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Computational Models of Social Influence in Adolescent Risk Taking

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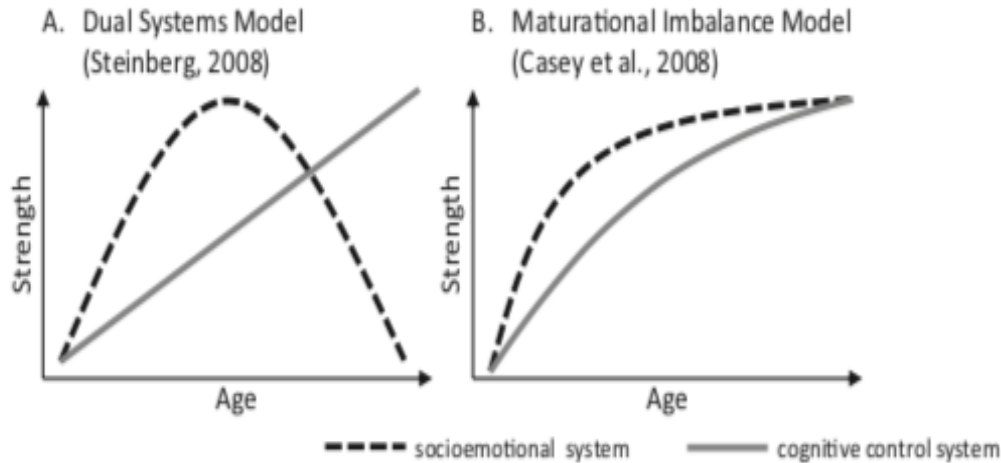
The more the merrier?
The more the scarier.



Risk of Fatal Crash

The risk of a fatal crash goes up in direct relation to the **number of teens** in the car.

Adolescent Brains – Tuned for Risky Behavior

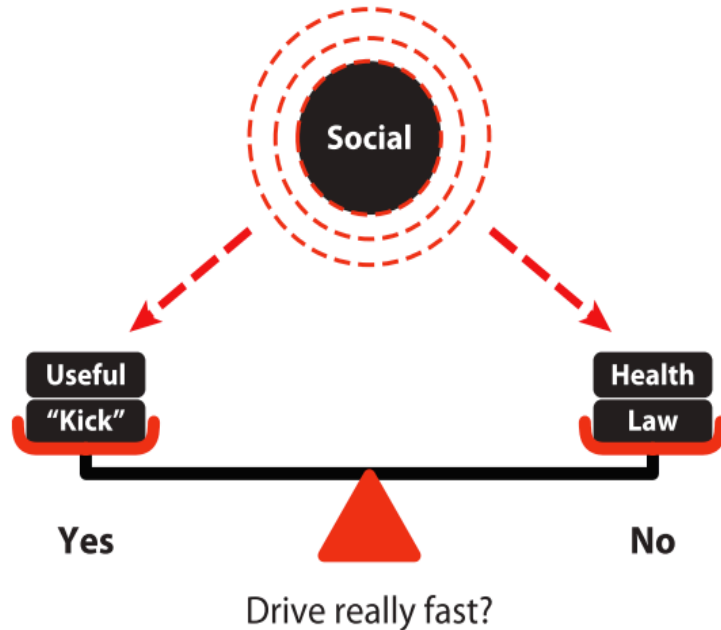


Imbalance / Reward Sensitivity

- Risky choices are more attractive because of higher potential gain.
- Social context additionally increases arousal and reward sensitivity

