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Chess Expertise from Eye Gaze and Emotion

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- Project and Research Questions
- Experimental Instrument
- Results from First Experiment
- A Cognitive Model: WM, Chunks and Emotions
- Second Experiment
- Applications, Limitations, Open Challenges
- Bibliography

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Amount: 230 481 €

Contract Dates: 1 Dec 2015 to 30 Nov 2019 (4 years)

Scientific Project: 1 Oct 2016 to Sept 2019 (3 years)

The dates for the scientific project have been chosen to correspond to the 36 month doctoral contract of Thomas Guntz, doctoral student funded by the project. (In France, doctoral studies are supposed to last only 36 months).

CEEGE: Research Questions

- 1) What are the most effective techniques to observe and model the emotions of subjects engaged in solving problems?
- 2) Is it possible to use eye-gaze and emotion to discover and model the understanding and reasoning of a person engaged in solving problems?
- 3) Are techniques for deep learning more effective than traditional cognitive science for modeling the understanding and predicting the actions of subjects?

Why Emotions?

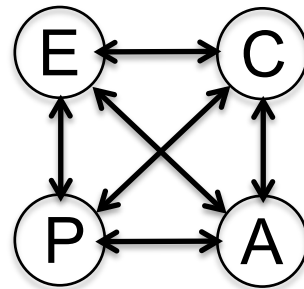
Emotion and Cognition: Two Complementary Systems

Emotion:

Fast, Reactive, Predictable.

Enables rapid reaction to threats and opportunities.

Kahneman's System 1?



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Slow, Deliberative, Creative

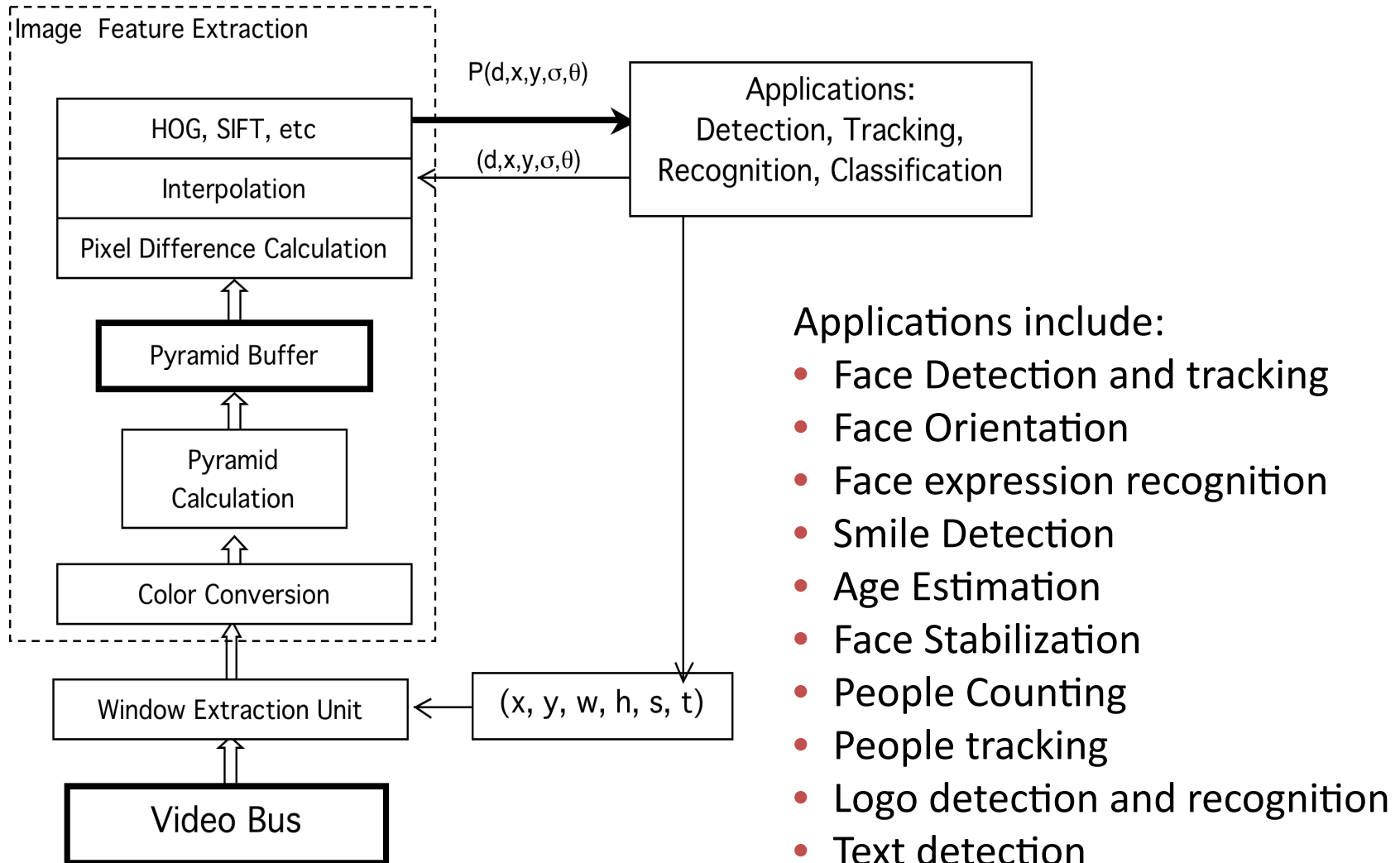
Enables planning, explanation, prediction and understanding.

Kahneman's System 2?

Kahneman D, Egan P. *Thinking, fast and slow*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux; 2011

Prima CV (2012)

Real Time Vision Library for Mobile Devices



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PrimaCV: Real time vision library for mobile devices

- Created in 2010 by Remi Barraquand, with contributions from Claudine Combe, John Ruiz, Varun Jain and many others
- Included Face detection, face orientation, posture, etc.
- Licensed to Novay 2012
- Used in several ICT Labs projects
- License Negotiations with Philips Research

Our original intention was to maintain and improve PrimaCV in CEEGE

Between proposal submission (Nov 2014) and project scientific start (Oct 2016):

- PRIMA CV authors (doc, post-doc, eng) left Inria
- Several mature commercial products and open source libraries for measuring emotions arrived on the market.

Decision: Pivot Q1 to evaluating existing open source and commercial solutions.

Focus resources on modeling emotion and cognition in chess.

CEEGE Grenoble Research Instrument



Sensors:

- Interactive Touch-Screen (Windows)
- Kinect 2.0
- HD Webcam 1080p
- Eyetracker bar (Tobii & Fovio)
- Intensity light control

Software:

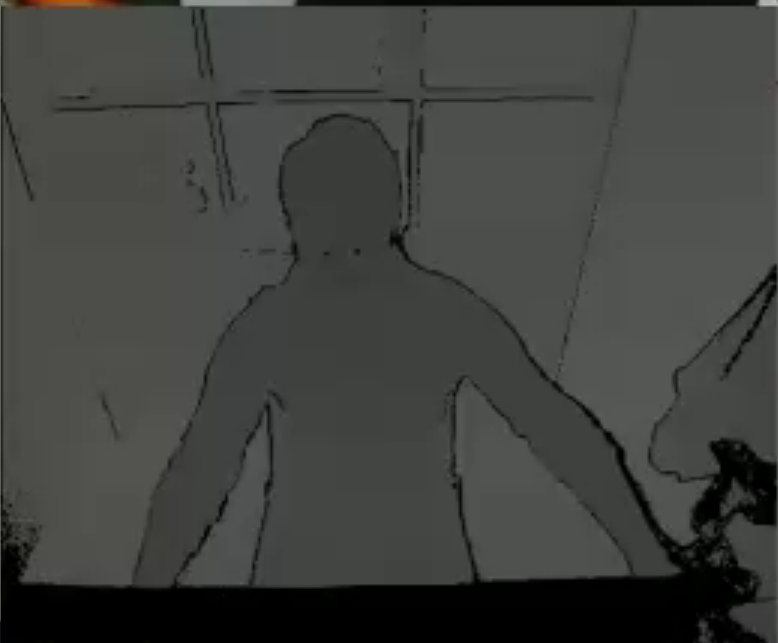
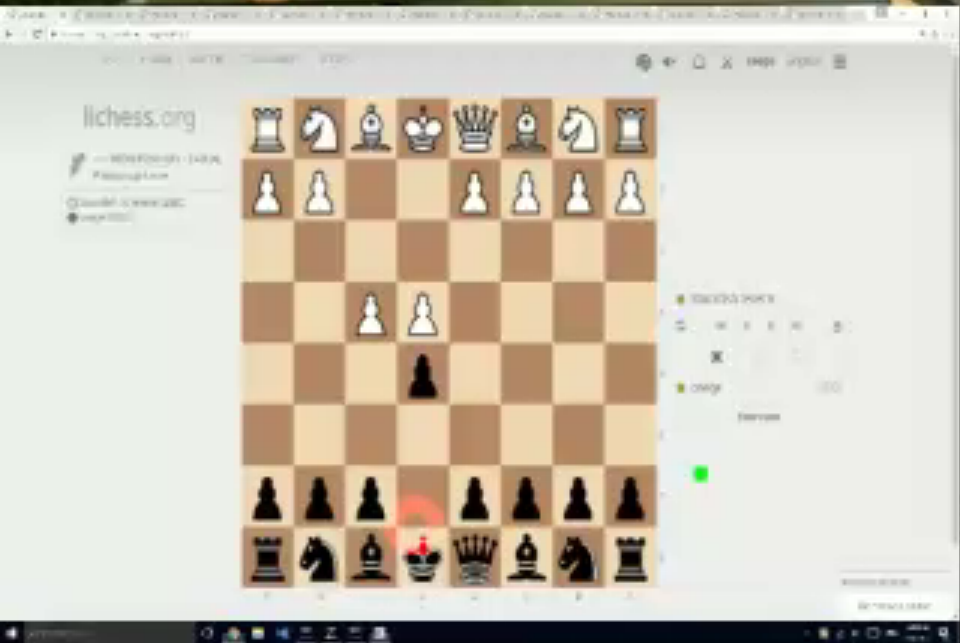
- Open Pose (body skeleton)
- Open Face (Emotions)
- Eye-works Fixation, pupil dilation)
- RGBD Sync – In-house synchronous Multimodal recording

Observing Fixation and Attention with a Remote Eye-Tracker

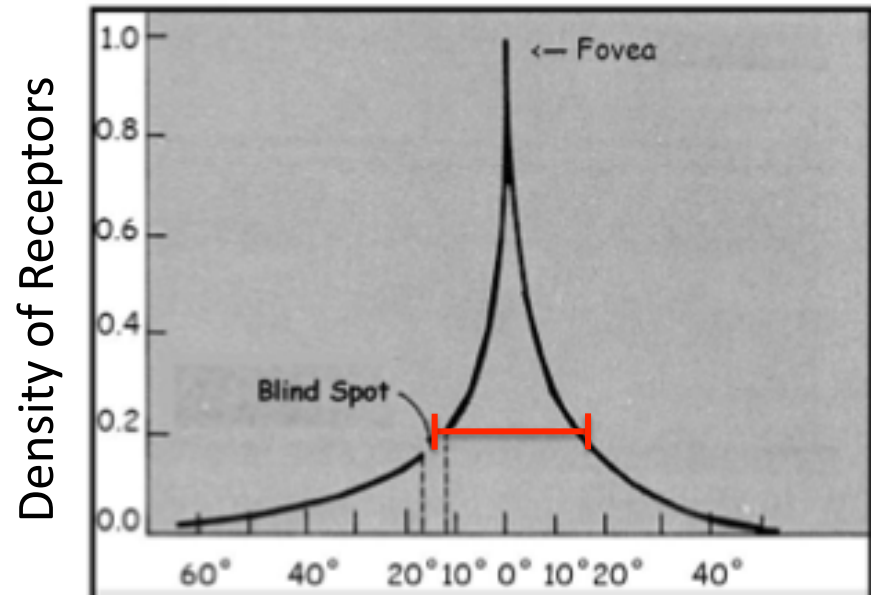


Remote Eye Trackers (Tobii, Fovio) provide real time tracking of gaze and fixation.

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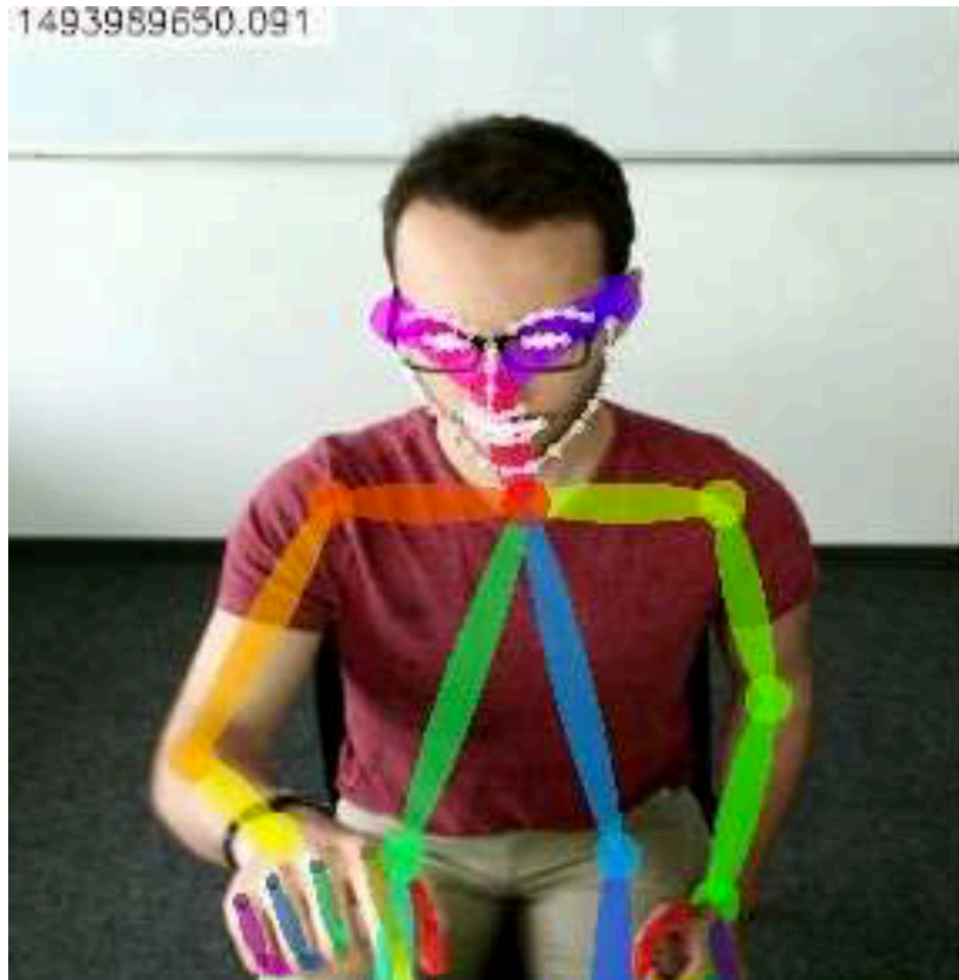
The CEEGE Instrument:



Visual Field of the Fovea

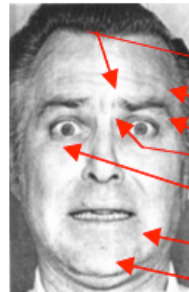
System designed so that the visual field of the Fovea corresponds to a chess square.

