Processes underlying the allocation of self-paced study

The Question:
 When do people stop studying?

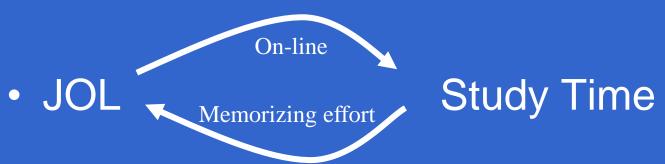
- Everyday situation.
- Lack of coherent theory.
- Metacognitive processes interaction monitoring & control in self-paced study.
- Judgments of Learning (JOLs).



Theoretical background

 People allocate more study time to difficult items and yet supply lower JOLs to those items

Norm of study model (Le-Ny, Denheire & Tallinter, 1972;
 Nelson & Narens, 1990; Theide & Dunlosky, 1999)



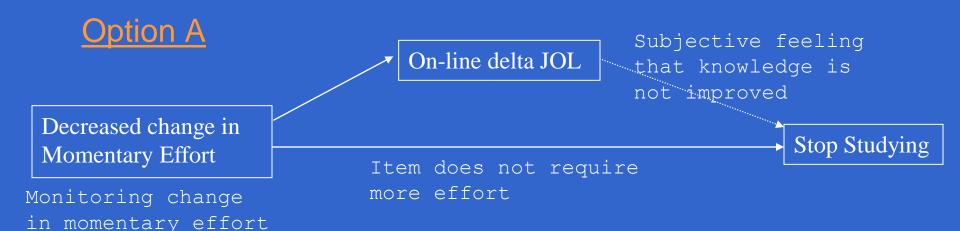
(Koriat, Ma'ayan & Levy-Sadot, in preparation).

Towards a new model

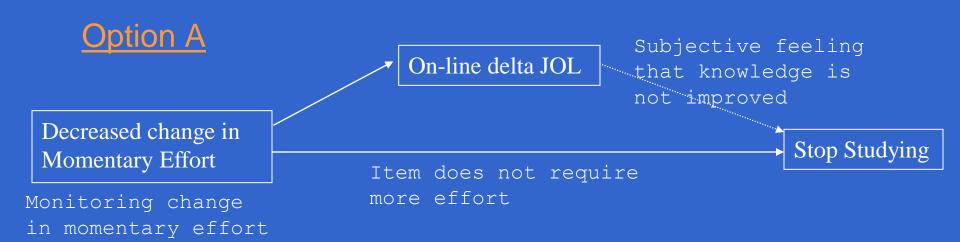
- Capacity model Kahneman (1973)
 - Internal Feedback
 - Momentary effort
 - Limited voluntary control
- Self-regulation by monitor of change (Carver & Scheier, 1990).



Self-Paced learning by change monitoring (1)



Self-Paced learning by change monitoring (2)



Option B





Use of Pupillary

- Pupil diameter is a reliable measure of mental effort invested in a task (Hess & Polt, 1964; Kahneman & Beatty, 1966; Janisse, 1977; Beatty, 1982).
- Changes in pupil diameter during mental task represent second-by-second variations in mental effort. Both within and between tasks.
- Recent studies (Just & Carpenter, 1993) suggested to use pupil diameter as a dependent variable in order to check weather its change can predict behavior and not only represent it.

Experimental section

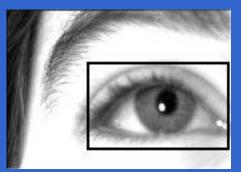
Assumption: Changes in pupil diameter reflect second-by-second variations of effort invested in the learning task.

Goal: To investigate the connection between the change in momentary effort and the timing of study termination.

Procedure:

Learning stage - eye photo item-by-item, self-paced, end-of-study JOL

Test stage - recall

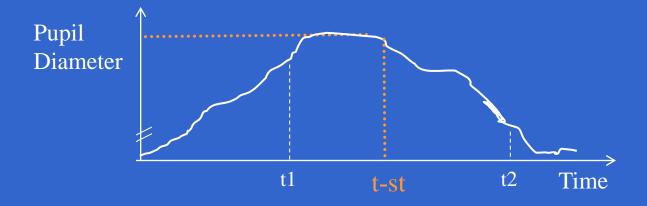




Instrumentation setup



Pupil diameter by time - predicted curve

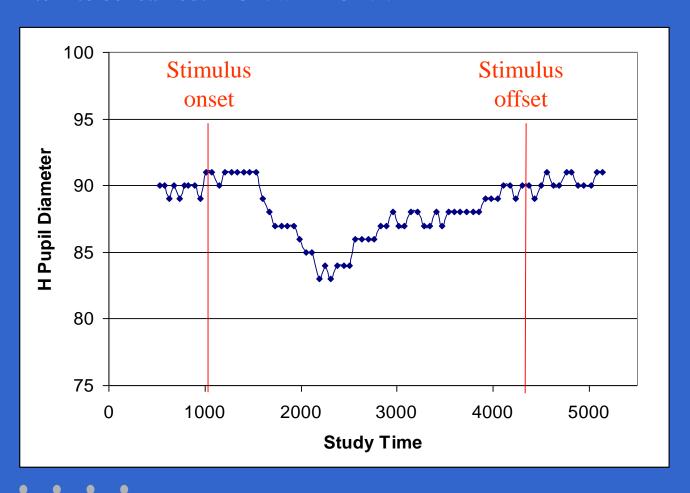


t-st is predicted timing of self-termination of study

Based on a typical function of pupil diameter change during cognitive tasks

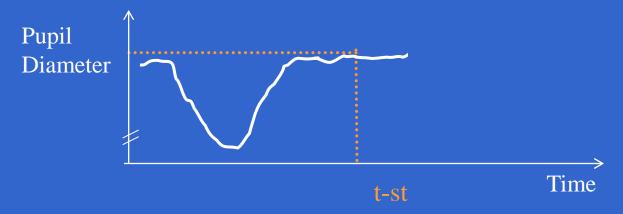
First results (example)

Item to be learned: Clean - Order



Primary Discussion

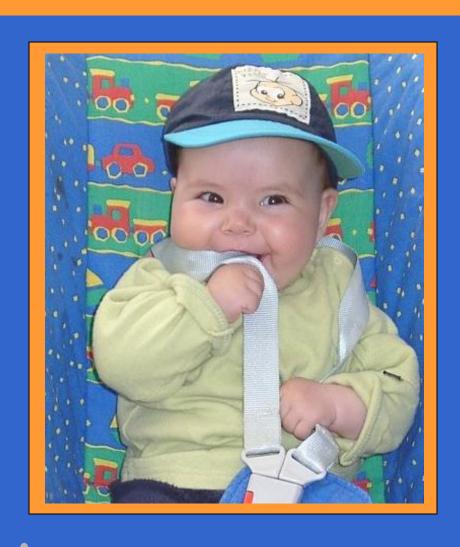
Complicated! Disappointing? Unclear...



Measures: pupil latency, the zone below the curve, end-of-study JOL

Analysis: correlations, regressions.

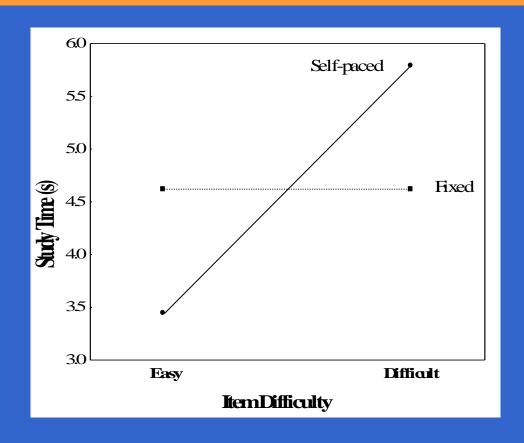
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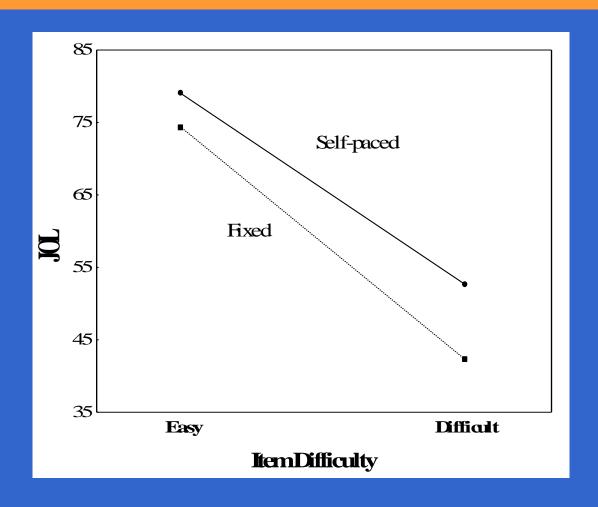
Khaneman, 1973

- "Momentary capacity, attention, or effort is controlled by feedback from the execution of ongoing activities..." [p. 13]
- "Arousal and effort are usually not determined prior to the action: they vary constantly, depending on the load which is imposed by what one does at any instant of time" [p.14]
- "... the effort invested in a task is mainly determined by the intrinsic demands of the task, and that voluntary control over effort is quite limited..." [p. 15]