Shulman et al., 2016

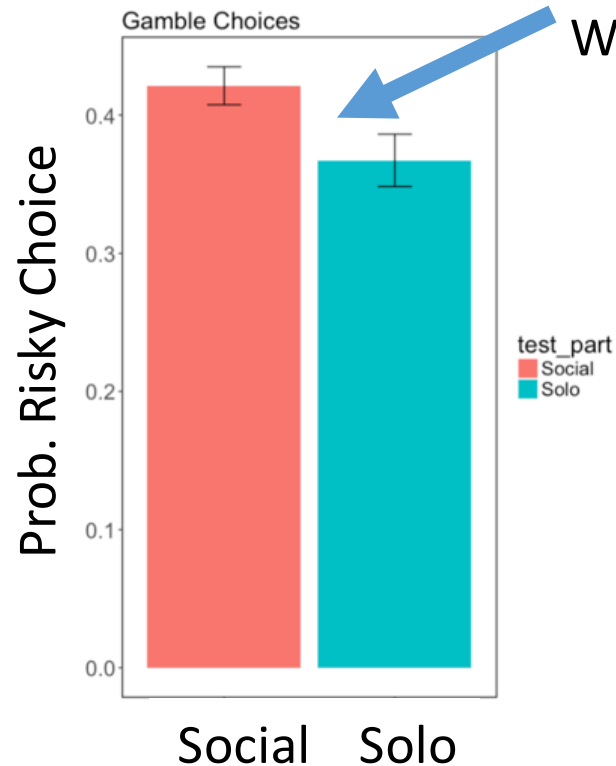
Adolescent Brains – Tuned for Social Information



Adolescence as a sensitive period for sociocultural processing

- Social Information/status has high weight during adolescence compared to other developmental periods

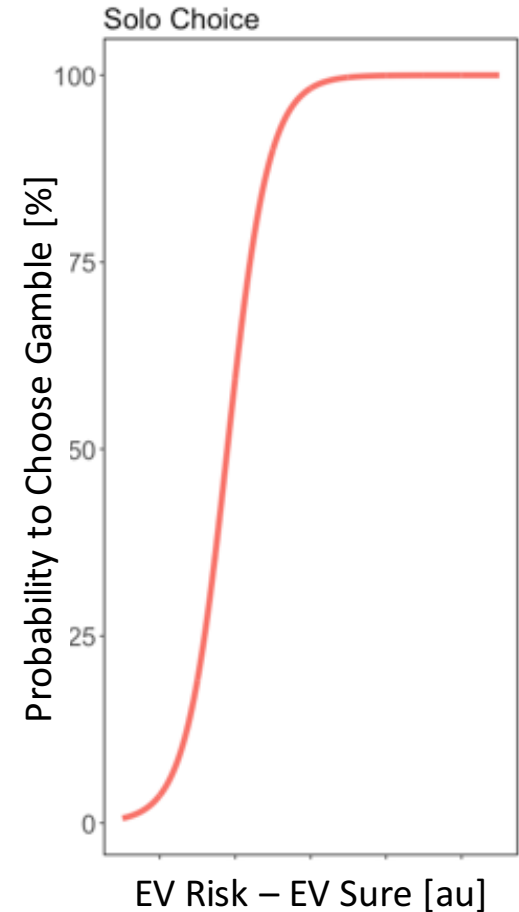
Need for Specificity: Mechanisms of Social Influence in Risk Taking



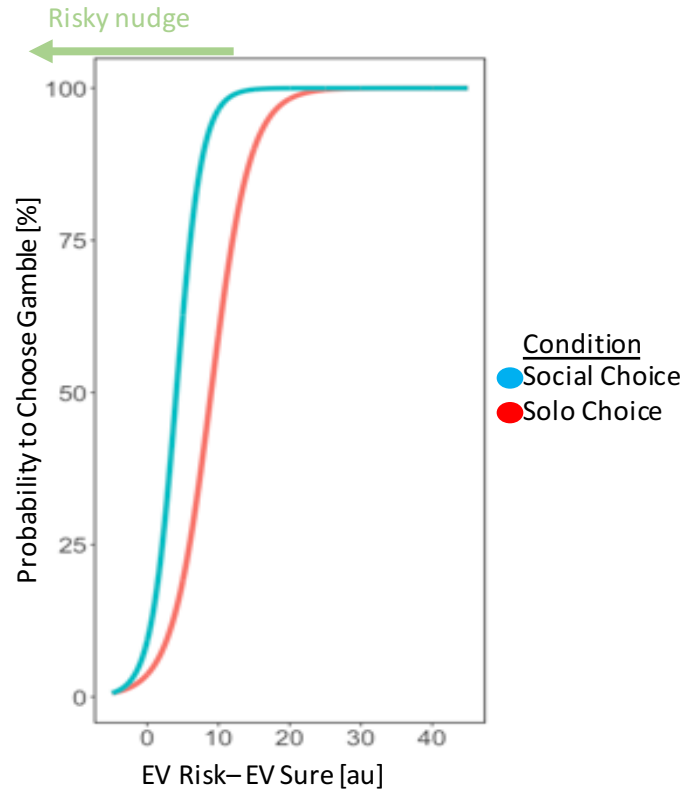
Where does this come from?

