

Forward, Backward, Crossed: Voice restructuring and its semantics

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1 In a nutshell

- A range of languages and constructions display (apparent) obligatory control dependencies, arguably without a syntactic argument such as PRO.
 - Some additionally involve **long object A-promotion [LOP]**: promotion of an embedded argument to matrix subject (diagnosed by Case, agreement, language specific A-movement properties).
 - Three core subcases:
 - Long passive/patient voice [**LP**] (1a): matrix (implicit) agent **controls** embedded understood agent + **LOP**.
 - Crossed control [**CC**] (1b): embedded (implicit) agent **controls** matrix understood agent + **LOP**.
 - Backward control [**BC**] (1c): embedded overt agent **controls** matrix understood agent.
- (1) a. **DP.NOM/SUBJECT** **AGENT** V.MATRIX: PASS/PV [**U.AGENT** V.EMBEDDED **DP:OBJ**] [**LP**]
b. **DP.NOM/SUBJECT** **U.AGENT** V.MATRIX [**AGENT** V.EMBEDDED: PASS/PV **DP:OBJ**] [**CC**]
c. **U.AGENT** V.MATRIX [**DP.AGENT** V.EMBEDDED] [**BC**]

Main contributions

- Unified approach to **LP**, **CC**, **BC** in terms of Voice restructuring
 - Derives the shared semantic restrictions (i.e., obligatory argument sharing) and the morphosyntactic variation
 - Core syntactic concepts (feeding into morphology and semantics): bidirectional Agree (Baker 2008, Carstens 2016) and feature sharing (Pesetsky and Torrego 2007)
 - Feature-based typology of Voice
 - Extends to forward control [**FC**], at least in certain highly reduced complements

	Exhaustive control		Raising (set aside here)
	Down-VR	Up-VR	
Matrix subject	thematic	thematic	non-thematic
Argument sharing	yes	yes	N/A
LOP	LP	CC	embedded passive / unaccusative
No LOP	FC	BC	embedded external argument

2 Phenomena

2.1 Main configurations

- **Long passive or patient voice (PV) [LP]:** German, Norwegian, Croatian, Czech, Serbian, Slovenian, European Portuguese, Italian, Spanish, Japanese, Acehnese, Takibakha Bunun, Kannada, ...

(2) *dass der Traktor und der Lastwagen zu reparieren versucht wurd-en*
 that the tractor and the truck.NOM to repair tried AUX-PL
 lit. 'that the tractor and the truck were tried to repair'
 'that they tried to repair the tractor and the truck' [German LP; Wurmbrand 2001: 19]

(3) 'asa'-u =ku a 'iskán=di_i [ma-baliv t_i].
 want-PV =1SG.OBL ABS fish=this_i [AV-buy t_i]
 'I want to buy this fish.' [Takibakha Bunun LP; Shih 2014: 19, (43b)]

- **Crossed control [CC]:** Indonesian, Madurese, Sundanese, Swedish

(4) *Dia di-coba di-bunuh (oleh) teman-nya.*
 3SG [PASS]-try [PASS]-kill by friend-3POSS
 'His friend(s) tried to kill him.' [Indonesian CC; Arka 2012: 29]

(5) *Anak_i mau [kamu ø-peluk t_i].*
 child_i want [2.SG PV-hug t_i]
 'You want to hug the child.' [Indonesian CC; Berger 2019: 62, (9)]

- **Backward control [BC]:** Ndebele, Tsez, Malagasy, Telugu, Omani Arabic, Romanian, Greek

(6) *Ku-zam-e [uku-pheka uZodwa].*
 15-try-PST [INF-cook 1Zodwa]
 'Zodwa tried to cook.' [Ndebele BC; Pietraszko 2021: (2)]

2.2 Commonalities and differences

- A control(-like) relation between a matrix and embedded agent, at least one of which is covert.

- **LP:** matrix (implicit) agent controls embedded understood agent (7a).
- **CC:** embedded (implicit) agent controls matrix understood agent (7b).
- **BC:** embedded overt agent controls matrix understood agent (7b).
- Extension to forward control [**FC**] (at least in certain highly reduced complements): matrix overt argument controls embedded understood agent (7a).

(7) a. CONTROLLER V.MATRIX [CONTROLLEE V.EMBEDDED] [LP, FC]
 b. CONTROLLEE V.MATRIX [CONTROLLER V.EMBEDDED] [CC, BC]

- **Long object promotion [LOP]** in LP and CC (but not BC).

(8) a. DP.NOM CONTROLLER V.MATRIX [CONTROLLEE V.EMBEDDED DP.OBJ] [LP]
 b. DP.NOM CONTROLLEE V.MATRIX [CONTROLLER V.EMBEDDED DP.OBJ] [CC]

- Matching or non-matching verb morphology in the part of the clause containing the controllee.

(9) a. AGENT V.MATRIX: [PASS] [AGENT V.EMBEDDED: [PASS]] [Matching LP/CC]
 b. AGENT V.MATRIX: [PASS] [AGENT V.EMBEDDED] [Non-matching LP]
 c. AGENT V.MATRIX [AGENT V.EMBEDDED: [PASS]] [Non-matching CC]

2.3 Main questions

- How does the argument sharing relation arise? Section 3.2
- How does LOP follow (in **LP** and **CC**)? Section 3.3
- How do the different morphosyntactic patterns (matching vs. non-matching) arise? Section 3.4

Prior work

- **Long object promotion [LOP]** in **LP** and **CC** has been treated as a clause union/restructuring phenomenon.
- **LP**: Among many others, Aissen and Perlmutter (1976, 1983), Wurmbrand (2001, 2014a), Keine and Bhatt (2016), Wurmbrand and Shimamura (2017).
- **CC**: Accounts differ in frameworks and details, but the common property is also that it involves restructuring and **LOP**, with some mechanism to unify the argument structures:
 - semantic argument sharing (Polinsky and Potsdam 2008)
 - (covert) incorporation (Sato and Kitada 2012)
 - reverse Voice restructuring (Berger 2019, following Wurmbrand and Shimamura 2017)
 - complex predicate formation (Kroeger and Frazier 2020).
- To derive **LOP**, often a bare VP embedded clause is assumed (e.g., Wurmbrand 2001, Polinsky and Potsdam 2008).
 - The embedded clause lacks the functional domain to license an external argument and structural case.
 - The embedded object becomes licensing dependent on the matrix predicate.

