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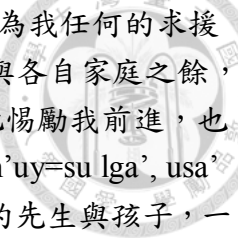
以上，以及我所閱讀過其著作的其他南島語或非南島語語言學學者，都是我學習的典範，我有幸能感受他們嚴謹且正確的研究精神，讓不成熟的我繼續朝向智識與心靈上的完滿，並期將他們的精神傳承下去。

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這是一條讓我理解生命裡自己不可能是孤單一人的漫漫長路，一個個體的茁壯是無時無刻地都需要來自其他個體的協助。能與以上種種緣的結識，特別是有幸讀得每一緣裡最美麗的部分，都是讓我得以成長的珍貴養分，在日後因之能更加精進。感謝這一路上的所有緣。



摘要

這篇論文的目的在於，透過在一個新架構之建立後，對泰雅語賽考利克方言的動詞進行分類，而這新的架構是根據在 Fillmore (1975, 1976, 1977, 1982, 1985) 的框架理論 (Frame Theory)、Johnson (1987) 的圖示理論 (Schema Theory) 以及 Talmy (2000) 的「圖-底」(Figure-Ground) 之二分理論上。這些理論都屬於認知語言學的知識。

如同多數菲律賓語類型的語言，泰雅語的主語可以透過四種語態結構來標示出，諸如，「主事語態」(AV) 結構中要突顯的多是行動者角色的主語；在「受事語態」(PV) 結構中，則是受事者主語；在「處所語態」(LV) 結構中，則是要突顯處所主語；在「傳達語態」(CV) 結構中，其主語則是工具或受益者論元；後三種結構通常一併被歸類在「承受者」(undergoer) 語態結構之下。然而，透過自然言談語料的觀察，我們注意到這些語態結構的諸多複雜性，其複雜性可以從至少兩個事實中看出：其一，並不是任一動詞的所有三種「承受者標記形式」(UV form)，亦即 *-un*, *-an* 與 *s-* 等形式，都以相同的認知過程進入所謂的發展成熟之四分語態系統中；其二，不同的動詞有選用不同承受者來標記承受者主語的傾向。針對第一個面向，我們發現到，任一承受者形式位置之被填入，至少是要為了表達三種功能裡之任一或任二種使能進行，包括：(一)、能呈現動詞語意所投射出之「內在承受者」(intrinsic undergoer) 與突顯這承受者之「承受形式之假定值」(default UV form) 兩者間之固有關係的功能，(二)、能反映事件事實性(reality) 之差異或因應不同情境需求去表達所談論之承受者之細微差異等的功能，以及 (三)、為了標記應用語態 (applicative voice) 之主語承受者的功能。在這三種功能之中，第二種功能需要在任一動詞之第一與第三種較基本的功能都確定好之後，使能進行確認。承此，這份動詞分類研究終究是建立在第一與第三功能之互有關係的結果上，並且是一份以 UV 形式為根基的分類；此外，我們會發現，動詞的語意才是決定任一動詞的四種動詞形式之獲得的關鍵因素。

於是，透過檢驗三百餘動詞所反映之事件參與者的空間與概念的相互關係以及其所呈現的詞法行為 (morphosyntactic behavior)，我將論證，任一動詞的「內在承受者」(intrinsic undergoer) 可以被賦予「圖」(Figure) 或是「底」(Ground) 的概念值，並且，這概念值確實會借助各自動詞的「承受形式之假定值」(default UV form) 去顯示其在中性語境裡最為顯著之參與者的地位，這「承受形式之假定值」(default UV form) 與「內在承受者」(intrinsic undergoer) 所具備的概念值之搭配得到的結果，正是任一動詞所屬的類別；因此，在這樣的研究中，我們區辨出如下五個主要的動詞類別：

第一類：*-un* 形式動詞類別 (The *-un* verb class)

第二類：*-an* 形式動詞類別 (The *-an* verb class)

第三類：*s*-形式動詞類別 (The *s*- verb class)

第四類：*s*-/*-an* 形式混成動詞類別 (The *s*-/*-an* composite verb class)

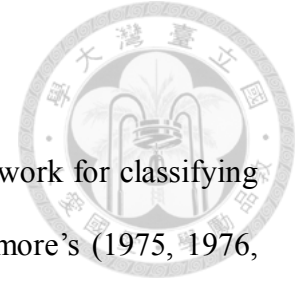
第五類：*s*-/*-un* 形式混成動詞類別 (The *s*-/*-un* composite verb class)

更進一步地，因應著事件在本質上是可以進行抽象的圖示化，我們依據圖示，再在每一個主要類別之下區分出一至八不等之次類，因此，我們目前得到二十個圖示；任一的動詞即為所屬圖示的例子。

透過這冗長的研究，我們或能感受或是理解認知語言學學者(諸如，Fauconnier (1985, 1999)、Lakoff (1982, 1987, 1990)、Langacker (1976, 1987, 2002)、Johnson (1987)、Johnson-Laird (1983)、Talmy (1975, 1983, 1985, 1988, 2000) 等等)所堅持的觀點，亦即，語言是，語言使用者根據其具象的生活經驗後，將這些經驗經由認知機制的作轉化後、並包含著認知過程中可能做的解釋等種種結果之集合體，而並不是一個自我包含、置外於情境的封閉系統。

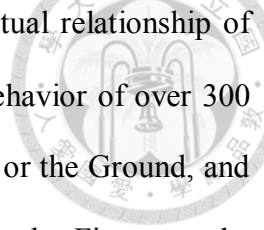
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ABSTRACT



A central goal of the present study is to develop a novel framework for classifying verbs in Squliq Atayal into various types in terms of Charles Fillmore's (1975, 1976, 1977, 1982, 1985) Frame Theory, Mark Johnson's (1987) notion of schemas and Leonard Talmy's (2000) Figure-Ground distinction-- concepts that are now familiar in cognitive linguistics.

As in many Philippine-type languages, Squliq Atayal has four ways to encode the subject of a verb. That is, Actor Voice (AV) is usually used to encode an actor subject, Patient Voice (PV) a patient subject, Location Voice (LV) a location subject and Conveyance Voice (CV) an instrument or a beneficiary subject. The last three voice types are further grouped into Undergoer Voice (UV). However, a closer scrutiny of naturally occurring data shows that there is a complex reality in the way voice constructions are employed in two aspects. Firstly, not all three UV forms of a verb, i.e. *-un*, *-an*, and *s-*, are found to fill their respective slots in a so-called full-fledged four-way voice system via *equal* processing. Secondly, different verb types prefer different UV forms to code subjects. Filling in any UV form slot is contingent on meeting one or two of the three functions: (i) the encoding of an inherent relationship between a verb's intrinsic undergoer and its default UV form, (ii) the encoding of an intrinsic undergoer for signaling the reality distinction or for exhibiting subtle semantic differences, and (iii) the encoding of an applicative undergoer. Of the three functions, (ii) is far more complex, since all possible conditions are not identified until a decision is made on (i) and (iii). That is, the nature of verb classification investigated in the present study ultimately hinges on interrelated results that derive from (i) and (iii), which is an UV-based classification. Besides, it is now commonplace that the availability of all the four voice forms for a given verb is lexically specific.



It is argued that, based on an examination of the spatio-conceptual relationship of participants in the event a verb encodes and the morphosyntactic behavior of over 300 verbs, the intrinsic undergoer of a verb is assigned either the Figure or the Ground, and a verb has a default UV voice form typically used to make either the Figure or the Ground participant the subject of a clause and thus more prominent. The pairing of the default UV form and the default status of the intrinsic undergoer determines the class of a verb. Five major verb classes are then identified:

- (I) The *-un* verb class: Undergoer as the Figure (e.g., *hkani* ‘search for’, *lamu* ‘pick’, and *naga* ‘wait for’)
- (II) The *-an* verb class: Undergoer as the Ground (e.g., *gyah* ‘open’, *wayaw* ‘choose’, and *luy* ‘find’)
- (III) The *s-* verb class : Undergoer as the Figure (e.g., *gihu* ‘turn’, *ruruw* ‘push’, and *tbaziy* ‘sell’)
- (IV) The *s-/-an* composite verb class: Undergoer as the Figure specified by the *s-* form and Undergoer as the Ground specified by the *-an* form of a verb (e.g., *biq* ‘give’, *paqut* ‘ask’, and *qapax* ‘paste’)
- (V) The *s-/-un* composite verb class: Undergoer as the Figure specified by the *s-* form and Undergoer as the Figure specified by the *-un* form of a verb (e.g., *kal* ‘discuss; talk about’, and *syuk* ‘act in turn; retaliate; answer’)

Furthermore, for each of the five major classes identified, further subtypes can be distinguished, depending on the nature of the schematization of events. Specific verbs can be thought of as instantiating specific event schema type. A total of 20 schemas have been identified.

The bulk of the dissertation study is devoted to justifying the ways events are schematized and verbs are classified. To cognitive linguistics (e.g. Fauconnier (1985, 1999), Lakoff (1982, 1987, 1990), Langacker (1976, 1987, 2002), Johnson (1987), Johnson-Laird (1983), Talmy (1975, 1983, 1985, 1988, 2000), and among others), language is viewed as the result of general cognitive mechanisms and processes

grounded in embodied experiences, rather than as a self-contained, context-independent system. We hope to demonstrate that the typing of verbs in Squliq Atayal can be shown to be largely grounded in embodied experiences that underpin the various schema types identified above.

Key words: default UV form, Figure, Ground, intrinsic undergoer, schema, verb class

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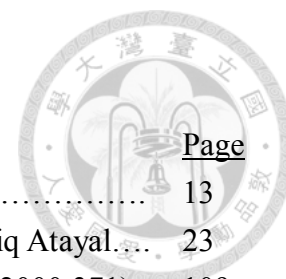
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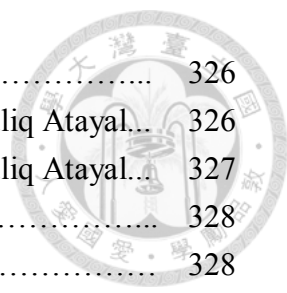
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| 1 | | 2 | |
| 3 | | ACTRNMZ | actor nominalizer |
| AF | Agent focus | APPL1 | applicative marker 1 |
| APPL2 | applicative marker 2 | ASP | aspectual marker |
| AV | Actor voice | BV | Beneficiary voice |
| CA | <i>Ca</i> -reduplication | CAUS | causative |
| CV | Conveyance voice | DEM | demonstrative |
| DET | determiner | DM | discourse marker |
| DUR | durative | EXT | existential marker |
| EXCL | exclamation | FIL | filler |
| FP | final particle | FUT | future |
| FR | free form | GEN | genitive |
| HORT | hortative | IMM | Immediate |
| IMP | imperative | IV | Instrumental voice |
| LOC | Locative case | LOCNMZ | Locative nominalizer |
| LV | Locative voice | MOD | Modal |
| NAV | Nonagentive voice | NEG | negator |
| NEU | neutral | NGTV | negative |
| NOM | nominative | NPIV | Non-pivot (=neither pivot nor agent) |
| OBJNMZ | Object nominalizer | OBL | oblique |
| PE | plural exclusive | PI | Plural inclusive |
| PL | plural | PN | personal name |
| PRF | perfective | PRGO | progressive |
| PST | past | QUOT | quotative |
| RED | reduplication | REM | remote |
| RF | referential | RV | Referential voice |
| SG | singular | S.G | singular genitive |
| SN | singular neutral | SPEC | specific (phrase marker) |
| STAT | stative | STATNMZ | State nominalizer |
| TOP | topic | TP.LK | Topic linker |

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION



1.1 Introduction

The central goal of this dissertation is to develop a novel framework for classifying verbs in Squliq Atayal into various types in terms of Johnson's (1987) notion of schemas and Talmy's (2000) figure-ground distinction-- concepts that are now familiar in cognitive linguistics.

As in many Philippine-type languages, Squliq Atayal has four ways to code the subject of a verb. The Actor Voice (AV) is usually used to code an actor subject, the Patient Voice (PV) a patient subject, the Location Voice (LV) a location subject and the Conveyance Voice (CV) an instrument or a beneficiary subject. The last three voices are further grouped into Undergoer Voice (UV).

However, it is now commonplace that the availability of all the four voice forms for a given verb is lexically specific. A careful examination of the syntax of verbs in Squliq shows that (i) for verbs like *kita* 'see', *ranga* 'feed', *gyah* 'open' etc., the subjects coded by the PV and LV forms are found to be identical in category; both refer to the intrinsic undergoer of a verb; on the other hand, verbs like *qaniq* 'eat', *'agal* 'take', *naga* 'wait for' and so on are, as expected, found to use their PV and LV forms to encode two distinct subject types, i.e., a patient subject and an applicative location subject, respectively; (ii) for verbs like *biq* 'give', *buling* 'throw', and *paqut* 'ask', their intrinsic undergoer is specified by their CV form and is categorized as a theme, instead of an instrument; in contrast, other verbs (e.g., *kita* 'see', *ranga* 'feed', *qaniq* 'eat' etc.), as expected, use their CV form to specify an instrument subject; (iii) depending on the context, the LV forms of most verbs have another, expected function, one that is used to

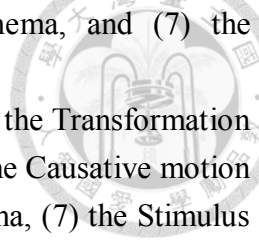
specify an applicative locative; likewise, nearly all verbs employ a CV form to code a beneficiary subject.

It will be argued that, based on an examination of the syntactic behavior of over 300 verbs, the intrinsic undergoer of a verb is assigned either the Figure or the Ground, and a verb usually has only one default UV form that is typically used to make either the Figure or the Ground participant the subject of a clause and thus more prominent. The pairing of the default UV form and the default conceptual status of the Undergoer determines the class of a verb. Five major verb classes are then identified:

- (I) The *-un* verb class: Undergoer as the Figure (e.g., *hkani* ‘search for’, *lamu* ‘pick’, and *naga* ‘wait for’)
- (II) The *-an* verb class: Undergoer as the Ground (e.g., *gyah* ‘open’, *wayaw* ‘choose’ and *’luy* ‘find’)
- (III) The *s-* verb class: Undergoer as the Figure (e.g., *gihu* ‘turn’, *ruruw* ‘push’, and *tbaziy* ‘sell’)
- (IV) The *s-/-an* composite verb class: Undergoer as the Figure specified by the *s-* form and Undergoer as the Ground specified by the *-an* form of a verb (e.g., *biq* ‘give’, *paqut* ‘ask’, and *qapax* ‘paste’)
- (V) The *s-/-un* composite verb class: Undergoers as the two separate Figures respectively specified by the *s-* and the *-an* form of a verb (e.g., *kal* ‘discuss; talk’ and *syuk* ‘respond; answer’)

Furthermore, for each of the five major classes identified, further subtypes can be distinguished, depending on the nature of the schematization of events and the conceptualization of participants in events as well. Specific verbs can be thought of as instantiating specific event schema type. A total of 20 schemas have been identified and they are:

- (A) Schemas for events encoded by verbs in the *-an* class include (1) the Placement (I) schema, (2) the Removal schema, (3) the Indivisibility schema, (4) the Possession

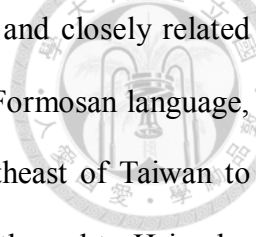
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- schema, (5) the Mediation schema, (6) the Fixedness schema, and (7) the Placement (II) schema.
- (B) Schemas for events encoded by verbs in the *-un* class include (1) the Transformation schema, (2) the Taking schema, (3) the Gathering schema, (4) the Causative motion schema, (5) the Self-removing schema, (6) the Cognition schema, (7) the Stimulus schema, and (8) the Triggering schema.
- (C) Schemas for events encoded by verbs in the *s-* class include (1) the Pushing schema, (2) the Generation schema, and (3) the Cause schema.
- (D) The schema for events encoded by verbs in the *s-/-an* composite class is the Conveyance schema.
- (E) The schema for events encoded by verbs in the *s-/-un* composite class is the Reciprocation schema.

Verbs under each verb type are regarded as instances of one respective schema. Besides, since event conceptualization or schematization occurs before linguistic representation, the basis of the aforementioned five major verb classes is the result of schematization.

The bulk of the dissertation study will be devoted to justifying the ways events are schematized and verbs are classified. For cognitive linguistics (e.g., Fauconnier (1985, 1999), Lakoff (1982, 1987, 1990), Langacker (1976, 1987, 2002), Johnson (1987), Johnson-Laird (1983), Talmy (1975, 1983, 1985, 1988, 2000), and among others), language is regarded as the result of general cognitive mechanisms and processes grounded in embodied experiences, rather than as a self-contained, context-independent system. I hope to demonstrate that the typing of verbs in Squliq Atayal can be shown to be largely grounded in embodied experiences.

1.2 The Squliq Atayal profile

Atayal is one of Austronesian languages spoken in Taiwan, also known as Formosan languages. Following Ferrell (1969), Formosan languages can be further divided into three independent groups-- Atayalic (Atayal and closely related languages), Tsouic



(Tsou and closely related languages), and Paiwanic group (Paiwan and closely related languages). According to Li (1980), Atayal is the most widespread Formosan language, covering eight prefectures. It ranges from I-lan County in the northeast of Taiwan to Wu-lai Hsiang in New Taipei City and to Tao-yuan County and southward to Hsin-chu County, Miao-li and Tai-chung City to Nan-tou and eastward to Hua-lien. The current population of Atayal is estimated around 83,800.¹ Based on Wei (1955:9), Li (1980, 1985, 1995, 1998, 2000), L. Huang (1995a, 1995b, 2000) and Rau (1992), Atayal consists of two major subgroups, namely Squliq and C'uli'.² As Tsuchida (1980, 1983), Li (1982, 1985) and L. Huang (1995a) observed, Squliq is the prestige dialect group and its dialects are homogeneous, while the C'uli' dialects are spoken in marginal areas and are rather heterogeneous. The Squliq dialects are the more innovative, whereas the C'uli' dialects are regarded more conservative because they retain more useful information for reconstruction.

The dialectal variant that is investigated in this study is Jian-shih Squliq Atayal, spoken in Jian-shih Hsiang, Hsin-chu County. All my three informants come from Hsin-le village, Jianshih Hsiang. Their background information is presented in the table below:

¹ Statistics is from the data of Council of Indigenous Peoples, Executive Yuan (<http://www.apc.gov.tw/portal/portal/chart/chartIndex.html?CID=7E2F2903CAF78E0298FDB51D8D47D979&ccatelID=745A81AD372960C7D0636733C6861689&chartID=26667CF447F2AF64D0636733C6861689>)

² As pointed out by Li (1982), the most famous distinction between Squliq and C'uli' is the latter showing certain distinctions between the male and the female forms of speech, but the former not making the distinctions. For more detailed research on the comparison between the two subgroups, please refer to Tsuchida (1980, 1983), Li (1982, 1985, 1988, 1995, 1998) and L. Huang (1995).

Table 1.1: The Squliq Atayal informants consulted in this research

| Names in Atayal | Gender | Year of birth |
|-----------------|--------|---------------|
| Sehu' Tana' | Male | 1938 |
| Ciwas Batu' | Female | 1937 |
| Hama' Ihil | Female | 1944 |

The data analyzed in this dissertation include both elicited and natural data. Since my goal of this study is verb classifying, elicited data is taken as the primary data; as for natural data, its function is a two-sided coin, namely, it is not only the origin for me to initiate the present study but also the reflection of my arguments.³ In this study, I examine around 300 verbs, each further taken into around 10 constructions to define every verb's category (Chapter 6 to 9).

1.3 The organization of this dissertation

The remainder of this dissertation is organized as follows. Chapter 2 gives a grammatical sketch of the Squliq Atayal language, Chapter 3 is to address main issues to be examined in the present study by means of a review on some studies of Squliq Atayal and other Philippine-type languages, Chapter 4 provides the theoretical framework for this study, Chapter 5 is my methodology, Chapter 6 to 9 discuss five verbs classes, and Chapter 10 is the conclusion.

³ There are two sources for natural discourse data: one is from my own field notes and the other, Academia Sinica Formosan Language Archive (abbreviated as Sinica Archive henceforth), which can be accessed at <http://formosan.sinica.edu.tw/>.

CHAPTER 2

A SKETCH OF ATAYAL GRAMMAR



2.1 Introduction

In this chapter, I will provide a sketch of the essentials of Atayal grammar. This sketch consists of two parts: the first is concerned with basic phonological information, and the second is concerned with the morphosyntax of the language. Issues to be addressed in the second part include the word classes, the order of clausal constituents, the case-marking system, the pronominal system, the voice and tense/aspect/mood paradigm, the verb formation processes, and the verbal clause patterns. I begin with a discussion of the phonological system.

2.2 Phoneme inventory, syllables structure, and stress in Squliq Atayal

There are nineteen phonemic consonants and five phonemic vowels in Squliq Atayal, as illustrated in Table 2.1 and Table 2.2, respectively:⁴

⁴ The orthographic system adopted here is the same as the version published by the Council of Indigenous Peoples and the Ministry of Education in December 2005, which can be accessed at <http://www.edu.tw/userfiles/url/20121127164752/aboriginal.pdf>.

Table 2.1: Sqliq Atayal consonant phonemes (Practical orthography)

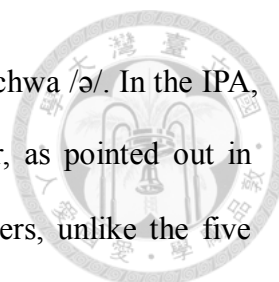
| | Place /Manner | Bi-labial | Alveolar | Alveo-palatal | Palatal | Velar | Uvular | Glottal |
|-------------|---------------|-----------|----------|---------------|---------|-------|--------|---------|
| Stop | Voiceless | p | t | | | k | q | ' |
| | Voiced | | | | | | | |
| Fricative | Voiceless | | s | | | x | | h |
| | Voiced | b | z | | | g | | |
| Affricative | Voiceless | | | c | | | | |
| Liquid | Voiced | | l | | | | | |
| Nasal | Voiced | m | n | | | ng | | |
| Trill | Voiced | | r | | | | | |
| Glide | Voiced | w | | | y | | | |

Table 2.2: Sqliq Atayal vowel phonemes (Practical orthography)

| Frontness/Height | Front | Central | Back |
|------------------|-------|---------|------|
| High | i | | u |
| Mid | e | | o |
| Low | | a | |

In Table 2.1, seven symbols are observed different from IPA symbols: “b” represents the voiced bilabial fricative /β/, “c” the voiceless alveopalatal affricative /tʃ/, “y” the palatal glide /j/, “g” the velar fricative /ɣ/, “ng” the velar nasal /ŋ/, “'” the glottal stop /ʔ/, “h” the glottal fricative /h/. Besides, as observed by Li (1980), the lateral fricative /l/ in word-final position is pronounced as a nasal /n/ in the speech of the younger speakers. As Li (*ibid.*) indicated, the word-initial “'” (/ʔ/) is left un-transcribed (e.g., /ʔa/ ‘Filler’ is written as *a* and /ʔabi/ ‘sleep’ as *abi*’).

The five vowels in the inventory are /i, e, a, o, u/, as shown in Table 2.2. According to Li (1980:354), the mid vowels /e/ and /o/, derived from the diphthong /aj/ and /aw/ respectively, are less common in Sqliq Atayal, as opposed to the three primary vowels /i, u, a/.



Another point regarding the orthography is the distribution of schwa /ə/. In the IPA, schwa /ə/ is often subsumed under the vowel inventory; however, as pointed out in Egerod (1966), Li (1980), Rau (1992), Lin (2004), and many others, unlike the five vowels in Table 2.2, /ə/ is non-phonemic, often heard between consonants, and is prohibited from the stressed syllable(s); moreover, since /ə/ is inserted between consonants, consonant clusters are not allowed in the language; the CC (e.g., *qhuniq* ‘tree’) or CCC (e.g., *krryax* ‘everyday’) sequence only occurs in the orthography.

In addition to the phonemes shown in Table 2.1 and Table 2.2, Sqliq Atayal has six diphthongs (/aw, ay, uy, iw, iy, uw/), each taking the final syllable of a word as their only position (Li 1980: 356).

All syllables in the language have onsets; the most common syllable structures are as shown in (2.1):

(2.1)

| | Syllable Type | Example |
|-----------------|-----------------|---|
| One Syllable | a. CV | (<i>su</i> ‘2 nd singular genitive/nominative’) |
| | b. CVC | (<i>qa</i> ‘demonstrative’) |
| | b. CGVC | (<i>syān</i> ‘put’) |
| Two Syllables | c. CV.CVC | (<i>tu.nux</i> ‘head’) |
| | d. C.CGVC | (<i>q.sya</i> ‘water’) |
| Three Syllables | e. C.CV.CVC | (<i>h.gi.nik</i> ‘waist’) |
| | f. CVC.CV.CVC | (<i>lin.lu.ngan</i> ‘mind; thought’) |
| Four Syllables | g. C.C.C.CVC | (<i>s.t.n.xan</i> ‘privy’) |
| | h. CVC.C.CV.GVC | (<i>qin.p.zi.wan</i> ‘former’) |

In (2.1), “.” is used to mark the syllable boundary and C, G, and V are abbreviations for consonant, glide, and vowel, respectively.

Stress falls on the last syllable (Li 1980:356; Rau 1992:26). Note that if words undergo suffixation, stress remains falling on the last syllable of the derived words.



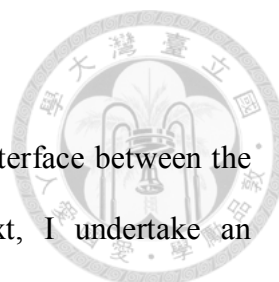
2.3 Morphosyntax in Squliq Atayal

In this section, I will provide a description of the morphosyntax of the language. As mentioned previously, there are six issues to be addressed, each stemming from three distinct levels, as shown in (2.2):

- (2.2) Seven issues regarding the information in a verbal clause
- a. Word class
 - b. Constituent order of a basic clause
 - c. The case-marking system
 - d. The pronominal system
 - e. Voice types and TAM
 - f. Verb formation processes
 - g. Clause types

With regard to word class and constituent order of a basic clause, I will show below that a verbal predicate and its argument(s) are the two central components of the clause, and each entails important syntactic functions. Any discussion of the last five issues in (2.2) revolves around a basic understanding of the nature of word class and constituent order.

The case-marking system and the pronominal system are associated with arguments. Arguments often occur with a case marker, and the case-marking system needs to be examined for its important role in the grammatical structure of the language. Case markers have three types: *qu'*, *na'/ni'/nqu'*, and *sa/squ'*; *qu'* is used for marking the clause subject; *na'/ni'/nqu'* are used for marking an agentive argument and are further divided into Gen1 and Gen2, with Gen2 denoting the adjunct argument; *sa/squ'* are used to introduced a non-agentive argument and are further divided into Loc1 and Loc2, with Loc2 denoting the intrinsic undergoer of a semantically transitive verb. Like the case-marking system, the pronominal system is also concerned with the syntax of



arguments.

For a verbal predicate, I provide a careful discussion on the interface between the four-way voice system and the tense/aspect/mood system. Next, I undertake an examination on verb formation processes for showing that the semantic components entailed by the base of a derived verb can be realized as clausal adjunct arguments, which though associated with the schematization of the event a verb encodes, they cannot take the role of the default undergoer argument on the determination of which a Squiliq Atayal verb's class at the level of morphosyntax. Last, I identify verbal clause patterns for the purpose of showing a correlation between a verb and the morphosyntactic behavior of its arguments.

From a more integrated perspective, this “sketch” of the morphosyntax of the language can be taken as the presage of my claim for the thesis: the voice-marking system is lexically-specific.

2.3.1 Word classes

Let's first consider the following excerpt comprised of eight sequential utterances:

(2.3)

a. (Sinica Archive: 01-001-a)

a maki' qutux mit ga'.

FIL exist.AV one ass⁵ FP

‘There was an ass.’

b. (Sinica Archive: 01-001-b)

mit qani' ga', m-qilang balay.

ass this TOP AV-lazy true

‘As for the ass, it was quite lazy.’

⁵ The exact meaning of *mit* is ‘goat’; however, the storyteller provides the meaning ‘ass’ in the story he made.



- c. (Sinica Archive: 01-001-c)
“mit qilang” so-n=naha’.
ass lazy say.thus-PV=3PL.GEN
‘People said, “The ass is lazy.”’
- d. (Sinica Archive: 01-002-a)
swa’=naha’ so-n mit qilang ga’?
why=3PL.GEN say.thus-PV ass lazy FP
‘Why did people say that the ass was lazy?’
- e. (Sinica Archive: 01-002-b)
kryax sasan ga’, a ras-un nqu’ q<m><n>ayat
everyday morning TOP FIL take-PV GEN <ACTRNMZ><PST>raise
hya’.
3SG.NEU
‘Every morning, the one who reared it brought it (to carry the goods).’
- f. (Sinica Archive: 01-002-c)
m-usa’ h<m>akut squ’ bwax.
AV-go <AV>carry LOC husked.rice
‘(It) went to carry rice.’
- g. (Sinica Archive: 01-002-d)
h<m>akut squ’ cimu’.
<AV>carry LOC salt
‘(It) went to carry salt.’
- h. (Sinica Archive: 01-002-d)
h<m>akut ana’ nanu’ ga’, baq balay
<AV>carry no.matter what TOP MOD true
m<k>kusa’ qu’ m-qilang na’ mit qani’.
AV<RED>attitudinize NOM ACTRNMZ-lazy LIG ass this
‘(However,) no matter what the goods were, the lazy ass was used to attitudinizing.’

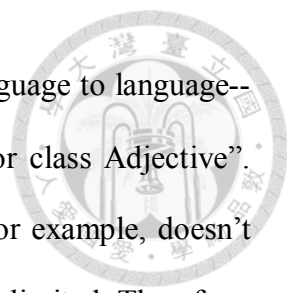
In (2.3), it can be seen that each utterance is comprised of several lexical items and grammatical markers. Most lexical items can be assigned a separate lexical category by some criteria. The first criterion is, these lexical items can be described in terms of *part of speech*, a traditional grammatical class of lexical items. Table 2.3 shows the result of the assignment of lexical items to a part of speech:

Table 2.3: Assignment of lexical items to a part of speech

| Part of speech | Examples |
|------------------|--|
| Adverbs | <i>balay, ana'</i> |
| Case marker | <i>nqu', squ'</i> |
| Discourse marker | <i>a</i> (filler) |
| Noun | <i>mit, kryax, sasan, q<m><n>ayat, bwax, cimui', m-qilang</i> (in <i>m-qilang na' mit</i>) |
| Particle | <i>ga'</i> (final particle), <i>ga'</i> (topic marker), <i>na'</i> (ligature in <i>m-qilang</i> (in <i>m-qilang na' mit</i>)) |
| Possessives | = <i>naha'</i> |
| Pronoun | <i>swa', hya', nanu', qani'</i> |
| Verb | <i>maki', mqilang, qilang, ras-un, m-usa', h<m>akut, baq, m<k>kusa'</i> |

Other parts of speech not occurring in the excerpt, but in other natural Atayal discourse are conjunctives (i.e., *ru* 'and'), interjectives (e.g., *talagay* used in a situation when people highly praise or are surprised at something or *ay* used when people sigh with emotion), ideophones (e.g., the sound of beast barking *kyaw* in *cyux iy kyaw kyaw para' qasa' lga'* 'The Formosan barking deer was barking' or *is*, which is used in a situation where people are disgusted at something), and so on.

In general, parts of speech are further divided into open and closed class. The *open-vs.-closed distinction* is the second criterion. The open parts-of-speech classes may be the classes of nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs, as in English. However, as



remarked by Dixon (1982:12), “major parts of speech vary from language to language--all languages appear to have Noun and Verb but some lack a major class Adjective”. Dixon’s point applies to the case in Atayal. The class of adverbs, for example, doesn’t belong to the open class in Atayal, since its membership is relatively limited. Therefore, Atayal has only two open word classes, Noun and Verb.

Third, lexical items can also be defined in terms of *the level of predication or clauses*. From the perspective of *Functional Grammar* (Dik 1978; 1983; 1984:89; 1989), lexical items in (2.3) can be realized as components of the predication. The components of the predication are represented in the following diagram (Dik 1984:89):

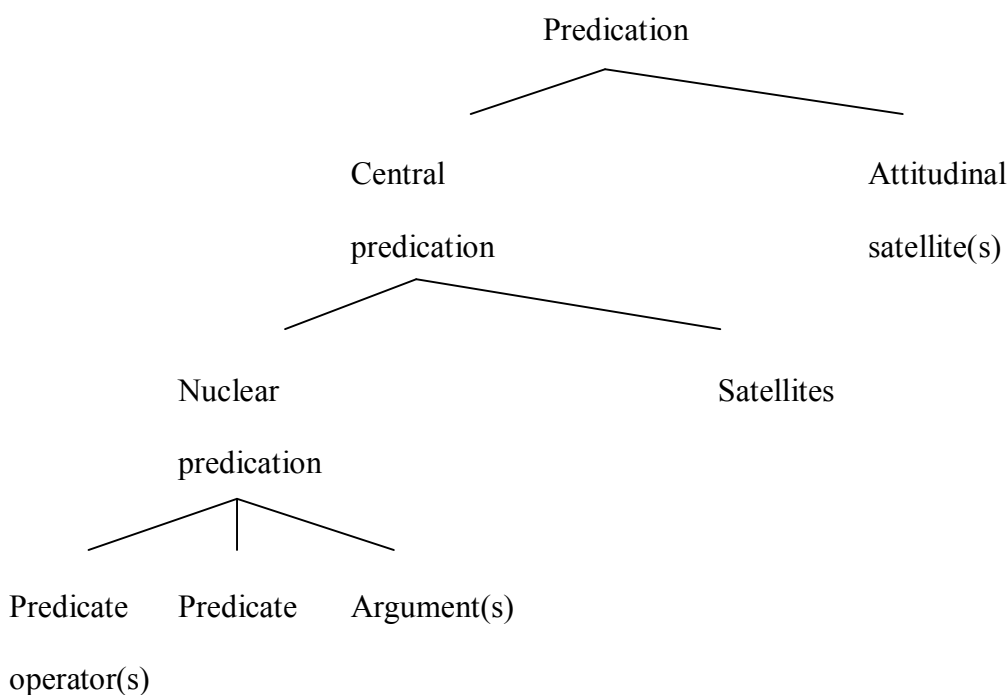
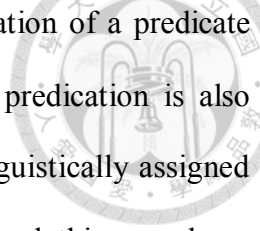


Fig. 2.1: Components at a layered structure of a predication

Among the components, the predicate is central to the predication of the clause structure; moreover, as in many languages of the world, it is usually the verb that functions as the predicate; furthermore, since the predicate usually must co-occur with argument(s), a



complete predication is then formed. Thus, the idea that a combination of a predicate and a meaningful argument structure construction forms a single predication is also advocated by Goldberg (2010:39). The term ‘argument’ is cross-linguistically assigned to the class of words which includes names of persons, places, and things and are designed to refer to objects. It is a combination of a verbal predicate and at least one argument that constitutes a simple clause.

Predicate operators and satellites do not determine the semantic-role or argument structure of a verbal predicate. Predicate operators specify tense, voice, mood, and the positive/negative polarity, and they are placed before the predicate in Atayal. Satellites are used for providing such information, as time, location, cause, reason, manner, etc., but note that, in the case of Atayal, they may occupy an argument position.

At the level of predication, then, the result of the assigning lexical categories to lexical items in (2.3) is as shown in Table 2.4:

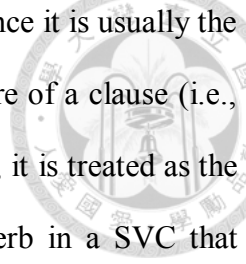


Table 2.4: Category assignment of lexical items in clause (2.3) in Squliq Atayal

| | Attitudinal satellite | Satellite | Predicate | Attitudinal satellite | (Predicate) | Argument | Attitudinal satellite |
|--------|----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| (2.3a) | | | <i>maki'</i> | | | <i>qutux mit,</i> | <i>ga'</i> |
| (2.3b) | <i>mit qani'ga'</i> | | <i>mqilang</i> | | | (Zero) | <i>balay</i> |
| (2.3c) | | | <i>so-n</i> | | | = <i>naha'</i> , “ <i>mit qilang</i> ” (as a complement) | - |
| (2.3d) | - | - | <i>swa'</i> | | | <i>so-n=naha'</i> “ <i>mit qilang</i> ” (as a complement) | <i>ga'</i> |
| * | - | - | <i>so-n</i> | | | = <i>naha'</i> , “ <i>mit qilang</i> ” (as a complement) | - |
| (2.3e) | | <i>kryax sasan ga'</i> | <i>ras-un</i> | | | <i>q<m><n>ayat, hya'</i> | - |
| (2.3f) | | | <i>m-usa'</i> | | <i>h<m>akut</i> | <i>bwax</i> | |
| (2.3g) | | | <i>h<m>akut</i> | | | <i>cimu'</i> | |
| (2.3h) | <i>hmakut ana'nanu'ga'</i> | | <i>baq</i> | <i>balay</i> | <i>m<k>kusa'</i> | <i>m-qilang na' mit qani'</i> | |
| ** | | | <i>hmakut</i> | | | <i>ana'nanu'</i> | <i>ga'</i> |

* is the complement of *swa'* in (2.3d). Since it is a structurally complete enough to be a clause, its constituents can be further analyzed in this way.

**, same to the case *. The clause *hmakut ana'nanu'ga'* stems from (2.3h) and is its topic. It is a complete clause, so that its constituents can be categorized into their respective component roles in a predication.



A serial verb construction (SVC) occurs in (2.3e) and (2.3h). But since it is usually the first verb used to determine the important morphosyntactic structure of a clause (i.e., the voice type of a clause and the host to which a clitic is attached), it is treated as the main verb of a SVC construction, but it is the second or last verb in a SVC that specifies the argument structure of the SVC construction. This can explain why in (2.3h), an attitudinal satellite *balay* immediately follows the first verb *baq* to modify the verb, but not the second verb *m<k>kusa'*; however, the attitudinal satellite doesn't influence the morphosyntactic structure of a clause.

The ordering of other components is not fixed. Attitudinal satellite can be positioned either clause-initially or clause-finally, like satellites. (2.3e) illustrates a satellite denoting time information about the narrated event placed in the clause's initial position.

A more precise description can be obtained from the definition of lexical items in terms of *the level of predication* or *clauses* is on the ordering of components of an Atayal predication can be stated in this way: **a predicate is more closely ordered next to its argument(s), while distribution of the others is relatively flexible.** Following the “subject predicate analysis” in which a clause is divided into two parts (Palmer 1994), the simplest clause consists of a verbal predicate and subject. Atayal is a language with a **predicate-subject** order.

A verbal predicate in Atayal can also take more than one argument. As in (2.3c), one (i.e., the content of a saying event *mit qilang*) is the subject, while the other, which is assigned the semantic role of Actor, is excluded from being the object, either. But what is its grammatical role? Actually, in some cases, there are more than one argument occurring in between a verbal predicate and the subject. The same question may also be raised with respect to the argument: what is the grammatical role of the second non-subject argument.

As stated, how a verb is classified in Atayal is determined by the kind of nominal arguments the verb has and how they are linearized in surface structure. In the following discussions, I will investigate the ordering of arguments and other issues regarding the structure of nominal arguments, i.e., the pronominal and the case marking systems, and the morphosyntax of the verbal predicate. All these issues are associated with the goal of this dissertation, which is to classify verbs in Atayal.

2.3.2 Constituent order of a basic clause

As mentioned, the basic word order of Atayal can be analyzed as a predicate-subject structure, as exemplified below:

(2.4) Equational sentence (gaga' na' Atayal: 104-106)

| | | |
|---|-----|-------------|
| Nominal predicate | | Subject |
| ↓ | | ↓ |
| piaojie=maku' | qu' | sayun qasa' |
| elder.daughter.of.one's.uncle.or.aunt=1SG.GEN | NOM | PN that |
| ‘That (person), <i>Sayun</i> , is the elder daughter of (my) aunt.’ | | |

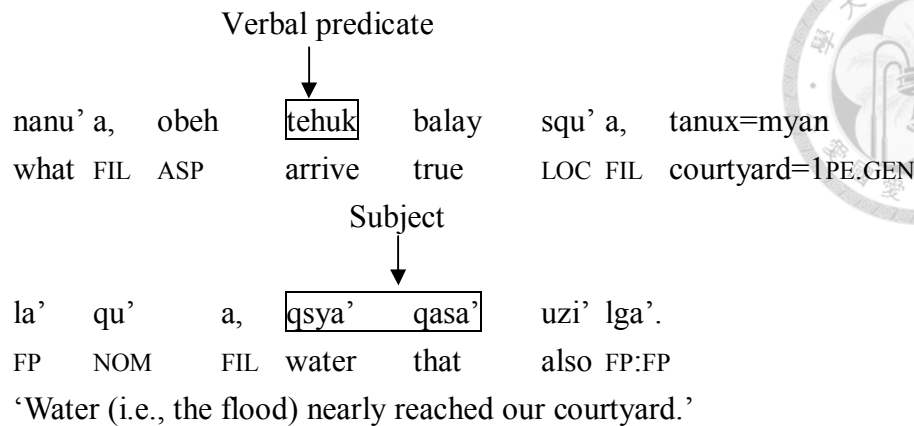
(2.5) Existential sentence (repeated from (2.3a) (Sinica Archive: 01-001-a))

| | | | |
|---|--|--|--|
| Verbal predicate | | Subject | |
| ↓ | | ↓ | |
| a maki' | | qutux mit ga'. | |
| FIL exist.AV | | one ass FP | |
| ‘There was an ass.’ | | | |

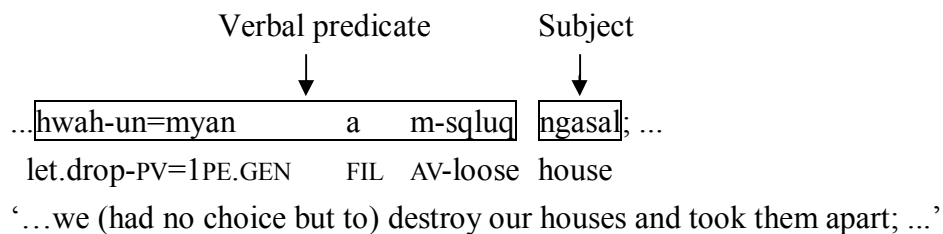
(2.6) AV (Sinica Archive: 01-009-b)

| | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|------|
| Verbal predicate | | Subject | |
| ↓ | | ↓ | |
| m-qas | balay qu' | mit qani' | ma'. |
| AV-happy true | NOM | ass this | QUOT |
| ‘This ass was quite happy.’ | | | |

(2.7) EIC

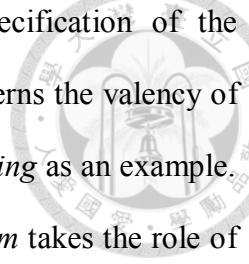


(2.8) UV (Sinica Archive: 10-002-a)



As can be easily observed from (2.4) to (2.8), predicate and subject form two conspicuous “chunks” or, in a traditional analysis, two major constituents of a basic Atayal sentence.

Subject is commonly realized as the perspective, or the point of view for the utterance to be interpreted (Siewierska 1988:108); as a result, once a participant or an entity is introduced into a discourse (*usu*, through an existential sentence as (2.5)), its referent turns into readily accessible information to the hearer in sequent discourse. The participant or entity is henceforth the subject in the discourse. As mentioned, the clausal final position of a basic sentence in Sqliq Atayal is exclusively reserved for subject. As a result, in most utterances, from the perspective of *Functional Grammar* (Dik 1978, 1984:89, 1989), the left to the subject of a sentence is designed for the presentation of the predicate, along with other obligatory constituents other than the subject, and optionally predicate operators and satellites (see Section 2.3.1).



Other obligatory constituents are tied to the semantic specification of the predicate. There are two types of semantic specification. One concerns the valency of a verbal predicate. Take the English sentence *Tom gave his wife a ring* as an example. Since the sentence specifies an active mood, the actor argument *Tom* takes the role of subject, while the recipient *his wife* and the theme *a ring* then are considered obligatory constituents of the predicate *gave*. Another example can be seen from the sentence *Many species exist in the island*. In this sentence, the location verb *exist* requires a location nominal phrase to anchor the existence of a theme subject. The arguments *his wife/a ring* in *Tom gave his wife a ring* and *the island* in *Many species exist in the island* are subcategorized for by their respective verbal predicate. This is the first type of semantic specification. The second type involves the notion of entailment. For example, *hammer* and *enshrine* respectively entail an instrument and a location argument whose specification depends on the context. In terms of Dik's *Functional Grammar* (1978, 1984, 1989), entailed arguments like *a hammer* and *a holy place* are categorized as satellites.

Going back to the case of Squliq Atayal. In a plain UV clause, the non-actor argument is taken as the clausal subject, and then placed at the right side of a clause, as in (2.4). The remaining question is to solve the relative ordering of satellites. According to the literature (Pinkster 1972; Enkvist 1976; Bybee 1985a, 1985b; Siewierska 1988, 1993; etc.), the degree of their semantic bondness to the predicate is an important factor for the relative order of constituents. Items closely tied to the semantics specification of the verb tend to occur closer to it than those lacking such ties. In addition to the arguments that the valency of a verb sanctions, satellites are also relevant, the notion of entailment straightforwardly evidences this. The instrument (e.g., *tekan kwayux* 'vine chair' in (2.9a)) and the location argument (e.g., *m-nkungm* '(a) dark place' in (2.9b), and *qsya* 'water' in (2.9c)) are satellites:

(2.9)

a. (gaga' na' Atayal: 475-477)

s-phangal=naha' na' tekan kwayux qu' toki.
CV-shoulder=3PL.GEN GEN chair vine NOM leader
'They carried (the) leader on a vine chair.'



b. (Sinica Archive: 13-003-b)

m-usa' ... 'sa-n=naha' matas squ' m-nkungm.
AV-go go-LV=3PL.GEN tattoo.AV LOC STATNMZ:AV-dim
'(They) went... They went to tattoo in a dark place.'

c. (Sinica Archive: 05-016-b)

hng'-un=naha' squ' a qsyá' qu' abaw miquy
dip.in.water-PV=3PL.GEN LOC FIL water NOM leaf reed
qasa' ga'.
that FP
'They dipped that reed into water.'

d. (gaga' na' Atayal: 1049-1057)

nanu' yasa' maha' a, a giwa-n nqu',
what that.way QUOT FIL FIL similar-LV GEN
muling=sami' maha', t<n>atuk=myan na'
throw.away.AV=1PE.NOM QUOT <PST.OBJNMZ>nod=1PE.GEN GEN
tunux squ' **simu'** ka k<in>kes-an raral.
head LOC 2PL.NEU LIG RED<PST>old-LOCNMZ in.the.past
'Therefore, as we hold Ancestral Spirit Festival, it seems as if we have to
nod gratitude to you, i.e., the ancestors.'

Instrument usually refers to a tool held on an actor's hands for him or her to exert force (on an undergoer) to achieve his/her goal in an event. As can be seen in (2.9a), the instrument *tekan kwayux* 'vine chair' is placed closer to the predicate *s-phangal* 'shoulder' than the subject; this implies that an instrument is a ramification of the actor. Location stands for a spatial setting where an actor carries out an action, and thus the location argument, like *qsya'* in (2.9c), can also be placed closer to the actor.

Moreover, in Squliq Atayal, an instrument nominal tends to occur closer to the actor constituent than a location nominal since instrument is a ramification of the actor and the two are similar categories exhibiting a greater degree of fusion or combination (e.g., *tunux* ‘head’ vs. *simu* ‘you (pl.)’ in (2.9d)). This is the cognitive/processing factor, one of four factors affecting word order identified by van Dijk (1977).⁶ In short, **an instrument constituent usually precedes a location one in a clause**. As a result, the constituents in a basic Squliq Atayal UV clause can be aligned in the following order:

(2.10) Verbal predicate=Actor > Instrument> Location > Undergoer Subject

Moreover, either instrument or location can be subsumed under the notion of manner. Since these categories are entailed by the semantics of the verbal predicate and their surface realizations as argument nominals can also be omitted without causing ungrammaticality. Either the instrument or the location NP in (2.9) **can be taken as an adjunct in a clause**. Their adjunct role means that they are not the default undergoer of a verb and thus cannot be used as an index to verb types in the language. I make an extended discussion on this point in Section 2.3.6.

2.3.3 The Squliq Atayal case-marking system

The purpose of this section is to introduce three hierarchically-structured parameters, the various functions of case-marker-distinction, to re-model the case system in Squliq Atayal, and to present the remodeled one as a transparent access to our holistic understanding on the voice construction types in the language, which is

⁶ van Dijk (1977) identifies four factors affecting word order. They are natural ordering, cognitive/processing ordering, thematic ordering, and pragmatic ordering.

intimately associated with verb classification, which is the primary goal of the present study.

Parameter one is *the grammatical-vs.-semantic parameter*, which says that case markers can be firstly distinguished into grammatical case markers and semantically-based case markers. The grammatical case marker is *qu'*, the subject marker; other case markers like *sa/squ'* and *na'/ni'/nqu'* belong to the semantically-based case markers, since they encode thematic role information.

Parameter two refers to *the agentive-vs.-nonagentive parameter*, which is designed for drawing a boundary between semantically based case markers. It will be demonstrated below that *na'* (and its allomorphs, *ni'* and *nqu'*) is used to introduce a noun phrase expressing the concept of agency, while others like *sa*, *squ'*, and *te* belong to a *nonagentive* class.

Parameter three is concerned with whether a noun (phrase) specified by a non-nominative (or oblique) case marker is semantically required by a verb. It is *the core-vs.-noncore parameter*. That is, either the *agentive* class or *nonagentive* class can be subdivided into the core and the noncore. It is the lowest parameter in the hierarchy but is directly linked to verb classification. This implies that E plays a significant morphosyntactic role in the language. The remodeled case system is shown below:

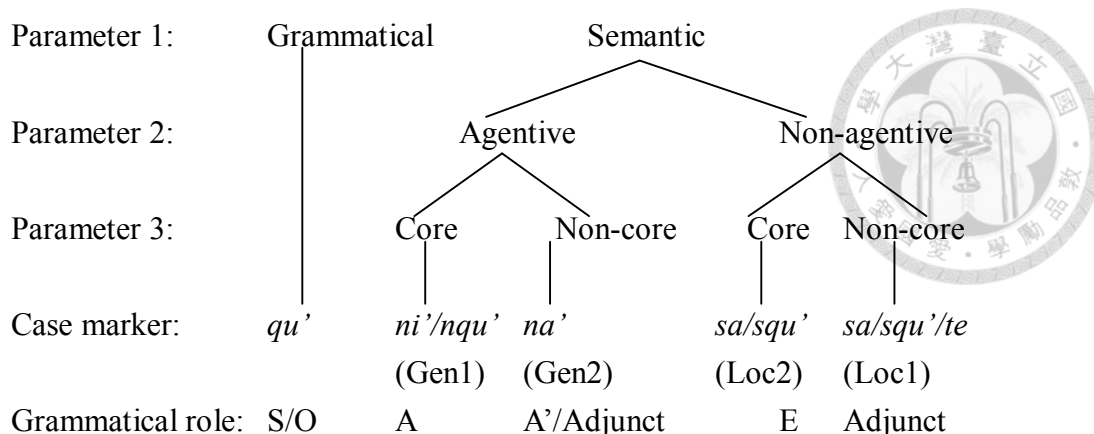


Fig. 2.2: A remodeled, hierarchy-based case marking system in Squliq Atayal

2.3.3.1 An overview of the previous studies on the case-marking system in Squliq Atayal

Case markers in Squliq Atayal include *qu'*, *na'* /*ni'* /*nqu'*, *sa/squ'*, *te*, and *ki'*, though they are often absent from daily communications. The functions of the first three (sets) are displayed in Table 2.5:

Table 2.5: Three main sets of case markers in Squliq Atayal (based on Rau (1992), Rau and Grime (1994), L. Huang (1993, 1995), Li (1994), and Liao (2004))

| Set | I | II | III |
|-------------|------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Case marker | <i>qu'</i> | <i>na'</i> (or <i>ni'</i> or <i>nqu'</i>) | <i>sa</i> (or <i>squ'</i>) |
| Case type | Nom | Gen | (1) Obl (2) Loc |

In the following sections, I will review the functions of all the three sets of case markers and, propose a new way to understand their functions with respect to the grammar of Squliq Atayal.

2.3.3.2 *qu'* as a nominative marker

qu' can be used to introduce a content in an equational sentence, as in (2.11):

(2.11) (gaga' na' Atayal: 454)

sswe' qu' kun ma'.
younger.sibling NOM 1SG.NEU QUOT
'I am (her) younger brother.'



qu' can also be used to encode a theme in stative ((2.12) and (2.13)), locative ((2.14)), or existential sentence ((2.15)):

(2.12) (gaga' na' Atayal: 229-231)

hilaw balay uzi' qu' pihaw na'uy qasa'.
active(.AV) true also NOM PN PN that
'Pihaw Nahuy was very active.'

(2.13) (Sinica Archive: 01-003-b)

twahiq qu' phkny-an=n(a)ha'.
far(.AV) NOM walk-LOCNMZ=3PL.GEN
'They walked so far.' (Lit., 'Their walk was long.')

(2.14) (Sinica Archive: 01-014-f)

maki' gleng qu' q<n>ayat hya' qasa'.
exist.AV front NOM keep<PST.OBJNMZ>keep 3SG.NEU that
'The keeper (of the ass) walked in front.'

(2.15) (Sinica Archive: 01-008-g)

cyux kya qu' tiyu' yubing=nya' ma'.
EXT.REM there NOM six bag=3SG.GEN QUOT
'Six packs (of rice) were over there.'

qu' can also be used to introduce an agent in an activity (2.16) or an experiencer in an emotional state (2.17) or a theme in an event ((2.18) and (2.19)), where the predicate is an AV verb.

(2.16) (Sinica Archive: 01-013-a)

| | | | | | |
|-----------|----------------|------------------|---------|-------|------|
| k<m>al | qu' | q<n>ayat | hya' | qani' | ma', |
| <AV>speak | NOM | <PST.OBJNMZ>rear | 3SG.NEU | this | QUOT |
| “mit,” | so-n=nya' | ma', | “laxi' | qila' | ay.” |
| ass | say-PV=3SG.GEN | QUOT | NEG | lazy | FP |

‘The keeper said, “Ass!” He said, “Don’t be lazy!”’



(2.17) (Sinica Archive: 01-008-c)

| | | | | | |
|----------|-------|-----|-----|-------|------|
| m-qas | balay | qu' | mit | qani' | ma'. |
| AV-happy | true | NOM | ass | this | QUOT |

‘The ass was so glad.’

(2.18) (Sinica Archive: 01-025-g)

| | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|-------|----|------|
| m<s>qsyɑ' | qu' | cimu' | la | ma'. |
| AV<become>water | nom | salt | FP | QUOT |

‘Salt melted in water.’

(2.19) (gaga' na' Atayal: 435-436)

| | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|------|-----|-------|--------|
| wal | m-qluy | la', | qu' | sayun | qasa'. |
| ASP | AV-flush.away | FP | NOM | PN | that |

‘That (person), Sayun, was flushed away.’

qu' can also introduce a patient in a PV construction, a goal in a LV construction or a transported theme in a CV construction, as in (2.20), (2.21), and (2.22), respectively:

(2.20) (Sinica Archive: 01-016-c)

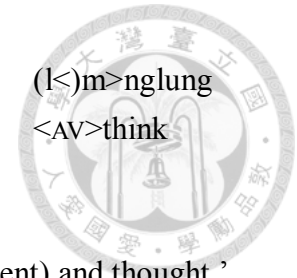
| | | |
|-----------------|-----|-------------|
| hluzy-un=nya' | qu' | mit=nya'. |
| drag-PV=3SG.GEN | NOM | ass=3SG.GEN |

‘He dragged his ass.’

(2.21) (Sinica Archive: 01-015-d)

| | | | | | |
|--------|-----|--------|---------------|-------|--------------|
| kta-n | qu' | hongu' | qani'mga', | "ay", | (l<)m>nglung |
| see-LV | NOM | bridge | this QUOT:TOP | EXCL | <AV>think |
| qu' | mit | qani' | lma'. | | |
| NOM | ass | this | FP:QUOT | | |

'After it saw the bridge, the ass sighed (with disappointment) and thought.'



(2.22) (Sinica Archive: 01-014-d)

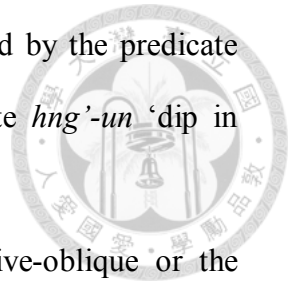
| | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------|-----------|-----|--------|
| s-panga'=nya' | kwara' | qu' spat | na' | yubing |
| CV-carry.on.back=3SG.GEN | all | NOM eight | GEN | bag |
| ka bwax | qani' | ma'. | | |
| LIG husked.rice | this | QUOT | | |

'(...so that) it carried all the eight packs of rice.'

It is easy to observe that the *qu'*-marked noun phrases in the sentences above cover a wide variety of thematic roles (e.g., agent ((2.16)), experiencer ((2.17)), patient ((2.20)), and theme ((2.12)~(2.15), (2.18), (2.19), (2.22)) etc.); besides, the predicates occurring in these sentences may be nominal (e.g., nominal NP (2.11)), adjectival (2.12), or in different voice constructions ((2.19)~(2.22)). In short, in the [X *qu'* Y] construction, *qu'* is a nominative case marker and X is the main predicate and the construction is used to make a statement about Y in terms of X.

Furthermore, nominative stands in sharp contrast to other cases. The nominative case is used in specifying an entity the speaker talks about, is usually unmarked, and often does not involve relation(s) with other entities as non-nominative cases, i.e., oblique cases, do. In contrast, the locative case is used to specify an entity occupying some space with respect to the event encoded by a predicate; genitive encodes the adnominal relation between a possessor and a possessee. As in the case in Squiliq Atayal, the expression of a noun phrase introduced by non-nominative case markers is adjunct to the predicate X in the [X *qu'* Y] construction, since they are implied by the

semantics of the predicate (e.g., *tekan kwayux* ‘vine chair’ implied by the predicate *s-phangal* ‘shoulder’ in (2.9a) and *qsya* ‘water’ by the predicate *hng’-un* ‘dip in water’ in (2.9c) (see Section 2.3.2).



In light of the observations above, I propose the nominative-oblique or the grammatical-semantic distinction as the first parameter for the realization of the case system in Sguliq Atayal.

Though *qu*’ is commonly analyzed as a nominative case marker, it has also been analyzed as a relator noun (Starosta 1985:112-8, 1999:379-380) or an auxiliary noun (Liao 2004). According to Blake (2001:15-7), relator nouns refer to a specialized subclass of nouns that behave like adpositions in relating a predicate to a noun phrase, as *top* in the sentence *He is standing on top of the cupboard*, analyzed as a relator noun showing the relationship of *cupboard* to *stand*. In light of this, it is clear that unlike the English word *top*, *qu*’ has no any lexical content, esp. regarding the notion of space; henceforth, the “relator noun” analysis of *qu*’ can be safely rejected. Liao also reject the relator noun analysis for similar reasons and then proposes *qu*’ as an auxiliary noun (Liao 2004).

Examples she uses to support the “auxiliary noun” analysis are as follows:

(2.23) (Liao (2004:314 (79))); glosses and transcriptions original)

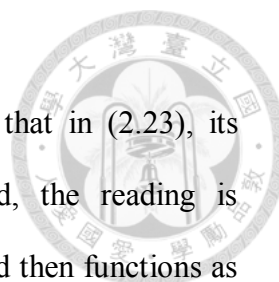
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|-------|--------|-----------|--------------------|------|--------|-------|----------|
| kya | qu’ | baq | powah | squ’ | hongu’ | qasa’ | hiya’ |
| if | QU’ | can | pass/cross/over | LCV | bridge | that | 3S(CORE) |
| ga’, | mlikuy | balay | son=nya’. | | | | |
| TP.LK | man | true/real | call/become=GEN.3S | | | | |

‘If one can cross over that bridge, he is a real man.’

(2.24) (Liao 2004:315 (81)); glosses and transcriptions original)

| | | | | | |
|--------|-----|-----------------|------|-------|------|
| ngarux | qu’ | nyux=nha’ | bay | kngun | uzi. |
| bear | QU’ | PROX.IMM=GEN.3P | very | fear | also |

‘They were very much afraid of bears.’



If one takes a closer look at (2.23) and (2.24), it can be seen that in (2.23), its conditional reading cannot derive from the word *kya*; instead, the reading is context-induced, since a more accurate gloss for *kya* is ‘there is’ and then functions as a verbal predicate of a headless relative clause; in this sense, (2.23) should be an existential sentence, where *baq powah squ’ hongu’ qasa’ hiya’* is a verbal phrase. Similarly, (2.24) should be analyzed as an equational sentence, in which *ngarux* is a nominal predicate, while the predicate phrase *nyux=nha’ bay kngun uzi* is a headless relative clause (cf. Kroeger 1998:2, 11). In short, (2.23) and (2.24) can be simplified as the [X *qu’* Y] construction, and *qu’* in (2.23) and (2.24) remains a nominative case marker.

In some cases, the *qu’* marker is integrated with other lexemes into a formulaic expression and can’t be a nominative, as in *nanu’ yasa’ qu’* in (2.25):

(2.25) (Sinica Archive: 02-006-c)

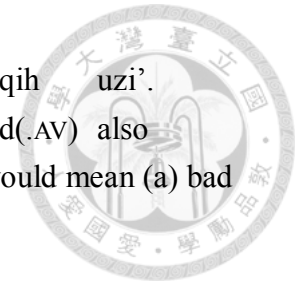
a ini’=naha’ hyag-i ru; **nanu’ yasa’ qu’**, yaqih
 FIL NEG=3PL.GEN chase-PV.NEG and what that.way QU’ bad(.AV)
 qsiliq=naha’ maha’.
 mood=3PL.GEN QUOT

‘They couldn’t chase them back; therefore, they felt bad.’

In (2.25), *nanu’ yasa’ qu’* functions as a conjunctive, meaning ‘therefore; as a result’; in this expression, *qu’* has lost its status as a case marker. The formulaic expression has the form [X *qu’*] construction and Y is absent, and the *qu’* is not a case marker, in which X refers to *nanu’ yasa’*. Other “case markers” are also found to occur in formulaic expressions. Consider (2.26) and (2.27):

(2.26) (Sinica Archive: 03-011-a)

maha' ni' m-tngtin so-n=naha' uzi' ga', yaqih uzi'.
 QUOT NI' AV-loiter say-PV=3PL.GEN also TOP bad(.AV) also
 'People said, if (an omen bird) loitered (on the road), it would mean (a) bad
 (omen).'



(2.27) (Sinica Archive: 06-001-a)

a trang nqu' p<n>ung-an ka ke'
 FIL just.as NQU' <PST>hear-LOCNMZ LIG word
 (b)nkis raral ka so-n=nya' ma' o
 old.man in.the.past LIG say.thus-PV=3SG.GEN QUOT FIL
 hongu' na' utuxhya' ga'.
 bridge GEN ancestral.spirit 3SG.NEU FP
 'It happened that I have heard about the rainbow through the elders' words.'

In (2.26), *maha' ni'* means 'if' and like *nanu' yasa' qu'*, is a conjunctive. For the *ni'* here, a case-marker analysis of the expression does not work. Similarly, in (2.27), *trang nqu'* means 'just as', in which *nqu'* is not a case marker.

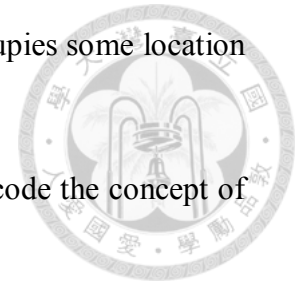
In summary, in most cases, *qu'* is a nominative case marker. It functions to name the entity that is talked about in a discourse. It can encode a wide range of thematic roles, and the types of predicates it co-occurs with are also diverse. Other case markers, subsumed under the oblique in the present study, are more semantically based, and the thematic roles they encode and distribution are rather more restricted.

