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Processing Contemporary Legends in the Dutch
Folktale Database
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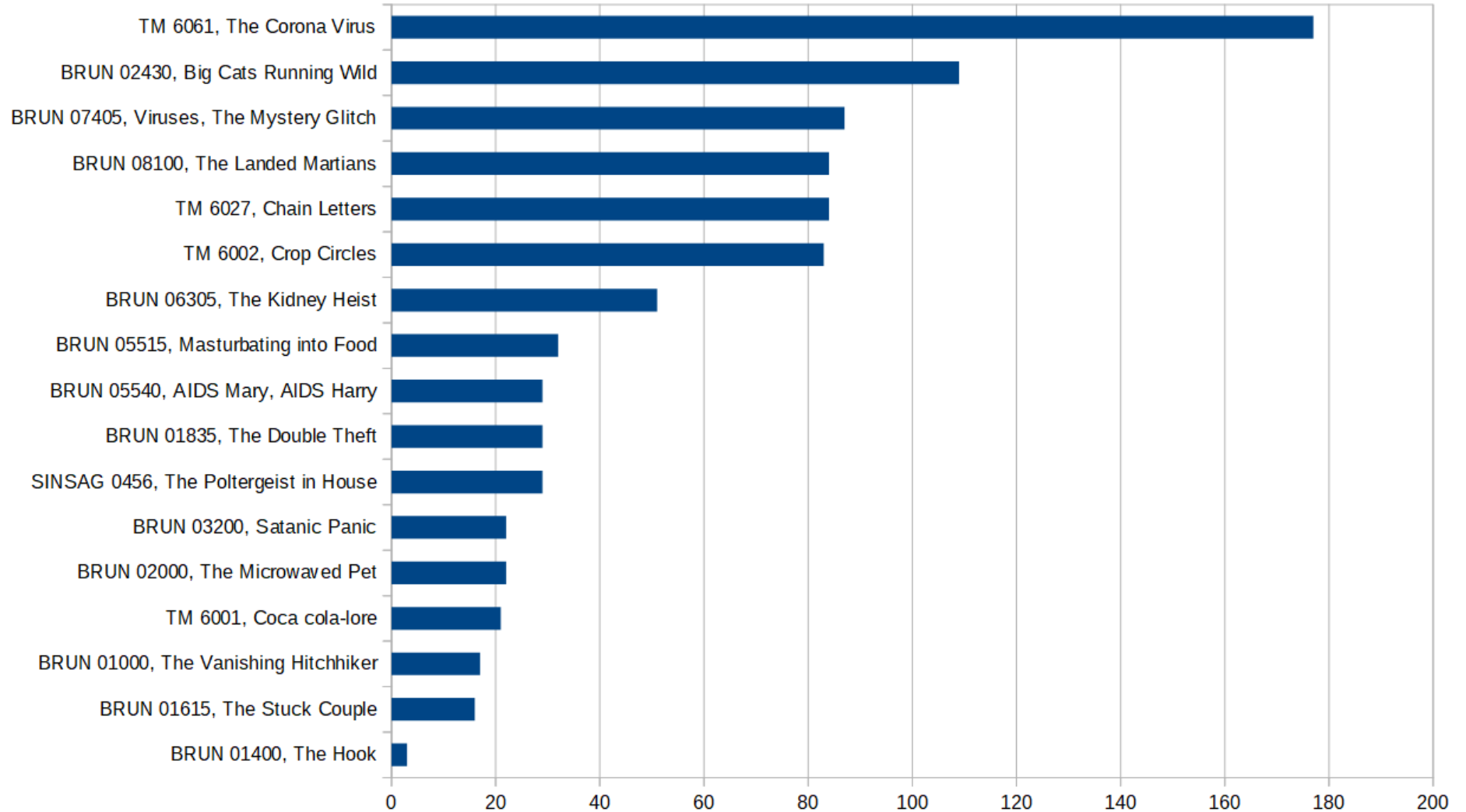


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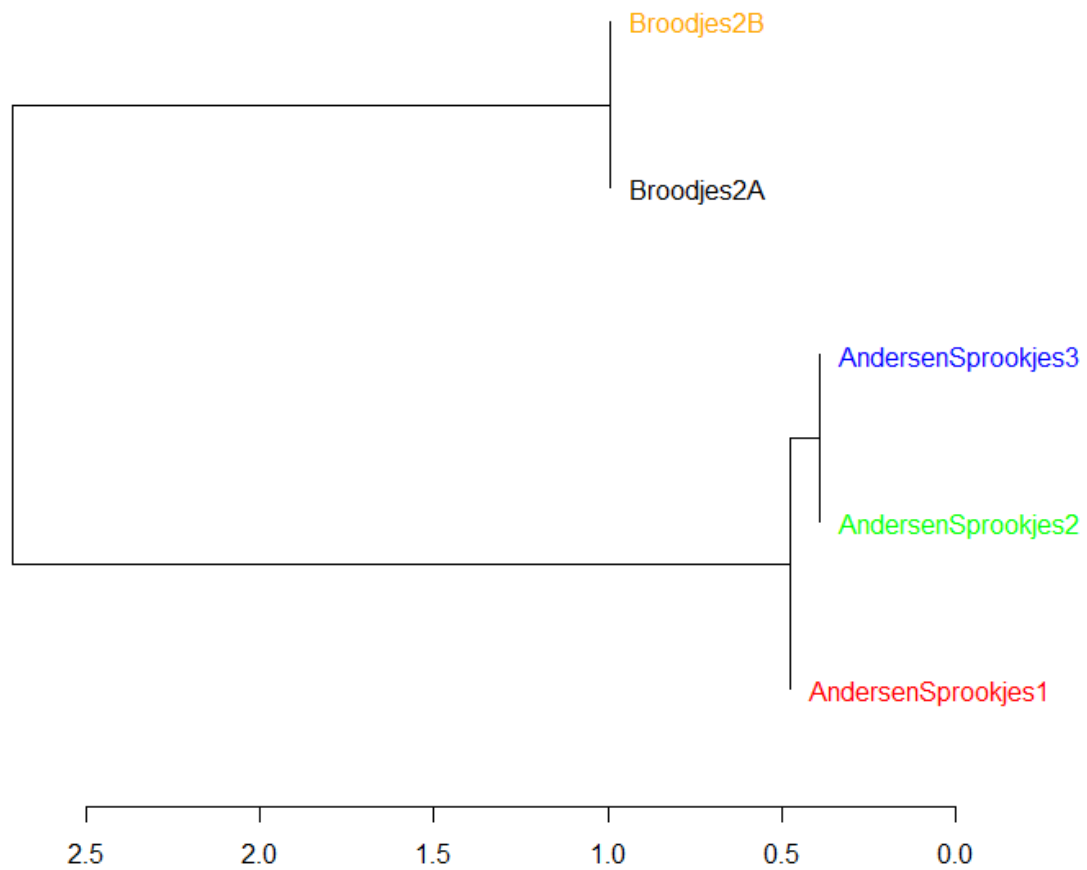
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This word cloud features a variety of Dutch words, with the largest and most prominent being "dood" (death) in the center. Other large words include "politie" (police), "auto" (car), "virus", "gevaar" (danger), "complot" (conspiracy), "vrouw" (woman), "geloof" (belief), "gerucht" (rumor), "waarschuwen" (warn), "vrijheid" (freedom), "doodstraf" (capital punishment), "vaccinatie" (vaccination), "oorlog" (war), "vriend" (friend), "bedrog" (deceit), "spook" (ghost), "overspel" (overload), "familie" (family), "voedsel" (food), "maag" (stomach), "duivel" (devil), "jacht" (hunt), "mond" (mouth), "vaccin" (vaccine), "sceptis" (scepticism), "internet", "graancirkel" (grain circle), "operatie" (operation), "dochter" (daughter), "betalen" (pay), "vriend" (friend), "vaccinatie" (vaccination), "spoorloos" (traceless), "lichaam" (body), "sperma" (sperm), "breken" (break), "echtgenoot" (spouse), "ontvoeren" (kidnap), "been" (leg), "wakker" (awake), "hoax", "hellen" (hell), "bewijs" (evidence), "doorsturen" (forward), "brief" (letter), "theorie" (theory), "brand" (fire), "vlees" (meat), "email", "bang" (scared), "leven" (live), "liik" (corpse), "video", "geest" (spirit), "nier" (kidney), "geslachtsdeel" (genital), "vinden" (find), "dokter" (doctor), "besmetting" (infection), "controle" (control), "wissen" (know), "vriendin" (girlfriend), "stad" (city), "gevaarlijk" (dangerous), "alcohol", "dokter" (doctor), "besmetting" (infection), "controle" (control), "wissen" (know), "vriendin" (girlfriend), "stad" (city), "gevaarlijk" (dangerous), "alcohol", "dokter" (doctor), "besmetting" (infection), "controle" (control), "wissen" (know).

