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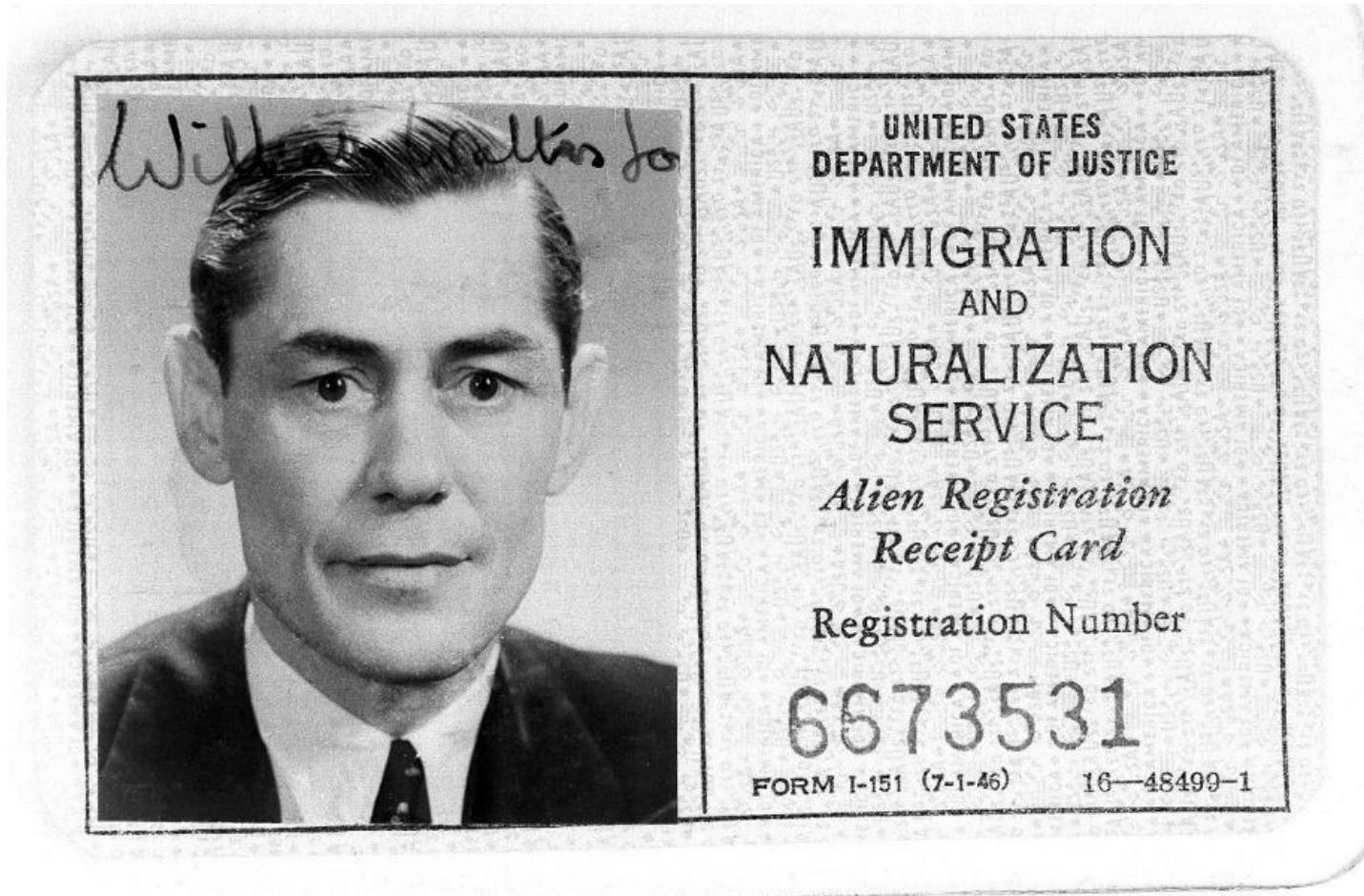
Non-Natives & Non-Neurotypicals

