

A DIACHRONIC TYPOLOGY OF THE UNIVERSAL SUPERPARTICLE

AN INTER- GENETIC VIEW

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WHAT THIS TALK IS ABOUT ...

WHAT THIS TALK IS ABOUT, IN A NUTSHELL

- This talk is about a **range of meanings** that conjunction markers express and the way this range **changes** through time.
- Empirically, we look at the range+changes in Indo-European and Japonic

INTRODUCTION

A TYPOLOGICAL SPACE FOR CONJUNCTION

Is coordination lexicalised?

NO

Middle Egyptian
(WALS#=6)

YES

Is the \wedge/v logical contrast lexicalised?

NO

Warpiri,
ASL

YES

TWO OPTIONS (\wedge/v)

Is **disj.** sensitive to
N/V categorial contrast?

NO

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YES

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Is **conj.** sensitive to
N/V categorial contrast?

NO

V-type/C-level conj. employed
for conj of all categories.

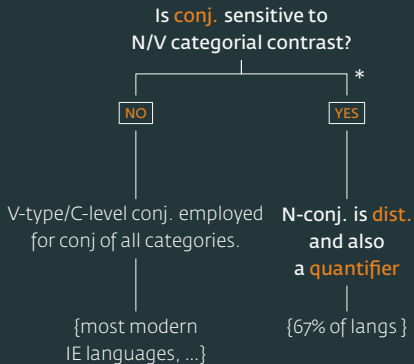
{most modern
IE languages, ...}

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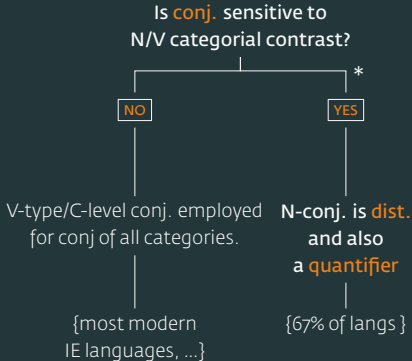
N-conj. is **dist.**
and also
a **quantifier**

{67% of langs }

THE CONJUNCTION PARAMETER



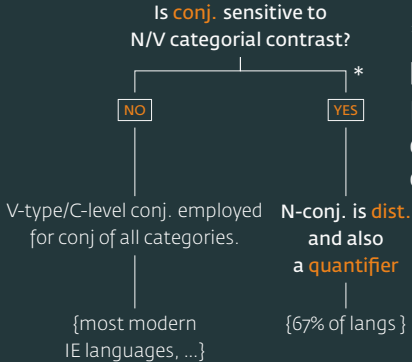
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*Another (independent) parameter

Left-/right-most exponence of conjunction marker in conjunction sequence (>2):

- (1) English-type (allegedly univ.):
John, (***and**) Mary, **and** Bill ...
- (2) Tibetan/Amharic-type (contra Kayne 1994):
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- This conjunction particle is cross-linguistically dubbed μ (terminologically, **quantifier particle** (Szabolcsi) or **Superparticle**)
- A sketch of these particles ...

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TWO LOGICAL ATOMS

SUPERPARTICLES: TWO LOGICAL CLASSES IN JAPANESE

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The κ -series (*ka*)

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dare- **mo**
who μ

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BEYOND JAPANESE

- Gil (2005) observes (in his WALS entry) that 67% of languages show formal similarity of conjunction- and quantification-marking.

- The μ particle is **multifunctional**, **not homophonous** (accidental/in disguise). The most articulate proponents of such a view include Hagstrom (1998), Cable (2010) and Bianchi (2015).

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- Why can't a quantificational₁ and a conjunctive₂ μ cooccur? ($\because \mu_1 = \mu_2$)

