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What can individual differences teach us about (prosody's role in) language and language processing?

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Speech signals are rife with variation, as are listeners' perceptions of them. Some of this variation derives from dependencies internal to the signal itself (i.e., effects of phonetic and/or phonological context), and some of it from properties of the speaking context (e.g., the need to produce faster, clearer or less ambiguous speech). However, some of the variation found in speech has its origins in speakers and listeners themselves – i.e., individual differences. In this talk, I describe some of the questions related to individual differences that our group has been asking, and the tool we're building – the New York City Individual Differences Corpus – to try to answer them.