Chapter 3

The use of manner demonstratives in discourse: A contrastive study of Wan (Mande) and Kambaata (Cushitic)

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This chapter compares manner demonstratives in two unrelated African languages, Kambaata (Cushitic, Ethiopia) and Wan (Mande, Côte d’Ivoire). Both languages have specialised manner demonstratives, yet differ strikingly in their typological profile and in the way the manner demonstratives behave syntactically. Through systematic comparison of data from both languages, similarities, which are likely due to common semantic mechanisms of meaning extension, and differences, which are likely due to structural differences between the languages, are identified. It is argued that, despite the shared core meanings, manner demonstratives belong to different syntactic classes in Kambaata and in Wan. The difference in syntactic category helps account for the striking dissimilarities in the range of attested extended uses.

1 Introduction

Manner demonstratives are deictic expressions that identify a way of carrying out an event or the extent to which a property holds, as observed in the speech situation (exophoric use) or expressed in the preceding discourse (endophoric anaphoric use). Manner demonstratives are generally assumed to be adverbs (cf. Diessel 1999: 74). We take as our starting point a semantic definition of “manner demonstrative” since, as we will see, the syntactic category to which they belong...
in different languages may vary. Despite a recent increase of interest in manner demonstratives on the part of the typological community (e.g. Guérin 2015, König 2017, König & Umbach 2018), they remain poorly studied even in well-described languages. The ways they function in discourse, in particular, remain critically underexplored, so that the few existing studies focusing on their grammaticalisation (e.g. König 2015) are still dissociated from synchronic corpus-based studies of new and emergent usage.

This study is a contrastive description of the use of manner demonstratives in two unrelated African languages, Kambaata (Cushitic, Ethiopia) and Wan (Mande, Côte d’Ivoire). We chose to compare these two languages, since they both have specialised manner demonstratives, yet differ strikingly in their typological profile and in the way the manner demonstratives behave syntactically. Through systematic comparison of data from Kambaata and Wan we hope to identify similarities (which are likely due to common semantic mechanisms of meaning extension) and differences (which are likely due to structural differences between the languages), and to address the challenge of accounting for these similarities and differences within the same model.

We first discuss and classify the common uses attested in both languages (§2); these uses, we argue, correspond to the “core” meanings of manner demonstratives, which we predict to cluster in other languages as well. We then turn to differences in the ways manner demonstratives behave syntactically in the two languages. We argue that despite their close semantic similarity, manner demonstratives belong to different syntactic classes in Kambaata and in Wan (§3). The difference in syntactic category helps us account for the striking dissimilarities in the range of attested extended uses. We use a semantic map approach to model the differences, and end with a brief discussion of the study’s methodological and theoretical implications (§4).

2 Same core uses

2.1 Contextually salient manner and represented speech

Manner demonstratives of Kambaata and Wan are characterised by strikingly similar core uses. They occur most frequently in two types of context, indexing either contextually salient manner or instances of represented speech.

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Contextually salient manner can be inherent in the current speech situation, as in (1a) and (1b), or it may be suggested by an accompanying gesture, as in (2a) and (2b). Both uses are deictic: in order to interpret the manner to which the demonstrative refers, it is important to observe the situation in which they were uttered. In (1a), the manner demonstrative refers to the way the addressee is acting. In (1b), it indexes the looks of the child present at the site where the sentence is uttered.²

(1) Manner inherent in the current speech situation

a. Kambaata [written]

Lankíi harabas-á **hiit-ita** torr-itókkoont!
again dirt-M.Acc like.this[1]-F.Acc throw-2F.Appr

(Speaker sees addressee dropping dirt in the front yard and tells her off:) ‘Don’t throw the dirt away again like this!’

b. Wan

àà bāā nē é kēé wà, bāā nē é zièziè yā
INTJ LOG+ALN child DEF like.this not LOG+ALN child DEF ugly with
kēé wà
like.this not

‘Oh, my child is not like this, my child is not ugly like this.’

In (2a) and (2b), the relevant manner is represented by a gesture, so that, in order to interpret the manner demonstrative, the listener needs access to the accompanying visual information.

(2) Manner suggested by an accompanying gesture

a. Kambaata [elicited]

**Hiit-ita** ass-í fann-óomm
like.this[1]-F.Acc do-1SG.PFV.CV open-1SG.PFV

(Speaker demonstrates his opening technique:) ‘I opened it like this.’

²All Wan examples are from a corpus of spontaneous oral data (consisting mostly of narratives). The Kambaata examples are from three different types of sources: spontaneous oral data (indicated as: [oral]), local written publications (indicated as: [written]) and from elicitation (indicated as: [elicited]). In the data collection, direct translation elicitation was generally avoided. Instead speakers were asked to come up with near-natural mock dialogues for situations that were laid out by the researcher. Additional elicitations were made on the basis of examples attested in recordings, written text data and mock dialogues.
b. Wan
è é 5 wō kēé
3SG REFL hand did like.this
‘He made a gesture with his hand like this.’

