Choosing and updating referential expressions in adult late bilingualism

Referring expressions and other structures requiring efficient updating of changing contextual cues remain variable even in highly proficient second language speakers and become unstable in speakers experiencing native language attrition from a second language. What are the likely reasons for this variability? Are these two sides of the same coin? I will explore some recent explanations focusing on extra-linguistic processing pressures that affect bilinguals and interact with linguistic factors.