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ABSTRACT

Three performance dimensions on a verbal dichotic listening (DL) test were investigated. Experiment I assessed DL performance as a function of task difficulty. Accuracy and laterality preference in repeating 2,3 and 4 word pairs (WP) of dichotic stimuli in English and French were determined in 80 right-handed subjects (Anglophone/Francophone, Male/Female), who were tested in both their native language (NL) and non-native language (OL). Relative performance accuracy decreased as a function of WP (from 2 to 4) and language (NL to OL). Right lateral preference in turn increased as a function of WP (from 2 to 4) as well as language (NL to OL). Right lateral preference in OL decreased as a function of language proficiency (low to high).

Experiment II focused on order effects and cognitive processes in the framework of DL. Accuracy and laterality of ear preference in repeating words on a 3 WP DL stimulation task (NL) under suggestion, (none, left ear better, right ear better) and order of recall (free, left ear first, right ear first) were assessed in 216 right-handed native Englishspeakers (Male/Female). Laterality of ear preference varied significantly as a function of order of recall, with

right lateral preference for free recall and right ear first recall and left lateral preference for left ear first recall. A suggestion effect was not obtained.

Experiment III addressed the issue of DL performance as a function of cognitive style (field dependent (FD)/field independent (FID)) and vulnerability to suggestion (none, left ear better, right ear better, left and right ear equally good). Laterality of ear preference was investigated in 120 right-handed native Anglophones (FD/FID), (Male/Female). Ear preference varied significantly as a function of FD/FID and suggestion. Lateral preference reversal occurred from the neutral suggestion (FD low right lateral preference, FID high right lateral preference) to any of the three suggestion conditions (FD high right lateral preference, FID low right lateral preference) regardless of suggestion content. The implications of

1. task difficulty
2. order and suggestion effects
3. cognitive style

for DL performance were discussed.

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GENERAL INTRODUCTION

... 'there lurks the possibility of many factors affecting the observed left-right difference that may have nothing to do with cerebral asymmetry. If we are to assess cerebral asymmetry, we must identify and control such extraneous factors. Very simply we must think when we do our experiments, and not assume that all left-right differences are immutably linked to cerebral asymmetry' (M.P. Bryden, 1980).

Background

The dichotic listening paradigm, which was developed by Broadbent (1954; 1956; 1957; a,b; 1958) to examine human short term memory, requires the rapid, simultaneous presentation of two competing messages, one to each ear respectively. Stimuli are generally presented via stereophonic headphones and may be digits (i.e. Kimura, 1961, a,b), words (i.e. Curry, 1967), syllables (i.e. Shankweiler and Studdert-Kennedy, 1967, a,b,) tones (Spreen, Spellacy and Reid, 1970) or melodies (Kimura, 1964).

Within a single series, dichotic pairs generally succeed each other every $1/2$, 1 or 2 seconds (Deegener, 1973). The subject's task is to reproduce the stimuli freely or according to particular types of instructions, depending on the dimension of the investigation (i.e. Broadbent, 1957 a; Broadbent and Gregory, 1964, a,b; Eryden 1964; Inglis, 1965; Satz, Achenbach, Pattishall and Fennell, 1965; Bartz, Satz and Fennell, 1967; Treisman, 1964, a,b; 1967; 1969; Abe and Aiba, 1976; Bookbinder and Osman, 1979; Teng, 1981). While obtaining a variety of different results, researchers employing these variables all reach one and the same conclusion as far as the underlying construct is concerned. Stimuli of a verbal nature lead to the observation of a 'Right Ear Advantage' (REA) in the vast majority of right-handed subjects and in more than half of sinistrals (Satz et al, 1965; Satz, Achenbach and Fennell, 1967).

Speech dominance is purported to be located in the left hemisphere in 94% of dextrals and 70% of sinistrals (Geffen and Traub, 1980), as determined by unilateral intracarotid sodium amytal injection and unilateral electroconvulsive therapy (Rossi and Rosadini, 1967; Fleminger, Horne and Nott, 1970; Warrington and Pratt, 1973; Annett, Hudson and Turner, 1974; Rasmussen and Milner, 1975; Davis and Wada, 1977; Geffen, Traub and Stierman, 1978).

DL results generally fall somewhat short of expected values if handedness is taken as the basis of laterality determination. While results vary from study to study, the estimates of 75% (Teng, 1981) or 80% (Wexler, Halwes and Heninger, 1981) of right-handed subjects showing a FEA in DL are comparatively conservative figures (i.e. compare to Satz et al, 1967 with 87%). On the other hand up to 40% of strong sinistrals have been shown to display an LEA for verbal material (Lishman and McMeekan, 1977).

Non-verbal stimuli in turn have been shown to lead to a 'left ear advantage' (LEA) in right-handers (Kimura, 1964; Chaney and Webster, 1966; Spellacy and Blumstein, 1970, a,b; Spreen et al, 1970).

Speech dominance however is mentioned only as one possible explanation of the REA vs. LEA in DL in the literature. Several hundred publications pertaining to the issue, since the inception of the technique in the mid-1950's, present a confusing, often contradictory picture.

While the notion that the neural substrate necessary for language production is localized primarily in one of the two cerebral hemispheres is universally accepted, the issue of cerebral lateralization of language processors has not yet been resolved in any conclusive manner (Gazzaniga, 1974). The point of contention is whether linguistic cerebral

processors are lateralized to the same extent as expressive mechanisms, or whether there is actual bilateral processing of such stimuli (Springer and Gazzaniga, 1975). DL and the observed ear advantages have been instrumental tasks in addressing this problem.

Representative of the most important schools of thought, four researchers deserve mentioning in this framework: Doreen Kimura, proponent of a perceptual model of DL; James Inglis, advocate of an order-effect model; Anne Treisman, with a selective attention model and finally Philip Bryden, whose position might best be described as 'eclectic', since it incorporates some aspects of the other models and perhaps best represents a multidimensional approach to the issue at hand.

Perceptual Model

Kimura (1961a) employed DL with patients with unilateral temporal lobe damage. Unilateral temporal lobectomy resulted in a marked impairment in the report of dichotically presented digits arriving at the ear contralateral to the excision. Performance decrement was even more marked in patients with excisions including the Gyrus of Heschl. Overall performance decrement (accuracy for both ears) was more pronounced in patients with left temporal lobe damage as compared to lesions on the right side.

Further work (Kimura, 1961b) employed Wada's Sodium Amytal Test (Wada and Rasmussen, 1960) to determine language lateralization in patients with epileptogenic foci. Kimura (1961b) was able to show that regardless of epileptogenic focus site, verbal DL stimuli arriving at the ear contralateral to the speech dominant hemisphere, as determined by the Wada test, were more frequently reproduced than those arriving at the ipsilateral ear. Conversely, a LEA was reported by Kimura (1964) for the recognition of melodies, a finding which lead her to conclude that there is 'a clear-cut differentiation between relative ear superiority on the two types of stimulus material' (Kimura, 1964, p.356). When comparing dichotic versus monotic presentation of single syllable words, Kimura (1967) showed that the REA can be observed only under dichotic conditions, while monaural stimulation showed even a slight LEA.

Part of the reason for the occurrence of the REA in DL for verbal material (Kimura, 1961 a,b; 1967; Dirks, 1964), can according to the perceptual model be found in the evidence, which relates lateral asymmetry in auditory perception to the asymmetrical functioning of the brain (Kimura, 1967). Left hemisphere dominance for speech she contended, is reflected by superior right ear performance for stimuli of verbal content, while the observed LEA for melodies is reflective of right-hemisphere dominance for melodic pattern perception (Kimura, 1967). This model for

dichotic listening, which has come to be called by some the 'Bilateral Asymmetry of Brain Function (BAF) hypothesis' (Spellacy and Blumstein, 1970 a), has its basis in electrophysiological data from animal experiments.

Tunturi (1946) and Rosenzweig (1951) established that in animals, the contralateral or crossed pathways from ear to cortex are more numerous as well as functionally stronger. Kimura (1967) contended that her own data as well as the Bocca, Calero, Cassinari and Migliavacca (1955) and Sinha (1959) findings permit generalization of the cited electrophysiological evidence from animals to man. It is thus presumed that ipsilateral impulses in DL are less efficiently processed than those relayed via contralateral pathways. The functional superiority of one hemisphere over the other for particular types of stimuli (verbal versus nonverbal) further enhances observed ear advantages, since mainly contralateral processing makes for shorter pathways for right ear linguistic input or left ear musical input as compared to the respective other ear in Kimura's model. Since these effects are observable only under dichotic conditions, Kimura (1967) presumed that some competition between pathways has to occur in DL. Stimuli arriving via the weaker ipsilateral pathway would hence be partially occluded under these conditions, enhancing the advantage of the contralateral over the ipsilateral pathway. Kimura (1967) contended further that 'afferent overlap of this type

may not be the total explanation for the sensitivity of dichotic presentation to asymmetry. Presumably there is a factor of central occlusion as well, i.e. when two different speech sounds must compete for overlapping pathways in the dominant hemisphere, the slight advantage for contralateral input over the ipsilateral input may be further enhanced by central competition' (p. 171).

While most investigators have accepted the basic notion of the perceptual model (Kimura, 1961 a,b) that lateral asymmetries are reflective of hemispheric asymmetries (Studdert-Kennedy, 1975), the structural account of contralateral functional prepotency has met with some criticism.

Research in connection with specific central nervous system pathology, namely by administering DL to commissurotomy patients, patients who have undergone surgical disconnection of the two cerebral hemispheres (Milner, Taylor and Sperry, 1968), in order to relieve intractable epilepsy (Bogen and Vogel, 1962), has shed further light on the issue.

Of particular interest in this framework is the fact that surgically disconnected hemispheres continue to function relatively normally; however, as in normals, only the left hemisphere in right-handers seems to show propositional speech abilities, while the right hemisphere appears to have

only a very rudimentary command of language (Milner et al, 1968), an issue which is central to DL performance. While commissurotomy patients showed equal accuracy for right and left ear in a monaurally presented digit identification task, Milner et al (1968) found that under DL conditions an almost complete suppression of left ear input occurs for DL stimuli of a verbal character, while suppression of right-ear input was reported for DL stimuli of a non-verbal nature. 'These findings highlight the dominance of the contralateral over the ipsilateral auditory projection system' (Milner et al, 1968, p.184).

Sparks and Geschwind (1968) independently confirmed these findings and reported complete left ear extinction with either digits or animal names serving as dichotic stimuli. Their reaffirmation of the two pathway system (ipsilateral and contralateral) was based on physiological evidence in animals, showing the presence of a callosal pathway for auditory stimuli (Bremer, Brihaye and Andre-Balisaux, 1956).

More recent evidence of this massive left-ear loss phenomenon in commissurotomy patients with DL stimuli, summarized by Cullen, Berlin, Hughes, Thompson and Samson (1975) as 'no difficulty with monaural perception, chance performance for the left ear and near perfect performance for the right ear' (p.113), was supplied by Zaidel (1974),

Spinger and Gazzaniga (1975) and most recently by Musiek and Wilson (1979).

Geffen and Traub (1980) concluded that these split-brain findings give support to (1) 'the contralateral pathways from the ears to the cerebral cortex are more efficient than the ipsilateral connections and with competitive stimulation there is suppression of the ipsilateral input by the contralateral input' and (2) 'words initially presented to the non-dominant ear-hemisphere are transmitted across the corpus callosum for processing and response by the speech dominant hemisphere' (p.83).

The importance of these commissural pathways was underlined by the work of Bryden and Zurif (1970) who showed that a patient with callosal agenesis, unlike the described commissurotomy patients, did not display any pronounced laterality effect. Lassonde, Lortie, Ptito and Geoffroy (1981) reported even a slight LEA in two patients with callosal agenesis for familiar words, nonsense words as well as pure tones as DL stimuli. Eerlin (1972) interpreted the absence of a pronounced REA in callosal agenesis patients as suggesting that the brain develops as two independent entities in such a case, with little interaction or communication. In terms of actual DL performance, Bryden and Zurif (1970) concluded that the evidence supplied by their patient may be more indicative of suppression and

interference at the cortical level than of contralateral occlusion mechanisms blocking the ipsilateral pathway at a subcortical level.

Another independent source of support for this model was an investigation performed by Sparks, Goodglass and Nickel (1970). They reported that right-hemisphere lesioned patients showed exclusive extinction of signals received by the contralateral left ear under dichotic stimulation, while left hemisphere lesioned patients showed contralateral as well as in some cases ipsilateral (paradoxical) extinction. While contralateral extinction is explained by the perceptual model, the causes for ipsilateral extinction are less apparent. Sparks et al (1970) attributed this seemingly paradoxical phenomenon to a lesion of the auditory pathway located at the dominant association area of the left temporal lobe, immediately after the corpus callosum crossing point, suggesting that input via the contralateral fibers from the left ear (left ear to right hemisphere back to left hemisphere) does arrive in the left hemisphere but cannot be processed. The fact that ipsilateral extinction does not occur in split-brain patients was explained by the fact that patients suffering from vascular disease often display deep lesions, while in commissurotomy patients only the cortex and adjacent white matter is involved (Sparks et al, 1970).

Further supportive evidence for the perceptual model comes from a completely different source: psycholinguistics. Spellacy and Elumstein (1970 b) pointed out that although linguists classify vowels as phonemic, the amount of speech code information conveyed by them is significantly less than consonant phoneme information content. Findings by Shankweiler and Studdert-Kennedy, 1967 (b) and Studdert-Kennedy and Shankweiler, 1970, who reported an REA for stop consonants but not for vowels would tend to be partially explained by this assertion. It was further contended that unequal processing of different classes of phonetic categories and the observed ear advantages in a DL situation may be less due to differential hemispheric processing, but may result from differential susceptibility of the respective phonetic classes to transcallosal degradation. (Shankweiler and Studdert-Kennedy, 1967 b; Studdert-Kennedy and Shankweiler, 1970; Cutting, 1974; Studdert-Kennedy, 1975).

Studdert-Kennedy and Shankweiler (1970) concluded on the basis of their findings that 'the laterality effect then would be due to a loss of auditory information from interhemispheric transfer of the ipsilateral signal to the dominant hemisphere for linguistic processing' (p.593).

The weight of the evidence thus accumulated lead Studdert-Kennedy (1975) to conclude: 'In short, Kimura's

model has been widely accepted and makes sense of a good deal of data' (p. 124).

Thus while Kimura's interpretation of her results that observed asymmetries in human perception can be related to known facts about asymmetry of representation of function in the cerebral hemispheres has generally been accepted (i.e. Poeck, 1968; Kinsbourne, 1970; Prohovnik, 1978), prolific research in the area and a variety of new findings, have cast some doubt on the adequacy of the second part of her hypothesis, namely the functional prepotency of the contralateral pathways from the right ear to the left hemisphere as sufficient explanation for DL results (Perl and Haggard, 1975; Studdert-Kennedy, 1975). Alternative explanations for observed asymmetries in DL performance have also been put forth.

Order-Effect Model

Using digits, Broadbent (1954, 1956) showed that subjects tend to report first all the stimuli presented to the right ear, then all the stimuli presented to the left. This so-called 'Broadbent effect' purportedly plays a very central role in the production of the REA observed in DL with verbal material (Inglis, 1960; Inglis and Sanderson, 1961; Inglis, 1962 a,b; Inglis and Caird, 1963; Inglis, 1965; Inglis, 1968).

Broadbent (1957 a,b, 1958) concluded that dichotic recall involves two systems, a perceptual system and a storage system. In this model, the immediate or perceptual channel processes information successively, while the storage channel holds information, which the perceptual system cannot absorb (Inglis, 1968). Accordingly, the observed REA can thus be explained by the fact that the digits reproduced first (according to the Broadbent effect on the right side) are processed directly in the perceptual system, while the material reproduced second (on the left side) is kept in the storage channel and is hence subject to decay and interference (Inglis, 1965).

Inglis (1960) employed this hypothesis, at that time somewhat less elegantly formulated, to predict that senile disorders should affect the memory processes thus postulated to be involved in DL. In a first set of experiments, he examined patients with memory disorders and used brain-damaged patients with no memory disorders as controls. He was able to show consistently that patients with memory disorders made significantly more errors than brain damaged patients with no such memory disorders with sets of verbal DL stimuli, which were reproduced second in the sequence, presumably after having been held in the storage system. Reproduction of stimuli, which, according to the model were still in the perceptual system, showed no group differences (Inglis, 1960; Caird and Inglis, 1961; Inglis and Sanderson,

1961). Caird and Hannah (1964) arrived independently at similar conclusions.

A second set of experiments served to investigate the question in the framework of normal aging (Inglis, 1962 b). While results were not as dramatic as in the case of patients with memory disorders (Inglis, 1962), further studies by Inglis and Caird (1963), Mackay and Inglis (1963), Inglis and Ankus (1965) and Inglis and Tansey, (1967) all showed a progressive age related decrement in the recall of material from the secondary channel, while the primary channel did not show any such impairment. Further independent support of these results came from investigations of Broadbent and Gregory (1965), Caird (1965), and Craik (1965).

