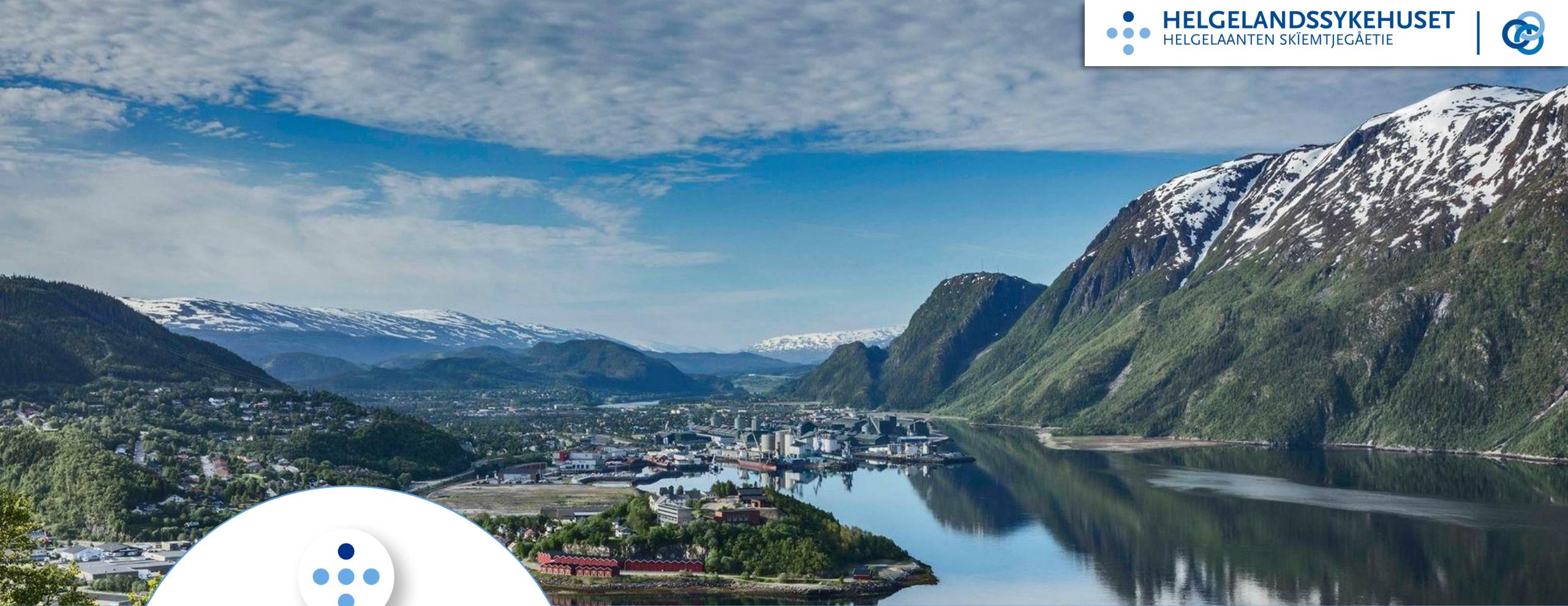


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**Stille spørsmål?** Du kan når som helst bruke **Chat feltet på Skype** til å stille spørsmål. Du kan også **meld deg med navn** i feltet til å muntlig stille spørsmål med påsatt lyd og video. Men jeg følger ikke med på dette feltet mens jeg gir forelesning. Etter forelesningen, kan jeg besvare spørsmål (skriftlig & muntlig).



