

# Copy affixes in Kiranti

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Replicative processes in grammar



## Kiranti affix copying

(1) *Athpare (Ebert, 1997)*

- a. lems-u-**ŋ**-e  
beat-3.P-1.A-Pst  
'I beat it'
- b. lems-u-**ŋ**-tsi-**ŋ**-e  
beat-3.P-**1.A**-Ns-**1.A**-Pst  
'I beat them'

## Two clear-cut cases of copying/doubling in phonology/morphology

(2) *Washo* (Winter, 1970; Yu, 2008)

Base		Plural
suku?	'dog'	suk <u>kuku</u> ?
bik'i	'grandmother's sister'	bik'ik'i
bokonj	'snore'	bokokonj

→ **morpho-syntactic** features realized by copying a prosodically defined portion of base segments

(3) *Hocank* (Miner, 1993)

Underlying	Surface	
ʃ-wapox	ʃawapox	'you stab'
ʃ-ruxuk	ʃuruxuk	'you earn'
hipres	hiperes	'know'

→ a **phonologically** marked structure is avoided via doubling of a segment

## 1. Case Studies

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## 2. Theoretical account

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# Case Studies

# Criteria: the nature of the copying process

- **trigger:**
  - general phonotactic repair?
  - realization of morpho-syntactic features?
  
- **size** of the copied portion:
  - phonologically defined?
  - morphological unit (=only an affix)?

# Kiranti languages (Tibeto-Burman, Eastern Nepal)

- verbal agreement:
  - person (1 (inclusive/exclusive), 2, 3)
  - number (Sg, Pl, Dual)
  - 'case': A (=subject of transitive verb), P (=object of transitive verb), and S (single argument of an intrans. verb)
- order of agreement suffixes:  
P(patient)  $\gg$  A(gent)  $\gg$  N(umber)  $\gg$  P(er)s(on)\*

\*And 'reordering' of /ci/ in dual-3 contexts (=agent must be marked prominent, cf. Zimmermann (2015)).

# Bantawa: Non-past positive paradigms (Doornenbal, 2009)

## (underlying forms)

	1s	1de	1pe	1di	1pi	2s	2d	2p	3s	3d	3p	
1s						k'at-na	k'at-na-ci	k'at-na-nin	k'at-u-ŋ	k'at-u-ŋ-ci	k'at-u-ŋ-ci	1s kon-ŋa
1de						k'at-ni	k'at-ni	k'at-ni	k'at-ci-u-ka	k'at-ci-u-ci-ka	k'at-ci-u-ci-ka	1de kon-ci-ka
1pe						k'at-ni	k'at-ni	k'at-ni	k'at-u-m-ka	k'at-u-m-ci-ka	k'at-u-m-ci-ka	1pe kon-in-ka
1di									k'at-ci-u	k'at-ci-u-ci	k'at-ci-u-ci	1di kon-ci
1pi									k'at-u-m	k'at-u-m-ci	k'at-u-m-ci	1pi kon-in
2s	ti-k'at-ŋa	ti-k'at-ni	ti-k'at-ni						ti-k'at-u	ti-k'at-u-ci	ti-k'at-u-ci	2s ti-kon
2d	ti-k'at-ŋa-ci	ti-k'at-ni	ti-k'at-ni						ti-k'at-ci-u	ti-k'at-ci-u-ci	ti-k'at-ci-u-ci	2d ti-kon-ci
2p	ti-k'at-ŋa-nin	ti-k'at-ni	ti-k'at-ni						ti-k'at-u-m	ti-k'at-u-m-ci	ti-k'at-u-m-ci	2p ti-kon-in
3s	i-k'at-ŋa	ni-k'at-a-ci-ka	ni-k'at-in-ka	ni-k'at-ci	mi-k'at	ni-k'at	ni-k'at-ci	ni-k'at-in	k'at-u	k'at-u-ci	k'at-u-ci	3s kon
3d	i-k'at-ŋa-ci	ni-k'at-a-ci-ka	ni-k'at-in-ka	ni-k'at-ci	mi-k'at	ni-k'at	ni-k'at-ci	ni-k'at-in	i-k'at-ci-u	i-k'at-ci-u-ci	i-k'at-ci-u-ci	3d kon-ci
3p	ni-k'at-ŋa	ni-k'at-a-ci-ka	ni-k'at-in-ka	ni-k'at-ci	mi-k'at	ni-k'at	ni-k'at-ci	ni-k'at-in	i-k'at	mi-k'at-u-ci	mi-k'at-u-ci	3p mi-kon

