## Contingent either way: Differences in composite A'/A probing

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#### Composite A'/A probes

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#### The A'/A distinction

#### • A'-movement

(1) a. Who did he think t would win?

Wh-movement [Baltin 2001: 226]

b. These people, I have never seen t before.

Topicalization [van Urk 2015: 16]

c. This is the girl who the painter portrayed t.

Relativization [Siemund 2013: 261]

#### • A-movement

(2) a. John seems t to be polite. Raising [Baltin 2001: 226]
b. John was murdered t. Passivization [Baltin 2001: 226]

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#### The A'/A distinction

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A-movement	A'-movement
Head movement	Wh-movement/Focalization
Passivization	Topicalization
Raising	Relativization
local	long-distance
associated with $\phi$ -Agreement/ Case	not associated with $\phi$ -Agreement/ Case
restricted to nominals	not restricted
no reconstruction for principle C	reconstruction for principle C
no WCO effects	WCO effects
no parasitic gap licensing	parasitic gap licensing
no interpretational restriction	discourse-dependent interpretation

Table: A'- vs. A-properties [van Urk 2015: 23]

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#### Structural vs. featural perception

- Structural perception (traditional)
  - A'-movement targets a non-argument position:
  - A-movement targets an argument-position:

[Chomsky 1973, et seq] SpecCP, SpecvP (?) Infl/TP-domain

• Featural perception (recent)

[Obata and Epstein 2011, van Urk 2015, Miyagawa 2010, 2017]

- Feature classes are responsible for the A'/A-distinction
- A-features:  $[\phi], [\theta], [D], [n], ([Case])$
- A'-features: [wh], [foc], [top], [rel], [ $\delta$ ]
- A-features trigger movement with A-properties
- A'-features trigger movement with A'-properties
- Prerequisite: Movement involves a feature dependency (valuation, sharing, agreement,...)

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#### Composite probes

- Observation:
  - A'/A distinction is not as clear-cut as it seems
  - Mixed behavior observable cross-linguistically
    - e.g. long-distance A-movement, focalization restricted to nominals, wh-movement without WCO-effects,...
- Solution: Composite A'/A probes
  - [A'] combines with [A] and forms composite probes

 $\left[a.o.$  Miyagawa 2010, van Ur<br/>k 2015\right]

- Composite probes trigger movement with A'- and A-properties
  - Austronesian [Aldridge 2004, 2008, 2017 Legate 2014, Drummond 2023]
  - Bantu [Scott 2021b]
  - Nilotic
  - Mayan [Douglas 2018, Erlewine 2018, Branan and Erlewine 2020, Coon et al. 2021]
  - Hyperraising languages [Wurmbrand 2019, Lohninger et al. (2022)]
  - ...

[van Urk 2015]

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Example: A'-movement restricted by A-properties

- Wh-movement restricted to nominals, without WCO effects
- (3) Yè dhùŋ-o<sub>i</sub> [ cíi thɔk-dé<sub>i</sub> t kâac ]? be boys.CS-which [ PERF.OV goat.CS-SG.3SG t bite.NF ] 'Which boy<sub>i</sub> did his<sub>i</sub> goat bite?' Dinka Bor local wh-movement [van Urk 2015: 110]
- (4) Yè nà [yíi tièen-dè luêeel [è nhiɛɛr Bôl t]? be who [HAB.OV wife-SG.3SG say.NF [ C love.OV Bol.GEN t] 'Who<sub>i</sub> does his<sub>i</sub> wife say Bol loves?'

Dinka Bor long-distance wh-movement [van Urk 2015: 110]

(5) \*Who<sub>i</sub> is it that her<sub>i</sub> mother t likes?

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A'/A Properties of restricted A'-movement in Dinka

A-properties	A'-properties
local	long-distance
restricted to nominals	not restricted
no reconstruction for principle C	reconstruction for principle C
no WCO effects	WCO effects
no parasitic gap licensing	parasitic gap licensing
no interpretational restriction	discourse-dependent interpretation

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#### Different types of composite probes

- Not all composite probes show the same probing mechanism
- They differ in how dependent their features are from each other
  - ... or, as we will see later, in what direction their features are contingent on each other
- For composite ∲-probes: a.o. Bobaljik and Thráinsson (1998), Béjar and Rezac (2003), Coon and Bale (2014), Preminger (2014), Deal (2015), Coon and Keine (2020), ...
- For composite A'/A-probes: Scott (2021b), Lohninger (2022) & this talk!