2.3.3.3 *na'/ni'/nqu'* as genitive markers

According to the traditional analysis (Jakobson 1936/1971; de Groot 1956; Langacker 1977; Blake 2001; among others), all of the case markers, except for the nominative, can be subsumed under oblique. *Na'* and its two variants *ni'* and *nqu'* and *squ'/sa* fall under that category. *Na'/ni'/nqu'* as genitive markers encode the relation of possession, while *sa/squ'* encode the notion of affectedness (i.e., someone

is affected by an event or an action) or location (i.e., someone occupies some location in an event). I first consider the genitive case markers.

As mentioned, the genitive case markers *na'*, *nqu'* and *ni'* encode the concept of possession. Sentences in (2.28) are illustrations.



(2.28) *na'* specifying a possessive relation

a. (Sinica Archive: 01-010-d)

| | | | | | | |
|------------|------------|-------|-----------|-------|-----|--------------|
| wal | si' | txal | m-(t)'yuw | kya | qu' | kakay |
| ASP | just | once | AV-change | there | NOM | foot |
| na' | mit | qani' | maha'. | | | |
| GEN | ass | this | QUOT | | | |

'The legs of the ass then got transformed once.'

b. (Sinica Archive: 04-004-e)

| | | | | | | |
|----------|-------|-----|--------------|-------------|--------------------|------|
| maha' | qani' | qu' | gaga' | nqu' | yasukilisto | ma'. |
| say(.AV) | this | NOM | norm | GEN | Jesus.Christ | QUOT |

'The norms of Jesus Christ got set up in this way.'

c. (gaga' na' Atayal: 503-507)

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---------------|----------|-----|---------------|--------------|-----|
| nanu', | pubu'=sami | squ' ta- | a, | blihun | na' , | a, |
| what | shoot=1PE.NOM | LOC TA | FIL | door | GEN | FIL |
| pqwas-an | qani' | ma'. | | | | |
| study-LOCNMZ | this | QUOT | | | | |

'So, let's take a picture together at the campus' door.'

d. (gaga' na' Atayal: 36-37)

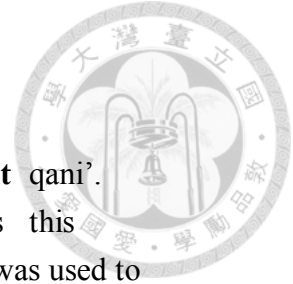
| | | | | | |
|--------|-----|------|-----------------|------------|---------------|
| mlikuy | qa' | ga', | sswe' | na' | sayun. |
| male | DEM | TOP | younger.sibling | GEN | PN |

'The man is Sayun's younger brother.'

e. (Sinica Archive: 01-002-e)

| | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|------------|--------|
| h<m>akut | ana' | nanu' | ga', | baq | balay |
| <AV>carry | no.matter | what | TOP | can | true |
| m<k>kusa' | qu' | m-qilang | na' | mit | qani'. |
| AV<RED>attitudinize | NOM | ACTRNMZ-lazy | GEN | ass | this |

'(However,) no matter what the goods were, the lazy ass was used to attitudinizing.'



In all the examples in (2.28), the genitive marker *na'* occurs in the [X *na'* Y] possessive construction. Possession may refer to an inalienable relationship, as in (2.28a). The possessor can be a creator, as in (2.28) where Jesus Christ formulates norms; it can also denote an alienable relationship, as in (2.28c), a kinship, as in (2.28d), or an abstract relationship such as an attribute owned by someone, as in (2.28e).

It is commonly known that the possessor in a possessive construction often functions as the causal agent or instrument in transitive UV clauses. This means that there are two uses of *na'/ni'/nqu'*: (i) the noun phrase introduced by *na'/ni'/nqu'* may refer to an actor in an UV construction (Y), and (ii) *na'/ni'/nqu'* may be used to introduce an instrument phrase. The two uses are illustrated in (2.29) and (2.30) respectively:

(2.29)

a. (Sinica Archive: 20-001-b)

| | | | | | | |
|-------------|----------|-----------------|-------------|-------|---------|-----------|
| baha' | m-swa' | qu' | pzit | qani' | hya' | ga', |
| how.come | AV-why | NOM | sparrow | this | 3SG.NEU | TOP |
| mma' | maki' | qu' | pzit | qani' | ga', | n-aras |
| how.come | exist.AV | NOM | sparrow | this | TOP | PST-bring |
| nqu' | a | bnkis=ta' | raral. | | | |
| GEN | FIL | old.man=1PI.GEN | in.the.past | | | |

'As for the occurrence of the sparrow, it was brought by our ancestors.'

b. (Sinica Archive: 02-009-g)

“wayal cqiry-an **na'** a mknazi' qu' kneril=mamu”
 ASP tease-LV GEN FIL Mknazi NOM female=2PL.GEN
 maha'.

QUOT

‘The Mknazi people teased your women.’

c. (Sinica Archive: 366-368)

cyux 'muk-an **na'** k'man kwara' qu' blihun na'
 ASP cover-LV GEN grass all NOM door GEN
 pqwas-an.

study-LOCNMZ

‘Grass covered the whole (front) door of the campus.’

(2.30)

a. cyux mhkani' **na'** hoku' qu' bnkis qa.
 ASP walk.AV GEN stick NOM the.elder DEM
 ‘The old man is walking with a stick.’

b. (gaga' na' Atayal: 475-477) (repeated from (2.9a))

s-phangal=naha' na' tekan kwayux qu' toki.
 CV-shoulder=3PL.GEN GEN chair vine NOM leader
 ‘They carried (the) leader on a vine chair.’

In (2.29a), *nqu'* is used to introduce a human actor (*bnkis=ta'* ‘our elder’); likewise, in (2.29b), *na'* is used to introduce a human actor (*mknazi* ‘the Mknazi’ people’). In (2.29c), *na'* is used to encode an inanimate entity, i.e., *k'man* ‘grass’; grass is described as being endowed with some kind of agency, since it covers part of the school ground. In old Atayal, there is a division of labor between *nqu'* or *ni'* and *na'*. *Nqu'* or *ni'* is used to encode a human NP, and *na'* is for a nonhuman NP ((L. Huang 1995b:274; L. Huang et al 1998:32; Li 1995, 1997:374-348. However, the distinction

is gradually being lost among the younger speakers in modern Atayal.

In both (2.30a) and (2.30b), *na'* encodes an instrument function. (2.30a) and (2.30b) are identical in that the *na'*-marked NP functions as an instrument nominal, but differ from each other in the voice type of the main verb. Note that instrument is a secondary function of the genitive *na'*, since *na'* as a case marker of agent is its primary function. Agent or actor is a core argument and conveys important information in discourse, while instrument is peripheral. In other words, I would like to propose that the genitive marker in Squiliq Atayal (or other languages which use a single marker to express both Actor and instrument) covers two subtypes: **Gen1** is used to encode an Actor argument, and **Gen2** an instrument NP. The genitive marker for possessor in (2.28) is regarded as **Gen1**, since possession and transitive action are based on the same conceptual schema in that the possessor in a possessive phrase is conceptually an actor that possesses some possession in a transitive clause.

2.3.3.4 *sa/squ'* as locative markers

Sa and *squ'* are commonly known to encode a location or the object of a semantically transitive verb. Examples are given below:

(2.31) *sa/squ'* used to introduce a location NP

a. (Sinica Archive: 12-024-f)

| | | | | | |
|-------|--------|----------|-----------|------------|-----|
| aw | baq, | cyux | h<m>ow | squ' zik | ka |
| right | can | PROG.REM | <AV>shout | LOC bottom | LIG |
| bsyal | lmgá'. | | | | |

tree.name FP:QUOT:FP

‘(He) was shouting at the bottom of the Bsyal tree.’

- b. (Sinica Archive: 13-003-b) (repeated from (2.9b))

| | | | | | |
|--------|-----|---------------|-----------|------|----------------|
| m-usa' | ... | 'sa-n=naha' | matas | squ' | m-nkungm. |
| AV-go | | go-LV=3PL.GEN | tattoo.AV | LOC | STATNMZ:AV-dim |

'They went to tattoo in a dark place.'



- c. (Sinica Archive: 05-016-b (repeated from (2.9c))

| | | | | | |
|-------------------------|---------|-------|-----|------|-------|
| hng'-un=naha' | squ' a | qsya' | qu' | abaw | miquy |
| dip.in.water-PV=3PL.GEN | LOC FIL | water | NOM | leaf | reed |

qasa' ga'.
that FP
'They dipped that reed into water.'

In (2.31), there are two ways in which *sa* or *squ'* is used. First, *sa* NP or *squ'* NP in (2.31a) and (2.31b) is used to encode a spatial relation in which an event occurs. In (2.31a), the NP *sa zik ka bsyal* 'at the bottom of the Bsyal tree' is where the shouting takes place. Likewise, in (2.31b), the location encoded by the NP *squ' m-nkungm* 'in a dark place' is where the tattooing activity takes place. Second, the use of *sa* or *squ'* NP encoding a location concept appears not only in an AV clause (e.g., (2.31a)) but also in a UV clause (e.g., (2.31b) and (2.31d)). The locative expression specified by a *sa* or *squ'* NP may be inferred from the semantics of a verb. For example, the concept 'water' is inferable from the verb *hng'-un* 'dip in water' in Atayal. As a result, the omission of the NP *squ' qsya'* is acceptable.

Actually, all *sa* or *squ'*-marked NPs in (2.31) are omissible, because they are an adjunct in their respective sentences. The *sa* or *squ'* NP in (2.31) is there merely to provide background information for the event. I will henceforth term *sa* or *squ'* Loc1 or Loc_{Adj.}, in which the subscript _{Adj.} stands for Adjunct.

The *squ'* (or *sa*) NP also appears in an existential construction, in which the verbal predicate is the variant voice form of *kaki'* 'exist', including *maki'* 'exist', *ki'an* 'be somewhere', and *s-kaki'* 'be somewhere for some reason' etc. Due to its

semantics, *kaki* ‘exist’, along with its variant voice forms, is a very straightforward expression for the concept of existence in Sqliq Atayal. It is used to express a spatial relation between entities in an event. For example, in the sentence *There are frogs on a rock*, the spatial relation is *frogs* being on *a rock*. More precisely, it is a locative role like *a rock* anchoring the existence of a theme role like *frogs*. In this sense, both the theme and the location role (e.g., *a rock*) are obligatory to the *kaki*’ domain in the language, regardless of whether the predicate is the AV form (i.e., *maki*’), or the LV form (*ki*’-an), or the CV form (*s-kaki*’). Consider the use of *maki*’ in (2.32):

(2.32) *sa/squ*’ NP is an argument subcategorized for by the existence predicate *maki*’:

(Sinica Archive: 01-011-d)

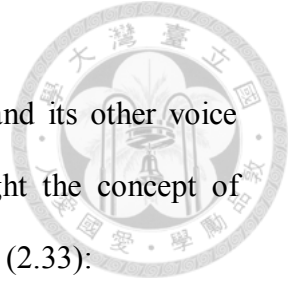
| | | | | | | |
|-------|----------|----------|--------------|-----------------|-------|--------|
| payat | yubing | maki’ | squ’ turu’ | na’ mit | qani’ | lga’, |
| four | bag | exist.AV | LOC back | GEN ass | this | FP:TOP |
| ay, | maki’ | cikay | s<n>ru’=nya’ | | | l’ ay. |
| EXCL | exist.AV | a.bit | <PST.OBJNMZ> | support=3SG.GEN | | FP:FP |

‘That is, there were four packs on the ass’s back; the ass had some strength to carry (rice).’

(2.32) illustrates a *maki*’ construction [(*qu*’) Theme *maki*’ *squ*’ (or *sa*) Location], which is interpreted as ‘Some object (or theme) exists in some location’. The construction is usually used for introducing a theme entity into discourse, and can also be [*maki*’ *squ*’ (or *sa*) Location *qu*’ Theme]. In (2.32), two thematic roles can be distinguished: one is theme and the other, location. The theme NP usually assumes the role of topic in subsequent discourse, while the location NP is used to anchor the existence of the theme or to specify where the theme is affected (e.g., *gleng* ‘front’ in (2.14)). In this example, the location phrase is introduced by *squ*’ (or *sa*); for this reason, *squ*’ (or *sa*) is seen as a locative case marker, but not an adjunct-like marker as in (2.32). I will henceforth use **Loc2** to the locative case marker required by a

predicate, as in (2.32).

The notion of location is inherent to the *kaki'* construction and its other voice variants, but it is the *ki'-an* construction that is used to highlight the concept of location, instead of other voice forms (e.g., *s-kaki'*), as illustrated in (2.33):



(2.33)

a. (gaga' na' Atayal: 365-368)

| | | | | | |
|--------|-------|----------|-----------|--------|------------|
| cyux | ungat | gako | uzi' la'. | kwara' | tanux |
| ASP | NEG | school | also FP | all | front.yard |
| lga', | cyux | ki'-an | k'man | kwara' | la'. |
| FP:TOP | ASP | exist-LV | grass | all | FP |

'The campus is not there anymore. The whole front yard is covered with weed. (Lit., In the entire front yard, grass exists there).'

b. (Sinica Archive: 10-017-a & 10-017-b)

| | | | | | |
|------------------|-------|------|------------|----------------|------------|
| s-kaki'=myan | tuqiy | a | torak | ga', mangay. | a |
| CV-exist=1PE.GEN | road | FIL | road | TOP observe.AV | FIL |
| so-n | qasa' | ga', | s<m>bu' | s<m>bu' | qa qsya'. |
| say.thus-PV | that | TOP | <AV>deluge | <AV>deluge | this water |

'We had no choice but to stay on the road to watch everything because the flooding was everywhere.'

In (2.33a), it can be seen that the location NP *kwara' tanux* is the focus of the *-an* clause. On the other hand, in (2.33b), in the event encoded by *s-kaki'* clause, the focus shifts to the cause specified in a succeeding clause *a so-n qasa' ga', s<m>bu' s<m>bu' qa qsya'*.

Furthermore, the *-an* form in the expression of location can be applied to the *-an* form of any other verb, in contrast to the *-un* or the *s-* form of a verb which is used to highlight an affected entity in an event. Since the *-an* form of a verb specifies a specific location where an entity exists or an event occurs, and not to the patient

relation that obtains between the predicate and an affected nominal, it is thus no wonder that the event expressed by the *-an* form of a verb is less transitive.

sa/squ' can be also used to introduce a location NP, an argument nominal obligatory to a motion verb. Consider (2.34):

(2.34) *sa/squ'* is used to introduce a location NP required by a motion verb
(Sinica Archive: 01-030-b)

| | | | | | | |
|----------|------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|------|--------|
| m-karaw | squ' | hongu' | lmga', | l-lung-un | mit | squ' |
| AV-climb | LOC | bridge | FP:QUOT:TOP | RED-think-PV | ass | LOC |
| zyaw | ka | kin-hera' | h<n>utaw=nya' | | squ' | gong |
| thing | LIG | last-yesterday | <PST.OBJNMZ> | fall=3SG.GEN | LOC | stream |
| qasa' | lmga'. | | | | | |
| that | FP:QUOT:FP | | | | | |

'While climbing onto the bridge, the ass thought of it falling into the water the previous day.'

It can be seen from (2.34) that *hongu'* is introduced by *squ'* and refers to a location for the activity of climbing; since the location element is obligatory to the verb *m-karaw* 'climb (AV)', and, in some sense, can be interpreted as the object of the verb, it is regarded as a 'core' argument, instead of a peripheral argument of the verb. In other words, the marker *squ'* is also subsumed under **Loc2**.

Note that since the identification of the object-like location is determined by the nature of the semantics of the verb involved (i.e., the class of motion verbs), verbs like *tehuk* 'arrive', *musa* 'go', *hminas* 'pass through' etc. also takes an object-like locative NP marked by **Loc2**. Consider (2.35):

(2.35) *Sa* introducing a location NP required by the semantics of a (motion) verb
(Sinica Archive: 01-020-c)

| | | | | | | | |
|--------|-------------|--------|-----|-------|---------|---------|------------|
| tehuk | sa | blihun | ka | a | syobay, | bin | bir-an |
| arrive | LOC | door | LIG | FIL | store | BIN | buy-LOCNMZ |
| nqu' | so-n | maha' | a | cimu' | qani' | mga' | |
| GEN | say.thus-PV | QUOT | FIL | salt | this | QUOT:FP | |

‘(They) arrived at the door of the salt store, i.e., the so-called place where people (bought) salt.’

Additionally, such a spatial relation may also be extended to a temporal domain due to their conceptual similarity, as illustrated in (2.36):

(2.36) (Sinica Archive: 11-001-b)

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|-------|---------|-----|------|
| a | wayal | squ'... | aring | sa | kawas | wayal | ka | mpuw |
| FIL | go.away | LOC | begin | LOC | year | go.away | LIG | ten |
| byacing | tehuk | squ' | mqeru' | byacing | qani' | ga' | | |
| moon | arrive | LOC | nine | moon | this | FP | | |

‘In the past... It started from last October and went on until this September.’

In (2.36), *aring* ‘begin’ is used to encode a required temporal source *kawas wayal ka mpuw byacing* ‘last October’ and *tehuk* ‘arrive’, a required temporal goal *mqeru' byacing qani' ga'* ‘this September. The temporal NPs are respectively introduced by *sa* and *squ'*.

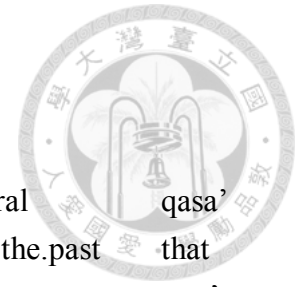
Lastly, *sa* and *squ'* are also commonly known to encode the object of a semantically transitive verb.

(2.37) *sa/squ'* used to introduce an object NP of a verb, i.e., one that is required by the semantics of verbs

a. (Sinica Archive: 01-007-c)

| | | | | | | |
|-------------|--------------|-------|---------|---------|----------|------------------|
| a | p<in>lawa' | qu' | laha' | “wah iy | m-panga' | squ' |
| FIL | <PST.PV>call | NOM | 3PL.NOM | ASP | FIL | AV-carry.on.back |
| LOC | | | | | | |
| bwax | qani' | ga'.” | | | | |
| husked.rice | this | FP | | | | |

‘(The rice-dealer) shouted, “Carry these packs of rice!”’



b. (Sinica Archive: 09-001-a & 09-001-b)

| | | | | | | |
|------|-----------------|-------------|---------|------------|-------------|-------|
| a | (b)nkis=ta' | raral | qasa', | te | raral | qasa' |
| FIL | old.man=1PI.GEN | in.the.past | that | LOC | in.the.past | that |
| ga', | m-usa' | rgyax | ga', | ini' sabu' | bwax | rwa'. |
| TOP | AV-go | mountain | TOP | NEG pack | husked.rice | FP |
| si' | ga', si' | sa papak | lma' | ta'. | | |
| just | TOP put | LOC ear | FP:QUOT | EP | | |

‘In the past, when the elders went to the mountain, they didn’t pack husked rice. (They) just put (a grain of husked rice) into their ears.’

In (2.37a), *bwax* is the direct object of *m-panga* ‘carry on back (AV)’; in (2.37b), *papak* ‘ear’ is the indirect object of the double-object verb *si* ‘put’. Both of the two NPs are subcategorized for by their respective verbs. The markers used to introduce them, i.e., *squ* and *sa*, are locative case markers.

However, how is a link between a subcategorized argument and a locative case marker established? Such an argument can be construed as a static entity, as if it were fixed to some location, so that it can be controlled, or an actor can exert his force on it. That is, due to its inert, stative nature, the argument nominal subcategorized by the semantics of a verb belongs to the domain of location, instead of the domain of agency, in which its referent is non-inert, dynamic. This explains why the nominal in question is introduced by a locative marker, but not the agentive-like case marker, *na’ni’/nqu*. Such a static-dynamic contrast also appears in Dowty’s (1991) theory in distinguishing two cluster-concepts called PROTO-AGENT and PROTO-PATIENT, each characterized by a set of verbal entailments.⁷ As indicated in Dowty

⁷ Dowty’s (1991) theory of proto-roles is a novel attack on a traditional analysis for coping with the problem of Argument Selection in terms of discrete thematic roles (Agent, Patient, Source, etc.), namely, by means of using these roles to determine which are associated with which grammatical roles (Subject and Object). Instead, Dowty proposes that properties of event participant roles are entailed from the semantics of the predicate and these verbal properties are complementarily assigned to either of two proto-roles or both. In addition to the movement-stationary contrast, others including that of

(1991:571-75), ‘stationary’ is one of Proto-Patient’s entailments and is relative to the property of movement given to Proto-Agent.

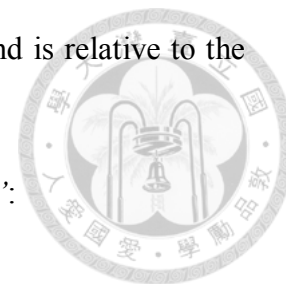


Table 2.6 summarizes the preceding discussion on *sa/squ*’:

Table 2.6: Four types of function and use of the case markers *sa/squ*’ in Squliq Atayal

| | Verb types | Type of <i>sa/squ</i> ’ NP | Type of <i>sa/squ</i> ’ |
|-----|---|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| (1) | Most verbs (except for existential verbs and some motion verbs like <i>usa</i> ’ ‘go’ and <i>wah</i> ‘come’) | Locative NP | Loc1 |
| (2) | Existential verbs (i.e., <i>maki</i> ’) | Locative NP | Loc2 |
| (3) | motion verbs (e.g., <i>kahul</i> ‘come from’, <i>hinas</i> ‘pass through’, <i>usa</i> ’ ‘go’, <i>wah</i> ‘come’, etc.) | Locative NP | Loc2 |
| (4) | Semantically-transitive verbs (e.g., <i>qaniq</i> ‘eat’, <i>panga</i> ’ ‘carry on back’, <i>si</i> ’ ‘put’) | Object NP | Loc2 |

To sum up, in this section, a remodeled the case marking system in Squliq Atayal is provided, in which case markers are classified based on three hierarchically-structured parameters.

2.3.4 The Squliq Atayal personal pronoun system

The forms and functions of the personal pronoun system in Squliq Atayal are given in Table 2.7 below:

volitional involvement vs. undergoing change of state, that of sentience vs. incremental, etc. are discussed in Dowty (1991:571-75).

Table 2.7: The personal pronoun system in (Jianshih) Squliq Atayal

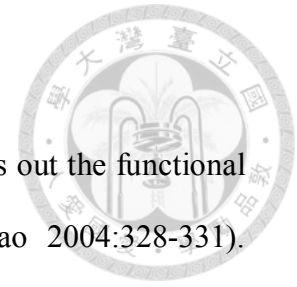
| PERSON NUMBER | <i>BOUND</i> | | <i>FREE</i> | |
|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| | Nominative | Genitive | Locative | Neutral |
| 1SG | = <i>saku</i> '/=ku | = <i>maku</i> '/=mu | <i>knan</i> | <i>kun</i> / <i>kuzing</i> |
| 2SG | = <i>su</i> | = <i>su</i> | <i>sunan</i> | <i>isu</i> ' |
| 3SG | - | = <i>nya</i> ' | (<i>hyan</i>) | <i>hya</i> ' |
| 1PL (Inclusive) | = <i>ta</i> | = <i>ta</i> | <i>'tan</i> | <i>ita</i> ' |
| 1PL (Exclusive) | = <i>sami</i> ' | = <i>myan</i> | <i>sminan</i> | <i>sami</i> ' |
| 2PL | = <i>simu</i> ' | = <i>mamu</i> ' | <i>smunan</i> | <i>simu</i> ' |
| 3PL | - | = <i>naha</i> ' | - | <i>l(a)ha</i> ' |
| 1SG.GEN + 2SG.NOM | = <i>misu</i> ' | | | |

Similar to the observations made in previous studies (Egerod, 1966; Rau, 1992; L. Huang, 1993, 1995b; Starosta 1999; Liao 2004), the personal pronoun system in Squliq specifies the following features:

- i. Person: there are three sets of the system (first, second, and third);
- ii. Number: the system makes a distinction on singular and plural pronouns;
- iii. Free/bound contrast: the system can be realized in another dimension: bound vs. free. The bound pronouns cover the nominative and genitive sets, in which pronouns are clitics, whereas the locative and neutral forms separately constitute different sets of free pronouns⁸;
- iv. The inclusive-vs.-exclusive contrast for 1st person plural pronouns: 1st person plural pronouns are further divided into inclusive and exclusive forms;
- v. A portmanteau form: =*misu* is a special form that combines the 1st person

⁸ In previous studies on Squliq Atayal, which is spoken in different districts, the neutral forms and locative forms were given different terms by different researchers: Rau (1992) used the terms NOM and DAT; L. Huang (1995b) used the terms NEU and LOC; L. Huang (1993) used the terms NOM and LOC, and Starosta (1999), NOM/GEN and LOC, and Liao (2004), Core and NEU respectively. The terminology adopted in this study is identical to the one used in L. Huang (1995b).

singular genitive and 2nd person singular nominative.



In addition to the very common features (i) to (ii), Liao also points out the functional equivalence between personal pronouns and case markers (Liao 2004:328-331).

Nominative pronouns are the pronominal equivalents of *qu*'-marked full noun phrases in their function of marking the subject of a clause, and genitive pronouns correspond to *na*'/*ni*'/*nqu*'-marked full noun phrases, which are used for specifying the actor in a UV clause and the possessor in a possessive construction. (2.38) and (2.39) illustrate the two types of equivalence:

(2.38) **nominative bound pronoun as the subject of a monadic clause**

- a. nominative bound pronoun as the subject of a monadic clause

(Sinica Archive: 13-012-a)

m-'abi' =ku bih=nya'.
AV-sleep=1SG.NOM side=3SG.GEN
'I slept beside him.'

- b. nominative bound pronoun as the subject of a dyadic (*m-*) clause

(Sinica Archive: 17-003-a)

m-usa'=sami lga', nanu' m-(')aras=**sami** squliq.
AV-go=1PE.NOM FP:TOP what AV-bring=1PE.NOM person
'We went (there in order to) bring the bride home.'

- c. nominative bound pronoun as the subject of a dyadic (*-un*) clause

(Sinica Archive: 16-017-f)

qlup-un=**ta**'=naha' sa rgyax la'.
hunt-PV=1PL.NOM=3PL.GEN LOC mountain FP
'They hunted us out of the mountain.'

- d. nominative bound pronoun as the subject of a dyadic (-*an*) clause
(Sinica Archive: 03-004-a)

iy si'=su qihul m-usa' ga', ini' ga',
 FIL just=2SG.NOM force AV-go TOP NEG TOP
 kut-an=su soki'.
 cut-LV=2SG.NOM billhook

'If you forced yourself to go somewhere, you would be hurt with a knife.'



- e. nominative bound pronoun as the subject of a dyadic (*s-*) clause⁹ (Elicited)

s-tahuq=sami' ramat ni' yumin.
 CV-cook=1PE.NOM dish GEN PN

'Yumin cooked for us.'

(2.39) Genitive bound pronoun

- a. genitive bound pronoun as the actor of a dyadic (-*un*) clause
(Sinica Archive: 10-023-b)

wal, wal=nya' hor-un kwara' tuqiy.
 ASP ASP=3SG.GEN flush-PV all road

'It (i.e., the flood) washed all the roads away.'

- b. genitive bound pronoun as the possessor in a possessive construction and
the actor of a dyadic (-*an*) clause

(Sinica Archive: 20-002-a)

pzit qani'hya' ga', qu' raral ka
 sparrow this 3SG.NEU TOP NOM in.the.past LIG
 (b)nkis=ta' raral ga', m-usa' qmayah mga',
 old.man=1PI.GEN in.the.past TOP AV-go field QUOT:TOP
 iy, s<m>hu' trakis ru, 'sa-n=naha' phapuy.
 FIL <AV>pound.rice millet and go-LV=3PL.GEN cook(.AV)

'Concerning the sparrow, when our ancestors went to the field, they
pounded rice and cooked there.'

⁹ In natural data, examples of a nominative bound pronoun serving as the subject of a dyadic (*s-*) clause are not found; however, it can be elicited, as in (2.38e).

- c. genitive bound pronoun as the actor of a dyadic (*s-*) clause
(Sinica Archive: 01-014-d)

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------|--------|-----|-------|------------|
| s-panga' | =nya' | | kwara' | qu' | spat | na' yubing |
| CV-carry.on.back=3SG.GEN | | all | | NOM | eight | GEN bag |
| ka | bwax | qani' | ma'. | | | |
| LIG | husked.rice | this | QUOT | | | |

'(...and so) it carried all the eight packs of rice.'



- d. genitive bound pronoun as the possessor in a possessive construction
(Sinica Archive: 10-019-a)

| | | | | | |
|--------------|------|----------------------|---------|---------|--------|
| m-sthay | qu' | ngasal= maku' | kun | hya', | ngasal |
| AV-left.over | NOM | house=1SG.GEN | 1SG.NEU | 3SG.NEU | house |
| uraw | ga'. | | | | |
| soil | FP | | | | |

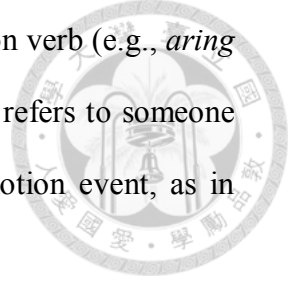
'What was left was my house, i.e., the soil-made house.'

It is important to note, however, that genitive pronouns fail to correspond to *na'/ni'/nqu'*-marked full noun phrases when they are used to specify an instrument entity, an important point to make with respect to the syntax of Squiliq Atayal. No two NPs or pronouns are allowed to refer to the same entity or the same participant role. Compared with the instrumental *na'*, the clitic actor pronoun *na'* marks a core argument. Two NPs may be marked by the same form *na'*, but they are grammatically different categories.

The two sets of free pronoun, namely locative pronouns and neutral pronouns, are used less frequently than the two sets of bound pronouns, and are rarely found in natural discourse data. To illustrate their usage, I can only provide elicited data.

A locative pronoun is used to express an argument which is conceptualized as an entity occupying a locus and often co-occurs with a predicate denoting location or motion. For example, it can be used to specify a location where a participant is or has come to be (cf. L. Huang 1998 for Wulai dialect), as in (2.40a); or, it can be

understood as a receiver, as in (2.40b)¹⁰; or it co-occur with a motion verb (e.g., *aring* ‘start from’ and *tehuk* ‘reach’ to indicate that the locative pronoun refers to someone in motion, or metaphorically to the source or destination of a motion event, as in (2.40c):



(2.40) **Locative pronouns**

- a. Locative pronoun *knan* referring to as an entity is some location and co-occurring with a location noun (Sinica Archive: 01-015-f)

a k<m>al qu' q<n>ayat qasa' ma',
 FIL <AV>speak NOM <PFV.OBJNMZ>rear that QUOT
 “laxi’ [k-]ngungu’. **knan** gleng” so-n=nya’ ma’.
 NEG [STAT-]fear 1SG.LOC front say.thus-PV=3SG.GEN QUOT
 ‘The donkey keeper said, “Don’t be afraid! I will (go) in front (of you)/I will go first.”’

- b. Locative pronoun *knan* referring to the recipient of a message (Sinica Archive: 25-012-c)

“aya’, wal=su s-kal **knan** maha’ bazyi”,
 mother ASP=2SG.GEN CV-speak 1SG.LOC QUOT buy
 so-n=nya’.
 say.thus-PV=3SG.GEN
 “Mother, what was it you wanted me to buy?” She asked.’

- c. Locative pronoun *knan* as the source of a motion event (Human:207-208)

aring **knan** qani’ lga’, ini’ tnaq lozi’.
 begin 1SG.LOC this FP:TOP NEG the.same again
 ‘However, from me, (everything) will be totally different.’

Neutral pronouns, as noted in Liao (2004), may be used to express core

¹⁰A locative pronoun then may be seen as referring to an entity capable of establishing a spatial sphere toward which an animate or inanimate object (such as content) moves, yielding an interpretation as a spatial location or as a possessor.

arguments. However, they cannot appear as an argument in A function. Consider (2.41):



(2.41) **Neutral pronouns**

- a. Neutral pronoun *kun* as the S role of a monadic clause
(Sinica Archive: 04-006-f)

| | | | | | |
|------------|-----|--------|-------|---------|--------|
| kun | qu' | m-usa' | lama' | k<m>al | maha'. |
| 1SG.NOM.FR | NOM | AV-go | first | <AV>say | QUOT |

'I would make a prelude (before the pulpitry).'

- b. Neutral pronoun *laha'* as the S role of a monadic clause
(Sinica Archive: 11-008-e)

| | | | | |
|------|---------------|-----|---------|------|
| uy, | nkux | qu' | laha' | ma'. |
| EXCL | frighten(.AV) | NOM | 3PL.NEU | QUOT |

'Oh! All of them got frightened.'

- c. Neutral pronoun *hya'* as the O role of a dyadic (-*un*) clause
(gaga' na' Atayal: 73-75)

| | | | | | |
|-----|------------|--------------|--------|------|-------|
| a | lanse | ga', baha' | balay, | ini' | balay |
| FIL | blue.color | TOP how.come | true | NEG | true |

| | | |
|-------------|-------------|-------|
| baq-i | hya' | rwa'. |
| know-NEG.UV | 3SG.NEU | FP |

'As for blue, it is true that (I) don't know it (i.e., the word for "blue" in Atayal).'

- d. Neutral pronoun *hya'* as the E role of a monadic clause (Sinuw: 41-43)

| | | | | |
|-------|-------|---------------------|--------------|-----|
| nanu' | sinuw | ka nyux=ta' | s-tubux | qa' |
| what | sago | LIG EXT.IMM=1PI.GEN | RV-cultivate | DEM |

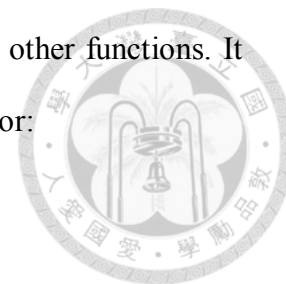
| | | | | |
|----------|-------|---------------|-----------|-------------|
| mga', | nanu' | m-usa'=ku | mluw | hya' |
| QUOT:TOP | what | AV-go=1SG.NOM | follow.AV | 3SG.NEU |

t<m>ubux.

<AV>cultivate

'(I heard) sago was what we were going to plant; I went to plant with somebody.'

In addition to serving as a ‘core’ argument, a neutral pronoun has other functions. It can serve as predicate of an equational sentence, topic, or a possessor:



(2.42)

- a. Neutral pronoun *kun* as the predicate of an equational sentence

(Sinica Archive: 04-005-b)

sasan lga', kun qu' sikay ga'.

morning FP:TOP 1SG.NEU NOM preside FP

‘I then became a presider next morning.’

- b. Neutral pronoun *ita*’ as a topic (Sinica Archive: 12-028-b)

‘nanu’ yasa’ qu’, ita’ ka laqi’ ga’, laxi’=ta’

what that.way NOM 1PI.NEU LIG child TOP NEG=1PI.GEN

iy pbasi’.”

FIL exaggerate

‘Therefore, as for us, being a child, we can’t overstate (our ability).’

- c. (Sinica Archive: 10-012-c, 10-012-d)

wal qa’ wal iy ini’=nya’ hor-i’ ngasal=myan ga’.

ASP this ASP FIL NEG=3SG.GEN flush-UV.NEG house=1PE.GEN FP

hya’ **hya’** ga’, maki’ balay syaw nqu’ a llyung qa’.

3SG.NEU 3SG.NEU TOP exist.AV true edge GEN FIL river DEM

‘However, (the flood) didn’t wash our houses away. As for him, he truly stayed beside the river.’

Besides, neutral pronouns are associated with the notion of possession in two aspects. First, they can serve as a possessor in a possessive construction and are introduced by a genitive marker, as in (2.43). Second, neutral pronouns can co-occur with *hya*’ in topic position or sentence-final position to refer to the same entity specified by the genitive pronoun in a possessive noun phrase in the immediately following or preceding predicate phrase, as in (2.44a) and (2.44b) respectively:

(2.43) Neutral pronoun *ita'* as a *na'*-marked possessor in a possessive noun phrase (Sinica Archive: 19-002-c)

gaga' nqu' ita' tayal qa' anay=maku'
 norm GEN 1PL.NEU Atayal DEM ANAY=1SG.GEN
 p<in>qzyu' simu'.
 <IN>transmit 2PL.NEU

'As for the Atayal norms, let me tell you.'



(2.44)

a. Neutral pronoun *kun* occurring in topic position and referring to the possessor specified by a genitive pronoun in a following possessive noun phrase (Sinica Archive: 05-013-a)

nanu' **kun** hya ga', k-'aki'=maku' baq
 what 1SG.NEU 3SG.NEU TOP deceased-grandmother=1SG.GEN MOD
 h<m>gup ru.
 <AV>divine and

'Take myself (i.e., my family) as an example; my late grandma could perform divination.'

b. Neutral pronoun *kun* occurring in topic position and referring to the possessor specified by a genitive pronoun in an immediately preceding possessive noun phrase (Sinica Archive: 06-005-d)

maha' qu' a ke' nqu' a nbkis ka
 say NOM FIL word GEN FIL old.man LIG
 p<n>ung-an=maku' **kun** hya'.
 <PST>hear-LOCNMZ=1SG.GEN 1SG.NEU 3SG.NEU

'This is what I have heard (about the rainbow) from elders.'

The concepts embodied in locative pronouns, namely that of spatial location and that of possessor, do not apply to neutral pronouns. On the other hand, neutral pronouns have a number of other functions not seen in locative pronouns: They may appear in topic position (2.44a), in a cleft construction (2.44b), or serve as a response to a question. Moreover, since neutral pronouns bear no case information, they are free to co-occur with a nominative case-marked bound pronoun (2.44a), or a genitive bound pronoun (2.44b) (Cf. L. Huang 1995).

The use of the personal pronouns in (Jianshih) Squliq Atayal has no sharp distinction mentioned in other studies (Egerod, 1966, 1980; L. Huang 1989, 1993, 1994, 1995; Rau 1992).

Pronouns in the nominative set have functions identical to those of the case marker *qu'*: both are used to specify either the sole argument of a monadic clause, or the actor argument of a dyadic clause, or the undergoer argument of a dyadic *-un* clause, a dyadic *-an* clause, or a dyadic *s-* clause, as in Section 2.3.7.

As for pronouns in the genitive set, they can specify either the actor argument of any UV clause or the possessor in a possessive noun phrase; this corresponds to the functions of *na'* discussed in Section 2.3.7. That is, functions of genitive pronouns are identical to those of case markers *na'/nqu'/ni'*. But note that the 3rd person pronoun =*nya'* can also be used to refer a non-person or non-human entity.

2.3.5 Voice and tense/aspect/mood paradigm

Squliq Atayal, like most other Formosan languages, has been traditionally regarded as having a remarkable four-way voice system to express an agreement between a verbal predicate and the thematic role of its subject.

The first voice to be discussed is Patient Voice, which takes patient as the subject and the voice affix on the verb is *-un*. (2.45) is an example.

(2.45)

a. (Sinica Archive: 12-001-a)

| | | | | | |
|-----|---------------------|-------|-----------|------|------------------|
| a | maki' | qutux | mrkyas | ga', | kyal-un=nya' |
| FIL | exist.AV | one | young.man | TOP | speak-PV=3SG.GEN |
| | yutas=nya' | | ma'. | | |
| | grandfather=3SG.GEN | | QUOT | | |

'There was a man who told something to an old man.'

b. (Sinica Archive: 20-003-a)

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------|-------------|----------|----------|
| baha' | m-swa' | raral | qasa' | mga', |
| how.come | AV-why | in.the.past | that | QUOT:TOP |
| shu-n=naha' | qu' | trakis | mru. | |
| pound.rice-PV=3PL.GEN | NOM | millet | QUOT:and | |

'In the past, they pounded the millet.'



The second voice construction is the Locative Voice construction, whose subject is a location argument and the voice affix is *-an*, as illustrated in (2.46):

(2.46)

a. (Sinica Archive: 01-015-d)

| | | | | | |
|----------|-----|--------|-------|----------|-------|
| kta-n | qu' | hongu' | qani' | mga', | "ay", |
| see-LV | NOM | bridge | this | QUOT:TOP | EXCL |
| m-nglung | qu' | mit | qani' | lma'. | |
| AV-think | NOM | ass | this | FP:QUOT | |

'After it saw the bridge, the ass sighed (with disappointment) and thought.'

b. (Sinica Archive: 01-032-c)

| | | | | | | | |
|------|----------|-----------|--------|--------|-------|--------|------|
| a | s'un-an | qsya' | kwara' | sbus | qani' | lga', | wa', |
| FIL | fill-LV | water | all | cotton | this | FP:TOP | EXCL |
| si' | gluw | l-lyung | qani'. | | | | |
| just | together | RED-river | this | | | | |

'When cotton was filled with water, (the ass) went with the water.'

The third voice construction is the Instrument/Beneficiary Voice construction, in which the subject denotes instrument or beneficiary participant in the event specified by a verb affixed with a *s-* voice marker. Examples are given in (2.46):

(2.47)

a. (Sinica Archive: 08-003-c)

s-ʔpux=nyaʔ babaw=nyaʔ mgaʔ.
CV=press=3SG.GEN above=3SG.GEN QUOT:FP
‘She pressed herself (with stalks of pigeon peas).’



b. (Sinica Archive: 14-003-c; 14-004-a)

“musaʔ hyaʔ nanak maniq.” s-sulin=nahaʔ btunux
ASP 3SG.NEU only eat.AV CV=burn=3PL.GEN stone
lmaʔ.
FP:QUOT
“‘Only he can eat (what we have caught).’ They burned stone(s) for (him).’

The last voice construction is the AV construction where the voice affix is *m-*, <*m*>, or the verb stem alone, and its subject covers a variety of thematic roles: agent, patient, theme, or experiencer. In the traditional analysis, agent is used as a cover term for these distinct roles. Consider the following examples:

(2.48)

a. (Sinica Archive: 10-024-b)

g<m>uyaw=sami l-lyung lru, m-usaʔ
<AV>wade.across.a.river=1PE.NOM RED-river FP:and AV-go
neywan laʔ.
Neiuan FP
‘We waded across the river to go to Neiuan.’

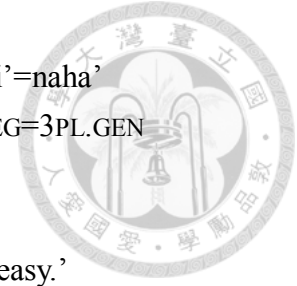
b. (Sinica Archive: 01-025-g)

m<s>qsyaʔ quʔ cimuʔ la maʔ.
AV<become>water NOM salt FP QUOT
‘Salt melted in water.’

c. (Sinica Archive: 16-013-e)

| | | | | | |
|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------|---------|-------------|
| lokah | mgey | qu' | mlikuy | giy | ini'=naha' |
| major(.AV) | run.away.AV | NOM | male | because | NEG=3PL.GEN |
| pyang-i' | k<m>ut | shya' | | rwa'. | |
| easy-UV.NEG | <AV>cut | that:3SG.NEU | | FP | |

‘(Contrarily,) men were good at fleeing so they were not easy.’



In addition to the various markers which are affixed to a verbal predicate in the clause, categories like aspect, tense, and mood can also be marked on the predicate. This is a cross-linguistic behavior for a verbal predicate (Comrie 1976; Bybee 1985a:13). In Sqliq Atayal, the five basic tense/aspect/mood (TAM) categories are neutral, future, past, imperative and subjunctive.

A neutral voice form is used to describe habitual situations, whether they appear in a past event or not. In a habitual situation, some specific form is used to specify the subject of a voice construction. In (2.48), *m-* in *musa'*, *-un* in *(g)al-un* and *puzy-un*, *-an* in *sy-an*, and *s-* in *s-hngaw* are neutral forms for each of the voice constructions. It is worth noticing that the neutral form is also used in realis situations (Givón 1994:152).

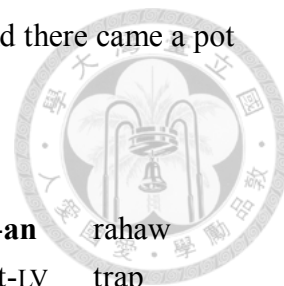
(2.48)

a. (Sinica Archive: 09-001-a, 09-002-b)

| | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|---------|-------------|-------------|
| a | (b)nkis=ta' | raral | qasa', | te | raral | qasa' |
| FIL | old.man=1PL.GEN | in.the.past | that | LOC | in.the.past | that |
| ga', | m -usa' | rgyax | ga', ini' | sabu' | bwax | rwa'. |
| TOP | AV-go | mountain | TOP NEG | pack | husked.rice | FP |
| (g)al- un =naha' | bwax | bwax | qasa' | lga', | | |
| take-PV=3PL.GEN | husked.rice | husked.rice | that | FP:TOP | | |
| puzy- un =naha' | ru | qutux | nabe' | lma' | qu' | bwax |
| cook-PV=3PL.GEN | and | one | pot | FP:QUOT | NOM | husked.rice |
| qasa' | ga'. | | | | | |
| that | FP | | | | | |

‘In the past, when the elders went to the mountain, they didn’t pack up

husked rice. They took the husked rice, they cooked it, and there came a pot (of rice) afterwards.’



- b. (Sinica Archive: 12-031-b, 12-031-c, 12-031-d)

baha' maki' qu'... baha' si' sy-**an** rahaw
 how.come exist.AV NOM how.come just put-LV trap
 qu' ungat alup=nya' pi. ungat alup. (g)al-**un**,
 QU' NEG leaf.bud=3SG.GEN FP NEG leaf.bud take-PV
 (g)al-un=nya'.
 take-PV=3SG.GEN

‘Therefore, since there is no leafbud, how could it be possible that people set the trap there? There is no leafbud. Birds have taken the leafbud away.’

- c. (Sinica Archive: 13-008-b)

bzinah ga', s-hngaw=naha' hma'.
 the.other.side TOP CV-rest=3PL.GEN FP:QUOT
 ‘They would let the other side of her face.’

The future form usually expresses an event or situation that takes place after the speech act time. The future AV affix is *p-*; the future PV form remains *-un*; the future form to specify a location subject is *-un*; and in the future IV/BV form, the affix is either CV-reduplication form or a zero form. Examples are given in (2.50):

(2.50)

- a. (Sinica Archive: 02-005-b)

ana' ga', a **p**-hbyaw iy bqanux ru bzyok
 no.matter TOP FIL FUT.AV-chase FIL deer and pig
 ka... mutux h<m>inas ska' gung pi.
 FIL then <AV>pass.through middle stream FP

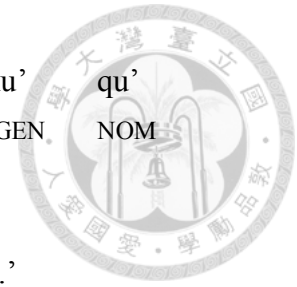
‘However, when they wanted to chase deer and boars, they then passed through the stream.’

b. (Sinica Archive: 07-006-b)

“ini’=simu k-lokah ga’, niq-**un**=maku’ qu’
 NEG=2PL.NOM STAT-hard TOP eat-PV=1SG.GEN NOM
 ngahi’=mamu’ la’.”

sweet.potato=2PL.GEN FP

‘It you don’t work hard, I will eat your sweet potatoes up.’



c. (Sinica Archive: 01-019-c)

“ini’=su qngzyat lga’, a (i)yat=ta’=naha’
 NEG=2SG.NOM diligent FP:TOP FIL NEG=1PI.NOM=3PL.GEN
 biq-**un** pila’ la’ ay” ma’.
 give-PV money FP FP QUOT

“‘If you aren’t diligent, they will not pay us money.’ (He told his ass that.)’

d. (Sinica Archive: 01-010-e)

“talagay yal qu’ p-panga’=ta’ qani’.”
 EXCL very NOM RED(.CV)-carry.on.back=1PI.GEN this

‘Why do we have to carry so much later?’

e. kbalay=mu na’ qwow qu’ ciwas.
 make(.CV)=1SG.GEN still wine NOM PN

‘I will make wine for Ciwas.’

As shown in (2.50), future events refer to those that have the potential to occur, but have not been actualized yet; there is then a functional link between the ‘future’ tense and potential mood or irrealis (Chung and Timberlake 1985; Givón 1994:270).

(-i)n- is a marker used to indicate realis events, so it can be affixed to a neutral AV, a neutral PV and a neutral LV form; but when expressing an event with an instrument/beneficiary participant as the argument, the language either uses the past tense marker attached to a base form (e.g., (2.51d)) or uses the neutral *s*-marking form (e.g., (2.51e)).

(2.51)

a. (Sinica Archive: 15-003-c)

m<in>hbyaw=myan iy a siliq ka...
AV<PST>chase=1PE.GEN FIL FIL omen.bird KA
'We went to chase the omen bird.'



b. (Sinica Archive: 13-001-d)

k<(i)n>alay=naha' qhuniq qa' ru.
<PST.PV>make=3PL.GEN tree DEM and
'They made the wooden post.'

c. (Sinica Archive: 13-004-b)

semong qu'... qasa'hya' lga',
expert(.AV) NOM that 3SG.NEU FP:TOP
g<in>yag-an=naha' semong qasa' m-usa'
<PFV>choose-LV=3PL.GEN expertise(.ACTRNMZ) that AV-go
matas lga'.
tattoo.AV FP:FP
'That (i.e., the tattooer) was a professional; people would choose the one whose specialty was tattooing.'

d. **k<in>**alay=mu qwow qu' ciwas.
<PST.CV>make=1SG.GEN wine NOM PN
'I made wine for Ciwas.'

e. **s-kbalay=mu** qwow qu' ciwas.
CV-make=1SG.GEN wine NOM PN
'I made wine for Ciwas.'

As for the imperative, it is known to be used for the purpose of imposing one's will on others for the purpose of issuing directives like commands, requests, prohibitions, etc (Aikhenvald 2010). To express the imperative, in Squiliq Atayal, three different devices are recruited for different voice types: *-i* is for both PV and LV form, while *-an* (or an auxiliary form *an* placed before a neutral CV form) is for CV form.¹¹

¹¹ Egerod (1965) claims that the imperative form of an instrument or a beneficiary form is the

In an AV imperative, it uses the base form of a dynamic verb or prefixes *k-* to the base form of a stative verb.



(2.52)

a. (Sinica Archive: 01-004-c)

maki' qutux ka b-bir-an bwax ga',
 exist.AV one LIG RED-buy-LOCNMZ husked.rice TOP
 bir-an bwax k<m>al maha',
 buy-LOCNMZ husked.rice <AV>speak QUOT
 "aras cikay mit=su ha'."
 bring.AV.MP a.bit ass=2SG.GEN FP
 'At a rice-store, (a rice-dealer) said, "Bring your ass here!"'

b. (Sinica Archive: 05-005-c, 05-005-d)

maha' laxi' sk-ay ga', ini' sk-ay ay.
 say NEG halve-LV.HORT TOP NEG halve-LV.HORT FP
 si' gal-i' nqu' h<n>gup.
 just take-UV.IMP GEN <PST.OBJNMZ>divine
 'If (the dream) said (the sacrifice) is not to be halved, then it couldn't be halved. It had to be the oracle taken as a whole.'

c. (Atayal custom: 1119-1121)

"aba', biq-i' qutux ay, ciliq=su!" ma'.
 father give-UV.IMP one FP catch=2SG.NOM QUOT
 "Father, (please) give (me) one game! (When you catch them,)" (said he.)'

d. ttw-an cikay qhuniq qu' ciwas.
 chop.down-BV.IMP a.bit tree NOM PN
 'Chop down wood for Civas!'

We should note that the imperative forms are identical to the negative forms for the corresponding voice types. Polarity is also known to be a category usually inflected in a verbal predicate.

periphrastic construction *an s-*. However, in modern Atayal, the *s-* marker is often dropped from the construction.

(2.53)

a. (gaga' na' Atayal: 761-763)

aw ru, ini' aras qutux laqi' mlikuy?
right and NEG take(.AV.NEG) one child male
'Yes. (But) didn't they take a boy (to go with them)?'



b. (gaga' na' Atayal: 191)

ini' k-lokah maniq qasa' qu',
NEG STAT-strong(.AV.NEG) eat.AV that NOM
'(He) didn't eat that attentively.'

c. (gaga' na' Atayal: 191)

ini'=mu baq-i' lrwa'.
NEG=1SG.GEN know-UV.NEG FP:FP
'I don't know.'

d. (Sinica Archive: 19-006-c)

ini' an s-blaq m-qyanux.
NEG AN BV-good AV-live
'That wouldn't make life good.'

The subjunctive also belongs to the mood category. It is generally regarded as a mild imperative, i.e., an indirect way for the speaker to cause people to do things. It is often called 'jussive' or 'hortative' (Dixon (2010) (Vol. 1): 96). In Sqliq Atayal, the imperative forms are marked with a suffix in all voice constructions: *-a* is for AV, *-aw* for PV, *-ay* for LV, and *s-...-anay* (or an auxiliary marker *anay* placed before a neutral CV form) for CV.

(2.54)

a. (Sinica Archive: 02-011-g)

“m-kyal-a=ta' ha.”
AV:REC-speak-AV.SUBJ=1PI.NOM FP
“‘Let’s talk about it!’ (, said the leader of the Mrqwang clan.)’

- b. (Atayal custom: 2349)

“wah-ay=misu magal !” ma’.
come-LV.HORT=1SG.GEN+2SG.NOM take.AV QUOT
“Let me come to drive you (home)!” (, said he.)’



- c. (Sinica Archive: 267-274)

“yutas!” so-n=nya’. “a, klay-aw=ta’
grandfather say.thus-PV=3SG.GEN FIL make-PV.HORT=1PI.GEN
ngasal=su qani’ la’. anay=myan s-biq
house=2SG.GEN this FP ANAY=1SG.GEN BV-give
isu’, kinyal=myan isu’, an s-ramuw
2SG.NEU memorize=1PE.GEN 2SG.NEU AN BV-put.on.a.roof.on.a.house
tatak=su!” s-on=nya’.
hut=2SG.GEN say.thus-PV=3SG.GEN
“Grandpa”, said him, “Let’s build a house here for you; let’s give you the
house; let’s do it for you; let’s put a sailcloth on your hut.””

- d. (Sinica Archive: 01-030-d)

“anay=ta’ s-’bul qsya’ qu’ sbus qani’
ANAY=1PI.GEN BV-dip water NOM cotton this
uzi’ ay.”
also FP
“Let the cotton drink water!” (, said he.)’

In addition to verbal inflections, there are three highly-frequent auxiliaries used in the expression of tense, aspect, or mood information, and they are *cyux/nyux*, *wal* (or *wayal*) and *musa’*.

Cyux and *nyux* are used to express imperfective (or continuous) events. They differ in whether an action or event takes place in a location near the speaker or not. *Cyux* is used when the action or event takes place in a location away from the speaker (e.g., (2.55a) and (2.55b)), while *nyux* close to him (e.g., (2.55c)).



(2.55)

a. (Atayal custom: 4-6)

H: .. ciwas,
PN
“Ciwas.” (H said.)’

C: ... m.
DM
“Mhm.” (, C replied.)’

H: ... **cyux**=su aki’ m-’abi’ ga’.
ASP=2SG.NOM MOD AV-sleep FP
“Are you sleeping?” (, H asked.)’

b. (Sinica Archive: 12-019-c)

“**cyux**=su bhlg-un la’.” so-n=nya’ ma’.
ASP=2SG.NOM bind-PV FP say.thus-PV=3SG.GEN QUOT
‘He said, “Have you set up?”’

c. (gaga’ na’ Atayal: 1-3)

nanu’, **nyux**=ku m-’abi’. nyux=ku m-nququ’.
what ASP=1SG.NOM AV-sleep ASP=1SG.NOM AV-take.a.nap
‘(You are) right. I am sleeping. I am taking a nap.’

Wal (or *wayal*) is used when the speaker regards an event as completed, bound for its internal temporal constituency of a situation. In this sense, it is a perfective marker, and is in contrast with the imperfective *cyux* and *nyux*, which focus on the temporal contour of an event. According to Comrie (1976) and Smith (1991), the perfective (including inceptive, punctual and completive) views a situation as a bounded entity, while imperfective in contrast does not view the situation as bounded, but rather as ongoing.



(2.56)

a. (Sinica Archive: 01-033-g)

wal lima' m<q>qluy mit.
ASP already AV<RED>float ass
'The ass had been drawn away.'

b. (Sinica Archive: 08-005-e)

aw laqi' (k)neril **wal m-tkara**'.
right child female ASP AV-pigeon
'That's right! The girl became a pigeon.'

c. (Sinica Archive: 01-033-j)

wal ras-un sbus lgiy s'un-an qsya' lma'.
ASP bring-PV cotton FP:because fill-LV water FP:QUOT
'(It) was taken by the cotton, which sucked water fully.'

d. (Sinica Archive: 02-009-g)

"**wayal** cqiry-an na' a mknazi' qu' kneril=mamu"
ASP tease-LV GEN FIL Mknazi NOM female=2PL.GEN
maha'.
QUOT
'The Mknazi people teased your girls.'

e. (Sinica Archive: 07-005-c)

wal=nya' s-betaq qcyan yasa' lru.
ASP=3SG.GEN IV-stab buttock that.way FP:and
'However, she stabbed (the small hoe) into the buttock.'

musa' is another imperfective auxiliary verb, meaning 'be...-ing'.



(2.57)

a. (Sinica Archive: 04-012-b)

| | | | | | |
|--------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------|--------------|------|
| kt-ay | yasa' | qu', | ana' | lung-un | ga', |
| see-LV.HORT | that.way | nom | no.matter | think-PV | TOP |
| qpzing | na' utux | ka | giqas | musa' | |
| power | GEN ancestral.spirit | LIG | new(.AV) | ASP | |
| m-wah | ga', si' ga' snh-i'=ta' | | | qu' | |
| AV-come | TOP just TOP | believe-PV.IMP=1PI.GEN | | NOM | |
| yasukilisto | ma'. | | | | |
| Jesus.Christ | QUOT | | | | |

'So, no matter whether we take into consideration the new coming power (i.e., new religion), we should still believe in Jesus Christ.'

b. (Sinica Archive: 01-029-c)

| | | | | | | |
|-----|---------|---------|-------------------|------------|-------|-----|
| "a | nway | nway, | musa' =ta' | thyay-un." | maha' | qu' |
| FIL | alright | alright | ASP=1PI.GEN | able-PV | say | NOM |
| mit | qani' | mga'. | | | | |
| ass | this | QUOT:FP | | | | |

“That’s all right! We are still capable (of carrying).” The ass said.’

c. (Sinica Archive: 02-001-a)

| | | | | | | |
|------------|---------------------|-------------|----------|---------|------|-------|
| a | musa' =maku' | s-pqzyuw | qani' | hya' | ga', | zyaw |
| FIL | ASP=1SG.GEN | IV-transmit | this | 3SG.NEU | TOP | thing |
| nqu' ka | p<in>triq-an | nqu' | rgyax | ka | a | |
| GEN FIL | <PST>fight-LOCNMZ | GEN | mountain | LIG | FIL | |
| tapung | ga'. | | | | | |
| Lidongshan | FP | | | | | |

'What I am going to talk about is the battle that happened in the mountain in Tapong.'

As stated, *musa'* can be equated with future tense. But *musa'* can also express a modal concept of intention or possibility (Dixon (2010 (Vol. 1):96), and is thus subsumed under the category of modality.

Table 2.8 summarizes the preceding discussion on the Sqliq Atayal voice

system, along with its interaction with tense, aspect, and mood.



Table 2. 8: The Atayal voice system as its interaction with tense, aspect, and mood
(I)

| Voice | | AV | PV | LV | IV/BV |
|---------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Tense, mood, aspect | | | | | |
| Tense | Neutral | ((-)m-)V | V-un | V-an | s-V |
| | Past | (-i)n-V | (-i)n-V | (-i)n-V-an | (-i)n-V; s-V |
| | Future | p-V | V-un | V-un | wal s-V |
| Mood | Imperative | V | V-i | V-i | cyux/ nyux s-V |
| | negative | V | V-i | V-i | V; CV-Red. |
| | Subjunctive | ((-)m-)V-a | V-aw | V-ay | (s-)V-an; an (s-)V |
| Aspect | Perfective | wal ((-)m-)V | wal V-un | wal V-an | (s-)V-an; an (s-)V |
| | Imperfective (Continuous) | cyux/nyux ((-)m-)V | Cyux/nyux V-un | cyux/nyux V-an | s-V-anay; anay s-V |
| | Imperfective (be... Ving) | musa' ((-)m-)V | musa' V-un | musa' V-an | musa' s-V |

It is of interest to note that among younger speakers past tense expressions marked by <(i)n> are often in free exchange with the perfective expressions marked by *wal*, and the future expressions marked by *p-/un/base* or CV-reduplication are freely substitutable with the imperfective expressions marked by *musa'*, as shown in (2.57):

- (2.58) a. Past (i.e., <(i)n>) <=> Perfective (i.e., *wal*)
 b. Future (i.e., *p-/un/base* or CV-reduplication) <=> Imperfective (i.e., *musa'*)

The contrast in (2.58a) between past/perfective and future / imperfective can be

interpreted as a contrast between realis and irrealis, in other words, a binary perspective on the reality of events (Comrie 1976; Chung and Timberland 1985; Elliott 2000; among others). A realis interpretation of an event views a situation as something that has already happened, and so it is natural to associate realis with past tense. In contrast, irrealis refers to a situation which is perceived to exist only in a non-real world, so it naturally aligns with the future tense.

From the perspective of reality, which is a mood concept, a full-scale system for the interaction between voice and tense/aspect/mood (TAM) is provided in Table 2.9.

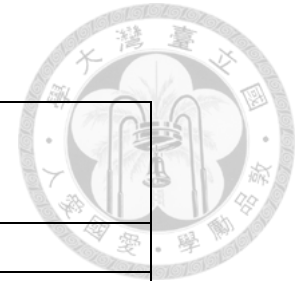
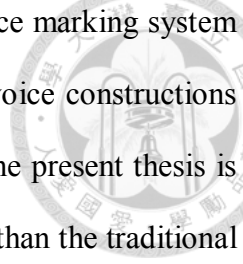


Table 2.9: The Atayal voice system as its interaction with tense, aspect, and mood (II)

| | | | | AV | PV | LV | IV/BV |
|---------|----------|--------|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Reality | Realis | Tense | Neutral | ((-)m-)V | V-un | V-an | s-V |
| | | | Past | ((-i)n-)V | ((-i)n-)V | ((-i)n-)V-an | ((-i)n-)V; s-V |
| | | Aspect | Perfective | wal ((-)m-)V | wal V-un | Wal V-an | wal s-V |
| | | | Imperfective (Continuous) | cyux/ nyux ((-)m-)V | cyux/ nyux V-un | cyux/ nyux V-an | cyux/ nyux s-V |
| | Irrealis | Tense | Future | p-V | V-un | V-un | V; CV-Red. |
| | | Mood | Imperative | V | V-i | V-i | (s-)V-an; an (s-)V |
| | | | negative | V | V-i | V-i | (s-)V-an; an (s-)V |
| | | | Subjunctive | ((-)m-)V-a | V-aw | V-ay | s-V-anay; anay s-V |
| | | Aspect | Imperfective (be... Ving) | musa' ((-)m-)V | musa' V-un | musa' V-an | musa' s-V |



In this section, I have shown how the traditional, four-way voice marking system is employed in natural discourse. I have adhered to the four-way voice constructions in the analysis of the TAM system, although the ultimate goal of the present thesis is to offer a finer-grained and more revealing analysis of verb classes than the traditional analysis of four-way voice constructions has had to offer (see Chapters 6 to 9).

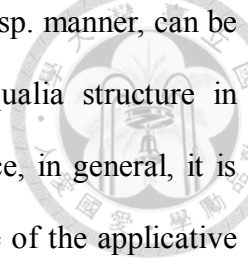
2.3.6 Verb formation processes

In this section I turn to a description of the structure of verbal predicates for the goal that, by means of identifying the semantic components inherently expressed in the verbal bases, I propose that though all of their referents are involved in event schematization, these components usually cannot be realized as a core argument in a non-applicative clause.