While the cited evidence makes an impressive case for the Order-Effect model, one major weakness is inherent in the conclusions, reached on the basis of this hypothesis: The model does not supply any explanation as to why this order effect comes about in the first place. A REA can come about only in this model, as long as the subjects report first material presented to the right ear, i.e. verbal stimuli processed in the perceptual system only. The Inglis model does not supply any answer as to the reasons for this order effect (Mainka and Hoermann, 1971). Inglis (1965) provided the following explanation for the issue: 'If left cerebral

dominance for speech simply created a tendency for the material presented to the right ear to be recalled first in sequence, this could create an order effect which then might be misinterpreted as a laterality effect. To control these different possible sources of variance, it is necessary to specify the ear order of recall required from the subject (see Experiment II). When this is done, it appears that errors in reproduction are principally due to order rather than laterality and hence, by Broadbent's hypothesis, due to defects of short-term auditory storage rather than defects of auditory perception' (p.236).

Oxbury, Oxbury and Gardiner (1967) suggested that an attentional bias towards the right ear might be responsible for the observed REA in a free recall procedure, an explanation which Satz (1968) called 'misleading', since he felt that the REA for verbal material is a function of the more efficient connections between right ear and contralateral hemisphere, dominant for language. Oxbury et al (1967) were supported to some degree by Penney (1976), who interpreted her results as indicating that there is an actual division of attention between between competing inputs (in this case a dichotic memory task) and that the Broadbent effect is a reflection of storage format of items (see 'Attentional Model').

In later work (1968), Inglis, himself, contended that determining which of the two outlined factors (laterality or order of report) is the more significant influence upon recall in DL, is not possible, unless precise controls are employed, a position which was supported by Perl (1968) who concluded that on the basis of (then) available evidence, both the perceptual as well as the order-effect model appeared correct.

Inglis' (1968) conclusions constituted a laudable attempt of reconciling some aspects of the perceptual and the order effect model. He emphasized the necessity to consider all possible sources of variance in the DL paradigm, a fact which is often not duly acknowledged in the literature, due to the inadequacies of his order effect model (see eclectic position). Although Inglis (1968) continued to maintain that the order effect has a strong influence on ear accuracy in DL and that ear asymmetry accounts for less of the observed variance, he concluded that ear asymmetry effects may be more important in their own right than he previously assumed and may be reflective of actual asymmetry of cerebral organization. This type of 'bipartisan approach' to the problem was supported by Wilson, Dirks and Carterette (1968).

While in summary then, Kimura (1961 a,b) conceptualized DL results mainly as a function of perceptual,

neurophysiological factors, Inglis (1965) alternatively suggested reproductional mechanisms as the main source of variance.

A more differentiated approach, taking into account more of the available evidence, was provided by Treisman (1969).

Attentional Model

While Treisman agreed with Kimura, that observed laterality effects in DL are mainly a function of a perceptual process, (Treisman 1969), she contended that the phenomenon is not fully discussed if attention, 'the selective aspect of perception and response' (Treisman, 1969, p.283) is not brought into the picture. While admitting that any attentional theory in DL, by virtue of its nature, has to presuppose some general framework on the inherent makeup of the perceptual system (Treisman, 1969) (i.e. a neurophysiological model) she nonetheless presumed a preponderance of attentional factors in the phenomenon.

Treisman (1969) strengthened her theoretical argument by considering two types of attentional variables; a 'divided attention variable', relating to a subject's (S) ability to '(a) attend in parallel to two inputs, (b) use two analyzers at once and (c) test for two targets at once' (Treisman, 1969, p.287) and a 'focused attention variable', which is determined by relative efficiency on tasks which make it

more or less necessary that attention be focused on a single input (see Experiment II).

Treisman's (1964 a,b, 1969, 1970) and Treisman's and Riley's (1969) research employed a novel design, pioneered by Cherry (1953) and further used by Moray (1959), the technique of shadowing (discussed in detail in Experiment II). The primary advantage of the design lies with the elimination of storage processes, thus virtually removing from the discussion one of the major points of contention of the Kimura-Inglis debate.

Treisman and Geffen (1968) were able to show with the shadowing technique that ear differences emerged even with more immediate, supposedly largely memory independent DL task sets. They concluded that most of the variance of observed REA in DL is due to 'quantitative differences in distribution of attention to left and right ear inputs reaching left hemisphere areas' (p.139). Efficiency of speech perception in a DL paradigm is thus at least in part a function of attentional variables.

It would appear then that perceptual processes (Kimura, 1961 a,b), possibly memory and storage processes (Inglis, 1965) and attentional variables (Treisman, 1969) all contribute to the variance of observed right-left differences in dichotic listening.

Based on almost two decades of research experience in the area, Bryden (1980) supplied the perhaps most pragmatic and cogent approach to the issue of the DL paradigm by pointing out that we are most likely dealing with a multidimensional phenomenon, with a variety of contributing factors.

Eclectic Position

Perhaps the core of the eclectic position lies with Bryden's (1980) argument that variability associated with perceptual asymmetry measures is only partially associated with hemispheric asymmetry and that other factors, such as attention or memory and response organization make contributions as well.

The background for this model was supplied by Bryden in 1967 in form of his paper on 'Evaluation of some models of laterality effects in Dichotic Listening'. There he critically discussed the then most popular models and concluded at that point 'that right ear superiority in dichotic listening is due to a perceptual factor' (p.595). As discussion basis the following four models were used: (1) order effect model (Inglis, 1965), (2) differentiated storage model (Bryden, 1967), representing an adaptation of the original order effect model in that it assumes 'that input arriving in the dominant hemisphere is less subject to interference or spontaneous decay than is input in the non-dominant hemisphere. In other words, short-term memory

processes may be more efficient in the left hemisphere than the right' (Bryden, 1967, p.596); (3) the familiar perceptual model (Kimura, 1961 a,b) and (4) a variation of this model, a perceptual-threshold model (Bryden, 1967). The basic assumption of this model is that errors in reproduction occur only when neural activity, which in turn is governed by input processes, falls below a fixed threshold. DI input of a verbal nature then will be more clearly above this 'fixed error threshold' when processed by the language dominant hemisphere than the non-dominant hemisphere. Consequently, it takes longer for stimuli processed in the dominant hemisphere to decay to 'error threshold' levels.

For purposes of model evaluation, Bryden (1967) reanalyzed his own data (Bryden, 1962) and compared it as well as other available evidence with hypothetical predictions reached on the basis of the four mentioned models.

Based on this work the following difficulties emerged with the order effect model: Bryden (1967) showed with his 1962 data that (1) 'lateral asymmetries increased with the amount of material presented, (2) the first number reported was from the right ear in 62.2% of the trials, (3) Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) revealed that this trend was not related to either rate of presentation or amount of material' (Bryden, 1967, p.598).

Bryden (1967) contended that his results did not allow a decision among among all the various models offered; however, it would appear that one can eliminate the order effect model on the basis of the cited evidence. Assuming that the first number reported is indeed independent of the rate of presentation and amount of material, how can the majority of observable variance be attributed to order-effects, if lateral asymmetries vary significantly as a function of difficulty, with 'amount of material' being a significant factor in the difficulty dimension? (see Experiment I).

Bryden (1962) showed that 'increasing the amount of material presented leads to an increase in unsystematic mode of responding' (Bryden, 1962, p.297). Conversely, with a slower rate of presentation, ear order is abandoned in favor of a temporal order of report (Bryden, 1962). Other evidence (see Experiment I) directly supports the notion of increasing lateral asymmetry with increasing task difficulty, a fact which makes it implausible to ascribe the majority of accounted variance in DL to order effects.

Employing a different set of evidence, Bryden (1967) outlined some further difficulties of the order effect model. Satz, Achenbach, Pattishall and Fennell (1965), Bartz, Satz and Fennell (1967) and Bartz, Satz, Fennell and Lally (1967) had consistently shown that in the framework of

the primary/secondary channel paradigm, the right ear was better not only as primary channel, but as secondary channel as well, a finding which called into serious question the validity of using the Broadbent effect as discussion basis for observed lateral asymmetries. A further problem source for the order effect model emerged in the form of several studies employing as recall procedure 'ordered report', with subjects reporting the left ear first on 50% of the trials and the right ear first on the other 50% (Bryden, 1967). The result of these investigations were consistent with the earlier finding that 'the superiority of right over left ear was found both for immediate and delayed orders of report' (Borkowski, Spreen and Stutz, 1965, p. 548). Other investigators (i.e. Satz et al, 1965) had also supplied independent evidence supporting this conclusion.

Bryden (1967) thus concluded that while Inglis and Ankus (1965), contrary to other available evidence, failed to obtain consistent lateral asymmetries in their experiment systematically investigating ordered recall, the majority of the literature cannot be interpreted as supporting the order effect model.

The differential storage model (Bryden, 1967) also runs into difficulties. While it's prediction that REA is greater on the storage channel than on the immediate channel is in agreement with the findings of Satz et al (1965), data

from the other cited studies do not support this prediction (Bryden, 1967).

While the perceptual model shows some major strengths, a main flaw in the original model (Kimura, 1961 a,b) remains its inability to incorporate memory components, a problem which is elegantly solved by Bryden's adaptation of the paradigm with the 'perceptual threshold model', which takes into account memory processes in form of trace decay time, as previously outlined.

While Bryden (1980) accepted the central relevance of a perceptual model to the DL phenomenon, he stated that 'the laterality effects observed with many dichotic listening techniques are at least as likely to be determined by the subject's strategies and attentional biases as by cerebral organization' (Bryden, 1980, p.5). Even though this 'eclectic position' is more likely to incorporate most of the factors contributing to observed variability than previous models, other evidence may shed further light on the problem of lateral asymmetries and DL.

Other Evidence

While most of the cited factors purportedly contributing to observed variance in the DL paradigm have their basis in neurophysiological or cognitive variables, work by Pizzamiglio and Cecchini (1971), Dawson (1972) and

Pizzamiglio (1974) has added one further source of variance: Individual differences in 'psychological differentiation'.

Briefly, the theory of 'psychological differentiation' has one particular dimension of interest here, the field dependence/ independence continuum. This continuum of psychological functioning expresses that particular aspect of the phenomenon in question, which can be called 'the degree of self-nonsel self segregation' (Oltman, 1980). Witkin, Goodenough and Oltman (1979) contended that under the assumption that 'psychological differentiation' is a broad organismic construct, greater or lesser amounts of differentiation (as measured by the field dependence/independence continuum) may manifest themselves in the psychological as well as neurophysiological domain.

Palmer (1964) described the development of lateralized functioning, by using the concept of differentiation in much the same way as Witkin and his coworkers conceptualized 'psychological differentiation' (Oltman, Ehrlichman and Cox, 1977).

Based on this, a number of workers have investigated the possibility of shared variance between the paradigm of 'psychological differentiation' and individual differences in extent of lateralization (Oltman et al, 1977).

Of particular interest in this framework are the findings of the mentioned investigations of Pizzamiglio and Cecchnini (1971), Dawson (1972) and Pizzamiglio (1974), who consistently found a greater REA in DL with verbal stimuli in field independent individuals as compared to field dependent subjects.

These and other findings (Dawson, 1977) lead Witkin et al (1979) to the conclusion that field independent persons display a more definite left hemisphere language representation than field dependent individuals.

Other personality descriptors such as repressor and sensitizer have recently been implicated as well in the framework of lateralization studies, with sensitizers showing more left lateral preference and repressors displaying more right lateral preference (Feldman, Gross and Kravetz, in press).

The question raised in the framework here then deals with the issue whether DL performance is perhaps a function of cognitive style, which in turn then might account for individual differences in perceptual asymmetry, attentional asymmetry and other factors purportedly contributing to differential individual DL performance.

Summary and Research Purpose

In line with the evidence presented here, the only plausible conclusion in terms of a cogent explanation of REA in DL has to be that actual perceptual asymmetry accounts for a significant amount of variance in the DL paradigm. Whether this asymmetry in turn is reflective of psychological differentiation remains to be seen. Attentional variables (Treisman, 1969), subject strategy (Bryden, 1980), psycholinguistic factors (Studdert-Kennedy, 1975), and possibly others (Bryden, 1980) may all make a significant contribution as well. Attempts to relate attribute variables such as age, reading ability or socioeconomic status to lateral preference in DL have been inconclusive (Davidoff, Done and Scully, 1981) and for present purposes these variables will be eliminated from the discussion.

The issues addressed by the present investigations of DL performance thus involve a systematic evaluation of the relevant factors (1) in a context not previously investigated and (2) with a more precise definition and increased control of the independent variables in question.

Accordingly, Experiment I was designed to examine the dimension of task difficulty in terms of response accuracy and laterality. As task set, a 2, 3 and 4 word pair (WP) dichotic tape was used. In order to exercise close control over the task difficulty variable, two equivalent tapes

(French and English) were constructed. Accuracy and laterality preference in repeating 2,3 and 4 WP of dichotic stimuli in English and French of Anglophone and Francophone subjects were tested both in their native language (NL) and non-native language (OL).

Experiment II readdressed the question of order effects but went further and included a cognitive dimension (suggestion: neutral, left ear better, right ear better) and explored the possibility of an interaction between the two factors. Accuracy and laterality of ear preference in repeating words on a 3 WP dichotic stimulation task under the mentioned suggestion and order of recall (free, left ear first, right ear first) were measured.

In Experiment III the question of shared variance between psychological differentiation and DL was closely examined, by investigating the relationship between cognitive style (field independent vs field dependent) and laterality of ear preference on the same dichotic task as Experiment II under the condition of 'no suggestion, left ear better, right ear better', and as a further control group, 'left ear and right ear equally good'.

GENERAL METHOD

At the beginning of each of the experiments all subjects were given the Coren-Porac Sensory Motor Survey II (Porac and Coren, 1981) to insure that only true right-handers participated (Subirana, 1964; Satz et al, 1965; Curry, 1967; Zurif and Bryden, 1969; Bryden, 1975).

All subjects were formally tested for hearing defects with the aid of an audiogram on a Grason-Stadler 1707 audiometer (Grason-Stadler, 1977). Binaural stimulation intensity levels were adjusted on the basis of the audiometric results via a Hewlett-Packard 350 D attenuator set, to insure equal sensation levels for both channels, since interaural intensity differences of only 8-10 db have been reported to yield significant differences in terms of DL performance (Chocolle, 1962; Berlin, Cullen, Hughes, Berlin, Lowe-Bell and Thompson, 1975). The stimulus material was presented on a stereophonic tape recorder (Sony TC-580) for all but subjects recruited from local Victoria High Schools. For reasons of convenient transport, a TEAC A-108 SYNC stereo cassette deck was used for the High School Ss group. The stimulus material was delivered via a set of stereophonic head phones (Telephonics MX-41/AR) at an intensity of 70 db SL (Curry and Rutherford, 1967; Spreen et

al, 1970; Roeser, Johns and Price, 1972). Intensity levels were calibrated with a Bruel & Kjoer 2203 Precision Scund Level Meter (A Scale).

All stimulus material was recorded for presentation at the rate of 2 pairs per second, with trial separation in intervals of 10 seconds (Bartz, Satz and Fennell, 1966; Pohl, 1979).

To exclude the possibility of a 'linguistic content effect' either on the left or right side, or effects due to recorder channels or ear phone characteristics (Shankweiler and Studdert-Kennedy, 1967 a,b; Studdert-Kennedy and Shankweiler, 1970; Studdert-Kennedy, Shankweiler and Schulman, 1970), the designation of which side of the tape was left and which one was right, was systematically varied across the entire subject population. Only the correct repetition of the target word was counted, approximations were treated as errors.

EXPERIMENT I

Introduction

Background

The attempt to investigate brain lateralization with the dichotic listening technique (DL) has raised issues of recall strategy, order effects and attention span. In recent years several studies have looked at the question of hemispheric specialization with the aid of DL in bilinguals (i.e. Piazza-Gordon and Zatorre, 1981). While a variety of stimulus parameters have been employed, no attempt has been made in this framework to research the dimension of task difficulty in DL qualitatively, by exploring task demand characteristics on stimuli in a non-native versus native language, as well as quantitatively, by systematically varying stimulus list length.

Nachshon and Carmén (1975) however did attempt to investigate part of the qualitative issue raised here by examining the influence of stimulus familiarity on DL performance. They showed with consonant-vowel monosyllables as stimuli that consonants were better identified from the right ear, except when familiar consonants in the left ear were paired with non-familiar consonants in the right ear.

Vowel identification was equal from both ears when both vowels in dichotic pairs were equally familiar or non-familiar. Pairing familiar vowels with non-familiar ones however always led to superior identification of familiar vowels. Nachshon and Carmon (1975) interpreted this result as showing that differential report accuracy from the 2 ears is a function of stimulus familiarity as well as language lateralization. Curry and Rutherford (1967) contended that accuracy of recall in a verbal DL task is a function of the linguistic quality of the target word. Not only did they show that function words (71.4%) were reported more accurately than semantic words (56.5%), which in turn were reported more accurately than nonsense words (19.1%), but that the largest mean difference score between ears was for the nonsense words. This finding can be interpreted as supporting the notion of a direct relationship between stimulus difficulty (the less familiar stimulus will tend to be more difficult) and a Right Ear Advantage (REA) for right-handers. Bryden (1967) independently arrived at the same conclusion.

