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# The invariants of speech perception

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Recent results in neuroscience support the role of the motor system in speech perception.





#### **Perceptuo-motor theories :**

The invariants are perceptuo-motor units characterised by both their articulatory coherence and its perceptual value.

### **Question of interest**

Why would we use perceptuo-motor units ?

The auditory and the motor systems would be complementary.

### **Hypothesis**

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### **COSMO : A model of communication**

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- $\circ$  Perceptuo-motor identification P(O<sub>L</sub>O<sub>S</sub> | S [C=1])



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Sending of a sound s and an object o





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#### Summary

- Sensory learning
  - Simple structure
  - Fully supervised

#### Motor learning

- More complex structure
- Not fully-supervised







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#### Assumptions

- Sensory learning
  - More focused
  - Better for learned stimuli

#### Motor learning

- More wandering,
- Better for non-learned stimuli





#### **Simulations**



# $\,\circ\,$ 2 objects $O_1$ and $O_2$ $\,\circ\,$ For instance : /ba/ for O1 and /da/ for O2

Spaces S and M in one dimension
For instance : S is voicing, M is the tongue position.

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### Results : Learning speed









### **Results : Categorization in noise**

Evaluation of motor, auditory and perceptuo-motor systems



### Auditory learning

- Fast
- Better in nominal conditions

#### VS

#### Motor learning

- Complex => slow
- Better in adverse conditions

#### Comparison in adverse and nominal conditions



### **Conclusion / Perspective**

Conclusion : differences in development lead to different roles

- The auditory system acts as a narrowband
- The motor system acts a wideband

### Perspective (ongoing)

- More realistic simulations (syllables , vowels, etc)
- $\circ$  More complex learning

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### Thanks for your attention !

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