Through
the Eyes of Aliens

A Book About Autistic People



Non-Natives & Non-Neurotypicals



Look around



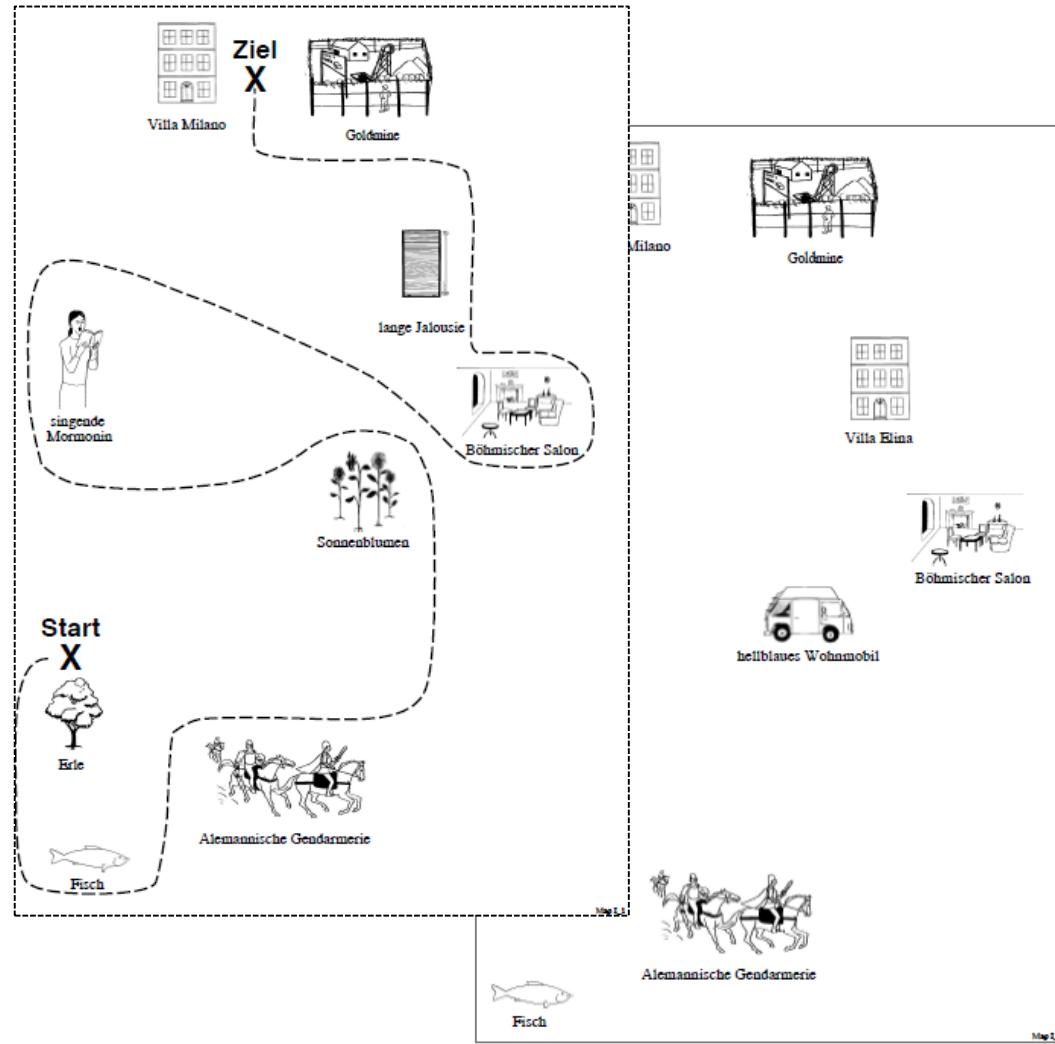
Prosodic similarities in AS & L2:

- Speech rate
- Disfluencies
- Pitch accents
- Pitch range
- Variability



Shriberg et al. (2001); Munro & Derwing (2001); MacFarlane et al. (2017); Bergmann et al. (2015); McCann & Peppé (2003); Mennen (2004); Grice et al. (2016); Cangemi et al. (2016)

