Quantitative Distribution of English and Indonesian Motion Verbs and Its Typological Implications: A case study with the English and Indonesian versions of the *Twilight* novel

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Abstract

This paper investigates the quantitative distribution (type and token frequencies, and type-per-token ratio [TTR]) of motion verbs found in English and Indonesian versions of the novel *Twilight* (Meyer, 2005; Sari, 2008). The study is contextualized within two divergent views on the typological characteristics of Indonesian lexicalization patterns of motion events. One study (Son, 2009) suggests that Indonesian behaves like English, representing a satellite-framed pattern (i.e., lexicalizing Manner of motion in the main verb) while another study (Wienold, 1995) argues for the verb-framed nature of Indonesian (i.e., lexicalizing Path of motion in the main verb). We seek to offer a quantitative perspective to these two proposals. Our study shows that, compared to English, Indonesian has significantly higher number (i.e., types) and occurrences (i.e., tokens) of Path verbs (reflecting the verb-framed pattern). Moreover, the higher TTR value of Path verbs for Indonesian shows a greater lexical diversity in the inventory of Indonesian Path verbs compared to English. In contrast, the English Manner verbs are significantly higher in number and in token frequency than Indonesian (suggesting the satellite-framed pattern), and show greater lexical diversity given the higher TTR value. While these findings lean toward supporting the verb-framed pattern of Indonesian (Wienold, 1995), we caution with the limitation of our conclusion and offer suggestions for future study.

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Introduction

Ever since Talmy's (1972) hallmark study of the semantic structure of motion events in English and Atsugewi, the expression of motion across languages has become one of the central topics in linguistics (Filipović, 2007). It has been subject of inquiry within the context of crosslinguistic studies in language acquisition, development, and change, linguistic typology, narrative discourse, bilingualism, and translation, among many others (for a recent overview, see Filipović & Ibarretxe-Antuñano, 2015). "Motion events" (or "translatory situations" in Talmy's (1972, p. 10) original study) refers to a change of location of an object from one location to another via certain path (Filipović, 2007, p. 8; Talmy, 2000, p. 25) (see example (1)).

(1). (from Talmy, 2000, p. 227)

The bottle floated into the cave

Motion events consist of four internal, semantic components: Figure, Ground, Path and Motion (Talmy, 2000, p. 25). Figure is an object that moves with reference to another object, namely the Ground. Path is the trajectory along which the Figure moves with respect to the Ground. The Motion captures "the presence per se of motion (...) in the event" (Talmy, 2000, p. 25). Motion event expression in (1) can be analyzed with respect to these components. The Figure is lexicalized by the bottle while the Ground is lexicalized by the cave. The preposition into lexicalizes the Path of the Figure's movement, which in turn is expressed by the main verb floated. In addition to these four internal components, a motion event can often be associated with an external, Co-event, namely the Manner in which the movement is carried out. English is a celebrated example of language whereby the Manner is conflated in the verb (Talmy, 2007, p. 8; Talmy, 2000, p. 25) (see example (1)).

In English, verb particles are examples of satellites in Talmy's system and they can overlap with other categories, such as English prepositions (Talmy, 2000, p. 102). Languages that characteristically lexicalizes the Path in the satellites, and conflate the Manner in the main verbs, are called the satellite-framed (or S-)languages, while those lexicalizing or conflating the Path in the main verb, and express the Manner in other constituents (e.g., adverbials), are called the verb-framed (or V-)languages (Talmy, 2000, p. 222). Romance languages (e.g., French and Spanish), Semitic, Japanese, Polynesian, Tamil, and Bantu are languages characterized as V-languages. The S-languages are represented by English, German, Chinese (Talmy, 2000, p. 222).

While studies on motion events abound in many languages, a search of the literature revealed few studies which discuss this topic for Indonesian (Wienold, 1995; Son & Svenonius, 2008; Son, 2009; Pamphila, 2011), though a closely related language, namely Malay spoken in Malaysia, has been analyzed (Huang & Tanangkin, 2005). There is still a divergent view especially on the typological characteristics of Indonesian in lexicalizing the semantic components of motion events.