Body Posture: Kinect, Open Pose



FACS: Facial Action Coding System

FACS example



E.g., Action code: 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 20,

- 1C Inner brow raise
- 2C Outer brow raise
- 4B Brow lower
- 5D Upper lid raise
- 7B Lower lid tighten
- 20B Lip stretch
- 26B Jaw drop

Image provided by UCSD Machine Perception Lab

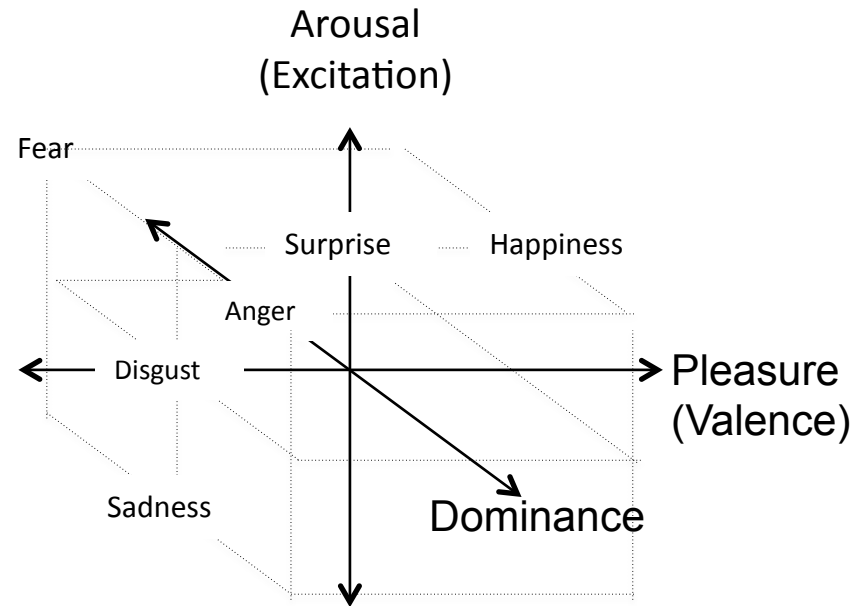
Facial Action Coding System (FACS) : A system to label human facial expressions, developed by P. Ekman and W. V. Friesen, 1978)

A common standard for recognizing facial expression of emotions
Available in several commercial and Open Source software Packages.

Ekman's Six Basic Emotions

Emotion	Action Units
Happiness	6+12
Sadness	1+4+15
Surprise	1+2+5B+26
Fear	1+2+4+5+20+26
Anger	4+5+7+23
Disgust	9+15+16

The PAD Model for Emotions



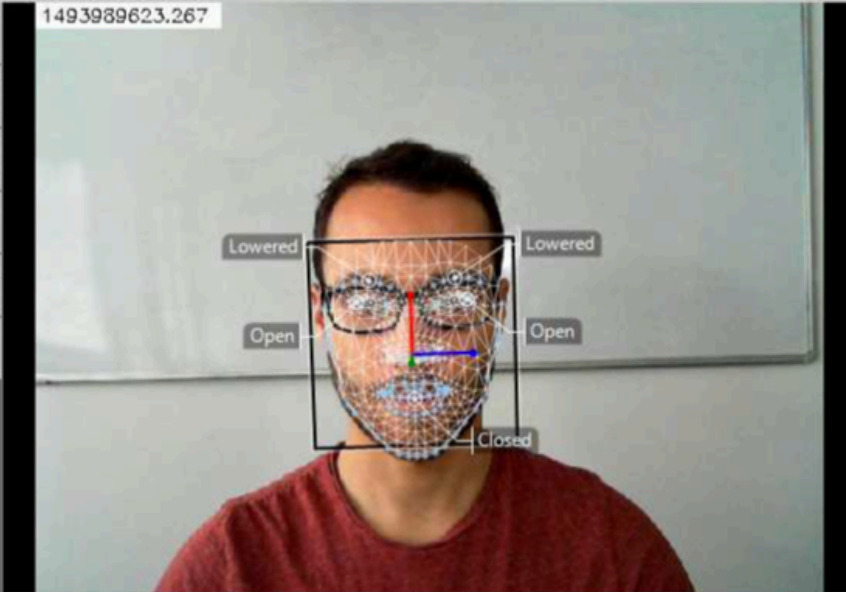
The PAD (Pleasure, Arousal, Dominance) model

- 1) Pleasure – Displeasure: Valence of an emotion
- 2) Arousal – Calm: Intensity, physiological excitation
- 3) Dominance – Submissive: Disposition to assert control.

J. A. Russell , A. Mehrabian, "Evidence for a three-factor theory of emotions", Journal of Research in Personality Vol. 11(3), pp 273-294, Sept 1977.

Analysis Visualization

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Heart rate

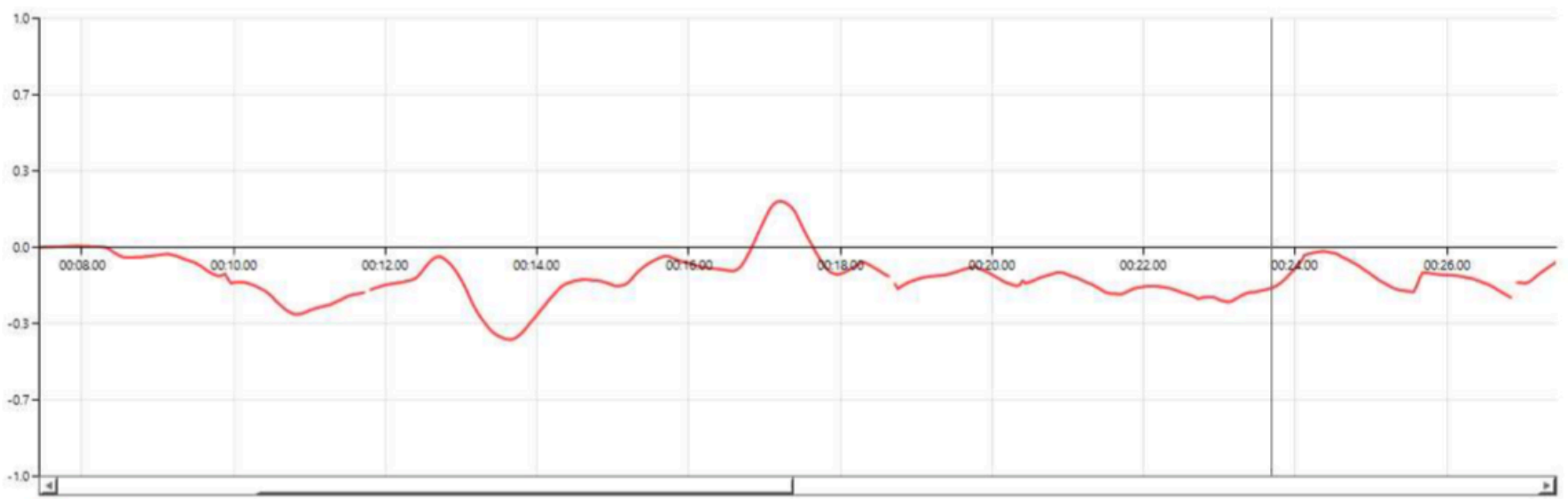


Expression Intensity



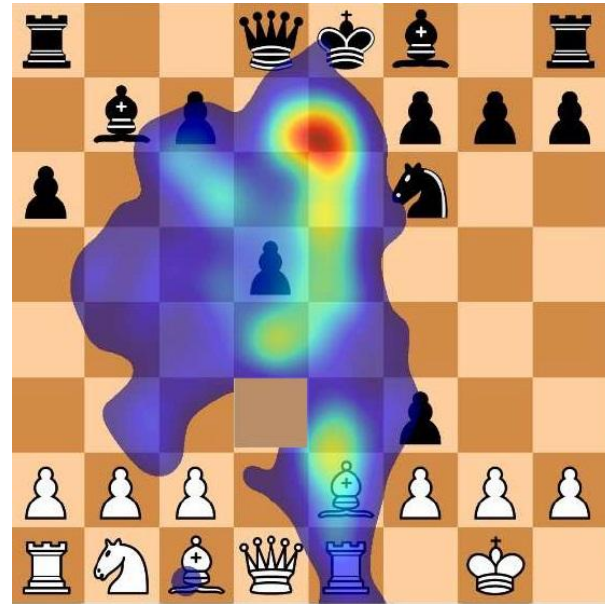
Valence

Options ▾



Valence

Fixation and attention



Fixation can be used to measure attention and to predict next move. But what does this tell us about comprehension of the player?

J. Le Leoudec, T. Guntz, D. Vaufreydaz and J. L. Crowley, Deep Learning Investigation for chess player attention, prediction using eye-tracking, and game data, 2019 ACM Symposium on Eye Tracking Research & Applications, ETRA'2019, Denver, Colorado.

Pilot Study – First experiment – March 2017

Objectives:

1. Verify experimental equipment
2. Verify that eye-gaze and emotion correlate to expertise.

Task: 6 time limited tasks of increasing difficulty (Mate in N).

Measurements:

Eye-gaze (Tobii remote), posture (Kinect), Ekman 7 Emotions (Face Reader).

Hypothesis:

- Players would display concentration during problem solving, frustration if unable to solve problem, and pleasure when finding problem solution

Experiments:

Session 1: 21 subjects (14 recordings usable)

Session 2: 9 subjects (8 recording usable).

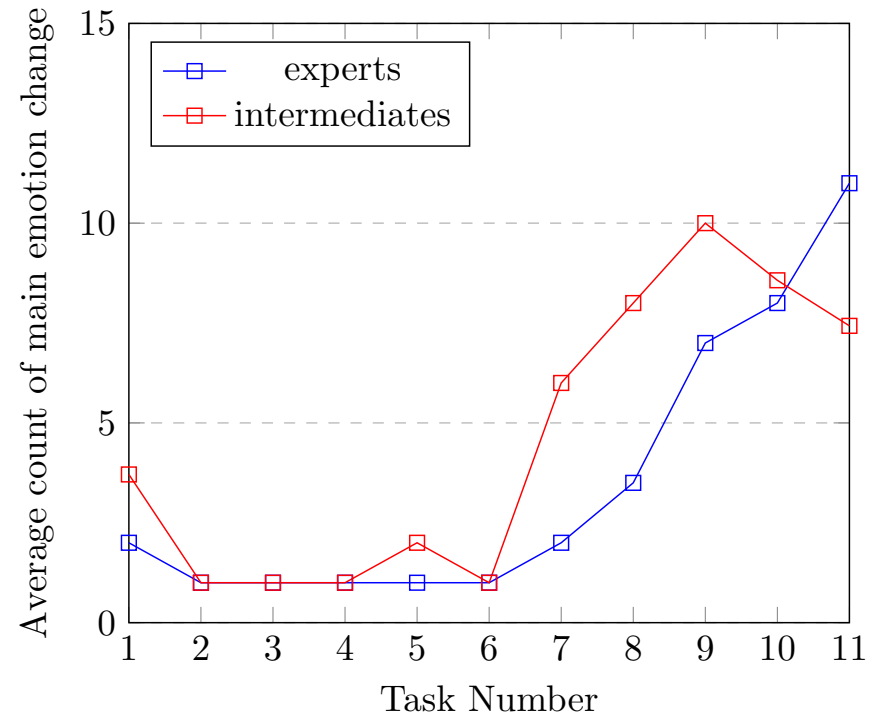
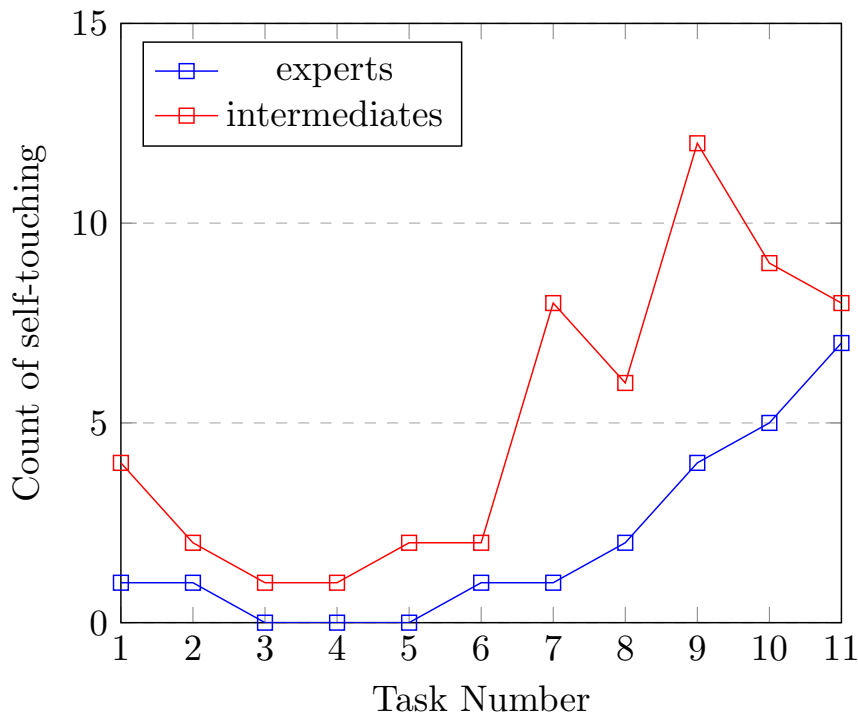
Pilot Study – First experiment – Mar 2017

Results:

- 1) 22 useful recordings (9 expert, 13 Intermediate).
- 2) Surprising result: Self touching and rate of change of emotion state increased from a neutral during reactive play for easy problems to frequent touching and rapid changes in emotion as the problems became more challenging.

