

# The Human Controller

## Class 4. Design & Evaluation

“The Red and Blue Chair”  
Gerrit Rietveld, 1917



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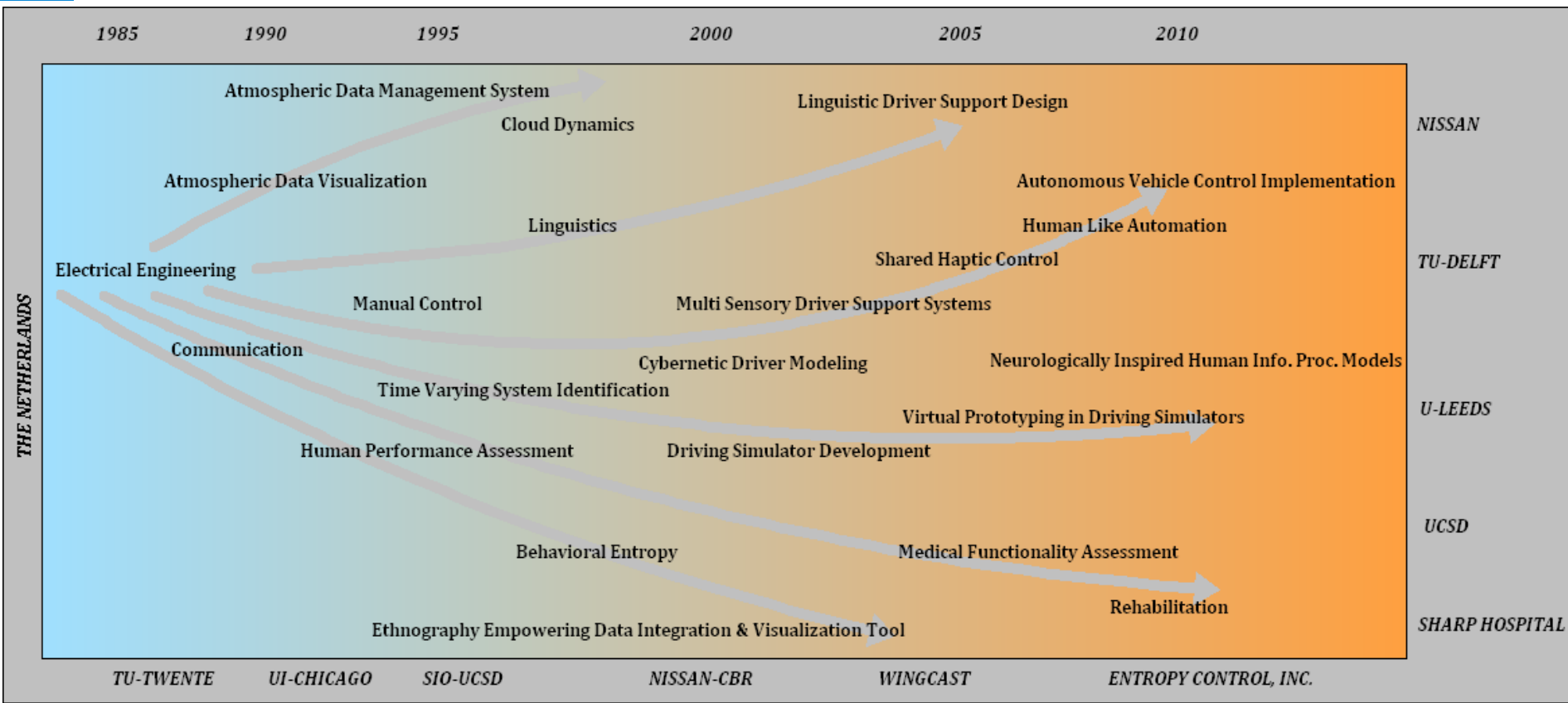
From Novelty to Utility

From Aesthetics to Performance



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$\frac{\partial S}{\partial \theta} = 1$   
 $S: B \rightarrow C$

Utilite  
 Mat. cost  
 V. rel  
 THW  
 $H_0$   
 $H_1$   
 Speed  
 THW

$Var_{THW} = \sigma_{noise}^2 + w_1 \sigma_{F_1}^2 + w_2 \sigma_{F_2}^2$

THW  
 p(x)  
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 THW

$H = \sum_{i=1}^q N_i \log p_i$

prod  
 error  
 $-Log P$   
 Language  
 few bits  
 many bits

Language  
 production  
 error

Language  
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# Learning Goals Lecture 4

**After this lecture, you will be able to:**

1. Reproduce:
  - a. Progression in our understanding of human functioning through time.
  - b. Progression in design of systems and human machine interaction through time.
  - c. Key types of designs that enhance human machine interaction.
  - d. Classical ways to assess human machine interaction performance.
  - e. Ways to characterize and measure human behavior.
  - f. Statistical means to compare systems or conditions in human machine interaction
2. Apply:
  - a. Methods to characterize human machine interaction behavior.
  - b. Methods of evaluation to determine what system or interface is better.
3. Be critical of:
  - a. The ways in which a human machine interaction task can be supported.
  - b. The limitations in evaluating human machine interaction from a single narrow perspective.

# The Human Controller

## Human Machine Interaction

Focus:

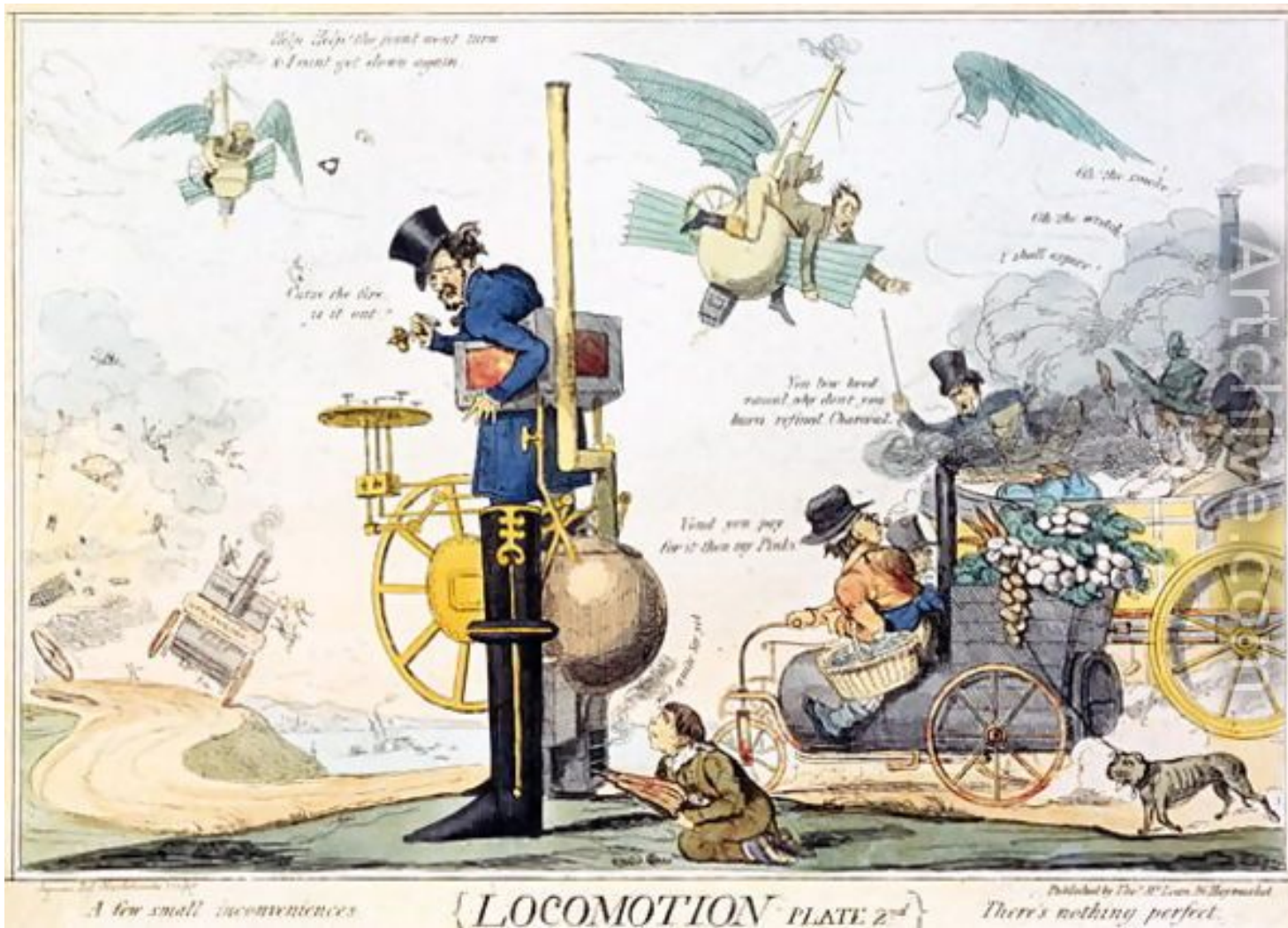
- Human control of mechanical things.

Examples:

- Hand tools
- Controlling the mechanical movements of own limbs
- Extensions of their limbs such as prostheses
- Tele-manipulators
  
- Controlling the mechanical movements of vehicles
  - Aircraft, automobiles, and trains.
  
- Movements of discrete products through manufacturing plants, or chemicals and other fluids through process plants such as refineries or nuclear power stations.



# Early Human-Machine Interaction



'Locomotion', London, c1820.

# Designing for and by Humans

## Shaping our Environment through Time

### Human Creation

- Natural environment
- Change natural environment
- Design powerful tools
- Adapt work environment
- Adapt machine control
- Adapt machine tools
- Adapt machine manipulators
- Adapt interactive systems
- Design reliable automation



### Human Knowledge



- Design powerful tools
- Adapt to tasks
- Adapt to physical limitations
- Adapt to human factors) (1950 – 1960)
- Adapt to controller (1960 – 1990)
- Adapt to technological advances in sensing and actuation (1990 – 2010)
- Learn human adaptation (2010 - ... )
- Create new environments for humans to work and play in.

**Support**  
**Information Acquisition**  
**Knowledge Building**  
**Controllability**



# Supporting Humans

## Display Augmentation

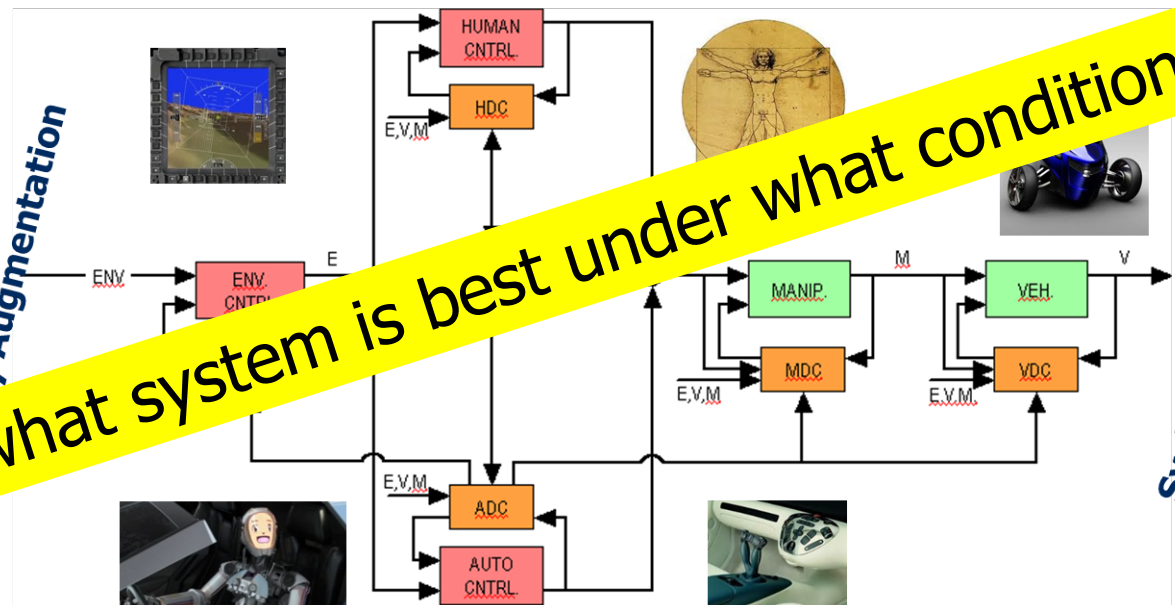
- Aug environment
- Aug state
- Aug system

## System Alterations

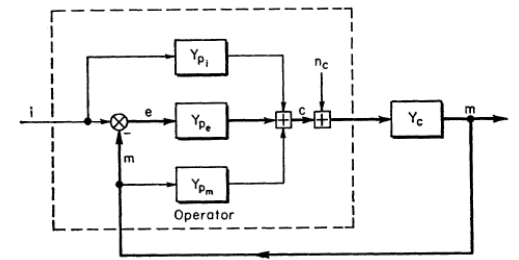
- Alter control
- Alter system
- Alter feedback

## Cooperation Additions

- Add protection
- Add controller
- Add automation



How do we know what system is best under what conditions?





# Supporting the Human Perception and Prediction

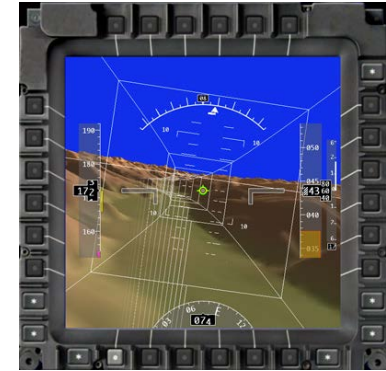
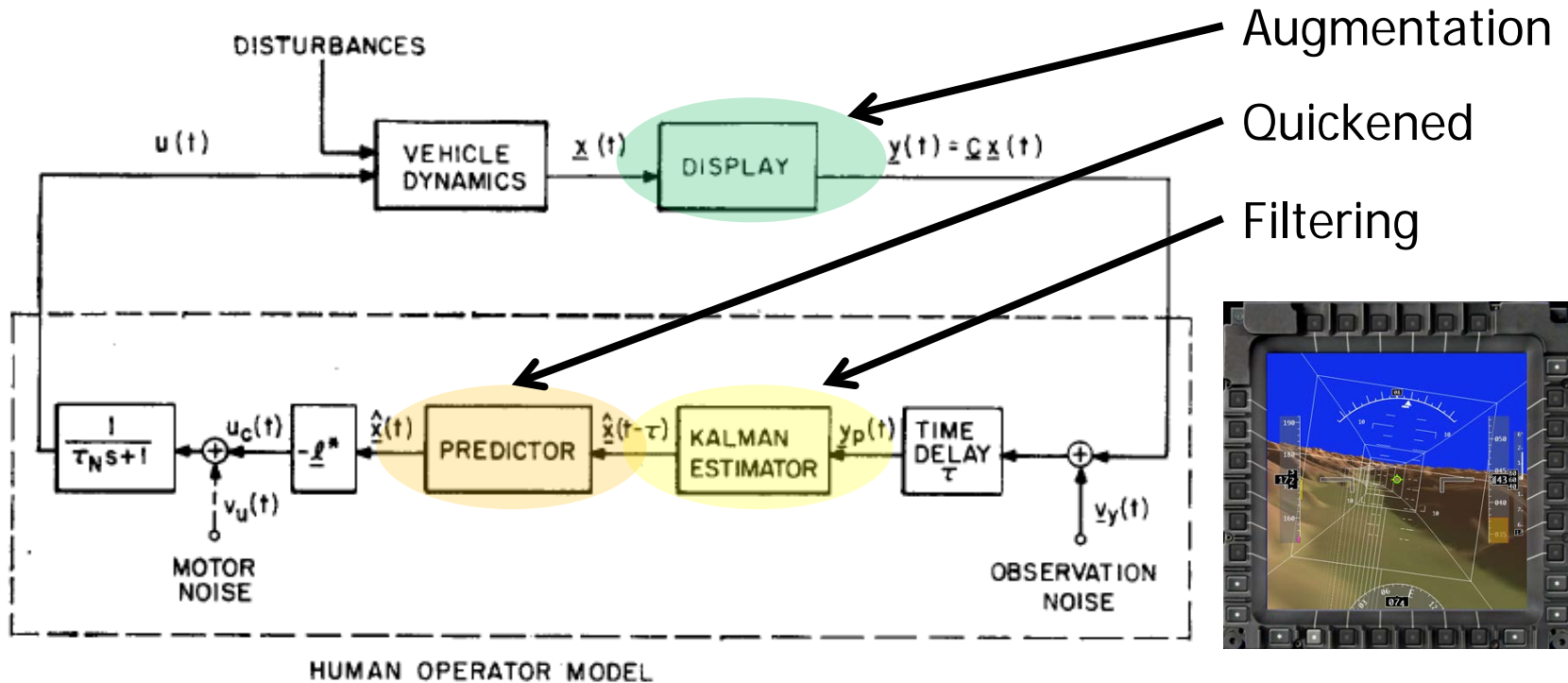


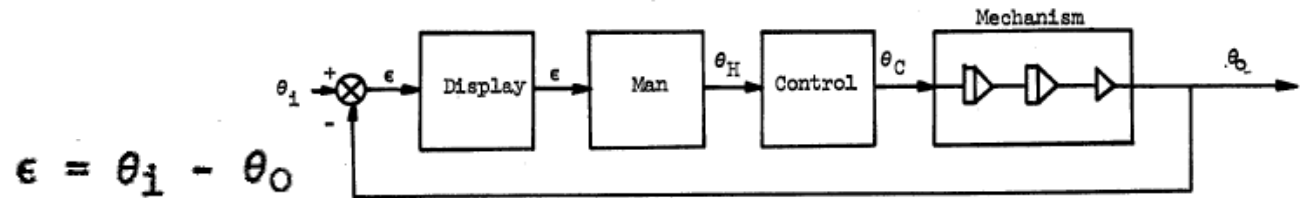
FIG. 2. Control-theoretic model of optimal human behavior.

D.L. Kleinman, S. Baron, and W.H. Levison, "An Optimal Control Model of Human Response. Part 1: Theory and Validation," *Automatica*, vol. 6, no. 3, 1970, pp. 357-369.

