

Pashto second position en(do)clisis and the syntax-prosody interface in LFG

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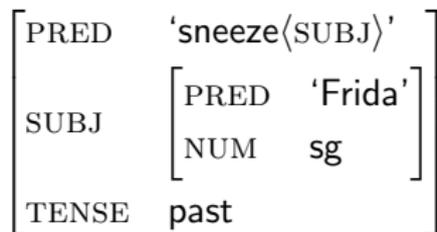
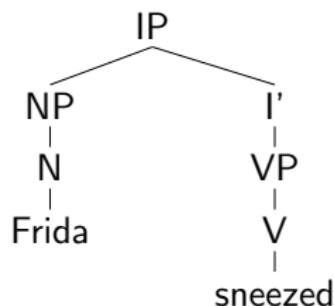
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LFG – a brief introduction

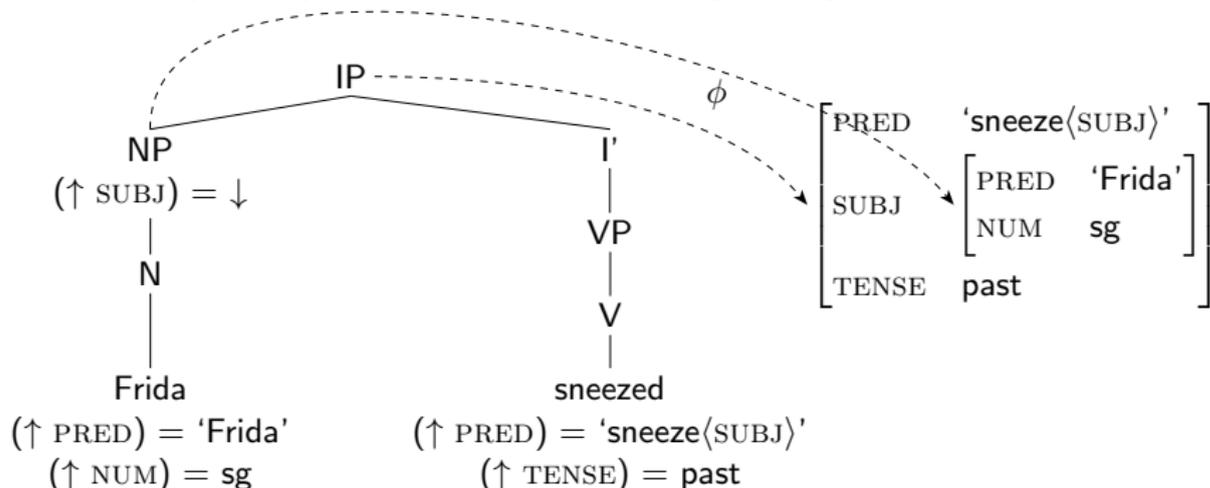
- developed in the 1970s/1980s by Joan Bresnan and Ronald M. Kaplan
- generative, non-transformational grammar theory
- original account of LFG assumed two different ways of representing syntactic structure: c(onstituent)-structure and f(unctional)-structure.

C- and f-structure: *Frida sneezed*

- syntactic tree-format
- linear and hierarchical organization of words
- AVM format: [ATTR value]
- functional representations, predicate-argument structure
- no linear order per se

Communication via correspondence functions

⇒ relate specific parts of one structure to specific parts of another structure



- * refers to the *current node*, $\hat{*}$ to the *mother node* in the c-structure tree.
- $\phi(*)$: *f-structure associated with the current node* (\downarrow).
- $\phi(\hat{*})$: *f-structure associated with the current node's mother node* (\uparrow).

Lexicon

- rich and complex structure
 - output consists of morphologically complete words
 - understood as dynamic component: words are constructed according to internal morphophonological processes (Dalrymple 2015)
- ⇒ lexical entries as they are represented here are surface representations of lexicon-internal complex processes
- ⇒ strong lexicalist hypothesis

principle of lexical integrity:

Morphologically complete words are leaves of the c-structure tree and each leaf corresponds to one and only one c-structure node.

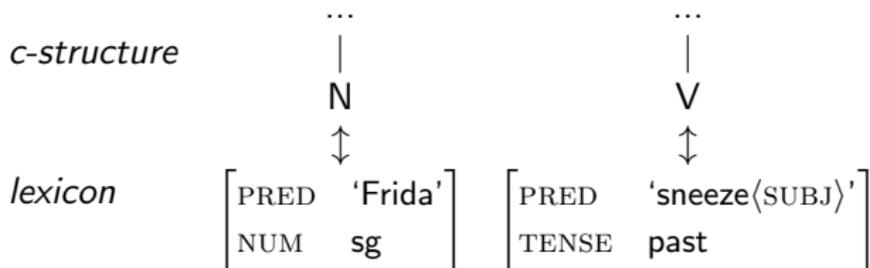
(Bresnan 2001, 92)

Insertion of lexical information into the syntactic module

The lexical entry: *sneezed* V (↑ PRED) = 'sneeze⟨SUBJ⟩'
 (↑ TENSE) = past

Frida N (↑ PRED) = 'Frida'
 (↑ NUM) = sg

Individual lexical items are associated to the respective c-structure terminal nodes



