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## 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



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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.<sup>1</sup>

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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<sup>1</sup>Notable exceptions include König & Nishina (2015) on Japanese, Shor (2018) on Hebrew *kaħa*, Karsenberg & Lahousse (2018) on French *ainsi*, and Keevallik (e.g. 2005, 2010) on Estonian.

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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.<sup>2</sup>

#### (1) Manner inherent in the current speech situation

##### a. Kambaata [written]

Lankii harabas-á **hitt-íta** torr-itókkooont!  
 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 zìèzìè 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]

**Hitt-íta** 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.**’

<sup>2</sup>All 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 ̄ 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-óo xah-á  
 A\_DEM1.M.ACC-DEF new-M.ACC thing-M.ACC  
 dagg-oommí-i shooll-kí bar-é gassim-á  
 know-1SG.PFV.REL-NMZ1.M.NOM four-ORD day-M.GEN morning-M.ACC  
 ées **hitt-íta** y-itoonté-’e-ta  
 1SG.ACC like.this[1]-F.ACC say-2SG.PFV-1SG.OBJ.REL-F.COP2  
 j-éechch-u ...  
 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 mój̄ zō bé mō̄j̄ gé é dè lè̄j̄ kēé bé à  
 then LOG.PL came then LOG.PL said REFL father to like.this then 3SG  
 dè gé à̄j̄ lè̄j̄ 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

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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-íchch-u dǎngo hitt-íta afuu'll-ít  
 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

ǒé àj màj yì é ǒō, ké àà dī kēé lèj kēé ...  
 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  
 fájj-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

ǒé kǒlē nē é wō é gbè lè kēé  
 then man DIMIN DEF did REFL 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, *hittíta* and *hittigúta*, 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,<sup>3</sup> 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, *hittíta* and *hittigúta*, 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.

Table 1: Core uses of manner demonstratives in Kambaata and in Wan

	Grounded in the current speech situation	Anaphoric
Contextually salient use	(1), (2)	(4)
Reference to represented speech	(3)	(5)

## 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

<sup>3</sup>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.

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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]  
 Út-u-s                    m-á-ma                    kaa'll-áno-a-la?                    –  
 thorn-M.NOM-DEF what-M.ACC-CF help-3M.IPFV.REL-M.COP2-PRAG1  
 Ut-á                    **hitt-ínta**                    le'-is-sáa                    bagáan  
 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]  
**Hitt-ínta** mar-áammi-ndo, mexx-u=rr-á  
 like.this[1]-F.ACC<N> go-1SG.IPFV-Q single-M.ACC=NMZ4-M.ACC  
 qixx-an-s-u'nnáan?  
 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  
 m̄ m̄ é η zò à η blá kà tā kégé  
 people PL DEF PERF COME 3PL PERF COME.out 1PL.INCL on like.this  
 cáá  
 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]  
 Me'-ín hi'rr-íti-la? – **Hitt-ínta**  
 how.much-M.ICP buy<MID>-2F.PFV.CV-PRAG1 like.this[1]-F.ACC<N>  
 aass-ée-'e  
 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-'ée=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-oommíi.        Mánn-unku-s                      yóo-ba'a  
come-1SG.PFV.REL.VV people-M.NOM<N>-DEF COP1.3-NEGI

[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 trē gó bō à mō, àḥ lē     yí tē á     kū  
then night inside arrived 3SG PRT 3PL woman sleep kill ADJ.FOC house  
é pāḥ dō lé **kēé**  
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 ló yā pí wà gē bé gāḥ mù é bō  
then 3PL could work do PPS still not PRT then yams PL DEF stayed  
gōḥ wā **kēé**  
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.<sup>4</sup>

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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<sup>4</sup>We 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 *hittigúta*, 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-íi          xawaaqq-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 *hanqalú*-dish is not like this.'
- c. Kambaata [elicited]  
**Hitt-íta**                    xe'-áyyoo                    burtukaan-á  
 like.this[1]-F.ACC taste.good-3M.PROG.REL orange-M.ACC  
 xuud-im-bá'a  
 see-1SG.NIPFV-NEG1  
 'I have never seen oranges that taste **this** good (lit. good 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).<sup>5</sup> Unlike adverbials, it cannot be fronted, and it cannot be used predicatively.

- (13) Wan  
 ké mōŋ gāā klā tǎííí kēé gē ō, mōŋ zòŋ  
 if LOG.PL went+3SG behind always like.this PRT PRT LOG.PL PROSP  
 di-ŋ à mì wá  
 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

<sup>5</sup>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-íi 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

	Adverbial (Kambaata)	Clause-final particle (Wan)
Position in the clause	Within the verb phrase, preceding the verb	Clause-final only
Finiteness restrictions	Appears in finite or non-finite clauses	Appears in finite clauses only
Independent use	Yes, e.g. as an answer fragment	No

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.<sup>6</sup>

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]  
**Hittig-únta**            esáa    má-t-it    fiit-íchch-ut  
 like.this[2]-F.ACC<N> 1SG.DAT one-F.NOM flowering.plant-SGV-F.NOM  
 hé’-ee-’e                ikkeeráan ...  
 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, ...’

