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## **I MECCANISMI ATTENZIONALI NEI DSA: DALLE NEUROSCIENZE ALLA SCUOLA**

**26 Novembre 2015**  
ore 16:30 – 19:30

### **STUDI LONGITUDINALI**

- Alla ricerca delle cause dei DSA 1

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### **SEGRETERIA (PROGETTAZIONE, ORGANIZZAZIONE E GESTIONE)**

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**CENTRO TERRITORIALE DI SUPPORTO PER LE TECNOLOGIE E LA DISABILITÀ**

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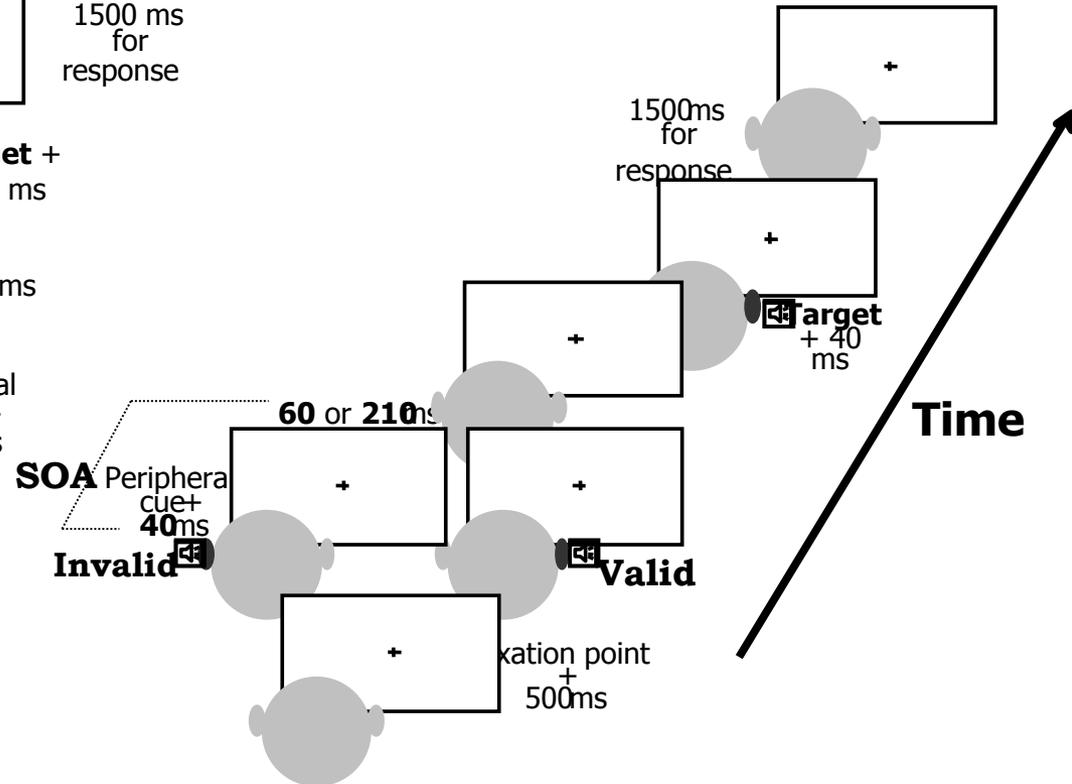
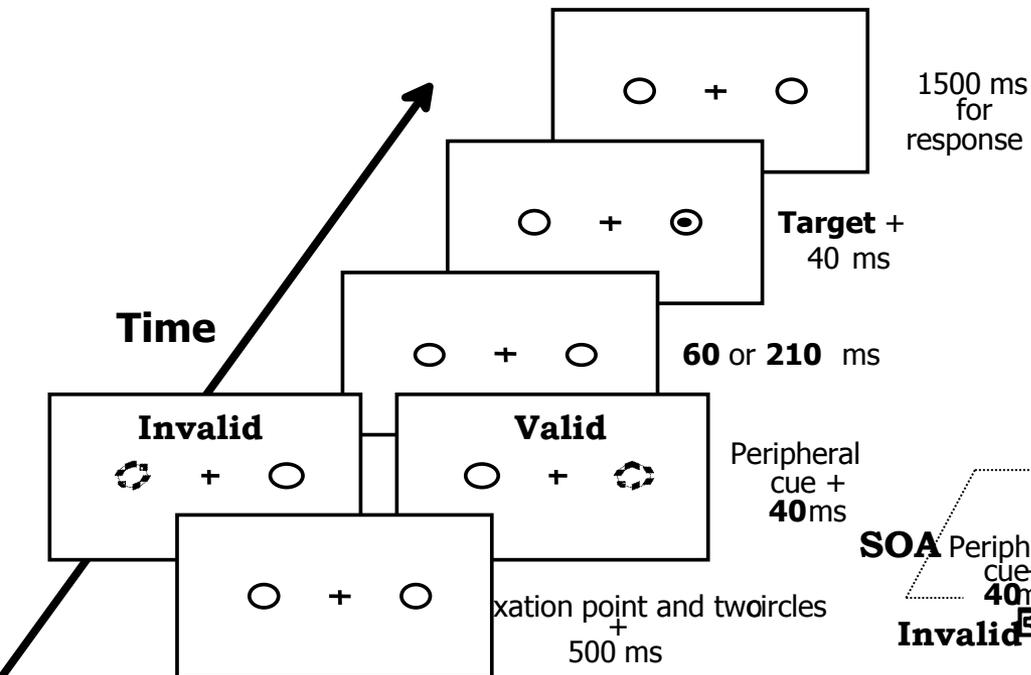
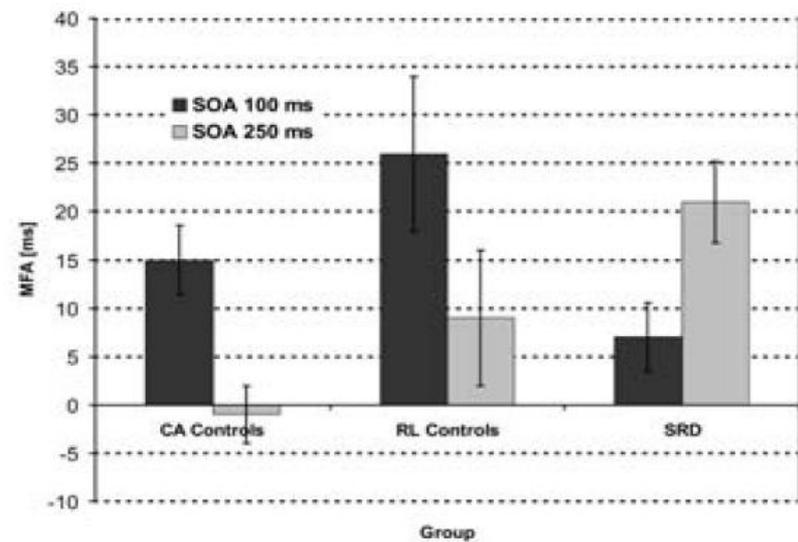
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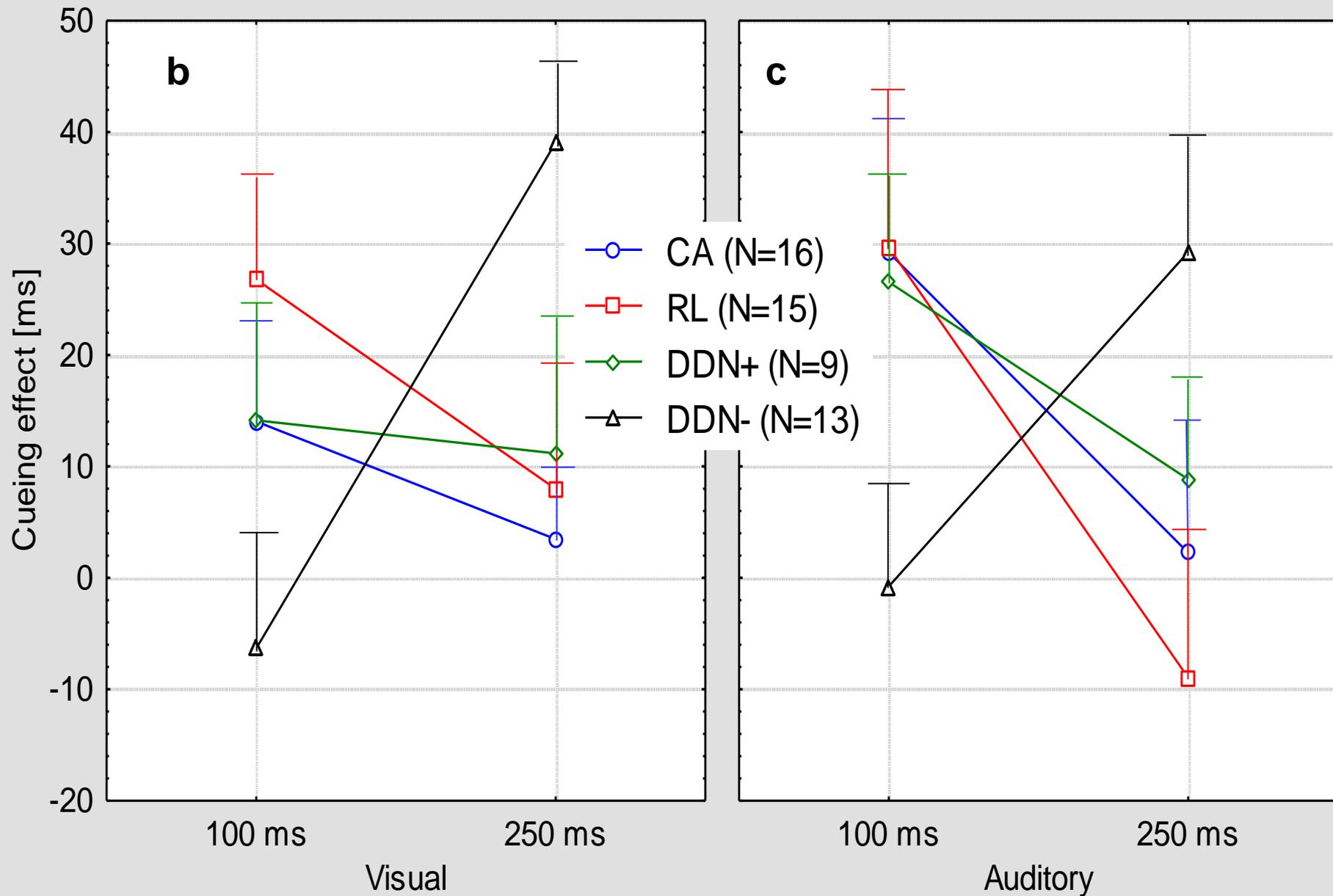
**Multisensory  
Spatial and Non-  
spatial Attention  
Disorders in  
Dyslexia and SLI**

