

# **BA/MA** projects at the Department of CL

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## BA Thesis (Study regulations §25 - §28)

- Credits: 15 ECTS, compulsory, graded
- Duration: 1 semester
- Submission Deadlines: June 1 (spring semester) / December 1 (fall semester)
- Thesis: Individual, no co-authorship
- Supervisor: Master's degree or higher.
   Commitment for supervision is the prerequisite for booking the module Bachelor's thesis.
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- Credits: 30 ECTS, compulsory, graded
- Duration: 2 semesters
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### **Process and Organisation**





### You can find more information via these links:

Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences:

https://www.phil.uzh.ch/en/studies/studyessentials/graduation.html

https://www.phil.uzh.ch/dam/jcr:092773b8-9a44-44a4-a666-c81c6c8f8aa1/STO \_Allgemeiner\_Teil\_EN.pdf (study regulations)

**Computational Linguistics:** 

https://www.cl.uzh.ch/en/studies/studies-BA-MA/teaching/bachelor-thesis.html

https://www.cl.uzh.ch/en/studies/studies-BA-MA/teaching/master-thesis.html



# Today: more than 30 projects



# "Language, Technology and Accessibility" group

# Sign Language Technology



# Technologies in the Audio Description Process



# Computer-assisted Language Sample Analysis

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# Automatic Text Simplification





# **Amit Moryossef**

# Sign Language Motion Diffusion using SignWriting & HamNoSys

Motion diffusion models have been <u>shown to work well</u> for sign language animation from a phonetic representation. This project requires to pre-train a diffusion model on a large, un-annotated sign language dataset, then finetune it to allow for control from SignWriting/HamNoSys (and possibly text). An extension would be to consider how to seamlessly transition between multiple signs.

### Human Motion – a Many-to-many Problem

 Diversity

 "A person kicks"

 Image: Constraint of the second secon



# Sign Language Synthetic Translation with SSML

When generating synthetic sign language translations using dictionaries, we use spoken language text as input. Similar to speech synthesis, this representation is often not enough, and more control is needed. This project will involve solving <u>several small issues</u> in a larger framework, and introducing <u>Speech Synthesis Markup Language (SSML)</u> support.

#### <speak>

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Here are <say-as interpret-as="characters">SSML</say-as> samples.
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I can pause <break time="3s"/>.
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I can play a sound
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    Or I can speak in ordinals. You are <say-as interpret-as="ordinal">10</say-as> in line.
    Or I can even speak in digits. The digits for ten are <say-as interpret-as="characters">10</say-as>.
    I can also substitute phrases, like the <sub alias="World Wide Web Consortium">W3C</sub>.
    Finally, I can speak a paragraph with two sentences.
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# Fixing Pose Estimation for Sign Language

This project aims to fix bugs and adjust the MediaPipe framework for better sign language use.



# Sign Language Illustration and Description via SignWriting

This project aims to generate sign language illustrations and descriptions directly form SignWriting.

https://github.com/sign-language-processing/signwriting-illustration

https://github.com/sign-language-processing/signwriting-description



# Sign Language in a Mixed-reality Setting

Only if have Swift experience.

It involves mapping sign language translation from poses to a 3D model, and placing the model in the space around the signer. It will integrate with an existing application (https://github.com/sign/translate) to support the Apple Vision Pro.



# Sign Language Rendering Reinvented: Controlling Existing Avatars

The project is well defined with many parts already implemented.

You will work on operationalizing a pipeline to train control models for existing avatars.

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# **Jannis Vamvas**

# **Romansh Idiom Detection**



### **Example for Sursilvan:**

«L'uolp era puspei inagada fomentada. Cheu ha ella viu sin in pégn in tgaper che teneva in toc caschiel en siu bec.»

### **Example for Sutsilvan:**

«La qualp eara puspe eqn'eada fumantada. Qua â ella vieu sen egn pegn egn corv ca taneva eqn toc caschiel ainten sieus pecel.»



