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Abstract
The paper outlines a new approach to the phenomenon of Verb Second (V2) in West Germanic that does better justice to the historical facts and accounts for the variation between V2 and V3 orders in modern varieties like Kiezdeutsch and West Flemish. The account proposes a decomposition of the V2 rule, the core of which consists in the phase condition, a lexicalization requirement on the phase head and an interface condition that fixes the phase head in languages that allow for a flexible phase edge.

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