VARIATION IN LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

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Outline of the course

- Session 1: Introduction, questions, background, data (Sabine Stoll)
- Session 2: Crosslinguistic studies of infant speech perception and production (Elena Lieven)
- Session 3: Composition of early vocabulary: nouns and verbs (Sabine Stoll)
- Session 4: The communicative environment, input and uptake (Elena Lieven)
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- Session 6: Crosslinguistic experimental studies (Elena Lieven)
- Session 7: Acquisition of tense and aspect (Sabine Stoll)
- Session 8: Aquisition of ergativity (Sabine Stoll)

Outline for Session 1

- Major questions of the field
- Prerequisites for language learning (first year of life)
- Diversity in acquisition tasks:
 - Languages:
 - Grammatical features and tasks of the children
 - Sampling issues
 - Methods of data collection:
 - Diaries
 - Questionnaires
 - Experiments
 - Longitudinal studies
 - Data collection of Chintang, an endangered language of Eastern Nepal

Major questions

- Are there some universal acquisition principles? What is innate?
- What are the factors responsible for the order of acquisition (general cognitive development, language specific factors, cultural environment of child rearing etc.)?
- Are the strategies children use in learning a language more similar within a specific language than across languages?
- If there are different strategies, do they depend on the structure of the language?
- What role does the input and the cultural context play for the acquisition process?

Some observations

- Huge diversity in the languages of the world.
- Different languages pose different challenges to acquisition (Slobin).
- "One cannot study universals without studying particulars." (Slobin, 1985: 4)
- Crosslinguistic research as a method to reveal both universals and language-specific patterns (Slobin, 1982).

Why is variation an important topic?

- What is universal in language acquisition is one of the major questions, to find out about this, we need to look at variation.
- Predictions of nativist theories: there is no qualitative difference in language acquisition across children.
- Prediction of usage-based theories: qualitiative differences are possible and the input has a strong impact on how childrens development looks like.

Variation in Language Acquisition

Within individual languages

- •temporal variation (time of acquisition)
- qualitative variation
- context- specific variation

Across languages

- •grammatical variation
- •cultural variation

Language Comprehension

- Prerequisites for language comprehension:
 - acoustic perception of speech
 - pattern recognition
 - pattern analysis
 - pattern memorization

Prelinguistic development: Prerequisites for language learning

Birth to 6 months

- Recognition of mother's voice (de Casper & Fifer 1980)
- Distinguish native language from other languages (Mehler et al. 1988, Moon et al. 1993)
- Categorial perception of speech sounds (Eimas et al. 1971)
- Recognition of identity of sounds across contexts (Kuhl 1980)
- Segment speech (Saffran et al. 1996)
- Preference for infant-directed speech (Fernald et al. 1989;
 Cooper & Aslin 1990)

Prelinguistic development

6-12 months

- Discrimination of phonemic contrasts. Up to approx. 10 months discriminations of all contrasts. Then, only contrast of native language are distinguished. (Werker & Tees 1984)
- By 7 1/2 months children listen longer to familiarized words within longer sentences. (Jusczyk & Aslin 1995)

Prelinguistic development

Abilities around 9 months (e.g. Tomasello 2003)

- Joint attention
- Recognition of symbols
- Imitation (role reversal)
- Intention reading
- Pointing

Development of linguistic abilities: individual variation

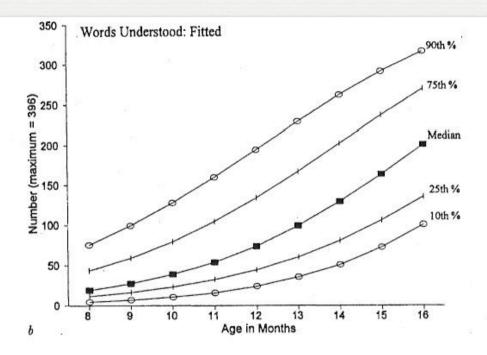
- First words (9 months to 1 year of age)
- Strong variation in when children start speaking and how they progress (within a given language)

Table 4.3. Age of acquisition for 10- and 50-word vocabularies in six children

(E) (E)	***	Lexicon size				
Child	Sex	10 words	50 words			
S1	М	1;0	1;5			
S2	F	1;1	5-3-5-5-1			
S3	М	1;2	1;6			
S4	F	1;2	1;7			
S5	M		1;8			
S6	L.	1;4	1;10			
	Г	1;3	1;7			

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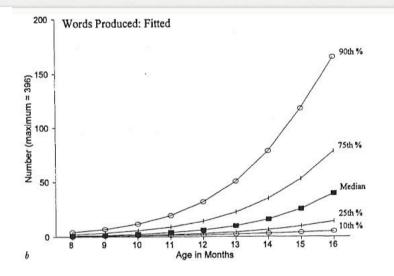


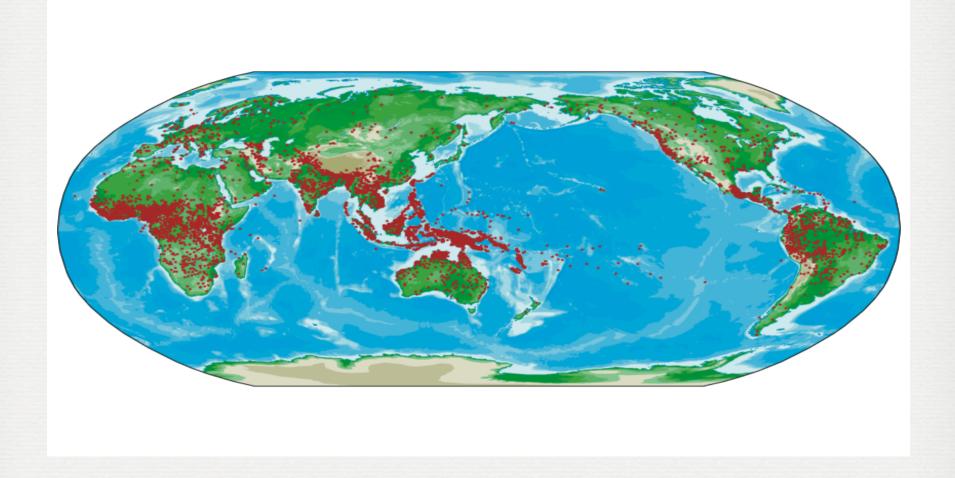
Fig. 3.—Number of words on the Infant form reported to be produced by children at each month—median values and spread of score distributions. a, Observed values. b, Fitted values. A portion of this figure is adapted from Fenson et al. (1993, p. 104), with permission of the Singular Publishing Group, Inc.

