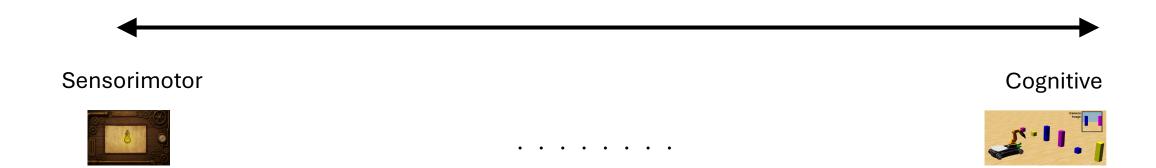
DFT Tutorial – Part 2 Building cognitive agents

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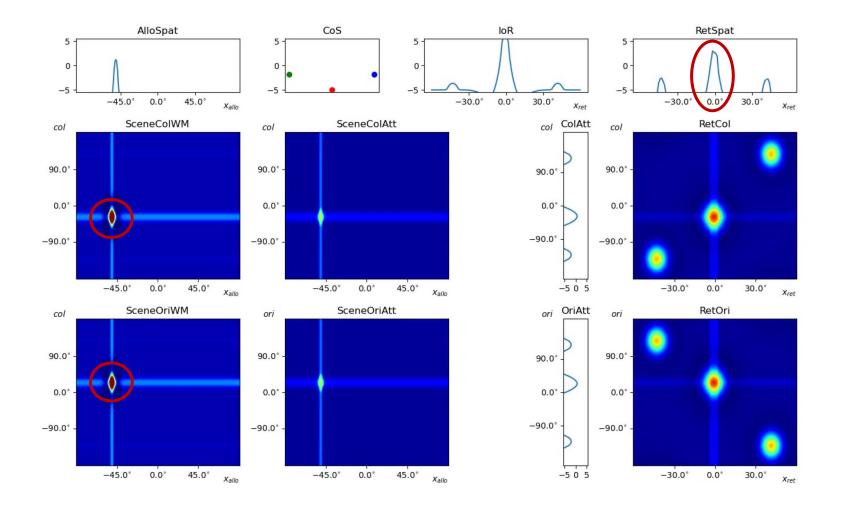
- The less dependent the agent becomes from sensory input, the more autonomous and cognitive it is
 - Internal activation driven process organization
 - Abstract and invariant representation



 "all behavior and thinking consist of sequences of physical or mental acts"

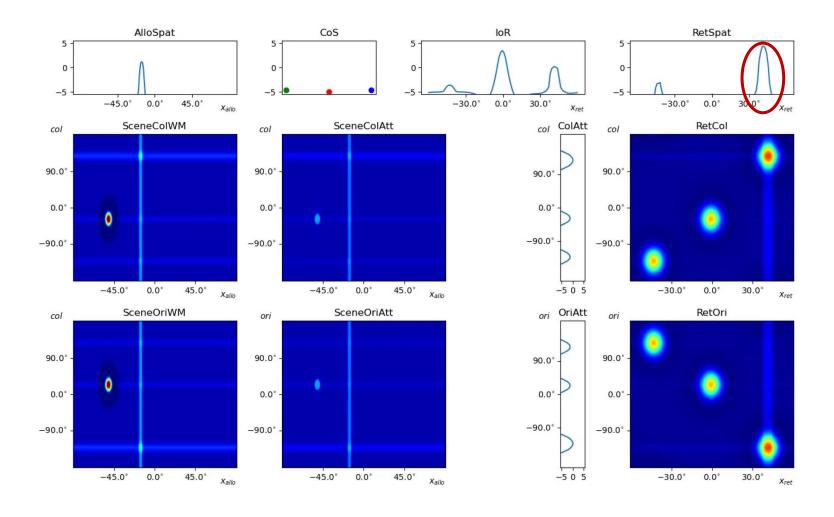
- Two problems
 - When to start and end a process?
 - What is the next state?

When to start and end a process?



Initial selection and encoding of memory

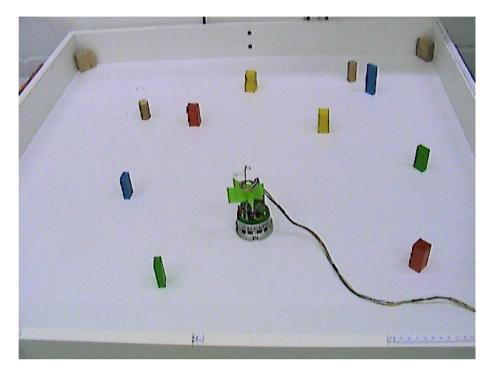
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Selection of another object -> Requires destabilization of the existing attractor!

When to start and end a process?

