

A photograph of a busy street market in London. The street is lined with brick buildings. On the left, a shop sign reads "ROMANO COLLECTION". Below it, a stall advertises "Italian Ice Cream". The street is filled with people, some walking and some browsing stalls. A green umbrella is visible in the foreground. The overall atmosphere is lively and urban.

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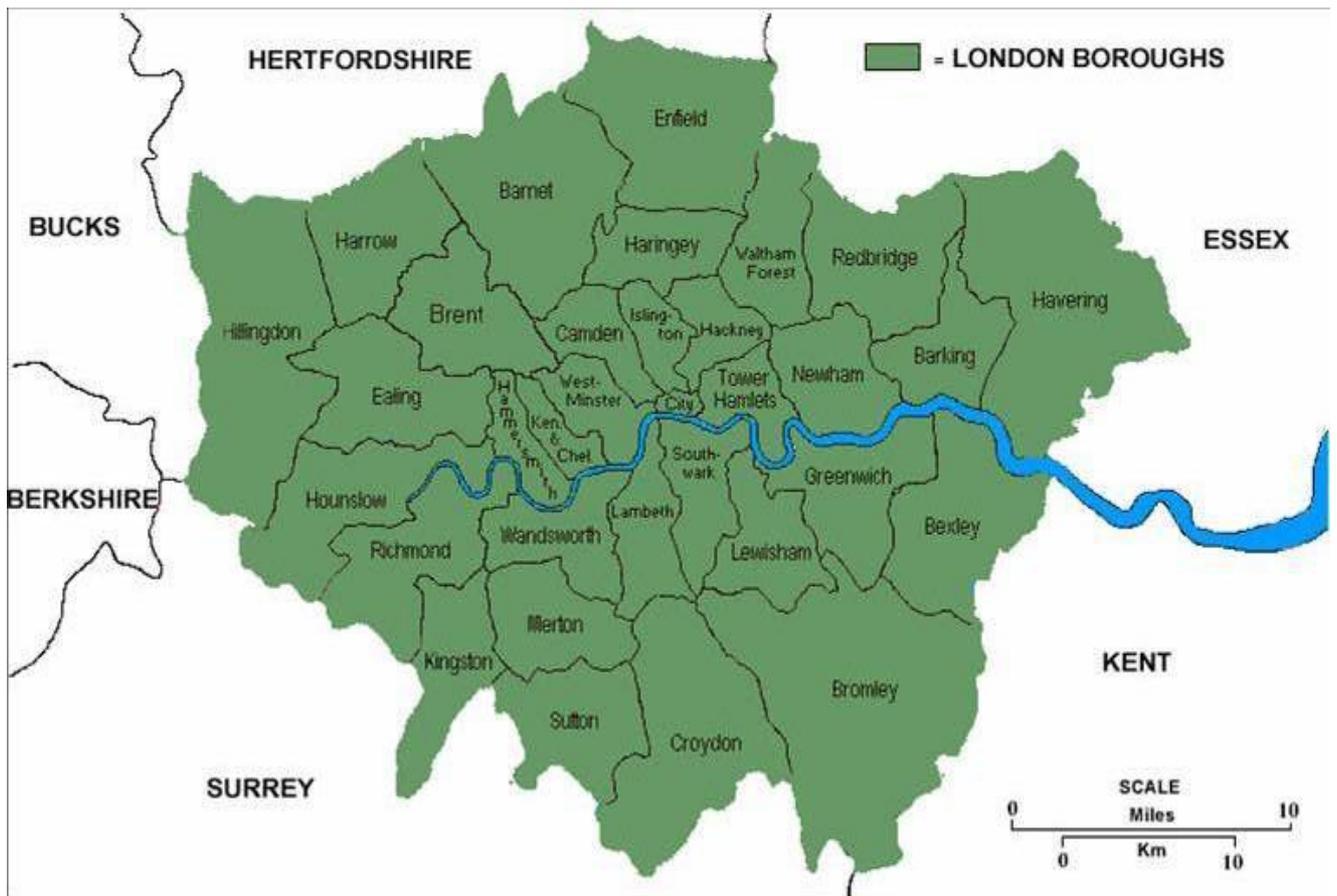
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