Wienold (1995, pp. 311–312) argues that Indonesian behaves more like Spanish (i.e., a V-language) in which the Path is lexicalized in the main verbs due to the richness of verbs encoding the path of movement (e.g., melintasi ‘to move across’; naik ‘to move up/ascend’; turun ‘to move down/ascend’). However, Son (2009; see also Son & Svenonius, 2008) proposes that Indonesian (and related languages such as Javanese and Balinese) behave like English and other Germanic languages (i.e., S-language) in which the main verb lexicalizes the Manner and can evoke "directed motion interpretations" when co-occurring with the goal-expressing preposition ke ‘to’ (Son, 2009, p. 217) (see (2)).

(2). (from Pamphila, 2011, p. 57)

Kamu meng-endap-endap ke kamarku
2SG AV.creep to room.1SG.POSS
‘you creep (in)to my room’

The diverging views between Son (2009) and Wienold (1995) could be due to the different focus and the analyzed data. Son only analyzed a few manner verbs that can combine
with directional preposition ke ‘to’, a pattern that Son argues as similar to English. In contrast, Wienold only presented path verbs and explicitly acknowledged that the study has not “been able to assess the extent of manner lexicalization in Indonesian” (1995, p. 334, endnote 13).

Huang and Tanangkingsing’s (2005) quantitative study on Malay, based on elicited narrative, offers a more nuanced perspective as opposed to the superficially strict two-way typology of motion events proposed by Talmy (2000, p. 221) (i.e., the satellite-framed vs. verb-framed patterns). Huang and Tanangkingsing’s (2005, p. 335) characterization of Malay as path-salience converges with Indonesian as initially proposed by Wienold (1995). Moreover, Huang and Tanangkingsing (2005, p. 334) argue that languages cannot be classified into “either-or” typology, since a given language can show (a combination of) features of satellite-framed and verb-framed languages to a varying degree. This suggests that what is thought to be a typical pattern in a language “is usually a statistical usage preference rather than a hard syntactic constraint” (Goschler & Stefanowitsch, 2013, p. 4; see also Beavers, Levin, & Wei Tham, 2010).

We have seen diverging proposals from Son (2009) and Wienold (1995) concerning the typological characteristic of Indonesian lexicalization patterns of motion events: the former argues that Indonesian behaves like English (i.e., satellite-framed pattern) while the latter proposes the verb-framed pattern for Indonesian. Their proposals, moreover, are based on qualitative approach without further quantitative investigation. While Wienold (1995, p. 313, Table 4) enlisted a number of Path verbs to propose the verb-framed nature of Indonesian, there was no analysis for the distribution of Indonesian Manner verbs (Wienold, 1995, p. 334 endnote 13).

This paper departs from these gaps and the two competing views for the typological characteristics of Indonesian lexicalization of motion events. Our study is also built on Pamphila’s (2011) work on motion verbs in English and their Indonesian translations, and uses the same data source, namely the English and Indonesian version of the *Twilight* novel (Meyer, 2005; Sari, 2008). Pamphila (2011) applies Talmy’s typology of motion events in the context of translation strategies of motion events from English into Indonesian.

In this paper, we offer a quantitative basis for the characterization of Indonesian lexicalization patterns with respect to the two-system typology of motion events proposed by Talmy (2000). Specifically, we compare the quantitative distribution (i.e., the number of types and token-frequencies) of motion verbs in English and Indonesian versions of *Twilight*. This quantitative approach is motivated theoretically and empirically by Slobin’s (1996) seminal work on English and Spanish, demonstrating that the typological split should be relativised to the quantitative distribution of the motion verbs in language use (cf. Goschler & Stefanowitsch, 2013).

One of the proposals put forward by Slobin (1996) is that typological differences in the lexicalization of motion events between S-languages and V-languages are connected to the number (i.e., type-frequency) and frequency of occurrences (i.e., token frequency) of lexical items that encode the Manner of motion. The quantitative prediction is that V-languages would have fewer and less expressive Manner-of-motion verbs than S-languages (cf. Slobin, 1996, p. 208). This proposal is developed based on prototypical examples of S-languages and V-languages respectively, namely English and Spanish.

