

# Postsyntactic operations and Turkic 3PL Agreement Patterns

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# **Introduction**

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The semi-optionality of the plural /**(I)ʃ**/ marker is due to optional impoverishment in the context of [-participant, -speaker]. Also see Bamyacı et al. 2014 for the lack of overt plural exponent with non-agentive 3PL subjects; the same descriptive generalizations observed in Bamyacı et al. 2014 carry over to Kyrgyz as well.

# Roadmap

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‘The children **together** went to the Issyk-Kul.’ (**ONE** *going* event)

The same observation holds for other verbs, e.g., *lift up the piano*

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[we live-RC] street-PL  
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[we live-RC-**1PL**] street-PL

# /ɪʃ/ patterns with agreement features

- Prediction: If /ɪʃ/ is an agreement marker, it is ungrammatical in these configurations → **Borne out**

(5a) [baldar    dʒaʃa-gan]    koetʃœ-loer  
[child.PL    live-RC]        street-PL  
'the streets [where the children live]'

(5b) \* [baldar    dʒaʃa-ʃ-kan]        koetʃœ-loer  
[child.PL    live-**PL**-RC]    street-PL



$/(\text{I})\int/$  is an agreement marker

... But what feature does it spell out?

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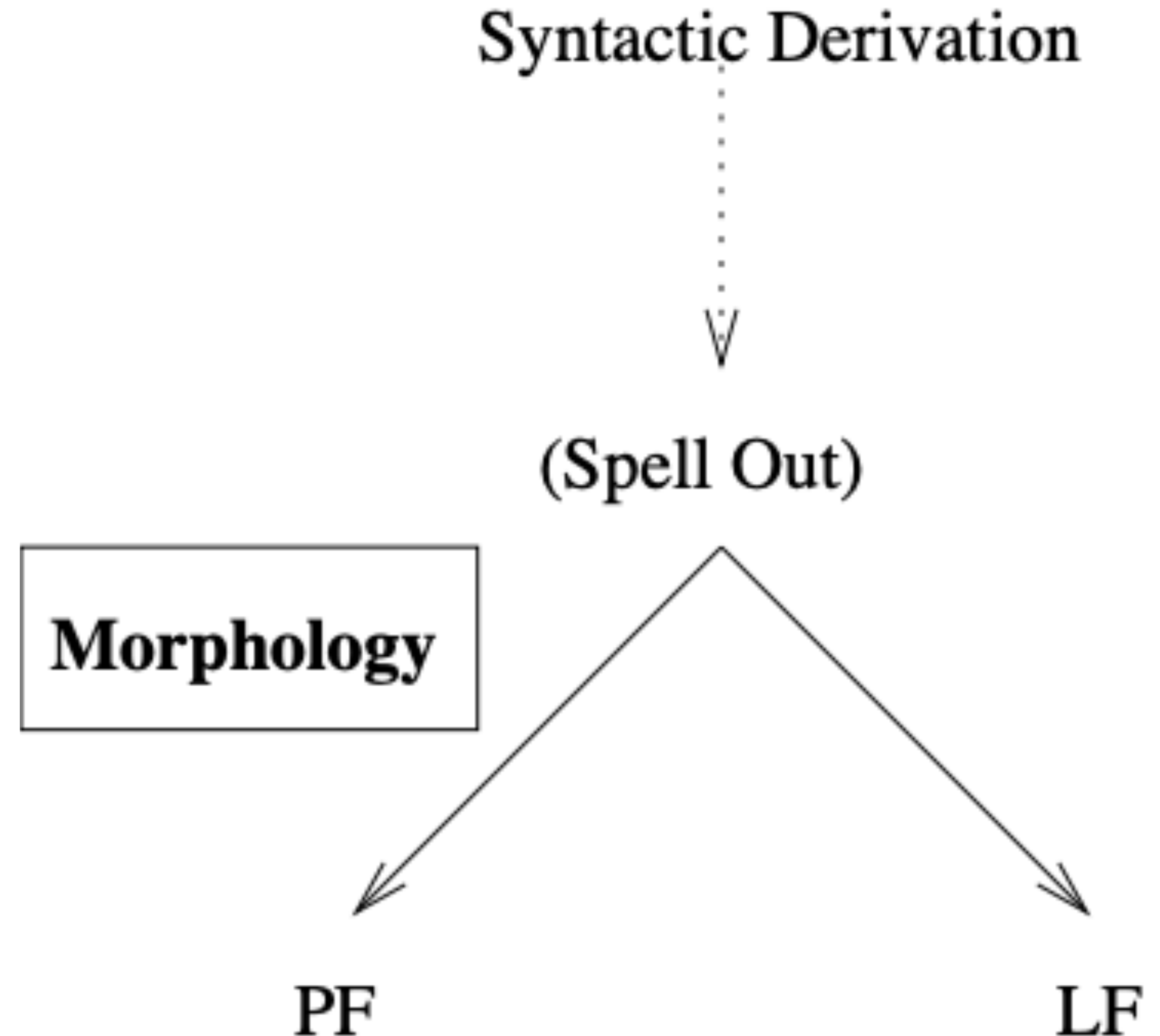
**/ɪf/ spells out [-singular]**

# Background assumptions

- Person and number features are binary (Noyer 1992, Bobaljik 2008, Nevins 2007, Despić & Murray 2018)
- Number features: [+singular], [-singular] (Harbour 2003)
- Person features: [+author], [-author], [+participant], [-participant] (Harbour 2016)
- Honorific feature: [honorific]

# Background assumptions

- Model of grammar: Morphology interprets the output of the Syntactic Derivation (Halle & Marantz 1993, i.a.)
- Output of Syntax: Abstract features appearing in bundles
- Morphology: Manipulate features
- Vocabulary Insertion adhering to the Subset Principle
  - Vocabulary Items bear features
  - The most specified gets inserted into the terminal
  - VI and terminal feature mismatches are disallowed



# Let's look at agreement paradigms

## Compare 1SG & 1PL

	k-paradigm	z-paradigm	sl-paradigm
<b>1SG</b>	TAM- <i>m</i>	TAM- <i>mIn</i>	NMLZ- <i>(I)m</i>
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I submit that the exponents in the sl-paradigm are not specified for [possessive]. The distribution of the sl-paradigm is determined by the category of the preceding marker, a property also displayed by the k- and z-paradigms.