# Quickening – Since 1958



(a) Unquickened System



(b) Quickened System

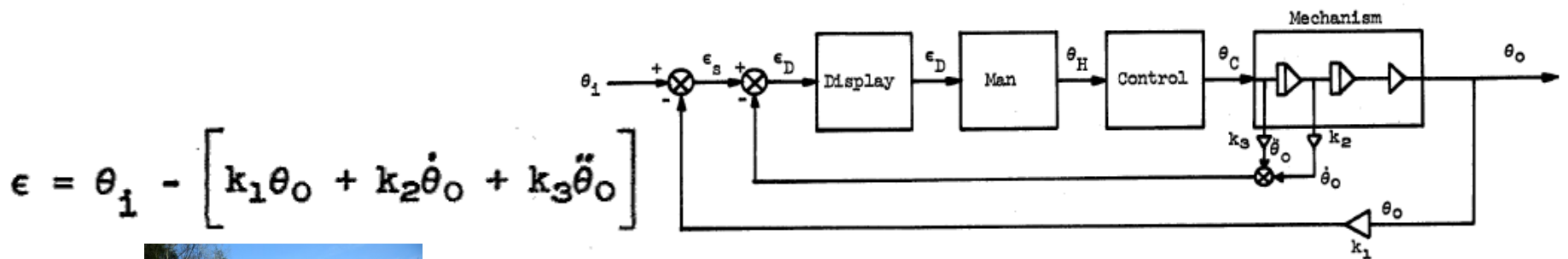
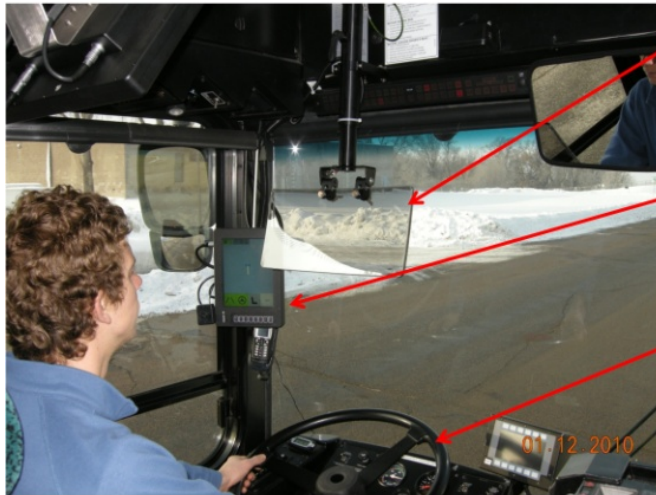


Figure 2. Example of an unquicken and a quickened system

Forst, George, 1965: Effect of display quickening on human transfer functions during a dual-axis compensatory tracking task. U S Air Force Tech Doc Rep Amrl Tr4: 1-207

# Augmentation

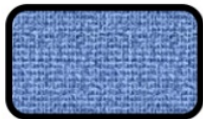
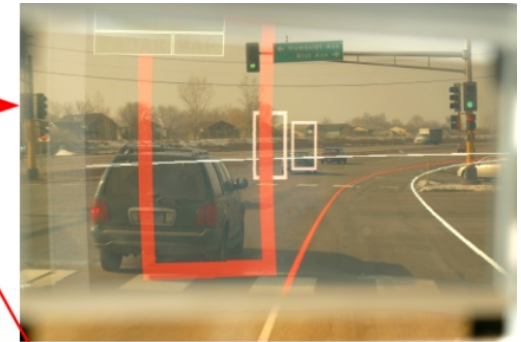


Head Up Display for vision enhancement & fwd collision awareness

Graphical display for fwd & side collision awareness

Torque feedback for lane departure prevention

Tactile seat for lane departure prevention (directional “buzzing” of seat cushion)



<http://www.bus2.me.umn.edu/system.html>

# Three Key People for the Human Controller

## A Theoretical Field-Analysis of Automobile-Driving

James J. Gibson and Laurence E. Crooks

*The American Journal of Psychology*, Vol. 51, No. 3 (Jul., 1938), pp. 453-471

### HOW PEOPLE PERCEIVE AND USE THE ENVIRONMENT: DIRECT MANIPULATION OF PERCEPTS

McRuer, Duane T.; Jex, Henry R., **A Review of Quasi-Linear Pilot Models**,  
*Human Factors in Electronics, IEEE Transactions on*,  
vol.HFE-8, no.3, pp.231,249, Sept. 1967

The crossover model is

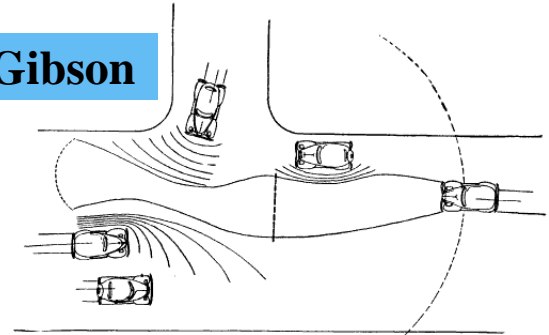
$$Y_{OL}(j\omega) = Y_p Y_c \doteq \frac{\omega_c e^{-j\omega\tau_e}}{j\omega}; \text{ near } \omega_c.$$

### HOW PEOPLE VIEW A CONTROL TASK AND ADAPT THEIR BEHAVIOR TO ACHIEVE DESIRED PERFORMANCE

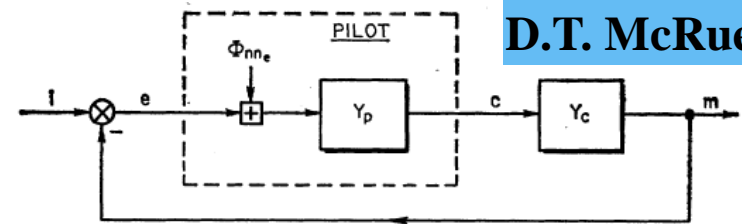
Wolpert DM, Miall RC & Kawato M (1998)  
**Internal models in the cerebellum.**  
*Trends in Cognitive Sciences* 2:338-347

### HOW DO PEOPLE INTEGRATE SENSORY INFORMATION AND WHAT INTERNAL MODELS DO THEY BUILD?

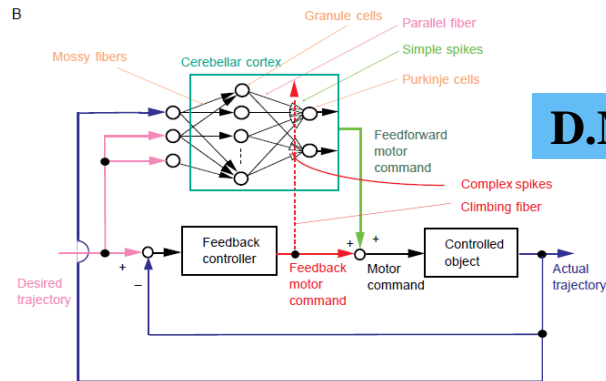
J.J. Gibson



D.T. McRuer



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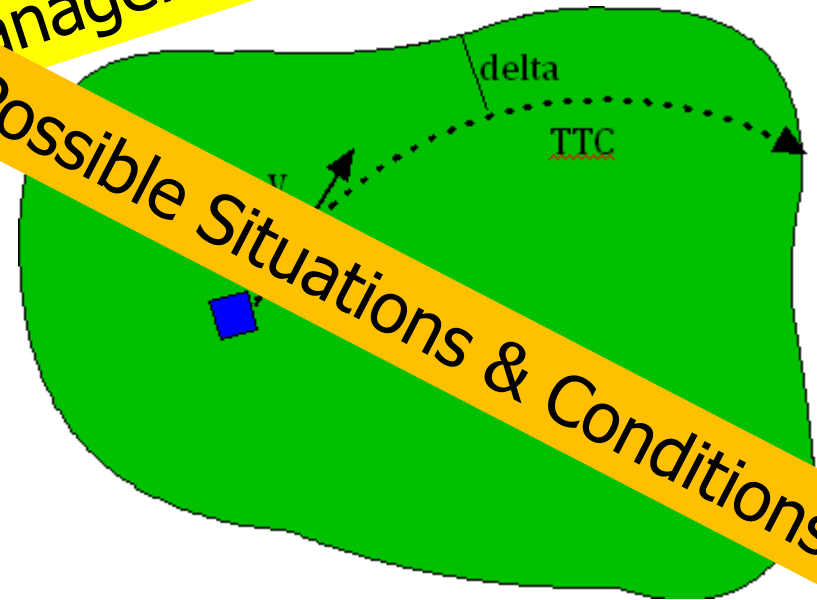


D.M. Wolpert

# Similarity Across all Control Tasks

- Risk management
  - Boundaries in the task space should not be exceeded
    - Spatial constraints
    - System dynamic constraints
  - Risk can be defined as a combination of:
    - Distance to these boundaries
    - Approach to these boundaries (at high parallel speed along boundary)
    - Approach to these boundaries

- ❑ Keep state (blue) within established boundaries (in green field).
- ❑ Potential risk based on distance,  $\Delta$ , and TTC.



How to Quantify Risk across all management under all conditions!  
Those that support tolerance all Possible Situations & Conditions?

# Three Main HMI Design Perspectives

Interior Layout → Distributed Cognition & Ergonomics

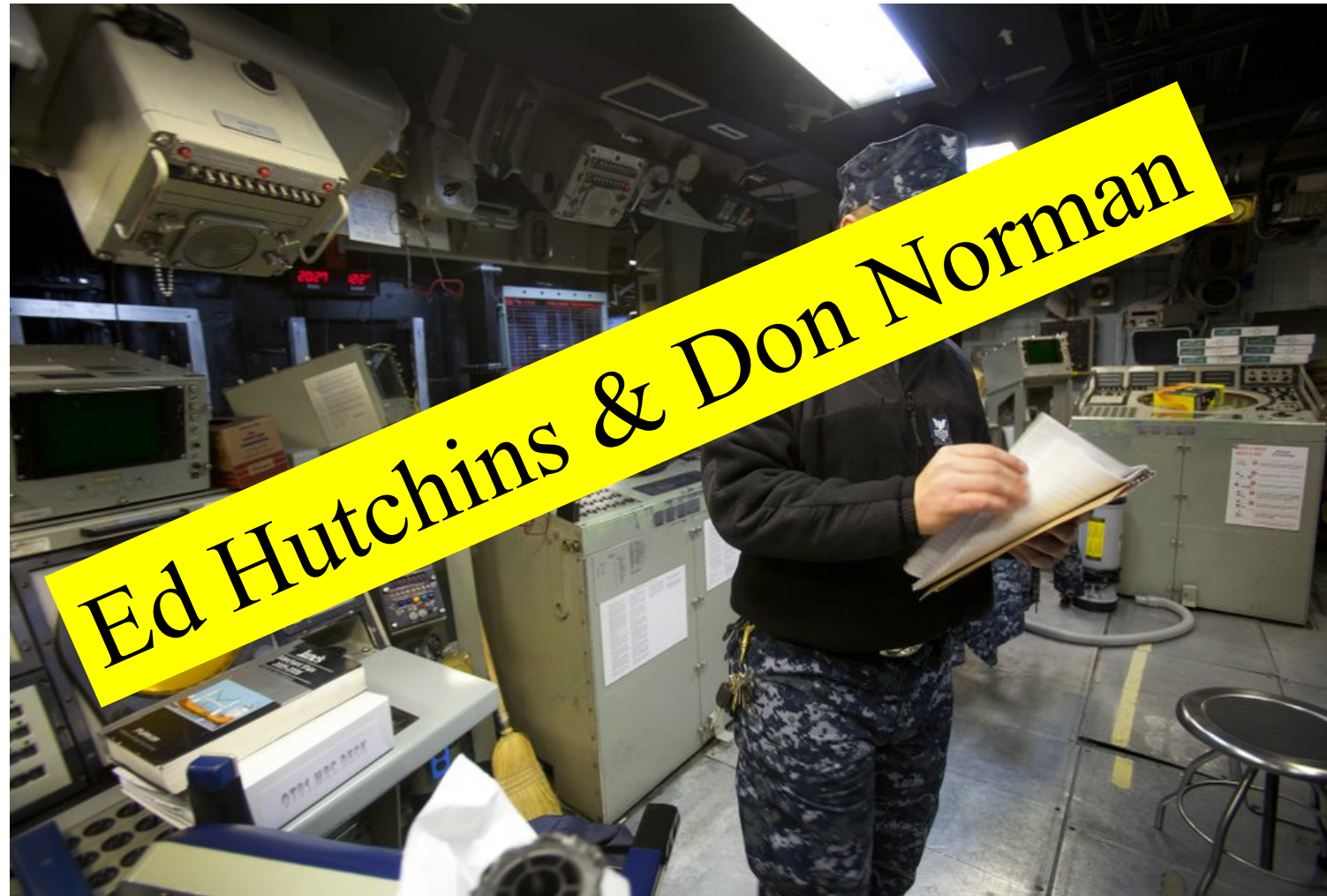
Interface Layout → Ecological Interface Design & Usability

Interaction Layout → Interaction & Automation

**MATCH HUMAN AND MACHINE**  
**Perceptual, Cognitive, Control**

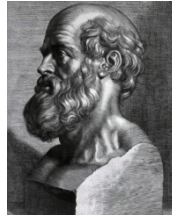


# How to Design the Space Layout



# History of Design for Humans – Ergonomics

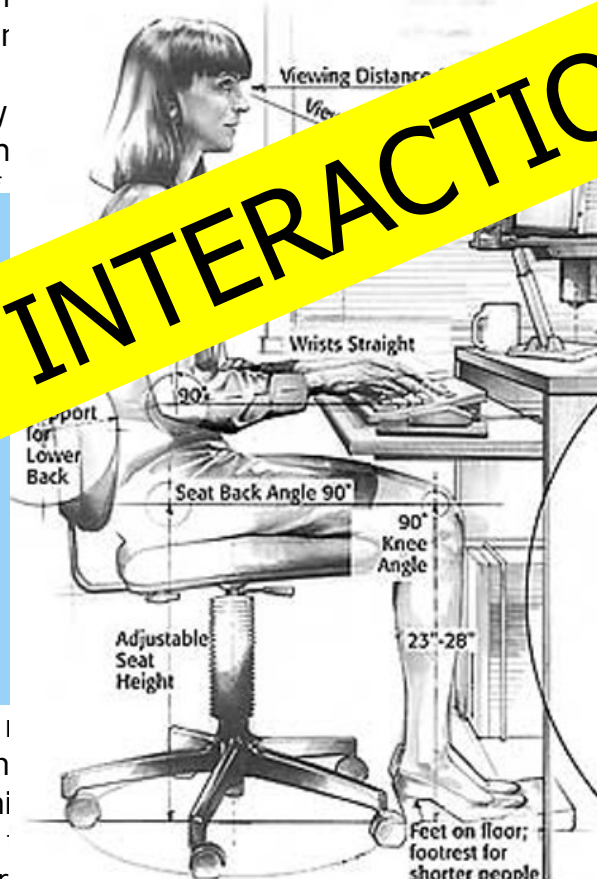
A good deal of evidence indicates that Greek civilization in the 5th century BC used ergonomic



3. The surgeon may stand or be seated, in a posture comfortable for him and dependent on the point of operation and the light. There are two ways of lighting: natural and artificial, however, is ways namely directly it is obvious to which lighting, the point of

- 1: Body and working height
- 2: Work area
- 3: Reach zones
- 4: Parts presentation
- 5: Range of motion
- 6: Location of work equipment

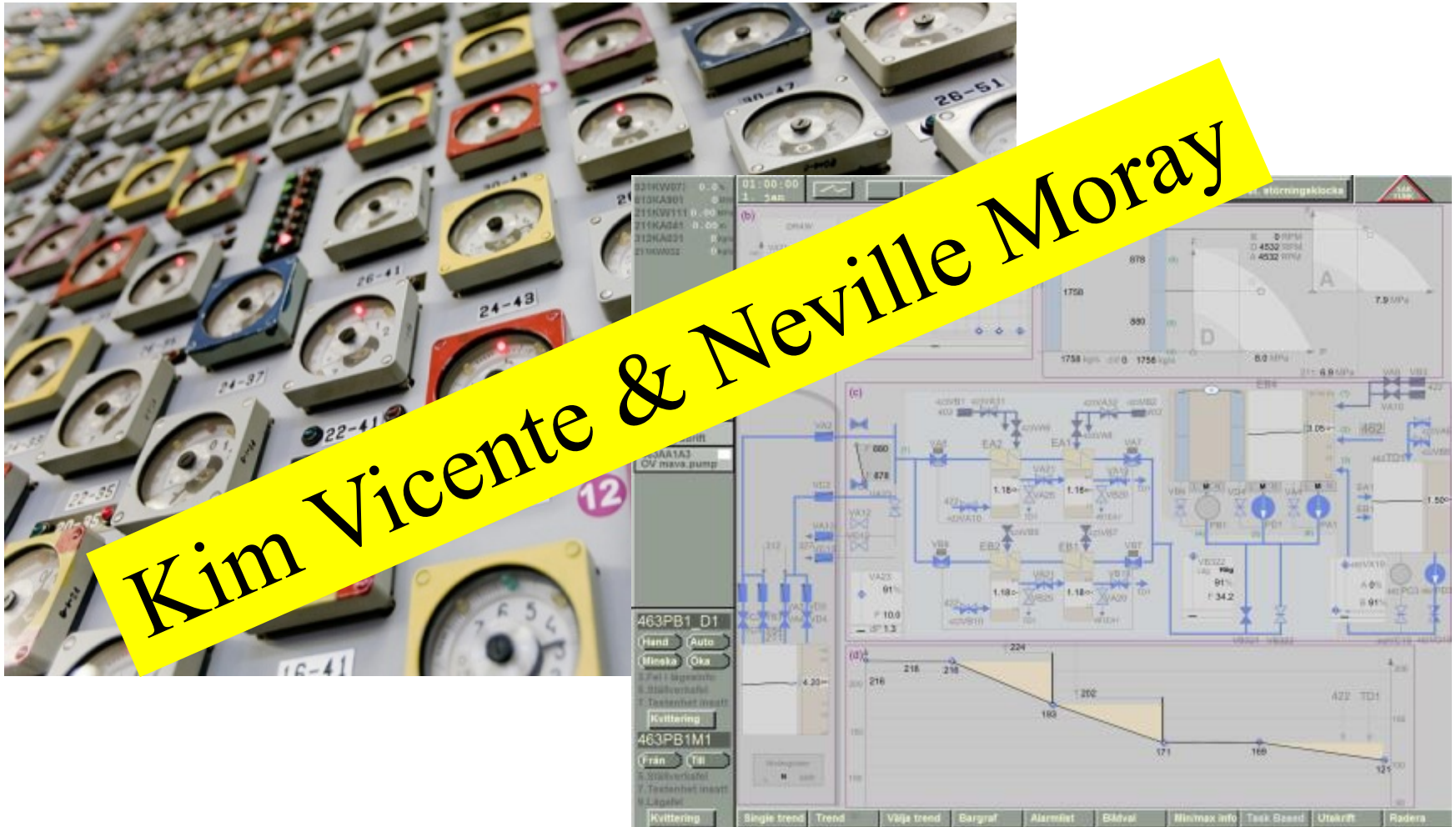
center. The surgeon must sit with his knees and in front of him not be higher than his knees and must not touch his knees and the same rule applies for the chair. The chair must not cause him to leave his seat. If, however, he needs to turn, the patient's body and the area of operation must be repositioned.