Modularity

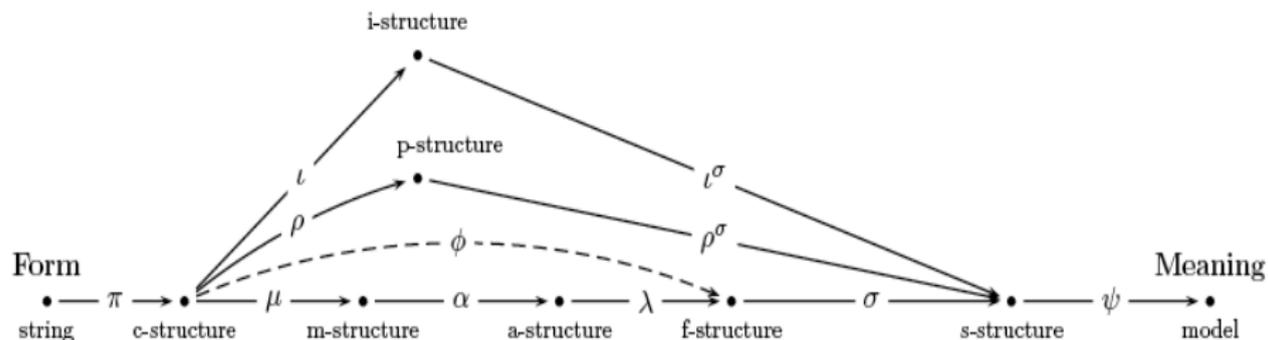
- separation of linguistic information and representation in line with general notion of modularity:

“Each aspect of linguistic structure is organized according to its own cohesive set of rules and principles” (Dalrymple 2001, 85)

- different aspects of linguistic information are not required to be of the same formal type
- representation should be determined by the properties of the linguistic information
- different representations build up “in parallel” (\neq ‘separate’)

Overall architecture

In the last decades, several linguistic components have been added:



(Asudeh 2006, 373)

- located between two vanishing points FORM and MEANING (or phrased differently: *comprehension* and *production*)

Intermediate summary

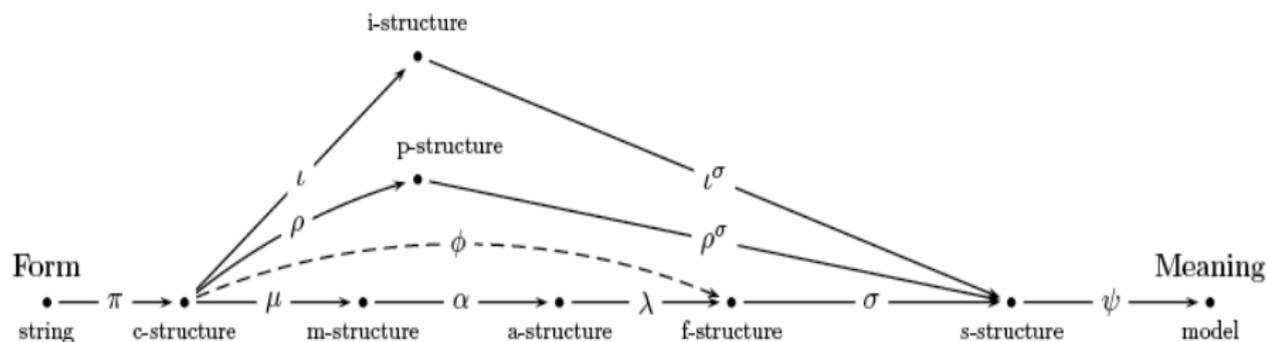
Concluding, the following statements can be made about LFG:

- 1 LFG is a modular framework; its 'structures' represent different types of linguistic information.
- 2 LFG does not assume encapsulated modularity; structures are built up in parallel (overlapping).
- 3 The different types of linguistic information are related via projection functions.
- 4 LFG supports the strong lexicalist hypothesis, the 'principle of lexical integrity', which assumes that only fully-formed words enter the syntactic tree.

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Grammar with focus on p-structure



(Asudeh 2006)

- ('Phonological') string is placed with FORM
- String instantiates information from each (lexical) item to terminal nodes of c-structure via relation π
- P-structure projected off c-structure via ρ (\Rightarrow syntax determines prosody)

Problems with this interface position

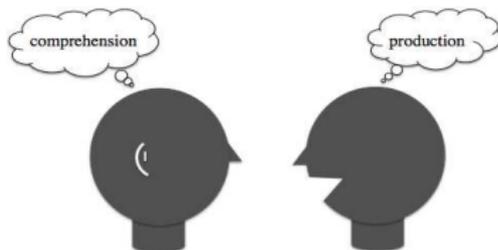
- 1 Problematic with Modularity: How does the phonological information 'keep' until p-structure is reached; how does prosodic phrasing 'keep' until the sentence is uttered?
- 2 How are differences in linear order accounted for? How can a clitic be syntactically analysed, if it is 'hidden' within another item?
- 3 Where are the postlexical phonological rules?
- 4 Where does the lexicon come in?
- 5 How are lexicon and postlexical phonological rules positioned in relation to p- and c-structure?

