

## Harmonic Serialism

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### Reconstructing Syntactic Parallel OT Analyses in Harmonic Serialism

#### 1. Lenerz' Paradigm

SPOT Analyses

*Question:*

Can Büring's (2001) account of *Lenerz' Paradigm* (Lenerz (1977)) be transferred into an approach in terms of Harmonic Serialism? (Also see Choi (1999), Müller (1999).)

(1) *Constraints:*

- a. IND (Indefinites):  
Existentially interpreted indefinites need to be fully contained in the VP.
- b. FINALFOCUS :  
Focus is clause-final.
- c. STAY:  
Movement is prohibited.

*Assumptions:*

- (i) Fix base order:  
Subject > indirect object > direct object in the VP.
- (ii) The order can only be changed via scrambling to (e.g.) VP-adjunction positions.
- (iii) Such scrambling always violates STAY.

*The role of IND:*

Items that are adjoined to VP are not fully contained in VP. Therefore, IND blocks scrambling of indefinites if they are interpreted existentially (not if they are interpreted generically).

*The role of FINALFOCUS:*

This constraint is a potential trigger for scrambling. A direct object can be scrambled across a focus-marked indirect object so as to get the latter closer to the right edge of the clause.

*Side remarking:*

Unlike others, Büring does not distinguish between completive and contrastive focus.

(2) *Constraint order in German:*

IND  $\gg$  STAY  $\circ$  FINALFOCUS

*Remark:*

The tie of STAY and FINALFOCUS in Büring's approach corresponds to the tie of CN<sub>2</sub> and NEW in Choi (1999).

*More specifically:*

- (i) FINALFOCUS  $\sim$  NEW (direct correspondence)
- (ii) STAY  $\sim$  CN<sub>2</sub> (indirect correspondence)

(3) *Lenerz' Paradigm* (Lenerz (1977)):

- a. dass der Fritz der MARIA das Buch gegeben hat  
that the Fritz<sub>nom</sub> the Maria<sub>dat</sub> the book<sub>acc</sub> given has
- b. dass der Fritz das Buch der MARIA gegeben hat  
that the Fritz<sub>nom</sub> the book<sub>acc</sub> the Maria<sub>dat</sub> given has
- c. dass der Fritz der Maria das BUCH gegeben hat  
that the Fritz<sub>nom</sub> the Maria<sub>dat</sub> the book<sub>acc</sub> given has
- d. ?\*dass der Fritz das BUCH der Maria gegeben hat  
that the Fritz<sub>nom</sub> the book<sub>acc</sub> the Maria<sub>dat</sub> given has

*T<sub>1</sub>: Order with focus on direct object, Büring*

<i>DO = focus</i>	IND	STAY	FINALFOCUS
☞ O <sub>1</sub> : Subj IO <sub>1</sub> DO <sub>2</sub>			
O <sub>2</sub> : Subj DO <sub>2</sub> IO <sub>1</sub> t <sub>2</sub>		*	*

*T<sub>2</sub>: Order with focus on indirect object, Büring*

<i>IO = focus</i>	IND	STAY	FINALFOCUS
☞ O <sub>1</sub> : Subj IO <sub>1</sub> DO <sub>2</sub>			*
☞ O <sub>2</sub> : Subj DO <sub>2</sub> IO <sub>1</sub> t <sub>2</sub>		*	

*Observation* (Lenerz (1977)):

There is no optionality if an existentially interpreted indefinite DP would have to be scrambled in order to satisfy FINALFOCUS.

(4) *Scrambling of indefinites:*

- a. dass der Fritz der MARIA ein Buch geschenkt hat
- b. ?\*dass der Fritz ein Buch der MARIA geschenkt hat
- c. dass der Fritz einer Frau das BUCH geschenkt hat
- d. ?\*dass der Fritz das BUCH einer Frau geschenkt hat

*Observation:*

Scrambling become possible in this context under a generic interpretation.

T<sub>3</sub>: order with focus on IO and existentially interpreted DO indefinite, Büring

IO = focus	IND	STAY   FINALFOCUS
DO = exist. indef.		
☞ O <sub>1</sub> : Subj IO <sub>1</sub> DO <sub>2</sub>		*
O <sub>2</sub> : Subj DO <sub>2</sub> IO <sub>1</sub> t <sub>2</sub>	*!	*

(5) Bare plurals, generic interpretation:

- a. dass der Fritz der MARIA Bücher<sub>gen./exist.</sub> schenkt
- b. dass der Fritz Bücher<sub>gen./\*exist.</sub> der MARIA schenkt

Generic interpretation:

“What Fritz typically does with books is give them to Maria.” (Such a generic interpretation does not suggest itself in (4-b).)

note:

The argument here is exactly as in T<sub>2</sub> for definite direct objects.

Note:

This analysis goes back to Büring (1997). It is first adopted in Büring (2001), but then generalized/changed in various ways.