**BUT WHAT ABOUT INTERACTION?**



# How to Design Interface Symbology



# History of Design for Humans – Usability

## 10 Usability Heuristics for User Interface Design by JAKOB NIELSEN on January 1990

**Visibility of system status** The system should always keep users informed about what is going on, through appropriate feedback within reasonable time.

**Match between system and the real world** The system should speak the users' language and use words, phrases, and conventions familiar to the user, rather than system-oriented terms. Follow real-world conventions to represent actions to be performed and logical order.

**User control and freedom** Users often choose system functions by mistake and will need a "quick out" (e.g., "emergency exit") to leave the unwanted state without having to go through an extended dialog. Provide an "undo" button, as well as a "redo" button if appropriate.

**Consistency and standards** Users should not have to wonder whether different words, phrases, or actions mean the same thing. Follow platform conventions.

**Error prevention** Even better than good error messages is a design that prevents a problem from occurring in the first place. Either eliminate error-prone conditions or, better yet, validate data before the user performs an action. Provide confirmation before they commit to data changes or important actions.

**Recognition rather than recall** Making objects, actions, and options visible. The user should not have to remember information from one part of the dialog to another. Instructions for use of the system should be visible or easily retrievable whenever appropriate.

**Flexibility and efficiency** Accelerators (e.g., keyboard shortcuts) can be used by the novice user -- may often speed up the interaction for the expert user such that the system can cater to both inexperienced and experienced users. Allow users to tailor frequent actions.

**Aesthetic and minimalist design** Dialogues should not contain information which is irrelevant or rarely needed. Every extra unit of information only "competes" with the relevant units of information and diminishes their relative visibility.

**Help and documentation** Error messages should be expressed in plain language (no codes), indicate the problem, and constructively suggest a solution.

**Help and documentation** Even though it is better if the system can be used without documentation, it may be necessary to provide documentation. Any such information should be easy to search, focused on the user's task, list concrete steps to be carried out, and not be too large.

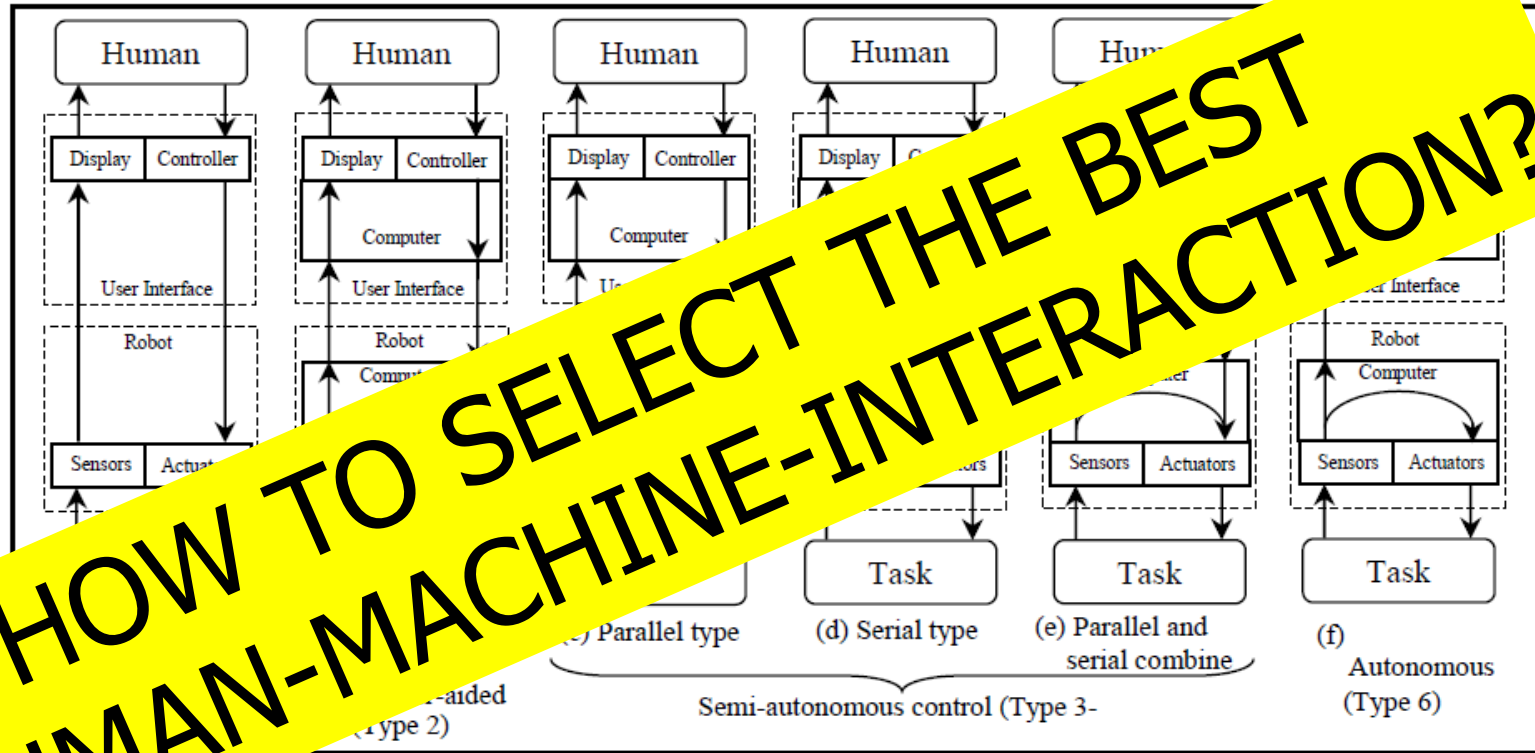
- Nielsen, J., and Molich, R. (1990). Heuristic evaluation of user interfaces, *Proc. ACM CHI'90 Conf.* (Seattle, WA, 1-5 April), 249-256.

**USABILITY: EASE OF USE AND LEARNABILITY OF A HUMAN-MADE OBJECT OR INTERACTION**

# How to Design Human Machine Interaction & Responsibility



# History of Design for Humans – Interactive Control with Machines

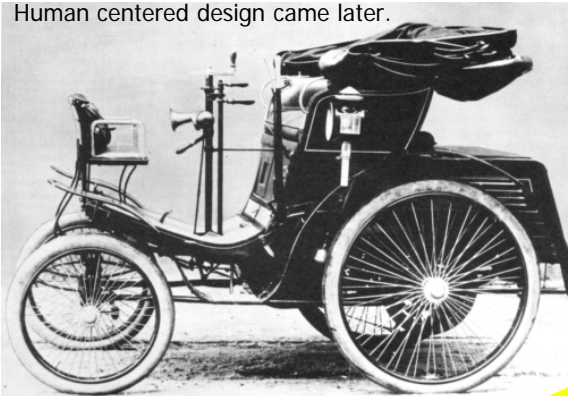


spectrum of control modes ((Fig. (a), (b), (e) & (f) are adapted and modified from Sheridan (1992) (Fig. (c) & (d) are adapted and modified from Yasuyoshi et al. (1993))

Kai Wei Ong, Gerald Seet and Siang Kok Sim (2005). Sharing and Trading in a Human-Robot System, Cutting Edge Robotics, Vedran Kordic, Aleksandar Lazinica and Munir Merdan (Ed.), ISBN: 3-86611-038-3, InTech, DOI: 10.5772/4665.

# HMI Designs Gone Wrong

Human centered design came later.



1886 is regarded the year of birth of the automobile - with the Benz Patent-Motorwagen.

World cars dropped from 5th to 23rd in Power's customer satisfaction survey primarily due to a complex and hard to use in-car digital UI.

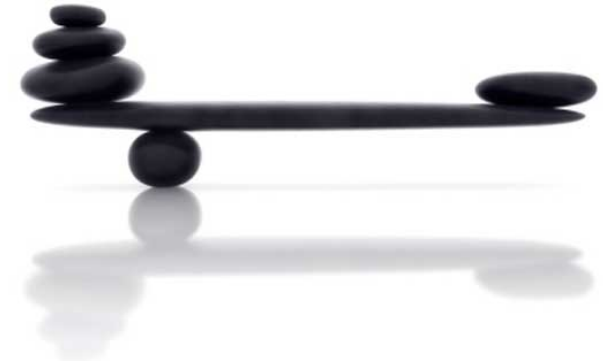
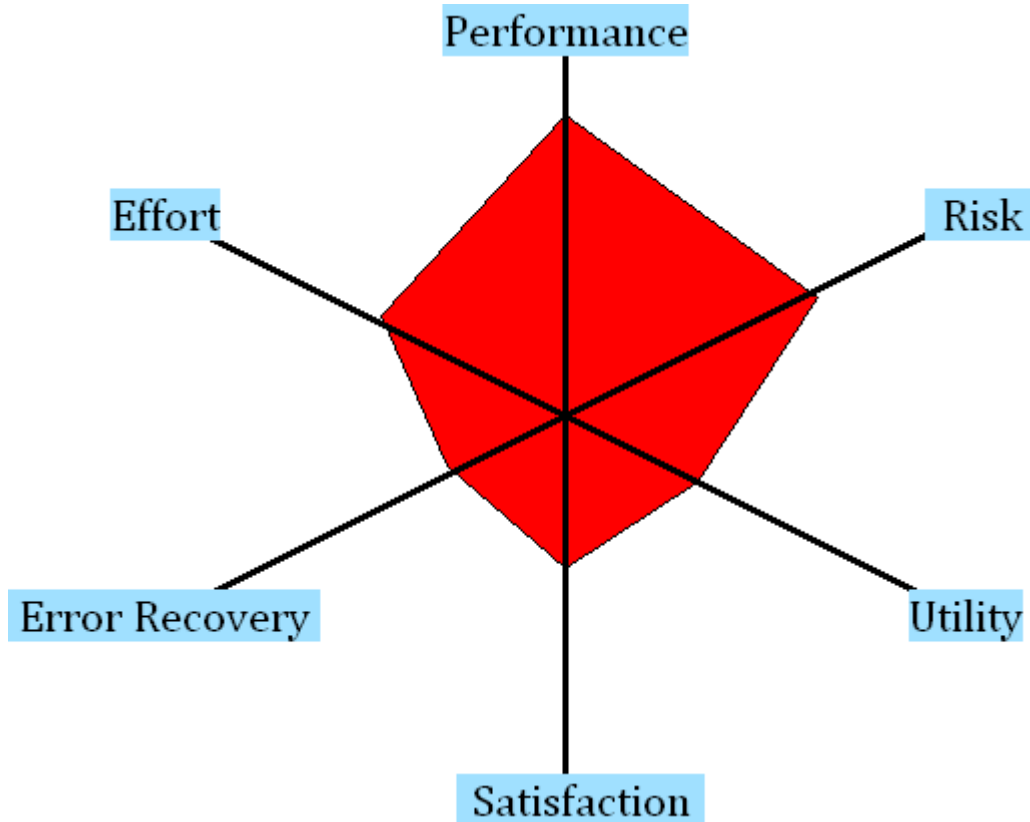


100 years since the first car, we still produce bad designs!

# Evaluation of HMI Designs



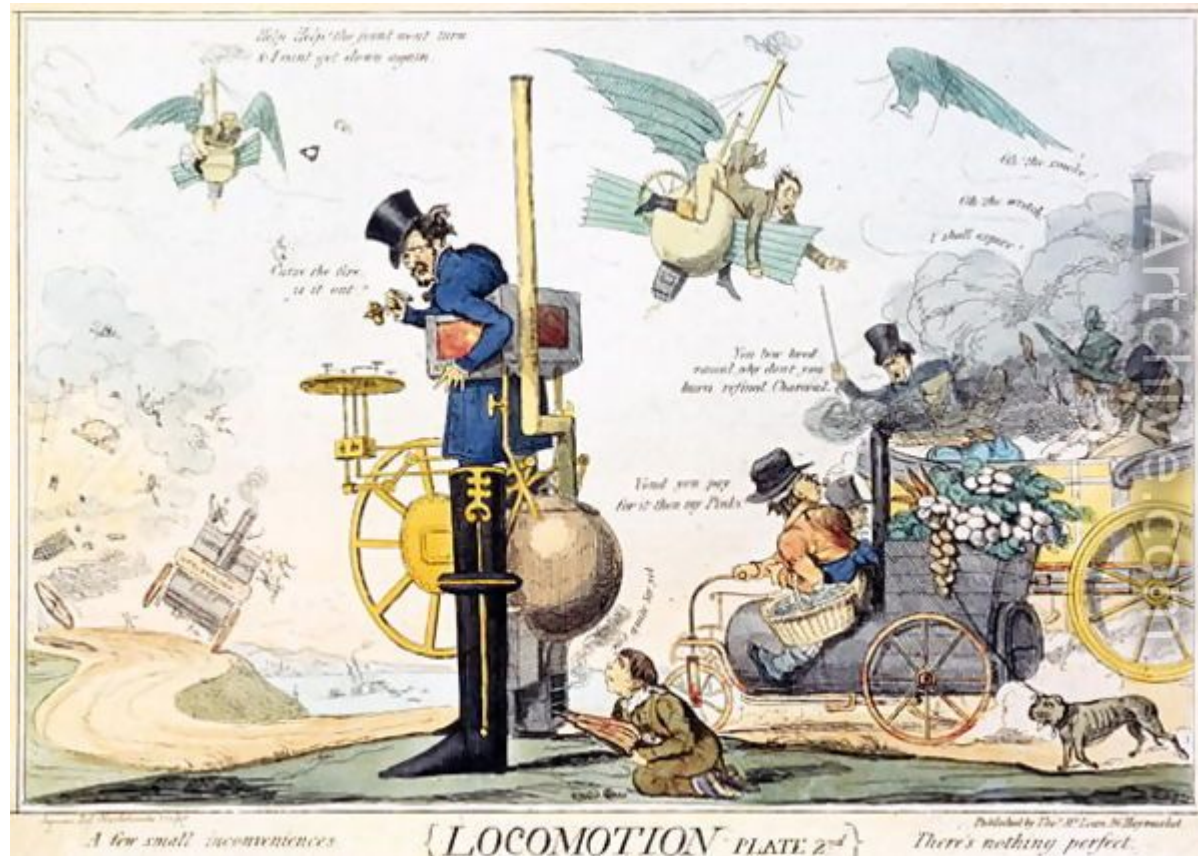
# Dimensions of HMI Evaluation



# Classical Evaluation Methods

## Objective & Subjective Quantitative & Qualitative

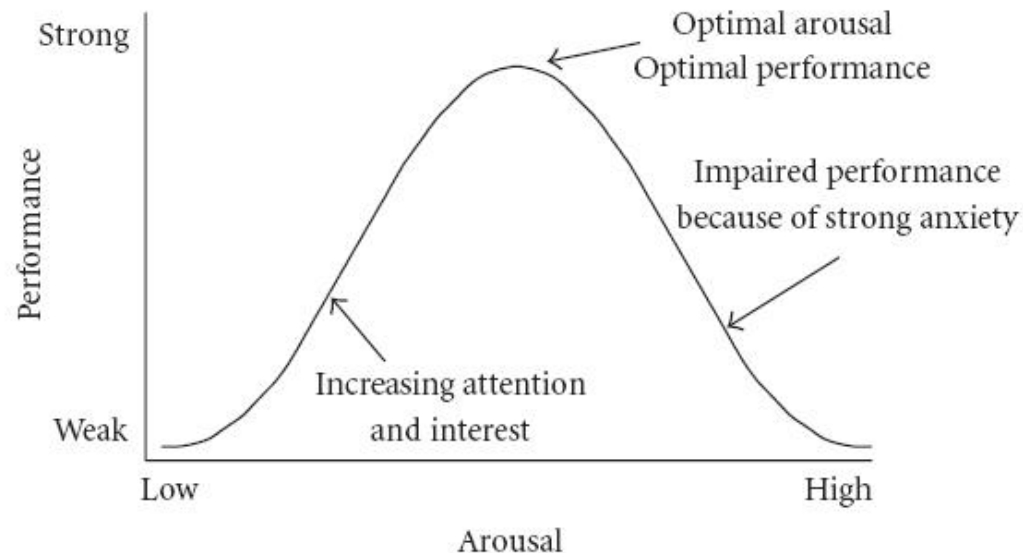
- Inverted U
- NASA TLX
- Utility-Satisfaction
- Micro-Worlds
- GOMS Models
- Safety Margins
- *Whose Performance?*
- Reversal Rates
- Steering Entropy





# Inverted-U Quantitative Performance-Arousal Balance

## Yerkes–Dodson law



Yerkes RM, Dodson JD (1908). "The relation of strength of stimulus to rapidity of habit-formation". *Journal of Comparative Neurology and Psychology* 18: 459–482.

# Qualitative Subjective Evaluation

## User Perspective on Interaction with Systems

Quantify personal task execution experience along different assessment dimensions.



*Hart, S., & Staveland, L. (1988). Development of NASA-TLX (Task Load Index): Results of empirical and theoretical research*

### NASA Task Load Index

Hart and Staveland's NASA Task Load Index (TLX) method assesses work load on five 7-point scales. Increments of high, medium and low estimates for each point result in 21 gradations on the scales.

