Generative Lexicon Theory: Integrating Theoretical and Empirical Methods

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- Data for each Quale
- Qualia and Conventionalized Attributes
- Qualia for Verbs

Lab on Qualia identification and extraction

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- Events as Structured Objects
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  - States
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Lab on identification of event types

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- Basic Assumptions
- Simple Function Application
- Coercion
- Data on Argument Typing and Coercion
- Co-composition
- The Lexicon-Pragmatics Interface

Modes of Composition

(1) a. PURE SELECTION (Type Matching): the type a function requires is directly satisfied by the argument;
b. ACCOMMODATION: the type a function requires is inherited by the argument;
c. TYPE COERCION: the type a function requires is imposed on the argument type. This is accomplished by either:
i. *Exploitation*: taking a part of the argument's type to satisfy the function;
ii. *Introduction*: wrapping the argument with the type required by the function.

Two Kinds of Coercion in Language

- Domain-shifting: The domain of interpretation of the argument is shifted;
- Domain-preserving: The argument is coerced but remains within the general domain of interpretation.

Domain-Shifting Coercion

1. Entity shifts to event:
   I enjoyed the beer
2. Entity shifts to proposition:
   I doubt John.

Domain-Preserving Coercion

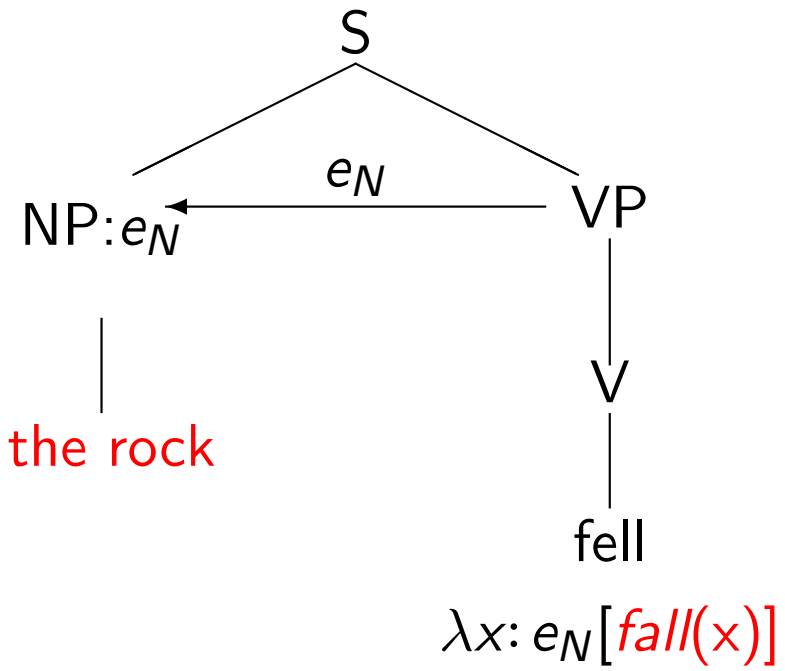
1. Count-mass shifting: There's chicken in the soup.
2. NP Raising: Mary and every child came.
3. Natural-Artifactual shifting: The water spoiled.
4. Natural-Complex shifting: She read a rumor.
5. Complex-Natural shifting: John burnt a book.
6. Artifactual-Natural shifting: She touched the phone.

Direct Argument Selection

- The spokesman denied the statement (PROPOSITION).
- The child threw the ball (PHYSICAL OBJECT).
- The audience didn't believe the rumor (PROPOSITION).

Natural Selection

1. The rock fell.



Natural Selection

(2) a. "fall" is of type $phys \rightarrow t$;
b. "the rock" is of type *phys* (modulo GQ type shifting);
c. Function Application (TM) applies;
$\Longrightarrow$ fall(the-rock)

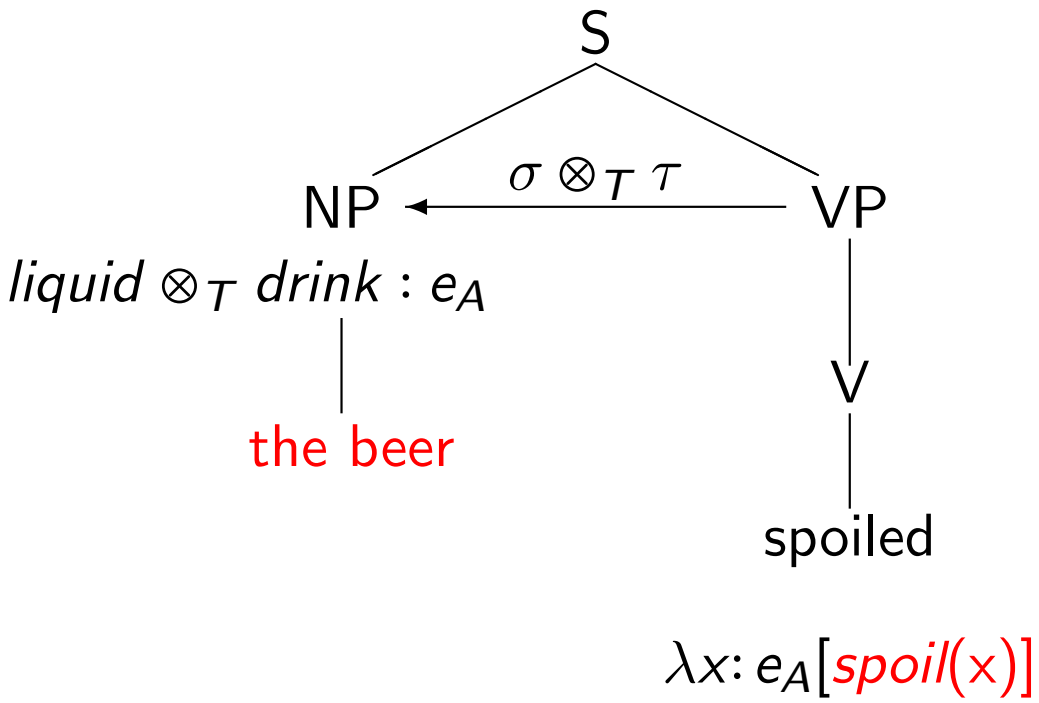
(3) Some water fell on the floor.