Some Urban Legends in the Dutch Folktale Database

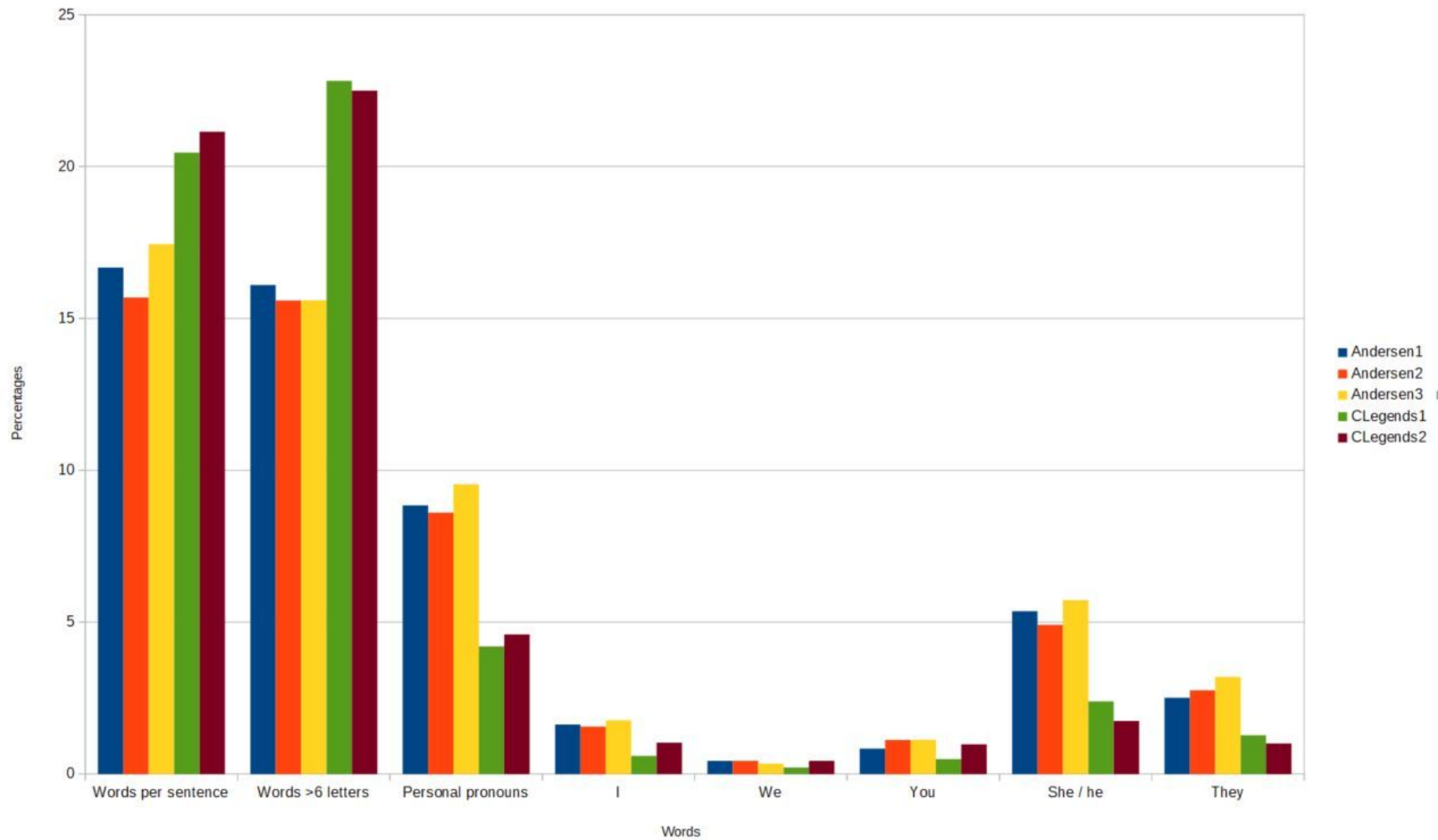


