



A new source for applicatives: Spatial verb morphology in Harakmbut

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Schilderen – beschilderen
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Aim of the talk:

- Present existing research on diachrony of applicative markers
 - Previous studies have only pointed to independent lexemes as sources for applicatives
- Present a new source for applicatives: spatial verb morphology (bound morphemes), in a language that also has dedicated applicatives, viz. Harakmbut (unclassified/isolate, Peru) (Van linden 2022)

Outline

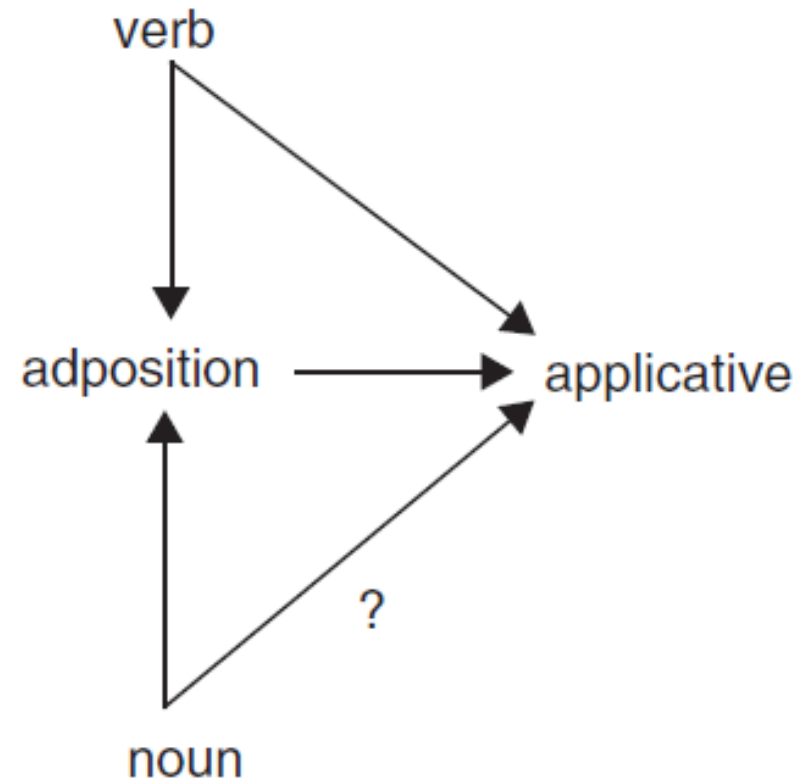
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2. Overview of sources of applicatives

Where does the morphology that marks applicative constructions comes from?

- Peterson (2007: 123) gives two direct sources: **adpositions** and **verbs**; **nouns** would not directly develop into applicative markers
- discourse motivations: applicative constructions emerge “when the applicative object is high in topicality, especially when it is so topical that it is dislocated to a position reserved for highly topical entities or subject to zero-anaphora” (Peterson 2007: 123)
→ topic continuity
- Figure from Peterson (2007: 125)



2.1 Adpositional sources

Craig and Hale (1988) on relational preverbs, a variety of applicative, in Rama (Chibchan, Nicaragua)

- relational preverbs (RPVs), e.g. *yu-* in (1b), are adpositional in origin
- “if the object of a postposition is given information, it may be subject to zero-anaphora, and its stranded postposition cliticizes to the verb, as in (1b), the second line of a text following (1a)” (Peterson 2007: 125)
- Eventually zero-anaphora became unnecessary as a prerequisite for use of most frequently cliticized RPVs → Peterson (2007: 126) invokes reanalysis (adpos → appl) for this last step

(1) Rama (Craig and Hale 1988: 322)

a. *nainguku kiskis nsu-kuaakar-i*,
so tongs WE-have-ASP

‘That’s why we have the tongs.’

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b. *suli-kaas* \emptyset *yu-**nsu-auk-kama*
animal-meat PV/WITH-WE-ROAST-SUB

‘for us to roast meat with it...’

2.1 Adpositional sources

Conditions for adposition stranding (Peterson 2007: 126-127):

- zero-anaphora (see (1))
- when NP-complement of adposition is topicalized
- when NP-complement of adposition is extracted in relativization context: NP-complement is head/antecedent of the relative clause, and dislocated from the adposition in the relative clause (e.g. *the man I talked to*), e.g. (2) from Bemba (Bantu, Zambia)

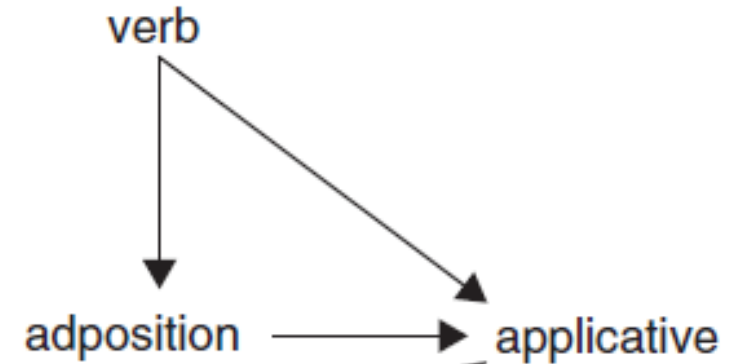
(2) *nàà-mweene ingaanda iyo umunaandi àà-keele-mo*
I-saw house that friend-MY HE-lived-IN
'I saw the house that my friend lived in.' (Givón 1975: 85)

VO-language

- Reanalysis of relative clause verb form as (alternative) main clause form → generalization to cases where applicative object is not subject to zero-anaphora

2.2 Verbal sources

- Serialized verbs > prepositions (Durie 1988)
- Serialized verbs > applicative affixes (Peterson 2007)



Rude (1991) on verbal origin of applicative morphology in Sahaptian-Klamath

(3) Nez Perce (Sahaptian-Klamath, USA) (Rude 1991: 186)

wálc páa-ny-a'n-ya ááyato-na
knife 3SUBJ.3OBJ-make-APP-PAST woman-OBJ
'He made the woman a knife.'

