Computer Supported Content Analysis

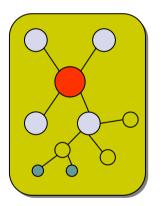
-Challenges, research and developments

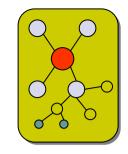
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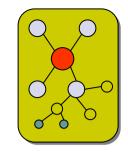
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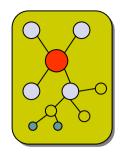
Why CSCL?

- Three issues about <u>cooperation</u>
 - defined as "acting together, in a coordinated way at work, or in social relationships, in the pursuit of shared goals..."
 - Is seen as central to our everyday lives
 - Cooperative learning is process driven
- A human group is a collection of individuals, who have interdependent relations, and who perceive themselves as a group that is recognised by non members
- People working cooperatively in CSCL environments <u>do</u> work in groups in complex ways



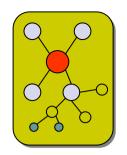
Why CSCL?

- What are the outcomes of cooperative learning?
 - Cooperative methods lead to <u>higher achievement</u> than competitive or individualistic ones.
 - Cooperative learning increase the positive affect of classrooms and students working cooperatively become more cooperative; they learn pro-social behaviours such as hot to get with others, how to listen and so on.
 - Cooperative learning <u>fosters knowledge</u> about the learning process.



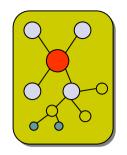
Possibilities vs. Wicked problems

- Possibilities: Collaborative technologies are shown to enhance student motivation, self-reflection, working with complex problems, and promote collaboration between learners.
- 'wicked problems': a "problem that can be characterized as an evolving set of interlocking issues and constraints in a constantly changing context".
- Basic problems of technical infrastructure and shortage of IT-trained staff.



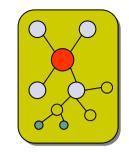
School culture challenges of CSCL

- issues concerning the compatibility of CSCL with the curriculum and the organizational structure of the school (e.g. Cullen)
- many learners seem to have great difficulties in participating in collaborative inquiry activities if these are not highly structured and if they are not given clear instructions (e.g. Blake & Rapanotti; Ploetzner et al.).
- learners often do not reach a higher level of discussion and knowledge building (e.g. Lipponen et al.; Muukkonen et al.; Mäkitalo et al.).
- many learners seem to operate under the assumption that a knowledge building process in school environment is a kind of a "question-answergame" (see Kynigos, Dimaraki & Trouki).
- In addition, teachers were shown to have difficulties in guiding a collaborative inquiry process (e.g. Rahikainen et al.).



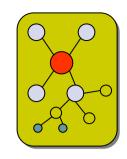
Pedagogical challenges of CSCL

- We do not yet seem to fully understand how technology should be employed in order to best support collaborative learning and higher-level knowledge building in different educational settings. The challenges include
 - a need for deeper knowledge about the kinds of activities that should accompany CSCL.
 - seek for an understanding of the best combination of CSCL and traditional, more individualistic instructional approaches (e.g. Muukkonen et al.).
 - unequal participation of the learners in computer supported collaborative learning. Some studies pointed out a tendencial exclusion of weaker or less motivated learners from computer-mediated discussions (e.g. Cullen, Lipponen et al.; Rahikainen et al.; Tapola et al.).
 - better understanding the kind of pedagogical support needed during computer supported collaborative learning (e.g. Salovaara & Järvelä; Tholander).



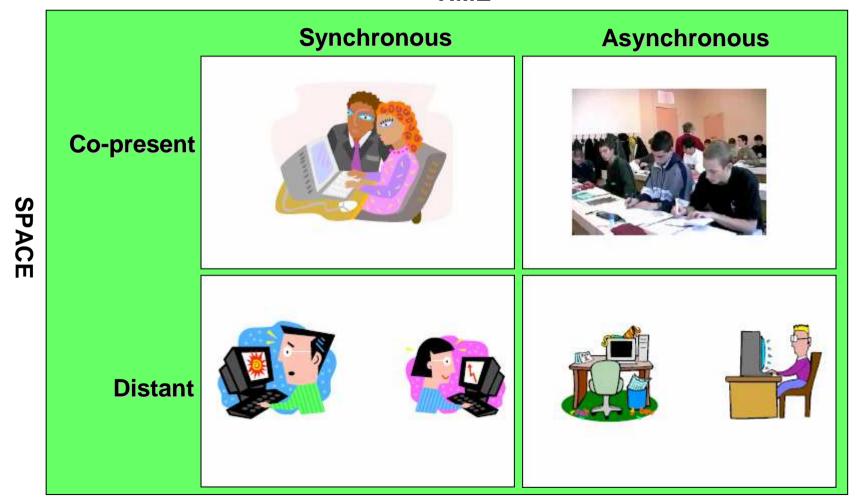
Solutions?