Desktop Cluster Analysis

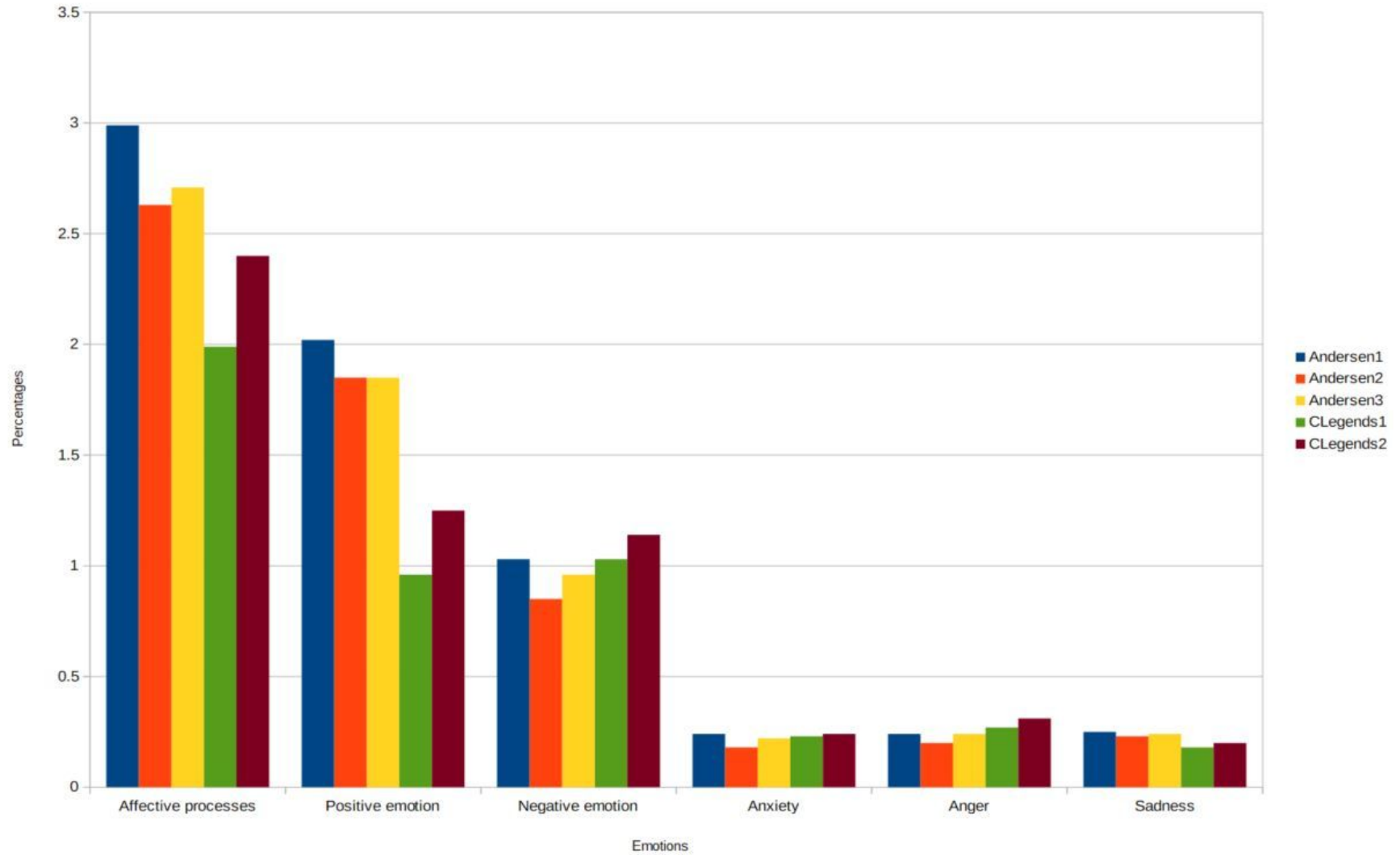


100 MFW 2-grams Culled @ 0%
Classic Delta distance

