

Semantic composition: Kalaallisut in CCG+UC₁

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Plan for today

- Introduction: Toward syn-sem typology
- CCG+UC₁ fragment of Kalaallisut (see hdt)
- Kalaallisut BA.TO.L-traits explained

Syn-Sem typology: Strategy 1

- Look for **clusters of traits** found in genetically unrelated and geographically distant languages.
- e.g. ‘**W**(ARLP_{IRI})-**type**’ features (Jelinek 1984: (62a–f)):
 - a) a **predicate-AUX** complex that constitutes a finite sentence, a verb and its arguments.
 - b) optional, **non-argumental nominals**.
 - c) a **case split**; i.e. different systems of case-marking on clitics vs. nominals
 - d) independent **pronouns** [...] that are used for contrastive emphasis
 - e) zero 3rd person marking, with a consequent **lack of pleonastic subjects**
 - f) **adjoined clauses** with either a temporal or a relative interpretation
- e.g. in:
 - Warlpiri (Pama-Nyungan: Central Australia),
 - Tohono O’odham (Uto-Aztecan: Arizona),
 - Lummi (North Straits Salish: American Northwest),
 - ...

Syn-Sem typology: Strategy 2

- *step 1*: identify an initial set of **independent traits** with syn-sem import
- *step 2*: develop an initial **syn-sem theory** of each trait
- *step 3*: use the **theory** and **field research** to inform each other and in this way develop successively better versions of both,
i.e. theory (v. 1) → fieldwork questionnaire (v. 1) →
revised theory (v. 2) → revised fieldwork questionnaire (v. 2) →
...

SYN-SEM TRAITS: T1

T1: *Argument type*.

What are the nominal arg's that saturate the verbal predicate?

- **SA:** *syntactic* argument phrases only (NP subject, NP object, ...)
e.g. English, Hebrew, ...
- **BA:** morphologically *bound* arguments only (bound pronoun, n-root, ...)
e.g. Warlpiri, Tohono O'odham, Lummi, Kalaallisut, ...
- **LA:** *lexical* arg. operations only (in context 'v-pred' = complete s)
e.g. Japanese, Mandarin Chinese, ...
- **MA:** *mixed* arguments (some combination of SA, BA, LA)
e.g. Polish (BA subject, SA object), Tamil (BA subject, SA object), ...

SYN-SEM TRAITS: T3

T3: *Word order type*.

What determines the linear order of verbal head and dependents?

- **S:** *syntactic rules* (e.g. $S \rightarrow NP VP, \dots$, leading to 'rigid' order)
 - English (svo default), Mandarin Chinese (svo default), ...
 - Jacaltec (vso default), ...
- **L:** *lexical operations* (e.g. H-lift, pre-H lift, post-H lift, ..., leading to 'free' order)
 - Kalaallisut (sov default), Polish (svo default), ...
 - Warlpiri (AUX second), Tohono O'odham (AUX second), ...
- **P:** *pragmatics of anaphora* (e.g. order anaphor asap after antecedent)
 - Japanese (sov default, 'rigidly' v-final)

SYN-SEM TRAITS: T2

T2: *Prominence type*.

What is the most prominent grammatical relation?

- **SU:** *subject* prominent (grammar primarily contrasts SU vs. DO)
 - English (SU pre-V, DO post-V, constituent tests identify VP = s\SU, passive promotes DO to SU, no anti-passive, ...)
 - Polish (SU in NOM case, DO in ACC case, passive promotes DO to SU, no anti-passive, ...)
- **TO:** *topic* prominent (grammar primarily contrasts T vs. \perp)
 - Warlpiri (iv-tns TNS-pn_T, tv-tns TNS-pn_T-pn_{\perp})
 - Kalaallisut (-3_Tl3_{\perp}, -ELA_{T\perp}, -FCT_{T\perp}, ...)
 - Mandarin Chinese (T-position), ...
- **BO:** *both* contrasts, SU vs DO and T vs \perp , equally prominent
 - Japanese (T-marker *ga*, SU-marker *no*, and DO-marker *o*, all in a single paradigm)

T1 (argument type). *Bound-Argument languages*

BA.i verbal *n*-predicate requires *n* morphologically bound arguments

BA.ii. verbal *n*-predicate + *n* morph. bound arg's constitute a sentence (s)

Warlpiri (K. Hale data)

- iv (1-predicate):

Pamka-mi ka-rna.
run-NPST PRS-1S
I am running.