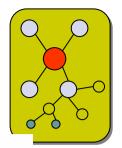
- one of the central challenges of research on CSCL will be the developing of <u>pedagogical models</u> and <u>methodological approaches</u>.
- In order to answer both the cultural and pedagogical challenges, it seems that we also need to explore further the <u>nature of computer supported communication and inquiry itself</u>.
- there has been a change in the research on CSCL to more detailed research on the <u>characteristics of discourse and argumentation</u>.
- Accompanying this process, there is also a need to develop new ways of <u>assessing the learning outcomes</u> in computer supported collaborative learning, because the traditional assessment methods are not necessarily able to show the benefits gained through this kind of learning (e.g. Karlgren).



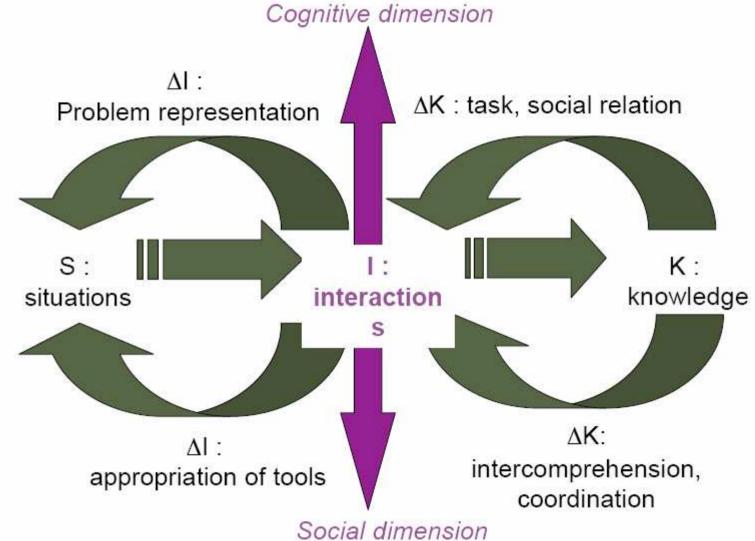
CSCL: space and time

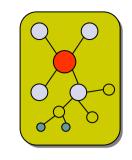
TIME





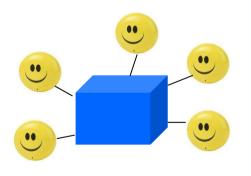
"Constructive Interaction" paradigm





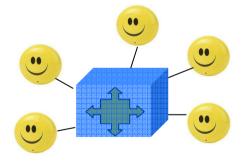
A New Approach

- It's still unclearly about how the group member implement Collaborative Knowledge Building in interaction. (Koschmann)
- We should study and understand categories of interactions and the mechanisms of negotiation to a much greater depth rather than only study collaboration in general. (Dillenburg & Baker)