### (4) Some relevant affixes

- u      ↔      [+3,P]
- ka     ↔      [+l,-2]
- ŋj     ↔      [+l,+sg]
- m      ↔      [-3,+pl,A]
- ci     ↔      [-sg]

(Affixes not fully specified; theoretical account where more specific markers block less specific ones (e.g. Halle and Marantz, 1993; Harley and Noyer, 1999))

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1de						k'at-ni	k'at-ni	k'at-ni	k'at-ci- <b>ka</b>	k'at-ci- <b>ci-ka</b>	k'at-ci- <b>ci-ka</b>	kon-ci- <b>ka</b>
1pe						k'at-ni	k'at-ni	k'at-ni	k'at- <b>m</b> - <b>ka</b>	k'at- <b>m</b> -ci- <b>ka</b>	k'at- <b>m</b> -ci- <b>ka</b>	kon-in- <b>ka</b>
1di									k'at-ci- <b>i</b>	k'at-ci- <b>i</b> -ci	k'at-ci- <b>i</b> -ci	kon-ci
1pi									k'at- <b>m</b> -m	k'at- <b>m</b> -m-ci	k'at- <b>m</b> -m-ci	kon-in
2s	ti-k'at-ŋa	ti-k'at-ni	ti-k'at-ni						ti-k'at- <b>η</b>	ti-k'at- <b>η</b> -ci	ti-k'at- <b>η</b> -ci	
2d	ti-k'at-ŋa-ci	ti-k'at-ni	ti-k'at-ni						ti-k'at- <b>ci</b>	ti-k'at- <b>ci</b> -ci	ti-k'at- <b>ci</b> -ci	
2p	ti-k'at-ŋa-nin	ti-k'at-ni	ti-k'at-ni						ti-k'at- <b>m</b> -m	ti-k'at- <b>m</b> -m-ci	ti-k'at- <b>m</b> -m-ci	
3s	i-k'at-ŋa	ni-k'at-a-ci- <b>ka</b>	ni-k'at-in- <b>ka</b>	ni-k'at-ci	mi-k'at	ni-k'at	ni-k'at-ci	ni-k'at-in	k'at- <b>i</b>	k'at- <b>i</b> -ci	k'at- <b>i</b> -ci	kon
3d	i-k'at-ŋa-ci	ni-k'at-a-ci- <b>ka</b>	ni-k'at-in- <b>ka</b>	ni-k'at-ci	mi-k'at	ni-k'at	ni-k'at-ci	ni-k'at-in	i-k'at- <b>ci</b>	i-k'at- <b>ci</b> -ci	i-k'at- <b>ci</b> -ci	kon-ci
3p	ni-k'at-ŋa	ni-k'at-a-ci- <b>ka</b>	ni-k'at-in- <b>ka</b>	ni-k'at-ci	mi-k'at	ni-k'at	ni-k'at-ci	ni-k'at-in	i-k'at	mi-k'at- <b>i</b> -ci	mi-k'at- <b>i</b> -ci	mi-kon

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1de						k'at-ni	k'at-ni	k'at-ni	k'at-ci-u-ka	k'at-ci-u-ci-ka	k'at-ci-u-ci-ka	1pe	kon-in-ka
1pe						k'at-ni	k'at-ni	k'at-ni	k'at-u- <b>u</b> -ka	k'at-u- <b>u</b> -ci-ka	k'at-u- <b>u</b> -ci-ka	1di	kon-ci
1di									k'at-ci-u	k'at-ci-u-ci	k'at-ci-u-ci	1pi	kon-in
1pi									k'at-u- <b>m</b>	k'at-u- <b>m</b> -ci	k'at-u- <b>m</b> -ci	2s	ti-k'at-ŋa
2s	ti-k'at-ŋa	ti-k'at-ni	ti-k'at-ni						ti-k'at-u	ti-k'at-u-ci	ti-k'at-u-ci	2d	ti-k'at-ŋa-ci
2d	ti-k'at-ŋa-ci	ti-k'at-ni	ti-k'at-ni						ti-k'at-ci-u	ti-k'at-ci-u-ci	ti-k'at-ci-u-ci	2p	ti-k'at-ŋa-nin
2p	ti-k'at-ŋa-nin	ti-k'at-ni	ti-k'at-ni						ti-k'at-u- <b>m</b>	ti-k'at-u- <b>m</b> -ci	ti-k'at-u- <b>m</b> -ci	3s	ni-k'at-ŋa
3s	ni-k'at-ŋa	ni-k'at-a-ci-ka	ni-k'at-in-ka	ni-k'at-ci	mi-k'at	ni-k'at	ni-k'at-ci	ni-k'at-in	k'at-u	k'at-u-ci	k'at-u-ci	3d	ni-k'at-a-ci
3d	ni-k'at-ŋa-ci	ni-k'at-a-ci-ka	ni-k'at-in-ka	ni-k'at-ci	mi-k'at	ni-k'at	ni-k'at-ci	ni-k'at-in	i-k'at-ci-u	i-k'at-ci-u-ci	i-k'at-ci-u-ci	3p	ni-k'at-ŋa
3p	ni-k'at-ŋa	ni-k'at-a-ci-ka	ni-k'at-in-ka	ni-k'at-ci	mi-k'at	ni-k'at	ni-k'at-ci	ni-k'at-in	i-k'at	mi-k'at-u-ci	mi-k'at-u-ci	2s	ti-kon
2s												2d	ti-kon-ci
2d												2p	ti-kon-in
2p												3s	kon
3s												3d	kon-ci
3d												3p	mi-kon

