

Understanding the role of distance, direction and cue salience in an associative model of landmark learning.

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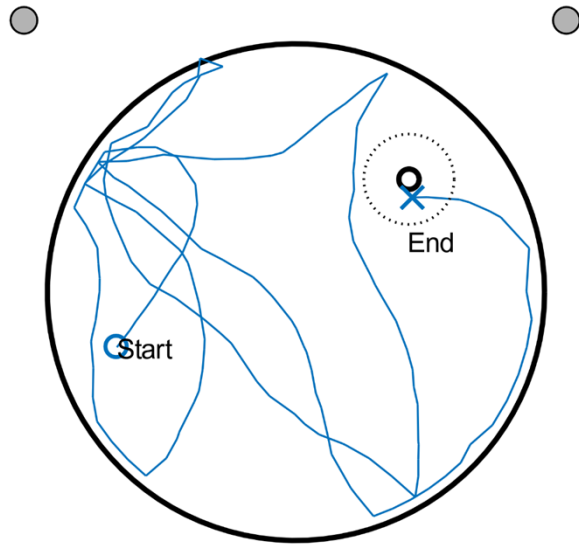
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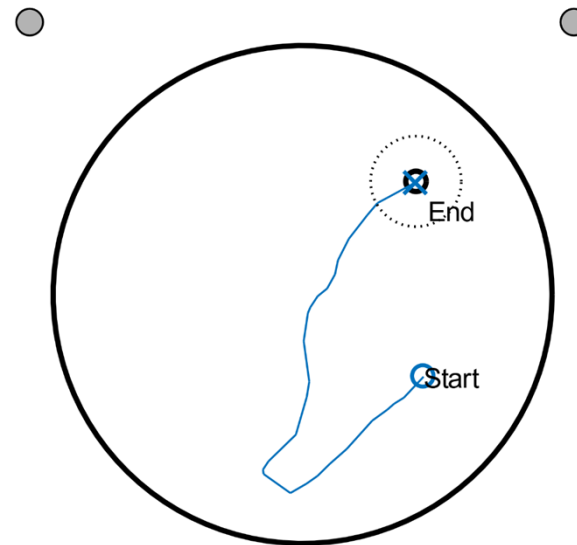
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Supplement 1. Example of a simulated rat's swimming path

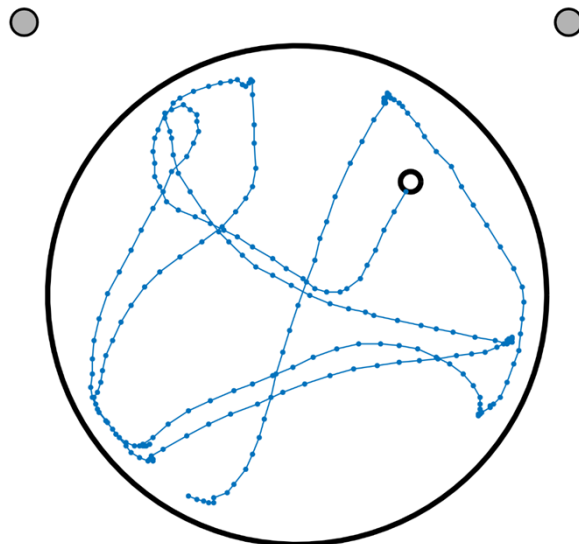
S1a. Untrained rat (simulated)



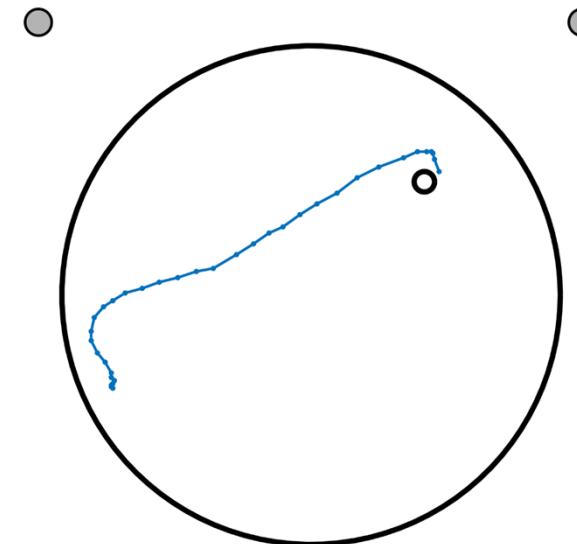
b. Trained rat (simulated)