Underlying assumptions for a new proposal

- Language is modular: semantics, syntax, postlexical phonology ...
 - Each module subject to individual constraints and individual vocabulary
 - Question: how do they communicate and to what extent do they overlap
- Any act of language is a process between two poles:

MEANING \longleftrightarrow ... \longleftrightarrow FORM

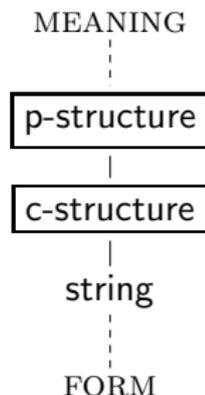
- The 'direction' is important (especially at the interface between modules)



- Always with a view to developing a possible computational application
- Allow for many different types of information to be processed

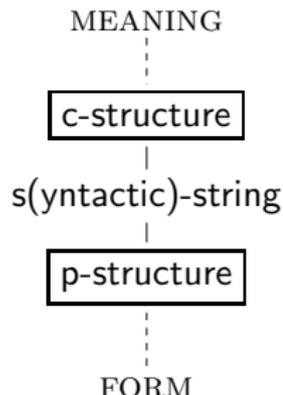
New proposal

'Old' architecture



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New Proposal



- Allows for a modular architecture: c- and p-structure can be 'interfaced' through string and lexical look-up
- Much closer to models of speech production

The integration of p-structure into LFG: requirements

Integration of phonological/prosodic information into LFG requires:

- 1 Extension of the lexicon to include lexical phonological information:
the multidimensional lexicon
 - 2 New representation of p-structure: **the p-diagram**
 - 3 Formalization of the syntax–prosody interface:
 - **transfer of structure**
 - **transfer of vocabulary**
- ⇒ The resulting interface was applied to a number of challenging phenomena: German case ambiguities (comprehension), Swabian clitics/n-insertion, Degema en(do)clisis, *Pashto second position en(do)clisis* (production)

1. Multidimensional lexicon

concept	s(yntactic)-form	p(honological)-form
SNEEZE	sneezed V (↑ PRED) = 'sneeze(SUBJ)' (↑ TENSE) = past	P-FORM [sni:zd] SEGMENTS / s n i: z d / METRICAL FRAME ('σ) _ω

- Modular: strict separation of module-related information
- each lexical dimension can only be accessed by the related module of language
- Translation function: Once a dimension is triggered, the related dimensions can be accessed as well and the information can be instantiated to the related modules
- Surface representation: fully fledged forms, but dynamic generation is assumed

2. The P-diagram

↑				
↑	ATTR.
↑	ATTR.
↑	ATTR.
	V_INDEX	S ₁	S ₂	S ₃ →

- Structured syllable-wise
- Each syllable receives a feature vector which includes several dimensions
- Associated with a number of values referring to a number of attributes
 - Compact model imitating the linear nature of the speech signal over time
 - Easily accessed (from a computational perspective)

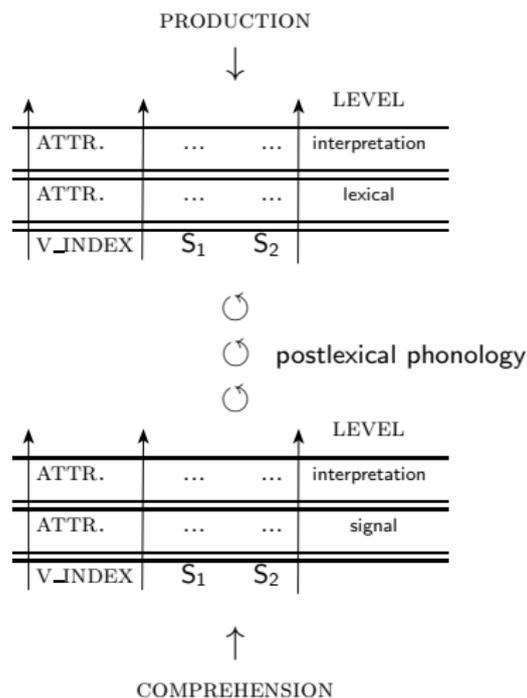
Three levels:

- 1 *lexical*: Information gathered from the lexical entry
- 2 *signal*: Information directly found in the signal
- 3 *interpretation*: Interpretation on the basis of lexical, signal, and/or interpretation information