Specifying the Hypothesis:

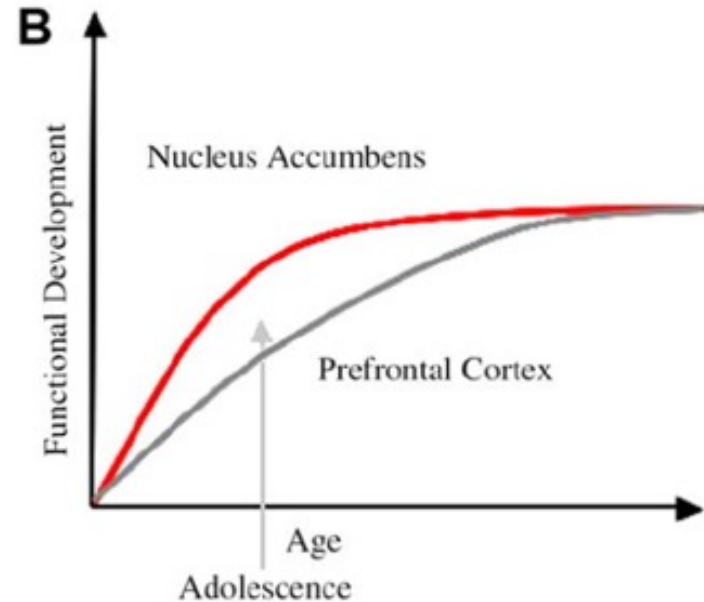
- 1) Formulate model of solo choice behaviour
 - $EU = p * V^\alpha$ $\leftarrow$ Reward Sensitivity Parameter
 - $p_{risky} = \frac{1}{1 + e^{(EU_{risk} - EU_{safe}) * \tau^{-1}}}$ $\leftarrow$ late Noise
- 2) Formulate social model that helps to dissect Hypothesis about Risk Taking



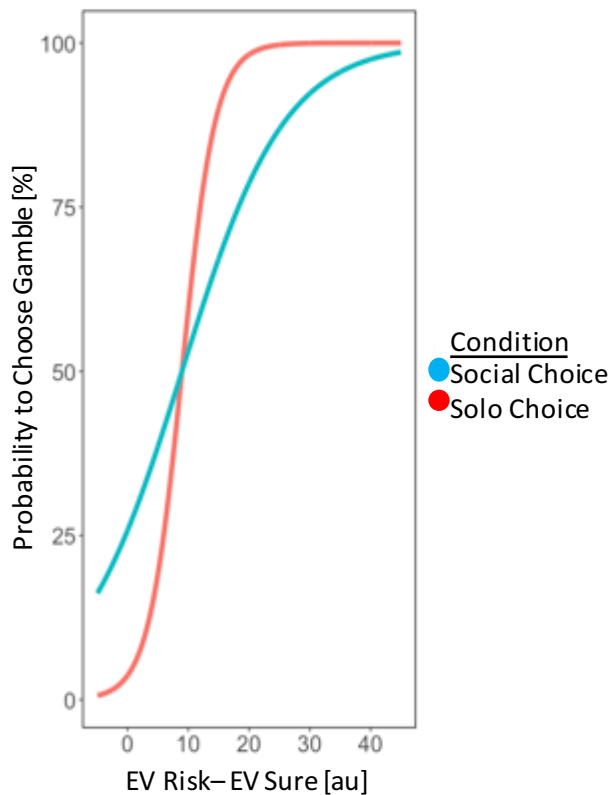
Reward Sensitivity?