This results in the derivation shown in (4):

(4) a. "fall" is of type $phys \rightarrow t$;
b. "some water" is of type *liquid* (modulo GQ type shifting);
c. Accommodation Subtyping applies, $liquid \sqsubseteq phys$:
$\Longrightarrow$ "some water" is of type *phys*:
d. Function Application (TM) applies;
$\Longrightarrow$ fall(some-water)

Pure Selection: Artifactual Type

1. The beer spoiled.



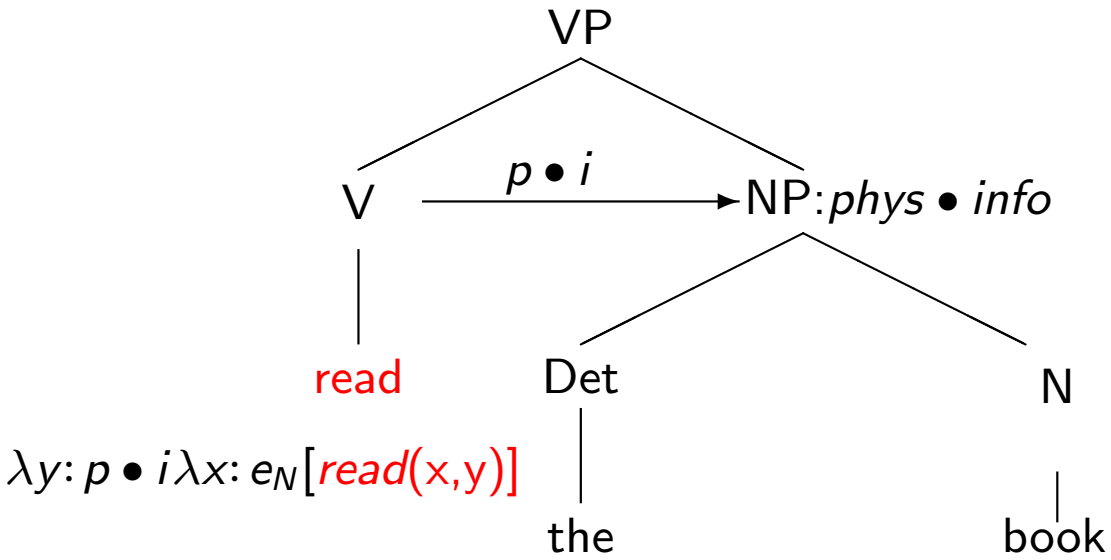
$\lambda x{:}\, e_A[\mathit{spoil}(x)]$

Pure Selection: Artifactual Type

(5) a. "spoil" is of type $\mathit{phys} \otimes_T \tau \rightarrow t$;
b. "the beer" is of type $\mathit{liquid} \otimes_T \mathit{drink}$ (modulo GQ type shifting);
c. Accommodation Subtyping applies to the head, $\mathit{liquid} \sqsubseteq \mathit{phys}$:
$\Longrightarrow$ "the beer" has head type *phys*:
d. Accommodation Subtyping applies to the TELIC, $\mathit{drink} \sqsubseteq \tau$:
$\Longrightarrow$ "the beer" has TELIC type τ
e. "the beer" has type $\mathit{phys} \otimes_T \tau$;
f. Function Application (TM) applies;
$\Longrightarrow$ spoil(the-beer)

Pure Selection: Complex Type

1. John read the book.



Pure Selection: Complex Type

The derivation of this example is fairly direct, and is shown in (6).

(6) a. "read" is of type $p \bullet i \rightarrow (e_N \rightarrow t)$;
b. "the book" is of type $p \bullet i$ (modulo GQ type shifting);
c. Function Application (TM) applies;
$\Longrightarrow \lambda x$ [read(x,the-book)]

Coercion of Arguments

- The president denied the attack.
  EVENT → PROPOSITION
- The White House denied this statement.
  LOCATION → HUMAN
- This book explains the theory of relativity.
  PHYS • INFO → human
- d. The Boston office called with an update.
  EVENT → INFO

Type Coercion: Qualia-Introduction

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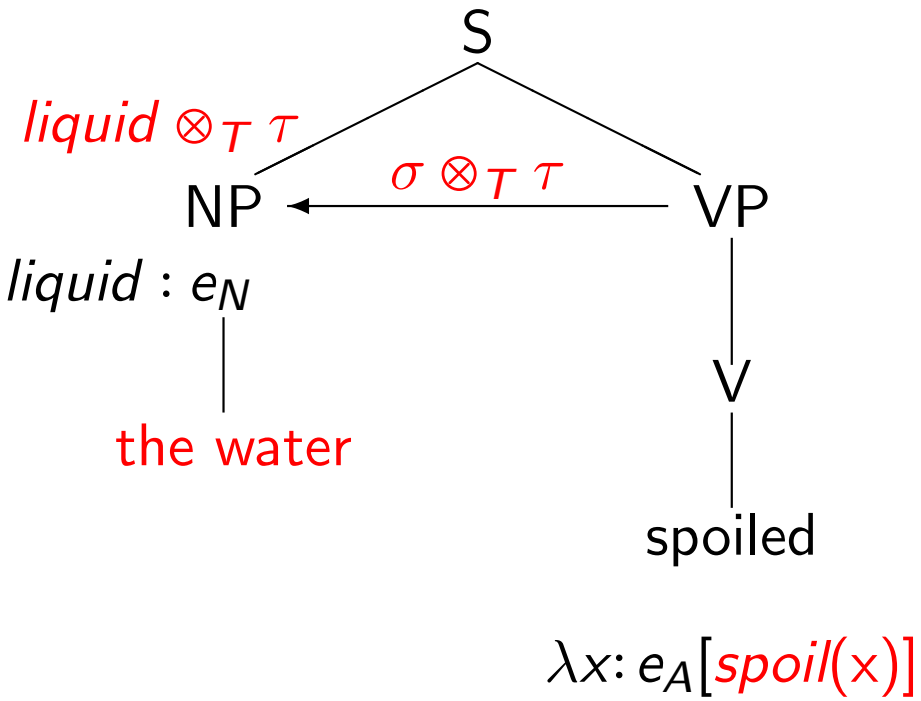

