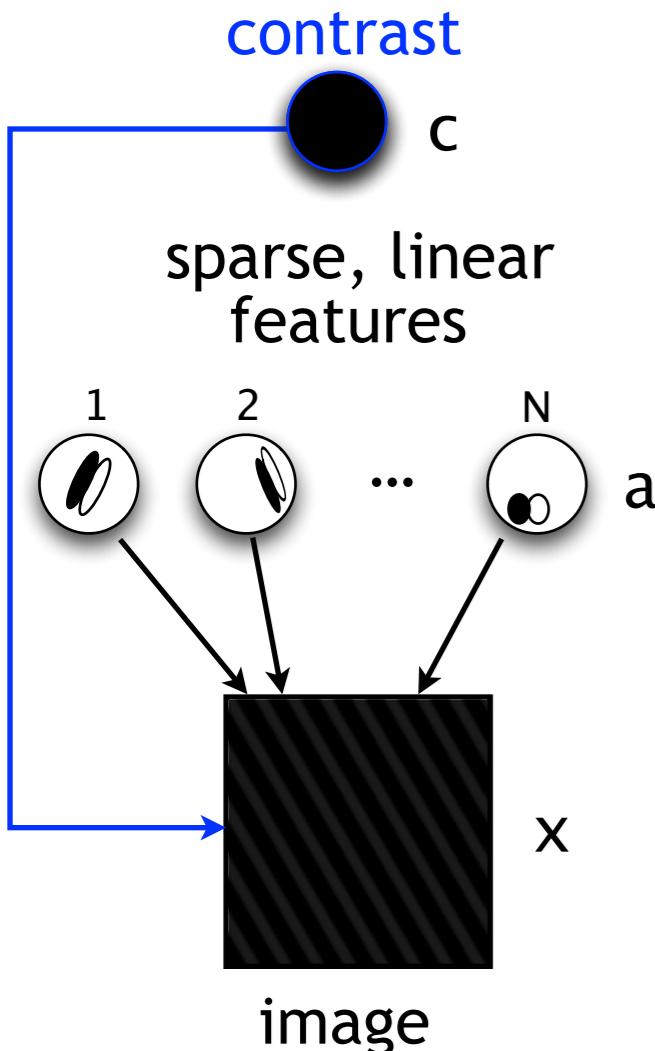


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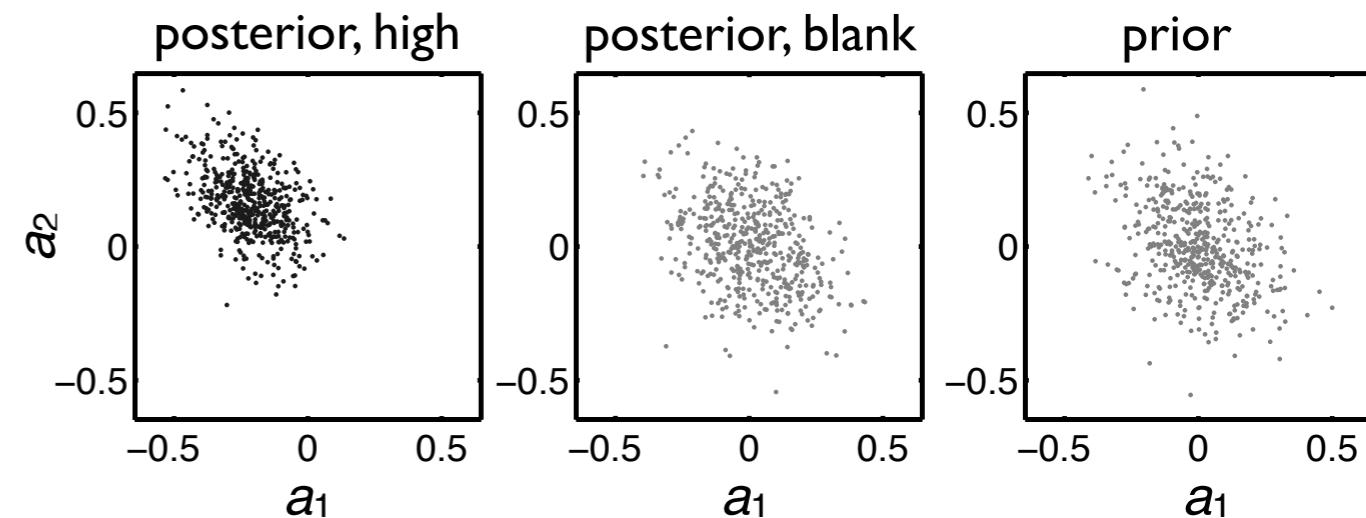
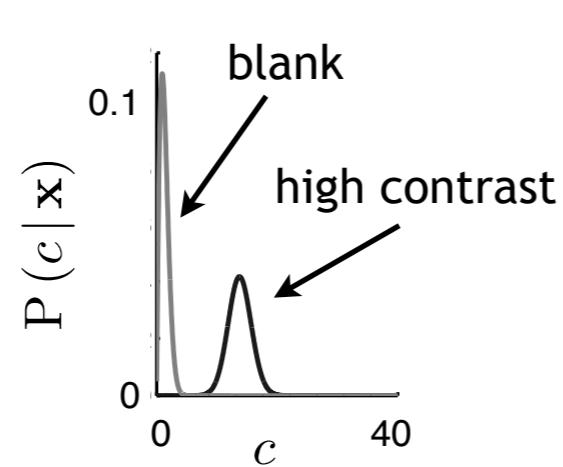
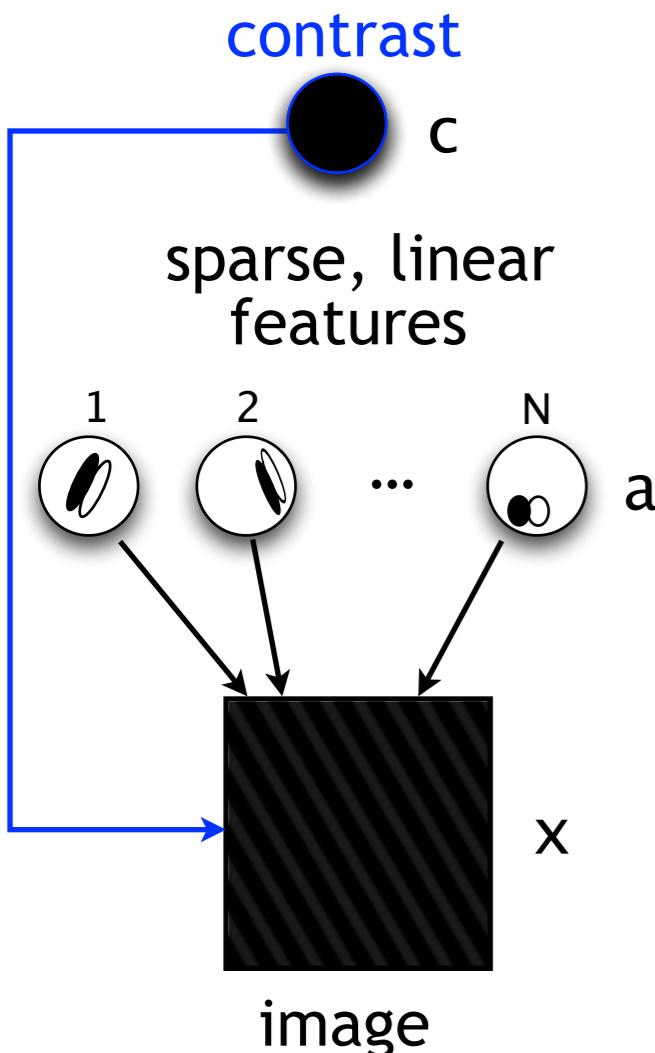
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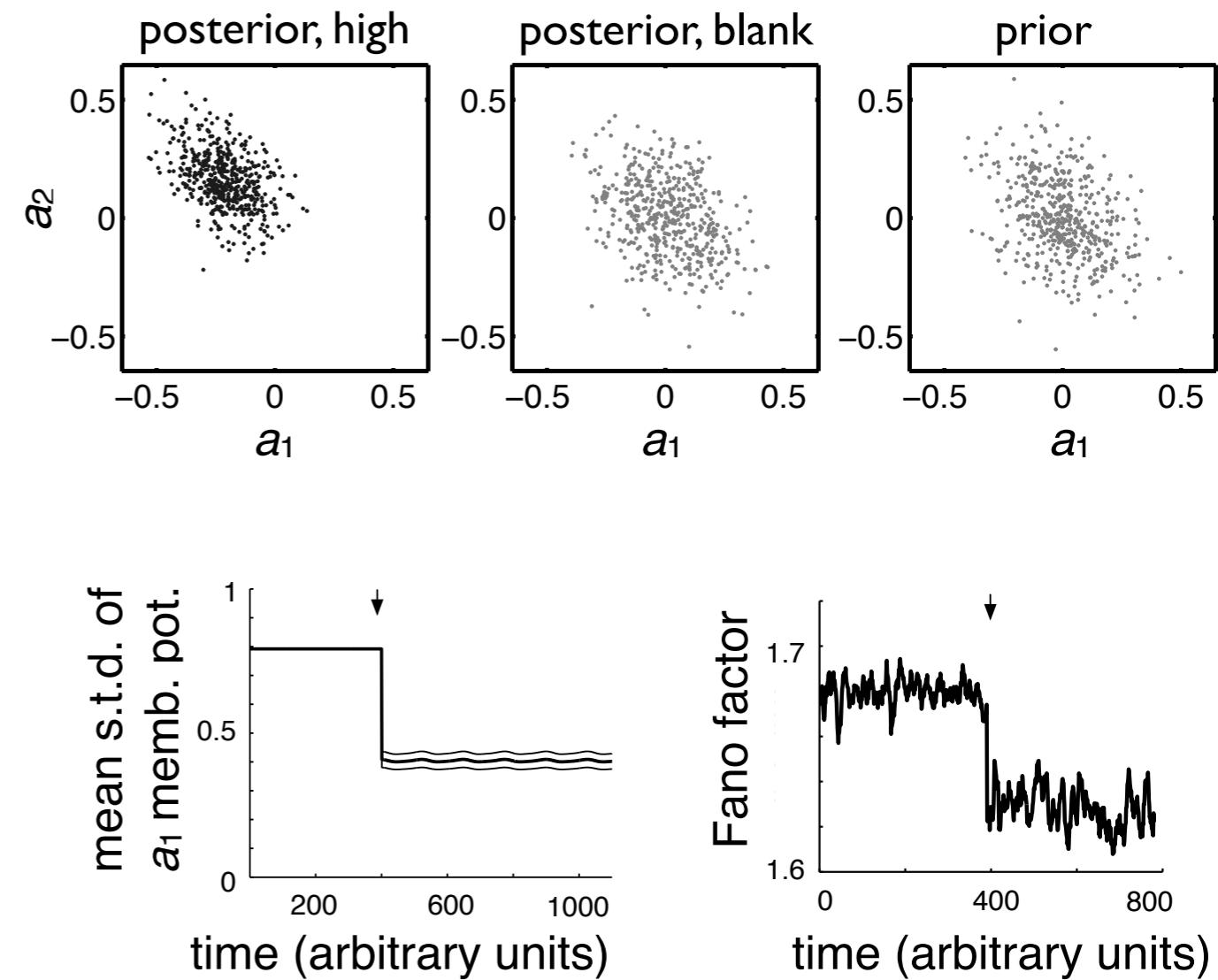
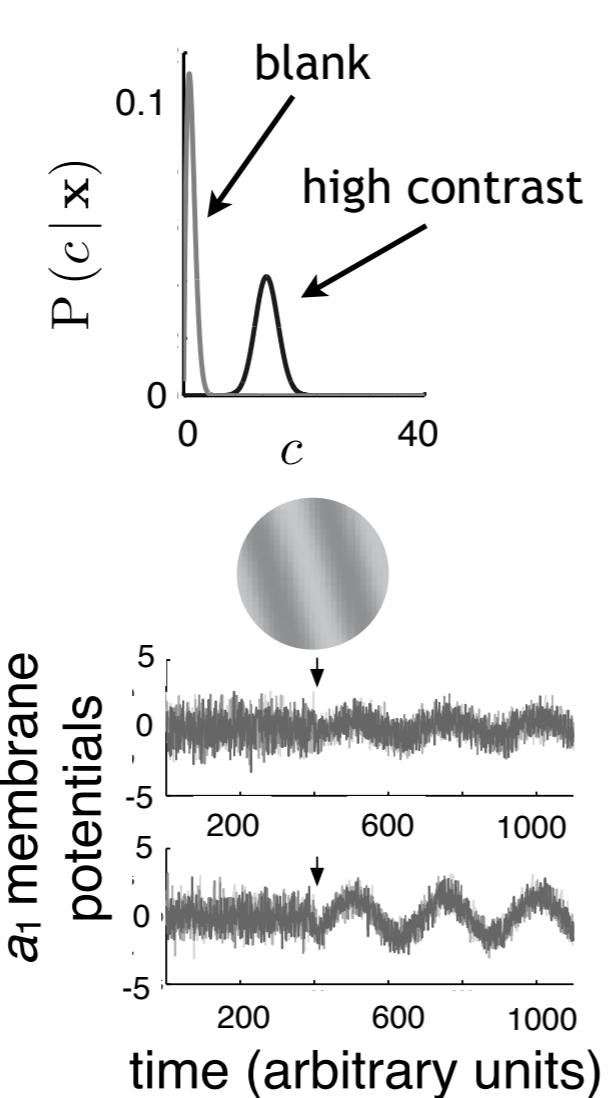
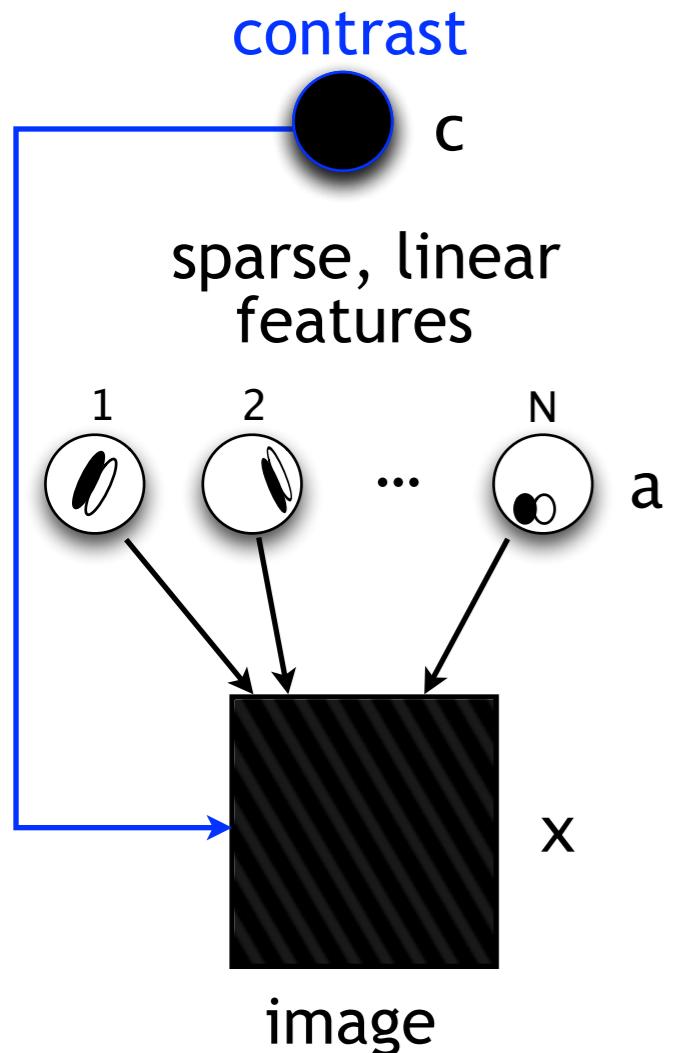
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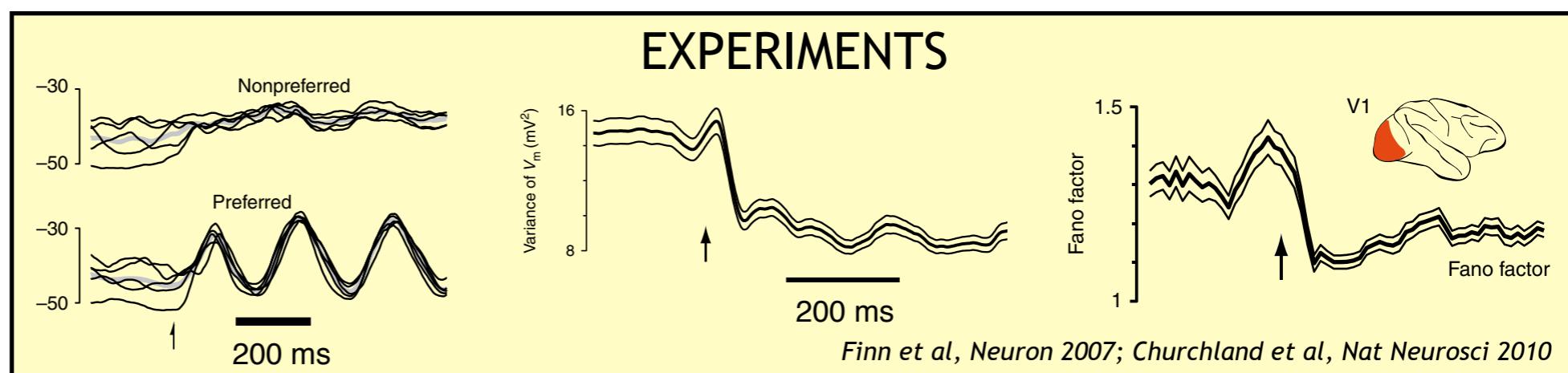
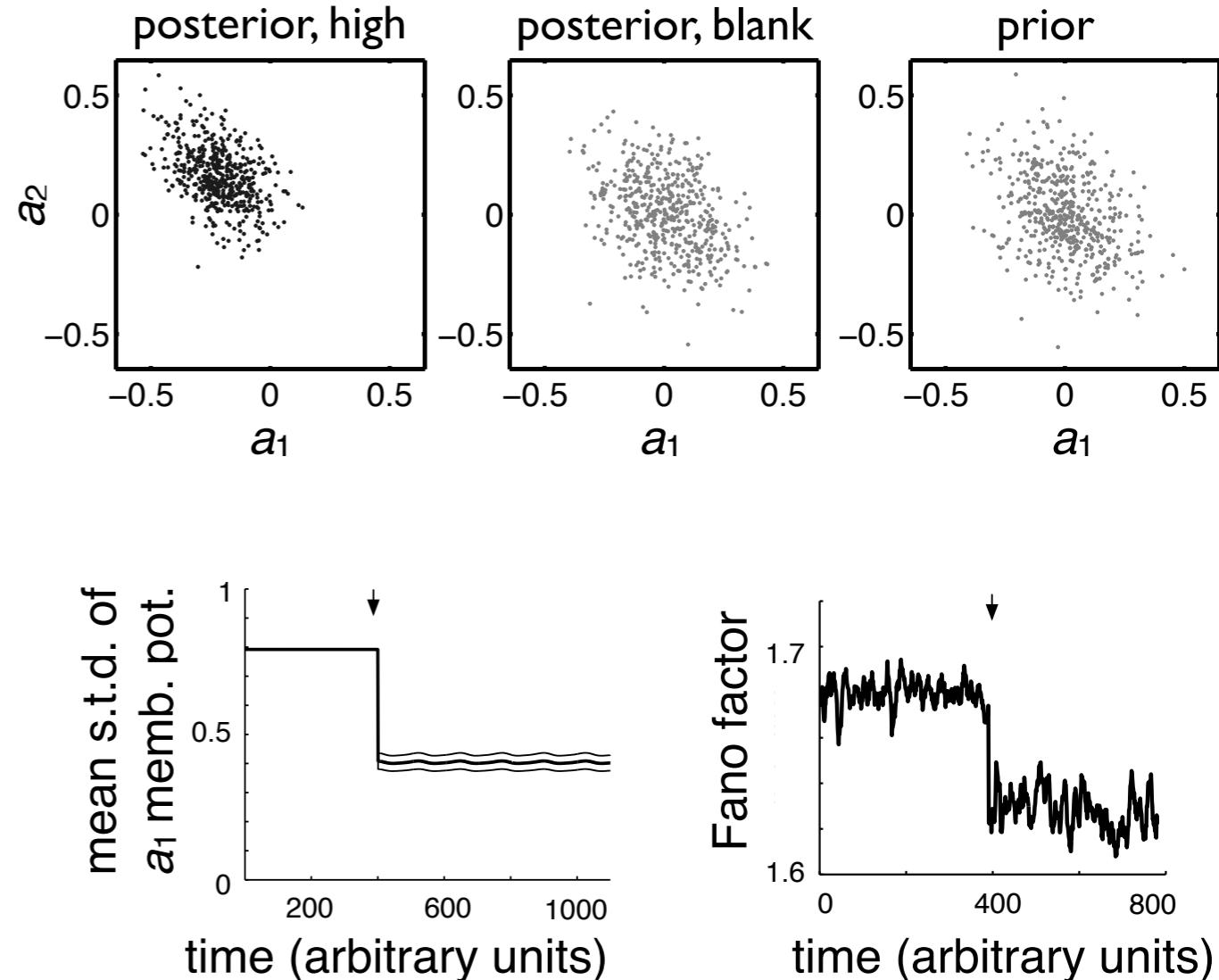
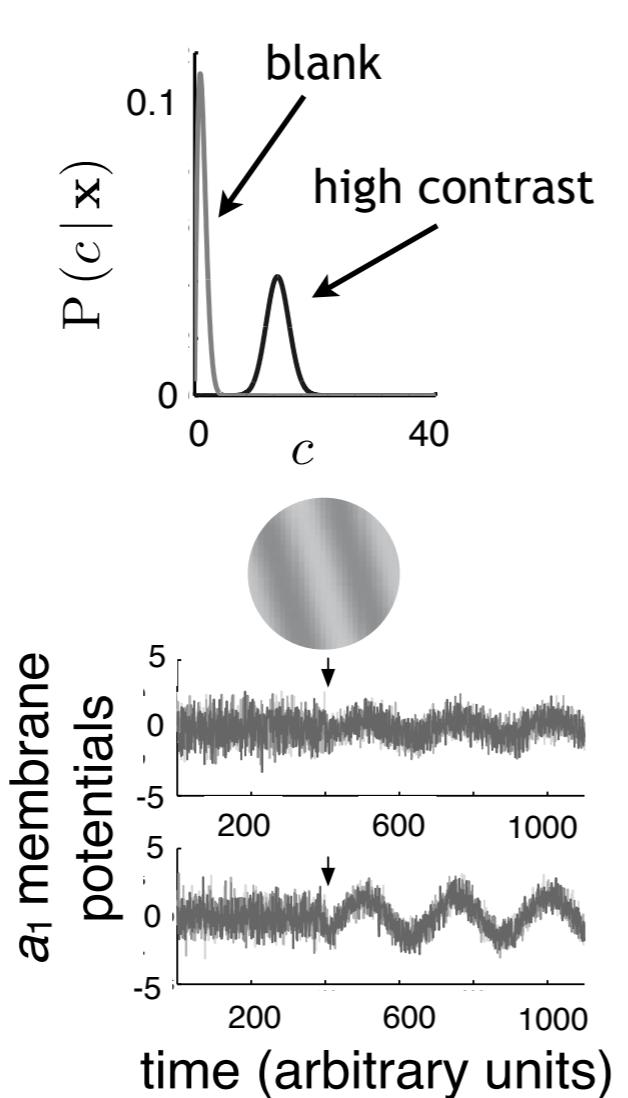
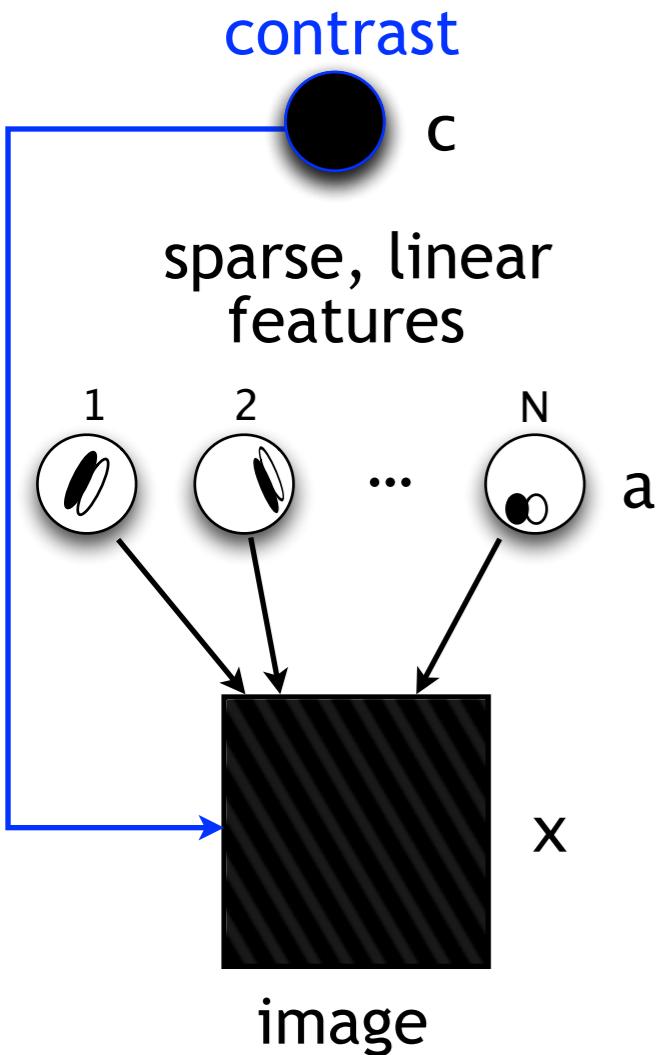
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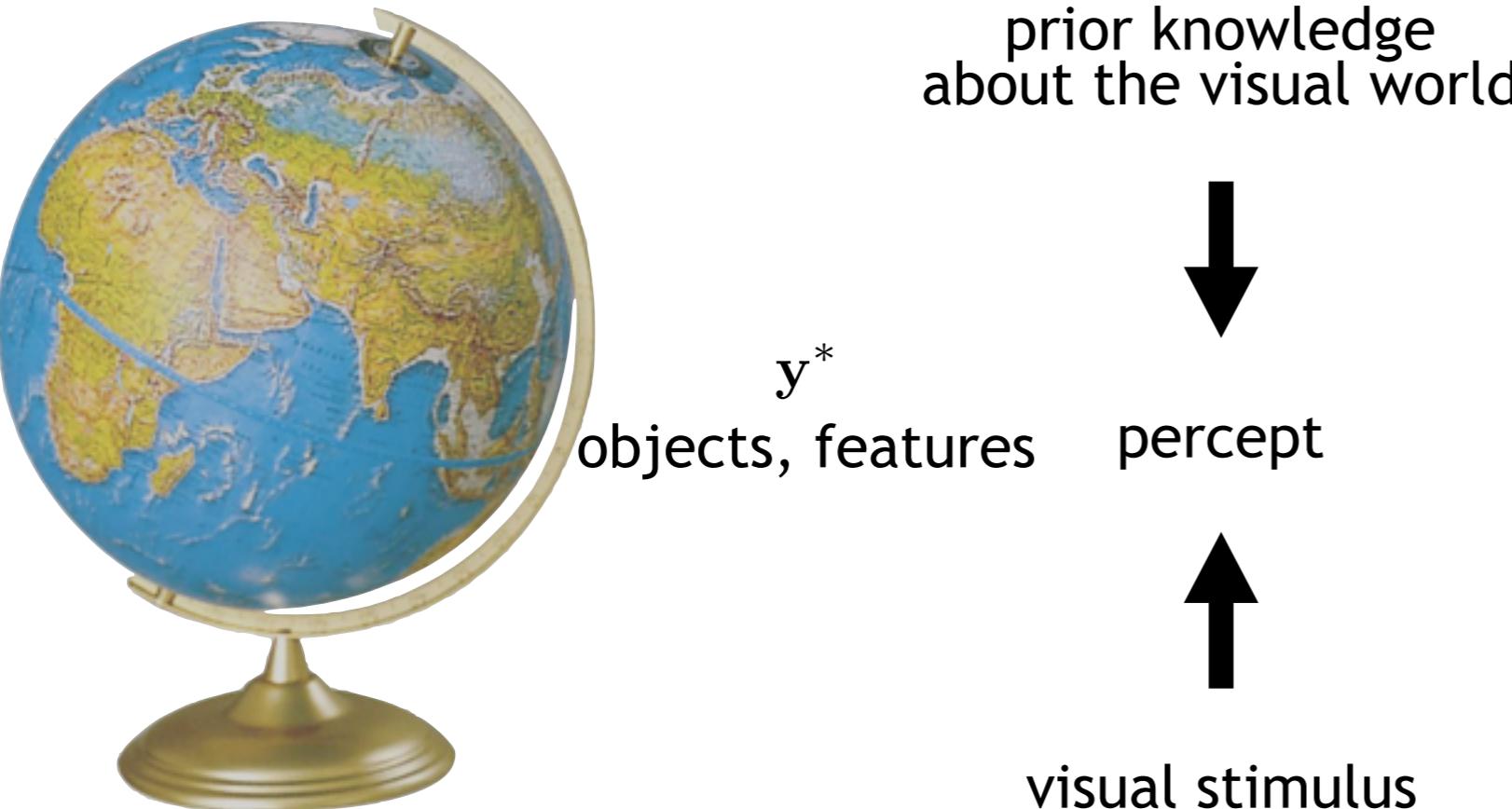