- (3) a. dono gakusei **mo** dono sensei **mo** hanashita
INDET student μ INDET teacher μ talked
`Every student and every teacher talked.'
- b. * dono gakusei **mo mo** dono sensei **mo mo**
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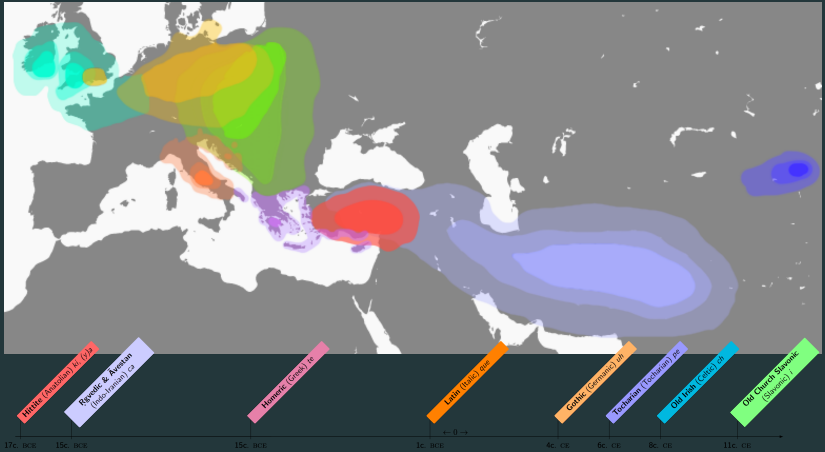
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TWO CONJUNCTION SYSTEMS

TWO WAYS TO CONJOIN IN OLD IE

- Earliest IE languages show that there existed two types of coordinate structure:
 - one in which the coordinator occupies the initial (first),
 - and another in which the coordinator occupies the peninitial (second) position with respect to the second conjunct.
- diachronically, only the initial structure (a) survives (lost across all branches)
 - $\{a,b\} \xrightarrow{t} b$



TWO CONJUNCTION SYSTEMS: SOME DATA I

(4) CLASSICAL LATIN (ITALIC)

- a. ad summam rem pūblicam **atque** ad omnium
to utmost weal common and to all
nostrum [...]
of us

`to highest welfare **and** all our [lives]' (Cic., Or.,
1.VI.27-8)

- b. vīam samūtem **que**
life safety and

`the life **and** safety' (Cic., Or., 1.VI.28-9)

(5) **VEDIC SANSKRIT** (INDO-IRANIAN)

a. páṛṣi tásyā **utá** dviṣáh:
save.IMP.2.SG this **and** enmity

‘Save us from this **and** enmity.’ (Rigveda, 2.007.2^c)

b. vāyav-īndraś-**ca** cetathah: sutānām
Vayu-Indra-**and** rush.2.DL rich
vājiniivasū
strength-bestowing

‘Vayu **and** Indra, rich in spoil, rush (hither).’
(Rigveda, 1.002.5^a)

(6) **GOTHIC** (GERMANIC)

[4th c. AD

- a. ak ana lukarnastapin **jah** liuteip
neither on candle.DAT.SG and light.IND.3.SG
allaim þaim in þamma
all.DAT.PL it.DAT.PL in that.M.DAT.SG
garda.
house.M.DAT.SG

‘Neither do men light a candle, **and** put it under a bushel.’

(*Codex Argenteus*, Mt. 5:15)

TWO CONJUNCTION SYSTEMS: SOME DATA IV

- b. (galaip in praitauria aftra
came.PRET.3.SG in judgement hall.ACC.SH again
Peilatus jah) wopida lesu qap
P.NOM and called.PRET.3.SG J.ACC said.PRET.3.SG
uh imma.
and him.M.DAT.SG

`([Then] Pilate entered into the judgment hall
again, and) called Jesus, **and** said unto him.'

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- Historically, first-position conjunction marker (a) are compound
 - Latin *atque* = *at* + *que*
 - Sanskrit *uta* = *u* + *ta*
 - Gothic *jah* = *j* + *uh*

(7) VEDIC & CLASSICAL SANSKRIT (INDO-IRANIAN)

- a. ⟨prát⟩īdám vīśvam modate yát [kim-**ca**]
this world exults which [what-**μ**]
prthivyāmádhi
world.F.ACC-upon

‘This whole world exults **whatever** is upon the earth.’

(*Rigveda*, 5.83.9^c)

b. na yasya [kaś-ca] tititarti
NEG whom.GEN [who.M.SG-μ] able to overcome
māyā?
illusions.PL

` No one [=not **anyone**] can overcome that (=the Supreme Personality of Godhead's) illusory energy.'
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(8) **LATIN** (ITALIC)

- a. auent audire quid quis-**que** senserit
want hear what what- μ think
`they wish to hear what **each** man's (everyone's)
opinion was'

(Cic. *Phil.* 14,19)

(9) **GOTHIC** (GERMANIC)

a. [pishvad **uh**] (...) gaggis.

