The Influence of Reward on Recognition of Sequentially versus Simultaneously Presented Items



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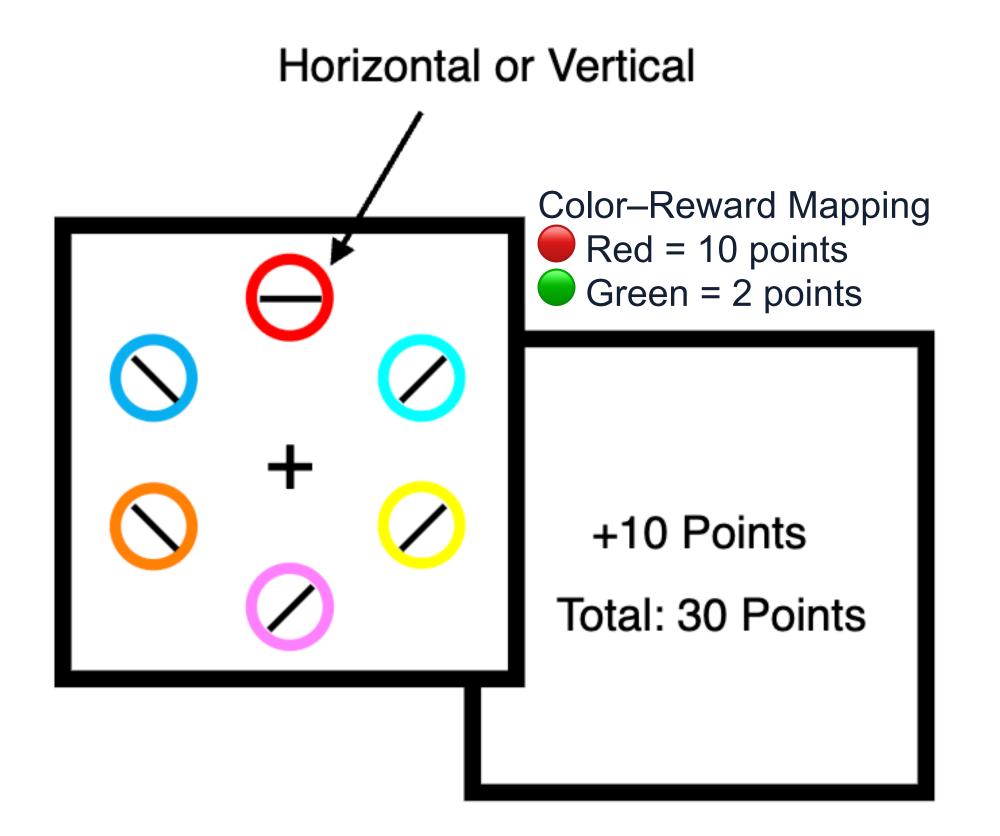
Introduction

Value-associated stimuli can involuntarily capture attention.