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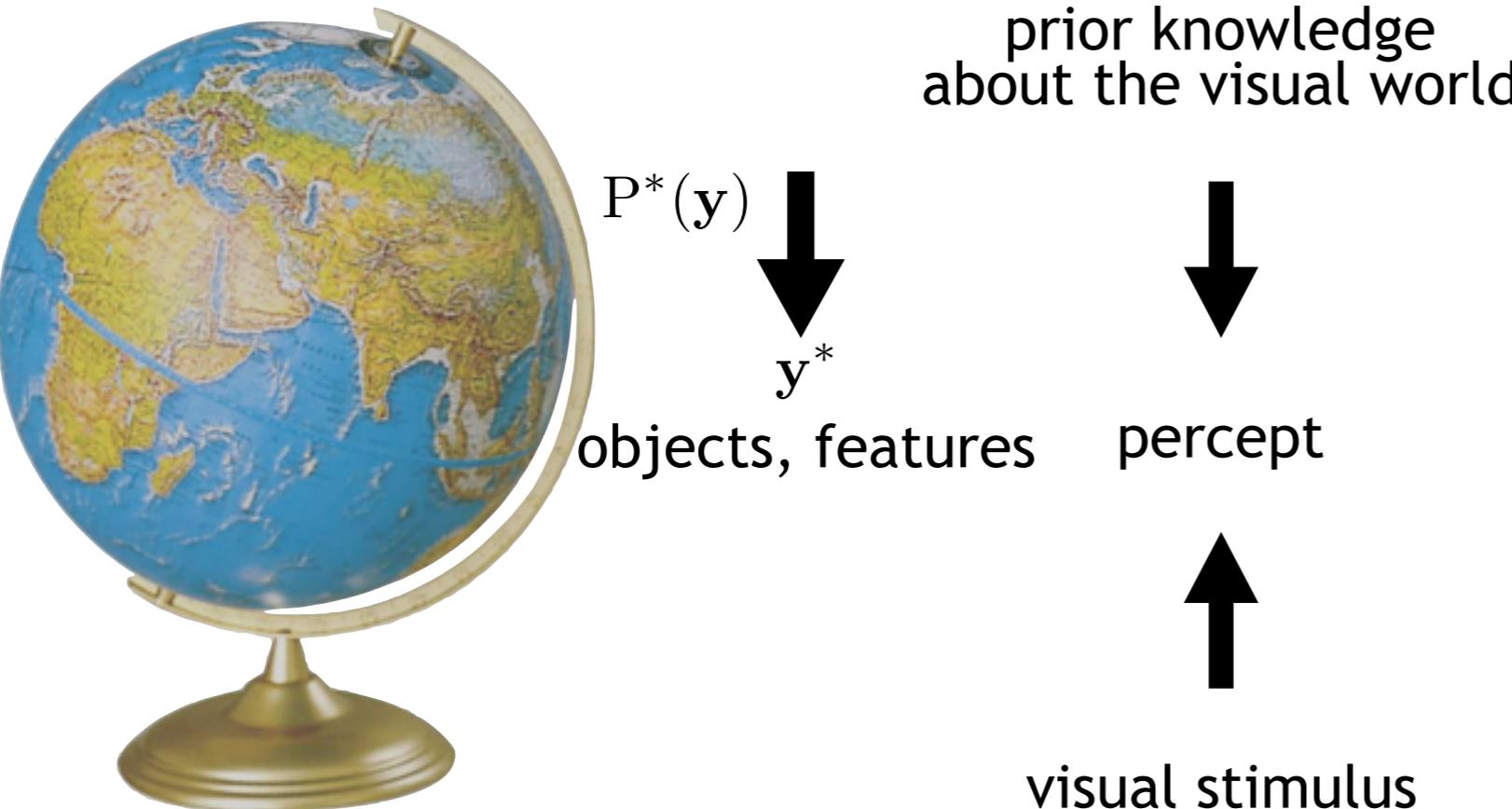


