



Visual World Paradigm

An Eye-Tracking Technique to Study the Real Time
Processing of Spoken Language

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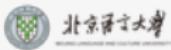
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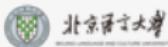


The Definition

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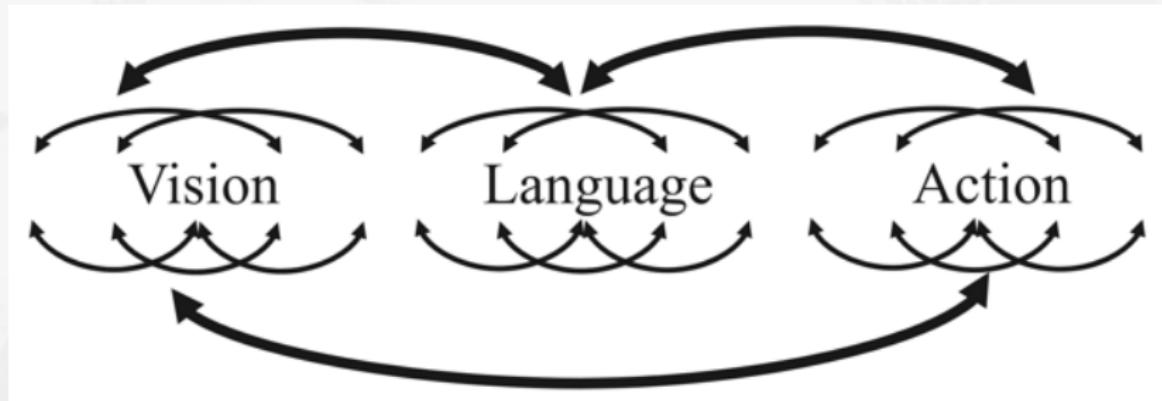
Language in Interactive Frameworks



- Cognitive processes are better understood not as computations that take place solely inside the brain, but instead as emergent properties resulting from the interaction of the brain with the body and the environment. (Spivey, 2023, P.230)

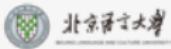


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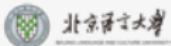


(Spivey, 2023)

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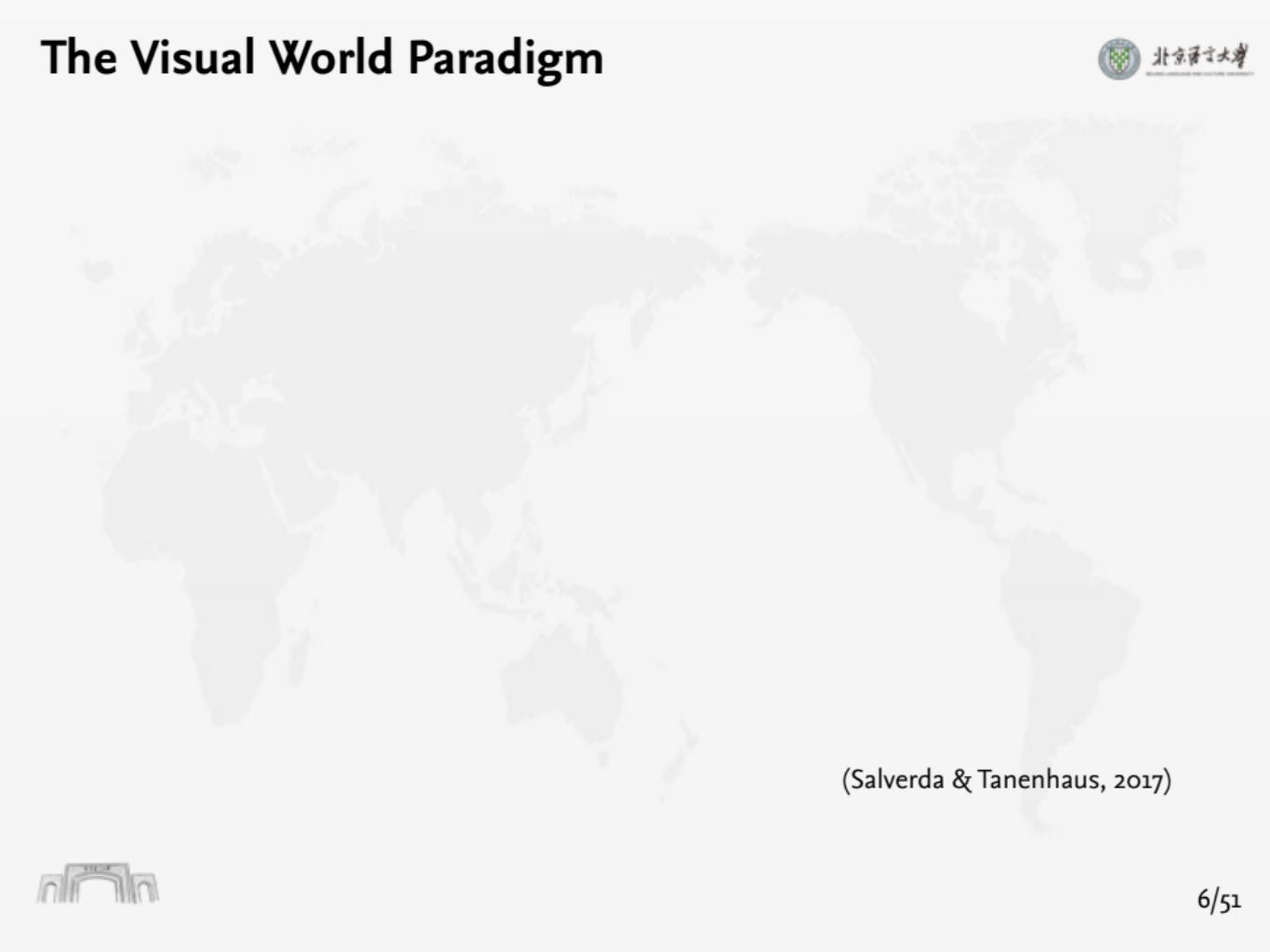
The Visual World Paradigm



- The visual world paradigm has allowed spoken language processing studies to be grounded, revealing a system that rapidly integrates multiple constraints, including effects of the information in the visual context and task goals. (Wei & Tanenhaus, 2023)



The Visual World Paradigm



(Salverda & Tanenhaus, 2017)



The Visual World Paradigm

- In the **visual world paradigm** (VWP), participants' eye movements to objects in a **visual** workspace or pictures in a display are monitored as they listen to, or produce, **spoken** language that is about the contents of the visual world.

(Salverda & Tanenhaus, 2017)



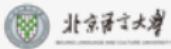
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- It is a family of experimental methods for studying real-time language processing in language comprehension and production that can be used with participants of all ages and most special populations.

(Salverda & Tanenhaus, 2017)



The Visual World Paradigm



(Salverda & Tanenhaus, 2017)



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- Eye-movements in the VWP provide a sensitive, time-locked response measure that can be used to investigate a wide range of psycholinguistic questions on topics running the gamut from speech perception to interactive conversation in collaborative task-oriented dialogue.

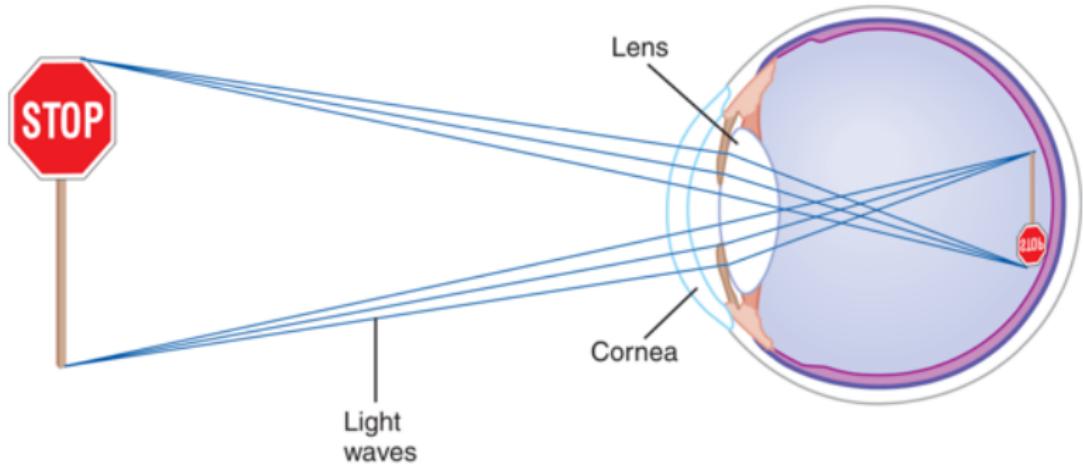
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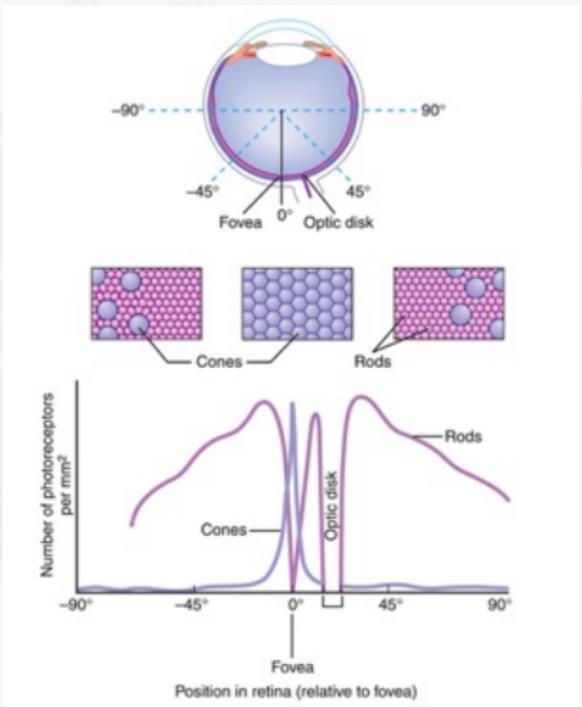
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(Stanfield, 2013, PP.269-284)

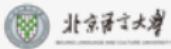
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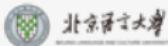
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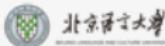


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- Where a participant is looking, and in particular when and to where saccadic eye movements are launched in relationship to the speech, can provide insights into real-time language processing.