- Benefactive applicative suffix *-a'n* in (3) is assumed to originate in lexical verb *'eni* 'give', which still exists in Nez Perce
- Nez Perce also still shows syntactic juxtaposition of verbs to indicate simultaneity of the events that they encode
- No diachronic evidence, but diachronic hypothesis on the basis of synchronic data

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Other languages where **benefactive applicative suffix** grammaticalized from the verb 'give':

- Sahaptin (Sahaptian-Klamath, Oregon & Washington) (Rude 1991)
- Northern Iroquoian languages (Mithun 2001)
- Yimas (Lower Sepik, Papua New Guinea) (Foley 1991)
- Hakha Lai (Tibeto-Burman, Myanmar) (Peterson 2007)

(references in Peterson 2007)

2.2 Verbal sources

Also origin in dependent verb forms (different from verb serialization constructions):

- development of instrumental applicative *isht-* (5) from same-subject converbial form of verb *ishi* 'get, take' (4) in Chickasaw (Muskogean, USA) (Munro 1983):

(4) *tali'* *ish-li-t* *isso-li-tok*
rock take-1SG.ACT-CONV hit-1SG.ACT-PAST
'Taking a rock, I hit him.'

(5) *tali'* *isht*-*isso-li-tok*
rock APPL.INSTR-hit-1SG.ACT-PAST
'I hit him with a rock.'

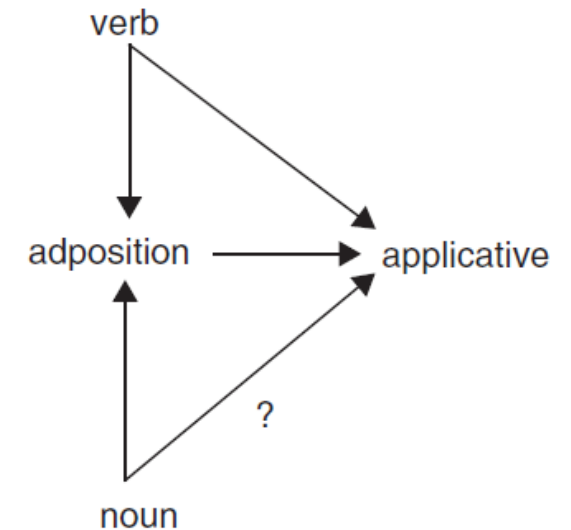
2.3 Noun sources

Peterson's (2007: 140–141) on **nouns** as a possible source for applicatives:

grammaticalization path from noun to applicative always needs an **intermediate stage** (nouns have to be integrated into verb before reanalysis as applicatives)

→ Absence of direct grammaticalization also supported by more recent studies

→ Intermediate stage: incorporation of element that has nominal source but differs formally and semantically from it + element does not associate to core argument, but to oblique (Rose 2019: 460):



N 'face'	→ lexical suffix (directional)	→ (goal) applicative	Halkomelen (Salish, USA)	Gerds and Hinkson (2004)
N 'hand'	→ incorporated body-part	→ applicative (for animate source or location)	Murrinhpatha (non-Pama-Nyungan, Australia)	Nordlinger (2019)
N +/- 20	→ incorporated body-part	→ applicative (locative preverb)	Adyghe and Kabardian (Circassian, Caucasus)	Arkadiev and Maisak (2018)
N 31	→ classifier on verbs (NI 4)	(→ applicative)	Mojeño Trinitario (Arawak, Bolivia)	Rose (2019)

2. Overview of sources of applicatives

Wrapping up:

Two direct (adposition, verb) and one indirect source (noun): independent morphemes/lexemes

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What happens to applicative constructions after they have arisen and later on, when they cease to be synchronic applicatives?

(Peterson 2007: 124)

