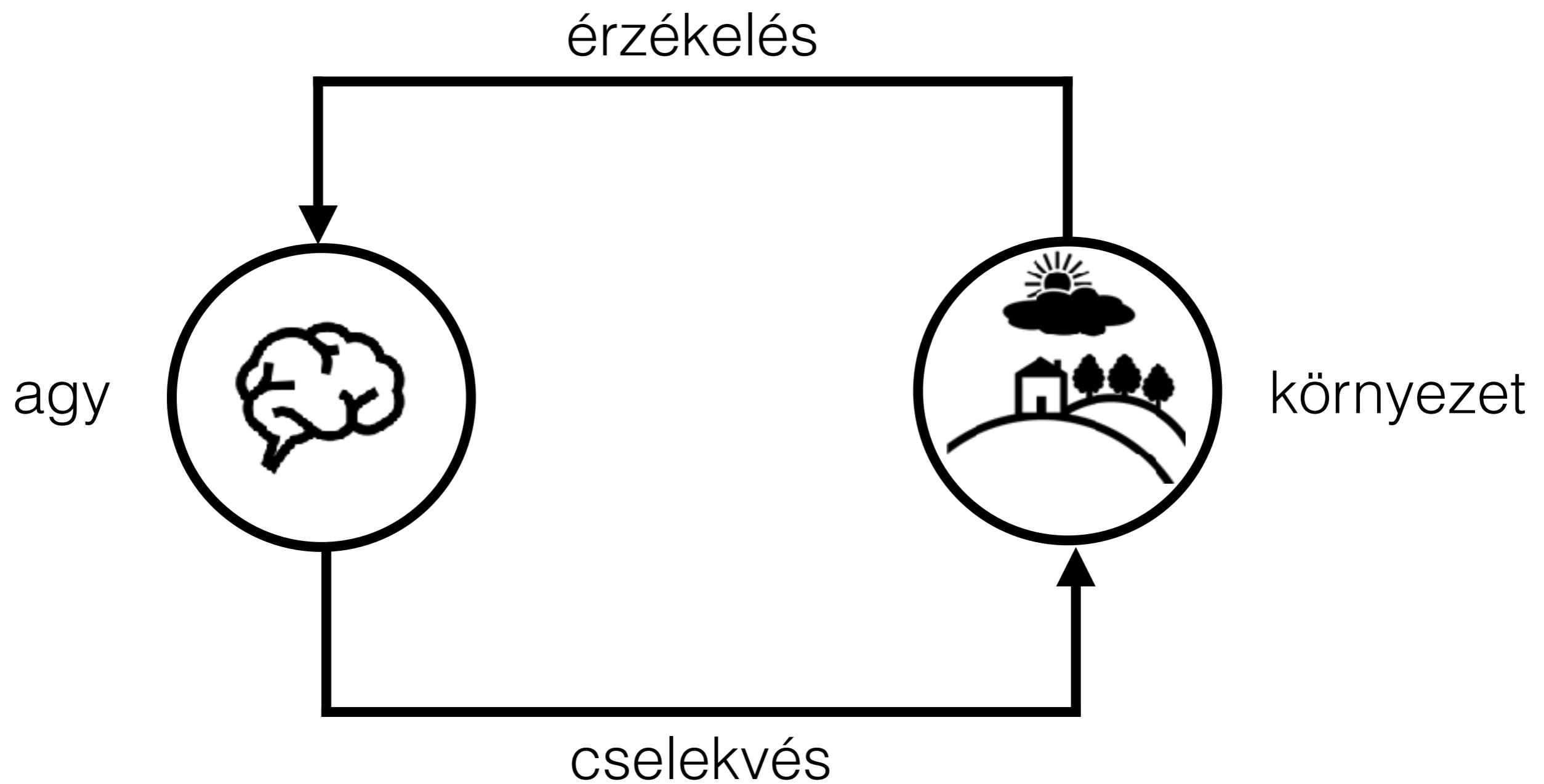


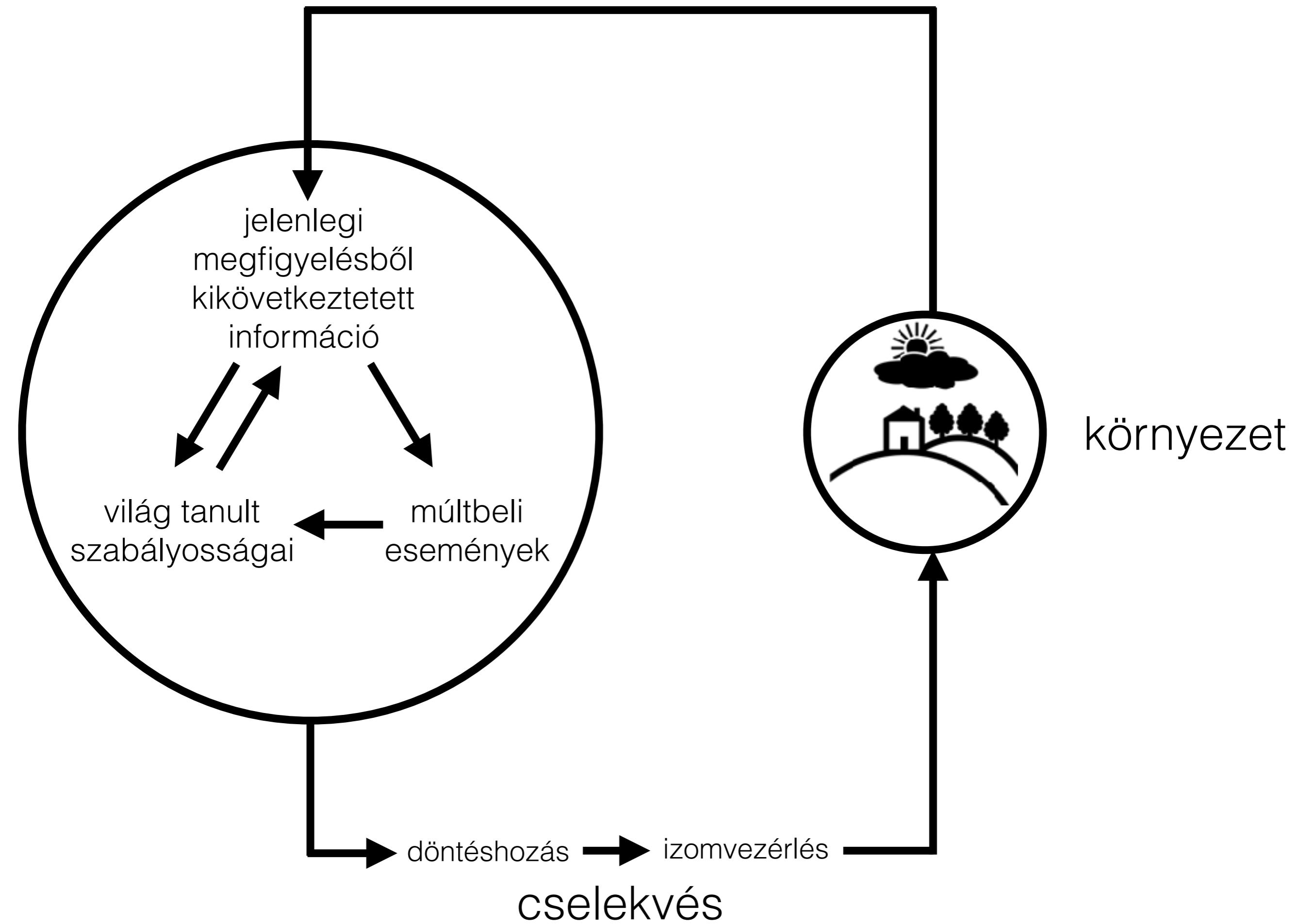
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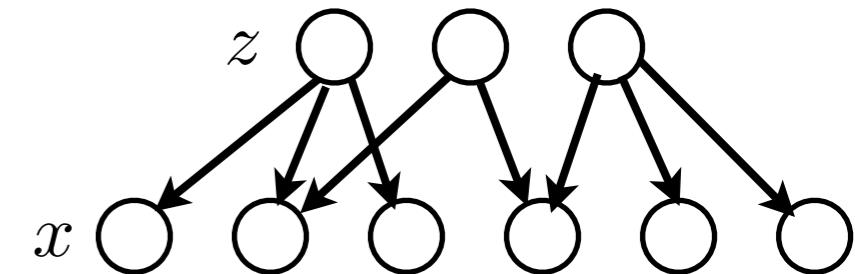
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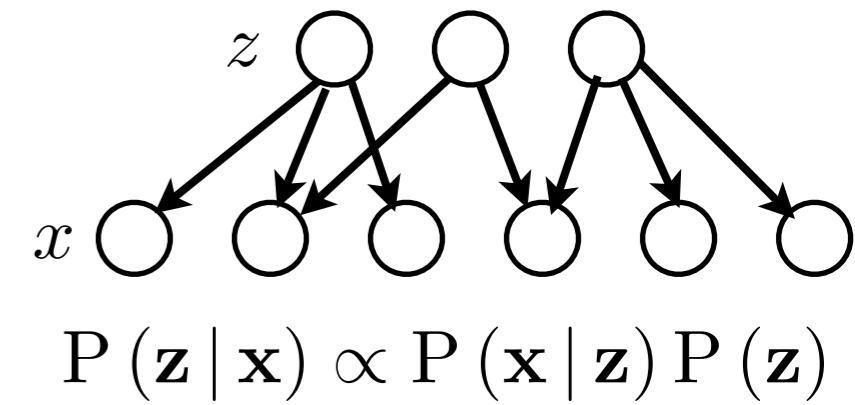
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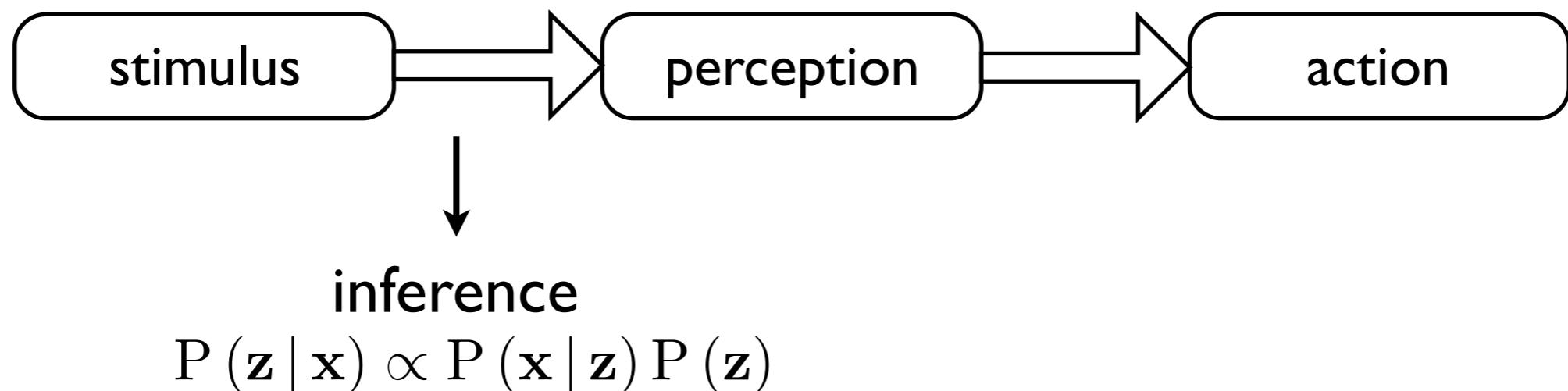
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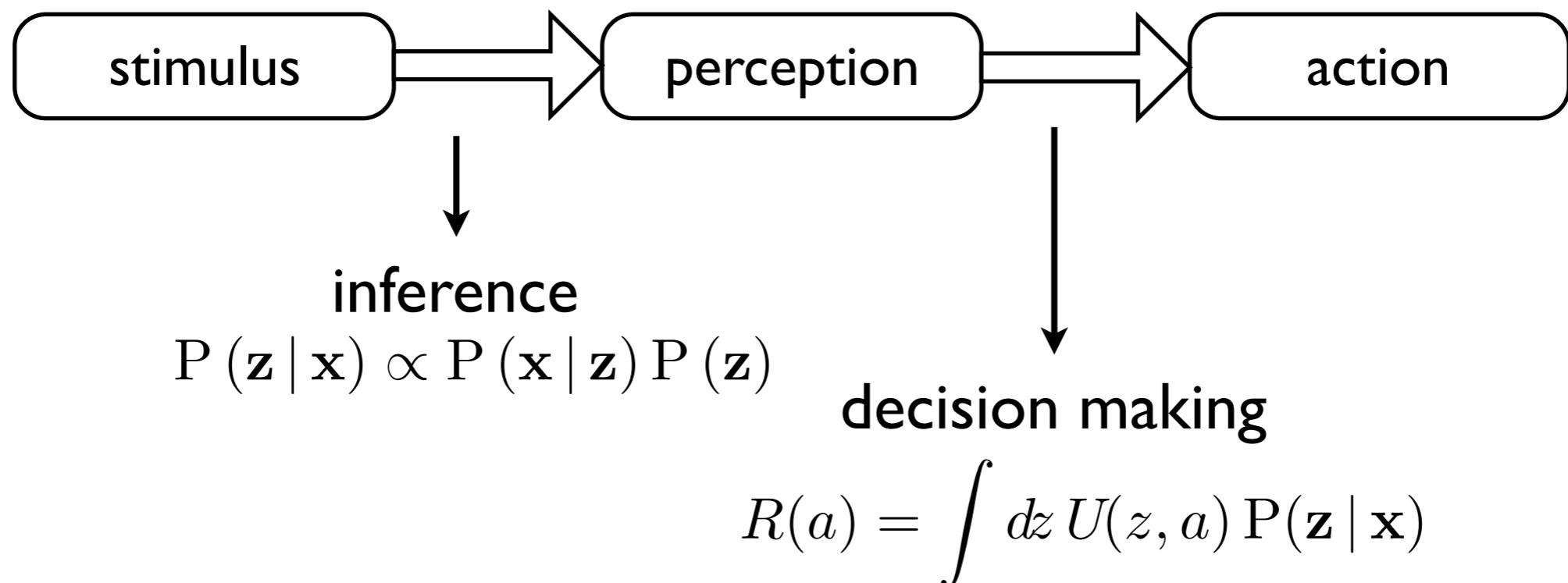
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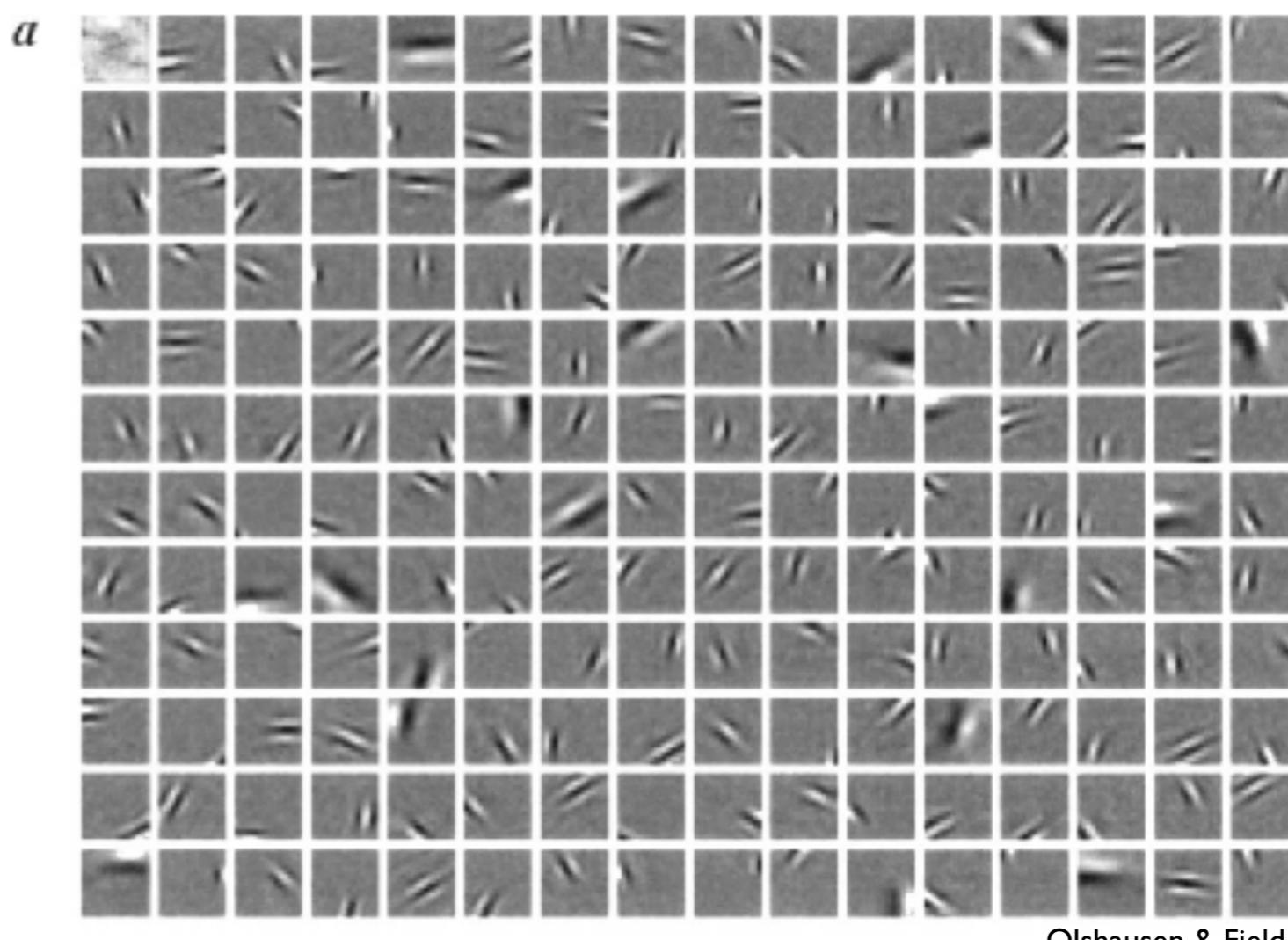
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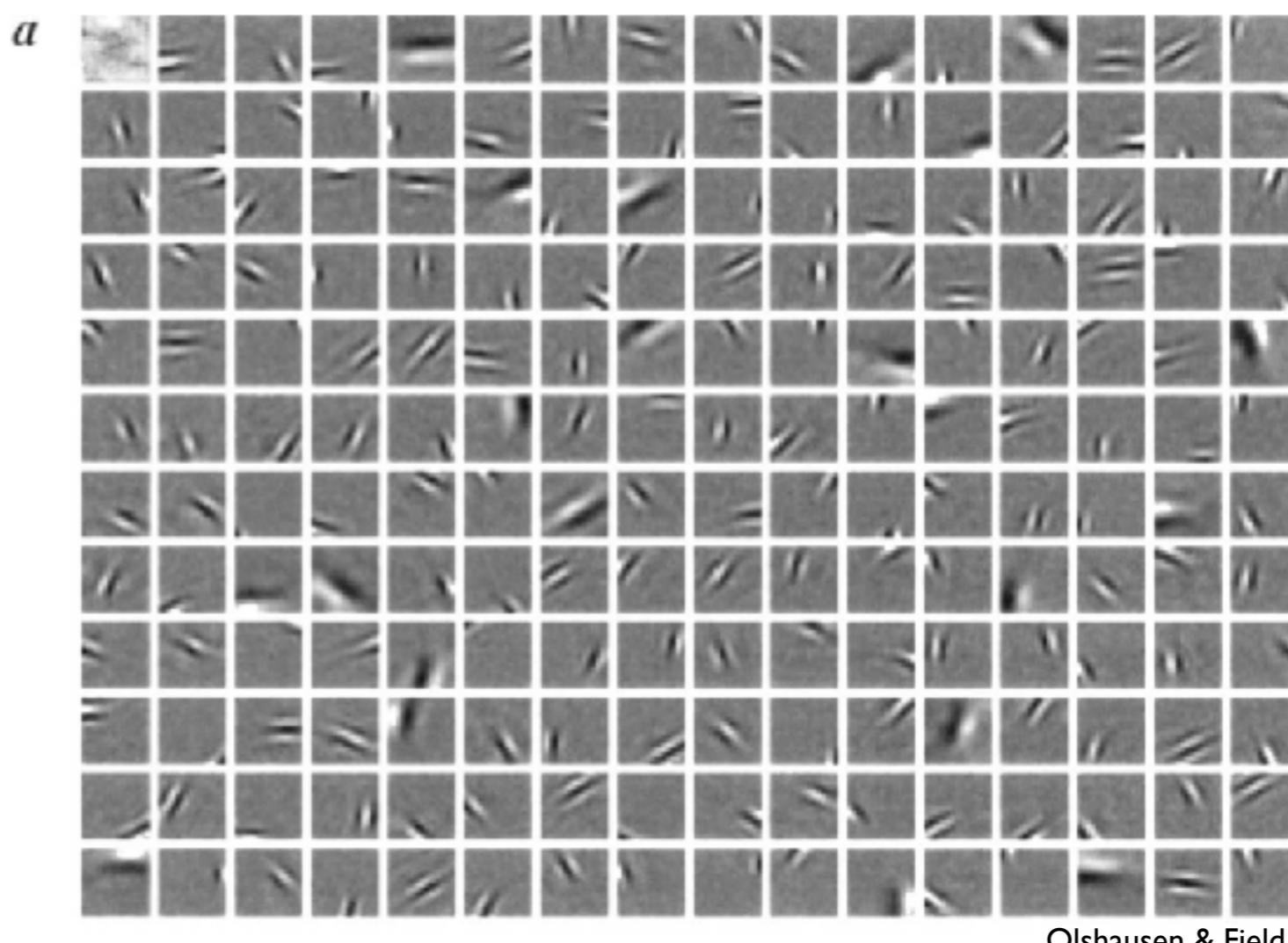


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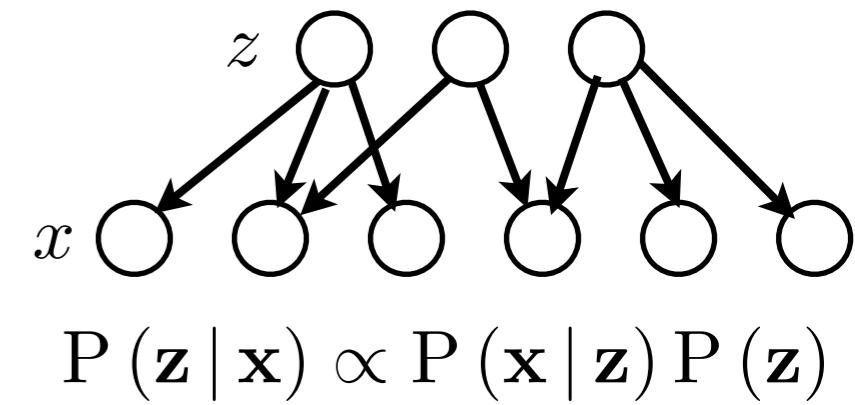
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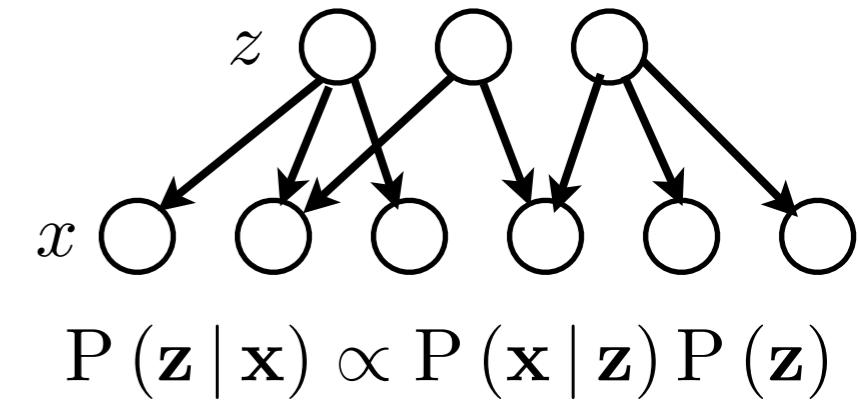
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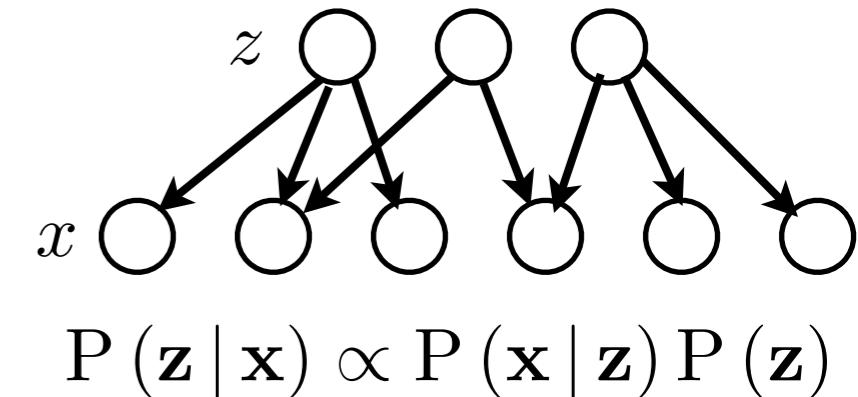
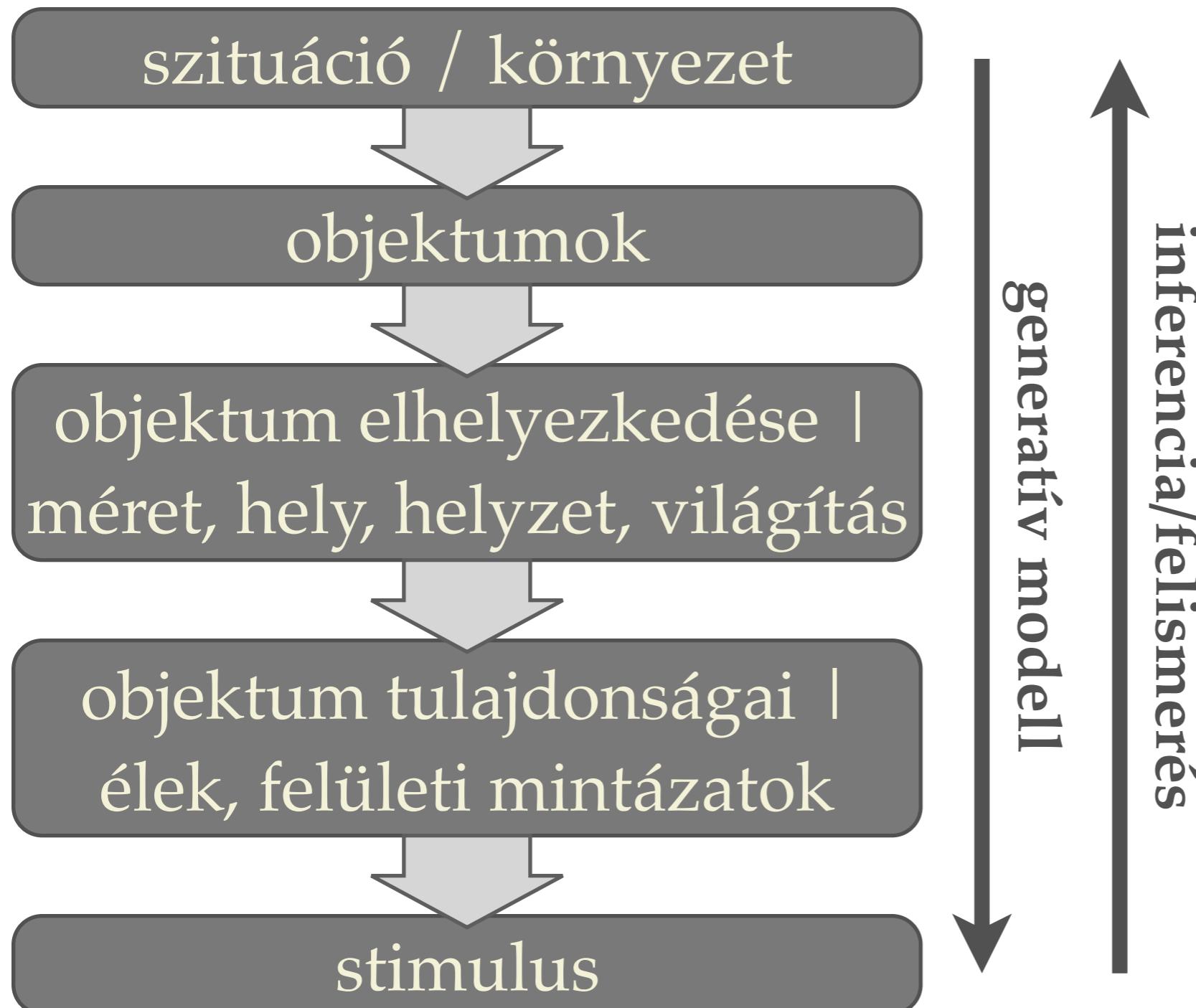


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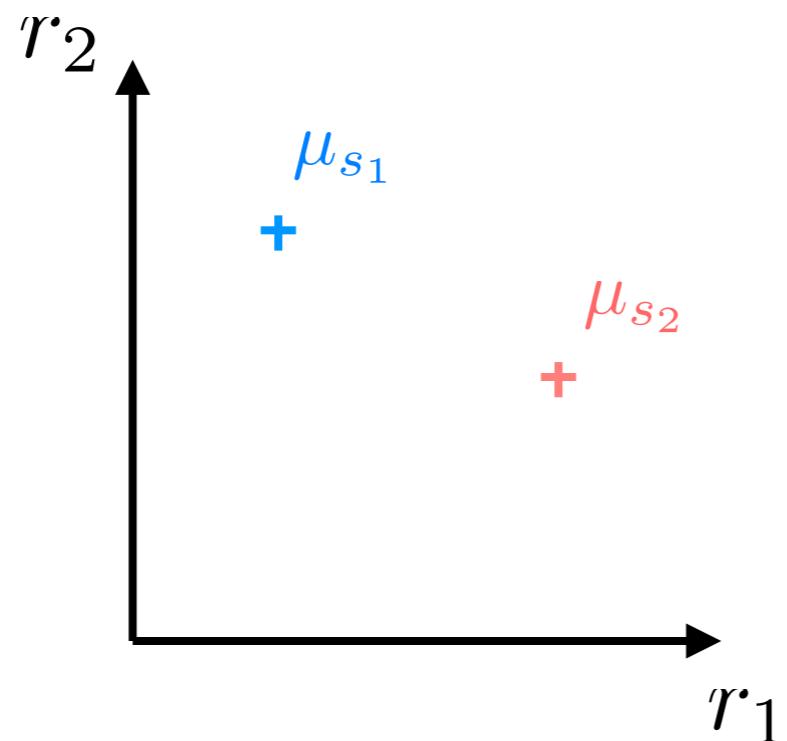
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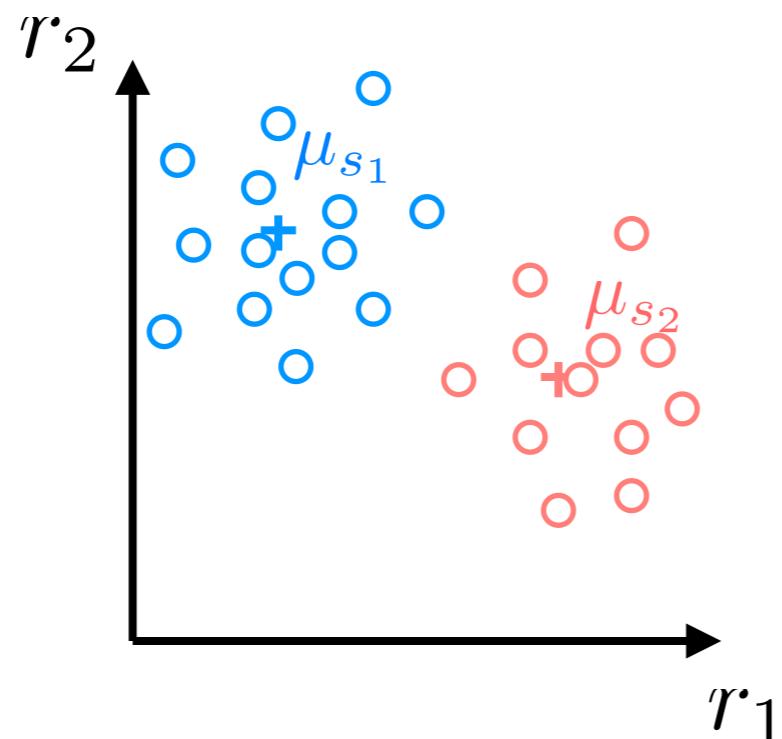
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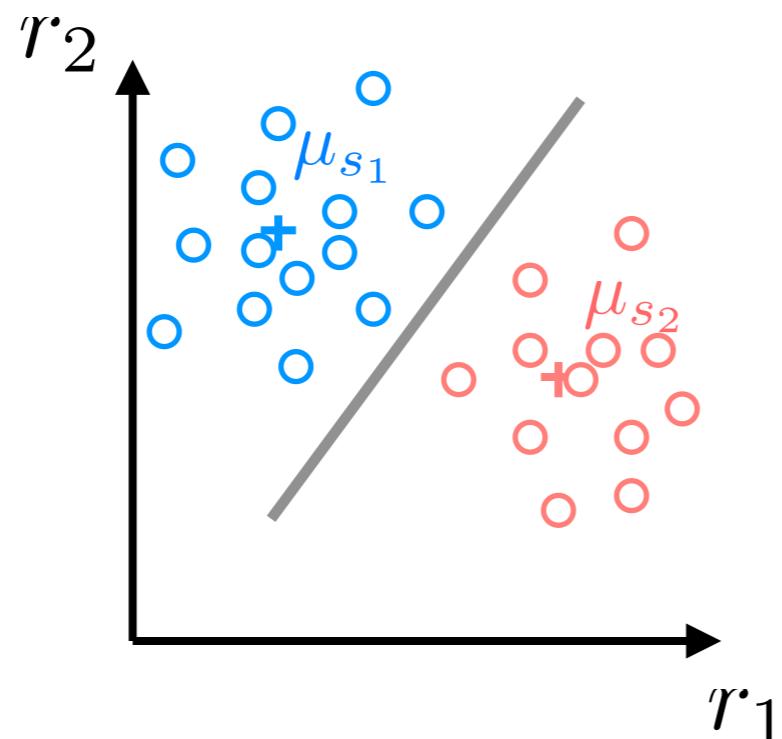
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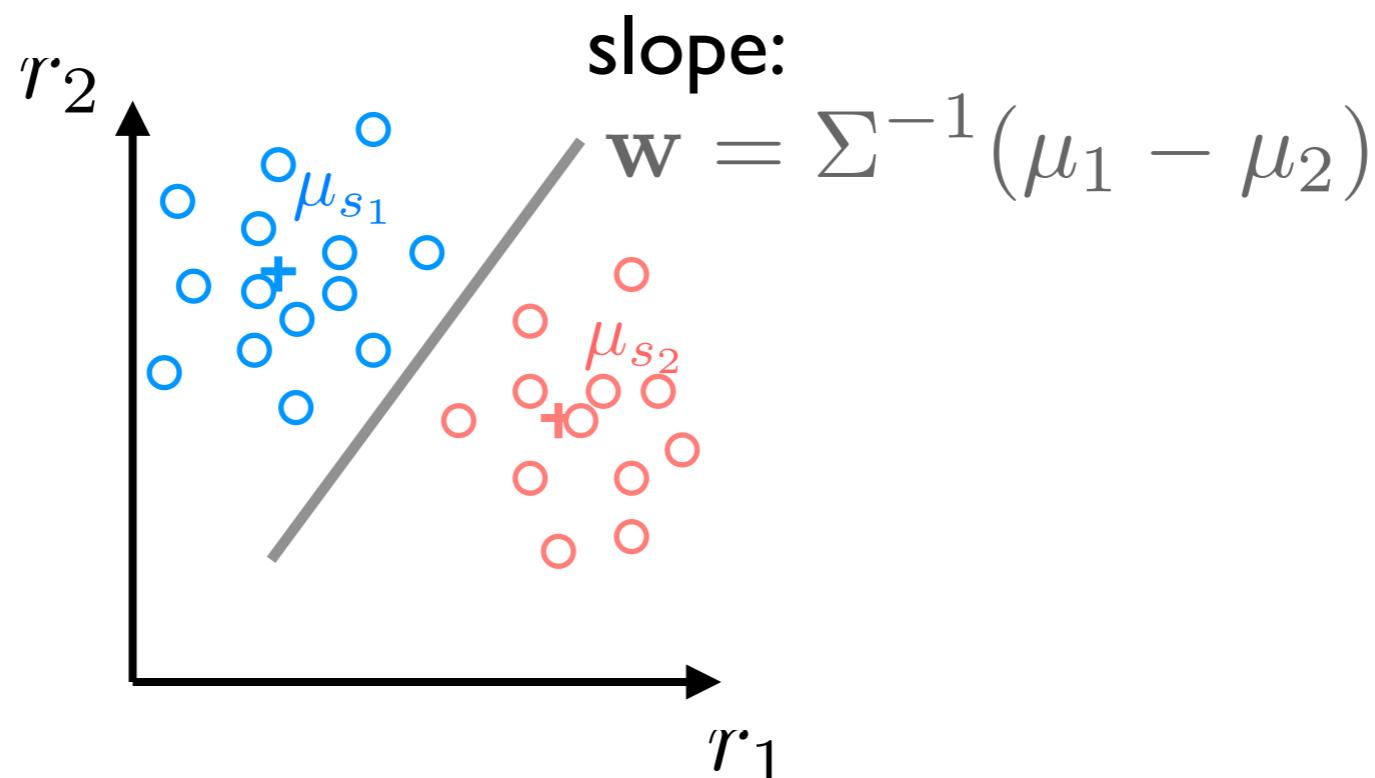
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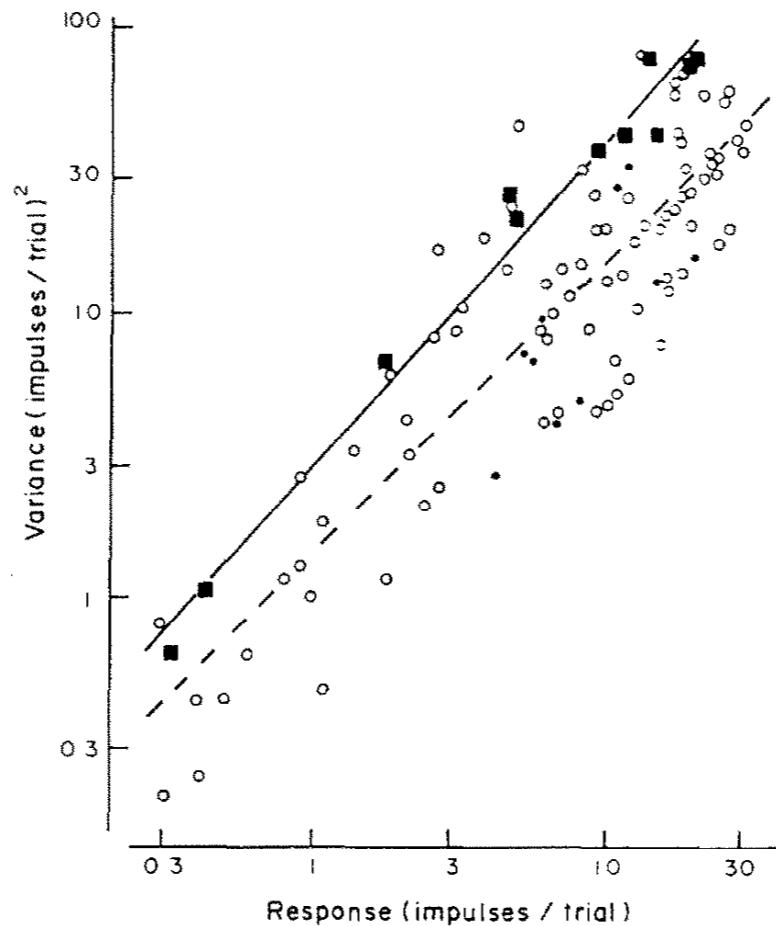
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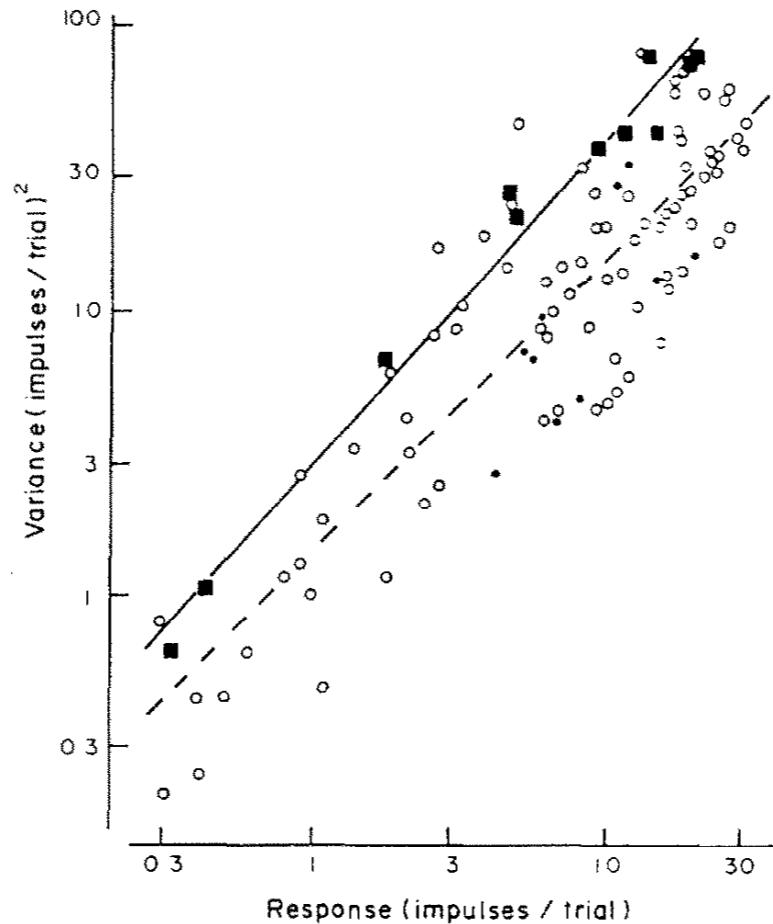


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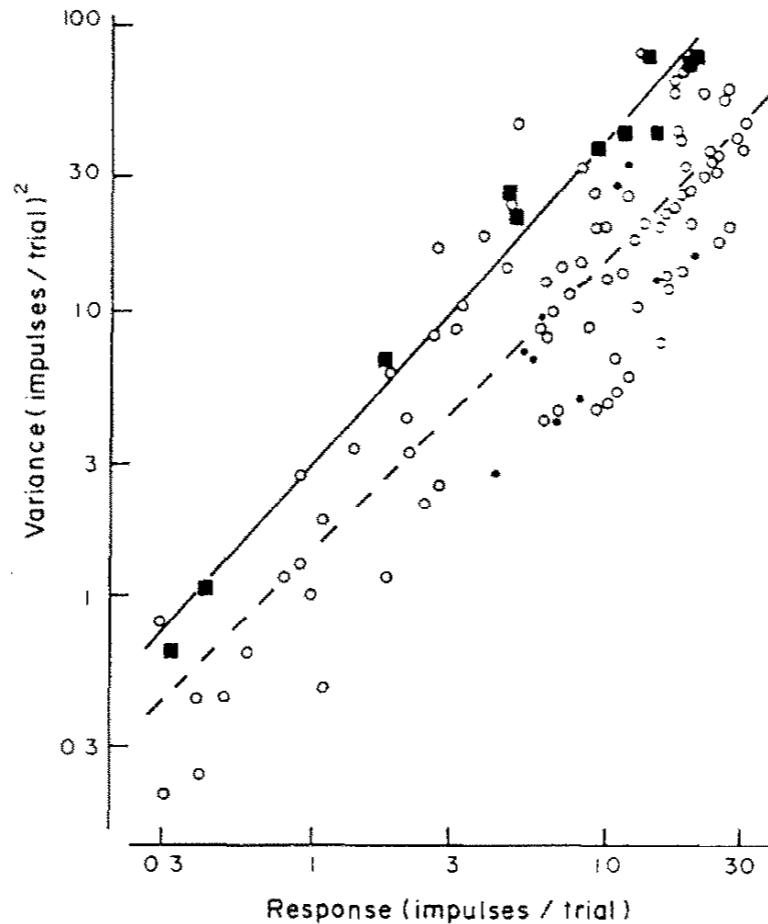
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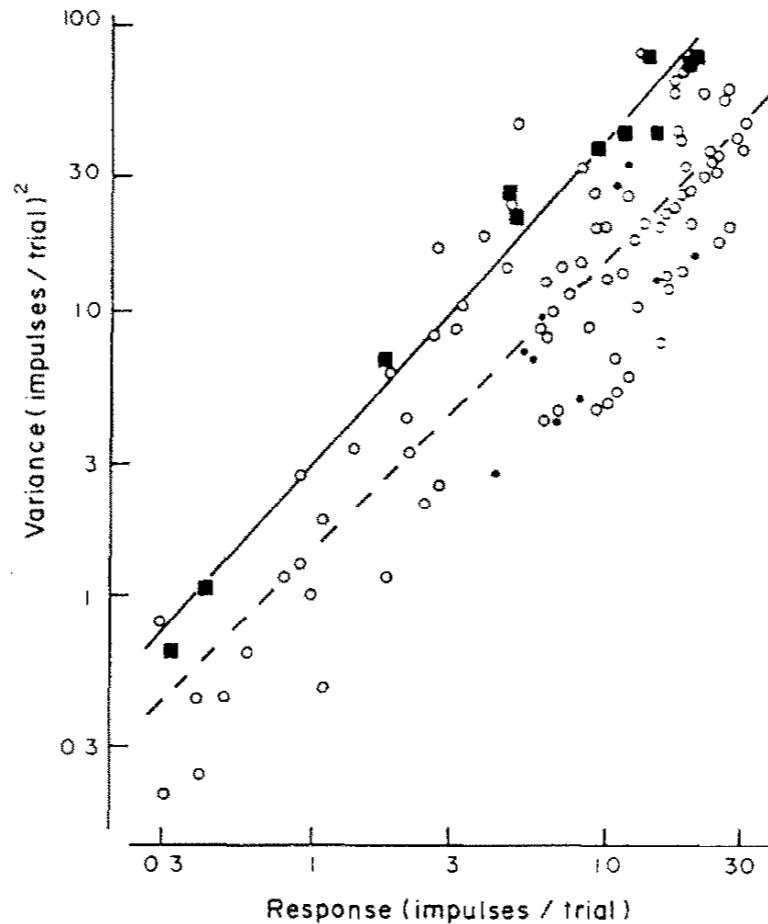


