



# Visual World Paradigm

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


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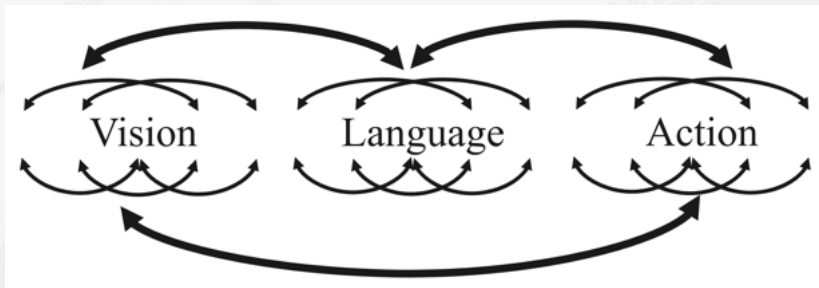
## **The Definition**

# 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)





(Spivey, 2023)



# The Visual World Paradigm






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- 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)



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(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)



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(Salverda & Tanenhaus, 2017)



# The Visual World Paradigm

- 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.

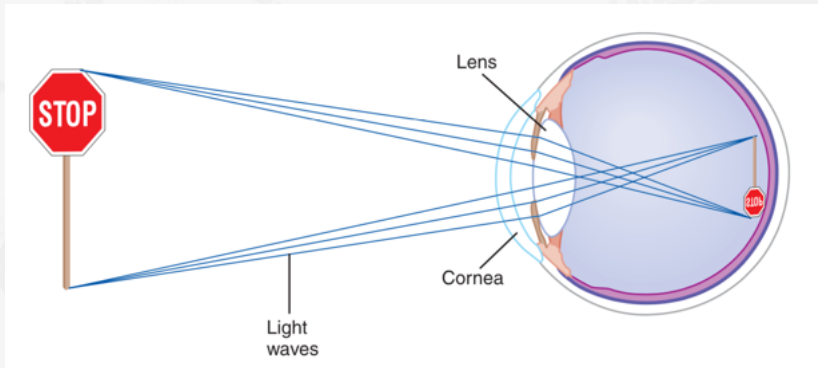
(Salverda & Tanenhaus, 2017)





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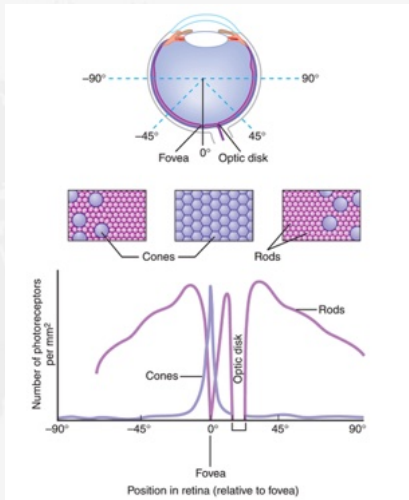


(Stanfield, 2013, PP.269-284)





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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.

(Salverda & Tanenhaus, 2017)





## **A Brief History**

COGNITIVE PSYCHOLOGY 6, 84-107 (1974)

## The Control of Eye Fixation by the Meaning of Spoken Language

A New Methodology for the Real-Time Investigation of Speech  
Perception, Memory, and Language Processing

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*Stanford University*

(Cooper, 1974)



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## Integration of Visual and Linguistic Information in Spoken Language Comprehension

Michael K. Tanenhaus,\* Michael J. Spivey-Knowlton,  
Kathleen M. Eberhard, Julie C. Sedivy

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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## Tracking the Time Course of Spoken Word Recognition Using Eye Movements: Evidence for Continuous Mapping Models

Paul D. Allopenna, James S. Magnuson, and Michael K. Tanenhaus

*University of Rochester*

(Allopenna, Magnuson, & Tanenhaus, 1998)







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

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## Viewing and naming objects: eye movements during noun phrase production

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(Meyer, Sleiderink, & Levelt, 1998)



## 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)



## Integration of visual and linguistic information in spoken language comprehension.

<b>By</b>	Tanenhaus, M X; Spivey-Knowlton, M J; Eberhard, K M; Sedivy, J C <a href="#">View Web of Science ResearchID and ORCID</a> (provided by Clarivate)
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<b>Abstract</b>	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 comprehension, eye movements were recorded with a head-mounted eye-tracking system while subjects followed instructions to manipulate real objects. Visual context influenced spoken word recognition and mediated syntactic processing, even during the earliest moments of language processing.

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**Apparatus**

# Apparatus



(Zhan, 2018b)



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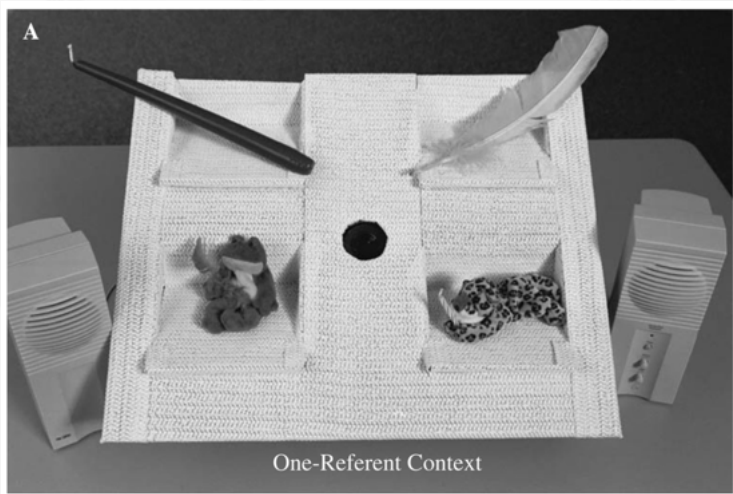


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- A contemporary commercial eye tracking system normally uses optical sensors measuring the orientation of the eye in its orbit.