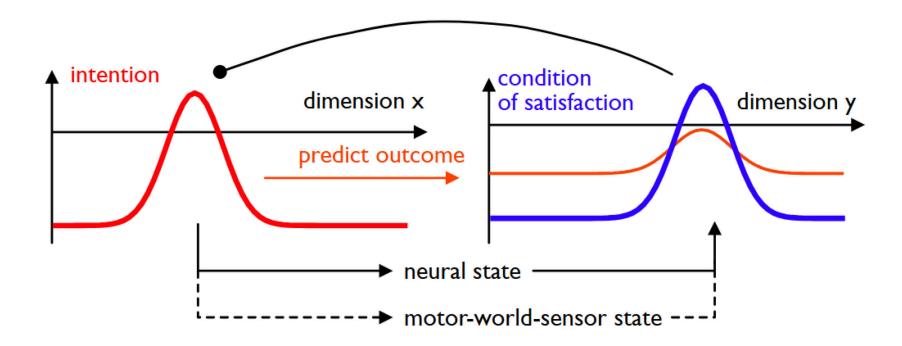
Variable termination timing -> requires event-based initiation and termination



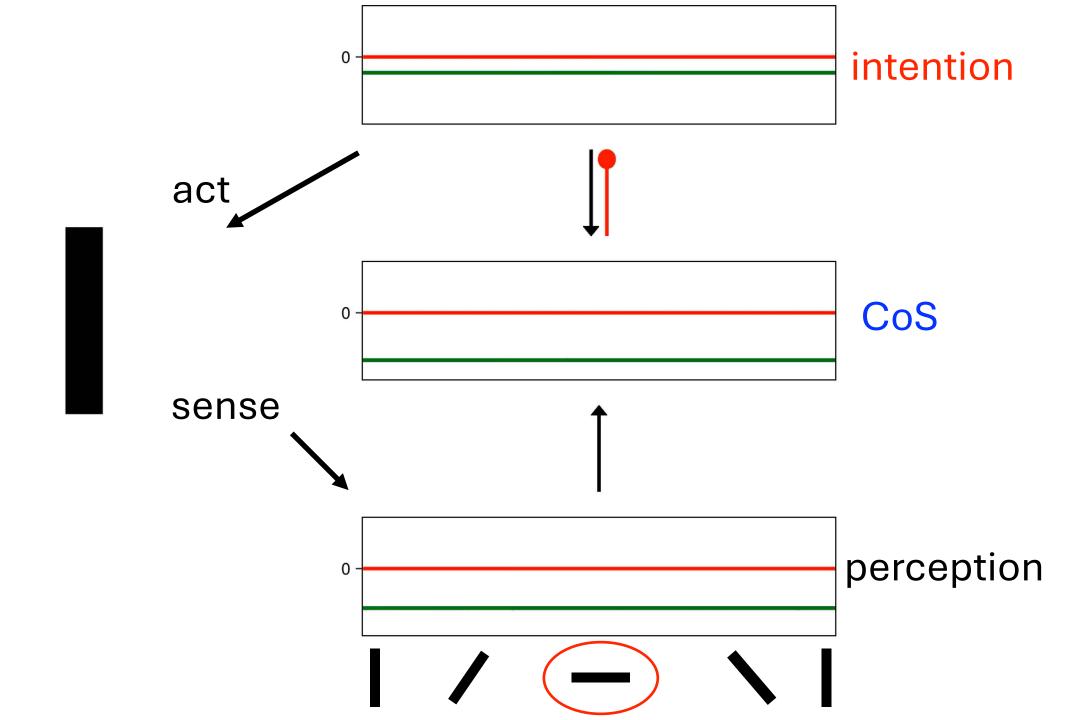
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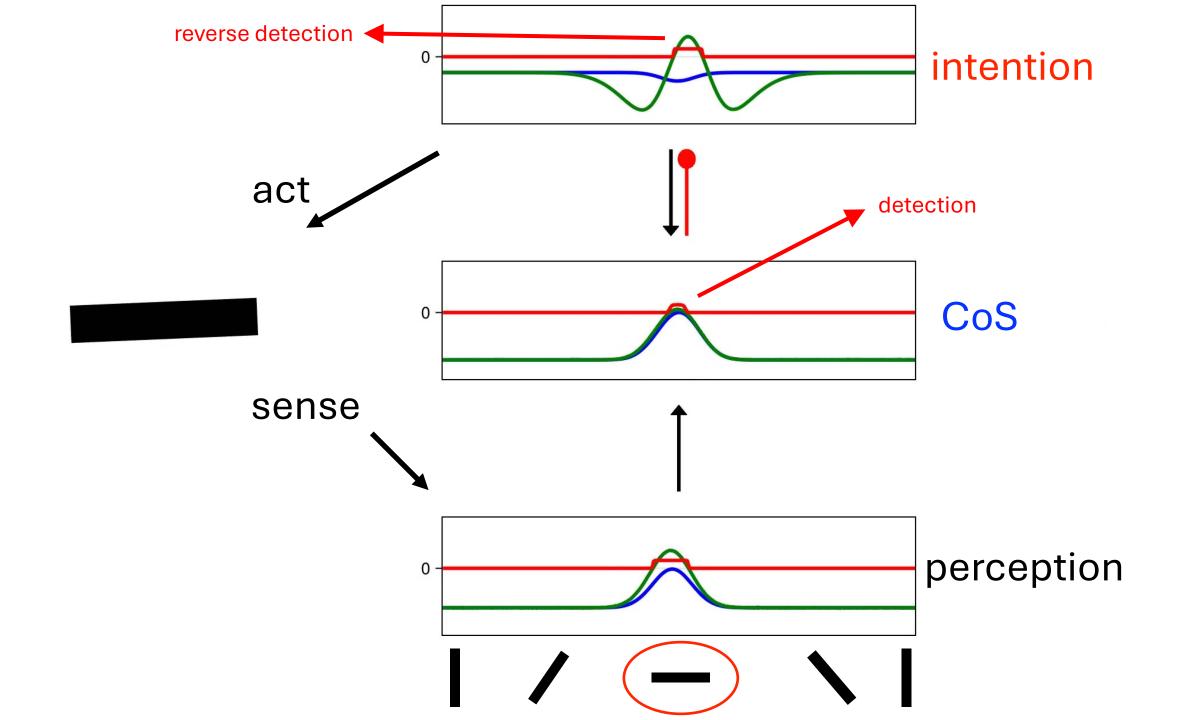
Intention and Condition of Satisfaction (CoS)