# Phillip B. Ströbel

# **Re-Experiencing History 1: Prompt Engineering for Historical Images**





Lange, Mock



Lange, Mock



Lange, Mock



Lange, Mock

Original prompt



Armstrong, Claiming



Armstrong, Claiming

Armstrong, Claiming

Lange, Late



Lange, Late

Wienand, Triumph









Lange, Mock

Armstrong, Claiming

Possible research questions:

- How can we ingest historical knowledge into the prompts? What about the contemporary sources? What if they contradict?
- How can we measure whether an image got better? What does better even mean?



# **Re-Experiencing History 2: Reconstruction of Historical Artefacts**



# NER and Social Networks in Epigraphs

- EDCS  $\rightarrow$  > 500k entries
- No NER
- Abundance of names
  - ideal material to create networks





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Tiberio Iulio Candido Mario Celso II / Caio Antio Aulo Iulio Quadrato II consulibus / magisterio / Marci Valeri Trebici Deciani / III Nonas Ianuarias / in Capitolio ad vota solvenda et nuncupanda pro salute / Imperatoris Caesaris Nervae Traiani Augusti Germanici / Dacici fratres Arvales convenerunt hac die / immolatum non est adfuerunt in collegio / Marcus Valerius Trebicius Decianus magister Lucius Maecius / Postumus Tiberius Catius Caesius Fronto Caius Caecilius Strabo / 3us Tiberius Iulius Candidus / Marius Celsus Caius Antius Aulus Iulius Ouadratus Tiberius Iuli/us Candidus / isdem consulibus III Idus Ianuarias / in pronao aedis Concordiae fratres Arvales sa/crificium deae Diae indixerunt ibique / Marcus Valerius Trebicius Decianus magister manibus / lautis capite velato sub divo culmine contra / orientem cum collegiis deae Diae sacrificium / indixit sic in hunc annum / quod bonum faustum felix fortunatumque sit / Imperatori Caesari Nervae Traiano Augusto Germanico Dacico totique / domui eius populo Romano Quiritibus fratribusque Arvalibus sacrificium / deae Diae hoc anno erit ante diem XVI Kalendas Iunias domi / ante diem XIV Kalendas Iunias in luco et domi ante diem / XIII Kalendas Iunias domi adfuerunt in collegio Marcus Valerius / Trebicius Decianus Tiberius Iulius Candidus Marius Celsus / Caius Antius Aulus Iulius Ouadratus Lucius Maecius Postumus Tiberius / Julius Candidus Tiberius Catius Caesius Fronto Caius Caecilius / Strabo Ouintus Fulvius Gillo Bittius Proculus / isdem consulibus 3 / in aedem Concordiae fratres Arvales convenerunt / ibique referente Marco Valerio Trebicio Deciano magistro ad / collegas de arboribus lauribus in luco deae Diae quod / a tempestatibus perustae essent placuit piaculo fac/to caedi adfuerunt in collegio Marcus Valerius Trebicius De/cianus Quintus Fulvius Gillo Bittius Proculus Tiberius Iulius / Candidus Marius Celsus Tiberius Iulius Candidus Publius Metilius / Sabinus Nepos / isdem consulibus Kalendas 3 / in luco deae Diae piaculum factum ob arbores lau/rus caedendas quod tempestatibus perustae erant / porcis et agnis struibus fertisque per Marcum Valerium / Trebicium Decianum magistrum ministrantibus publicis / Caio Iulio Basso Cnaeo Afranio Dextro consulibus / XVI Kalendas Iunias / in domo aput Marcum Valerium Trebicium Decianum magistrum fratres Ar/vales sacrificium deae Diae ture vino fecerunt ibique / discumbentes toralibus segmentatis sacrificium ture / vino fecerunt pueri patrimi matrimi praetextati cum pu/blicis ad aram rettulerunt Cornelius Dolabella Verania/nus 3 Decimus Valerius 3 Valerius Catullus Mes/sallinus Tiberius Vini3 sportulis cenatum / est denaris centenis // in collegio adfuerunt Marcus Valerius Trebicius Decianus Lucius Maecius / Postumus Tiberius Iulius Candidus Marius Celsus Publius Metilius / Sabinus Nepos Tiberius Iulius Candidus Quintus Fulvius Gillo Bittius / Proculus Tiberius Catius Caesius Fronto Caius Antius Aulus Iulius Qua/dratus Caius Caecilius Strabo / isdem consulibus