# Acquired equivalence test and its clinical relevance

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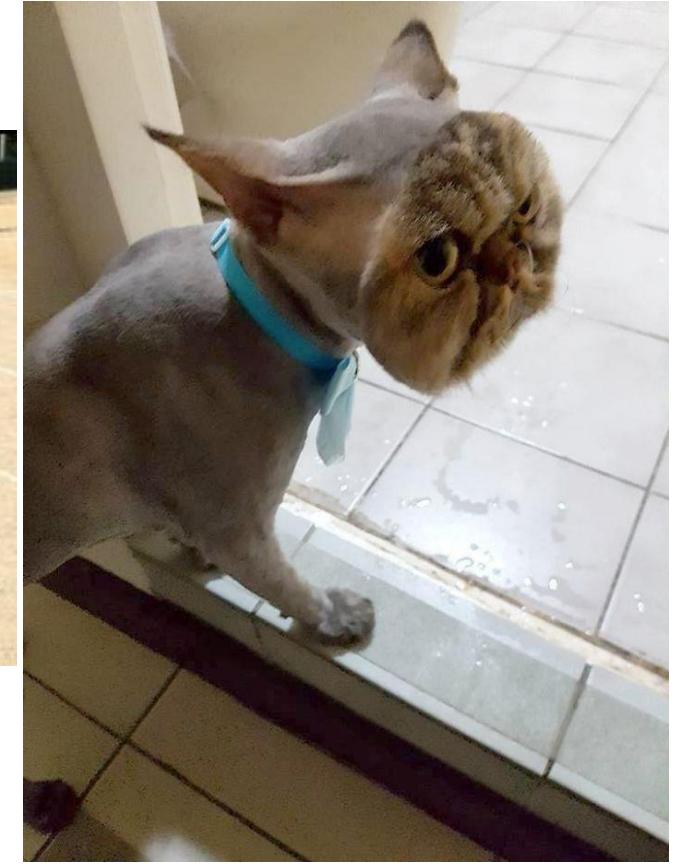
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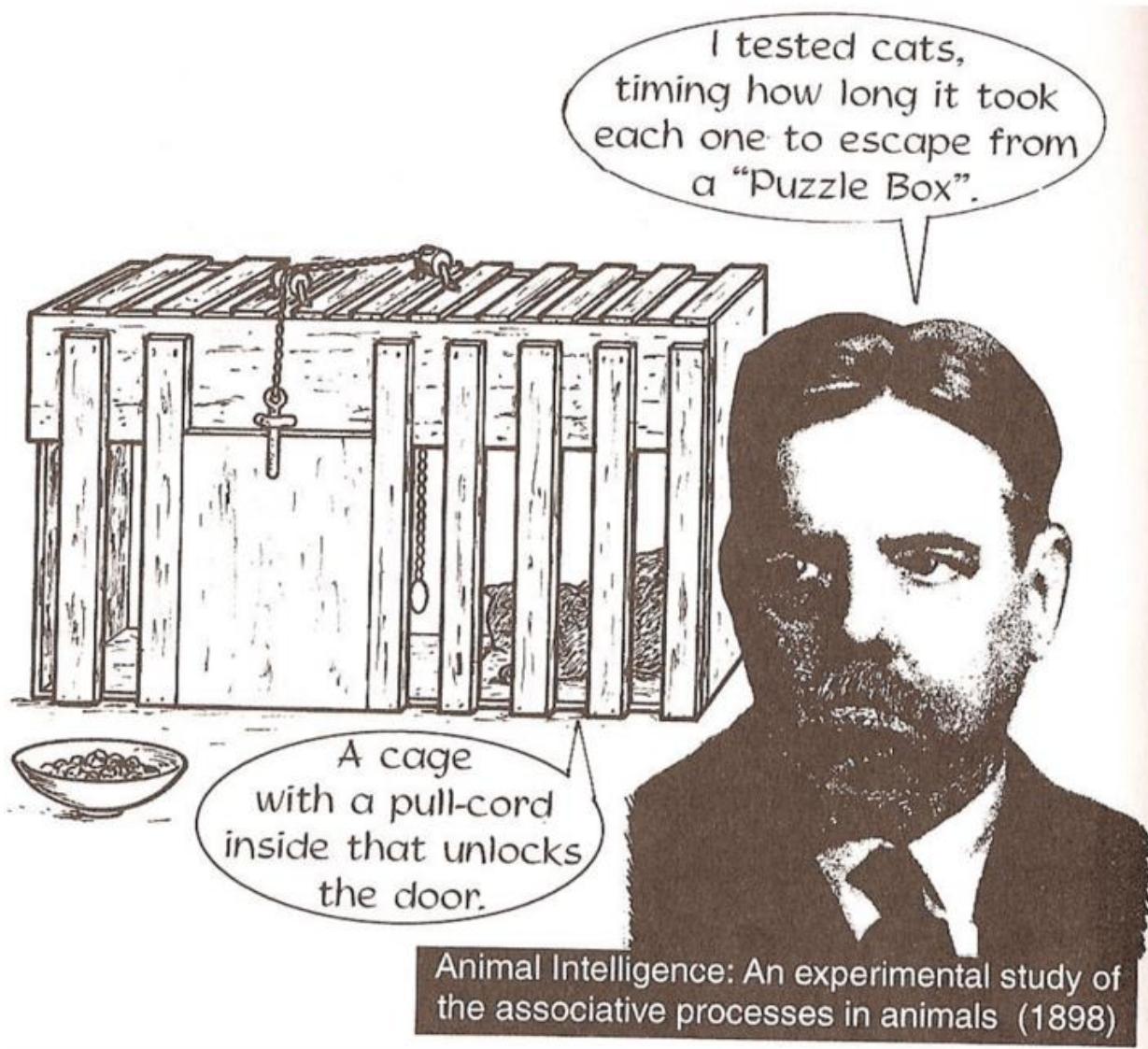
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  - and in Leuven, Belgium (optogenetical manipulation in monkeys)
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  - Adult ADHD II project



