TalkBank -Reintegrating the Disciplines

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Goals of this talk

- Explain the TalkBank vision
- Explain the core TalkBank principles
- Situate TalkBank within other approaches
- Show in detail what TalkBank has done in 8 specific interest areas

Historical Integrations

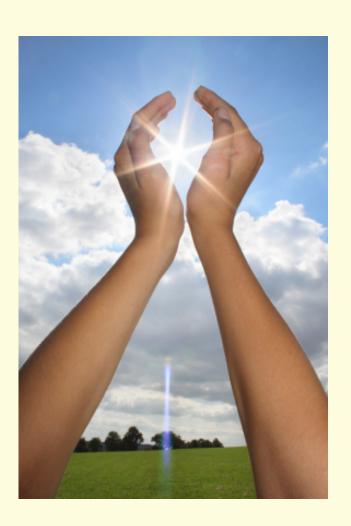
- The Greek Integration
 - Aristotle, Plato
- The Renaissance Integration
 - DaVinci, Descartes, Bacon, Leibniz
- The Modern Integration
 - Systems Theory, AI, Emergentism, Bayes
 - A central role for data-driven mechanisms

The Challenge

- Grounding integrations on data.
- Multiple topics: classroom, acquisition, codeswitching, business,
- Multiple methods: linguistics, phonetics, CA, ethology.
- Multiple commitments: linguistics, semiotics, CA
- Weak methods for supporting the integration.

Principles and Goals

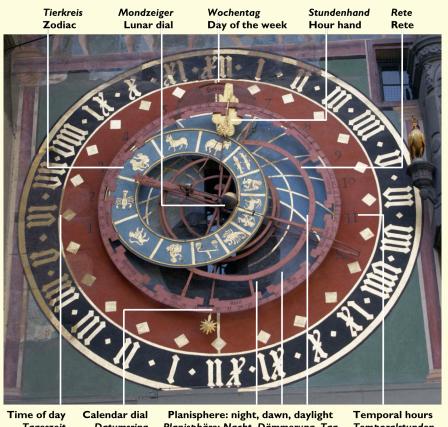
- Data-sharing
- Multimedia
- Open access
- Interoperability
- Integration of disciplines



The core idea

- Human communication is a single unified process.
- However, patterns in communication are analyzed by 20 different fields.
- The time scales of the processes varies from milliseconds to centuries.
- But all of these processes must have their ultimate effect in The Moment.
- We can capture The Moment on video.

Meshing of processes



Tageszeit

Datumsring

Planisphäre: Nacht, Dämmerung, Tag

Temporalstunden

Available Methods

- Microanalysis CA, phonetics, ethology
- Microgenetic analysis Adolph crawling, Icelandic
- Group and treatment comparisons
 - Same consultant, different communities ...
- Error analysis AphasiaBank, FLLOC ...
- Diffusion analysis Whiten, Goodwin Professional Vision
- Longitudinal studies child language, Labov, SCOTUS
- Corpus analysis Supreme Court, ComNet, LDC
- Modeling neural nets, dynamic systems, evolutionary models, robotics (iTalk)

talkbank.org/dreams

- TalkBank + LDC + XXX = ComNet
- Shared Infrastructure for the SBE Sciences
- Other parts of the puzzle
 - CLARIN
 - National Databases (BNC ...)
 - OLAC/IMDI
 - Hundreds of additional corpora
 - Analysis Systems
 - ISO Standards
 - CyberLing

Current Status

- A web-accessible multimedia database for human communication browsable (streaming), downloadable, webCLAN corpus analysis
- Interoperability CLAN, Anvil, CLAPI, ELAN, EXMARaLDA, Praat, etc.
- Integrating tools with group agendas CHILDES, AphasiaBank, PhonBank, CABank, LIDES, ClassTalk, SamtaleBank, CA/SLA, TBIBank ...
- Transcription standards and interoperability: CHAT2XML Roundtrip