(10) V.PASS/PV *try, manage, want* [_{VP} V DP.OBJ]

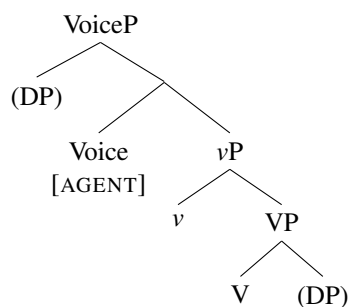
- Simple VP complementation approaches are insufficient.
 - The differences between matching and non-matching Voice are difficult to model.
 - **LP**, **CC**, and **BC** require different mechanisms.
 - The obligatory argument sharing interpretation is not straightforwardly derived.
 - Incompatibility of **LP** with unaccusative embedded predicates goes unexplained (see Wurmbrand et al. 2021).

3 A combined syntactic and semantic approach

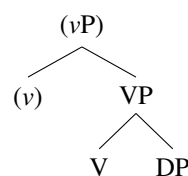
3.1 Voice: the basics

- Split Voice domain
 - The Voice domain is split into several functional heads: Voice, *v*, Caus, Applicative, possibly others.
 - See, among others, Bowers (2002), Pytkäinen (2002, 2008), Folli and Harley (2005), Alexiadou et al. (2006), Marantz (2008), Schäfer (2008), Harley (2009, 2017), Pitteroff and Alexiadou (2012), Pitteroff (2014).
 - Voice introduces an Agent in transitive/unergative/passive and is absent from unaccusative/anti-causative.

(11) Transitive, unergative, passive



Unaccusative, anti-causative



- Features on Voice:
 - Index [ID]: a numerical value that tracks event participants in the course of the derivation.
 - Morphological verbal feature [F]: determines PF spellout (PASS, PAST, etc.) of verbal elements (see, for instance, the uninterpretable T-feature in [Pesetsky and Torrego 2007](#) or the uninterpretable V-feature in [Wurmbrand 2014b](#)); see Section 3.4.
 - Possibly others: e.g., phi-features ([Legate 2014](#), [Wurmbrand and Shimamura 2017](#), [Kovač to appear](#), i.a.).
- Semantics of Voice:
 - Active Voice, Patient Voice: $\llbracket \text{Voice [ID=n]} \rrbracket^{g,c} = \lambda P. \lambda x : g(n) = x. \lambda e. [P(e) \wedge \text{Ag}(x)(e)]$
 - * Voice combines with the lower verbal projection (vP or VP) of type $\langle vt \rangle$ via *Functional Application*.
 - * ID is interpreted as a presupposition on the referent of the DP in Spec, VoiceP.
 - Passive Voice: $\llbracket \text{Voice [ID=n]} \rrbracket^{g,c} = \lambda P. \lambda e. [P(e) \wedge \text{Ag}(x_n)(e)]$
 - * Voice combines with the lower verbal projection (vP or VP) of type $\langle vt \rangle$ via *Functional Application*.
 - * Building on [Pietraszko \(2021\)](#), ID fills the Agent slot, no specifier necessary.
 - * x_n is a semantic variable, which may be either free or bound ([Chierchia 1995](#), [Reuland 2011](#)). If free, it receives its interpretation from the assignment function.

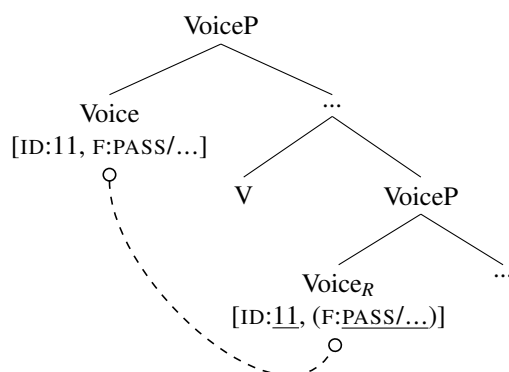
3.2 Voice restructuring and its interpretation

3.2.1 Syntax

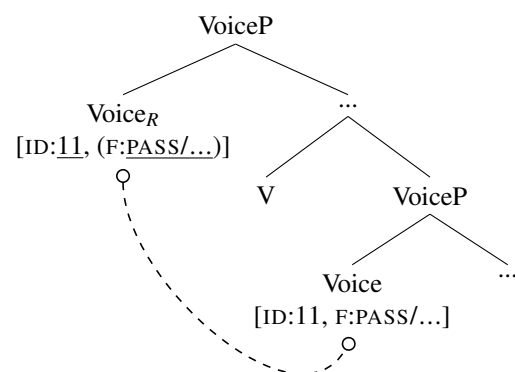
- Voice restructuring [VR] (based on [Wurmbrand and Shimamura 2017](#))
 - Regular Voice: [ID:7, F:PASS/PV/...] \rightsquigarrow (11)
 - Restructuring Voice: [ID:__, (F: __)] \rightsquigarrow (13) see Section 3.4
- Agree-based dependency between a restructuring Voice head [**Voice_R**] and a fully specified Voice head.¹
 - Agree is bidirectional ([Baker 2008](#), [Carstens 2016](#)).
 - Agree in either direction is constrained by locality (see Section 3.4).
 - Agree results in feature sharing ([Pesetsky and Torrego 2007](#)), and ultimately valuation of the features on **Voice_R** (feature values transmitted via Agree chains are underlined).