- $EU_{Risk|social} = p * V(\alpha + \psi)$



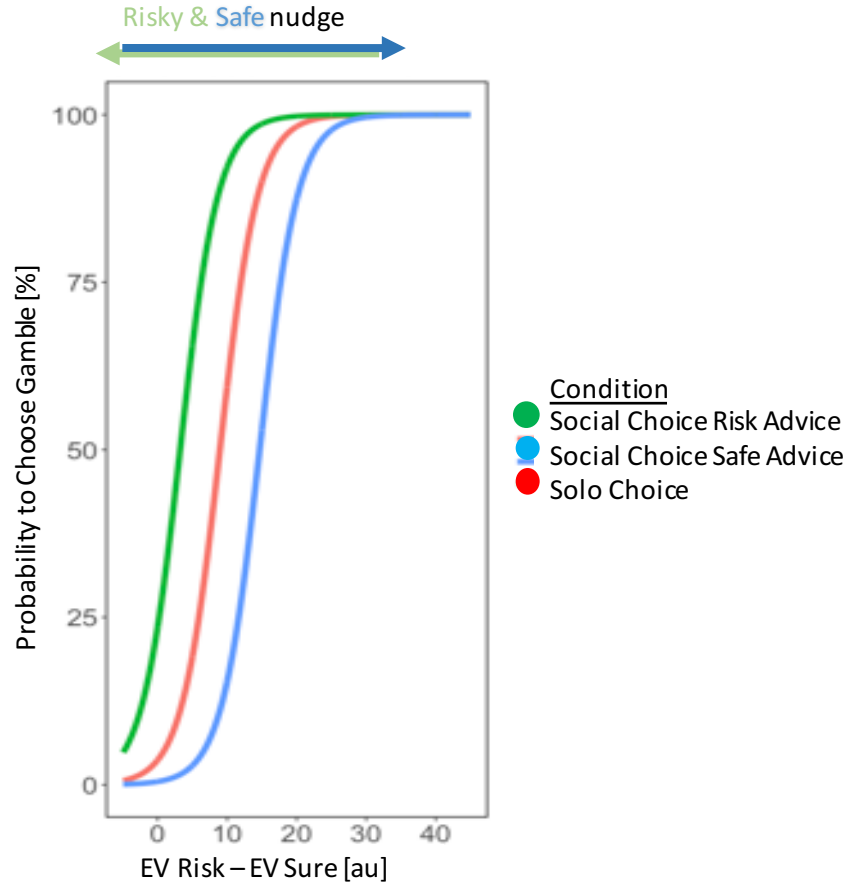
Arousal and Distraction?



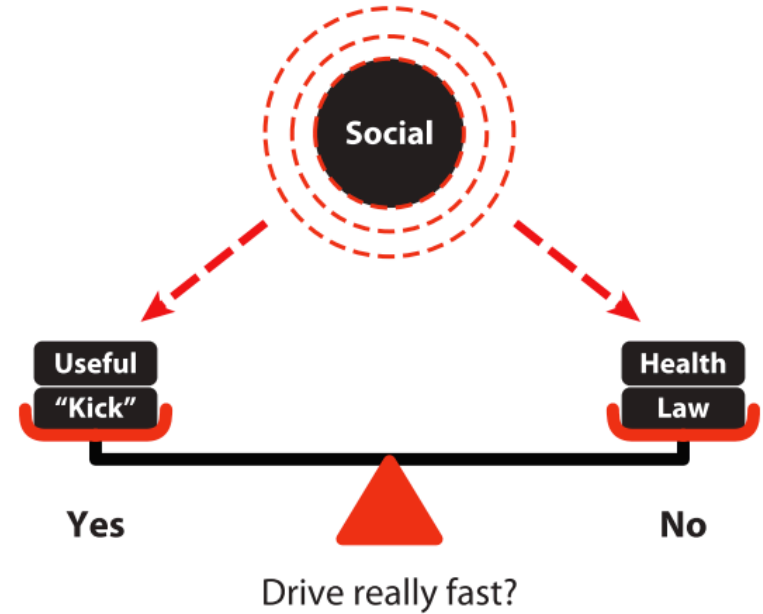
- $$p = (1 - \psi) * \frac{1}{1 + e^{(EU_{risk} - EU_{safe}) * (\tau)^{-1}}} + \frac{\psi}{2}$$