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Two types of composite A'/A probes

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  - Dependent Probe [A'/A]: The composite probe only agrees with a goal with both fitting features; partly fitting goals **cannot be skipped**

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Empirical evidence for the two-way split

- Languages that have been analysed as involving composite probes show different behaviour wrt...
  - A-Minimality of the goal (Symmetry vs. Asymmetry)
  - i.e. how intervening partly fitting goals are treated

	Conjunctive	Dependent
A- $Minimality$	×	$\checkmark$
Partly fitting goal	skipped	crash

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# Conjunctive Probe [A'+A]: Descriptive

	Conjunctive	Dependent
A-Minimality	×	$\checkmark$
Partly fitting goal	skipped	crash





Conjunctive probe targets a goal iff it carries both matching features.

No A-Minimality: partly fitting goals are skipped.

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Conjunctive Probe [A'+A]: Empirical

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A- $Minimality$	×	$\checkmark$
Partly fitting goal	skipped	crash

• Dinka focalization, topicalization, relativization, wh-movement

[van Urk 2015]

• Khanty topicalization/ passivization

[Colley and Privoznov 2020]

• Kipsigis movement to postverbal focus

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[Bossi and Diercks 2019, Scott 2021b]
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- Ndengeleko focalization
- Nukuoro wh-movement (?)

[Scott 2021b]

[Drummond 2023]

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# Conjunctive Probe [A'+A]: Empirical

- Dinka topicalization (also focalization, relativization, wh-movement) with A-properties
- $[TOP+\phi]$  on C
- ×A-Minimality: partly fitting goals are skipped
- (6) Cuîin à-yàa tàak [ kè cɛɛm Áyèn t]. food 3S-HAB.1SG think.NF [ C eat.OV Áyen.GEN t] 'The food, I think Ayen is eating.' [van Urk 2015: 95]
- A'/A: Topicalization does not induce WCO-effects
  - (7) Mòc ében àyíi tiéeŋ-dè luêeel [ è t thet ]. man every 3S-HAB-OV woman-SG.3SG say.NF [ C t cook.SV ] 'Every man<sub>i</sub>, his<sub>i</sub> wife says is cooking.' [van Urk 2015: 110]

[van Urk 2015]

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- ×A-Minimality: partly fitting goals are skipped
- (8)Ni-m-pa-y-a Nádya ki-lyó t. 1sg.sm-give-APPL-FV Nadya 7-food t 'I give NADYA food.'

[Scott 2021b: 19]

• Partly fitting goals can be nominalized to fit the probe

(9)N-and-á \*(u)-telek-a pilau. 1SG.SM-AUX-FV \*(15)-cook-FV rice 'I am COOKING rice.'

Habiba a-telek \*(lí)-íno (10)mbáa. Habiba 1.SM-cook \*(5)-today rice 'Habiba is cooking rice TODAY.'

[Scott 2021b: 10]

[Scott 2021b: 19]

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[Scott 2021b]

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#### Conjunctive Probe [A'+A]: Empirical

- Kipsigis focus/topic movement to post-verbal position restricted to nominals
- [FOC+D] on T/Infl
- $\times$  A-Minimality: partly fitting goals are skipped
- (11) Kii-ø-goo-chi ngo *t* Kibet kitabut? PST-3SG-giveAPPL who *t* Kibet book 'Who gave Kibet a book?'
- (12) Koo-ø-goo-chi nee Chepkoech t Kibet? PST-3SG-giveAPPL what Chepkoech t Kibet? 'What did Chepkoech give Kibet?'
- (13) Kii-ø-goo-chi ngo Chepkoech kitabut t? PST-3SG-giveAPPL who Chepkoech book t'Who did Chepkoech give a book?'
- (14) \*Koo- $\phi$ -min komie bandeek lagok t. PST-3PL-plant well maize children tInt.: 'The children planted the maize WELL.'

