LENA as a Clinical Research Tool:

A Deaf child of Deaf parents comes to speech

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The subject and family

- Data to date: "Tom" 15 36 months of age 13 days / 140+ hours W/E Home, Home+day-care → Home+preschool
- Child's hearing status: Bilateral hearing aids
 Moderate-severe, bilateral sensorineural loss
 PTA: 65dB (better ear)
- Parents' hearing status: Bilateral hearing aids

Profound, bilateral sensorineural loss

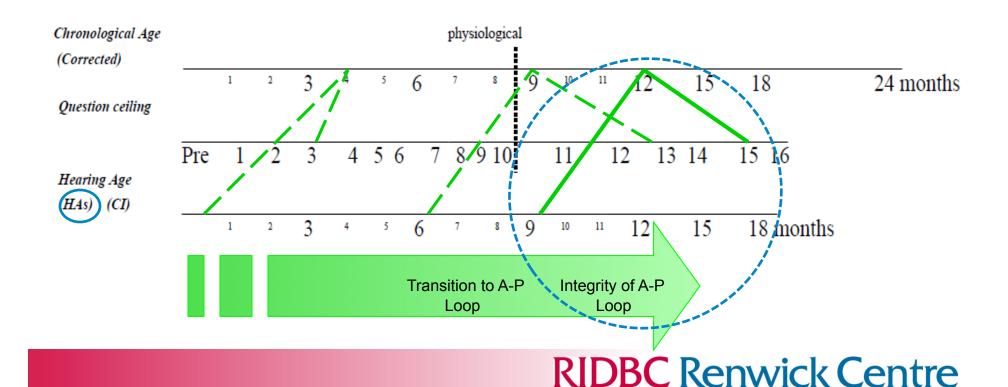
PTA: 100dB (better ear); 93dB (better ear)



Prior to LENA: IMP >12 months age

SCORE: Assessment Date "Tom"

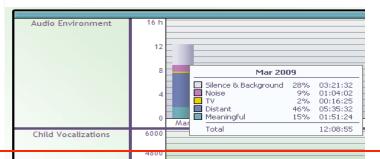
Child's Age:....yrs...12..mths.



LENA reports child's "auditory diet"

 $3^{rd} - 7^{th} - 12^{th}$ March '09

15 months of age



Meaningful Speech represented 15% of Tom's auditory environment.

AVA Standard Score: *74.96 Possible Language Delay

1200 Mar 2009 ■ Percentile: 79th Mar Recorded days over 10 hours: 2 Average child vocalizations Conversational Turns n 12-hour projection: 1962 Actual recorded: 1200 Child's Age: 1 year; 3 months 600 300 Mar 2009 ■ Perceptile: 74th Recorded days over 10 hours: 2 Adult Words Average conversational turns □ 12-hour projection: 480 Actual recorded: 24000 Automatic Vocalization Assessment (AVA) Possible Language Delay 18000 Child's Age: 1 year: 3 months 12000 Mar 2009 6000 Percentile: 53rd Recorded days over 10 hours: 2 Average adult words. □ 12-hour projection: 12736 Actual recorded: 12885 Child's Age: 1 year; 3 months Adult Words conversational rurns

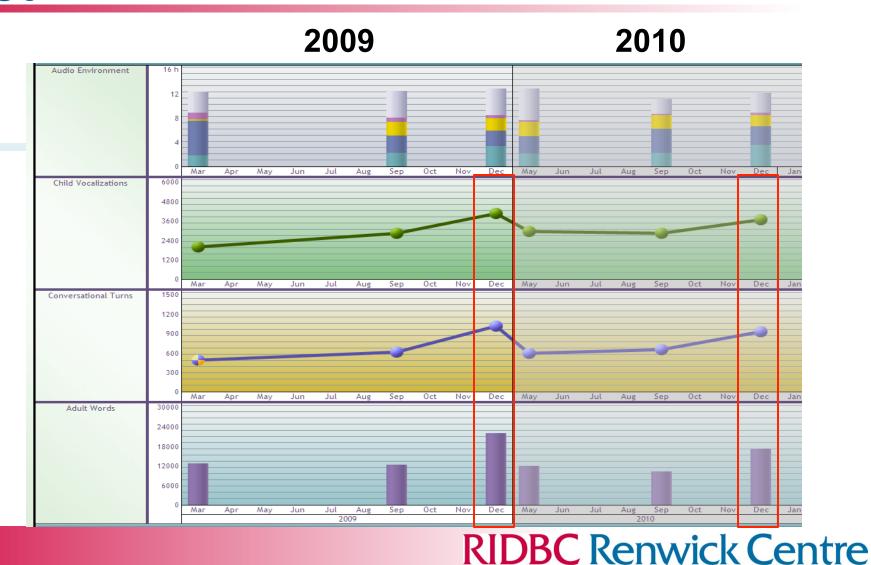
Child Vocalization Count: 79th %ile

Conversational Turn Count: 74th %ile

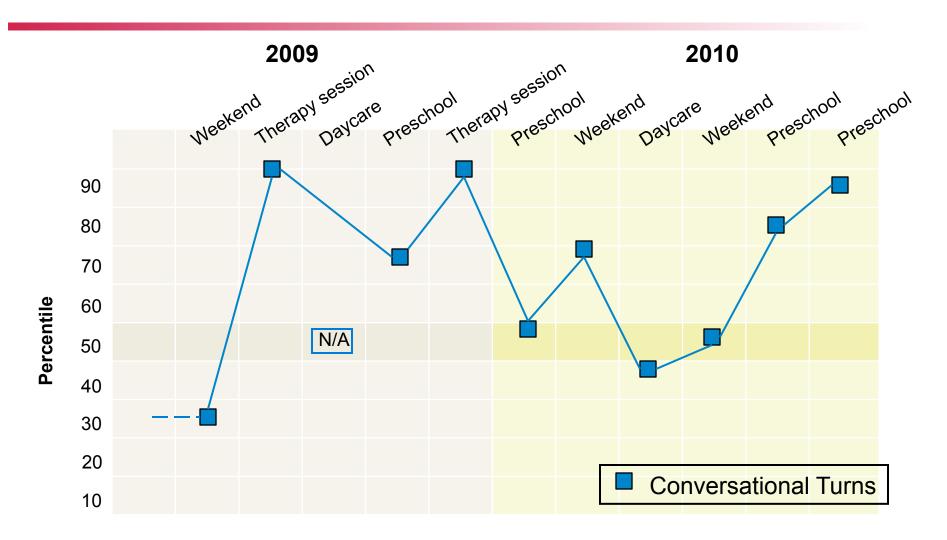
Adult Word Count: 53rd %ile



LENA reveals patterns in "auditory diet"



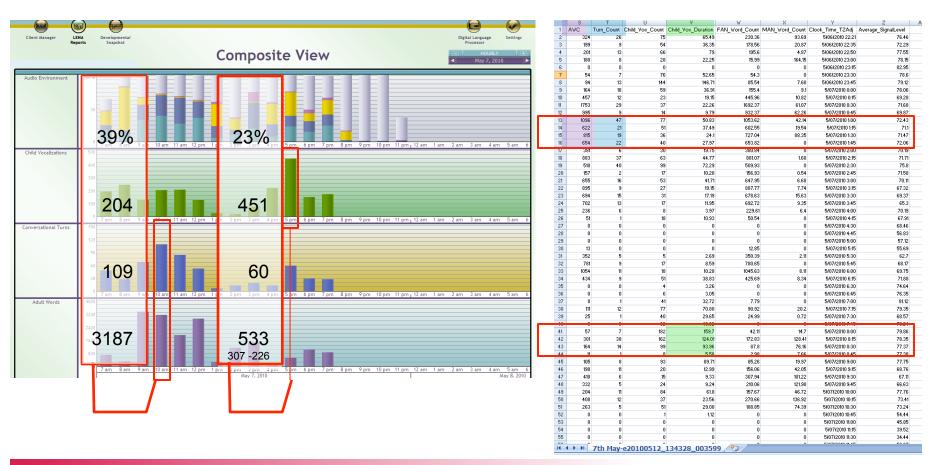
The impact of different environments





Components of auditory experience

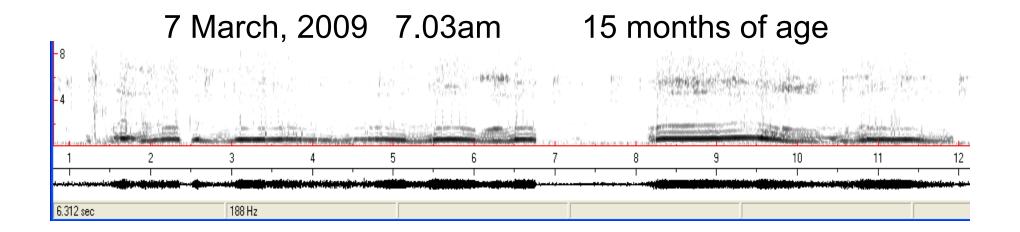
Preschool day → at home: 29 months / 26mth Hearing Age