# Mistakes we make

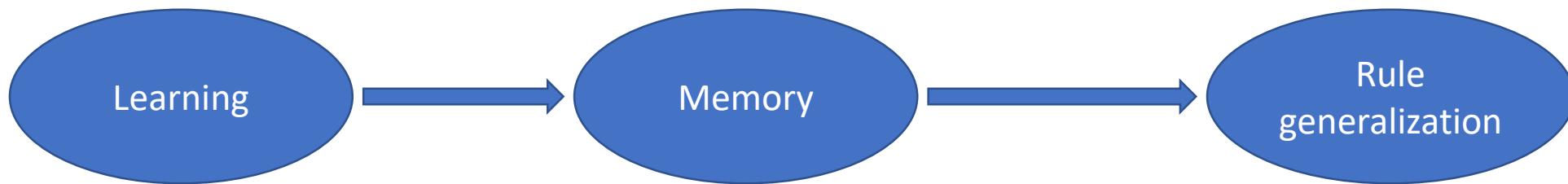


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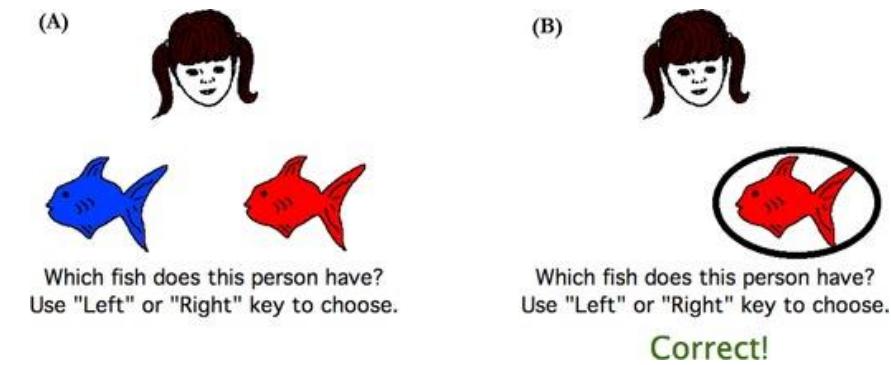
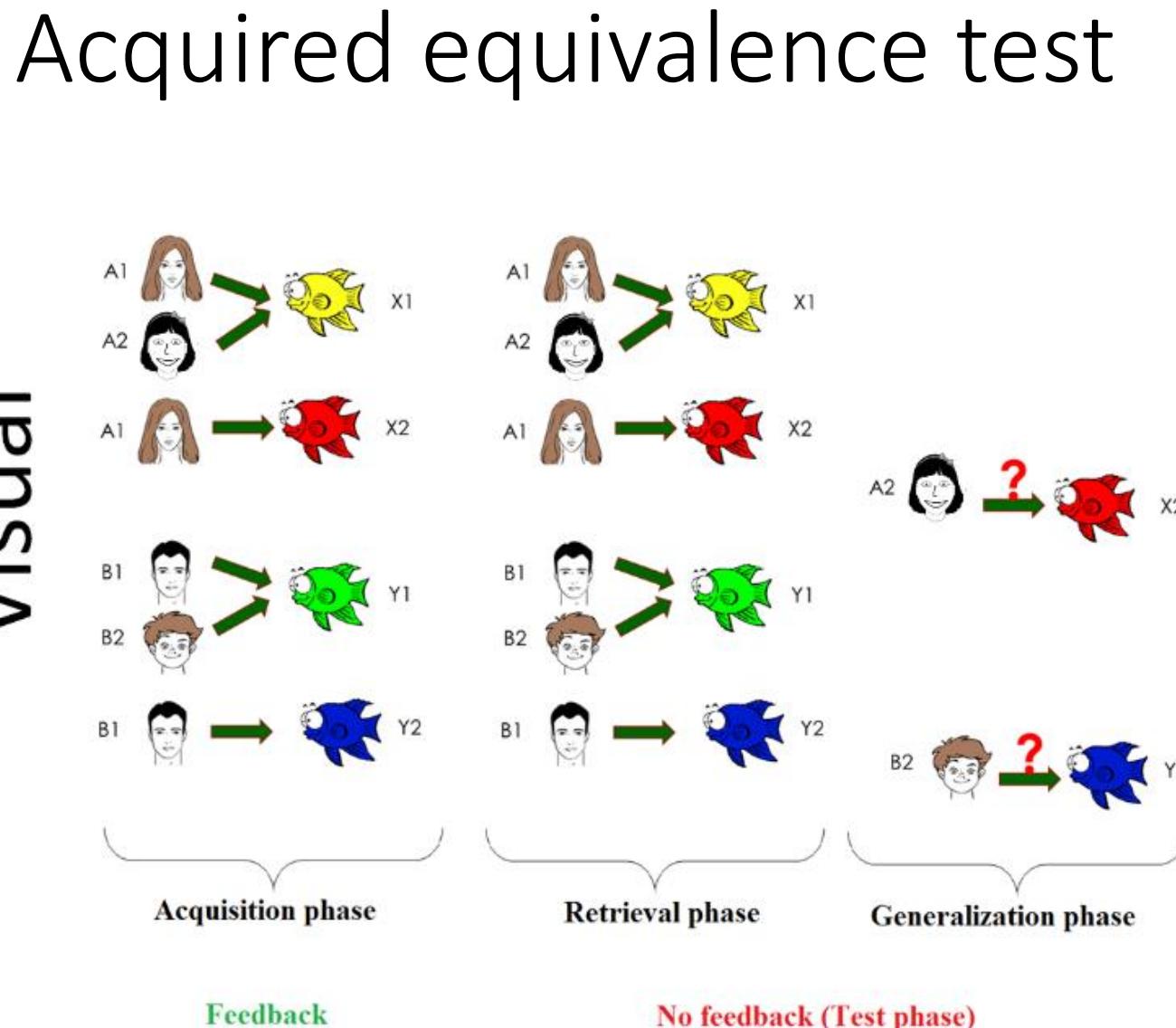