- tv (2-predicate):

Nya-nyji ka-ma-ngku.
see-NPST PRS-1S-2S
I see you.

Kalaallisut (MB data)

- iv (1-predicate):

Nanu-si-pu-q.
bear-see-DEC_{iv}-3S
He_T's seen a bear.

- tv (2-predicate):

Taku-pa-a-nga.
see-DEC_{iv}-3S-1S
He_T's seen me.

T2 (prominence type). Topic-prominent languages

- TO.i. Grammar primarily contrasts **T** (topic) vs. **⊥** (background).
 TO.ii. Optional syntactic dependents used for **re-centering**.

Warlpiri (K. Hale data)

- iv (1-predicate):
Pamka-mi ka-∅ (marlu).
 run-NPST PRS-3S_(T) (kangaroo)
 It_⊥l(althe kangaroo^T) is running.
- tv (2-predicate):
Nya-nyi ka-lu-∅ (marlu)
 see-NPST PRS-3P_(T)-3S_(⊥) (roo)
(ngarrka-patu-rlu).
 (man-PL-ERG)
 They_⊥l(smlthe men^T) see
 it_⊥l(althe kangaroo[⊥]).

Kalaallisut (MB data)

- iv (1-predicate):
(Ole) nanu-si-pu-q.
 (Ole) *bear*-see-DEC_{iv}-3S_(T)
 He_⊥l(Ole^T) has seen a bear[⊥].
- tv (2-predicate):
(Ole-p) (nanuq) taku-pa-a-∅.
 (O-ERG) (bear) see-DEC_{iv}-3S_(T)-3S_(⊥)
 He_⊥l(Ole^T) has seen it_⊥l(althe bear[⊥]).

T3 (word order type). Lexically ordered languages

- L.i. ‘free’ order of verbal head and dependents
 L.ii. ..., L.iii ...

Warlpiri (K. Hale data)

- Smlthe men^T see althe kangaroo[⊥].
 (v AUX ABS ERG)
Nya-nyi ka-lu-∅ marlu
 see-NPST PRS-3P_(T)-3S_(⊥) roo
ngarrka-patu-rlu.
 man-PL-ERG
 (ABS AUX v ERG)
Marlu ka-lu-∅ nya-nyi
 roo PRS-3P_(T)-3S_(⊥) see-NPST
ngarrka-patu-rlu.
 man-PL-ERG

Kalaallisut (MB data)

- Ole^T has seen althe bear[⊥].
 (ERG ABS v)
Ole-p nanuq taku-pa-a-∅.
 O-ERG bear see-DEC_{iv}-3S_(T)-3S_(⊥)
 (ABS ERG v)
Nanuq Ole-p taku-pa-a-∅.
 bear O-ERG see-DEC_{iv}-3S_(T)-3S_(⊥)
 (ERG v ABS)
Ole-p taku-pa-a-∅ nanuq.
 O-ERG see-DEC_{iv}-3S_(T)-3S_(⊥) bear

T3 (word order type). Lexically ordered languages

- L.i. ‘free’ order of verbal head and dependents
 L.ii. discontinuous ‘constituents’, L.iii ...

Warlpiri (K. Hale data)

- I_T see althe big kangaroo[⊥].
Marlu ka-ma-∅ nya-nyi
roo PRS-1S_(T)-3S_(⊥) see-NPST
wiri.
big.