In addition to pointing to a contextually salient manner, the same markers can also be used to refer to a following instance of reported speech. Unlike in (1) and (2), the context in which the manner demonstrative is interpreted in (3) is non-concomitant with the demonstrative’s utterance. Unlike the accompanying gesture, representation of speech necessarily follows the use of the demonstrative in time, so this use could be treated, strictly speaking, as discourse-cataphoric. Yet that difference seems to derive directly from the fact that gestural representation relies on the multimodal potential of oral discourse, which is unavailable in the case of representation of speech, for rather technical reasons.

(3) Reference to represented speech

a. Kambaata [written]
Ká-s haar-óó xah-á
A_DEM1.M.ACC-DEF new-M.ACC thing-M.ACC
dagg-oommi-i shool-kí bar-é gassim-á
know-1SG.PFV.REL-NM1.M.NOM four-ORD day-M.GEN morning-M.ACC
ejées j-éechch-u …
1SG.ACC like.this[1]-F.ACC say-2SG.PFV-1SG.OBJ.REL-F.COP2
time-SG-M.PRED
‘I came to know that new detail on the morning of the fourth day, when you said to me like this … [followed by a direct quote].’

b. Wan
bé mój zō bé mój gé é dè léj kēé bé à
then LOG.PL came then LOG.PL said REFL father to like.this then 3SG
dè gé àj léj kēé …
father said 3PL to like.this
‘And they came to their father and said like this, and their father said like this … [followed by a representation of their interaction with the father, by means of a dialogue].’

Both the salient manner and the represented speech use have discourse-anaphoric equivalents, where the demonstrative refers to a description in the preceding discourse, rather than to the concomitant situation or a following speech
representation. In (4), the relevant manner is suggested by a preceding description; the description can be concise or potentially comprise an entire portion of the preceding narrative.

(4) Anaphoric reference to previously described manner

a. Kambaata [oral]
   Tah-ichch-u dángo hitt-ita afuu’ll-it
   fly-SGV-M.NOM suddenly like.this[1]-F.ACC sit-3F.PFV.CV
   zug-gáni-yan waall-ó=da ... 
   lie.in.ambush-3F.IPFV.CV-DS come-3M.PFV.REL=COND
   ‘When a fly comes suddenly while it (lit. she = the chameleon) is lying (lit. sitting) in ambush like this (= in a way previously described, i.e. without moving, apart from its eyes going up, down, left, right) ...’

b. Wan
   bę àŋŋ màŋ yi é bō, ké à̃à di kē kë kë ... 
   then 3PL rice water DEF served if 3PL+3SG offered that to like.this
   ‘And they served the rice water, and when they offered it to someone like this (= in a way previously described, i.e. boiling hot, brought directly to the lips) ...’

The demonstratives can also refer back to a preceding representation of speech, as in (5).

(5) Anaphoric reference to preceding representation of speech

a. Kambaata [written]
   ... ées áchche hittig-úta y-ee’-é
   1SG.ACC then like.this[2]-F.ACC say-1SG.PFV-1SG.OBJ.REL
   j-áata iyy-áqq-u’-’ góoff
   time-F.ACC carry-MID-M.NOM-1SG.POSS finish.3M.PFV.CV
   fâjj-o do.completely-3M.PFV
   ‘Then when he said like this (= as quoted in the preceding discourse) to me, ... my patience was exhausted.’

b. Wan
   bę kôlë nē é wō é gbè lë kë 
   then man DIMIN DEF did RELF manner on like.this
   ‘And the old man acted in this way like this (= as she has said).’
As seen in the preceding examples, Kambaata has two manner demonstratives, *hittîta* and *hittigûta*, glossed ‘like.this[1]’ (see 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a) and ‘like.this[2]’ (see 5a), respectively. Both are morphologically transparent: they consist of a simple or extended demonstrative base *hitt-* / *hittig-* plus a portmanteau morpheme of feminine gender and an adverbial case, i.e. either the accusative,\(^3\) the instrumental or the oblique case (see Treis 2019 for details on the morphology). Diachronically, the extended stem *hittig-* is the result of a merger of a demonstrative and a simulative morpheme *-g ‘like’. The two manner demonstratives, *hittîta* and *hittigûta*, are interchangeable in the context of the core uses described above.

Table 1 summarises the uses of the manner demonstratives described in this section, with reference to the relevant examples. All four types of use are widely attested in Kambaata and in Wan, forming the “core” of the manner demonstrative category. The close similarity of these uses in two unrelated languages suggests that the category may be cross-linguistically relevant.

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2.2 The ‘just so’ implicature

Besides the core functions discussed in §2.1, both languages display a surprisingly similar range of uses that we believe is derived by a common mechanism of Gricean implicature (Grice 1975). Suppose that the manner demonstrative is uttered in the absence of any contextually salient indication of manner. If the listener assumes that the speaker is being cooperative, she would be led to believe that by referring to manner when no particular circumstances are suggested by context, the speaker implies that the event involved no circumstances that are worth mentioning. This could imply, for example, that an action that is usually performed for a particular reason was in this particular case performed for no

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\(^3\)The accusative case is the case of direct objects but also of adverbial constituents in Kambaata, see e.g. (3a) in which *xah-á ‘thing’ is the accusative-marked direct object of dag- ‘know’ and *gassim-á ‘morning’ an accusative-marked noun in adverbial function.
reason at all (‘just so’), or perhaps an event normally involving a long preparatory stage in this particular case happened without any preparation.

