



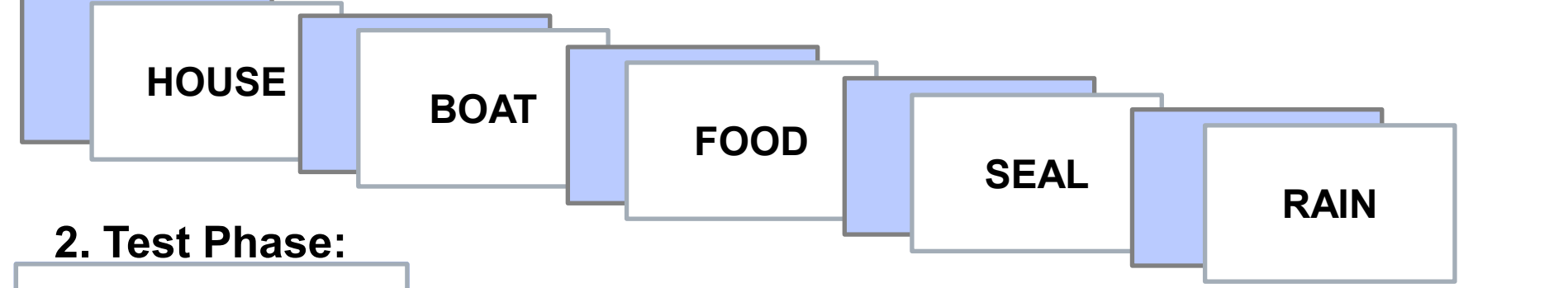
A Hierarchical Bayesian Signal Detection Model for Confidence Ratings

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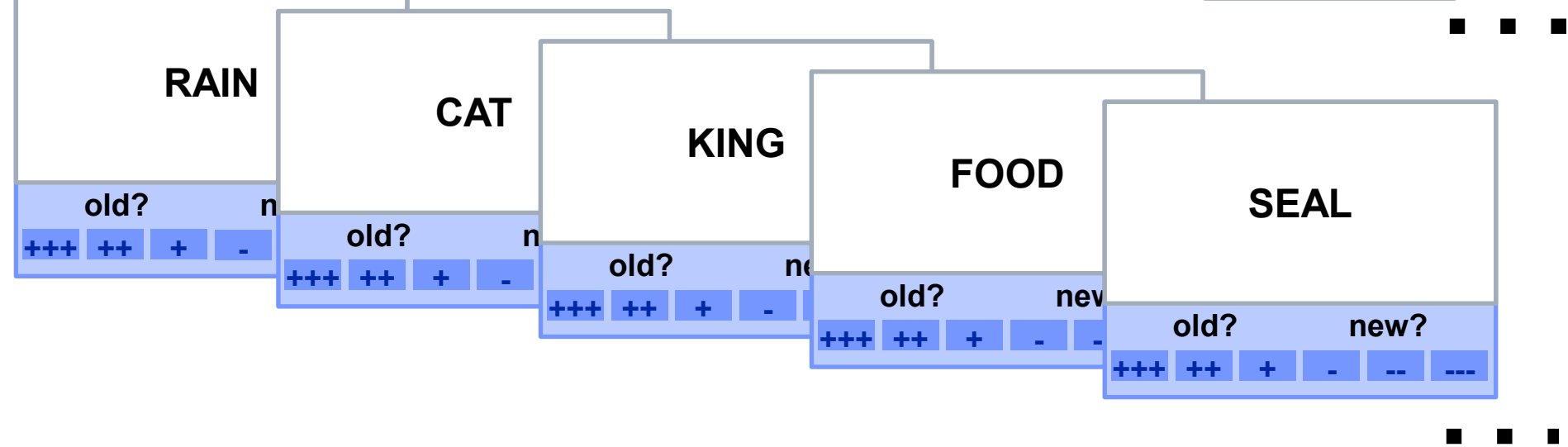
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Task