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# Apparatus



(Snedeker & Trueswell, 2004)



# Apparatus



TM4  
(EyeTech DS)



VT2  
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VT2 Mini  
(EyeTech DS)



EyeFollower  
(LC Technologies)



EyeGaze 600  
(LC Technologies)



S2  
(Mirametrix)



RED 250/500  
(Sensomotoric Instruments)



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EyeLink 1000  
(SR Research)



EyeLink II  
(SR Research)



faceLAB 5  
(Seeing Machines)



T60/T120  
(Tobii Technology)



TX300  
(Tobii Technology)



X1  
(Tobii Technology)



X2-30/X2-60  
(Tobii Technology)



X60/120  
(Tobii Technology)



SMI Eye Tracking  
Glasses (Sensomotoric  
Instruments)



ViewPoint EyeFrame Scene  
Camera (Arrington Research)





# Visual World



(Zhan, 2018b)



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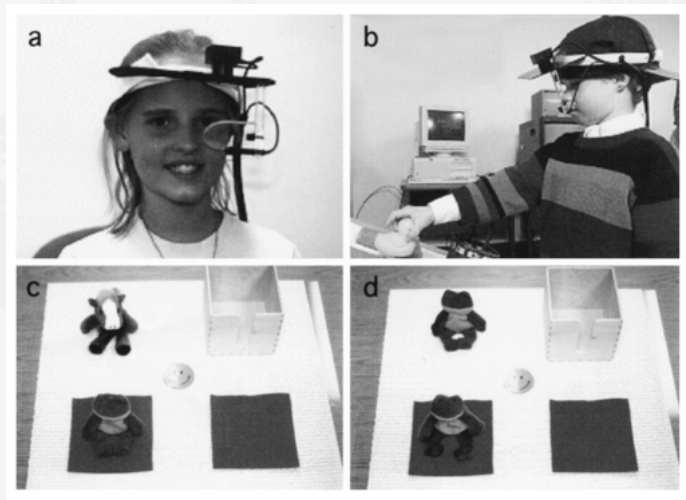


- A visual display is normally a screening display depicting an array of pictures.
- It can also be a screening display depicting an array of printed words, a schematic scene, or a real world scene containing real objects.

(Zhan, 2018b)



# Visual World: In the Literature

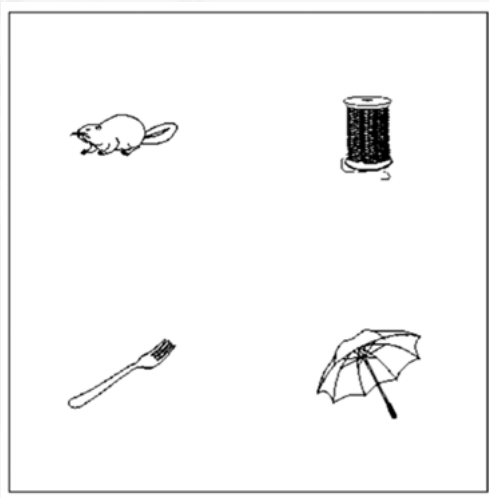


(Trueswell et al., 1999)





# Visual World: In the Literature



(Huettig & McQueen, 2007)



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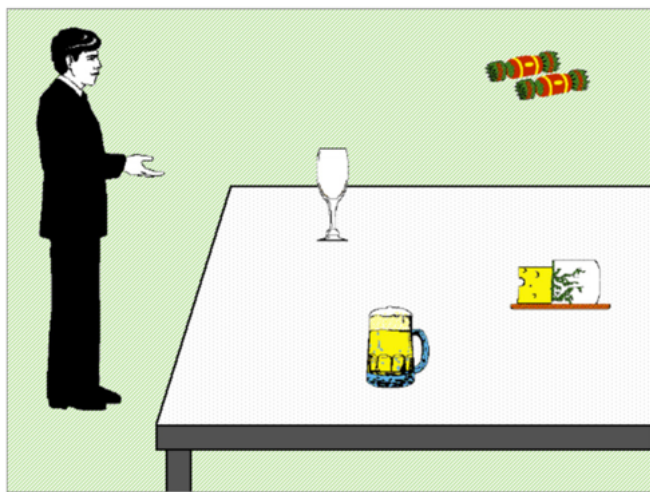
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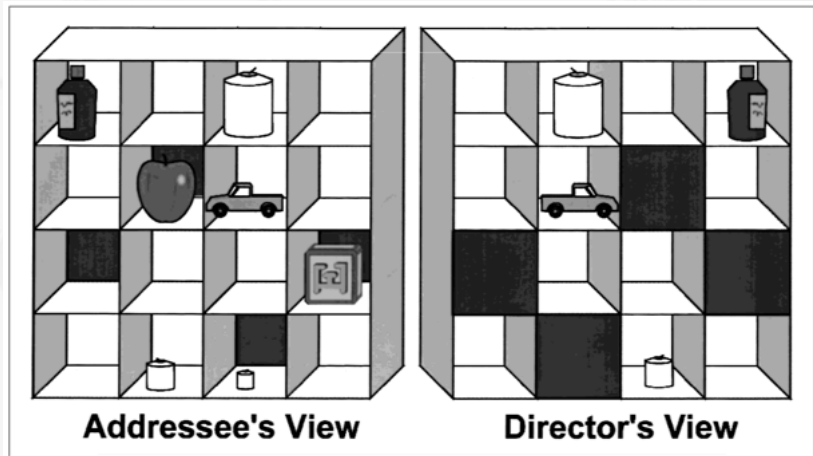
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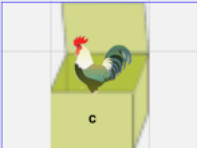
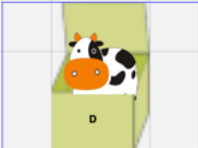
# Visual World: Our Studies