(6) Changes: Büring (1997) → (2001):

- a. STAY → DATIVE.  
(I.e., the constraint does not depend on the existence of a movement operation anymore.)
- b. FINALFOCUS → ADF, A/P.  
(I.e., the constraint is reduced to the interaction of two independently motivated prosodic constraints.)

(7) Constraints in Büring (2001):

- a. DATIVE:  
Dative NPs precede accusative NPs.
- b. ADF (‘Accent Domain Formation’):
  - (i) PRED:  
A predicate shares its AD with at least one of its arguments.
  - (ii) XP:  
AD contains an XP. If XP and YP are within the same AD, one contains the other (where X and Y are lexical categories).
- c. A/P (‘Argument-Over-Predicate’):  
Within AD, an argument is more prominent than a predicate.
- d. FOCUS PROMINENCE:  
Focus is most prominent.

(8) Order:

FOCUS PROMINENCE ≫ DATIVE ◦ { ADF ≫ A/P }

Note:

The prosodic constraints need to be tied with DATIVE as a single unit.

1.1. Harmonic Serialism

Question:

Is it possible to directly transfer this analysis into an approach in terms of harmonic serialism?

Answer:

This is trivial under FINALFOCUS, less so under ADF/A/P.

## 2. Do-Support

2.1. Background

Lit.:

Chomsky (1957; 1991)

(9) ‘Do’-Einsetzung im Englischen bei Negation:

- a. \*Mary not left
- b. Mary did not leave

(10) Keine ‘do’-Einsetzung im Englischen bei fehlender Negation:

- a. Mary left
- b. \*Mary did leave

(11) Lösung in Chomsky (1957, 39 & 62):

a. Affix Hopping:

Let *Af* stand for any of the affixes *past*, *S*, *en*, *ing*. Let *v* stand for any M(odal) or V(erb), or *have* or *be* (i.e., for any non-affix in the phrase *Verb*). Then:

$Af + v \rightarrow v + Af\#$ ,

where # is interpreted as word boundary.

Replace + by # except in the context *v - Af*. Insert # initially and finally.

b. T<sub>not</sub>:

T<sub>not</sub> adds *not* after the second segment of the string.

c. Do Support:

$\#Af \rightarrow \#do + Af$ .

d. Assumption: T<sub>not</sub> applies before Affix Hopping (bleeding), Do Support applies after Affix Hopping (counter-feeding).

Intuition: Affix Hopping wird blockiert bei Nicht-Adjazenz von *Af* und *v* (nach Negations-einsetzung). In diesem Fall, und nur in diesem, erfolgt dann Do Support (weil *Af* am linken

Rand geblieben ist).

(12) Keine 'do'-Einsetzung bei Negation und have:

- a. *Basis:*  
Mary – S+have – en+come
- b. *T<sub>not</sub>:*  
Mary – S+have+not – en+come
- c. *Affix Hopping:*  
Mary – have+S+not – en+come
- d. *Do Support:*  
– (Kann nicht applizieren, weil es kein allein stehendes Affix gibt).
- e. *Realisierung:*  
Mary has not come.

(13) 'Do'-Einsetzung bei Negation ohne Auxiliar:

- a. *Basis:*  
Mary – S – come
- b. *T<sub>not</sub>:*  
Mary – S+not – come
- c. *Affix Hopping:*  
– (Kann nicht applizieren, weil Neg-Insertion zu Nicht-Adjazenz von *Af* und *v* geführt hat.)
- d. *Do-Support:*  
Mary – do+S+not come
- e. *Realisierung:*  
Mary did not come.

## 2.2. SPOT Analyses

Rekonstruktion bei Speas (1995)

(14) Beschränkungsordnung:  
ECP » LETZT-AUS » ÖKON

T<sub>4</sub>: Negation und 'do'-Einsetzung bei Speas

Kandidaten	ECP	LETZT-AUS	"ÖKON
☞ K <sub>1</sub> : Mary did <sub>1</sub> not t <sub>1</sub> leave		*	*
K <sub>2</sub> : Mary t <sub>1</sub> not left <sub>1</sub>	*!		*

Rekonstruktion von Chomsky (1991):

“Um die korrekten Ergebnisse zu erzielen, muss das Prinzip des ‘letzten Auswegs’ so interpretiert werden, dass Prinzipien der UG angewendet werden, wann immer das möglich ist, und dass sprachspezifische Regeln nur benutzt werden, um eine D-Struktur-Repräsentation zu ‘retten’, die ansonsten

T<sub>5</sub>: Verbot der 'do'-Einsetzung ohne Negation bei Speas

Kandidaten	ECP	LETZT-AUS	ÖKON
K <sub>1</sub> : Mary did <sub>1</sub> t <sub>1</sub> leave		*!	*
☞ K <sub>2</sub> : Mary t <sub>1</sub> left <sub>1</sub>			*

kein Ergebnis liefert” (Chomsky (1991, 427)). (Vgl. auch die Logik bei Adgers (2003) Erklärung über die “Pronouncing Tense Rule” (PTR).)

