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Data collection

Data collection code was written in java, and is available with the rest of preprocessing and analysis codes in <https://github.com/jegonza66/SIS-during-natural-dialogue>.

Data analysis

Data preprocessing was performed using EEGLAB toolbox (Version 13.4.3b) in Matlab 2015b. The analyses presented in the manuscript were performed on python using MNE 0.24.0 and SciPy 1.7.1 libraries. The codes are available at <https://github.com/jegonza66/SIS-during-natural-dialogue>.

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Speech data was part of the UBA Games Corpus, which was already released in an institutional public repository (<https://ri.conicet.gov.ar/handle/11336/191235>) [Gravano2023]. EEG data can be found in <https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.22647313>.

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| Reporting on sex and gender | Twenty participants (10 men and 10 women) took part in the experiment. No sex or gender-based analysis was performed on this work because it was out of the scope of the study. |
| Reporting on race, ethnicity, or other socially relevant groupings | All the participants were reached within the university. They were undergraduate and graduate students. No race or ethnicity-based analysis was performed on this work because it was out of the scope of the study. |
| Population characteristics | The only population characteristics we collected was sex and age only for reporting purposes. All participants were native Spanish speakers. |
| Recruitment | Participants were contacted by email. They were asked for neurological / neuropsychological diagnostics and use psychoactive drugs, their age and if they were native Spanish speakers. These were the only inclusion criteria we applied. |
| Ethics oversight | All the experiments described in this paper were reviewed and approved by the ethics committee: Comité de Ética del Centro de Educación Médica e Investigaciones Clínicas "Norberto Quirno" (CEMIC) and qualified by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS, USA): IRB00001745 - IORG 0001315 (Protocol 435). All participants provided written informed consent in agreement with the Helsinki declaration. |

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| Sample size | <p>Twenty participants took part in the study (10 female, 10 male), ages ranging between 19 and 43 years ($M = 26.4$, $SD = 6.3$), and 18 were right-handed. All subjects were native speakers of Argentine Spanish, and lived in the Buenos Aires area at the time of the study. They were undergraduate and graduate students, and they did not know their partner in the dialogue session before the study.</p> <p>The data was originally recorded to study neural correlates of turn-taking cues during natural dialogues. The sample size was decided based on previous studies on speech turn-taking cues on a similar corpus in English [Gravano & Hirschberg, 2009; 2011], that are now replicated in Spanish [Brusco, et al., 2020; Brusco & Gravano, 2023]. The data was sufficient for the current study based on other similar studies, moreover, many of the analyses were performed on a single-subject basis and then summarized.</p> <p>References: Brusco, P., Vidal, J., Beňuš, Š., & Gravano, A. (2020). A cross-linguistic analysis of the temporal dynamics of turn-taking cues using machine learning as a descriptive tool. <i>Speech Communication</i>, 125, 24-40. Brusco, P., & Gravano, A. (2023). Automatic offline annotation of turn-taking transitions in task-oriented dialogue. <i>Computer Speech & Language</i>, 78, 101462. Gravano, A., & Hirschberg, J. (2009, September). Turn-yielding cues in task-oriented dialogue. In <i>Proceedings of the SIGDIAL 2009 Conference</i> (pp. 253-261). Gravano, A., & Hirschberg, J. (2011). Turn-taking cues in task-oriented dialogue. <i>Computer Speech & Language</i>, 25(3), 601-634.</p> |
| Data exclusions | <p>One session (involving two participants) was excluded due to extremely bad EEG data quality. This was assessed by eye on the day of data collection and the EEG data were not processed at all. Nevertheless, the audio files were available in Gravano, et al. (2023).</p> <p>References:</p> |

Gravano, Agustin; Kamienkowski, Juan Esteban; Brusco, Pablo; (2023): UBA Games Corpus. Consejo Nacional de Investigaciones Cientificas y Técnicas. (dataset). <http://hdl.handle.net/11336/191235>

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| Replication | The temporal response function (TRF) to auditory features were assessed on a single-subject basis. The average correlation of the TRFs between participants was between 0.65 and 0.70 for different features. The performance of the models was significant for several channels in every participant, also assessed on a single-subject basis. Thus, the results could be replicated in every participant. |
| Randomization | The participants were not allocated in groups. The couples that share a recording session (dialogues) were assigned based on their schedules and on a first-come first-serve basis. We only verified that none of the participants knew each other before the experiment. |
| Blinding | All the analyses were performed within participants, and no grouping was made. At the moment of data collection, participants were blind to the purposes of the experiment. The pre-analysis was performed considering all the data of each participant together, without separation of conditions. Moreover, the conditions that were compared in the manuscript are intervals of speech and silence of one or both participants, that were naturally intermixed in the dialogues. The analysis for the final comparison was exactly the same for any condition and did not involve a decision on the experimenters side. |

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