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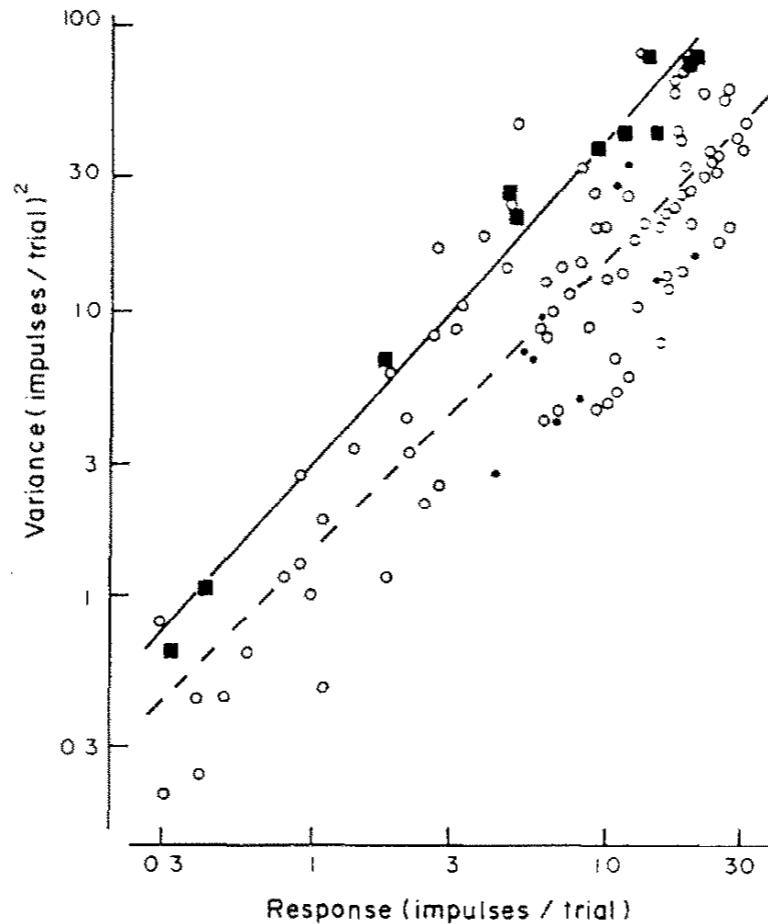
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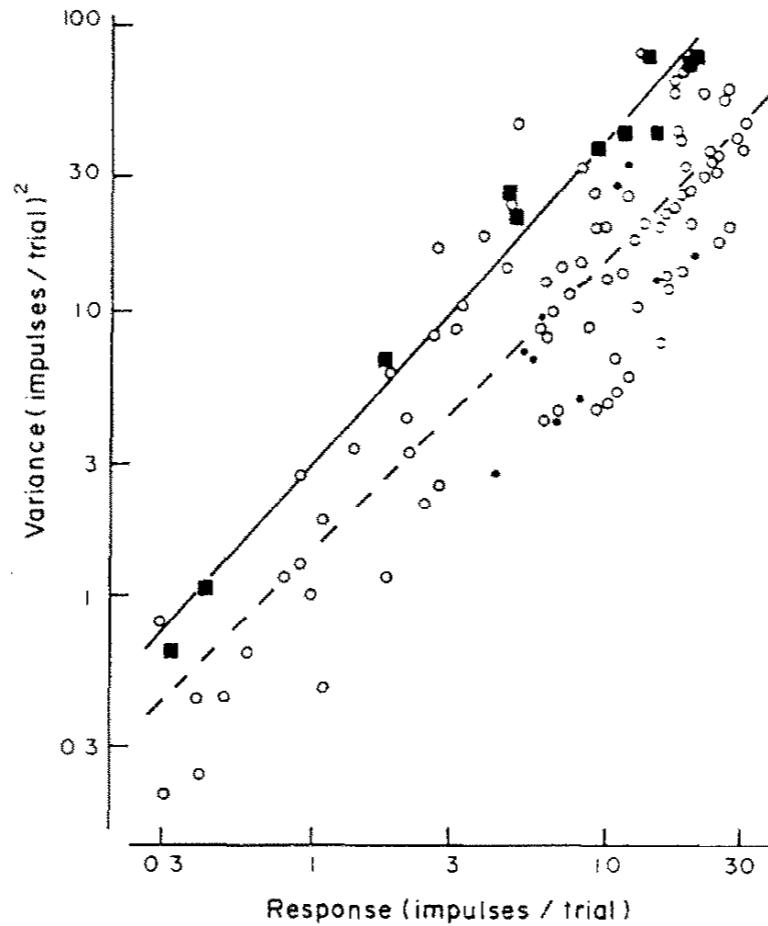
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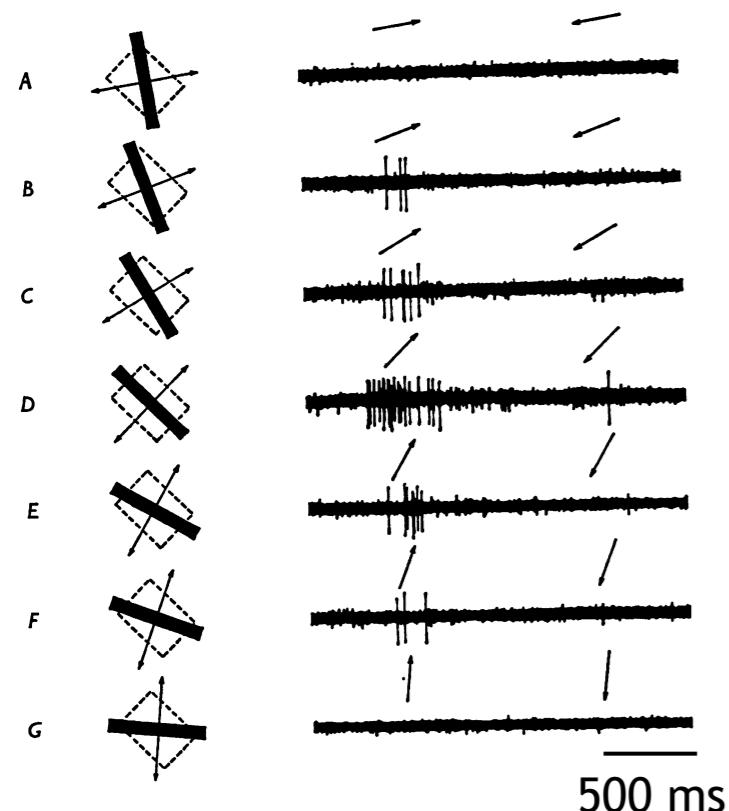
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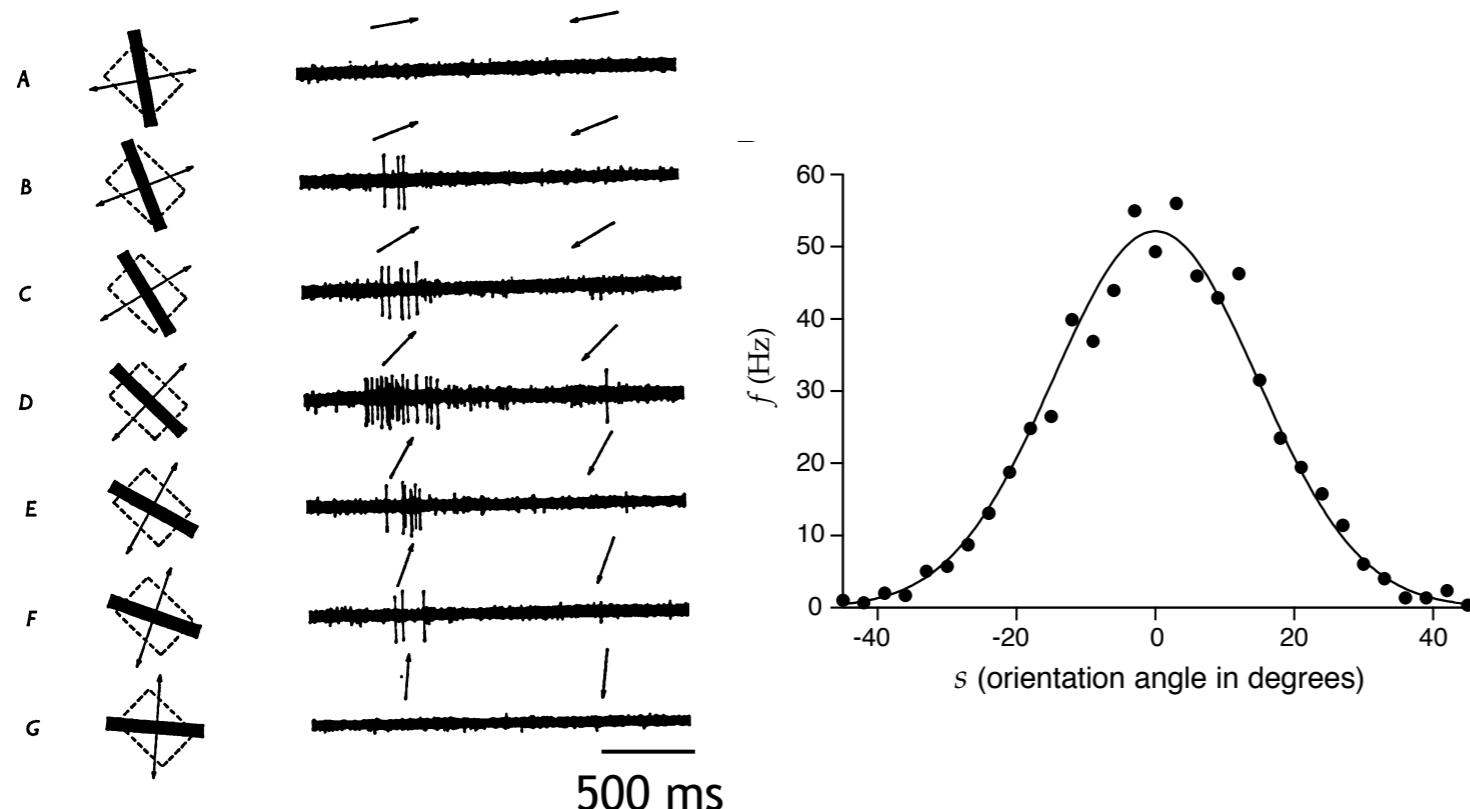
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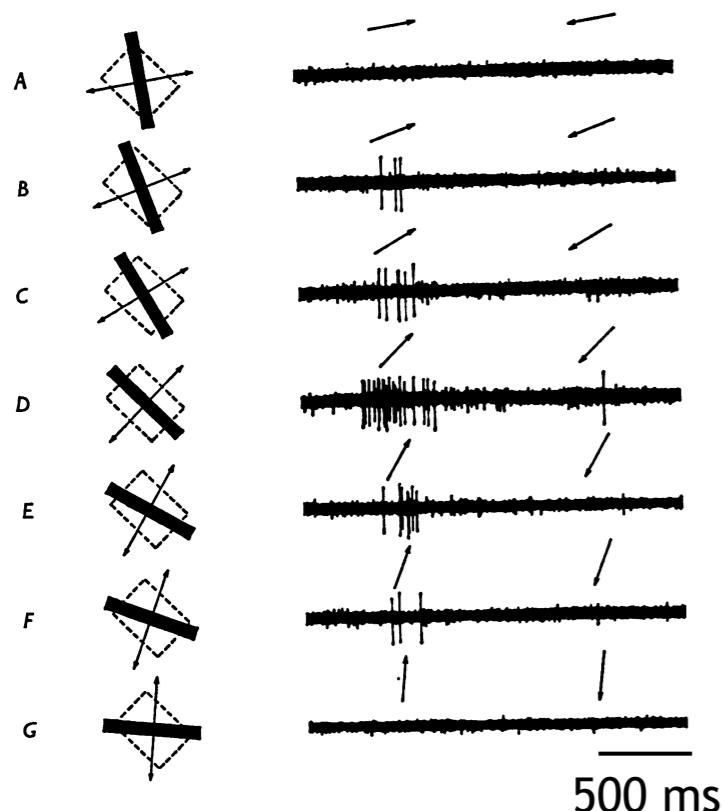
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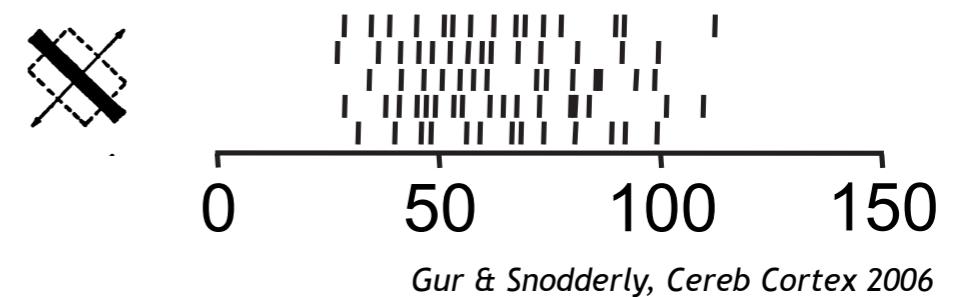
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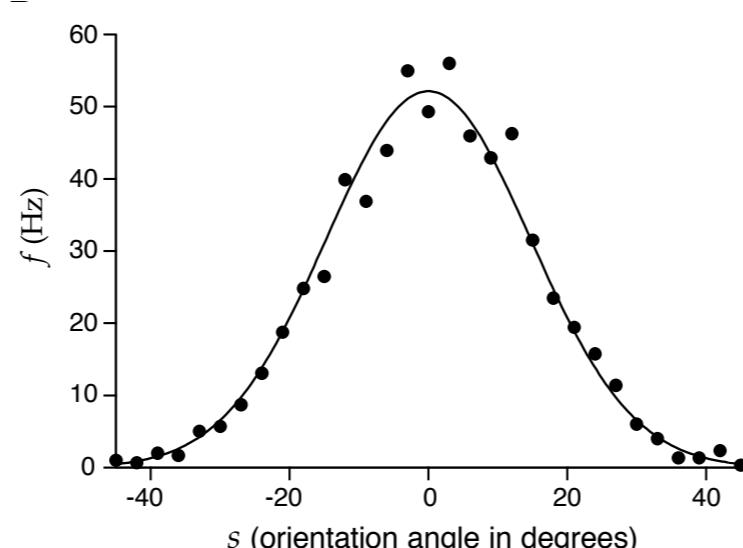


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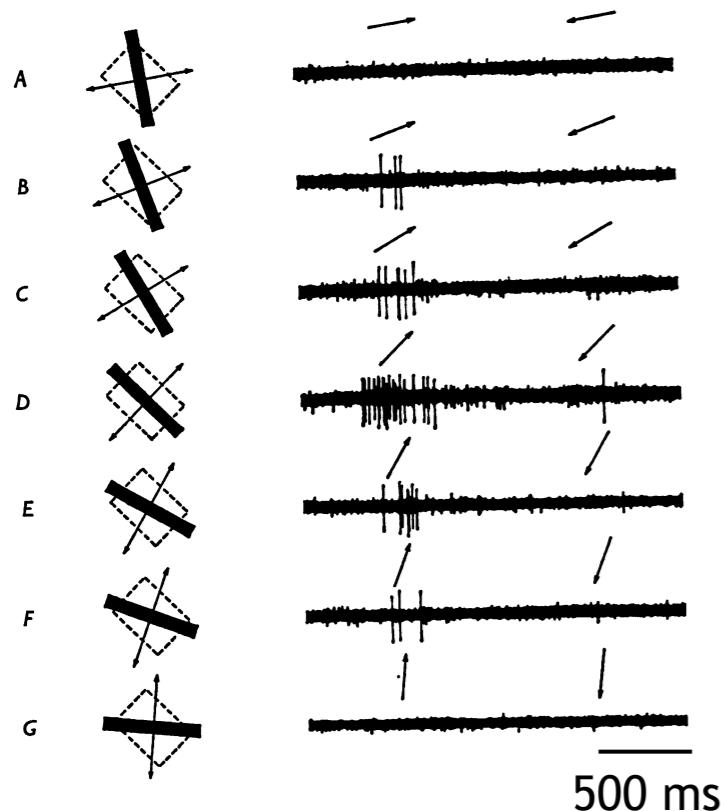


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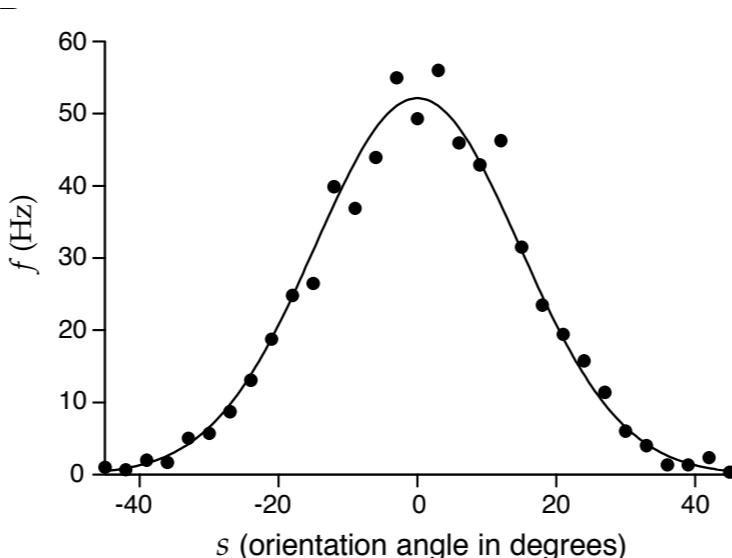
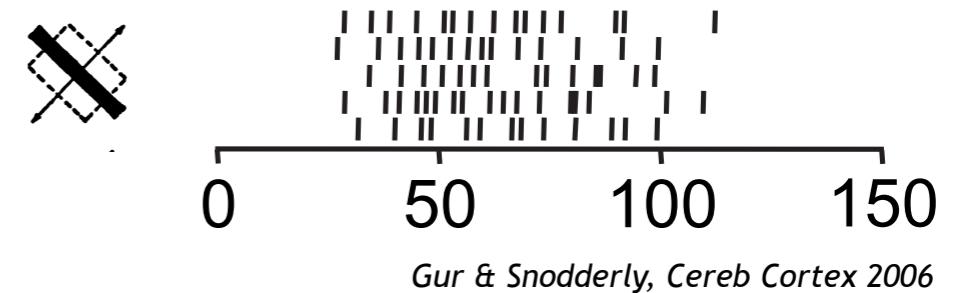
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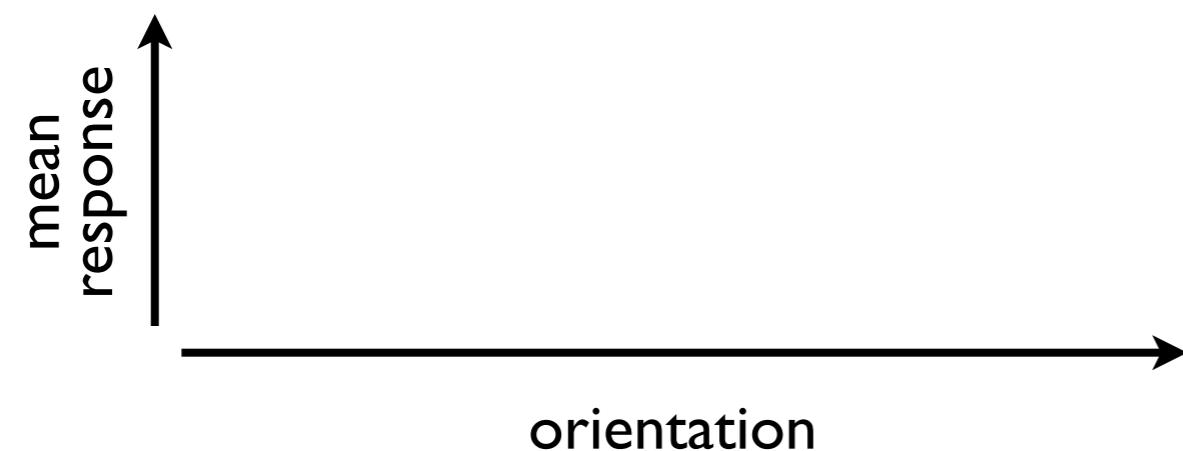
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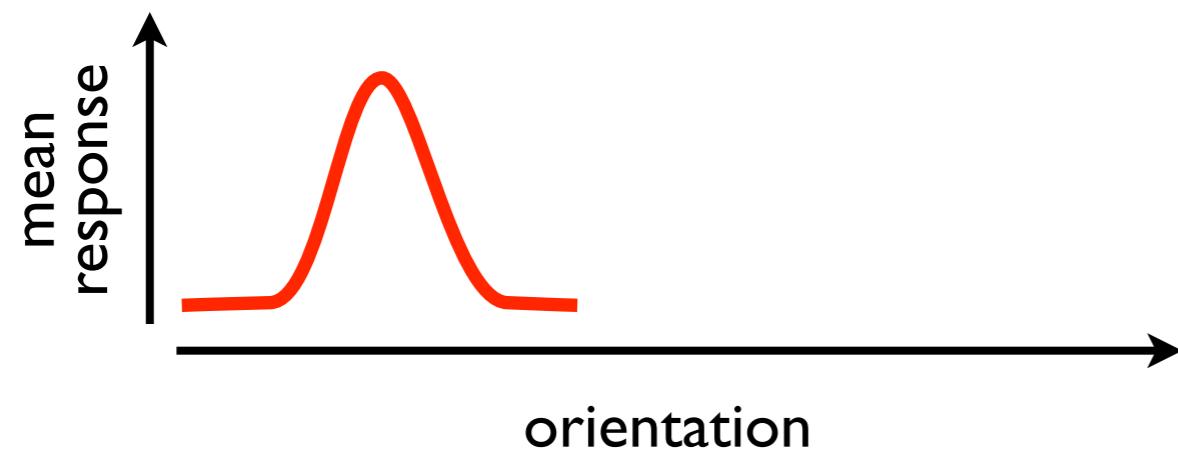
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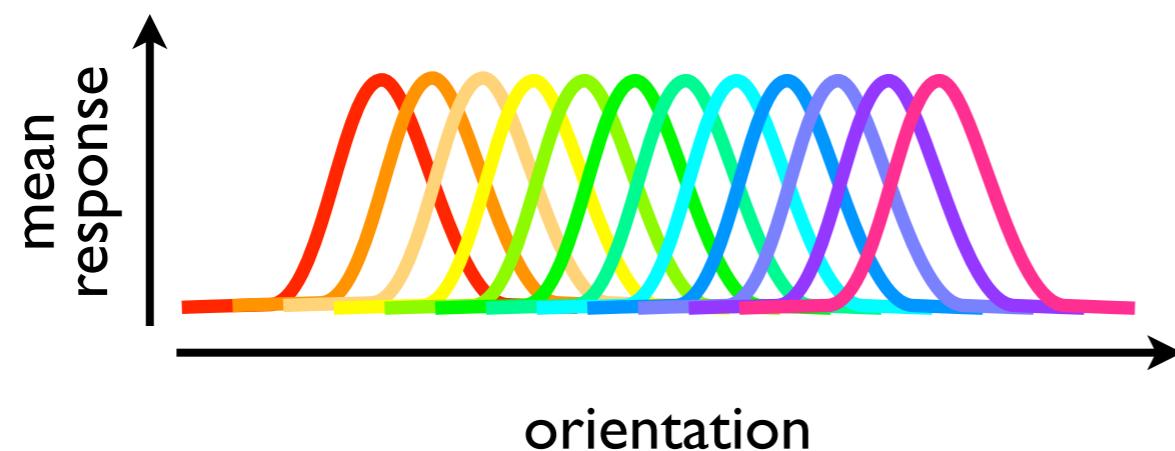
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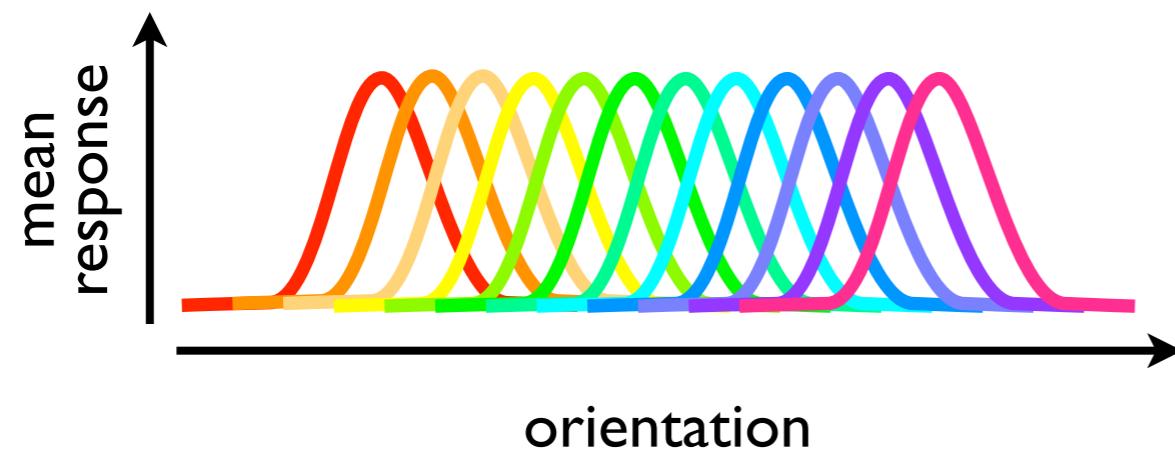
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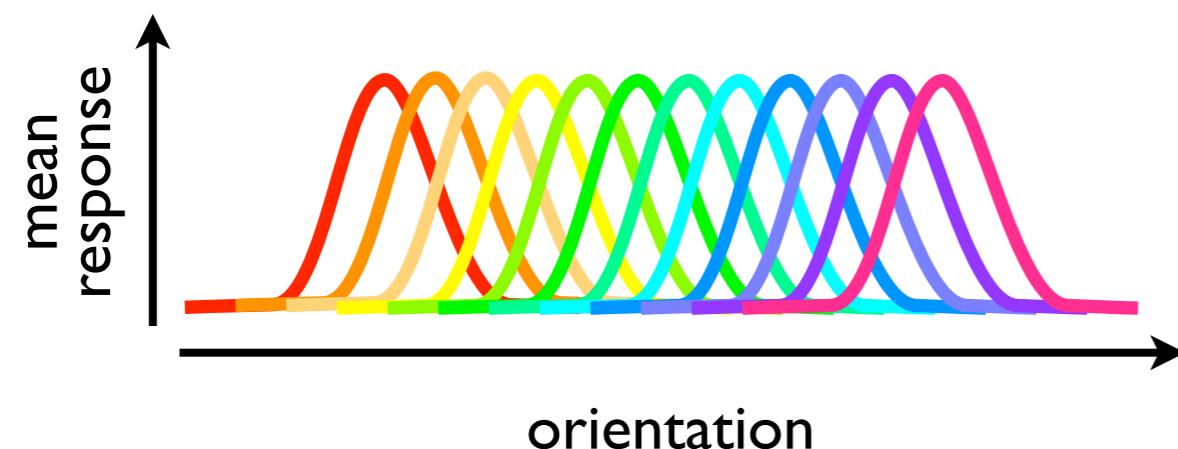
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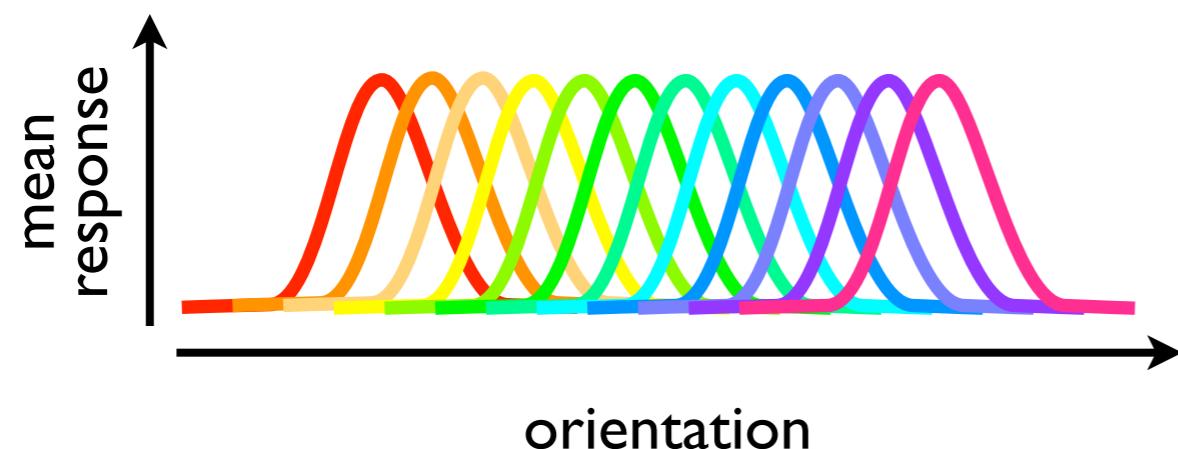


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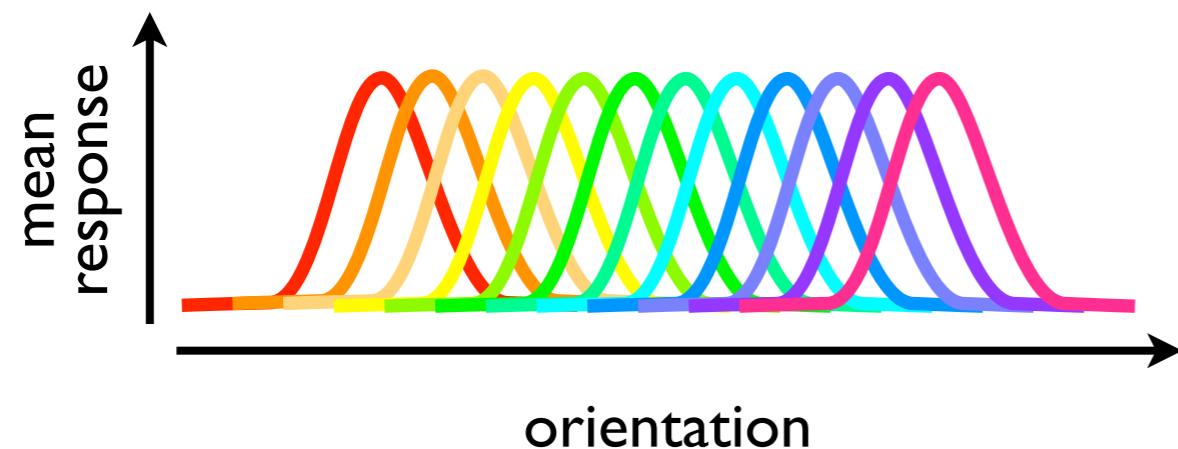
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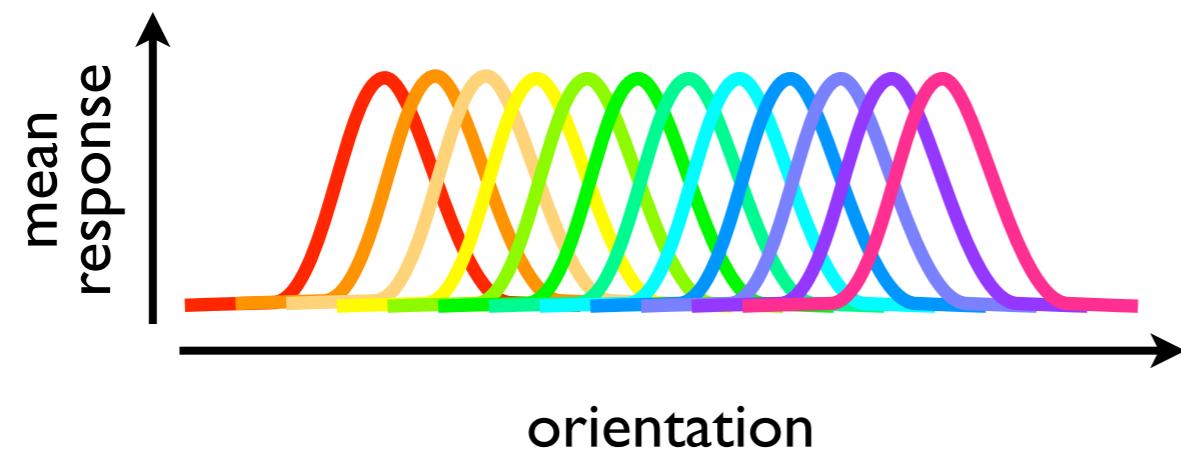
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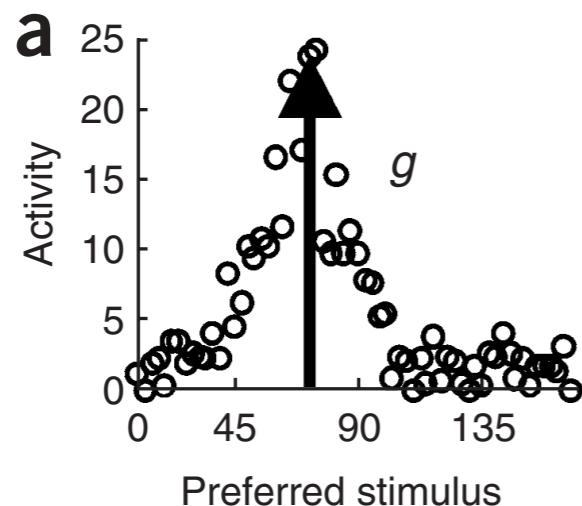
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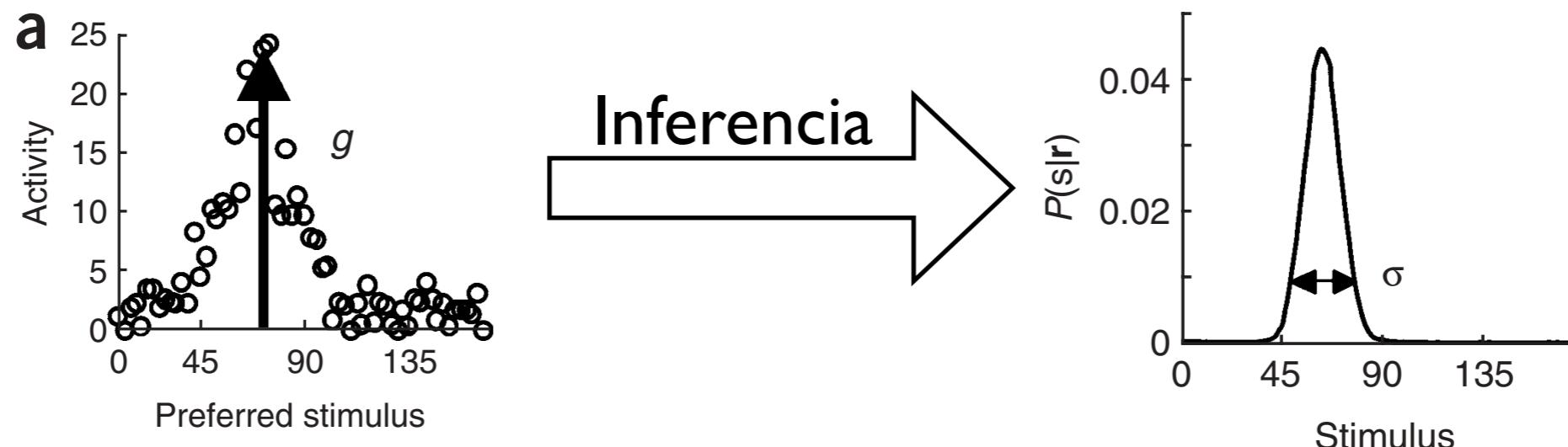
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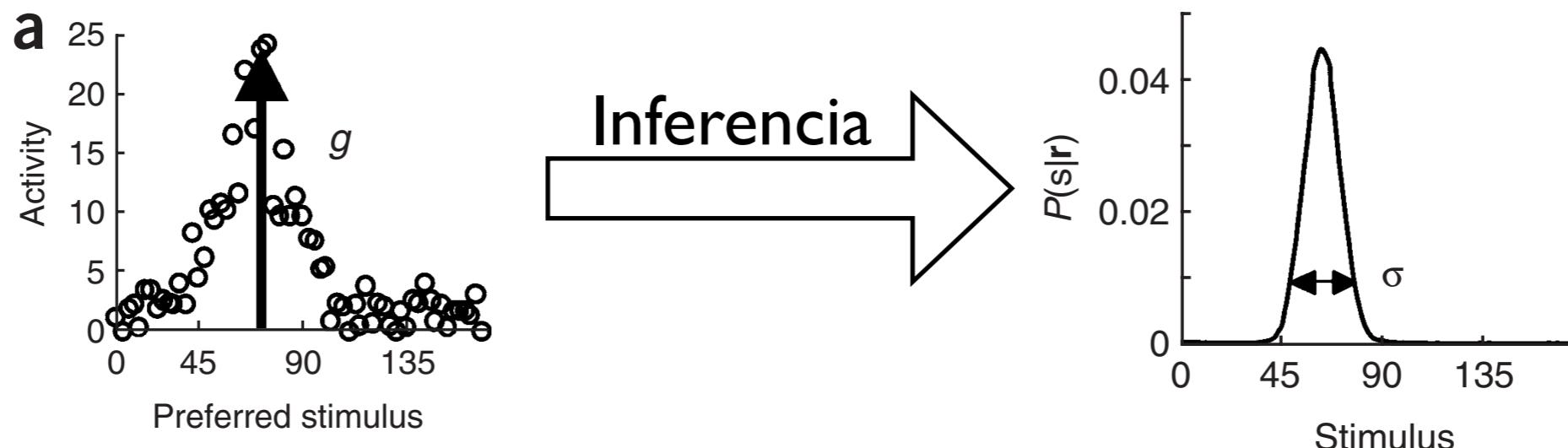
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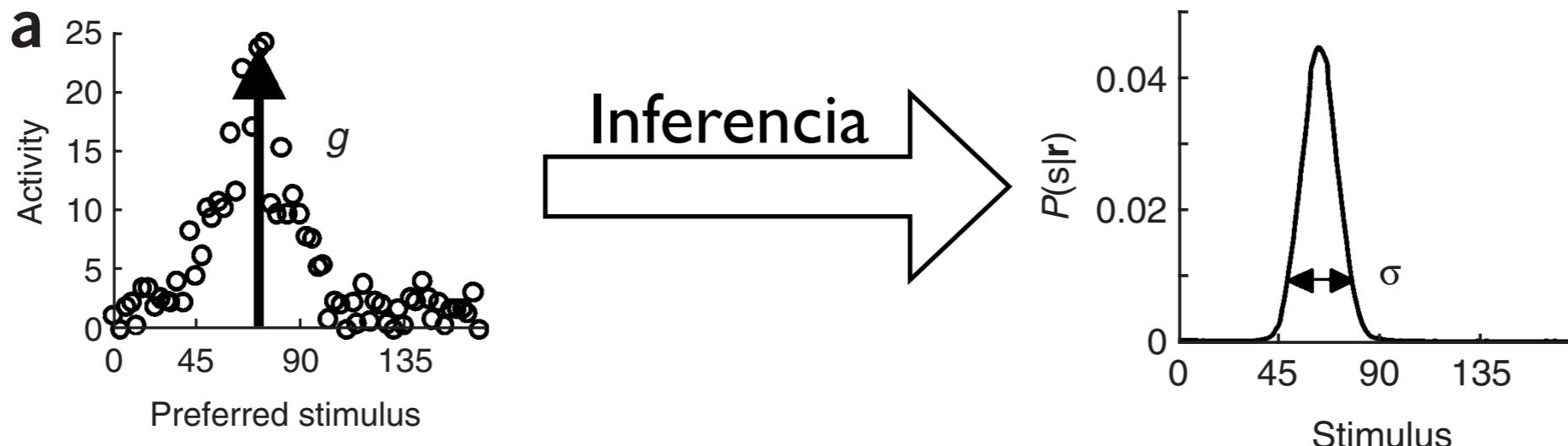