(Zhan, Crain, & Zhou, 2015)



# Visual World: Our Studies

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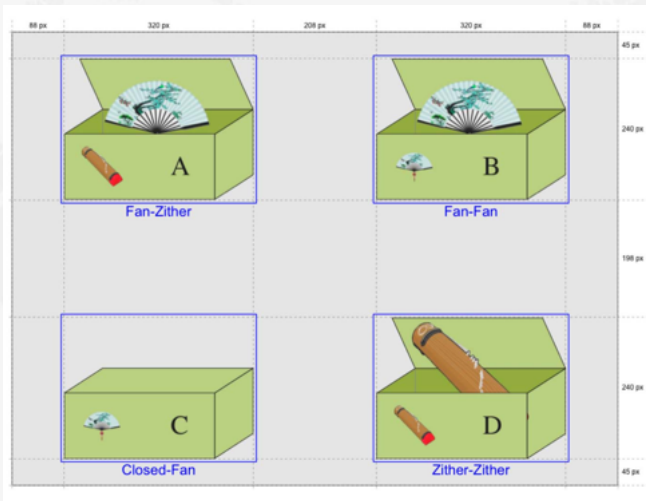




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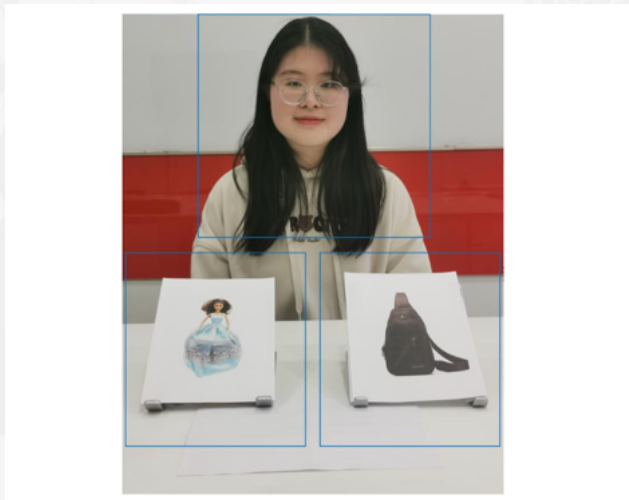


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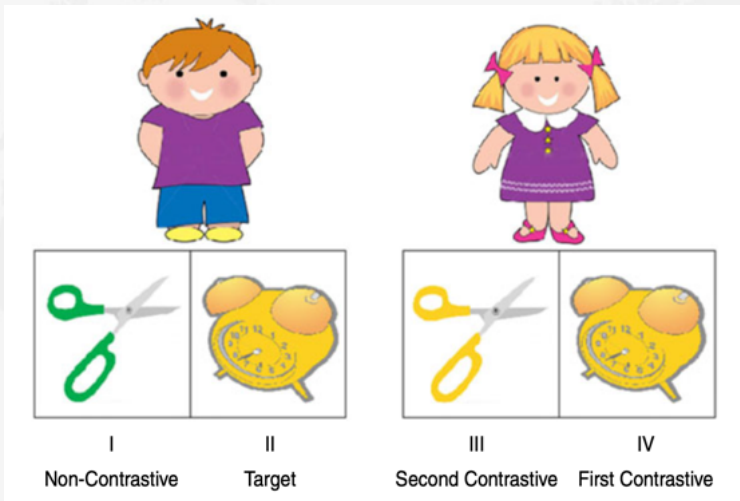




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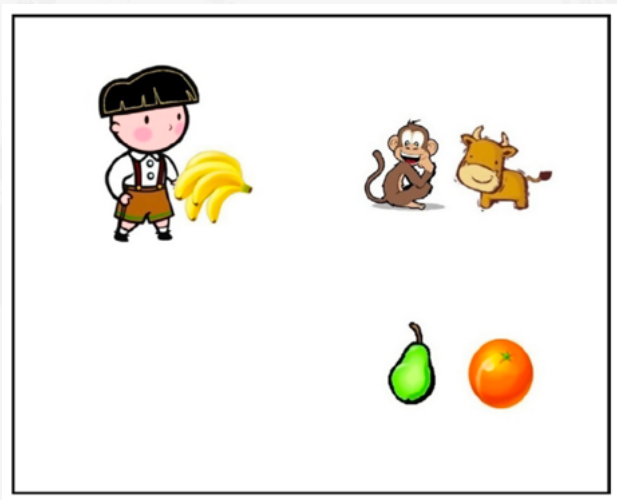


# Visual World: Our Studies



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





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



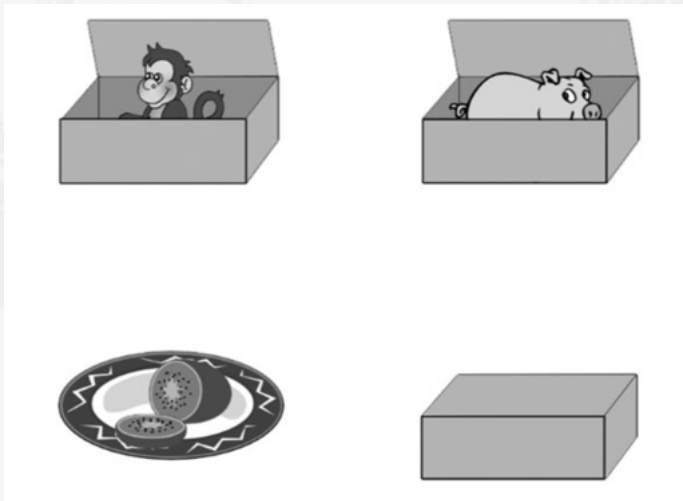
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Ongoing Event Area