This study

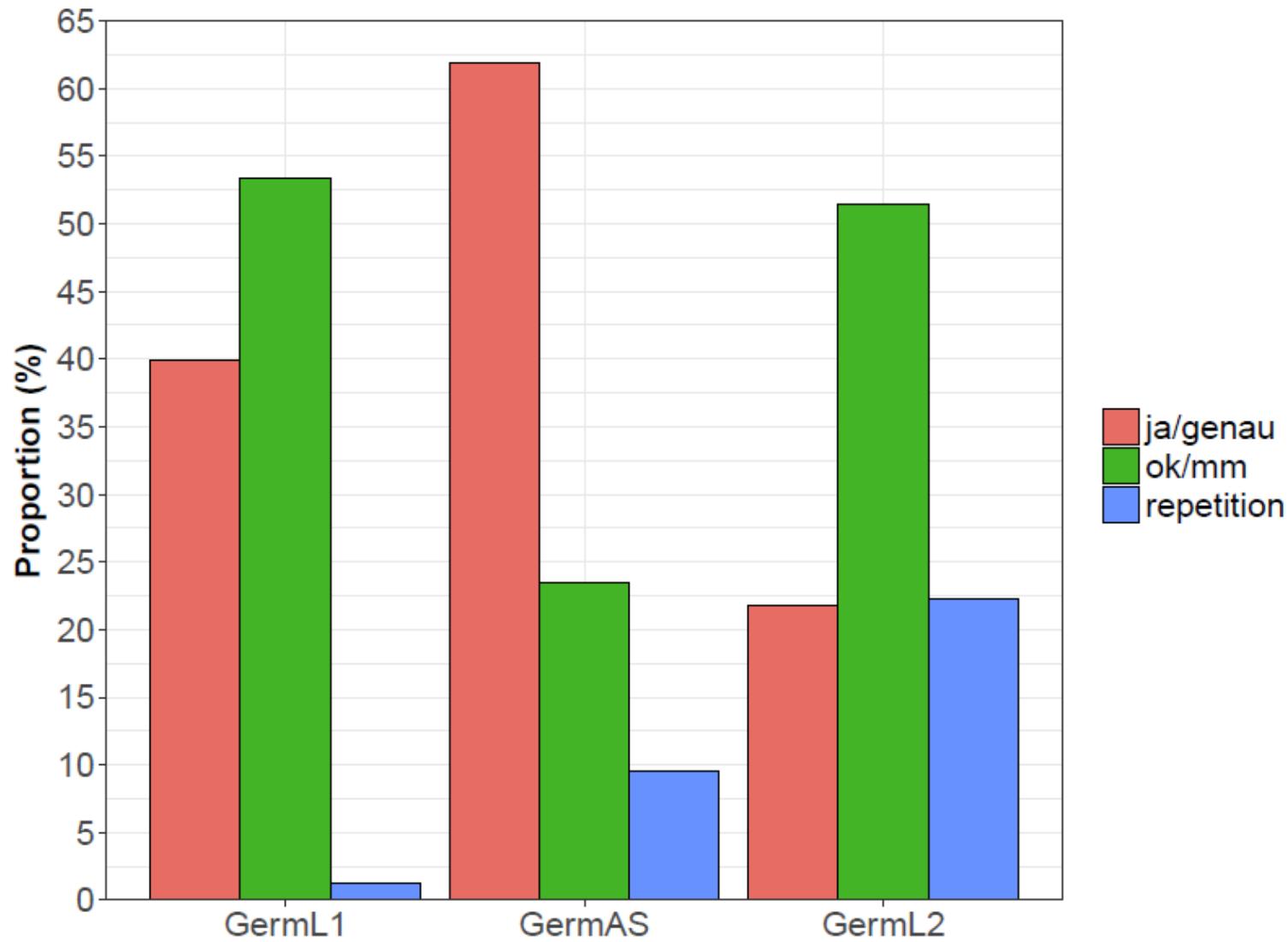


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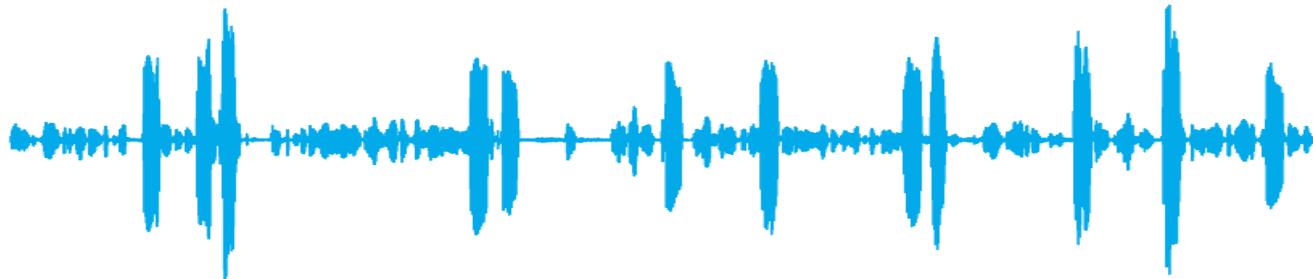
Three Groups:

- Neurotypical German L1
- Asperger German L1
- Neurotypical German L2 (L1 Vietnamese)

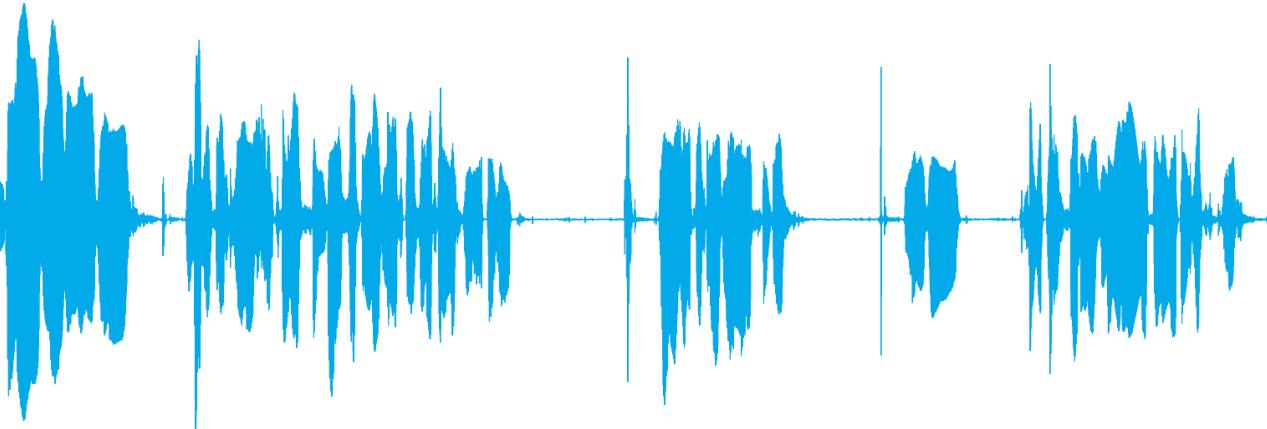
Results: lexical choice



