A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing:

Valency Classes and Valency Preference Classes in Jakarta Indonesian



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(1) satpam security.guard

THING

(2) gede big

PROPERTY

(3) tidur sleep

ACTIVITY (monovalent semantic frame)

(4) beli buy

ACTIVITY (multivalent semantic frame)

- (1) satpamsecurity.guard'He's a security guard'
- (2) gede
 big
 'He's big'
- (3) tidur sleep 'He's sleeping'
- (4) beli
 buy
 'He's buying it'



standing alone as complete non-elliptical sentence

- (5) satpam rumah with an security.guard house additional SECURITY GUARD | A (HOUSE) expression
- (6) gede rumah big house
 BIG | A (HOUSE)
- (7) tidur rumah sleep house SLEEP | A (HOUSE)
- (8) beli rumah buy house BUY I A (HOUSE)

- (5) satpam rumah security.guard house 'He's the security guard of a house'
- (6) gede rumah big house 'He's as big as a house'
- (7) tidur rumah sleep house 'He's sleeping at a house'
- (8) beli rumah buy house 'He's buying a house'

Jakarta Indonesian has no ...

- thematic role assignment
- core/periphery distinction
- subject/object asymmetries
- valency classes

All of the above is true, but ...
it's only most of the truth, not all of it

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Linear Order Preference rules:

- head-modifier
- iconicity
- information flow

Linear Order Preferences

	VAP	VPA	AVP	PVA	APV	PAV
beli buy	1%	7%	88%	0%	0%	4%
makan eat	0%	2%	94%	1%	>0%	3%

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sama ~ ama 'NON-ABSOLUTIVE'

- (9) (sama) Ali beli rumah together Ali buy house 'Ali bought a house'
- (10) (sama) Ali kasi buku (sama) Amat together Ali give book together Amat 'Ali gave a book to Amat'

ke 'to'

(11) Ali balik (ke) rumah Ali return to house 'Ali returned to the house'

dari 'from'

(12) Ali balik (dari) rumah Ali return from house 'Ali returned from the house'

no government

of arguments

by a verb

'semantic case'

not

di 'in'

- (13) Ali beli (di) rumah
 Ali buy in house
 'Ali bought it in the house'
- (14) Ali beli (ke) rumah
 Ali buy to house

 'Ali bought it by going to the house'
- (15) Ali beli (dari) rumah
 Ali buy from house
 'Ali bought it from the house'

Flagging Preferences for beli buy

	Pat	Ag	Ben	Source	Loc
bare	100%	100%	22%	0%	44%
flagged	*	0%	78%	100%	56%

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di= GENERALIZED PASSIVE

N- GENERALIZED ACTIVE

-in GENERALIZED APPLICATIVE

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di 'in'
di= GENERALIZED PASSIVE
(16) (Ali) liat (Amat)
    Ali look Amat
    'Ali is looking at Amat' [PREFERRED]
    'Amat is looking at Ali'
(17) (Ali) diliat (Amat)
    Ali GEN.PASS-look Amat
    'Ali is looking at Amat'
    'Amat is looking at Ali' [STRONGLY PREFERRED]
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N- GENERALIZED ACTIVE

go pergi *mergi

sleep tidur *nidur

tea teh RARE neh

look liat ngeliat

coffee kopi ngopi

follow RARE susul nyusul

watch * tonton nonton

* tongis

cry * tangis nangis

N- GENERALIZED ACTIVE

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(18) (Ali) liat (rumah)
Ali look house
'Ali is looking at the house'
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(19) (Ali) ngeliat (rumah)
Ali GEN.ACT-look house
'Ali is looking at the house'

N- GENERALIZED ACTIVE

(20) (Ali) kopi Ali coffee 'Ali is drinking coffee'

(21) (Ali) ngopi
Ali GEN.ACT-coffee
'Ali is drinking coffee'