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1de						k'at-ni	k'at-ni	k'at-ni	k'at- <b>ci</b> -u-ka	k'at- <b>ci</b> -u- <b>ci</b> -ka	k'at- <b>ci</b> -u- <b>ci</b> -ka	kon- <b>ci</b> -ka
1pe						k'at-ni	k'at-ni	k'at-ni	k'at-u-m-ka	k'at-u-m- <b>ci</b> -ka	k'at-u-m- <b>ci</b> -ka	kon-in-ka
1di									k'at- <b>ci</b> -u	k'at- <b>ci</b> -u- <b>ci</b>	k'at- <b>ci</b> -u- <b>ci</b>	kon- <b>ci</b>
1pi									k'at-u-m	k'at-u-m- <b>ci</b>	k'at-u-m- <b>ci</b>	kon-in
2s	ti-k'at-ηa	ti-k'at-ni	ti-k'at-ni						ti-k'at-u	ti-k'at-u- <b>ci</b>	ti-k'at-u- <b>ci</b>	
2d	ti-k'at-ηa- <b>ci</b>	ti-k'at-ni	ti-k'at-ni						ti-k'at- <b>ci</b> -u	ti-k'at- <b>ci</b> -u- <b>ci</b>	ti-k'at- <b>ci</b> -u- <b>ci</b>	ti-kon- <b>ci</b>
2p	ti-k'at-ηa-nin	ti-k'at-ni	ti-k'at-ni						ti-k'at-u-m	ti-k'at-u-m- <b>ci</b>	ti-k'at-u-m- <b>ci</b>	ti-kon-in
3s	i-k'at-ηa	ni-k'at-a- <b>ci</b> -ka	ni-k'at-in-ka	ni-k'at- <b>ci</b>	mi-k'at	ni-k'at	ni-k'at- <b>ci</b>	ni-k'at-in	k'at-u	k'at-u- <b>ci</b>	k'at-u- <b>ci</b>	kon
3d	i-k'at-ηa- <b>ci</b>	ni-k'at-a- <b>ci</b> -ka	ni-k'at-in-ka	ni-k'at- <b>ci</b>	mi-k'at	ni-k'at	ni-k'at- <b>ci</b>	ni-k'at-in	i-k'at- <b>ci</b> -u	i-k'at- <b>ci</b> -u- <b>ci</b>	i-k'at- <b>ci</b> -u- <b>ci</b>	kon- <b>ci</b>
3p	ni-k'at-ηa	ni-k'at-a- <b>ci</b> -ka	ni-k'at-in-ka	ni-k'at- <b>ci</b>	mi-k'at	ni-k'at	ni-k'at- <b>ci</b>	ni-k'at-in	i-k'at	mi-k'at-u- <b>ci</b>	mi-k'at-u- <b>ci</b>	mi-kon

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# Nasal Copying

# I. Suffix Doubling across /-ci/

(5) *Bantawa: Some 3 object forms*

AP	3s		3Ns	
ls	$k^h$ at-u-ŋ [k <sup>h</sup> at:uŋ]		$k^h$ at-u-ŋ-ci [k <sup>h</sup> at:uŋciŋ]	
lpe	$k^h$ at-u-m-ka [k <sup>h</sup> at:umka]		$k^h$ at-u-m-ci-ka [k <sup>h</sup> at:umcimka]	
lpi	$k^h$ at-u-m [k <sup>h</sup> at:um]		$k^h$ at-u-m-ci [k <sup>h</sup> at:umcim]	
2p	ti- $k^h$ at-u-m [tik <sup>h</sup> at:um]		ti- $k^h$ at-u-m-ci [tik <sup>h</sup> at:umcim]	