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(Moscati, Zhan, & Zhou, 2017)



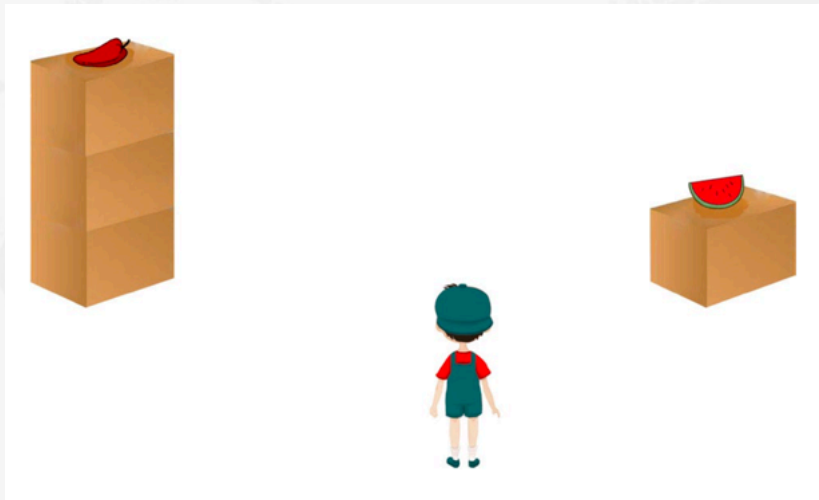
**BA-Target Event**



**BEI-Target Event**

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





(Zhou, Zhan, & Ma, 2019b)





(Zhou, Zhan, & Ma, 2019a)







(Zhou, Shi, & Zhan, 2021)




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**Spoken Language**

# Spoken Language: In the Literature

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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)



# Spoken Language: In the Literature



(Salverda & Tanenhaus, 2017)



- 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*).

(Salverda & Tanenhaus, 2017)





# Spoken Language: Our Studies



- 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).



## 1) Control Sentence

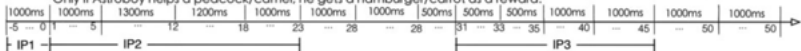
有次 阿童木 帮助了 一只 孔雀 / 骆驼, 他 一 得到了 一个 汉堡 / 萝卜。  
 youci atongmu bangzhule yizhi kongque / luotuo, ta 一 dedaole yige hanbao / luobo.  
 one-time Astroboy help-Asp one-Cl peacock / camel, he 一 get-Asp one-Cl hamburger/ carrot.  
 "Astroboy helps a peacock/camel, and he gets a hamburger/carrot as a reward."

## 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。  
 jiusuan atongmu bangzhule yizhi kongque / luotuo, ta ye dedaole 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。  
 zhiyou atongmu bangzhule yizhi kongque / luotuo, ta cai dedaole 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)



## a).And

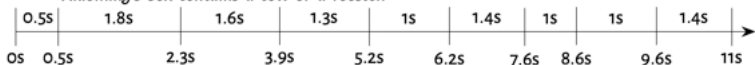
小明的 箱子里 有 一只 奶牛 和 一只 公鸡  
Xiaoming de xiang zi li you yi zhi nai niu he yi zhi gong ji  
Xiaoming's box in have one-CL cow and one-CL rooster  
*Xiaoming's box contains a cow and a rooster.*

## 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)



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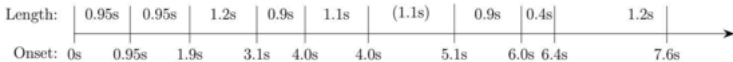
你看 公主 吃掉了 那个 苹果 /\*香蕉 之后 她 就会受到惩罚  
nikan gongzhu chidiaole nage pingguo /\*xiangjiao zhihou ta jiu hui shoudao chengfa  
look princess eat-Asp that apple /\*banana then she will be punished  
*Look, the princess eats that apple/\*banana, then she will be punished.*

## 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  
*If the princess eats that \*apple/banana, then she will be punished.*



(Zhan et al., 2018)

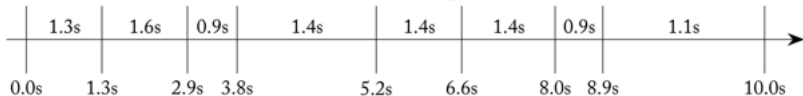


## Because

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

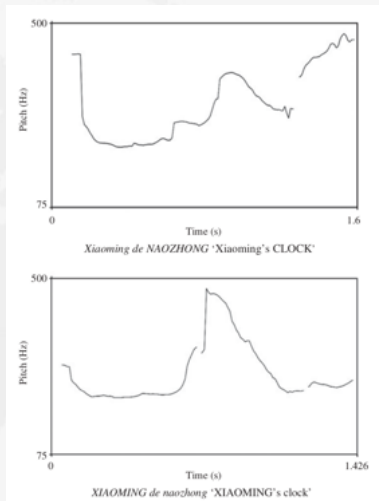
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Ruguo xiangzi li shi shanzi/guzheng name Xiaoming jiu gaoxing/shangxin  
If box in is fan/zither then John will happy/sad  
*If the box contains a fan/zither, then John will be very happy/sad.*



(Zhan & Zhou, 2023)



# Spoken Language: Our Studies

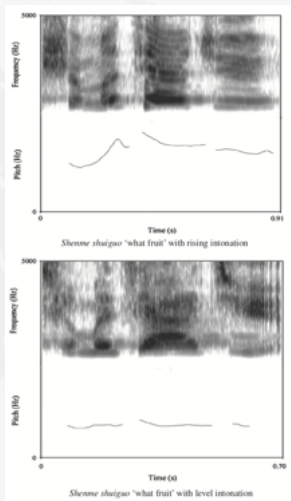


(Zhou, Su, et al., 2012)





# Spoken Language: Our Studies



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



- (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)



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

(Moscati et al., 2017)



- 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.

