The NITE XML Toolkit

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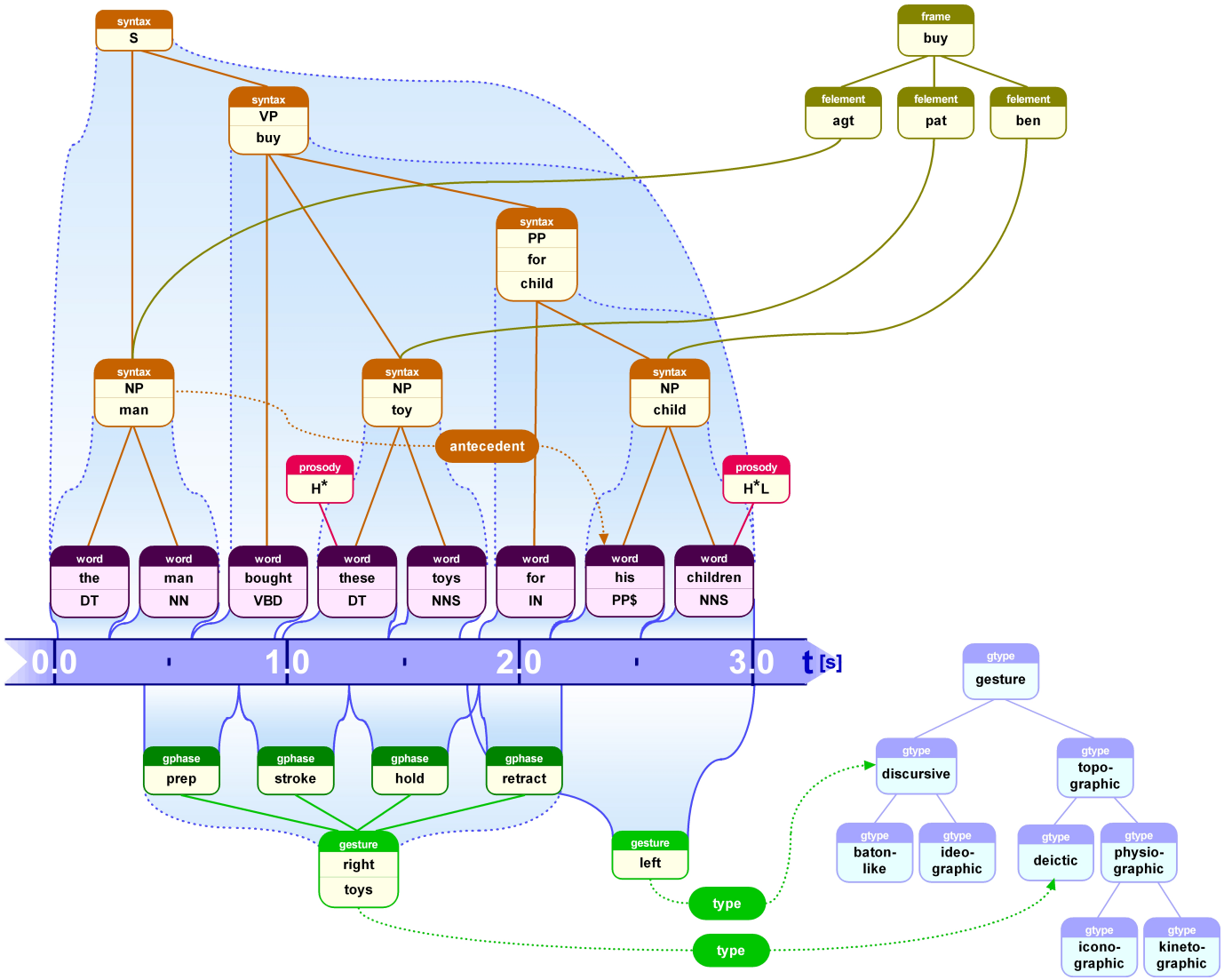
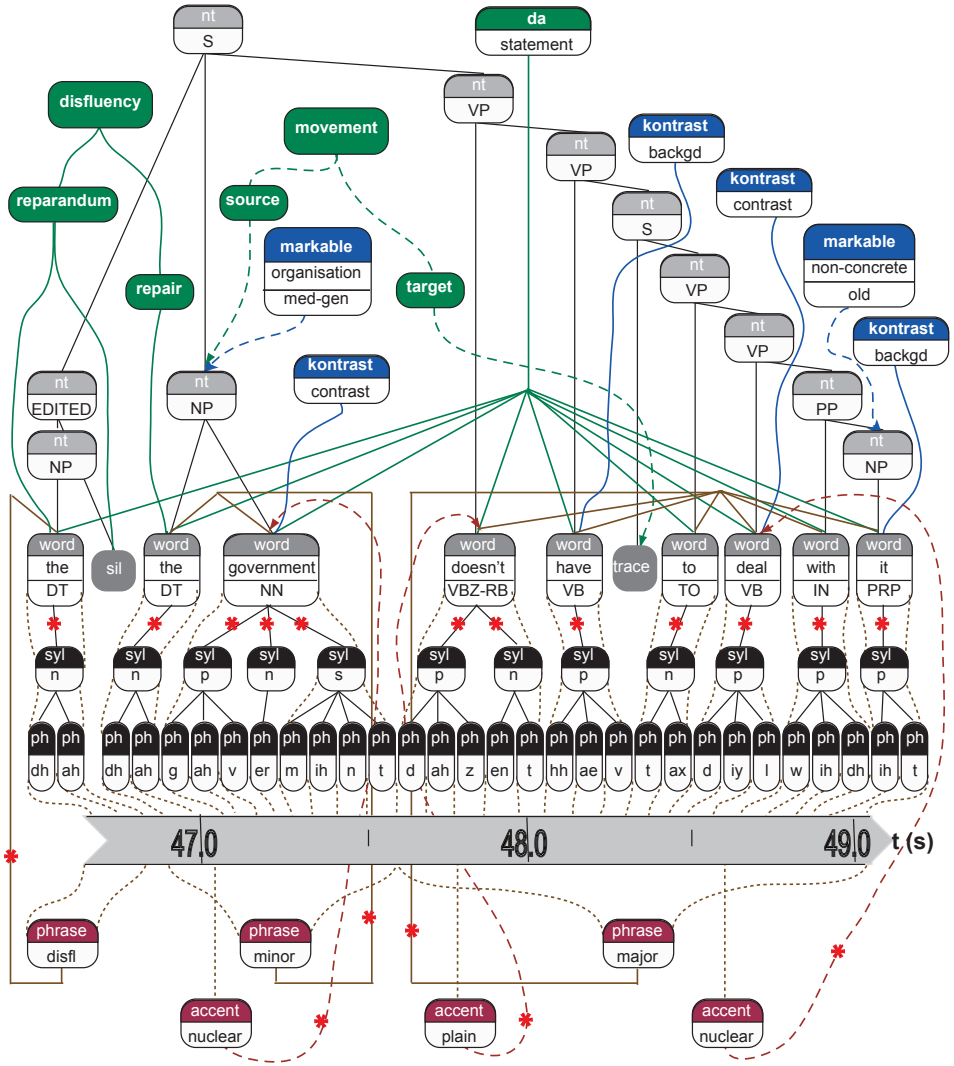
A toy example of linguistic data



NITE XML Toolkit

- Open source toolkit for handling annotations with temporal ordering and full structural relations
