

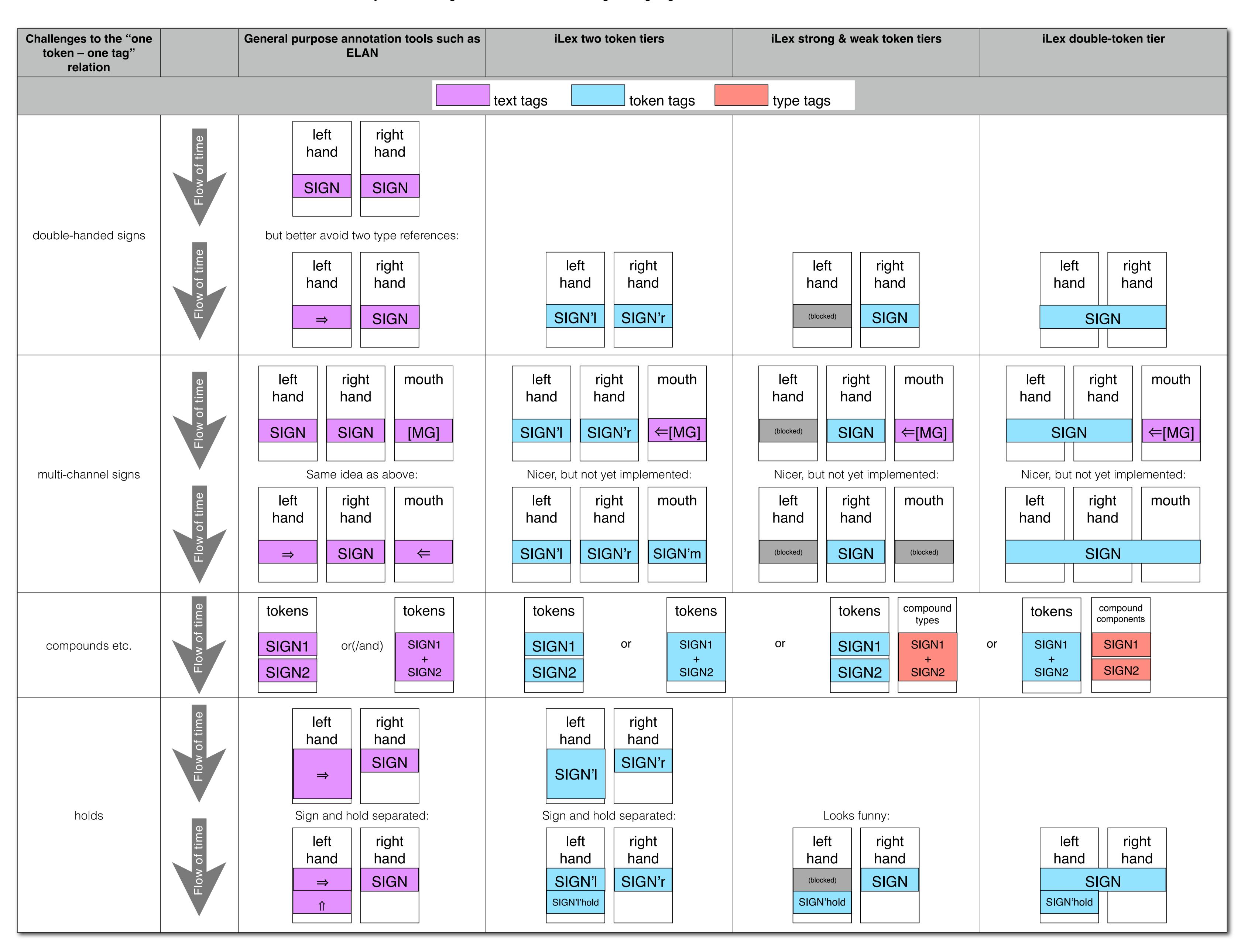


Towards tagging of multi-sign lexemes and other multi-unit structures





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Multi-sign expressions to care about

- ◆ compounds
 ◆ proper so
 - proper compoundsloan compounds
- → multi-sign idiomatic expressions
- → more than the sum of their components
- restrictions of use
- meaning more specific
- might disambiguate POS attributions of their parts
- → entities of their own right
- → part of the lexicon
- lexicographic annotation:
- e.g. syntactic restrictions, regional use

Tagging necessary to

- mark, access, list, describe these multi-sign units (not yet general annotation practice)
 identify them
- make searching easier (instead of complex search patterns)
 support lemma revision (document decisions taken)
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Suggested solution inspired by multi-word lexemes treatment in spoken language treebanks:

- ◆ Specify multi-sign expressions as trees (depth≤2) in the lexicon, allowing optional elements where appropriate
- ◆ Dragging such a multi-sign lexeme onto a compatible tags structure makes these tags an instance of the multi-sign lexeme
- ◆ Project tree structures into tag grid as framing basic tags
- ◆ Scales to higher-level structures such as sandwich verb constructs and multi-item list structures
- ♦ Potentially have different framing colours for different types of multi-sign expressions
- **♦** Examples: idiomatic expression and hold, multi-item list structures:

