

# Drifting beyond Bayesics

A Bayesian Implementation of the Circular Drift Diffusion Model

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## Some Circular Decisions

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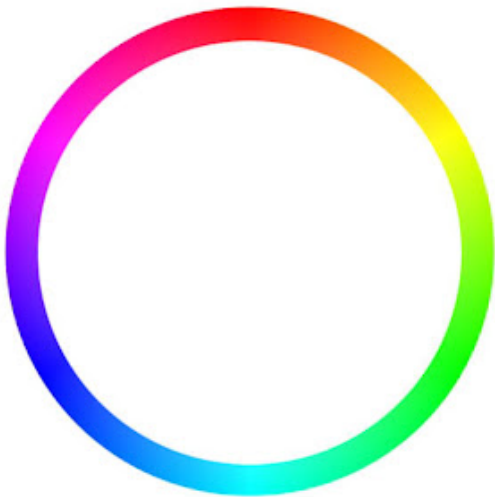
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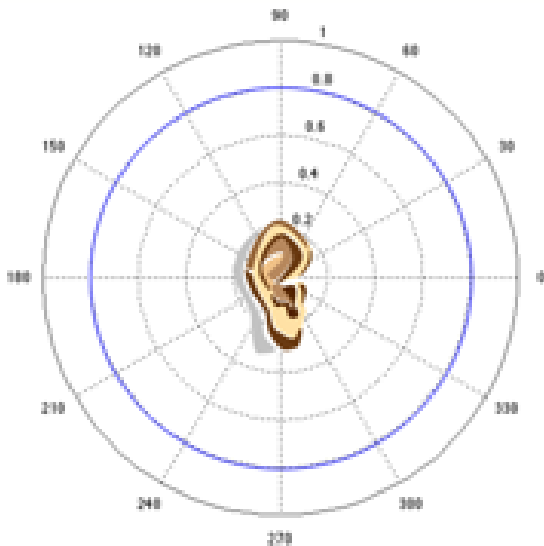
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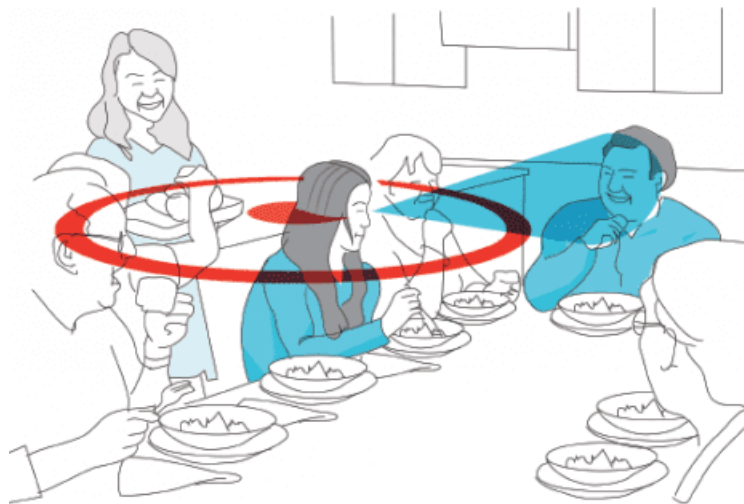
# Spatial Identification of Sound

Testing a directional hearing aid



## Conversation Source

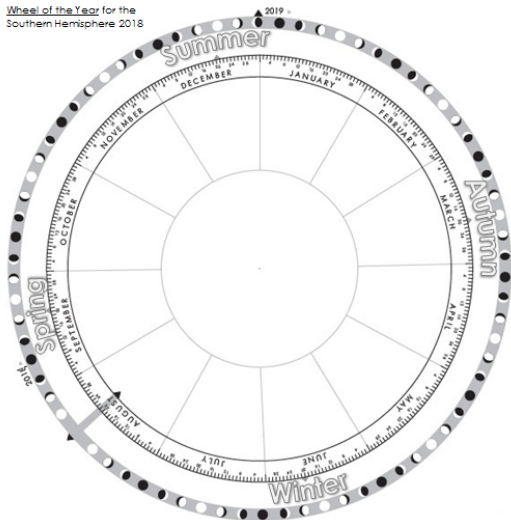
Where is the conversation coming from?