The ComNet Proposal

- Interoperability
 - Link all the data
 - Link all the standards (AG, LAFS, ISO)
 - Link all the programs
- Open access
- LDC/TalkBank relation: Subset of LDC data in TalkBank format, shared project resources

Large databases

- Human Genome Project
 - 3 billion base pairs
- Sloan Digital Sky Survey
 - 100 million stars
- Alzheimers Neuroimaging
 - 800 patients over 3 years
- fMRI Data Center
- The Human Connectome









ComNet within Science

- The Dream Database
- Regional data centers
- Fractal sampling methods
- Integrating ComNet with the Census
- Linking SCOTUS to the Law
- Legacy Databases
- Digital objects

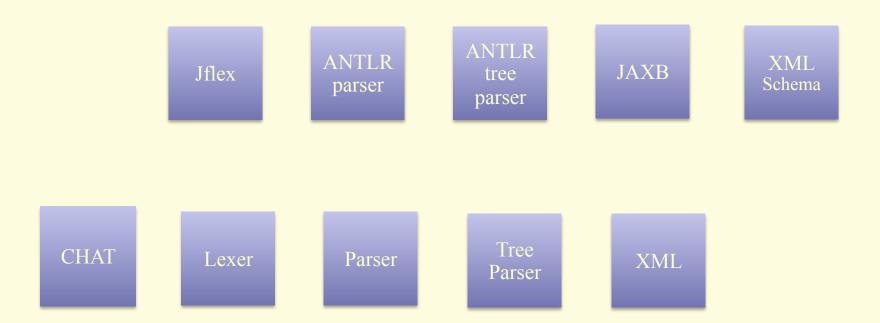
Availability

- http://childes.psy.cmu.edu
- http://talkbank.org
- programs, manuals, fonts, morphologies, CA conventions, video production guides, XML Schema, roundtrip, converters to other programs
- Interactive or downloadable
 - Browser
 - WebData
 - WebCLAN

CHAT - A common format

- CHAT
- XML
- Reformatting from other formats to XML
- Round trip involves
 - CHAT2XML
 - XML2CHAT, comparison
 - Java with ANTLR, JFLEX, JAXB
 - Automatic checking and validation

RoundTrip



CLAN Tools

- Transcribing
- Editing
- Counts -- FREQ, KWAL and 23 others
- Morphosyntax: MOR, GRASP
- Phonology: Praat, PHON
- Interoperability -- ELAN, Praat, Anvil, EXMARaLDA, CLAPI, PHON

8 target areas

- 1. Child Language
- 2. PhonBank
- 3. SLA LIDES
- 4. Aphasia
- 5. CA CLAPI
- 6. Gesture/Multimodality
- 7. Classroom
- 8. Professional Discourse Legal, Medical

1 - Child Language

- Child Language Data Exchange System
- Founded 1984 in Concord MA
- Director: Brian MacWhinney macw@cmu.edu
- Programmers: Leonid Spektor, Franklin Chen, John Kowalski
- 3200 Members
- 140 corpora
- Over 3200 published articles

CHILDES and TalkBank

	CHILDES	TalkBank
Age	24 years	8 years
Words	44 million	8 + 55 million
Media	2 TB	.5 TB
Languages	33	18
Publications	3200+	89
Users	3200	600

Why study child language?

- Special Gift and Universals
- Emergentism Processes and Mechanisms
- Typological Effects
- Language Disorders
- Socialization, Literacy
- Language Maintenance

