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EXPRESSING LGBT IDENTITY IN A MINORITY LANGUAGE

background

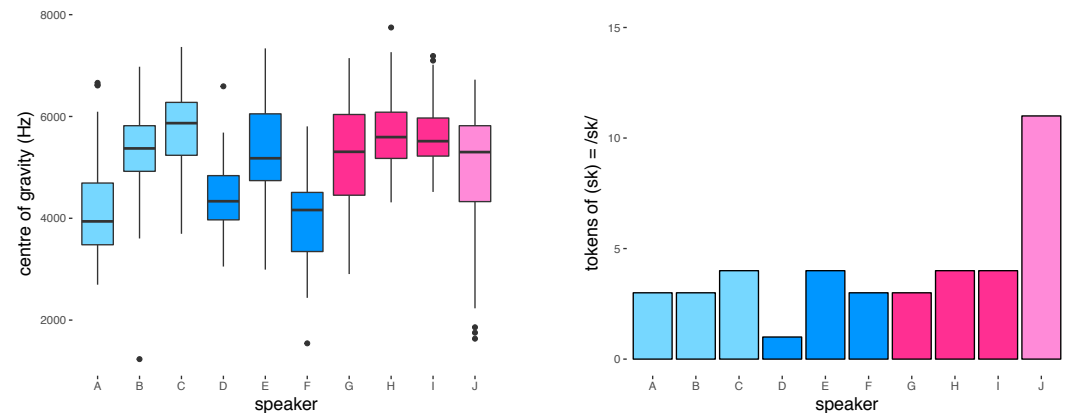
- work on language and sexuality is mostly on English and other majority languages
- socialisation in the adolescent heterosexual marketplace → in Dutch (?)
- sociological work on rural gays

Do young LGBT speakers of Frisian express their identity in that language, and if so, how?

plan

- interviews with Frisian speakers aged 16–22
 - free speech → background
 - elicited data → translation
- quantitative analysis of elicited data to check for differences
- qualitative analysis of free speech to investigate social meaning

pilot study



interpretation

- some indication of a gender/sexuality difference for **(s)**
 - matches cross-linguistic patterns
 - transfer effect from Dutch or English?
- no discernible pattern for **(sk)**
 - mostly lexically constrained: *fisk(en)*, *minsk(en)*
 - effect of translation task?