# Impresso 2 UZH Computational Linguistics Student Projects

### **Department of Computational Linguistics**



### Presenting Today Andrianos Michail

Juri Opitz

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### Simon Clematide

Compare the passage on the left side with passage **#2** of **3** in the same cluster

Tous les membres de la Grappe Groupement d'entente communale à Milvignes ont appris avec tristesse le décès de Madame Huguette LAURENT maman de M. Frédéric Laurent, membre fondateur et ancien conseiller communal à Milvignes Nous lui adressons, ainsi qu'à sa famille, l'expression de notre profonde sympathie. Tous les membres de la Grappe Groupement d'entente communale à Milvignes ont appris avec tristesse le décès de Monsieur Eric LAURENT papa de M. Frédéric Laurent, membre fondateur et ancien conseiller communal à Milvignes Nous lui adressons, ainsi qu'à sa famille, l'expression de notre profonde sympathie. 028-802038

**impresso** 

Monitoring

of the Past

SORT BY DATE (DESC)

Media

# What Do We Sacrifice Through Distilled Embedding Models?

It is suggested that cheap embedding models can be created via distillation from large embedding models, with little loss of performance. How true is this for Multilingual Models in Cross Lingual Evaluations?

In this thesis we want to:

- Examine multilingual models and their "efficient" counterparts such as <u>Matryoshka Embeddings</u> and <u>Model2Vec</u> under a cross-lingual scope.
- Understand which models synergise well for this techniques and what ends up being sacrificed with these techniques through fine-grained evaluations

**Outcome:** An efficient Cross Lingual Semantic Search methodology to apply on Historical News.

**Keywords:** Multilingual Models, Bitext Mining, Information Retrieval, Distilled Models, Deep Learning

Suitable for **BA/MA** Thesis



# What Do Long Text Semantic Representation Capture? A Multilingual (Adversarial) Examination

We can now embed texts up to 8192 Tokens long. That's a lot of meaning to be squeezed. Are we representing the entire text fairly or is there biases in the representation based on the order of the text or other nuances?

In this thesis we want to:

- Using existing datasets and augmentations such as reshuffling, understand different methods of achieving long context embedding.
- Quantify the contribution of smaller texts to a long text representation.
- Application of the promising techniques to Diverse Historical News Articles.

### **Outcome:** Understanding of Multilingual Long Text Representations

**Keywords:** Multilingual Models, Information Retrieval, Embedding Aggregation, Deep Learning

Suitable for **MA** Thesis





# **Decompose Embeddings Into Explainable Semantic Features**

### The S<sup>3</sup>BERT method

The frog doesn't like swimming simCSE,...)

The frog likes to swim

1 1 1 <mark>1 1</mark> 1 1 1 <mark>0 0</mark> Topic Polarity vector vector

Transformer

(SBERT,

**Cosine Similarities** 

Polarity: 0.0

Topic: 1.0 Overall: 0.8

Text embedding

- Decomposes an embedding such that its parts reflect different semantic aspects  $\bigcirc$
- This way,  $\bigcirc$ 
  - we can not only say, "X and Y are similar",
  - but also, e.g., "X and Y are similar in that they share the same topic"

In this thesis we want to:

- Contemplate which semantic features are important in a document 1.
  - E.g.: Named Entities? a.
  - Topics? And more! b.
- 2. Design simple metrics that measure similarity of your features (e.g. Named Entity Overlap)
- 3. Apply the S<sup>3</sup>BERT method to learn your features with a SotA embedding model
- 4. Evaluate: Assess opportunities (e.g., explanation) and challenges

Suitable for **MA** Thesis



# **Visualizing Document Embeddings**

- For visualization, n-dimensions need to be crunched down to two/three.
- Different options are available
  - Learned techniques:
    - Distill model
    - Autoencoder
  - Post-processing (classic dim reduction techniques such as PCA)
- In this thesis, we ask the following question: Which technique is best?
  - "Best" can be defined in different ways, one option:
    - Quality: How well does the small embedding preserve the characteristics of the original dimensions?
    - Efficiency: Which method has what compute cost?