Social Utility

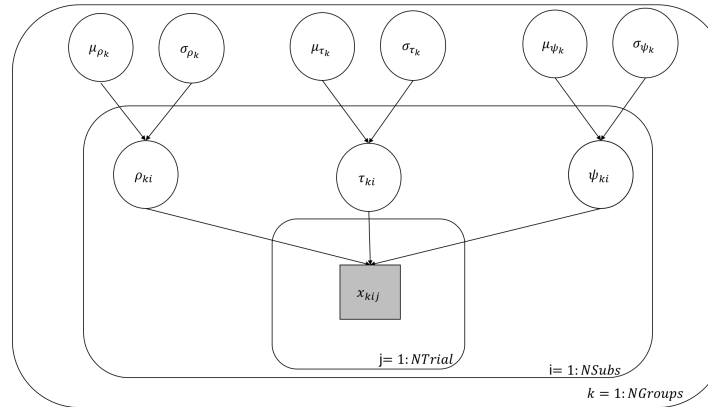


- $EU_{Advised|social} = p * V^{\alpha} + \psi$



Model Quality

- Build Hierarchical Bayesian Versions of the Models
 - Simulate Data under the Different Models
 - Fit Models Back to Simulated Data
 - Judge Correlations between Parameter Estimates and those used for Simulation
 - Compare Model fits in Confusion Matrix



Priors

$$\begin{aligned} \mu_{\rho_k} &\sim \text{Gaussian}(0,1) \\ \sigma_{\rho_k} &\sim \text{Cauchy}(0,5) \\ \mu_{\tau_k} &\sim \text{Gaussian}(0,1) \\ \sigma_{\tau_k} &\sim \text{Cauchy}(0,5) \\ \mu_{\psi_k} &\sim \begin{cases} \text{if } k = 1 \text{ Gaussian}(-5,1) \\ \text{else Gaussian}(5,1) \end{cases} \\ \sigma_{\psi_k} &\sim \text{Cauchy}(0,5) \end{aligned}$$