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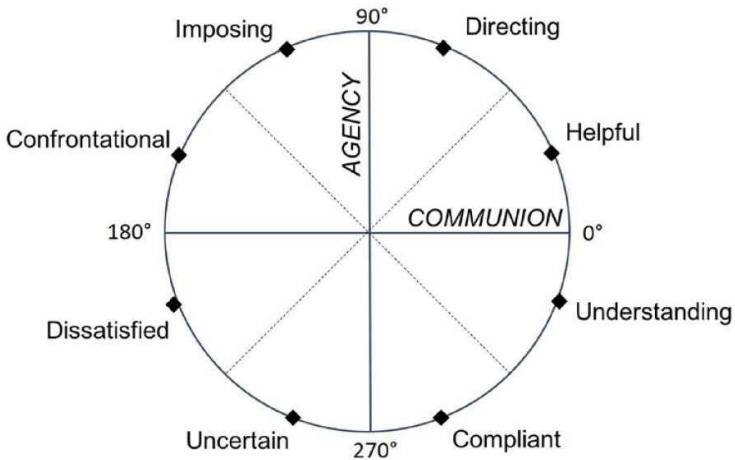
Which day will have the highest maximum temperature in Sydney?

Wheel of the Year for the  
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What is this person's personality?





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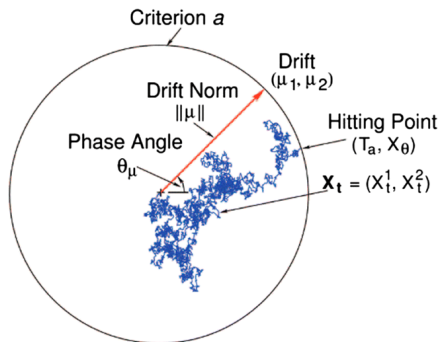
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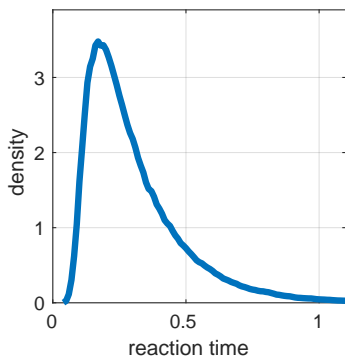
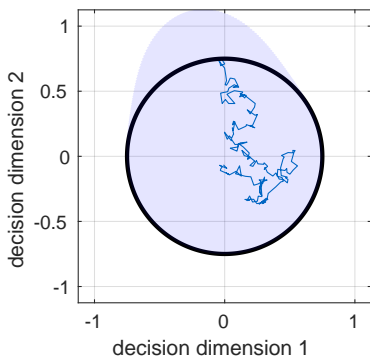
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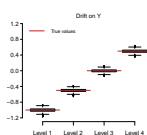
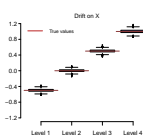
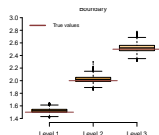
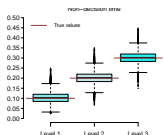
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- Hierarchical distribution: drift

