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HIGH AND LOW APPLICATIVES

What to do with non-core arguments?

BENEFACTIVE

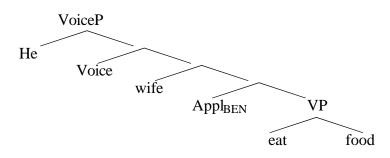
Benefactive in Bantu -- appears to be an argument with Case: High applicative (1) Chaga

- a. N-ấ-ĩ-lyì-í-à **m-kà** k-élyá FOC-1SG-PRES-eat-APPL-FV **1-wife** 7-food 'He is eating food for his wife.'
- b. N-á-i-zrìc-í-à **mbùyà**. FOC-1SG-PRES-eat-APPL-FV **9-friend** 'He is running for a friend'

(Bresnan and Moshi 1993: 49-50)

Benefactive in English --often appears to be an adjunct, no Case: absence of High applicative

- (2) a. *He ran a friend.
 - b. *He ate his wife food.
- (3) Hypothesis pursued: Syntactic structure building is the only mode of structure building in natural language (p. 12).
- (4) Non-core arguments are introduced by syntactic heads.
- (5) Structure of high applicative



High Applicative: relates an individual (wife) to an event (VP): common meaning -- benefactive, malfactive

"*wife* stands in in a benefactive relation to the event of eating, but bears no relation to the object of eating...'the food'." (p. 18)

(6) **High APPL** "the high applicative head combines with the VP by Event Identification and relates an additional individual to the event described by the verb" (p. 21):

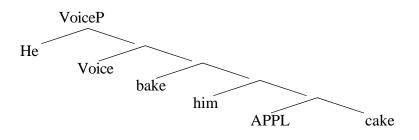
x. e. APPL(e,x) (APPL_{BEN}, APPL_{INSTR}, APPL_{LOC}, and so forth)

DIAGNOSTICS

- (7) Diagnostic 1: transitivity restrictionsOnly high applicative heads combine with unergatives. Low applicative heads denote a relation betweeen the direct and indirect object; it cannot occur in a structure that lacks a direct object.In Bantu: *I ran a friend*.
- (8) Diagnostic 2: verb semantics Low applicatives don't occur with verbs that are completely static because they imply a transfer of possession. High applicatives should have no such restriction. *John held Mary the bag.

DOUBLE-OBJECT CONSTRUCTION

- (9) John baked Mary cake.
- (10) Mary comes in possession of cake.
- (11) Low applicative



(12) *High applicative*: "very much like the external argument introducing head: they simply add another participant to the event described by the verb"

Low applicative: low applied arguments bear no semantic relation to the verb whatsoever: they only bear a transfer of possession relation to the direct object" (p. 19) (Pesetsky's (1995) "Possessor-Goal")

Depictive secondary predicate can't be predicated of an indirect object (Williams 1980) (13) a. I gave Mary *the meat raw*.

b. *I gave Mary the meat hungry. (Baker 1997)

(14) Object depictive

a. John ate the meat raw.

Subject depictive b. *John* wrote the letter *drunk*.

*Implicit external argument c. *This letter was written drunk.

*DP inside PP d. *I talked to *Sue drunk*.

*Indirect object e. *John told *Mary* the news *drunk*.

Depictives: may combine with Voice and verb. But not with low applicative head. depictives: <e<st>>, Voice', transitive verbs: same -- both have an event argument and an unsaturated argument of type *e*. It cannot combine with low applicative head (<e<e,st>,<st>>>), but should be fine with high applicatives.

JAPANESE ADVERSITY PASSIVE (some of the data taken from Kubo 1992)

(15)	Direct passive	

a.	Taroo-ga	Ziroo-o	hihansita.
	Taro-Nom	Jiro-Acc	criticized
	'Taro criticiz		

b. Ziroo-ga Taroo-ni / -niyotte hihans-are-ta. Jiro-Nom Taro-by criticize-PASS-PAST 'Jiro was criticized by Taro.'

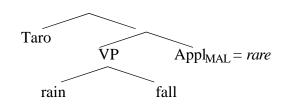
(16) Adversity passive

a. gapless

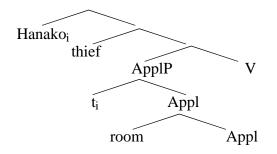
Taroo-gaame-ni/*-niyottefur-are-ta.Taro-Nom rain-Datfall-PASS-PAST'Taro was rained on.'

 b. Gapped Taroo-ga doroboo-ni / -niyotte heya-o aras-are-ta. Taro-Nom thief-Dat/by room-Acc destroy-PASS-PAST 'Taro's room got destroyed on him by the thief.'

