

Mindreading & Joint Action

3. Tracking, Measuring and Representing Beliefs



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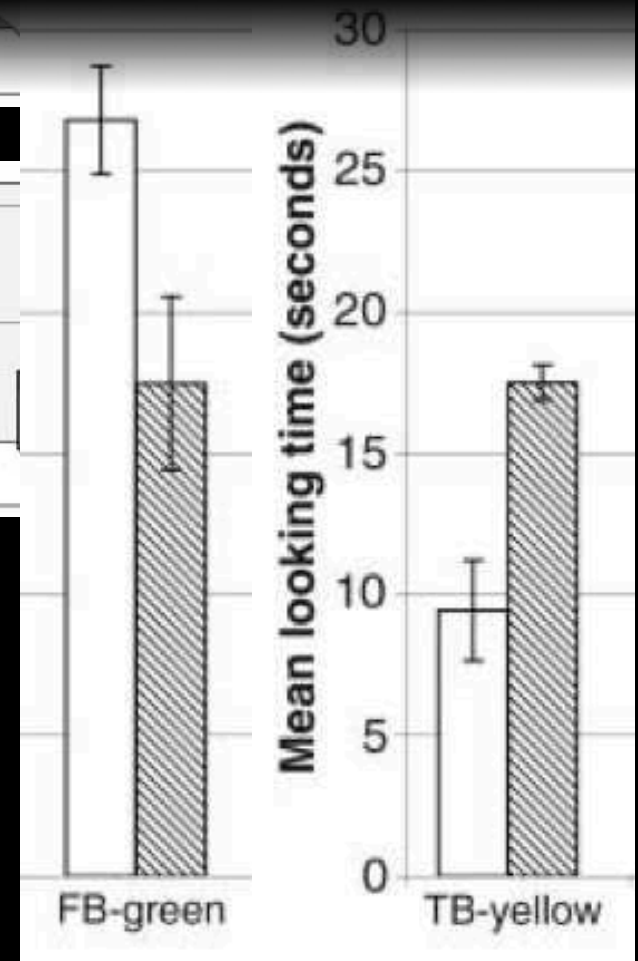
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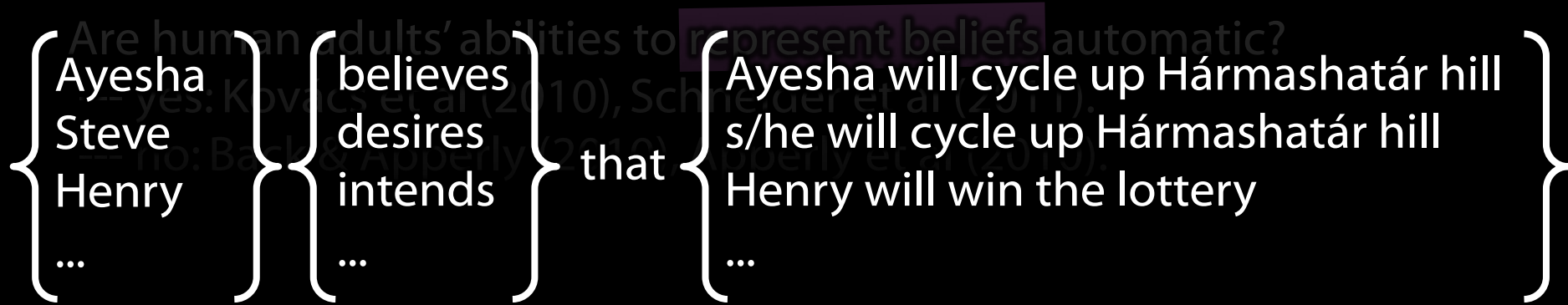
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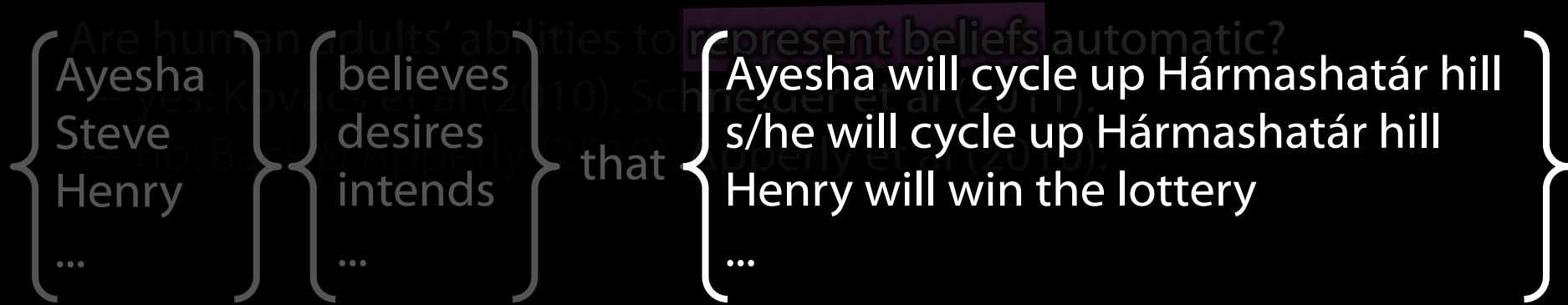
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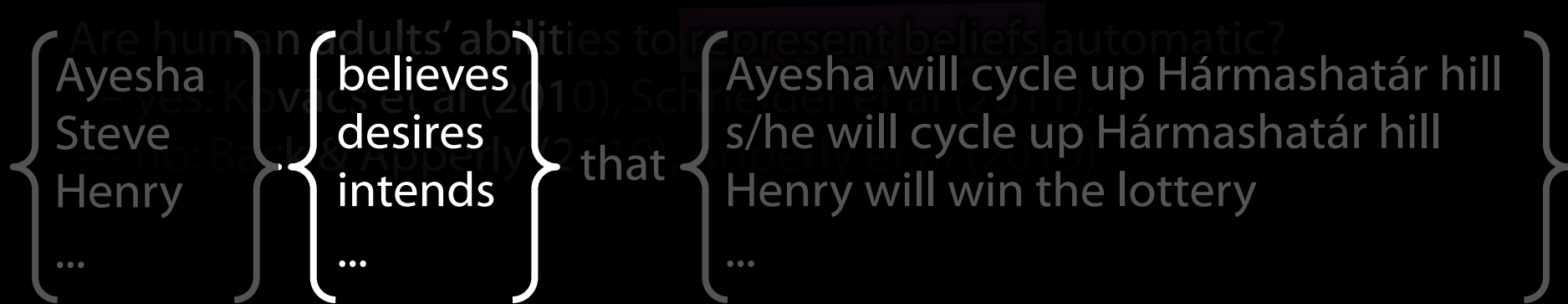
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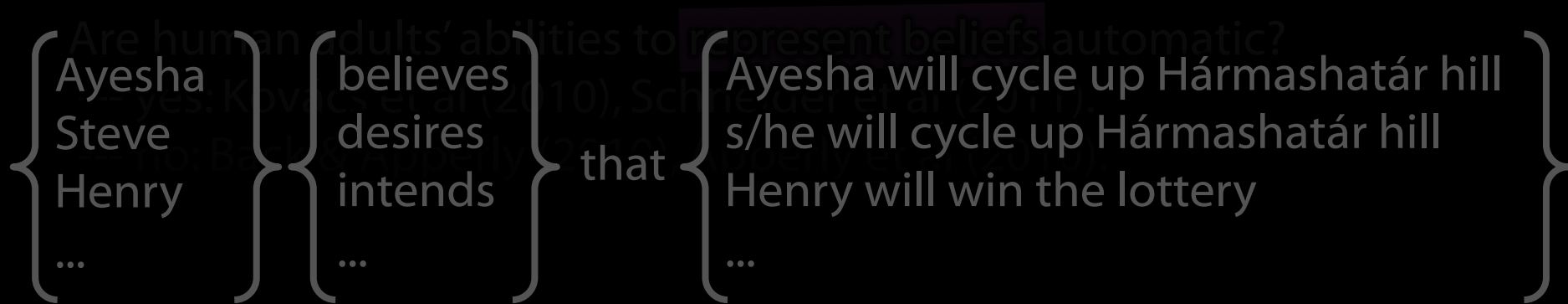
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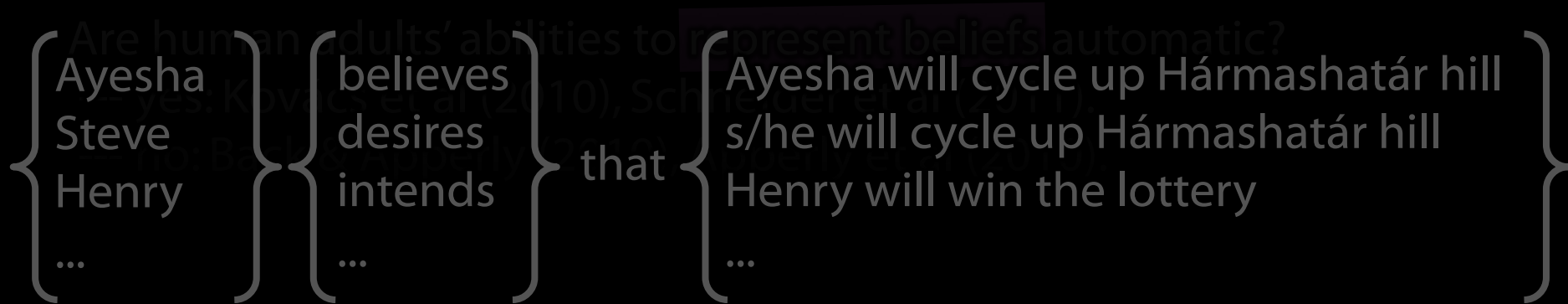
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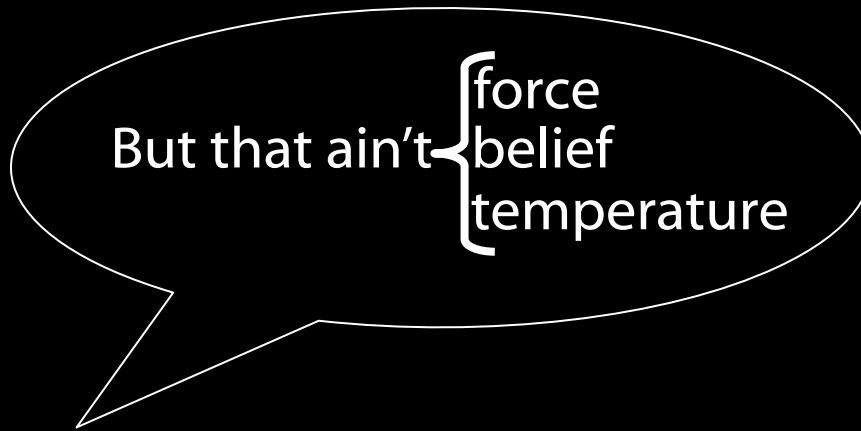


