

Be careful how you use the left periphery*

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*“West Flemish Happy Birthday
Gratulerer med dagen!”*

The paper starts by discussing the main properties of gapping in English, including two left peripheral analyses of gapping: One cartographic analysis, and another analysis, which aligns the left peripheral movement of gapping with fronting for contrastive effects. There are problems for these analyses, in particular the fact that the movements postulated for gapping diverge quite strongly from other well-established information structure driven movements. The paper ends by arguing that an analysis according to which the movement for gapping targets a vP related periphery may overcome at least some of the problems that this paper raises.

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