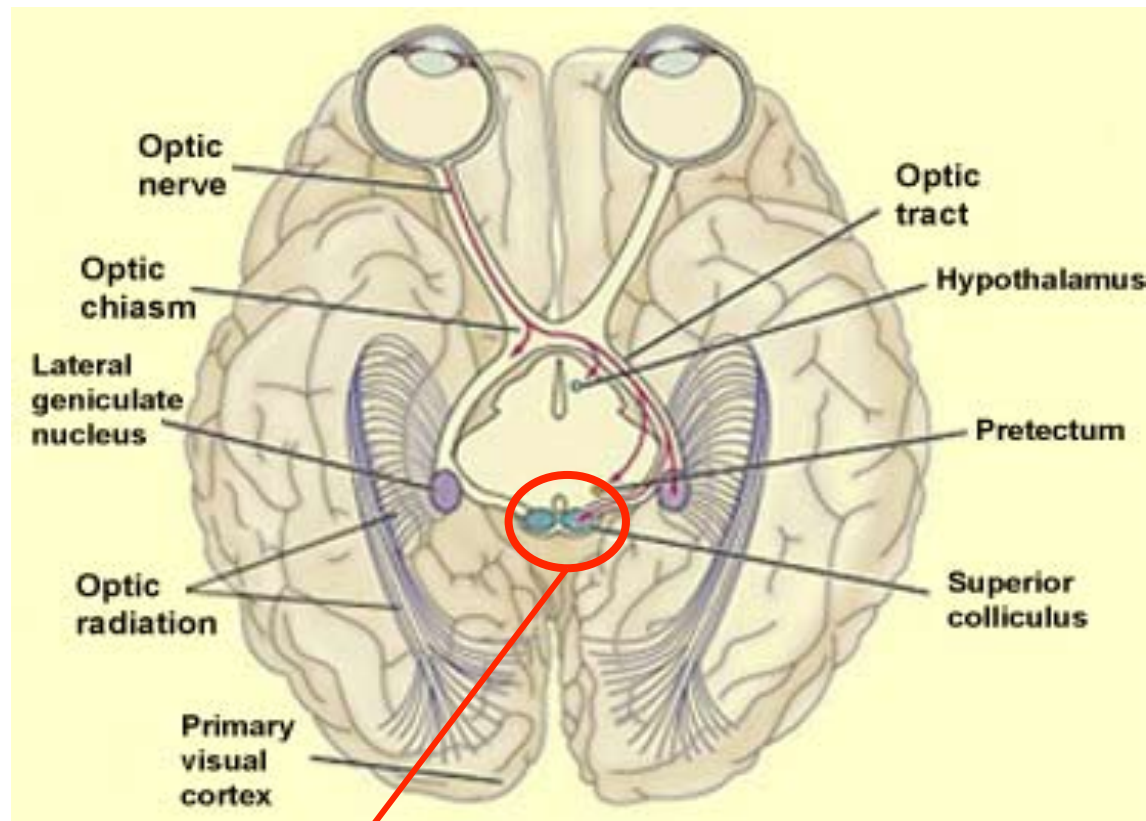
WHY !?

Physiological reaction to problem difficulty



Number of self-touches (left) and number of changes in emotion (right) for intermediates and experts engaged in solving the 11 problems.

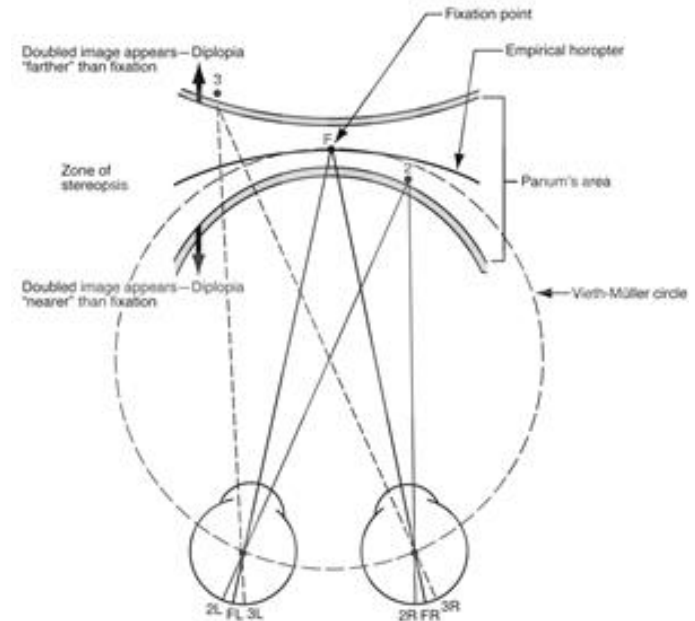
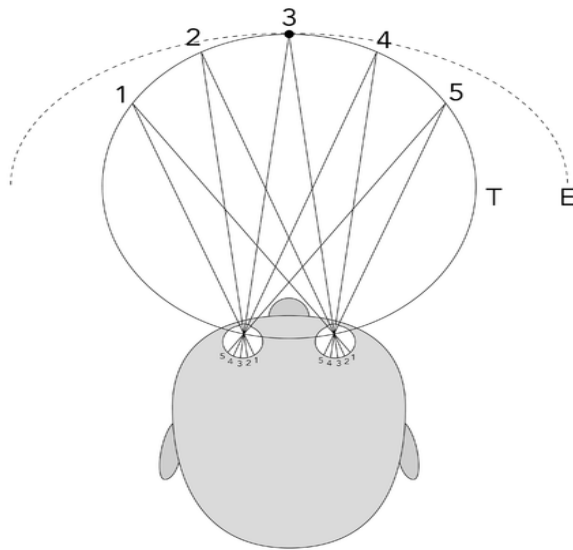
The Physiology of Fixation and Attention



Superior Colliculus:

- 7 Layer filter with input different brain regions
- Controls vergence, version and cyclotorsion.

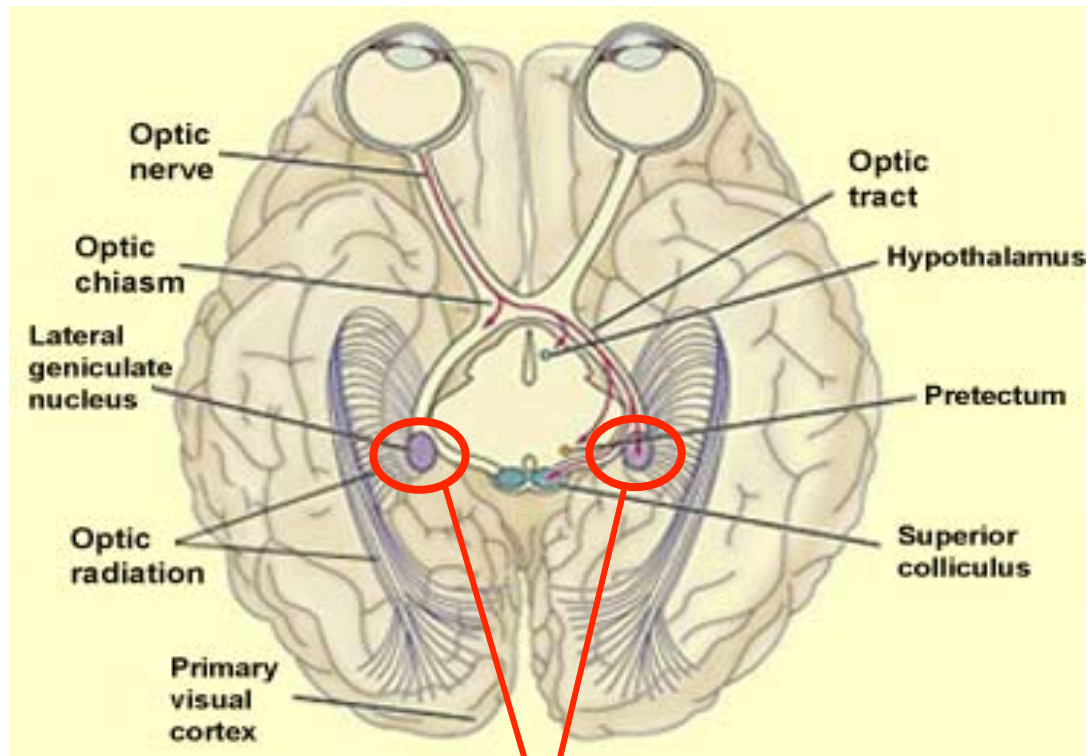
The Superior Colliculus Controls the Horopter



The Horopter: The Locus of Fixation.

Points in space that project to the same position in both retina.
Visual stimuli outside the horopoter are un-attended.

The Physiology of Fixation and Attention



Lateral Geniculate Nucleus (LGN).

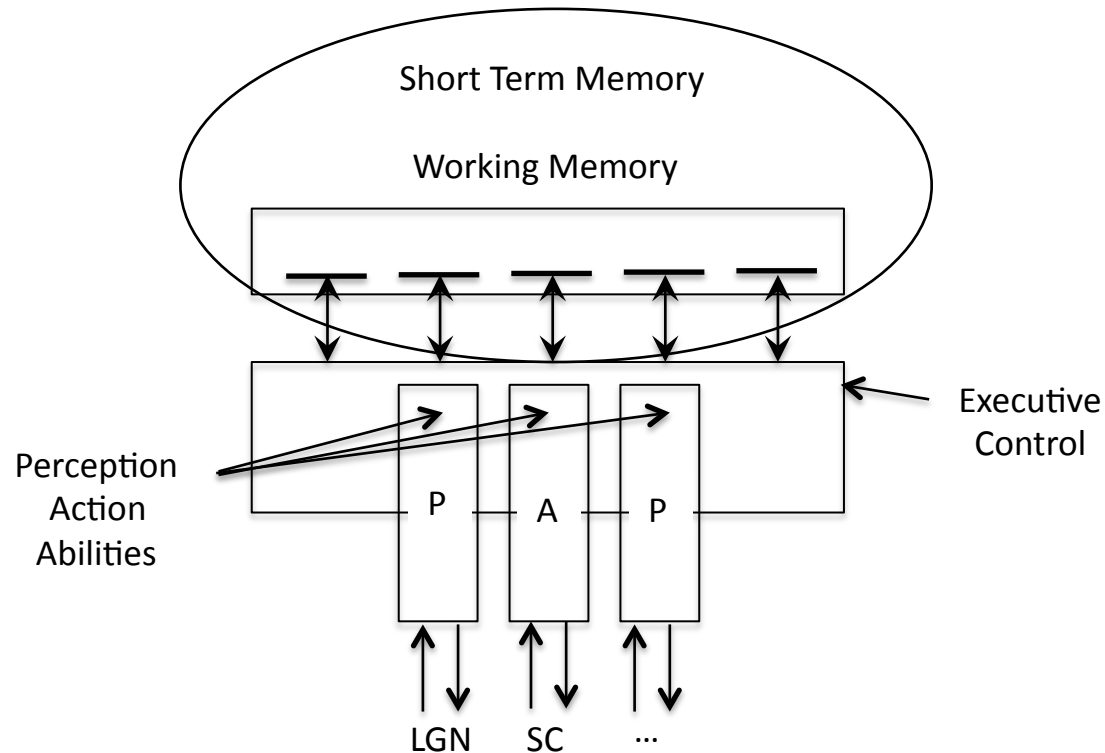
- Filter for Attention: The LGN Suppresses non-attended visual information
- The LGN relays a filtered retinotopic map to the visual cortex.