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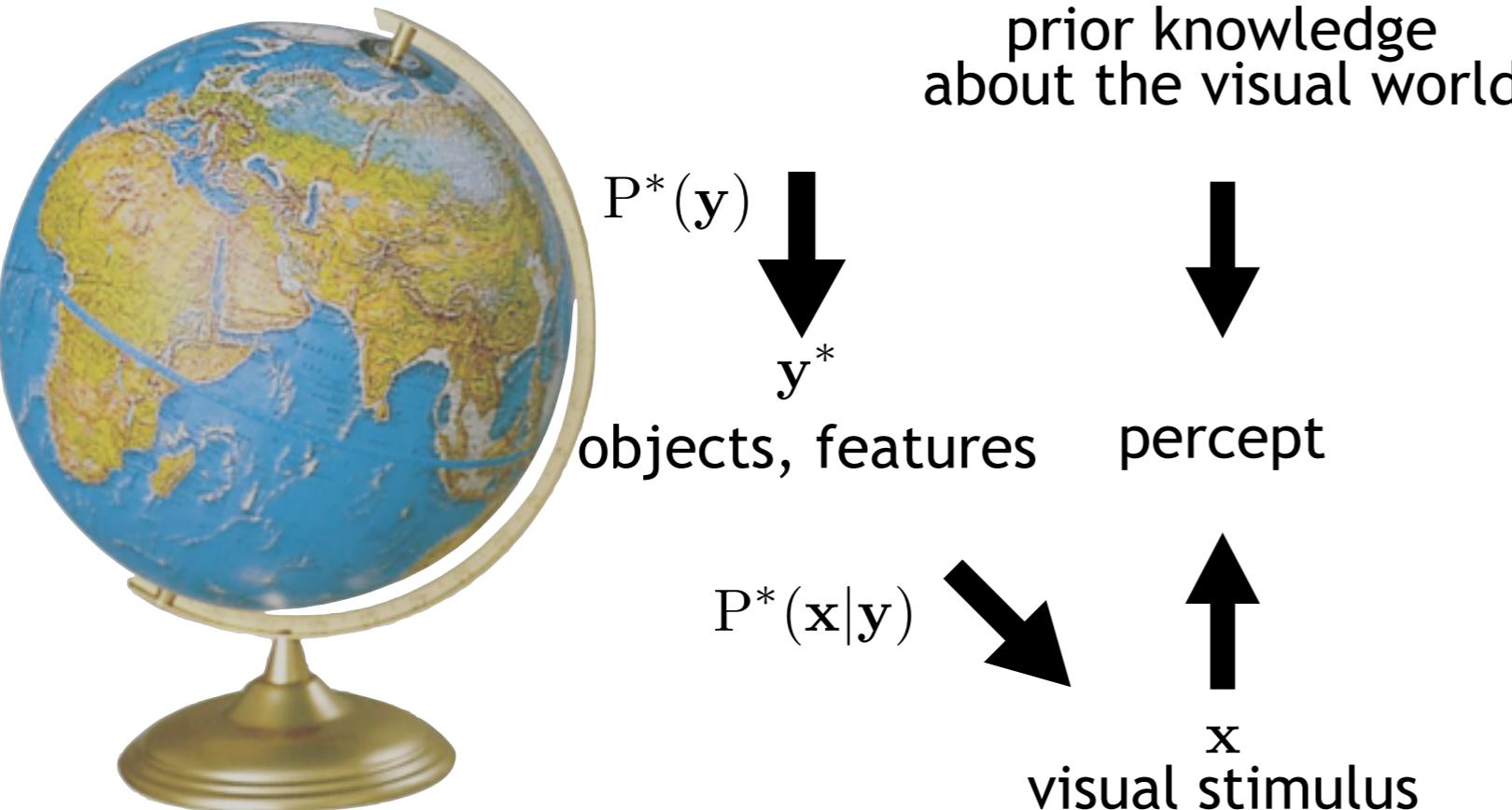
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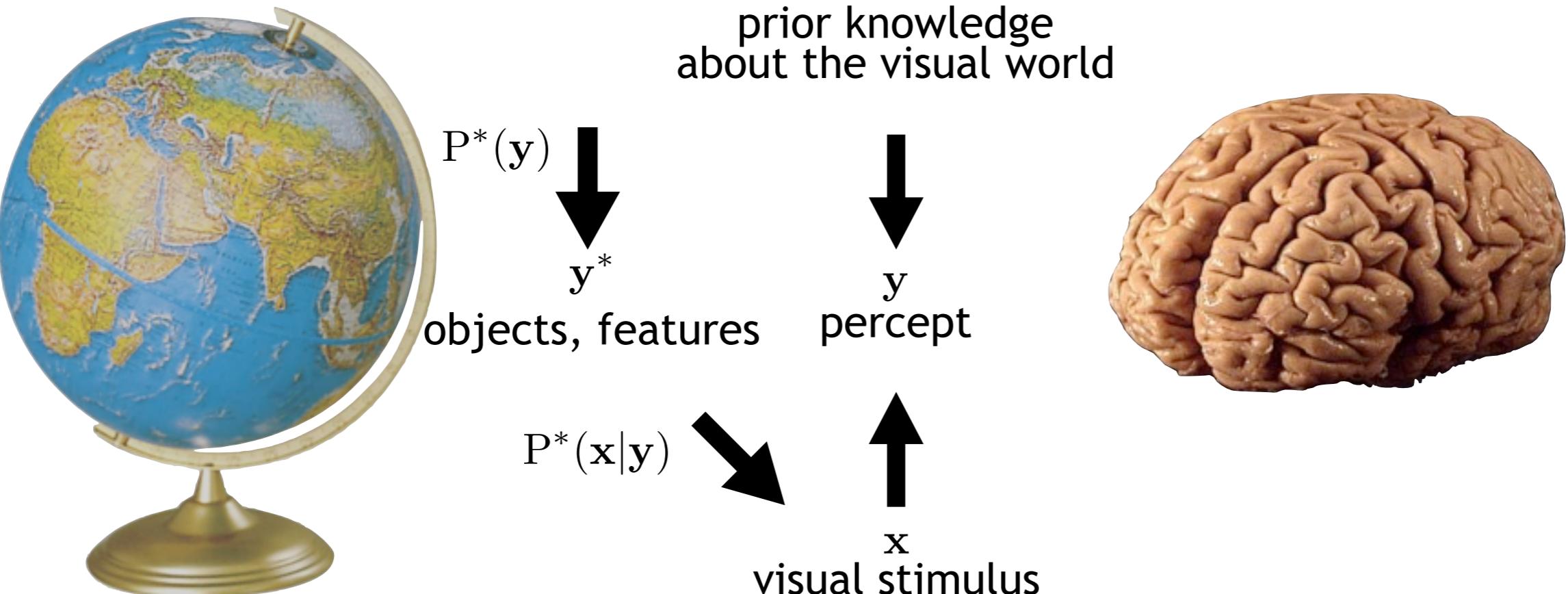
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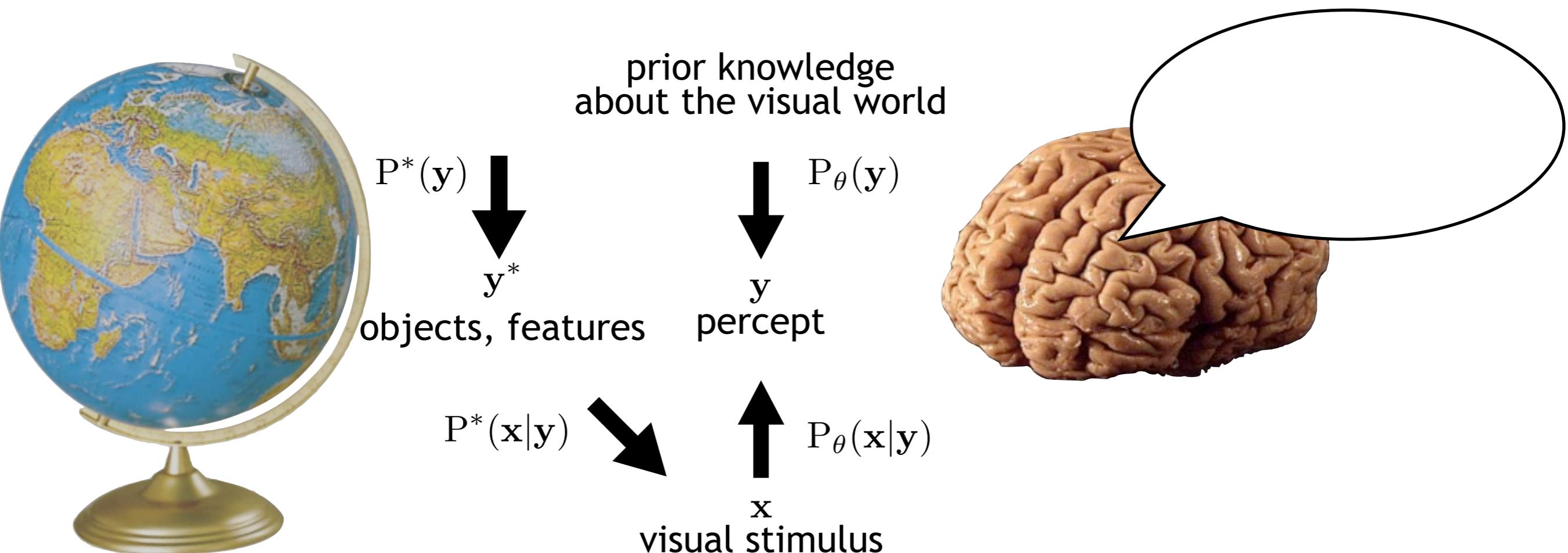
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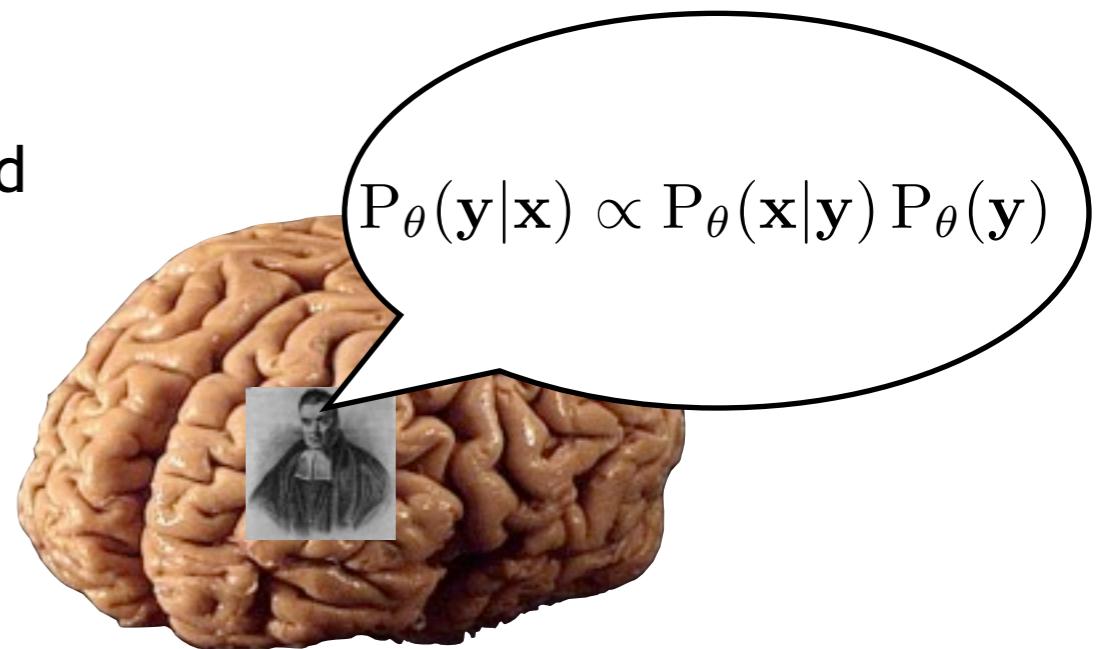
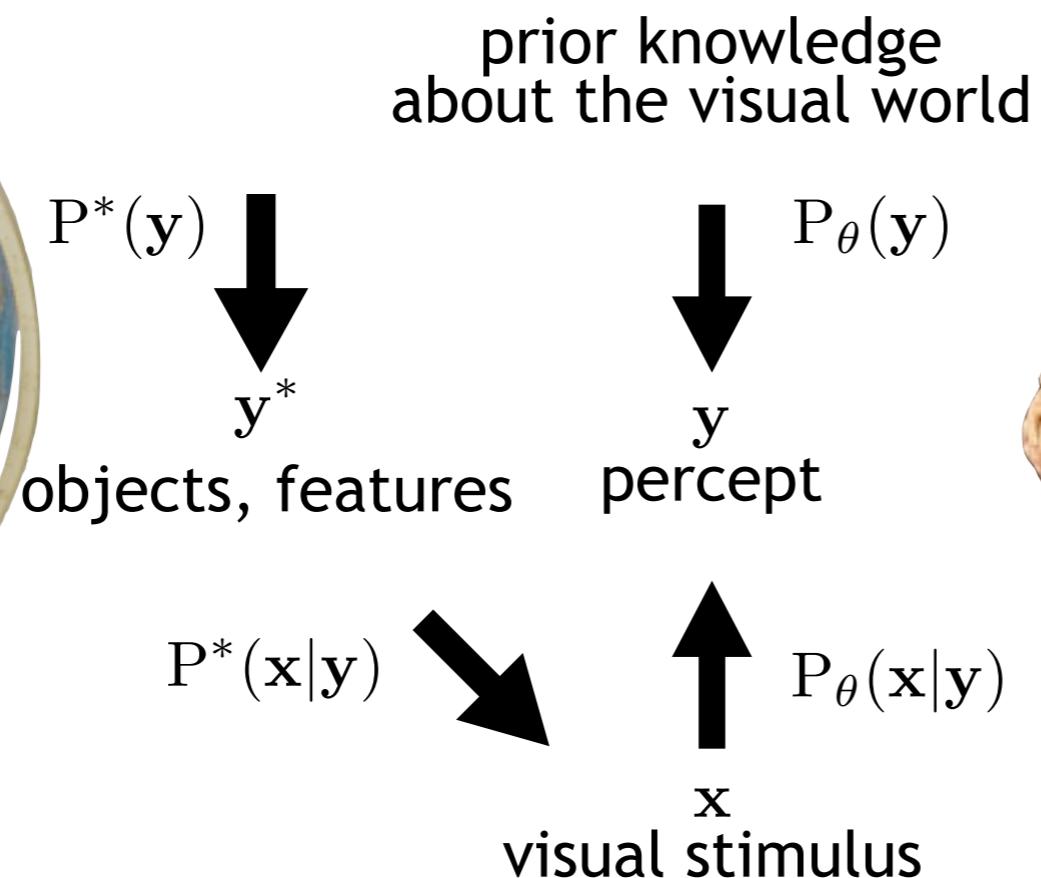
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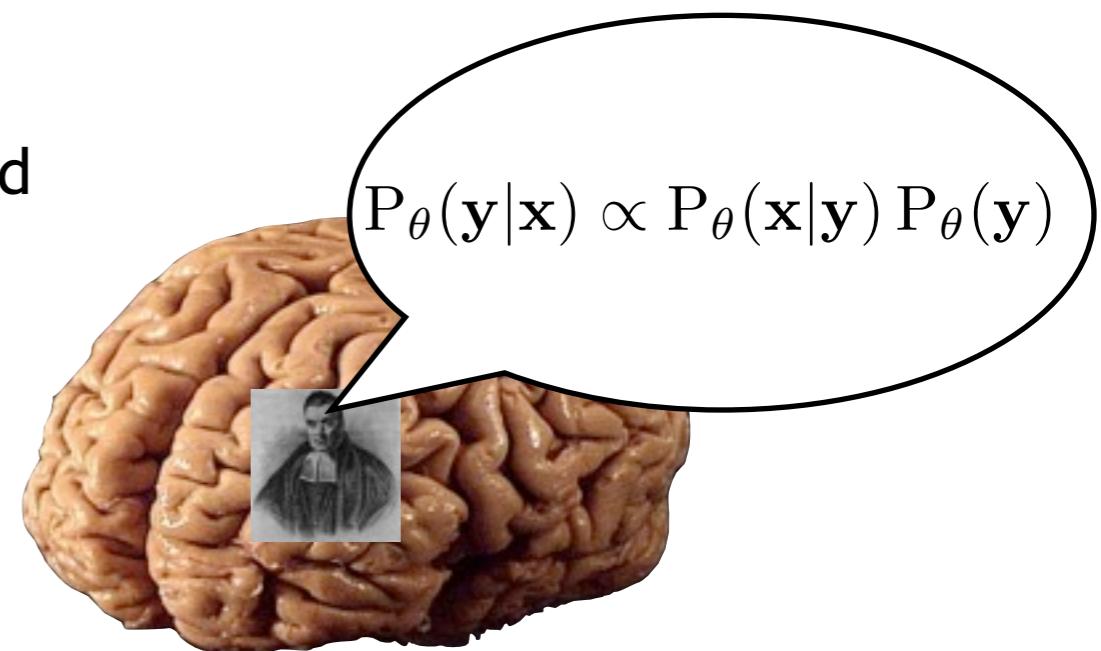
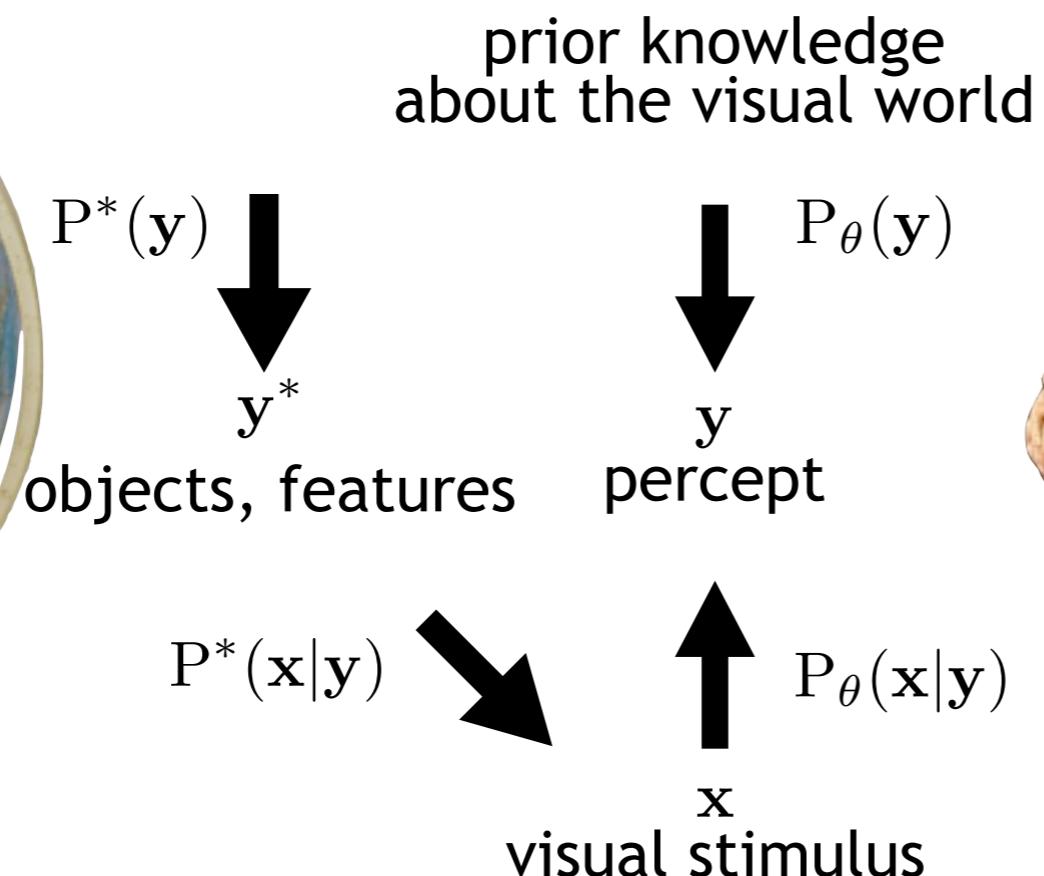