We extend and test Slobin’s proposal to Indonesian motion verbs, with reference to English as the prototypical S-language, in the context of the typological implication of Indonesian lexicalization of motion events, given the two competing proposals from Son (2009) and Wienold (1995). To preview our results, we found statistically significant asymmetries in the distribution (both type and token-frequency) of Path and Manner verbs between English and Indonesian. We support Wienold’s (1995) proposal that Indonesian is richer in its Path verbs compared to English. Towards the end of the conclusion, we close the paper with the limitation of our finding and further issue that we are exploring in relation to this project. Despite all the remaining works to be done, it is hoped that this paper generates fresh, quantitative, usage-based insights into
the typological characteristics of Indonesian lexicalization of motion events.

**Methodology**

As mentioned in the previous section, the data was taken from the novel *Twilight* in English and its Indonesian translation (cf. Slobin, 1996 who also used novels as one of the data source). *Twilight* has received wide popularity, having been sold 17 million copies worldwide and translated into 37 different languages (Pamphila, 2011, p. 37). Consequently, the English and Indonesian versions of *Twilight* are more accessible compared to other titles.

Novel is chosen since, as a long narrative fiction, it could provide a range of human experiences (e.g., moving around places and how that movement is captured following the story lines); *Twilight* consists of narratives full of actions than merely a monologue diary type of literature, and offers rich human experiences. Given such inherent feature of a novel and *Twilight* in particular, we expect that it would provide rich expressions of motion events. Future works are welcome to further test the potential distributional differences of motion events across texts of different genres.

The rationale of using translated novel is to have the same basis of comparison of the motion events with the same story lines within the two version of the novels. In addition, translated novel has been used in previous studies on semantic typology and translation strategies of motion events (Slobin, 1996, 2005; Ibarretxe-Antuñano, 2003). The use of texts with different story lines would presumably bias the number of motion events, though this is in itself an empirical question. In our case, we have at least the same story lines and the differences that we might observe (e.g., in the inventory of motion verbs and in the description of motion-related scenes of the same story) could be due to the different semantic-typological patterns in lexicalising motion, which is what this paper attempts to investigate (i.e., comparing the richness of manner and path verbs between English and Indonesian).

The database of the motion verbs, and their classification into Manner and Path verbs, was built manually through close reading of the entire novels, initially for the purpose of the master’s thesis of the second author. We refer to previous works (e.g., Slobin, 1996, 2000; Wienold, 1995, among others) to classify the Manner and Path verbs in English. For the Indonesian data, we relied on our intuition as native speakers and consulted the online Big Indonesian Dictionary (KBBI) (https://kbbi.kemdikbud.go.id) to check the meaning of the verbs. The type of motion events that become the focus of this paper includes the self-propelled/directed motion, whereby the Figure performs the motion itself (3), and the caused motion (4) (cf. Slobin, 1996, p. 200 for similar approach).

(3). (from Pamphila, 2011, p. 84)

*I bounced down the stairs.*

(4). (from Talmy, 2000, p. 28)

*I rolled the keg into the storeroom.*

The first author then performed automatic lemmatization, dependency parsing, and part-of-speech (POS) tagging on the entire versions of the novels, using R (R Core Team, 2020) and the *udpipe* R package (Wijffels, 2019), in addition to conducting the quantitative analyses and visualization. Lemmatization helps in extracting the *lemmas* of the motion verbs that becomes the unit for the quantitative analyses (see below). *Lemma* refers to the abstract, uninflected form of a word (e.g., *walk* as a lemma can realize into the base form or infinitive *walk*, third person *walks*, past tense and participial *walked* and the -ing form *walking*). The POS tagging will ensure that the lemma to be filtered is verb but not noun (e.g., *drive* is an ambicategorical word that can be a noun [e.g., *a one-hour drive*] or verb [e.g., *he drove to downtown*]).