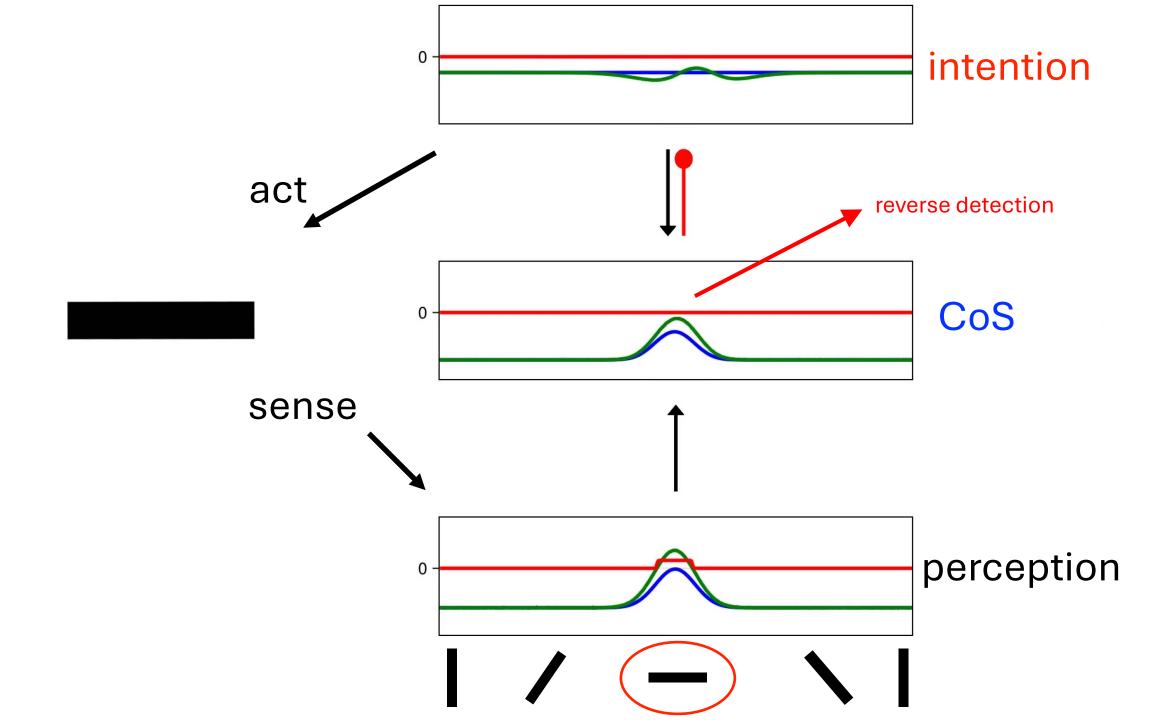
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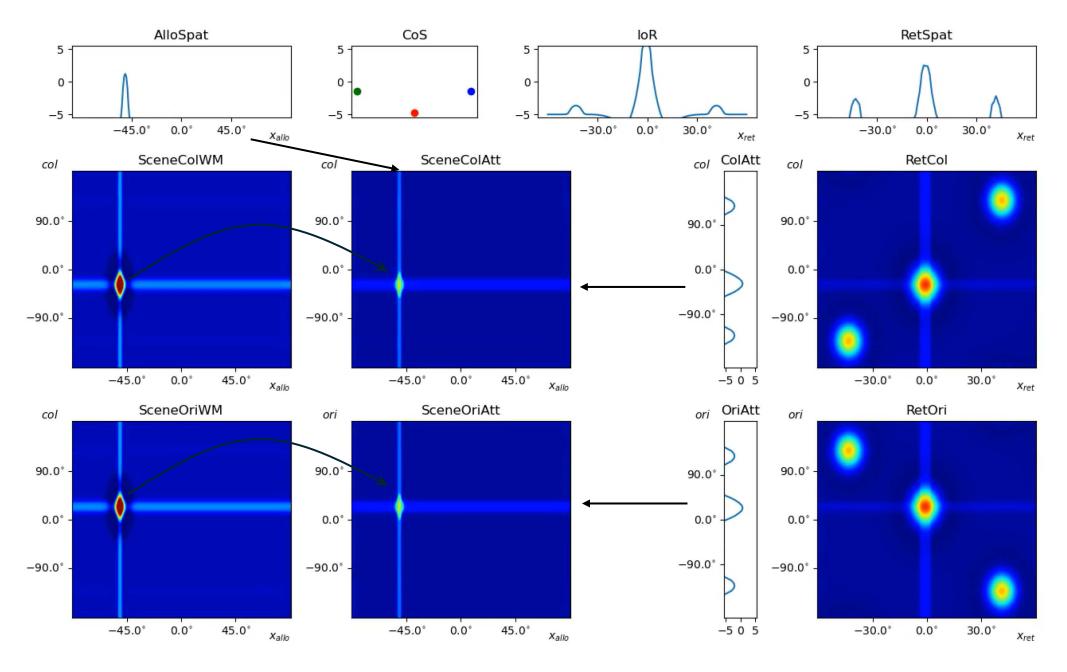


