

# 4. Perpausak prozesatzen

## a. Perpausen prozesamendua





**VS.**



# Sintaxia

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Mikelek

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Miren

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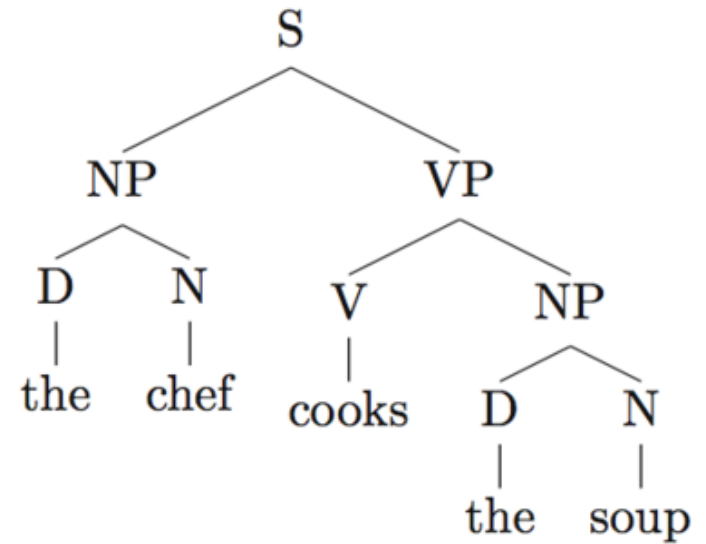
# Sintaxia



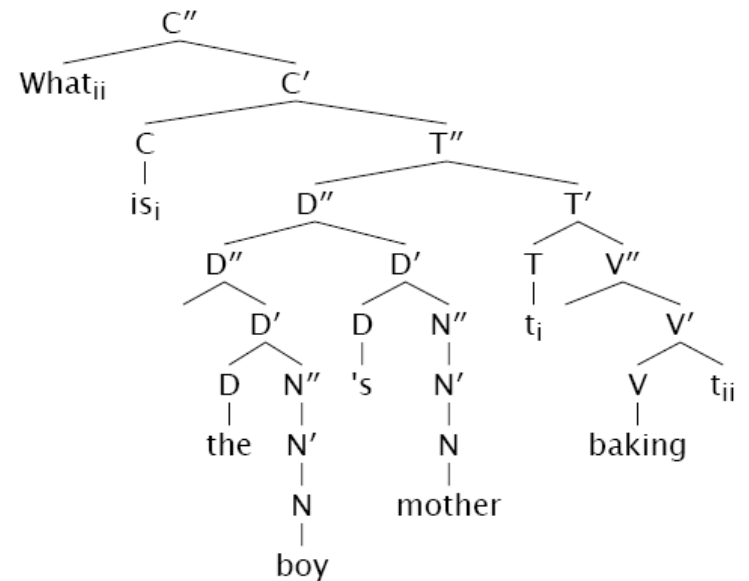
# Sintaxia

## Chomsky

-Arau sortzaileak/hierarkia



-Transformazioak

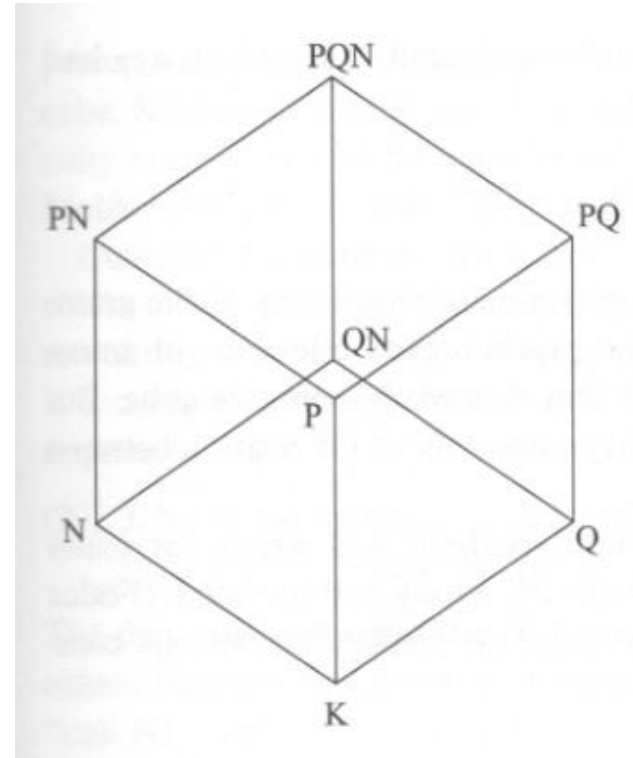


# Miller (1962)

Some psychological studies of grammar



## Transformational Cube



- (22) a. Mary hit Mark. K  
b. Mary did not hit Mark. N  
c. Mark was hit by Mary. P  
d. Did Mary hit Mark? Q  
e. Mark was not hit by Mary. NP  
f. Didn't Mary hit Mark? NQ  
g. Was Mark hit by Mary? PQ  
h. Wasn't Mark hit by Mary? PNQ

# Egitura sintaktikoa

Ingeles bere zen ikaragarri bi orain  
Irlandara dela zuen urte joan  
hobetu eta maila Miren

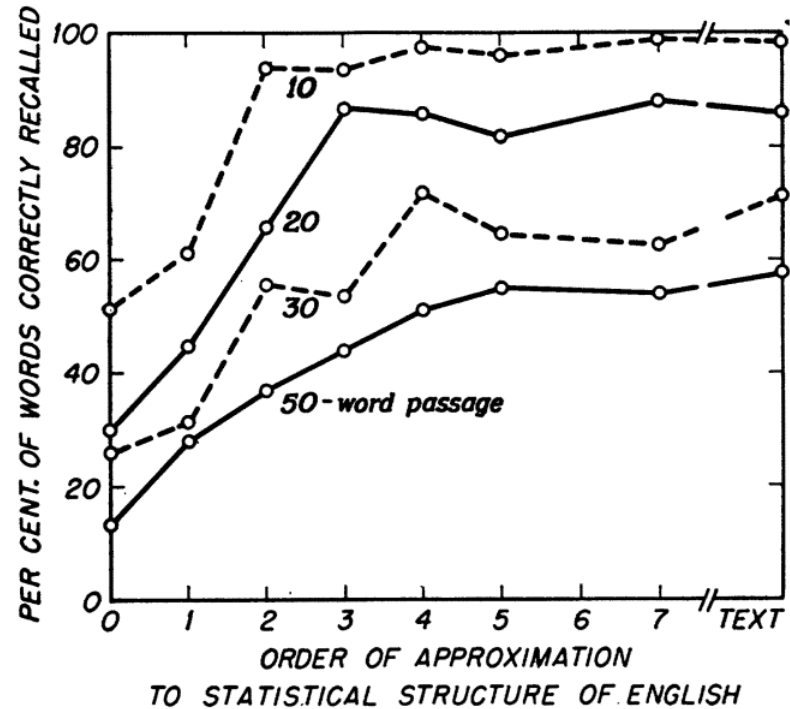


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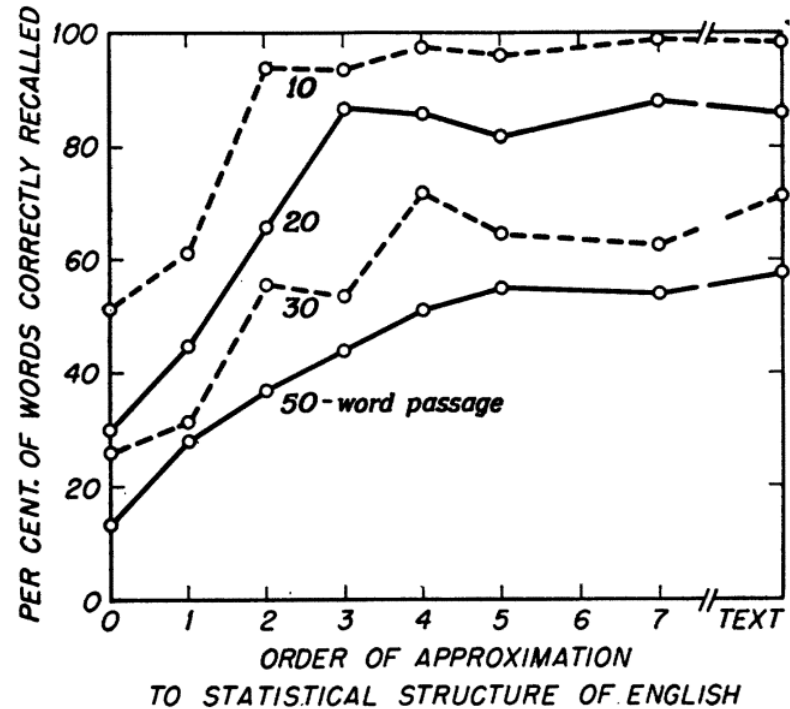


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# Egitura sintaktikoa

Orain dela bi urte Miren Irlandara  
joan zen eta bere ingeles maila  
ikaragarri hobetu zuen

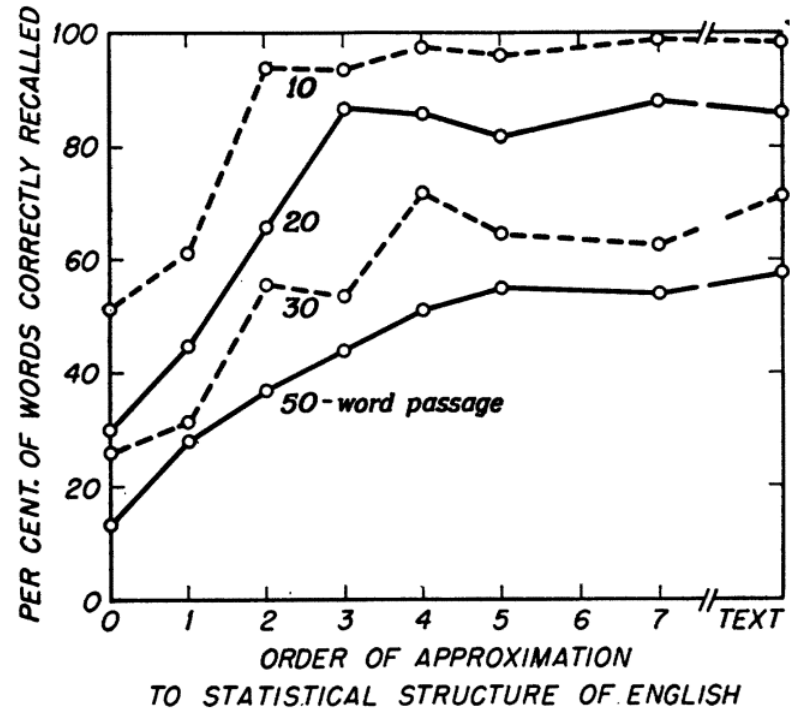


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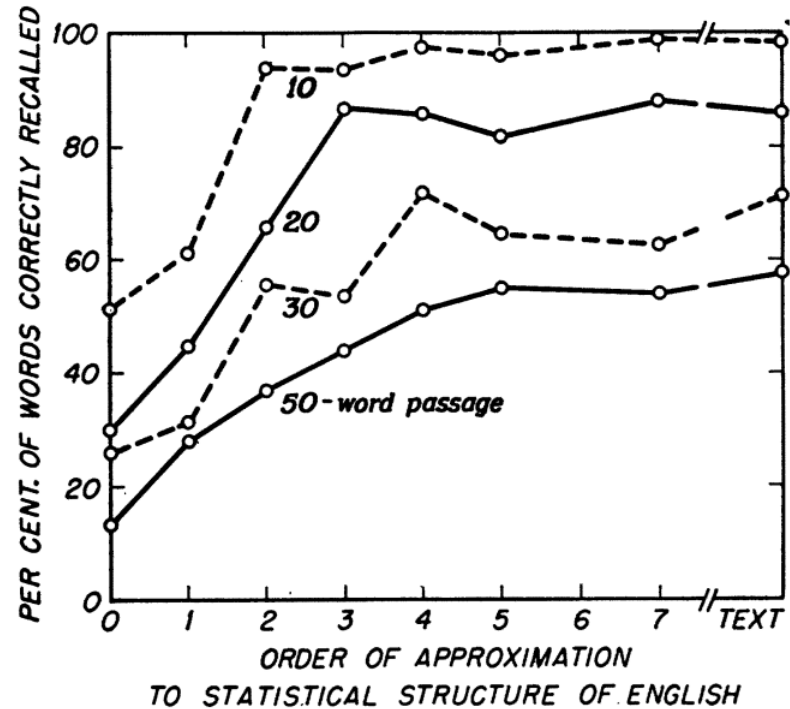


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# GRAMATIKALTASUNA

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Irlandara dela zuen urte joan  
hobetu eta maila Miren

Orain dela bi urte Miren Irlandara  
joan zen eta bere ingeles maila  
ikaragarri hobetu zuen

# Perpaus hipotesia (clausal hypothesis)

- **Perpaua hipotesia** (Carroll & Bever, 1976; Fodor, Bever, & Garrett, 1974):
  - Perpaua hizkuntza ulermeneko oinarrizko egitura da, eta beraz, ulermen prozesuetan perpaus egituren mugak bilatzen ditugu.
  - Perpaua aditz bat duen esaldi barruko hitz multzo bat da
  - Hizkuntza “multzokatzea” esaldi egituretan oinarrituta egiten dugu, adibidez, esaldiak perpaus egituretan multzokatzen ditugu.

John walked.

They ride on donkeys.

John wanted to leave work early.

The man who John saw was very tall.

“Chunking” prozesuak:  
zenbaki segida luzeak  
hobeto gogoratzen ditugu  
multzokatuta

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# Sintagmak

a. [In her hope of marrying] [Anna was surely impractical].



b. [[Your hope of marrying Anna] was surely impractical].



# Sintagmak

- a. Mirabelle knows the boys next door.
- b. Mirabelle knows the boys are rowdy.

# PARSING

## Parsing

- . Entzuten ditugun hitzekin egitura sintaktikoa eraikitzeari *parsing* deitzen diogu.
- . Egitura sortzeko erabiltzen ditugun mekanismo eta prozedurei *parser* deitzen zaie.

## Nola egiten du lan parserrak?

Hitz guztiak entzunez amaitzera eta euren esanahia memorian berreskuratzen itxaroten dugu taldekatze sintaktikoa edo egituratzea hasi aurretik?

- . Ezetz ematen du.

Parserra hitzak errekonozitzeko sistema bezain ona, azkarra eta pazientziarik gabea da.

# Inkrementalitatea

While Susan was dressing the baby played on the floor

While Susan was dressing herself the baby played on the floor

# AREAGOTZEA (*INCREMENTALITY*)

Parserra hitzak errekonozitzeko sistema bezain ona, azkarra eta pazientziarik gabea da.

Entzuten ari garen hizketa kateari buruzko informazio partzialarekin ere esanahiei buruzko susmoak edo suposizioak eraikitzen ditugu.

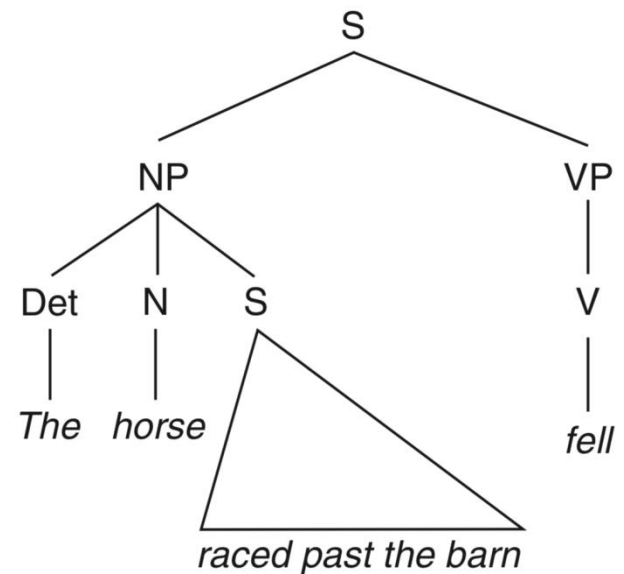
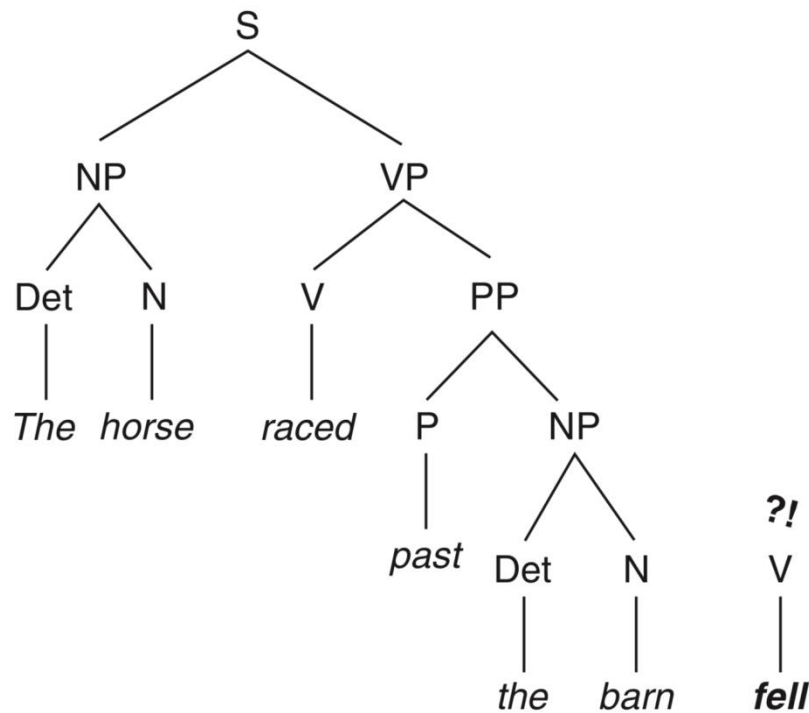
**Hizkuntzaren prozesamendua inkrementala da**

Esanahia eraikitzen doa diskurtsoa aurkeztu ahala, material linguistiko guztia pilatzeari itxaron gabe.

# *garden-path* perpausak

The horse raced past the barn fell.

[[The horse [raced past the barn]] fell]



# *garden-path* perpausak

- Gramatikalki zuzena den esaldi bat, hasierak okerra den interpretazio batera bideratzen gaituena. Hau da, esaldiaren hasierako egituratze sintaktikoa ezinezko bihurtzen da une batean, esaldiaren ezinezko interpretazio batera eramanez eta berriz interpretatu beharra daukagu.