Name	Task	Date

**Mental Demand**      How mentally demanding was the task?

Very Low      Very High

**Physical Demand**      How physically demanding was the task?

Very Low      Very High

**Temporal Demand**      How hurried or rushed was the pace of the task?

Very Low      Very High

**Performance**      How successful were you in accomplishing what you were asked to do?

Perfect      Failure

**Effort**      How hard did you have to work to accomplish your level of performance?

Very Low      Very High

**Frustration**      How insecure, discouraged, irritated, stressed, and annoyed were you?

Very Low      Very High

# Utility – Satisfaction

## Personal Assessment – Buy?

1	Useful	_ _ _ _	Useless
2	Pleasant	_ _ _ _	Unpleasant
3	Bad	_ _ _ _	Good
4	Nice	_ _ _ _	Annoying
5	Effective	_ _ _ _	Superfluous
6	Irritating	_ _ _ _	Likeable
7	Assisting	_ _ _ _	Worthless
8	Undesirable	_ _ _ _	Desirable
9	Raising Alertness	_ _ _ _	Sleep-inducing

Principal Component Analysis → 2D → **Satisfaction** & **Usability**

Van der Laan, J.D., Heino, A., & De Waard, D. (1997). A simple procedure for the assessment of acceptance of advanced transport telematics. *Transportation Research - Part C: Emerging Technologies*, 5, 1-10.

# Micro-Worlds

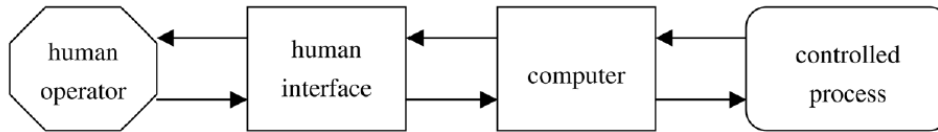


FIGURE 1 Supervisory control.

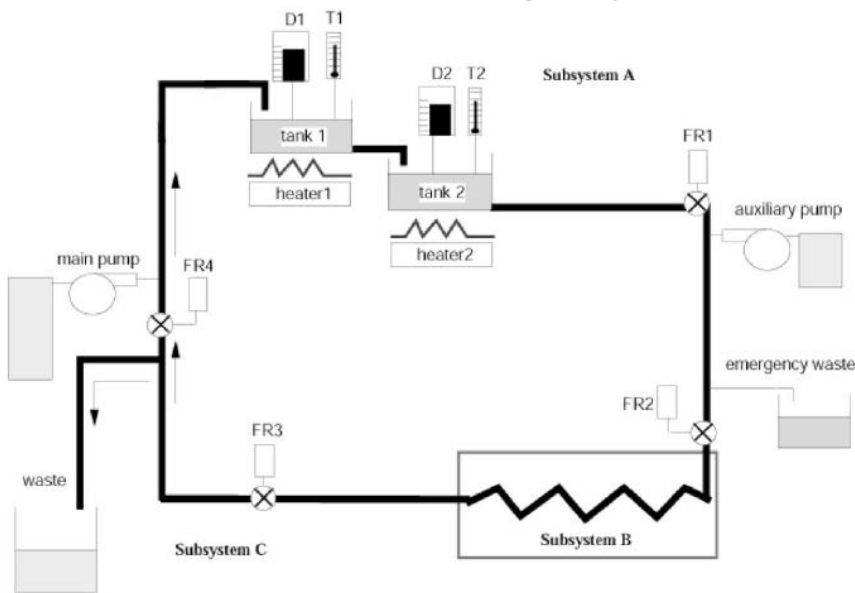
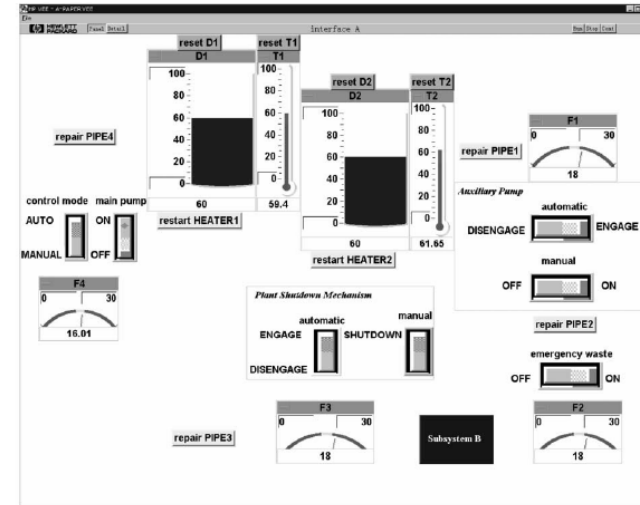


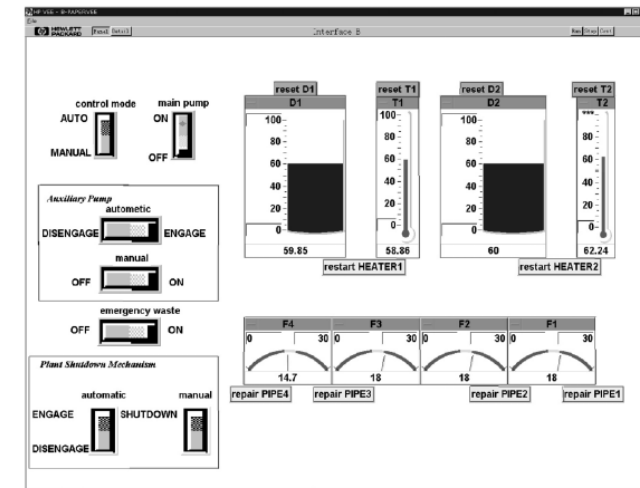
FIGURE 2 Fluid circulation microworld.

Makoto Itoh, Toshiyuki Inagaki: "A Microworld Approach to Identifying Issues of Human-Automation Systems Design for Supporting Operator's Situation Awareness", International Journal of Human-Computer Interaction, 17(1), pp. 3-24, 2004(3).

Interface A.



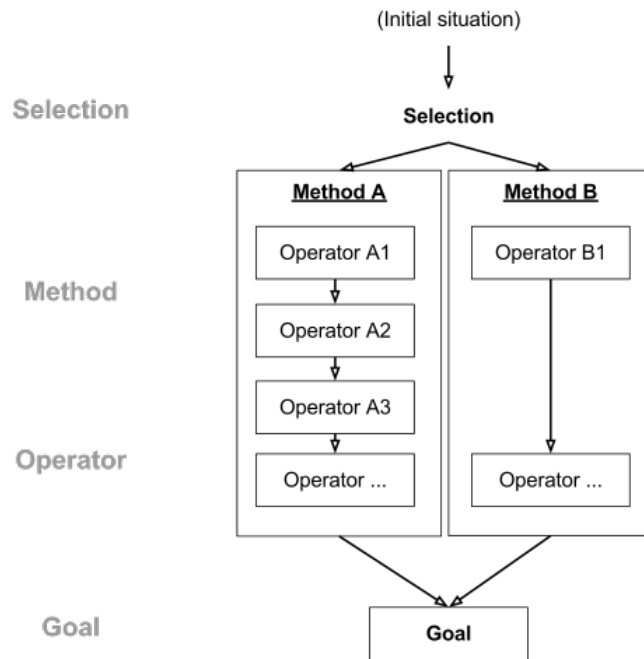
Interface B.



# Human Processor Model – Interface Design and Evaluation

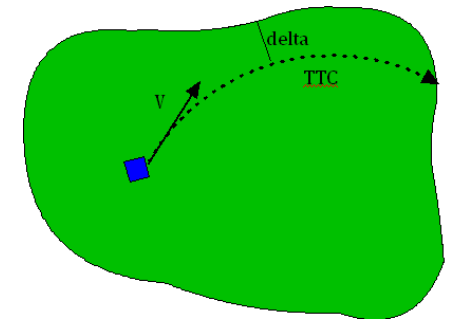
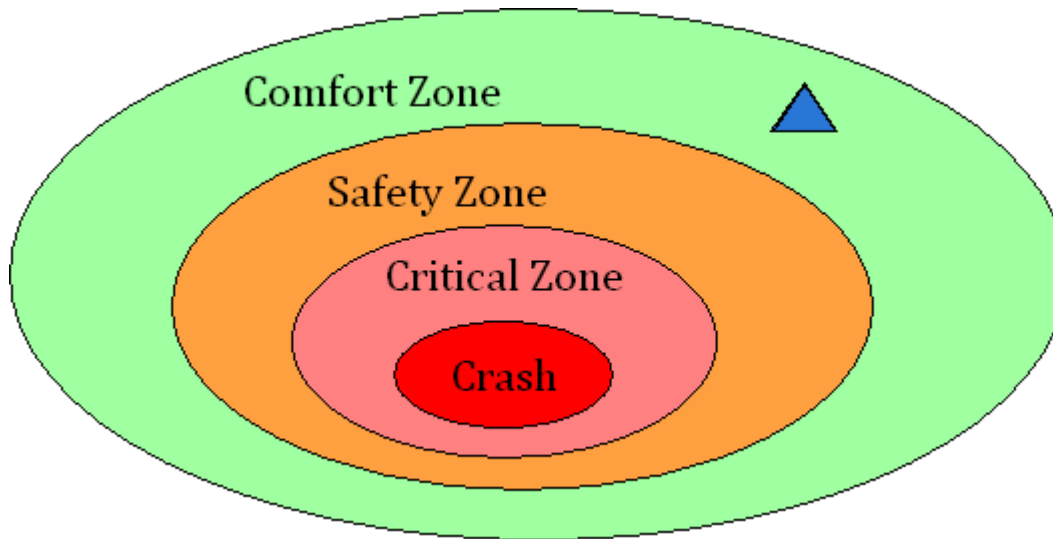
## GOMS (Goals, Operators, Methods, and Selection rules)

Specialized human information processor model for human-computer interaction observation. Developed in 1983 by Stuart Card, Thomas P. Moran and Allen Newell.



Parameter	Mean	Range
Eye movement time	230 ms	70-700 ms
Decay half-life of visual image storage	200 ms	90-1000 ms
Visual Capacity	17 letters	7-17 letters
Decay half-life of auditory storage	1500 ms	90-3500 ms
Auditory Capacity	5 letters	4.4-6.2 letters
Perceptual processor cycle time	100 ms	50-200 ms
Cognitive processor cycle time	70 ms	25-170 ms
Motor processor cycle time	70 ms	30-100 ms
Effective working memory capacity	7 chunks	5-9 chunks
Pure working memory capacity	3 chunks	2.5-4.2 chunks
Decay half-life of working memory	7 sec	5-226 sec
Decay half-life of 1 chunk working memory	73 sec	73-226 sec
Decay half-life of 3 chunks working memory	7 sec	5-34 sec

# Safety Margin



Tolerance & Risk Management

The general idea for the **safety margin concept** is to divide the time before the crash into 3 stages. In the **Comfort Zone** the system has to inform the driver, but the reaction needed (to avoid a possible accident, or to cope properly and safely with the given scenario for a specific application) is very comfortable. In the **Safety Zone** the situation is already relevant for safety and the driver has to react in a significant timeliness to safely comply with the road scenario. The **Critical Zone** is the zone just before a possible collision. In this zone, the driver has to react immediately and with the correct manoeuvre in order to avoid the accident.

(1988). Risk Control Is Not Risk Adjustment: The Zero-Risk Theory of Driver Behaviour and Its Implications. *Ergonomics*, 31(4), 491-501.

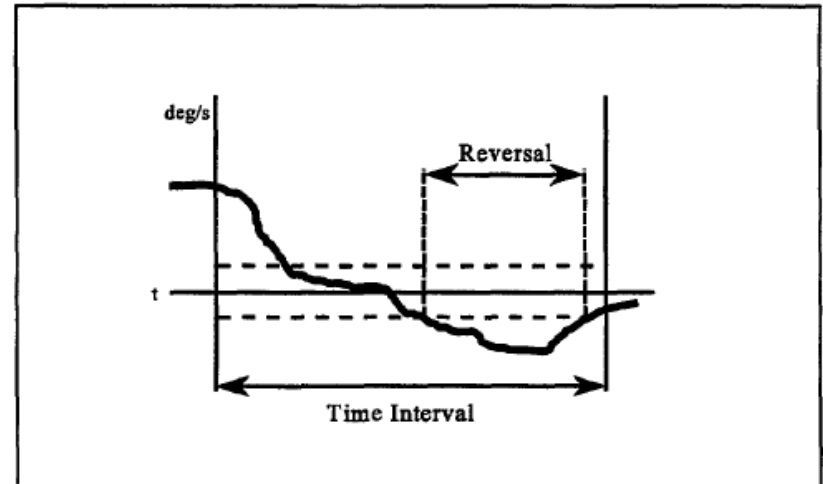
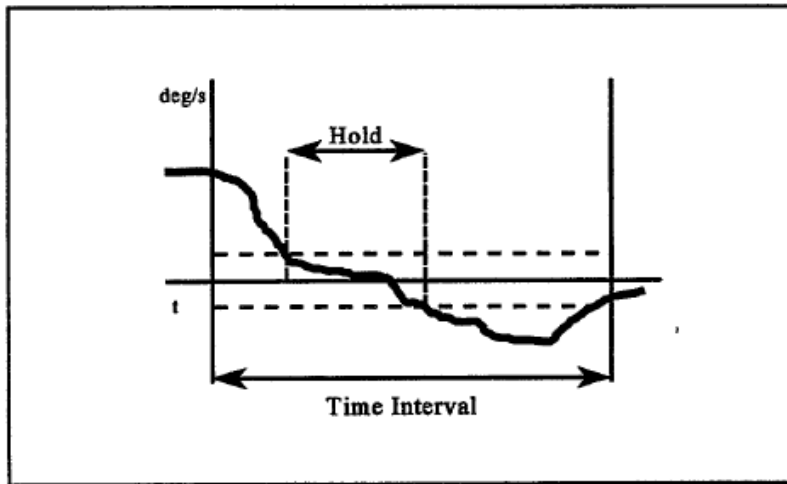
# Whose Performance?

## Experimenter or Participant?

Relevance & Risk versus Arbitrary Performance



# Steering Reversal Rates

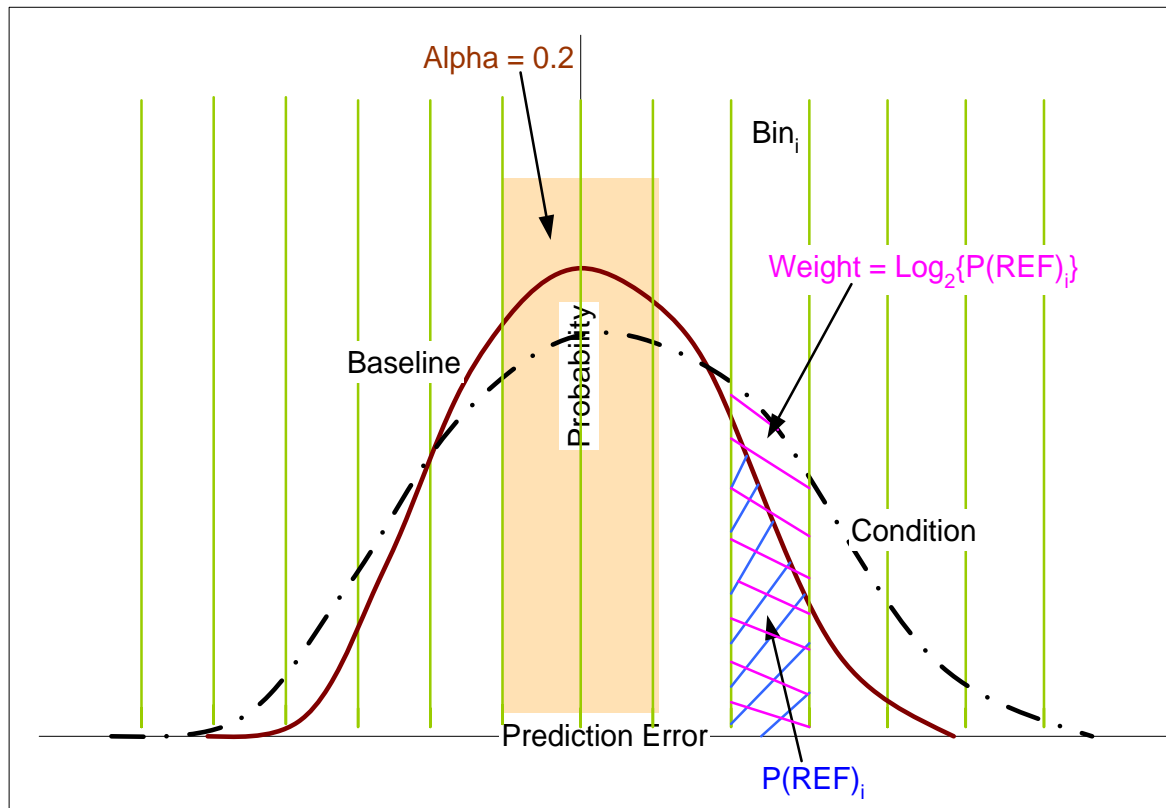


McLean, J.R., Hoffmann, R.: Steering Reversals as a Measure of Driver Performance and Steering Task Difficulty. *Human Factors* 17(3), 248–256 (1975)



# Steering Entropy

## Quantifying Driver's Own Risk Response



Nakayama, O., Futami, T., Nakamura, T., and Boer, E.R. (1999). Development of a Steering Entropy Method for Evaluating Driver Workload, SAE Technical Paper Series: #1999-01-0892.

$$H^{cond}_m = \sum_{k=1}^K \left\{ -P_k^{cond}_m \log_2 \left( P_k^{bas\,ref}_m \right) \right\}$$

# Information Content

Observed Behavior:

“this is an example of a huffman tree”

Encoding Behavior:

135bits

Char	Freq	Code
space	7	111
a	4	010
e	4	000
f	3	1101
h	2	1010
i	2	1000
m	2	0111
n	2	0010
s	2	1011
t	2	0110
l	1	11001
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p	1	10011
r	1	11000
u	1	00111
x	1	10010

