

possible that B61 may also be responsible in part for the angiogenic activities of other proinflammatory factors.

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- For immunoblotting, the cells were lysed in lysis buffer containing 1% NP-40, 50 mM tris, and 150 mM NaCl in the presence of protease inhibitors. Orthovanadate (1 mM) was included for Figs. 1C and 3A. After blocking overnight in 1% bovine serum albumin (BSA) in tris-buffered saline containing 0.1% Tween (TBS-T) at 4°C, the filter was incubated with anti-Eck (8) or 4G10 antibody to phosphotyrosine (UBI) at a concentration of 1 μg/ml. Bound primary antibody was visualized with the ECL kit (Amersham). Reprobing to detect Eck protein was done as described [A. Pandey, D. F. Lazar, A. R. Saltiel, V. M. Dixit, *J. Biol. Chem.* **269**, 30154 (1994)].
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- Quiescent HUVECs were treated as in (17) and then metabolically labeled for 8 hours in the presence of 1% BSA. Cell lysates were incubated with anti-B61 (3E6) (2) or anti-Eck (8) for 2 hours at 4°C. Immune complexes were precipitated by the addition of protein A/G-Sepharose, washed three times in lysis buffer, dissolved in SDS sample buffer, resolved by SDS-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis under reducing conditions, and subjected to autoradiography.
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## How Baseball Outfielders Determine Where to Run to Catch Fly Balls

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Current theory proposes that baseball outfielders catch fly balls by selecting a running path to achieve optical acceleration cancellation of the ball. Yet people appear to lack the ability to discriminate accelerations accurately. This study supports the idea that outfielders convert the temporal problem to a spatial one by selecting a running path that maintains a linear optical trajectory (LOT) for the ball. The LOT model is a strategy of maintaining "control" over the relative direction of optical ball movement in a manner that is similar to simple predator tracking behavior.

Even recreational baseball outfielders appear to know virtually from the moment of bat contact where to run to catch a fly ball. In this task, the ball's approach pattern renders essentially all major spatial location and depth cues unusable until the final portion of the trajectory. Cues such as stereo disparity, accommodation, image expansion rates, and occlusion help to guide final adjustments in the interception path (1, 2). During most of the task, the only usable information appears to be the optical trajectory of the ball (the changing position of the ball image relative to the background

scenery). Conceivably, outfielders could derive the destination from an assumed projected parabolic trajectory, but research indicates that observers are very poor at using such a purely computational approach (3). In addition, factors such as air resistance, ball spin, and wind can cause trajectories to deviate from the parabolic ideal (1, 4).

One proposed model is that outfielders run along a path that simultaneously maintains horizontal alignment with the ball and maintains a constant change in the tangent of the vertical optical angle of the ball,  $\tan \alpha$  (Fig. 1) (5-9). As the ball rises,  $\tan \alpha$  increases, but at a rate that is a function of the running path selected. If the fielder runs too far in (so that the ball will land behind him),  $\partial(\tan \alpha)/\partial t$  will increase. If he runs too far out (so that the ball will land in front of him),  $\partial(\tan \alpha)/\partial t$  will decrease. The fielder can arrive at the correct desti-

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