## 2. Not two independent suffixes/the same realized twice

### (6) Alternative marker specifications/segmentations

a.	$-\eta_1$	$\leftrightarrow [+l,+sg]$	$-m_1$	$\leftrightarrow [-3,+pl,A]$
	$-\eta_2$	$\leftrightarrow [+l,+sg] / \_\_ +3,-sg$	$-m_2$	$\leftrightarrow [-3,+pl,A] / \_\_ +3,-sg$
b.	$-\eta$	$\leftrightarrow [+l,+sg] / \_\_ +3,+sg$	$-m$	$\leftrightarrow [-3,+pl,A] / \_\_ +3,+sg$
	$-\eta ci \eta$	$\leftrightarrow [+l,+sg] / \_\_ +3,-sg$	$-mcim$	$\leftrightarrow [-3,+pl,A] / \_\_ +3,-sg$
c.	$-\eta$	$\leftrightarrow [+l,+sg] / \_\_ +3,+sg$	$-m$	$\leftrightarrow [-3,+pl,A] / \_\_ +3,+sg$
	$-\eta \dots \eta$	$\leftrightarrow [+l,+sg] / \_\_ +3,-sg$	$-m \dots m$	$\leftrightarrow [-3,+pl,A] / \_\_ +3,-sg$

- double realization of same feature in (6-a) and complication for affix order ( $P \gg A \gg N \gg Ps$  elsewhere)
  - absence of  $/-ci/$  for the object is mysterious under (6-b)
  - (6-c): a circumfix inside the suffix string?
- rather similar form and function but different morphemes

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An otherwise open final syllables is avoided.

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*Problems:*

- there is non-final copying (7-a) (plausible markedness avoidance?)
- no final coda-nasal is provided for /-ka/

(7) *Bantawa: No copying for /-ka/*

a.	A\P		3Ns
	lpe	k <sup>h</sup> at-u-m-ci-ka [k <sup>h</sup> at:umcimka]	*[k <sup>h</sup> at:umcimkam]
b.	A\P		3s
	lpe	k <sup>h</sup> at-u-m-ka [k <sup>h</sup> at:umka]	*[k <sup>h</sup> at:umkam]
c.	A\P		lpe
	3	ni-k <sup>h</sup> at-in-ka [k <sup>h</sup> at:inka]	*[k <sup>h</sup> at:inkan]

## 4. No suffix doubling with other affixes

- (8) *Bantawa: Some 3s object forms*

A\P	3s
lde	k <sup>h</sup> at-ci-u-ka [k <sup>h</sup> atcu?a] * [k <sup>h</sup> at <u>cu</u> ?ac]
lpe	k <sup>h</sup> at-u-m-ka [k <sup>h</sup> at:umka] *[k <sup>h</sup> at:u <u>mkam</u> ]

- (9) *Bantawa: 3-lpe forms*

A\P	lpe
3	ni-k <sup>h</sup> at-in-ka [k <sup>h</sup> at:inka] *[k <sup>h</sup> at: <u>inkan</u> ]

## 5. No copying of stem segments

- (10) *Bantawa: Some 3s object forms*

A\P	3s		
lde	k <sup>h</sup> at-ci-u-ka	[k <sup>h</sup> atcu?a]	*[k <sup>h</sup> atcut?a]
ldi	k <sup>h</sup> at-ci-u	[k <sup>h</sup> atcu]	*[k <sup>h</sup> atcut]

- (11) *Bantawa: Some intransitive forms*

ldi	kon-ci	[konci]	*[koncin]
2d	ti-kon-ci	[tikonci]	*[tikoncin]
3d	kon-ci	[konci]	*[koncin]

## 6. No copying of a non-adjacent segments

- (12) *Bantawa: ls-2d form*

A\ P	2d
ls	k <sup>h</sup> at-na-ci [k <sup>h</sup> atnaci] *[k <sup>h</sup> atnacin]

- (13) *Yamphu: ls-2d, past form*

A\ P	3Ns
lde	k <sup>h</sup> aks-a-u-ŋ-ji [k <sup>h</sup> aksuŋjiŋ]
lpe	k <sup>h</sup> aks-a-u-ŋ-ma-ji [k <sup>h</sup> aksuŋmajī] *[k <sup>h</sup> aksuŋmajim]

- (14) *Limbu: Some 3Ns object forms, past negative*

A\ P	3Ns
lpe	mε-n-hu?r-m?na-si [mənhu?m?nasi] *[mənhu?m?nasin]
2p	kε-n-hu?r-u-m-si-nən [kənhu?rumsimnən]

## Bantawa: 7. No copying of non-nasals?

... given the previous arguments that /-ci/ triggers copying of only adjacent affix-segments and given that it cannot copy its own onset, there are no contexts where copying of a non-nasal is expected.