Autonomous detection of termination condition and destabilization





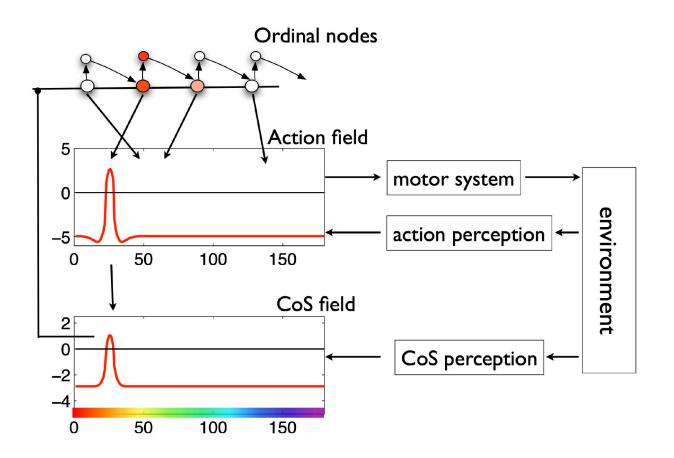




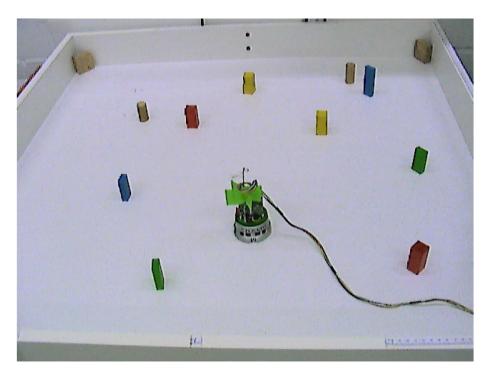
Building a new memory representation -> CoS -> destabilize intention -> destabilize CoS

Serial order

What is the next state?

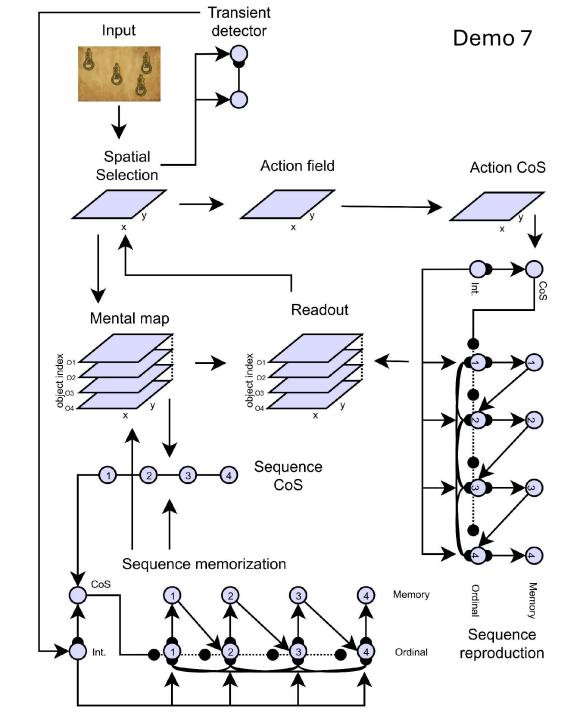


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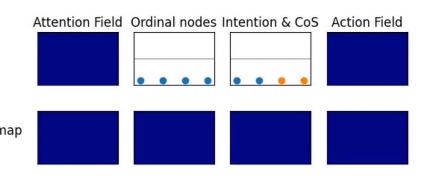