[where μ] go.2.SG.PRES.ACT.IND

`**wherever** you go' (Codex Argenteus, Mt. 8:19)

b. jah [hvaz- **uh**] saei hauseiþ

and who.M.SG and pro.M.SG hear.3.SG.IND

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words.ACC.PL mine

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TWO TYPES OF NON-CONJUNCTIVE MEANINGS

- the second non-connective QUANTIFICATIONAL function is non-singular -- when attached to a *wh*-base, μ may generate one of the two possible quantificational expressions:
 - A universal (\forall) distributive terms
 - B negative polarity indefinite (\exists) terms

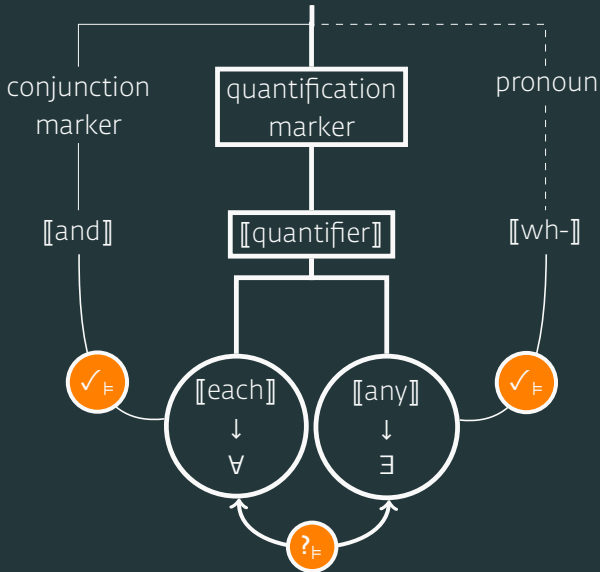
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	μ MARKER	CONJ.	ADDITIVE	DISTR.	NPI	FCI
Slav.	<i>i</i>	+	+	-	+	-
Illr.	<i>-ca</i>	+	+	-	+	+
Gmc.	<i>-uh</i>	+	+	+	-	+
Ital.	<i>-que</i>	+	+	+	-	+
Anat.	<i>-(y)a</i>	+	+	+	-	+
Toch.	<i>-ra</i>	+	+	+	-	+
Cel.	<i>-ch</i>	+	(+)	+	-	+
Gk.	<i>-τε</i>	+	(+)	-	-	(+)

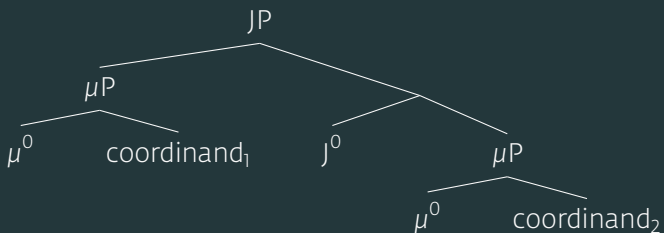
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THE UNDERLYING STRUCTURE

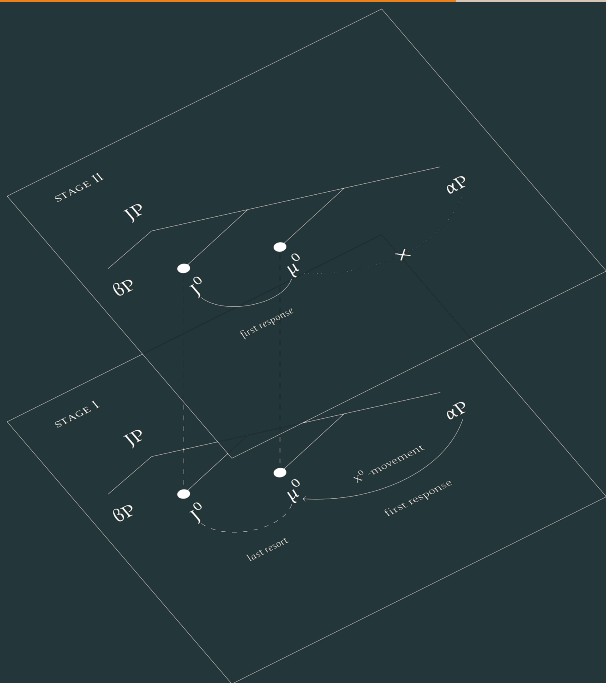
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- Bimorphemic fact is borne out: $J + \mu$