### (15) Some 3s object forms

A\P	3s	No stem material copied	No copying of 'itself'
lde	k <sup>h</sup> at-ci-u-ka [k <sup>h</sup> atcu?a]	*[k <sup>h</sup> atc <u>t</u> ?a]	*[k <sup>h</sup> atc <u>cic</u> ?a]
ldi	k <sup>h</sup> at-ci-u [k <sup>h</sup> atcu]	*[k <sup>h</sup> at <u>cic</u> t]	*[k <sup>h</sup> at <u>cicu</u> ]

## Additional criterion: Copying of parts of a suffix

(16) *Bantawa: ls object forms*

A\P	ls	
2d	ti-k <sup>h</sup> at-ŋaj-ci [tik <sup>h</sup> atŋajciŋ]	
3d	i-k <sup>h</sup> at-ŋaj-ci [ik <sup>h</sup> atŋajciŋ]	

*Alternative:*

- ŋa ↔ [+l,+sg,SP]
  - ŋ ↔ [+l,+sg,AP]
- extended exponence

(17) *Puma: d-ls form*

A\P	2d	
2d	tʌ-cind-oŋ-ci [tʌcindoŋcʌŋ]	
3d	pʌ-cind-oŋ-ci [pʌcindoŋcʌŋ]	

*Alternative:*

- o ↔ [+l,+sg,P]
- ŋ ↔ [+l,+sg]

→ extended exponence

(18) *Limbu: ls-3, past negative form*

A\P	3Sg	3Ns
ls	mε-n-hu?r-baŋ [mənhu?rbəŋ]	mε-n-hu?r-baŋ-si [mənhu?rbəŋsiŋ]

*Alternative:*

- ŋ ↔ [+l,+sg,A]
  - ba ↔ [+l,+sg] / \_+3,-sg(-pos,+pst)
- extended exponence

## Nasal copying: summary

1. morpheme-specific: triggered by /-ci/ (& its cognates)
2. only consonants that are directly adjacent to /-ci/ are copied
3. only adjacent affix-consonants are copied  
→ 2.+3.: only nasal consonants are copied
4. parts of affixes are copied

	1.	2.	3.	4.
Bantawa	😊	😊	😊	😊
Puma	😊	😊	😊	😊
Limbu	😊	😊	😊	😊
Athpare	😊	😊	😊	∅
Chamling	😊	😊	∅	∅
Belhare	😊	😊	∅	∅
Chintang	😊	😊	∅	∅
Yakkha	😊	😊	∅	😢
Yamphu	😊	😊	∅	😢

(😊=evidence found,  
∅=no (counter-)evidence,  
😢=counterevidence)

# Syllable Copying

# Past and non-past surface paradigms for Athpare (Ebert, 1997)

	1s	1de	1pe	1di	1pi	2s	2d	2p	3s	3d	3p
1s						lem-n-e	lem-na-c-e	lem-na-n-e	lems-a-η-e	lems-u-η-cinj-e	lems-u-η-cinj-e
1de						lem-n-e	lem-na-c-e	lem-na-n-e	lems-a-c-u-η-e	lems-a-c-u-η-e	lems-a-c-u-η-e
1pe						lem-n-e	lem-na-c-e	lem-na-n-e	lems-u-m-m-e	lems-u-m-cim-m-e	lems-u-m-cim-m-e
1di									lems-a-c-u-e	lems-a-c-u-e	lems-a-c-u-e
1pi									lems-u-m-e	lems-u-m-cim-e	lems-u-m-cim-e
2s	a-lems-a-η-e	a-lems-a-ci-η-e	a-lems-i-η-e						a-lems-u-e	a-lems-u-c-e	a-lems-u-c-e
2d	a-lems-a-ci-η-e	a-lems-a-ci-η-e	a-lems-i-η-e						a-lems-a-c-u-e	a-lems-a-c-u-e	a-lems-a-c-u-e
2p	a-lems-i-η-e	a-lems-a-ci-η-e	a-lems-i-η-e						a-lems-u-m-e	a-lems-u-m-cim-e	a-lems-u-m-cim-e
3s	lems-a-η-e	lems-a-ci-η-e	lems-i-η-e	a-lems-a-c-e	a-lems-e	m-a-lems-e	m-a-lems-a-c-e	m-a-lems-i-e	lems-u-e	lems-u-c-e	lems-u-c-e
3d	lems-a-ci-η-e	lems-a-ci-η-e	lems-i-η-e	a-lems-a-c-e	a-lems-e	m-a-lems-e	m-a-lems-a-c-e	m-a-lems-i-e	lems-a-c-u-e	lems-a-c-u-e	lems-a-c-u-e
3p	o-lems-a-η-e	o-lems-a-ci-η-e	o-lems-i-η-e	a-lems-a-c-e	a-lems-e	m-a-lems-e	m-a-lems-a-c-e	m-a-lems-i-e	o-lems-u-e	o-lems-u-c-e	o-lems-u-c-e