(Zhou et al., 2018)



# Spoken Language: Our Studies



- (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)



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

(Zhou et al., 2021)





## **Behavioral Task**



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- Participants are asked to determine whether or not the auditory utterance applies to the visual display (Zhan et al., 2018), or to choose the correct image in the visual display the spoken utterance is talking about (Zhan, 2018a).



# Behavioral Task



- 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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(Spivey, 2023)



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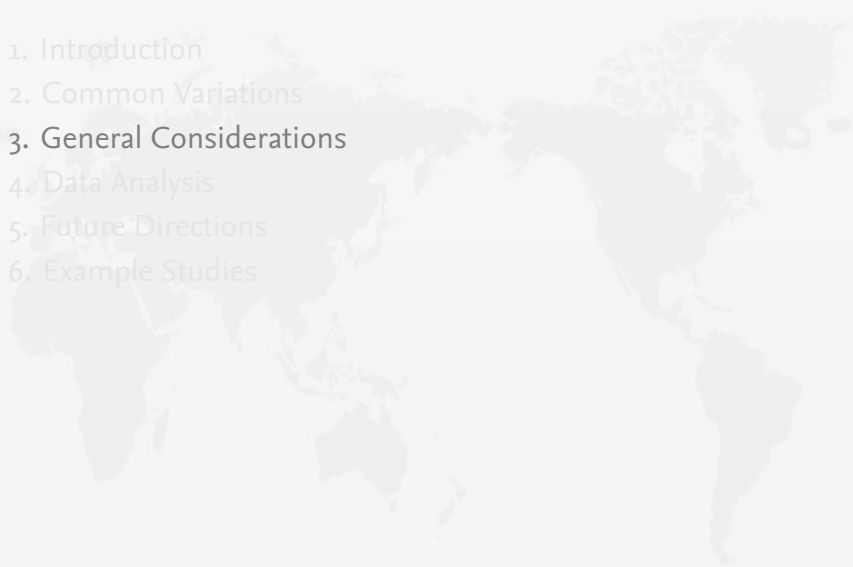


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- The eligible participants include preliterate children, elderly adults, and patients, such as who with aphasics or with ASD.

(Zhan, 2018b)



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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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# Disadvantages, Limitations, and Concerns



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(Zhan, 2018b)



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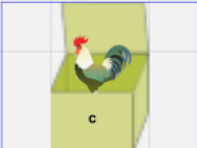
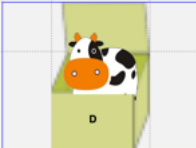


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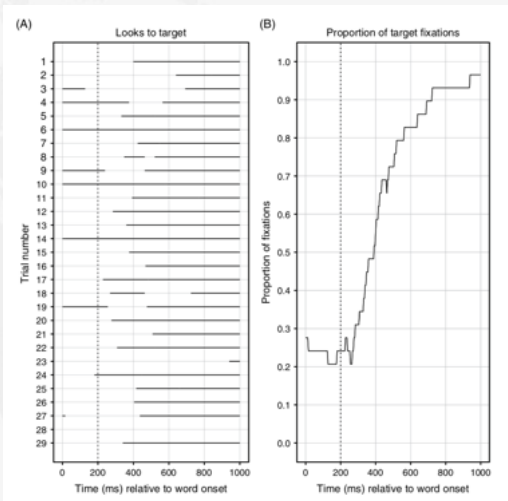
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(Zhan, 2018a, 2018b)



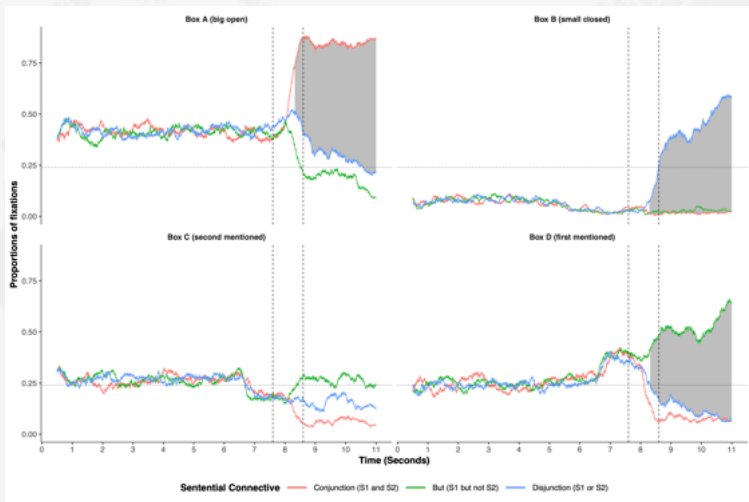
# Proportion of Fixations



(Salverda & Tanenhaus, 2017)







(Zhan, 2018a, 2018b)





# **Inferential Analysis**

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(Zhan, 2018b)



# Statistical Analyses



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(Zhan, 2018b)



- 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)