The ‘just so’ interpretation resulting from this implicature can differ in detail, as the circumstances expected to accompany the event may vary. Hence, different kinds of expected circumstance may be assumed to be lacking, depending on the type of situation described. This variation is illustrated below starting with a very general interpretation in (6). Note for Kambaata that only one of its two manner demonstratives can be used with a ‘just so’ interpretation.

(6) a. Kambaata [elicited]

Ut-u-s m-á-ma kaa’ll-á-no-a-la? – thorn-M.NOM-DEF what-M.ACC-CF help-3M.IPFV.REL-M.COP2-PRAG1
Ut-á hitt-ínta le’-is-sáa bagáán thorn-M.ACC like.this[1]-F.ACC<N> grow-CAUS1-3F.IPFV but
mexx-u=rr-á-a
single-M.ACC=NMZ4-M.ACC-ADD
kaa’ll-umb-ó-ssa-a help-3M.NEG5-M.PRED-3PL.OBJ-M.COP2
[Speaker A:] ‘Then what are the thorns good for?’ – [Speaker B:] ‘They (= roses) grow them like this (= just like this, without a reason), (the thorns) are of no use for them.’

b. Wan

à bò kēé 3SG leave like.this
‘Leave it like this.’ (= Do not follow up on it; do not do anything special about it.)

Different aspects of the situation are interpreted as involving only the minimal circumstances, depending on what is most relevant for the particular type of event in a given context. In (6a), in the context of a question concerning the use of the thorns, the answer implies that there is no particular use associated with their growth. In (6b), the situation is taken to involve no particular circumstances in very general terms, and ‘just so’ can be interpreted as referring to very different possible types of follow-up, depending on what is seen as most relevant in the given context (in the context of a conflict, it may suggest that no retaliation should follow; in the context of leaving a room it may describe leaving the door open, etc.).

In (7), the situation is understood to come about without the expected preparatory stage: in (7a), no customary food preparations precede the event of visiting;
in (7b), the arrival of the intruders is described as sudden, unforeseen, with nothing warning the villagers of their approach.

(7)  

a. Kambaata [elicited]  
\[
\text{Hitt-ínta} \quad \text{mar-áammi-ndo, mexx-u=rr-á}
\]
\[
\text{like.this[1]-F.ACC<N> go-1SG.IPfv-Q single-M.ACC=NMZ4-M.ACC}
\]
qixx-an-s-u’nnáan?  
\[
\text{be.ready-PASS-CAUS1-1SG.NEG4}
\]
(The daughter asks the mother whether she is about to visit the circumcised boy. The mother answers:) ‘(Do you expect that) I go like this, without having prepared anything (to take along)?’

b. Wan  
\[
mɔ̰̄ \quad \text{people PL DEF PERF come} \quad 3\text{PL PERF come.out} \quad 1\text{PL.INCL on like.this}
\]
cáá  
\[
\text{QUOT}
\]
[Saying:] ‘These people arrived, they just came out at us like this (= suddenly, without warning).’

In (8), where a buying event is concerned, the relevant circumstances are taken to be the price (as suggested directly by Speaker A’s question). Hence, the absence of relevant circumstances is interpreted as implying that, contrary to Speaker A’s expectation, no payment was involved.

(8)  

Kambaata [elicited]  
\[
\text{Me’-íin} \quad \text{hi’rr-iti-la?}
\]
\[
\text{how.much-M.ICP buy<MID>-2F.PFV.CV-PRAG1 like.this[1]-F.ACC<N>}
\]
aass-ée-’e  
\[
\text{give-3M.PFV-1SG.OBJ}
\]
[Speaker A:] ‘For how much did you buy it?’ – [Speaker B:] ‘He gave it to me like this (= for free).’

In (9), the discussion centres on an event of arrival: Speaker A asks Speaker B if, upon their arrival, they brought with them a particular object. The absence of relevant circumstances is most naturally interpreted in this context as implying that there was no accompanying bringing event involved, i.e. even though Speaker B did arrive, the additional event of bringing was not there to talk about.
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(9) Kambaata [elicited]
Ber-e-éé=bii éeb-bi-ndo? –
yesterday-F.GEN-ASC.F.GEN=NMZ2.M.ACC bring-2F.PFV.CV-Q
Kám-be, hitt-ínta-be orbá’
INTJ-PRAG5 like.this[1]-F.ACC<N>-PRAG5 face.difficulties.1SG.PFV.CV
waall-oommúi. Mánn-unku-s yóo-ba’a
come-1SG.PFV.REL.VV people-M.NOM<N>-DEF COP1.3-NEG1
[Speaker A:] ‘Have you brought yesterday’s thing?’ – [Speaker B (disappointed):] ‘Far from it! I faced difficulties and came back like this (= empty-handed, I went there in vain). The people (I wanted to meet) were not around.’

