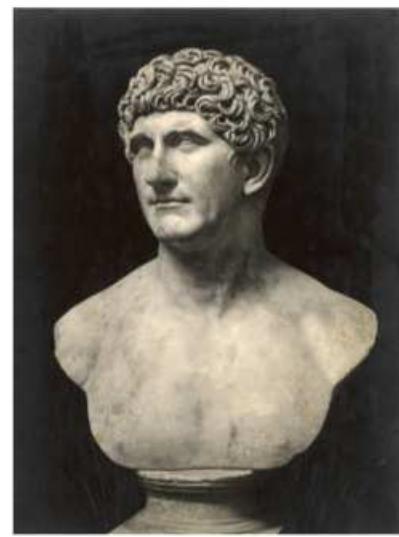
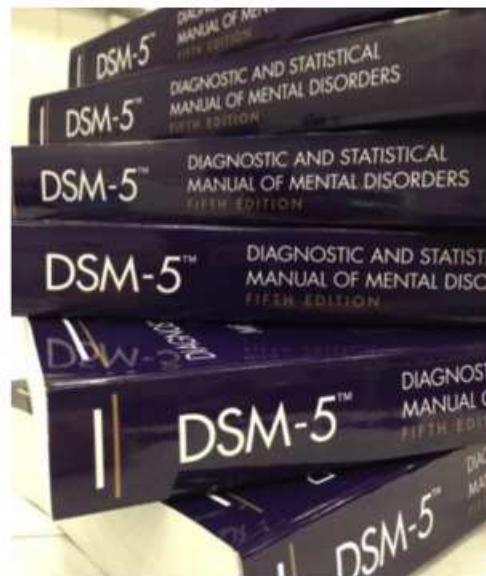


Computational Psychiatry and Neurology



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Symptom lists can describe a 'disease' state but don't point to mechanism

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3. Deficits in developing, maintaining, and understanding relationships, ranging, for example, from difficulties adjusting behavior to suit various social contexts; to difficulties in sharing imaginative play or in making friends; to an absence of interest in peers.

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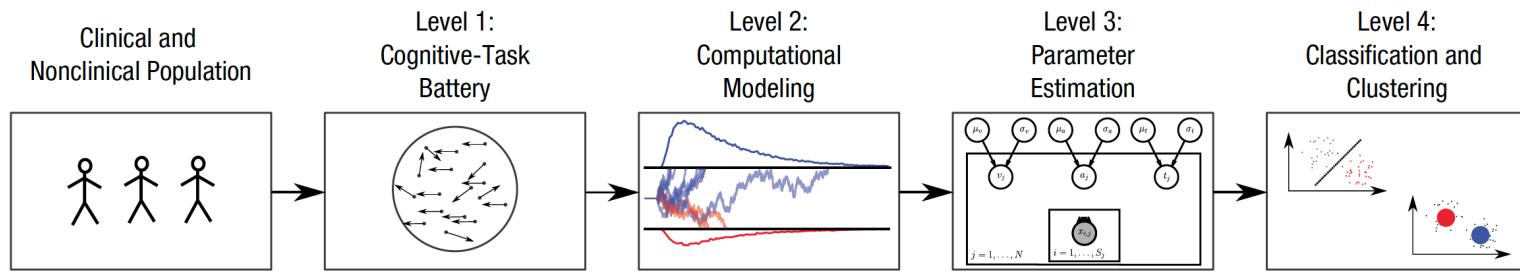
B. Restricted, repetitive patterns of behavior, interests, or activities as manifested by at least two of the following, currently or by history (examples are illustrative, not exhaustive):

1. Stereotyped or repetitive motor movements, use of objects, or speech (e.g. simple motor stereotypies, lining up toys or flipping objects, echolalia, idiosyncratic phrases).
2. Insistence on sameness, excessive adherence to routines, or ritualized patterns of verbal or nonverbal behavior (e.g., extreme distress at small changes, difficulties with transitions, rigid thinking patterns, greeting rituals, need to take same route or eat food every day).
3. Highly restricted, fixated interests that are abnormal in intensity or focus (e.g. strong attachment to or preoccupation with unusual objects, excessively circumscribed or perseverative interests).
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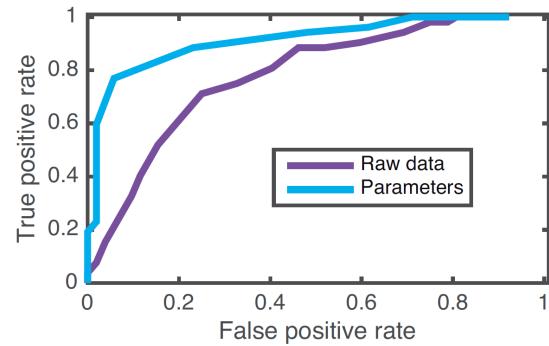
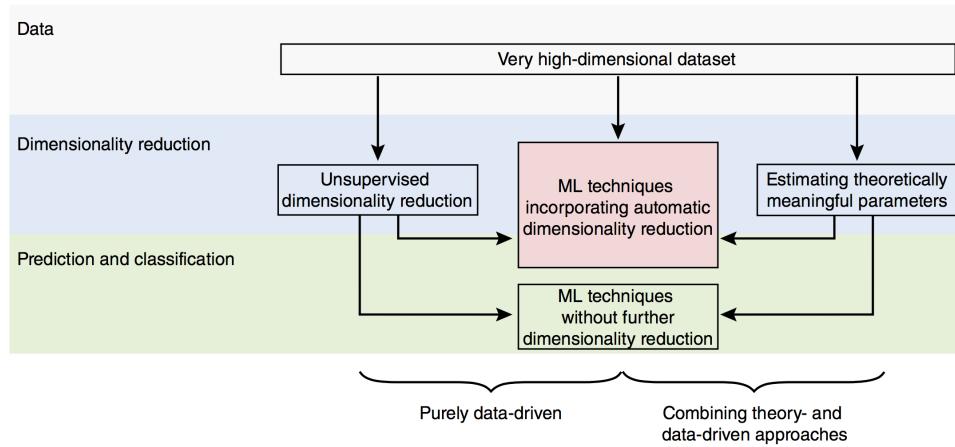
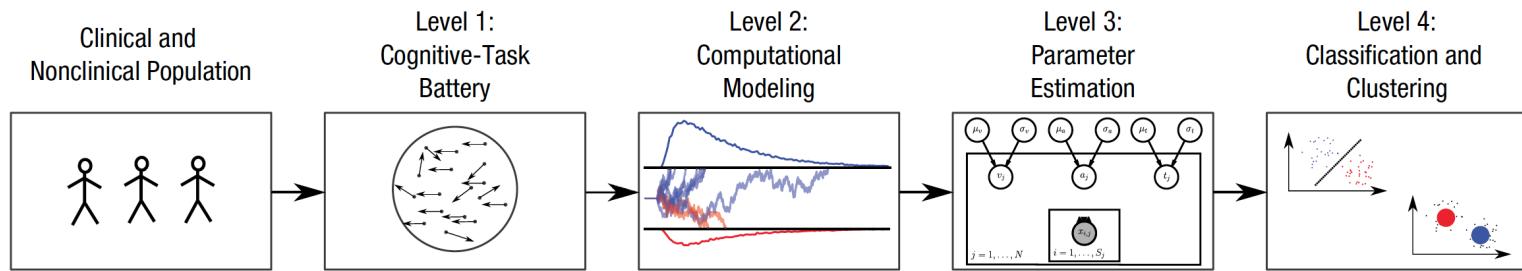
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Maia & Frank, 2011; Wiecki, Poland & Frank, 2015; Huys, Maia & Frank 2016

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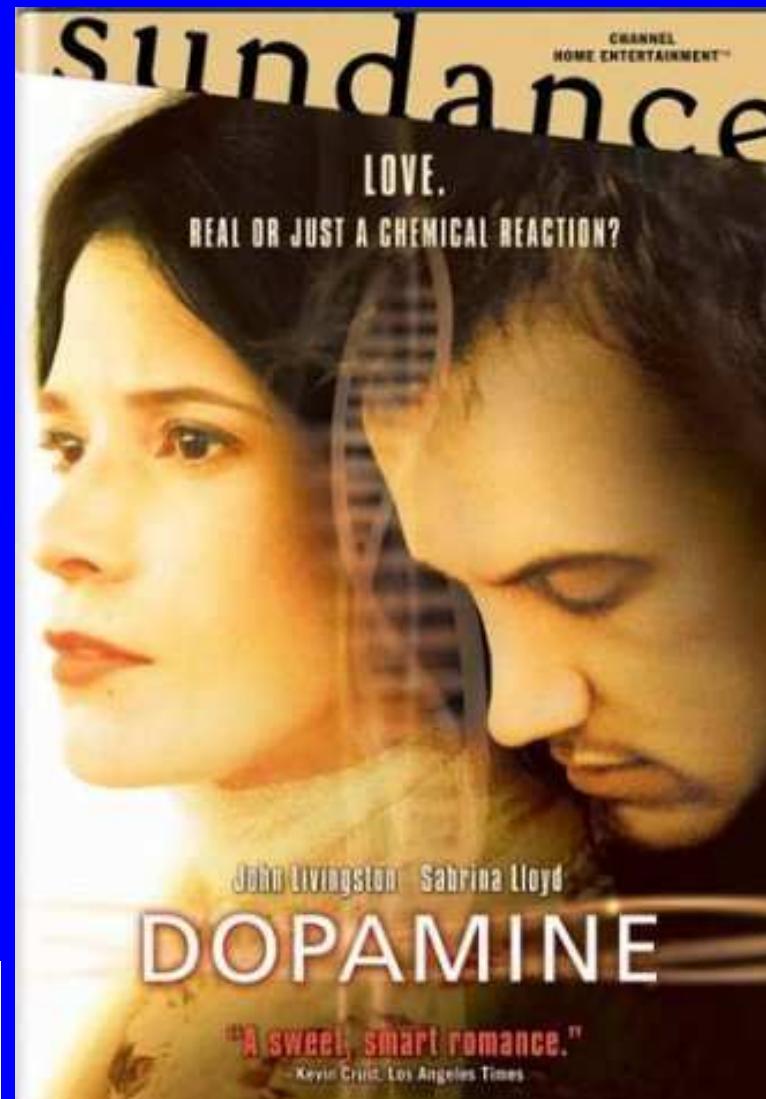
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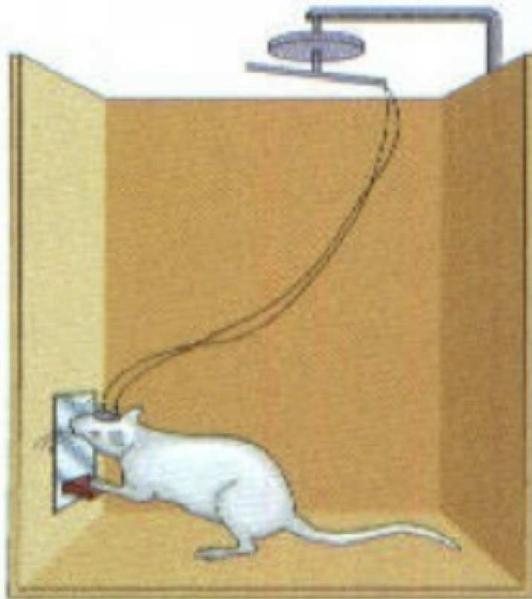
“Impulsivity”: alterations of separable neural mechanisms

- Strong impulses; failure to control impulses; failure to signal costs, etc.
- Drug abuse; gambling; exacerbated by stress, etc