- (12) a. Voice: ID, F [embedded Voice_R: __] down-VR (LP)
 b. Voice_R: __ [embedded (DP) Voice: ID, F] up-VR (CC/BC)

(13) a. Down-VR (LP)



b. Up-VR (CC,BC)



¹See Appendix 5.2 for a dependency with Appl in constructions with *gelingen* ‘manage’ in German.

3.2.2 Semantics

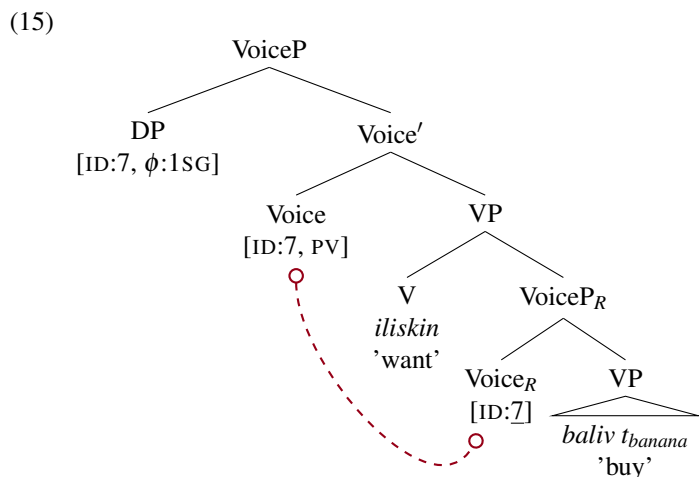
- Restructuring Voice: $\llbracket \text{Voice}_R [\text{ID}=\text{n}] \rrbracket^{g,c} = \lambda P.\lambda e.[P(e) \wedge \text{Ag}(x_n)(e)]$
 - Same denotation as Passive Voice: ID fills the Agent slot, no specifier argument necessary.
 - Agree ensures that the ID on **Voice_R** is the same as the ID on the higher/lower fully specified Voice and, hence, that the matrix and embedded Agents are the same.
- Down-**VR (LP)** and up-**VR (CC/BC)** have essentially the same semantics: the only difference is the source of the ID feature in the syntax (matrix vs. embedded Voice).
- Note: we ignore the F-feature on Voice (and V) here; see Section 3.4.

Down-VR derivation

- **LP: Voice_R** in the embedded clause, ID originates upstairs.

(14) *Iliskin-un-ku bunbun-a tu baliv-un.*
 want-PV-1.SG.ACC banana-that.NOM TU buy-PV
 Lit. ‘The bananas are wanted to be bought by me.’
 ‘I wanted to buy the bananas.’

[Isbukun Bunun LP; Wu 2013: 40, (10b)]



(16) Terminal nodes

$\llbracket 1\text{SG} \rrbracket^{g,c} = \text{speaker in } c \text{ (as in Kratzer 2009: 220, (70a))}$
 $\llbracket iliskin \rrbracket = \lambda P_V.\lambda e.[\text{want}(P)(e)]$
 $\llbracket \text{Voice}_R [\text{ID}=\text{n}] \rrbracket^{g,c} = \lambda P.\lambda e.[P(e) \wedge \text{Ag}(x_n)(e)]$
 $\llbracket \text{Voice}_{PV} [\text{ID}=\text{n}] \rrbracket^{g,c} = \lambda P.\lambda x : g(n) = x.\lambda e.[P(e) \wedge \text{Ag}(x)(e)]$

(17) Node by node (bottom-up)

$\llbracket \text{VoiceP}_{emb} \rrbracket^{g,c} = \lambda e.[\text{buy}(t_{\text{OBJ}})(e) \wedge \text{Ag}(x_7)(e)]$ Functional Application
 $\llbracket \text{VP}_{matrix} \rrbracket^{g,c} = \lambda e'.[\text{want}(\lambda e.[\text{buy}(t_{\text{OBJ}})(e) \wedge \text{Ag}(x_7)(e)])(e')]$ Functional Application
 $\llbracket \text{Voice}'_{matrix} \rrbracket^{g,c} = \lambda y : g(7) = y.\lambda e'.[\text{want}(\lambda e.[\text{buy}(t_{\text{OBJ}})(e) \wedge \text{Ag}(x_7)(e)])(e') \wedge \text{Ag}(y)(e')]$ Func. Appl.
 $\llbracket \text{VoiceP}_{matrix} \rrbracket^{g,c} = \lambda e'.[\text{want}(\lambda e.[\text{buy}(t_{\text{OBJ}})(e) \wedge \text{Ag}(x_7)(e)])(e') \wedge \text{Ag}([1\text{SG}])(e')]$ Func. Appl.

- Note that $g(7) = \text{speaker in } c$ (ensured by the presupposition on matrix Voice).

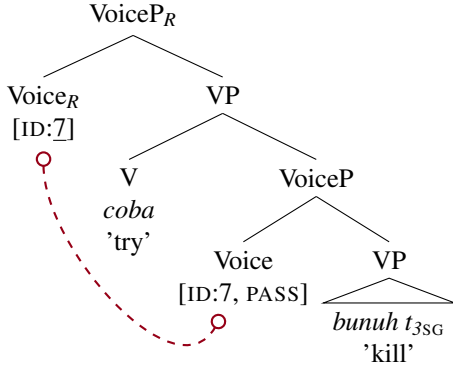
Up-VR derivation

- **CC: Voice_R** in the matrix clause, ID originates downstairs.

(18) *Dia di-coba di-bunuh (oleh teman-nya).*
 3SG PASS-try PASS-kill by friend-3POSS
 ‘His friend(s) tried to kill him.’