In (10), the relevant event is that of hosting a bride at her in-laws’ place. The circumstances that are taken as salient, in the context of this particular story, is whether she slept by herself. The use of the manner demonstrative, without any suggested special manner, implies that no special circumstances could be mentioned, i.e. the bride was left in a separate room with no one accompanying her.

(10) Wan
bé tre gó bò à mõ, āj lè yì tè á kú
then night inside arrived 3SG PRT 3PL woman sleep ADJ.FOC house
é pāj dó lé kée
DEF side one at like.this
‘And when the night came, they put the woman to sleep in a room in the house like this (= all by herself).’

Finally, in (11), the situation of yams staying in granaries without any special circumstances is interpreted, in context, as a situation where the yams did not receive proper treatment, and became spoiled.

(11) Wan
bé à pā yrē lò yà pì wà gë bé gàŋ mùé bò
then 3PL could work do PPS still not PRT then yams PL DEF stayed
gōŋ wà kée
granary under like.this
‘They could no longer work, and the yams stayed in the granaries like this (= rotting away).’
The selection of the examples above illustrates the flexibility of the ‘just so’ interpretation when it comes to determining which aspect of the situation is described as reduced in accompanying circumstances. It is not possible to assign any specific meaning to the manner demonstrative that would fit all such contextual uses. Instead, we believe that the particular interpretation is derived for each use according to the type of event described and the larger context. The mechanism by which the specific meaning is derived is grounded in Gricean principles of relevance and quantity: if the speaker refers to the manner in which the event was realised without suggesting that any special circumstances were involved, they most likely imply that the expected circumstances were absent or significantly reduced.

We leave aside the question of more precise characterisation of the nature of the ‘just so’ interpretation. An approach that seems promising involves treating manner demonstratives as functions evoking contextually salient alternatives in the domain of manner, along the lines suggested by Eckardt (2001) for German intensifying *selbst*. In such an approach, the ‘just so’ interpretation could be related to the contextual choice of the most salient aspects of the situation, roughly corresponding to expected answers to the question “How instead (did it happen)?”. Just as the answer to this question may vary depending on situation type, the ‘just so’ interpretation evokes different kinds of circumstances normally associated with the event.

This line of reasoning could perhaps explain the otherwise puzzling relationship of the Kambaata ‘just so’ demonstrative use with focus: the ‘just so’ reading involves a focus-related *n*-morpheme (glossed *N* in the examples above). On the other hand, the alternative-based approach would run into difficulties explaining the rather specific meaning manner demonstratives receive in the particular examples: rather than implying any kind of surprising manner, as one would expect on the focus-based account, they suggest consistently the *absence* of any particular manner or circumstances with respect to a contextually salient aspect of the situation. This specific reading suggests that the ‘just so’ interpretation may be closer to the *assistive* reading of German *selbst*: ‘by oneself, rather than with the help of others’. This reading does not fit very well with its focus and intensifying meanings, causing Eckardt to introduce a special *ASSIST*-function for it: the assistive version of *selbst* expresses “the *absence* of any person that stands in the *ASSIST*-relation to the event in question” (2001: 402). We believe that manner demonstratives show a similar interpretation in the domain of manner: as described above in very general Gricean terms, they signal the absence

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4We are grateful to Carla Umbach for suggesting to us the relevance of Eckardt’s account.
of any contextually relevant circumstances accompanying the event in question. We leave the formalisation of that interpretation to future research.

3 Differences in extended uses explained by differences in syntax

3.1 Adverbial vs. clause-final marker

Our main goal in this study is to argue that the ways in which new uses of a marker develop from its core use are intimately related to the marker’s syntax. As syntactic behaviour determines the word’s collocational potential, even minor differences in syntactic category may lead to drastically different paths of development of semantically similar or identical markers. The differences in the use of manner demonstratives of Kambaata and Wan illustrate just that correlation. We would like to argue that the most important difference underlying the markers’ different range of uses is syntactic. In Kambaata, manner demonstratives behave as adverbials, while in Wan, the manner demonstrative is a clause-final particle.

As shown in §2, Kambaata has two manner demonstratives, *hittíta* and *hit-tigúta*, glossed ‘like.this[1]’ and ‘like.this[2]’, respectively. In their core uses, they are placed in the pre-verbal position (see the examples above), usually immediately preceding the verb. In the corpus data there are a few examples in which they are separated from the verb by other adverbials (12a). They can also be used predicatively (12b), and they appear in all sorts of finite and non-finite constructions, including subordinate clauses with nominalisations, cf. its use in a relative clause in (12c), in a converb clause in (4a), and in adverbial clauses headed by *jeechchúta* ‘time’ in (5a). All these properties also characterise adverbs.