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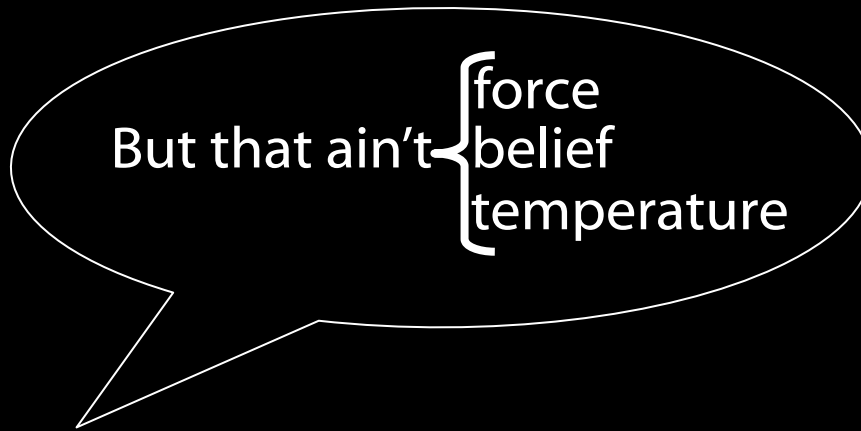
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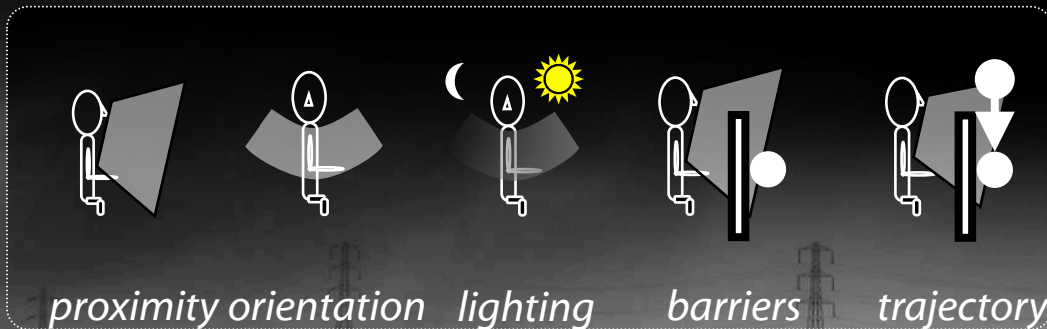
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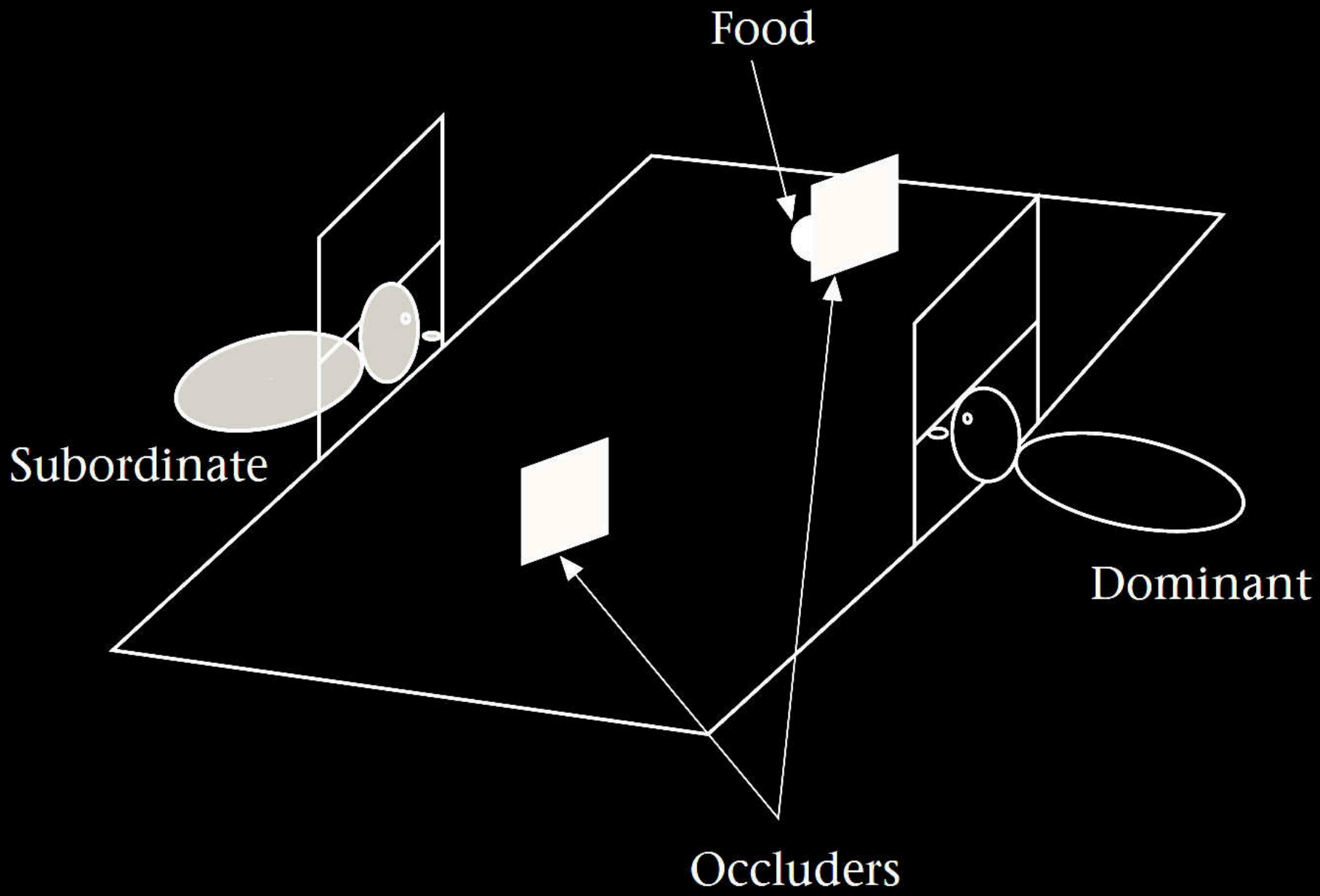
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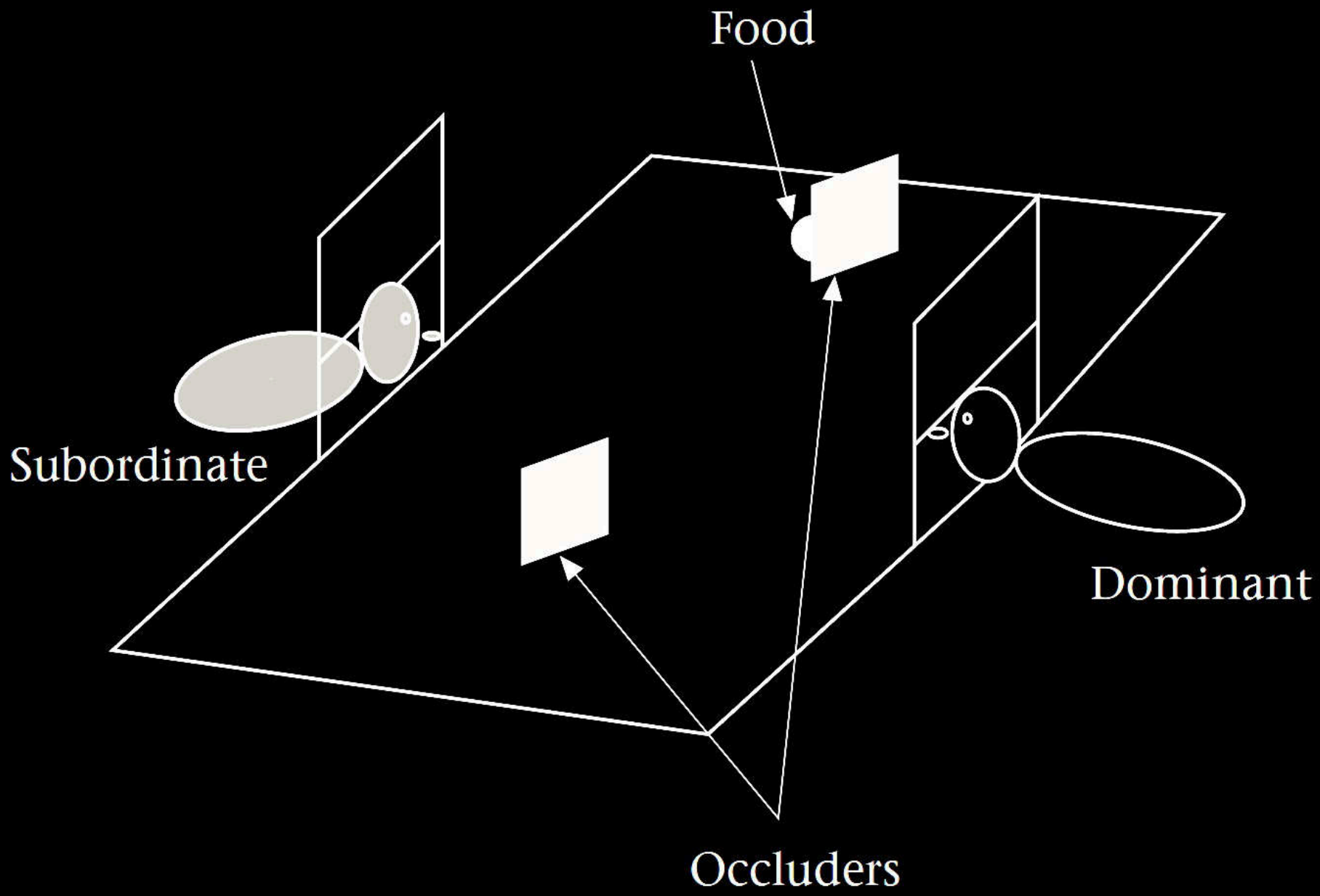
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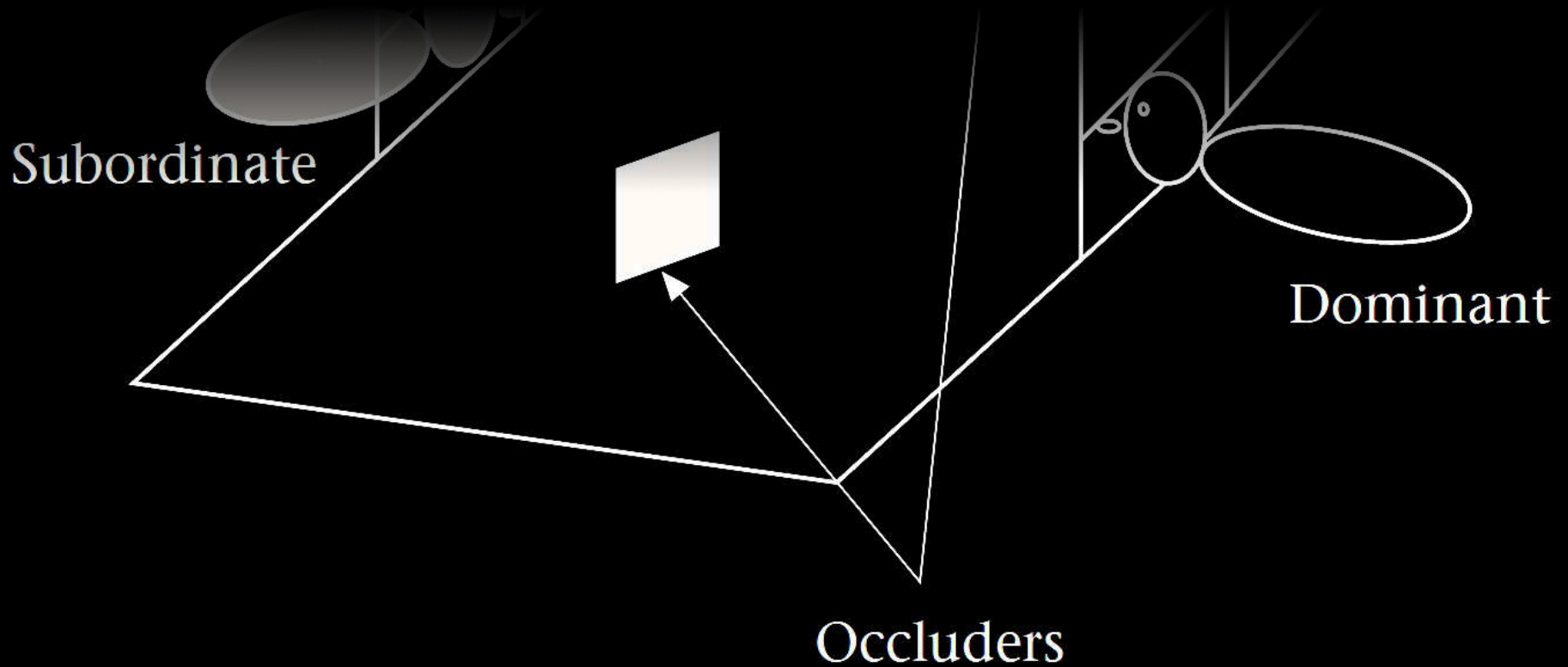
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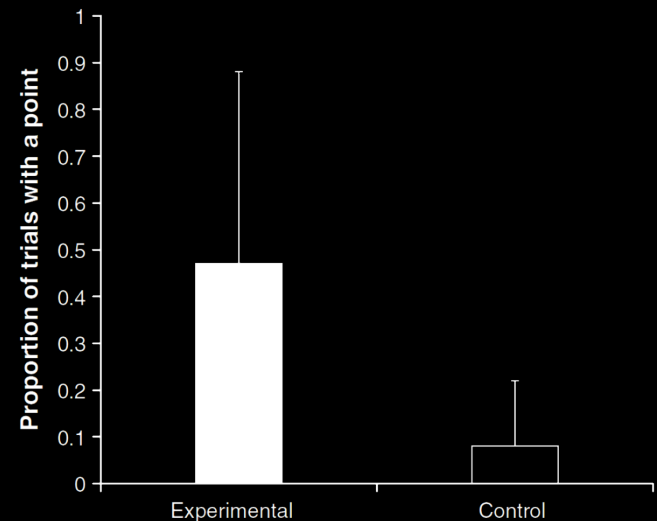
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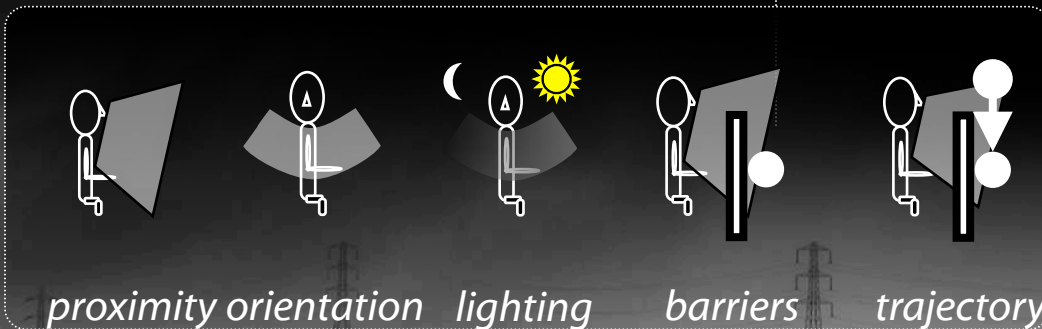