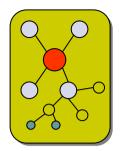


Effect of
Collaboration
=Post-test
— Pre-test

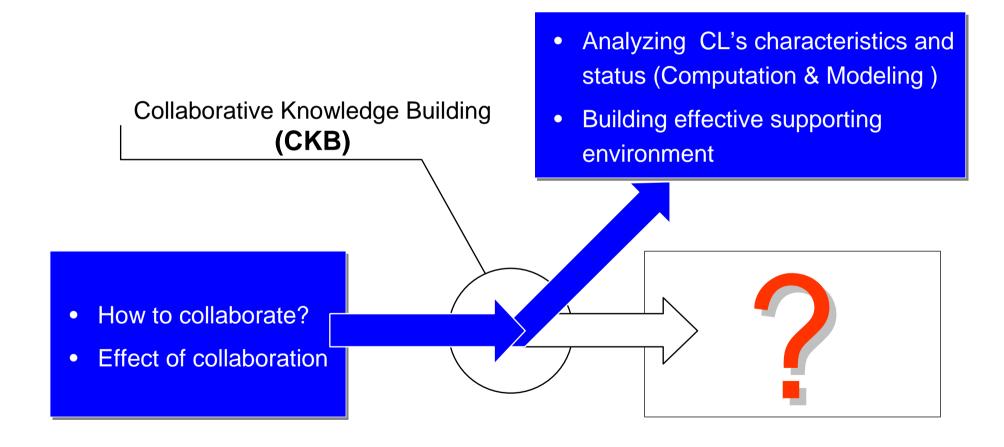


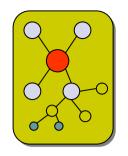


Process of Collaborative Knowledge Building



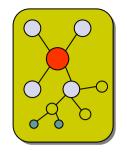
A New Approach – Content Analysis?





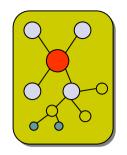
Materials in content analysis

- Coding the content of documents (like behavior coding)
 - any technique for making inferences by identifying special characteristics of messages (written or oral)
 - artifacts of social communications
 - information is condensed (classified) and made systematically comparable by applying a coding scheme
- any kind of written document
 - field notes from participant observation, letters, novels, <u>transcripts</u> of recorded communications (such as T.V shows, interviews, etc.)



The steps in content analysis

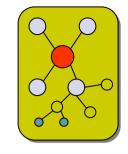
- fully describe the phenomenon to be studies (e.g. portrayal of the elderly in the media)
- select the media that will be used for data
- derive coding categories
 - choose categories, e.g. status of character, physical attractiveness, context, etc.
 - count presence or absence of a category
 - place each piece into one of many categories (forced choice)
- 4. decide on a sampling strategy --you can't count it all
- train the coders/raters (<u>reliability</u> is important)
- 6. analyze the data (%'s, compare means and variances?)



Research Perspective

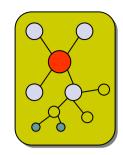
- CL (Collaborative Learning) & CKB (Collaborative Knowledge Building)
 - Interaction in e-Learning Environment is communication among group member mediated by computer and verbal information.

 Although its form is various, its essential function is Collaborative Knowledge Building, whose essential feature is Collaboration.
 - CKB ,which is interpreted from genetic epistemology ,is the activity that the collaborative community build the shared understanding and form the inter-depended relationship by the interaction among members under the same learning and cultural background.



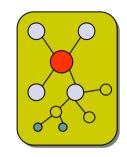
Research Aim

- To find features of CKB and to analyze status of CL
- Explore the approach to extract the above feature from interaction corpus .To design and develop the tools to implement auto analysis or semi-auto analysis of interaction.
- To improve CKB based on the result of interaction analysis. To design and develop CKB Supported Tools.



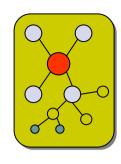
Analysis Framework: Henri Model

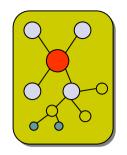
Dimension	Definition	Examples of Indicators	
Participative	Compilation of the number of messages or statements transmitted by one person or group	Number of messages Number of statements	
Social	Statement or part of statement not related to formal content of subject matter	Self-introduction Verbal support 'I'm feeling great!'	
Interactive	Chain of connected messages	'In response to Celine' 'As we said earlier'	
Cognitive	Statements exhibiting knowledge and skills relating to learning processes	Asking questions Making inferences Formulating hypotheses	
Meta-cognitive	Statements related to general knowledge and skills and showing awareness, self-control, and self-regulation of learning	Commenting on own manner of accomplishing a task Being aware of the emotional context of task completion	



