Child and Adult Heritage Spanish in the Netherlands

the Development of Subject Position

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**Previous Research:**

**Children**

- **Monolingual**
  - Have knowledge of verb type by age 2
  - Bilingual: no previous research on other factors

- **Bilingual**
  - No previous research

**Adults**

- **Monolingual**
  - Verb type & focus influence word order
  - Many other factors, such as definiteness as well
  - No monolingual-like knowledge of all factors determining word order

- **Bilingual**
  - Do not have monolingual-like knowledge of all the factors determining word order

**References**


**Conclusions**

- Both monolingual and Dutch heritage speakers increase the preference of VS across the lifetime
- In Dutch bilinguals, this VS preference is more pronounced in all age groups
- This overgeneralization might be due to the influence of V2 in Dutch