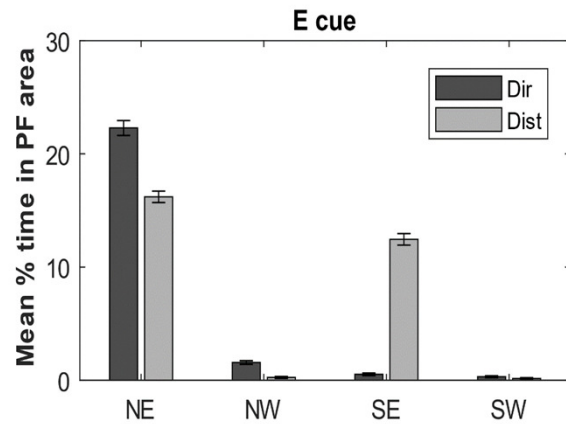
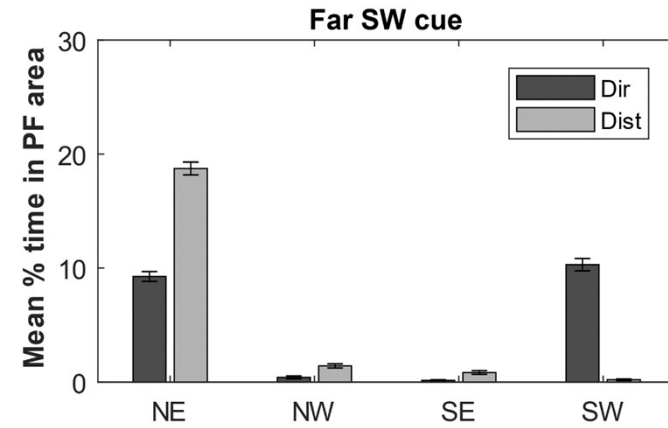
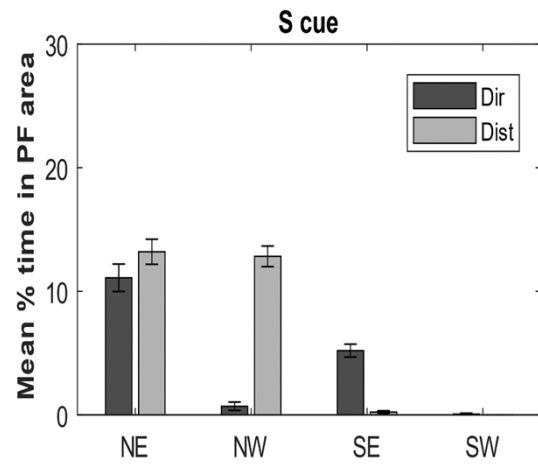
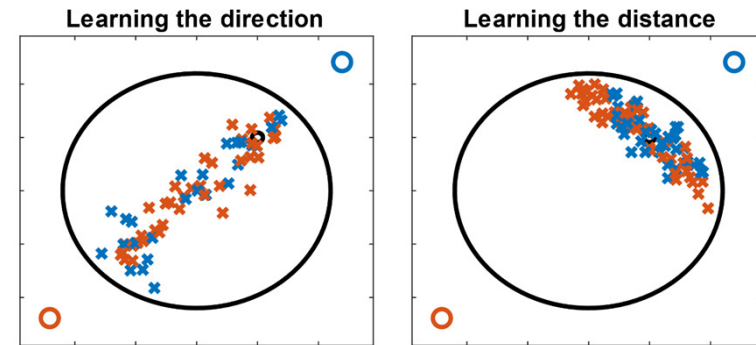
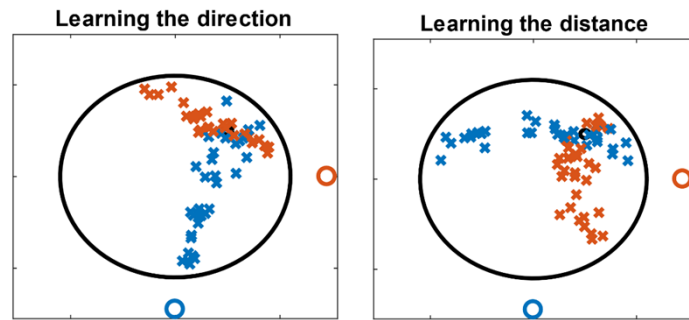
b. Untrained rat (experiment)