The Physiology of Fixation and Attention



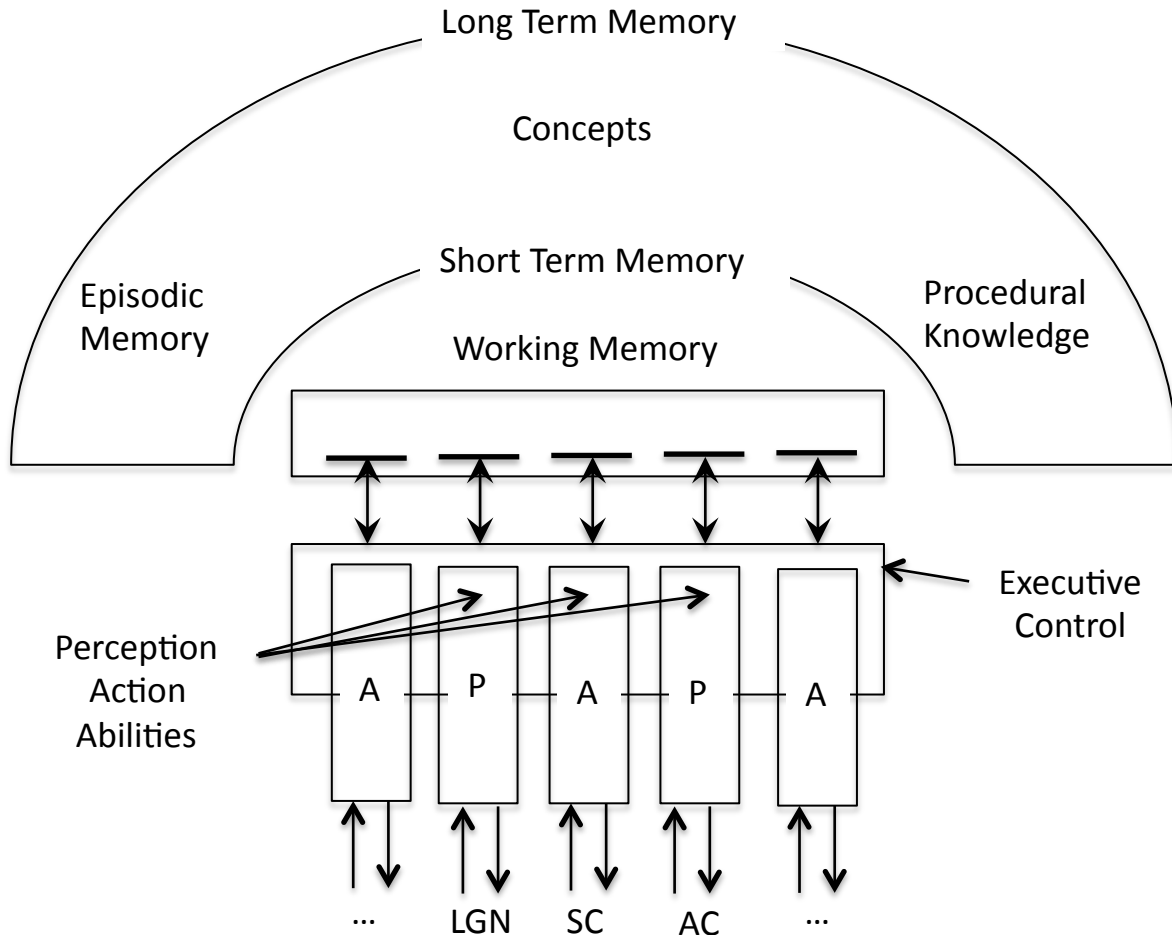
The LGN suppresses visual information

Cognition is limited by Working Memory

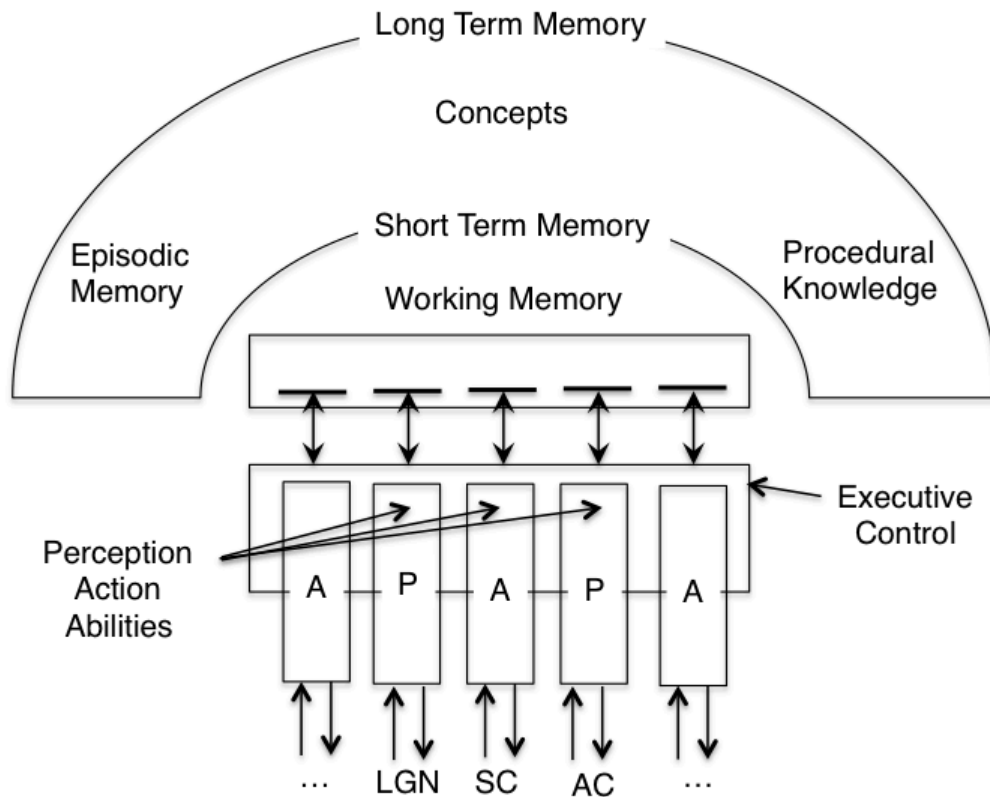


G. A. Miller, The magical number seven, plus or minus two: Some limits on our capacity for processing information. *Psychological Review*, 63(2), 81-97, 1956.

Working Memory (WM) associates perception with Long Term Memory (LTM) and Short Term Memory (STM)



WM associates perception with STM and LTM



Working memory elements are called “entities”.

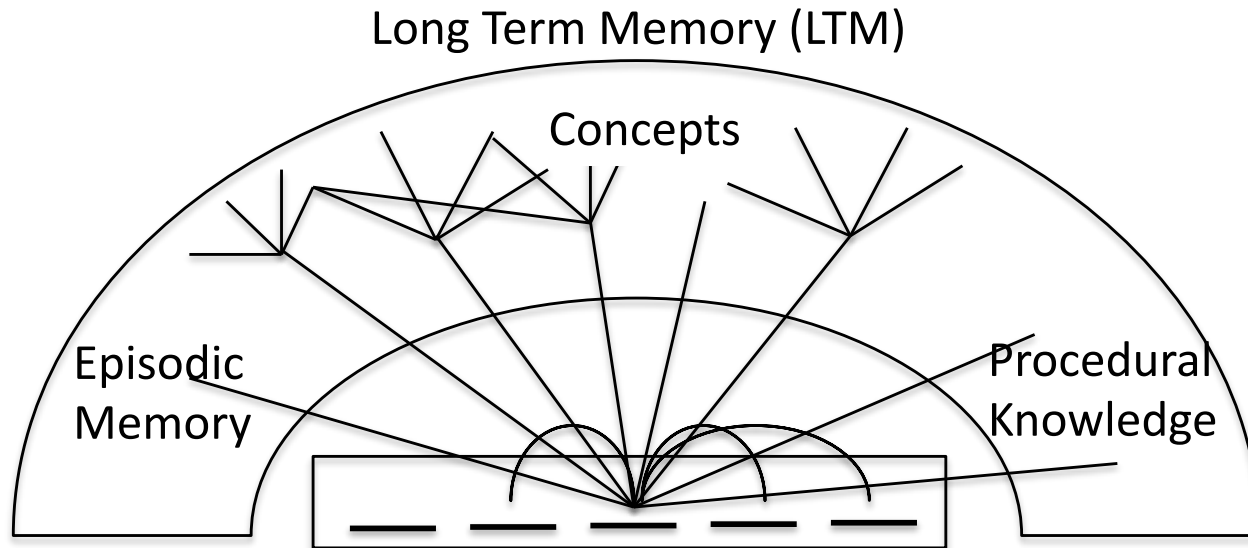
WM entities represent perceived or recalled phenomena.

Entities can be associated with

- Perception and action
- Episodic memories
- Concepts
- Procedural knowledge
- Reasoning Knowledge
- Other forms of memory

W. Kintsch, *Comprehension: A paradigm for cognition*, Cambridge university press, 1998.

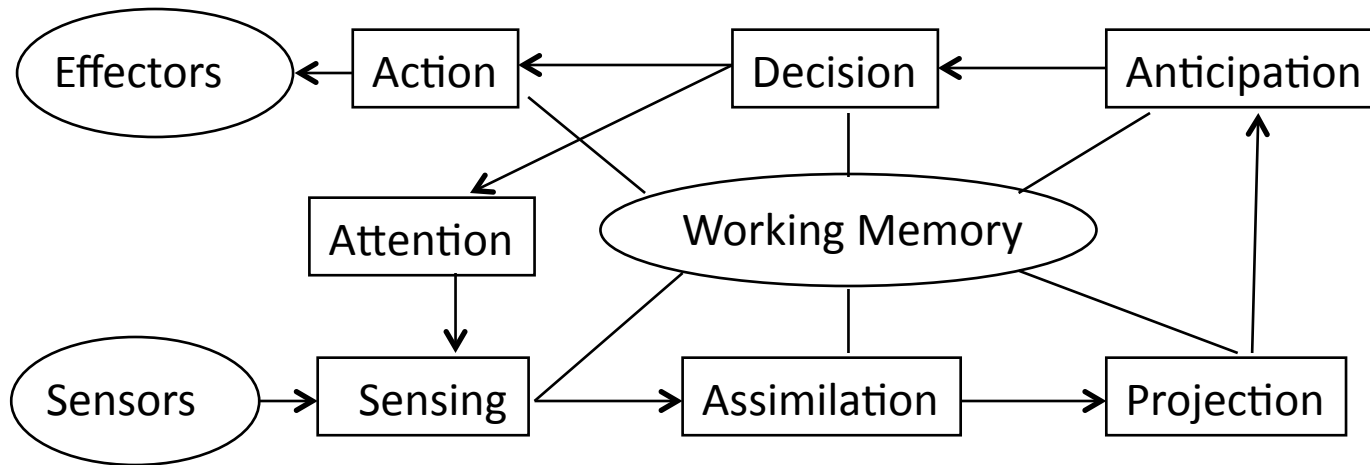
Spreading Activation from WM to LTM



Hebbian model for association of entities from working memory with concepts, Procedural knowledge, Episodic memory in Long Term Memory Association

J. R. Anderson, A spreading activation theory of memory, Journal of Verbal Learning and Verbal Behavior, Volume 22, Issue 3, Pages 261-295, June 1983

Reasoning with working Memory



Assimilation: interpretation for entities, relations and events

Projection: Transition probabilities for possible next situations

Implication: Possible outcomes of actions

Decision: Appropriateness or inappropriateness of actions.

Attention: Relevant entities and properties to perceive

M. R. Endsley, Toward a theory of situation awareness in dynamic systems. *Human factors*, 37(1), 32-64.1995.

An Information Processing Model for Comprehension in Chess

Concepts: Mental constructs generalized from particular instances.

Concepts model the basic elements of cognition.

Concepts are modeled with Frames.

Frames: Abstract schema for concepts.

Schema for a Frame:

- A unique ID

- A name (optional)

- A set of relations to other concepts

- Meanings: episodic memories

- Roles: Actions that are enabled or prevented by the concept.

M. Minsky, (1975) A Framework for Representing Knowledge, in: Patrick Henry Winston (ed.), The Psychology of Computer Vision. McGraw-Hill, New York), 1975.

Concept Frames for Chess Entities

Frames provides schema for representing concepts as entities in WM.

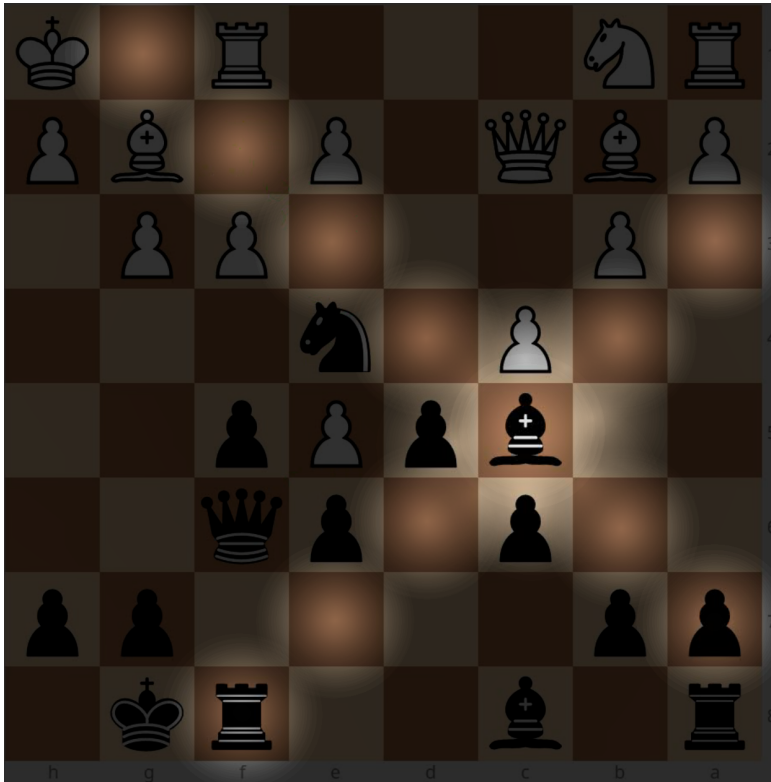
Slots of a Frame encode relations between entities and Long Term memory (relations in a frame are internal and immutable)

Example: Concept Frame for a Chess piece.

```
(ChessPiece (piece-ID)
  (kind (one-of (king, queen, bishop, knight, rook, pawn)))
  (color (one-of (black white)))
  (position (rank, file))
  (actions (move-procedures()))
  (span (squares in range)
)
```

F. Gobet, and H Simon, (1998). Expert chess memory: Revisiting the chunking hypothesis. *Memory*, 6, 225-255, 1998

Evidence for Awareness from Fixation



The Span for a piece P_k is the set of all squares that are within range of the piece : $\{S\}_k$

Fixation anywhere in the span is evidence for awareness.

Span for a Chess Piece

Chess Chunks for individual pieces include “Span” (set of squares) that are accessible from the piece.

(Piece (WP)

(activation (A))

(kind (pawn))

(color (White))

(Position (P))

(Actions(...))

(Span {S})

)

(Piece (WB)

(activation (A))

(kind (bishop))

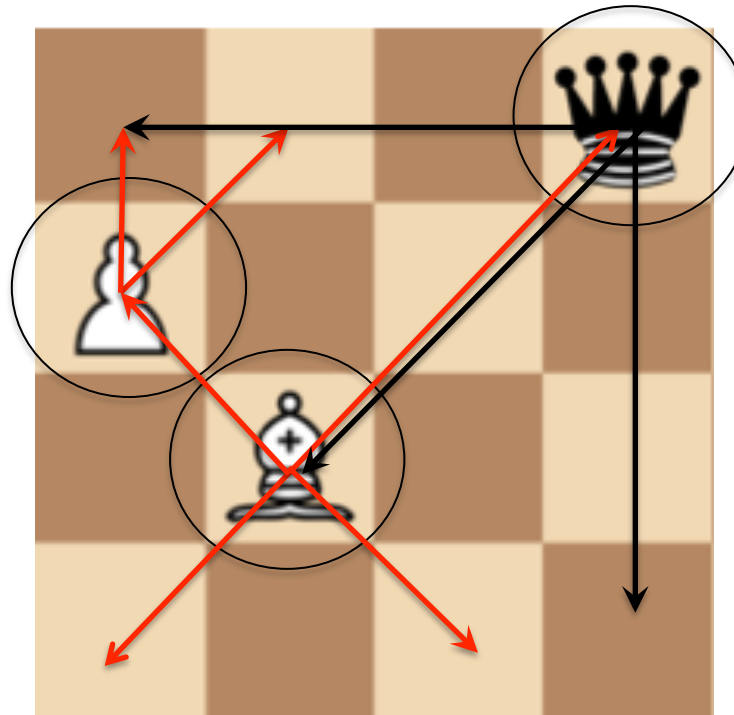
(color (White))

(Position (S))

(Actions(...))