# “garden-path” /saltxitxa modeloa



Lyn Frazier

Analizatzaile sintaktikoak (parser) estrategia orokorrak erabiltzen ditu esfortzu kognitiboak minimizatzeko:

- Minimal attachment
- Late closure



# *Labirintu* esaldien prozesamendua:

(Frazier & Fodor, 1978)

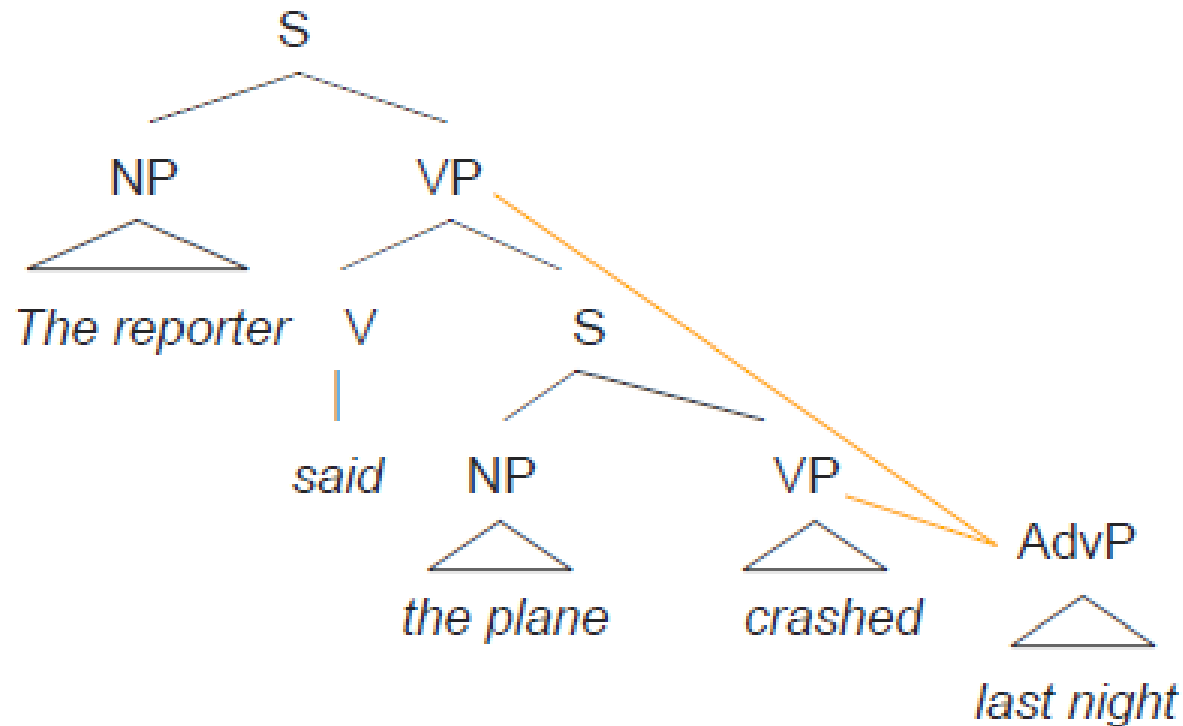
- Anbiguitatea konpontzeko bi prozesamendu estrategia nagusi:
  - **Late closure:** Lotu datorren materiala sortu berri duzun gertuen dagoen egiturara
  - **Minimal attachment:** Erabili nodo gutxien sortzea eskatuko dizun analisia

# Labirintu esaldien prozesamendua:

(Frazier & Fodor, 1978)

- Late Closure: Beheko lotura lehenetsi

- Prefer 'low attachment'



# Labirintu esaldien prozesamendua:

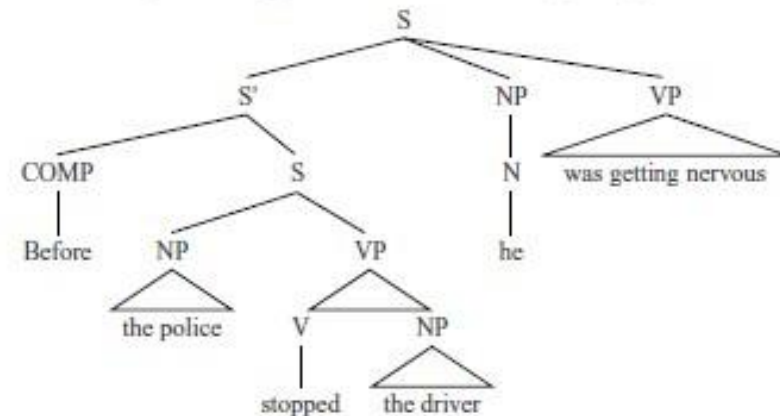
(Frazier & Fodor, 1978)

- Late Closure:

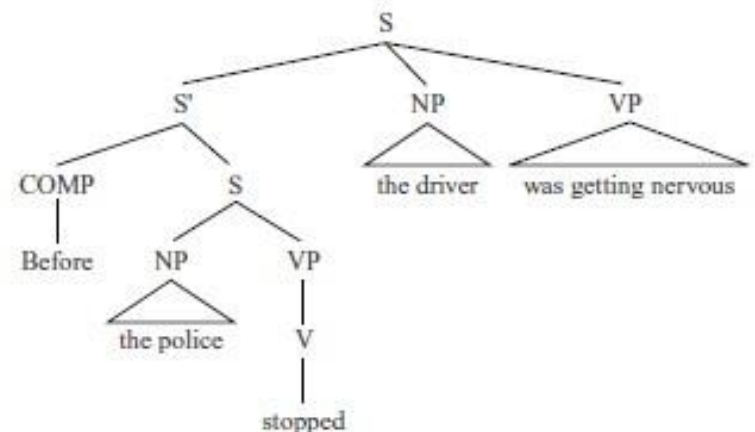
- The driver*-era ailegatzera, hiztunek 10.42ko interpretazioa nahiago (late closure, *stopped*-en irakurketa trantsitiboa, *the driver* objektua)

- 10.43n *stopped* intrantsitiboa, beraz, lehen perpausa goiz itxi. *the driver* bigarren perpauseko subjektua

Ullmer (10.42) Before the police stopped the driver he was getting nervous.



(10.43) Before the police stopped the driver was getting nervous.



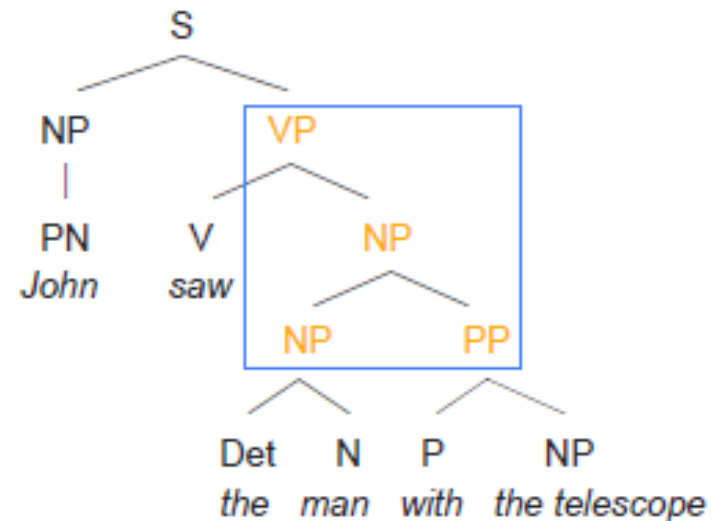
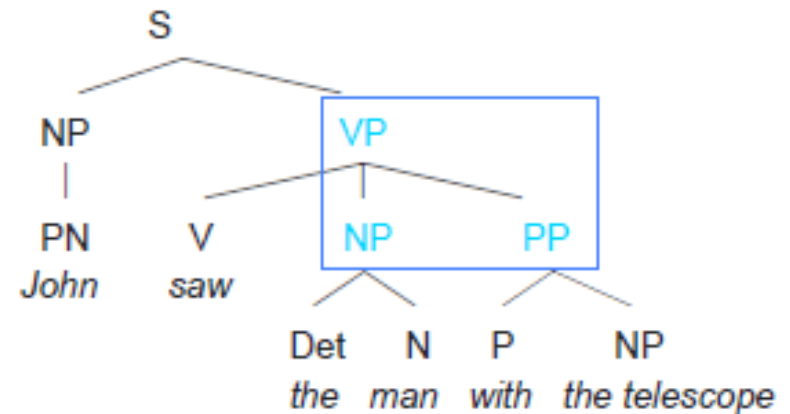
# Labirintu esaldien prozesamendua:

(Frazier & Fodor, 1978)

*John saw the man with the telescope*

- Minimal attachment:

VP attachment →



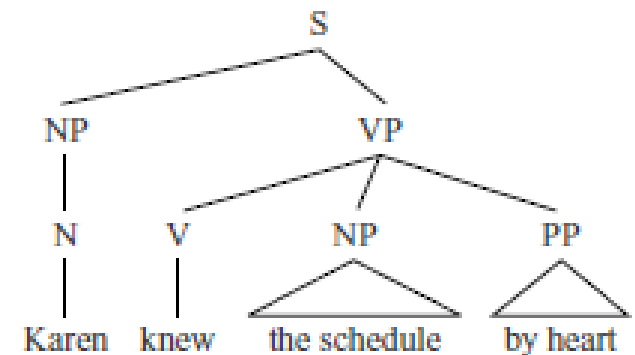
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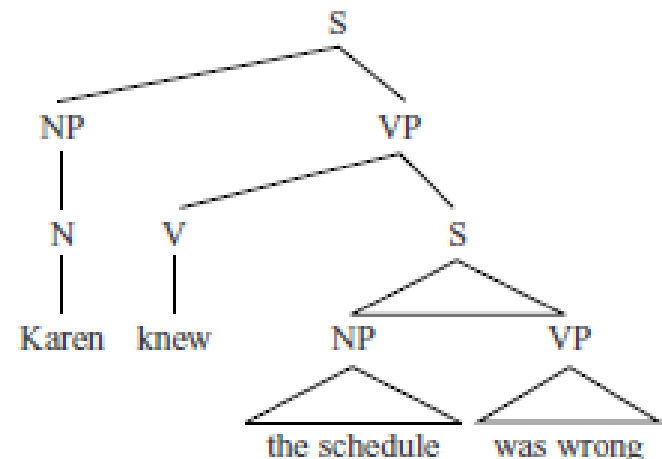
- **Minimal attachment:**
- Bi kasuetan *the schedule* VP-ra lotua (late closure estrategia)
- 10.44n, lotura minimoa jarraituz, *knew*-ren objektua
- 10.45n, lotura ez-minimoa egin beharra, tartean beste perpaus bat dagoelako, eta honen subjektua da *the schedule*

*10.45 prozesatzea zailagoa (eye-tracking)*

(10.44) Karen knew the schedule by heart.



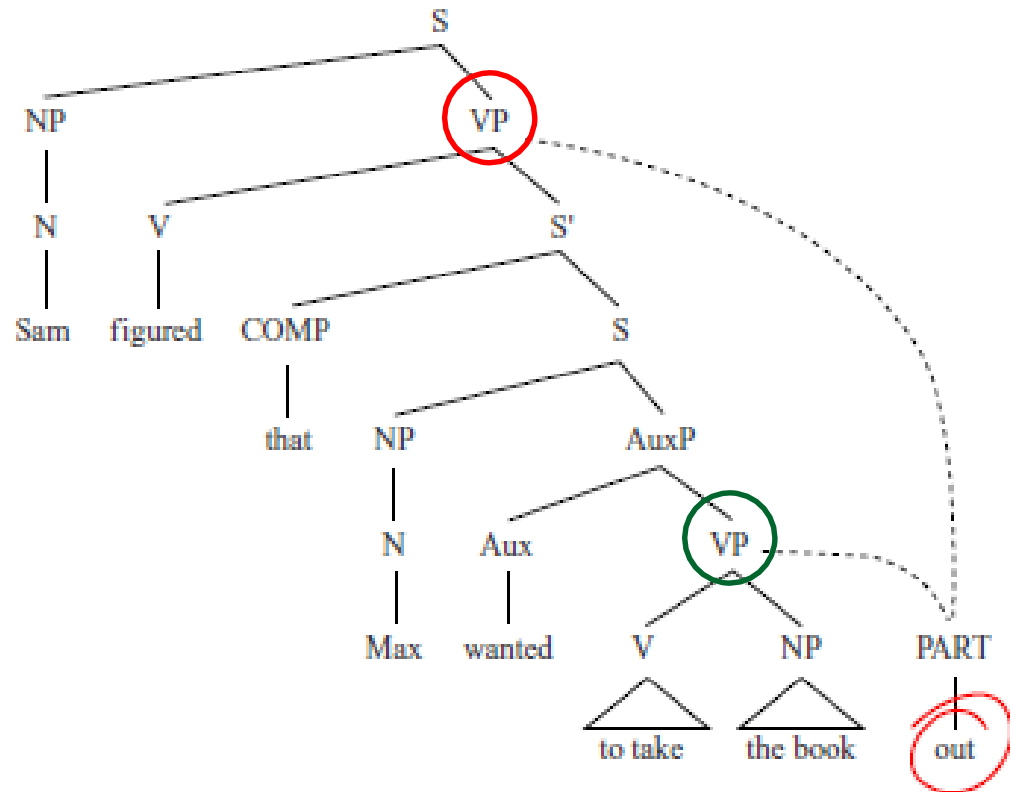
(10.45) Karen knew the schedule was wrong.



# *Labirintu* esaldien prozesamendua:

(Frazier & Fodor, 1978)

*Sam figured that Max wanted to take the book out*

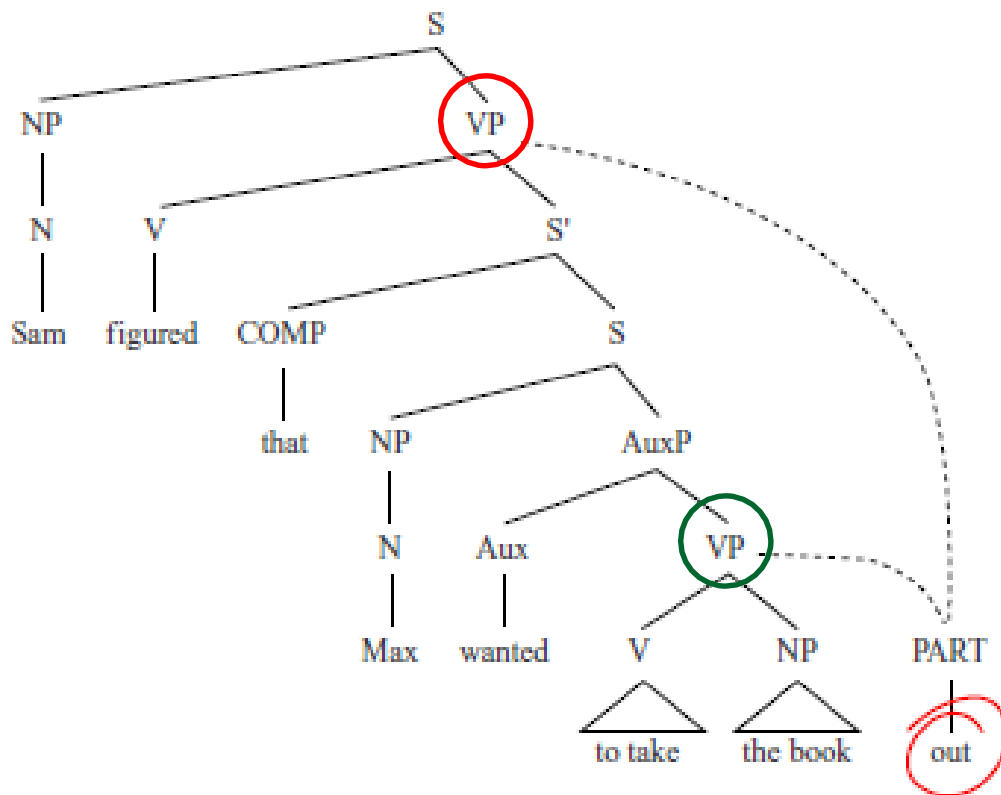


# Labirintu esaldien prozesamendua:

(Frazier & Fodor, 1978)

Lehentasun mota honi  
eskuineko elkartea deitzen  
zaio (Kinball, 1973):

*Ixte berantiarra edo lotura  
minimoa* estrategiek  
kontrakorik adierazi ezean,  
lotu elementu berriak gertuen  
(beherago) dauden  
elementuekin



# “constraint-based” modeloak



Maryellen MacDonald

Analizatzaile sintaktikoak (parser) erabilgarri dauden informazio iturri guztiak erabiltzen ditu.



# Testuinguru efektuak

- El ladrón reventó la caja fuerte con la cerradura oxidada.
- El ladrón estaba preparando su próximo golpe. Sabía que en el almacén había dos cajas fuertes. Aunque una era nueva, la otra llevaba diez años a la intemperie bajo la lluvia. El ladrón reventó la caja fuerte con la cerradura oxidada.

# *Good-enough* parsing



Fernanda Ferreira

Benetan analizatzen dugu  
dena sintaktikoki?

Batzutan ez da beharrezkoa  
dena analizatzea.

# *Good-enough* parsing



**HUNT**

# *Good-enough* parsing

-While the hunter was stalking the deer in the zoo drank from the puddle.

-The hunder was stalked by the deer.

Was the hunter stalking the deer?

*Alaba gaztea zoriontzen ari da*

# *Kategoria sintaktikoen anbiguetatea*

- *Kategoria anbiguetatea:*

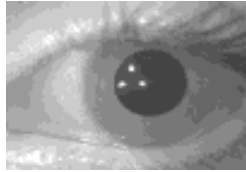
*Alaba gaztea zorientzen ari da*

*[x][Alaba gaztea] zorientzen ari da*

*[Alaba] [gaztea] zorientzen ari da*

*[gaztea] [Alaba] zorientzen ari da*

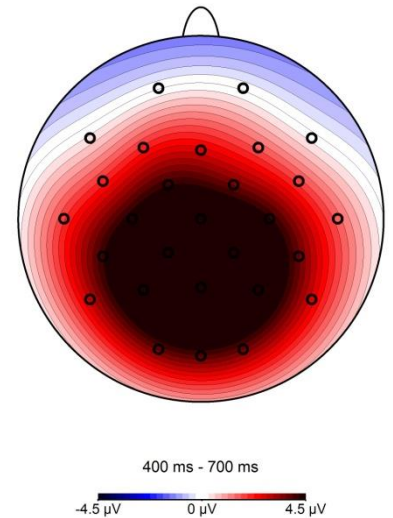
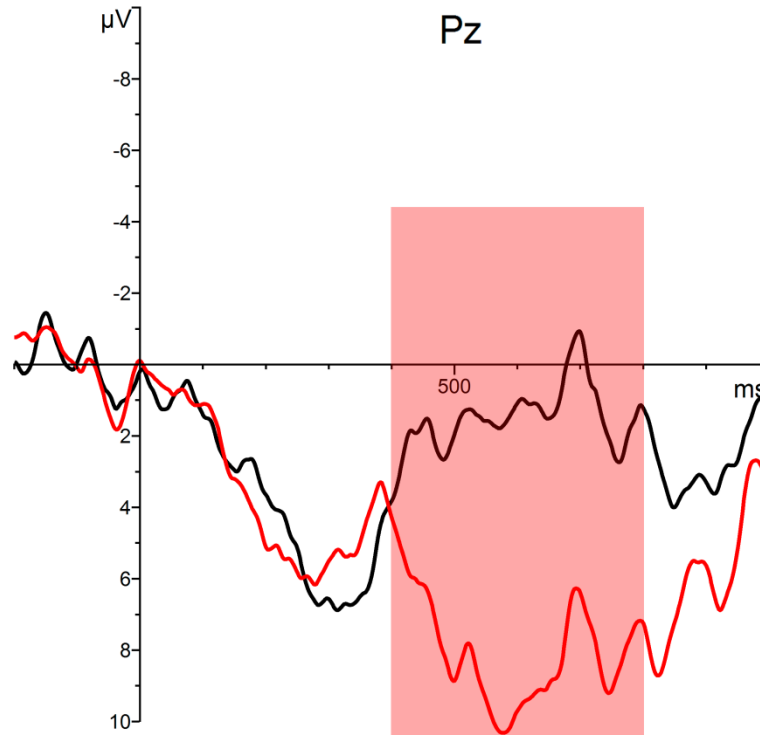
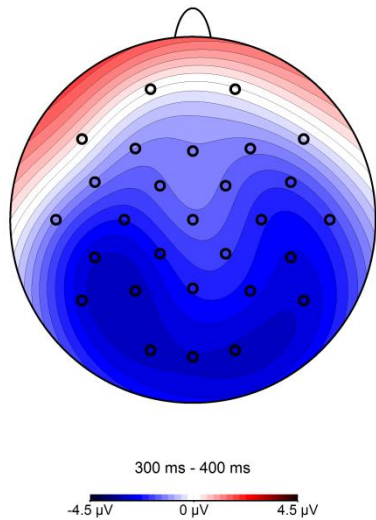
*[Alaba gaztea] [x] zorientzen ari da*