Bakker (1970) demonstrated that with monaural stimulation the relation between ear asymmetry and task difficulty is not linear. His medium list length (5 digits, 4 sound elements) stimulus set showed the greatest REA as compared to the less difficult 4 digits, 3 sounds and the more difficult 6 digit, 5 sound set.

If we consider OL stimuli difficult and unfamiliar, it would be reasonable to assume that nonsense words and verbal OL stimuli would be equivalent for the completely non-proficient subject. As language familiarity increases, phonemic familiarity and semantic meaningfulness of the stimulus set increases as well, hence results of DI stimulus sets in NL and OL should parallel the Curry and Rutherford (1967) results with nonsense words, semantic words and function words. Expressed more generally, increasing lateralization should occur with increasing task complexity (Nachshon, 1973).

Related Tachistoscopic Studies

When looking at tachistoscopic laterality studies in this framework, right visual field advantages (RVFA) are generally reported as being equal for both languages in adult bilinguals (Barton, Goodglass and Shai, 1965; Kershner and Jeng, 1972; Hamers and Lambert, 1977; Walters and Zatorre, 1978). Since these studies generally involved bilinguals, i.e. persons reasonably proficient in both languages, they add evidence only to the notion that the left hemisphere is primarily (and equally) contributing to language processing of both languages in bilingual persons (Piazza-Gordon and Zatorre, 1981).

Silverberg, Bentin, Gaziel, Obler and Albert (1979) report a right visual field advantage for three groups of

Israeli children with Hebrew words as tachistoscopic stimuli. An observed right visual field advantage for English words in the same children however varied as a function of age and foreign language proficiency, with older and more proficient children displaying a more profound RVFA. An actual left visual field advantage (LVFA) in young, non-proficient children changed to a RVFA in the older, more proficient subjects (Ss).

Bentin (1981) further investigated the issue of perceptual asymmetries and difficulty of pattern recognition in the framework of tachistoscopic studies and found a laterality shift to the RVF with increasing language familiarity in OL as well. He assessed VFAs for Hebrew and English words in Israeli students (age 12-13, all right handers) with a basic knowledge of English (2 years). With 'normal' tachistoscopic presentation he found a RVFA for Hebrew (less difficult) and no preference for English (more difficult) words. However, following recognition training for English stimuli and blurring Hebrew stimuli the VFA pattern changed: no field preference for Hebrew and a RVFA for English words.

Even though it is tempting to use these visual field stimulation results for hypothesis formulation for studies of right versus left advantages in the auditory mode on DL, caution should be exercised. One should be aware that the

results in tachistoscopic experimentation may be a function of modality of input. In addition, all of the cited studies employed children as subjects, raising questions of nervous system plasticity and particular developmental stages, and making a non-critical generalization to DL with an NL and OL stimulus set with adult Ss even less desirable.

Dichotic Studies

Carroll (1980) reported differing degrees of REA in English and Spanish bilinguals as a function of age and type of exposure to the second language. When combining ear difference score means for three proficiency levels on English and Spanish dichotic listening tests, he found an increase in ear difference scores as a function of proficiency level in both languages, with beginning and intermediate levels at .12 in English and .15 in Spanish, with an increase to .23 for the advanced Spanish level and .16 for the advanced English level. He also concluded that the second language was reliably more left hemisphere lateralized than the native language across all proficiency levels.

Piazza-Gordon and Zatorre (1981) found clear and equal REAs for English and Spanish in two groups of right-handed Hispanic children (mean age 9:6 and 13:6). Older children scored better than younger ones and showed better performance on Spanish than on English task sets. However,

ear differences did not correlate with language proficiency in OL, but there was a positive correlation ($r=.58$) between degree of asymmetry in the two languages. REA did not interact with performance in OL or NL. Results are difficult to interpret due to the mentioned confounding of developmental and laterality phenomena.

While results on tachistoscopic studies do not uniformly show this purported relationship between task difficulty and laterality preference, underlining the hypothesis that language asymmetry may not be independent of input modality, results of DL studies seem to point in the direction of such a relationship. The evidence is particularly compelling, since it is based on work employing some widely different stimulus sets (familiar and non-familiar vowels and consonants, nonsense words, semantic words and function words). Based on these results, I hypothesized that lateralization as measured by the laterality index ($R-L/R+L$) (Marshall, Caplan and Holmes, 1975; Birkett, 1977; Stone, 1980) should increase with difficulty (from a 2 WP to a 4 WP condition) and that a difficulty continuum should occur in NL as well as OL. I based this on the notion that as the number of WP increases, the processing capacity is greater for the right ear for input of linguistic content. The interaction of processing capacity and difficulty I reasoned, should result in higher laterality index measures in OL than in NL.

The relationship between language familiarity and REA which should be inverse in line with the Curry and Rutherford (1967) results (the higher the familiarity/proficiency, the less lateralized the performance) was investigated with a measure of the Decrement Ratio (DR) (see Method) between OL and NL laterality index and its relation to a language proficiency score in CL. The DR score was intended as a measure of performance decrement between equivalent DL word sets in OL and NL and constitutes the ratio of the laterality index in OL, divided by the laterality index in NL for the equivalent WP condition.

Method

Subjects

Eighty volunteers, enrolled in an intensive language program at the University of Victoria for English and French respectively, participated in the experiment. The group consisted of 40 francophone students (20 males and 20 females) and 40 anglophone students (20 males and 20 females), all self-professed right-handers, age range 17-41 years, with no previous experience in dichotic listening and no auditory impairments.

Procedure and Materials

The Sensory-Motor Survey II (Porac and Coren, 1981) and audiometric assessment (Grason-Stadler, 1977) were standard as outlined previously. Test forms were available in English and French for the two language groups respectively (see Appendix A). Instructions given in the native language of the subject, asked Ss to recall as many words as possible. English and French DL tapes were designed to be equivalent in linguistic content and level of difficulty, to exclude the possibility of differences in lateralization resulting simply on the basis of stimulus differences (Obler, Zatorre, Galloway and Vaid, 1982). Tapes consisted of 16 trials, all nouns, with a 2 WP, a 3 WP and a 4 WP

series respectively in each language (see Appendix A). All subjects had two practice trials with 2 WP stimuli and two with 3 WP stimuli.

The order of tape presentation was varied: half of one language group listened to the NL tape first, the other half to the OL tape first. At the end of the experiment Ss were asked to translate the OL words presented during the OL 2 WP trial. Each word was read out aloud by the examiner, who is fluent in both languages. Ss were allowed 10 seconds per word. The number of words correctly defined constituted the Ss language proficiency score.

The following measures were employed for data analysis: A measure of accuracy, number of words correctly reported with the right ear plus number of words correctly reported with the left ear divided by total number of words possible on each trial series (2 WP, 64 words possible; 3 WP, 96 words possible and 4 WP, 128 words possible).

As an index of laterality the formula $R-L/R+L$, first proposed by Koch (1933) was used. While the issue of laterality indices has been subject to heated debate for the past decade (i.e. Kuhn, 1973; Marshall, Caplan and Holmes, 1975; Richardson, 1976; Birkett, 1977; Colbourn, 1978; Stone, 1980; Bryden, 1980; Bryden and Sprott, 1981; Eiling, 1981; Hellige, Zatzkin and Wong, 1981) criticism of this particular index has centered on confounding between

accuracy and laterality. To insure valid use of this index of laterality, mean scores were inspected in each one of analyses undertaken, to insure that accuracy ranged between 25% and 75%.

To allow for the investigation of the variance uniquely attributable to OL in estimation of lateral preference, a decrement ratio (DR) between the laterality index in OL and NL was computed for each condition (Lat02/LatN2, Lat03/LatN3 and Lat04/LatN4).

The data were analyzed with Repeated Measures Analysis of Variance procedures (Anov88 Program, 1975), Newman-Keul's post hoc comparisons, and, where appropriate, with a Pearson Product Moment Correlation Analysis (Nie, Hull, Jenkins, Steinbrenner and Bent, 1975).

Results

Report Accuracy

Table 1 shows overall performance accuracy (R+L/Total) in the six (2,3,4 WP Native and 2,3,4 WF Other) language conditions. While maximum relative accuracy occurred in the 2 WP NL condition with 62.83%, performance dropped only slightly to 59.14% for 3WP NL, with a substantial loss in the 4 WP NL with 48.08%. As expected, relative performance accuracy in CI was considerably lower, with 35.84% in 2 WP, 35.24% in 3 WP and 28.50% in 4 WP (see Fig. 1).

Relative accuracy (A) in the OL 2 WP, OL 3 WP and OL 4 WP condition correlated significantly with 'Verbal Score' (VScore), the measure of language proficiency {O2A with VScore, $r = .3490$ ($p < .001$), O3A with VScore, $r = .5529$ ($p < .0001$) and O4A with VScore, $r = .5149$ ($p < .0001$)}. A Repeated Measures Analysis of Variance (see Table 2) on the accuracy scores with two within factors, a language factor (native versus other) with 2 levels, and a Word Pair factor (2,3,4 WP) with 3 levels, yielded a highly significant language effect ($P < .0000001$), a highly significant Word Pair effect ($p < .0000001$), as well as a highly significant interaction effect between the 2 main effects ($p < .0000001$) (see Fig.1).

TABLE 1: Means on Selected Variables in Experiment I, N=80

		WORD PAIRS					
		2		3		4	
L A N G U A G E	N A T I V E	A	0.628	A	0.591	A	0.480
		LAT	0.209	LAT	0.301	LAT	0.316
		REART	24.175	REART	36.587	REART	40.325
		LEART	16.037	LEART	20.187	LEART	21.225
		D	8.137	D	16.400	D	19.100
	O T H E R	A	0.358	A	0.352	A	0.285
		LAT	0.376	LAT	0.478	LAT	0.503
		REART	15.750	REART	25.050	REART	27.400
		LEART	7.187	LEART	8.787	LEART	9.087
		D	8.562	D	16.262	D	18.312

A = ACCURACY LAT = LATERALITY
 REART = RIGHT TOTAL LEART = LEFT TOTAL
 D = REART - LEART

TABLE 2: Repeated Measures Analysis on Percentage Accuracy Scores N=80

LABELS:

SOURCE	DF	SS	MS	F	P
SUBJ	79	15250.14			
LANGUAGE	1	66129.08	66129.08	729.542	< 0.000001
ERROR	79	7160.92	90.64		
WORD PAIR	2	10956.62	5478.31	165.923	< 0.000001
ERROR	158	5216.72	33.02		
LANGUAGE BY WORD PAIR	2	1079.45	539.72	27.398	< 0.000001
ERROR	158	3112.55	19.70		

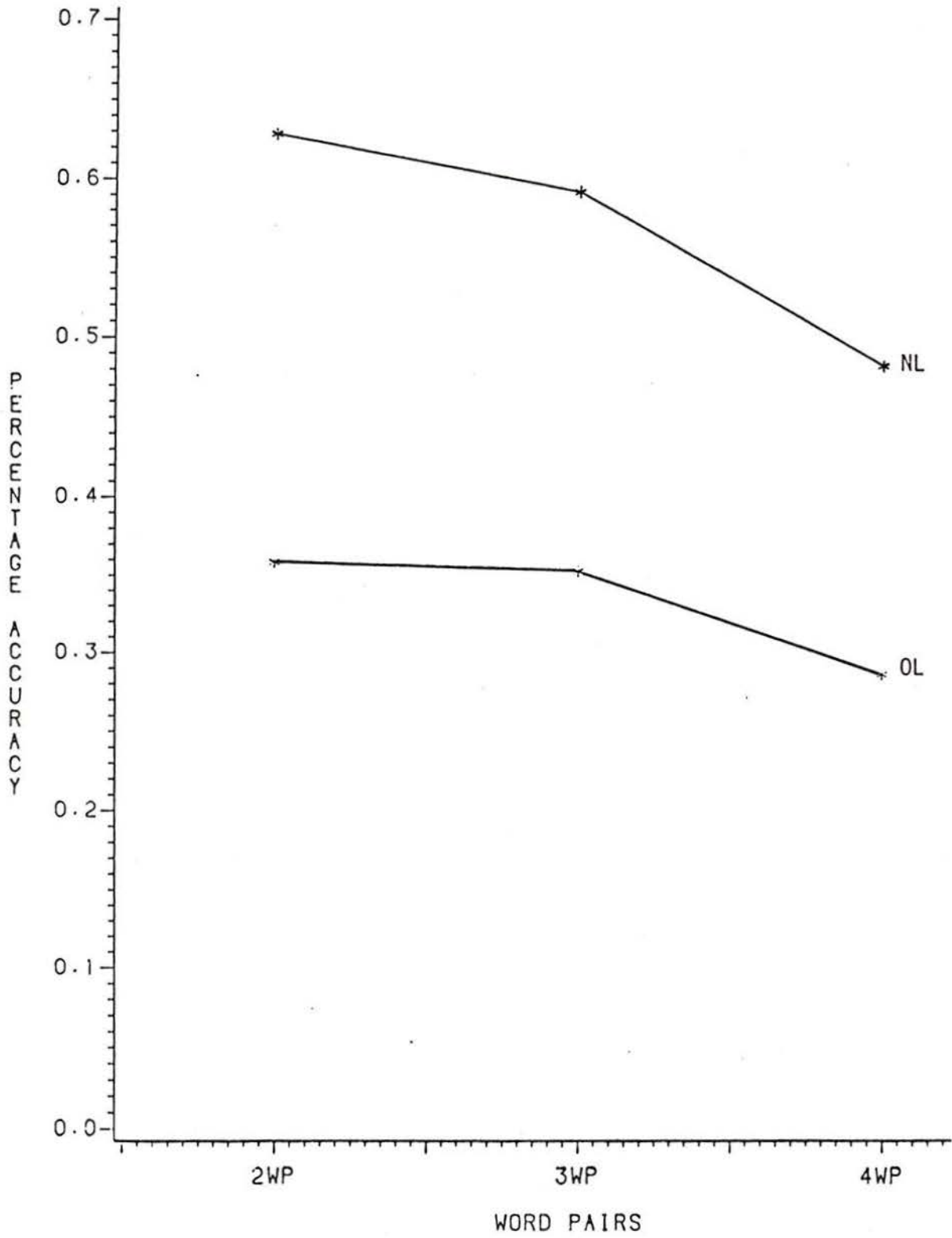


FIGURE 1 : PERCENTAGE ACCURACY AS A FUNCTION OF LANGUAGE AND

Individual post-hoc comparisons between cells using Newman-Keul's procedure (see Table 3) were in the expected direction and showed significant differences between all cells with the exception of 2 WP CL with 3 WP CL.

TABLE 3: Post-hoc Tests on Accuracy Scores (A), Experiment I

		NL			OL		
		2	3	4	2	3	4
NL	2						
	3	.05					
	4	.05	.05				
OL	2	.05	.05	.05			
	3	.05	.05	.05	NS		
	4	.05	.05	.05	.05	.05	

Lateral Preference Index

Significant correlations between accuracy and laterality indices raise the possibility of distortion of results of lateral preference measures (i.e. Stone, 1980, Hisccock, personal communication, 1982).

When computing collapsed means across all three native language conditions, mean accuracy and laterality yielded a Pearson $r = -.3146$ ($p < .002$), which means that approximately 9% of the variance is actually shared. In the case of the other language, mean accuracy and laterality did not show any significant correlation ($r = .0375$, $p > .3$).

Table 1 shows the means of laterality indices in all 6 conditions, with the smallest index of $LatN2 = .209$, increasing to $LatN3 = .301$, and $LatN4 = .316$. The laterality indices increase dramatically in the other language, with $LatO2 = .376$, $LatO3 = .478$ and $LatO4 = .503$ (see Fig. 2).

When looking at individual subjects, the overall percentages of right lateral preference (a laterality index of >0 to $+1.0$) the N2 condition showed 96% right preference, N3= 91%, N4= 89%, O2= 93%, O3= 95% and O4=94%, a very profound REA for all subjects across all conditions.