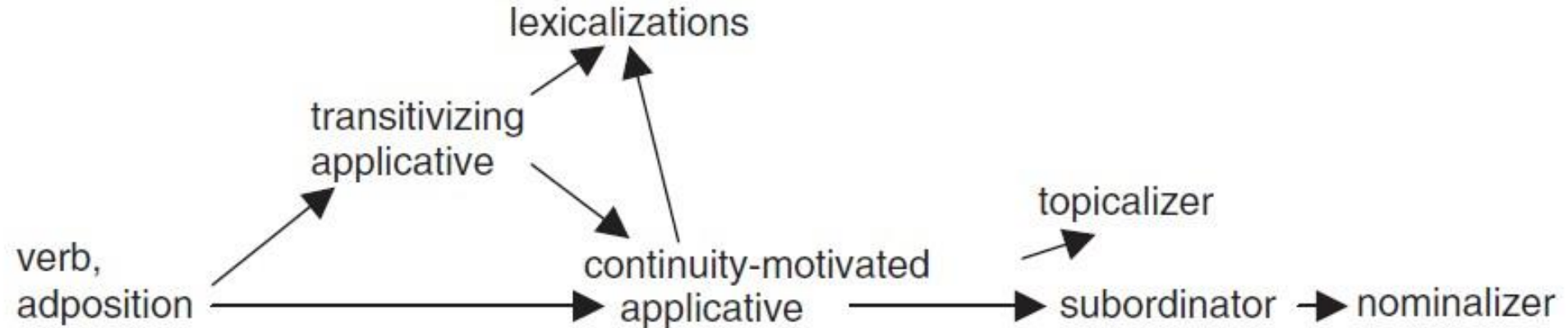
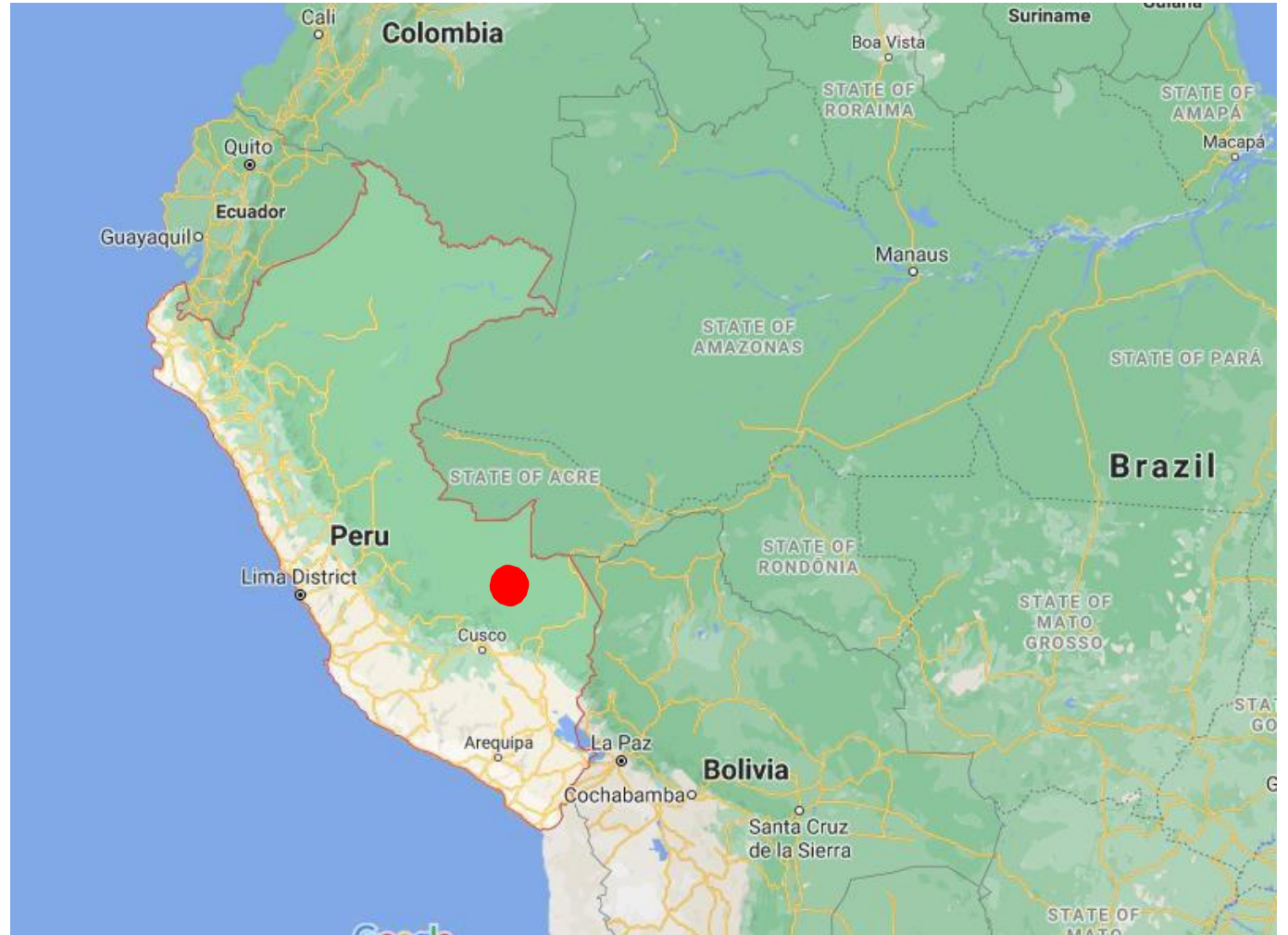