<sup>6</sup>A reviewer pointed out that this use is very frequent cross-linguistically, citing examples such as Finnish *niin* ‘thus’, Hungarian *igen* (< *így* ‘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-u-hu-u shambalál-u-hu-u **hittig-únta**  
 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 ellipsis. In the case of intersentential ‘and, also’ (15a), one could assume that a converb 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 element *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 *hítt*) and the 3M perfective converb form *íkk* of the verb *ih-* ‘become’ has fused and been lexicalised as an intersentential contrastive connective, *hítt=íkk* ‘but’ (lit. ‘having become so’). This use is illustrated in (16).

(16) Kambaata [elicited]

**Hítt=íkk** kasal-á-s  
 like.this[1]=become.3M.PFV.CV charcoal-M.ACC-3M.POSS  
 hi’rr-í=ké’ isí kuntaal-íichch íi kuntaal-áan  
 buy<MID>-1SG.PFV.CV=SEQ 3M.GEN sack-M.ABL 1SG.POSS sack-M.LOC  
 wor-aammí 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 *hítt* ‘so’ is a propositional anaphor. The frequent use of *hítt=íkk* between sentences that were semantically contrastive caused the contrast to become associated with the element *hítt=íkk* 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.

Table 3: Extended uses of manner demonstratives in Kambaata

	Meaning	Path of development
Contrastive connective	‘but’	Lexicalisation in a high-frequency collocation, fusion with ‘become’
Interactional affirmative	‘yes’	Conventionalisation of the anaphoric predicative use ‘(it is) like this’
Coordination-like use	‘likewise, also’	Conventionalisation of the anaphoric predicative with verb ellipsis: ‘(V) like this NP’ = ‘same with NP’ = ‘likewise NP’

### 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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marker's special syntactic status. 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  
 klègè kpái é àà glògò á kēé kprò-kpròò-kprò  
 chili.pepper real DEF 3PL+3SG crush HAB like.this IDPH  
 'Real chili pepper, they crush it **like this**: kro-kro-kro.'
- b. Wan  
 ké è tá-ń yī ē gó 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.<sup>7</sup> When a numeral appears within the noun phrase, it normally follows the head (18a).

<sup>7</sup>It 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 extracausal 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  
 gbòlò á  
 maiden three  
 ‘three maidens’
- b. Wan  
 lāā gbòlò kēé á bé à á gà lé ój  
 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 sǝǝǝ à dèj à ŋ bò kēé ój  
 3SG that do until IDPH 3SG remaining 3PL PERF stay like.this piece  
 dō kpó  
 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  
 nē é, è bōō lé è ŋ bàò kēé yèjglèè  
 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 yī é dèj nì bō á bōj mī kēé sení  
 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  
àṅ gá á tròò klà-ṅ lāpéá yè péé Bōwlinò tā gōṅ  
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 gōṅ kēé b́é à  
3SG arrive NMLZ at here as.if baobab DEF like like.this then 3SG  
klāzī ē 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

	Meaning	Path of development
Introducing ideophones	Desemanticised	Discourse cataphoric use, cf. (3)
Introducing displaced numerals		
Introducing displaced adjectives		
Introducing complex adverbial expressions such as comparison expressions		

## 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

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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.

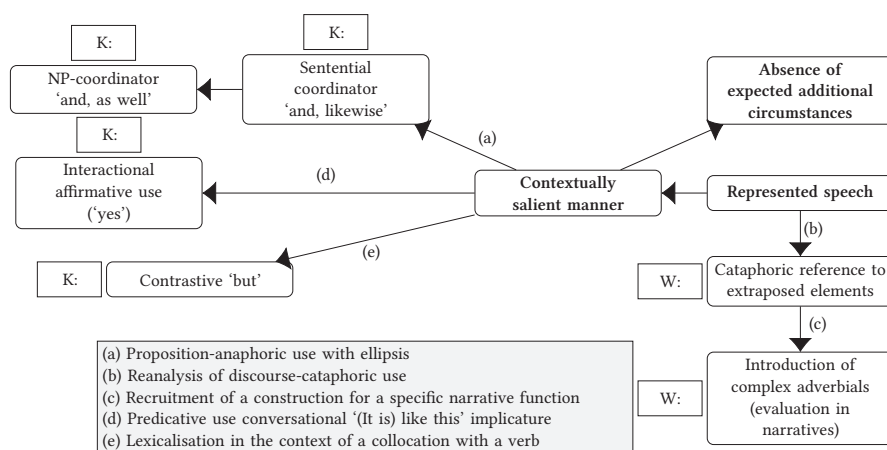


Figure 1: A semantic map enriched by constructional information

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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## Abbreviations

### Wan glosses

ADJ.FOC	adjunct focus	PL	plural
ALN	alienable possessor	PPS	complement-introducing
COP	copula		postposition
DEF	definite marker		
DIMIN	diminutive	PROG	progressive
HAB	habitual	PROSP	prospective
IDPH	ideophone	PRT	particle
INCL	inclusive	QUOT	quotative particle
INTJ	interjection	REFL	reflexive
LOG	logophoric	RSLT	resultative
NMLZ	nominaliser	SG	singular
PERF	perfect		

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

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