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THE CHANGE AND THE LOSS OF
MULTIFUNCTIONAL SEMANTICS



THE LOSS OF 2P: GREEK

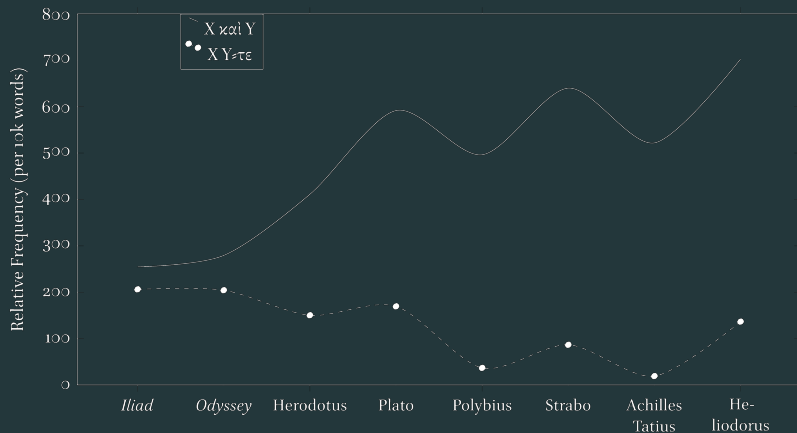


Figure 1: Relative frequency of κ and $\tau\epsilon$. (Goldstein, 2016, 65, fig. 4)

JAPONIC

- In the earliest OJ corpus (*Man'yōshū* MYS, 8th c.), the $[wh+\mu]$ quantificational expressions were confined to inherently scalar (σ) complements, as first noticed by Whitman (2010).
- Old Japanese: not only is the polar construction absent from the μ -system, but μ^0 subcategorised for scalar hosts only.
 - μ was **not only distributive but also inherently scalar**.

- (12) 以都母 々々々 於母加 古比 須々
 itu-mo itu-mo omo-ga kwopi susu
 when- μ when- μ mother-GEN yearning by
 `I **always, always** think of my mother [i.e. at all times]'
 (MYS, 20.4386; trans. by Vovin 2013, 146)

- (13) 佐祢斯 [欲能 伊久陀 母]
 sa-ne-si [ywo-no ikuda mo]
 PRE-sleep-PAST [night-SUB **how many** μ]
 阿羅祢婆
 ara-neba
 exist-NEG-COND
 `As there have been **few** nights in which we slept
 together ...' (MYS 5.804a, ll. 46--47)

	# of attestations
SCALAR [$wh+\mu$]	total 24
<i>itu mo</i> `when μ'	12
<i>iku mo</i> `how much/many μ'	11
NON-SCALAR [$wh+\mu$]	total 0
<i>ado/na/nado mo</i> `what/why μ'	0
<i>ika mo</i> `how μ'	0
<i>ta mo</i> `who μ'	0

- **Change #1: loss of obligatorily scalar complementation**

- (14) たれ も 見おぼさん事
tare mo mi-obos-an koto
who μ see.INF-think.HON-TENT/ATTR matter
`the fact that **everybody** wanted to see' (HM II:226/2;
Vovin 2003, 128)

- Change #2: rise of polarity-sensitivity

(15) いまは なにの 心 も なし
ima fa nani-no kokoro mo na-si
NOW TOP what-GEN idea μ NEG-FIN

'I do not have **any thoughts** [but of meeting you] now'

(IM XCVI: 168.9; Vovin 2003, 424)

THE TOOLS FOR AN ANALYSIS

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EXHAUSTIFICATION

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b. (16) $\rightsquigarrow [j \vee b] \wedge \neg[j \wedge b]$

"Mary saw **John or Bill**, but **not both**."