[Bossi and Diercks 2019, Scott 2021b]

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[Bossi and Diercks 2019: 9]

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# Dependent Probe [A'/A]: Descriptive

	Conjunctive	Dependent
A-Minimality	×	$\checkmark$
Partly fitting goal	skipped	crash



CP (A'/A) (A'/A) (A'/A) (A) (A) (A') (A')

Dependent probe searches for a goal with both matching features.

A-Minimality: partly fitting goal blocks further probing. Only successful derivation: highest DP carries [A'] and [A].

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Dependent Probe [A'/A]: Empirical

	Conjunctive	Dependent
A-Minimality	×	$\checkmark$
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• Acehnese wh-movement

• Turkish Relativization

[Legate 2014]

• Māori focalization, topicalization, relativization, wh-movement

[Douglas 2018] [Scott 2021b]

- Mayan focalization, relativization, wh-movement
- Toba Batak focalization, wh-movement

[Erlewine 2018, Branan and Erlewine 2020] [Branan and Erlewine 2020]

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Dependent Probe [A'/A]: Empirical

- Toba Batak wh-movement of nominals (also topicalization)
- [FOC/D] on C [Erlewine 2018]
- $\bullet\,\,\checkmark\,$  A-Minimality: intervening partly fitting goals lead to a crash
- (15) Ise [man-uhor t buku]? who [ACT-buy t book] 'Who bought a book?'

[Erlewine 2018: 664]

(16) \* Aha [man-uhor si Poltak t]? what [ACT-buy PN Poltak t] 'What did Poltak buy?' [Erlewine 2018: 663]

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#### Dependent Probe [A'/A]: Empirical

- Māori relativization restricted to highest nominal (also topicalization, wh-movement, focalization)
- [REL/D] on C [Douglas 2018]
- $\bullet\,\,\checkmark\,$  A-Minimality: intervening partly fitting goals lead to a crash
- (17) ... kua tata ki te taha o te toka rangitotoi [ e t $\bar{u}$  ana t i ... TAM near to the side of the rock scoria [ TAM stand TAM t at te ara ]. the path ]

'... [she] neared the side of the scoria rock which was standing in the path' [Bauer (1997): 566]

(18) \*Ka mōhio ahau ki te tangatai [ i kōhuru a <u>Hone</u> t ]. TAM know I to the man [ TAM murder PERS <u>John</u> t ] Int.: 'I knew the man that John murdered.' [Bauer (1997): 569]

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# Dependent Probe [A'/A]: Empirical

- Acehnese wh-movement of nominals
- [WH/D] on C [Legate 2014]
- $\checkmark$  A-Minimality: intervening partly fitting goals lead to a crash
- Object extraction only out of passivized clauses
- (19) Soe yang t pajôh ungkot? who C t eat fish 'Who ate the fish?'

[Legate (2014): 84]

(20) Peue yang t geu-pajôh <u>lé</u> <u>Ibrahim</u>? t 3POL-eat by Ibrahim what C 'What does Ibrahim eat?' (Lit.: 'What is eaten by Ibrahim?') [Legate (2014): 84]

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Composite A'/A probes on vP

#### • vP can carry [A'/A]

 $[a.o.\ {\rm Van\ Urk\ and\ Richards\ 2015,\ van\ Urk\ 2015,\ Zeller\ 2015,\ Longenbaugh\ 2017,\ Mursell\ 2018,\ Bárány\ 2023]}$ 

- Typological examination in Bárány (2023)
  - A-Minimality differences in object agreement
  - symmetric vs. asymmetric agreement patterns
  - $[\delta/\Phi]$  on v
- van Urk (2015) proposes that both C and v carry a (conjunctive) composite probe in Dinka

	Conjunctive	Dependent
A- $Minimality$	×	$\checkmark$
Partly fitting goal	skipped	crash
Languages	Dinka, Itelmen, Zulu	Swahili

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Composite A'/A probes on vP: Conjunctive

- Zulu differential object agreement triggered by information structure [Buell 2005, Adams 2010, Halpert 2012, Zeller 2012, 2014, 2015]
- $[\delta + \phi]$  on v