Universals

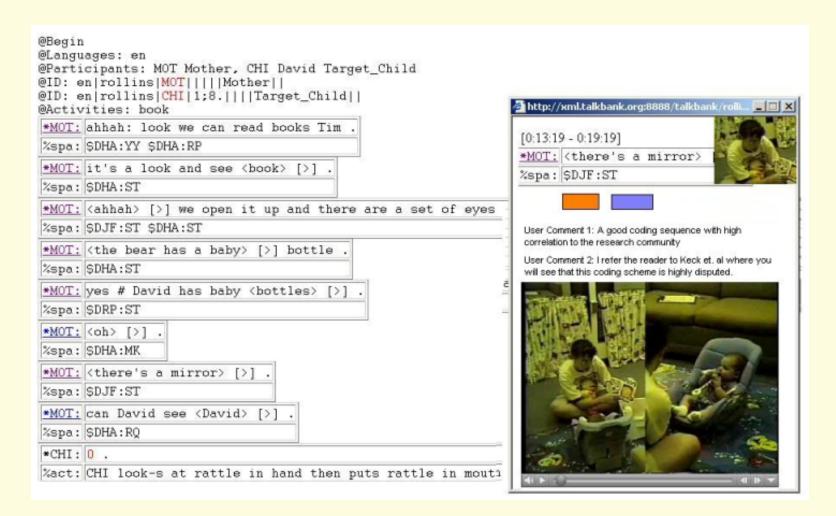
- Are there basic patterns to babbling? Davis
- Are early word orders universal? Pinker
- Does UG give children a universal set of functional categories?
- Is the vocabulary spurt universal? Bates

We need LOTS of data

Differences

- Do children have individual styles?
 - Gestalt vs. Analytic Peters
 - Enactive (1S) vs. Depictive (3S) Dressler
- Is child learning shaped by parental input? Snow, Bohannon, MacWhinney
- Do cultures vary in what they teach? Leonard, Kokusai, Shanghai, Mexico
- Again, we need LOTS of data.

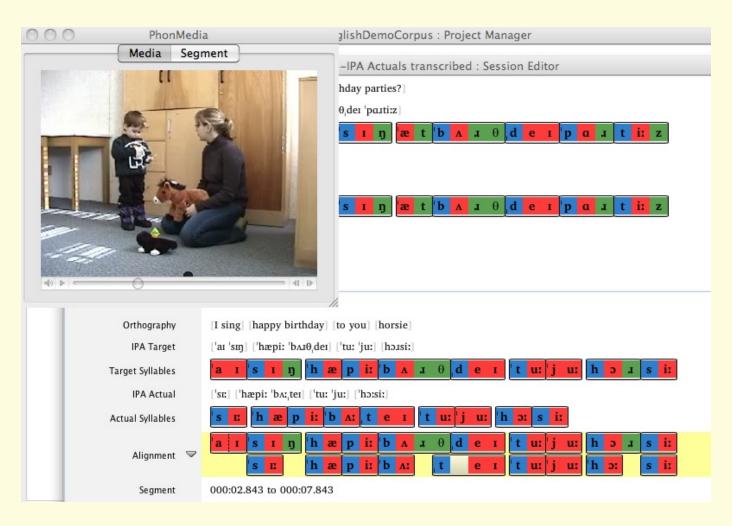
Speech Act Coding



Morphosyntax

- POS tagging for 12 languages. With correct transcription, accuracy is at 98%
 - MOR generates tags
 - POST disambiguates
 - POSTMORTEM examines residual issues
- GRASP uses output of MOR to add dependency structure with 38 relations. English, Japanese, Hebrew, Spanish

2. PhonBank



Corpora

- English Davis
- French Lyon, Leonard, Kern
- German Lleo, Stuttgart
- Japanese Ota
- Romanian Kern
- Dutch Levelt/Fikkert, Zink
- Quebécois Rose/Goad

3. SLA

- Childhood bilingualism -- 14 corpora
- CUHK Bilingual corpus
 - Evidence for early transfer, language mixing
 - Problems for modular theories
- ESF MPI Gastarbeiter corpora
- FLLOC for French
- Barcelona Spanish corpus Díaz-Rodríguez
- CASL

Alicia at 2;7

O O /Volumes/BriPod/video/Child/AliciaCan/ac020713.cha *SIS: 好呢個咩 嚟架?• %mor: adv|hou2=very sfp|ne1=sfp cl|go3=cl wh|me1=what sfp|lei4=sfp sfp|gaa3=sfp? *SIS: 呢個咩嚟架? • %mor: det|ni1=this cl|go3=cl wh|me1=what sfp|lei4=sfp sfp|gaa3=sfp? *SIS: [- en] toy . • %mor: n|toy. *CHI: [- en] toy . • %mor: n|toy. *SIS: 一個. · %mor: numljat1=one cllgo3=cl . *CHI: xx . • %mor: unk|xx. *SIS: 姐姐 嚟 lu3. • %mor: n|ze4=sister sfp|lei4=sfp sfp|lu3=sfp . *CHI: 姐姐 嚟 lu3. • %mor: n|ze4=sister sfp|lei4=sfp sfp|lu3=sfp . *SIS: 哎吔 風箏 嚟 噃. • %mor: co|ai1aa3 n|fung1zang1=kite sfp|lei4=sfp sfp|bo3=sf



Adult Bilingualism

- Bangor
- BlumSnow
- Eppler
- Hatzidaki
- Langman
- Etc.

4. Aphasia

System

Ground rules

Membership list

Subscribing to the Mailing List

Protocol - Testing Materials

Instructions

Troubleshooting

Repetition Test

Demographics Coding Sheet

Verb Naming Test

Materials

IRB Guidelines

The AphasiaBank NIH Proposal

Video Recording Guidelines

December Meeting Notes

Phonology and Fonts

The **Phon** program and database

Unicode and IPA for Mac

Unicode and IPA for Windows

Database

Transcript Database

Media Database

Playback without downloading

Protocol - Additional Materials

Participant Inclusion Criteria

Protocol List

Protocol Description

Test Results Excel Sheet

Demographics Excel Sheet

Programs and Manuals

The CLAN Program

CHAT Transcription

Training Materials

CLAN Programs

Transcription

Error Coding

Foot Pedal for CLAN

Coding Cheat Sheet

Corpus sustainability

- CHILDES is embedded in child language
- AphasiaBank will be fundamental to aphasia research
- Can this be done for other fields?
- Does this block integration?

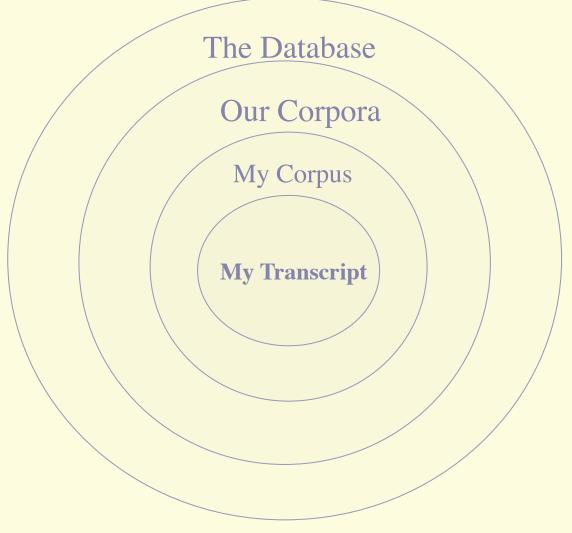
5. CA

- Johannes Wagner MOVIN
- Jefferson Corpora
- SLA/CA
- Medical
- CLAPI
- CallFriend
- Santa Barbara
- DK/CLARIN