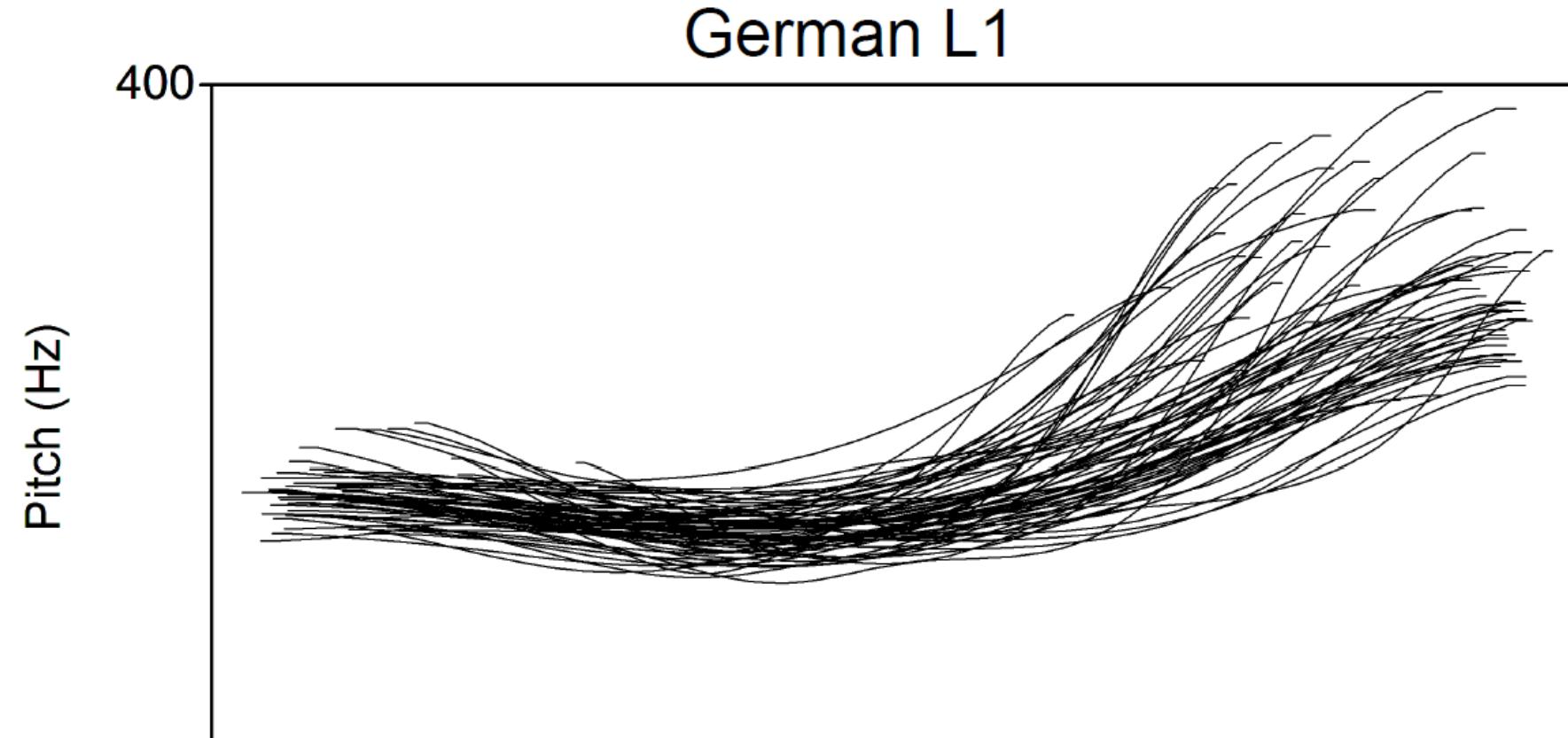
Results: amount of BCs



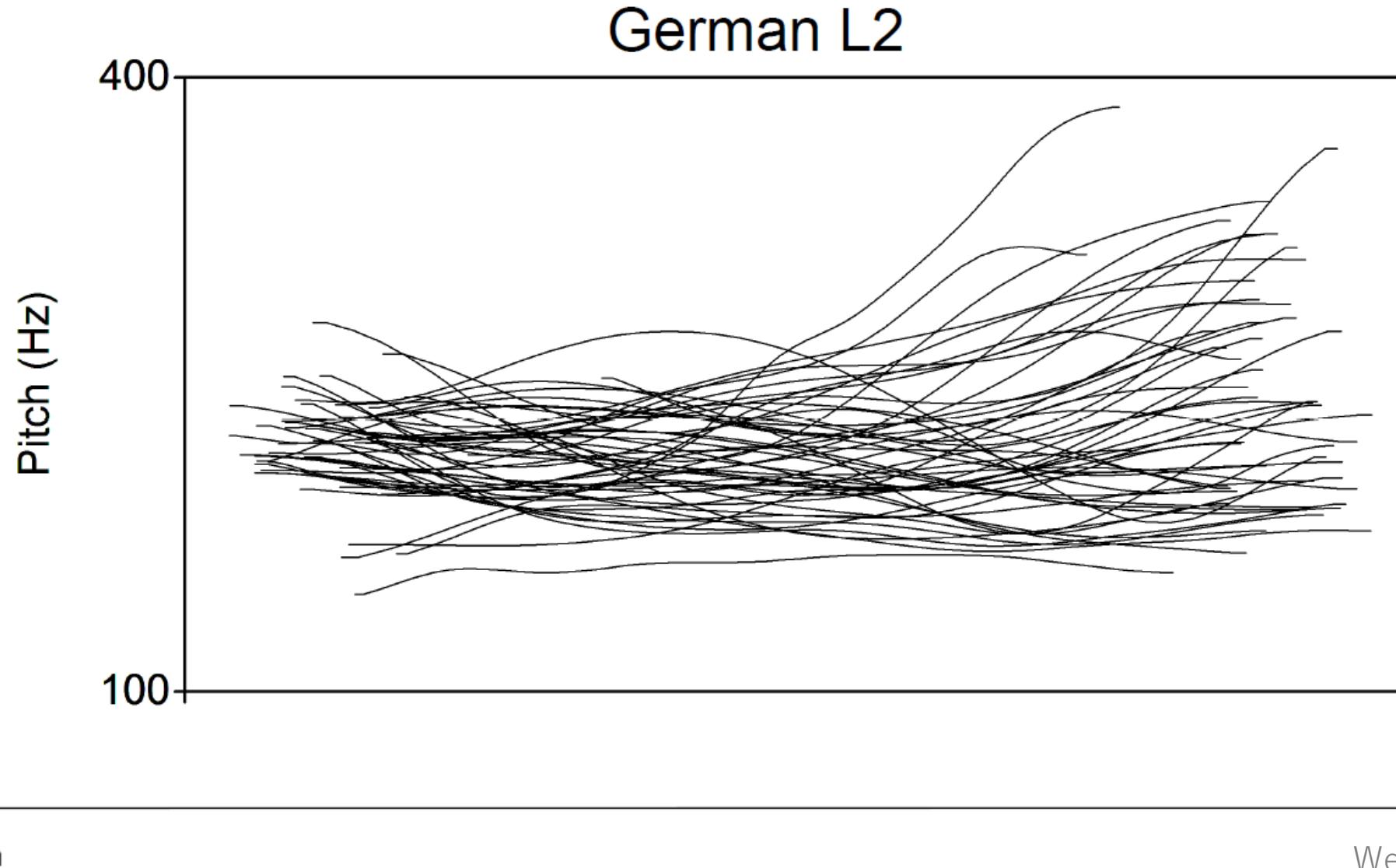
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