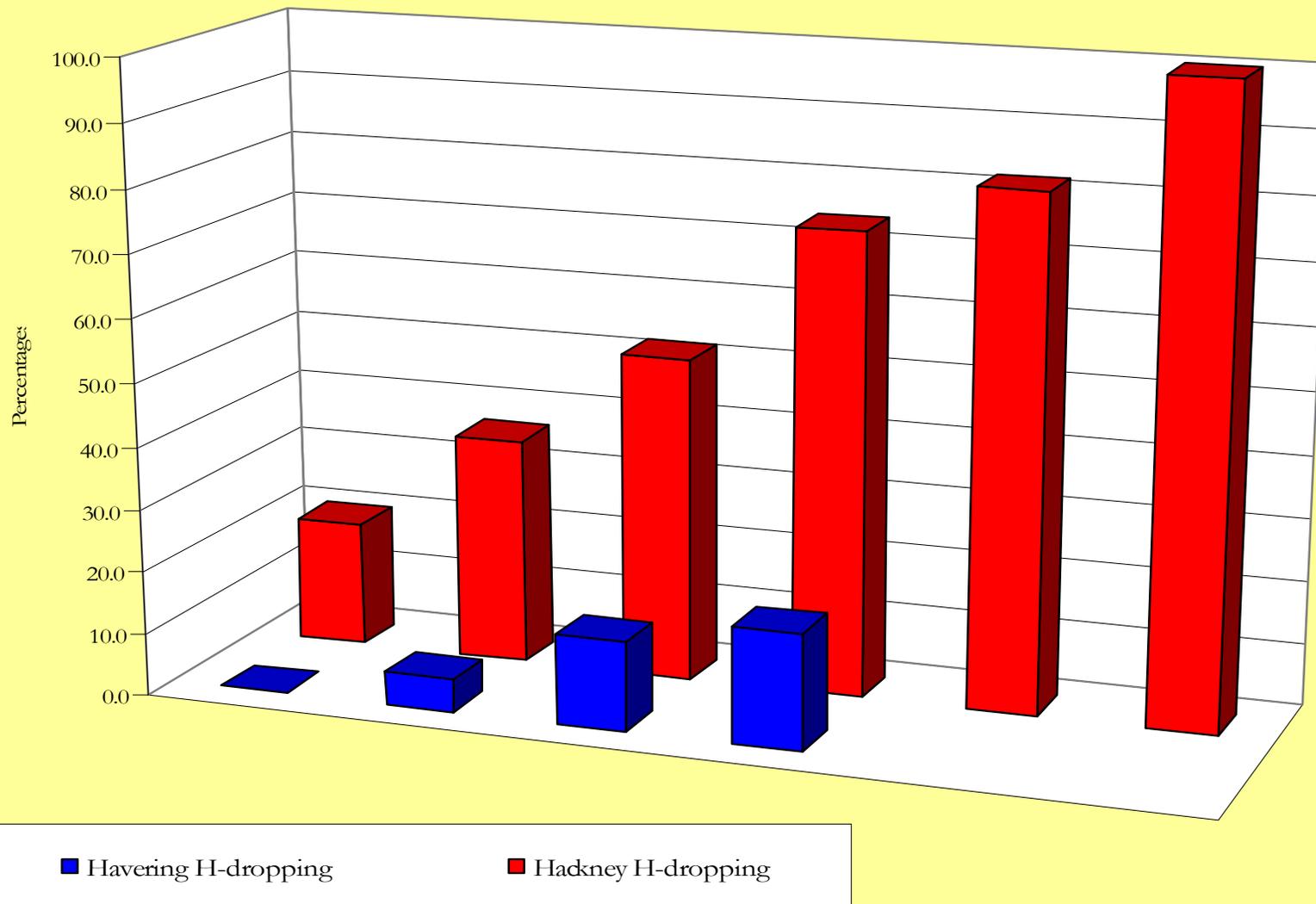
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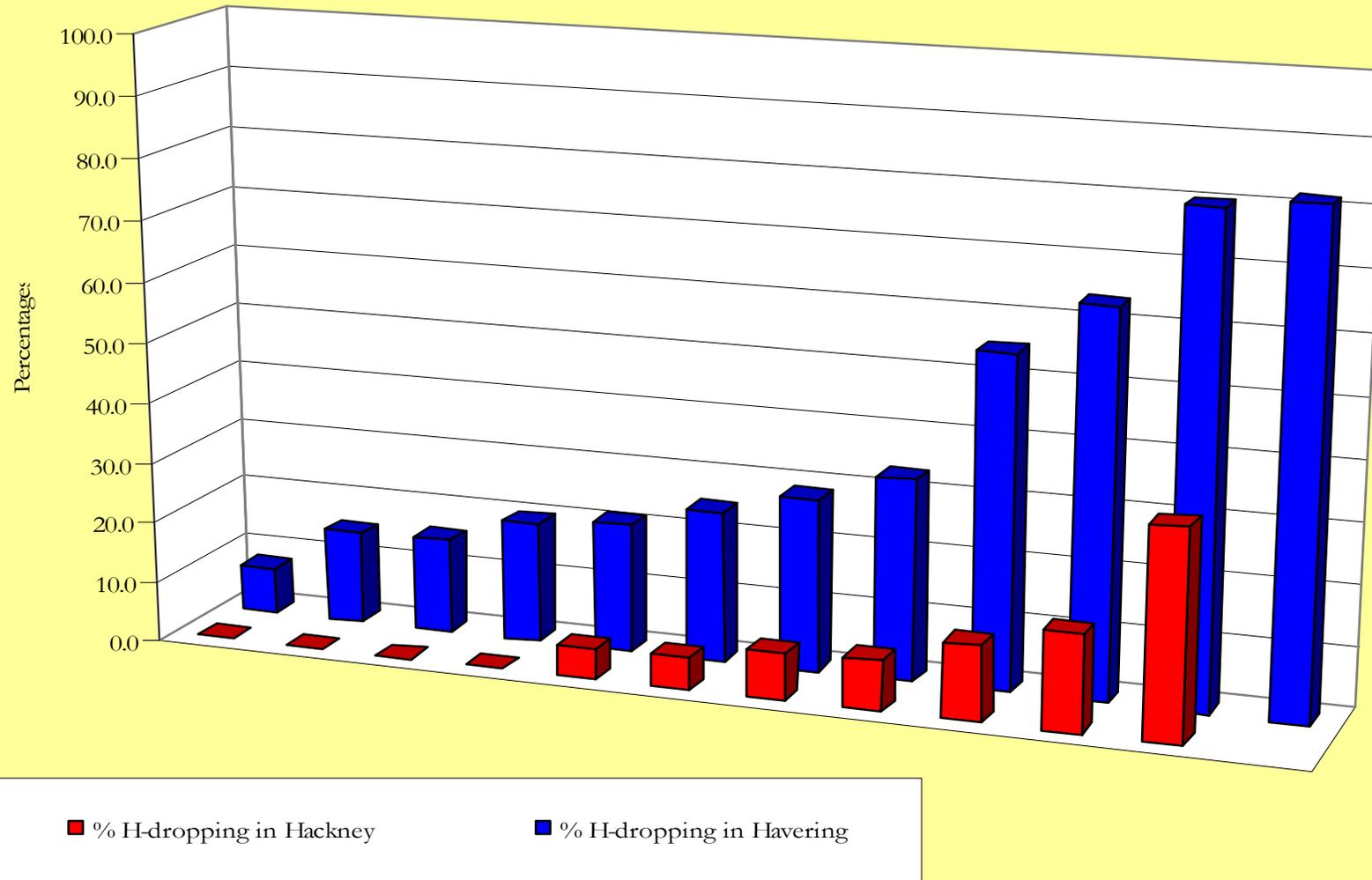
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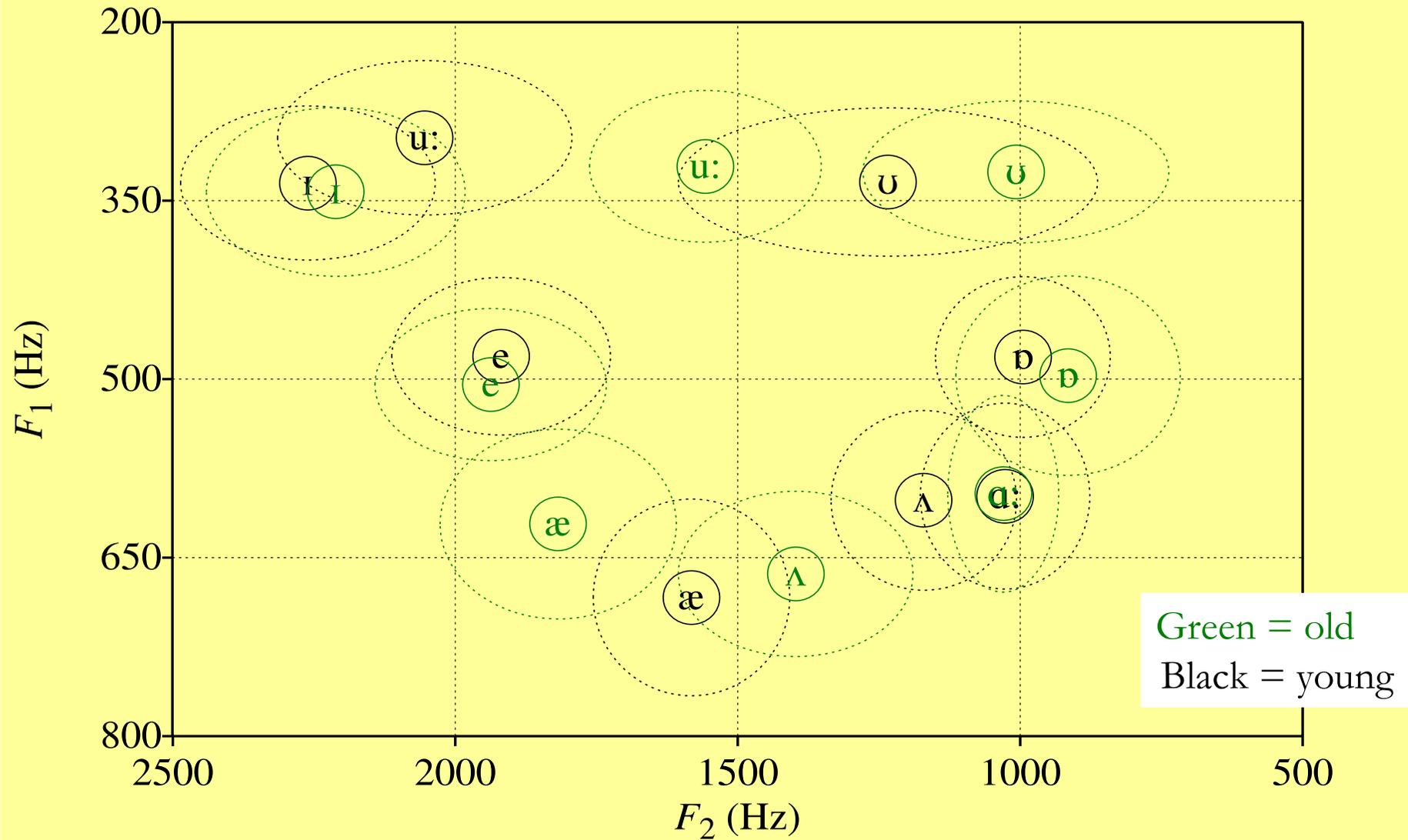