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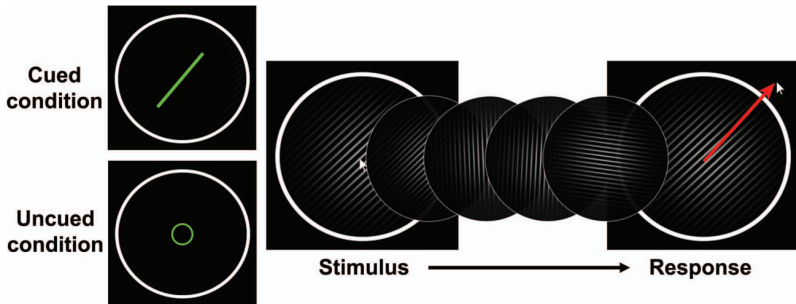
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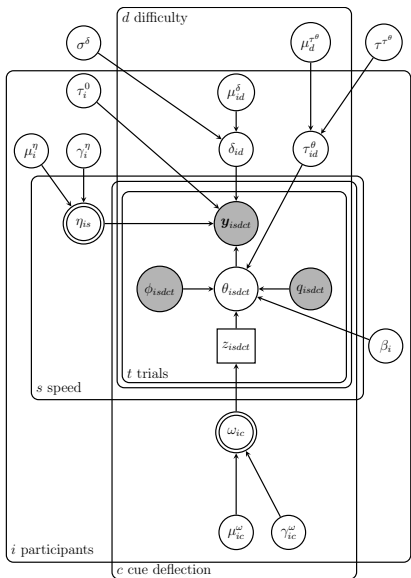
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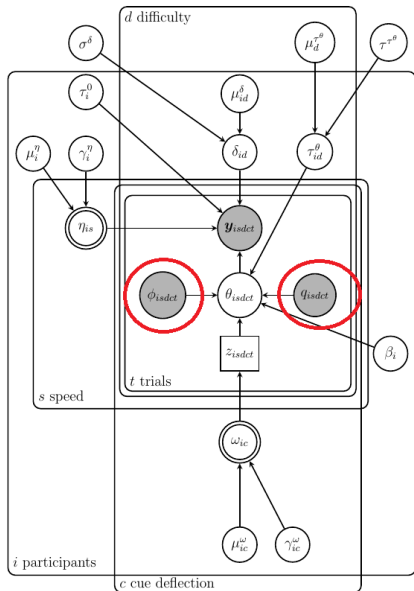
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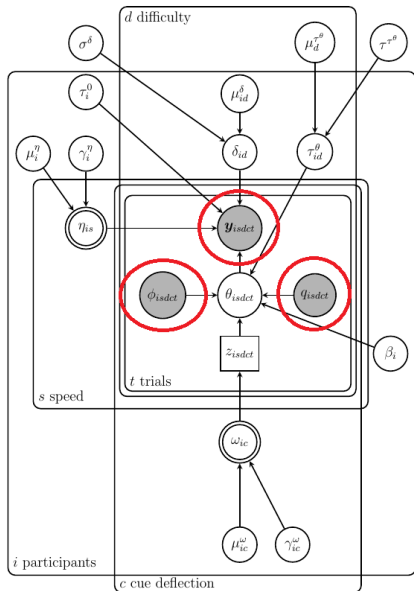
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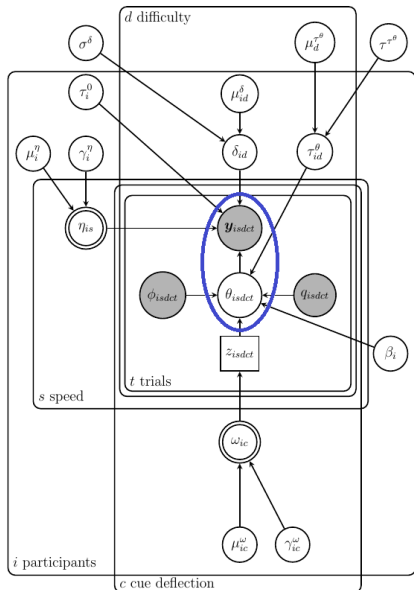
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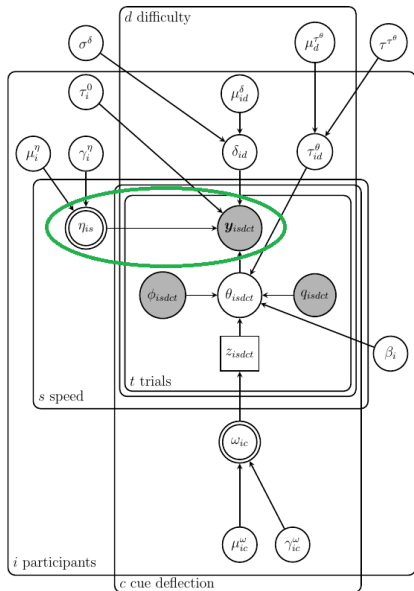