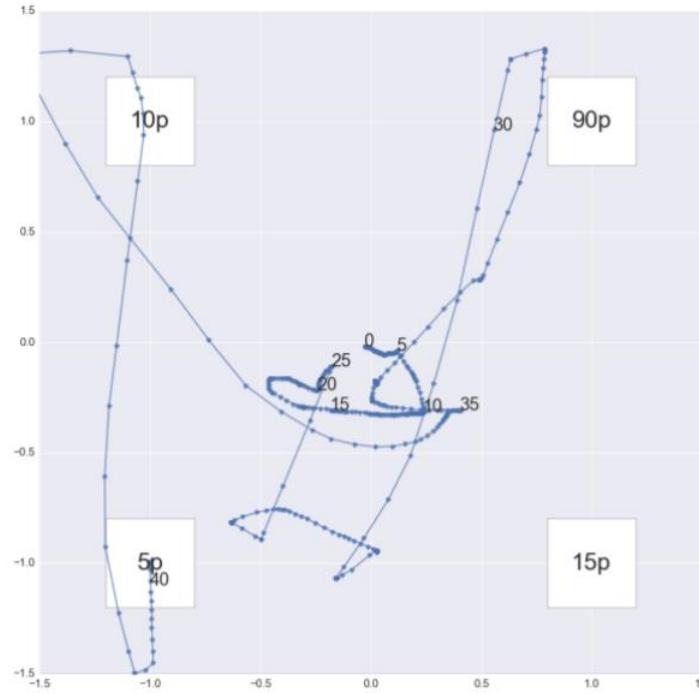
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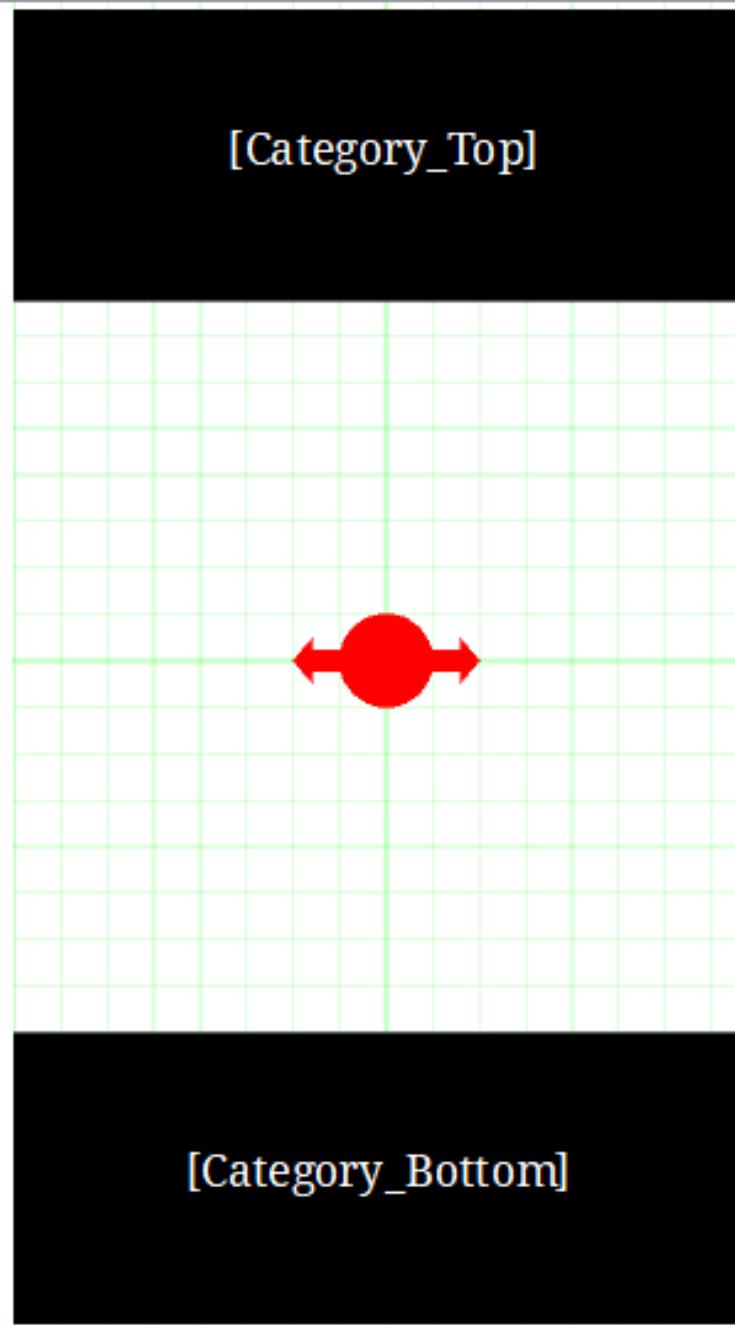