# Visual and auditory attentional capture are both sluggish in children with developmental dyslexia

Andrea Facoetti<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Maria Luisa Lorusso<sup>1</sup>, Carmen Cattaneo<sup>1</sup>, Raffaella Galli<sup>1</sup> and Massimo Molteni<sup>1</sup>



# Multi-sensory spatial attention



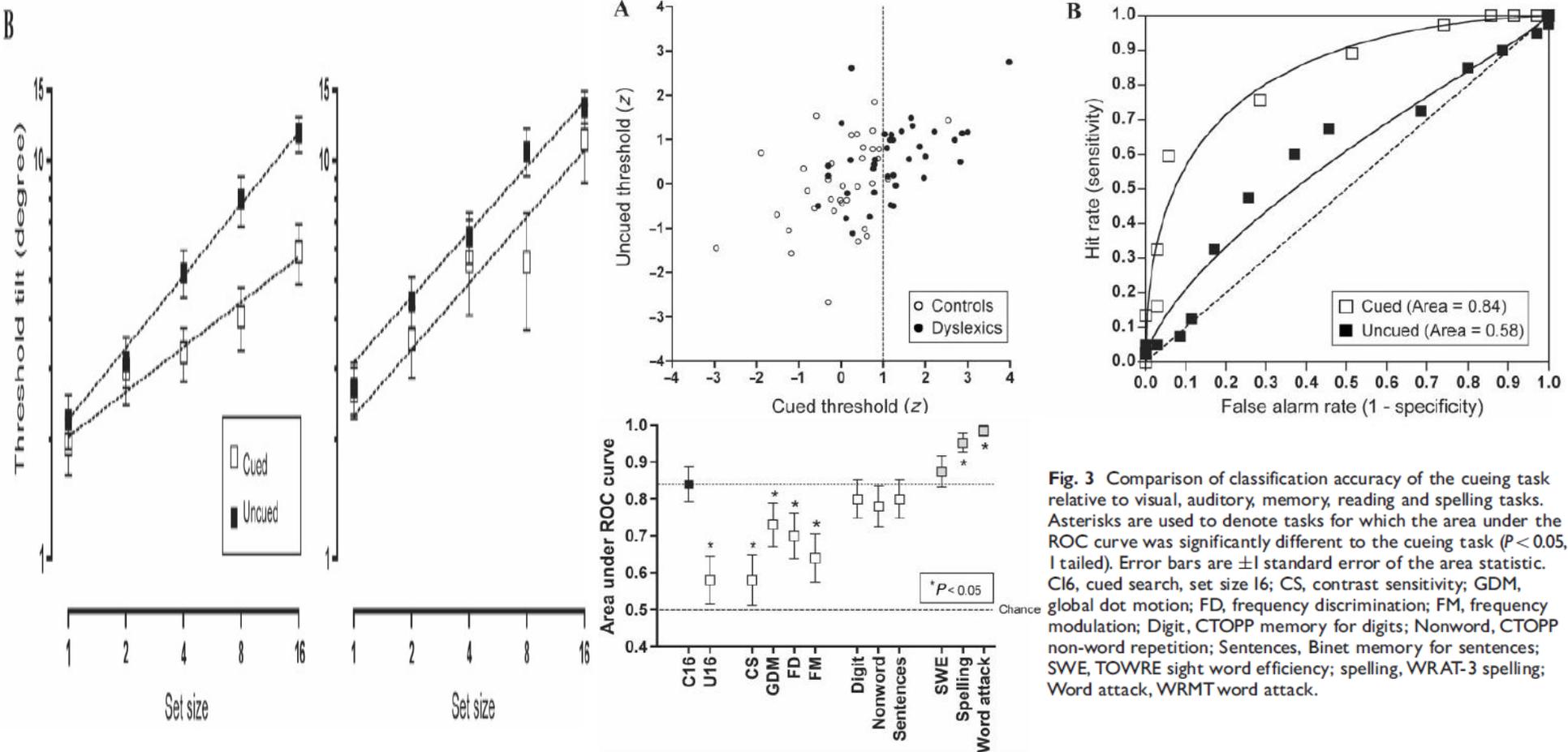
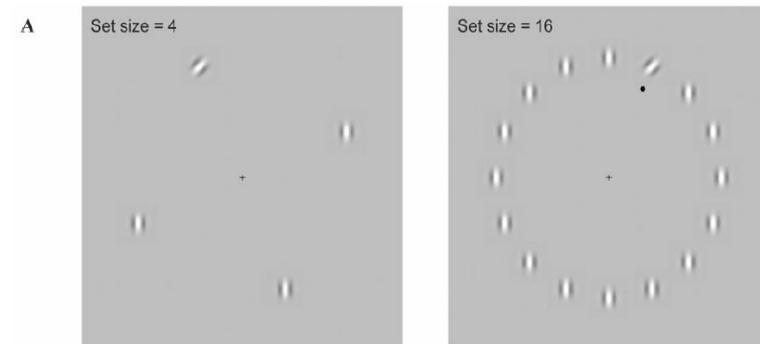
# Impaired filtering of behaviourally irrelevant visual information in dyslexia

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**Fig. 3** Comparison of classification accuracy of the cueing task relative to visual, auditory, memory, reading and spelling tasks. Asterisks are used to denote tasks for which the area under the ROC curve was significantly different to the cueing task ( $P < 0.05$ , 1 tailed). Error bars are  $\pm 1$  standard error of the area statistic. C16, cued search, set size 16; CS, contrast sensitivity; GDM, global dot motion; FD, frequency discrimination; FM, frequency modulation; Digit, CTOPP memory for digits; Nonword, CTOPP non-word repetition; Sentences, Binet memory for sentences; SWE, TOWRE sight word efficiency; spelling, WRAT-3 spelling; Word attack, WRMT word attack.



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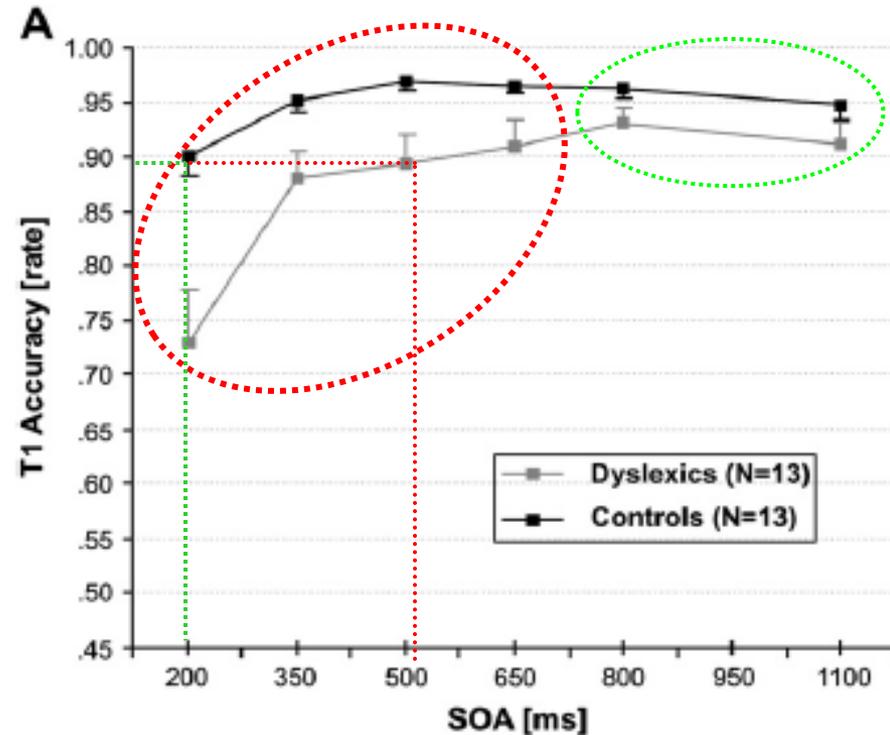
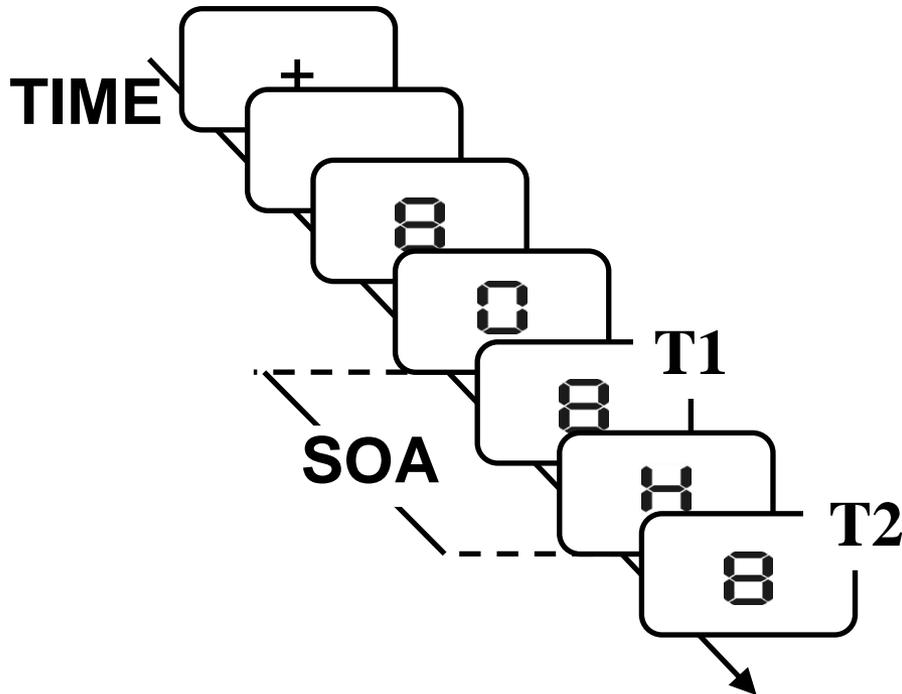
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Research report