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The deletion of /l/ following /ŋ/ is the result of the Syllable Contact Law, a phonological requirement in the language that the onset cannot be more sonorous than the preceding coda (Baertsch and Davis 2001, Gouskova 2004, Washington 2010, Seo 2011).



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Desonorization of /l/ following obstruents is also the result of the Syllable Contact Law (Baertsch and Davis 2001, Gouskova 2004, Washington 2010, Seo 2011).

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## But only with 3PL subjects

- /*(l)f*/ is *not* used in 1PL, 2PL and 2PL.POLITE agreement markers

(6) Biz      ʷsʷk-Kœl-gœ      bar-(\*ʷʃ)-tʷ-k.      **1PL**  
          1PL      Issyk-Kul-DAT      go-(\*PL)-PST-1PL

Intended: 'We went to the Issyk-Kul.'

(7a) Siz            Wsuk-Koel-goe    bar-(\***u**)-tw-**ar**. (< **ar**-L**Ar**)            **2PL**  
          2PL            Issyk-Kul-DAT       go-(\***PL**)-PST-**2PL**

Intended: 'You(pl) went to the Issyk-Kul.'

(7b) \* Siz            Wswuk-Koel-goe   bar-**wɟ**-tʷ-**ŋ**.                                 **2PL**  
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# **Plural Fission**

# 2PL, 2PL.POLITE & 3PL exponents are NOT mono-morphemic

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# Postsyntactic operations

- Agreement on the T (or D, in the case of nominalized predicates) node gets evaluated in the course of the syntactic derivation
- At this point agreement features consist of just one feature bundle
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[-author, +participant, -singular]                       $\leftrightarrow$  / $\eta$ -LAr/

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- **Answer:**

- The output of the syntactic derivation is sent to Spell Out
- This representation is subject to the postsyntactic operation **fission**

[-author, +participant]  $\leftrightarrow$  /ŋ/

[+honorific]  $\leftrightarrow$  /lz/

[-singular]  $\leftrightarrow$  /LAr/

# Fission

- Fission accounts for “one-to-many mapping” phenomena (Noyer 1992, Halle & Marantz 1993, Halle 1997)
- Ex

# Two views on fission

- Main point of departure: **When** fission takes place
  1. Fission **takes place at the same time as Vocabulary Insertion** (Noyer 1992, Halle 1997, and with slightly different theoretical apparatus Harbour 2008)