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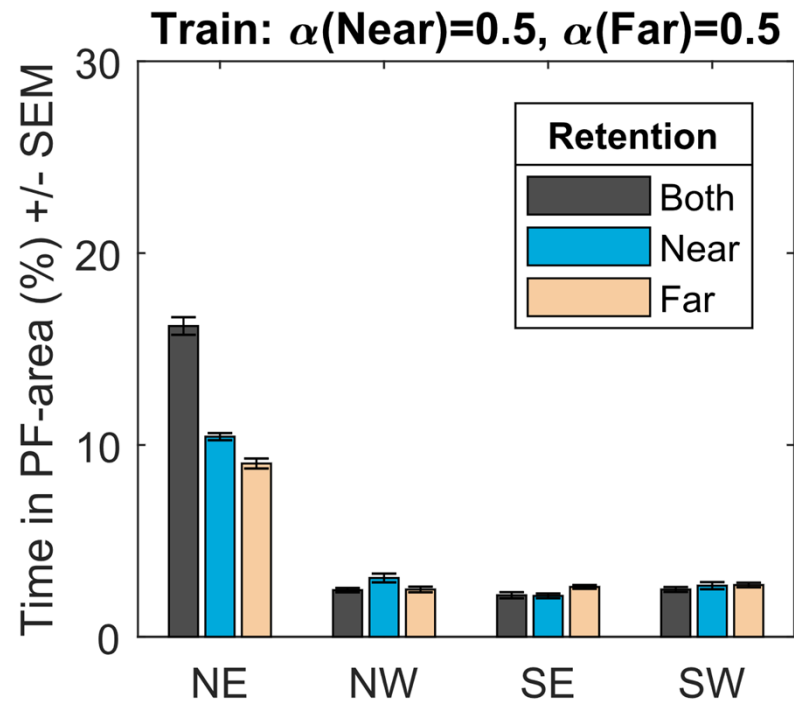


Supplement 2. Varying cue position changes searching dynamics depending on use of directional and distance information.



Supplement 3. Rat can distinguish cues independent of salience

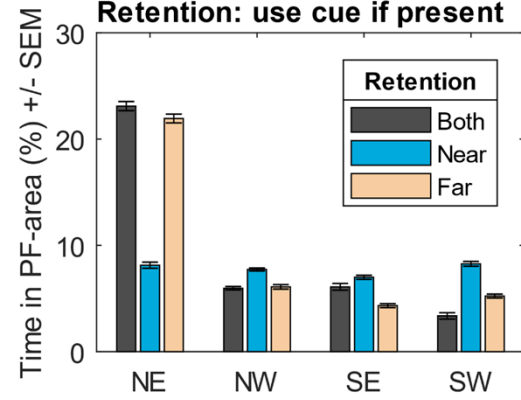
S3. Equal cue saliences



Supplement 4.

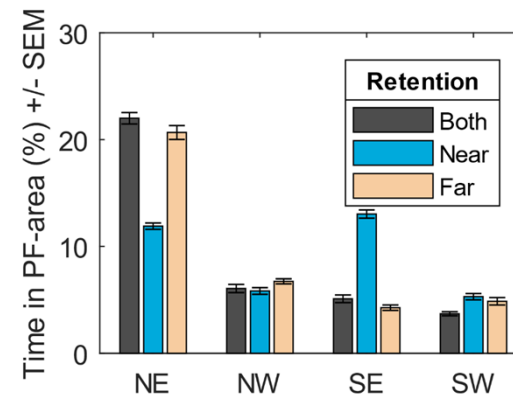
S4a.

Rats only learn bright cue (far)
Retention: use cue if present



S4b.

Rats learn cues (far:near 30:70)
Confuse near as far 50% of time



Supplementary Table 1

Swimming behavior model (AR random walk & controller)								
Parameter	A_1	A_2	F	K				
Value	0.174	0.153	0.95	0.5				
Rescorla Wagner learning model								
Parameter	α_1	α_2	β_{use}	β_{dir}	β_{dist}	λ_{use}	λ_{dir}	λ_{dist}
Value	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.33	1	1