(Span {S})

)



(Piece (BQ)

(activation (A))

(kind (queen))

(color (Black))

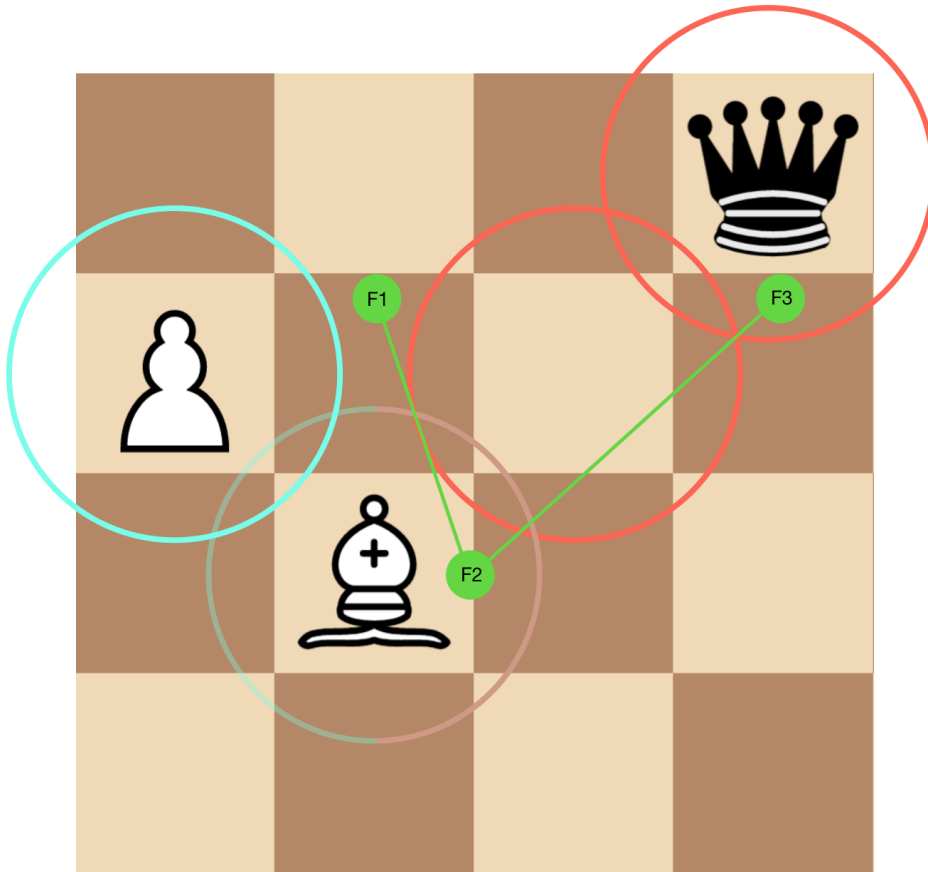
(Position (P))

(Actions (...))

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Evidence for Awareness from Fixation



Activation Energy for chunks:
(number of chunks that include F_j in span)

$$A(C_k | F_j) = \frac{1}{\#(F_j \in \{S\}_k)}$$

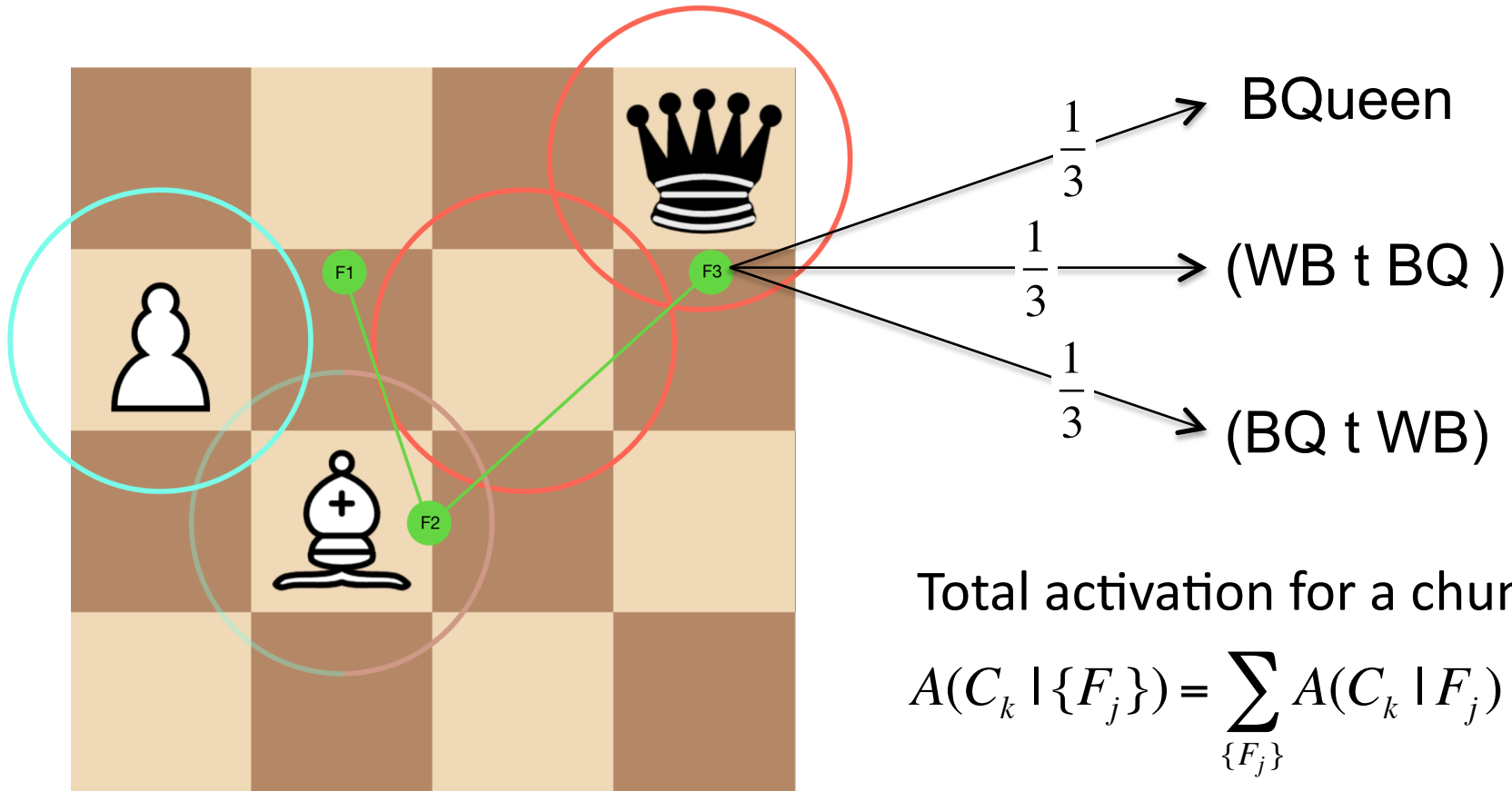
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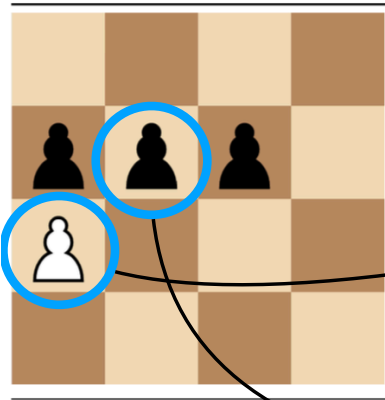
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Beginners reason with pieces