FORMALISING ALTERNATIVES & THEIR PRUNING

j v b

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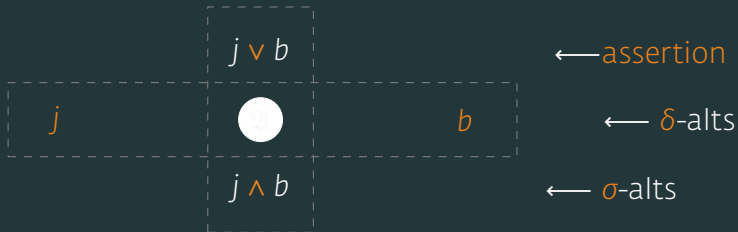
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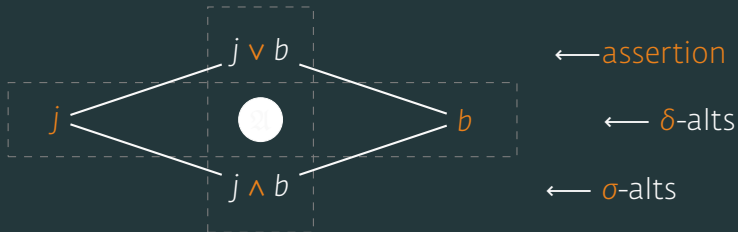
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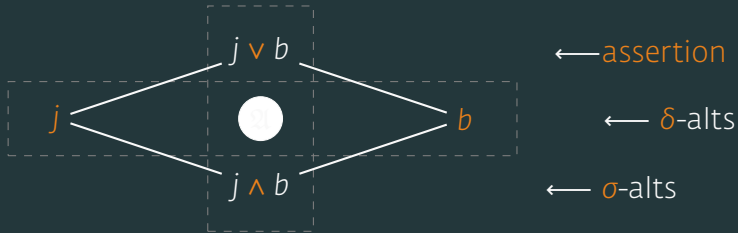


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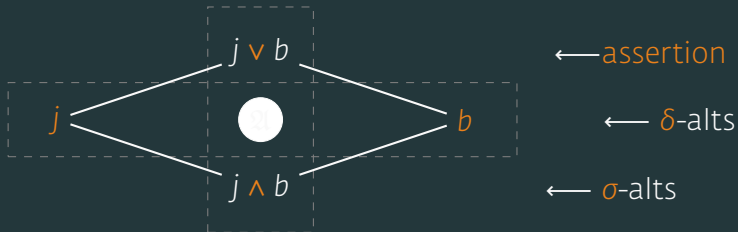
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- The operator \mathfrak{X} is a silent variant of the adverb 'only'.
- What does it mean?

$$(17) \quad \mathfrak{X}(p) = p \wedge \forall q \in \mathfrak{A}(p) \left[[p \text{H} q] \rightarrow \neg q \right]$$

- This LF is read as: **the assertion, p , is true and any non-entailed alternative to the assertion, q an alternative, is false.**

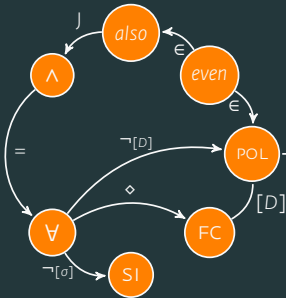
DERIVING CHANGE IN JAPANESE

- The Classical (early middle) Japanese μ -system: $\boxed{\mu\emptyset}$ (or allowing both $[\sigma]$ - or $[\delta]$ -carrying complements).
 - non-scalar hosts with $[\delta]$ specification \rightarrow polarity system kicks in automatically as per Chierchia's (2013) system
- Change in inferential procedure due to featural change (grammaticalisation):

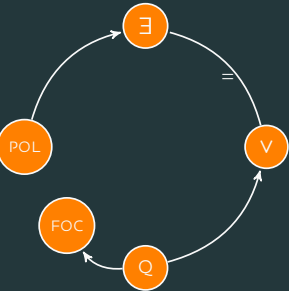
$$(18) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{a. } [[[\neg \mu P]_1]] \rightsquigarrow \text{SI: } \mathfrak{X}_{[\sigma]}[\neg[\dots[\mu P \exists_{[+\sigma]} \mu]]] \\ \quad \neg > \forall \vdash \neg \forall \\ \\ \text{b. } [[[\neg \mu P]_2]] \rightsquigarrow \text{NPI: } \mathfrak{X}_{[\delta]}[\neg[\dots[\mu P \exists_{[+\delta]} \mu]]] \\ \quad \forall > \neg \vdash \neg \exists \end{array}$$

