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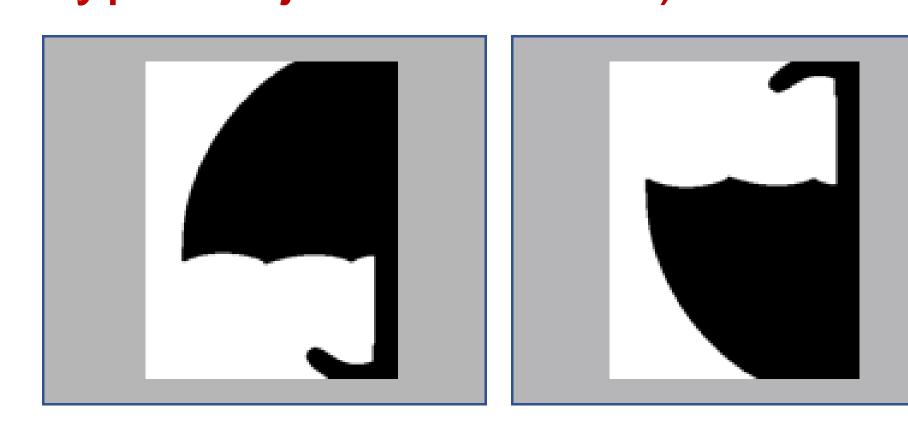
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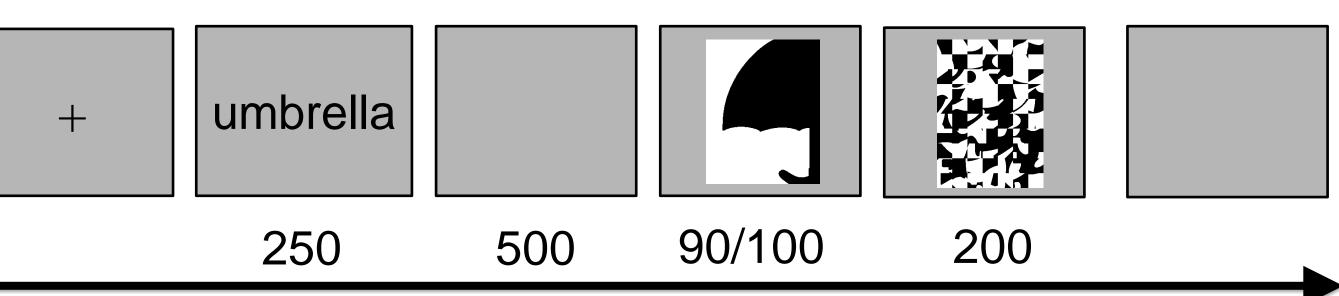


Background

Semantic activation affects figure assignment (i.e., archetypal object detection)¹.