- [Bárány 2023]
- No A-Minimality: OM possible recipients and themes
- (22) Ngi-<u>lu</u>-theng-el-a u-Sipho (<u>u-bisi</u>).
  1SG-<u>110M</u>-buy-APPL-FV AUG-1A.Sipho (<u>AUG-11.milk</u>)
  'I'm buying it (the milk) for Sipho.' [Zeller 2015: 15, cit. from Bárány 2023]

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Composite A'/A probes on vP: Dependent

- Swahili differential object agreement triggered by information structure [Seidl and Dimitriadis 1997, Mursell 2018]
- $[\delta/\Phi]$  on v
- ✓ A-Minimality: OM only possible with the highest object (recipients in ApplP, not <u>themes</u> in VP)
  - (23) Ni-me-m-pa Juma <u>vitabu</u> vyote <u>vitatu</u> pale. 1SG.SM-PFV-1OM-give 1.Juma <u>8.book</u> <u>8.all</u> <u>8.three</u> 16.there 'I have given Juma all three books there.'
  - (24) \*Ni-me-<u>vi</u>-pa Juma <u>vitabu</u> vyote <u>vitatu</u> pale. 1SG.SM-PFV-<u>80M</u>-give 1.Juma <u>8.book</u> <u>8.all</u> <u>8.three</u> 16.there Int.: : 'I have given Juma all three books there.' [Riedel 2009: 62-63, cit. from Bárány 2023]

Bárány 2023

Data summary

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	Conjunctive	Dependent
A-Minimality	X	$\checkmark$
Partly fitting goal	skipped	crash
[A'/A] on C	Dinka, Khanty, Kipsigis, Ndengeleko, Nukuoro (?)	Acehnese, Māori, Mayan, Toba Batak, Turkish, Aus- tronesian (?)
[A'/A] on $v$	Dinka, Itelmen, Zulu	Swahili

Contingent Probes  $A' \rightarrow A$  $A \rightarrow A'$ 

#### Contingent Probes

- Branan (2022)
- Composite probes are contingent on each other
- They restrict each others search domain
  - The two parts of the composite probe probe one after another
  - The goal of the first probe defines the domain of probing for the second probe
- Agree consist of a series of more primitive operations
- They are ordered; their outputs feed one another

$Probe(F, START:) \rightarrow$	search the tree for F, and then do something else if F is found; START determines where the search starts
Copy(F,FP)	copy a feature or phrase to where search started
End()	stop probing

Contingent Probes  $A' \rightarrow A$  $A \rightarrow A'$ 

#### Contingent Probes: Conjunctive

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|}\hline 1 \ \mathrm{Probe}(\mathrm{A'}, \mathrm{START:X}) \rightarrow & \hline 2 \ \mathrm{Probe}(\mathrm{A}, \mathrm{START:goal}) \rightarrow & \hline 3 \ \mathrm{Copy}(\mathrm{goal}) \\ & \mathrm{End}() \end{array}$$



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Contingent A'/A Probes: Dependent





[Branan 2022: 11,12]

Contingent Probes  $A' \rightarrow A$  $A \rightarrow A'$ 

#### Predictions and Problems of Contingent Probes

• In principle, two different goals can be found (possessor extraction)

- This is true for some languages
- e.g. Tagalog possessor extraction only from pivot; [A] unlocks DP, [A'] can find another DP within it [Nakamura 1996, Branan 2018]
- e.g. Turkish relativization only possible with highest DP or possessor of this DP [Branan and Erlewine 2020]
- Might overgeneralize for other languages
- Neither [A'] nor [A] in a contingent probe can fail (contra Preminger 2009, 2014)
- Other accounts: Interaction & Satisfaction, Feature Gluttony (arguments for/against see appendix)

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#### Summary & Conclusion

- Systematic typological investigation of composite A'/A probes
- Fine-grained differences between what has been analyzed as *composite probing*
- Differing empirical properties
  - Conjunctive, dependent
  - Differences in A-Minimality, treatment of partly fitting goals

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Partly fitting goal	skipped	crash
[A'/A] on C (or T)	Dinka, Khanty, Kipsigis, Ndengeleko, Nukuoro (?)	Acehnese, Māori, Mayan, Toba Batak, Turkish, Aus- tronesian (?)
[A'/A] on $v$	Dinka, Itelmen, Zulu	Swahili

