Multiple object tracking explained with neither fixed nor flexible resources

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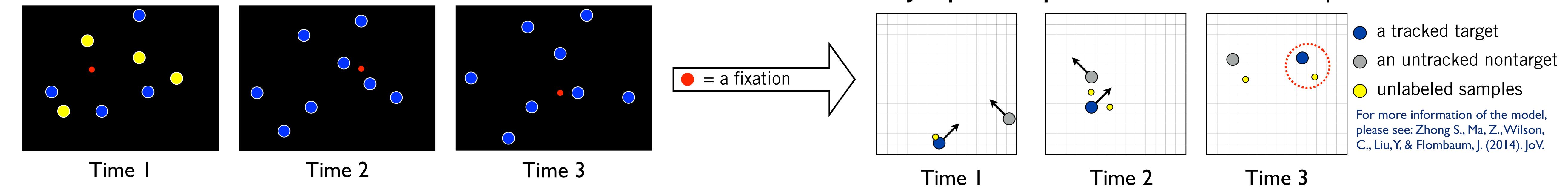


Goal: Explain MOT performance, both general limits and individual differences.

Minimalist approach: A simple, probabilistic model that adopts the fixations of individual human observers.

Step 1: Participants tracked 3-8 targets, 4 speeds, w/eye gaze monitored

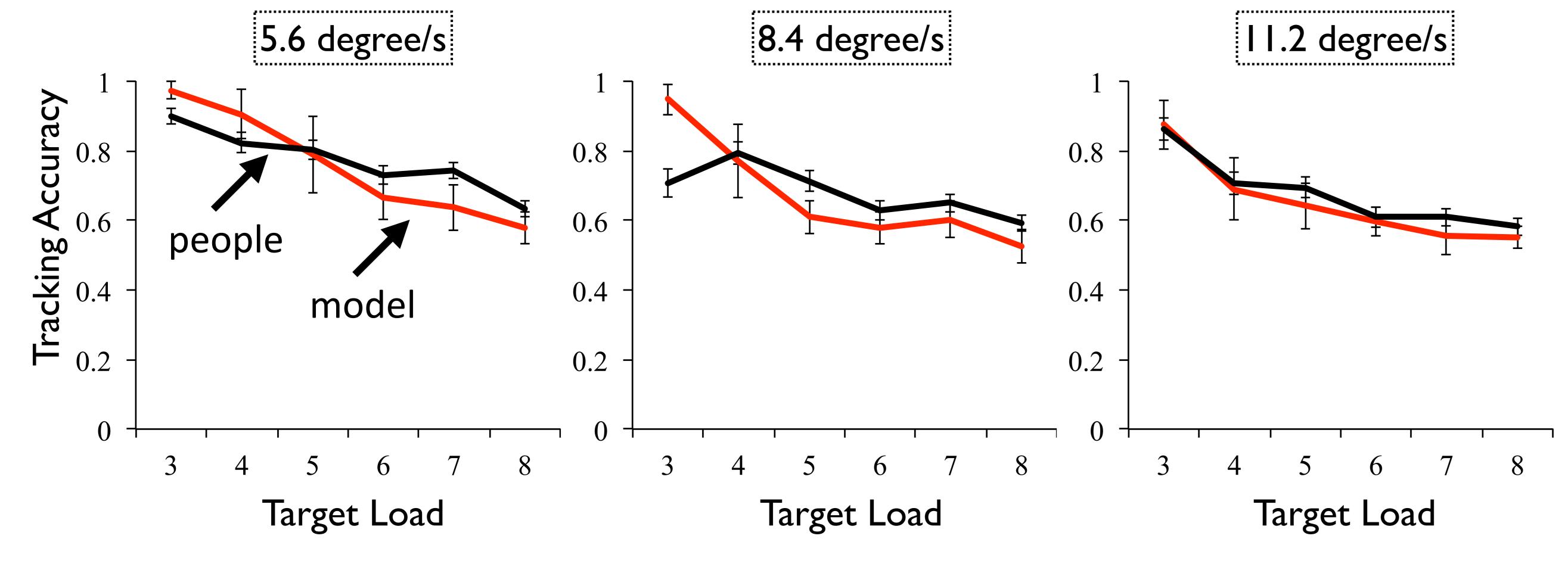
Step 2: A Kalman Filter Model with limited temporal resolution and eccentricity dependent spatial resolution. Model adopts collected fixations.



MOT limits are <u>effective</u>, <u>not inherent</u>, arising because of noisy, fixation-dependent signals.

No capacity or resource limits necessary.

Result 1: The model captures load and speed effects.



Result 2: The model captures individual differences: Simulated participants rank as do actual participants.