Generalized Voice Marking and Order Preferences

	A before V	P before V	
N-V	98.2%	1.8%	
di=V	1.5%	98.6%	

Two Perspectives

Wolf

Valency Classes

Incremental Perspective

the text chapter

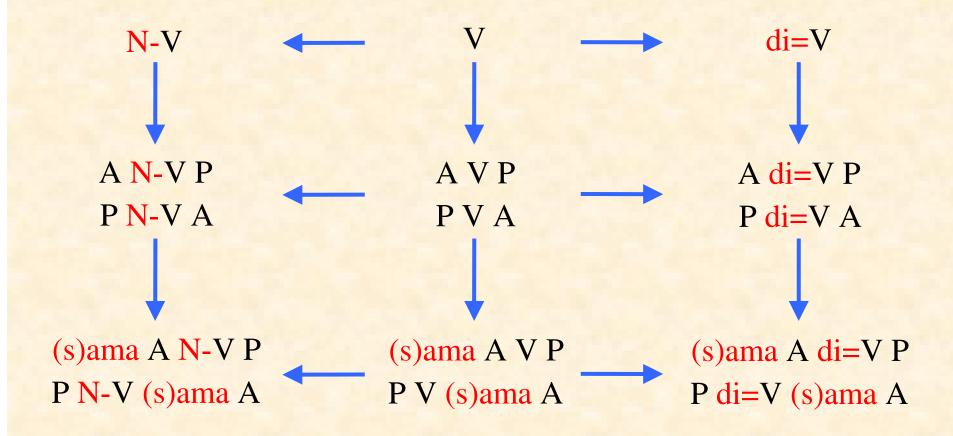
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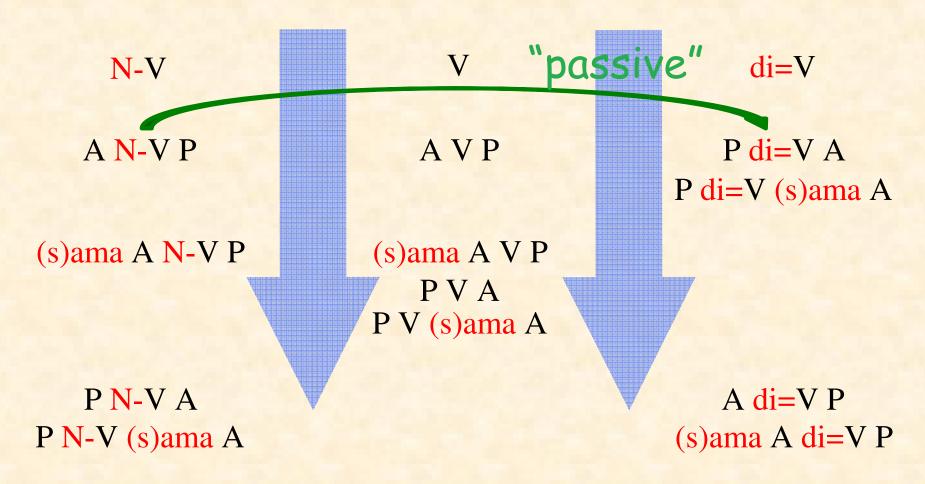
Frequency Perspective

the database

Incremental Perspective



Frequency Perspective



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The Association Experiment

Can sentences like this

CLOWN DRINK BOOK DOG DRAW

The clown is drinking the book The dog is drawing

Badut minum buku

Anjing gambar

Anh hề uống sách

Chó vẽ

Kitenga tchì ‡xanù

G‡húín n‡om

小丑飲書

狗仔畫畫

ピエロほんのんどる

イヌ描いとる

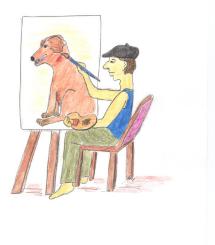
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be understood like this?



