



# Individual differences in cognitive ability and L2 speech perception

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## Why study individual differences in L2 phonology?

### Acquisition of phonology

#### **Pedagogy:**

Pronunciation often is a difficult skill and a **learning challenge** for L2 learners, most learners struggle with pronunciation at most levels of L2 competence.

#### **Research:**

Learners vary greatly in the amount of foreign accent they exhibit when speaking an L2. We still don't fully understand the **causes of this inter-learner variation**.

#### **Social dimension:**

There is an important social dimension to speaking an L2 with a strong foreign accent: integration, self-confidence, ...

> help L2 learners with pronunciation



# Factors affecting L2 phonological development

## Contextual factors:

### Age- and experience-related factors

- L1 background
- Age of Onset of L2 learning
- L2 exposure (Length of Residence)
- Frequency/amount of L1/L2 use

→ Immigrant populations  
living in L2 community

(Baker et al., 2008; Baker and Trofimovich, 2005; Flege 2009; Flege, Bohn, & Jang, 1997, Flege, Yeni-Komshian, & Liu, 1999; Guion et al., 2000; Moyer 2009; among others)

→ **The earlier the start the better for L2 phonology**

→ **quality and quantity of L2 input received**



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### - Formal learning context:

- > Classroom instruction
- > Short-term immersion /study abroad



**Student  
populations in  
Foreign  
Language**

(Avello, 2013; Avello, Mora & Pérez-Vidal, 2012; Bongaerts, van Summeren, Planken, & Schils, 1997; Cebrian, 2006; Díaz-Campos, 2004; Fullana, 2006; García-Lecumberri & Gallardo, 2003; Højen 2003; Mora, 2008; Muñoz & Llanes, in press; Piske, 2007; among others)

→ **Very limited gains in L2 phonology**

- > Phonetic training in the lab  
(esp. high variability)



**Adult learners in  
L1 & L2 contexts**

(Bradlow et al. 1999; Hazan et al., 2005; Iverson and Evans 2009; Logan et al. 1991; Ylinen et al. 2010; among others)

→ **Robust gains in L2 speech perception and production**



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- Inhibition (INH)
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**To what extent do learners' individual differences in their capacity and use of these skills relate to their L2 phonological development?**

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## Speech- based tasks

### Categorization tasks:

- Forced choice identification
- AXB / ABX Discrimination
- Oddity discrimination

### Stimuli:

- L2 words / nonwords
- L2 English (and L2 Spanish)



## Advantages of language- or speech-based tasks

- Measures relate more directly to recruitment of cognitive resources required in language processing

  - e.g. **syntax, semantics, phonology**

- Different cognitive skills may be involved in different ways in different domain-specific language functions

  - e.g. **inhibition in language switching vs. inhibition in lexical access and retrieval**

→ BUT

- less “universal/pure”?

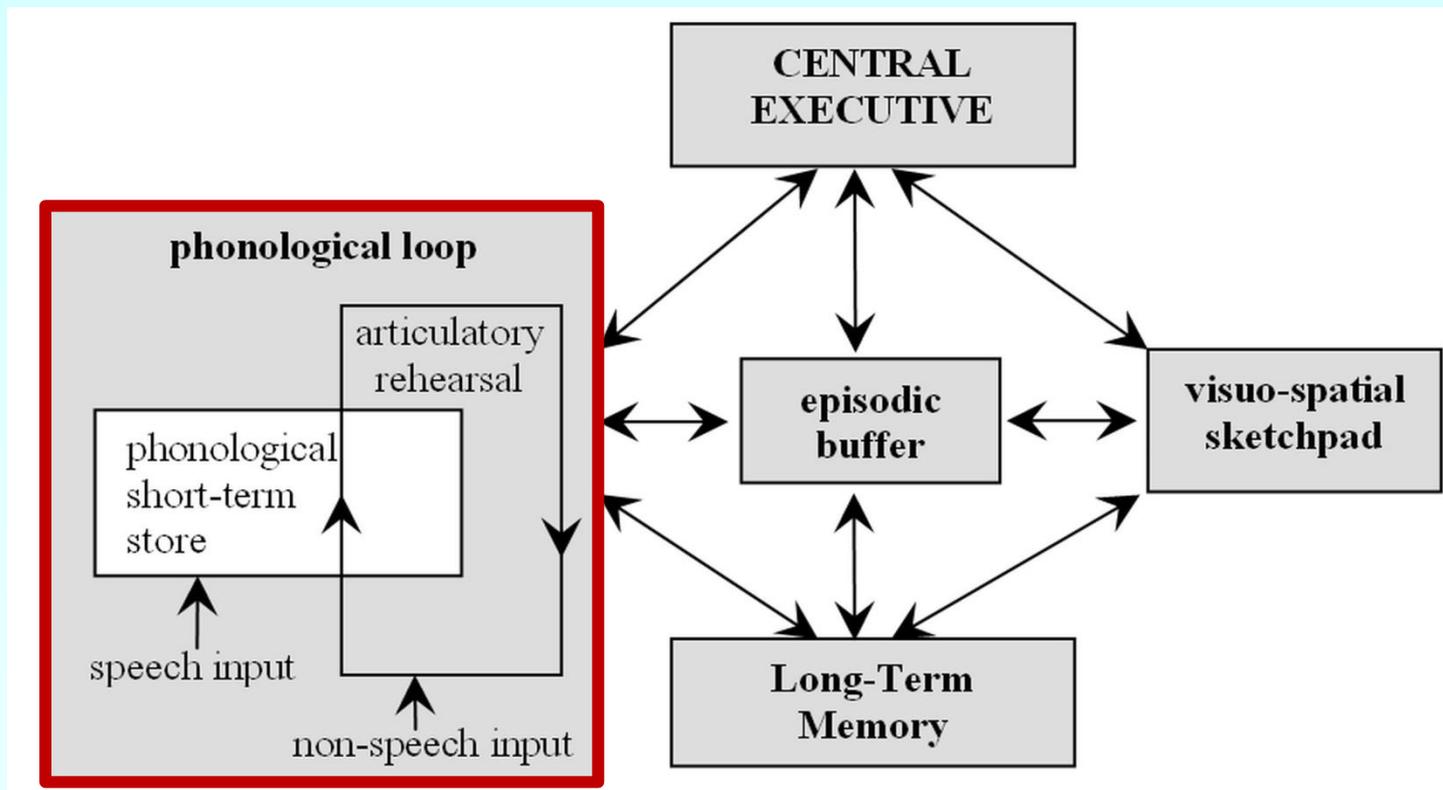
- biased? > language knowledge



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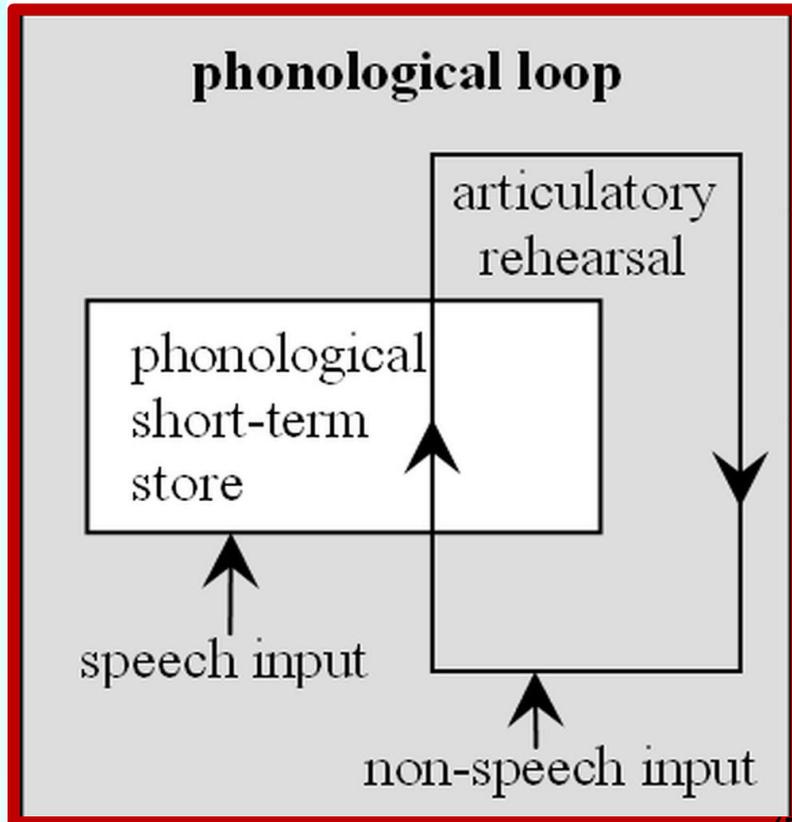


(Baddeley and Hitch 1974; Baddeley 1986, 2000, 2003)

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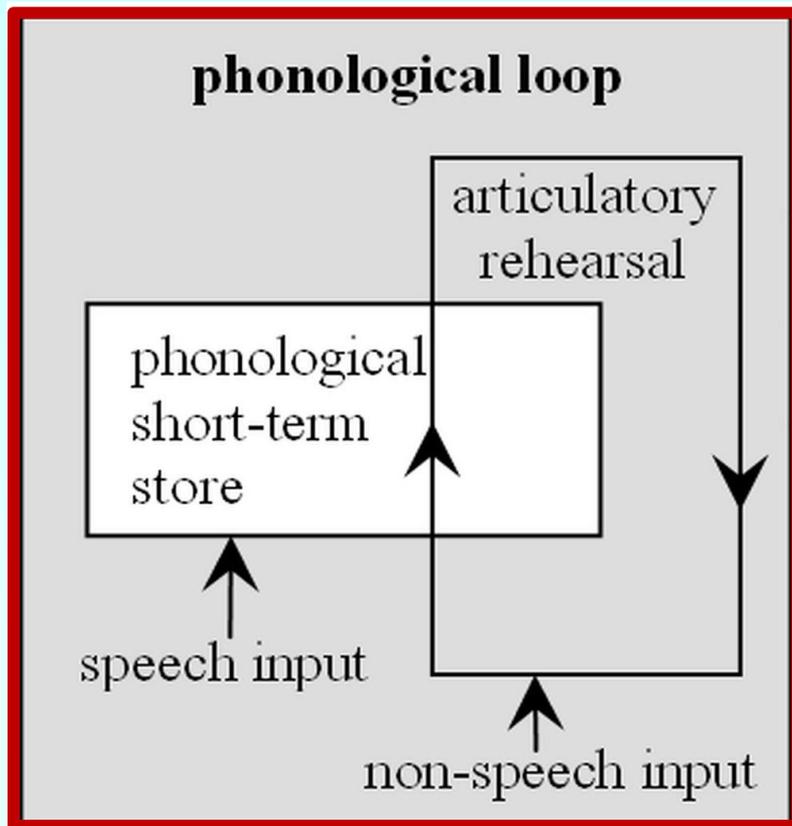
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- PM stores auditory-verbal information temporarily
- Decaying auditory traces are refreshed through sub-vocal articulatory rehearsal mechanism
- Capacity: few secs. / 7 auditory representations

## Phonological short-term memory (PM)

Learners with larger PM capacity may be more efficient in the processing of L2 sounds:



- **Speech segmentation.**
- **Phonological and lexical encoding.**
- **Cross-language speech perception: L1-L2 sound differences.**
- **Perception of acoustic differences between contrasting L2 sounds.**

(Adams *et al.*, 1999; Adams and Gathercole 1996, 2000; Atkin & Baddeley, 1998; Baddeley, 1993; Blake *et al.*, 1994; Dufva and Voeten 1999; Gathercole, *et al.* 1997, 1999; French, 2006; French and O'Brien, 2008; Mackay, *et al.*, 2001; O'Brien *et al.*, 2006, 2007)

# Phonological short-term memory (PM)

## Serial nonword recognition (SNWR)

Identifying pairs of nonword sequences (in L1) of increasing length as **Same/Different**

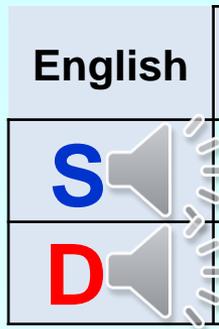
Catalan	1	2	3	4	5	6
 <b>different</b>	[bur]	[gɛtʃ]	[ʎan]	[soʎ]	[fer]	[bijɲ]
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 <b>same</b>	[ʎɔs]	[ler]	[rin]	[tɛʃ]	[ʒan]	[rup]
	[ʎɔs]	[ler]	[rin]	[tɛʃ]	[ʒan]	[rup]

- CVC nonword sequences are 5, 6, and 7 items in length
- 8 trials (**4S+4D**) at each sequence length = 24 (**12S+12D**)
- All vowels in a sequence are different.
- Score % correctly identified sequences (weighted)

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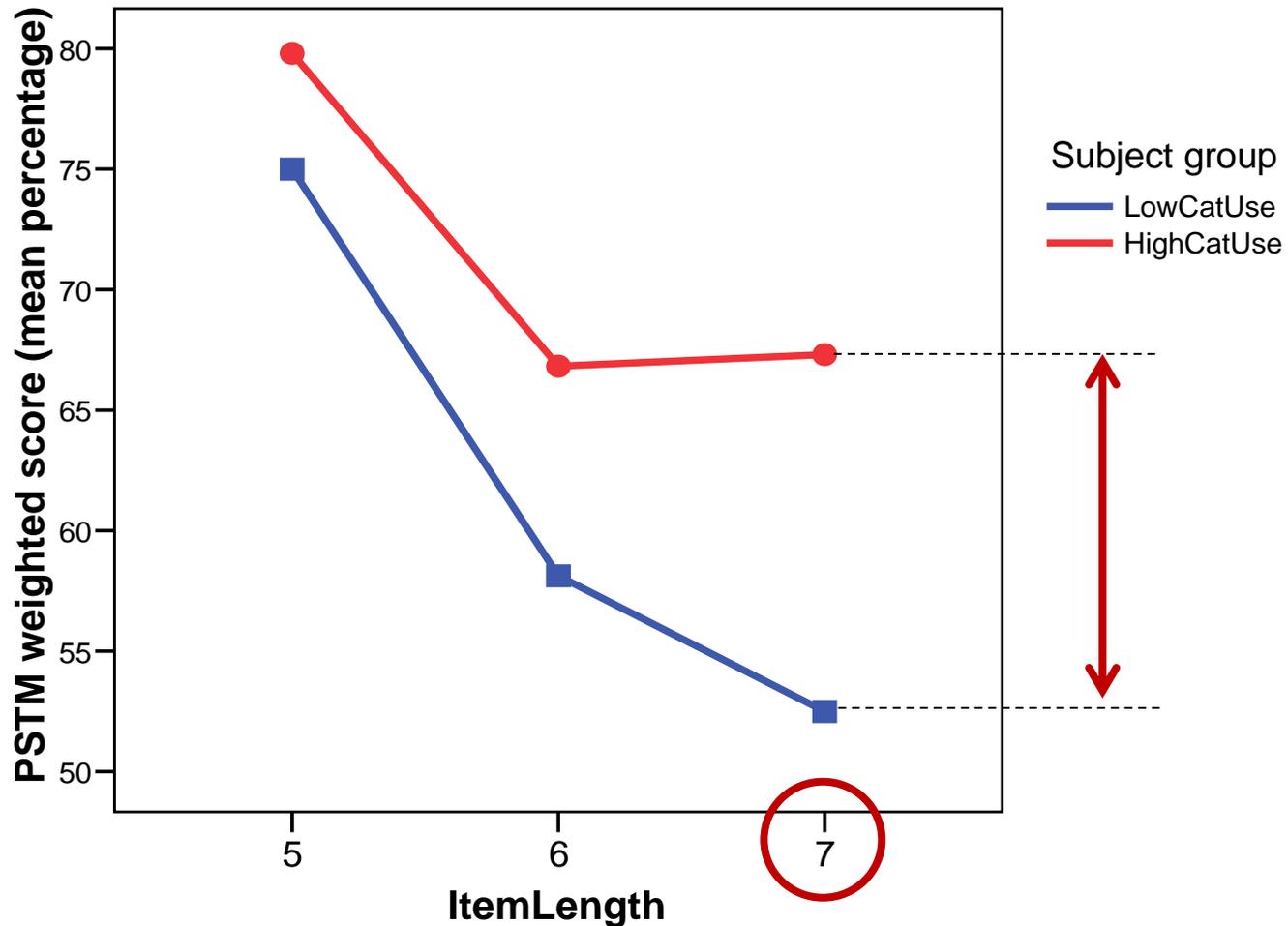
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> requires phonological encoding (and subvocal rehearsal).

# Phonological short-term memory (PM)

SNWR task provides a **language-dependent** measure of PM



# Phonological short-term memory (PM)

Catalan

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S



Russian

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Danish

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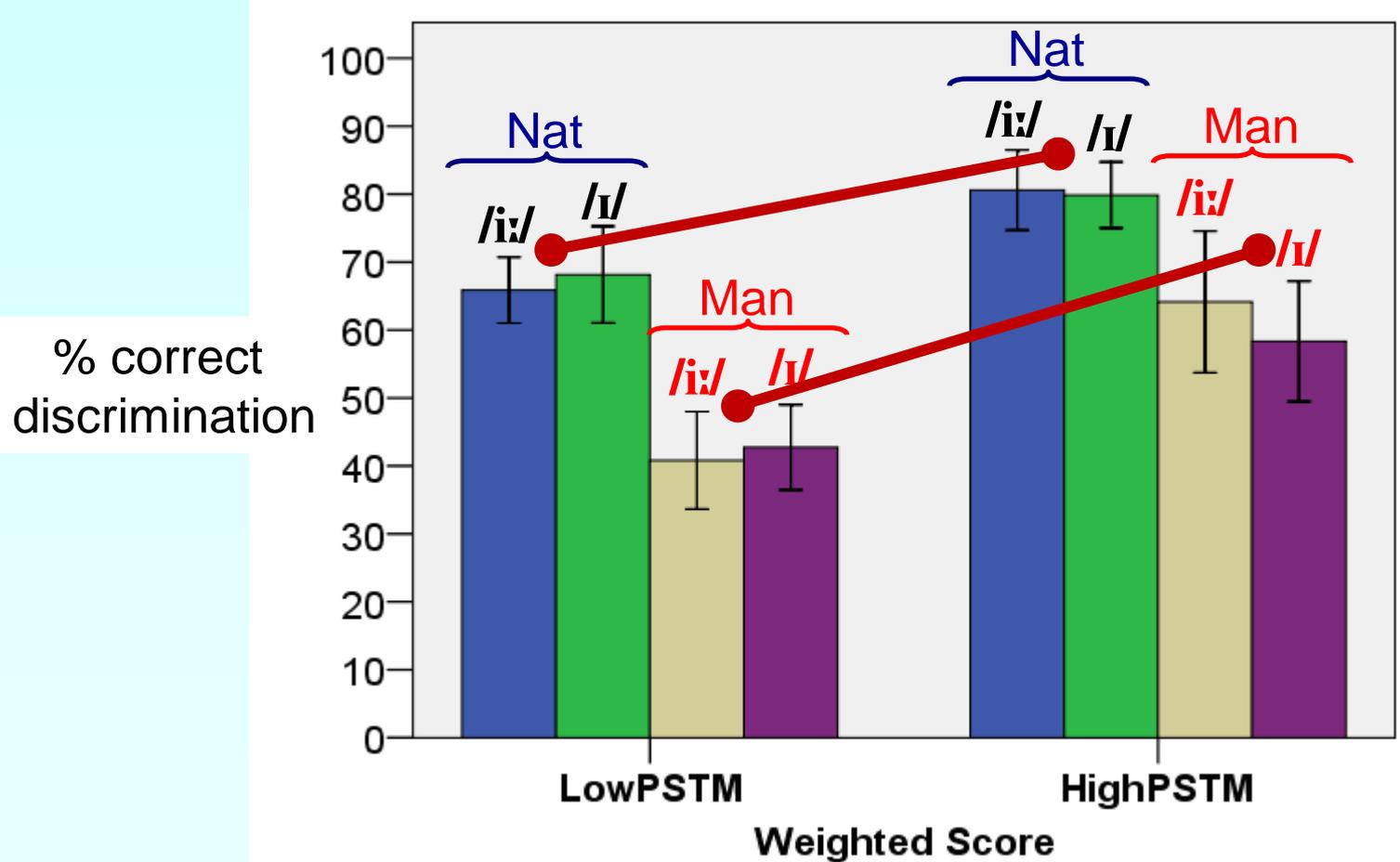
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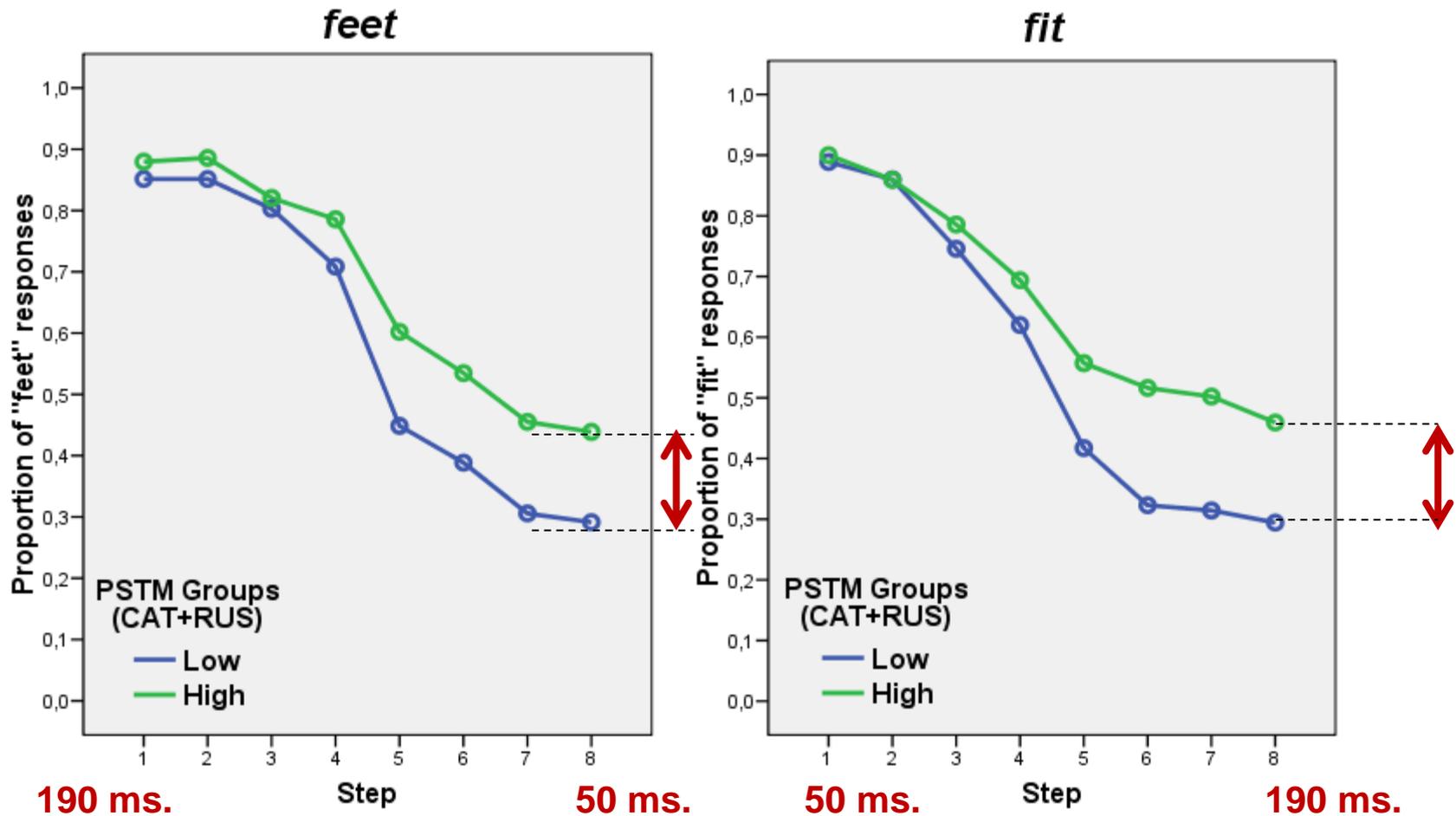
PM and AXB discrimination of **natural (Nat)** and **duration-manipulated (Man)** /i:/ and /ɪ/:

**AXB** *sheep* – *ship* – *ship* vs. *sheep* – *sheep* – *ship*



# Phonological short-term memory (PM)

PM and perception of duration-manipulated /fi:t/ and /fit/  
Forced choice identification of pictures for *feet* or *fit*.