2. The P-diagram - levels and possible attributes

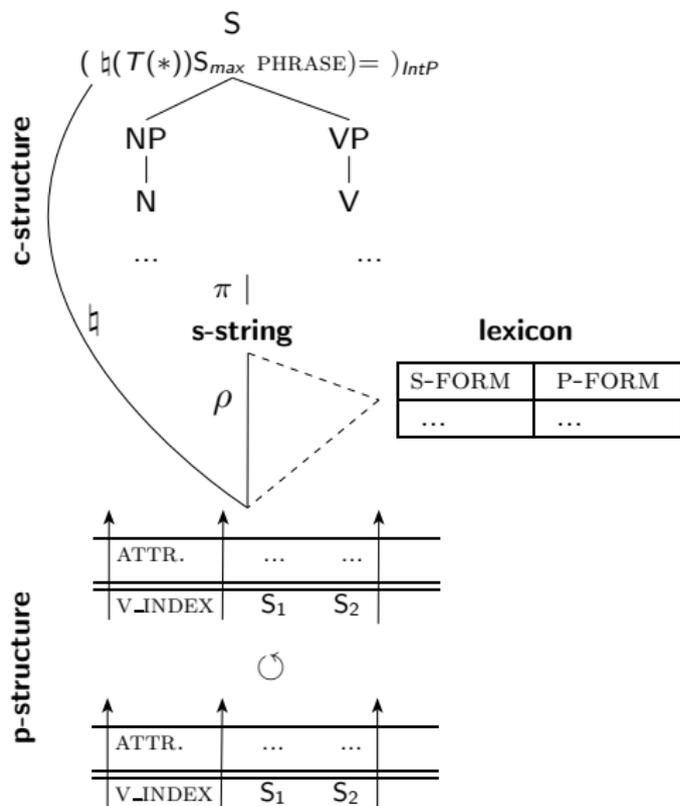
					LEVEL
↑ PHRASING	ω	ω	INTERPRETATION
SEMIT._DIFF	2	-3	-4	2	↓
TOBI	L*	...	
BREAK_IND.	1	
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F0	192	170	158	166	SIGNAL
DURATION	0.19	0.15	0.25	0.2	↓
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LEX_STRESS	prim				LEXICAL
LEX_TONE	H	!H	L	H	↓
VALUE	/ə n/	/ɪ g/	/z a m/	/p l/	
<hr/>					
V_INDEX	S ₁	S ₂	S ₃	S ₄	→

The P-diagram in P-structure



- P-structure always has an input and an output
- input and output can be homogeneous - but might also be completely different
- A set of postlexical phonological rules determine the output
- SIGNAL level is already part of the phonology–phonetics interface
- Output of p-structure in production: syntactic, lexical, and postlexical phonology
- many other influencing factors can be assumed!! (i-structure, frequency, size, ...)

3. Transfer of information at the syntax–prosody interface



- 1 **Transfer of vocabulary:** ρ
Morphosyntactic/phonological information on lexical elements is exchanged via the multi-dimensional lexicon
- 2 **Transfer of structure:** $\natural(\equiv \rho(\pi^{-1}))$
Information on syntactic and prosodic grouping is exchanged (higher constituents of the prosodic hierarchy).
- 3 Exemplary c-structure annotation:
 $\natural(T(*)S_{max} \text{ PHRASE})=)_{IntP}$
- 4 Underlying prosodic theory roughly following Selkirk (2011)'s *match* theory

Intermediate summary

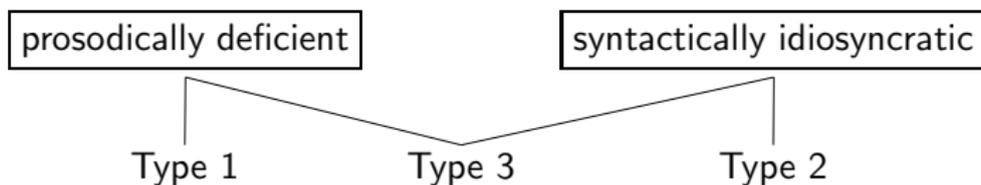
- Compact representation of p-structure via the p-diagram
- combination with postlexical phonological rules allows representation of a great variety of processes
- Transfer at the interface is two-fold:
 - 1 *transfer of vocabulary* (through the multidimensional lexicon)
 - 2 *transfer of structure*
- Applicable for models of production as well as comprehension

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Some general notions on clitics

Anderson (2005)'s three-way distinction:



In LFG (and elsewhere) clitics are:

- ordinary lexical items, form independent terminal nodes in the syntactic tree
- prosodically deficient (in most cases), have to be attached to a host

Brief differentiation of meso- and endocclisis, second position clitics, and infixation:

- *infixation*: corresponding adfixes, lexical process
- *mesocclisis*: clitic positioned between stem and adfix, postlexical process
- *endocclisis*: clitic is positioned within the stem of the host, postlexical process; a challenge for the concept of lexical integrity!
- *second position clitics (2P)*: 'second' mostly refers to position after first word or the first syntactic XP constituent, for prosodic or syntactic reasons.

Untangling 'Pashto second position en(do)clisis'

Pashto:

- Eastern Iranian language, ca. 50 Million speakers in Afghanistan/Pakistan
- Data presented here mainly from Tegey (1977) and native speaker N. Rehman

Weak Pronoun	Num.&Pers.	Modal	Translation	Adverbial	Translation
me	1. Sg	ba	will, should	xo	really
de	2. Sg	de	should, let	no	then
ye	3. Sg				
am / mo	1. Pl				
am / mo	2. Pl				
ye	3. Pl				

Expected to have functional scope over the whole sentence (daughters of S).