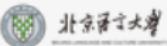
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A Brief History

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The Control of Eye Fixation by the Meaning of Spoken Language

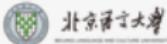
A New Methodology for the Real-Time Investigation of Speech
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Integration of Visual and Linguistic Information in Spoken Language Comprehension

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Psycholinguists have commonly assumed that as a spoken linguistic message unfolds over time, it is initially structured by a syntactic processing module that is encapsulated from information provided by other perceptual and cognitive systems. To test the effects of relevant visual context on the rapid mental processes that accompany spoken language

(Tanenhaus, Spivey-Knowlton, Eberhard, & Sedivy, 1995)



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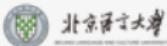
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The kindergarten-path effect: studying on-line sentence processing in young children

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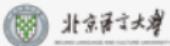
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Brief article

Viewing and naming objects: eye movements during noun phrase production

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Seeing is believing: testing an explicit linking assumption for visual world eye-tracking in psycholinguistics

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Abstract

Experimental investigation is fundamental to theory-building in cognitive science, but its value depends on the *linking assumptions* made by researchers about the mapping between empirical measurements and theoretical constructs. We argue that sufficient clarity and justification are often lacking for linking assumptions made in *visual world eye-tracking*, a widely used experimental method in psycholinguistic research. We test what we term the *Referential Belief* linking assumption: that the proportion of looks to a referent in a time window reflects participants' degree of belief that the referent is the intended target in that time window. We do so by comparing eye-tracking data against explicit beliefs collected in an incremental decision task (Exp. 1), which replicates a scalar implicature processing study (Exp. 3 of Sun & Breheny, 2020). In Exp. 2, we replicate Sun and Breheny (2020) in a web-based eye-tracking paradigm using `WebGazer.js`. The results provide support for the Referential Belief link and cautious optimism for the prospect of conducting web-based eye-tracking. We discuss limitations on both fronts.

Keywords: psycholinguistics; experimental pragmatics; scalar implicature; linking functions; visual world; eye-tracking

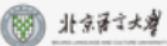
coarse-grained temporal measures like response times from button presses. Notable VWP findings that could not have been obtained with more coarse-grained measures include the diverse insights that visual context is rapidly integrated into syntactic structure assignment (Tanenhaus et al., 1995), that words are processed incrementally and listeners maintain uncertainty about past input (Allopenna et al., 1998; Clayards et al., 2008), and that listeners anticipate upcoming linguistic material based on selectional restrictions and rapid pragmatic reasoning (Altmann & Kamide, 1999; Sedivy et al., 1999).

These notable successes notwithstanding, we still have a poor understanding of how to link observed eye movements to the underlying mental processes that generate them (Salverda & Tanenhaus, 2017; Tanenhaus, Magnuson, Dahan, & Chambers, 2000; Allopenna et al., 1998; Magnuson, 2019). The problem of interpretability is compounded by the fact that the VWP is used for vastly different tasks (for an overview, see Huettig, Rommers, & Meyer, 2011). Consider the difference between active referential tasks, in which participants' goal is to identify and select the speaker's intended

(Degen, Kursat, & Leigh, 2021)



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Integration of visual and linguistic information in spoken language comprehension.

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Apparatus

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(Zhan, 2018b)



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- The simplest, least expensive, and most portable system is just a normal video camera, which records an image of the participant's eyes.

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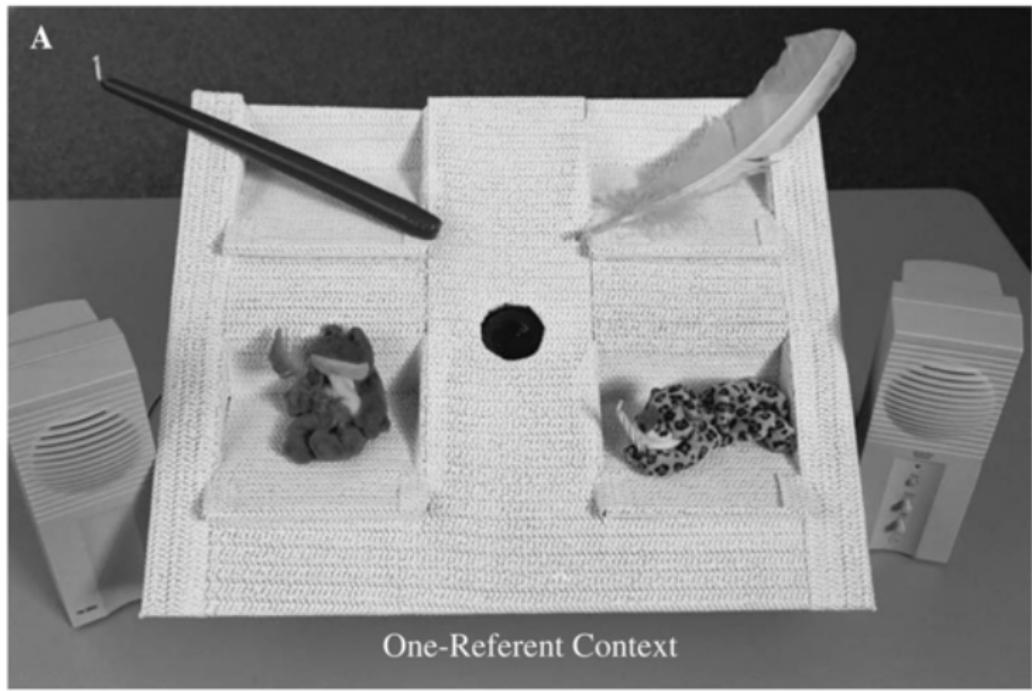
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- A contemporary commercial eye tracking system normally uses optical sensors measuring the orientation of the eye in its orbit.

(Zhan, 2018b)



Apparatus



(Snedeker & Trueswell, 2004)



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Visual World

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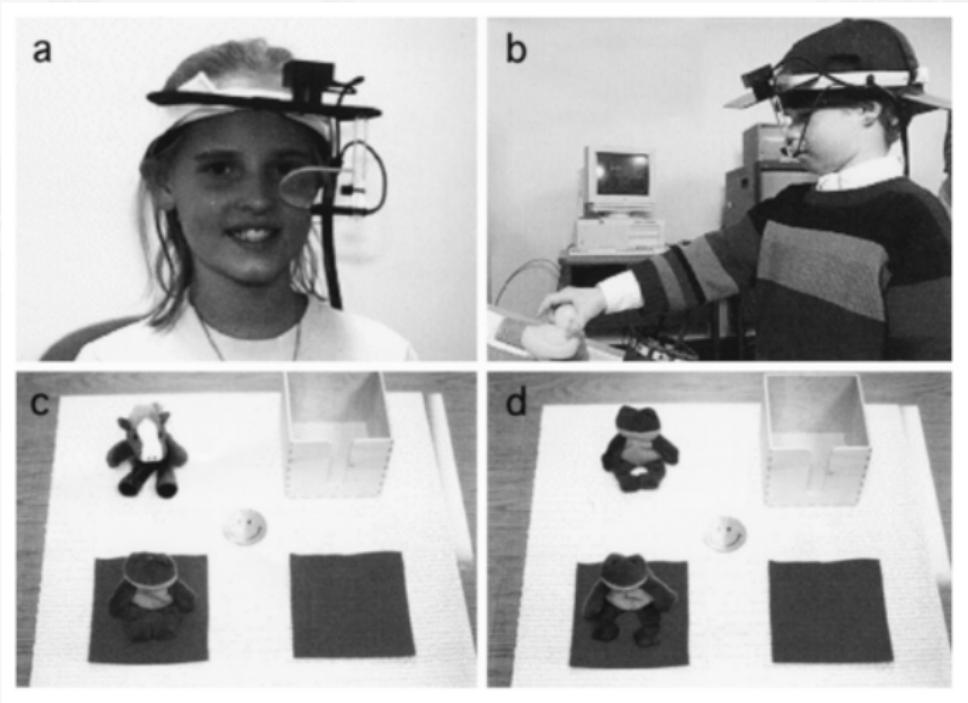


- A visual display is normally a screening display depicting an array of pictures.
- It can also be a screening display depicting an array of printed words, a schematic scene, or a real world scene containing real objects.

(Zhan, 2018b)



Visual World: In the Literature



(Trueswell et al., 1999)



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(Huettig & McQueen, 2007)



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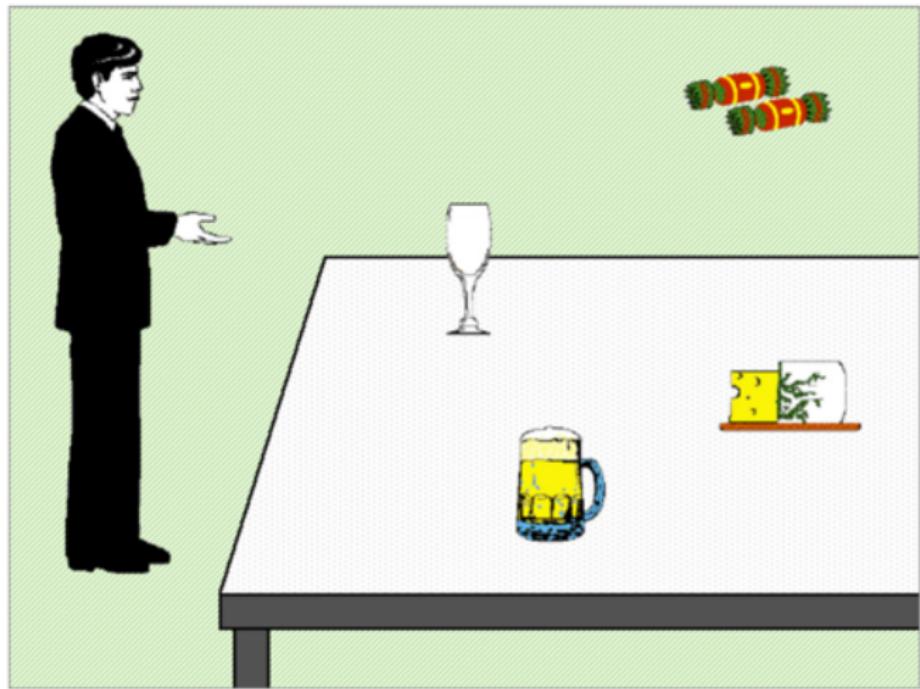
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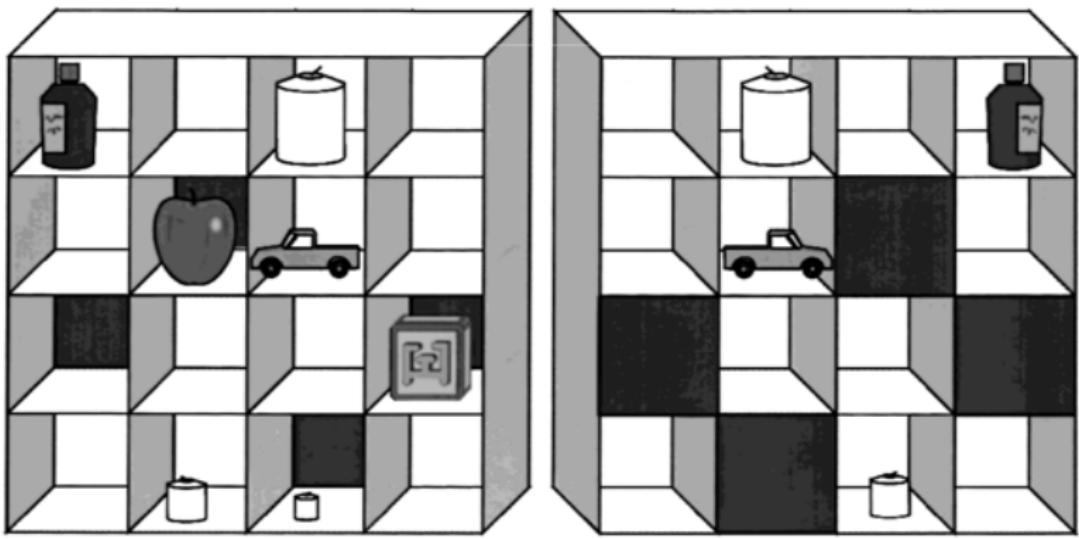
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(Altmann & Kamide, 2007)