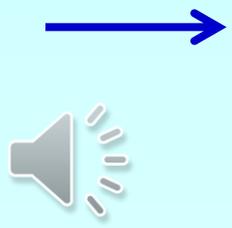




# Phonological short-term memory (PM)

## PM and perception of vowel contrasts in an oddity discrimination task.

CHANGE TRIALS
bid_bead_bead
bead_bid_bead
bead_bead_bid



You will hear a sequence of THREE WORDS ( 1 - 2 - 3 )  
Decide which word contains a different vowel (1 - 2 or 3)

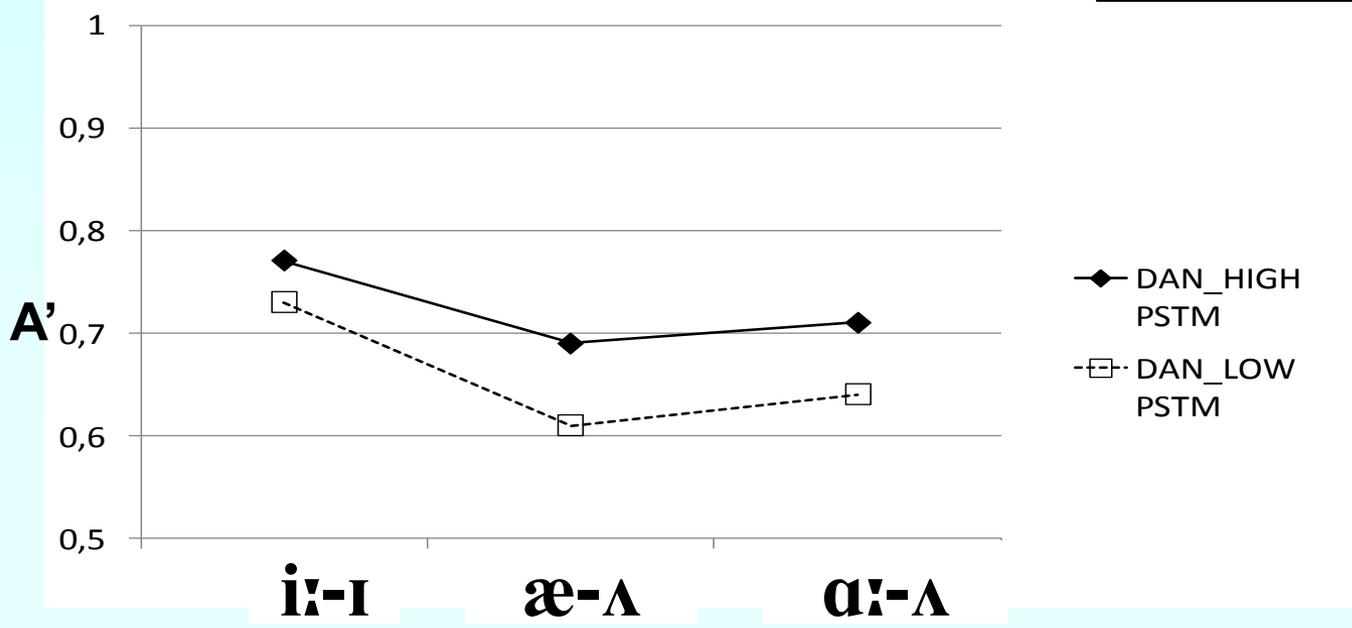
If you hear three words with the same vowel click on SAME

vowel 1      vowel 2      vowel 3

SAME 

Choose the odd one out

A' score (1= native-like; 0.5=no sensitivity)





## Acoustic memory (AM)

**AM is a memory storage for acoustic information listeners use to encode phonological units.**

**It is involved in the auditory processing of acoustic-phonetic properties of speech sounds before phonological encoding.**

- > within-category acoustic differences for L2 sounds**
- > cross-language differences between similar sounds**
- > L2-specific weighting of phonetic cues (e.g. temporal and spectral information in vowels or voicing in consonants):**
  - underlying phonetic properties of speech sounds**



## Acoustic memory (AM)

How can we measure AM?

**Stimuli should:**

- **not involve phonological encoding**
- **be non-intelligible**
- **be as acoustically complex as speech**

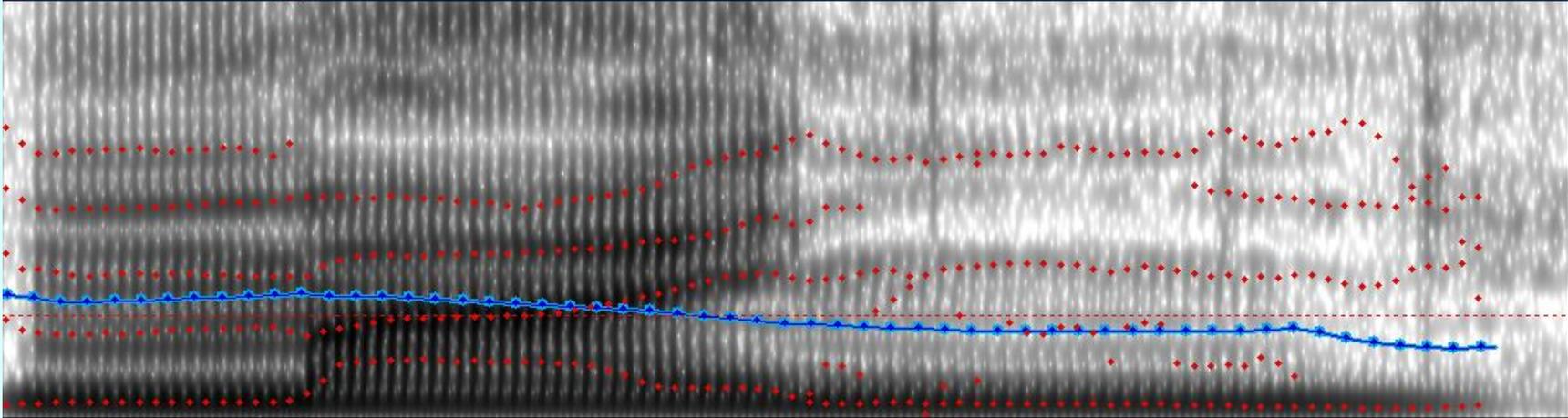
**Rotated Speech (through spectral inversion)**

- **non-intelligible (would require specific training).**
- **as temporally and spectrally complex as speech.**
- **preserves most speech-like properties (voicing, friction, pitch changes)**

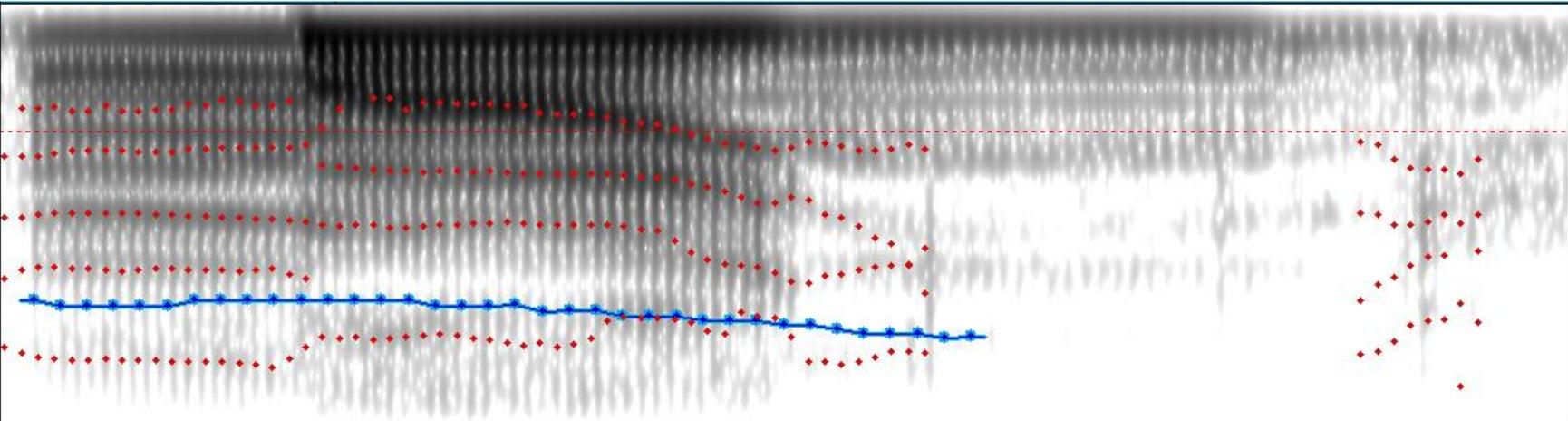


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Rotated [maŋ] 📣



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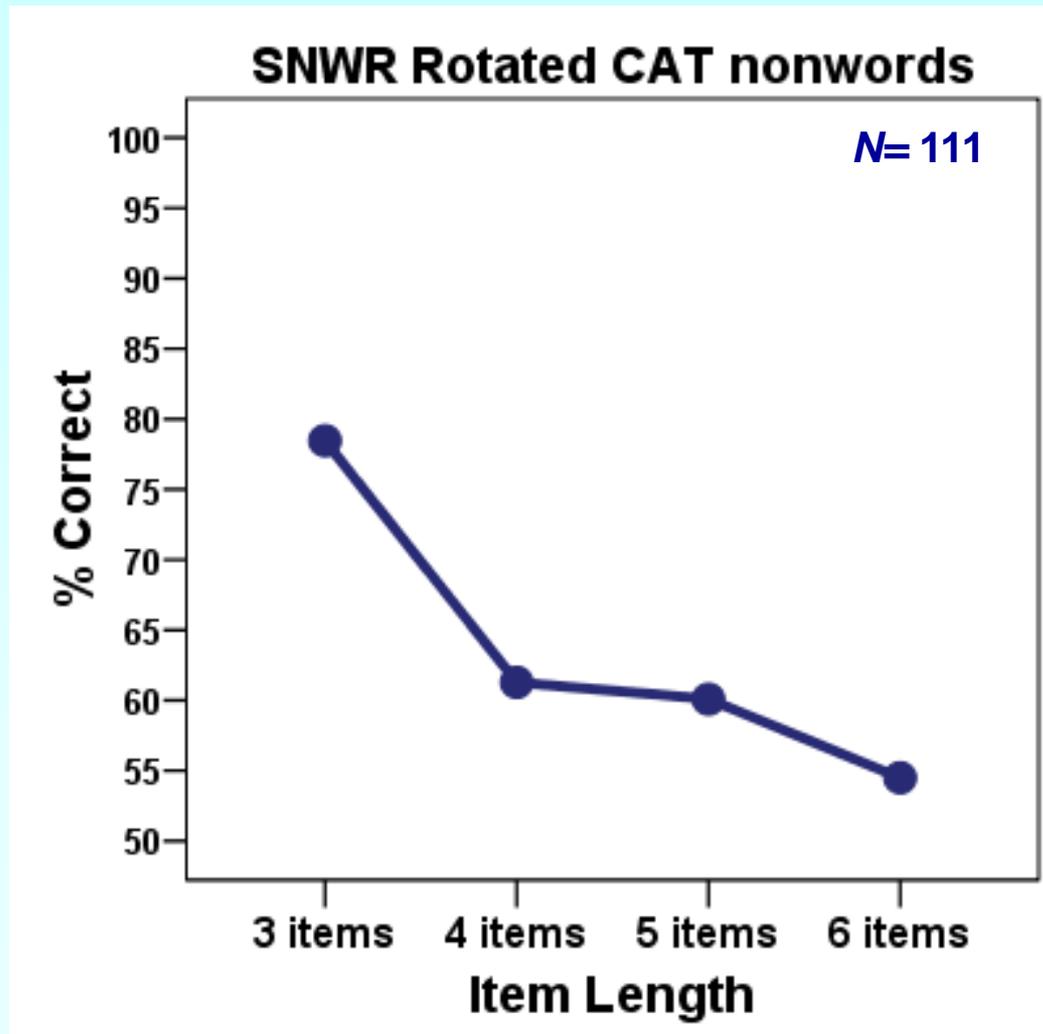
Sequences of 3 – 4 – 5 – 6 “Rotated Nonwords”:

3  S

4  D

5  S

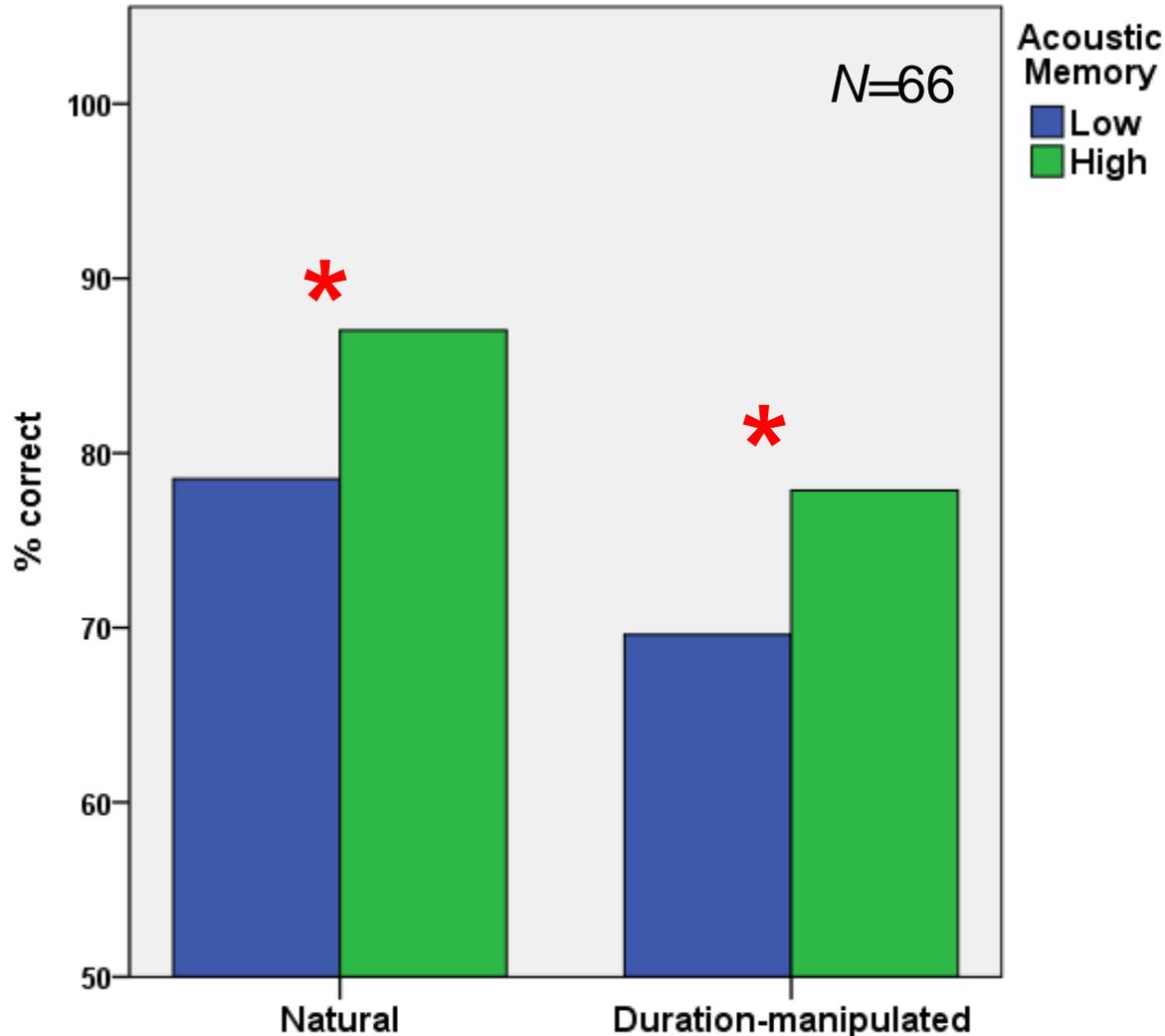
6  D



(Safronova, 2011; Safronova & Mora, 2012)

# Acoustic memory (AM)

## AM and AXB discrimination (/i:/ and /ɪ/)



<i>Pearson r</i>	AM
DIS Nat	.502***
DIS Man	.435**

### ANOVA

within: Nat/Man  $p < .001$   
between: Low/High  $p = .009$

### Group differences:

Low AM (N=27)

High AM (N=39)

Nat:  $p = .007$

Man:  $p = .010$



## Attention Control (AC)

### Phonological attention control:

A person's ability to shift focus of attention from one attention-directing function of speech (e.g.: duration) to another (e.g. voice quality)

- > L2 use is a complex cognitive task that requires the foregrounding and backgrounding of linguistic information.
  - > Language as an attention-directing system.
  - > Linguistic skill as rapid & flexible control over the attention-directing functions of language.

### How can Attention Control be operationalized?

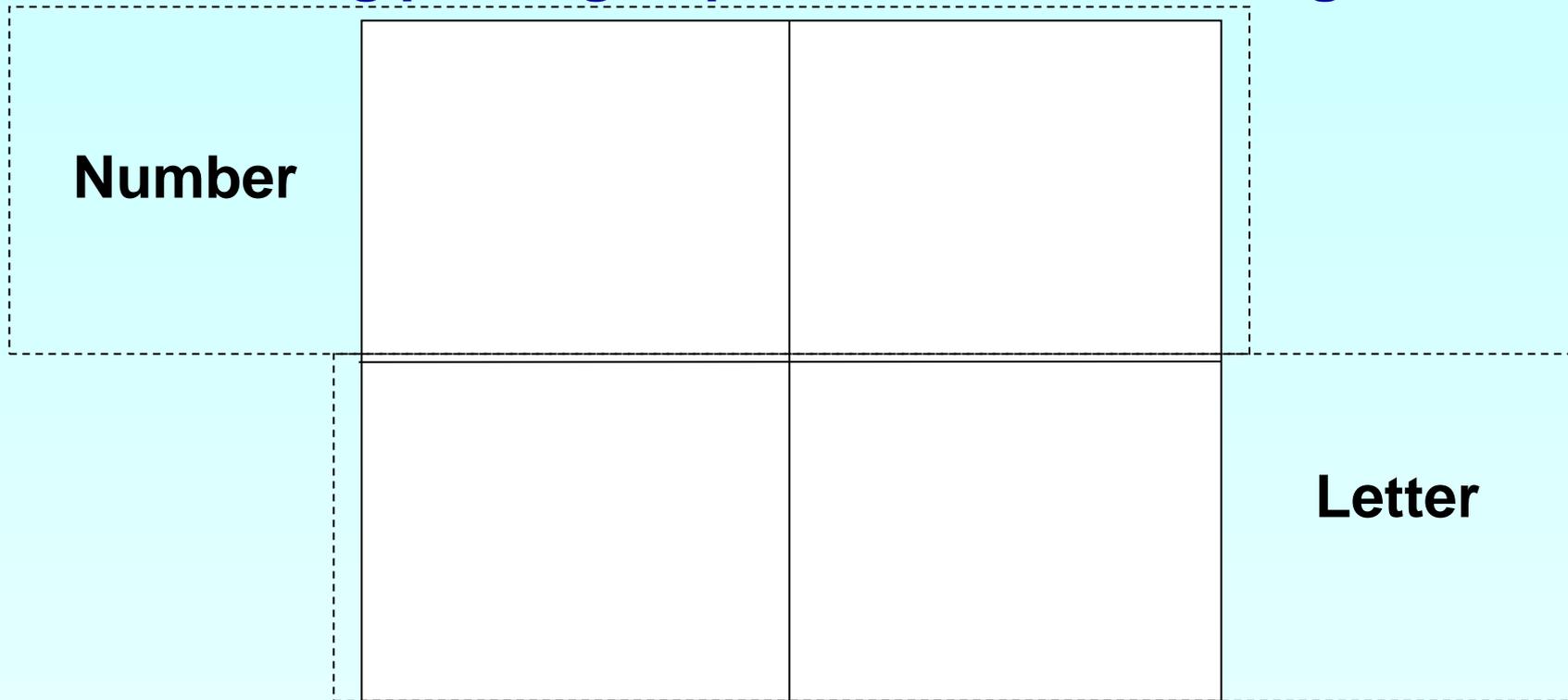
- > alternating runs procedure requiring switching between tasks where the dimensions under focus appear predictably.