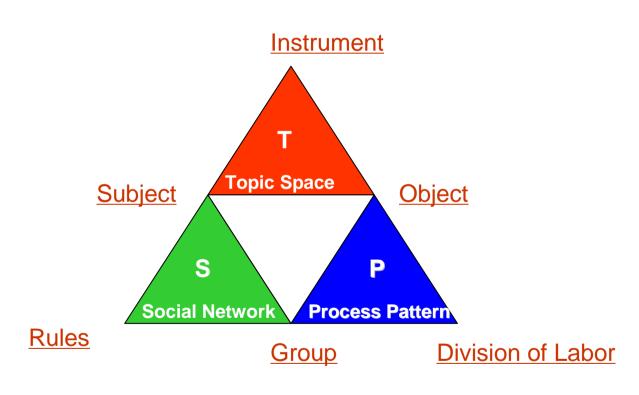
Analytical Category (after Henri, 1992)	Female Student	Male Student	Female Student	Male Student
Social	26%	35%	13%	27%
Interactive	37%	26%	37%	27%
Cognitive Skills (surface)	11%	0%	31%	5%
Cognitive Skills (deep)	26%	39%	13%	32%
Meta-cognitive Knowledge	0%	0%	3%	9%
Meta-cognitive Skills	0%	0%	3%	0%

Phase I	Sharing/Comparing of Information	
A	Statements of observation/opinion	6
В	Agreement from one or more participants	4
С	Corroborating examples from one or more participants	6
D	Clarification by asking or answering questions	9
Е	Definition, description or identification of a problem	2
Phase II	Discovery and Exploration of Dissonance or Inconsistency	
A	Identifying and stating areas of disagreement	6
В	Asking and answering questions to clarify sources of disagreement	2
С	Restating a position and supporting it with evidence	1
Phase III	Negotiation of Meaning and Co-Construction of Knowledge	
A	Negotiation or clarification of the meaning of terms	
В	negotiation of the relative weight to be assigned to types of argument	
С	Identification of areas of agreement or overlap among conflicting concepts	
D	Proposal and negotiation of new statements embodying compromise/co-construction	
Е	Proposal of integrating or accommodating ideas	
Phase IV	Testing and Modification of Proposed Synthesis/Co-construction	
A	Testing synthesis against established/received shared ideas of participants	
В	Testing against existing cognitive schema	
С	Testing against personal experience	
D	Testing against formally collected data	
Е	Testing against contradictory testimony in the literature	
Phase V	Agreement/application of New Co-constructions	
A	Summarisation of agreements	
В	Application of new knowledge	
С	Metacognitive statements indicating changes of understanding among participants	



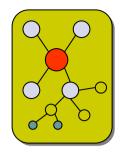


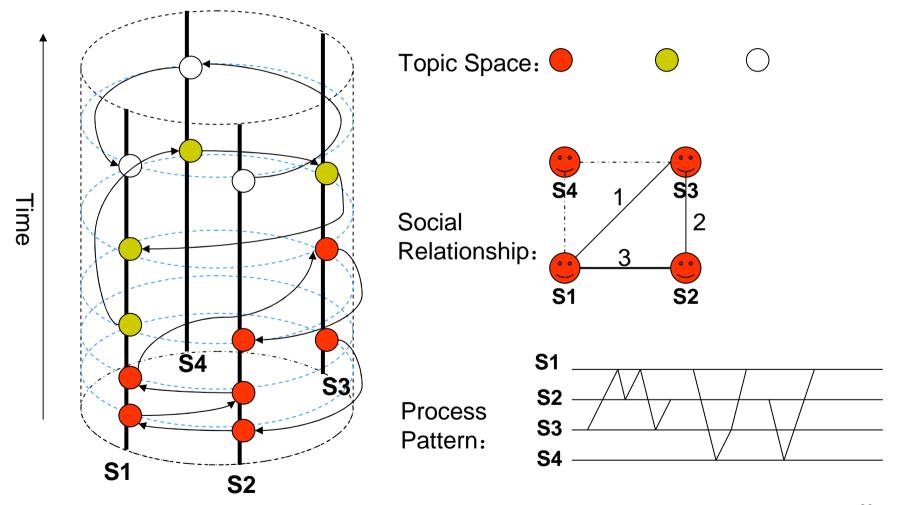
Research framework on CKB Process

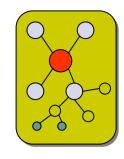


- Topic Space: Topic (knowledge) set in process of CKB.
- Social Network:
 Relationships among
 group members .
- Process Pattern: The relatively steady path and organizing form of CKB.

