

Key Concepts of Conversation Analysis (CA)

An overview of CA's conceptualization of talk-in-interaction

Color Legend

Observable	Phenomena, which are directly observable/measurable: The sound produced by the interactants, the words they utter, their gazes, accompanying physical activities, silences etc.
Inferred	Insights based on the careful analysis of observable phenomena. For example, how interactants respond can reveal the (social) action they attribute to the previous turn in the conversation.
Method	The methods and procedures used by researchers in the field of conversation analysis.

Level of Detail¹

CA Concepts

Methods

Todo



Conversation
between two or more participants



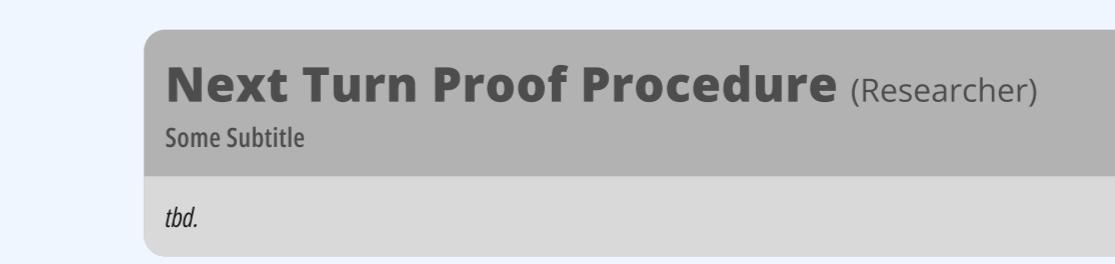
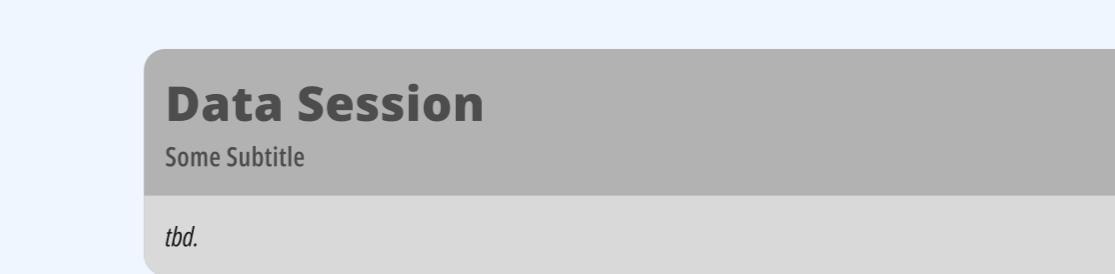
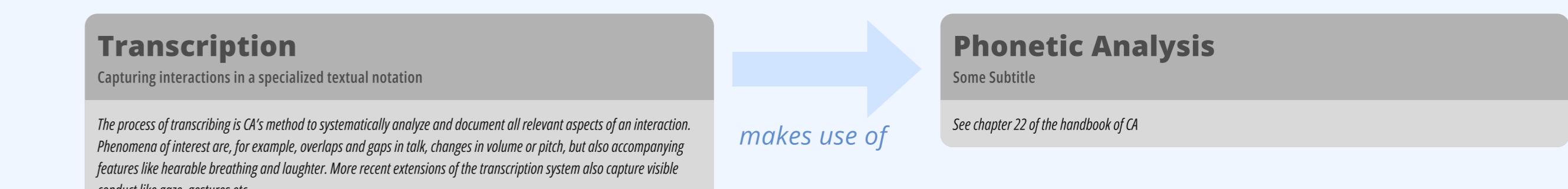
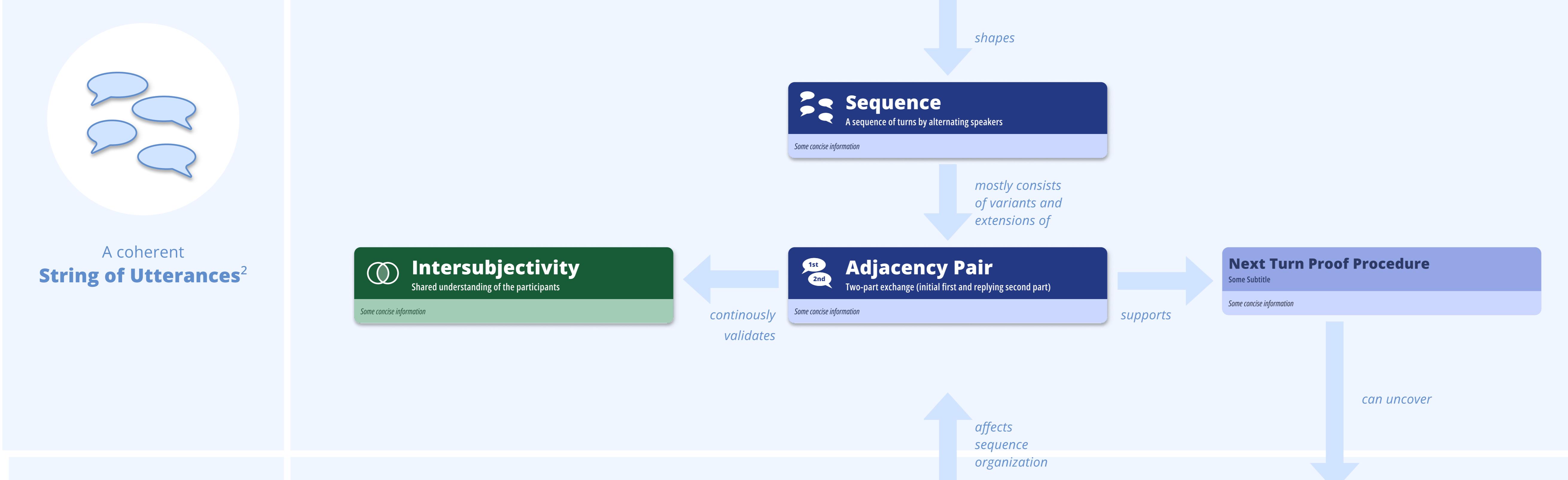
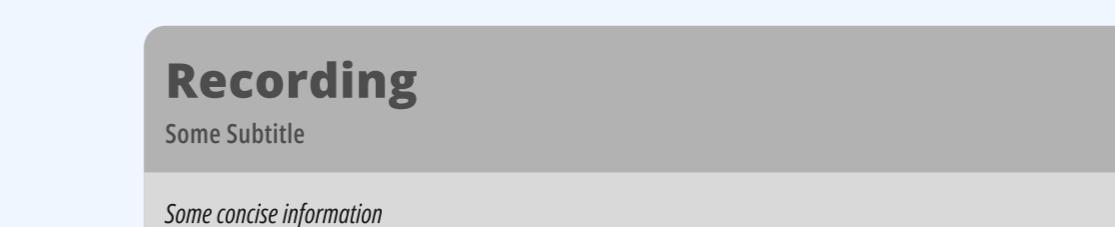
A coherent
String of Utterances²