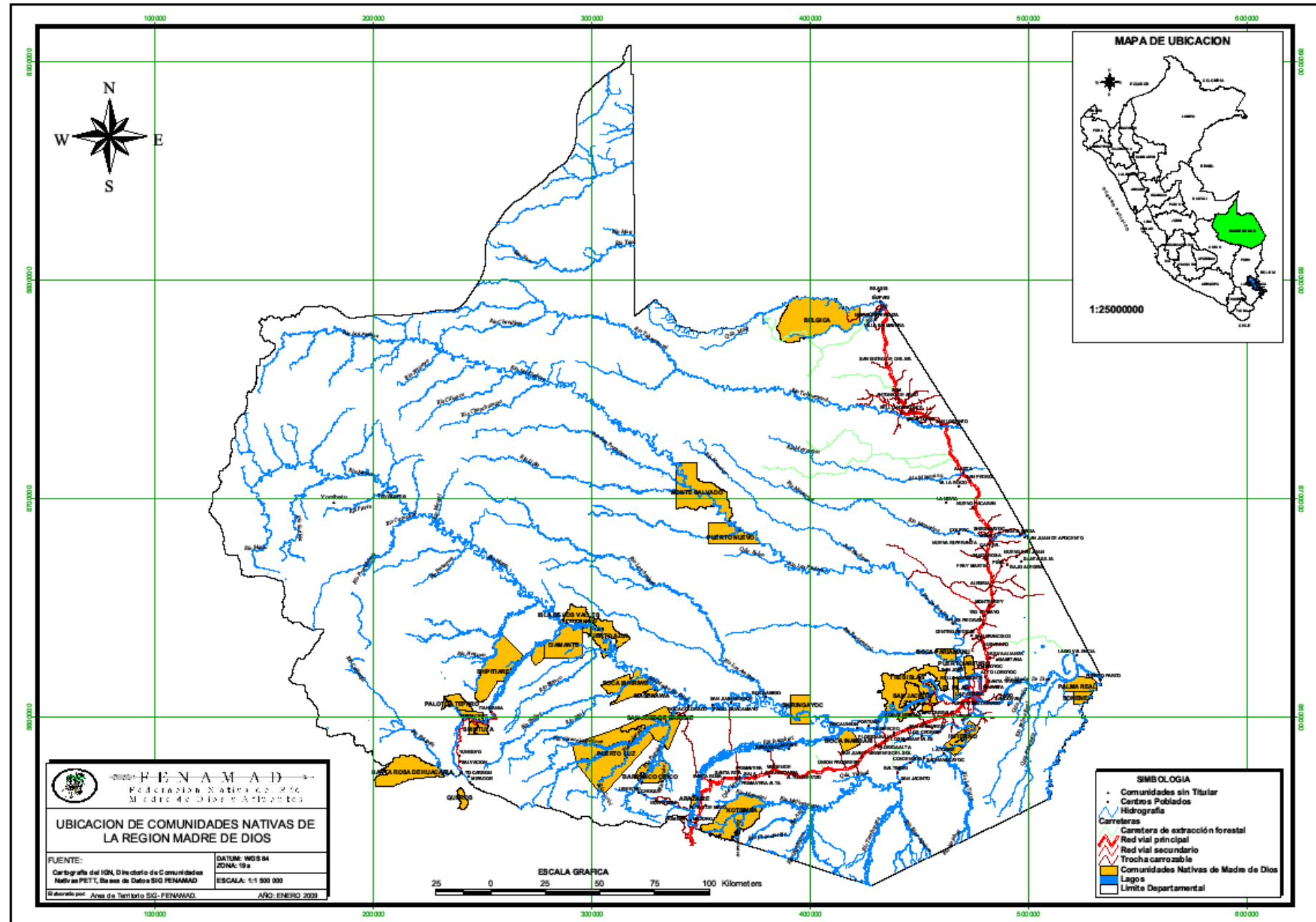
FIGURE 5.1 The evolution of applicative constructions

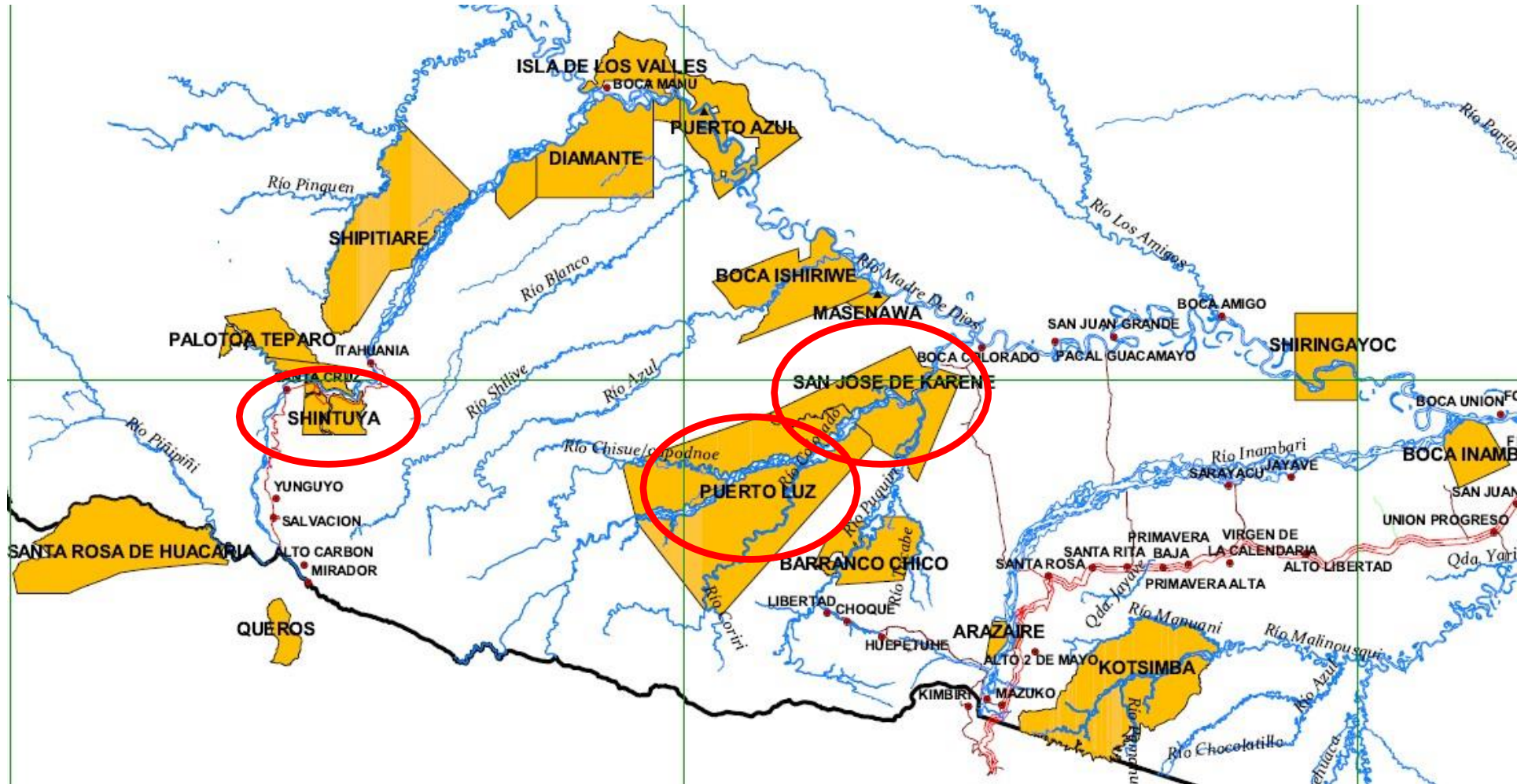
3. Introduction to Harakmbut (finite verb forms)