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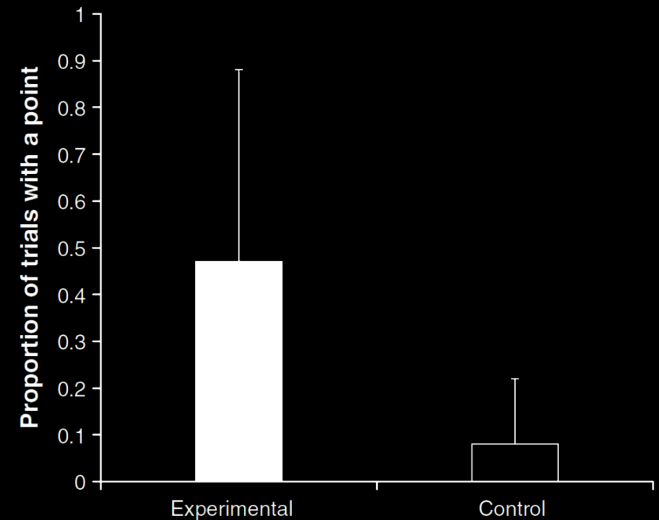
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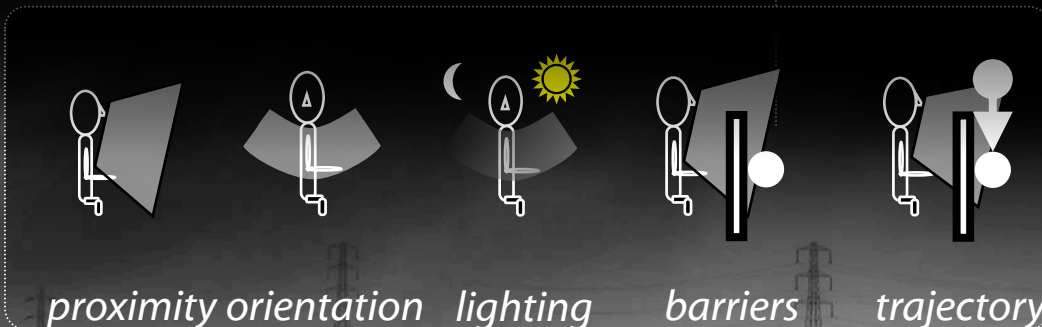
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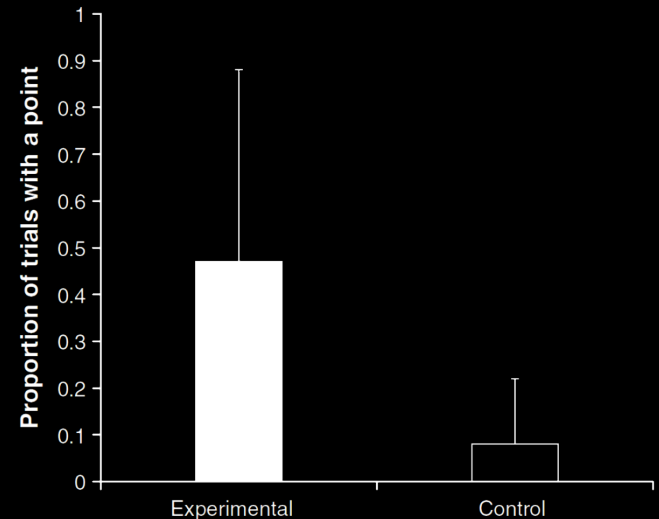
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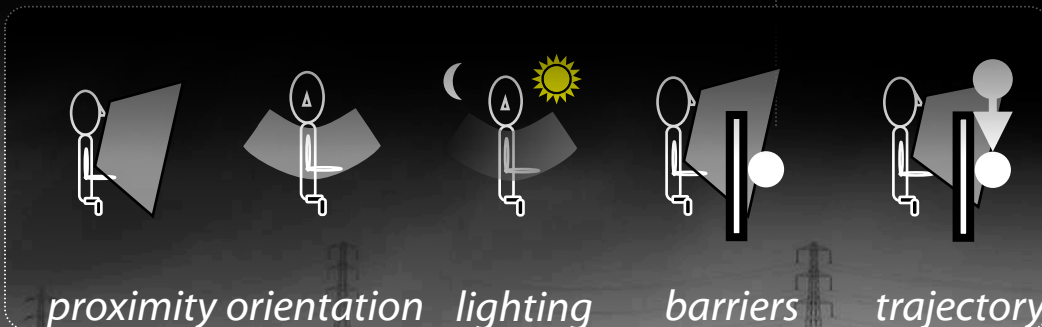
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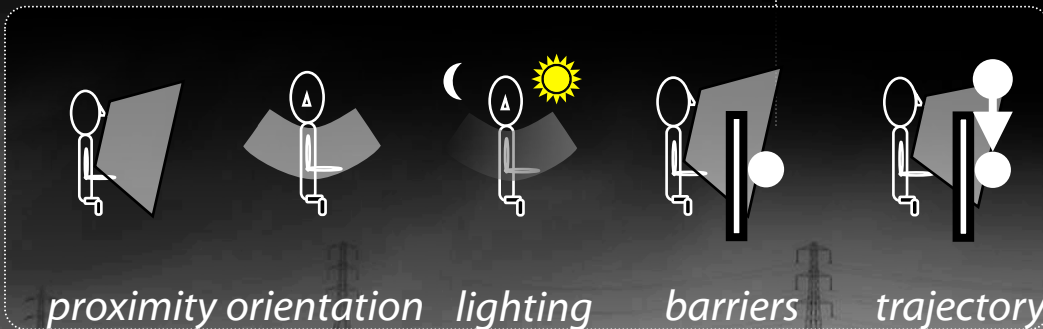
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Tim Bayne (University of Oxford)
"Belief and its bedfellows"