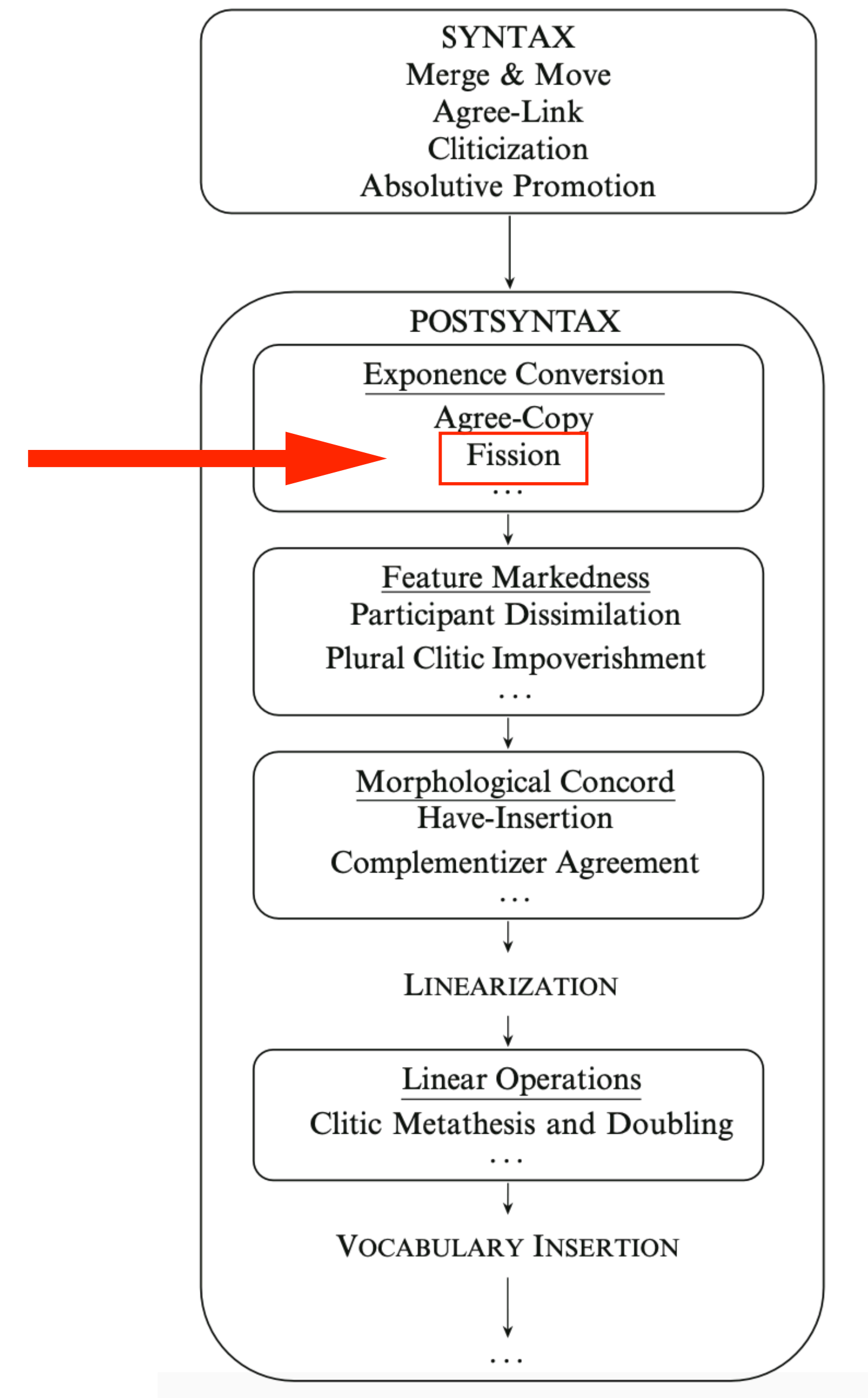
In the course of Vocabulary Insertion a subsidiary terminal is created when the inserted exponent's own features do not fully match the features of the terminal
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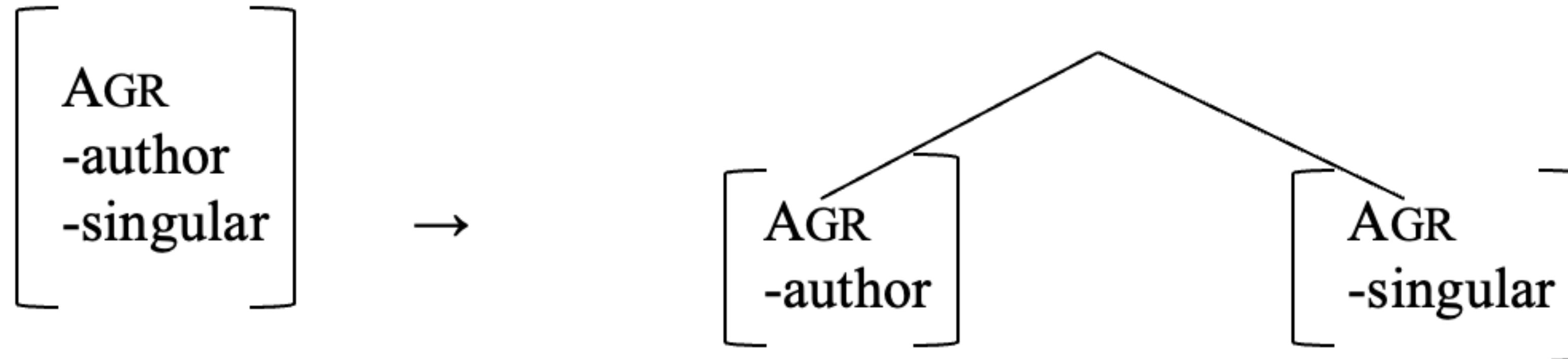
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Arregi & Nevins 2012: 4, Fig. 1.1.

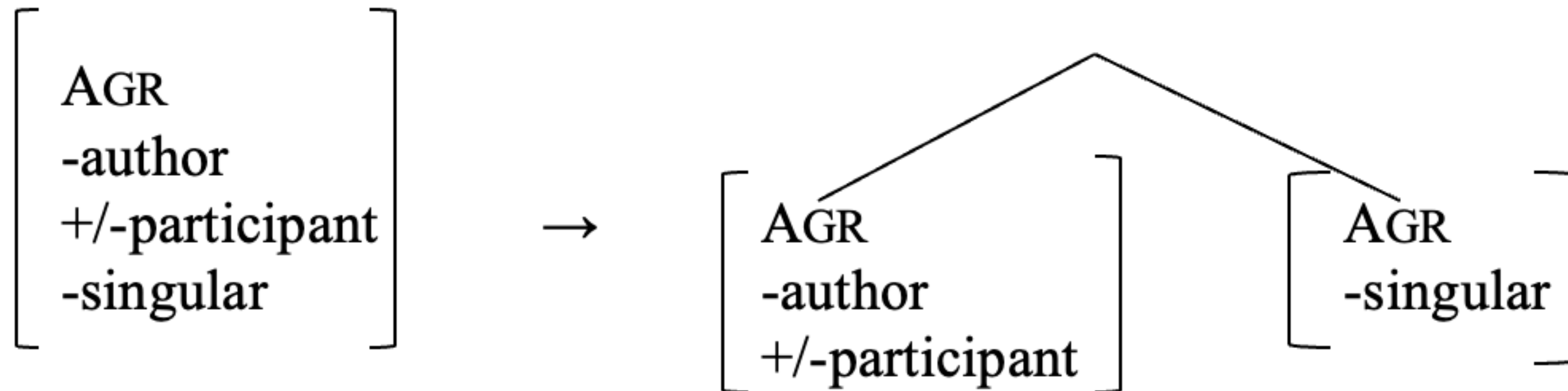


# Arregi & Nevins' (2012) Fission

- Fission targets feature bundles of a given category containing two specific features