- Data storage format designed to support distributed corpus development
  - Libraries for data handling, query, and writing graphical user interfaces
  - Configurable end user browsing and annotation tools for common tasks
  - Command line utilities for analysis, feature extraction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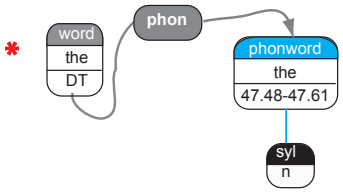
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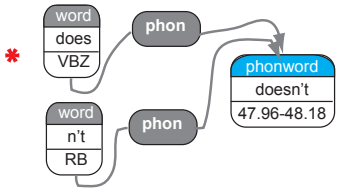
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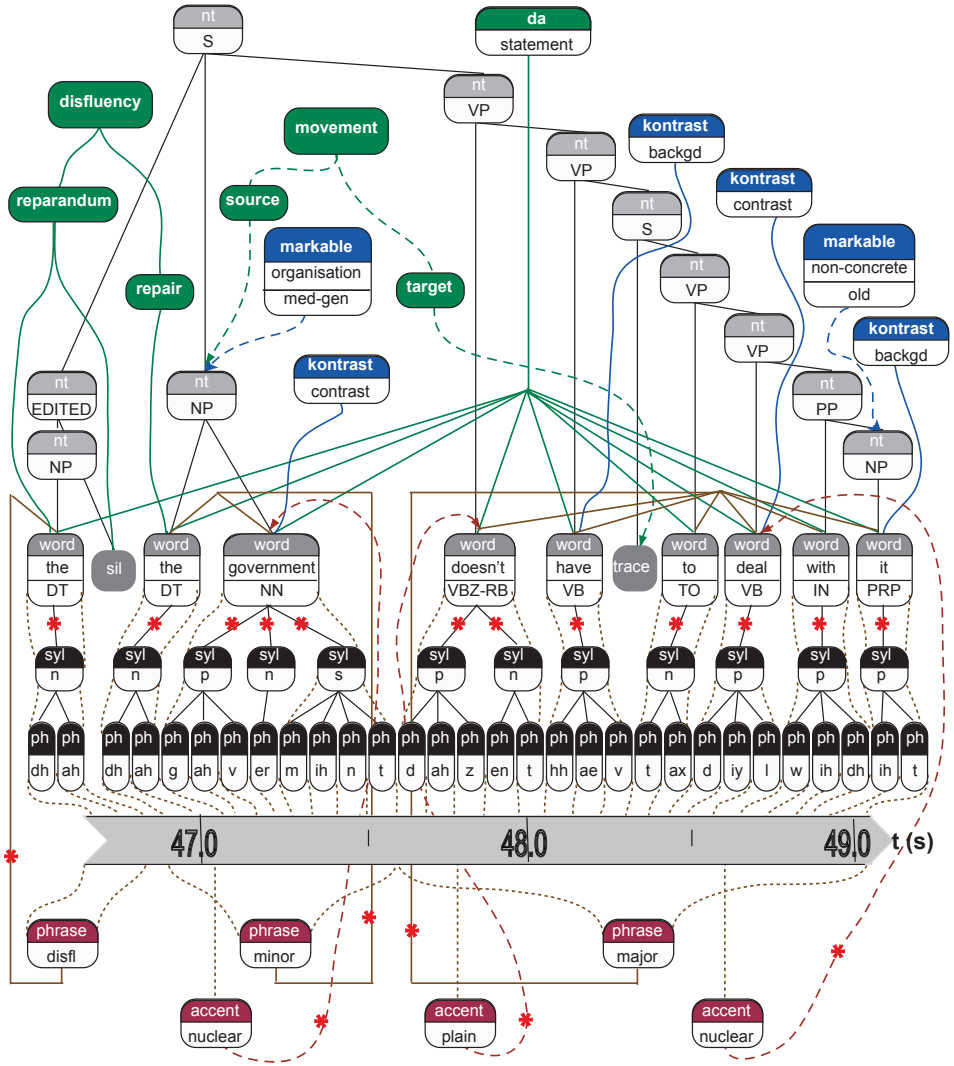
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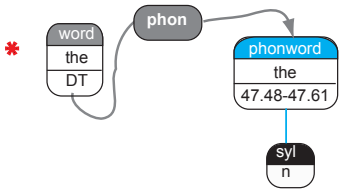
