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# ***Towards the development of a robotic adaptive self-protective system***

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**RobotDoC**

Robotics for Development of Cognition

# *My research project*

- ***Robotic adaptive self-protective system*** based on a neurocomputational amygdala model of fear conditioning.

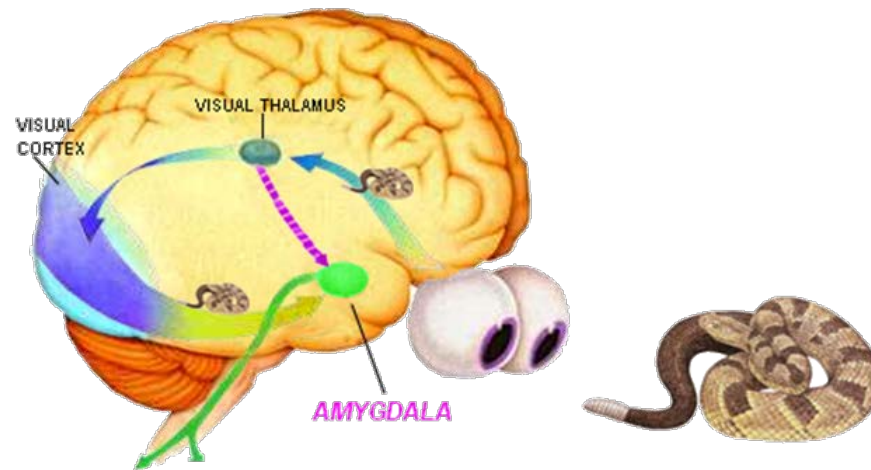
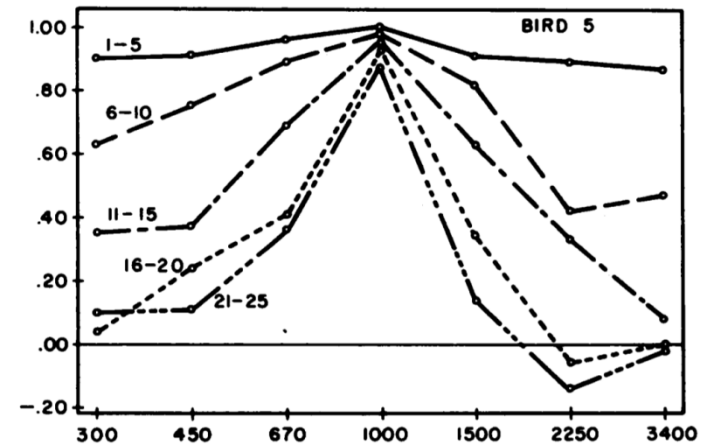
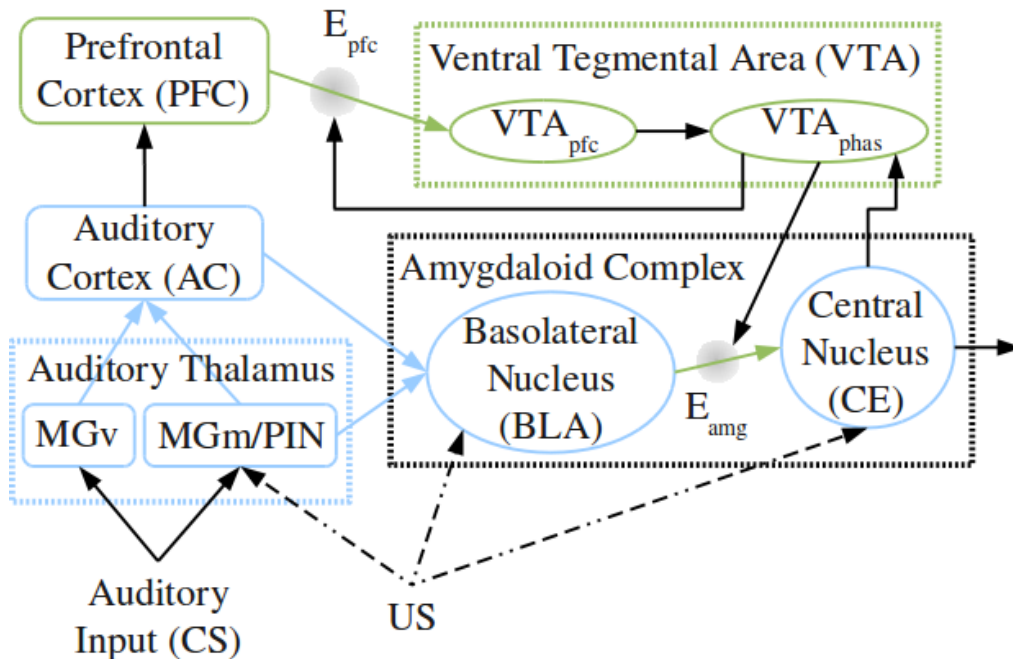