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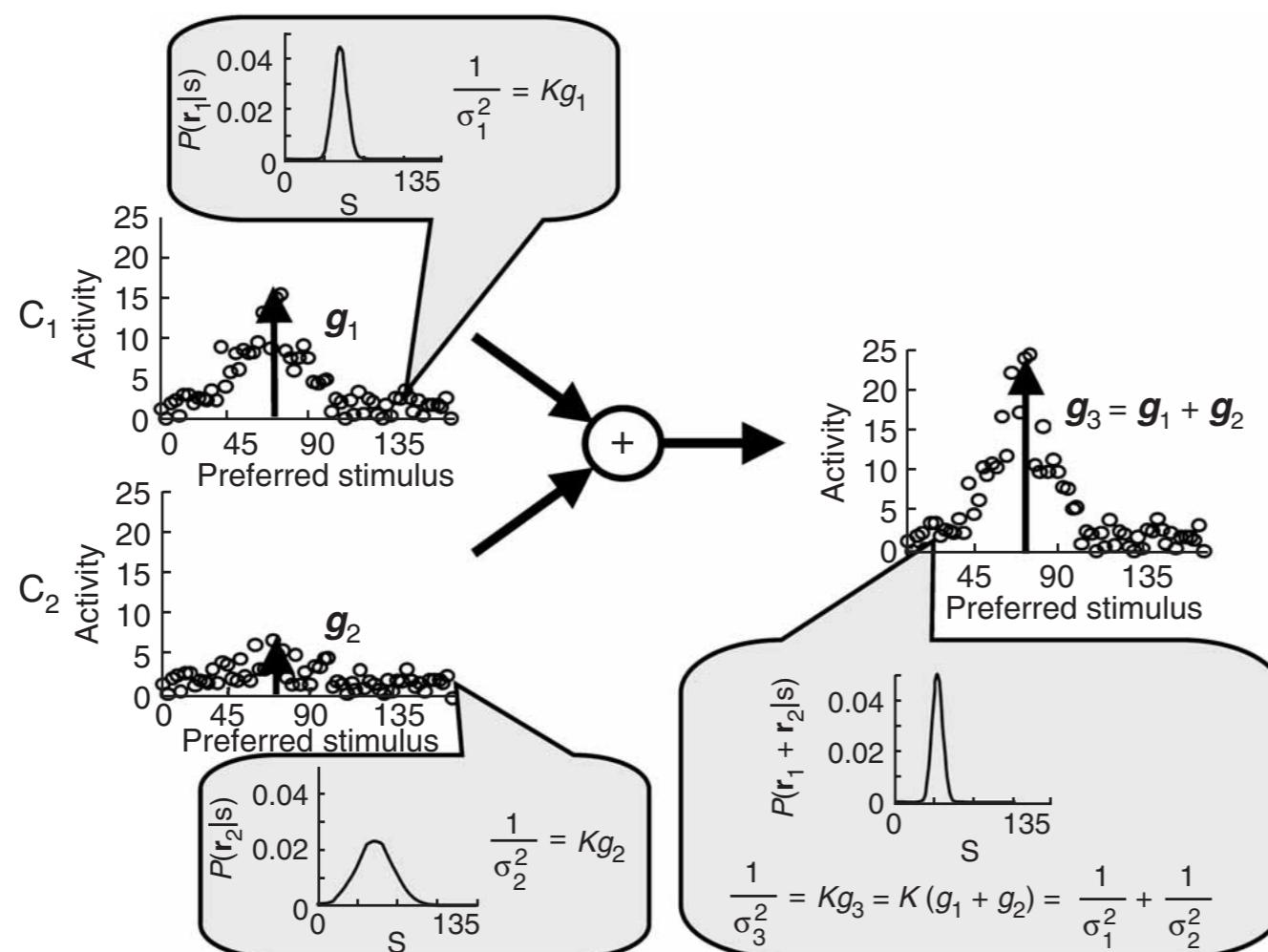
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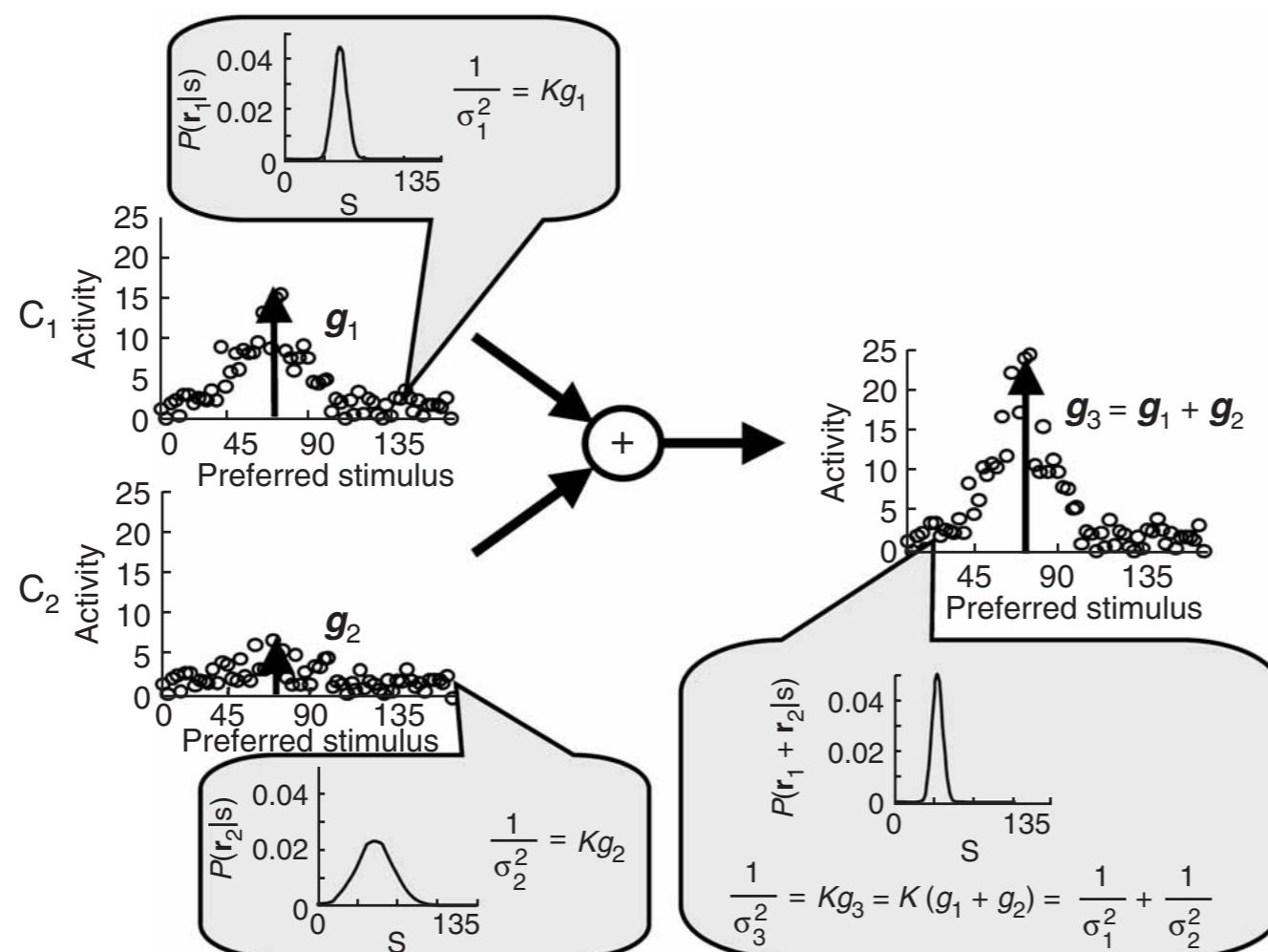
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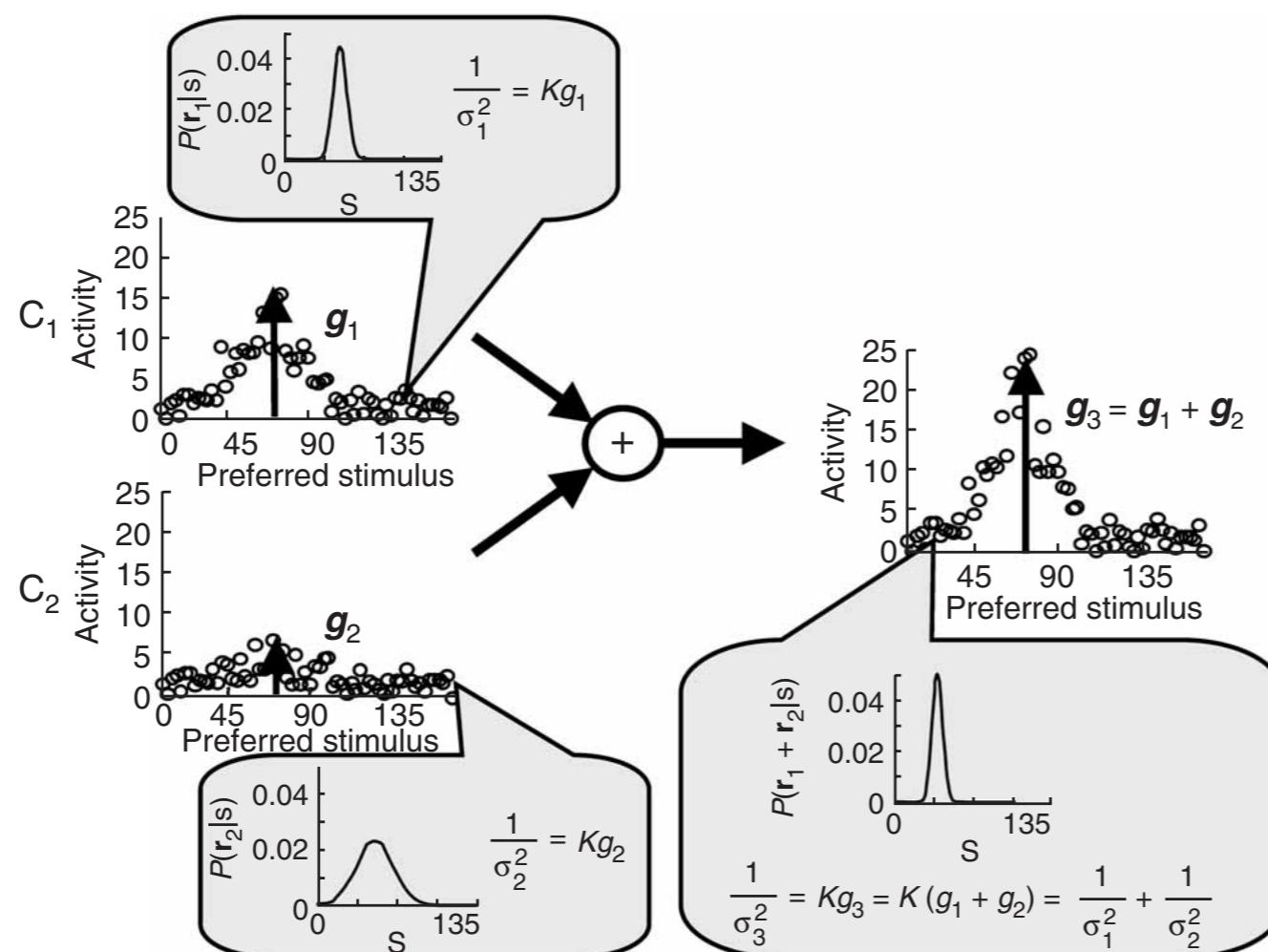


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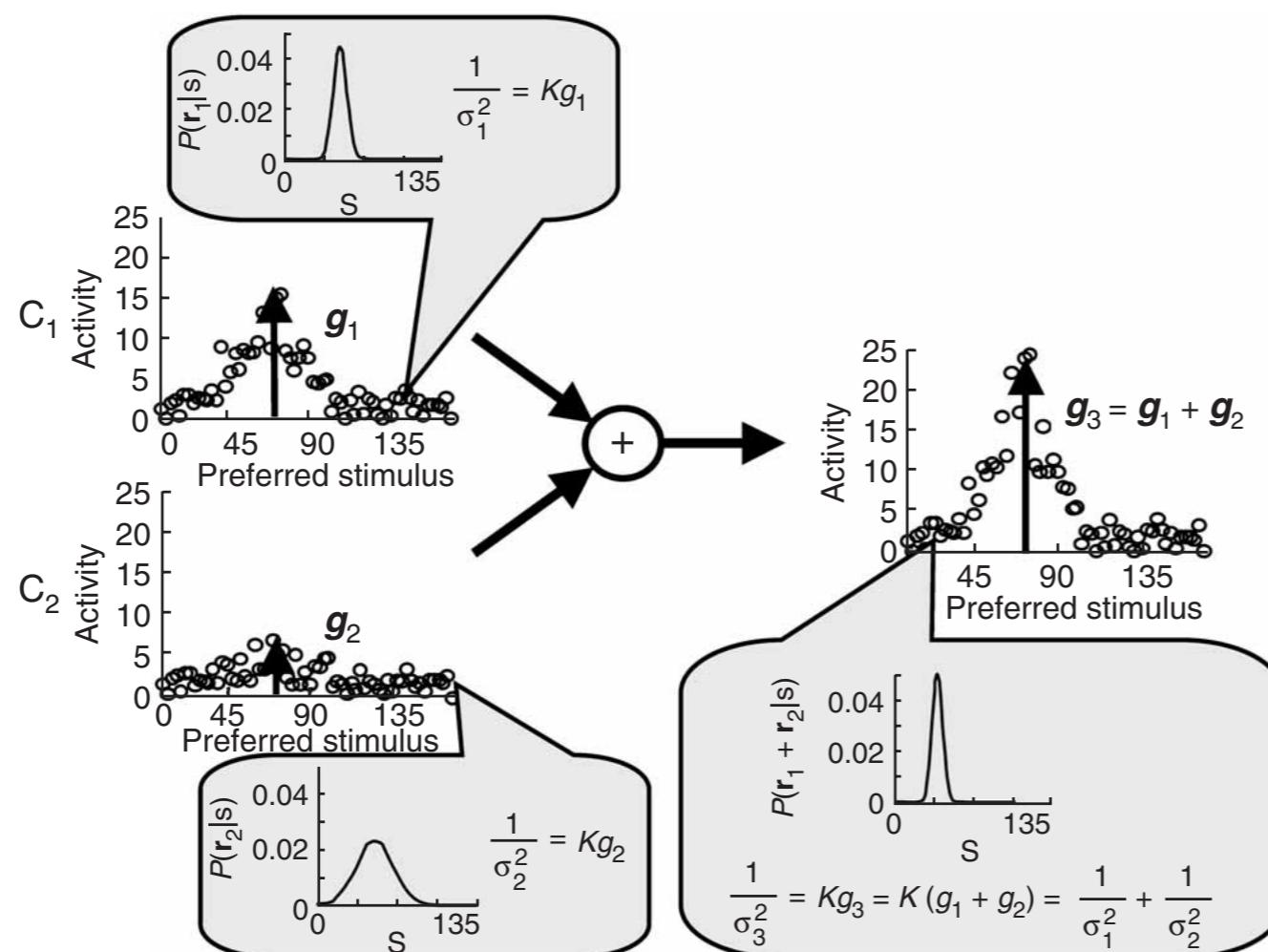
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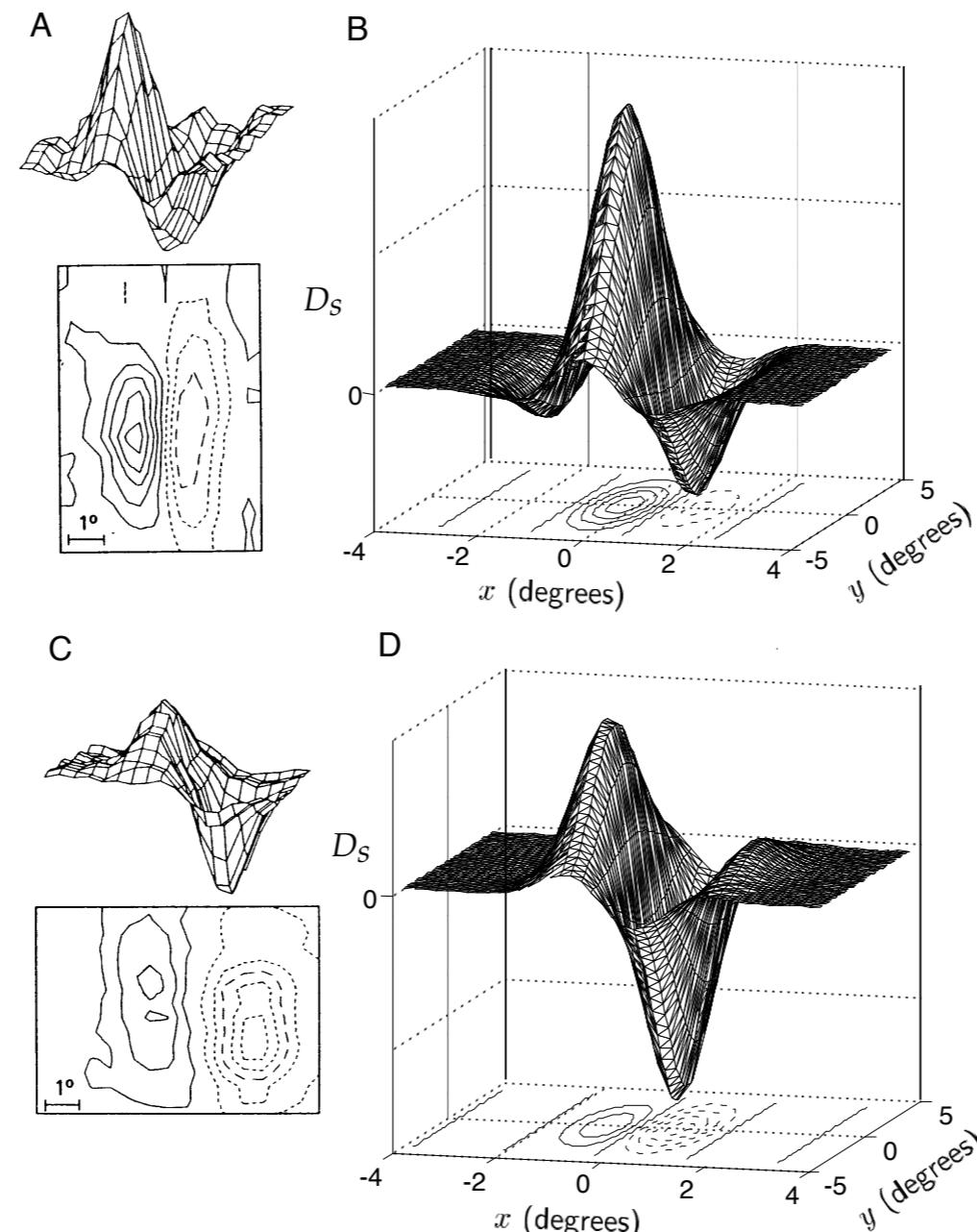
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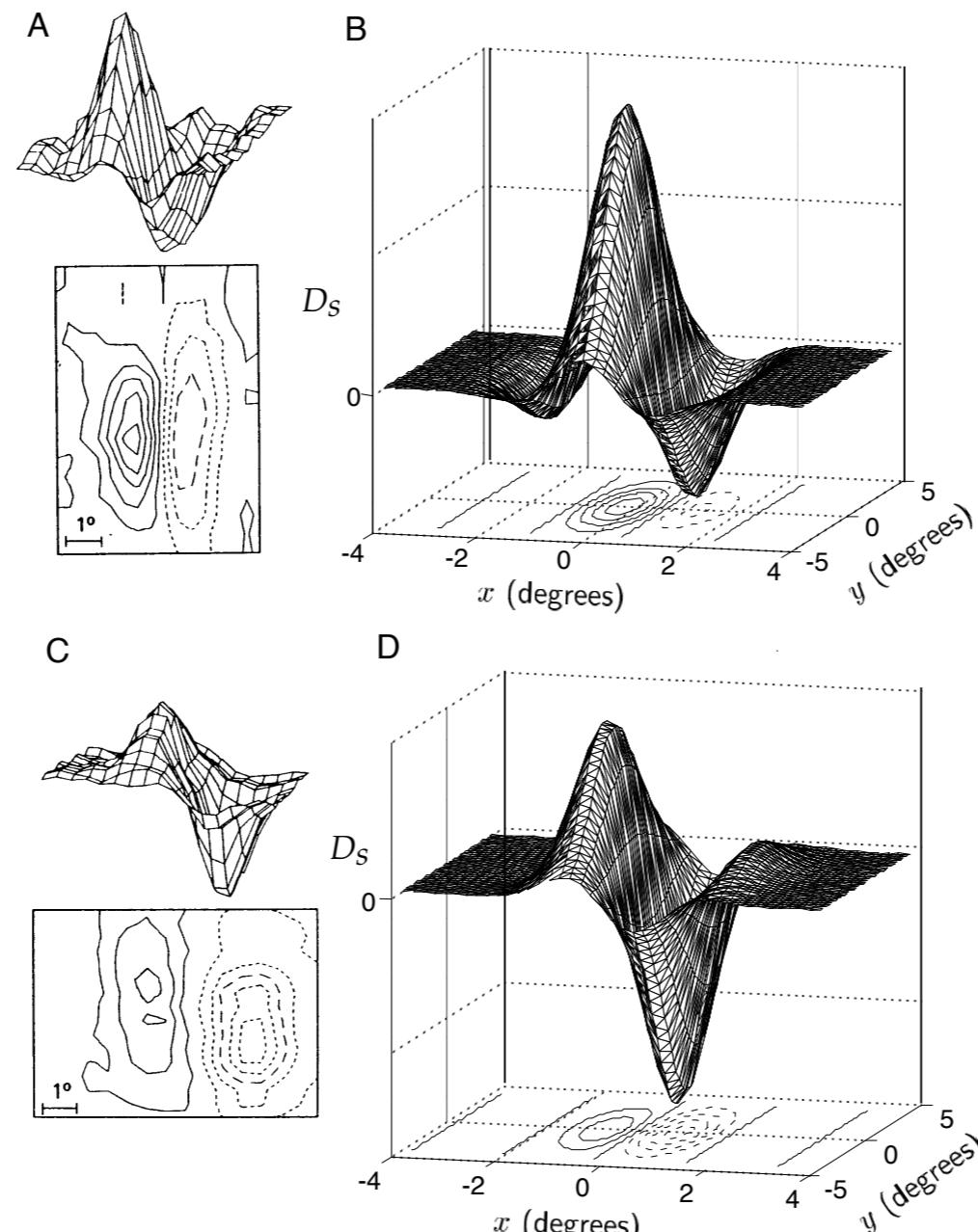
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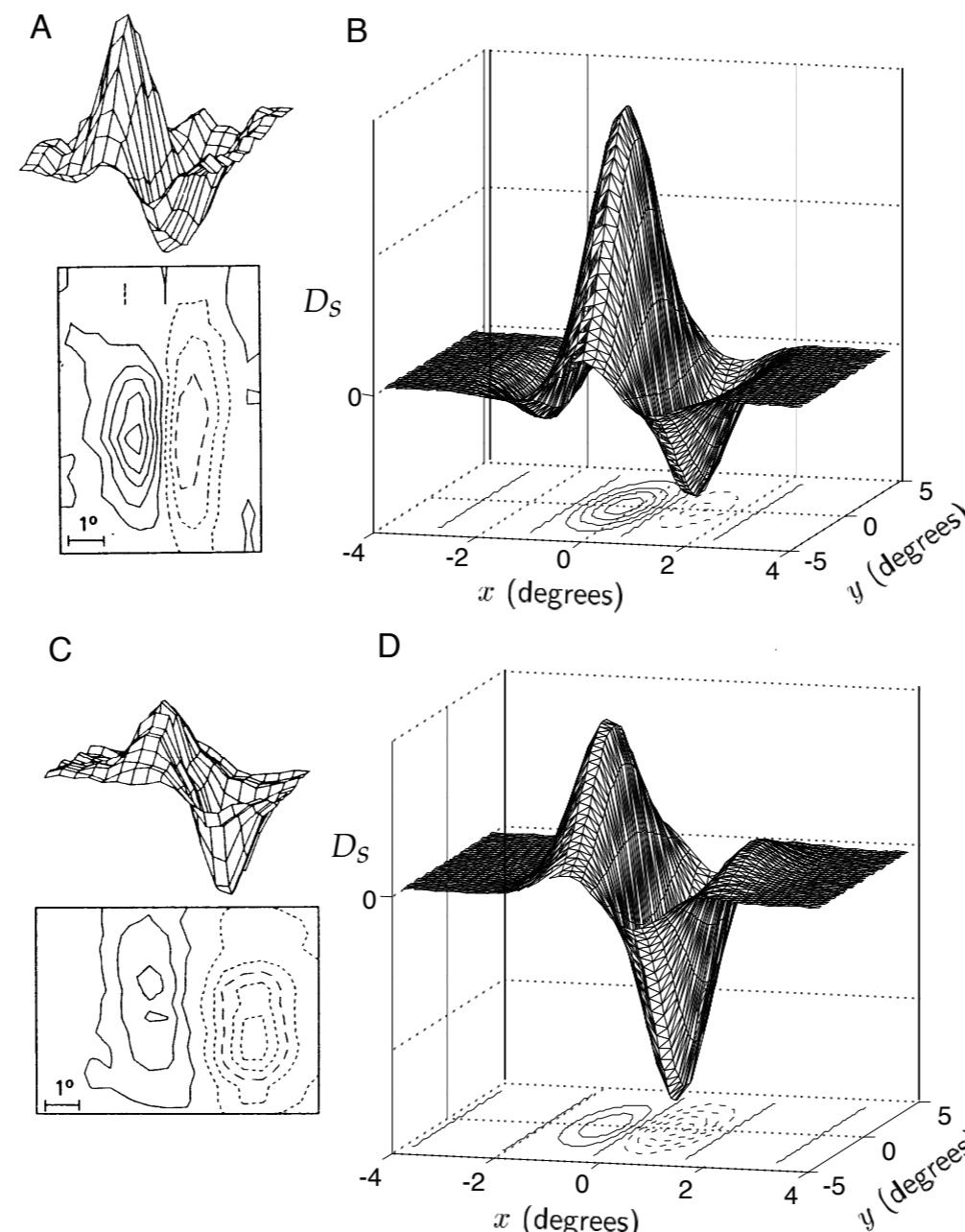


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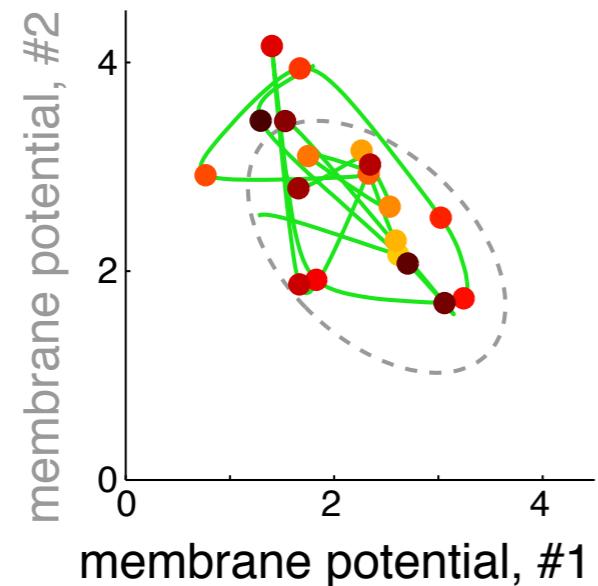


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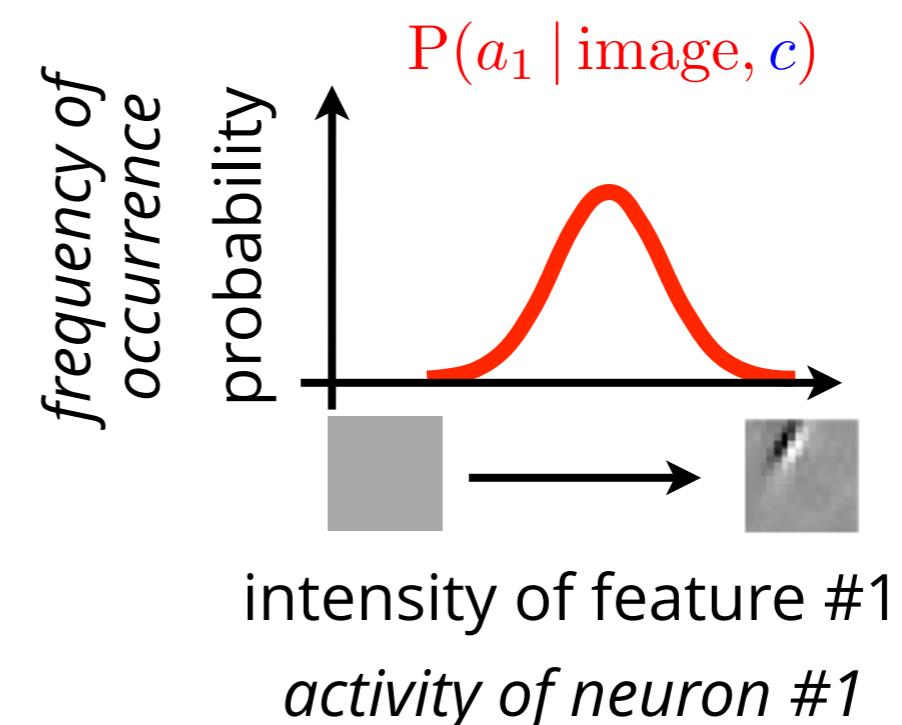
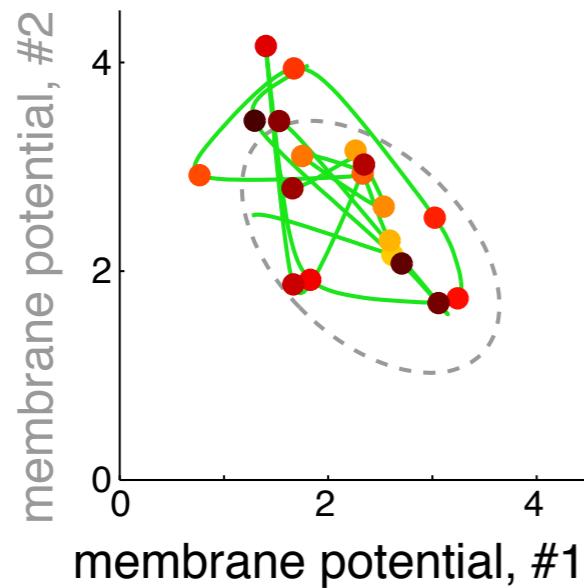
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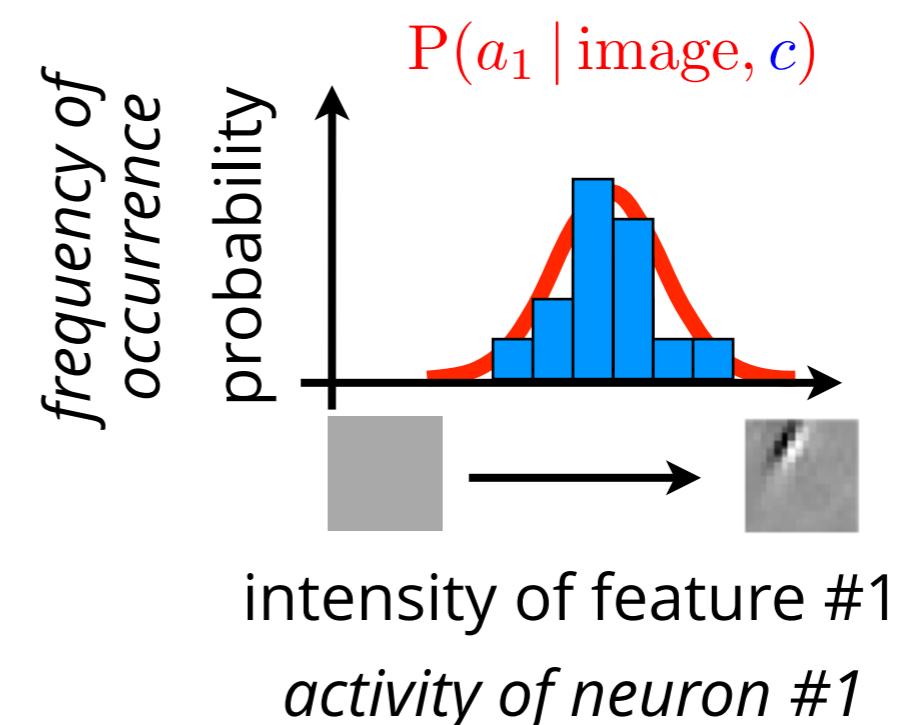
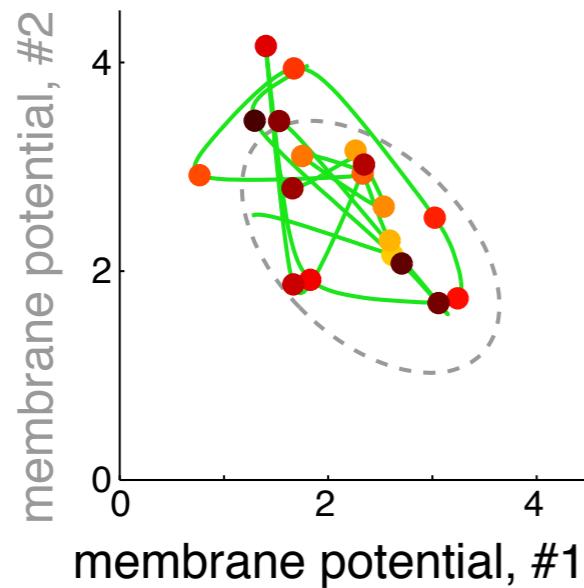
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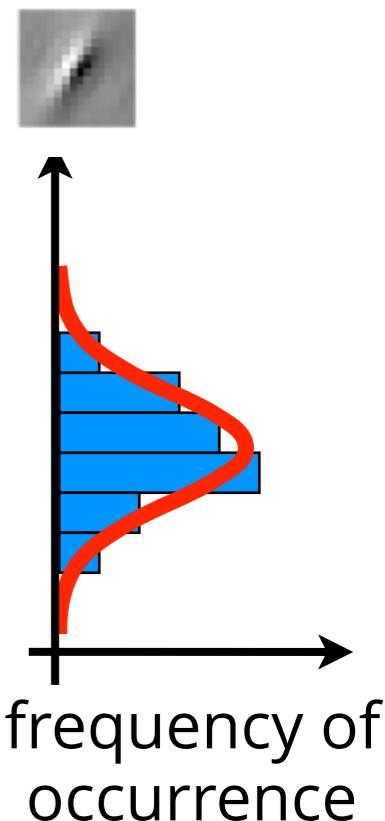
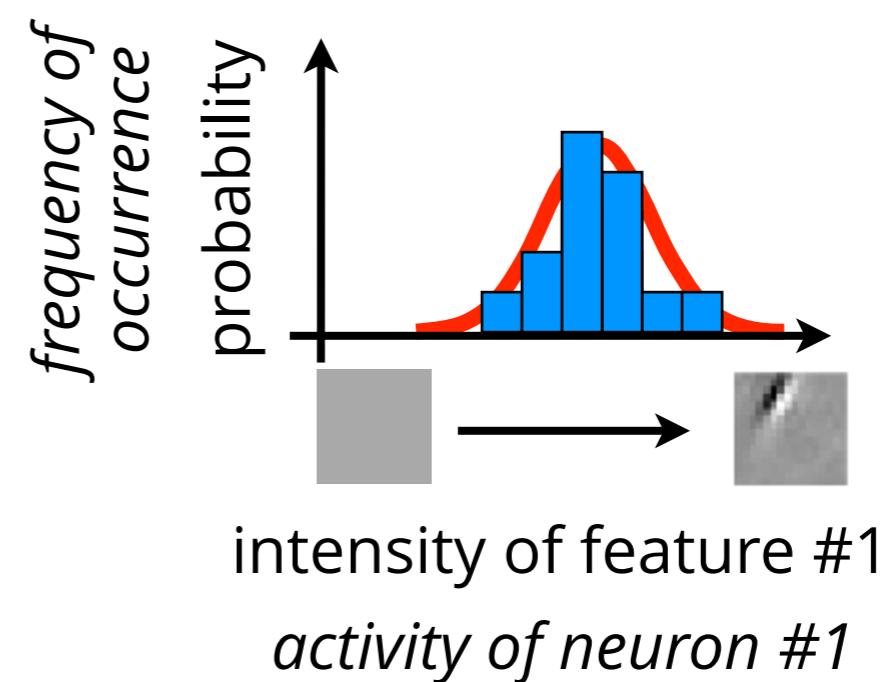
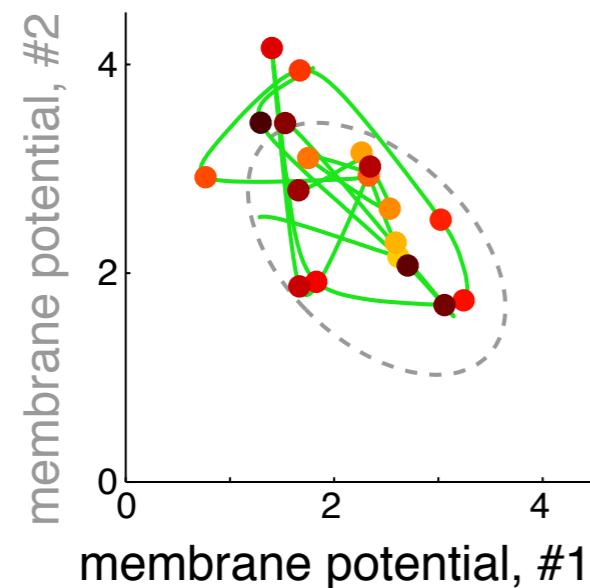
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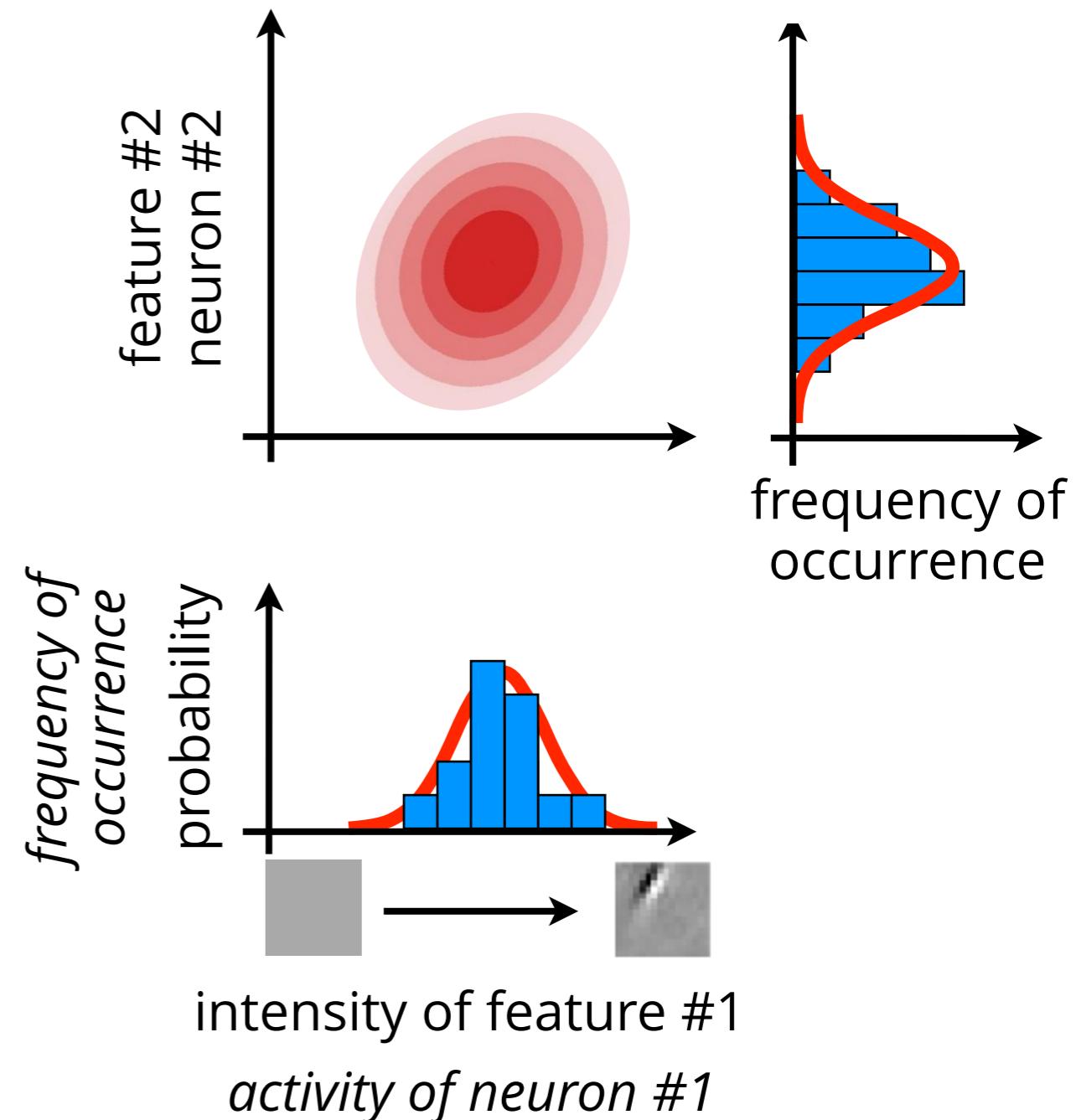
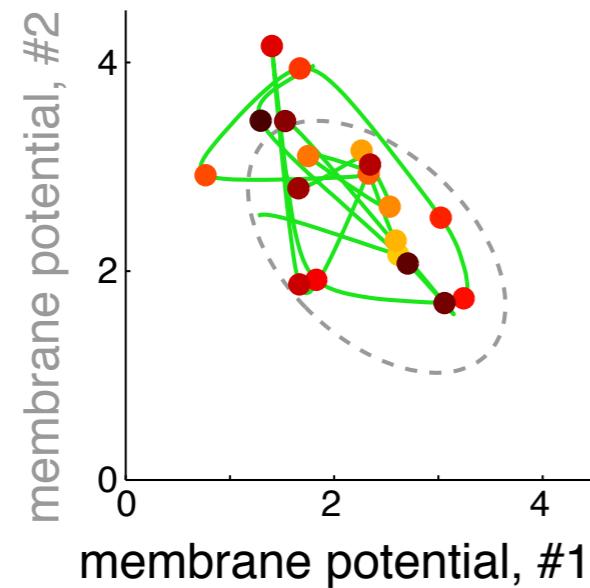
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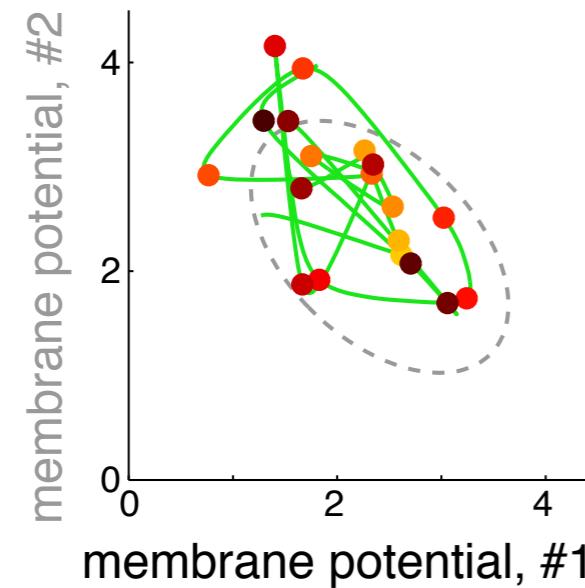
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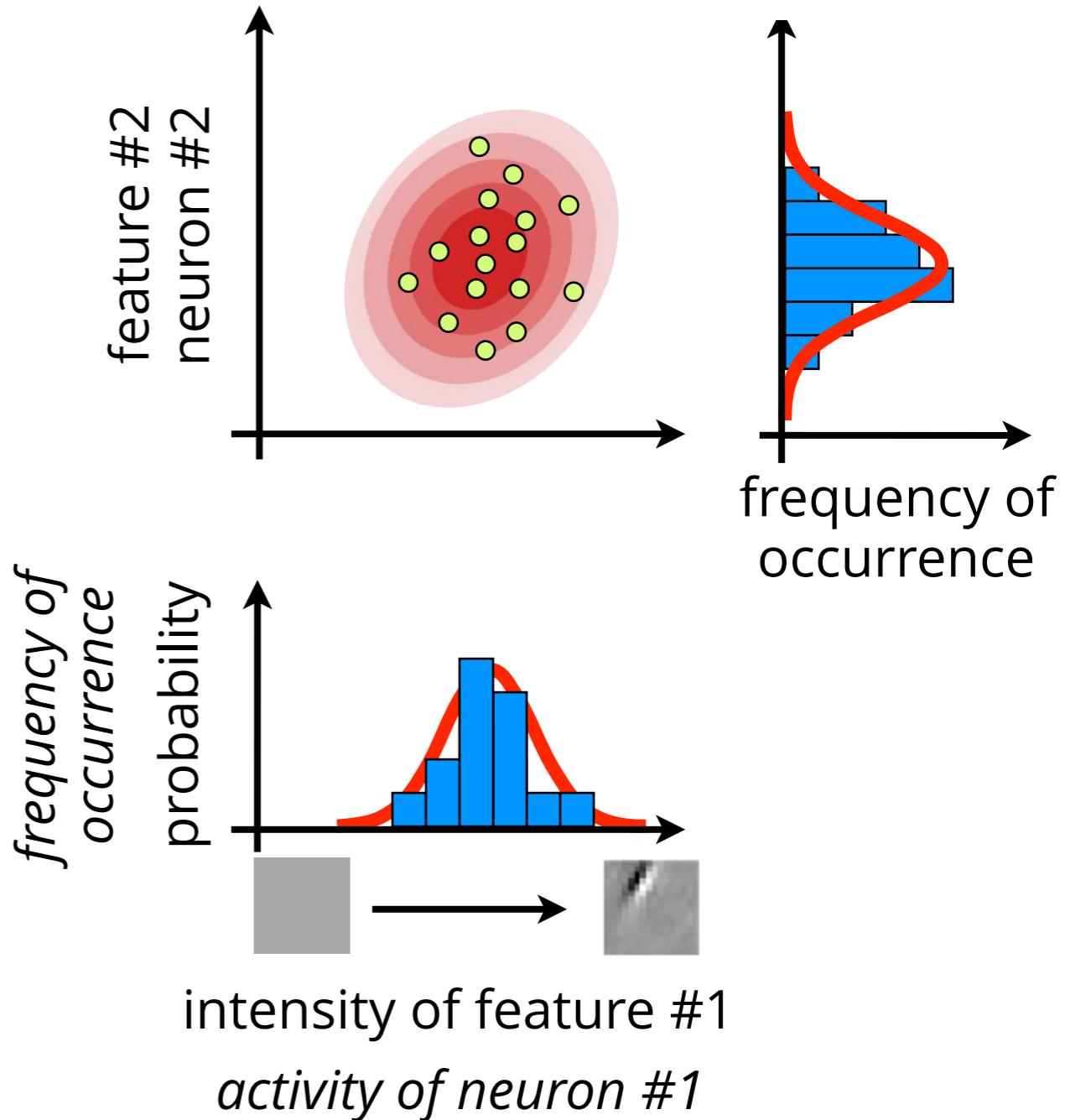
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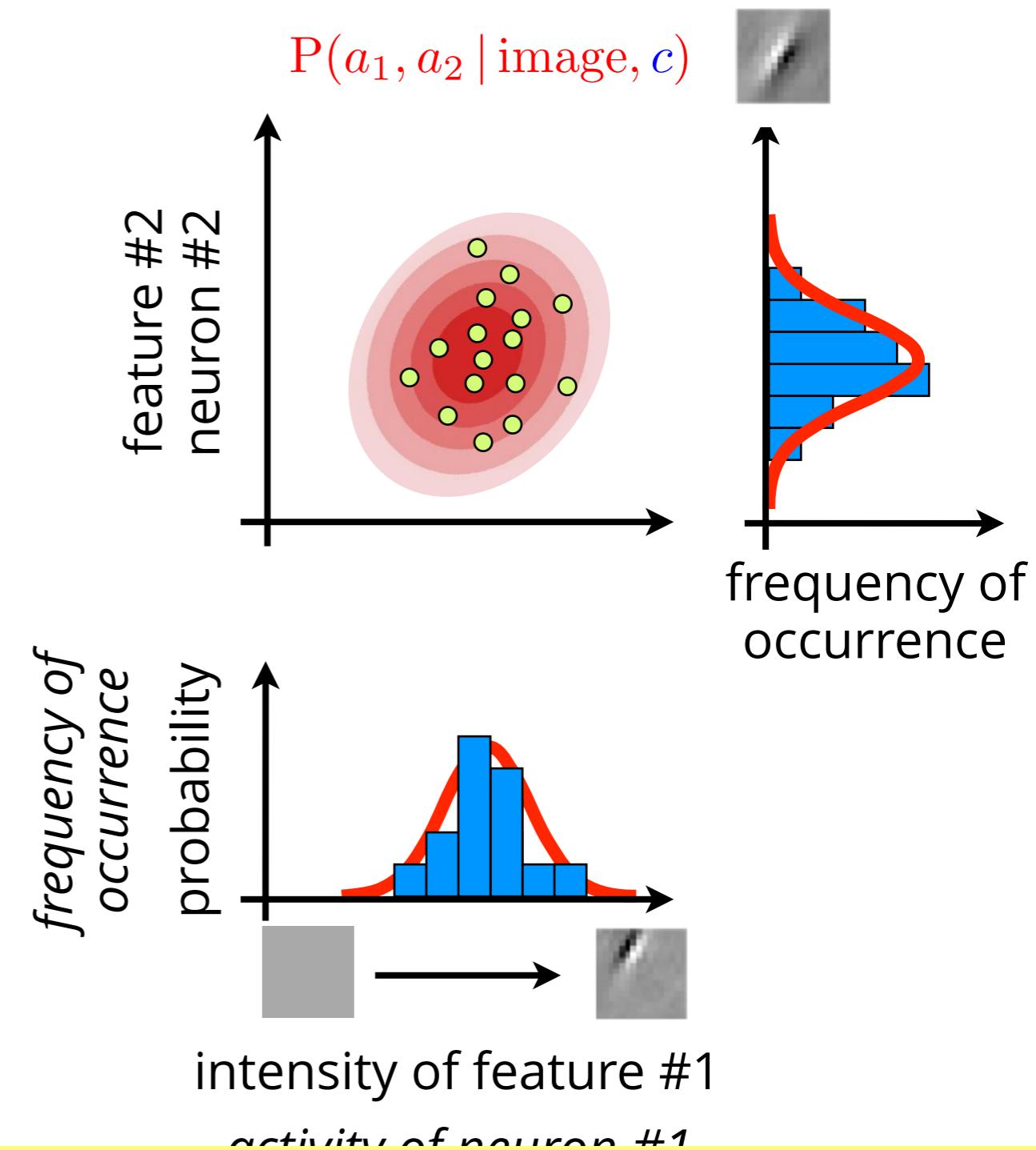
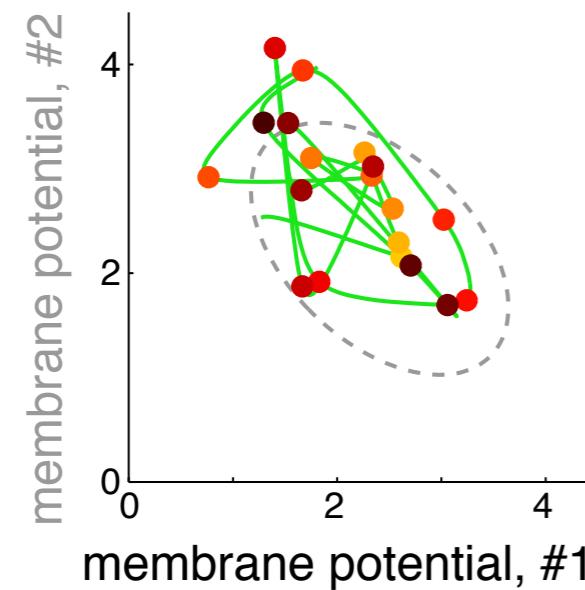
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$$P(a_1, a_2 \mid \text{image}, c)$$