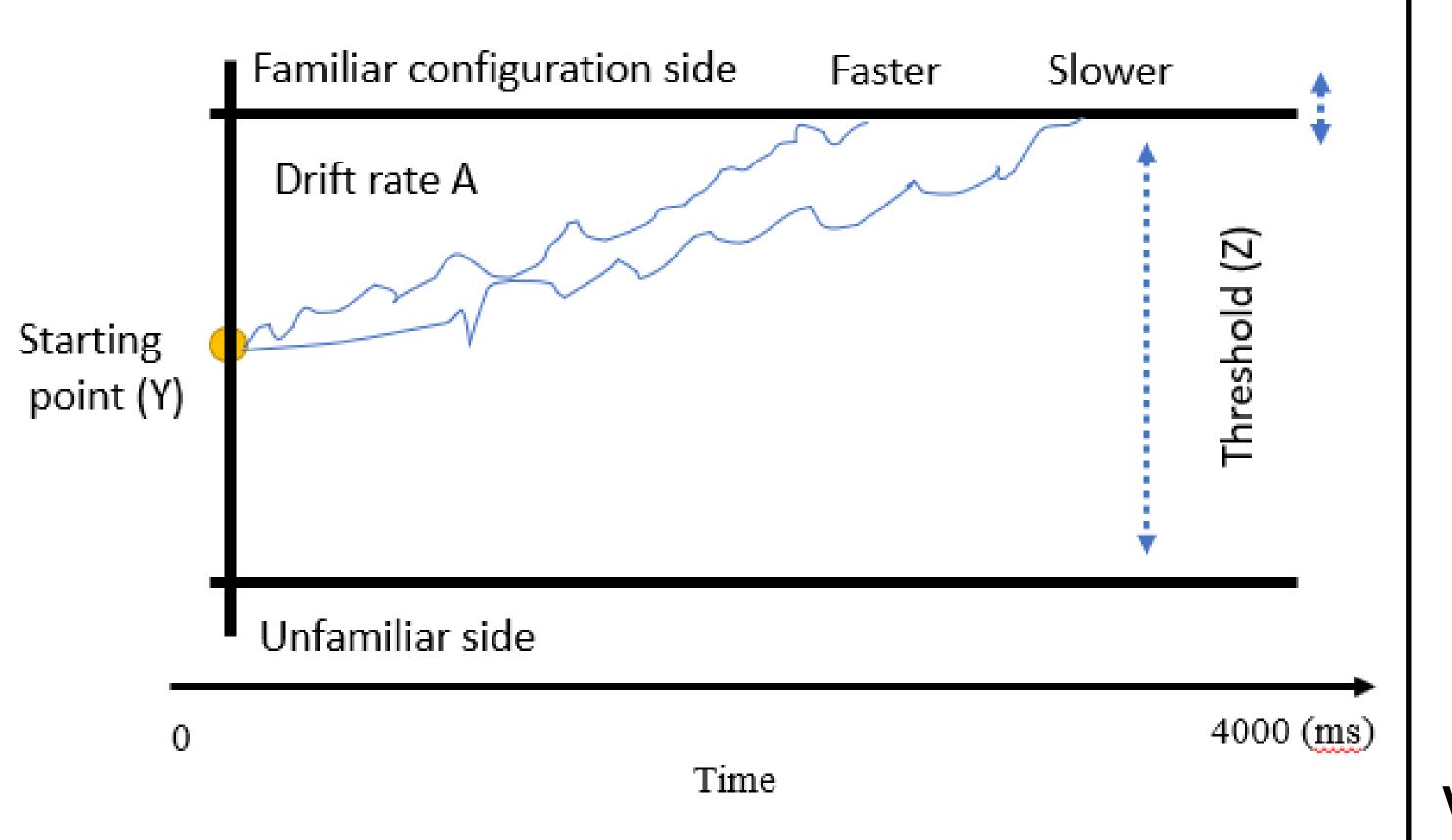
	Study1	Study2	Control
Valid	umbrella	umbrella	N/A
Invalid	squirrel	envelope	N/A
Superordinate category	different	same	N/A



Time (ms)