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# Associative learning

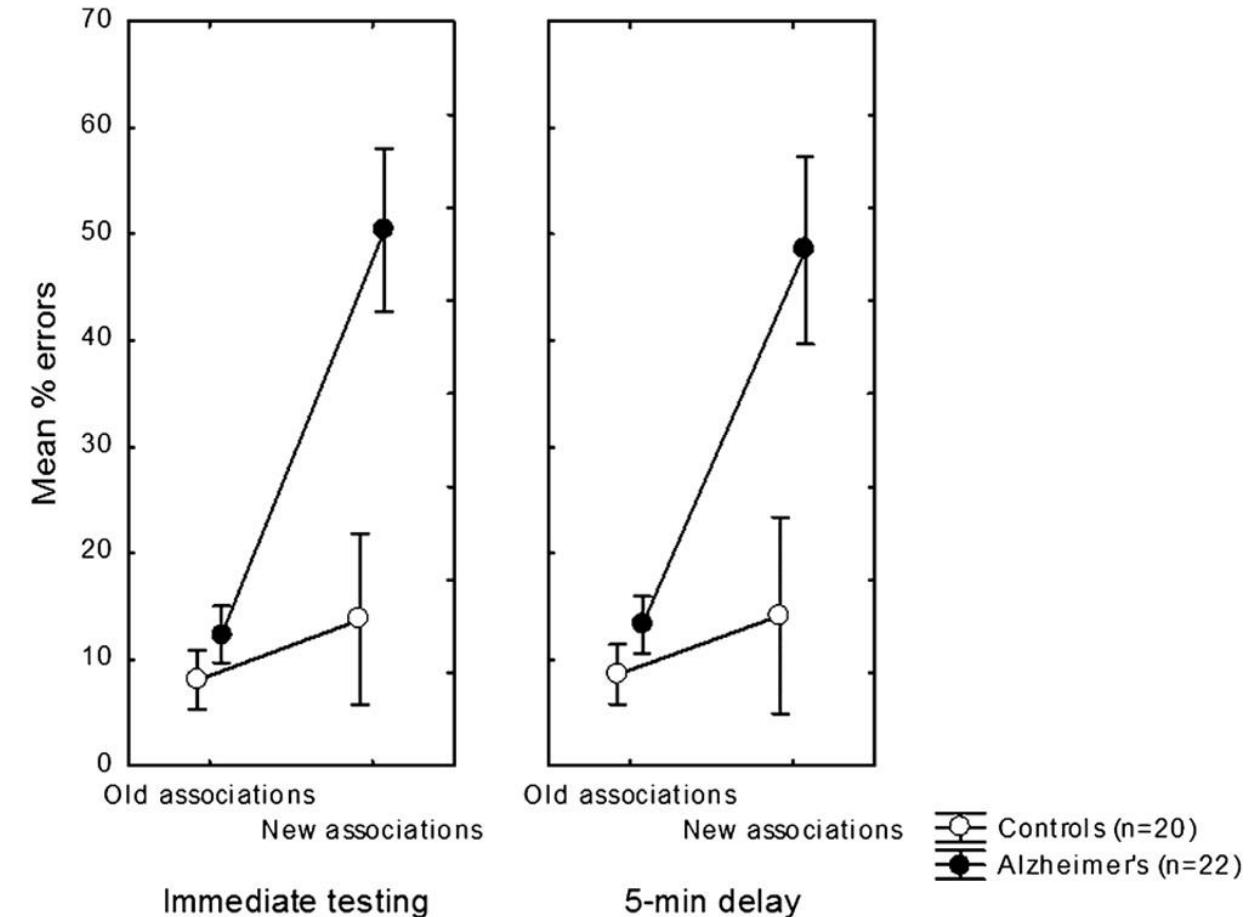


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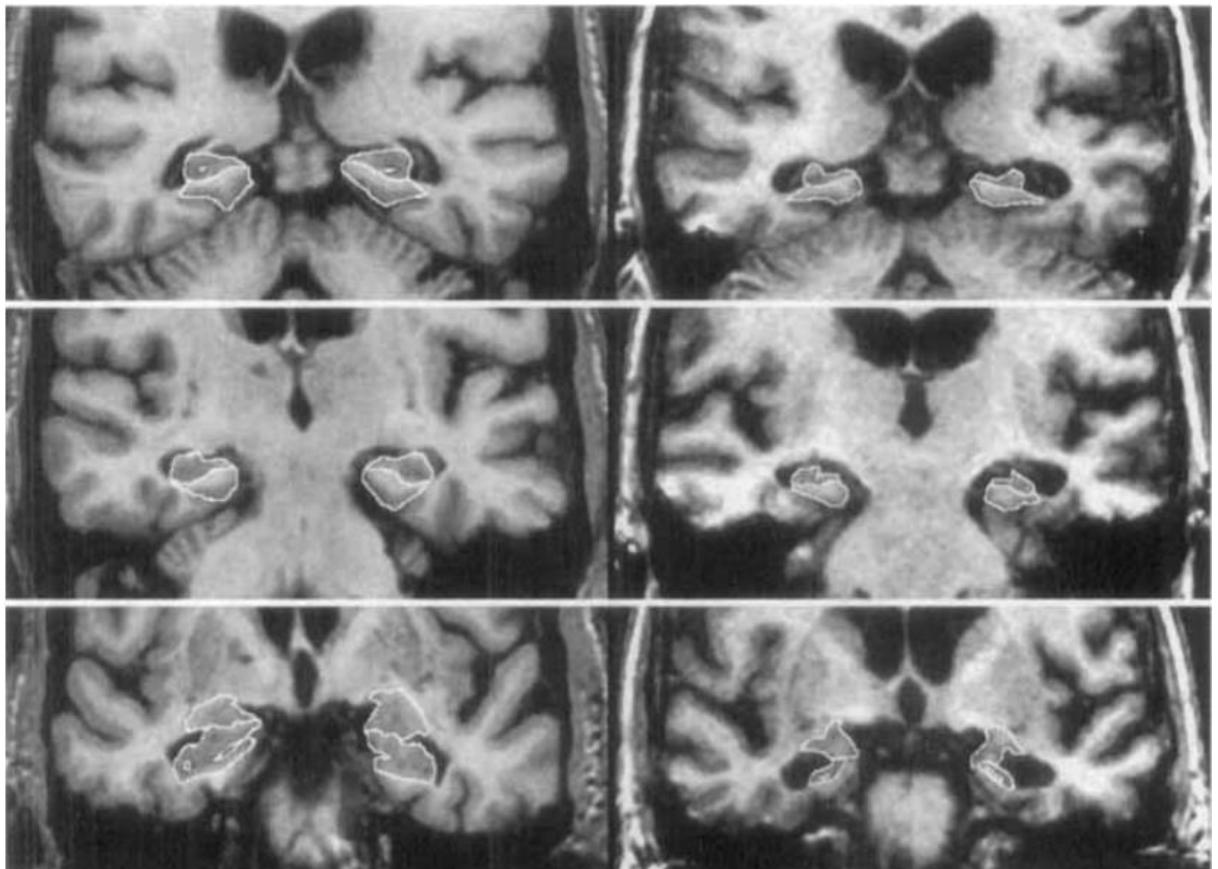