Tuesday, 9 October, 2012, 5.30 PM
Zrinyi 14, Room 412

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about location

False belief
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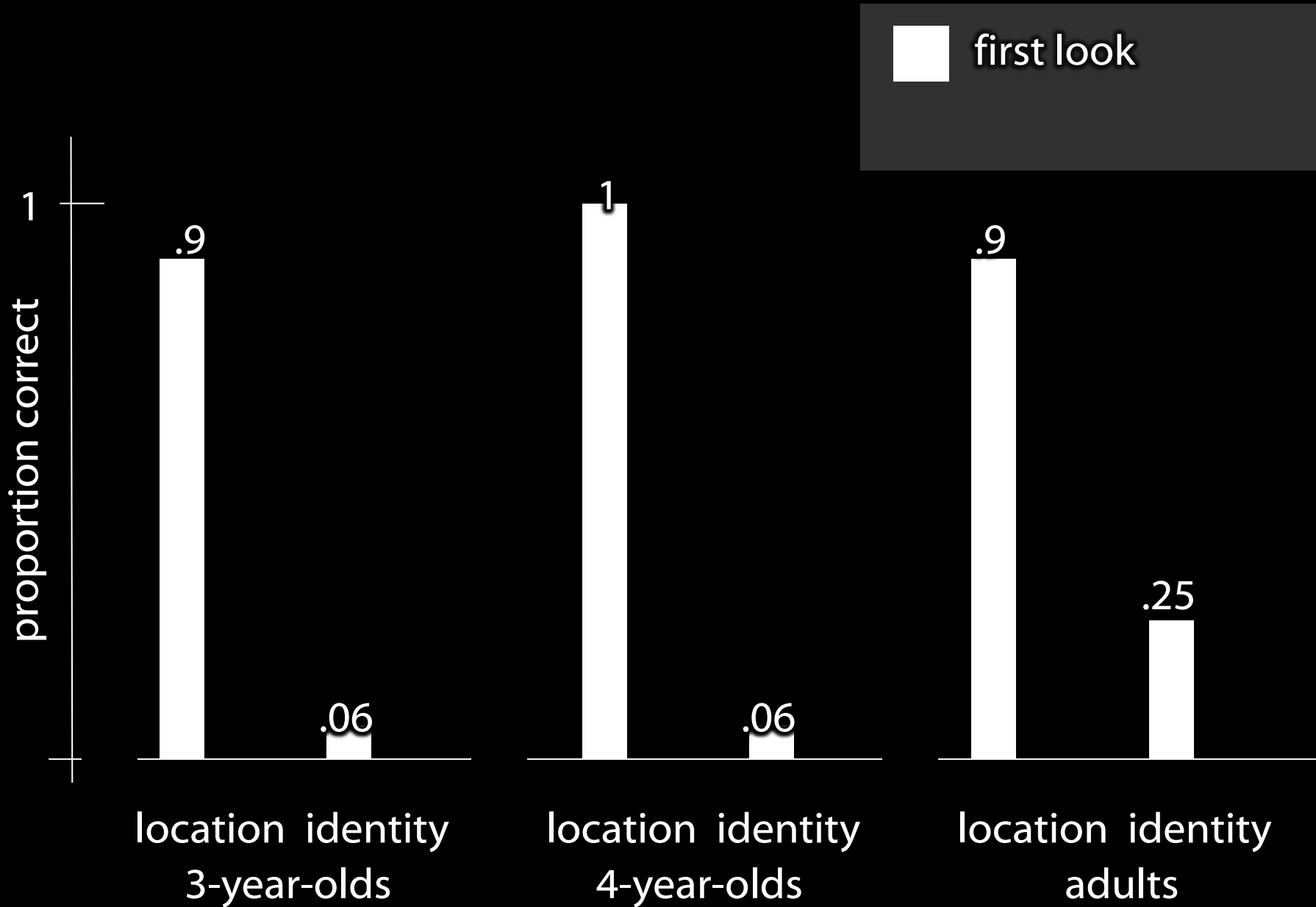
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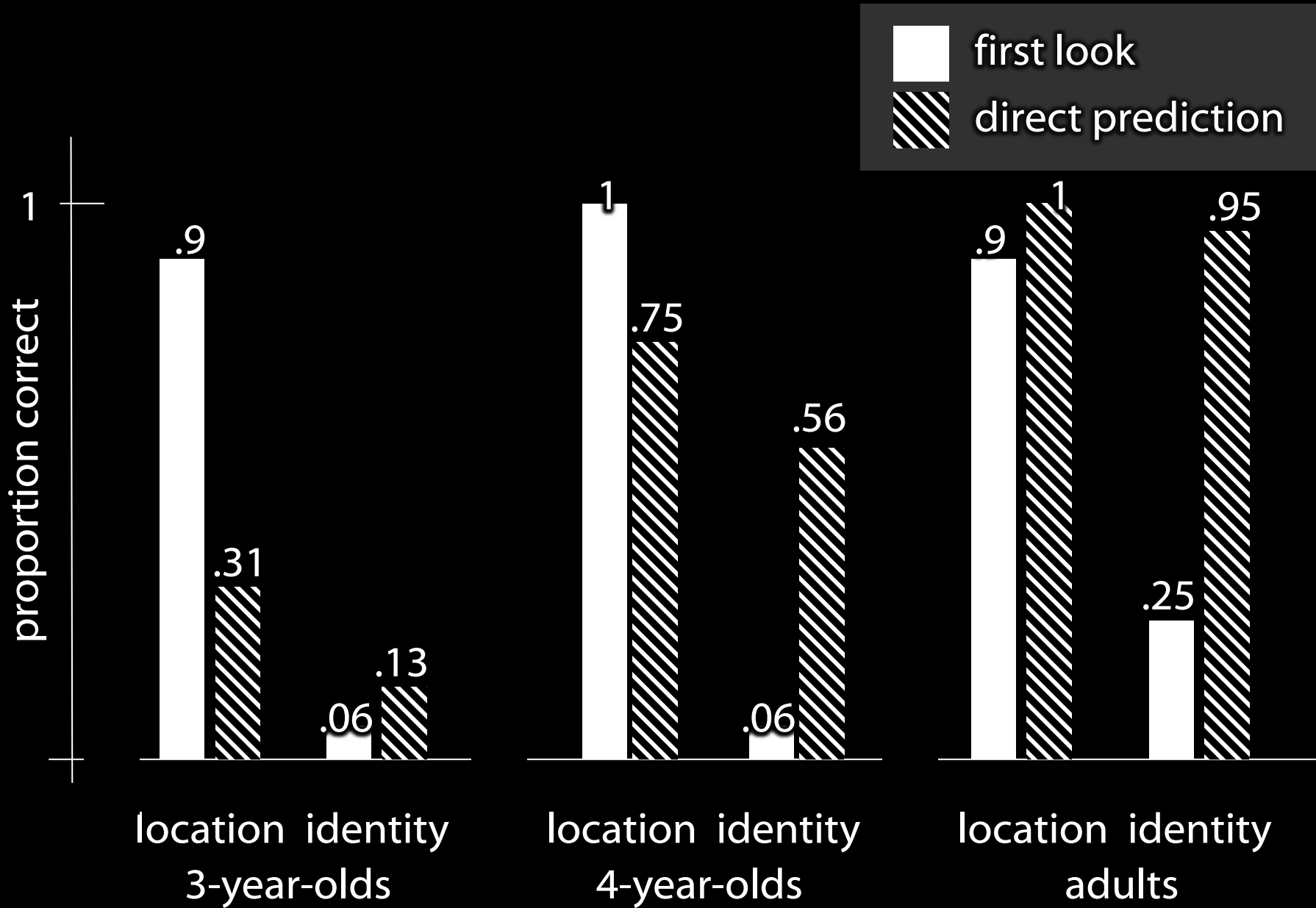
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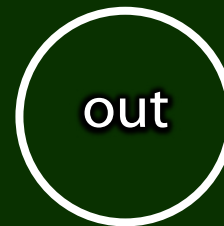