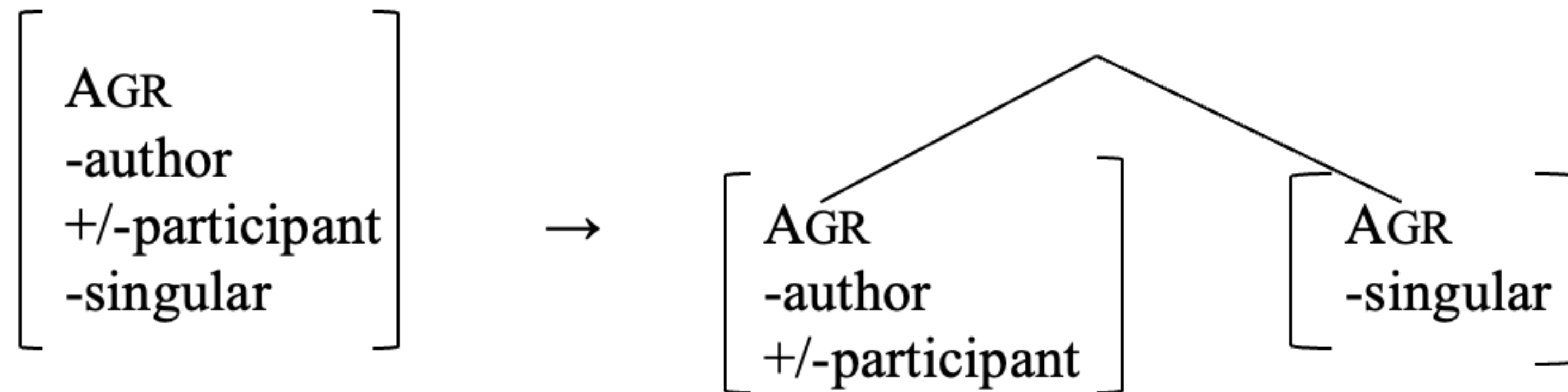


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- This explains why 1SG-1PL are mono-morphemic, but 2PL-3PL are not

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$[-\text{author}, +\text{participant}, -\text{singular}] \rightarrow [\eta] - [\text{LAr}]$

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- 2PL and 2PL.POLITE: [**person**]-[**number**]

→ • Agr[-author, +**participant**, -singular] → Agr[-author, +participant] Agr[-singular]

- 2PL: /(**I**)**η****Ar**/ (< (**I**)**η**-**LAr**), 2PL.POLITE: /(**I**)**η****lz****dAr** / (< (**I**)**η****lz**-**LAr**)

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- 3PL: [**number**]-[**person**]

➔ • Agr[-author, -**participant**, -singular] → Agr[-singular] Agr[-author, -participant]

- /NML**Z-LAr**-(s)l(n)/ (optional 3PL in the sl-paradigm)



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	k-paradigm	z-paradigm	sI-paradigm
2PL	TAM- $\eta Ar$ < $-\eta-LAr$	TAM- $sI\eta Ar$ < $-sI\eta-LAr$	NMLZ- $(I)\eta Ar$ < $-(I)\eta-LAr$
2PL.POLITE	TAM- $\eta Iz dAr$ < $-\eta Iz-LAr$	TAM- $sIz dAr$ < $-sIz-LAr$	NMLZ- $(I)\eta Iz dAr$ < $-(I)\eta Iz-LAr$
3PL	$-(I)f$ -TAM- $\emptyset$	$-(I)f$ -TAM- $\emptyset$	$-(I)f$ -NMLZ- $(s)I(n) \sim$ NMLZ- $LAr-(s)I(n)$

- The reason 2PL & 2PL.POLITE do not participate in Lowering is that **the number features are not adjacent to TAM**
- In 3PL [-singular] is adjacent to TAM, a highly unusual configuration (Trommer 2003), which motivates Lowering

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# Lowering



# Postsyntactic movement operations

- Embick & Noyer 2002:
  - **Lowering**
    - Before Vocabulary Insertion
    - Operates on hierarchical structures → It can reference a specific functional head
    - Feeds allomorphy
  - **Local Dislocation**
    - After Vocabulary Insertion/linearization
    - Operates on non-hierarchical, linearized structures
    - Does not feed allomorphy
- There are other views, e.g., Arregi & Nevins' (2012, 2018) metathesis in the Generalized Reduplication framework (Harris & Halle 2005)

# The [-singular] movement is not local

Let's look at the Kyrgyz predicate template

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oku-	mak-	æle-	siŋ	‘You were supposed to read’
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- If the movement of /(l)ʃ/ is a case of Local Dislocation, the following is predicted to be grammatical:
- [-singular] is predicted to show up between Slot-1 and Slot-2 → **Not borne out**

VERB STEM	SLOT 1 ASPECT		SLOT 2 TENSE	AGREEMENT
<b>oku-</b> 'read'	<b>mag-</b> PRSP	<b>ʷʃ-</b> PL	<b>æle-</b> PST	Ø 3
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- These forms are gibberish

# The [-singular] movement is not local

- The correct forms are the following:

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- [-singular] is **Lowered** (in the sense of Embick & Noyer 2002)