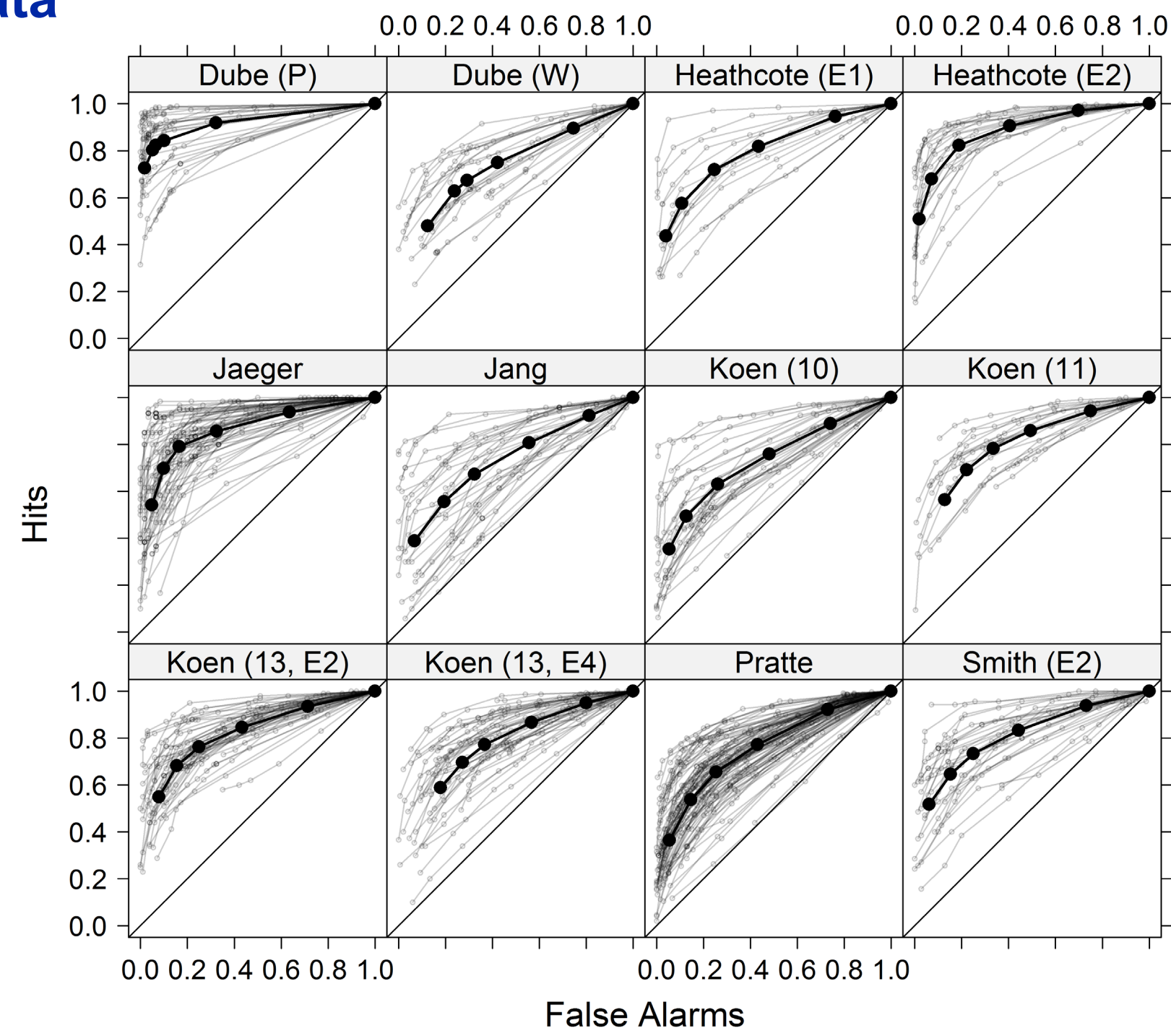
1. Learning Phase



2. Test Phase:

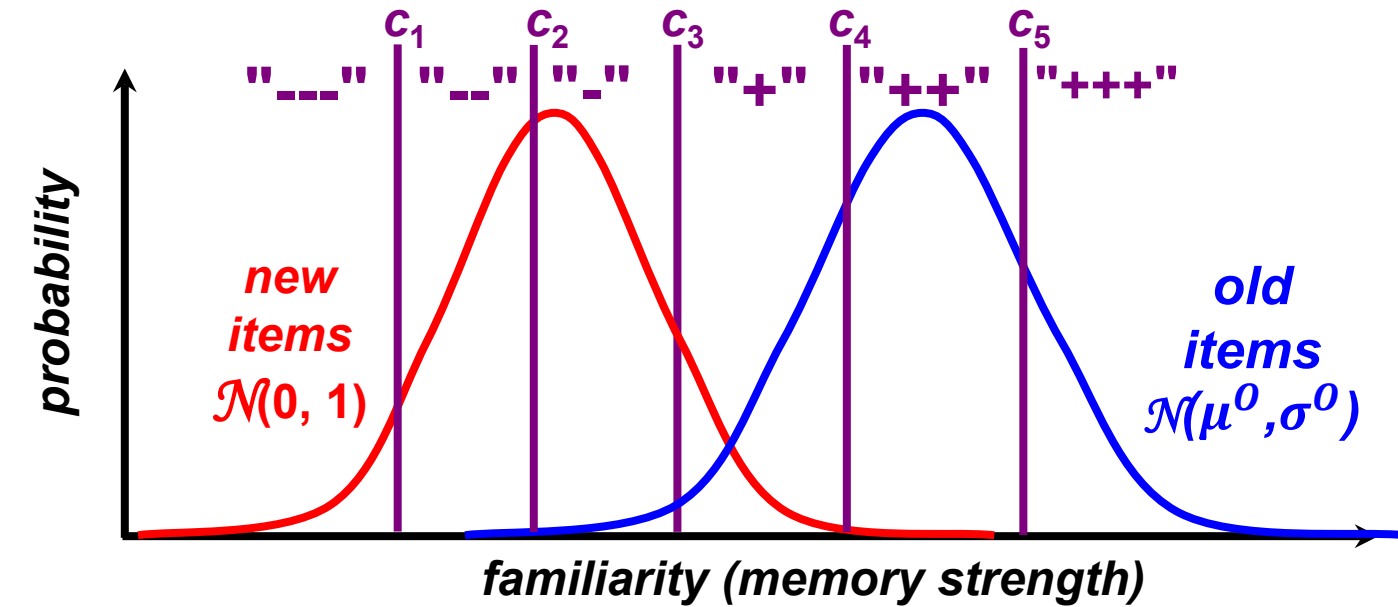


Data



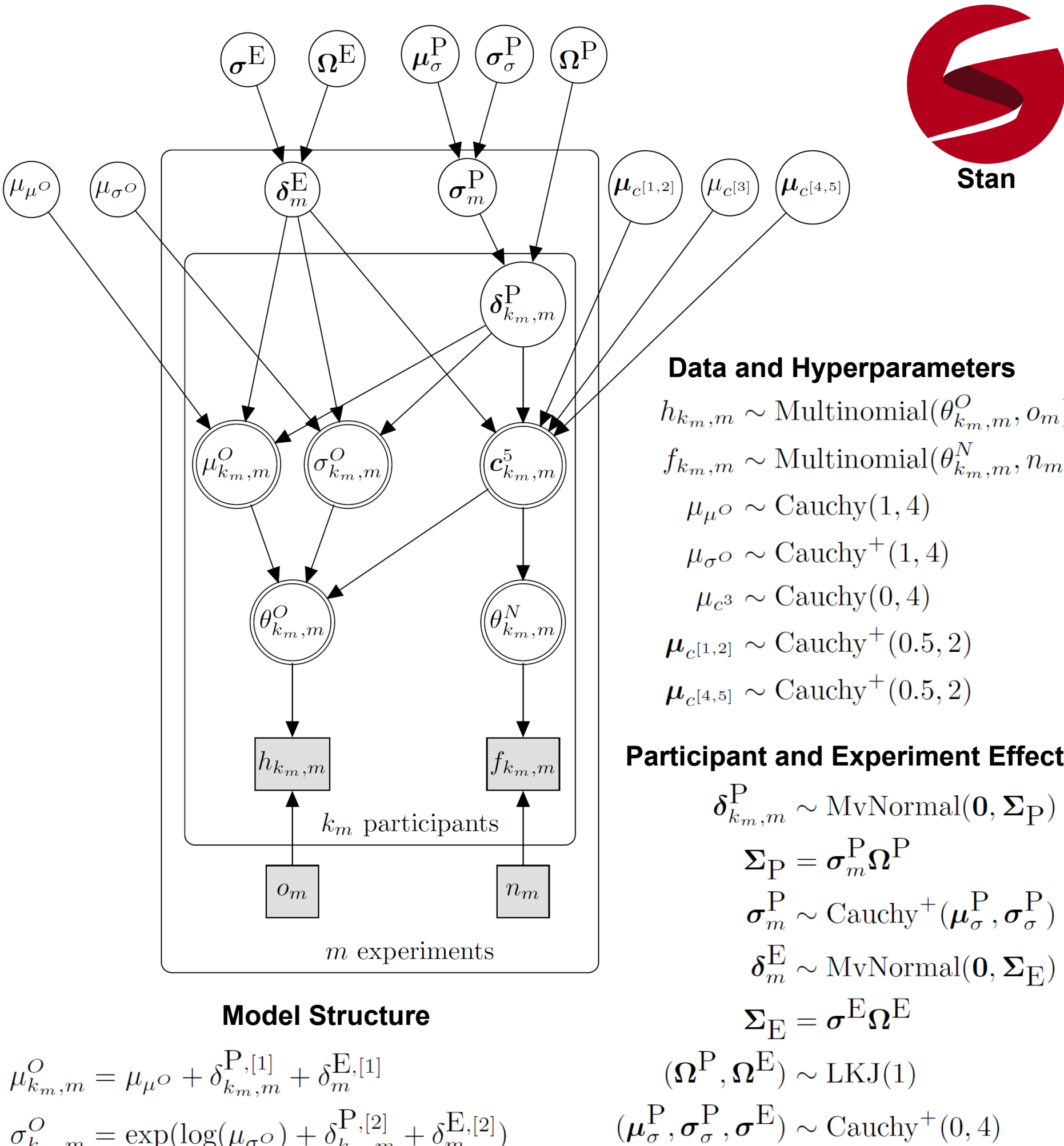
#	Source	N	trials/N
1	Dube & Rotello (2013, Exp. 1, Pictures)	27	400
2	Dube & Rotello (2013, Exp. 1, Words)	22	400
3	Heathcote et al. (2006, Exp. 1)	16	560
4	Heathcote et al. (2006, Exp. 2)	23	560
5	Jaeger et al. (2012, Exp. 1, no cue)	63	120
6	Jang et al. (2009)	33	140
7	Koen & Yonelinas (2010, pure study)	32	320
8	Koen & Yonelinas (2011)	20	600
9	Koen et al. (2013, Exp. 2, full attention)	48	200
10	Koen et al. (2013, Exp. 4, immediate test)	48	300
11	Pratte et al. (2010)	97	480
12	Smith & Duncan (2004, Exp. 2)	30	140
Total N:		459	