Kalaallisut (MB data)

- I_T’ve seen another big bear[⊥].
Angisuu-mik nanu-si-pu-nga
big-MOD *bear*-see-DEC_{iv}-1S_(T)
alla-mik.
other-MOD

T3 (word order type). Lexically ordered languages

- L.i. ‘free’ order of verbal-head & dep’s, L.ii. discontinuous ‘constituents’,
 L.iii. ‘scrambling’ ✓within | *across clause boundaries

Warlpiri (K. Hale data)

- I_T’m looking for the bmrng[⊥] you gave me
 ✓ *Karli-ki ka-ma-rla warri-mi*
 bmrng-DAT PRS-1S-D seek-NPST
yangka-ku kuja-npa-ju yu-ngu.
 that-DAT [CMP-2S-1S give-PST].
 * *Karli-ki ka-ma-rla yu-ngu*
 bmrng-DAT PRS-1S-D give-PST
yangka-ku kuja-npa-ju warri-mi.
 that-DAT [CMP-2S-1S seek-NPST].

Kalaallisut (MB data)

- Ole^T saw a big bear[⊥] & shot it_⊥.
 ✓ *Ole-p angisuu-mik*
 Ole-ERG [big-MOD
nanu-si-ga-mi aallaa-pa-a-∅.
 bear-see-FCT-3S_T] shoot-DEC_{iv}-3S-3S
 * *Angisuu-mik Ole-p*
 [big-MOD Ole-ERG
nanu-si-ga-mi aallaa-pa-a-∅.
 bear-see-FCT-3S_T] shoot-DEC_{iv}-3S-3S

Table 1. Kalaallisut cat-to-type rule (K2)

Kalaallisut item (gloss)	Category	UC _i type <i>a</i>	Notes
run, die-, capsiz-, ...	iv	[D]	$\underline{x}, \underline{y}, \underline{z} \in {}^{\pm}Var_0$
see, kill-, forestall-...	tv	[DD]	
bear-, Ole, that-, big, other-...	cn	[D]	
enemy-, ...	rn	[DD]	
-see-, -use	iv\cn	[D][D]	$\underline{P} \in {}^{\pm}Var_{[p]}$
-have	iv\rn	[DD][D]	$\underline{R} \in {}^{\pm}Var_{[p]}$
-with	cn\rn	[DD][D]	
-cn\iv (-tuq)	cn\iv	[D][D]	
-rn\iv (-taq)	rn\iv	[DD][DD]	
-rn\cn (-Ø)	rn\cn	[D][DD]	
-DEC, ...	s\pn\iv	[D][D][D]	$K \in {}^{\pm}Var_{[1]}$
-FCT _T , -FCT _± , -ELA _T , -ELA _± , ...	s ^a \pn\iv	[D][D][D] ²	
-T, -ERG _T , - [±] , -ERG [±] , -MOD	s ^a \cn	[D][D] ²	
-1s, -2s, -3s _(T) , -3s _(±) , ...	x\(\x\pn)	(D...)	$x \in \{s, s^+, cn, \dots\}$
- ^y (·) (L-accommodation)	x\(\x)	[D][D]	$x \in \{iv, cn\}$
- ^y (·) (head x lift)	x\(\x ^a \x)	[D][D] ² [D]	$x \in \{iv, cn\}$
- ^y (·) (pre-head lift)	s ^a \s ^a \s ^a	[D] ² [D] ²	$\underline{L} \in {}^{\pm}Var_{[1]2}$
- ^y (·) (post-head lift)	s\(\s\(\s^+)\)\s ^a	[D] ² [D] ² [D]	$\underline{H} \in {}^{\pm}Var_{[1]2}$