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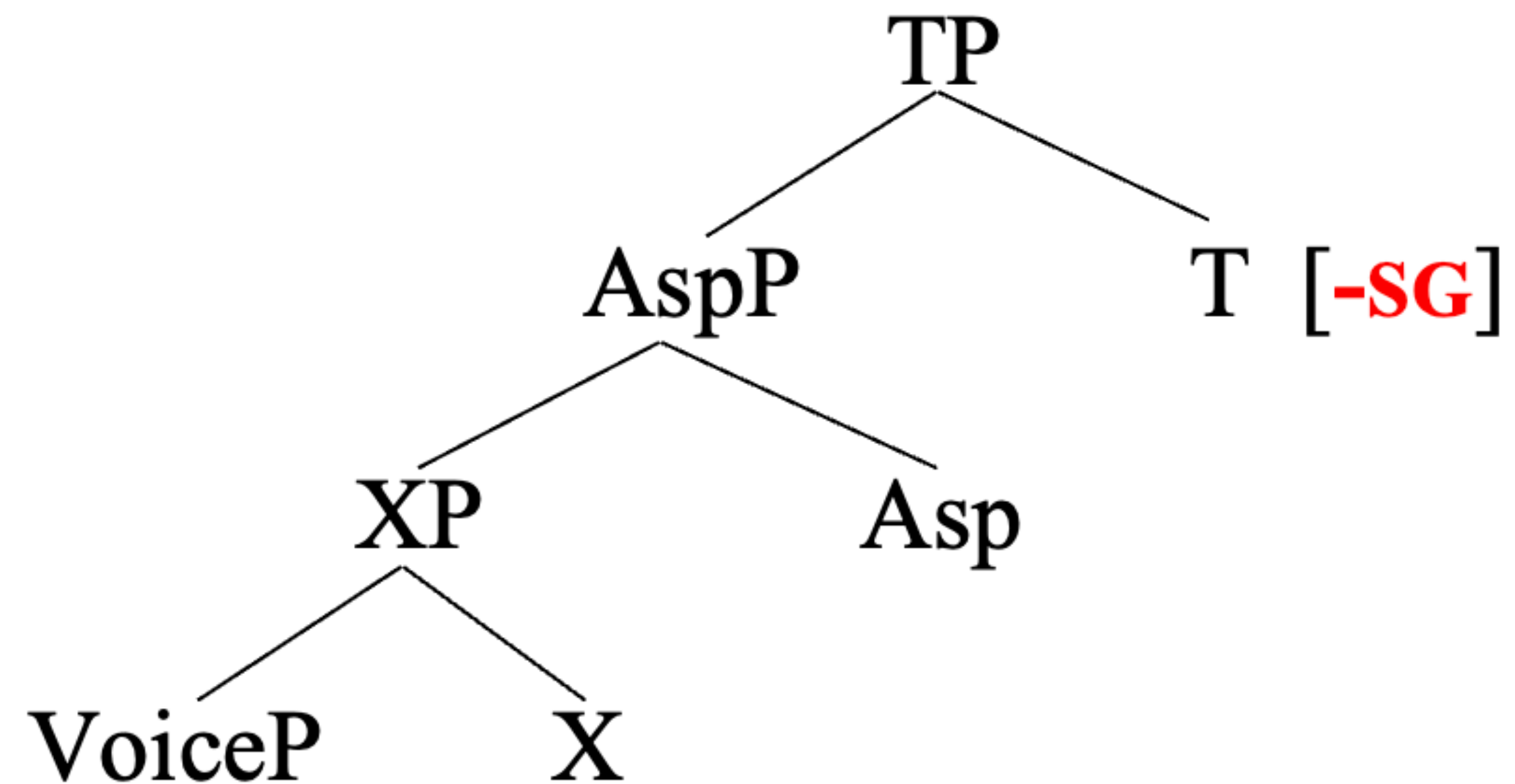
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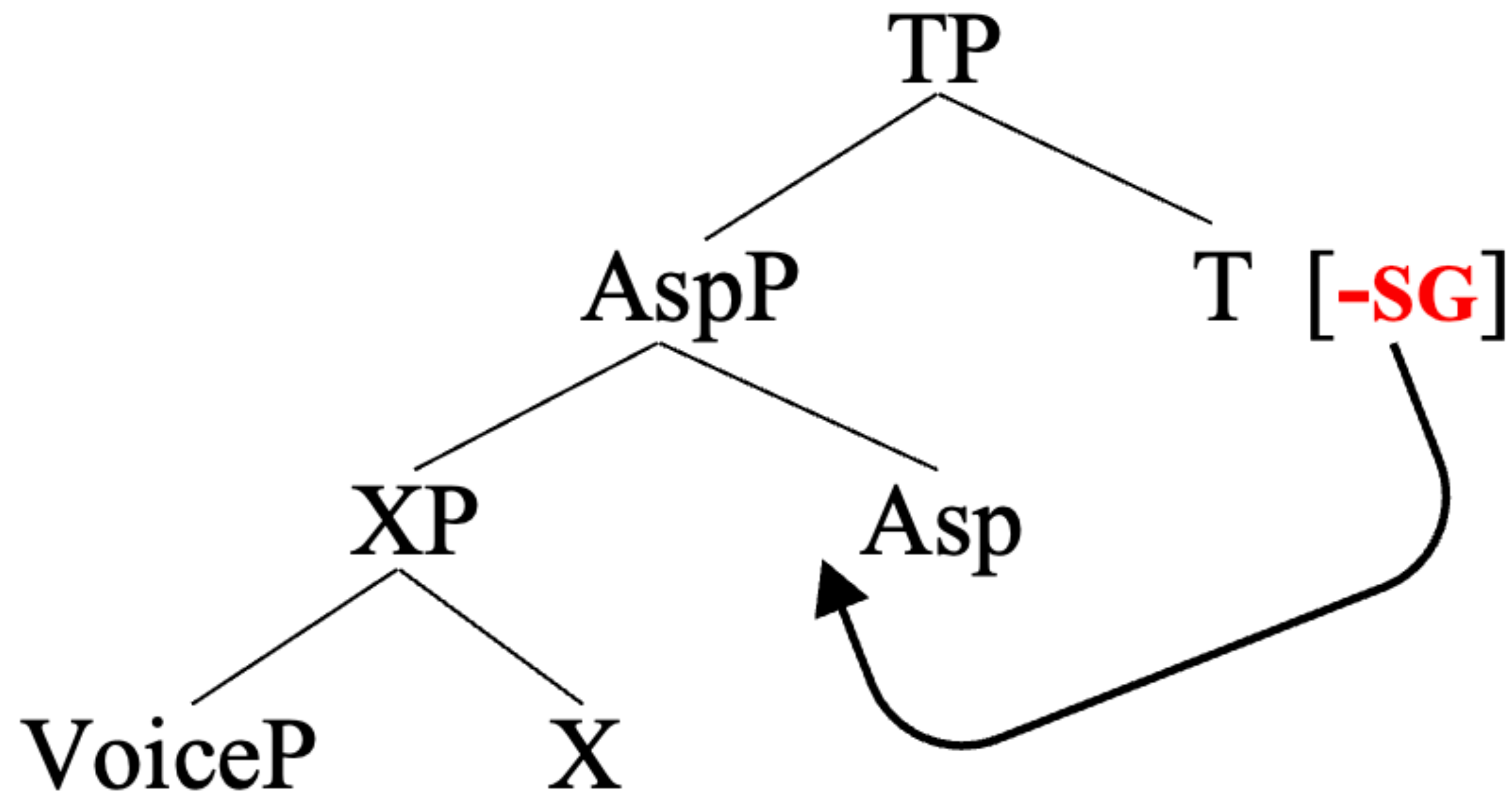