(12) a. Kambaata [written]
   
   Hittig-úta m-ii xawaqq-itáyyoont, ko
   like.this[2]-F.ACC what-M.DAT speaker-2F.PROG 2SG.VOC
   mán-ch-o?
   people-SGV-M.OBL
   ‘Hey (my) man, why do you say this (lit. like this)?’

   b. Kambaata [oral]
   
   ... hanaqal-í=g-u ikkodáa
   dish.sp-M.GEN=way-M.NOM however
hittíg-u-ta-ba’a
like.this[2]-F.PRED-F.COP2-NEG1
‘... but the preparation (lit. way) of the hangalú-dish is not like this.’

In Wan, the manner demonstrative is not morphologically transparent, and it behaves in a way that is notably different from the adverbial demonstratives of Kambaata. It can only occur in one position within the clause: in the clause-final position following all adverbials, but preceding clause-level particles, as in (13). Unlike adverbials, it cannot be fronted, and it cannot be used predicatively.

(13) Wan
ké mông gää klá tāji kēē gē ō, mông zōj
if LOG.PL went+3SG behind always like.this PRT PRT LOG.PL PROSP
dī-į̄ ā mi wā
reach-PROSP 3SG at not
‘If we always go after him like that, we are not going to reach him.’

The manner demonstrative only occurs in Wan in finite clauses; it cannot occur with nominalisations. Characteristically, the same restriction applies to the use of the negation marker, which is also limited to the position at the end of a finite clause (Nikitina 2009: 923–924). It is explained by the fact that both negation markers and manner demonstratives attach at the IP-level in the clause structure (Nikitina 2008, 2019b). Due to that structural peculiarity, they can only appear in finite clauses, and not with nominalisations.

The manner demonstratives in Kambaata and in Wan differ in one more important respect. In Kambaata, manner demonstratives can occur by themselves, for example in answer fragments in a dialogue. Example (14a) illustrates the use of ‘it is like this’, a non-verbal predicate, as an affirmative answer synonymous to āā ‘yes’. In (14b), speaker B gives an answer fragment to A’s first question. No such use is available in Wan: while adverbials commonly occur on their own in similar contexts, the manner demonstrative cannot appear by itself. This difference

5 Like adverbials, it precedes the negation marker if there is one.
is consistent with the difference in syntactic category: unlike in Kambaata, the manner demonstrative in Wan is not an adverbial but a non-projecting particle, and it cannot occur on its own like lexical constituents.

(14) a. Kambaata [written]
Mat-ú mat-íin usu’rr-ám-u-a?
one-M.ACC one-M.ICP tie<MID>-PASS-M.PRED-M.COP2
Hittíg-u-ta
like.this[2]-F.PRED-F.COP2
Speaker A: ‘(Does it mean) to tie one to the other?’ – Speaker B: ‘Yes (lit. it is like this).’

b. Kambaata [elicited]
Káan m-ii hír-teent? M-á
P_DEM1.M.ACC what-M.DAT buy-2SG.PRF what-M.ACC
ass-áno-he? – Hitt-ínta
do-3M.IPFV-2SG.OBJ like.this[1]-F.ACC<N>
[Speaker A:] ‘Why did you buy this, what’s the use?’ – [Speaker B:] ‘(I bought it just) like this (= without considering its use).’

All in all, the unusual behavior of the manner demonstrative in Wan suggests that it is not an adverbial, as in Kambaata, but a non-projecting clause-final particle that shares a number of syntactic properties with the negation marker. Table 2 summarises the different syntactic properties of the manner demonstratives of Kambaata and Wan. In the next sections we relate the syntactic difference to differences in the demonstratives’ extended use, arguing that as the syntactic category defines the contexts where the marker appears, it ultimately determines the new meanings the marker develops over time.

3.2 Extended uses in Kambaata

There are three types of extended use of manner demonstratives in Kambaata that are not attested in Wan. All three depend on the adverbial status of the relevant markers.

First, the manner demonstrative in Kambaata shows a characteristic interactional use: in the context of a dialogue, one of the two demonstratives, hittigúta (like.this[2]), can be used on its own as an affirmative answer (‘yes’) to the interlocutor’s question, as has been demonstrated in (14a). Since the manner demonstrative is an adverbial, it can naturally occur in constructions such as ‘It is like this’, where the manner demonstrative refers anaphorically to the state of
Table 2: Differences in the syntactic behavior of manner demonstratives of Kambaata and Wan

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affairs described in the previous utterance. In its interactional use it is marked as a non-verbal predicate. This use results in a conventionalised affirmative form ‘like this’, which may in time become a major interaction-structuring device.\(^6\)

As mentioned in §3.1, no such use is attested in Wan, due to the manner demonstrative’s different syntactic status. Unlike adverbials, particles cannot be used predicatively in Wan. Neither do they project their own constituents that could be used by themselves as answer fragments. The difference from adverbials predicts that the interactional affirmative use could not develop in Wan.

Secondly, the form *hittigúta* (like this[2]) appears in Kambaata in coordination-like structures, with the meaning ‘also, too, likewise’. In that use, it combines obligatorily with the focus marker *-n*. The coordinated constituents can be sentences or noun phrases (of any syntactic function); see (15a) and (15b).