Correct!

# Alzheimer



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# Basal ganglia



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## Stimulus–response learning in long-term cocaine users: Acquired equivalence and probabilistic category learning<sup>☆</sup>

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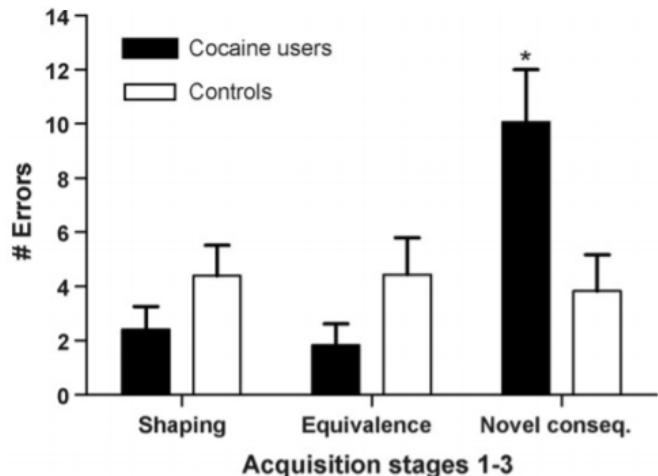
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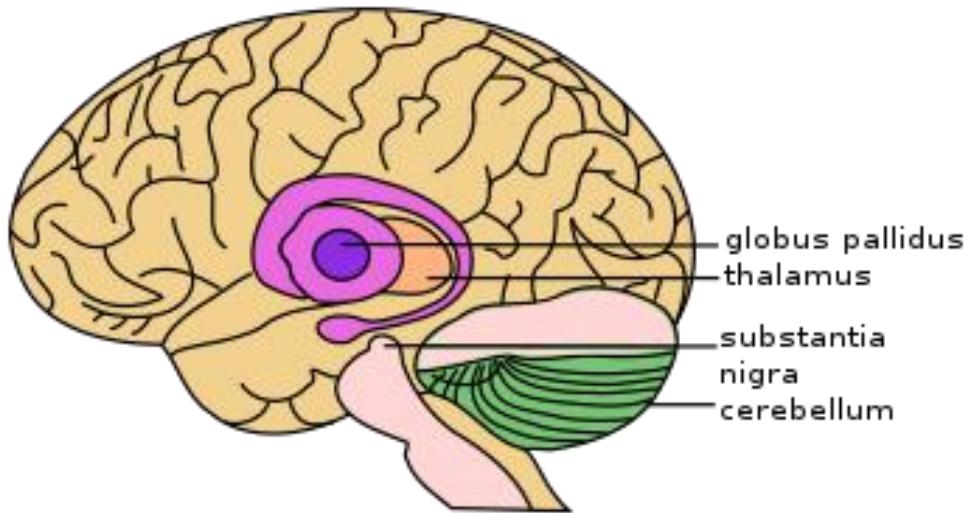
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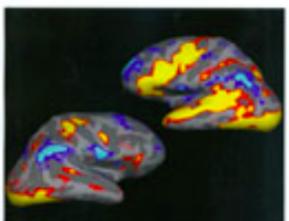
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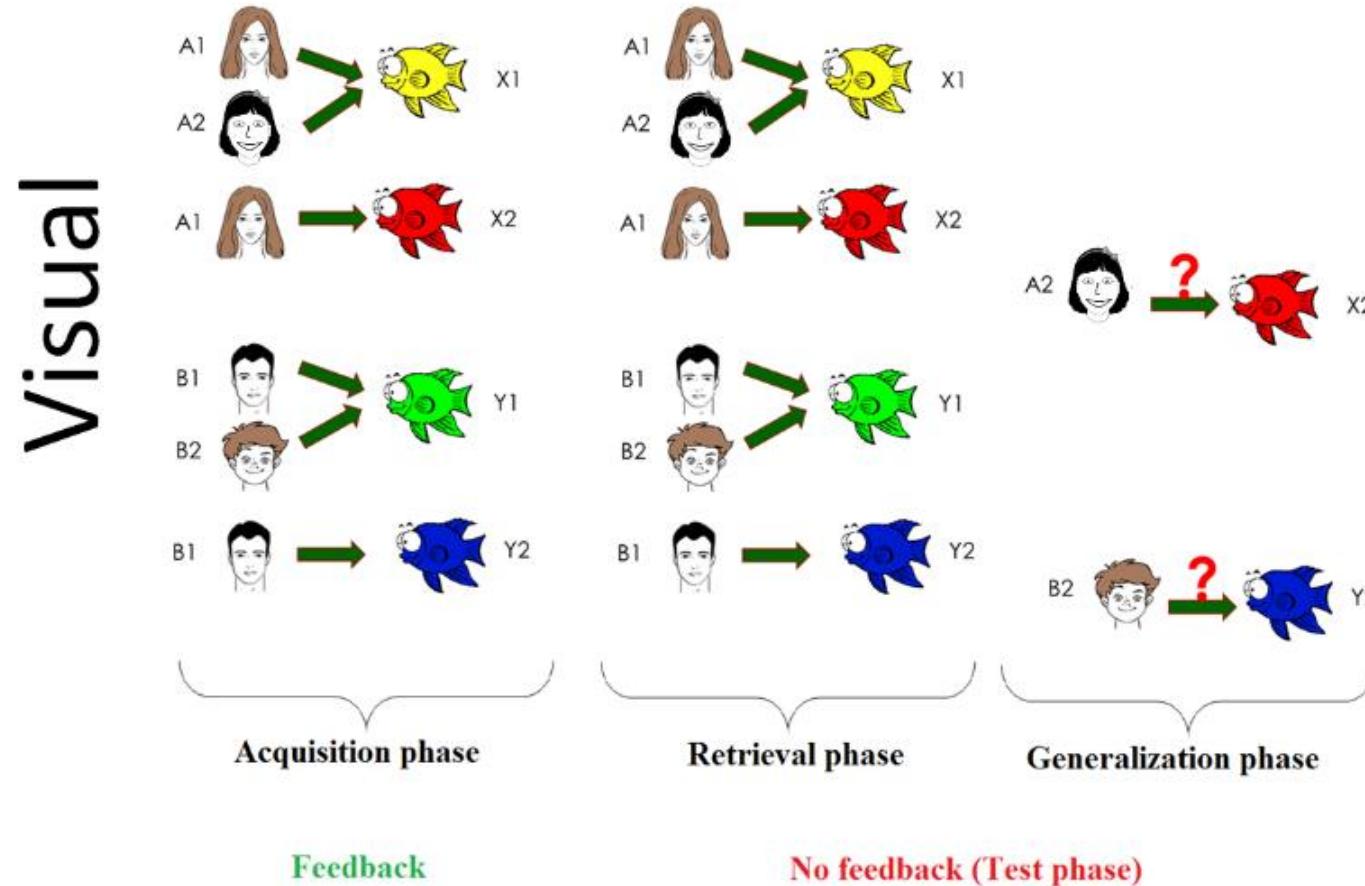
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# Acquired equivalence test