Perception experiment: Meandering Mice



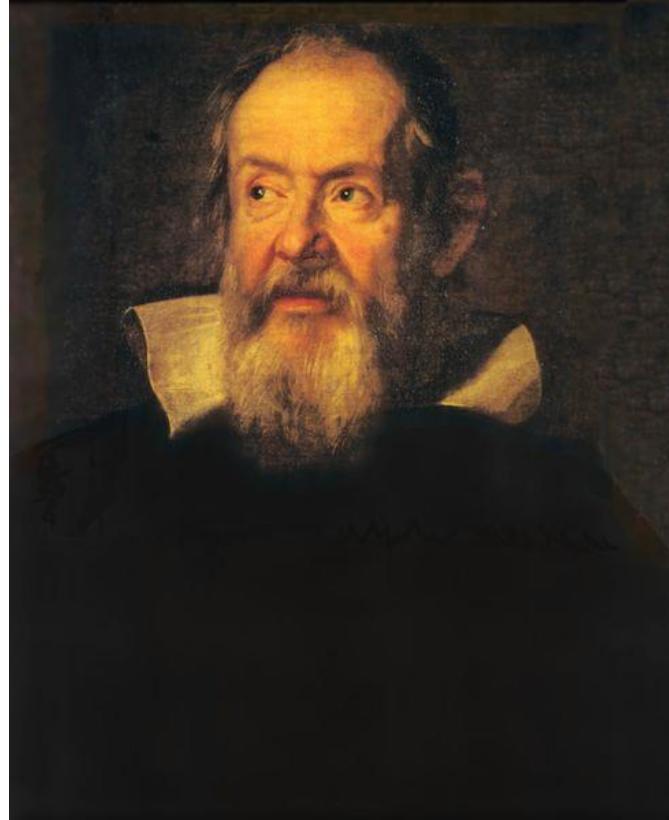
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Contextually valid
real-time assessment
of any number of tokens
on a continuous scale