# Eye Tracking

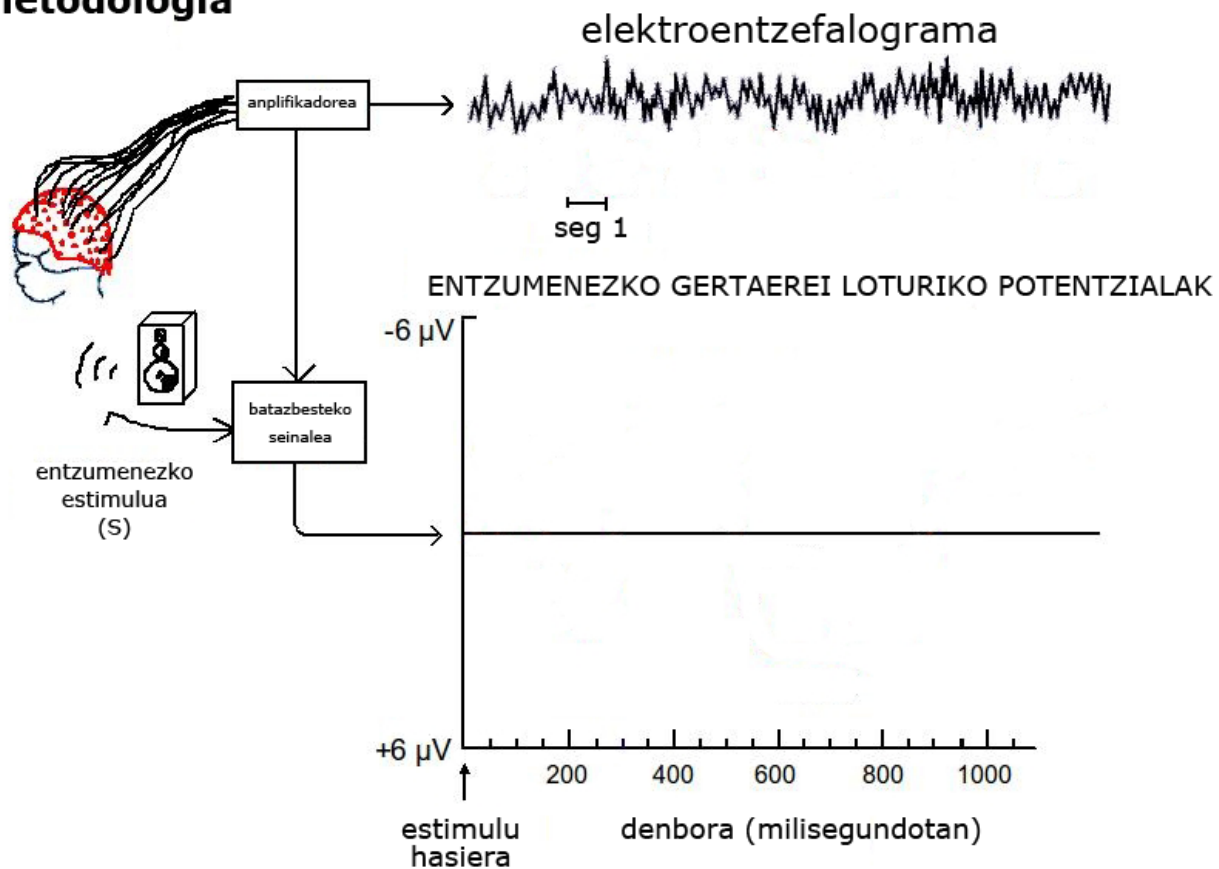
- What eye movements during reading reveal about processing speed
- Irakurketa begi mugimenduak adibidea

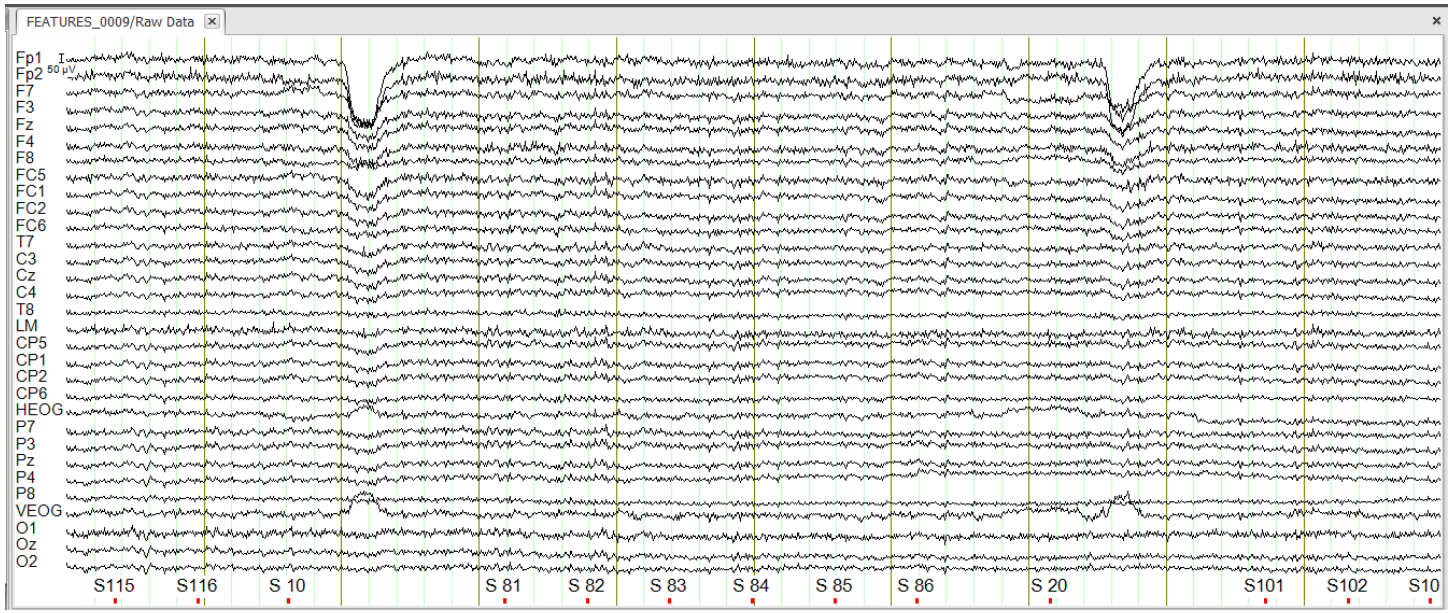
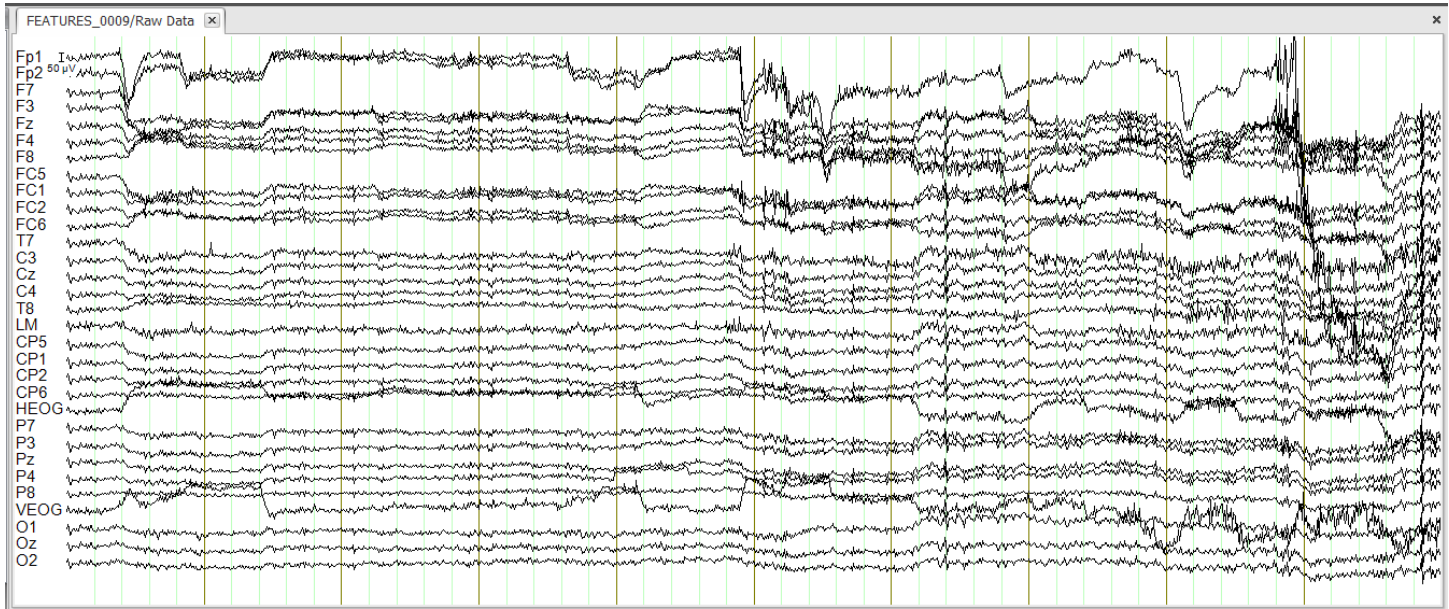
# Gertaerei loturiko potentzialak (ERP)



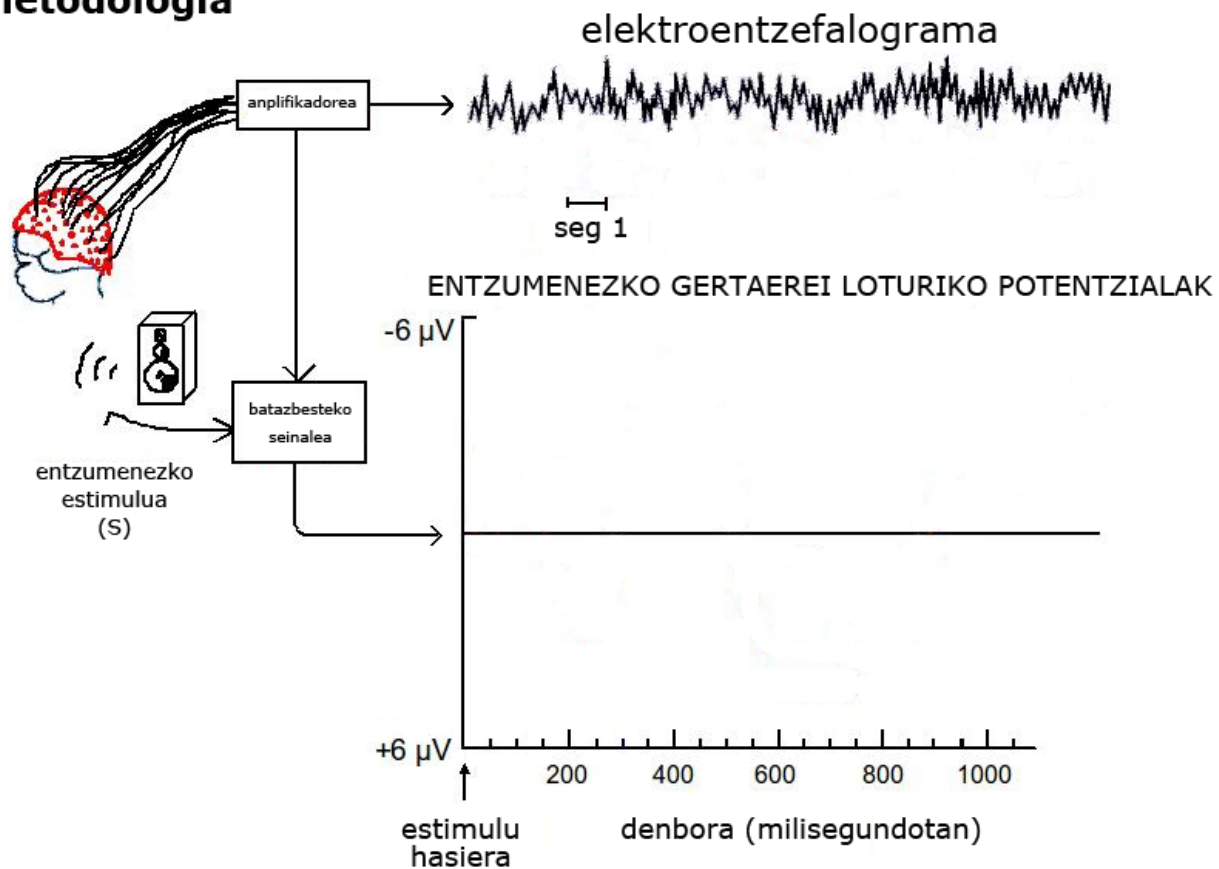


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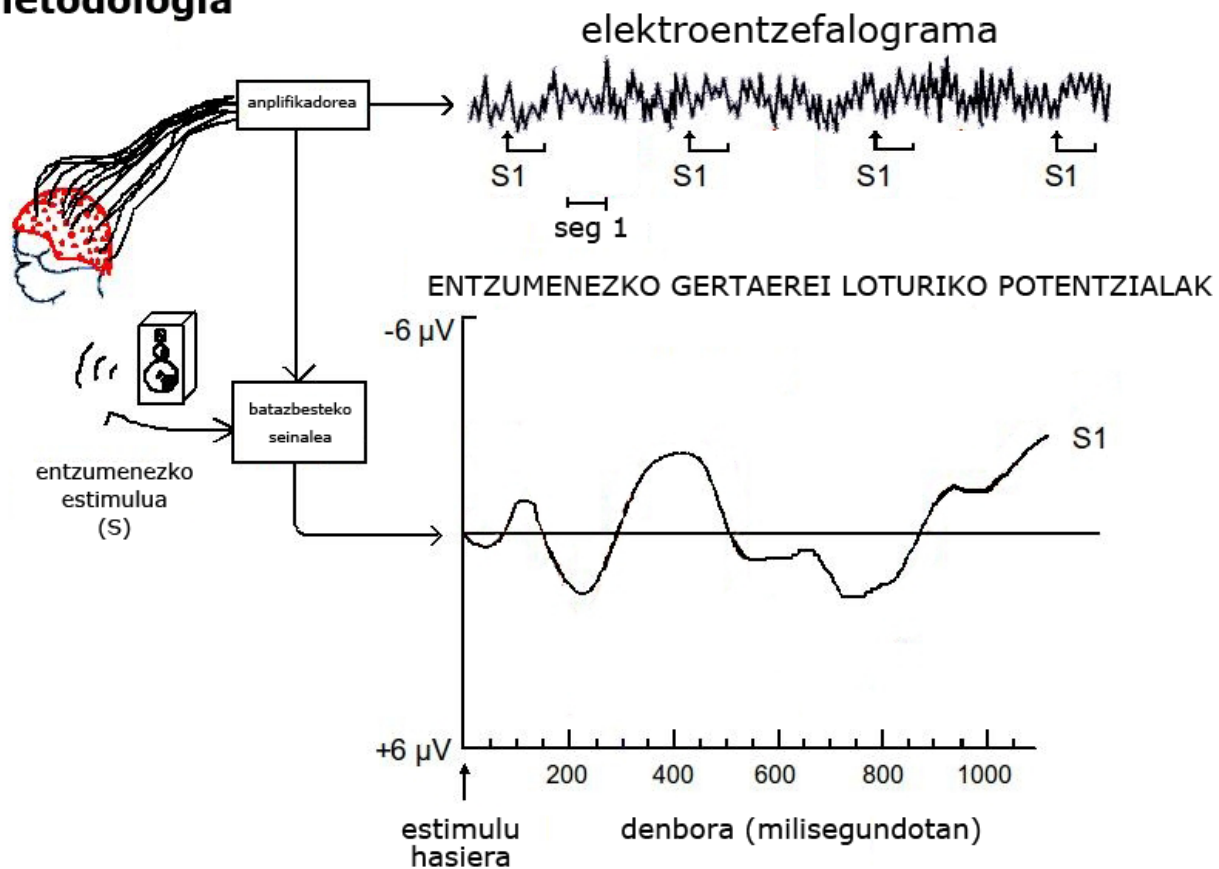