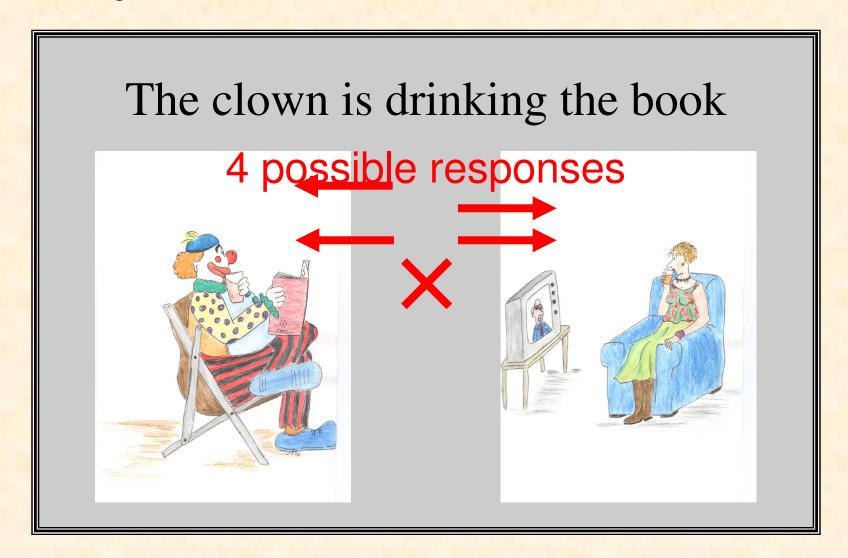
Per→Core





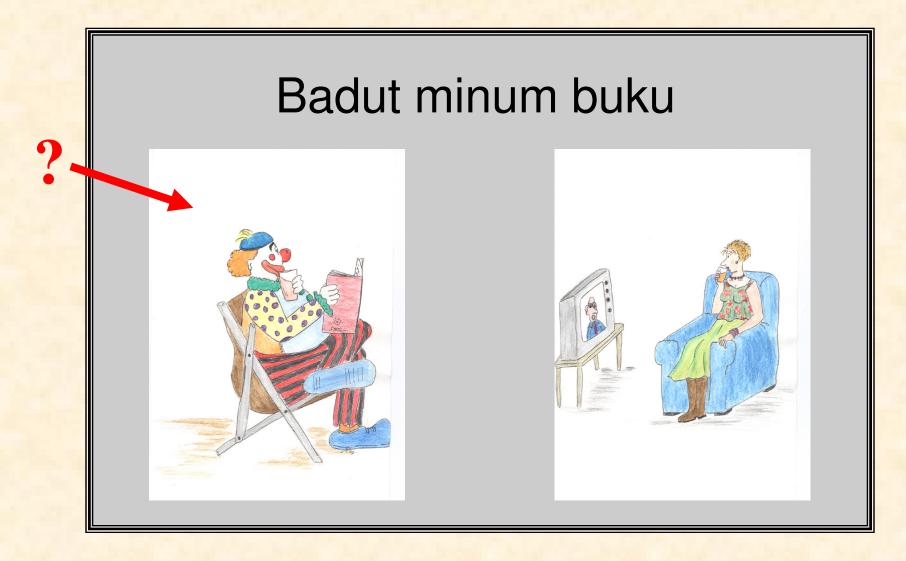
Pat→Ag

Testing for Per→Core



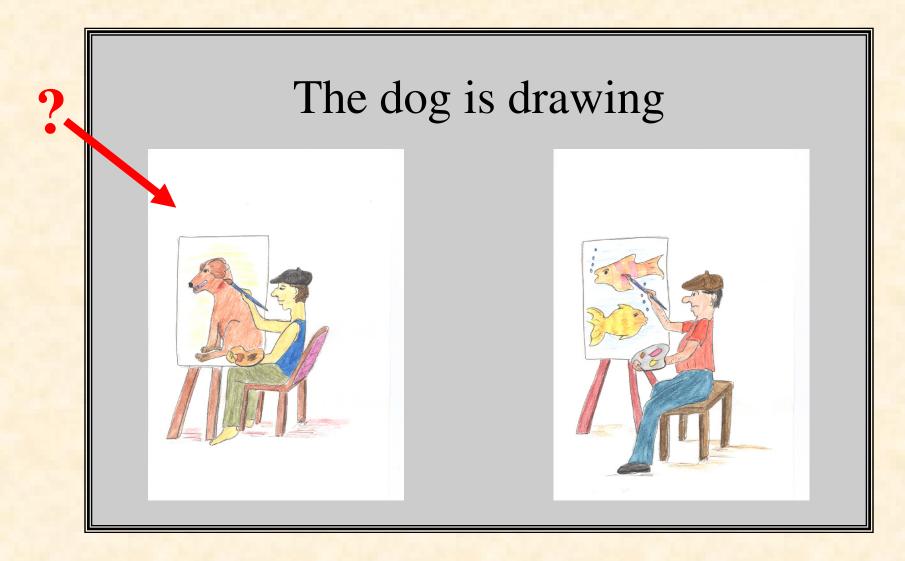
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Testing for Per→Core