(Monsell, 2003; Rogers & Monsell, 1995; Segalowitz & Frenkiel-Fishman, 2005; Segalowitz, 2010)



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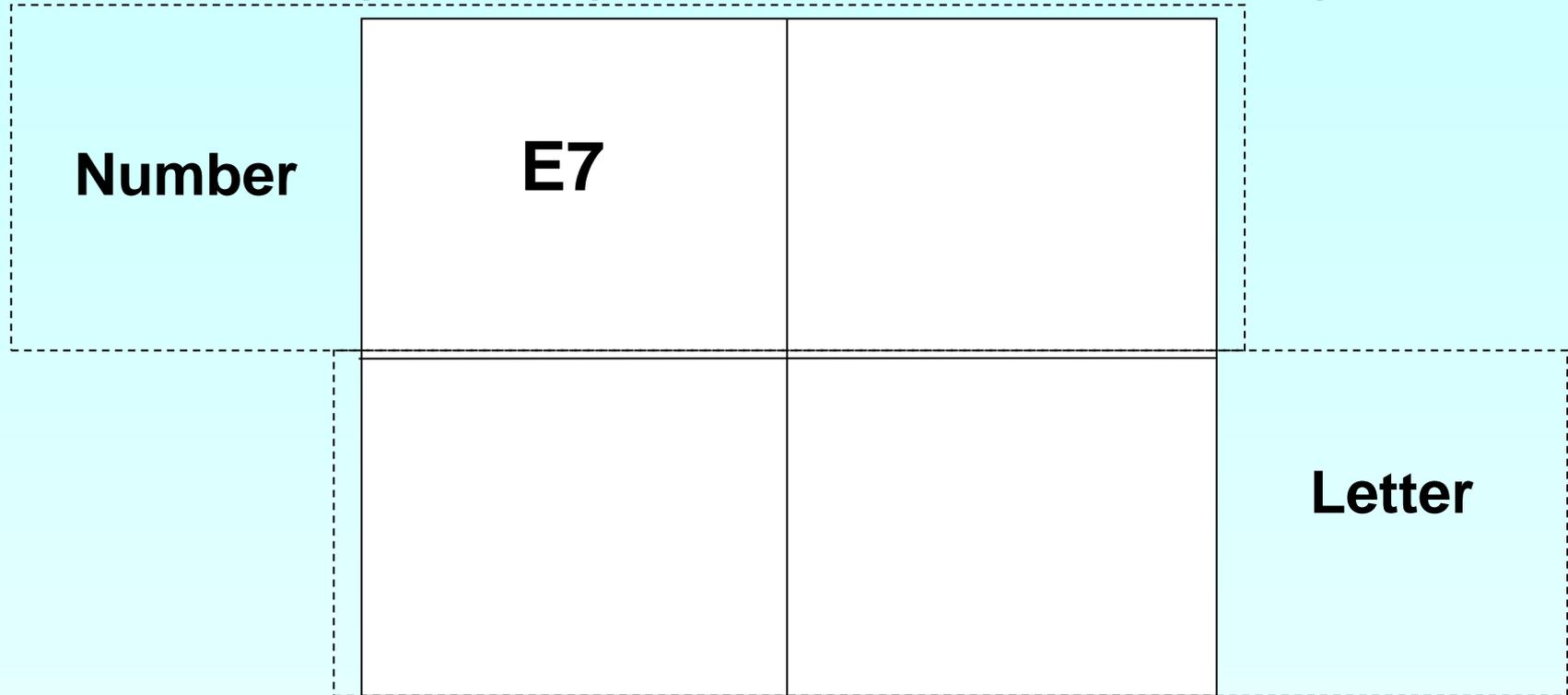
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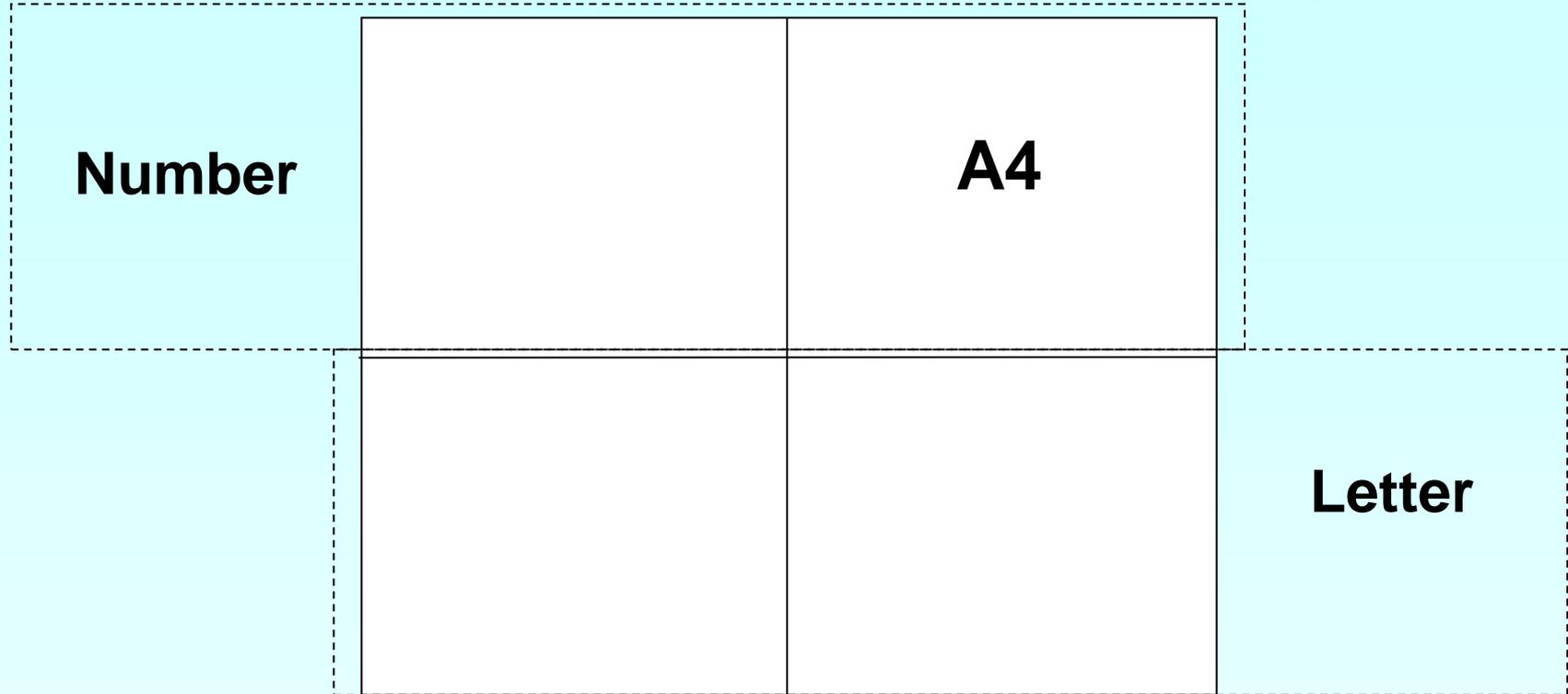
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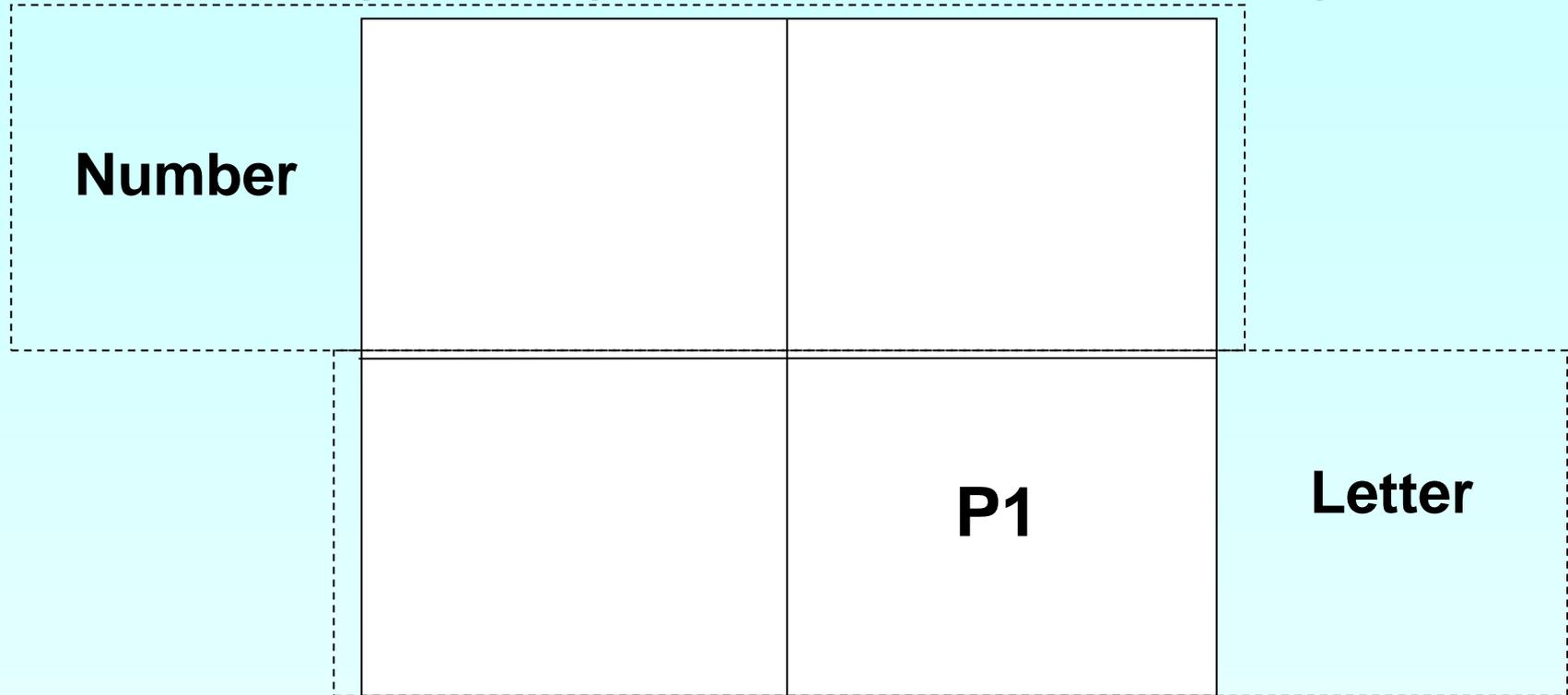
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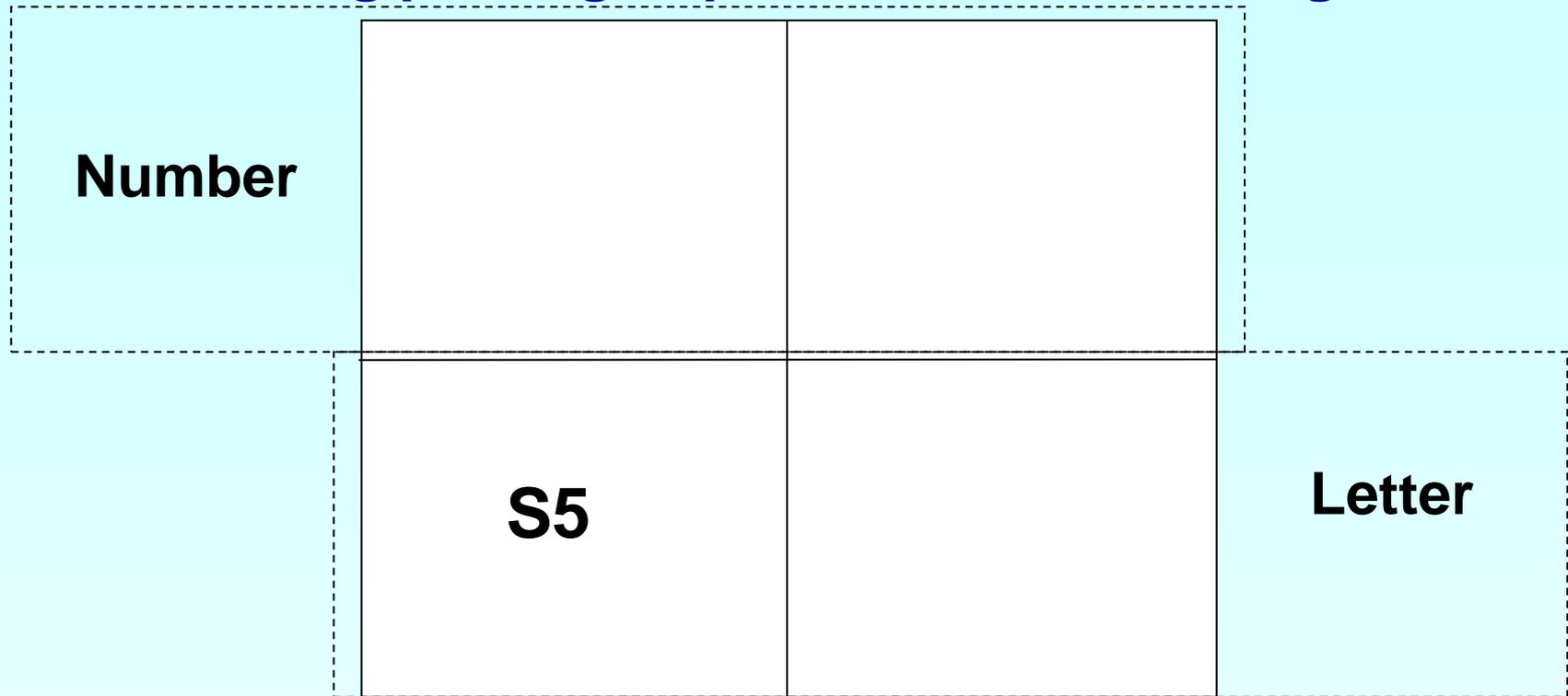
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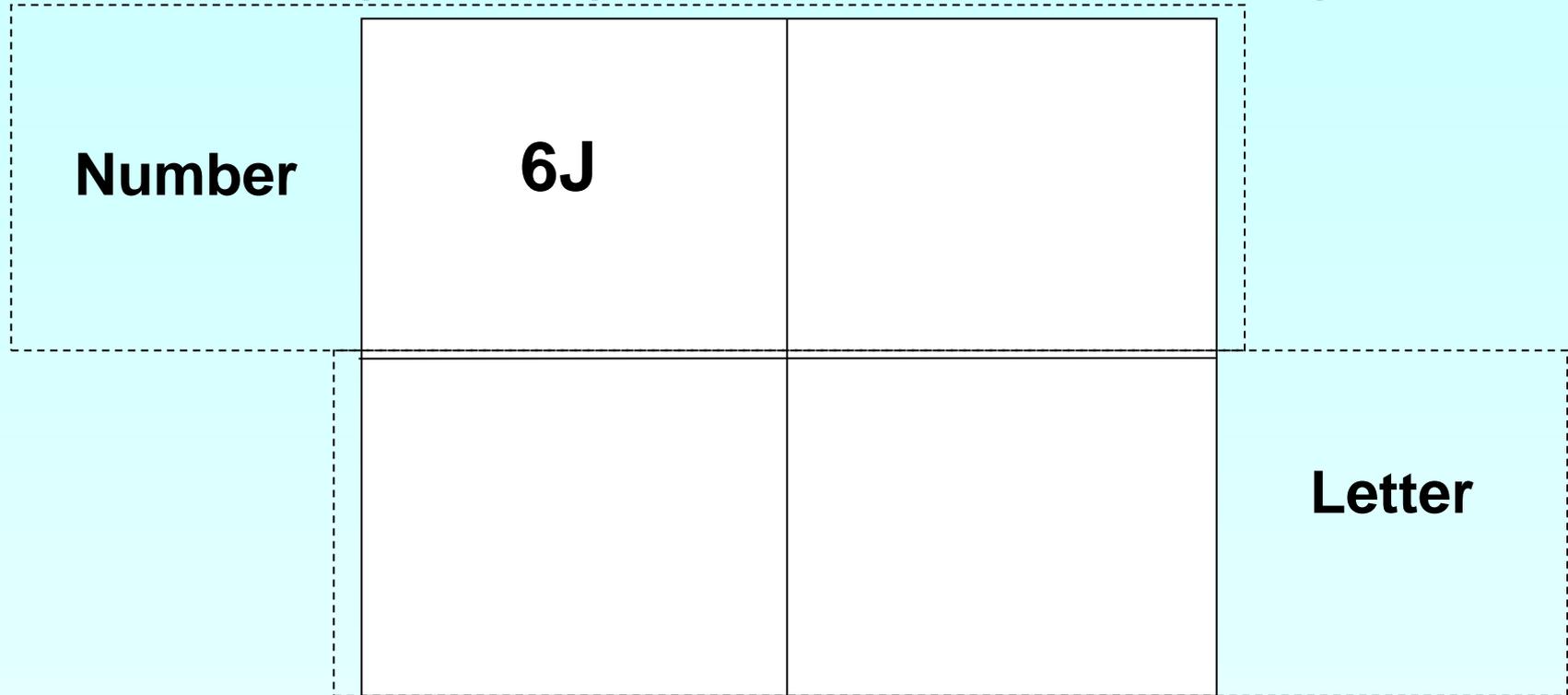
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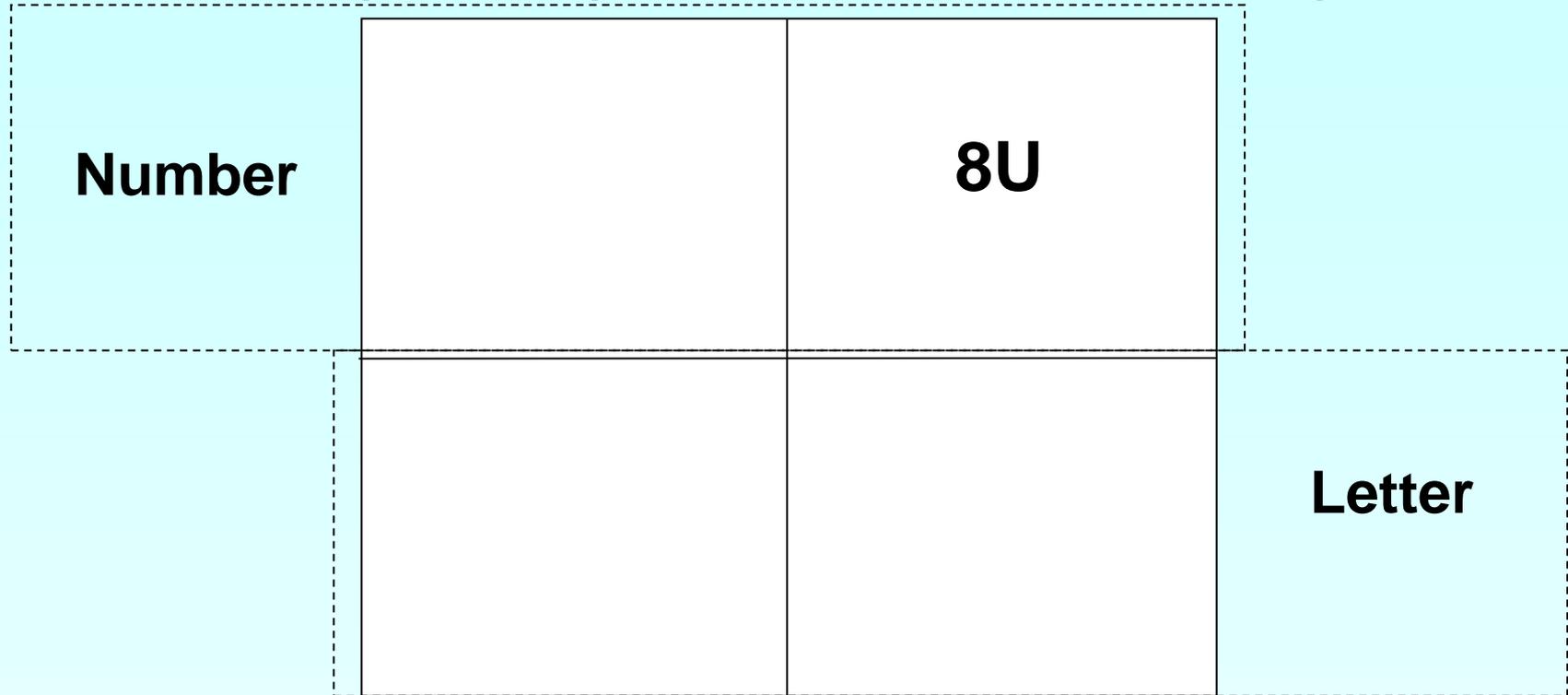
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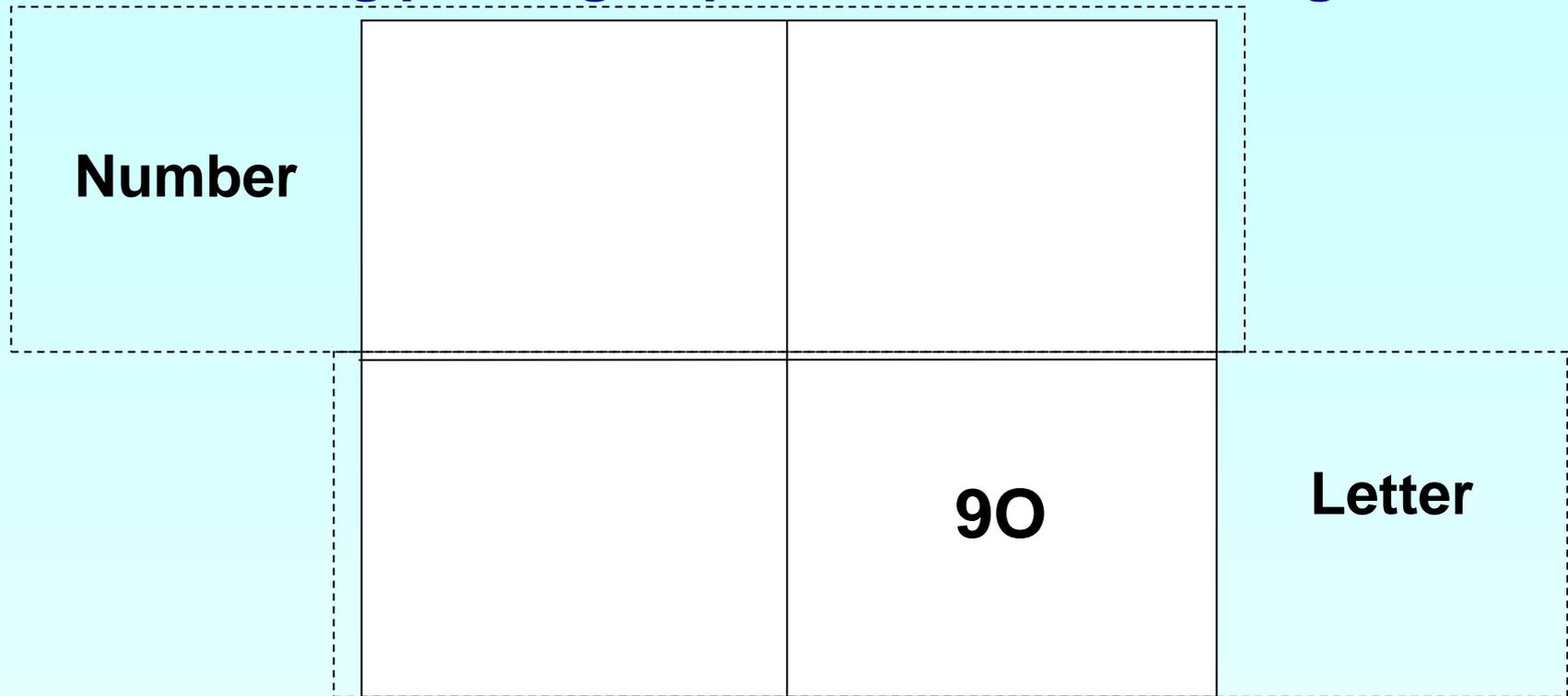
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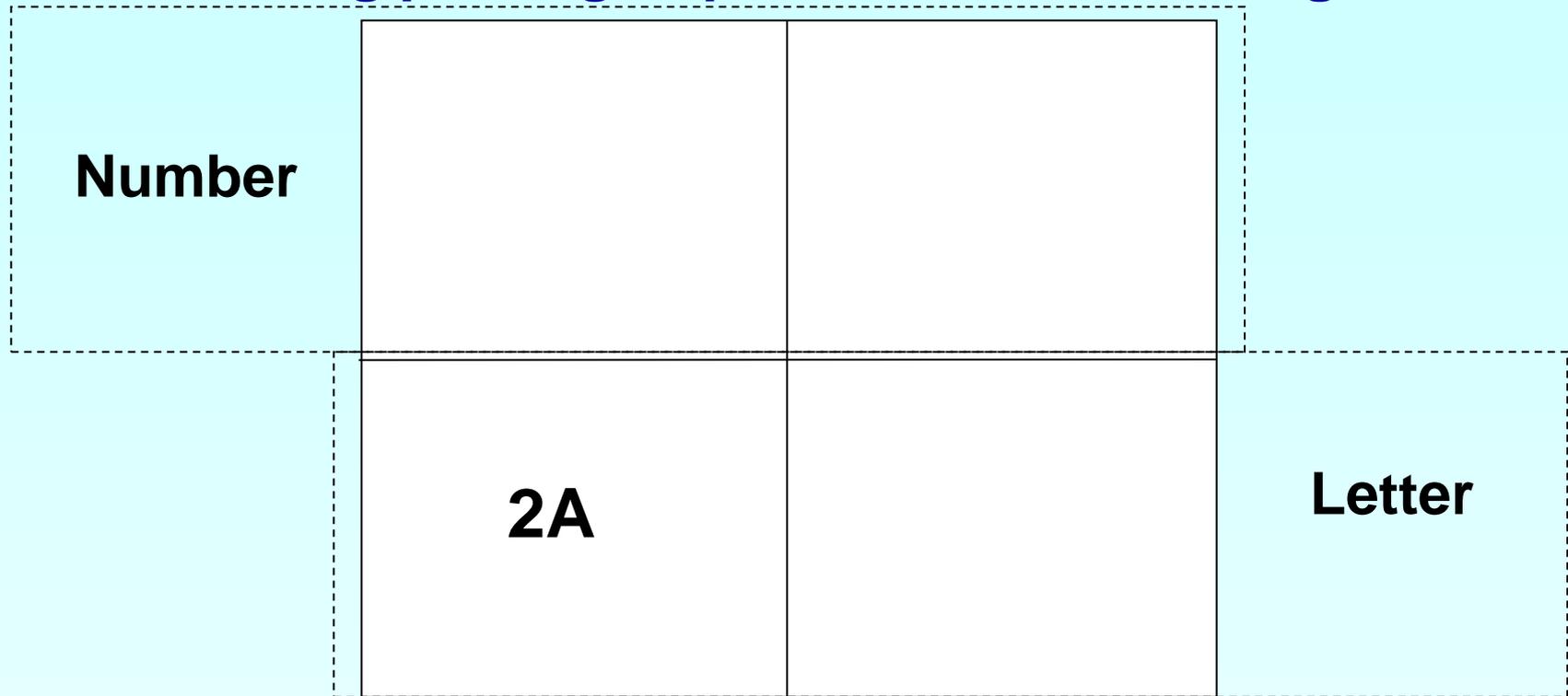
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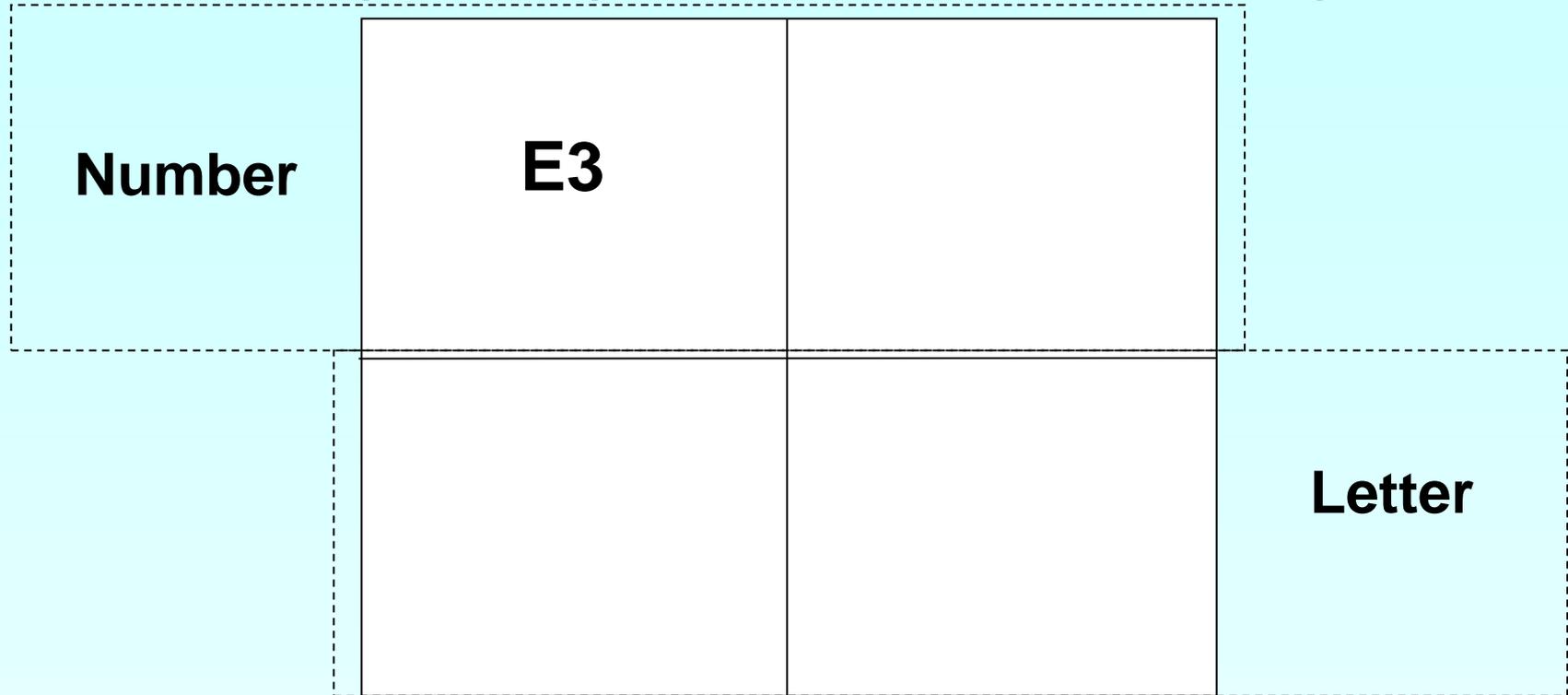
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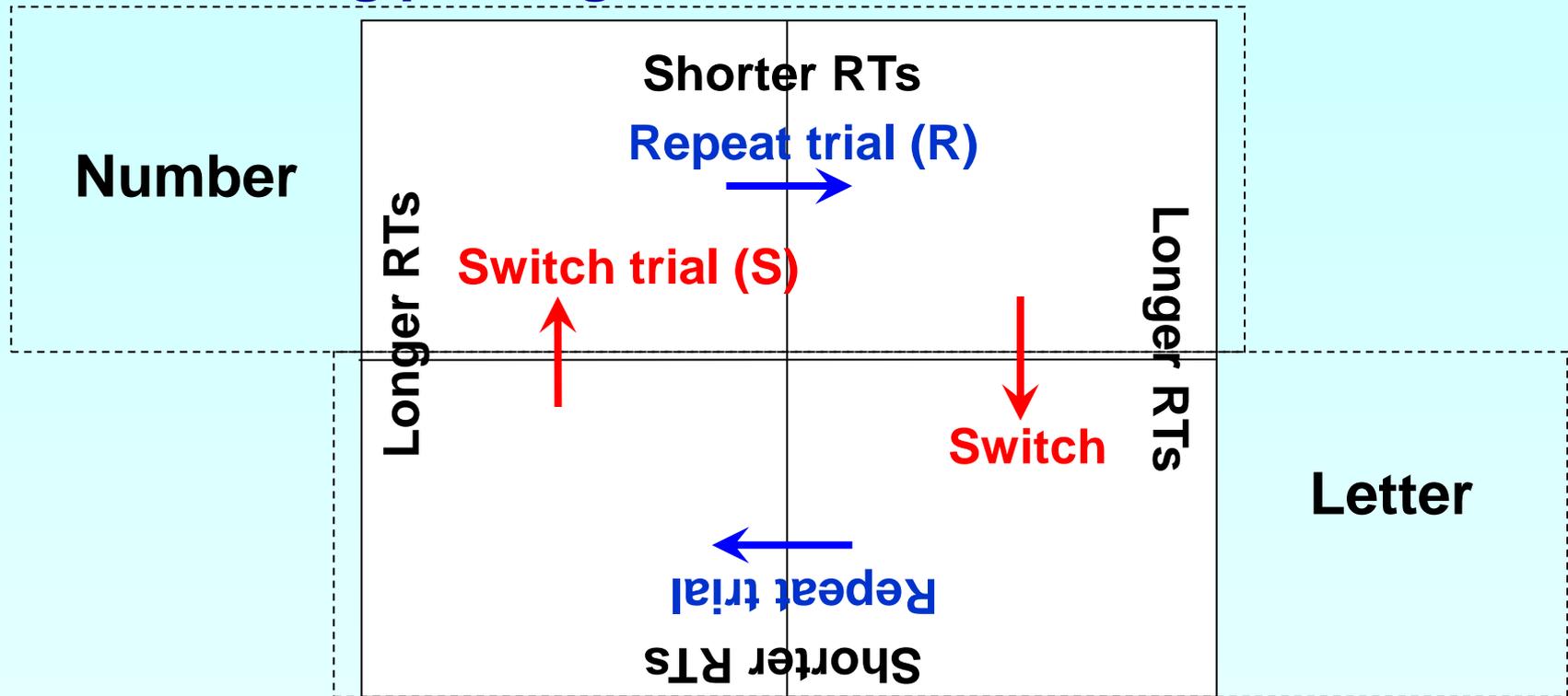
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## Task-switching paradigm: measures