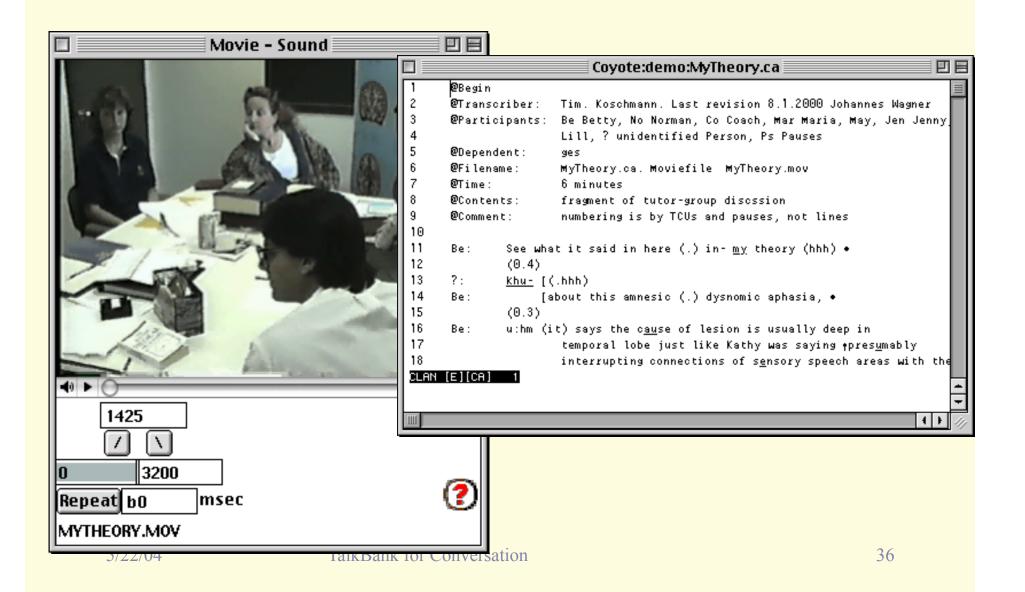
Challenges

- Digging deeper into the dynamics of conversation
- Avoiding premature generalizations
- Maintaining an evidential collection
- Promoting pattern searches
- Downward integration prosody, phonetics, multimedia
- Upward integration syntax, learning, discourse

Circles of Usage



Transcripts linked to media



CA marks in Unicode

Char	Function	F1 +	<u>Unicode</u>
1	shift to high pitch	up arrow	2191
1	shift to low pitch	down arrow	2193
i	rising, but not to top	?	00BF
;	falling, but not to bottom	;	037E
	inhalation		2219
≈	≈latching	=	2248
Г	top begin overlap]	2308
٦	top end overlap	1	2309
L	bottom begin overlap	shift [230A
_	bottom end overlap	shift]	230B
1	/ faster /	right arrow	2197
>	ゝ slower ゝ	left arrow	2198
*	* creaky *	*	2605
\checkmark	√louder√	1	221A
0	° softer °	zero	00B0
_	low pitch	d	2581
_	high pitch	h	2594
£	£ smile voice £	1	00A3
¢	pulse of laughter or breath	c	00A2

Additional facilities

- Underlining
- Overlap alignment
- CAFont fixed-width font
- Heritage level coding
- CLAPI searching

Searchable Features

Cutoffs	+/.	
Overlaps	┌	
Fillers	um, em	
Pauses, pause length	(.) (6.2) or #6_2	
Repeats, retraces	[/] [//]	
Prosodic	$\uparrow\downarrow$ \nearrow	
Latching	\approx +,	
Paralinguistic	&=	
Others		

6. Gesture



Overall transcript

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/frokost/frokost.cha
*D:
         www. .
aComment:
*D:
        så er det snart torturtid→. •
        assimilating the pronounciation of a danish actor in a tv show
%com:
        (0.7)
       &=coding .
%ges:
*D:
        hah [hah hva @Nina@] > ..
           L°hu hu hu hu° J°hu hu hu°. •
*Nin:
       nu ska de satme få noget chili [ska de s]. •
*D:
*Nin:
                                       L°Hu huhu] huhuhu°. •
        NhhE(h)jhh s(h)ådan har jeg det faktisk ſikk → . •
*Nin:
                                                LÅ::u: ha. •
*D:
        jeg ſsynes~ Alſtså~→1. •
*D:
*Nin:
           L.hhhhhh LHAHH J ha ha ha . •
       &=coding .
%ges:
%pic:
        &=picture •
        jeg sa:gde oss til ja[pa:neren→] ≈ . •
*D:
*Els:
                             Ljeg ka daJ [huske→].
*D:
                                        ≋ Lhan spJurgte hva laver Nina →. •
*D:
        så sagde jeg ⊕hun hører med til sme:rte[gruppen⊕ \].•
                                               L Ha ha Jha.
*Els:
        J(h)a ≈ ..
*Els:
180809[E][CHAT] 45
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Converting