For the quantitative analyses, we compare the type and token frequencies of the Manner and Path motion verbs in the two novels. Type frequency measures the number of different verb types (i.e., lemmas) per category (i.e., how many types there are for Path and Manner verb-lemmas in English and Indonesian versions of the novel). The token frequency measures the number of occurrences of a given lemma in the whole novel (e.g., how many times does the verbal-lemma *walk* in its various inflections occur in the entire novel). The tally of the token frequencies per verb category (i.e., Path and Manner verbs) for each
language is then compared. In total, there are four types of comparison for the quantitative distribution of the motion verbs in the English and Indonesian version of *Twilight*:

i. Total type frequency of the Manner verbs
ii. Total type frequency of the Path verbs
iii. Total token frequency of the Manner verbs
iv. Total token frequency of the Path verbs

Statistical significance test for each comparison was computed using the *Binomial Test* (two-tailed) (see Gries, 2009, pp. 37–44) implemented in the R function `binom.test()`. In addition to these four comparisons, we also compare the *type-per-token ratio* (TTR) values for the Manner and Path verbs between the two novels. TTR can indicate relative lexical-diversity of certain type of verb in each language (Slobin, 1996, p. 208). Data preprocessing and visualization were performed using the *tidyverse* suits of R packages (Wickham et al., 2019). We publish the data and R codes for the statistical analyses at [https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.14753445](https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.14753445) (Rajeg & Pamphila, 2021).

**Results and Discussion**

*Manner Verbs in English and Indonesian*

Earlier studies on motion events have reported that English as an S-language shows greater variety of motion verbs that conflate the Manner component as compared to V-languages, such as Spanish (Egli, Pause, Schwarze, von Stechow, & Wienold, 1995, p. xiii; Wienold, 1995, p. 303; Slobin, 1996, p. 198, among others). Wienold’s (1995) account on Indonesian, however, only includes Path verbs (excluding Manner verbs) that are not directly compared quantitatively with data from S-languages as to providing relative position of Indonesian in the two-way typology proposed by Talmy (2000). Let us look at the number of Manner verb-lemmas found in the English and Indonesian versions of *Twilight* as visualized in Figure 1.

The English data holds highly significantly greater number of Manner motion verbs (65 types) than Indonesian (26 types) (*P*~binomial two-tailed~ < 0.001), which is less than half of the English inventory. In other words, 79.3% of the total 82 motion verbs in the English data consists of Manner verbs, while the proportion for this type is lower for Indonesian (i.e., only 43.3% of the total 60 motion verbs in Indonesian database are Manner verbs).

![Figure 1](https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.14753445) **Figure 1** Type frequency of the Manner verb-lemmas in English and Indonesian versions of Twilight
The prominence of the Manner verbs in English as compared to Indonesian is also clear from the token frequencies (i.e., frequency of occurrences) (Figure 2). English Manner verbs are, overall, highly significantly more frequent ($N_{token} = 729$) than Indonesian ($N_{token} = 449$) ($P_{binomial\ two-tailed} < 0.001$). Moreover, English also has higher type-per-token ratio (TTR) value for the Manner verbs compared to Indonesian ($TTR_{English} = 0.0892$ vs. $TTR_{Indonesian} = 0.0579$), meaning that English has greater diversity of Manner verbs than Indonesian does relative to their tokens.

The results for the quantitative comparison of Manner verbs suggest that Indonesian is relatively impoverished and less salient than English in lexicalizing Manner into the verbs (see Table 1), at least based on the data from *Twilight*. Be that as it may, it goes without saying that Indonesian cannot express certain Manner information elsewhere using different constituents other than the verbs (e.g., as adjunct adverbials). Consider examples (5) and (6), which show examples of the English Manner verb *shamble* and its Indonesian translation respectively.