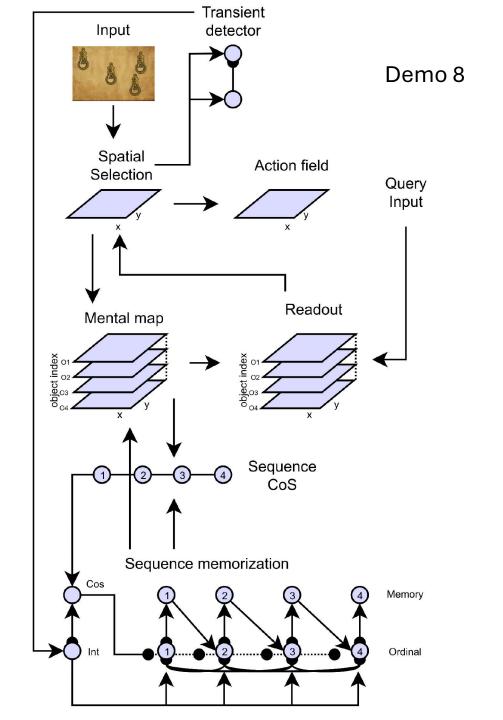




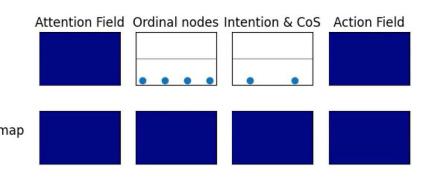
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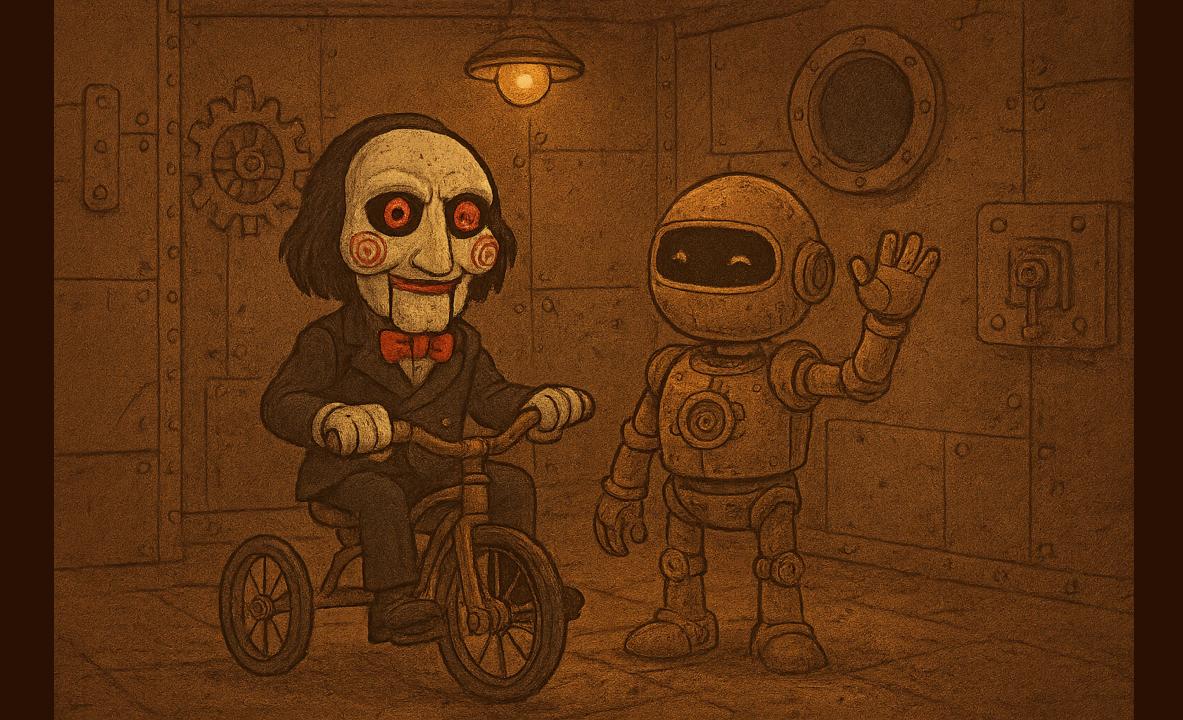




