LING3204 Second Language Acquisition
Tutorial: Cognitive approaches I

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- Measures bilingual advantages in executive functions
- It requires participants to press a button depending on the kind of shape.
  - For instance, left button for circle and right button for square. Or the response may be dependent on the color of a square (e.g., left button for a red square, right button for a blue square).

- Trials are typically categorized as either congruent or incongruent.
  - Congruent: the stimulus appears on the side of the screen that corresponds to the response key.
  - Incongruent: the stimulus appears on the opposite side.

- Simon cost: the response time difference between congruent and incongruent trials
  - Smaller Simon costs indicate better abilities to accommodate conflicting but irrelevant spatial information.

- Do you agree with the information processing framework for SLA? Do you recall explicitly learning some linguistic forms, which gradually become automatized?

- Please send us your slides after the presentation.