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# Technical overview



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# *Computational cognitive modelling*

Study and assistance  
of humans

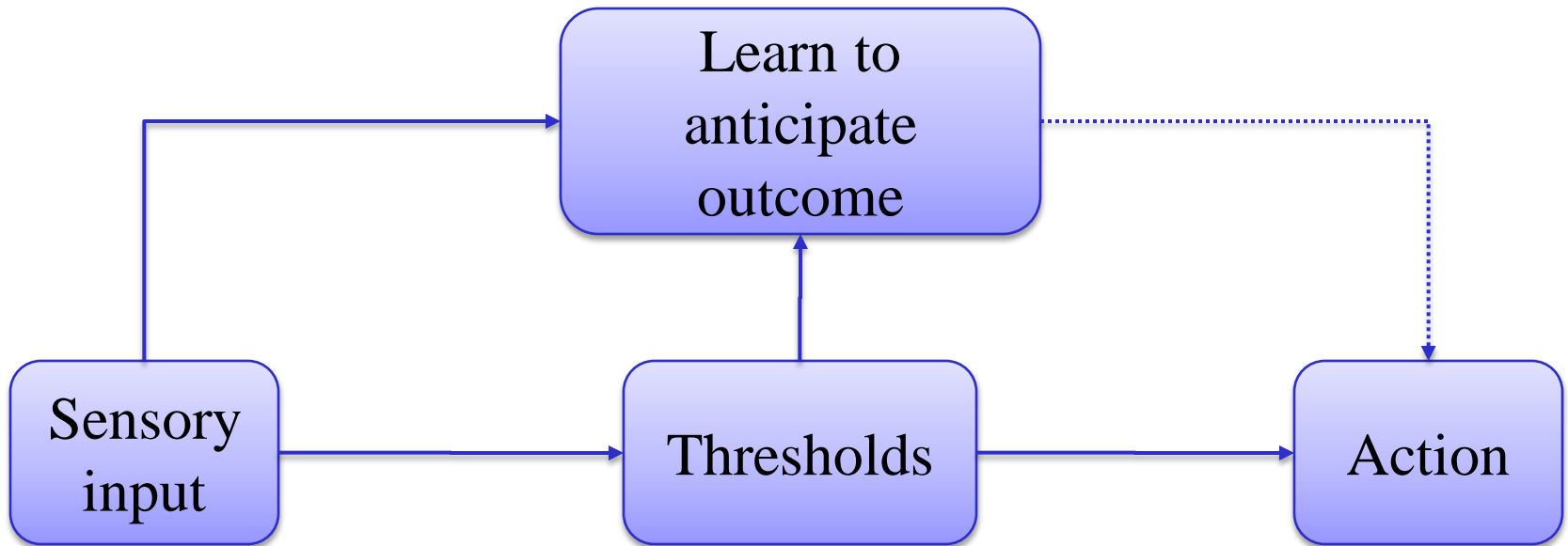


Development of better  
computational models

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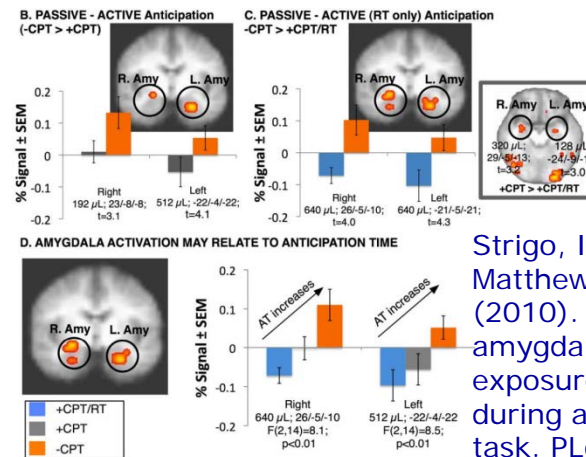
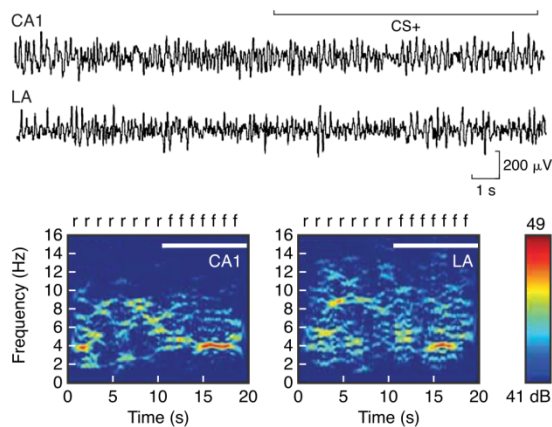


# Long-term implication: Study of affective disorders

Foreseen applications of computational models of fear conditioning:

- Lesion study, reliably replication of lesions and cells like recordings.
- Study the degree of involvement of different structures, codification of information, etc

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