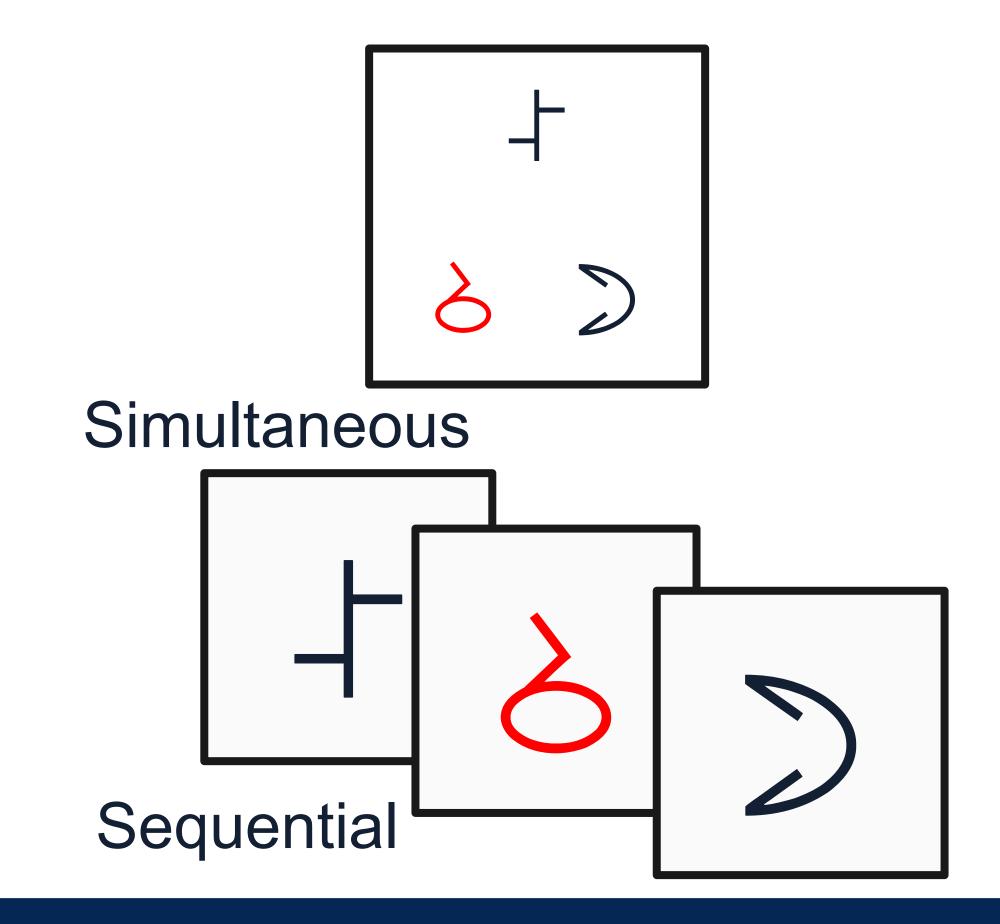
Attentional prioritization has downstream consequences on visual working memory.

How does value-driven attentional capture affect visual working memory in sequential versus simultaneous presentation?