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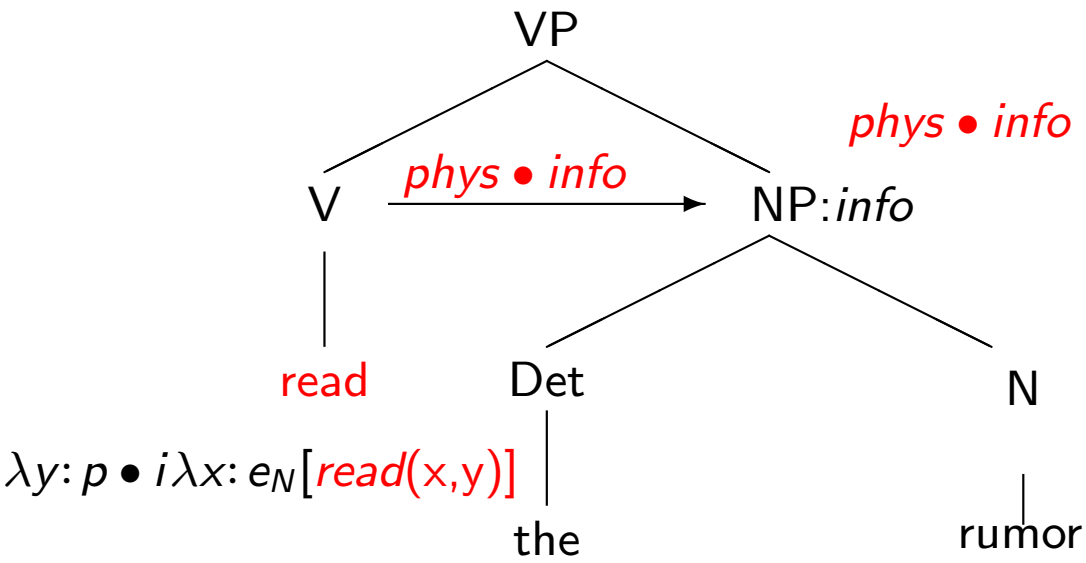
(7) a. "spoil" is of type $phys \otimes_T \tau \rightarrow t$;
b. "the water" is of type *liquid* (modulo GQ type shifting);
c. Accommodation Subtyping applies to the head, $liquid \sqsubseteq phys$:
$\Longrightarrow$ "the water" has type *phys*;
d. Coercion by Qualia Introduction (CI-Q) applies to the type *phys*, adding a TELIC value τ:
$\Longrightarrow$ "the water" has type $phys \otimes_T \tau$;
e. Function Application applies;
$\Longrightarrow$ spoil(the-water)

Type Coercion: Natural to Complex Introduction

John read the rumor.



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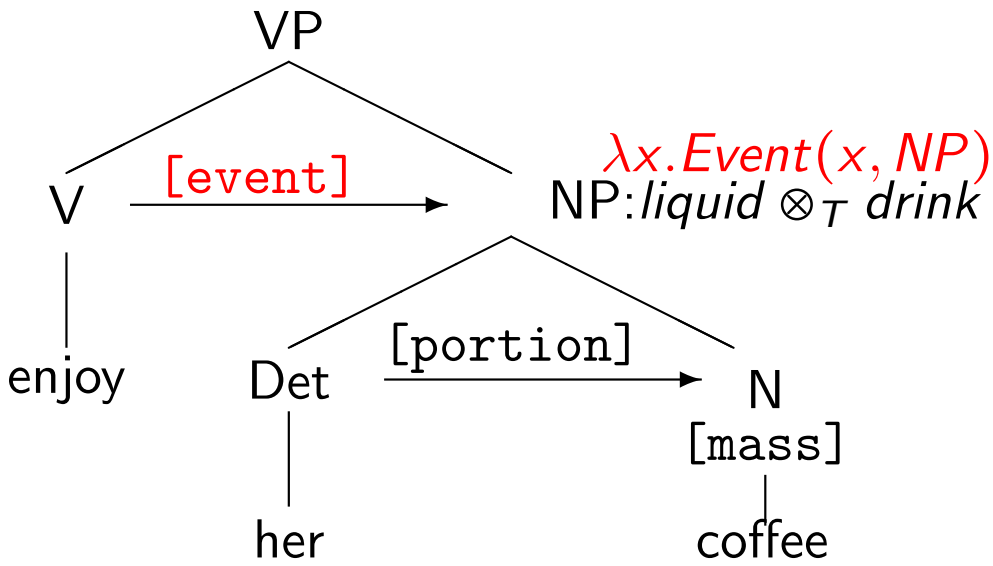
(8) a. "read" is of type $p \bullet i \rightarrow (e_N \rightarrow t)$;
b. "the rumor" is of type i, $i \sqsubseteq t$ (modulo GQ type shifting);
c. Coercion by Dot Introduction (CI-$\bullet$) applies to the type i, adding the missing type value, p, and the relation associated with the $\bullet$:
$\Longrightarrow$ "the rumor" has type $p \bullet i$;
e. Function Application applies;
$\Longrightarrow \lambda$x[read(x,the-rumor)]