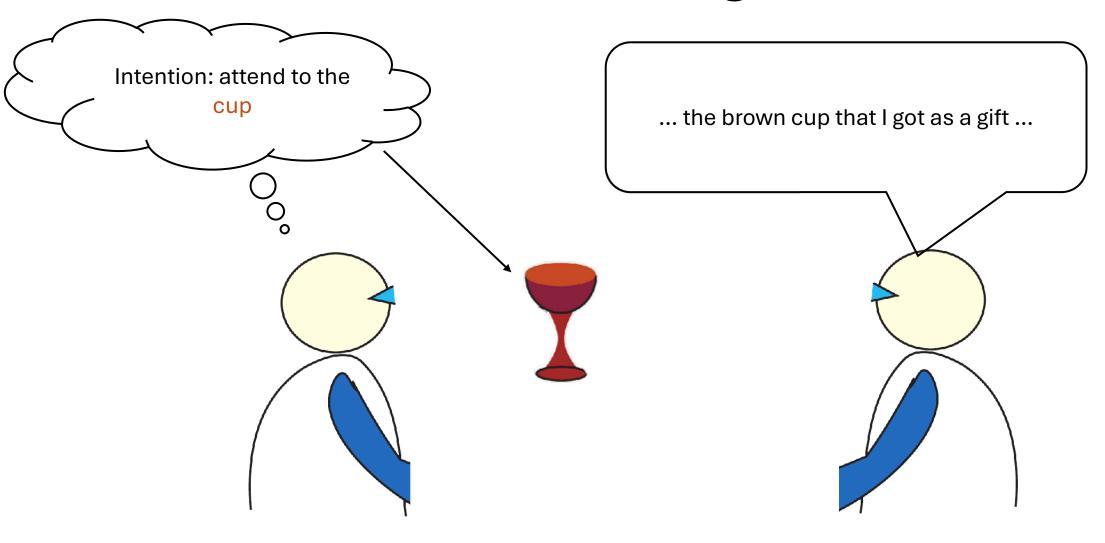






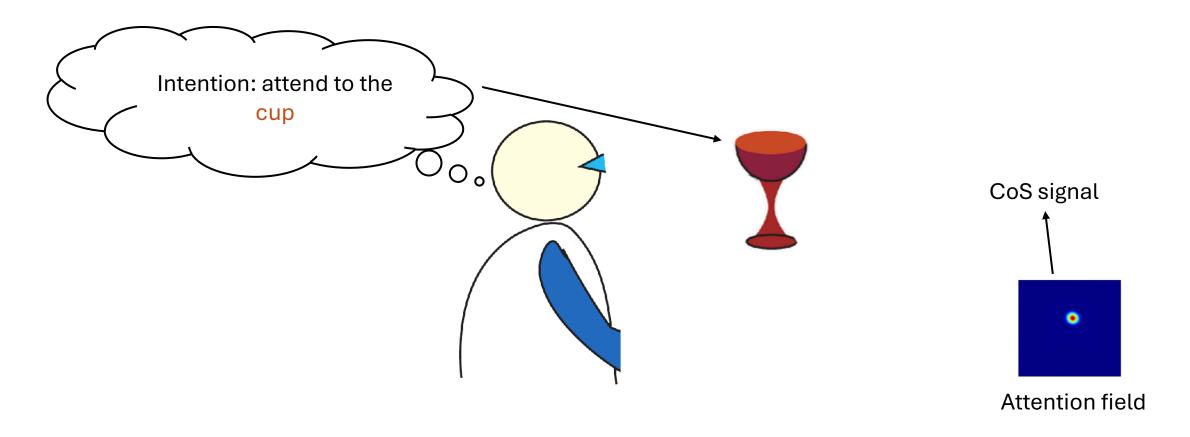


Grounding

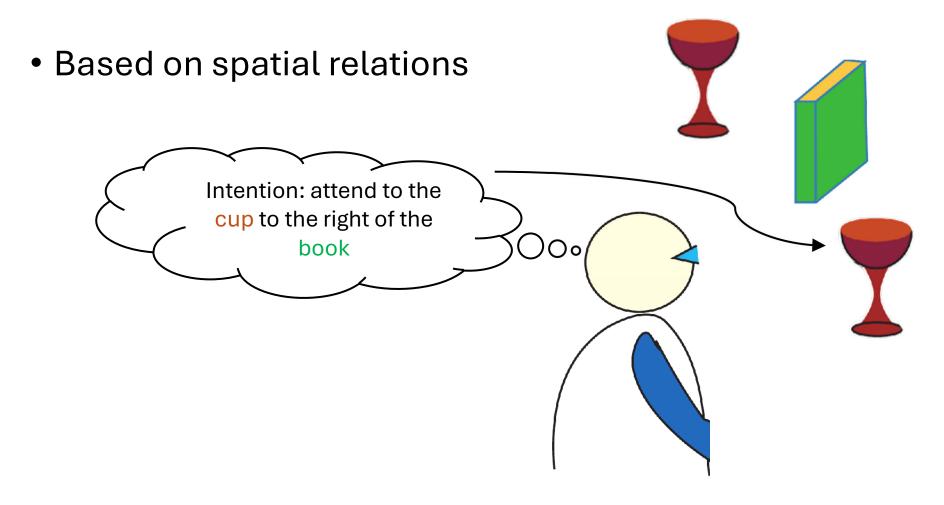


Perceptual grounding

 Directing attention to objects/events in the world based on language / internally generated thoughts