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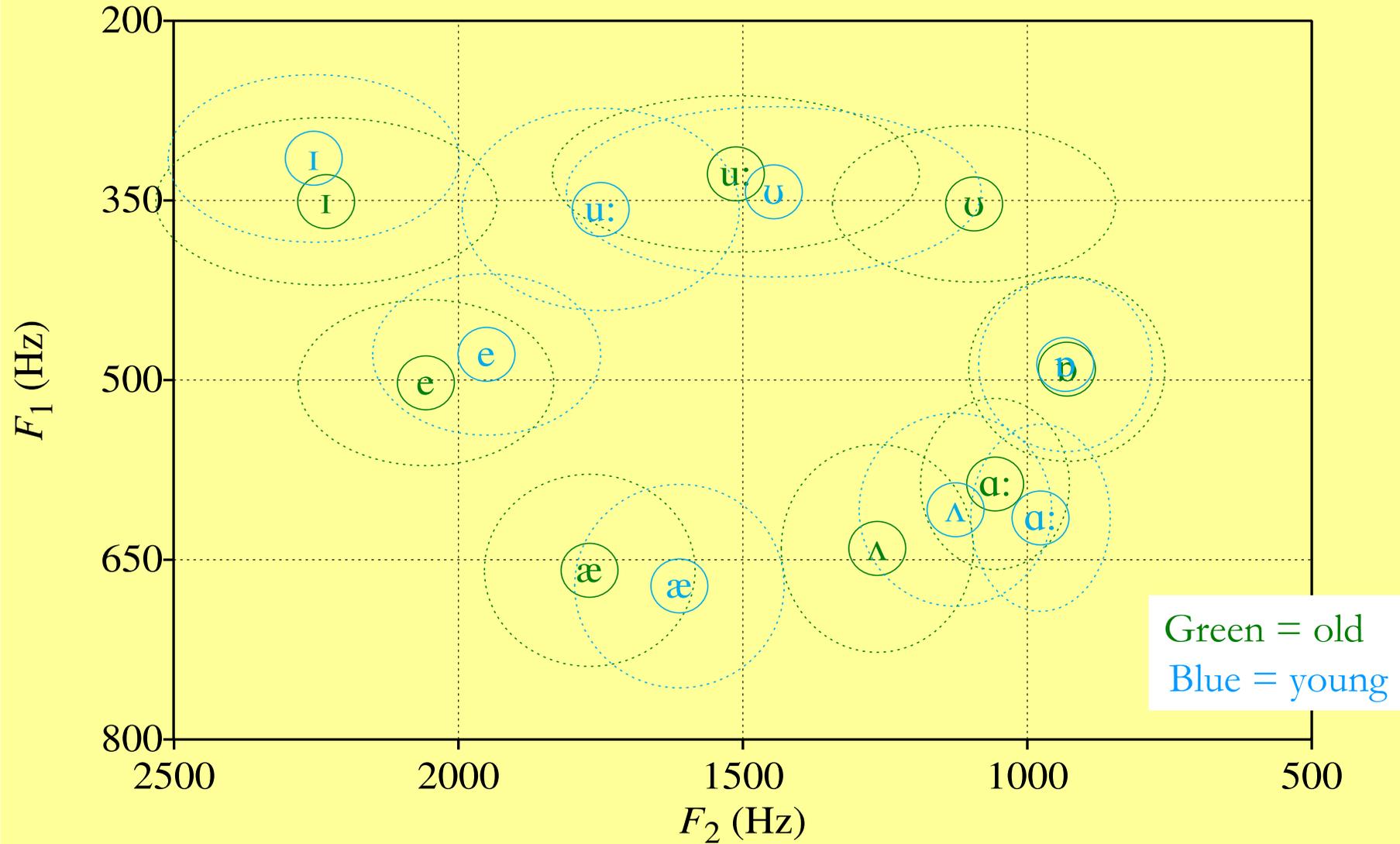
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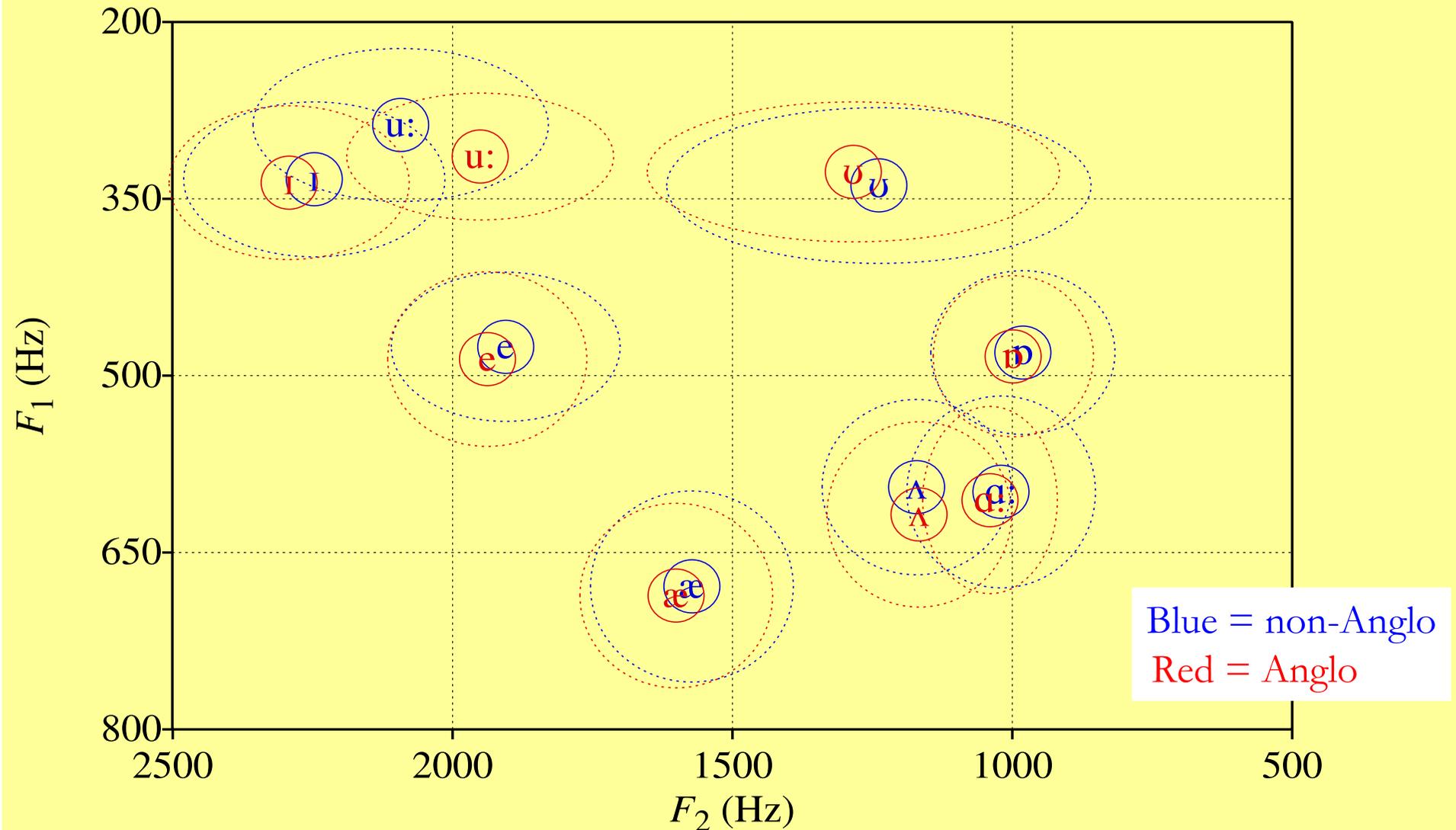
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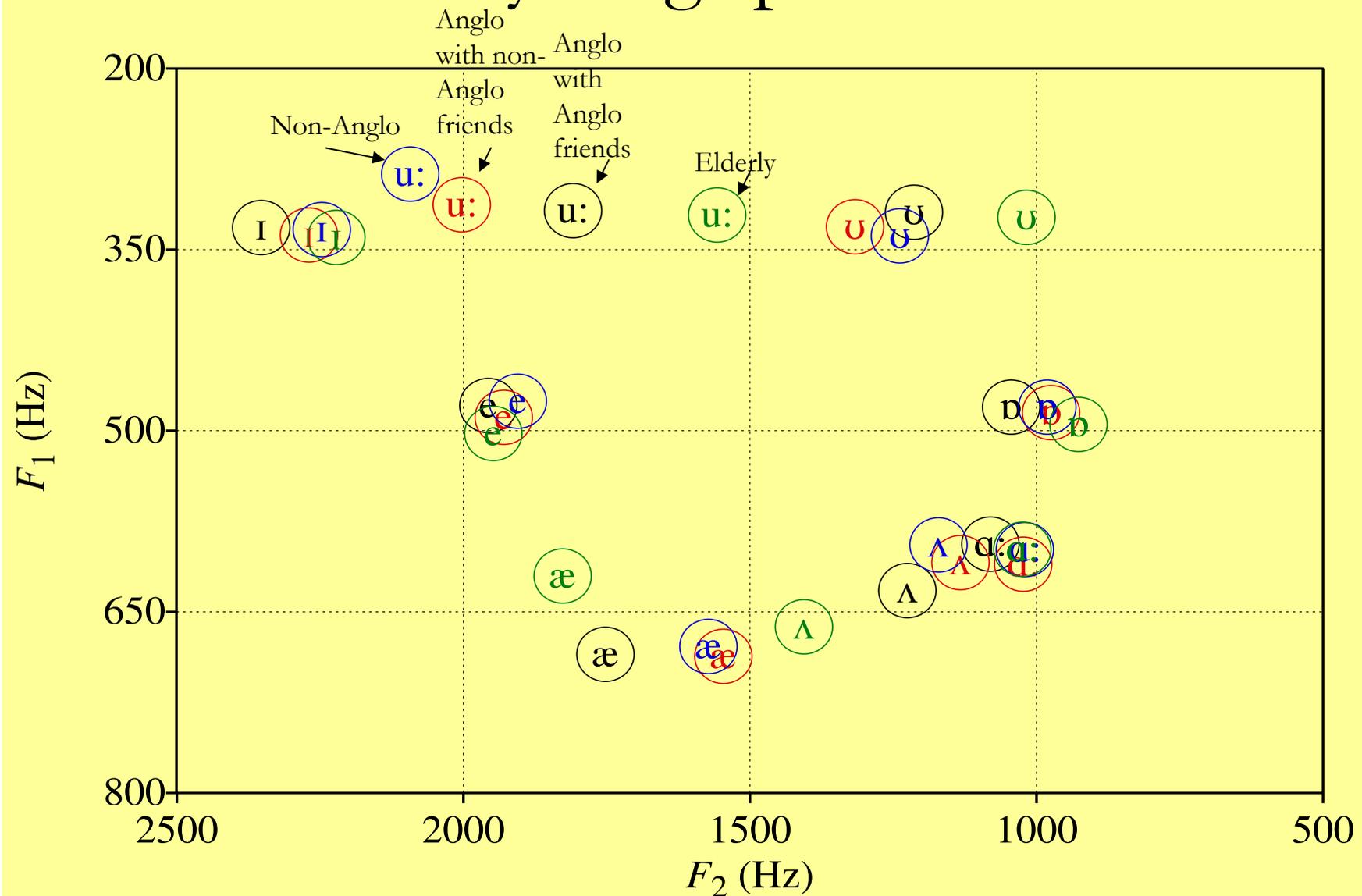