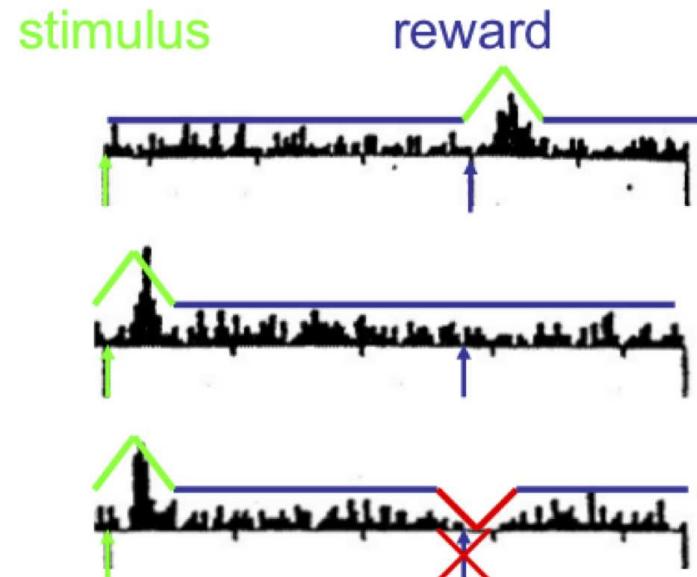
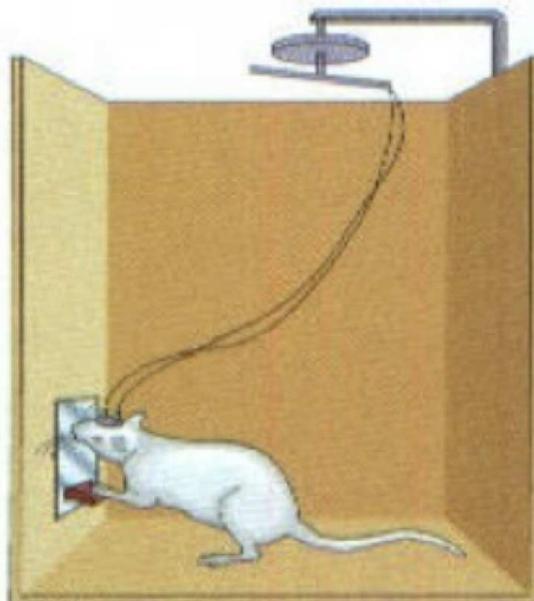
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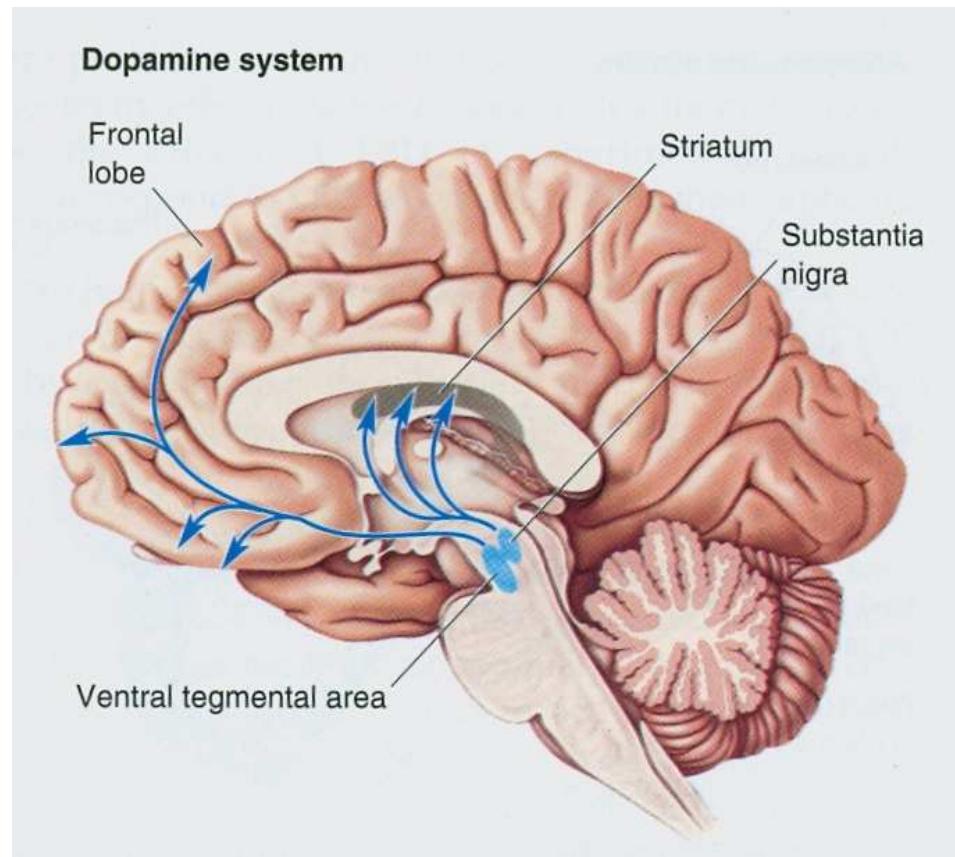
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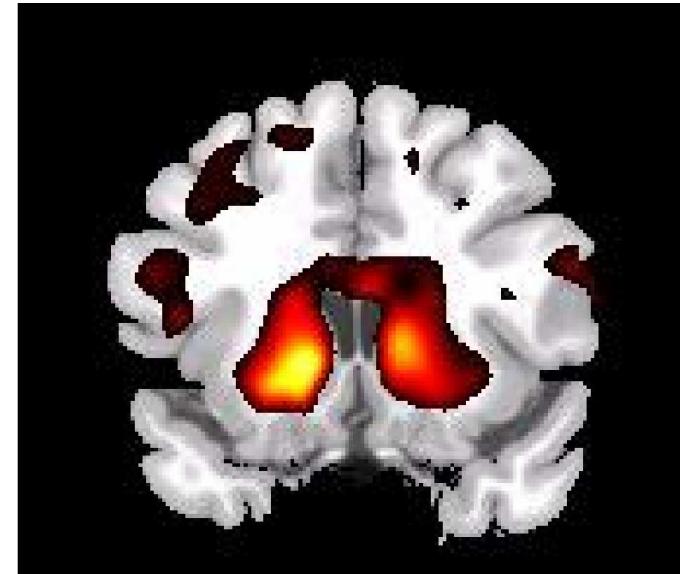
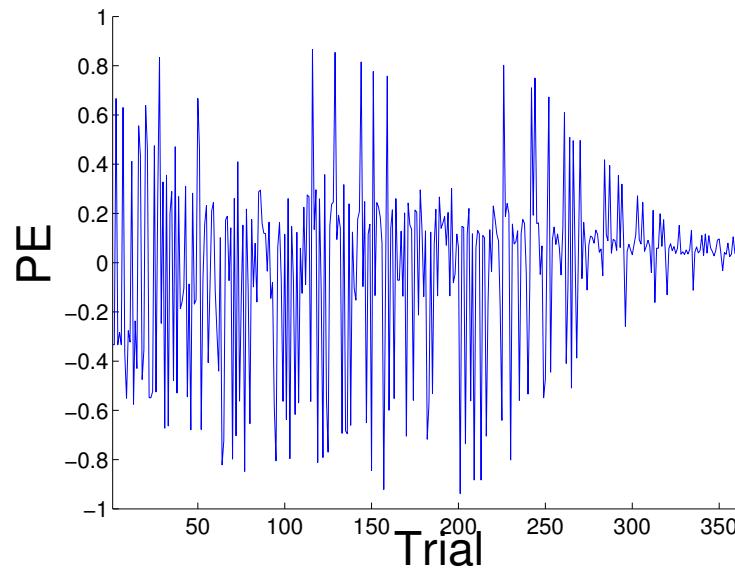


Montague et al 96; Schultz et al 97...

How are dopamine RPE signals used to learn *what to do?*

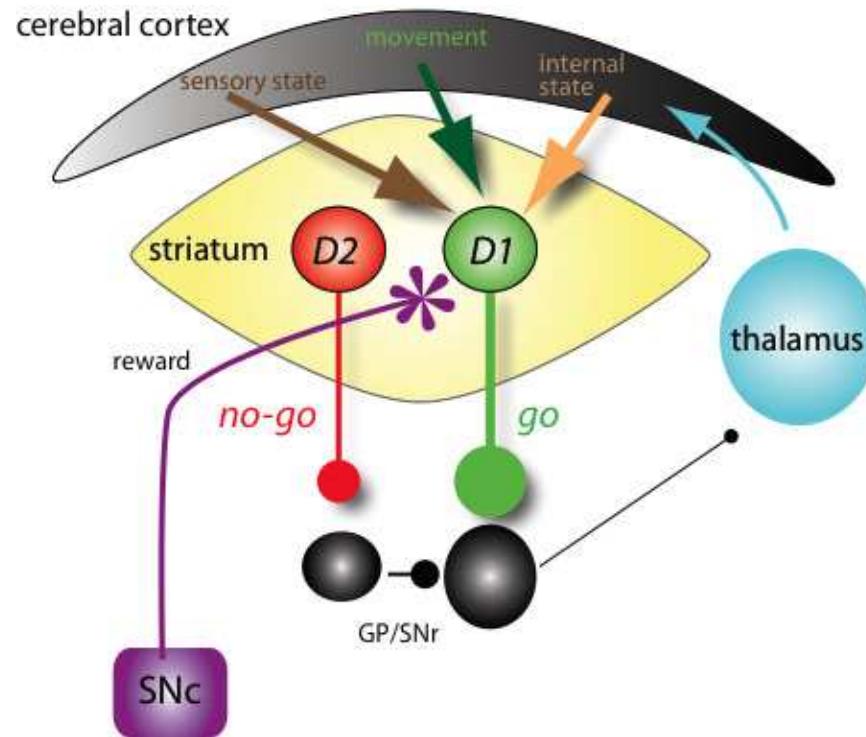


Reward prediction error and human functional imaging



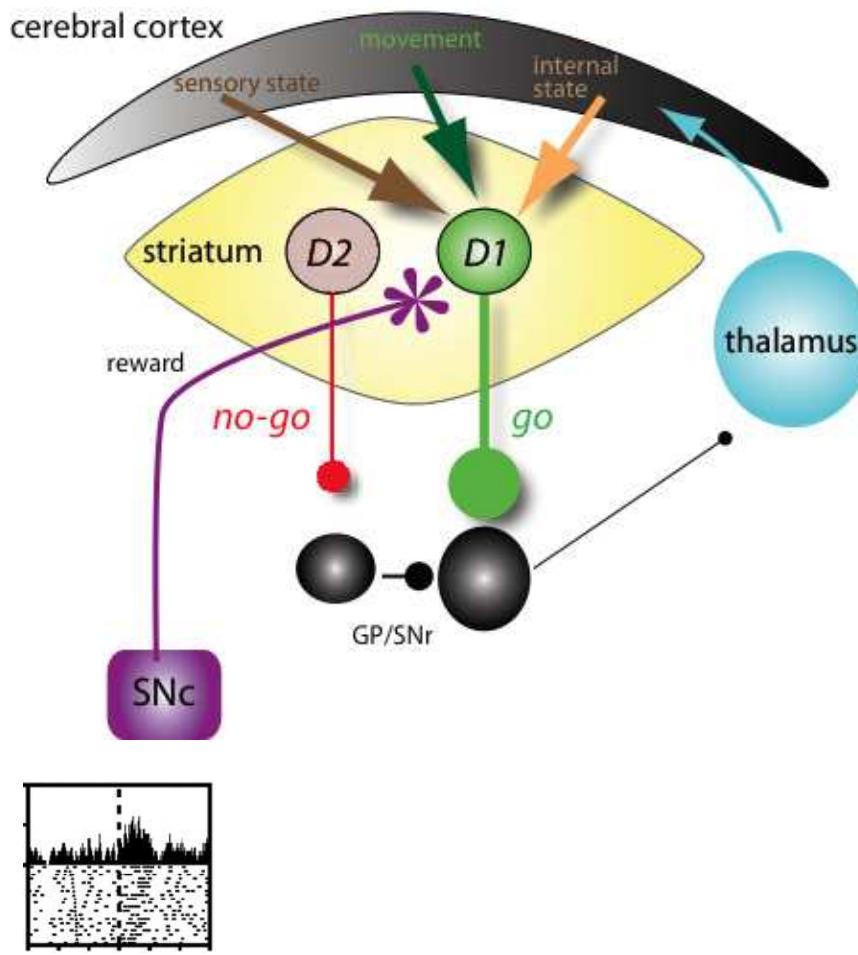
McClure et al, 2003; O'Doherty et al, 2004; Daw et al, 2006; Caplin et al, 2010; Badre & Frank, 2011 etc

Dual pathways in the Basal Ganglia: Cartoon version



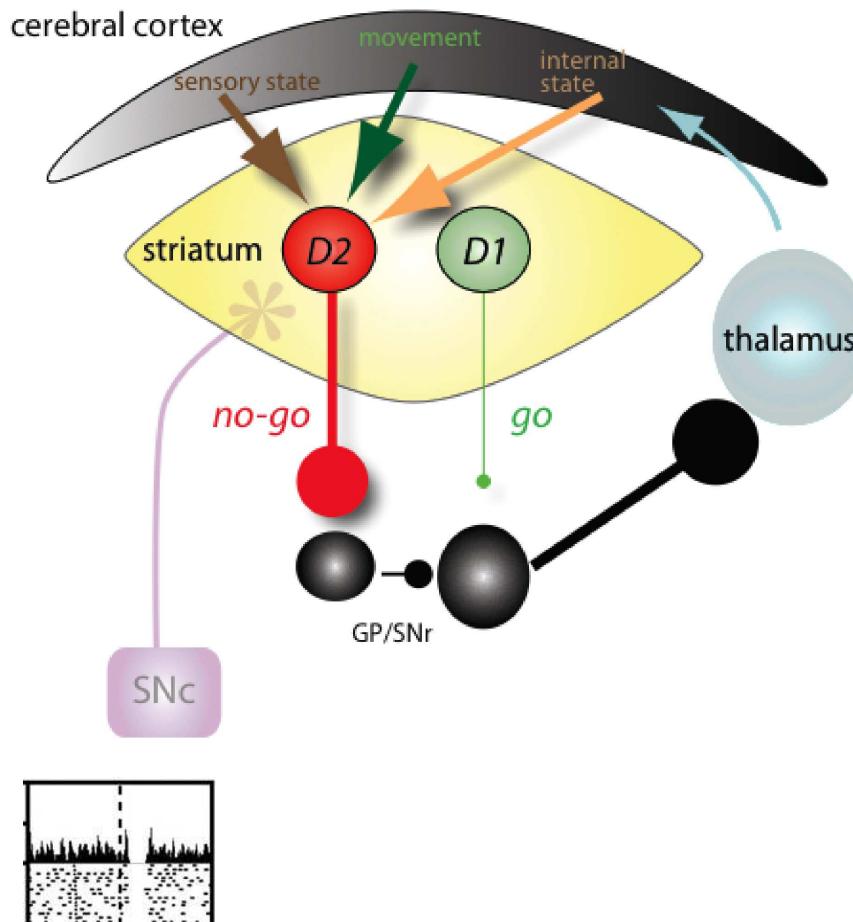
- Go/NoGo terminology is misleading (implies “act” vs. “not act”)
- Benefit vs. cost of alternative actions (both at the same time!)
- Phasic DA signals drive learning via modulation of activation dynamics

D1 effects on BG learning: Positive RPE



pos RPE promotes synaptic plasticity in Go neurons

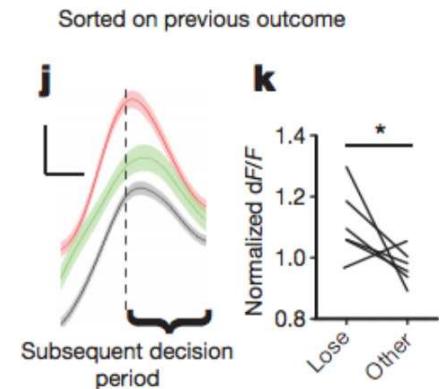
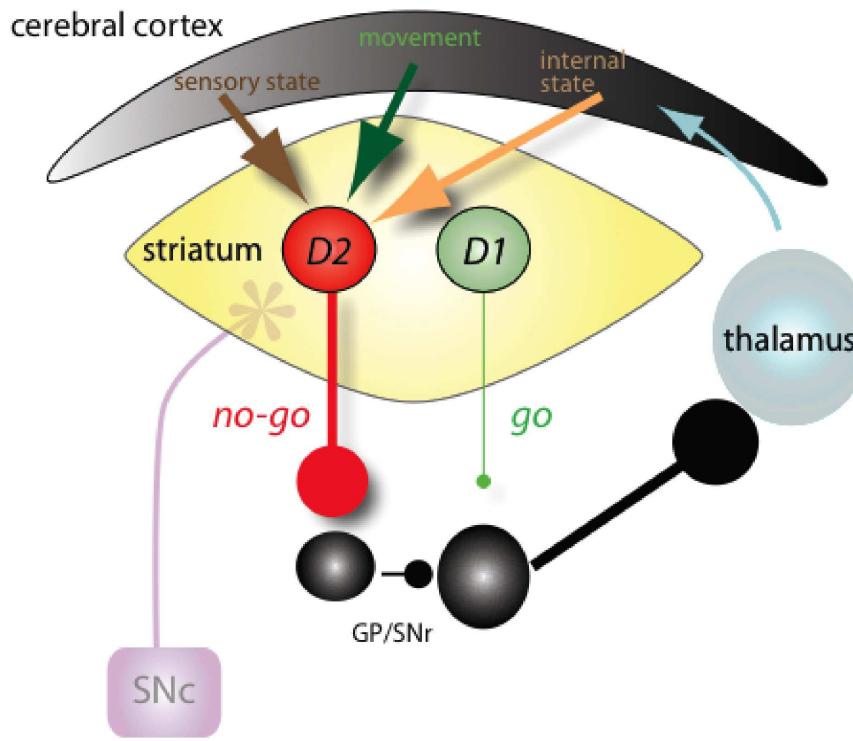
D2 effects on BG learning: Negative PE



- originally: prediction based on computation (function) and circumstantial data
- D2 weights accumulate with experience - learned Parkinsonism