- AC Measures:**
- Shift cost = **Switch** RTs - **Repeat** RTs
  - Error rate = **Switch** trials + **Repeat** trials



## Attention Control (AC)

A speech-based version of the alternating runs paradigm

**Dimension 1: segmental duration (quantity)**

(a) short: *i, e, a, etc.*

(b) long: *i, e, a, etc.*

**Duration** is used in English to encode voicing in word-final obstruents and at the same time is secondary to identifying vowel quality distinctions.

**Dimension 2: voice quality**

(a) male: *i, e, a, etc.*

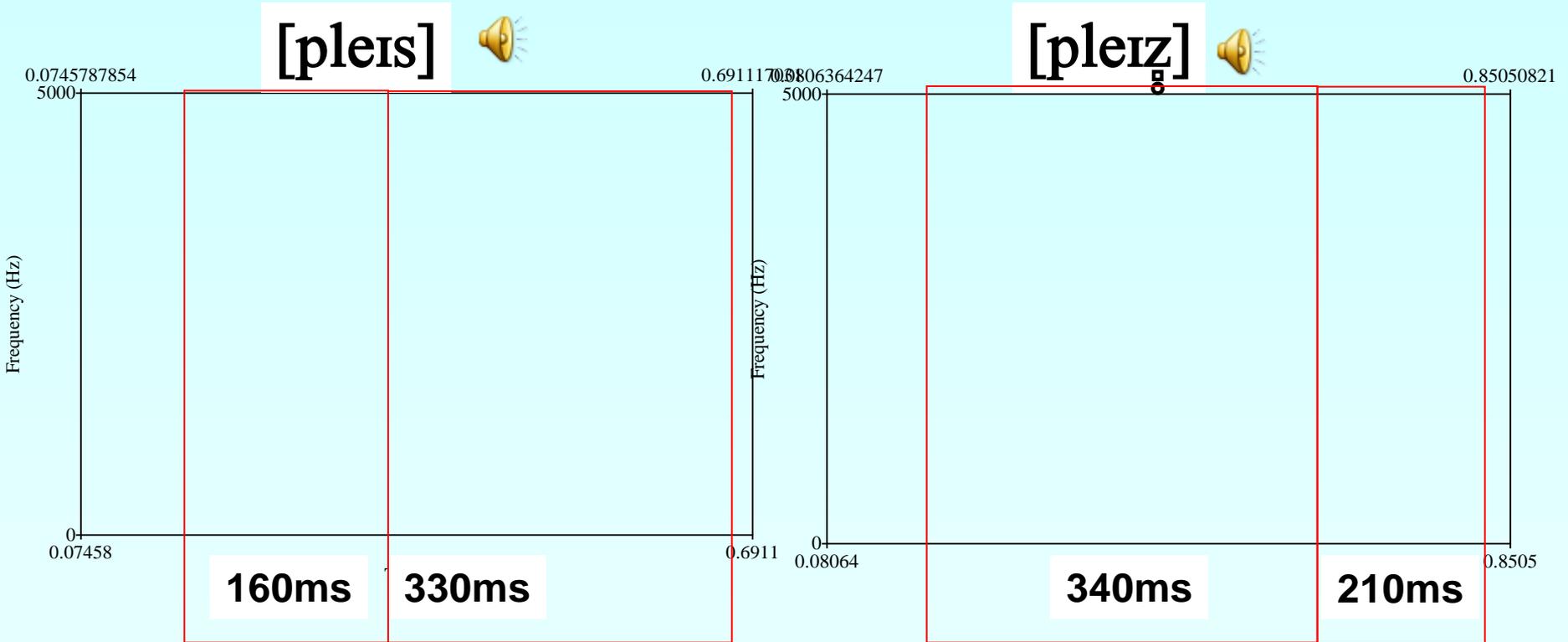
(b) female: *i, e, a, etc.*

**Pitch** is very important in speech. Besides identifying talkers on the basis of sex and age, pitch changes are used linguistically to convey meaning, as with intonation.



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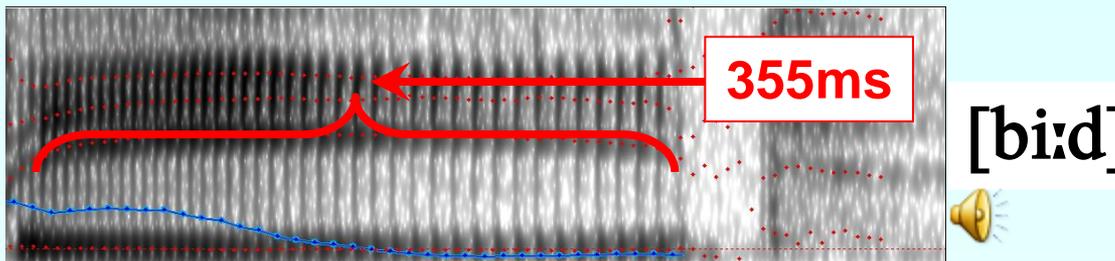
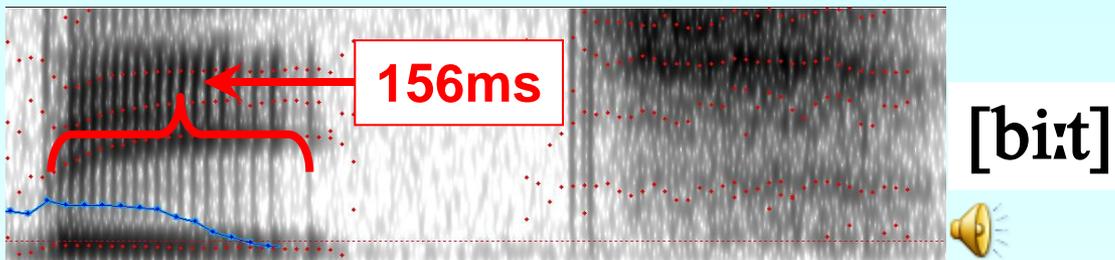
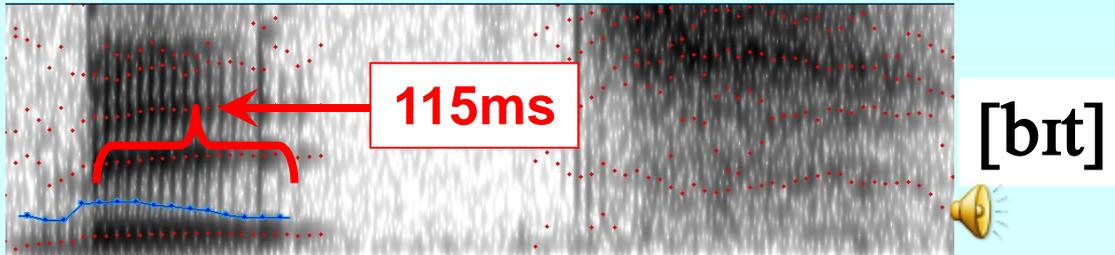


**Foregrounding of duration vs. backgrounding of (partial) closure voicing in word-final obstruents.**



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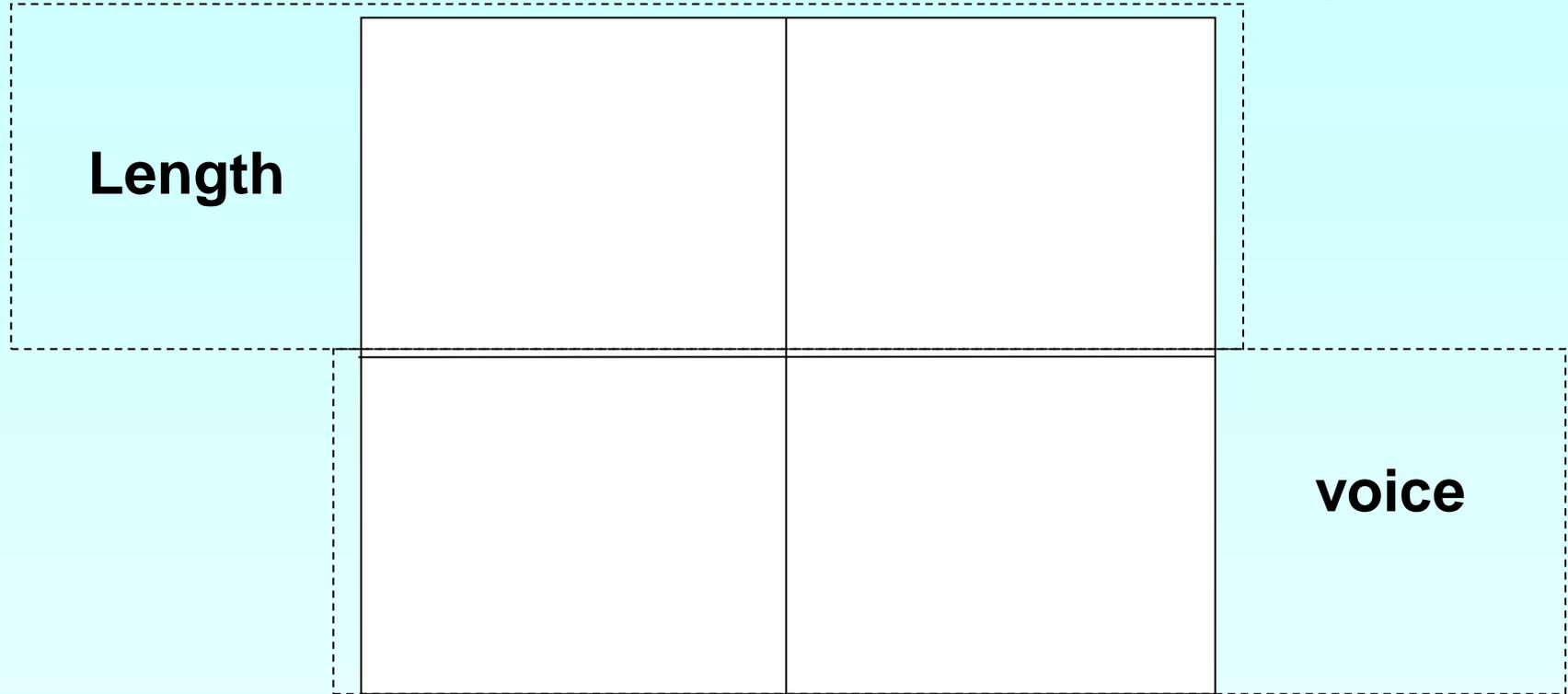


Foregrounding vs. backgrounding temporal and spectral information.