(15) Unabhängig blockiert:

- a. \*Mary left<sub>1</sub> not t<sub>1</sub>
- b. \*Mary left<sub>1</sub> t<sub>1</sub>

Rekonstruktion bei Grimshaw (1997)

- (16) a. LEX-ÖKON (“Bewegungsökonomie für lexikalische Köpfe”, “No-Lex-Mvt”):  
Bewegung von lexikalischen Köpfen ist verboten (X<sup>0</sup>-Spur<sub>lex</sub> ist nicht erlaubt).
- b. KASUS (“Case”; Chomsky (1981)):  
Der Kopf einer NP-Kette muss in einer Kasusposition sein.
- c. OB-KOPF (“Obligatorische Köpfe”, “Ob-Hd”):  
Eine Projektion hat einen (nicht-leeren) Kopf.
- d. SUBJEKT (“Erweitertes Projektionsprinzip”, “Subj”; Chomsky (1982; 1995)):  
Der höchste A-Spezifikator eines Satzes muss durch ein Argument gefüllt sein.
- e. VOLL-INT (“Vollständige Interpretation”, “Full Interpretation”; Chomsky (1986b)):  
Expletiveinsetzung ist verboten.
- f. ÖKON (“Stay”, s.o.):  
Bewegung ist verboten (Spur ist nicht erlaubt).

(17) Beschränkungsordnung:

LEX-ÖKON » KASUS » OB-KOPF » SUBJEKT » VOLL-INT » ÖKON

(18) VOLL-INT:

Die lexikalisch-konzeptuelle Struktur muss respektiert werden.

Grundannahme:

Die Größe der Satzstruktur ist variabel.

- (19) a. \*[<sub>NegP</sub> Not [<sub>VP</sub> Mary left ]]
- b. \*[<sub>NegP</sub> Mary<sub>1</sub> not [<sub>VP</sub> t<sub>1</sub> left ]]
- c. \*[<sub>IP</sub> Mary<sub>1</sub> [I - ] [<sub>NegP</sub> not [<sub>VP</sub> t<sub>1</sub> left ]]]
- d. \*[<sub>IP</sub> Mary<sub>1</sub> [I left<sub>2</sub> ] [<sub>NegP</sub> not [<sub>VP</sub> t<sub>1</sub> t<sub>2</sub> ]]]
- e. [<sub>IP</sub> Mary<sub>1</sub> [I did ] [<sub>NegP</sub> not [<sub>VP</sub> t<sub>1</sub> leave ]]]

(20) a. [<sub>VP</sub> Mary left ]

*T<sub>6</sub>: Negation und ‘do’-Einsetzung bei Grimshaw*

Kandidaten	LEX- ÖKON	KA- SUS	OB- KOPF	SUB- JEKT	VOLL- INT	ÖKON
K <sub>1</sub> : [ Neg [VP NP <sub>1</sub> V ] ]				*!		
K <sub>2</sub> : [ NP <sub>1</sub> Neg [VP t <sub>1</sub> V ] ]		*!				*
K <sub>3</sub> : [ NP <sub>1</sub> – [ t <sub>1</sub> Neg [VP t <sub>1</sub> V ] ] ]		*!	*			**
K <sub>4</sub> : [ NP <sub>1</sub> V <sub>2</sub> [ t <sub>1</sub> Neg [VP t <sub>1</sub> t <sub>2</sub> ] ] ]	*!					***
☞ K <sub>5</sub> : [ NP <sub>1</sub> did <sub>2</sub> [ t <sub>1</sub> Neg [VP t <sub>1</sub> V ] ] ]					*	**

- b. \*[IP Mary<sub>1</sub> [I – ] [VP t<sub>1</sub> left ] ]  
c. \*[IP Mary<sub>1</sub> [I left<sub>2</sub> ] [VP t<sub>1</sub> t<sub>2</sub> ] ]  
d. \*[IP Mary<sub>1</sub> [I did ] [VP t<sub>1</sub> leave ] ]

*T<sub>7</sub>: Verbot der ‘do’-Einsetzung ohne Negation bei Grimshaw*

Kandidaten	LEX- ÖKON	KA- SUS	OB- KOPF	SUB- JEKT	VOLL- INT	ÖKON
☞ K <sub>1</sub> : [VP NP <sub>1</sub> V ]						
K <sub>2</sub> : [ NP <sub>1</sub> – [VP t <sub>1</sub> V ] ]		*!	*			*
K <sub>3</sub> : [ NP <sub>1</sub> V <sub>2</sub> [VP t <sub>1</sub> t <sub>2</sub> ] ]	*!					**
K <sub>4</sub> : [ NP <sub>1</sub> did <sub>2</sub> [VP t <sub>1</sub> V ] ]					*!	*