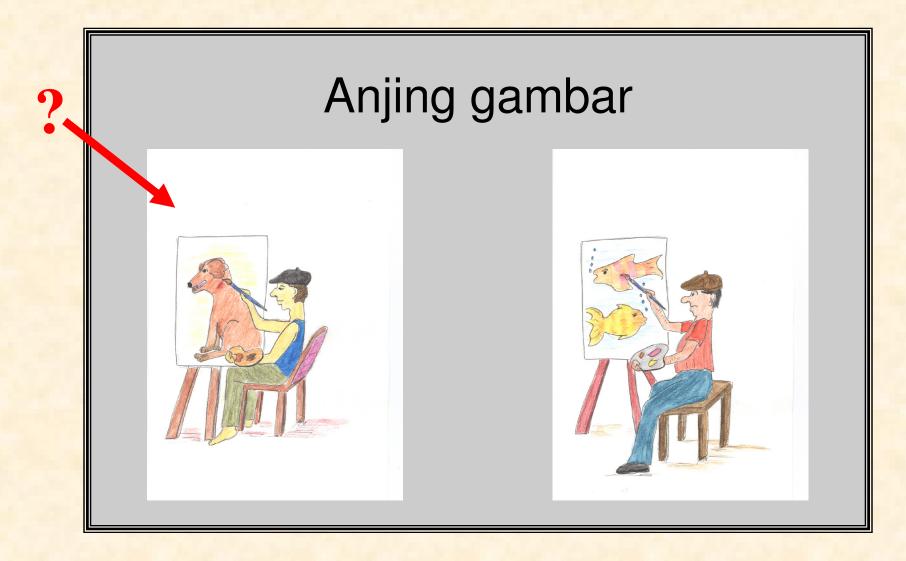
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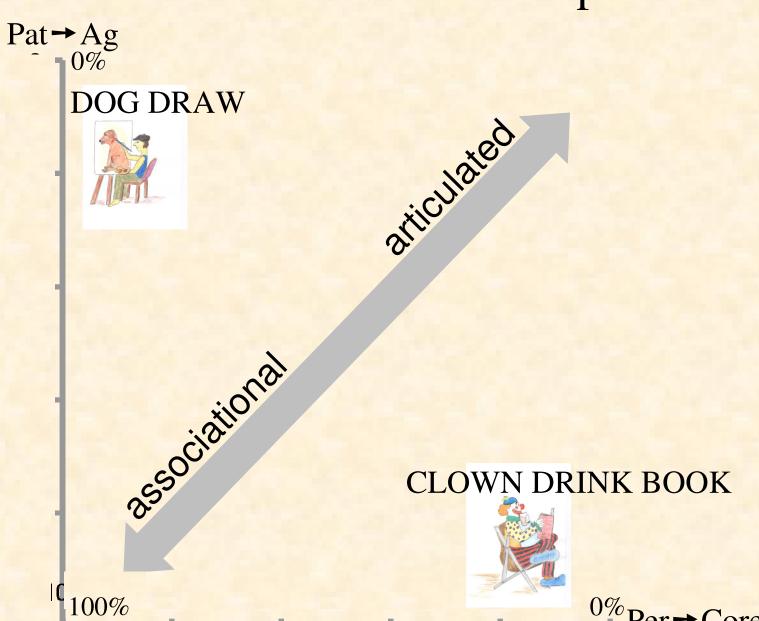
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