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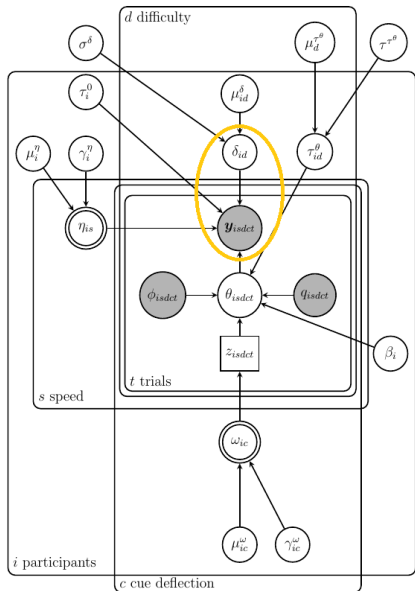
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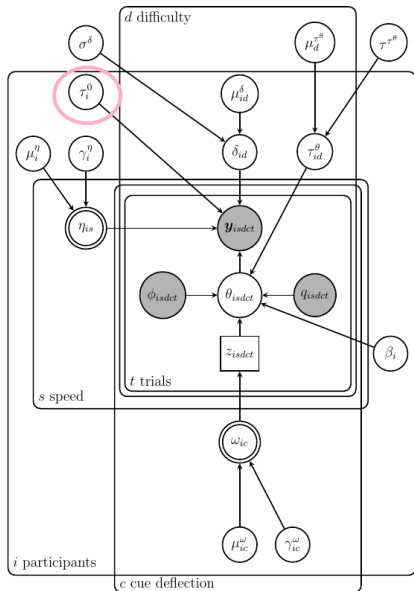
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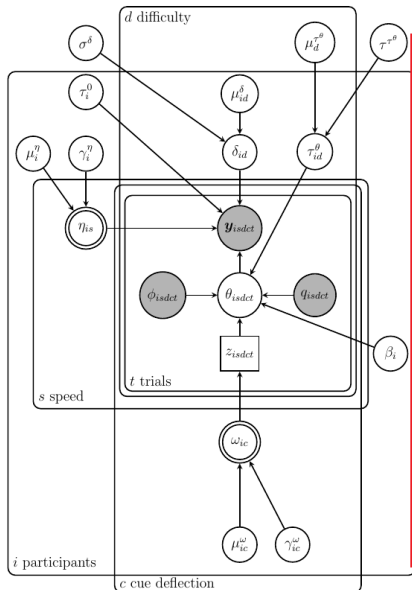
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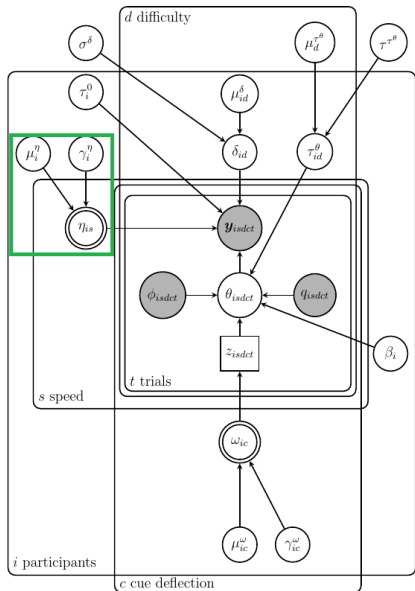