a) wall of pawns

```
( ChessPiece ( P1 )
  ( kind ( pawn ) )
  ( color ( white ) )
  ( position ( A ; 4 ) )
  ( actions ( pawn_moves ... ) )
)
```

```
( Relation ( R1 )
  ( Name ( Threatened ) )
  ( Kind ( offensive ) )
  ( Subject ( P1 ) )
  ( Object ( P2 ) )
)
```

```
( ChessPiece ( P2 ) ( ... ) )
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```
( Relation ( R2 ) ( ... ) )
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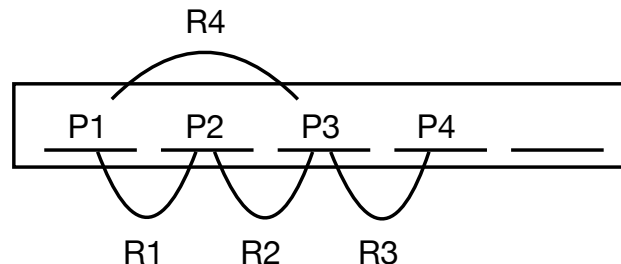
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( ChessPiece ( P3 ) ( ... ) )
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```
( Relation ( R3 ) ( ... ) )
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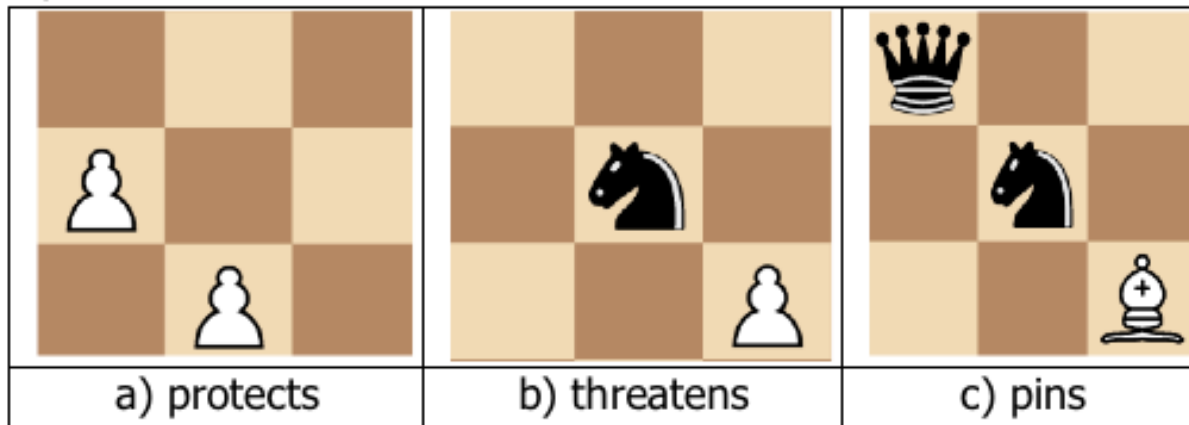
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( ChessPiece ( P4 ) ( ... ) )
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( Relation ( R4 ) ( ... ) )
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Working Memory:



Experts reason with chunks.



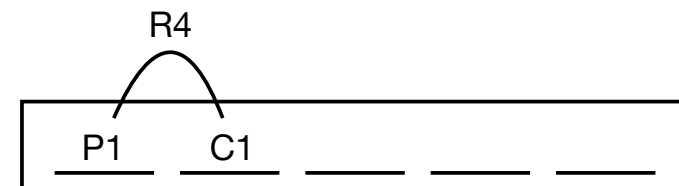
Chess chunks are concepts for configurations of pieces, or configurations of simpler chunks. Chunks are composed hierarchically.

Chess chunks associate configurations with actions, roles, and meanings.

Examples:

- a) Protects (WP1, WP2)
- b) Threatens (WP1, BK1)
- c) Pins (WB1, BQ, BK1)

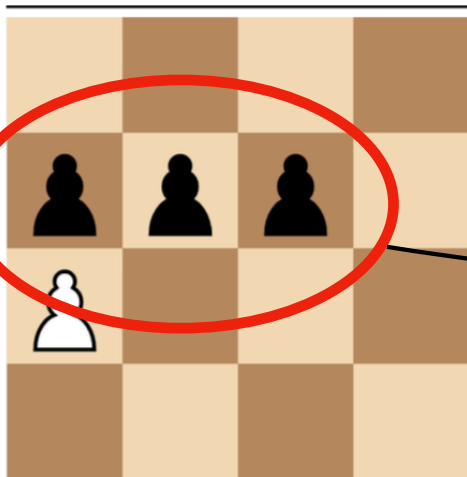
Working Memory:



Chess Chunks: Compound Concepts

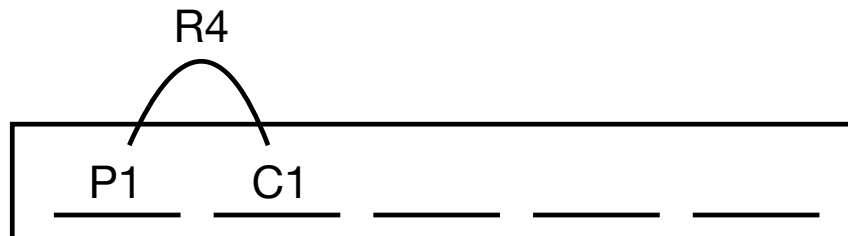
Chunks reduce WM load by replacing several entities with a single compound entity.

Experts reason with several thousand chunks.

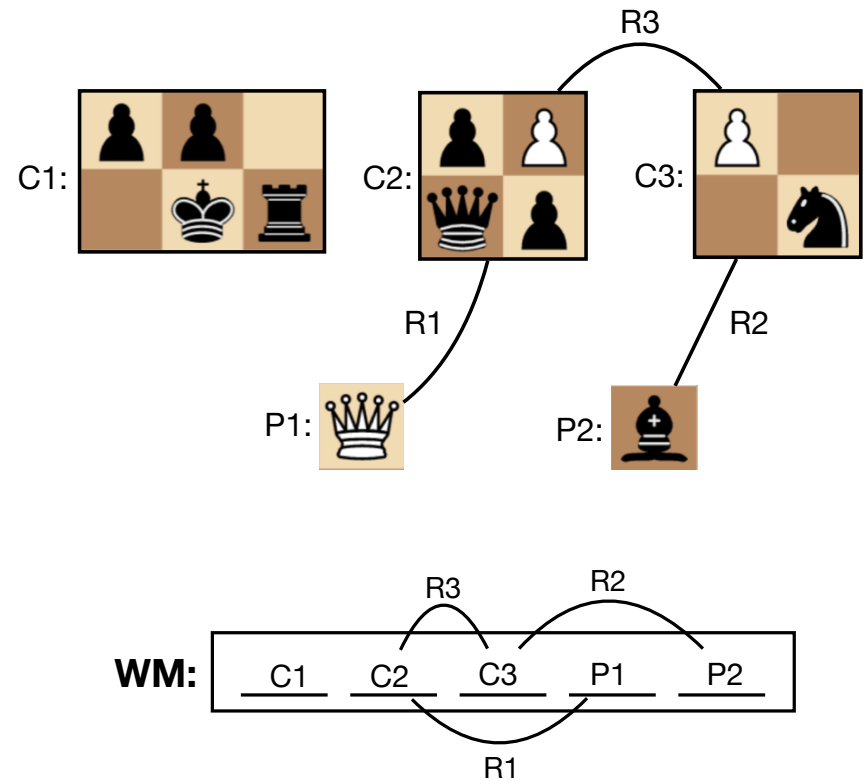


(Concept Wall-of-Pawns
(Color (black, white))
(Kind (Defensive))
(Composed of (list-of (Pawns)))
(Position (row)
(Relations (Beside(P1, P2), (Beside(P2, P3))
(Roles (blocks (opponent pawns), screens (own pieces)))

Working Memory:



Despite Chunking, WM is rapidly over-loaded

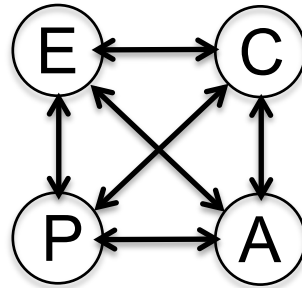


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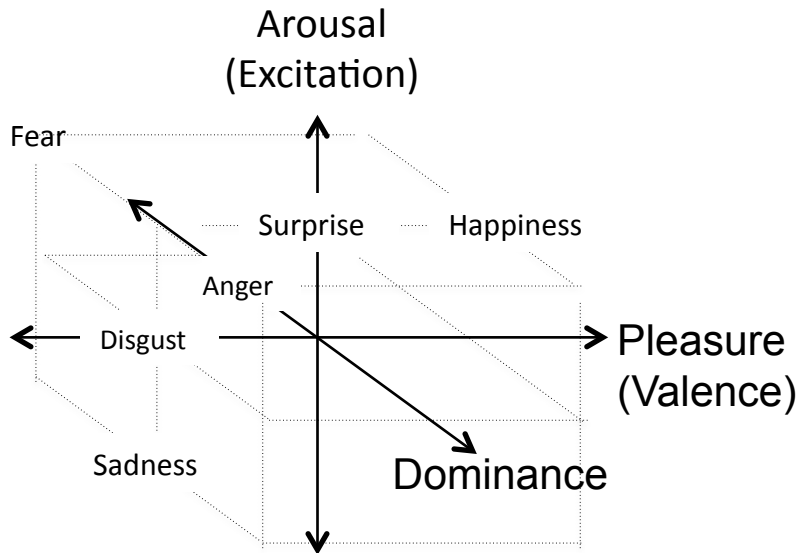
Kahneman's System 2?

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Emotions substitute experience for reason

Emotions are displayed by physiological signals.

We believe that emotions are reactions to past experience with concepts (chess chunks) and with situations.



Hypothesis:

Pleasure, Arousal and Dominance are associated with concepts by experience

For any situation, (P, A, D) express:

Pleasure: Frequency of positive (or negative) outcomes

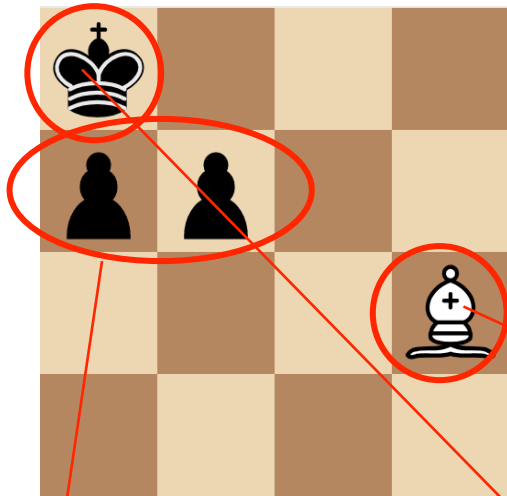
Arousal: Imminence of opportunity or threat.

Dominance: Confidence in ability to control outcome.

PAD model (Pleasure, Arousal, Dominance)

Hypotheses: Emotions drive selection of chunks

Players prefer chunks with high criticality (arousal), high valence (positive experience) and high dominance (confidence in outcome).



Wall of Pawns (WP)

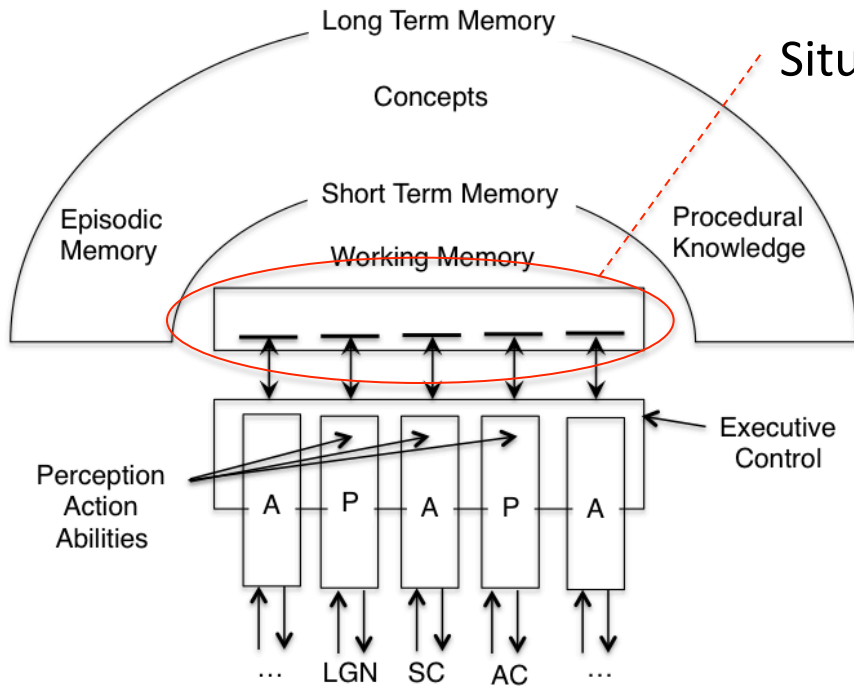
Black King (BK)

White Bishop (WB)

(Concept Trapped-King (BK)
(Color (black))
(Kind (Offensive))
(Composed of (list-of (WB, BK, WP)))
(Blocks (move (BK, WP)))
(Blocks (move (BK, WB)))
(Emotion (P +), (A +), (D ++))

)

Chess Situations: Relations between Chunks



Situation Model

A situation is a set of relations between entities. Relations are external to entities and changeable.

Situation Model schema:

```
(Situation (S-Name)
  (E1 entity-ID) (E2 Entity-ID)
  (R1 (Beside E1 E2))
  (R2 (meanings Episodic-Memory-ID))
  (R3 (Actions Action-ID))
  (Emotions (P) (A) (D))
)
```

Current research hypotheses:

- 1) Chunks are learned from frequently encountered situations.
- 2) Emotions (P, A, D) guide the selection chunks used to model the situation and the selection of situations for planning.

A Second Experiment

Protocol:

- 7 Tasks of increasing difficulty (4 Mate-in-N tasks and 3 survival tasks)
- Retroactive Task Explanation (RTE) after each task,

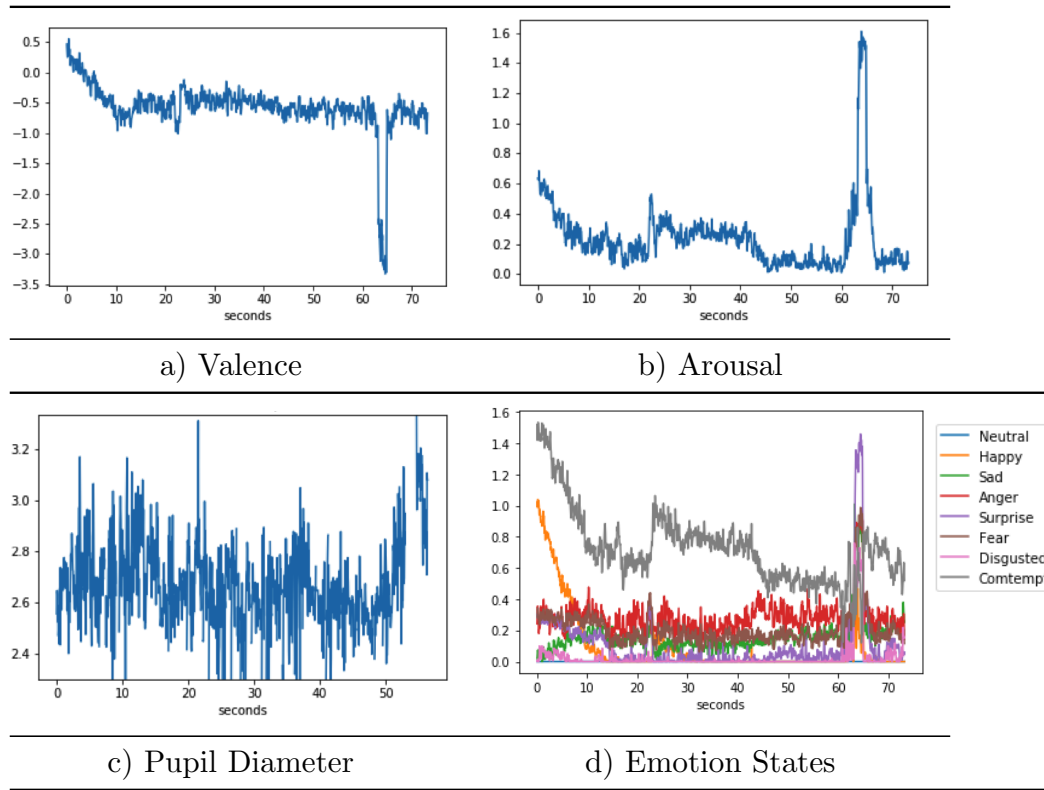
RTE: subject describes understanding of the problem situation.

23 subjects (2 expert, 19 intermediate, 2 beginners).

(Elo ranges 1930 to 2000 and 1197 to 1700).

Measurements: Eye-gaze (Fovio), pupil dilation, FACS, Ekman emotions (Open Face), Self Touches (Open Pose) .

S6 (Elo 1950), Task 8: An impossible survival task

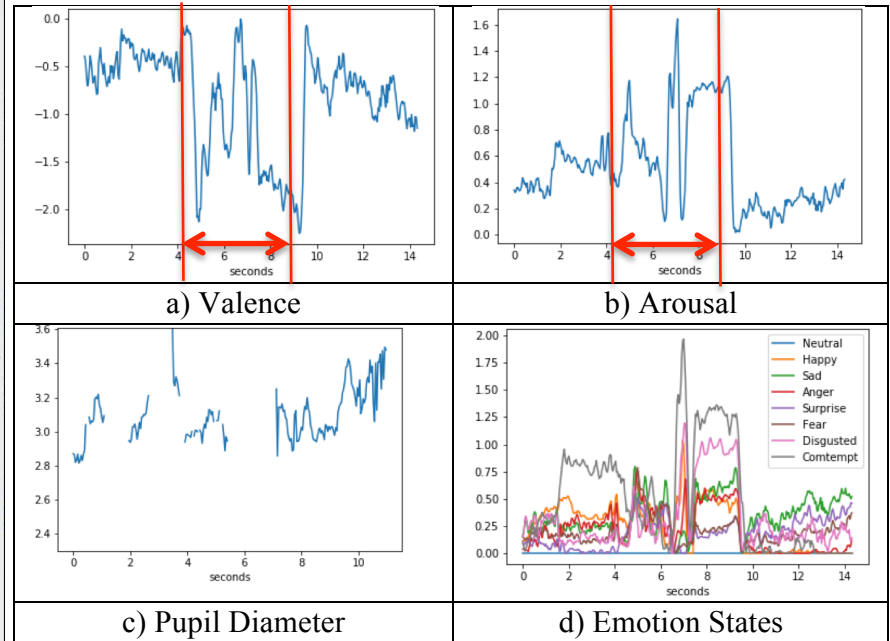


The spike in Valence, Arousal, pupil diameter and fear and disgust (emotion states) corresponds to a self-reported recognition that the situation was hopeless.

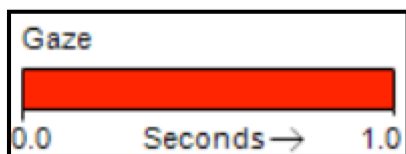
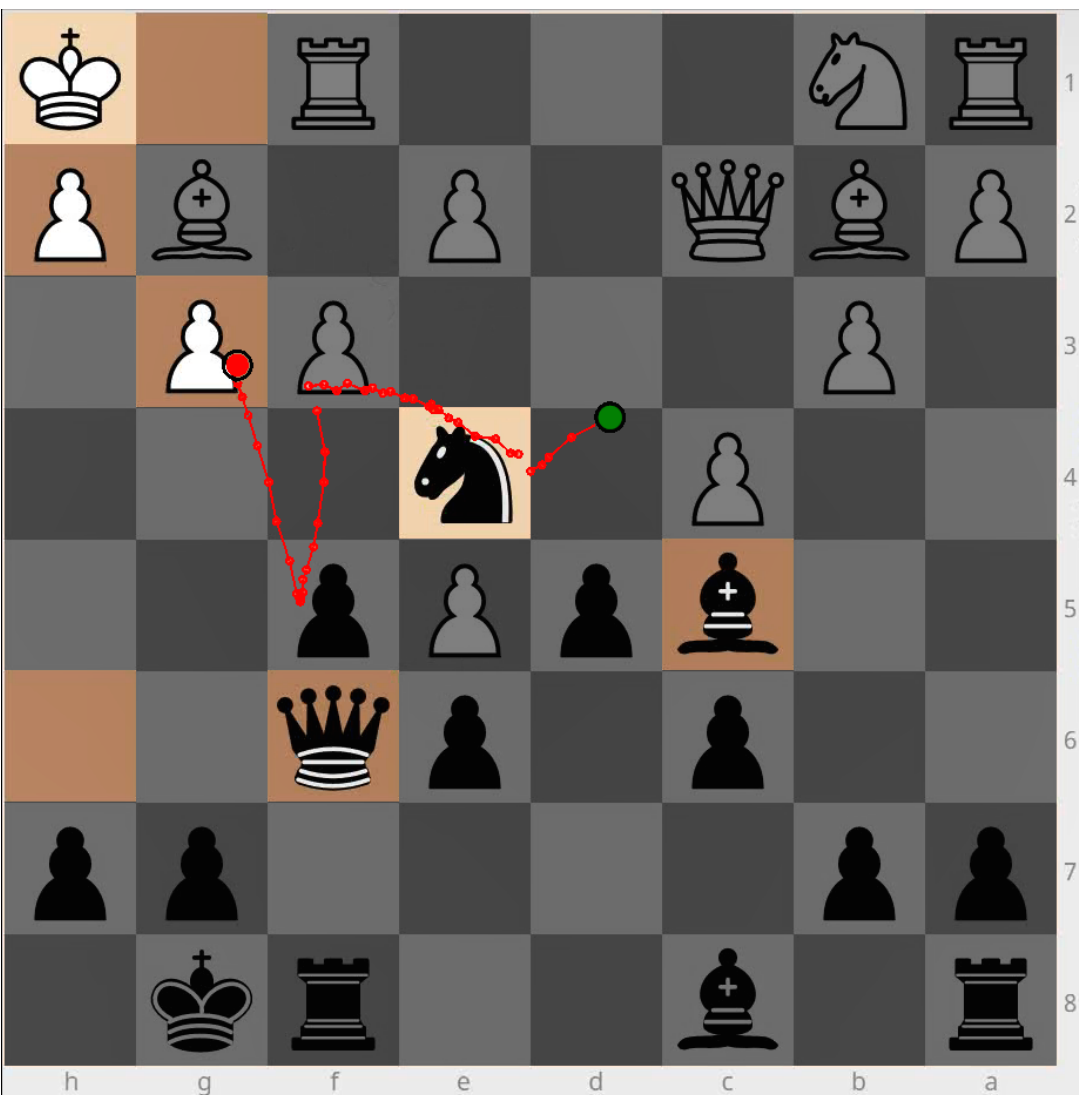
Example: Task 4 (mate in 3)



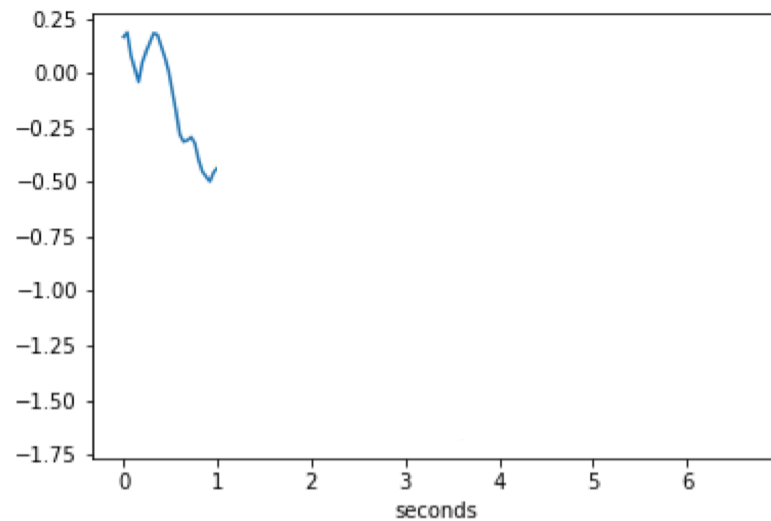
Subject S12 (Expert), Task 4 (mate in 3)



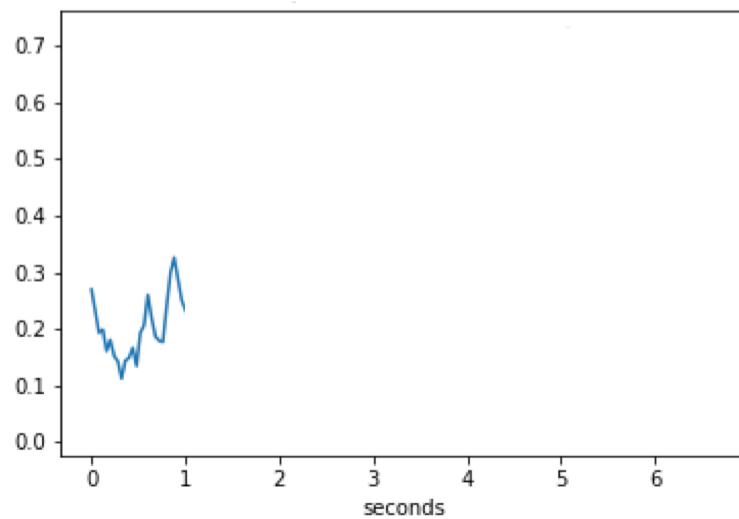
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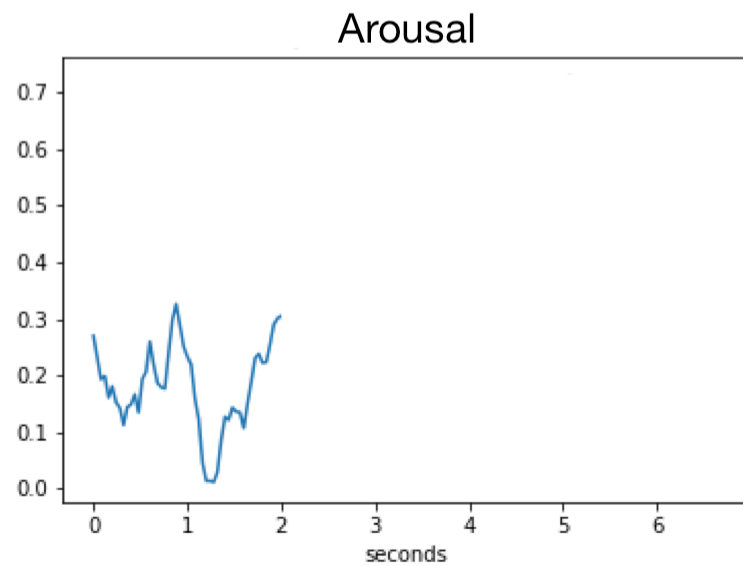
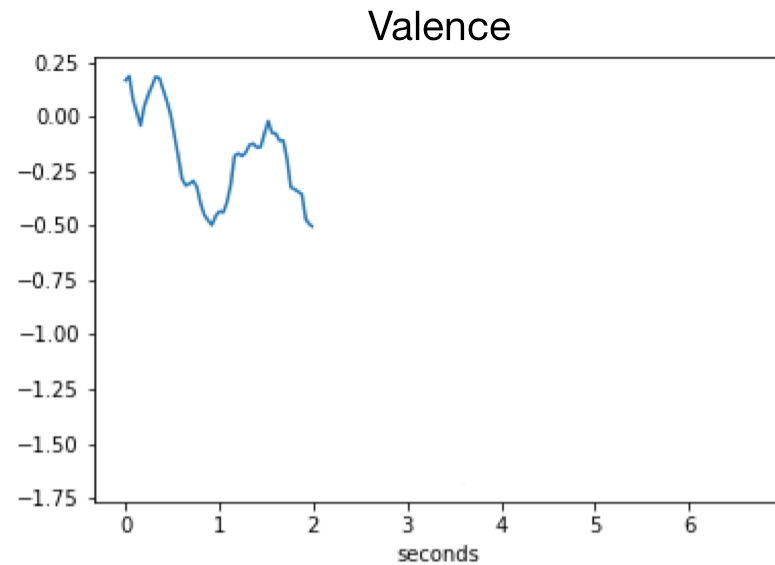
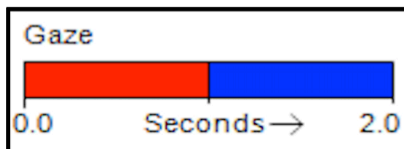
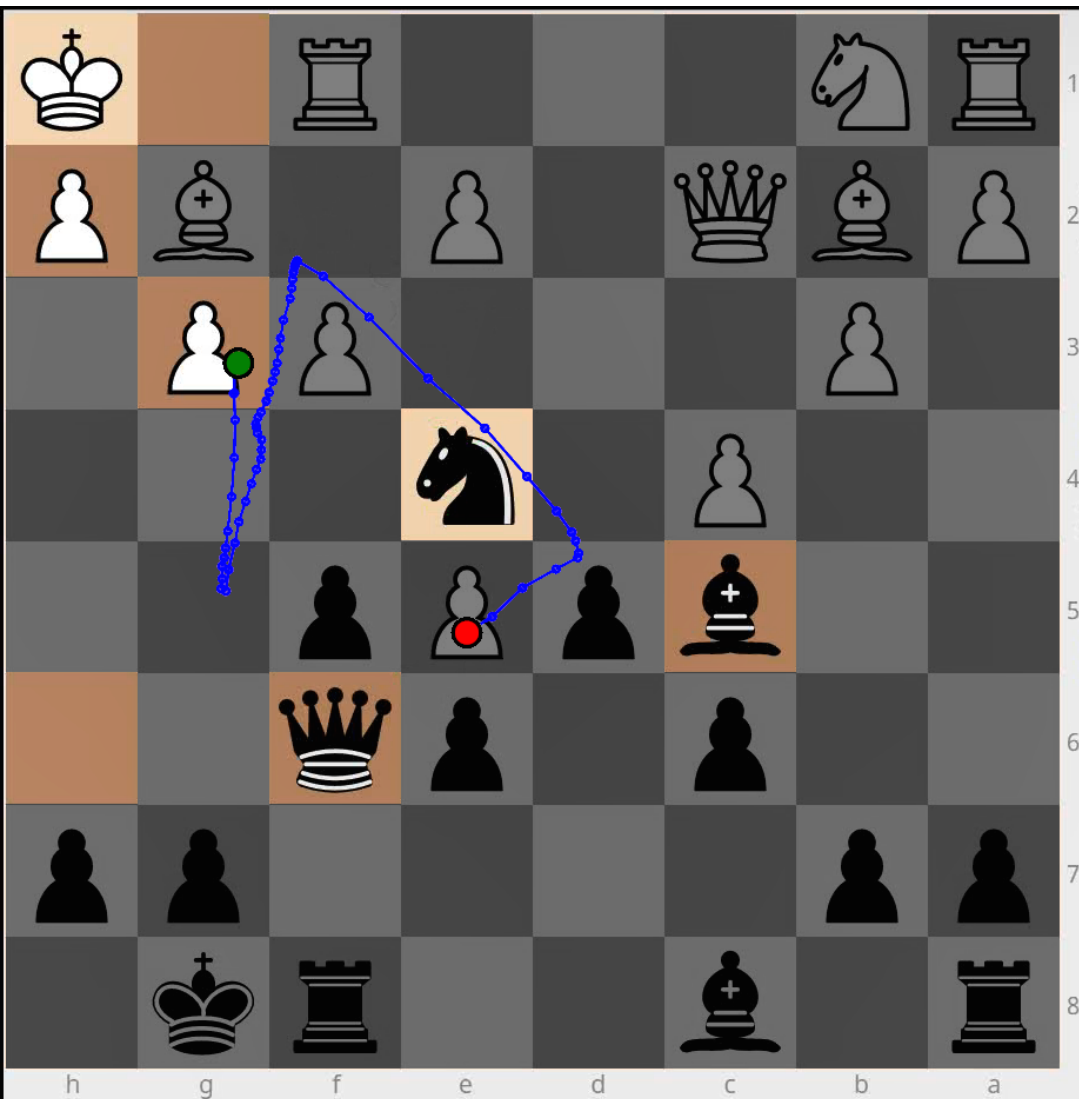


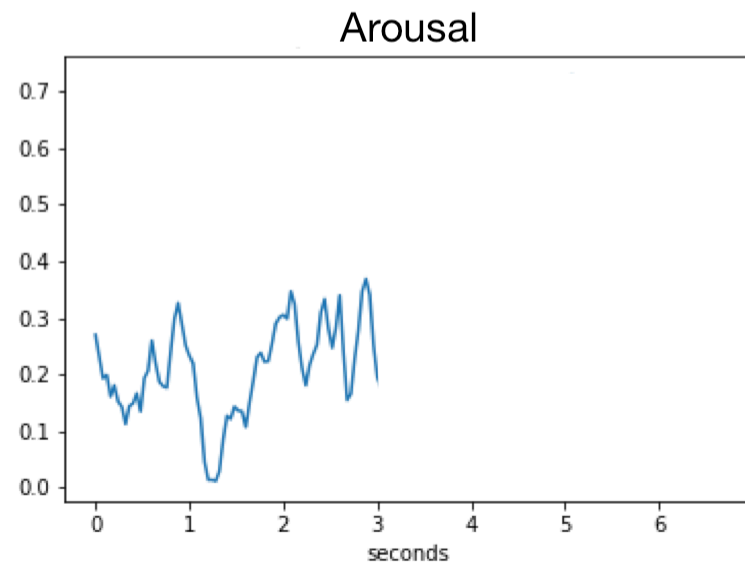
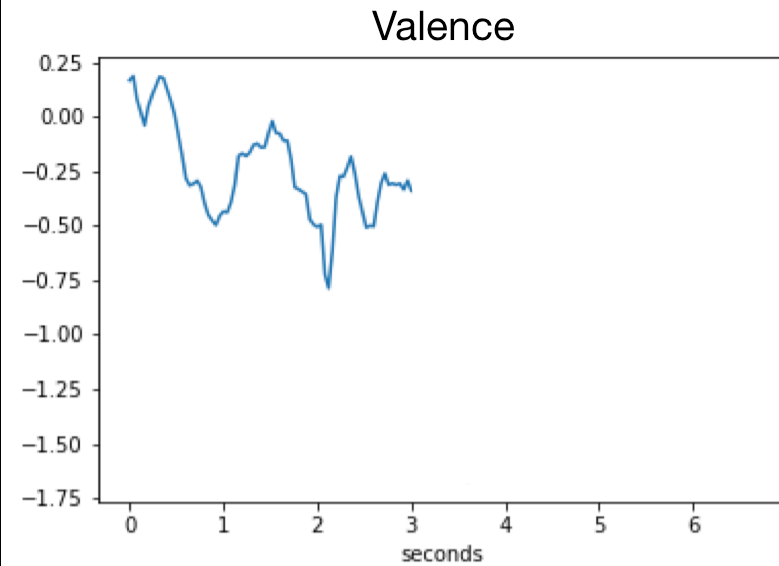
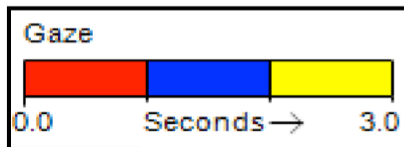
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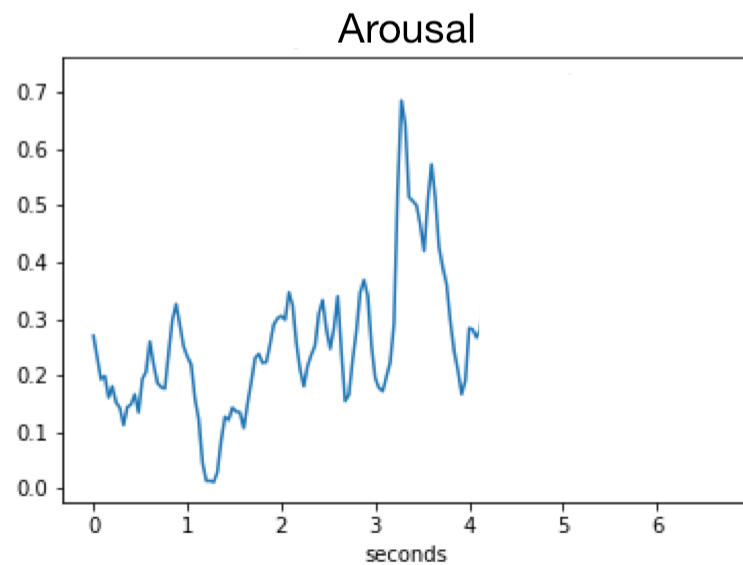
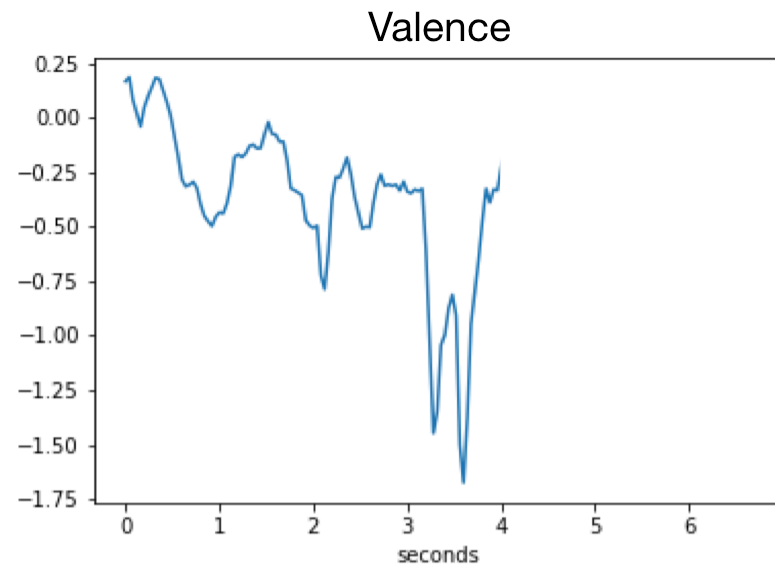
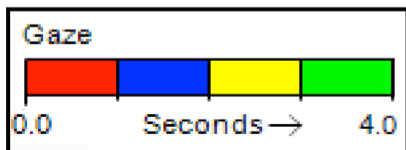


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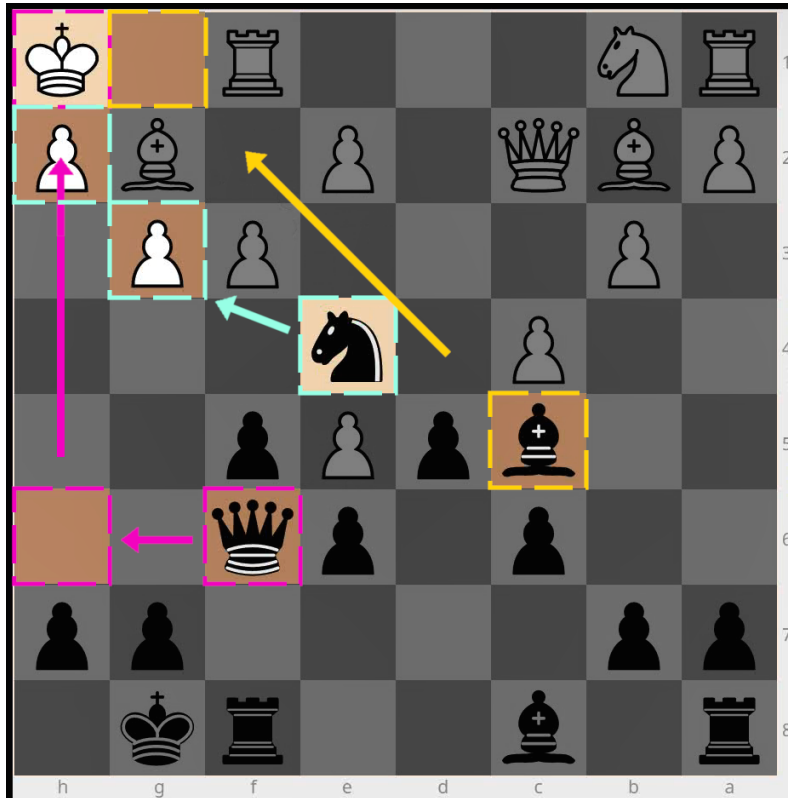








Retroactive Task Explanation by S12



S12 Task Explanation:

“Ok. I see that there is a mate in 3 moves here.

It is a kind of pattern because again the king is not able to move at all.

There are 3 pieces here, Queen F6, Knight E4 and Bishop at C5. So the bishop already controls the only available square of the white king, so there are two pieces.