A Repeated Measures Analysis of Variance (see Table 4)

TABLE 4: Repeated Measures Analysis on Laterality Scores N=80

LABELS:

SOURCE	DF	SS	MS	F	P
SUBJ	79	135282.39			
LANGUAGE	1	37594.80	37594.80	52.053	< 0.000001
ERROR	79	57056.53	722.23		
WORD PAIR	2	12432.60	6216.30	19.484	< 0.000001
ERROR	158	50408.40	319.04		
LANGUAGE BY WORD PAIR	2	87.24	43.62	0.142	< 0.867394
ERROR	158	48390.43	306.27		

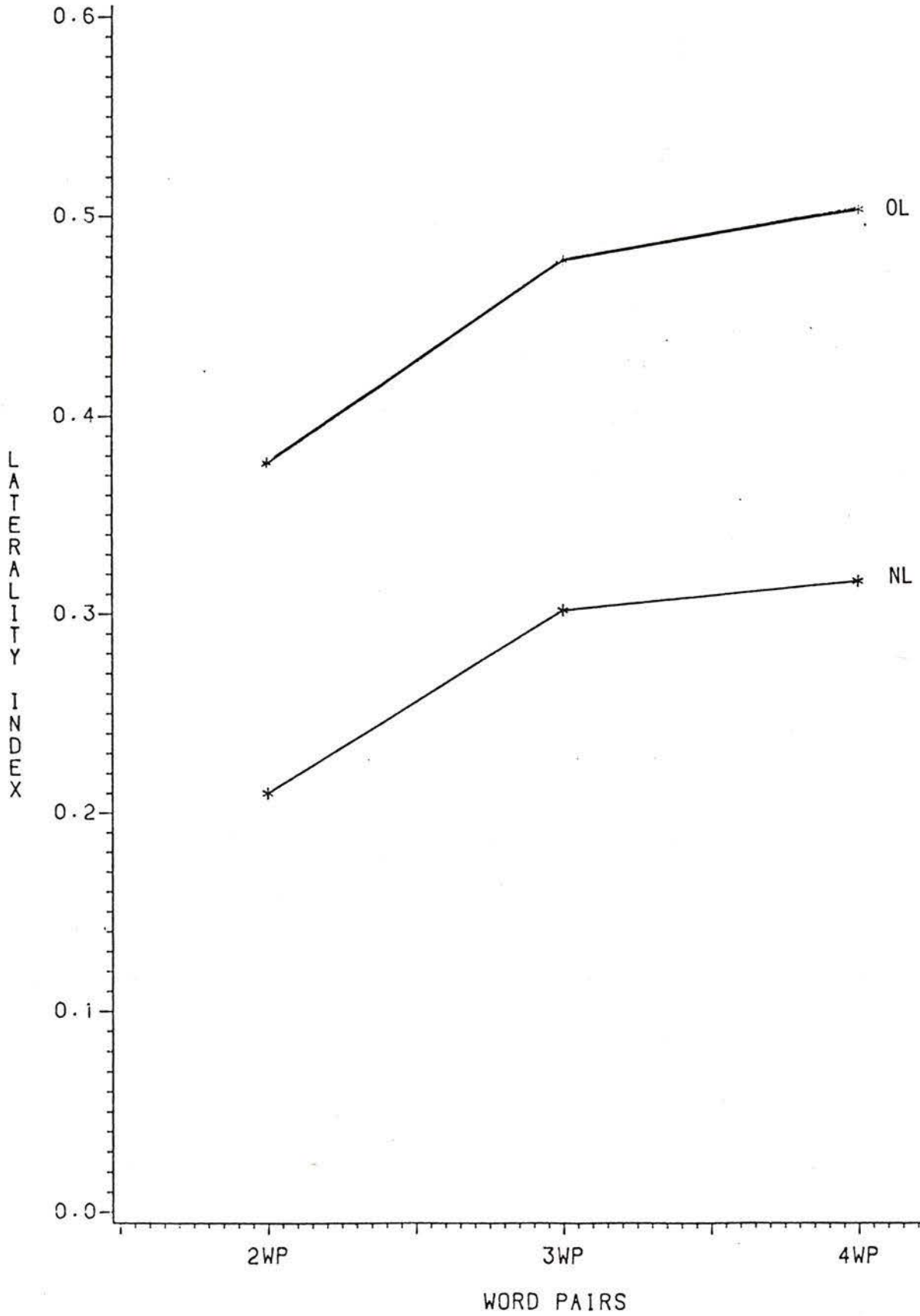


FIGURE 2 : LATERALITY INDEX AS A FUNCTION OF LANGUAGE AND W

on the laterality scores with the same design as in the case of the accuracy scores (2X3 within, with alpha level set at $.05 = (1 - (1 - \alpha') * 2) = 0.0225$, since this constituted a second analysis of variance procedure on the same data, yielded a highly significant result for language ($p < .0000001$) and for Word Pair ($p < .0000001$). No interaction effect was ascertainable.

Individual post-hoc comparisons between cells employing Newman-Keul's procedure (see Table 5) showed significant differences between the majority of cells on the laterality indices, with the exception of LatN3 with LatN4, LatN3 with LatO2, LatN4 with LatO2, and LatO3 with LatO4.

TABLE 5: Post-hoc Tests on Laterality Scores (LAT), Experiment I

		NL			OL		
		2	3	4	2	3	4
NL	2						
	3	.05					
	4	.05	NS				
OL	2	.05	NS	NS			
	3	.05	.05	.05	.05		
	4	.05	.05	.05	.05	NS	

Laterality and Language Proficiency

Fig. 3 shows laterality scores in 2,3 and 4 WP of the other language as a function of language proficiency (VScore), arbitrarily divided at the 50th percentile into low (less proficient) and high (more proficient), to allow a comparison of results obtained here with the Carroll (1980) findings. While no significant effect (ANOVA) was found, the trend towards lower laterality scores as a function of higher proficiency in the 3 and 4 WP condition is clearly visible in Fig. 3. No such difference appears to exist in the 2 WP condition.

When looking only at the variance in laterality scores uniquely attributable to the other language condition, by dividing the laterality scores of the 'other' 2,3 and 4 WP condition respectively by the laterality score of the 'native' 2,3 and 4 WP (LatO2/LatN2, LatC3/LatN3 and LatO4/LatN4), the resultant decrement ratio (DR) score presents the mentioned trend towards lower laterality scores as a function of higher proficiency much more drastically (ANOVA, VScore, high/low, $p < .008$). The effect is particularly marked in the case of the 3 WP (see Fig. 4).

The more appropriate correlational analysis of this data yielded as expected negative correlations between DR score and VScore (the higher the decrement score between other and native language, the lower the language proficiency in the

other language), with the correlation of the DR score in the 2 WP condition almost reaching significance ($r = -.1725$, $p < .06$) and a highly significant result in the case of 3 WP ($r = -.3466$, $p < .001$) and a result of 'no significance' with 4 WP ($r = -.08$, $p > .2$).

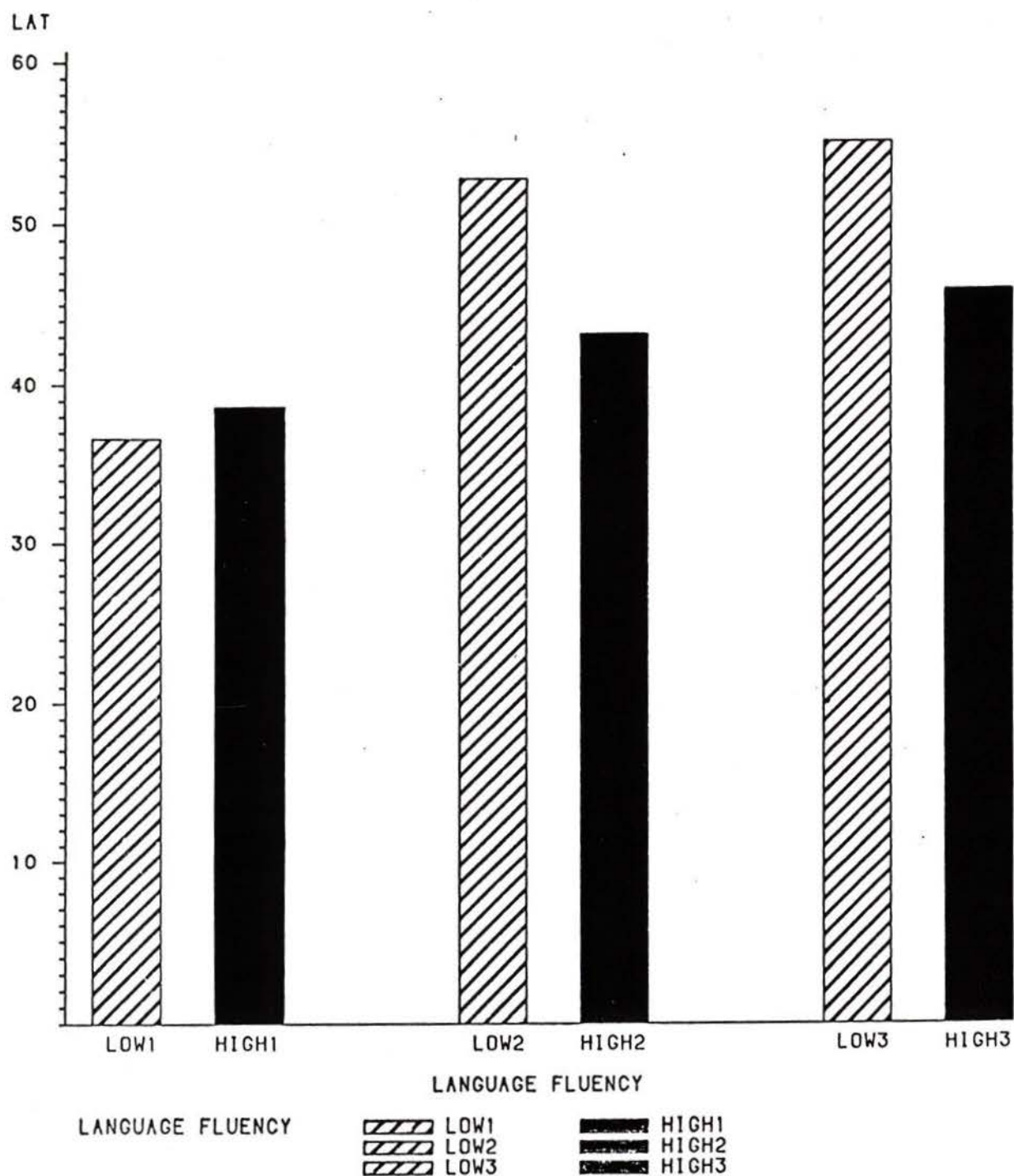


FIGURE 3: LATERALITY SCORES OF OL 2WP(1), 3WP(2), AND 4WP(3) AS A FUNCTION OF LANGUAGE FLUENCY

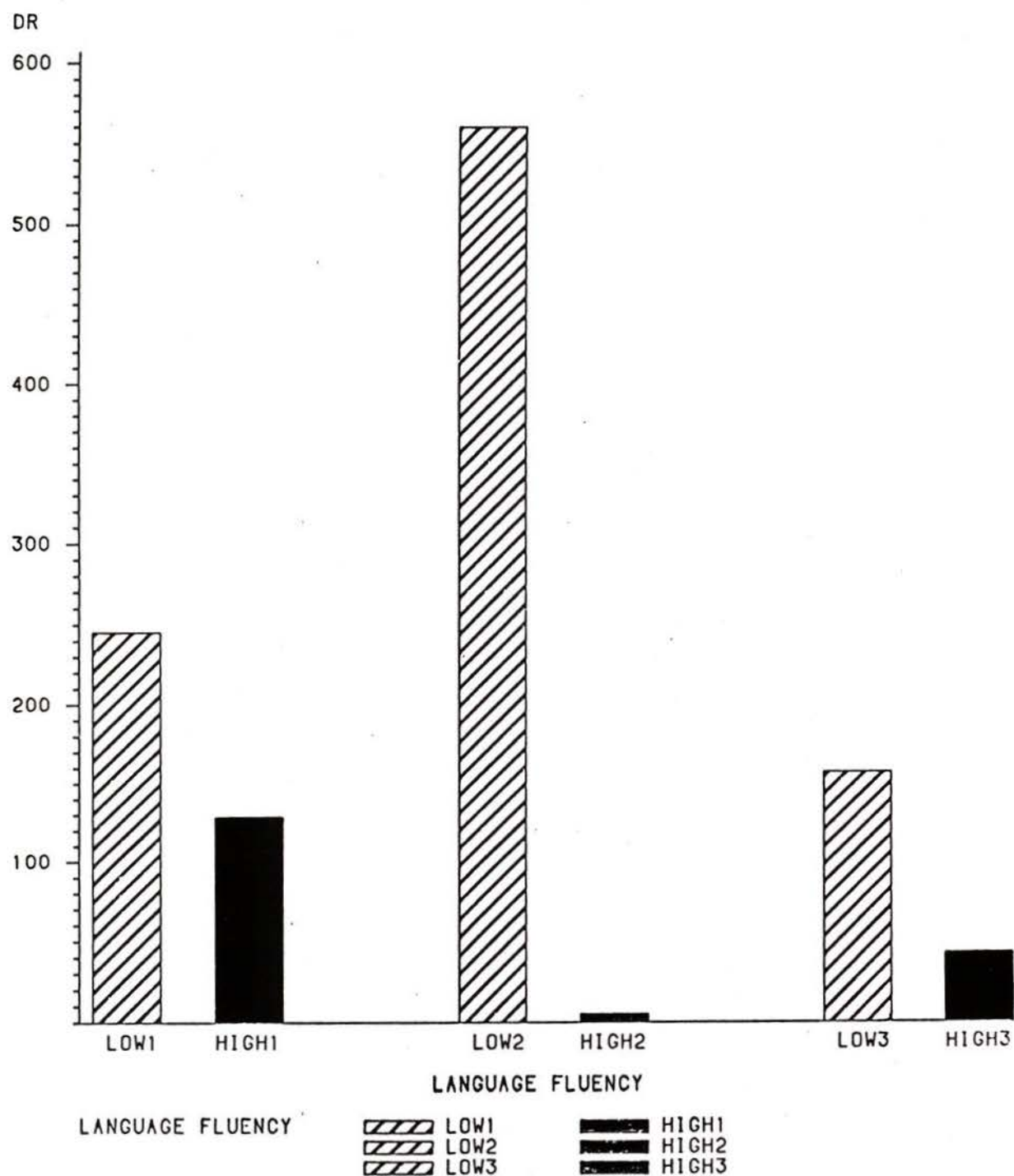


FIGURE 4: DECREMENT RATIO SCORES (LATO/LATN) OF 2WP(1), 3WP(2) AND 4WP(3) AS A FUNCTION OF LANGUAGE FLUENCY

Discussion

The results of the Repeated Measures Analysis of Variance on the accuracy scores are very clear, as the analysis yielded high significance levels. Decreasing relative accuracy across the 2, 3 and 4 WP conditions can be interpreted as being reflective of increasing use or overuse of available processing capacity. Even though the difference between accuracy in the 2 WP and 3 WP native condition is significant, the relatively small drop in percentage points (3.69%) makes the observed significance a likely consequence of the relatively large number of Ss used, while the drop of 10.6% from 3 to 4 WP appears to be a substantial decrease. When examining Fig. 1, it becomes apparent that the decrease in accuracy shows parallel elements in the two languages, the highly significant difference between the two languages is illustrated as well.

The observed interaction effect between language and WP factor is most likely attributable to baseline differences in the 2 WP conditions with 62.83% in the native and 35.84% in the other language. While the drop to 4 WP accuracy is significant in both languages, the comparatively smaller drop in OL from 3 to 4 WP (6.74% as compared to the 10.06% in NL) is likely to be reflective of lower baseline performance in OL and probably explains the observed interaction effect.

The high correlation between accuracy scores in OL and VScore measures underlines the validity of the language proficiency score in this context.

The observed laterality scores are somewhat more difficult to interpret. The small negative correlation between accuracy and laterality scores in the native language raise the possibility of a small distortion of laterality scores in the native condition, i.e. high accuracy could yield lower laterality scores. However, since significance levels of the Repeated Measures Analysis of Variance are quite marked, the possibility of significant contamination, particularly in view of the small amount of variance shared (9%), appears very small. Again, results of the ANOVA procedures are very clear: a very marked language effect and a very profound WP effect. The absence of an interaction effect is reflective of virtual parallel increase in laterality indices in the two language conditions (see Fig.2).

Curry and Rutherford (1967) showed that REA tended to increase as a function of qualitative difficulty, with smallest REAs observed with function words and the largest REA observed with nonsense words. Hiscock and Kinsbourne (1980) and Bryden and Allard (1981) ascertained that the REA in DL increases as well as a function of quantitative difficulty, namely with larger REAs for longer stimulus list

lengths. The findings described here would parallel these results with two sources of variance, a source of quantitative difficulty (Word Pair factor from 2 to 4) and a qualitative factor (Language, native versus other). Taken together, these two factors may be reflective of two different modes of processing of linguistic stimuli, a phonemic mode and a semantic mode. Phonemic and semantic decoding should ordinarily be phasic sequential, since semantic processing becomes possible only after a certain degree of phonemic processing is accomplished. Since phonemic decoding would appear to be more exclusively a basic linguistic process, it would not be unreasonable to assume that mainly linguistic processors of the left hemisphere are involved. Semantic decoding, on the other hand, could involve other systems, such as 'emotional tone decoders', processing of linguistic quality etc., conceivably processes which could involve to a larger degree both hemispheres. Assuming then a finite processing capacity of the two ears under dichotic conditions, it would be reasonable to assume that available capacity is used to a larger degree for phonemic processing in the other language as compared to the native language due to phonemic novelty, leaving less 'space' for semantic processing. The relatively greater balance of phonemic activity would involve primarily left hemisphere processes, as reflected by higher laterality indices in the other language. Conversely, when increasing

the 'load' quantitatively, more available processing capacity has to be used for phonemic decoding, leaving less room for semantic processing and again yielding increasingly higher laterality indices from 2 WP to 4 WP.