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Addressee's View

Director's View

(Keysar, Barr, Balin, & Brauner, 2000)

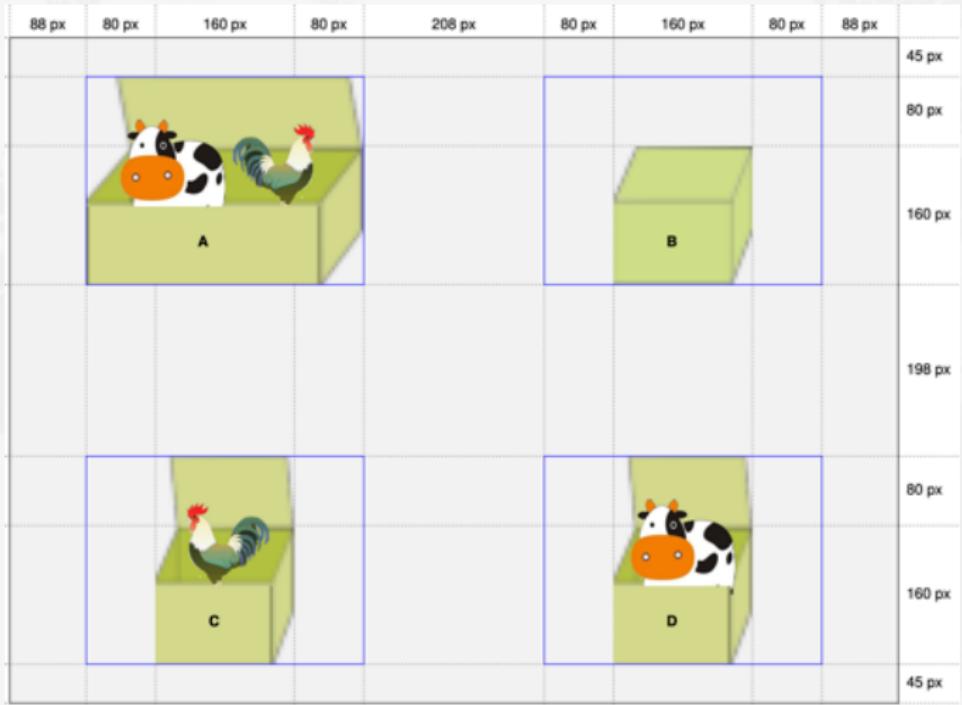
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(Zhan, Crain, & Zhou, 2015)



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(Zhan, 2018a, 2018b)



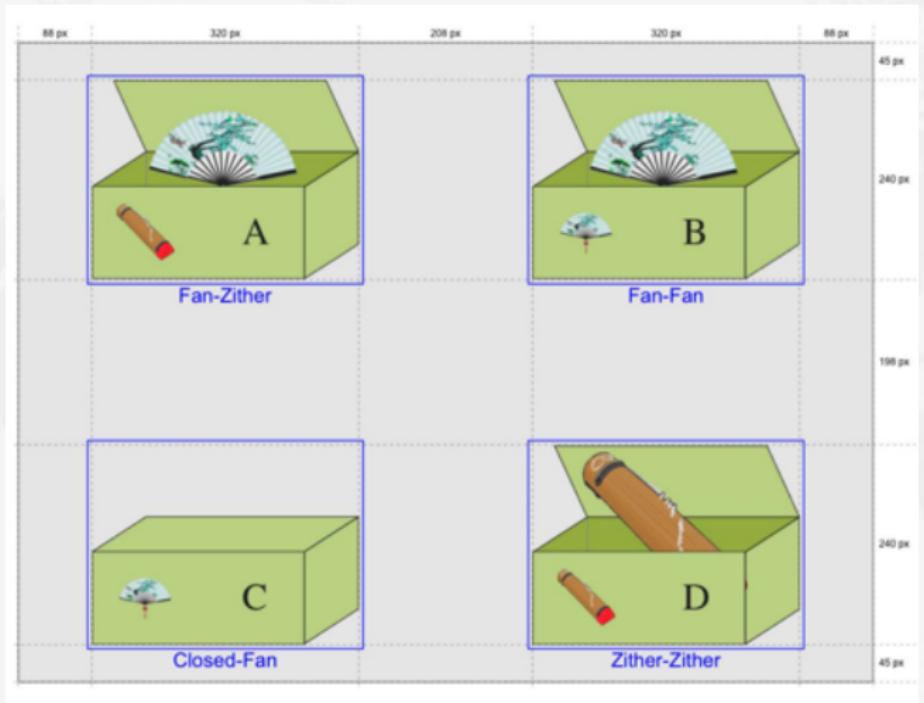
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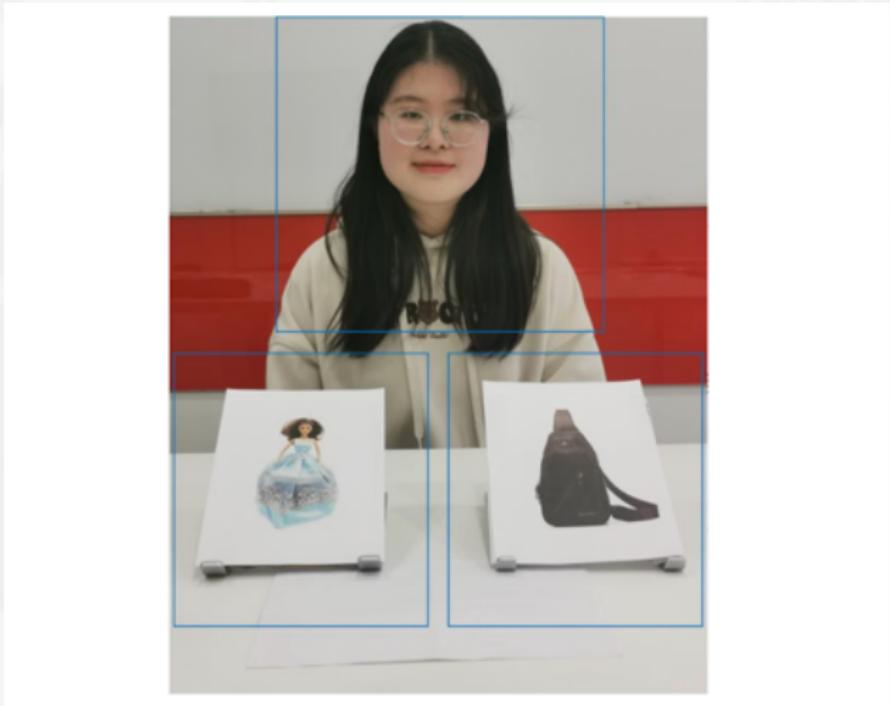
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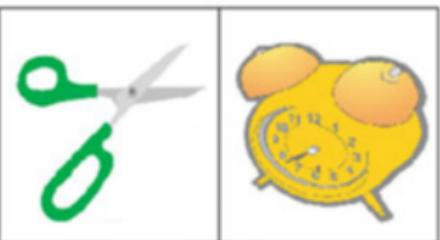
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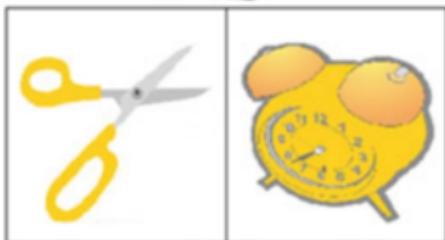


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I
Non-Contrastive

II
Target



III
Second Contrastive IV
First Contrastive

(Zhou, Su, Crain, Gao, & Zhan, 2012)



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(Zhou, Crain, & Zhan, 2012; Zhou, Ma, & Zhan, 2019)



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Completed Event Area

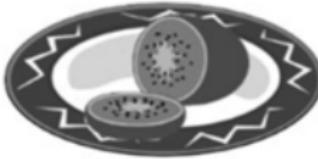


Ongoing Event Area

(Zhou, Crain, & Zhan, 2014)



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(Moscati, Zhan, & Zhou, 2017)



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BA-Target Event

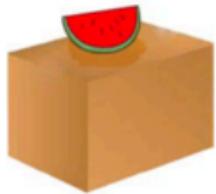


BEI-Target Event

(Zhou, Ma, Zhan, & Ma, 2018)



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(Zhou, Zhan, & Ma, 2019b)