## Sluggish engagement and disengagement of non-spatial attention in dyslexic children

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Pierluigi Paganoni<sup>f</sup> and Leonardo Chelazzi<sup>c,g</sup>



# Others and Independent Lab Demonstrated “Sluggish attentional Shifting”: see Marie’s Studies

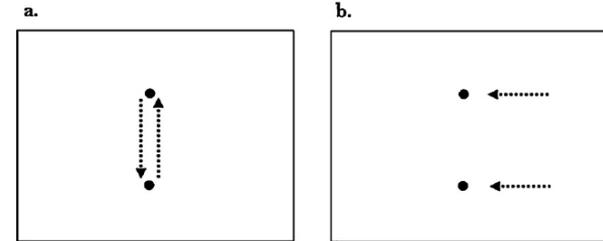
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Behavioral and ERP evidence for amodal sluggish attentional shifting in developmental dyslexia

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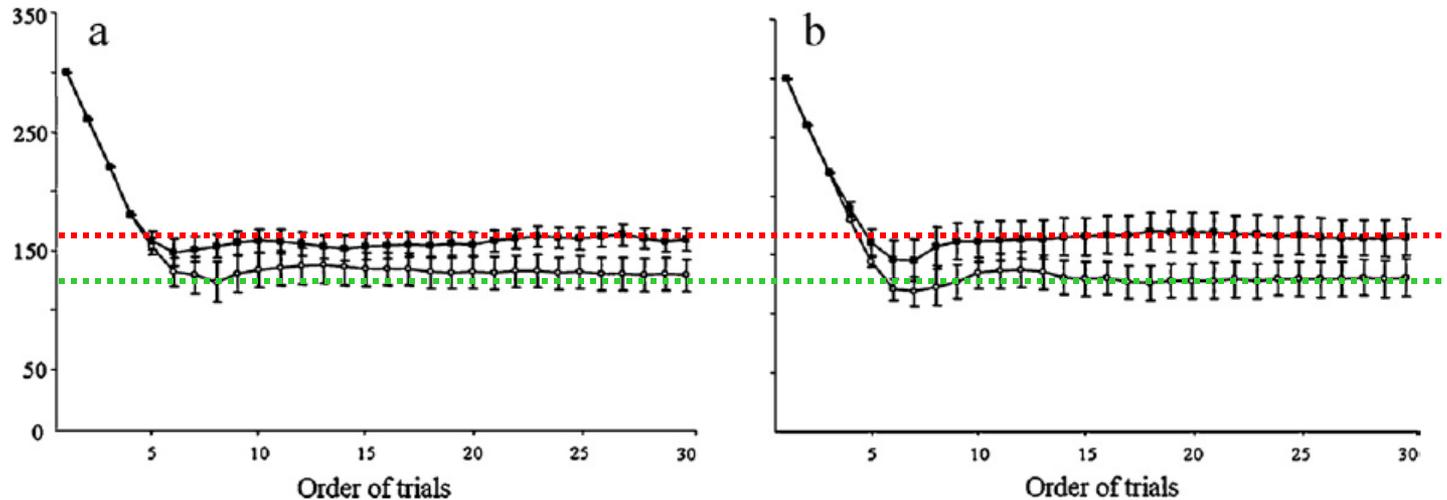


Fig. 2. Mean auditory (a) and visual (b) stream segregation thresholds (and standard error bars) for the dyslexic (black squares;  $N=13$ ) and control (white dots;  $N=13$ ) groups; statistical analyses were performed on the average of the last 10 trials.



Research report

# Visual attentional engagement deficits in children with Specific Language Impairment and their role in real-time language processing

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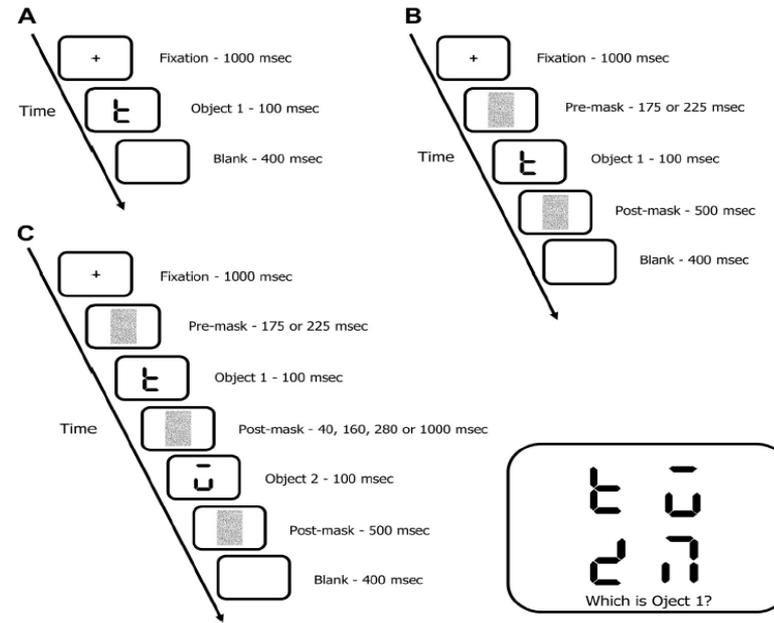
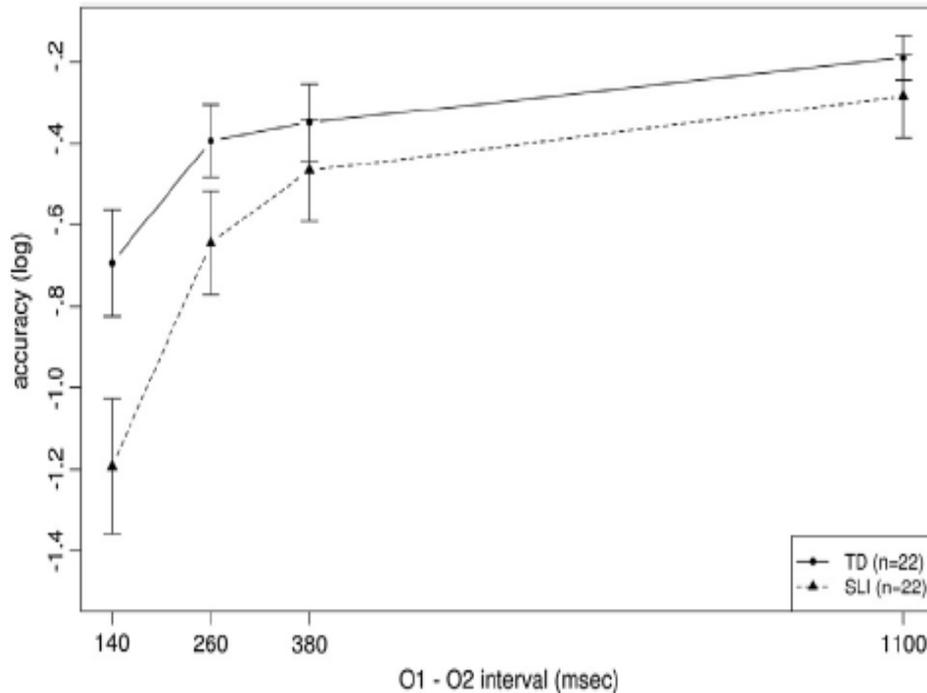


Table 6 – Multiple regression analysis on inverse efficiency in pronouns comprehension.

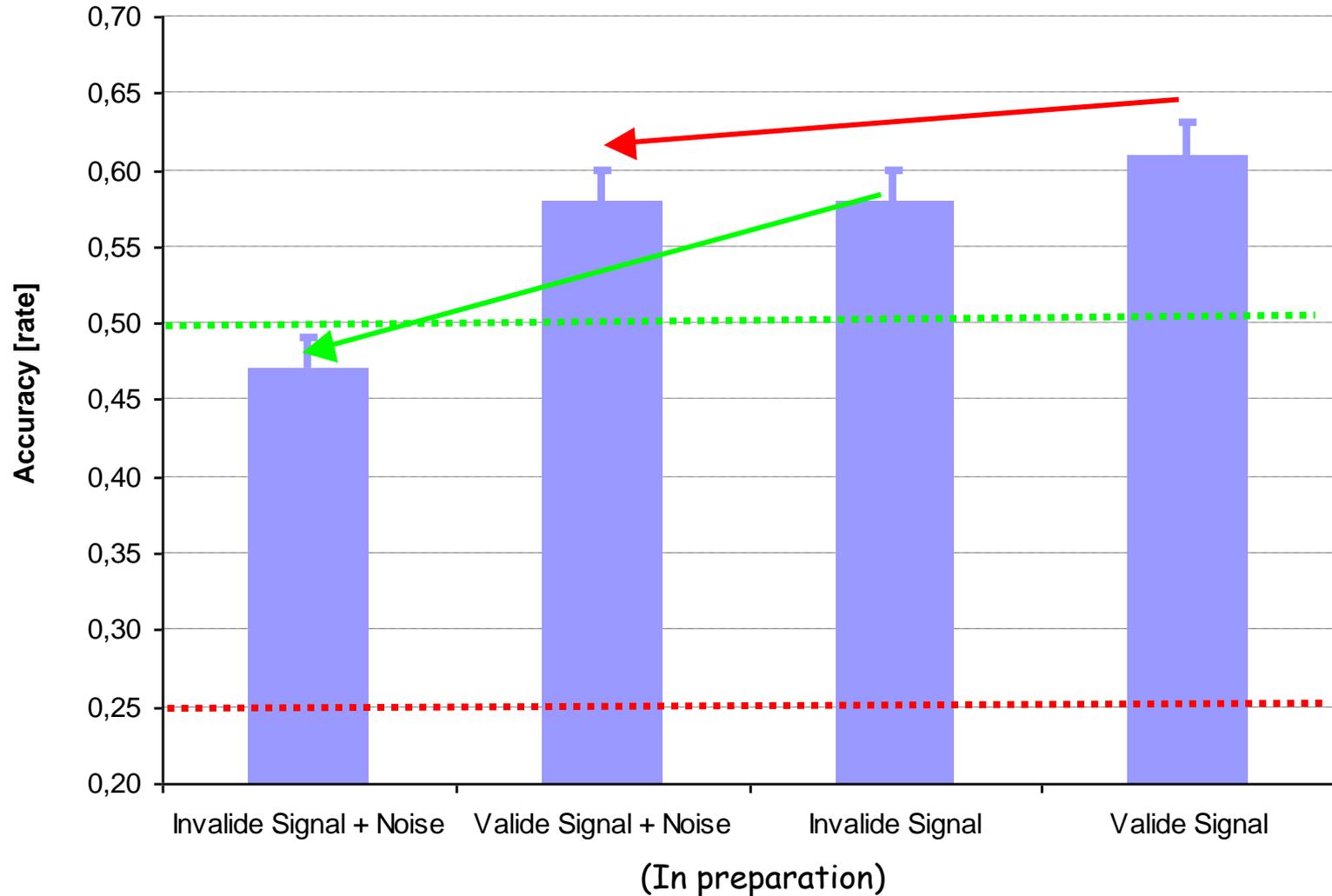
	Pronoun comprehension					
	SLI (n = 12)			TD (n = 22)		
	R <sup>2</sup> change	β	p	R <sup>2</sup> change	β	p
Step 1: Age	.206	-.454	.138	.183	-.428	.047
Step 2: AM	.484	.845	.005	.042	.225	.326