Kalaallisut to UC_i; Lexical entries (part 1)

roots & derivational suffixes

run-	iv: $\lambda \underline{x}[\text{run}(\underline{x})]$		<i>pangalig-</i>
see-	tv: $\lambda \underline{y} \lambda \underline{x}[\text{see}(\underline{x}, \underline{y})]$		<i>taku-</i>
bear-	cn: $\lambda \underline{x}[\text{bear}(\underline{x})]$		<i>nanu(q)-</i>
Ole-	cn: $\lambda \underline{x}[\underline{x} = \text{ole}]$		<i>Ole-</i>
that-	cn: $\lambda \underline{x}[\underline{x} = ?_n]$		<i>taa(ss)-</i>
big-	cn: $\lambda \underline{x}[\text{big}\{\underline{x}, ?_n\}]$		<i>angisuu(q)-</i>
other-	cn: $\lambda \underline{x}[?_n \in \underline{x}]; [\underline{x} \neq ?_n]$		<i>alla-</i>
enemy-	rn: $\lambda \underline{z} \lambda \underline{x}[\text{enm}^{\text{of}}(\underline{x}, \underline{z})]$		<i>akira(q)-</i>
-see	iv\cn: $\lambda \underline{P} \lambda \underline{x}, \underline{P} \perp \perp; [\text{see}(\underline{x}, \perp)]$		<i>-si</i>
-use	iv\cn: $\lambda \underline{P} \lambda \underline{x}, \underline{P} \perp \perp; [\text{use}(\underline{x}, \perp)]$		<i>-tur</i>
-have	iv\rn: $\lambda \underline{R} \lambda \underline{x}, \underline{R} \underline{x} \perp$		<i>-qar</i>
-with	cn\rn: $\lambda \underline{R} \lambda \underline{x}, \underline{R} \underline{x} \perp$		<i>-lik</i>
-cn\iv	cn\iv: $\lambda \underline{P} \lambda \underline{x}, \perp \underline{P} f?_n; [\underline{x} = f?_n]$	$f \in \{\lambda x.x, pos\}$	<i>-tuq</i>
-rn\iv	rn\iv: $\lambda \underline{R} \lambda \underline{z} \lambda \underline{x}, \perp (\underline{R} \underline{z}) f?_n; [\underline{x} = f?_n]$	$f \in \{\lambda x.x, pos\}$	<i>-taq</i>
- ₌	cn\cn: $\lambda \underline{P} \lambda \underline{x}, \perp \underline{P} f?_n; [\underline{x} = f?_n]$	$f \in \{\lambda x.x, pos\}$	<i>-Ø</i>
- _f	rn\cn: $\lambda \underline{P} \lambda \underline{z} \lambda \underline{x}, [\underline{z} = f \underline{x}]; \underline{P} \underline{x}$	$f \in \{pos, loc, \dots\}$	<i>-Ø</i>

Kalaallisut to UC_i; Lexical entries (part 2)

inflectional suffixes & lexical operations

($\perp \underline{P} = \lambda \underline{x}(\perp \underline{P} \underline{x})$, $x \in \{s, s^+\}$ for SUB-pn, $x = cn$ for POS-pn)