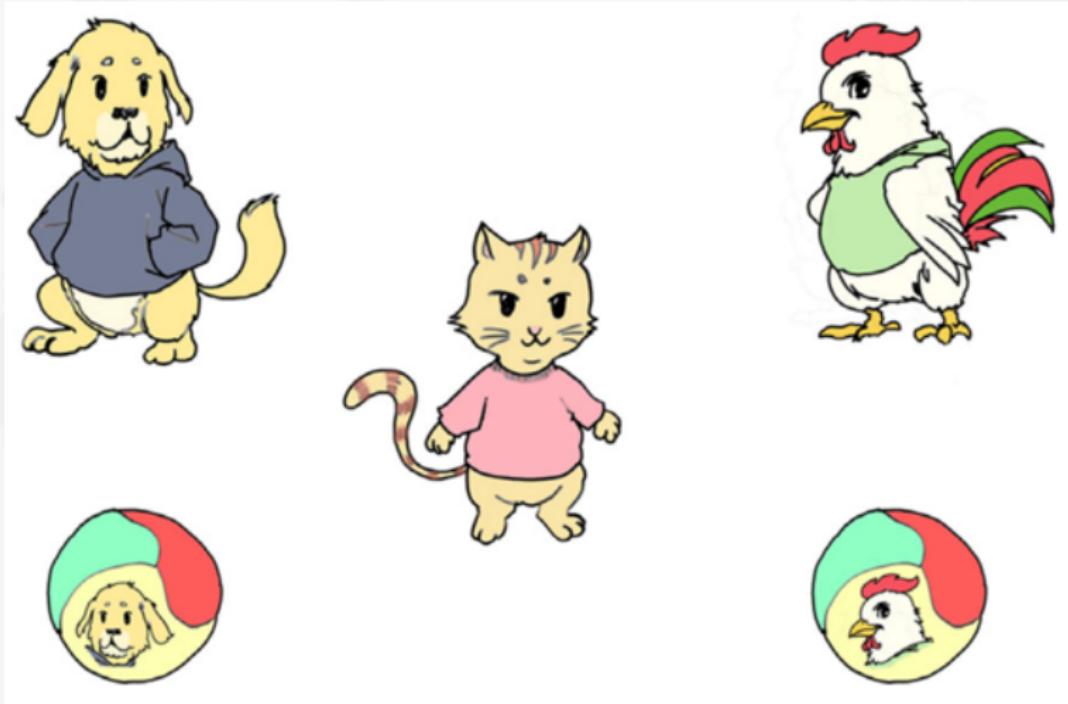
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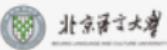
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Spoken Language

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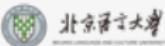


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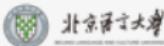
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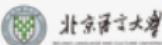
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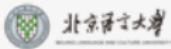
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- Properties of words (syntactic category, semantic features, frequency of occurrence, etc.) to
- Linguistic structure (syntactic structure, information structure, semantic and pragmatic properties such as implicating and questioning, etc.).

(Salverda & Tanenhaus, 2017)



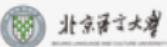
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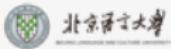


- The language often comes from a **disembodied voice**, which provides a narrative (e.g., *The doctor will hand the scalpel to the nurse*) or an instruction (e.g., *Put the large candle above the fork*).

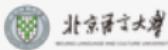
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- The spoken language can differ in their verbs (Zhou, Zhan, & Ma, 2019a), syntactic structure (Zhou et al., 2018, 2021), their phonological stresses (Zhou, Su, et al., 2012), their sentential prosodies (Zhou, Crain, & Zhan, 2012; Zhou, Ma, & Zhan, 2019), their aspect markers (Zhou et al., 2014), their epistemic modals (Moscati et al., 2017), and their pronouns (Xie & Zhan, 2023).



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- The spoken language can also be semantically complex statements that differ in their logical structures, such as concessives and biconditionals (Zhan et al., 2015), conditionals (Zhan et al., 2018; Zhan & Zhou, 2023), and disjunctions (Zhan, 2018a, 2018b).



Spoken Language: Our Studies

1) Control Sentence

有次 阿童木 帮助了 一只 孔雀 /骆驼。 他 一 得到了 一个 汉堡 / 萝卜。
 youci atongmu bangzhuo yizhi kongque / luotuo, ta yi dedao le yige hanbao / luobo.
 one-time Astroboy help-Asp one-Cl peacock / camel, he — get-Asp one-Cl hamburger/ carrot.
 "Astroboy helps a peacock/camel, and he gets a hamburger/carrot as a reward."

2) Even if Sentence

就算 阿童木 帮助了 一只 孔雀 /骆驼。 他 也 得到了 一个 汉堡 / 萝卜。
 jiussuan atongmu bangzhuo yizhi kongque / luotuo, ta ye dedao le yige hanbao / luobo.
 Even if Astroboy help-Asp one-Cl peacock / camel, he also get-Asp one-Cl hamburger/ carrot.
 "Even if Astroboy helps a peacock/camel, he gets a hamburger/carrot as a reward."

3) Only if Sentence

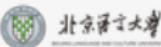
只有 阿童木 帮助了 一只 孔雀 /骆驼。 他 才 得到了 一个 汉堡 / 萝卜。
 zhizhong atongmu bangzhuo yizhi kongque / luotuo, ta cai dedao le yige hanbao / luobo.
 only if Astroboy help-Asp one-Cl peacock / camel, he then get-Asp one-Cl hamburger/ carrot.
 "Only if Astroboy helps a peacock/camel, he gets a hamburger/carrot as a reward."



(Zhan et al., 2015)



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a). And

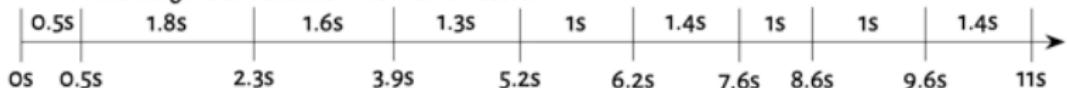
小明的 箱子里 有 一只 奶牛 和 一只 公鸡
Xiaoming de xiang zi li you yi zhi nai niu he yi zhi gong ji
Xiaoming's box in have one-CL cow and one-CL rooster
Xiaoming's box contains a cow and a rooster.

b). But

小明的 箱子里 有 一只 奶牛 但 没有 公鸡
Xiaoming de xiangzi li you yi zhi nai niu dan meiyou gong ji
Xiaoming's box in have one-CL cow but not rooster
Xiaoming's box contains a cow but not a rooster.

c). Or

小明的 箱子里 有 一只 奶牛 或 一只 公鸡
Xiaoming de xiang zi li you yi zhi nainiu huo youzhi gongji
Xiaoming's box in have one-CL cow or one-CL rooster
Xiaoming's box contains a cow or a rooster.



(Zhan, 2018a, 2018b)



Spoken Language: Our Studies



a). And

你看 公主 吃掉了 那个 苹果 /*香蕉 之后 她 就会受到惩罚
nikan gongzhu chidiaole nage pingguo /*xiangjiao zhihou ta jiu hui shoudao chengfa
look princess eat-Asp that apple /*banana then she will be punished

*Look, the princess eats that apple/*banana, then she will be punished.*

b). Because

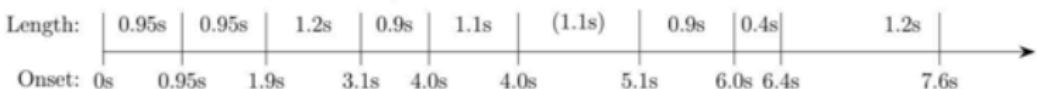
因为 公主 吃掉了 那个 苹果 /*香蕉 所以 她 就会受到惩罚
yinwei gongzhu chidiaole nage pingguo /*xiangjiao suoyi ta jiu hui shoudao chengfa
because princess eat-Asp that apple /*banana therefore she will be punished

*Because the princess eats that apple/*banana, therefore she will be punished.*

c). If

如果 公主 吃掉了 那个 *苹果 /香蕉 那么 她 就会受到惩罚
ruguo gongzhu chidiaole nage *pingguo/xiangjiao name ta jiu hui shoudao chengfa
if princess eat-Asp that *apple /banana then she will be punished

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(Zhan et al., 2018)



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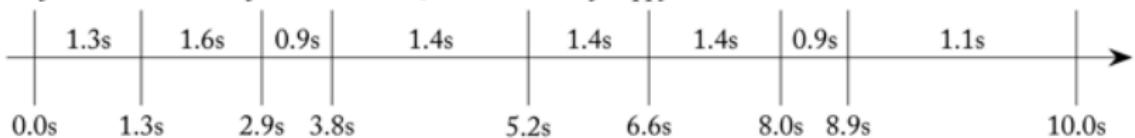
因为 箱子里 是 扇子/古筝 所以 小明 很 高兴/* 伤心
 yinwei xiangzi li shi shanzi/guzheng suoyi Xiaoming hen gaoxing/*shangxin
 because box in is fan/zither therefore Xiaoming very happy/*sad

*Because the box contains a fan/zither, therefore John is very happy/*sad.*

If

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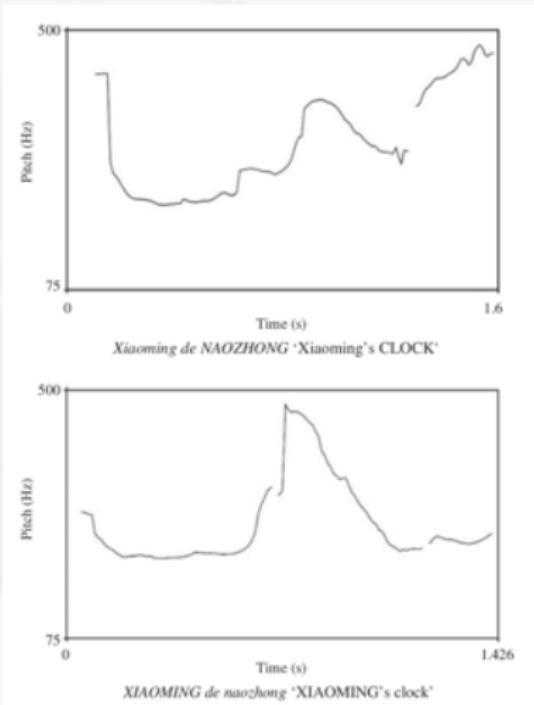
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(Zhan & Zhou, 2023)



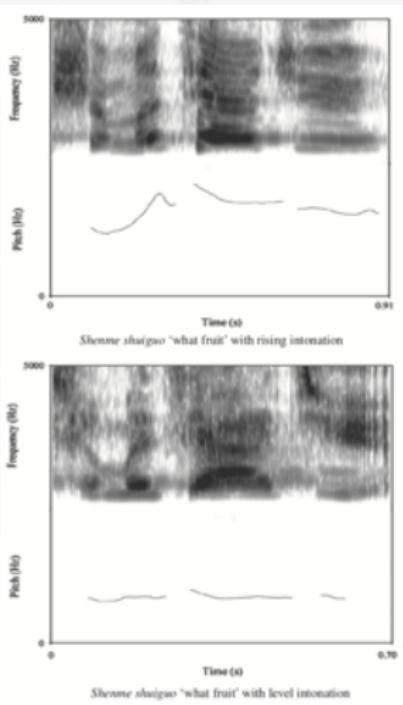
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(Zhou, Su, et al., 2012)



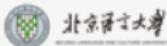
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(Zhou, Crain, & Zhan, 2012; Zhou, Ma, & Zhan, 2019)



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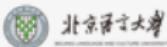


- (7) a. Laonainai zhong-le yi-duo xiaohua.
old lady plant-PERF one-CL flower
'The old lady has planted a flower.'
- b. Laonainai zhong-zhe yi-duo xiaohua.
old lady plant-DUR one-CL flower
'The old lady is planting a flower.'

