Lab Intro





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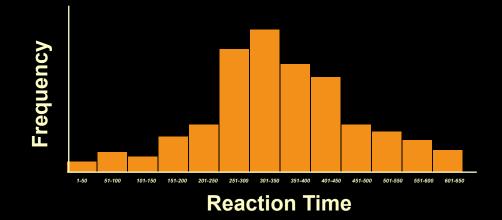
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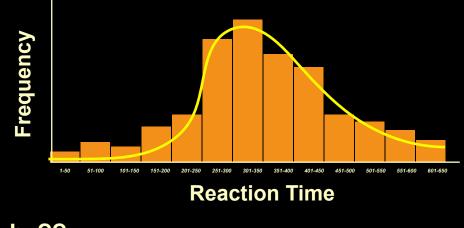
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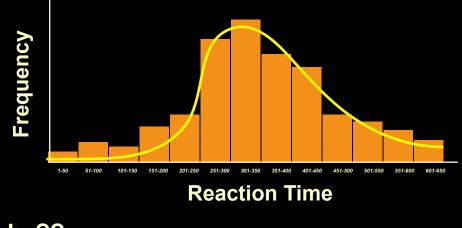
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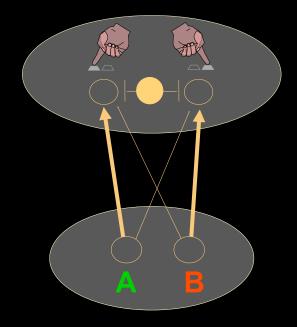
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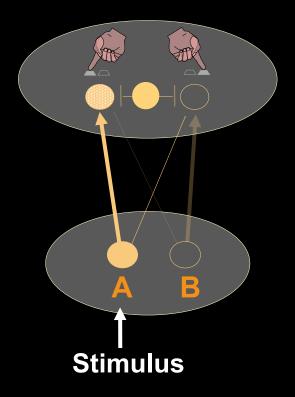
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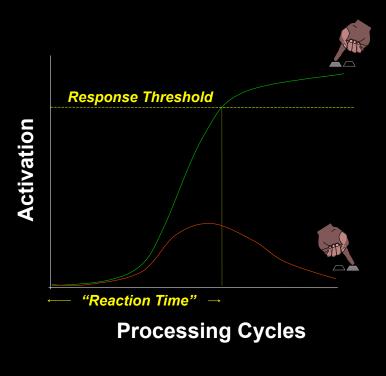
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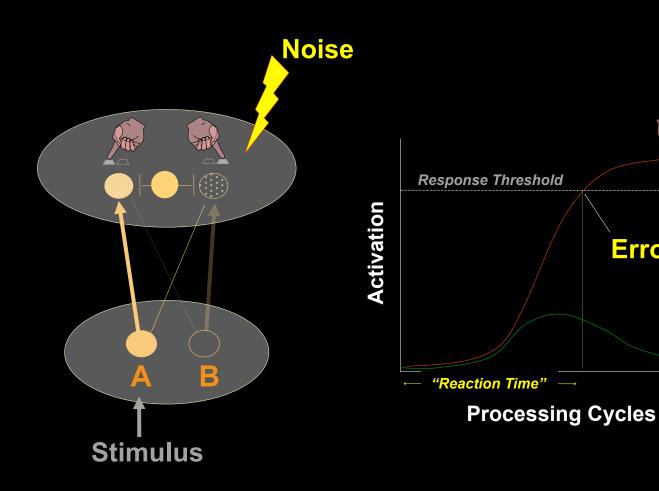


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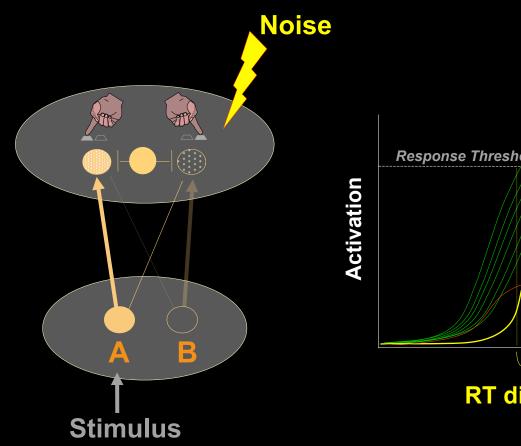


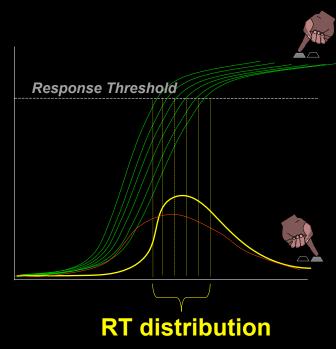
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• Accumulation to bound / integration theory of decision making We'll come to this later in the course





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A Block Modeling System for Cognitive Neuroscience