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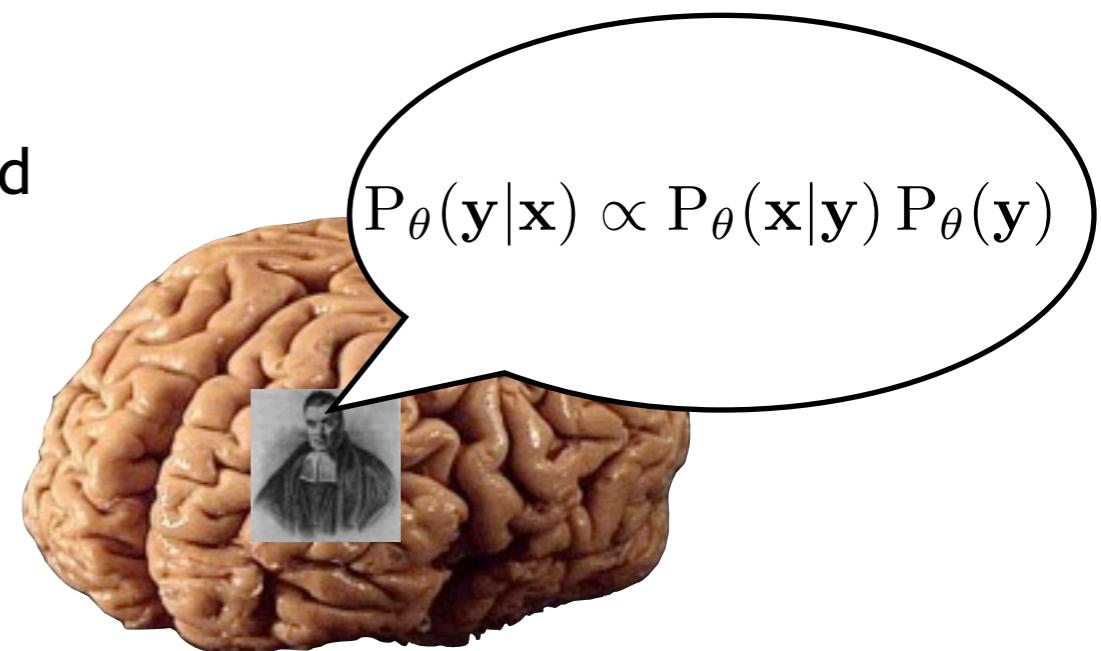
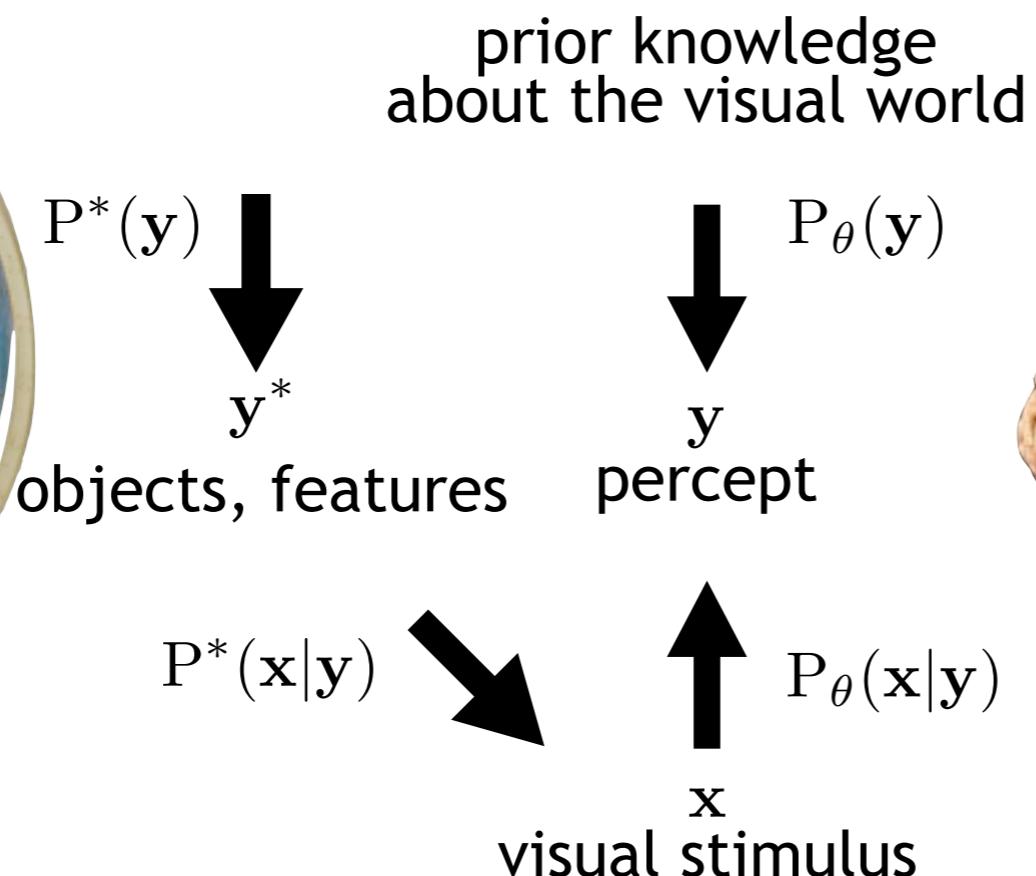


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“average inferences”

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“prior expectations”

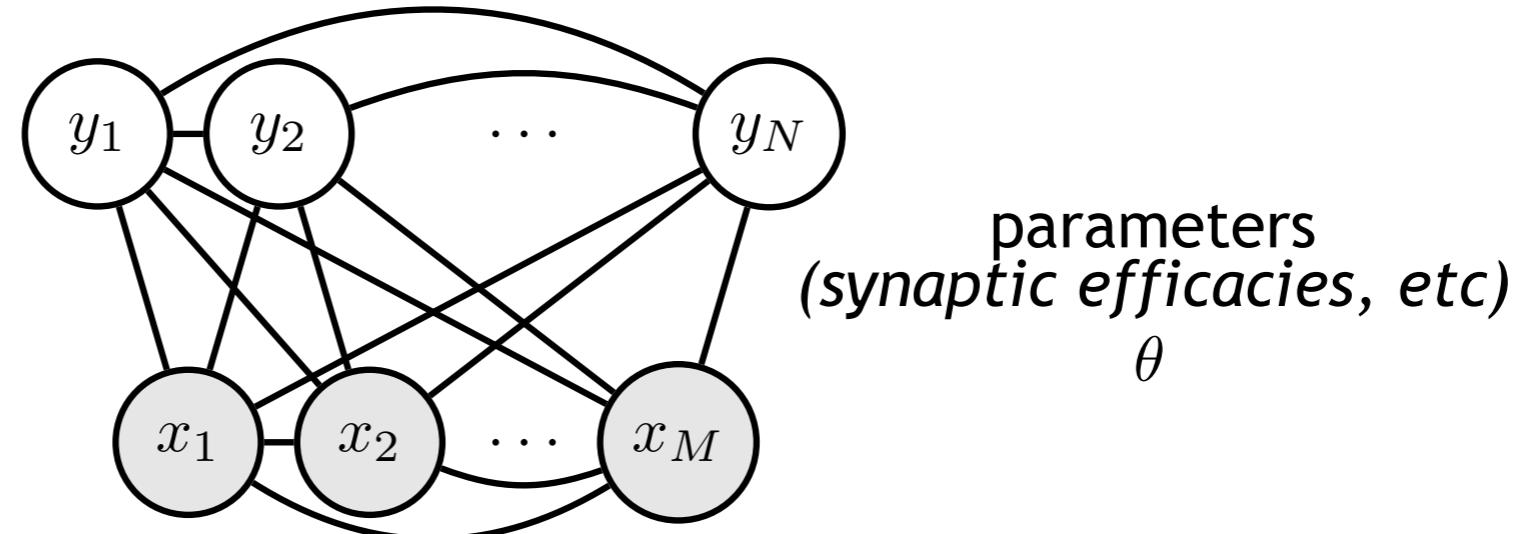
for natural stimulus ensemble

$$P^*(x) = \int P^*(y) P^*(x|y) dy$$

APPLICATION TO VISUAL CORTEX

latent variables
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 \mathbf{y}