Quality audio -> spectrographic analysis

4	N	S	T_	V	W	X	Υ	Z	AA
1	Child_Age	Child_Voc_Count	Child_Voc_Duration	AVA_SS	EMLU	AVA_DA	Elapsed_	Clock_Time_TZAdj	Init_by
2	15	1	0.2	65.744	0.506	8	41318.9	3/07/2009 7:02	CH
3	15	1	0.6	65.744	0.506	8	41491.9	3/07/2009 7:05	CH
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Tom's progress at 21 months of age

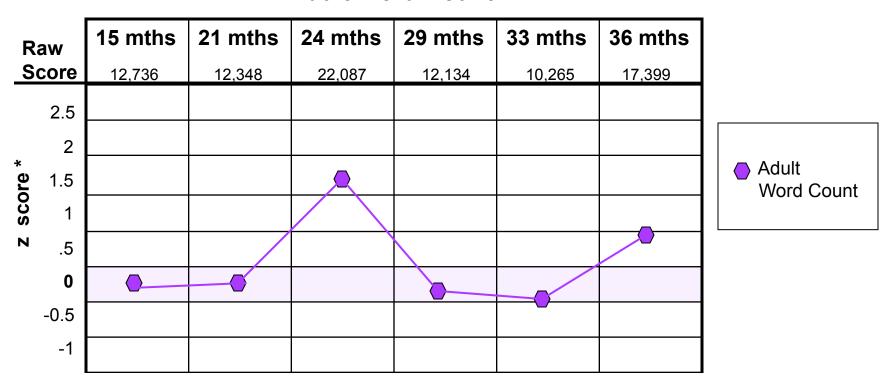
	LENA AVA		Brown (1973)	Rossetti
	(SS)		Spon.language sample	Expression
MLU (EMLU)	1.73	107	1.5	
Development	24 mths		Stage 1-2	18-21mths

	MacA CDI Hearing norms	DiEL (Nott et al., 2003)
Word count	35 th %ile	63 (IPA ≈28 different phones)



LENA reports AWC ...≈ AW quality?

Adult Word Count



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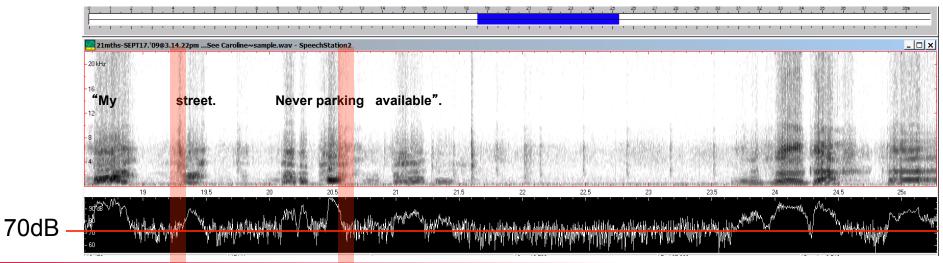


"Meaningful speech"

1	AWC	Turn_Count	Child_Voc_Count	Child_Voc_Duration	EMLU	AVA_DA	Clock_Time_TZAdj
2	107	14	58	39	1.749	24	09/16/2009 21:30:10
83	11	1	28	23.4	1.749	24	09/17/2009 04:35:00
84	32	1	18	17.89	1.749	24	09/17/2009 04:40:00
85	30	1	8	4.77	1.749	24	09/17/2009 04:45:00
86	48	8	43	32.06	1.749	24	09/17/2009 04:50:00
87	86	6	25	17.99	1.749	24	09/17/2009 04:55:00
88	9	1	31	28.24	1.749	24	09/17/2009 05:00:00
89	85	4	25	19.93	1.749	24	09/17/2009 05:05:00
90	7	0	9	5.72	1.749	24	09/17/2009 05:10:00

