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講題：How do Speakers / Listeners Understand Acoustic Properties Used for Multiple Purposes in a Language?

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摘要：	<p>While languages have a variety of means of expressing prominence, there are several acoustic properties that are typically associated with prominence: duration, pitch, loudness and segmental qualities. The first issue that arises is that these properties are considered to be manifestations of prominence at both the lexical and sentential levels: stress and focus. The second issue is that the same properties also serve other linguistic functions ranging from the manifestation of “phonemic” contrasts of a language (e.g. contrastive vowel length, tone) to the expression of pragmatic or more subjective information about a speaker’s feelings or attitudes. Since it is crucial for speakers of a language to interpret all of these types of information, the question arises as to how this might be possible if they are expressed with the same mechanisms. I will address these issues on the basis of data from our on-going cross-linguistic study which currently includes Arabic, Finnish, Greek, Indonesian, Hungarian, Korean, Spanish, Turkish and Vietnamese. The findings will be considered in light of a synchronic application of the Functional Load Hypothesis (FLH), which predicts – in its strongest form – that if a language uses a given acoustic property for one function (e.g. the use of F0 for tonal contrasts), this use of the property will not be obscured by the use the same property for another function (e.g. the expression of stress).</p>
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