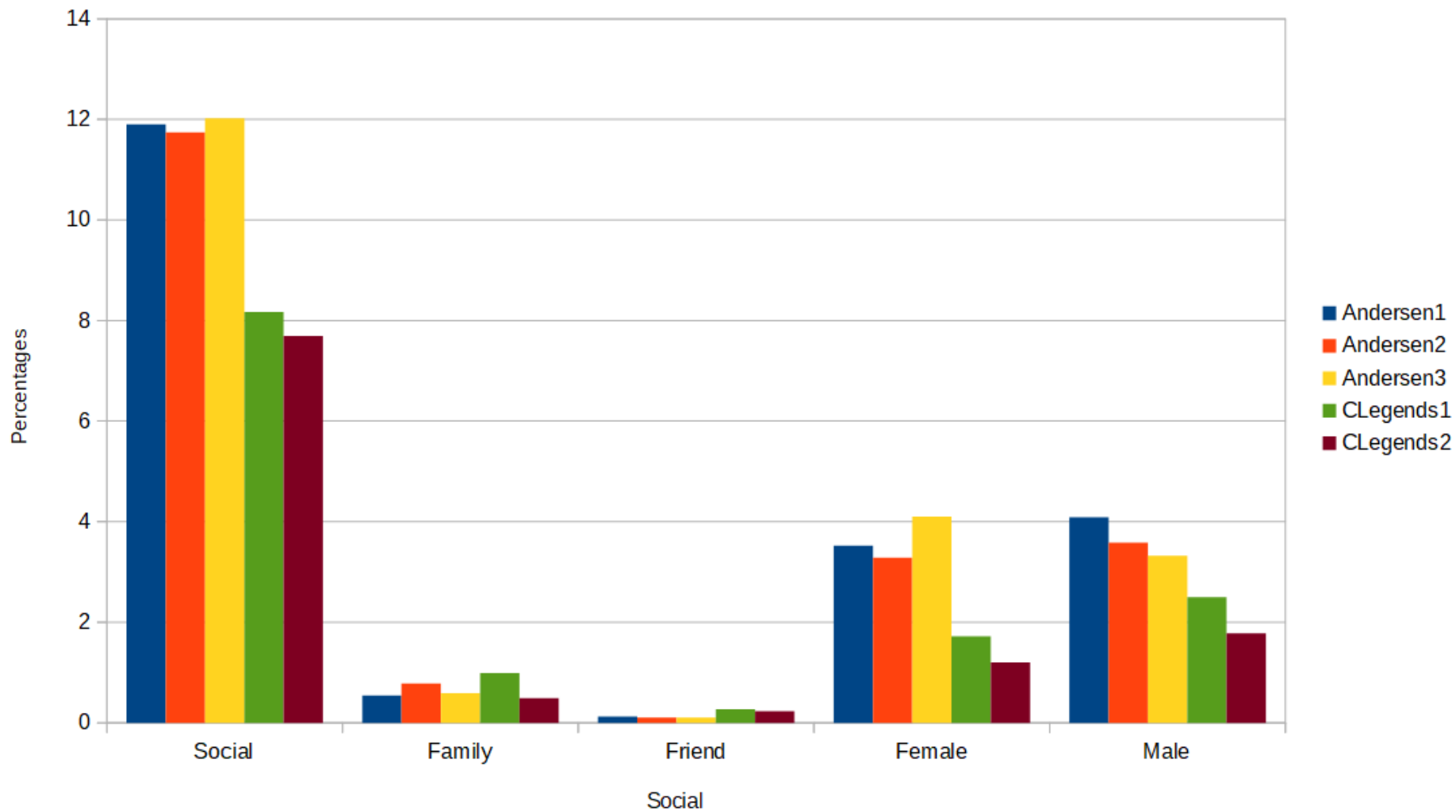
Sentences and words in Andersen and Contemporary Legends