[Indonesian CC; Arka 2012: 29]

(19)



(20) Terminal nodes

$$\llbracket 7 \rrbracket^{g,c} = g(7)$$

$$\llbracket coba \rrbracket = \lambda P_{vt}. \lambda e. [\text{try}(P)(e)]$$

$$\llbracket \text{Voice}_R \text{ [ID=n]} \rrbracket^{g,c} = \lambda P. \lambda e. [P(e) \wedge \text{Ag}(x_n)(e)]$$

$$\llbracket \text{Voice}_{PASS} \text{ [ID=n]} \rrbracket^{g,c} = \lambda P. \lambda e. [P(e) \wedge \text{Ag}(x_n)(e)]$$

(21) Node by node (bottom-up)

$$\llbracket \text{VoiceP}_{emb} \rrbracket^{g,c} = \lambda e. [\text{kill}(t_{OBJ})(e) \wedge \text{Ag}(x_7)(e)]$$

Functional Application

$$\llbracket \text{VP}_{matrix} \rrbracket^{g,c} = \lambda e'. [\text{try}(\lambda e. [\text{kill}(t_{OBJ})(e) \wedge \text{Ag}(x_7)(e)])(e')]$$

Functional Application

$$\llbracket \text{VoiceP}_{matrix} \rrbracket^{g,c} = \lambda e'. [\text{try}(\lambda e. [\text{kill}(t_{OBJ})(e) \wedge \text{Ag}(x_7)(e)])(e') \wedge \text{Ag}(y_7)(e')]$$

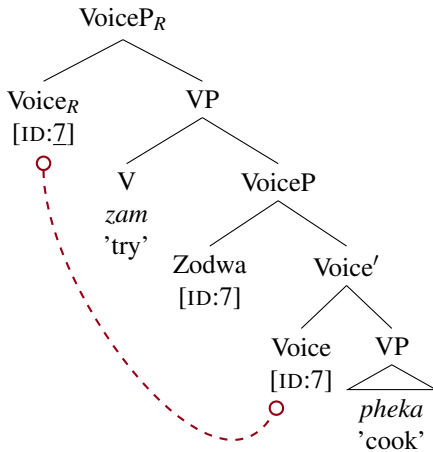
Functional Application

- If left unspecified, $g(7)$ refers to *someone*.
- **BC:** Voice_R in the matrix clause, ID originates downstairs.

(22) *Ku-zam-e* [*uku-pheka uZodwa*].
 15-try-PST [INF-cook 1Zodwa]
 'Zodwa tried to cook.'

[Ndebele BC; Pietraszko 2021: (2)]

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(24) Terminal nodes

$$\llbracket 7 \rrbracket^{g,c} = g(7)$$

$$\llbracket zam \rrbracket = \lambda P_{vt}. \lambda e. [\text{try}(P)(e)]$$

$$\llbracket \text{Voice}_R \text{ [ID=n]} \rrbracket^{g,c} = \lambda P. \lambda e. [P(e) \wedge \text{Ag}(x_n)(e)]$$

$$\llbracket \text{Voice}_{Act} \text{ [ID=n]} \rrbracket^{g,c} = \lambda P. \lambda x : g(n) = x. \lambda e. [P(e) \wedge \text{Ag}(x)(e)]$$

(25) Node by node (bottom-up)

$$\llbracket \text{Voice}'_{emb} \rrbracket^{g,c} = \lambda x : g(7) = x. \lambda e. [\text{cook}(e) \wedge \text{Ag}(x)(e)]$$

Functional Application

$$\llbracket \text{VoiceP}_{emb} \rrbracket^{g,c} = \lambda e. [\text{cook}(e) \wedge \text{Ag}(\text{Zodwa}_7)(e)]$$

Functional Application

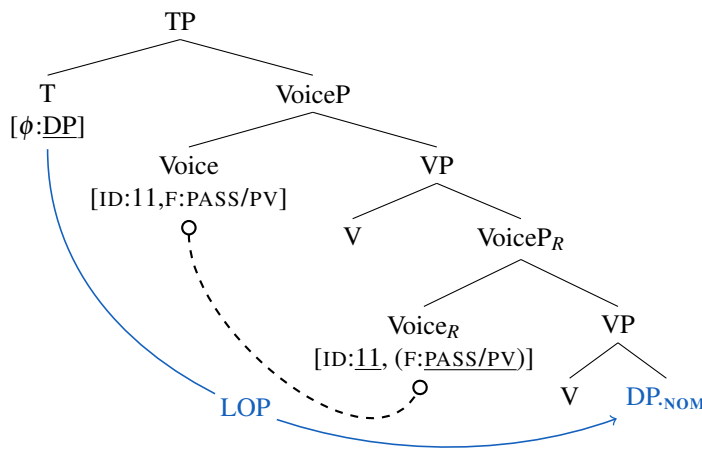
$$\begin{aligned} \llbracket \text{VP}_{matrix} \rrbracket^{g,c} &= \lambda e'. [\text{try}(\lambda e. [\text{cook}(e) \wedge \text{Ag}(\text{Zodwa}_7)(e)])(e')] && \text{Functional Application} \\ \llbracket \text{VoiceP}_{matrix} \rrbracket^{g,c} &= \lambda e'. [\text{try}(\lambda e. [\text{cook}(e) \wedge \text{Ag}(\text{Zodwa}_7)(e)])(e') \wedge \text{Ag}(x_7)(e')] && \text{Functional Application} \end{aligned}$$

- Semantic binding (via λ -operator) is absent from in both up-**VR** and down-**VR**. Co-construal is enforced entirely in the syntax by ID sharing via Agree.²
- No Condition C violation is predicted in the absence of a semantic binder.

3.3 Long object promotion

- Follows naturally from Voice restructuring.
 - The lack of a specifier (such as PRO) in VoiceP_R goes hand in hand with the lack of object case in the complement (Burzio’s Generalization) and the resulting promotion of the object to matrix subject.
 - **LOP** in Austronesian PV configurations may be compatible with a Voice specifier, exactly like in simple PV contexts in these languages.

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3.4 Morphosyntax of Voice restructuring

- **LP**: the underspecified embedded predicate either matches the Voice feature of the matrix predicate or is realized as morphological default.