As pointed out by Rappaport Hovav and Levin (1998: 108, 2010:24), each base has an ontological categorization, drawn from a fixed set of types including state (e.g., *bloom*, *decay*, and *rust*), result state (e.g., *melt*, *freeze*, and *dry*), stuff (e.g., *hull*, *spray*, and *peel*), container/ spatiotemporal background (e.g., *box*, *channel*, and *pocket*), instrument (e.g., *lock*, *pedal*, and *spear*), cause and manner. Cross-linguistically, among these types, the first two can be further grouped into the **result** type, while the rest can be incorporated into the **manner** type (Behrend 1990; Gentner 1978; Gropen *et al.* 1991). Namely, information specified by the base of a verb is either manner or result. Manner specifies information about how an actor¹² carries out an action, and result, the coming about of a result state. The division applies to the case in Squiliq Atayal.

Two implications can be drawn from the following discussion. First, all of the

¹² The concept, actor, here is a general term, covering not only the performer of an action or the executor of an event, but also the protagonist (theme who performs or is described) in a state.



semantic components described by the base of a verbal predicate, esp. manner, can be regarded as ramifications of the agentive information in the qualia structure in Pustejovsky's (1995) theory of generative lexicon¹³; however, since, in general, it is the role of actor to occupy a core-argument slot, except for the use of the applicative construction to meet the discourse requirements of the speaker, the NP conveying various types of actor-related information often takes an adjunct role introduced by a Loc1 or a Gen2 case marker; thus the examination in this section makes it possible to distinguish adjuncts from arguments of a verb. Briefly, **the NP used to encode the information of the base in question usually cannot be realized as an intrinsic undergoer argument of a verbal predicate**. Second, since the ontological category of a base is associated with the event schema a verbal predicate constructs (Rappaport Hovav and Levin 2010:24), identifying all possible ontological categories of a base and its conceptual-spatial relation to other participants in the corresponding event is an obligatory process for the goal of the present study. Detailed demonstrations on identification of this sort will be provided from Chapters 6 through 9.

Depending on types of the bases of derivatives, verb formation processes can be distinguished into several types. In what follows, I will focus on three types: Type 1, derived verbs with a verbal base, Type 2, derived verbs with an adjective-like verbal base, and Type 3, derived verbs with a nominal base.

¹³ Pustejovsky (1995) developed the theory of the Generative Lexicon for lexical semantic representation. In his theory, it is claimed that many aspects can be represented in the meanings of any lexical item by means of decomposing a lexeme. That is, for Pustejovsky, a lexical semantic representation consists of four parts, i.e., an argument structure, an event structure, a *qualia* structure and a lexical inheritance structure. The agentive information belongs to one type of information conveyed in the *qualia* part and contains information about the factors determining and casual chains involved in the coming about of a result (or an object, which is, of course, affected in a respective event). In accordance with the definition of the agentive information, the information can be analogized as a description of the manner in which the resulting state of an action or event is brought about or a description of the resulting state. In some sense, via the identification of the information on the base of a verbal lexeme, two major verb types, i.e., manner verbs and result verbs, in the world's languages can henceforth be separated. However, worth noticing is, either the concept of manner or the concept of result involves factors activating the 'performance' of an event. 'Performance' implies the concept of 'actor'.

Though the focus is on the information provided by the base, the semantics or functions of affixes attached to the base is also taken account, since the meaning of a derivative is determined by a combination of an affix and its base; moreover, the affix of any derivative may also provide information regarding the notion of manner. The framework for the following description is an adaptation from Lieber (2008) and Plag (1999).

2.3.6.1 Categories and verb-forming affixes

Before proceeding, a definition of the three terms basic to the operation of the morphological processes, namely base, affix, and derivative, is given in order below:

- (2.59) a. base: an alternative to root or stem; it refers to the part of a word which can either appear alone as an independent unit or host a dependent unit; *laugh* as the base as to *laughing*;
b. affix: a bound morpheme, as *-ing* in *laughing*;
c. derivative: a combination of a base and at least one affix

Categories for verb-forming affixes in Squaliq Atayal, along with their separate meanings, are provided in Table 2.10:



Table 2.10: Categories for verb-forming affixes and their meanings in Squliq Atayal

| Semantic category of affix | Meaning of semantic category | English Examples | Example(s) of Atayal affixes and corresponding derivatives |
|----------------------------|--|--|---|
| 1. Causative | Cause to do X | <i>standardize,</i> <i>velarize</i> | <i>p-</i> : <i>p-t-zyaw</i> ‘cause to work’; <i>p-qaniq</i> ‘cause to eat’ |
| 2. Inchoative | become X | <i>oxidize, aerosolize</i> | <i>m-</i> : <i>m-hebong</i> ‘turn yellow’; <i>m-hekang</i> ‘turn thin’ |
| 3. Locative | Make something go to/into/on X | <i>syllabify,</i> <i>containerize</i> | <i>-an</i> : <i>p-qsyá-an</i> ‘pour water on someone/something’; <i>qlang-an</i> ‘enter into a state of laziness’; <i>qhyaq-an</i> ‘have a cold’ |
| 4. Performative | Do X | <i>speechify,</i> <i>anthropologize</i> | 1. <i>t-</i> : <i>t-zyaw</i> ‘do (a) job’; 2. <i>p-</i> : <i>p-lukus</i> ‘wear clothes’ |
| 5. Productive | Do something to produce X | --- | 1. <i>p-</i> : <i>p-qwas</i> ‘sing a song’; 2. <i>s-</i> : <i>s-boq</i> ‘moisturize’ |
| 6. Resultative | Cause to become X | <i>quantify, crystalize</i> | 1. <i>s-</i> : <i>s-qlih</i> ‘husky’; 2. <i>t-</i> : <i>t-’uciq</i> ‘cause to become stupid’ |
| 7. Similative | Do/act/make in the manner of or like X | <i>personalize,</i> <i>marxize</i> | <i>k-</i> : <i>k-yubing</i> ‘stingy’; <i>k-babaw</i> ‘do slightly’ |

(Note: X refers to the base of a derivative.)

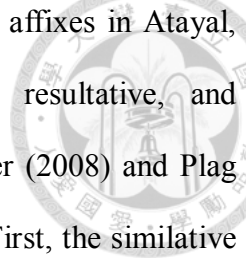


Table 2.12 displays seven of the most common verb-forming affixes in Atayal, i.e., causative, inchoative, locative, performative, productive, resultative, and simulative. The categorization is based on the framework of Lieber (2008) and Plag (1999); however, three language-specific points need to be made. First, the simulative in English, for example, takes a proper name as its base, although in Sqliq Atayal, the base with a simulative affix may be a common noun or a stative verb. A second point is that in Atayal, the word formation of many verbs may undergo more than one strategy. The form that derives from a combination of an affix and a base may be input to the operation of metaphor or metonymy, as in the case of *k-yubing* ‘stingy’ (with *yubing* ‘sack’ as its base), where the image of a deep sack is metaphorically used to refer to a person who is not willing to part with his fortune to help others.

Now let’s move on to the three types of verb-forming processes: verb-derived from a verbal base, an adjectival base, and a nominal base.

2.3.6.2 Type 1: Verbal derivatives with a verbal base

A verbal derivative is composed of a verbal base and a marker used to specify the type of a clausal subject. Table 2.11 provides ten examples of verbal derivatives in Sqliq Atayal:

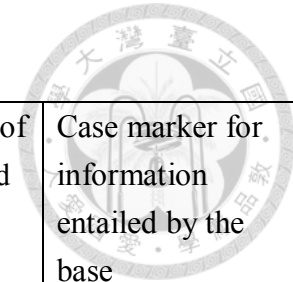
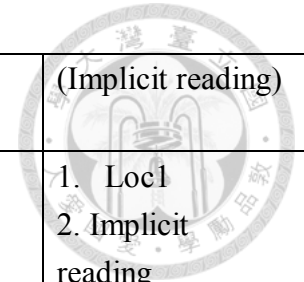


Table 2.11: Verbal roots

| Base | Affix | Example of derived verb | Syntacticosemantic category of affix | Semantic category of the derived verb | (Example of) information entailed by the base | Semantic category of information entailed by the base | Case marker for information entailed by the base |
|---------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| 1. alax 'give up' | s- | <i>s-'alax</i> 'give up sth.' | Marker for theme as subject | Performative | (Hands) | (Hands as default instrument) | --- (Implicit reading) |
| 2. hubing 'cut; slice' | m- | <i>m-hubing</i> 'cut; slice' | Agent subject | Performative | Knife | Instrument as manner | Gen2 |
| 3. kat 'bite' | <m> | <i>k<m>at</i> 'bite' | Agent subject | Performative | Teeth | Instrument as manner | Gen2 |
| 4. laka' 'fly' | m- | <i>m-laka'</i> 'fly' | Agent subject | Performative | Sky | Medium as manner | Loc1 |
| 5. s-naga' 'wait' | s- | <i>s-naga'</i> 'wait' | Agent subject | Performative | Tree branch | Location as manner | Loc1 |
| 6. qaniq 'eat' | -un | <i>niq-un</i> 'eat' | Patient subject | Performative | 1. Mouth 2. Restaurant | 1. Implement as manner 2. Location as manner | 1. Gen2 2. Loc1 |
| 7. qinah | m- | <i>m-qinah</i> | Agent subject | Performative | Manner of | Manner | --- |



| | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----|--------------------------|---------------|--------------|--|---|--------------------------------|
| 'run' | | 'run' | | | performing an activity | | (Implicit reading) |
| 8. qluy 'flush' | m- | <i>m-qluy</i> 'flush' | Theme subject | Performative | 1. Water 2. State of being flushed away | 1. Medium as manner 2. Result | 1. Loc1 2. Implicit reading |
| 9. ruruw 'push' | s- | <i>s-ruruw</i> 'push' | Theme subject | Performative | 1. Hands 2. A flat land | 1. Implement as manner 2. Location as manner | 1. Gen2 2. Loc1 |
| 10. salit | -an | <i>slit-an</i> 'weed' | Goal subject | Performative | hatchet | Implement as manner | Gen2 |

As shown in Table 2.11, a verbal base must have a voice marker attached to it for it to function as a predicate in a clause. Markers of this sort specify types of clausal subjects. For example, *m-* encodes an actor subject in a clause with a verb like *m-laka* ‘fly’ and *s-* encodes a theme subject in a clause with a verb such as *s-’alax*. In a clause, any subject argument plays a central role in the argument structure of the clause.

A verbal base explicitly conveys such semantic information as the way an action is done (e.g., knife as an instrument used for a slicing action encoded by the verb *hubing* ‘cut; slice’), but may also either overtly or covertly express the temporal/spatial information about where or when an action is carried out (e.g., river as to *m-qluy* ‘flushed away’). Information of this sort takes the role of an adjunct argument, as *soki*’ in the derivative *slit-an* ‘weed’ (2.60), or *qara*’ in *s-naga*’ ‘wait’ (2.61). Morphosyntactically, they are separately introduced by a genitive case marker (Gen2) and a locative (1) case marker (Loc1).

- (2.60) (gaga’ na’ Atayal: 395-396)
 slit-an=naha’ soki’ lru, baq-un kwara’ la’.
 weed-an=3PL.GEN hatchet FP:and know-un all FP
 ‘When they weeded (the grass) with hatchets, they all realized (that there was a school here before).’ (395-396)

- (2.61) (Sinica Archive: 12-026-d)
 s-naga’ qara’ yutas laqi’.
 s-wait branch grandfather child
 ‘(The) grandfather waited for the child at (a) branch.’

It can be easy to observe that in an Atayal clause where its predicate has a verbal base, like (2.60) and (2.61), in addition to the adjunct arguments, there are core arguments, either an actor argument, as in a AV clause, or an actor and an undergoer(or at most

two), as in an UV clause. As mentioned, one core argument is realized as the subject. Based on these observations, two points associated with the goal of this study can be made. The first point concerns the morphosyntactic representation of a verb. Core arguments together determine the clause pattern a verbal predicate belongs to, as discussed in the following sections. The second point has to do with verb classification. No matter whether they are realized as a core or an adjunct argument, all specified entities or participants are involved in event schema, that is, their spatial arrangement determines the schema.

Information about the base of other eight verbal derivatives in Table 2.13 can be interpreted and their respective specified event can be realized similarly. It is also worth noting that the semantic category of all affixes in this table belongs to the ‘performative’ type, since they denote either an actor or an undergoer.

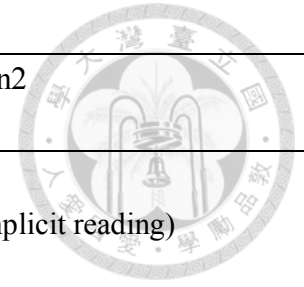
2.3.6.3 Type 2: Verbal derivatives with an adjective-like verbal base

A derived verb consists of either a ‘voice’/‘force’ marker or an affix (like a causativizer or an inchoative marker) and an adjective-like verbal base. The derived verb expresses a resulting state, and that’s why the base behaves like an adjective in English. Table 2.12 displays ten examples for the formation processes:

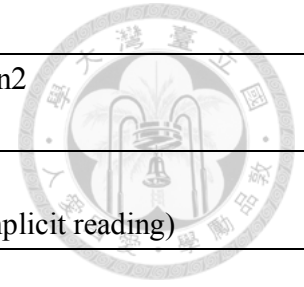


Table 2.12: Adjective-like verbal roots

| Base | Affix | Derived verb | Syntacticosemantic category of affix | Semantic category of the derived verb | (Example of) information entailed by the base | Semantic category of information entailed by the base | Case marker for information entailed by the base |
|-----------------------------|-------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| 1. bba' 'swollen' | m/b- | mba' 'get swollen' | Theme subject | Inchoative | water | Medium as manner | Gen2 |
| | | | | | State of being swollen | State | --- (Implicit reading) |
| 2. bugah 'loose' | t- | t-bugah 'loosen' | Causativizer | Causative | Hoe (as to soils in a field) | Implement as manner | Gen2 |
| | | | | | State of being loose | State | --- (Implicit reading) |
| 3. helaw 'quick; energetic' | t- | t-helaw 'enliven' | Causativizer | Causative | Funny action | Means as manner | Gen2 |
| | | | | | State of being energetic | State | --- (Implicit reading) |
| 4. qhzyaq 'cold' | -an | qhyaq-an 'have a cold' | Experiencer subject | Locative | Cold temperature | Medium as manner | Gen2 |
| | | | | | State of feeling cold | State | --- (Implicit reading) |



| | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----|--------------------|---|-------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 5. qilang | -an | qilang-an | Recipient subject, i.e., the one who receives the disposition of laziness or dullness | locative | Boring day | Cause as manner | Gen2 |
| | | | | | State of being lazy | State | --- (Implicit reading) |
| 6.kxal 'ache' | m/k | mxal 'ache' | Experiencer subject | Resultative | Getting hurt | Cause as manner | --- (A cause mentioned in the foregoing utterance) |
| | | | | | State of aching | State | --- (Implicit reading) |
| 7. ktux 'salt' | <m> | k<m>tux 'salt' | Inchoative marker & Theme subject | Inchoactive | A special brand of salt | Substance as instrument | Gen2 |
| | | | | | State of being salt | State | --- (Implicit reading) |
| 8. ngihuy 'sour' | s- | s-ngihuy 'sour' | Causativizer | Resultative | A special kind of plum | Substance as instrument | Gen2 |
| | | | | | State of being sour | State | --- (Implicit reading) |
| 9. qlih 'dried' | s- | s-qlih 'husky' | Inchoative marker | Inchoactive | Cold | Cause as manner | Gen2 |
| | | | | | State of huskiness | State | --- (Implicit reading) |



| | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|----|---------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| 10. qzinut 'poor' | s- | s-qzinut 'abuse' | Patient subject | Resultative; Performative | Extra jobs | Means as manner | Gen2 |
| | | | | | State of being abused | State | --- (Implicit reading) |

As with derived verbs in Type 1, manner is one of two types of information inferrable from the base, or explicitly expressed in context (e.g., a hoe used to create a loose object in the event encoded by the verb *t-bugah* ‘loosen’). The other type of semantic information is the concept of result expressed by the base itself (e.g., the state encoded by the stative verb *helaw* ‘energetic’ that results when people do a funny action encoded by the verb *t-helaw* ‘enliven’). Manner is concerned with how an intended result comes about. It may be an instrument employed by an actor, or the way an action is done. The notion of actor may refer to an abstract non-volitional force-executor, such as water that causes something to swell, or a boring day that leaves someone in a lazy state. Thus a direct link between manner and actor can be established. Manner, as stated, is a ramification of the concept of actor, and can be realized at the level of morphosyntax as an adjunct introduced by the case marker Gen2, as in (2.62).

- (2.62) cyux t-bugah na’ soki’ sa uraw lga’,
 ASP CAUS-loose gen hatchet LOC soil FP:TOP
 kut-an=nya’ nanak tuling qba’ la’.
 cut-an=3SG.GEN self finger hand FP
 ‘When (the woman) was loosening up the soil loose with (a) hatchet,
 she cut (her) finger.’

Sometimes an inanimate argument can also take the role of the actor in an UV clause. For example, in an event specified by the verb *qhzyaq-an* ‘have a cold’, as in (2.62), it is a non-volitional ‘actor’, i.e., rain, used to replace an animate actor and then to occupy the syntactic slot of an actor. This results in a dyadic *-an* clause that takes two arguments, one introduced by *qu’* as the subject, while the other is introduced by *na’*. Since the actor is a non-volitional one, the event encoded by *qhzyaq-an* ‘have a cold’ exhibits low transitivity. This explains why there is a link between the *-an* form of

verbs and low transitivity. Such a link has been pointed out in previous studies on not only Squliq Atayal (Starosta 1998:442) but also other Formosan languages (Tang 2010). Other cases with the *-an* form of verbs of this sort used as the verbal predicate in a clause can be found in *Placement* (II) schema (See Chapter 6). Events there are also exhibits low transitivity.

- (2.63) ini'=nya' pung-i' ke' na' yaya'; nanu'
 NEG=3SG.GEN hear-NEG word GEN mother what
 yasa' qu', qhzyaq-an na' qwalax qu'
 that.way NOM cold-an GEN rain NOM
 laqi' qa'.
 child DEM
 'Because he didn't obey (his) mother's word, the child got a cold as a result of rain.'

In sum, two points regarding the process of verbal derivatives with a stative verbal base can be made. First, the base may directly convey information about the resulting state and, as proposed by Iwata (2006), result is often construed as an “adjunct”; second, manner of an action is a ramification of actor. Other than the two kinds of information, other information from the derived verbs of this type is associated with core arguments, i.e., one actor and one or at most two undergoers.

2.3.6.4 Type 3: Verbal derivatives with a nominal base

The last type of verbal formation strategy is an affix (like a causativizer or an inchoative marker) attached to a nominal base. The base describes either manner or result. Note that, the notion of result here covers effect and product. For example, verbalizing the nominal NP *bes* ‘side’ can have the effect of staying beside someone, and causativizing *qwas* ‘song’ gives us the verb *p-qwas* ‘to sing’; *behuy* is ‘wind’ and

s-behuy produces ‘to blow wind’. Table 2.13 displays ten examples for the derivational processes:



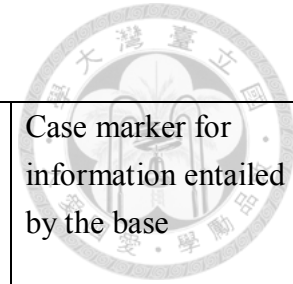
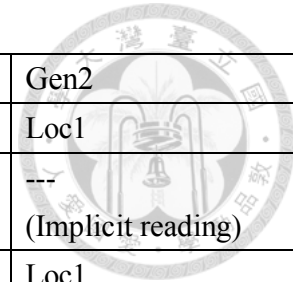


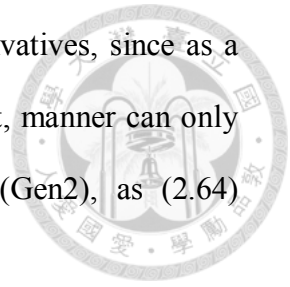
Table 2.13: Derived verbs with nominal bases

| Base | Affix | Derived verb | Syntacticosemantic category of affix | Semantic category of the derived verb | (Example of) information entailed by the base | Semantic category of information entailed by the base | Case marker for information entailed by the base |
|----------------------|------------|------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| 1. behuy 'wind' | s- | s-behuy 'wind' | Inchoative marker | Productive | A canyon or the autumn | Location or time as medium | Loc1 |
| 2. bes 'side' | s- | s-bes 'accompany' | Verbalizer | Performative | One's side | A symbolic image as manner and result as well | --- (Implicit reading) |
| | | | | | Hospital | Location as medium | Loc1 |
| 3. cira' 'circle' | m- | m-cira' 'become a circle' | Inchoative marker & Theme subject | Inchoative | A wire | Substance as manner | Gen2 |
| | | | | | A factory | Location as manner | Loc1 |
| 4. mami' 'rice' | t- | t-mami' 'pickle' | Verbalizer | Performative | A special type of rice | Substance as manner | Gen2 |
| | | | | | Restaurant | Location as manner | Loc1 |
| 5. qsya' 'water' | p- and -an | p-qsya'-an | <i>P-</i> as verbalizer; <i>-an</i> as a marker to specify goal or location as subject | Performative | Water | Substance as manner | Gen2 |
| | | | | | Garden | Location as manner | Loc1 |
| 6. qwas 'song' | p- | p-qwas 'sing' | Verbalizer | Productive; Performative | An opera house | Location as manner | Loc1 |



| | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----|----------------------|------------|-----------------------------|--|---|---------------------------|
| 7. kali' 'net' | <m> | k<m>ali' | Verbalizer | Performative | A net | Implement as manner | Gen2 |
| | | | | | A river | Location as manner | Loc1 |
| 8. tunux 'head' | s- | s-tunux 'bother' | Verbalizer | Similative | One's head | A symbolic image as manner and result as well | --- (Implicit reading) |
| | | | | | Bedroom | Location as manner | Loc1 |
| 9. yubing 'sack' | k- | k-yubing 'stingy' | Verbalizer | Similative | Long sack hard to touch its inner bottom | A symbolic image as manner and result as well | --- (Implicit reading) |
| 10. zyaw 'job' | t- | t-zyaw 'do' | Verbalizer | Productive; Performative | farm | Location as manner | Loc1 |

With regard to the morphosyntactic representation of the derivatives, since as a ramification of actor, which usually occupies a core-argument slot, manner can only be realized as an adjunct argument case-marked by genitive (Gen2), as (2.64) illustrates:



(2.64)

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----|--------|-------|-------|-----|
| p-qsya' | -an=naha' | na' | qsya' | miquy | qasa' | ga' |
| CAUS-water-an=3PL.GEN | GEN | GEN | water | reed | that | TOP |
| musa' | blaq | qu' | m-nbu' | qa' | | |
| ASP | good | NOM | m-sick | DEM | | |

'When they poured (on the patient) with water on that reed, the patient would recover (soon).'

A spatial setting can be subsumed under the category of manner; as a result, its referring NP is also realized as an adjunct argument, as the location adjunct *slaq* in (2.65):

| | | | | |
|--------|----------------------|-----|-------------|----------|
| (2.65) | t-zyaw=ta' | sa | slaq | suxan! |
| | do-job(.IMP)=1PL.NOM | LOC | paddy.field | tomorrow |

'Let's work in the field tomorrow!'

In (2.65), *slaq* functions as a spatial setting for the actor to carry out an intended action or event and the NP is introduced by a locative case marker (Loc1).

Likewise, result is the other type of information entailed by a base, and its corresponding NP is an adjunct. It is usually left unspecified in a clause; however, a result phrase can be specified as its referent, not a generic one, is in the same category as the intrinsic undergoer of a derived verb. This case is only restricted to the situation in which product is specified for the context requirement, as illustrated in (2.66):

- (2.66) (gaga' na' Atayal: 129-130)
- | | | | | | | | |
|--------|---------|--------|-------|-----|-------|------|-----|
| nanu' | hya' | m-qwas | sayun | no | kane | ma' | ru, |
| what | 3SG.NEU | m-song | PN | GEN | clock | QUOT | and |
| m-qwas | qwas | gipun | ga'. | | | | |
| m-sing | song | Japan | FP | | | | |
- 'And then, he sang the song, Sayun no kane, (which is a) Japanese song.'



In (2.67), the NP *sayun no kane* is in the same category as *qwas* 'song', the base of the verbal predicate *m-qwas* 'sing'. But since it is the undergoer of *m-qwas*, the NP is required as an E argument in the structure of the verb. If a case marker were present, it would be a locative case marker (Loc2); but the marker is absent here.

The discussion in this section can be summarized in terms of the following three points:

(2.67)

- a. In Sqliq Atayal, information conveyed by the base of a verbal predicate can be classified to either manner or the result category. Since manner can be realized as a ramification of actor, and meanwhile, it is usually the actor taking the role of core argument, manner is taken as an argument adjunct introduced by Gen2 or Loc1. Result can also be realized as an adjunct, so it usually doesn't occupy any syntactic slot in a clause unless it is in the same category as the undergoer in a transitive event and needs to be specified, as in (2.63). As a result, the examination in this section provides us a way to distinguish adjunct from core arguments.
- b. Following (i). Since the NP used to encode the information of the base usually cannot be realized as an intrinsic undergoer argument of a verbal predicate, the NP plays no role in determining verb types or verb classification.
- c. Though the information doesn't determine the class of a verb, it is central to the job of defining define an event schema that a verb constructs, and it is an obligatory component in terms of frame semantics.



2.3.7 Atayal verbal clause patterns

With regard to the Atayal verbal clause patterns, Liao (2004) touches upon the issue and identifies three major clause patterns as shown below:

Table 2.14: Verbal clause patterns in Sqliq Atayal (slightly adapted from Table 4.5 in Liao (2004:335))¹⁴

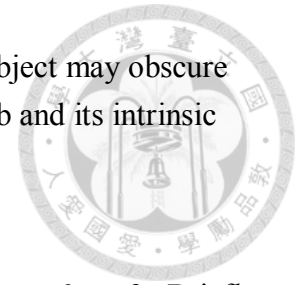
| | | | | |
|------------|---|---|---|------------------------------------|
| Pattern 1 | monadic (-)m-V clause Intr. | | | N Nom agent/theme |
| Pattern 2 | Dyadic (-)m-V clause Intr.? Tr? | (<i>na' /nqu' /sa/squ'</i>) Gen?/Lcv?/Acc? | N | N Nom agent |
| Pattern 3A | Dyadic V-un clause Intr.? Tr? | (<i>na' /nqu'</i>) Gen agent | N | N Nom theme |
| Pattern 3B | Dyadic V-an clause Intr.? Tr? | (<i>na' /nqu'</i>) Gen agent | N | N Nom location |
| Pattern 3C | Dyadic s-V clause Intr.? Tr? | (<i>na' /nqu'</i>) Gen agent | N | N Nom instrument/beneficiary |

In Liao's (*ibid.*), she identifies all of the Atayal clauses in terms of the patterns in Table 2.14, instead of specifying the voice types of verbs in clauses. I subscribe to her approach, for basically the following reason:

(2.68) In most cases, the subjects specified by two different “Undergoer” voice forms of a verb are in the same semantic-role category. Moreover, most verbs take only one intrinsic undergoer whose category is defined at the level of spatio-conceptual level, but not in terms of verbs' surface form. Instead, using *(-)m-*, *-un*, *-an* and *s-* as a cover term to specify an agent, a

¹⁴ The parts in bold are my additions based on Liao's original text. For more details on the table, please see Liao (2004:334-338).

patient, a location and an instrument or a beneficiary subject may obscure the innate, spatio-conceptual relationship between a verb and its intrinsic undergoer in most cases.



A more detailed elaboration on (2.68) will be provided in Chapter 6 to 9. Briefly speaking, naming *-un* in the verb *khang-un* ‘look after’ as patient voice marker (PV) or naming *m-* in the verb *m-qluy* ‘(st. or sb.) flushed away’ as agent voice marker (AV) fails to identify the tight relation between the voice form and the semantic category of the subject. However, a straightforward relation obtains only in two types of applicative undergoer voice constructions, i.e., the *-an* applicative voice construction for identifying a location subject and the *s-* applicative voice construction for identifying an instrument or a beneficiary subject. Precisely speaking, relation as such is not built at the level of spatio-conceptual level, but is an extended, generalized representation based on the original, conceptual use of verbs in the *-an* or the *s-* verb class. In the following discussion, I will adopt Liao’s proposal to display verbal clause patterns, but I will also make a slight modification of her proposal. The modifications are motivated by the following considerations:

(2.69)

- a. For a few verbs, two patterns may be distinguished respectively for triadic *-an* clauses and triadic *s-* clauses.
- b. The thematic roles instrument/benefactive should be removed from the table and replaced with conveyed/transported theme.
- c. Liao didn’t make a distinction between Gen1 and Gen2.

Via Point (2.69a), the need to distinguish pure from applicative undergoer nominative-marked NP is obligatory; point (2.69b) implies that the clause patterns for verbs should be lexically-specific. This is also the starting point about the question of

voice marking system in the language.

A modified version for verbal clause patterns is shown below:



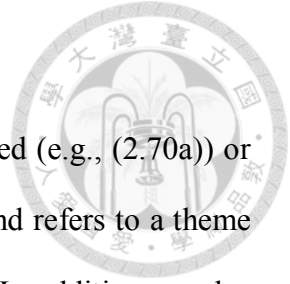
Table 2.15: Argument profiles for clause patterns in Squaliq Atayal

| | CLAUSE PATTERN | CORE ARGUMENT (case assignment; category of thematic role) | | | |
|--------------|--|--|--|---|---|
| Pattern 1. | Monadic (<i>m</i> -)V intransitive | S (nominative; actor/patient/ theme/ affectee/ content goal/location /recipient/ experience/ conveyed theme) | | | |
| Pattern 2. | Dyadic (-) <i>m</i> -V intransitive | S (nominative; actor) | E (locative; non-actor like patient/theme/affectee/content goal/location/recipient/ experience/conveyed theme) | | |
| Pattern 3. | Triadic (-) <i>m</i> -V transitive | S (nominative) | E ₀ ¹⁵ (locative; conveyed theme) | E ₁ (locative; location/ recipient) | |
| Pattern 4a. | Dyadic V- <i>an</i> transitive | A (genitive) | | | O (nominative; goal/location/ recipient/ experiencer) |
| Pattern 4a'. | Dyadic V- <i>an</i> applicative transitive | A (genitive) | | | O (nominative; applicative) |

¹⁵ E₁ stands for an indirect object in an EIC, while E₀ means a direct object in the same clause type.

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|---|-----------------|--|--|--|
| | | | | | location) |
| Pattern 4b. | Dyadic <i>V-un</i> transitive | A (genitive) | | | O (nominative; patient/theme/ Affectee/content) |
| Pattern 4c. | Dyadic <i>s-V</i> transitive | A (genitive) | | | O (nominative; conveyed theme) |
| Pattern 4c'. | Dyadic <i>s-V</i> applicative transitive | A (genitive) | | | O (nominative; applicative instrument, beneficiary, or cause) |
| Pattern 5a. | Triadic <i>V-an</i> transitive | A (genitive) | | E _o (locative; conveyed theme) | O (nominative; goal/location/ recipient) |
| Pattern 5b. | Triadic <i>V-un</i> transitive | A (genitive) | | E (locative; conveyed theme) | O (nominative; goal/location/ recipient) |
| Pattern 5c. | Triadic <i>s-V</i> transitive | A (genitive) | E _l (locative; location/recipient) | | O (nominative; conveyed theme) |
| Pattern 5c'. | Triadic <i>s-V</i> applicative transitive | A (genitive) | E (locative; patient/theme/ affectee/content/ goal/location/ recipient/ experience/ conveyed theme) | | O (nominative; applicative instrument, beneficiary, or cause) |

These patterns are exemplified below:



Pattern 1. Monadic (*m*-)V intransitive

In Pattern 1, the lexical verb is either morphologically unmarked (e.g., (2.70a)) or is prefixed with *m*- (e.g., (2.70b)). The nominative subject is an S and refers to a theme (2.70a), an actor (2.70b) and (2.70d), a patient (2.70c) and so on. In addition, as also pointed out in Liao (2004:336), the optional occurrence of an adjunct NP is acceptable, as illustrated in (2.70d).

(2.70) Pattern 1. Monadic (*m*-)V intransitive

a. (Sinica Archive: 05-010-a)

khi' yal rwa' qu' nquy.
thin very FP NOM pipe
'The pipe was thin, indeed.'

b. (Sinica Archive: 03-002-a)

a **m-usa'** qu' tsyaqung.
FIL m-go NOM crow
'The crow set forth (first).'

c. (gaga' na' Atayal: 435-436)

wal **m-qluy** la', qu' sayun qasa'.
ASP m-flush.away FP NOM PN that
'That (person), Sayun, was flushed away.'

d. (Sinica Archive: 17-005-b)

m-'abi' tuqiy ay.
m-sleep road FP
'(They) slept (overnight) on the road.'

Pattern 2. Dyadic (-)m-V intransitive

Pattern 2 is comprised of three components, namely, a lexical verb marked with a dyadic (-)m- affix, an nominative actor argument, and a Loc2 non-actor argument. The

Loc2 non-actor argument is a subcategorized undergoer determined by the semantics of the verb in the pattern, e.g., *katan* as the required undergoer of *maniq* in (2.71a), *trakis* as the required undergoer of *s<m>hu'* in (2.71b), or *a iyat=ta' balay p-qaniq* as the required undergoer of *m-kal* in (2.71c). Besides, the two arguments in Pattern 2 are in a core grammatical relation, i.e., nominative argument in an S role, and Loc2 argument in an E role. The case marker used to introduce the Loc2 E argument must be *squ'/sa*.

(2.71) **Pattern 2. Dyadic (-)m-V intransitive**

a. (Sinica Archive: 15-002-c)

maniq katan ka siliq lga'.
 m.eat poubuzi FIL omen.bird FP:FP
 'The omen bird ate poubuzi (i.e., a kind of tree-fruit).'

b. (Sinica Archive: 20-002-a)

pzit qani'hya' ga', qu' raral ka
 sparrow this 3SG.NEU TOP NOM in.the.past LIG
 nkis=ta' raral ga', m-usa' qmayah mga',
 old.man=1PI.GEN in.the.past TOP m-go field QUOT:TOP
 iy, **s<m>hu'** trakis ru 'sa-n=naha' phapuy.
 FIL <m>pound.rice millet and go-an=3PL.GEN cook
 'Concerning the sparrow, when our ancestors went to the field, they pounded rice and cooked there.'

c. (Sinica Archive: 14-003-b)

"a iyat=ta' balay p-qaniq" maha' **m-kal** kwara'
 FIL NEG=1PI.GEN true FUT-eat QUOT m-speak all
 lmga'.
 FP:QUOT:FP
 'All said, "We have nothing to eat."'

Pattern 3. Triadic (-)m-V intransitive

In Pattern 3, the lexical verb takes three obligatory arguments, i.e., an actor and

two undergoers. The actor is the subject in the clause and is marked with nominative case; the two undergoers, like the undergoer in Pattern 2, are both marked Loc2 case, with *squ'/sa* as the case marker if present. As illustrated in (2.72), the actor is the 1st person inclusive plural nominative bound pronoun =*ta*' and the two undergoers refer to the recipient 'ancestral spirit(s)' and the conveyed theme 'rice' expressed by a headless relative clause.

(2.72) **Pattern 3. Triadic (-)*m*-V intransitive** (Sinica Archive: 09-006-a)

| | | | | | |
|------------------|---------|------|------------|-----|-----------------|
| nanu' | yan | ke' | nqu' soni' | ka | miq =ta' |
| what | be.like | word | GEN today | LIG | m.give=1PI.NOM |
| utux | | ga', | cipuq. | | |
| ancestral.spirit | | TOP | small | | |

'What we have talked up till now (can be reinterpreted as follows:) we gave the ancestral spirit a bit (of rice).'

Pattern 4a. Dyadic V-*an* transitive

Pattern 4a refers to clauses that are comprised of a lexical verb that takes the dyadic *-an* form and two core arguments. One argument refers to an actor (e.g., =*naha*' (2.73b) and an unspecified actor (2.73c)/(2.73d)/(2.73f)) or an instrument-like entity associated with the notion of agency for the speaker to specify a location (e.g., *ngbang* (2.73a)) or an instrument for the actor to accomplish his action (*qara' tqzing* (2.73e)). The other argument is an undergoer, which covers a variety of thematic roles like location (e.g., *qutux ka qhuniq bsyal qasa'* (2.73a) and *htgan na' wagi'* (2.73g)), goal (e.g., *siliq qani'* (2.73b), patient (e.g., *bzyok* (2.73d), *gili'* (2.73c) and *yamil* (2.73e)), and *percept* (e.g., *blihun* (2.73f)); these roles can be generalized as a location.



(2.73) **Pattern 4a. Dyadic V-an transitive**

a. (Sinica Archive: 12-023-g)

cyux **ki'-an** ngbang ka qutux ka qhuniq
 EXT.REM exist-an concave LIG one LIG tree
 bsyal qasa'.
 tree.name that

'There was a concave on the Bsyal tree.'

b. (Sinica Archive: 03-007-e, 03-008-a)

ana'=su m-usa' iy m-sbu'... nanu' yasa'
 no.matter=2SG.NOM m-go FIL m-shoot.fish what that.way
 qu', **spng-an**=naha' balay qu' a siliq
 NOM measure-an=3PL.GEN true NOM FIL omen.bird
 qani'.
 this

'No matter whether you went to shoot (a fish)... Therefore, they did act according to the omen bird.'

c. (Sinica Archive: 05-034-c, 05-034-d)

ru abaw na(sa'), **yan** na' gili' ga'. skan-an ru...
 and leaf that.way be.like FIL fern FP chew-an and

'Its leaf looks like the fern's. After (people) chewed the fern-leaf, ...'

d. (Sinica Archive: 05-005-a, 05-005-b)

bzyok spy-un=naha' ga', bzyok. maha' **ska-n** ga',
 pig dream-un=3PL.GEN TOP pig say halve-an TOP
ska-n, qu' spi'=naha' ga'.
 halve-an NOM dream=3PL.GEN FP

'If it was pig that (they) had dreamed about, a pig (had to be sacrificed). If their dream said (the sacrifice) to be halved, then it had to be halved.'

e. (Sinica Archive: 15-011-f)

a nyux iy **hbot-an** nqu' qara' tqzing
 FIL PROG.IMM FIL lacerate-an GEN branch tree.stump
 uzi' ga', yamil lrwa'.
 also FP shoe FP:FP

'Shoes were lacerated by tree-branches, i.e., the tree stumps.'



f. (Sinica Archive: 01-008-a)

hta-n mga', nyux iy **hta-n** tsikay blihun
see-an QUOT:TOPEXT.IMM FIL see-an a.bit door
ma' wa.

QUOT FP

'On seeing, (the ass) just took a look at the two sides of the door.'

g. (Ogawa and Asai (1935:42 (20); glosses and transcription mine)

thk-an=naha' balay htg-an na' wagi'.
arrive-an=3PL.GEN true come.out-an GEN sun

'They arrived at the place where the sun rises.'

Pattern 4a'. Dyadic V-an applicative transitive

Pattern 4a' refers to the Dyadic V-an transitive pattern. Like Pattern 4a, the lexical verb in Pattern 4a is a dyadic verb in -an form. However, the form is an applicative form. This can be attested from the origin of the clausal subject. The entity or participant specified by the subject is not subcategorized for by the verb. In other words, the subject is an applicative argument and it is used to convey information where (or when) an action or event takes place.

However, it is important to note that, in natural data, except for being the subject in an equational sentence (e.g., *te llaw* (2.74c)) or serving as a NP whose formation is via nominalization (e.g., *qnx-an* (2.74d)), I have never seen a locative applicative nominal argument that serves as the subject in a verbal clause. If it appears as the subject in a verbal clause, the structure must be an elicited sentence, as in (2.74a) and (2.74b); but also note that, the reading of a locative equational sentence can still obtain, as in (2.74b).



(2.74) **Pattern 4a'. Dyadic V-an applicative transitive**

a. wal=nya' **niq-an** qu' n~niq-an polowan.
 ASP=3SG.GEN eat-an NOM RED~eat-an PCN
 'He has eaten at the restaurant in Polowan (before).'

b. Taoshang Atayal (Chen (2007:79 (40a)))

wal **hqil-an** na' yaba'=nya' qu' ngasal qasa'.
 ASP die-an GEN father=3SG.GEN NOM house that
 'That house is where Tali's father died.'

c. (Sinica Archive: 02-004-b)

te llaw ga', **pzi'-an** nqu' ka a mknazi'.
 LOC right TOP play-an GEN FIL FIL Mknazi
 'On the right side, it was the hunting place of the Mkanzi's clan.'

d. (Sinica Archive: 11-027-a)

baha' h<m>swa' qani' yan qu' **p-spng-an**
 how.come <m>why this be.like NOM CAU-measure-an
 ka qnx-an sraral ru rwa'.
 LIG live-an LOC:in.the.past and FP
 'The principle of life was like this in the past.'

Pattern 4b. Dyadic V-un transitive

Clauses in Pattern 4b consist of a dyadic *-un* transitive verb. Two core arguments here are an Actor and an undergoer, such as the patient argument *kwara'* *p<in>muya'*=*mamu* in (2.75a), the content argument (i.e., dream which is unspecified in (2.75b)), and the theme argument *btunux* in (2.75c) and *t<n>inun=su* in (2.75d). Both an actor and an undergoer are two intrinsic arguments of the dyadic transitive verb in the pattern.



(2.75) **Pattern 4b. Dyadic V-un transitive**

a. (Sinica Archive: 07-006-a)

“iy kwara’ qu’ p<in>muya’=mamu ngahi’
 FIL all NOM <PST.OBJNMZ>plant=2PL.GEN sweet.potato
 qa’ ga’, **niq-un**=maku’ ay.”
 DEM TOP eat-PV=1SG.GEN EP

‘As for those sweet potatoes you have planted, I will eat them.’

b. (Sinica Archive: 05-014-e)

ana’ m<in>yangi’ ru,
 no.matter m<PST>suffer.from.a.lingering.disease and
 ana’ balay iy m<in>hiking ka
 no.matter true FIL m<PST>emaciated LIG
 a si’ sulu’ huqil ga’, spy-un=naha’ ru
 FIL just almost die TOP dream-un=3PL.GEN and
qes-un=naha’ lga’, blaq balay la’.
 sacrifice-un=3PL.GEN FP:TOP good true FP

‘No matter whether he was bedridden or he was so emaciated that he would die soon, people dreamt (about sacrifices) and they made the sacrifice and his illness would heal.’

c. (Sinica Archive: 03-003-c)

wal=naya’ **truzy-un** qu’ btunux.
 ASP=3SG.GEN turn.over-un NOM stone

‘It set the stone into motion.’

d. (Sinica Archive: 05-017-a)

mutu’=naha’ kyal-un maha’ o, “wal yan
 then=3PL.GEN speak-un QUOT FIL ASP be.like
 nasa’ (b)nkis=su ru tninun=su ga’,
 that.way old.man=2SG.GEN and soul=2SG.GEN TOP
 wal=naha’ **ras-un**” ma’.
 ASP=3PL.GEN bring-un QUOT

‘They would tell (the patient), “Your ancestors have done something like that. So, they took your soul away.”’

Pattern 4c. Dyadic s-V transitive



(2.77) illustrates the pattern.

(2.77) Pattern 4c'. Dyadic s-V applicative transitive

(Sinica Archive: 13-007-b, 13-008-a, 13-008-b)

ini'=nya' suq-i' qutux ryax matas a kneril hya'
 NEG=3SG.GEN finish-i one day tattoo.m FIL female 3SG.NEU
 ma'. baha' m-naga' lgiy so-n qani'
 QUOT how.come m-wait FP:because say.thus-un this
 ru, so-n qani' lpi. bzinah ga',
 and say.thus-un this FP:FP the.other.side TOP
 s-hngaw=naha' hma'.
 s-rest=3PL.GEN FP:QUOT

'Tattoos for girls wouldn't be finished within one day. They had to wait for a while because it was just like this. They would take a rest for (the reason).'

Pattern 5a. Triadic V-an transitive

In Pattern 5a, the crucial components include a triadic main verb in an *-an* form and three core arguments, i.e., an actor, a conveyed content, and a recipient. The recipient argument is the subject. (2.78) illustrates the pattern.

(2.78) Pattern 5a. Triadic V-an transitive (Sinica Archive: 05-028-b)

maki' pila'=naha' ga', biq-an=naha'.
 m.exist money=3PL.GEN TOP give-an=3PL.GEN

'If they had money, they would pay with it.'

Pattern 5b. Triadic V-un transitive

Pattern 5b takes a lexical *-un* verb as its main verb. As in Pattern 5a, it takes an actor, a conveyed content, and a recipient. But it differs from Pattern 5a in focusing on the recipient as the clausal subject. (2.79) is an example of the pattern.



(2.79) **Pattern 5b. Triadic V-un transitive**

(Sinica Archive: 12-005-c)

kya-un=nya' qu' laqi' qasa' ma', "s-ay
 speak-un=3SG.GEN NOM child that QUOT go-ay
 balay iy p-hul qutux rahaw ka cyux
 true FIL CAUS-bind one trap LIG exist.REM
 bu' balay b-bu' a, a, bu' balay a bsyal
 TOP true red-top FIL FIL top true FIL tree.name
 mga'."

QUOT:FP

'He told the child, "Go to set up the trap at the top of the Bsyal tree.'"

Pattern 5c. Triadic s-V transitive

Pattern 5c is the triadic *s-V* transitive pattern. Verbs in Pattern 5c refer to those in a triadic *s-* form. And, also like Patterns 5a and 5b, verbs take three core arguments in three different categories. Thus, what is distinct about the pattern is the conveyed theme as the subject. (2.80) is an example.

(2.80) **Pattern 5c. Triadic s-V transitive**

a. (Sinica Archive: 09-006-b, 09-006-c)

hupa' s-biq lga', nyux=su cqiri' lma'
 big s-give FP:TOP PROG.IMM=2SG.NOM tease FP:QUOT
 utux ma'. a nanu'' tsipuq **s-biq**=su
 ancestral.spirit QUOT FIL what small s-give=2SG.GEN
 qasa' lga', hupa'=naha' la'.
 that FP:TOP big=3PL.GEN FP

'Because, if you gave him a lot, the ancestral spirit would think that you were teasing (him). Thought you gave (them) little, their (rice) would become a lot.'



b. (Sinica Archive: 03-010-a, 03-010-b)

nanu' yasa' qu', ana' kryax qa' ga', qu'
 what that.way NOM no.matter everyday DEM TOP NOM
 tayal qani' ga', nanu' a p-gluw=naha' ke'
 Atayal this TOP what FIL FUT-together=3PL.GEN word
 ma'. a si' ka a **s-paqut** pali' siliq
 quot FIL must FIL FIL s-interrogate wing omen.bird
 so-n=naha'.

say.thus-un=3PL.GEN

'As for the omen bird, we, Atayal people, must follow its word in our daily life.
 (Our ancestors used to) say that everyone should ask the omen bird's wings.'

Pattern 5c'. Triadic s-V applicative transitive

In Pattern 5b', the lexical verb is a triadic *s*- verb which takes three core arguments, i.e., an actor, a recipient, and a conveyed content, with the content as the subject. However, since the *s*- prefix is an applicative marker, its subject is an applicative argument. This is the point used to distinguish from Pattern 5c.

(2.81) Pattern 5c': Triadic s-V applicative transitive

a. (Sinica Archive: 12-025-b, 12-025-c)

s-'agal=nya' qwa... nanu' su la', qwahi'. qzy-an=nya'
 s-take=3SG.GEN QWA what SU FP vine tie-an=3SG.GEN

ru.

and

'He made use of vines. He tied himself (with vines).'

b. (Sinica Archive: 08-003-b, 08-003-c)

kya iy maha' nanu' laqi' qasa' ga',
 probably FIL QUOT what child that TOP
 (g)al-un=nya' qu' sulu' qasa' ma'.
 take-un=3SG.GEN NOM stalk that QUOT
s-'pux=nya' babaw=nya' mga'.
 s-press=3SG.GEN above=3SG.GEN QUOT:FP

'As for the child, she, herself, took the stalk (of pigeon peas). She pressed on

the top of her body (with the stalks of pigeon peas).’

c. (Sinica Archive: 03-004-a)

| | | | | | | |
|--------------|------------|-----|-----------------------|-----------|---------|-----|
| nanu’ | yasa’ | qu’ | s-siliq | qani’ | hya’ | ga’ |
| what | that.way | NOM | RED-omen.bird | this | 3SG.NEU | TOP |
| m-usa’=su | s<m>zye’ | ga’ | s-kita’ =naha’ | siliq | uzi’. | |
| m-go=2SG.NOM | <m>propose | top | s-see=3PL.GEN | omen.bird | also | |

‘So, as for the omen bird, it is the one you should observe it first (to decide whether to go or not to go) before you go to propose.’



Thus far, I have enumerated examples for each pattern in Table 2.18. Table 2.18 is not only a summary of the “sketch” of morphosyntax in Squliq Atayal, but also the morphosyntactic basis for my proposal in the present study. In short, the patterns in this table mean a lot to the syntax of the language.

CHAPTER 3

THE MAIN ISSUES ADDRESSED IN THIS STUDY



3.1 Introduction

In this chapter, by means of reviewing the literature, I would like to point out the main issues to be addressed in the present study. It will be found that the main issues are activated by a complex reality: Not all three UV forms of a verb, i.e., *-un*, *-an*, and *s-*, fill their respective slots in a so-called full-fledged four-way voice system via *equal* processing. There are four ways for a verb's UV form filling a respective UV slot in the voice system of Squliq Atayal. First, it is the form which is used to encode an intrinsic undergoer of a verb as the subject in neutral conditions to fill one of UV form slots. Second, applicativization is one device for most verbs to have their peripheral argument(s) (i.e., a locative or an instrumental or a beneficiary argument) promoted to the subject of a clause, namely, there must be at least one UV slot left for an applicative form in the four-way system. Third, different UV forms also induce various TAM readings, for instance, the *-un* form of *pung* 'hear' is used in an irrealis event, while its *-an* form in a realis event. Last, for the *-an* form of some verbs like *qaniq* 'eat', *nbuw* 'drink', *tahuq* 'cook', etc., a part-whole reading is given to the subject in order to meet the requirement of context, but the subject is not identical to the verb's intrinsic undergoer in category. Based on the four conditions for the use of a UV form, I propose three arguments concerning the goal of the present study: (i) some kind of mapping between a verb's intrinsic undergoer and one of its UV forms (i.e., a default UV form) likely exists in the verbal lexicon of Squliq Atayal (see Section 3.2); (ii) following (i), in pursuit of a systematic voice patterning for verbs in this language, distinguishing the intrinsic undergoer of any verb from its applicative undergoer(s) is a prerequisite (see

Section 3.4 & Section 3.5); (iii) a competition between the *-un* and the *-an* form for the specification of a verb's undergoer can be observed, and that implies that verbs in Squiliq Atayal can be categorized into at least two classes (Section 3.6). In the following discussions, I will take it as a given that the voice system is not a full-fledged one for most verbs in the language.

3.2 A query about a full-fledged four-way voice marking system

It is widely known that many Philippine-type languages make a four-way distinction in subject, also known as ‘focus’ or ‘topic’ in the literature; it is also often claimed that the semantic role of the subject is marked by the affixes on the verb (French 1988). Thus, in Squiliq Atayal, *m(-)/-m-/∅* (called AV or AF) signals the actor of an action as the subject, *-un* (PV or PF) the patient of an action as the subject, *-an* (LV or LF) the location of an action as the subject, and *s-* (CV or RF, with IV or IF and BV or BF included) the instrument or beneficiary of an action as the subject. They are illustrated in (3.1) ((Liu 2004:27 (29)-(33)), original transcription, gloss, and translation):

(3.1)

- a. m-aniq qulih qu' tali'
 AV-eat fish NOM Tali
 ‘Tali’ eats fish.’
- b. niq-un na' tali' qu' qulih qasa
 eat-PV OBL Tali NOM fish that
 ‘That fish is eaten by Tali.’
- c. niq-an na' tali' qulih qu' ngasal qasa
 eat-LV OBL Tali fish NOM house that
 ‘That house is the place where Tali eats [ate] fish.’

d. s-qaniq na' tali' qulih qu' qway
 IV-eat OBL Tali fish NOM chopsticks
 'The chopsticks were used by Tali to eat fish.'

e. s-qaniq na' tali' qulih qu' sayun.
 IV-eat OBL Tali fish NOM Sayun
 'Sayun is the person for whom Tali ate fish.'



In (3.1a), the subject *tali* 'Tali' is the actor of the event associated with the verb affixed with *m-*, i.e., *maniq* 'eat'. In (3.1b), the subject *qulih qasa* (or *qulih qasa*) 'that fish' is assigned with the role of patient, and the main verb is the PV form of *qaniq* 'eat', i.e., *niq-un*. In (3.1c), *ngasal qasa* (or *ngasal qasa*) 'that house' denotes a location, which is selected as the subject of the clause by the LV verb *niq-an* 'eat'. In (3.1d), the subject *qway* 'chopsticks' is an instrument normal, and the main verb is prefixed with *s-*. In (3.1e), the subject Sayun is the beneficiary, and the *s-* form of *qaniq* 'eat', i.e., *s-qaniq* 'eat', is used.

The four-way system for subject choice is also found in other Philippine-type languages, but different variants for each voice/focus marker are used in different languages. (3.2) and (3.3) respectively illustrate the use for four voices/focuses in Paiwan and Tagalog.

(3.2)

a. (Wouk and Ross 2002:20 (1d), original transcription, gloss and translation)

t<əm>kəl a qatə
 <AV>drink SPEC stranger
 'the stranger will drink (something)'

b. (Wouk and Ross 2002:20 (1b), original transcription, gloss and translation)

təkəl-ən a vaua
 drink-PV SEPC wine
 'the wine will be drunk' ('s/he/they will drink the wine')



- c. (Wouk and Ross 2002:20 (1c), original transcription, gloss and translation)
- | | | |
|----------|------|---------|
| təkəl-an | a | kaksan |
| drink-LV | SPEC | kitchen |
- ‘the kitchen will be drunk in’ (‘s/he/they will drink it/them in the kitchen’)

- d. (Wouk and Ross 2002:20 (1a), original transcription, gloss and translation)
- | | | |
|----------|------|------|
| si-təkəl | a | kupu |
| CV-drink | SPEC | cup |
- ‘the cup will be drunk with’ (‘s/he/they will drink in/them from a cup’)

In (3.2a), the subject of the verb taking the AV infix <əm> is an actor; in (3.2b), the PV suffix *-ən* is to signal a patient subject; in (3.2c), the LV suffix *-an* is to specify a location subject; in (3.2d), the subject is an instrument, and the main verb is marked with the instrumental voice marker *s-*.

(3.3)

- a. (Schachter 1976:494-495, original transcription, gloss and translation)
- | | | | | | | |
|-------------|------|-------|------|-------|-----|------|
| Mag-alis | ang | babae | ng | bigas | sa | sako |
| AV-take.out | SPEC | woman | NPIV | rice | LOC | sack |
- para sa bata
for LOC child
- ‘The woman will take some rice out of a/the sack for a/the child’

- b. (Schachter 1976:494-495, original transcription, gloss and translation)
- | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|-------|------|-------|-----|------|
| A-alis-in | ng | babae | ang | bigas | sa | sako |
| DUR-take.out-PV | GEN | woman | SPEC | rice | LOC | sack |
- para sa bata
for LOC child
- ‘A/the woman will take the rice out of a/the sack for a/the child’

- c. (Schachter 1976:494-495, original transcription, gloss and translation)
- | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|-------|------|-------|------|
| A-alis-an | ng | babae | ng | bigas | ang |
| DUR-take.out-LV | GEN | woman | NPIV | rice | SPEC |
- sako para sa bata
sack for LOC child



‘A/the woman will take the rice out of the sack for a/the child’

d. (Schachter 1976:494-495, original transcription, gloss and translation)

Ipag-alis ng babae ng bigas sa sako
 CV-take.out GEN woman NPIV rice LOC sack
 ang bata
 SPEC child

‘A/the woman will take the rice out of a/the sack for the child’

Likewise, in Tagalog, the subject in (3.3a) taking the AV prefix *mag-* is an actor, in (3.3b) taking the PV suffix *-in* is a patient, in (3.3c) taking the LV suffix *-an* is a location, and in (3.3d) taking the CV prefix *ipag-* is a circumstantial participant (for the case here, a beneficiary).

Based on (3.1) to (3.3), a summary of the four-way voice marking system of the aforementioned languages can be displayed below:

Table 3.1: Four-way voice systems of three Philippine-type languages

| Voice type Language | AV | PV | LV | CV |
|---------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|---------------------------|
| Squliq | <i>m-</i> | <i>-un</i> | <i>-an</i> | <i>s-</i> |
| Paiwan | < <i>əm</i> > | <i>-ən</i> | <i>-an</i> | <i>si-</i> |
| Tagalog | <i>mag-</i> | <i>-in</i> | <i>-an</i> | <i>ipag-</i> |
| Thematic roles of subject | Actor | Patient | Location | Instrument or beneficiary |

However, not every verb in Philippine-type languages exhibits such a full-fledged ‘paradigm’ as displayed in Table 3.1.

Crosslinguistically, the focus/voice attrition phenomenon is observed in many of the Austronesian languages (Ross and Teng (2005); Shibatani (2005); S. Huang (2005)). Some languages exhibit a three-way voice/focus system, such as Saisiyat (M. M. Yeh

2003)¹⁶, Mansaka (a Central Philippine language of Mindanao; Thomas (1958))¹⁷; some others, like Kavalan (Hsieh 2007)¹⁸, and Bilaan (South Mindanao; Dean (1958)), display a two-way voice/focus system. From the perspective of verbs, not every verb in Philippine-type languages carry a full set of voice/focus affixes as displayed in Table 3.1. Instead, the number of verbs filling all the four slots in the table is low, as H. Huang and S. Huang (2007) have shown for Tsou.

What H. Huang and S. Huang found is that, in Tsou, different verb types prefer different non-actor voice forms to code subject; for instance, most emotion verbs have as their non-actor subjects nominals that function as stimulus and cause/beneficiary, encoded by PV and BV form, respectively; in addition to using BV form to signal beneficiary subject, the PV form of action verbs like *aɦt'ɦc* 'raise; take care' and *cmiyɦ* 'aim at' is the only non-actor voice marker to encode a patient/goal subject; in contrast, another type of action verbs like *mtokɦ* 'throw' and *to'so* 'toss' employ their LV form to code a patient/goal subject; sociative verbs (e.g., *noteuyuyunu* 'gather' and *tousvusvutu* 'discuss') employ their BV forms to express non-actor subjects. H. Huang and S. Huang conclude that, in Tsou, various verb types allow for different voice constructions.

Similar observations were also made for Tagalog in McFarland (1976) about forty years ago. McFarland identified numbers of Tagalog affix-alternation classes, such as the *mag-/i-/-an* class with *abot* 'hand to', *bigay* 'give', *buhos* 'pour', etc. as examples there, the *mag-/in/-an* class with *alis* 'remove', *alala* 'bring', *hati* 'divide' etc.

¹⁶ As stated in M. M. Yeh (2003:18-19), there are only three types of focus in Saisiyat, namely, AV, PV and I/BV; as for the LV marker *-an*, it is left for marking a location subject limitedly appearing in nominalizations.

¹⁷ In Mansaka, the subject signaled by referential focus covers location and instrument.

¹⁸ As pointed out in Hsieh (2007:12), for two reasons, Kavalan exhibits only a two-way focus system, i.e., AV and LV. First is regarded to focus attrition in LV and PV; that is, the LV marker *-an* lost its original verbal function, but is instead used to either mark a nominal predicate in equational sentences or carry the function of the PV. Second is for cease of using the IV/BV marker *ti-* by speakers nowadays. However, other Formosanists (Lee 1997, Chang 1997, 2000) argue for the indeed presence of the IV/BV marker *ti-* in the focus system of the language. But, for the sake of update, we adopt Hsieh's analysis here.

included, the *mag-/-an* class where *balik* ‘return’, *dasal* ‘pray’, *ingat* ‘careful about’ and so on are subsumed under, and the *ma-/i-* class covering *haying* ‘make public’, *kuwento* ‘tell’, *tabus* ‘take out’ etc. But, McFarland didn’t undertake a classification of verbs into types the way H. Huang and S. Huang (2007) did.

Lexical gaps of verbal affixation on non-actor voice form also exist in the voice system of Sqliq Atayal. For example, non-actor subjects of consumption verbs like *nbuw* ‘drink’, *qaniq* ‘eat’, and *qom* ‘swallow’ mostly occur in a PV clause; likewise, perceptual verbs like *kita*’ ‘see’, *pung* ‘hear; listen’, and *sok* ‘smell’, and their non-actor subjects are more likely to occur in a LV clause. Table 3.2 and Table 3.3 respectively show the occurrences of four voice types for *qaniq* ‘eat’ and *kita*’ ‘see’ based on a corpus comprised of both narratives and conversations.¹⁹

Table 3.2: Occurrences of four voice types for *qaniq* ‘eat’ in the corpus

| Voice Type Genre | AV | PV | LV | CV |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | <i>maniq</i> | <i>niq-un</i> | <i>niq-an</i> | <i>s-qaniq</i> |
| Narrative | 13 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Conversation | 32 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Total (Percentage) | 45 (75%) | 15 (25%) | 0 (0%) | 0 (0%) |

Table 3.3: Occurrences of four voice types for *kita*’ ‘see’ in the corpus

| Voice type Genre | AV | PV | LV | CV |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| | <i>mita</i> ’ | <i>kt-on</i> ²⁰ | <i>ktan</i> | <i>s-kita</i> ’ |
| Narrative | 10 | 0 | 23 | 6 |
| Conversation | 7 | 0 | 17 | 0 |
| Total (Percentage) | 17 (27%) | 0 | 40 (63.5%) | 6 (9.5%) |

¹⁹ The two different genres of the corpus in Table 3.2 and Table 3.3, narrative and conversation, run to 78’15” and 112’38” respectively.

²⁰ According to Egerod (1965:269), when a verb root ends in /a’/, the PV marker *-un* takes *-on*, which is a contracted form, composed of /a’/ and /-un/ (i.e., *a’un> on).

In Table 3.2, no single instance of the *-an* form of *qaniq* ‘eat’ is found in the corpus; and in Table 3.3, no single instance of the *-un* form of the verb *kita* ‘see’ is found in the corpus. A tentative voice system for the two verbs types is given in Table 3.4:

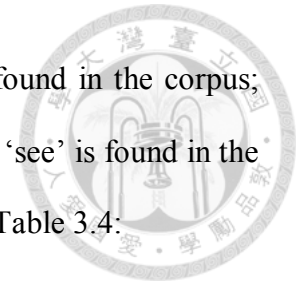


Table 3.4: A tentative voice marking for verbs for perceptual and consuming verb types

| Voice type \ Verb type | AV | PV | LV | CV |
|------------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Consumption verbs | √ | √ | --- | --- |
| Perceptual verbs | √ | --- | √ | √ |

As easily noted from in Table 3.4, either *qaniq* ‘eat’ or *kita* ‘see’ must have a respective AV form, but their respective one or two types of UV voice forms are likely absent from the apparatus of the two lexical items. Virtually, different voice markers of a verb may either signal different TAM information, (e.g., the PV form of *kita* ‘see’, *kt-on*, is used in an irrealis event only), or exhibits subtle semantic difference in the interpretation of non-actor subjects in the same category (e.g., the LV form of *nbuw* ‘drink’, *nbwan*, is used to specify an edible object from a part-whole viewpoint). The challenge then is to have a systematic understanding of the patterning of voice forms of the verbs in the language that reflects not only the mind of language user, but also the morphosyntax of the language. Before taking up that challenge, we turn our attention to previous studies that helps us straighten up the tangles in the asymmetries in voices in Sqliq Atayal.

3.3 Verb classification in Atayal based on AV verbs

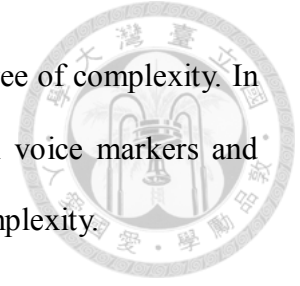
Tseng (1989) on Sqliq Atayal and L. Huang (2000) on Mayrinax Atayal are two important studies that touch upon Atayal verb classification. Tseng adopts Fillmore’s (1966, 1968a, 1968b, 1971a, 1971b) case grammar and makes use of two

and swimming (3.7b). Verbs marked by ma_1 - or \emptyset_1 - designate relatively less dynamic events such as sleeping (3.7c) and fishing (3.7d). Verbs affixed with ma_2 - like ma -‘*icu*’ (ma -*ʔicuʔ*) ‘afraid’ in (3.7e) designates more stativity than ma_1 - and \emptyset_1 -. Events specified by verbs marked by \emptyset_2 - show the greatest stativity, for example, as the verb *kithu*’ (*kithuʔ*) ‘fat’ in (3.7f).