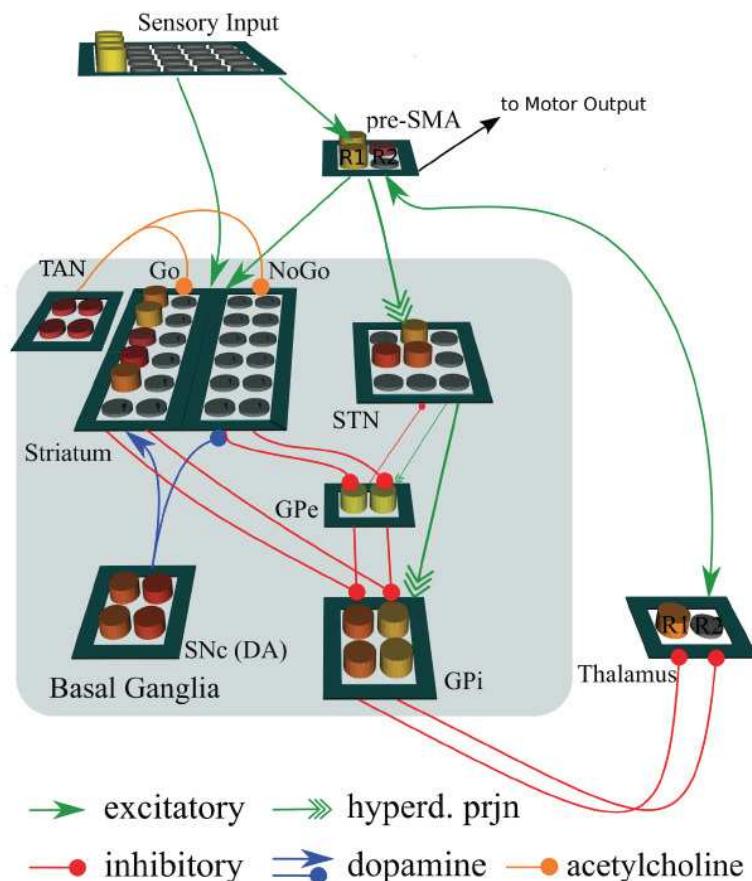
Frank et al, 2004; 2005

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Zalocusky et al, 2016

Neural circuit model of BG in learning / decision making



$$\begin{aligned}
 c\dot{V}_m &= g_e \bar{g}_e [E_e - V_m] \\
 &+ g_i \bar{g}_i [E_i - V_m] \\
 &+ g_l \bar{g}_l [E_l - V_m] \\
 &+ \dots
 \end{aligned}$$

$y_j \approx \frac{\gamma[V_m - \Theta]_+}{\gamma[V_m - \Theta]_+ + 1}$
 $\text{net} = g_e \approx \langle x_i w_{ij} \rangle + \frac{\beta}{N}$

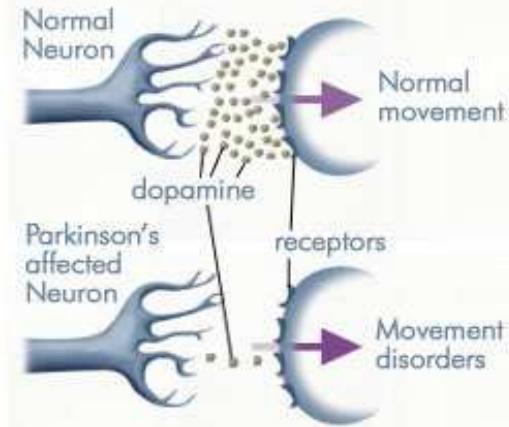
The figure shows a schematic of a neuron model. The membrane potential V_m is influenced by excitatory inputs (E_e , E_l) and inhibitory inputs (E_i). The firing rate y_j is approximated by a sigmoid function of the membrane potential. The net input is calculated as the average of weighted synaptic inputs $x_i w_{ij}$ plus a bias β/N .

Frank, 2005, 2006; Franklin & Frank, 2016

Parkinson's disease and dopamine: motivated action

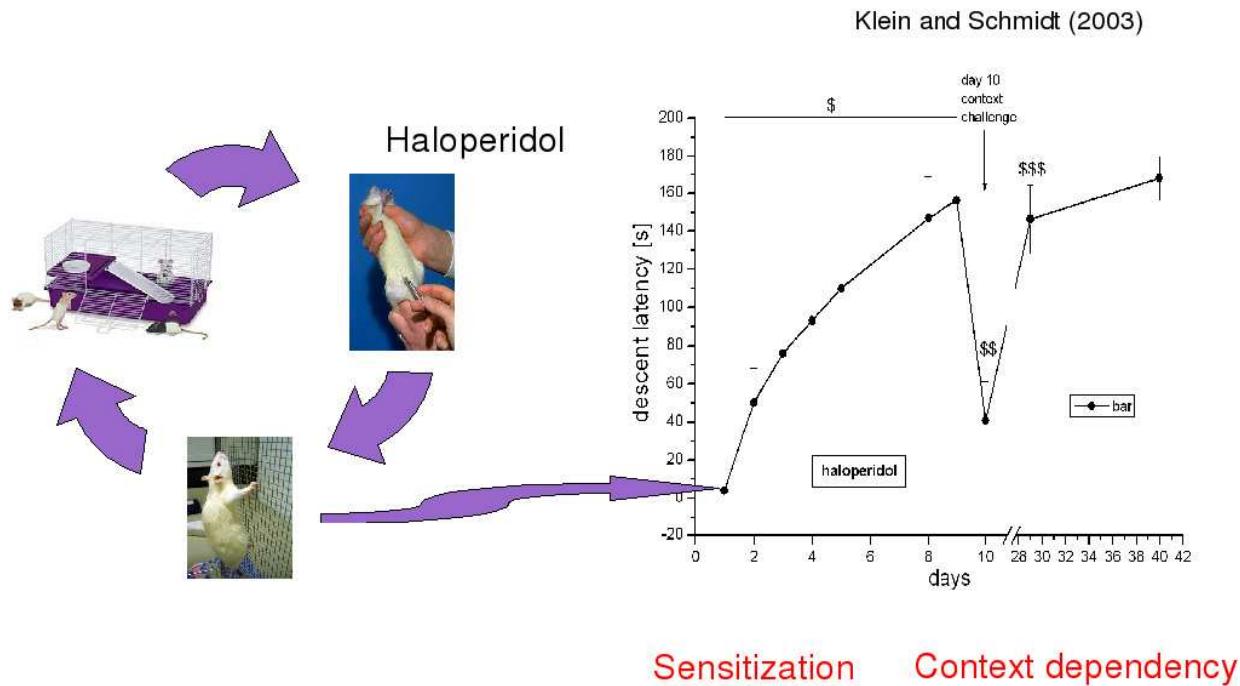


Dopamine levels in a normal and a Parkinson's affected neuron.



- Models suggest that DA modulates motivational *incentive* and *learning*, too
- Also: excess BG DA can induce *impulsivity*, e.g. *pathological gambling, compulsive shopping* (for review Dagher & Robbins, 2009)

Model implications: PD symptoms can be learned



A case of exaggerated NoGo learning??

- suggests novel drug targets for motor symptoms: GPR6 effects
- predicts PD patients are biased to learn from negative RPEs

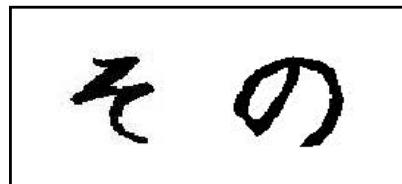
see also Beeler, Frank et al 2012 - aberrant learning in D2 cells

Human probabilistic reinforcement learning

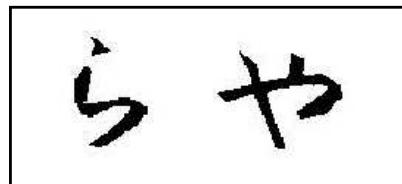
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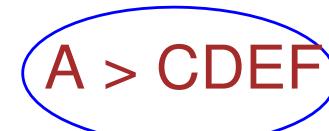


C (70/30) D (30/70)



E (60/40) F (40/60)

Test



Choose A?

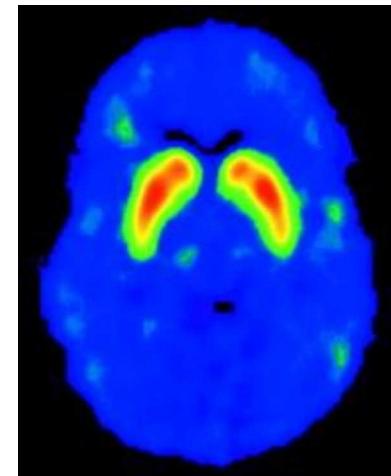
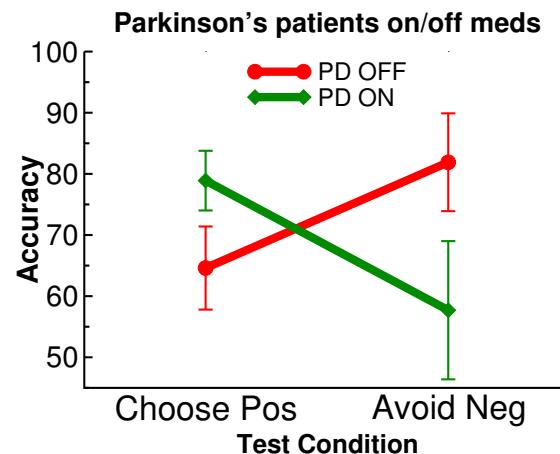
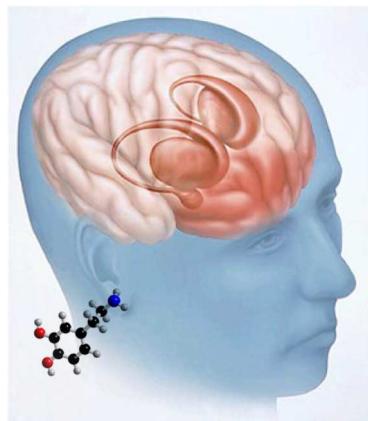


Avoid B?

AC, AD, AE, AF “Go-A”

BC, BD, BE, BF “NoGo-B”

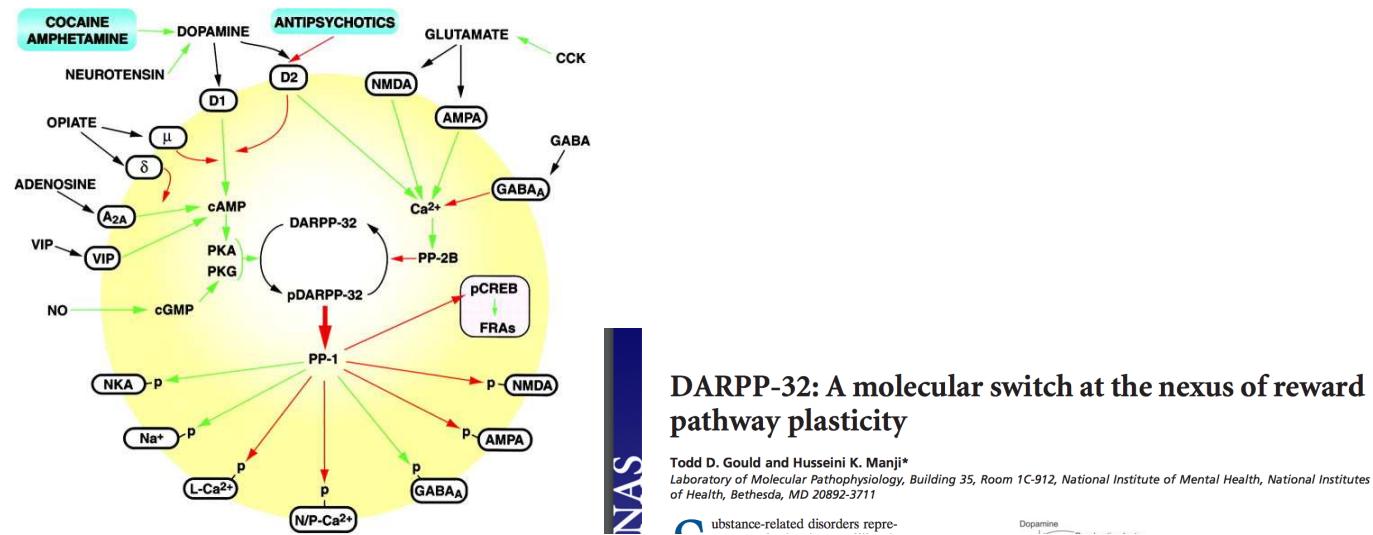
Converging evidence: probabilistic RL in lab and in life



Frank et al (04, 06 , 07), Cockburn et al 14, Cox et al 2015...

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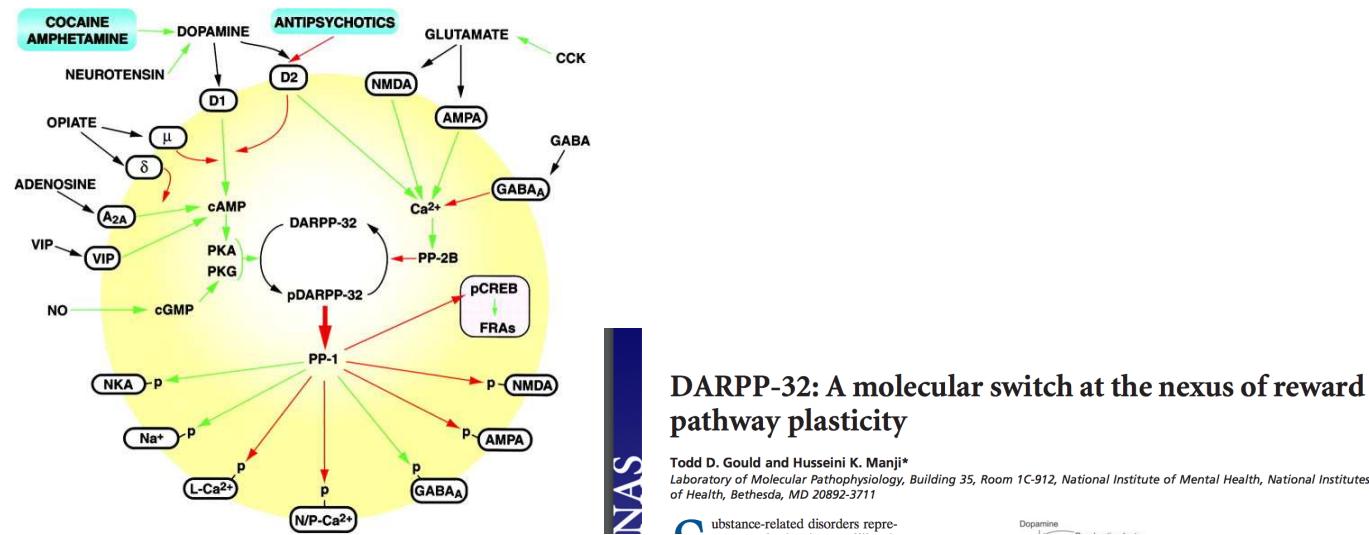
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Substance-related disorders repre-