- Harakmbut is a language from the Peruvian Amazon, Madre de Dios and Cusco
- Genetic affiliation:
 - **isolate/unclassified** language (cf. Wise 1999: 307; WALS)
 - Adelaar (2000, 2007): genetically related to the Brazilian **Katukina** family
- Areality:
 - Some grammatical features are shared with languages from **Guaporé-Mamoré** linguistic area (Crevels & van der Voort 2008)



- Harakmbut live in 'native communities': patches of land entitled to them by the government
- subtropical climate
- around tributaries of the Madre de Dios River, which eventually flows into the Amazon River;





- About 1000 speakers left; distinct dialects
- Previous linguistic work: focus on Arakmbut/Amarakaeri dialect (Hart 1963; Helberg 1984, 1990; Tripp 1976ab, 1995)
- Fieldwork in Puerto Luz, San Jose de Karene and Shintuya → Arakmbut/Amarakaeri variety

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- Harakmbut verbs: copular, intransitive, transitive and ditransitive roots → require valency-changing morphology to change transitivity
- Also set of labile verb roots (e.g. denoting breaking events): can occur in syntactically transitive and intransitive constructions without dedicated valency-changing morphology depending on their (non-)volitional event semantics (see Van linden 2020: 16-17)
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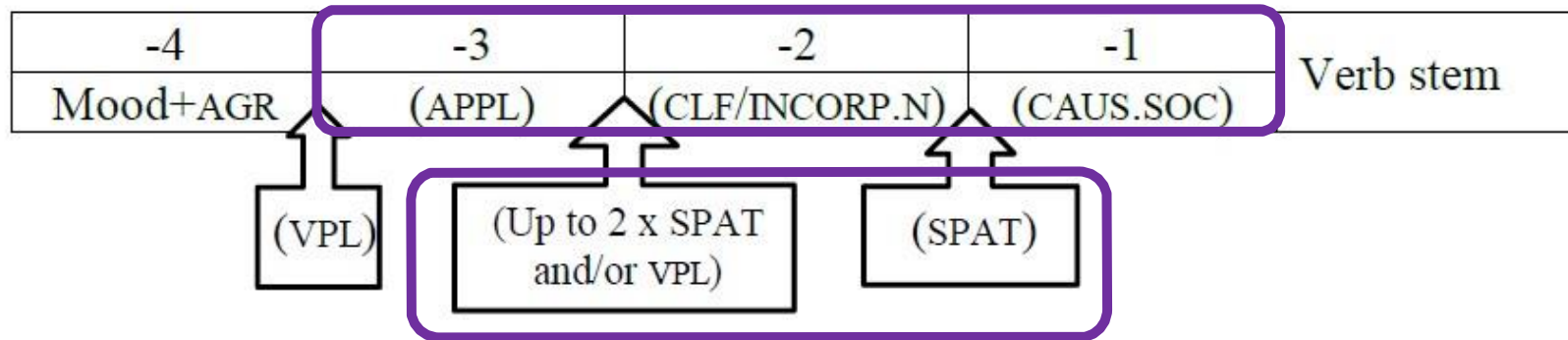


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- Figure 1 : verbal plural marker (VPL) and a set of **adverbial/spatial prefixes** are positionally flexible, entertaining scopal relations with fixed-position prefixes (cf. Van linden Forthc.)

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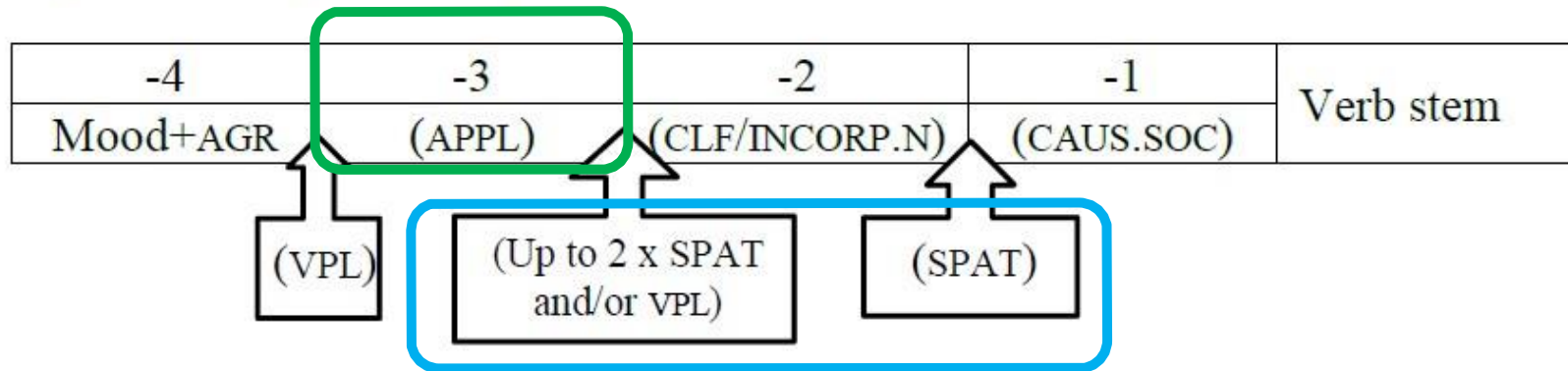


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4.1 Benefactive *nin-*

(1a) *Yesica o-ma-mbasa yudnta Fermin-tewapa*
Yesica 3SG.IND-VPL-wash clothes Fermin-BEN
'Yesica washes clothes for Fermin.'