### Figure 2
Summed token frequency of Manner verb-lemmas in English and Indonesian versions of *Twilight*

### Table 1 Manner verb-lemmas and their token frequencies in Twilight

| English ($N_{TYPE} = 65$) | Indonesian ($N_{TYPE} = 26$) |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| walk (165), run (99), drive (57), step (37), roll (34), jump (30), brush (20), hurry (18), drift (14), fly (12), slip (12), flinch (10), skip (10), slide (10), stagger (9), stumble (9), rush (8), swing (8), wander (8), creep (7), dance (7), race (7), bounce (6), dart (6), ride (6), spin (6), stalk (6), bound (5), climb (5), crawl (5), hike (5), streak (5), trip (5), dash (4), float (4), glide (4), spring (4), sprint (4), stomp (4), travel (4), bolt (3), burst (3), bustle (3), hop (3), plunge (3), slump (3), sneak (3), swim (3), wheel (3), clamp (2), leap (2), saunter (2), scramble (2), stray (2), stroll (2), wobble (2), limp (1), loop (1), lumber (1), meander (1), shamble (1), slosh (1), stride (1), tiptoe (1), tramp (1) | berjalan 'walk' (141), berlari 'run' (65), melangkah 'stride; take a step' (48), melompat 'jump' (38), mengemudi 'drive' (29), bergegas 'dash; rush' (21), meluncur 'slide/glide away' (20), melayang 'glide/float in/through the air' (12), melesat 'move along at a high speed' (10), menyelinap 'sneak (into)' (10), melaju 'race; move fast' (9), menerobos 'break through; force one’s way into’ (6), merangkak 'crawl' (6), melompat-lompat 'hop up and down' (5), terpeleset 'slip/slide away' (5), berjalan-jalan 'stroll' |
around’ (4), mengayunkan ‘swing’ (4), berjingkat ‘tiptoe’ (3), terbang ‘fly’ (3), tersandung ‘stumbled; tripped over’ (3), berenang ‘swim’ (2), melonjak-lonjak ‘bounce around; jump repeatedly’ (1), mengayun-ayunkan ‘rock; sway; wave’ (1), mengendap-endap ‘stalk’ (1), tergelincir ‘slip/slide away’ (1), terjembab ‘slide/fall headlong’ (1)

Numbers within the brackets after the verbs are the token frequencies. English glossing for the Indonesian Manner verbs were based on A Comprehensive Indonesian-English Dictionary (Stevens & Schmidgall-Tellings, 2004)

(5). (Meyer, 2005, p. 84)
\[ I \text{ shambled}_{\text{MOTION+MANNER}} \text{ along}_{\text{PATH}} \text{ behind } \text{ Jessica} \]

(6). (Sari, 2008, p. 134)
\[ \text{Aku } \text{ berjalan}_{\text{MOTION+MANNER}} \text{ tertatih-tatih}_{\text{MANNER}} \text{ di belakang } \text{ Jessica} \]
‘I walked wobbly behind Jessica’

The Manner component in (5) is expressed by the verb shamble, meaning ‘move with a slow, shuffling, awkward gait’ (Oxford Dictionary of English). By looking at the Indonesian translation of (5) in (6), it appears that the Indonesian Manner verb lexicalizing exactly the Manner component in English shamble is absent. Instead, the translator used a generic intransitive Manner verb berjalan ‘walk’ in combination with manner adverbial tertatih-tatih ‘wobbly’. This adverbial then modifies or enhances the basic movement expressed by berjalan ‘walk’ to capture the intended meaning of the source language. Given the richer sets of Manner verbs in English than Indonesian, translators need to devise certain strategies in rendering the expressiveness of English Manner verbs into typologically different language, such as Indonesian, without losing much semantic information. (Pamphila, 2011).

The Indonesian Manner verbs in Table 1 are mostly intransitive and include derived and base verbs, the latter of which is more than half of the total types. Most of the base verbs need to be prefixed with verbal prefixes namely prefix ber-, ter-, and meN- for usage conventionality/formality even though it is possible for some to be unprefixed and can function in syntax (e.g., prefixed me-lompat ‘jump’ can felicitously occur without prefix as in lompat ‘jump’). Only two base verbs found in the novel to occur with and without prefix, namely (ber)jalan ‘walk’ and (ber)lari ‘run’, though the prefixed forms are much more frequent given the formal, written medium of the data source (see (7) and (8)). These two forms are the most frequent in our sample and represent two of the basic set of Manner verbs that Wienold (1995, p. 314) hypothesizes to be lexicalized in many languages.