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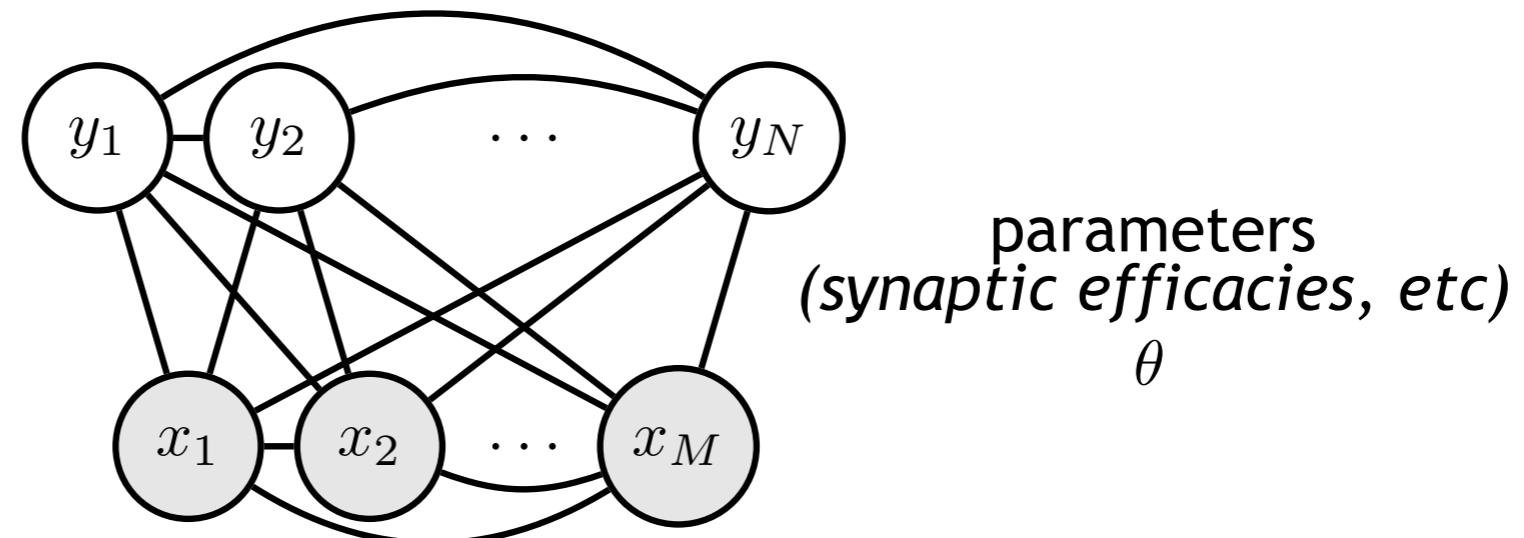
parameters
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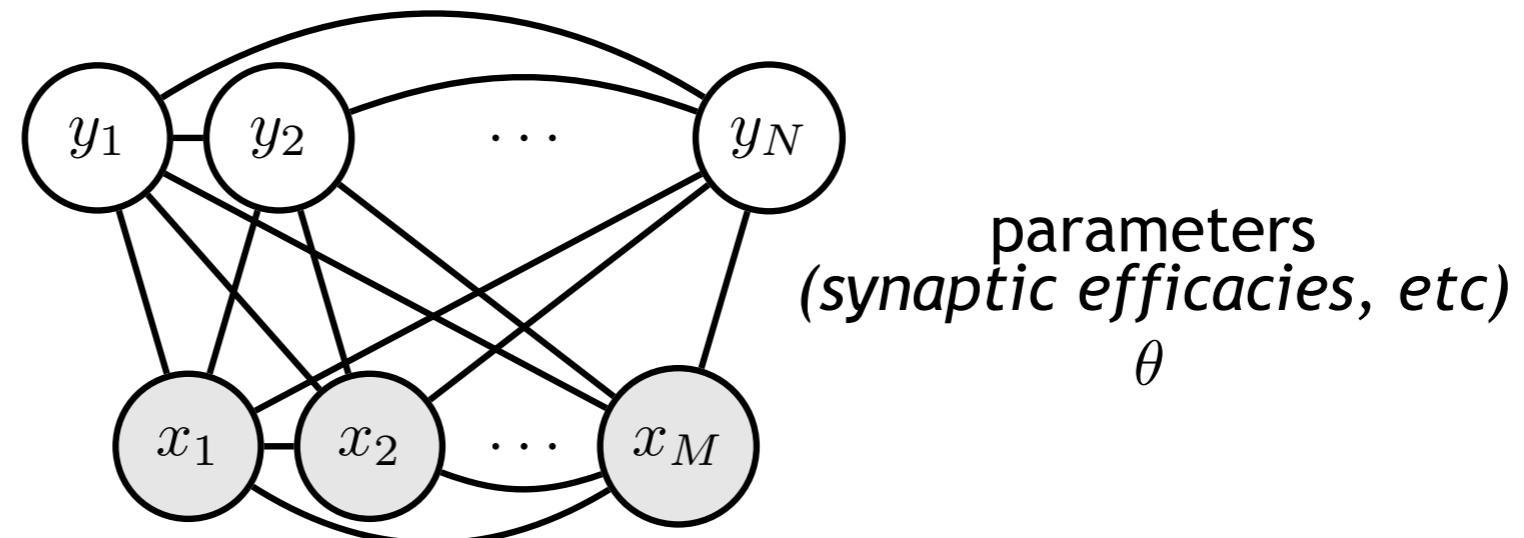
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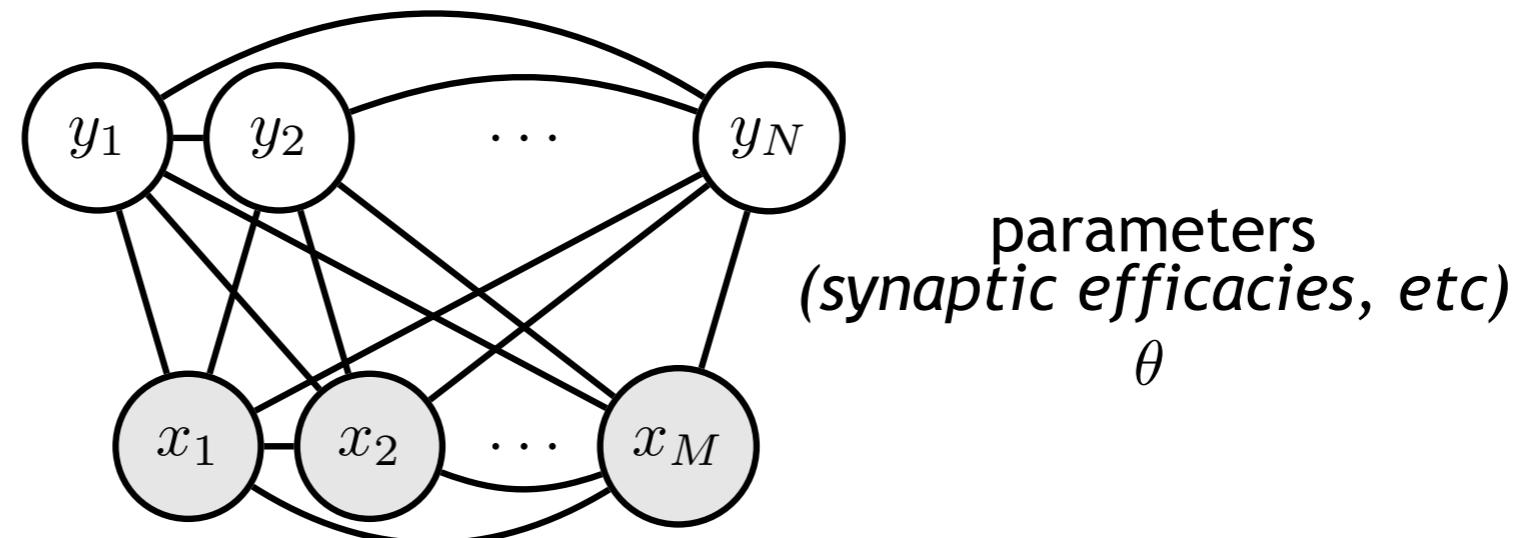
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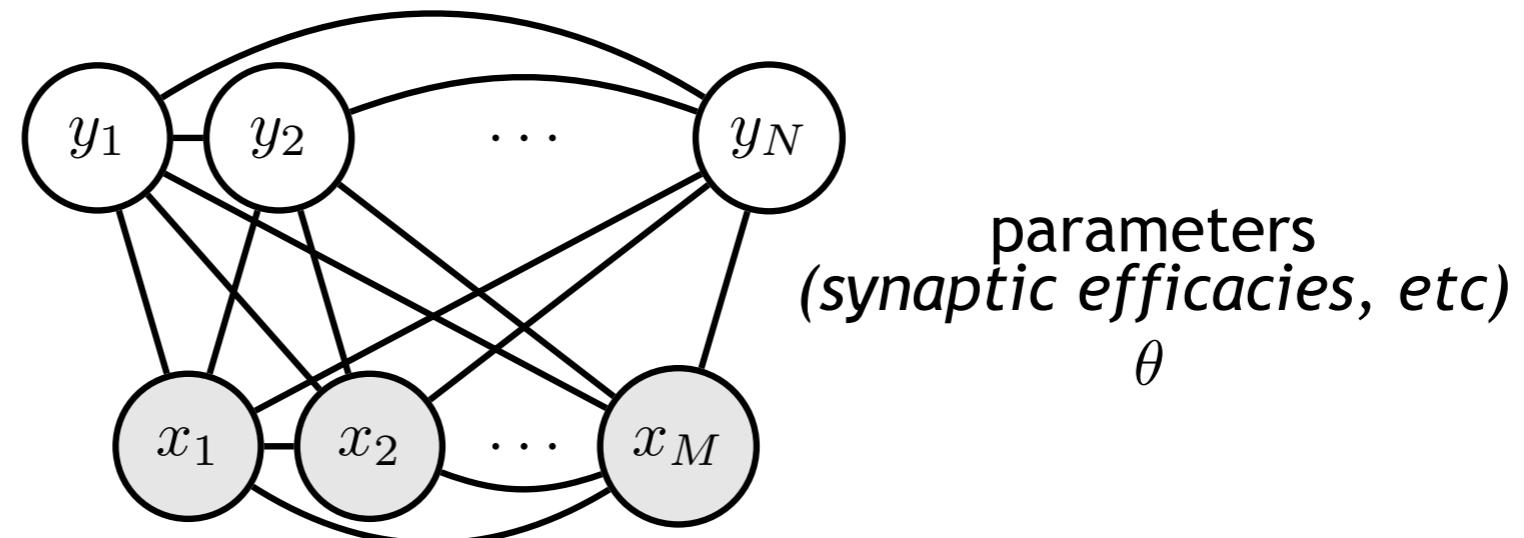
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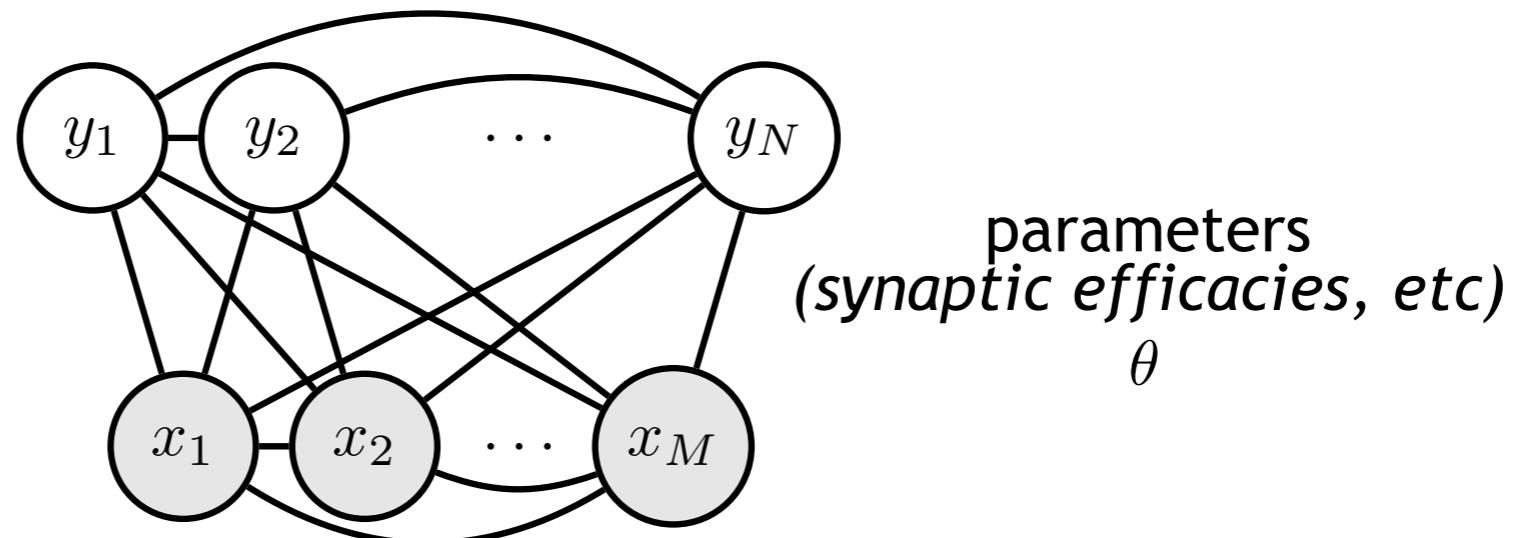
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KL divergence

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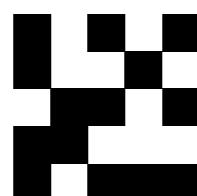
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- evoked



natural image movies

$$M(y) = \int P_\theta(y|x) P_{\text{movie}}^*(x) dx$$



dynamic block noise

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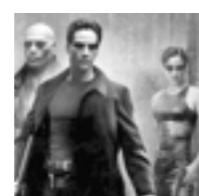
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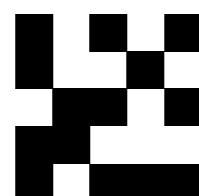
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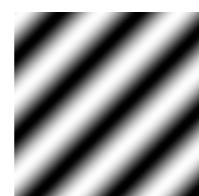
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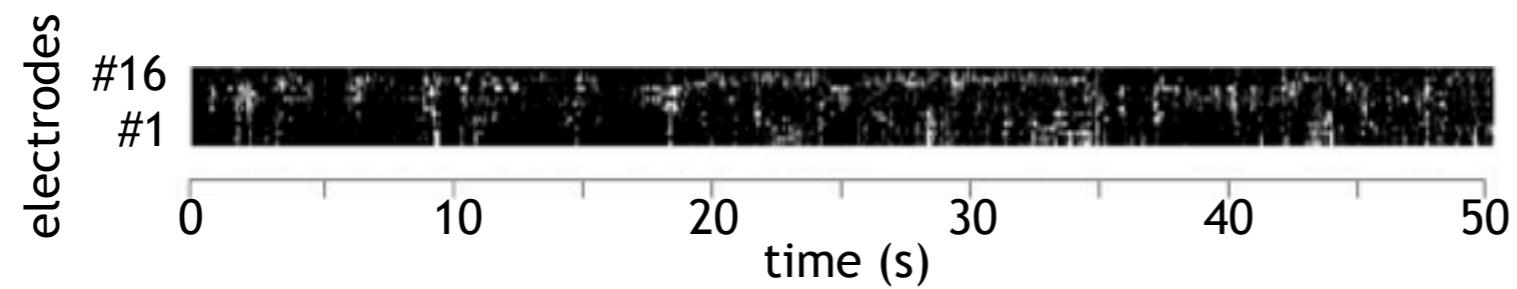
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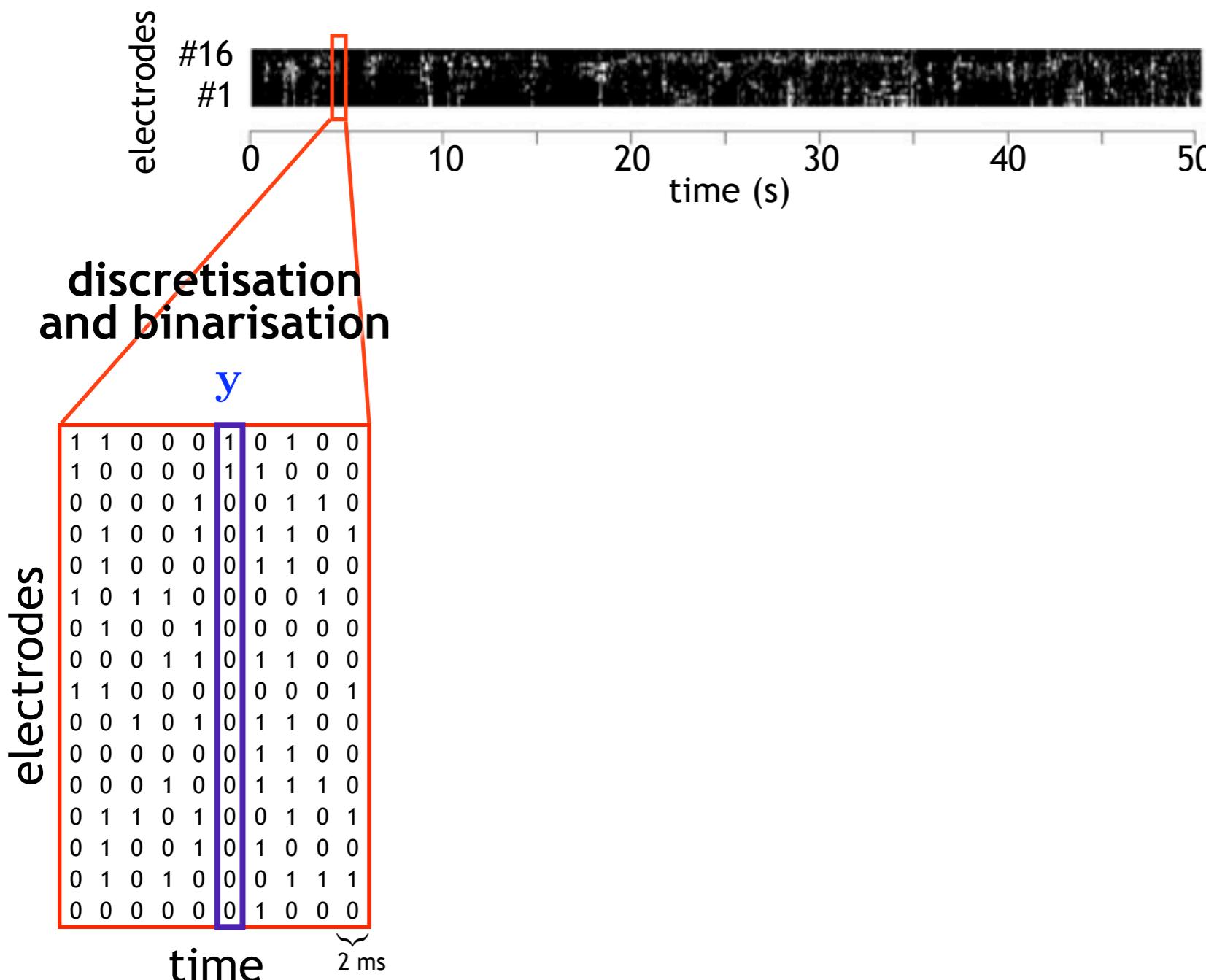
drifting full-field gratings