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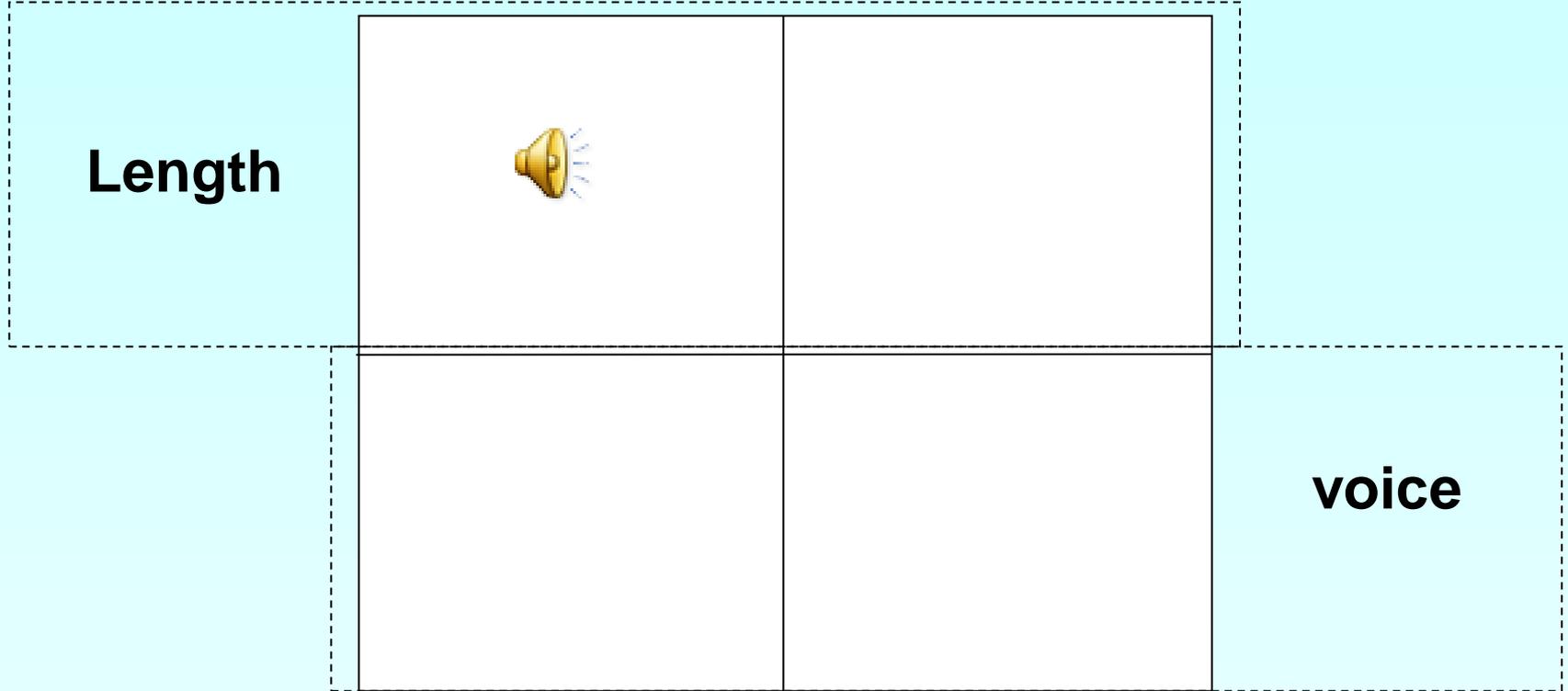
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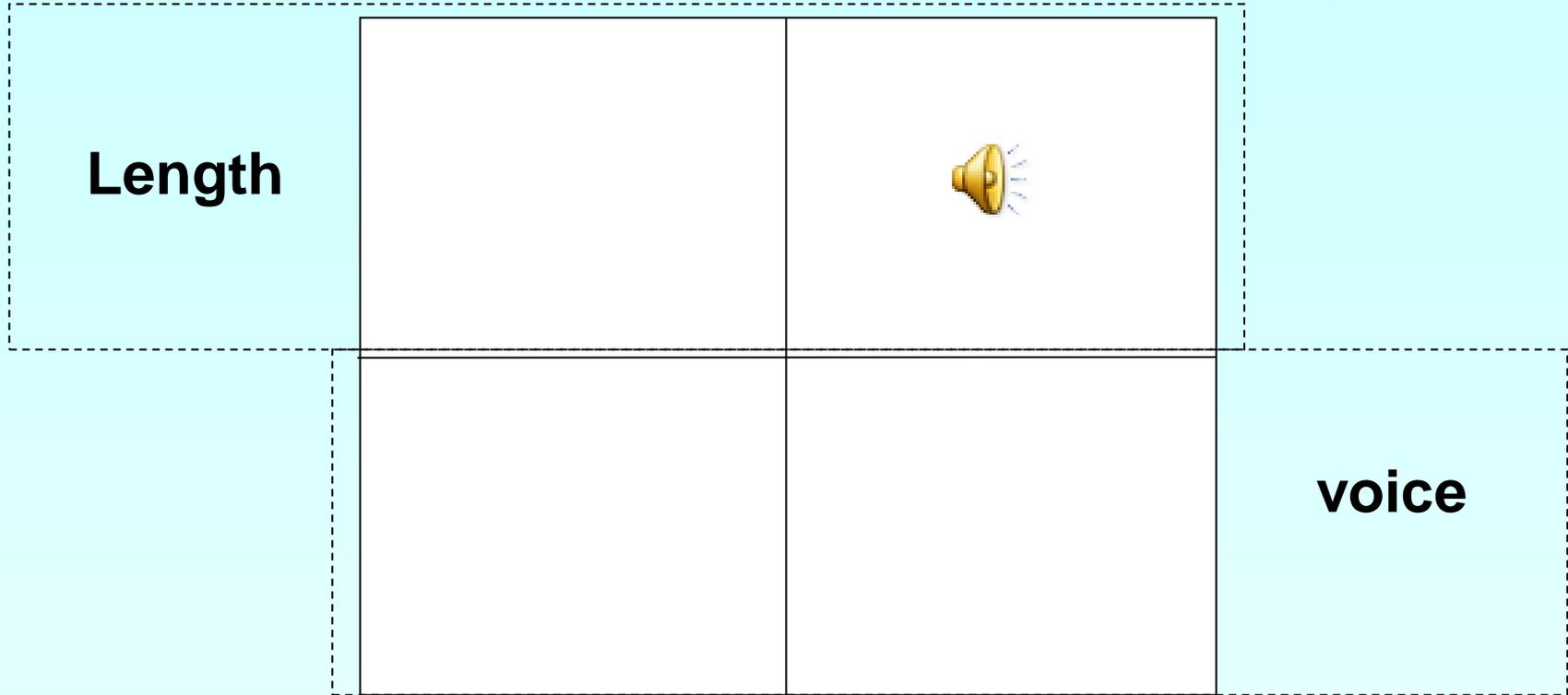
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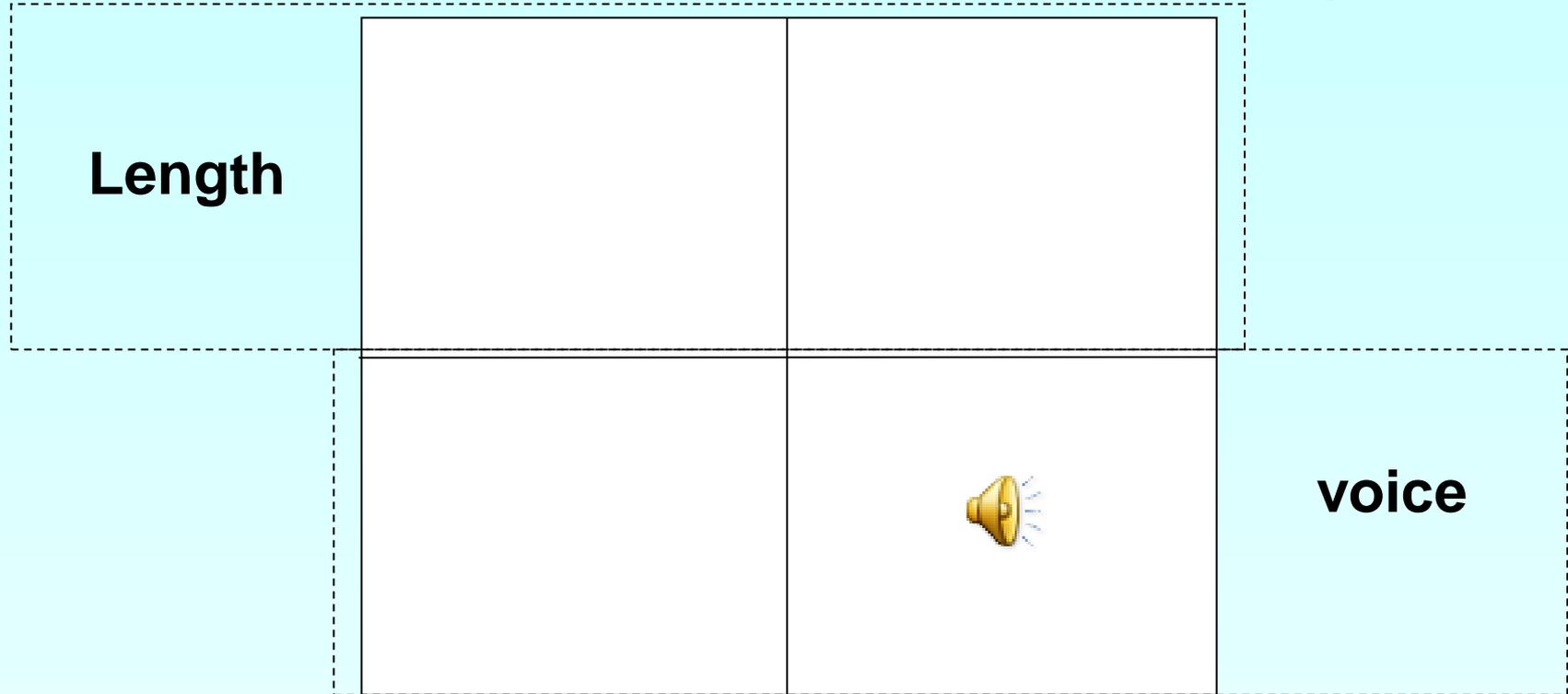
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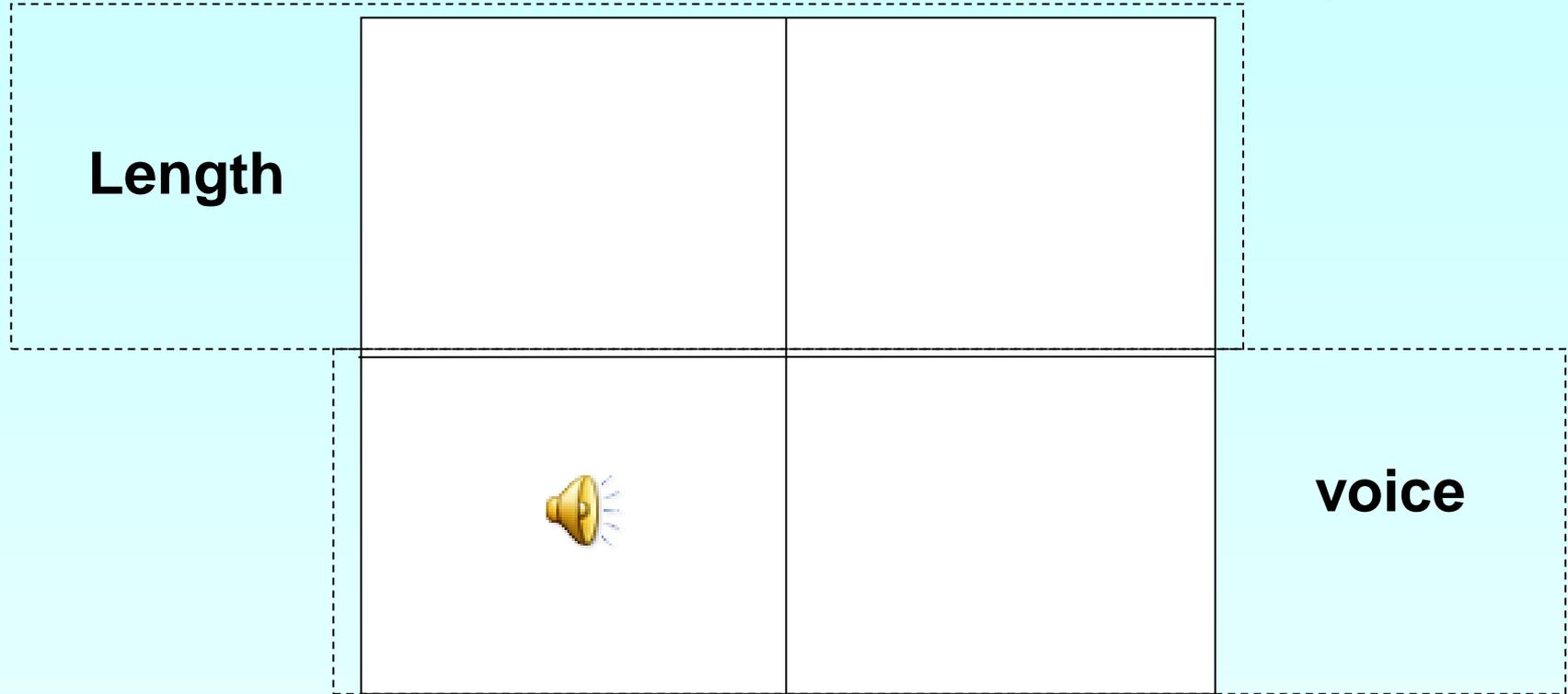


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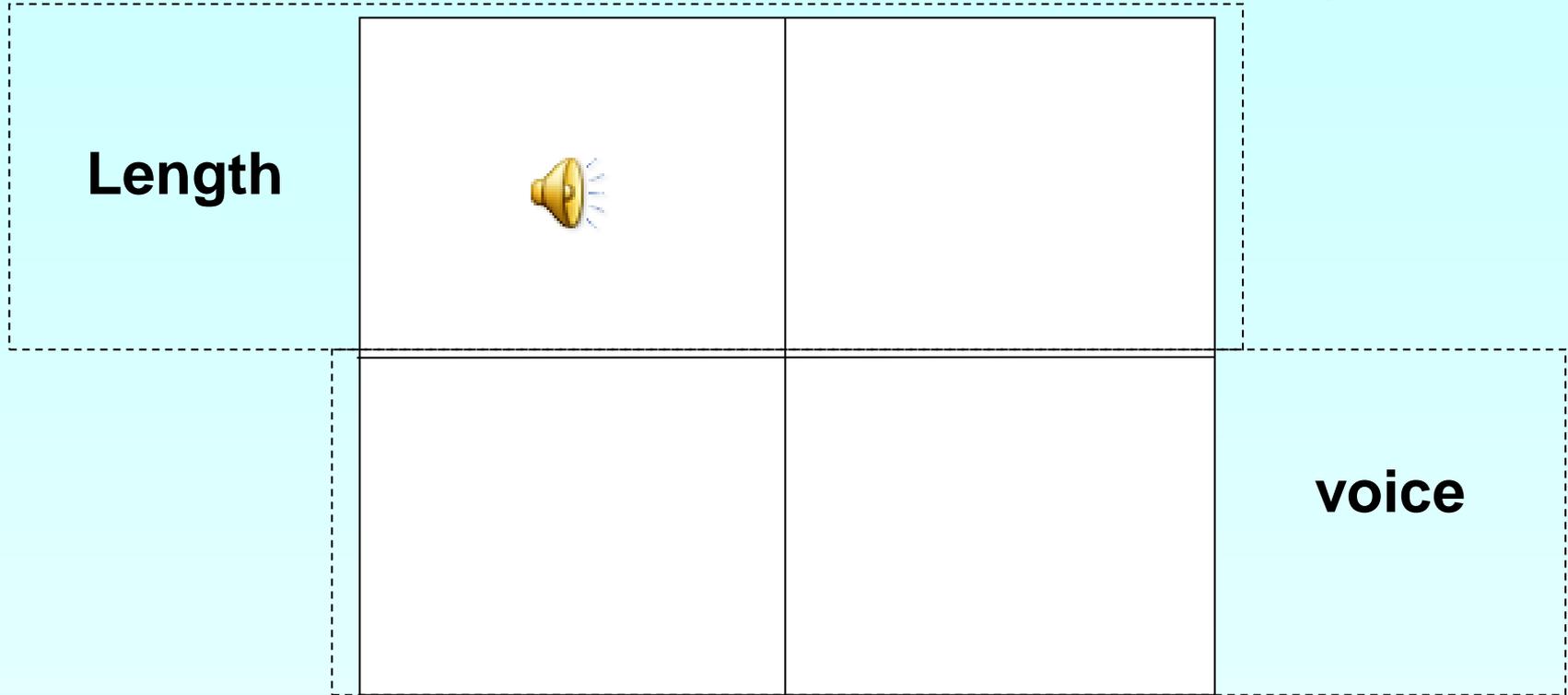
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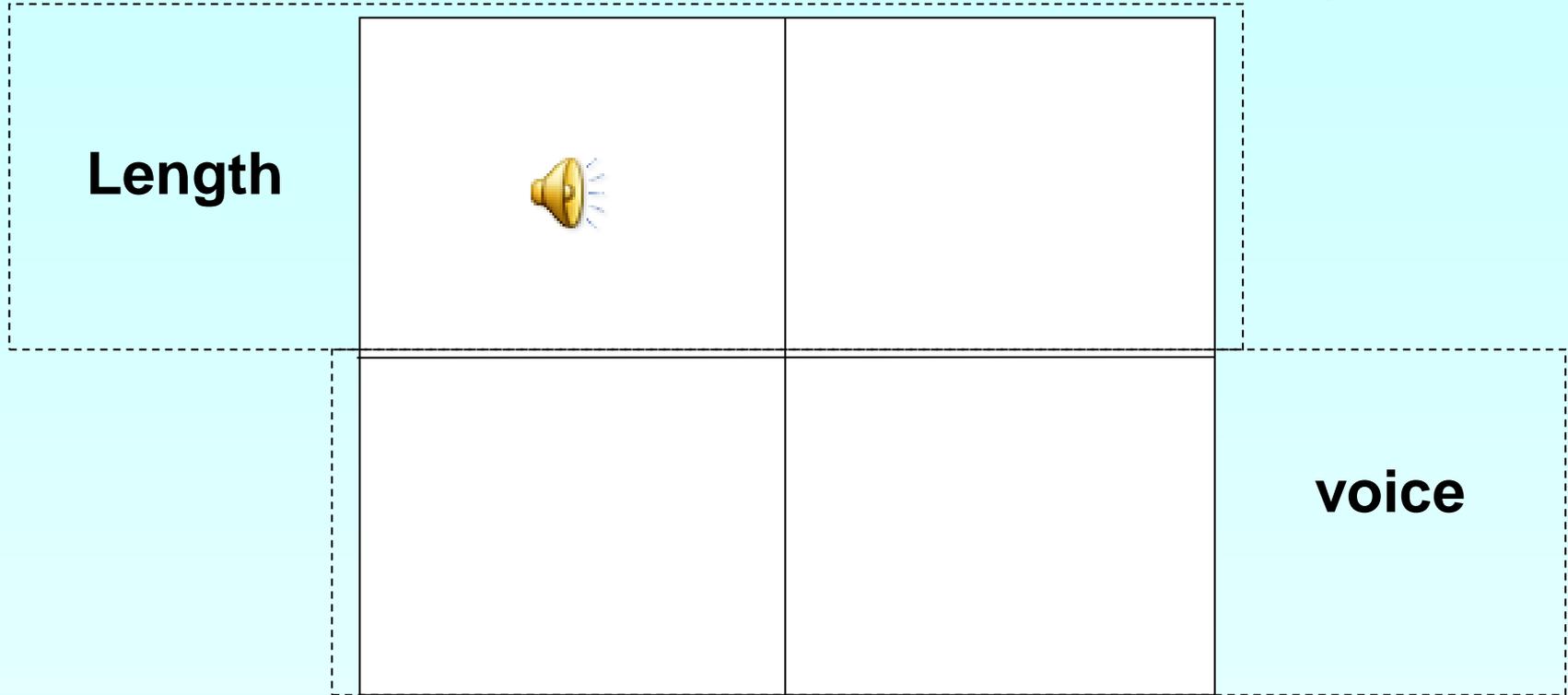
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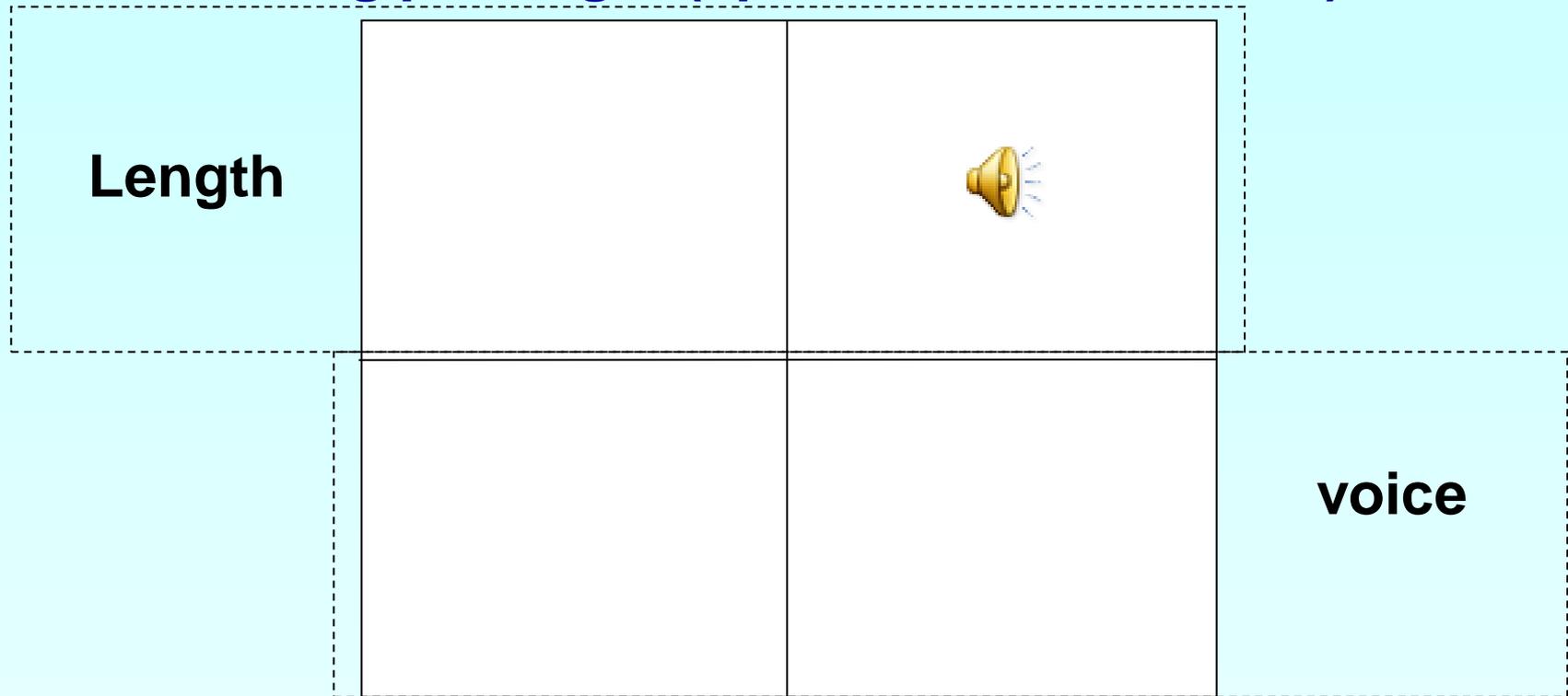
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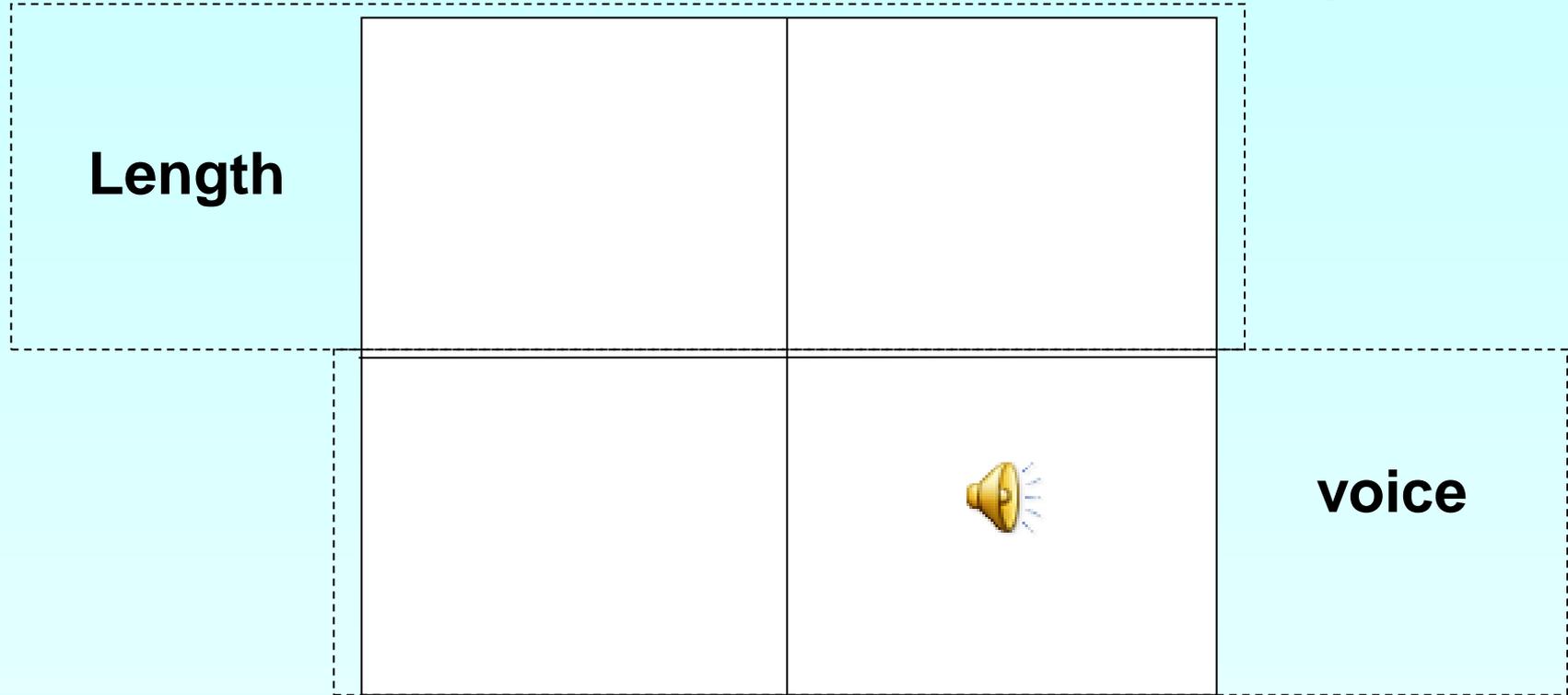


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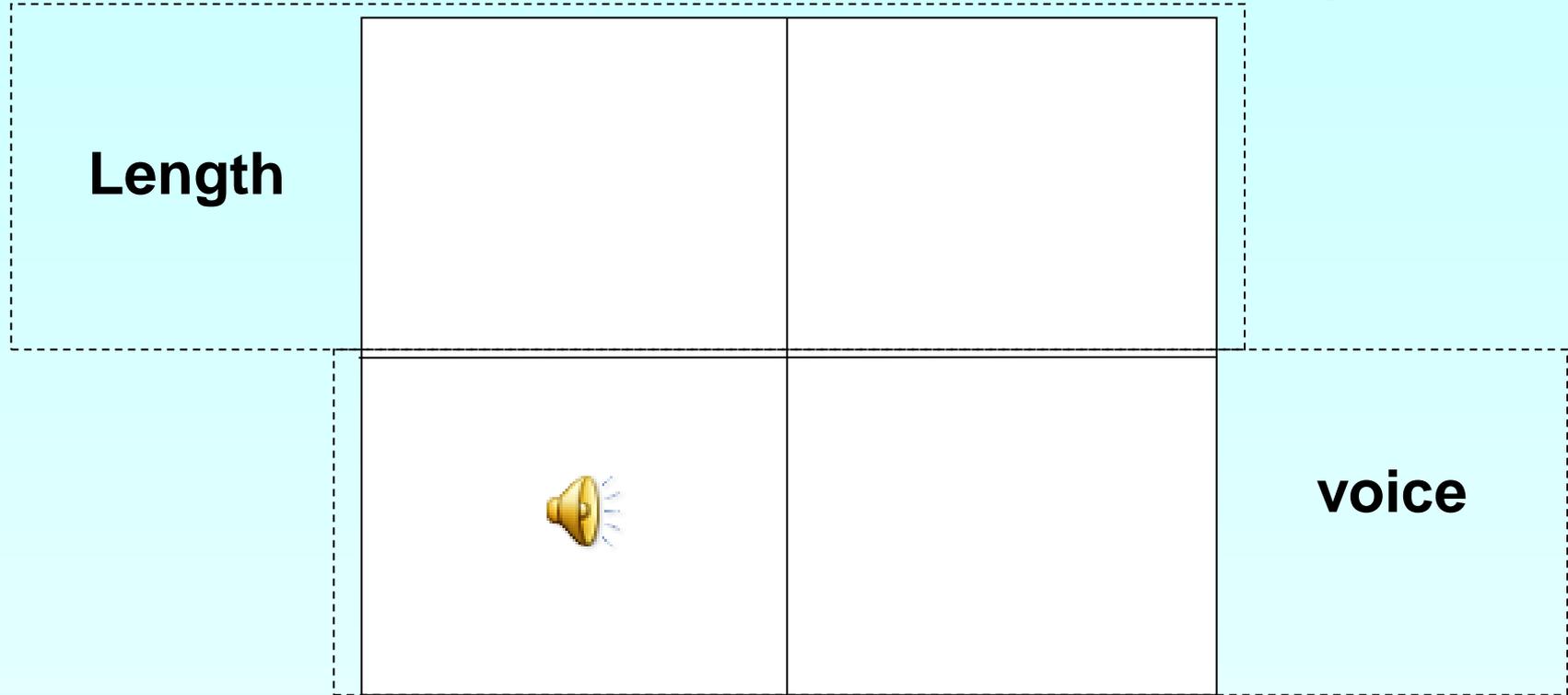
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## Task-switching paradigm (speech-based version)