(Zhou et al., 2014)



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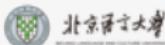


Scenario	Modal	Examples
Undetermined	might	(1) <i>a monkey might be in the orange box</i>
	must	(2) <i>a monkey must be in the orange box</i>
Determined	must	(3) <i>a monkey must be in the orange box</i>
	might	(4) <i>a pear might be in the orange box</i>

(Moscati et al., 2017)



Spoken Language: Our Studies



a. **BA** shizi qingqingdi bao-le qilai.

BA lion gently hold up

Meaning: Someone gently holds the lion.

b. **BEI** shizi qingqingdi bao-le qilai.

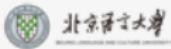
BEI lion gently hold up

Meaning: Someone is gently held by the lion.

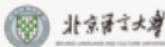
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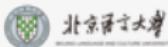


- (1) a. Kangkang yao qu **chi** di-shang-de dangao.
Kangkang will go eat floor-top cake
'Kangkang is going to eat the cake on the floor.'
- b. Kangkang yao qu **zhao** di-shang-de dangao.
Kangkang will go find floor-top cake
'Kangkang is going to find the cake on the floor.'

(Zhou, Zhan, & Ma, 2019a)



Spoken Language: Our Studies



- (8) Xiaomao yaoqu ti xiaogou DE píqiu
cat will kick dog DE ball
“The cat is going to kick the dog’s ball.”

(Zhou et al., 2021)



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- In *Task or action based studies*, participants interact with real-world objects or, more typically, interact with pictures in a screen based workspace to perform a motor task, typically clicking and dragging pictures to follow explicit instructions (*Put the clown above the star*), clicking on a picture when its name is mentioned, or manipulating real objects (e.g., *Pick up the apple. Now put it in the box*).





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(Spivey, 2023)



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- Participants just carry out the instructions as naturally as possible, unaware that the precise timing and locations of their eye movements are giving us all the data we need.

(Spivey, 2023)



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(Zhan, 2018b)



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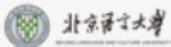
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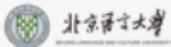
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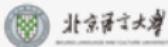


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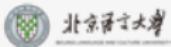


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- Relevant cues to a category, or even a phonetic feature such as voicing, are determined by multiple cues, many of which arrive asynchronously and are impacted by both high and low level linguistic subsystems.

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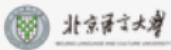


- Linking eye movements to relevant linguistic information in the speech signal is therefore critically dependent on having some understanding of where, when, and why information in the speech signal provides information about linguistic structure.

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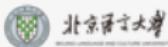
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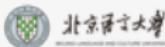


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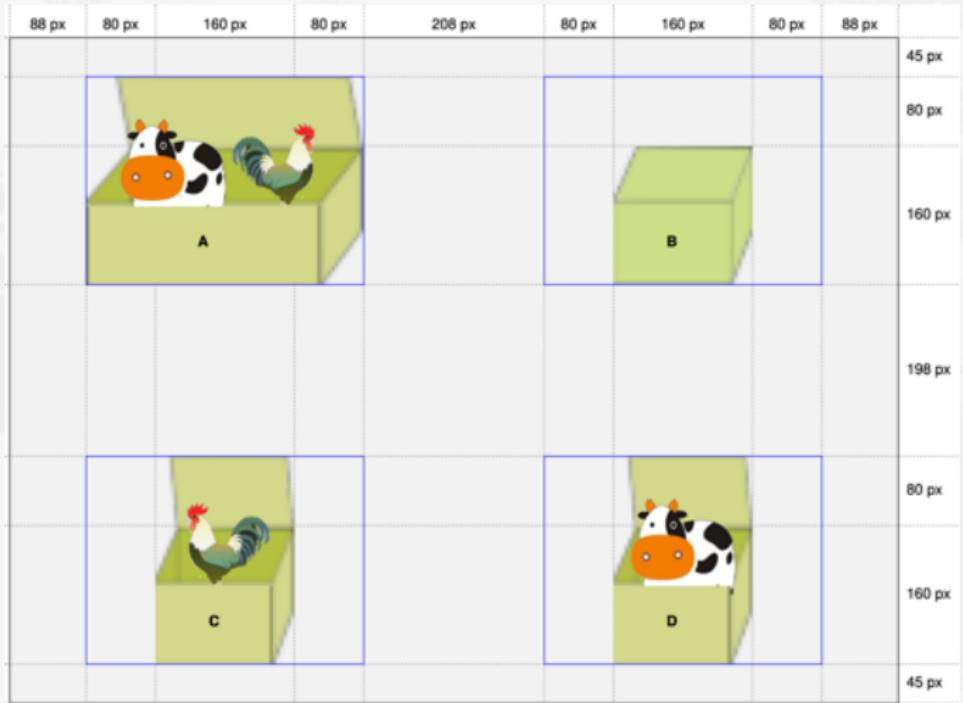
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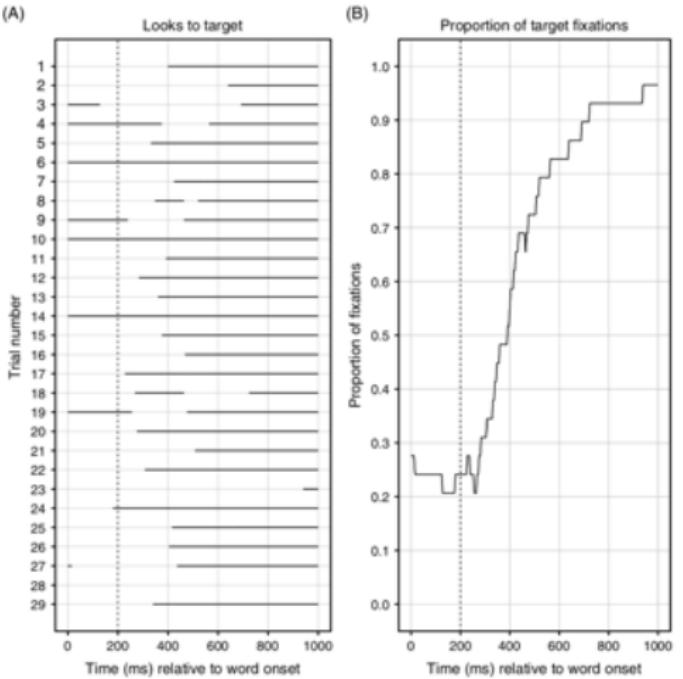
Regions of Interest



(Zhan, 2018a, 2018b)



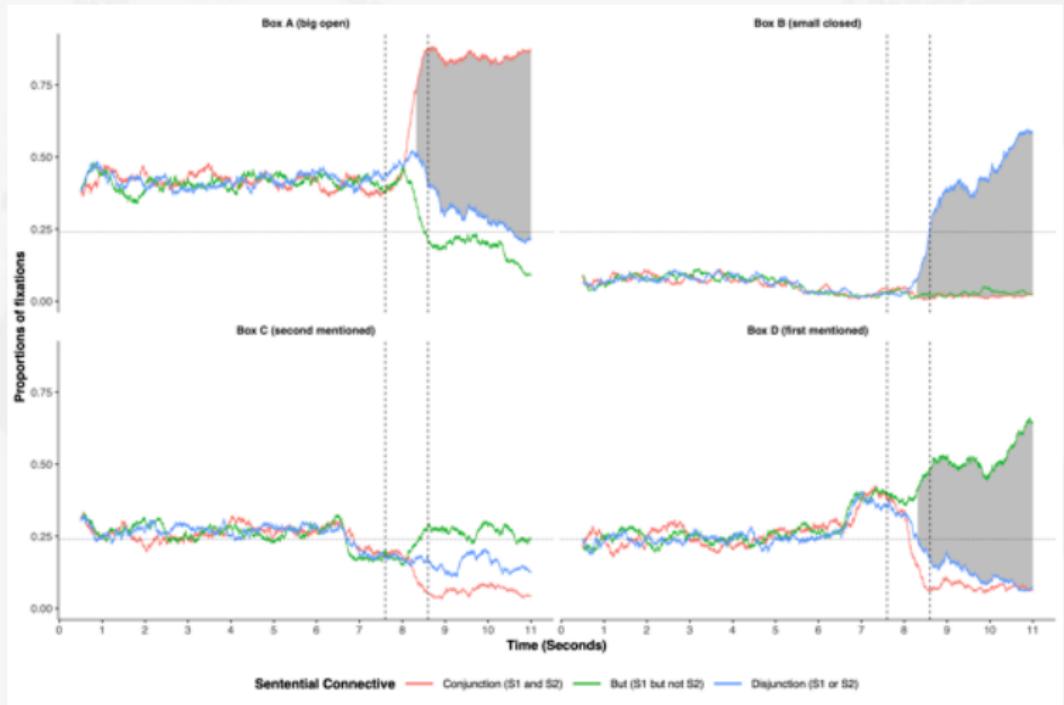
Proportion of Fixations



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Data Visualization



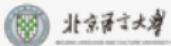
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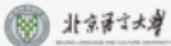
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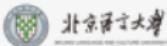


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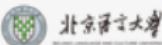


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(Zhan, 2018b)



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- When a statistical analysis is repeatedly applied to each time bin of the periods of interest, the familywise error induced from these multiple comparisons should be tackled.