Type Coercion: Event Introduction

1. Mary enjoyed her coffee.



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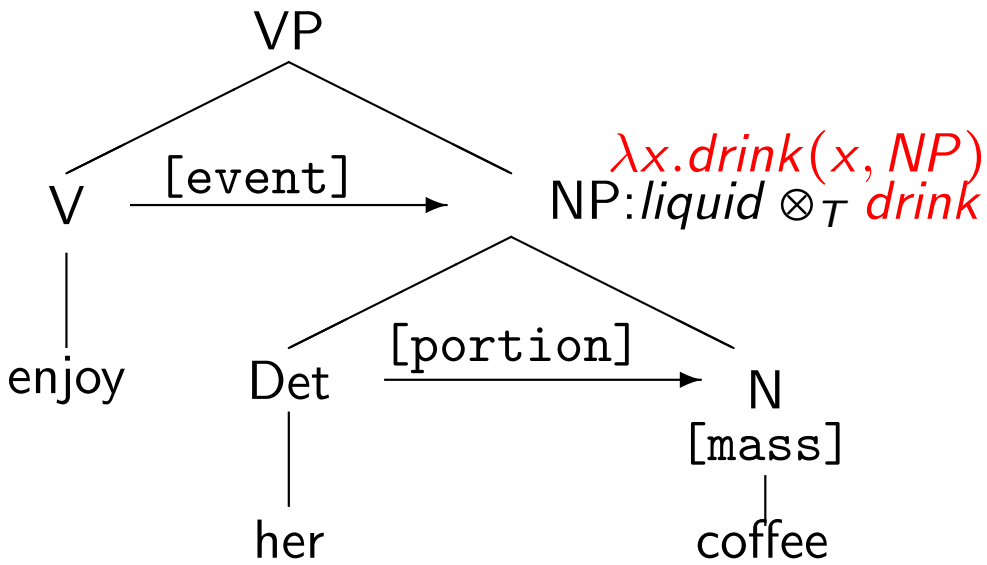
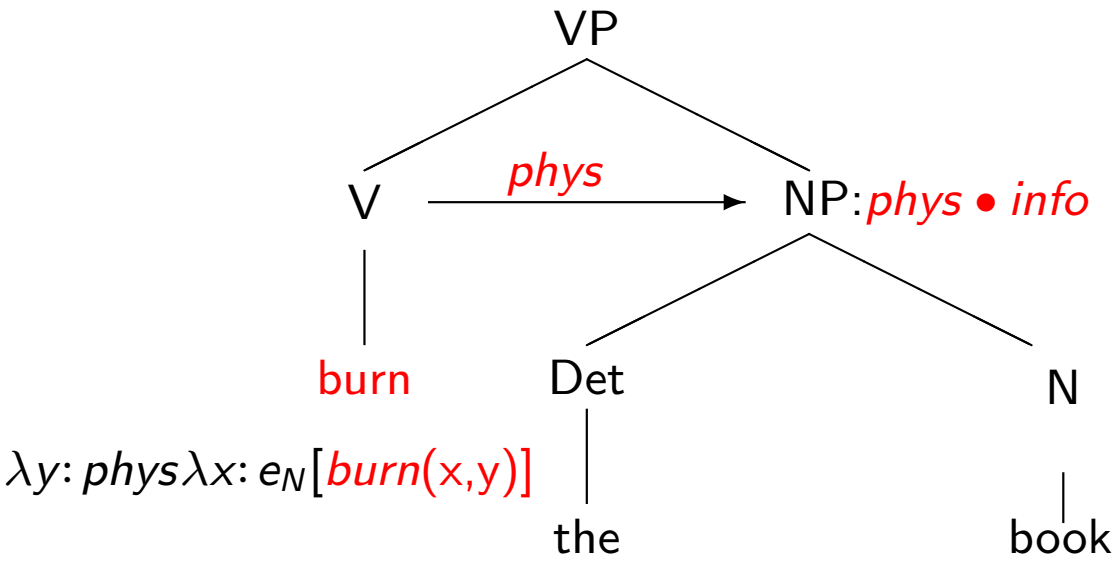


Type Coercion: Qualia Exploitation

(9) a. "enjoy" is of type $event \rightarrow (e_N \rightarrow t)$;
b. "her coffee" is of type $liquid \otimes_T drink$, (modulo GQ type shifting);
c. Coercion by Introduction (CI) applies to the type $liquid \otimes_T drink$, returning *event*:
$\Longrightarrow$ "her coffee" has type *event*;
d. Coercion by Qualia Introduction (CI-Q) applies to the type *event*, adding a value *drink* to the predicate, P:
$\Longrightarrow$ "her coffee" has type *event*, with P bound to *drink*;
e. Function Application applies;
$\Longrightarrow \lambda y$[enjoy(y,$\lambda x \exists e$[drink(e,x,her-coffee)]]

Type Coercion: Dot Exploitation

1. The police burned the book.
2. Mary believes the book.



Verb-Argument Composition Table

	Verb selects:		
Argument is:	**Natural**	**Artifactual**	**Complex**
Natural	Selection	Qualia Intro	Dot Intro
Artifactual	Qualia Exploit	Selection	Dot Intro
Complex	Dot Exploit	Dot Exploit	Selextion

Data on Argument Typing and Coercion

- Methodology (inspired by Corpus Pattern Analysis, Hanks 1994, Pustejovsky, Hanks, and Rumshisky 2004, Hanks and Pustejovsky 2005).
- Select a target verb in EnTenTen13 using SkE: *finish*, *last*, *attend*, *avoid*, *drink*, *leave*, *reach*, *smell*, *listen (to)*, *kill*, *ring*.
- Extract 100 concordances.
- Use BSO list of types.
- Identify typing for specific argument positions in a specific verb sense by manually clustering the argument fillers into lexical sets (Hanks 1996).
- Identify type mismatches.

Data on Coercion (Pustejovsky and Jezek 2008)

(10) *ring* (Body: 'call by phone'; Arg: HUMAN)
Object

a. HUMAN: mother, doctor, Chris, friend, neighbour, director
b. INSTITUTION: police, agency, club
b. LOCATION: flat, house; Moscow, Chicago, London, place

'I rang the house a week later and talked to Mrs Gould'
'The following morning Thompson rang the police'
'McLeish had rung his own flat to collect messages'
'I said Chicago had told me to ring London.'

Data on Coercion: Dot Exploitation

(11) *house* (PHYS•LOCATION)
Object

a. PHYS: built, buy, sell, rent, own, demolish, renovate, burn down, erect, destroy, paint, inherit, repair
b. LOCATION: leave, enter, occupy, visit, inhabit, reach, approach, evacuate, inspect, abandon

'they built these houses onto the back of the park'
'the bus has passed him as he left the house'

Data on Coercion: Dot Exploitation

(12) *interview* (EVENT•INFORMATION)

Object

a. EVENT: conduct, give, arrange, attend, carry out, terminate, conclude, close, complete, end, hold, cancel, undertake, extend, control, continue, begin

b. INFORMATION: structure, discuss, analyze, describe

Subject

a. EVENT: last, go well, take place, follow, end, progress, begin, become tedious, precede, start, happen

b. INFORMATION: covers, centre on, concern, focus on

'Officials will be conducting interviews over the next few days'

'Let's discuss the interview'

Data on Qualia Exploitation

(13) *hear* (Body: 'perceive with the ear'; Arg:SOUND)
Object

a. SOUND: voice, sound, murmur, bang, thud, whisper, whistle

b. Q-E OF $phys \otimes_{telic} \tau$: siren, bell, alarm clock

'then from the house I heard the bell'

'you can hear sirens most of the time'

'the next thing he heard was his alarm clock'

Data on Type Introduction

(14) *read* (PHYS•INFORMATION)
Objects

a. *human* $\otimes_{telic}$ *write*: Dante, Proust, Homer, Shakespeare, Freud

'That is why I read Dante now'

(15) *read* (PHYS•INFORMATION)
Objects

a. EVENT•INFO: story, description, judgement, quote, reply, speech, proclamation, statement, question, interview
b. SOUND•INFO: music

'I've read your speeches'
'I discovered he couldn't read music'

Aspectual Verbs (Jezek, Magnini, Feltracco, Bianchini, Popescu 2014)