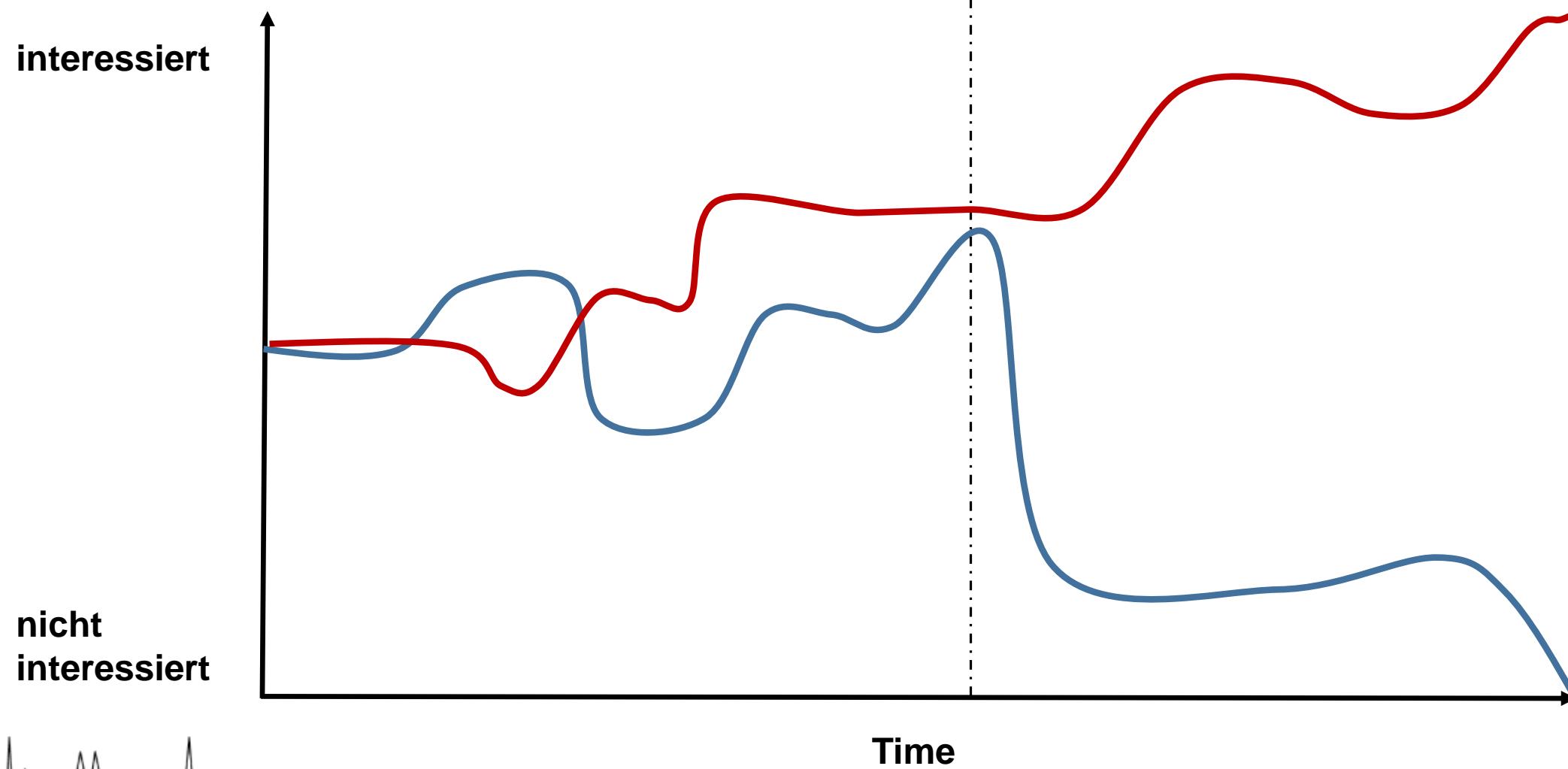


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And yet will they move?



Analysis



Next steps

- Piloting
- Record more L2 and control speakers
- Finish & expand analyses:

lexical choice, intonation, overlap &
periodicity, entropy, duration,
fillers/hesitations,...

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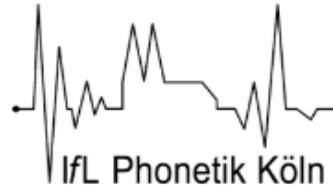
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