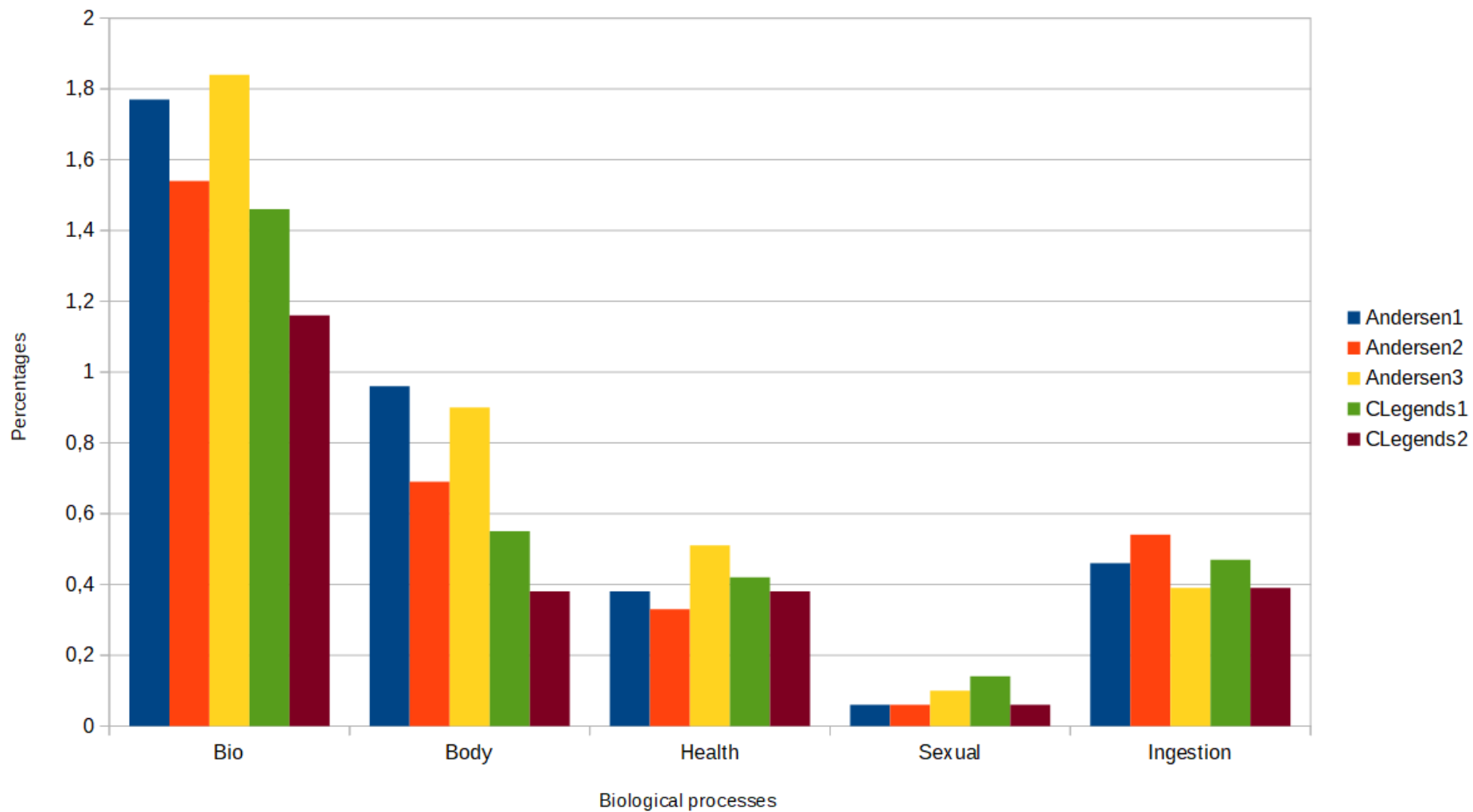
Emotions in Andersen and Contemporary Legends