THE MORPHO-SYNTACTIC EVOLUTION LOGICAL MEANINGS

μ

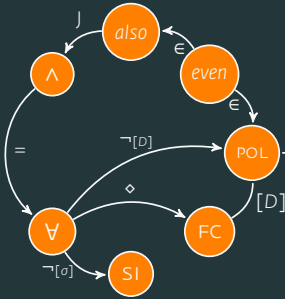


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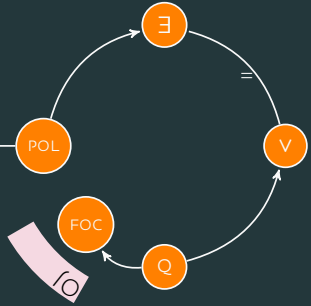


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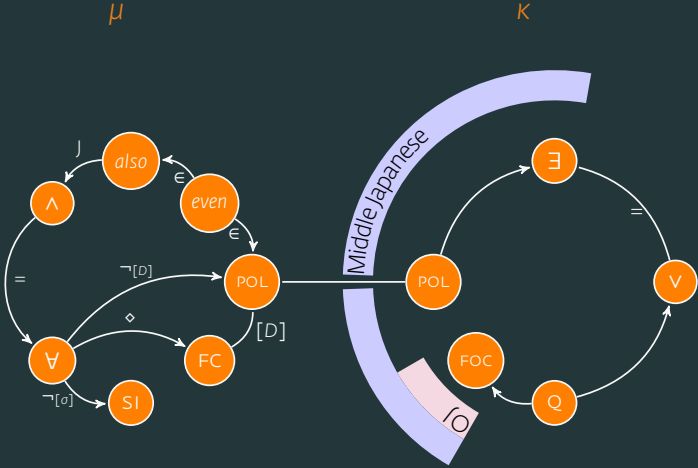
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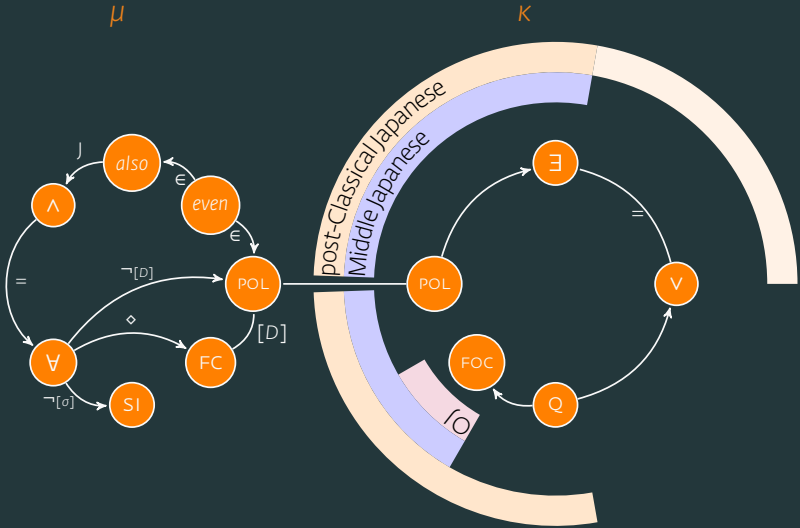
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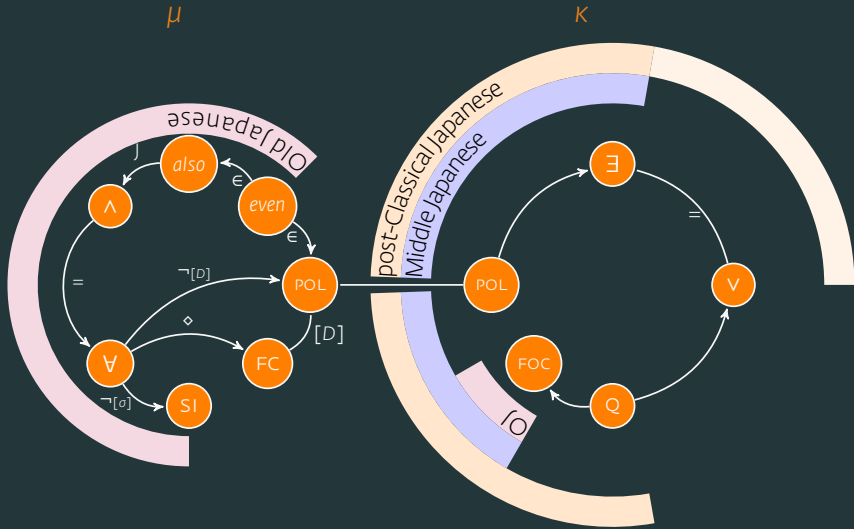
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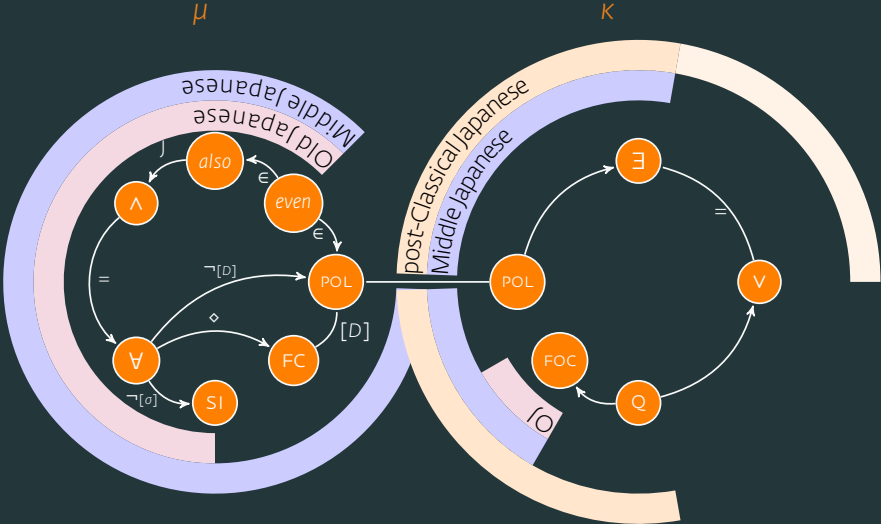
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THE TOOLS FOR AN ANALYSIS