(3.7)

- a. (L. Huang 2000: 367 (7a), original transcription, gloss and translation)
- | | | |
|------------|--------|---------|
| m-astatail | kuʔ | ʔulaqiʔ |
| AF-jump | NOM.RF | child |
- ‘The child is jumping.’
- b. (L. Huang 2000: 367 (7c), original transcription, gloss and translation)
- | | | |
|------------|--------|---------|
| l<um>anjuy | kuʔ | ʔulaqiʔ |
| swim<AF> | NOM.RF | child |
- ‘The child is swimming.’
- c. (L. Huang 2000: 380 (27c), original transcription, gloss and translation)
- | | | |
|----------------|--------|----------|
| ma_1 -qilaap | kuʔ | naʔakis. |
| AF-sleep | NOM.RF | old.man |
- ‘The old man is sleeping.’
- d. (L. Huang 2000: 380 (28a), original transcription, gloss and translation)
- | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|--------|
| \emptyset_1 -panaiq | ʔiʔ | yaʔaʔ |
| AF-fish | NOM | father |
- ‘Father is fishing.’
- e. (L. Huang 2000: 372 (16b), original transcription, gloss and translation)
- | | |
|-------------------|------|
| ma_2 -ʔicuʔ=ciʔ | laʔ. |
| AF-afraid=1SG.NOM | PART |
- ‘I am afraid.’

However, analyses of UV verbs have always shown a greater degree of complexity. In my opinion, there is a lack of a clear-cut division between plain voice markers and applicative affixes that have been responsible for the notorious complexity.

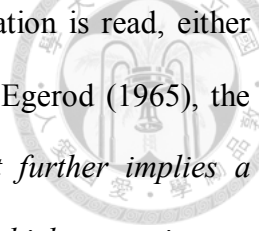


3.4 Egerod (1965), Rau (1992), and L. Huang (1993): UV verbs in Atayal

Egerod (1965), Rau (1992), and L. Huang (1993) are three most representative previous studies on Squliq Atayal. A comparison among the three studies regarding three types of UV constructions suggests a most plausible solution with respect to the main concern in this thesis, namely verb classification. Let's first consider the *-an* 'locative' voice affix. Table 3.5 is a summary of the definitions of the affix in the three studies.

Table 3.5: Definitions of the *-an* voice marker provided in Egerod (1965), Rau (1992), and L. Huang (1993) and verb examples

| Study | The voice marker named <i>-an</i> | Definition | Selected examples |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| Egerod (1965) | Definite passive | “the construction contains an implicit or explicit reference to an object which is affected by the event or action. It further <i>implies a definite specific reference to a known place, time or circumstance</i> which enters into or circumscribes the action or event” (Egerod 1965:271) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>hyag-an</i> ‘the place people hunt beasts’ (< <i>hbyaw</i> ‘hunt’) 2. <i>rng-an</i> ‘feed’ (< <i>ranga</i> ‘feed’) 3. <i>pm-an</i> (< <i>pima</i> ‘bathe’) |
| Rau (1992) | Locative passive form | “The local passive verb is oriented to <i>the place of the action</i> or <i>the person to or for whom an action is done.</i> ” (Rau 1992: 42) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>hkngy-an</i> (< <i>hkangi</i> ‘walk’) 2. <i>btaq-an</i> (< <i>betaq</i> ‘to stab’) 3. <i>thk-an</i> (< <i>tehuk</i> ‘to arrive’) |
| L. Huang (1993) | Transversal | “the TRANSVERSAL <i>-an</i> , which designates some aspect of the EVENT’s history (whether spatial trajectory or trajectory of the performance) points to the tea drunk to the moment of speaking, hence, ‘have been drinking [but not now and not completed]” (L. Huang 1993:32) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>hbing-an</i> ‘the place where (water) drips’ (< <i>hbing</i> ‘drip’) 2. <i>gal-an</i> ‘the place someone caught something’ (< <i>agal</i> ‘catch; take’) 3. <i>t-an</i> ‘crush’ (< <i>ttu</i>’) 4. <i>pqut-an</i> ‘ask’ (< <i>paqut</i>) |



A commonality among the three studies is that the concept of location is read, either explicitly or by inference, into their definitions of *-an*. That is, in Egerod (1965), the nominal expression ‘place’ apparently occurs in the sentence ‘*It further implies a definite specific reference to a known place, time or circumstance which enters into or circumscribes the action or event*’, in Rau (1992), it is the locative nominal, i.e., ‘the place of the action’, that is appealed to define the marker *-an*, and in L. Huang (1993), it seems as if the image of history is used to stand for the ‘scene’ in which an object is affected, but the ‘scene’ can be analogous to a location. Note that, in most examples regarding *-an* constructions, it can be found that the subject is an applicative locative. *hyag-an* ‘the place people hunt beasts’, *hkngy-an* ‘the road someone walks on’, and *hbing-an* ‘the place where (water) drips’ are the examples. For the time being I will classify verbs of this sort as Type A.

However, a remarkable difference comes out from the three studies. That is, only Rau takes the notion of human nominal into account to refer to the subject of an *-an* clause structure, when she observes that the subject may refer to ‘*the person to or for whom an action is done*’, as illustrated by verbs like *btaq-an* ‘to stab (< *betaq*)’ and *pm-an* ‘bathe (< *pima*)’’. In the other two studies, there are also many *-an*-marking verbs taking such a non-applicative locative as the subject, including *rng-an* ‘feed (< *ranga*)’ and *pm-an* ‘bathe (< *pima*)’ in Egerod and *t'-an* ‘crush’ (< *git*) and *pqut-an* ‘ask (< *paqut*)’ in L. Huang. Verbs such as these are grouped into Type B. Therefore, it is legitimate to say that the *-an* verbs illustrated in the three studies are used to encode two distinct types of undergoer subject: one type refers to peripheral, locative applicative (i.e., verbs in Type A) and the other to their intrinsic undergoer (i.e., verbs in Type B). This distinction is important for a systematic understanding of the patterning of voice forms of the verbs in the language.

Let's proceed next to consider previous analyses on the *-un* voice marker. See Table 3.6.



Table 3.6: Definitions of the *-un* voice marker provided in Egerod (1965), Rau (1992), and L. Huang (1993) and verb examples

| Study | The voice marker <i>-un</i> named | Definition | Selected examples |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| Egerod (1965) | Indefinite passive | “the construction contains an implicit or explicit reference to an object (animate or inanimate) which is affected by the event or action expressed by the verb. No definite reference to anything which forms part of the speaker’s situation at the time of speaking is implied” (Egerod 1965:270) | 1. <i>snhy-un</i> (< <i>snhi</i> ‘to believe’) 2. <i>truy-un</i> (< <i>turuy</i> ‘to roll’) 3. <i>baq-un</i> (< <i>baq</i> ‘know; can’) |
| Rau (1992) | Direct passive form | “The direct passive verb is oriented to the direct recipient of the action, i.e., the thing or person <i>brought into a certain state, taken or moved toward</i> the agent, <i>fetched</i> , and the like” (Rau 1992:40) | 1. <i>niq-un</i> (< <i>qaniq</i> ‘eat’) 2. <i>kyap-un</i> (< <i>kzyap</i> ‘catch’) 3. <i>gal-un</i> (< <i>agal</i> ‘to take’) |
| L. Huang (1993) | Culminative | Focuses on the outcome of an event, and is associated with the thing/object involved in a respective activity (L. Huang 1993:35) | 1. <i>pzyi’-un</i> (< <i>pzyuy</i> ‘to play’) 2. <i>nb-un</i> (< <i>nbuw</i> ‘drink’) 3. <i>sy-on</i> (< <i>soya</i> ‘like’) |

The three studies consistently exclude the notion of location from the subject of an *-un*

clause; instead, the subject of an *-un* verb refers to a completely-affected undergoer, which can be either an inanimate or animate participant in events. In short, in this respect there is no difference among the three studies. But note that, for verbs illustrated in these studies, their *-an* form is used to specify an applicative location. This point is made in Egerod and L. Huang, as illustrated in (3.8) below:

(3.8)

a. (Egerod 1965:277)

| | | | | | |
|------------------|-------|-------------|----------|--------------------|------|
| hiagan | maku' | bziok | nhiun | rgiax | qasa |
| hyag-an=maku' | bzyok | nhy-un | rgyax | qasa ²¹ | |
| chase-an=1SG.GEN | boar | the.wild-un | mountain | that | |

'I always hunt wild boar on that mountain.'

b. (L. Huang 1993:35 (57c))

| | |
|-----------------|-------|
| 'gal-an=mu | qulih |
| take-an=1SG.GEN | fish |

'(the place) where I caught a fish'

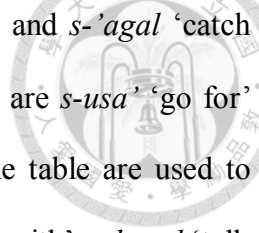
Table 3.7 is a summary of the definitions of the *s-* affix in the three studies under investigation.

²¹ Morpheme-by-morpheme coding and glossings are mine.

Table 3.7: Definitions of the *s-* voice marker provided in Egerod (1965), Rau (1992), and L. Huang (1993) and verb examples

| Work | <i>s-</i> named | Definition | Selected examples |
|-----------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| Egerod (1965) | Relational passive | “The relational passive indicates an implicit or explicit reference to <i>a means by which</i> , or <i>a person on account of which</i> , the action is undertaken” (1965:270) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>s-usa</i> ‘go for’ (< <i>usa</i> ‘go’) 2. <i>s-biq</i> ‘present with’ (< <i>biq</i> ‘give’) 3. <i>s-’agal</i> ‘take for’ (< <i>’agal</i> ‘to take’) |
| Rau (1992:44) | Instrumental passive form | ‘The instrumental passive verb refers to an orientation which has at least three meanings, depending on the context: <i>instrumental</i> , <i>benefactive</i> , and <i>conveyance</i> .’ (Rau 1992:44) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>s-biru</i> ‘write with something’ (< <i>biru</i> ‘write’) 2. <i>s-p’aziy</i> ‘dance for someone’ (< <i>p’aziy</i> ‘dance’) 3. <i>s-kayal</i> ‘talk about something’ (< <i>kayal</i> ‘talk’) |
| L. Huang (1993) | Circumstantial | Referring to the roles’ peripherality “allowing for the diversity which ‘incorporates the semantics of ‘beneficiary’, ‘instrument’, and ‘about’, as well as the ‘with something/one’, ‘for some condition to be met’, and ‘on account of’” (L. Huang 1993:29). | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>s-’agal</i> ‘catch with; take for’ (< <i>’agal</i> ‘take’) 2. <i>s-paqut</i> ‘ask about’ (< <i>paqut</i> ‘to ask’) 3. <i>s-’alax</i> ‘leave’ (< <i>’alax</i> ‘leave’) |

Based on a comparison among the three studies, instrumental and benefactive are two commonly accepted readings given to the *s-* marker. Verbs given in Table 3.7 conveying



the notion of the instrument include *s-biru* ‘write with something’ and *s-'agal* ‘catch with; take for’, and those used for expressing a beneficiary subject are *s-usa* ‘go for’ and *s-p'aziy* ‘dance for someone’. Thus, the remaining verbs in the table are used to express the meaning of conveyance. Examples include *s-biq* ‘present with’, *s-kayal* ‘talk about something’, *s-paqut* ‘ask about’, and *s-'alax* ‘leave’. Of the three studies, only Rau notes the meaning of conveyance to the subject encoded by the *s-* form of a verb.²²

Like the case in the *-an* form, the subject encoded by the *s-* form of verbs can be either an intrinsic undergoer or an applicative instrument/beneficiary undergoer. For the subject meaning a conveyed, transported theme, it is an argument subcategorized by the semantics of verbs like *s-biq* ‘present with’, *s-kayal* ‘talk about something’, *s-paqut* ‘ask about’, and so on. It is thus better to consider these verbs as belonging to a class distinct from that containing verbs like *s-biru* ‘write with something’ and *s-usa* ‘go for’ since their subject is automatically assured. In short, for the verbs marked by the CV *s-* affix mentioned in the three studies under investigation, there is a need to make a finer distinction between *s-*marking verbs that fall under two different classes.

We have shown then that failure to observe the distinction between an intrinsic undergoer subject and an applicativized subject in either the *-an* or the *s-* construction has contributed to the confusion surrounding the grammar of the UV verbs. Chen’s (2007) misanalysis is another example: she considers the markers LV *-an* and B/IV *s-* in Squiliq Atayal as applicative affixes and then proposes a new two-way voice system with two applicatives for the language. Let’s consider Chen (2007).

3.5 Chen (2007): Are all *-an* and *s-* constructions applicative constructions?

As just noted, Chen (2007) considers the markers LV *-an* and B/IV *s-* in Squiliq

²² Fuhui Hsieh (pers. comm.) has also pointed out that, in Paiwan, most *s-* constructions are found mainly used to encode a transported theme subject.

Atayal as applicative affixes, as displayed in Table 3.8:



Table 3.8: Two-way voice system (Chen (2007: 38, Table 2.3))

| Dialects | Variants | Actor-Voice | Non-Actor-Voice | | |
|----------|----------------|---|-----------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| | | | -un | ∅ | |
| Squliq | Jianshih/Wulai | <i>m-</i> ; <i>-m-</i> ; ∅ | / | ∅ | Applicative |
| | Taoshang | <i>m-</i> ; <i>-m-</i> ; ∅ | | <i>-an</i> | Applicative <i>s(i)-</i> |
| C'uli' | Mayrinax | <i>m-</i> ; <i>ma-</i> ; <i>-um-</i> ; ∅ | | | |

Examples are given in (3.9):

(3.9) Taoshang Atayal (Chen 2007: 38 (20), original transcription and gloss)

- a. AV
m-bazi
 AV-buy

- b. UV (or NAV) without applicatives
bzir-un
 buy-NAV

- c. UV (or NAV) with an applicative *-an*
b<in>zir-an
 buy<PST>buy-NAV.APPL1

- d. UV (or NAV) with an applicative *s(-)*
s-baziy
 NAV.APPL2-buy

Since the arguments inherently selected by the verb *bazi* (or *baziy* in Jianshih Atayal) are an actor encoded as the subject of the *m-* form of the verb, and an undergoer, encoded as the subject of the verb's *-un* form. In contrast, there is no any inherent relationship between the locative subject and the *-an* form of the verb or between the

instrumental/beneficiary subject and the *s-* form of the verb; instead, it is a valence increasing operation, applicative, that promotes a peripheral participant or entity, like a location or an instrumental/a beneficiary, to a core role. Chen's analysis for (3.9) so far is on the right track. However, it is wrong to consider the *-an* and the *s-* marker in all UV constructions as applicative affixes. The reason is quite simple. The subject encoded by the *-an* or the *s-* marker of some verbs can also be the undergoer argument inherently selected by the verbs. Chen's examples of the *-an* marker as an applicative affix are given in (3.10):

(3.10)

a. (Chen 2007: 64 (14b), original transcription, gloss and translation)

| | | | | | |
|----------------|------|-----|------|-----|------|
| biq-an | biru | na | temu | qu | tali |
| give-NAV.APPL1 | book | GEN | Temu | NOM | Tali |

'Temu gave Tali a book.'

b. Taoshang Atayal (Chen 2007: 69 (25b), original transcription, gloss and translation)

| | | | |
|------------------|------|-----|--------|
| thk-an | biru | qu | bnka |
| arrive-NAV.APPL1 | book | NOM | Taipei |

'Books could be delivered to Taipei.'

c. (Chen 2007: 70 (27b), original transcription, gloss and translation)

| | | | | | |
|----------|----------------|--------|-------|-----|-------|
| cyux=nya | ps'un-an | qtahi' | kwara | qu | hyal |
| PROG=3SG | fill-NAV.APPL1 | ant | all | NOM | floor |

'The floor was filled with ants.'

d. Taoshang Atayal (Chen 2007: 81 (44a), original transcription, gloss and translation)

| | | | | |
|----------------|-----|------|-----|-------|
| sawy-an | ni | tali | qu | rimuy |
| like-NAV.APPL1 | GEN | Tali | NOM | Rimuy |

'Tali likes Rimuy.'

- e. Taoshang Atayal (Chen 2007: 81 (44b), original transcription, gloss and translation)

| | | | | |
|---------|-----|------|-----|-------|
| kt-an | ni | tali | qu | rimuy |
| see-NAV | GEN | Tali | NOM | Rimuy |

‘Tali saw Rimuy.’



- f. Taoshang Atayal (Chen 2007: 83 (48a), original transcription, gloss and translation)

| | | | | |
|----------------------|-----|-------|-----|-----|
| wal pgyar-an | ni | rimuy | qu | hya |
| PRF escape-NAV.APPL1 | GEN | Rimuy | NOM | 3SN |

‘Rimuy ran away from him.’

Tali (or *Tali'*) in (3.10a), *bnka* ‘Taipei’ in (3.10b), *hyal* ‘floor’ in (3.10c), *Rimuy* in (3.10d) and (3.10e), and *hya* in (3.10f) are not information about where an event occurs or where an actor exerts his or her force upon the undergoer subcategorized by the semantics of verbs; instead, they are an undergoer argument inherently selected by their respective verb.

Similar misanalysis also occurs in the case of the *s-* constructions, though rare.

Consider (3.11):

- (3.11) Taoshang Atayal (Chen 2007: 87 (1a), original transcription, gloss and translation)

| | | | |
|--------------------|-------|-----|-------|
| s-biq=nya | laqi | qu | pila |
| NAV-APPL2-give=3SG | child | NOM | money |

‘He gave/gives a child the money.’

Comparing to *Tali* (or *Tali'*) in (3.10a), the conveyed theme *pila* (or *pila'*) in (3.11) is another argument subcategorized by the verb *biq* ‘give’, but not a promoted argument via applicativization. Except for the verb *s-biq* ‘give’ as in (3.11), other verbs affixed with *s-* in Chen (2007) are indeed applicative verbs. (3.12) are examples of the *s-* affix

as either an instrumental or a beneficiary applicative marker:



(3.12)

- a. Jianshih Atayal (Chen 2007: 99 (23a), original transcription, gloss and translation)

| | | | | | |
|---------------|------|-----|--------|-----|-------|
| s-bihiy | temu | na | yaba | qu | laqi. |
| NAV.APPL2-hit | Temu | GEN | father | NOM | child |

‘Father hits Temu for the child.’

- b. Jianshih Atayal (Chen 2007: 99 (23b), original transcription, gloss and translation)

| | | | | | |
|---------------|------|-----|--------|-----|--------|
| s-bihiy | temu | na | yaba | qu | hawku. |
| NAV.APPL2-hit | Temu | GEN | father | NOM | stick |

‘Father hits Temu with the stick.’

- c. Jianshih Atayal (Chen 2007: 99 (23b), original transcription, gloss and translation)

| | | | | |
|---------------|-----|------|-----|-------|
| s-bahoq | na | tali | qu | temu. |
| AV.APPL2-wash | GEN | Tali | NOM | Temu |

‘Tali washes clothes for/instead of Temu.’

In sum, Chen’s analysis is not appropriate since not all *-an* and *s-* constructions in Squiliq Atayal are applicative ones. Instead, as seen in the discussion in Section 3.4, for the undergoer voice in the language, a further distinction between the plain and the applicative sets must be made is now appreciated. A similar analysis has been proposed in Wu (2006) for Amis. The past confusion surrounding voice systems and verb classification with respect to verbs’ UV forms can now be removed.

3.6 L. Huang (1993): *-un* vs. *-an*

L. Huang (1993) gives a careful analysis of the contrast between the *-un* and the *-an* marker. In particular, three types of the *-un/-an* contrast are identified.



First, there is a contrast between the endpoint vs. path reading, especially in motion verbs. Consider the verb *wah* ‘come’ as illustrated in (3.13):

(3.13)

a. (L. Huang 1993: 31 (49b), original transcription, gloss and translation)

wah-un-maku?²³ kira
come-UN-1S.G later
‘I will come (to this place) later.’

b. (L. Huang 1993: 31 (49c), original transcription, gloss and translation)

wah-an-maku? kira
come-AN-1S.G later
‘I will come (this way) later.’

According to L. Huang, the *-un* form of the verb *wah* ‘come’ is designated for specifying an endpoint as the focus in a ‘coming’ event, as in (3.13a), while the *-an* form is employed for highlighting a path in the event, as in (3.13b). As also pointed out by L. Huang, such a spatial interpretation of ‘path’ for *-an* and ‘endpoint’ for *-un* only applies to spatial motion events.

The second contrast has to do with the part-vs.-whole reading associated with some verbs.

(3.14)

a. (L. Huang 1993: 31 (50a), original transcription, gloss and translation)

wan-maku? nbu-n abaw qani la
ASP-1S.G drink-UN tea this LA
‘I have drunk up this tea (now).’

²³ ‘?’ adopted in L. Huang (1993) stands for the glottal stop.

- b. (L. Huang 1993: 31-2 (50b), original transcription, gloss and translation)
- | | | | |
|-----------|----------|------|---------|
| wan-maku? | nbw-an | abaw | qani la |
| ASP-1S.G | drink-AN | tea | this LA |
- ‘I have drunk this tea (now).’



Compared (3.14a) to (3.14b), it can be observed that the *-un* form of the verb *nbuw* ‘drink’ is used to express the realis reading that the tea is completely consumed, while its *-an* form is to describe that some tea is left.

The last contrast pertains to the realis vs. irrealis difference. The *-un* form of the verb *nbuw* ‘drink’ is used to express an irrealis event, while its *-an* form is used in a realis event. Consider (3.15):

(3.15)

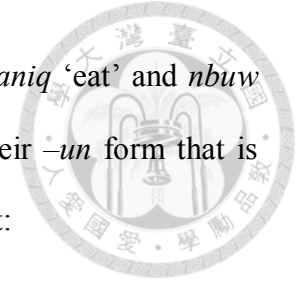
- a. (L. Huang 1993: 32 (51a), original transcription, gloss and translation)
- | | | | |
|------------|----------|------|---------|
| nyux-maku? | nbu-n | abaw | qani la |
| ASP-1S.G | drink-UN | tea | this LA |
- ‘I am drinking this tea (at this moment).’

- b. (L. Huang 1993: 32 (51b), original transcription, gloss and translation)
- | | | | |
|------------|----------|------|---------|
| nyux-maku? | nbw-an | abaw | qani la |
| ASP-1S.G | drink-AN | tea | this LA |
- ‘I have been drinking this tea.’

The dialect investigated in L. Huang is that of Wulai. The last two types of contrast are also found in the Jianshih dialect investigated in this thesis, though there are other minor differences between the two dialects.

The *-un/-an* contrast is not only restricted to a single lexical item, but can also occur in a number of different verbs, as mentioned in earlier section in this chapter. For example, for some verbs like perceptual verbs *kita* ‘see’ and *pung* ‘hear’ or motion verbs *wah* ‘come’ and *usa* ‘go’, their respective intrinsic undergoer tends to be

specified by their *-an* form, while others like consumption verbs *qaniq* ‘eat’ and *nbuw* ‘drink’ or cognitive verbs *nglung* ‘think’ and *sipi* ‘dream’, it is their *-un* form that is tied to their intrinsic undergoer. (3.16) and (3.17) illustrate this point:



(3.16)

a. *ini*'=*nya*' *niq-i*' *na*' *qu*' *mami*'.
 NEG=3SG.GEN eat-*i*' still NOM rice
 ‘He has not eaten (the) rice yet.’

b. *wal*=*nya*' *niq-un* *qu*' *mami*' *la*'.
 ASP=3SG.GEN eat-un nom rice FP
 ‘He has eaten (the) rice.’

c. *niq-aw*=*mu* *kira*' *mami* *qa*'.
 eat-aw=1SG.GEN later rice DEM
 ‘Let me eat the rice later.’

(3.17)

a. *ini*'=*nya*' *kta-i*' *qu*' *siasing*=*nya*' *na*'.
 NEG=3SG.GEN see-*i*' NOM picture=3SG.GEN still
 ‘He has not seen his picture yet.’

b. *wal*=*nya*' *kt-an* *qu*' *siasing*=*nya*' *la*'.
 ASP=3SG.GEN see-an NOM picture=3SG.GEN FP
 ‘He has seen his picture.’

c. *kt-ay*=*mu* *kira*' *siasing*=*nya*'.
 see-ay=1SG.GEN later picture=3SG.GEN
 ‘Let me see his picture later.’

In (3.16a) and (3.17a), the negator *ini*' denies the performance of an event (or a state), and then either *qaniq* ‘eat’ or *kita*' ‘see’ is suffixed with *-i*'. In (3.16b) and (3.17b), the two verbs are affixed with two different voice markers in their respective realis UV

construction, namely, *-un* for *qaniq* and *-an* for *kita'*. Likewise, the two verbs *qaniq* and *kita'* are respectively suffixed with two different subjunctive markers, *-aw* as in (3.16c) and *-ay* as in (3.17c). At this point, it is legitimate to say that, via examples in sets (b) and (c), the two verbs *qaniq* and *kita'* are then considered as belonging to two distinct categories at the level of morphosyntax; though if one only goes on the basis of the constructions alone as expressed in set (a), we might think that the two separate verbs in question are identical in their morphosyntactic class.

Besides, the *-i'* affix can also be used to negate an event encoded by verbs like *buling* 'throw', *panga'* 'carry on back', *biq* 'give', etc., which are suffixed with a *s*-marker in a realis UV clause structure. Consider (3.18) to (3.22):

(3.18)

- a. ini'=nya' bling-i' qu' syup qasa'.
 NEG=3SG.GEN throw-i' NOM dreg that
 'He didn't throw away that dreg.'
- b. ini'=nya' pnga-i' qu' pagay qasa'.
 NEG=3SG.GEN carry.on.back-i' NOM paddy that
 'He didn't carry that (sack of) paddy on back.'
- c. ini'=ku=nya' biq-i' na' qu' pila'.
 NEG=1SG.NOM=3SG.GEN give-i' still NOM money
 'He has not given me (the) money yet.'

(3.19)

- a. wal=nya' s-buling qu' syup qasa'.
 ASP=3SG.GEN s-throw nom dreg that
 'He has thrown away that dreg.'
- b. wal=nya' s-panga' qu' pagay qasa'.
 ASP=3SG.GEN s-carry.on.back NOM paddy that
 'He has carried that (sack of) paddy on back.'

- c. wal=saku'=nya' s-biq qu' pila'.
 ASP=1SG.NOM=3SG.GEN s-give NOM money
 'He has given me (the) money.'



(3.20)

- a. ini'=nya' bling-an qu' syup qasa'.
 NEG=3SG.GEN throw-an NOM dreg that
 'He didn't throw that dreg.'
- b. ini'=nya' pnga-an qu' pagay qasa'.
 NEG=3SG.GEN carry.on.back-an NOM paddy that
 'He didn't carry that (sack of) paddy.'
- c. ini'=ku=nya' bq-an na' qu' pila'.
 NEG=1SG.NOM=3SG.GEN give-an still NOM money
 'He has not given me (the) money yet.'

(3.21)

- a. ini'=nya' an s-bling qu' syup qasa'.
 NEG=3SG.GEN AN s-throw NOM dreg that
 'He didn't throw that dreg.'
- b. ini'=nya' an s-panga' qu' pagay qasa'.
 NEG=3SG.GEN AN s-carry.on.back nom paddy that
 'He didn't carry that (sack of) paddy.'
- c. ini'=ku=nya' an s-biq na' qu' pila'.
 NEG=1SG.NOM=3SG.GEN AN s-give still NOM money
 'He has not given me (the) money yet.'

(3.22)

- a. ini'=nya' blng-ani' qu' syup qasa'.
 NEG=3SG.GEN throw-ANI' NOM dreg that
 'He didn't throw that dreg.'
- b. ini'=nya' png-ani' qu' pagay qasa'.
 NEG=3SG.GEN carry.on.back-ANI' NOM paddy that
 'He didn't carry that (sack of) paddy.'

c. ini'=ku=nya' bq-ani' na' qu' pila'.
 NEG=1SG.NOM=3SG.GEN give-ANI' still NOM money
 'He has not given me (the) money yet.'



In (3.18), events encoded by *buling* 'throw', *panga* 'carry on back', and *biq* 'give' are negated by means of suffixing these verbs with the marker *-i*'. However, in (3.19), since these verbs are marked by a *s-* affix, they are then categorized under the *s-* verb class. In other words, via a comparison between UV realis constructions and negative constructions, it can be observed that the language divides verbs into three different classes, the *-un* class (e.g., *qaniq* 'eat'), the *-an* class (e.g., *kita* 'see'), and the *s-* verb class (e.g., *buling* 'throw'). Note that, since there are other three selections to negate events encoded by verbs under the *s-* class, namely, the *-an* marking in (3.20), the *an s-* marking in (3.21) and the *-ani*' marking in (3.22), in an analogous terms, the *s-* class does not need to compete with either the *-an* or the *-un* class for the *-i*' marker in negative constructions. As a result, a sharp contrast remains between *-un* and *-an*.

3.7 Proposal

In this chapter, we have surveyed previous studies on the verb classification, especially from the perspective of the UV markings on verbs, this survey leads naturally to the conclusion that verbs in Squiliq Atayal likely have a default choice among the three UV affixes, *-un*, *-an*, and *s-* to encode their separate intrinsic undergoer under a very neutral context; this implies at least three verb classes are distinguished in the language, i.e., the *-un* class, the *-an* class, and the *s-* class and, most importantly, each class may be said to have its own peculiar voice system. Taking different conditions for the use of an UV form into account, a tentative overall voice system for verbs under the three classes can be provided as follows.

Table 3.9: A tentative voice system for verbs in *-un* class in Squaliq Atayal

| AV | UV | | | | |
|---|--|---|------------|------------|-----------|
| <i>m-</i> or <i>-m-</i> or \emptyset | | | <i>-un</i> | <i>-an</i> | <i>s-</i> |
| ✓ | Intrinsic undergoer | Default form (used in neutral context) | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ |
| | | Non-default form (used in limited context) | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ |
| | Applicative undergoer | Used in neutral context | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Possible examples | <i>agal</i> ‘take; catch’, <i>baq</i> ‘know’, <i>baziy</i> ‘buy’, <i>biru</i> ‘write’, | | | | |

Table 3.10: A tentative voice system for verbs in *-an* class in Squaliq Atayal

| AV | UV | | | | |
|---|--|---|------------|------------|-----------|
| <i>m-</i> or <i>-m-</i> or \emptyset | | | <i>-un</i> | <i>-an</i> | <i>s-</i> |
| ✓ | Intrinsic undergoer | Default form (used in neutral context) | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ |
| | | Non-default form (used in limited context) | ✓ | ? | ? |
| | Applicative undergoer | Used in neutral context | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Possible examples | <i>ranga</i> ‘feed’, <i>tehuk</i> ‘arrive’, <i>usa</i> ‘go’, <i>biq</i> ‘give’, <i>paqut</i> ‘ask’ | | | | |

Table 3.11: A tentative voice system for verbs in *s-* class in Squaliq Atayal

| AV | UV | | | | |
|---|---|---|------------|------------|-----------|
| <i>m-</i> or <i>-m-</i> or \emptyset | | | <i>-un</i> | <i>-an</i> | <i>s-</i> |
| ✓ | Intrinsic undergoer | Default form (used in neutral context) | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ |
| | | Non-default form (used in limited context) | ? | ? | ? |
| | Applicative undergoer | Used in neutral context | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Possible examples | <i>alax</i> ‘leave’, <i>buling</i> ‘throw’, <i>kayal</i> ‘talk about’, <i>panga</i> ‘carry on back’, <i>biq</i> ‘give’, <i>paqut</i> ‘ask’ | | | | |

In addition to the three types of voice system, there may be some others in the language of Squaliq Atayal yet to be uncovered.

In the following chapters, I will attempt to find out the factors responsible for the relationship between a verb and its default UV voice form. A language system provides meanings based on concepts derived from embodiment, and the voice system is such a system. Since language is a reflection of the ways the language users observe, perceive, and construe their world, and, as proposed by Putnam (1988:73), we “cannot individuate concepts and believes without reference to the environment”; we should undertake to lay out a theoretical framework for detailed descriptions of the events encoded by every verb. In the following chapter, we turn to the theoretical framework.

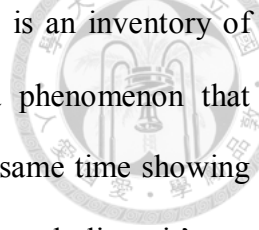
CHAPTER 4

THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK



4.1 Introduction

Language encodes thoughts and ideas based on our daily interaction with and observation of the world around us. For example, in the sentence *Mary was in a stew over her wedding dress*, the metaphorical elaboration on someone's state) is triggered by the mapping between a sensory and an emotional domain because, for Mary's anxious state, it can be conventionally imagined as food being stewed in a pan. That is, by this case, our daily sensory-perceptual experiences are means for the understanding of an abstract event via such an imagined picture that food was stewed in a pan. Since even such a very abstract event can have an embodied content, it is rational for us to infer that language system reflects embodied experiences. This is the stand cognitive linguists take. For cognitive linguists (e.g., Fauconnier (1985, 1999), Lakoff (1982, 1987, 1990), Langacker (1976, 1987, 2002), Johnson (1987), Talmy (1975, 1983, 1985, 1988, 2000)), language is understood as a result of general cognitive mechanisms and processes grounded in embodied experiences, rather than as a self-contained, context-independent system. Besides, the word 'embodied' in 'embodied experiences' implies that (the meaning of) a lexical item or clausal expression can be 'imaginatively figured' as a physical unit positioned in a scene or interacting with other units and having had their relation schematized in a certain way. Note that, as mentioned, linguistic units are derived from sensory and perceptual experiences as we interact with and move about in the world and undergo abstraction as they become part of the language system. Now as Hopper (1987) and others have argued, linguistic structure is not immanent in a language, but emerges through schematization and repetition of



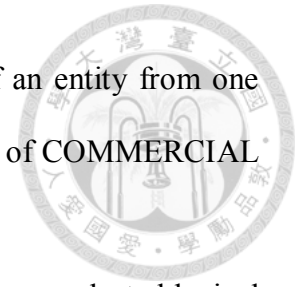
avored word groupings in discourse, and the grammar that results is an inventory of symbolic units organized by schematic relations. Language is a phenomenon that exhibits apparent structure and regularity of patterning while at the same time showing considerable variation at all levels. The two notions, schema and ‘symbolic unit’, are crucial to the concern of the present study, i.e., verb classification in Squliq Atayal. In the following sections I will take up the issue of language as a schematic system and how it relates to the grammar of Squliq Atayal.

4.2 Meanings relativized to scenes: Fillmore’s (1976) Frame Semantics

Meanings of a lexical item are relativized to scenes. Take the English giving event as an example. A cluster of information associated with the event includes (who) the buyer is, (who) the seller (is), (what) the good (is), and (what) the perspective (i.e., the voice the speaker is choosing to describe a certain situation of the event). The knowledge of ‘give’ should be such an encyclopedic assemblage of all these information retrieving or perceiving from a text, named the frame of GIVE. This particular way for looking at word semantic knowledge is proposed by Fillmore (1976), termed Frame Semantics. Similar notions are ‘script’ (Schank and Abelson 1977) and ‘idealized cognitive model (ICM)’ (Lakoff 1987).

Frame semantics (termed “frame” hereafter) is a process of computing all information in an event by constructing, in the interpreter’s understanding and imagination, whereby a tight connection between lexical semantics and the process of text comprehension is established (Fillmore 2006:384). The notion of frame fits the present study based on two reasons. First is its possibly useful access to the target language, since it is not familiar to most people. Second is associated with my goal for the present study, i.e., verb classification. Since English verbs like *give*, *receive* and *take*

consistently denote the transfer of the possession or the control of an entity from one person to another, Fillmore categorizes these verbs under the frame of COMMERCIAL EVENT (Fillmore 1982a).



That is, in Squiliq Atayal, since sometimes we are unsure whether a selected lexical item fully or partially expresses a target situation to others in communications, frame then plays a useful tool for event construal or verb classification. For example, when expressing a seeding event, the language speaker uses the lexical item *ghap*. *Ghap* is precategoryal, meaning ‘sow seed(s)’ or ‘seed(s)’. From the viewpoint of a field for seeding as the more salient in an event encoded by the *-an* form of the verb, *ghap* is classified into an *-an* verb class; however, since a seeding event also involves the notion of arch, as one crucial element for spatiomotion activities in the language, an arching entity is then realized as the more salient participant in the event specified by the verb’s *s-* form and in light of this, the verb’s class is a *s-* one. From the perspective of saliency of undergoer(s), the verb *ghap* is classified as the Conveyance schema, or the frame of CONVEYANCE, under Fillmore’s frame. Since other verbs like *biq* ‘give’ and *qapax* ‘paste up’ have identical notions as well as syntactic representations, i.e., a transferring destination by virtue of the *-an* form and a transferred object in an arching movement via their *s-* form, they are subsumed under the same Conveyance schema as *ghap* ‘seed’.

4.3 Language as a schematic system: Johnson’s (1987) *Image Schema*

In his *The Body in the Mind*, Mark Johnson (1987) developed the theory of image schema and conceived image schema of a structure for organizing our embodied experience and comprehension. An image schema is defined as a recurrent pattern, shape, and regularity emerging from repeated instances of embodied experiences and an essentially more relatively abstract conceptual representation, but not a rich or detailed

picture (Johnson 1987:24-30). This definition implies two points about the characteristics of image schema associated with our study.

The first point pertains to the schema-instance relation. Since any image schema has numerous instances, its instances are then grouped into a certain class. This idea can apply to the relation between verbs and verb type. That is, if some different verbs encode a similar situation, their schematic meanings are then identical and thereby the verbs are classified into a certain type. Consider (4.1) below:

- (4.1) a. John went out of his room.
b. John extracted some sentences from the book.
c. John and Mary drew the same conclusion.

In (4.1), it is easily observed that verbs or expressions like ‘go out of’, ‘extract’ and ‘draw’ consistently have OUT as their schematic meaning, we then by the schema classify them into the OUT verb type. For the OUT verbs or events, they can be diagrammed in terms of the schema below:

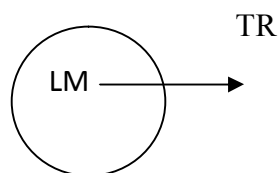
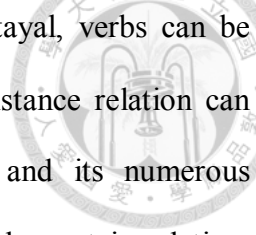


Fig. 4.1: The OUT Schema (Johnson 1987:32 (Figure 4))

Fig. 4.1 depicts the relation that the “landmark” (LM) is designed for anchoring the movement of the “trajector” (TR). Corresponding to (4.1a), (4.1b), and (4.1c), the circle (LM) represents his room, the book, and an implicitly-expressed issue, and the arrow stands for the outward ‘movement’ of John, some sentences, and same conclusion,



respectively. Therefore, I would like to propose that in Squiliq Atayal, verbs can be classified in terms of their schematic meanings and the schema-instance relation can apply to the relation that holds between a certain verb type and its numerous instantiations of verb tokens. Besides, a schema consists of parts and a certain relation. For the case of the OUT schema, parts refer to the concepts, TR and LM, while relation is manifested by the schematic meaning, i.e., OUT. Parts can also be seen as equivalent to clausal arguments and their relation is defined by the verb semantics. A verb elaborates a verb type. I will discuss how the theory of image schema is applied to verb classification in Chapters 6 through 9.

The second point concerns the types of perception a schema involves. According to Johnson (1987:44), all image schemata are gestalt structures not only in figure-ground relations, but also in forceful interactions (Johnson 1987:44). Also recall that a schema is a conceptual representation based on our observation of and interaction of the world around us. ‘Observation’ here means the definition of a certain schema operated on by our visual perception, and ‘interaction’ implies the exertion of force on the entities in an event, i.e., the force perception. In short, a schema is usually operated on by the two kinds of perception, visual perception and force perception.²⁴

Visual perception deals with the figure-ground relation between participants in an event, since “an event can be conceptualized as two objects relating to each other in space” (Talmy 2000 (I):312). While (4.1) above illustrates the OUT relationship between the figure and the ground. (4.2a) and (4.2b) below show that the figure and the ground are in an IN and a TOWARD relation, respectively:

²⁴ A similar idea is proposed by Talmy (2000) for his Conceptual Structure System, in which the two kinds of perception operate. The system is comprised of 4 schematic systems: the Configurational Structure, the Perspective, the Attention and the Force-Dynamic Systems. The first three operate in terms of spatial perception, while the last one in terms of kinaesthetic perception.

- (4.2) a. Roses are in a vase.
b. John invited Mary to a party.



Force perception is concerned with an entity's change in its internal structure. Some entities have an inherent capacity for energy, and others only receive energy from external entities. Our bodily experiences are usually operated on by a variety of force structures, such as the seven common force structures proposed by Johnson (1987:45-8), i.e., COMPULSION, BLOCKAGE, COUNTERFORCE, DIVERSION, REMOVAL or RESTRAINT, ENABLEMENT, and ATTRACTION.

Take the BLOCKAGE force structure as an example. It operates on the IN relation or the IN schema illustrated in (4.2a), in which the force tendency of the agonist *roses* may be toward scattering, but this time the opposing, blocking force of the antagonist, bottle, is greater and prevents the scattering motion. (4.2b) illustrates another force structure, i.e., the ATTRACTION force structure. It derives from the experiences in which the agonist (e.g., Mary) is drawn towards the antagonist (e.g., John) due to the force exerted upon it.²⁵

Based on a close scrutiny on a variety of interactions between participants or entities in Squiliq Atayal events, types of force structures can be reduced to three, which are mostly identical to three force construals proposed by Langacker (2002:244) and are distinguished in terms of force sources or ways of force acting upon the intrinsic undergoer(s) of any events. (4.3) elaborates on the three types:

- (4.3) a. An absolute force structure²⁶: It is used in a situation in which a participant or an entity (namely an intrinsic undergoer,) is simply viewed in relation to some domain or setting, and the setting can be realized as having force in support of the existence of the participant or the entity in, on, or above

²⁵ See Johnson (1987:45-8) for more details on the two and other five force structures.

²⁶ 'Absolute' is a term used by Langacker (2002).

- it (e.g., *Mary stays in her room* and *Roses are in a vase*.)
- b. A self-induced force structure: It is used to conceive a requisite force as being drawn from a participant's or an entity's own internal resources. For example, in a party-inviting event, the invited one is considered having potential to attend or not to attend the party (cf. The *self-moving* schema discussed in Section 7.6 in Chapter 7). Potential as such is the requisite force. Likewise, in a chasing event, the one being chased is also considered as having moving potential. Another example is a scolding event. In the event, the one scolded is taken as having a possibility to react like crying or defending for himself or herself in Sqliq Atayal cultural domain. Note that, virtually, an external-driven force does affect the participant or entity in question (i.e. the undergoer); however, the degree of force is not as strong as that in the last force structure type, and it is the undergoer's volition that determines whether to perform a specific act or not.
 - c. An external-driven force structure: It emerges from the experience of being moved or changed by an external, explicit force. For example, a baseball's being thrown to a hitter by a pitcher, or nuts getting cracked in a nutcracker and so on.

The three types of force structure can be diagrammed in terms of (i), (ii), and (iii), respectively, in Fig. 4.2 below:

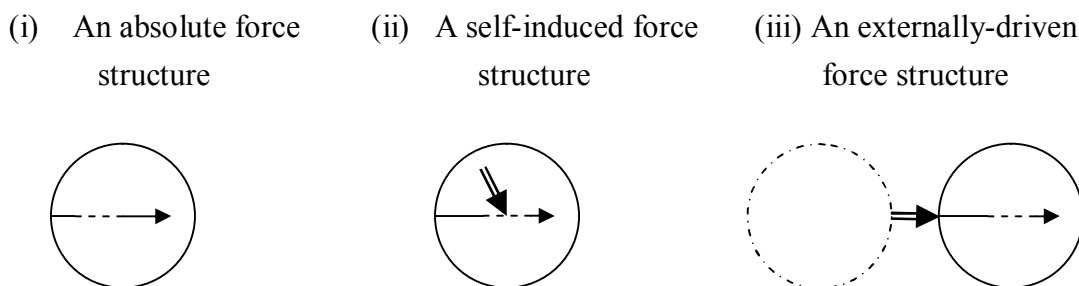


Fig. 4.2: Three types of force structures (Langacker (2002:245 (Figure 11)))

In Fig. 4.2, a circle stands for the affected participant or entity (i.e. the intrinsic undergoer) in an event, a discontinuous arrow is used to signify a processual change on

the participant, a double-lined arrow represents a force acting upon the participant, and a dash-lined circle represents an external force.

Going back to the case in Squliq Atayal. Preliminary results of the pairings between schemas found in the languages and force structures are displayed in Table 4.1:

Table 4.1: Results for the pairings of force structure and schemas

| Force structure | Schema | Verb class of instances |
|--|---|-----------------------------|
| (i) An absolute force structure | 1. Indivisibility schema | - <i>an</i> class |
| | 2. Possession schema | - <i>an</i> class |
| | 3. Mediation schema | - <i>an</i> class |
| | 4. Fixedness schema | - <i>an</i> class |
| (ii) A self-induced force structure | 1. Self-moving schema | - <i>un</i> class |
| | 2. Cognition schema | - <i>un</i> class |
| | 3. Stimulus schema | - <i>un</i> class |
| | 4. Reciprocation schema (restricted to events in which a responder as the highlighted) | <i>s</i> /- <i>un</i> class |
| (iii) An externally-driven force structure | 1. Placement (I) schema | - <i>an</i> class |
| | 2. Placement (II) schema | - <i>an</i> class |
| | 3. Removal schema | - <i>un</i> class |
| | 4. Transformation schema | - <i>un</i> class |
| | 5. Taking schema | - <i>un</i> class |
| | 6. Gathering schema | - <i>un</i> class |
| | 7. Causative motion schema | - <i>un</i> class |
| | 8. Pushing schema | <i>s</i> - class |
| | 9. Generation schema | <i>s</i> - class |
| | 10. Cause schema | <i>s</i> - class |
| | 11. Conveyance schema | <i>s</i> - class |
| | 12. Reciprocation schema (restricted to events in which a transferred content as the highlighted) | <i>s</i> - class |

Since force can be associated with the notion of aspect, the issue of force structure may

be more complex in Squiliq Atayal and I will leave the issue for further research.



4.4 Grammar as an inventory of symbolic units: Talmy's Figure-Ground dichotomy

Talmy (1978; 2000) indicates that an event can be conceptualized as involving two objects relating to each other in space and each is taken as carrying to the whole event a distinct and fundamental cognitive function. These two objects are termed Figure and Ground, with the latter anchoring the former in a spatial, temporal, or causal situation (Talmy 2000:312). The sentences below exemplify these categories, which are in a spatial, anchoring relation.

- (4.4) a. Roses are in a vase.
- b. A black horse gallops in the wood.

In (4.4a), the object specified by *Roses* functions as Figure, while that specified by the nominal *a vase* is set up as a reference point, i.e., Ground, for establishing the location of roses. Likewise, (4.4b), a moving object 'a black horse' is conceptualized as Figure with its path characterized by a stationary setting 'wood'. Table 4.2 is a set of characteristics for Figure and Ground, given by Talmy (2000):

Table 4.2: Characteristics for Figure and Ground (Adapted from Talmy 2000:315 (9))

| Characteristics | | Figure | Ground |
|---------------------------------|----|---|---|
| A. Definitional characteristics | | Has unknown spatial (or temporal) properties to be determined | Acts as a reference entity, having known properties that can characterize the Figure's unknowns |
| B. Associated characteristics | B1 | More movable | More permanently located |
| | B2 | Smaller | Larger |
| | B3 | Geometrically simpler (often point-like) in its treatment | Geometrically more complex in its treatment |
| | B4 | More recently on the scene/in awareness | More familiar/expected |
| | B5 | Of greater concern/relevance | Of lesser concern/relevance |
| | B6 | Less immediately perceivable | More immediately perceivable |
| | B7 | More salient, once perceived | More backgrounded, once Figure is perceived |
| | B8 | More dependent | More independent |

As Talmy noted, the definitional characteristics as well as the last five associated ones (i.e., B4 to B8) involve the schematic system of attention. Compared with the Ground, the Figure is the focus of attention of the speaker, as evidenced in Talmy's precedence principle: "the Figure has syntactic precedence over the Ground" (Talmy 2000:344). In (4.4), the Figure (*roses* or *a black horse*) is subject and the Ground, e.g., vase and wood, is an oblique object. (4.4) is a nonagentive clause. Talmy further demonstrates how the principle applies to agentive clauses like (4.5):

- (4.5) a. I gave flowers to the young lady.
b. I gave the young lady flowers.

In (4.5a), the object specified by *flowers* is the Figure and that expressed by the nominal *the young lady* is the Ground. Talmy assigned grammatical relations to nominals in (4.5) in this way: *I* is Agent, *flowers*, direct object, and *the young lady*, oblique object. In (4.5a), we see again how the Figure precedes the Ground syntactically and psychologically. In (4.5b), due to some discourse requirement, the Ground is verbalized before the Figure. But, relatively speaking, (4.5a) is a basic expression, while (4.5b) is not.

Now consider the Squiliq data in (4.6) below.

(4.6)

a. Q: cyux inu' qu' phpa'?

EXT where NOM flower

'Where are (the) flowers?'

A: wal=mu s-biq sa ciwas la'.

ASP=1SG.GEN s-give LOC PN FP

'I sent (them) to Ciwas.'

b. Q: swa' mqas qu' ciwas?

why m.happy NOM PN

'What is Ciwas happy about?'

A: bali' nanu' ga', wal=mu biq-an qutux phpa'

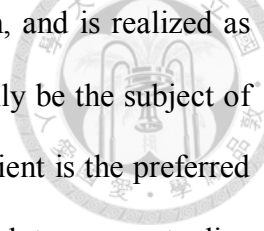
NEG what TOP ASP=1SG.GEN give-an one flower

qu' hya'.

NOM 3SG.NEU

'(That is) because I sent her a bouquet of flowers.'

We can easily observe from (4.6) that different perspectives lead to two different clause types regarding the 'giving' frame. In (4.6a), the perspective is placed on flowers; as a result, a *s-* clause type is employed and the gift, i.e., flowers, is the subject; in (4.6b),



Ciwas is the concern of the speaker in the constructed conversation, and is realized as subject of the *-an* verb, *biq-an* ‘give’. Since gift and giver can equally be the subject of a clause, this is different from the case in English in which the recipient is the preferred choice for subject in a giving frame. In spite of this, ways used to conceptualize recipient and giver in the two languages are identical. In Squaliq Atayal, the transferred object specified by *phpa*’ is Figure, while Ciwas, the destination of the motion of flowers, is Ground. Related to our main concern in this study, i.e., verb classification, is the idea that for the verb *biq* ‘give’, in terms of its non-actor voice forms, it then can be classified as an *s-/-an* composite verb type, since the Figure subject occurs in the *s-* clause and the Ground subject in *-an* clause (cf. Section 9.2 in Chapter 9). This leads to the following observation: the *-an* form of a verb is used by the speaker to highlight a Ground participant and the *s-* form is to highlight a transferred Figure in discourse.

But what about the case of the *-un* form? Consider (4.7):

(4.7) Q: wal inu’ qu’ btunux ka m<n>aki’ sa tuqiy
 ASP where NOM rock LIG m<PST>exist LOC road
 la’.
 FP
 ‘Where is the rock that (happened to be) in (the middle of) the road?’

A: wal try-un na’ p<t>zyaw sa kyahu’
 ASP roll.down-un GEN ACTRNMZ<VZR>thing LOC underneath
 tuqiy la’.
 road FP
 ‘Workers rolled (it) down the road.’

In (4.7), the topic of the speaker’s verbalization is the rock, and in the following response sentence, the topic serves as the subject of the clause in which the main verb is *try-un* ‘roll’, the *-un* form of the verb *turuy* ‘roll’. The subject, *btunux ka m<n>aki’ sa*

tuqiy ‘the rock in the middle of the road’, is interpreted as the Figure with *kyahu’ na’* *tuqiy* ‘the underneath of road’ as the Ground. In this sense, then, the Figure is the subject of the *-un* form of the verb *turuy* ‘roll’. The question is: Can we hold that the Figure is the subject of the *-un* form of all the verbs? We think the answer is yes.

Talmy identifies another type of Figure, termed meta-Figure, and also another type of Ground, termed meta-Ground. That is, according to Talmy (2000 (I):331), an object can be realized, at a more analytical level, as a single larger object comprised of numerous non-discrete components; due to their non-discreteness, these components can be interpreted as the objects ‘moving or located’ with respect to each other, leading to a shape change of the larger object, even though activities performed between them are specified by a single lexical item. These imagined components constitute a composite Figure-Ground entity. An example for the composite Figure-Ground entity is the noun *balloon* in (4.8).

(4.8) (Talmy 2000 (I):331 (5a))

The balloon puffed out./The balloon expanded into a round shape.

The motion in (4.8) is interpreted by Talmy this way: “the non-discrete components of the balloon, as composite Figure, move away from or toward each other, as composite Ground” (Talmy 2000 (I):331).

Talmy proceeds to point out that events like this and others such as *The balloon broke*, *Her face crumpled with anger*, *Tiles cracked*, etc. can be realized as a self-referencing Motion carried out by a meta-Figure. Talmy concludes for the more analytic analysis in this way: “what is often thought to be the most prototypical kind of Patient, an object undergoing a change of shape, as in breaking or crumpling, is our meta-Figure” (Talmy 2000 (I):333). Objects like the balloon, her face and tiles are a



meta-Figure. It appears that in Squiliq Atayal, subjects specified by verbs in the *-un* class can be characterized as a meta-Figure in the sense of Talmy. Consider:

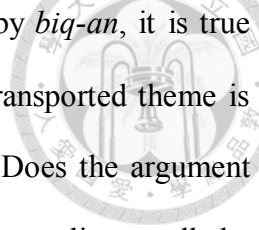
(4.9) Q: wal inu' qu' qhuniq=mu la'?'
ASP where NOM tree=1SG.GEN FP
'Where is my wood?'

A: wal tbag-un ni' yumin la'.
ASP chop-un GEN PN FP
'Yumin chopped (it).'

As can be seen from (4.9), the subject of the *-un* form verb *tbag-un* 'chop' is *qhuniq* 'wood'. Components of wood undergo an action of chopping characterizable in terms similar to a meta-figure, and the act of chopping results in changes of the shape of the wood. This observation also applies to the subject *qulih qasa* 'that fish' of *niq-un* 'eat' in (3.1b) in Chapter 3 (see Section 3.1).

As mentioned above, *qaniq* 'eat' belongs to the *-un* class and a typical transitive eating event involves the affectedness of food that is eaten, which is analogous to shape change. In the standard customary analysis, the subject *qulih qasa* 'that fish' is categorized as a Patient. But, in terms of Talmy's analysis, the subject is conceptualized as the Figure, or more precisely, a meta-Figure, much like how the balloon is conceptualized in (4.9). In other words, the subject of a transitive eating event encoded by the *-un* of *qaniq* 'eat', is a Figure.

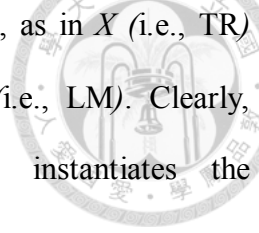
A similar analysis applies to the rock-rolling event in (4.8). The rock undergoing a change of location has the semantic role of a Theme, but in terms of Talmy's analysis, it is a Figure. Either Patient or Theme can be realized as a Figure, and both can function as the subject specified by the *-un* form of a verb.



As for the *-an* form, in the case of the giving event encoded by *biq-an*, it is true that the subject there is conceptualized as the Ground, while the transported theme is conceptualized as the Figure. A question then arises at this point: Does the argument that the subject conceptualized as the Ground in the *biq-an* clause applies to all the verbs in the *-an* class? Our answer is positive. We will elaborate on this point in later sections, but at this point, we will examine the realization of the undergoer subject in a perceptual event of seeing.

A typical perceptual event of seeing can be characterized in this way: An object perceived triggers attention from a perceiver. Directing attention to the perceived object can be analogous to object transfer, though it is more abstract and many details are left unspecified. Attention then is conceptualized as the Figure and the perceived object as the Ground. The latter is selected for undergoer subject in a typical transitive perceptual event. Thus it makes sense to classify *kita* 'see' into the *-an* class.

Before ending this section, it should be useful to comment on what is considered to be important differences between Talmy's Figure/Ground distinction and Langacker's trajectory/landmark asymmetry. In Langacker's framework, trajector is defined as the figure in a relational profile, and landmark as the other salient entity (Langacker 1987:231). In another context, the term trajectory (tr) is defined as the entity located relative to the other in a relational predication; a landmark (lm) is a point of reference for computing the position of the trajectory (Langacker 2002:36). That is, Langacker's trajectory/landmark asymmetry instantiate the figure-ground relation. There are similarities as well as differences between the two sets of theoretical concepts. One commonality is the anchoring relation. Talmy's framework maintains the relation, namely, the movement or state change of the Figure entity is anchored by the Ground entity. In Langacker's framework, the "landmark" (lm or LM) provides a reference



point with respect to the “trajector” (tr or TR) which is evaluated, as in *X* (i.e., TR) *equals Y* (i.e., LM) or situated, as in *X* (i.e., TR) *is below Y* (i.e., LM). Clearly, Langacker’s trajectory/landmark asymmetry in some sense instantiates the figure-ground relation.

Second, both sets of concepts may be said to underlie the subject/object distinction. For Talmy, the Figure is subject and the Ground is object. Likewise, for Langacker, the subject of a relational predication is the figure (e.g., *Bach* is the figure in *Bach wrote a lot of composition*) (Langacker 1987:187) and, more persuasive is the cross-linguistic tendency for the trajector to correspond to the figure, and thus to a clausal subject, and the landmark to a clausal object (e.g., *a lot of composition* in *Bach wrote a lot of composition*).

What are the differences? One difference has to do with the degree of the fit with Gestalt psychology. According to Talmy, his Figure and Ground, though taken from Gestalt psychology, have peculiar linguistic consequences; this is why Talmy rewrites them with capitals. This departure leads to a subject/object inverse for the Figure and Ground, as in (4.8). Therefore, the clausal subject is not the Figure exclusive; instead, the Ground can also serve as the clausal subject. Talmy’s observation like this can be used to account for the interesting voice marking system found in a language like Sqliq Atayal.

In contrast, Langacker regards any trajector as a figure “standing out” from the background provided by other elements (i.e., landmarks) (1987:232). The standing-out image results from the intrinsic salience of a trajectory. At the level of linguistic structure, by virtue of his proposal about subject as the head of a profiled action chain, the trajector always occupies the initial position of a clause.²⁷ Consider (4.10):

²⁷ A profiled action chain refers to a series of forceful interactions, each involving the transmission of

- (4.10) (Adapted from Langacker 2008:369 (12a-c))
- a. Floyd broke the glass with a hammer.
 - b. A hammer broke the glass.
 - c. The glass broke.

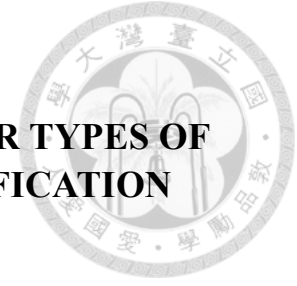


Either the agent *Floyd* in the active voice construction (4.10a), the instrument *A hammer* in (4.10b), or the patient *The glass* in the absolute intransitive construction (4.10c) can be chosen as the subject, i.e., the trajector. In other words, unlike Talmy who also chooses the Ground as the subject, Langacker never imposes the subject status on the landmarks of a profiled predication. In Langacker (2008:381-383), he simply equates any focused element, i.e., the argument preceded by *ang* of a clause in Tagalog, with the trajector. But a simple equation like this proves to be not useful at all if one is to undertake a study on verb classification. I personally find Talmy's Figure/Ground alignment more in tune with the classification of verbs and to clausal structures in Squliq Atayal. The Figure/Ground alignment can be interpreted in a way that helps us understand the relation of participants in an event is their spatial deployment, and then the speaker's perspective comes into play to determine the use of a certain UV construction. For example, if we wish to make the Figure participant as the more salient entity, the construction is either an *-un* construction or a *s-* construction, otherwise, it is an *-an* construction used to manifest the salience imposed on the Ground participant in an event.

energy from one participant to another. It is an additional archetypal conception of Langacker's billiard-ball model. For more discussion on the conception of action chain or the billiard-ball model, please refer to Langacker (2002, 2008).

CHAPTER 5

METHODOLOGY: EVENT FRAMING AND FOUR TYPES OF CONSTRUCTIONS USED FOR VERB CLASSIFICATION

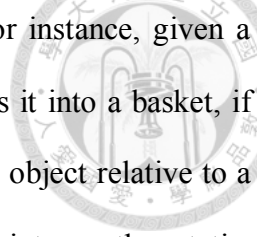


5.1 Introduction

Verb classification is established based on the notion that a certain set of verbs has the same argument structure and the referents of their arguments enter into similar or identical schemas. In short, it is the argument structures of verbs and the schema together determining the types of verbs. Event schematization (i.e., Johnson's (1987) theory of image schema) and argument structure of a verb are basic to verb classification. The following discussion consists of three parts. The first part involves the theoretical framework I adopt for the present study. Since I have elaborated the issue in Chapter 4, in this chapter, I briefly introduce how such a cognitive framework is applied to the understanding of an event and the participants' relationship. In the second part, I examine a special construction, i.e., the *blaq* UV *qu'* O construction (abbreviated as the *blaq* construction), which can be a reliable indicator of the morphosyntactic relationship between an UV voice form and its intrinsic undergoer subject; in the meantime, it can be observed that a full understanding of the construction also needs a cognitive perspective (i.e., a constructional approach). Since the construction has never been identified in previous studies, I undertake a detailed analysis of it in this chapter. In the last part, I explain why a comparison of four construction types is needed for the realization of argument structure of a verb.

5.2 Event framing

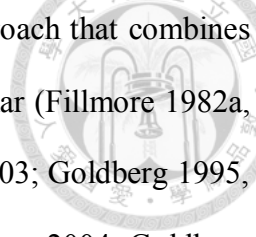
As mentioned, a schema refers to the spatial configuration of participants in a scene based on their interaction. The naming of a spatial configuration, or a schema, is



determined by how the focused participant is relative to others. For instance, given a scene in which a farmer extracts a carrot from the soil and then puts it into a basket, if the attention is directed at the carrot, it is first realized as a removed object relative to a static, container-like object, i.e., soil, and then as a conveyed object into another static, container-like object, i.e., a basket. Two schemas are henceforth identified, a removal schema and a conveyance schema. In determining a schema, the focused participant's concept is also determined, i.e., either Figure or Ground (Talmy's (2000) Figure-Ground dichotomy). Briefly speaking, a focused participant cannot be understood independently of a frame with which it is associated. Frame, as mentioned earlier, is a notion proposed by Fillmore (1976). A frame relates the elements and entities associated with a particular culturally scene from human experiences. For example, for a seeding event, the grammar of Squliq Atayal determines that there is no need to specify 'seed' as a participant and that one needs only to identify two focused participants, namely an actor and a field, each encodable as the subject in two separate constructions. That is, to determine the type of a verb, we employ the notion of frame to describe a target event in great detail; by means of this, not only the concept of a focused participant is determined, but also the relationship between participants is schematized.