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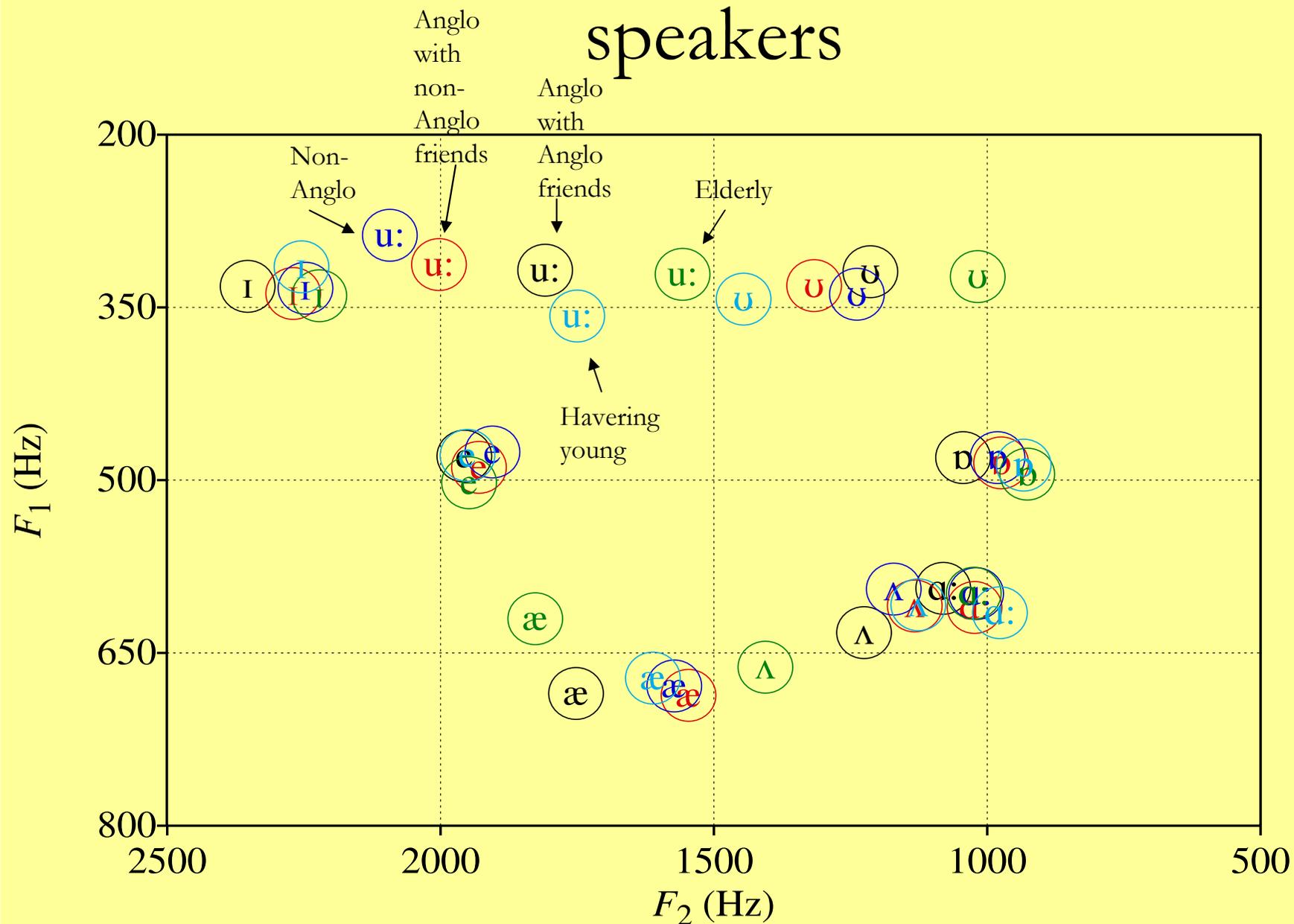
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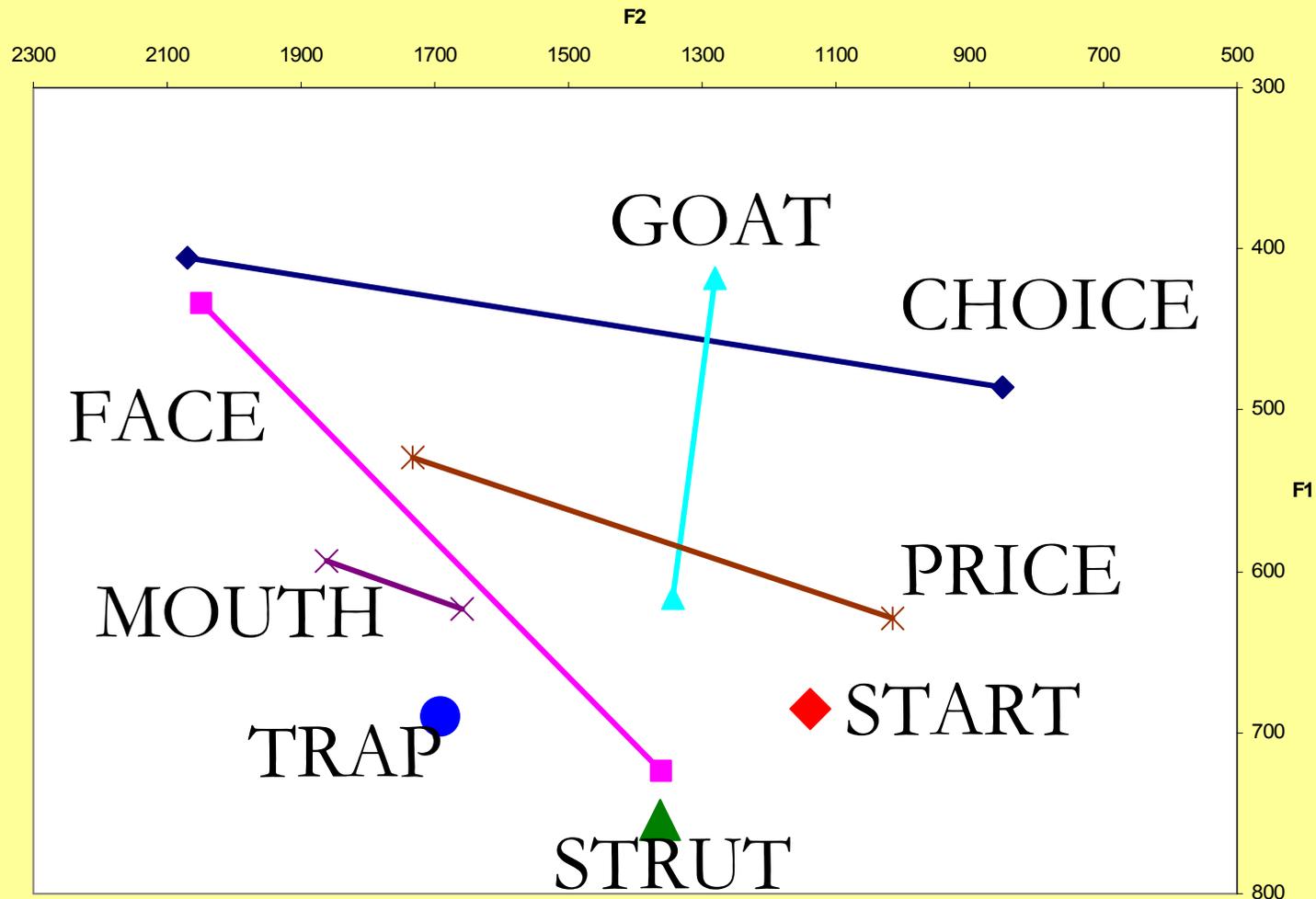
Hackney elderly speakers and groups of young speakers