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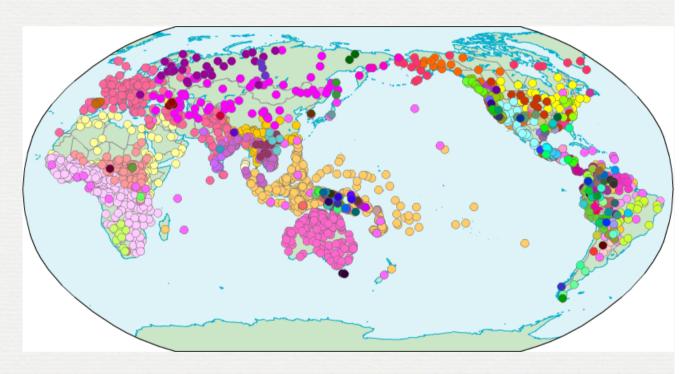
Table 1. Individual Differences in Language Development: Summary of Claims in the Literature

Strand 1	Strand 2				
Sen	antics				
High proportion of nouns	Low proportion of nouns				
in first 50 words	in first 50 words				
Single words in early speech	Formulae in early speech				
Imitates object names	Unselective imitation				
Greater variety within lexical categories	Less variety within lexical categories				
Meaningful elements only	Use of "dummy" words				
High adjective use	Low adjective use				
Context-flexible use of names	Context-bound use of names				
Rapid vocabulary growth	Slower vocabulary growth				
Gra	mmar				
Telegraphic in Stage I	Inflections and function words in Stage				
Refers to self and others	Refers to self and others				
by name in Stage I	by pronoun in Stage I				
Noun-phrase expansion	Verb phrase expansion				
Morphological overgeneralization	Morphological undergeneralization				
Consistent application of rules	Inconsistent application of rules				
Novel combinations	Frozen forms				
Imitation is behind spontaneous speech	Imitation is ahead of spontaneous speed				
Fast learner	Slow learner				
Prag	matics				
Object-oriented	Person-oriented				
Declarative	Imperative				
Low variety in speech acts	High variety in speech acts				
Pho	nology				
Word-oriented	Intonation-oriented				
High intelligibility	Low intelligibility				
Segmental emphasis	Suprasegmental emphasis				
Consistent pronunciation	Variable pronunciation				
across word tokens	across word tokens				
Demograp	hic Variables				
Female	Male				
Firstborn	Later-born				
Higher SES	Lower SES				

Potential learning tasks: Languages today (6000-7000)



Language families a subsample of 2560 languages (WALS) Andamanese (7)



Dryer, 2005

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- Afro-Asiatic (141)
- Sepik (16)
- Northwest Caucasian (7)
- Alaic (31)
- Niger-Congo (346)
- Guaicuruan (5)
- West Papuan (13)
- Austronesian (311)
- Arawakan (30)
- Sino-Tibetan (130)
- Tupian (21)
- Mayan (34)
- Nilo-Saharan (87)
- Jivaroan (4)
- Hokan (21)
- Keresan (2)
- other (72)
- Australian (161)
- Indo-European (176)
- Trans-New Guinea (90)
- Nakh-Daghestanian (28)
- Na-Dene (24)
- Ainu (1)
- Cariban (19)
- Muskogean (7)
- Eskimo-Aleut (18)
- Huarpe (1)
- Oregon Coast (3)
- Altaic (65)
- Chukotko-Kamchatkan (5)
- Panoan (11)
- Border (5)
- Harakmbet (1)
- Oto-Manquean (55)
- Andoke (1)
- Anem (1)
- Senagi (2)
- Khoisan (11)
- Macro-Ge (16)
- Zaparoan (3)
- Marind (6)
- Tacanan (4)
- Torricelli (9)
- Caddoan (5)
- Kunza (1)
- Atakapa (1)
- Barbacoan (4)
- Awin-Pare (1)
- Reef Islands Santa Cruz (2)

Phoneme Inventories (Maddieson):

- Consonant inventories
 - 6 (Rotokas, Papua New Guinea) 122 (!Xóõ, Southern Khoisan) out of a sample of 562 languages
- Vowel inventories
 - 2 (Yimas (Papua New Guinea) -14 (German)

- Inflectional synthesis of the verb (Bickel & Nichols 2005, WALS)
- Degree of synthesis as defined by the number of elements that make up a synthetic verb form
- Large variation form 0 categories per verb form (Vietnamese) to 13 (Koasati)

German:

Chintang

treffen 'to meet'

1s	treffe
	traf
1p	treffen
	trafen
2s	triffst
	trafst
2p	trefft
	traft
3s	trifft
	traf
3р	treffen
	trafen
PT	treffend
	getroffen

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lpi									tubukum tubukumnɨm tubumhẽ matupyoktumhẽ		tubiki tubikin i ŋ tubihẽ matupyoktihẽ
1de							tupna?āncīyā tupna?āncīyānɨŋ tupnancīyehē matupyoknancīyehē		tupcokoŋa tupcokoŋanɨŋ tubacehẽ matupyoktacehẽ	tubumcumma tubumcummanɨŋ tubumcummehē matupyoktumcummehē	tupcekeŋa tupcekeŋanɨŋ tubacehẽ matupyoktaceh
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German

ge-troff-en an-ge-troff-en

aber:

*ge-an-troff-en *ge-troff-an-en

Chintang

u-ma-tup-yokt-e-hẽ 3-NEG-meet-NEG-PAST-1 'He did not meet me'

or:

ma-u-top-yokt-e-hẽ ma-top-u-yokt-e-hẽ

Assumption so far: Free ordering of affixes is impossible

- Word order (Subject, Verb, Object)
- All 6 logically possible orders are attested
 - SOV (Japanese)
 - SVO (Mandarin)
 - VSO (Irish)
 - VOS (Nias, Austronesian)
 - OVS (Hixkaryana, Carib, Brazil)
 - OSV (Nadëb, Brazil)
 - No predominant order

- Structural diversity: semantic mapping
 - Inclusive vs. exclusive pronouns

German:

ich

wir

Chintang:

akka

ani ananga

inclusive exclusive

- Structural diversity: world knowledge
- Kinship and suffixes (Martuthunira, Australia)

Suffix used to mark kinship. Same generation (brother, sister, grandfather) vs. alternating generation (father mother, great-grandfather). Suffix is used to mark same generation set.

Nyinta wiya-<u>nmayi-</u>nha marrkara-ngarli- ku -rla?