(27) Default vs. matching **LP** (PASS)

- dass der Traktor und der Lastwagen zu reparieren versucht wurd-en*
that the tractor and the truck.NOM to repair tried AUX-PL
lit. ‘that the tractor and the truck were tried to repair’
‘that they tried to repair the tractor and the truck’ [German LP; Wurmbrand 2001: 19]
- ?1950-nen-goro hambaagaa-ga nihon-de tabe-rare-hajime-rare-ta
1950-year-about hamburger-NOM Japan-in eat-PASS-begin-PASS-PST
‘They began to eat hamburgers around 1950 in Japan.’
[Japanese LP; Wurmbrand and Shimamura 2017: 203, fn. 20]

(28) Default vs. matching **LP** (PV)

- 'asa'-u =ku a 'iskán=di [ma-baliv t_i].*
want-PV=1.SG.OBL ABS fish=this_i [AV-buy t_i]
‘I want to buy this fish.’ [Takibakha Bunun LP; Shih 2014: 19, (43b)]
- Iliskin-un-ku bunbun-a tu baliv-un.*
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Lit. ‘The bananas are wanted to be bought by me.’
‘I wanted to buy the bananas.’ [Isbukun Bunun LP; Wu 2013: 40, (10b)]

²See Appendix 5.3 for an alternative with semantic binding.

- **CC/BC**: the underspecified matrix predicate either matches the Voice feature of the embedded predicate (**CC**, possibly **BC**) or realizes no Voice but only the verbal inflection of the matrix TMA domain (**CC/BC**).

(29) Matching **CC** (PASS & PV)

- a. *Pära tafan-ma-chägi ma-na'fanätuk ni lalahi siha.*
 FUT 1PL.IR.IN-PASS-try NPL.RL.IN.PASS-hide OBL men PL
 'The men will try to hide all of us.' [Chamorro CC; Chung 2004: 204, (6a)]
- b. *Kaca rèya è-cacak è-pa-pessa bi' bu Yus ng-angghuy bâto.*
 glass this PV-try PV-CS-break by bu Yus AV-use rock
 'Bu Yus tried to break the glass with a rock.' [Madurese CC; Davies 2014: 371, (6b)]

(30) Non-matching **BC** & **CC** with regular matrix TMA morphology

- a. *Ku-zam-e [uku-pheka uZodwa].*
 15-try-PST [INF-cook 1Zodwa]
 'Zodwa tried to cook.' [Ndebele BC; Pietraszko 2021: (2)]
- b. *Nu ska lasten försöka bärgas.*
 now shall cargo.DEF try salvage.INF.PASS
 'There will now be an attempt to salvage the cargo.' [Swedish CC; Engdahl 2022: (72)]

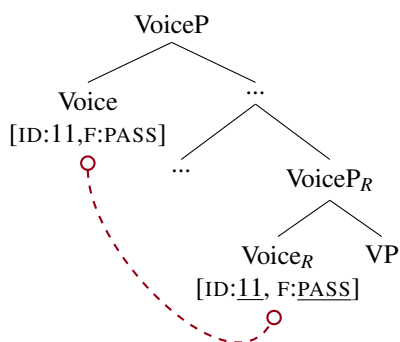
- Note: true default forms (e.g., AV) do not seem to exist in **CC**, but in some **CC** contexts in Indonesian, certain matrix verbs occur without any marking (31). Paul et al. (2021) suggest that these bare forms are not default morphology but lexically restricted forms.

- (31) *Anak_i mau [kamu ø-peluk t_i].*
 child_i want [2.SG PV-hug t_i]
 'You want to hug the child.' [Indonesian CC; Berger 2019: 62, (9)]

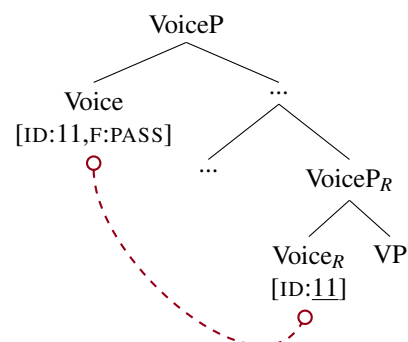
The proposal: main ingredients

- Ingredient #1: difference in feature inventory of Voice
 - Matching languages: **Voice_R** [ID: __, F: __] ↔ (32a)
 - Non-matching languages: **Voice_R** [ID: __] ↔ (32b)

(32) a. Matching



b. Non-matching



- Ingredient #2: verbal [F: __] feature on V
- Ingredient #3: properties of Agree (selection)
 - Bidirectional (Baker 2008, Carstens 2016)
 - Agree with the closest matching feature (Chomsky 1995), whether valued or not (Pesetsky and Torrego 2007).
 - Agree can fail (Preminger 2009, 2014): probes are not “derivational time-bombs”.

Deriving matching and non-matching

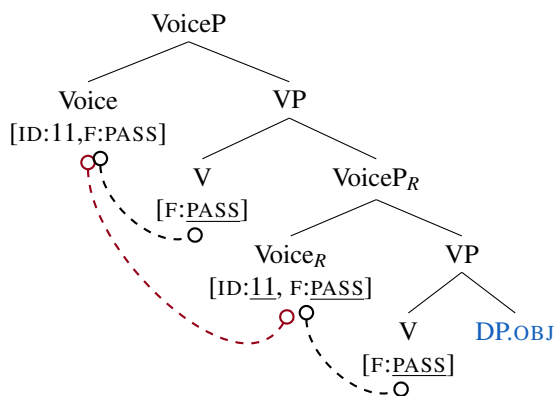
• Matching LP (33a):

- [F:_] on embedded V Agrees with (unvalued) [F:_] on Voice_R.
- Voice_R Agrees with matrix Voice, which also Agrees with the matrix V.
- Once the value for matrix Voice comes in, it is automatically shared with all heads in these Agree dependencies (Pesetsky and Torrego 2007).