(Zhan, 2018b)



Statistical Analyses

- T-test, ANOVA
- LME: Linear Mixed-Effects Model
- GCA: Growth Curve Analysis
- CPA: Cluster-based Permutation Analysis
- BDOTS: Bootstrapped Difference of Time Series
- GAMM: Generalised Additive Mixed Modelling
- DPA: Divergence Point Analysis

(Ito & Knoeferle, 2023)



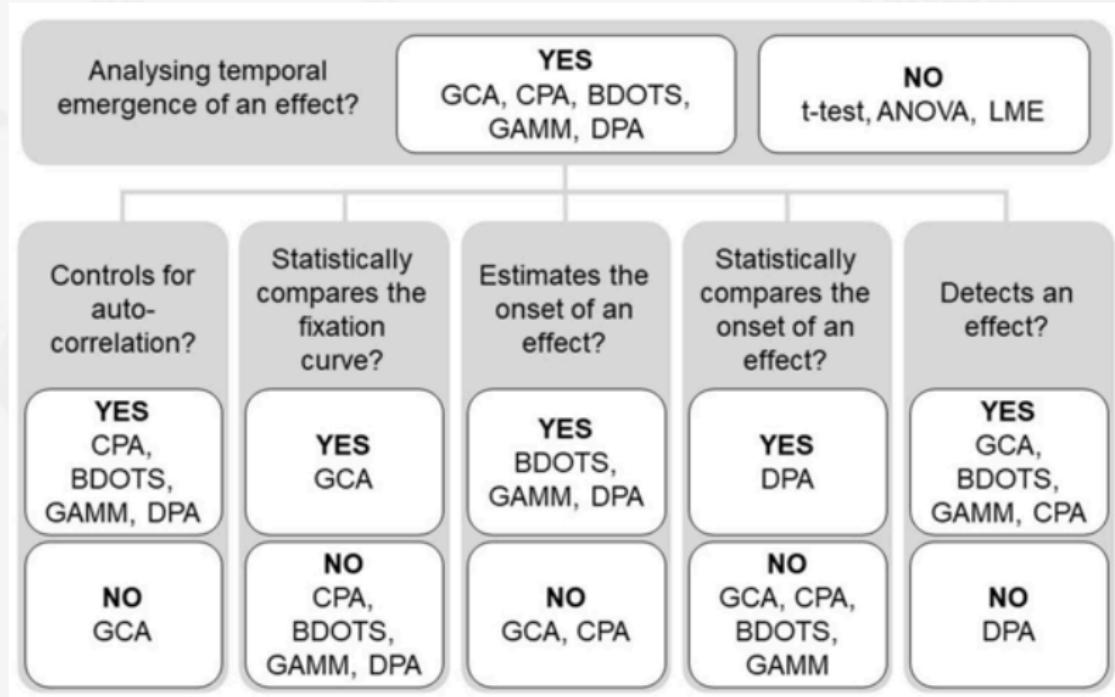
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Analysis	Advantages	Disadvantages
GCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Can test differences in fixation curve across multiple conditions/groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Does not control for autocorrelationIncluding many higher-order polynomials may increase the chance of a false positive (Huang & Snedeker, 2020)
CPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Can test a difference in fixation proportion between two conditions/groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cannot estimate or statistically compare the onset/offset of an effectMay have reduced power to detect second (and later) clusters with smaller effects
BDOTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Can estimate when a fixation proportion difference between two conditions/groups occurredCan model typical fixation curves for target (mentioned) objects and competitor objects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Requires a large number of data points (trials) to fit a good curve to the dataCannot statistically compare the onset/offset of an effect (e.g., test whether the onset was earlier in one condition than in another)
GAMM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Can estimate when a fixation proportion difference between two conditions/groups occurredCan model linear and non-linear curves	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Does not control for autocorrelation for binomially coded dataCannot statistically compare the onset/offset of an effect (e.g., test whether the onset was earlier in one condition than in another)
DPA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Can test a difference in the onset of an effect between two conditions/groupsCan compute Bayes factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Does not detect (but assumes) an effectCannot estimate multiple divergence points

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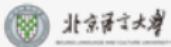
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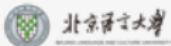
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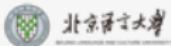


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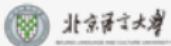


- Coregister with brain imaging signals (EEG and fMRI)
- Three-dimensional virtual reality (VR)

(Wei & Tanenhaus, 2023)



Three Dicretions



- Coregister with brain imaging signals (EEG and fMRI)
- Three-dimensional virtual reality (VR)
- Virtual eye-tracking experiment via webcam

(Wei & Tanenhaus, 2023)



Apparatus: fMRI



(Frey, Nau, & Doeller, 2021)



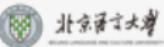
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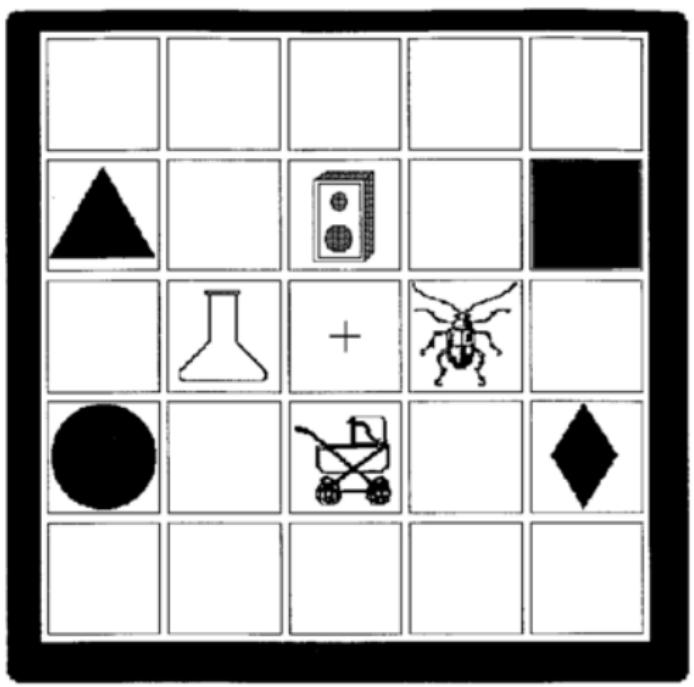
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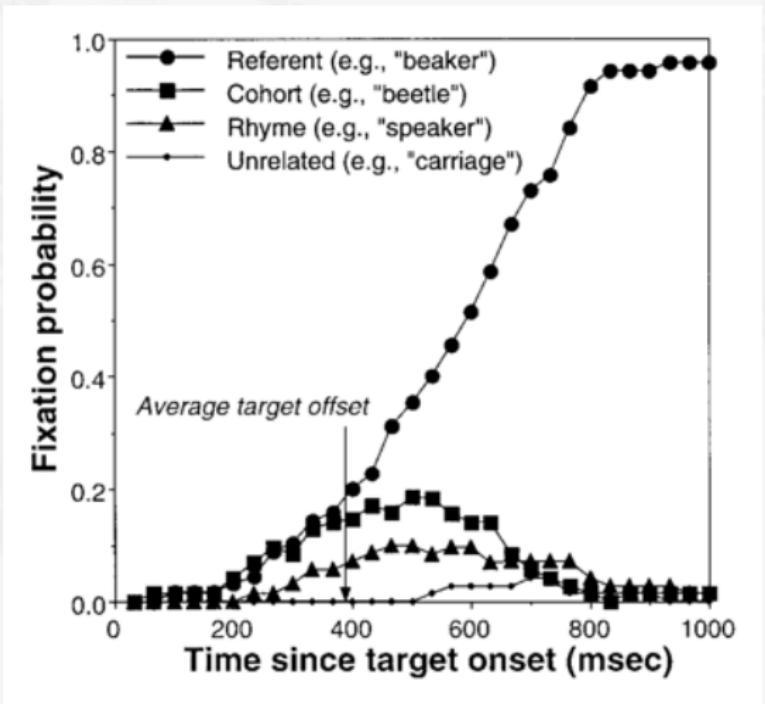
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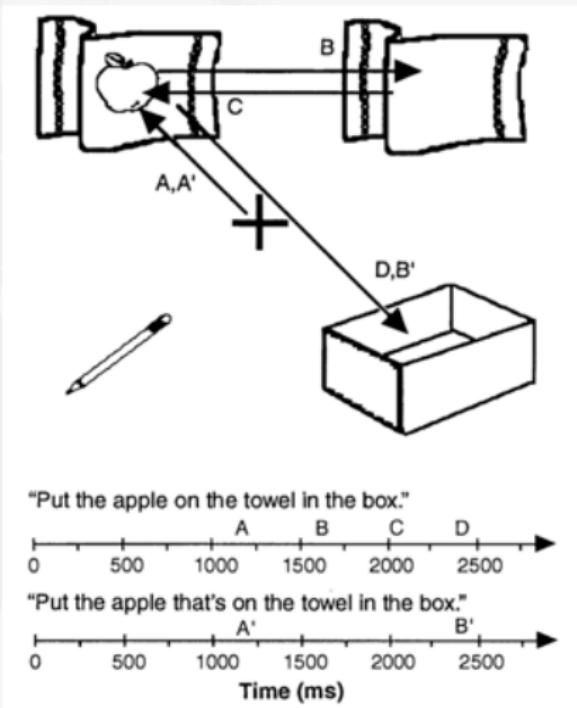
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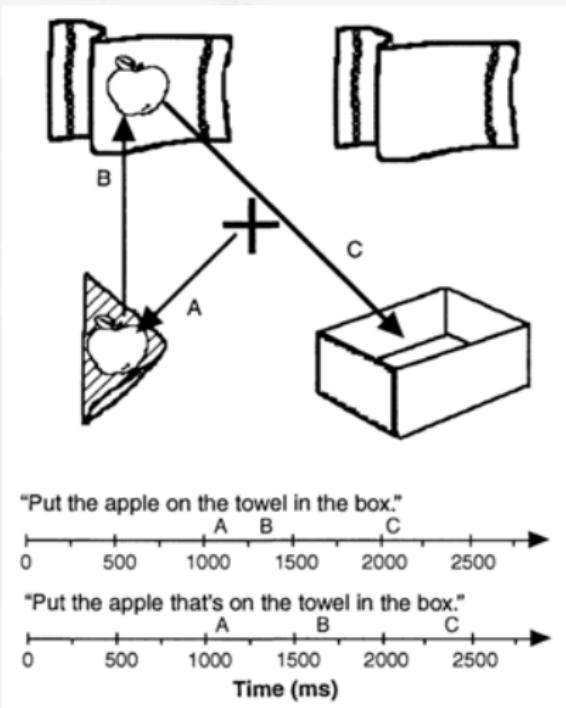
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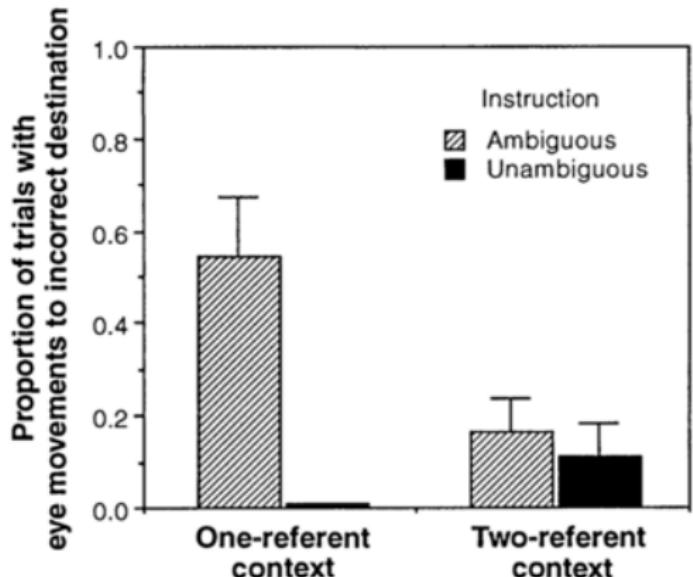
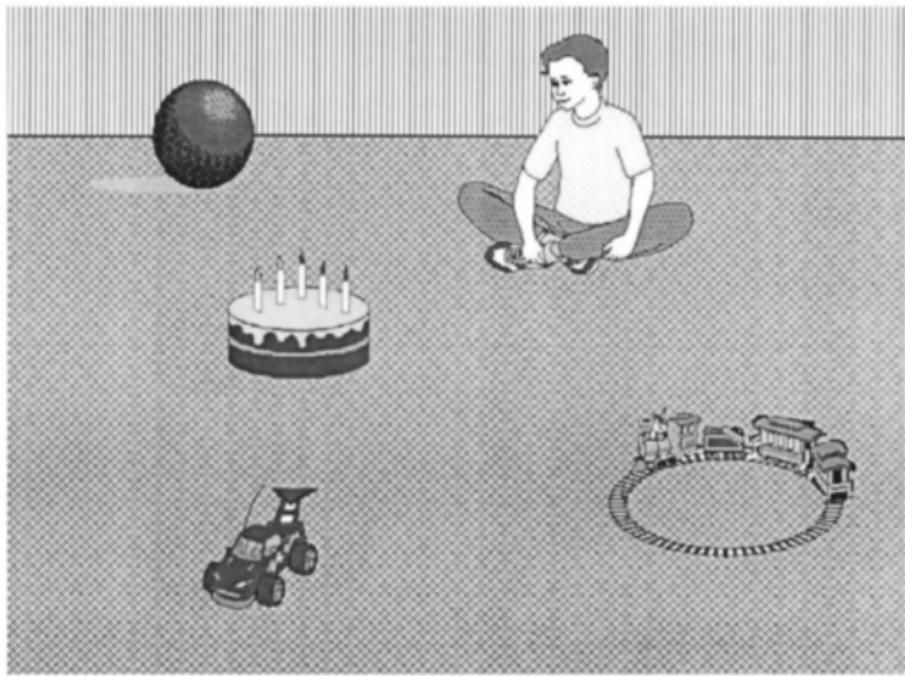