Suitable for **BA/MA** thesis with a focus on data visualisation





Sina Ahmadi (sina.ahmadi@uzh.ch)

# Low-resourced NLP

### **High-resource**

- Billions of documents online
- Large annotated datasets
- Large Wikipedia

# Medium-resource

- Millions of documents online
- Few labeled datasets
- Decent Wikipedia

### Low-resource

- Hundreds of documents online
- (almost) No labeled datasets
- Small Wikipedia

# Create dictionaries for dialects





# LiRI NLP (Linguistic Research Infrastructure) Gerold Schneider / Tilia Ellendorff gerold.schneider@uzh.ch / tilia.ellendorff@uzh.ch

# Sustainable procurement

Sinergia Project on public procurement, joint between FH Bern and UZH: https://data.snf.ch/grants/grant/10000100

How does environmental and social public procurement affect the sustainability transformation in the public and private sector?

### Can sustainability in the tender documents be measured with NLP methods?

**Topic:** develop methods to extract information, discover sustainability criteria, or map the semantic space of the Swiss public procurement landscape (exact topic can be adapted to skills and interests)

**Offer:** Be part of the project's NLP team for the duration of your **Master's** thesis: join project meetings, reading group sessions, discussion rounds and publications (optional)

**Requirement:** good programming skills in Python, knowledge in NLP and language models, and a certain interest in the legal, economic and societal dimensions of public procurement and sustainability

Co-supervision: Gerold Schneider & Tilia Ellendorff







eawag



# Trade-offs between renewable energy & biodiversity

ENGAGE (evidence-based dialogue on trade-offs in intricate societal problems): <u>https://www.engage-dialogue.ch/en/</u>

A joint, transdisciplinary research project between ETH, eawag, WSL and UZH

### Text analysis to find trade-offs between renewable energy & biodiversity

A complex situation where no single best solution exists:

The transition to renewable energy use is essential - the loss of biodiversity threatens the collapse of ecosystems

**Topic:** Pipeline for automated literature identification and text analysis, and identify trade-offs between renewable energy projects and biodiversity conservation

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**Requirement:** good programming skills in Python and/or R, knowledge in NLP and language models, and a strong interest in trade-off analysis in intricate societal problems.

**Co-supervision:** Gerold Schneider & Tilia Ellendorff & Leila Schuh (WSL)





# LiRI NLP (Linguistic Research Infrastructure) Gerold Schneider / Ahmet Yavuz Uluslu / Jean-Philippe Goldman <u>ahmetyavuz.uluslu@uzh.ch</u>

# Grammatical Error Correction of L2-English learners of Swiss German (ChaLL)

- We already have:
  - a corpus of 20 hours of pupil dialogues recorded and <u>transcribed (360k words)</u>.
  - an existing base model for GEC (grammatical error correction) in English.

### We are offering a bachelor's/master's thesis on:

- Improve existing GEC systems by incorporating cross-linguistic influence theory and/or fine-tuning LLMs on L2 English from Swiss-German.
- Generate corrected ground truth data (data augmentation) with LLMs and validate this approach.

# Grammatical Error Correction of L2-English learners of Swiss German (ChaLL)

Hello there! Welcome to our English practice session. How are you doing today? If you have any questions or need help with anything, feel free to ask. Just remember, I only speak English, so if you come across any words you don't understand, you can check the language support on the right side of the screen. Let's have some fun practicing English together!

(Bot) Talky Walky - before 7 minutes

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User Audio (5 s)

[O] Hello, I'm good and how is you?

[C] Hello , I'm good and how are you ?

before 4 minutes

I'm happy you're feeling goodl I'm an Al and I can't feel, but I'm here to help with your English. Is there something you want to talk about or ask me?