Furthermore, this model would predict a decrease in the magnitude of observed laterality indices with an increase in language proficiency. Fig. 3 and 4 appear to support this contention.

Due to the novelty of research investigating task demand characteristics in DI quantitatively and qualitatively, the speculative nature of this model has to be emphasized. However, recent findings by Tzavaras, Kaprinis and Gatzcyas (1981), who reported a greater REA in illiterate subjects than educated control subjects for language stimuli in DI, would lend further support to the approach proposed here. It should be mentioned though that the Carroll (1980) results are in direct conflict with my findings, since it was reported that observed REA increased as a function of language competence, with the more competent Ss showing larger REAs than the less competent Ss. Inadequate description of employed stimulus material, subject characteristics and data obtained, combined with the use of simple ear difference scores as an index of laterality, which could confound results with accuracy, makes a comparison to the data obtained here difficult. His

finding, however, of more left lateralization of the other language as compared to the native one, is in agreement with the results presented here. The increase in lateralization as a function of proficiency was not significant and may well have been confounded by performance accuracy.

The Piazza-Gordon and Zatorre (1981) results of no correlation between language proficiency in OL might be related to the use of children as Ss, where issues of central nervous system immaturity make a comparison to adult performance difficult.

The direct contradiction of findings here and those obtained with the use of tachistoscopes (i.e. Silverberg et al, 1979; Bentin, 1981), where RVFA increased with increasing other language proficiency, might have its causes in the additional step of lexeme decoding, i.e. might be attributable to the processing mode rather than robust laterality phenomena. It is apparent that the issues are far from being resolved; the findings obtained here underline the importance of a multidimensional approach to laterality measures, with particular attention to stimulus characteristics as well as mode of decoding.

While careful replication and more research investigating the variables in question is needed, the assumption of sequential phased phonemic and semantic processing appears to have considerable heuristic value on the basis of the

available evidence. Although definite conclusions would be premature at this point, this assumption may have its major utility in providing guidance for further research.

While then the magnitude of observed laterality effects appears to be a function of the demand characteristics of the specific language set employed, modification of task demands in terms of subject strategy may serve to shed further light on the variance involved in DL performance. To undertake a systematic investigation of such strategy effects, Experiment II was designed.

EXPERIMENT II

Introduction

In the study of perceptual asymmetry in general, and DL in particular, we are confronted with a certain amount of unexplained variability. Since we are dealing with a live mechanism, the source of this variability cannot be unitary and is likely to involve a whole array of factors (Bryden, 1980).

In this experiment concern was focused on the extent to which such factors as attentional and strategy variables play a role in DL. Research to date addressing this particular question has concentrated on two aspects: (1) Division of attention, and (2) Order of report as determinants of laterality.

One of the early attempts of investigating 'subject attention' was undertaken by Mcray (1959). He employed a technique first introduced by Cherry (1953), which requires a subject to repeat aloud a dichotically presented continuous message, while listening to it. Moray (1959) concluded that when a subject directs his attention to the reception of a message from one ear and does not attend to the other, little of the unattended message is able to penetrate what he called a 'perceptual block'. While this

finding has been modified considerably, the attended ear has consistently been shown to be more accurately reported than the unattended one (see subsequent detailed discussion). While this technique of 'shadowing' has been used extensively (i.e. Treisman, 1964 a,b,, 1969), Bookbinder and Osman (1979, p. 512) outlined its difficulties: (1) 'The task requires the subject to distinguish between the inputs, thus forcing the subject to attend to one ear; (2) The subject must give continuous responses to each item presented; (3) Each response is dependent on the specific verbal item presented, with the response being made usually after several other items have been presented'. Particularly the last point is of import, since it may present a possible source of contamination. Bryden (1971) showed that attended items, unlike unattended ones are lost through verbal or processing interference, the very interference being produced by shadowing. In order to keep this interference effect to a minimum in attention-type DL experiments, report after every trial set (i.e. Bartz et al, 1967) would appear to be the method of choice for the investigation of subject strategy with such task demand characteristics.

Using an attentional paradigm, Bookbinder and Osman (1979) concluded from their investigations that task performance is dependent on the amount of processing capacity, or, as they phrased it 'resource allocated to the

primary ear'. The implicit assumption here is that there is a central source of limited capacity which is allocatable in a variety of ways, depending on the particular strategy employed by the individual subject. This model of 'capacity sharing' was put forth by Kahneman in 1973 and is applicable to a variety of different mental activities.

It is commonly accepted (e.g. Bryden, 1969) that competition between simultaneously arriving inputs is both necessary and sufficient for the laterality effect to occur. Spellacy and Blumstein (1970 a) felt that in addition to hemispheric specialization, a non-specific subject-attention factor might exist, which would serve to enhance the degree of lateralization to a particular ear.

Abe and Aiba (1976) investigated the processing of attended and unattended verbal materials in DL and found that when each of the two attention conditions is taken separately (i.e. attend to right ear only, left ear unattended; attend to left ear only, unattended right ear), overall recall from the attended ear is better for a 'right ear attend' group, while recall from the unattended ear is better for the 'left ear attend' group. They concluded that the right ear advantage is observable in attended as well as unattended ear. Similar results were obtained by Mainka and Hoerman (1971) when comparing a 'divided attention condition' (free recall) with a focused attention condition ('pay attention only to the right ear vs pay attention only

to the left ear'). The REA observed in the divided attention condition was shown to reoccur in the focused attention condition; predictably, overall production increased, since right side only subjects are compared with left side only subjects. The intriguing part of this particular experiment is the fact that the stimulus material did not consist of the customarily employed digits or vowels and consonants, but rather of 2 syllable (4-5 letter) German noun pairs with concrete content, which underscores the robustness of the observed phenomenon. The Ss in question were native German speakers.

If, as Mewhort, Thio and Birkenmayer (1971) stated, the attentional component ought to be considered as an active aspect of central processing rather than a simple switch or filter, then perhaps the role of voluntary attentional control should be investigated more closely. The question arising from this discussion is to what extent these attention processes could account for some of the observed variance in ear advantage. In the context of this present experiment, could a dichotically naive subject population be susceptible to a suggestion concerning normal ear advantage? 'Encoding material, switching attention and sustaining material all require processing capacity, but the capacity available is limited and must be shared among tasks' (Mewhort et al, 1971, p. 125). The issue is whether such processing capacity allocation can be a voluntary process

and be susceptible to examiner supplied suggestion or whether strategy effects of this nature play no role in DL performance.

A second large source of variability is introduced by the so-called 'ear order effect' or Broadbent effect, mentioned in the introduction. Broadbent (1954, 1956) showed that when 2 different sets of three digits are presented simultaneously, Ss tend to report first all the digits heard on the right side, then all the digits heard on the left side.

Though this effect has been replicated numerous times and appears to be robust (i.e. Inglis, 1962 b; Bryden, 1962, 1963; Satz et al 1965; Bartz et al, 1967; Cooper, Achenbach, Satz and Levy, 1967), some conflicting results have been reported. Carr (1969) ascertained that in spite of these earlier findings, he was unable to obtain a statistically significant order effect, and Arenberg, Surwillo, Gelbart and Gold (1972) found that the incidence of the Broadbent effect is high in some subjects and does not occur in others at all.

Actual manipulation of this 'order effect' has yielded the following net result: More responses were correctly recalled per subject from the channel reported first than the channel reported second, regardless of which ear the stimulus material entered (Cooper et al, 1967). Instructions as to which ear to report first were delivered

immediately before each trial, stimulus material consisted of digits.

Gerber and Goldman (1971) systematically explored the function of three different report strategies on ear preference for dichotically presented consonant pairs with a free recall condition (subjects reported stimuli in any order), ordered before (subjects were instructed which ear to report first prior to the presentation of stimuli) and ordered after (subjects were instructed which ear to report first after the presentation of stimuli). From their findings they concluded (1) 'that the right ear is equally efficient in all three reporting conditions, (2) that the immediate channel is more accurately reported than is the delayed channel in all three conditions, (3) that the right ear has a greater percentage of correct responses on the immediate channel in all three reporting conditions than does the left ear and (4) that the right ear has a greater percentage of correct responses on the delayed channel in the two ordered conditions' (Gerber and Goldman, 1971, p.1165).

Incorporating attentional strategies and order effect variables into a single experiment, Bryden (1971) instructed subjects to attend to the material in one ear (right/left attention effect) and to either report the attended items first or to give the unattended items first (order effect). Again, the attended ear was found to be more accurately

reported than the unattended ear. Furthermore, an interaction effect between Order of Report X Ear Attended was ascertainable with those Ss attending to the left ear being much more accurate using the 'unattended ear first' order than those subjects attending to the right ear. Conversely, Bryden (1971) showed little difference in performance between 'attending to the left ear' group and 'attending to the right ear' group for the 'attended ear first' condition.

Several questions arise from these findings in the literature: (1) Is an 'order of report' effect ascertainable with stimulus set which is optimally close to attention span limits? (2) If the previously reported order effect (Cooper et al, 1967; Gerber and Goldman, 1971; Bryden, 1971) does occur, will the overall accuracy change? (3) Can voluntary attentional strategies account for some of the variance observed in the sense that a dichotically naive subject population is susceptible to the outlined suggestion effect? (4) Is there a possible interaction between Order of Report X Suggestion?

To supply answers to these questions, the following experiment was designed.

Method

Subjects

Two-hundred and sixteen volunteers, (108 males, 108 females) half of them High School students at Mount Douglas High School and Victoria Senior High School in Victoria, B.C. between the ages of 16-19 years, the other half subjects recruited with the help of an advertisement placed in a local newspaper, age range 17-35 years, participated. An age limit was imposed to exclude the possibility of result contamination, since age has previously been shown to account for a significant amount of variance in DL (i.e. Caird, 1965; Craik, 1965). All Ss were self-professed right-handers, with no auditory impairments and no previous experience with DL.

Procedure and Materials

The Sensory-Motor Survey II (Porac and Coren, 1981) and audiometric assessment (Grason-Stadler, 1977) were again standard, as outlined previously. Stimulus material consisted of task set shown in Experiment I to optimize accuracy and number of words recalled and consisted of English nouns, 3-6 letters in length, with 4 practice sets (two 2 WP and two 3 WP) and 16 test sets (see Appendix A).

Tape recorded instructions asked Ss to recall as many words as possible ('you are going to hear some words, which are going to come into both ears. Each time you will hear 3

sets of words. After each word set, I would like you to repeat aloud as many words as you can remember'). Recorded instructions then contained one of three possible suggestions: no suggestion made (NS), a left ear suggestion ('research has shown that words presented to the left ear are more easily heard and reported',LES) and a right ear suggestion ('research has shown that words presented to the right ear are more easily heard and reported',RES). The three levels of order of recall factor, which followed general instructions and suggestion, were either (1) no instructions as to order (free recall, FR), (2) 'report first all the words you heard with the left ear, then all the words you heard with the right ear for each trial' (left ear recall, IER), or (3) 'report first all the words you heard with the right ear and then all the words you heard with the left ear for each trial' (right ear recall, RER). Subjects participated in one of the 9 (3X3) conditions only, N=24 in each group.

The data were analyzed with a 3X3 Multivariate Analysis of Variance (Clyde, 1969; Harris, 1975) with accuracy (A, Right+Left/Total) and the previously outlined index of laterality (LAT, Right-Left/Right+Left) as dependent variables.

Results

Table 6 shows mean scores for the 216 Ss on accuracy, laterality and the mean raw data for right ear total, left ear total and a difference score of R-L. Accuracy ranged from a low of 52.1% in the Neutral Suggestion Right Ear Order group to a high of 56.8% in the Left Suggestion Neutral Ear Order group, a total range of only 4.7 percentage points. Laterality indices in turn ranged from a high of 0.361 in the Neutral Suggestion Right Ear Order Condition to a low of -0.181 in the Neutral Suggestion Left Ear Order Condition (range =0.542, in a theoretically possible range of 2.0).

A multivariate analysis of variance with 2 factors (a suggestion factor with 3 levels and an order factor with 3 levels), with accuracy and laterality as dependent variables, yielded a significant result for the order factor ($p < .01$) and a result of 'no significance' either for the suggestion or the suggestion-by-order interaction factor (see Table 7).

The univariate tests on the order factor showed a highly significant result for laterality ($p < .0001$) and 'no significance' ($p > .5$) for accuracy. Percentage variance accounted for by the laterality index under the order factor was 36.76%.

TABLE 6: Means on Selected Variables in Experiment II, N=216 (24/cell)

		ORDER								
		FR			LER			RER		
S U G G E S T I O N S	NS	A	0.534	A	0.524	A	0.521			
		LAT	0.128	LAT	-0.181	LAT	0.361			
		REART	28.625	REART	21.167	REART	33.625			
			LEART	22.667	LEART	29.167	LEART	16.375		
			D	5.958	D	-8.000	D	17.250		
	LES	A	0.568	A	0.535	A	0.549			
		LAT	0.087	LAT	-0.098	LAT	0.284			
		REART	29.542	REART	22.708	REART	33.708			
			LEART	24.958	LEART	28.667	LEART	19.042		
		D	4.583	D	-5.958	D	14.667			
RES	A	0.538	A	0.538	A	0.529				
	LAT	0.082	LAT	-0.106	LAT	0.309				
	REART	28.208	REART	23.125	REART	33.000				
		LEART	23.417	LEART	28.542	LEART	17.792			
		D	4.792	D	-5.417	D	15.208			

A ACCURACY
 LAT LATERALITY
 REART RIGHT TOTAL
 LEART LEFT TOTAL
 D REART - LEART

TABLE 7: Multivariate Analysis of Variance (3x3), Experiment II, N=216

I. EFFECTS..ORDER

MUTIVARIATE TESTS OF SIGNIFICANCE

TEST NAME	VALUE	APPROX.F.	HYPOTH.DF	ERROR DF	P
WILKS	.62574	27.20921	4.00	412.00	<.01

UNIVARIATE F-TESTS WITH (2,207) D.F.

VARIABLE	HYPOTH.SS	ERROR SS	HYPOTH.MS	ERROR MS	F	P
LAT	7.16572	12.32569	3.58286	.05954	60.17122	<.001
A	.00908	1.38925	.00454	.00671	.67642	>.510

II. EFFECTS..SUGGESTION

MULTIVARIATE TESTS OF SIGNIFICANCE

TEST NAME	VALUE	APPROX.F	HYPOTH.DF	ERROR DF	P
WILKS	.98439	.81320	4.00	412.00	<.517

UNIVARIATE F-TESTS WITH (2,207) D.F.

VARIABLE	HYPOTH.SS	ERROR SS	HYPOTH.MS	ERROR MS	F	P
LAT	.00488	12.32569	.00244	.05954	.04095	>.960
A	.2190	1.38925	.01095	.00671	1.63121	>.198

III. EFFECTS..SUGGESTION BY ORDER

MULTIVARIATE TESTS OF SIGNIFICANCE

TEST NAME	VALUE	APPROX.F	HYPOTH.DF	ERROR DF	P
WILKS	.97932	.54095	8.00	412.00	>.826

UNIVARIATE F-TESTS WITH (4,207) D.F.

VARIABLE	HYPOTH.SS	ERROR SS	HYPOTH.MS	ERROR MS	F	P
LAT	.19839	12.32569	.04960	.05954	.83294	>.506
A	.00731	1.38925	.00183	.00671	.27223	>.896

Tests for a possible sex effect (Male/Female) and age effect (High School versus General Population) yielded a 'no difference' result; for the purposes of the MANOVA, groups were hence collapsed across sex and age.

To test for possible distortion due to accuracy and laterality confounding, a Pearson r correlation was performed. Accuracy and laterality showed a small, non-significant correlation ($r=-0.0787$, $p >.12$), with only 0.6% of the variance shared.

When comparing right ear performance with left ear performance as a function of order of report (collapsed across the three suggestion conditions, see Fig. 5), the right ear performance in the FR condition is similar to the left ear performance in the LER condition, and left ear performance in the FR condition is not significantly different from right ear performance in the LER condition.

The statistical post-hoc comparison between FR and RER yields a significantly better result ($p <.005$) for the right ear in the RER, while the left ear is significantly worse compared to the FR condition ($p <.005$). In other words, while performance increment in the right ear is at the expense of the left ear, overall accuracy is not significantly different from the FR condition.

The comparison of ear performance between LER and RER is in the expected direction: While the right ear of the RER is significantly better than the left ear of the LER ($p < .005$), the left ear of the RER is significantly worse than the right ear of the LER ($p < .005$), as graphically demonstrated in Fig. 5.