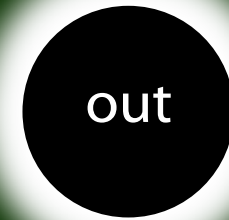
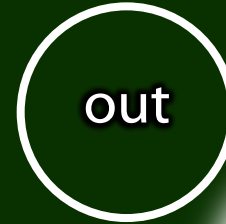
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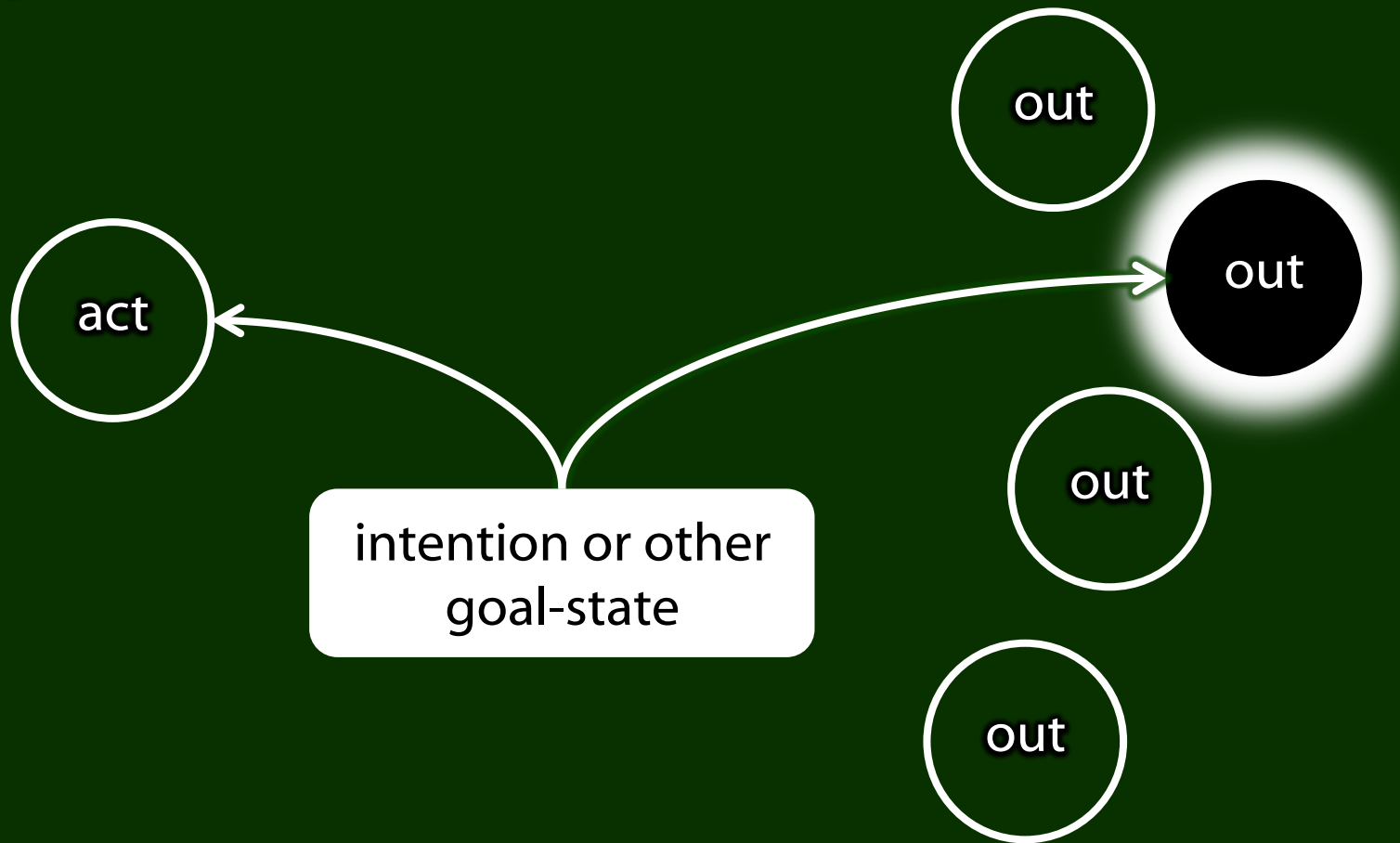
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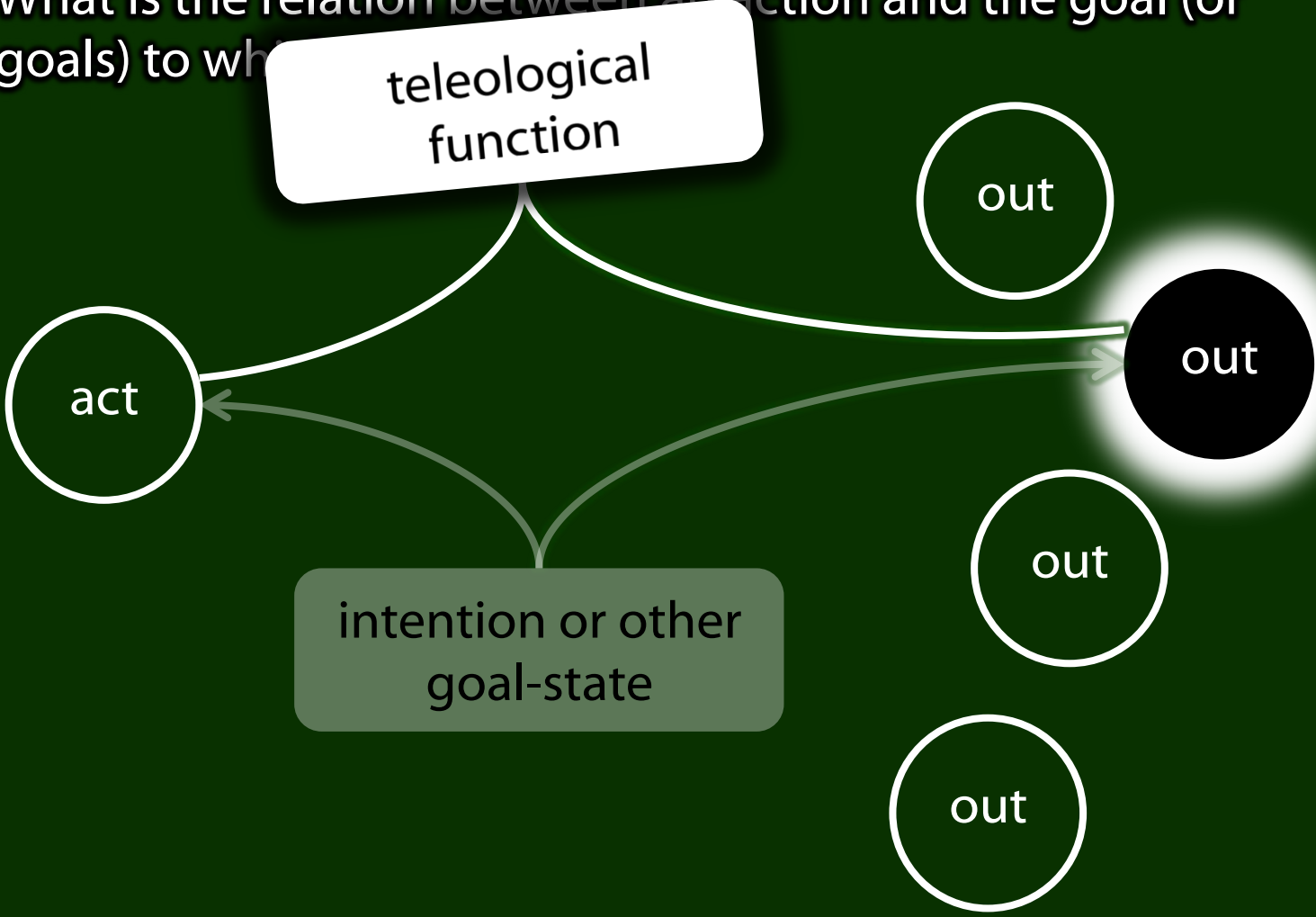
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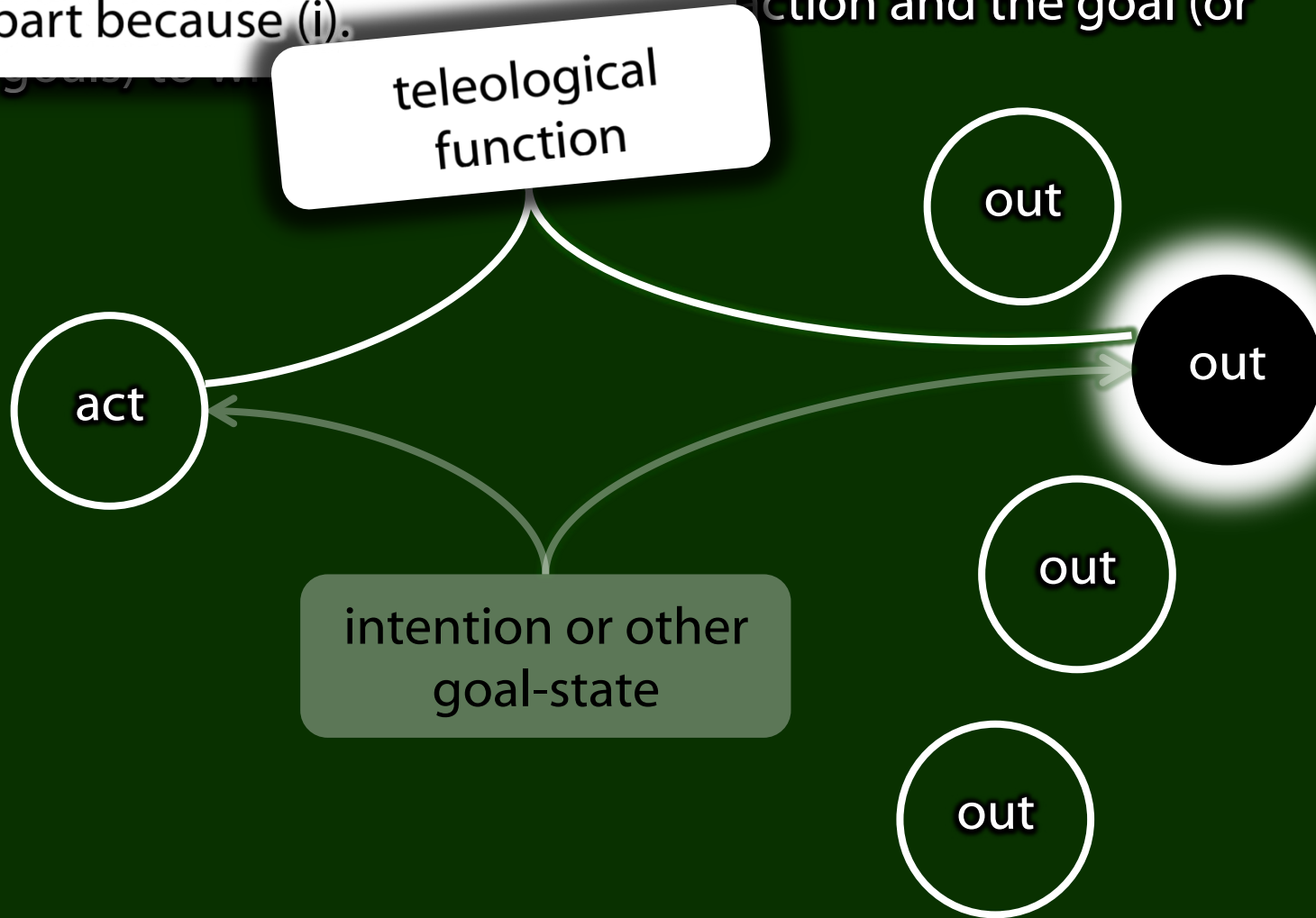