(7). (Sari, 2008, p. 405)
\[ \text{Aku lari ke pintu, } \ldots \]
‘I ran to (the) door, …’

(8). (Sari, 2008, p. 71)
\[ \text{Aku nyaris ber-lari ke truk, } \ldots \]
‘I almost ran to the truck, …’

It should be noted that the verbal base jalan ‘walk’ is ambicategorical and KBBI listed jalan as originally a noun meaning ‘street’ (https://kbbi.kemdikbud.go.id/entri/jalan). Hence, verbal jalan ‘walk’ is a conversion. The other denominal Manner verbs are melangkah ‘stride’ (from langkah ‘a step’), mengemudi ‘drive’ (from kemudi ‘rudder; steering wheel’), melonjak (from lonjak ‘a move to jump up’) and transitive caused motion mengayunkan ‘swing’ (from ayun ‘oscillation’). One verb, namely bergegas ‘dash’, is derived from adjective gegas ‘hasty’.

Another interesting feature is the Indonesian Manner verbs prefixed with the static passive prefix ter-. All ter- prefixed Manner verbs in Table 2 expresses movement of tripping over or sliding/slipping away. The ter- prefix further accentuates the accidental nature of such manner of movements since one of the functions of ter- is to express involuntary/accidental action (Sneddon, Adelaar, Djenar, & Ewing, 2010, p. 117).

The remaining Manner verbs are formed via reduplication with added semantic aspect. For instance, the base melompat ‘jump’ evokes different meaning than the reduplicated form
melompat-lompat suggesting an iterative action of hopping up and down. The crucial role of reduplication for creating Manner verbs can also be found in other languages, such as Japanese and Korean (Wienold, 1995).

**Path Verbs in English and Indonesian**

Wienold (1995, pp. 311–313) proposes that Indonesian is characteristically a verb-framed or V-language (or Path language in Wienold’s terminology), similar to French, Spanish, Italian, Thai, and Malay (see Huang & Tanangkingsing, 2005, for the study on Malay). One way of testing Wienold’s (1995, p. 312) hypothesis is by comparing the inventory of Path verbs in Indonesian with English that is characteristically an S-language (cf. Slobin, 1996), as we have further confirmed in the previous sub-section.

Figure 3 visualizes the number of Path verbs in English and Indonesian versions of *Twilight*. One can see that Indonesian indeed has a higher number of Path verbs than English (34 types for Indonesian vs. 17 types for English), and this distributional asymmetry is statistically significant ($p_{binomial\ two-tailed} < 0.05$). The proportion of English Path verbs is only 20.7% out of the total 82 motion verbs in the English database, while Indonesian Path verbs represent 56.7% of the total 60 Indonesian motion verbs.

Wienold (1995, p. 323, Table 11) has shown that the predominant number of Path verbs in English is influenced by French and other Romance languages via borrowing, such as *enter*, *exit*, *pass*, *return*. Only two types are given as monomorphemic Path verbs of Germanic origin, namely *rise* and *leave*. Table 2 lists all the English and Indonesian Path verbs found in *Twilight*.

The summed token frequency of the Path verbs in Indonesian ($N_{token} = 896$) is highly significantly greater than in English ($N_{token} = 579$) ($p_{binomial\ two-tailed} < 0.001$) (see Figure 4). The TTR value for Indonesian (TTR$_{Indonesian} = 0.0379$) is only slightly higher than English (TTR$_{English} = 0.0294$), showing a slightly greater lexical diversity of Indonesian Path verbs than English. These quantitative results reflect the relative prominence of Path verbs in Indonesian compared to the characteristically S-language such as English and suggest the verb-framed pattern of Indonesian, similar to the related language of Malay (Huang & Tanangkingsing, 2005). In the rest of this section, we provide brief qualitative
discussion on the morphosyntactic feature of some of the Indonesian Path verbs in Table 2.