Number of tiers found: 177 Number of missing bullets: 0

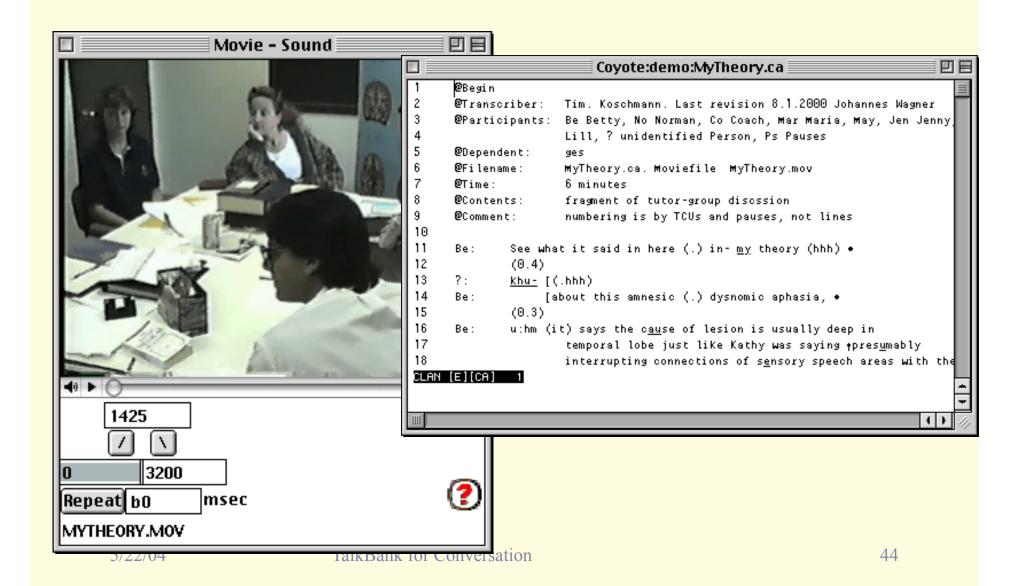
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Done with file <mytheory.eaf>

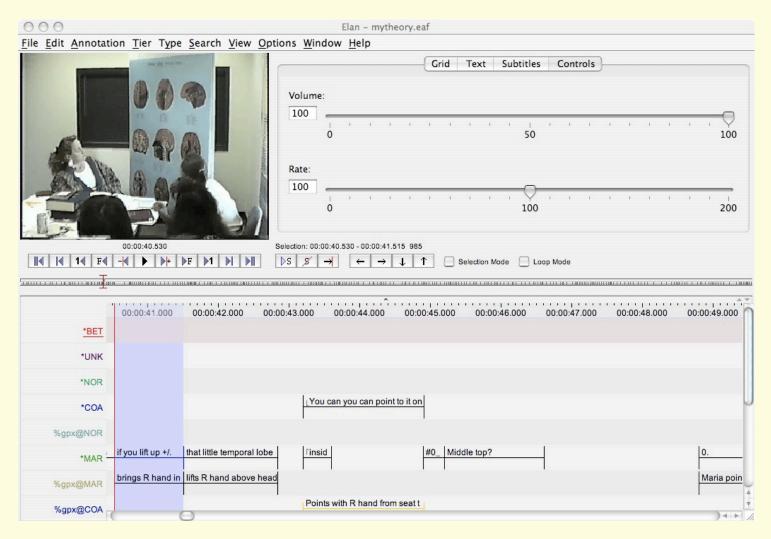
- Three parts
- Each part has components
- Each part linked
- Each part displayed