-DEC	s\pn\iv: $\lambda \underline{P} \lambda \underline{x}, \underline{P} \underline{x}$	<i>-pu pa la</i>
-FCT _T	s ^a \pn\iv: $\lambda \underline{P} \lambda \underline{x} \lambda K. (\underline{P} \underline{x}; K)$	<i>-ga</i>
	s ^a \pn\iv: $\lambda \underline{P} \lambda \underline{x} \lambda K. ([x] \underline{x} = ?_n] \perp; \underline{P} \underline{x}) \perp; K$	
-FCT _±	s ^a \pn\iv: $\lambda \underline{P} \lambda \underline{x} \lambda K. (\underline{P} \underline{x}; K)$	<i>-mm</i>
	s ^a \pn\iv: $\lambda \underline{P} \lambda \underline{x} \lambda K. ([y] \underline{y} = ?_n] \perp; \underline{P} \underline{x}) \perp; K$	
-(ERG) _T	s ^a \cn: $\lambda \underline{P} \lambda K. ([x] \perp; \underline{P} \perp) \perp; K$	<i>-Ø p uma ...(-3_T)</i>
-(ERG) _±	s ^a \cn: $\lambda \underline{P} \lambda K. ([y] \perp; \underline{P} \perp) \perp; K$	<i>-Ø p uma ...(-3_±)</i>
-MOD	s ^a \cn: $\lambda \underline{P} \lambda K. K \perp; \perp \underline{P} \perp$	<i>-mik</i>
-3s _(T)	x\(\x\pn): $\lambda E. E \perp$	<i>-q a ñ mi...</i>
	x\(\x\pn): $\lambda E \lambda \dots ([x] \underline{x} = ?_n] \perp; E \perp \dots)$	<i>-ñ mi...</i>
-3s _(±)	x\(\x\pn): $\lambda E. E \perp$	<i>-Ø at gu ...</i>
	x\(\x\pn): $\lambda E \lambda \dots ([y] \underline{y} = ?_n] \perp; E \perp \dots)$	<i>-at gu...</i>
- ^y (·)-	x/x: $\lambda \underline{P} \lambda \underline{x}. [y] \perp; \underline{P} \underline{x}$	L-accommodation, ($x \in \{iv, cn\}$)
- ^y (·)	x\(\x ^a \x): $\lambda \underline{P} \lambda \underline{J} \lambda \underline{x}. \underline{J}(\underline{P} \underline{x})$	head x lift, ($x \in \{iv, cn\}$)
- ^y (·)	s ^a \s ^a \s ^a : $\lambda \underline{L} \lambda \underline{J} \lambda K. \underline{L}(\underline{J}K)$	pre-head lift
- ^y (·)	s\(\s\(\s^+)\)\s ^a : $\lambda \underline{H} \lambda H. \underline{H} \underline{J}$	post-head lift

Kalaallisut BA.TO.L-traits explained: BA

• T1 (argument type). BOUND-ARGUMENT LANGUAGE

BA.i. verbal *n*-pred. requires *n* morphologically BOUND ARGUMENTS
verbal *n*-pred. + *n* morph. BOUND ARGUMENTS constitute a sentence (s)

BA.ii no obligatory syntactic np's: all syntactic np's ('subject', 'object', etc) are optional dependents of the verbal head. (see TO.ii below).

(1) (Look, a bear^T!)

iv: *Pangalig-pu-q.*

run-DEC_{iv}-3s_(T)

It_T is running.

run-	-DEC _{iv}	-3s _(T)
iv:	s\pn\iv:	s\(\s\pn):
$\lambda \underline{x}[\text{run}(\underline{x})]$	$\lambda \underline{P} \lambda \underline{x}, \underline{P} \underline{x}$	$\lambda \underline{P}, \underline{P} \perp$
<		
s\pn: $\lambda \underline{x}[\text{run}(\underline{x})]$		
<		
s: $[\text{run}(\text{T})]$		

Kalaallisut BA.TO.L-traits explained: [L.i](#) (part 1)

• **T3** (word order type). **LEXICALLY-ORDERED LANGUAGE**

L.i. *'free' order* of verbal head and dependents

(2,3) (Any news today?)

sov Ole-p nanuq taku-pa-a.
Ole-ERG bear see-DEC_{iv}-3S.3S
'Ole saw a bear.'

svo Ole-p taku-pa-a. nanuq.
Ole-ERG see-DEC_{iv}-3S.3S bear
'Ole saw a bear.'

(Who has seen a bear or a walrus?)

osv Nanuq Ole-p taku-pa-a.
bear Ole-ERG see-DEC_{iv}-3S.3S
'Ole has seen a bear.'

