Curvilinear/Threshold Model of Benefit/Barrier-Behavior Relations:

Improved Model Fit and Conceptual Coherence

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Perceived Susceptibility

Health Behavior Models

Perceived Severity

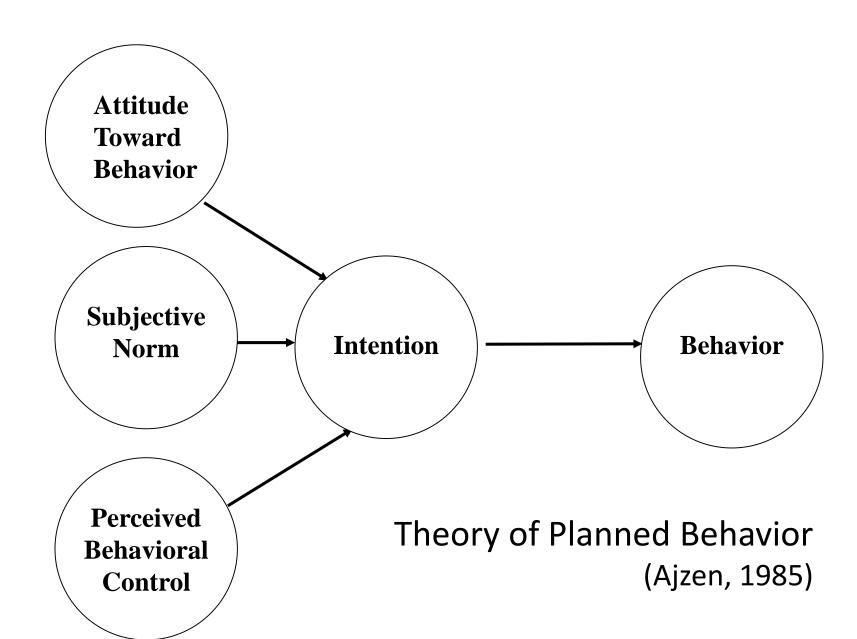
Behavior

Perceived Benefits