5.3 The *blaq UV qu' O* construction

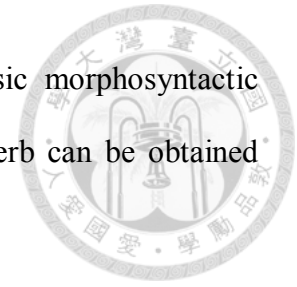
In this section, I take up the *blaq UV qu' O* construction. I hope to answer the question *In which context the language speaker uses this construction?* in order to come to a better understanding of the nature of verb classification. I propose that the emergence of the construction in question is to fulfill a pragmatic need, namely, for the speaker to perform an illocutionary act of evaluation of a specific undergoer in a frame (in the sense of Fillmore (1968a, 1975, 1977a, b, 1982a, b, 1985, 1986). Such a



distinctive pragmatic function can be uncovered in terms of an approach that combines insights derived from both frame semantics and construction grammar (Fillmore 1982a, 1984, 2008; Fillmore and Atkins 1992; Atkins 1994; Atkins et al. 2003; Goldberg 1995, 2001, 2002, 2005, 2006, 2010; Fillmore et al. 2003; Fried and Östman 2004; Goldberg and Jackendoff 2004; Levin and Rappaport Hovav 2005; Rappaport Hovav and Levin 1998; among others). First, at the surface level, the construction can be analyzed as a complex sentence comprised of a stance verb *blaq* as the matrix verb of the construction and a phrase UV *qu' O* as the verb's complement, similar to the English sentence type *a speech act verb* (like claim, say, declare etc.; cf. Searle 1969; Friginal 2009; Blackwell 2010) *plus a complement construction*. In brief, the formation of the construction is via complementation. Furthermore, it can be found that the construction reflects event complexity. The use of the *blaq* UV *qu' O* construction is mainly activated by three chained causal subevents. They are a causative event, a resultative event, and an illocutionary commending event; the former two are abstract and unspecified, but most importantly, the two can be regarded as preconditions for the commending act. This idea can be supported in terms of a constructional analysis. As proposed by constructional grammarians, “a given sentence is not always just a projection of its lexical head but incorporates ‘added’ elements in a systematic way” (Boas and Fried, 2005:4). In other words, either a verb's or a constructional meaning is entirely represented in a semantic frame.

In the complex event, the undergoer (i.e., the O role in the construction) keeps its profiled status in a series of utterances, namely, the participant encoded as the O grammatical role in the *blaq* construction is coreferential with the subject in both the preceding causative and resultative event. As a result, via a constructional analysis in the following discussion, the *blaq* UV *qu' O* construction's pragmatic function and its

syntactic pattern's category can be identified. Finally, an intrinsic morphosyntactic relationship between an undergoer and a certain UV form of a verb can be obtained from the construction.



5.3.1 A constructional analysis of the *blaq* UV *qu'* O construction: A demonstration

Let us first consider the following connected stretch of discourse in which Ciwas is steaming some glutinous rice and it tastes delicious.

(5.1)

a. m-hnuk balay qu' s<in>klw-an sumul
 m-soft true NOM <PST>steam-LOCNMZ glutinous.rice
 ni' ciwas.

GEN PN

'(All) the glutinous rice Ciwas steamed was soft.'

b. hera' ga', wal=nya' pskl-un qutux
 yesterday TOP ASP=3SG.GEN steam-un one
 s<n>bw-an m<n>iq=mu sumul;
 <PST>wrap-LOCNMZ m<PST>give=1SG.GEN glutinous.rice

'Yesterday, she steamed one steamer of glutinous rice I gave her.'

c. in-liq-un=nya' balay pskulu';
 PST-good-un=3SG.GEN true steam

'She steamed carefully.'

d. masuq lga', p-qniq-an=saku'=nya' qu'
 m.finish FP:TOP CAUS-eat-an=1SG.NOM=3SG.GEN NOM
 sumul.

glutinous.rice

'After finishing (steaming), she let me taste ((the) glutinous rice).'

e. yasa m-tnaq m-hnuk lozi';
 that.way m-the.same m-soft again

'(The steamed glutinous rice) has the same softness as that she steamed



before.’

- f. *blaq balay niq-un;*
good true eat-un

‘(The glutinous rice) tastes delicious. (Lit., It is good to eat (the glutinous rice).)’

- g. *baq balay pskulu’.*
can true steam

‘(Ciwas) is very skilled in steaming (glutinous rice). (Lit., (Ciwas) really can steam (glutinous rice)).’

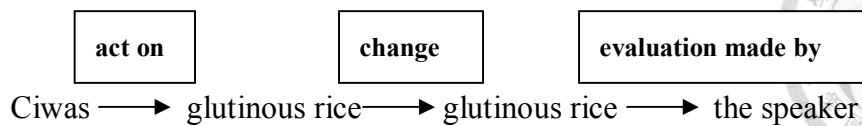
The scenario in (5.1) is comprised of seven sentences; among them, four are used for state description in which either the actor (i.e., (5.1g)) or the undergoer (i.e., (5.1a), (5.1e) and (5.1f)) is the profiled participant, while the other three are designed for action performance (i.e., (5.1b), (5.1c) and (5.1d)).

Causative events are described in (5.1b), (5.1c), and (5.1d). (5.1e) expresses the resultative event. (5.1f) is an evaluating act done for the actor, and (5.1g), along with (5.1a), are for evaluating the undergoer.

In terms of Fillmore’s frame semantics, the scenario represented in (5.1) is a semantic frame. In this frame, adequate as well as indispensable information with respect to the reason why the speaker uses the *blaq* UV *qu’ O* construction in (5.1f) is provided. The seven sentences constitute a complex event structure. Information includes who the actor is, who the undergoer is, who the speech act participant is, what instruments or in which manner the actor acts on the undergoer, and finally in which condition the illocutionary act participant indirectly commends the glutinous rice made by Ciwas to the addressee.

The frame can be represented in terms of Talmy’s (1976, 1985, 1988) CAUSAL CHAIN, as displayed in (5.2):

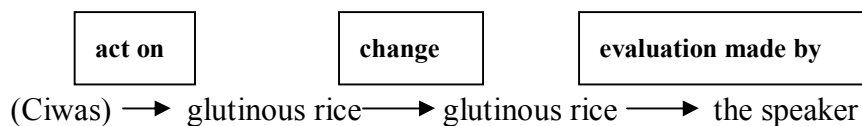
(5.2) Causal chain for the event structure specified in (1)



(5.2) can be read as: Ciwas acts on glutinous rice by steaming, and, that causes a change of the rice, and based on the intermediate two causal events (steaming and eating) and one resultative event, the speaker ends the scenario by commending Ciwas for her glutinous rice.

In (5.1) and its schematic representation (i.e., (5.2)), the actor and the undergoer are in turn the profiled in respective sentences. However, if we focus only on the undergoer, a remodeled causal chain can be given as in (5.3):

(5.3) Causal chain for the event structure encoded by the *blaq* construction in (5.1)



That is, in (5.3), the actor is unspecified; as a result, the reading for the chain then turns: glutinous rice is acted on by someone that causes a change of the rice, and in the end of the scenario, the speaker evaluates the product positively, since (5.3) expresses a scenario where the actor participant is not overtly expressed, the causal chain can be paraphrased as (5.4):

(5.4) The glutinous rice is steamed in such a way that it is evaluated positively (it tastes delicious).

In (5.3) and its paraphrase, (5.4), it is quite obvious that the undergoer, *sumul* ‘glutinous

rice’, is the profiled participant, and that corresponds to the Atayal clausal representation that the undergoer is the clausal subject, as evidenced in the five successive sentences from (5.1b) to (5.1f). Based on the analysis thus far, it is easy to see that the *blaq* UV *qu*’ O construction, as shown in (5.1f), is a condensed syntactic representation schematized in (5.5):

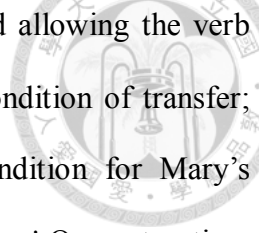
(5.5) a stance verb ‘*blaq*’ + a reduced complement clause

As pointed out by Hare (1952), the primary function of the word ‘good’ is to commend and the meaning of ‘good’ has two types of illocutionary acts, commending and evaluating; as a result, in (5.5), the word ‘good’ functioning as the speaker’s doing an illocutionary act of either evaluating or commending makes sense. Searle (1969) proposes a similar analysis for the word ‘good’. As for why it takes a complement clause, the reason is also provided above (e.g., (5.3) and (5.4)). A paraphrase for (5.5) is given in (5.6):

(5.6) *I*, the speaker, now commend the undergoer when she is affected by some event

As can be seen from (5.6), a speech act performance and a description on how an undergoer is affected are verbalized in the same utterance. Thus far, we may notice that without preceding events encoded in (5.1b) through (5.1e), the speaker cannot use the construction in question. This idea applies to the approaches developed by other construction grammarians.

In Goldberg’s Construction Grammar (Goldberg 1992, 1995, 2010:55), a ditransitive construction has roughly the meaning of transfer, i.e., ‘X (intends to)



CAUSE Y to RECEIVE Z', then this construction can be analyzed allowing the verb like *bake* in *Mary baked her daughter a cake* to designate a precondition of transfer; that is, the preparation of the to-be-transferred cake is a precondition for Mary's transferring the cake to her daughter. Going back to our *blaq UV qu' O* construction, causative events and resultative events can be interpreted as preconditions for the illocutionary act of commending.

Another similar analysis is Levin and Rappaport Hovav (1995) and Rappaport Hovav and Levin's (1998, 2001) event structure (i.e., the event-structure-to-syntax mapping). The sentence *The couple waltzed out of the room* is an English verb-result XP combination. In terms of the event structure analysis, it describes a complex event consisting of two subevents, an event of waltzing encoded by the verb and an event of traversing a path that ends outside the room, represented by the result XP (Rappaport Hovav and Levin 2001:775). What matches the case in Squliq Atayal is the idea that the *blaq UV qu' O* construction can be paraphrased as consisting of two subevents, a speech act event and a causal event, along with preceding 'added' unspecified but inferable events.

The meaning of a construction arises from generalizing over many coherent verbs or events, which are used to constitute a semantic frame. This is the tenet of Construction Grammar.

At this point, the grammatical status of the *blaq UV qu' O* construction is like a complement construction. As mentioned in (5.5), it is a stance verb *blaq* 'good' plus an incomplete complement clause. The construction is similar to the following English sentence (5.7):

- (5.7) a. I commend the boy on his bravery.
b. I think Sue is a vegetarian.

c. It seems to me that John is the right person for the job.

In (5.7), it can be observed that the speaker is performing a variety of illocutionary acts. The ‘main’ verb, *commend*, *think*, or *seems*, is the matrix verb for the following complement, such as *the boy on his bravery*, *Sue is a vegetarian*, or *John is the right person for the job* respectively. In this sense, (5.1f) can be paraphrased as:

(5.8) I really commend Ciwas’s glutinous rice for its taste.

5.3.2 What the *blaq* UV *qu’* O construction is not

In this section, I argue that the *blaq* UV *qu’* O construction is neither a serial verb construction (SVC), nor an adverbial verb construction (AVC), nor an auxiliary verb construction (AuxVC). I first address the issue of how the *blaq* construction differs from a serial verb construction.

5.3.2.1 *Blaq* UV *qu’* O construction not a serial verb construction (SVC)

First, a *blaq* UV *qu’* O construction cannot be accounted as a serial verb construction. There are at least three reasons for this exclusion. First, according to Crowley (2002:10), SVCs are “syntactic constructions involving what can be analyzed at the surface level as single clauses, but which are nevertheless expressed by means of multiple predicates”; in contrast, a *blaq* UV *qu’* O construction involves two clauses. Second, argument-sharing is another distinctive characteristic of SVCs (Baker 1989; Collins 1997; Aikhenvald 2006); however, the actor in the event specified by the second verb in a *blaq* UV *qu’* O construction can be generic, while the actor performing a commending act is always the first person speech act participant. Third, as proposed in M. Y. Yeh and S. Huang (2009), in Atayal SVCs, the second verb must be in an AV form, in contrast to the *blaq* UV *qu’* O construction where the second verb is always an



UV. (5.1c) and (5.9) are examples for SVC:

(5.9) (Sinica Archive: (11-025-c))

liq-un=su mita' qu' a p<in>hkny-an
 good-un=2SG.GEN m.see NOM FIL walk<PST>walk-LOCNMZ
 nqu' ts<in>ring-an.
 GEN <PST>begin-LOCNMZ

'You should observe well that what people had experienced at the beginning.'

Liq-un in either (5.1c) or (5.9) is an adverbs-like verb used to specify the manner in which an action like the steaming action in (5.1c) or the seeing action in (9) is carried out.

5.3.2.2 *Blaq UV qu' O* construction not an adverbial verb construction (AVC)

Second, the *blaq UV qu' O* construction is not an adverbial verb construction proposed by Chang (2009). As pointed out in Chang (2009:439), "AVC is a typologically unusual construction in which adverbials expressing manner, iteration, frequency, and so forth, surface as higher verbs in syntax". (5.10) illustrates AVCs for Tsou:

(5.10) (Chang 2009:443 (7a); original data, glossing, and translations)

- a. Mi-'o **pasu-po-poha'o** (pasunaeno).
 AV-1SG sing-RED-slow.AV sing.AV
 'I sang slowly.'
- b. Os-'o **pasu-po-poha'v-a** (pasunaev-a).
 UV-1SG sing-RED-slow-PV sing-PV
 'I sang (the song) slowly.'

As can be seen from (5.10), the manner adverbial verb *poha'o* 'slow' can be in either an

AV or a PV form, and under the concord restriction, its following lexical form should occur in the same voice form. This differs from the Atayal *blaq* UV *qu'* O construction, where *blaq* is in bare form and the following verb is in a UV form.



5.3.2.3 *Blaq* UV *qu'* O construction not auxiliary verb construction (AuxVC)

Blaq may function like an auxiliary verb²⁸; but note that when it is used as an auxiliary, it must appear in a totally different construction, and thus has very different meaning, as in:

- (5.11) *blaq*=*nya'* *niq-un qu'* *t<n>ahuq* *ni' ciwas*.
 MOD=3SG.GEN eat-un NOM <PST.OBJNMZ>cook GEN PN
 'He likes to eat Ciwas's dishes.'

In (5.11), *blaq* means 'like to' and functions as an attitudinal auxiliary verb for the speaker to express his or her attitude toward the proposition conveyed in the complement clause. No evaluating or commending act is possible.

At the structural level, (5.11) is identical to (5.12), (5.13), and (5.14):

- (5.12) *aki'*=*naha'* *'sa-n* *hbyaw ga'*, (*i*)*yat=naha'*
 MOD=3PL.GEN go-an chase TOP NEG=3PL.GEN
cin-hebang rwa'.
 CIN-measure FP
 'Though they wanted to chase (boars), it wasn't the territory where they could step into.'

²⁸ An auxiliary verb is a grammatical word used to supplement information like tense, aspect, modality, or polarity on the event specified by the following lexical verb (cf. Egerod 1966:348). In addition to the name 'auxiliary', Egerod (1966) and Rau (1992) give lexemes with the same grammatical function like a negator *ini'*, a progressive marker *cyux/nyux*, an affirmative marker *si'* etc. different names. These names include quasi verbs, verb particles, and modal adverbs.

(5.13) Batad Ifugaw (Newell 1993:21; cited in Reid and Liao 2004: 449 (24b))

Adi lahh̄non Umāngob nan batu ede.
 NGTV separate Umāngob DET stone that

‘Umāngob won’t separate the stones from that (soil).’



(5.14) Ivatan (Larson 1986:11; cited in Reid and Liao 2004: 452 (52))

Oyod=na sira a chinasi ni ina o
 true=GEN.3S NOM.3P LIG pity GEN mother NOM

manganak=na=ya.

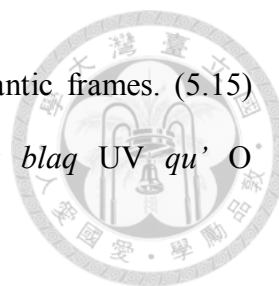
children=GEN.3S=that

‘Mother truly pitied her children.’

In (5.12), *aki*’ means ‘want’ and, like *blaq* in (5.11), is also an epistemic auxiliary verb in Squaliq Atayal. In (5.13), according to Reid and Liao (2004), *adi* is an aspectual auxiliary verb.²⁹ (5.14) illustrates a sentence with a less closely bound auxiliary verb; in this case, the auxiliary verb *oyod* ‘true’ requires a ligature *a* between itself and its dependent “main” verb *chinasi* ‘pity’ (Reid and Liao, 2004:451).

To summarize briefly, we have shown that the *blaq* UV *qu*’ O construction differs from either SVCs, or AVCs or AuxVCs. Namely, though there is a verb sequence in the construction in question, *blaq* cannot attract a pronominal clitic, unlike that in the other three constructions. It is a complex construction consisting of a speech act verb *blaq* and an incomplete complement clause. The reasons for the incompleteness have also been provided in foregoing discussion, and meanwhile, insufficient information out of the

²⁹ Reid and Liao (2008) proposes two characteristics of auxiliary verbs in Philippine languages are: (i) they “require the following verb to agree with them in transitivity, and sometimes also in tense or aspect”, and (ii) “they attract to themselves any second-order pronominal or adverbial clitics, and sometimes other pronominal forms that would otherwise be complements of the following verb”. The negator *agguy* in Batad Ifugaw, the future marker *’əsá* in Guinaang Bontok, and the modal marker *ka-* ‘must’ in Botolan Sambal are instances for auxiliary verbs enumerated in their paper. But there is some morphosyntactic difference regarding auxiliary verbs between Squaliq Atayal and Philippine languages. A conspicuous difference is on the agreement in transitivity and tense or aspect as well between an auxiliary verb and its following lexical verb. No agreement of the sort occurs in Squaliq Atayal, but that is not the case in Philippine languages. For a detailed discussion on auxiliary verbs, please refer to Reid and Liao.



incompleteness can also be supplied from the perspective of semantic frames. (5.15) illustrates a frame used to activate the speaker using another *blaq UV qu' O* construction, *blaq yal ktan qasa'*.

(5.15) (gaga' na' Atayal: 145-153)

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|-----------------------|---------|--------|--------|-----------------------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| cyux | mqwas | qu', | cyux | iy | kyaw | kyaw | | | |
| ASP | m.sing | NOM | ASP | FIL | roar | roar | | | |
| para' | | | qasa' | lga', | kyal-un=nya' | | | | |
| Formosan.barking.deer | that | | FP:TOP | FP:TOP | FP:TOP | FP:TOP | FP:TOP | FP:TOP | FP:TOP |
| maha'. | hcyux | iy, | cyux | iy | kyaw | nanu' | sa | la'. | |
| QUOT | ASP | FIL | ASP | FIL | roar | what | that | FP | |
| cyux | ciliq | la' | ay, | para' | | ga' | ma' | rwa'. | |
| ASP | capture | FP | FP | Formosan.barking.deer | TOP | QUOT | FP | | |
| blaq | yal | kt-an, | qasa'. | | | | | | |
| good | very | see-an | that | | | | | | |

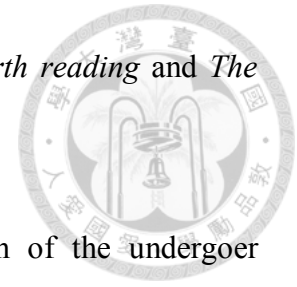
'The Formosan barking deer was roaring; he (i.e., the old man) said the Formosan barking deer was hunt. That is really (a) good (TV program) worth watching!'

5.3.3 The function of the *blaq UV qu' O* construction

Now let's go back to the question: What does the *blaq UV qu' O* construction suggest for verb classification in Squiliq Atayal? The answer to that question has actually been implied from the preceding discussion. Consider first semantic characteristics in (5.11) and (5.15), as given in (5.16) below:

- (5.16) i. The verb, either *niq-un* or *kt-an*, is inherently a transitive verb.
- ii. The grammatical subject (i.e., *t<n>ahuq ni' ciwas* and an unspecified TV program respectively) is an undergoer.
- iii. There is no discernible actor of the action (i.e., eating *niq-un* and seeing *kt-an*).
- iv. The use of *blaq* is typically obligatory much as the evaluative adjective modifier *worth* or the evaluative adverb modifier *easily* is required in the

English construction like *All (of the books) are worth reading* and *The wood chops easily*.



In (5.16), esp. in (5.16iv), it is easily observed that evaluation of the undergoer illustrated in (5.1) and (5.15) as a social action done by the speaker, so the voice form attested in a Squiliq Atayal *blaq UV qu' O* construction is the default form employed to express the inherent morphosyntactic relationship between the verb and its undergoer subject. Besides, an action of this sort also implies some kind of absolute relationship between an evaluated object and an event, which is based on folk knowledge with respect to a target habitual situation. That is, people in the speech community can distinguish whether, by means of its attributes, some object is evaluated positively or not, regardless of whether an event has occurred or not. (5.17) and (5.18) are illustrations for habitual situations.

(5.17) *kita'* 'see'

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|--------|--------------|---------------|--|-------|--------|
| khi' | balay | qu' | t<n> | inun=su | | galiq | qani'; |
| thin | true | NOM | <PST.OBJNMZ> | weave=2SG.GEN | | cloth | this |
| musa' | blaq | kt-an | lukus | qa'. | | | |
| ASP | good | see-an | clothes | DEM | | | |

'You weave the cloth in an exquisite style; (I think) the clothes will be a nice one.'

(5.18) *qaniq* 'eat'

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|------|--------------|-------|-----|--------|-------|--------|
| blaq | qu' | p<in> | bahuw | ka | trakis | kawas | qani'; |
| good | NOM | <PST.OBJNMZ> | plant | FIL | millet | year | this |
| musa' | blaq | niq-un. | | | | | |
| ASP | good | eat-un | | | | | |

'The millet is planted well this year; (I think it) will taste delicious.'

In (5.17), it is the *-an* form of the verb *kita'* 'see' employed to evaluate clothes

uncompleted weaving yet. The positive evaluation is based on folk knowledge, i.e., an exquisite style of cloth-weaving results in a nice clothes. Likewise, in (5.18), though people don't taste the millet yet, its deliciousness is expected, given the good result of planting. Such an absolute relationship between millet-to-be-delicious and eating is morphosyntactically realized in terms of the *-un* form of the verb *qaniq* 'eat'. At this point, we can also see that habituals are categorized as realis in the grammar of Sguliq. A similar point is made in Givón (1993:171) where he states that a habitual-coded clause is as strongly asserted as realis and thus shares an important pragmatic feature of realis.

In contrast, people hardly evaluate an object based on an irrealis or a non-habitual situation, as illustrated in (5.19) and (5.20):

(5.19) *kita* 'see'

a. A: wal=mu suq-un matas la'. p-kita'=su?
 ASP=1SG.GEN finish-un m.paint FP FUT-see=2SG.NOM
 'I have finished painting. Would you like to see (it)?'

B: kt-on=mu kira'.
 see-un=1SG.GEN later
 'I will see (it) later.'

b. *musa' blaq kt-on qu' ptas-an=su.
 ASP good see-un NOM paint-LOCNMZ=2SG.GEN
 'Your painting will look pretty.'

In the dialogue provided in (5.19), the seeing event in (5.19a) has not occurred yet, and *kt-on* 'see', the *-un* form of the verb *kita* 'see', is not allowed into the *blaq* construction, as (5.19b) shows. As for *qaniq* 'eat', other than the *-un* form *niq-un*, there is no other UV voice form to encode such a core undergoer argument:



(5.20) *qaniq* ‘eat’

a. A: p-sk-un=mu ramat la’. p-qaniq=su na’?
 FUT-gather-un=1SG.GEN dish FP FUT-eat=2SG.GEN still
 ‘I will gather dishes. Will you eat more?’

B: laxi’ sku-i’. niq-un=mu kira’.
 NEG gather-i’ eat-un=1SG.GEN later
 ‘(Please) don’t gather. I will eat later.’

b. *musa’ blaq niq-an na’ qu’ ramat qa’.
 ASP good eat-an still NOM dish DEM
 ‘The dish is going to taste delicious.’

(5.20a) with *niq-un* ‘eat’ is an irrealis event. Furthermore, unlike *kita* ‘see’, which has two UV voice forms that differ in mood interpretation (cf. (5.13) and (5.19)), *niq-un* ‘eat’ is used not only in a realis event, but also in an irrealis event. (5.20b) is an unacceptable sentence, and so we know that *niq-an* ‘eat’ is not permitted to occur in the *blaq* construction; instead, it is used in other situations (as illustrated in (5.21) below).

The *blaq* construction is a reliable indicator of the morphosyntactic relationship between a UV voice form and its intrinsic undergoer subject as we can see from an outcome for a syntactic unit exhibiting characteristics (5.16i) to (16iv), the first two in particular. The test’s validity regarding our main concern is convincing, unless the subject is an applicative argument referring to a location or an instrument, as in (5.21) and (5.22) respectively:

(5.21)

a. wal=nya’ niq-an qu’ niq-an qa’.
 ASP=3SG.GEN eat-an NOM eat-LOCNMZ DEM
 ‘He ate at the restaurant.’

- b. *blaq niq-an qu' niq-an qa'.*
 good eat-an NOM eat-LOCNMZ DEM
 '(Dishes at) the restaurant tasted delicious.'



(5.22)

- a. *wal=nya' s-qaniq qu' kway qa'.*
 ASP=3SG.GEN s-eat NOM chopstick DEM
 'He ate with the pair of chopsticks.'

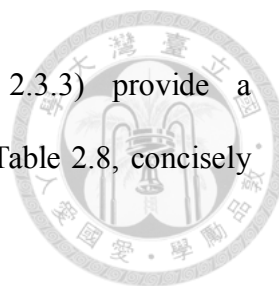
- b. *blaq s-qaniq qu' kway qa'.*
 good s-eat NOM chopstick DEM
 'The pair of chopsticks is a good tool for eating.'

In (5.21), *niq-an qa'* 'the restaurant' denoting a location is coded as the subject of either the middle construction *blaq niq-an* (5.21a) or *niq-an* in (5.21b). In (5.22), the instrument noun phrase *kway qa'* 'the pair of chopsticks' is the subject of either *blaq s-qaniq* in (5.22b) or *s-qaniq* in (5.22a). Compared with *t<n>ahuq ni' ciwas* 'Ciwas's dishes' in (5.11), it is easily noticed that either *niq-an qa'* 'the restaurant' in (5.21) or *kway qa'* 'the pair of chopsticks' in (5.22) is not an intrinsic argument of the verb *qaniq* 'eat'. That means the applicative undergoer of a verb can be safely excluded from consideration for purposes of verb classification.

The *blaq UV qu' O* construction is a complex construction comprised of a stance verb and a complement clause. In the *blaq* construction, the UV voice form may be taken as the default form used for expressing the inherent morphosyntactic relationship between a verb and its undergoer subject. This means that the *blaq* construction can be used as a reliable indicator to determine the verb type that a particular verb fits into.

5.4 Four types of constructions

We turn now to the question of argument structure, to the job of distinguishing the intrinsic undergoer argument(s) from other clausal arguments. The results on the



case-marking system discussed in Chapter 2 (see Section 2.3.3) provide a straightforward, reliable way for the job. Table 5.1, repeated from Table 2.8, concisely shows the results:

Table 5.1: Four types of function and use of the case markers *sa/squ*’ in Sqliq Atayal (repeated from Table 2.8, Section 2.3.3.4 in Chapter 2)

| | Verb types | Type of <i>sa/squ</i> ’ NP | Type of <i>sa/squ</i> ’ |
|-----|--|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| (1) | Most verbs (, except for existential verbs and some motion verbs like <i>usa</i> ’ ‘go’ and <i>wah</i> ‘come’) | Locative NP | Loc1 |
| (2) | Existential verbs (i.e., <i>maki</i> ’) | Locative NP | Loc2 |
| (3) | Locomotion verbs (e.g., <i>kahul</i> ‘come from’, <i>hinas</i> ‘pass through’, <i>usa</i> ’ ‘go’, <i>wah</i> ‘come’, etc.) | Locative NP | Loc2 |
| (4) | Semantically-transitive verbs (e.g., <i>qaniq</i> ‘eat’, <i>panga</i> ’ ‘carry on back’, <i>si</i> ’ ‘put’) | Object NP | Loc2 |

As stated, the NP introduced by a Loc2 *sa/squ*’ case marker is the argument subcategorized for the verbal predicate. That means such an argument as an intrinsic undergoer argument of a verb.

Next, we need to identify which UV form is the default for marking an intrinsic undergoer subject. Four types of constructions are examined, as shown in (5.23):

- (5.23) a. Extended intransitive clauses (EIC)
 b. The *blaq* UV *qu*’ O construction
 c. Plain undergoer voice constructions (Plain UV constructions)
 d. Applicative undergoer voice constructions (Applicative UV constructions)

Except for the *blaq* UV *qu*’ O construction, the other construction types have their

corresponding clause patterns, as discussed in Chapter 2. Consider Table 5.2 and Table 5.3:



Table 5.2: Argument profiles for clause patterns in Squliq Atayal (repeated from Table 2.18, Section 2.3.7, in Chapter 2)

| | CLAUSE PATTERN | CORE ARGUMENT (case assignment; category of thematic role) | | | |
|--------------|---|--|---|---|---|
| Pattern 1. | Monadic (<i>m</i> -) <i>V</i> intransitive | S (nominative; actor/patient/ theme/ affectee/ content goal/location/ recipient/ experience/ conveyed theme) | | | |
| Pattern 2. | Dyadic (-) <i>m</i> - <i>V</i> intransitive | S (nominative; actor) | E (locative; undergoer like patient/theme/affectee/ content/goal/location/ recipient/experience/ conveyed theme) | | |
| Pattern 3. | Triadic (-) <i>m</i> - <i>V</i> transitive | S (nominative) | E ₀ (locative; conveyed theme) | E ₁ (locative; location/ recipient) | |
| Pattern 4a. | Dyadic <i>V</i> - <i>an</i> transitive | A (genitive) | | | O (nominative; goal/location/ recipient/ experiencer) |
| Pattern 4a'. | Dyadic <i>V</i> - <i>an</i> transitive | A (genitive) | | | O (nominative; applicative) |

| | | | | | |
|-----------------|--|-----------------|---|--|--|
| | | | | | location) |
| Pattern 4b. | Dyadic V- <i>un</i> transitive | A (genitive) | | | O (nominative; patient/theme/ Affectee/cont ent) |
| Pattern 4c. | Dyadic <i>s</i> -V applicative transitive | A (genitive) | | | O (nominative; applicative instrument, beneficiary, or cause) |
| Pattern 5a. | Triadic V- <i>an</i> transitive | A (genitive) | | E ₀ (locative; conveyed theme) | O (nominative; goal/location/ recipient) |
| Pattern 5b. | Triadic V- <i>un</i> transitive | A (genitive) | | E (locative; conveyed theme) | O (nominative; goal/location/ recipient) |
| Pattern 5c. | Triadic <i>s</i> -V transitive | A (genitive) | E ₁ (locative; location/ recipient) | | O (nominative; conveyed theme) |
| Pattern 5c'. | Triadic <i>s</i> -V applicative transitive | A (genitive) | E (locative; patient/ theme/ affectee/ content/ goal/ location/ recipient/ experience / conveyed theme) | | O (nominative; applicative instrument, beneficiary, or cause) |

Table 5.3: Correspondences between three voice constructions in (5.23) and clauses patterns (see Section 2.3.7 in Chapter 2)

| Voice constructions | EIC | Plain UV constructions | Applicative UV constructions |
|---------------------|-----------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Clause patterns | Pattern 2 | Pattern 4a, 4b, and 4c | --- |
| | Pattern 3 | Pattern 5a, 5b, and 5c | --- |
| | --- | --- | Pattern 4a', 4c', and 5c' |

Consider (5.23) again. EIC (5.23a) is designed for determining the number and type(s) of intrinsic undergoer argument(s). EICs refer to the clauses in Pattern2 and Pattern3 in Table 5.2. Usually, there is only one for most semantically transitive verbs, conceptualized as either Figure or Ground (i.e., the E in Pattern 2). Some take two intrinsic undergoer arguments, with one functioning as the Figure and the other the Ground (i.e., the E_I and E_O in Pattern 3), as in (5.24):

- (5.24) nyux=saku' miq sa pila' sa laqi' qa'.
 ASP=1SG.NOM m.give LOC money LOC child DEM
 'I'm giving the child (the) money.'

In EICs, the Undergoer argument is marked with a locative (Loc2) *sa/squ'* case marker, i.e., the locative NP of an existential, motion, or a semantically transitive verb in Table 5.1; thus, it is termed Loc 2 *sa-* or *squ'*-NP. In the corresponding *blaq* construction in (5.23b), it is the Loc2 *sa /squ'*-NP that surfaces as the subject, where the subject is marked with *qu'* and is termed *qu'*-NP. The voice form that occurs in (5.23b) determines the verb class of a verb, either *-un*, or *-an*, or *s-*, or *s/-an* composite. The plain UV construction (5.23c) refers to the construction in which the subject is the

intrinsic undergoer of a verb. The plain UV construction refers to the clause in Pattern 5a, 5b, or 5c in Table 5.2.

(5.23c) includes two event types, irrealis and realis. The voice form used in (5.23b) is the one recruited to encode a realis transitive event. That is why we cannot take irrealis transitive clause into account for purposes of verb classification.

(5.23d) may be used to refer to the construction in which an applicative undergoer argument (i.e., a locative, an instrumental, or a beneficiary applicative) is the subject. It is identical to the clause in Pattern 4a', Pattern 4c, and Pattern 5c'. (5.23d) is designed as a contrast to the former three types of constructions.

We can see then that, at the level of morphosyntax, two parameters need to be taken into account simultaneously to determine the class of a verb, as given in (5.25):

(5.25)

a. Parameter I: Intrinsic undergoer

EIC = *blaq* construction = Plain UV (realis) = Plain UV (irrealis) ≠ Applicative UV construction

b. Parameter II: Voice form

EIC ≠ *blaq* construction = Plain UV (realis) ≠ Plain UV (irrealis) ≠ Applicative UV construction

The Loc2 *sa/squ*' NP in an EIC is the intrinsic undergoer of a verb; when it appears in a plain UV construction, the NP takes the role of subject. This is basically what Parameter I means. What Parameter II means is that the voice form used to encode an intrinsic undergoer as the subject in a *blaq* construction must be identical to the voice form in a UV construction used for a realis event.

In the next four chapters, we examine morphosyntactic behaviours of verbs based on the two parameters.

CHAPTER 6

THE *-an* CLASS



6.1 Introduction

In this chapter, based on three factors, i.e., the conceptualization of the undergoer, the spatial arrangement for entities in events, and the morphosyntactic representation for verbs, seven *-an* verb types in Squiliq Atayal are distinguished, including *-an* verb type (1): [Undergoer as Ground in *Placement (I)* schema], *-an* verb type (2): [Undergoer as Ground in *Removal* schema], *-an* verb type (3): [Undergoer as Ground in *Indivisibility* schema], *-an* verb type (4): [Undergoer as Ground^{Figure} in *Possession* schema], *-an* verb type (5): [Undergoer as Ground in *Mediation* schema], *-an* verb type (6): [Undergoer as Ground in *Fixedness* schema], and *-an* verb type (7): [Undergoer as Ground in *Placement (II)* schema].

6.2 *-an* verb type (1): [Undergoer as Ground in *Placement (I)* schema]

Events encoded by *tmami* 'pickle', *tuba* 'poison', or *iyut* 'extinguish' can be used to illustrate a situation where an actor moves an object to another object in order to produce an effect on the latter, such as stopping a fire by hosing it down, or a river poisoned for fishing, or meat pickled with rice. In this sense, it is apparently noticed that the moved object is designated as some kind of instrument with respect to the events. From the perspective of Figure-Ground dichotomy, the moved object is equivalent to Talmy's Figure, and the object on which Figure is placed is the Ground. Once the Figure object is placed on the Ground, an intended goal in the event can then be achieved. Moreover, since the Figure is an inherent component of an event and is often implied by the semantics of verbs, Ground is left as the only undergoer that needs to be specified in

a transitive clause. It is the *-an* voice form that is recruited to encode a realis event of this type. As a result, verbs encoding their undergoer argument in this way are grouped into the *-an* verb type (1): [Undergoer as Ground in *Placement* (I) schema].

The spatial deployment for Actor, Figure, and Ground in placement events can be schematized as below:

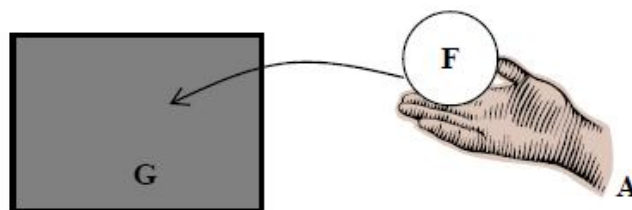


Fig. 6.1: *Placement* (I) schema

In Fig. 6.1, the hand icon stands for Actor, the ball icon, the Figure, the square, the Ground, and the arrow represents the path that the Figure travels to the Ground. Note also that shadowing the Ground entity means it is conceptually as well as structurally more salient in an event, while unshadowing the Figure entity means that the entity is not a salient participant. Thus Fig. 6.1 permits us to have an iconic understanding of the relationship holding between the Figure, the Ground and the Actor in events such as a pickling event, a fish-poisoning event, or a fire-extinguishing event etc.

Take a closer scrutiny on the verbs in the *-an* verb type (1). Verbs in this type can be divided into two groups in terms of verb-forming processes. They are verb-derived from a nominal base and a verbal base. They are two of the three types of verb-forming processes mentioned in Chapter 2 (see Section 2.3.6). By decomposing components of a derived verb, including the information entailed from the base's semantics, it facilitates our understanding on the spatio-conceptual relationship of participants in the event a

verb encodes. In the following discussions on morphosyntactic representations of verbs in the *-an* verb type 1, I will also give an account of the word formation processes.

Now let us proceed to discuss some crucial morphosyntactic expressions which predicts whether or not a verb is classified as ***-an* verb type (1): [Undergoer as Ground in *Placement* (I) schema]**. Pickling is an instantiation of the *Placement* (I) schema. Pickling refers to the process in which an actor takes some ferment and mixes it up with raw meat or fish, and then puts the resulting mixture into a bottle and seals it. After several weeks, the meat or the fish gets sour and is edible. The ferment here refers to rice. Since the Figure entity is implied but not explicitly expressed, the Ground entity is then the only object, undergoer, that the language user highlights in the event. In the language, it is the verb *tmami'* used to encode the event in question, which is comprised of a nominal base *mami'* 'rice' and a verbalizer prefix *t-*. This is an instance of the aforementioned nominal-base verb derivative type. The nominal refers to rice, which is an obligatory ingredient for meat pickling. As a result, in some sense, the event encoded by the verb *tmami'* can be paraphrased as:

(6.1) An actor by means of putting rice into a substance like meat have meat affected, so that his goal, meat pickled, can then be achieved.

In (6.1), except for the instrument-like information mentioned, others including the actor, the affected object, and the goal or purpose of the act in question are not specified. Actor and affected object are left expressed as core arguments of a corresponding verb, while the goal/purpose or effect is inferable or pertains to the tacit knowledge in any speech community. The event can also be realized terms of Rappaport Hovav and Levin's (1998) event structure template. (6.2) is an adapted template given in Croft (2012:297 (38)):



(6.2) *Kay wiped the polish onto the table*

[[KAY ACT <wipe>] CAUSE [BECOME [POLISH <ON TABLE>]]]

In (6.2), the predicate *wiped* has three arguments, Kay as the actor, the polish as the instrument applied for table cleaning, and the table as the affected object. In addition to the valency, the effect of the act *wiping table with some kind of polish*, i.e., the table is clean, is entailed there. Event described in this example can be paraphrased as *Kay cleaned the table by using the polish on it*. In light of this, the event can be regarded as an instance of the *Placement* schema.

Likewise, for the case of *tmami*', its template can be written as (6.3):

(6.3) [[Actr. ACT<manner+instrument>] CAUSE [BECOME <instrument> IN
(Undr.)]

Information conveyed in brackets are entailed by the semantics of the base, namely, manner refers to an act of putting rice in meats and instrument refers to rice, but the latter is subsumed under the former, and both need not to be specified as arguments in the structure of the verb in question. In contrast, Actor (abbreviated as Actr. in (6.3)) and Undergoer (Undr.) fill two core argument positions with the predicate *tmami*' 'pickle'. In terms of Talmy's framework, (6.3) can be rewritten as:

(6.4) [[Actr. ACT<manner+Figure>] CAUSE [BECOME <Figure> IN (Ground)]

In (6.4), manner refers to the composite of a prefix like *t-* in *tmami*' and Figure conveyed by the nominal base *mami*'. The exact meaning of the prefix in every derived

verb with a nominal base is determined by the way the actor applies the Figure instrument to the act in question. Via decomposing events in this way, we can then easily identify how many core argument(s) a verbal predicate has and which concept the core argument, especially for the udergoer, is assigned with. Note that, though either *wiped* in (6.2) or *tmami'* in (6.3) and (6.4) can be regarded as an instance of the *Placement* schema, the two are different in their base: for the former, the base is verbal, while for the latter, its base is nominal, explicitly referring to the type of instrument. In brief, by means of giving an event structure template like (6.4), we realize that Figure is an adjunct participant for events like pickling.

Table 6.1 enumerates some other nominal derived verbs for the *Placement* schema, in which the word formation process and event structure template are given as well:

Table 6.1: Examples of nominal derived verbs for *Placement* schema and their respective event structure template

| Derived verb | Word formation process | Event structure template |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| <i>pqsya'</i> 'to pour water in/on' | <i>p-+ qsya'</i> 'water' | [[Actr. ACT<pour+water>] CAUSE [BECOME <water> ON (Undr.)] |
| <i>sques</i> 'draw a boundary' | <i>s-+ qes</i> 'boundary' | [[Actr. ACT<draw+boundary>] CAUSE [BECOME <boundary> ON (Undr.)] |
| <i>t'uraw</i> 'dirty' | <i>t-+ 'uraw</i> 'dirt' | [[Actr. ACT<put+dirt>] CAUSE [BECOME <dirt> ON (Undr.)] |

Let us proceed to consider how the various aspects of the event are represented in the morphosyntax of the language, as illustrated in (6.5):

(6.5) *tmami'* 'pickle'

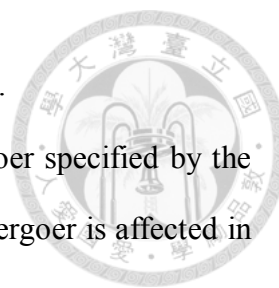
- a. nyux=ku t<m>mami' sa syam qa'.
 ASP=1SG.NOM VZR<m>rice LOC meat DEM
 'I am pickling the meat.'



- b. *blaq* *t-mmy-an* *qu'* *syam* *qa'*.
 good VZR-rice-an NOM meat DEM
 ‘The meat pickled well easily.’
- b'. **blaq* *t-mmy-un* *qu'* *syam* *qa'*.
 good VZR-rice-un NOM meat DEM
 ‘It is easy to have the meat pickled well.’
- c. *wal=maku'* *t-mmy-an* *qu'* *syam* *qa'* *la'*.
 ASP=1SG.GEN VZR-rice-an NOM meat DEM FP
 ‘I have pickled the meat.’
- c'. *t-mmy-un=mu* *kira'* *qu'* *syam* *qa'*.
 VZR-rice-un=1SG.GEN later NOM meat DEM
 ‘I will pickle the meat later.’
- d. *blaq* *s<t>mami'* *qu'* *mami'* *qa'*.
 good s<VZR>rice NOM rice DEM
 ‘The (type of) rice was a good ingredient for pickling meat.’
- e. *s<t>mami'=maku'* *syam* *qu'* *mami'* *qa'*.
 s<VZR>rice=1SG.GEN meat NOM rice DEM
 ‘I pickled meat with the (type of) rice.’
- f. *s<t>mami'=maku'* *syam* *qu'* *ciwas*; *wah-un=nya'* *magal*.
 s<VZR>rice=1SG.GEN meat NOM PN come-un=3SG.GEN m.take
 ‘I pickled meat for Ciwas; she will come to take it.’

(6.5a) illustrates how the verb *t<m>mami'* ‘pickle’ is used in an EIC, in which since *syam qa'* ‘that meat’ is the only undergoer of the verb, it is Loc(2) *sa*-marked. As we have shown, the Loc(2) *sa*-marked NP in an EIC typically gets marked nominative in a syntactically transitive clause. In other words, the concept expressed as a Loc(2) *sa*-marked NP in EIC is assigned nominative case in a transitive clause.

By comparing (6.5b) with (6.5b'), we observe that it is the *-an* voice form, not the



-un form, that is recruited to highlight the undergoer NP *syam* ‘meat’.

In (6.5c), the Ground entity *syam qa* ‘the meat’ is the undergoer specified by the *-an* form of the verb *tmami* ‘pickle’ in a realis event. When the undergoer is affected in an irrealis event, the *-un* voice form must be used, as in (6.5c’).

In (6.5d) and (6.5e), exactly as in the fire-extinguishing event and fish-poisoning event, the *s-* form of the verb *tmami* ‘pickle’ is used to highlight an instrument-like entity *mami’ qa* ‘the (type) of rice’. The Figure entity *mami’ qa* ‘the (type) of rice’ is highlighted, but not the intrinsic undergoer. In (6.5f), a benefactee participant is highlighted in an event expressed by the *s-* voice form of the verb.

A second illustration of the *Placement (I)* schema is the poisoning event. In a typical poisoning event, there are three participants or entities involved: an actor, a kind of poisonous plant, and a target, which is generally a stream or a pond. In terms of Talmy’s framework, a stream or pond is conceptualized as the Ground, while the plant as the Figure. In Squliq Atayal, it is the verb *tuba* ‘poison’ used to encode the event. The base *tuba*’ is precategoryal, since it can be freely used in nominal and verbal structures. When used in nominal structures, *tuba*’ refers to a kind of poisonous vine used by the Atayal people to throw into streams or ponds for fishing. Namely, it is restricted to the category of instrument; moreover, according to its spatial arrangement with respect to other participants in a fishing event, it is assigned the concept of Figure. The event can be represented in the following event structure template:

(6.6) [[Actr. ACT<instrument_{manner}>] CAUSE [BECOME <instrument> IN Undr.]

In (6.6), items in the brackets are information entailed by the semantics of a base like *tuba*’. Though its ontological category is instrument, manner, i.e., the way about how to



apply the instrument in such an event, is also inferable from the event and therefore can be regarded as information under the category of instrument.

(6.7) [[Actr. ACT<poisonous vine_{throw}>] CAUSE [BECOME <poisonous vine> IN Undr.]

In addition to *tuba*, there are many lexical items whose roots are precategorical and when used in nominal structures, they refer to an instrument Figure, as shown below.

Table 6.2: Examples of *Placement* (1) schema with precategorical based involved

| Precatgorial base | Event structure template |
|------------------------------------|--|
| <i>ghap</i> 'to seed; seed' | [[Actr. ACT<seeding>] CAUSE [BECOME <seed> ON Undr.] |
| <i>kalu</i> 'to rake; rake' | [[Actr. ACT<raking>] CAUSE [BECOME <rake> ON Undr.] |
| <i>tamul</i> 'to make wine; yeast' | [[Actr. ACT<yeast adding>] CAUSE [BECOME <yeast> IN Undr.] |

Like the case of *tmami* 'pickle', the nominal base encodes instrument Figure and takes the role of an adjunct when it appears in a plain clause. The sentences in (6.8) illustrate the use for *tuba* 'poison':

(6.8) *tuba* 'poison'

a. *musa*'=ku t<*m*>*uba*' *squ*' *qutux* *tubung* *qani*'.
 ASP=1SG.NOM <*m*>poison LOC one pond this
 'I am going to poison (fish) in this pond.'

b. *blaq* *tba-n* *qulih* *qu*' *qutux* *tubung* *qani*'.
 good poison-an fish NOM one pond this
 'Fish in this pond was easily poisoned (because there were a lot of fish



there).’

b’. *blaq tb-on qulih qu’ qutux tubung qani’.
good poison-un fish NOM one pond this
‘Fish in this pond was easily poisoned (because there were a lot of fish there).’

c. wal=mu tba-n qu’ qutux tubung qani’.
ASP=1SG.GEN poison-an NOM one pond this
‘I poisoned/have poisoned (fish in) this pond.’

c’. tb-on=mu na’ qu’ qutux tubung qani’.
poison-un=1SG.GEN still NOM one pond this
‘I will continue to poison (fish in) this pond.’

d. blaq s-tuba’ qulih llyung qu’ tuba’ qani’.
good s-poison fish river NOM poisonous.vine this
‘This poison is a good tool to poison fish in the river.’

e. wal=mu s-tuba’ qulih llyung qu’ tuba’
ASP=1SG.GEN s-poison fish river NOM poisonous.vine
qani’.
this
‘I poisoned/have poisoned fish in the river with this poison.’

f. wal=nya’ s-tuba’ qu’ qsuyan=nya’.
ASP=3SG.GEN s-poison NOM older.sibling=3SG.GEN
‘He poisoned/has poisoned (fish) for his sister.’

In Atayal culture, *tuba’* is a kind of viny plant used exclusive by people undertaking a fish-poisoning event; in (6.8), *tuba’* ‘poison with *tuba’*, a viny plant’ is a verb derived from a nominal root that refers to a kind of viny plant. This means the Figure (i.e., the viny plant) is left unexpressed structurally, and by contrast, the Ground entity is the only undergoer to be expressed. In (6.8a), the nominal phrase *qutux tubung*

qani ‘this pond’, as the Ground, is assigned Loc(2). In (6.8b) and (6.8c), since *qutux tubung qani* ‘this pond’ is assigned nominative, the entity it refers to is affected in the poisoning event and so has some cognitive salience relative to other NPs.

In (6.8b’), the *-un* form of *tuba* ‘poison’ is prohibited from occurring in the *blaq* construction; instead, as in the case of *tmami* ‘pickle’, the *-un* voice form verb is used when the undergoer is projected to become the most salient in an irrealis event, as in (6.8c’).

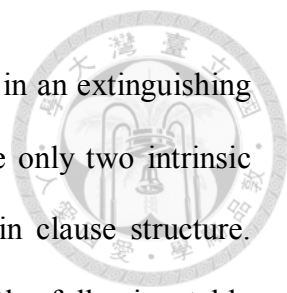
In (6.8d) and (6.8e), the nom-marked NP *tuba’ qani* ‘this poisonous vine’ is the most salient entity in the poisoning event when it is to be interpreted as the instrument of the poisoning event and thus must occur in the CV *s-* voice form.

Likewise, in (6.8f), the nom-marked benefactee participant *qsuyan=nya* ‘his older sister’ is the most salient in the event encoded by the *s-* form of the verb *tuba* ‘position’. Since benefactive NPs play no role in determining the argument structure of any verbs, they are not permitted to occur in an EIC or the *blaq* construction.

Extinguishing is another instantiation of the *Placement* (I) schema. The extinguishing event frame includes a number of attributes called participant roles, including an actor, instrument (water), and undergoer (fire). From the perspective of spatial arrangement of the participants, water is stuff existing in between an actor and fire and sprinkled on the fire. Fire is then realized as a container of water. Event of this sort can be represented as below:

(6.9) [[Actr. ACT<manner_{instrument}>] CAUSE [BECOME <instrument> ON Undr.]

Manner here refers to the act of sprinkling water on an object. As a result, water is information entailed by the semantics of the base like *extinguish* and *i’yut* ‘extinguish’



and since it is subcategorized to manner, it is an adjunct participant in an extinguishing event. In other words, an actor and an undergoer (i.e., fire) are the only two intrinsic arguments of verbs like *extinguish* and *i'yut* 'extinguish' in a plain clause structure. Many verbs construct the *Placement* (I) schema in this way, as the following table shows:

Table 6.3: Examples of verbal base derivatives for the *Placement* (1) schema

| verbal base derivative | Event structure template |
|--------------------------|---|
| <i>betaq</i> 'to stab' | [[Actr. ACT<go into _{nail} >] CAUSE [BECOME <nail> INTO Undr.] |
| <i>patas</i> 'to tattoo' | [[Actr. ACT<draw _{patterns} >] CAUSE [BECOME <patterns> ON Undr.] |
| <i>tapang</i> 'to mend' | [[Actr. ACT<add _{a piece of cloth} >] CAUSE [BECOME <a piece of cloth> ON Undr.] |

Sentences in (6.10) illustrate the use for *i'yut* 'extinguish':

(6.10) *i'yut* 'extinguish'

- a. *musa'*=ku *m'i'yut* (*na'* *qsya'*) *sa* *puniq.*
 ASP=1SG.NOM m.extinguish (GEN water) LOC fire
 'I'm going to extinguish fire (with water).'
- b. *blaq* *i'yut-an* (*na'* *qsya'*) *qu'* *puniq* *qa'*.
 good extinguish-an (GEN water) NOM fire DEM
 'The fire was extinguished (with water) easily.'
- c. **blaq* *i'yut-un* (*na'* *qsya'*) *qu'* *puniq* *qa'*.
 good extinguish-un (GEN water) NOM fire DEM
 'The fire was extinguished (with water) easily.'

c'. wal=mu i'yut-an (na' qsya') qu' puniq qa'.
 ASP=1SG.GEN extinguish-an (GEN water) NOM fire DEM
 'I extinguished/have extinguished the fire (with water).'



c''. i'yut-un=mu kira' (na' qsya') qu' puniq qa'.
 extinguish-un=1SG.GEN later (GEN water) NOM fire DEM
 'I will extinguish the fire (with water) later.'

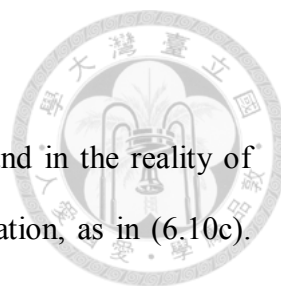
d. blaq s-i'yut sa puniq qu' qsya' qa'.
 good s-extinguish LOC fire NOM water DEM
 '(Using) the (bottle of) water made fire extinguished easily.'

e. wal=nya' s-i'yut puniq qu' qsya' qa'.
 ASP=1SG.GEN s-extinguish fire NOM water DEM
 'I have used/used the (bottle of) water to extinguish fire.'

f. wal=mu s-i'yut puniq qu' ciwas.
 ASP=1SG.GEN s-extinguish fire NOM PN
 'I extinguished/have extinguished fire for Ciwas.'

(6.10a) is an extended intransitive clause. In this example, an actor, i.e., *I*, is going to have the fire extinguished. Based on our general knowledge about the relative saliency of the participants in a normal fire-extinguishing event, the nominal *puniq* 'fire' is the only undergoer, and is marked with Loc(2).

Next, a comparison between (6.10b) and (6.10b') reveals that the language user selects the *-an* form of the verb *i'yut* 'extinguish', as in (6.10b), instead of the *-un* form (6.10b'), to express the undergoer *puniq* 'fire' as the more salient participant in a transitive fire-extinguishing realis event. From a cognitive perspective, *puniq* is the Ground, and is the grammatical subject of the sentence in (6.10b); *qsya'* is the Figure, but since it is a component entailed by the semantics of the predicate, its presence is optional in (6.10a) and (6.10b), is marked with the genitive 2 *na'*, implying that it is not



a salient participant.

(6.10c) is similar to (6.10b) in its use of the *-an* voice form and in the reality of event. The *blaq* construction in (6.10b) has a realis event interpretation, as in (6.10c). From a structural perspective, since the undergoer argument is marked by nominative in *-an* construction (e.g., *blaq* construction), a tight relationship between the undergoer and the *-an* form of *i'yut* 'extinguish' is established. In short, by means of (6.10b) and (6.10c), we know that, in a fire-extinguishing event, it is the voice form *-an* that is recruited to make the undergoer nominal 'fire' more salient, the Ground element in the fire-extinguishing event.

In (6.10c'), the voice form *-un* is restricted to occurring in a clause interpreted as an irrealis event; that is, the voice form *-un* is prohibited from participating in the *blaq* construction if it is to describe what may happen to the undergoer in an event, and this is shown by the impossibility of (6.10b').

Thus far, constructions related to the determination of verb type have been identified. The remaining three constructions, i.e., from (6.10d) to (6.10f), are not related to the issue of the determination of verb types. They are there to show that, except for verb-subcategorized undergoer argument(s), usually, the one(s) marked with Loc(2) in an EIC, other arguments, whether they appear in an EIC, such as an instrument nominal marked with Gen(2) *na'*, or not, such as a beneficiary nominal, have no relevance to verb classification in Squaliq Atayal. For the verb *i'yut* 'extinguish', its undergoer argument *qsy'a* 'water' is the more salient entity in an *s*- clause structure and is realized as an instrumental applicative argument.

Table 6.4 summarizes the preceding results.

Table 6.4: The interaction of concepts, undergoers, case-making, and four construction types for *-an* verb type (1): [Undergoer as Ground in *Placement* (I) schema]

| | Concept | EIC construction & case marking | | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain UV construction (reality status) | Applicative UV construction |
|------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| I | Ground → | Undergoer | <i>sa</i> NP | <i>-un</i> | <i>-un</i> (Irrealis) | --- |
| | | | | <i>-an</i> | <i>-an</i> (Realis) | --- |
| II | Figure → | Other undergoer participant | <i>na'</i> NP | <i>s-</i> (2) | --- | <i>s-</i> (2) |
| III | Figure'' = Benefactee | --- | --- | --- | --- | <i>s-</i> (3) |

Three points about Table 6.4 are worth stressing. First, the undergoer NP is the Ground in an event denoted by any of the three verbs (e.g., *i'yut* 'extinguish', *tuba* 'poison' and *tmami* 'pickle') in an EIC where the undergoer is introduced by *sa*, or a *blaq* construction or a realis plain UV construction, where it is highlighted (i.e., as an argument in nominative case). However, in an irrealis plain UV construction, the undergoer NP must occur in an *-un* form of the verb. This is as (I) in the table shows.

Second, the Figure is not an intrinsic undergoer of the verb and is *na'*-marked in an EIC structure, as in (6.10a), or is lexically expressed by the verb, as in (6.8a). In either the *blaq* construction or an applicative UV construction whether used to describe a realis or an irrealis event, the verb's *s-* form is employed to highlight the Figure entity, termed Figure in Table 6.4. But, as mentioned, the Figure entity is irrelevant to the determination of verb types, since it is inferable from the semantics of the verb.

The last point has to do with the benefactive NP, as expressed in column (III) in

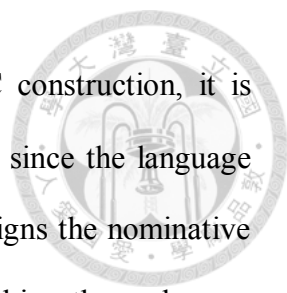


Table 6.4. Since the benefactive NP never participates in an EIC construction, it is irrelevant to the verb classification in the language. Also note that, since the language does not permit two Nom-marked NPs in a single UV clause, it assigns the nominative case to the benefactee argument and leaves the Loc(2) case to marking the undergoer argument in the same clause.

Focusing on the morphosyntactic representation for the undergoers in the *-an* verb type (1), we simplify Table 6.4 and get the following table.

Table 6.5: A syntactico-semantic template for the relationship between verbs in *-an* verb type (1) and their (non-)intrinsic undergoer arguments

| Construction type\ Verb form | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain UV construction (reality status) | Case marking in EIC | As intrinsic undergoer (Concept) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>-un</i> <i>-an</i> | --- | (Irrealis) (Realis) | --- <i>sa</i> | --- Yes (Ground) |
| <i>s-</i> (2) | • | --- | <i>na'</i> | No (Figure) |
| <i>s-</i> (3) | --- | --- | --- | No (Figure?) |

(6.11) summarizes the preceding discussions.

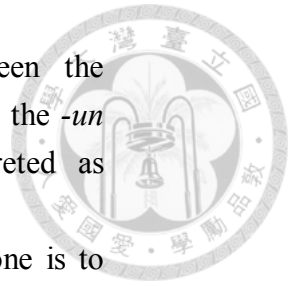
(6.11) Conceptual representation for verbs in the *-an* verb type (1)

Some action verbs and nominal-derived verbs convey the image of placing some entity somewhere, with this entity functioning as the undergoer.

The undergoer is *sa*-marked in an EIC and conceptualized as the Ground used to support a Figure, which, because of its inferability from the context (e.g., the rope used in a tying event is a Figure), it is usually left unexpressed structurally, or is introduced by *na'*. When the undergoer is expressed in a dyadic

transitive clause, there is a tight relationship between the undergoer and the *-an* clause. If the undergoer appears in the *-un* voice form of the verb, the clause must be interpreted as expressing an irrealis event.

With regard to the *s-* clause, it has two functions: one is to highlight a Figure entity, while the other, a benefactee participant. The Figure entity is also present in the *blaq* construction but cannot be accounted as the intrinsic undergoer in events. As for the beneficiary argument, its presence is prohibited from an EIC; however, its presence in an *s-* clause is automatically assured.



6.3 *-an* verb type (2): [Undergoer as Ground in *Removal* schema]

Events encoded by verbs like *bahuq* ‘wash clothes’, *salit* ‘weed’ and *taruq* ‘dig (a field with a hoe for planting)’ etc. describe a situation where an actor exerts his force on an entity like a piece of clothes, or a field for planting vegetables by removing stuff like dirt, weed, and soil off or from the entity in question. In terms of Talmy’s framework, the stuff to be removed is conceptualized as the Figure, and the entity itself the Ground. It is intuitively clear that this kind of removal schema is constructed in the minds of language users as they become native speakers of a language.

Furthermore, in a typical transitive event encoded by a verb, it is the *-an* form that is employed to highlight the Ground as an undergoer. Taking both the spatial arrangement among the entities and the morphosyntactic representation for verbs encoding the events into account, we identify **the *-an* verb type (2): [Undergoer as Ground in *Removal* schema]**. The schema is diagramed below:

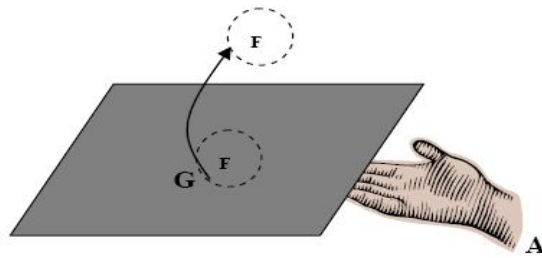
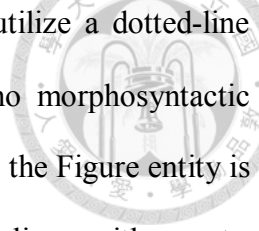


Fig. 6.2: *Removal* schema

In Fig. 6.2, the hand icon stands for the actor, the parallelogram represents the Ground entity, and the round object is the Figure entity. The diagram depicts an activity in which the actor exerts his force on the Ground entity, leading to the removal of the Figure entity from the Ground. In this figure, the hand icon is touching the Ground entity to express the idea that it is the Ground entity the actor directly affects, while shading the entity signifies it is highlighted in a removal event.

How do we construe the Figure entity? It is regarded as an entity in or on the Ground; however, its absence does not bring about any essential change to the Ground entity. For example, removing dirt off the clothes does not mean that the owner will have a piece of worn-out clothes; likewise, removal of weed from a field is for the farmer to have a useful field to farm; similarly, digging holes in a field by removing soil from it would allow the farmer to plant seeds in the holes. In all these activities, the Ground entity is analogous to a container for the Figure, the Figure and the Ground may also be considered to be in a **part-whole relation**, and the Figure may be said to be more of an expectable component than the Ground-- once the Ground entity is assumed to exist, then the Figure entity is automatically implied, at least in the activity where the *Removal* schema instantiates. Since the Figure is more of an expected entity, the language does not usually bother to specify it in an EIC, i.e., the language usually



provides no structural position for it in an EIC. That is why we utilize a dotted-line encircling it to express the idea that the Figure entity assumes no morphosyntactic weight (in an EIC). In spite of its lack of any morphosyntactic status, the Figure entity is conceptually very fundamental to language user in their daily dealings with events. Events of the sort can be formulated as the following template:

(6.12) [[Actr. ACT<manner_{instrument}>] CAUSE [BECOME <FIGURE> OFF Undr.]

Components in removal events are as clearly represented in (6.12), including an actor, an undergoer, a removed object and/or an instrument. For the latter two, since they are components subcategorized to the concept of manner, i.e., which are inferable for the semantics of the base or verb, the removed object, and the instrument are usually either unspecified structurally or expressed as adjuncts.

Besides, an idea regarding the differentiation between *Placement* (1) and *Removal* schema is worth pointing out. That is, for the former, its instrument Figure is an object moved away from the actor; in contrast, for the latter, its instrument is held on the hand(s) of the actor and, spatially, it is an object inalienable from the actor; as a result, the instrument cannot be realized as a Figure entity.