*Gemeinsamkeit:*

Die Rolle des ECP in Speas’ Analyse und die Rolle von KASUS in Grimshaws Analyse sind äquivalent; es sind die entscheidenden Auslöser von *do*-Einsetzung in Negationskontexten. Ebenso äquivalent sind LETZT-AUS bei Speas und VOLL-INT bei Grimshaw: Beide Beschränkungen bestrafen die Verwendung eines expletiven Verbs *do*; sie sind in (Auxiliarfreien) Negationskontexten von optimalen Kandidaten verletzbar. LEX-ÖKON ist bei Speas implizit, bei Grimshaw explizit angenommen; dasselbe gilt auch für SUBJEKT (denn bei Annahme der Hypothese der prädikats-internen Subjekte muss auch Speas gewährleisten, dass ein Satz wie *\*Not Mary left* ausgeschlossen ist). Schließlich hat auch ÖKON in beiden Analysen dieselbe Funktion, nämlich interessanterweise – für die betrachteten Fälle – gar keine.

*2.3. Harmonic Serialism*

Consider the analysis of *do* support with negation in English developed in Grimshaw (1997, 381-393). The relevant part is repeated here (in an English version). (21) has the crucial constraints adopted by Grimshaw (1997), and (22) gives a ranking for English which produces *do* support in negative contexts.

- (21) a. NO-LEX-MOV:  
Movement of lexical heads is prohibited (assign a \* for every trace of a lexical head).

- b. CASE:  
The head of a DP chain must be in a case position.  
(For our purposes, this means it must be part of a verbal projection.)  
c. OB-HD:  
A projection has a (non-empty) head.  
d. SUBJ:  
The highest A-specifier of a sentence must be filled by an argument.  
e. FULL-INT:  
Don’t insert expletives (like *do*).  
f. STAY:  
Movement is prohibited (assign a \* for every trace).

(22) *Constraint ranking:*

NO-LEX-MOV >> CASE >> OB-HD >> SUBJ >> FULL-INT >> STAY

(23) *Do support and negation:*

- a. \*[NegP Not [VP Mary left ] ]  
b. \*[NegP Mary<sub>1</sub> not [VP t<sub>1</sub> left ] ]  
c. \*[IP Mary<sub>1</sub> [I – ] [NegP not [VP t<sub>1</sub> left ] ] ]  
d. \*[IP Mary<sub>1</sub> [I left<sub>2</sub> ] [NegP not [VP t<sub>1</sub> t<sub>2</sub> ] ] ]  
e. [IP Mary<sub>1</sub> [I did ] [NegP not [VP t<sub>1</sub> leave ] ] ]

T<sub>1</sub> illustrates the necessity of *do* support in this contexts. A basic assumption concerning the structure of the candidates is that the size of clauses is variable, subject to optimization. A minimal clause is a VP (which includes the external argument), but there may in principle be arbitrarily many additional extended projections on top of it.

*T<sub>8</sub>: Negation and ‘do’ support*

Candidates	NO-LEX- MVT	CASE	OB- HD	SUBJ	FULL- INT	STAY
O <sub>1</sub> : [ Neg [VP DP <sub>1</sub> V ] ]				*!		
O <sub>2</sub> : [ DP <sub>1</sub> Neg [VP t <sub>1</sub> V ] ]		*!				*
O <sub>3</sub> : [ DP <sub>1</sub> – [ t <sub>1</sub> Neg [VP t <sub>1</sub> V ] ] ]		*!	*			**
O <sub>4</sub> : [ DP <sub>1</sub> V <sub>2</sub> [ t <sub>1</sub> Neg [VP t <sub>1</sub> t <sub>2</sub> ] ] ]	*!					***
☞ O <sub>5</sub> : [ DP <sub>1</sub> did <sub>2</sub> [ t <sub>1</sub> Neg [VP t <sub>1</sub> V ] ] ]					*	**

(24) *No do support without negation:*

- a. [VP Mary left ]  
b. \*[IP Mary<sub>1</sub> [I – ] [VP t<sub>1</sub> left ] ]  
c. \*[IP Mary<sub>1</sub> [I left<sub>2</sub> ] [VP t<sub>1</sub> t<sub>2</sub> ] ]  
d. \*[IP Mary<sub>1</sub> [I did ] [VP t<sub>1</sub> leave ] ]

Candidates	NO-LEX MVT	CASE	OB- HD	SUBJ	FULL- INT	STAY
☞ O <sub>1</sub> : [VP DP <sub>1</sub> V ]						
O <sub>2</sub> : [ DP <sub>1</sub> – [VP t <sub>1</sub> V ] ]		*!	*			*
O <sub>3</sub> : [ DP <sub>1</sub> V <sub>2</sub> [VP t <sub>1</sub> t <sub>2</sub> ] ]	*!					**
O <sub>4</sub> : [ DP <sub>1</sub> did <sub>2</sub> [VP t <sub>1</sub> V ] ]					*!	*

*Question:*

Is it possible to faithfully transfer Grimshaw’s SPOT analysis to an analysis in terms of harmonic serialism? It might be helpful to keep in mind that there are other rankings than the one in (1) which are compatible with the evidence from English (see Grimshaw (1997, 375)); also, the idea about variable clause size may have to be given up (e.g., all clauses would have to be IPs, or even CPs, after all, which would imply that OB-HD only holds for projections that have a specifier). Here is the sketch of a proposal.