Signal Detection Model

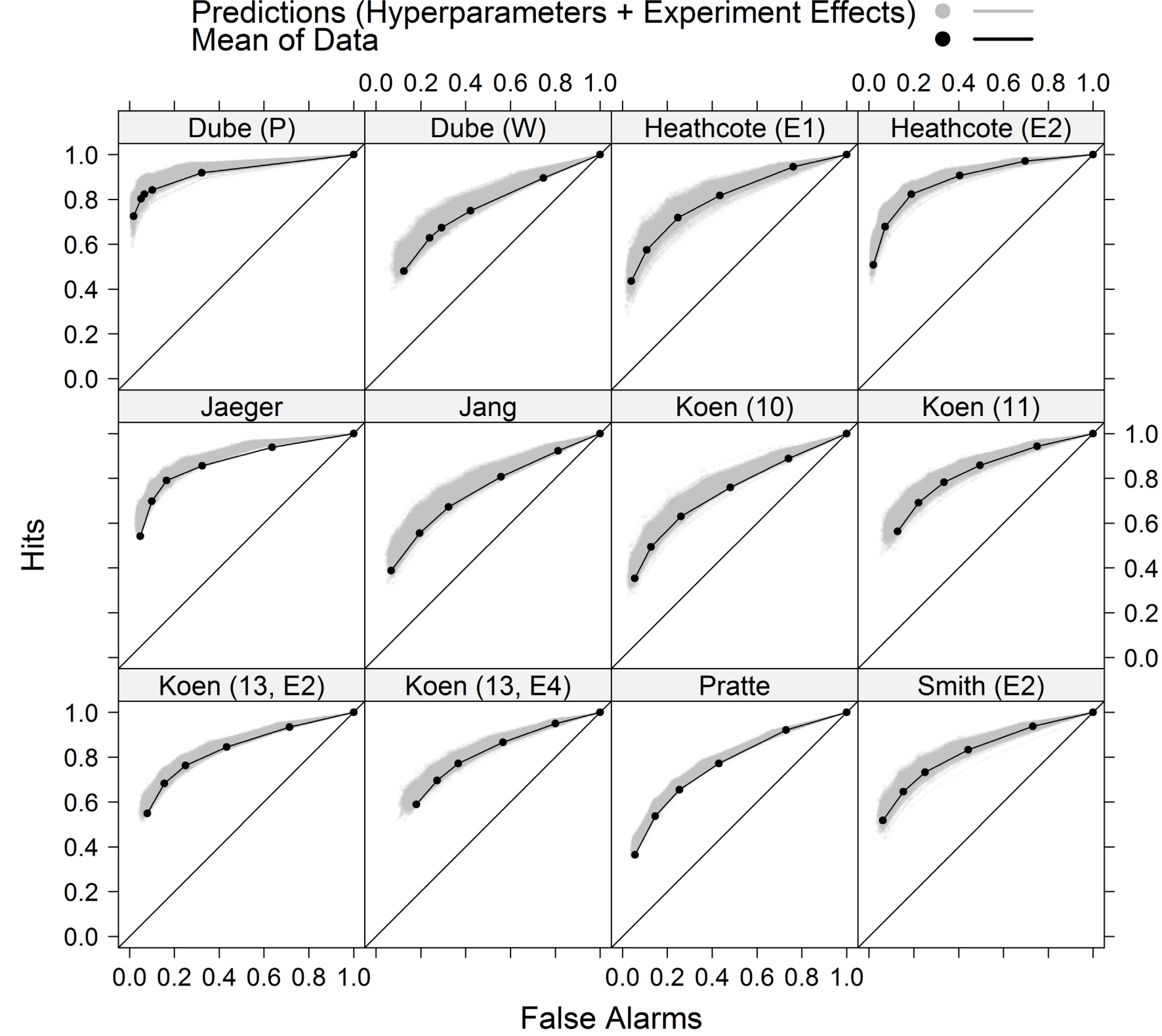


- 7 parameter unequal variance signal detection (UVSD) model
- $\mu^N = 0, \sigma^N = 1, \mu^O, \sigma^O, c_1, c_2, c_3, c_4, c_5$

Hierarchical (2-level) Bayesian UVSD



Model Fit



UVSD Hyperparameters

Param	Mean	2.5%	97.5%
μ^O	1.76	1.34	2.13
σ^O	1.44	1.35	1.53
c_1	-0.45	-0.70	-0.23
c_2	0.35	0.12	0.56
c_3	0.73	0.56	0.91
c_4	1.05	0.84	1.24
c_5	1.54	1.32	1.80

Note: Criteria, c, are on absolute familiarity scale (i.e., no increments)