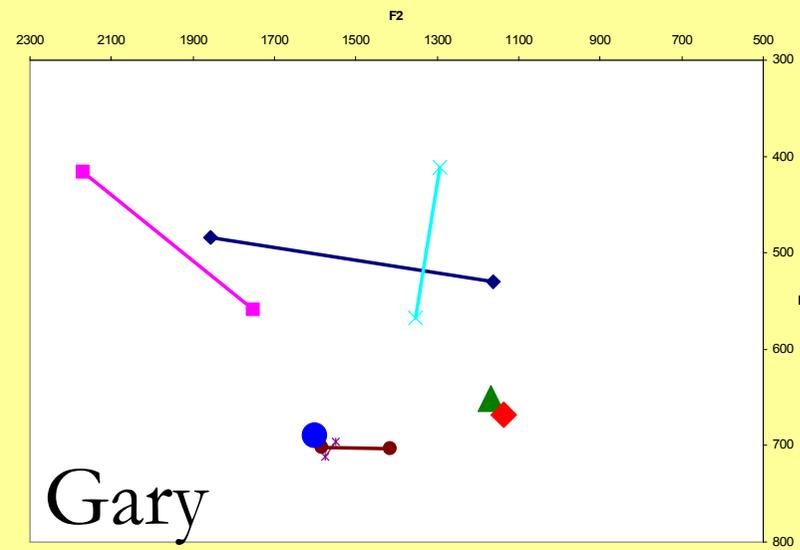
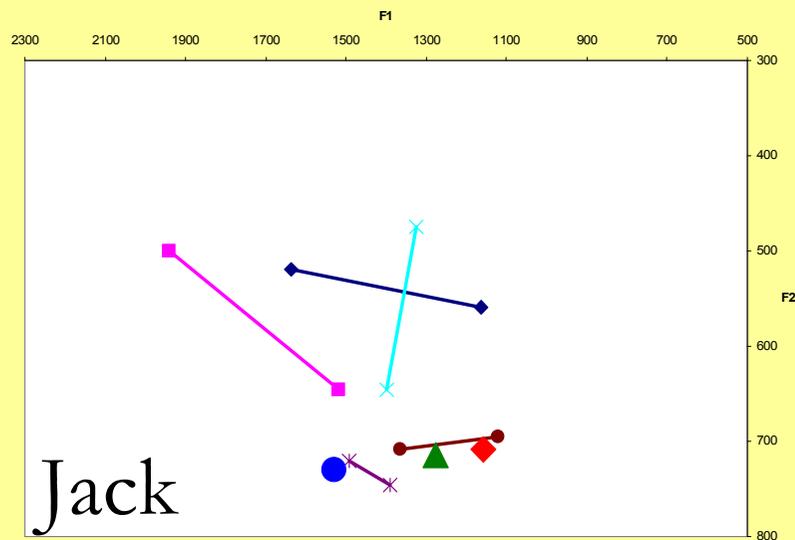
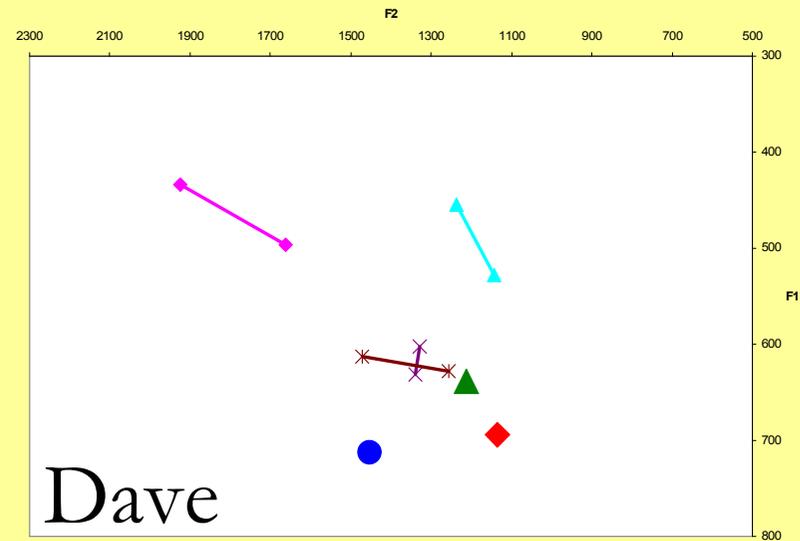
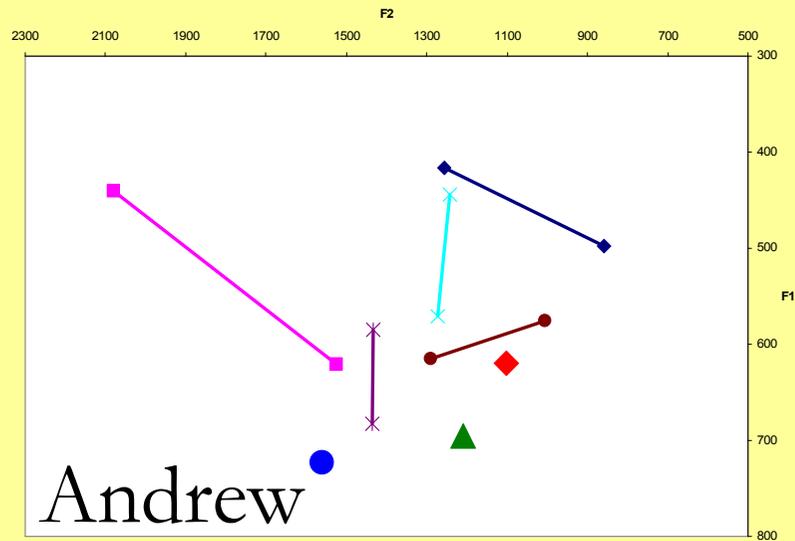
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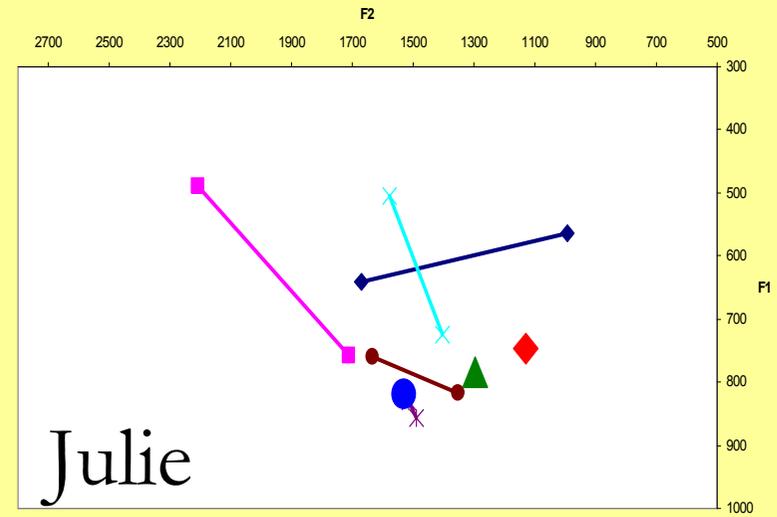
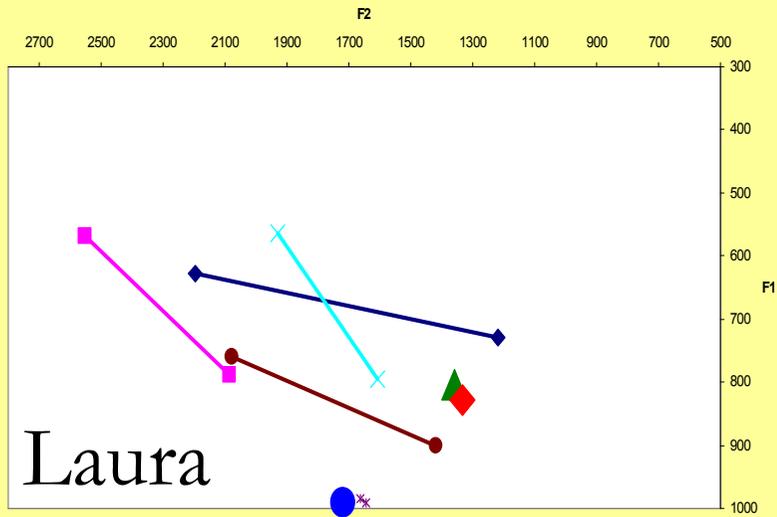
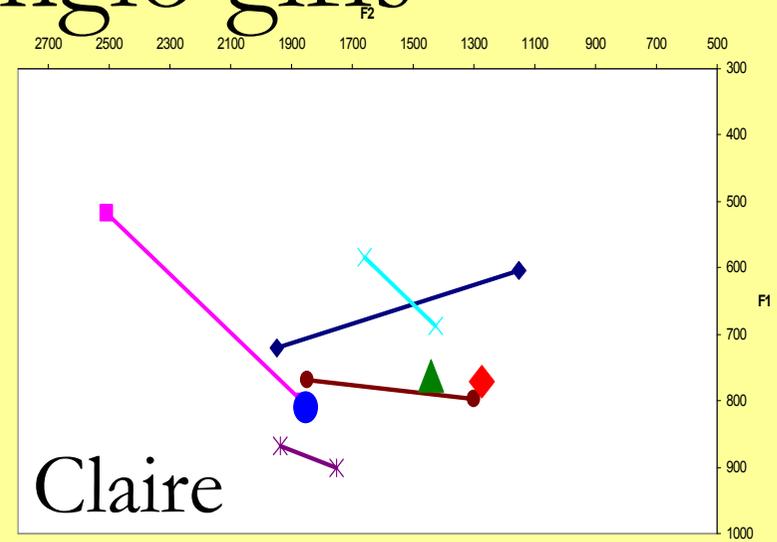
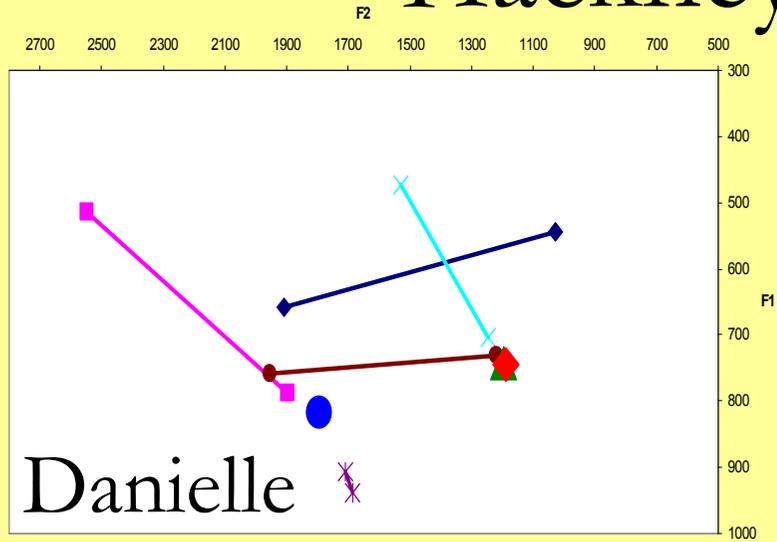
Working-class white Londoner born 1938