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/frokost/2smertegruppen.cut
Sequence: 3 part •
#Part 1 •
Body part 1
                 torso
Class
                 orientation
Action
                leaning forward
Direction
                 Nina
Body part 2
                elbow
Class
                orientation
Direction
                Nina
Action
                place, support
Object
                table
Body part 3
                bottom
Class
                beat - jaPANeren
Action
                 sit down
Object
                 bench
*D:
        jeg sa:gde oss til ja[pa:neren→1] ≈ •
%1:
        ≋torso lean forward-----]•
*Els:
                              Ljeg ka da J
#Part 2 •
Body part
                 torso
Class
                 orientation
180809[E][TEXT] * 1
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In CHAT and CLAN



In ELAN

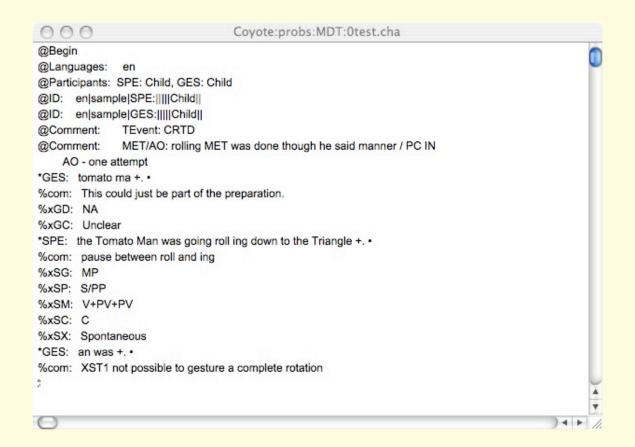


ELAN2CHAT

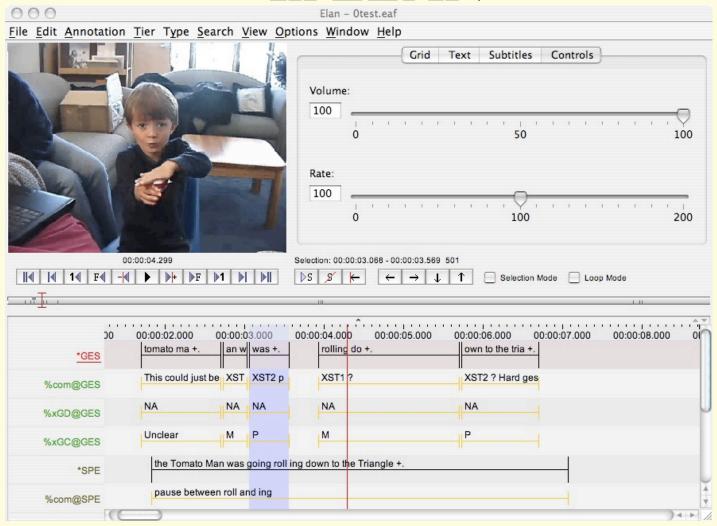
- It looks the same as the original. This shows that we have a "roundtrip".
- But if you edit in ELAN, some features may no longer be "good CHAT". You can run CHECK to fix these.
- Or you can ignore CHECK, if the data will not be in the database.

