



# **BITS Workshop**

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# Generation and Corpora



- from  
speech corpora
- to  
speech synthesis
- to  
speech generation
  
- **Natural Language Generation (NLG) is the customer of the customer of the corpus**

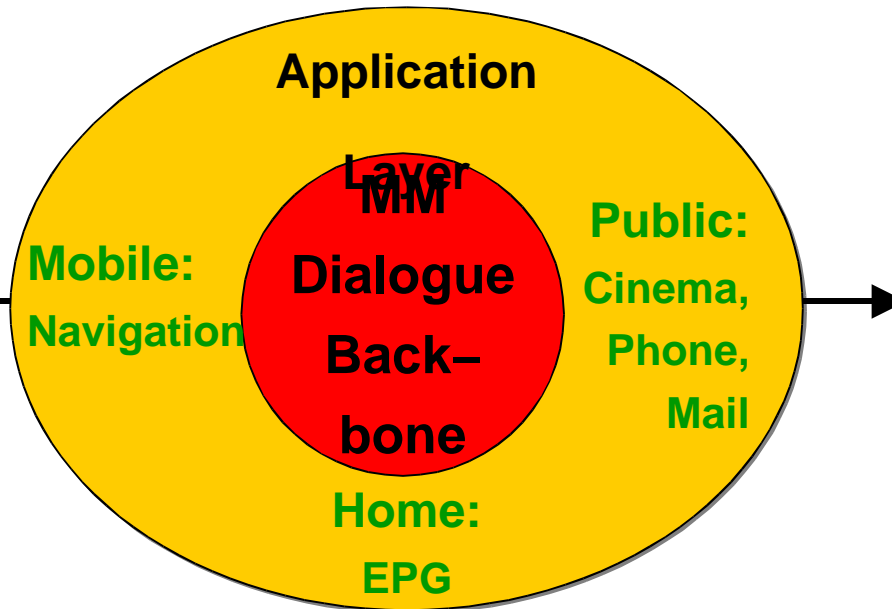


# Agent



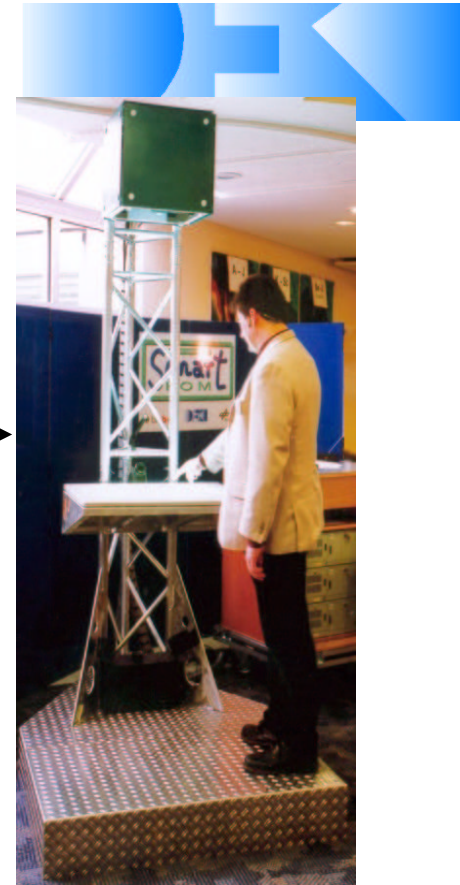
## SmartKom-Mobile:

A Handheld  
Communication  
Assistant



## SmartKom-Home/Office:

Multimodal Portal  
to Information Services



## SmartKom-Public:

A Multimodal  
Communication  
Kiosk



# SmartKom

## Scenario:

public (mobile, home)

## Application:

movie information

(EPG, email, phone, fax,  
address book,

tv and vcr control,

routing/tourist info)