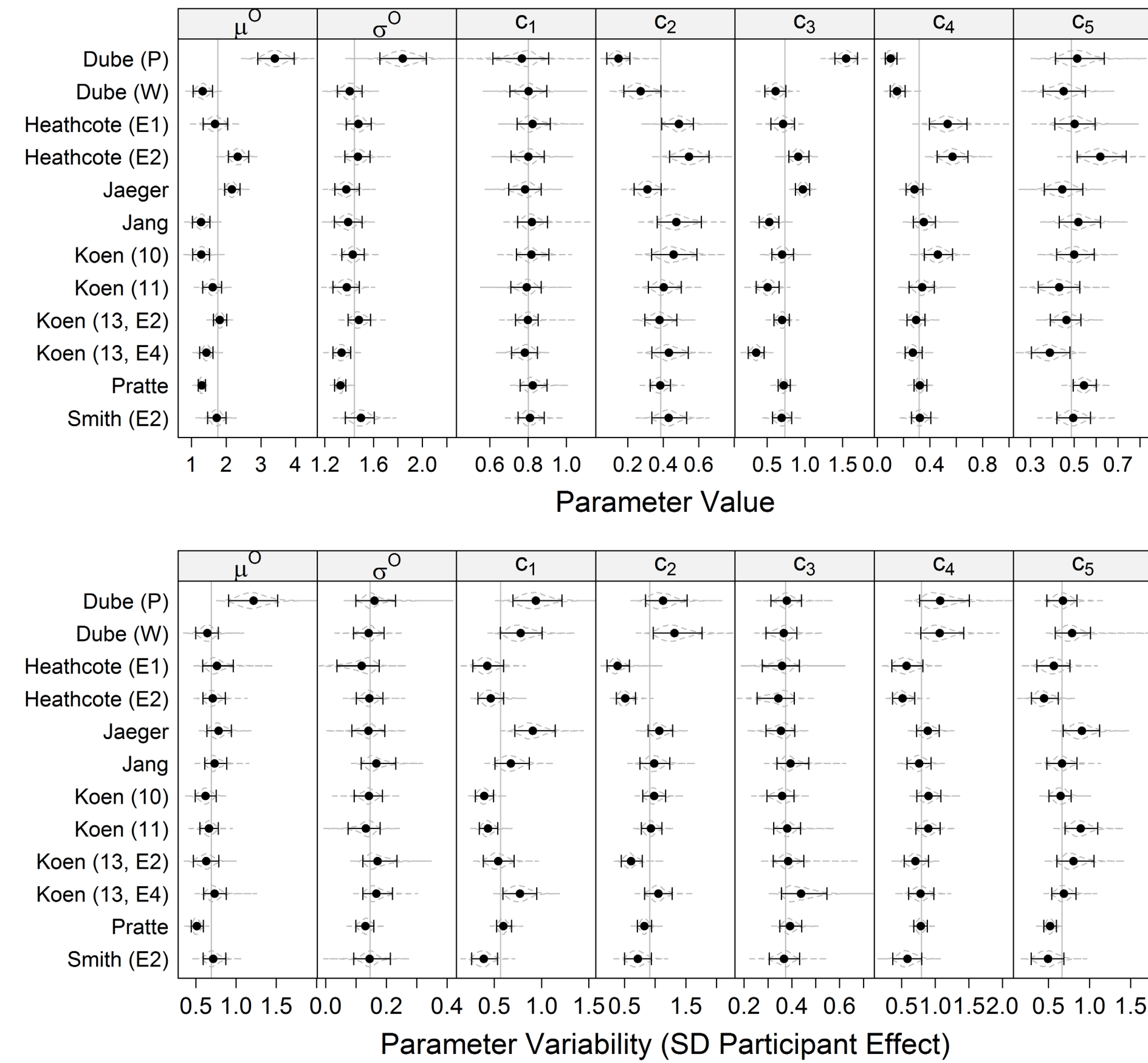
Parameter Correlations of Participant Effect

	σ^O	c_1	c_2	c_3	c_4	c_5
μ^O	.72			.54		
σ^O		-.15	-.15	.66	-.15	-.37
c_1			.46		.42	.66
c_2					.83	.48
c_3						-.15
c_4						.61

Notes: Correlations in bold (p < .05), other correlations (p < .1).

Correlations with criteria, c, are with increments with respect to c_3, c_2 , or c_4 .

Parameters and their Variability per Experiment



Note: Gray line shows mean of hyperparameter. Upper plots show hyperparameter plus experiment effect. Lower plots show SD of participants for given parameter.

Summary

- 459 participants from 12 experiments were jointly fitted with hierarchical Bayesian UVSD with random effects for participants and experiments.
- Model employed latent-trait approach (Klauer, 2010) with full variance-covariance matrix for all 7 UVSD parameters and each random effect.
- SD of participant effect was estimated individually for each study (with normal distribution as hyperparameter), but constant correlation matrix.
- Model provided good account and showed clear memory effect ($\mu^O = 1.76$).
- Studying increased variability of familiarity distribution by > 40% ($\sigma^O = 1.44$), clearly larger than previously reported value of 1.25 (Ratcliff et al., 1992).
- Central criterion, c_3 , located half-way between μ^N and μ^O .
- Outer criteria not symmetric: c_1 considerably further away from c_2 , than c_5 away from c_4 (distance of c_2 and c_4 from c_3 approximately equal).
- On participant level, several robust correlations among parameters:
 - μ^O positively with σ^O and middle criteria c_3 ($r > .5$)
 - σ^O positively with middle criteria c_3 ($r = .66$) and negatively with distances of other criteria ($r \leq -.15$)
 - Positively among all criteria distances ($r > .45$), very high for inner criteria from middle criteria ($r > .8$).
- Only study using pictures instead of words (Dube & Rotello, 2013, Exp. 1, Pictures) diverged most strongly from hyperparameters.
- Within-experiment parameter variabilities were not associated with magnitude of experiment effect (with exception of μ^O).