[[Human]-subj] interrompe [[Event]-obj]

- Arriva Mirko e interrompe la conversazione.
  'Mirko arrives and interrupts the conversation' (matching)
- Il presidente interrompe l'oratore.
  'The president interrupts the speaker' (HUMAN as EVENT; T=parlare 'speak')

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- Una telefonata anonima avvisa la polizia.
  'An anonymous telephone call alerted the police' (EVENT as HUMAN; AG=telefonare 'phone'(human1, human2))

Avoid Verbs

[[Human]-subj] evita [[Event]-obj]

- Abbiamo evitato l'incontro.
  'We avoided the meeting' (matching)
- Meglio evitare i cibi fritti.
  'It is best to avoid fried food' (ARTIFACT as EVENT;
  T=mangiare 'eat')

Forbid Verbs

[[Human]-subj] vieta [[Event]-obj]

- Nell'Italia di allora la legge vietava l'aborto.
  'At that time in Italy law prohibited abortion' (matching)
- La Francia vieta il velo a scuola.
  'France bans the headscarf in schools' (ARTIFACT as EVENT; T=indossare 'wear')

Verbs of Desire (Bos 2009)

[[Human]-subj] preferire [[Event]-obj]

- Preferisco bere piuttosto che mangiare.
  'I prefer drinking to eating' (matching)
- Preferisco la birra al vino.
  'I prefer beer to wine' (ARTIFACT as EVENT; T=bere 'drink')

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- Non ho potuto ascoltare tutti i colleghi
  'I could not listen to all colleagues' (HUMAN as SOUND; CA=parlare 'speak')

Directed Motion Verbs 1/3

[[Human]-subj] raggiunge [[Location]-obj]

- Abbiamo raggiunto l'isola alle 5.
  'We reached the island at 5' (matching)
- Ho raggiunto il semaforo e ho svoltato a destra.
  'I reached the traffic light and turned right' (ARTIFACT as LOCATION; CA= essere_a 'be_at'(location))

Directed Motion Verbs 2/3

[[Human]-subj] arriva (Adv [[Location]])

- Alla fine, ormai col buio, sono arrivata a una radura.
  'Finally in the dark I came upon a clearing.' (matching)
- Gli invitati arrivano al concerto in ritardo.
  'The guests arrived late at the concert' (EVENT as LOCATION; CA=aver luogo_a 'take place_at'(location))

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- Tutti i voli civili sono atterrati.
  'All civilian flights landed' (EVENT as VEHICLE; *ArgStr* Exploitation?)

Vehicle Verbs

[[Human]-subj] parcheggiare ([[Vehicle]-obj])

- Luca ha parcheggiato sotto casa.
  'Luca parked near the house' (matching)
- L'ambulanza ha parcheggiato lontano.
  'The ambulance parked far away' (VEHICLE as HUMAN;
  T=guidare 'drive'(human, vehicle))

Theory Meets Data

Pustejovsky and Rumshisky (2008)

- Theory predicts phenomena generally by generative rules
- Evidence-based analysis often up-ends the theoretical predictions
- Argument Preferences and Type Selection

Verbs Selecting for Artifactual Entities

(16) a. NATURAL VERBS: touch, sleep, smile
b. ARTIFACTUAL VERBS: fix, repair, break, mend, spoil

(17)
$$\begin{bmatrix} \textbf{touch} \\ \text{ARGSTR} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{ARG1} = x : \textit{phys} \\ \text{ARG2} = y : \textit{phys} \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

(18)
$$\begin{bmatrix} \textbf{repair} \\ \text{ARGSTR} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{ARG1} = x : \textit{human} \\ \text{ARG2} = y : \textit{phys} \otimes_{\textit{Telic}} \alpha \end{bmatrix} \end{bmatrix}$$

Examples of *repair*-verbs

(19) a. Mary repaired the roof.
b. John fixed the computer.
c. The plumber fixed the sink.
d. The man mended the fence.

Composition with *repair* and NP Object

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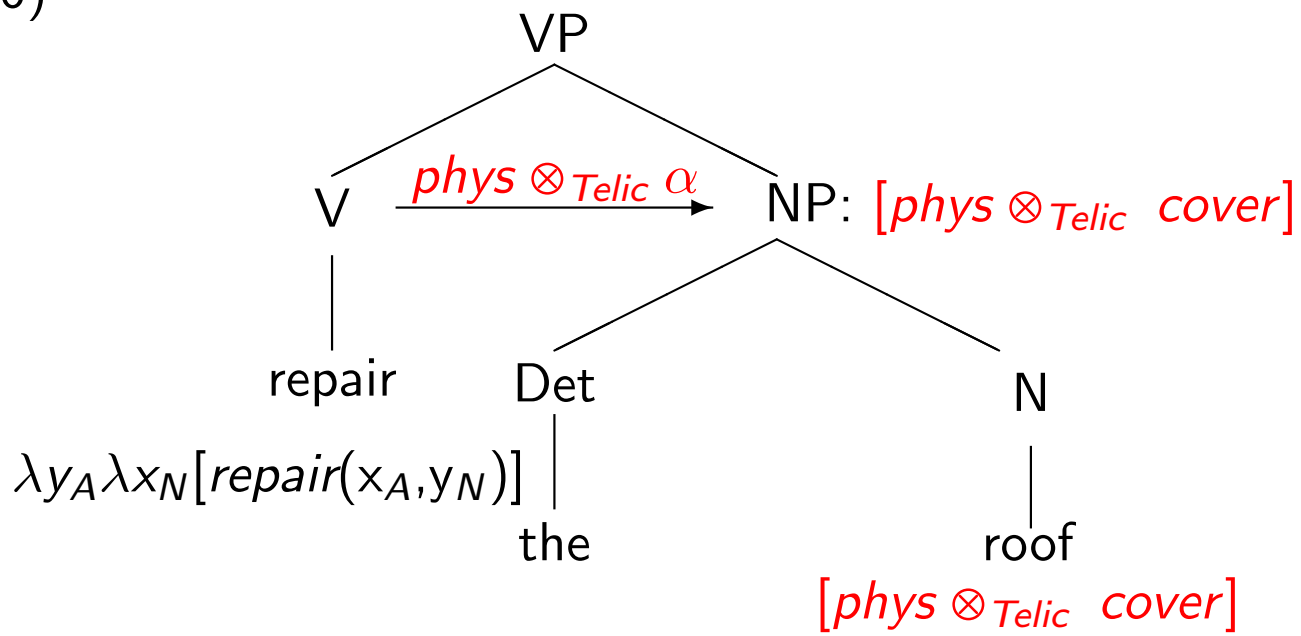