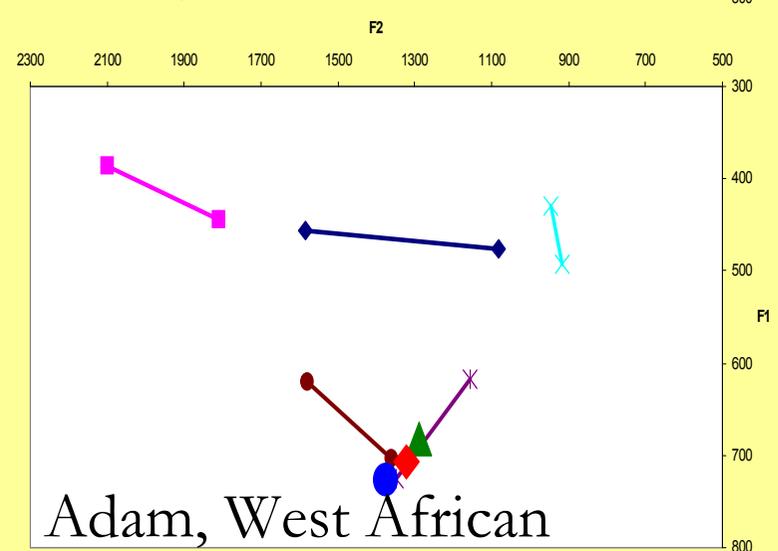
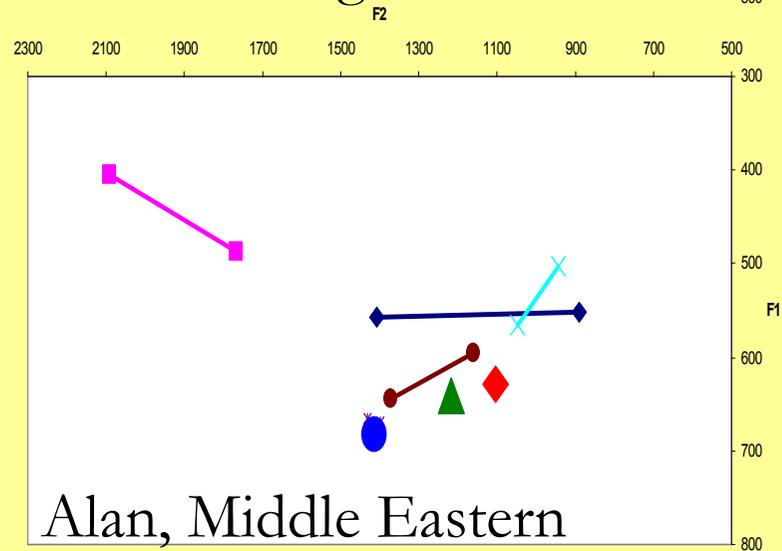
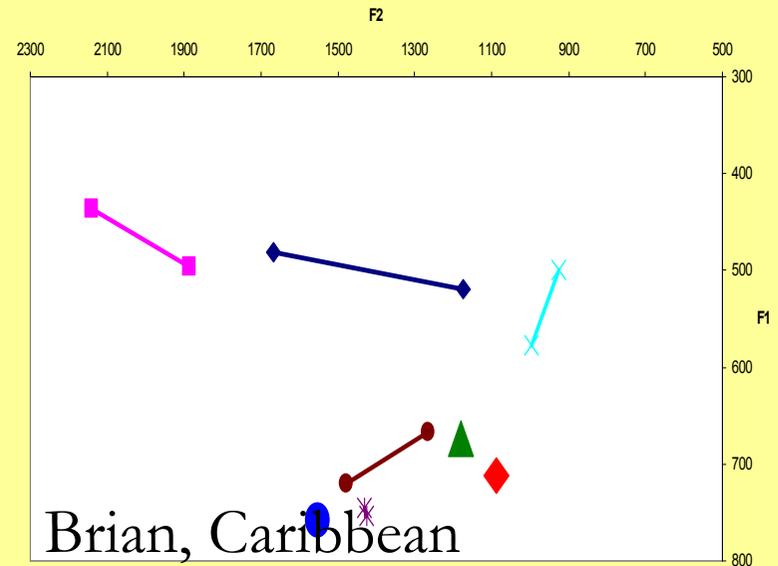
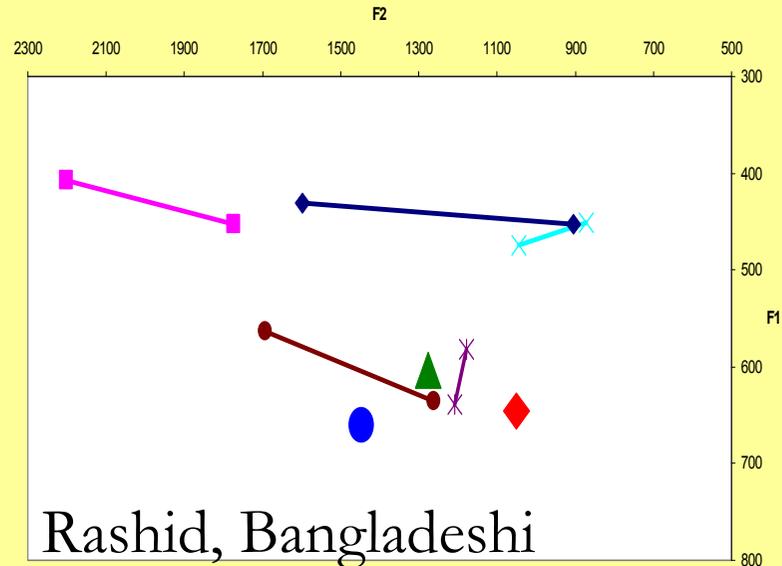
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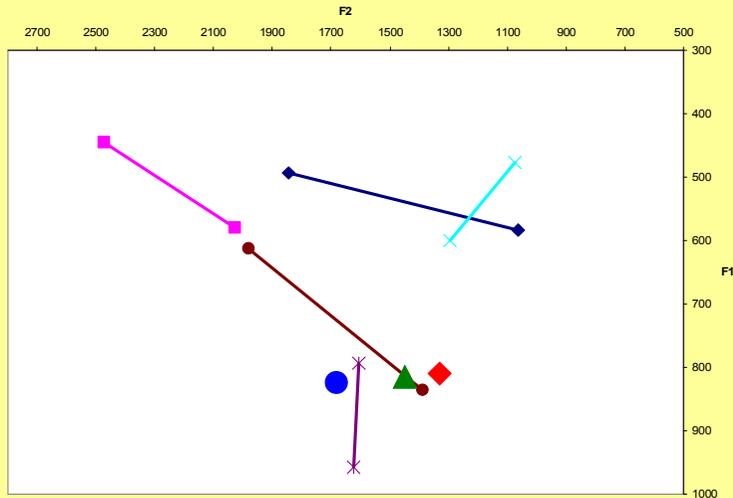
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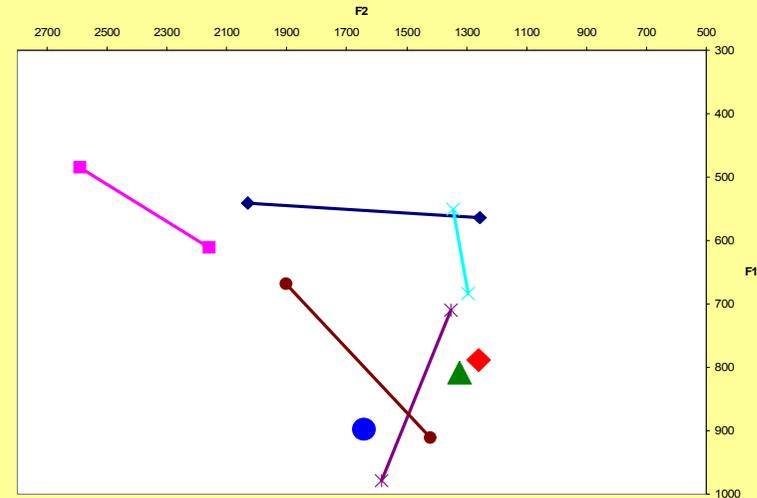
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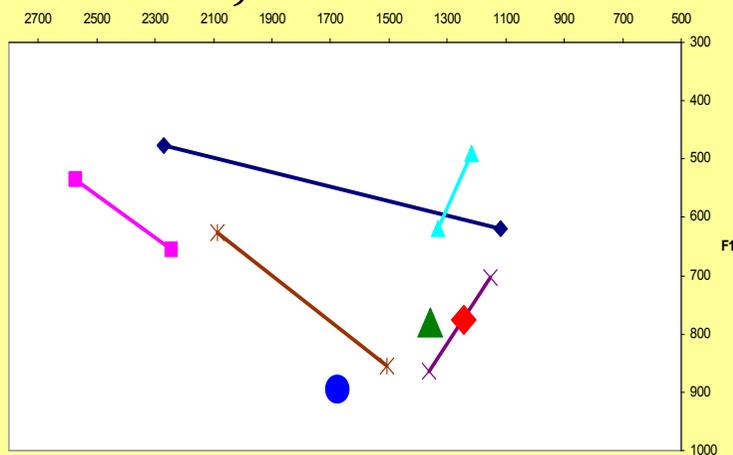
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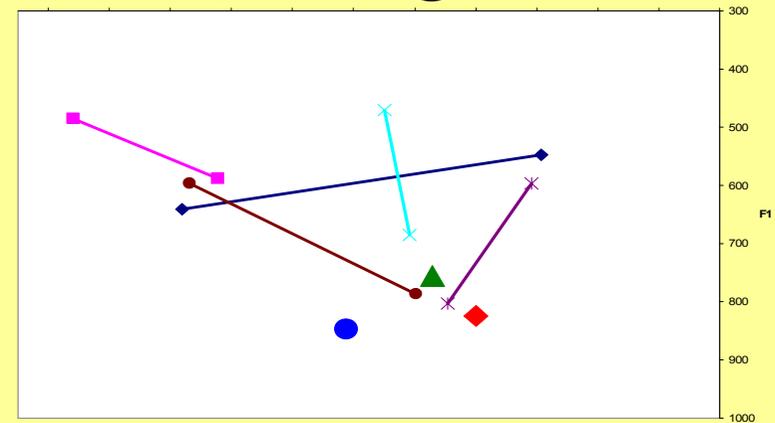
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Nazma, Bangladeshi