• Provide a language for implementing models of mind/brain function that is accessible to cognitive, brain, and computer scientists



• Smallest number of "commitments," that reflect fundamental principles of how the mind/brain is organized and functions without committing to any *particular* model or theory



• Allow models/theories to be expressed in as flexible a way as possible



• Provide a common framework for model sharing, integration and documentation



- Python-based



• Tutorial and documentation



 Object-oriented, "declarative" (vs. functional, "procedural") programming language:



Think as much about *what* as *how*



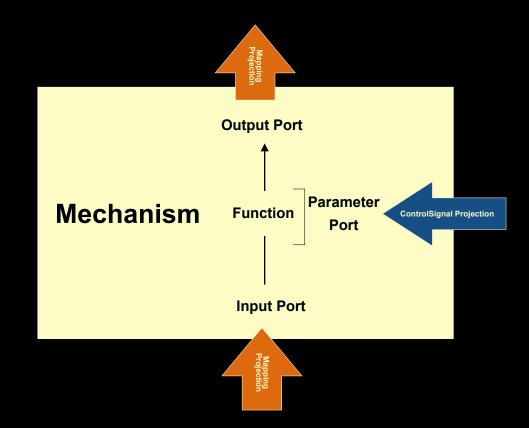
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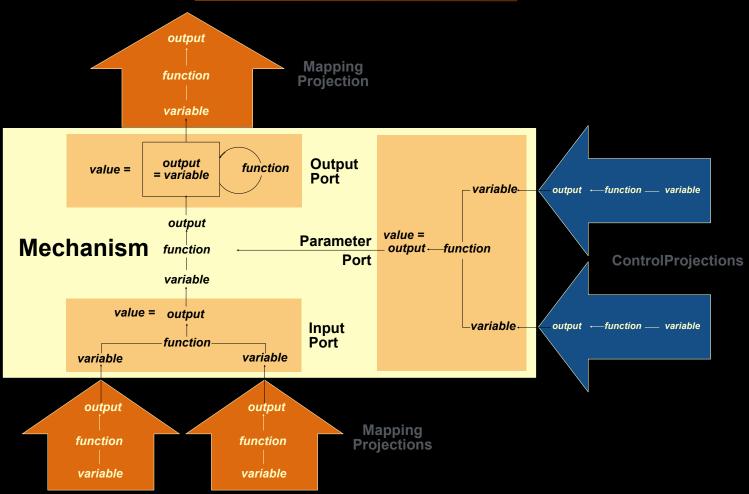
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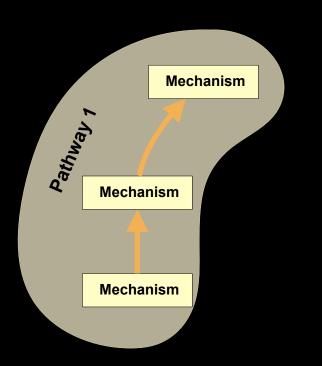
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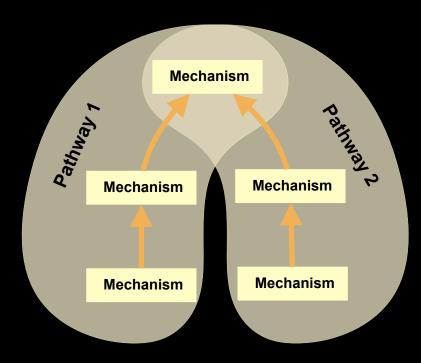
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- biophysical vs. connectionist (PDP) vs. symbolic
- mathematical vs. numerical

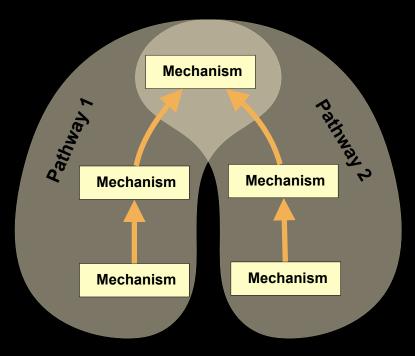




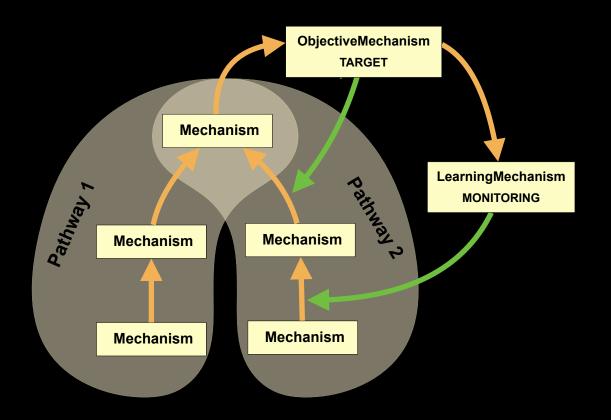




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