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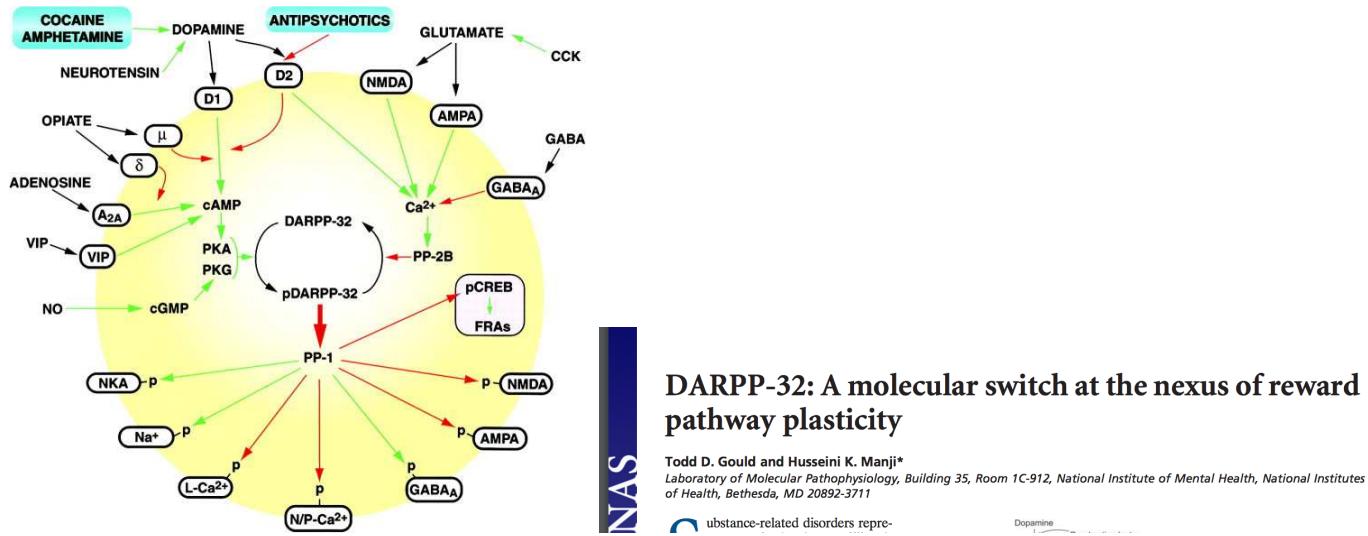
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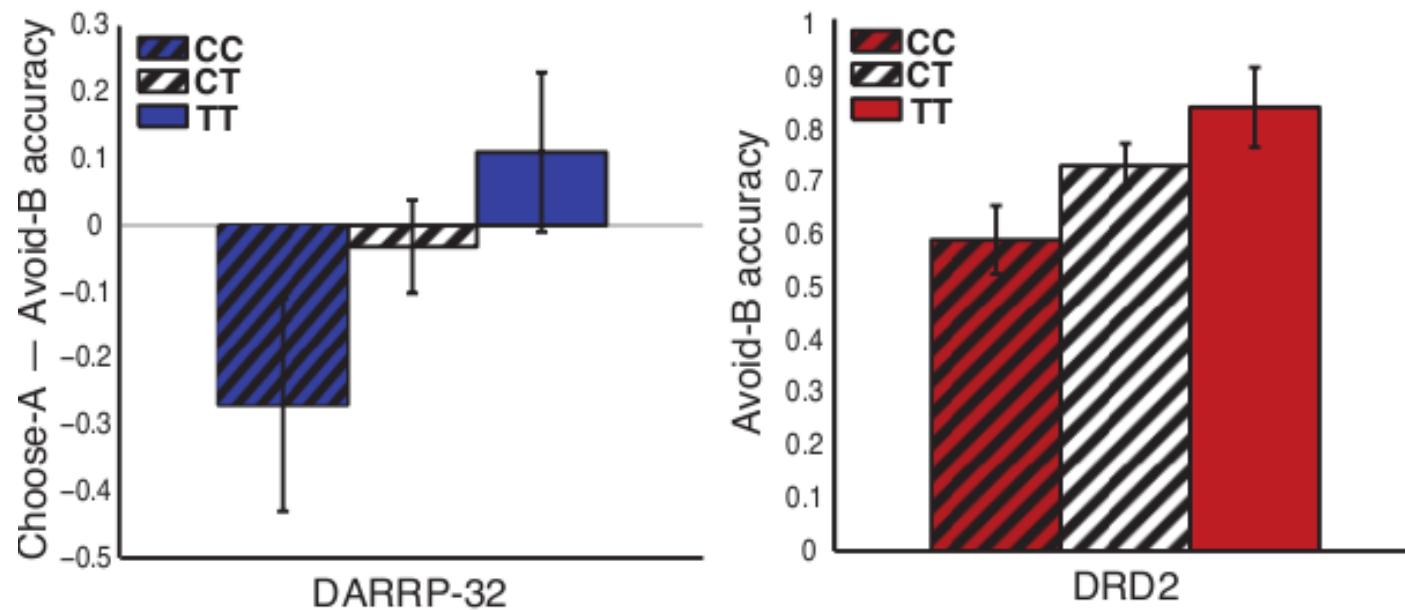


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⇒ Model: *D1>D2= probabilistic Go>NoGo learning*

Human DARPP-32 effects on gain vs loss learning

N = 80



Doll et al, 2011, 2016; Frank et al., 2007; Cockburn et al 2014

Deep Brain Stimulation of the Subthalamic Nucleus (STN)



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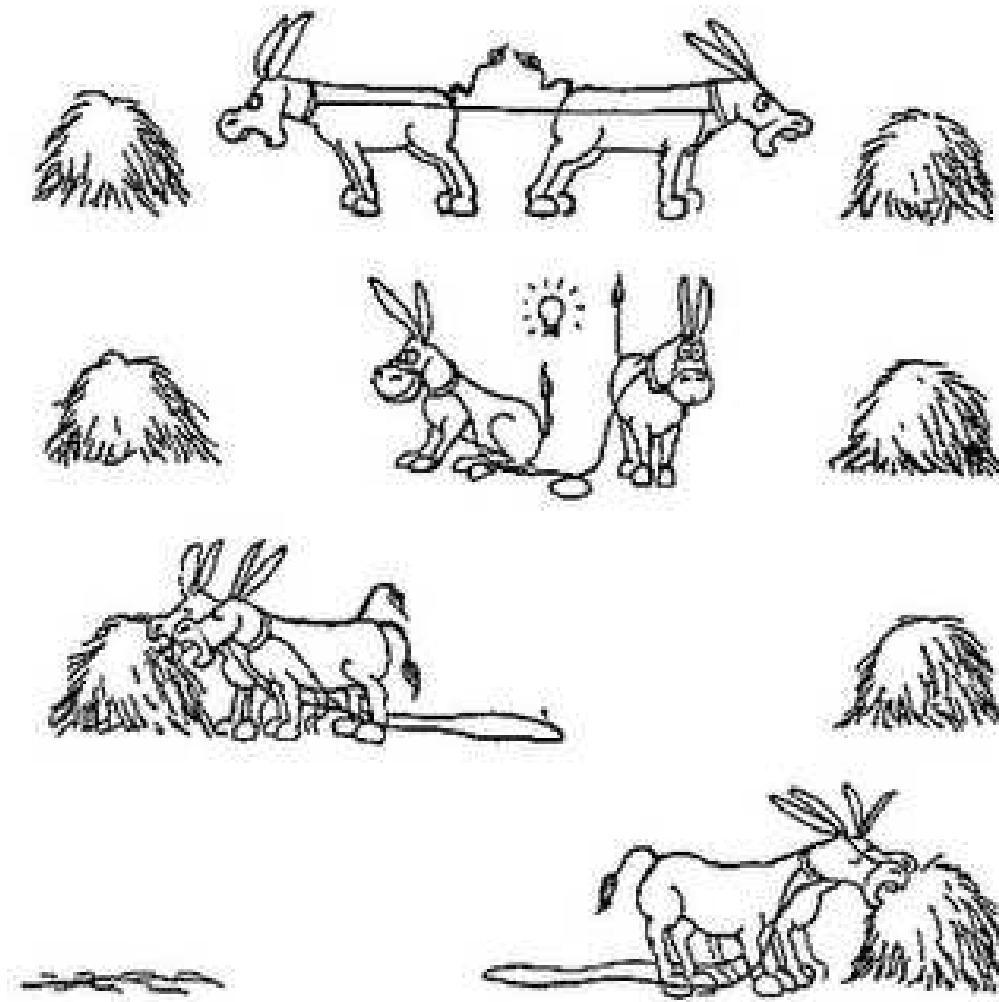
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Mechanism? What sort of models can be useful?

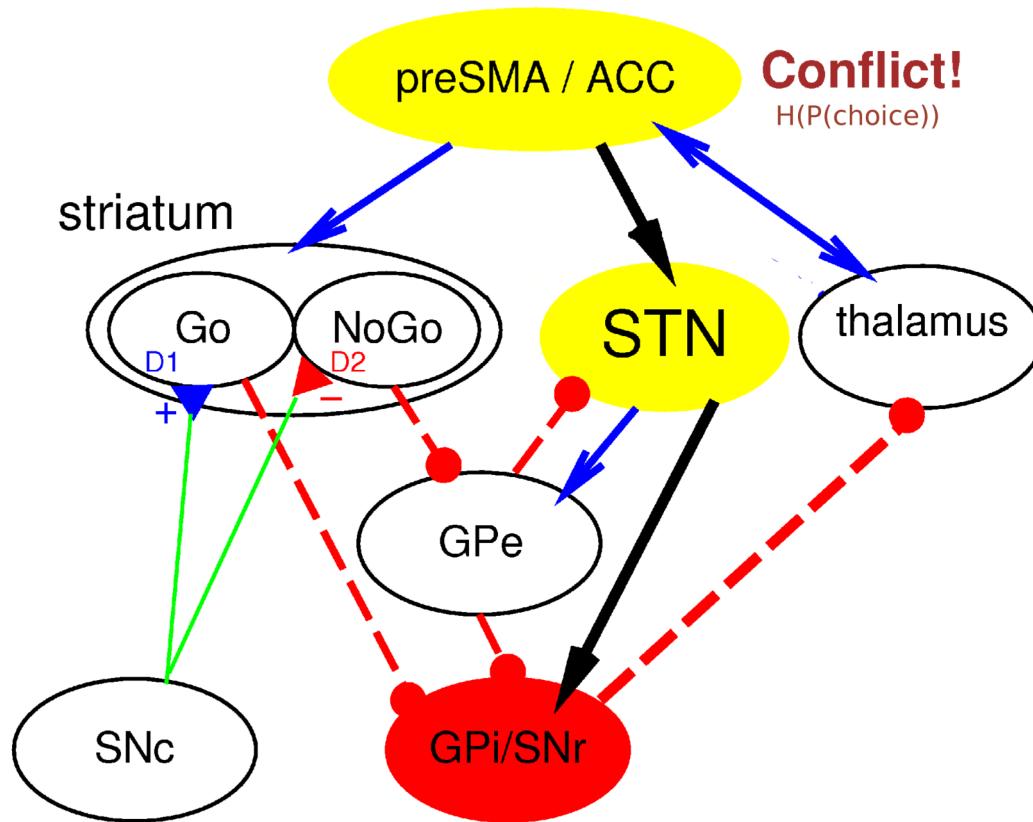
From reinforcement learning...



...to reward conflict-based decision making



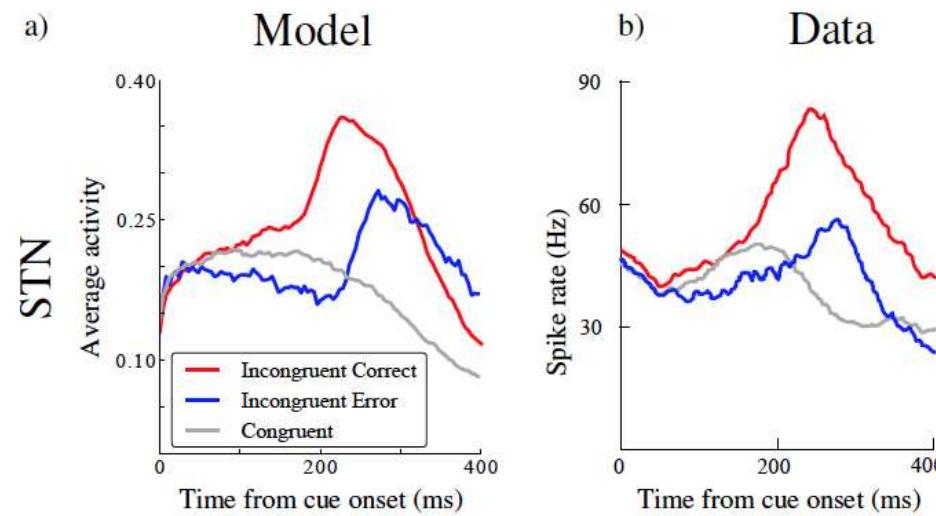
Subthalamic Nucleus: Dynamic modulation of decision threshold



- Conflict (uncertainty) in choice prob: \Rightarrow *Hold Your Horses!*

STN electrophysiology: decision conflict

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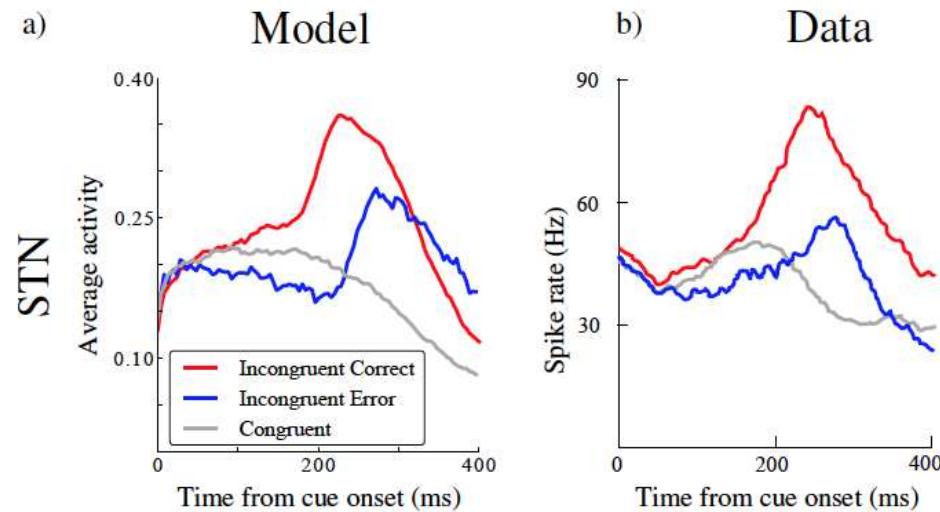