• Analysis in terms of *Contingent Probes* [Branan 2022]

Contingent Probes  $A' \rightarrow A$  $A \rightarrow A'$ 

#### What I'm currently doing

- Making a huge and very confusing excel table with properties of what has been claimed to be A'/A-movement
- Figuring out whether all languages that have been analysed as composite A'/A probing exhibit the same mix of A'- and A-properties
- $\rightarrow$  E.g. is "restriction to nominals" enough to make something classify as A-movement?
  - Seeing whether Hyperraising (= A-movement out of a CP) can be included in this typology
  - Thinking about whether A'- versus A-movement is more of a scale than a two-/three-way split
  - Thinking about tough-movement (see also Longenbaugh 2017 on A'/A on v)

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Bigger Questions (that I have no answers for)

- Where do composite probes come frome? (Percolation, Inheritance, Head fusion...?)
- Why do we still all it A'/A movement if it does not correspond to movement to an argument position any more?
- Is the distribution of composite probes parametrized?
- $\bullet\,$  Do languages stick to one type of composite probe? Is there a  ${\rm CP}/v{\rm P}$  relation?

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# Thank you!

#### And thanks for organizing this!

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#### Interaction & Satisfaction

• Probes come with Interaction and Satisfaction conditions [Deal 2015]

- Interaction [INT]: goal can value the probe
- Satisfaction [SAT]: probing is halted
- Probing stops when [SAT] is found or nothing is left
- Composite probes: different Interaction and Satisfaction conditions [Scott 2021b,a, Bárány 2023]

	SAT: A, SAT: A'	sat: A and A'	sat: A or A'
INT: A,A':	independent	conjunctive	dependent?

A'/A on C/T; difference in Satisfaction [Scott 2021a]

	SAT: A	SAT: A'
INT: A	$\Phi$ -agreement	×
INT: A,A'	dependent?	conjunctive

A'/A on v; difference in Interaction [Bárány 2023]

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#### Why not different Satisfaction conditions?

- Different Satisfaction conditions derive independent and conjunctive probing well
- They do not *per se* derive dependent probes (SAT: A' or A)
- Additional assumptions needed:
  - If highest goal carries just [A], then it satisfies the probe (disjoint satisfaction; A' or A)
  - But this is not what we observe; [A'] needs to be involved in dependent probing!
  - Stipulated: obligatory EPP on SpecCP
  - [SAT: A or A'] probe only moves elements with [A'] [Scott 2021a: 13]
  - $\rightarrow\,$  we need an additional constraint that all of the interaction conditions need to be met
    - [A'] is not be able to move  $DP_{[A]}$
    - $\bullet~{\rm EPP}$  not satisfied  $\rightarrow~{\rm crash}$

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Why not different Interaction conditions?

- INT conditions need to be obligatory
- Note: in the original framework, they are not
- Goal needs to fulfill both INT conditions for a successful outcome
- How does this ever derive independent probing?
- Via possible failure of one of the INT conditions?
- How can they first be obligatory and then fail?  $\rightarrow$  Last resort option?

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#### Dynamic Interaction

- The interaction condition can change in the course of agreement
- Once the probe has agreed with a goal with a certain feature (e.g. [PART]), it can further only agree with an argument that also carries this feature
- i.e. interaction with one goal copies the features of the goal into the interaction specification of the probe (to something more specific)
- The interaction condition of the first round of probing is different than the interaction condition of the second round
- Example (for PCC)
  - Probe round 1: [INT:  $\phi$ , SAT: -]
  - agrees with DO with [PART]; [PART] is copied into the interaction condition
  - Probe round 2: [INT: PART, SAT: -]
  - Gives us configurations like: when IO is 3rd person, it can only be agreed with if the higher DO lacks [PART]

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#### Problems for Dynamic Interaction

General problems for an A'/A adaption:

- Problem 1 Hierarchy
  - We would need a containment hierarchy between A' and A for this to work
  - One of the two would need to be the subset of the other one for the INT to become more specific
  - This sounds very stipulative
- Problem 2 False Predictions
  - Do we ever see any trace of interaction if the agreed-with goal is not the highest one (e.g. in conjunctive probing)?
  - What about intervening pure A'-elements?