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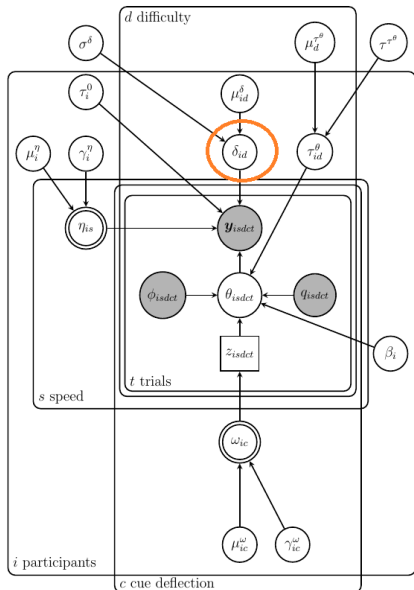
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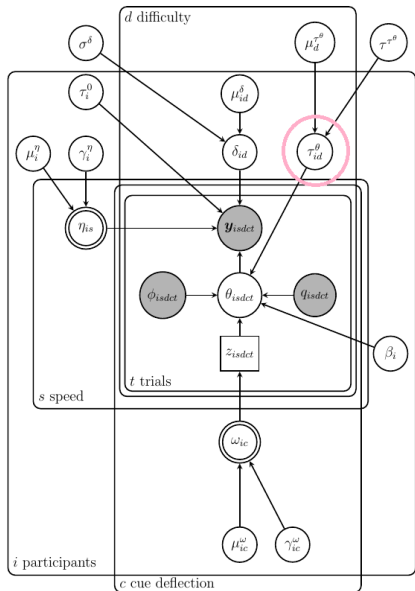
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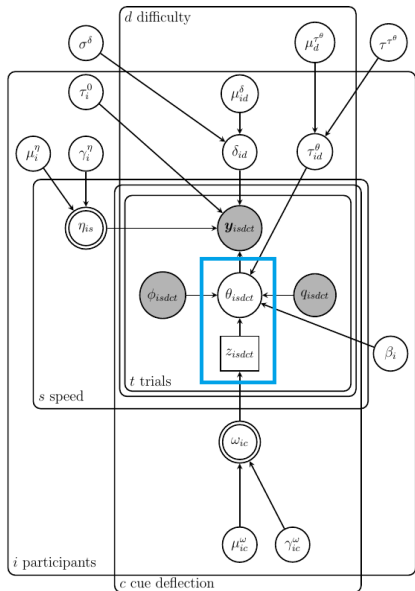
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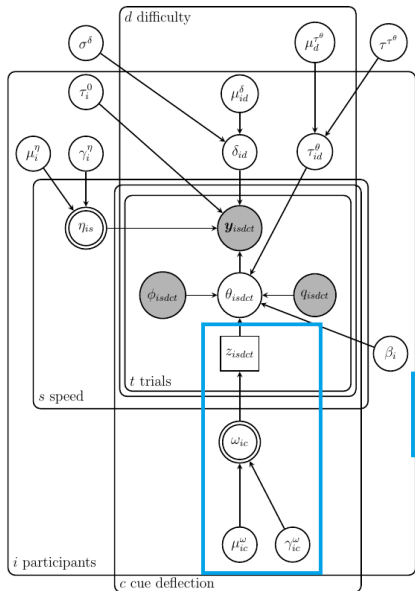