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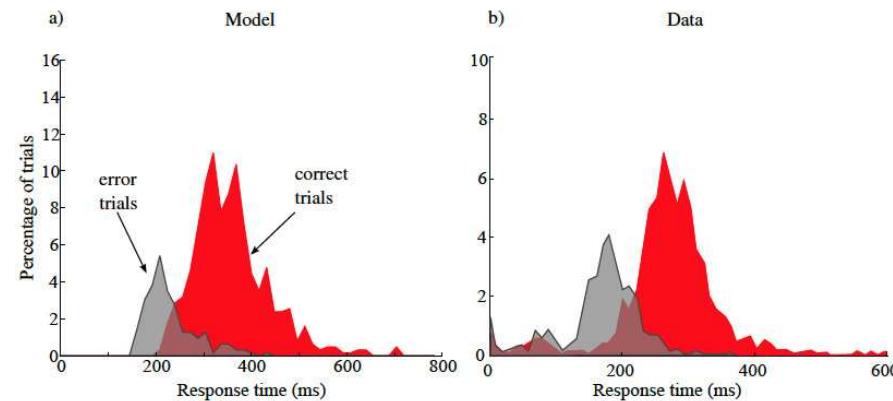
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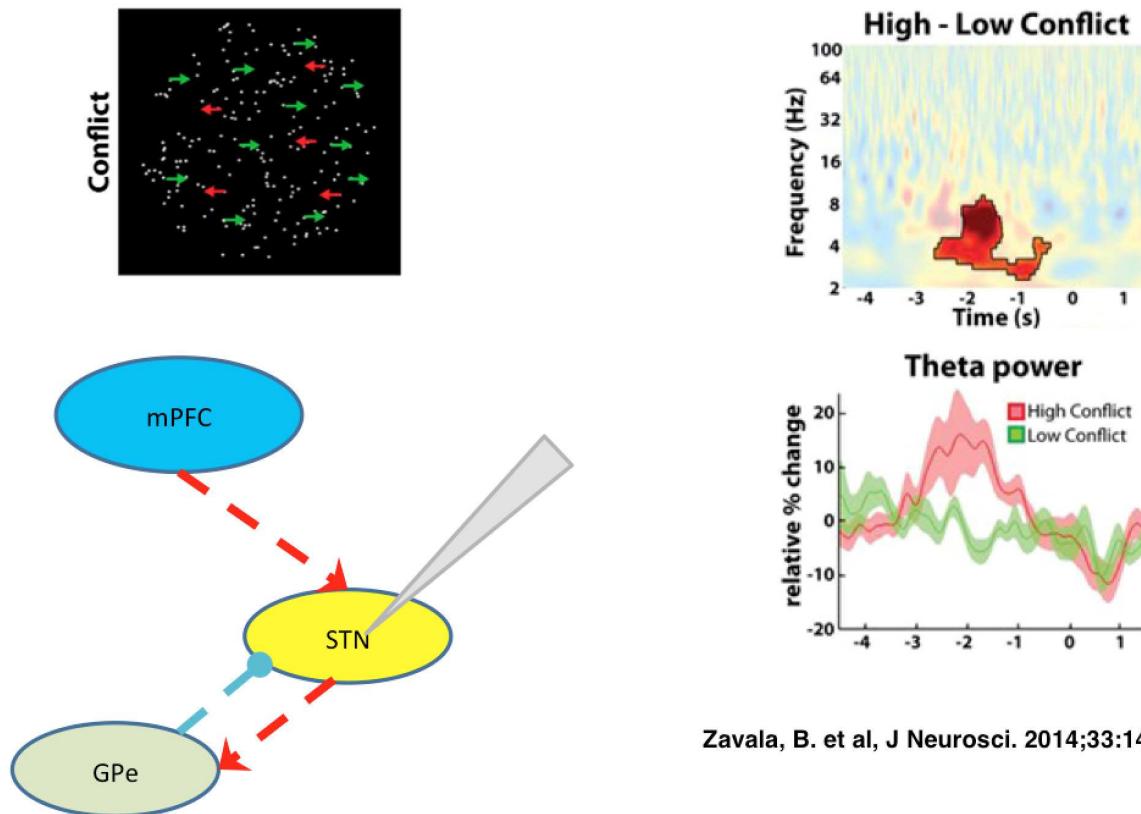
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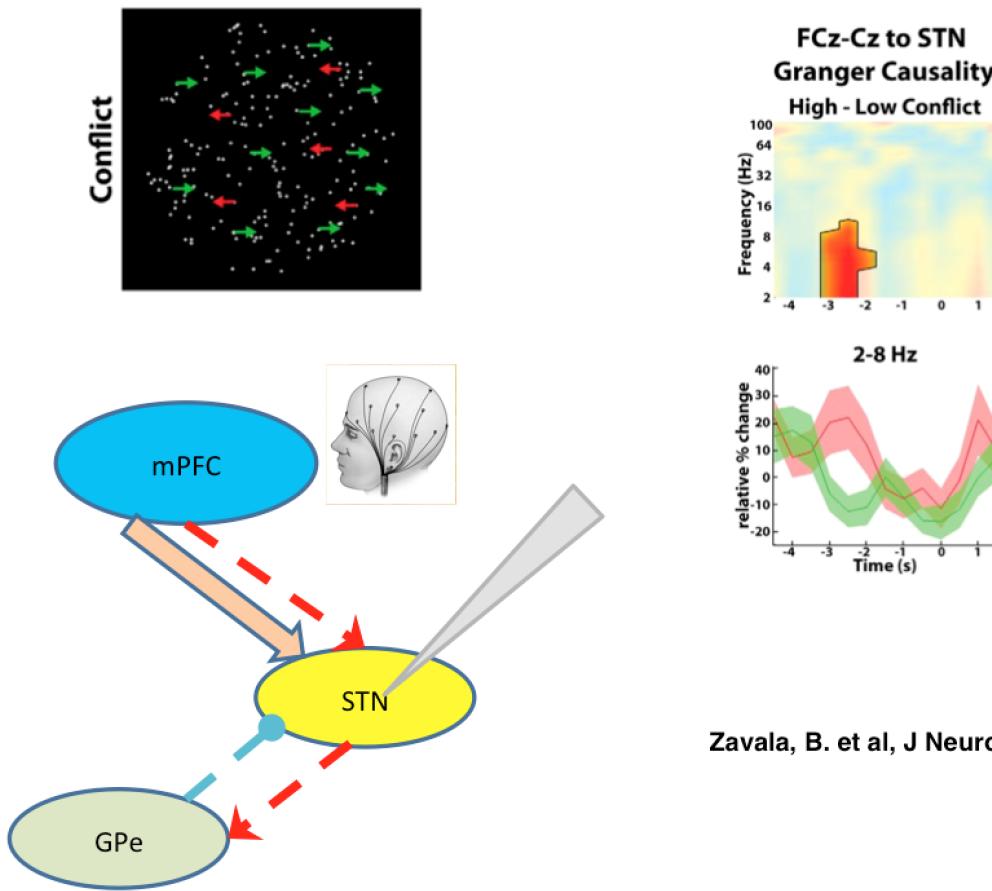
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STN theta power encodes conflict



Zavala, B. et al, J Neurosci. 2014;33:14758-14766

mPFC theta influences STN theta



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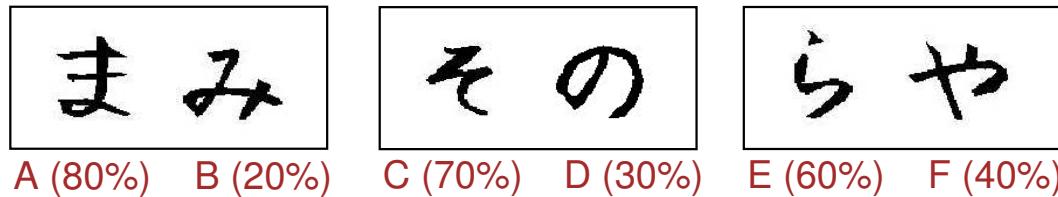
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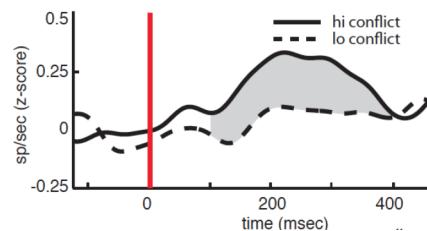
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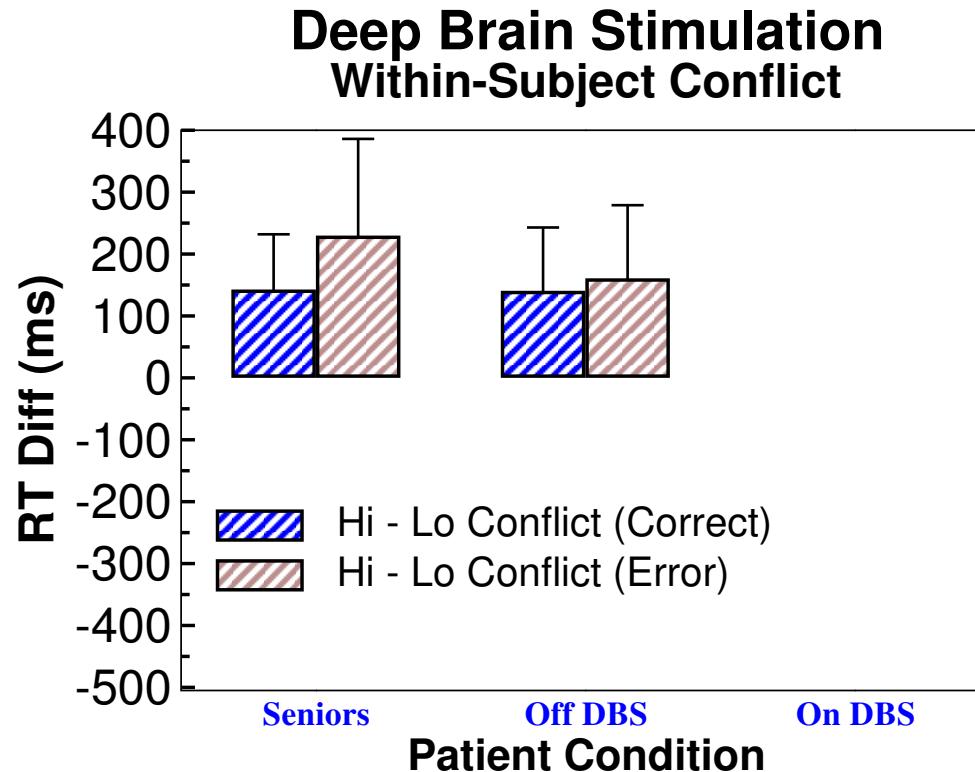
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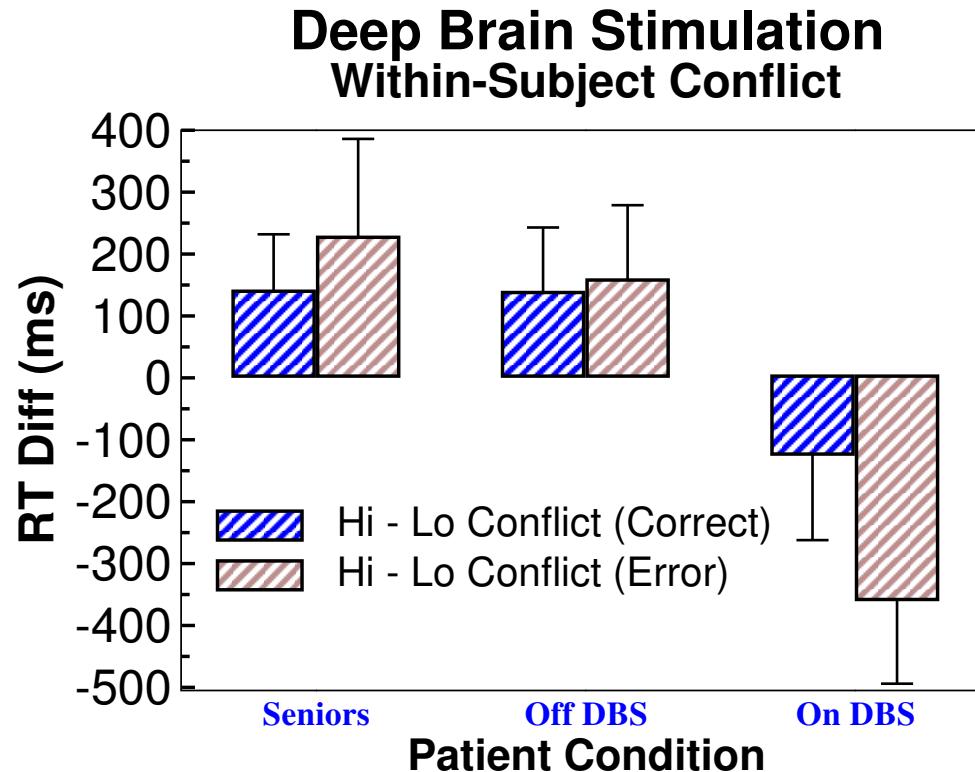
human STN spiking, Zaghloul et al., 2012

STN-DBS reverses conflict RT adjustments



Frank, Samanta, Moustafa & Sherman (2007)

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- these effects are not seen with DA medications

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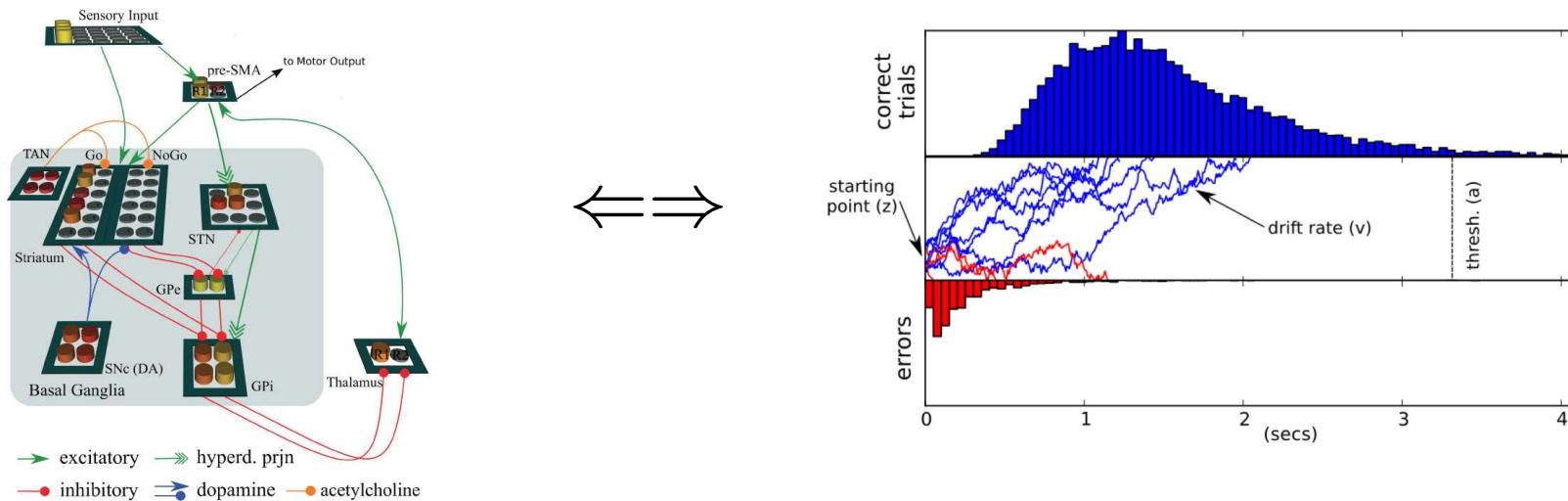
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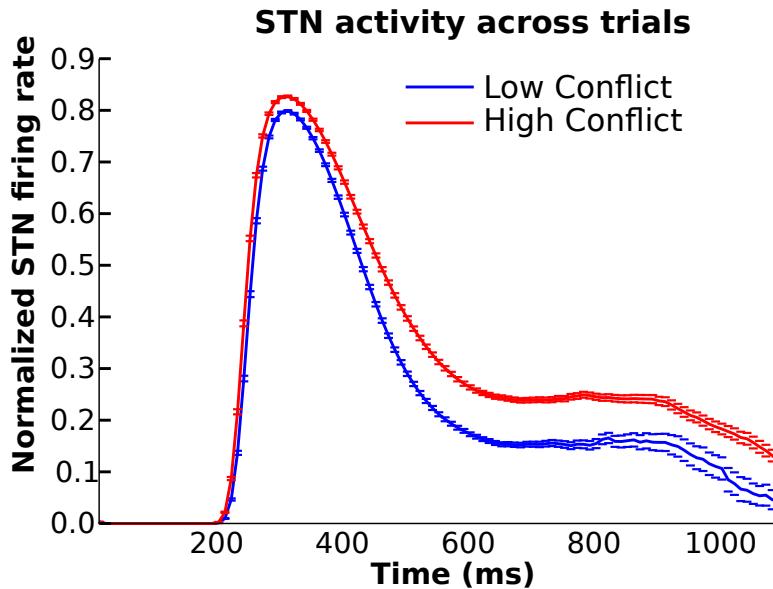
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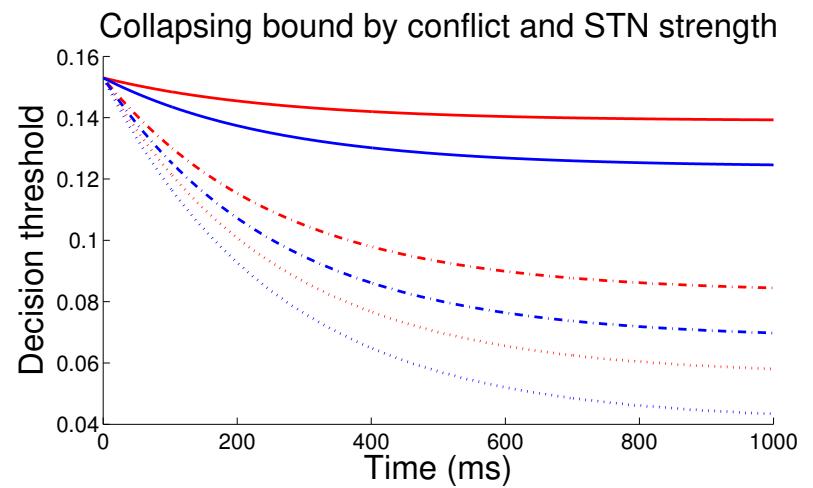