	1s	1de	1pe	1di	1pi	2s	2d	2p	3s	3d	3p
1s						lem-na-?a	lem-na-?a-ci	lem-na-?a-ni	lems-u-η-tuŋ	lems-u-η-cinj-čiŋ	lems-u-η-cinj-čiŋ
1de						lem-na-?a	lem-na-?a-ci	lem-na-?a-ni	lem-c-u-cu-ŋa	lem-c-u-cu-ŋa	lem-c-u-cu-ŋa
1pe						lem-na-?a	lem-na-?a-ci	lem-na-?a-ni	lems-u-m-tum-ma	lems-u-m-cim-cim-ma	lems-u-m-cim-cim-ma
1di									lem-c-u-cu	lem-c-u-cu	lem-c-u-cu
1pi									lems-u-m-tum	lems-u-m-cim-cim	lems-u-m-cim-cim
2s	a-lem-ma-?a	a-lem-ci-ci-ŋa	a-lems-i-li-ŋa						a-lems-u-tu	a-lems-u-ci-ci	a-lems-u-ci-ci
2d	a-lem-ci-ci-ŋa	a-lem-ci-ci-ŋa	a-lems-i-li-ŋa						a-lem-c-u-cu	a-lem-c-u-cu	a-lem-c-u-cu
2p	a-lems-i-li-ŋa	a-lem-ci-ci-ŋa	a-lems-i-li-ŋa						a-lems-u-m-tum	a-lems-u-m-cim-cim	a-lems-u-m-cim-cim
3s	lem-ŋa-?a	lem-ci-ci-ŋa	lems-i-li-ŋa	a-lem-ci-ci	a-lem-yuk	m-a-lem-yuk	m-a-lem-ci-ci	m-a-lems-i-li	lems-u-tu	lems-u-ci-ci	lems-u-ci-ci
3d	lem-ci-ci-ŋa	lem-ci-ci-ŋa	lems-i-li-ŋa	a-lem-ci-ci	a-lem-ci-ci	m-a-lem-yuk	m-a-lem-ci-ci	m-a-lems-i-li	lem-c-u-cu	lem-c-u-cu	lem-c-u-cu
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## Syllable copying in Athpare

- past marker /-e/; following all agreement suffixes
- non-past marker /-t/ preceding person agreement\* and triggering copying of the affix-syllable preceding it

\*Order P  $\gg$  A  $\gg$  N  $\gg$  **N-Pst**  $\gg$  Ps *but* the /-t/ must never be adjacent to the stem; reordering in, for example, /-tja/\_<sub>+1+2</sub>-t/.

# Syllable copying in Athpare

(19) *Syllable copying triggered by /-t/*

a. 1-3 forms

A\P	3s	3Ns
ls	-u-ŋ-t [unj.tunŋ]	-u-ŋ-tsi-t [unj.tsij.tsij]
lde	-tsi-u-t-ŋa [tsu.tsu.ŋa]	-tsi-u-t-ŋa [tsu.tsu.ŋa]
lpe	-u-m-t-ŋa [um.tum:a]	-u-m-tsi-t-ŋa [um.tsim.tsim:a]
ldi	-tsi-u-t [tsu.tsu]	-tsi-u-t [tsu.tsu]
lpi	-u-m-t [um.tum]	-u-m-tsi-t [um.tsim.tsim]

b. *Intransitive*

ls	-ŋa-t	[ŋa.?a]
lde	-tsi-t-ŋa	[tsi.tsi.ŋa]
lpe	-i-t-ŋa	[i.ti.ŋa]
ldi	-tsi-t	[tsi.tsi]
lpi	-i-t	[i.ti]

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- interaction with nasal copying (e.g. 1s-3Ns)  
 $\dots /-\eta\text{-tsi}/ \dots \rightarrow [\dots \eta\text{tsi}\eta \dots]$   
 $\dots [\dots \eta\text{.tsi}\eta] + /-t/ \rightarrow [\dots \eta\text{.tsi}\eta.\text{tsi}\eta]$

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    - whole syllable copying in Athpare
    - no partial affix copying in Yakkha & Yamphu

# Theoretical account

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(Kawahara, 2007; Inkelas, 2008)

## Phonological copying

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*And Kiranti?*

No!