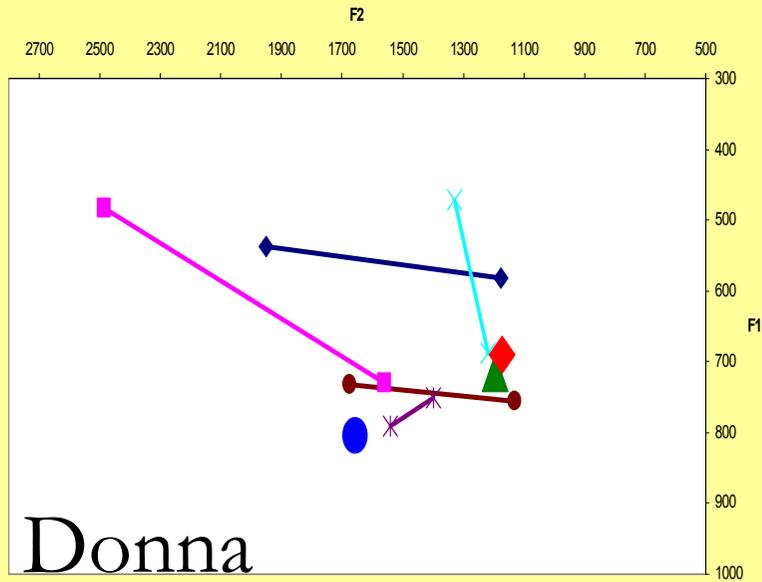


Grace, West African

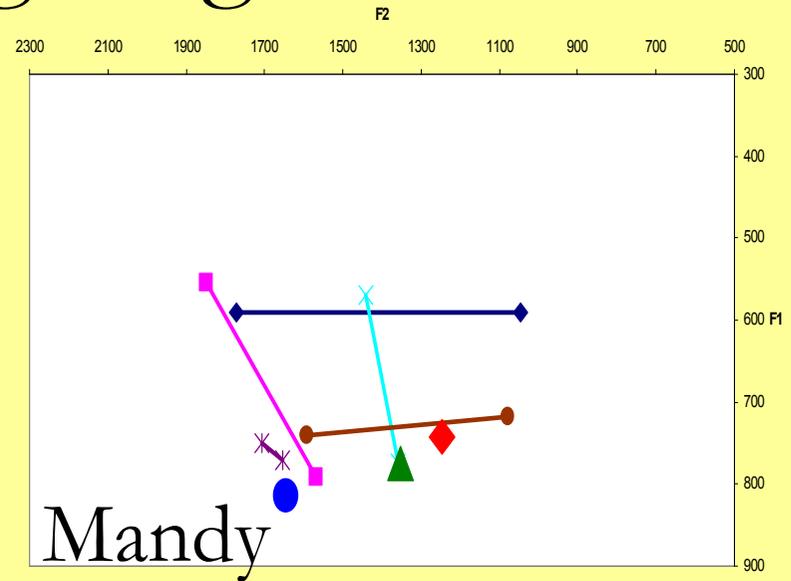


Kirsty, Chinese

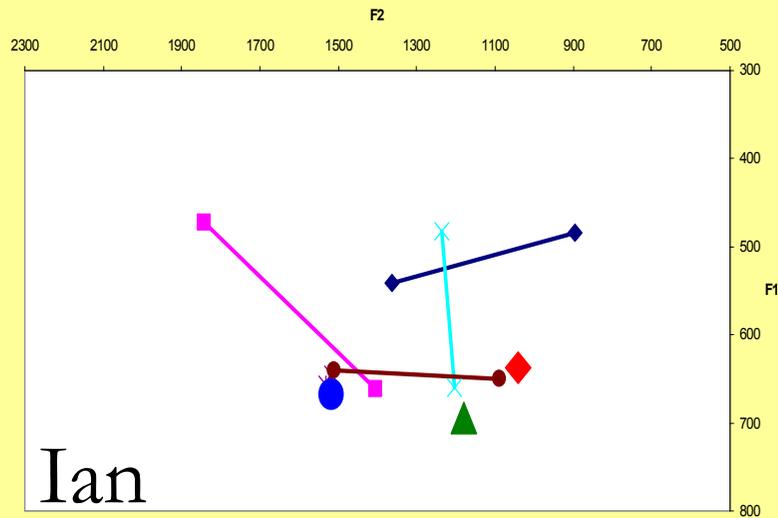
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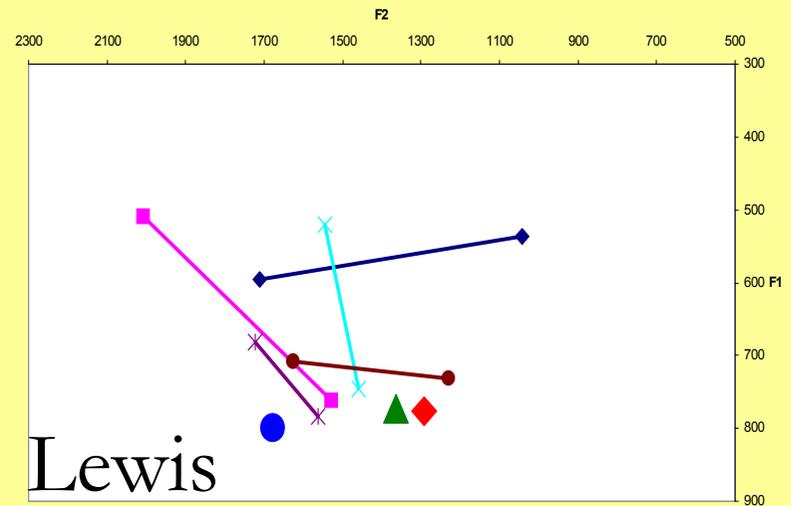
Donna



Mandy



Ian



Lewis

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These innovatory monophthongs are **centred on the inner city**. They are rare outside.

‘Levelled’ diphthong variants

- The new levelled variants ([əʏ] for GOAT, [aʊ] for MOUTH and [ɔɪ] for PRICE) are found more in the London periphery and among girls.

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