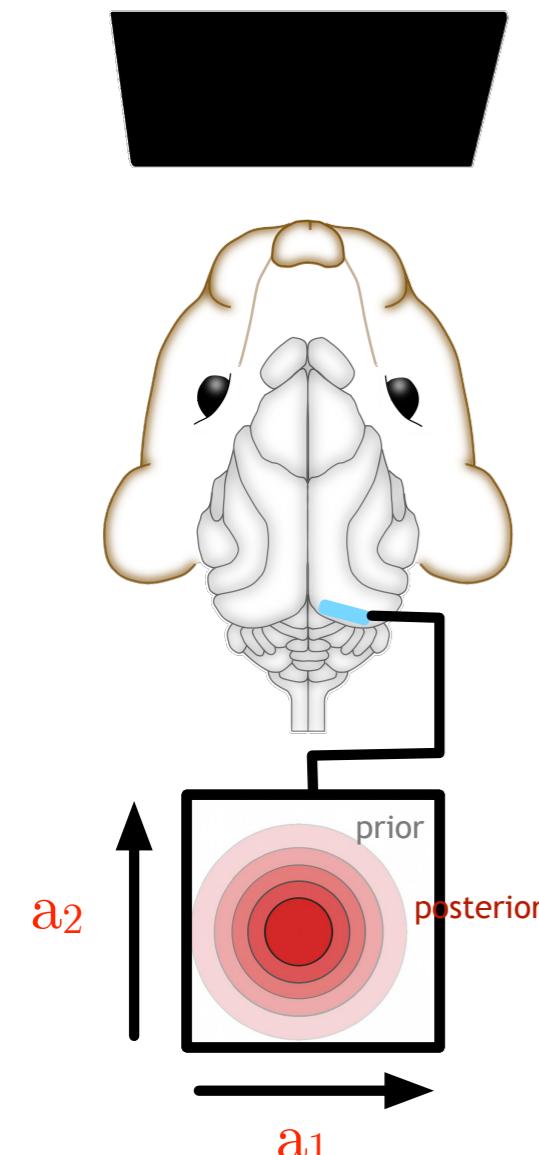
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changes in inferences need to be reflected in the response statistics

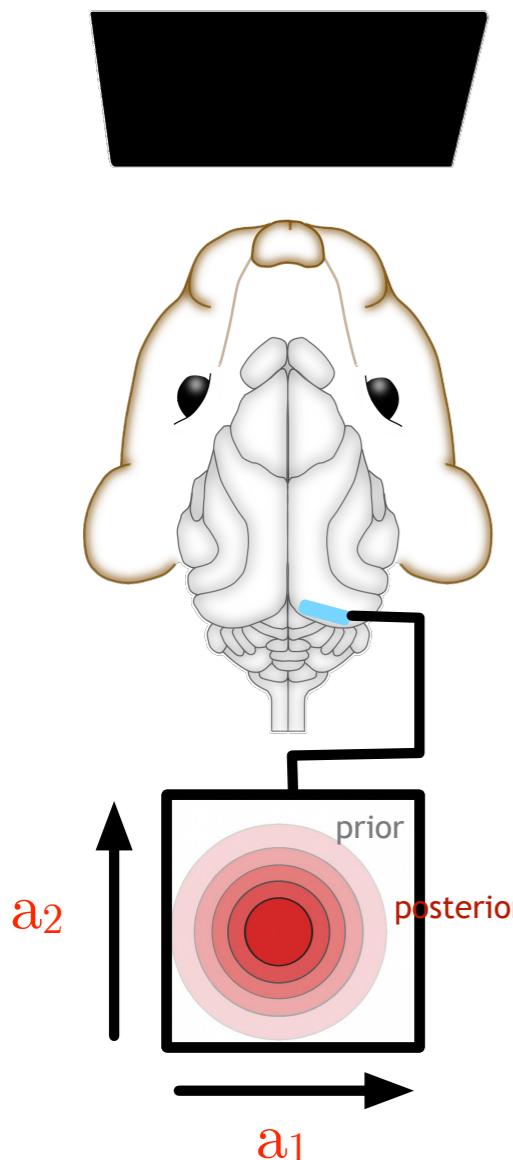
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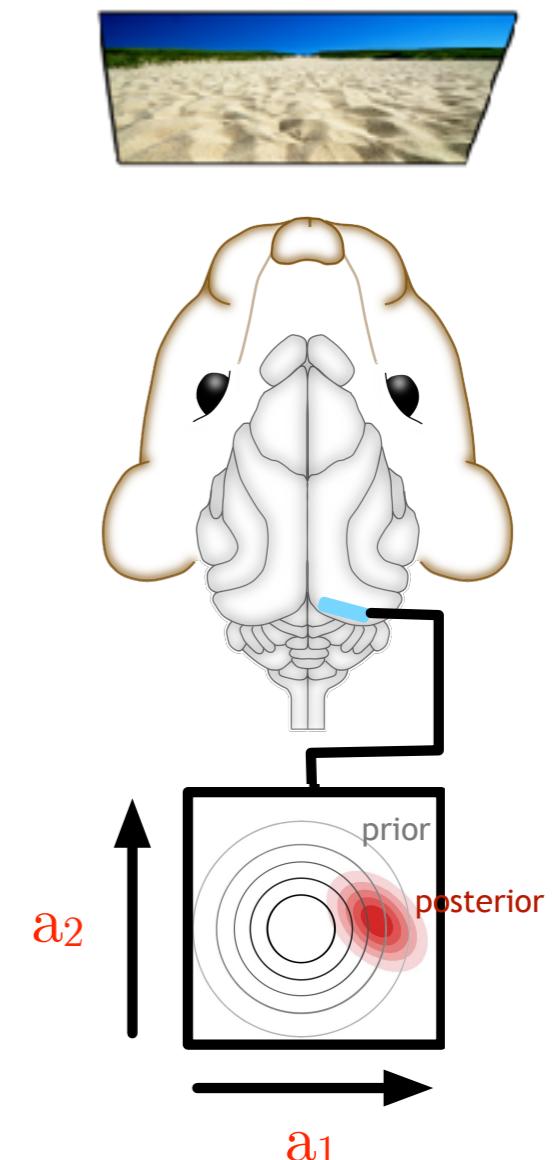


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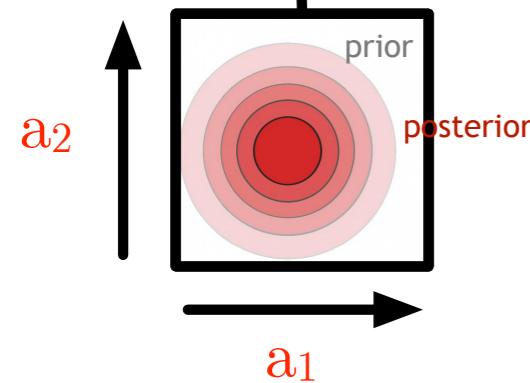
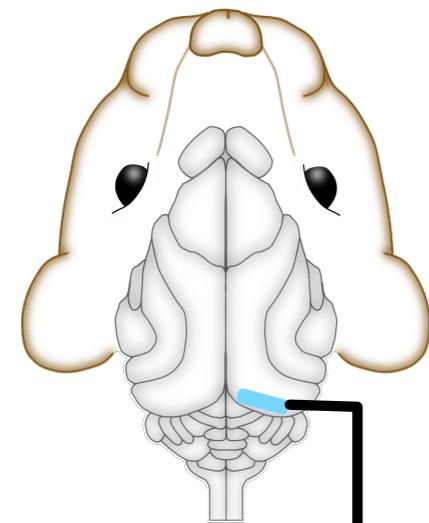


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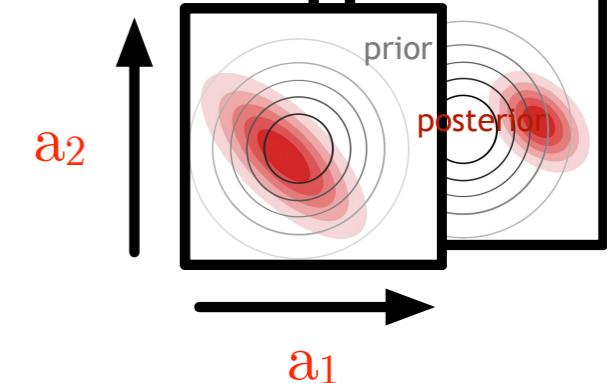
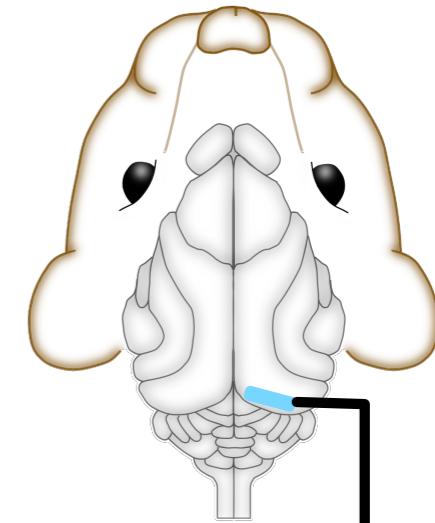


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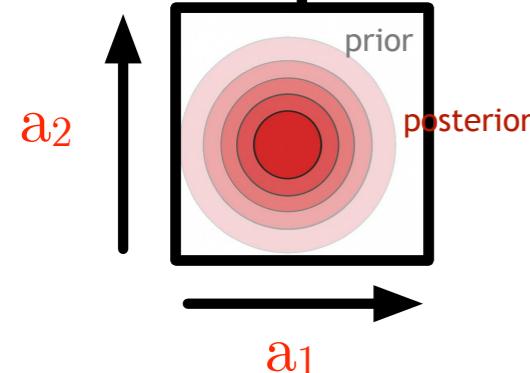
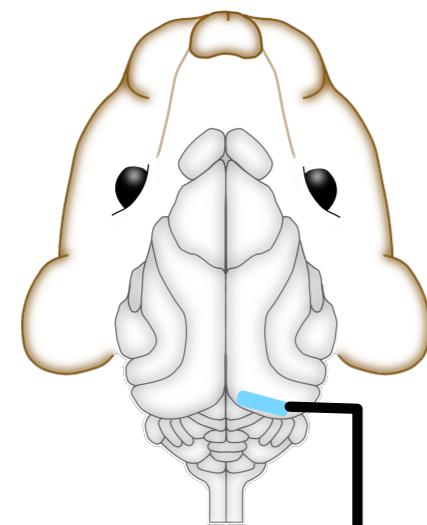


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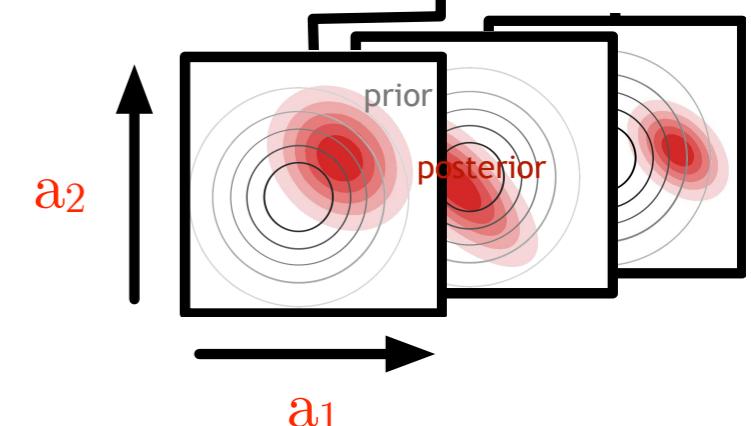
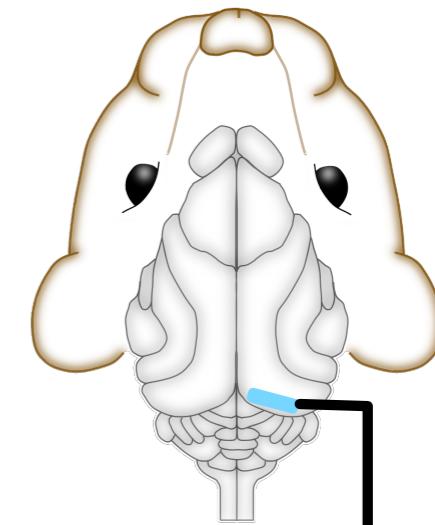


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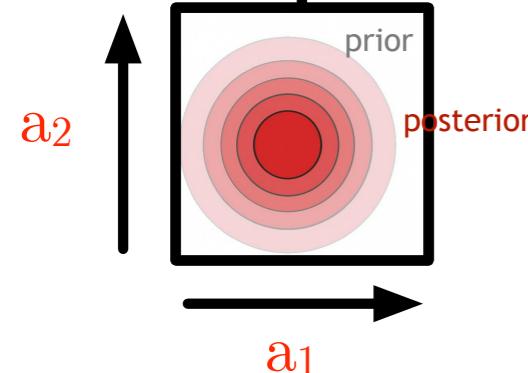
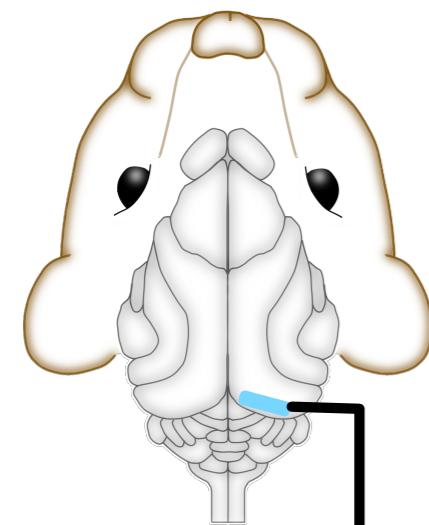


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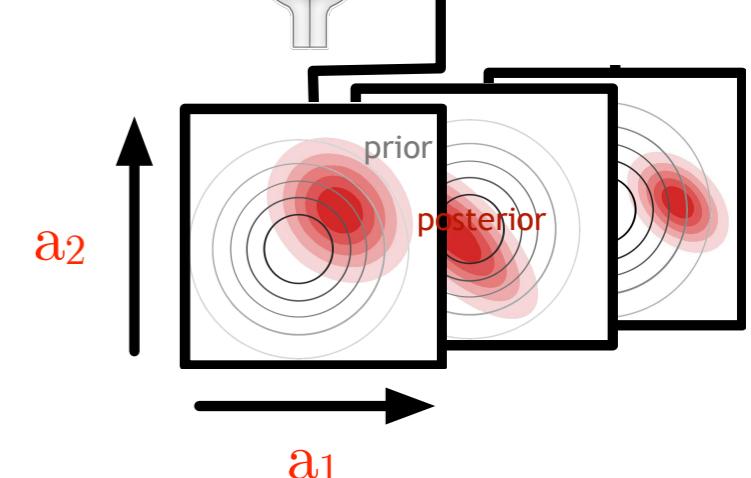
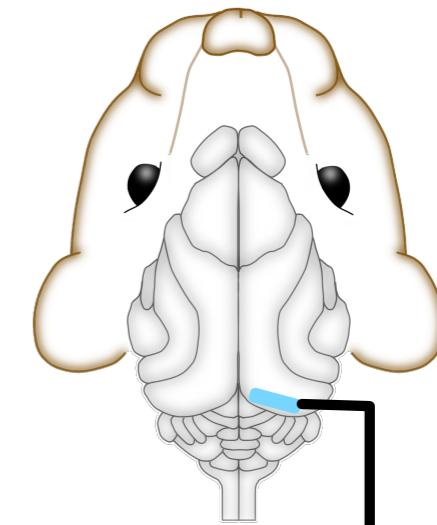
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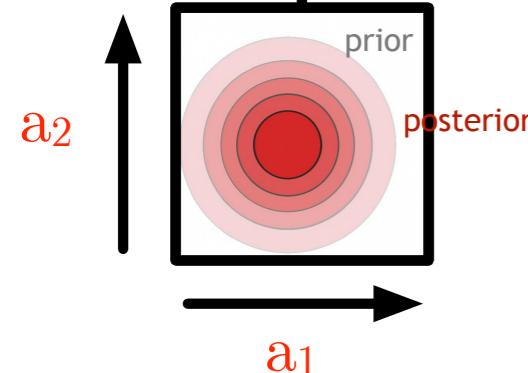
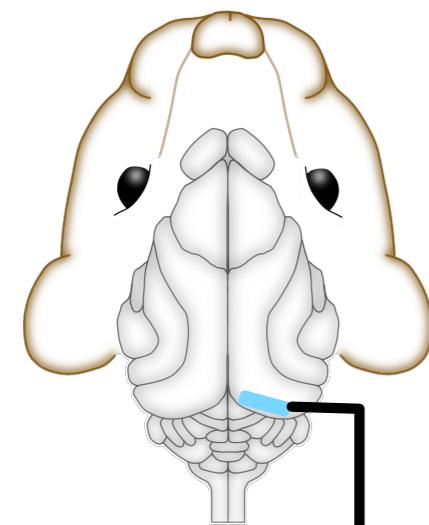
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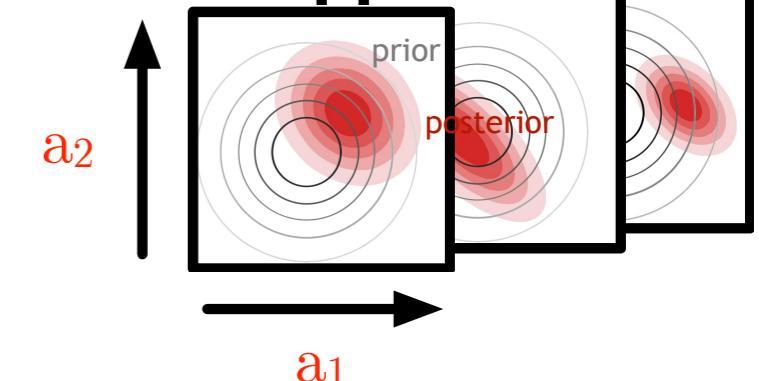
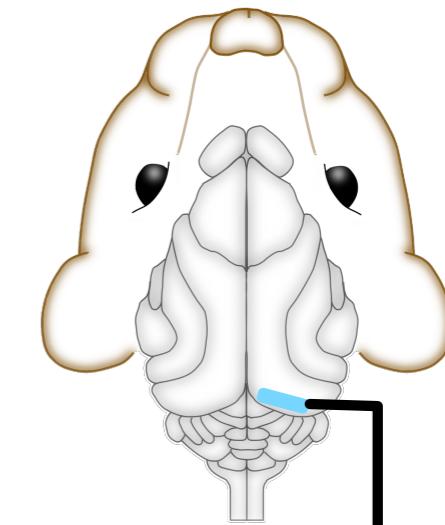
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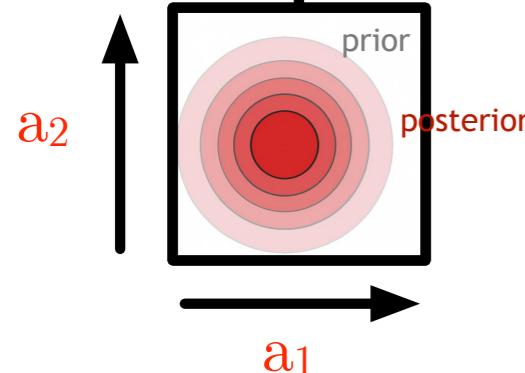
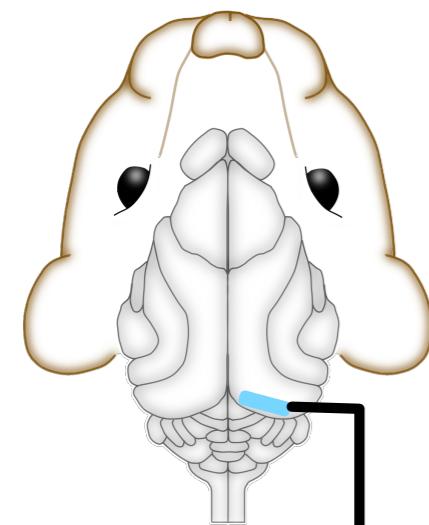
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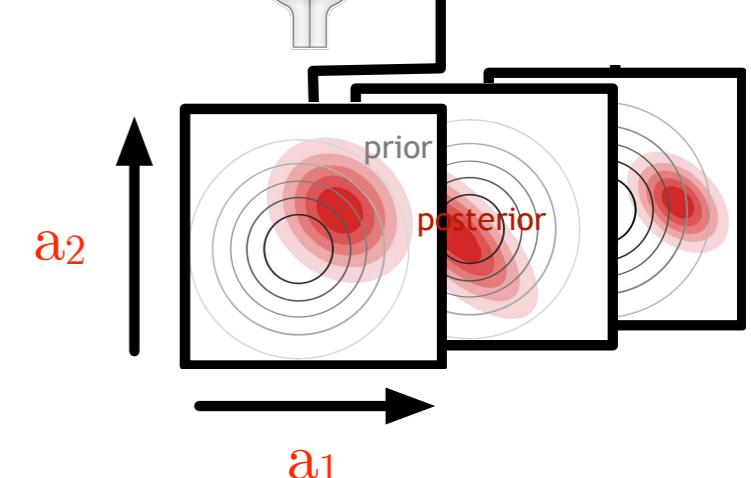
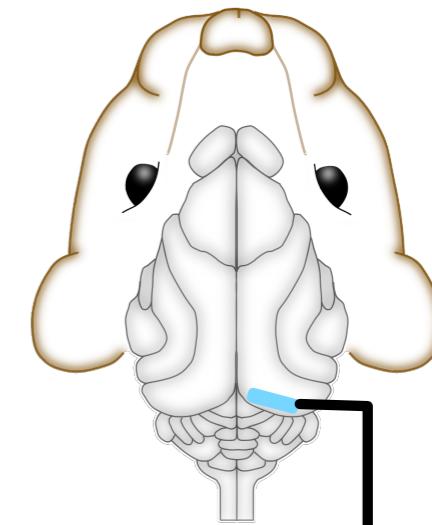


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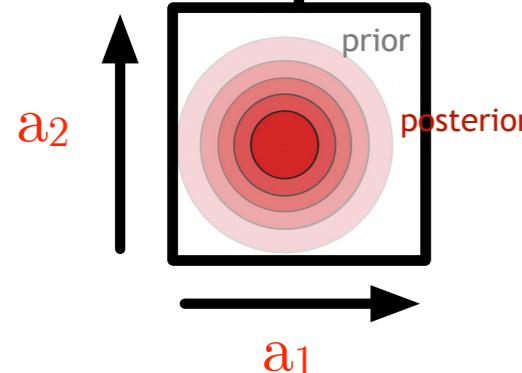
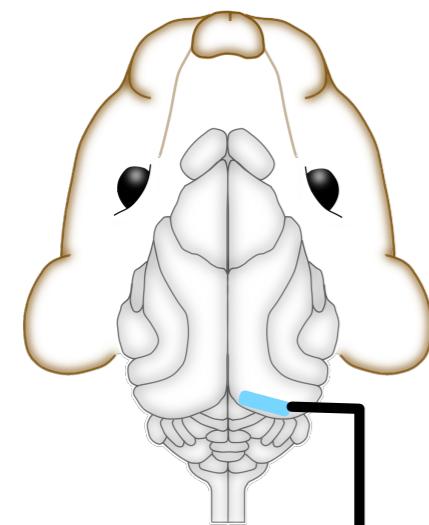
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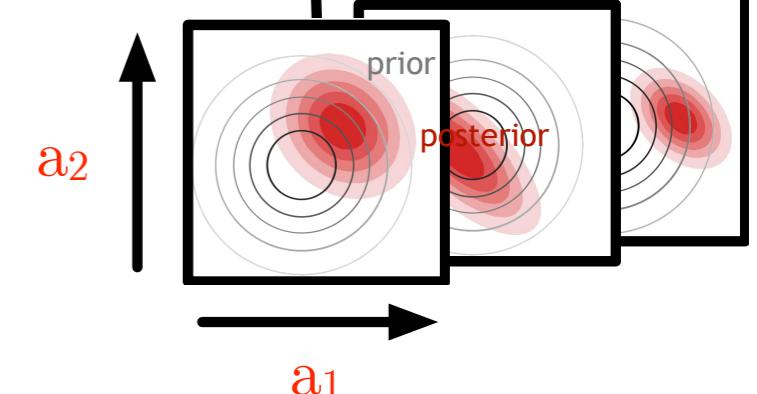
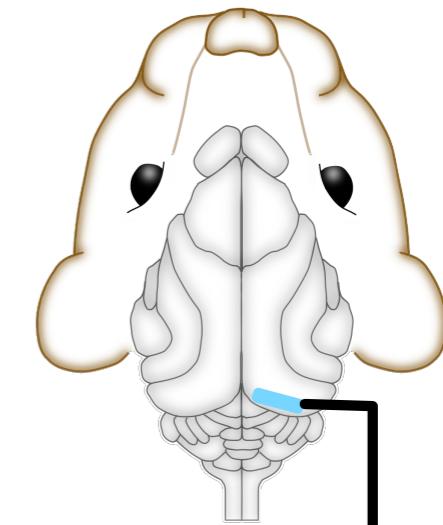
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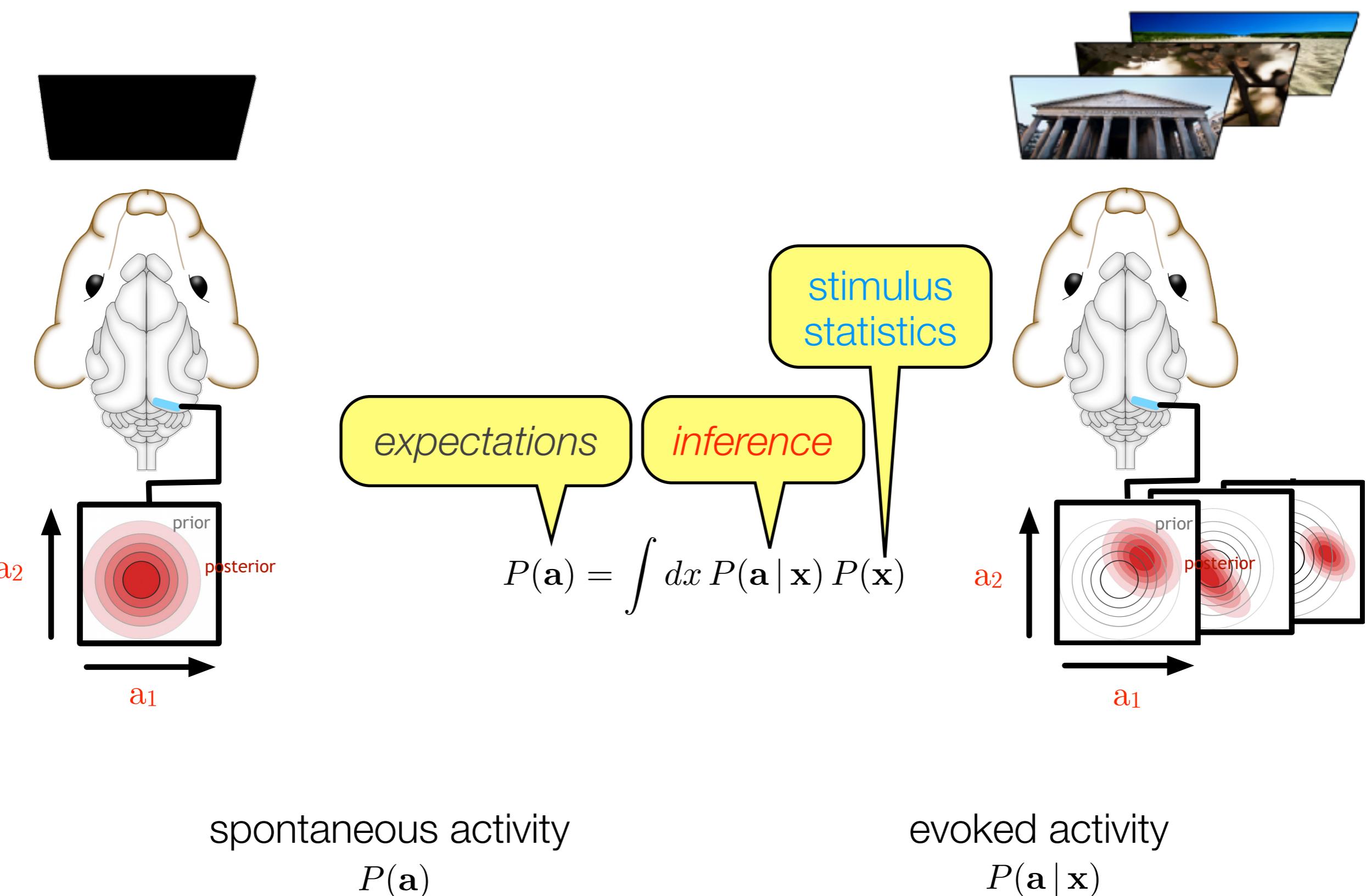