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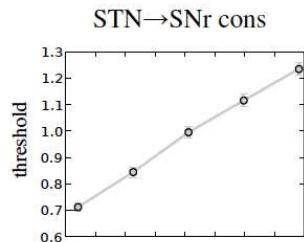
Diffusion model fits to BG neural model



Simulated STN activity

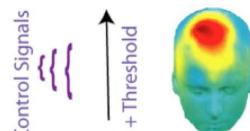
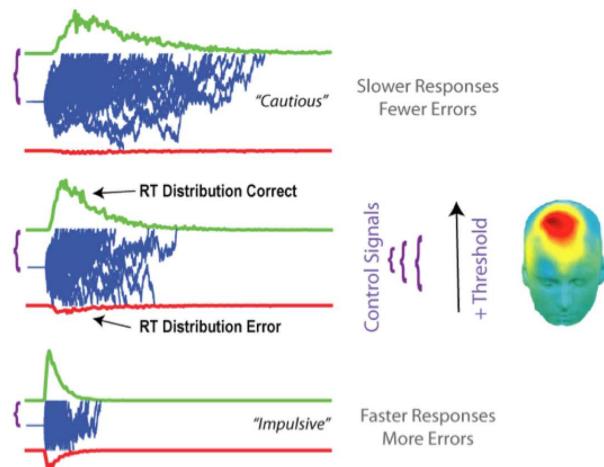


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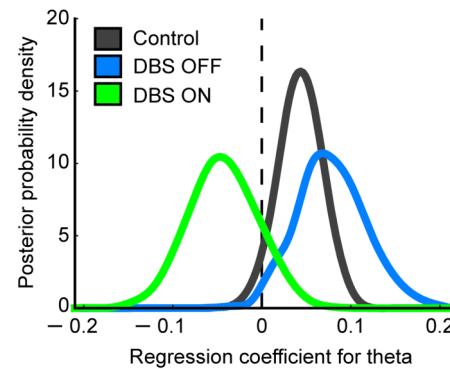


Ratcliff & Frank, 2012; Wiecki & Frank 2013

STN-DBS reverses mPFC influence over decision threshold



b Effect of theta * conflict interaction
on decision threshold



hierarchical-Bayes param estimation tool for DDM:

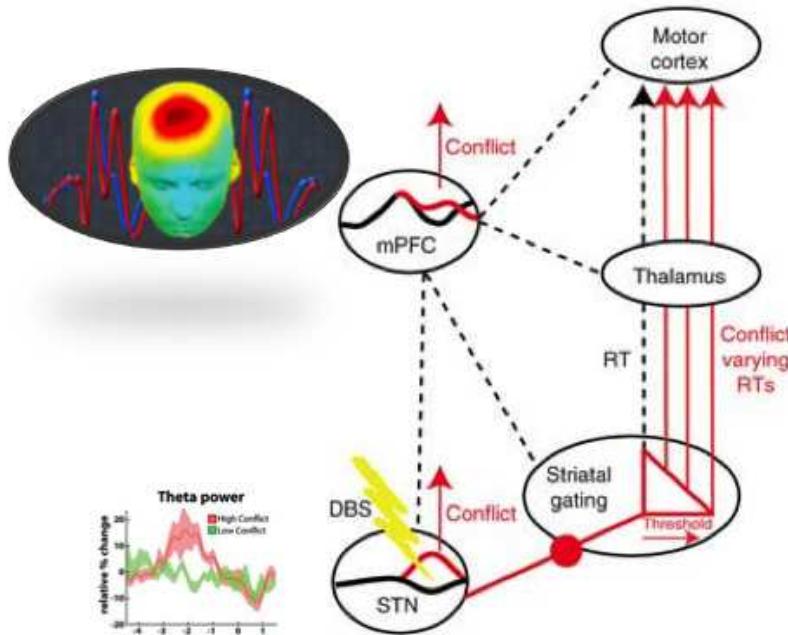
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Mechanism

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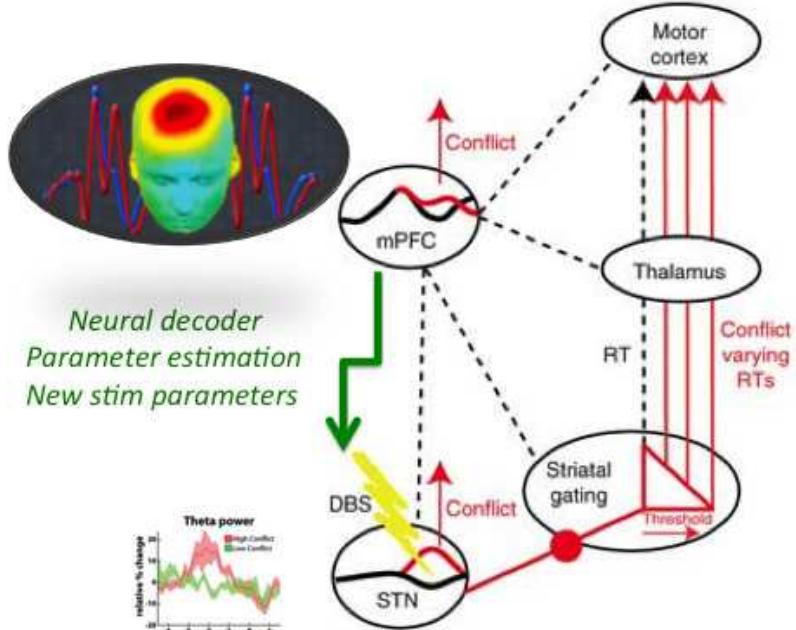
Subthalamic nucleus stimulation reverses mediofrontal influence over decision threshold

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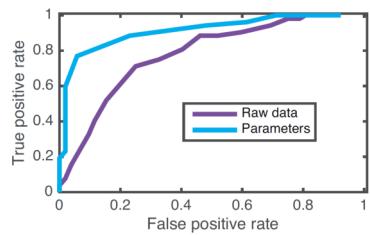
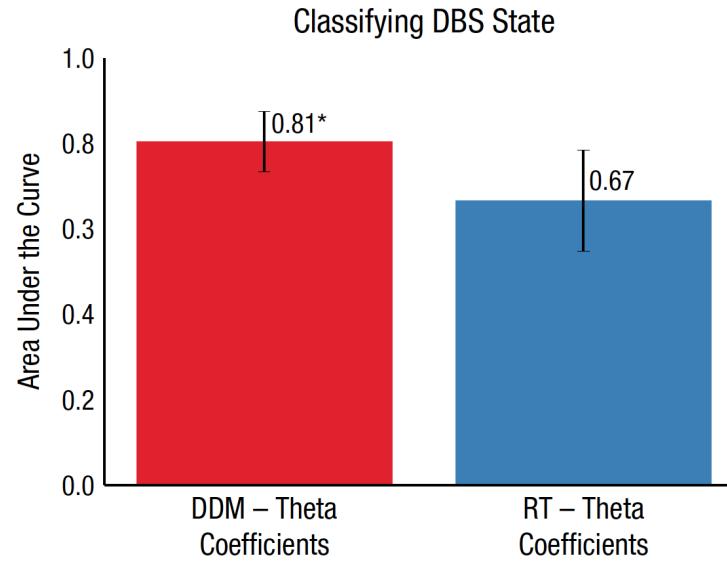
Cavanagh et al 2011; see also Frank et al 2015, *JNeuro* in fMRI

Opportunity for real-time neuromodulation



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Computational psychiatry: classification of DBS state



Wiecki, Poland & Frank 2013

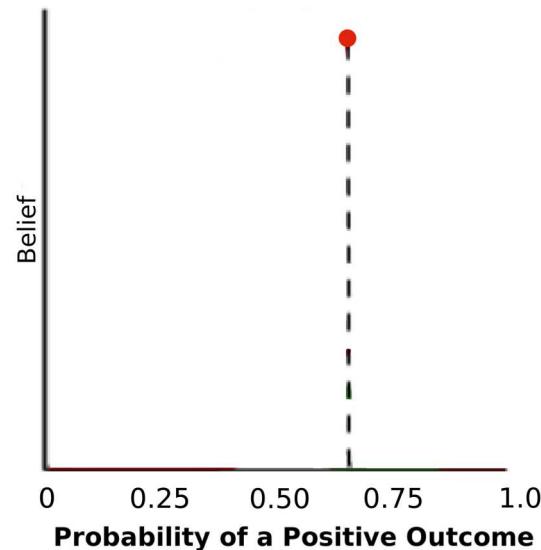
Also classifies Huntington's disease before symptom onset! Wiecki et al., 2016 etc.