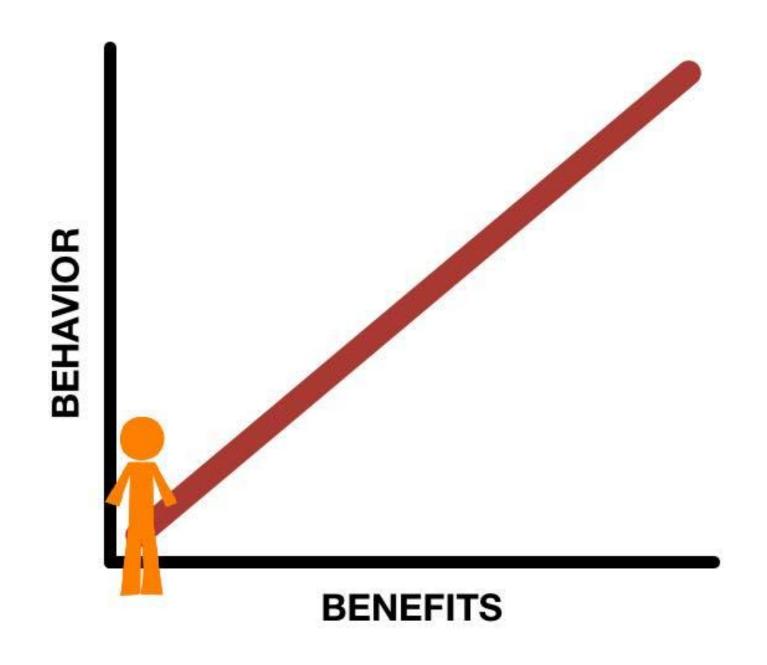
Perceived Barriers

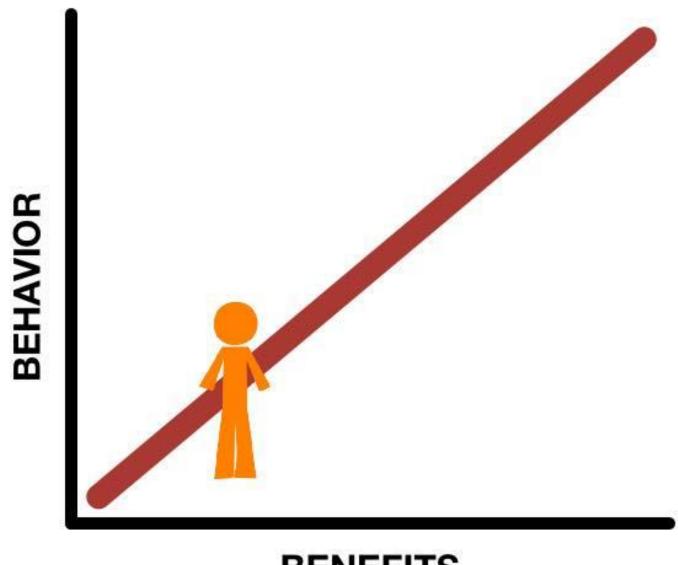
Health Belief Model (Rosenstock et al., 1959)

Health Behavior Models

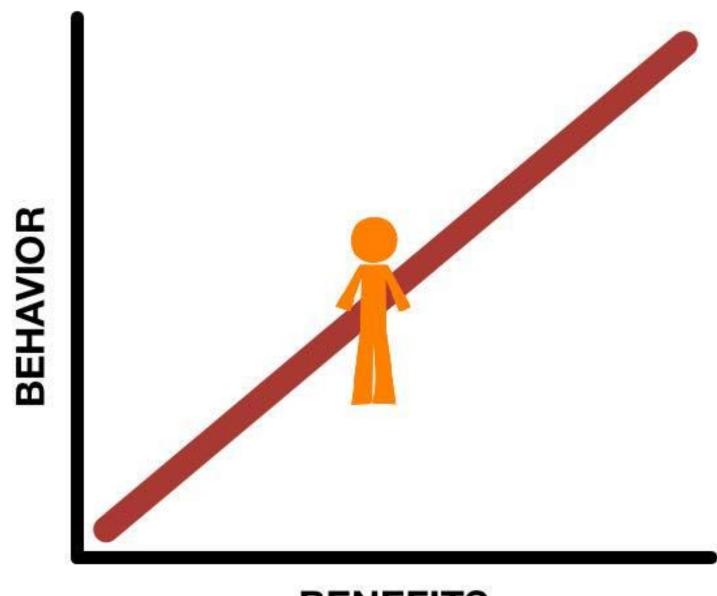


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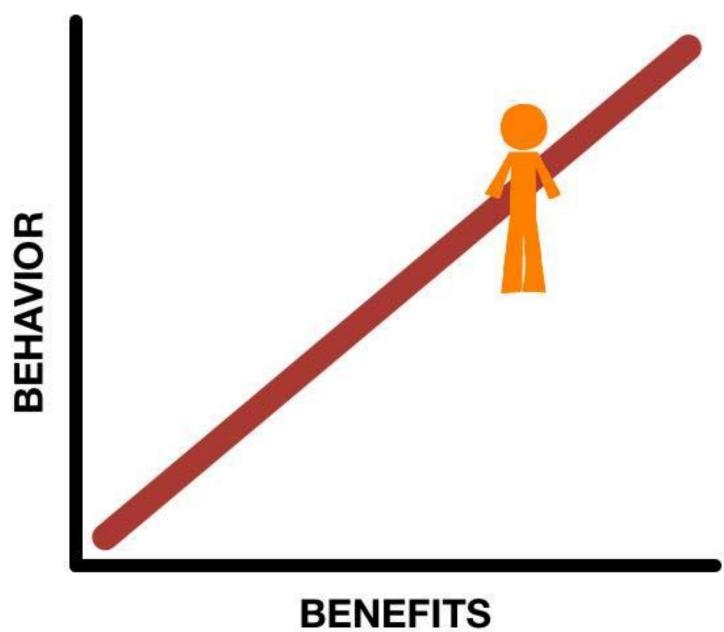