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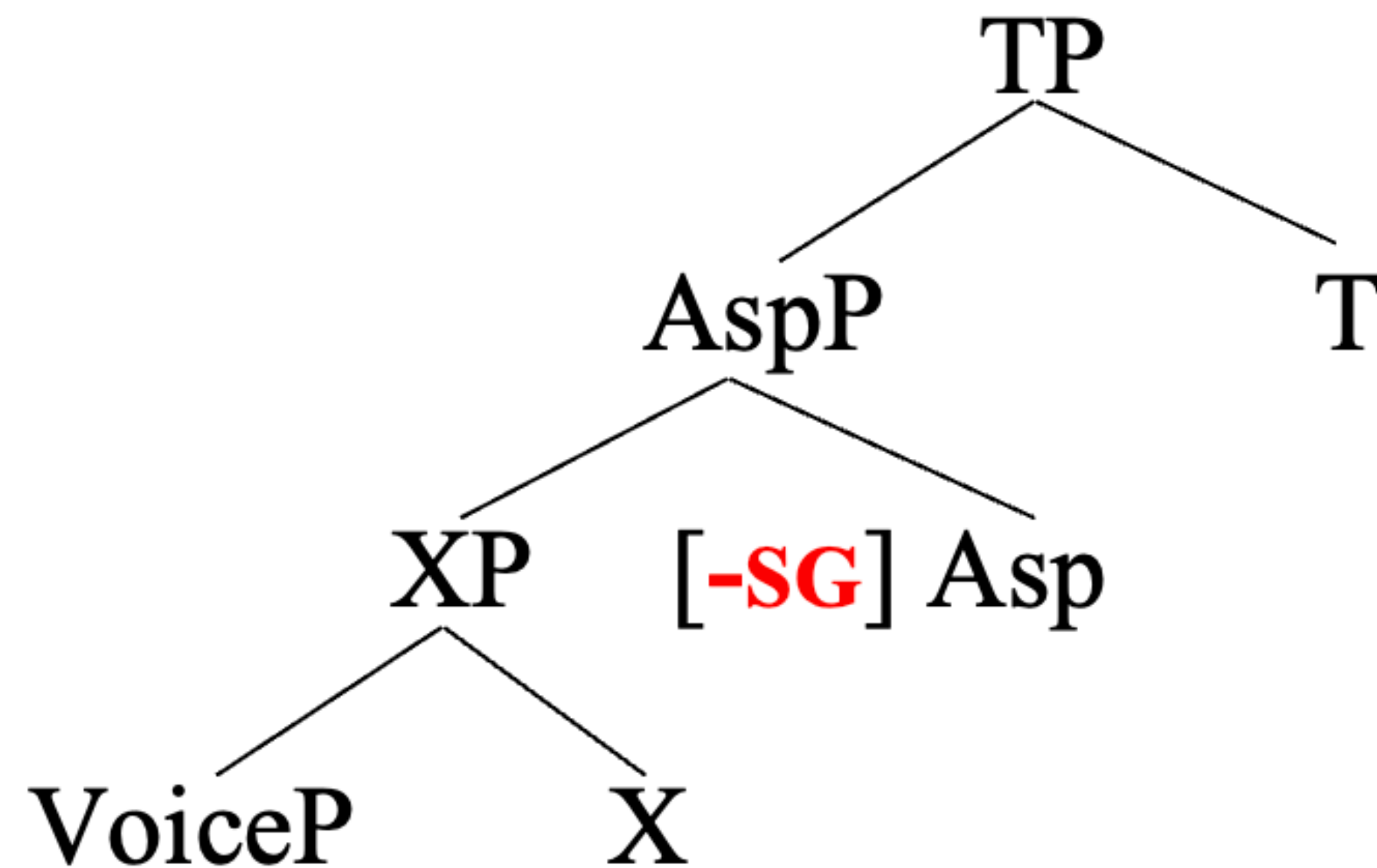
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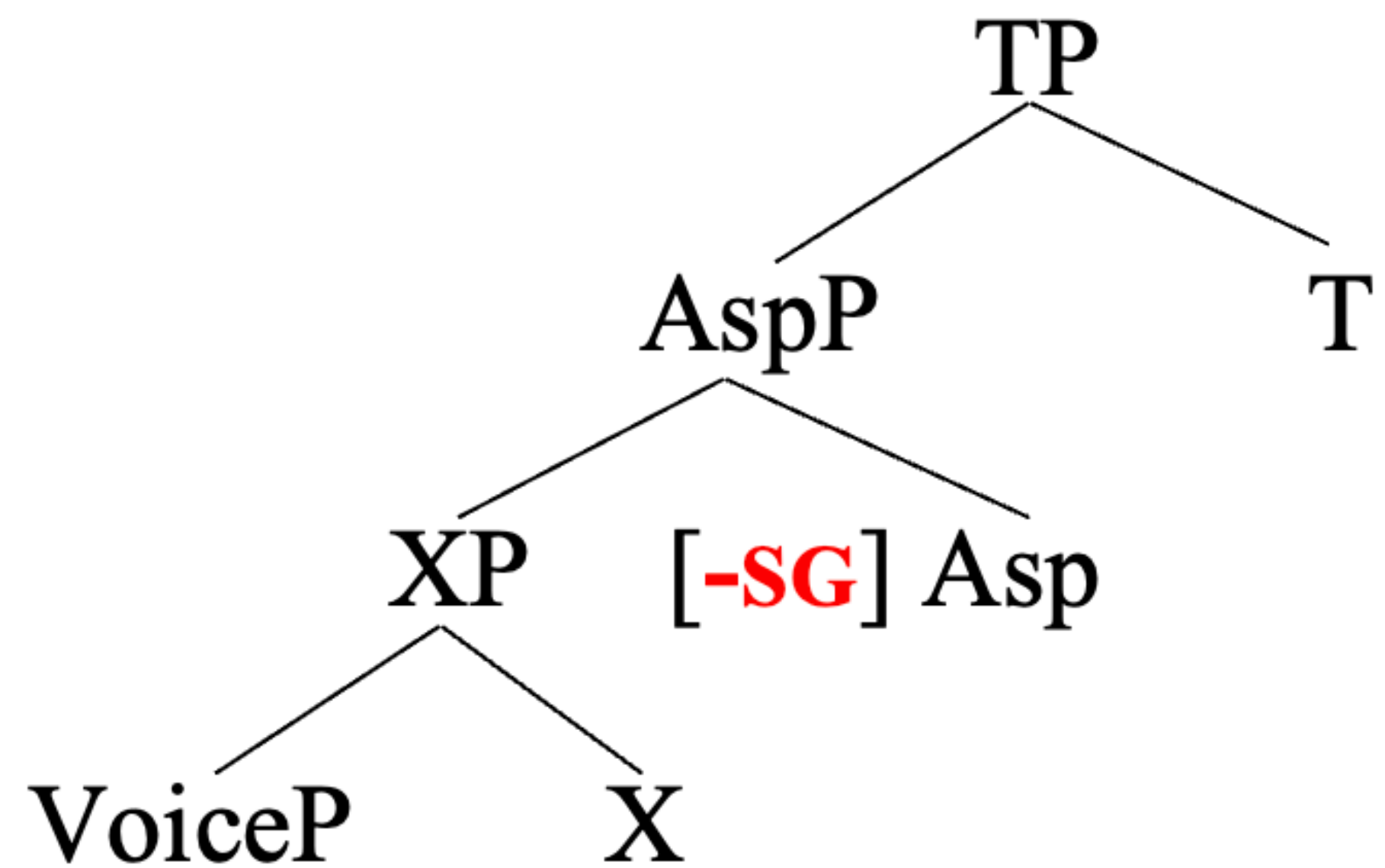