Kalaallisut BA.TO.L-traits explained: [L.i](#) (part 2)

sov Ole-ERG ^T	bear- [↓]	see-DEC _{iv} -3S _(T) -3S _(↓)
s ⁺ : $\lambda K([\mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{x} =_i \text{ole}]^T; K)$	s ⁺ : $\lambda K([\mathbf{y} \mid \text{bear}(\mathbf{y})]^\pm; K)$	s: [see(T, ↓)]
>		
s: [y bear(y)]; [see(T, ↓)]		
>		
s: [x x = _i ole]; [y bear(y)]; [see(T, ↓)]		
svo \forall (Ole-ERG ^T)	\forall (see-)-DEC _{iv} -3S _(T) -3S _(↓)	\forall (bear- [↓])
s ⁺ s ⁺ : $\lambda \underline{J} \lambda K. \underline{J}([\mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{x} =_i \text{ole}]^T; K)$	s\ s ⁺ : $\lambda \underline{J}. \underline{J}[\text{see}(\text{T}, \perp)]$	s\ (s\ s ⁺): $\lambda \underline{H}. \underline{H} \lambda K([\mathbf{y} \mid \text{bear}(\mathbf{y})]^\pm; K)$
<B		
s\ s ⁺ : $\lambda \underline{J}. \underline{J}([\mathbf{x} \mid \mathbf{x} =_i \text{ole}]; [\text{see}(\text{T}, \perp)])$		
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s: [y bear(y)]; [x x = _i ole]; [see(T, ↓)]		

Kalaallisut BA.TO.L-traits explained: [L.ii](#)

• **T3** (word order type). **LEXICALLY-ORDERED LANGUAGE**

L.ii. *discontinuous 'constituents'*

(4a) (Yesterday I saw a bear[↓] near the village. Today...)

Ole alla-mik nanu-si-pu-q angisuu-mik.
Ole other-MOD bear-see-DEC_{iv}-3S big-MOD
Ole saw another bear, a big one.

CCG+UC₁ analysis yields (see hdt):

s: [x | x =_i ole]; [y | bear(y)]; [↓₂ ∈ ↓ll]; [↓ ≠_i ↓₂]; [big{↓, ↓ll}]; [see(T, ↓)]

(4b) (Yesterday I saw a big bear[↓] near the village. And today...)

Ole angisuu-mik nanu-si-pu-q alla-mik.
Ole big-MOD bear-see-DEC_{iv}-3S other-MOD
Ole saw another big bear.

CCG+UC₁ analysis yields (see hdt):

s: [x | x =_i ole]; [y | bear(y)]; [big{↓, ↓ll}]; [↓₂ ∈ ↓ll]; [↓ ≠_i ↓₂]; [see(T, ↓)]

Kalaallisut BA.TO.L-traits explained: [L.iii](#)

• **T3** (word order type). **LEXICALLY-ORDERED LANGUAGE**

L.iii. *'scrambling' ✓within | *across clause boundaries*

(5a) ✓ Ole-p angisuu-mik nanu-si-ga-mi aallaa-pa-a-Ø.

Ole-ERG [big-MOD bear-see-FCT_T-3S_T] shoot-DEC_{iv}-3S.3S
Ole saw a big bear and shot it.

CCG+UC₁ analysis yields (see hdt):

s: [x | x =_i ole]; [y | bear(y)]; [big{↓, ↓ll}]; [see(T, ↓)]; [shoot(T, ↓)]

(5a) * Angisuu-mik Ole-p nanu-si-ga-mi aallaa-pa-a-Ø.

[big-MOD Ole-ERG bear-see-FCT_T-3S_T] shoot-DEC_{iv}-3S.3S

attempted CCG+UC₁ analysis yields (see hdt):

\underline{s} s⁺: $\lambda \underline{J}([\mathbf{y} \mid \text{bear}(\mathbf{y})]^\pm; [\text{see}(\text{T}, \perp)])$; ([x | x =_i ole]); ([shoot(T, ↓)][±]; [big{↓, ↓ll}])

*type (should be s)

*background-elaboration seq.

(A[±]; B)

no bck. update in A, so this seq. denotes the absurd state