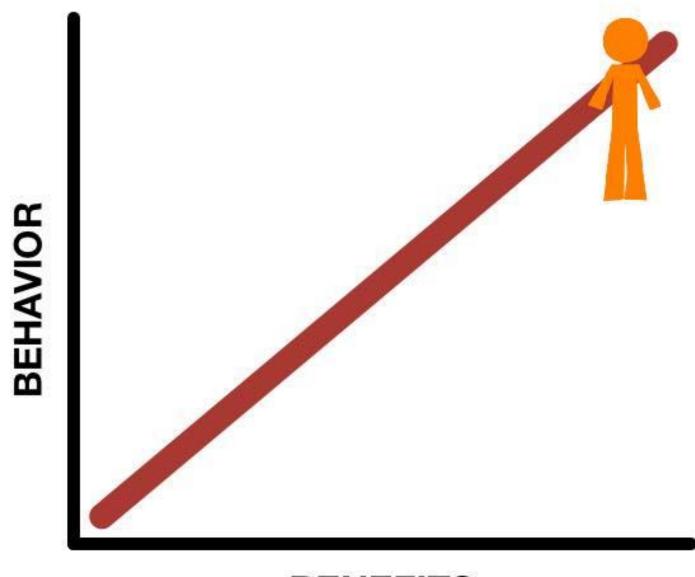


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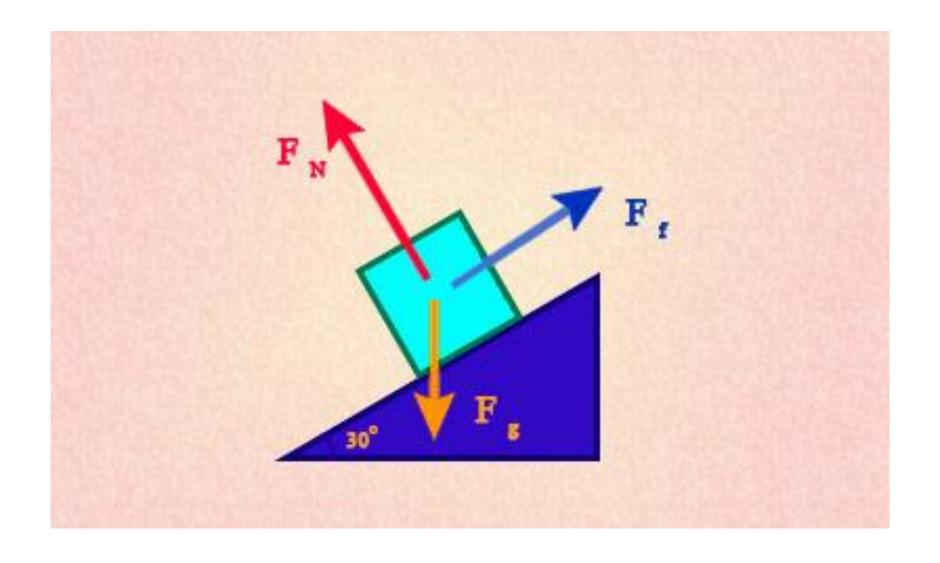




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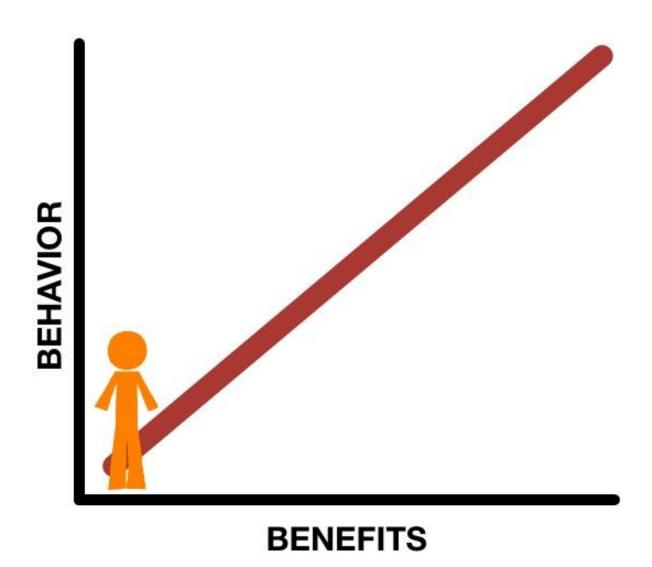