[But] Talky Walky - before 4 minutes

#### User Audio (5.3 s)

- [O] Yes, uh why school is so boring?
- [C] Yes , why is school so boring ?



Digital Linguistics Group Jan Brasser

# MultiplEYE Enabling multilingual eye-tracking data collection for human and machine language processing research

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# **MultipIEYE** Enabling multilingual eye-tracking data collection for human and machine language processing research



100 participants/language

Eye-tracking + psychometric tests data collection

Materials are prepared -> need to be translated for some languages



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# **Project 1.1: Collecting eye-tracking data for your language**



- 1. Stimuli preparation: translate the stimulus from English or find translation
- 2. Data collection: 35 participants or more, depending on the languages
- Statistical description and analysis of the corpus
   Choose the depth of analysis based on (1) your specific research interests in psycholinguistics or
   NLP, (2) the effort you've already put in step 1 and 2.



# **Project 1.2:** Collecting eye-tracking data for your language



- 1. Stimuli preparation: translate the stimulus from English or find translation
- 2. Data collection: 35 participants or more, depending on the languages
- 3. Help with developing an open-source eye-tracking data preprocess pipeline (Software engineering skills are essential, particularly proficiency in Python)



# **Project 2: Collecting MultiplEYE reading data with multiple psycholinguistic methods**



- 1. Stimuli preparation: choose a subset of languages that the stimuli are ready, e.g. EN, ZH, DE, NL, HR, RU, ET...
- 2. Implement various psycholinguistic methods for MultipIEYE, e.g. SPR, MoTR, A-maze
- 3. Data collection: 35 participants or more; Online or in-lab
- 4. Statistical description of the corpus



MultipIEYE Enabling multilingual eye-tracking data collection for human and machine language processing research



**Currently participating languages:** 

Albanian, Arabic, Basque, Catalan, Croatian, Chinese, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, Estonian, French, German, Greek, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish, Ukrainian, ...

And your language?





# Phonetics and Speech Sciences Group Elisa Pellegrino (elisa.pellegrino@uzh.ch)

### THE PRODUCTION, PERCEPTION AND CLASSIFICATION OF L2 ACCENTED ENGLISH

### Elisa Pellegrino with Rabeah Kiani and Alejandra Carolina Pesantez Pesantez

### **Previous project**

### **Corpus Collection**

600 sentences in Pakistani-accented English (20 sentences\*30 speakers)600 sentences in L1 English (30 sentences \*20 speakers)

### Preliminary results based on prosodic features

**Evaluation Metrics** 

	ENG L1	ENG L2	Average / Total
Accuracy	0.825	0.825	0.825
Precision (Positive Predictive Value)	0.822	0.829	0.825
Recall (True Positive Rate)	0.848	0.800	0.825
F1 Score	0.835	0.814	0.825
Area Under Curve (AUC)	0.877	0.875	0.876

Note. All metrics are calculated for every class against all other classes.

### Rate differences and the timing of consonants

### Available projects

#### **BA** Thesis

Investigate the segmental differences between Pakistani accented English and L1 English (pronunciation difference) and their weight for accuracy of classification

#### **MA** Theses

Identify the segmental features of Pakistani accented English (pronunciation difference) and test their relevance for L2 speech comprehension by humans and machines

