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Annette Gerstenberg: LangAge Corpora: a longitudinal approach to linguistic aging

Abstract:

LangAge corpora is comprised of biographic interviews and additional materials collected in the French city of Orléans with mostly older adults over a period of 18 years (El Sherbiny Ismail et al. 2022). After a short presentation of the corpus, we discuss the longitudinal approach and the intricate boundary between “normal” and “pathological” aging. We finally present variations of narratives and their “building blocks” (Gerstenberg & Hamilton, 2023) at different stages across this continuum. What does in fact characterize the mostly stable building blocks, and how can stability itself be defined?

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