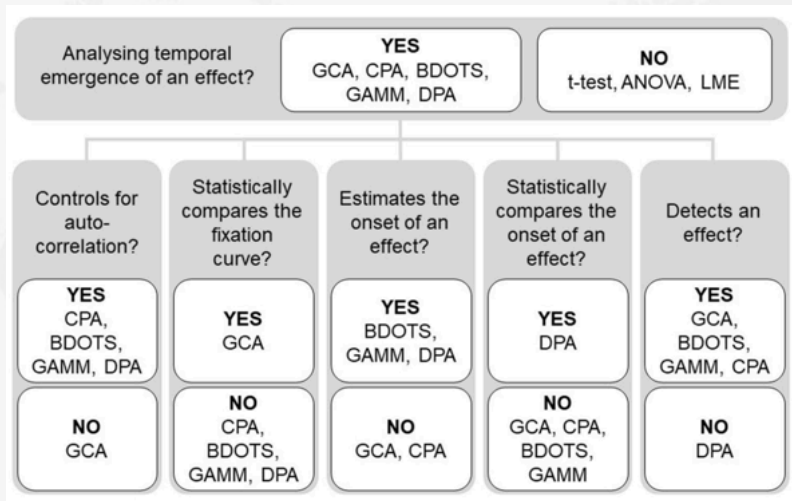


Analysis	Advantages	Disadvantages
GCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Can test differences in fixation curve across multiple conditions/groups</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Does not control for autocorrelation</li><li>Including many higher-order polynomials may increase the chance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

(Ito & Knoeferle, 2023)



# Statistical Analyses



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# Apparatus: fMRI



(Frey, Nau, & Doeller, 2021)





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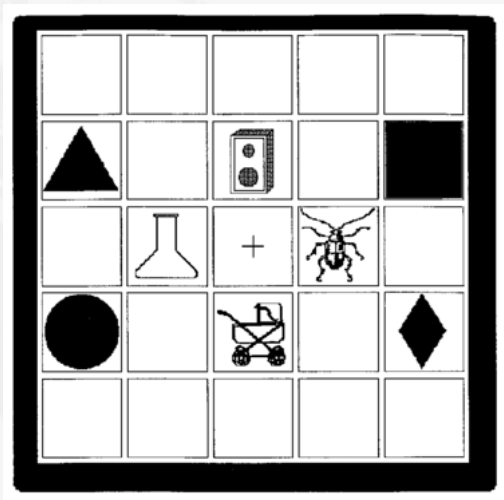
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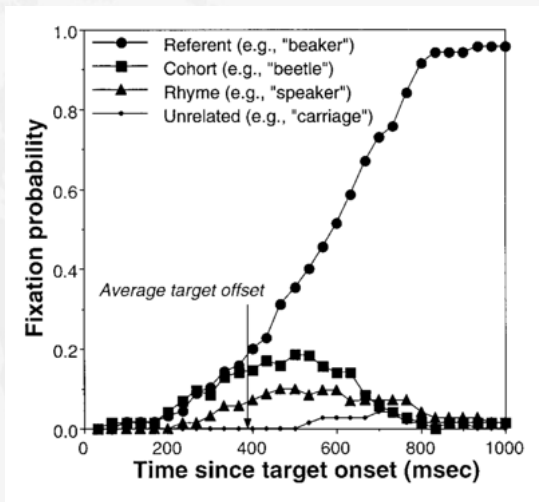
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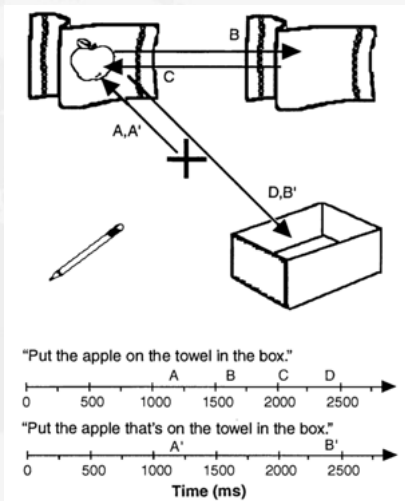


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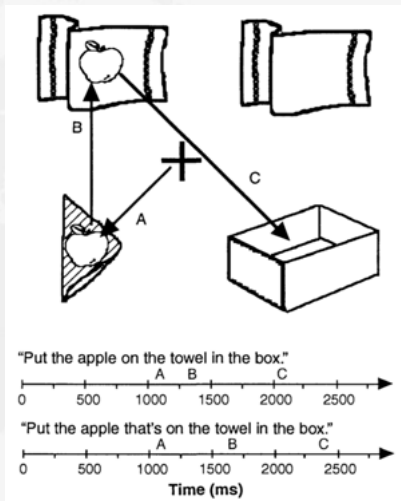
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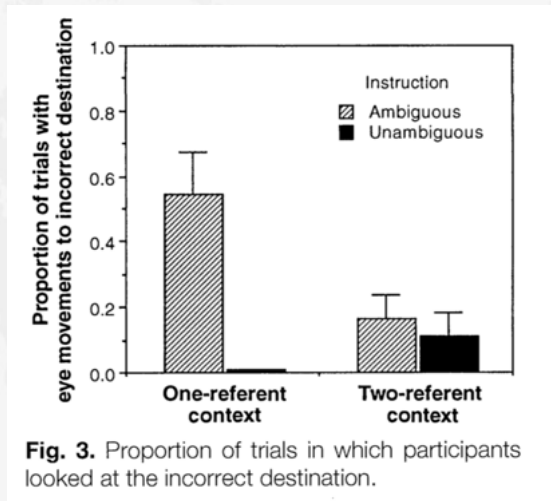