*Crucial assumption:*

The ranking is changed to (25), where SUBJ is promoted. (This is compatible with Grimshaw’s assumptions.)

(25) *Constraint ranking* (revised for HS reanalysis):

NO-LEX-MOV ≫ SUBJ ≫ CASE ≫ OB-HD ≫ FULL-INT ≫ STAY

*Further assumption:*

There is an I, and it needs to be merged independently (perhaps enforced by high-ranked “Exhaust Numeration” or something similar.)

(26) *HS derivation:*

- a. [NegP Neg [VP DP<sub>1</sub> V ] ]
- b. [NegP DP<sub>1</sub> Neg [VP t<sub>1</sub> V ] ]  
gets rid of SUBJ violation, triggers violations of CASE, STAY
- c. [IP I [NegP DP<sub>1</sub> Neg [VP t<sub>1</sub> V ] ] ]  
reintroduces SUBJ violation, maintains violations of CASE, STAY, adds OB-HD violation
- d. [IP DP<sub>1</sub> I [NegP t<sub>1</sub> Neg [VP t<sub>1</sub> V ] ] ]  
gets rid of SUBJ and CASE violations, maintains violation of OB-HD, adds violation of STAY
- e. [IP DP<sub>1</sub> I-do [NegP t<sub>1</sub> Neg [VP t<sub>1</sub> V ] ] ]  
gets rid of OB-HD violation, maintains STAY violations, adds FULL-INT violation
- f. [IP DP<sub>1</sub> I-do [NegP t<sub>1</sub> Neg [VP t<sub>1</sub> V ] ] ] convergence

### 3. Locality and Wh-Chains

#### 3.1. SPOT Analysis

##### 3.1.1. Basic Assumptions

*Goal:*

The authors’ goal is to develop an optimality-theoretic approach to locality that is both sufficiently flexible and reasonably restrictive.

*Important theoretical concepts:*

- Neutralization
- local constraint conjunction

(27) *Candidate sets* (Legendre, Smolensky & Wilson (1998, 257), Legendre et al. (2006, 225)):

Two candidates O<sub>i</sub>, O<sub>j</sub> are part of the same candidate set iff (a) and (b) hold:

- a. O<sub>i</sub> and O<sub>j</sub> realize identical predicate/argument structure.
- b. O<sub>i</sub> and O<sub>j</sub> *target* identical LFs.

*Note:*

The competition is defined exclusively via input identity (in contrast to what is the case in various other versions of OT syntax): The input contains predicate/argument structures with an associated LF representation. The target positions for LF interpretation that differ from base positions are signalled by abstract scope markers in the input. This special version of the input is referred to by Legendre et al. (1998; 2006) as the *Index*.

*Question:*

Where does the Index come from?

##### 3.1.2. A Case Study: Wh-Chains in Chinese

*Assumption:*

Wh-in situ languages have syntactic wh-movement. The only relevant difference to wh-ex situ languages is that it is not the first chain member (i.e., copy) that is pronounced; rather it is the last member of a wh-chain that is PF-realized.

(28) *Long-distance movement of adjuncts from declarative clauses:*

- a. Ni renwei [CP Lisi yinggai zenmeyang chuli zhe-jian shi ] ?  
you think Lisi should how treat this-CL matter
- b. ‘How<sub>1</sub> do you think that Lisi should treat this matter t<sub>1</sub>?’

(29) *Long-distance movement of adjuncts from embedded wh-clauses:*

- a. Ni xiang-zhidao [CP shei zenmeyang chuli zhe-jian shi ] ?  
you ask yourself who how treat this-CL matter
- b. “\*How<sub>1</sub> do you ask yourself who treated this matter t<sub>1</sub>?”
- c. “You ask yourself who treated this matter how.”

- (30) a. SELECTION (SEL):  
Lexically marked selection requirements must be respected in the output.  
b. BAR<sup>2[-ref]</sup>:  
A single link of a non-referential (adjunct) chain must not cross two barriers.  
c. PARSESCOPE:  
The scope of a wh-chain contained in an Index must be realized by syntactic chain formation in the output.
- (31) *Barrier* (Chomsky (1986)):  
An XP is a barrier iff it is not L-marked.
- (32) *L-Marking* (Chomsky (1986)):  
 $\alpha$  L-marks  $\beta$  iff (a)–(c) hold:  
a.  $\alpha$  is a lexical X<sup>0</sup> category.  
b.  $\alpha$   $\theta$ -marks  $\beta$ .  
c.  $\beta$  is a sister of  $\alpha$ .