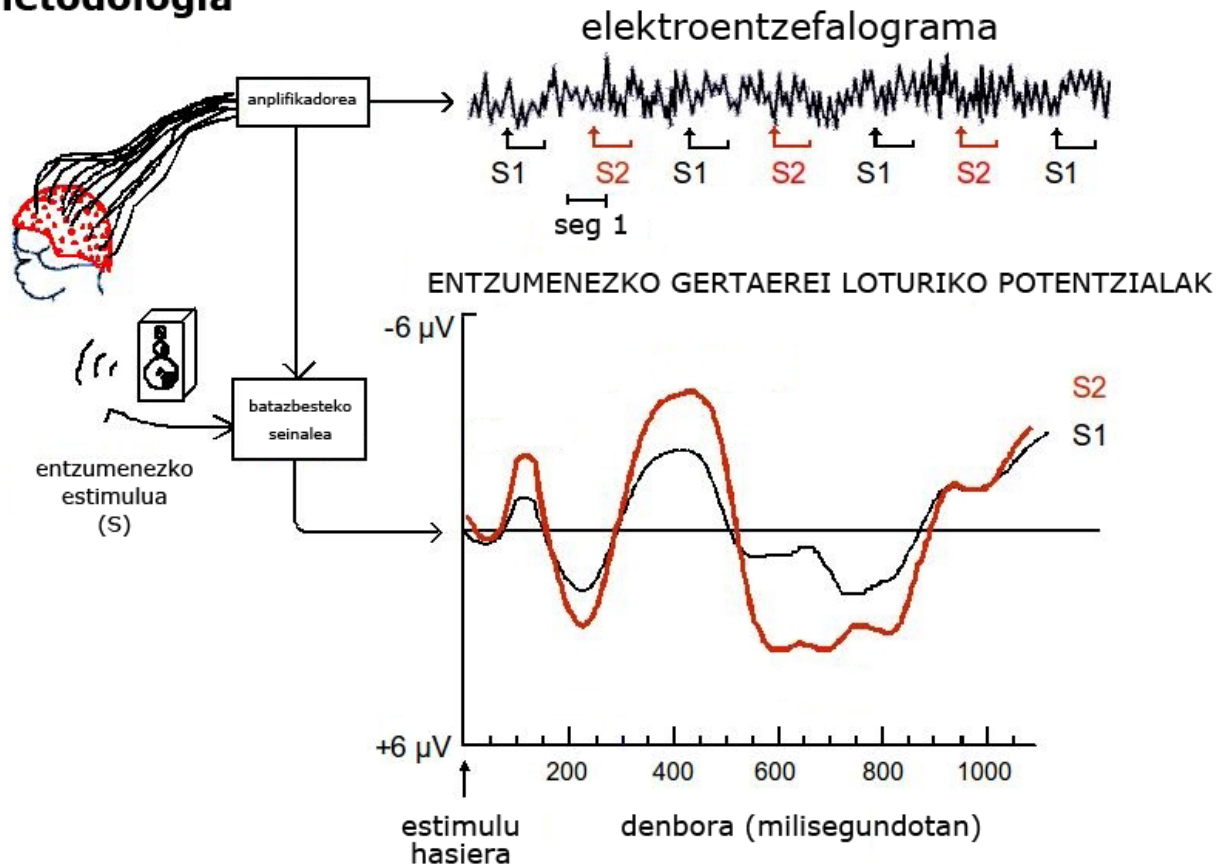
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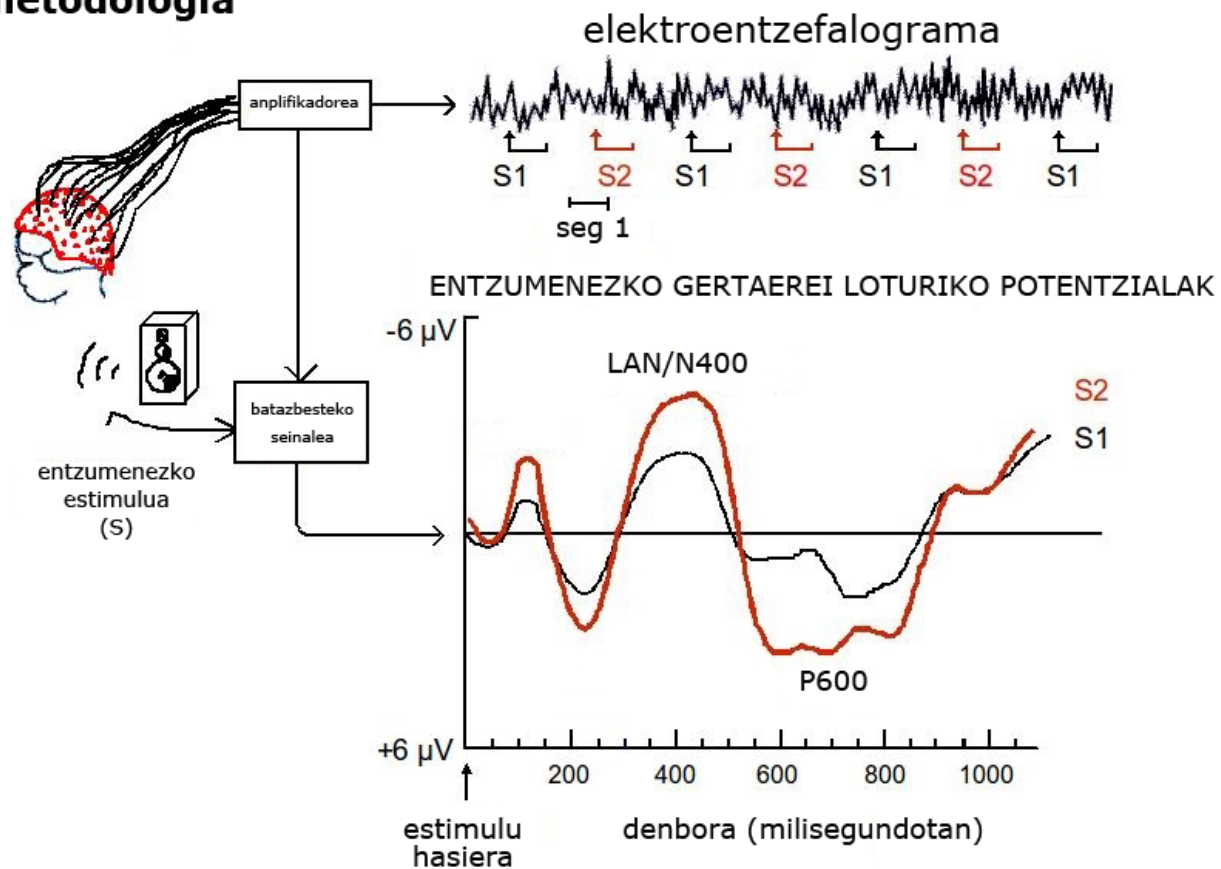
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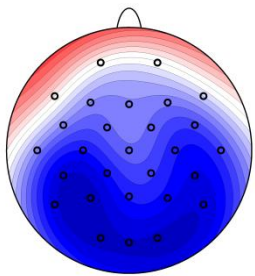
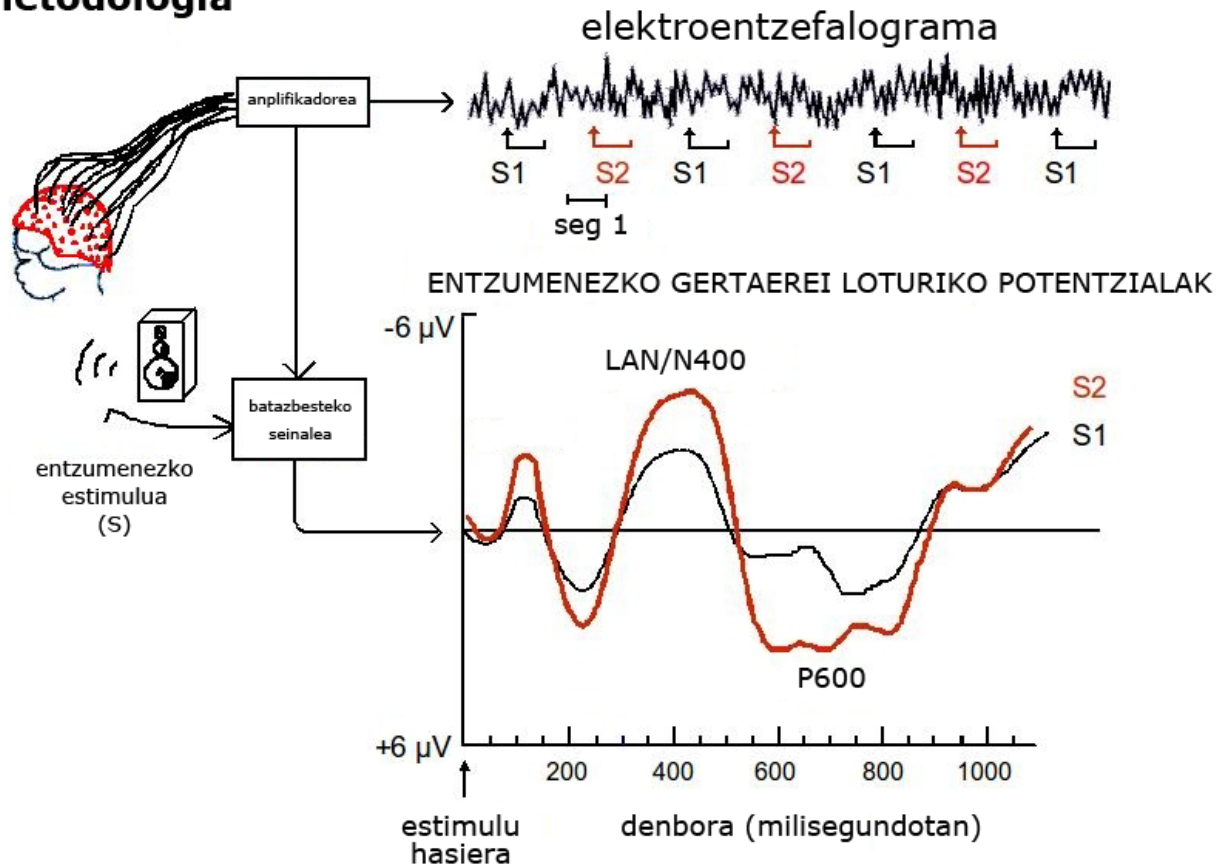
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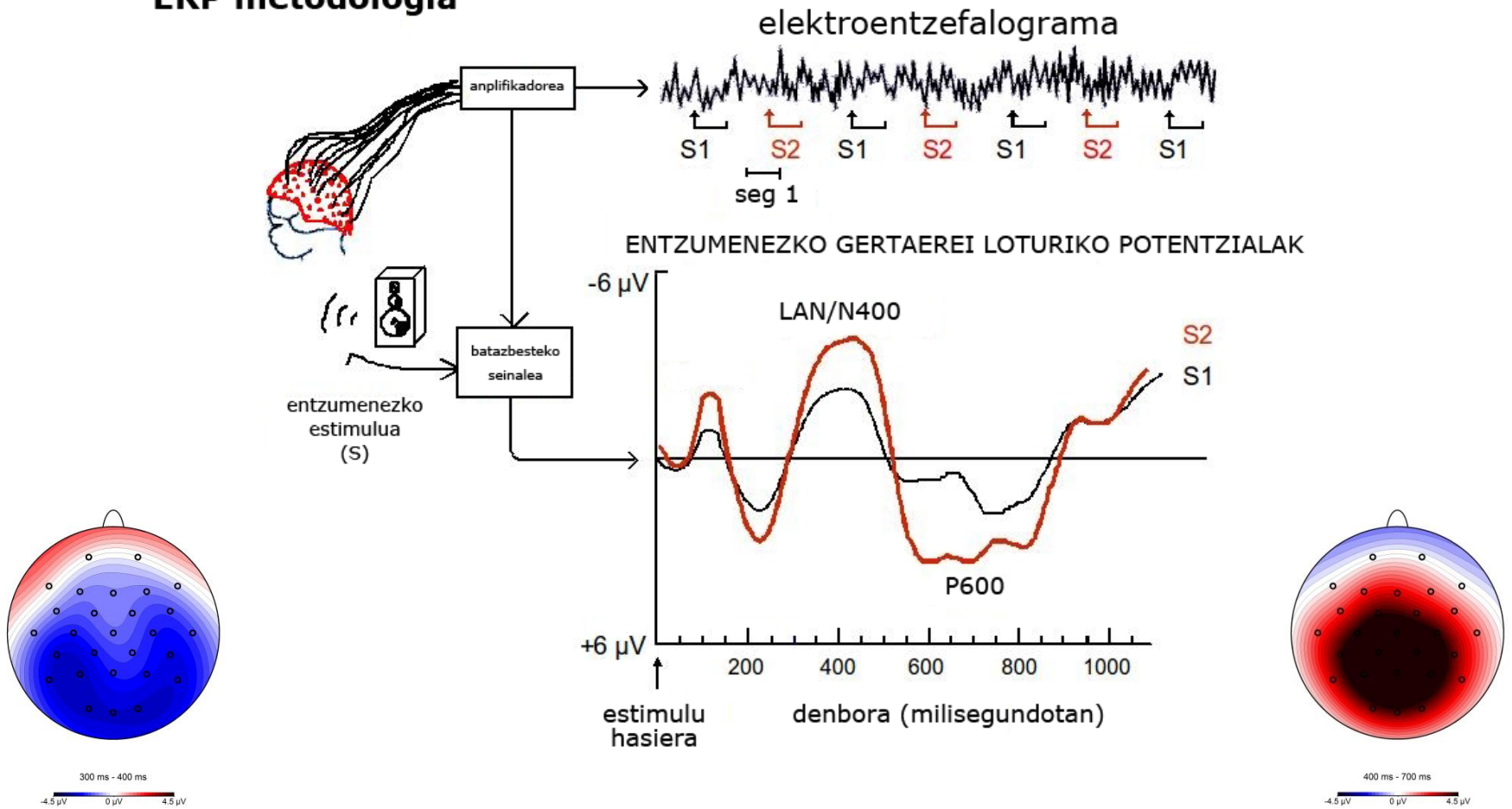
# ERP metodologia



300 ms - 400 ms  
-4.5  $\mu\text{V}$  0  $\mu\text{V}$  4.5  $\mu\text{V}$



# ERP metodologia





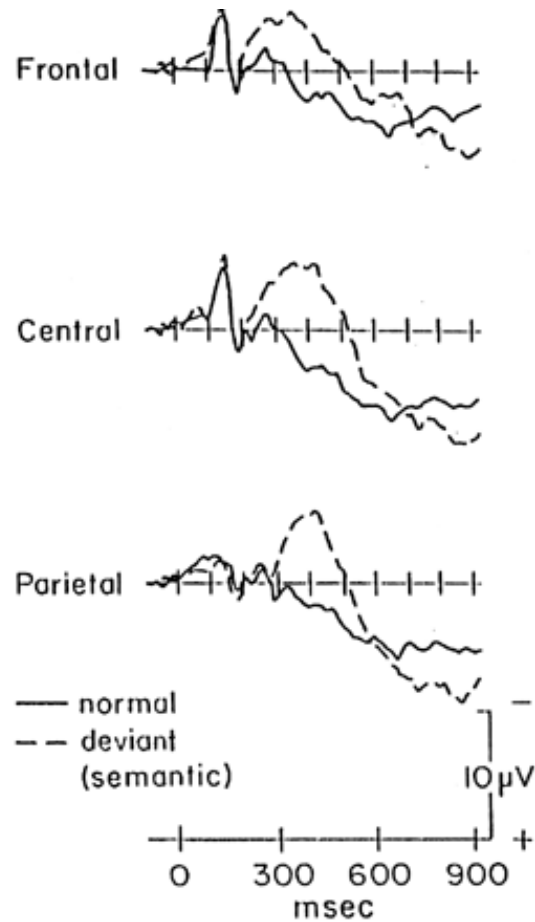
**ZUZEN**

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N400

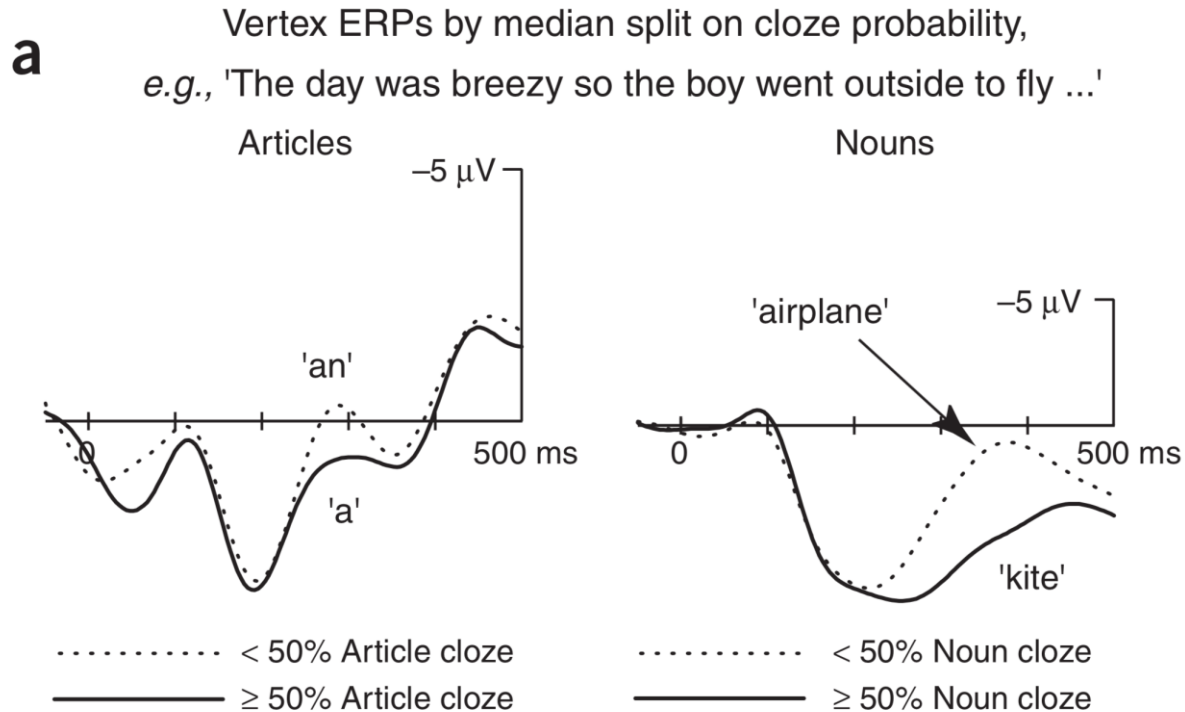
He spread the warm bread with... BUTTER / SOCKS



N400 osagaia

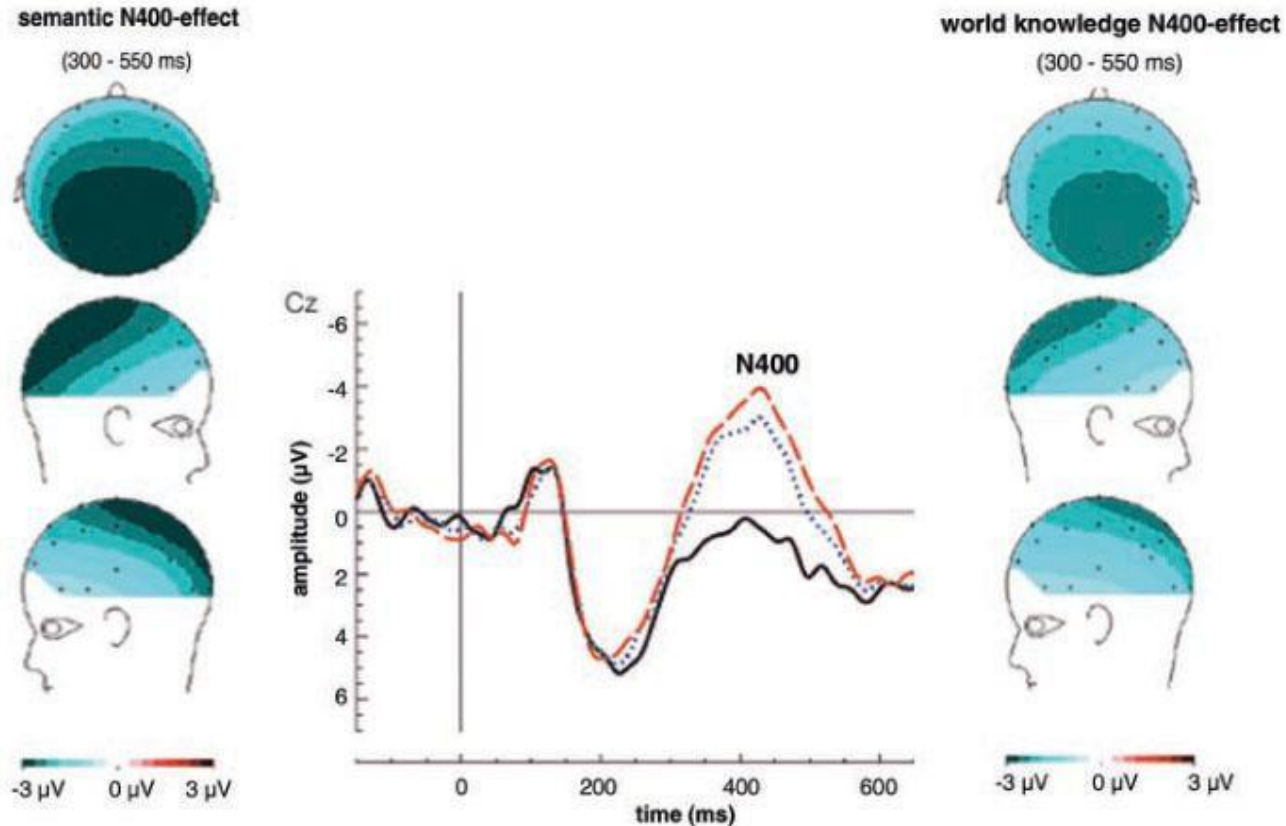
The day was breezy so the boy went outside to fly...

The day was breezy so the boy went outside to fly... **A KITE** / **AN AIRPLANE**



N400  
osagaia

# N400 osagaia munduaren ezagutzarekiko sentibera da



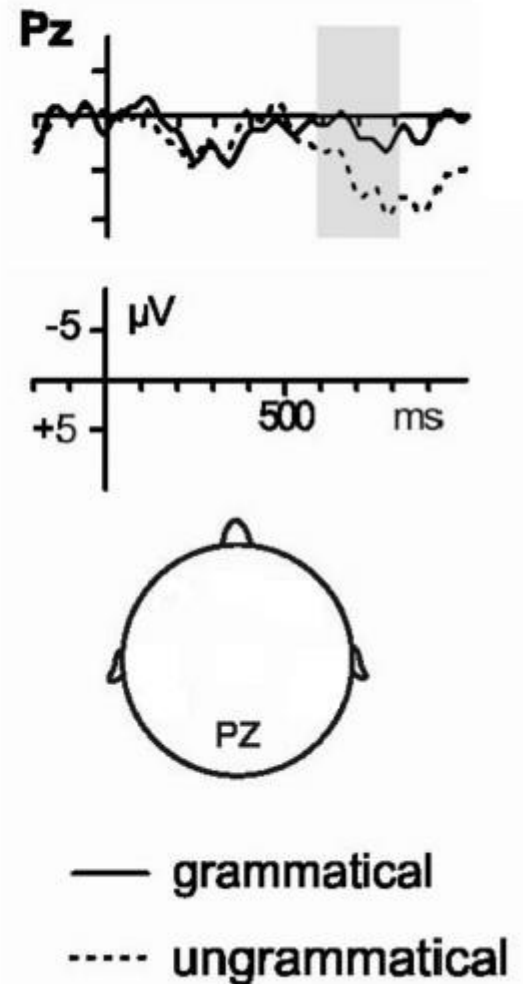
**correct:** The Dutch trains are yellow and very crowded.  
**world knowledge violation:** The Dutch trains are white and very crowded.  
**semantic violation:** The Dutch trains are sour and very crowded.

**P600**

## P600 ERAGITEN DUTEN FAKTOREAK: GRAMATIKA AKATSAK

A P600 may be elicited by several kinds of grammatical errors in sentences, such as problems in agreement (SV, OV, tense, gender, number, and case, as well as phrase structure violations).

- ▶ Subjektu-aditz komunztadura (Hagoort et al., 1993):  
"The spoilt child *\*throw* the toys on the ground."
- ▶ Osagarri-aditz komunztadura (Zawiszewski & Friederici, 2009):  
"Zuk ni etxera eraman *\*duzu* goizean."
- ▶ Denbora (Allen et al., 2003):  
"The man will *\*worked* on the platform."
- ▶ Generoa (Barber & Carreiras, 2005):  
"La *\*piano* estaba ..."
- ▶ Numeroa (Barber & Carreiras, 2005):  
"Los *\*piano* estaban ..."
- ▶ Kasua (Coulson et al., 1998):  
"The plane took *\*we* to paradise and back."



