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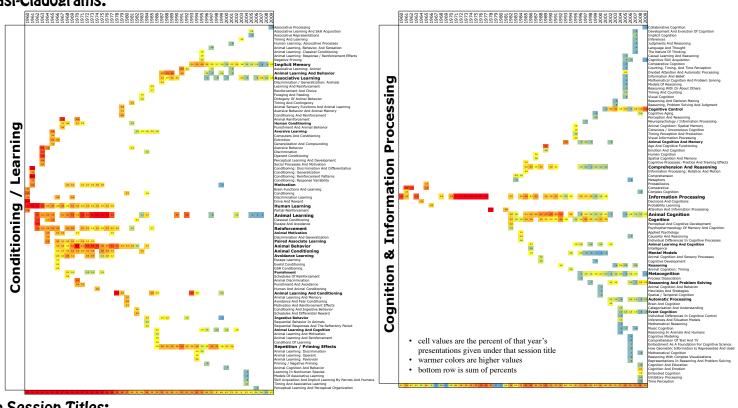
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Word Clouds:

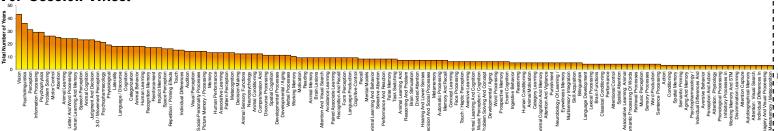


(size of words is proportional to number of presentations under session titles containing that word in the given time period)

Quasi-Cladograms:



Top Session Titles:



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Abstract:

Session titles compiled from 50 years of annual meetings of the Psychonomic Society provide novel and uncensored insights into the evolution of research topics in experimental psychology from 1960 to 2009. We present a variety of visual representations of the data—including cladograms and word clouds—to vividly illustrate patterns of emergence and extinction, convergence and divergence. In particular, we highlight the paradigm shift from behaviorism to cognitive psychology.

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