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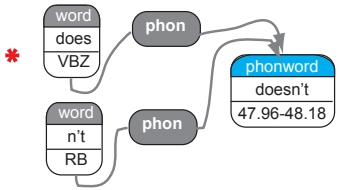
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Community support

- stand-off annotation using multiple files under version control
- dependency structure for keeping track of which annotations rely on which versions of which other annotations
- multiple competing annotations for the same thing (different humans for a reliability assessment, different automatic processes for a competition)
- logical query language - because this is the only way to analyse this kind of data

What's wrong with NXT

- Flexibility makes it harder to just start using it
  - need to formally describe corpus structure
  - some users struggle with logic
- no indexing locations within still images or video frames
- Not enough packaging (connection to automatic tools, authoring corpus structure description)
- Not "sold" enough, not known very well in America

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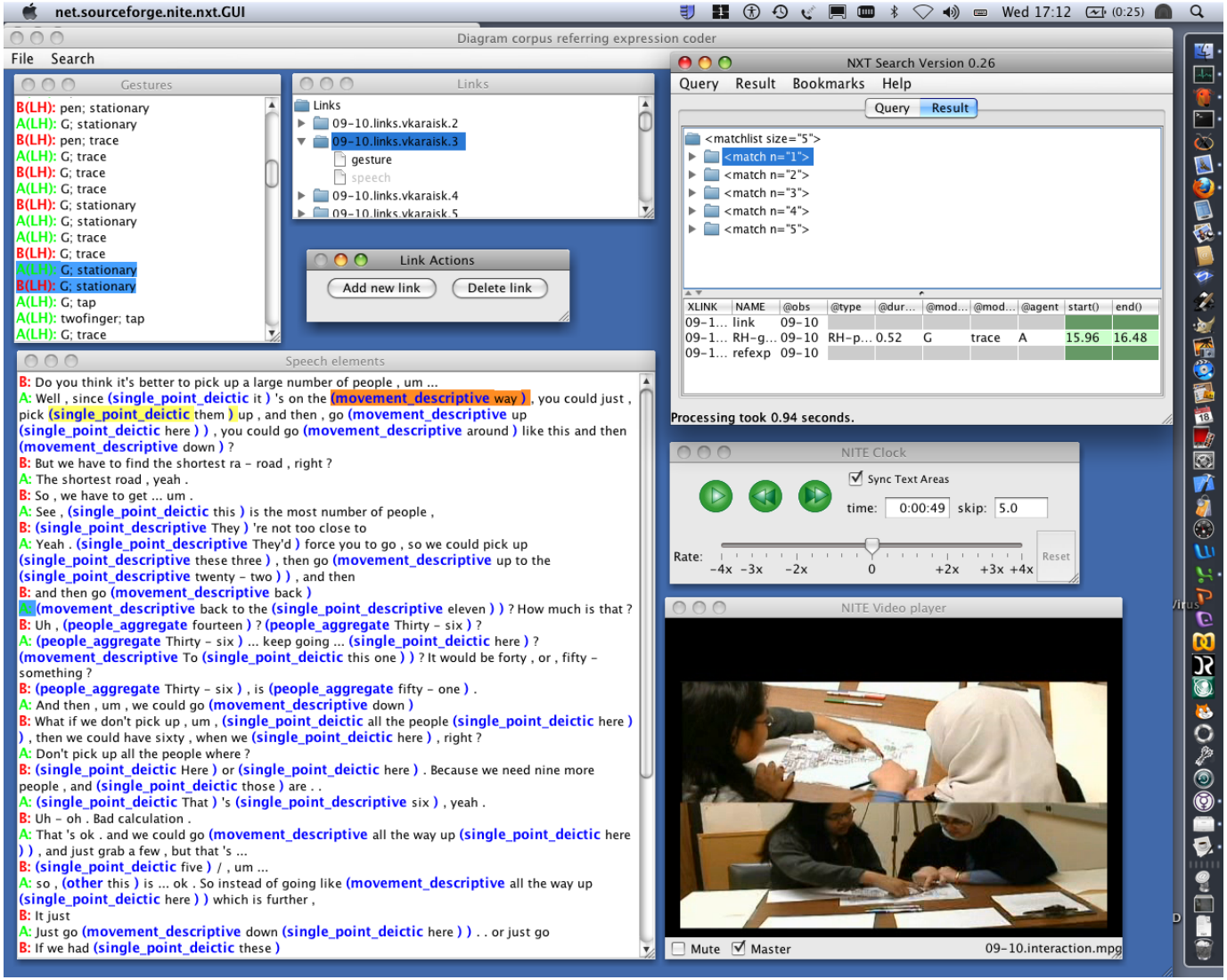

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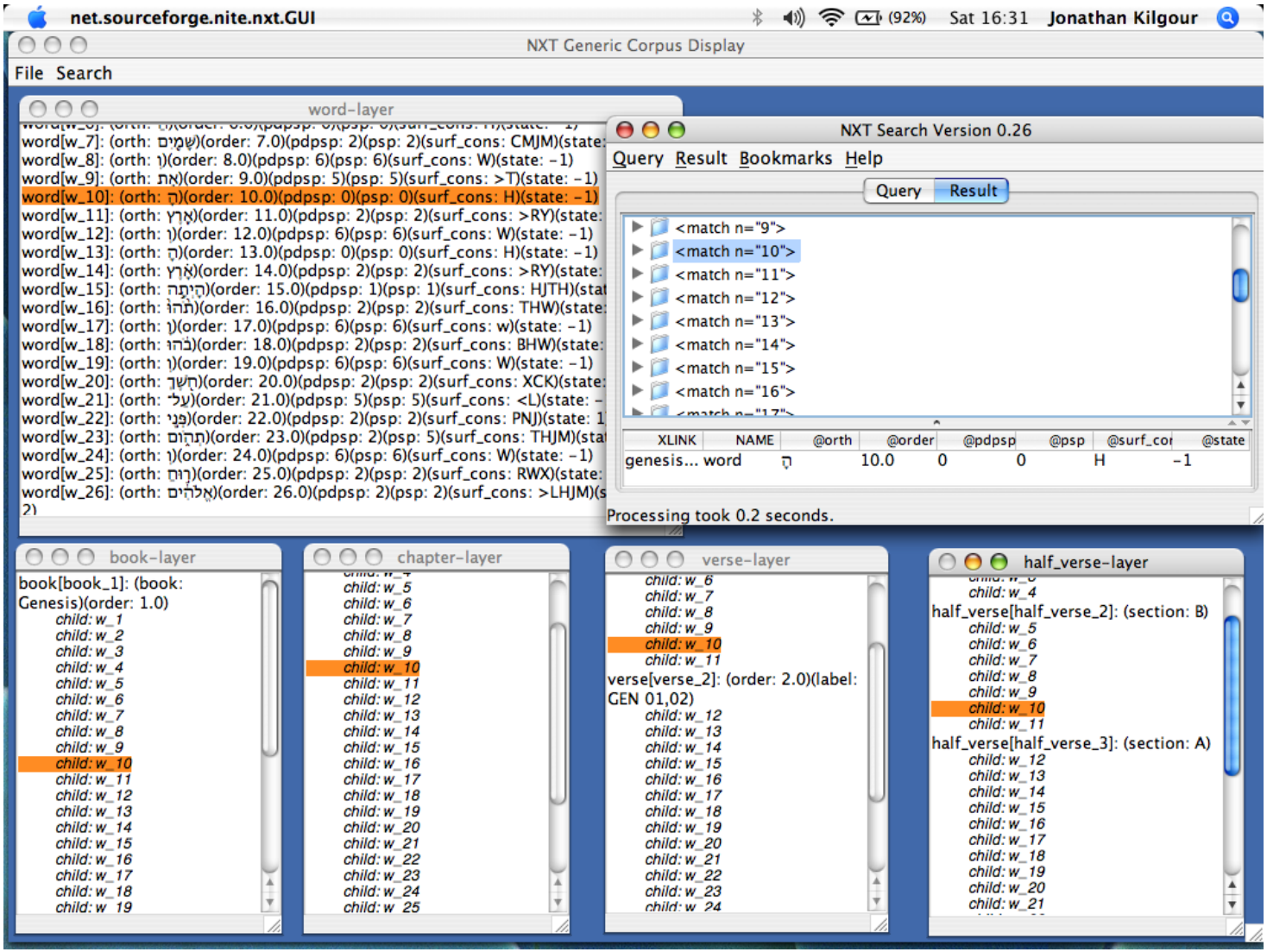
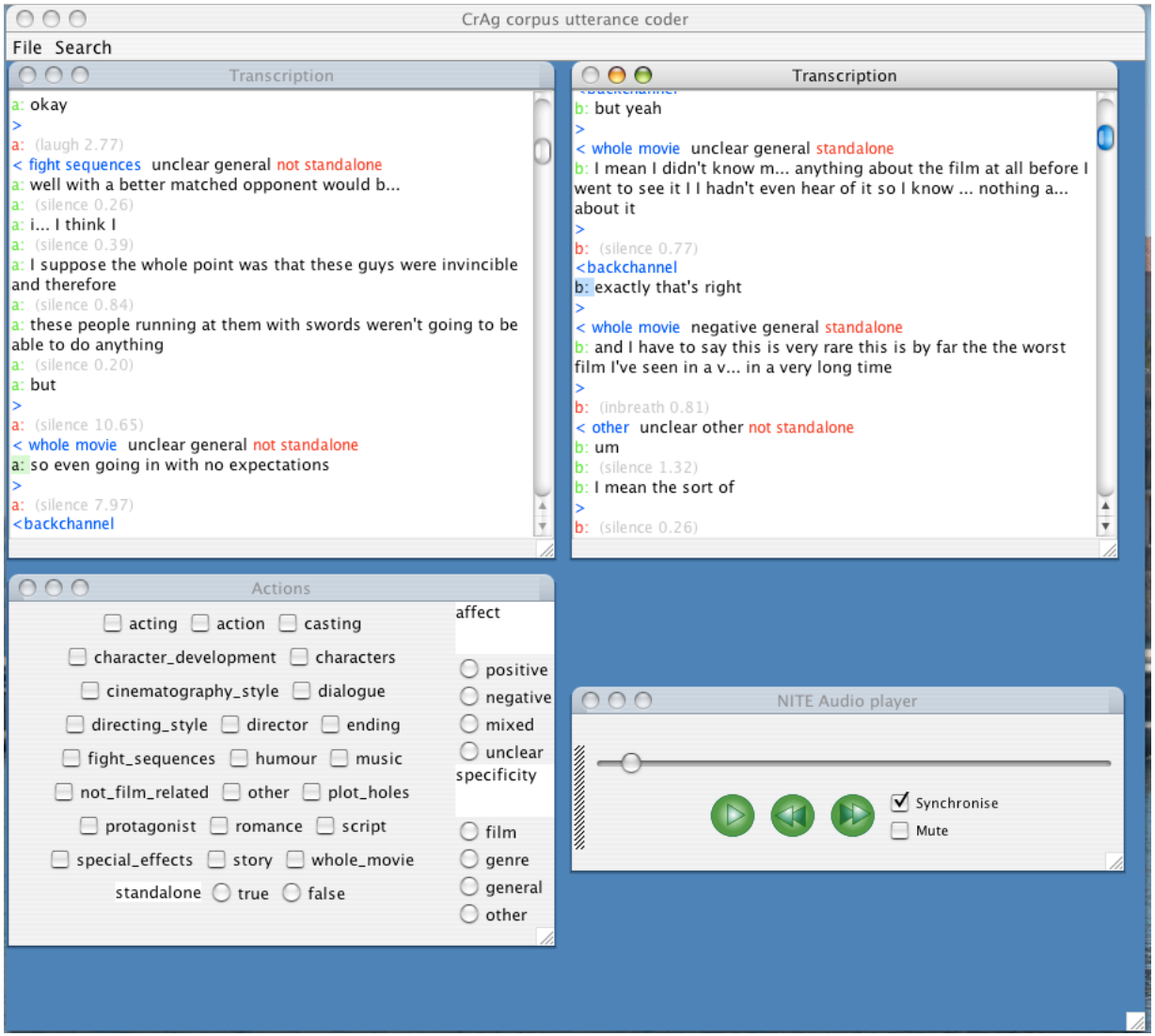
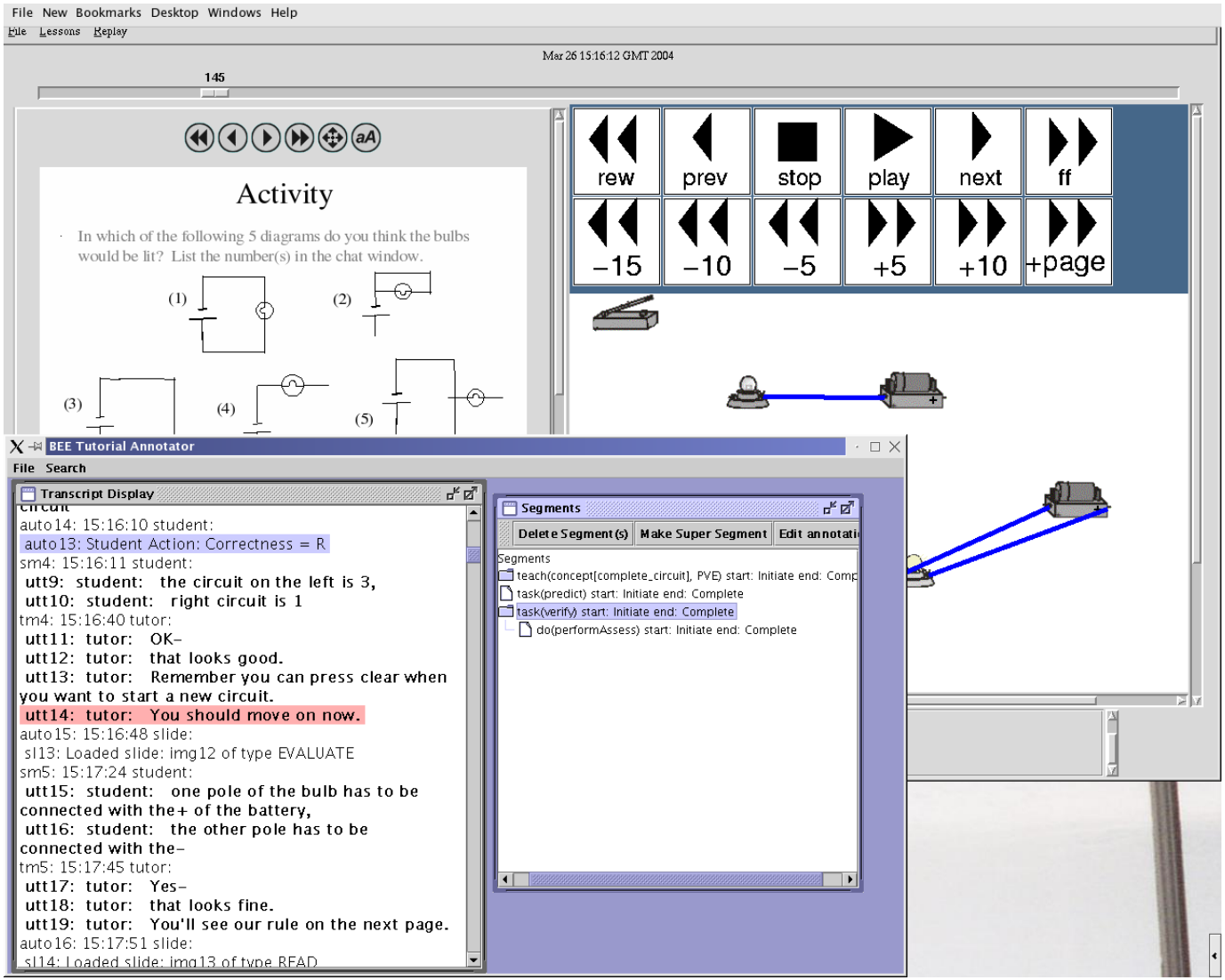