### Skills/Software

### **Acoustic analysis**

**Perception tests** 

### **Data analysis**







### THE ROLE OF SPEECH ACOUSTICS TO DETECT DEEP FAKE VOICES

### Elisa Pellegrino in collaboration with aurigin.ai



### **Previous project**

0.0

0.0

0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0

False Positive Rate

nPVI\_V\_tier1

nPVIp

-0.02 0.00 0.02

0.04 0.06

0.08

### **Current available projects**

VOICE CONVERSION DATASET SPEECH MATERIAL G85 natural utterances 137 utterances * 5 species (s or source, 4 targets) 4 statements (SVO; 5 words): LONG UTTERANCE 10 y/n questions (based on 5-word statement) 3 statements (SV; 2 words): SHORT UTTERANCE	SPEAKERS → Target speakers • 4 male speakers of Stand. German • Master/Phd students • 22-34 y. o. • Previously screened for no audible regional accent	<ul> <li>Project 1: Investigate the acoustic features (e.g. segmental, suprasegmental, idiolect, accents) that distinguish human voice from AI-generated voices (adaptable for BA theses)</li> <li>Project 2: Compare the capabilities of humans and machines to rely on these features to detect natural vs AI-generated content</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>137 converted utterances by source speaker *</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Professional speaker</li> </ul>	Dataset
4 target speakers	<ul> <li>Recruited at ZHDK</li> </ul>	
		Real speech includes a combination of <b>publicly available</b>
Preliminary results ba	sed on prosodic features	datasets for real speech (e.g., Librispeech, CoVoST2) and proprietary recordings
COC Curves Plot	Mean Decrease in Accuracy varcoM procent/_ter1 nPVIm deltaCL_ter1 caseCV lier1	- Al: existing, proprietary <b>data creation pipeline</b> , which creates voice clones of the real speech samples from various leading voice-cloning models (e.g., Elevenlabs, Respeecher)
	varcoP   rPVI_C_tier1   deitaVLn_tier1	Skills/Software

### Skills/Software







THE ROLE OF EXPRESSIVE AUDIO-VISUAL INFORMATION ON FACE-VOICE AND VOICE-FACE IDENTITY MATCHING

### **Elisa Pellegrino**

### Previous MA projects (submitted in Dec 2024)



### Current available projects

### (BA Thesis)

Testing the effect of language familiarity on cross-modal identity matching

### (MA Theses)

Acoustic analysis/perceptual evaluations/classification of the visual and auditory expressiveness of IDS and

### Skills/Software

### Acoustic analysis

Perception



Data analysis





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# Phonetics and Speech Sciences Group Volker Dellwo (volker.dellwo@uzh.ch)

### **Babies' Perception of Voices in Infant-Directed Speech (IDS)** and Adult-Directed Speech (ADS) [ plan for 2024-2025 ] Volker Dellwo, Rushen Shi

#### Introduction

- Adults naturally change their speaking styles when talking to children versus to adults.
- The 2 speaking styles (IDS vs. ADS) have distinct acoustical properties.
- Our modeling work showed that the 2 speaking styles impact voice recognition performance in different ways (Dellwo, et al, under revision)

### **The Present Study**

### Aims at understanding:

- the role of speech styles (IDS vs ADS) in infants' voice recognition;
- the influence of native language experience on infants' voice processing

#### **Methods**

- Participants: Swiss-German-learning babies aged 7 to 8 months.
- Stimuli & design: trials of Swiss-German adult voices in IDS and ADS, with faces.  $\rightarrow$  Already prepared



Perceptual exp: using Habit software; measuring babies' looking time to Swiss-German voices paired with faces.  $\rightarrow$  To do in 2024-2025

#### The Exp Setup (ready)

### In LiRI lab:

- baby on parent's lap facing a screen; camera on baby's eyes;
- speech from loudspeakers next to the screen:
- testing with Habit software





# Sandra Schwab & Jean-Philippe Goldman

**Contactable via email** 

# Automatic prominence detection in L2

### Framework

•Computer-assisted pronunciation teaching (CAPT)

•Focus on L2 stress contrasts: e.g. import vs. import

•Automatic prominence detection in speech signal

## Two goals

•Train system to develop L1 German/Italian stress detector

•Assess and adapt the L1 system to L2 German/Italian to be implemented in Miaparle (miaparle.unige.ch)

## Requirement: Strong background in Machine Learning

Co-supervision: Sandra Schwab (UZH) & Jean-Philippe Goldman (UniGe, UZH)

# Automatic tone detection in L2

# Framework

- •Computer-assisted pronunciation teaching (CAPT)
- •Focus on L2 tone contrasts: e.g. shu1 'book' vs. shu4 'tree'
- •Automatic tone detection in speech signal

# Two goals

•Assess and adapt the L1 system to L2 Mandarin Chinese to be implemented in Miaparle (miaparle.unige.ch)

# Requirement: Strong background in Machine Learning

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