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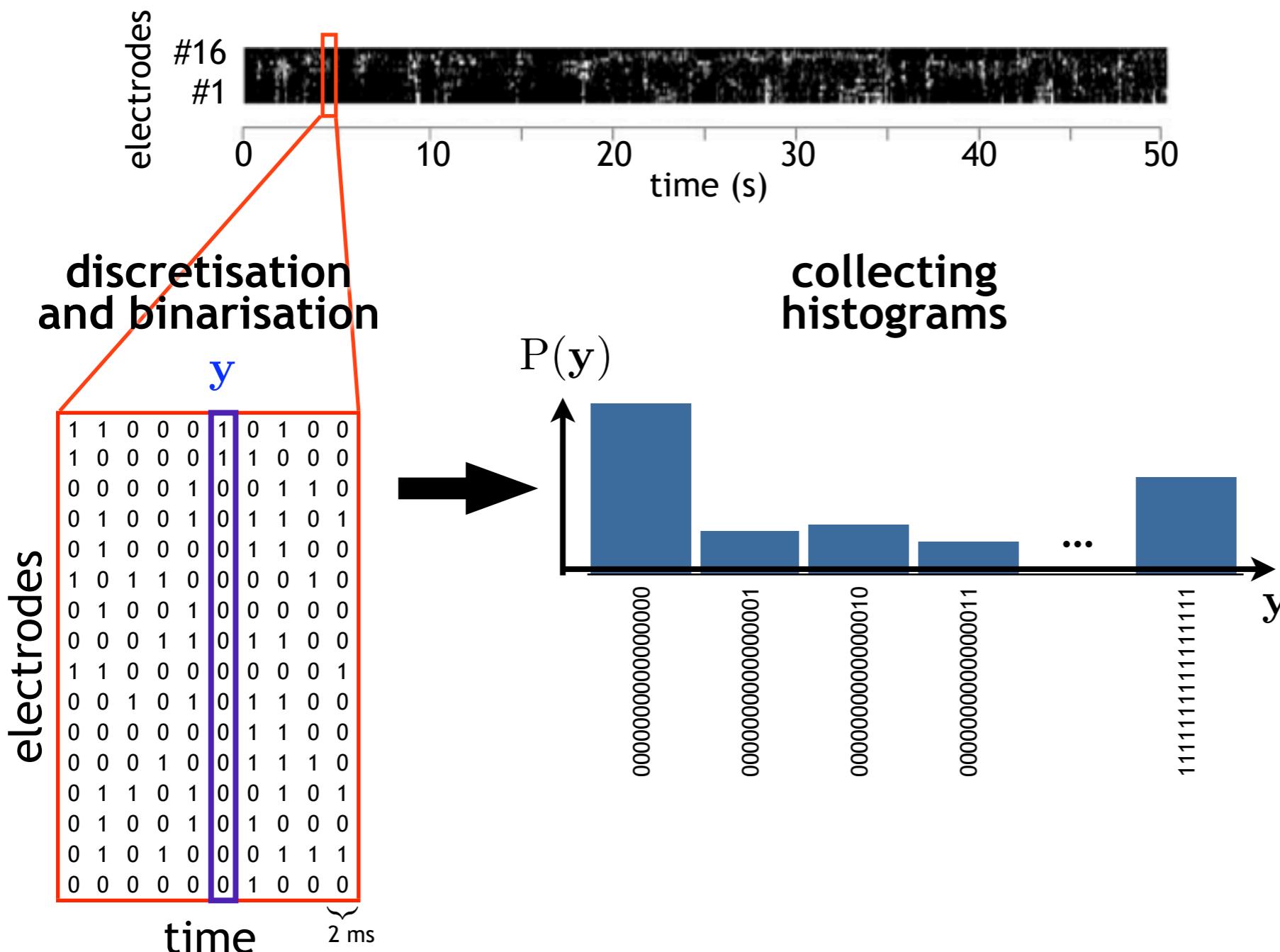
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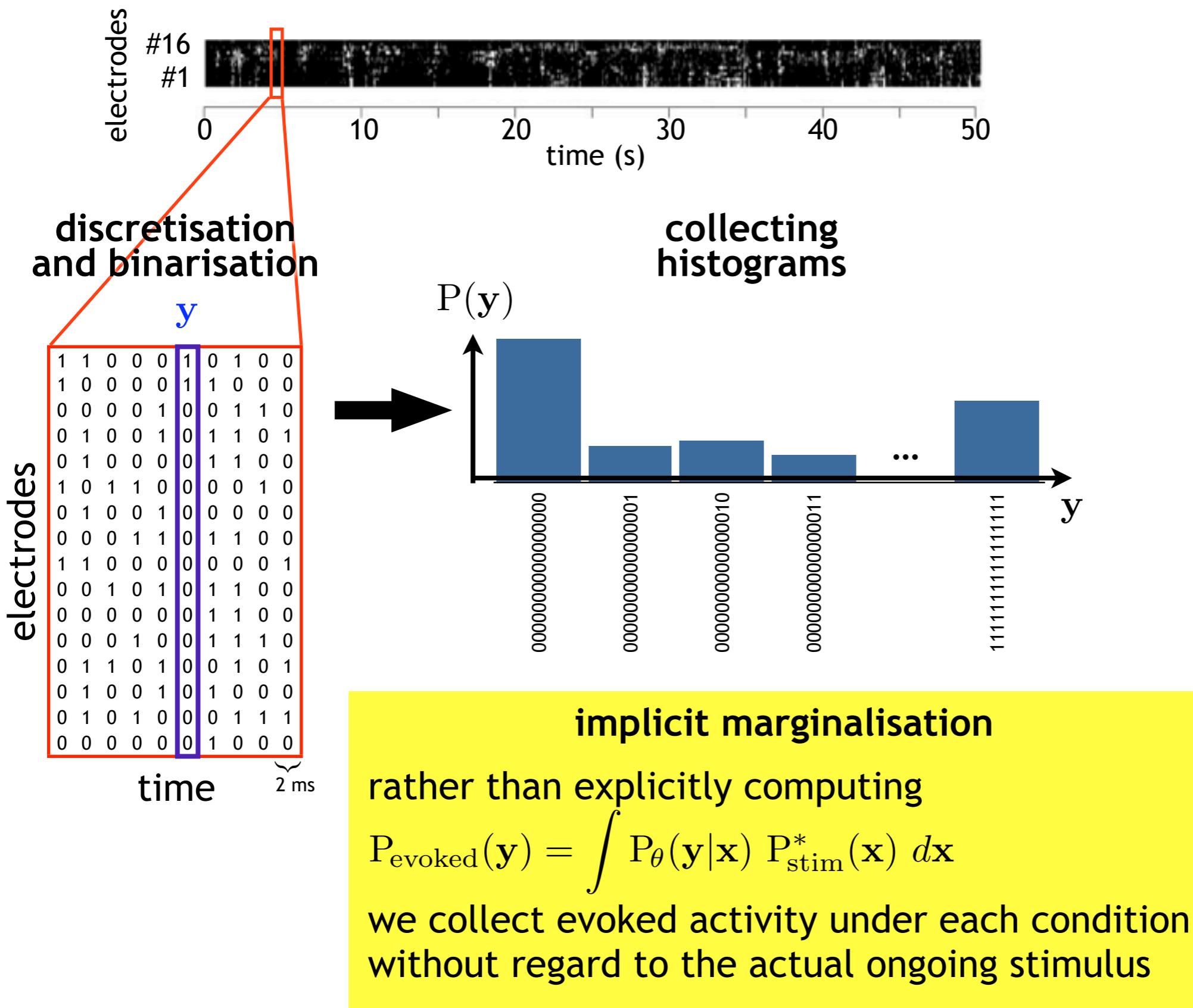
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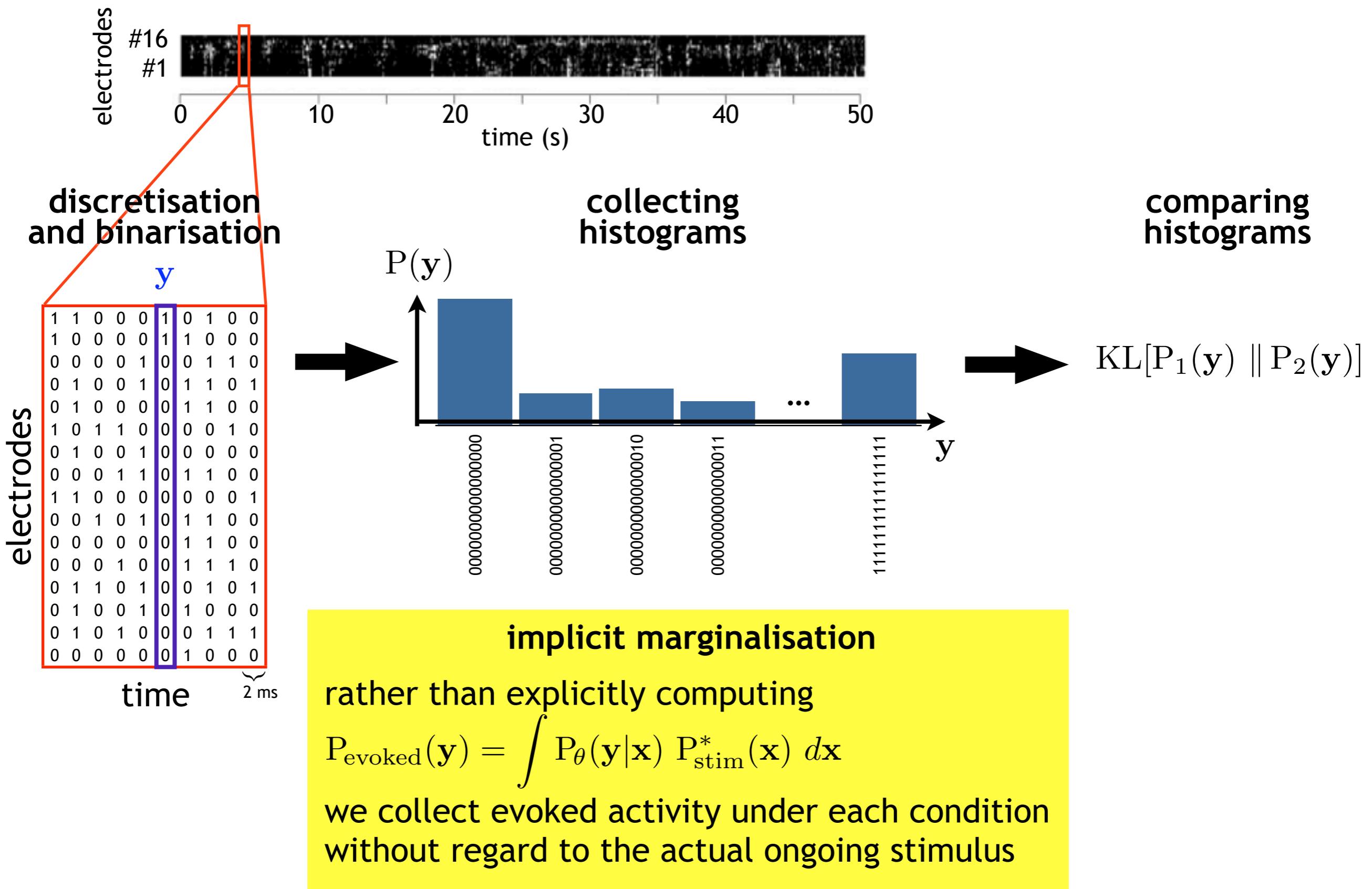
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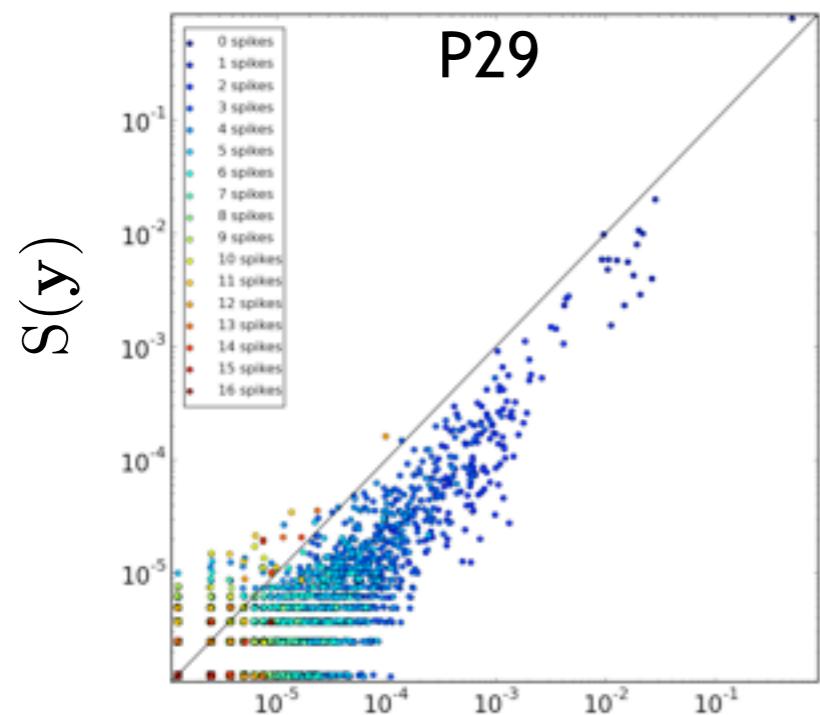
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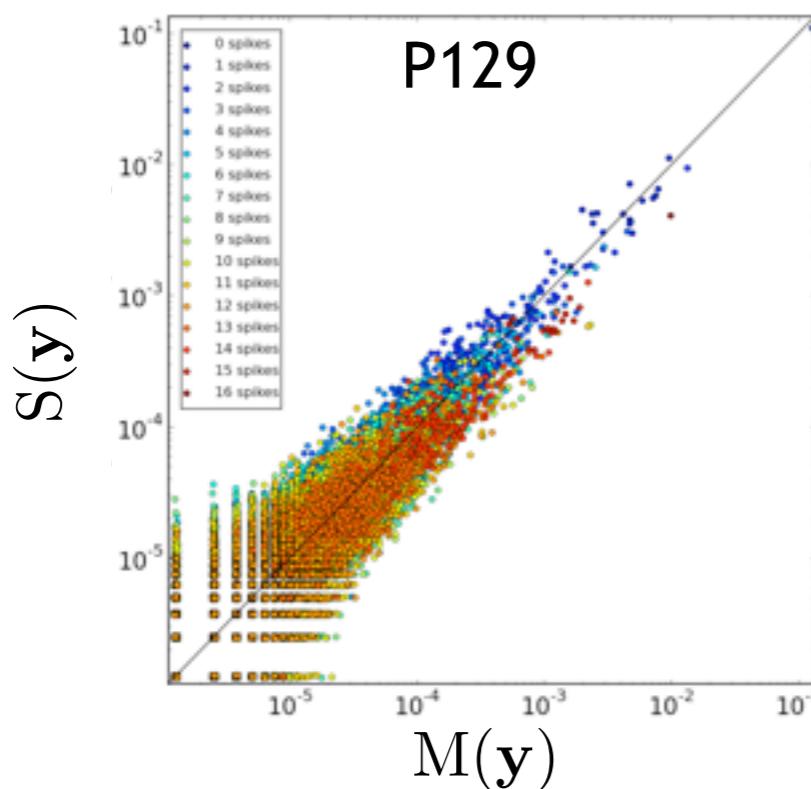
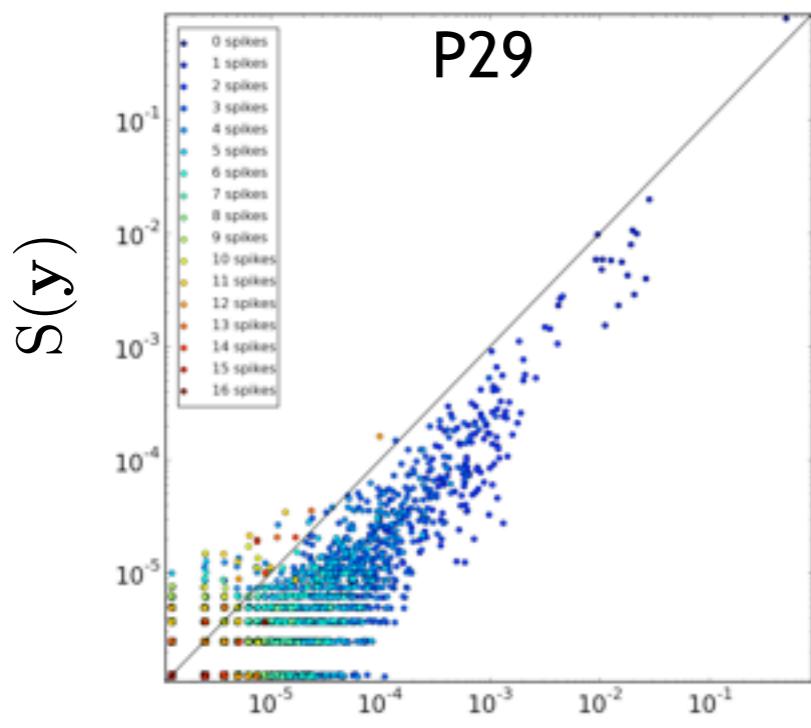
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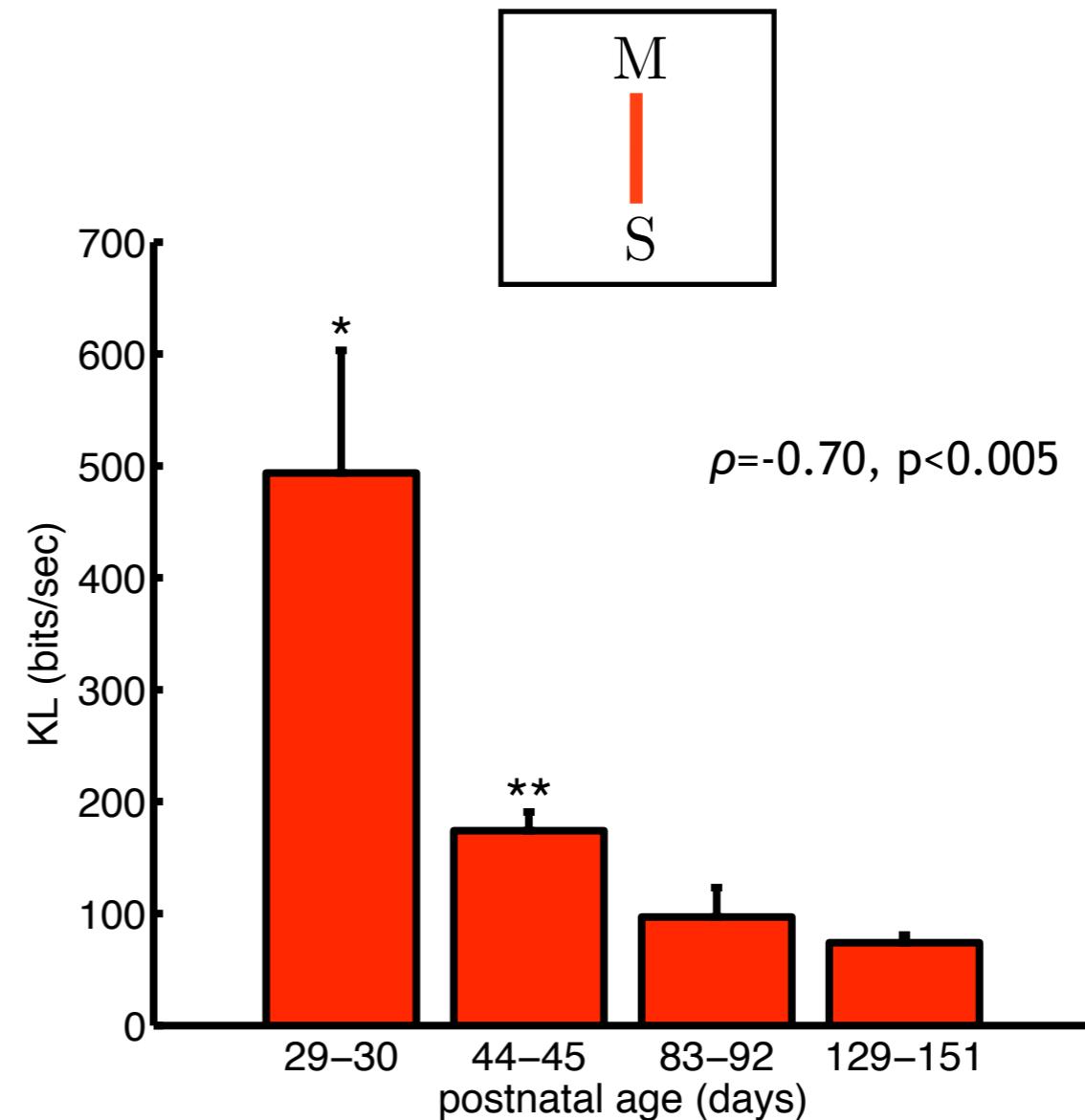
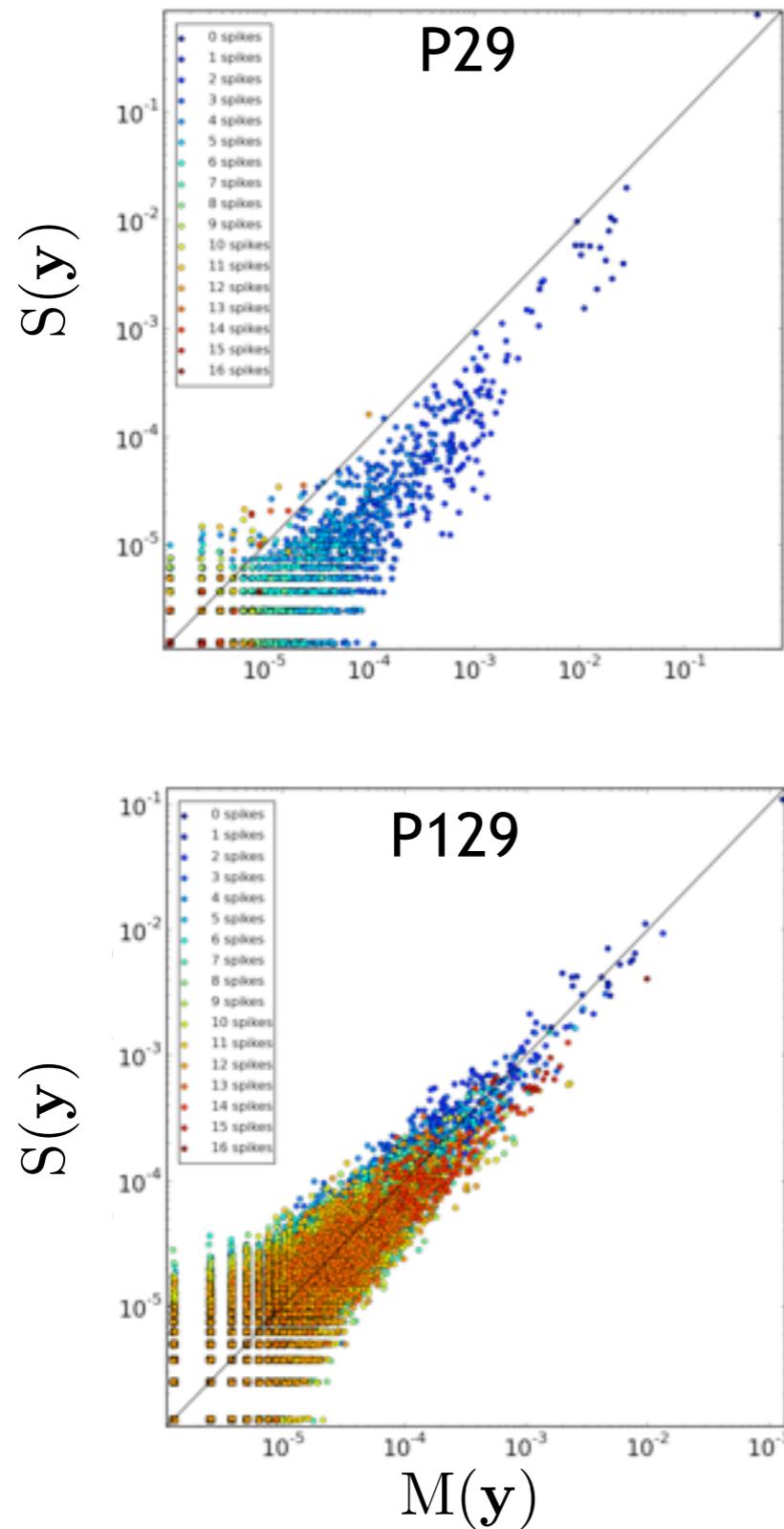
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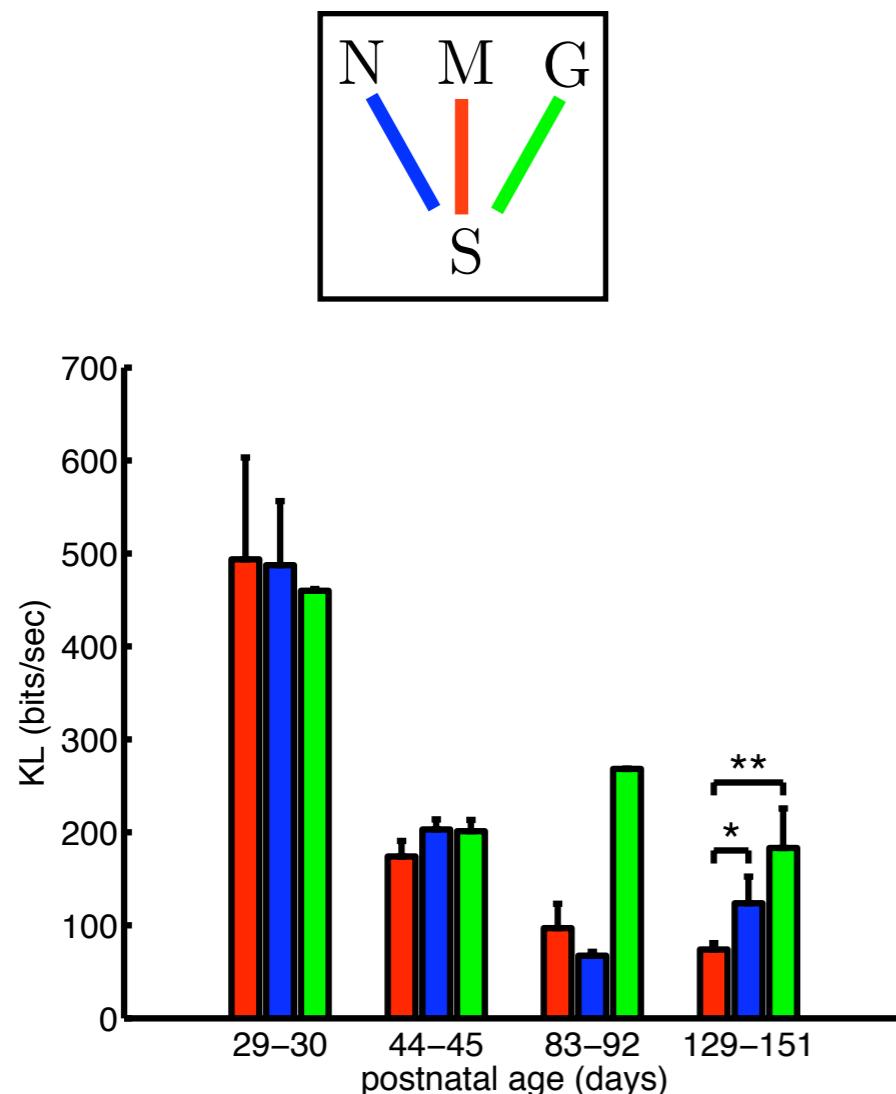