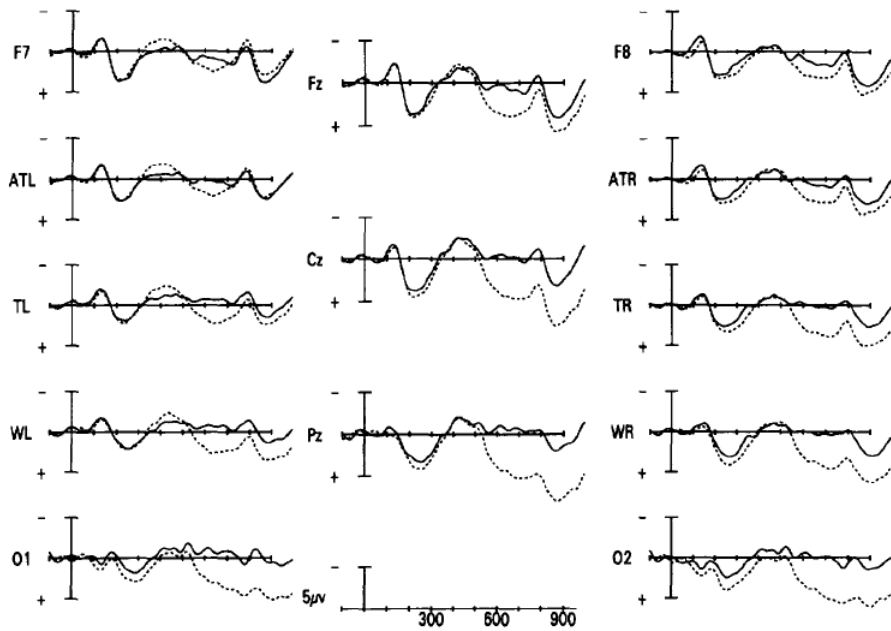


# Event-Related Brain Potentials Elicited by Failure to Agree

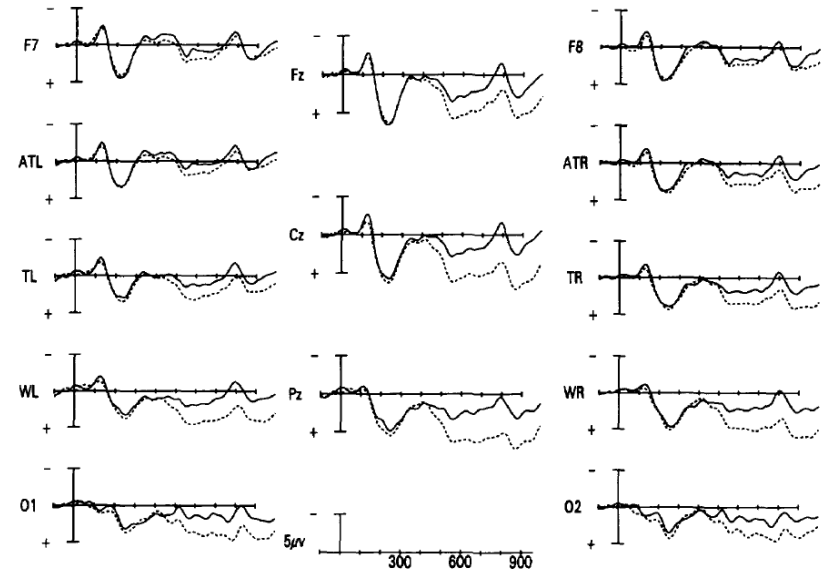
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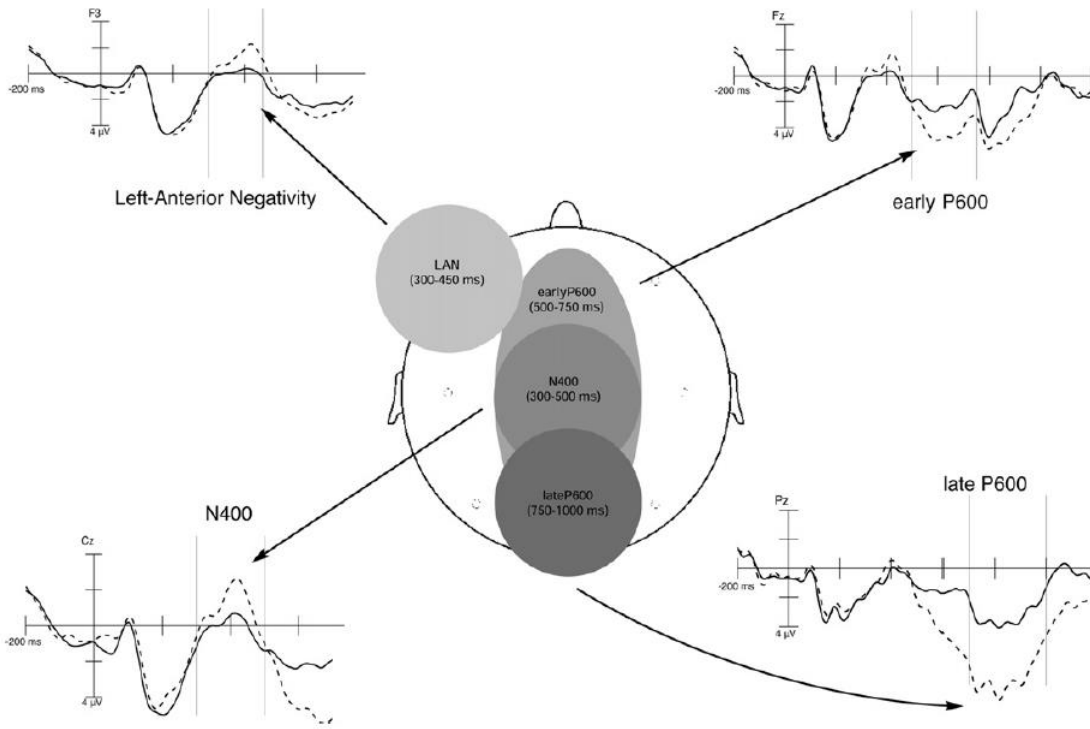
Event-related potentials (ERPs) were recorded from 13 scalp electrodes while subjects read sentences, some of which contained violations of number or gender agreement. Subjects judged the acceptability of sentences in Experiments 1 and 2 and passively read sentences in Experiment 3. In Experiment 1, violations of subject-verb number, reflexive-antecedent number, and reflexive-antecedent gender agreement elicited a widely distributed positive-going wave (P600). Subject-verb agreement violations also elicited a left-hemisphere negativity. In Experiment 2, personal pronouns that mismatched in gender with the subject noun elicited a P600, but only when subjects judged such sentences to be unacceptable. Semantically anomalous words elicited an enhanced N400 component. In Experiment 3, subject-verb number disagreement elicited a P600 and semantic anomalies elicited an enhanced N400. ERPs to reflexive-antecedent agreement violations did not differ from those to controls. We evaluate the speculation that agreement between sentence constituents reflects syntactic constraints rather than semantic or discourse factors. © 1995 Academic



— The elected officials HOPE ...      \*The elected officials HOPES ...  
FIG. 1. Grand average ERPs recorded over three midline and 10 lateral sites to subject-verb number violations and controls. Onset of the critical words in non-violating (solid line) and agreement-violating (dashed line) conditions is indicated by the vertical bar. Each hash mark represents 100 ms. Positive voltage is plotted down.



— The woman congratulated HERSELF ...      \*The woman congratulated HIMSELF ...  
FIG. 3. Grand average ERPs to reflexive-antecedent gender violations (dashed line) and controls (solid line).



# Aditz komunztadura

Nik

zuri

oparitu dizkizut.

liburuak

# Subjektu vs. Objektu-aditz komunztadura prozesatzen

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## **Processing canonical and non-canonical sentences in Basque: The case of object–verb agreement as revealed by event-related brain potentials**

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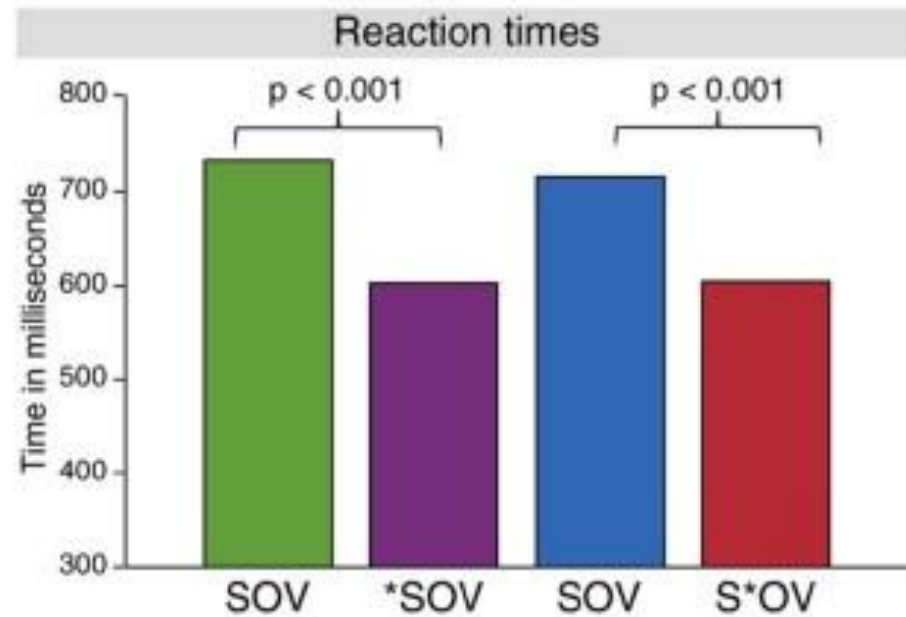
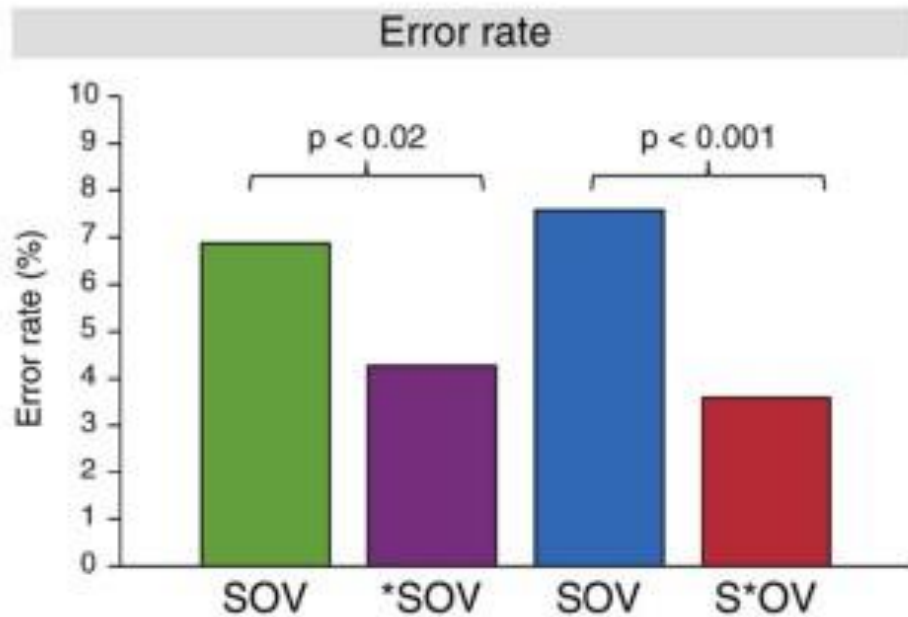
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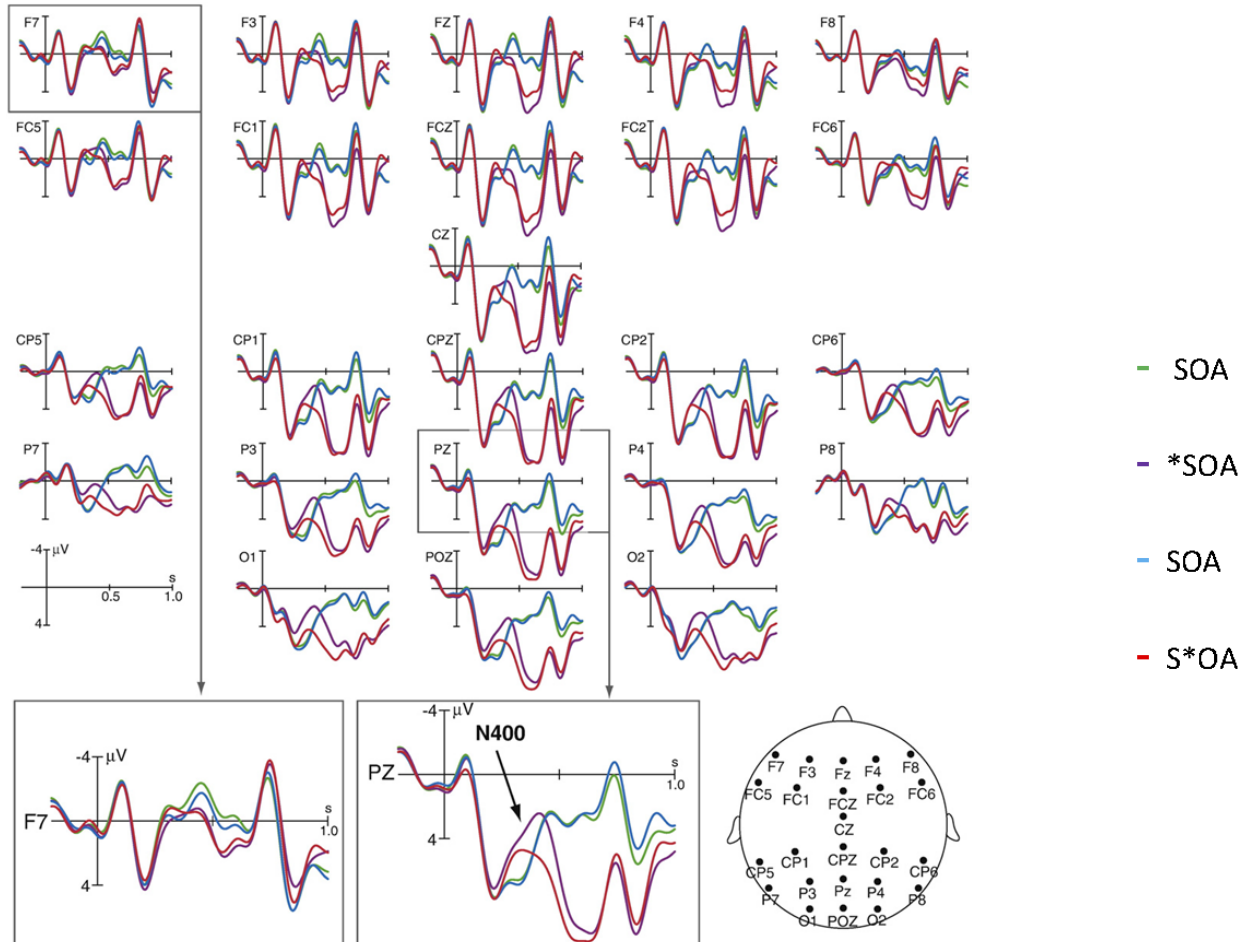
# Aditz komunztadura

- (a) Zuk ni betiko galdu nauzu agian. (SA, GRAM)
- (b) Zuk ni betiko galdu nau\*te agian. (SA, EZ-GRAM)
- (c) Zuk ni askotan eramaten nauzu hondartzara. (OA, GRAM)
- (d) Zuk ni askotan eramaten \*duzu hondartzara. (OA, EZ-GRAM)

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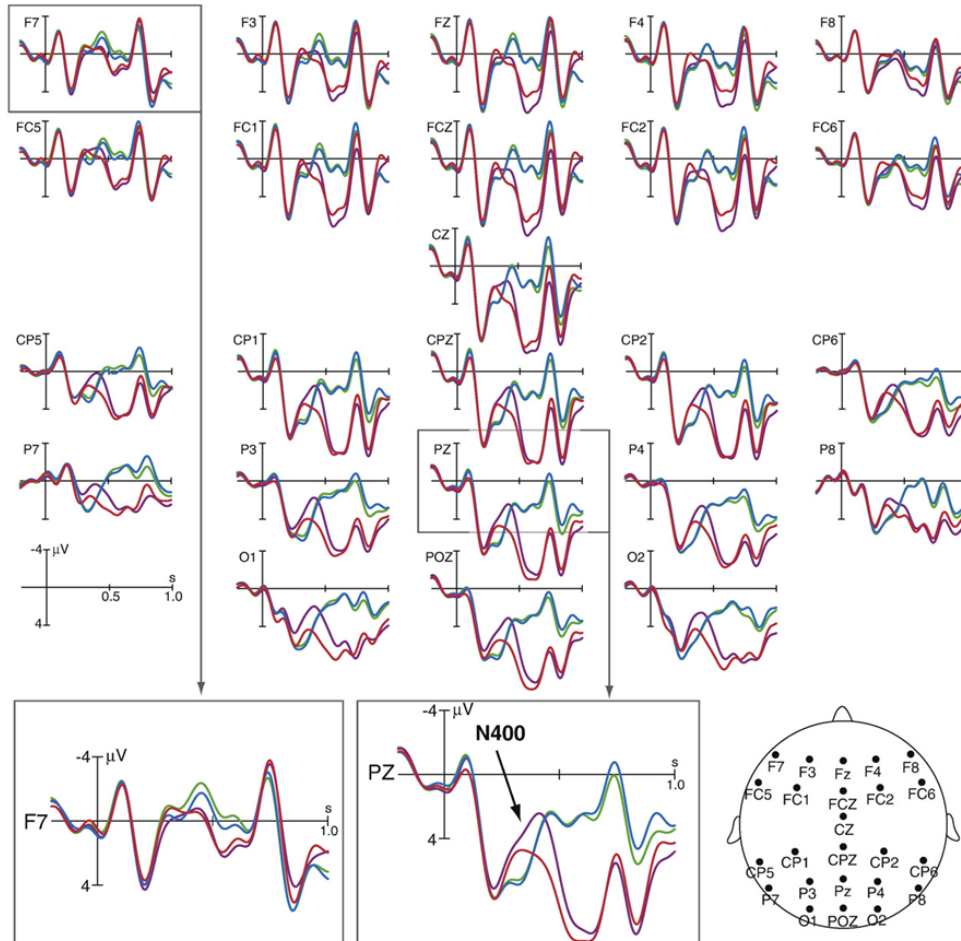


# Emaitzak



# Emaitzak

Subjektu vs. Objektu  
komunztadura  
konparatzen:



**N400:** Subjektu-aditz  
komunztadura urraketek  
(esaldi ez-gramatikaletan)  
N400 handiagoa  
sorrarazten dute objektu-  
aditz komunztadura  
urraketekin konparatuta

- SOA
- \*SOA
- SOA
- S\*OA

**P600:** Objektu-aditz  
komunztadura urraketek  
P600 handiagoa  
sorrarazten dute subjektu-  
aditz komunztadura  
urraketekin konparatuta





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# On the cross-linguistic validity of electrophysiological correlates of morphosyntactic processing: A study of case and agreement violations in Basque

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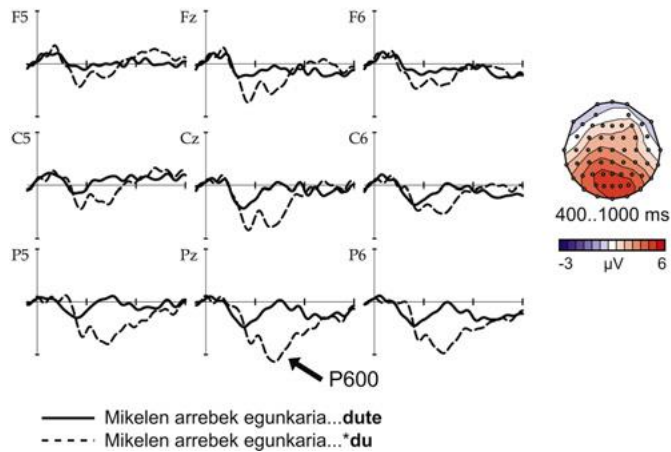
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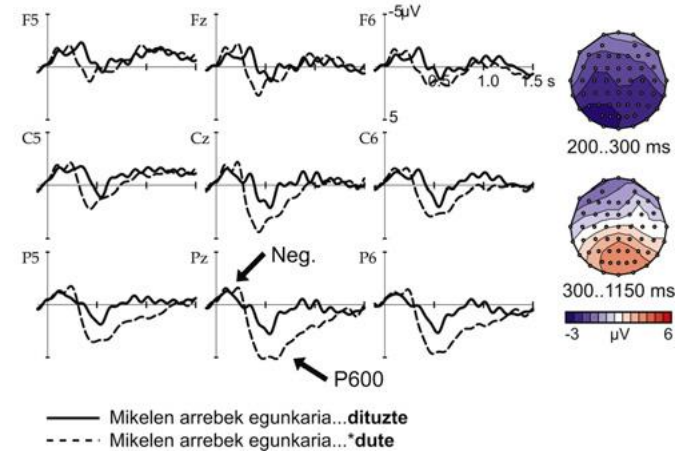