(15) a. Kambaata [written]

\[
\text{Hittig-únta} \quad \text{esáa} \quad \text{máé-it} \quad \text{fiit-íchch-út} \\
\text{like.this[2]-F.ACC<N> 1SG.DAT one-F.NOM flowering.plant-SGV-F.NOM} \\
\text{hé’-ee’-e} \quad \text{ikkeeráan} \ldots \\
\text{exist-3M.PRF-1SG.OBJ IRR}
\]

(Preceding sentence: If I had, for instance, a silk scarf, I could wear it around my neck and walk around.) ‘And (lit. like this) if I had a flowering plant, …’

\(^6\)A reviewer pointed out that this use is very frequent cross-linguistically, citing examples such as Finnish *niin* ‘thus*, Hungarian *igen* (\(< igy ‘so’\)) and Eastern Slavic, e.g. Polish and Ukrainian *tak* ‘so’. A brief discussion of this use can be found in König (2015).
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b. Kambaata [written]

... báar-uhu-u shambaláluhu-u hittigúnta
sea-M.NOM-ADD lake-M.NOM-ADD like.this[2]-F.ACC<N>
wól-u uull-á al-í wó’-u
other-M.NOM earth-F.GEN top-M.GEN water-M.NOM
hór-unku-u móoll goof-áno
all-M.NOM<N>-ADD dry.up.3M.PFV.CV finish-3M.IPFV

‘... the sea, the lakes and (also) other (bodies of) water on the earth would all dry up.’

We believe that the coordination-like uses derive from constructions with el-
ipsis. In the case of intersentential ‘and, also’ (15a), one could assume that a con-
verb clause with a focused proposition-anaphoric manner demonstrative, lit. ‘(it)
being (exactly) like this’, was reduced to the extent that only the sentence-initial
demonstrative hittigúnta was left. In the case of the NP-coordinating ‘so’ (15b),
the development in Kambaata is likely to have proceeded as outlined for English
also in König (2015: 44f). The manner demonstrative likely referred anaphorically
to a preceding verbal or sentential constituent (see the manner demonstrative el-
ement so in also), and the two parallel juxtaposed sentences were later simplified
through the ellipsis of material that was shared, i.e. ‘The sea would dry up. In
the same way other bodies of water would dry up.’ > ‘The sea in the same way
(> also, and) other bodies of water would dry up’. The function of intersentential
‘and’ probably preceded the NP-coordinating ‘and’.

Thirdly, the combination of the manner demonstrative hittíta (or rather its
reduced form hitt) and the 3M perfective converb form íkk of the verb ih- 'be-
come’ has fused and been lexicalised as an intersentential contrastive connective,
hitt=íkk ‘but’ (lit. ‘having become so’). This use is illustrated in (16).

(16) Kambaata [elicited]

Hitt=íkk kasal-á-s
like.this[1]=become.3M.PFV.CV charcoal-M.ACC-3M.POSS
hi’rr-i=ké’ isí kuntaal-iichch íi kuntaal-áan
buy<MID>-1SG.PFV.CV=SEQ 3M.GEN sack-M.ABL 1SG.POSS sack-M.LOC
wor-aammi j-áata kasal-i-sí mereer-óon
put.in-1SG.IPFV.REL time-F.ACC charcoal-M.GEN-3M.POSS interior-M.LOC
ább-at ább-at háqq-it yoo’í-i xuujj-óomm
big-F.NOM big-F.NOM wood-F.NOM COP1.3.REL-NMZ1.M.ACC see-1SG.PFV

(Context: Speaker bought charcoal from a seller who claimed to have the
best quality product on the market.) ‘But when I had bought his charcoal
and started moving it from his sack into mine, I found out that there were big pieces of wood (hidden) in his charcoal.'

The lexicalisation happened in a construction involving a manner demonstrative in the function of an oblique argument of the verb 'become', lit. ‘having become so’, where hitt ‘so’ is a propositional anaphor. The frequent use of hitt=ikk between sentences that were semantically contrastive caused the contrast to become associated with the element hitt=ikk itself. The adverbial’s argument status was essential for boosting the frequency of the collocation to the point where it has become stored in the mental lexicon as a separate lexical item, and started a life of its own independent of the manner demonstrative.

In contrast to Kambaata, the manner demonstrative has not undergone lexicalisation in Wan. The absence of parallel uses follows in Wan from the fact that the manner demonstrative is not an adverbial, and cannot function as an argument of any particular verb. As a clause-final marker, it does not form a constituent with the preceding verb and is not closely associated with any specific verbs to the extent that would allow them to undergo lexicalisation typical of collocations.

Table 3 summarises the extended uses attested in Kambaata, along with the suggested path of their development from one of the core uses.

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3.3 Extended uses in Wan

The manner demonstrative particle in Wan also has uses that are not attested with the manner demonstrative adverbials in Kambaata. We would like to suggest that all these uses can be subsumed under the same type, and follow from the
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In particular, all the extended uses attested in Wan can be viewed as instantiations of the same construction: they involve the manner demonstrative particle introducing a clause-external constituent.