Thus although accuracy is maintained at the same level in all three conditions, relative ear performance changes as a function of ordered recall.

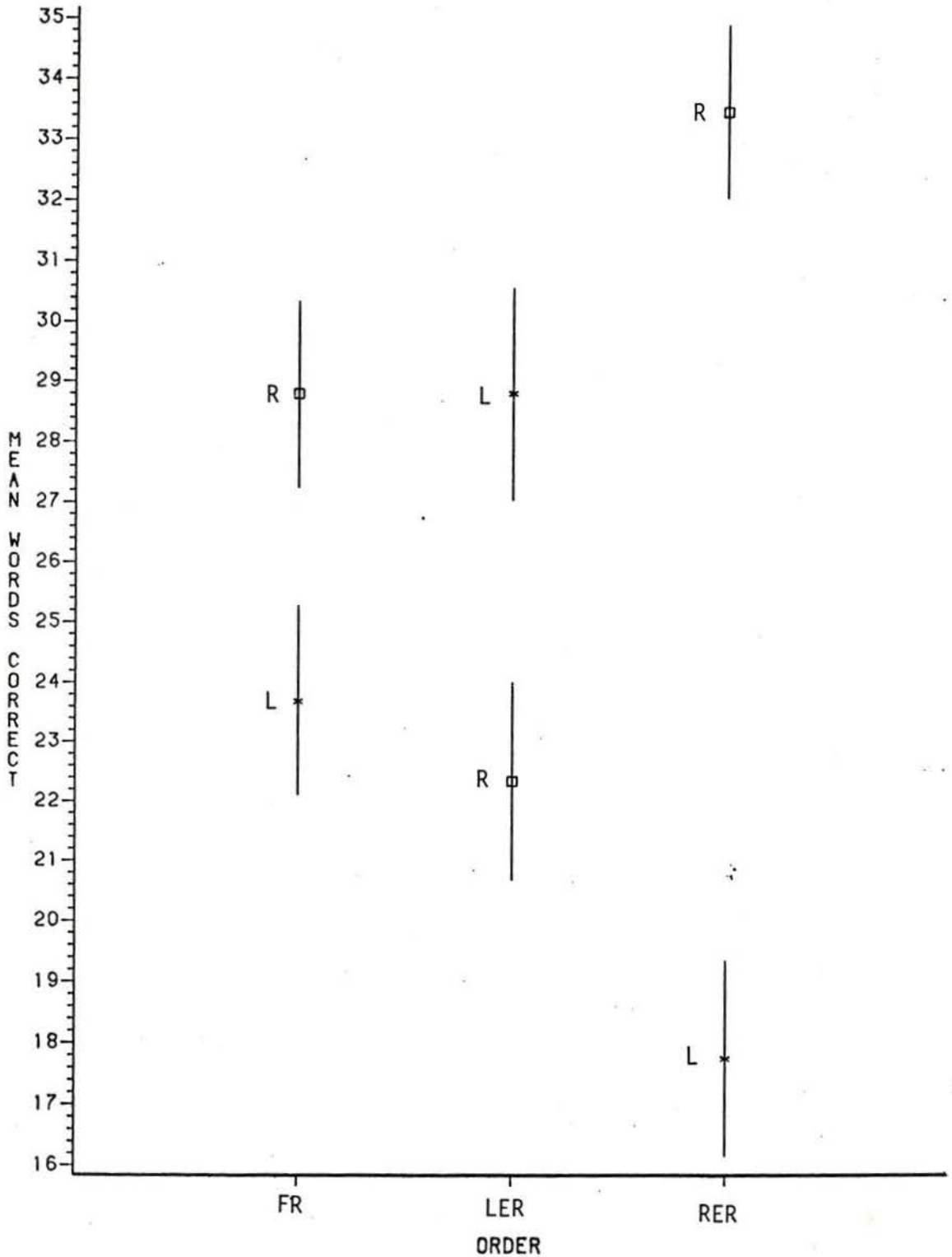


FIGURE 5: RIGHT AND LEFT EAR MEAN ACCURACY SCORES COLLAPSED ACROSS THE 3 LEVELS OF THE SUGGESTION FACTOR (CONFIDENCE INTERVALS DISPLAYED)

Discussion

Results of the multivariate analysis of variance were clear; while there was a marked difference on laterality scores as a function of order of report, no difference for the suggestion factor or interaction factor was ascertainable.

The significant result on the 'Order of Report' condition replicates earlier work (i.e. Satz et al, 1965; Cooper et al, 1967; Bartz et al, 1967) and gives further credence to the assertion that memory and attentional factors are involved in DL performance, particularly in light of the fact that performance accuracy was not significantly different across the three order of report conditions.

It would appear then that we are dealing with a finite amount of processing capacity for the two ears combined, which is allocatable as a function of strategy, in this case by the examiner-induced order of report strategy.

The assertion that there is a finite amount of processing capacity becomes particularly apparent when comparing raw scores of right and left ear performance in the three order conditions (see Fig. 5). Since multiple post-hoc comparisons were performed on raw right ear and left ear scores, true significance levels may be lower than reported here; however, since marked differences emerged for all

groups ($p < .005$ in each case), alpha level inflation would appear to be of little concern. Though performance accuracy remained stable, the resource allocated to the individual ear varied considerably and significantly. Particularly intriguing is the inverse identical performance of right and left ear in the FR and the left and right ear in the LER condition. Apparently subjects are able to reverse the ordinarily observed right ear advantage simply by reversing 'natural strategy', i.e. the condition in which the examiner induced no strategy.

On the other hand, in the RER condition, the right ear performance was significantly better than the right ear performance in FR or the left ear in LER, but this performance increment took place at the expense of the left ear.

Satz et al (1965) reported findings of a similar nature, however their results reached significance only for the comparison of the two 'immediate ears' (left ear in LER and right ear in RER) but failed to show significance for the two 'delayed ears' (right ear in LER and left ear in RER). Direct comparison runs into further difficulty, since Satz et al (1965) did not employ a control group (no order of report instructions) and for purposes of ear performance comparison percent error scores were used.

The implications of my findings for clinical use of the DL technique may indeed be considerable, since subject determined strategy may significantly alter results and may render findings invalid for the original purpose, mainly to test for presence or absence of pathognomonic signs and to determine language lateralization.

On the basis of results obtained here, it might be advisable to reconsider the clinical use of DL in its present form. A more profitable approach may be to measure patient performance on DL with three different task sets (FR, LER, RER) and to compare performance of the right ear (RER) with the left ear (LER). The FR condition would serve as practice and control condition. A systematic investigation of this procedure is presently in progress (Mohr and Costa, in preparation).

Results on the suggestion factor were very surprising in light of these findings, since subject strategy appears to play such a major role in the framework of the order variable. Two plausible explanations for the absence of significant differences emerge:

(1) The suggestion was not strong enough and hence was largely ignored. While a cogent argument could be made to support this point of view, it is difficult to adequately strengthen the suggestion effect, without virtually demanding ordered recall, or by using an attentional model,

a project already aptly undertaken by Eryden (1971), Hiscock and Bergstrom (1982) and others.

While this line of argument does not refute the lack of strength hypothesis, it does allow for consideration of an alternative explanation:

(2) The suggestion effect was cancelled on the basis of equal group participation of subjects susceptible to the effect in one direction and a second group in the opposite direction, effectively cancelling each other out.

A likely discriminator for such group membership might be field dependence/independence, since FD's are known to lateralize less than their FID counterparts in a neutral DL condition (Pizzamiglio and Cecchini, 1971; Dawson, 1972; Pizzamiglio, 1974) and may be more susceptible to suggestion on the basis of relatively higher dependence on environmental cues.

In order to test this hypothesis, which would supply at least a partial explanation as to why a result of 'no difference' was found for the suggestion factor, Experiment III was designed.

EXPERIMENT III

Introduction

In recent years many studies investigated individual difference variables which may contribute to the ability to predict cerebral lateralization. Among those most extensively considered, one finds the variable of 'psychological differentiation'. Efforts have concentrated on determining whether any variance in an individual's response to lateralized stimulation such as DL could be accounted for by the subject's 'cognitive style' (Pizzamiglio, 1974; Zoccolotti and Oltman, 1978; Zoccolotti, Passafiume and Pizzamiglio, 1979; Pizzamiglio and Zoccolotti, in press).

This construct of 'psychological differentiation' serves basically to conceptualize a particular dimension of individual functioning (Witkin, Oltman, Raskin and Karp, 1971), namely the cognitive style dimension of field-dependence/independence (FD/FID) (Oltman, Semple and Goldstein, 1979). First proposed by Witkin (Witkin and Asch, 1948; Witkin, 1950) and based on the original work by Gottschaldt (1926) 'Ueber den Einfluss der Erfahrung auf die Wahrnehmung von Figuren - about the influence of experience

on the perception of figures' the FD/FID dimension can be measured by the Embedded Figures Test (EFT) (Witkin, 1950), and the Rod-and Frame Test (RFT) (Witkin and Asch, 1948). The EFT is a perceptual test, in which the subject is asked to locate a previously seen simple figure within a larger, more complex figure, organized in such a fashion, as to embed or obscure the simple figure (Witkin et al, 1971). The RFT is a procedure, where the subject, seated in a totally darkened room, has to adjust to the upright a tilted, luminous rod, which itself is centered in a tilted luminous frame, with the frame remaining in its original position.

FD/FID, which also has been called 'cognitive control of field articulation' (DeFazio and Moroney, 1969) thus relates to the question of the individual's ability 'to overcome competing cues so as to perceive or extract an item from the perceptual field in which it appears with greater or lesser dependence on the field' (DeFazio and Moroney, 1969, p.77). While FD/FID performance was thought originally to be mainly a function of selective attention to the relevant parts of a complex figure (Gardner and Long, 1961), more recently the explanation has been broadened.

The field independent cognitive style in this modern view can be characterized by the preponderance of autonomy from external referents. Thus field-independence would involve a highly developed spatial restructuring ability as well as

relative autonomy in the interpersonal realm (Witkin et al, 1979; Oltman et al, 1979). A field dependent cognitive style in turn, involves, according to this point of view, greater reliance on external referents and a somewhat less developed spatial restructuring ability, coupled with a comparatively more interpersonal orientation (Witkin et al, 1979; Oltman et al, 1979). The previously mentioned term of 'psychological differentiation' was proposed by Witkin, Faterson, Goodenough and Karp, 1974, Witkin and Goodenough, 1977 and Witkin et al, 1979, as an overall term which contains the concept of FD/FID. In this more general sense, FID is thought to be reflective of greater psychological differentiation, including perceptual, intellectual, social-interpersonal, learning-memory and personality-defensive processes (Goodenough, 1970), while FD is thought to show a lesser degree of psychological differentiation.

While the entire construct has been subject to some debate, with issues like reliability and validity being raised by critics, particularly when EFT results are extended beyond the 'simple perceptual realm' (Dana and Goocher, 1959), proponents claim that such problems are mainly related to failure to adhere to original rating procedures (Witkin, 1960). Frequently undertaken replication work with the original Witkin test (i.e. Young, 1959) has strengthened the position of the proponents.

In terms of actual measurement of FD/FID, words of caution have been added by such workers as Arbuthnot (1972), who noted that various tests commonly employed individually as measures of FD/FID like the EFT, RFT, Koh's Block Design subtest of the Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children and the Draw-a-Person Test, generally do show some shared variance but lack common form validity. Literature purporting to have properly used the FD/FID paradigm in terms of measurement, may, due to the wide array of tests utilized, not deal with FD/FID alone, but rather with some 'varying continued combination of field independence and other abilities or characteristics, tangentially related to the construct' (Arbuthnot, 1972, p.486). Walsh's (1978) findings that the EFT (Witkin et al, 1971) and the Portable RFT (Oltman, 1968) did not measure the same underlying construct in a varimax rotated factor matrix, underlines the necessity for caution in the interpretation of research employing a FD/FID paradigm. However, the FD/FID dimension has been related to EEG coherence measures (O'Connor and Shaw, 1978), fluctuation over time in integrated EEG amplitudes recorded from the left and right hemisphere (Oltman et al, 1979), differing ability of FDs and FIDs to withstand sensory deprivation (Murphy, 1966), differing ability of the two groups to withstand distraction (Bloomberg, 1965), differing performance on a Signal Detection task (DeFazio and Moroney, 1969) and unequal hypnotic susceptibility (DeWitt and Averill, 1976).

While some of the experiments relating FD/FID to cognitive variables such as sensory deprivation effects, susceptibility to distraction and hypnotic susceptibility showed mixed results (FDs were more susceptible to sensory deprivation effects than FIDs, Murphy, 1966; susceptibility to distraction did not relate linearly to the FD/FID continuum, Bloomberg, 1965; and hypnotic susceptibility was found to possibly relate to FD/FID via a not yet specified right hemisphere process underlying both, DeWitt and Averill, 1976) the findings involving actual laterality measures were much more clear.

O'Connor and Shaw (1978) suggested that 'individual differences in processing information may reflect characteristic systems of neuronal functional organization in the cortex that can be monitored by the EEG' (p.107). Specifically, dextral individuals were presumed to have a more specific system of functional units in the cortex, while sinistrals showed more diffuseness. O'Connor and Shaw (1978) concluded that field-dependence (as a measure of psychological differentiation), EEG coherence measure (as a measure of neuronal differentiation) and lateral preference (as a measure of functional differentiation) showed a stable and significant association.

Oltman et al (1979) reported that 'fluctuations over time in integrated EEG amplitudes recorded from the left and

right hemispheres were more similar to each other (i.e. less differentiated) in individuals with a field-dependent cognitive style, than in those who were field-independent' (p. 699).

While Garrick (1978) in his theoretical review of the question of field-dependence and hemispheric specialization favored the notion of a continuum of lateralization underlying the field-dependence independence continuum, actual behavioral research has lent further support to this purported association between psychological differentiation and measures of lateralized cerebral function. Cltman et al, (1977) and Zoccolotti and Cltman (1978) reported a LVF (right hemisphere) superiority for face discrimination and a RFV (left hemisphere) advantage for letter discrimination in FIDs, while FD subjects showed no such lateralized pattern. Pizzamiglio and Zoccolotti (in press) confirmed these reports by finding more pronounced lateralization effects for both face and letter recognition in visual hemifield studies of FIDs than FDs.

Zoccolotti et al, (1979) broadened the investigation to include a tactile test and found FIDs perceived a line orientation task significantly more accurately with their left hand than with their right hand, while FDs did not show any significant lateral differences.

Since left hemisphere mediation of language and the REA on dichotic listening tasks, as outlined in the General Introduction are well documented (i.e. Hecaen and Albert, 1978), DL lends itself readily to the investigation of the hypothesis that variations along the continuum of the FD/FID dimension correlate with hemispheric lateralization, as purportedly measured by DL. When investigating this question, Pizzamiglio and Cecchini (1971), Dawson (1972), Pizzamiglio (1974) and Waber (1976) all reported a greater REA in DL for FID subjects than for FD subjects.

If all of the discussed results are taken together, support for the association between purported cerebral laterality measures and psychological differentiation assessed with the FD/FID paradigm, emerges in the visual realm (Oltman et al, 1977; Zoccolotti and Oltman, 1978; Pizzamiglio and Zoccolotti, in press), the tactile realm (Zoccolotti, Passafiume and Pizzamiglio, 1979) and for the purposes of this investigation most importantly in the auditory realm (Pizzamiglio and Cecchini, 1971; Dawson, 1972; Pizzamiglio, 1974; Waber, 1976).

The research results relating DL and FD/FID, raise several relevant questions for the purposes of this investigation. Specifically, (1) can a more pronounced REA in FIDs as compared to FDs be replicated (under neutral suggestion, NS) and (2) will a specific suggestion (LES

versus RES versus left and right ear suggestion (BES), (see Procedure Experiment III) change the performance of the 2 groups.

I hypothesized that FD Ss, on the basis of their dependence on external referents, will lateralize in the direction given by the suggestion and hence show an LEA for LES, an REA for RES and no preference for BES. FID Ss I hypothesized, on the other hand will not be susceptible to suggestion effects due to their relative independence from external cues and will show no performance change from the NS to the LES, RES or BES condition.

In order to address these issues, Experiment III was designed.

Method

Subjects

One hundred and twenty volunteers (Male/Female), 72 of whom already took part in Experiment II and 48 student volunteers from the University of Victoria (age range 17-35) participated. All Ss again were self-professed right-handers with no auditory impairments and no previous experience in DL.

Procedure and Materials

As in the previous two experiments, the Sensory-Motor Survey II (Porac and Coren, 1981) and formal audiometric assessment (Grason-Stadler, 1977) were standard.

As a measure of Field Dependence/Independence the Embedded Figures (EF) subtest of the Comprehensive Ability Battery (CAB) developed by Hakstian and Cattell (1976) was used. This EF test (see Appendix A) is a measure of spatial ability in form of a multiple choice embedded figures test, which presents a set of five simple figures and requires subjects to indicate which one of the five is hidden in a more complex design (Porac and Coren, 1981).