# Emaitzak

## SUBJECT VIOLATION



## OBJECT VIOLATION



# Pertsona eta zenbaki komunztadura prozesuak konparatzen

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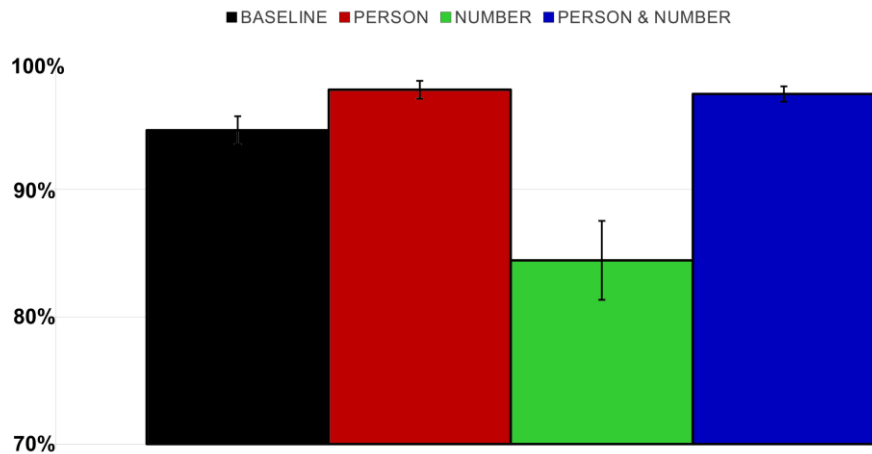
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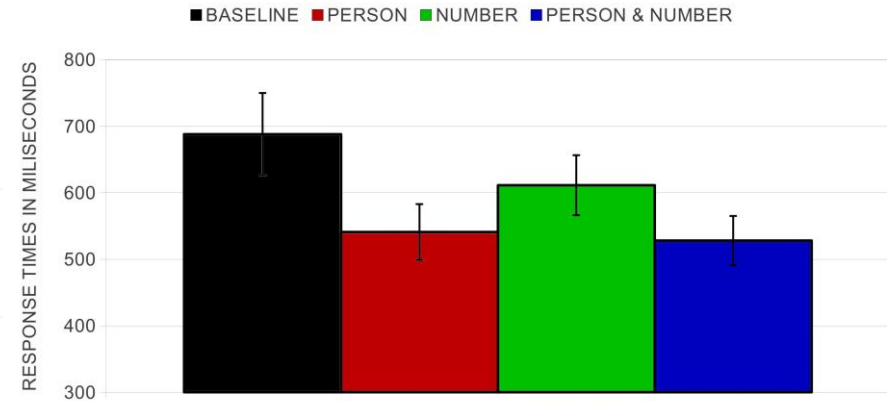
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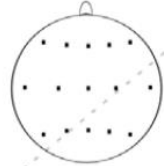
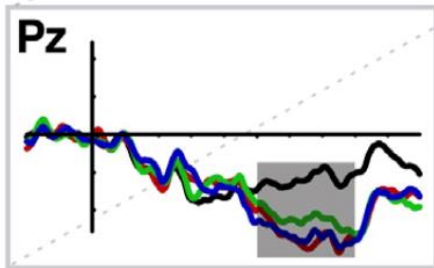
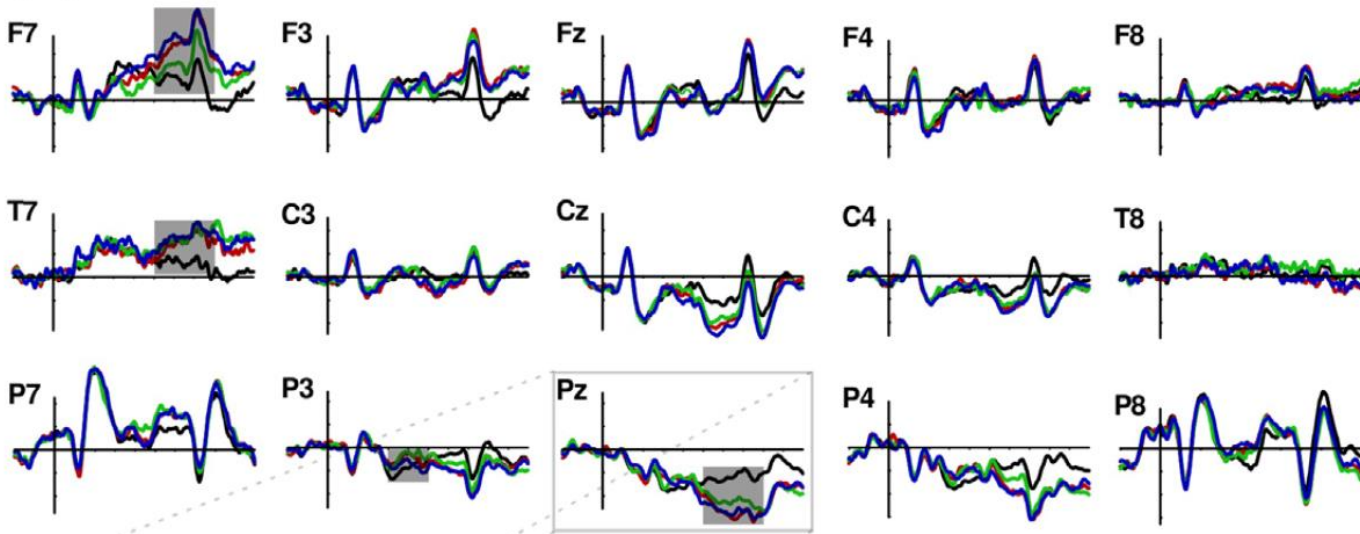


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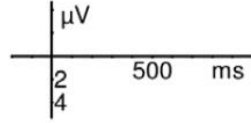
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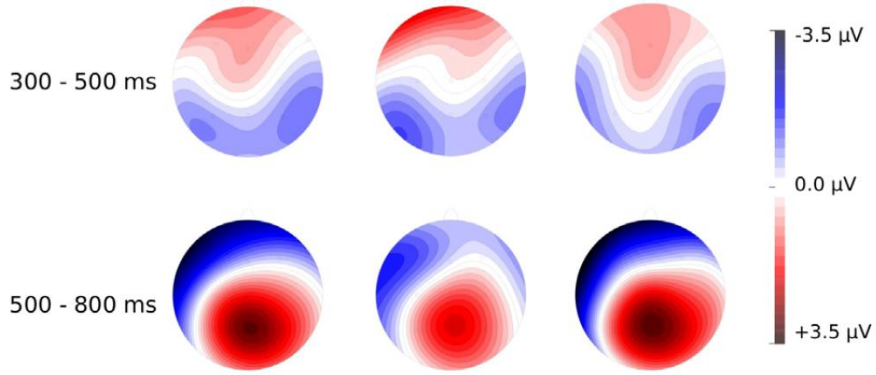
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- Komunztadura gramatikala
- Pertsona urraketa
- Zenbaki urraketa
- Pertsona + zenbaki urraketa



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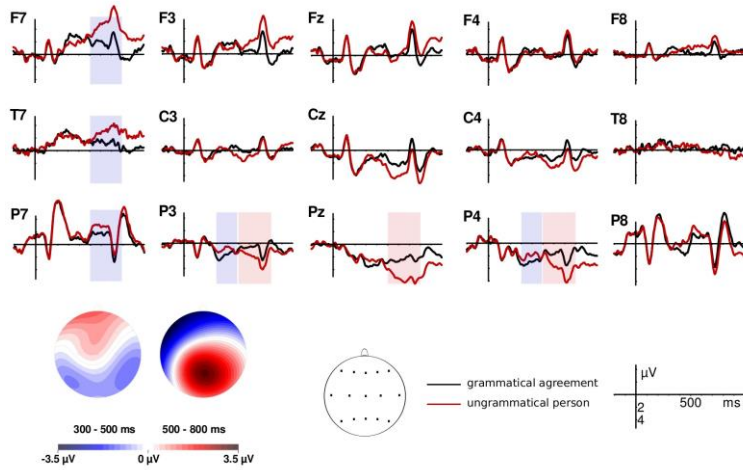


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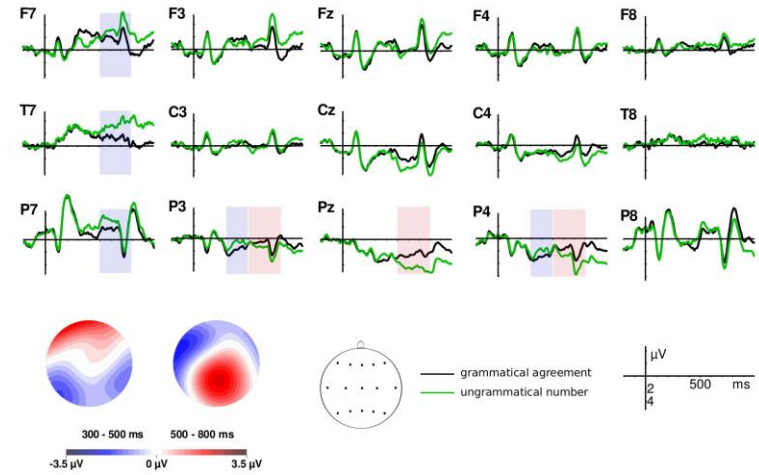
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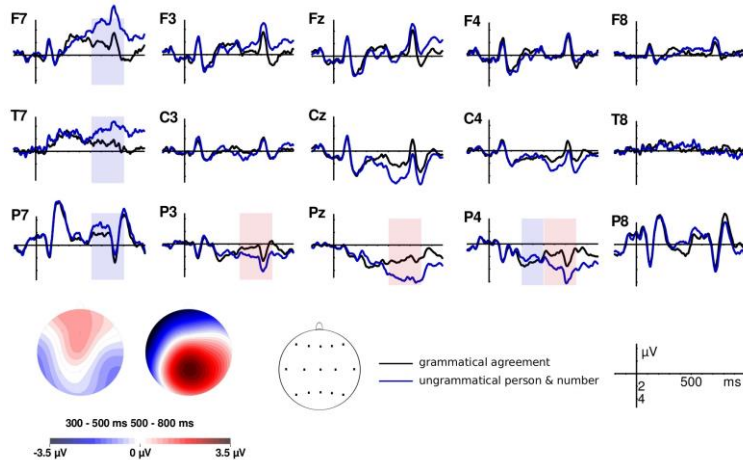
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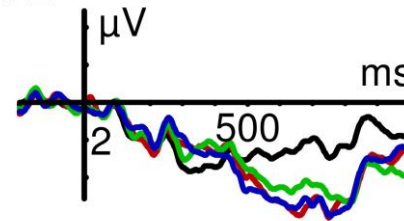
## NUMBER AGREEMENT



## PERSON & NUMBER AGREEMENT



Pz



- ERP osagai berdinak urraketa guztietan: N400 eta P600
- P600 handiagoa Pertsona urraketan eta urraketa Bikoitzean (Pertsona eta Numeroa), Numero komuzadura urraketan baino.

— grammatical  
 — ungrammatical PERSON  
 — ungrammatical NUMBER  
 — ungrammatical PERSON & NUMBER

**HITZ HURRENKERA**

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# Portaerazko 1. esperimentua: Materialak

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## Experiment 1

Canonical SOV

7a. Emakume-ak gizon-a ikusi du

Woman-the(S) man-the(O) seen has(V)

*'The woman has seen the man'*

Non-Canonical OSV

7b. Gizon-a emakume-ak ikusi du

Man-the(O) woman-the(S) seen has(V)

*'The woman has seen the man'*

# Perpaus konplexuen prozesamendua: Helduak

## Helburua

Ikustea sintaktikoki konplexuak diren perpausak (OSV) zailagoak direla prozesatzeko sintaktikoki sinpleak diren perpausak baino (SOV).

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## Materialak

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## Materialak

Emakumeak gizona ikusi du

Gizona emakumeak ikusi du

# Perpauk konplexuen prozesamendua: Helduak

## Helburua

Ikustea sintaktikoki konplexuak diren perpauk (OSV) zailagoak direla prozesatzeko sintaktikoki sinpleak diren perpauk baino (SOV).

## Materialak

Emakumeak gizona ikusi du

Gizona emakumeak ikusi du

ERREAKZIO DENBORA: Irakurketa gidatua + ulermen ariketa



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Gizonak



— emakumea —

— — ikusi —

— — — du

Egia al da emakume batek  
gizon bat ikusi duela?



# Irakurketa gidatua + ulermen ariketa

## IRAKURKETA GIDATUA

- Partaideek erabakitzen dute zenbat denbora behar duten perpauseko elementu bakoitza irakurtzeko.
- Perpauseko elementu bakoitza irakurtzeko erabilitako denborak gehituz, perpaus osoaren irakurketa denbora daukagu.

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## ULERMEN ARIKETA

- Partaideek esperimentuko perpausak irakurri dituztela ziurtatzeko balio du.
- Esperimentuko perpausen prozesatzeko zailtasunari buruzko informazioa ematen du.
  - Ulermen ariketan **akats** gehien eragiten duten perpausak prozesatzeko zailagoak izango dira.
  - Irakurtzeko **denbora** gehien behar duten perpausak prozesatzeko zailagoak izango dira.

# Konplexutasun sintaktikoa Erreakzio Denboren bidez



Emakumeak gizona ikusi du



Gizona emakumeak ikusi du

# Konplexutasun sintaktikoa Erreakzio Denboren bidez



Emakumeak gizona ikusi du

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- Zein baldintzak beharko du irakurketa denbora gehiago?
- Elementu konkreturen baten irakurketa denbora beste elementuren batena baino motelagoa izango da?
- Zein baldintzak sortuko ditu ulermen arazo gehiago?

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Aurreikuspenak?

# Konplexutasun sintaktikoa Erreakzio Denboren bidez



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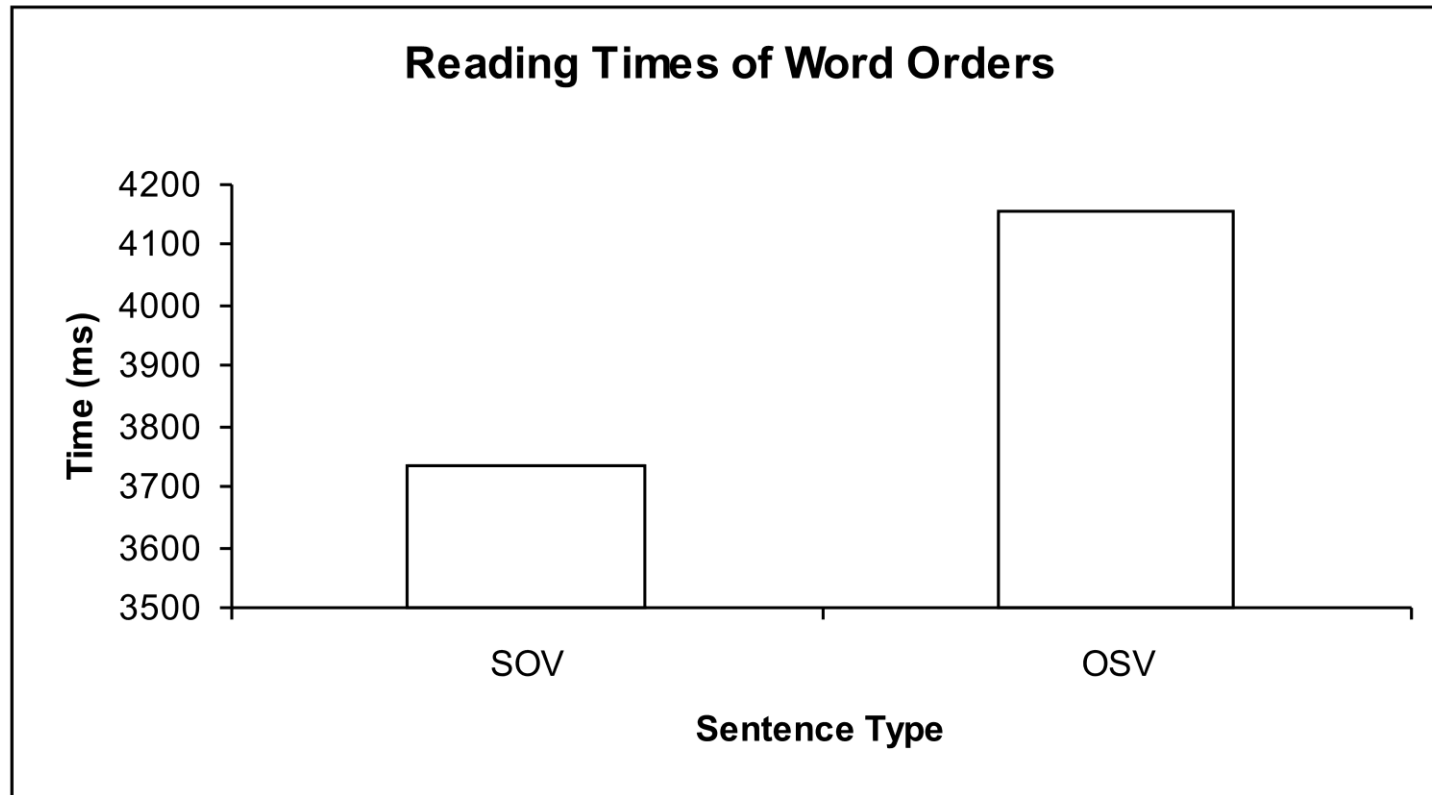
## Aurreikuspenak?

Objektu-Subjektu-Aditz perpausek

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- denbora gehiago ulermen ariketa burutzeko
- akats gehiago ulermen ariketa gauzatzeko

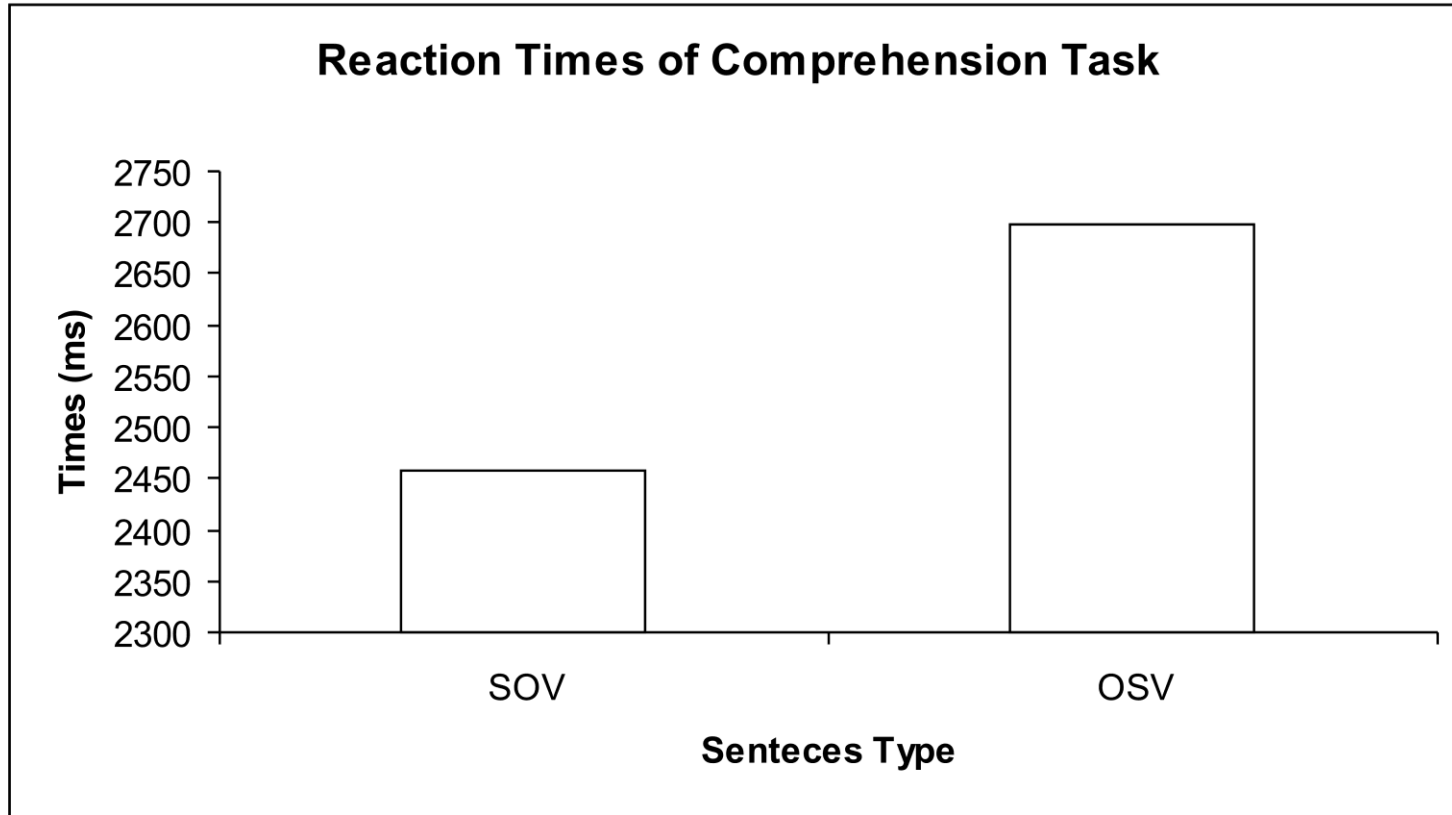
# EMAITZAK: Perpausen irakurketa denborak

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# EMAITZAK: Ulermen ariketa burutzeko denbora

