# CAN FRENCH-ENGLISH BILINGUALS PROCESS VERB-PARTICLE CONSTRUCTIONS IN A NATIVE-LIKE MANNER?

A SELF-PACED READING STUDY

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#### SECOND LANGUAGE (L2) SENTENCE PROCESSING

### Processing structures in a L2

- Clefts
- Relative clauses
- Long distance Wh- dependencies
- Noun phrase agreement

## Theoretical approaches to L2 sentence processing

- 1. Different representations and processing (Shallow Structure Hypothesis, Clahsen & Felser, 2006)
- 2. Fundamentally identical to native processing, but with limited processing capacities:

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lexical processing (Lexical Bottleneck, Hopp, 2014; Bartek et al, 2011)
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working memory capacities (McDonald, 2006)