*Consequence:*

*VP and IP qualify as barriers.*

(This result also holds in Chomsky’s (1986) approach, but it is clearly undesirable there because it would imply massive undergeneration (lots of fatal locality violations should be expected if movement must not cross barriers). Chomsky (1986) avoids these wrong predictions by introducing various stipulations, including the option of adjunction to VP and a differentiation between blocking categories and barriers.)

- (33) *Ranking of constraints in Chinese:*  
SEL  $\gg$  BAR<sup>2[-ref]</sup>  $\gg$  PARSESCOPE

- (34) *Wh-islands for wide scope of adjuncts in Chinese*

	SEL	BAR <sup>2[-ref]</sup>	PARSESCOPE
O <sub>1</sub> : [S Q <sub>1</sub> ] ... V <sub>[+w]</sub> [CP t' <sub>1</sub> ... how <sub>1</sub> ... ]		*!	
☞ O <sub>2</sub> : [S -] ... V <sub>[+w]</sub> [CP Q <sub>1</sub> ... how <sub>1</sub> ... ]			*

- (35) *Narrow scope of adjuncts in Chinese: → neutralization*

	SEL	BAR <sup>2[-ref]</sup>	PARSESCOPE
☞ O <sub>1</sub> : ... V <sub>[+w]</sub> [CP [S Q <sub>1</sub> ] ... how <sub>1</sub> ... ]			
O <sub>2</sub> : Q <sub>1</sub> ... V <sub>[+w]</sub> [CP [S -] ... how <sub>1</sub> ... ]		*!	*

- (36) *Input optimization:*

Suppose that different inputs I<sub>1</sub>, I<sub>2</sub>, ..., I<sub>n</sub> lead to corresponding optimal outputs O<sub>1</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, ..., O<sub>n</sub> in a grammar, which are all realized by the same form  $\Phi$ . Then one of these outputs must qualify as most harmonic because it incurs the least significant violations; let O<sub>k</sub> be this output. Then the learner should choose input I<sub>k</sub> as the underlying representation of  $\Phi$ .

*Problem:*

This account of wh-islands effects does not rely on the presence of an intervening wh-phrase in the embedded SpecC position. (Thus, the present account of wh-islands is fundamentally different from nearly all other approaches in the tradition of Rizzi (1990; 2004), which are strictly intervention-based.) But how can long-distance movement from a declarative clause circumvent an analogous neutralization effect?

*Solution (ingenious):*

From a purely locality-based perspective, reducing wide wh-scope in the Index to narrow wh-scope in the output would also be the best option with embedded declaratives. However, this candidate will then fatally violate the higher-ranked SEL requirement; hence, the same violation of BAR<sup>2[-ref]</sup> that proves fatal with embedded wh-clauses is tolerable with embedded declarative clauses.

- (37) *Declarative clauses and wide scope of adjuncts in Chinese*

	SEL	BAR <sup>2[-ref]</sup>	PARSESCOPE
☞ O <sub>1</sub> : [S Q <sub>1</sub> ] ... V <sub>[-w]</sub> [CP t' <sub>1</sub> ... how <sub>1</sub> ... ]		*	
O <sub>2</sub> : [S -] ... V <sub>[-w]</sub> [CP Q <sub>1</sub> ... how <sub>1</sub> ... ]	*!		*

*Conclusion:*

Somewhat surprisingly, what *rules out* wh-island constructions is the fact that a violation of locality *can be avoided* by relocating the wh-scope to the embedded clause; and what *permits* extraction from declarative complements is the fact that a violation of locality *cannot be avoided* here.

*Note:*

A third candidate in which the wh-phrase stays in situ throughout the derivation must also be considered. As a matter of fact, as it stands, this output O<sub>3</sub> would qualify as optimal in both embedded wh-contexts and embedded declarative contexts. This problem can be solved if it is assumed that Gen requires wh-elements to show up in non-trivial chains (with pronunciation a matter of PF realization, as before). Alternatively, an undominated constraint NONTRIV can be postulated which requires wh-chains to be non-trivial (i.e., to be multi-membered).

### 3.1.3. Local Conjunction

- (38) *Faithfulness constraints:*

- a. PARSEWH:  
A wh-feature contained in an Index must be realized by an operator-variable chain in the output.
- b. PARSETOP:  
A top-feature contained in an Index must be realized by an operator-variable chain in the output.
- c. PARSESCOPE:  
The scope of a wh-chain contained in an Index must be realized by syntactic chain

formation in the output.

