1. RC ATTACHMENT ASYMMETRIES

Variation in Relative Clause (RC) attachment across languages (a,b) and structures (b,d) (see [1,7,8,9] a, b):

1. Low Attachment, LA
   a. Someone shot the maid, of the actress, that was standing on the balcony.
   b. Alguem disparou contra a criada da actriz, que, estava no balcão.

2. High Attachment, HA
   a. Somebody shot the maid of the actress, that was standing on the balcony.
   b. Alguem disparou contra la criada da actriz, que estava no balcón.

3. Low Attachment, LA
   a. The lamp near the painting of the house, that was damaged by the flood.
   b. La lámpara cerca de la pintura de la casa, que fue dañada en la inundación.

4. High Attachment, HA
   a. The lamp near the painting, of the house, that was damaged by the flood.
   b. La lámpara cerca de la pintura de la casa, que fue dañada en la inondación.

2. THE PR CONFOUND

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3. VARIOUS SYNTAX, UNIFORM PARSENG

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4. CURRENT EXPERIMENT: EVENT STRUCTURE AND ATTACHMENT IN ENGLISH

GOAL: Can we take a LA language such as English and generate HA preferences by manipulating SC availability?

MEANS: Small Clauses of the Accusative progressive-in(g) type (Acc-ing) possess all the properties of PRs illustrated in Table 1 (see [3,2,10]).

- Perceptual V5 introduce ambiguity between SC and reduced RC (6-b).
- Acc-ing SCs disallowed with Static V5 (6-c), only RCs survive (6-d).

5. RESULTS & ANALYSIS

RESULTS

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ANALYSIS

Significant effect of type (F(1,190) = 3.6039, SE = 0.5244, z-score = 6.681, p < .0001). AHA in SC than no SC

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