Goal

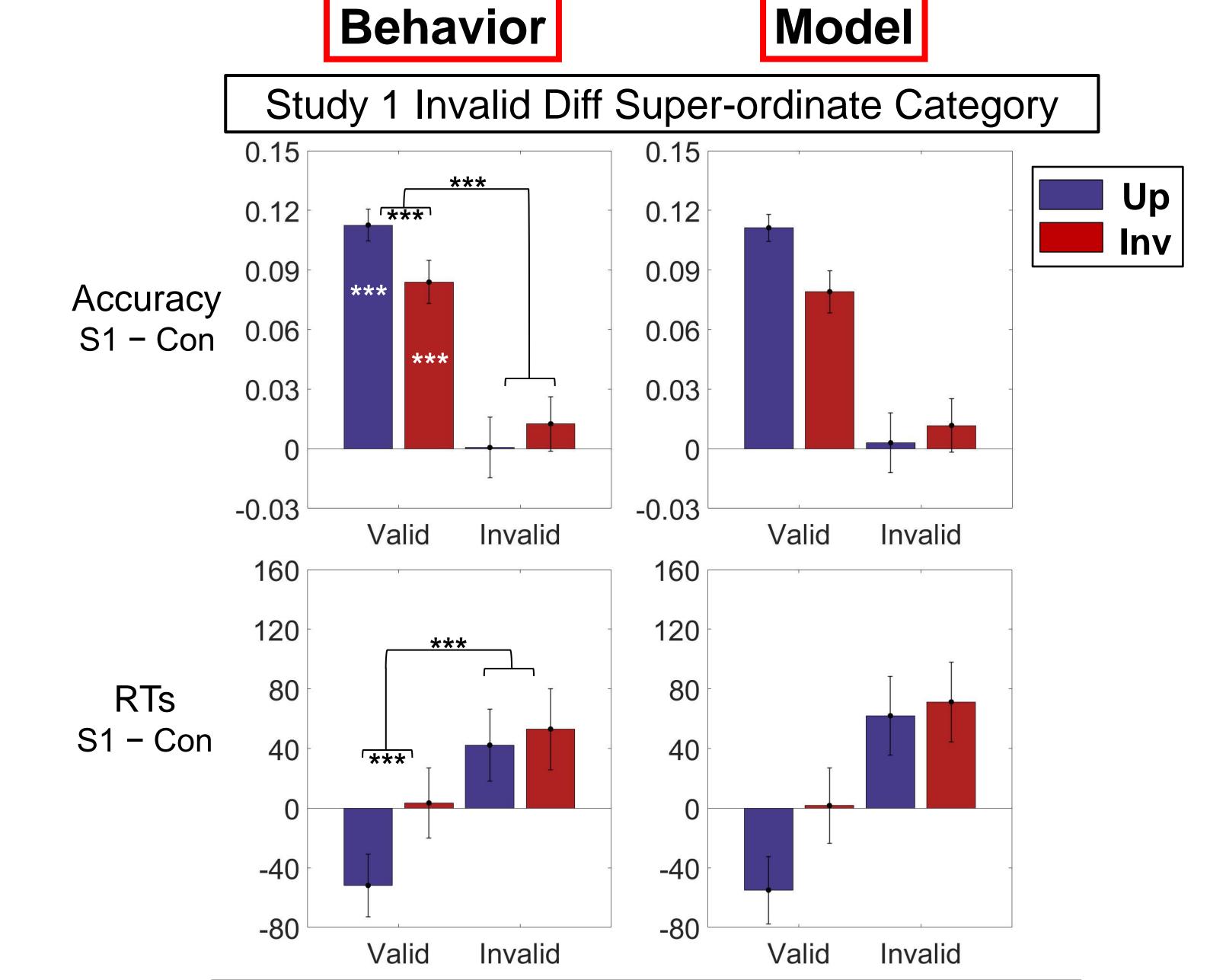
Using a DDM Model to Reveal the Mechanism².