Direct object complements for the *repair*-verbs

repair.v			fix.v			mend.v		
damage	107	42.66	pipe	9	11.83	fence	23	32.78
roof	16	20.27	gutter	4	11.45	shoe	10	19.01
fence	10	18.07	heating	5	9.66	puncture	4	18.91
gutter	5	15.87	car	19	9.43	clothes	11	18.68
ravages	4	15.76	alarm	5	9.13	net	8	18.01
hernia	4	15.61	bike	5	9.11	roof	8	16.99
car	23	15.39	problem	23	8.77	car	14	15.45
shoe	10	15.22	leak	3	8.58	way	20	14.26
leak	5	14.96	light	12	8.49	air-conditioning	2	12.71
building	17	14.02	boiler	3	7.96	damage	6	12.71
crack	6	13.99	roof	5	7.27	hole	5	11.38
wall	14	13.77	motorbike	2	7.19	bridge	4	9.68
fault	7	13.56	fault	4	6.91	heart	5	9.6
puncture	3	13.53	jeep	2	6.79	clock	3	9.45
pipe	7	12.89	door	11	6.65	chair	4	9.36
bridge	8	12.19	chain	4	5.48	wall	5	9.27
road	13	12.19	bulb	2	5.15	chain	3	8.3

Selectional Behavior of *repair*-Verbs

(21) *fix.v*

object

a. ARTIFACTUAL: pipe, car, alarm, bike, roof, boiler, lock, engine; heart; light, door, bulb

b. NEGATIVE STATE (condition on the artifact): leak, drip

c. NEGATIVE STATE (general situation): problem, fault

(22) *repair.v*

object

a. ARTIFACTUAL: roof, fence, gutter, car, shoe, fencing, building, wall, pipe, bridge, road; hernia, ligament

b. NEGATIVE STATE (condition on the artifact): damage, ravages, leak, crack, puncture, defect, fracture, pothole, injury

c. NEGATIVE STATE (general situation): rift, problem, fault

(23) *mend.v*

object

a. ARTIFACTUAL: fence, shoe, clothes, roof, car, air-conditioning, bridge clock, chair, wall, stocking, chain, boat, road, pipe

b. ARTIFACTUAL (extended or metaphoric uses): matter, situation; relationship, marriage, relations

c. NEGATIVE STATE (condition on the artifact): puncture, damage, hole, tear

Corpus Evidence Suggests a Different Typing Structure

The verbs select for a negative state of an artifactual type.

(24) a. GENERAL NEGATIVE SITUATION: "fix the problem"
b. CONDITIONS OF THE ARTIFACT: "hole in the wall", "dent in the car".

When the negative relational state is realized, it can either take an artifactual as its object, or leave it implicitly assumed:

(25) a. *repair the puncture / leak*
b. *repair the puncture in the hose / leak in the faucet*

When the artifactual is realized, the negative state is left implicit by default.

(26) a. *repair the hose / faucet*
b. *repair the (puncture in) the hose / (leak in) the faucet*

Revised Typing for *repair*-Verbs

- Selectional properties for the verb *repair* need modification to reflect behavior witnessed from organic data;
- This can be accomplished by positing the negative state as the selected argument of a verb such as *repair*, and the artifactual posited as a *default argument*.

(27)
$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \textbf{repair} \\ \\ \text{ARGSTR} = \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{ARG1} = x : \textit{human} \\ \text{ARG2} = y : \textit{neg\_state}(z) \\ \text{D-ARG1} = z : \textit{phys} \otimes_{\textit{Telic}} \alpha \end{array}\right] \end{array}\right]$$

Co-compositionality

Pustejovsky (1995, 2013)

- A semantic property of a linguistic expression in which all constituents contribute functionally to the meaning of the entire expression.
- A characterization of how a system constructs the meaning from component parts.
- It is the set of computations within a specific system that should be characterized as co-compositional for those expressions.

Co-compositionality

(28) a. John ran.
b. John ran for twenty minutes.
c. John ran two miles.

(29) a. John ran to the store.
b. John ran the race.

There are two senses of *run* that emerge in context with these examples:

(30) a. run_1: manner-of-motion activity, as used in (28);
b. run_2: change-of-location transition, as used in (29);

Co-compositionality

(31) a. Mary *waxed* the car.
b. Mary *waxed* the car clean.

(32) a. John *wiped* the counter.
b. John *wiped* the counter dry.

(33) a. John *baked* the potato.
b. John *baked* the cake.

(34) a. Mary *fried* an egg.
b. Mary *fried* an omelette.

(35) a. John *carved* the stick.
b. John *carved* a statue.

Co-compositionality

- Informally, we can view co-compositionality as the introduction of new information to an expression by the argument, beyond what it contributes as an argument to the function within the phrase.
- Hence, it can be considered an ampliative operation, relative to the function application.

The Case of bake

(36) $\lambda y \lambda x \lambda e \left[\begin{array}{l} \textbf{bake} \\ \text{AS} = \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{A1} = x : \textit{phys} \\ \text{A2} = y : \textit{phys} \end{array} \right] \\ \text{ES} = \left[\text{E1} = e : \textit{process} \right] \\ \text{QS} = \left[\text{A} = \textit{bake}(e, x, y) \right] \end{array} \right]$

(37)

