ja ja ja – challenging a question's askability through multiple sayings

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Multiple Sayings – Design

➢ Involve a full unit of talk being said multiple times,
➢ are said by the same speaker,
➢ have a similar segmental character*,
➢ happen immediately in succession, and
➢ are done under a single intonation contour

(Stivers 2004: 261)
Multiple Saying – Design

Graphs showing the variation of 'nee' and 'neh' over time.
Multiple Sayings – Function

Target larger course of action
But...

15  P  komt je moeder dan ook nog >↑ of niet<;  
     is your mother coming as well or not;
16          (0.7)
17  L  >nee: nee nee<;=
     >no: no no<;=
18          =die zit in _italie hè,
     =she is in Italy remember,
19          (0.5)
20  P  >↑ oh ja<.  
     >oh yeah<.
Multiple Saying – Function

› Question unaskable; P should know the answer
› MPS responds only to the immediate prior action
And...

04 S  • h oh dus je high †tea is wel doorgaan;
      • h oh so your high tea did go through;

05 (1.0)

06 W  >†ja: ja ja<
      >yea:h yeah yeah<

07 (0.6)

08 maar da [bij die ouders van daan niet.]
      but that [with those parents of Daan not.]
Multiple Saying – Function

› Question unaskable; W has already answered the question
› MPS responds only to the immediate prior action
And finally...

16  F  maar ik moet nog even voorbereiden.  
     *but I have to prepare a bit*

17  (1.1)

18  L  >°hoezo° heb je een tentamen dan.  
     >why do you have an exam then.

19  (1.0)

20  F  nee >nee nee<; gewoon werkgroep voorbereiden,  
     no >no no<; just prepare a seminar,
Multiple Saying – Function

> Question unaskable; preparing is not an accountable action

> MPS responds only to the immediate prior action
Also…

36 Kim: You might lose her?
37 Mark: No=no=no. [We won’t lose her. She’s gonna quit Shelton=
38 Kim: [Oh:
39 Mark: =Birch.
40 Kim: Mlk-Oh: goo:d.
Multiple Saying – Function

¿ Question unaskable; Mark has already answered the question

¿ MPS responds only to the immediate prior action
Conclusion

› Specific practice of multiple sayings of *ja* and *nee*
› Only address the immediate prior action
› Treat question as unaskable
› Epistemic incongruence
Future research

› Different function for different number of particles?
› Response to other actions; challenge relevance of the action?
› “Universal” pragmatic function?
References


Encore...

07 DR: -> .hh Men _känner du att du inte _vill_ de
      .hh But feel you that you not want that
      .htt But if you feel that you don’t want to

08 -> _så e’re:-_ Så ska vi into _tvinga dej_
so is it- So will we not force you
then it’s- Then we won’t force you

09 -> (. ) _på nå_ [sätt,
( . ) on any way
( . ) in any way

10 P: [Nä: nä nä,
    No no no