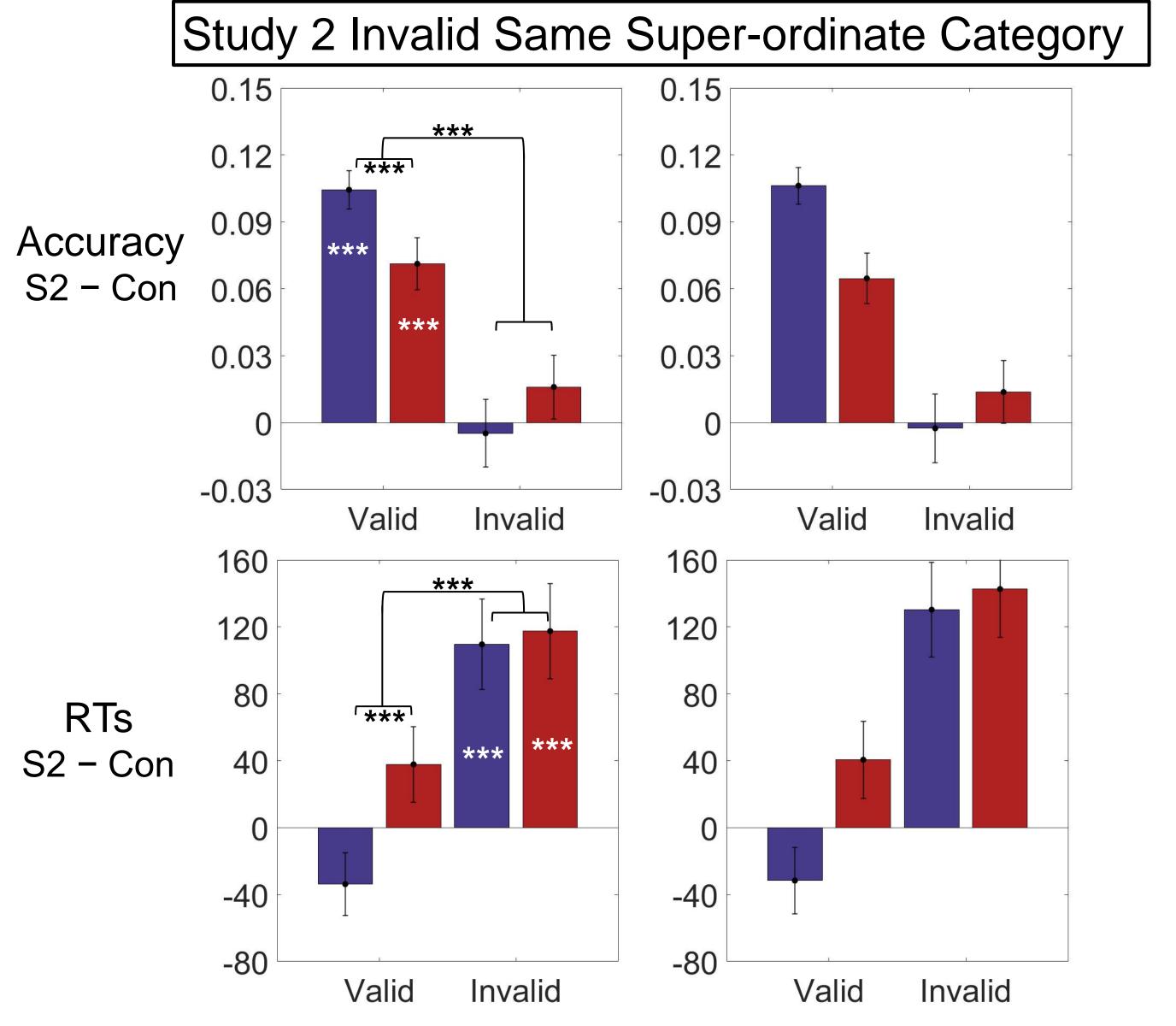


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DDM replicates behavioral data





Valid primes: improved accuracy & reduced RTs. UP > INV

object detection not feature detection

Invalid primes: no effect on accuracy in S1 & S2; no effect on RTs in S1.