2sgNOM see -COLL-PAST brother PLURAL-ACC-PST

Did you see your younger brother?s

Languages today

- Approx. 6000-7000 living languages in the world
- Approx. 300 language families
- Approx. 500-700 languages are described or we know at least something about them
- Approx. 300 variables that typologists have extensive knowledge about

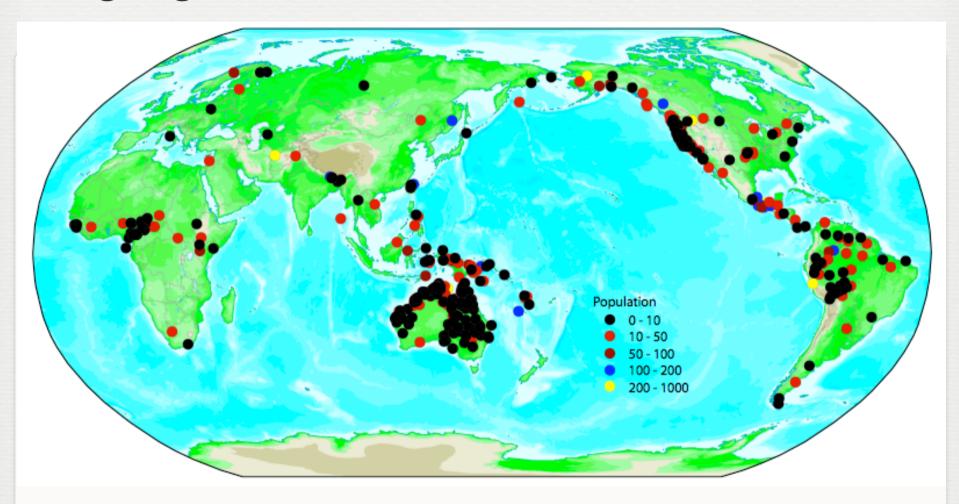
Our knowledge about languages

- Estimation of the minimum number of languages under the following assumptions (Bickel, 2008):
 - on average at every point in time approx. 5000 languages (more realistically: 4000-12000)
 - on average maximally 1000 years per language (criterium of interintelligibility)
 - probable age of modern languages minimum 100'000 years

$$\frac{100,000}{1000}$$
 · 5000 = 500,000

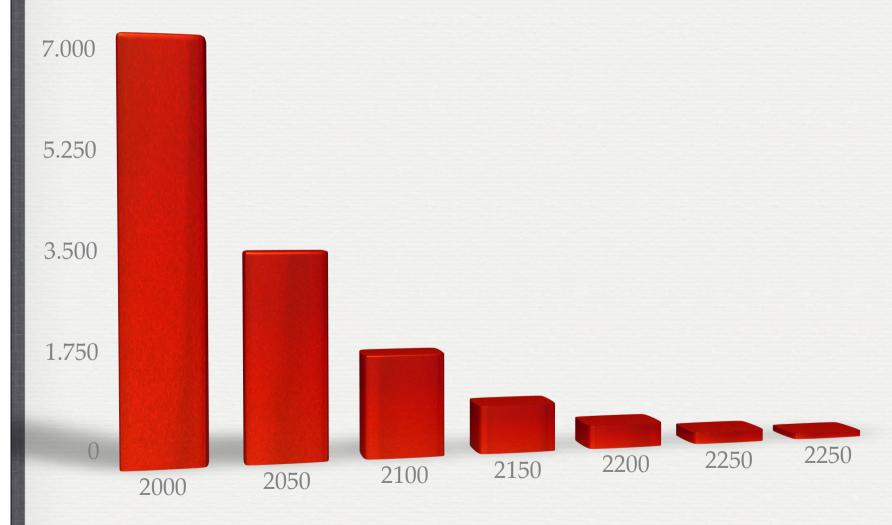
- todays population < 1% of total population (amount of languages)
- of those we know only about 1% (500).
- But soon, we will not be able to learn anything.

Language death

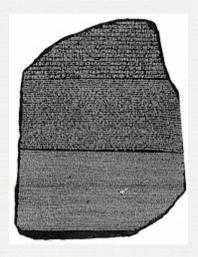


Data from Ethnologue 13, map Bibiko 2006

Language development in the future (estimated death rate of 50% every 50 years):



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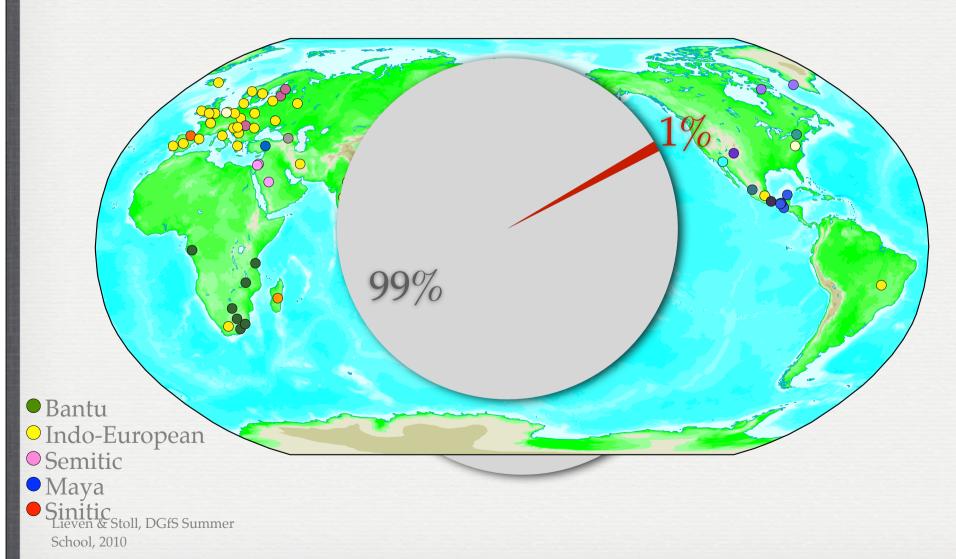






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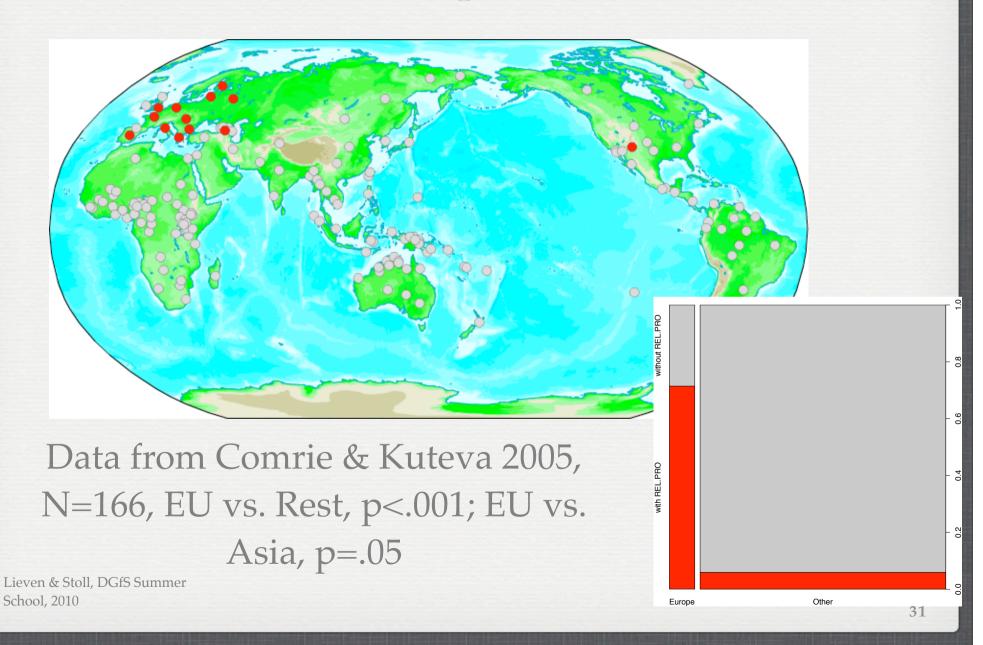
Survey of languages with acquisition studies