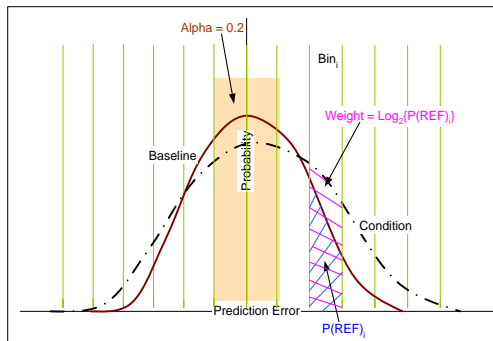
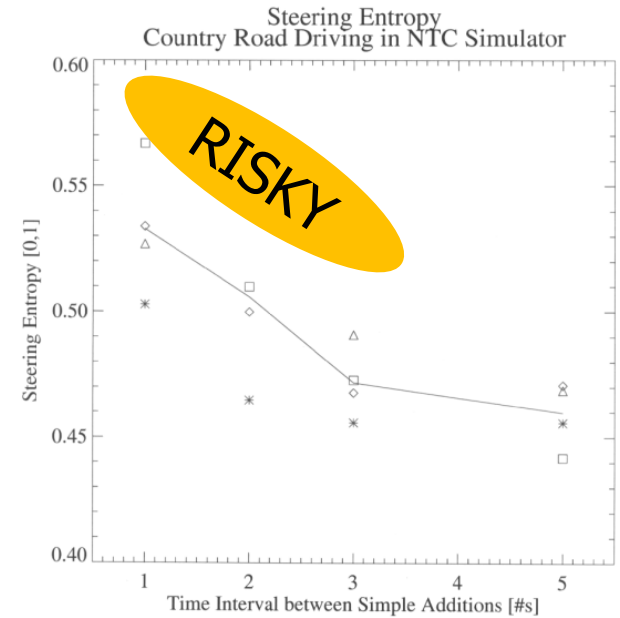
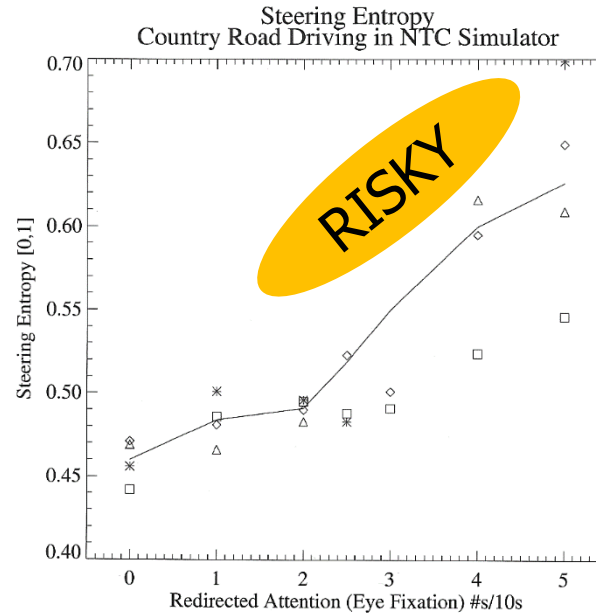
Predictability Impacts Model Complexity!

36bits “aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa”

Char	Freq	Code
a	36	0

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# Meaningful Assessment of Impact of X on Driving: Risk Impact

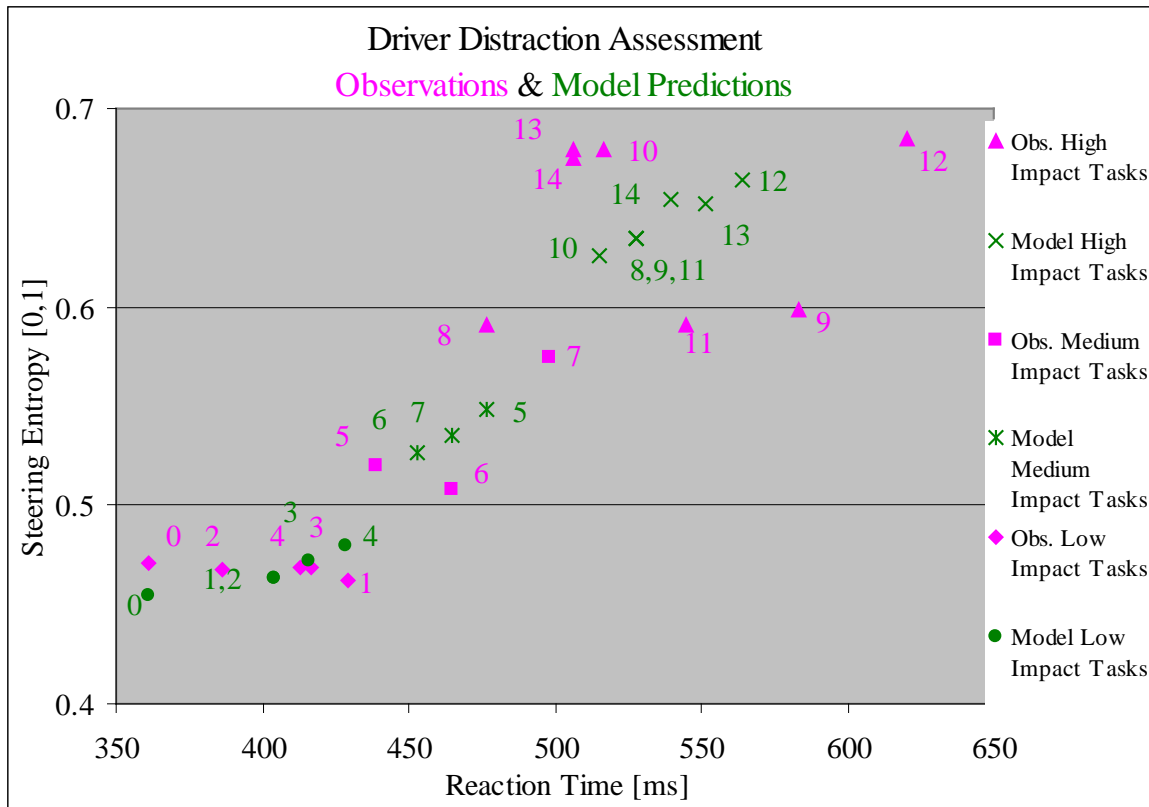


Table: Task Descriptions ordered by "Workload" (NTC Simulator Study)

Task #	Secondary Task Description	Steering Entropy	LED Reaction Time [ms]	Subjective Rating
18	No task.	0.449	424	1.0
11	No task.	0.456	319	1.0
10	No task.	0.461	368	1.0
5	Listen attentively to traffic information for post-trial recall.	0.462	429	2.5
2	Repeat word list.	0.468	386	1.5
3	Answer to simply yes/no questions.	0.469	417	1.5
4	Answer to 3-choice questions.	0.469	413	1.8
1	No task	0.471	361	1.0
16	Verify informed destination information on navigation display.	0.508	465	2.0
6	Continually subtract 7 from initial given number (e.g. 753).	0.520	439	3.0
17	Select preferred destination out of four on display.	0.575	498	3.0
12	Execute instructed change on A/C screen.	0.591	477	3.8
8	Change scale in navigation display.	0.591	545	4.0
7	Change mode of multifunction display panel.	0.599	583	4.0
14	Receive phone call; select phone by touch from several items.	0.675	506	4.0
15	Dial familiar number on cell-phone and terminate call.	0.679	506	4.8
9	Scroll navigation display until X is visible.	0.679	517	5.0
13	Select exact change for toll road.	0.685	620	5.0

# Types of “Models” to Characterize Human Operator

## Task & Driver Characteristics

Optimizing / Satisficing  
Performance / Effort / Risk

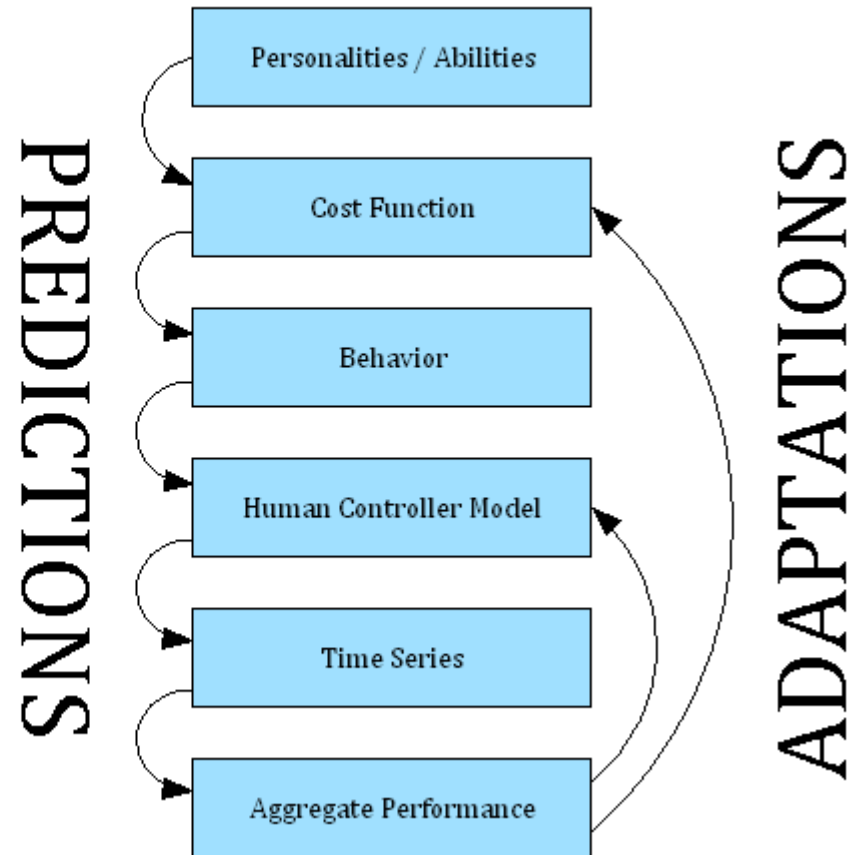
Continuous / Intermittent / Event

Compensatory / Pursuit / Preview  
Closed Loop / Open Loop  
Time Invariant / Adaptive

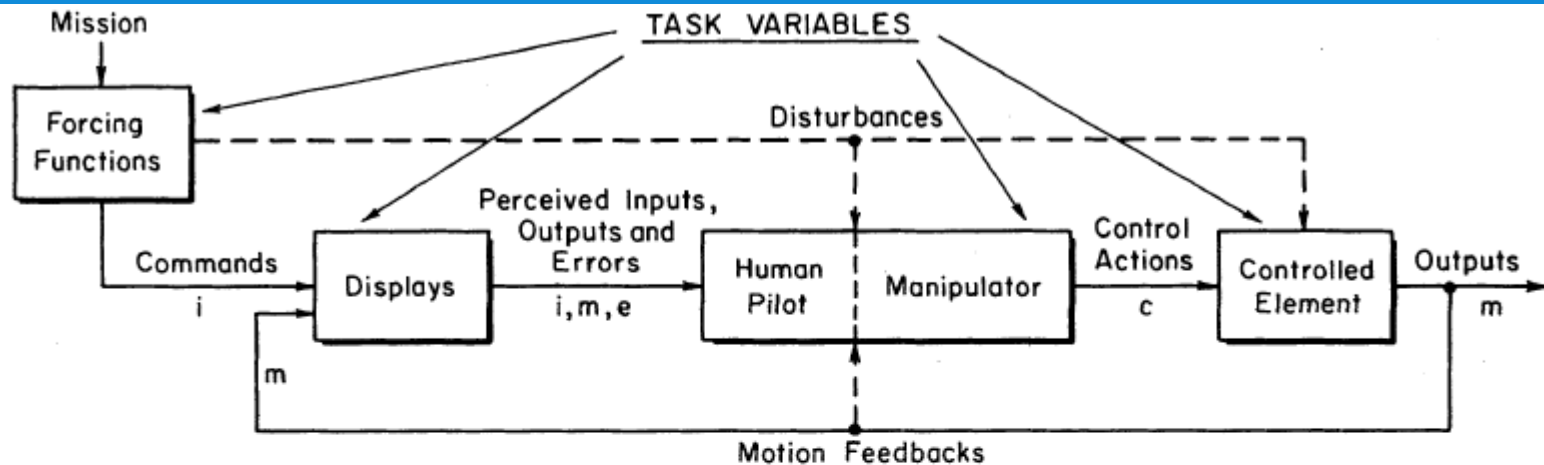
Frequency / Patterns

Statistical / Frequency

## Driver Representations



# Factors Influencing the Human Controller



## ENVIRONMENTAL VARIABLES:

In-Flight vs. Fixed-Base  
 Vibration  
 G-Level  
 Temperature  
 Atmospheric Conditions  
 Etc.

## OPERATOR-CENTERED VARIABLES:

Motivation  
 Stress  
 Workload  
 Training  
 Fatigue  
 Etc.

## PROCEDURAL VARIABLES:

Instructions  
 Practice  
 Experimental Design  
 Order of Presentation  
 Etc.

Fig. 1. Variables affecting the pilot-vehicle system.

D.T. McRuer, R. Jex, **A Review of Quasi-linear Pilot Models.**  
 IEEE Trans. Hum. Factors Electron., HFE-8 (3) (1967), pp. 231-249

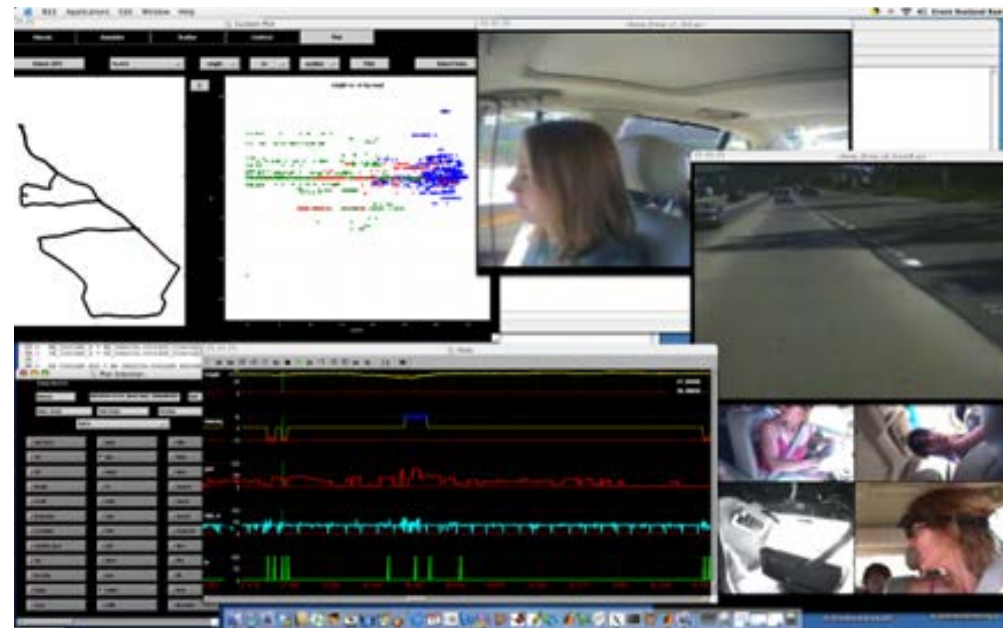
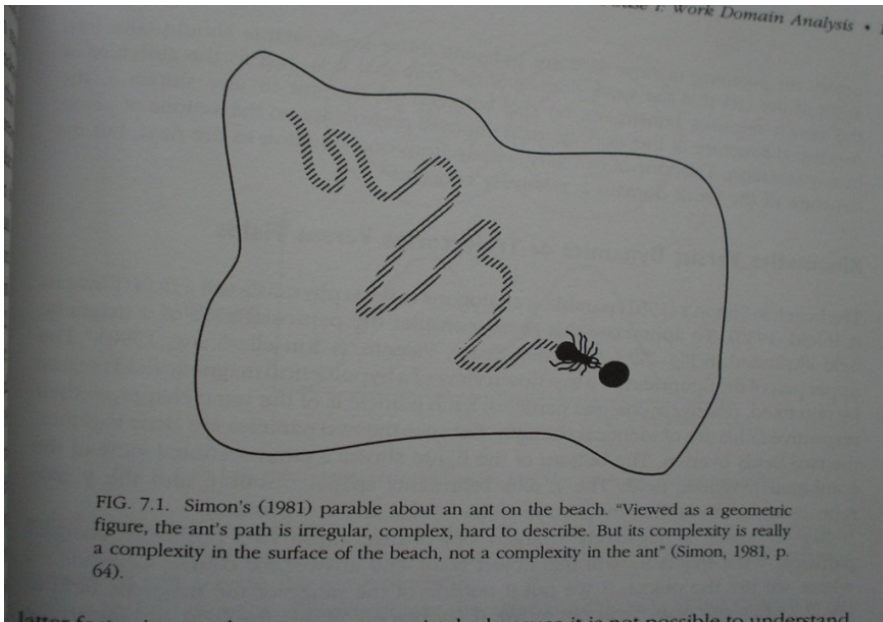
# Contextual Relevance

## Frame Problem



## CoBeX: Contextual Behavior eXploration

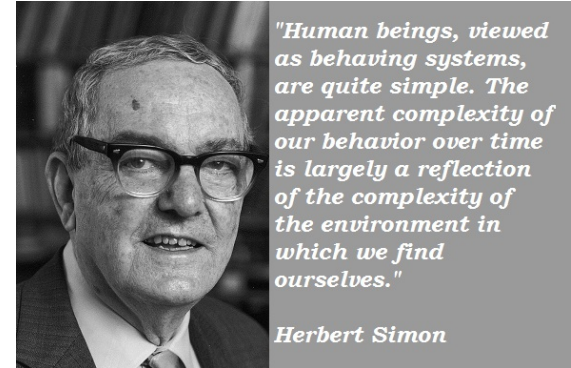
*DCOG Ethnographic approach*



# Satisficing Decision Making

## Satisficing: Suffice + Satisfy

Bounded Rationality because of Limited Cognitive Resources to Optimize



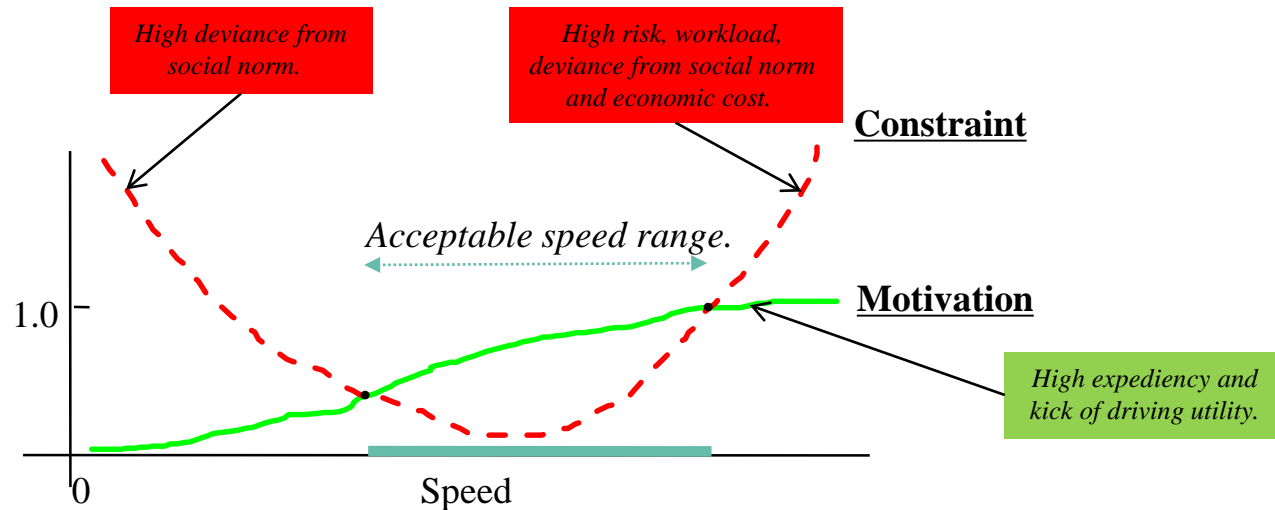
Alternatives ( $a_k$ ) that are *good enough*

$$Benefit(a_k) > b \text{ Cost}(a_k)$$

are *not* acted on (e.g. same behavior maintained).