Subject Parameters

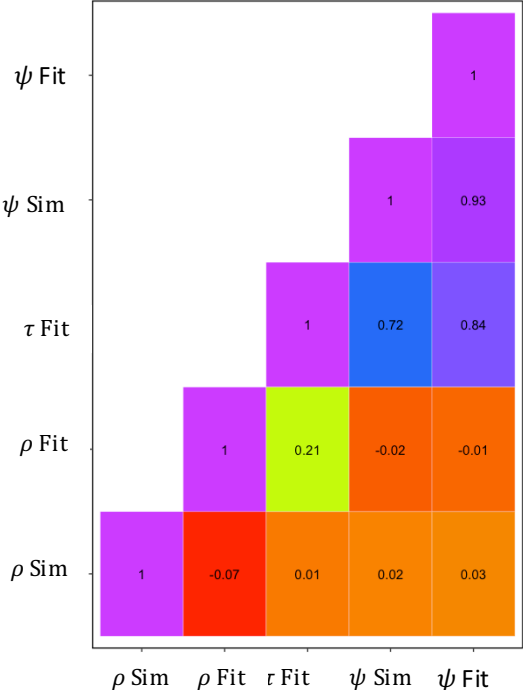
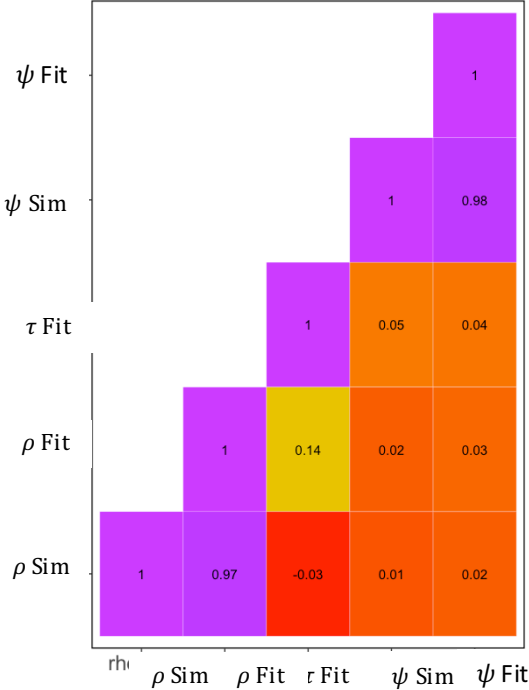
$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{ki} &\sim \text{Gaussian}(\mu_{\rho_k}, \sigma_{\rho_k}) \\ \tau_{ki} &\sim \text{Gaussian}(\mu_{\tau_k}, \sigma_{\tau_k}) \\ \psi_{ki} &\sim \text{Gaussian}(\mu_{\psi_k}, \sigma_{\psi_k}) \end{aligned}$$

Observed Choices

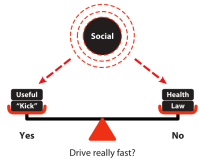
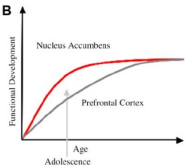
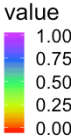
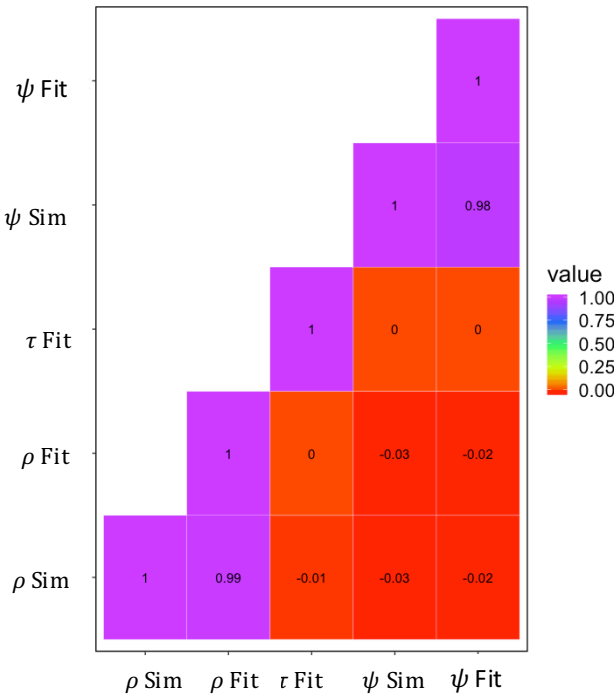
$$\begin{aligned} USafe &= \begin{cases} \text{if advice = safe: } 5^{\rho_{ki}} + \psi_{ki} \\ \text{else: } 5^{\rho_{ki}} \end{cases} \\ URisk &= \begin{cases} \text{if advice = risky: } p_j * V_j^{\rho_{ki}} + \psi_{ki} \\ \text{else: } p_j * V_j^{\rho_{ki}} \end{cases} \\ x_{kij} &\sim \text{Bernoulli}\left(\frac{1}{1 + e^{-(URisk - USafe * \tau_{ki})}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Simulation Results – Parameter Recovery

Parameter Recovery Reward Sensitivity Model Parameter Recovery Noise Model



Parameter Recovery Utility Model



Simulation Results – Model Recovery