# La visione periferica è disturbata dal crowding



# Is Crowding Modulated by Spatial Attention???

[N=75 7 years old children]



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# Extra-large letter spacing improves reading in dyslexia

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**Spatial attention deficits  
in dyslexic children  
might impair their ability  
to focus on each  
successive letter in a  
visual word.**

## Helping dyslexic children attend to letters within visual word forms

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**L**earning to read visual words aloud requires a novel integration of two distinct neurocognitive systems: a visual system that allows one to

metry may soon be changing. The study by Zorzi et al. (7) in PNAS provides a clear demonstration of an easily measured vi-

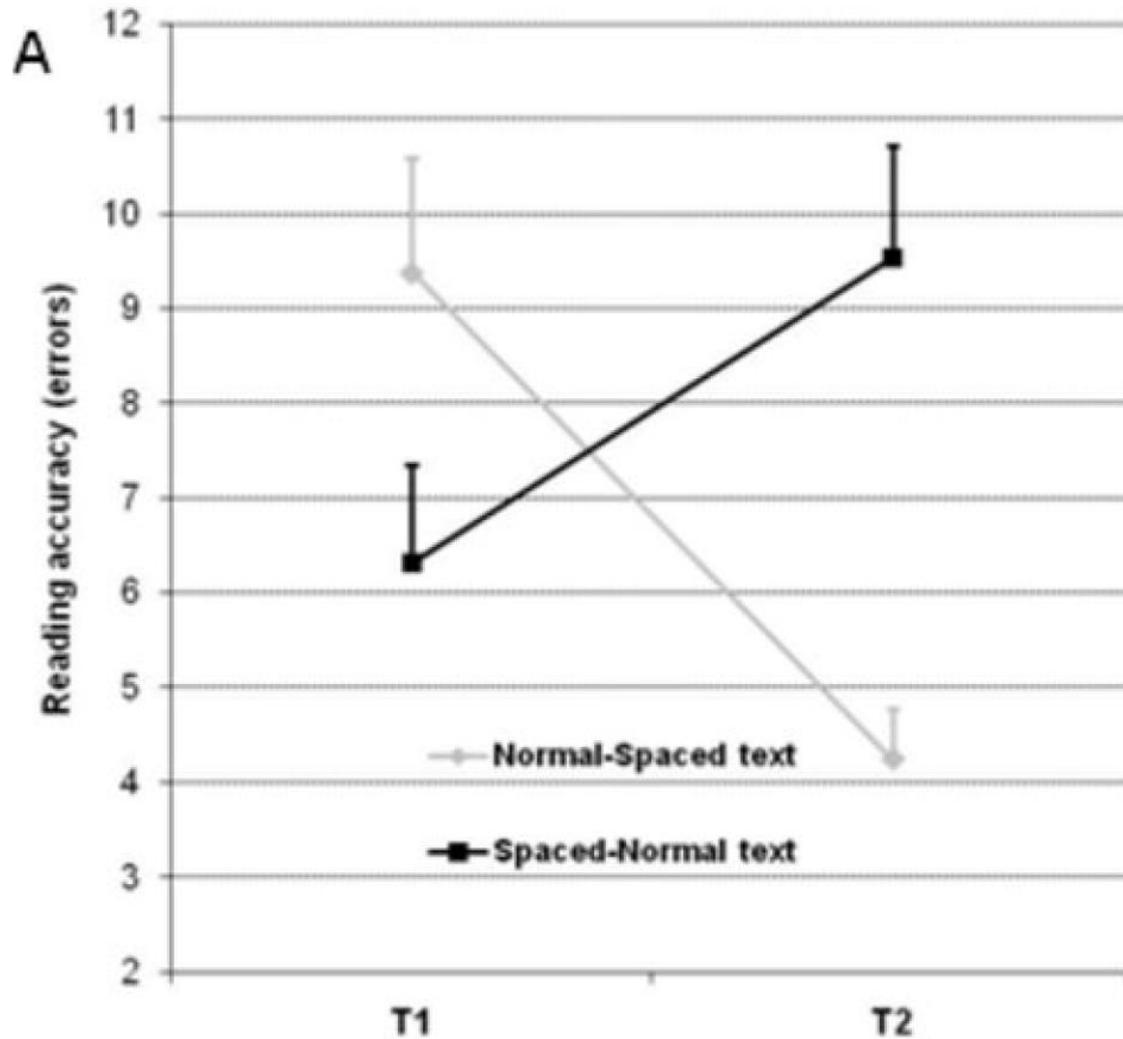
The letter-spacing effect in dyslexia apparently transcends geographical and linguistic boundaries, which is further evidenced by a study by Perea et al. (8)

# Reading and Crowding: the Spacing Effect in Children with Dyslexia

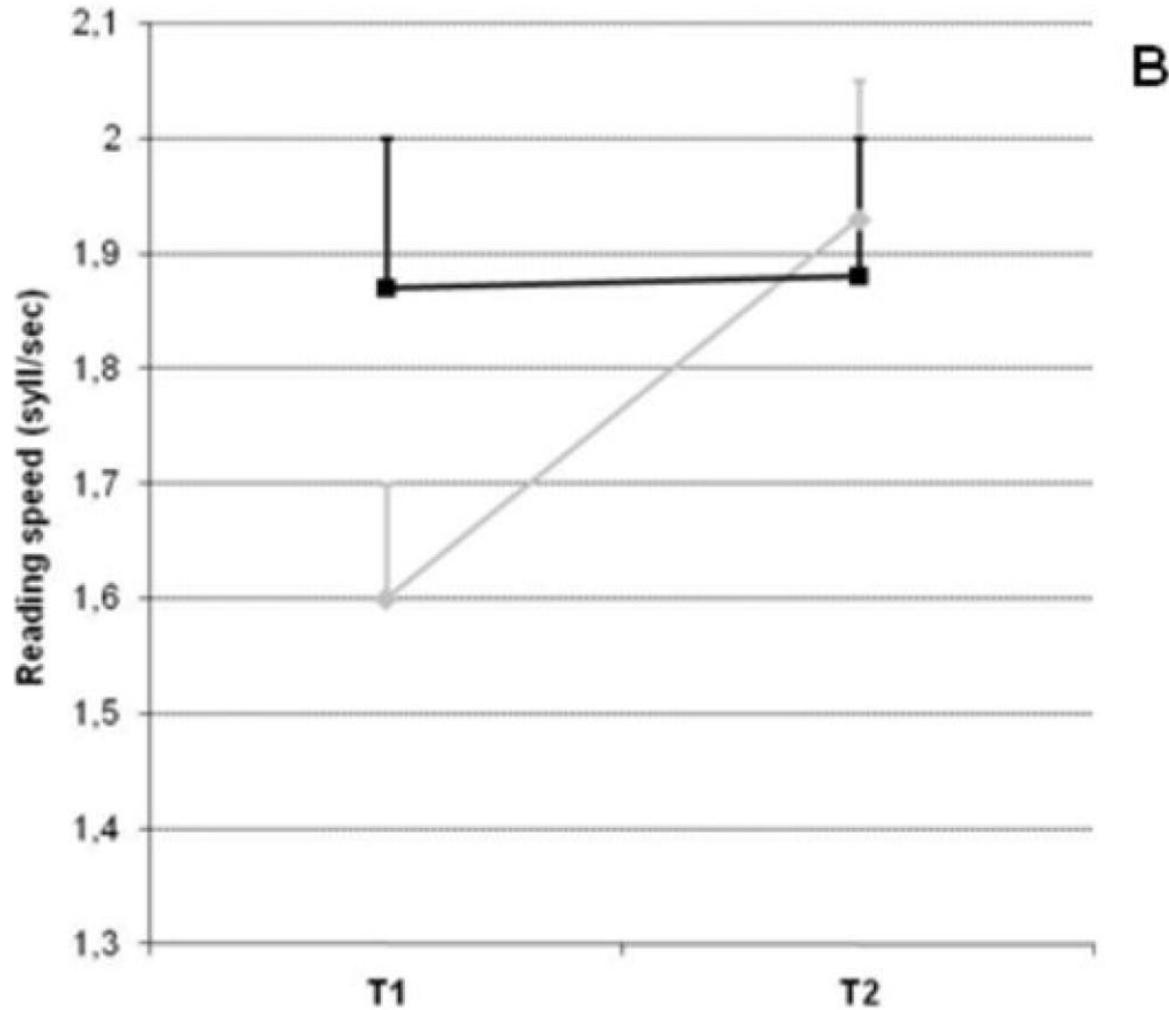
L'uomo sta mangiando la pera. La bambina asciuga il bicchiere. Il ragazzo che sta inseguendo il cavallo è magro. La quercia si trova nel mezzo della città. Non solo il cane, ma anche il fiore è rosso. La bambina aveva lo zaino verde. La stella, dentro cui c'è il cerchio, è viola. Il ragazzo non ha né cappotto né sandali. La stella è