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21 months of age





The impact of the different interactors

Preschool day → at home: 36 months / 33mth Hearing Age



AWC	Turn_Count	Child_Voc_Count	Child_Voc_Duration	EMLU	AVA_DA	Elapsed_Time	Average_SignalLevel
290	18	51	42.85	2.86	38	13420	75.81
372	23	36	33.51	2.86	38	13720	75.87
155	8	17	13.46	2.86	38	14020	73.85

AWC	Turn_Count	Child_Voc_Count	Child_Voc_Duration	EMLU	AVA_DA	Elapsed_Time	Average_SignalLevel
155	17	44	43.14	2.86	38	41320	79.99
21	3	53	42.46	2.86	38	41620	78.29
117	13	88	98.38	2.86	38	41920	82.1

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64	9	50	53.7	2.86	38	42220	77.73



Tom's progress at 36 months of age

	Different types produced	Yoshinaga-Itano & Sedey, 2000 Moderate-Severe HL	DEAP Hearing norms
Vowels	12	50 th %ile	9 th %ile
Consonants	13	50 th %ile	1 st %ile

	LENA AVA		Brown (1973)	PLS-4
		(SS)	Spon.language sample	Expressive
MLU (EMLU)	2.86	105	2.2	12 th %ile
Eq.Dev.Age	38 months		28-36 months	29 months

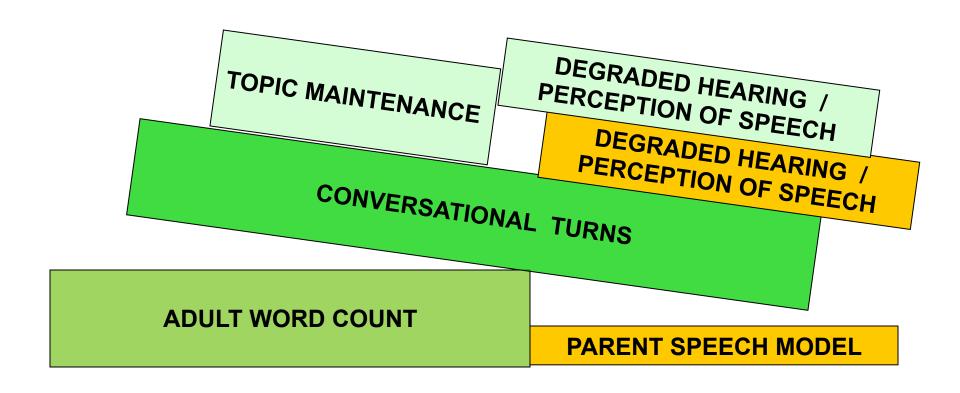


What does AVA analysis tell us?

- Tom has age-appropriate phoneme diversity (Standard Score)
- That phonemes produced are differentiated by acoustic envelopes / not yet mastered
- ... Is predictive suggests Tom is on the way to intelligible speech
- In this case, AVA may not correlate with spoken language

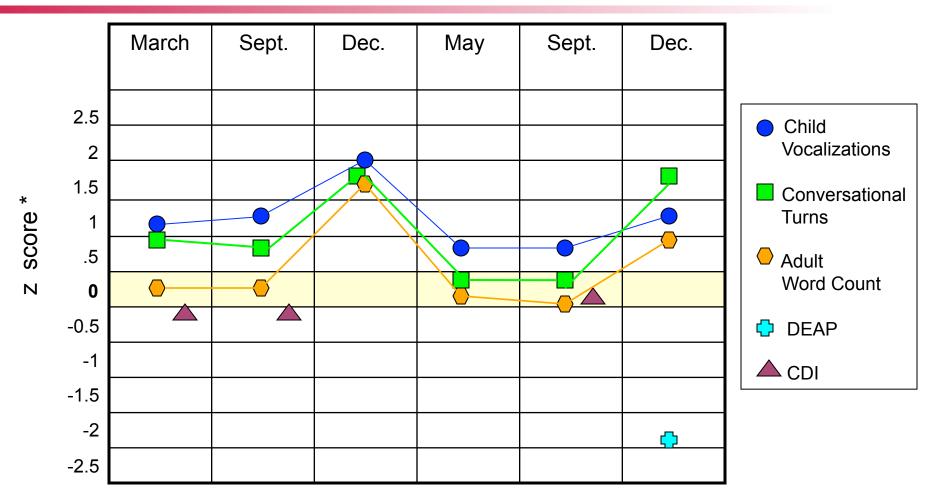


Supposition





LENA: Standardized Assessments



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