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- 1. French has two different mechanisms to interpret *wh*-in-situ questions, which yield *wh*-in-situ questions with different properties (this dissertation, Chapters 5 and 6).
- 2. The focus of a *wh*-question does not have to be the *wh*-phrase, not in all languages (this dissertation, Chapters 3 and 4).
- 3. Intervention effects in French *wh*-in-situ questions can be voided by a context that makes the question 'Maximally Given' (this dissertation, Chapter 5).
- 4. French *wh*-in-situ questions and echo questions are prosodically distinct, even if their information structure is the same (this dissertation, Chapter 4).
- 5. The alleged sentence-final rise of French *wh*-in-situ questions is a side effect of focus marking (this dissertation, Chapter 4).
- 6. Intervention effects in French *wh*-in-situ questions should be studied in elaborate contexts, which are reported in subsequent publications (this dissertation, Chapter 5).
- 7. Echo questions do not necessarily echo the syntax of the preceding utterance (this dissertation, Chapter 6).
- 8. Context can also affect judgments of sentences in isolation, as speakers are then free to envisage their own contexts.
- 9. Various other topics in prosody research could benefit from an elicitation paradigm that allows one to manipulate the discourse context, like Scripted Simulated Dialogue.
- 10. 'Surprise intonation' is not always related to the emotion of surprise.
- 11. Contextual salience is a subjective notion.
- 12. There is more to life than sentences.