~ fixed segmentism reduplication?

(Alderete et al., 1999; Nevins, 2005)

*But:* blocked if no phonologically adjacent affix-C is present!

# Another theoretical ‘landscape’ of copying

(Saba Kirchner, 2007, 2010)

(22) *Three types of reduplication*

Phonological	Morphological	Syntactic
Phonology: Fission		Syntax: Node spelled out twice

- copying is a general phonological repair process
- modeled as fission in correspondence theory violating Integrity  
(Struijke, 2000; Nelson, 2003, e.g.)
- one marked structure that copying can avoid: otherwise empty prosodic nodes (24)

# Copying as phonological repair

(23) Phonological reduplication

$\int_1 + w_2 a_3 p_4 o_5 x_6$	*CC	Dep	Int
a. $\int_1 w_2 a_3 p_4 o_5 x_6$	*!	-	-
b. $\int_1 \emptyset w_2 a_3 p_4 o_5 x_6$	-	*!	-
c. $\int_1 a_3 w_2 a_3 p_4 o_5 x_6$	-	-	*

(24) Morphological reduplication

$\sigma + \sigma \sigma$ $b_1 i_2 k'_3 i_4$	Max Flt	Dep	Int
a. $\sigma \sigma$ $b_1 i_2 k'_3 i_4$	*!	-	-
b. $\sigma \sigma \sigma$ $b_1 i_2 ? \emptyset k'_3 i_4$	-	*!	-
c. $\sigma \sigma \sigma$ $b_1 i_2 k'_3 i_4 k'_3 i_4$	-	-	**

→ the same (phonological) copying mechanism

## Nasal copying: $\mu$ affixation

- representation of /-ci/ contains an empty  $\mu$  that must be filled with segments (25-a)
- only nasals are copied: no obstruents in the coda (25-b)
- only affix material is copied: Integrity sensitive to  $A_f$  and  $S_t$   
(cf. the overviews in Urbanczyk (2011) or Trommer (2010))

- (25) a.  $\mu > S$   
Assign a violation mark to every  $\mu$  not dominating a segment.
- b.  $*P]_\sigma$  (cf. Botma and van der Torre, 2000; van der Hulst, 2008)  
Assign a violation mark for every obstruent in coda position.

# Nasal copying in OT

(26) Nasal Copying in Bantawa

	$\mu$	$\mu$	$\mu$	$\mu > S$	$*P]_\sigma$	Dep S	IntSt	Max $\mu$	IntAf
	$u_1$	$\eta_2$	$c_3$	$i_4$					
a.	$u_1$	$\eta_2$	$c_3$	$i_4$	*				
b.	$u_1$	$\eta_2$	$c_3$	$i_4$				*	
c.	$u_1$	$\eta_2$	$c_3$	$i_4$		*			*
d.	$u_1$	$\eta_2$	$c_3$	$i_4$			*		
e.	$u_1$	$\eta_2$	$c_3$	$i_4$	$\eta_2$				*

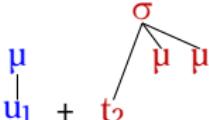
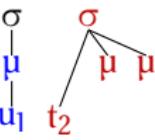
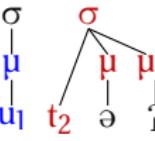
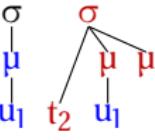
## Syllable copying: $\sigma$ affixation

- an empty  $\sigma$  must be filled with segments (27)  
(abbrev. for  $\sigma>\mu$  and  $\mu>S$ )
- the /t/ is underlyingly associated (as onset) to this syllable node, the copied syllable hence always follows it
- the  $\sigma$  dominated two  $\mu$ 's: if the preceding affix-syllable contains a coda, it is copied as well

(27)     $\sigma>S$   
Assign a violation mark to every  $\sigma$  not dominating a segment.