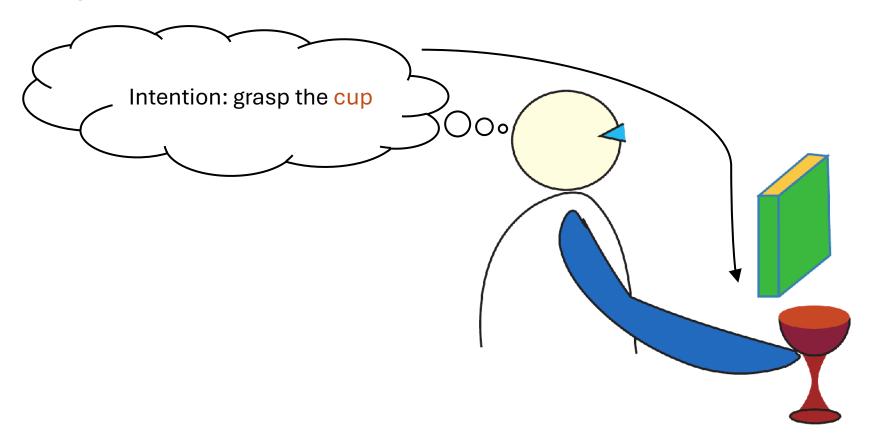


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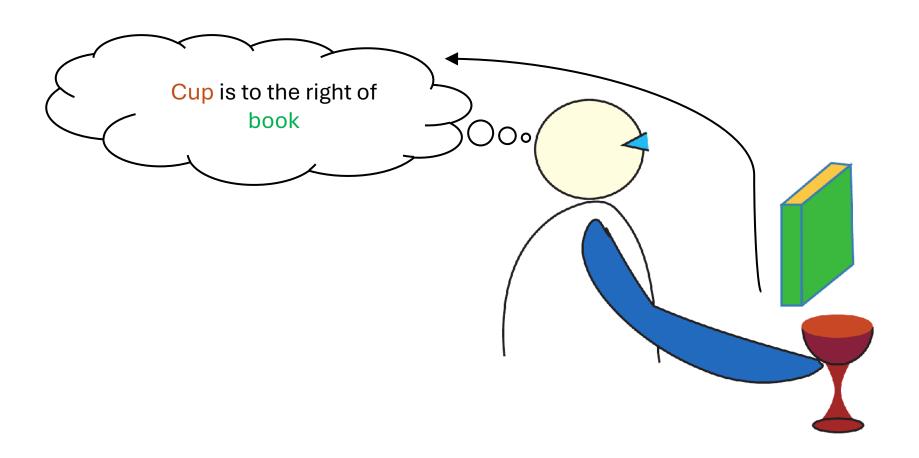
Action grounding

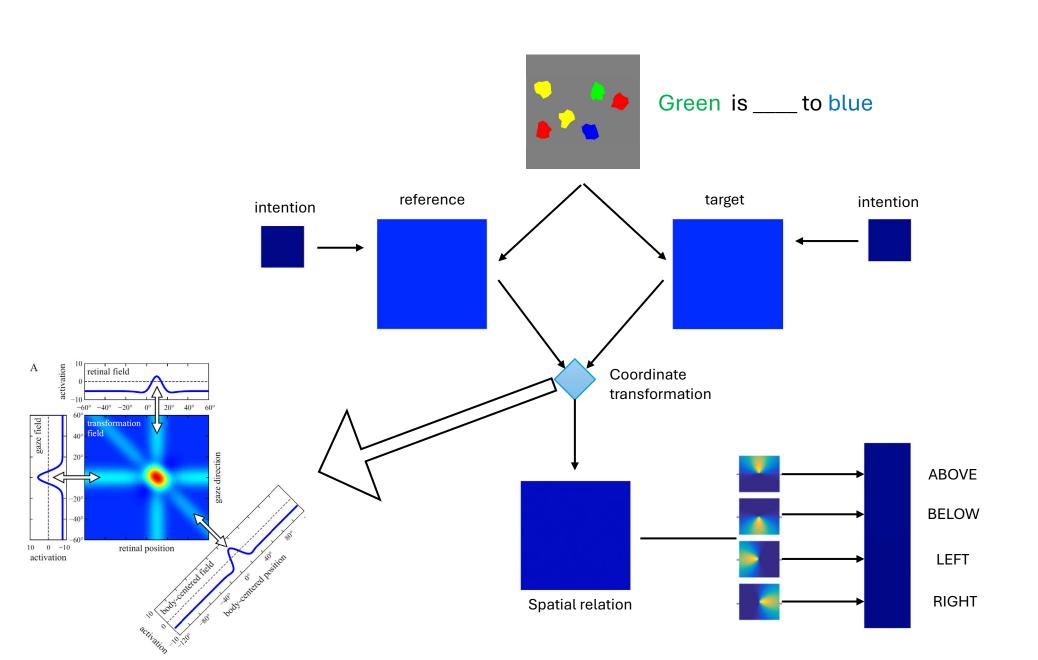
 Grounding is fulfilled by executing the intended action and getting the expected outcome