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#### Problems for Dynamic Interaction

• Idea: F combines A' and A symmetrically (see also Coon et al. 2021) A' A

- Conjunctive:
  - (1) [INT:F, SAT:A']  $\rightarrow$  interacts with DP[A] on the way down, copies [A] into INT; is not satisfied
  - ② [INT:A, SAT:A'] can now find the lower  $\mathrm{DP}[\mathrm{A'}/\mathrm{A}]$
  - Problem: How do we exclude that a pure A'-goal in the way halts probing and fulfills the probe?
  - We don't really need dynamic probing here, we can also just use [SAT: A' and A]
- Dependent:
  - (1) [INT:F, SAT:-]  $\rightarrow$  encounters the closest DP with (only) [A], copies [A] back into INT
  - ② [INT:A, SAT:-]
  - How do we now make sure the goal also carries [A']?
  - Basic problem remains: we need an additional constraint on interaction that says that all interaction conditions need to be met

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A'/A Feature Hierarchy

- Coon and Keine (2020), Coon et al. (2021)
- [A'] and [A] are in a hierarchical relation
- Feature Gluttony

[cf. Harley and Ritter 2002]

- Segments of a feature hierarchy can probe on their own
- Probing does not stop when a partly fitting goal is found
- When a lower, better fitting goal is found, the probe has too much to agree with  $\rightarrow$  crash

A-movement of the object

$$\begin{bmatrix} CP & \stackrel{\downarrow}{\longrightarrow} C^{0} \begin{bmatrix} u & \mathcal{T} & \downarrow \\ u & \mathcal{D} & \downarrow & u \\ \lambda & \lambda & \downarrow \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\dots & [vP \text{ OBJECT}} \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{T} \\ D & \lambda \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \text{ SUBJECT} \begin{bmatrix} \mathcal{T} \\ \downarrow \\ D \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{V^{0}} [VP \text{ } V^{0} \dots ]] \end{bmatrix}$$

 $\tilde{A}$ -feature located on subject  $\longrightarrow$  gluttony



[Coon and Keine 2020]

[Coon et al. 2021: 20,21]

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Why not a Feature Hierarchy?

- Dependent probes:  $A \rightarrow A'$  hierarchy
- Conjunctive probes: no hierarchy, same strength?  $\rightarrow$  stipulative
- Dependent: crash because the probe has too much to agree with
- Comes back to a movement restriction: Only one element can be moved

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#### Conjunctive Probe [A'+A]: Empirical

- Khanty subject promotion/passivization (involves topicalization)
- $[TOP+\phi]$  on T/Infl

[Colley and Privoznov 2020]

- ×A-Minimality: partly fitting goals are skipped
- A-properties: restricted to nominals, no WCO effects
- A'-properties: no A-Minimality, effects on information structure (can only serve as an answer to "What happened to X?")
- (25) mun nawrem-em-a maw mä-s-əw. we kid-1sg-dat candy give-PST-1PL 'We gave candy to my kid.'
- (26) maw- $\lambda$ -am maša-jen-ən t nawrɛm-ɛm-a mä-s-i-jət. candy-PL-1SG Masha-2sG-LOC t kid-1sG-DAT give-PST-PASS-3PL 'My Candy was given by (your) Masha to my kid.'

[Colley and Privoznov 2020: 2]

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# Dependent Probe [A'/A]: Empirical

- Mayan wh-movement of nominals
- $[WH/\phi]$  on C
- $\bullet\,\,\checkmark\,$  A-Minimality: intervening partly fitting goals lead to a crash
- Object moves above subject (to a head right above vP) before extraction, thus is the highest DP
- $\rightarrow~$  A-Minimality is structural not functional
- Subject extraction only possible out of intransitives
- (28) Maktxel max y-il-a' t naq winaq? who ASP 3ERG-see-TV t CLF man 'Who did the man see?' [Coon et al. 2021: 192]
- (29) \*Maktxel max y-il-a' ix ix t? who ASP-3ABS 3ERG-see-TV CLF woman t Int.: 'Who saw the woman?' [Coon et al. 2021: 193]
- (30) Maktxel max way-i t? who ASP sleep-ITV t 'Who slept?'

[Coon et al. 2021]

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