OUR μ

- **CLAIM:** μ invokes exhaustification
- essentially comes with two semantic functions:
 - i. alternative (\mathfrak{A}) activations
 - ii. obligatory exhaustification via a silent (Chierchian) exh. operator (\mathfrak{X})

(19) An informal entry for $\llbracket \mu^0 \rrbracket$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left[\begin{array}{c} \mu^P \\ \mu^0 \quad \text{XP} \end{array} \right] &= \llbracket \mu \rrbracket^{M,g,w}(\llbracket \text{XP} \rrbracket) \\
 &= \{\llbracket \text{XP} \rrbracket\}^{21} \\
 &\rightarrow \mathfrak{x}(\llbracket \text{XP} \rrbracket)(\{\llbracket \text{XP} \rrbracket\}^{21})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(20) \quad \mathfrak{X}_{[\delta\mathfrak{X}]}(p) = \begin{cases} \text{polarity reading} & \text{if under } \neg \\ \text{FC reading} & \text{if under } \diamond \\ \text{additive reading} & \text{if } \mathfrak{X} \text{ is iterative } (\mathfrak{X}^2) \\ \perp & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- How do we derive additivity? Recursive exhaustification.
(Fox, 2007)

DERIVING NEGATIVE POLARITY

(21) HITTITE (ANATOLIAN)

- a. nu-wa ÚL [kuit **ki**] sakti
and-QUOT NEG [who μ] know.2.SG.PRES
`You know *nothing* (=not *anything*)' (KUB
XXIV.8.1.36)

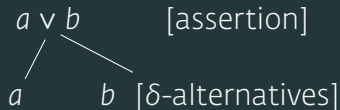
(22) $\left[\mathfrak{X}_{[\delta]} \left[\text{You don't know } [what-\mu] \right] \right] \dots \dots \dots = (21a)$

- a. ASSERTION: (= p)
 $\forall x \in \mathfrak{D} [\text{THING}(x) \wedge \neg \text{KNOW}(\text{YOU}, x)]$
- b. $\mathfrak{A}(p) = \left\{ \forall x \in \mathfrak{D}' [\text{THING}(x) \wedge \neg \text{KNOW}(\text{YOU}, x)] \mid \mathfrak{D}' \subset \mathfrak{D} \right\}$
- c. $\mathfrak{X}_{[\delta]}(p) = p$ (\because all alts. entailed under neg.)