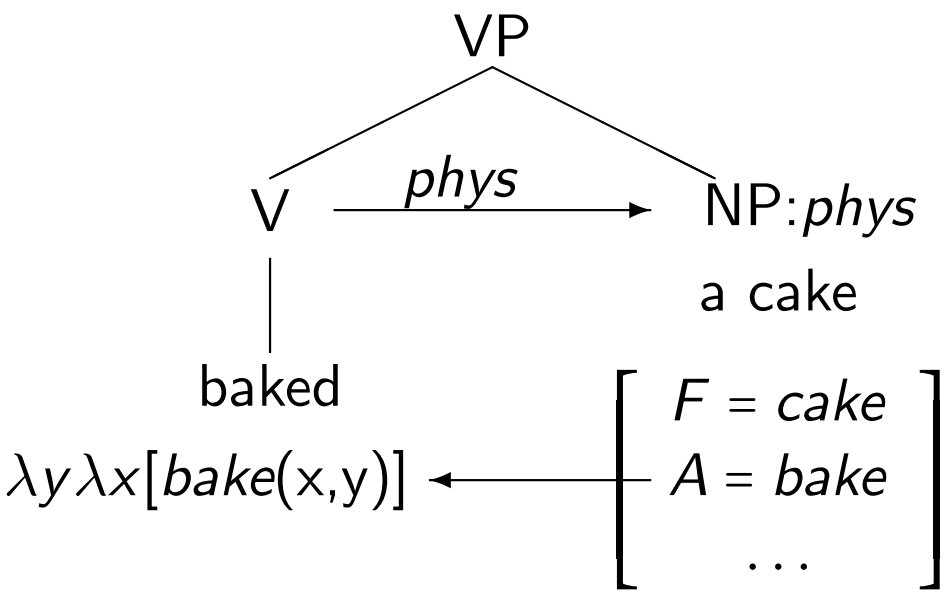
$$\lambda x \exists y \left[\begin{array}{l} \textbf{cake} \\ \text{AS} = \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{ARG1} = x : \textit{phys} \\ \text{D-ARG1} = y : \textit{mass} \end{array} \right] \text{QS} = \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{F} = \textit{cake}(x) \\ \text{C} = \textit{made\_of}(x, y) \\ \text{T} = \lambda z, e[\textit{eat}(e, z, x)] \\ \text{A} = \exists w, e[\textit{bake}(e, w, y)] \end{array} \right] \end{array} \right]$$

The Agentive for *cake* makes reference to the process within which it is embedded in the sentence (i.e., *bake a cake*), which is a case of cospecification.

Co-compositionality

- The direct object cospecifies the verb selecting it, since its type structure makes reference to the governing verb, *bake*.

(38)



Co-compositionality

From the underlying *change-of-state* sense of *bake*, the *creation* sense emerges when combined with the NP *a cake*.

$$\exists e_1, e_2, x, y[bake(e_1, j, y) \wedge cake(e_2, x) \wedge made\_of(x, y) \wedge e_1 \leq e_2]$$

The operation of co-composition results in a qualia structure for the VP that reflects aspects of both constituents. These include:

(A) The governing verb *bake* applies to its complement;

(B) The complement co-specifies the verb;

(C) The composition of qualia structures results in a derived sense of the verb, where the verbal and complement AGENTIVE roles match, and the complement FORMAL quale becomes the FORMAL role for the entire VP.

Co-compositionality

The derived sense is computed from an operation called *qualia unification*, introduced in Pustejovsky (1995). The conditions under which this operation can apply are stated in (39) below:

(39) FUNCTION APPLICATION WITH QUALIA UNIFICATION: For two expressions, α, of type <a,b>, and β, of type a, with qualia structures QS_α and QS_β, respectively, then, if there is a quale value shared by α and β, $[_{QS_\alpha} \ldots [Q_i = \gamma\ ]]$ and $[_{QS_\beta} \ldots [Q_i = \gamma\ ]]$, then we can define the qualia unification of QS_α and QS_β, $QS_\alpha \sqcap QS_\beta$, as the unique greatest lower bound of these two qualia structures. Further, $\alpha(\beta)$ is of type b with $QS_{\alpha(\beta)} = QS_\alpha \sqcap QS_\beta$.

Co-compositionality

The composition in (38) can be illustrated schematically in (40) below.

(40) $\begin{bmatrix} \text{V} & A = bake \end{bmatrix} \sqcap \begin{bmatrix} \text{NP} & F = cake \\ & A = bake \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{VP} & F = cake \\ & A = bake \end{bmatrix}$

Properties of Co-compositional Derivations

- Within an expression, α, consisting of two subexpressions, α_1 and α_2, i.e., $[_\alpha\ \alpha_1\ \alpha_2]$, one of the subexpressions is an *anchor* that acts as the primary functor;
- Within the argument expression, there is explicit reference to the anchor or the anchor's type (that is, the complement co-specifies the functor);
- The composition of lexical structures results in a derived sense of the functor, within α.

General Co-compositionality

- The derivation for an expression α, is *co-compositional* with respective to its constituent elements, α_1 and α_2, if and only if one of α_1 or α_2 applies to the other, $\alpha_i(\alpha_j)$, $i \neq j$, and $\beta_j(\alpha_i)$, for some type structure β_j within the type of α_j, i.e., $\beta_j \sqsubseteq \mathit{type}(\alpha_j)$.
- $[[\alpha]] = \alpha_i(\alpha_j) \sqcap \beta_j(\alpha_i)$.

The more general characterization of co-compositionality allows us to analyze a number of constructions as co-compositional: *subject-induced coercion* and certain light verb constructions, e.g., *functionally dependent verbs*.

Induced Agency

Wechsler

(41) a. The storm killed the deer.
b. An angry rioter killed a policeman.

(42) a. The glass touched the painting.
b. The curious child touched the painting.

(43) a. The ball rolled down the hill.
b. John rolled down the hill as fast as he could.

(44) a. The room cooled off quickly.
b. John cooled off with an iced latte.

Induced Agency

- Let us characterized "agency", in terms of Qualia Structure, as referring to the potential to act towards a goal.
- For a cognitive agent, such as a *human*, this amounts to associating a set of particular activities, $\mathcal{A}$, as the value of the Agentive role, and
- A set of goals, $\mathcal{G}$, associated with the Telic role in the Qualia for that concept.

$$(45)\quad \lambda x\left[\begin{array}{l}\textbf{human\_agent}\\ \mathrm{QS} = \left[\begin{array}{l}\mathrm{F} = \mathit{human}(x)\\ \mathrm{T} = \lambda e'[\mathcal{G}\textbf{(e',x)}]\\ \mathrm{A} = \lambda e[\mathcal{A}\textbf{(e,x)}]\end{array}\right]\end{array}\right]$$

Induced Agency

(46) $\lambda y \lambda x \lambda e_2 \lambda e_1$
$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \textbf{kill} \\ \mathrm{AS} = \left[\begin{array}{l} \mathrm{A1} = x : \mathit{phys} \\ \mathrm{A2} = y : \mathit{phys} \end{array}\right] \mathrm{ES} = \left[\begin{array}{l} \mathrm{E1} = e_1 : \mathit{process} \\ \mathrm{E2} = e_2 : \mathit{state} \end{array}\right] \\ \mathrm{QS} = \left[\begin{array}{l} \mathrm{F} = \mathit{dead}(e_2, y) \\ \mathrm{A} = \mathit{kill\_act}(e, x, y) \end{array}\right] \\ \\ \end{array}\right]$$

Functionally Dependent Verbs

(47) a. The door opened.
b. Mary opened the door.