Several types of constituents are attested in this position. First, the manner demonstrative commonly introduces ideophones—words of a special morphosyntactic class that are not integrated in Wan in the clause structure but appear in a clause-external position. Ideophones differ in this respect from other word classes such as adverbs: while adverbs can occur clause-initially or, sometimes, before the verb, ideophones are restricted to the clause-final position; while adverbs appear before the clause-final markers such as the negation marker or the exclamative particle (13), ideophones appear after them, suggesting once again that they are attached to the clause at a higher point in the clause structure.

The examples (17a)–(17b) show how the manner demonstrative refers cataphorically to a manner suggested by an ideophone in a clause external position. This use is not attested in Kambaata, presumably for two reasons. First, as already discussed, the manner demonstrative in Kambaata is an adverbial; adverbials appear in Kambaata before the verb and cannot serve to introduce dislocated or clause-external constituents. Second, ideophones in Kambaata must be introduced by a verb, such as ‘say’ or ‘do’, hence they do not appear in the same syntactic position as in Wan, and they cannot be considered the same syntactic category as the ideophones in Wan, despite their common descriptive denomination.

(17)  

a. Wan  
klɛ̀gɛ̀ kpáì é àà glɔ̀gɔ̀ á kēé kprɔ̀-kprɔ̀ɔ̀-kprɔ̀  
chili.pepper real DEF 3PL+3SG crush HAB like.this IDPH  
‘Real chili pepper, they crush it like this: kro-kro-kro.’

b. Wan  
kè è tà-ŋ́ yi é gò kēé dùùù!  
if 3SG put-HAB water DEF in like.this IDPH  
‘When he throws himself in the water like this: duuu!’

Second, the manner demonstrative particle is used to introduce elements extraposed from the clause. These are most typically numerals and adjectives. When a numeral appears within the noun phrase, it normally follows the head (18a).

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7It is difficult to say exactly why this type of extraposition is so prominent in Wan; it could be related to the fact that for historical reasons (Nikitina 2011), Mande languages have a highly reduced VP structure (e.g. there are no ditransitive verbs, as only one argument can be accommodated inside the verb phrase). Heavy constituents tend to appear in extrapositional positions, with co-referring pronouns replacing them in the canonical argument positions.
In (18b) and (18c), it is extraposed from the clause, and a manner demonstrative refers to it cataphorically from within the clause. Wan has no other pronominal that could refer to numerosity, and hence the manner demonstrative seems to be the element that serves best the purpose of substituting a numeral within the clause.

(18)  

(a) Wan  

gbɔlɔ́ á
maiden three
‘three maidens’

(b) Wan  

láá gbɔlɔ́ kēé á bé á á gà lé ọ́j
2SG+ALN maiden like.this three then 3PL COP go PROG firewood  
gà  
search
‘There were once three maidens (lit. maidens like this: three), and they were going to search for firewood.’

(c) Wan  

è bé wò kū sóọ́ọ́ à ṣẹ́j à ọ́ bọ́ kēé ọ́j
3SG that do until IDPF 3SG remaining 3PL PERF stay like.this piece  
dō kpọ́  
one single
‘And he kept doing it until just one of them was left (lit. until they remained like this: a single one).’

Adjectives, like numerals, normally follow the head, and they also have no corresponding pronoun. When extraposed, they are referred to within the clause by the clause-final manner demonstrative (19).

(19)  

(a) Wan  

nẹ́ é, è bọ́ō lé ẹ́ bàò kēé yẹ́ŋlẹ́ẹ́  
child DEF 3SG stay+3SG at 3SG PERF become.thin like.this skinny
‘The child, sometime later, grew very skinny (lit. like this: skinny).’

(b) Wan  

ké yī́ é ṣẹ́j ní bọ́ á bọ́ ọ́ mí kēé sẹ́ní  
if’ water DEF remaining little stayed RSLT bank at like.this little
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kēé ... è gé ...
like.this 3SG said
'When there remained just a little water by the bank like this, little like this ... he said ...'

Structures with extraposition are widely used in narrative discourse to introduce different kinds of what Labov & Waletzky (1967) describe as “evaluation” (see also Labov 1972). Traditional narratives in particular are characterised by such uses, which do not normally appear in elicitation. A rare story consists of narration proper; normally, the storyline is interrupted by the narrator’s remarks, explanations, and other types of evaluation. The manner demonstrative often marks such expressions of subjectivity, helping the narrator bridge the gap between the reported events and the current speech situation. In (20a) and (20b), for example, the storyline is related to the moment of narration through the use of a structure with an extraposed element, introduced by a manner demonstrative; such structures are very common in our data.

(20) a. Wan
àŋ̀ gà á trò̀ klà-ŋ̀ lāpéá yè péé Bōwlinò tā gōŋ̄
3PL go ADJ.FOC earth pour-NMLZ as.if here and B. on like kēé
like.this
'[As they were digging the hole,] they went and took out earth like (lit. like this:) from here up to Bowlino.'

b. Wan
à bò é mì yè lāpéá blè é gōŋ̄ kēé bé à
3SG arrive NMLZ at here as.if baobab DEF like like.this then 3SG klāzī è gé ...
little.sister DEF say
'When he is coming to trap the woman], he arrives at a distance like (lit. like this:) from here to the baobab, and her sister says ...'