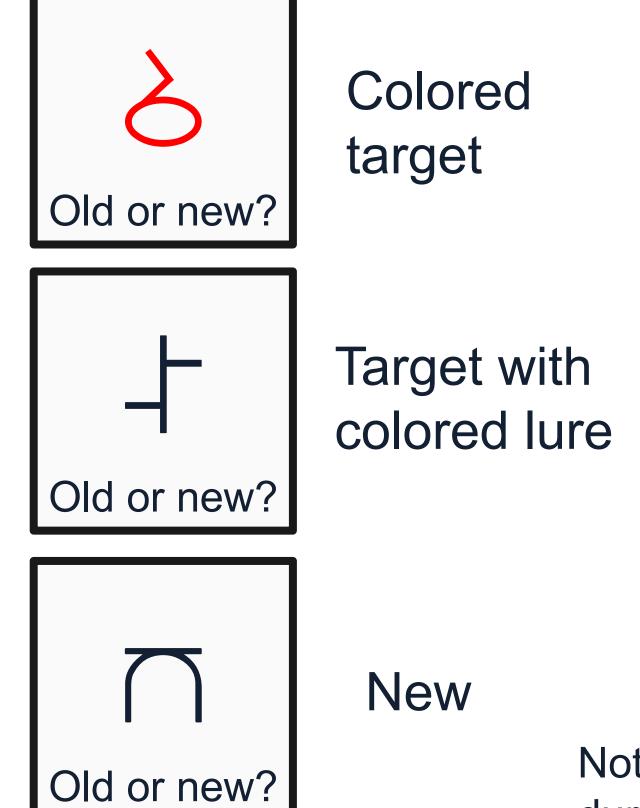
Value Training



Study Items

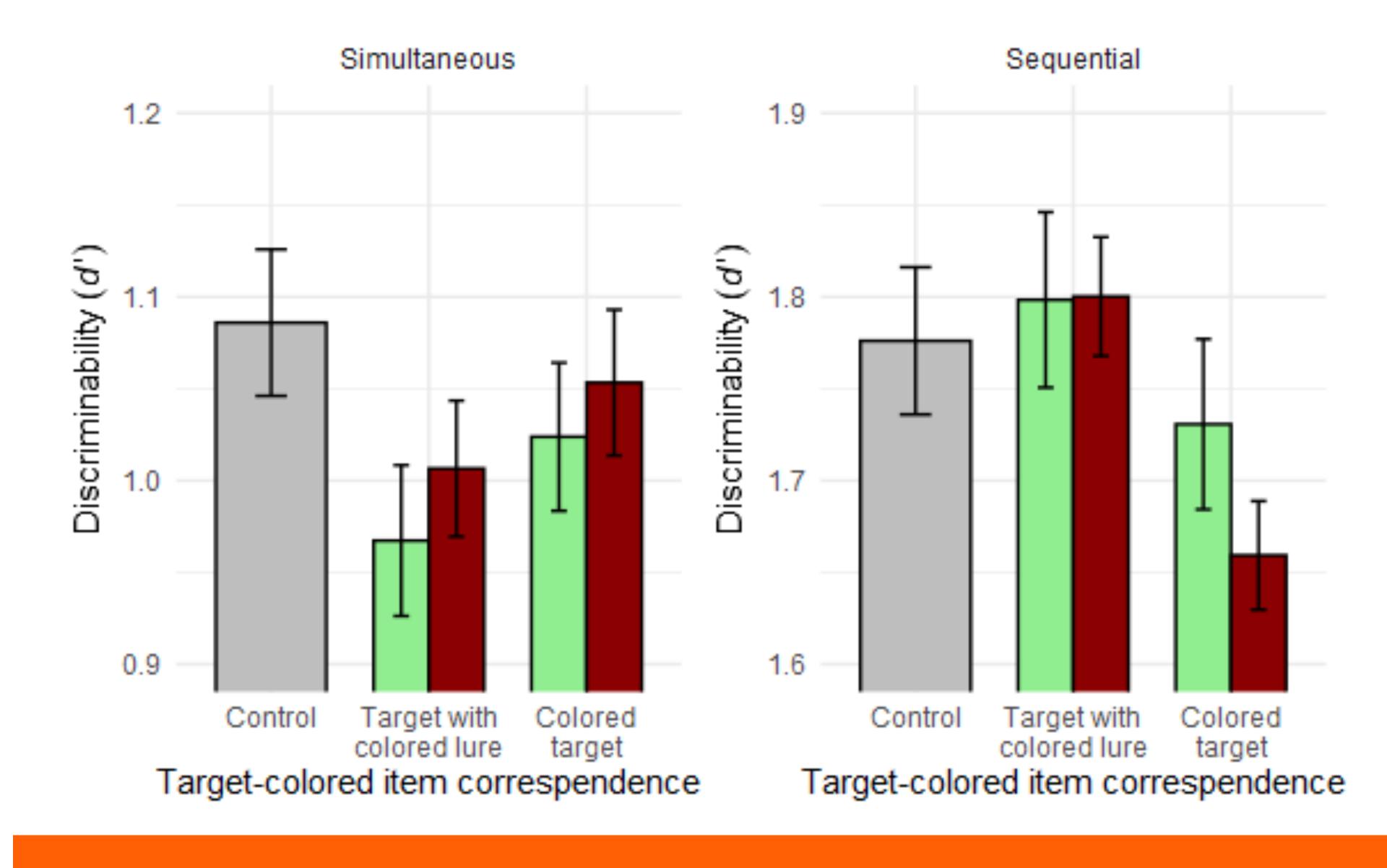


Test Probe



Note: No reward was given during this phase.