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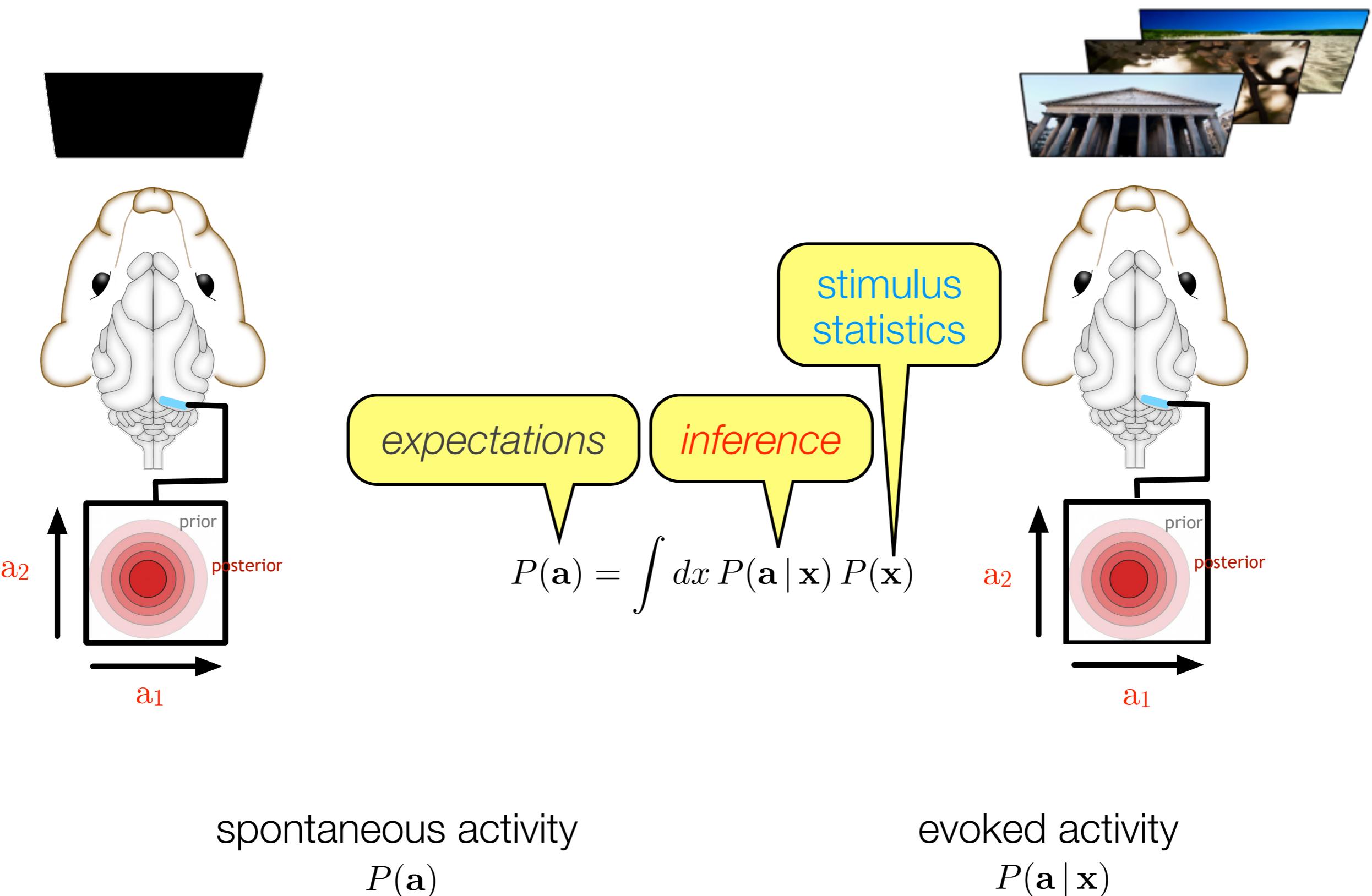
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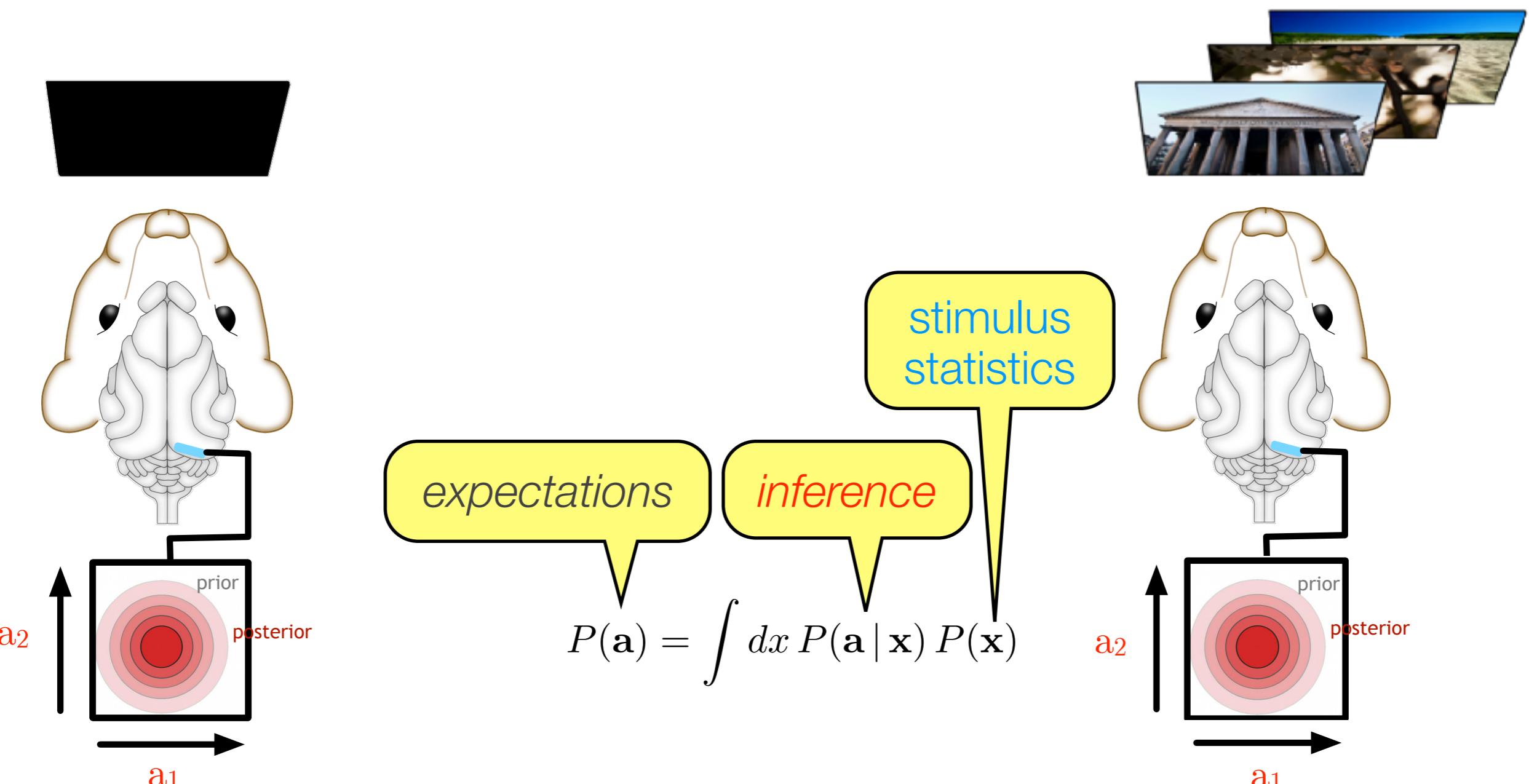
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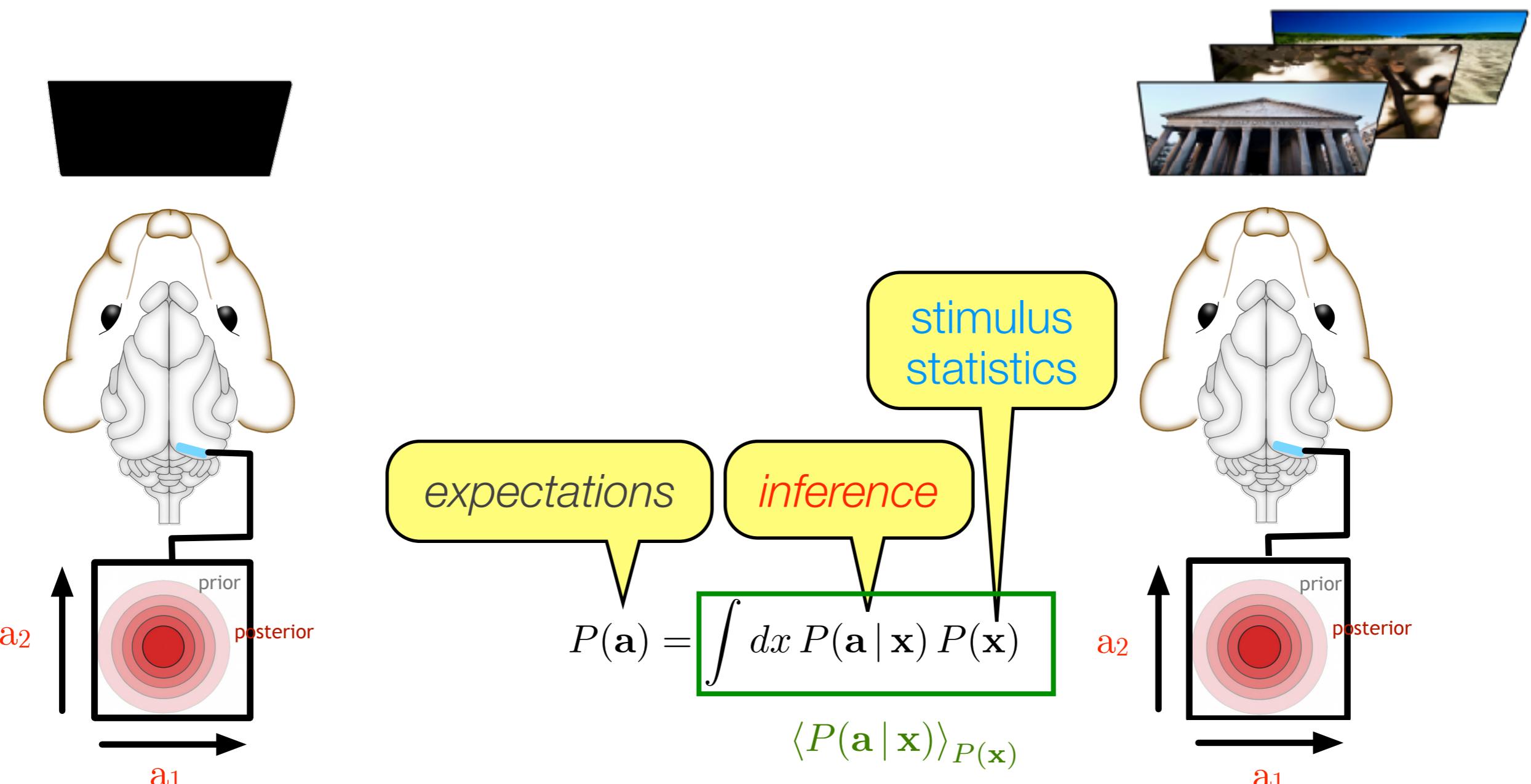
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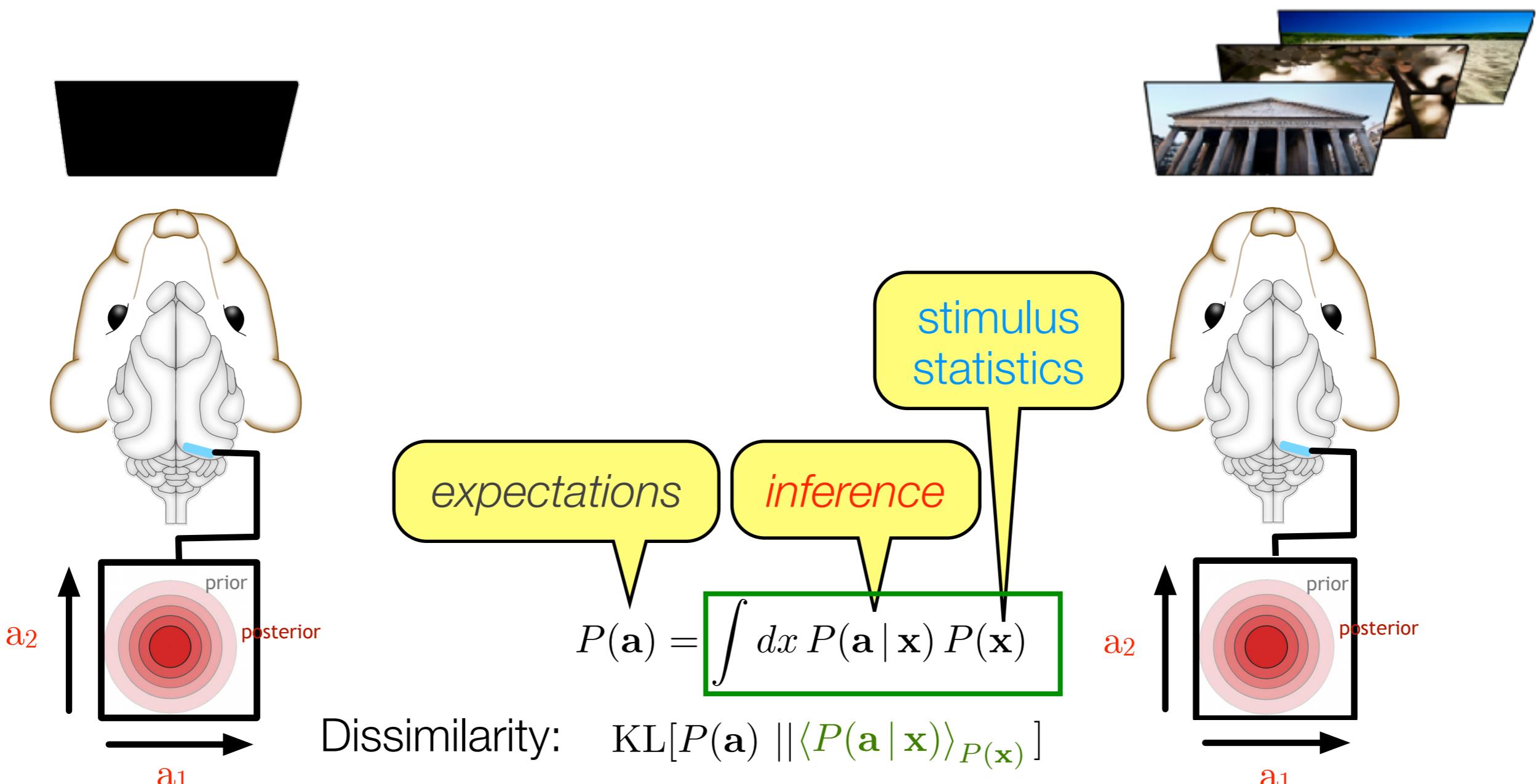
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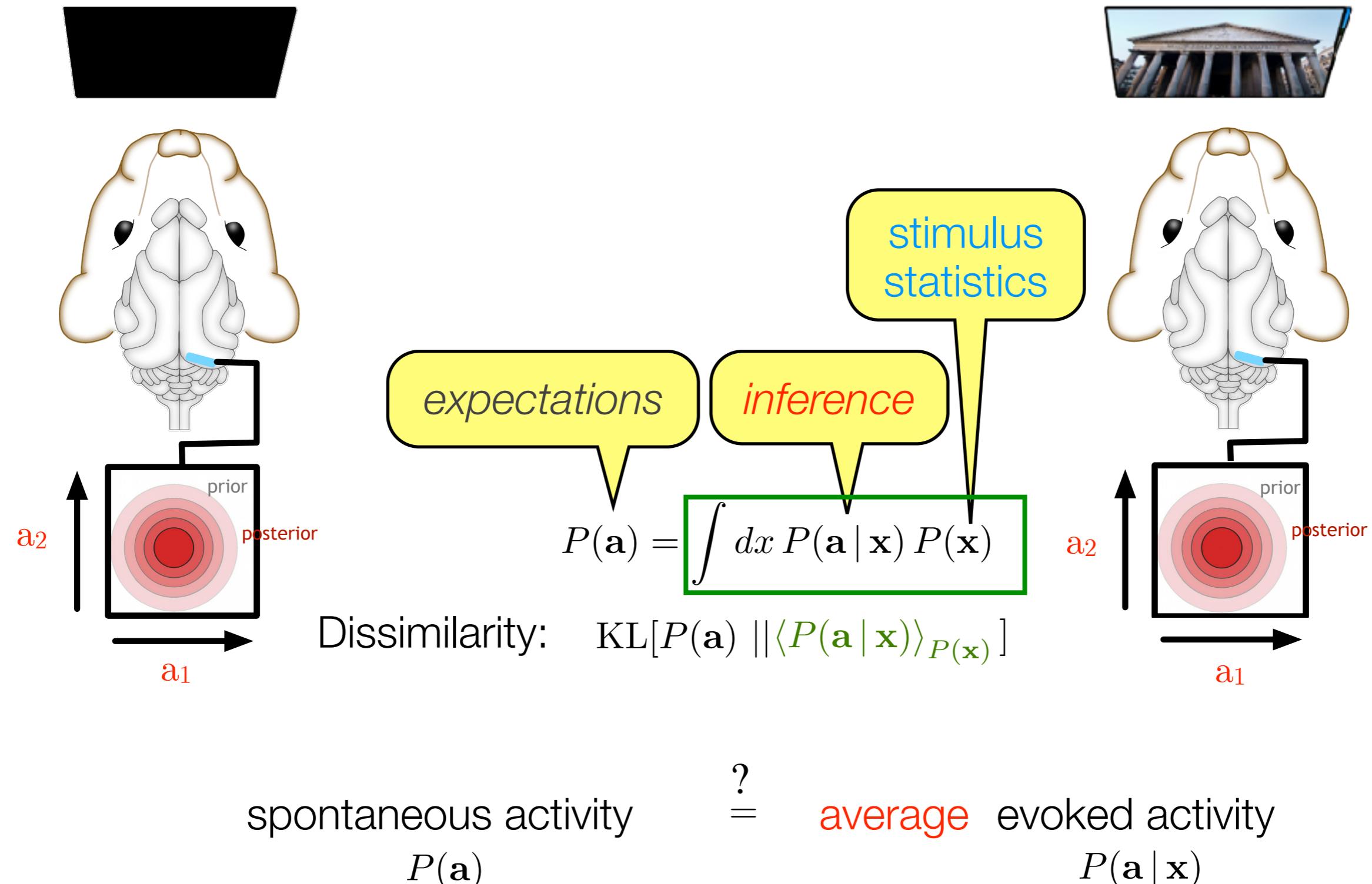
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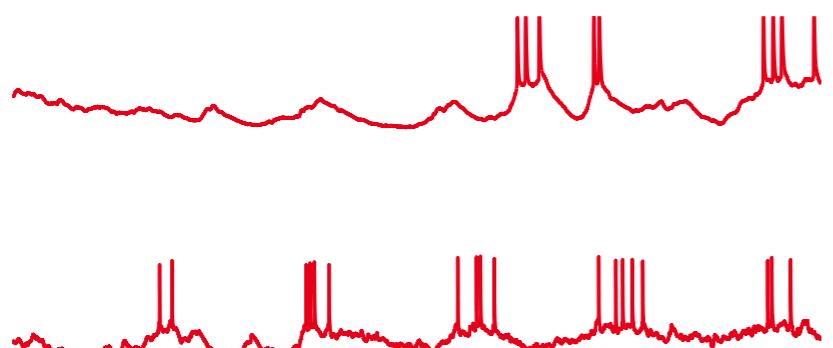
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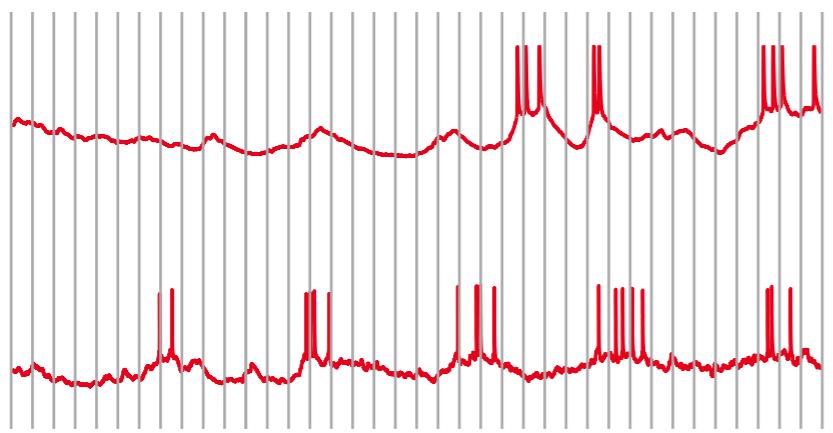
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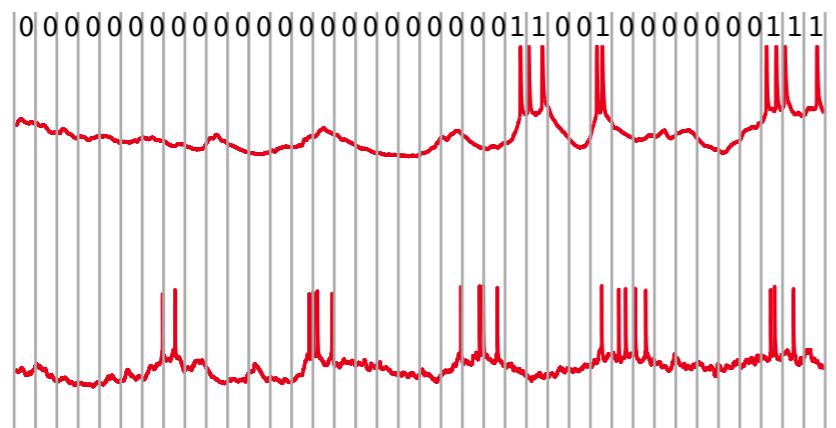
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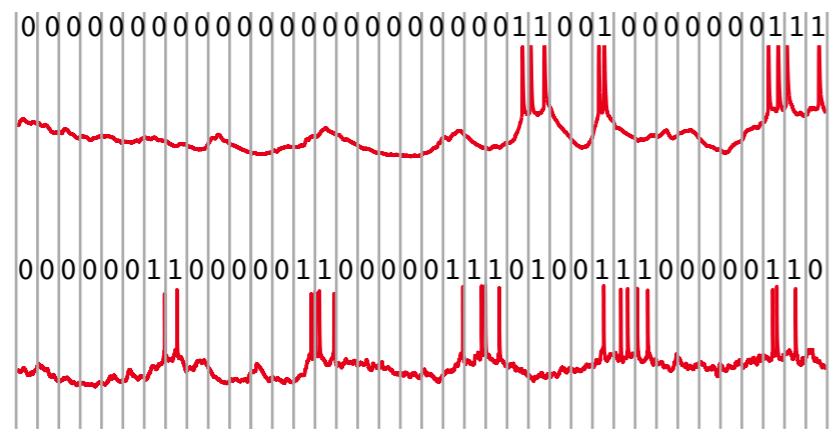
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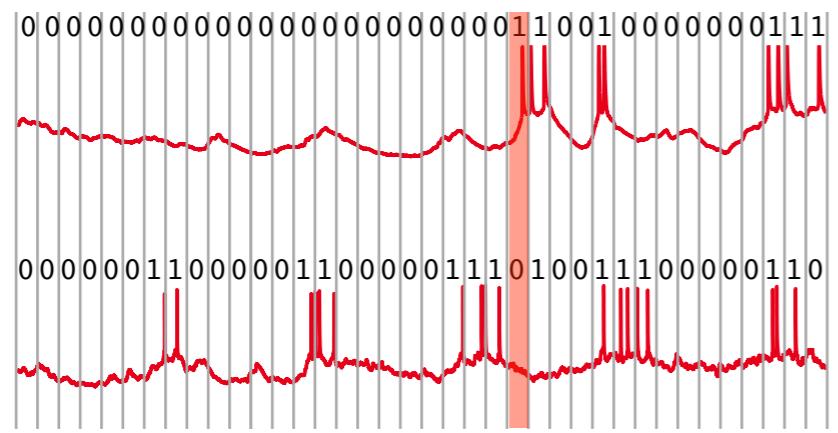
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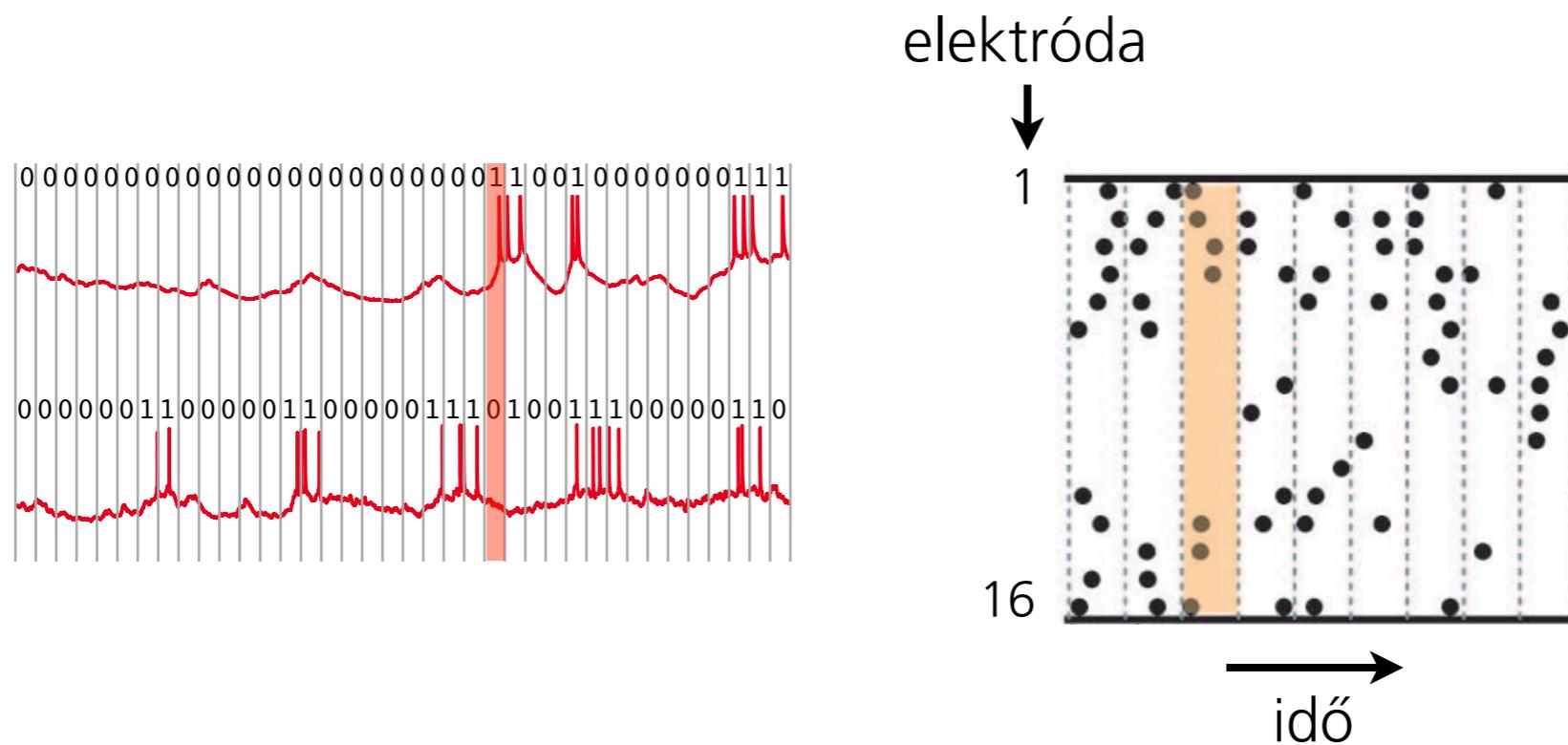


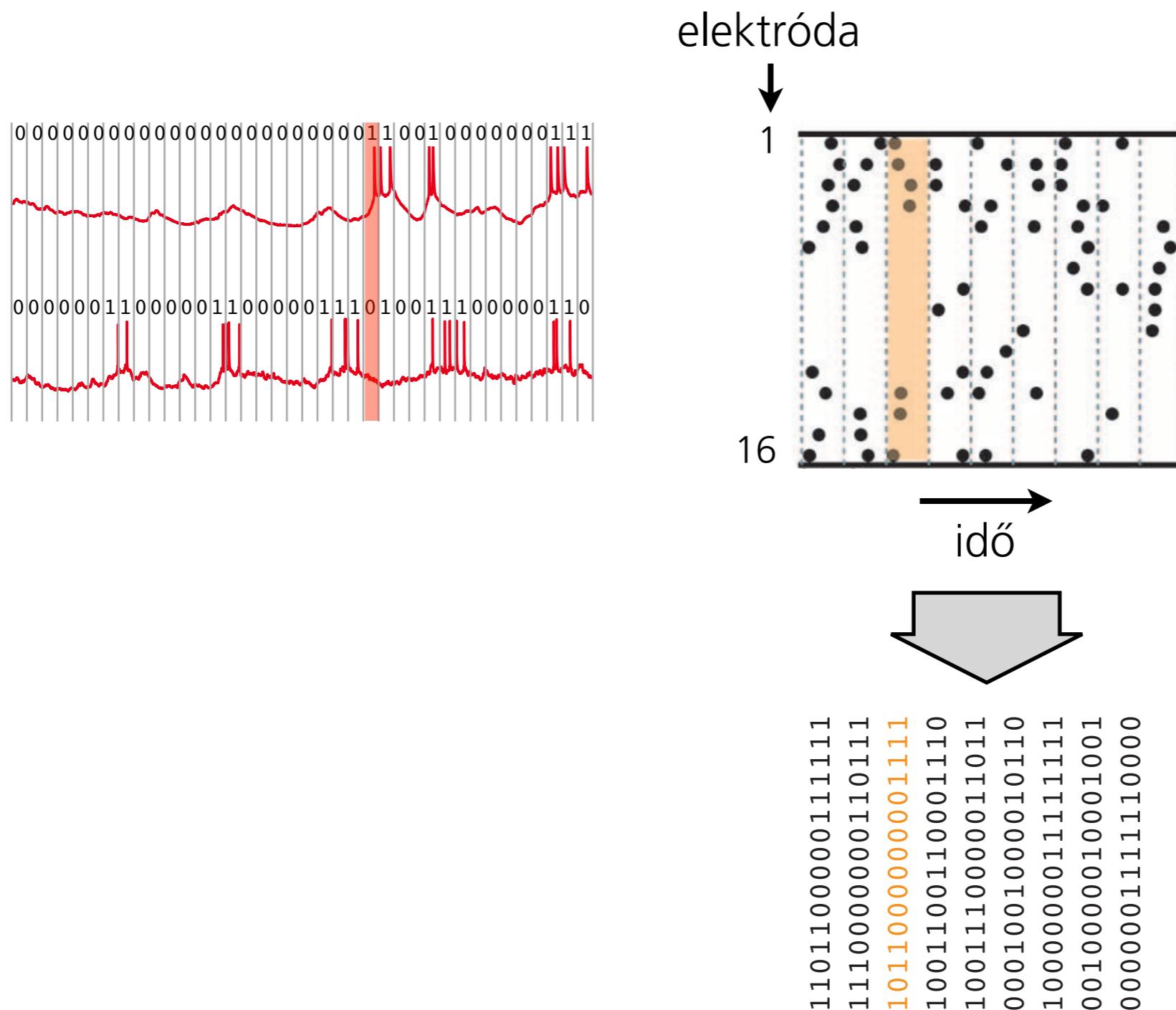




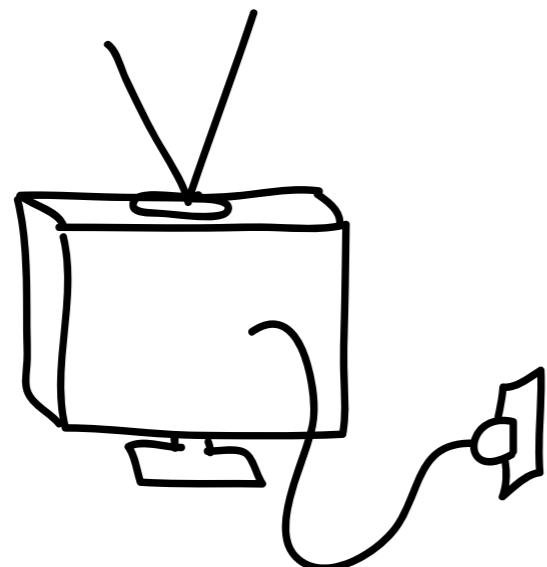


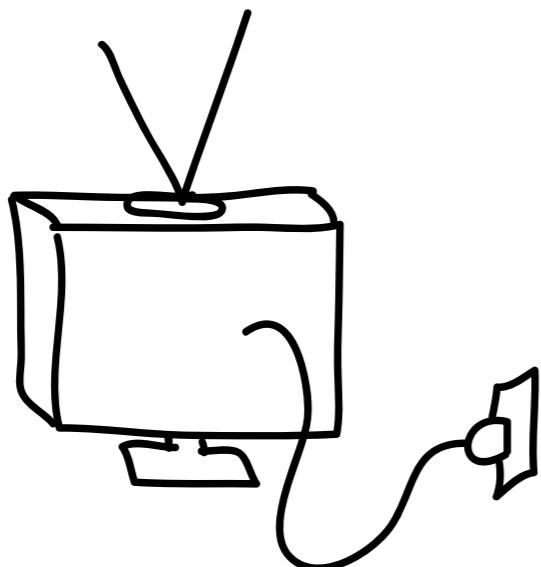






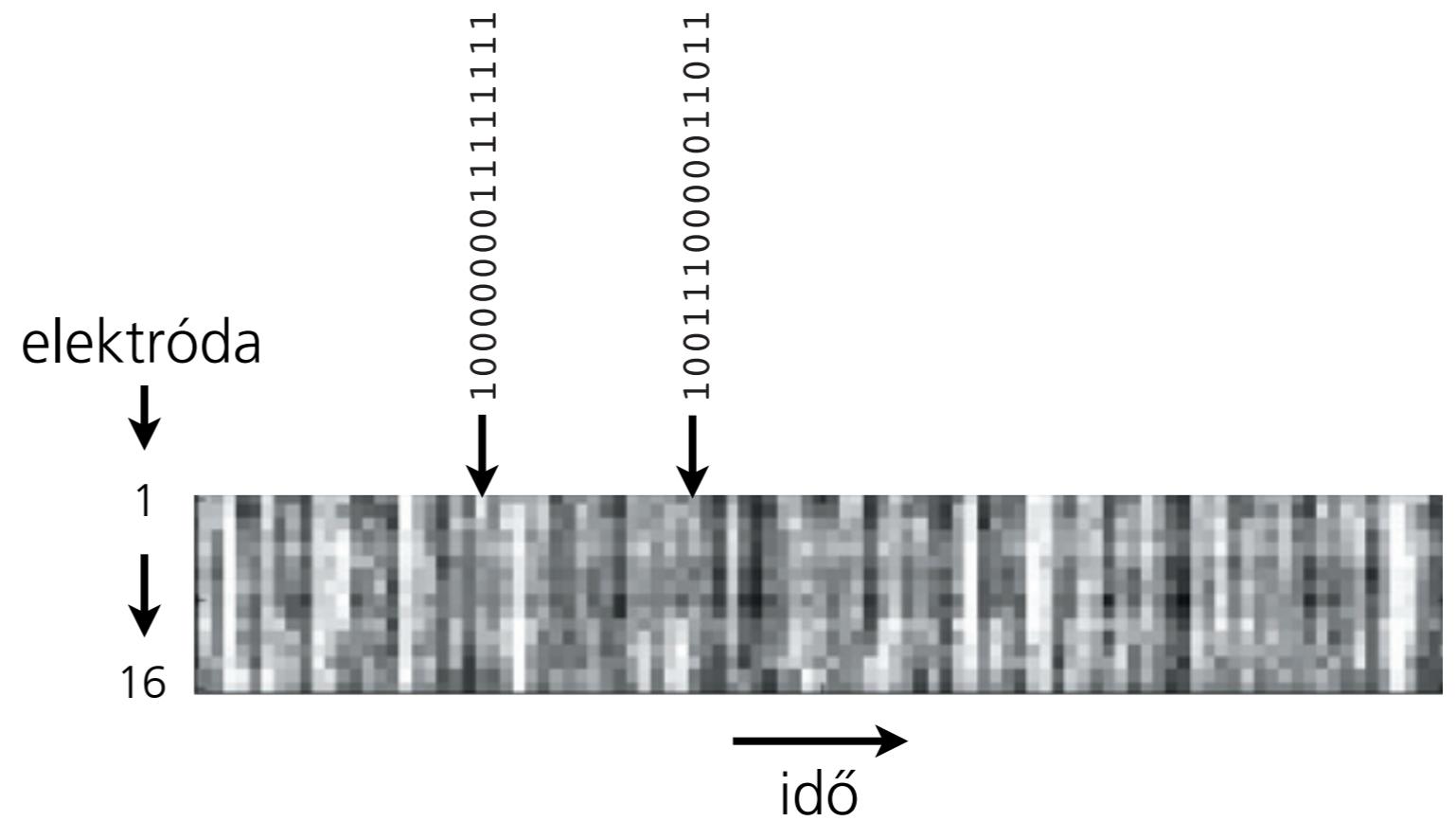
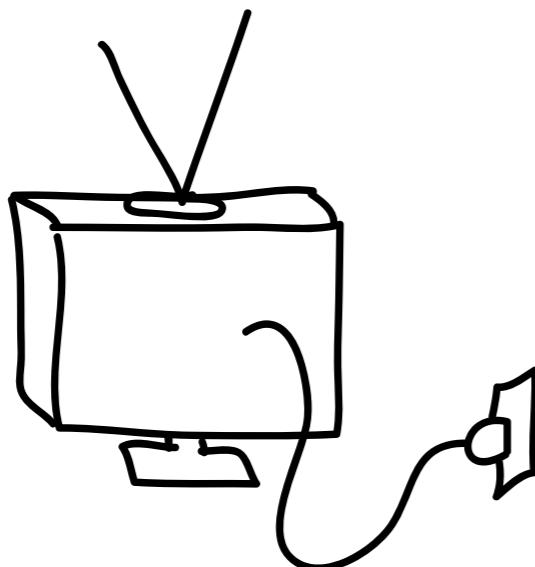


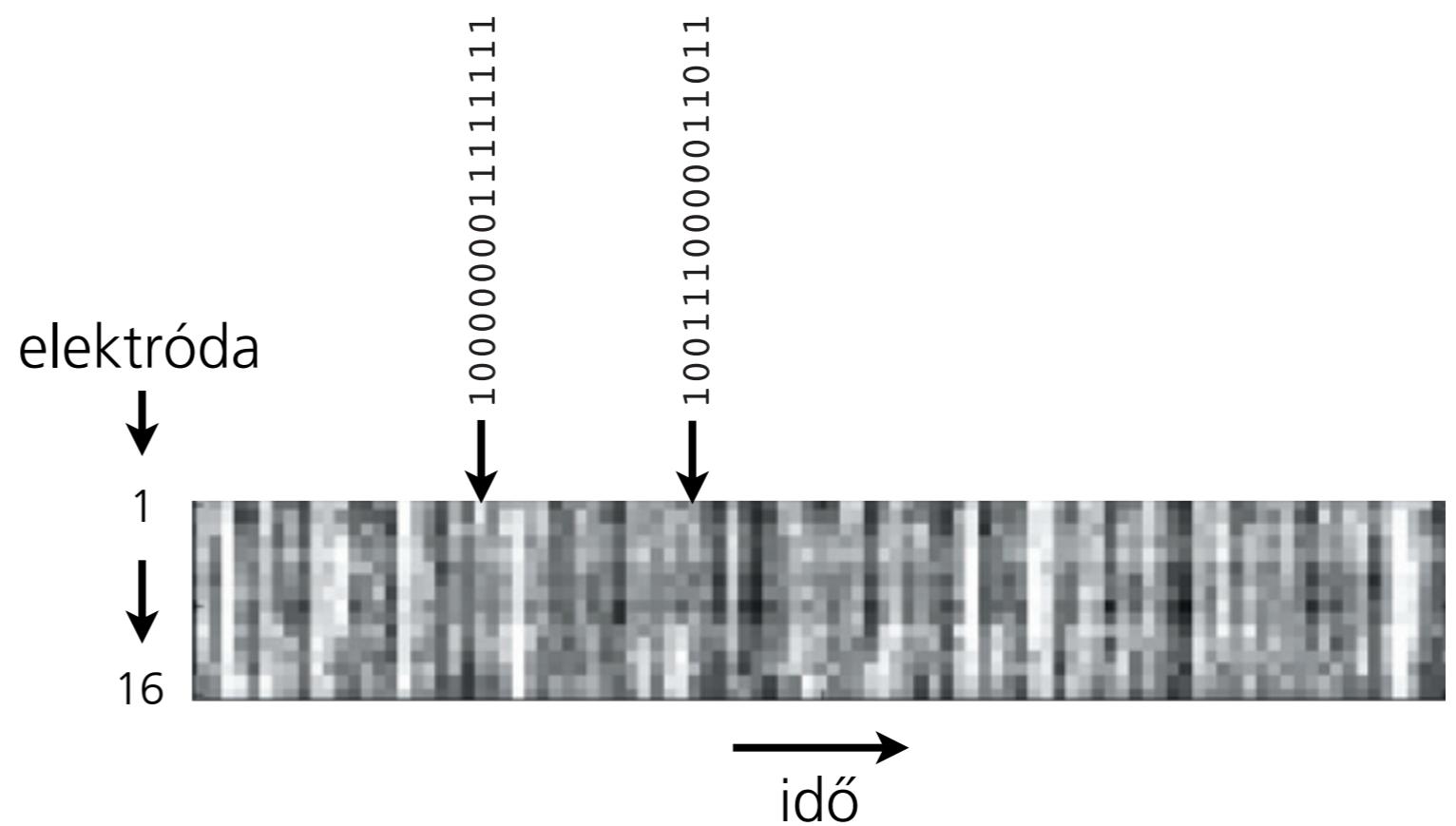
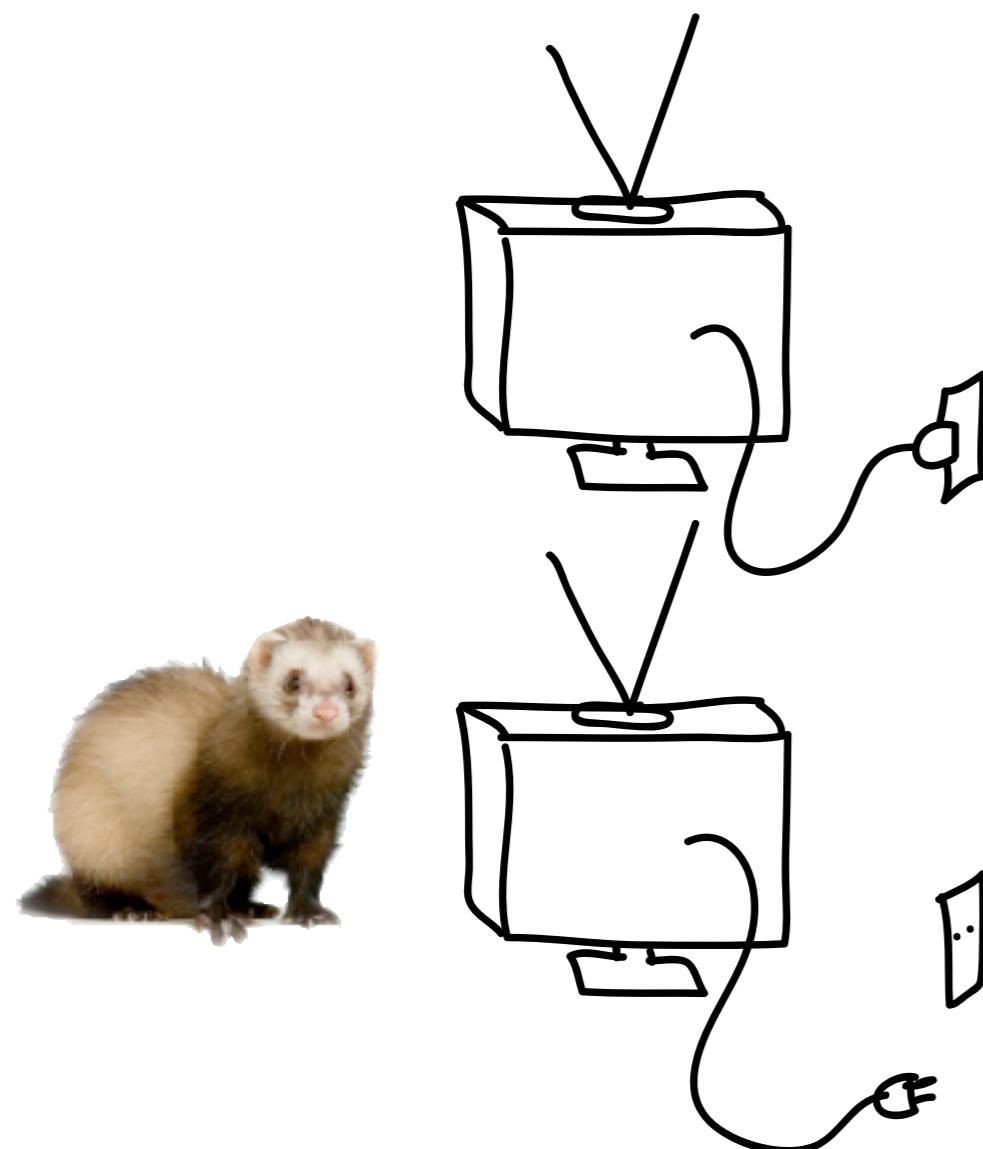


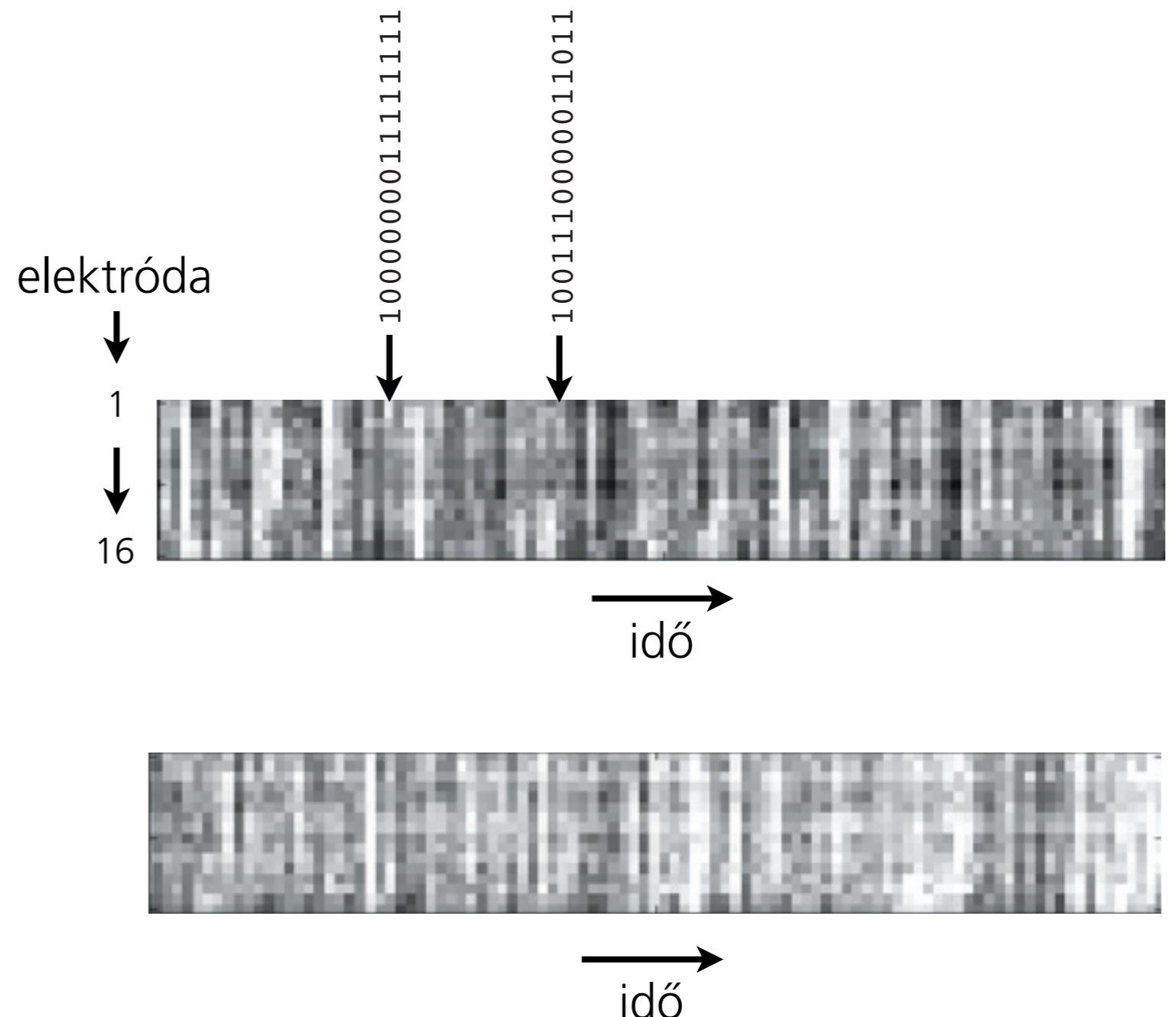
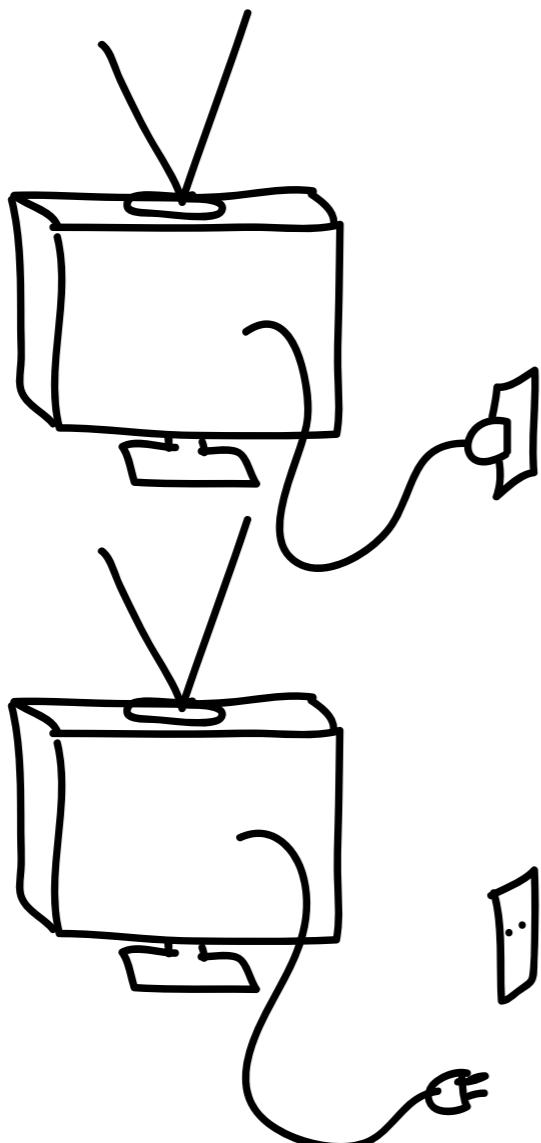


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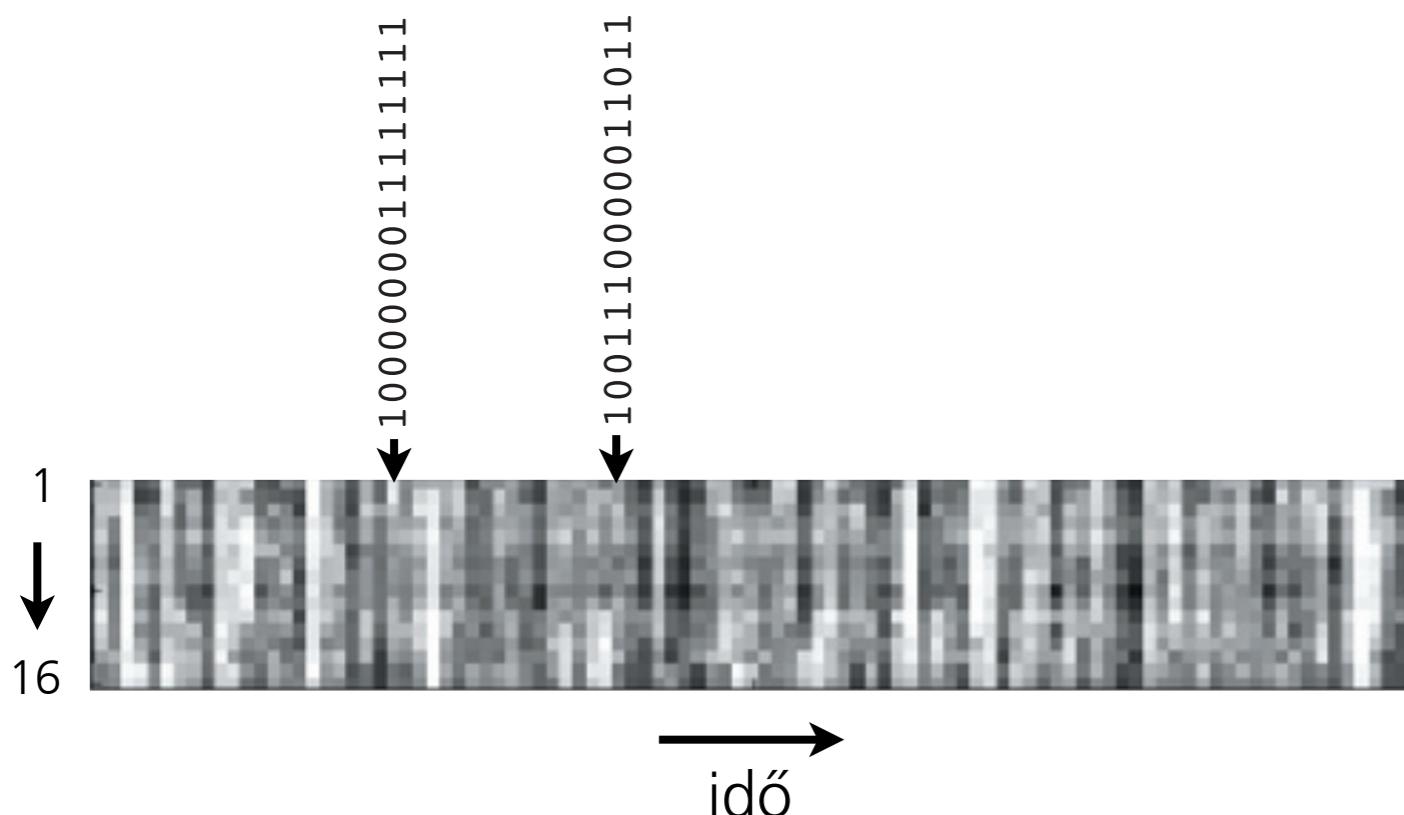
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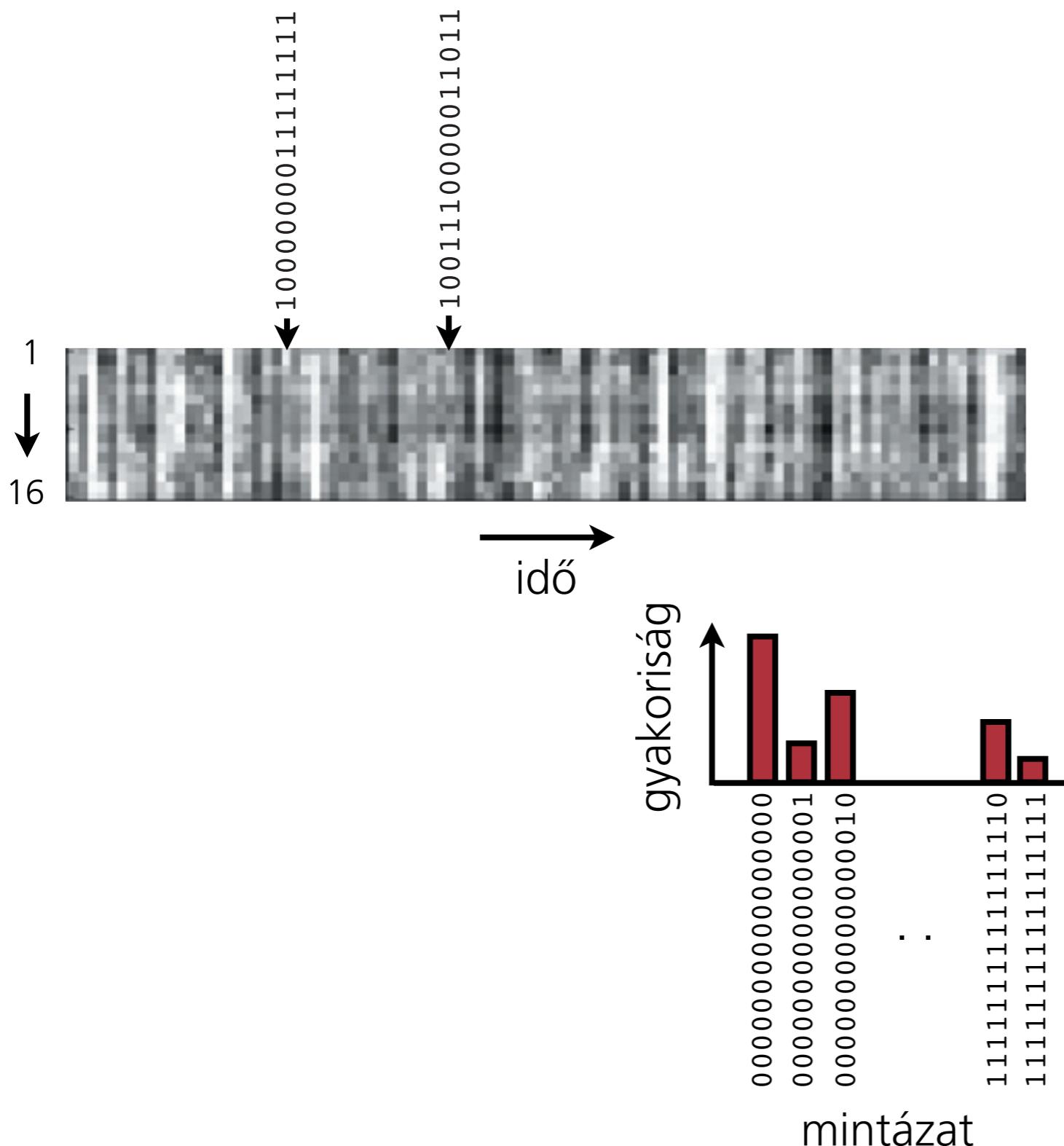