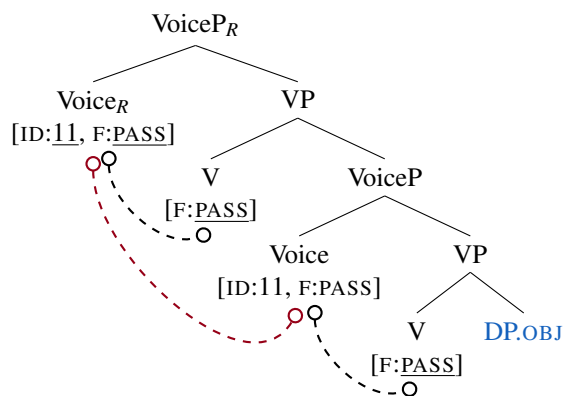
• Matching CC (33b):

- [F:_] on matrix V Agrees with (unvalued) [F:_] on Voice_R, and the value gets copied from downstairs Voice after Voice_R has Agreed with it.

(33) a. Matching LP (down-VR):



b. Matching CC (up-VR):



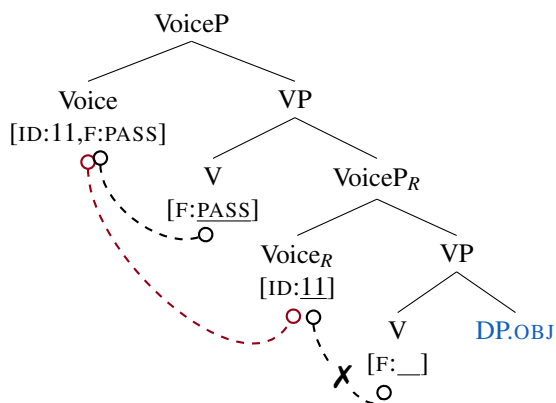
• Non-matching LP (34a):

- [F:_] on embedded V fails to find a goal in its search domain and is spelled out as default.

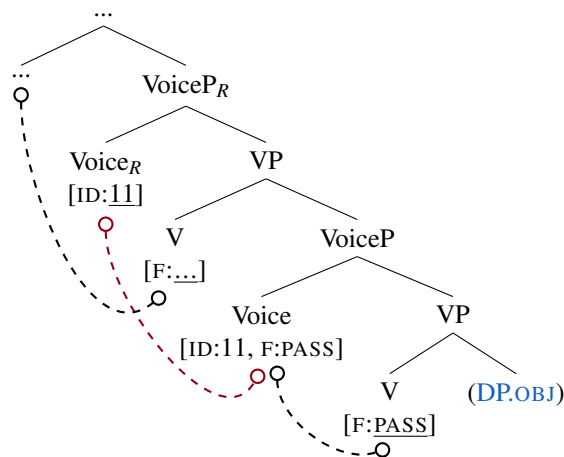
• Non-matching BC/CC (34b):

- There is no [F] feature on matrix Voice, but [F:_] on matrix V Agrees with the next closest [F] it finds and is spelled out with corresponding TMA morphology (see below on locality).

(34) a. Non-matching LP (down-VR):



b. Non-matching CC/BC (up-VR):



• The Agree search domain—insights about locality:

- Probes on Voice can look up/down until the next Voice head (cf. Keine 2020's horizons).

- Probes on V are more restricted: they are bound to their own extended projection (which can extend beyond VoiceP, but not beyond a new lexical V).
 - * In matching **LP/CC**, V finds an [F] feature within its extended projection (on Voice_R) \rightsquigarrow matching.
 - * In non-matching **LP**, embedded V finds no [F] feature within its extended projection (VoiceP_R) \rightsquigarrow default.
 - * In non-matching **CC/BC**, matrix V finds an [F] feature within its extended projection \rightsquigarrow TMA morphology.
- There can be no morphological default in **CC/BC** (up-**VR**) because matrix clauses are never truncated.
- Austronesian bare forms: matching in the syntax (33b), but certain verbs cannot spell out Voice (or other) morphology (Paul et al. 2021).
 - Support: true default forms (e.g., AV) do not seem to exist in **CC** and matching is possible with some verbs in the same languages (Paul et al. 2021).
 - This follows from our system: default arises when there is no [F:___] on Voice and none within the extended projection of the verb.
 - This is only possible in truncated restructuring complements—matrix clauses always have (at least some) expanded projections above VoiceP.

Morphosyntax of Voice restructuring: summary

Syntax:	Voice _R : [ID:___]	Voice _R : [ID:___, F:___]
LP	Morphology: default	Morphology: matching
Passive	German (27a), Japanese, Kannada, Spanish, Croatian, European Portuguese, Italian, ...	Japanese (27b), Norwegian?
PV	Takibakha Bunun (28a), Matu’uwal Atayal, Acehnese	Isbukun Bunun (28b), Saisiyat, Tsou
CC/BC	Morphology: matrix TMA	Morphology: matching
CC passive	Swedish (30b)	Chamorro (29a), Indonesian
CC PV	?	Indonesian (31), Madurese (29b), Sundanese
BC	Ndebele (38), Greek, Tsez...	

4 Conclusions & Extensions

Main contributions

- Argument sharing via Voice restructuring and ID-sharing \rightsquigarrow control-like interpretations do not require PRO.
- Inventory of Voice features—towards a typology of Voice (see below for *let*-passive):

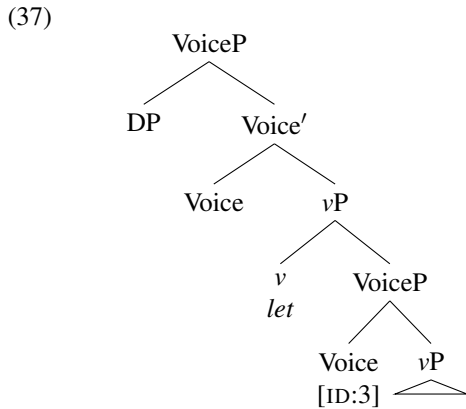
	Active, passive	PV, PASS, (AV)	Voice _R default	Voice _R matching	<i>let</i> -passive	?
ID	7	7	—	—	7	—
F	—	PASS/PV	∅	—	∅	PASS/PV

- Bidirectional Agree for Voice sharing and verbal morphology
- Domain for verbal morphology: extended projection of V

Extensions

- Extension to forward control, at least with certain highly reduced restructuring complements
- Extension to causative (*let*) passive
 - The embedded infinitive is syntactically passive (Pitteroff 2014, Den Dikken 2020).
 - **LOP** possible for some speakers of Dutch (Coopmans 1985).
 - No argument sharing (causatives are not control verbs): two *by*-phrases in *let*-**LOP**.