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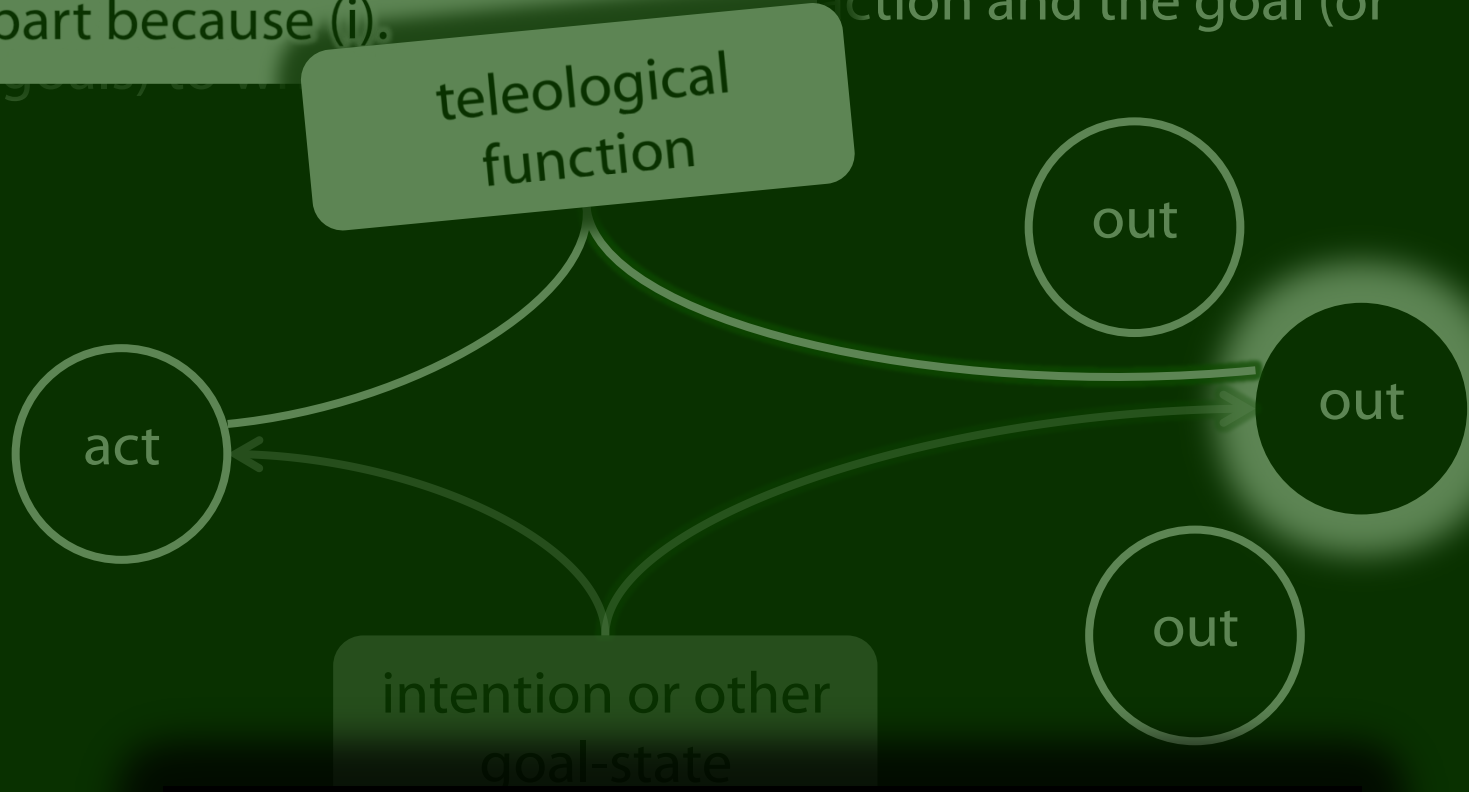
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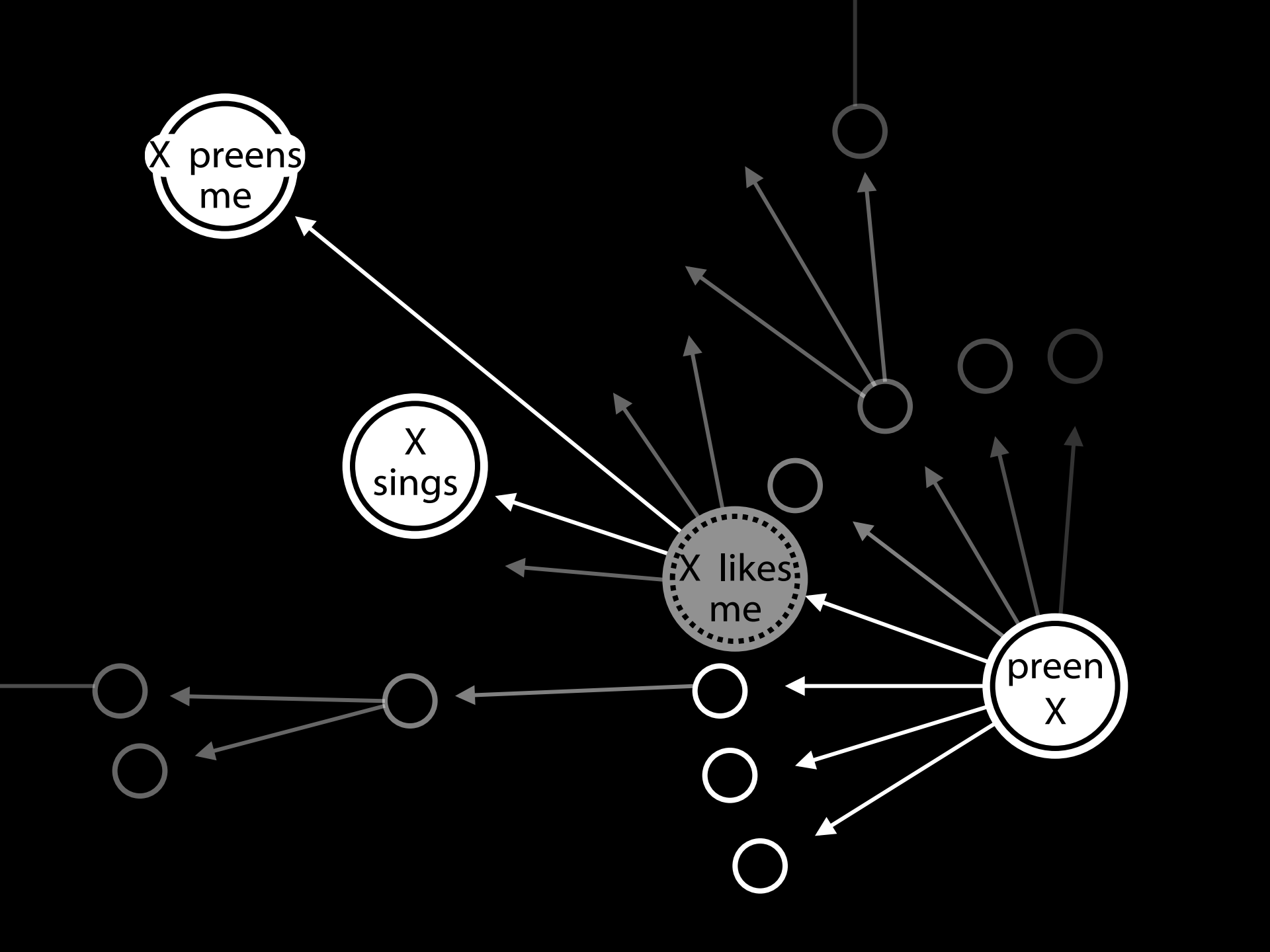


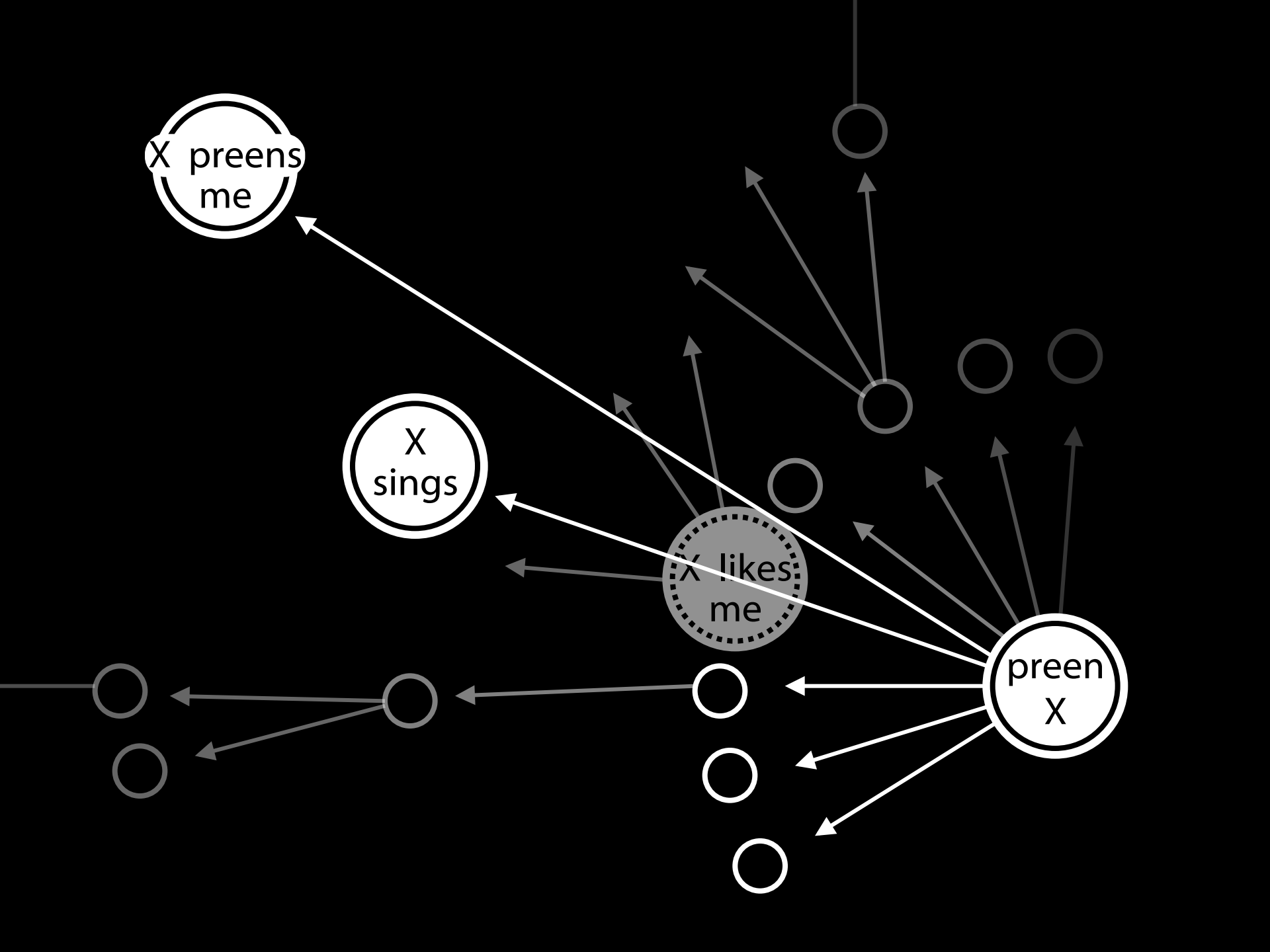
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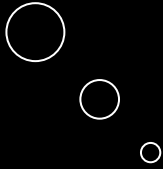