Table 4 summarises the extended uses attested in Wan that do not occur in Kambaata. All of them can be viewed as instances of the same construction – a structure with right dislocation, where the clause-external element is referred to within the clause by a clause-final manner demonstrative particle. We believe that a likely source for the development of this construction was the discourse-cataphoric use of manner demonstratives illustrated in (3b), where the demon-
strative appears at the end of the clause, referring to an element that follows (as in examples with reported speech).

Table 4: Extended uses of the manner demonstrative in Wan

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4 Conclusion

Mechanisms of diachronic change and grammaticalisation paths have been recently gaining importance in different approaches to cross-linguistic variation. Yet theories of grammaticalisation and studies in semantic typology rarely pay close attention to syntax. As we tried to show using the example of manner demonstratives, syntactic aspects of an expression’s use can restrict new functions the expressions will develop over time. When it comes to explaining differences in the extent of uses of a semantically identical element in two or more different languages, syntactic category and collocational potential sometimes provide crucial pieces to the puzzle. The difference in the syntactic status of the manner demonstrative in Kambaata (adverbial) and in Wan (clause-final particle) explain why the expressions have strikingly similar core uses but at the same time differ no less strikingly in the range of their extended functions.

Figure 1 summarises our account by means of an amphichronic semantic map model that aims at predicting the paths along which manner demonstratives can develop (Jurafsky 1996; Nikitina 2019a). Our fragment of the map only takes into account data from two languages; adding more data will undoubtedly result in a larger and more detailed network of senses. Our contribution to the semantic map approach is the addition of constructional information to the otherwise meaning-based network. While canonical semantic maps focus on meaning and
describe relations between senses in terms of semantic operations (Lakoff 1987, Janda 1990; Jurafsky 1996; Lewandowska-Tomaszczyk 2007; Georgakopoulos & Polis 2018), we believe that information regarding the expression’s collocational potential is crucial to describing many types of semantic change. We hope that our perhaps naïve and straightforward way of integrating that information into the semantic map model is but a first step in that direction.

As syntactic differences determine differences in collocational potential, they are ultimately responsible for the diverse functions the same expression can become associated with, both at the lexical or morphosyntactic levels and at the discourse-structure level. Our study discussed examples of all these types of change. The adverbial status of the manner demonstrative in Kambaata is responsible for its frequent use as an argument of the verb ‘become’, causing its combination with the verb to develop into a new lexical expression, the contrastive discourse marker ‘but’. The clause-final position of the manner demonstrative in Wan has enabled it to develop into a syntactic device for introducing extraposed constituents of categories that have no other pronominal equivalents (numerals, adjectives, complex adverbials). At the discourse level, the predicative use of the manner demonstrative in Kambaata has given rise to an interactional affirmative use. In Wan, the extraposition-introducing function of the manner demonstrative has enabled it to introduce complex evaluation-related expressions within traditional narrative discourse. All these uses ultimately depend on the demonstrative’s distributional potential.
Hence, our study has both methodological and theoretical implications. On the methodological side, it shows that comparison of expressions across languages has a lot to gain from paying close attention to the expression’s syntax. When it comes to theory, it serves as a reminder of the need to incorporate fine-grained syntactic information into our models of semantic change. While we tried to make a step in that direction by integrating some constructional information into our semantic map model, further advances should rely on a comprehensive theory of the relationship between syntax and meaning that still needs to be built.

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| A_   | adjectival | NEG4 | convert negator |
| ABL  | ablative   | NEG5 | relative negator |
| ACC  | accusative | NMZ1 | nominaliser -V |
| ADD  | additive   | NMZ2 | nominaliser =bii |
| APPR | apprehensive | NMZ4 | nominaliser =r |
| ASC  | associative | NOM  | nominative |
| CAUS1| simple causative | OBJ  | object |
| CF   | contrastive focus | OBL  | oblique |
| COND | conditional | ORD  | ordinal |
| COP1 | existential yoo-copula | P_   | pronominal |
| COP2 | ascriptive/identificational -ha/-ta-copula | PASS | passive |
| CV   | verb       | PL   | plural |
| DAT  | dative     | POSS | possessive |
| DEF  | definite   | PRAG1| mitigator -la |
| DEM  | demonstrative | PRAG5| pragmatically |
| DS   | different subject | determined suffix -be |
| F    | feminine   |  | |
| GEN  | genitive   | PRED | predicative |
| ICP  | instrumental, comitative, perlative | PRF  | perfect |
| INTJ | interjection | PROG | progressive |
| IPFV | imperfective | Q    | question |
| IRR  | irrealis   | REL  | relative |
| M    | masculine  | SEQ  | sequential |
| MID  | middle     | SG   | singular |
| N    | focus-related morpheme | SGV  | singulative |
| NEG1 | standard negator | VV   | vowel lengthening |

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