(1b) *Yesica o-nin-ma-mbasa yudnta Fermin-ta*
Yesica 3SG.IND-BEN-VPL-wash clothes Fermin-ACC
'Yesica washes Fermin clothes.'

(2a) *Yoma o-ka wenpu ndo-tewapa*
Yoma 3SG.IND-make string.bag 1SG-BEN
'Yoma makes a string bag for me.'

(2b) *Yoma me-nin-ka-ne wenpu*
Yoma 3SG>1/2SG-BEN-make-IND string.bag
'Yoma makes me a string bag.'

Base clauses in (a):
monotransitive verbs

Hierarchical indexation resulting in a scenario-based split (without direction marking)

(1b): non-local scenario (3>3) → O-participant is not indexed → no change of person prefix

(2b): mixed scenario (3>1) → SAP O-participant is indexed → relational person prefix indexing A>O

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4.1 Benefactive *nij-*

(3a) *Pablo o-matinoa Maribel-tewapa*
Pablo 3SG.IND-sing Maribel-BEN
'Pablo is singing for Maribel (to cure her).'

(3b) *Pablo o-nij-matinoa Maribel-ta*
Yesica 3SG.IND-**BEN**-sing Maribel-ACC
'Pablo is singing for Maribel (to cure her).'

(4a) ?

(4b) *yok-ndik ã-nĩj-ẽ-nẽ tanʔan*
give-POT 1<>2SG-**BEN**-be-IND flower

'you should give him flowers on my behalf' → 'substitutive' applicative

Why is BEN *nij-* a **canonical** applicative? (e.g. Peterson 2007)

- ✓ verbal derivational process with syntactic consequences
- ✓ BEN introduces internal argument to the argument structure of the underived verb root/stem
- ✓ "peripheral" semantic role: **Beneficiary** (or substitutive)
- ✓ OPTIONAL

in (3a): intransitive verb

In (4b): ditransitive verb

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4.1 Benefactive *nin-*

- BUT:

benefactive applicative can still **co-occur** with the oblique constituent that should have been promoted to object position, cf. (5)

- (5a) *Jonas-tewapa o-ka wa-wedn gringo-a*
Jonas-BEN 3SG.IND-make NMZR-lie foreigner-NOM
'The foreigner makes a bed for jonas.'
- (5b) *Jonas-tewapa o-nin-ka wa-wedn gringo-a*
Jonas-BEN 3SG.IND-BEN-make NMZR-lie foreigner-NOM
'The foreigner makes Jonas a bed.' (Van linden 2019: 457, ex. (1))

- Examples drawn from elicitation → (discourse) motivation for co-occurrence is question for further research

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4.2 General applicative *ta-*

(6a) *mboerek* *oʔ-wadn* *wettone-ere*
man 3SG.IND-sit woman-COM
'The man is sitting with his wife.'

(6b) *mboerek* *o-ta-wadn* *wettone-ta*
man 3SG.IND-**APPL**-sit woman-ACC
'The man is sitting with his wife.'

(7a) *Luis* *oʔ-wadn* *kusina-yo* *ndo-ere*
Luis 3SG.IND-sit kitchen-LOC 1SG-COM
'Luis is sitting in the kitchen with me.'

(7b) *Luis* *mbe-ta-wadn-ne* *kusina-yo*
Luis 3SG>1/2SG-**APPL**-sit-IND kitchen-LOC
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1<>2SG-**APPL**-CFL:two-dimensional-CAUS.SOC-come-REC.PST-IND NMLZ-photograph
'I brought your photograph.' (Lit. 'I brought a photograph on you.')
- (9) *mbe-ta-k-puk-on-ne* *ilo*
3SG>1/2SG-**APPL-SPAT:separation**-tear-PFV.NVOL-IND thread
'The thread got torn on me' (Lit. 'The thread got torn with respect to me; the thread got torn to my detriment.') (Van linden 2020: 16, ex. (12b))

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- ✓ “peripheral” semantic role → (8): (prospective) Possessor; (9): Maleficiary (& involuntary Agent)
- ❖ **OPTIONAL? Obligatory for non-Comitative applied phrases (8)-(9), which have no clear non-applicative counterparts**

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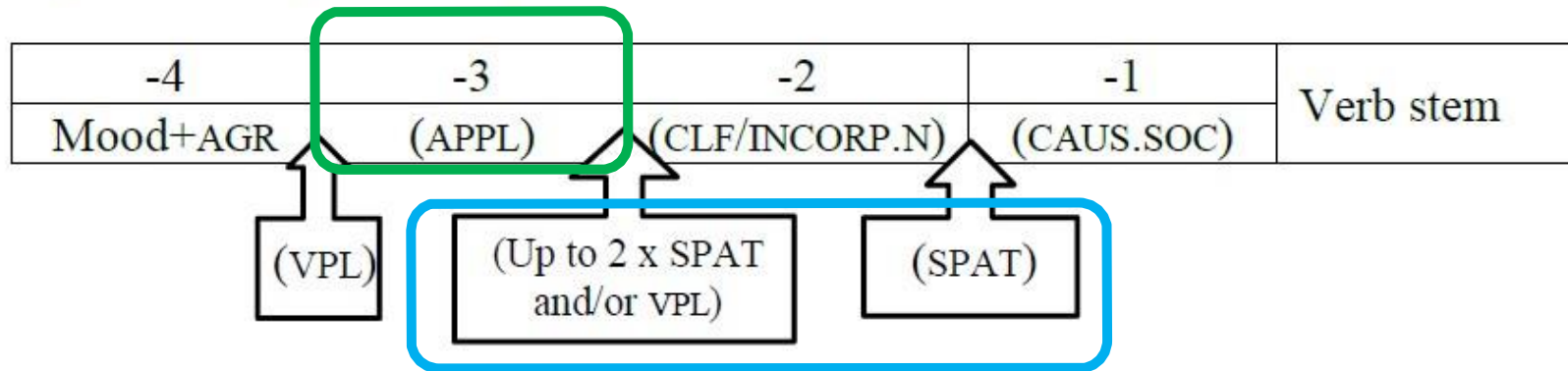


