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Title: Plurals, Mass terms and the Plural of Mass terms

Abstract: This talk considers the different interpretations that plural mass nouns exhibit. A theory is built in which the notion of the plural qua (scalar) implicature is central. I further report on two experiments with Greek speaking adults and children on the interpretation of mass and count plurals compared with that of standard scalar implicatures. I consider more closely the results and what they mean for the general theory of the mass/plural relation and the way it fits with the general syntactic and semantic framework as well as the different theories of implicature calculation.