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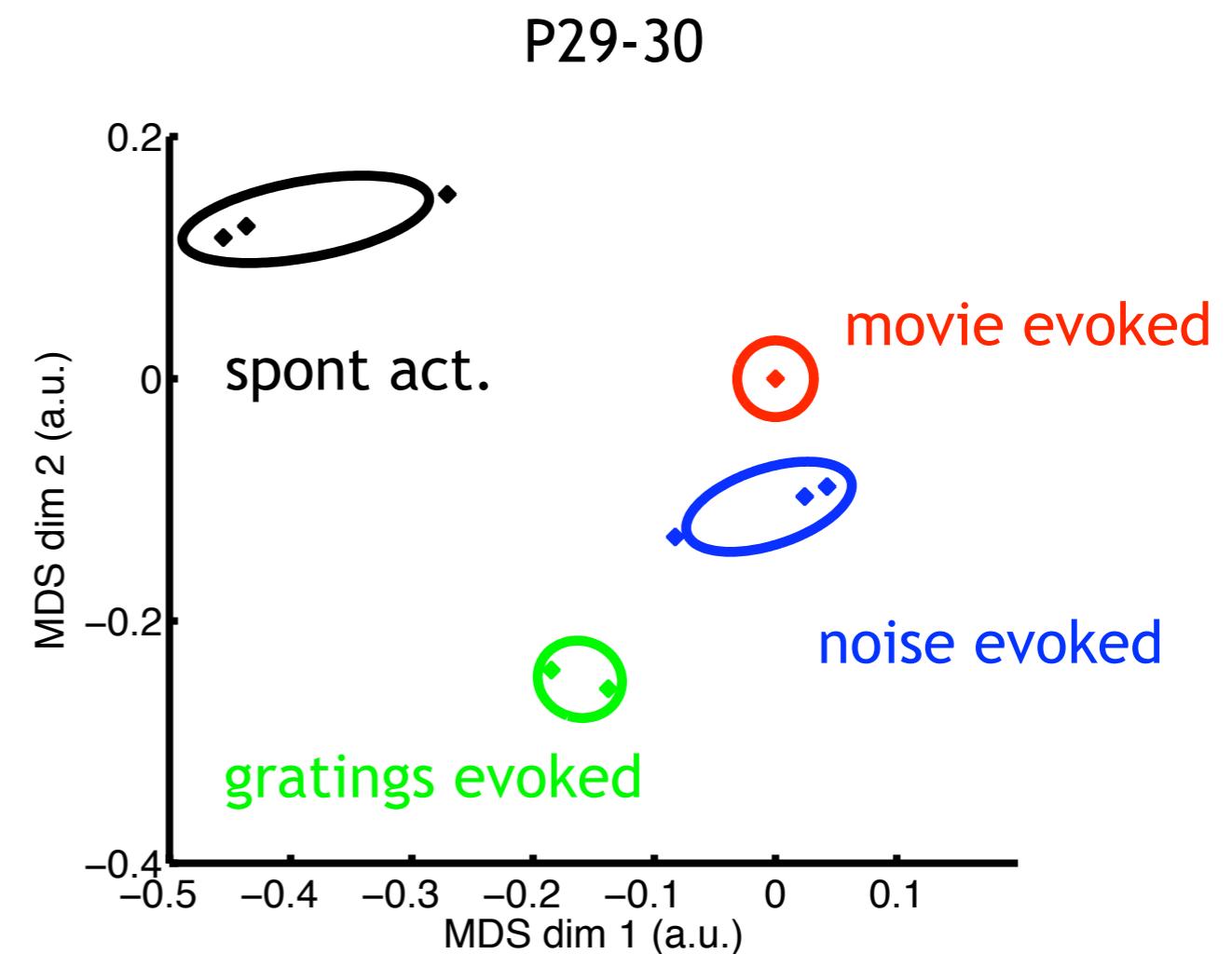
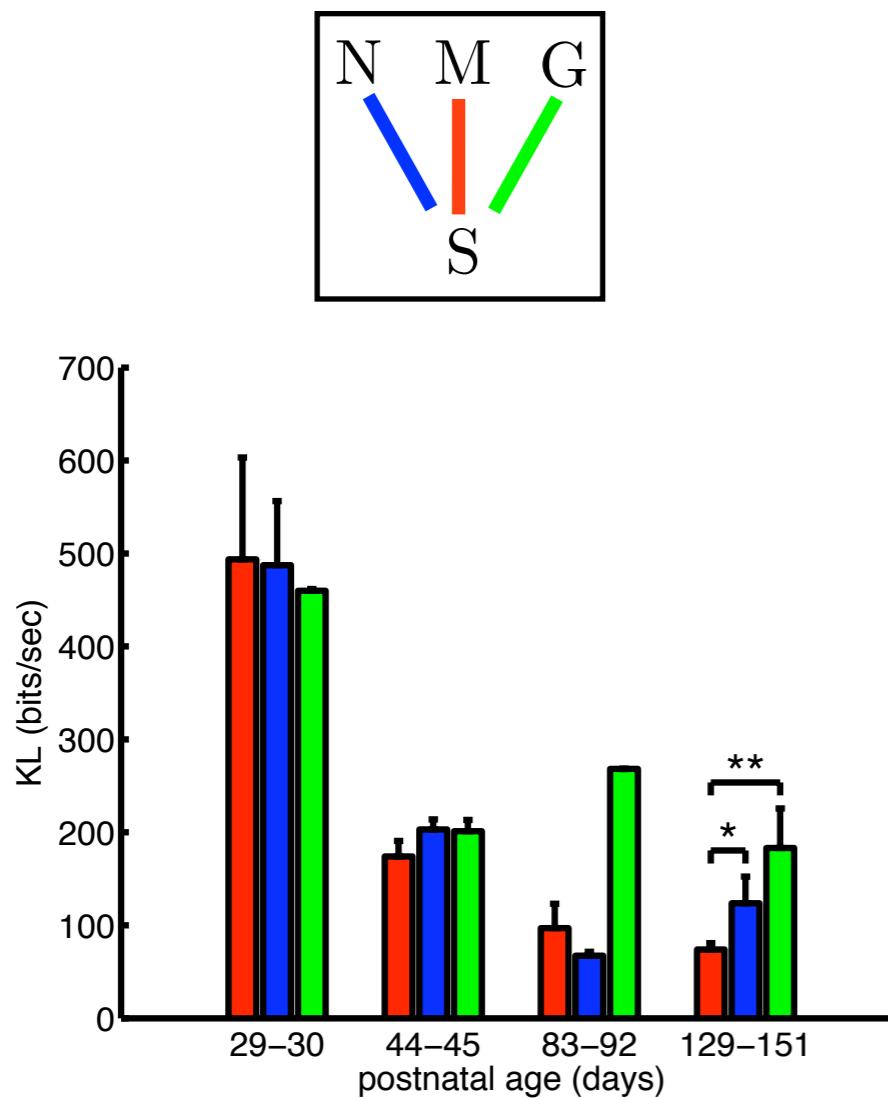


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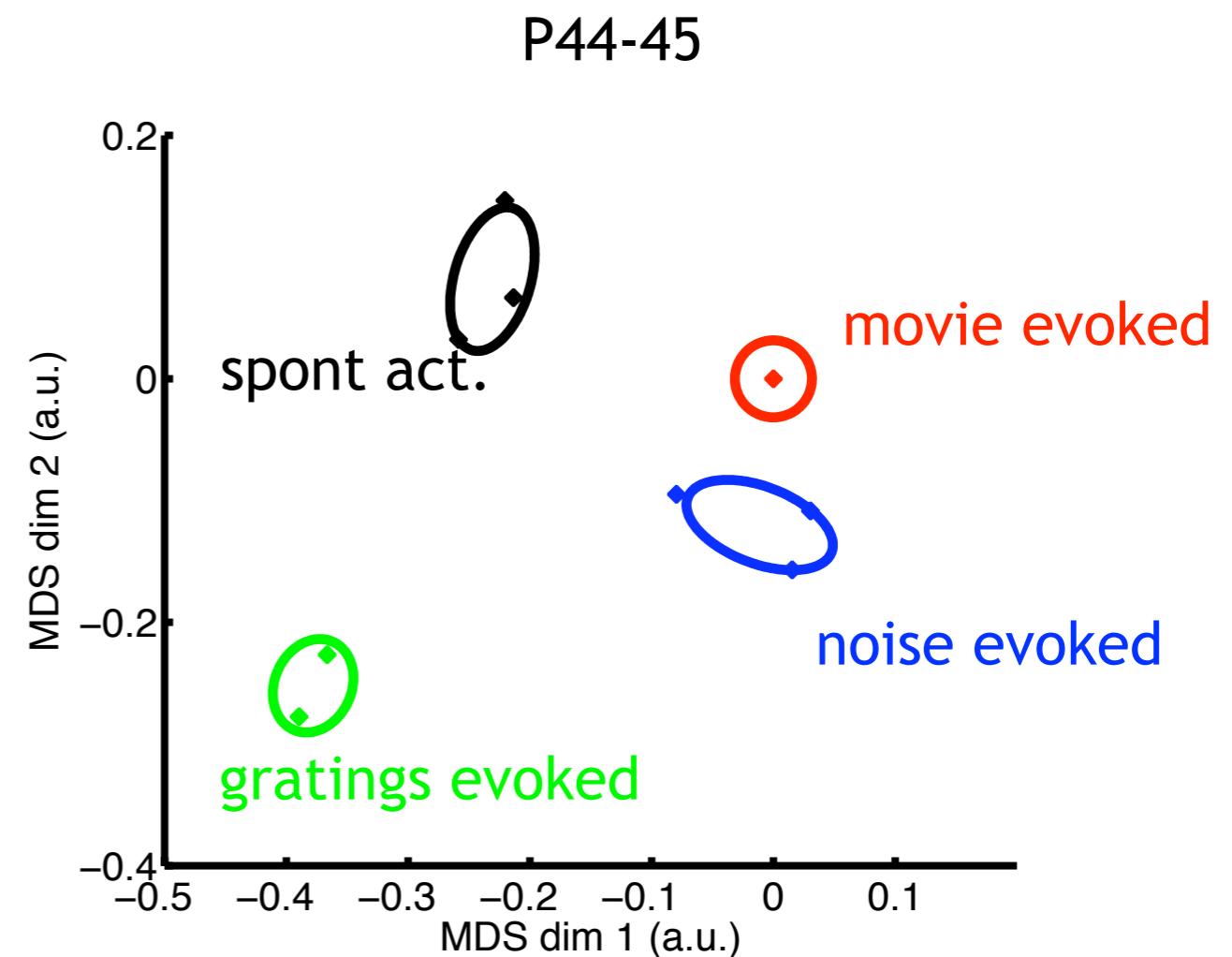
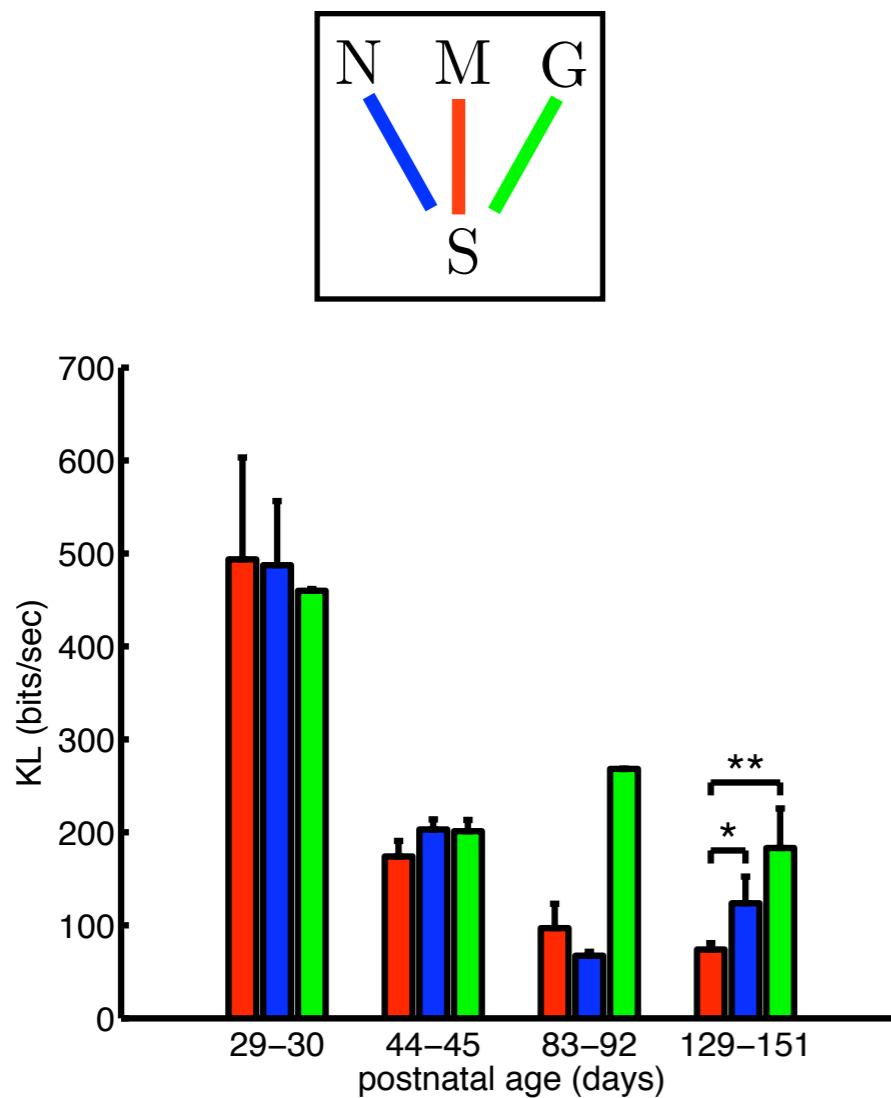
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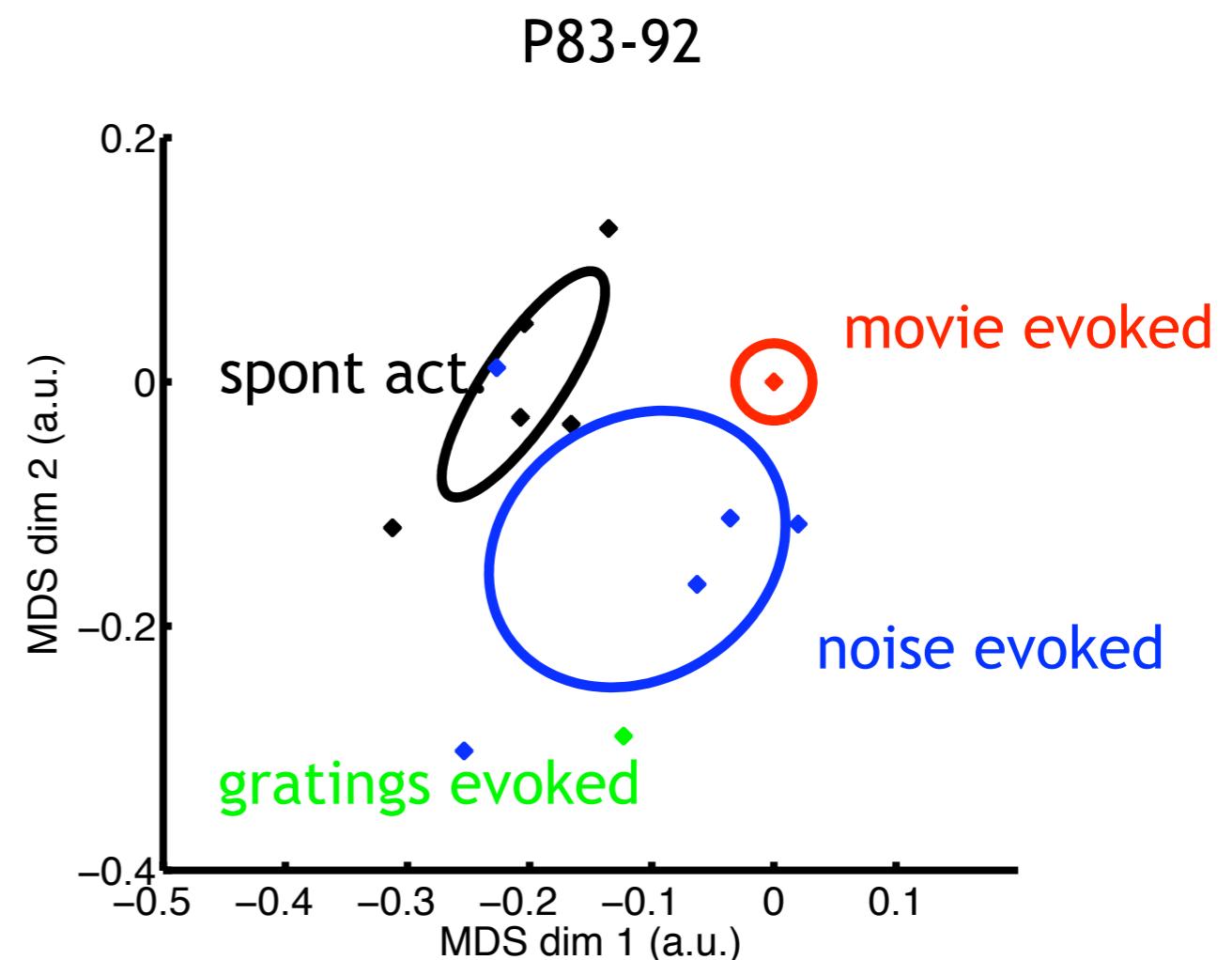
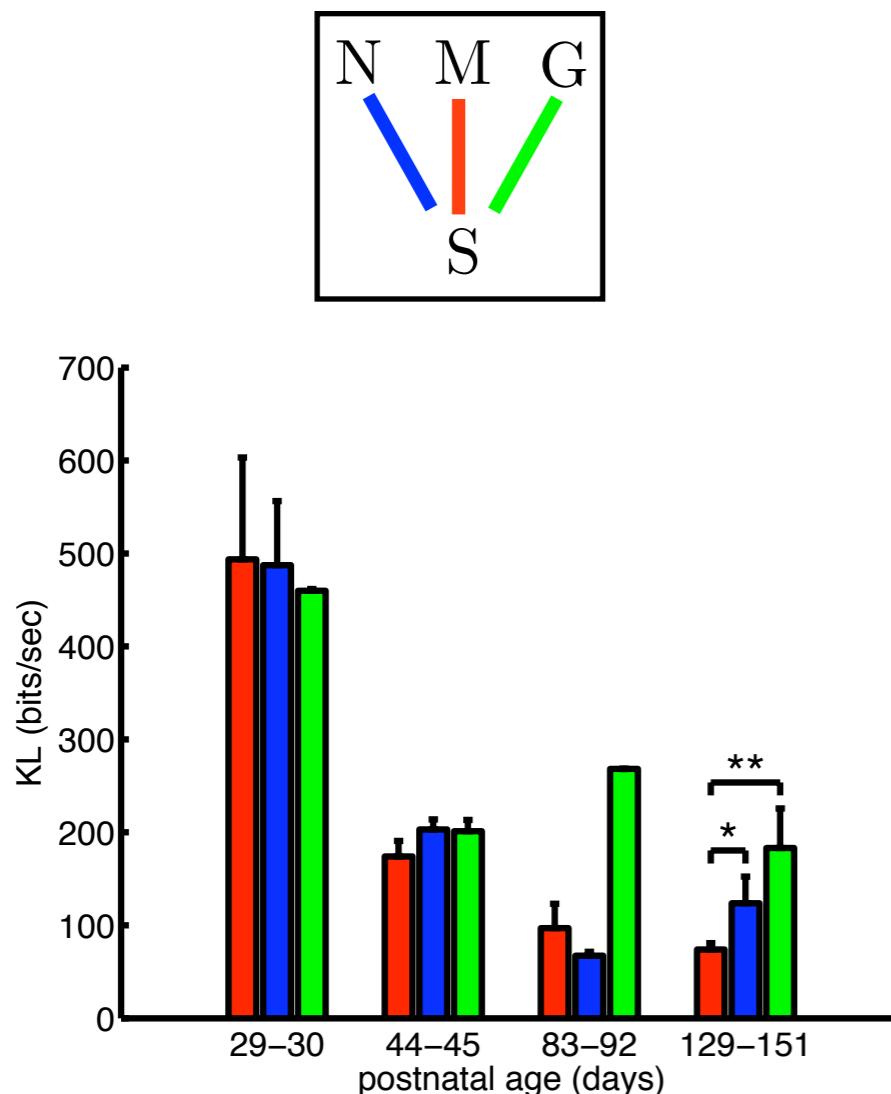
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