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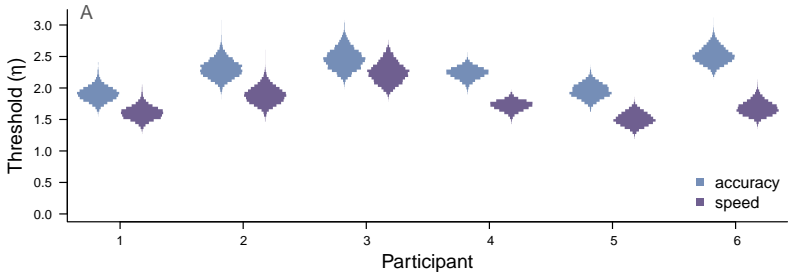
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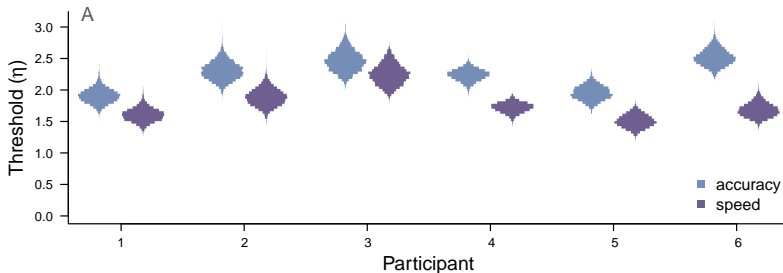
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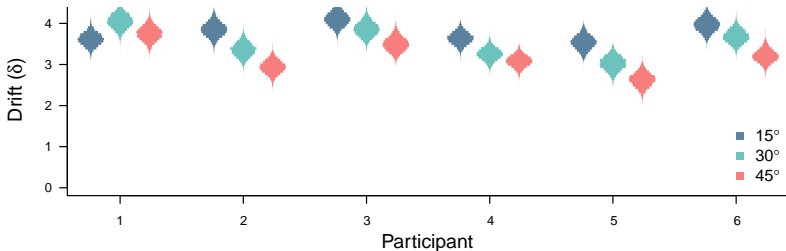
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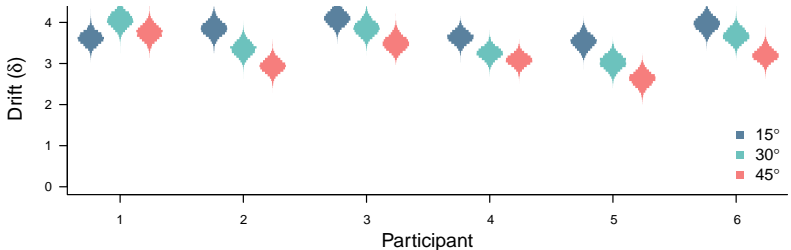
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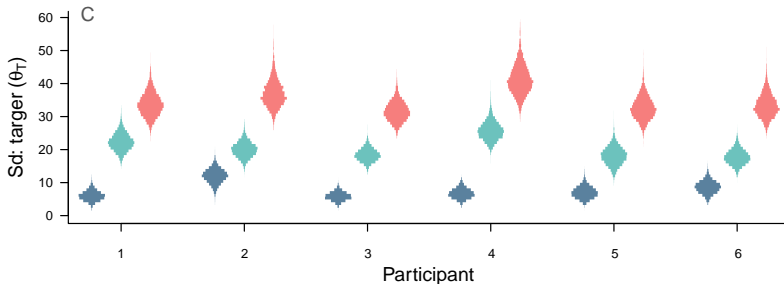
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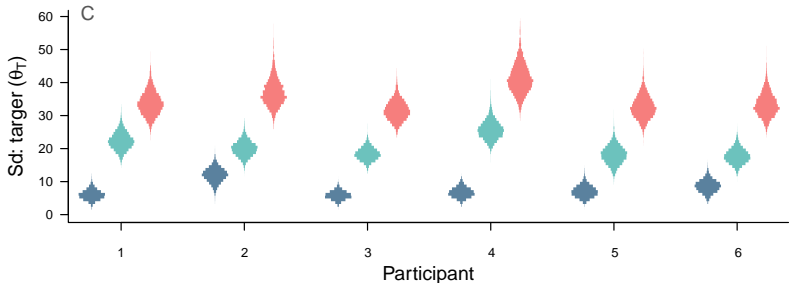
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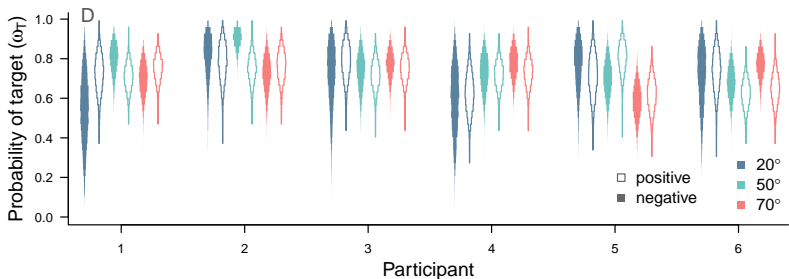
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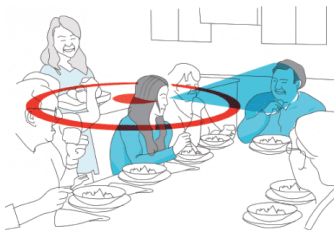
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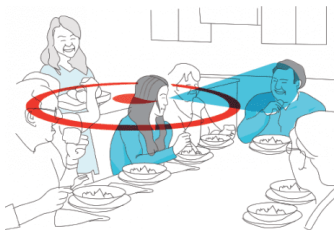


