



- reflexive = reciprocal (after the loss of the reflex of the POc \*paRi- prefix)

9. pa xûûchî chëi **mûgé** na ri ngê kwââ  
 COLL child hit RETURN PAST 3PL with stick

‘The children hit themselves/each other with a stick.’

MĀORI

"Māori does not have special reciprocal forms, but uses the reflexive construction, but with dual or plural pronouns. Whether a dual or plural pronoun is interpreted as reflexive or reciprocal is a matter of what makes more sense" (Bauer, 1997:635).

10. kaua e whaka-mamaeia kōrua **anō**  
 NEG TAM CAUS-hurt OBL 3DU again

‘Don't hurt yourselves / each other!’ (Bauer, 1997:635)

11. nā Hone rāua ko Mere i patu a rāua **anō**  
 belong John 3DU SPEC Mary TAM beat PERS 3DU AGAIN

‘John and Mary hit themselves/each other.’ (Bauer 1997:646)

### 3. Origin of the reciprocal affixes

#### 3.1. Prefix POc \*paRi-

Pawley (1973:152): Proto Oceanic prefix \*paRi- marks “combined or repeated actions by a plurality of actors or affecting a plurality of entities, normally but not invariably those denoted by the subject of the verb”.

Lichtenberk (2000) lists several different functions for this POc prefix:

- plurality of relations (reciprocal, collective, converse, etc. situations)
- low elaboration of situations

#### 3.2. Reflexes of POc \*akin[i] (Evans, B., 2003)

- transitivity: both causative (S = O) and applicative functions (S = A; O mostly instrument and concomitant, also content of speech, location): Manam; Motu; Longgu; Bouma Fijian; Bauan Fijian; Lolovoli, etc.

- detransitivising: derives verbs with a resultant state or ‘agentless’ passive interpretation; Wayan Fijian; Meso-Melanesian languages; East Uvean, etc.

- **use with reciprocal prefixes**: sociative in Kara (-ai with *fe-*); in Tigak (-ai with *e-*); in Wayan Fijian (-*Caki(ni)* with *vī-*): sociative or reciprocal, dispersive; in Samoan (*fe-* -*Ca'i*; also *fe-* -*Ci*); Tongan *fe-* *Caki* : reciprocative (movement to and fro or hither and thither) and reciprocal; *fe-* -*Ci* ‘communal verbs’ (sociative); in East Futunan (see handout 6), etc.

- use as verbal prepositions: like prepositions, introduce an oblique argument; like verbs, take the verbal object suffixes or enclitics to index their object; Tolo *hini-* ‘with’, ‘about, concerning’; Tamambo *hina/hini*; Woleaian *yagili* ‘with’, ‘carrying’; Tongan, East Uvean ‘*aki* ‘instrumental’, etc.

- use as trace elements (when the instrumental complement is anteposed)

#### 3.3. Loyalty islands reciprocal suffix: a directional source?

Nengone (Maré) (-*jeu* < *jew(e)* ‘towards’)

12. Ehne hna sice **jew-ore** len  
 1DU.EXCL PAST flee towards-ART road

‘We both fled towards the road.’

13. ehniij hna **e-rede-jeu**  
 1PL.EXCL PAST PREF-fight-SUF

‘We fought each other.’

Drehu (Lifu) (-*keu* < *kowe/koi* 'towards')

14. Ite lapa a i-xatua-**keu** kowe la ifaipoipo  
 PLUR clan IMPF PREF-help-SUF to ART wedding  
 'The clans are helping each other for the wedding.'

Iaai (Uvea) (*köu* < *köö* 'towards')

15. ödrine i-hmehmë-**köu**  
 3PL.RESTR+PRES PREF-be ashamed-SUF  
 'They are ashamed of each other.'