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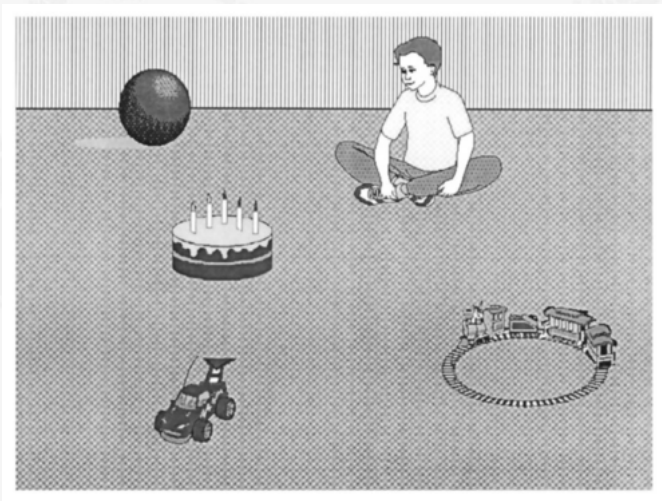


**Fig. 3.** Proportion of trials in which participants looked at the incorrect destination.

(Tanenhaus et al., 1995)



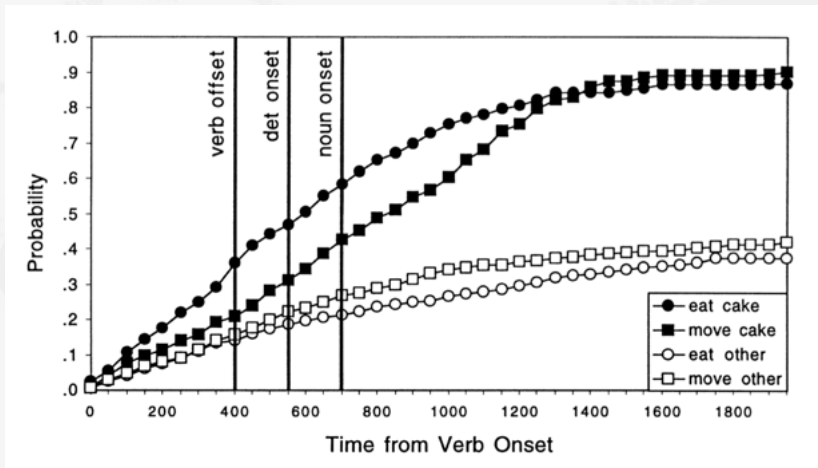
# Semantic Integration: Verb



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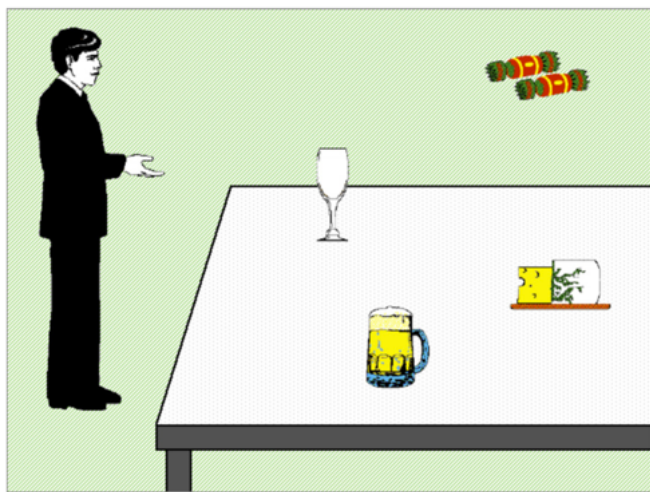
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# Semantic Integration: Tense Marker



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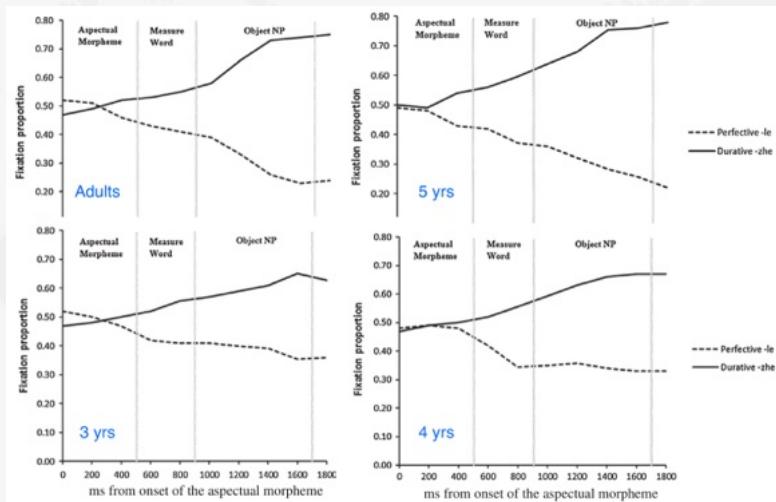
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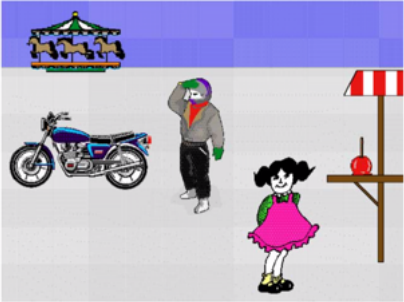
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# Semantic Integration: Subject

**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.

←-----→

Region 1      Region 2

(Kamide, Scheepers, & Altmann, 2003)