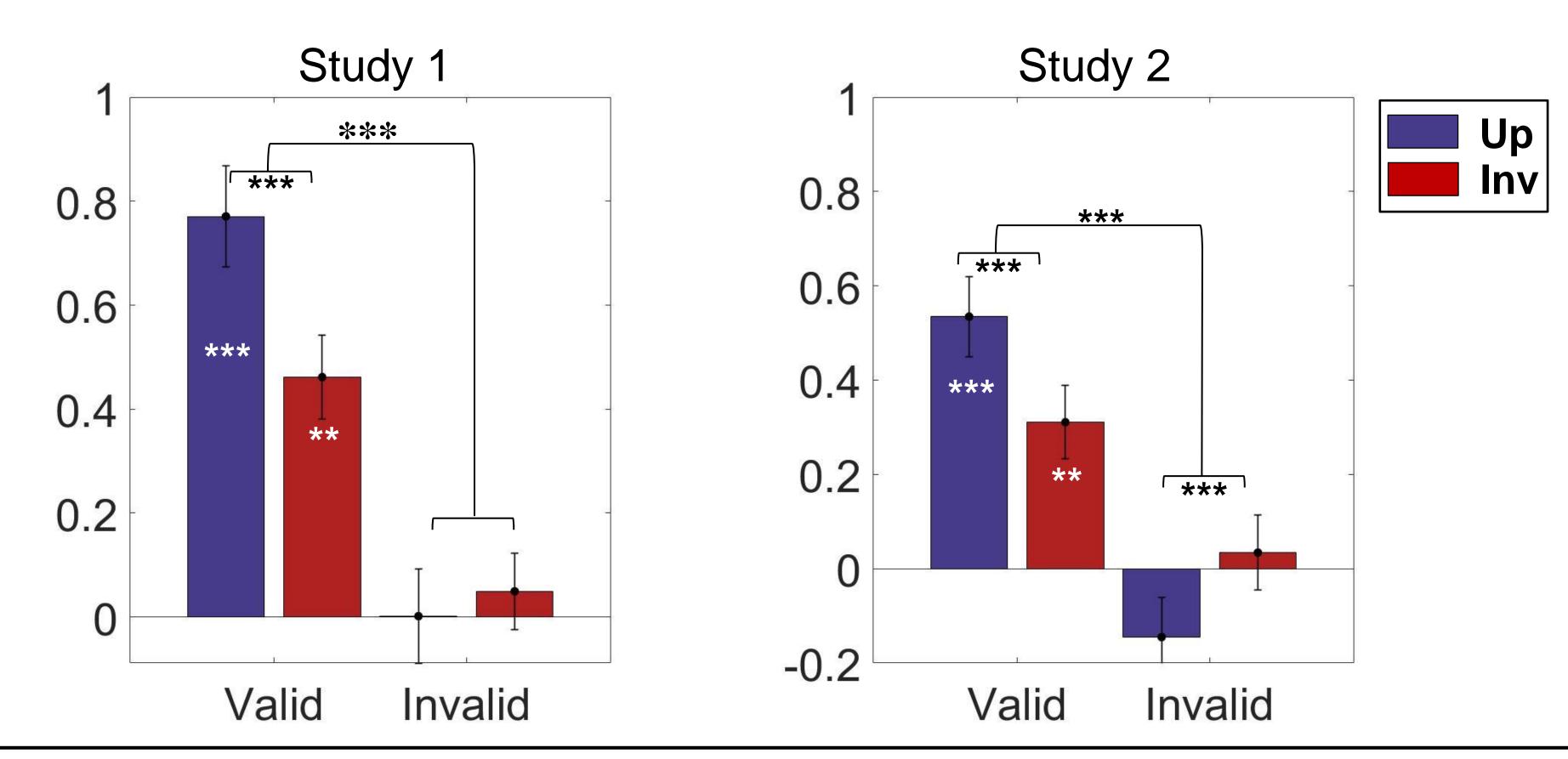
→ Again, not feature detection. But very long RTs in S2 (orientation independent)

Therefore,

Primes activate neural populations of denoted objects. Invalid primes don't affect build up of evidence in neural population of display object, but cause within category semantic conflict which delays response.