Table 6.6 below displays more examples of the *Removal* schema:

Table 6.6: Some examples for verbs constructing the *Removal* schema and their respective event structure template

| verbal base derivative | Event structure template |
|--|--|
| <i>bahuq</i> ‘wash clothes’ | [[Actr. ACT<brush _{brush} >] CAUSE [BECOME <dirty> OFF Undr.] |
| <i>gulaq</i> ‘peel off’ | [[Actr. ACT<peel>] CAUSE [BECOME <skin of fruit> OFF Undr.] |
| <i>som</i> ‘wipe’ | [[Actr. ACT<wipe _{wiper} >] CAUSE [BECOME <dirty> OFF Undr.] |
| <i>salit</i> ‘weed’ | [[Actr. ACT<weed _{sickle} >] CAUSE [BECOME <weed> ON Undr.] |
| <i>taruq</i> ‘dig a field (with a hoe for planting)’ | [[Actr. ACT<dig _{hoe} >] CAUSE [BECOME <soil> OFF Undr.] |
| <i>wayaw</i> ‘select; choose’ | [[Actr. ACT<pick>] CAUSE [BECOME <some stuffs> OFF Undr.] |

In short, a clothes-washing, a weeding, and a field-digging-for-planting event are instantiations of the removing schema. Let us proceed to how events under investigation are represented morphosyntactically in the language.

Examples in (6.13) illustrate events encoded by the various voice forms of the verb *bahuq* ‘wash clothes’:

(6.13) *bahuq* ‘wash clothes’

a. nyux=ku mahuq (na’ grgul) sa lukus=su.
 ASP=1SG.NOM m.wash (GEN brush) LOC clothes=2SG.GEN
 ‘I am washing your clothes (with a brush).’

b. blaq bhq-an qu’ lukus qani’.
 good wash-an NOM clothes this
 ‘This piece of clothes was cleaned well easily.’

b’. *blaq bhq-un qu’ lukus qani’.
 good wash-un NOM clothes this
 ‘This piece of clothes was cleaned well easily.’

- c. wal=maku' bhq-an qu' lukus=su la'.
 ASP=1SG.GEN wash-an NOM clothes=2SG.GEN FP
 'I have washed your clothes.'
- c'. bhq-un=mu kira' qu' lukus=su.
 wash-un=1SG.GEN later NOM clothes=2SG.GEN
 'I will wash your clothes later.'
- d. blaq s-bahuq lukus qu' grgul qa'.
 good s-wash clothes NOM brush DEM
 'The brush is (a) good (tool) for clothes-washing.'
- e. wal=mu s-bahuq lukus qu' grgul qa'.
 ASP=1SG.GEN s-wash clothes NOM brush DEM
 'I have used this brush to wash clothes (before).'
- f. wal=mu s-bahuq lukus qu' laqi' qa'.
 ASP=1SG.GEN s-wash clothes NOM child DEM
 'I have washed clothes for the child (before).'



(6.13a) is an EIC about situation in which the actor, =ku, is going to clean someone's clothes. Since the goal of the action encoded by *bahuq* 'wash' is to remove dirt off someone's clothes, the clothes is conceptualized as the Ground; moreover, as shown in (6.13a), the Ground NP, marked by Loc(2), is the only undergoer in the clothes-washing event, since the Figure entity is optional in a sentence like (6.13a).

Comparing (6.13b) with (6.13b'), we observe that the language employs the *-an* form of *bahuq* 'wash (clothes)', instead of its *-un* form, to evaluate the undergoer in a clothes-washing event. Again, there is a tight link between the undergoer and the *-an* voice form.

Likewise, in the clause expressed by the *-an* form of the verb *bahuq* 'wash clothes' (6.13c), *lukus=su* 'your clothes' is the undergoer in a realis event, and it is marked by

nominative. In (6.13c'), the verb's *-un* form is used to highlight the undergoer in an irrealis event. We conclude that the only undergoer in a (clothes-)washing event is conceptualized as the Ground and highlighting it in a realis event is via the *-an* voice form of the verb *bahuq* 'wash clothes', instead of the *-un* voice form in an irrealis event.

The expressions in (6.13d), (6.13e), and (6.13f) are not related to the specification of the undergoer; rather, they are concerned with peripheral arguments as nom-marked nominals, such as an instrument argument (i.e., *grgul* 'brush' (6.13d) and 6.13e)) or a beneficiary argument (i.e., *laqi'qa* 'the child' in (6.13f)).

(6.14) illustrates the weeding event in various voice forms of the verb *salit* 'weed':

(6.14) *salit* 'weed'

- a. nyux=ku s<m>alit squ' qmayah=mu.
 ASP=1SG.NOM <m>weed LOC field=1SG.GEN
 'I am weeding your field.'
- b. blaq slit-an qu' qmayah qani'.
 good weed-an NOM field this
 'The field was weeded well easily.'
- b'. *blaq slit-un qu' qmayah qani'.
 good weed-un NOM field this
 'The field was weeded well easily.'
- c. wal=maku' slit-an qu' qmayah=mu la'.
 ASP=1SG.GEN weed-an NOM field=1SG.GEN FP
 'I have weeded my field.'
- c'. slit-un=mu kira' qu' qmayah=mu.
 weed-un=1SG.GEN later NOM field=1SG.GEN
 'I will weed your field later.'

d. *blaq s-salit qu' soki' qa'.*
 good s-weed NOM hatchet DEM
 'The hatchet is (a) good (tool) for weeding.'

e. *wal=mu s-salit qmayah=mu qu' soki' qa'.*
 ASP=1SG.GEN s-weed field=1SG.GEN NOM hatchet DEM
 'I have ever used this hatchet to weed my field.'

f. *wal=mu s-salit qmayah=nya' qu' yutas qa'.*
 ASP=1SG.GEN s-weed field=3SG.GEN NOM grandfather DEM
 'I have ever weeded my field for the grandfather.'



In (6.14a), *qmayah* 'field' is introduced into a weeding event by assigning it a Loc(2) case and takes the role of the only undergoer in the event. Notice that, in a weeding event, the goal is to remove weeds from a field; however, as shown in (6.14a), weeds, conceptualized as the Figure, is not lexically specified, but is regarded as being in a part-whole relation with the Ground entity, i.e., *qmayah=mu* 'my field'. Moreover, when talking about a part-whole relationship, the language prefers to highlight the whole entity. This may explain why it is the Ground entity, rather than the Figure entity, that is introduced into the event specified by an EIC in (6.14a).

Furthermore, a comparison between (6.14b) and (6.14b') shows us that the language user selects the *-an* form of the verb *salit* 'weed' to evaluate the undergoer. As in the clothes-washing event, a close link between a verb's *-an* form and the undergoer (Ground) is observed here again. (6.14b') is an unacceptable sentence.

Similar observations apply to (6.14c). In (6.14c), the undergoer *qmayah=mu* 'my field' marked by a nominative case is highlighted in the event encoded by the *-an* form of the verb *salit* 'weed'.

However, the *-un* form of the verb *salit* 'weed', *slit-un*, can be also used to highlight the undergoer in a weeding event, but it is restricted to an irrealis event.

with a hoe for planting)', but not by its *-un* voice form.

In (6.15c), the undergoer is involved in a realis event encoded by the *-an* form of the verb and is nominative-marked. Taking (6.15b), (6.15b') and (6.15c) together into account, there is then a tight relation between the *-an* form of the verb *taruq* 'dig (the field with a hoe for planting)' and the undergoer, conceptualized as the Ground.

(6.15c') is an expression for an irrealis transitive plowing event encoded by *truq-un*, i.e., the *-un* form of *taruq* 'dig (the field with a hoe for planting)'; the undergoer is nominative-marked and is highlighted here. In other words, the *-un* form of *taruq* 'dig (the field with a hoe for planting)' is left for an irrealis event.

In (6.15d), (6.15e) and (6.15f), it is the *s-* form of *taruq* 'dig (the field with a hoe for planting)' that is used. (6.15d) and (6.15e) have the same nominative-marked NP referring to an instrument entity. In (6.15f), it is a beneficiary argument that is highlighted and is nominative-marked.

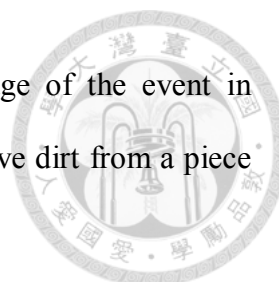
Table 6.7 sums up the preceding discussions:

Table 6.7: The interaction of concepts, undergoers, case-making, and four construction types for *-an* verb type (2): [Undergoer as Ground in *Removal* schema]

| | Concept | EIC construction & case making | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain UV construction (reality status) | Applicative UV construction |
|-----|------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| I | Ground → Undergoer | <i>sa</i> NP | <i>-un</i> <i>-an</i> | <i>-un</i> (Irrealis) <i>-an</i> (Realis) | --- |
| II | Figure | (Implied from the semantics of verb and also as part of whole) | --- | --- | --- |
| III | (Figure'=Instrument) → | (Other undergoer participant 1, but demanded in extra context) | (<i>na'</i> NP) → | <i>s-</i> (2) | <i>s-</i> (2) |
| IV | Ground' (=Benefactee) | --- | --- | --- | <i>s-</i> (3) |

In Table 6.7, there are four points that merit our attention. First, as illustrated in (6.13), (6.14) and (6.15), the Ground is the undergoer in the event associated with any of the three verbs (e.g., *bahuq* ‘wash clothes’, *salit* ‘weed’ and *taruq* ‘dig (the field with a hoe for planting)’ in terms of an EIC clause where the undergoer is introduced by the Loc(2) marker, *sa* and, furthermore, in either the *blaq* construction or a realis plain UV construction, it is highlighted (i.e., as an argument in nominative case); however, in an irrealis plain UV construction, the undergoer is specified by the *-un* form of the verb. Argument like this is as (I) means in the table.

Secondly, as displayed in (II), the concept of Figure is not explicitly indicated



lexically, though its existence is inferable based on our knowledge of the event in question; for example, since the point of washing clothes is to remove dirt from a piece of clothes, it is natural to regard dirt as the Figure.

Third, an instrument entity is not an undergoer in the *Removal* schema, but it is *na'*-marked in an EIC clause. In some sense, it can be conceptualized as another Figure entity. In both a *blaq* construction and an applicative instrument construction whether used to describe a realis or an irrealis event, the *s-* voice form is employed to highlight the entity.

Lastly, since the beneficiary argument cannot be justified based on an EIC of a verb, it cannot be an undergoer of any sort for any events specified by the verb in question. But since it is as a participant that benefits from the event in question, it makes sense to conceptualize it as another Ground entity (marked as Ground'); it is highlighted in a *s-* clause.

Table 6.8: A syntactico-semantic template for the relationship between verbs in *-an* verb type (2) and their (non-)intrinsic undergoer arguments

| Construction type\ Verb form | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain UV construction (reality status) | Case marking in EIC | As intrinsic undergoer (Concept) |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>-un</i> | --- | ● (Irrealis) | --- | --- |
| <i>-an</i> | ● | ● (Realis) | <i>sa</i> | Yes (Ground) |
| <i>s-</i> (2) | ● | --- | <i>na'</i> | No (Figure') |
| <i>s-</i> (3) | --- | --- | --- | No (Figure'') |

(6.16) summarizes the preceding discussions

(6.16) Conceptual representation for verbs in the *-an* verb type (2)

Based on three factors, i.e., the conceptualization of the undergoer, the spatial arrangement of entities in events and morphosyntactic representations for verbs, the *-an* (2) class is distinguished as a separate class.

The undergoer is *sa*-marked in an EIC and conceptualized as the Ground from which an actor removes some stuff (, i.e., the figure). When expressed in dyadic transitive clauses, a tight relationship between the undergoer and the *-an* clause is then established in realis events. The relationship also appears in an irrealis event, where it is specified by the *-un* form of the verb.

With regard to the *s*- clause type, there are two functions: one is used to highlight a Figure entity, while the other, a benefactee participant. The Figure entity as an applicative instrument is also attested in the *blaq* construction. As for the beneficiary argument, its presence is not permitted to occur in an EIC, but its presence in a *s*- clause is automatically insured.

6.4 *-an* verb type (3): [Undergoer as Ground in *Indivisibility* schema]

Events encoded by verbs like *qlu* ‘close’, *gyax* ‘open’ and *behuw* ‘lock’ are used to illustrate a situation in which an actor exerts his force on a part of an entity, and yet the whole is affected as well, though an action like this does not cause any essential change on the entity. The small part is the Figure, while the larger whole is the Ground. Based on the description, Figure and Ground stand in an indivisible, part-whole relation. Take a typical door-closing event as an example. In this event, when an actor turns the handle on a door, the edge of a door board remains tightly joined to the doorframe which is embedded in a wall. In addition to the actor, there are four participants involved in the event, i.e., a handle, a door board, a doorframe and a wall; a visual representation of these entities is displayed below:

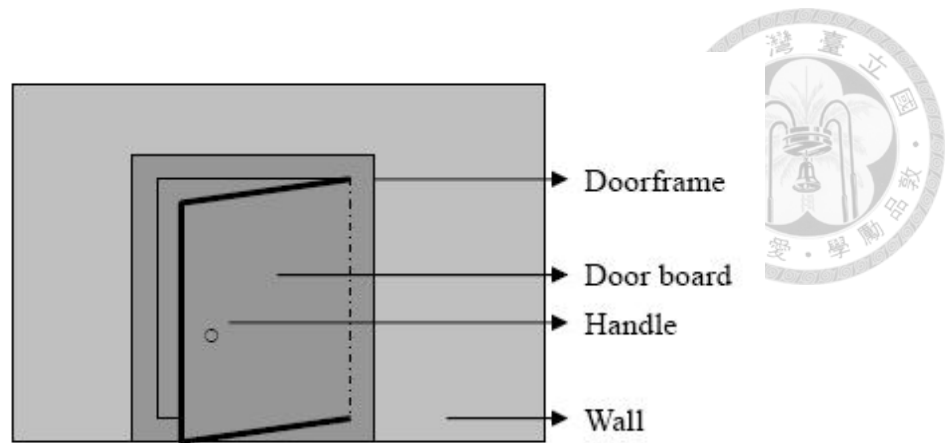


Fig. 6.3a: Visual representation of a door and its assemblies

So, among the four parts, which is the Figure entity and which is the Ground? Wall is ruled out immediately, since the entity is never expressed explicitly, nor necessarily implicitly in a typical door-opening event; instead, it is only left for anchoring the doorframe. All the other three entities, i.e., a handle, a door board, and a doorframe, form an indivisible relationship. The whole is then categorized as the Ground entity. Either the door board, or the handle, or the doorframe takes the role of Figure. But since it is usually a door board, rather than a door handle, that is attached to the doorframe, I choose the door board as the Figure entity. Therefore, in a door-closing event, there is an indivisible relationship between Figure and Ground, as schematized below:

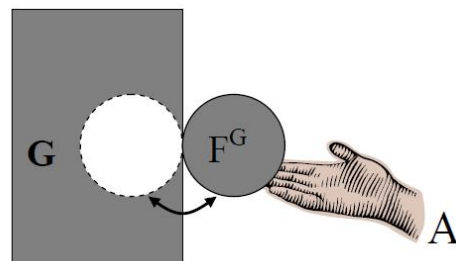
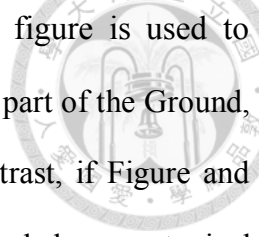


Fig. 6.3b: *Indivisibility* schema

In Fig. 3b, the rectangle stands for the Ground entity, and the circle, the Figure



entity. Since Figure is part of Ground, we label it as F^G. The figure is used to illustrate the scene where an actor (A) exerts his/her force on some part of the Ground, such as the door board, which is conceptualized as Figure; in contrast, if Figure and Ground are apart from each other, the action cannot be regarded as a typical door-closing event. All in all, Ground keeps its anchoring function as to Figure. Moreover, morphosyntactically, it is usually the whole door instead of its part like a door board or a handle that is specified as an undergoer in a typical door-closing event, and it is the *-an* form of a corresponding verb to encode the undergoer as a clausal subject; that is, verbs used to encode the spatial, conceptual and the morphosyntactic relationship are grouped into ***-an* (3) verb type: [Undergoer as Ground in Indivisibility schema]**.

The event structure template for verbs under this type can be represented as:

(6.17) [[Actr. ACT<manner>] CAUSE [BECOME <FIGURE> WITH Undr.]

(6.17) means that *An actor acts upon the Figure, which is part of the Ground*, which is inferable from the semantics of the base or from the discourse context.

Now let us proceed to consider how the various aspects of a door-closing event are represented in the morphosyntax of the language, as illustrated in (6.18):

(6.18) *qlu* 'close (a door or a window)'

| | | | | |
|----|------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| a. | <i>musa</i> '=ku | <i>q</i> < <i>m</i> > <i>lu</i> ' | <i>sa</i> | <i>blihung</i> . |
| | ASP=1SG.NOM | < <i>m</i> >close | LOC | door |

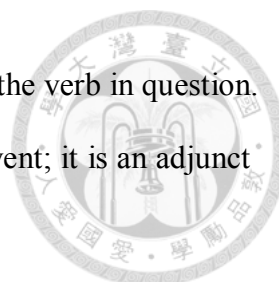
'I am going to close (a) door.'



- b. blaq ql'-an qu' blihung qa'.
good close-an NOM door DEM
'It is easy to close the door (tight).'
- b'. *blaq ql'-un qu' blihung qa'.
good close-un NOM door DEM
'It is easy to close the door (tight).'
- c. wal=mu ql'-an qu' blihung qa' la'.
ASP=1SG.GEN close-an NOM door DEM FP
'I have closed the door (before).'
- c'. ql'-un=mu qu' blihung qa' kira'.
close-un=1SG.GEN NOM door DEM later
'I will close the door (later).'
- d. s-qlu'=mu blihung qu' laqi' qa'.
s-close=1SG.GEN door NOM child DEM
'I closed (the) door for the child.'

(6.18a) is an EIC about a situation in which the actor, =*ku*, is going to close a door. Since the door is the undergoer of the action, it is Loc(2)-marked. Comparing (6.18b) with (6.18b'), we observe that the language employs the *-an* form of the verb *qlu'* 'close', instead of its *-un* form, to evaluate the undergoer in a door-closing event. That shows a tight link between the undergoer and the *-an* voice form. In (6.18c), it can be observe that in the clause expressed by the *-an* form of the verb *qlu'* 'close' is the undergoer in a realis event, and it is marked by nominative. In (6.18c'), the verb's *-un* form is used to highlight the undergoer in an irrealis event. We conclude that the only undergoer in a door-closing event is conceptualized as the Ground and it is highlighted in a realis event via the *-an* form of the verb *qlu'* 'close'.

In (6.18d), the sentence is concerned with the situation in which a beneficiary



participant is highlighted and highlighting is done via the *s*- form of the verb in question. Participant like this is not an intrinsic undergoer in a door-closing event; it is an adjunct participant and has no relation to the determination of verb type.

In (6.18), none of the subjects of the sentences involve the concept of instrument, since in most cases, hand is the default instrument used by an actor to perform his action; however, it is the *s*- form of the verb in this type to encode an instrument NP as the subject in a clause, as illustrated in (6.19):

(6.19) *gyax* ‘open’

a. Q: nu'-un=su qu' sosu' qani'?

 what-un=2SG.GEN NOM key DEM

 ‘What will you do with the key?’

A: s-gyax=mu blihun.

 s-open=1SG.GEN door

 ‘I will open (a) door (with it).’

b. blaq s-gyax blihun qu' sosu' qa'.

 good s-open door NOM key DEM

 ‘The key is a good instrument to open (a) door.’

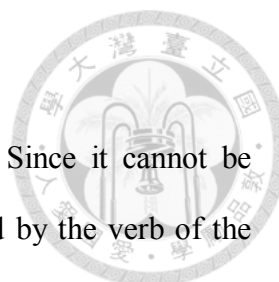
In (6.19a), the speaker uses an *-un* clause structure to pose his question about the key; in the answer to the question, the speaker resorts to using a *s*- clause structure to express the instrument function of the key in question, where an omitted NP referring to the key is the subject. In (6.19b), the entity specified by the NP *sosu' qa'* ‘the key’ is taken as a good tool in a dooropening event; the entity is the subject in the *blaq s*- construction there. Table 6.9 sums up the preceding discussions:

Table 6.9: The interaction of concepts, undergoers, case-making, and four construction types for *-an* verb type (3): [Undergoer as Ground in *Indivisibility* schema]

| | Concept | EIC construction & case marking | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain UV construction (reality status) | Applicative UV construction |
|-----|---------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| I | Ground → Undergoer | <i>sa</i> NP | <i>-un</i> <i>-an</i> | <i>-un</i> (Irrealis) <i>-an</i> (Realis) | --- --- |
| II | Figure | (Implied from the semantics of verb and also as part of whole) | --- | --- | --- |
| III | (Figure' = Instrument) → | (Other undergoer participant 1, but demanded in extra context) | (<i>na'</i> NP) → | <i>s-</i> (2) | --- <i>s-</i> (2) |
| IV | Figure'' (= Benefactee) | --- | --- | --- | --- <i>s-</i> (3) → |

In Table 6.9, the first column (I) is concerned with the intrinsic undergoer. It is conceptualized as Ground and in an EIC clause, the undergoer NP is introduced by *sa* (Loc2) and, in either a *blaq* construction or a realis plain UV construction, it is the highlighted entity (i.e., as an argument in nominative case); however, in an irrealis plain UV construction, the undergoer NP is specified in the *-un* form of the verb in question.

Second column (II) is associated with the concept of Figure, which is not specified in the syntax of the language. Instead, as stated, its existence is inferable from



discourse context.

The third column is concerned with a beneficiary argument. Since it cannot be justified as undergoer in an EIC, it cannot be an undergoer specified by the verb of the type in question. But since it is as a participant that triggers the happening of an event and can be realized as force, it makes sense to conceptualize it another Figure entity (marked as Figure’), and it is highlighted in a *s-* clause.

Table 6.10 is a simplified version of Table 6.9:

Table 6.10: A syntactico-semantic template for the relationship between verbs in *-an* verb type (3) and their (non-)intrinsic undergoer arguments

| Non-actor clause type | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain UV construction (reality status) | Case marking in EIC | As intrinsic undergoer (Concept) |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>-un</i> <i>-an</i> | | (Irrealis) (Realis) | <i>sa</i> | Yes (Ground) |
| <i>s-</i> (2) | | | (<i>na'</i>) | (No (Figure’)) |
| <i>s-</i> (3) | --- | --- | --- | (No (Figure’)) |

Table 6.10 shows a direct link between the Ground undergoer and the *-an* form of the verb in the *-an* type (3): [Undergoer as Ground in *Indivisibility* schema].

(6.20) summarizes the preceding discussions:

(6.20) Conceptual representation for verbs in the *-an* (3) class

Based on three factors, i.e., the conceptualization of the undergoer, intrinsic the spatial arrangement of and the relationship between entities in events and the morphosyntactic representation for the clauses sanctioned by the verbs, there is the

-an (3) class identified. Participants there together construct an *Indivisibility* schema.

The undergoer is *sa*-marked in an EIC and conceptualized as Ground in such an event where an actor exerts his/her force on one point on Ground in order to make Ground move; the point is realized as Figure. Ground and Figure are in an indivisible relation.

When expressed in dyadic transitive clauses, a tight relationship between the intrinsic undergoer and the *-an* clause is established, The undergoer also appears in a non-neutral context, i.e., in an irrealis event, where it is specified by the *-un* form of related verbs.

With regard to the *s*- clause type, there are two functions: one is used to highlight an instrument entity, while the other, a benefactee participant. The instrument entity is attested in a *blaq* construction but is not an intrinsic undergoer of any verbs in this type. As for the beneficiary argument, its presence is prohibited from an EIC and its presence in a *s*- clause is automatically insured.

6.5 *-an* verb type (4): [Undergoer as Ground^{Figure} in *Possession* schema]

Events encoded by *ksyuw* ‘borrow’ and *psyuw* ‘return’ are to illustrate a situation in which an actor transfer some entity that belongs to someone. From the perspective of valency, constructions used to encode events of this sort are three-participant constructions, including an actor, a transferred theme, and a possessor. However, the language takes the last two entities and turns them into incorporated into a single syntactic unit, a possessive phrase in which the possessee is the head, and the possessor, the modifier. The possessive phrase then becomes the only intrinsic undergor argument of the verbs in question, and is the subject of the *-an* form of the verbs encoding a realis event. That is, the clauses thus formed are realized as bivalent constructions.

It can also be easily observed that the transferred theme and the possessor are in a

possessive relation or a part-whole relation. However, unlike *biq* ‘give’, which uses the *s-* form to highlight a transferred theme and an *-an* form used to encode a goal participant, for verbs like *ksyuw* ‘borrow’ and *psyuw* ‘return’, their *-an* form simultaneously conveys two distinct concepts, possessor and possessee, standing in a possessive relationship, although the head of the subject NP refers to the possessee. There is then an asymmetrical relation between conceptualization and syntax. In terms of Talmy’s framework, the possessor is analogous to the Ground entity, while the possessee the Figure entity. Taking both the spatial relationship among the entities and the morphosyntactic representation for verbs encoding the events into account, we identify as a separate type the *-an* verb type (4): [**Undergoer as Ground^{Figure} in Possession schema**]. The schema is diagrammed below:

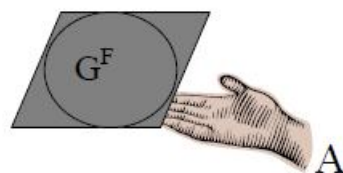
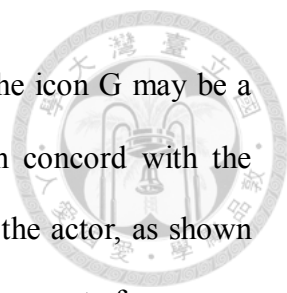


Fig. 6.4: *Possession* schema

In previous discussions, we use a circle to signify a Figure entity and a quadrangle to stand for a Ground entity. The two are two separate objects in space. In the present case, because of their inherent possessive relation, the two icons merge into one, i.e., a circle embedded inside a quadrangle. G^F stands for the intrinsic undergoer entity. Using the name G^F, instead of F^G, is to lay special emphasis on Ground, since the realization of the subject undergoer is via the *-an* form of a verb in a neutral context. However, since Figure appears as the head in a possessive phrase subject constituent, there is a



need to encode the Figure entity; taking Figure as a superscript to the icon G may be a better solution to manifest the relationship that the head is not in concord with the argument marking. Last but not the least, the fact that the image of the actor, as shown by the hand icon in Fig. 6.4, touches the undergoer, means the former exerts force upon the latter. Henceforth, we categorized *ksyuw* ‘borrow’ and *psyuw* ‘return’ into the **-an (4) verb class: [Undergoer as Ground^{Figure} in Possession schema]**.

Note that, thus far, we have only found borrowing event and returning event as two instances of the schema. Maybe there are other verbs yet to be discovered in the language. Now let us proceed to show how events under investigation are represented morphosyntactically. Consider (6.21):

(6.21) *ksyuw* ‘to borrow’

- a. *musa*’=ku *ksyuw* *sa* *pila*’ *na*’ *ciwas*.
 ASP=1SG.NOM borrow LOC money GEN PN
 ‘I am going to borrow money from Ciwas.’

- a’. **musa*’=ku *ksyuw* *sa* *pila*’ *sa* *ciwas*.
 ASP=1SG.NOM borrow LOC money LOC PN
 ‘??? I am going to borrow money from Ciwas.’

- a’’. **musa*’=ku *ksyuw* *sa* *pila*’.
 ASP=1SG.NOM borrow LOC money
 ‘??? I am going to borrow money.’

- b. *blaq* *ksyug-an* *qu*’ *pila*’ *na*’ *ciwas* *qa*’.
 good borrow-an NOM money GEN PN DEM
 ‘It is easy to borrow money from Ciwas.’

- b’. **blaq* *ksyug-un* *qu*’ *pila*’ *na*’ *ciwas* *qa*’.
 good borrow-un NOM money GEN PN DEM
 ‘It is easy to borrow money from Ciwas.’

c. wal=mu ksyug-an qu' pila' na' ciwas.
 ASP=1SG.GEN borrow-an NOM money GEN PN
 'I have borrowed money from Ciwas (before).'

c'. ksyug-un=maku' qu' pila' na' ciwas
 borrow-un=1SG.GEN NOM money GEN PN
 'I will borrow money from Ciwas.'

d. s-ksyuw=maku' pila' qu' ciwas.
 s-borrow=1SG.GEN money NOM PN
 'I borrowed money (from other) for Ciwas.'



(6.21a) is an EIC, in which the actor, =*ku*, is nominative-marked, and the possessive phrase *pila' na' ciwas* 'Ciwas's money; money owned by Ciwas', since as the intrinsic undergoer of the lexical verb *ksyuw* 'borrow', is Loc(2)-marked. (6.21a') is designed to show that a trivalent construction for the verb *ksyuw* 'borrow' is not available in the language. (6.21a'') shows that leaving the possessor unspecified in an EIC clause is ungrammatical. This implies the possessor role has some kind of conceptual weight on the linguistic realization of the borrowing event. In (6.21b), the entity specified by such a possessive phrase is the target to be evaluated in a *blaq* construction, in which the *-an* form of the verb *ksyuw* 'borrow' is employed. Furthermore, as illustrated in (6.21c), the *-an* form is used to encode the intrinsic undergoer as the subject in a realis transitive clause. As for the verb's *-un* form, it is not available in a *blaq* construction, as illustrated in (6.21b'); instead, the *-un* form is used in an irrealis transitive event, as in (6.21c'). (6.21d) shows that the verb's *s-* form is used to encode the subject role of a beneficiary argument. Since the beneficiary argument cannot be justified in an EIC clause structure, it cannot be an undergoer responsible for determining the type of the verb in question.

Table 6.11 sums up the preceding discussion:

Table 6.11: The interaction of concepts, undergoers, case-making, and four construction types for *-an* verb type (4): [Undergoer as Ground^{Figure} in *Possession* schema]

| | Concept | EIC construction & case marking | | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain UV construction (reality status) | Applicative UV construction |
|----|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| I | Ground^{Figure} | Undergoer | <i>sa</i> NP | <i>-un</i> <i>-an</i> | <i>-un</i> (Irrealis) <i>-an</i> (Realis) | --- --- |
| II | Figure'' (= Benefactee) | --- | --- | --- | --- | <i>s-</i> (3) |

In Table 6.9, the first column (I) is concerned with the intrinsic undergoer. It is conceptualized as Ground^{Figure} and in an EIC clause, a respective NP is introduced by *sa* (Loc 2), and furthermore, in either a *blaq* construction or a realis plain UV construction, it is the highlighted entity (i.e., as an argument in nominative case); however, in an irrealis plain UV construction, the undergoer is specified by the *-un* form of the verb.

Second column (II) is associated with a beneficiary argument. Since it cannot be justified as undergoer in an EIC, it cannot be an undergoer in any sort of events specified by the verb in the type. But since it is a participant that triggers the happening of an event and can be realized as force, it makes sense to conceptualize it another Figure entity (marked as Figure'), and is specified as the subject in a *s-* clause.

Table 6.12 is a simplified version of Table 6.11:

Table 6.12: A syntactico-semantic template for the relationship between verbs in *-an* verb type (4) and their (non-)intrinsic undergoer arguments

| Non-actor clause type | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain UV Construction (reality status) | Case marking in EIC | As intrinsic undergoer (Concept) |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>-un</i> | | (Irrealis) | <i>sa</i> | Yes (Ground) |
| <i>-an</i> | | (Realis) | | |
| <i>s-</i> (3) | --- | --- | --- | (No (Figure’)) |

Table 6.12 shows a direct link between the Ground undergoer and the *-un* form of the verb in the *-an* verb type (4): [Undergoer as Ground^{Figure} in *Possession* schema]

(6.22) summarizes the preceding discussions:

(6.22) Conceptual representation for verbs in the *-an* (4) type

Based on three factors, i.e., the conceptualization of their intrinsic undergoer, the spatial relationship between participants or entities in events and the morphosyntactic representation for verbs encoded by their respective events, the *-an* verb type (4): [Undergoer as Ground^{Figure} in *Possession* schema] is identified.

The undergoer is realized as a possessive NP and is *sa*-marked in an EIC and conceptualized as Ground. When expressed in dyadic transitive clauses, a tight relationship between the undergoer and the *-an* clause is established. When the undergoer is the most prominent in an irrealis event, the language employs the *-un* form of a verb in the type.

With regard to the *s-* clause type, it is used to encode a beneficiary argument; its presence in a *s-* clause structure is automatically assured.

Lastly, a remarkable feature of the schemas is that in the *Possession* schema its intrinsic undergoer is a possessive phrase consisting of a possessed nominal head and a possessor pronoun or nominal modifier, with the former conceptualized as Figure and the

latter, Ground; an asymmetry yields between conceptualization and morphosyntax. Asymmetry of this sort is found in a neutral transitive clause, in which the semantic role of the Nom argument seems to be biased toward the Figure, but the voice-marking is biased toward the Ground.



6.6 *-an* verb type (5): [Undergoer as Ground in *Mediation* schema]

Verbs like *gluw* ‘take (a vehicle)’³⁰, *palah* ‘warm oneself over the fire’, *skluw* ‘draw (a rope) for moving’ and so on are grouped into a distinct verb type. Three major properties for these verbs are presented below:

- (6.23) a. verbs under investigation have their intrinsic undergoer argument encoded as the subject via their *-an* form;
b. their undergoer argument is conceptualized as Ground where the actor move with or makes use of in order to achieve an intended goal; in some sense, the undergoer entity can be construed as an instrument;
c. the actor and the Figure entity have the same referent and the two stand in a reflexive relation.

Based on the above three properties, events of this sort can be paraphrased as:

- (6.24) The actor through the Ground entity achieves his or her intended goal.

As a result, verbs under investigation are classified as the *-an* verb type (5): [Undergoer as Ground in *Mediation* schema].

³⁰ *Gluw* is often glossed as ‘follow’, which is used in the situation that the one to be followed by another can be interpreted as a guide for the follower moving forward and finally reaching his or her destination. Relatively speaking, when glossed as ‘take (a vehicle)’, the verb is used as an idiomatic expression. Either the one to be followed or a vehicle for people to take is assigned as the undergoer in events encoded by the verb *gluw*. Since undergoer of the sort is always on the sight of the follower, in some sense, it is in static and is conceptualized as Ground.

Take a car-taking event as an example. In this event, an actor moves toward the car and then gets on it; after that, the car starts to move. The event can be seen as composed of two subevents: in the first subevent, a man (i.e., a physical entity acting as both Actor and Figure) is approaching the target; in the second subevent the target brings about the effect expected by the man, namely, taking the man to an intended destination. The relationship between participants in event of this sort can be schematized as below:



Fig. 6.5: *Mediation* schema

In Fig. 6.5, G stands for the Ground entity, e.g., a vehicle, while F^A , a composite of Actor and Figure, e.g., a passenger. (i) and (ii) respectively refer to the two subevents. Verbs of this type have their G entity bearing a dual role: it takes the role of location for F^A undergoing a change of movement, and it is also an instrument for F^A undergoing some change of location. There is then a conceptual interpenetration between location and instrument. This means that, for the verbs under investigation here, there is no need to specify an instrument argument in terms of the *s*- clause structure. This point will be verified in later examples (i.e., (6.25) and (6.26)).

Let us proceed to look at how events are realized structurally. Consider (6.25):



(6.25) *gluw* ‘follow; take (a vehicle)’

a. Q : h<m>swa’=su m-wah sqani’?
 <m>how=2SG.NOM m-come LOC:here
 ‘How did you get here?’

A : mluw=saku’ sa turuy=nya’.
 m.follow=1SG.NOM LOC car=3SG.GEN
 ‘I got a ride in his car.’

b. blaq glg-an qu’ turuy=nya’.
 good follow-an NOM car=3SG.GEN
 ‘It is easy to get a ride in his car. (i.e., He is willing to give people a ride in his car).’

b’. blaq *glg-un qu’ turuy=nya’.
 good follow-un nom car=3SG.GEN
 ‘It is easy to get a ride in his car.’

c. wal=mu glg-an qu’ turuy=nya’ la’.
 ASP=1SG.GEN follow-an NOM car=3SG.GEN FP
 ‘I have got a ride in his car (before)’

c’. glg-on=maku’ qu’ turuy=nya’ kira’.
 follow-un=1SG.GEN NOM car=3SG.GEN later
 ‘I will get a ride in his car later.’

d. s-gluw=maku’ ciwas qu’ laqi’ qa’.
 s-follow=1SG.GEN PN NOM child DEM
 ‘I will let the child follow/ride with Ciwas.’

(6.25a) and (6.25b) constitute a question-answer pair. In (6.25a), the speaker asks the hearer the way to come here. In (6.25b), the hearer answers in terms of an EIC clause, in which the NP *turuy=nya* ‘his car’ is the only undergoer of the verb *mluw* ‘follow; ride’ and is Loc2 *sa*-marked. Comparing (6.25b) with (6.25b’), it can be observed that it is the *-an* form of *gluw* ‘follow’ that is attested in a *blaq* construction, instead of its *-un*

form. This means the salience of the verb's intrinsic undergoer is activated in an event encoded by its *-an* form, rather than its *-un* form. Likewise, (6.25c) expresses the same idea, namely, there is a tight link between the verb's intrinsic undergoer and its *-an* form, which is established in a realis event. As for the verb's *-un* form, it is restricted to an irrealis event as illustrated in (6.25c'). In (6.25d), the *s-* form of the verb is used to express a causatives or a benefactive reading, in which the nominative NP has a dual role: *laqi'qa'* 'the child' is both a causee and a benefactee.

(6.26) illustrates another instantiation of the *Mediation* schema.

(6.26) *plah* 'warm oneself over the fire'

- a. nyux=saku' malah sa puniq qa'.
 ASP=1SG.NOM m.warm.oneself.over.the.fire LOC fire DEM
 'I am warming myself (over the fire).'
- b. blaq plah-an qu' puniq qa'.
 good warm.oneself.on.the.fire-an NOM fire DEM
 'The fire is a good tool to warm (myself).'
- b'. *blaq plah-un qu' puniq qa'.
 good warm.oneself.on.the.fire-un NOM fire DEM
 'The fire is a good tool to warm (myself).'
- c. wal=mu plah-an qu' puniq qa'.
 ASP=1SG.GEN warm.oneself.on.the.fire-an NOM fire DEM
 'I have warmed myself over the fire (before).'
- c'. plah-un=mu kira' qu' puniq qa'.
 warm.oneself.on.the.fire-un=1SG.GEN later NOM fire DEM
 'I will warm myself on the fire later.'

| | | | | | |
|----|--|-------|-----|-------|-----|
| d. | s-palah=mu | puniq | qu' | laqi' | qa' |
| | s-warm.onself.on.the.fire=1SG.GEN | fire | NOM | child | DEM |
| | 'I let the child warm his body on the fire.' | | | | |



(6.26a) is an EIC clause, in which the nominative-marked pronoun =*saku*' is the subject, while the NP *puniq qa*' 'the fire' is the only intrinsic undergoer and then is Loc(2) *sa*-marked. (6.26b) and (6.26b') make a comparison of the application of their respective UV voice form to the *blaq* construction. The results are identical to the case of *gluw* 'follow: it is the *-an* form of the verb that is attested, as in (6.26b), and its *-un* form is not. (6.26c) illustrates a realis event, in which the only undergoer of the verb is activated as the most salient in the event specified by the verb's *-an* form; by contrast, the verb's *-un* form is restricted to an irrealis event, in which the intrinsic undergoer remains the subject. Taking (6.26b), (6.26b'), (6.26c) and (6.26c') into account, there is then a tight link between the *-an* form of the verb *palah* 'warm oneself over the fire' and its intrinsic undergoer.

(6.26d) also illustrates that the subject argument in an s- clause has a dual role, i.e., as a causee and a benefactee.

Table 6.13 below summarizes the morphosyntactic representations discussed in (6.25) and (6.26):

Table 6.13: The *-an* verb type (5): [Undergoer as Ground in *Mediation* schema]

| | Concept | EIC construction | | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain UV construction (reality status) |
|--------|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|--|
| (I) | Ground | → Undergoer | → <i>sa</i> NP | <i>-un</i> <i>-an</i> | <i>-un</i> (Irrealis) <i>-an</i> (Realis) |
| (II) | Figure'' (= Causee/ Benefactee) | --- | --- | --- | <i>s-</i> (3) |

In Table 6.13, the Ground concept refers to the undergoer in an event with its participants constructing a *Mediation* schema. The undergoer is Loc2 *sa*-marked in an EIC and is the subject in a *blaq* construction with the *-an* of verbs in the verb type (5); The *-an* form is also employed to encode a realis event. Their *-un* form is not available in a *blaq* construction, but is used to encode an irrealis event. The subject of an *s-* form has a dual-role as both a cause and a beneficiary argument.

Table 6.14 is a simplified version of Table 6.13:

Table 6.14: A syntactico-semantic template for the relationship between verbs in *-an* verb type (5) and their (non-)intrinsic undergoer arguments

| Non-actor clause type | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain UV construction (Reality status) | Case marking in | As intrinsic undergoer |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------------|------------------------|
| <i>-un</i> | | (Irrealis) | EIC | (Concept) |
| <i>-an</i> | | (Realis) | <i>sa</i> | Yes (Ground) |
| <i>s-</i> | | | --- | (No (Figure'')) |

(6.27) summarizes the preceding discussions:



(6.27) Conceptual representation for verbs in the *-an* verb type (5)

Based on three factors, i.e., the conceptualization of their undergoers, the spatial arrangement of entities in events and the morphosyntactic representations, the *-an* verb type (5): [Undergoer as Ground in *Mediation* schema] is distinguished. Verbs include *gluw* ‘follow; take a vehicle’, *palah* ‘warm oneself on the fire’, *skluw* ‘draw (a rope) for moving’ and so on.

The undergoer is Loc(2) *sa*-marked in an EIC clause and conceptualized as Ground for the actor to move along with and achieve an intended goal by. When expressed in dyadic transitive clauses, a tight relationship between the undergoer and the *-an* clause is then established in realis events. This relationship is also observed in a *blaq* construction test. Again, this shows an inherent relationship between the Ground undergoer and the verbs’ *-an* form. The Ground undergoer also appears as the subject in an irrealis *-un* clause.

With regard to the *s*- clause type, it is used to encode a causee or a beneficiary argument; however, like most nominative-marked arguments in an *s*- clause structure, the argument in the same semantic category is not justified in an EIC clause and its presence in a *s*- clause structure is automatically insured.

Finally, it is worth noting that the other core participant in the event symbolized as F^A is a composite of actor and Figure, and that there is also a conceptual interpenetration, or a reflexive relation between location and instrument that the Actor participant and the Figure entity are in.

6.7 *-an* verb type (6): [Undergoer as Ground in *Fixedness* schema]

Verbs like *maki* ‘exist’, *klkax* ‘kick’, *’luy* ‘discover; find out’, etc. are used to express a situation in which an actor acts upon an object which is located somewhere. Take *’luy* ‘find out’ as an example. In a finding-out event, an entity (e.g., a wallet) is the target an actor is to find out; the target is located somewhere, which is in contrast to the

actor, who is construed as a dynamic object in the act of finding out something. In other words, in a finding-out event, a target object and an actor are in the relation that the former is used to anchor the latter. In terms of Talmy's framework, the target is conceptualized as Ground, while the actor, Figure. Likewise, in an existing event, there is a location that anchors the existence of an object. In short, for the events like an existing, a kicking, a finding-out event and so on, there is a static object which is used for anchoring another object's existence or movement (e.g., kicking or moving to get the object). In a transitive event, it is the static object that takes the role of undergoer, whose salience is activated by the *-an* form of the verbs in question. Verbs like *maki* 'exist', *klkax* 'kick', *'luy* 'find out', etc. are thus classified as the *-an* verb type (6): [Undergoer as Ground in *Fixedness* schema]. The schema can be diagrammed as:

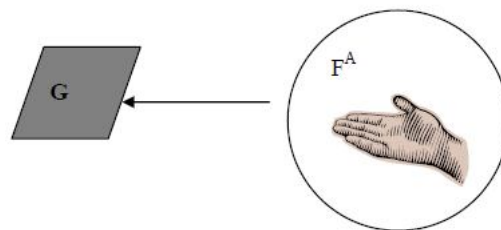
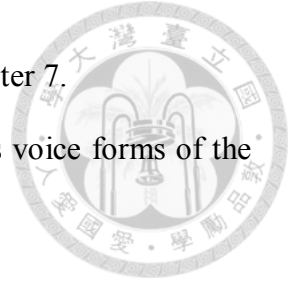


Fig. 6.6: *Fixedness* schema

In Fig. 6.6, G stands for the Ground entity, F^A represents a composite of Actor and Figure, and the leftward arrow represents the direction that the F^A moves in.

Additionally, from the viewpoint of verb semantics, verbs of this type pertain to either the existence/location type or the motion or action verb type. For the first two types, their undergoer is an obligatory argument of the verbs, but not an adjunct.

Second, since the undergoer in events under investigation is static, in contrast to the undergoer in self-moving events which is self-movable, the *Fixedness* schema is the



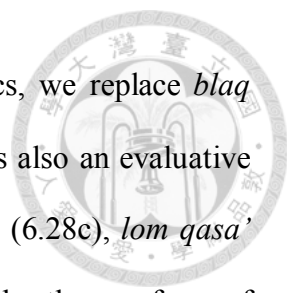
opposite of the *Self-moving* schema, which will be discussed in Chapter 7.

Examples in (6.28) illustrate the events encoded by the various voice forms of the verb *uluw* ‘find; find out; discover’:

(6.28) *uluw* ‘find; find out; discover’

- a. m-’uluw sa lom qasa’ qu’ haya’.
m-find.out LOC needle that NOM 3SG.NEU
‘He found that needle.’
- b. zihung ’lw-an qu’ lom.
difficult find.out-an NOM needle
‘It is difficult to find (a/any) needle.’
- b’. zihung ’lu-n qu’ lom.
difficult find.out-un NOM needle
‘It is difficult to find (a/any) needle.’
- c. wal=nya’ ’lw-an qu’ lom qasa’ la’.
ASP=1SG.GEN find.out-an NOM needle that FP
‘He found that needle.’
- c’. ’lu-n=nya’ kira’ qu’ lom qasa’.
find.out-un=3SG.GEN later NOM needle that
‘He will find that needle.’
- d. wal=nya’ s-uluw lom qu’ yaya’=nya’.
ASP=3SG.GEN s-find.out needle NOM mother=3SG.GEN
‘He found (the) needle for his mother.’

In (6.28a), *lom qasa’* ‘that needle’ is the undergoer argument of the verb *muluw* ‘find out’ and is Loc(2) *sa*-marked. A comparison between (6.28b) and (6.28b’) shows that the *-an* form of *uluw* ‘find out’ is applied to the evaluation of whether a needle is easily found out or not, as in (6.28b), while, as seen in (6.28b’), the verb’s *-un* form is



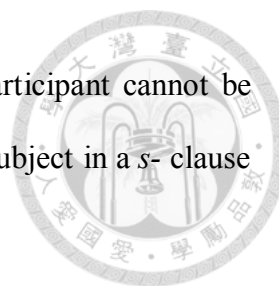
inapplicable. Note that, to meet the requirement of event semantics, we replace *blaq* ‘good’ with *zihung* ‘difficult’ in these sentences. *Zihung* ‘difficult’ is also an evaluative verb for the speaker to make an evaluation of the O participant. In (6.28c), *lom qasa* ‘that needle’ is specified as the most salient in the event specified by the *-an* form of *uluw* ‘find out’; since it is a realis event, there is a factual basis for the inherent relationship between the undergoer and the voice form. By contrast, in (6.28c’), the *-un* form of *uluw* ‘find out’ is used in an irrealis event. Finally, in (6.28d), the undergoer argument refers to a benefactee participant, *yaya’=nya* ‘his mother’, but it is not an undergoer argument subcategorized for by the verb in question.

Table 6.15 summarizes the discussions on (6.28):

Table 6.15: The interaction of concepts, undergoers, case-making, and four construction types for *-an* verb type (6): [Undergoer as Ground in *Fixedness* schema]

| | Concept | EIC construction | | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain UV construction (reality status) |
|----|-----------------------|------------------|----------------|--------------------------|--|
| I | Ground → | Undergoer | → <i>sa</i> NP | <i>-un</i> <i>-an</i> | <i>-un</i> (Irrealis) <i>-an</i> (Realis) |
| II | Figure” (=Benefactee) | --- | --- | --- | <i>s-</i> |

In Table 6.15, (I) illustrates that the participant or entity conceptualized as the Ground is the intrinsic undergoer of verbs in the *-an* verb type (5), and is Loc(2) *sa*-marked in an EIC clause structure; it is the *-an* form attested in the *blaq* construction, identical to the voice form used to encode a realis transitive event. Verbs of this type take their *-un* form used in a irrealis transitive event. (II) is associated with another Figure” participant in



the event; it refers to a beneficiary participant. The beneficiary participant cannot be coded as an argument in an EIC clause structure, but occurs as the subject in a *s-* clause structure.

Table 6.16 is a simplified version of Table 6.15:

Table 6.16: A syntactico-semantic template for the relationship between verbs in *-an* verb type (6) and their (non-)intrinsic undergoer arguments

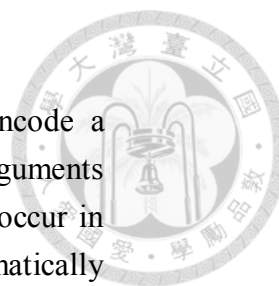
| Non-actor clause type | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain UV construction (reality status) | Case marking in EIC | As intrinsic undergoer (Concept) |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>-un</i> | | | <i>sa</i> | Yes (Ground) |
| <i>-an</i> | | | | |
| <i>s-</i> | --- | --- | --- | (No (Figure")) |

(6.29) Conceptual representation for verbs in the *-an* verb type (6)

Based on three factors, i.e., the conceptualization of their undergoers, the spatial arrangement of entities in events and the morphosyntactic representation for verbs, the *-an* verb type (6): [Undergoer as Ground in *Fixedness* schema] is distinguished. Verbs like *maki* ‘exist’, *uluw* ‘find out’, *krayas* ‘cross over’ etc. belong to this type.

The intrinsic undergoer is conceptualized as the Ground and functions to anchor the existence or movement of the Figure, which refers to the participant who performs an action in relation to Ground, and is symbolized as F^A , a composite of actor and Figure.

The undergoer is encoded as a Loc(2) *sa*-marked argument in an EIC clause. When expressed in dyadic transitive clauses, a tight relationship between the intrinsic undergoer and the *-an* clause is then established in realis events. The undergoer also occurs as the subject in an irrealis transitive clause with the *-un* form of verbs as



the predicate.

With regard to the *s*- clause type, it is used to encode a beneficiary argument; however, like most Nom-marked arguments in a *s*- clause structure, the argument is not permitted to occur in an EIC and its presence in a *s*- clause structure is automatically insured.

6.8 *-an* verb type (7): [Undergoer as Ground in *Placement (II)* schema]

Verbs *kita* ‘see’, *pung* ‘hear; listen’, *syaq* ‘laugh’, etc. are used to illustrate a situation in which an actor directs his or her attention or an abstract entity like content to another participant. Either the attention or the abstract entity can be construed as a force, which refers to the information entailed by the semantics of verbs. For example, sound along with funny content released to the undergoer is implied from the verb *syaq* ‘laugh’; as a result, taking the valency into account, the verbs in question are bi-valent. One core argument is the actor, and the other is the undergoer. Moreover, in terms of Talmy’s Figure-Ground framework, the undergoer can be conceptualized as Ground, while force, Figure. In other words, verbs encoding their argument in this way are classified as **the *-an* verb type (7): [Undergoer as Ground in *Placement (II)* schema]**. The spatial and force relationship between participants in events under investigation can then be schematized below:

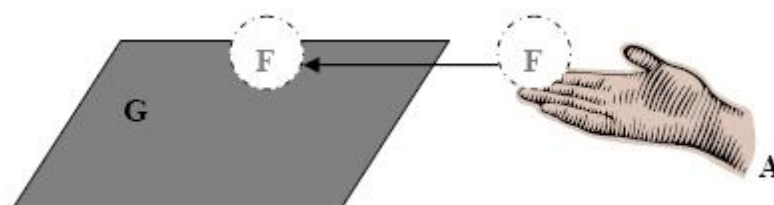


Fig. 6.7: *Placement (II)* schema

In Fig. 6.7, the gray mark on the symbol “F” symbolizes its abstract status. The Figure entity, i.e., force, is released from the actor and delivered to the Ground entity. The shade area around G means that it is the entity highlighted in a transitive event. Other verbs like *talam* ‘taste; try’, *sok* ‘smell’, *syang* ‘bother’, etc. are also subsumed under this verb type. More examples for the *Placement (II)* schema can be seen in Appendix I. Note that these verbs refer to either are perceptual events (e.g., *talam* ‘taste; try’, *sok* ‘smell’, and *kita* ‘see’) or communicative activities (e.g., *cisal* ‘chat with’).

Now let us proceed to show how the events are encoded morphosyntactically. (6.30) illustrates the perceptual event of seeing in various voice forms of the verb *kita* ‘see’:

(6.30) *kita* ‘see’

- a. nyux=ku mita’ sa biru’.
 ASP=1SG.GEN m.see LOC book
 ‘I am reading (a) book.’
- b. blaq kt-an qu’ biru’ qa’.
 good see-an NOM book DEM
 ‘The book is good to read.’
- b’. *blaq kt-on qu’ biru’ qa’.
 good see-un NOM book DEM
 ‘The book is good to read.’
- c. wal=mu kt-an qu’ biru’ qa’.
 ASP=1SG.GEN see-an NOM book DEM
 ‘I have read the book (before).’
- c’. kt-on=saku’=nya’ na’.
 see-un=1SG.NOM=3SG.GEN still
 ‘He will still visit me.’

- d. s-kita'=maku' biru' qu' kita' roziq qani'.
s-see=1SG.GEN book NOM mirror eye this
'I used this pair of glasses to read books.'
- e. s-kita'=maku' sa yaki' cyux m-nbu' qu' yaya'=mu.
s-see=1SG.GEN LOC grandmother ASP m-sick NOM mother=1SG.GEN
'I saw/visited (the) sick grandmother for my mother.'



In (6.30a), the only undergoer argument of the verb *kita'* 'see', *biru'* "book", is Loc(2) *sa*-marked in an EIC clause structure. In (6.30b), the undergoer is an evaluated target in a *blaq* construction, in which it is the *-an* form of a verb employed, instead of the *-un* form. In (6.30c), the undergoer argument is nominative-marked in an *-an* clause structure for an realis event. Again, this shows a tight inherent relationship between the undergoer and the *-an* form of the verb *kita'* 'see'. The verb's *-un* form is used to encode an irrealis event, as in (6.30c').

In (6.30d), an instrument argument is assigned nominative case and its referent is highlighted in the event encoded by the *s*- form of the verb *kita'* 'see', i.e., *s-kita'* 'see'. In (6.30e), a beneficiary argument marked by nominative case is highlighted in a *s*- clause structure. Table 6.17 summarizes the preceding discussions:

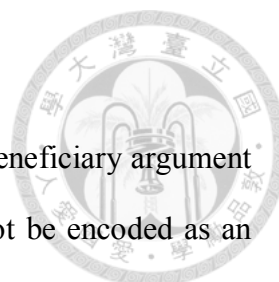
Table 6.17: The interaction of concepts, undergoers, case-making, and four construction types for *-an* verb type (7): [Undergoer as Ground in *Placement (II)* schema]

| | Concept | EIC construction & case marking | | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain UV construction (reality status) |
|-----|---------------------------|--|----------------|--------------------------|--|
| I | Ground → | Intrinsic undergoer → | <i>sa</i> NP → | <i>-un</i> <i>-an</i> | <i>-un</i> (Irrealis) <i>-an</i> (Realis) |
| II | Figure | (Implied from the semantics of verb) | --- | --- | --- |
| III | (Figure'= Instrument) | (Other undergoer participant 1, but demanded in extra context) | --- | <i>s-</i> (2) | <i>s-</i> (2) |
| IV | Figure" (= Benefactee) | --- | --- | --- | <i>s-</i> (3) |

In Table 6.17, there are four points needed to note. The first point is about (I). Ground is taken as the intrinsic undergoer of the verb *kita'* 'see' and is specified as a Loc(2) *sa*-marked argument in an EIC; furthermore, in both a *blaq* construction and a realis plain UV construction, the intrinsic undergoer is specified by the *-an* form of verbs of this type. Their *-un* form is used to encode an irrealis transitive event.

The second point is about the concept of Figure. As shown in (II), the Figure concept is not specified lexically or structurally. However, its existence is inferable based on the process of activity performance.

The third point is concerned with instrument. As shown in (III), an instrument object is not an intrinsic undergoer of the verb *kita'* 'see'. However, based on the spatial arrangement of participants or entities in events, it can be conceptualized as another Figure entity (Figure'). In either a *blaq* or a plain UV construction, the *s-* form is



employed to highlight the instrument argument.

The last point has to do with a beneficiary argument. Since a beneficiary argument cannot be justified based on an EIC of the verb *kita* 'see', it cannot be encoded as an undergoer argument in either a *blaq* or a plain UV construction; instead, it can only occur as the subject in a *s*- clause structure.

Table 6.18 is a simplified version of Table 6.17:

Table 6.18: A syntactico-semantic template for the relationship between verbs in *-an* (7) class and their (non-)intrinsic undergoer arguments

| Non-actor clause type | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain UV construction | Case marking in EIC | As intrinsic undergoer (Concept) |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>-un</i> <i>-an</i> | | | <i>sa</i> | Yes (Ground) |
| <i>s</i> - (2) | | | --- | (No (Figure')) |
| <i>s</i> - (3) | --- | --- | --- | (No Figure') |

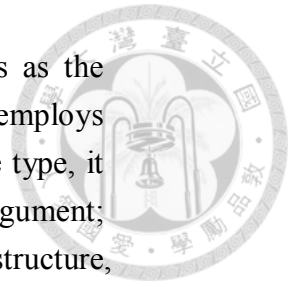
(6.31) Conceptual representation for verbs in the *-an* (7) class

Based on three factors, i.e., the conceptualization of their undergoers, the spatial arrangement for entities in events and the morphosyntactic representation for verbs, verbs like *cisal* 'chat with', *kita* 'see', *sok* 'smell' are grouped into the *-an* verb type (7): [Undergoer as Ground in *Placement (II)* schema].

The undergoer is conceptualized as the Ground which exists somewhere and is realized as a receiver bearing force released from the actor. When appearing in an EIC, it is Loc(2) *sa*-marked. Figure then refers to force of the sort; however, since it is implied from the semantics of verbs, it is not encoded as an argument structurally.

When expressed in dyadic transitive clauses, a tight relationship between the undergoer and the *-an* clause is

established in a realis event. The undergoer also appears as the subject in an irrealis transitive clause, but the language employs the *-un* form for the situation. With regard to the *s*- clause type, it is used to encode either an instrument or a beneficiary argument; however, like most Nom-marked arguments in a *s*- clause structure, the argument in the same semantic category is not permitted to occur in an EIC, but its presence in a *s*- clause structure is automatically insured.



6.9 Concluding remarks on the seven verb types in the *-an* class

In this chapter, based on three factors, i.e., the conceptualization of their undergoers, the spatial arrangement for entities in events, and the morphosyntactic representation for verbs, I have distinguished seven *-an* verb types in Squiliq Atayal. Similarities among the seven *-an* verb types are:

- (6.31) a. Their intrinsic undergoer in events encoded by the verbs in question is conceptualized as the Ground.
- b. The Ground undergoer (in O role) takes the role of an evaluated target in a *blaq* construction with the *-an* form of verbs employed.
- c. The Ground undergoer (in O role) occurs as the most salient in realis events encoded by the *-an* form of verbs.
- d. On the basis of the statements in (b) and (c), an inherent relationship between the Ground undergoer and the *-an* form of verbs is then established; that is the main reason about why these verbs are classified into the *-an* class.
- e. The *-un* form of verbs is also employed to specify the subject role of the Ground undergoer (in O role); however, that is restricted to irrealis events, whose factual basis is not solid enough to be an indicator of verb type.

With regard to their differences, the main one is the nature of their schema type. A wide variety of factors used to determine the formation of schema have also been

discussed in previous sections. Table 6.19 below provides important characteristics of seven schemas or verb types, as an aid to understanding each type in greater details:



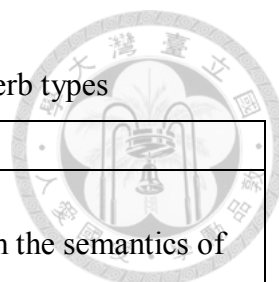


Table 6.19: Important characteristics of seven schemas/verb types

| Verb type | Characteristics |
|--|---|
| <p>-an verb type (1): [Undergoer as Ground in <i>Placement (I)</i> schema]</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Figure as a concrete object 2. Figure as a component implied from the semantics of verbs 3. Three main word formation processes involved in the verb type |
| <p>-an verb type (2): [Undergoer as Ground in <i>Removal</i> schema]</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Figure and Ground in a part-whole relation 2. Figure as an expectable component of Ground |
| <p>-an verb type (3): [Undergoer as Ground in <i>Indivisibility</i> schema]</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Figure and Ground in a part-whole relation |
| <p>-an verb type (4): [Undergoer as Ground^{Figure} in <i>Possession</i> schema]</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Figure and Ground in an inherent possessive or a part-whole relation 2. The intrinsic undergoer is a possessive NP, in which the head is the possessed, and the modifier is the possessor 3. There is an asymmetry between conceptualization and morphosyntax of the constructions 4. The concept of instrument is not encoded as an argument of verbs in this type 5. The beneficiary argument is also simultaneously the causee argument |
| <p>-an verb type (5): [Undergoer as Ground in <i>Mediation</i> schema]</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Ground can function as instrument ii. Actor and Figure are in a reflexive relation; as a result, the Figure is symbolized as F^A |
| <p>-an verb type (6): [Undergoer as Ground in <i>Fixedness</i> schema]</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ground is fixed to some location; because of this, the verb type is the very opposite of the -un verb type (5): [Undergoer as Figure in <i>Self-moving</i> schema] 2. Actor and Figure are in a reflexive relation; as a result, the Figure is symbolized as F^A |
| <p>-an verb type (7): [Undergoer as Ground in <i>Placement (II)</i> schema]</p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Figure as an abstract object 2. Figure as a component implied from the semantics of verbs |

CHAPTER 7

THE *-un* CLASS



7.1 Introduction

In this chapter we examine eight types of the *-un* class: *-un* verb type (1): [Undergoer as Figure in *Transformation* schema], *-un* verb Type (2): [Undergoer as Figure in *Taking* schema], *-un* verb type (3): [Undergoer as Figure in *Gathering* schema], *-un* verb Type (4): [Undergoer as Figure in *Causative motion* schema], *-un* verb type (5): [Undergoer as Figure in *Self-moving* schema], *-un* verb type (6): [Undergoer as Figure in *Cognition* schema], *-un* verb type (7): [Underger as Figure in *Stimulus* schema], and *-un* verb type (8): [Undergoer as Figure in *Triggering* schema].

7.2 *-un* verb type (1): [Undergoer as Figure in *Transformation* schema]

Verbs like *pluk* ‘burst; break’, *kat* ‘bite’, *tlom* ‘burn’ and so on are used to express a situation in which the actor exerts his/ her force, either by hand or with an instrument, upon an object, and usually causes a partial or a radical transformation of the object, but the original form of the object is not recoverable. Take a balloon-bursting event as an example. The event is encoded by the verb *pluk* ‘burst; break’. In this event, a person takes a needle and stabs it into a balloon, causing the balloon to deform into an irregularly shaped object; therefore, it is impossible to restore it to its original, round, shape. Events of this sort can be represented in the following event structure template:

(7.1) [Actr. ACT<manner>] CAUSE [Undr. BECOME<state>]

Based on (7.1), it is easily noticed that the transformed object is the only undergoer;

based on the sketch of Squiliq Atayal grammar provided in Chapter 2, the undergoer is Loc2 *sa/squ*'-marked in an EIC. In terms of Talmy's framework, since it undergoes self-referencing motion, it is then regarded as a meta-Figure. Morphosyntactically, the undergoer is highlighted in the *-un* clause of the verb. There is then a link between the notion of transformation, the undergoer Figure, and the *-un* form of the verb tightly established in the mind of the language speaker. In other words, verbs encoding their undergoer argument in this way are grouped into the ***-un* verb type (1): [Undergoer as Figure in Transformation schema]**. The balloon-bursting event can be schematized below:

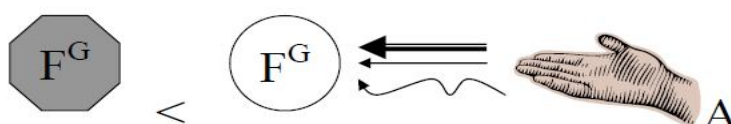


Fig. 7.1: *Transformation schema*

Fig. 7.1 displays a typical scenario for object transformation with four obligatory participants involved, i.e., an actor, an object before undergoing change, an object after transformation, and an external force. As depicted in Fig. 7.1, via the exertion of force upon an object (i.e the Figure entity) (or an amalgam of Figure and Ground; shown as a shaded circle and abbreviated as $F^{G^{31}}$ in Fig. 7.1), such as biting, burning, breaking etc. signified in terms of a straight line, a curvy line, or a thick line to signify various manners of transformation), an actor (indicated in terms of a hand symbol and

³¹ “ F^G ” is designed here to express the idea that from a certain perspective, a Figure entity and a Ground entity may be essentially identical, so that they physically form a unit. However, the notion of Figure remains the more prominent based on the observation that a change on the Figure entity implies a change on the Ground entity. As a result, we use the symbol F^G , in which there is a superscript G , to express an asymmetrical relationship between the two cognitive concepts. Moreover, the character F^G may also be used to indicate that the Figure undergoes self-referencing motion or activity (Cf. Talmy 2000:329-333). In other words, the Figure entity is its own Ground.

abbreviated as A) causes the Figure to change in form, where the symbol of hexagon stands for the change. Events encoded by verbs like *pluk* ‘burst; break’, *kat* ‘bite’, *tlom* ‘burn’ etc. are identical in the way their participants structure the event, but differ in the way the force is exerted by the actor upon the Figure.