![Figure 4](image_url)

**Figure 4** Summed token frequency of Path verb-lemmas in English and Indonesian versions of *Twilight*

**Table 2 Path verb-lemmas and their token frequencies in Twilight**

| ENGLISH (N\_TYPE = 17) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| turn (187), leave (160), fall (55), pass (54), return (24), cross (17), rise (16), escape (14), enter (13), approach (11), back (9), circle (6), separate (5), proceed (3), exit (2), pierce (2), penetrate (1) | | | |

| INDONESIAN (N\_TYPE = 34) | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| menuju 'head toward/for' (112), kembali 'return; go/come back' (91), masuk 'go/come in; enter' (81), berbalik 'turn over/upside down' (75), keluar 'go/come out; exit' (57), pulang 'return/go back home' (57), muncul 'emerge; appear' (47), tiba 'arrive' (37), turun 'go down; descend' (37), jatuh 'fall' (28), memasuki 'enter' (27), menjauh 'move/get/stay (far) away' (26), naik 'go up; rise; increase' (22), mendekat 'approach; get close' (19), berputar 'rotate; move around' (17), menyusuri 'move along the edge/border/margin' (16), meninggalkan 'leave behind/out; abandon' (15), menuruni 'go down sth.; descend (int0)' (13), terjatuh 'fallen down (suddenly)' (13), mengitari 'encircle; move in a circle around' (12), maju 'move forward' (11), menaiki 'go up (onto sth.); (11), pindah 'move' (10), beranjak 'move X's position slightly; move toward' (9), mundur 'go backward' (9), melewati 'pass/go by/through' (8), menghampiri 'come close/near to; approach' (8), menghambur 'scatter; disperse' (7), menyeberrangi 'go across/to the other side; cross sth.' (6), membelok 'turn to the right/left' (5), menelusuri 'follow/go along; trace' (5), berpencar 'scatter; disperse' (2), melintasi 'pass/flash by' (2), mengelilingi 'go/revolve around' (1) | | |

The predominant type of the Indonesian Path verbs in Table 2 is derived transitive verbs, either from the intransitive verbal bases or from other word classes (e.g., adjective). For instance, *naik* 'go up' is an intransitive-base Path verb (see (9)) that has its derived transitive form in *menaiki* 'go up (onto sth.);' (10). Other examples of the same type include *masuk* 'go/come in' → *memasuki* 'enter', *turun* 'go down' → *menuruni* 'go down sth.' The intransitive forms can be used in the satellite-framed construction whereby the Path is also
expressed via satellites (i.e., directional preposition ke 'to') in addition to being lexicalized in the main verb (cf. Son, 2009) (see examples (9)-(12) below; original English source texts are also presented).

(9). (Sari, 2008, p. 129) – Intransitive
Aku naik ke kamar …
1SG go.up to (bed)room
‘I went up to (the bed)room’

English source text:
I went upstairs … (Meyer, 2005, p. 82)

(10). (Sari, 2008, p. 123) – Transitive
Kakiku kram ketika menaiki tangga.
foot.1POSS cramps when ascend stair
‘My foot got cramps when (I) went up the stair’

English source text:
My feet dragged as I climbed the stairs.
(Meyer, 2005, p. 78)

(11). (Sari, 2008, p. 400) – Intransitive
Kami menggunakan lift untuk turun ke lantai tiga
1PL.INCL use lift for descend to floor three
‘We used lift for going down to (the) third floor’

English source text:
We took the elevator down to level three
(Meyer, 2005, p. 256)

(12). (Sari, 2008, p. 35) – Transitive
…ketika mendengar aku menuruni tangga.
…when hear 1SG descend stairs
‘…when (he) heard me going down the stairs’

English source text:
My father called out when he heard me on the stairs. (Meyer, 2005, p. 21)

The intransitive and transitive syntax of the Indonesian Path verbs in (9) and (10) respectively correspond syntactically to the English source texts, even though semantically the Indonesian example in (10) only maintains the Path and lost the Manner from the original English texts (cf. Pamphila, 2011); that is, menaiki ‘ascend’ does not capture the Manner expressed by climb. Examples (11) and (12) show that the Path verbs are used to render prepositions from the English source texts. It remains to be seen what factors may systematically influence such usage variation of the Indonesian Path verbs in questions.