# Motivational Speed Choice



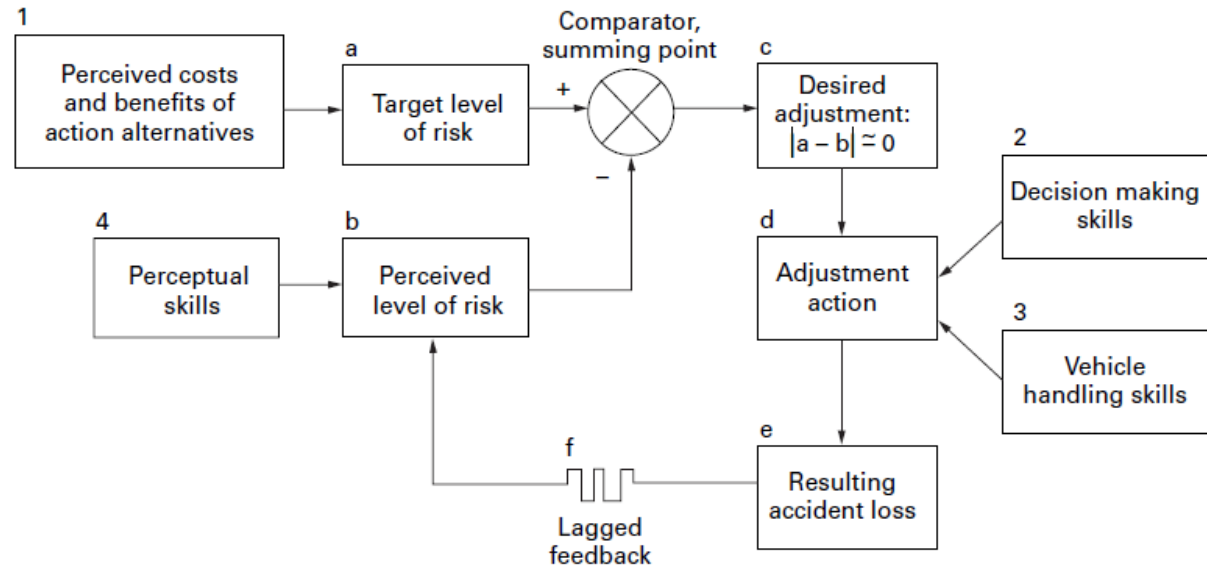
**NOT all VARIABILITY is NOISE!  
SOME VARIABILITY is ACCEPTED!**

# Is this an Optimal Driving Task?



# Risk Homeostasis

*Additional support does not always have the expected effect because people adapt.*



Wilde GJS. The theory of risk homeostasis: implications for safety and health. Risk Analysis 1982;2:209–25.

# Driving is incredibly dangerous and incredibly safe

- ❑ Never more than a few seconds from a potential crash.
- ❑ Generally more than 30 years away from an actual non-fatal crash
- ❑ 41,717 crashes with fatalities in the US per year
- ❑ 6,242,000 reported non-fatal crashes per year
- ❑ 2,691,335,000,000 miles traveled per year
- ❑ 431,165 miles traveled between non-fatal crashes
- ❑ 10,779 hours between nonfatal crashes at 40mph
- ❑ 29.53 years between nonfatal crashes at 1 hour of driving per day.



*Crashes generally are Result of  
Culmination of Unexpected Events*

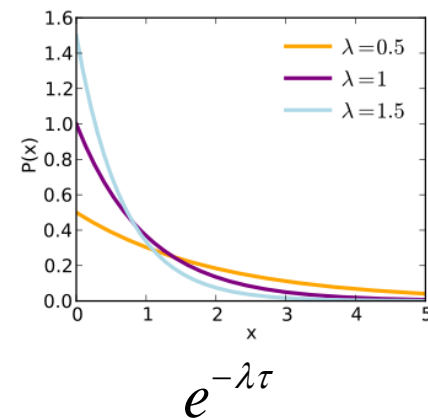
*THE SAME IS TRUE FOR SUPPORT  
SYSTEMS*

# We cannot wait for crashes to make predictions about system acceptance

- Use near missed and the well known accident ratio triangles or pyramids.
  - Interpretation, if 600 near misses are observed over a period of N km of driving, then one would also expect 1 major injury.
- Propose to define near miss with TTC, then probability of a crash  $\text{Exp}(-\beta \cdot \text{TTC})$  at the TTC definition of a near miss needs to be 1/600 given the triangle.
- With near miss TTC of 0.5s,  $\text{Exp}(-\beta \cdot \text{TTC}) = 1/600$  yields a beta of 12.8.
- A different beta is obtained for each crash type because the pyramid is different (e.g. from naturalistic data under normal driving conditions – much data available).
- If a TTC of 0.25 is observed the crash risk becomes  $\text{Exp}(-12.8 \cdot 0.25) = 0.04$  or 1/25.
- This offers a principled way to compare risk exposure in different systems.



$$e^{-\beta \tau}$$



How do we define TTC in different driving tasks?

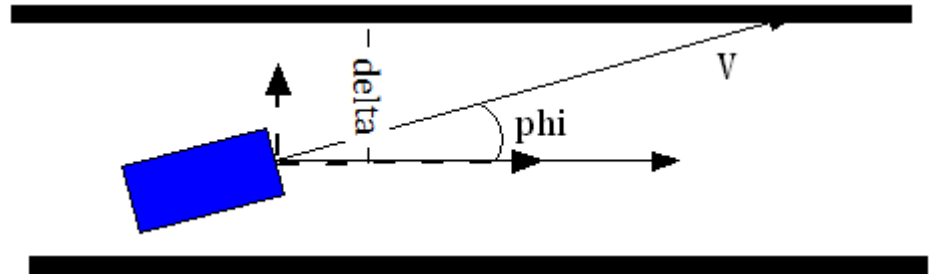
# Driver Risk -- *TTC Calculation*

TTC against static behavioral constraints.

$$\tau_{pot} = \frac{\delta}{V \cos(\phi)}$$

$$\tau_{act} = \frac{\delta}{V \sin(\phi)}$$

Use Percentiles (e.g. 95% or 99% of TTC CDF)



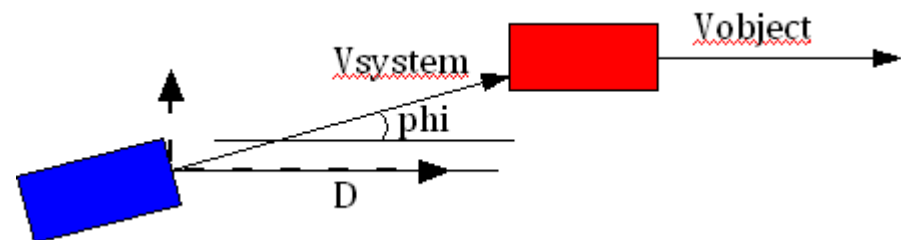
e.g. Lane Keeping

- TTC against dynamic behavioral constraints.

$$\tau_{pot} = \frac{\delta}{V_r \cos(\phi)}$$

$$\tau_{act} = \frac{\delta}{V_r \sin(\phi)}$$

$$V_r = V_{system} - V_{object}$$

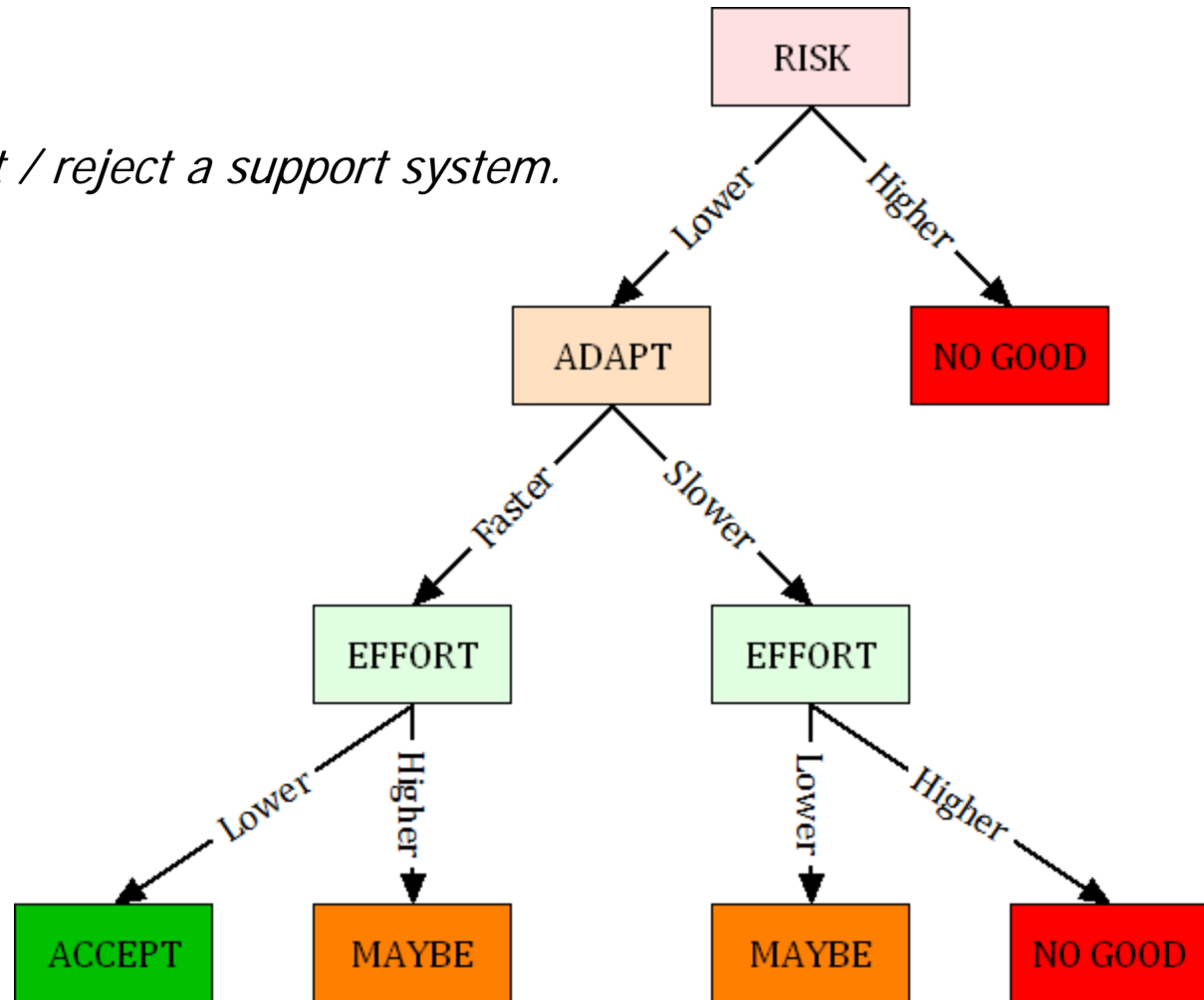


e.g. Car Following

$$Risk_{sit} = \gamma_{pot} e^{-\beta_{pot} \tau_{pot}} + \gamma_{act} e^{-\beta_{act} \tau_{act}}$$

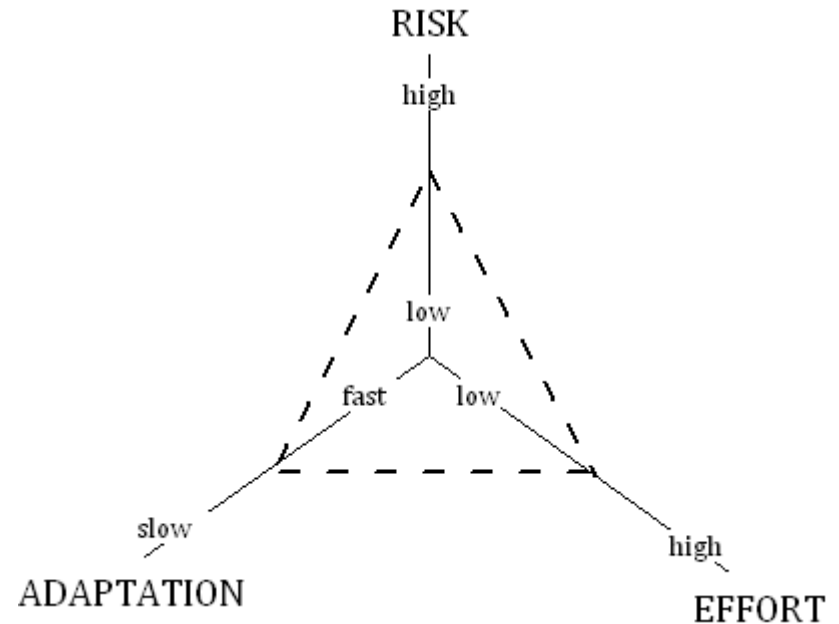
# Three Stage Evaluation Tree

*Process to accept / reject a support system.*



# Evaluation Triangle on Human Interaction

- Geometric transformations in evaluation triangle from manual to supported
  - Only shrinkage along any or all axes is most desirable
  - Only expansion along any or all is most undesirable
  - Shift down is undesirable because effort is higher and productivity is lower (adapt to slower progression) even if the risk is lower.
  - Shift up is undesirable because risk is up even though effort is lower and productivity is higher.
- If axes are scaled to satisficing boundaries, then ANY shrinkage in area is treated as better as long as all three values are within the satisficing set.
  - An increase in risk will need to go paired with a large decrease in effort and adaptation to faster progression (see interaction risk and effort).



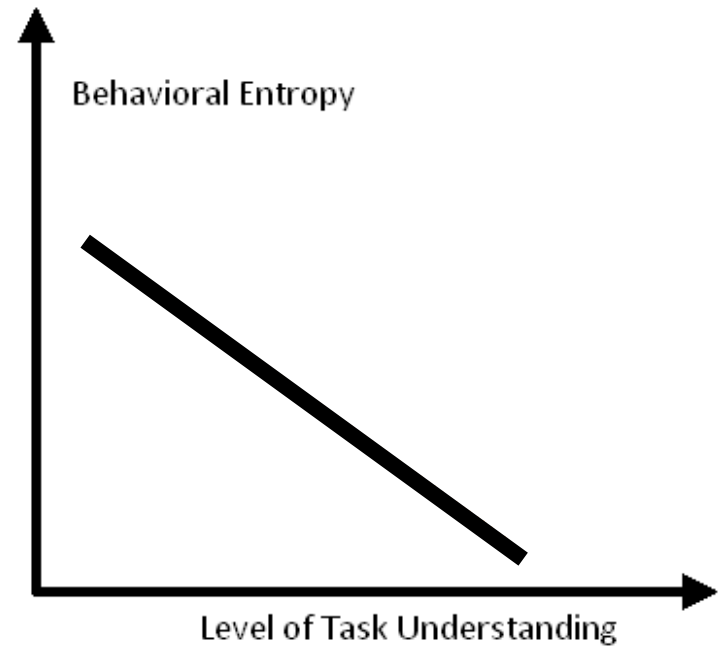
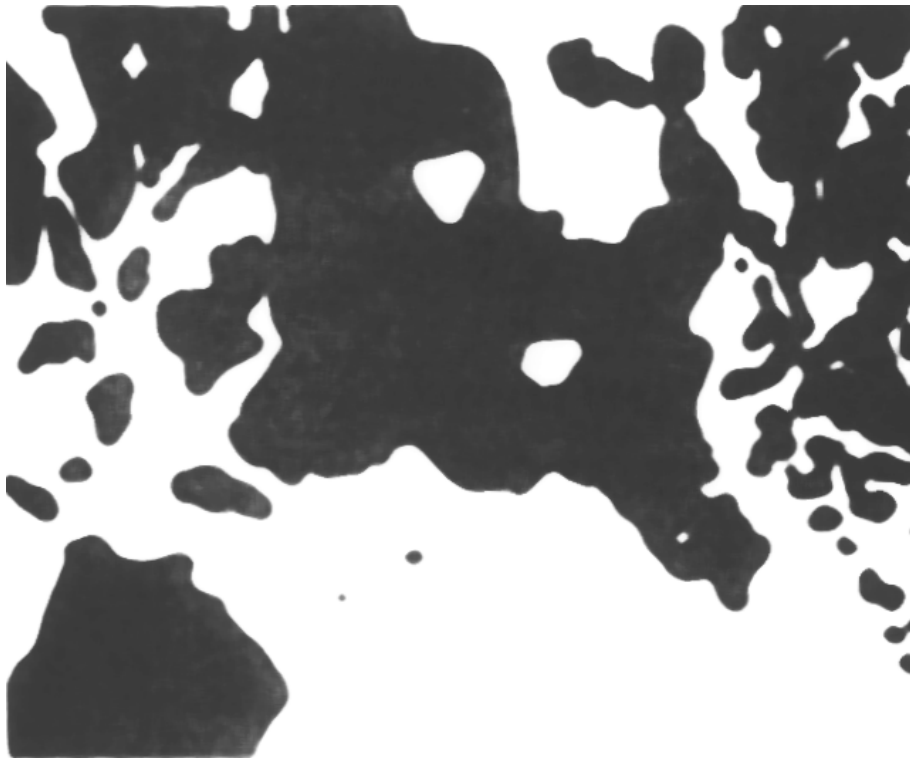
**Shift down** may indicate that: human is fighting with system and possibly does not trust the system or mismatch in control strategy between human and system.

**Shift up** may indicate that: human may trust the system too much.



# How do People manage Risk

## Behavioral Entropy



# How High is your Behavioral Entropy? When & Why does it Drop?

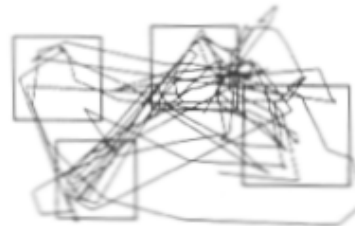
Image



Raw Eye Scan Patterns



Fixation Location Eye Scan Patterns



# Human Operator Models

Why Models?

What Models?

When Models?

Models embody our knowledge of how operators perform a task

Models offer a way to predict what is

that lie beyond

simulation requires a sufficiently

**Opportunities: Only for the Simplest Tasks can we Predict Behavior Without Experimentation**

Advanced models can be used to evaluate new designs without experimentation; VIRTUAL PROTOTYPING.

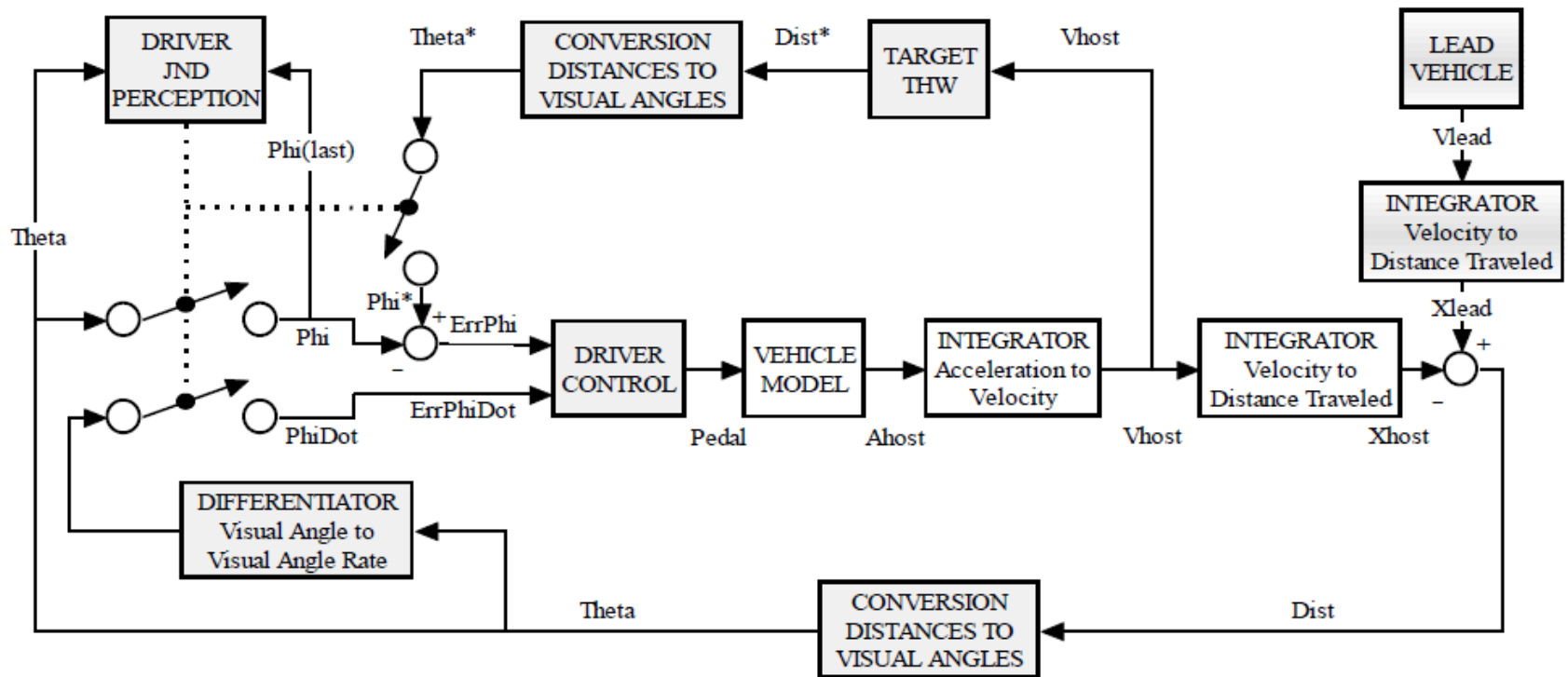
# Model Coefficient Estimation

- Linear vs. nonlinear
  - Static vs. dynamic
  - Explicit vs. implicit
  - Discrete vs. continuous
  - Deterministic vs. probabilistic (stochastic)
  - Deductive, inductive, or floating
- 
- Focus next on linear, static, explicit, continuous, deterministic, inductive model.
    - Car following in Fog
    - Car following with Secondary Tasks
- 
- Estimate model coefficients such that model predicted and observed behavior match in time, frequency or aggregate performance.



# From Cost Function to Controller Gains

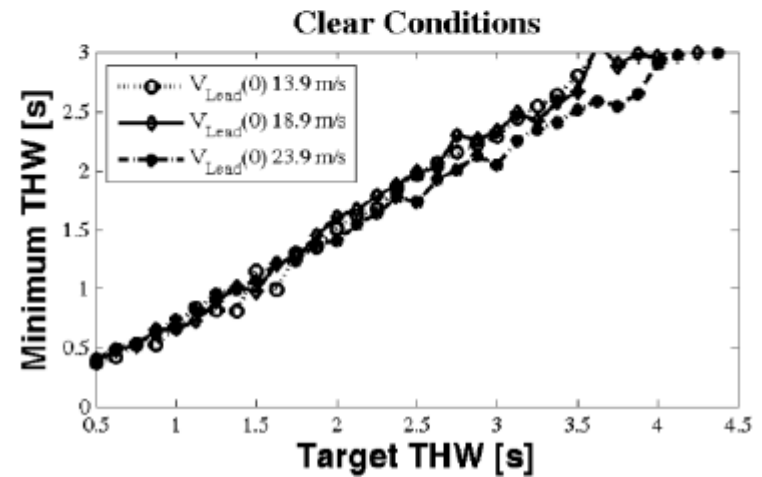
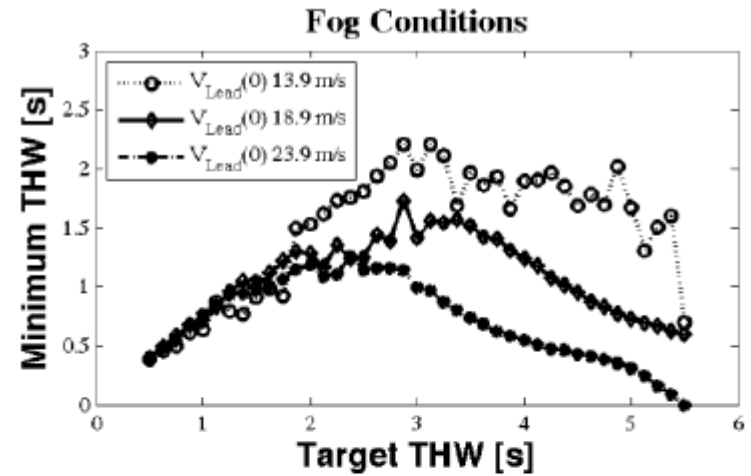
Fix Perceptual Model – Focus on Control Model



# Maximize Minimum THW

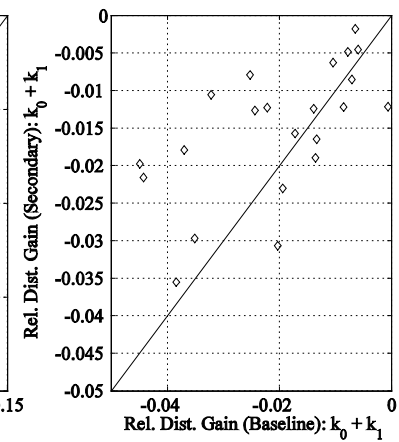
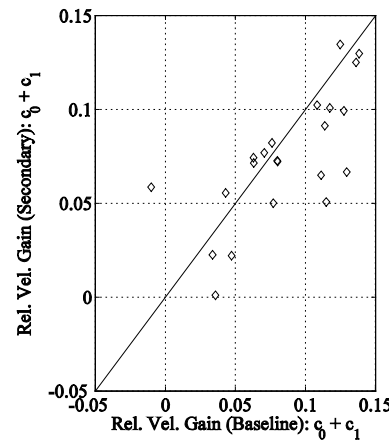
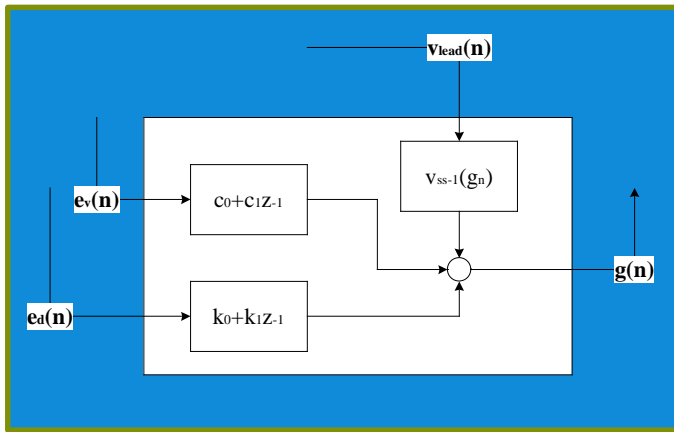
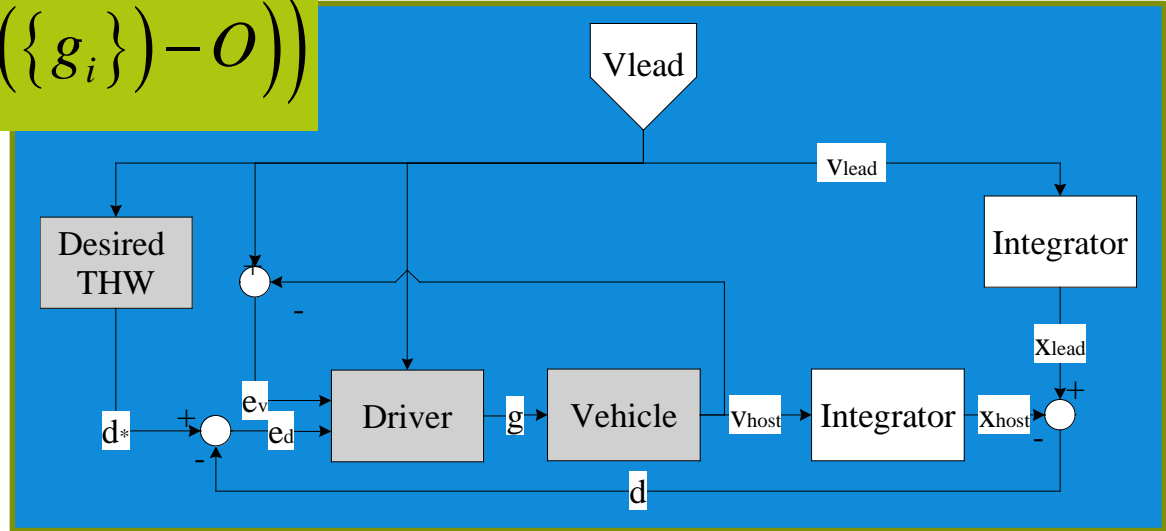
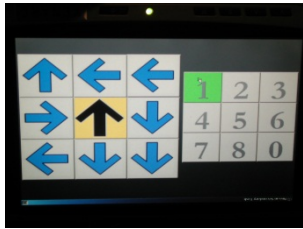
Search for Optimal Model Coefficients that Minimize Cost (Maximize Safety Margin):

$$\{c_i\} = \min_{\{g_i\}} (C | M(\{g_i\}))$$



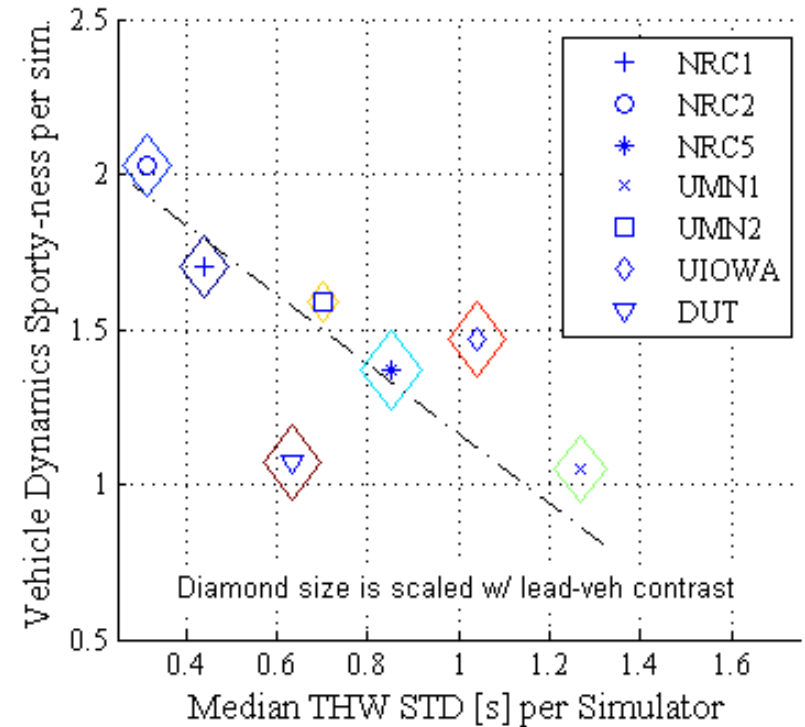
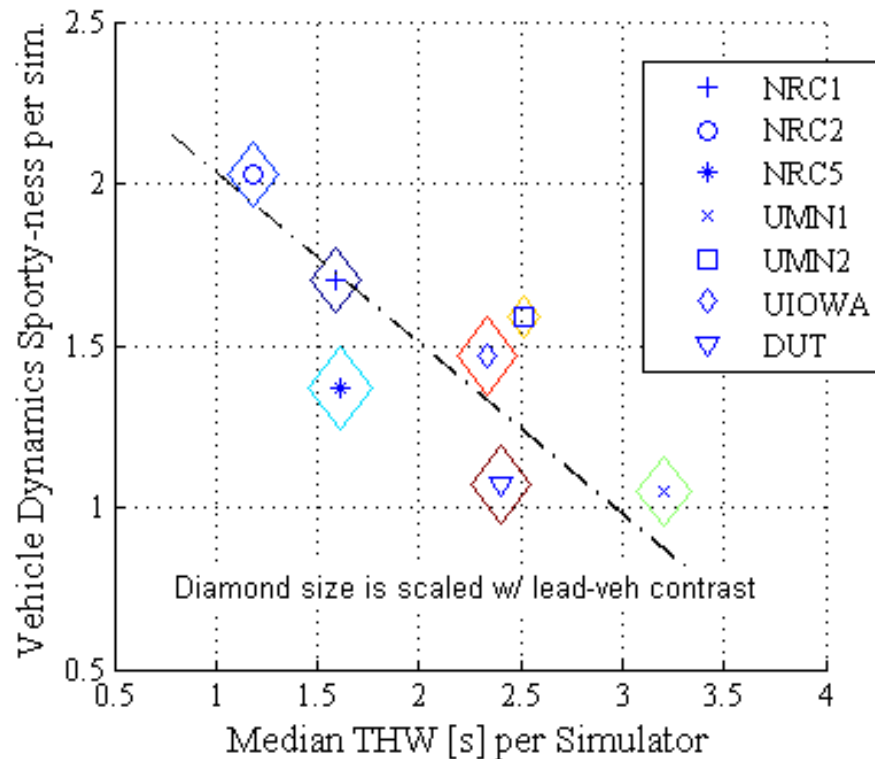
# Driver Adaptation in Distracted Car Following

$$\{c_i\} = \min_{\{g_i\}} \left( \text{Fit} \left( M \left( \{g_i\} \right) - O \right) \right)$$