Let us now examine how the *Transformation* schema is implemented in the morphosyntactic representations for verbs. Examples in (7.2) illustrate various aspects of a (balloon-)bursting event, including its reality status.

(7.2) *pluk* ‘burst; break’

a. nyux=saku’ mluk (na’ rom) sa bubul qa’ la’.
 ASP=1SG.NOM m.burst (GEN needle) LOC balloon DEM FP
 ‘I’m bursting the balloon (with (a) needle).’

b. blaq plk-un qu’ bubul.
 good burst-un NOM balloon
 ‘The balloon easily burst.’

b’. *blaq plk-an qu’ bubul.
 good burst-an NOM balloon
 ‘The balloon easily burst.’

c. wal=mu plk-un qu’ bubul qa’ la’.
 ASP=1SG.GEN burst-un NOM balloon DEM FP
 ‘I have burst the balloon.’

c’. plk-un=mu qu’ bubul qa’ kira’.
 burst-un=1SG.GEN NOM balloon DEM later
 ‘I will burst the balloon.’

c’’. plk-an sa bubul qu’ laqi’ qa’.
 burst-an LOC balloon NOM child DEM
 ‘Burst (the) balloon for the child.’

d. *blaq s-pluk bubul qu' rom qa'.*
 good s-burst balloon NOM needle DEM
 'The needle is (a) good (tool) for bursting (a) balloon.'



e. *wal=mu s-pluk bubul qu' rom qa'.*
 ASP=1SG.GEN s-burst balloon NOM needle DEM
 'I have burst (the) balloon with the needle.'

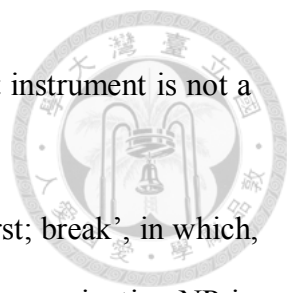
f. *wal=mu s-pluk bubul qu' laqi' qa'.*
 ASP=1SG.GEN s-burst balloon NOM child DEM
 'I have burst (the) balloon for the child.'

(7.2a) describes a situation in which an actor, coded by =*saku* '1st person singular nominative pronoun', is exerting his/her force upon the undergoer entity, i.e., *bubul qa* 'the balloon', marked with Loc(2), resulting in physical change of the undergoer entity.

Both (7.2b) and (7.2b') represent the *blaq* construction as a diagnostic test: the *-un* form of the verb *pluk* 'burst; break' is acceptable, as shown in (7.2b), but its *-an* form is not, as shown in (7.2b'). This means that it is the *-un* form of the verb *pluk* 'burst; break', rather than its *-an* form, that highlights the undergoer participant in a (balloon-)bursting event.

(7.2c') contrasts with (7.2c) in reality interpretation. As we can see from (7.2c), the *-un* form is recruited to highlight the undergoer, i.e., *bubul qa* 'the balloon', in a realis event, and is identical to (7.2c') in highlighting the undergoer. As for the *-an* form of the verb, it is used in a benefactive applicative construction where it is the beneficiary participant that is highlighted, as shown in (7.2c''). In other words, the *-an* voice form of the verb is never used to highlight the undergoer. Also note that the applicative *-an* construction is specifically used for highlighting the beneficiary argument for all the verbs in Squliq Atayal.

Both (7.12d) and (7.2e) illustrate a situation where an instrument NP is highlighted



in events encoded by the *s-* form of the verb *pluk* ‘burst; break’. But instrument is not a core argument for the verb in question.

(7.2f) also illustrates the use of the *s-* form of the verb *pluk* ‘burst; break’, in which, the nominative case is assigned to the beneficiary argument and the nominative NP is not the undergoer in a respective event.

To sum up the preceding discussion on (7.2), we construct the following table:

Table 7.1: The interaction of concepts, undergoers, case-making, and four construction types for *-un* verb type (1): [Undergoer as Figure in *Transformation* schema]

| | Concept | EIC construction & case marking | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain construction (reality status) | UV construction | Applicative UV construction |
|-----|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| I | Figure | Undergoer | <i>sa</i> NP | <i>-un</i> <i>-an</i> | <i>-un</i> (Irrealis)/ (Realis) <i>-an</i> | --- |
| II | Figure’ = Instrument | (Other undergoer participant 1, but demanded in extra context) | (<i>na</i> ’ NP) | (<i>s-</i>) | --- | <i>s-</i> |
| III | Figure’’ = Benefactee | --- | --- | --- | --- | <i>s-</i> |

As shown in Table 7.1, the syntax of an EIC clause shows that the undergoer for a (balloon-)bursting event is coded as an Loc(2) *sa*-marked argument, but the process of conceptualizing it as the Figure must have taken place before syntactic formulation of the sentence. The undergoer as the Figure gets highlighted only when it is marked with

nominative in an *-un* clause, such as the *blaq* construction in (7.2b) or a plain UV construction, as in (7.2c) and (7.2c'). This is as displayed in terms of (I) in this table. For a typical (balloon-)bursting event, all expressions in (7.2) are designed to show how the two core participants, i.e., the actor and the undergoer, are specified syntactically. Other peripheral participants also occur in these expressions but are coded differently from the core ones. As displayed in (II), the instrument argument is marked with nominative in an applicative UV *s-* construction or marked with the Gen(2) *na'* in an EIC clause. (III) is concerned with a peripheral argument, in which a beneficiary argument is marked with nominative, also an applicative UV *s-* construction, but it is prohibited from occurring in an EIC construction. Conceptually, the beneficiary participant is a Figure entity, since it is interpretable as a cause driving the occurrence of the event in question.

Table 7.2 straightforwardly shows a tight relationship between the undergoer (i.e., the Figure) and the *-un* form of verbs under this type in question, like *pluk* 'burst; break'.

Table 7.2: A syntactico-semantic template for the relationship between verbs in *-un* verb type (1) and their (non-)intrinsic undergoer arguments

| Construction type\ Verb form | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain UV construction (reality status) | Case marking in EIC | As intrinsic undergoer (Concept) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---|------------------------|--|
| <i>-un</i> | ● | ● (Irrealis; realis) | <i>sa</i> | Yes (Figure) |
| <i>-an</i> | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| <i>s-</i> | ● | --- | <i>na'</i> | No (Figure') |

(7.3) below summarizes the preceding discussions:

(7.3) Conceptual and morphosyntactic representations of the participants



in events encoded by verbs in *-un* verb type (1)

In events encoded by *pluk* ‘burst; break’, *lom* ‘burn’, and *kat* ‘bite’, their core participants are in a relation in which the Actor exerts his/her force upon the undergoer, leading to form change on the latter object. Namely, the participants, force and the activity together construct a Transformation schema. Since undergoing a self-referencing motion, the undergoer is conceptualized as meta-Figure (or an amalgam of Figure and Ground). This is the aspect regarding conceptualization.

As for morphosyntactic representation, in an EIC clause structure, the undergoer is *sa*-marked. When expressed in dyadic transitive clauses, the undergoer’s saliency is specified in terms of verbs’ *-un* form, a tight relationship between the undergoer and the *-un* clause is thereby built. If the undergoer appears as the more salient in a non-neutral context, such as in an irrealis event, it remains the *-un* form employed.

With regard to the *s*- clause type, there are two functions: one is used to highlight an instrument entity, while the other, a benefactee participant. The instrument entity is also attested in *blaq* construction but is not a semantically-core undergoer for verbs in this type. As for the beneficiary argument, its presence is prohibited from an EIC and its presence in a *s*- clause is automatically assured

7.3 *-un* verb type (2): [Undergoer as Figure in *Taking* schema]

Events encoded by *beng* ‘hold’, *kyap* ‘catch’, *'agal* ‘take’ etc. can be used to describe a situation where an actor takes an object by hands in terms of various manners. The semantics of verbs’ base entails the manner of actions, usually referring to different actions performed by hands. Besides, when force is exerted upon the object, the actor’s hands are keeping in contact with it and the object does not undergo any essential change, including its form, otherwise, events of this sort are instances of the foregoing *transformation* schema. Following this idea, the two properties of the events, “handcontact” and “intactness”, are identified. The former is associated with manner



information, and the latter, result. Since the events end in the state of some object taken by hands from somewhere, their structure template is identical to that for events under *Transformation* schema, as repeated below:

(7.4) (=7.1) [Actr. ACT<manner>] CAUSE [Undr. BECOME<state>]

In (7.4), it is easily noticed that there are two intrinsic participants in events in question, namely, an actor and an undergoer. The actor participant is specified as the subject in a ((-)*m*-) clause structure, and the undergoer participant is assigned the role of subject in an *-un* clause structure. Based on the spatial organization of participants in the events, the undergoer participant undertakes self-reference; henceforth, according to Talmy (2000), the participant is conceptualized as Figure (or a self-referencing Figure). Take all into account. Verbs used to encode events in question, e.g., *beng* ‘hold’, *kyap* ‘catch’, *liliq* ‘lift up’ etc., are categorized into **the *-un* verb type (2): [Undergoer as Figure in Taking schema]**.

Applying Talmy’s Figure-Ground dichotomy here, we get the following figure schematizing the events in question:

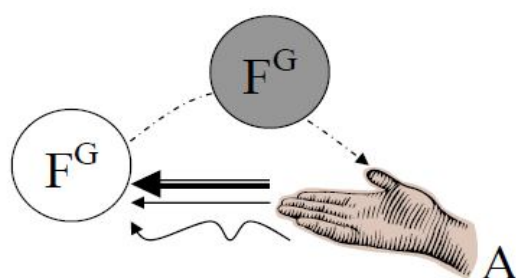


Fig. 7.2: *Taking* schema

In Fig. 7.2, an actor (iconed as a hand and characterized as A) uses his hand(s) to take a

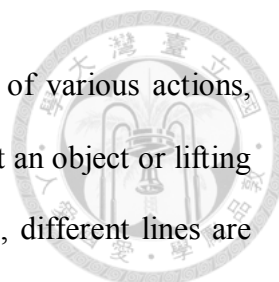


Figure object (iconed as a round and characterized as F) in terms of various actions, such as holding implying an action of using hands or arms to support an object or lifting up implying using hands to move an object upwards. In this figure, different lines are designed for showing these various actions upon Figure object.

Some instances of the *Taking* schema are provided in Table 7.3 below, along with their respect using condition:

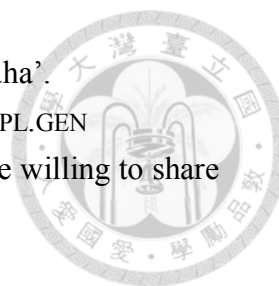
Table 7.3: Context examples for the use of events encoded by the *-un* form of verbs in this type

| Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb | Paraphrase of event |
|--------------|-------------------------------|---|
| <i>beng</i> | To hold | Farmer wife (i.e., the Actor) held a rice bag (i.e., the Undergoer) (tightly) in order to let the farmer to fill it with rice |
| <i>hbyat</i> | To pull out | Farmer (i.e., the Actor) pulled carrots (i.e., the Undergoer) out of the earth |
| <i>kyap</i> | To catch | Keeper (i.e., the Actor) caught chicken (i.e., the Undergoer) roaming through a field in order to have them into a henhouse |
| <i>qap</i> | To draw out | Worker (i.e., the Actor) drew out spikes (i.e., the Undergoer) completely from a board |

Let's proceed to how the events are represented morphosyntactically in the language. Consider the taking event, as in (7.5):

(7.5) *'agal* 'take'

- a. nyux=ku magal sa bway na' p<in>uya'=naha'.
 ASP=1SG.NOM m.take LOC fruit GEN <PST>plant=3PL.GEN
 'I am taking/picking the fruit they plant.'



- b. *blaq gal-un qu' bway na' p<in>uya'=naha'*
good take-un NOM fruit GEN <PST>plant=3PL.GEN
'It is easy to take/obtain the fruit they plant (because they are willing to share fruit with people).'
- b'. **blaq gal-an qu' bway na' p<in>uya'=naha'*
good take-an NOM fruit GEN <PST>plant=3PL.GEN
'It is easy to take/obtain the fruit they plant.'
- c. *wal=mu gal-un qu' bway na' p<in>uya'=naha' la'*
ASP=1SG.GEN take-un NOM fruit GEN <PST>plant=3PL.GEN FP
'I have ever taken/picked the fruit they plant.'
- c'. *gal-un=mu qu' bway na' p<in>uya'=naha' kira'*
take-un=1SG.GEN NOM fruit GEN <PST>plant=3PL.GEN later
'I will take/pick the fruit they plant.'
- d. *wal=mu s-'agal sa bway na' p<in>uya'=naha' qu'*
ASP=1SG.GEN s-take LOC fruit GEN <PST>plant=3PL.GEN NOM
yaya'=mu.
mother=1SG.GEN
'I have taken/picked the fruit they plant for my mother (and gave her, too).'

In (7.5a), the nominative-marked actor is encoded as the subject in the *m*- clause structure there, while the intrinsic, Loc(2)-marked NP *bway na' p<in>uya'=naha'* 'the fruit they plant' is the undergoer. In (7.5b), (7.5c) and (7.5c'), the undergoer is marked nominative and is the subject in a *blaq* construction, a realis and an irrealis UV clause, respectively. A common point for the three examples is, it is the *-un* form of the verb *'agal* 'take' recruited into the constructions there. This point shows straightforwardly a tight link between the intrinsic undergoer argument and the *-un* form of the verb. (7.5b') demonstrates that the verb's *-an* form is not selected as the verb form used in evaluating the O role undergoer in a *blaq* construction; by means of this, it

can be seen that the *-an* form has no tight relation to the intrinsic undergoer morphosyntactically. In (7.5d), it is a *s*- clause structure in which a beneficiary argument is nominative-marked and is the subject there; however, as illustrated in the event structure template ((7.4)) and the EIC in (7.5a), the argument not the argument required by the valency of *'agal* 'take'.

(7.6) illustrates the pulling out event in various forms of the verb *hbyat* 'pull out':

(7.6) *hbyat* 'pull out'

a. *musa'=ku h<m>byat (na' payah) sa topu'*
 ASP=1SG.NOM <m>pull.out GEN spud LOC carrot
p<in>uya'=su.
 <pst>plant=2SG.GEN

'I am going to pull out the carrots you planted (with (a) spud).'

b. *blaq hbyat-un qu' topu' p<in>uya'=su.*
 good pull.out-un NOM carrot <PST>plant=2SG.GEN

'It is easy to pull out the carrots you planted.'

b'. **blaq hbyat-an qu' topu' p<in>muya'=su.*
 good pull.out-an NOM carrot <PST>plant=2SG.GEN

'It is easy to pull out the carrots you planted.'

c. *wal=mu hbyat-un qu' topu' p<in>uya'=su.*
 ASP=1SG.GEN pull.out-un NOM carrot <PST>plant=2SG.GEN

'I have pulled out the carrots you plant.'

c'. *hbyat-un=mu qu' topu' p<in>uya'=su kira'.*
 pull.out-un=1SG.GEN NOM carrot <PST>plant=2SG.GEN later

'I will pull out the carrots you planted.'

d. *nyux=mu s-hbyat topu' qu' payah qa'.*
 ASP=1SG.GEN s-pull.out carrot NOM spud DEM

'I am using the spud to pull out carrots.'

- e. wal=mu s-hbyat topu' qu' ciwas.
 ASP=1SG.GEN s-pull.out carrot NOM PN
 'I have pulled out carrots for Ciwas.'



In (7.6a), the actor, *ku* '1st person singular nominative pronoun', is encoded as the subject of the verb *h<m>byat*, and the undergoer NP *topu' p<in>uya'=su* 'the carrots you planted' is Loc(2)-marked. Comparing (7.6b) with (7.6b'), we observe that the language employs the *-un* form of the verb *hbyat* 'pull out', instead of its *-an* form to evaluate the undergoer in a carrot-pulling-out event. By means of this, for this verb, there is a tight link between the undergoer and the *-un* form. Likewise, the verb's *-un* form is used to highlight the undergoer *topu' p<in>uya'=su* in a realis event as in (7.6c) and in an irrealis event as in (7.6c'). (7.6d) and (7.6e) are not related to the specification of the undergoer; rather, it is concerned with peripheral arguments, i.e., an instrument and a beneficiary argument, as a nominative-marked nominal in a respective *s-* clause structure.

Table 7.4 is a summary of the preceding discussions on (7.5) and (7.6):

Table 7.4: The interaction of concepts, undergoers, case-making, and four construction types for *-un* verb type (2): [Undergoer as Figure in *Taking* schema]

| | Concept | EIC construction & case marking | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain construction (reality status) | UV | Applicative UV construction |
|-----|------------------------|--|---------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------|
| I | Figure | → Undergoer | <i>sa</i> NP → <i>-un</i> | → <i>-un</i> (Irrealis)/ (Realis) | --- | --- |
| II | Figure' = Instrument | → Other undergoer participant 1, but demanded in extra context | <i>na'</i> NP → (s-) | --- | --- | s- |
| III | Figure'' = Benefactee) | --- | --- | --- | --- | s- |

In Table 7.4, (I) is concerned with the morphosyntactic representation for the intrinsic undergoer, which, conceptually, is a Figure entity. In an EIC clause, it is Loc(2)-marked. In a *blaq* construction, the language employs the *-un* form of verbs under investigation to the *blaq* construction test. Furthermore, the Figure undergoer is the subject in an *-un* clause structure used for encoding not only an irrealis but also a realis event. (II) is to indicate how a peripheral argument, i.e., an instrument argument, is realized morphosyntactically. It is another Figure concept and can appear as a genitive 2-marked argument in an EIC and is encoded as the subject of the *s-* form of verbs in the verb type. (III) involves the encoding of a beneficiary argument, it is nominative-marked in a *s-* clause structure, but is not an intrinsic argument required by the verb's valency.

Table 7.5 is a simplified version of Table 7.4:

Table 7.5: A syntactico-semantic template for the relationship between verbs in *-un* verb type (2) and their (non-)intrinsic undergoers

| Non-actor clause type | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain UV construction (reality status) | Case marking in EIC | As intrinsic undergoer (Concept) |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>-un</i> | ● | ● (Irrealis; realis) | <i>sa</i> | Yes (Figure) |
| <i>-an</i> | - | - | | |
| <i>s-</i> | (●) | ● | --- | No (Ground') |

In Table 7.5, a tight relation between the intrinsic undergoer and the *-un* form of verbs in *-un* verb type (2) is straightforwardly uncovered.

(7.7) summarizes the preceding discussions

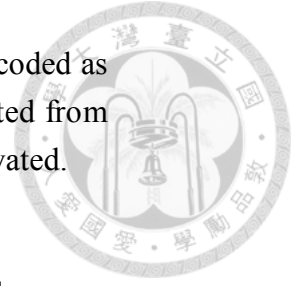
(7.7) Conceptual and morphosyntactic representation for their participants in events encoded by verbs in the *-un* verb type (2)

In events encoded by *beng* ‘hold’, *kyap* ‘catch’ and *liliq* ‘lift up’, their core participants are in a relation that the actor exerts his or her force upon the intrinsic undergoer to have it on hands or arms, that causes no any essential on the undergoer. In light of this, the participants, force and the activity together construct a Transformation schema. Since small enough in size to be affected, the undergoer is conceptualized as Figure (or an amalgam of Figure and Ground or more precisely a self-referencing Figure). This is the aspect regarding conceptualization.

As for morphosyntactic representation, in an EIC clause structure, the intrinsic undergoer is Loc(2)-marked. When expressed in dyadic transitive clauses, the undergoer is highlighted in terms of verbs’ *-un* form, a tight relationship between the undergoer and the *-un* clause is so that built, which must be in a neutral context. If the undergoer is highlighted in a non-neutral context, such as in an irrealis event, it remains the *-un* form employed.

With regard to the *s-* clause type, it conveys only one

function, i.e., to highlight a benefactee participant. When coded as a beneficiary argument in a clause, its presence is prohibited from an EIC and its presence in a *s*- clause is automatically activated.



7.4 *-un* verb type (3): [Undergoer as Figure in *Gathering* schema]

In certain events, entities are gathered together into a larger unit by an actor. Mixing is such an event. In a mixing event, two or more entities are put together. The event structure template for these events is identical to that for the events encoded by verbs in two foregoing verb types, namely, it is the [Actr. ACT<manner>] CAUSE [Undr. BECOME<state>] template, in which an actor and an undergoer are two intrinsic arguments, while manner and state are information entailed from the semantics of the base of verbs. Since the most remarkable part for events of this sort is the gathering of affected entities, we call the new schema *Gathering* schema. The schema can be diagrammed below:

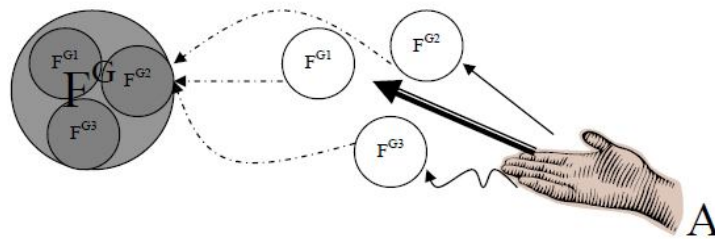
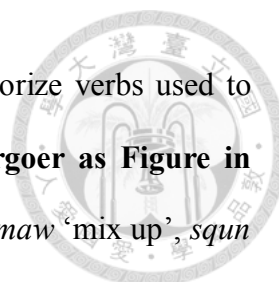


Fig. 7.3: *Gathering* schema

Fig. 7.3 depicts a scene where an actor (A) takes two or more small entities (represented by F^G) combine them and mix them into a bigger entity. Since these small entities are movable, in terms of Talmy's framework, they are conceptualized as meta-Figure, F^G . Moreover, the Figure entities, as affected entities in the *Gathering* schema, are typically highlighted in a *-un* voice construction, and a tight relation between the Figure and the *-un* form of verbs is then established. Taking both the



conceptual and the structural representation into account, we categorize verbs used to encode such a Gathering event as the **-un verb type (3): [Undergoer as Figure in Gathering schema]**. Verbs instantiating the *Gathering* schema are 'imaw 'mix up', squn 'gather' and 'ubuy 'link; join'.

(7.8) exemplifies how various aspects of the mixing event, including its reality status, are realized structurally.

(7.8) 'imaw 'mix up'

- a. nyux=saku' ' <m>imaw sa bazing.
 ASP=1SG.NOM <m>mix LOC egg
 'I am whipping egg. (Lit., I am mixing egg yolk with egg white.)'

- a'. cyux=su ' <m>imaw sa qara' na' kaway ru
 ASP=2SG.NOM <m>mix LOC branch GEN plum and
 guilux la'; iyat p-qbaq-un.
 peach FP; NEG CAUS-able-un
 'You mixed plum's branches and peach's branches; (I) am unable to distinguish them.'

- b. blaq mag-un qu' bazing qa'.
 good mix-un NOM egg DEM
 'The egg was whipped easily. (Lit., It is easy to mix egg yolk with egg white.)'

- b'. *blaq mag-an qu' bazing qa'.
 good mix-an NOM egg DEM
 'The egg was whipped well. (Lit., It is easy to mix egg yolk with egg white.)'

- c. wal=mu mag-un qu' bazing qa'.
 ASP=1SG.GEN mix-un NOM egg DEM
 'I have whipped the egg. (Lit., I have mixed egg yolk with egg white.)'

- c'. mag-un=mu qu' bazing qa' kira'.
 mix-un=1SG.GEN NOM egg DEM later



‘I will whip the egg (, i.e., I will mix egg yolk with egg white).’

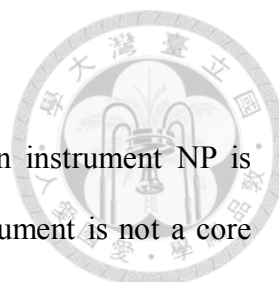
- d. *blaq* *s-'imaw* *qu'* *kway* *qa'*.
good s-mix NOM chopstick DEM
‘The pair of chopsticks is a good tool (to whip eggs).’

- e. *nyux=mu* *s-imaw* *bazing* *qu'* *kway* *qa'*.
ASP=1SG.GEN s-mix egg NOM chopstick DEM
‘I whipped eggs with the pair of chopsticks.’

- f. *wal=mu* *s-'imaw* *bazing* *qu'* *yaya'=mu*.
ASP=1SG.GEN s-mix egg NOM mother=1SG.GEN
‘I have whipped eggs for my mother.’

In (7.8a), an EIC, two types of participants are found: one is the actor, coded as a nominative argument, and the other is undergoer, coded as a Loc(2) argument. Notice that the referent specified by the Loc(2) NP here is a composite of two substances, egg yolk and egg white. As mentioned before, the two substances are equal in their conceptual significance with respect to the event, so they are grouped together as a unit. This idea is clearly demonstrated in (7.8a'), where the conjoined NP *qara'na'kaway ru guilux* ‘branches of the plums and peaches’ specifying two different types of entities, i.e., plum’s branches and peach’s branches, and is marked by Loc(2).

(7.8b) and (7.8b') illustrate how the verb *'imaw* ‘mix up’ interacts with the *blaq* construction. We observe that the *-un* voice form of the verb must be used, but not the *-an* form. Thus the *blaq* construction is a diagnostic test for taking the verb *'imaw* ‘mix up’ as belonging to the *-un* verb type. The structure used to express a realis mixing event provides another basis for verb typing, as shown in (7.8c). In (7.8c), *bazing* ‘egg’, the undergoer NP, is highlighted in the realis event associated with the verb’s *-un* form; as a result, we are sure that *'imaw* ‘mix up’ belongs to the *-un* class. In (7.8c'), the *-un* form



is found also used in an irrealis event.

In both (7.8d) and (7.8e), they illustrate a situation where an instrument NP is highlighted in events encoded by the *s-* form of the verb. But instrument is not a core argument for the verb in question; instead, its presence depends on the context, while egg-whipping needs (a pair of) an eggbeater as an instrument, but branch-mixing does not. In (7.8f), a *s-* clause structure is used to highlight a beneficiary argument. Like the case of instrument, beneficiary is not a core argument for a typical mixing event.

Table 7.6 below is a summary of the preceding discussion on (7.8):

Table 7.6: The interaction of concepts, undergoers, case-making, and four construction types for *-un* verb type (3): [Undergoer as Figure in *Gathering* schema]

| | Concept | EIC construction & case marking | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain construction (reality status) | UV | Applicative UV construction |
|-----|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|-----------------------------|
| I | Figure | → Undergoer | Loc (2) <i>sa</i> NP | → <i>-un</i> → (Irrealis)/ (Realis) | <i>-un</i> | --- |
| II | Figure' = Instrument | → (Other undergoer participant 1, but demanded in extra context) | --- | → <i>s-</i> (2) | --- | → <i>s-</i> |
| III | Figure'' = Benefactee | --- | --- | --- | --- | → |

As can be seen from Table 7.6, the sole undergoer is conceptualized as the Figure

and coded as a Loc(2) argument in an EIC and a nominative argument in a plain UV clause. This is as displayed in (I). The Figure' ((II)) and the Figure'' ((III)) are not core arguments for a typical mixing event and play no role in determining whether a given verb is subsumable under the Gathering schema.

Table 7.7 is a simplified version of Table 7.6:

Table 7.7: A syntactico-semantic template for the relationship between verbs in *-un* verb type (3) and their (non-)intrinsic undergoer arguments

| Construction type\ Verb form | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain UV construction (reality status) | Case marking in EIC | As intrinsic undergoer (Concept) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>-un</i> | ● | ● (Irrealis; realis) | <i>sa</i> | Yes (Figure) |
| <i>-an</i> | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| <i>s-</i> | ● | --- | <i>na'</i> | No (Figure'; Figure'') |

(7.9) summarizes the preceding discussions:

(7.9) Conceptual and morphosyntactic representations for participants in events encoded by verbs in the *-un* verb type (3)

Events encoded by *'imaw* 'mix', *squn* 'gather' and *'ubuy* 'link' instantiate the Gathering schema. In this schema, the actor exerts a force upon the intrinsic undergoer in order to bring some entities together to form a larger entity. The gathering action causes the affected entities to form a unit.

Morphosyntactically, in an EIC clause, the undergoer is *sa*-marked. When the event is expressed in a dyadic transitive clause, the undergoer is highlighted in the *-un* voice construction, and there is a tight relationship between the undergoer and the *-un* clause in a realis event. If the undergoer is to be highlighted in an irrealis event, the *-un* form remains to be the only voice form employed.

With regard to the corresponding *s-* clause, there are two

functions: one is to highlight an instrument entity, and the other, a benefactee participant. The instrument NP appears in the *blaq* construction (34d), but it cannot be considered an intrinsic undergoer in the mixing event. Note that, since the hand is generally regarded as the implicit instrument for most Gathering events, the concept of instrument is not part of the schema. As for the beneficiary argument, its presence is prohibited in an EIC, but its presence in a *s*- clause is obligatory.



7.5 *-un* verb type (4): [Undergoer as Figure in *Causative motion* schema]

Events like pulling, hiding, or rolling an object describe a situation where an actor directly touches upon an object (e.g., a ball) and exerts his force upon it that finally makes it to move to somewhere but the form of the object does not change. The spatial organization of the object is moved toward somewhere by the actor, and the two participants or entities together instantiates a *Causative motion* schema. In terms of Talmy's Figure-Ground framework, the moved object is conceptualized as Figure. The schema can be represented as follows:

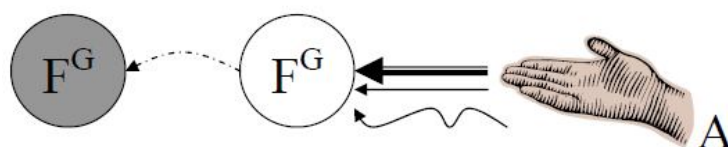


Fig. 7.4: *Causative motion* schema

As in the model shown in Fig. 7.4, the hand icon stands for Actor (A), while F refers to the Figure entity and is the intrinsic undergoer in events symbolized by the schema. The Figure entity is tokenized in two versions to express the change of its position, i.e., one in light shadow means the entity is touched by the actor with force, and the one in dark shadow is designed to show that the entity has been moved somewhere after driven by

force released from the actor. Different lines represent different ways the actor may adopt to affect the Figure entity; for example, a straight line may represent the action of pulling. Moreover, since it can be seen in the following discussion that it is the *-un* form of verbs employed to highlight the Figure entity, we identify it as the *-un* verb type (4):

[Undergoer as Figure in *Causative motion* schema].

Let us proceed to look at how events are encoded by *-un* verbs in type (4). Consider the pulling event and the overturning event as illustrated in (7.10) and in (7.11) respectively:

(7.10) *huluy* ‘pull’

1. nyux=ku h<m>uluy sa ruma’.
 ASP=1SG.NOM <m>pull LOC bamboo
 ‘I am pulling bamboos.’

2. blaq hluy-un qu’ ruma’ qa’; ini’ mluw pqaya’.
 good pull-un NOM bamboo DEM NEG m.follow clip
 ‘It is easy to pull the bamboo because its branches do not twine around others.’

b’. *blaq hluy-an qu’ ruma’ qa’; ini’ mluw pqaya’.
 good pull-an NOM bamboo DEM NEG m.follow clip
 ‘It is easy to pull the bamboo because its branches do not twine around others.’

c. wal=mu hluy-un qu’ ruma’ la’.
 ASP=1SG.GEN pull-un NOM bamboo FP
 ‘I have pulled bamboos.’

c’. hluy-un=mu qu’ ruma’ kira’.
 pull-un=1SG.GEN NOM bamboo later
 ‘I will pull bamboos later.’

d. wal=mu s-huluy ruma’ qu’ snyuw qa’.
 ASP=1SG.GEN s-pull bamboo NOM rope DEM
 ‘I have pulled bamboos with the rope.’

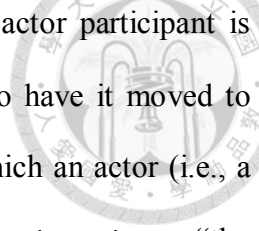
- e. wal=mu s-huluy ruma' qu' yaba'=mu.
 ASP=1SG.GEN s-pull bamboo NOM father=1SG.GEN
 'I have pulled bamboos for my father.'



(7.11) *pakux* 'overturn'

- a. nyux=ku makux sa qhuniq tqinuw qa'.
 ASP=1SG.NOM m.overturn LOC tree mushroom DEM
 'I am overturning the mushroomwood.'
- b. blaq pkux-un qu' qhuniq tqinuw qa'.
 good overturn-un NOM tree mushroom DEM
 'It is easy to overturn the mushroomwood.'
- b'. *blaq pkux-an qu' qhuniq tqinuw qa'.
 good overturn-an NOM tree mushroom DEM
 'It is easy to overturn the mushroomwood.'
- c. wal=mu pkux-un qu' qhuniq tqinuw qa'.
 ASP=1SG.GEN overturn-un NOM tree mushroom DEM
 'I have overturned the mushroomwood.'
- c'. pkux-un=mu qu' qhuniq tqinuw qa' kira'.
 overturn-un=1SG.GEN NOM tree mushroom DEM later
 'I will overturn the mushroomwood later.'
- d. wal=mu s-pakux sa qhuniq tqinuw qa' qhuniq qa'.
 ASP=1SG.GEN s-overturn LOC tree mushroom DEM wood DEM
 'I have overturned (the) mushroomwood with the wood.'
- e. wal=mu s-pakux sa qhuniq tqinuw qa' qu'
 ASP=1SG.GEN s-overturn LOC tree mushroom DEM NOM
 yaki' qa'.
 grandmother DEM
 'I have overturned (the) mushroomwood for the old woman (i.e., the grandmother).'

Examples in (7.10) express the relationship between an actor (i.e., a 1st person singular



participant) and an undergoer i.e., *ruma* ‘bamboo’), in which the actor participant is holding the undergoer firmly and exerting force upon it in order to have it moved to somewhere. Likewise, examples in (7.11) describe a situation in which an actor (i.e., a 1st person singular participant) turns an undergoer (i.e., *qhuniq tqinuw* ‘the mushroomwood’) upside down or on its side.

In (7.10a) and (7.11a), it is the actor, marked with nominative, that is highlighted, and the intrinsic undergoer is marked with Loc2. In (7.10b), (7.10b’), (7.11b) and (7.11b’), it can be easily noticed that the undergoer has a tight relation to the *-un* form of verbs *huluy* ‘pull’ and *pakux* ‘overturn’, instead of to their *-an* form. In (7.10c) and (7.11c), the *-un* form is used to specify a realis pulling and overturning event respectively. In (7.10c’) and (7.11c’), the *-un* form of the two verbs *huluy* ‘pull’ and *pakux* ‘overturn’ is also used to express an irrealis event in which the undergoer remains the subject. Either (7.10d)/(7.10e) or (7.11d)/(7.11e) show that a peripheral participant takes the role of subject in an *s-* clause structure.

We summarize the preceding discussion on (7.10) and (7.11) in terms of Table 7.8:

Table 7.8: The interaction of concepts, undergoers, case-making, and four construction types for *-un* verb type (4): [Undergoer as Figure in *Causative motion* schema]

| | Concept | EIC construction & case marking | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain construction (reality status) | UV | Applicative UV construction |
|-----|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|---|------------|-----------------------------|
| I | Figure | Undergoer | <i>sa</i> NP | <i>-un</i> (Irrealis)/ <i>-an</i> (Realis) | <i>-un</i> | --- |
| II | Figure' = Instrument | (Other undergoer participant 1, but demanded in extra context) | --- | <i>s-</i> | --- | <i>s-</i> |
| III | Figure'' = Benefactee | --- | --- | --- | --- | <i>s-</i> |

As can be seen from Table 7.8, the morphosyntactic representation for verbs in question is entirely identical to the three *-un* verb types discussed earlier (i.e., the *Transformation*, the *Gathering*, and the *Taking* schema). That is, as shown in this table, the intrinsic undergoer is conceptualized as the Figure and is Loc2-marked in an EIC and is realized as the highlighted entity in terms of the *-un* form of verbs.

Table 7.9 is a simplified version of Table 7.8:

Table 7.9: A syntactico-semantic template for the relationship between verbs in *-un* verb type (4) and their (non-)intrinsic arguments

| Non-actor clause type | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain UV construction (reality status) | Case marking in EIC | As intrinsic undergoer |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------|------------------------|
| <i>-un</i> | ●————● | (Irrealis; realis) | <i>sa</i> | Yes (Figure) |
| <i>-an</i> | - | - | | |
| <i>s-</i> | (●)————● | ● | --- | No (Figure'; Figure'') |

In Table 7.9, the tight relation between the Figure undergoer and the *-un* verb type (4) is conspicuous.

(7.12) below summarizes the preceding discussions in this section.

(7.12) Conceptual and morphosyntactic representation for their participants in events encoded by verbs in the *-un* verb type (4)

In events encoded by *huluy* ‘pull’, *lqing* ‘hide something’, *piray* ‘roll something’ etc., the actor exerts his or her force upon an undergoer in order to have it continuously moved to some destination. Movement of this sort does not lead to any essential change of the undergoer. In light of this, the participants, force and the activity together construct a *Causative motion* schema. As for morphosyntactic representation, in an EIC clause structure, the undergoer is Loc2 *sa*-marked. When expressed in a realis transitive clause, the undergoer is highlighted in *-un* voice construction, a tight relationship between the undergoer and the *un-* form is then established. If the undergoer is to be highlighted in an irrealis event, the *-un* form remains to be the only voice form employed.

7.6 *-un* verb type (5): [Undergoer as Figure in *Self-moving* schema]

Events like waiting for someone, chasing, inviting etc. illustrate a situation in which

a participant or an entity has an ability to move by himself or herself toward or away from somewhere. This kind of self-motion is in contrast to the foregoing causative motion discussed above, since events of this sort does not involve an actor's physical force; instead, sometimes it may be just the actor's intention that triggers the movement in question, as in an inviting event. Based on this description, it can be easily noticed that there are two participants, an actor and a participant, intrinsic to the transitive events of this type. In terms of Talmy's Figure-Ground framework, the self-moving entity is conceptualized as the Figure, or since it executes a self-referencing action, the entity can also be conceptualized as an amalgam of Figure and Ground, termed a self-referencing Figure. Furthermore, morphosyntactically, the *-un* form of a verb is used to highlight the undergoer participant/entity. In other words, verbs (e.g., *naga* 'wait', *hbyaw* 'chase', *tepah* 'invite' and so on) encoding their arguments in this way are grouped into the *-un* verb type (5): **[Undergoer as Figure in *Self-moving* schema]**.

Events under this type can be schematized as below:

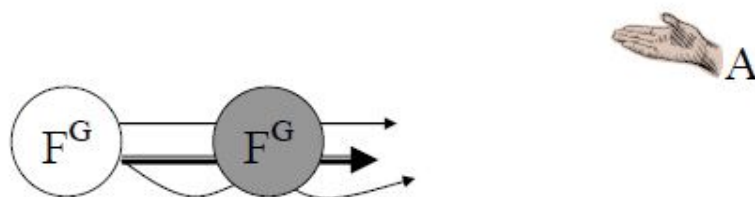


Fig. 7.5: *Self-moving* schema

In Fig. 7.5, the designation of two circles is meant to suggest that the Figure entity has undergone self-movement. More precisely, we use a blank circle to represent the idea that the entity in question was in some location at some point in time, and a shaded circle to show that the Figure is in some other location when the activity ends. As for the hand icon, like all other cases in the present study, it signifies the Actor; however,

the icon is placed at some distance from the Figure to suggest that it is not necessary for the Figure entity to move toward the Actor; as mentioned, the entity may move away from the Actor, as in a chasing event. In this figure, the different lines are used to show the various ways the Figure entity moves; for instance, a straight line might mean that the Figure entity moves in the context when someone, usu. the Actor, invites him or her; likewise, a curved line might be used to show that it is in a chasing event.

A point worth noticing is that the *Self-moving* schema is the very opposite of the *Steadiness* schema discussed in Chapter 6. For the *Self-moving* schema, its intrinsic undergoer is realized as an object in motion, but the undergoer in the *Steadiness* schema is static and fixed to some locus. For example, in a looking-for event, an instance of *Self-moving* schema, its intrinsic undergoer is metaphorically realized as a self-moving object, in contrast to the undergoer in a discovering event (specified by a verb like *uluw* ‘discover’), which is construed as an object in stasis.

Now let us proceed to the morphosyntactic representation for events subsumed under the *Self-moving* schema. Consider (7.13):

(7.13) *naga*’ ‘wait for’

a. nyux=ku m-naga’ sa hnyal=naha’ ras-un.
 ASP=1SG.NOM m-wait.for LOC ASP=3PL.GEN take-un
 ‘I am waiting for something they are bringing (to me).’

b. blaq ng-on qu’ basi’ qa’.
 good wait.for-un NOM bus DEM
 ‘It is easy to catch a bus on this route (because it comes by about every ten minutes).’

b’. *blaq ng-an qu’ basi’ qa’.
 good wait.for-an NOM bus DEM
 ‘It is easy to catch the bus on this route.’



- c. wal=mu ng-on n-aras=naha'.
 ASP=1SG.GEN wait.for-un n-take=3PL.GEN
 'I waited for what they brought (to me).'
- c'. ng-on=mu qu' ras-un=naha' kira'.
 wait.for-un=1SG.GEN NOM take-un=3PL.GEN later
 'I will wait for what they will bring (to me).'
- d. ng-an cikay qaya'=nya' qu' ciwas.
 wait.for-an a.bit thing=3SG.GEN NOM PN
 'Please wait for Ciwas's thing.'
- e. nyux=mu s-naga' qaya'=nya' qu' ciwas.
 ASP=1SG.GEN s-wait.for object=3SG.GEN NOM PN
 'I'm waiting for her object (here) for Ciwas.'

In (7.13a), two participants, an actor and an undergoer, are respectively a nominative argument and a Loc(2) argument required by the *m-* form of the verb, *naga'* 'wait for'. Comparing (7.13b) with (7.13b'), the undergoer, i.e., some bus, is the subject in a *blaq* construction in *-un* form, but not in *-an* form. According to the diagnostics proposed in Chapter 5, the *blaq* construction test in (7.13) means that there is a tight conceptual link between the undergoer and the verb's *-un* form. In (7.13c) and (7.13c'), the *-un* form is used to specify the undergoer as the subject in a realis and an irrealis transitive event respectively. In (7.13d), the *-an* form of *naga'* 'wait for' is left for a beneficiary imperative. In (7.13e), a beneficiary argument is the subject in a *s-* clause, although that argument is not required by the valency of the verb *naga'* 'wait for'.

(7.14) illustrates another event subsumed under the self-moving schema:



(7.14) *hbyaw* ‘chase away’

a. Q: *cyux=su hmswa’?*
 ASP=2SG.NOM do.it.why
 ‘What are you doing?’

A: *nyux=ku h<m>yaw sa ngta’.*
 ASP=1SG.NOM <m>chase LOC chicken
 ‘I am chasing (the) chicken.’

b. *blaq hbyag-un qu’ ngta’ qa’; helaw kyap-un.*
 good chase-un NOM chicken DEM quick catch-un
 ‘It is easy to chase the chicken (because) it can be easily caught.’

b’. **blaq hbyag-an qu’ ngta’ qa’.* *helaw kyap-un.*
 good chase-an NOM chicken DEM quick catch-un
 ‘It is easy to chase the chicken (because) it is easily caught.’

c. *wal=nya’ hbyag-un qu’ ngta’ qasa’.*
 ASP=3SG.GEN chase-un NOM chicken that
 ‘He chased that chicken.’

c’. *hbyag-un=nya’ qu’ ngta’ qasa’ kira’.*
 chase-un=3SG.GEN NOM chicken that later
 ‘He will chase that chicken later.’

d. *hbyag-an ngta’ qu’ yaki’ qa’.* *ini’ thoyay h<m>yaw.*
 chase-an chicken NOM grandmother DEM NEG able <m>chase
 ‘Chase down chicken for the old woman (i.e., the grandmother); she failed to do (it).’

e. *wal=nya’ s-hbyaw ngta’ qu’ yaki’ qa’.*
 ASP=3SG.GEN s-chase chicken NOM grandmother DEM
 ‘He chased (the) chicken for the old woman (i.e., the grandmother)’

In (7.14a), there are a 1st Person singular actor, coded as a nominative argument, and an undergoer, i.e., *ngta’* ‘chicken’, marked with *Loc(2)*. In (7.14b), the undergoger is

marked with nominative in a *blaq* construction with the *-un* form of the verb *hbyaw* ‘to chase away’ employed; on the contrary, as shown in (7.14b’), the *-an* form is not acceptable. A comparison between (7.14b) and (7.14b’) evidences that the verb under discussion here belongs to the *-un* verb type. Furthermore, a realis expression with the undergoer as the highlight displayed in (7.14c) also supports the point just made. The *-un* form is also used in an irrealis expression, as shown in (7.14c’). As for its *-an* form, it is used in a benefactive imperative, i.e., the construction with a beneficiary participant as the highlighted entity; this is shown in (7.14d). In (7.14e), a beneficiary participant, i.e., *yaki’ qa* ‘the grandmother’ is encoded as the highlighted entity in the *s-* clause structure. But as we have stated again and again, a beneficiary participant plays no role at all in determining what verb type a verb may belong to in the language.

We summarize the preceding discussions for (7.13) and (7.14) in the following table:

Table 7.10: *-un* verb type (5): [Undergoer as Figure in *Self-moving* schema]

| Concept | EIC construction | | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain UV construction (reality status) |
|---------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| I | Figure | Intrinsic undergoer | Loc(2) <i>sa</i> NP | <i>-un</i> (Irrealis)/ (Realis) |
| | | | <i>-an</i> | <i>-an</i> |
| II | Figure” = Benefactee | (Other undergoer participant) | --- | <i>s-</i> |

As clearly seen from Table 7.10 the only intrinsic undergoer is conceptualized as Figure and coded as a Loc(2) *sa(/squ’)*-marked argument in an EIC and a nominative

argument in a plain UV construction. As for Figure”, it is not intrinsic to a typical self-moving event, so that it cannot be considered as a factor responsible for determining which type a verb belongs to (e.g., the *-un*, the *-an*, or the *s-* type).

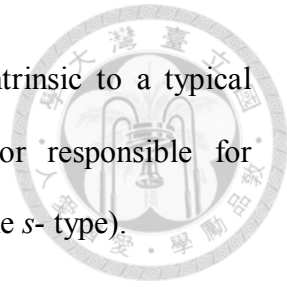


Table 7.11 is a simplified version of Table 7.10:

Table 7.11: A syntactico-semantic template for the relationship between verbs in *-un* verb type (5) and their (non-)intrinsic arguments

| Non-actor clause type | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain UV construction (reality status) | Case marking in EIC | As intrinsic undergoer (Concept) |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>-un</i> | ● | ● (Irrealis; realis) | <i>sa</i> | Yes (Figure) |
| <i>-an</i> | - | - | | |
| <i>s-</i> | (●) | ● | --- | No (Figure'; Ground') |

(7.15) summarizes the conclusion of this section:

(7.15) Conceptual and morphosyntactic representation for their participants in events encoded by verbs in the *-un* verb type (5)

In events encoded by *naga* ‘wait’, *hbyaw* ‘chase’, *tepah* ‘invite’ and so on, the actor does not exert his or her physical force upon the intrinsic undergoer of the events; instead, the undergoer moves spontaneously or sometimes is prompted to move by the intention of the actor. We henceforth regard events of this sort as instances of *Self-moving* schema.

As for the morphosyntactic representation, in an EIC clause structure, the intrinsic undergoer is Loc2 *sa*-marked. When expressed in dyadic transitive clauses, the undergoer is the subject of the *-un* form of a verb in the very type, and then a tight relationship between the undergoer and the *-un* clause is established. When the undergoer appears as the highlighted entity in an irrealis event, it remains for the verb its *-un* form employed.

With regard to the *s-* clause type, it is used to highlight a

benefactee participant. Since a beneficiary argument is prohibited from an EIC, its presence in a *s*- clause is automatically insured.



7.7 *-un* verb type (6): [Undergoer as Figure in *Cognition* schema]

Abstract activities like knowing, thinking, and dreaming are used to illustrate a situation in which content enters into someone's consciousness and is rooted there. Content is the undergoer participant intrinsic to these activities. From the conceptual perspective, content refers to an idea, a feeling, an image etc., i.e., as an object not further decomposable and whose outline cannot be defined. Characteristics like these imply that it is hard to set up content as a fixed, known reference point for locating the other conceptual object; based on this, it seems more appropriate to assign a Figure concept to content (cf. Talmy 2000:315 (9)). Moreover, content may be analogous to a stimulus with a dynamic appearance, so that once activated, it enters into the consciousness of the cognizer. Following this line of thinking, content can be metaphorically construed as a movable object, which means the Figure undergoer is a movable object. In short, the undergoer of this sort is a self-referencing Figure, while the cognizer can be construed as a receiver of content, namely a Ground entity.

In a transitive clause, the cognizer is encoded as a genitive argument, and content is marked with nominative. Besides, it is the *-un* form that is recruited to highlight content, i.e., the undergoer. As a result, we group verbs for the events, e.g., *baq* 'know', *lnglung* 'think of', *spi* 'dream' etc. into the *-un* verb type (6): [Undergoer as Figure in *Cognition* schema]. The schema can be diagrammed below:

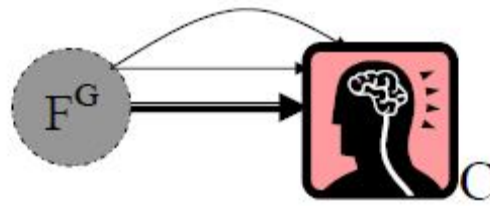


Fig. 7.6: *Cognition schema*

In Fig. 7.6, content is conceptualized as Figure, or a self-referencing Figure entity, so it is symbolized as a circle; the dashed line on the Figure is to show it is an abstract entity, symbolized as F^G . The cognizer is shown as an icon with a brain image and represented by C. Different lines between F^G and C stand for different cognitive activities. Arrows pointing toward the cognizer express the very important point that content moves toward the cognizer.

Let us proceed to the morphosyntactic representation of the verbs in *-un* verb type

(6). Consider (7.16):

(7.16) *baq* ‘know’

a. *baq=saku’ sa zyaw=naha’.*
 know=1SG.NOM LOC thing=3PL.GEN
 ‘I know their matter.’

b. *helaw baq-un qu’ zyaw=naha’.*
 quick know-un NOM thing=3PL.GEN
 ‘People knew about their matter quickly. (Lit., It is quickly to know about their matter.)’

b’. **helaw baq-an qu’ zyaw=naha’.*
 quick know-an NOM thing=3PL.GEN
 ‘People knew about their matter quickly. (Lit., It is quickly to know about their matter.)’



- c. baq-un=nya' qu' zyaw=naha'.
 know-un=3SG.GEN NOM thing=3PL.GEN
 'He knew about their matter.'
- c'. musa=nya' baq-un qu' zyaw=naha'.
 ASP=3SG.GEN know-un NOM thing=3PL.GEN
 'He will know about their matter.'

In (7.16a), the Loc(2)-marked argument *zyaw=naha'* 'their matter' is the intrinsic undergoer with respect to the knowing activity. Except for it, there is no other intrinsic undergoer there. The syntactic pattern in (7.16b) can be regarded as a more straightforward way to obtain the inherent relationship between the event in question and its intrinsic undergoer participant. In (7.16b), *zyaw=naha'* 'their matter' is highlighted in the construction with the *-un* form of *baq* 'know' employed, instead of the *-an* form, as in (7.16b'). But note that, due to semantics of the verb *baq* 'know', we recruit a temporal verb *helaw* 'soon; quickly', rather than the verb *blaq* 'good', to help identify its intrinsic undergoer. The *-un* form is also attested in a realis transitive UV clause, as in (7.16c), and in an irrealis transitive UV clause, as in (7.16'). A tight relation between the *-un* form of the cognition verb *baq* 'know' and its undergoer argument is thus observed.

The same idea applies to other cognition verbs. Consider *lnglung* 'think' in (7.17) and *sipi* 'dream' in (7.18):

(7.17) *lnglung* 'think'

- a. nyux=ku l<m>lung sa zyaw qa'.
 ASP=1SG.NOM <m>think LOC thing DEM
 'I am thinking about the thing.'



b. blaq llung-un qu' zyaw qa'.
good think-un NOM thing DEM
'It is easy to solve this problem. (Lit., It is easy to think about the thing.)'

c. wal=mu llung-un qu' zyaw qa'.
ASP=1SG.GEN think-un NOM thing DEM
'I have thought about the thing.'

(7.18) *sipi* 'to dream'

a. hazi' cyux m-spi' yaqih na' spi' qu' yumin.
probably ASP m-dream bad LIG dream NOM PN
'Maybe Yumin is having a nightmare.'

b. blaq spy-un qu' ngarux.
good dream-un NOM bear
'It is good (for a mother-to-be) to dream of bears.'

c. wal=mu spy-un qutux qu' ngarux.
ASP=1SG.GEN dream-un one NOM bear
'I have dreamt of a bear before.'

Likewise, in (7.17) and (7.18), by means of the examples in (b) and (c), a tight link between the *-un* form and the intrinsic undergoer is easily observed.

Table 7.12 summarizes the discussions on (7.16) to (7.18):

Table 7.12: *-un* verb type (6): [Undergoer as Figure in *Self-moving* schema]

| Concept | EIC construction | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain UV construction (reality status) |
|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Figure | ← Intrinsic undergoer → | Loc(2) <i>sa</i> NP → | <i>-un</i> → (Irrealis)/ (Realis) |
| | | | <i>-an</i> → <i>-an</i> |

In Table 7.12, it can be observed that the intrinsic undergoer, conceptualized as Figure, is encoded as a Loc(2) argument in an EIC clause and is highlighted in both realis and irrealis UV clauses. Other UV alternative forms like *-an* and *s-* are absent from the morphosyntactic representation for the verbs in question. One interpretation for this absence may be like this: the cognizer is not necessarily an active participant in the events; for example, under normal circumstances, it is impossible for one to dream of something to in order to benefit other(s); namely, dreams come and go spontaneously. In short, the absence of *-an* and *s-* clauses suggests that the cognizer can be construed as a receiver.

Table 7.13 is a simplified version of Table 7.12:

Table 7.13: A syntactico-semantic template for the relationship between verbs in *-un* verb type (6) and their (non-)intrinsic arguments

| Non-actor clause type | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain UV construction (reality status) | Case marking in EIC | As intrinsic undergoer (Concept) |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>-un</i> | ● | ● (Irrealis; realis) | <i>sa</i> | Yes (Figure) |
| <i>-an</i> | - | - | | |

In terms of Table 7.13, a tight link between verbs' *-un* form and the intrinsic undergoer can be easily noticed.



Let us conclude our discussion on the *-un* type (6): [Undergoer as Figure in Cognition schema] in terms of (17):

(17) Conceptual and morphosyntactic representation for their participants in events encoded by verbs in the *-un* verb type (6)

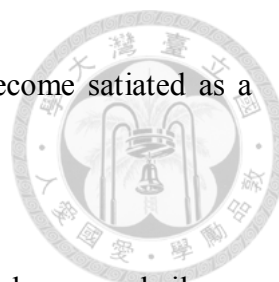
In events or abstract activities encoded by *baq* ‘know’, *lnglung* ‘think of’, *sipi* ‘dream’ and so on, a cognizer and content are intrinsic participants there. Content is regarded as an entity moving into the consciousness of the cognizer, who is then realized as the receiver. Based on the realization of the undergoer, we identify a new verb type, i.e., the *-un* verb type (6): [Undergoer as Figure in *Cognition* schema].

As for the morphosyntactic representation, in an EIC clause structure, the undergoer is Loc(2) *sa*-marked. When expressed in dyadic transitive clauses, the undergoer is highlighted in terms of verbs' *-un* form, a tight relationship between the undergoer and the *-un* clause is established in a neutral context. If the undergoer is highlighted in a non-neutral context, such as in an irrealis event, it the *-un* form is still the construction employed.

Other than the *-un* form of verbs that belong to type (6), there is no other voice forms that can be used to specify the undergoer as a subject.

7.8 *-un* verb type (7): [Underger as Figure in *Stimulus* schema]

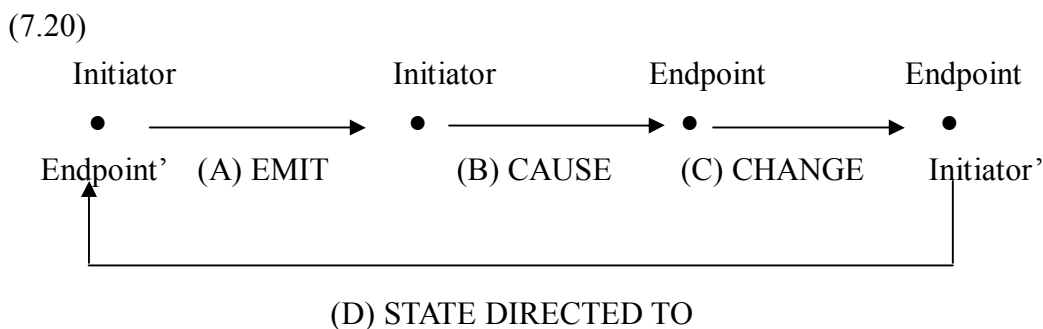
Emotional events encoded by verbs like *soya* ‘like’, *nkux* ‘startle’, *pqas* ‘happy’ etc. describe a situation where an entity or a substance possesses one attribute, and the attribute generates in another participant a set of responses, which may include physiological, behavioral, and neural mechanisms. Take for example the emotional state of satiety as an example. When people taste honey, they usually take in only a little bit



at a time; however, if they take in too much, they are likely to become satiated as a result. The following excerpt is an example:

(7.19) h<m>inas yal qu' kin-sbing na' boq hzil;
 <m>exceed very NOM KIN-sweet GEN juice bee
 hngyas-un=mu maniq.
 satiated-un=1SG.GEN m.eat
 'Honey is much too sweet. I (easily) feel satiated over it.'

The cause-effect relationship can be realized in terms of the causal chain below:



The causal chain consists of four subevents (A), (B), (C), and (D). (A) describes an event in which some attribute is emitted from an object when one acts on it, where the object is an initiator. (B) means that the emission causes some unspecified effect on the experiencer. In event (C), some specified change occurs in the experiencer, as for example, when he starts to think he has had too much of it and becomes disaffected. In (D) the experiencer explicitly shows his emotive attitude toward honey, which at this stage becomes another endpoint (i.e., the Endpoint' in (7.20)).

The scenario can be represented in terms of the following event structure template:

(7.21) [[Stimulus STIMULUS<manner>]] CAUSE [[Experiencer BECOME<react in>]]



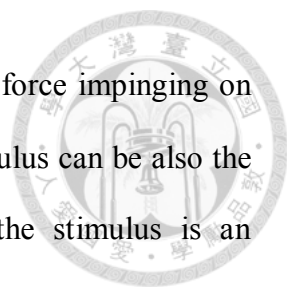
Based on (7.21), it can be firstly observed that there are two intrinsic arguments of verbs for the events under the template; moreover, information about manner and state are inferred from the base of the semantics of verbs, so information like these are not specified in any argument slot.

Some instances of verbs under the *-un* type (7) are provided below:

Table 7.14: Some instances of verbs under the *-un* type (7) and the paraphrase for their respective event

| Derived verb | Gloss of Squliq verb | Base | Entailed Meaning of the base | <i>-un</i> verb | Paraphrase for the event specified by the <i>-un</i> verb |
|---------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------------------|------------------|---|
| <i>hngyas</i> | bored; loathe | <i>hinas</i> | Exceed; abundant | <i>hngyas-un</i> | Experiencer is bored of the object which releases the image of abundance |
| <i>r'us</i> | disgust | <i>r'us</i> | dirty | <i>r'us-un</i> | Experiencer feels disgusted with the object which releases dirty image |
| <i>soya'</i> | adore | <i>oya'</i> | Desire to obtain | <i>szy-on</i> | Experiencer shows his or her to the object which releases the image of desire |

Take the verb *hngyas-un* 'satiated; bored' as an example. Its base form *hinas* means 'too much'; that is, when there is an overabundance of something, people may come to dislike it. In other words, overabundance is a stimulus that triggers in the experiencer the feeling of satiety. Likewise, *r'us* means dirty; that is, the dirty image of an object usually causes people to feel disgusted.



Furthermore, the stimulus can be metaphorically realized as a force impinging on the experiencer. In this sense, it can be easily observed that the stimulus can be also the source of force. Based on Talmy's Figure-Ground dichotomy, the stimulus is an amalgam of Figure and Ground, and often interpretable as Figure.

In a transitive *-un* clause, the experiencer is coded as a genitive argument, and the stimulus, as a nominative argument, i.e., the undergoer. We thus define the schema for the undergoer activation as the *Stimulus* schema, and categorize verbs used to encode the events in question into the *-un* verb type (7): [Undergoer as Figure in *Stimulus* schema]. Events can be diagrammed below:

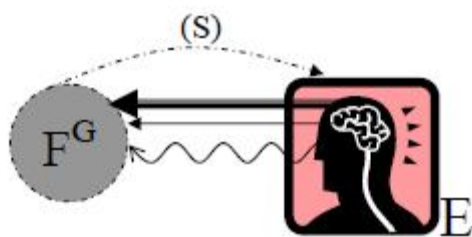


Fig. 7.7: *Stimulus* schema

In Fig. 7.7, F^G stands for the stimulus that causes another participant to go into a specific mental state. This second participant is Experiencer (E); depending on the type of stimulus, the experiencer may then express a variety of feelings toward F^G. Different lines stand for different types of stimulus.

Now let us move on to look at how emotion events subsumed under the *stimulus* schema are realized morphosyntactically. Consider the instance of liking, as illustrated in (7.22):



(7.22) *soya* 'adore'

- a. $s\langle m \rangle oya$ '=*saku*' *muya*' *sa* *phpa*'.
 $\langle m \rangle$ adore=1SG.NOM m.plant LOC flower
 'I enjoy planting flowers very much.'
- b. *zinga*' *szy-on* *na*' *squliq* *qu*' *phpa*' *qasa*'.
 quick adore-un GEN man NOM flower that
 'That (type) of flower is easily adored by people.'
- c. wal =*nya*' *szy-on* *qu*' *ciwas*.
 ASP=3SG.GEN like-un NOM PN
 'He adored Ciwas (before).'
- d. $musa$ '=*nya*' *szy-on* *qu*' *ciwas*.
 ASP=3SG.GEN like-un NOM PN
 'He may adore Ciwas.'
- e. s -*soya*'=*nya*' *ciwas* *qu*' *pila*'=*nya*'.
 s -like=3SG.GEN PN NOM money=3SG.GEN
 'He adores Ciwas for her money.'

In (7.22a), the $\langle m \rangle$ clause structure is an EIC, in which =*ku*' 'first person nominative pronoun' refers to the experiencer, and *phpa*' 'flower' is the intrinsic undergoer of the verb $s\langle m \rangle oya$ ' 'adore' and then is Loc(2) *sa*-marked. In (7.22b), the *-un* form of the emotion verb *soya*' 'to adore' is used for the speaker to evaluate the stimulus in terms of a *zinga*' construction, which has the same function as the *blaq* construction. In (7.22c), it is also the *-un* form of *soya*' 'to adore' used for highlighting its subject role of the stimulus in a realis UV event. In (7.22d), the *-un* form is used in an irrealis UV event. (7.22e) is used to highlight a beneficiary participant. The participant is encoded as a nominative argument in a *s*- clause.

