

## **FEATURE DISTRIBUTION IN THE BENIN-SURINAM TRANSATLANTIC SPRACHBUND**

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In a project carried out some time ago by the present authors in collaboration with, among others, Enoch Aboh, Adrienne Bruyn, and James Essegbey, we systematically compared patterns in the Surinam Creole languages Sranan and Saramaccan with the superstrate patterns of English, Portuguese, and Dutch, and the substrate patterns of Akan and Gungbe. Our original work took the form of a number of case studies of individual phenomena. Here we will try to summarize these studies and present our results in the form of a single feature matrix which can then of course also be represented with analytic techniques like Neighbournet. The present paper will focus on our basic findings, but in future work we hope to contrast the set of features chosen within the APiCs database, the Holm/Patrick database, and a selection from the WALS database. We cannot promise all those results for the APiCs conference, however.