Exploration vs Exploitation and Schizophrenia

- By exploiting learned strategies, we can get a certain amount of reward
- But when to explore?
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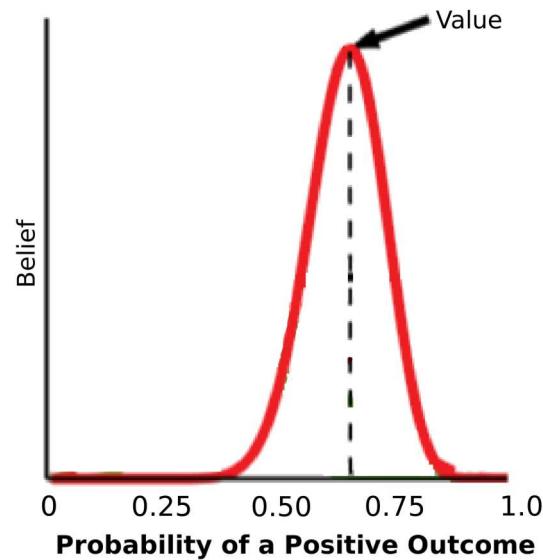
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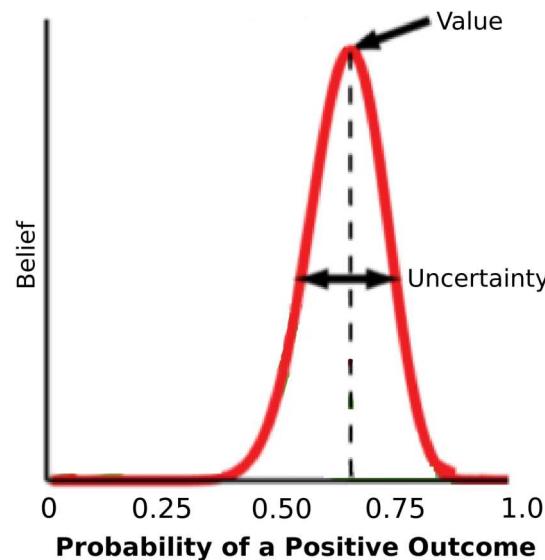
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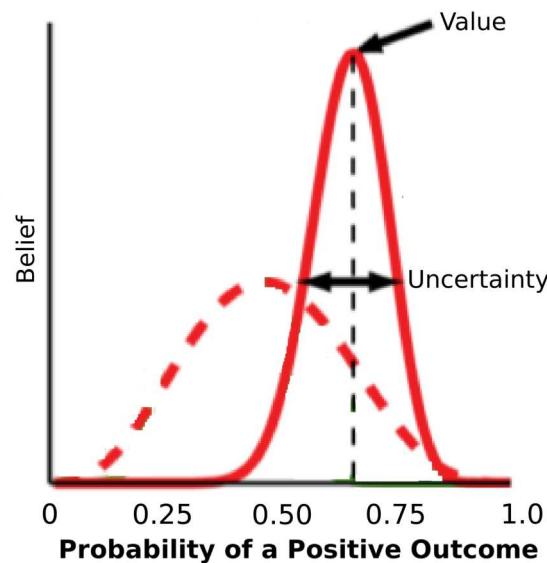
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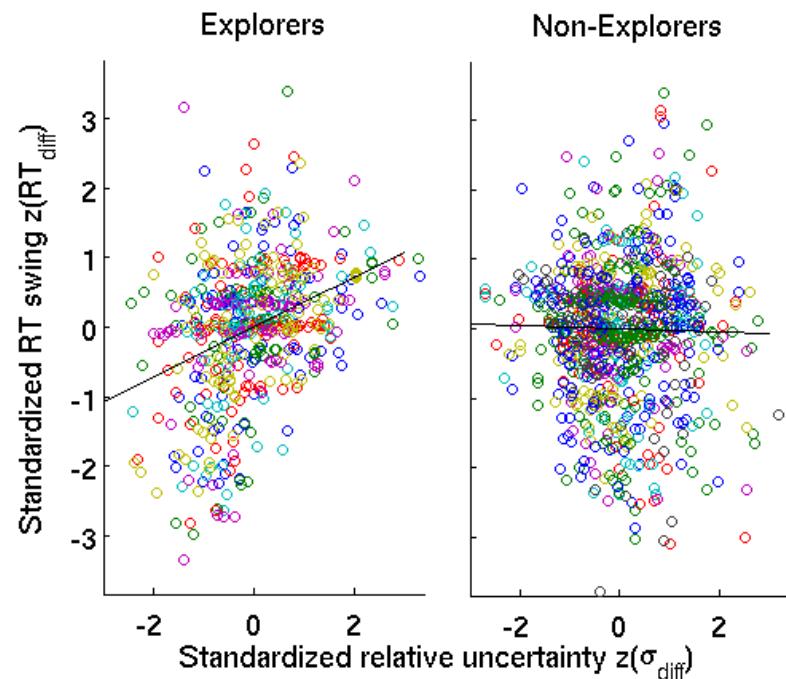
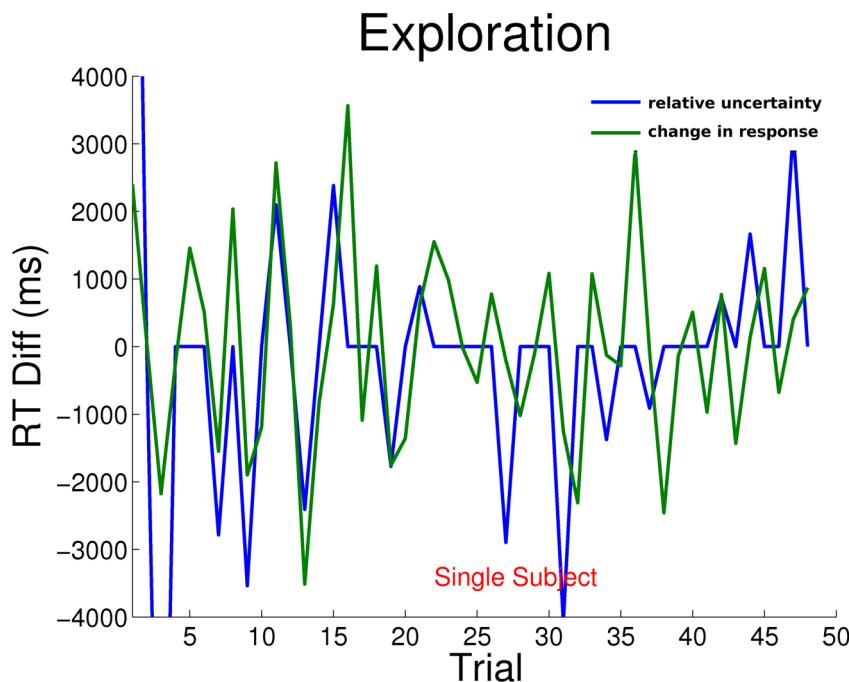
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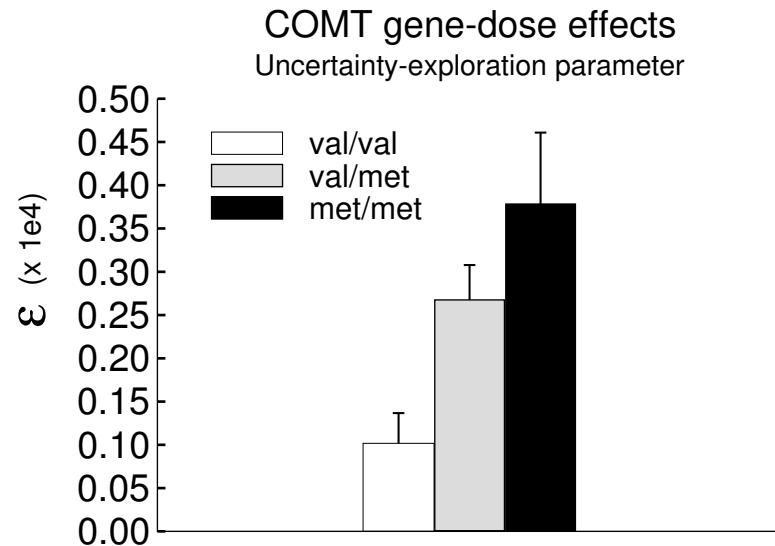
$$\text{Explore}(s, t) = \epsilon [\sigma_{\delta|s,a=slow} - \sigma_{\delta|s,a=fast}]$$

Uncertainty-driven exploration



Frank et al '09, Badre et al 2012

Prefrontal gene effect on uncertainty-driven exploration

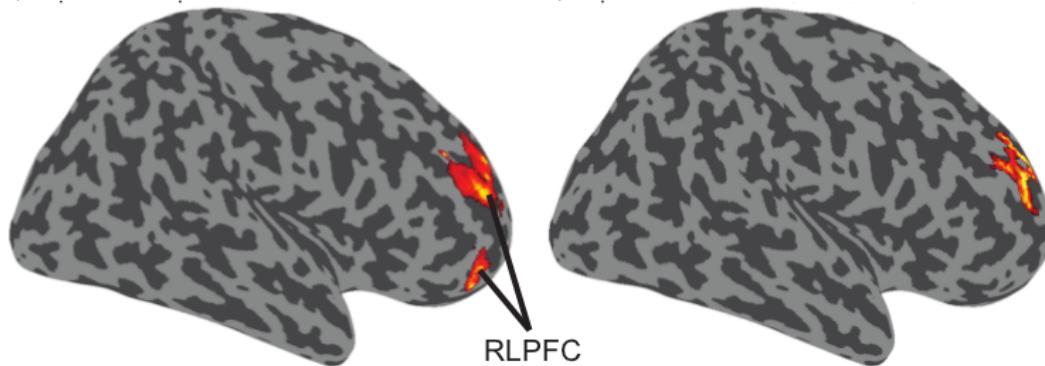
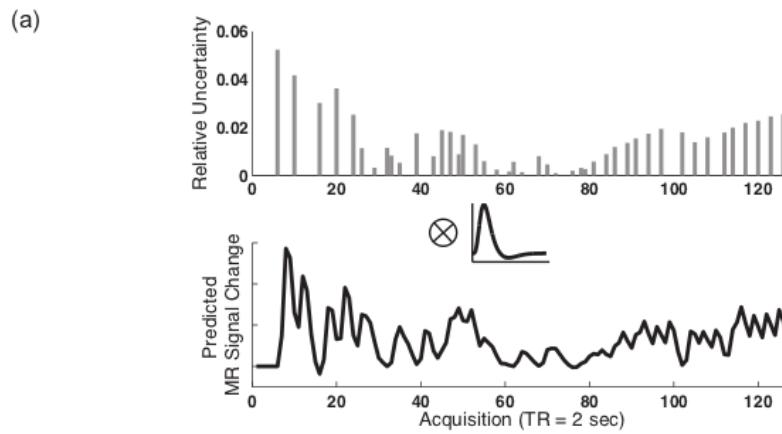


Frank, Doll, Oas-Terpstra & Moreno (2009, *Nature Neuroscience*)

and pharmacologically via tolcapone: Kayser et al 2015, *NPP*

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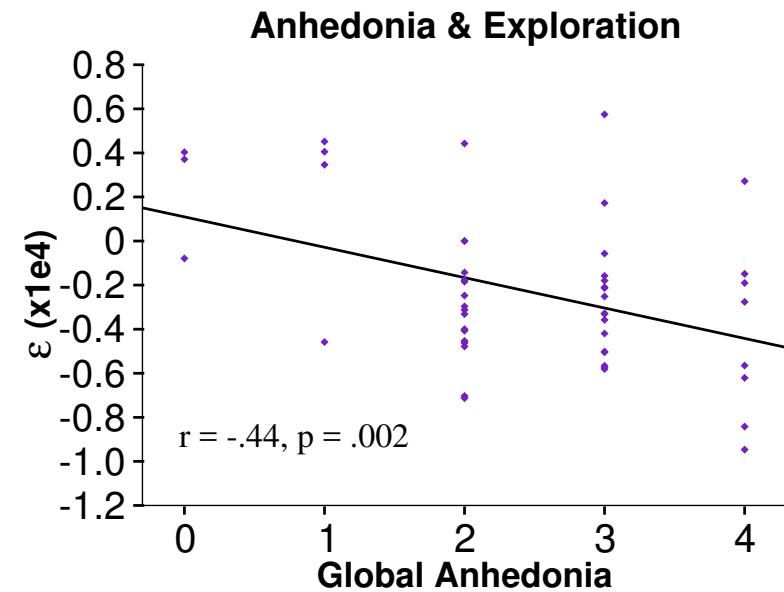
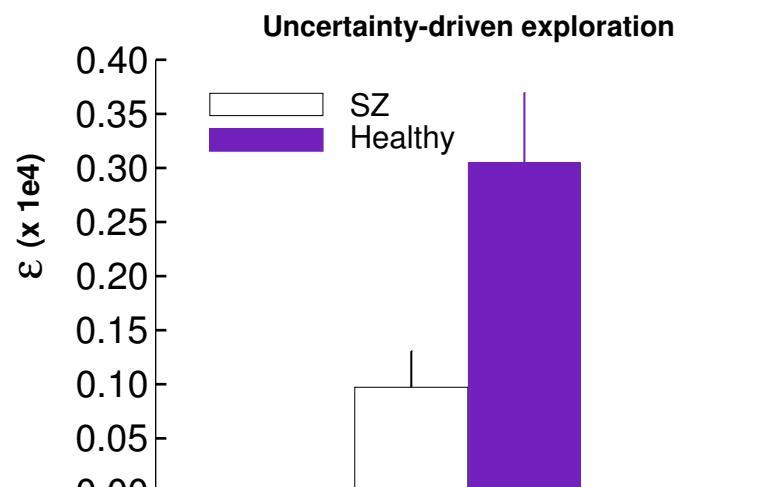
$\epsilon > 0$ ('explorers')

explorers > non-explorers

Badre et al 2012, Neuron

Also with EEG: Cavanagh et al 2012 Cerebral Cortex

Anhedonia in schizophrenia is related to reduced uncertainty-driven exploration

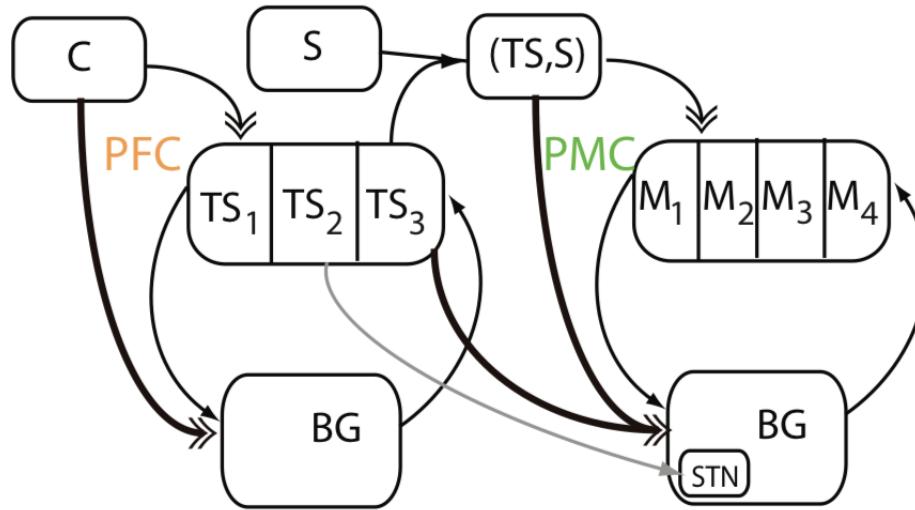


- Anhedonia: reward seeking, e.g. initiating social/recreational activitiesexperience pleasure

$r = -.45, p = .002$

Strauss et al 2011

Hierarchical interactions in BG-FC circuits: PFC & cognitive control influences on learning



Collins & Frank 2013; 2016; Frank & Badre 2012

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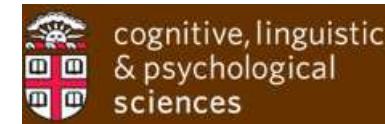
- Dopamine modulates motivated learning and choice: costs vs. benefits
- Frontal Cortex⇒Subthalamic nucleus controls impulsive urges by dynamically adjusting *decision thresholds*, allowing more time to make high conflict decisions
- anterior prefrontal cortex needed for directed exploration to reduce uncertainty
- These mechanisms are dissociable and their disruption may lead to distinct types of impulsivity
- Hierarchical PFC-BG interactions support structured, generalizable task-set learning

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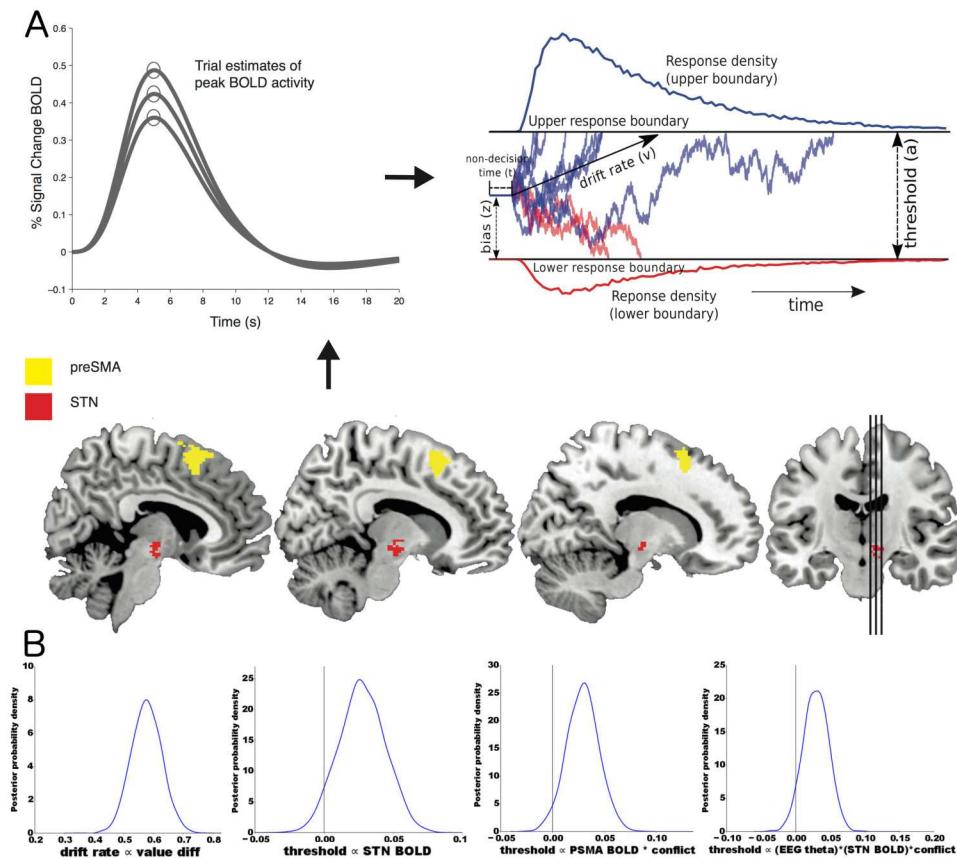
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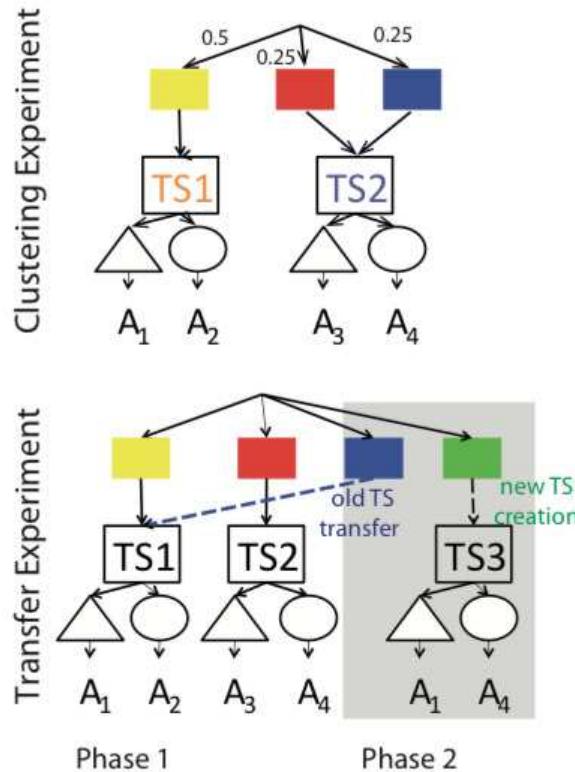
fMRI and EEG experiment