(39) *Locality constraints:*

- a.  $\text{BAR}^{2[-ref]}$ :  
A single link of a non-referential (adjunct) chain must not cross two barriers.
- b.  $\text{BAR}$ :  
A single link of a chain must not cross a barrier.

*Observation:*

(39-a) can be derived from (39-b), via local conjunction.

(40) *A wrong prediction under BAR:*

	$\text{BAR}$
$\Leftrightarrow O_1: \alpha_1 \dots \beta \dots \beta \dots t'_1 \dots \beta \dots t_1$	** *
$\Leftrightarrow O_2: \alpha_1 \dots \beta \dots \beta \dots \beta \dots t_1$	***

(41) *Local conjunction* (Smolensky (1996; 2006)):

- a. Given two constraints  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ , their local conjunction (with respect to a domain type  $D$ ),  $C_1 \&_D C_2$ , is a new constraint that is violated when two distinct violations of  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  occur within a single domain of type  $D$ .
- b. There is a universal ranking:  $C_1 \&_D C_2 \gg \{C_1, C_2\}$

(42) *BAR subhierarchy* ('minimal link subhierarchy'):

- a.  $\text{BAR} \&_I \text{BAR} = \text{BAR}^2$ :  
A single link of a chain must not cross two barriers.
- b.  $\text{BAR}^2 \&_I \text{BAR} = \text{BAR}^3$ :  
A single link of a chain must not cross three barriers.
- c.  $\text{BAR}^n$ :  
A single link of chain must not cross  $n$  barriers.
- d. *Universal ranking:*  
 $\dots \gg \text{BAR}^3 \gg \text{BAR}^2 \gg \text{BAR}^1$

(43) *A correct prediction derivable from the BAR subhierarchy*

	$\text{BAR}^3$	$\text{BAR}^2$	$\text{BAR}^1$
$\Leftrightarrow O_1: \alpha_1 \dots \beta \dots \beta \dots t'_1 \dots \beta \dots t_1$		*	*
$O_2: \alpha_1 \dots \beta \dots \beta \dots \beta \dots t_1$	*!		

*Observation:*

It's actually not so clear how it can be ensured that the local domain for local conjunction is properly defined. If the relevant domain is, e.g., the clause (as a unit that contains a chain link), the scenario has to be blocked where some completely different movement operation adds to the overall number of barriers crossed by the operation we are interested in. Basically, it looks as though the relevant domain should be the chain link, but it is not fully clear how this can work (the chain link is not a discrete phrase-structural unit; see Murphy (2017)). (Problem of this type do not arise in harmonic serialism, where only one operation can take

place between input and output.)

*Convention:*

Of course,  $O_2$  also violates  $\text{BAR}^2$  and  $\text{BAR}^1$ , given that it follows from the definition of local conjunction that  $\text{BAR}^n$  is in a *stringency* (special to general) relation with  $\text{BAR}^{n-1}$ . However, since these violations can never play a role, they can be ignored in tableaux.

*Observation:*

Every theory of locality of movement (or chain formation) needs to be able to account for the different behaviour of arguments and adjuncts (or, following Cinque (1990), referential and non-referential items, where the latter include most adjuncts and some arguments).

(44)  $\text{REF}$ :

A (non-trivial) chain is referential.

(45) *Arguments for referentiality as the relevant concept:*

- a. \*How many kilos do you wonder whether he weighs?
- b. ?Where do you wonder whether to go?
- c. \*Who left why?
- d. Who lives where?

*Assumption:*

There is local conjunction of  $\text{REF}$  with the  $\text{BAR}$  subhierarchy.

*Side remark:*

How does one get from (46-a) and (46-b) to (46-c)?

- (46) a. A single link of a chain must not cross a barrier.  
b. A chain is referential.  
c. A single link of a non-referential chain must not cross a barrier.

(47) *Compositional interpretation of  $\text{BAR}^{1[-ref]}$ :*

- a. [ A single link of a chain must not cross a barrier ]  $\wedge$  [ A chain is referential ].
- b. [ A single link of a chain must not cross a barrier ]  $\vee$  [ A chain is referential ].

*Propositional logic:*

$A \vee B$  is true iff at least one of its clauses is true, and false only if both clauses are false. Intended interpretation for  $\text{BAR}^{1[-ref]}$ : This constraint is violated only if  $\text{BAR}^1$  is violated and  $\text{REF}$  is violated. Conclusion: In many (most?) cases, local *conjunction* must be interpreted as local *disjunction*.