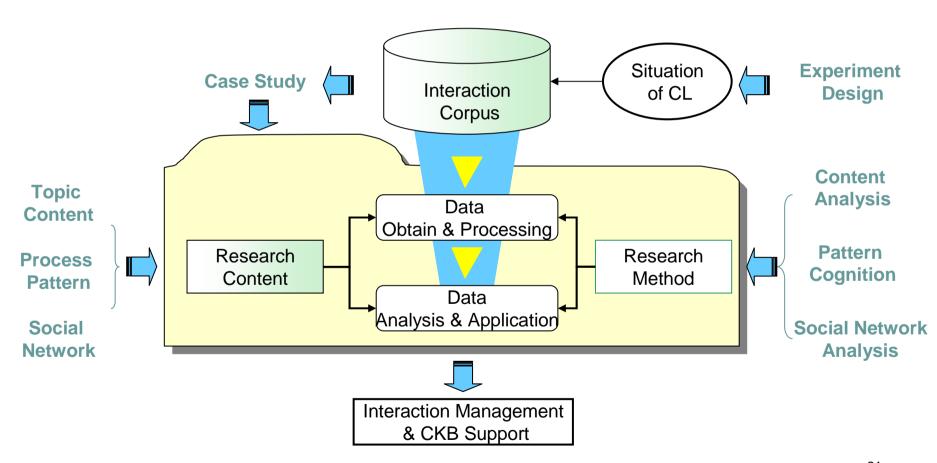
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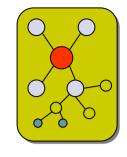






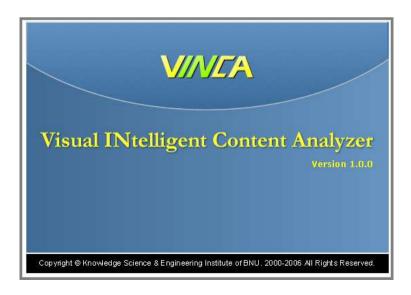
Research Approach

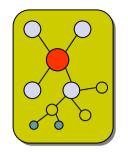




Vinca Introduction

 VINCA stands for Visual INtelligent Content Analyzer, which is the content analysis tool jointly developed by CITE, HKU and KSEI, BNU.

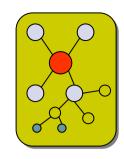




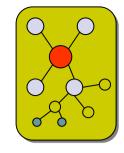
Vinca 's Features

- Learnable Semi-automatic Coding Support
- Analyze text in Chinese
- Utilize Computational Language & Text Mining technologies
- Support assessing for CKB



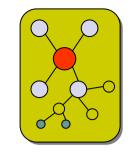


- Data preparation
- Annotation Aids
- Text Analysis
- Data Export for SNA



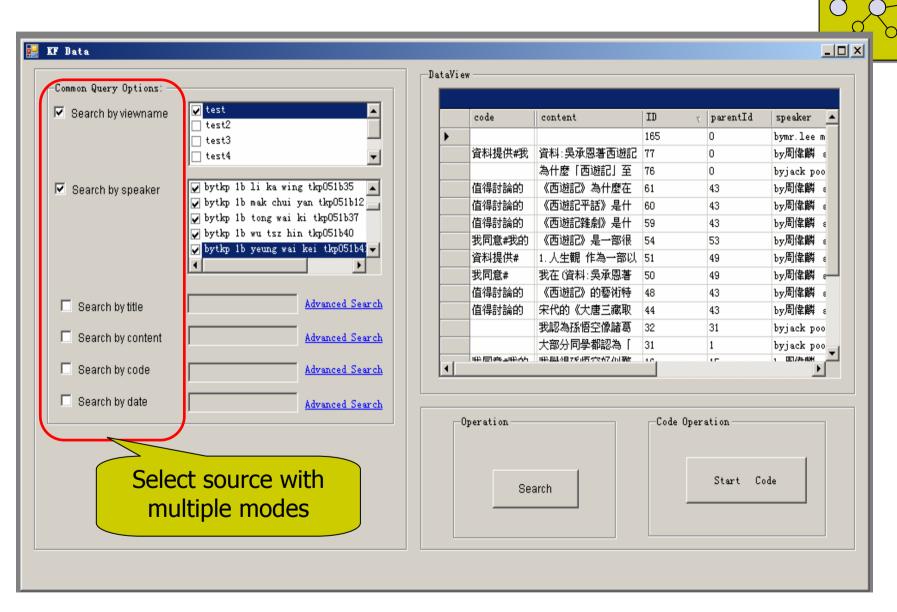
Data preparation

- Data preparation to convert Knowledge
 Forum discourse in html to database format
 - From Version 3.4
 - From Version 4.5