Frank et al 2015

also: STN spikes directly linked to threshold during conflict task, Herz et al 2016

Re-using and creating task-sets



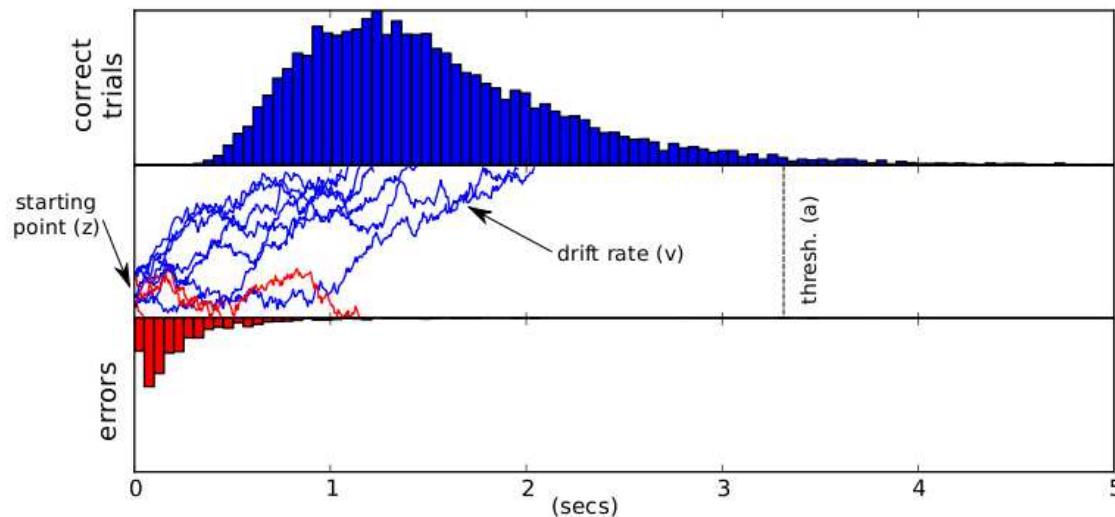
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Abstraction: the drift diffusion model

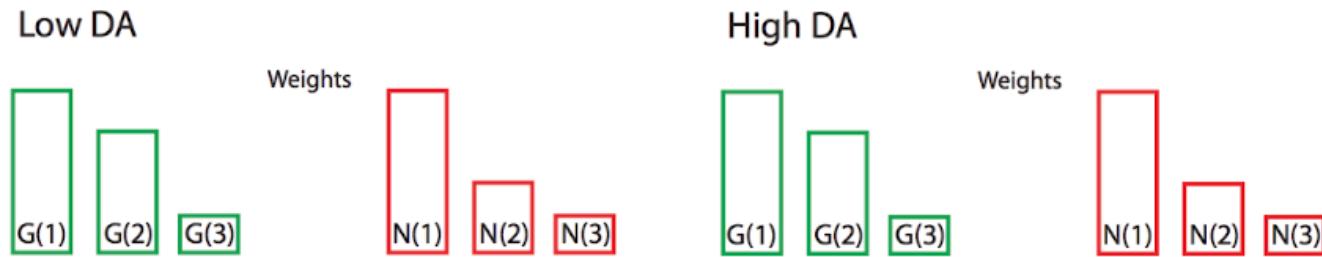
Drift-Diffusion-Model (DDM)

Models decision making as a noisy accumulation of evidence; once the diffusion process crosses one of two thresholds, a response is made.



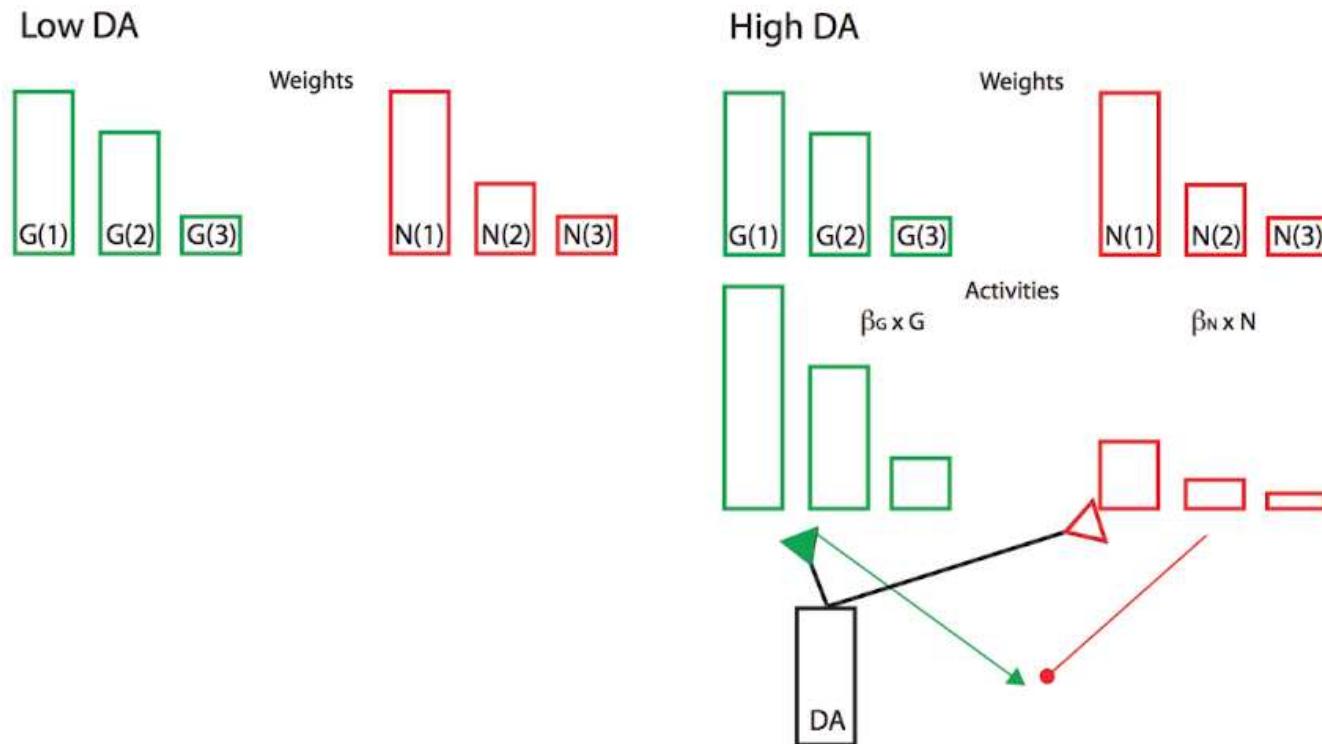
- Provides quantitative fits to decision choice proportions and RT distributions
- Allows estimation of decision threshold (a), separately from other factors (v, z, T_{er})

Not just learning: dopamine and “choice incentive”



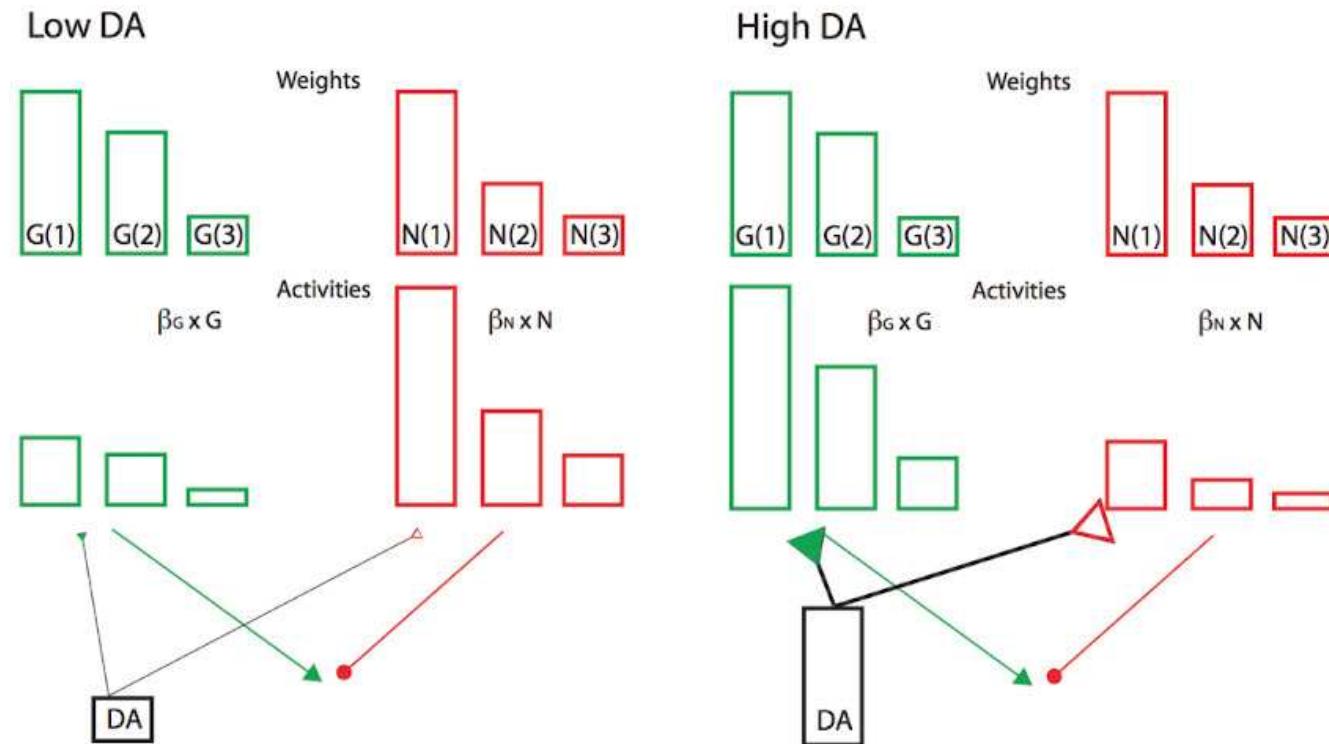
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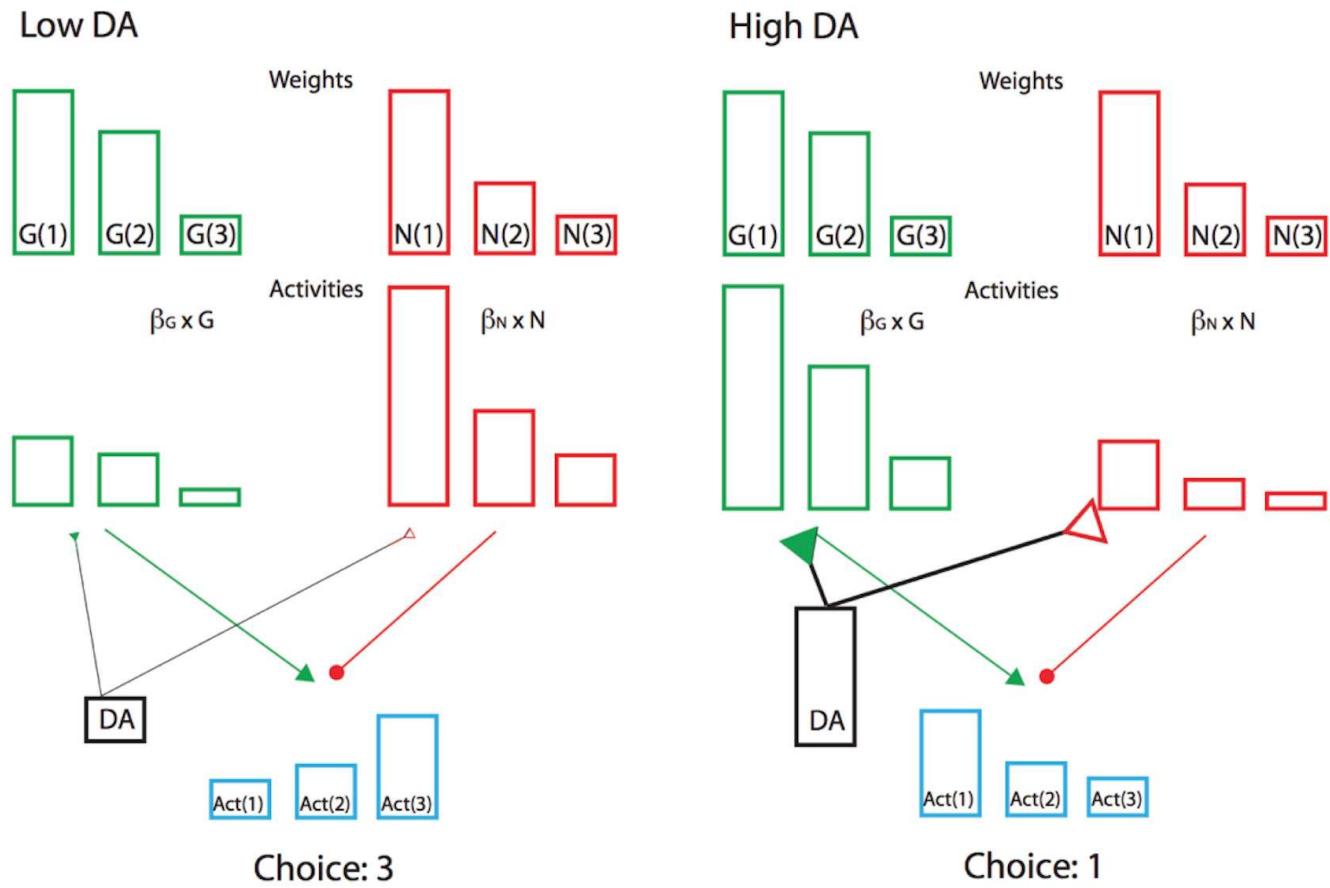
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DA affects risky choice, cost vs benefits in effort: Floresco, Rutledge, Salamone, etc.