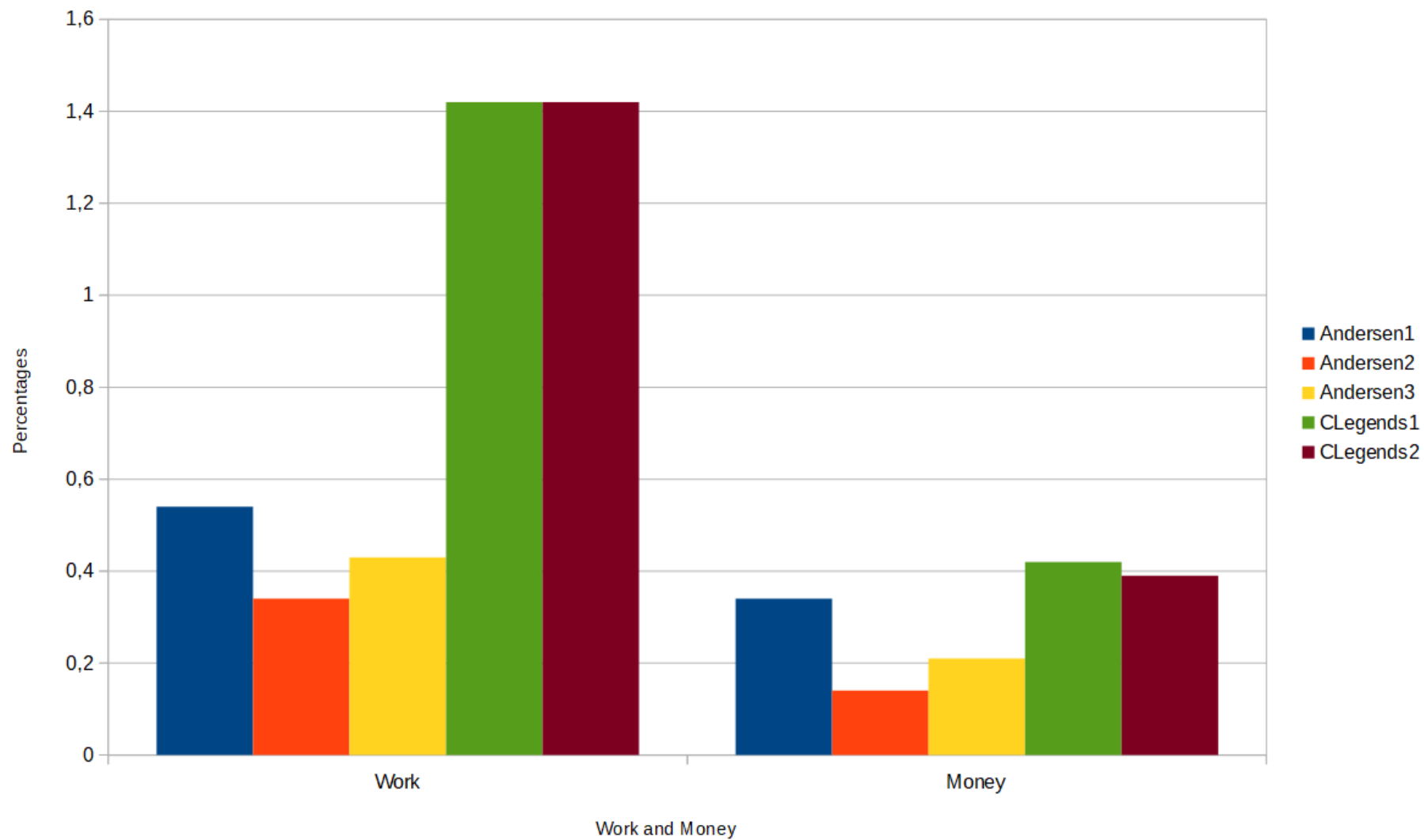
Sociality in Andersen and Contemporary Legends