If more than two enclitics cooccur, they are placed in a fixed template.

- (1) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
 xo ba am am/mo me de ye no

Syntactic constraints

- (2) [angur]_{NP} = **ye** r_{AWR}rə
 grapes he brought
 'He brought grapes.'
- (3) [xušal aw patang]_{NP} = **ba** = **ye** dər ta r_{AWR}rī
 Koshal and Patang will it you to bring
 'Koshal and Patang will bring it to you.'
 *xušal = **ba** = **ye** aw patang dər ta r_{AWR}rī
- (4) [laylα na]_{PP} = **de** αxistə (*laylα = **de** na αxistə)
 Layla from you buy
 'You were buying it from Layla.'
- (5) [ağā šəl kaləna xαysta peğla aw loy təgay alək]_{NP} = **me** nən byα wəlida
 that 20- year pretty girl and big thirsty boy I today again saw
 'I saw that pretty 20-year old girl and the big thirsty boy again today.'

Syntactic constraints

- (6) [tor =**me** wəlīdə] magar [spin =**me** wə nə lidə]
 Tor I saw but Spin I PERF not saw
 'I saw Tor, but I didn't see Spin.'

It can be concluded:

- Pashto 2P enclitics are clause-bound
 - Always placed after the first syntactic constituent
 - The size of that constituent does not matter
- Already difficult to find a common prosodic host

Prosodic constraints

(7) rα ta pe gαndá =**de**
 me for by_him sew you
 'You were having him sew it for me.'

- 2P clitics cannot be reduced to syntactic constraints
- can only occur after stressed elements
- ⇒ This can also result in en(**do**)clisis

Endocclisis

- Pashto is an argument-dropping language
- sentences can consist of only a verb and a 2P clitic
- Endocclisis in the context of an aspect-determined stress alternation

(8a) **imperfective:**

ṭakwαh́ =me

shake I

'I was shaking it.'

(8b) **perfective:**

ṭák =me wαhə

shake₁ I shake₂

'I shook it.'

- The 2P enclitic does not only change its linear position, but 'moves' *into* the stem of the host ⇒ *endoclititic*
- ⇒ With respect to the verbal hosts, three classes can be distinguished:

Class I: 'Monomorphemic' verbs

- (9a) **imperfective**
- | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----|--|--|
| təxnawála | =me | | |
| tickle | I | | |
| 'I was tickling (her).' | | | |
- (9b) **perfective**
- | | | | |
|--------------------|-----|-----------|--------------------|
| wá | =me | təxnawəla | (*wátəxnawəla =me) |
| PERF | I | tickle | |
| 'I tickled (her).' | | | |

Perfective aspect formed with perfective prefix *wə*

→ Receives main stress

⇒ The clitic is placed after the stressed prefix

Class I: The *a*-initial verbs

- form perfective with *wə*-prefix
- can have alternating stress in the imperfective

(10a) **imperfective:**

ağusté =me

wear I

'I was wearing it.'

(10b) **imperfective:**

á =me ġustə

wear₁ I wear₂

'I was wearing it.'

- /a/ as separate clitic/prefix from a diachronic perspective(?)
- Not true for all *a*-initials
- No longer from a synchronic perspective

Class II: 'Bimorphemic' verbs

Majority of verbs in this class consist of a derivational prefix and a root.

<p>(11a) imperfective ʧelwαhə =me push I 'I pushed (it).'</p>	<p>(11b) perfective ʧél =me wαhə PREF I push 'I was pushing (it).'</p>
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- Perfective formed via stress shift to the prefix
- Clitic in perfective placed after the stressed prefix

However:

Also a group of verbs which do not contain an identifiable prefix/root

<p>(12a) imperfective bαylódə =me lose I 'I was losing (it).'</p>	<p>(12b) perfective báy =me lodə lose₁ I lose₂ 'I lost (it).'</p>
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Class III: Complex predicates

Complex predicates: combination of adjectives/adverbs/nouns and light verbs

→ if stress on the light verb: clitic follows the complex predicate

→ if stress on first part: clitic positioned preceding the light verb

Intermediate summary

- ① Clitics seem to follow first syntactic constituent.
 - size does not matter, cannot be interrupted
- ② If that syntactic constituent is destressed, clitics are placed after the next constituent carrying stress.
- ③ In the cases in (2.) and in verb-initial sentences, the clitic is placed according to an aspect-caused stress shift
 - after the verb in the imperfective (**enclitic**)
 - within the verb in the perfective (**endoclititic**)

Resulting prosodic range: from several phonological phrases to stressed syllables.

essentially:

size does not matter,
 but stress does,
 and while verbs can be interrupted,
 other syntactic constituents cannot?

Proposed solution

- ① Pashto 2P clitics are first and foremost placed according to syntactic constraints.
 - In the position after the first syntactic constituent
- ② If syntactically (and prosodically) stranded in clause-initial position
 - postlexical phonological rephrasing (prosodic inversion) ensures that the 2P enclitic has a host.
- ⇒ Closer look at the syntactic and prosodic requirements

Pashto syntax - some relevant notions

- SOV (Verbal complex (VC) is always final)
- Argument-dropping
- Scrambling of constituents *before* VC
- Assume a flat syntactic structure (all XPs as immediate daughters of S)

Preverbal clitics

A close look at the 'stressed preceding syntactic constituent'.