DERIVING UNIVERSAL QUANTIFICATION

(23) $\llbracket \text{who} \rrbracket = \llbracket \text{someone} \rrbracket = \exists x \dots = a \vee b \vee \dots$

(24) a. ACTIVE δ -ALTERNATIVES:=(9b)



b. EXHAUSTIFICATION:

$$\mathfrak{X}_{[\delta]}^R(a \vee b) = a \wedge b \quad (\vdash \forall)$$

- Similar implementation by Bowler (2014) for Warlpiri.

QUANTIFIERS IN ARCHAIC CHINESE

- Archaic Chinese has a particle **jie** that is the predecessor of modern **dou**, a conjunctive superparticle.
- In Archaic and Classical Chinese, however, **jie** as a quantifier is restricted to subjects. (Harbsmeier's generalisation)
- (Cf. Mitrović & Hu, 2016)

(1) NEGATIVE POLARITY MARKER:

Fu [mei] ye zhe shang xia, nei wai, xiao da yuan
FU beauty YE ZHE, up down in out small big far
jin, **jie** wu hai yan
near JIE [not harm] YAN

'For beauty, it will not do any harm whether it be up or down, inside or outside, small or big, far away or nearby.'

(*Guo Shu* 國書, cca. 4C. BCE)

- The JP and IE families also show a development of conjunction systems from such quantifier particles.

(2) CONJUNCTION MARKER:

Mi yu Ge wu **jie** ai zhi
Mi and Ge my JIE love pro

I love both Mi and Ge. (Zuo Xiang 23.11.; Harbsmeier (1981: 78, ex. 3))

(3) Fu [ren li yong] **jie** min zhi wei
FU benevolence ritual courage JIE people pro/POSS do
ye
YE

'Benevolence, ritual and courage are (all) what people do".

(*Guoyu*, cca. c. 4c. BCE)

DIACHRONIC TYPE-LIFTING

- The μ particle in all three families eventually ended up with a quantificational type of its hosts, i.e. $\langle\langle e, t \rangle, t\rangle$ (Independent evidence from Aldridge (2006, 2007))

(4) Baixing **jie** ai qi shang
people JIE love their superior

'All the people like their superiors.' (Xun 10.76.)

(5) MODERN MANDARIN (Xiang 2016)

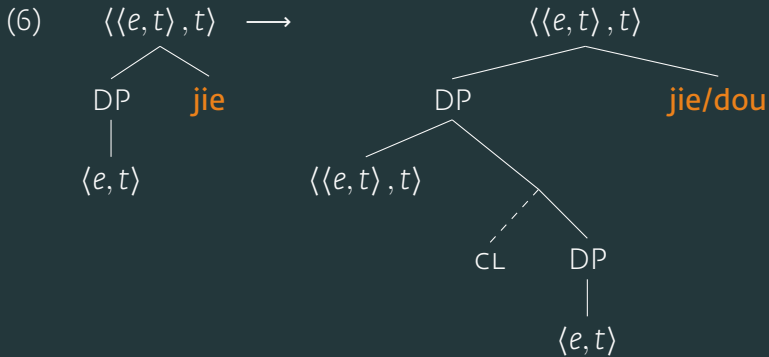
a. [Shui] (**dou**) he -guo jiu.
who DOU drink -EXP alcohol

'Anyone/everyone has had alcohol.'

b. [Na-ge nanhai] *(**dou**) he -guo hejiu.
which-CL boy DOU drink -EXP alcohol

'Any/Every boy has had alcohol.'

DIACHRONIC TYPE-LIFTIN



AN INTERGENETIC PICTURE

	Indo-European		Japonic		Chinese	
	Hittite	Sanskrit	OJ	CI/MdJ	AC	MdM
inherent distributivity μ hosts	+	+	+	+	+	+
NPI μ -formation	-	+	-	+	(-)	(-)
scalar additivity (EVEN)	+	+	+	+	-	+
non-scalar additivity (ALSO)	+	+	-	+	-	-
conjunction	+	+	-	+	-	-
obligatory type-lift of μ hosts for QUANT. terms	+	+	-	+	-	+

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