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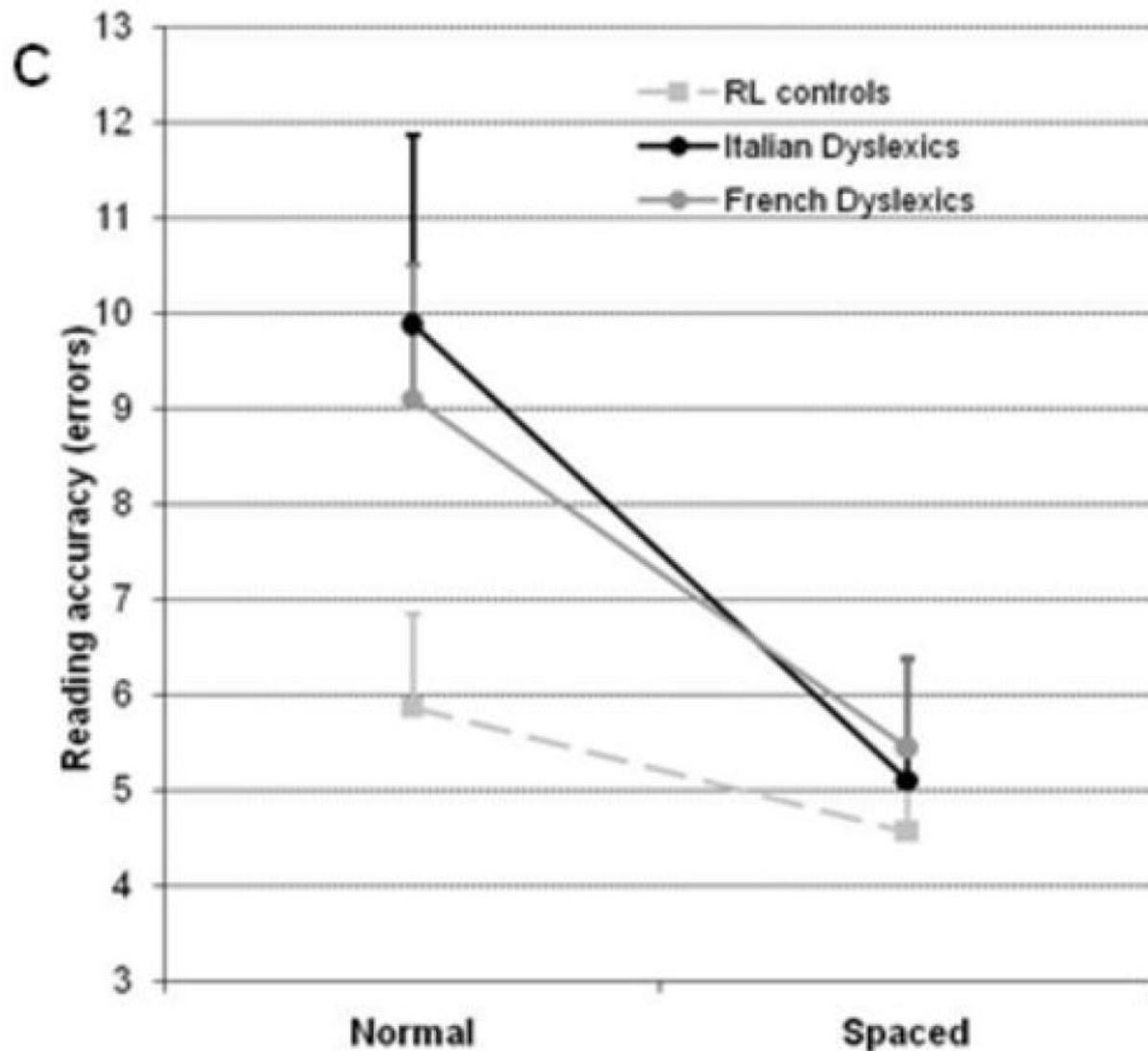
# Spacing Effect on Reading Accuracy: WoW!!!



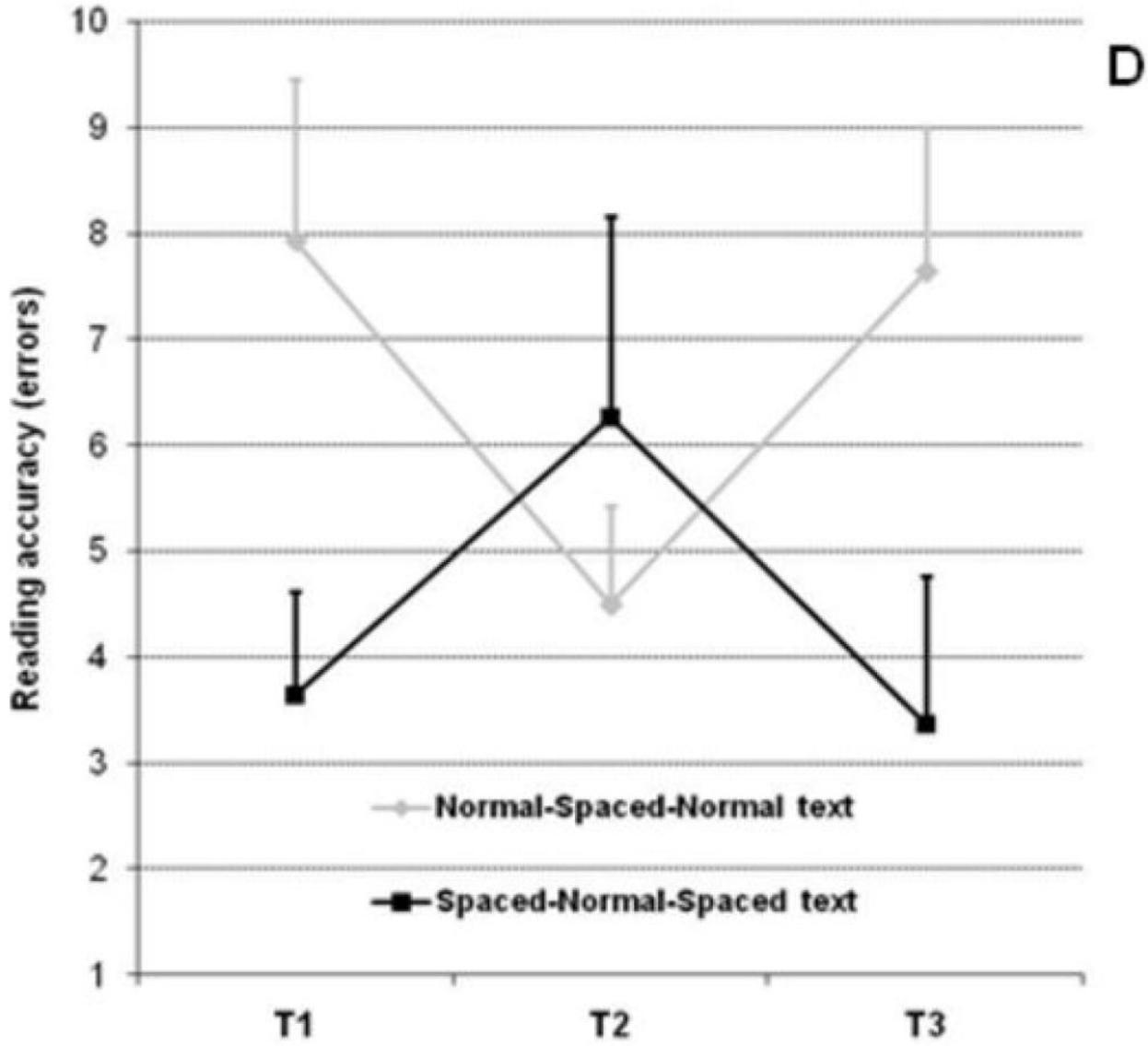
# Spacing Effect on Reading Speed: No Speed/accuracy trade-off

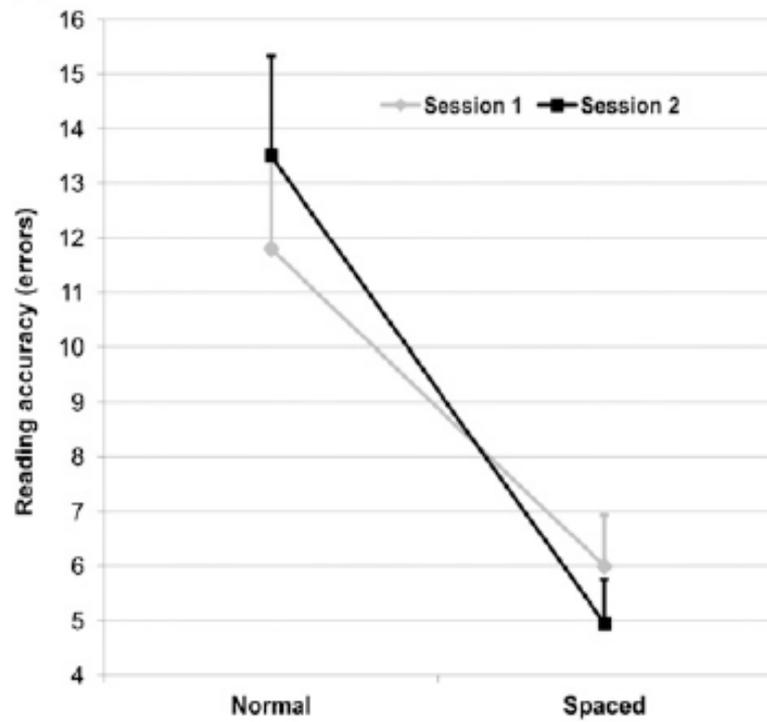
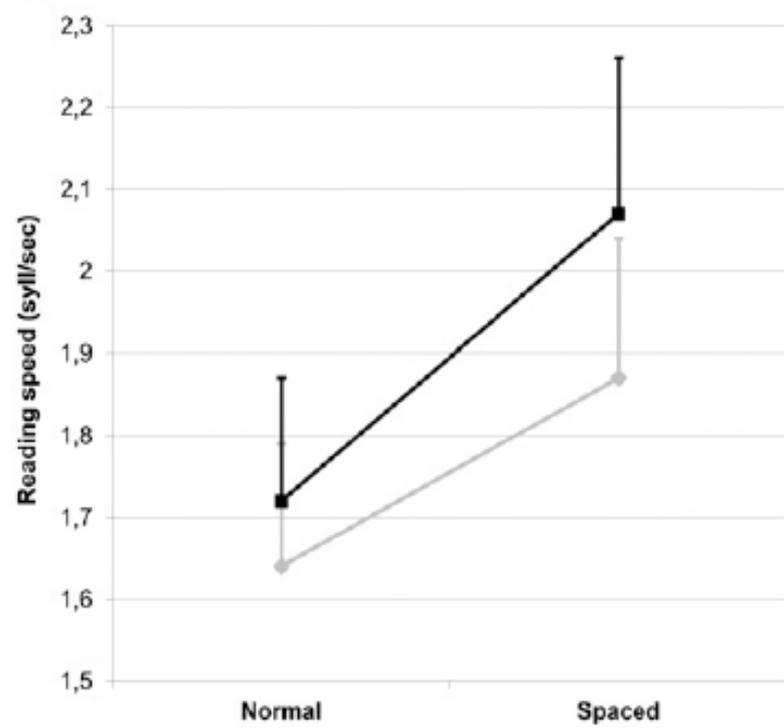


