Ken Forbus gave a keynote address at the Workshop on Interactive Pen and Touch Technology for Education, in Los Angeles last weekend. His talk described CogSketch, a sketch understanding system being developed in the NSF-sponsored Spatial Intelligence and Learning Center, which involves Northwestern, University of Chicago, Temple University, UCLA, and several other universities.

CogSketch provides a platform for new kinds of sketch-based intelligent educational software. CogSketch has been used in experiments in Northwestern's Design Thinking and Communications course, geoscience courses at Northwestern and Carleton College, and in middle-school science classrooms in Pennsylvania.

More information concerning CogSketch and SILC can be found at www.spatiallearning.org.