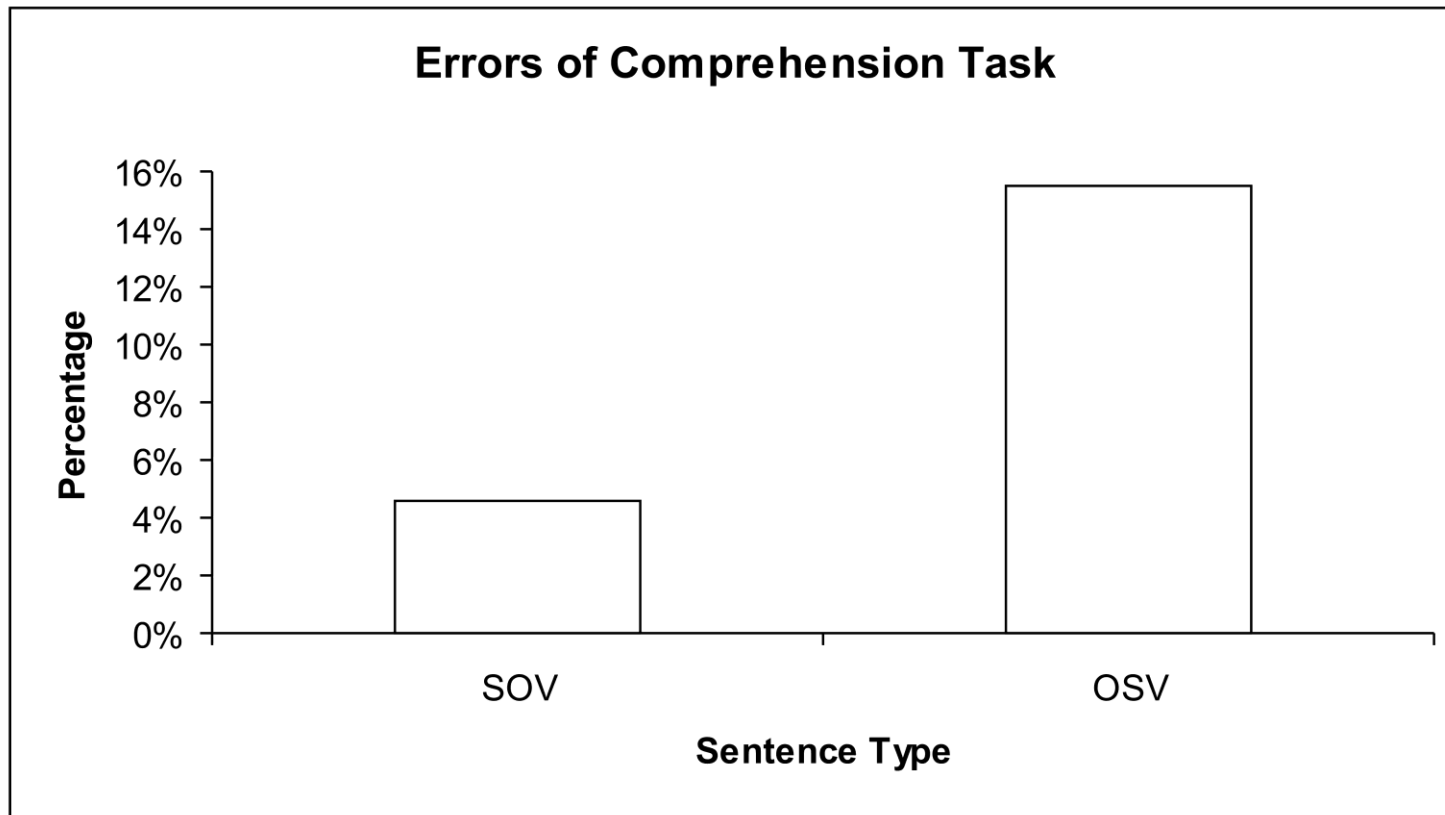
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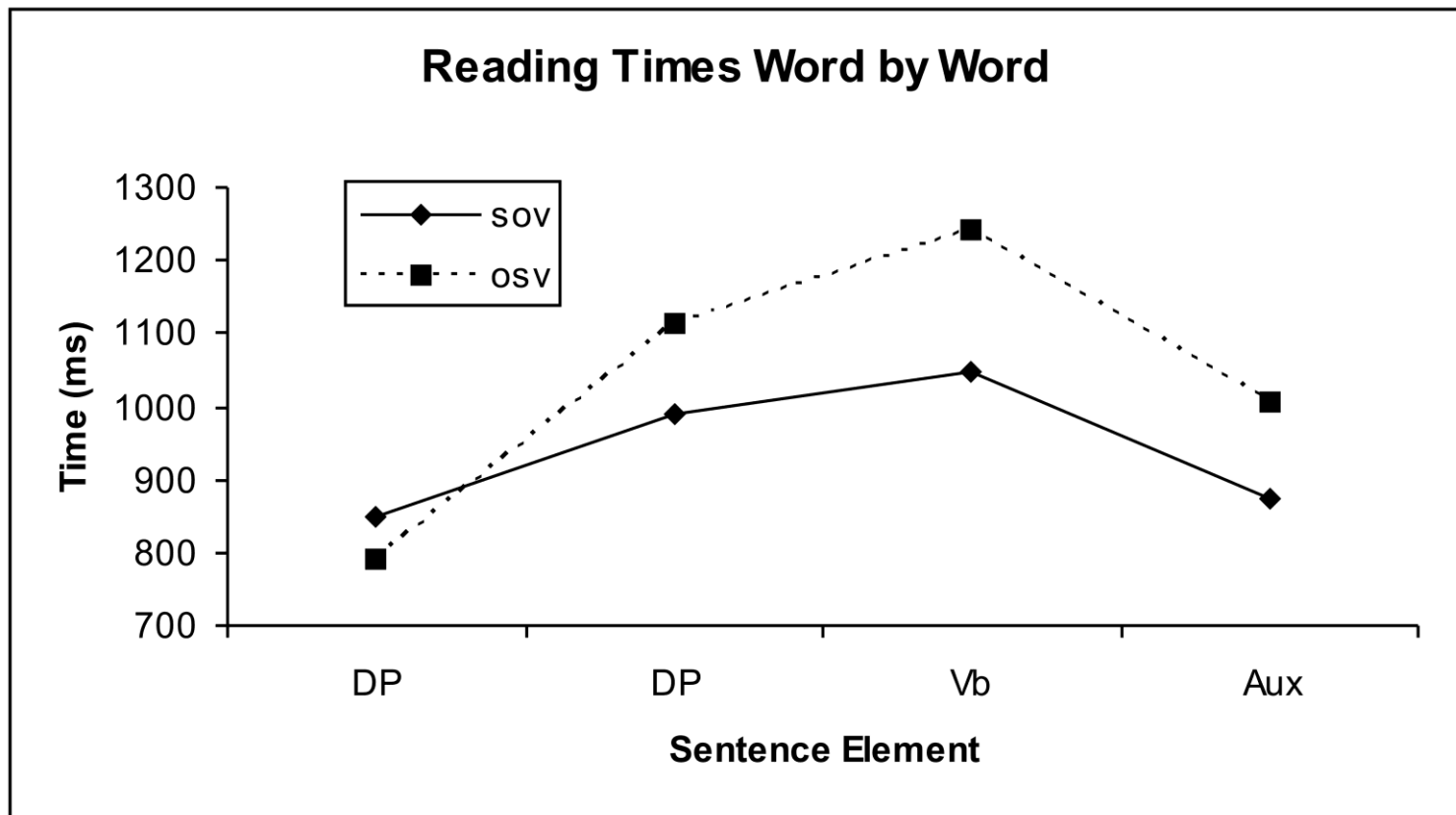
# EMAITZAK: Akatsak

Objektu-Subjektu-Aditz baldintzak akats gehiago eragin zituen



# EMAITZAK: Hitzez hitz

S irakurri ondoren O irakurtzea errazagoa da O-ren ondoren S irakurtzea baino.



Anbiguotasuna

# Anbiguotasuna



**EMAKUMEAk GIZONAK IKUSI DITU**

# Portaerazko 2. esperimentua: Materialak

SOA      Otsoek ardiak jan dituzte.

OSA      Ardiak otsoek jan dituzte.

## Experiment 2

### Canonical SOV

8a. Emakume-ek gizon-ak ikusi dituzte

Women-the(S) men-the(O) seen have(V)

'The women have seen the men'

### Fully ambiguous

8c. Gizon-ak emakume-ak ikusi ditu

Man-the(S/O) woman-the(S/O) seen has(V)

'The man has seen the women' or 'The woman has seen the men'

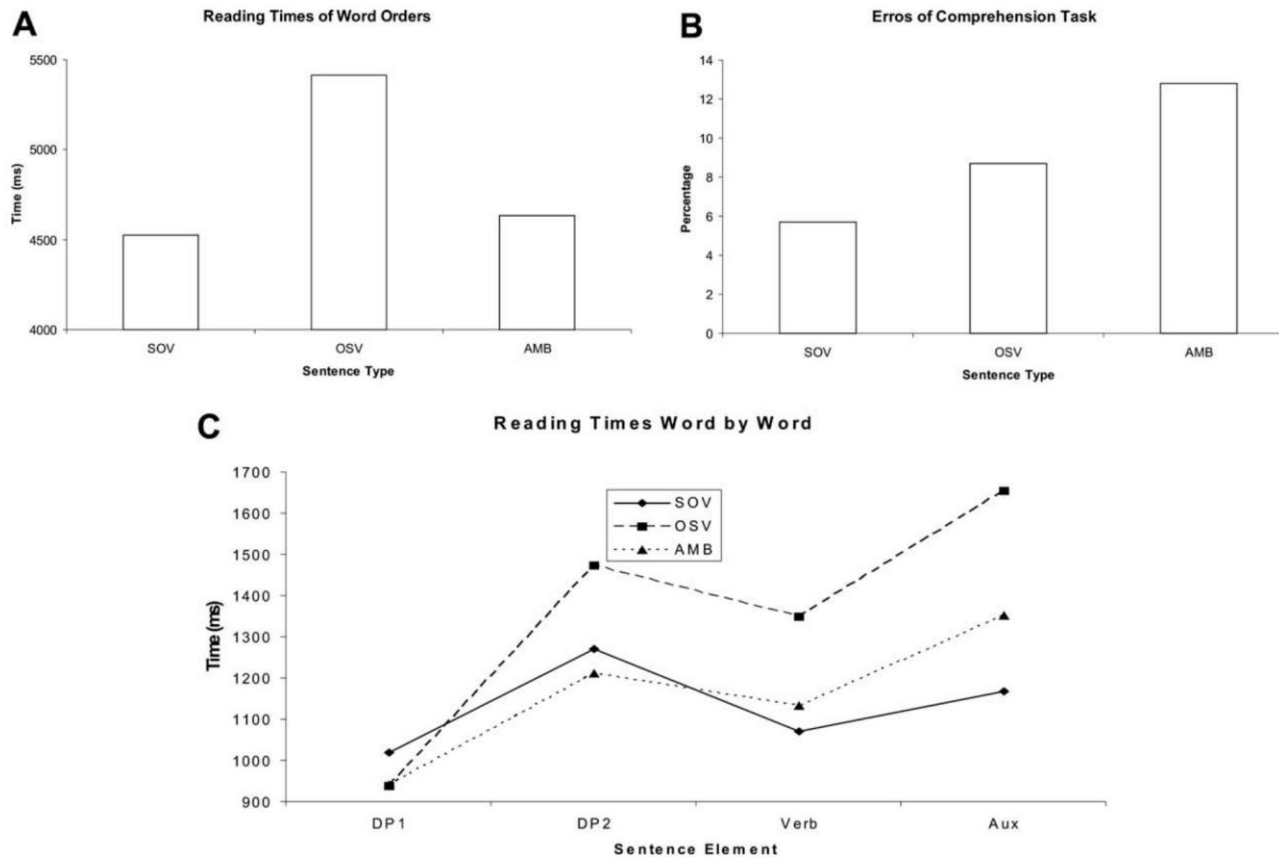
### Non-Canonical OSV

8b. Gizon-ak emakume-ek ikusi dituzte

Men-the(O) women-the(S) seen have(V)

'The women have seen the men'

# Portaerazko emaitzak



**Fig. 2.** Results from self-paced reading Experiment 2. (A) Mean reading times to whole sentences in both experimental conditions (SOV = Subject–Object–Verb word order; OSV = Object–Subject–Verb word order; AMB = fully ambiguous sequences). As in the first experiment, the OSV condition required longer reading times. (B) Error rate in the comprehension task. (C) Comparison of SOV, OSV and AMB conditions word-by-word. The y-axis features reaction times in milliseconds; in x-axis the different constituents of each sentence are depicted (DP = Determiner Phrase; Vb = Verb; Aux = Auxiliary verb). The DPs are the subject and the object of the transitive verb.

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# SOV vs. OSV: ERP Materialak

## Experiment 3

Unambiguous

Canonical SOV

9a. Otso-ek ardi-ak jan dituzte  
Wolf-the(S) sheep-the(O) eat have(V)

*'The wolves have eaten the sheep'*

Non-Canonical OSV

9b. Ardi-a otso-ak jan du  
Sheep-the(O) wolf-the(S) eat has(V)

*'The wolf has eaten the sheep'*

Temporally ambiguous

9c. Otso-ak ardi-ak jan ditu  
Wolf-the(S/O)sheep-the(S/O) eat has(V)

*'The wolf has eaten the sheep'*

9d. Ardi-ak otso-ak jan ditu  
Sheep-the(S/O) wolf-the(S/O) eat has(V)

*'The wolf has eaten the sheep'*



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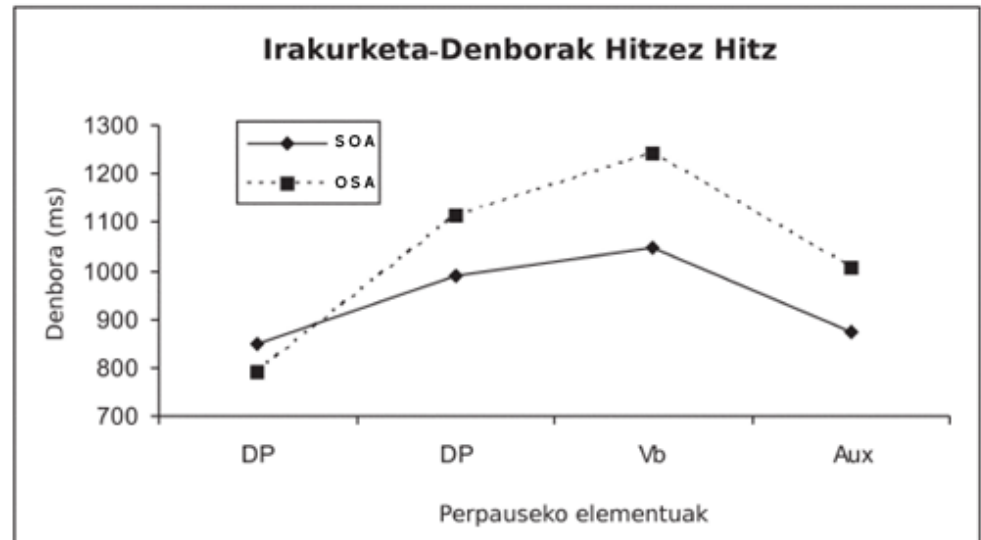
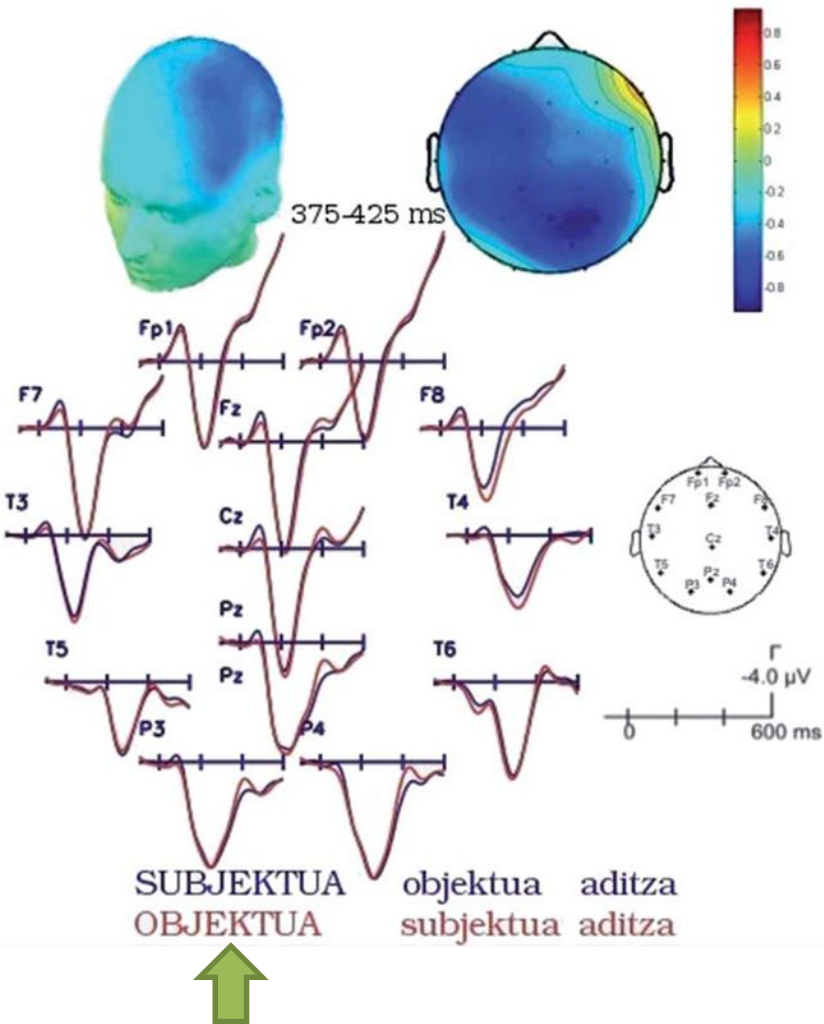
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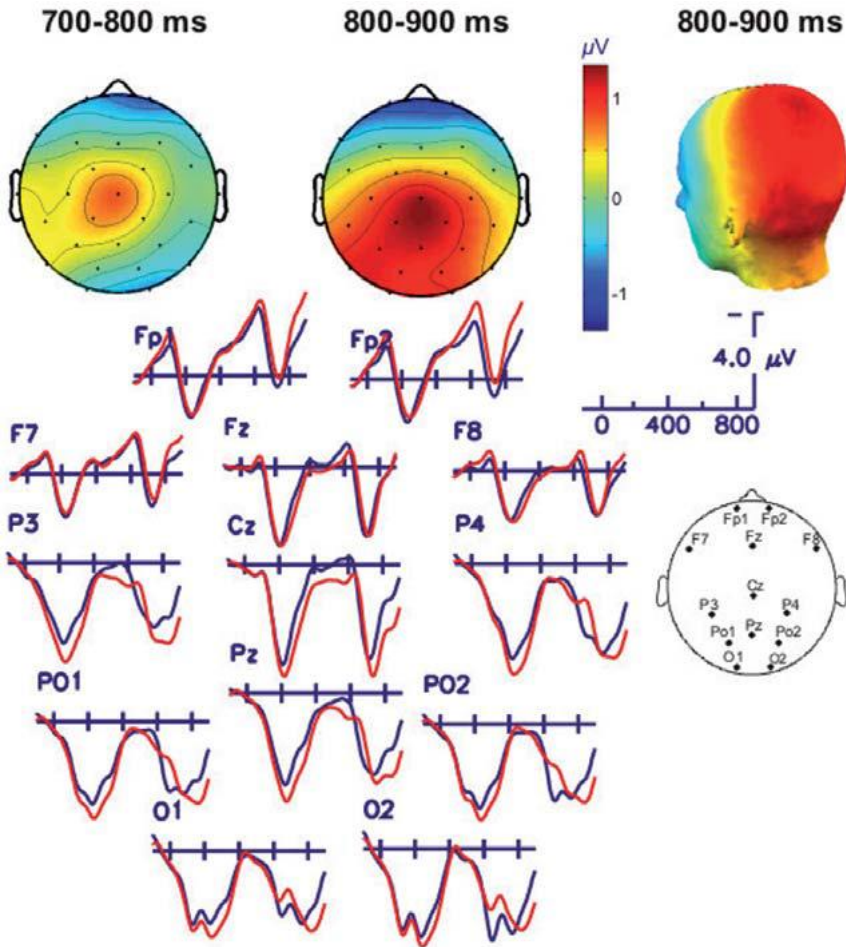
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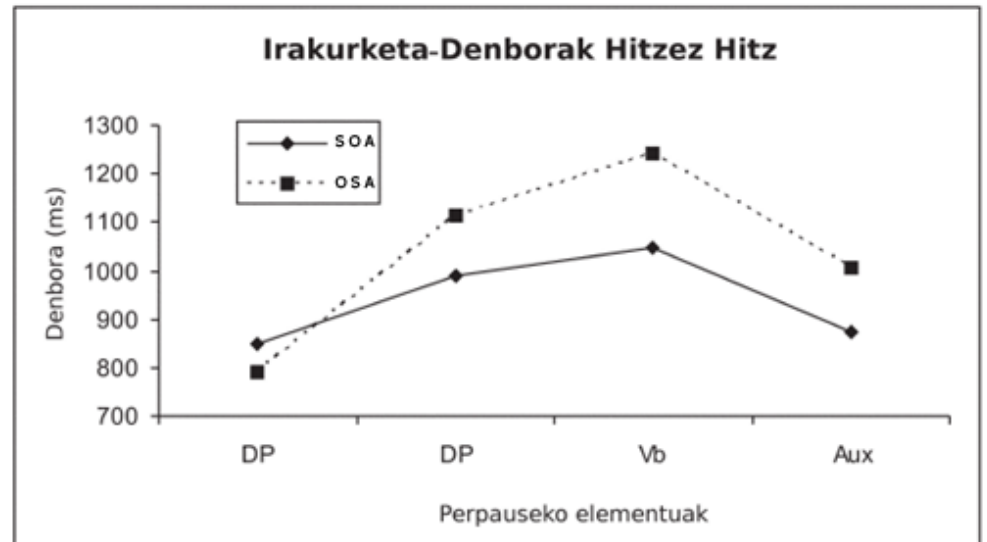
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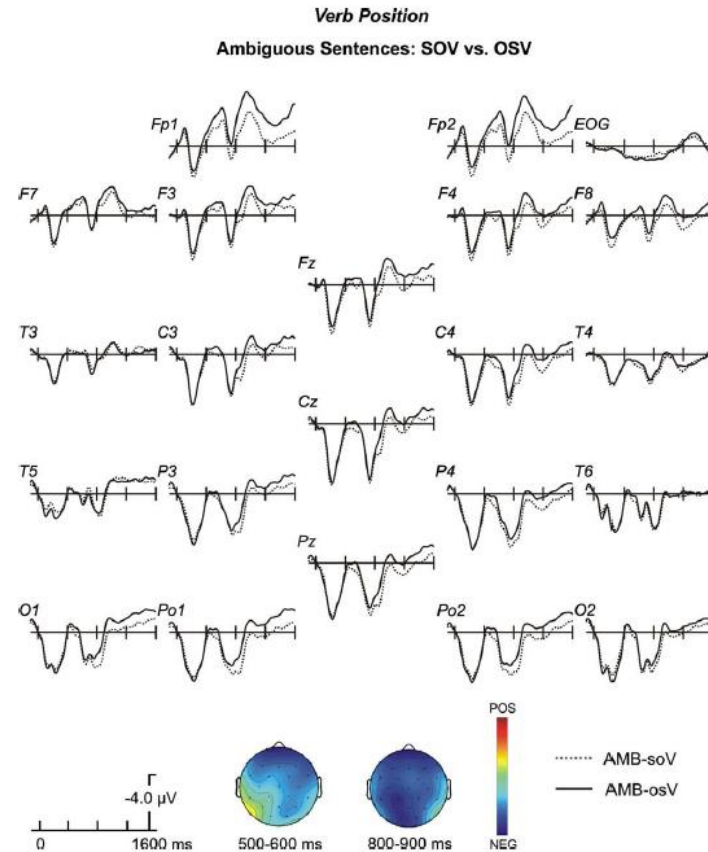