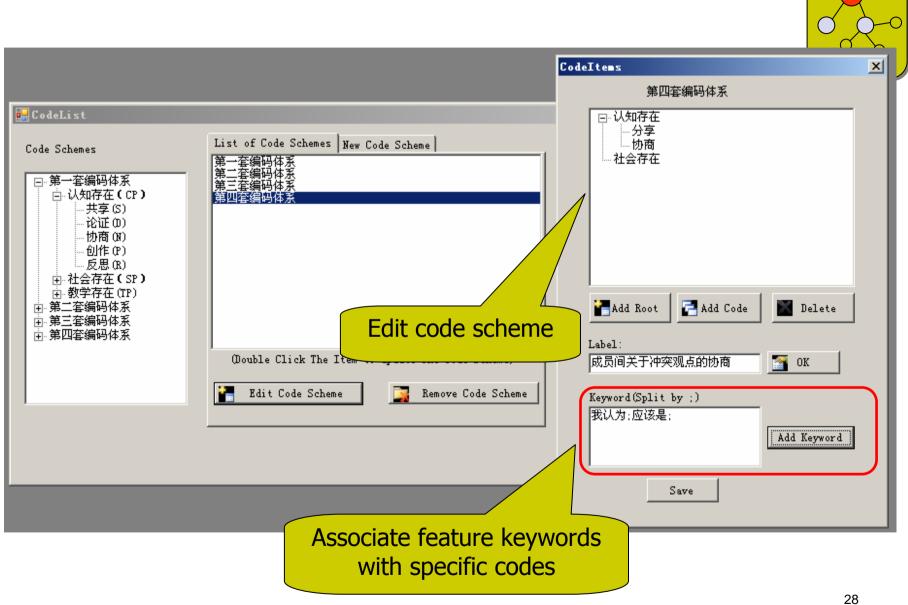


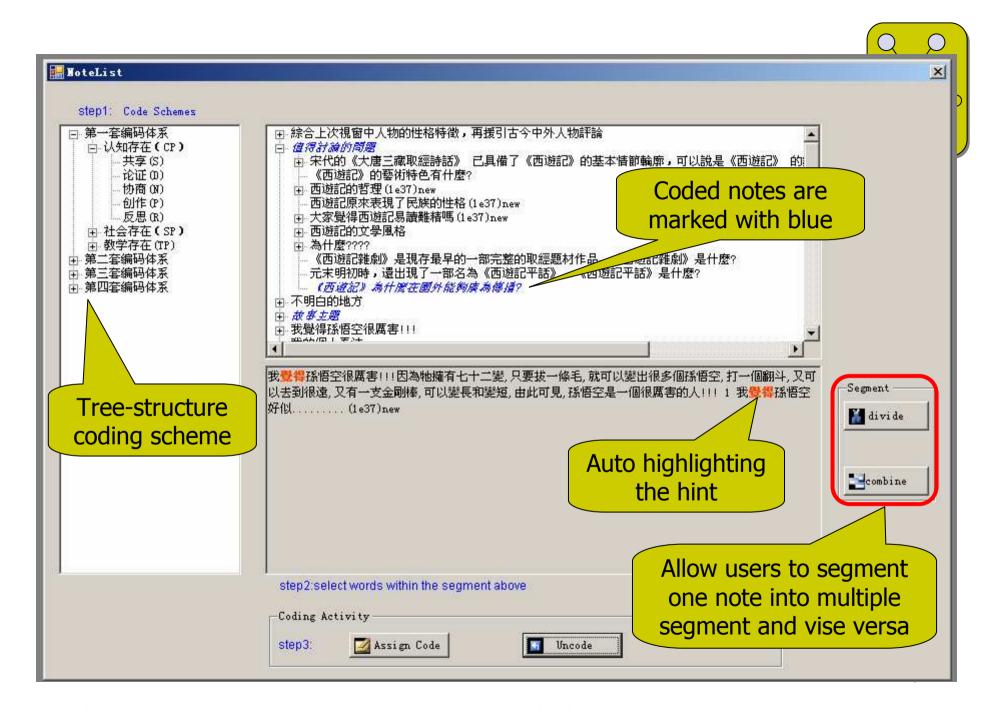
Annotation Aids

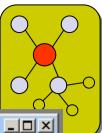
- Edit Coding Scheme
 - New, Modify, Delete
 - Associate feature keywords to specific codes
- Annotation
 - Automatic discover the code hint, highlight it and attach possible codes with confidence probability.