- (17) Two types of adversity passive: high (gapless) and low (gapped)
 - a. High applicative



b. Low applicative



(18) -ni/-niyotte (-niyotte is only with gapped passive

Animacy

- (19) a. gapless: must be animate
 - * Iwa-ga ame-ni fur-are-ta.
 rock-Nom rain-Dat fall-PASS-PAST
 'The rock was rained on.'
 - b. gapped: need not be animate
 Sono daishuzyutu-ga (Yamada-isi-niyotte) sittoo-o kaisis-are-ta.
 that big.operation-Nom (Dr. Yamada-by) performance-Acc begin-PASS
 'That big operation had Dr. yamada start its performance.'
- (20) But Bresnan (1978), etc.John sent *the boarder/*the border* a package.

High and Low Applicatives: VP Preposing (Hoji, Miyagawa, and Tada 198?), Kubo (1992)

- (21) a. Taroo-ga sushi-o tabeta. Taro-Nom sushi-Acc ate 'Taro ate sushi.' b. [_{VP} sushi-o tabe]-sae Tagroo-ga _____ sita. [VP sushi-Acc ate]-even Taro-Nom ____ did 'Even eat sushi, Taro did.' c.* [vp tabe]-sae Taroo-ga sushi-o sita. (cannot strand the object of V) [VP ate]-even Taro-Nom sushi-Acc did 'Even eat sushi, Taro did.' (22) gapped: shows that the verb and *rare* cannot be split: Low applicative Taroo-ga doroboo-ni heya-o aras-are-ta. a. Taro-Nom thief-by room-Acc destroy-PASS-PAST 'Taro had the thief destroy his room.' [VP doroboo-ni aras-are]-sae Taroo-ga _____ sita. b. heya-o [VP thief-by room-Acc destroy-PASS]-evenTaro-Nom _____ did 'Even have his room be destroyed by the thief, Taro did.' c. * [_{VP} doroboo-ni heya-o Taroo-ga _____ s-are-ta. arasi]-sae [vp thief-by room-Acc destroy]-even Taro-Nom do-PASS-PAST 'Even have his room destroy] Taroo certainly was done.' (23) gapless Taroo-ga Hanako-ni koukou-o yame-rare-ta. a. Hanako-Dat Taro-Nom high.school-Acc drop.out-PASS-PAST 'Taro got Hanako dropping out of high school.' [VP Hanako-ni koukou-o b. yame-rare]-sae Taroo-ga _____ sita. [VP Hanako-Dat high.school-Acc Taro-Nom _____ did drop.out-PASS]-even 'Even have Hanako drop out of high school, Taro did. [VP Hanako-ni koukou-o Taroo-ga _____ s-are-ta. c. yame]-sae
 - [VP Hanako-m koukou-o yame]-sae Taroo-ga _____ s-are-ta.
 [VP Hanako-Dat high.school-Acc drop.out]-even Taro-Nom _____ do-PASS
 'Even Hanako drop out of high school, Taro did have.'

Meaning of malfactive -- always retained in gapless passive

- (24) a. gapped passive: neutral, and can vary with context Hanako-ga suugaku-no-sensei-ni sikar-/homer- are-ta. Hanako-Nom math-Gen-teacher-by scold/praise - PASS 'Hanako was scolded/praised by the math teacher.'
 - b. gapless: always malfactive
 Nagasaki-sityoo-ga bakudan/hoosyoozyoo-o okur-are-ta.
 Nagasaki-mayor-Nom bomb/testimonial-Acc send-PASS-PAST
 'The mayor of Nagasaki was sent a bomb/testimonial.'

Transitivity restriction

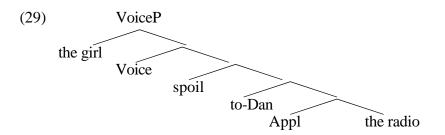
- (25) a. gapped: restricted to verbs with an object because it involves a low applicative
 - * Tiimu-ga koochi-ni nak-are-ta.
 team-Nom coach-by cry-PASS
 'The team was cried on by its coach.'
 - b. gapped: no transitivity restriction -- high applicative Taroo-ga koochi-ni nak-are-ta.
 Taro-Nom coach-Dat cry-PASS 'Taro was cried on by the coach.'

GAPPED ADVERSITY PASSIVE: problem with Kubo's analysis

- (26) Taroo_i thief-by [_{DP} t_i room] was-destroyed (Kubo 1992)

Hebrew possessor dative

(28) ha-yalda kilkela **le-Dan** et ha-radio. the-girl spoiled to-Dan Acc the-radio 'The girl broke Dan's radio on him.'



Transitivity restriction

- (30) a. unaccusative
 - ha-kelev ne'elam le-Rina. the-dog disappeared to-Rina 'Rina's dog disappeared.'
 - b. *unergative
 *ha-kelev hitrocec le-Rina the-dog ran-around to-Rina
 'Rina's dog ran around on her.'