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Clause combining as turn continuation

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In this presentation I would like to explore the grammatical resource of clause combining (primarily of the adverbial/circumstantial type) as a means for continuing turns in interaction. I will begin by reviewing how turn continuation is currently conceptualized in CA and related fields and then consider why clause combinations, in particular with conditional, causal and concessive links, are useful devices for this task. In conclusion, I will address some of the analytic problems which clause combinations raise when used to continue turns in interaction. My remarks will be based on English conversational data.