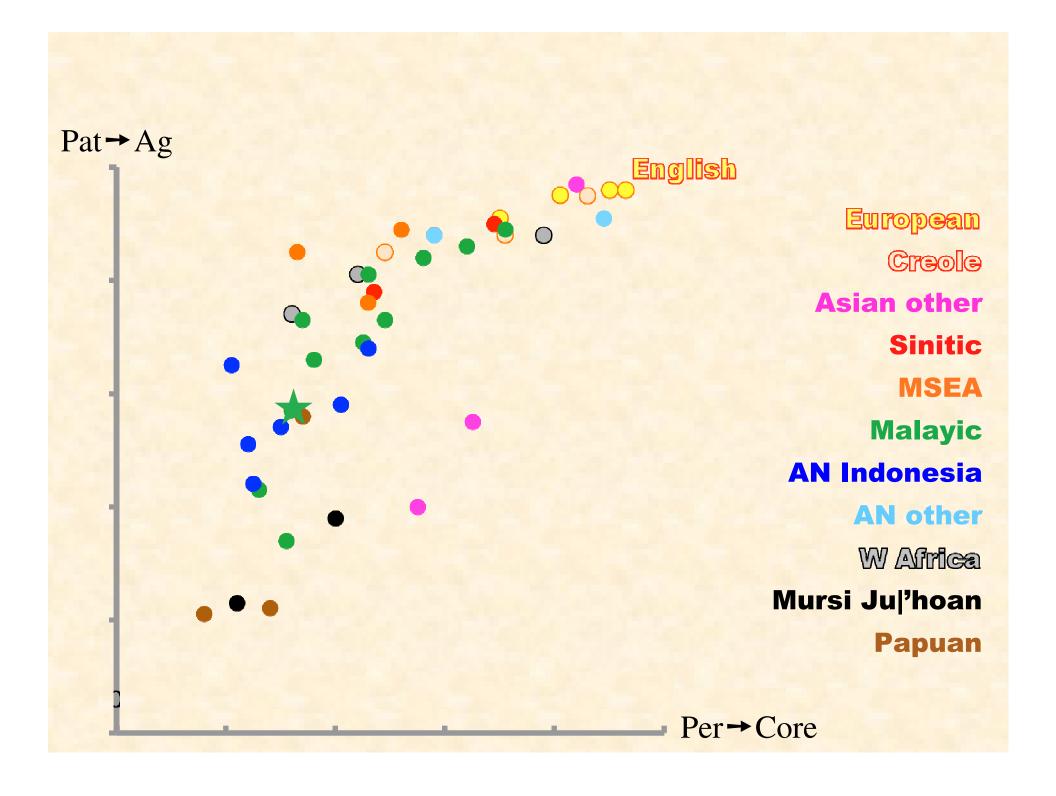
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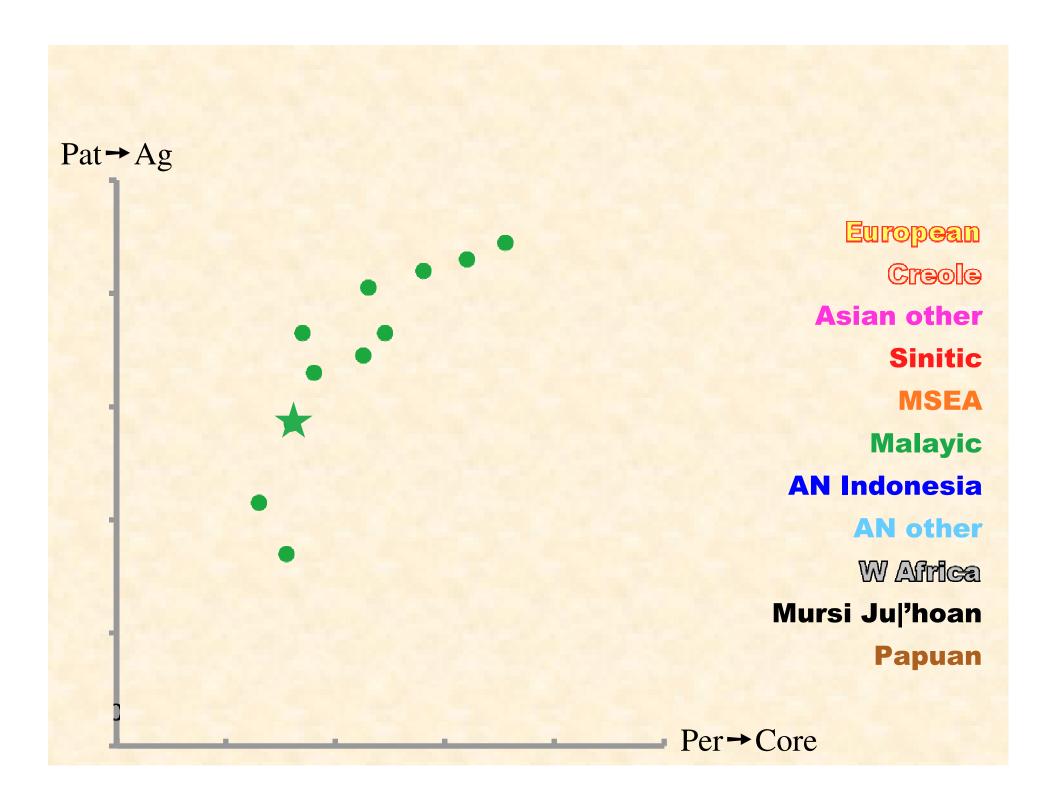