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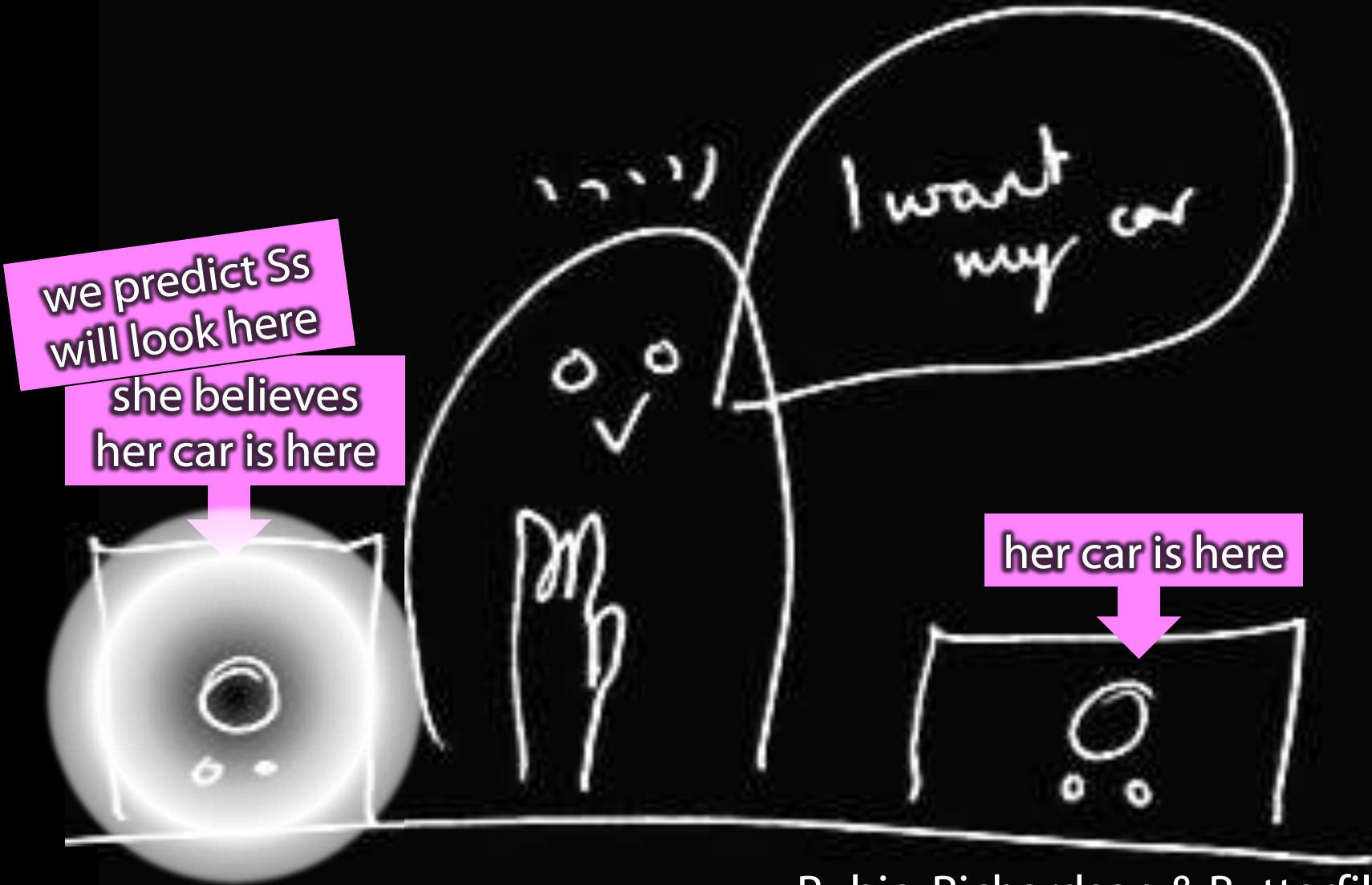
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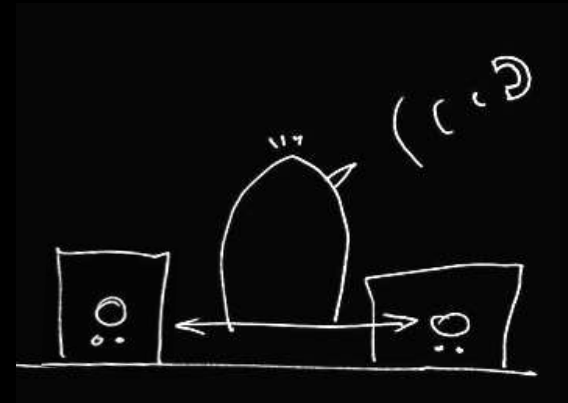
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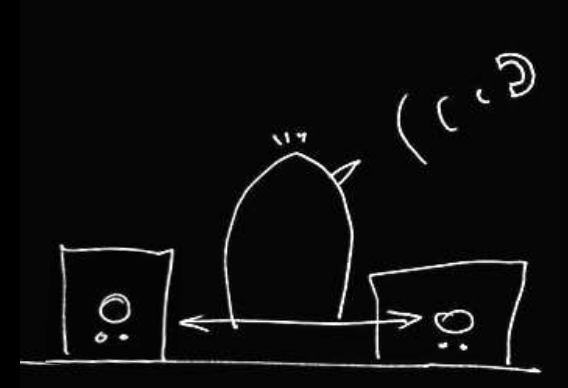
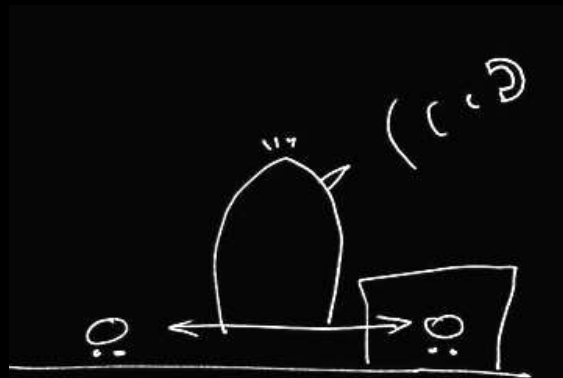


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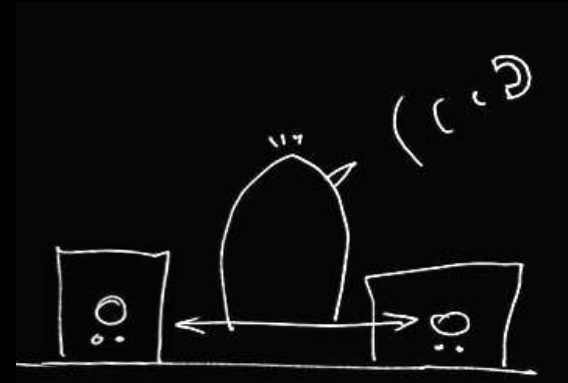
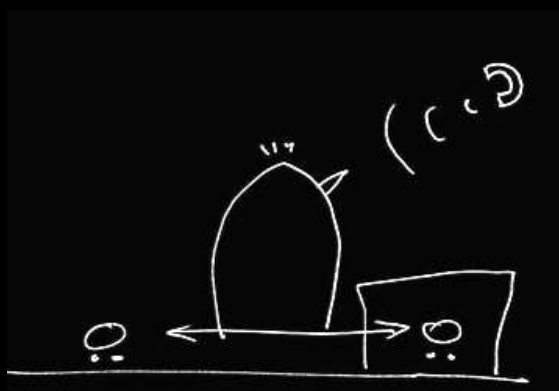


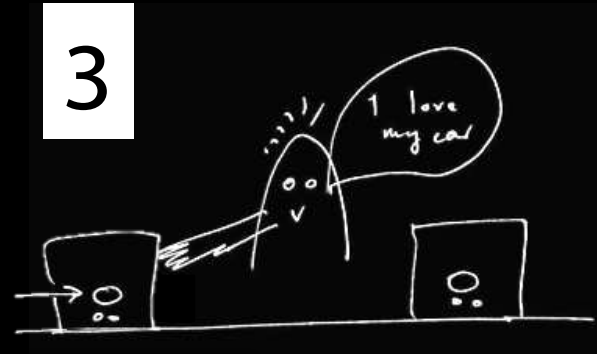
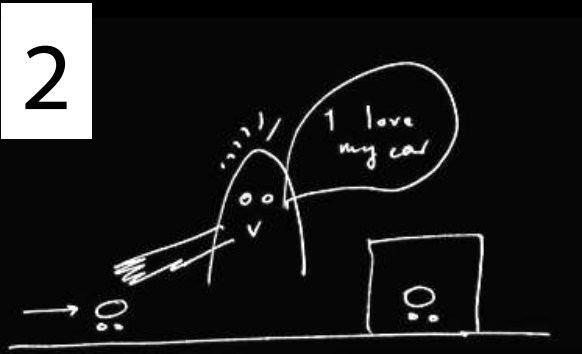


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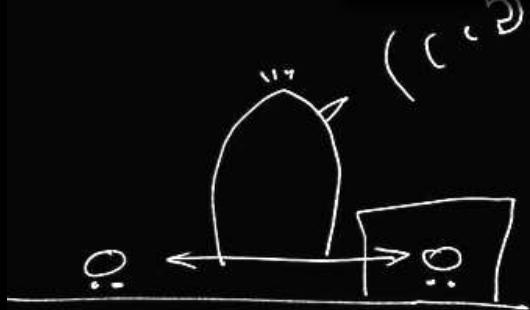
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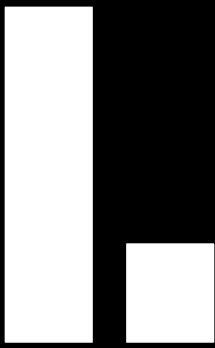