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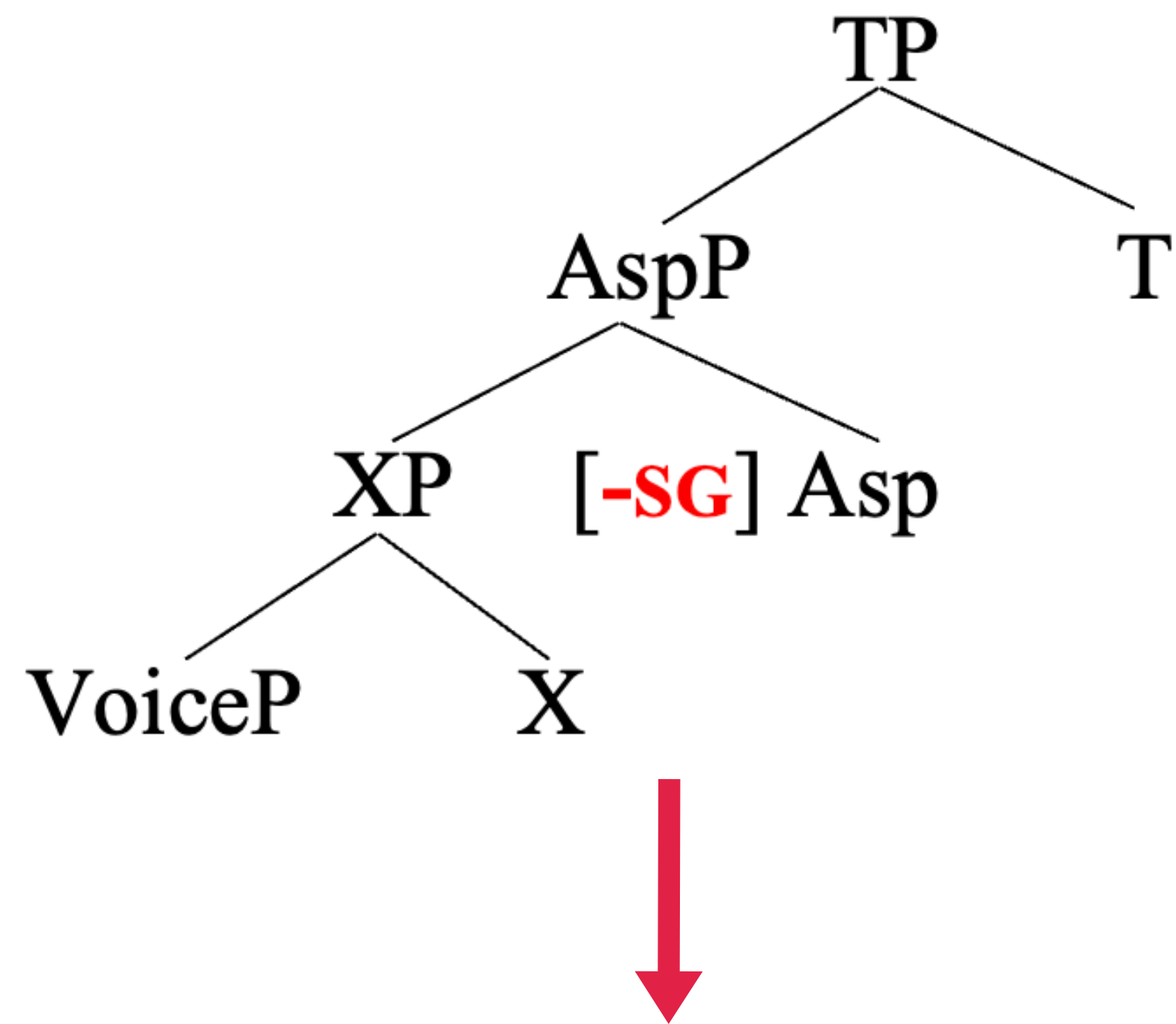
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# Vocabulary Insertion