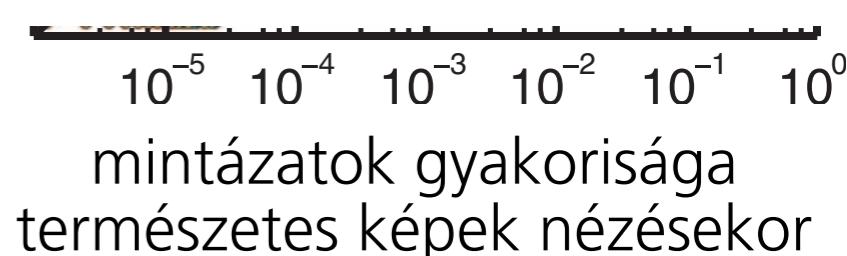
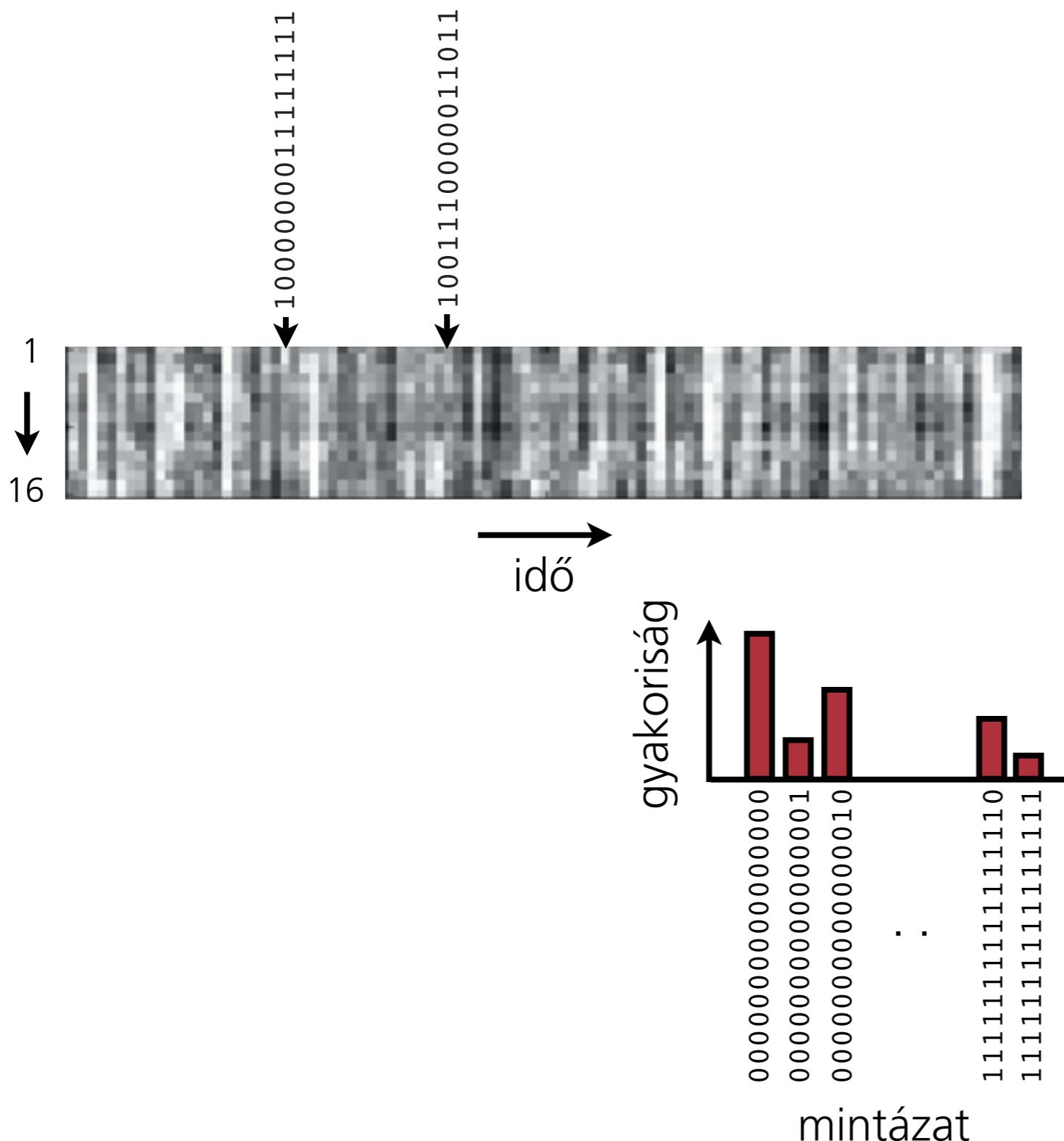
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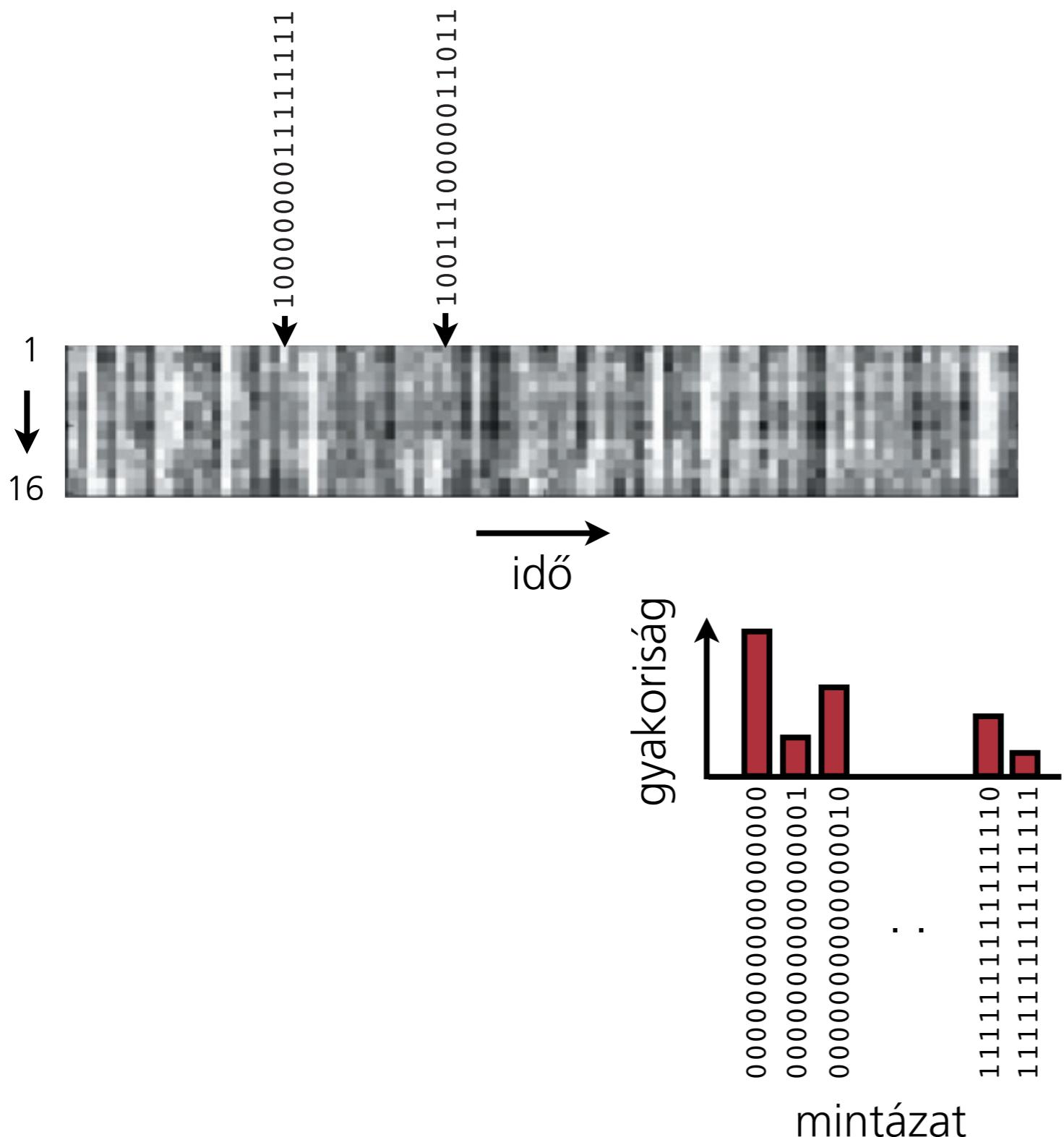
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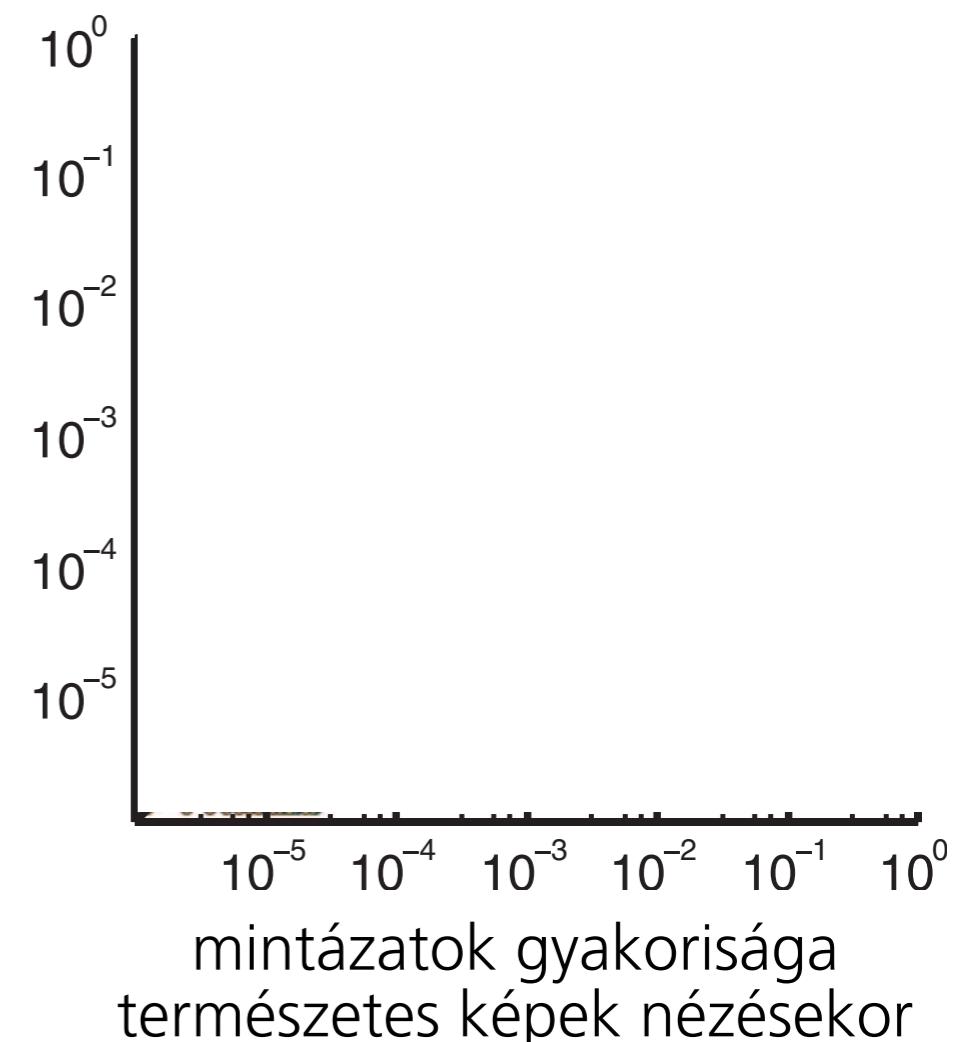
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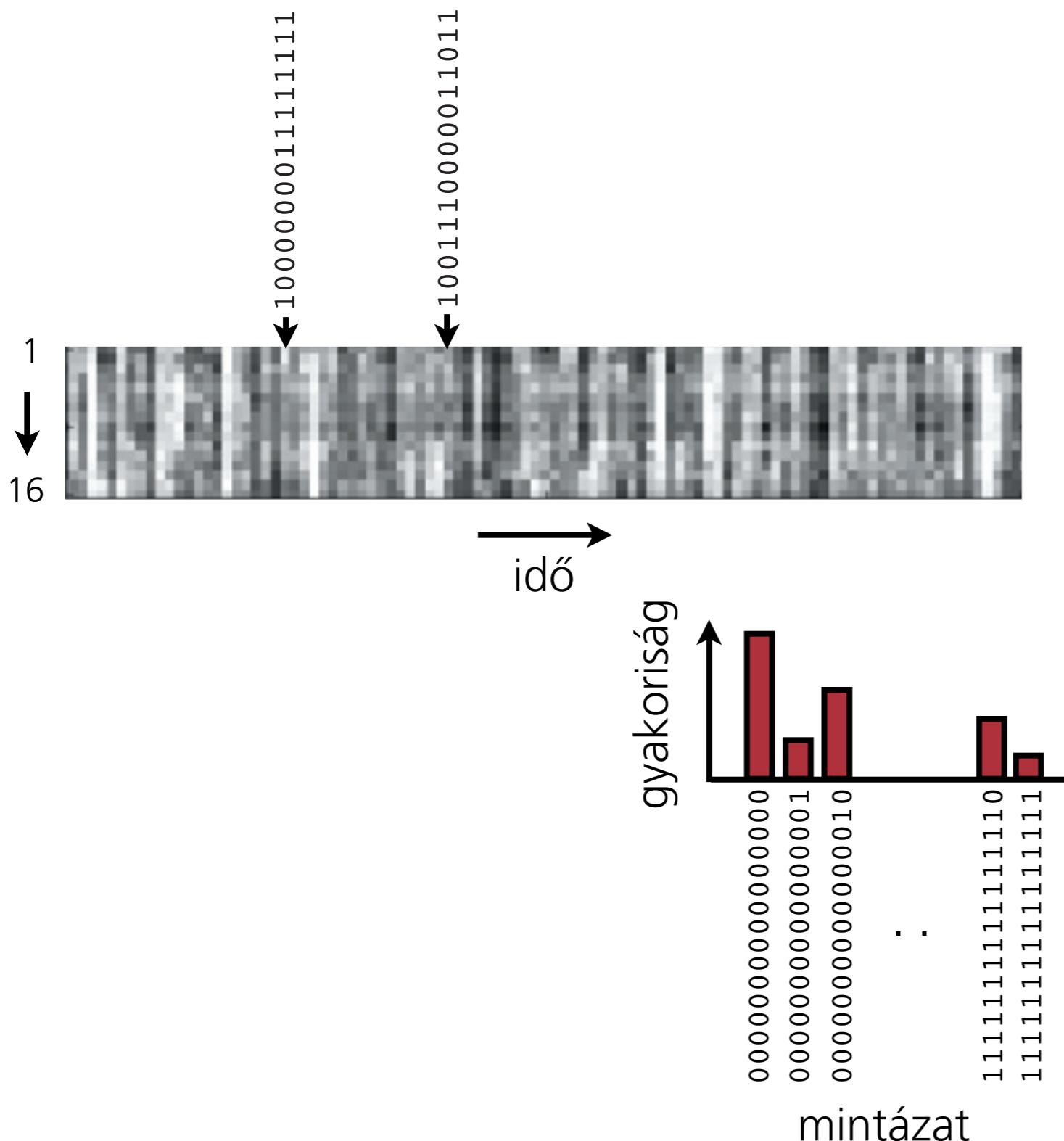
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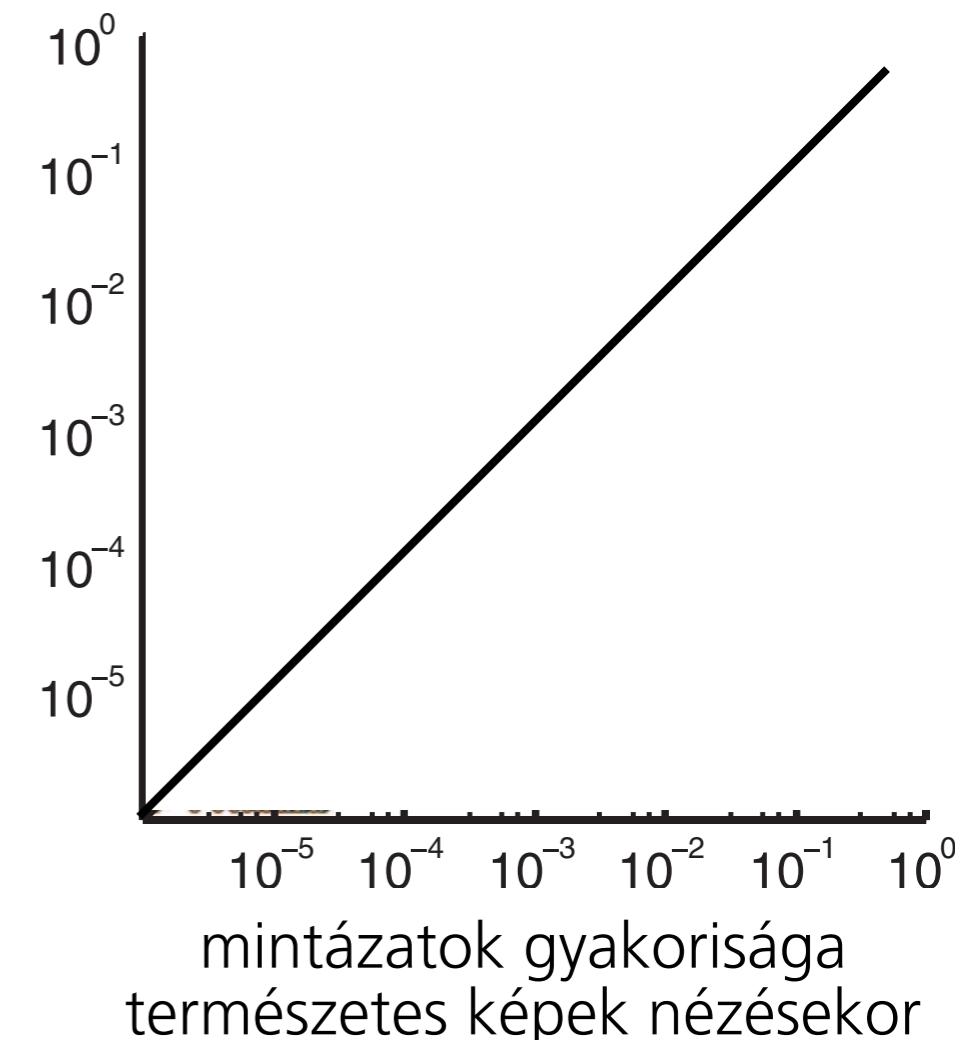
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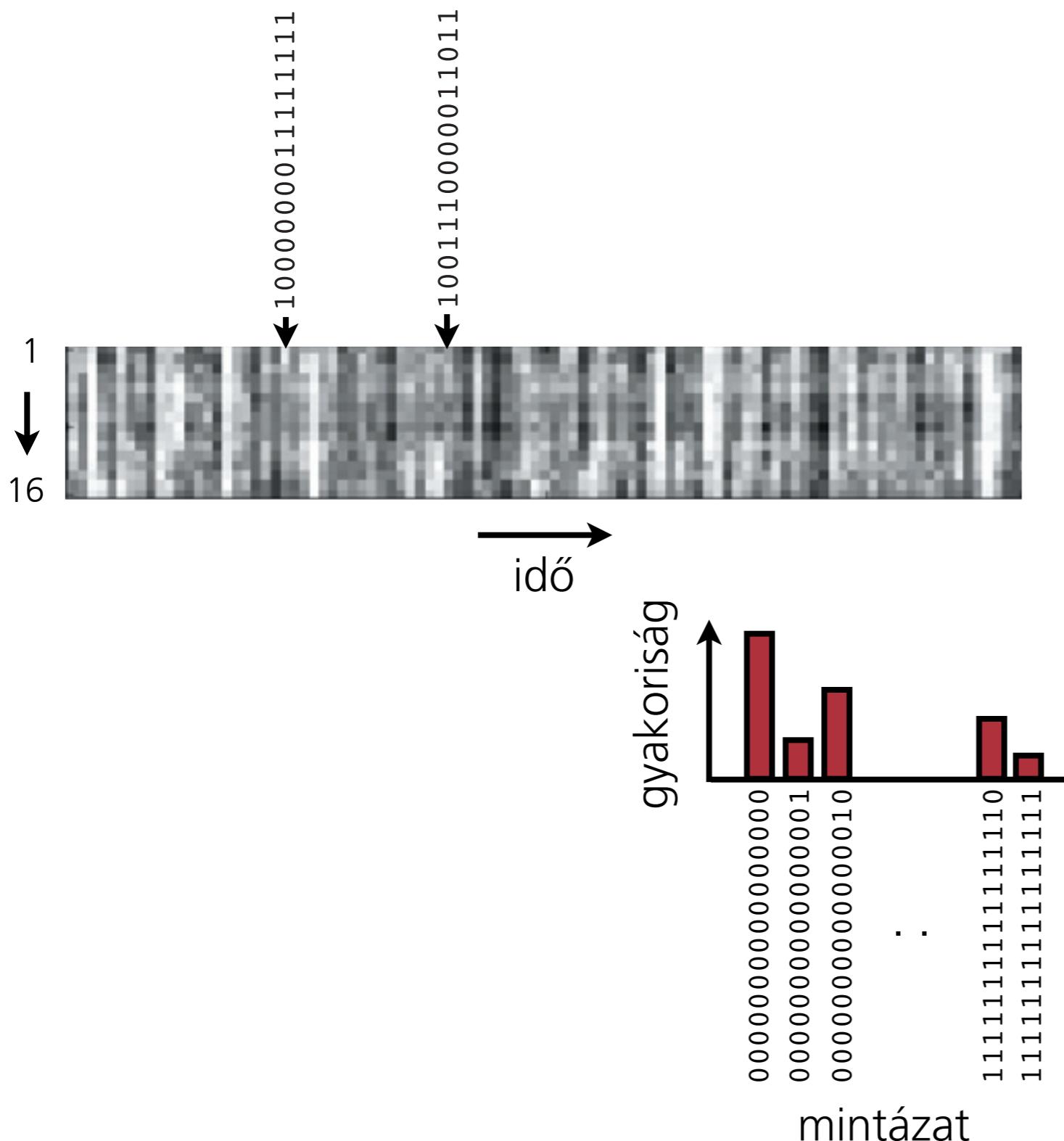
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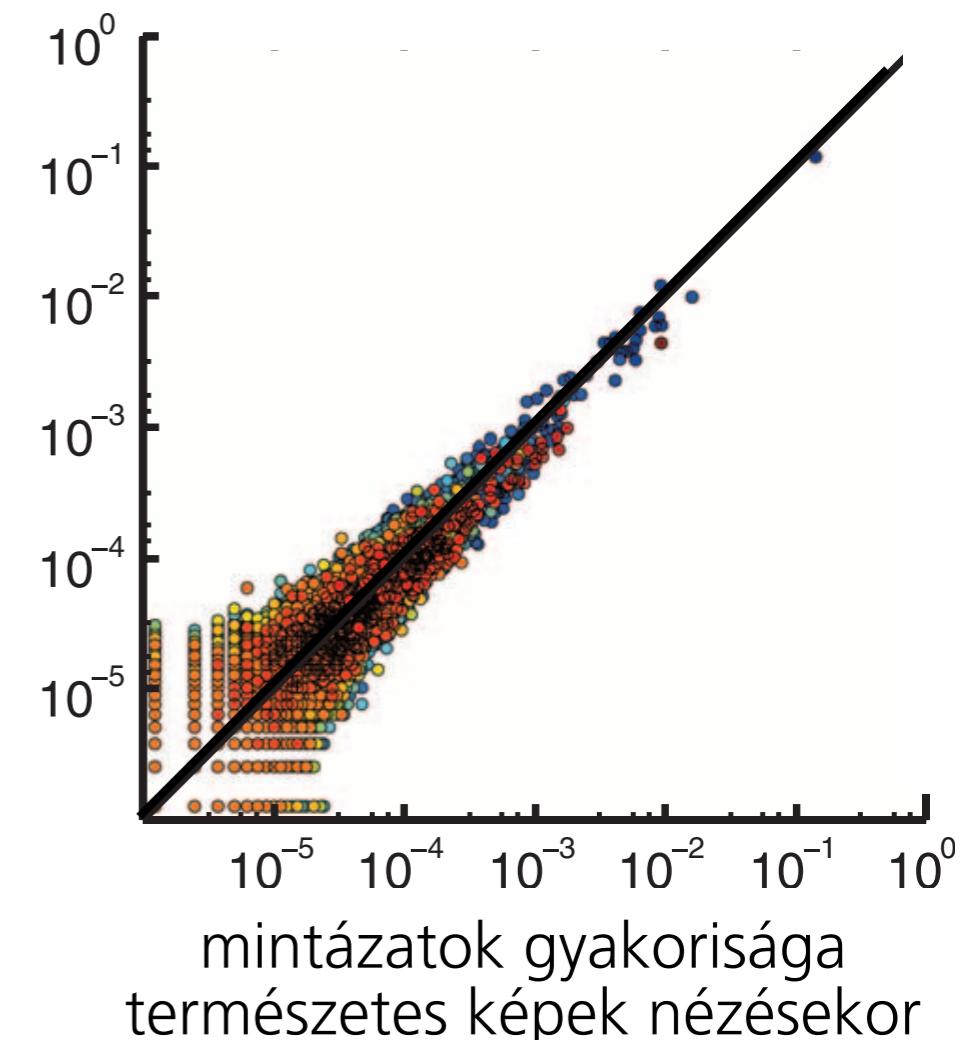
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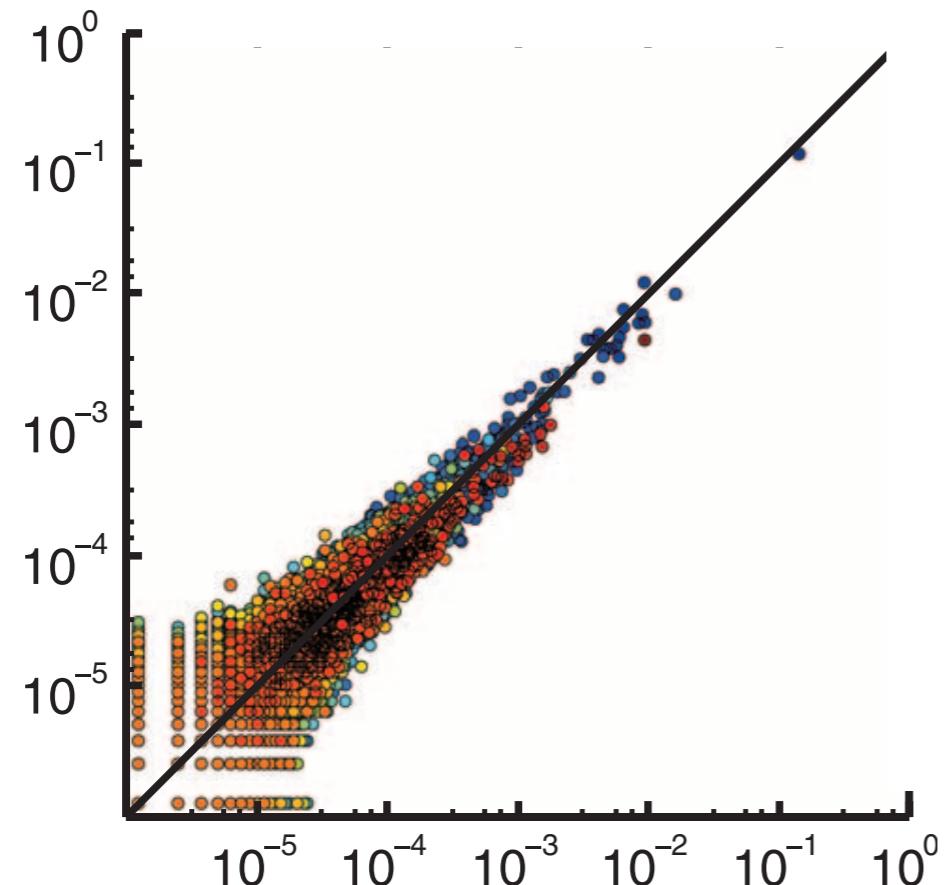


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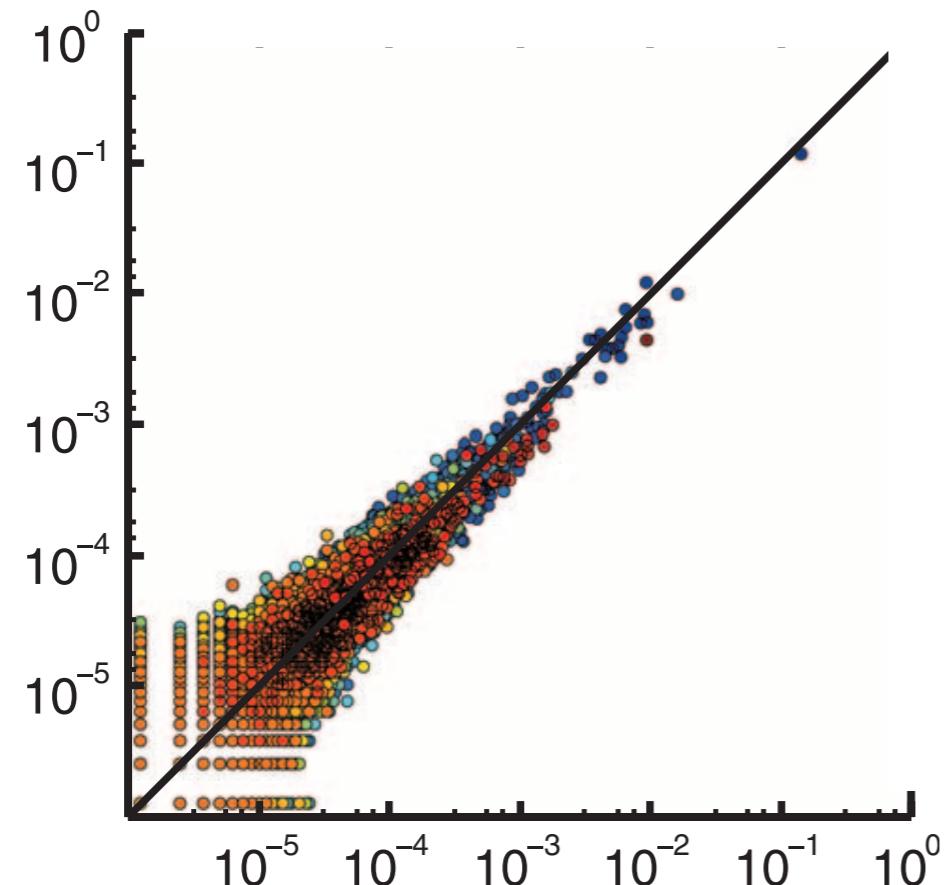
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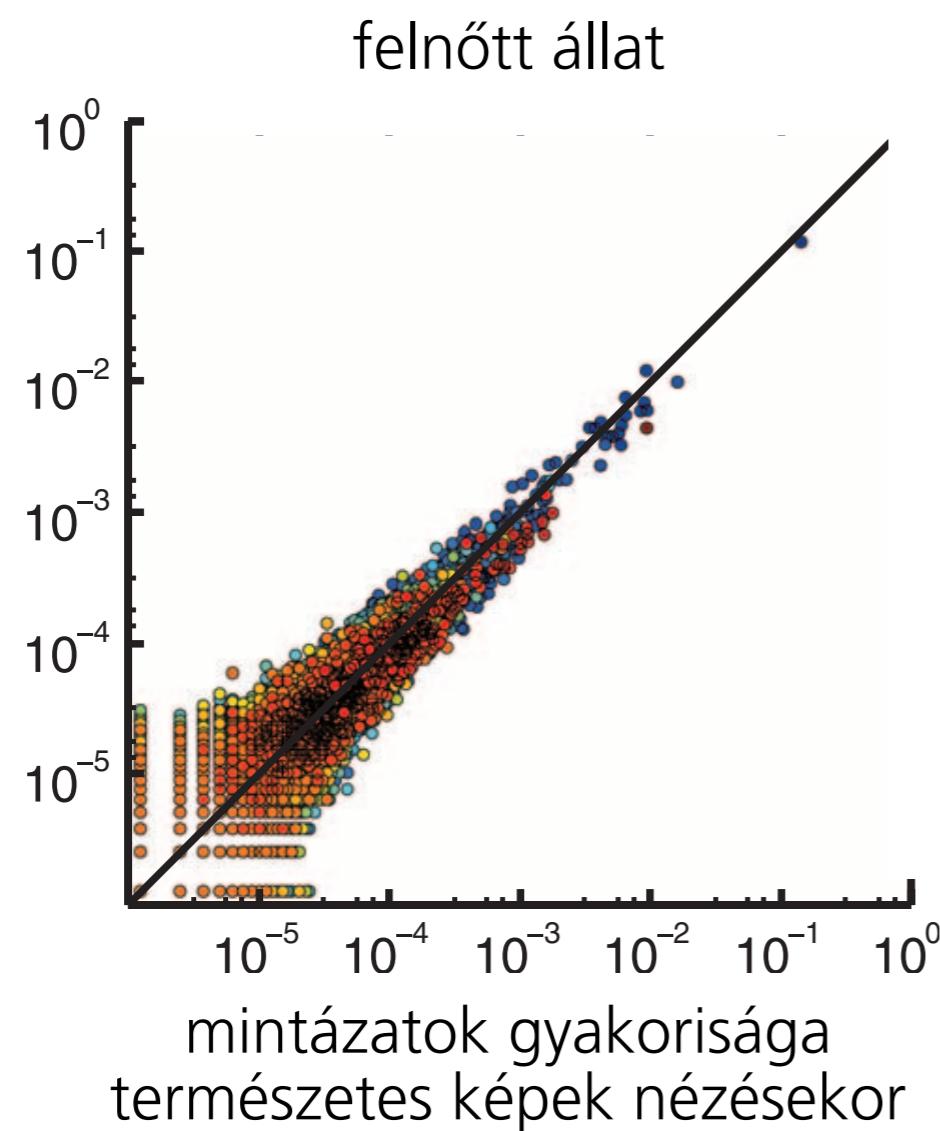
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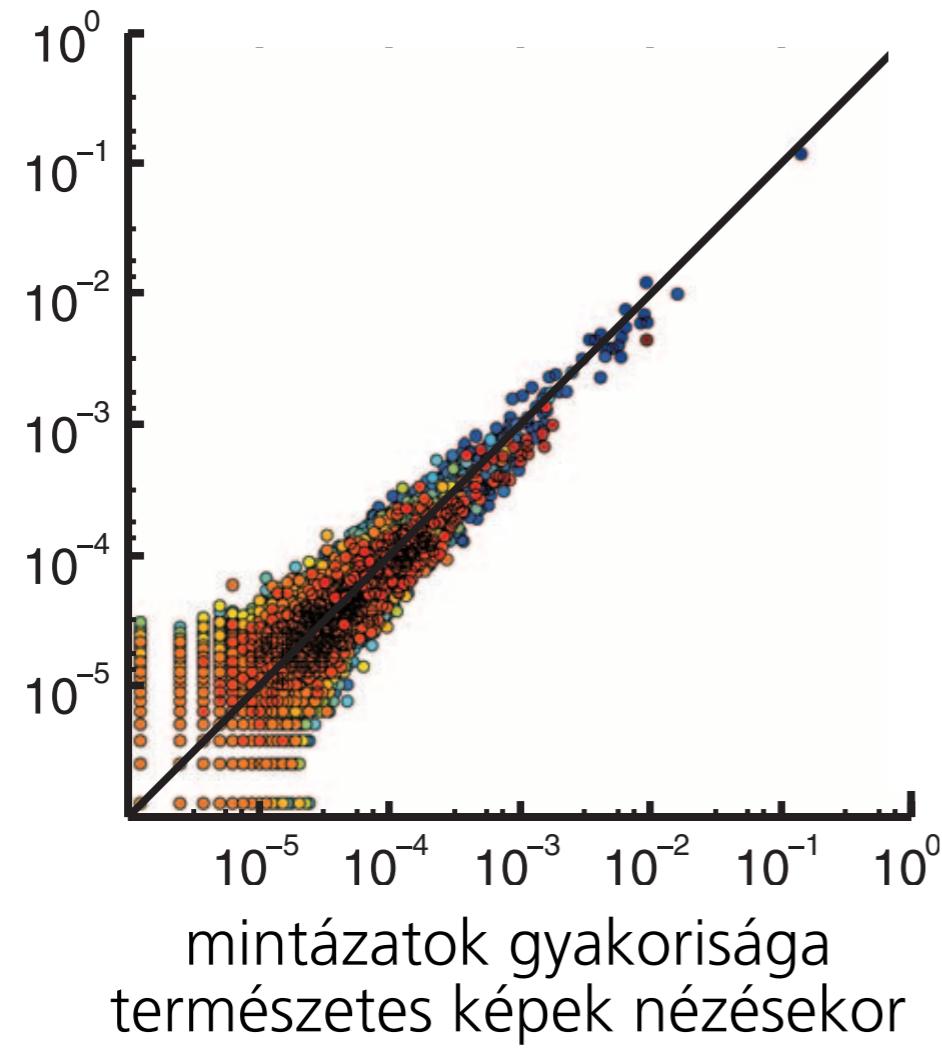
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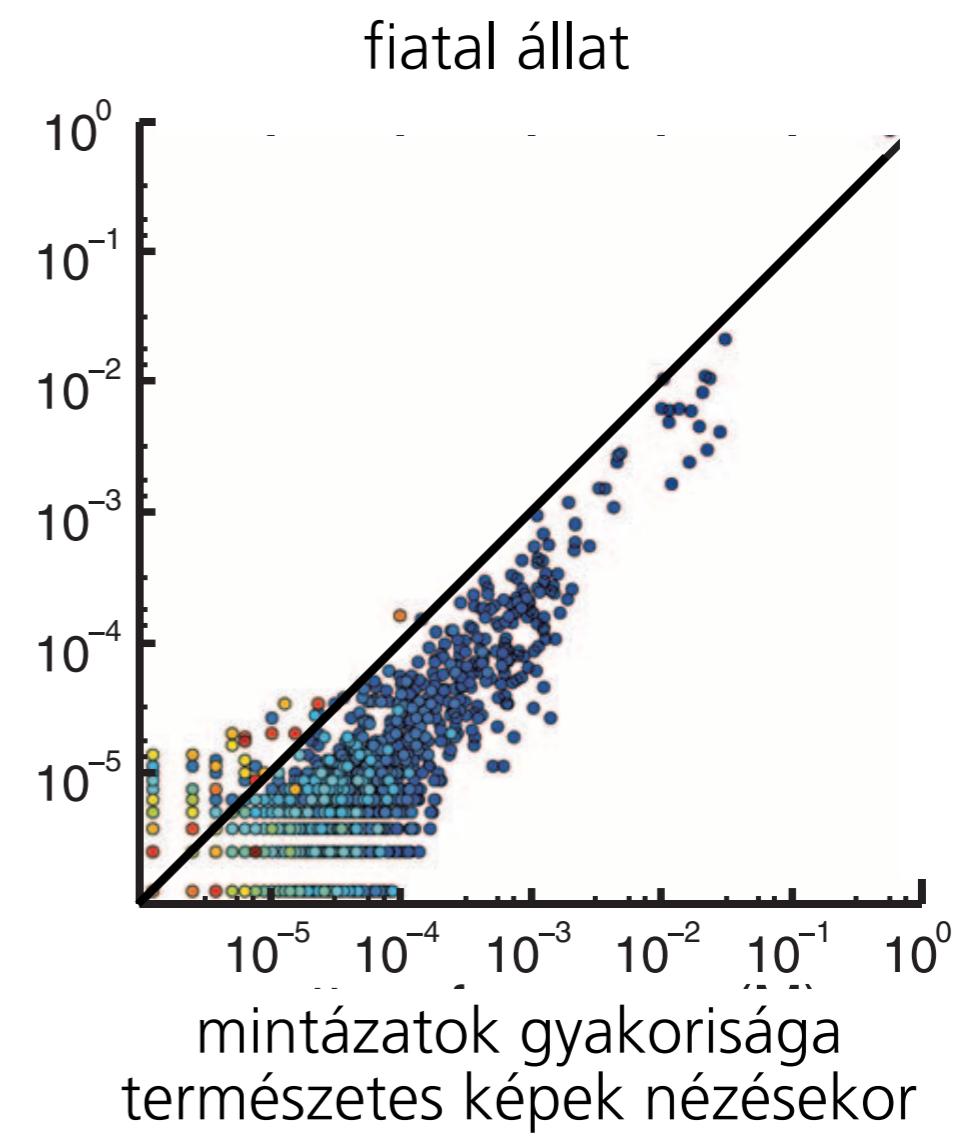
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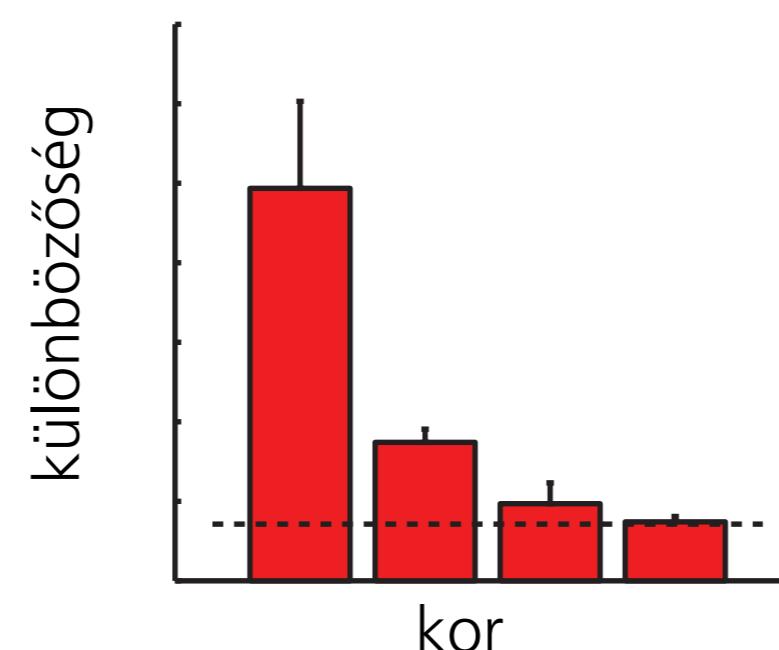
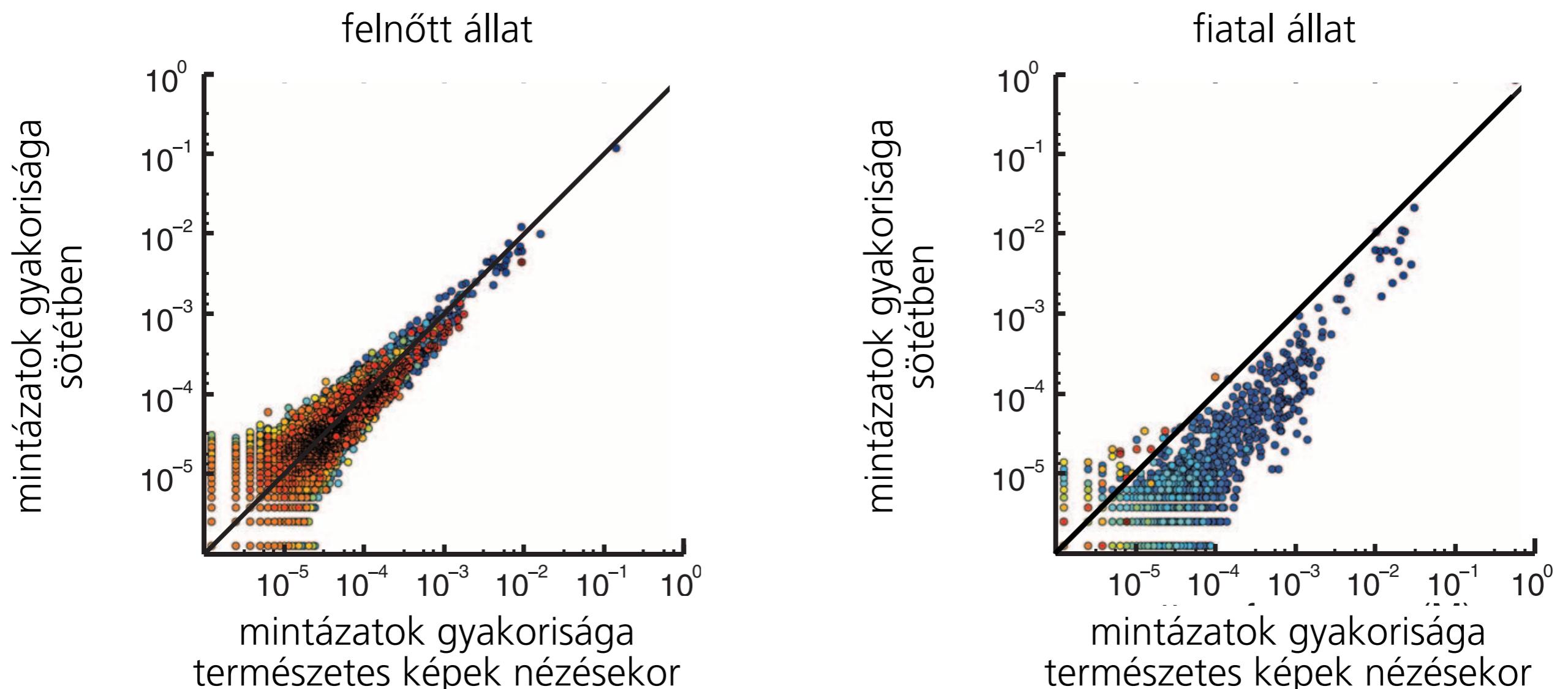