# Spacing Effect on Reading Accuracy in French and Italian Dyslexics vs. Reading Level Controls



# Spacing Effect on Reading Accuracy in Italian Dyslexics



**A****B**

# 3. Training attention

Figure 2. Sample stimuli comparing paper and iPod conditions.

**Paper Version**

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tutor's Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Period: \_\_\_\_\_

Time it took student to read first pass through: \_\_\_ min \_\_\_ sec

A group of women crammed in to the Crenshaw Boulevard bus, getting on at the Grove Street stop. Shoving students and other passengers into a line, by pushing and heaving, they forced themselves into the bus to make room for themselves where none seemed to be. As the bus started on the long RUN to Huntington Street, the women settled into their private worlds, creating the illusion of space for themselves by separating them from the others on the bus. The worlds they made for themselves were made from newspapers and magazines, behind blank spaces, and behind the panels of advertising that lined the space above the seats.

**2-1. Why was it difficult to get on the bus?**

- A. The bus tried to skip the stop.
- B. The bus was under construction.
- C. The bus had lots of people on it.
- D. Everyone had bookbags.

**2-3. Staring at the bus, she served the same purpose as**

- A. getting on the bus.
- B. taking a breath.
- C. making room for herself.
- D. creating a private world.



**Schneps MH**, Thomson JM, Chen C, Sonnert G, et al. (2013) E-Readers Are More Effective than Paper for Some with Dyslexia. PLoS ONE 8(9): e75634. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0075634

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# PERSPECTIVES

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## OPINION

### Sensory theories of developmental dyslexia: three challenges for research

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*Usha Goswami*

Abstract | Recent years have seen the publication of a range of new theories suggesting that the basis of dyslexia might be sensory dysfunction. In this Opinion article, the evidence for and against several prominent sensory theories of dyslexia is closely scrutinized. Contrary to the causal claims being made, my analysis suggests that many proposed sensory deficits might result from the effects of reduced reading experience on the dyslexic brain. I therefore suggest that longitudinal studies of sensory processing, beginning in infancy, are required to successfully identify the neural basis of developmental dyslexia. Such studies could have a powerful impact on remediation.

proposal of each theory have been presented, further studies testing these theories that did not use these research designs are omitted from this article (with the exception of chronological age (CA)-matched studies showing that dyslexic performance is unimpaired). Second, I consider the evidence for systematic and hypothesis-driven effects of the proposed sensory deficits on related cognitive skills. Last, when available, I discuss data from longitudinal and infant studies to assess evidence for the early fingerprints of sensory dysfunction. Developmental disorders of learning such as dyslexia represent the extreme bottom end of the normal distribution of a culturally acquired skill (reading). Pre-literate infants and children and illiterate (un schooled) adults are groups that are independent of this distribution, and so tests of sensory theories in these populations are of particular importance for identifying causality. It is also important to note that the behavioural manifestations of a sensory impairment can change over the

# Pre-reading Visuo-spatial Attention deficits in Future Poor Readers

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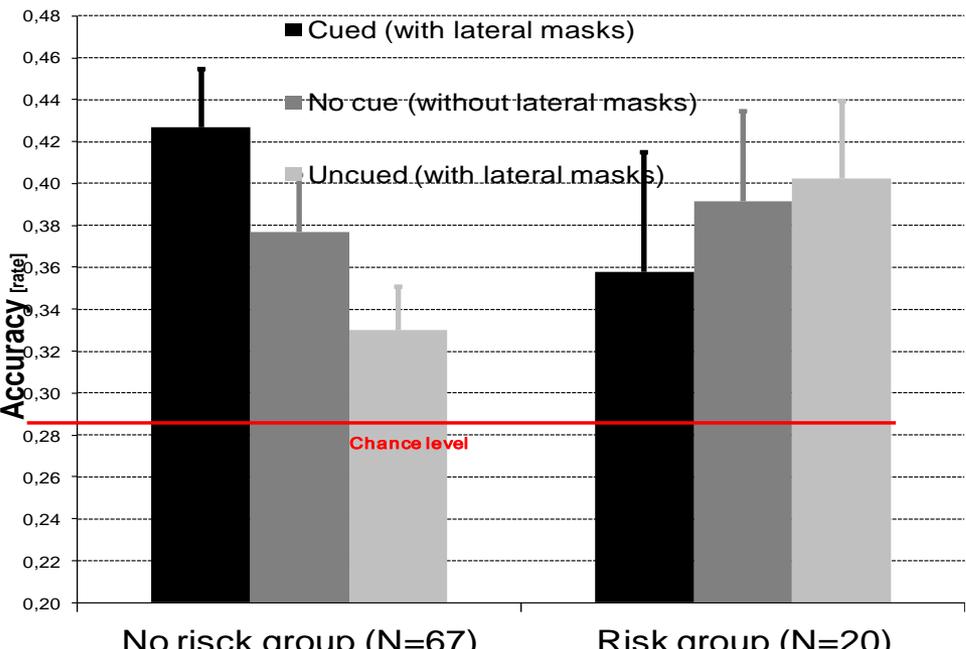
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## Visual Spatial Attention and Speech Segmentation are both Impaired in Preschoolers at Familial Risk for Developmental Dyslexia

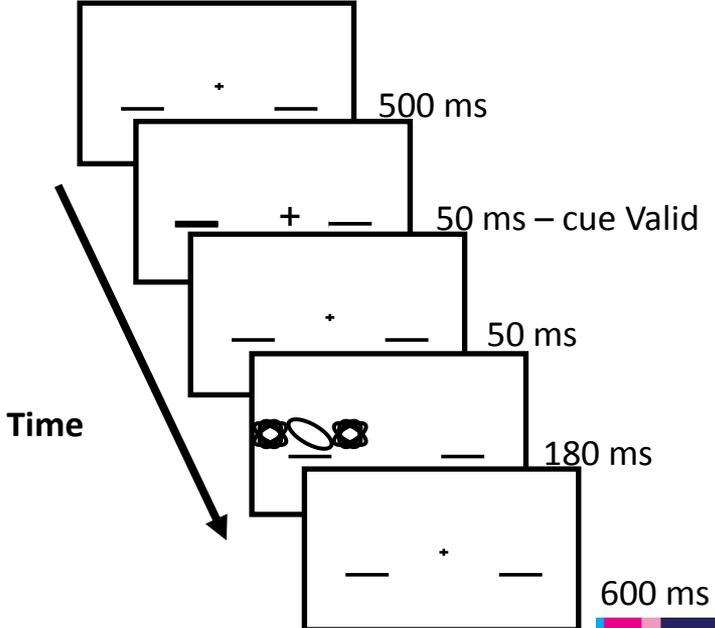
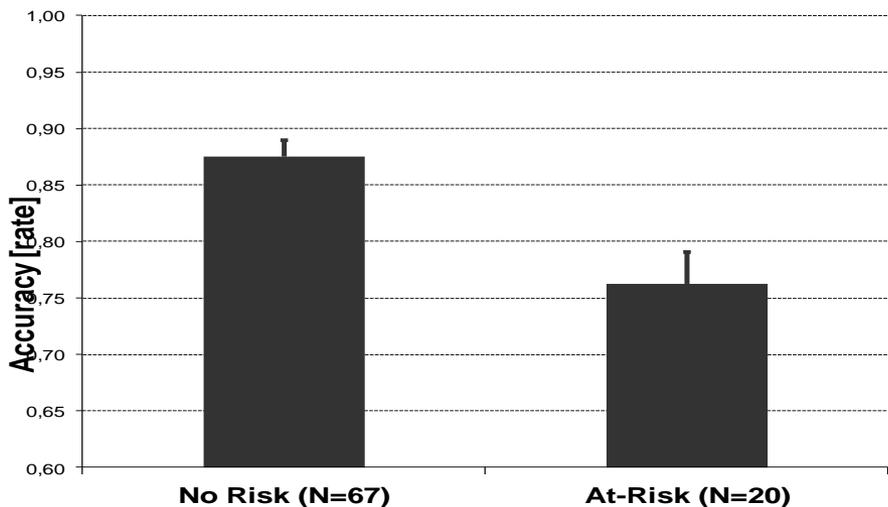
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### Spatial cueing effect