Nigrostriatal DA-system

Hippocampus  
Mediotemporal lobe

# Interim summary

- Learning from mistakes: Basal ganglia
  - Parkinson
  - Substance abuse disorder
  - OCD, Tourette, etc.
- Maintaining memory, rule generalization:
  - Hippocampus, mediotemporal lobe

# Migraine

- Primary headache disorder
- Some studies denoted volume reduction of the basal ganglia and other brain areas in migraine patients

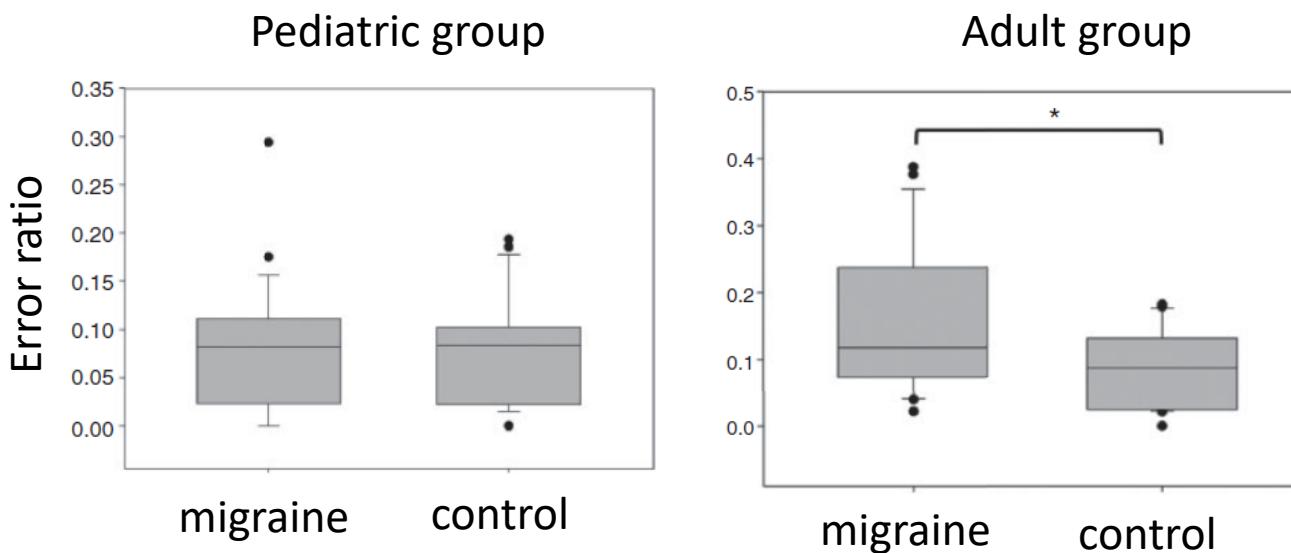


# Our aims

- Investigate how the migraine disturbs cognitive functions
  - Adulthood
  - Childhood
- Acquired equivalence test