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5. Spatial prefixes as applicatives

Spatial prefixes:

- can be inserted in-between different fixed-position prefixes/incorporated nouns
- specify locative or directional circumstances of (participants in) the event denoted by the verb
- are valency-neutral or valency-increasing → have applicative functions, but are not dedicated applicatives
- have become fossilized in certain cases

Three items:

- *ti-* : location high up ($ti_C \rightarrow [tʃi]$; $ti_V \rightarrow [tʃ]$)
- *on-~n-* : spatial relation of 'in', 'to' (Tripp 1976: 8) or 'on'
- *ok-~k-* : spatial relation of 'separation' (Tripp 1995: 219)

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monotransitive verb stems

(10a) *ken on-pok mboerek-ta*
then 3PL.IND-pass man-ACC
'Then they pass the man.'

(10b) *ken on-ti-pok mboerek-ta*
then 3PL.IND-**SPAT:up**-pass man-ACC
'Then they pass the man (who is high up, on a ladder).' (Pear story)

(11a) *Lupe oʔ-tegŋ-me mbiʔigŋ*
Lupe 3SG.IND-cut-REC.PST fish
'Lupe cut (into) the fish.' (Lupe made cuts in the fish, e.g. to remove the guts)

(11b) *Lupe o-k-tegŋ-me mbiʔigŋ*
Lupe 3SG.IND-**SPAT:separation**-cut-REC.PST fish
'Lupe cut the fish into pieces.'

- intransitive, transitive and labile verb stems
- SPAT does not introduce applied phrase → non-syntactic function
- SPAT specifies location/spatial configuration of O-participant of transitive verbs, or S-argument of intransitive verbs (ergative patterning just like CLF)

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- (12) *o-k-ket-on* *pĩã*
3SG.IND-SPAT:separation-break-PFV.NVOL arrow
'The arrow broke into pieces.'

(12) intransitively used labile root 'break': prefix *ok-~k-* specifies the **internal spatial configuration** of S (12) and of O (11b)

→ targeted entity changed from a whole entity (or an entity in one piece, whose internal parts are spatially contiguous) at the beginning of the event to an entity that is broken into pieces (which are no longer spatially contiguous) at the end of the event

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5.2 Valency-increasing spatial uses

Examples with intransitive verb stem *-kot* ('fall') → spatial prefixes locate 'original' S viz-à-viz applied phrase (seem obligatory!)

- (13) *o-wedn-ato* *ãñĩ* *bisikleta* *o-n-kot* Goal
3SG-lie-MOVE&DO FILLER bicycle 3SG.IND-**SPAT:on**-fall
'He falls (literally: 'moves and lies down'), eh, he falls onto his bike.' (Pear story)
- (14) *o-k-mba-kot-onka-me-te* *yave* *An-ta* Source
3SG.IND-**SPAT:separation**-VPL-fall-suddenly-REC.PST-NFIRSTH key An-ACC
'An's keys fell all of a sudden.' (Lit.: 'The keys suddenly fell away from An.')
- (15) *Pomelo-a* *o-ku-ti-kot-ay* *Joeri-ta* Goal
grapefruit-NOM 3SG.IND-head-**SPAT:up**-fall-AVRT Joeri-ACC
'A grapefruit almost fell on Joeri's head.'
[also noun incorporation Type II: possessor is advanced to object status, which position is vacated by the incorporated body part *ku-* (cf. Mithun 1984: 857–858)]

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Example with transitive verb stem → spatial prefixes locate ‘original’/underived O viz-à-viz
applied phrase → spatial prefix seems obligatory

(16)	<i>i-k-totok-me-y</i>	<i>eʔ-pidn</i>	<u><i>abueta-ta</i></u>	Source
	1SG- SPAT:separation -pull-REC.PST-1.IND	NPF-thorn	grandmother-ACC	
	‘I pulled a thorn out of grandmother(’s knee).’			

- Applicative function found on both intransitive and transitive roots
- Prefixes introduce a Location argument into the clause
- location/spatial configuration targets the underived S-argument of intransitive roots (= A-argument in the applicative structures) and the underived O-argument of transitive roots

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5.3 Valency-increasing non-spatial uses

- **Semantic weakening** from spatial semantics to ‘involvement’ in the event: spatial meaning metaphorically extended or gone lost at the expense of the lexical semantics of the host verb
- attested for only two prefixes: *on-~n-* and *ti-*
- Animacy restriction: introduce **human** non-Actor arguments to the clause

(17a) *Kate* *i-ka-me-∅* *sik-yo?*
 what 2SG-do-REC.PST-DUB dark-LOC
 ‘What did you do in the evening?’

(17b) *Kate* *i-n-ka-me-∅* *abueta-ta* *sik-yo?*
 what 2SG-**SPAT:on**-do-REC.PST-DUB grandmother-ACC dark-LOC
 ‘What did you do to grandmother in the evening?’