#### 4. Language contact

FAGAUVEA (Polynesian Outlier, Uvea, Loyalty islands)

(i) The prefix *fe-* used by itself: 'natural' reciprocal events: *fe-aatu* 'to argue with each other', *fe-songi* 'kiss each other', *fe-tuku* 'take leave of each other', etc.

(ii) Combined with the suffix *-keu*: reciprocity with verbs denoting violent actions: *fe-linge-keu* 'kill each other', *fe-liko-keu* 'pursue each other', etc. and with verbs of exchange such as *fe-tapa-keu* 'call each other', *fe-pulou-keu* 'exchange clothes', etc.

16. de lua kuli na **fe-u-keu**  
 ART two dog PAST REC-bite-REC  
 'The two dogs bit each other.'

(iii), the suffix: reciprocal with verbs of perception/emotion: *maa-keu* 'be ashamed of e.o.', *maalie-keu* 'get along with e.o.', *moonyi-keu* 'be angry at e.o.', *fuletenua-keu* 'criticize e.o.', and also *okatue-keu* 'help e.o.', *ivitua-keu* 'be back to back', etc.

17. lua fafine, o gilaa kilo-**keu**, o gilaa malingi ola suamata  
 two woman PERF 3DU look-SUF PERF 3DU flow their tear  
 'The two women, they looked at each other, and burst into tears.'

(iv) the suffix: reciprocal with verbs denoting grooming actions: *selu-keu* 'comb each other', *gii-keu* 'shave each other', etc. or in collective situations: *kata-keu* 'laugh together', *mako-keu* 'sing together', *inu-keu* 'drink together', *kai-keu* 'eat together', etc.

(v) the verb+suffix complex can be transitivised and have a pronominal object: reciprocal:

18. i dinei goi gilea kai-**keu**-ina **gilehea** (V-KEU-TR-O)  
 at here INC 3PL eat-SUF-TR 3PL  
 'Here, they are still eating each other.'

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## B. Trends in the Development of Reflexive and Reciprocal Markers

### REFLEXIVES

#### 1. Chains of grammaticalization

##### SOURCES

- (i) a. expressions for body parts > intensifiers > **reflexives** (> reciprocals)  
(general impression on the basis of synchronic facts)
- b. *body parts* > intensifiers (identity)    Mandarin
- c. body parts > reflexives (metonymy)    Basque
- which (use of) intensifier?
- (ii) it is the adverbial intensifier *zibun* which is used in Japanese (instead of the adnominal intensifiers *zisin*, *zitai*)

##### RUSSIAN

- (1) Narod upravljajet sam soboj. (remarkable agent) ‘Who governs them?’
- (2) Narod upravljajet samim soboj. (remarkable object) ‘Who do they govern.’  
‘People govern themselves.’
- (3)a. The merchant ruined himSELF and nobody else.
- b. Nobody other than the merchant is responsible for his ruin. He ruined himSELF. (*zibun*)
- in OE nominative forms seem to have been fused with pronouns (details not perfectly clear)

#### 2. Renewal of system (English) and in Germanic

- **The older pronominal reflexives in IE**  
(Lat. *se*, *sibi*, *suus*; Romance: *si*, *se*, *sè*, *sì* ; Germ. *sich*, *seg* ; Russ. *sebja*, etc.)
- Kemmer calls the Latin forms heavy as opposed to light form *-r* found in passives and deponent verbs *meditor* ‘ponder’, *revertor* ‘turn’, etc.
- Loss of *-r* and its replacement by *se* in Romance
- Loss of this pronominal reflexive in Old English
- pronominal reflexive > Ø/pers. pronoun > pronoun + intensifier > adjunct reflexive  
(possible steps in the development of reflexives in English)
- along the scale of grammatical relations? (dir. Obj. > indir. Object > prep. Object > adjunct) (cf. van Gelderen, 2000; Koenig & Siemund, 2000)
- along the person scale? (3<sup>rd</sup> > 2<sup>nd</sup> > 1<sup>st</sup>)
- narrowing of binding scope?
- along the verbal scale (other-oriented > non-other oriented)