- (35) *Er ließ die Fensterscheibe putzen.*
 he let the window.glass clean
 ‘He let/made someone clean the window.’ [German *let*-passive; Pitteroff 2014: 223, (4a)]
- (36) *De ramen zijn door mijn ouders door een nieuw bedrijf laten schoonmaken.*
 the windows are by my parents by a new company let clean
 ‘My parents had a new company clean the windows.’ [Dutch *let*-LOP; G. Schoenmakers, p.c.]

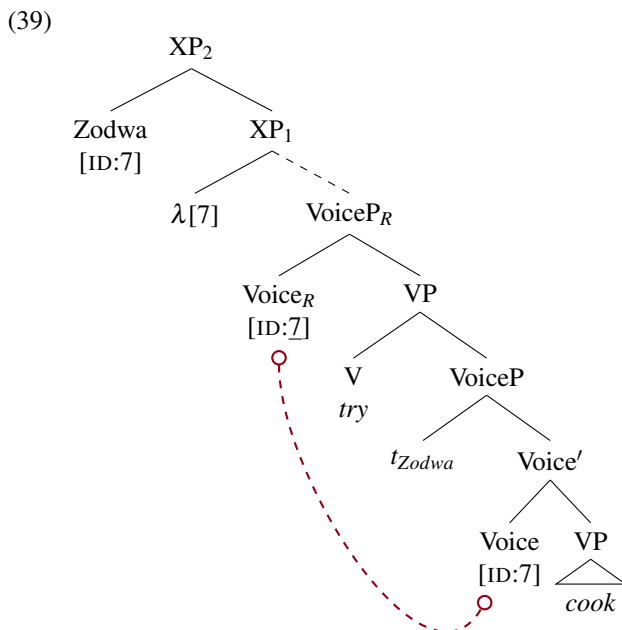


5 Appendices

5.1 Backward control with quantificational controllers

- Controllers of type $\langle\langle e, t \rangle, t \rangle$: quantificational DPs/generalized quantifiers (see, e.g., Pietraszko 2021: (15)), also applicable to proper names if treated as GQs.

- (38) *Ku-zam-e [uku-pheka uZodwa].*
 15-try-PST [INF-cook 1Zodwa]
 ‘Zodwa tried to cook.’ [Ndebele BC; Pietraszko 2021: (2)]



- (40) Node-by-node (bottom up)
 $\llbracket \text{Voice}'_{emb} \rrbracket^{g,c} = \lambda x : g(7) = x. \lambda e. [\text{cook}(e) \wedge \text{Ag}(x)(e)]$

Functional Application

$\llbracket \text{VoiceP}_{emb} \rrbracket^{g,c} = \lambda e. [\text{cook}(e) \wedge \text{Ag}(t_7)(e)]$	Functional Application
$\llbracket \text{VP}_{matrix} \rrbracket^{g,c} = \lambda e'. [\text{try}(\lambda e. [\text{cook}(e) \wedge \text{Ag}(t_7)(e)])(e')]$	Functional Application
$\llbracket \text{VoiceP}_{matrix} \rrbracket^{g,c} = \lambda e'. [\text{try}(\lambda e. [\text{cook}(e) \wedge \text{Ag}(t_7)(e)])(e') \wedge \text{Ag}(y_7)(e')]$	Functional Application
$\llbracket \text{XP}_1 \rrbracket^{g,c} = \lambda x. \exists e'. [\text{try}(\lambda e. [\text{cook}(e) \wedge \text{Ag}(x)(e)])(e') \wedge \text{Ag}(x)(e')]$	Lambda Abstraction
$\llbracket \text{XP}_2 \rrbracket^{g,c} = \exists e'. [\text{try}(\lambda e. [\text{cook}(e) \wedge \text{Ag}(\text{Zodwa})(e)])(e') \wedge \text{Ag}(\text{Zodwa})(e')]$	Functional Application

- We assume closure over event variable applies below the landing site of QR.
- No crossover effects: possibly because the QP does not cross overt coindexed elements (cf. Safir 1984).

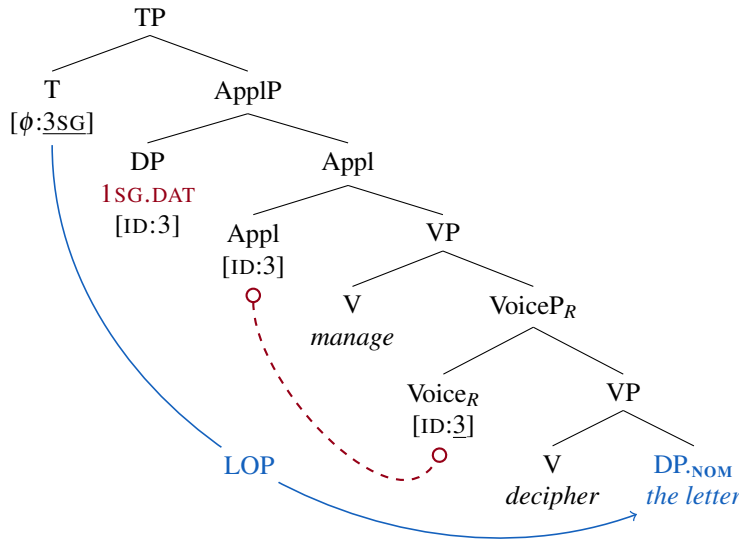
5.2 Voice restructuring with unaccusatives

- German *gelingen* ‘manage’: the matrix dative argument is interpreted as the embedded agent.
- Proposal: embedded Voice_R gets its value from matrix Appl, which bears the same ID as the dative argument.

