

# ATTACHMENT AND MATERNAL CARE

Experts and mother's perspective and dyadic behavior in Peruvian context

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To compare expert's ideal, mother's ideal and behavior of attachment and maternal care

## METHOD

### Participants

#### ✓ 18 experts:

- 8 teachers, 4 psychologist, 4 health worker
- 1 social worker and 1 anthropologist.

→ They described ideal secure child and sensitive mother.

#### ✓ 30 mother – child dyads

- 17 boys and 13 girls from 3 to 5 years old
- Mothers are from 25 to 45 years old
- They attained at least high school education
- Middle socioeconomic status

→ Mothers described ideal secure child and sensitive mother  
→ Mothers and children were observed: Two observations of one hour each (Free mother-child interaction at home, a story reading task and free mother child interaction at playground).

### Measures

#### ✓ Attachment Q Set 3.0 version – AQS (Waters, 1995)

Inter-rater reliability: .76

#### ✓ Maternal Behavior for Preschoolers Q Sort – MBPQS (Pósada, Kaloustain, Richmond & Moreno, 2007)

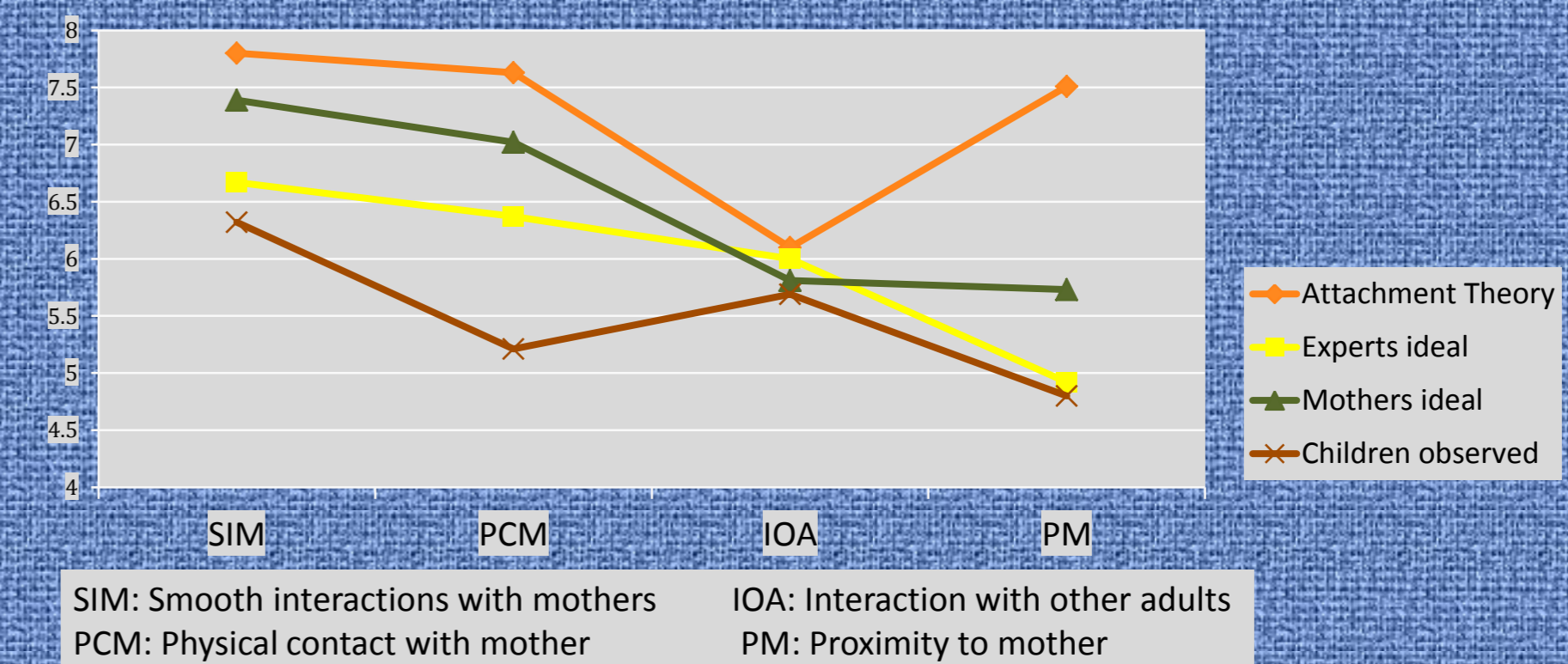
Inter-rater reliability: .74

## CHILD ATTACHMENT

Experts (ideal): .79

Mothers (ideal): .84

Children (observed): .29, Min=-.46, Max. .67



## MATERNAL SENSITIVITY

Experts (ideal): .83

Mothers (ideal): .81

Mothers (observed): .30, Min=-.61, Max. .78