(context: I removed a thorn from grandmother’s knee that night with my tweezers, cf. (16))

‘DO STH’ → ‘DO STH TO A PERSON’

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Spatial prefixes: **semantic weakening** from spatial semantics to ‘involvement’ in the event

(18a) *mboerek* *oʔ-a-me* [*o-arak-apo-ne* *ndumba-yo*]
man 3SG.IND-say-REC.PST [1<>2SG-kill-FUT-IND forest-LOC]
‘The man said: “I am going to kill you (SG) in the forest.”’

(18b) *mboerek* *me-n-a-me-ne*
man 3SG>1/2SG-**SPAT:on**-say-REC.PST-IND
[mbe-arak-apo-ne-a *ndumba-yo]*
3SG>1/2SG-kill-FUT-IND-QUOT forest-LOC
‘The man told me he was going to kill me in the forest’

(18a): reporting clause of direct speech/ ‘SAY’ → intransitive

(18b): reporting clause of indirect speech / ‘SAY TO SOMEBODY’ → transitive

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- (17)-(18): **metaphorical extension** to explain the semantic shift of the spatial prefix: the prefix *on-~n-* introduces an argument that is the human Goal of the actions of saying and doing respectively.

→ concept of Goal is extended from the concrete spatial domain to the abstract domain of human cognition and interaction (cf. Givón 2009: 89)

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5.3 Valency-increasing uses

Spatial prefixes: **semantic weakening** from spatial semantics to ‘involvement’ in the event
→ abstract valency-increasing use seems to have become syntactically optional!

(19a) *ndoʔ-edn* *nãŋ-ere* *i-yorok-mbedn-i*
1SG-GEN mother-COM 1SG-dream-ALL.NIGHT-1.IND
‘I dreamt of my mother all night.’

(19b) *ndoʔ-edn* *nãŋ-ta* *i-ti-yorok-mbedn-i*
1SG-GEN mother-ACC 1SG-**SPAT:up**-dream-ALL.NIGHT-1.IND
‘I dreamt of my mother all night.’

Stimulus

→ Comes close to a canonical applicative

6. Lexicalized uses

- in some cases complex verb stems are no longer semantically transparent → lexicalization effects, which corroborate their affinity to derivational morphology
- Possible to identify distinct morphemes, but overall meaning of verb stem is no longer compositional, or too little predictable to warrant morpheme breaks
- In (a), (b), (c) and in the first meaning of (d), the spatial prefixes do not affect the valency of the verb roots
- In (e)-(f) + (2nd meaning of (d): the prefixes do increase the valency of the roots

	Verb root	Valency of root	Lexicalized verb stem	Morphological analysis	Meaning	Valence of stem
(a)	<i>a</i>	intr	<i>e-ma-ti-no-a</i> (Tripp 1995: 82b)	NMLZ-VPL-SPAT:up-vital.centre-say	'to sing'	intr
(b)	<i>ka</i>	tr	<i>e-ma-ti-on-ka</i>	NMLZ-VPL-SPAT:up-SPAT:on-do	'to hunt'	tr
(c)	<i>ka</i>	tr	<i>eʔ-ti-ka</i> (Tripp 1995: 96a)	NMLZ-SPAT:up-do	'to kill (an insect)'	tr
(d)	<i>wedn</i>	intr	<i>eʔ-ti-wedn</i> (Tripp 1995: 95b)	NMLZ-SPAT:up-lie	'to be full (of a container object)'	intr
					'to brood (eggs)'	tr
(e)	<i>ẽ</i>	cop-intr	<i>eʔ-ti-ok-põ-ẽ</i> (Tripp 1995: 82b)	NMLZ-VPL-SPAT:up-SPAT:separation-CLF:round-be	'to annoy'	tr
(f)	<i>ẽ</i>	cop-intr	<i>e-k-ma-ti-ok-põ-ẽ</i> (Tripp 1995: 41b)	NMLZ-SPAT:separation-VPL-SPAT:up-SPAT:separation-CLF:round-be	'to commit adultery with so. else's wife'	tr

7. Conclusion

- Harakmbut has canonical applicatives: benefactive *nin-* and general applicative *ta-*
- In addition: set of spatial prefixes → can be ranged on a grammaticalization cline:

Syntax	valency-neutral		valency-increasing	
Semantics	spatial		non-spatial	
<i>ok-~k-</i>	✓		✓	✗
<i>ti-</i>	✓		✓	✓
<i>on-~n-</i>	✓		✓	✓
<i>taʔ-</i>	✓		✓	(✓)
<i>wa-</i>	✓		✓	(✓)

- **Valency-neutral uses:** SPAT specify location/spatial configuration of S/O-participant (resultant state or 'stable' throughout event)
- **Valency-increasing uses – spatial** (motion, caused motion verbs): SPAT introduce Location argument into the clause, and specify the location of the underived S or O argument (*Figure*) with respect to this applied phrase (*Ground*)
- **Valency-increasing uses – abstract** (non-motion verbs): applied phrase typically human → single grammaticalization path, from spatial element to non-spatial applicative

7. Conclusion – Call for input

- Grammar from space project (collaborative research project, funded by ULiège research council):
- We are interested in how elements with spatial meaning develop into applicative markers
- Relevant phenomena include:
 - spatial prefixes like in Harakmbut
 - Associated Motion markers and Directionals, e.g. in Nilotic (Payne 2021)
 - preverbs that grammaticalized out of incorporated spatial nouns, e.g. in Abaza (Northwest Caucasian, Russian republics of Karachay-Cherkessia; Arkadiev 2021).

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