

## DOUBLING PHENOMENA IN SWISS GERMAN DIALECTS

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Our recent research on Swiss German dialects within the SADS-project (Syntaktischer Atlas der Deutschen Schweiz) has considerably increased the knowledge about syntactical variation within Swiss German. We found structures heretofore unknown in the dialectological literature, in other cases we can now better describe the geographical distribution of variants already known, and we can show that some variants lack any obvious geographical distribution within the area under investigation. Among these variants, there is also a great amount of doubling phenomena not yet investigated in detail. In our talk, we'll start with (morpho)syntactic doubling in a broad formal and functional sense and then make an attempt to classify the doubling phenomena found in Swiss German as to areas, forms and functions. Among these are such different phenomena as determiner doubling, cf. (1), (2), various kinds of verb doubling, cf. (3), (4), and doubling of complementizers, cf. (5), (6), or pronominal elements, cf. (7), (8). For the final portion of our talk, we will focus on Wh-doubling as shown in (8).

- (1) ä ganz ä liebi frau  
a really a lovely wife
- (2) de vil de schöner garte  
the much the nicer garden
- (3) er laat de Schriiner la cho  
he has the carpenter havecome
- (4) welle wott i scho  
want.Inf want.1sg I really
- (5) är isch älter weder dassi gmeint han  
he is older than that I thought have
- (6) är wott wüsse, wo dassd woonsch  
he wants know where that you live
- (7) dadevoo weiss ich nüüd  
there\_there\_of know I nothing
- (8) was macht de Urs ietz was?  
what does the Urs now what

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