(48)
$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \textbf{open} \\ \text{AS} = \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{A1} = x : \mathit{anim} \\ \text{A2} = y : \mathit{phys} \end{array}\right] \\ \text{ES} = \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{E1} = e_1 : \mathit{state} \\ \text{E2} = e_2 : \mathit{state} \\ \text{E3} = e_3 : \mathit{process} \end{array}\right] \\ \text{QS} = \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{F} = \mathit{open}(e_2, y) \\ \text{A} = \mathit{act}(e_3, x, y) \wedge \neg \mathit{open}(e_1, y) \end{array}\right] \end{array}\right]$$

Functionally Dependent Verbs

(49) a. Mary opened the book.
b. They opened the trail.
c. Mary opened the door.
d. Bill opened Microsoft Word.

(50)
$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \textbf{open} \\ \text{AS} = \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{A1} = x : \textbf{anim} \\ \text{A2} = y : \textbf{phys} \ [\text{TELIC} = \alpha] \end{array}\right] \\ \text{ES} = \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{E1} = e_1 : \textbf{state} \\ \text{E2} = e_2 : \textbf{state} \\ \text{E3} = e_3 : \textbf{process} \end{array}\right] \\ \text{QS} = \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{F} = \alpha(e_2, y) \\ \text{A} = act(e_3, x, y) \wedge \neg\alpha(e_1, y) \end{array}\right] \end{array}\right]$$

Lexicon and encyclopedic knowledge

- Words denote classes of entities and are associated with conceptual categories, for example a *dog* denotes an *animal*, a *table* denotes an *artifact*, *bread* denotes a kind of *food*, a *park* denotes a *location*, *run* denotes a *process*, *love* denotes a *state*, and so forth.
- A conceptual category may be analyzed as a set of salient attributes or properties, for example the concept *dog* has properties: breathes, barks, wags its tail, has fur, and so forth.
- But which properties of a concept are genuinely distinctive and enter into the **lexical make-up** of a word and which ones do not?

Lexicon and encyclopedic knowledge

- There are deep controversies regarding what piece of information associated with a word should enter into its definition, and constitute what is called its **lexical information**.
- Traditionally, it is assumed that **encyclopedic knowledge** should be excluded.
- Encyclopedic knowledge is the large body of knowledge that people possess about the entities and events denoted by words as a result of their experience of the world.
- Because encyclopedic knowledge has to do with the speaker's perception of the world, and the analogies speakers establish between objects and events, rather than with their linguistic knowledge, it is also called **world knowledge** or **commonsense knowledge**.

Lexicon and encyclopedic knowledge

- The distinction is very difficult to draw.
- According to some authors, it is not even necessary.
- Others believe it should be conceived as a continuum rather than a dichotomy.
- Opinions differ because there is **no consensus about what criteria** must be satisfied for a piece of information to qualify as encyclopedic knowledge instead of linguistic meaning, or vice versa.
- Those who make a distinction take different positions on the subject (synthesis from Jezek 2016).

Minimalism

- According to the minimalist position, nothing of what we know about, say, the entity called *dog* is part of the lexical information associated with the word *dog*, except for those features that are necessary to define it as a domestic animal (as opposed to a wild one) and allow us to distinguish it from other entities falling into the same category.

Maximalism

- According to the maximalist position, the opposite is instead true, that is, the lexical information associated with the word *dog* incorporates our knowledge that dogs can be aggressive (and therefore bite and attack), that they have an acute sense of smell, that they like to chase cats, and so on.
- Likewise, the lexical information associated with the word *peach* includes, in a minimalist perspective, specification that it is a kind of fruit, and, in a maximalist perspective, that it can be more or less ripe, more or less velvety, more or less juicy, and so forth.
- This additional knowledge about dogs or peaches is what we know from our individual experience.

No distinction

- A radically different position is that taken by those who hold that the distinction between lexical information and encyclopedic knowledge is artificial or useless, and should be eliminated.
- According to this position, words give access to concepts, and all the properties that enter into the constitution of a concept can in principle be exploited in language through the use of words.
- The contexts in which words are used determine which property/ies of the concept is/are activated in the specific case.

No distinction

- In this view, there is no distinction between the meaning of a word and the information associated with the conceptual category the word gives access to.
- The lexicon is interpreted as the access node into the vast repository of information associated with conceptual categories.

GL as an Intermediate Position

- A third position is intermediate, and linguistically motivated.
- According to this position, the information encoded in a word amounts to those aspects that influence how the word behaves grammatically and how it may be interpreted in different contexts.

- One way of identifying these aspects is to examine the distribution of words in context.
- For example, the expression *quick coffee* means 'coffee which is drunk quickly'.
- This comes across as a sign that the meaning of *coffee* contributes information regarding the activity of drinking, while this appears not to be the case with the word *water* which, in the context of *quick* means 'that moves quickly' rather than 'which is drunk quickly'.
- According to this methodology, if **a piece of knowledge is exploited** in our understanding of linguistic expressions, it is likely to be part of lexical information.

Pragmatics of Contextualizing the Event

1. It's raining.
   here now
2. You're not going to die.
   soon, from your cold
3. I had a big breakfast.
   recently

Viewpoints

- Free enrichment: Any utterance may contain unarticulated constituents which are not part of the LF of the sentence, but are needed to determine a truth-theoretic interpretation. (Recanati, 2002, Carston, 2002)
- Pragmatic saturation: All truth-conditional effects of extra-linguistic context can be traced to logical form. (Stanley, 2000)
- Discourse Structure: A sentential LF embeds within a discourse structure, DRS, where constraints on licensing and accessibility of discourse referents are determined and computed. (DRT, SDRT, DPL)
- GL in Context: Combines parametric and non-parametric factors to built a context.

GL Enriches the Domain Contributing to Contextualized Meaning

- GL's multiple dimensions of semantic interpretation enhance traditional notions of compositional meaning;
- Qualia Structure and Event Structure provide presuppositional aspects of interpretation lacking in most model theoretic treatments of NL semantics;
- Coercion and co-composition can be seen as mechanisms operating at the discourse and text level.
- Corpus Data and evidence-based analysis can help reveal how these mechanisms play out in actual contexts.
- Corpus-driven analysis and evidence-based theory construction drives more expressive and realistic frameworks for lexical resources