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[[[[VoiceP + X] + **-SG**] + Asp] + T]



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- Output of Linearization:

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- How is it blocked in this context?

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# Implications

- Turkic 3PL agreement markers can all be captured by parametrized operations:
  - **Kazakh:** impoverishment of [-singular] (in the context of [-author, -participant])
  - **Turkish:** No Lowering, or Lowering to T (cf. Güneş 2021)
  - **Kyrgyz:** Lowering to Asp
- What we learned about post syntactic operations:
  - Fission precedes Vocabulary Insertion (pro Arregi & Nevins 2012)
- Taking the exponent /ɪʃ/ to bear [-singular], also accounts for other uses of /ɪʃ/ where it is inserted in terminals that define event plurality (Ótrott-Kovács, in prep)



A wide-angle landscape photograph of a mountain valley. The foreground is filled with dense green coniferous trees. In the middle ground, a lush green valley floor is visible, with a small cluster of buildings and a few animals grazing. The background features steep, forested mountain slopes that lead up to jagged, rocky peaks. Some of these peaks are covered in snow. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds.

# Rahmat!



# References

# Appendix

# Order of the output feature bundles

## Proposal

- 2PL and 2PL.POLITE: [**person**]-[**number**]

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- Agr[-author, +**participant**, -singular] → Agr[-author, +participant] Agr[-singular]
  - 2PL: /(l)η**Ar**/ (< (l)η-**LAr**), 2PL.POLITE: /(l)ηl**zdAr** / (< (l)ηl**z-LAr**)

- 3PL: [**number**]-[**person**]

- ➔
- Agr[-author, -**participant**, -singular] → Agr[-singular] Agr[-author, -participant]
  - /NML**Z-LAr**-(s)l(n)/ (optional 3PL in the sl-paradigm)

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Let's consider an alternative

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- 3PL has [-participant] → [-singular] is Lowered



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$\text{NMLZ}-LAr-(s)I(n)$

- NMLZ is: AspP + DP
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  - to Asp, or
  - to  $[\pi]$ , if the preceding head is [D]

# Order of the output feature bundles

## Some advantages of the proposed analysis

- The answer to Q2 is immediately obvious:
  - The feature ordering in NMLZ-**L****A****r**-(**s**)**I**(**n**) is the result of the output of Fission
- Lowering can be motivated (however stimulative this motivation may be)
  - TAM-[-singular] (a very unusual (~ dispreferred) ordering) drives Lowering

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## Some advantages of the proposed analysis

- In possessive structures the **plural suffix /LAr/** precedes the **possessive agreement suffix**
  - (i) kʉz-**dar**-**u** (Kyrgyz)  
girl-**PL**-**3**(POSS)  
'his/her/their daughters'
  - Hypothesis: Diachronic change whereby the plural gets reanalyzed as a [-singular] agreement marker
    - In fact, we know that this happened in Turkish
  - (ii) kɪz-**lar**-**ı** (Turkish)  
girl-**PL**-**3**(POSS)  
1. 'His/her daughters'; 2. 'Their daughters'; 3. '**Their daughter(SG!)**'
    - In the 3rd meaning, the feature ordering is [AGR [-singular][-author, -participant]]
    - This ordering gets generalized to all 3PL agreement markers

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- Accounting for the 3PL in the k and z-paradigms:

Asp T  $\pi$  #  $\rightarrow$

[Asp T  $\pi$  > < # ]  $\rightarrow$

Asp T  $\pi$  # Asp T  $\pi$  #  $\rightarrow$

# Asp T  $\pi$

- This could be parametrized to the [-participant] feature in [ $\pi$ ]

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NMLZ-**LAr**-(s)I(n)

Asp D  $\pi$  #  $\rightarrow$

[ $\pi > < \#$ ]  $\rightarrow$

$\pi$  #  $\pi$  #  $\rightarrow$

Asp-D #  $\pi$

-**(I)** $\int$ -NMLZ-(s)I(n)

Asp D  $\pi$  #  $\rightarrow$

[Asp D  $\pi > < \#$ ]  $\rightarrow$

Asp D  $\pi$  # Asp D  $\pi$  #  $\rightarrow$

# Asp D  $\pi$

- This could be parametrized to the D head