 - Support segment & merge
 - During the process of coding, users are allowed to select the hint to mark the final coding.
- View Coding Result

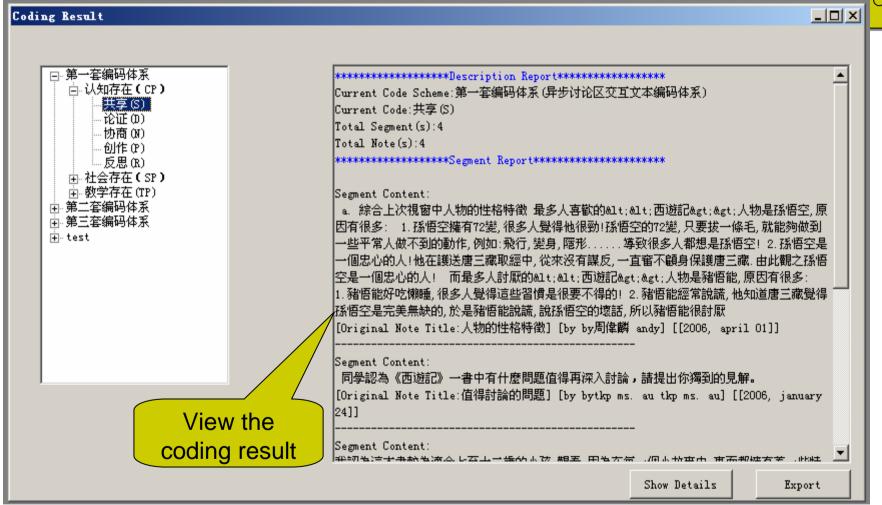


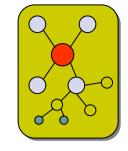
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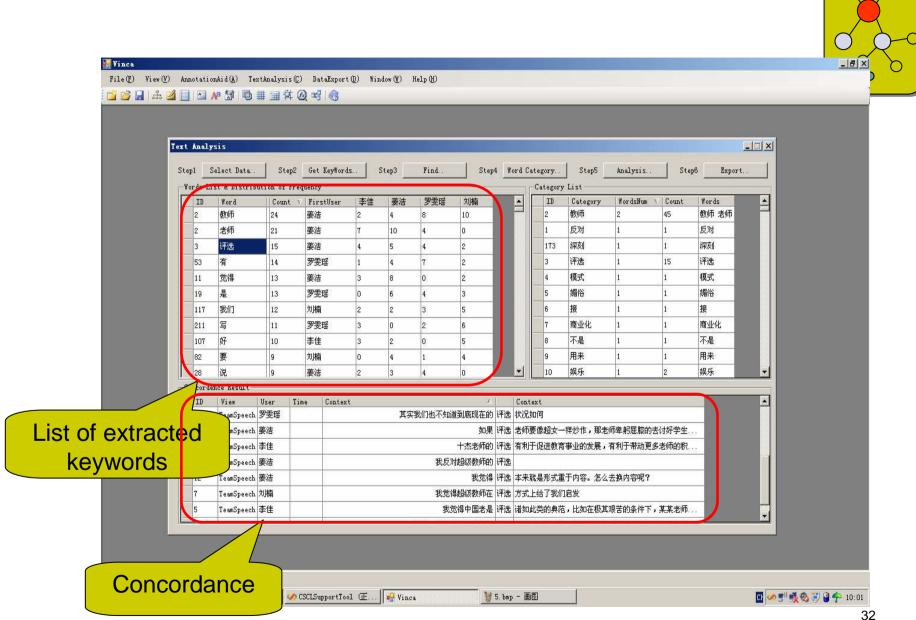