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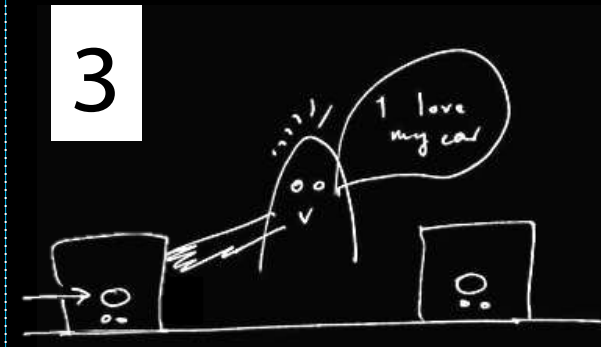
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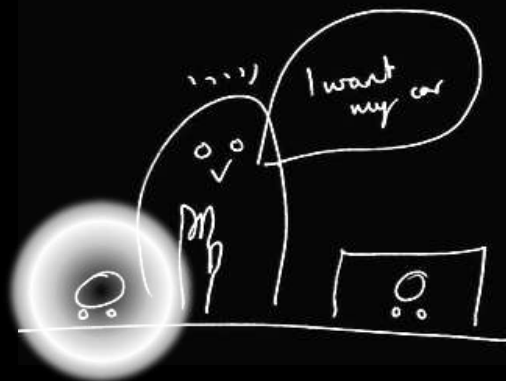
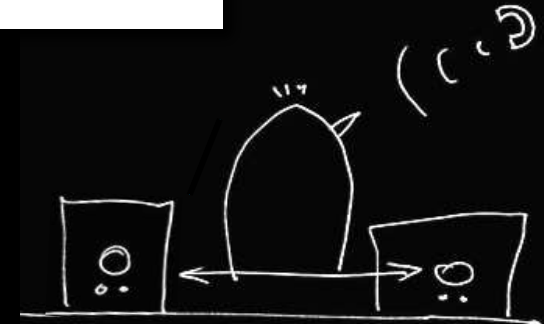


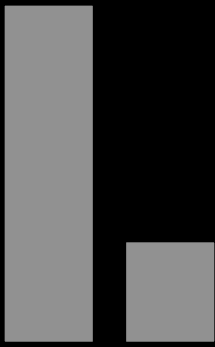
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belief: 2 ≈ 3





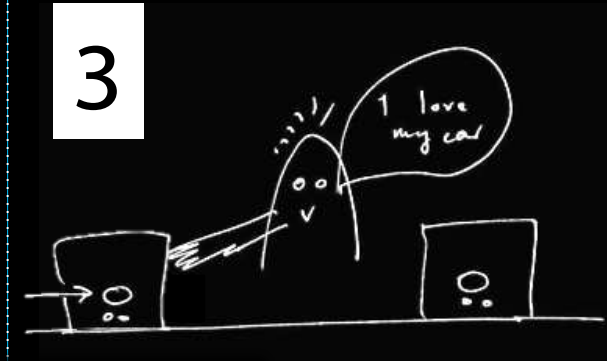
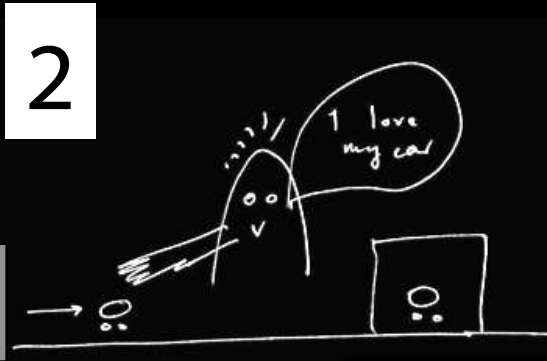
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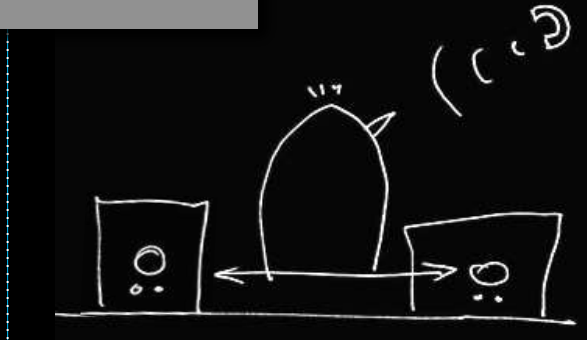


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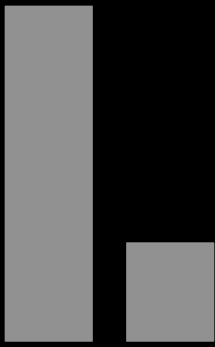


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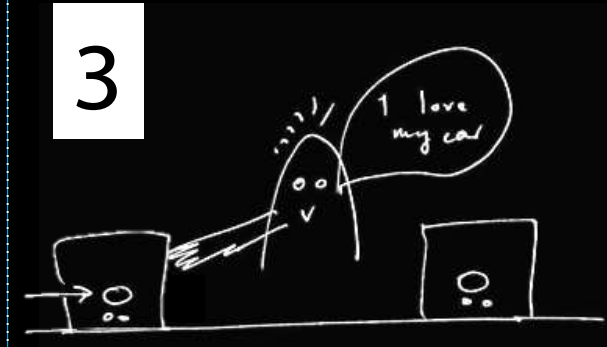
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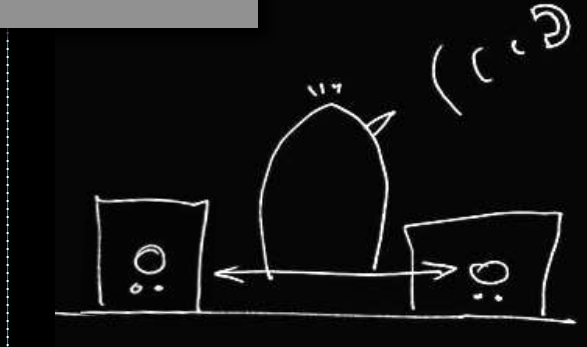


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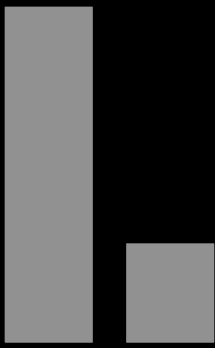


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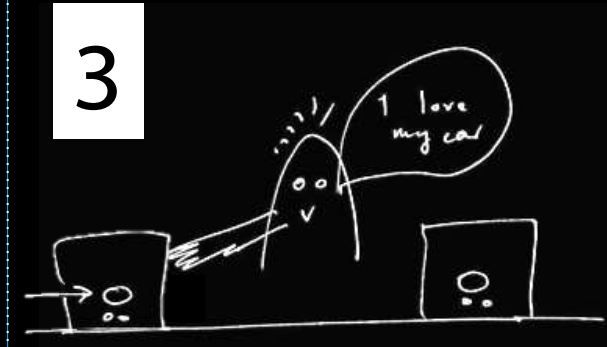
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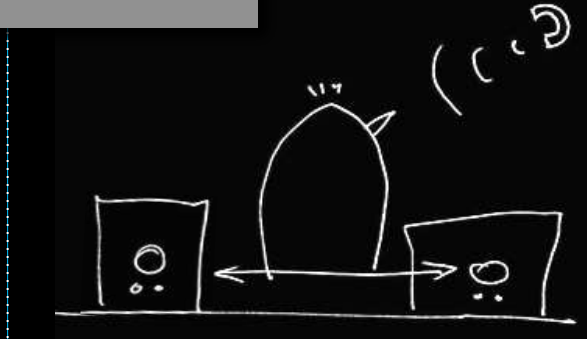


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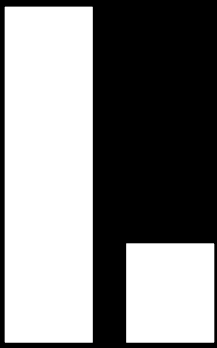
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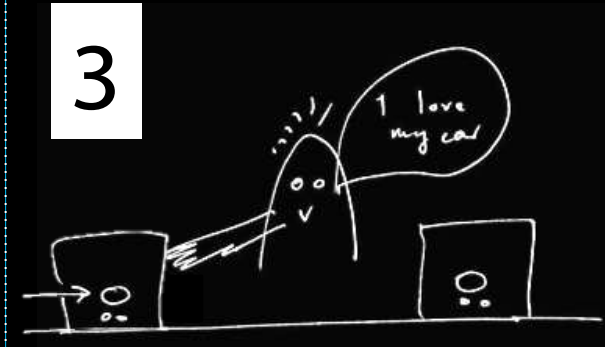
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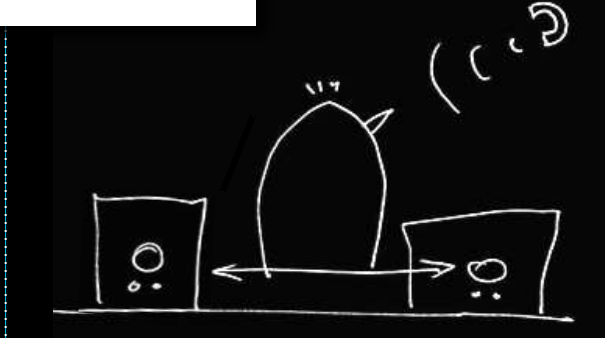


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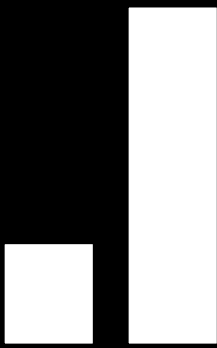
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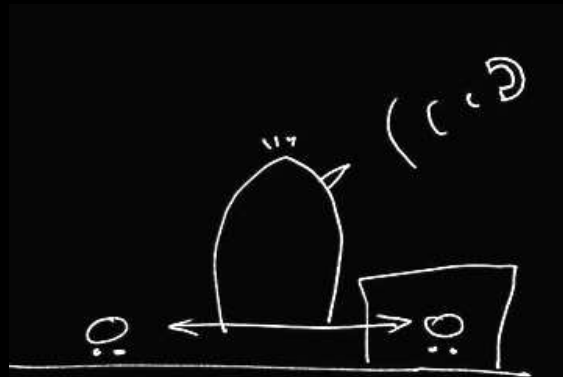
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belief: 2 ≈ 3

registration: 2 ≠ 3

belief: 1 ≠ 2

registration: 1 ≈ 2













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