Butterflies: movie review analysis



Butterflies: dialogue system strategy



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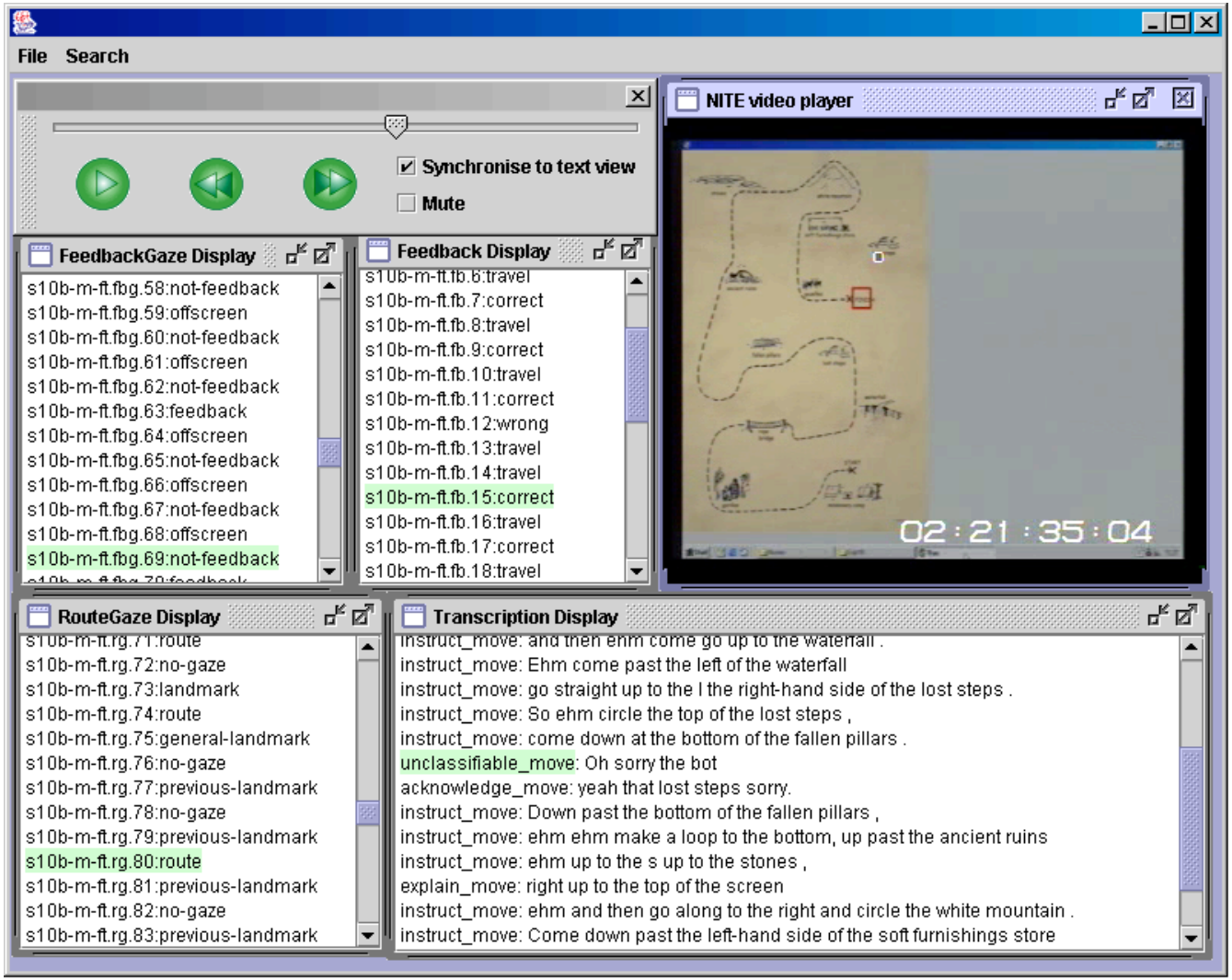

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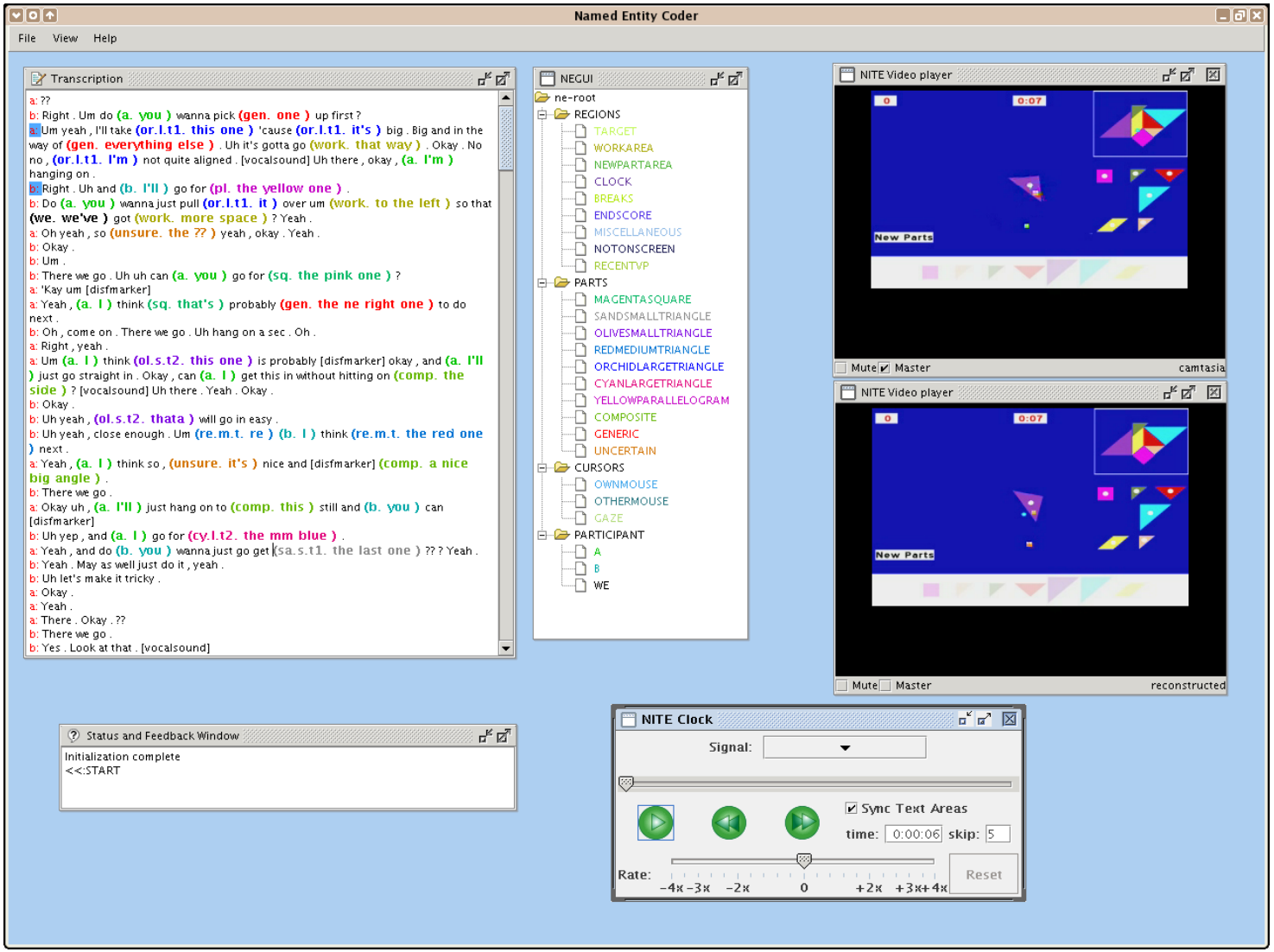

Flock of birds

Google Earth mashup