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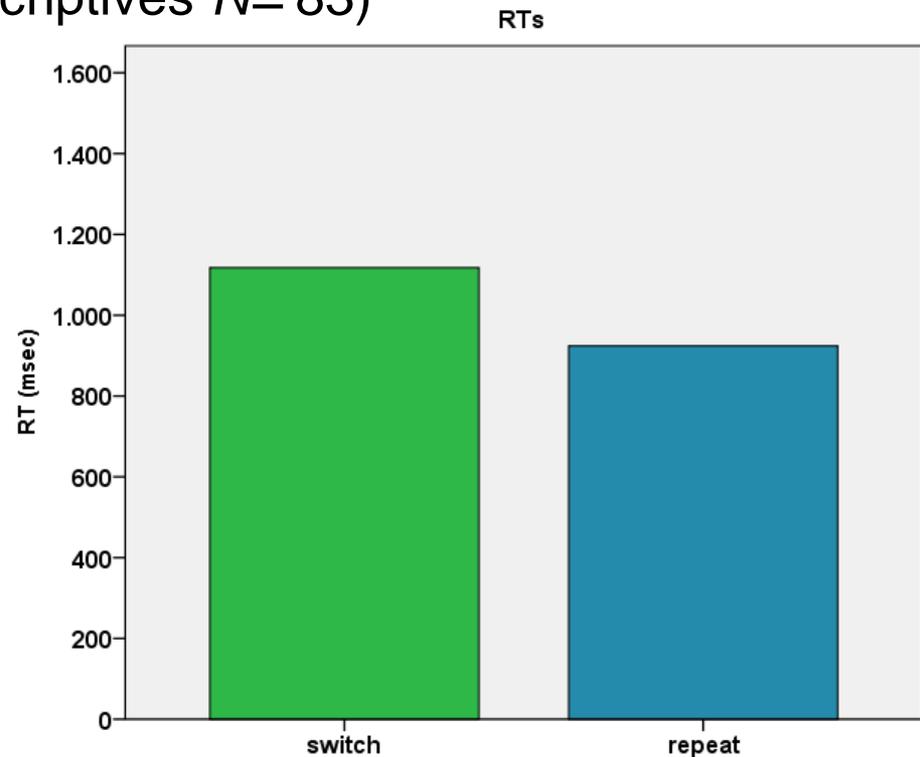
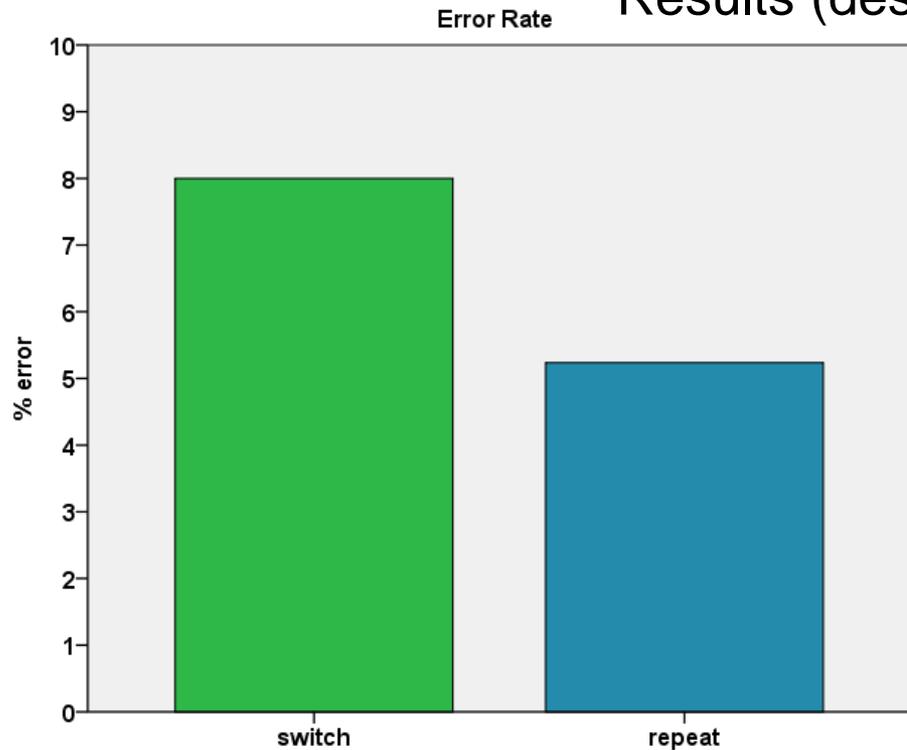
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# Attention Control (AC)

Results (descriptives  $N=83$ )



**Error Rate (% ER)**

**Switch trials = 8.00**

**Repeat trials = 5.23**

**RTs**

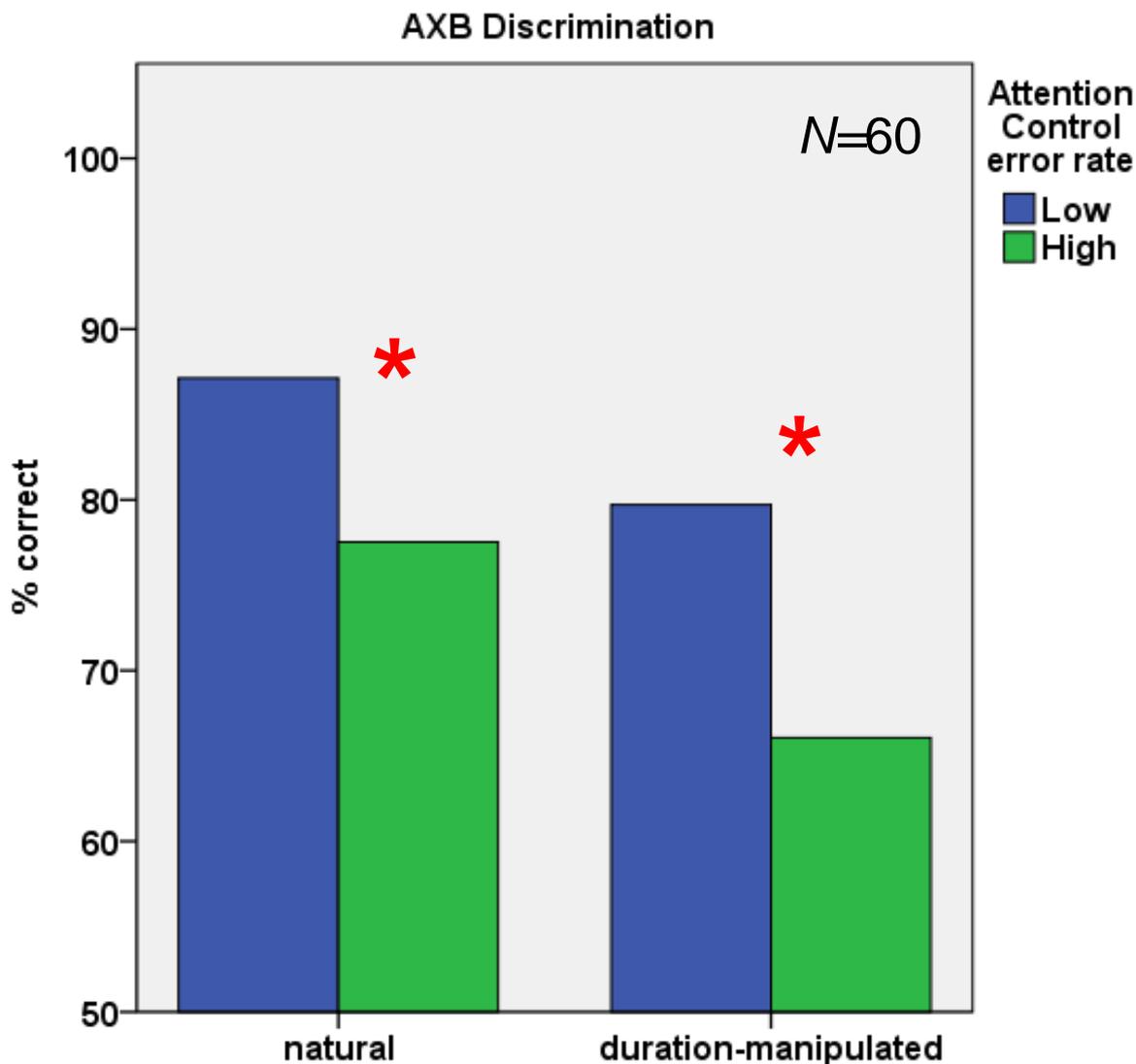
**Switch RTs = 1117 ms**

**Repeat RTs = 923 ms**

**Switch cost = 193 ms**



# Attention Control (AC)



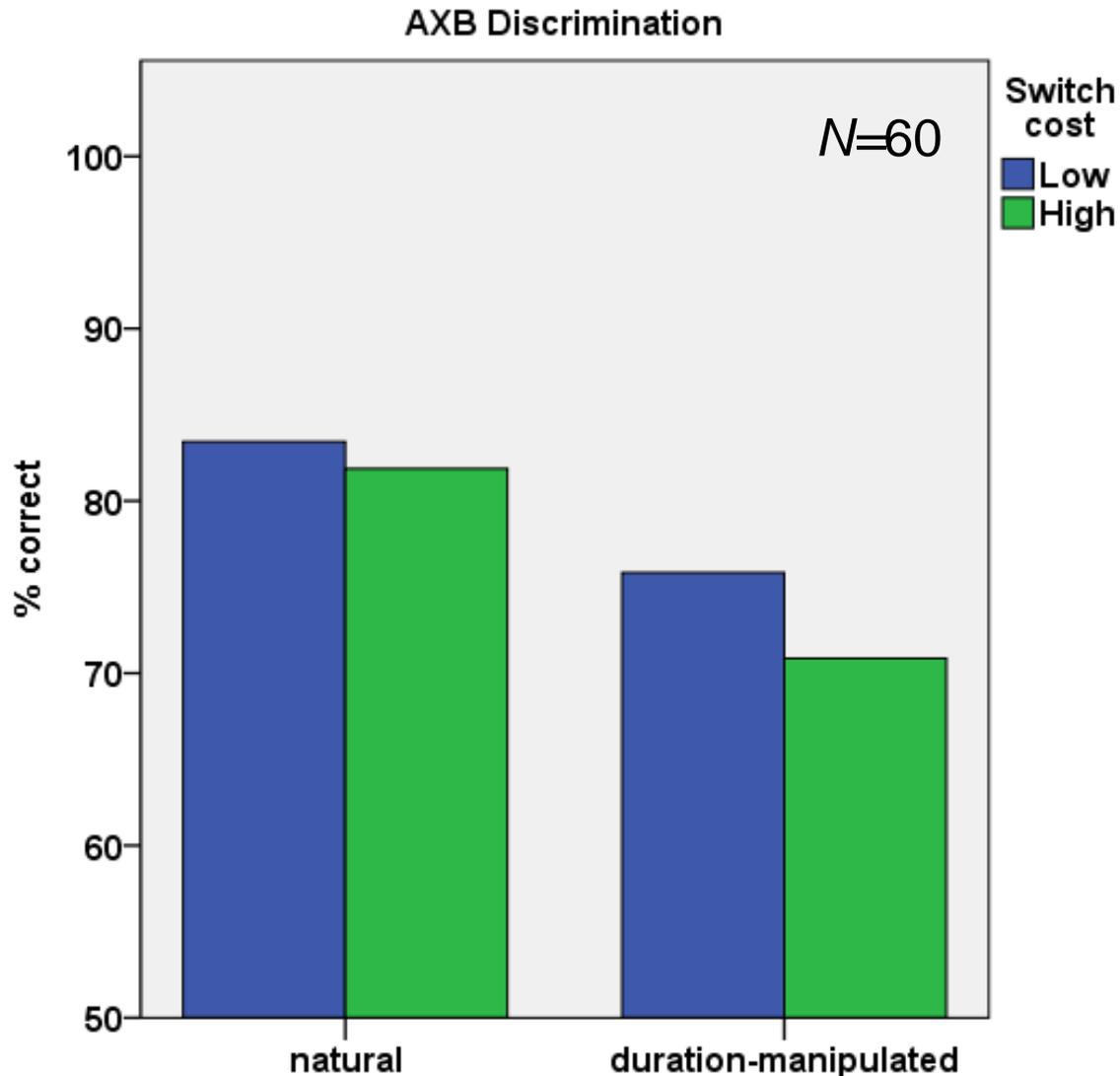
<i>Pearson r</i>	AC ER
DIS Nat	-.431**
DIS Man	-.476**

## ANOVAs

within: Nat/Man  $p < .001$   
between: Low/High  $p < .001$

Group differences:  
Low AC ER (N=32)  
High AC ER (N=28)  
Nat:  $p = .002$   
Man:  $p < .001$

# Attention Control (AC)



<i>Pearson r</i>	AC	SC
DIS Nat <b>n.s.</b>		<b>-.039</b>
DIS Man <b>n.s.</b>		<b>-.159</b>

ANOVAs

within: Nat/Man  **$p < .001$**   
between: Low/High **n.s.**

Group differences:

Low AC SC (N=30)

High AC SC (N=30)

Nat:  **$p = .572$**

Man:  **$p = .209$**



## Darcy, Mora & Daidone (2013)

- Attention Control

- Inhibition



- L2 production

- L2 perception

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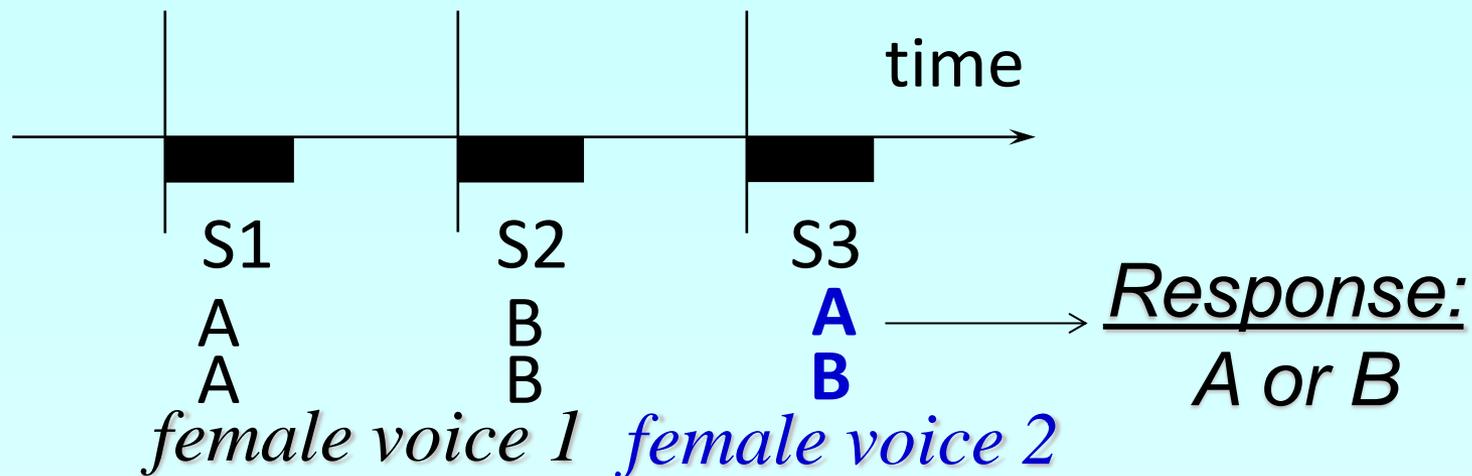
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# Perception: speeded categorial ABX task



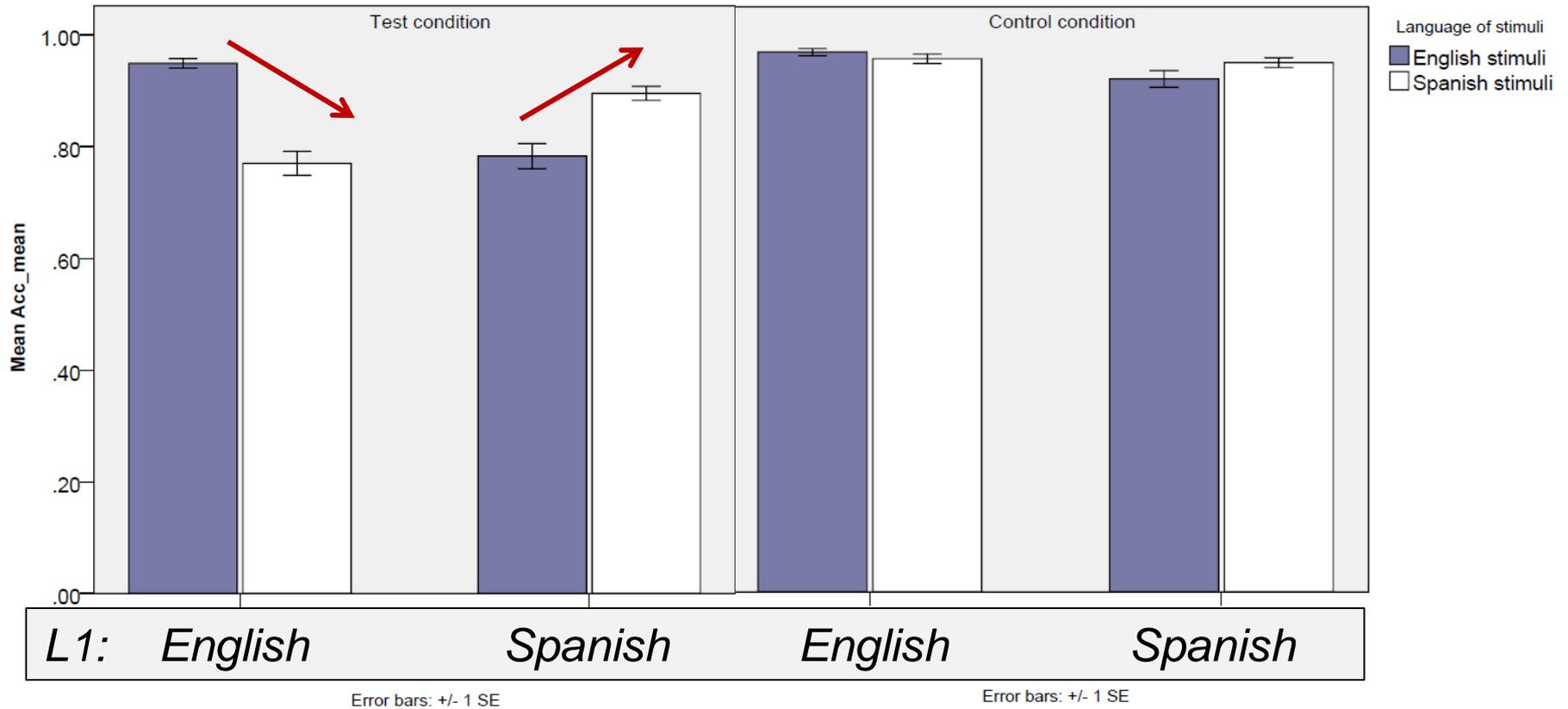
Stimulus	item A	item B	Condition
Spanish	sa'reβo	sa'ðeβo	Test C
English	sə'ʃi:dən	sə'tʃi:dən	Test C
Spanish	fa'neða	fa'neiða	Test V
English	fə'ni:dɪʃ	fə'nɪdɪʃ	Test V
Spanish	ga'taso	ga'ðaso	Control C
English	gə'tæfɪn	gə'dæfɪn	Control C
Spanish	lu'pito	lu'pato	Control V
English	lə'pi:dɪk	lə'pædɪk	Control V



# Perception results: speeded categorial ABX task

Test

Control





# Attention Control (AC)

## Switch-Repeat alternation of stimuli

- Attention switching between acoustic dimensions: **Nasality** vs. **Native language phonetics**

- 2 stimuli sets (**Spanish & Am.English**)

- 2 native **bilinguals** recorded 2 stimuli sets.

<b>Spanish Nasal</b>	<b>English Nasal</b>
'noma	'no <sup>u</sup> mə
'nole	'no <sup>u</sup> leɪ
 'niso 	 'nISO <sup>u</sup> 
<b>Spanish Nonnasal</b>	<b>English Nonnasal</b>
'piyo	'piɡo <sup>u</sup>
'dofe	'do <sup>u</sup> feɪ
 'saso 	 'sæso <sup>u</sup> 



# Attention Control (AC)

Question



Auditory stimulus



Response

Example: L1-English learner of L2-Spanish

# English?



YES

NO

# Attention Control (AC)

Question



Auditory stimulus



Response

Example: L1-English learner of L2-Spanish

# English?



YES

NO

# Attention Control (AC)

Question



Auditory stimulus



Response

Example: L1-English learner of L2-Spanish

## Nasal?



YES

NO

# Attention Control (AC)

Question



Auditory stimulus



Response

Example: L1-English learner of L2-Spanish

## Nasal?

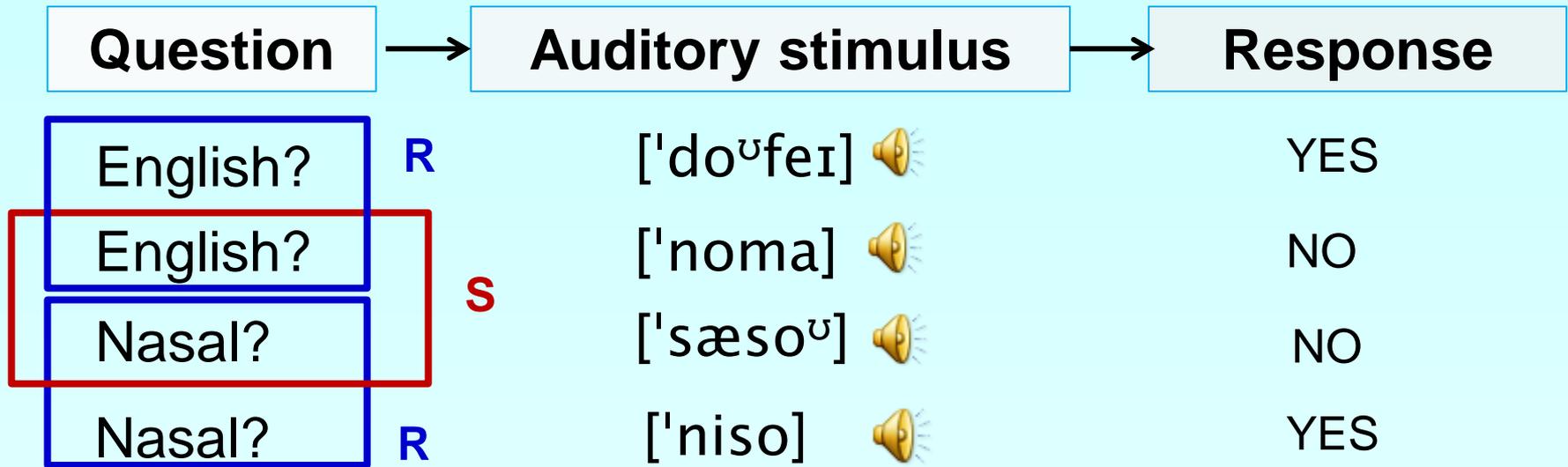


YES

NO



# Attention Control (AC)



Measures:

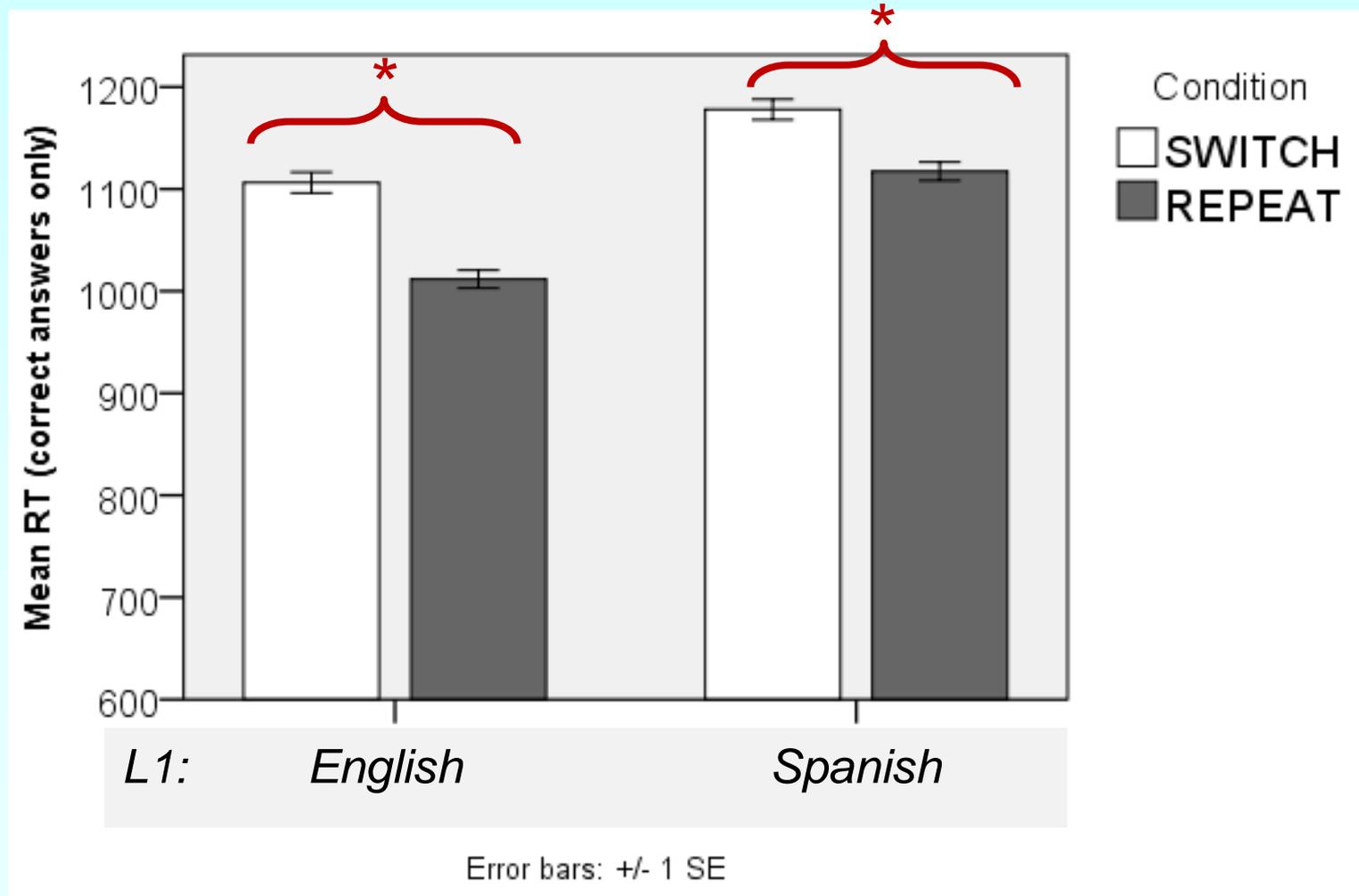
RT on **Switch** vs. **Repeat** (baseline) conditions

Switch cost: **Switch** – **Repeat**, for each participant



# Attention Control (AC)

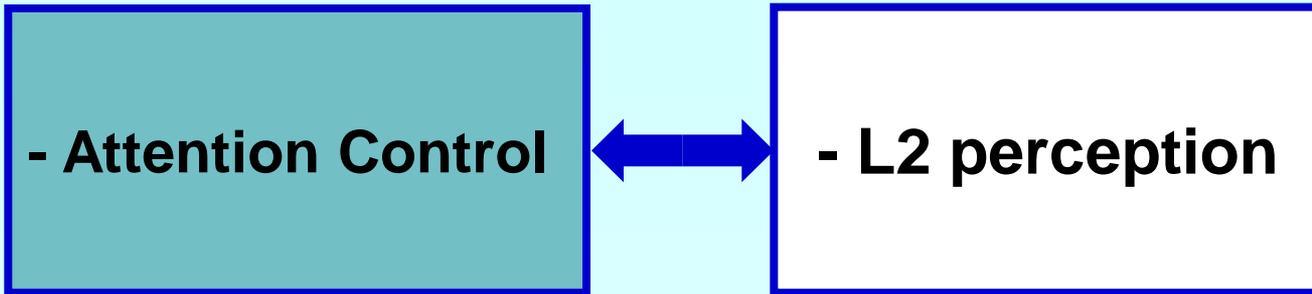
## Results:





# Attention Control (AC)

**Vocabulary test score**  
used as covariate to partial out proficiency



	Perception (ABX)	
Attention (shift cost)	L2 Sp	<i>n.s.</i>
	L2 En	<i>r= -.488*</i>



# Inhibition

## Inhibitory control:

A person's ability to bring to the background stimuli (visual, auditory) or stimuli features (colour, shape) that are irrelevant to the mental process at hand.

## Inhibition in language and speech:

- **Bilingual language control: e.g. L1/L2**
  - **Inhibition of the language not in use**
- **Lexical selection in word retrieval processes**
  - **inhibition as the suppression of activation: higher inhibition > harder to activate (harder to overcome suppression)**
- **Cue-weighting in L1/L2 speech processing**
  - **Focusing attention on a cue inhibits another:**
    - e.g. V Duration is inhibited when processing V quality**

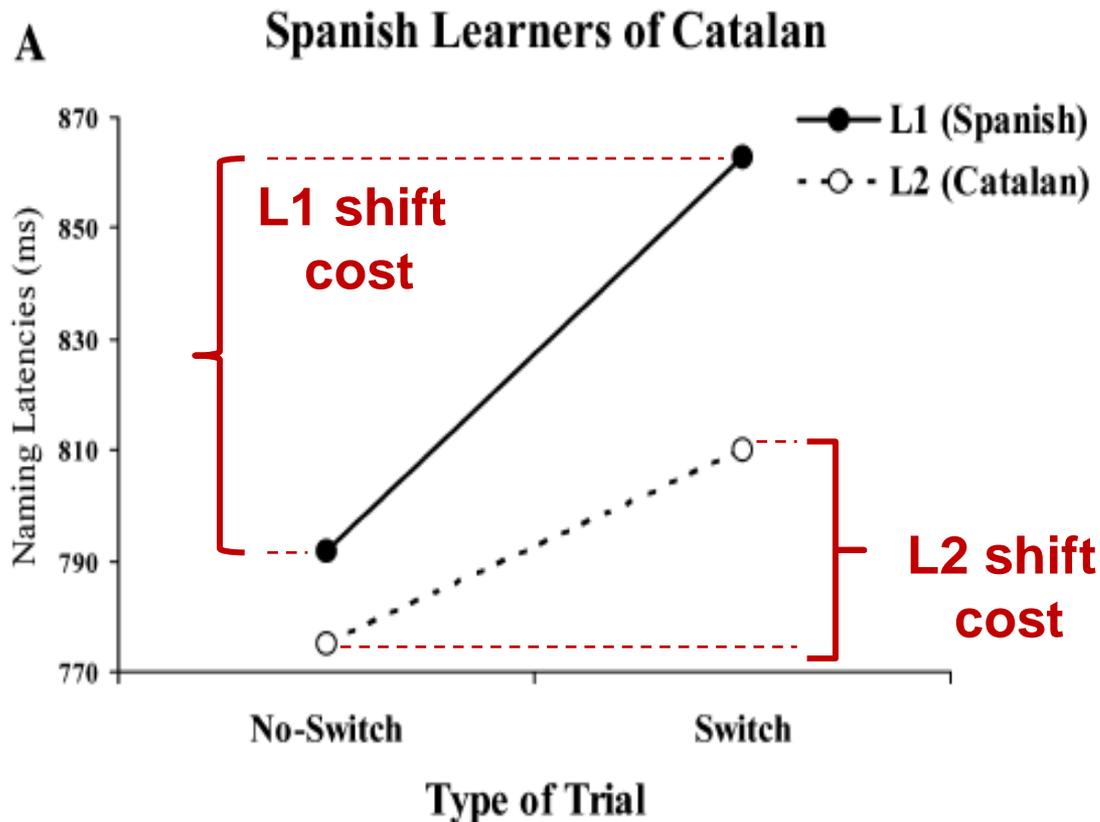
(Costa & Santesteban, 2004; Costa, Santesteban & Ivanova, 2006; Lev-Ari & Peperkamp, 2013; Miyake et al., 2000)



# Inhibition

**Amount of inhibition is related to proficiency level**

- **Activation HIGH in L1** > strong inhibition
- **Activation LOW in L2 (if proficiency is LOW)** > little inhibition



- RTs are slower in Switch than Nonswitch trials.

- L1-to-L2 and L2-to-L1 switching costs are asymmetrical:

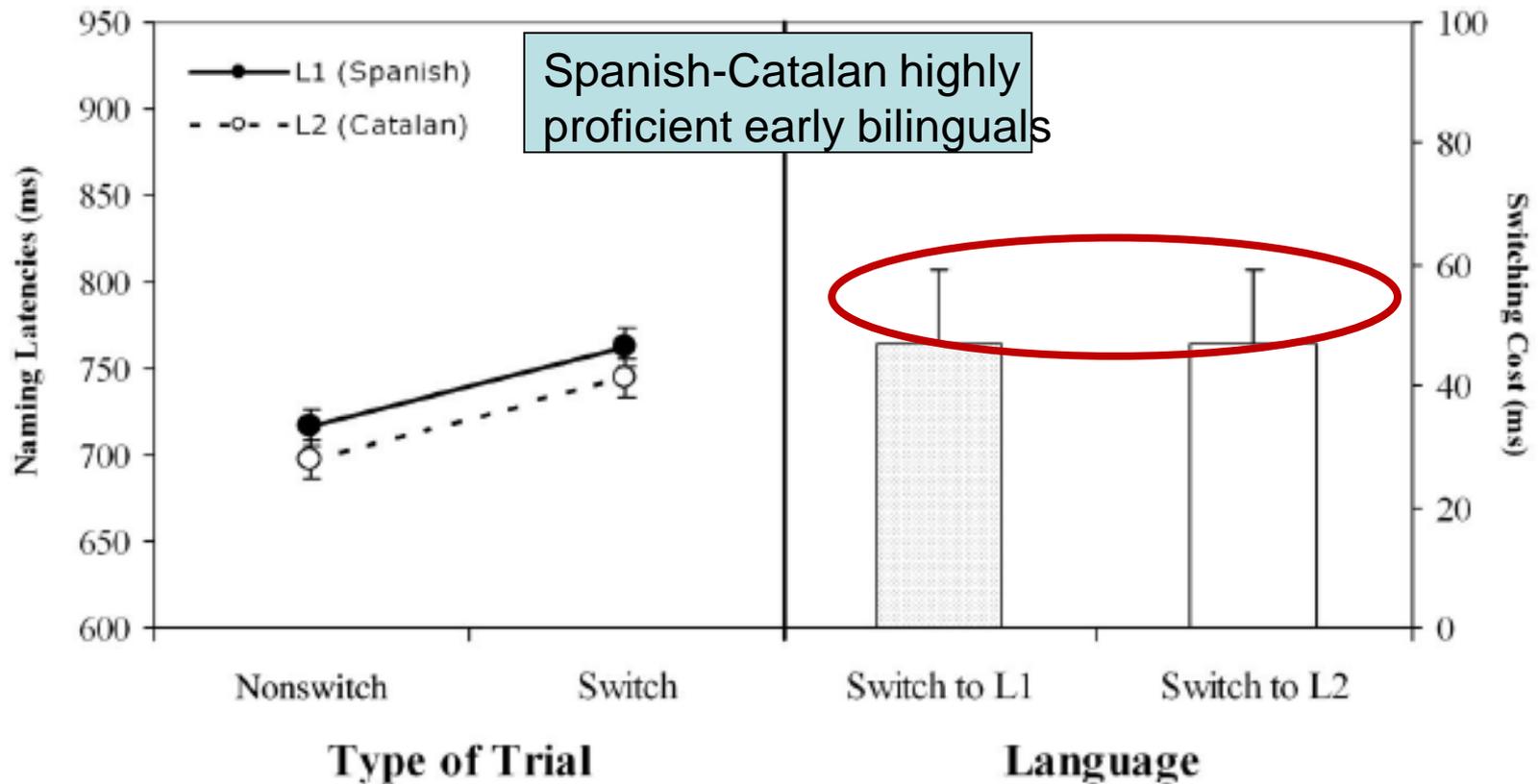
> shifting to L1 requires more time (to overcome inhibition)



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# Inhibition

## Inhibition and L2 phonological acquisition

- > **Stronger inhibitory skill might result in better inhibition of the language not in use, and to more efficient phonological processing when switching between speech dimensions or languages.**
- > **Learners with better inhibitory control may be more efficient at inhibiting their L1 phonetics and phonology when speaking their L2**
  - > **more accurate, less foreign-accented speech**



# Inhibition: inhibitory control task

Memorize

- Vegetables
  - Lettuce
  - Potato
  - Artichoke
  - Onion
  - Spinach
  - Tomato
- Animals
  - Duck
  - Snake
  - Elephant
  - Horse
  - Tiger
  - Cow
- Occupations
  - Plumber
  - Teacher
  - Fireman
  - Carpenter
  - Engineer
  - Nurse

Practice  
Type: Vegetable-L\_\_

- Vegetables
    - Lettuce
    - Potato
    - Artichoke
    - Onion
    - Spinach
    - Tomato
  - Animals
    - Duck
    - Snake
    - Elephant
    - Horse
    - Tiger
    - Cow
  - Occupations
    - Plumber
    - Teacher
    - Fireman
    - Carpenter
    - Engineer
    - Nurse
- Control**  
(non practiced category)

Recognize

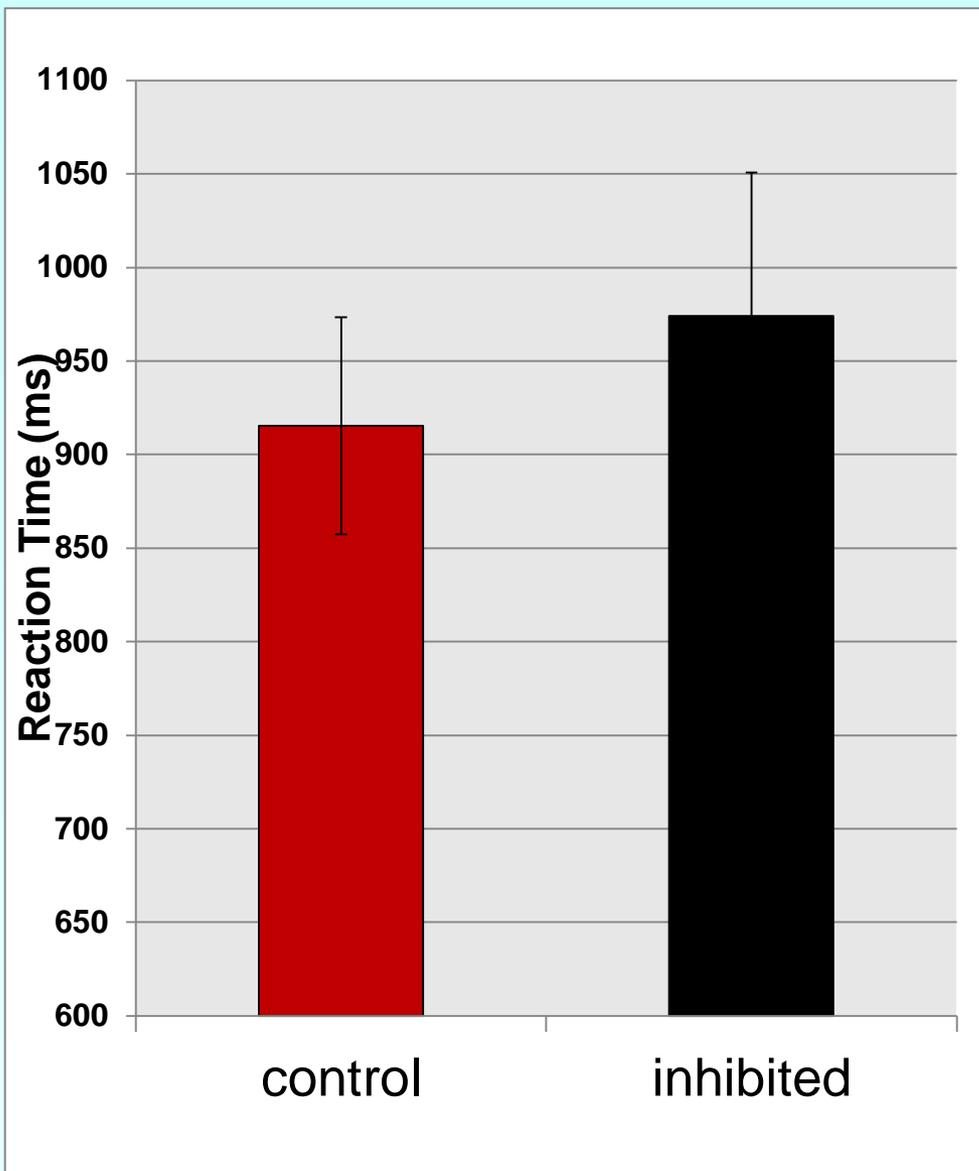
- Vegetables
    - Lettuce
    - Potato
    - Artichoke
    - **Onion**
    - **Spinach**
    - **Tomato**
  - Animals
    - Duck
    - Snake
    - Elephant
    - **Horse**
    - **Tiger**
    - **Cow**
  - Occupations
    - **Plumber**
    - **Teacher**
    - **Fireman**
    - **Carpenter**
    - **Engineer**
    - **Nurse**
- RT on inhibited / RT on control

PLUS additional items never presented before (e.g. secretary)

$$\text{Inhibition score} = \frac{\text{RT to inhibited}}{\text{RT to control}}$$



# Inhibition: results



(Proficiency partialled out)

- Inhibition



- ABX accuracy

	Perception (ABX)
Inhibition (score)	L2 Sp <i>r= .507*</i> L2 En <i>r= .615*</i>



# Cognitive skills and L2 speech perception

## Cognitive skills

**Phonological  
short-term  
Memory (PM)**

**Acoustic  
Memory  
(AM)**

**Attention  
Control  
(AC)**

**INHIBITION  
(INH)**



## L2 phonological competence

- Explain inter-learner variability
- Not all cognitive skills seem to have the same weight, but:
  - variety of cognitive tasks
  - variety of L2 phonological assessment tasks
- L2-Learner populations may differ in crucial respects. e.g. we recently found a much weaker relationship between Inhibitory control and ABX discrimination with a bilingual population in Barcelona.



# PM, AM, AC & L2 Vowel Perception

## Regression Analyses (N=60)

$R^2=.286$  (28.6%);  $p=.001$  (Nat)

$R^2=.285$  (28.5%);  $p=.001$  (Man)

% Unique Variance

**Phonological  
short-term  
Memory (PM)**

Explained    p=

0.01    .945    Nat  
0.03    .881    Man

**Acoustic  
Memory  
(AM)**

11.3    .007    Nat  
4.9    .070    Man

**Attention  
Control  
(AC ER)**

3.5    .123    Nat  
9.5    .013    Man

**AXB  
discrimination  
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# PM, AM, AC & L2 Vowel Perception

## Regression Analyses

$R^2=.258$  (25.8%);  $p=.002$  (Nat)

$R^2=.236$  (23.6%);  $p=.004$  (Man)

% Unique Variance

	<u>Explained</u>	<u>p=</u>	
<b>Phonological short-term Memory (PM)</b>	0.23	.696	Nat
	0.55	.552	Man
<b>Acoustic Memory (AM)</b>	20.4	.001	Nat
	14.6	.003	Man
<b>Attention Control (AC <u>SC</u>)</b>	0.7	.510	Nat
	4.5	.092	Man

**AXB  
discrimination  
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## Next steps

- Improving the speech-based tasks to measure cognitive skills. > current PhD work on phonological memory by Eva Cerviño-Povedano
- Training and pedagogy:
  - > What is the role of individual differences in cognitive skills on L2 perception and production gains obtained through **phonetic training**?
  - > Can speech-related cognitive functions be trained efficiently for the benefit of L2 phonological development? How?
- What is the role of individual differences in cognitive skills on cross-language speech perception and the formation of L2 phonetic categories? > current PhD work by Elena Safronova.



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# Phonological short-term memory (PM)

(Mora & Cerviño-Povedano 2010)

- 54 Catalan-Spanish Bilinguals
- ID (cue weighting): natural & duration manipulated MPs
- PM (SNWR): Catalan (L1), English (L2) and Russian (L0).
- PM score (median split) Low vs. High

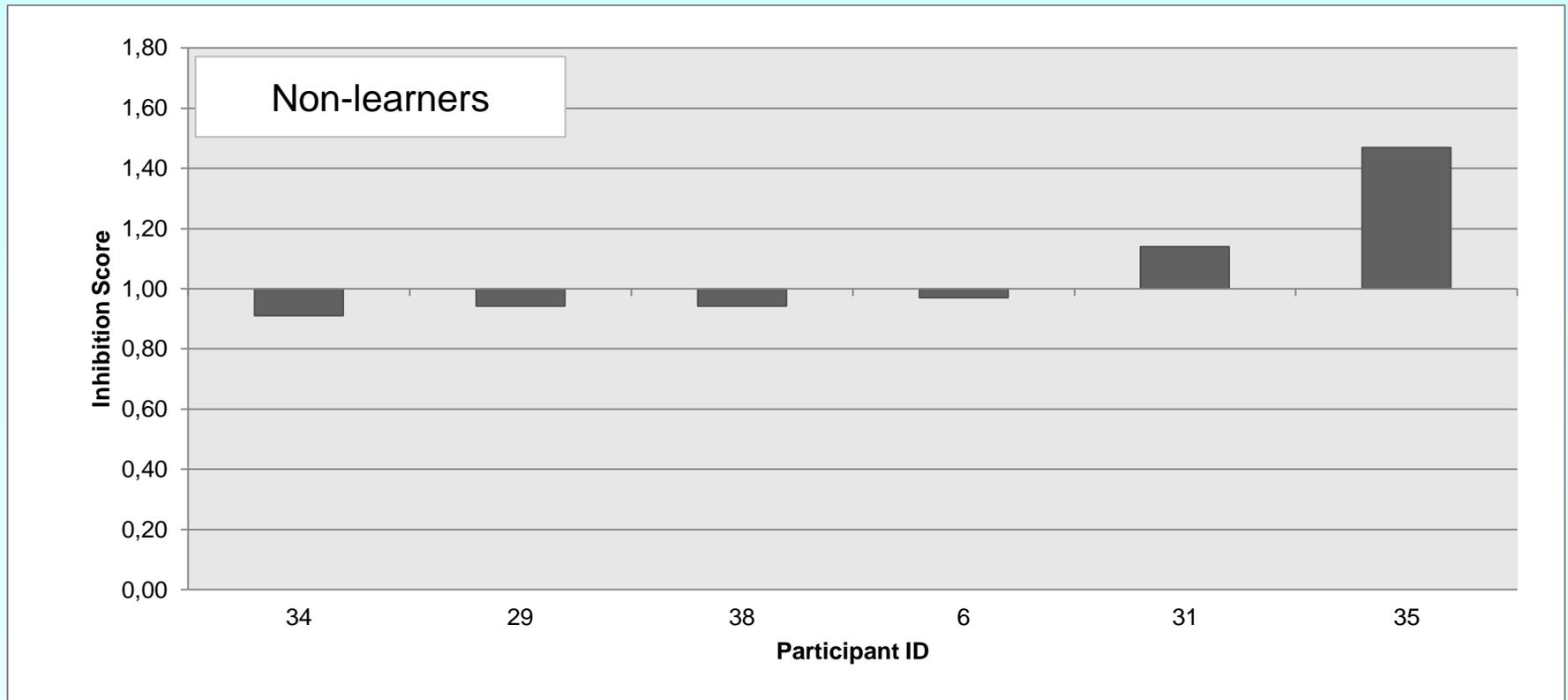
**Stimuli manipulation** (Ylinen et al. 2010):