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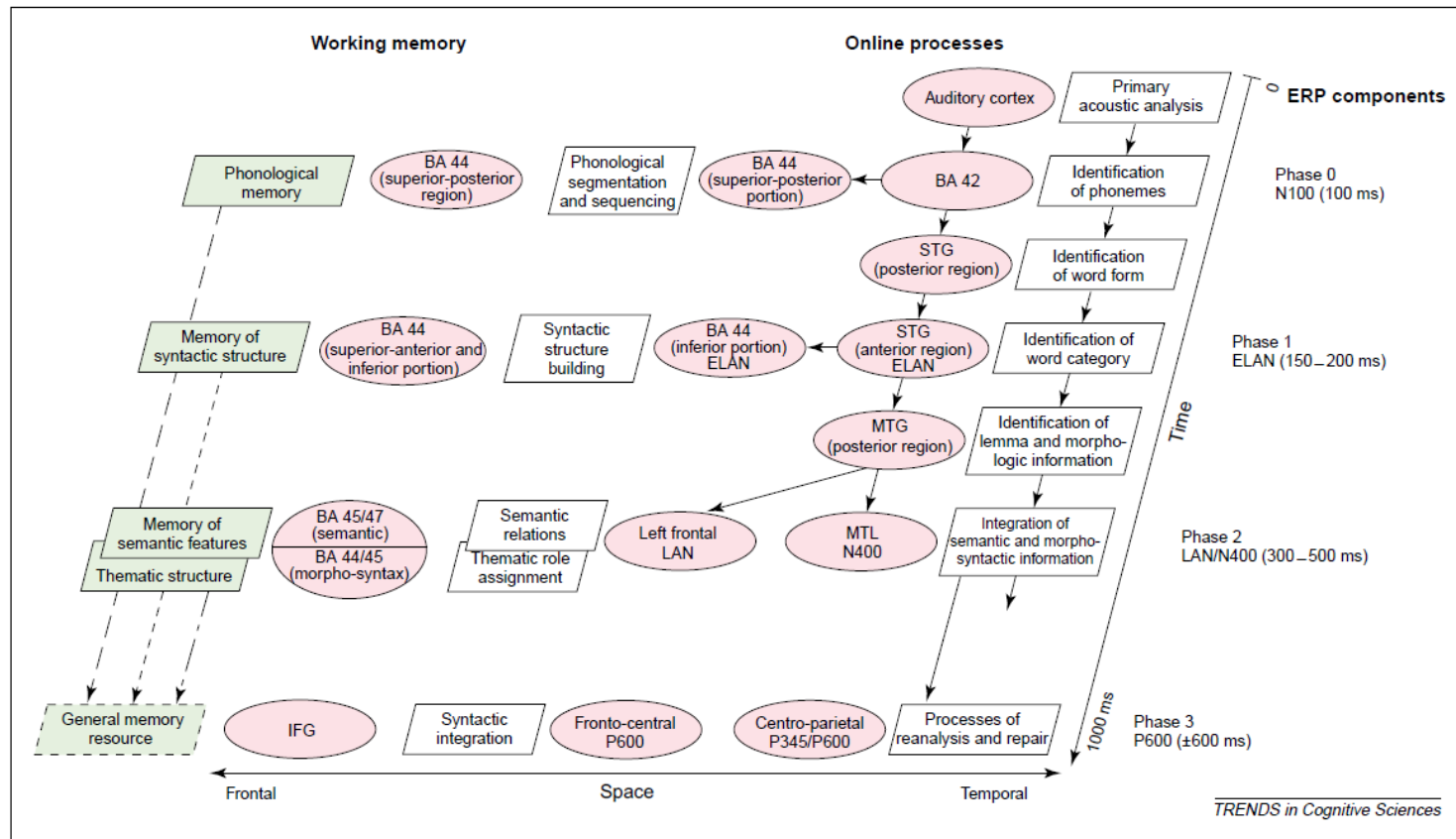
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# Towards a neural basis of auditory sentence processing

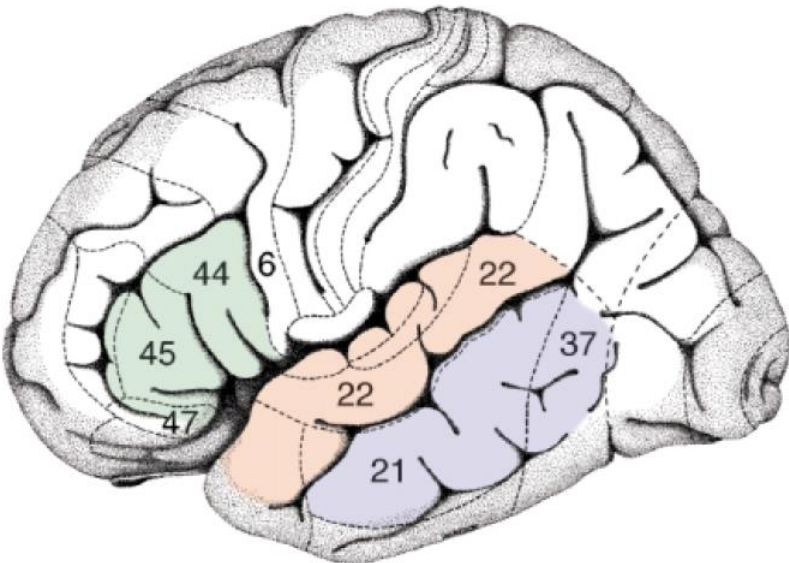
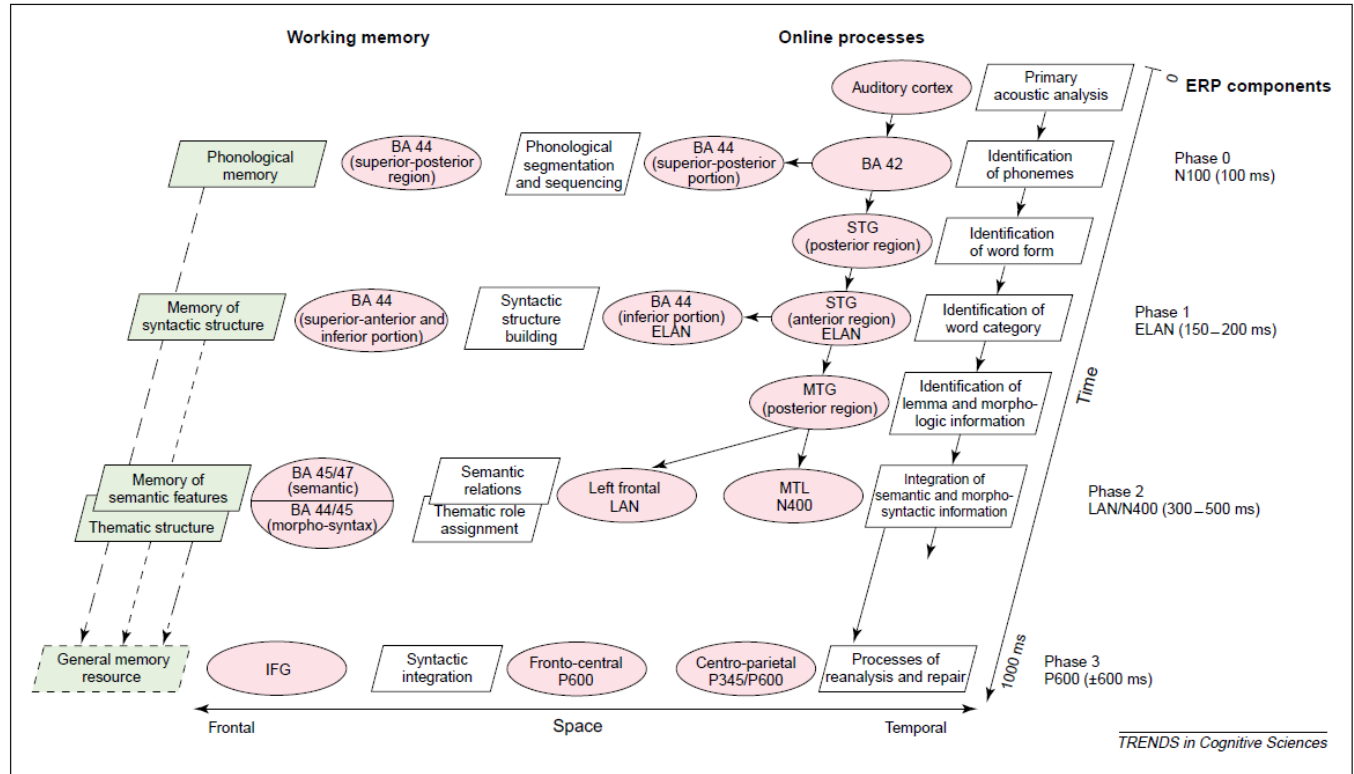
Friederici (2002)

**Fig. 1.** Neurocognitive model of auditory sentence processing. The boxes represent the functional processes, the ellipses the underlying neural correlate identified either by fMRI, PET or ERPs. The neuroanatomical specification (indicated by text in square brackets) is based on either fMRI or PET data. The ERP components specified in their temporal structure (left-hand side) are assigned to their neural correlate by the function rather than the localization of their generator. This holds true for the ERP components of phase 2 and -3 as late components are hard to localize. The different distributions of the P600 and their functional nature are discussed in Ref. [53]. The neural correlate of the ELAN, however, has been verified by dipole localization [54]. Abbreviations: BA, Brodmann's area; ELAN, early left-anterior negativity; ERP, event-related brain potential; fMRI, functional magnetic resonance imaging; IFG, inferior frontal gyrus; MTG, middle temporal gyrus; MTL, middle temporal lobe; PET, positron imaging tomography; STG, superior temporal gyrus.





# Friederici (2002)



**Fig. 2.** Brodmann areas (BA) in the left hemisphere. The inferior frontal gyrus (IFG) is shown in green, the superior temporal gyrus (STG) in red and the middle temporal gyrus (MTG) in blue. (Adapted from Ref. [55].)

# eADM

## The Extended Argument Dependency Model: A Neurocognitive Approach to **Sentence Comprehension** Across Languages

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Real-time language comprehension is a principal cognitive ability and thereby relates to central properties of the human cognitive architecture. Yet how do the presumably universal cognitive and neural substrates of language processing relate to the astounding diversity of human languages (over 5,000)? The authors present a neurocognitive model of online comprehension, the extended argument dependency model (eADM), that accounts for cross-linguistic unity and diversity in the processing of core constituents (verbs and arguments). The eADM postulates that core constituent processing proceeds in three hierarchically organized phases: (1) constituent structure building without relational interpretation, (2) argument role assignment via a restricted set of cross-linguistically motivated information types (e.g., case, animacy), and (3) completion of argument interpretation using information from further domains (e.g., discourse context, plausibility). This basic architecture is assumed to be universal, with cross-linguistic variation deriving primarily from the information types applied in Phase 2 of comprehension. This conception can derive the appearance of similar neurophysiological and neuroanatomical processing correlates in seemingly disparate structures in different languages and, conversely, of cross-linguistic differences in the processing of similar sentence structures.

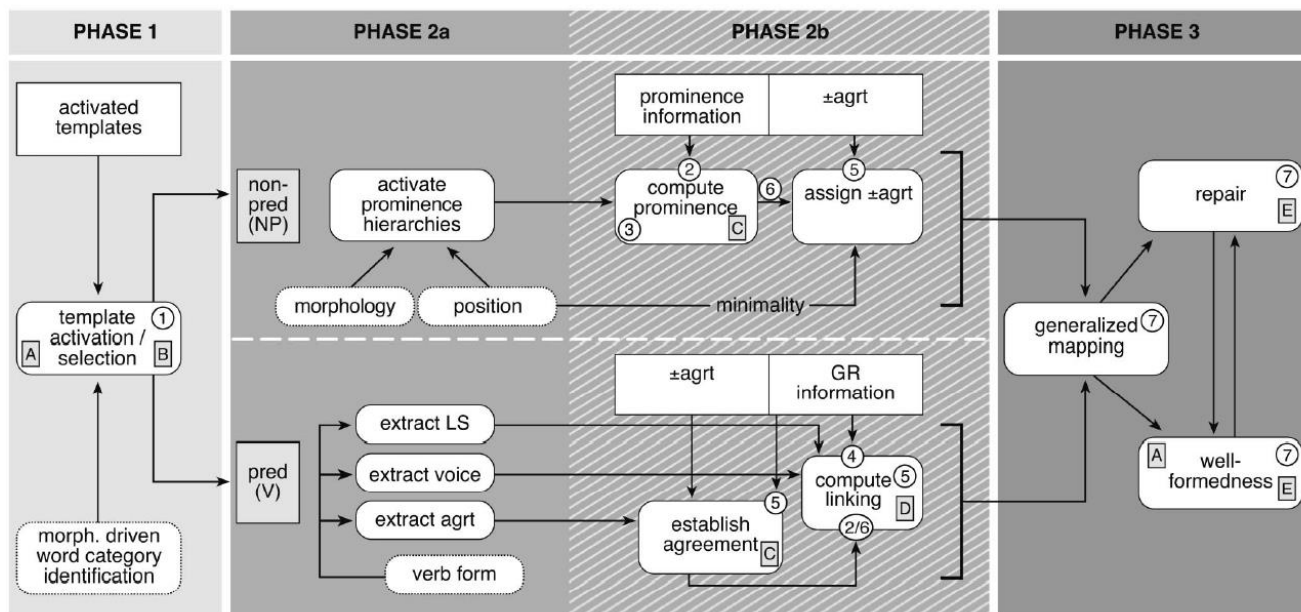


Table 1  
*Summary of the Extended Argument Dependency Model's Neurophysiological Correlates*

| Processing step  | ERP component                  | Language                 | Example        |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Phase 1  |                                |                          |                |
| Template activation/selection                                      | Early left-anterior negativity | English, German, Dutch   | 4, 5           |
| Phase 2  |                                |                          |                |
| Compute prominence (mismatch with previous prominence information) | N400                           | English, German, Russian | 6, 7, 8        |
| Compute prominence (mismatch with template)                        | Scrambling negativity          | German                   | 9              |
| Assign ± Agrt  | LAN                            | English, Finnish         | 11, 12         |
| Establish Agreement (mismatch with GR information)                 | LAN                            | English, Dutch, Italian  | 13             |
| Compute linking (GR mismatch)                                      | Early positivity (P345)        | German, Dutch, English   | 15, 16, 17, 18 |
| Compute linking (agreement mismatch)                               | N400/P600                      | German                   | 14, 19, 20     |
| Compute linking (hierarchy mismatch)                               | LAN                            | German                   | 21             |
| Phase 3  |                                |                          |                |
| Generalized mapping  | Late positivity                | Dutch, English, German   | 22, 23, 24     |
| Well-formedness/repair   | Late positivity                | English, German          | 25, Footnote 9 |

Note. ERP = event-related brain potential; LAN = left-anterior negativity; agrt = agreement; GR = generalized semantic roles.

# The Extended Argument Dependency Model: A Neurocognitive Approach to Sentence Comprehension Across Languages

|                                     | input representation  | phase 1   | phase 2   | phase 3   | output representation   |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| <u>Richard</u>                      |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NP recognised</li> <li>1-arg template activated</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GR / prominence information activated via position (phase 2a) → Actor assigned (Compute Prominence, 2b) → [+agrt] assigned via Actor role (2b)</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local well-formedness checked</li> </ul>   | <p>CORE tree structure:<br/>           CORE branches to ARG and NUC.<br/>           ARG branches to NP, which contains the word "Richard" with feature [+agrt] and the role "Actor".<br/>           NUC branches to V.</p>  |
| Richard <u>invited</u>              | <p>CORE tree structure:<br/>           CORE branches to ARG and NUC.<br/>           ARG branches to NP, which contains "Richard" with feature [+agrt] and role "Actor".<br/>           NUC branches to V.</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>V recognised</li> <li>1-arg template kept active</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreement, voice, logical structure extracted (phase 2a)</li> <li>Agreement matched against input (Establish Agreement, 2b) → Linking computed (GRs checked) using agreement, voice, LS (Compute Linking, 2b)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2-arg template selected on account of subcat. inf (Gen. Mapping)</li> <li>Local well-formedness checked</li> </ul> | <p>CORE tree structure:<br/>           CORE branches to ARG, NUC, and ARG.<br/>           Left ARG branches to NP containing "R." with feature [+agrt] and role "Actor".<br/>           NUC branches to V containing "invited" with feature [3sg, active].<br/>           Right ARG branches to NP.</p>   |
| Richard <u>invited the gardener</u> | <p>CORE tree structure:<br/>           CORE branches to ARG, NUC, and ARG.<br/>           Left ARG branches to NP containing "R." with feature [+agrt] and role "Actor".<br/>           NUC branches to V containing "invited" with feature [3sg, active].<br/>           Right ARG branches to NP containing "the G." with feature [-agrt] and role "Undergoer".</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NP recognised</li> <li>2-arg template kept active</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GR / prominence information activated via position (phase 2a) → Undergoer assigned (Compute Prominence, 2b) → [-agrt] assigned via prominence and previous agreement inf (2b) → linking completed</li> </ul>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Global well-formedness checked</li> </ul>  | <p>CORE tree structure:<br/>           CORE branches to ARG, NUC, and ARG.<br/>           Left ARG branches to NP containing "R." with feature [+agrt] and role "Actor".<br/>           NUC branches to V containing "invited" with feature [3sg, active].<br/>           Right ARG branches to NP containing "the G." with feature [-agrt] and role "Undergoer".</p> |

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