

VISUAL PERCEPTION IN SPORT



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How can we hit a target? - basketball

Ripoll, 1986

- Head stabilisation
- Eye-head stabilisation

Oudejans et al 2002

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Vickers, 1996

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Gibson, Bernstein, Newell, Kelso, Davids, Araujo, Adolphe

QUESTION

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Basketball shooting in time (s)

[diagram by van de Langenberg, ca 2003]



Poor accuracy without last 350 ms

(Oudejans, Van de Langenberg, Hutter, 2002)



Good accuracy with only final 350 ms

(Oudejans, Van de Langenberg, Hutter, 2002)



Gaze behavior before and during basketball shot

(de Oliveira, Oudejans & Beek, 2008)



Landing position of the ball (not just shooting %)

de Oliveira et al., 2007, 2009



Ball landing positions with full vision



Ball landing positions with visual occlusion during shot



Ball landing positions with visual occlusion 1s before shot



Ball landing positions with visual occlusion 2 s before shot



Performance decrements in all of the offline conditions



What do players need to look at the basket for?

(de Oliveira, Oudejans & Beek, 2009)

Pic from http://corporate.olympics.com.au/athlete/lauren-jackson



Player looking at the basket forms an angle of elevation



Angle of elevation is calibrated to eye-height (constant)



Angle of elevation increases with proximity to basket



If the basket is higher the angle also increases





Angle of elevation is an important information source

"Davids and Araujo rightly ask what causes elite performers to eventually select one location, out of the number of different locations that they could fixate. And why does this emerge as a characteristic of expertise? We don't know why this occurs." ...[it is because of practice]

Vickers 2016, Quiet eye research – Vickers on target Davids & Araujo, 2016 What could an ecological dynamics rationale offer Quiet Eye research? Comment on Vickers

Mechanism

Training perception-action in basketball shooting



Training methods: LC goggles, Screen, Eye-tracker (Oudejans et al., 2005, 2012a, 2012b, 2018)

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Use of constraints during basketball shooting training

Screen: The player can only see the basket once they jump above the screen for their shot



[photo sequence by Hassam Jamil]

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Shooting percentages in a 8-week intervention with a screen



Percentage of effective gaze behaviour

Operationalised as: The duration of looking at the target when the target was visible



[plot by Taylor Date]

Visual gaze as an anchor

- -Angle of elevation is an information source because it specifies distance to the basket -Gaze fixation allows for the pick-up and use of angle of elevation information -Online control of movement means the
- continuous use of information to guide the action



Visual fixation guides movement through anchoring

Pic by TIO, Portuguese trampolinist Bruno Ferraz

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Svetlana Khorkina, Russia (Sydney Olympics, 2000)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K- TzEF6v 8

Take home (or eat in) message

- -An athlete is a complex system that includes eyes-head-trunk-legs system and brain
- -Athletes are fine-tuned to their environment and information therein
- -We must recognise candidate information sources and vary them in training (as well calibration constants and leave them constant)



Obrigada! Perguntas



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