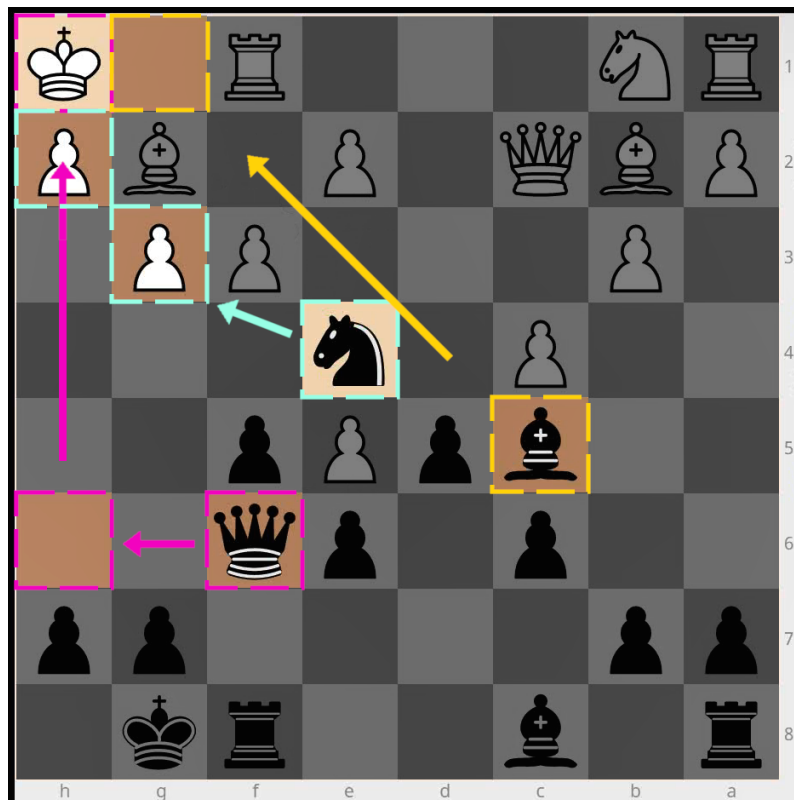
So first check with the knight then the queen. ”

(Knight takes Pawn, check, Pawn H2 at takes Pawn , Queen to H6 Check mate).

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Grand Challenge: Automatically Generate Narratives for Player Comprehension.



Chess Concepts:

- C1. Bishop Blocks King
- C2: Knight threatens Pawn
- C3: Pawn takes Knight
- C4: Queen Checks King

Subjects Plan:

- S1: Knight (E4) Takes Pawn (G3)
- S2: Pawn (H2) takes Knight (G3)
- S3: Queen to H6 Check-mate

Potential Applications

- Collaborative Intelligent Systems
 - Intelligent Auto-pilot and Drivers Assistant for aircraft, automobiles, trucks, buses, heavy equipment
 - Collaborative robots for manufacturing and service industry
- Training and Education
 - Student Aware intelligent training Pulpit
 - Training for driving vehicles and heavy equipment.
- Socially aware Service Robots
- Human aware personal mobile devices
- Ambient Intelligence
 - Smart Home, furniture, desk, kitchen etc.

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SYM2B Truck Simulator with 6 axis
Motion chair



Sym2B estimates for market
for driver training simulators:

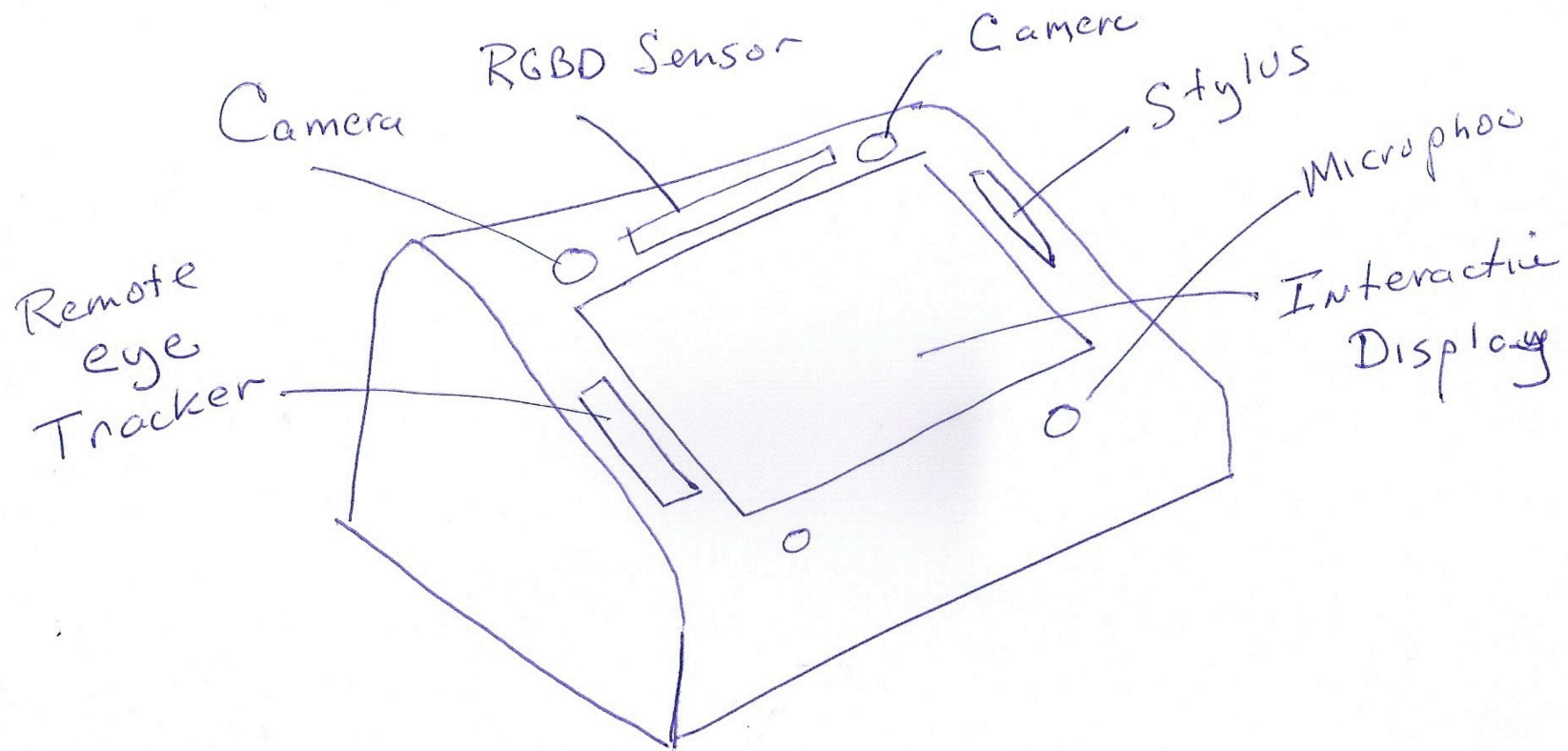
- 400 Truck Simulators
- 150 bus Simulators
- 100 cars Simulators

Training simulator augmented with remote eye-tracking, face expression analysis, pupil dilation and body gesture models.

Project start 1 Sept 2019

Student Aware Training Pulpit

Collaboration with Philippe Dessus and Fanny Gimbert (LaRAC)





Limitations

(Work in Progress!)

- Proposed models explain comprehension and predict behavior. They do not prescribe implementation.
- Chess is much simpler than the real world! We can potentially constrain possible interpretations of eye-scan.
- Very preliminary investigation (TRL 2!) Models have not yet been evaluated. Value will be their usefulness for prediction and explanation.

Open Challenges

1. How can enumerate the set of possible concepts (chunks) for a problem space?
2. What is the best way to define the “activation” field(weights and span) for fixation on a visual phenomena?
3. Can we detect evidence for awareness from other sensor modalities?
4. Can we detect evidence for awareness from emotions?

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