The Indonesian Path verbs can also be derived using verbal prefix meN- from adjectives referring to spatial distance. These include jauh ‘far’ → menjauh ‘move/get/stay (far) away’ and dekat ‘near’ → mendekat ‘approach; get close’. The other base, underived Path verbs shown in Table 2 are masuk ‘go/come in; enter’, pulang ‘return/go back home’, keluar ‘exit’, jatuh ‘fall’, kembali ‘return; go back’, muncul ‘emerge’, tiba ‘arrive’, pindah ‘move; shift’, mundur ‘go backward’, and maju ‘go forward’.

Finally, it is important to point out that the Indonesian Path and Manner verbs can co-occur in a serial verb construction (SVC) (Aikhenvald, 2007). SVC captures a conceptually single event and is expressed as “a sequence of verbs which act together as a single predicate” (Aikhenvald, 2007, p. 1). Examples (13) and (14) illustrate the SVCs from our translation database (the original English source texts are provided as well).

(13). (Sari, 2008, p. 137)
Aku berlari manner masuk path untuk
1SG run enter in.order.to memanaskan minyak
‘I ran inside to heat up the oil’

English source text:
I ran inside to get some oil heating on the stove (Meyer, 2005, p. 86)

(14). (Sari, 2008, p. 42)
Mr. Banner sedang berjalan manner
NAME PROG walk mengelilingi path kelas
go/revolve.around class
English source text:
Mr. Banner was walking around the room
(Meyer, 2005, p. 26)

These two examples illustrate how SVCs in Indonesian can be used to translate satellite-framed patterns from English. The semantic components of Path in (13) and (14), expressed by the particles inside and around respectively, are kept in the Indonesian translation via the Path verbs in the SVCs. Our upcoming paper will present a quantitative study on the typological patterns of the motion.
events and their translation strategies from English into Indonesian.

**Conclusion**

This paper is couched within Talmy’s (2000) two-way typological systems of motion events and set to address the two diverging proposals for the typology of lexicalization patterns of motion events in Indonesian (Wienold, 1995; Son & Svenonius, 2008; Son, 2009). We extend one of Slobin’s proposals in locating typological differences in lexicalizing motion events between satellite-framed or S-languages and verb-framed or V-languages, namely by quantifying the number and frequency of occurrences of Manner and Path verbs, as well as their type-per-token ratios; our database is built on the English and Indonesian versions of *Twilight*.

Our findings show that Indonesian exhibits the characteristics of V-language in which the number and token-frequency of its Path verbs are significantly higher than English (Figure 4), but significantly lower for the distribution of the Indonesian Manner verbs compared to English (cf. Figure 2). These results provide further support to Wienold’s (1995) proposal for the verb-framed nature of Indonesian, and are in line with Huang and Tanangkingsing’s (2005) findings on the closely related language Malay spoken in Malaysia (Indonesian is a variety of Malay spoken in the Indonesia archipelago).

The quantitative study in this paper is only one analytical aspect suggested by Slobin (1996) in revealing typological differences in the lexicalization of motion events. We only investigated the inventory and usage frequency of the verbs in the two novels. Another proposal that we seek to investigate in our future work is the salience of the Ground expression in describing motion events (Slobin, 1996). Our conclusion is also limited to the data source that we used and, for Indonesian in particular, to the linguistic knowledge of the Indonesian translator. Therefore, our findings should now be seen as working hypotheses to be further tested with different data type and analytical aspects, and compared across other languages (e.g., regional languages in the Indonesia archipelago). As a follow-up study, and building on Pamphila’s (2011) master’s thesis, we are currently investigating (i) how the inventory of the Indonesian Manner and Path verbs joint-forces in the translation of motion events from English into Indonesian (see the discussion on examples (9) - (14) for some pointers); and (ii) whether such investigation can offer a different perspective on the typological patterns of Indonesian lexicalization of motion events.

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