Euroversals (Haspelmath 1998, 2001)

- Definite vs. indefinite article
- Relative pronouns
- 'HAVE'- perfect
- Participle based passive
- External possessor
- 'nobody-came'- constructions
- 'as-big-as'-constructions
- agreement with obligatory NP

Euroversals: Relative pronouns



Data in language acquisition research

- Diaries (very early in development)
- Questionnaires (MCDI)
- Experiments
- Corpora
 - Longitudinal corpora
 - Cross-sectional corpora
- Modelling

Diary studies

- German: Preyer (1882), Stern & Stern (1928), Lindner (1885), Leopold (1948)
- French: Gregoire (1937)
- Russian: Gvozdev (1949)
- Polish: Zarebina (1965)
- many modern studies: e.g. Tomasello (1992)

Diary studies

Advantages:

 Every utterance of the child can be noted down in the early phases of acquisition

Disadvantages:

- Only feasible in the very early stages of acquisition
- Difficult to exactly note down the linguistic and extralinguistic context

Questionnaires

Advantages:

- large number of mothers can be tested
- standardized 'test'
- results can be compared easily

Disadvantages:

- cultural issues might apply
- relies on the memory and interpretation of the mother

Experiments

Advantages:

- controlled setting and variables which are the same for all children
- cause and effect can be tested

Disadvantages:

- only one context is tested
- not possible to administer in a lot of cultures

Longitudinal studies

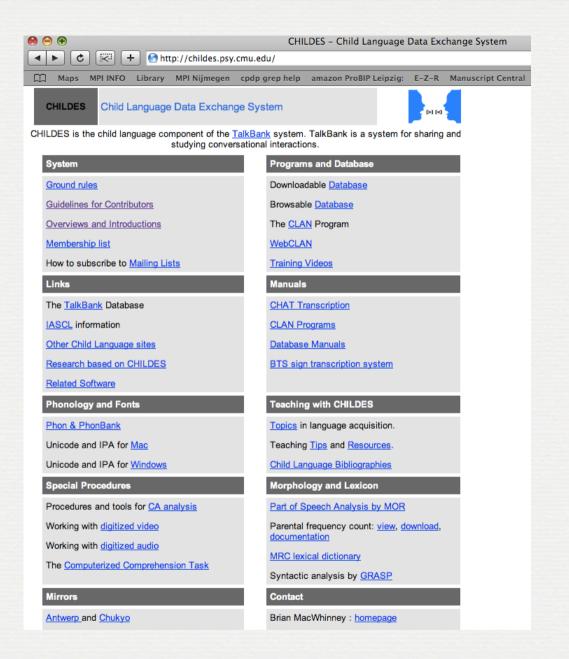
- Audio- or video recording of the child and her caretakers in natural interaction
- Transcription of their speech
- Translation of the data
- Tagging of the corpus (translation, morphological glossing, parts-of-speech glossing)
- Further annotations
- Linking to video- or audio data
- Analysis of the data

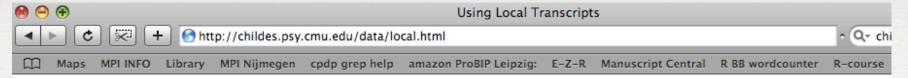
Longitudinal studies

- Advantages:
 - spontaneous behaviour of the children is recorded
 - development of individual children can be characterized
 - input of the surrounding adults available for analysis
- Disadvantages:
 - sampling issues
 - potential contextual influences (recording situation)
 - small number of children (what is the norm?)
 - only correlations can be attested

Child Language Data Exchange System (CHILDES)

- http://childes.psy.cmu.edu/(MacWhinney, B. (2000). The
 CHILDES project: Tools for analyzing talk. Third Edition. Mahwah,
 NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.)
- Includes corpora and tools for studying conversational interactions.
 - 130 corpora (30 languages)
 - Tools include:
 - programs for computer analysis of transcripts
 - methods for linguistic coding
 - systems for linking transcripts to digitized audio and video





Using local transcripts and local media

- 1. You need to download the transcripts from "zipped transcripts" below and unzip them. If you want to work with XML versions of the data, rather than CHAT versions, please go to files.
- 2. If the corpus is linked to audio or video media, you need to download those files and place the media into the transcript folders.
- 3. You need to download and install the CLAN program.
- 4. To open a transcript, you double-click on it. If there is associated media, you can play the media using escape-8 for continuous playback or command-click for playing single utters

Zipped Transcripts
English - USA
English - UK
Celtic
East Asian
<u>Germanic</u>
Romance
Slavic
Other Languages
<u>Bilinguals</u>
Clinical
Frog Story Narratives
Other Narratives
PhonBank CHAT Data
PhonBank Phon Data

Using local transcripts with web-served media

This is like the first method, but, if you are on a broadband Internet connection, you can skip step #2, since CLAN will use links in the folder called /media to play the media over the web.

Childes: Guilfoyle corpus (Irish)

000 Macintosh HD:Users:stoll:Downloads:Irish:cai.cha @Font: CAfont:13:0 @Begin @Languages: ga @Participants: GEA Investigator, CHI Cai Target_Child, EIT Investigator, MOT Mother @ID: ga|guilfoyle|GEA||||Investigator|| @ID: ga|guilfoyle|CHI|1;7.04||||Target_Child|| @ID: ga|guilfoyle|EIT||||Investigator|| @ID: ga|guilfoyle|MOT||||Mother|| @Birth of CHI: 01-DEC-1990 @Date: 05-JUL-1992 *MOT: céard é sin ? %eng: that is that ? *MOT: ó céard atá faighte agat ? %eng: oh what do you have ? *GEA: xx anois babóg . %eng: xx now a doll. *CHI: babóg. %eng: doll. %xmor: N|doll . *MOT: nach bh-fuil sí go hálainn ? %eng: isn't she beautiful? *GEA: céard eile atá thíos ann ? %eng: what else is down there ? *CHI: xx. %eng: xx. *MOT: céard é sin ? %eng: what is that ? *CHI: lorraí. %eng: truck. %xmor: N|truck . *MOT: ab eá? U1303[E][CHAT] 1

Bloom corpus: English



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@Begin

@Languages: en

@Participants: CHI Peter Target_Child, LOI Lois Investigator, PAT Patsy

Investigator, MOT Mother

@ID: en|bloom70|CHI|2;5.03|male|normal||Target_Child||

@ID: en|bloom70|LO|||||Investigator||
@ID: en|bloom70|PAT|||||Investigator||
@ID: en|bloom70|MOT||||Mother||

@Comment: Mother had invited Patsy and LOI to stay for lunch and lunch

was on Peter's mind from the time they arrived. He had just had breakfast but asked for food throughout the session. Mother had tried to put him off in order not to "spoil his appetite" for lunch, but he persisted and became rather cranky. He was unable to concentrate on anything for very long. Patsy and LOI brought no new toys but Peter had just acquired several new toys from a family about to move out of the building. He was most excited about a large Shell oil truck which he proudly showed and enjoyed. He also got a magnetic alphabet and board and a cash register with wooden coins inside. Mother was present for most of this session. Jenny was there for part of it, but was asleep before lunch . In the middle of his lunch, Peter asked to sit in Jenny's chair. Mother put him there and Peter played baby for several minutes, babbling and pretending to drink from a bottle. By noon, he was very tired and protested when Patsy and LOI went home.

@Situation: Lunch

*PAT: hi Pete .

%mor: co|hi n:prop|Pete .

%xgra: 1|0|ROOT 2|1|VOC 3|1|PUNCT

%act: <bef> Peter opens apartment door to let Lois and Patsy in

*LOI: <good morning> [>] . %mor: adilgood nlmorning

%xgra: 1|0|ROOT 2|1|JCT 3|1|PUNCT

*CHI: <I [/] I [/] I xxx door> [<] . %mor: pro|l unk|xxx n|door .

%xgra: 1|2|SUBJ 2|0|ROOT 3|2|OBJ 4|2|PUNCT

*PAT: thank+you . U1303[E][CHAT] 1

Demuth corpus: Sesotho (some metadata)

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Subject.olac:language: se

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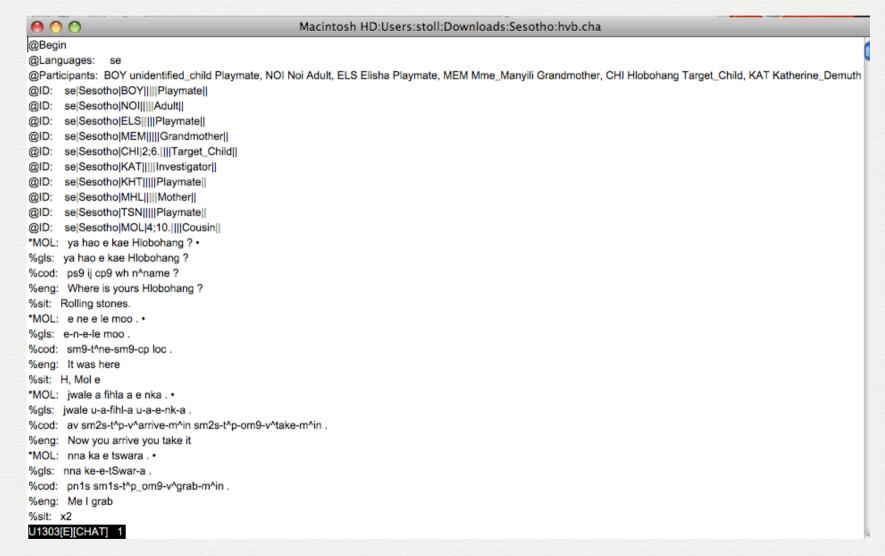
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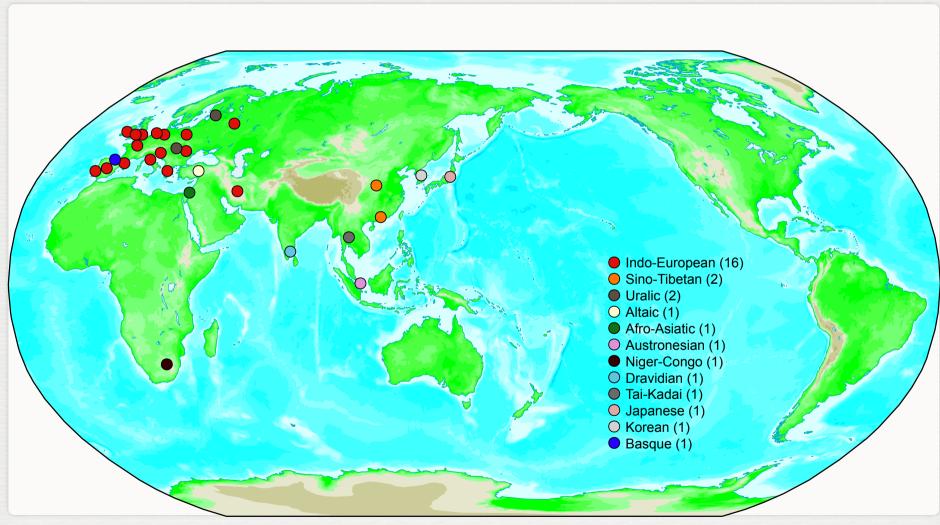
Macintosh HD:Users:stoll:Downloads:Chang-1:04.cha @Begin @Languages: zh @Participants: CHI 志强 Child, EXP Observer @ID: zh|rjp|CH||5;11.|male|five|middle|Child|| @ID: zh|rjp|EXP||||Observer|| @Birth of CHI: 28-MAR-1990 @Date: 07-FEB-1996 @Activities: Replica Play Jungle (RPJ) @Situation: CHI and EXP create a story with toys @Comment: Filename is 004RPJ *EXP: 我们 今天 来 玩 森林 的 游戏 好 不 好? %mor: pro|wo3-PL=I n|jin1tian1=today v:dirc|lai2=come v|wan2=play n|sen1lin2=forest link|de=possessive v|you2xi4=play adi|hao3=good neg|bu4=not s *CHI: 好 [^c] . %mor: adj|hao3=good *EXP: 你知不知道什么叫森林? %mor: pro|ni3=you v|zhi1=tell neg|bu4=not v|zhi1dao4=know int|shen2me=what v|jiao4=call n|sen1lin2=forest? *CHI: 我知道很多动物[^c]. %mor: projwo3=I vjzhi1dao4=know adv|hen3=pretty quant|duo1=more_than n|dong4wu4=animal_. *EXP: 对好这个是森林的草地你帮阿姨把牠打开。 %mor: adijdui4=correct adijhao3=good projzhe4=this classige4 vlshi4=is nisen1lin2=forest link|de=possessive nicao3di4=grassland projni3=you vlbang *EXP: 来 这 是 森林 的 草地 %mor: vllai2=come prolzhe4=this vlshi4=is n|sen1lin2=forest link|de=possessive n|cao3di4=grass|and . *EXP: 然后 呢 森林 里面 是 不 是 一定 要 有 树 啊? %mor: advlran2hou4=thereupon sfpIne=additional nlsen1lin2=forest loc|li3mian4=inside vlshi4=is neg|bu4=not vlshi4=is advlyi1ding4=definitely v:auxlya *CHI: 对 [^c]. %mor: adj|dui4=correct . *EXP: 对哦好你看阿姨有树哦. %mor: adi|dui4=correct co|o1=chant adi|hao3=good pro|ni3=you v|kan4=look n:relat|a1yi2=aunt v|you3=have n|shu4=tree co|o1=chant . *EXP: 阿姨有三棵树还有一棵小的. %mor: n:relat|a1yi2=aunt v|you3=have num|san1=three class|ke1 n|shu4=tree adv|hai2=still v|you3=have num|yi1=one class|ke1 adj|xiao3=small sfp|de| *CHI: 那是[^c]+... %mor: pro|na4=that v|shi4=is +... *EXP: 那是什么? %mor: pro|na4=that v|shi4=is pro|shen2me=anything? *CHI: +, 是 (.) 圣诞 树 [^c] %mor: v|shi4=is n|sheng4dan4=Christmas n|shu4=tree . U1303[E][CHAT] 1