Fig. 3. Proportion of trials in which participants looked at the incorrect destination.

(Tanenhaus et al., 1995)



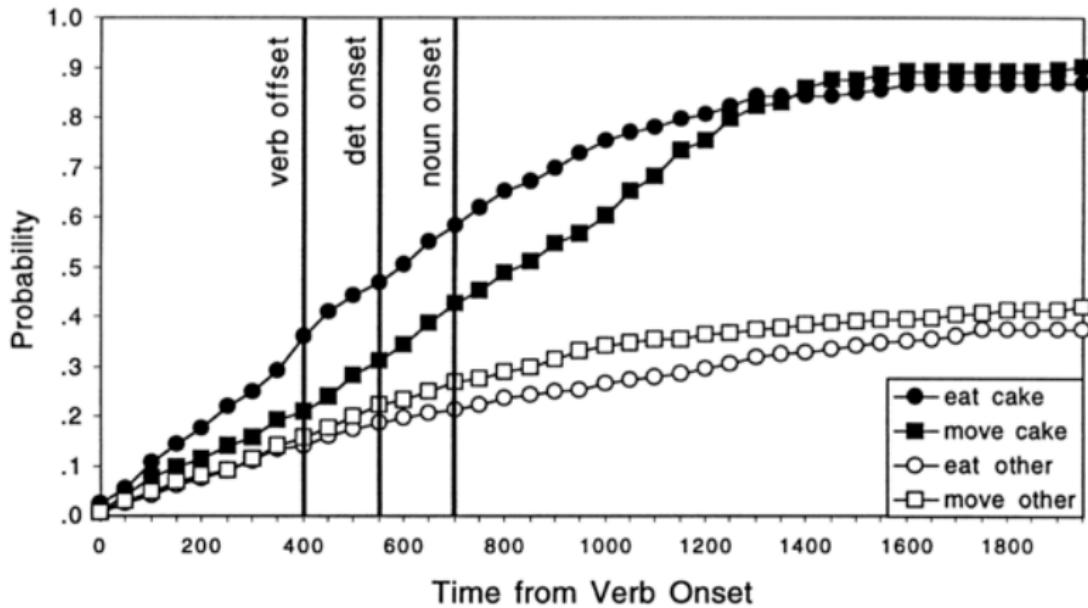
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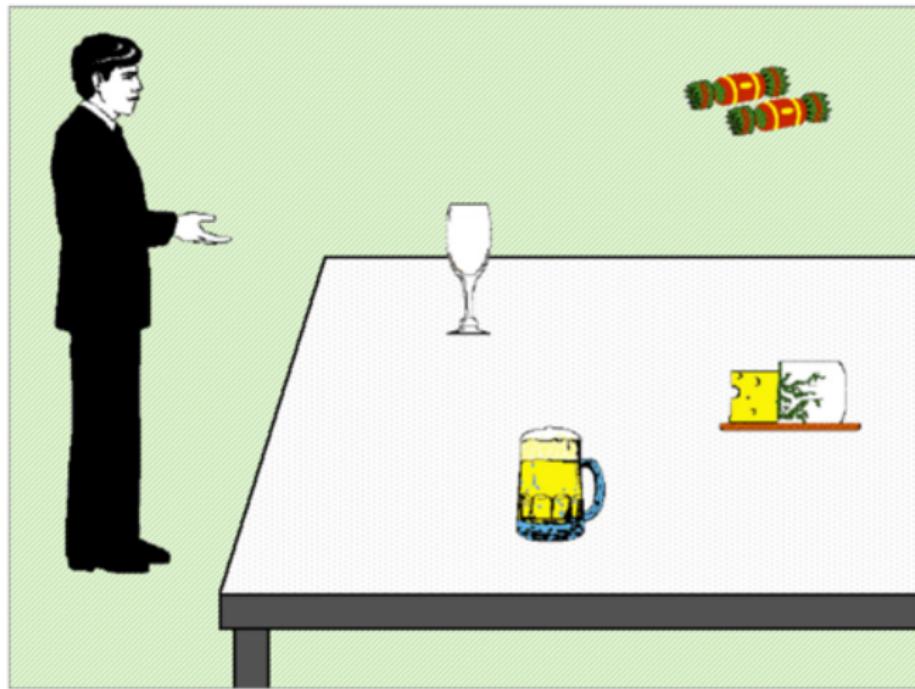
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Semantic Integration: Tense Marker



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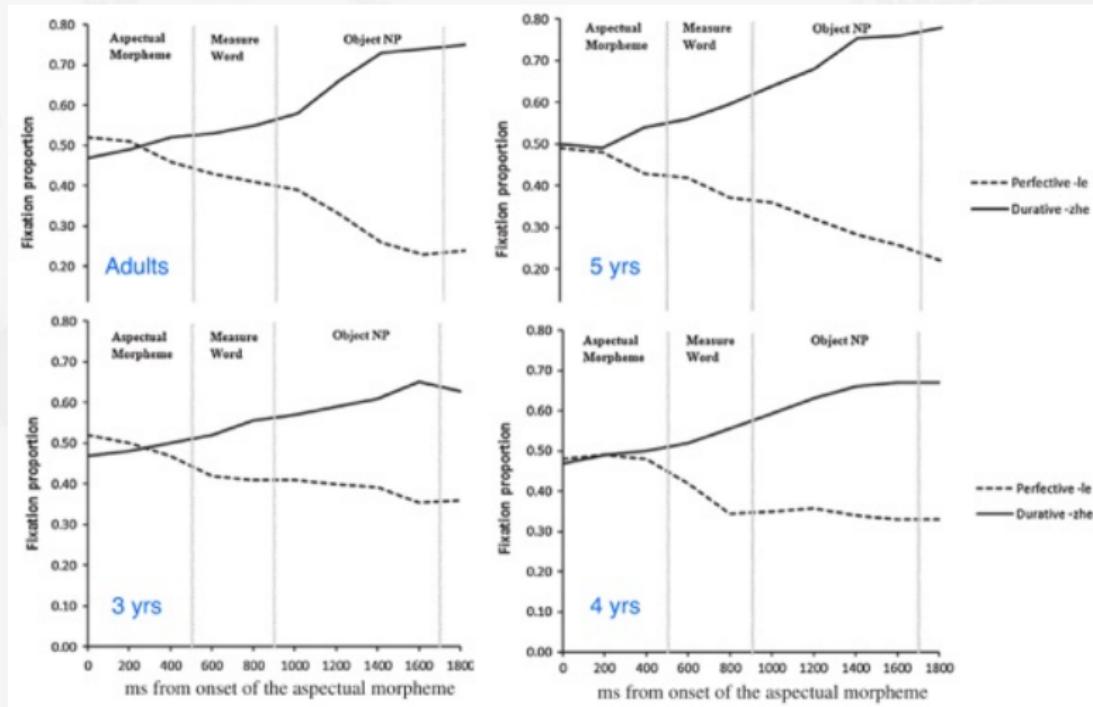
Semantic Integration: Aspect Marker



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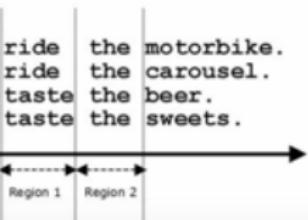
Semantic Integration: Subject

A



B

The man will ride the motorbike.
The girl will ride the carousel.
The man will taste the beer.
The girl will taste the sweets.