The designation of FD vs FID was arbitrarily defined as EFT performance under the 50th percentile (score 1-7, FD) and above the 50th percentile (score 8-12, FID), based on norms of Porac and Coren (1981). The criterion of the 50th percentile as cut-off point was utilized by Pizzamiglio and

Zoccolotti (in press) and was used for reasons of comparability with their results.

DL task set was identical to the one employed in Experiment II. Instructions as to the nature of the task were again recorded and were of the familiar content. Instructions contained one of four possible suggestions: no suggestion (NS), a left ear suggestion (LES) a right ear suggestion (RES), and as a 'suggestion control group' a 'both' suggestion condition (BES): 'research has shown that the right ear and the left ear are equally well heard and reported'. No instructions as to order of recall were supplied, hence all Ss followed a FR strategy. Subjects participated in one of 8 (2X4) conditions only, N=15 in each group.

The data were analyzed with a 2X4 Analysis of Variance (Winer, 1971; Nie, Hull, Jenkins, Steinbrenner and Bent, 1975) with the previously outlined index of laterality (LAT, Right-Left/Right+Left) as dependent variable. Where appropriate, post-hoc ANOVA procedures were employed, again with Lat as dependent variable (Nie et al, 1975).

Results

Table 8 shows the mean scores for accuracy and laterality in the 8 cells of the present 2X4 design. Maximal accuracy occurred in the field independent (high EF), BES group with 58.7%, while high EF, NS yielded the lowest score with 53%, a total spread of 5.7 percentage points, virtually identical to the accuracy spread observed in Experiment II (4.7 percentage points). Laterality scores on the other hand showed some wide discrepancy, with a low of 0.021 in the high EF, LES group and a high of 0.194 in the high EF, NS group.

Analysis of Variance with an EF factor (2 levels, low and high), and a suggestion factor (4 levels, NS, LES, RES and BES, see Table 9) and the familiar laterality coefficient $R-L/R+L$ as dependent variable, yielded no significant main effects, but showed an interaction effect approaching significance ($p < .070$), an effect of only minimal magnitude however (percentage variance accounted for, $\eta^2 = 6\%$). Fig. 6 presents results graphically and shows that we are dealing with a classic interaction pattern, with main effects virtually cancelling each other.

TABLE 8: Means on Selected Variables in Experiment III, N=120 (15/cell)

SUGGESTION

		NS	LES	RES	BES
E	L	A 0.549	A 0.553	A 0.542	A 0.533
	O	LAT 0.077	LAT 0.135	LAT 0.149	LAT 0.151
	W	REART 28.133	REART 30.067	REART 30.200	REART 29.667
		LEART 24.600	LEART 23.000	LEART 21.867	LEART 21.533
		D 3.533	D 7.067	D 8.333	D 8.133
F	H	A 0.530	A 0.575	A 0.565	A 0.587
	I	LAT 0.194	LAT 0.021	LAT 0.039	LAT 0.052
	G	REART 30.133	REART 28.133	REART 28.467	REART 29.867
	H	LEART 20.733	LEART 27.067	LEART 25.800	LEART 26.467
		D 9.400	D 1.067	D 2.667	D 3.400

A = ACCURACY LAT = LATERALITY
 REART = RIGHT TOTAL LEART = LEFT TOTAL
 D = REART - LEART

TABLE 9: Analysis of Variance (2x4) Experiment III, N=120

SOURCE OF VARIATION	SS	DF	MS	F	P
SUGGESTION	0.053	3	0.018	0.450	< 0.718
FIELD DEPENDENCE	0.079	1	0.079	2.027	< 0.157
SUGGESTION-BY-FIELD DEPENDENCE	0.284	3	0.095	2.417	< 0.070
ERROR	4.380	112	0.039		
TOTAL	4.796	119	0.040		

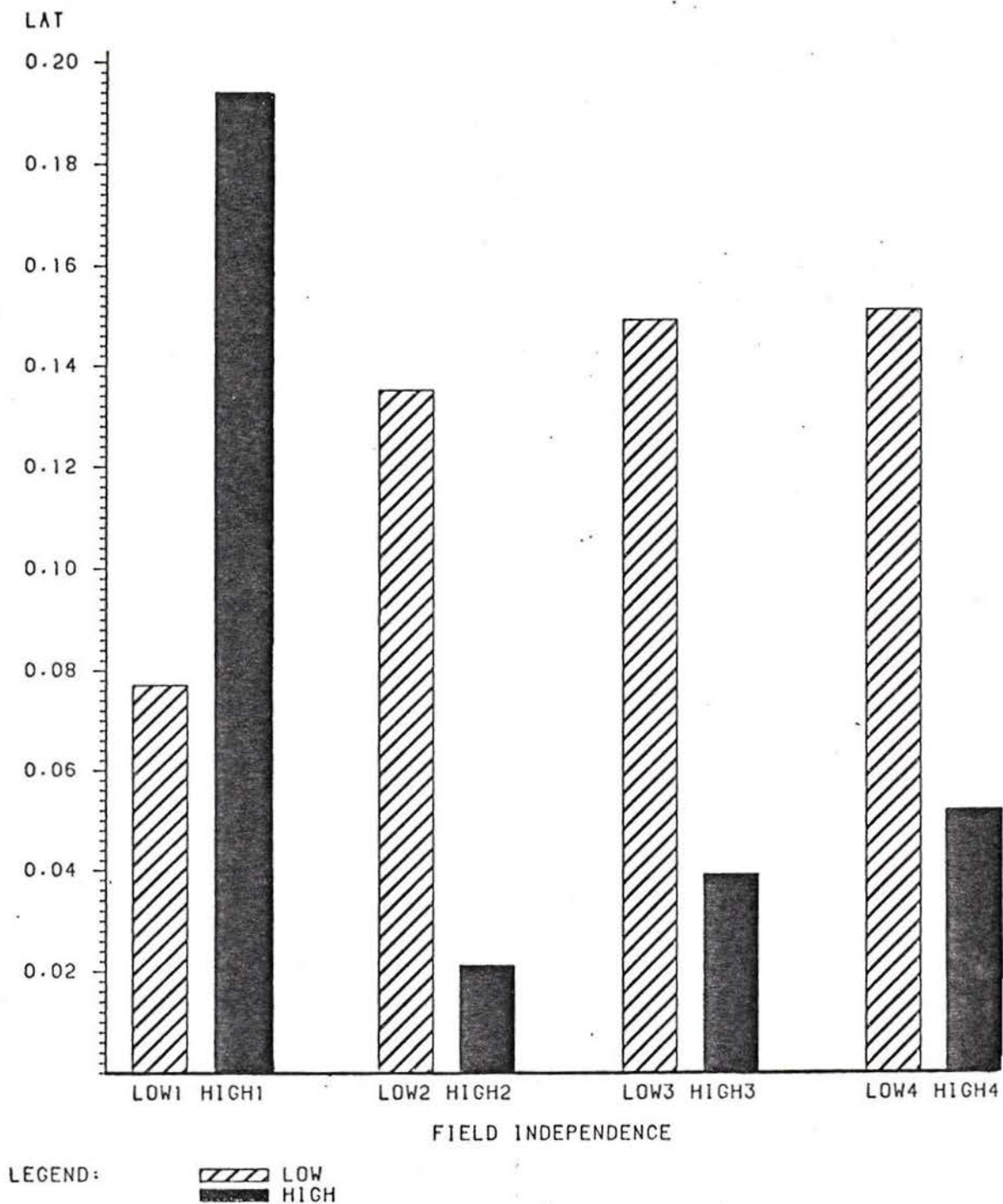


FIGURE 6: LATERALITY SCORES OF NS(1), LES (2), RES(3) AND BES(4) AS A FUNCTION OF FIELD INDEPENDENCE (LOW/HIGH)

For the purpose of post-hoc testing of simple effects, the overall analysis was partitioned into 2 separate parts, a oneway ANOVA (2 levels, low and high EF), comparing the NS condition, and a 2X3 ANOVA (EF factor, 2 levels, high/low and suggestion factor, 3 levels, LES, RES and BES).

The oneway comparison between the two NS cells testing for a difference on the laterality index as a function of low versus high EF, was suggestive of the possibility of a significant difference, but did not reach actual significance ($p < .09$).

The 2X3 ANOVA (EF, high/low, Suggestion, LES, RES, EES) yielded a significant main effect of field dependence/independence ($p < .017$), while the suggestion and the interaction effect showed a result of no significant difference between groups. Field independent Ss then scored significantly lower on the laterality index than did field dependent Ss under any of the three suggestion (LES, RES and BES) conditions.

Since performance in the three suggestion conditions (LES, RES and BES) yielded no significant differences, there is a possibility that the significance level of the interaction in the overall ANOVA was masked by the relatively homogenous performance of the two groups respectively (FD/FID) under the three suggestion conditions (see Table 8).

To test for this possibility, the three levels of suggestion were collapsed and the data were reanalyzed as an unequal N 2X2 Analysis with an EF factor (high/low) and a Suggestion factor (NS or suggestion present, SP). No main effects were ascertainable, but the EF-by-Suggestion interaction showed a highly significant result ($p < .007$).

To test again for the possibility of confounding between accuracy and the index of laterality employed here, a Pearson correlation between accuracy and laterality across all 8 cells was performed: $r=0.0068$, $p > .47$, hence virtually no variance is shared.

Discussion

While results of Experiment III initially appear difficult to interpret, since statistical significance in the ANOVA emerged only as a trend, post-hoc analyses served to provide a much clearer pattern of findings.

The hypothesis of lateral preference change of FD Ss on the basis of suggestion, with no such change for FID Ss, was not supported by the data. Instead, an unexpected pattern of results emerged.

Differences in DL performance appear to exist as a function of psychological differentiation. The fact that the ANOVA did not yield any significant main effects, reflects performance reversal as a function of presence or absence of suggestion (FDs low REA in the NS condition and increased REA in any of the three suggestion conditions with FIDs high REA in the NS condition and decreased REA in any of the three suggestion conditions).

The failure of the interaction effect to reach actual significance, might be due to a masking effect of the relatively similar performance of Ss in the three suggestion conditions. Statistically the three suggestion conditions may simply be a replication of each other (suggestion presence), hence lowering the power of the statistical test employed. The marked increase in significance level (from $p < .07$ to $p < .007$) when collapsing across LES, RES and BES indeed reflects such an effect.

The uniform change of FDs and FIDs respectively from the NS condition to any of the suggestion conditions, regardless of suggestion content, is intriguing. While caution should be exercised in the interpretation of post-hoc test significance levels, since several analyses were performed on the same data which were arbitrarily divided on the basis of post-hoc questions posed, and were analyzed in one case with markedly unequal N's (2X2 post-hoc analysis), results can still be taken as indicative of trends in the variance accounted for by the various effects.

The pattern which emerges from these findings is that suggestion content was largely immaterial as far as DL performance is concerned, but that suggestion presence versus absence markedly affected observed lateral preference. It is tempting to speculate that such a performance pattern may be due to subject sensitization to strategy. Conceivably the presence of a suggestion may induce subjects to employ a self-determined strategy, leading to the curious performance reversal from the NS condition to the three suggestion conditions for the 2 groups (FD/FID).

While I was unable to replicate previous work (Pizzamiglio, 1974) showing significant differences between FD and FID Ss in a NS condition on the basis of lateral preference in DL (FDs less lateralized than FIDs), results

obtained here are suggestive of a trend in this direction ($p < .09$ in the post-hoc oneway ANOVA). Since the measure of psychological differentiation employed here did successfully discriminate between groups in the second post-hoc ANOVA (EF, high/low, Suggestion, LES, RES and BES) with a main effect of FD/FID at the $p < .017$ level, the measure itself is an unlikely source of difficulty. A more likely source might be the pretrial selection employed by Pizzamiglio (1974), using only subgroups with extreme right and mixed ear preference. Such pretrial selection might increase chances to obtain significant differences between groups, a fact which may have lead Pizzamiglio (1974) to call his results 'only preliminary'.

The fact then that psychological differentiation can account for some of the variance in DL performance, however modest this contribution may be, underlines the previously mentioned assertion that valid clinical use of DL necessitates stringent control procedures, making performance largely independent of self-induced strategy effects.

GENERAL DISCUSSION AND SUMMARY

General Discussion

Experiment I showed that lateral preference is closely tied to stimulus quality as well as quantity. While multilingual research of this nature is only in its infancy, further investigation may elucidate the value of the proposed phasic phonemic-semantic processing sequence explanation. The necessity for further work is underlined by the presence of conflicting results (i.e. Carroll, 1980, who claimed an increase in right lateral preference with an increase in language proficiency in a second language) and by the virtual absence of pretrial equalization of sensation levels on the basis of audiometric assessment in the literature at this point, which makes comparisons to findings obtained here difficult. The comparatively high results of right lateral preference (89%-96%) in right-handers shown here might be related to the careful use of audiometric screening techniques and certainly warrant a replication study. If these results were indeed robust, the generally voiced criticism of 'too much noise' (on the basis of 'only' 75% right lateral preference in DL commonly reported in the literature, even though lateralization for language is purported to be on the left in 94% of the population) in the

use of the technique (i.e. Teng, 1981), might indeed be muted.

The dramatic order effects of Experiment II might serve to sensitize the critical user of this technique for clinical purposes to the dangers of possible contamination due to subject determined strategy choices. These findings may also point the way to further research systematically evaluating the possibility of actual clinical use of examiner induced recall strategies in DL administration, with the purpose of reducing subject determined strategies.

Experiment III further underlined the contention that present administration techniques may very well be subject to extraneous contamination due to subject determined strategies. The issue of psychological differentiation and lateralization deserves further careful evaluation with alternative instruments, possibly assessing more accurately the field dependence/independence dimension, to insure that the variance accounted for by psychological differentiation in DL performance is indeed as small as results obtained here suggest.

Results of the three experiments provide support for an eclectic position concerning ear advantage in DL, as formulated by Bryden (1980). The REA shown consistently in all conditions in Experiment I and all neutral (strategy-free) cells of Experiment II and III, again lend

support to that part of Kimura's (i.e. 1967) perceptual asymmetry model, which contends that observed right lateral preference in DL with stimuli of linguistic content is a function of left lateralization of language in rt-handed Ss.

Manipulation of Ss strategy and stimulus characteristics show that other factors, such as an order factor, attentional factors (investigated elsewhere, i.e. Bryden, 1971; Mainka and Hoerman, 1971) and to some degree psychological differentiation, all contribute to observed variance in DL. While other sources of variance in the DL paradigm may yet emerge, perceptual asymmetry and allocation of processing capacity (which includes subject or examiner induced strategies such as 'order of report' and attentional variables) are likely to account for a sizable amount of variance in the multifactorial DL paradigm thus proposed.

As a consequence, the answer to the main question posed by this dissertation, 'does the concept of lateralization sufficiently explain dichotic listening performance', is a clear and unequivocal -no-. The extent of this 'no' can only be established, once the spectrum of possible contributing variables has been more adequately investigated.

Summary

Four performance dimensions in DL were investigated. (1) Stimulus characteristics, (2) Order effects, (3) Susceptibility to suggestion effects and (4) Psychological differentiation and lateral performance in DL.

It was ascertained that stimulus quantity (2,3 and 4 WF) significantly altered performance. Increasing loads on processing capacity increased right lateral preference. The investigation of stimulus quality (native language versus other language) revealed that REA decreases as a function of language familiarity, with the largest REA displayed by non-proficient Ss in OL and the relatively smallest right preference by native-speakers in NL. As an interpretation of these results, a phased sequential explanation of phonemic-semantic processing was introduced.

Order effects in turn were shown to account for a significant amount of variance in the phenomenon; with no accuracy changes across three order conditions (FR, LER, RER) the notion of finite processing capacity, allocatable on the basis of subject or examiner induced strategy, gained substantial support. Results were taken to suggest that caution should be exercised with present clinical administration techniques, since an unknown amount of contamination of results might be present on the basis of subject self-induced strategy. Suggestions for research further investigating this issue were supplied.

No suggestion effects as such were ascertainable. The absence of a significant effect was interpreted as having one or both of the following causes: (1) Suggestion was too weak, (2) Different susceptibility to suggestion effects in the subject population might cancel any effect.

However, in Experiment III an effect in terms of presence or absence of a suggestion was shown, while suggestion content appeared to be immaterial. This effect emerged as a function of field dependence/independence, with performance reversal from a neutral (NS) condition to any one of three suggestion present (LES, RES, BES) conditions. It was concluded that in the case of both groups (FD/FID), examiner supplied suggestions were not reflected in specific changes in pattern of performance across groups, but that their presence resulted in overall differences in ear advantage.

It was speculated that the effect of suggestion presence versus absence was due to subject sensitization to strategy options which led to the observed performance reversal from the NS to any of the SP conditions for the two Ss groups (FD/FID).