# Syllable copying in OT

(28) *Syllable Copying in Athpare*

	$\sigma > S$	Dep S	Cont	Max AL	*tts	Int <sub>St</sub>	Unif	Int <sub>Af</sub>
a. 		*!						
b. 			*!					
c. 								*

## Syllable copying in OT

- that the whole affix /-ci/ is copied follows from Contiguity (29)
- vs. nasal copying in other languages where parts of morphemes are copied – (29) is low-ranked in those

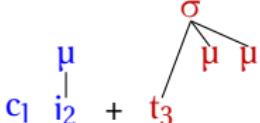
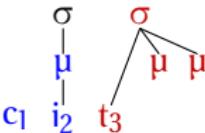
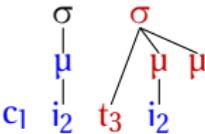
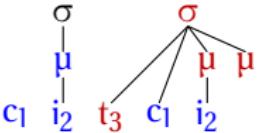
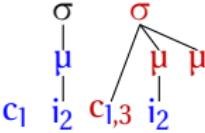
(29) Contiguity (=Cont) (after Landman, 2002)

For every input element X that is contiguous to Y and both belong to the same morpheme:

Assign a violation mark for every x (corresponding to X) in the output that is not contiguous to an y (corresponding to Y).

# Syllable copying in OT

## (30) Syllable Copying in Athpare

	$\sigma > S$	Dep S	Cont	Max AL	*[CC]	IntSt	Unif	IntAf
								
a. 					*			
b. 					*			*
c. 						*		**
d. 							*	**

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- gradient Linearity is violated more often if more segments intervene between the copied segment and its copy – but it is violated in all optimal candidates; hence ranked below  $\mu > S$  and Max- $\mu$

## (31) Nasal Copying in Bantawa

	$\mu$ n <sub>1</sub> a <sub>2</sub> + c <sub>3</sub> i <sub>4</sub>	$\mu$ c <sub>3</sub> i <sub>4</sub>	$\mu > S$	$*P]_\sigma$	Dep S	Int <sub>St</sub>	Max $\mu$	Lin	Int <sub>Af</sub>
a.		$\mu$ n <sub>1</sub> a <sub>2</sub> c <sub>3</sub> i <sub>4</sub>					*		
b.		$\mu$ n <sub>1</sub> a <sub>2</sub> c <sub>3</sub> i <sub>4</sub> n <sub>1</sub>					***	*	

# The locality of the copying process

- Harmonic Grammar with weighted constraints: only a certain amount of reordering is allowed to supply the otherwise empty nodes with material (Legendre et al., 1990; Pater, to appear)

(32) *Nasal Copying in Bantawa in HG*

	$\mu$ n <sub>1</sub> a <sub>2</sub> + c <sub>3</sub> i <sub>4</sub>	$\mu$ $\mu$ n <sub>1</sub> a <sub>2</sub> c <sub>3</sub> i <sub>4</sub>	$\mu > S$ 9	$*P]_\sigma$ 9	Dep <sub>S</sub> 9	IntSt 9	Max <sub><math>\mu</math></sub> 8	Lin 3	Int <sub>Af</sub> 1	H
a.	$\mu$ n <sub>1</sub> a <sub>2</sub> c <sub>3</sub> i <sub>4</sub>						-1			-8
b.	$\mu$ n <sub>1</sub> a <sub>2</sub> c <sub>3</sub> i <sub>4</sub> n <sub>1</sub>						-3	-1	-10	
a.	$\mu$ u <sub>1</sub> η <sub>2</sub> c <sub>3</sub> i <sub>4</sub>						-1			-8
b.	$\mu$ u <sub>1</sub> η <sub>2</sub> c <sub>3</sub> i <sub>4</sub> η <sub>2</sub>						-2	-1	-7	

# Conclusion

## Further implications

- expected counterpart under a theory where prosodic nodes are affixed: **templatic copying**; attested in Chintang (Bickel et al., 2007) where v2 verbs subcategorize for a disyllabic host

(33) *Chintang recursive inflection* (Bickel et al., 2007, 6)

kos-i-gond-i-ki-ŋa-niŋ  
 walk-**Pl**-Amb-**Pl**-Npst-Ex-Neg  
 'We (pl.excl) don't walk around'

- sensitivity to **morphological boundaries** (=Contig): affix doubling patterns as in Bole (triggered by final suffix; restrictions on which affixes can be doubled across which other affixes)

(34) *Bole affix doubling* (Ryan and Schuh, under preparation, 2+3)

ŋgòr-**án**-tá-ŋ-gó  
 tie-**Pl.S**-Fem.Sg.O-**Pl.S**-Compl  
 'they tied her'

## Summary

- Affix copying in Kiranti is another argument that the distinction into phonological copying and morphological doubling can not be absolute: it is an intermediate case  
(cf., for example, Haugen (2009) for a similar argument made for  $\mu$ -affixation)
- assuming that morphological and phonological reduplication are the result of the same phonological process (Saba Kirchner, 2010) allows to account for such ‘intermediate’ cases where morpheme-specific copying is restricted/can be blocked by phonological factors

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