Tense /i:/ was given the duration of lax /ɪ/ (shortened) in every minimal pair produced by every speaker (and lax /ɪ/ → /i:/ tense (lengthened))

	Natural		Shortening/Lengthening		Manipulated
voiced	425ms /di:d/ 		425ms → 240ms		/di:d/ 240ms
	240ms /dɪd/ 		240ms → 425ms		/dɪd/ 425ms
unvoiced	245ms /pɪ:k/ 		245ms → 165ms		/pɪ:k/ 165ms
	165ms /pɪk/ 		165ms → 245ms		/pɪk/ 245ms

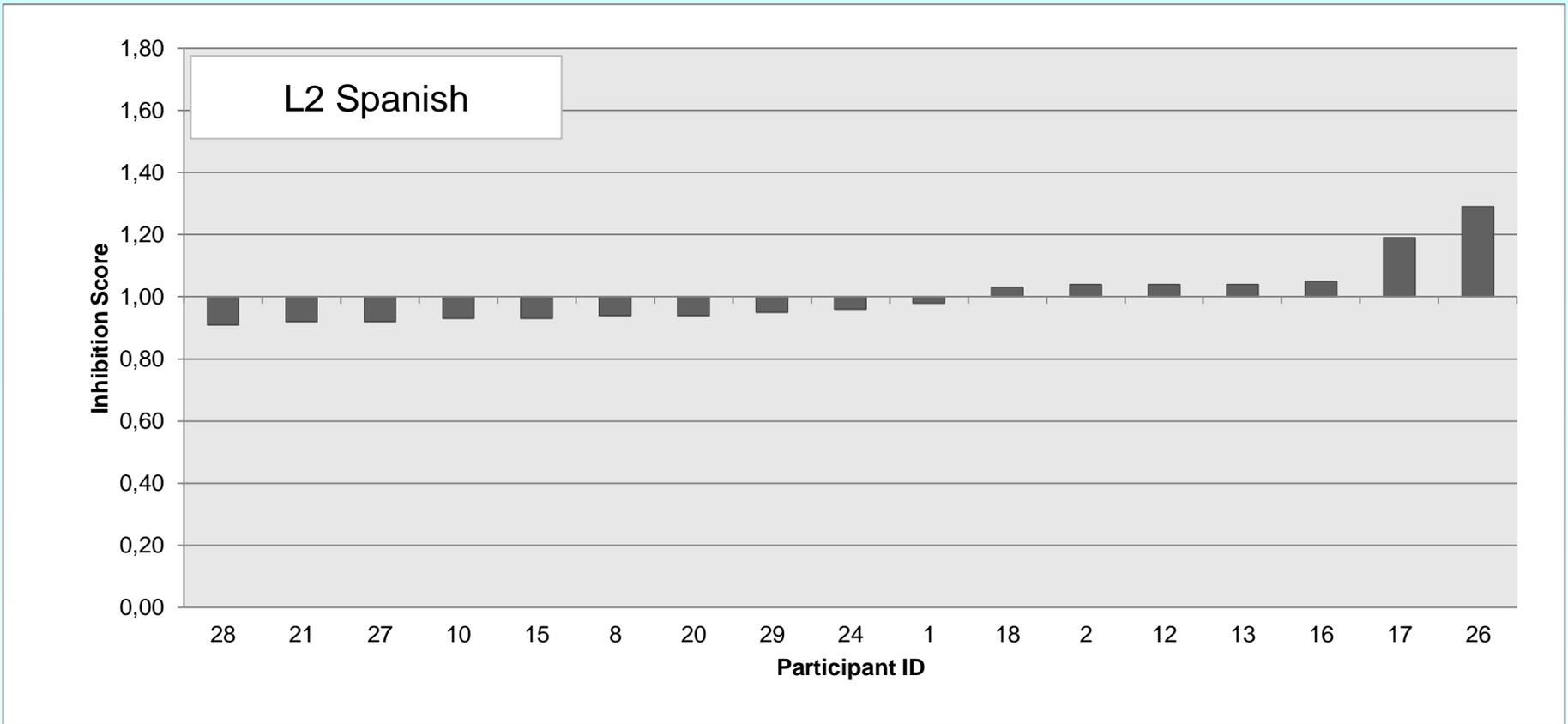
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- 1 means 2 RTs are the same
- higher bar = higher inhibition (higher RT in inhibited condition)



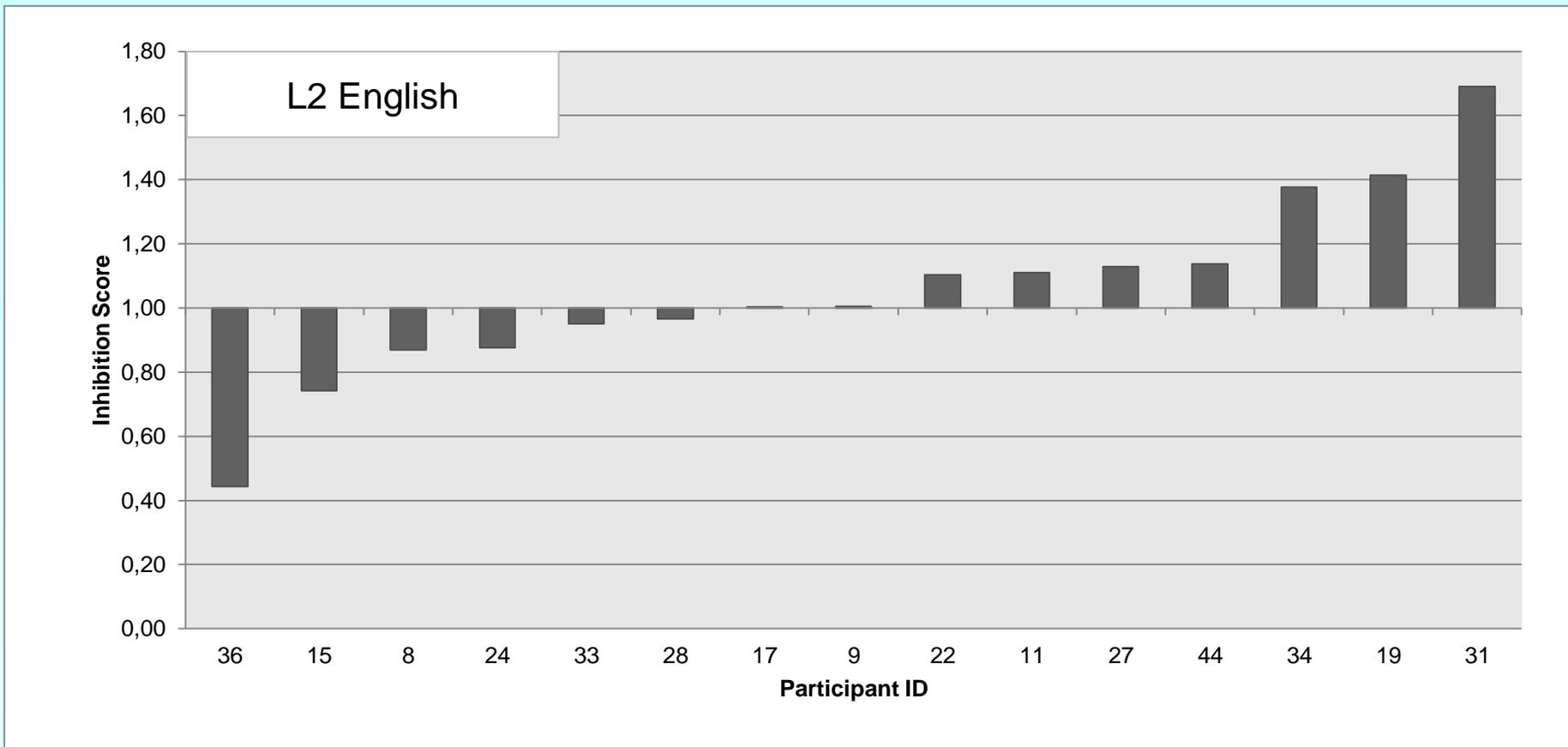
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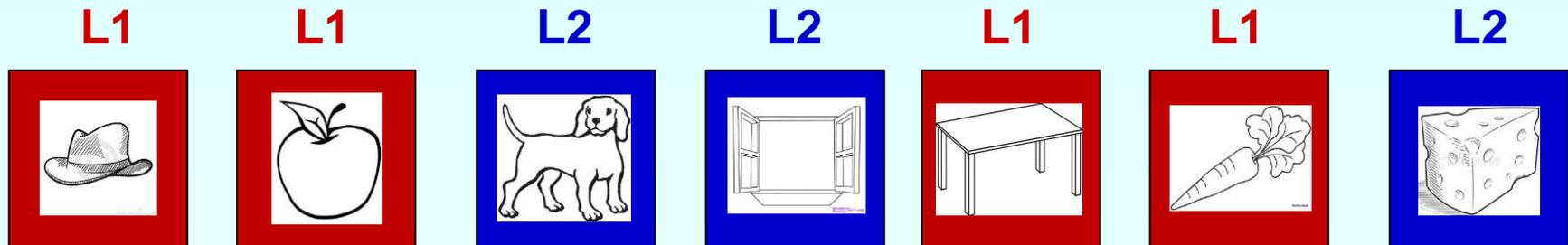
# Inhibition

**Amount of inhibition = Level of proficiency**

- Activation HIGH in L1 > strong inhibition
- Activation LOW in L2 (if proficiency is LOW) > little inhibition

## Language Switching Task (picture naming)

- Trials:**
- switch (L1-L2 / L2-L1) and non-switch (L1-L1 / L2-L2)
  - language cued by background colour: **L1** **L2**
- Measure:** RTs from stimuli onset to voice-key activation

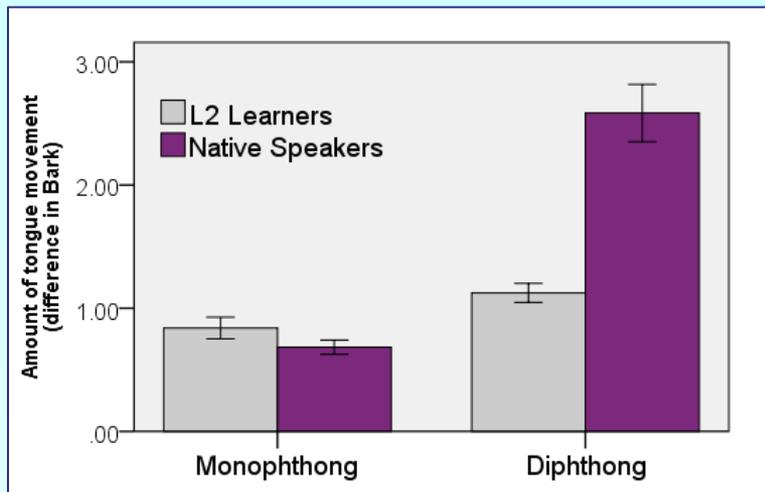


>non-s> >switch> >non-s> >switch> >non-s> >switch>

# Production results: delayed sentence repetition

## Spanish L2

/e/ - /eɪ /: amount of tongue movement

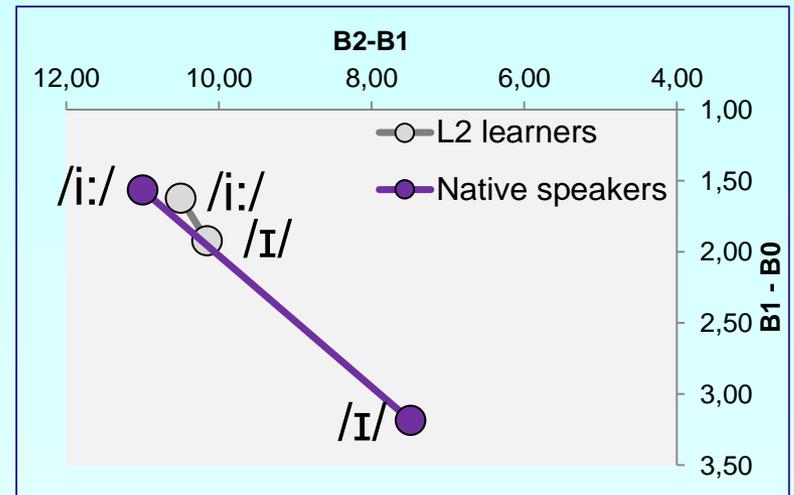


/r/ - /r̄/ Average score (max. 8)

L2 learners	Mean score	SD
n = 26	4.27	2.20
Native speakers (Spanish)		
n = 9	7.89	0.3

## English L2

/i:/ - /ɪ/ : spectral differences (Bark)

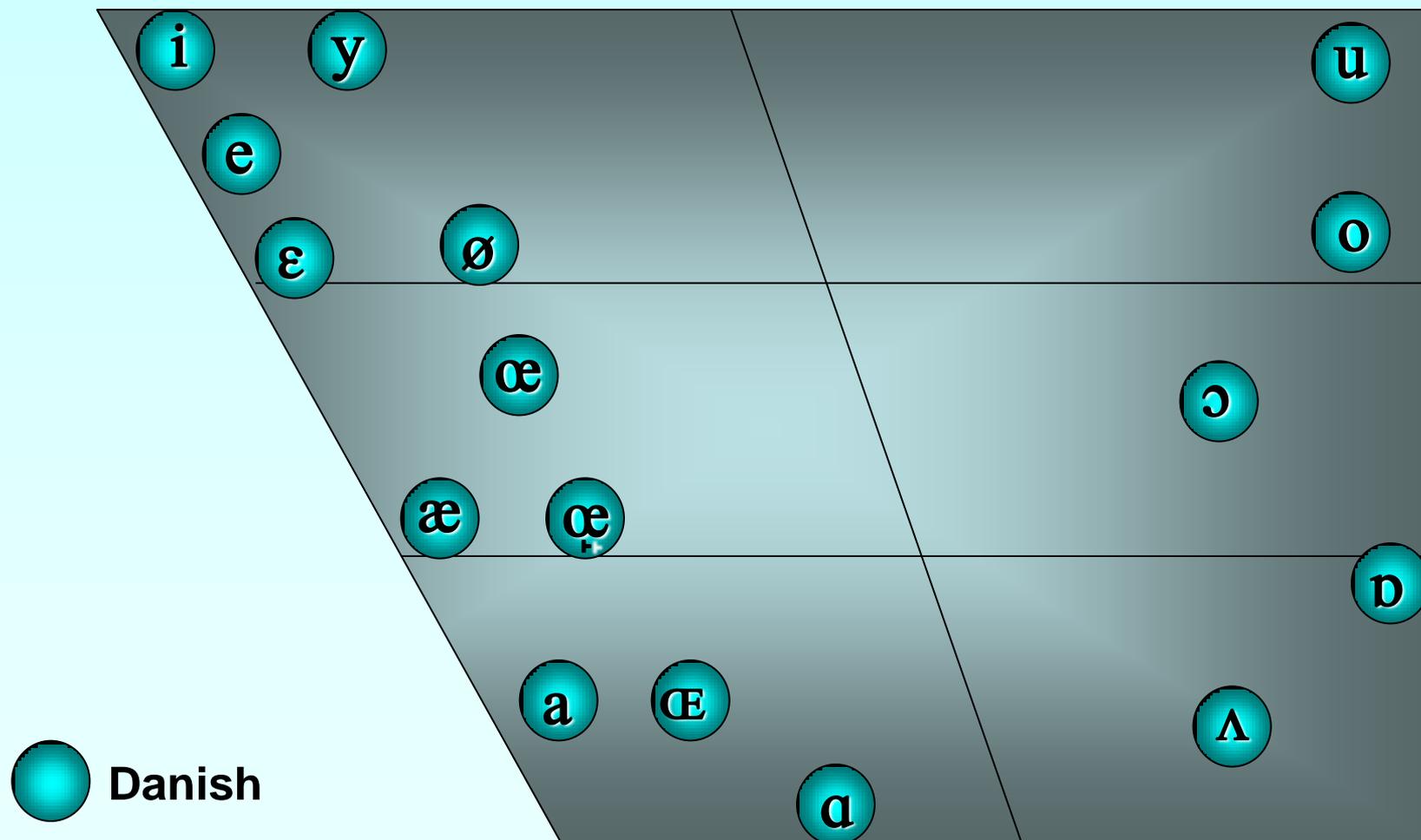


/ʃ/ - /tʃ/ Average score (max. 8)

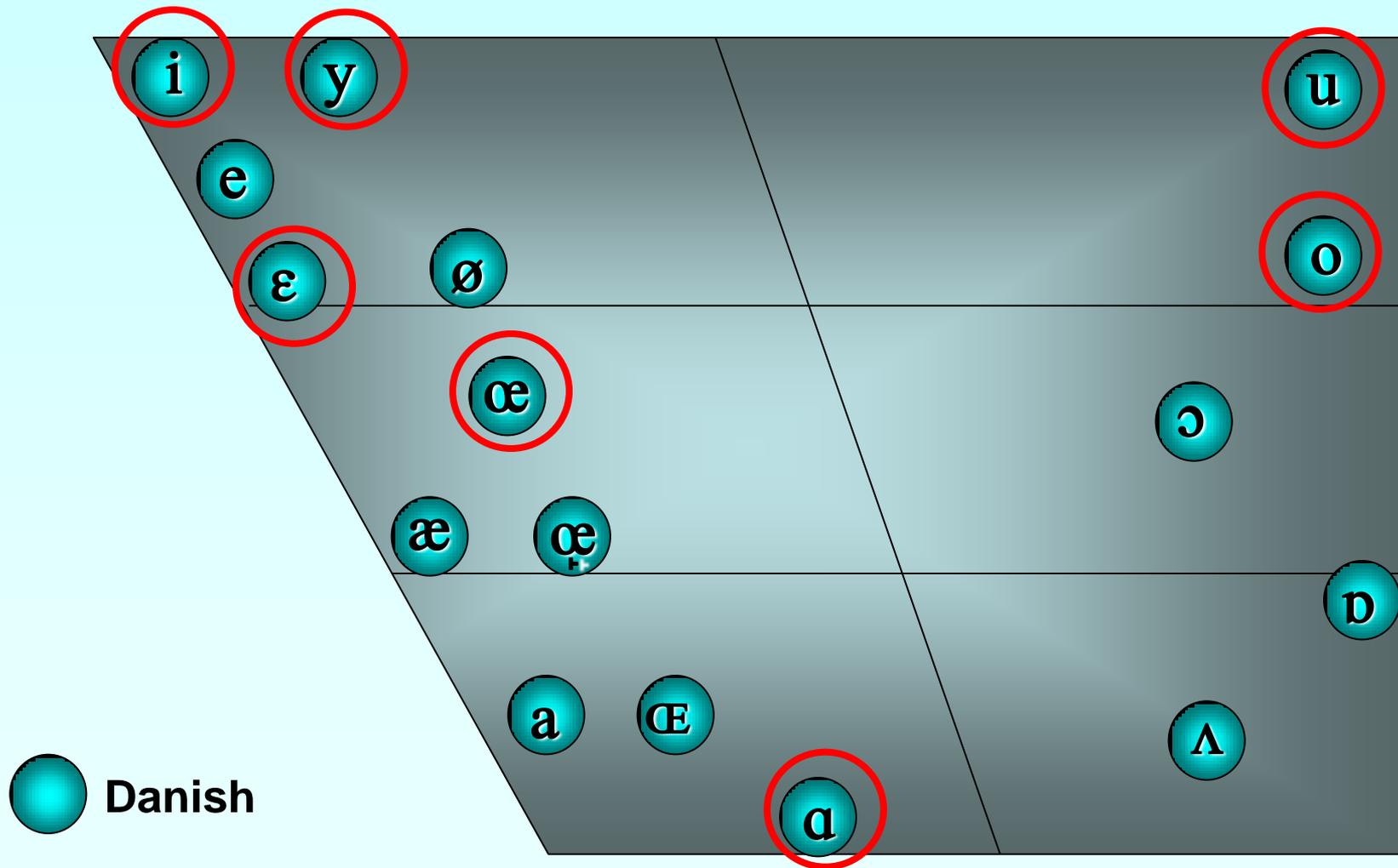
L2 learners	Mean score	SD
n = 35	6.89	1.32
Native speakers (English)		
n = 10	8	0

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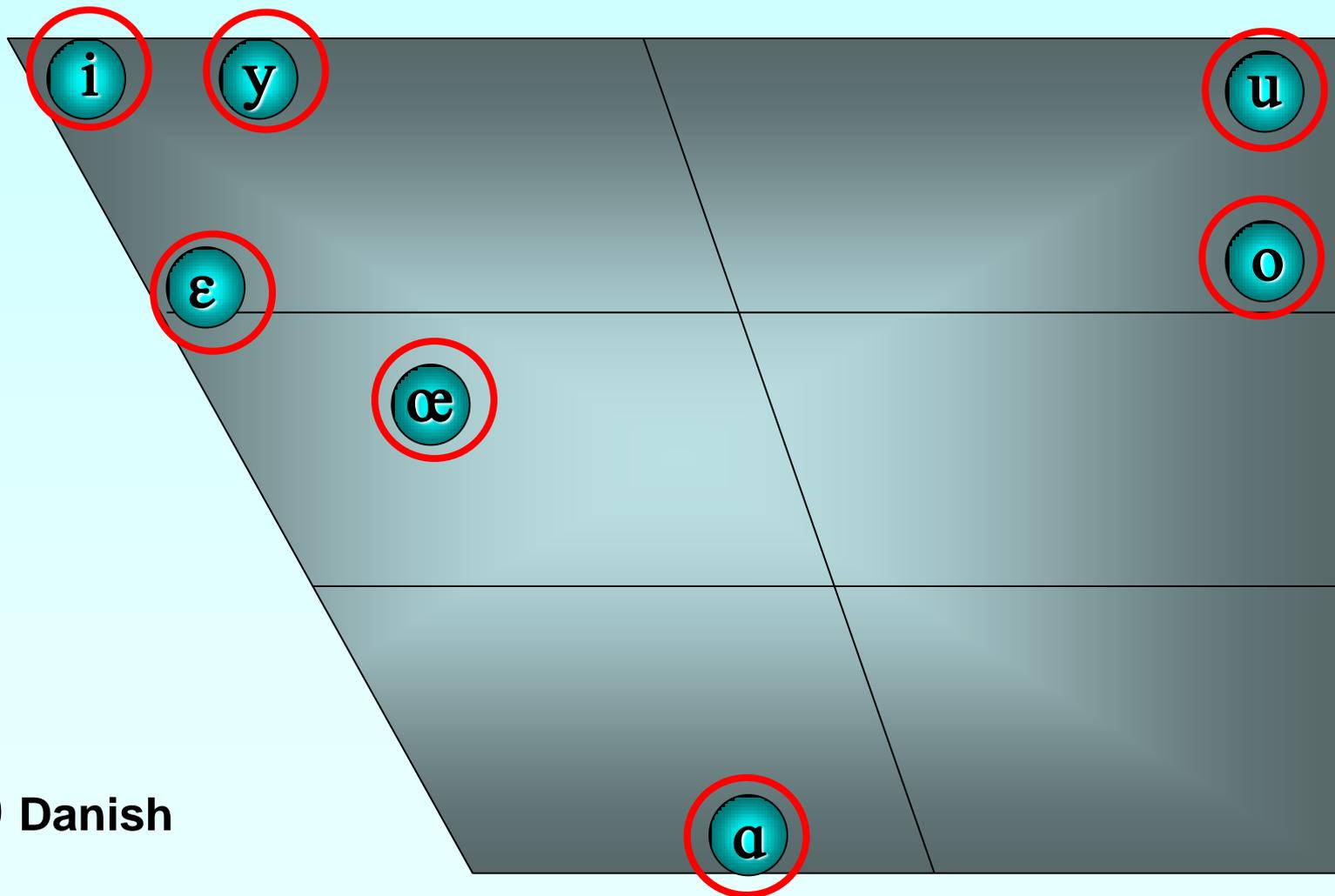
## Danish



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