# Are we Forgetting a Strong Factor that Impacts Human Machine Interaction?

*Relationship of Vehicle Dynamics and Contrast & THW Control.*

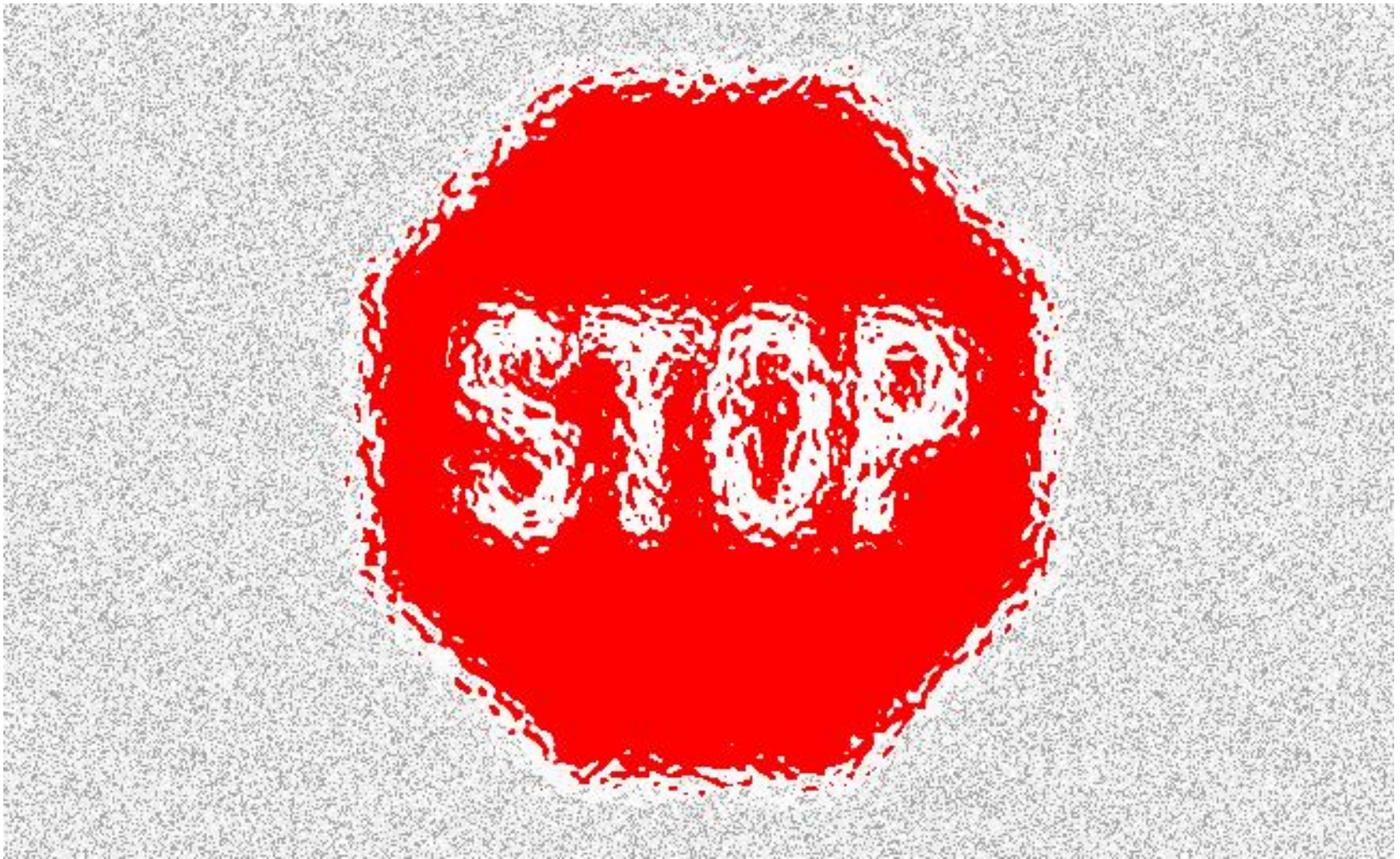


StdTHW lower for shorter THW

Follow closer when perceptibility and controllability of gap change are high.



# Evaluation in Simulated Environments



# Evaluation in Simulated Environments

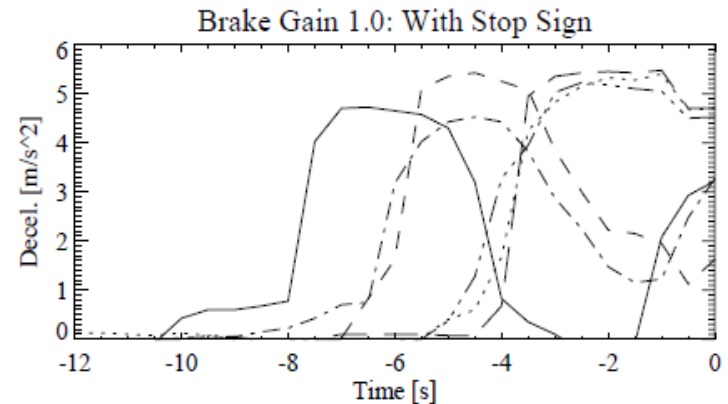
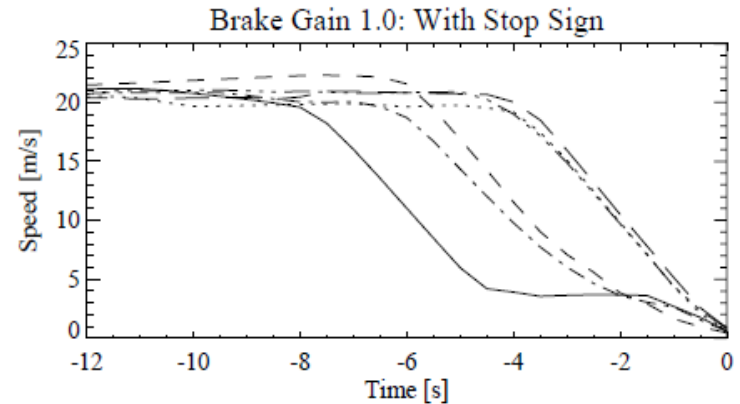


Compared to reality:

Why do people start decelerating earlier?

Why do people not stop with a constant deceleration rate?

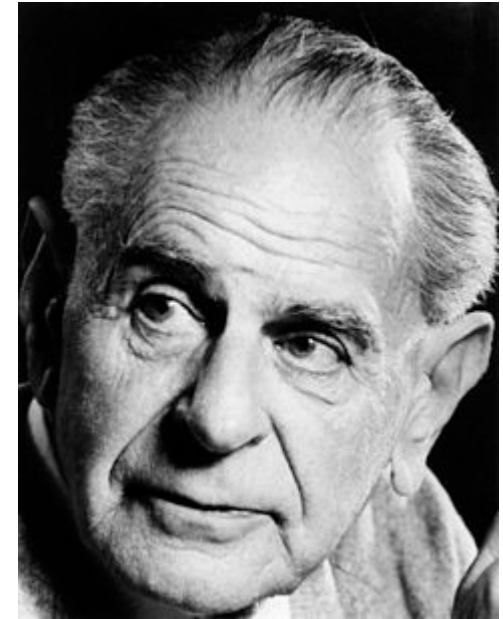
Understand limitations of driving and other simulators in HMI evaluation: **WORKLOAD!**



Boer, E. R., Kuge, N., & Yamamura, T. (January 01, 2001). Affording realistic stopping behavior: A cardinal challenge for driving simulators. *Human-centered Transportation Simulation Conference*.

# Testing Hypotheses

Popper is known for his rejection of the classical inductivist views on the scientific method, in favour of empirical falsification: A theory in the empirical sciences can never be proven, but it can be falsified, meaning that it can and should be scrutinized by decisive experiments.



Karl Popper c. 1980s

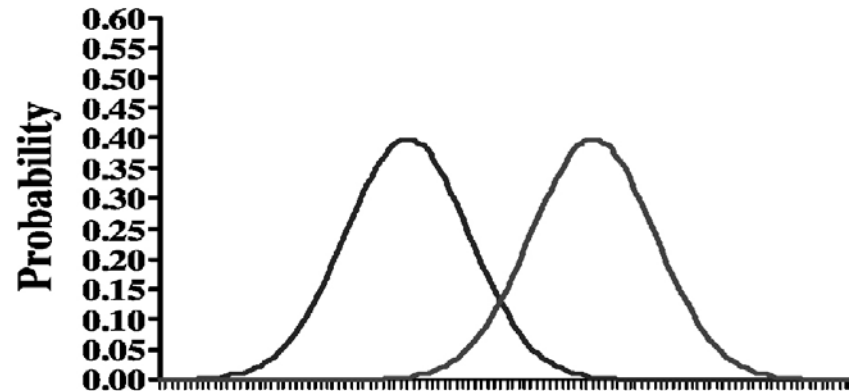
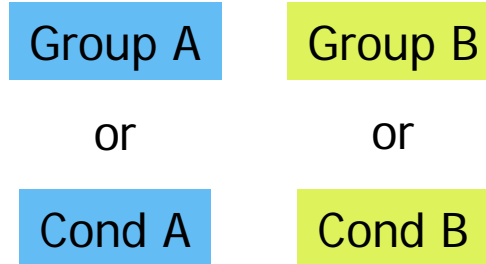
**What is the probability that a theory is false? When is the probability that an experimental result correctly rejects the hypothesis and what is the probability that it falsely accept the tested hypothesis?**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karl\\_Popper](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Karl_Popper)

# Statistical Comparison of Conditions

## Possible Variables:

- cost weights
- model coefficients
- time series metrics
  
- subjective rating
- ...



Observed Behavior

SD: Standard deviation of observations  
M: Mean of the observations  
SE: Standard deviation of mean of observations

For normal distributions 95% confidence intervals for M are:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Upper 95\% limit} &= M + 1.96 \text{ SE} \\ \text{Lower 95\% limit} &= M - 1.96 \text{ SE} \end{aligned}$$

**Distributions are of the mean across the population!**

5% significance means that when the experiment would be repeated 100 times, only 5 times would the Null hypothesis results be opposite.

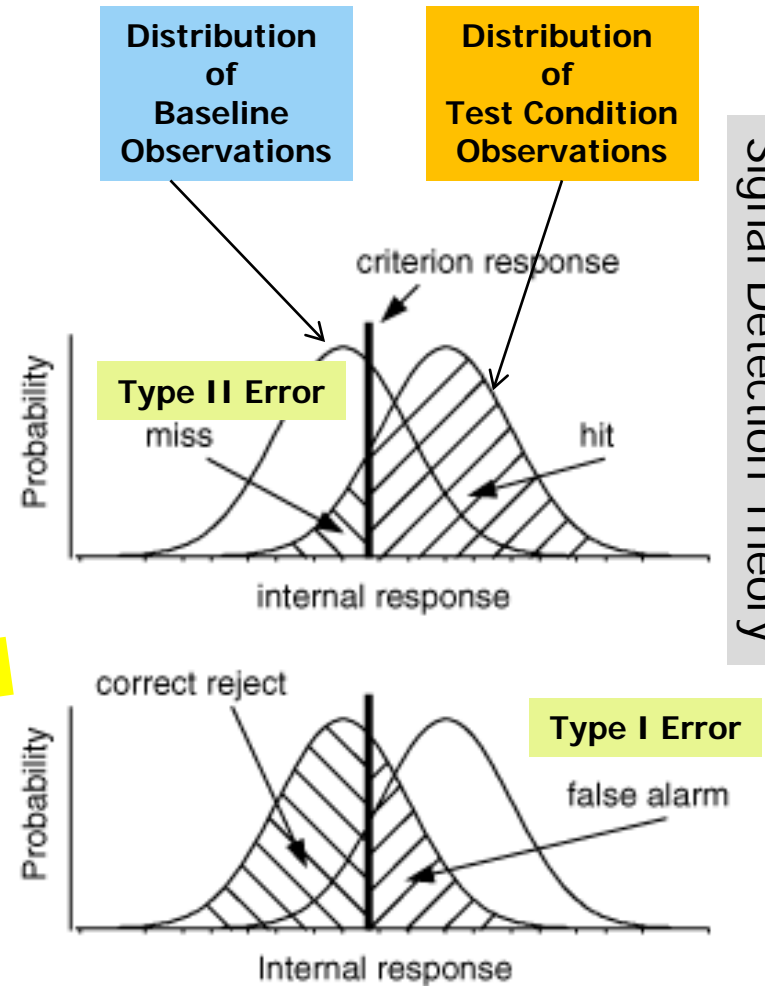
# Significance of Experimental Observations

NULL hypothesis  $H_0$  assumes that the tested condition or chosen group is NOT DIFFERENT from the baseline condition or groups;  $H_0$  assumes that baseline and test are the SAME

- Type I Error: False rejection of  $H_0$ ; tested condition assumed to be different where as in reality it is not.
- Type II Error: False acceptance of  $H_0$ ; test condition assumed to be the same where as in reality it is different.

**Distributions are of the mean across the population!**

*Sir Ronald Aylmer Fisher* (1890–1962) stressed that the "null hypothesis":  
... is never proved or established, but is possibly disproved, in the course of experimentation. Every experiment may be said to exist only in order to give the facts a chance of disproving the null hypothesis.  
—1935, p.19



# Significance assessment of Null Hypothesis

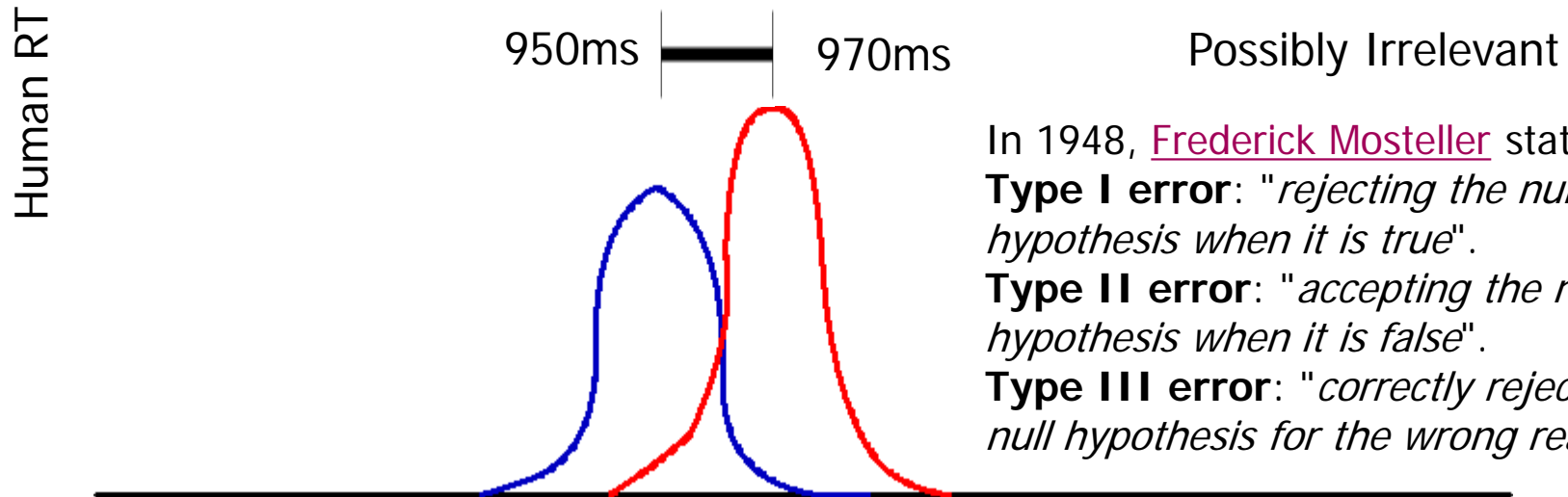
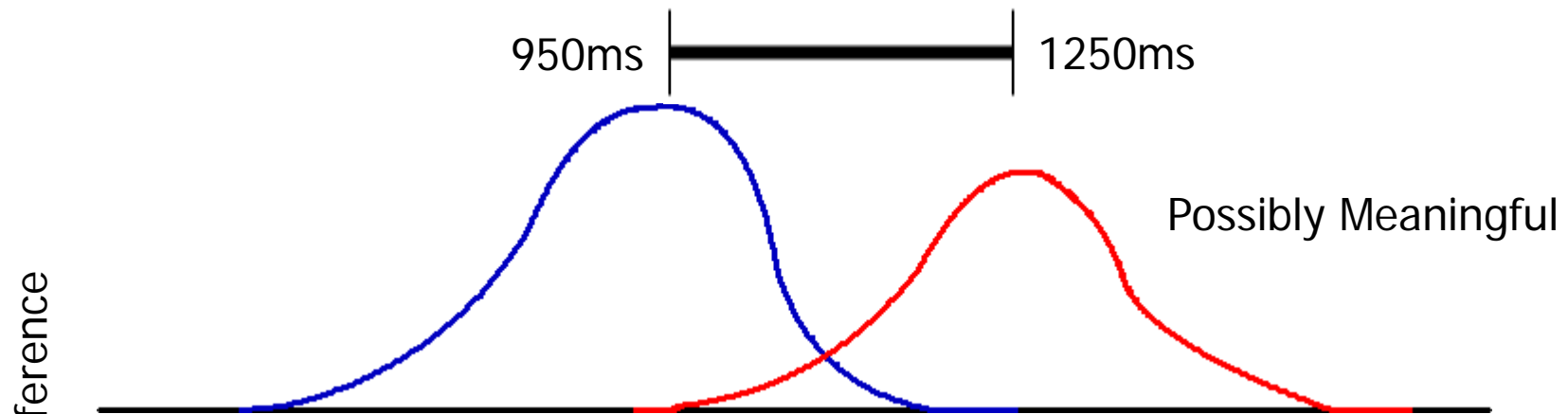
## Parametric:

- Makes explicit assumptions about the type of distribution that characterizes the observations (e.g. LogNormal for human reaction times)
- Type I and Type II errors can be computed directly.

## Non-Parametric:

- Does not make assumptions about the type of distribution that describes the observations.
- Type I and Type II errors require calculation of a metric of the difference between the two sets of observations; the distribution of this metric is known analytically or in tabular form and used to determine significance of similarity between baseline (control) condition and test condition.
- Example: Mann-Whitney U-Test.

# Statistical Significance vs Magnitudal Relevance



In 1948, [Frederick Mosteller](#) stated:

**Type I error:** "rejecting the null hypothesis when it is true".

**Type II error:** "accepting the null hypothesis when it is false".

**Type III error:** "correctly rejecting the null hypothesis for the wrong reason".

# Learning Goals Lecture 4

## After this lecture, you will be able to:

1. Reproduce:
  - a. Progression in our understanding of human functioning through time.
  - b. Progression in design of systems and human machine interaction through time.
  - c. Key types of designs that enhance human machine interaction.
  - d. Classical ways to assess human machine interaction performance.
  - e. Ways to characterize and measure human behavior.
  - f. Statistical means to compare systems or conditions in human machine interaction
2. Apply:
  - a. Methods to characterize human machine interaction behavior.
  - b. Methods of evaluation to determine what system or interface is better.
3. Be critical of:
  - a. The ways in which a human machine interaction task can be supported.
  - b. The limitations in evaluating human machine interaction from a single narrow perspective.



**Questions?**