(41) *weil mir der Brief; auf Anhieb t_i zu entziffern gelungen ist*
 since I.DAT the.NOM letter straightaway to decipher managed is
 ‘since I managed straightaway to decipher the letter’

[Wurmbrand 2001: (13a)]

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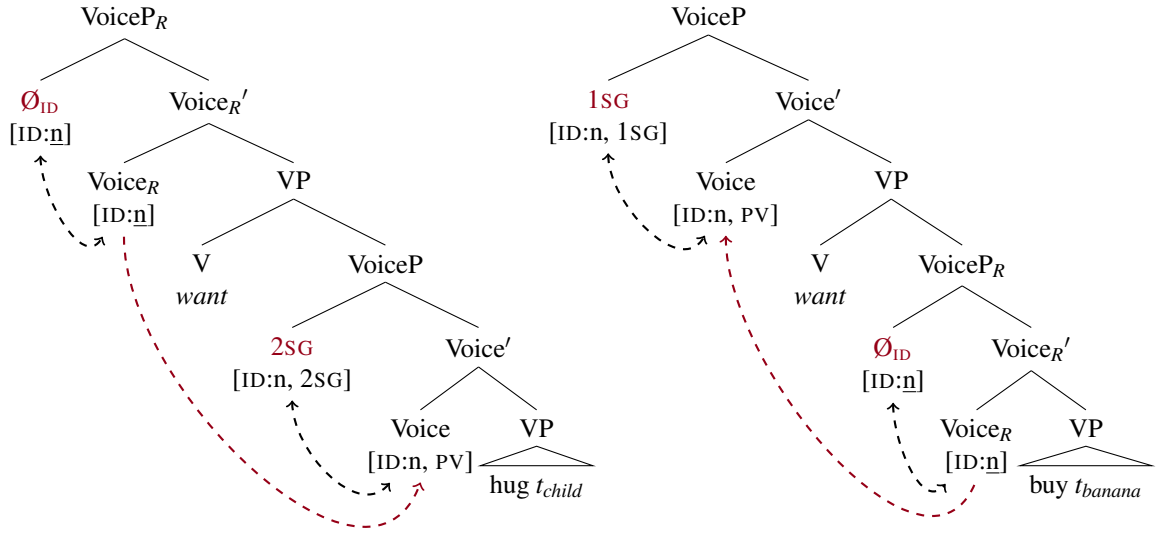
5.3 Semantic binding: an alternative

- Alternative with minimal pronoun in specifier + semantic binding
 - All Voice heads (including Passive Voice and Voice_R) project a specifier.
 - The specifier of $\text{Voice}_{PASS/R}$ is filled by minimal pronoun in the sense of Kratzer (2009) comprising only an ID feature.
 - Spec-head agreement ensures that ID (and phi-features) are shared between Voice and its specifier, while Agree under \mathbf{VR} ensures that these features are shared across Voice heads.
 - Building on Kratzer (2009), ID on Voice with value n is parsed as a λ -operator whenever another occurrence of n occurs in its scope.
 - * $[\text{Voice}:n [\text{VP}]]$ is parsed as $[\text{Voice} [[\lambda n] [\text{VP}]]]$
 - * In both up- and down-VR, after feature valuation, the λ -operator is inserted at matrix Voice and binds the embedded subject, resulting in semantic argument sharing.

(43) a. $\text{DP}_{n,\phi}$ Voice: n , PASS/PV, ϕ $\lambda [n]$ $[\text{emb } \emptyset_n$ Voice $_R$: n , PASS/PV, ϕ] down-VR
 b. $\emptyset_{n,\phi}$ Voice $_R$: n , PASS/PV, ϕ $\lambda [n]$ $[\text{emb } (\text{DP})_n$ Voice: n , PASS/PV, ϕ] up-VR

(44) *Anak_i mau [kamu ϕ -peluk t_i].*
 child_i want [2.SG [PV]-hug t_i]
 ‘You want to hug the child.’
 [Indonesian CC; Berger 2019: 62, (9)]

(45) *Iliskin-un-ku bunbun-a tu baliv-un.*
 want-[PV]-1.SG.ACC banana-that.NOM TU buy-[PV]
 ‘I wanted to buy the bananas.’
 [Isbukun Bunun LP; Wu 2013: 40, (10b)]



- (46) $[[\text{VoiceP}_{emb}]^{s,c} = \lambda e. [\text{V}(t_{\text{OBJ}})(e) \wedge \text{Ag}([n])(e)]$
 $[[iliskin/mau]^{s,c} = \lambda P_V. \lambda e. [\text{want}(P)(e)]$
 $[[\text{VP}_{matrix}]^{s,c} = \lambda e'. [\text{want}(\lambda e. [\text{V}(t_{\text{OBJ}})(e) \wedge \text{Ag}([n])(e)])(e')](e')$
 $[[\lambda [n][\text{VP}_{matrix}]]^{s,c} = \lambda x. \lambda e'. [\text{want}(\lambda e. [\text{V}(t_{\text{OBJ}})(e) \wedge \text{Ag}(x)(e)])(e') \wedge \text{Ag}(x)(e')]$
 $[[\text{Voice } \lambda [n] [\text{VP}_{matrix}]]^{s,c} = \lambda x. \lambda e'. [\text{want}(\lambda e. [\text{V}(t_{\text{OBJ}})(e) \wedge \text{Ag}(x)(e)])(e') \wedge \text{Ag}(x)(e')]$
 $[[\text{VoiceP}_{matrix}]^{s,c} = \lambda e'. [\text{want}(\lambda e. [\text{V}(t_{\text{OBJ}})(e) \wedge \text{Ag}([1\text{SG}/2\text{SG}])(e)])(e') \wedge \text{Ag}([1\text{SG}/2\text{SG}])(e')]$

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