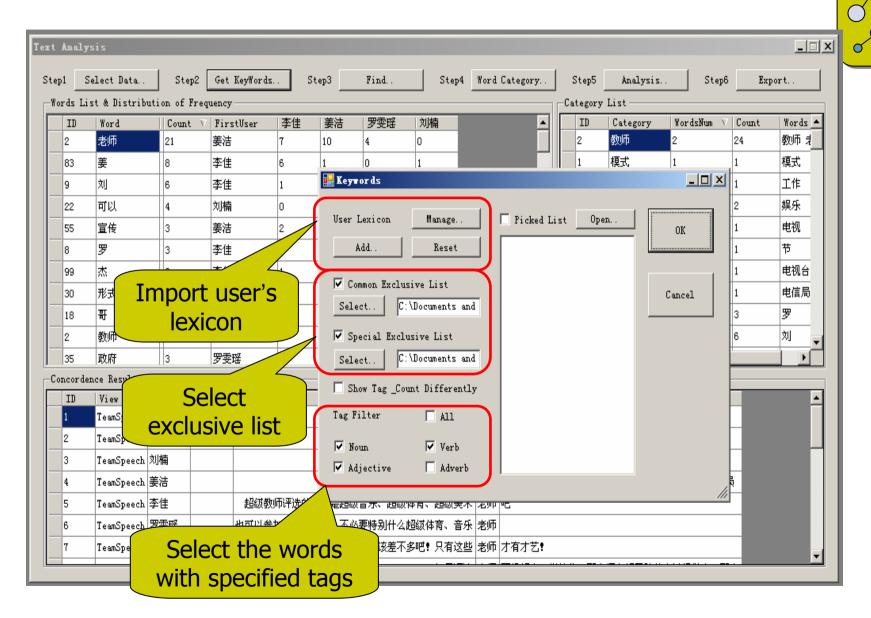


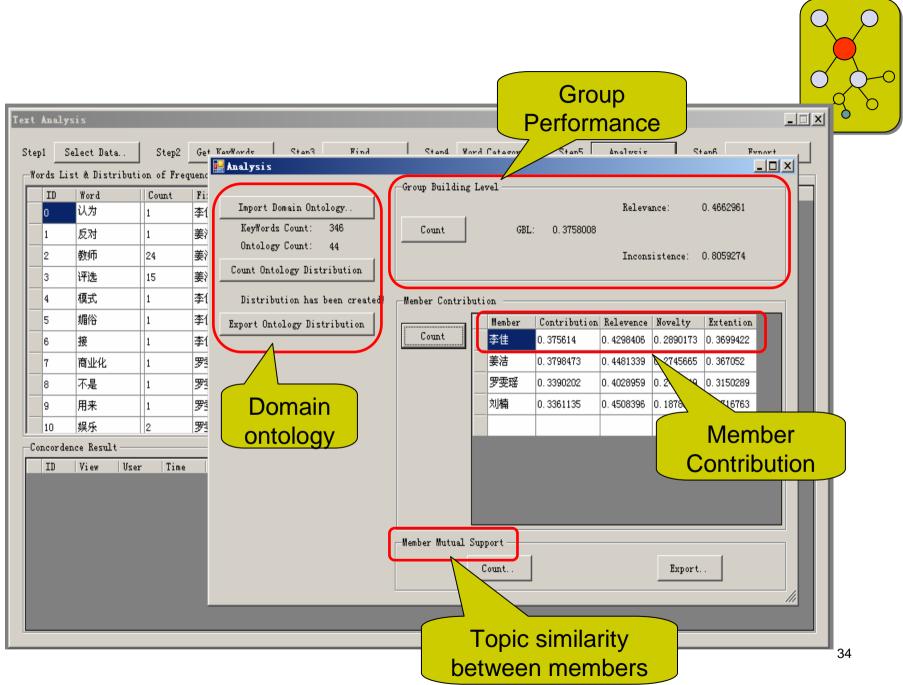


Text Analysis

- Keywords retrieval & frequency counting
- Concordance
- Domain ontology-based category analysis
- Text Clustering
- Support assessing for CKB

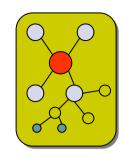






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- Export KF Data
- Export Relation Matrix
- Export Coding Result
- Export Coding Matrix
- Export Coding Frequency

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