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Jiwon corpus: Korean

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Macintosh HD:Users:stoll:Downloads:Jiwon:jw03.cha
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@Languages: kor
@Participants: CHI Target_Child, MOT Mother
@ID: korlJiwon|CHI|2;0,29|female|||Target_Child||
@ID: kor|Jiwon|MOT||||Mother||
@Comment: collected on 5-AUG-1992
@Comment:
           coded on 13-April-2004
*MOT: 지원아.
*MOT: 이거 누구 꺼?
*CHI: 아빠 꺼 엄마 꺼.
*MOT: 아빠 꺼구 엄마 꺼구?
*MOT: 으응, 진 꼬 먹어?
*CHI: 한기, 한기, 한기.
*MOT: 한끼가 뭔데?
*CHI: 한기.
*MOT: 한기?
*CHI: 응.
*MOT: 한개?
*CHI: 응.
*MOT: 어어, 여기 한개 있다구?
*CHI: 네.
*MOT: 한기가 아니라 한개.
*CHI: 한가.
*MOT: 한가?
*MOT: 호호.
*MOT: 한개 그래 봐.
*MOT: 한개 그래 봐.
*CHI: 한기.
*MOT: 한끼?
*CHI: 응.
*MOT: 어이, 지원인 발음도 못하네.
*MOT: 요것도 한입 먹구.
*MOT: 으음 이쁘네.
*MOT: 어이 잘 먹네.
*MOT: 지원이도 야 녹음기 앞에서 말해야지 너.
*MOT: 녹음하고 있어.
*MOT: 지원이 아빠 이뻐?
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Languages with accessible corpora (CHILDES)



Language families with accessible corpora

- Basque (1)
- Sino-Tibetan (2)
- Indo-European (16)
- Uralic (2)
- Afro-Asiatic (1)
- Japanese (1)
- Korean (1)
- Niger-Congo (1)
- Dravidian (1)
- Tai-Kadai (1)
- Altaic (1)

Sampling Problems

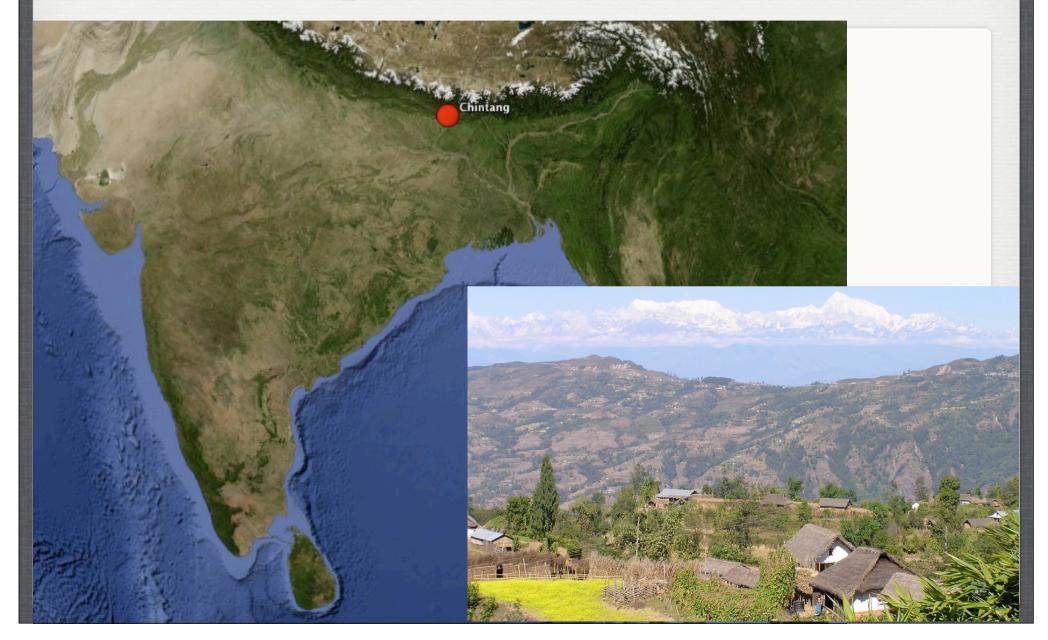
We have only a very limited amount of data available of a very restricted set of languages with a very limited number of the variables that are found in the languages of the world. The sample is skewed towards European languages with a strong bias towards Germanic and Romance.

==> Difficult to make generalizations; mostly our claims can be only language specific or at best probabilistic

Solution: do field work

- Chintang child language corpus (Stoll, Lieven)
 financed by Volkswagen foundation programs
 DOBES (PI: Bickel) and Dilthey (Stoll) and by the
 MPI for Evolutionary Anthropology.
- Fieldwork since 2004.
- Collaboration between linguists, anthropologists and language acquisition researchers

Chintang: a polysynthetic language spoken in eastern Nepal



DOBES: CPDP (2004 - 2009): three components

Linguistics:

Grammar Discourse Lexicon

How is the language structured?

Balthasar Bickel Novel Kishore Rai Vishnu Rai

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Rituals and
religion
Social structure
Everyday life

How is the language **used**?

Martin Gaenzsle Judith Pettigrew Psycholinguistics:
Acquisition
strategies
Multilingualism

How is the language learned?

Sabine Stoll Elena Lieven

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Chintang corpus

	words (rounded)
Child language	499.728
Conversations	89.900
Narratives	37.500
Poems and songs	1.500
Myths and ritual texts	37.000
Descriptions	12.300
Sum	677.928

Chintang

- Sino-Tibetan language spoken in eastern Nepal
- approx. 6000 speaker
- trilingual society
- endangered language
- children still learn the language























Chintang corpus

N (children)	Recording	Age			
		1	2	3	4
2	2-3 h per month				
2	3-4 h per month				
2	3-4 h per month				

- monthly
- bimonthly
- every 3 month

Chintang Child language project workflow: Managing a large scale project

Building up the Chintang corpus

1. Recording

Chintang natural speech (different ages & genres)

Location: Nepal

Staff: student assistants

Output: session.mpg

session.wav

*add session to sessionmonitor *add DVD to mediamonitor 2. Metadata

Information about location, speakers, etc.