(Kamide, Scheepers, & Altmann, 2003)



Pragmatics and Communication

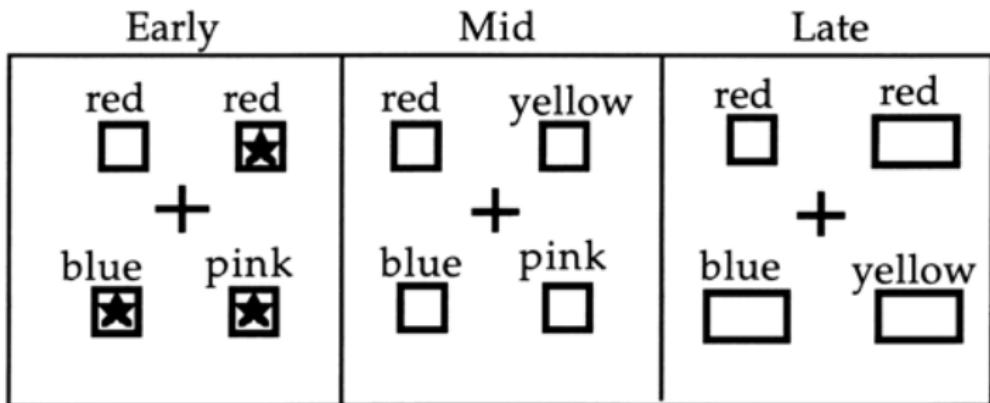
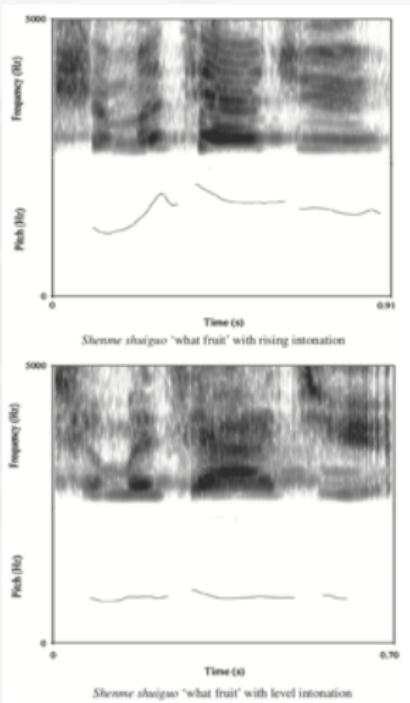


Fig. 1. Example displays from conditions manipulating the point at which a spoken instruction becomes unambiguous with respect to its referent. The accompanying instruction to this example was 'Touch the plain red square'.

(Sedivy, Tanenhaus, Chambers, & Carlson, 1999)

Sentential Prosody: Question vs Statement



(Zhou, Crain, & Zhan, 2012)



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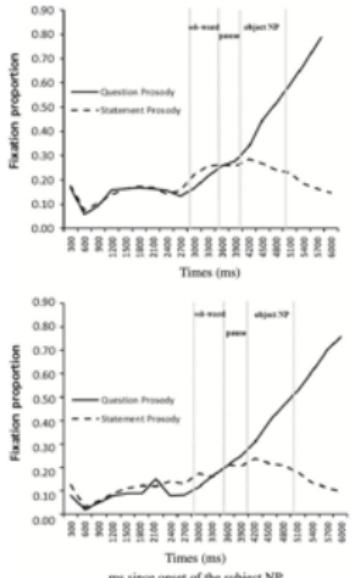


Fig. 5. Average fixation proportions over time in the question-compatible area (III) in the two prosodic conditions, adults (upper panel) and children (lower panel).

rising intonation on the wh-phrase) than for sentences with Statement Prosody (i.e., level intonation on the wh-

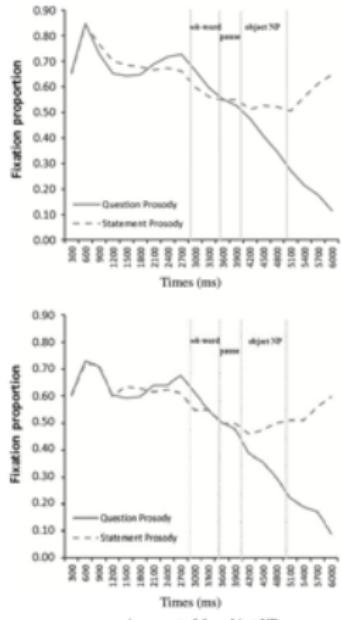
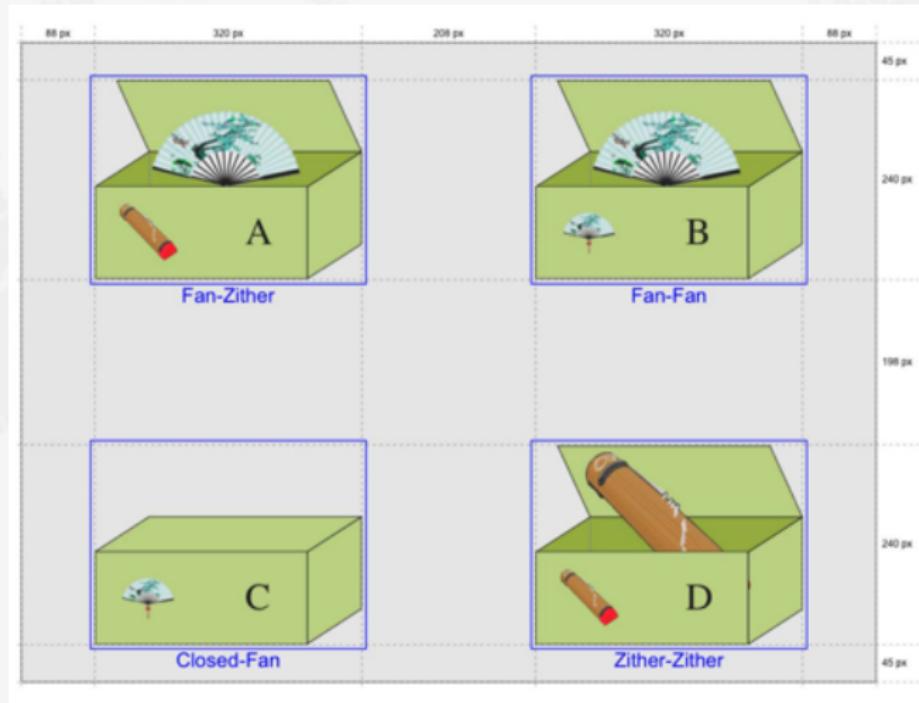


Fig. 6. Average fixation proportions over time in the statement-compatible area (I) in the two prosodic conditions, adults (upper panel) and children (lower panel).



(Zhou, Crain, & Zhan, 2012)

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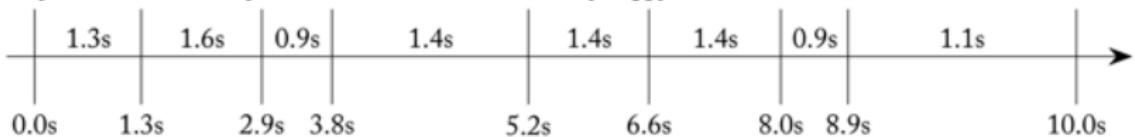
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yinwei xiangzi li shi shanzi/guzheng suoyi Xiaoming hen gaoxing/*shangxin
because box in is fan/zither therefore Xiaoming very happy/*sad

*Because the box contains a fan/zither, therefore John is very happy/*sad.*

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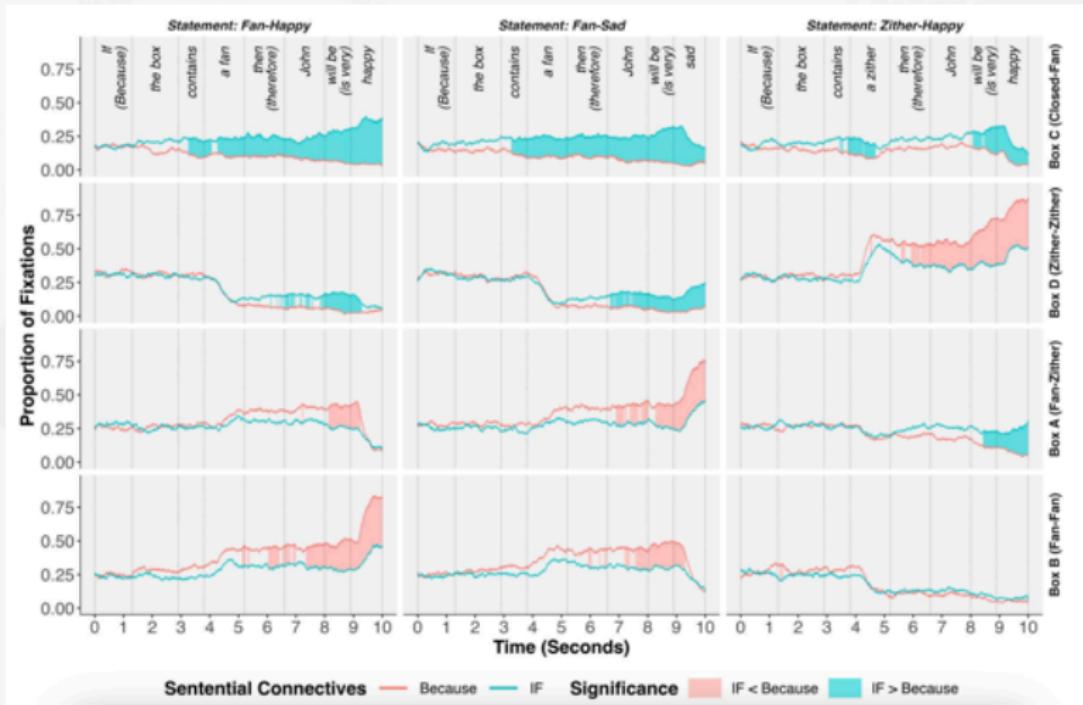
If the box contains a fan/zither, then John will be very happy/sad.



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