- (14) $r\alpha$ ta pe $g\alpha n\delta\acute{o}$ =**de**
 me for by_him sew you
 'You were having him sew it for me.'

Initial 'unstressed' elements are part of a second group of clitics

Corresponding strong form:

→ construction with a **strong** oblique pronoun: $m\alpha$

- (15a) tor [$m\alpha$ $sara$] $\delta\epsilon r$ $\chi\grave{e}$ pezani
 Tor me with very well acquainted
 'Tor is very well acquainted with me.'

→ construction with a **weak** oblique pronoun: $r\alpha$

- (15b) tor $\delta\epsilon r$ $\chi\grave{e}$ [$r\alpha$ $sara$] pezani
 Tor very well me with acquainted
 'Tor is very well acquainted with me.'

→ Moved to the position in front of the verb for no apparent prosodic reason!

Syntactic analysis (LFG)

- ⇒ **Conclusion:** *Syntactic* clitic, syntactically attaching to the constituent which ensures sentential scope: the VC.
- **Consequence:** There will never be a completely unstressed constituent preceding the verbal complex.
- (Simplified) syntactic analysis very straightforward:
 $S \rightarrow [\{XP\ 2P\ XP^* \mid 2P\} VC]$ (where $XP = \{NP \mid PP \mid AP \mid AdjP\}$)

Two possible constructions:

- ① $XP\ 2P\ XP^*\ VC$
 → no further rearrangements necessary
- ② $2P\ VC$
 → **Enclitics** in clause-initial position require repositioning (via prosodic inversion)

Prosodic inversion

Main question: What is the 'landing place' of the 2P clitic?

⇒ Answer to that with evidence from several phonological processes:

- 1 vowel coalescence
- 2 vowel harmony
- 3 initial /k/-deletion

Vowel coalescence

(16) VC-external clitic:

tə =ye wαxla (*wə axla)
 you it PERF.buy
 'You buy it.'

(17) VC-internal clitic:

wα =ye xla
 PERF.buy₁ it buy₂
 'Buy it.'

(18) Across word boundaries:

kor špαnə axli (*špαnaxli)
 house shepherd buys
 'The shepherds are buying the house.'

- vowel coalescence within the prosodic word
- postlexical process – also occurs with negative marker which is a separate syntactic item

Vowel harmony

Regressive vowel harmony: /i/ and /u/ raise mid-vowels /o/ and /e/ to high.

(19) **applies to 2P clitics:**

wə =di guri (*de)

PERF should see

'He should see him.'

(20) **applies to preverbal clitics:**

wər bāndi (*bānde) xiçu

it on step

'We are stepping on it.'

(21) **Does not apply to VC-external 2P clitics:**

patang =me [wini]_{VC} (*mi)

Patang me sees

'Patang sees me.'

(22) **does not apply between two prosodic words:**

χe wuxə (*χi wuxə)

good camels

'Good female camels'

Vowel harmony II

- 1 VH applies to all word categories if the phonological context is given.
- 2 Within the verbal complex, VH spreads to both groups of clitics.
- 3 VH cannot cross the boundary between two lexically stressed words (two individual prosodic words); i.e., vowel harmony is not restricted by the phonological phrase.
- 4 VH cannot spread to a 2P clitic that is outside of the verbal complex, even if it is directly preceding it.

Conclusion: can be assumed that the verbal complex itself forms one prosodic word, including the main verb and both types of clitics.

Initial /k/ deletion

Class III complex predicates: light verbs starting with /k/:

In the imperfective: (stress on light verb)

(23) **first component ends in a vowel:**

asad ǰanəm wobə-**k**awi

Asad wheat water do

'Asad was watering the wheat.'

(24) **First component ends in a consonant:**

asad ǰanəm tit-∅awi (*tit-kawi)

Asad wheat spread do

'Asad was spreading the wheat.'

In the perfective: (stress on initial component)

(25) **deletion never occurs:**

dzhobəl **k**-em

injured do

'I injure...'

Assumption: Some boundary prevents the deletion

Prosodic inversion – the landing place

What is the boundary?

- Can't be a 'real' prosodic word boundary $)_{\omega}(\omega$, if analysis is to be true for all other verb classes as well
 - Can't be foot
 - **Solution:** nested prosodic word $((x)_{\omega} x)_{\omega}$
- strong enough to restrict /k/-deletion
- weak enough to let processes like vowel harmony pass

A note on domain assignment

If assuming that VC as a whole receives prosodic word status:

- 1 Each stressed item receives prosodic word status: $(x \times (\acute{x})_{\omega} \times x)_{\omega}$
 → problematic if class three light verb receives prosodic word status –
 k-deletion would again be blocked, but this is not the case
- 2 Each stressed item forms a prosodic word boundary to its right:
 $((x \times \acute{x})_{\omega} \times x)_{\omega}$

	construction	example
1	$((w\acute{a})_{\omega} = \mathbf{di} \text{ guri})_{\omega}$	after perfective prefix (VH)
1	$((w\alpha)_{\omega} = \mathbf{ye} \text{ xla})_{\omega}$	after perfective prefix (VC)
2	$((\acute{t}\acute{e}l)_{\omega} = \mathbf{me} \text{ w}\alpha\text{h}\acute{a})_{\omega}$	after stressed part of verb
3	$((r\alpha \text{ ta pe g}\alpha\text{n}\acute{d}\acute{a})_{\omega} = \mathbf{de})_{\omega}$	after verb and preverbal clitics
4	$((r\alpha \text{ ta pe w}\acute{a})_{\omega} = \mathbf{de} \text{ g}\alpha\text{n}\acute{d}\acute{a})_{\omega}$	after perfective prefix and preverbal clitic

Prosodic Inversion: Within the verbal complex in Pashto, a 2P clitic is placed *after the first prosodic word*.

Summing up

- ❶ Pashto 2P clitics are subject to both, syntactic and prosodic constraints.
- ❷ If there is a preceding syntactic constituent, the (syntactic) placement is always sufficient:
 - *There are no unstressed syntactic constituents preceding the 2P clitics*
- ❸ If syntactically and prosodically stranded in a phrase-initial position, postlexical prosodic inversion ensures correct prosodic placement
 - The 2P clitic is placed at the position after the first prosodic word
- ❹ As for the analysis: straightforward implementation at the syntax-prosody interface in LFG

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LFG analysis at the syntax → prosody interface

(26) $w\alpha$ = **ye** xla
 PERF.buy₁ it buy₂
 '(You) buy it.'

→ verb-initial perfective construction

- ❶ part of the *prosodic* placement of 2P clitics
- ❷ a-initial verb *axla* marks the perfective aspect with the prefix *wə-* (class I)
- ❸ two postlexical phonological processes: vowel coalescence and prosodic inversion

Corresponding syntactic rule:

$$S \longrightarrow \dots [\{XP \text{ CCL } XP^* \mid \mathbf{CCL} \} \mathbf{VC}]$$

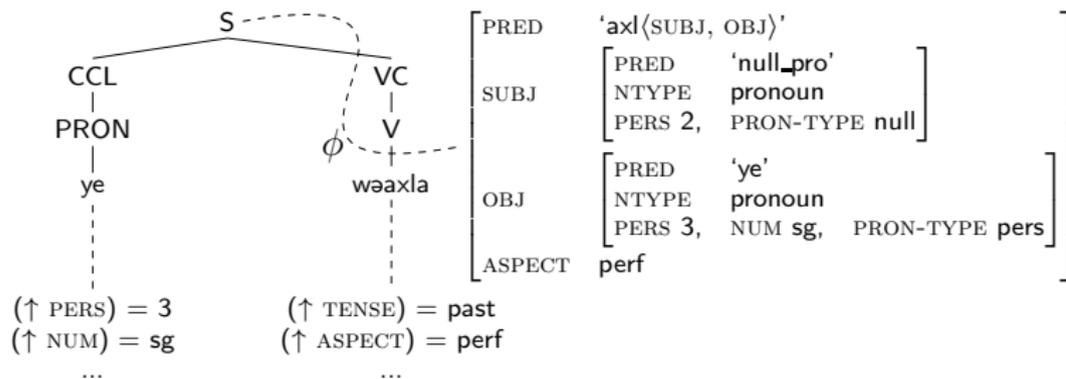
... where CCL stands for 'clitic cluster'

1. Lexical entries

s-form	p-form
wə-axla V (↑ PRED) = 'axl⟨SUBJ, OBJ⟩' (↑ TENSE) = past (↑ ASPECT) = perf ...	P-FORM [wəaxla] SEGMENTS /w ə a x l a/ METR. FRAME 'σ) _ω σσ
ye PRON (↑ PRED) = 'ye' (↑ PERS) = 3 (↑ NUM) = sg (↑ CL-TYPE) = 2P ...	P-FORM [ye] SEGMENTS /y e/ METR. FRAME =σ

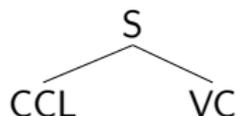
c- and f-structure

C- and f-structure representation of *wə ye xla* 'Buy it':



- f-structure representation shows the dropped subject argument ('null_pro')
 - c-structure: only includes CCL and VC as immediate daughters of S
- CCL node containing the 2P clitic *ye* stranded clause-initially
- ⇒ condition for prosodic 2P clitic placement is created

