

Adaptive listening: the case of foreign accents

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In foreign-accented speech, we are confronted with a speech signal that reflects language-specific structures from a second language. Understanding thus requires the speech system to adapt to non-native pronunciation variations that often disagree with the structure of our native language. In this talk, I will present recent findings of my ongoing research on the comprehension of foreign-accented speech. Current research questions concentrate on the prerequisites of adaptation, its time-course, and stability.