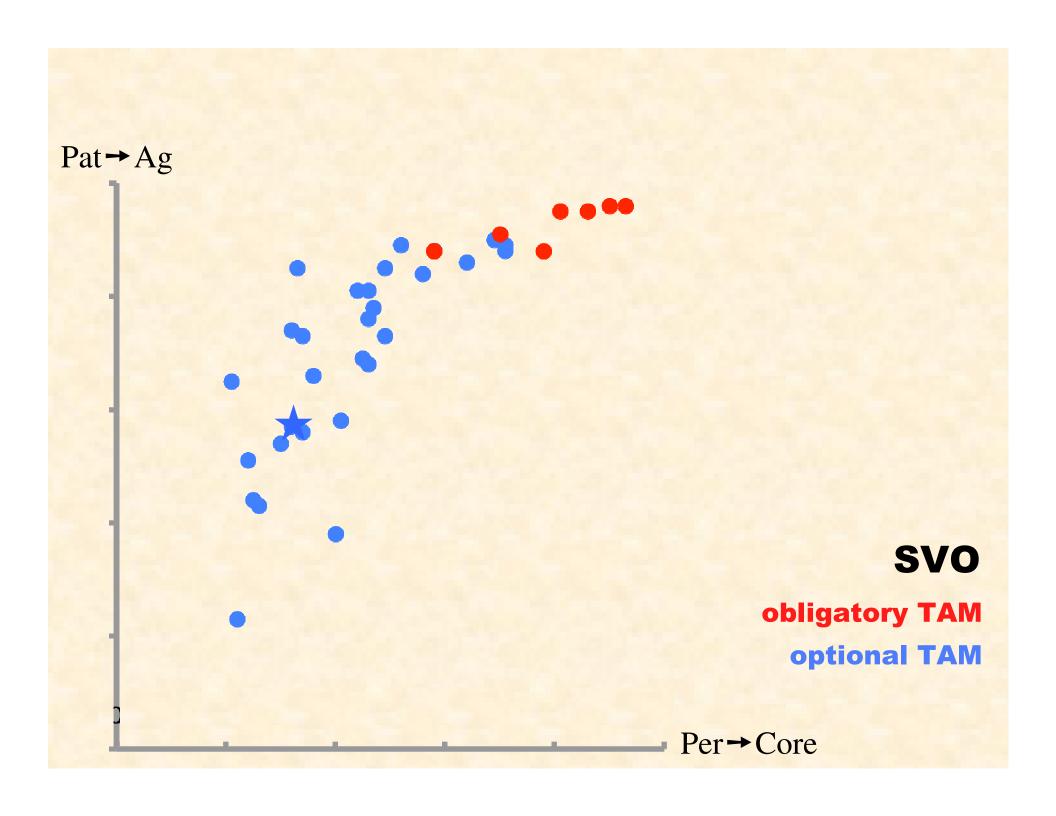
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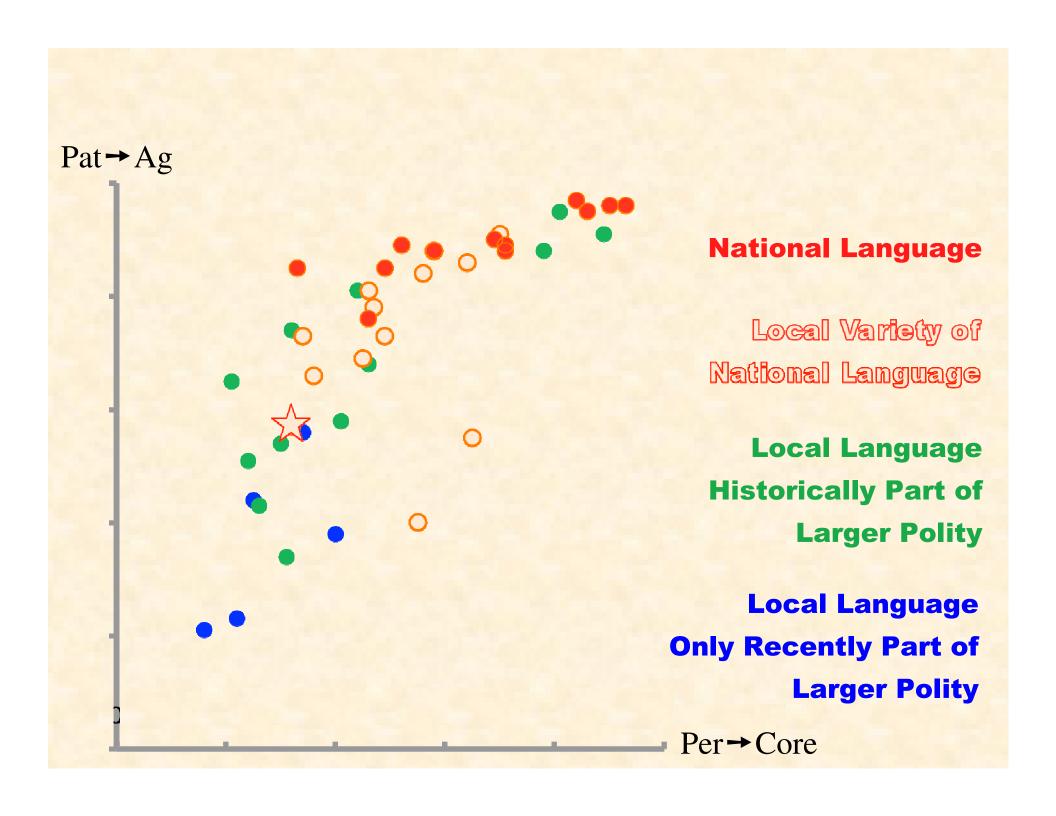
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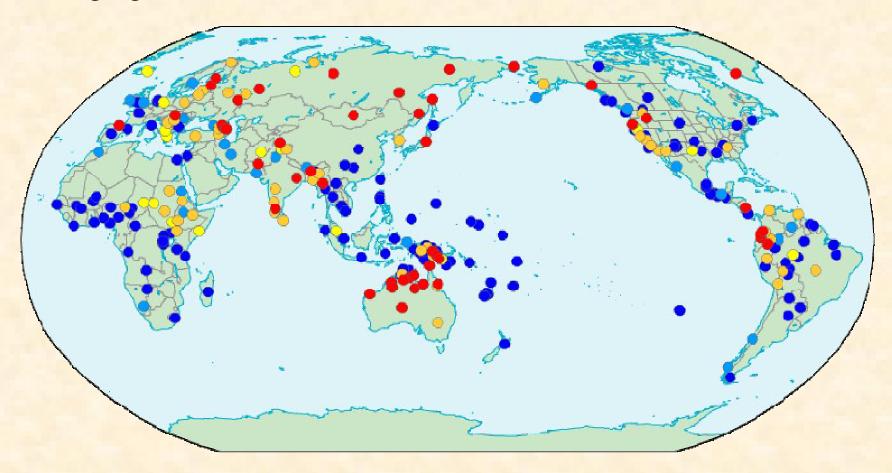