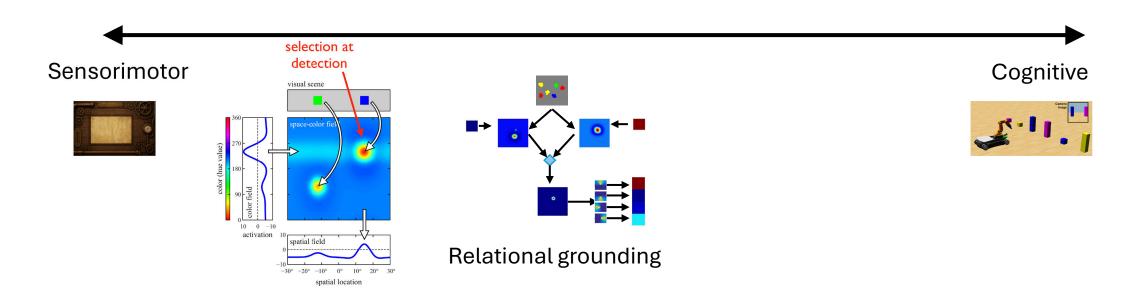
Description

Generating conceptual/internal representation of the world



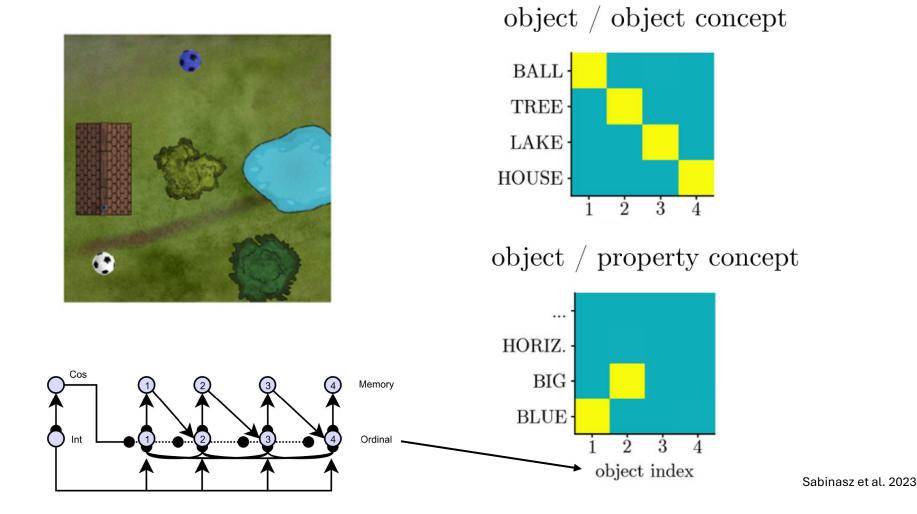


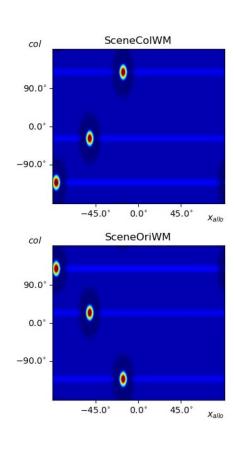
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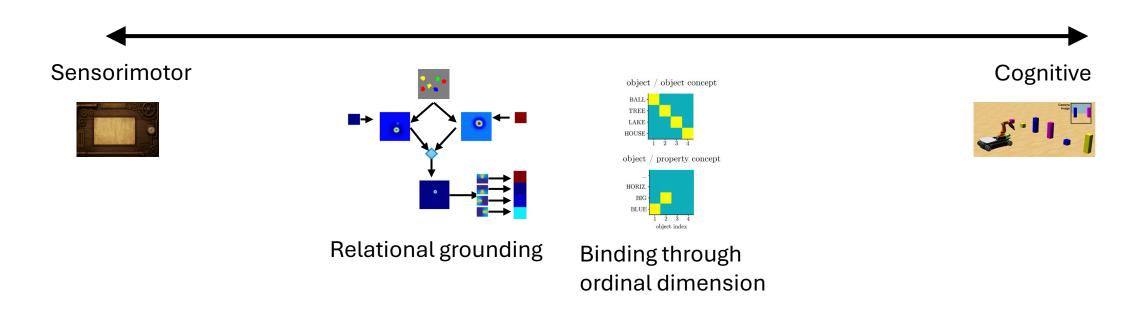
Binding through ordinal dimension

Autonomously generated ordinal dimension binds concepts





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Conceptual structure

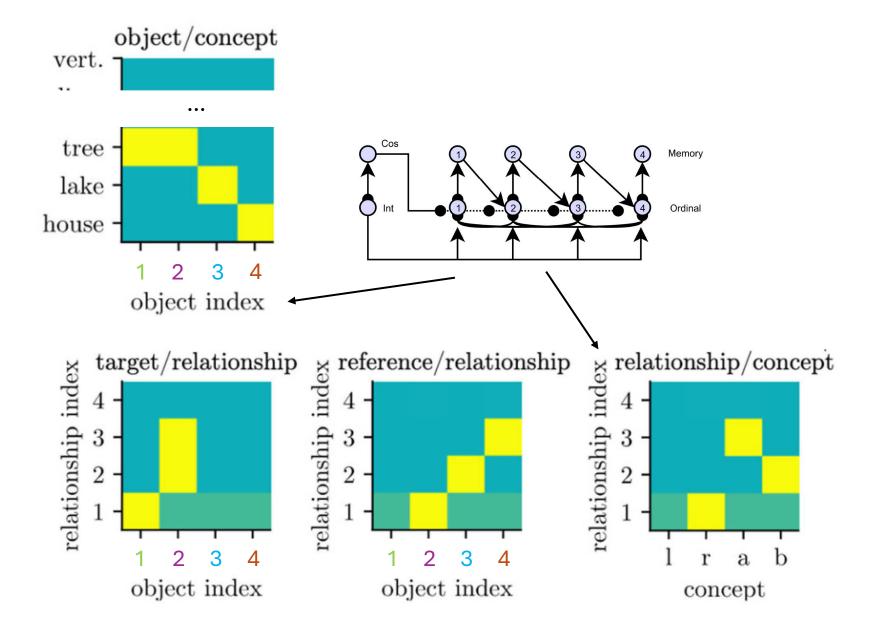
• Expressing identity of instances given multiple relations

Intention: find the tree that is:

Right-of(tree, tree)
Below(lake, tree)
Above(house, tree)



- Representation of two distinct trees
- Binding the same tree to different roles in different relations



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