The Kita/MPI corpus

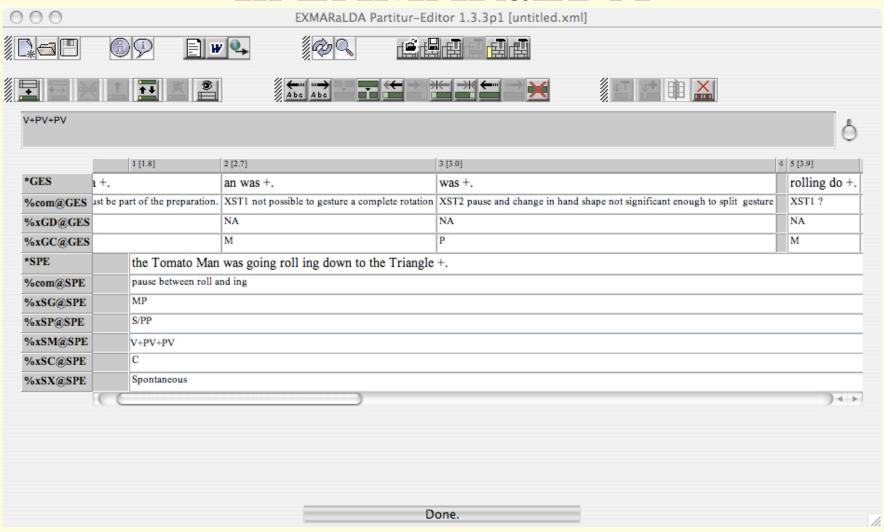
MDT2CHAT, CHAT2ELAN, ELAN2CHAT



In ELAN



In EXMARaLDA



Hong Kong Sign Language



7. Classroom Discourse

- TIMMS six countries
- PBL Koschmann, LeBaron
- Gravity TERC
- Science Museum
 - Atmospheric light diffusion Rahm
 - Electricity generation Crowley
- Dresden SLA English, French, Czech
- Grimshaw Oral Defense
- Greeno Garden Plot, numerical series

Classroom - continued

- Numerical displays Sfard, McClain, Cobb
- Lehrer Carmen Curtis and quilt patterns
- Lectures -- MacWhinney gesture analysis
- Science/Math classes and discovery
- Home/School -- Hall, Snow
- ClassTalk for Teacher Training

Tutorial Interactions

- Circle Physics
- Frederiksen statistics
- Graesser statistics
- DISPEL collaborative problem solving

Sample Analyses

- James Greeno, Brian MacWhinney, and Carla van der Sande
- Learning as the construction of mental models that explain device representations.
- Humans represent (explain) devices through
 - Perspectival embodiment
 - Spatial imagery

Gabriel's Model



Dad's Model



Gravity and Pprims



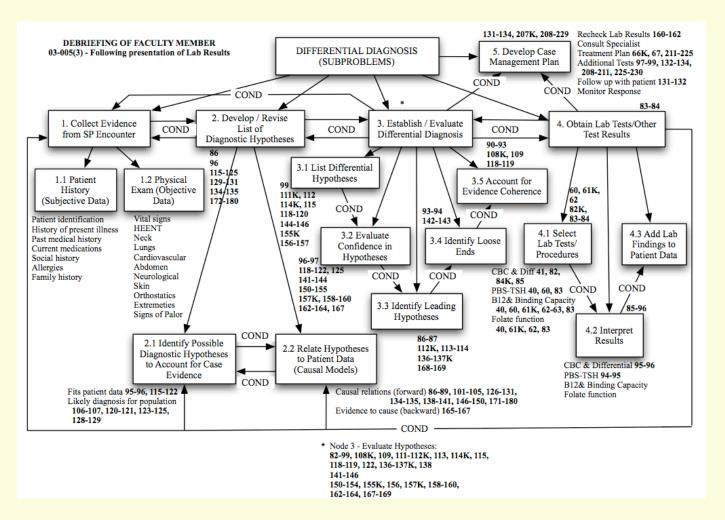
Commitment to full database

- We must construct complete propositional tree analysis.
- Coding must be reliable.
- Model must apply across all TalkBank datasets, across subjects.

8. Professional Discourse

- Supreme Court and Decisions
 - The SCOTUS work group
- Medical Examinations and Competency
 - The Competency Project
- Collaborative Commentary

Polycythemia - Frederiksen



Comment Tagging, Filtering

- Automatic: author, date, media begin-end
- Author self-characterized metadata (role, faction, position, credentials)
- Commentary type (refutation, defense, elaboration, analogy, statistics, case law, gesture-speech match)
- Filters: only teacher, only from colleagues, etc.

Naked Video

- Terabytes of video
 - Speechome, Classroom, Resident Care
- No transcripts
- Occasional sign posts
- Sparse speech recognition
- Automatic video analysis

Conclusions

- We may achieve a new integration
- But we still need to provide the technical basis for data-sharing, interoperability, and collaborative commentary
- After that, the major barrier is a full commitment to data-sharing
- And patience to integrate across seven time scales.

Postscript: Automatic Analyses