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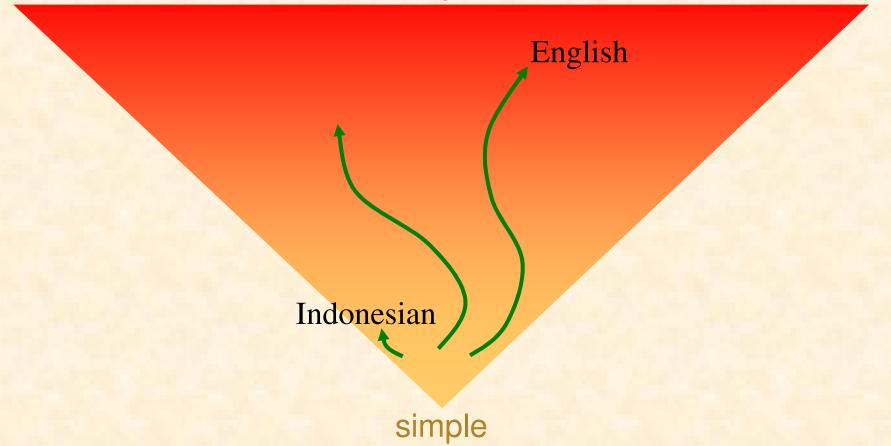
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not decremental

An Incremental Approach to Grammatical Description

complex



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