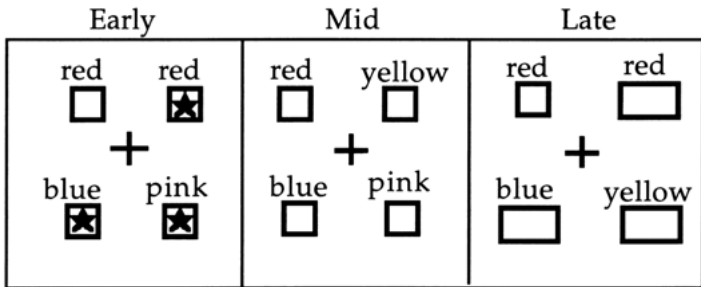
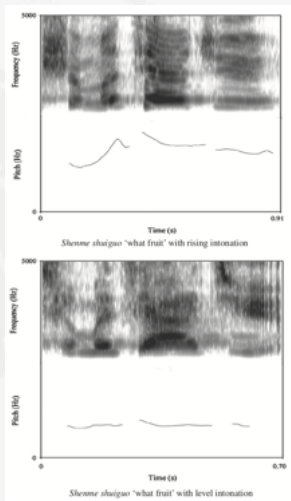


Fig. 1. Example displays from conditions manipulating the point at which a spoken instruction becomes unambiguous with respect to its referent. The accompanying instruction to this example was 'Touch the plain red square'.

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



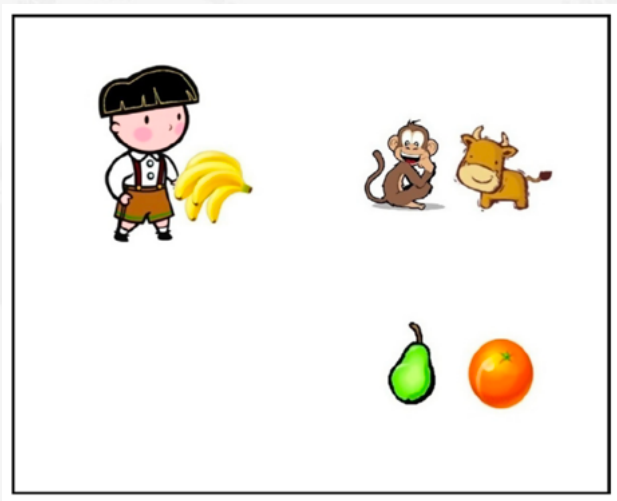
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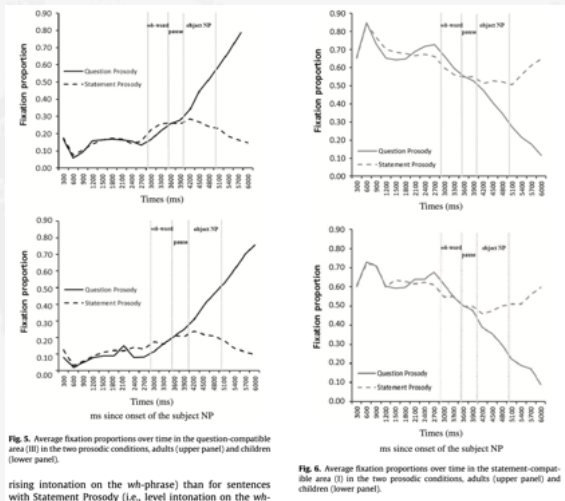
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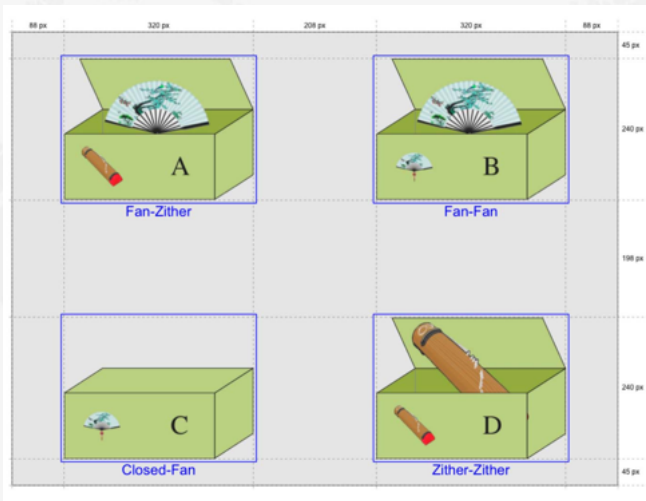
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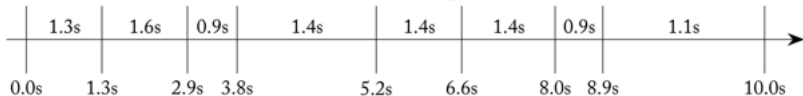
# Discourse Processing: If vs Because

## Because

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

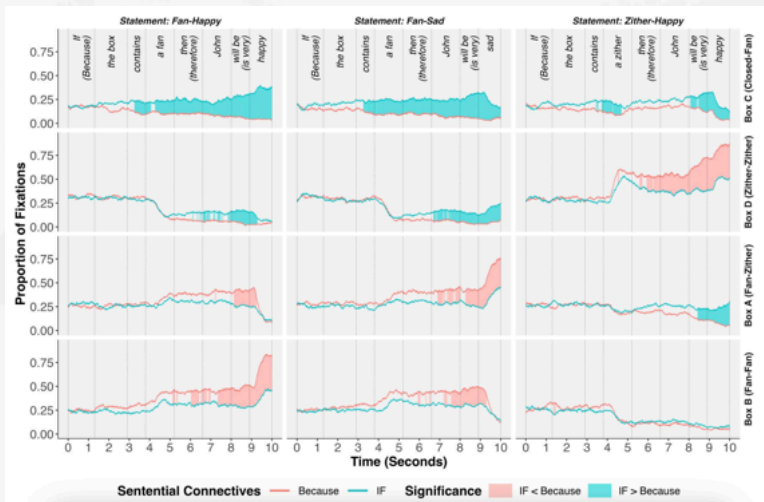
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