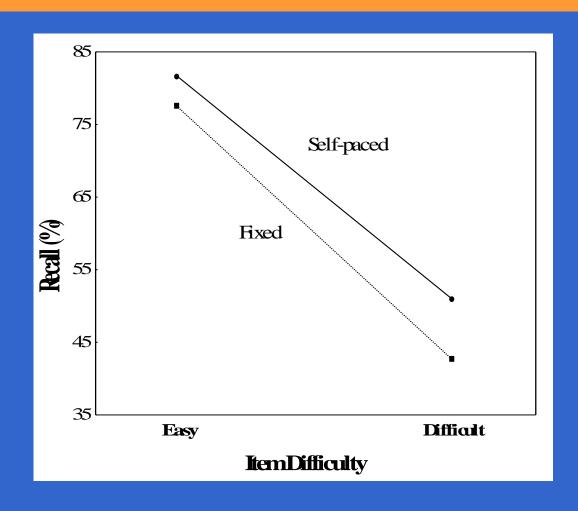
Study Time - Difficulty

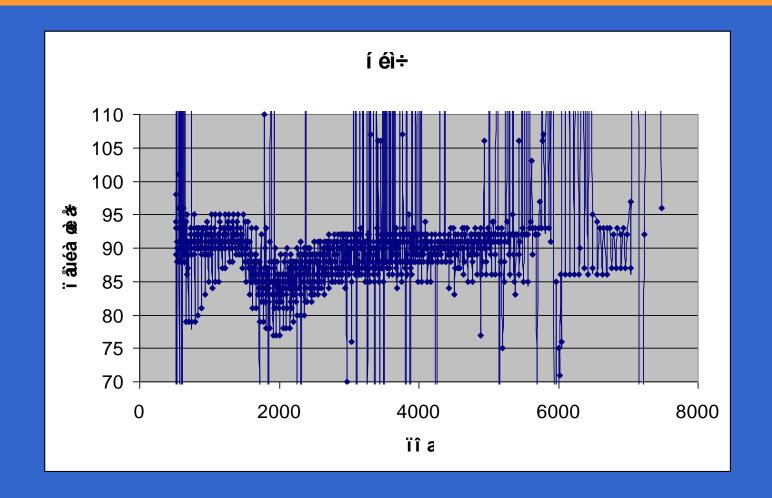


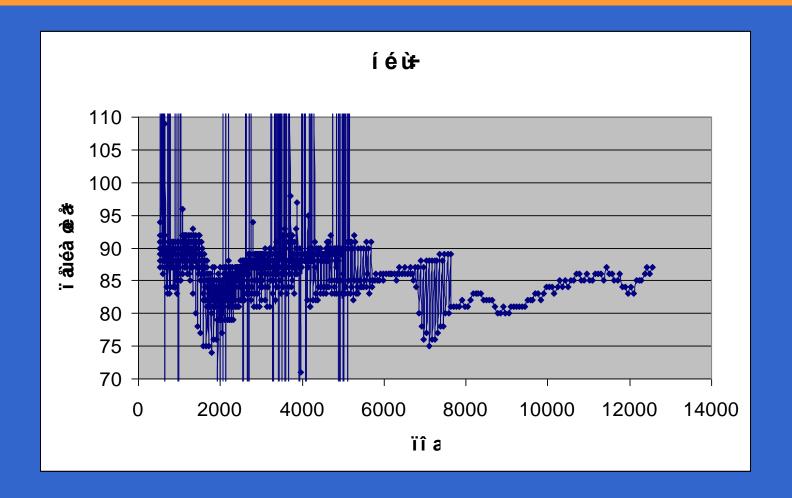
JOLs - Difficulty



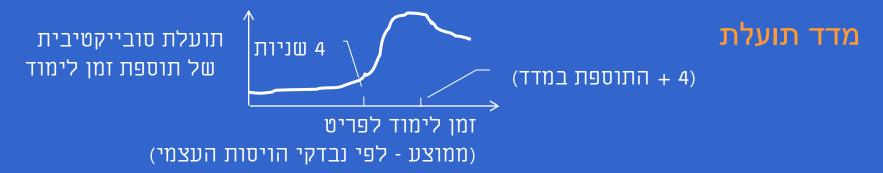
Recall - Difficulty



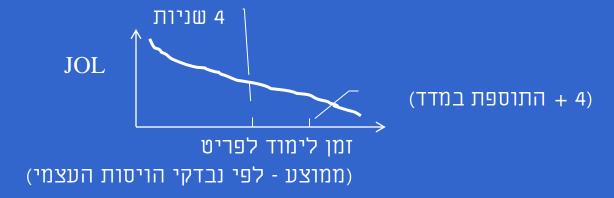




ניסוי 1 - מדד תועלת סובייקטיבית מתוספת זמן לימוד (למול JOL) - המשך



JOL

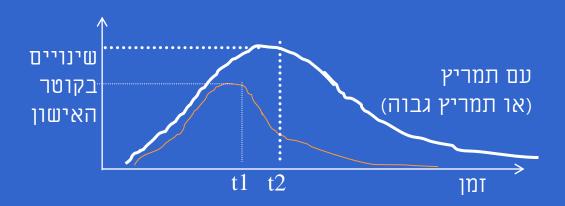


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ניסוי 3 - מאמץ מושקע (ע"י הלומד) ומאמץ נדרש (ע"י הפריט)

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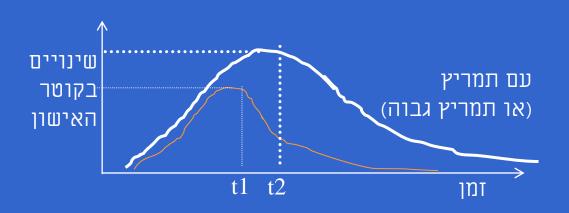
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<u>גישה א'</u>

<u>גישה ב'</u>

עם תמריץ בקוטר (או תמריץ גבוה) t1 t2

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