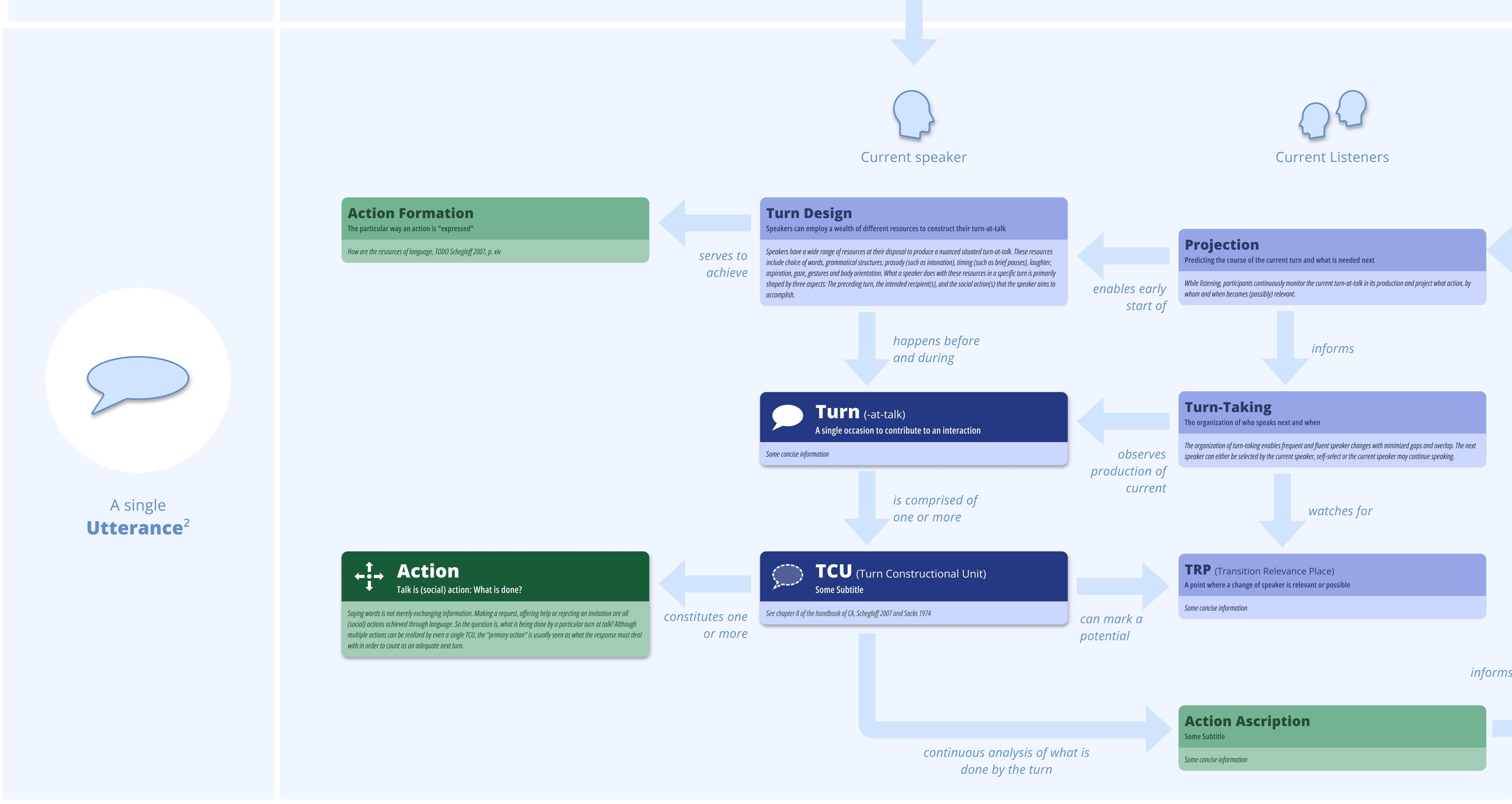
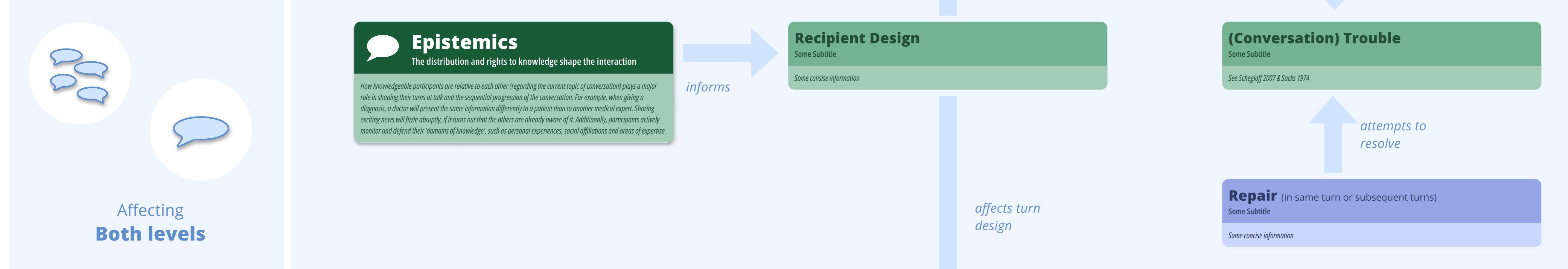
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¹ The terms in this column are purely illustrative and not part of the CA terminology.

² For the sake of simplicity, "utterance" is meant here in the broadest sense possible as any recognizable contribution to a sequence of interaction, including but not limited to speech, non-verbal utterances, gestures and facial expressions.



Todo



Issues / Questions

- Useful? Suitable approach?
- Essential concepts missing from the overview?
- Any non-essential concepts, which should be removed?
- Should I include a list of literature references?
- Literature references or direct input for modelling the essential concepts of the research methodology (including concepts and traditions borrowed from other disciplines)?
- Permanently and easily accessible recordings of data for use in the Turn-Taking Machinery?

Ideas for Knowledge Maps with Subtopics

- The Turn-Taking Machinery
- Sequences & Actions
- Epistemics
- Transcription Cheat Sheet