Biological processes in Andersen and Contemporary Legends



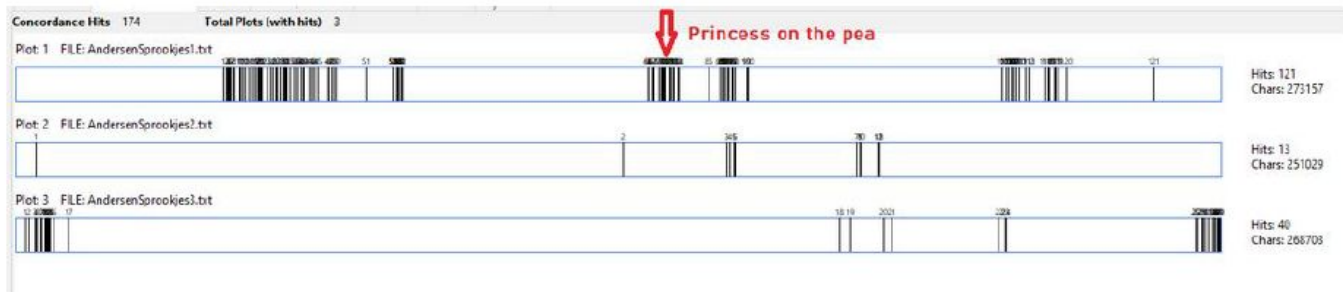
Work and Money in Andersen and Contemporary Legends



High frequency content words in Andersen and Contemporary Legends

Content words in Andersen	Frequency	Content words in CLs	Frequency
I	1601	I	5589
Man	210	Man	2370
People	198	People	1928
Princess	174	Woman	1757
Flowers	166	Story	1557
Water	165	Police	1179
Sun	171	Virus	1164
Day	147	Car	1068
Woman	143	House	963
Eyes	137	Year	880
Dead	129	Girl	876
House	127	Puma	804
Woods	124	Corona	752

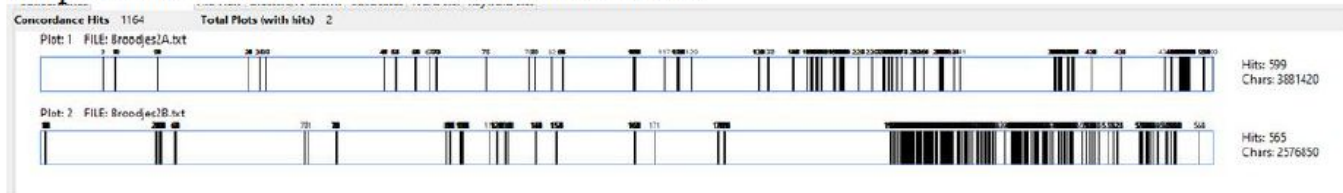
Dispersion of the word “princess” in the 3 volumes of Andersen



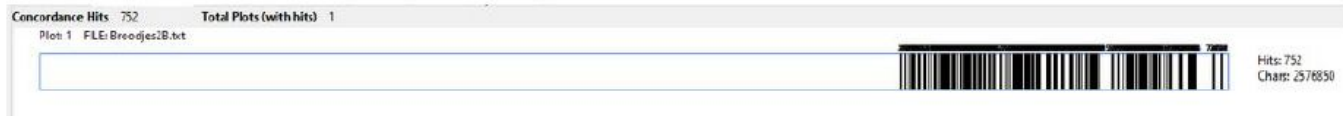
Dispersion of “police” in the 2 collections of CLs (1994-2003 and 2003-2021)



Dispersion of “virus” in the 2 collections of CLs



Dispersion of “corona” in the 2 collections of CLs



Corona only occurs at the end of the second collection (in 2020-2021)