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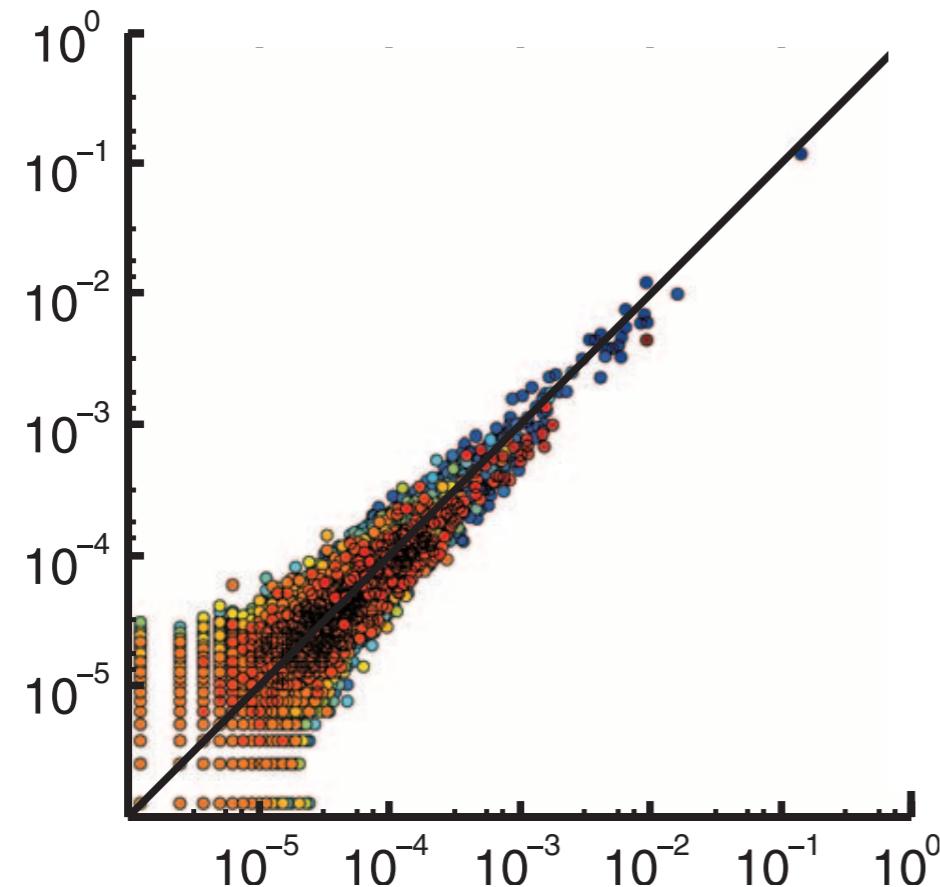
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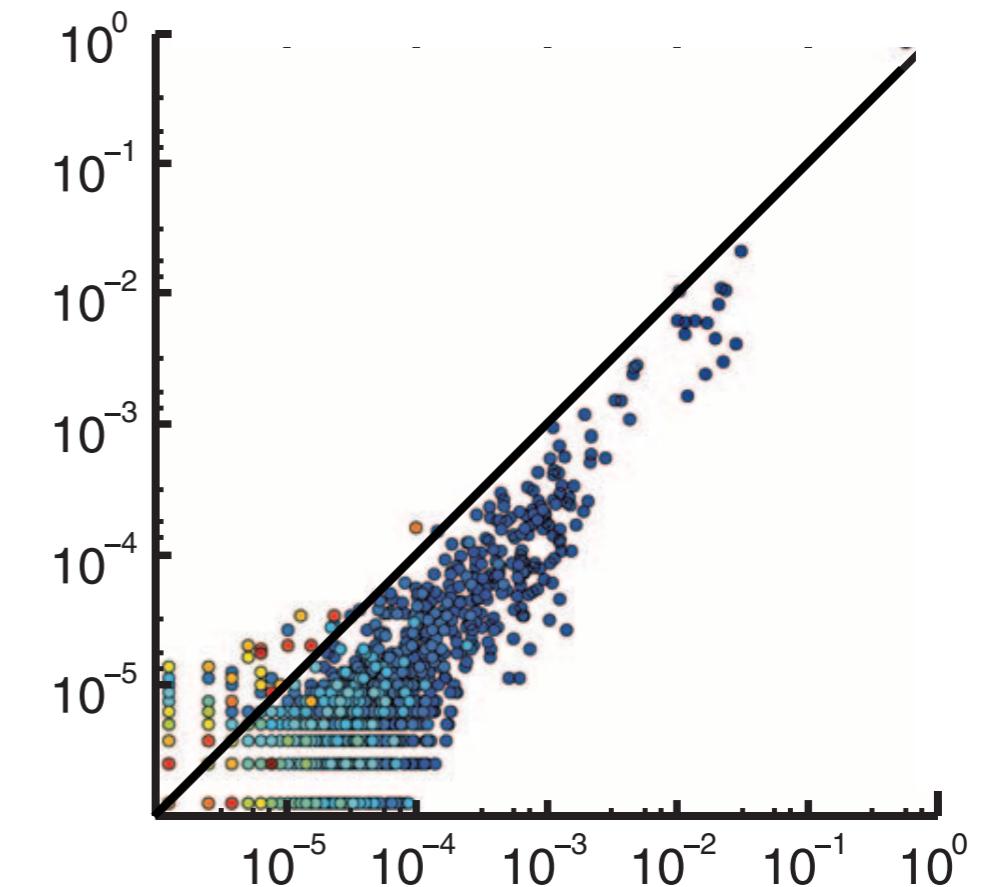
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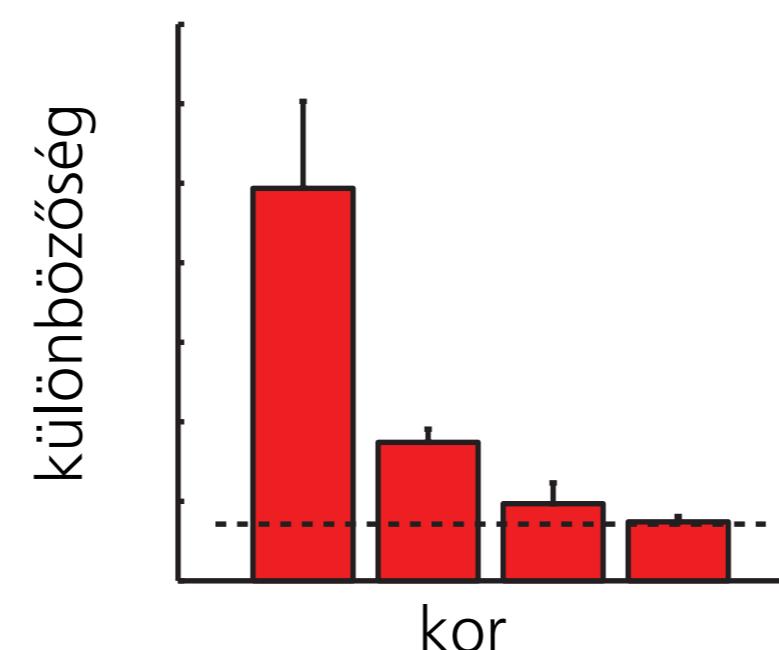
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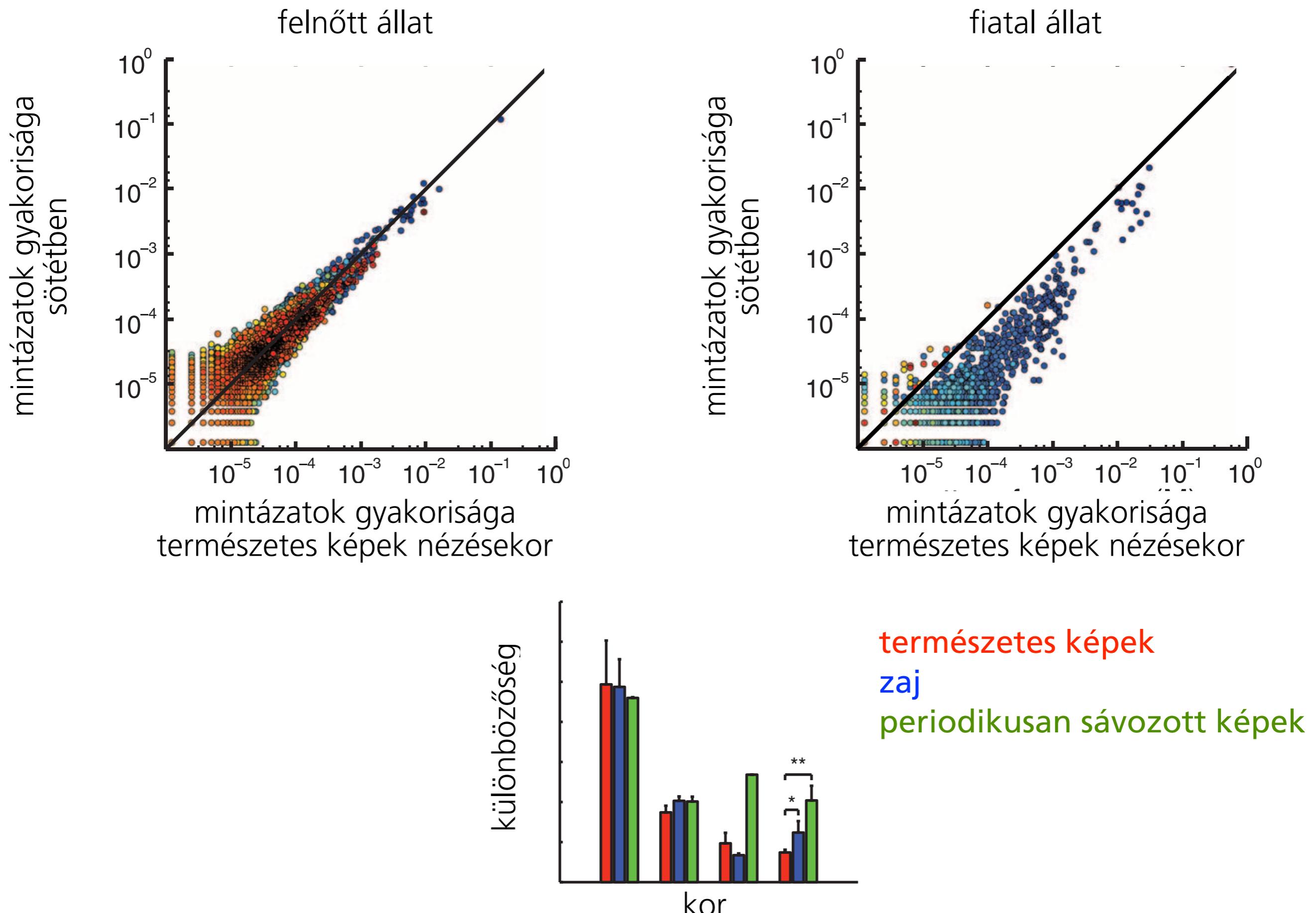
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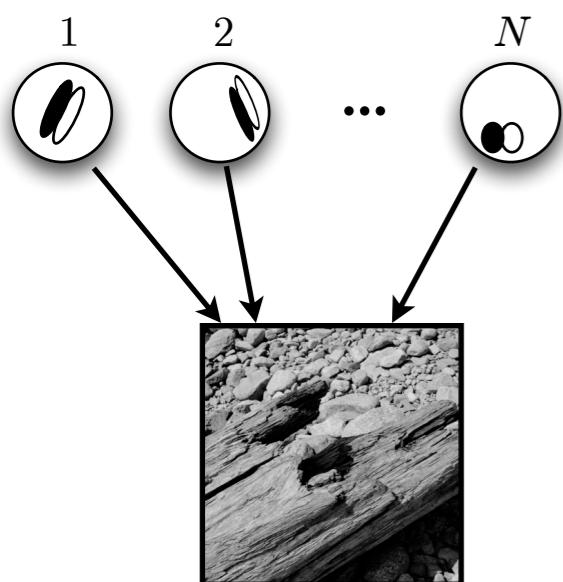
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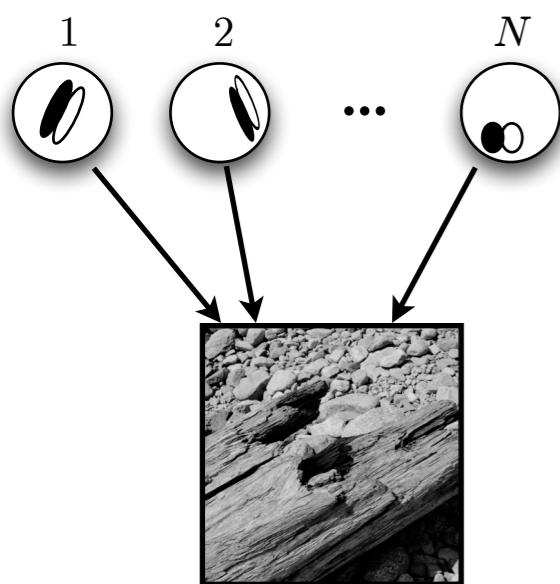
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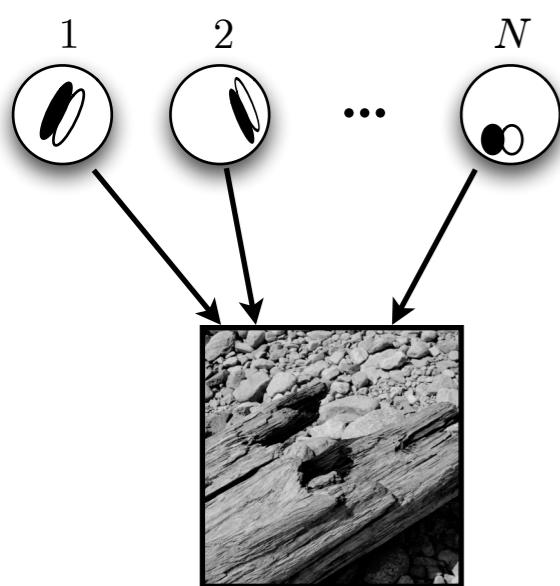


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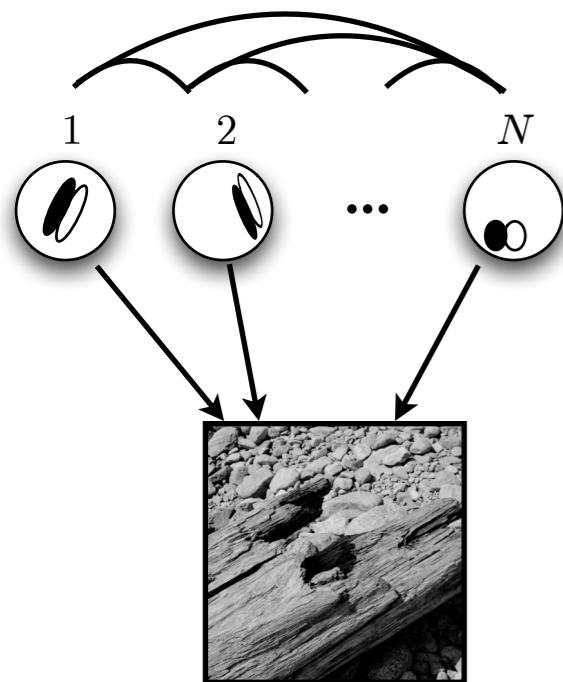


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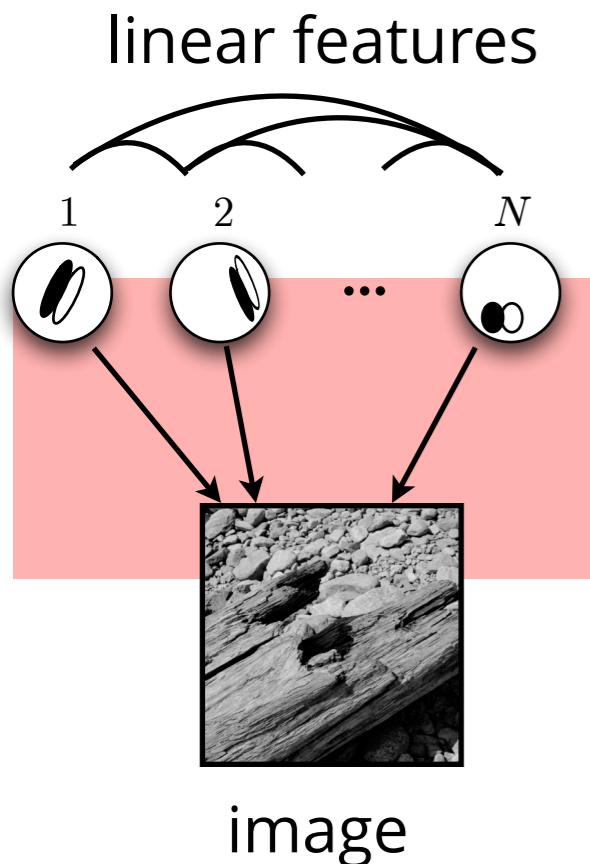


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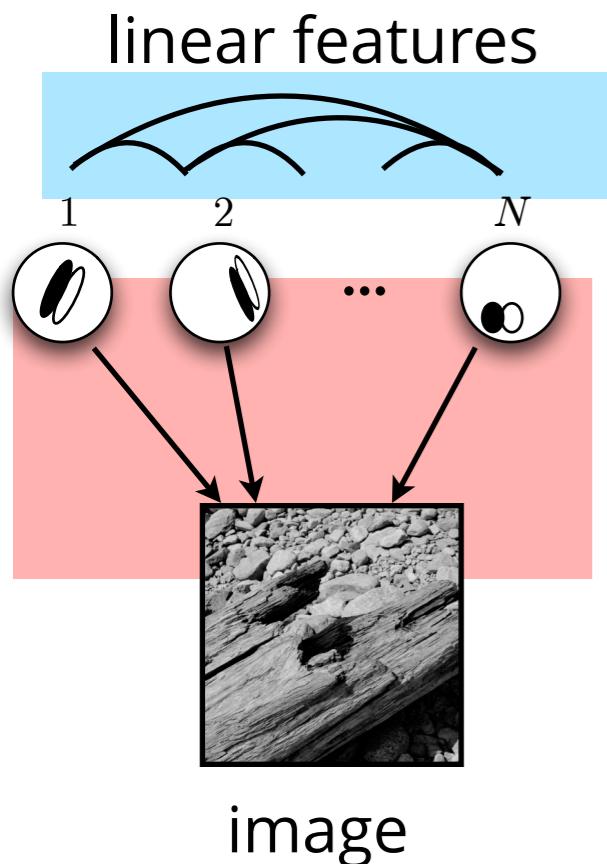
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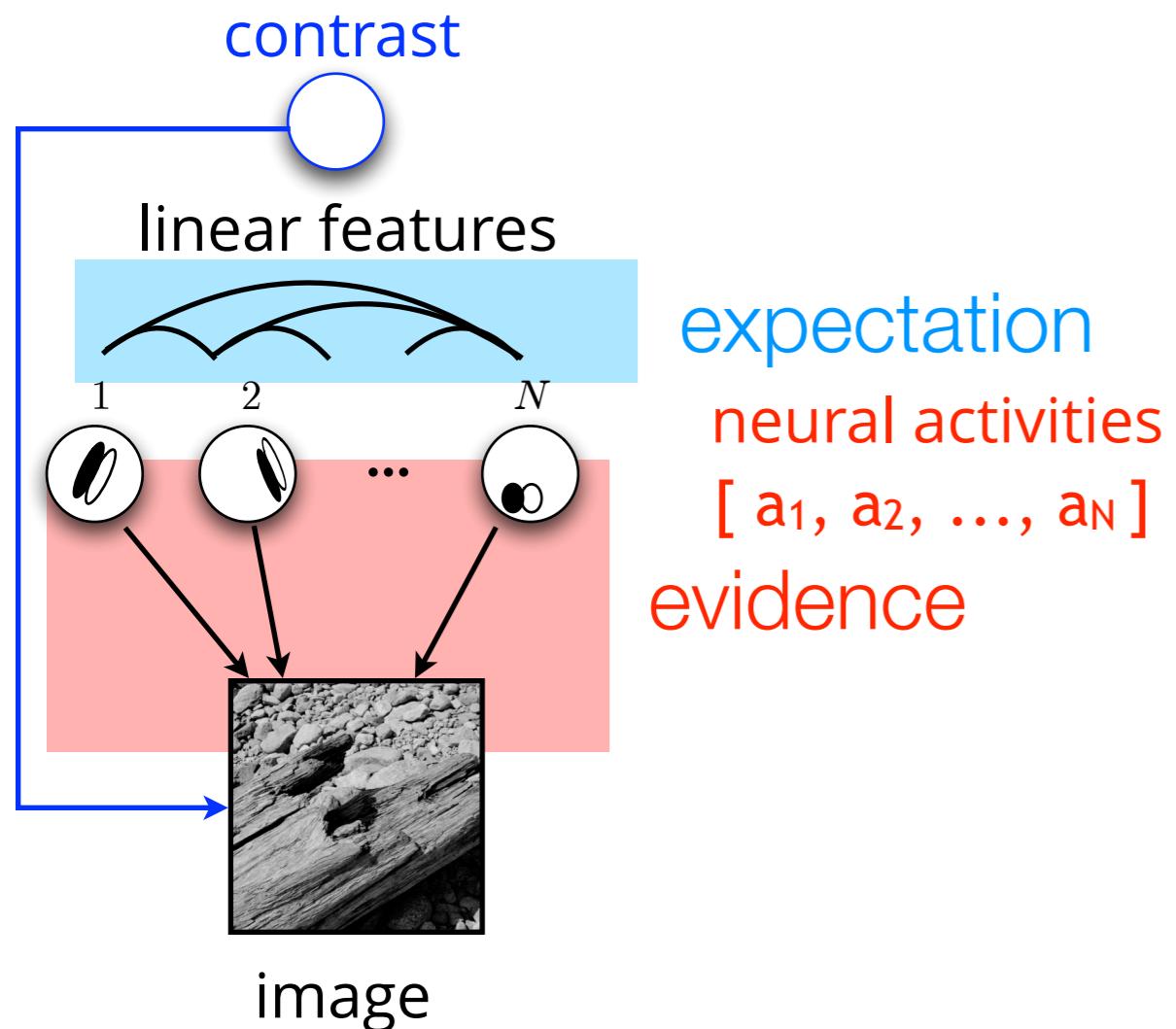
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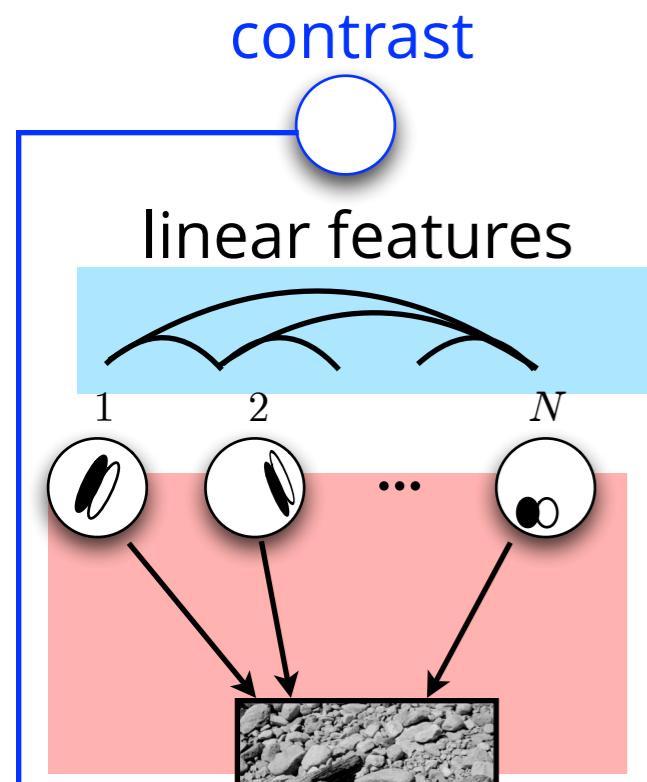
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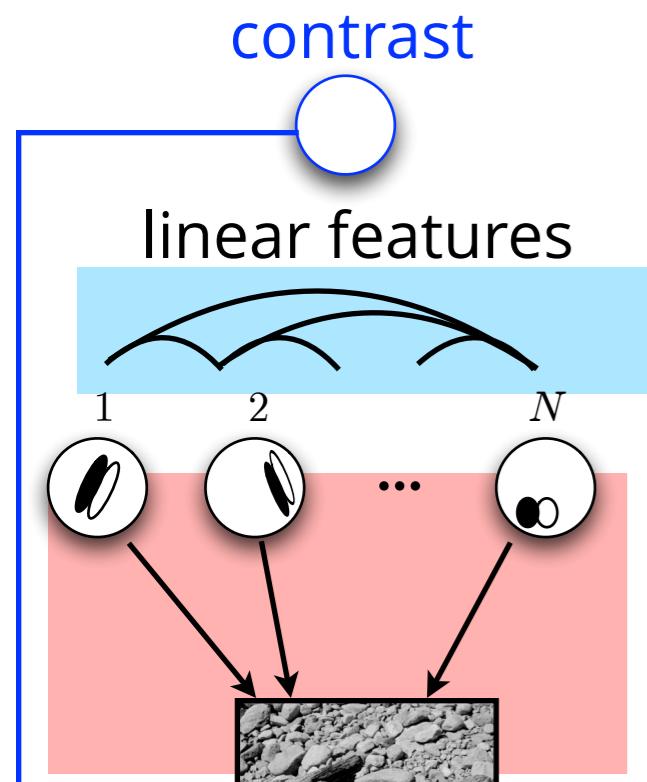
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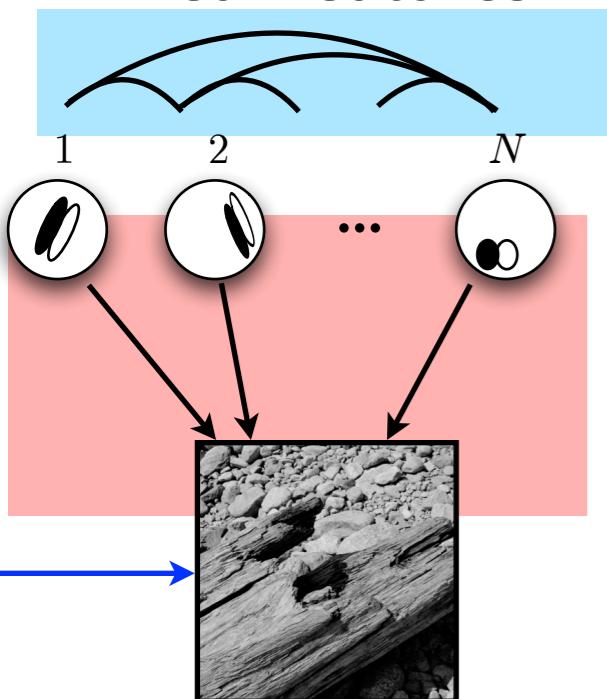
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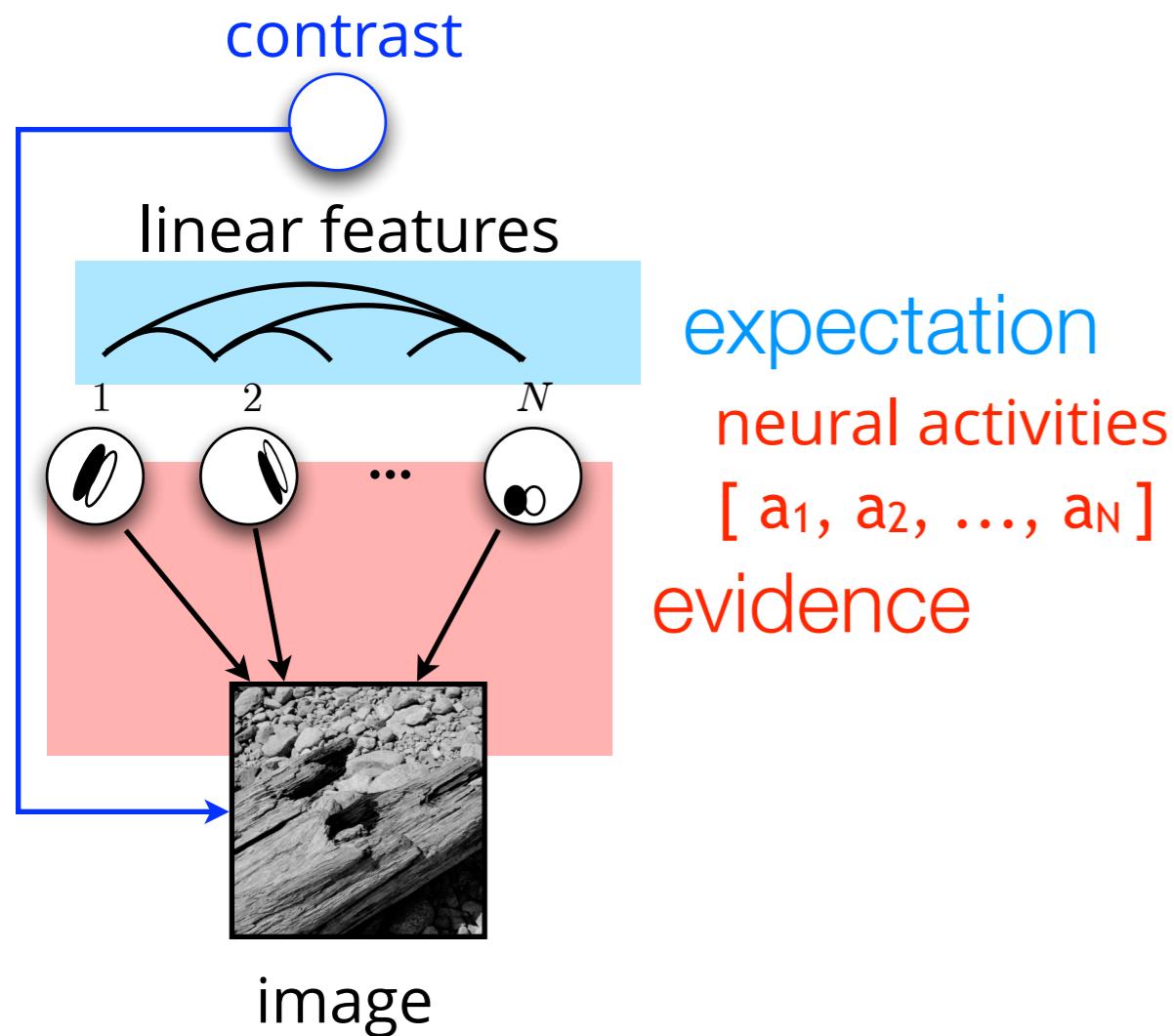
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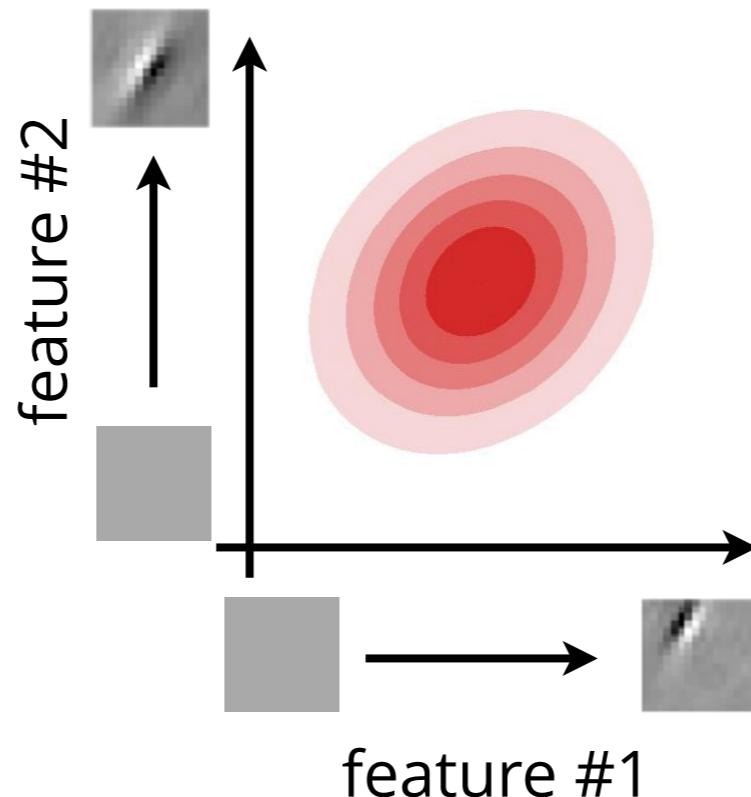
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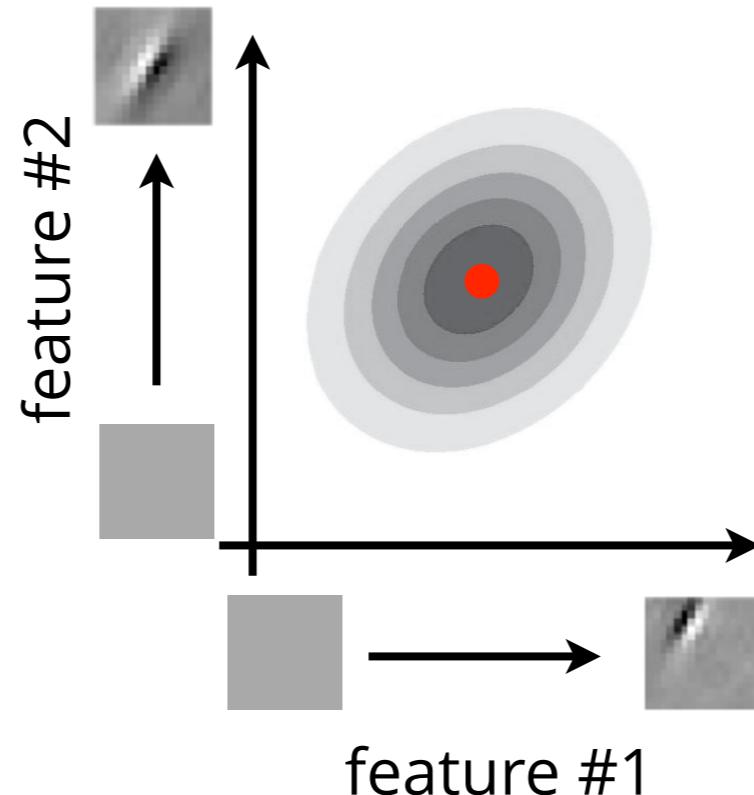
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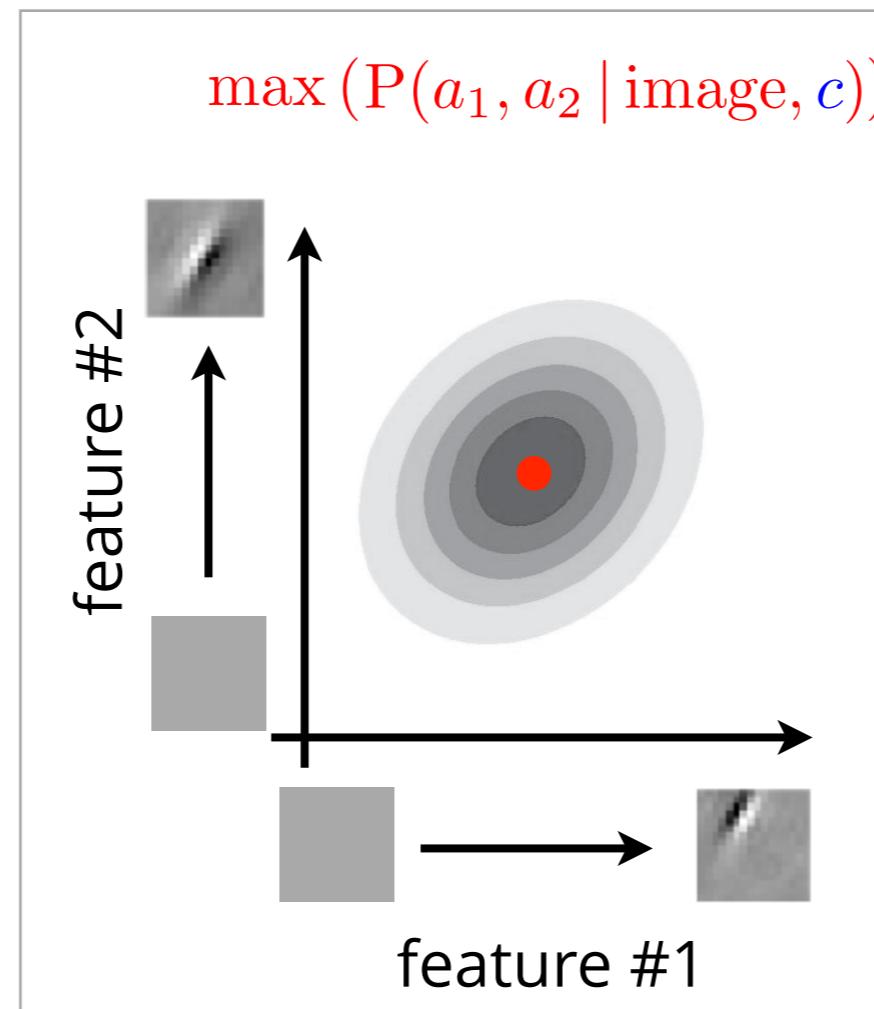


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$$\max(P(a_1, a_2 \mid \text{image}, c))$$



# mean responses



traditional theories  
e.g. Olshausen & Field, Nature 1996,  
Schwartz & Simoncelli, Nat Neurosci  
2001

mean response  $\rightsquigarrow$  maximum a posteriori inference

# roadmap

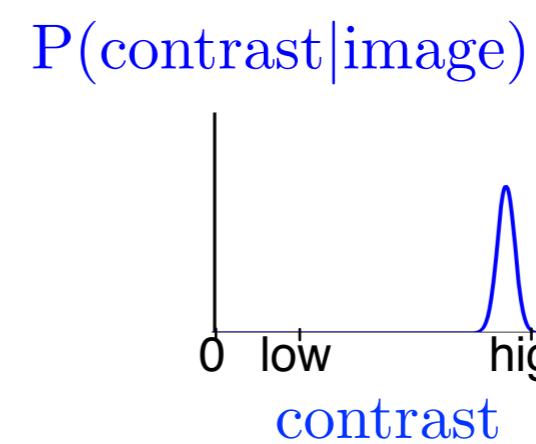
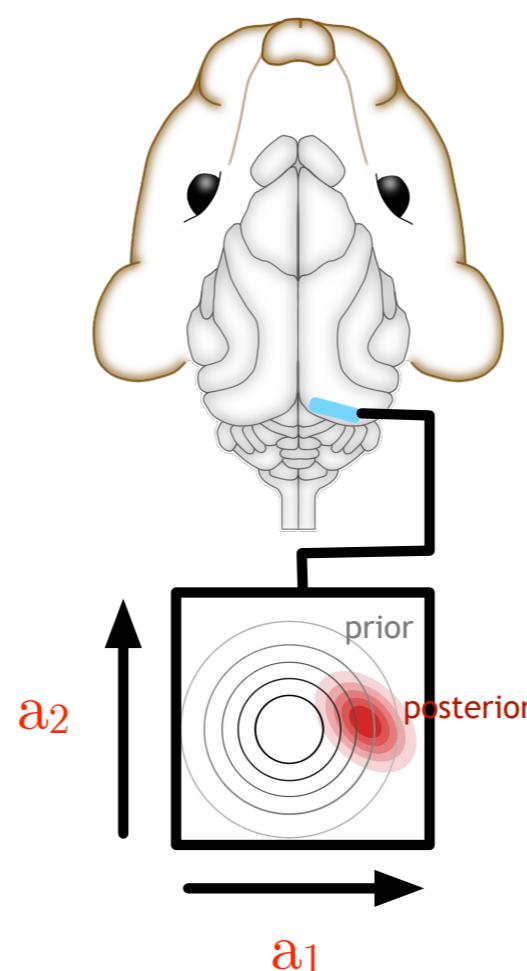
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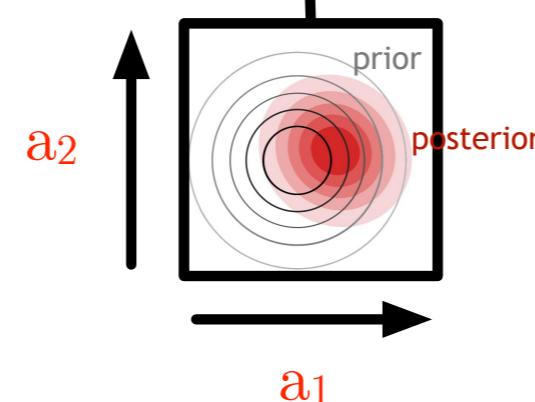
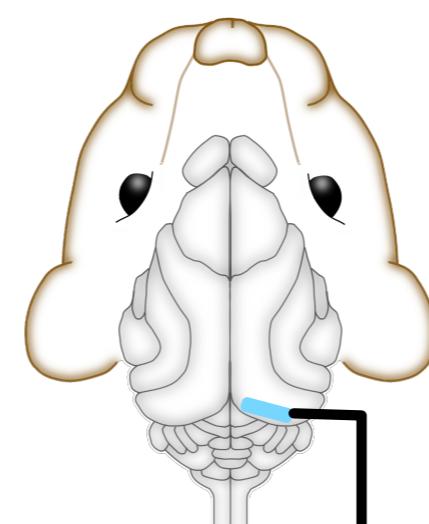
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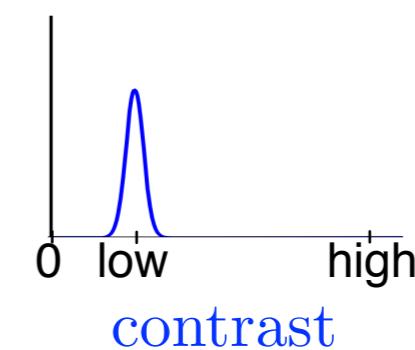