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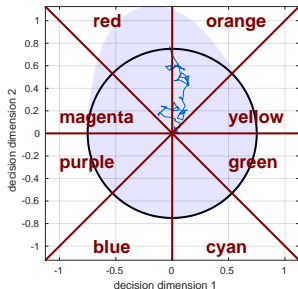
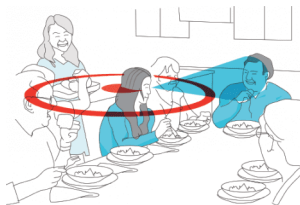
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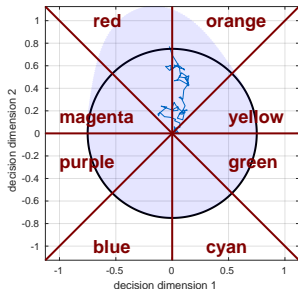


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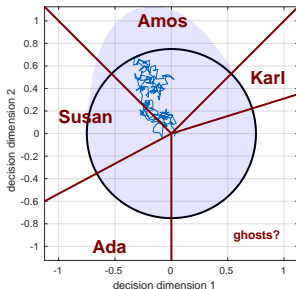
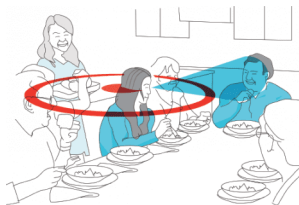


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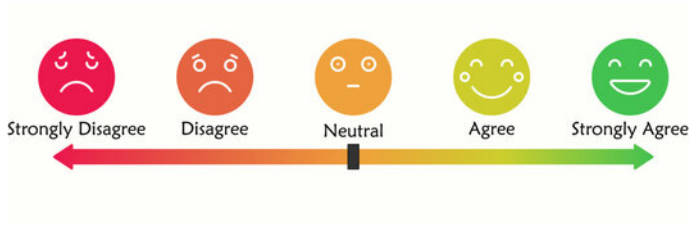


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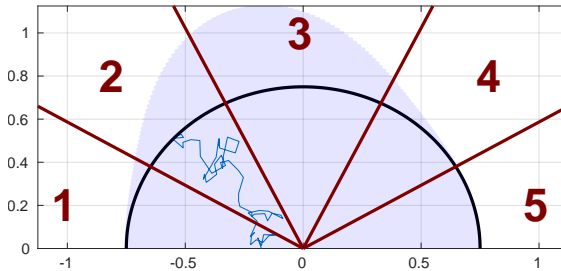
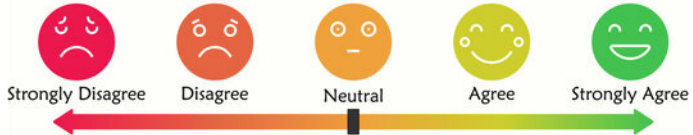




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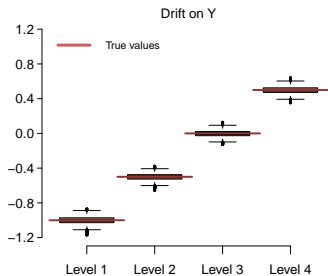
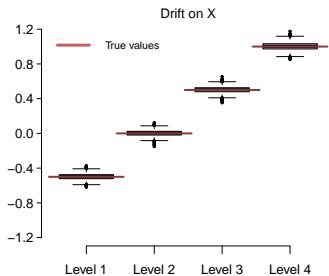
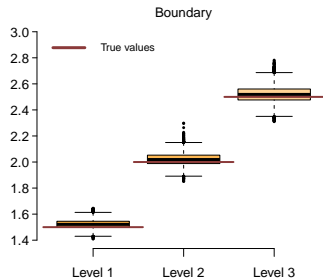
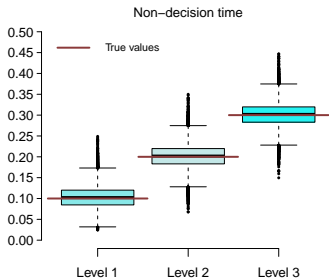
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