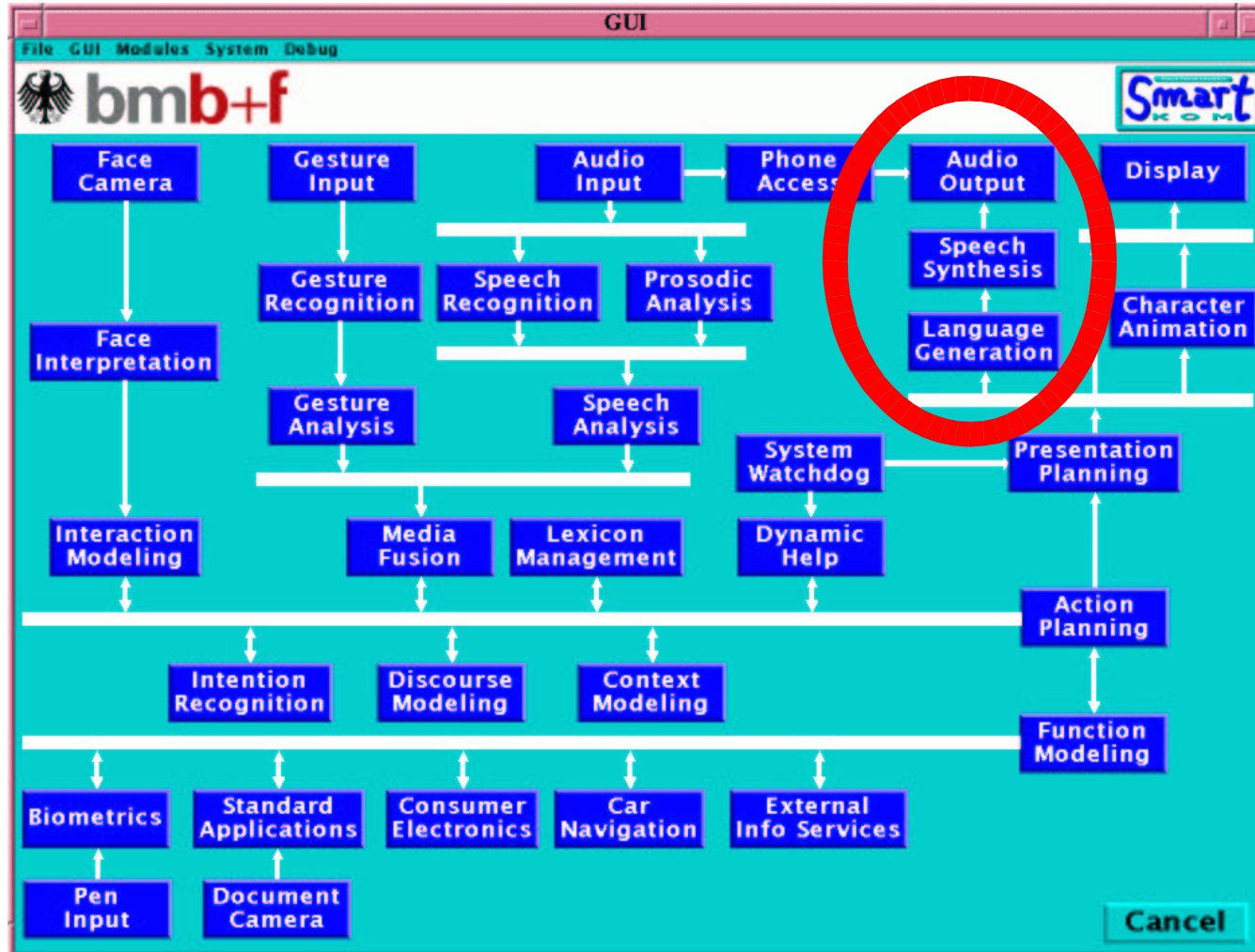


**U:** *I want to make a reservation in (R) this movie theater*

**S:** This theater does not take reservations

**U:** *Then a different one, (R) this one perhaps*

# Control GUI in SmartKom



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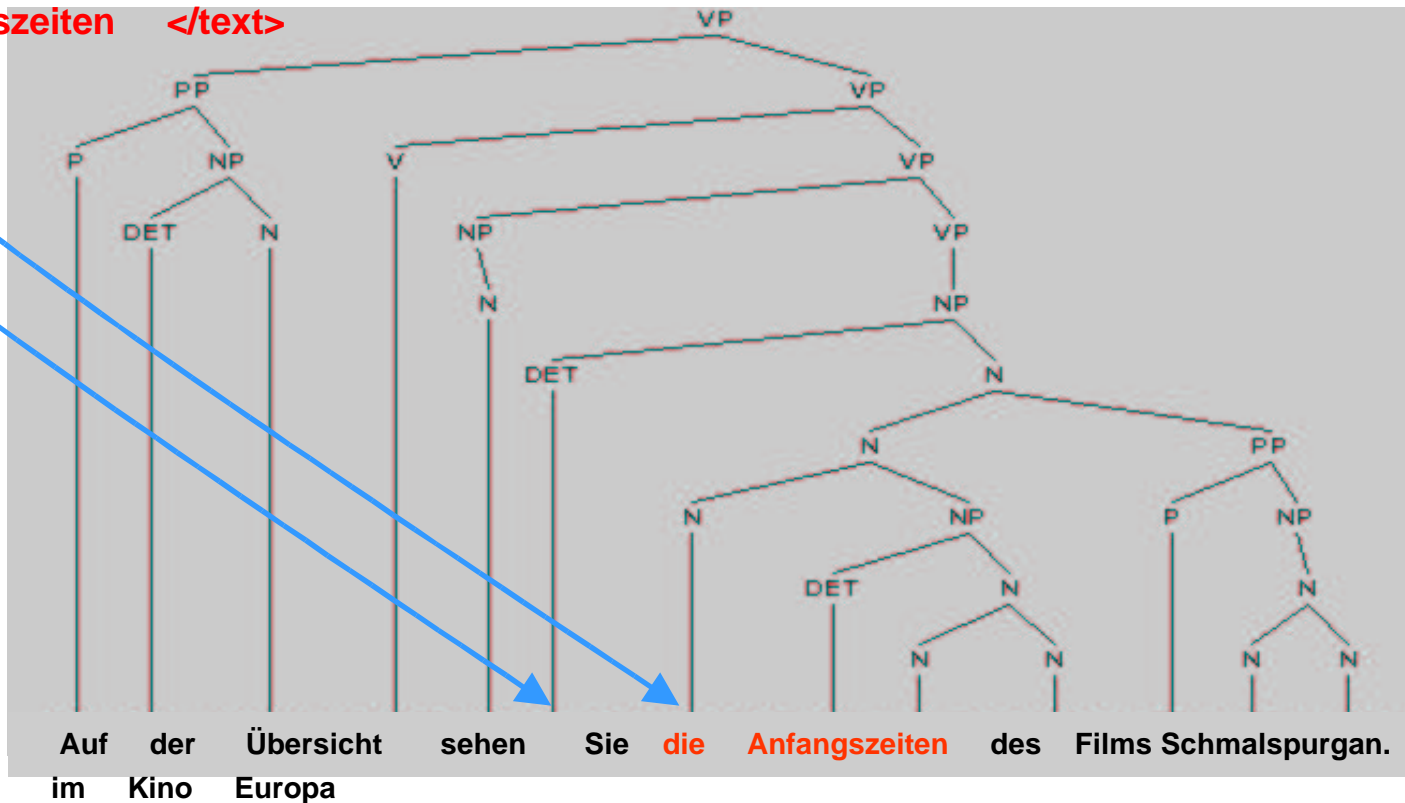
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XML Format

graphical representation

# Result of Natural Language Generation



# CTS: Available Information



- **Discourse Structure**
  - e.g., elaboration, contrast
- **Discourse Status**
  - given/new, topic/focus
- **Semantics?**
- **Syntax:**
  - boundaries: syntactic structure
  - sentence type, POS, morphology, ...
- **Attitude, Emotion,**
- **Multimodal Aspects:**
  - coordination with gesture, posture, facial expressions, ...

# But what is relevant?



- **Many different types of data available but**
- **Which should be part of a corpus:**
  - **automatic annotation**
  - **standardized formats**
  - **relevance to synthesis**





# Annotation Formats



- **Information structure**
  - RST
- **Attitude?**
- **Syntax**
  - Penn Treebank
  - Chunks, topological fields, ...
- **POS**
  - STTS