#### Reinforcement and fusion in Germanic

##### DUTCH

loss of SIK > borrowing of *zich* > reinforcement through *-zelf* > loss of *zich* (Vlaams)

## SWEDISH

sig > oblig. reinforcement by *själv* depending on verb and scope of binding

## GERMAN

- optional though frequent reinforcement of *sich* by *selbst* in German in contexts of remarkable reflexivity; since there is no reflexive in the genitive a combination of poss. pro + intensifier is used (*seiner selbst*)

(4) Am meisten liebt er SICH/sich selbst.

### 3. Cycles in the development of reflexives?

- Jespersen cycles (negation)

(5)a. NEG V

b. NEG<sub>1</sub> V (NEG<sub>2</sub>)

c. (NEG<sub>1</sub>) V NEG<sub>2</sub>

d. V NEG<sub>2</sub>

‘Je (ne) sais pas’ ‘I don’t know.’

## BRAZILIAN PORTUGUESE (S. Reiter, field notes)

(6)a. ele se perguntou ‘She asked herself.’

b. ele perguntou-se

c. ele perguntou-se a si mesma

d. ele perguntou a si mesma

e. ele perguntou a ele mesma (often judged to be unacceptable, due to contact, etc.)

(7)a. Maria se olha no espelho.

‘Maria is looking at herself in the mirror.’

b. Maria olha a si mesma no espelho. [emphatic]

## RHETO-ROMANCE (Graubünden): Turley (1997)

(8)a. Je se-lavel on sucshina. ‘I was up in the kitchen.’

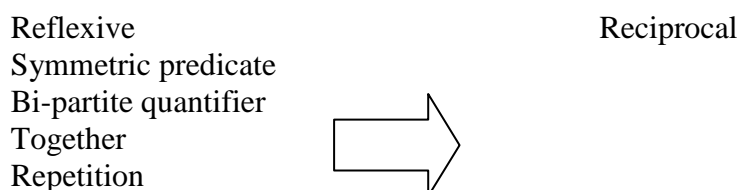
b. \*Je se-vesel el spieghel. ‘I see myself in the mirror.’

c. Je vesel memez el spieghel. ‘I see myself in the mirror.’

- *Se* replaced all other reflexive markers and became a verbal clitic;
- A new heavy RM developed from pronoun + intensifier *ipse*: *sē + ipsu* > *sez*
- New round of reinforcement: *sei + sez* > *sesez*
- What exactly would count a cyclical change?

## RECIPROCAL

Heine & Miyashita (2008)



- (1) Role of Lat. *inter se* as a bridging context  
 (2) Video eos inter se amare. (Terence Ad. 5,3,42) 'I see them loving each other'

- **symmetric predicates** are a frequent source for the development and grammaticalization of reciprocal markers ('with', 'comrade', 'fellow', 'meet', 'exchange', 'opposite',); just like expressions for reversing the direction 'back again':

- different **degrees of grammaticalization**: the quantificational strategy

FRENCH

- (3) a. Il nous a présentés l'un à l'autre. 'He introduced us to each other. (Ci ha presentati l'un all'altro.) Il nous a présentés les uns aux autres.  
 b. Ils s'admirent (les uns les autres). 'They admire each other.' Si ammirano (gli uni gli altri/l'un l'altro).

- **further differences**

- (a) Subject agreement (number, gender): Romance vs. Germanic/Slavic  
 (b) Case marking for second quantifier: Slavic/Romance/Finnish/Japanese vs. Germanic  
 (c) Article: Romance vs. Germanic  
 (d) Possessive Affix: Turkish, Finnish vs. Germanic, Romance, Slavic  
 (e) Fusion or reduction of the quantifier: Germanic, Finnish, Turkish vs. Romance, Slavic; degree of fusion (mekaar, each other einander vs.

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