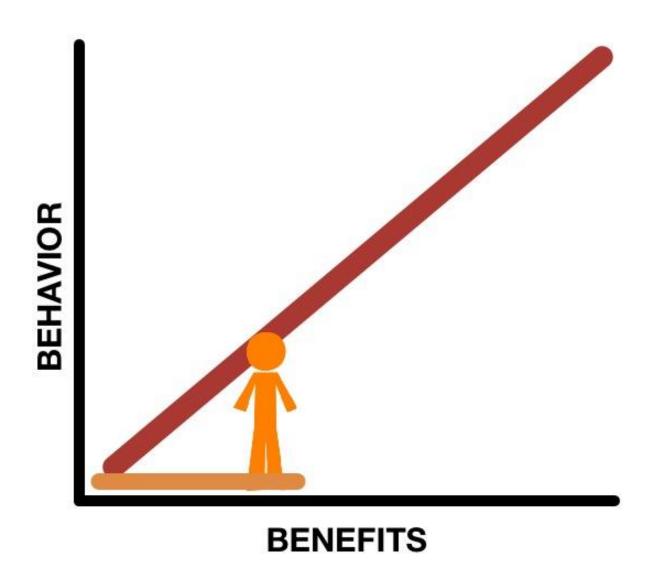
Metaphors: Forces and Friction

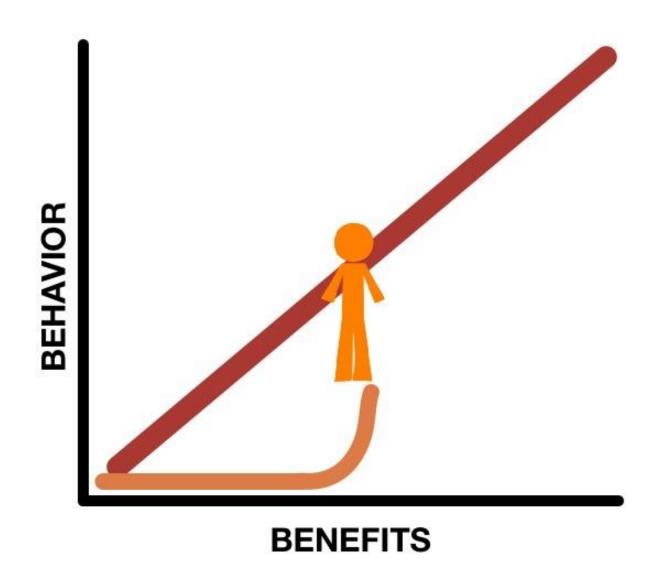


Metaphors: Fluid Dynamics









Kiviniemi et al. (2007) Health Psychology

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 - Average age = 33 years
 - 69% white
 - 58% female
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- Expected Utility (Steinhardt & Dishman, 1989)
 - Perceived benefits (6 items; α =0.86)
 - Perceived barriers (14 items; α =0.79)

Analysis

 Is there a higher order (quadratic or cubic) effect for the relation of benefits (barriers) to behavior?