### Syllabic segmentation



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Report

## A Causal Link between Visual Spatial Attention and Reading Acquisition

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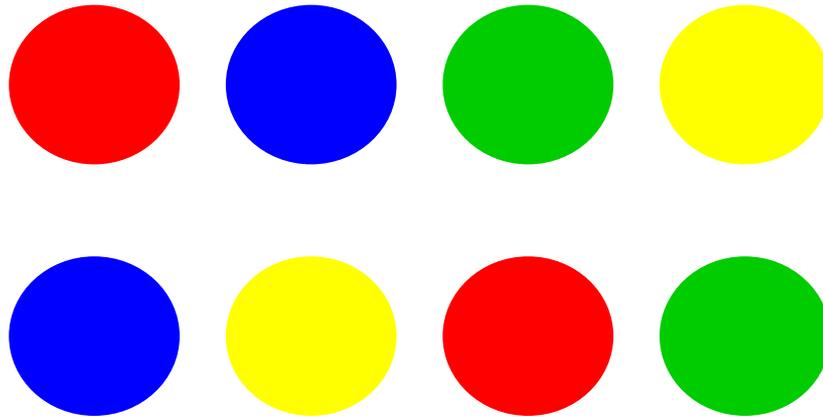
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	<b>N</b>	<b>Age T1 (years)</b>	<b>Block design T1 (standard score)</b>	<b>Text reading accuracy T2 (Z-score)</b>	<b>Text reading speed T2 (Z-score)</b>
<b>Poor readers (PR)</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>10.07</b>	<b><u>-3.53</u></b>	<b><u>-2.31</u></b>
<b>Normal readers (NR)</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>10.09</b>	<b>-0.09</b>	<b>-0.19</b>

# Denominazione Rapida

(misura dell'automatizzazione del recupero di informazioni fonologiche a partire da materiale visivo)



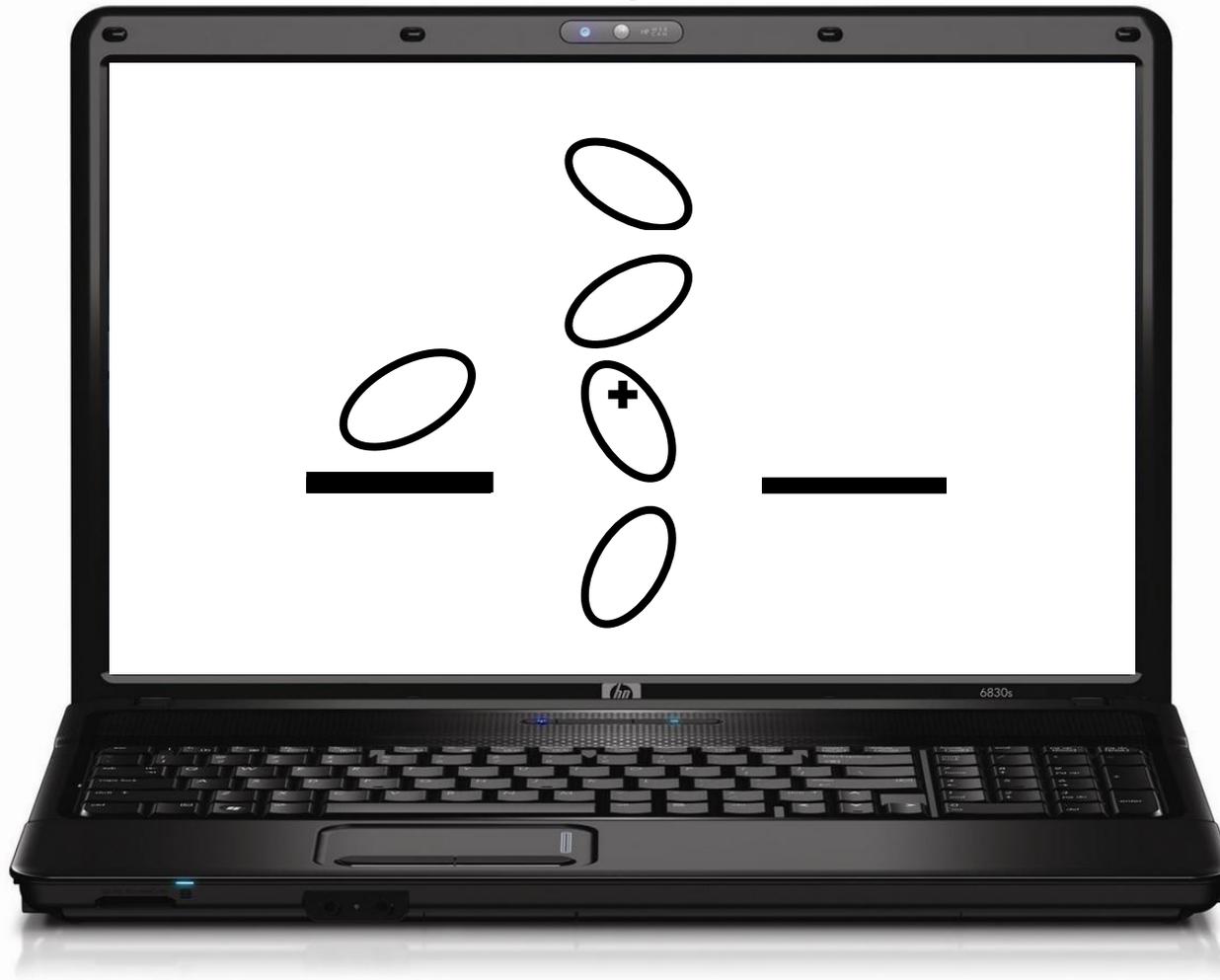
# Ricerca Visiva

(componente visuo-attentiva di scansione e focalizzazione)



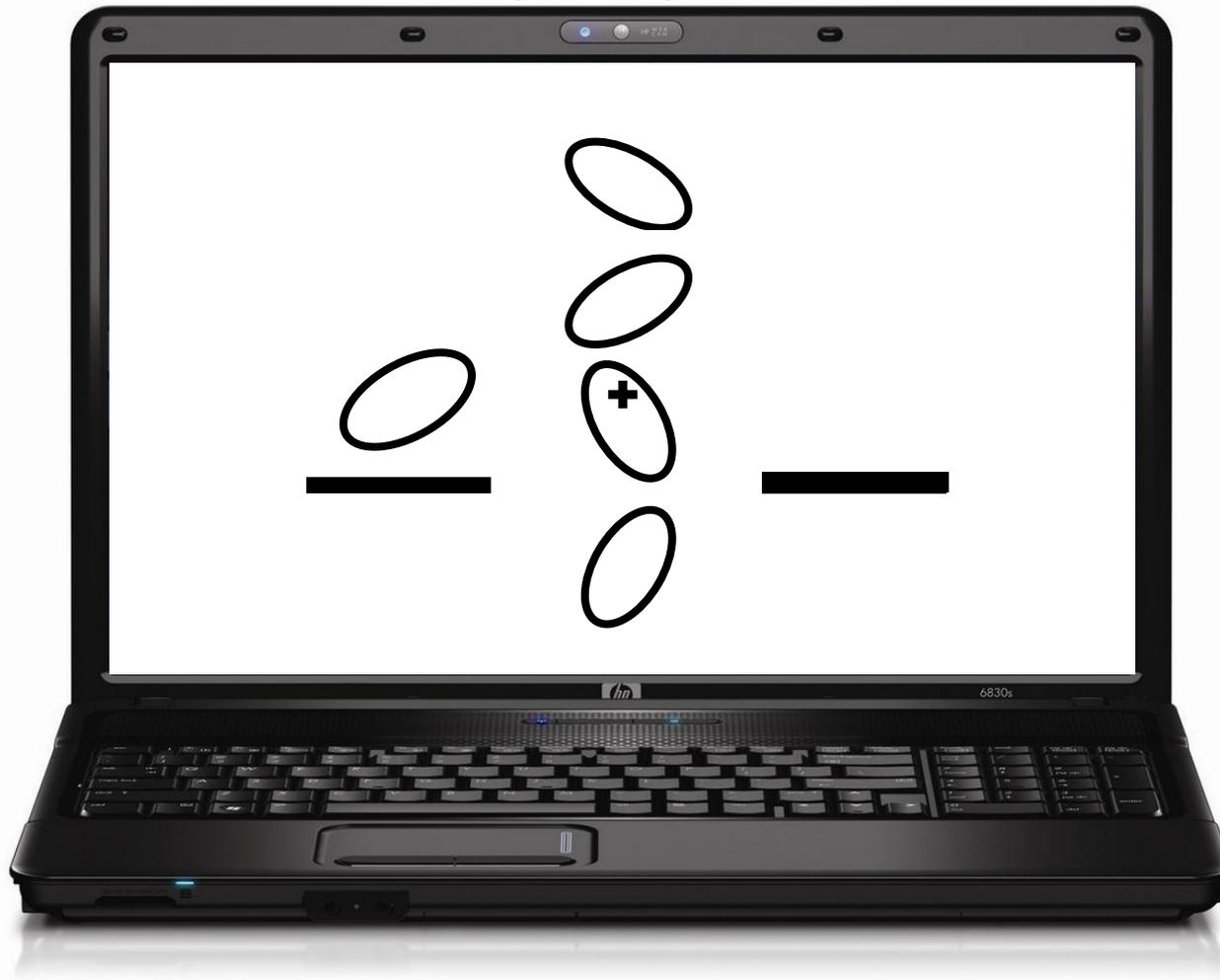
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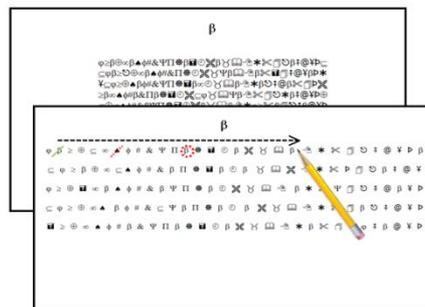
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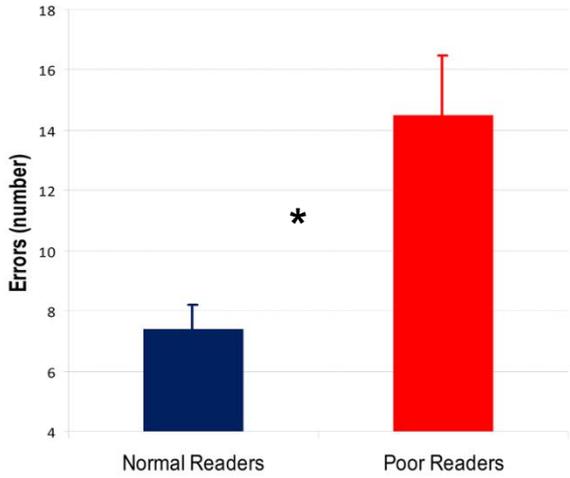