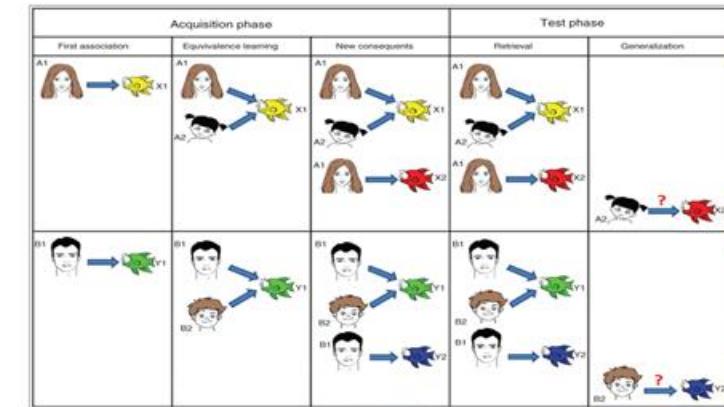
# Our findings

- Decreased performance of the adult patients
- No difference in pediatric patients



# Cephalalgia

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Paradigm used for testing visually guided associative learning in pediatric and adult migraine.  
Adapted from *Cephalgia* 41/2, 176–184, Z Giricz et al.

- Predicting the response to a triptan in migraine using deep attack phenotyping: A feasibility study  
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# Discussion – migraine acquired equivalence test

- Limitations:
  - small sample size (n=27 in each group)
  - Limitations of the test

***The behavioural results suggest that the decreased performance in the test is not a herited damage that comes with the migraine, but rather a damage that develops with the disorder***

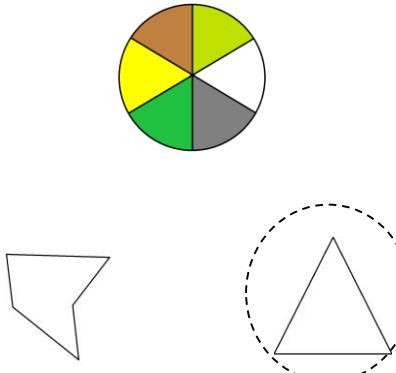
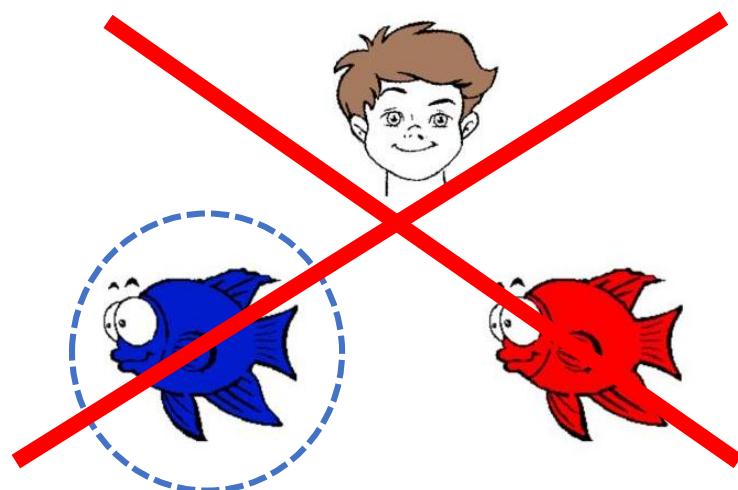
- Neurodegenerative disorder?
- Selectivity?
  - Are these damages only located to basal ganglia system or it is rather a diffuse damage?
- Follow-up study is needed.

# Future prospectives

- Improving the test:
  1. Omit preconceptions (for example blue – boy, red – girl)
  2. Investigate the working memory instead of trial-and-error learning
  3. Spatial attention
    - how it influence the performance
- Usage on other clinical groups

# Improving the test 1: omit preconceptions

- Color-face associations are highly effected by social preconceptions



# Improving 2: Working memory / learning

Trial-and-error learning:



Working memory:

- Holding information in your mind while you manipulate it
- Not short term memory! (phone number –numbers backwards)

Working memory load: number of item that you are holding currently (maximum 5-7)

# Improving 2: Working memory / learning

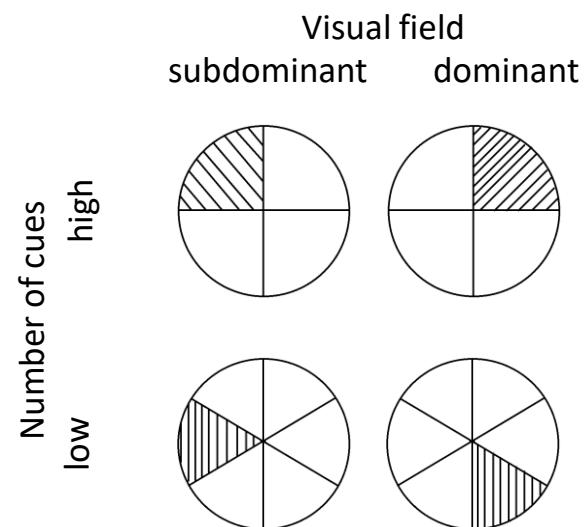
During the test:

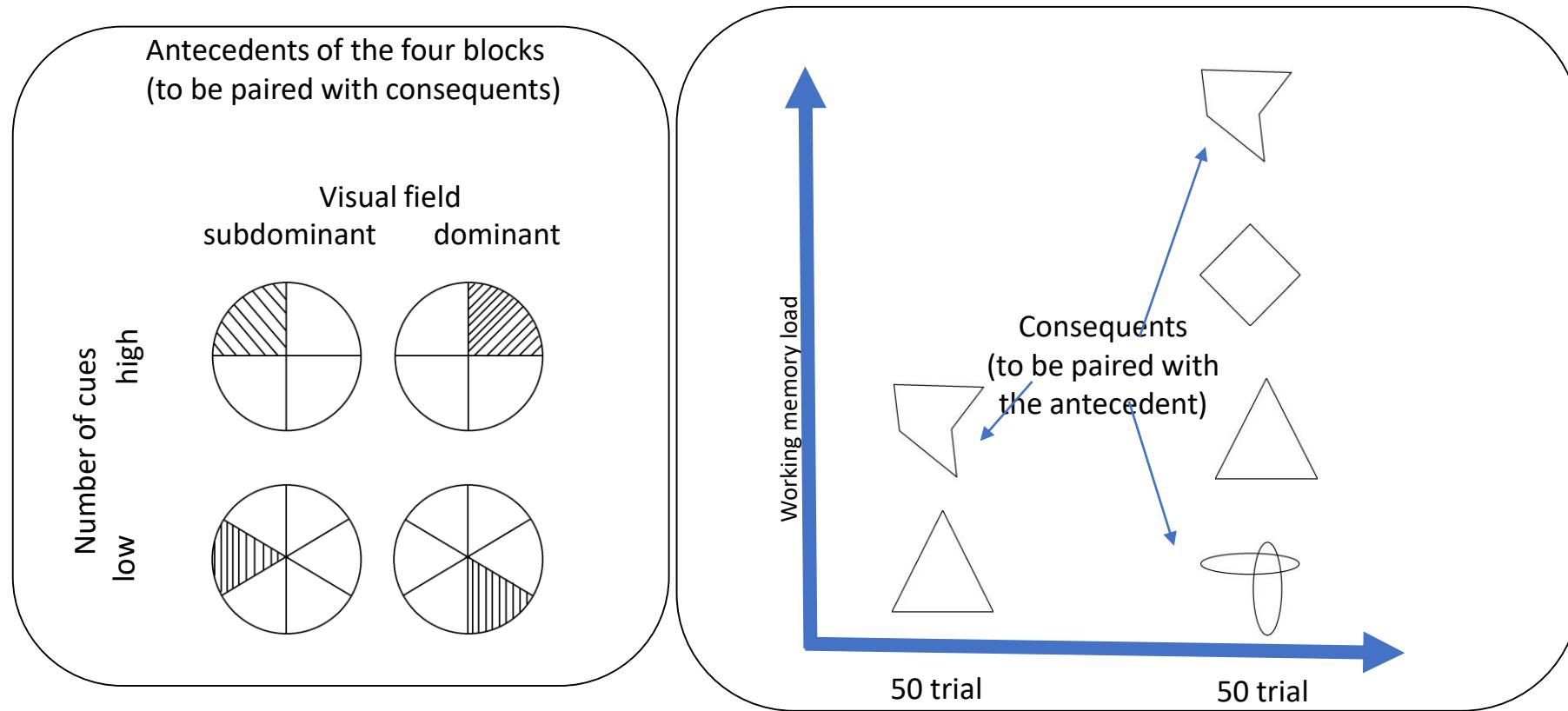
1. Learning through trial-and error:
  - Randomly pick a shape
  - Get feedback
  - Optimize your performance based on the feedback
2. Working memory
  - Need to remember more and more pairs during the test (first one pair, then 2, 3 ...)

Tell the rule before the test

# Improving the test 3: Spatial attention

- Focus attention to the right-left visual field
- Solution: manipulate the focusing point
  - Change the number of distractors
  - Change the left or right visual field dominance





# Interim summary

- Progressive acquired equivalence task:
  - Associative learning task
- Working memory
- Spatial attention

# Usage on clinical groups

## 1. Normative data

- We are currently planning to send out the test for healthy volunteers
- They do the test at home – we get the data back
- Anonymous data –no chance to track back

## 2. Working memory and attention is highly affected in ADHD

- This test will be used as one of our test in the research project

# Project ADHD II:



Main goal: investigate executive functions and connected brain waves in adult ADHD.

1. Neuropsychological assessment
2. Clinical questionnaires
3. EEG with three experimental tests:
  - Mind-wandering task
  - Stop signal task
  - Acquired equivalence test



**Contact us!**

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# Take home messages (apart from funny fail pictures)

- Acquired equivalence test
  - Trial-and-error learning (basal ganglia dependent)
- Migraine
  - No behavioral changes in childhood, decrement in behavioural performance in adulthood
- Modified acquired equivalence test:
  - Focus on working memory and spatial attention
- Project Adult ADHD II: Be involved!

# Thank you for your attention!