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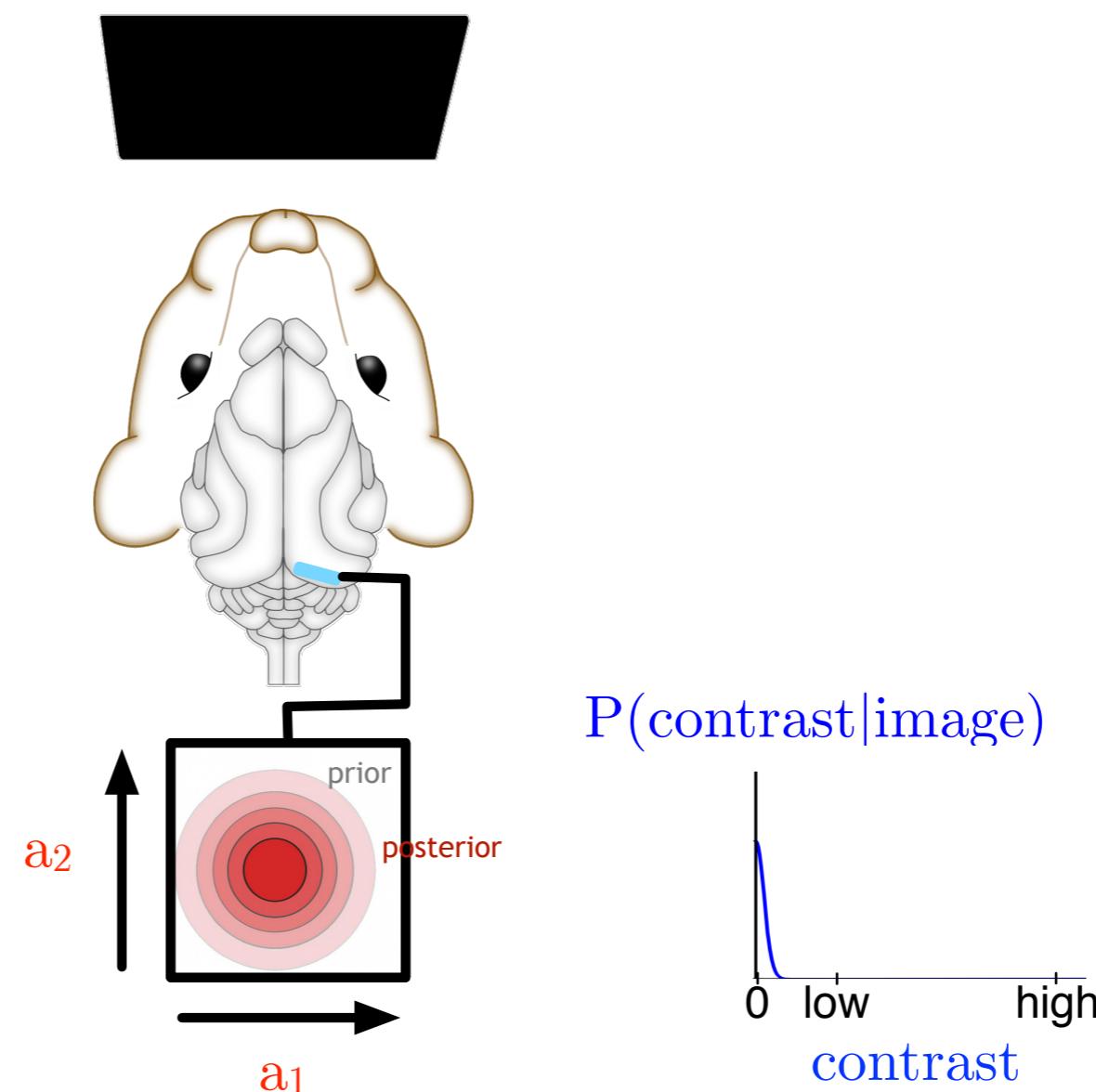


$P(\text{contrast} \mid \text{image})$



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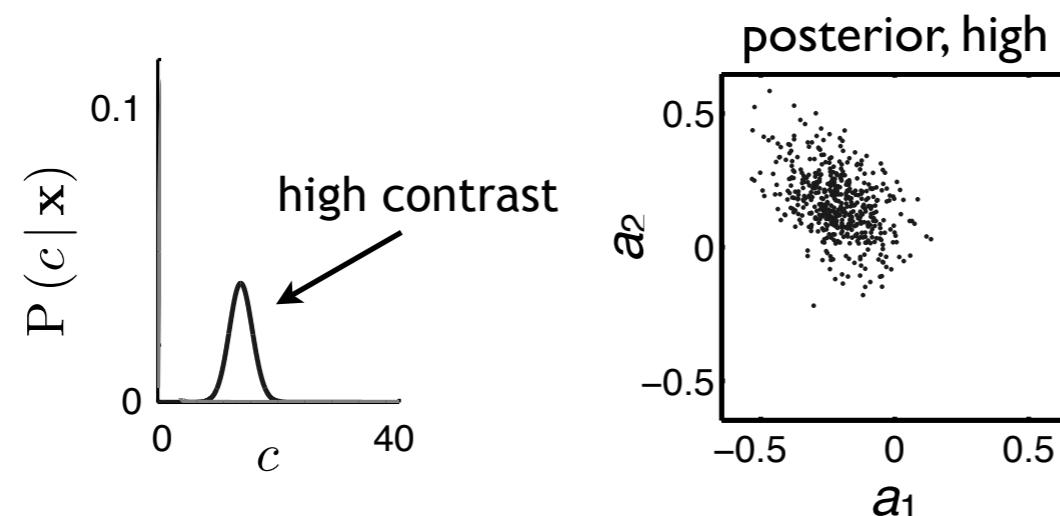
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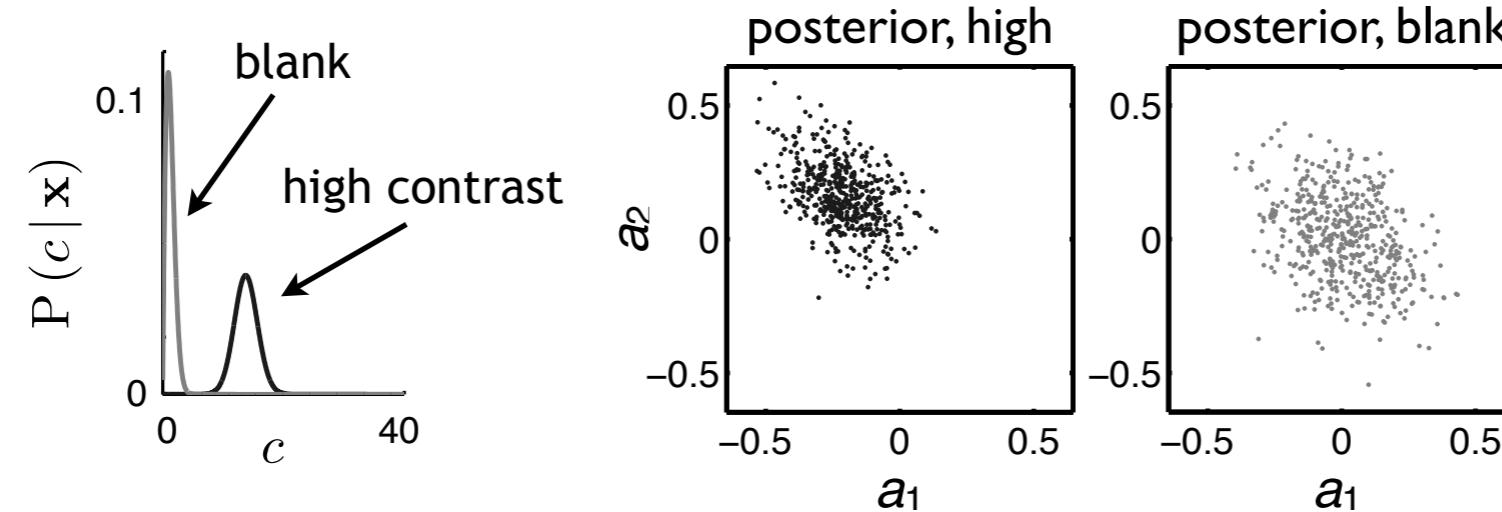
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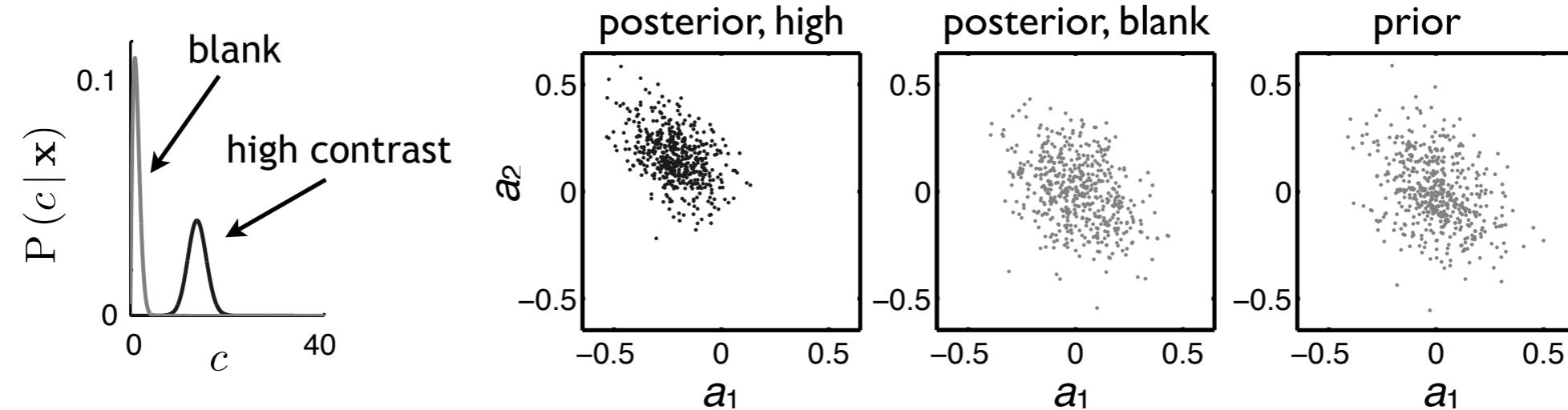
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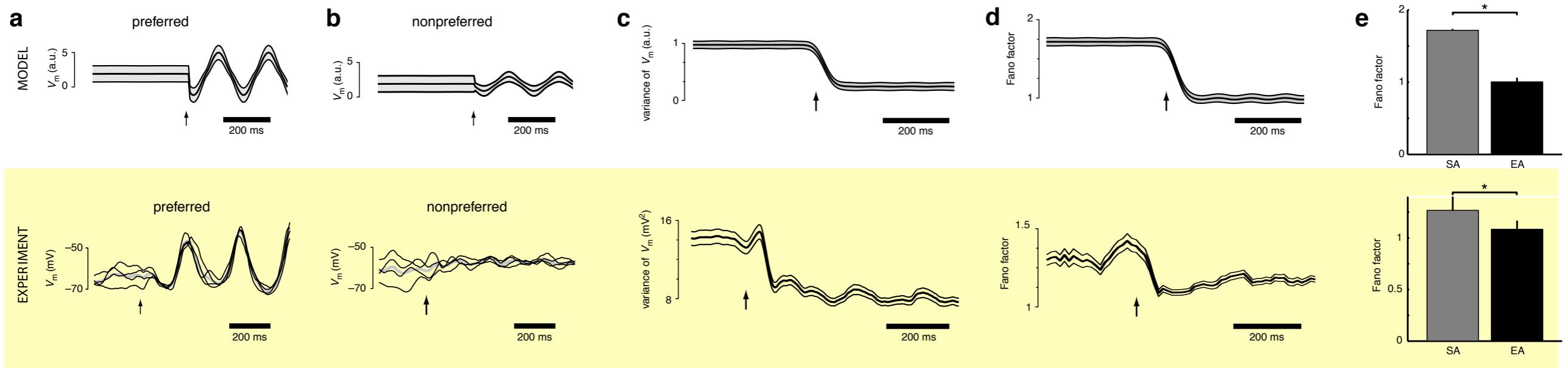
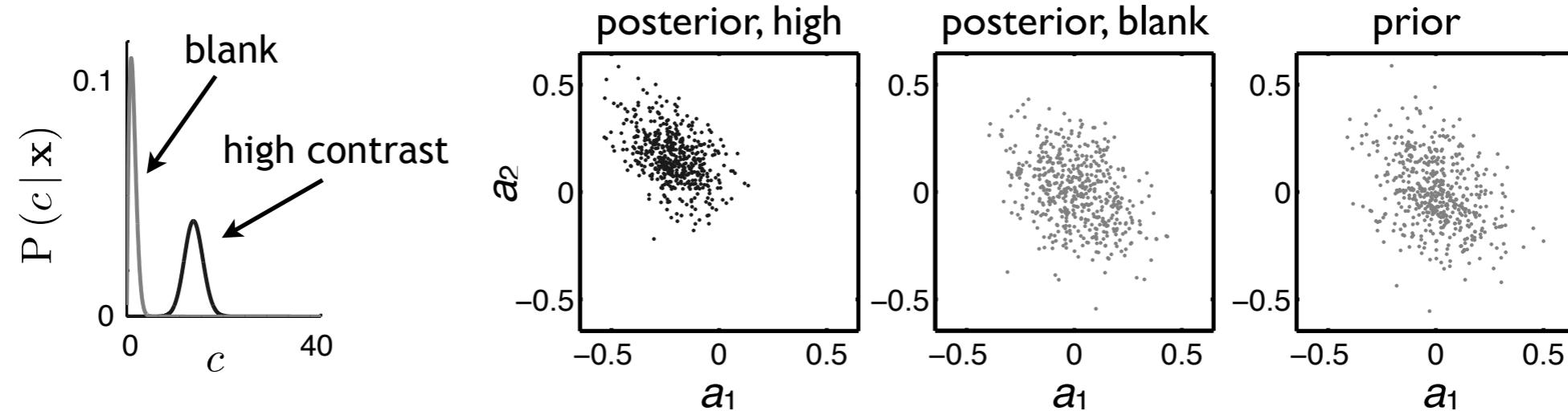
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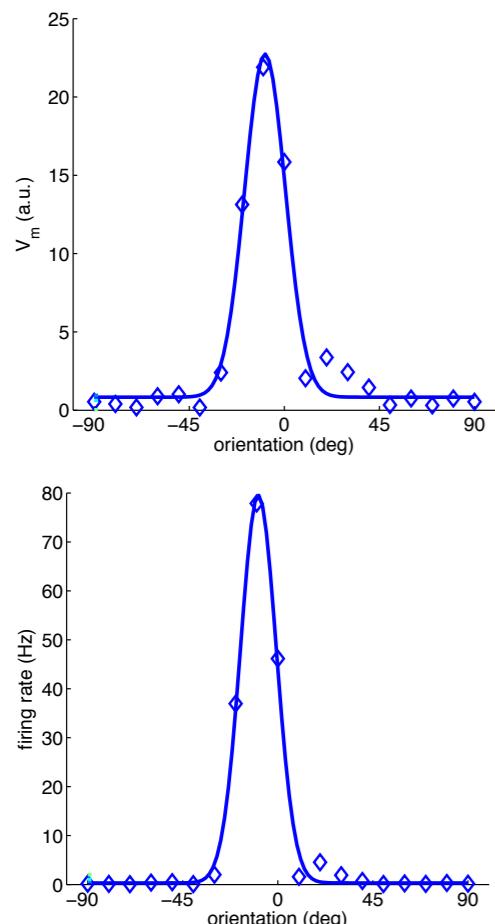
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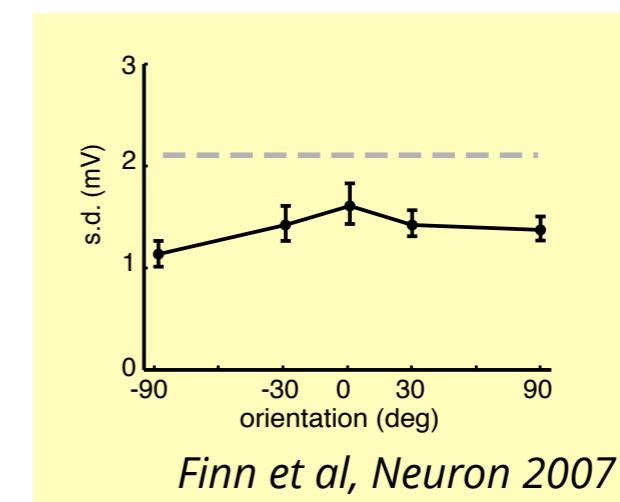
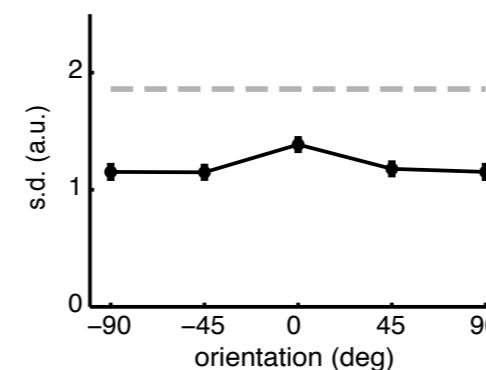
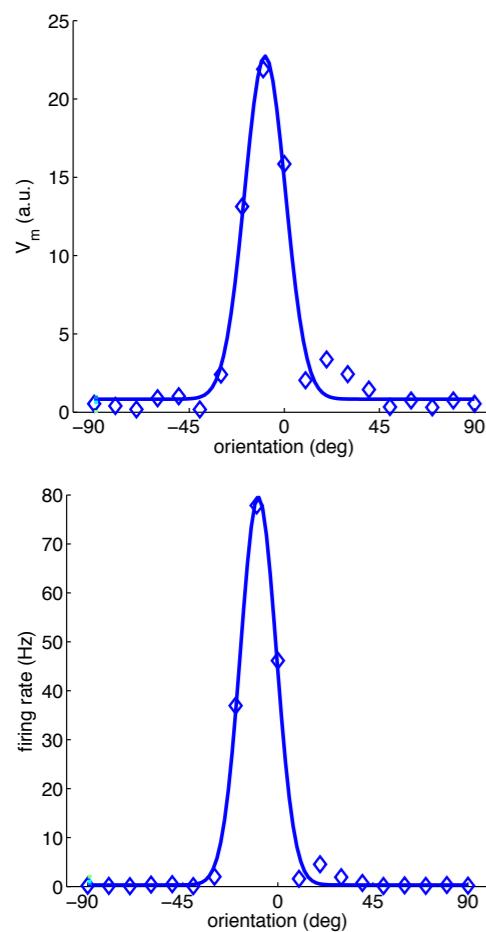


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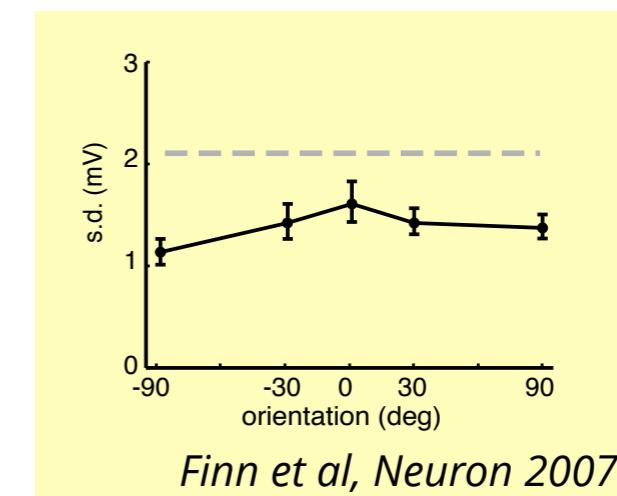
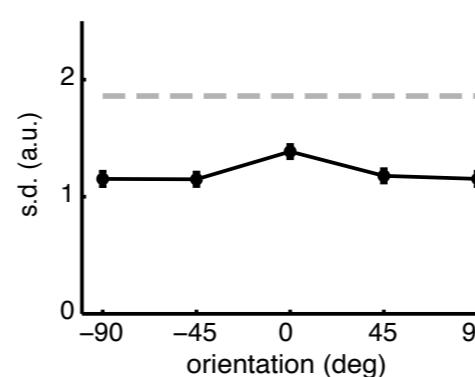
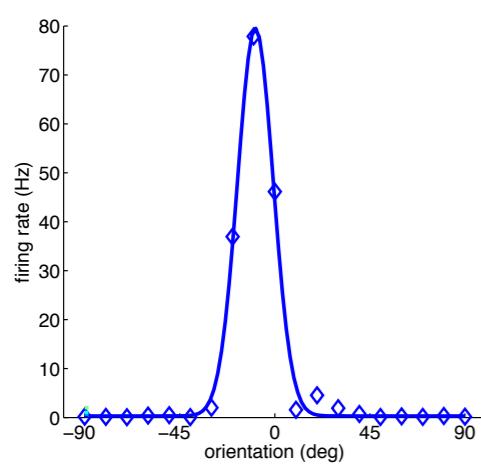
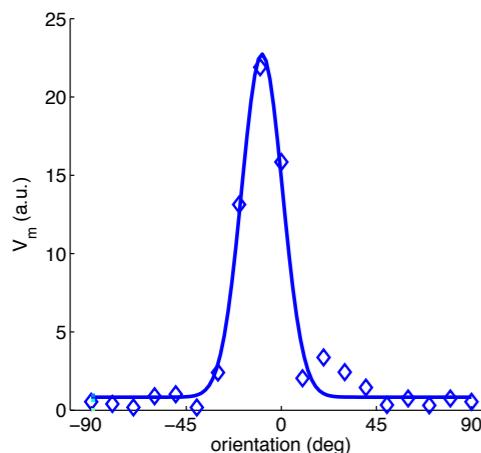
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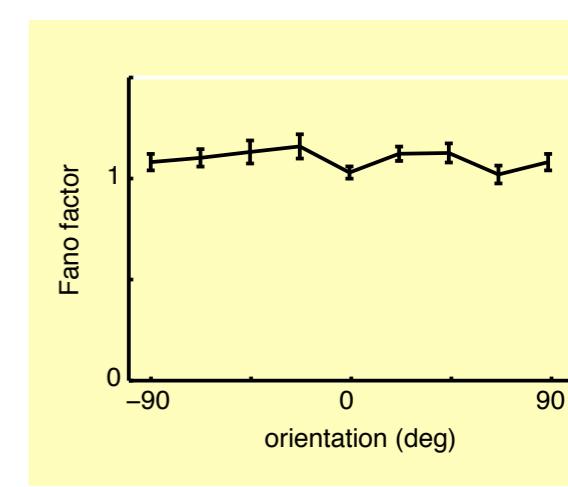
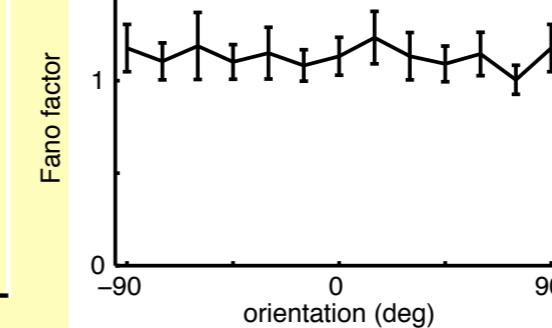
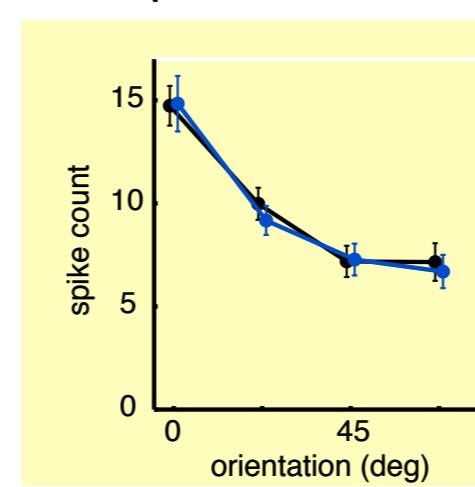
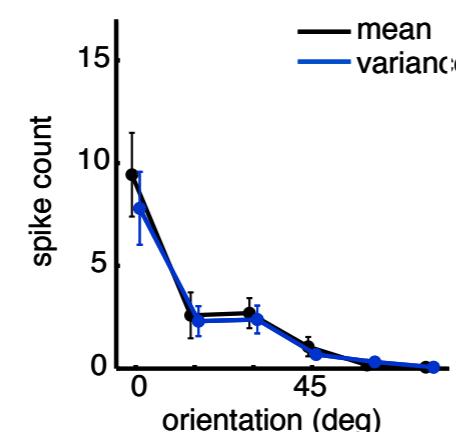
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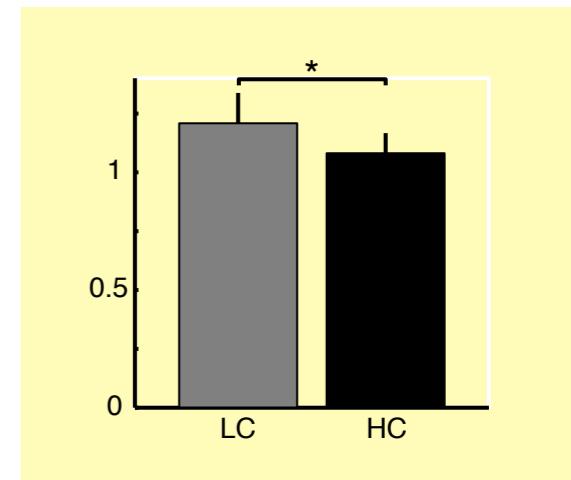
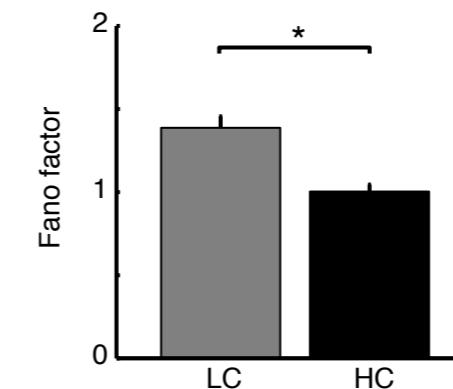
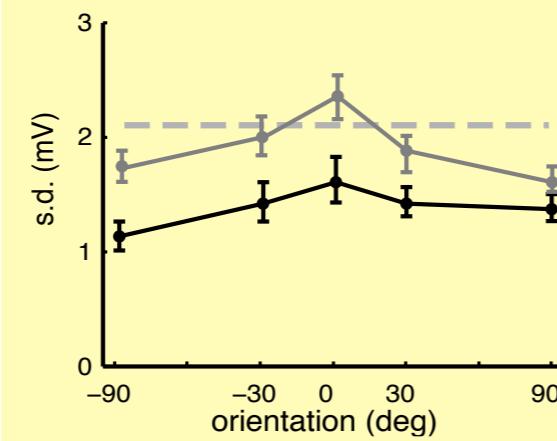
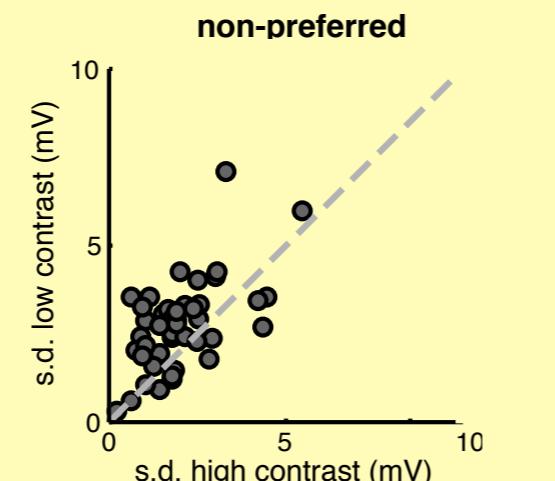
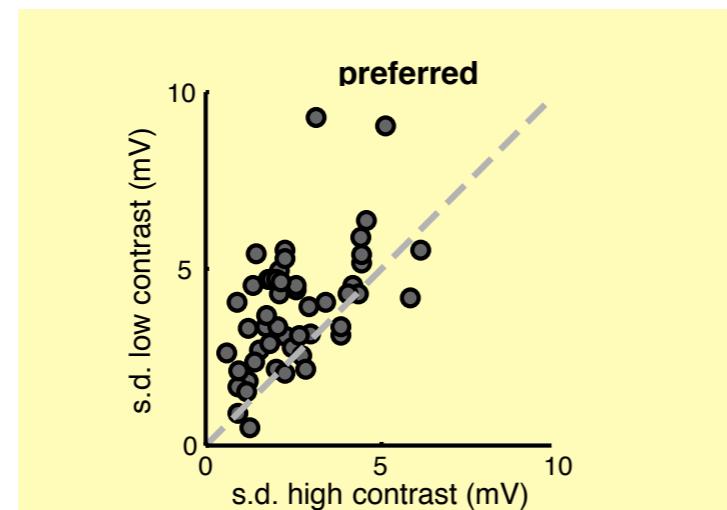
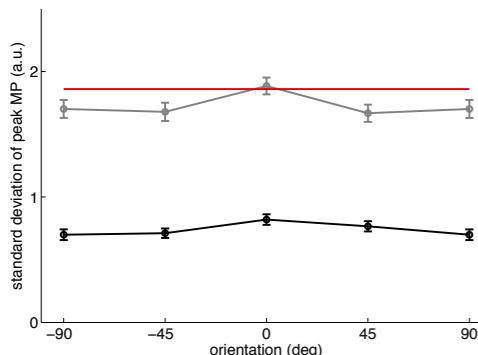
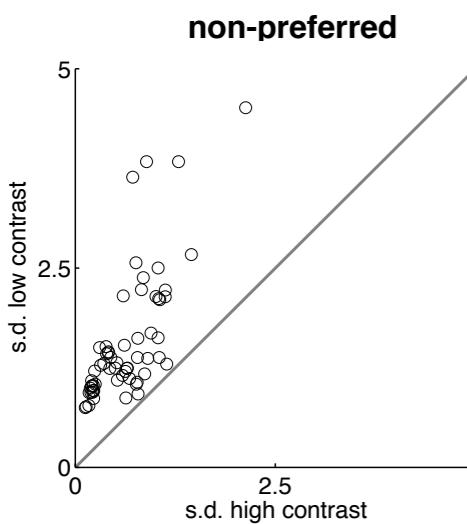
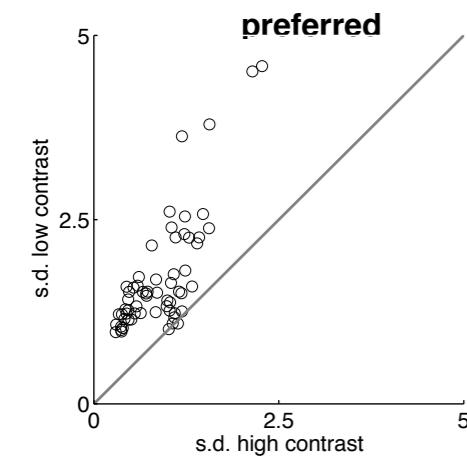
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- spike count variance increases with firing rate
- Fano factor is still expected to be independent of orientation



# Contrast-dependence of response statistics

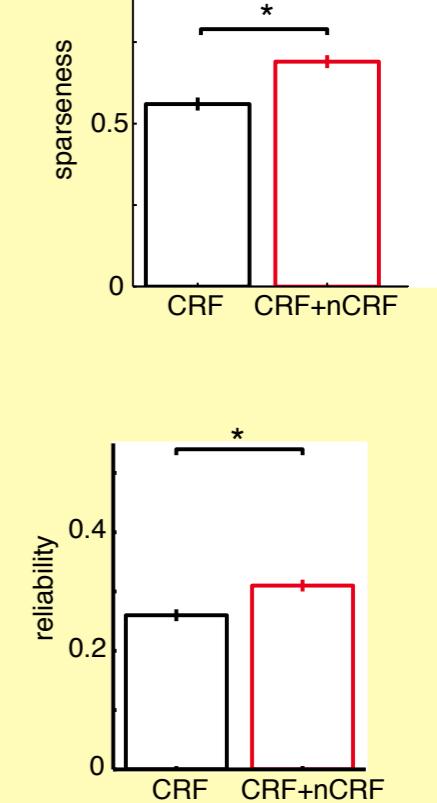
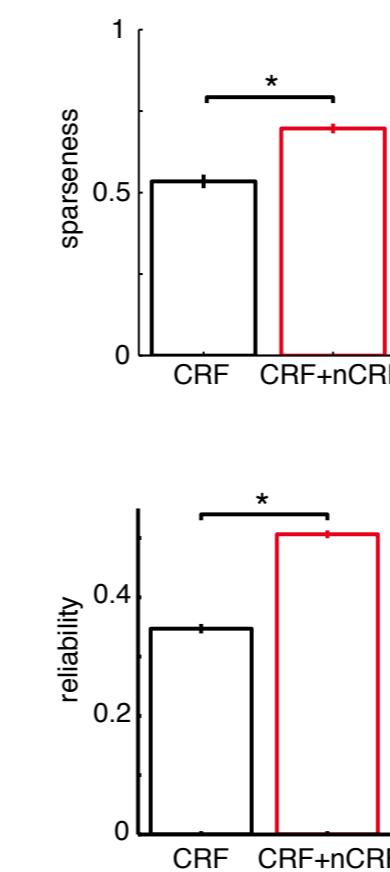
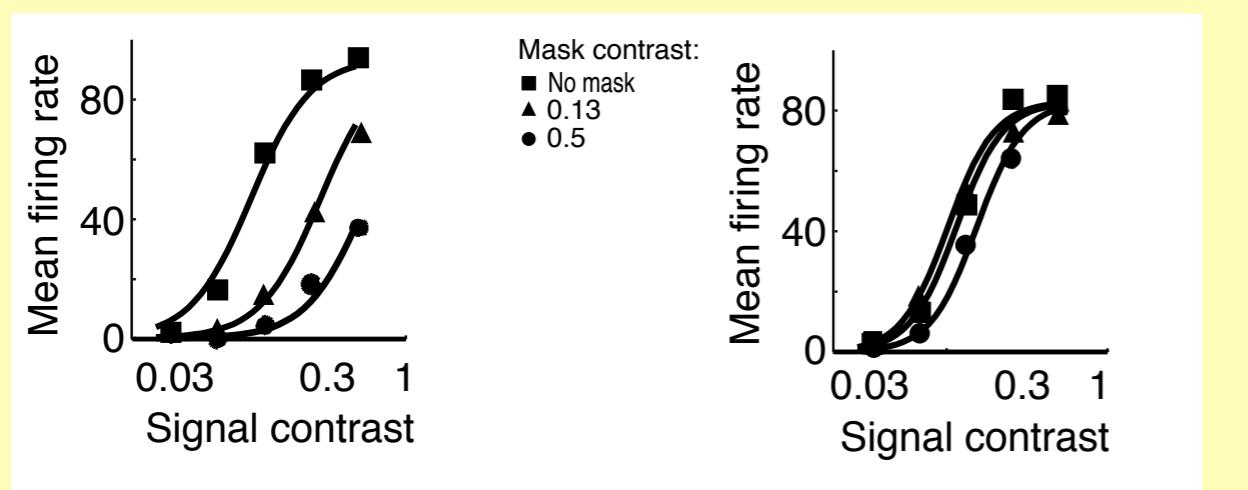
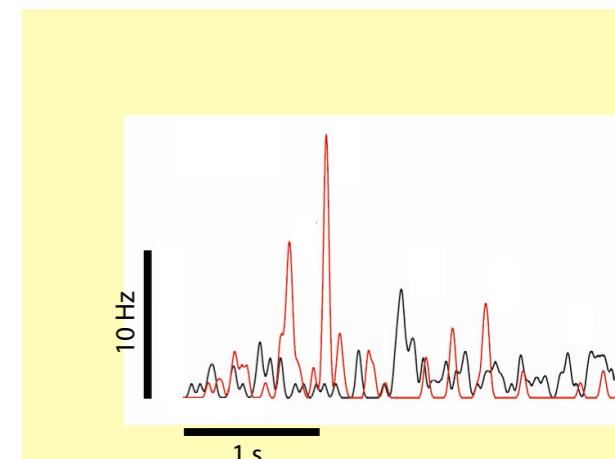
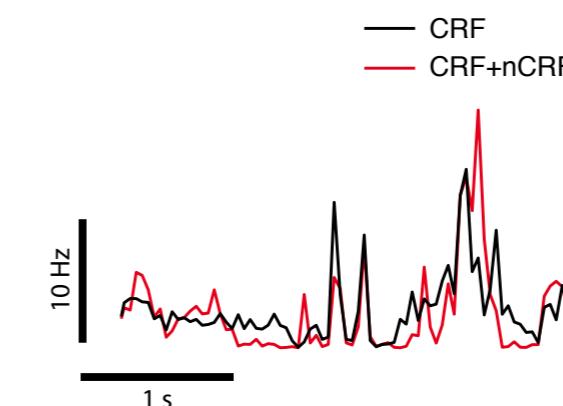
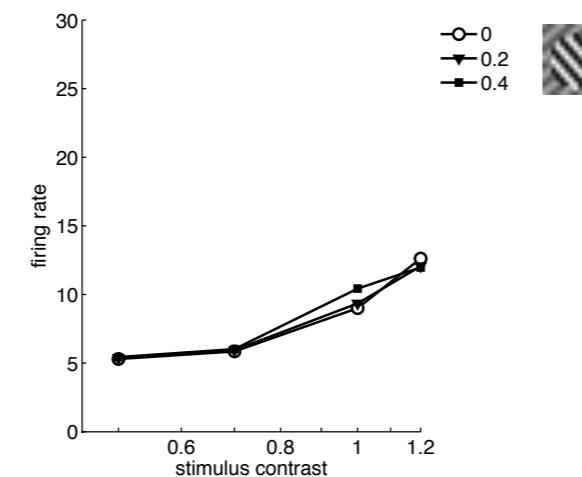
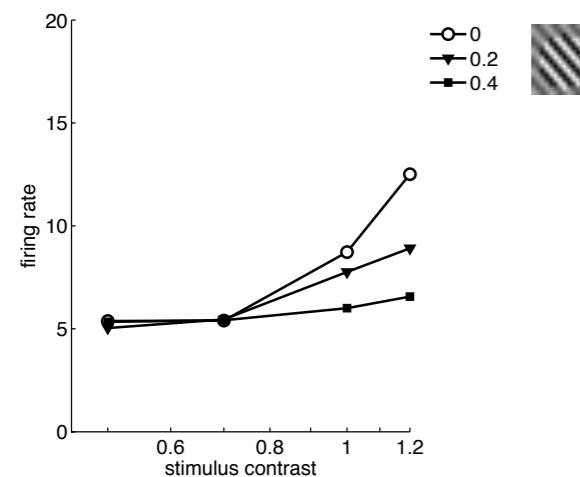
- contrast has fundamental effect on mean: *decreased contrast results in decreased mean*
- *decreased contrast results in increased uncertainty*



Finn et al, Neuron 2007

# Non-classical RF dependence of response statistics

- non-linear interaction between with-receptive field and extra-receptive field stimulation
- uncertainty is affected by extra information



Haider et al, Neuron 2010

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The diagram illustrates the decomposition of a covariance matrix  $C^*$ . It features three yellow speech bubbles at the top with black outlines. The first bubble on the left contains the text "prior correlation". The second bubble in the middle contains "posterior correlation". The third bubble on the right contains "signal correlation". Below these bubbles, a blue rectangular box contains the mathematical expression for  $C^*$ :

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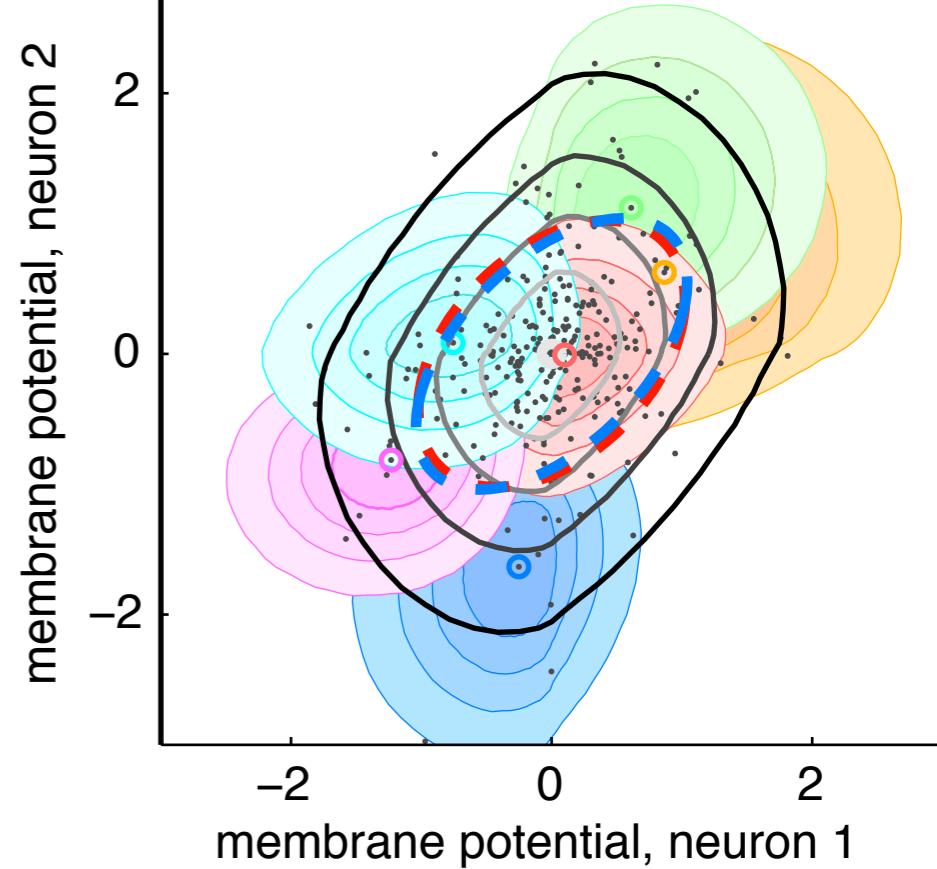
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# Learning and correlations structure

$$P(\text{responses} \mid \text{stimulus}) \propto P(\text{stimulus} \mid \text{responses}) \times P(\text{responses})$$

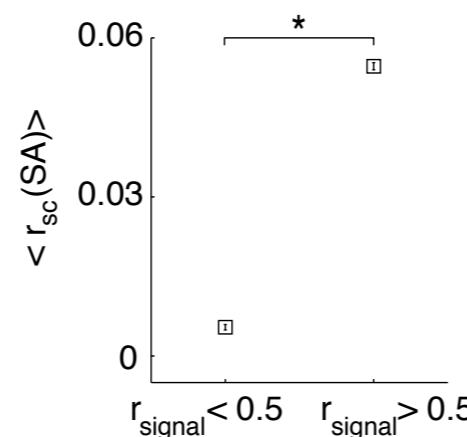
prior correlation      posterior correlation      signal correlation

$$C^* \approx \frac{1}{T} \left( \sum_t \Sigma(t) + \sum_t \mu(t) \mu^\top(t) \right)$$



# Relationship between various forms of correlations

signal vs. spontaneous  
correlation



signal vs. noise  
correlation