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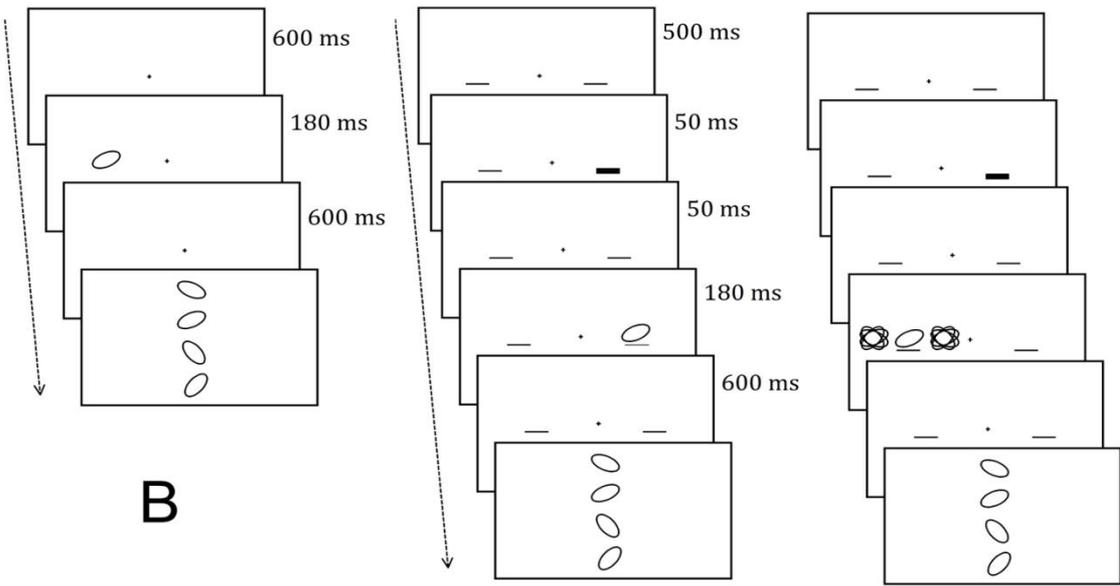
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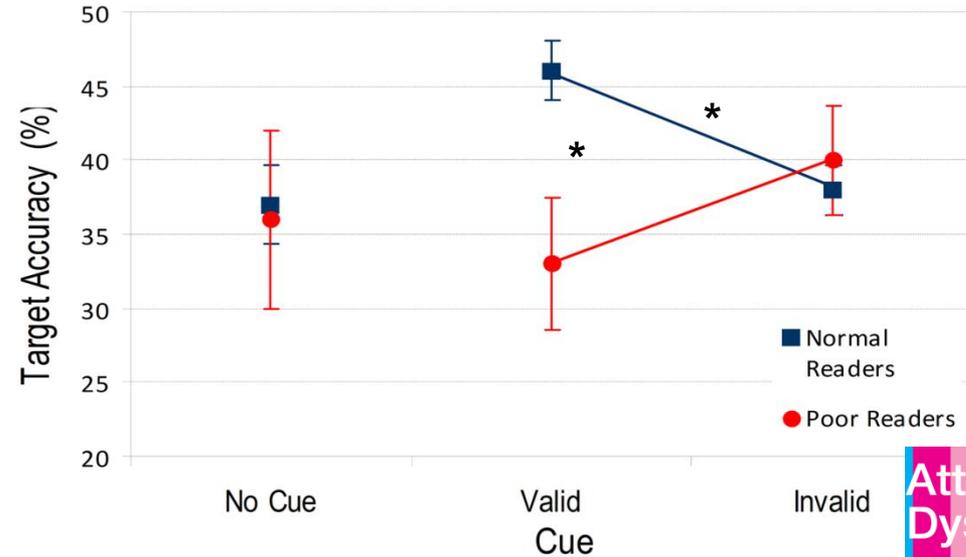
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Spatial Cue Facilitation task



B



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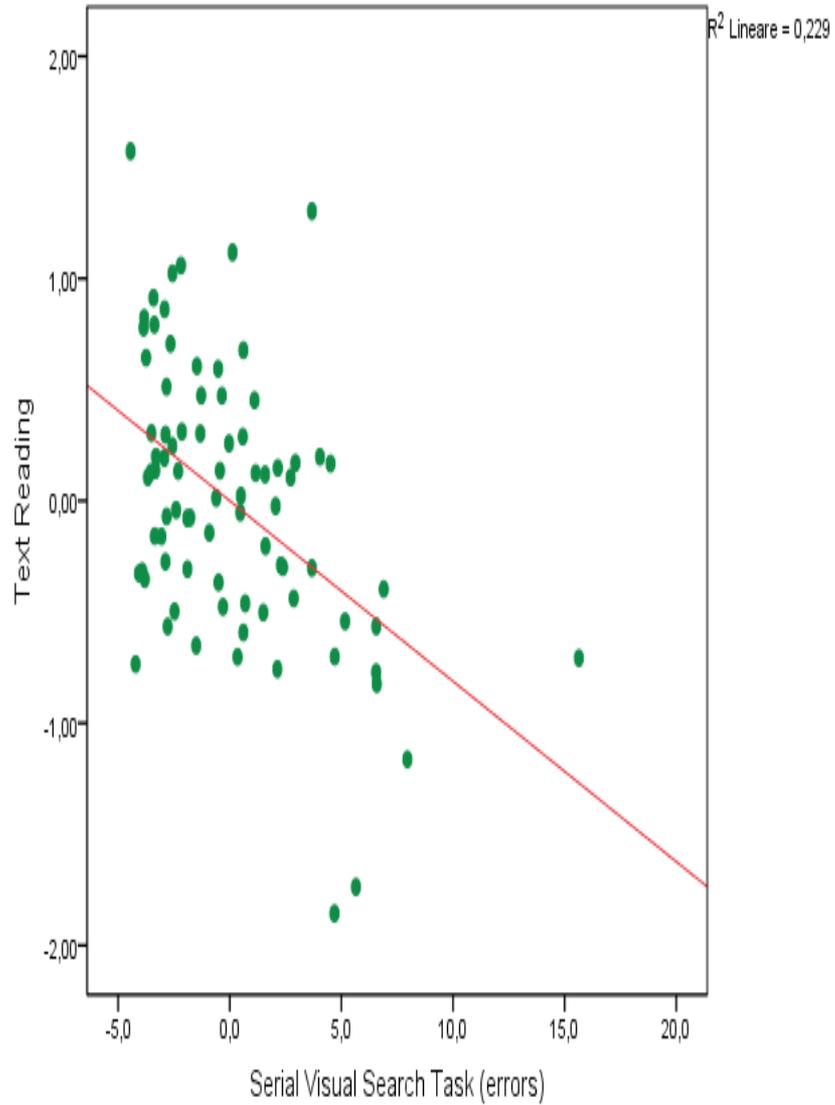
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**Is pre-reading visuo-  
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predict reading skills in  
Grade 2?**

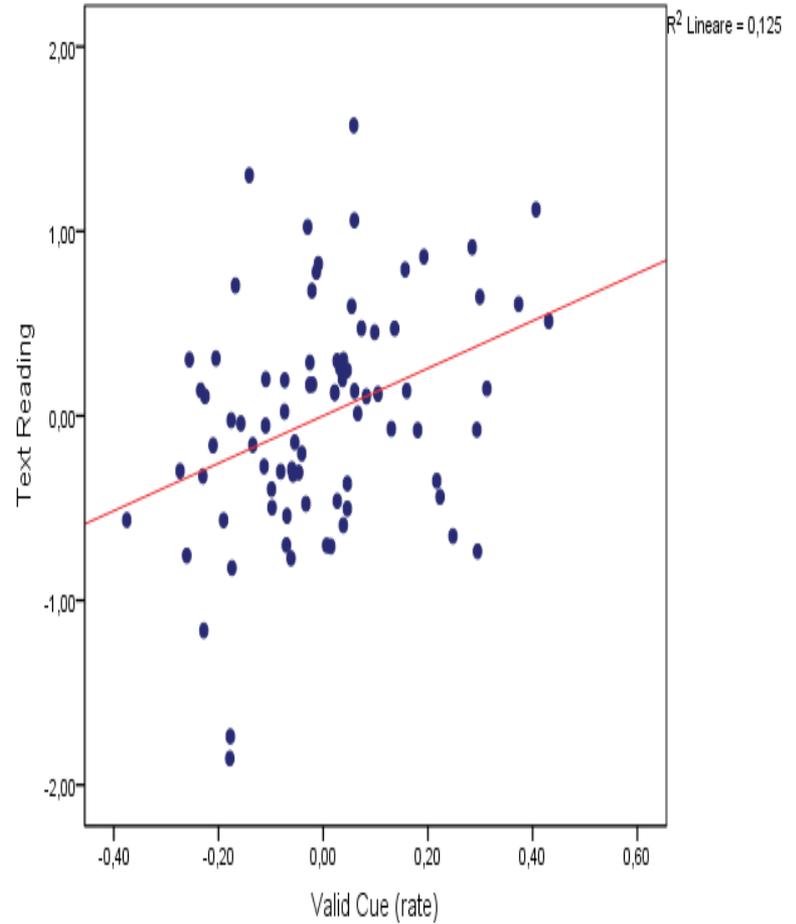


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T3



**YES!**



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**PREDITTIVITÀ DELLE VARIABILI MISURATE IN  
T1 SULLE ABILITÀ DI LETTURA BRANO IN T2**

Modello	R <sup>2</sup>	Variazione di R <sup>2</sup>	Variazione di F	Sig. Variazione di F
Età e cubi	.01	.01	0.36	.696
<u>“Fonologia”</u>	.05	.04	1.41	.251
<b>AVS</b>	<b>.20</b>	<b>.15</b>	<b>6.90</b>	<b>.002</b>

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**PREDITTIVITÀ DELLE VARIABILI MISURATE IN**  
**T1 SULLE ABILITÀ DI LETTURA BRANO IN T3**

Modello	R <sup>2</sup>	Variazione di R <sup>2</sup>	Variazione di F	Sig. Variazione di F
Età e cubi	.03	.03	1.27	.288
<b><u>“Fonologia”</u></b>	<b>.14</b>	<b>.11</b>	<b>4.73</b>	<b>.012</b>
<b>AVS</b>	<b>.33</b>	<b>.19</b>	<b>10.43</b>	<b>.0001</b>

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