Results of the entire set of experiments were interpreted as providing clear support for an 'eclectic position' concerning the nature of ear advantage in DL, with several main contributors to observed variance. While perceptual asymmetry was identified again as a main source of variance

in DL, as claimed by Kimura (i.e. 1967), and reflected by Ss performance in any of the 'neutral' conditions, linguistic stimulus characteristics, processing capacity allocation and to a lesser extent personality variables such as field dependence/ independence are all thought to make contributions to size and extent of lateral preference in EL.

Research implications were seen mainly in the necessity of careful evaluation and possible control of the different sources of variance, in the clinical use of DL, to insure valid and reliable results.

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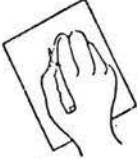
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Appendix A
TESTING MATERIAL

PPRA: Sensory-Motor Survey II

Name		
Sex	female <input type="checkbox"/>	male <input type="checkbox"/>
Date of birth	Height	Weight

COORDINATION-PREFERENCE INFORMATION (Check the response that describes you best)

1. Most people carry their heads with a slight tilt. How do you usually hold your head?	left <input type="checkbox"/>	right <input type="checkbox"/>	middle <input type="checkbox"/>
2. With which hand do you use an eraser on paper?	left <input type="checkbox"/>	right <input type="checkbox"/>	both <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Which eye would you use to peep through a keyhole?	left <input type="checkbox"/>	right <input type="checkbox"/>	both <input type="checkbox"/>
4. With which foot would you kick a ball?	left <input type="checkbox"/>	right <input type="checkbox"/>	both <input type="checkbox"/>
5. If you had to look into a dark bottle to see how full it was, which eye would you use?	left <input type="checkbox"/>	right <input type="checkbox"/>	both <input type="checkbox"/>
6. Into which ear would you place the earphone of a transistor radio?	left <input type="checkbox"/>	right <input type="checkbox"/>	both <input type="checkbox"/>
7. With which hand do you remove the top card when dealing?	left <input type="checkbox"/>	right <input type="checkbox"/>	both <input type="checkbox"/>
8. Which eye would you use to sight down a rifle?	left <input type="checkbox"/>	right <input type="checkbox"/>	both <input type="checkbox"/>
9. If you had to step up onto a chair, which foot would you place on the chair first?	left <input type="checkbox"/>	right <input type="checkbox"/>	both <input type="checkbox"/>
10. If you wanted to listen in on a conversation going on behind a closed door, which ear would you place against the door?	left <input type="checkbox"/>	right <input type="checkbox"/>	both <input type="checkbox"/>
11. With which hand would you throw a ball to hit a target?	left <input type="checkbox"/>	right <input type="checkbox"/>	both <input type="checkbox"/>
12. With which hand do you draw?	left <input type="checkbox"/>	right <input type="checkbox"/>	both <input type="checkbox"/>
13. If you wanted to pick up a pebble with your toes, which foot would you use?	left <input type="checkbox"/>	right <input type="checkbox"/>	both <input type="checkbox"/>
14. If you wanted to hear someone's heart beat, which ear would you place against their chest?	left <input type="checkbox"/>	right <input type="checkbox"/>	both <input type="checkbox"/>
15. Which eye would you use to sight down a telescope?	left <input type="checkbox"/>	right <input type="checkbox"/>	both <input type="checkbox"/>
16. Consider the four pictures below. Which looks most like the way you hold your hand when writing? (mark the box under it)			
			
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

NOM		
SEXE	FEMME	HOMME
DATE DE NAISSANCE	GRANDEUR	POIDS

L'INFORMATION SUR COORDINATION DE PRÉFÉRENCE. (COCHEZ LA RÉPONSE QUI VOUS DÉCRIT LE MIEUX.)

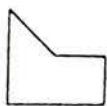
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- Quand vous effacez une erreur sur la page, quelle main employez-vous? à gauche droit les deux
- Quel oeil est-ce que vous, regarderiez dans un trou de serrure? à gauche à droit les deux
- Avec quel pied donneriez-vous un coup de pied à une balle? à gauche à droit les deux
- Avec quel oeil est-ce que vous regarderiez dans une bouteille obscure pour déterminer le niveau de liquide la dedans? à gauche à droit les deux
- Contre quelle oreille est-ce que vous placeriez l'écouteur d'une radio? à gauche à droit les deux
- Avec quelle main enlèveriez-vous la première carte quand vous commencez à faire la donnee? à gauche à droit les deux
- Avec quel oeil est-ce que vous visez un fusil? à gauche à droit les deux
- Quand vous montez sur une chaise, quel pied mettez-vous d'abord? à gauche à droit les deux
- Si vous vouliez écouter une conversation qui se passait derrière une porte fermée, quelle oreille placeriez-vous contre la porte? à gauche à droit les deux
- Pour atteindre un but, avec quelle main lanceriez-vous une boule? à gauche à droit les deux
- Quelle main employez-vous pour dessiner? à gauche à droit les deux
- Pour ramasser une pierre avec les orteils, quel pieds employez-vous? à gauche à droit les deux
- Pour entendre le battement du coeur quel oreille placeriez-vous contre la poitrine? à gauche à droit les deux
- Avec quel oeil est-ce que vous regardez dans un télescope? à gauche à droit les deux
- Regardez ces quatre images. Laquelle rassemble plus à votre façon d'écrire?



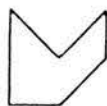
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At the top of the test page you will see a row of *five simple figures*, labeled 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Below them are 12 complex designs. In each of these designs *one of the five simple figures* is hidden. Only one of the five figures will be hidden in each complex design, and that one figure will be the *same size and in the same position* as it is at the top of the page.

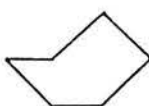
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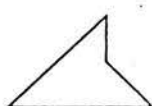
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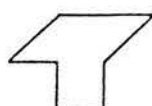
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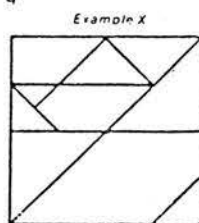
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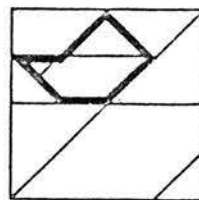
EXAMPLE X:

Now try an example. Look for one of these simple figures in the complex design given to the right. Mark your answer on the Answer Sheet in column 1.



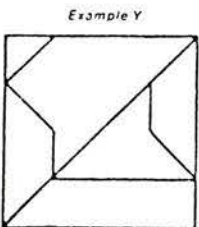
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EXAMPLE Y:

Now try another example. Mark your answer on the Answer Sheet in column 2.



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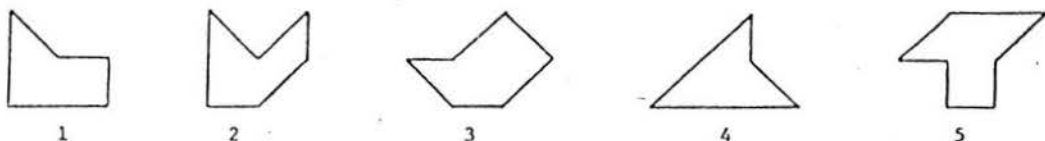
The same simple figures are on the next page. Starting with the first (col 3), find which one of these simple figures is hidden in each design. Then mark your Answer Sheet. *Work quickly* to finish as many as you can. You will have 5 minutes for the test. If you are not sure of the right answer for an item, mark the choice that is your best guess. If you finish before time is called, please *STOP*. Do *not* turn the page.

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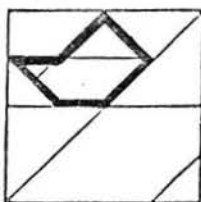
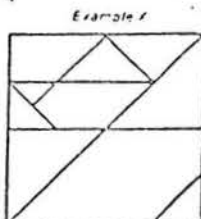
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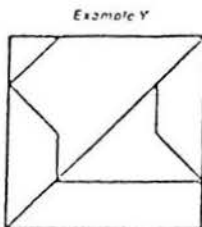
EXEMPLE X: Maintenant faites un premier essai. Recherchez une des figures simples dans le dessin complexe qui se trouve à droite. Indiquez votre réponse dans la 1^{ère} colonne sur la feuille de réponses.

La figure no 3 est celle qui est cachée dans le dessin: alors vous auriez dû noircir la troisième espace sur votre feuille de réponses pour la colonne 1. Vous pouvez constater ceci en regardant le dessin à droite où la figure simple numero 3 a été contournée au crayon gras.



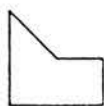
EXEMPLE Y: Essayez encore un fois. Indiquez votre réponse dans la deuxième colonne sur la feuille de réponse.

Dans l'exemple Y la figure numero 4 est cachée. Vous auriez dû noircir le quatrième espace.

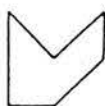


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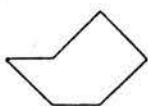
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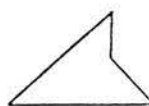
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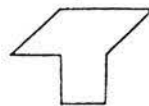
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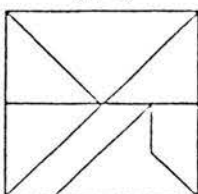


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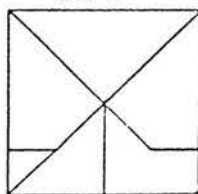
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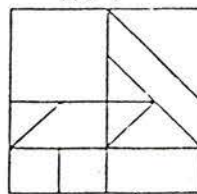
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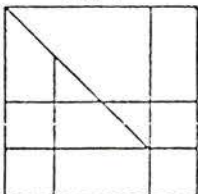
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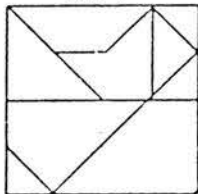
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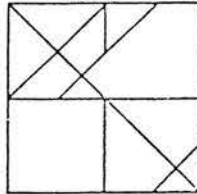
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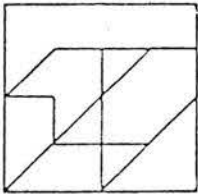
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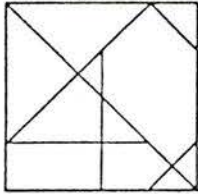
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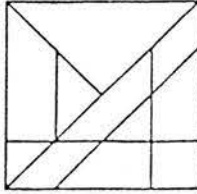
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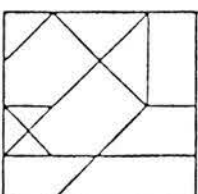
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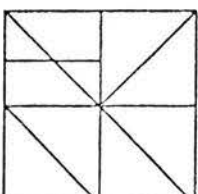
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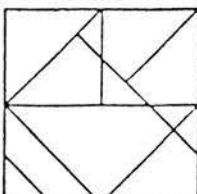
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NEUROPSYCHOLOGY

FEATURE

LABORATORY

BALANCED DICHOTIC LISTENING TEST

<u>Left</u>			<u>Right</u>		
1.	bed	lamp	chair	desk	
2.	rug	inch	hill	tree	
3.	lock	smile	sea	stool	club
4.	ball	gun	doll	game	bet
5.	bear	hat	rain	cart	
6.	boat	jeep	car	cart	
7.	hair	wall	roach	bowl	
8.	paw	skirt	spoon	snow	
9.	storm	leg	tick	truck	
10.	storm	pail	bog	wind	
11.	aunt	moth	flea	grat	
12.	fork	plate	pot	stove	
13.	shirt	tie	coat	shoes	
14.	tan	sheep	shoes	wood	
15.	dog	cat	horse	deer	
16.	pot	worm	bike	rat	
17.	wall	roof	steps	floor	
18.	moth	eye	bog	car	
19.	deer	pants	pan	roof	
20.	hair	toe	arm	head	

1.	plate	ant	coat	door	wind	bus
2.	jet	train	bike	truck	bus	ship
3.	cat	brick	cup	nose	skirt	fly
4.	hail	stair	jeep	foot	horse	blouse
5.	cloud	sleep	cold	sun	snow	rain
6.	fly	wasp	roach	worm	tick	bee
7.	bowl	dish	cup	spoon	pan	knife
8.	arm	floor	dog	gnat	train	fork
9.	ship	dress	wasp	cold	head	dish
10.	truck	pants	dress	hat	skirt	blouse
11.	mouse	rat	sheep	cow	pig	bear
12.	sleep	mouse	tie	bee	boat	cloud
13.	room	wood	hall	brick	stair	door
14.	toe	fork	knife	cow	jet	steps
15.	eye	hand	foot	leg	nose	ear
16.	room	sun	stove	ear	pig	flee

1.	car	jet	bike	ship	bus	train	jeep	truck
2.	gnat	snow	fork	shirt	truck	foot	pig	hall
3.	hail	sun	cloud	wind	snow	fog	rain	sleet
4.	floor	cow	leg	bike	knife	storm	hat	worm
5.	moth	flee	roach	fly	ant	gnat	tick	wasp
6.	cup	plate	pan	dish	stove	fork	bowl	pot
7.	jeep	bowl	skirt	hand	fog	stair	wasp	mouse
8.	flee	spoon	cold	boat	brick	deer	pants	hair
9.	shoes	roof	arm	bee	hair	ship	dog	pot
10.	coat	sock	blouse	tie	shirt	dress	shoes	hat
11.	cat	horse	bear	dog	sheep	pig	cow	mouse
12.	brick	door	wall	wood	roof	steps	room	stair
13.	tick	cloud	head	cat	skirt	dish	wall	train
14.	sun	toe	ant	pan	cart	rat	door	coat
15.	blouse	rain	stove	wood	ear	horse	roach	bus
16.	head	eye	nose	foot	arm	hand	toe	leg

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NEUROPSYCHOLOGY

FEATURE

LABORATORY

BALANCED DICHOTIC LISTENING TEST

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3. cerrure	sourire	livre	mer	banc	club
4. balle	fusil	haut	poupee	geu	enjeu
5. ours	chapeau		pluie	brouette	
6. bateau	jeep		auto	brouette	
7. cheveux	mur		punaise	bol	
8. patte	juppe		cuillère	neige	
9. tempête	jambe		tique	camion	
10. tempête	seau		tourbe	vent	
11. tante	mite		puce	puceron	
12. fourchette	assiette		pot	four	
13. chemise	cravate		manteau	souliers	
14. teint	mouton		souliers	bois	
15. chien	chat		cheval	renne	
16. pot	ver		bicyclette	rat	
17. mur	toit		marche	plancher	
18. mite	oeil		tourbe	auto	
19. renard	pantalon		poelon	toit	
20. cheveux	orteil		bras	tête	

1. assiette	tante	manteau	porte	vent	autobus
2. avion	train	bicicle	camion	autobus	bateau
3. chat	brique	tasse	nez	juppe	mouche
4. giboulée	marche	jeep	pied	cheval	blouse
5. nuage	sommeil	froid	soleil	neige	pluie
6. mouche	guêpe	punaise	ver	tique	abeille
7. bol	assiette	coupe	cuillere	poelon	couteau
8. bras	plancher	chien	puceron	train	fourchette
9. bateau	robe	guepe	froid	tête	assiette
10. camion	pantalon	robe	chapeau	juppe	blouse
11. souris	rat	mouton	vache	cochon	ours
12. sommeil	souris	cravate	abeille	bateau	nuage
13. chambre	bois	corridors	brique	marche	porte
14. orteil	fourchette	couteau	varche	avion	marche
15. oeil	boite	pied	jambe	nez	oreille
16. chambre	soleil	four	oreille	cochon	puce

1.	auto	avion	bicicle	bateau	autobus	train	jeep	camion
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4.	plancher	vache	jambe	bicicle	couteau	tempete	chapeau	ver
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6.	coupe	assiette	poelon	bol	four	fourchette	bol	pot
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9.	souliers	toit	bras	abeille	grêle	bateau	chien	pot
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14.	soleil	orteil	tante	poelon	brouette	rat	porte	manteau
15.	blouse	pluie	four	bois	oreille	cheval	puceron	autobus
16.	tête	oeil	nez	pied	bras	main	orteil	jambe

Appendix B

RAW SCORES

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VAR LABELS SEX,1=FEMALE,2=MALE/
VAR LABELS AGE CHRONOLOGICAL AGE OF SUBJECT/
VAR LABELS VSCORE VERBAL SCORE ON CHTER LANGUAGE/
VAR LABELS EF EMBEDDED FIGURE SCORE, 1-12/
VAR LABELS ORDER ORDER OF PRESENTATION,1=ENG,2=FRENCH/
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VAR LABELS N3R 3WORD PAIRS,NATIVELANG,RIGHTSIDE/
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VAR LABELS N4R 4WORD PAIRS,NATIVELANG,RIGHTSIDE/
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VAR LABELS O2R 2WORD PAIRS,OTHER LANG,RIGHTSIDE/
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VAR LABELS O3R 3WORD PAIRS,OTHER LANG,RIGHTSIDE/
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VAR LABELS O4R 4WORD PAIRS,OTHER LANG,RIGHTSIDE/
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VAR LABELS EARR EAR ATTENUATION ON THE RIGHTSIDE IN DB/
VAR LABELS TH THRESHOLD FOR BETTER EAR/
VAR LABELS LANG NATIVE LANGUAGE OF SUEJECT/
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