Color-target Correspondence

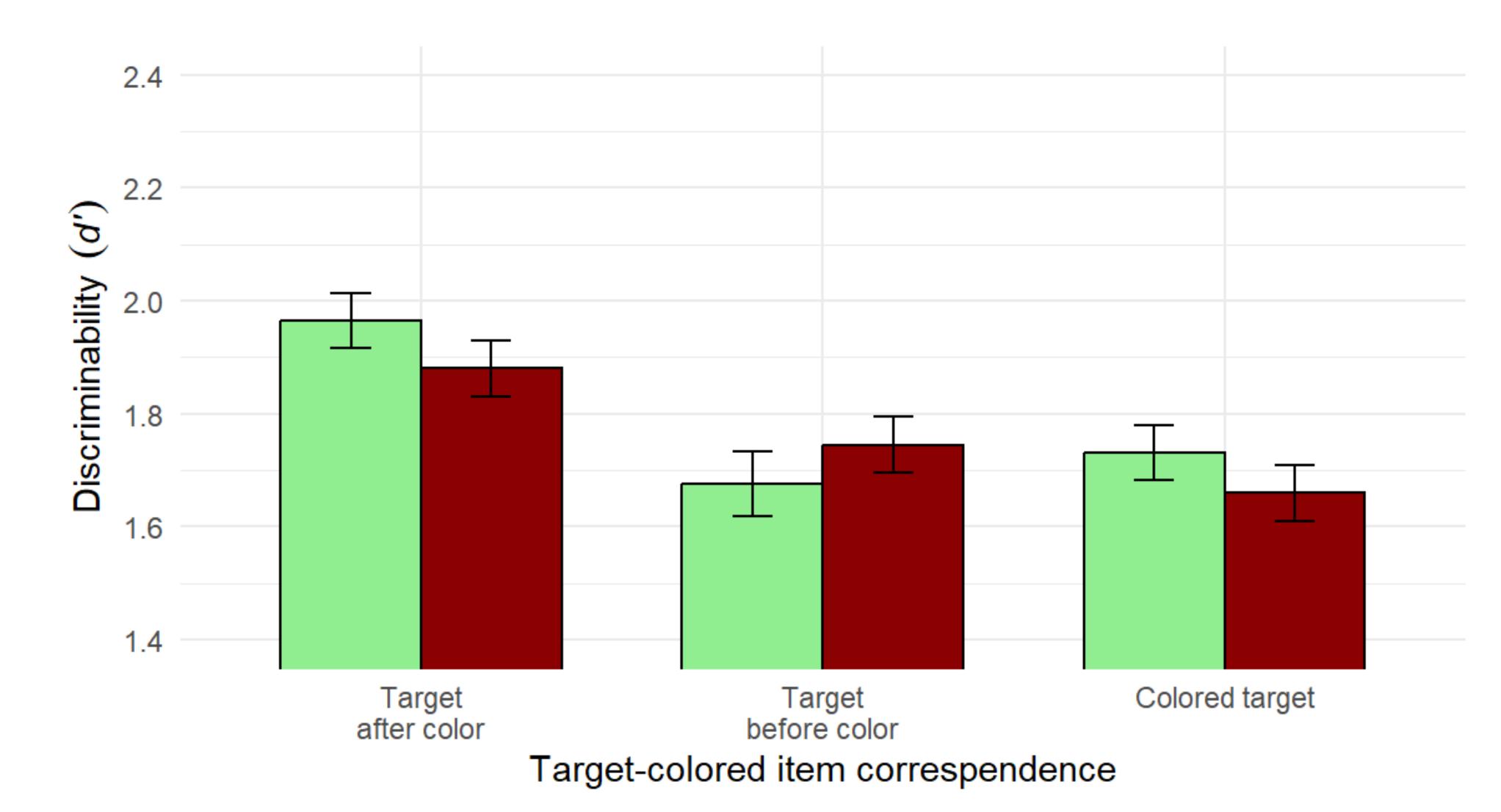


Low Reward

High Reward

Control (no color)

Sequential Group: Target-Color Position



No robust effect of reward on memory was found in either spatial or non-spatial conditions (possibly due to dissimilarity of stimuli between training and test phases).

The memory benefit for value-associated stimuli reflect spatial attention shifts more than memory maintenance.