2. Transfer of structure



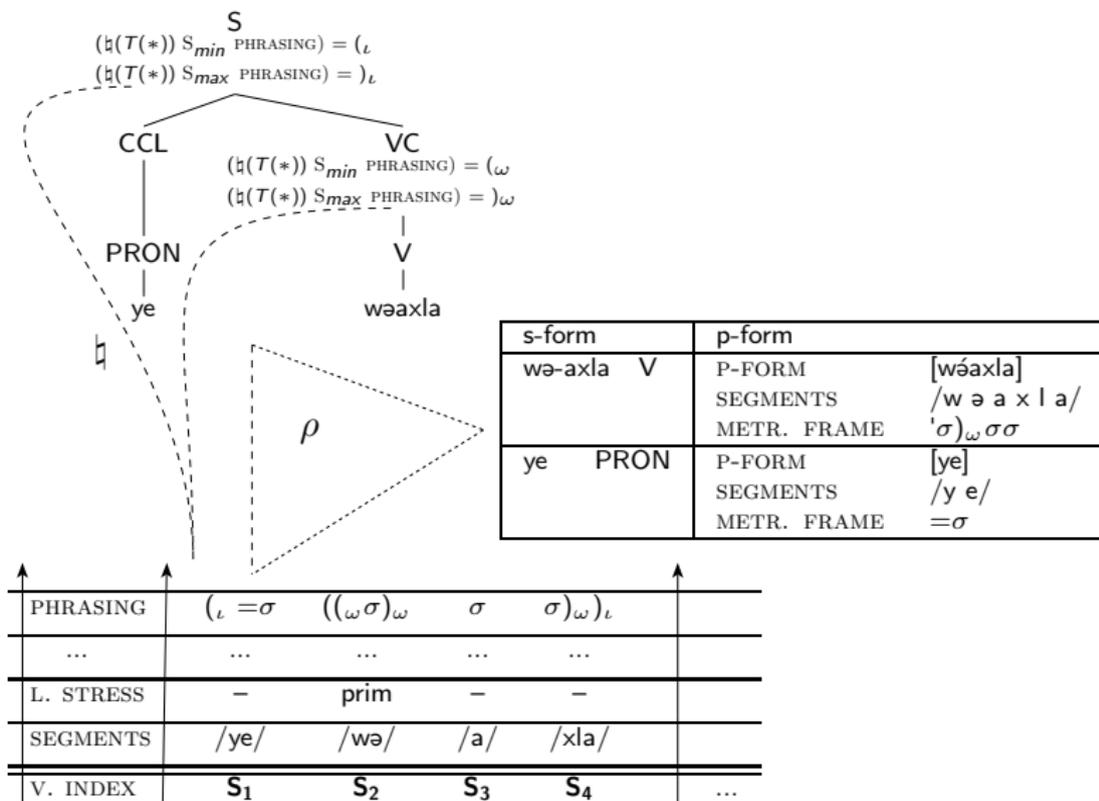
S: projects an intonational phrase

$$\begin{array}{c}
 S \\
 (\mathfrak{h}(T(*)) S_{min} \text{ PHRASING}) = (\iota \\
 (\mathfrak{h}(T(*)) S_{max} \text{ PHRASING}) =) \iota
 \end{array}$$

VC: projects a prosodic word

$$\begin{array}{c}
 VC \\
 (\mathfrak{h}(T(*)) S_{min} \text{ PHRASING}) = (\varphi(\omega \\
 (\mathfrak{h}(T(*)) S_{max} \text{ PHRASING}) =) \omega) \varphi
 \end{array}$$

CCL: does not project structural information to p-structure

Transfer of structure and vocabulary: *ye wəaxlə*

Postlexical phonological rules

input p-structure



PHRASING	$(\iota = \sigma$	$((\omega \sigma)_{\omega}$	σ	$(\sigma)_{\omega})_{\iota}$	
...	
L. STRESS	-	prim	-	-	
SEGMENTS	/ye/	/wə/	/a/	/xla/	
V. INDEX	S₁	S₂	S₃	S₄	...

⊙ vowel coalescence: $\text{əa} \rightarrow \alpha / (\omega ?^* _ ?^*)_{\omega}$

⊙ prosodic inversion: $(\iota = \sigma + (\sigma =)^* \omega \rightarrow (\iota (\sigma =)^* \omega = \sigma +$

PHRASING	$(\iota ((\omega \sigma)_{\omega}$	$= \sigma$	$(\sigma)_{\omega})_{\iota}$	
...	
L. STRESS	prim	-	-	
SEGMENTS	/wα/	/ye/	/xla/	
V. INDEX	S₁	S₂	S₃	

output p-structure: $\Rightarrow w\alpha ye xla$

The output of p-structure

- Combination of syntactic structure, lexical information, and postlexical phonological rules from the perspective of production
- Linear order of p-structure output does not have to be congruent to the syntactic linear order!! (Prosody has the 'last word')
- Further information from the interfaces to information structure, phonetics, frequency ...
- Note on comprehension: The processes described in this section from the perspective of production are completely reversible!

Summary

Main goal: Provide a ‘road map’ which allows the integration of lexical and postlexical phonology and prosody into LFG

- new representation of p-structure: the p-diagram
 - extension of the lexicon to include phonological information
 - transfer of information between c- and p-structure on two levels:
 - *transfer of vocabulary*
 - *transfer of structure*
 - modular: each module with separate processes and vocabulary, no extra formal power is needed
 - reversible: applicable to production and comprehension
 - can be implemented computationally
- ⇒ analysis of challenging phenomena like Pashto 2P en(do)clisis now possible at the syntax– prosody interface