Location: Nepal

Staff: student assistants

Software: imdi-editor

Output: session.imdi

*check completeness of imdifile

*upload to server

3. Transcription

Text production

Location: Nepal

Staff: student assistants

(Chintang native speakers)

Software: Transcriber

Input: session.wav

Output: session.trs

*assign the session to a transcriber

* update the monitor (person, status)

the transcriber also does the Nepali-translation >>

4. Translation Nepali

Translation into the local lingua franca

Location: Nepal

Staff: student assistants

(Chintang native speakers)

Software: Elan

Input: session.trs,

session.wav, session.mpg

*receive .trs and .eaf

*check completeness

*check speakercodes (use imdifile and speaker-DB)

*export as toolboxfile and

convert (UTF-8, linebreaks)

*upload to server

*update the monitor

(person, status, pwords)

[*calculate workspeed]

5. Translation English

Translation into an international language

Location: Germany

Staff: student assistants

Software: any texteditor

Input: session.txt

Output: *session.txt*

*assign the toolboxfile to a translator

*update monitor

*receive toolboxfile

*check completeness

*upload to server

*update monitor

[*calculate workspeed]

6. Glossing

Linguistic analysis

Location: Germany

Staff: student assistants

Software: Toolbox

Input: session.txt

Output: session.txt

*assign toolboxfile to a glosser

*update monitor

*receive toolboxfile

*check completeness

*update monitor

*add information using

scripts (e.g. POS, agegroup

of speakers)

*upload to server

Training of assistants in Nepal





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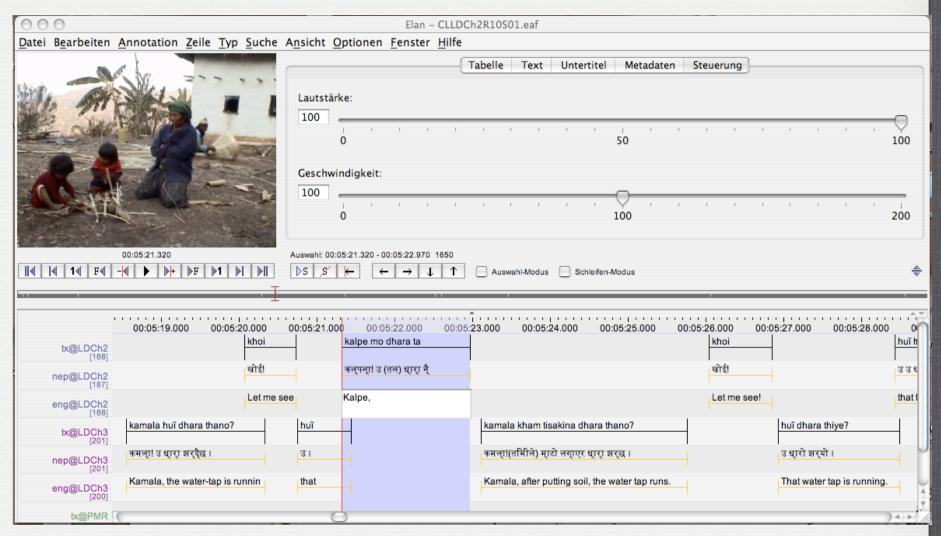
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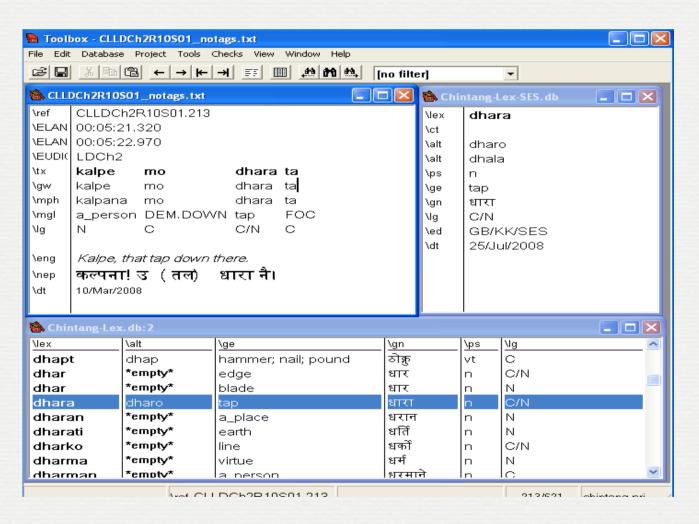
... into the target language Chintang (in Transcriber)



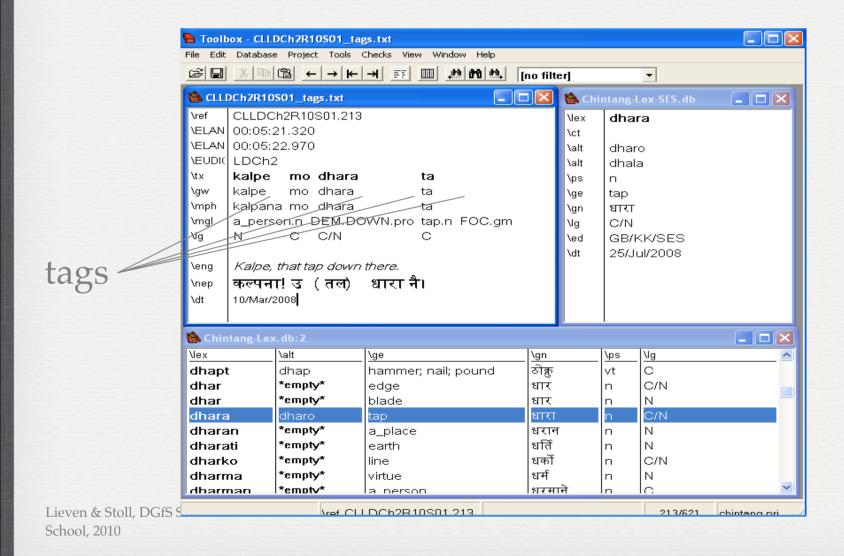
Translation into Nepali and English (in ELAN)



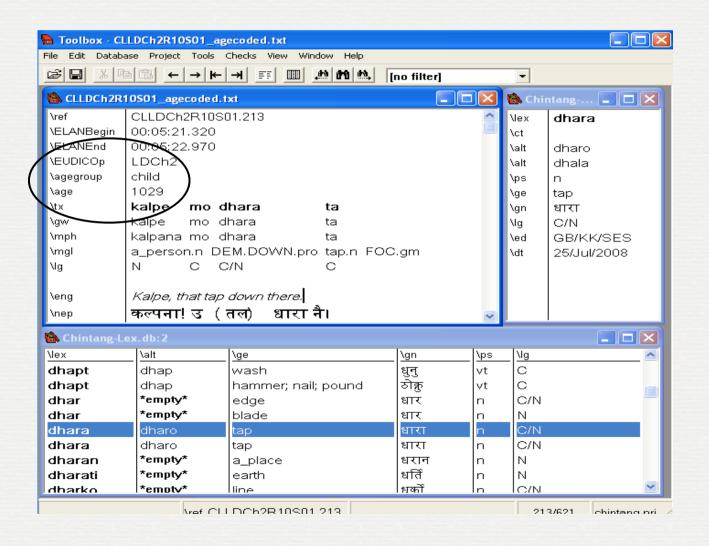
Glossing (in Toolbox)