- Stepwise linear regression
 - Linear term
 - Quadratic term
 - Cubic term

Linear Lens

Benefits

$$-\beta = 0.12, t(407) = 2.33, p < .05$$

Barriers

$$-\beta = -0.11$$
, $t(407) = -2.31$, $p < .05$

Alternative Lens

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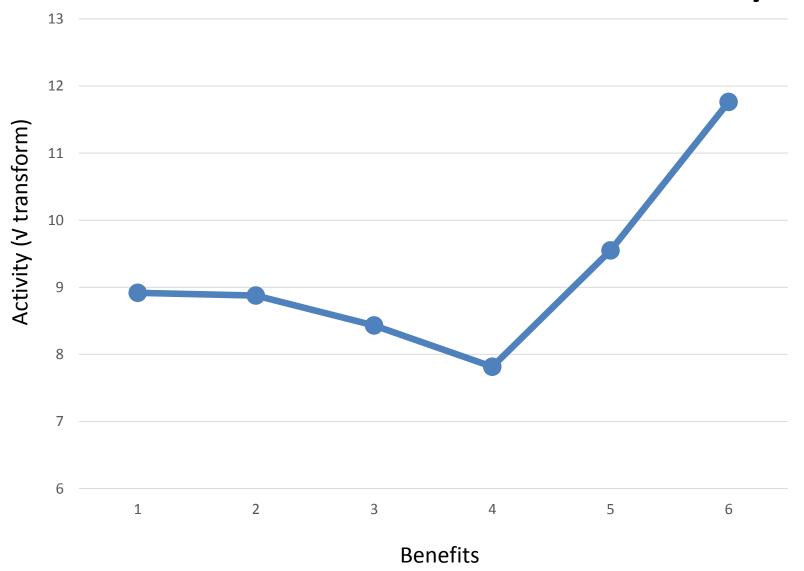
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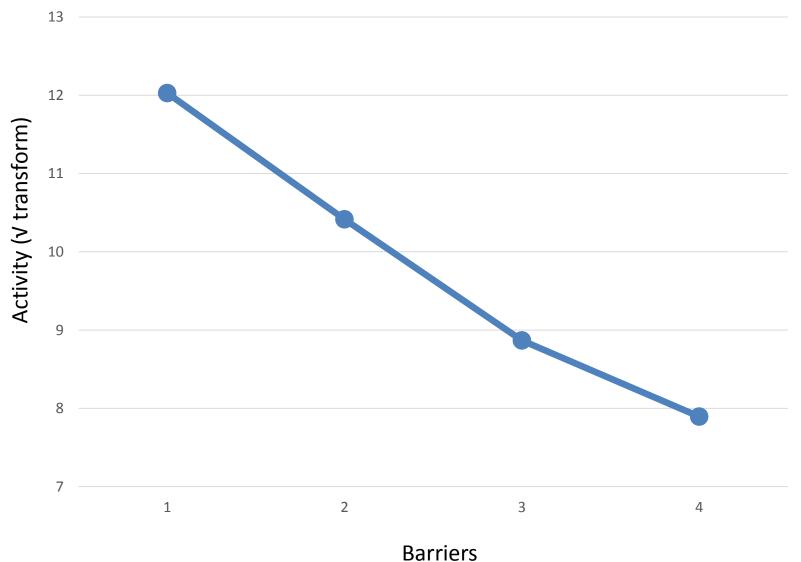
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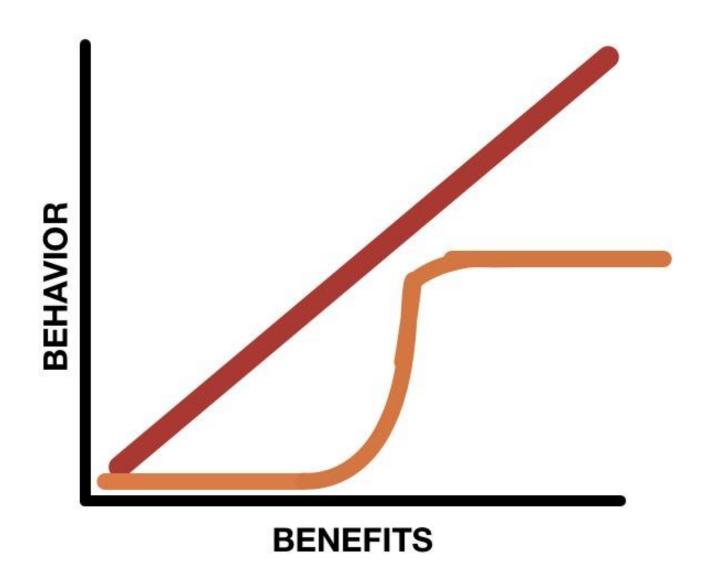
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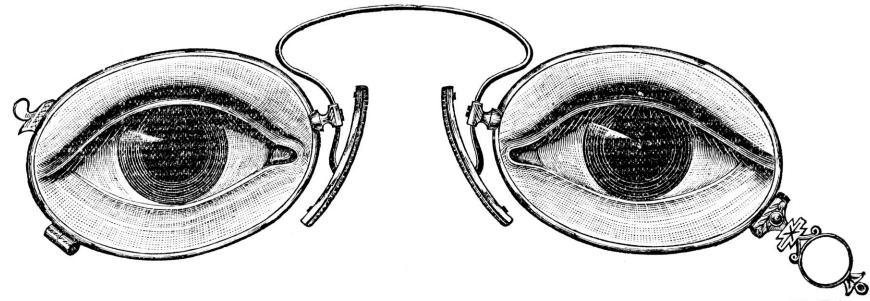
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