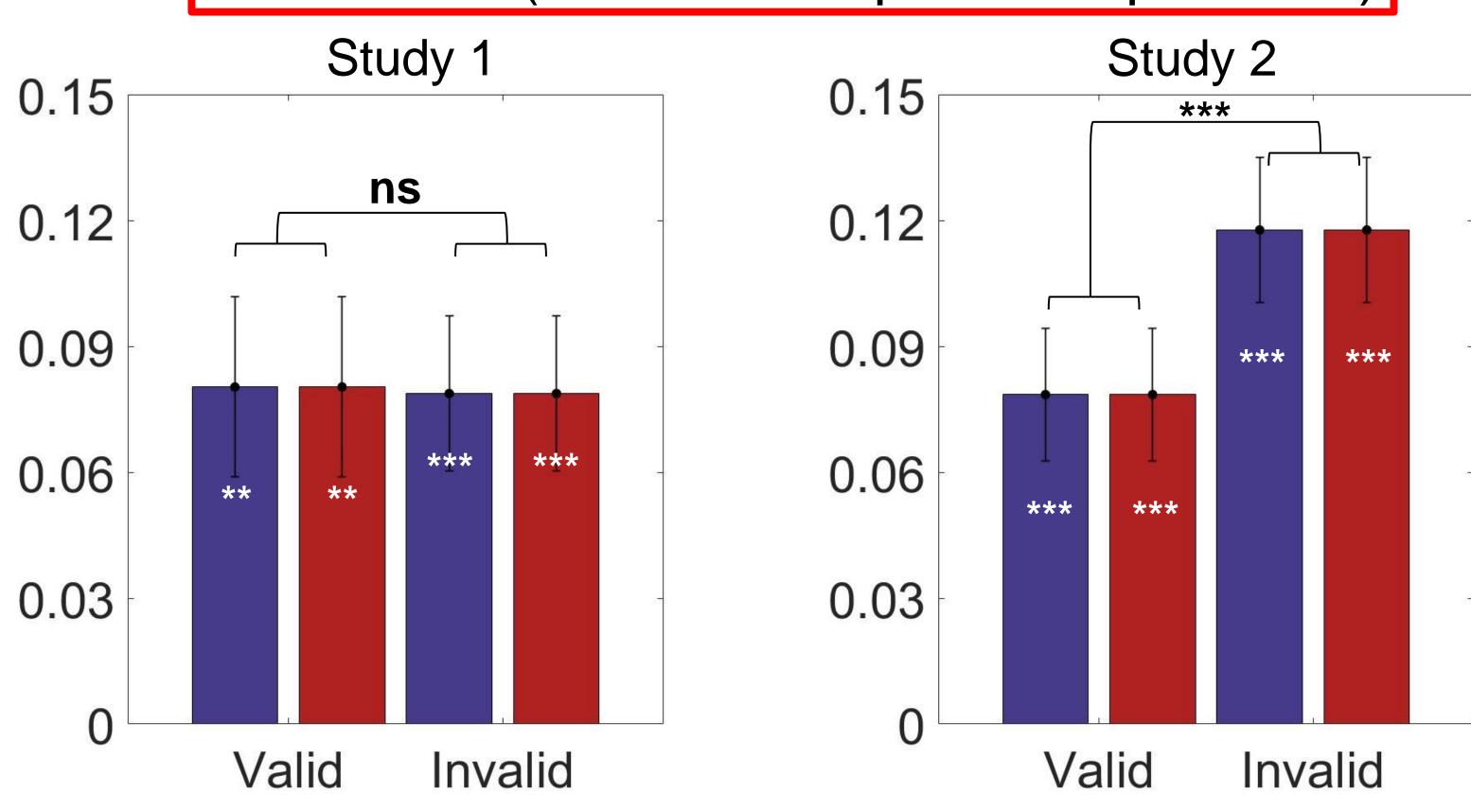
Parameter Values

Drift Rate (processing speed: Exp - Con)



Valid prime: faster processing for up than inv. Invalid prime: overall, no upright advantage

Threshold (evidence required: Exp - Con) Study 1 Study 2



Study 1: Same threshold valid and invalid. Study 2: Higher threshold invalid than valid Study 2: Invalid thresholds higher than Study 1

Conclusions

Primes operate via different mechanisms:

Valid primes: Speed evidence accumulation in neural populations for familiar objects Evident in drift rate.

Invalid primes: Raise threshold if they denote objects close to familiar configuration in representational space.

^{*} No starting point (bias differences)