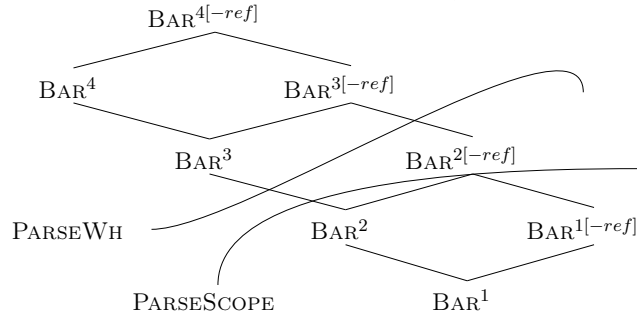
(In addition, a special assumption must be made about reflexive local conjunction.)

(48) *Family of minimal link constraints:*

- a.  $\text{BAR}^n \&_I \text{REF} = \text{BAR}^{n[-ref]}$ :  
A single link of a non-referential chain must not cross  $n$  barriers.
- b. *Universal ranking*:  
...  $\gg \text{BAR}^{3[-ref]} \gg \text{BAR}^{2[-ref]} \gg \text{BAR}^{1[-ref]}$

(49) *Typological prediction: Adjunct movement is more restricted than argument movement*:  
 $\text{BAR}^{n[-ref]} \gg \text{BAR}^n$

(50) *Fixed and variable rankings of constraints* (visualization based on Aissen (1999; 2003)):



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(51) *Constraint ranking in English*:

SEL  $\gg$   $\text{BAR}^{4[-ref]} \gg \text{BAR}^{3[-ref]} \gg \text{BAR}^4 \gg \text{BAR}^3 \gg$   
 PARSEWH  $\gg$   $\text{BAR}^{2[-ref]} \gg$   
 PARSESCOPE  $\gg$   $\text{BAR}^2 \gg \text{BAR}^{1[-ref]} \gg \text{BAR}^1$

(52) *Evidence for  $\text{BAR}^2 \gg \text{BAR}^{1[-ref]}$*

- a. How<sub>1</sub> did [IP he [VP fix what<sub>2</sub> | t<sub>1</sub> ] ] ?  
 b. \*What<sub>2</sub> did [IP he [VP fix t<sub>2</sub> | how<sub>1</sub> ] ] ?

(53) *Short movement*:

- a. How<sub>1</sub> did [IP she [VP do it ] t<sub>1</sub> ] ?  
 b. What<sub>1</sub> did [IP she [VP do t<sub>1</sub> ] ] ?

(54) *Extraction from a declarative clause*:

- a. How<sub>1</sub> do [IP you [VP think [CP t'<sub>1</sub> that [IP she [VP did it ] t<sub>1</sub> ] ] ] ] ?  
 b. What<sub>1</sub> do [IP you [VP think [CP t'<sub>1</sub> that [IP she [VP did t<sub>1</sub> ] ] ] ] ] ?

(55) *Extraction from a wh-island*:

- a. \*How<sub>1</sub> do [IP you [VP wonder [CP t'<sub>1</sub> what [IP PRO to fix t t<sub>1</sub> ] ] ] ] ?  
 b. What<sub>1</sub> do [IP you [VP wonder [CP t'<sub>1</sub> when [IP PRO [VP to fix t<sub>1</sub> ] ] ] ] ] ?

(56) *Neutralization*:

- a. You wonder [CP how<sub>1</sub> [IP PRO [VP to fix what ] t<sub>1</sub> ] ]  
 b. \*You wonder [CP what [IP PRO [VP to fix t ] in some way<sub>1</sub> ] ]

(57) *Adjunct islands*:

- a. \*How<sub>1</sub> was [IP he [VP fired [CP after behaving t<sub>1</sub> ] ] ] ?  
 b. \*What<sub>1</sub> was [IP he [VP fired [CP after reading t<sub>1</sub> ] ] ] ?

(58) *Neutralization*:

- a. He was [VP fired [CP after behaving in some way<sub>1</sub> ] ]  
 b. He was [VP fired [CP after reading something<sub>1</sub> ] ]

(59) *Subject islands*:

- a. \*How<sub>1</sub> would [IP [CP t'<sub>1</sub> PRO to behave t<sub>1</sub> ] be inappropriate ] ?  
 b. \*Who<sub>1</sub> would [IP [CP t'<sub>1</sub> PRO to kiss t<sub>1</sub> ] be inappropriate ] ?

(60) *Intended result: Neutralization*:

- a. [IP [CP PRO to behave in some way<sub>1</sub> ] would be inappropriate ]  
 b. [IP [CP PRO to kiss someone<sub>1</sub> ] would be inappropriate ]

*Problem*:

There are only two intervening barriers, which is not sufficient. Possible solution: There is more structure in subject clauses (e.g., an empty DP shell on top of them).

### 3.2. Harmonic Serialism

*Question*:

Is it possible to directly transfer this analysis into an approach in terms of harmonic serialism?

*Answer*:

Yes. [s<sub>1</sub> ] is moved down; this is required so as to distinguish intermediate and final movement. Note that the only potential problem with a serial reconstruction could arise under locality considerations (strict cyclicity in particular); but this is not currently at issue.



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