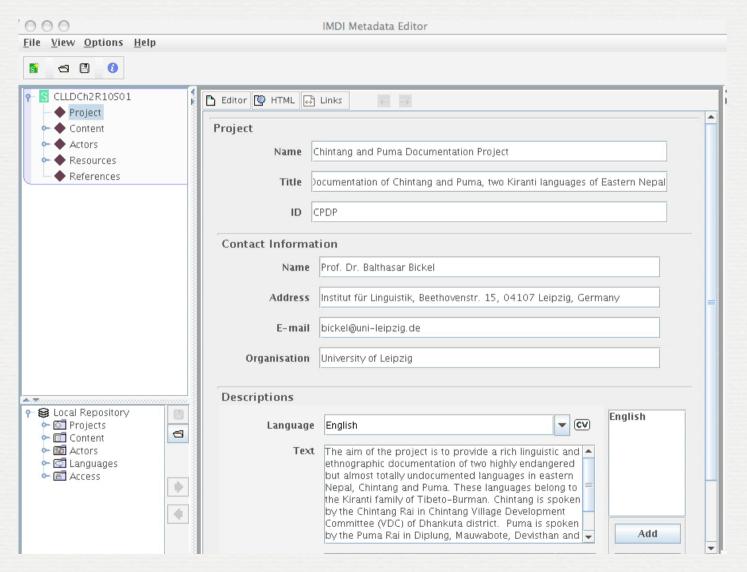
Toolbox file with POS-tags



Toolbox file with agecodes



Meta-data edior (IMDI)



Monitor of workflow

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57	57	CLLDCh3R02S01	transcriptions are	done	done	447	177	167	103
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70	59	CLLDCh2R02S05	done	done	done	135	51	81	3
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	62	CLLDCh2R02S07	done (DW)	all done (DW, DR)	progress	723			
	63	CLLDCh2R02S08	done (LK)	all done (LK, DS)	done (SES)	894			
	64	CLLDCh3R02S02	done	done	done	106	42	35	29
	65	CLLDCh3R02S03							
	66	CLLDCh3R02S04							
	67	CLLDCh3R02S05							
	68	CLLDCh3R02S06	done	done	done	221	85	106	30
	69	CLLDCh4R02S01	transcriptions are	done	done	264	97	112	55
	70	CLLDCh4R02S02a	done	done	done	130	44	36	50
	71	CLLDCh4R02S03							
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	73	CLDLCh3R01S01							
	74	CLDLCh3R01S02	done	done	done	494	11	356	127
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	76	CLDLCh3R01S04	done	done	done	284	0	282	2
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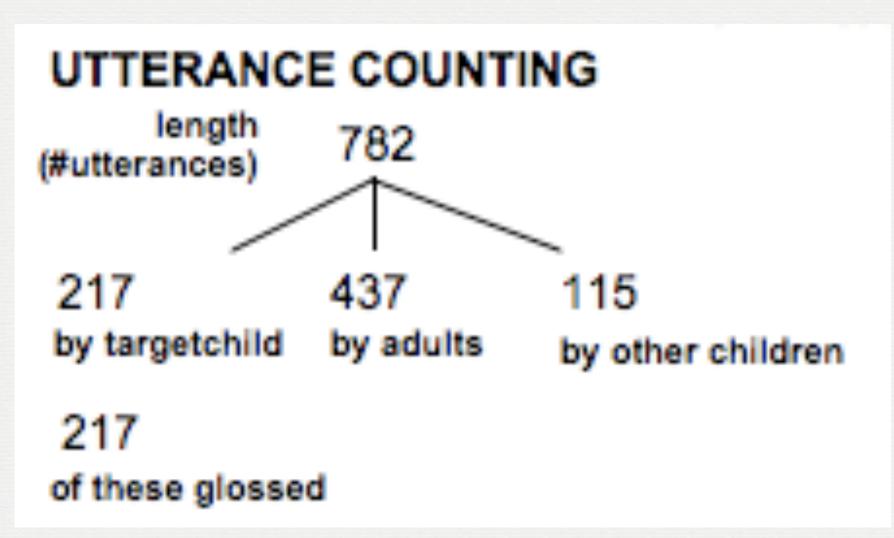
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Adult vs. child language



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total pwords 112769

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child_utterances glossed 13202

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ALL CHILDREN

glossed targetchild

utterances: 35512

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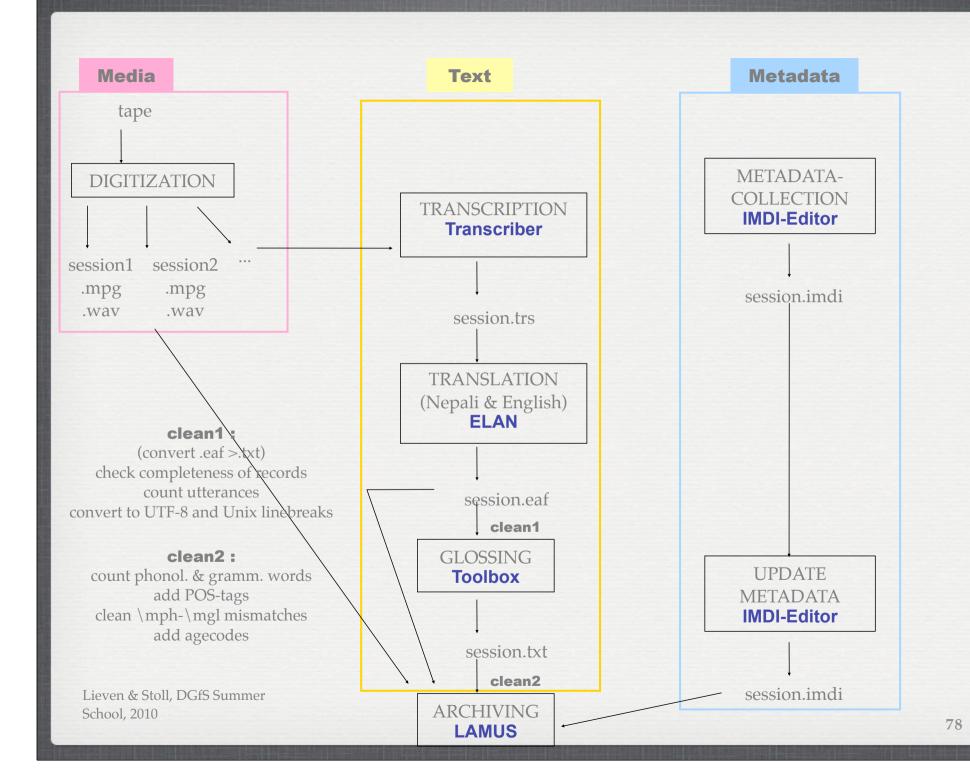
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