A summary of the discussions in (7.22) is given in Table 7.15:

Table 7.15: The interaction of concepts, undergoers, case-making, and four construction types for *-un* verb type (7): [Undergoer as Figure in *Stimulus* schema]

| | Concept | EIC & case marking | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain UV construction (reality status) | Applicative UV construction |
|-----------|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| I | Figure → (i.e., an amalgam of Figure and Ground) | Intrinsic undergoer | Loc(2) <i>sa/</i> <i>squ'</i> | <i>-un</i> → (Realis); <i>-un</i> (Irrealis) | --- |
| II | | Figure' = Benefactee | --- | --- | --- |

In Table 7.15, (I) is used to indicate how the intrinsic undergoer is realized at the level of morphosyntax. It is a Figure concept and is Loc2 *sa(/squ')* -marked in an EIC and is the subject in a *blaq* construction and a plain UV realis construction, both with the *-un* form recruited. (II) is used to express a non-intrinsic undergoer, i.e., beneficiary argument, as the subject in an applicative *s*- construction.

(7.23) is a summary of the preceding discussion:

(7.23) Conceptual and morphosyntactic representation for their participants in events encoded by verbs in the *-un* verb type (7)

In events encoded by *soya'* 'adore', *qas'* 'happy', *r'us* 'disgust', a stimulus and an experiencer are the two intrinsic participants. Stimulus is regarded as a property released from one participant and further has an impact on another, i.e., the experiencer; consequently, the experiencer reacts to the entity who releases the characteristic by assuming some emotive attitude. Based on the realization of their intrinsic undergoer, verbs of this type belong to the *-un* verb type (7): [Undergoer as Figure in *Stimulus* schema].

As for the morphosyntactic representation, in an EIC clause structure, the intrinsic undergoer is Loc(2) *sa*-marked. When expressed in dyadic transitive clauses, the Figure undergoer is the subject of the *-un* clause, a tight relationship between the undergoer and the *-un* clause is thus established. When the Figure undergoer appears as the subject in an irrealis event, the *-un* form is also used.

The *s-* form is used to highlight a beneficiary participant, not the intrinsic undergoer of verbs under the type.

7.9 *-un* verb type (8): [Undergoer as Figure in *Triggering* schema]

Events encoded by verbs like *s'ang* 'scold', *thazi* 'tease', *zimu* 'console' etc. describe a situation where an actor acts on an undergoer, and as a result the undergoer reacts to it in some way which may be culturally inferable. Events such as these can be paraphrased as:

(7.24) Actor acts on Undergoer by scolding, teasing, consoling etc., and that may causes the undergoer to react by taking an action or entering into a state.

The paraphrase can be further represented as the following event structure template:

(7.25) [[Actr. ACT<manner>]] CAUSE [[Undr. BECOME<react>]]

In (7.25), it can be easily observed that there are two intrinsic participants, an actor and an undergoer. However, there are two subevents in the template; one subevent refers to that specified by the item 'ACT<manner>', i.e., a scolding action, a teasing action, or a consoling action, in which the two intrinsic participants are involved; the other subevent is represented by the item 'BECOME<react>'. The second event is unspecified in the clause in which a verb like *s'ang* 'scold', *thazi* 'tease', *zimu* 'console' etc. is the



predicate, but its existence is culturally inferable. Consider (7.26):

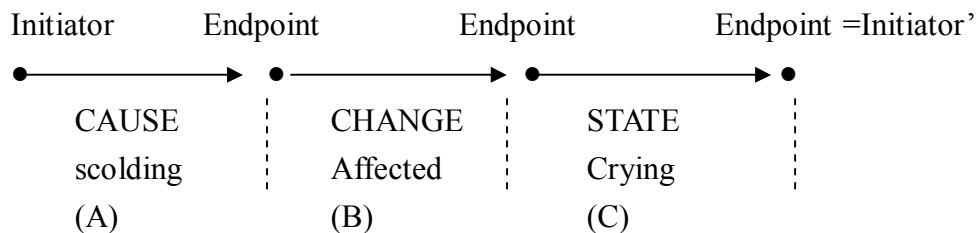
(7.26)

a. swa' cyux m-ngilis qu' ciwas?
 why ASP m-cry NOM PN
 'Why is Ciwas crying?'

b. s<n>'ang ni' yaya'=nya'; yasa qu' m-ngilis la'.
 <n>scold GEN mother=3SG.GEN that.way NOM m-cry FP
 'Her mother scolded (her); therefore, (she) cries.'

(7.26a) and (7.26b) constitute a question-answer pair. In (7.26a), the speaker asks why Ciwas is crying; in (7.26b), the answer to the question in (7.26a) is provided, namely, it is a scolding action that causes her to do so. The following causal chain can aid us in understanding (7.26):

(7.27)



The causal chain representation in (7.27) consists of three parts, A, B, and C. A refers to the scolding subevent, analogous to the part 'ACT<manner>' in (7.2) and it triggers the occurrence of (B) and (C). B, though not explicitly expressed in (7.4), stands for Ciwas's mental activity, which is a precondition for Ciwas's crying action in (C). In (C), Ciwas is profiled. Likewise, the activity in (C) is not overtly expressed in 'ACT<manner>' in (7.25); however, from the perspective of frame analysis (Fillmore, 1976; Goldberg, 1995; Iwata, 2006), something like elements in (B) and (C) may be

thought of as potential sequential subevents for a complete scolding frame in the language. As stated in Chapter 4, meanings are characterized relative to frames, where many elements including abstract but powerful folk models (e.g., (C) in a scolding frame in the language) and the transmission of force (analogue to force driving state change in (7.4)) are invoked. In short, a frame-theoretic approach provides an excellent mechanism for underlying the syntax and semantics of a lexical item. This approach has been demonstrated in other parts of the thesis.

To return to the profiled participant in (7.26) and (7.27), since Ciwas is the endpoint of force transmission in a scolding event, she can be conceptualized as a dynamic entity in space. In terms of Talmy's framework, the profiled is a Figure concept, and a link between such a Figure concept and the *-un* form of verbs for events under investigation is then established. Events like this can be schematized as a *Triggering* schema in which Figure is the undergoer. Thus a new verb type, the *-un* very type (8): [Undergoer as Figure in *Triggering* schema] is identified.

The relationship between participants under the *trigger* schema can be diagrammed as follows:

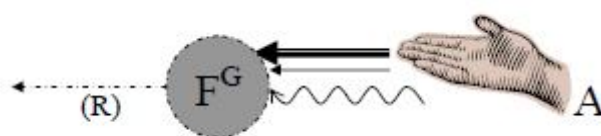


Fig. 7.8: *Triggering* schema

In Fig. 7.8, A stands for actor. F^G refers to self-referencing Figure participant, but also the affected participant; as a result, it is an amalgam of Figure and Ground; R refers to the reaction the Figure participant produces in a subsequent event; different lines between the Actor and the Figure participant represent different ways the former adopts to affect the latter; the dashline on the leftside of the Figure participant signifies a



hidden reaction the participant may take.

Let us proceed to look at how the *Triggering* schema is realized morphosyntactically. Consider (7.28):

(7.28) *gnaw* ‘kid’

- a. nyux=ku m-gnaw sa ciwas.
ASP=1SG.NOM m-kid LOC PN
‘I am kidding Ciwas.’
- b. blaq gno’-un qu’ ciwas.
good kid-un NOM PN
‘It is easy to kid Ciwas.’
- b’. *blaq gno’-an qu’ ciwas.
good kid-an NOM PN
‘It is easy to kid Ciwas.’
- c. wal=mu gno’-un qu’ ciwas.
ASP=1SG.GEN kid-un NOM PN
‘I kidded Ciwas.’
- c’. gno’-un=su na’ yumin; nahay pgey.
kid-un=2SG.NOM GEN PN quick leave
‘Yumin will kid you. Leave (here) now!’
- d. gng-an=saku’ cikay qu’ yumin; teta’ ini’ qhut
kid-an=1SG.NOM a.bit NOM PN and.then NEG tight
in-lung-an.
PST-think-LOCNMZ
‘Kid Yumin! He won’t be tensed up.’
- e. s-gnaw=saku’ na’ yumin maha teta’=saku’ m-qas.
s-kid=1SG.NOM GEN PN QUOT and.then=1SG.NOM m-happy
‘Yumin kidded me to make me happy.’

(7.28a) is an EIC, in which the actor is marked with a nominative case and the undergoer *Ciwas*, since as an argument subcategorized by the semantics of the verb *gnaw* ‘kid’ is Loc(2) *sa*-marked. In (7.28b), the intrinsic undergoer is nominative-marked in the *blaq* V construction where the *-un* form of *gnaw* ‘to kid’ is used. As can be seen from (7.28b’), the verb’s *-an* form fails the *blaq* construction test. In (7.28c), the intrinsic undergoer is the subject of the verb *gno*’-*un*, which is used to encode a realis UV event. Based on (7.28b), (7.28b’) and (7.28c), it can be observed that a tight relation between its intrinsic undergoer and the *-un* form of the verbal predicate for a realis kidding event is established. In (7.28c’), the verb’s *-un* form is also used for an irrealis event. However, as shown in (7.28d), its *-an* form is restricted to imperatives in which a beneficiary participant is selected as the subject. (7.28e) is an applicative construction in which a beneficiary participant is the subject and the verb is prefixed with an applicative prefix *s-*.

In (7.29), another instance of the *Triggering* schema is provided:

(7.29) *s’ang* ‘get cross with; scold’

a. nyux=ku s<m>’ang sa laqi’=mu.
 ASP=1SG.NOM <m>scold LOC child=1SG.GEN
 ‘I’m scolding my child.’

b. blaq s’ang-un qu’ laqi’ qa’; ini’ syuk.
 good scold-un NOM child DEM NEG answer
 ‘It is easy to scold the child, (since) s/he does not talk back. (Lit., To scold the child is not a trouble matter, because he doesn’t resort upon people.)’

b’. *blaq s’ang-an qu’ laqi’ qa’; ini’ syuk.
 good scold-an NOM child DEM NEG answer
 ‘To scold the child is easy, because s/he doesn’t talk back.’

c. wal=nya' s'ang-un qu' laqi'=nya'; nanu' yasa qu',
 ASP=3SG.GEN scold-un NOM child=3SG.GEN what that.way NOM
 cyux m-ngilis la'.
 ASP m-cry FP

'He scolded his child; therefore, (he) is crying.'



c'. nyux mhngan la', m-zyuy na qu' yumin; s'ang-un na'
 ASP m-night FP m-play still NOM PN scold-un GEN
 yaba'=nya' kira' la'.
 father=3SG.GEN later FP

'Night has come, but Yumin keeps playing outside; his father will scold him later.'

d. s'ang-an cikay sa laqi'=nya' qu' ciwas.
 scold-an a.bit LOC child=3SG.GEN NOM PN

'Scold her child for Ciwas!'

e. s-s'ang=nya' kun qu' ciwas.
 s-scold=3SG.GEN 1SG.NEU NOM PN

'He scolded me for Ciwas.'

In (7.29a), it can be seen that two intrinsic participants in a teasing event are an actor in nominative case and an undergoer in Loc2 case. In (7.29b), the intrinsic undergoer in a teasing event is the evaluated target and is nominative-marked; meanwhile, in the same sentence, it is the *-un* form of *s'ang'* 'get cross with; scold' recruited for the *blaq* construction. On the contrary, as shown in (7.29b'), its *-an* form is prohibited from the construction. A comparison between (7.29b) and (7.29b') shows that there is a tight relation between the intrinsic undergoer and the *-un* form in the event. Furthermore, in (7.29c), it is a realis event, which is also encoded by the verb's *-un* form. This again explains the fact that *s'ang' thazi'* belongs to the *-un* verb type. In (7.29c'), the *-un* form is also employed for an irrealis event. But, as shown in (7.29d), its *-an* form is used in a beneficiary imperative where a beneficiary participant is encoded as the subject. (7.29e)



is also an applicative construction and the beneficiary argument is the subject of the *s*-form of *s'ang* 'get cross with; scold'.

Table 7.16 summaries the preceding discussions:

Table 7.16: The interaction of concepts, undergoers, case-making, and four construction types for *-un* verb type (8): [Undergoer as Figure in *Triggering* schema]

| | Concept | EIC & case marking | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain UV construction (reality status) | Applicative UV construction |
|-----------|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| I | Figure → (i.e., an amalgam of Figure and Ground) | Intrinsic undergoer | Loc(2) <i>sa/squ</i> | → <i>-un</i> → (Realis); <i>-un</i> (Irrealis) | --- |
| II | Figure' = Benefactee | --- | --- | --- | → <i>s</i> |

In Table 7.16, (I) indicates that the Figure concept is confirmed as the intrinsic undergoer, since it is Loc2 *sa/squ*'-marked in an EIC; furthermore, in the *blaq* construction and plain UV realis construction, the Figure undergoer is the subject of the *-un* form of a verb, and so a tight link between the Figure undergoer and the *-un* verb type is established. At the rightmost of (I), it can be observed that the intrinsic undergoer is not attested in an applicative construction.

(II) shows that the beneficiary argument only occurs in an applicative construction.

(7.30) is a summary of the preceding discussion on the *-un* verb type (8):

(7.30) Conceptual and morphosyntactic representation for events encoded by verbs in the *-un* verb type (8)

In events or activities encoded by *gno* ‘joke’, *hmut* ‘at will’, *thazi* ‘tease’ etc., an actor and an undergoer are two intrinsic participants of the verbs. The undergoer in these events may suffer from a mental anguish as a result of the action exerted by the actor and he then may react to the action in some way subsequently. The undergoer can be metaphorically realized as a dynamic entity, and in terms of Talmy’s framework, the undergoer is Figure. Events of this type then are instances of *Triggering* schema.

At the level of morphosyntax, in an EIC, the intrinsic undergoer is Loc(2) *sa/squ*’-marked. When the event is expressed in a dyadic transitive clause, the undergoer is highlighted in the *-un* voice construction, and there is a tight relationship between the undergoer and the *-un* clause in a realis event. Based on our methodology, the class of verbs under investigation is determined. *Gno* ‘joke’, *hmut* ‘at will’, *thazi* ‘tease’ etc. are verbs that belong in the *-un* class. If the undergoer is to be highlighted in an irrealis event, the *-un* form remains to be the only voice form employed.

The *-un* form aside, the *s-* form is left for specifying a beneficiary argument, which is not an intrinsic argument of the verbs that fall under the *Triggering* schema.

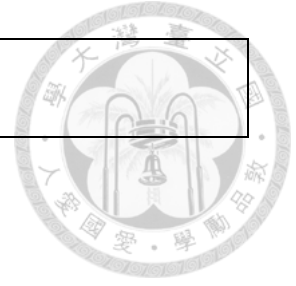
7.10 Concluding remarks on the eight verb types in the *-un* class

In this chapter, I have identified eight *-un* verb types and examined their morphosyntax in some detail. They share the commonality that their intrinsic undergoer has a tight relation to the *-un* form of verbs under their respective type. On the contrary, they are each different in the spatio-conceptual deployment between participants. In addition, there are other differences among the eight verb types, as shown below in Table 7.17.

Table 7.17: A comparison for eight *-un* verb types in Sqliq Atayal

| <i>-un</i> verb type | Verb example | Change type for undergoer | Undergoer's characteristic(s) | Attested in an applicative construction |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--|---|
| <i>-un</i> verb type (1): [Undergoer as Figure in <i>Transformation</i> schema] | <i>pluk</i> 'burst out' | Form | Concrete object; totally affected | Yes |
| <i>-un</i> verb Type (2): [Undergoer as Figure in <i>Taking</i> schema] | <i>'agal</i> 'take' | Position | Concrete/abstract (e.g., <i>zyaw</i> 'job; thing'); totally affected | Yes |
| <i>-un</i> verb type (3): [Undergoer as Figure in <i>Gathering</i> schema] | <i>imaw</i> 'mix up' | Form | Concrete/abstract (e.g., <i>ke</i> 'word') | Yes |
| <i>-un</i> verb Type (4): [Undergoer as Figure in <i>Causative motion</i> schema] | <i>pakux</i> 'turn over' | Position | Concrete; totally affected | Yes |
| <i>-un</i> verb type (5): [Undergoer as Figure in <i>Self-moving</i> schema] | <i>naga'</i> 'wait' | Position | Concrete; ability to move | Yes |
| <i>-un</i> verb type (6): [Undergoer as Figure in <i>Cognition</i> schema] | <i>baq</i> 'know' | Position | Abstract; settled in the mind of the cognizer | No |
| <i>-un</i> verb type (7): [Underger as Figure in <i>Stimulus</i> schema] | <i>nkux</i> 'startle' | Position | Abstract; as force driving the actor into a corresponding state | Yes |
| <i>-un</i> verb type (8): [Undergoer as | <i>gno</i> 'joke' | Position | Abstract; the undegoer driven | Yes |

| | | | | |
|-------------------|---------|--|------------------|--|
| Figure | in | | to react in a | |
| <i>Triggering</i> | schema] | | subsequent event | |



CHAPTER 8

THE *s*- CLASS



8.1 Introduction

This chapter deals with verbs that fall under the *s*- class. Verbs in this class employ their *s*- form to specify their intrinsic undergoer as the clausal subject and the undergoer is conceptualized as Figure. There is thus a tight link between the Figure undergoer and the *s*- form of the verbs, and this is why a separate *s*- class of verbs can be identified. Based on the various schemas that their participants construct, verbs falling under the class can be further divided into three types: the *s*- verb type (1): [Undergoer as Figure in *Pushing* schema], the *s*- verb type (2): [Undergoer as Figure in *Generation* schema], and the *s*- verb type (3): [Undergoer as Figure in *Cause* schema]. I will take them up in sequence in the following sections.

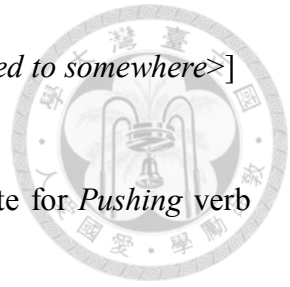
8.2 *s*- verb type (1): [Undergoer as Figure in *Pushing* schema]

Events like pushing something forward, carrying something to have it moved somewhere, renting something to someone, etc. are about a situation in which an actor exerts his or her force on an object in order to move it to somewhere. Based on this description, events such as these can be paraphrased as:

- (8.1) Actor acts on Undergoer by pushing, carrying, renting etc., that causes it to move to somewhere.

From the perspective of valency, constructions used to encode events of this sort are three-valent ones, i.e., an actor, an undergoer (i.e., a ‘moved’ object), and a destination or a receiver. Consider the lexical semantic template for these events:

(8.2) [[Actr. ACT<manner>]] CAUSE [[Undr. BECOME <moved to somewhere>]]



In this study, I call the template in (8.2) the event structure template for *Pushing* verb type.

Based on Rappaport Hovav and Levin (1998), in any event structure template, the ontological type of the associated base is indicated in angle brackets. For example, for the verb *ruruw* ‘push’, its ontological types are manner, i.e., *by pushing*, and result, i.e., *moved to somewhere*; thus, since destination or receiver is a semantic component entailed by the meaning of the verbal base, it is treated as an adjunct, and often left unspecified in a clause, unless required by discourse, in which case it then shows up as subject via applicativization. As a result, only the actor and the undergoer are core participants, and each is highlighted in their respective clause (i.e., ((-)*m*-) clause and *s*-clause).

More examples of verbs in Squliq Atayal with the same structure template as above are given below.

Table 8.1: Examples for the event structure template for *Pushing* verb type

| <i>Squliq Verb</i> | Gloss | Adjunct argument(s) |
|--------------------|------------------------------|--|
| <i>alax</i> | leave something behind | 1. result: destination (away from actor’s hand) |
| <i>panga’</i> | carry on one’s back and move | 1. manner: the back of actor as instrument 2. result: destination |
| <i>tbaziy</i> | market something | 1. result: destination (i.e., buyer) |
| <i>piyok</i> | rent out something | 1. result: destination (i.e., renter) |

Following the model adopted in the present study, i.e., determining a verb’s type

with the aid of two factors, the conceptual and the morphosyntactic representation of the undergoer, verbs are categorized as being of **the *s*-verb type (1): [Undergoer as Figure in *Pushing* schema]**. For the conceptual representation of the events in question, since undergoer is an object transferred, namely, as a movable object, it is conceptualized as the Figure, and destination of the transferred object is conceptualized as the Ground. Taking the spatial organization for all participants and force exertion into account, the *s*-verb type (1) can be diagrammed below:

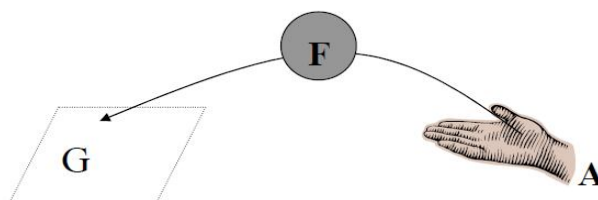


Fig. 8.1: *Pushing* schema for *s*-verb type

In Fig. 8.1, A, F, and G refer to Actor, Figure (i.e., the undergoer) and Ground (i.e., the destination) respectively. Shading the Figure conveys the idea that the entity is more salient and is highlighted in a “typical” transitive event and is also a component crucial for verb classification. Besides, as can be seen from Fig. 8.1, we use an arrow to represent the direction the Figure is moving in.

Events encoded by verbs like *piyok* ‘rent’ and *tbaziy* ‘sell’ can be schematized as Fig. 8.1. Note that, since the Figure’s movement toward the Ground is sometimes accomplished via the accompaniment by the Actor, the diagram in Fig. 8.1 then has a variant like Fig. 8.2 below, in which the Figure moves along with the Actor.

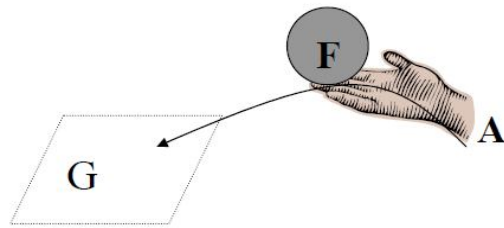


Fig. 8.2: A variant of *Pushing* schema for *s-* verb type

Verbs like *panga* ‘carry on one’s back and move’ and *satu* ‘send’ are examples of Fig. 8.2. *Ruruw* ‘push forward’ is ambiguous as to the actor’s relation with the Figure. The Actor can stay in its original position or move along with the Figure; as a result, the encoded event can be represented as either Fig. 8.1 or Fig. 8.2.

An event under the *Pushing* schema depicts a scene where an actor moves an object forward in a transitive event and the object that is pushed is highlighted, rather than other entities in the event, for example, the destination where the object pushed is finally located.

We now turn to morphosyntactic representation of the events interpreted in terms of the *Pushing* schema. Consider *tbaziy* ‘sell’ in (8.3):

(8.3) *tbaziy* ‘sell’

- a. nyux=ku tbaziy sa turuy=mu sa yumin.
 ASP=1SG.NOM sell LOC car=1SG.GEN LOC PN
 ‘I am selling my car to Yumin.’
- b. blaq s-tbaziy qu’ turuy=nya’.
 good s-sell NOM car=3SG.GEN
 ‘His cars were selling well.’
- b’. *blaq tbir-an sa turuy=nya’ qu’ kun.
 good sell-an loc car=3SG.GEN NOM 1SG.NEU
 ‘???I am a good receiver to get his car in a selling event.’

c. wal=nya' s-tbaziyy sa kun qu' turuy=nya'.
 ASP=3SG.GEN s-sell loc 1SG.NEU NOM car=3SG.GEN
 'He sold me his car.'

c'. t-tbaziyy=nya' sa kun qu' turuy=nya'.
 CA-sell=3SG.GEN LOC 1SG.NEU NOM car=3SG.GEN
 'He will sell me his car.'

d. tbir-an tutuy qu' syobay qasa'.
 sell-an car NOM store that
 'That store is (a) place for car-selling.'

d'. *tbir-an na' yumin sa qutux turuy qu' kun.
 sell-an GEN PN LOC one car NOM 1SG.NEU
 '??? Yumin sold me a car.'

e. wal=mu s-tbaziyy turuy qu' yumin.
 ASP=1SG.GEN s-sell car NOM PN
 'I sold (his) car(s) for Yumin.'



In (8.3a), there are three arguments for an ongoing sale event. They are the first person nominative bound pronoun =*ku*, a Loc(2)-marked NP *turuy=mu* 'my car', and a Loc(1)-marked adjunct *yumin*. From the perspective of thematic role, the three arguments are agent, theme, and recipient, which are Actor, Figure, and Ground in Talmy's framework respectively. Besides, since Figure is Loc(2)-marked and is subcategorized for by the verb *tbaziyy* 'sell', it is interpreted as an intrinsic undergoer. Again, the undergoer is the evaluated target in the *blaq* construction, as shown in (8.3b) where it receives a nominative case; this means the locative case used to introduce the Figure undergoer must be Loc(2). On the contrary, though the Ground undergoer (e.g., *kun* '1st singular neutral pronoun') in (8.3a) is also locative-marked, the *blaq* test in (8.3b') shows that the Ground undergoer cannot be considered as another intrinsic undergoer argument of the base *tbaziyy* 'sell'; instead, as illustrated in (8.3d) and (8.3d'),

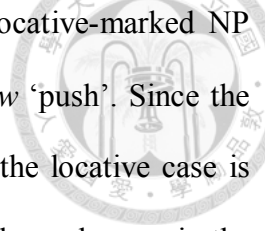
the *-an* form of *tbaziy* ‘sell’ is used as a nominalized form to refer to a shop. In short, as demonstrated by the event decompositional analysis, as in (8.1) and (8.2), the verb’s Ground undergoer argument is an entailed component of the meaning of verbal base and takes an adjunct role in a clause. Since it can be observed that the language leaves no core argument slot for the Ground undergoer argument via (8.3b’), (8.3d), and (8.3d’), its adjunct role is verified.

Turning to the intrinsic undergoer, we also observe, via the *blaq* test, a tight relation between the Figure undergoer and the *s-* form of *tbaziy* ‘sell’. The *s-* form is used to encode a realis sale event, as seen in (8.3c), where the undergoer is highlighted. The Undergoer is also highlighted in an irrealis sale event, as shown in (8.3c’). Note, however, in (8.3c’), the predicate verb is a *Ca*-reduplicated form of *tbaziy* ‘sell’. The *s-* form can also be used as an applicative predicate which takes a beneficiary argument as its subject, as shown in (8.3e).

The pushing event is another instantiation of the *Pushing* schema. Consider (8.4):

(8.4) *ruruw* ‘push’

- a. nyux=ku m-ruruw sa btunux qa’.
 ASP=1SG.NOM m-push LOC rock DEM
 ‘I am pushing the rock.’
- b. blaq s-ruruw qu’ btunux qa’; ini’ usu’.
 good S-push NOM rock DEM NEG heavy
 ‘The rock was easily pushed (aside), (because it was) not heavy.’
- c. wal=mu s-ruruw qu’ btunux qa’.
 ASP=1SG.GEN s-push NOM rock DEM
 ‘I have pushed the rock (before).’
- d. r-ruruw=mu qu’ btunux qa’ na’ kira’.
 CA-push=1SG.GEN NOM rock DEM still later
 ‘I will push the rock later.’



In (8.4a), a first person singular nominative pronoun =*ku* and a locative-marked NP *btunux qa* ‘the rock’ are the two arguments of the predicate *m-ruruw* ‘push’. Since the locative-marked NP in (8.4a) is intrinsic to the base *ruruw* ‘push’, the locative case is Loc2. The locative-marked argument in an EIC like (8.4a), namely the undergoer in the *Pushing* event, is highlighted in a transitive realis clause in (8.4c) and is also the evaluated target in the *blaq* construction in (8.4b). In (8.4b), since the undergoer receives a nominative case in the *blaq* construction with the *s*- voice form, we know that, for this verb *ruruw* ‘push’, its *s*- form is recruited to highlight the undergoer. This is also true in (8.4c). In (8.4d), the undergoer is also the highlighted entity in an irrealis event encoded by the *Ca*-reduplicated form of *ruruw* ‘push’, i.e., *r-ruruw*.

However, (8.3) and (8.4) differ in the number of arguments required. A sale event as shown in (8.3) requires three arguments, with one of them functioning as an adjunct used to specify the Ground entity in the event. By contrast, there are only two arguments in the pushing event in (8.4) and, none is a peripheral argument used to encode a Ground entity. But conceptually, we know that in a pushing event, the destination is where the pushed object is located; that is, both events contain three conceptual entities, and yet they differ in how these entities are syntactically expressed.

There is another difference between the two events. In a pushing event, the actor may move along with the intrinsic undergoer. This is not the case with the sale event. In fact, the difference can be observed from the contrast between Fig. 8.1 and Fig. 8.2, with the former used to illustrate a selling event and the latter a pushing event.

Thus far, we have elaborated on the conceptual representation for events subsumed under the *Pushing* schema and also demonstrated their uses. One additional issue that is worth some attention is the nature of the Ground entity. Consider (8.5):



(8.5) *tbaziy* ‘sell’

a. Q: wal=su s-tbaziy ima’ qu’ turuy=su?
 ASP=2SG.GEN s-sell who NOM car=2SG.GEN
 ‘Whom did you sell your car to?’

b. A: wal=mu s-tbaziy ciwas qu’ turuy=mu.
 ASP=1SG.GEN s-sell PN NOM car=1SG.GEN
 ‘I sold my car to Ciwas.’

(8.5a) and (8.5b) constitute a question-answer pair. In (8.5a), the Figure (the car) is highlighted, and the new car owner following the completion of the sale is the Ground. The car owner might be construed as the subject in a sentence. However, as shown in (8.5b), that possibility is excluded, and the Ground, i.e., the car owner, is never highlighted in a sale event, or other events subsumed under the *Pushing* schema.

Table 8.2 summarizes the preceding discussions on (8.3) and (8.4):

Table 8.2: The interaction of concepts, undergoers, case-making, and four construction types for *s-* verb type (1): [Undergoer as Figure in *Pushing* schema]

| | Concept | EIC & case marking | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain UV construction (reality status) | Applicative UV construction |
|-----|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
| I | Figure | Intrinsic undergoer | Loc2 <i>sa/</i> <i>squ’</i> | <i>s-</i> (Realis); <i>Ca-</i> (Irrealis) | --- |
| II | Ground | undergoer | Loc1 <i>sa/</i> <i>squ’</i> | --- | --- |
| III | Figure’ = Benefactee | --- | --- | --- | <i>s-</i> (3) |

In Table 8.2, (I) means, based on the spatio-conceptual relationship between

participants in a sale (i.e., (8.3)) or a pushing event (i.e., (8.4)), the intrinsic undergoer as Figure is determined. The Figure undergoer is specified as a *sa*-marked argument in an EIC and is highlighted in an *s*- voice construction, as in the *blaq* construction, in the realis plain UV construction. In an irrealis plain UV construction, however, the undergoer is highlighted in a *Ca*- construction.

(II) shows that the undergoer conceptualized as the Ground is a peripheral participant, since it is an entity entailed from the semantics of the verb base that falls under the verb type in question (see Table 8.1). The peripheral argument, according to the case marking system discussed in Chapter 2, is case-marked with Loc1 marker; and since it is a peripheral argument, it doesn't need to appear in any construction, and is indeed absent from (8.4a).

In the same table, (III) expresses the idea that there is an applicative benefactee, which is conceptualized as Figure', and its subject status is also specified by means of the *s*- form of the verbs that fall under this type. The prime “'” is used to mean that the concept is not intrinsic to the base of a verbal predicate. But why a beneficiary argument is assigned a Figure concept, it is a question worthy of a detailed study in the future.

(8.6) is a summary of the preceding discussions:

(8.6) Conceptual and morphosyntactic representation for events encoded by verbs in the *s*- verb type (I)

In events encoded by verbs like *tbaziy* 'sell', *ruruw* 'push', *piyok* 'rent' etc., their intrinsic participants stand in a relation in which the actor exerts his or her force upon the undergoer, which causes the latter to move to a destination. Based on the event structure template for these verbs, there is only one intrinsic undergoer for them. Further, based on Talmy's framework, the undergoer is conceptualized as the Figure, as opposed to the destination which is conceptualized as the Ground. In other words, taking the spatial deployment, conceptualization, and the

morphosyntactic realization of the undergoer into account, a new verb type is distinguished, i.e., the *s-* verb type (1): [Undergoer as Figure in *Pushing* schema].

As for morphosyntactic representation, the undergoer is Loc2 *sa*-marked in an EIC clause. When expressed in a realis transitive event, it is highlighted in the *s-* voice construction, a tight relationship between the undergoer and the *s-* form is then established. Finally, when it appears in an irrealis transitive event, a *Ca*-form is used.

8.3 *s-* verb type (2): [Undergoer as Figure in *Generation* schema]

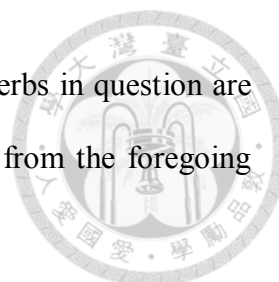
Events like driving a car or singing a song are used to illustrate a situation in which an actor performs an activity and then an abstract product is generated. The description for events of this sort can be paraphrased as:

(8.7) Actor acts on Undergoer by singing and driving, and that causes an abstract product to be generated.

From the valency perspective, constructions used to encode the events are a two-valent one. The argument structure for verbal predicates in the constructions has the following template:

(8.8) [[Actr. ACT<manner>]] CAUSE [[Undr. BECOME <generated>]]

As stated, information conveyed within a bracket is an entailment from the semantics of the verb. That is, information about manner is implied by the verbal predicate. However, for the information designated by the slot, <generated>, the object or content to be generated must be specified as subject in a transitive construction, since as mentioned in Chapter 2, if result means product, the product NP is an intrinsic argument for any



corresponding verb. In short, the template and the valence for the verbs in question are identical in the number of core arguments. This is a point distinct from the foregoing *pushing* event.

The main feature of a singing or driving event is that its duration is immaterial. Take the car-driving event as an example. Whether one has steered his vehicle for only 1 minute or for over 100 minutes, we would agree that he has performed a car-driving activity. Likewise, in the case of a singing event, even though one might have only sung half of song, he would still count as having performed a singing activity for his audience. Once someone has performed a car-driving activity or a singing activity, however short its duration is, the end product of that activity itself constitutes the content, as if the myriad little acts of driving or singing are metaphorically interpreted as moveable objects being actively transferred by the actor. Based on characteristics given for Figure and Ground in Talmy (2000: 315-16; see chapter 4), the generated object is conceptualized as Figure, or, more precisely, a composite of Figure and Ground, based on the notion of mutually-anchoring.

Now consider the morphosyntactic representation for the events. The content is encoded as subject in the construction with the *s-* form of a verb as the predicate. Based on the spatio-conceptual and the morphosyntactic representations, verbs like *pqwas* ‘sing’ and *quzit* ‘rotate; drive a car’ can be classified into the *s-* verb type (2): [Undergoer as Figure in *Generation* schema]. The schema can be diagrammed below:

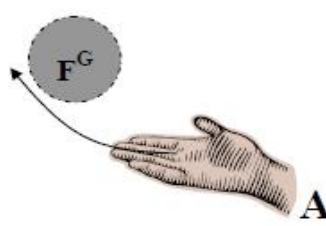
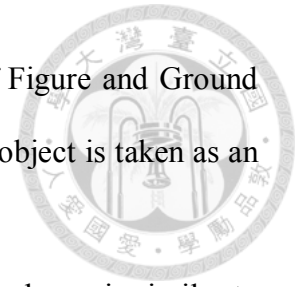


Fig. 8.3: *Generation* schema for *s-* verb type

In Figure 8.3, a circle, symbolized as F^G , refers to a composite of Figure and Ground and A stands for Actor. A dashline around the circle means that the object is taken as an abstract one. An upward curve symbolizes the image of generation.



If we take a closer look at the schema, it can be seen that this schema is similar to *Pushing* schema in having the image of an object transferred from an actor. However, the two schemas are distinct with respect to the existence of a Ground object: for *Pushing* schema, there is an implicit destination conceptualized as Ground, while for *Generation* schema, there is never a need for such a Ground destination. This last point shows the two schemas are distinct.

Let's turn to the morphosyntactic representation for the schema. Consider (8.9):

(8.9) *quzit* 'rotate; drive a car'

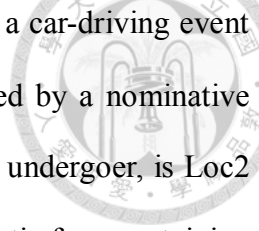
a. nyux=ku q<m>uzit squ' turuy=maku'.
 ASP=1SG.NOM <m>rotate LOC wheel=1SG.GEN
 'I'm driving my car.'

b. blaq s-quzit qu' turuy qani'.
 good s-rotate NOM wheel this
 'It is easy to drive the car (well).'

c. wal=mu s-quzit qu' turuy qani'.
 ASP=1SG.GEN s-rotate NOM wheel this
 'I have driven the car (before).'

c'. q-quzit=mu qu' turuy qani' kira'.
 CA-rotate=1SG.GEN NOM wheel this later
 'I will drive the car later.'

d. wal=mu s-quzit turuy qu' yaba'=mu.
 ASP=1SG.GEN s-rotate wheel NOM father=1SG.GEN
 'I have driven (a) car for my father (before).'



In (8.9a), it can be easily observed how two intrinsic participants in a car-driving event are realized; the actor *ku* ‘1st person singular pronoun’ is introduced by a nominative case, and the undergoer *turuy=maku* ‘my car’, as the only intrinsic undergoer, is Loc2 *squ*’-marked. In (8.9b), the *blaq* construction is designed as a diagnostic for ascertaining the correct voice form to use in order to activate the undergoer as the highlighted entity, and the sentence means that the *s*- form of *quzit* ‘to rotate; to drive a car’ is the appropriate voice form. Furthermore, in (8.9c), it can be observed a tight relationship between the undergoer subject and the verb *s-quzit* ‘rotate; drive a car’ in a *s*- form. Thus via (8.9b) and (8.9c), we know the verb *quzit* ‘rotate; drive a car’ is categorized into *s*- class. (8.9c’) is an irrealis transitive construction in which the undergoer *turuy qani* ‘this car’ is the subject and the verb is a Ca-reduplicative form. In (8.9d), a *s*- clause, but since the highlighted beneficiary argument is not in the same category as the Loc2 *squ*’-marked argument in (8.9a), the sentence plays no role at all in verb classification.

Similarly, events about singing are realized in the same way as car-driving events shown in (8.9). Consider (8.10):

(8.10) *pqwas* ‘sing’

a. *nyux mqwas sa qutux qwas qu’ qpatung.*
 ASP m.sing LOC one song NOM frog
 ‘Frogs are singing a song.’

b. *blaq s-pqwas qu’ qwas qa’.*
 good s-sing NOM song DEM
 ‘It is easy to sing the song well.’

c. *wal=mu s-pqwas qu’ qwas qa’ la’.*
 ASP=1SG.GEN s-sing NOM song DEM FP
 ‘I have sung the song (before).’



c'. p-pqwas=mu qu' qwas qa' kira'.
 CA-sing=1SG.GEN NOM song DEM later
 'I will sing the song later.'

d. wal=mu s-pqwas qwas qu' laqi'=mu.
 ASP=1SG.GEN s-sing song NOM child=1SG.GEN
 'I sang (a) song for my child.'

(8.10a) is an EIC construction, in which *qutux qwas* 'a song' is a Loc(2) object. (8.10b) is a *blaq* construction, in which *qwas* 'song' is highlighted in the *s-* form of the verb *pqwas* 'to sing'. Likewise, in (8.10c), it is the verb *s-pqwas* 'to sing (in *s-* form)' used and *qwas qa'* 'the song' is the highlight entity. (8.10c') illustrates an irrealis transitive event, and *qwas qa'* 'the song' is highlighted. (8.10d) is a beneficiary construction where a non-intrinsic argument is highlighted.

The preceding discussions on (8.9) and (8.10) can be summarized in Table 8.3:

Table 8.3: The interaction of concepts, undergoers, case-making, and four construction types for *s-* verb type (2): [Undergoer as Figure in *Generation* schema]

| | Concept | EIC & case marking | | <i>blaq</i> construction | | Plain UV construction (reality status) | Applicative UV construction |
|-----------|---|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| I | Figure → (i.e., an amalgam of Figure and Ground) | Intrinsic undergoer | Loc2 → <i>sa/</i> <i>squ'</i> | → <i>s-</i> | → | <i>s-</i> (Realis); <i>Ca-</i> (Irrealis) | --- |
| II | Figure' = Benefactee | --- | --- | --- | → | <i>s-</i> | |

In Table 8.3, (I) shows that Figure (i.e., a composite of Figure and Ground) is encoded

as the intrinsic undergoer, is Loc2 *sa/squ*’-marked in an EIC and the Figure undergoer is attested in a *blaq* construction and in a realis transitive clause where the *s*- form of verbs is used, rather any other voice form. (II) is designed to show that a beneficiary subject appears in an *s*- construction. Since such a beneficiary argument is not an intrinsic argument of verbs like *quzit* ‘rotate; drive a car’ and *pqwas* ‘sing’, the argument cannot appear in any other construction types in the table.

(8.11) is a summary of the *s*- verb type (2): [Undergoer as Figure in *Generation* schema]:

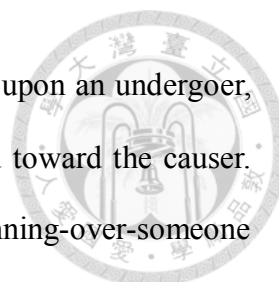
(8.11) Conceptual and morphosyntactic representation for events encoded by verbs in the *s*- verb type (2)

In events encoded by verbs like *pqwas* ‘sing’ and *quzit* ‘rotate; drive a car’, their intrinsic participants stand in a relation where an actor exerts his or her force upon an intrinsic undergoer, generating a product as a result. The product refers to content which is entailed from the intrinsic undergoer. The undergoer is encoded as the highlighted entity in the *s*- clause.

In terms of Talmy’s framework to realize the events, the undergoer is conceptualized as the Figure, relative to the destination conceptualized as Ground. In other words, taking the spatial deployment, conceptualization, and the morphosyntactic realization of the undergoer into account, a new verb type is distinguished, i.e., the *s*- verb type (2): [Undergoer as Figure in *Generation* schema].

As for morphosyntactic representation, the undergoer is *sa*-marked in an EIC clause structure. When expressed in a realis transitive event, it is highlighted in constructions with the *s*- form of a verb, a tight relationship between the undergoer and the *s*- form is then established. When the undergoer appears in an irrealis transitive event, a *Ca*-form is used.

8.4 *s*- verb type (3): [Undergoer as Figure in *Cause* schema]



There are situations in which one participant, as a causer, acts upon an undergoer, bringing the undergoer into some emotional state which is directed toward the causer. Examples includes a sympathizing event, respecting event, winning-over-someone event etc. These events are complex events comprised of a causal and a resultative state. The following excerpt is an illustration:

(8.12)

a. (Sinica Archive: 12-009-b)

hwag-an “yutas” so-n=nya’ ma’.
 shout-an grandfather say.thus-un=3SG.GEN QUOT
 ‘He shouted, “Grandfather!”

b. (Sinica Archive: 12-009-c)

“ngungu’=su maki’ zik” so-n=nya’ ma’.
 fear=2SG.GEN m.exist bottom say.thus-un=3SG.GEN QUOT
 ‘He said, “Are you scared of staying down below (alone)?”

c. (Sinica Archive: 12-009-e)

“ay, kat-un=su ngarux la” so-n=nya’ ma’.
 EXCL bite-un=2SG.GEN bear FP say.thus-un=3SG.GEN QUOT
 ““Oh! The bear will eat you”, he said.’

d. (Sinica Archive: 12-011-a)

“isu’, isu’, s-galu’=maku’ wa’.”
 2SG.NEU 2SG.NEU s-sympathize=1SG.GEN FP
 ““Oh! It’s you whom I pity.””

e. (Sinica Archive: 12-011-b)

wah-an nyux “k<m>at ngarux la” so-n=nya’
 come-an ASP <m>bite bear FP say.thus-un=3SG.GEN
 mga’.
 QUOT:FP
 ““The bear will eat you.” He said so.’

(8.12) is a conversation between an old man and a young man. In the scenes depicted in (8.12a-c), the old man stayed alone on the ground; without his accompaniment, the young man thought that the old man might be scared since the bear might come to eat him. Since old man didn't climb to the top of the tree, as the young man did and that made the young man show sympathy for the old man, as illustrated in (8.12d). That is, using a construction with a *s-* verb as its predicate to indicate that the young man's sympathy is driven by a causal event. This excerpt can be represented in terms of the following causal chain:

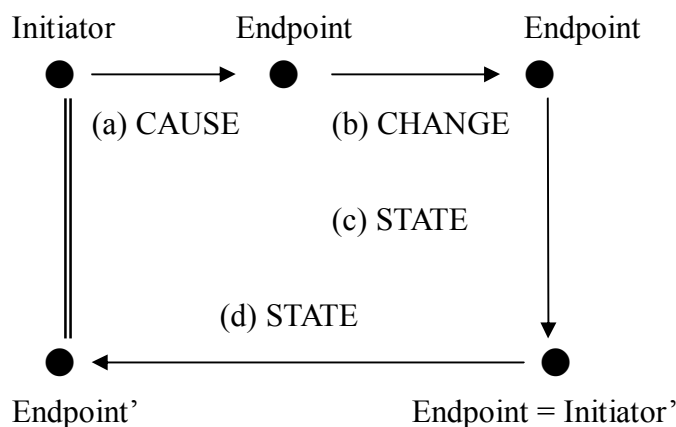
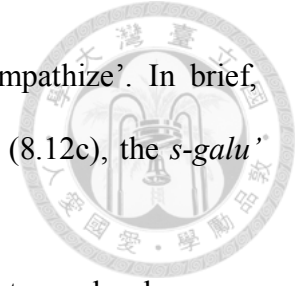


Fig. 8.4: Causal chain for a Complex Event (adapted from Talmy 1976, 1985, 1988, Croft 1991)

In Fig. 8.4, a causal event is composed of (a), (b) and (c), which correspond more or less to the expressions in (8.12a-c). The causal chain is bidirectional, i.e., starting from the initiator toward the endpoint and ending at the initiator. (d) stands for a resultative event and corresponds to the expression in (8.12d). Initiator in this figure refers to the old man in (8.12), and Endpoint is the young man (as if his suggestion were rejected by the old man). 'Initiator' refers to the young man, since he dominates over the ensuing emotion state, namely, he supposes the old man will be scared, so he expresses his concern for the old man. The old man is then the Endpoint', i.e., concern receiver, and

structurally, is specified as the undergoer of the verb *s-galu* ‘sympathize’. In brief, without the preceding events as described in (8.12a), (8.12b), and (8.12c), the *s-galu*’ clause as in (8.12d) cannot be used.



For events identified in this excerpt, their event structure template can be shown as follows:

(8.13) [Causer CAUSE [Affectee TO COME TO BE IN <state> AT Causer]]

In (8.13), information enclosed in the bracket is the ontological category of a verb base. Take the verb *galu*’ ‘sympathetic’ in Squliq Atayal as an example. Its ontological category is an emotional state; in addition, causer and affectee are two types of important information to be specified in events of this type. (8.13) can be paraphrased as:

(8.14) A causer does something that brings an affectee into a state, and the state the affectee is in is directed toward the causer.

Note that the verbs investigated in the present section are used to encode the latter part in (8.14), i.e., *the state where the affectee is in is directed toward the causer*. Since, as stated, for the nominative NP as in the *s-* construction like (8.12d), its causer role is more salient than its receiver role, (8.12d) can be read as *It is you, the old man, that brings me into the state of sympathy for you*. In short, the nominative NP in (8.12d) is realized as a causer participant or conceptualized as force which drives the genitive affectee into some emotional state. In addition to, *galu*’ ‘to sympathize’, *ngungu*’ ‘be scared of’, *tatux tunux* ‘respect (by means of nodding)’, *s-laqux* for *laqux* ‘to win over’, etc are verbs that behave similarly.

Now since the sentences in (8.12) are used to express a situation in which the causer is construed as a force that acts on an affectee and then the affectee reacts to the force, resulting in an emotional state; as a result, it is better conceptualized as Figure, or a self-referencing Figure. In other words, the spatial organization and the conceptual relationship between core participants together determine the formation of a new schema, called *Cause* schema. It can be diagramed below:

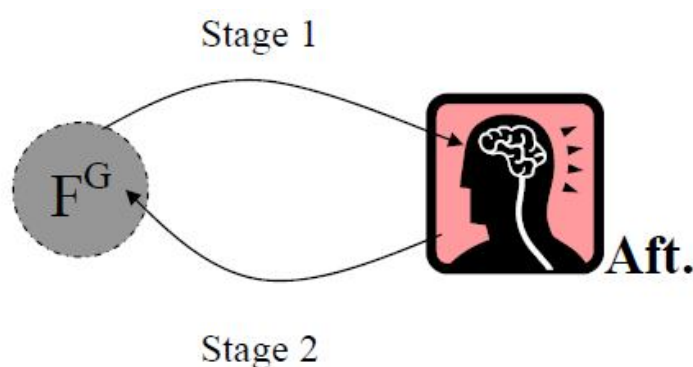


Fig. 8.5: *Cause* schema for *s*- verb type

In Figure 8.5, Aft. stands for affectee, while F^G , a self-referencing Figure, refers to causer or cause. We outline the Figure with a dashline for its abstract property and shadow it for its highlight role in a transitive event. The affectee-ward line is designed for the idea that a causer releases content that attracts the affectee's attention. Stage 1 represents this line. On the contrary, the Figure-ward line is to express that the affectee then responds to the Figure, for example, by means of giving his respect to it. This is Stage 2.

Let's turn to the question of how instance events of the schema are expressed morphosyntactically. Consider (8.15) and (8.16):



(8.15) *galu'* 'sympathize'

a. *g<m>alu'*=ku balay sa ciwas.
 <m>sympathize=1SG.NOM true LOC PN
 'I have sympathy for Ciwas.'

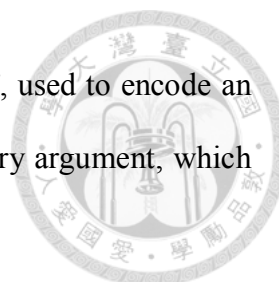
b. *zinga'* balay s-galu' na' squliq qu' ciwas.
 quick true s-sympathize GEN person NOM PN
 'Ciwas is the person people really have sympathy for.'

c. *wal*=mu s-galu' qu' ciwas.
 ASP=1SG.GEN s-sympathize NOM PN
 'I have had sympathy for Ciwas (before).'

c'. *g-galu'*=mu qu' ciwas.
 CA-sympathize=1SG.GEN NOM PN
 'I will have sympathy for Ciwas.'

d. *s-galu'*=mu sa ciwas qu' yumin.
 s-sympathy=1SG.GEN LOC PN nom PN
 'I have sympathy for Ciwas for Yumin.'

In a sympathizing event, there are two core participants involved, an Affectee and Causer. In (8.15a), the Affectee is the first person singular participant in nominative case, and the Causer is marked with a Loc2 *sa* case marker. In (8.15b), it depicts a situation where Ciwas is, for example, in distress that causes people have sympathy for her. The *zinga'* UV *qu'* O construction (abbreviated as the *zinga'* construction) in (8.15b) has the same function as the *blaq* UV *qu'* O construction, a construction used for evaluating the O participant in events. The *zinga'* construction is used to evaluate a participant in O role functioning as the subject of a verb in *s*- clause (8.15c) is a realis UV clause, in which the core undergoer is the subject of a *s*- verb. Thus the verb *galu'* 'sympathize' is classified as falling under the *s*- verb class and there is an inherent relationship between its Figure undergoer subject and the *s*- form of the verb. In (8.15c'), the Figure



undergoer is the subject of the Ca-reduplicated verbal form, *g-galu*, used to encode an irrealis event. In (8.15d), a *s-* clause is used to highlight a beneficiary argument, which is not a core argument for a typical sympathizing event.

In addition to the sympathizing event, a winning event is another instance for the *Cause* schema. The causer in a winning event can be metaphorically realized as a force which drives the Affectee into a state of winning. That is the reason for why a winning event is categorized into *Cause* schema.

Now Consider (8.16):

(8.16) *laqux* ‘win’

- a. *musa*'=ku l<m>*aqux* sa *ciwas*.
 ASP=1SG.NOM <m>win LOC PN
 ‘I am going to beat Ciwas.’

- b. *blaq* s-*laqux* qu' *ciwas*.
 good s-win NOM PN
 ‘It is easy to beat Ciwas (because she often loses).’

- c. *wal*=mu s-*laqux* qu' *la*'.
 ASP=1SG.GEN s-win PN FP
 ‘I (have) beaten Ciwas (before).’

- c'. l-*laqux*=mu qu' *ciwas* *la*'.
 CA-win=1SG.GEN NOM PN FP
 ‘I will beat Ciwas.’

- d. s-*laqux*=mu sa *ciwas* qu' *yumin*.
 s-win=1SG.GEN LOC PN NOM PN
 ‘I beat Ciwas for Yumin.’

In (8.16a), a Nominative-marked argument serves as the Affectee and a Loc2 *sa*-marked argument, Causer. In (8.16b), the core undergoer is attested in a *blaq* construction, in

which the *s-* form of the verb *laqux* ‘win’ is employed. In (8.16c), the core undergoer is taken as the subject of the verb’s *s-* form in a realis UV clause. Take (8.16b) and (8.16c) into consideration together. An inherent relationship between the core undergoer and the *s-* form of *laqux* ‘win’ is conspicuous. (8.16c’) is an expression for the core undergoer as the subject in an irrealis UV transitive clause, where a *Ca*-reduplicated verbal form, i.e., *l-laqux*, is used. (8.16d) also illustrates the use of the *s-* form of the verb *laqux* ‘win’, in which, the nominative case is assigned to the beneficiary argument and the nominative NP is not the undergoer in a respective event.

To sum up the preceding discussions on (8.15) and (8.16), we construct the following table:

Table 8.4: The interaction of concepts, undergoers, case-making, and four construction types for *s-* verb type (2): [Undergoer as Figure in *Generation* schema]

| | Concept | EIC & case marking | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain UV construction (reality status) | Appli- cative UV construc- tion |
|-----|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| (I) | Figure (i.e., an amalgam of Figure and Ground) | Intrinsic undergoer | Loc2 <i>sa/</i> <i>squ’</i> | <i>s-</i> (Realis); <i>Ca-</i> (Irrealis) | --- |
| II | Figure’ = Benefactee | --- | --- | --- | <i>s-</i> |

In Table 8.3, (I) is designed to indicate that the intrinsic undergoer of the verb under *Cause* schema is the Figure. The Figure undergoer is encoded as a Loc2 *sa/squ’*-marked argument in an EIC and is the subject in *s-* constructions, including a *zinga’/blaq*

construction and a realis plain UV construction; but, in an irrealis plain UV construction, the undergoer in the same conceptual category is the subject of a *Ca-* verb.

(II) points out that there is an applicative benefactee, which is conceptualized as Figure', and its subject status is also encoded by the *s-* form of the verbs that fall under this type.

(8.17) is a summary of the *s-* type (3):

(8.17) Conceptual and morphosyntactic representation for events encoded by verbs in the *s-* verb type (3)

In events encoded by verbs like *galu* 'to sympathize', *tatux tunux* 'to respect (by means of nodding)', *laqux* 'to win over', their core participants are in a relation that one drives the other into a state; for the former, it is realized as Causer, while for the latter, as Affectee. With an aid of the causal chain analysis, the Causer participant is the undergoer of these verbs. In terms of Talmy's framework, the Causer undergoer is conceptualized as Figure. Take the spatial deployment, conceptualization, and the morphosyntactic realization of the undergoer into account. A new verb type is distinguished, i.e., the *s-* verb type (3): [Undergoer as Figure in *Cause* schema].

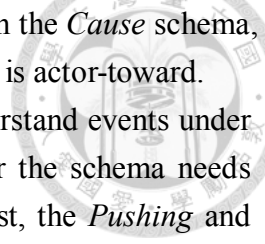
At the level of the morphosyntactic representation, the undergoer is Loc2 *sa-*marked in an EIC clause. In a *blaq* or *zinga* construction and a realis transitive event, the undergoer is the subject of the *s-* form of verbs. In an irrealis transitive clause, a *Ca-*form is used to highlight the Figure undergoer.

8.5 Concluding remarks on three verb types in the *s-* class

Let's summarize the three schemas in two dimensions, i.e., their similarities and differences. First is about their differences:

(8.18)

iii. For the *Pushing* and the *Generation* schema, their undergoer can be

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- realized as an object released from the actor; however, in the *Cause* schema, its undergoer moves in the reversed direction, namely, it is actor-toward.
- iv. Since it involves a complex event, it is not easy to understand events under the *Cause* schema. The event specified by verbs under the schema needs one or more prior events as its precondition. In contrast, the *Pushing* and the *Generation* schema can be understood without prior events as the precondition.
 - v. For the physical property of their Figure undergoer, it is a concrete object in the *Pushing* schema, but it is an abstract one in the other two schemas.
 - vi. There is a Ground concept in the *Pushing* schema, though often left unspecified structurally; but for the other two schemas, there is no the concept of the sort.

Regarding their similarity, the most remarkable one is their intrinsic undergoer is a movable object. Other similarities can be seen from the morphosyntactic representation.

Compared their differences with similarities, it can be easily found that it is the conceptual level their differences bring forth, whereas most similarities display at the level of morphosyntax. This idea applies to the schemas under other two verb classes, the *-an* and the *-un* class.



CHAPTER 9

THE COMPOSITE CLASS: THE *s/-an* AND THE *s/-un* COMPOSITE VERB TYPE

9.1 Introduction

This chapter deals with verbs that belong to the composite class, namely, verbs that have two intrinsic undergoer arguments and each is specified as the subject of a distinct plain UV clause structure. Two subtypes of this class are further distinguished in Squliq Atayal, the *s/-an* and the *s/-un* composite verb types. Verbs like *biq* ‘give’, *paqut* ‘ask’, *cbaq* ‘teach’, and so on belong to the first subtype; *kal* ‘discuss; talk about’ and *syuk* ‘act in turn; retaliate; answer’ are the only two members of the second subtype. These verbs are analogous to Margetts’ (2007) root ditransitive verbs, which are used to encode three-participant events where three participants are each expressed as the direct argument of a verb without valency-increasing strategies involved.³²

9.2 *s/-an* composite verb type: [Undergoers as Figure and Ground in *Conveyance* schema]

Events like giving somebody something, asking somebody something, and pasting something somewhere, etc. describe a situation in which an actor causes an object to move toward a goal and the object is eventually located there. There are three participants involved in events of this type. Based on Talmy’s framework, the moved object is conceptualized as the Figure, while the goal is the Ground. The Figure and the Ground are undergoers subcategorized for by verbs encoding the events in question.

³² Anna Margetts (2007) distinguishes three types of three-place verbs: root ditransitive verbs, causative verbs, and applicative verbs. The first refers to the type examined in the present chapter, in which the encoding of any direct or intrinsic argument as clausal subject does not involve valency-increasing strategies. The second refers to the verb type in which the verb root is transitive, and a third argument is licensed by a causative marker. In the applicative type, its verb root is also transitive and a third argument is derived from applicativization.

Both are highlighted, but must be highlighted in two different clause patterns: the Figure in the *s-* clause, while the Ground in *-an* clause. Based on the conceptualization of undergoers, spatial arrangement of participants in events, and the morphosyntactic representation of verbs, we identify a new verb type termed ***s-/-an* composite verb type: [Undergoers as Figure and Ground in *Conveyance* schema]**.

Verbs like *biq* ‘give’, *paqut* ‘ask’, and *qapax* ‘paste up’ belong to this type. This verb type can be considered as a composite of the three verb types discussed in the preceding sections, namely, the *-an* verb type (1) schematized as *Placement* (I), the *-an* verb type (7) schematized as *Placement* (II), and the *s-* verb type (1) schematized as *Pushing*. Of the three verb types, the first two are used for highlighting the Ground participant and the last, the Figure participant. But since verbs like *biq* ‘give’, *paqut* ‘ask’, and *qapax* ‘paste up’ have two undergoer arguments, distinct from *tmami* ‘pickle’, *kita* ‘see’ and *tbaziy* ‘sell’ which highlight only one undergoer, i.e., Ground, and that is why a new verb type for verbs like *biq* ‘give’ etc. must be recognized. The new verb type can be diagrammed below:

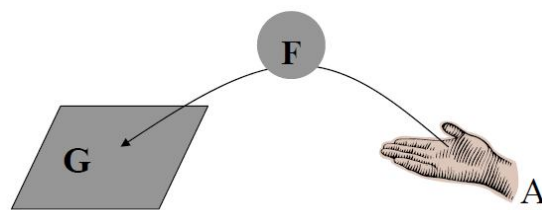
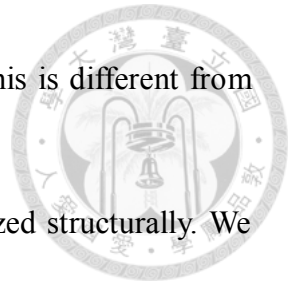


Fig. 9.1: *Conveyance* schema

In Fig. 9.1, A means the Actor, F, the Figure and G, the Ground. The curve stands for a triggering action the Actor exerts upon the Figure, causing it to move toward the Ground. Also seen from Fig. 9.1, shading both the Figure and the Ground means the two are highlighted in separate clause types. Note that the Figure can be either concrete or

abstract, and thus it is not shown in a dotted line or a solid line. This is different from the Figure found in the *-an* verb type (1).



Consider now how events in the *Conveyance* schema are realized structurally. We will take up the ‘giving’ event first:

(9.1) *biq* ‘give’

a. nyux=saku’ miq sa pila’ i’ ciwas.
 ASP=1SG.NOM m.give LOC money LOC PN
 ‘I’m giving Ciwas (the) money.’

b. blaq biq-an ana’ nanu’ qu’ ciwas.
 good give-an no.matter what NOM PN
 ‘It was easy to give Ciwas anything. (Lit., Ciwas would take anything given to her).’

b’. blaq s-biq qu’ pila’=nya’.
 good s-give NOM money=3SG.GEN
 ‘It was easy (for him) to give his money away (because he was generous with his money).’

c. wal=mu biq-an pila’ qu’ ciwas.
 ASP=1SG.GEN give-an money NOM PN
 ‘I have given Ciwas money (before).’

c’. biq-un=mu pila’ qu’ ciwas kira’.
 give-un=1SG.GEN money NOM PN later
 ‘I will give Ciwas money.’

d. wal=mu s-biq ciwas qu’ pila’=nya’ la’.
 ASP=1SG.GEN s-give PN NOM money=3SG.GEN FP
 ‘I gave his money to Ciwas.’

d’. b-biq=mu sa ciwas qu’ pila’.
 CA-give=1SG.GEN LOC PN NOM money
 ‘I will give (the) money to Ciwas.’

- e. yumin qu' nyux=mu s-biq pila' i' ciwas.
 PN NOM ASP=1SG.GEN s-give money LOC PN
 'It is for Yumin that I have given money to money.'



In (9.1a), the giver (i.e., =*saku* 'the first person singular nominative bound pronoun') is marked with nominative case, the object transferred is conceptualized as the Figure (i.e., *pila* 'money'), and is marked by Loc(2) *sa*, and the recipient is conceptualized as the Ground (i.e., *Ciwas* 'Ciwas, a female name'), and is marked by Loc(2) *i*'. As pointed out earlier, the two Loc(2)-marked participants may be highlighted in a transitive clause. This is evidenced in (9.1b) and (9.1b'). In (9.1b), *Ciwas* is an evaluated target in the *blaq* construction and the *-an* form of the verb *biq* 'give' is employed; in (9.1b'), *pila*'=*nya* 'his money' is an evaluated target in another *blaq* construction with the *s-* form of the verb *biq* 'give'. That is, two types of clauses are required to implement the syntax of the various participants in the 'giving' frame: one is for highlighting the Ground and the use of *-an* form, and the other is for highlighting the Figure and the use of *s-* form. In (9.1c), the Ground entity *Ciwas* is highlighted in a transitive realis event encoded by *biq-an* 'give', and in (9.1d), it is the *s-* form of the verb *biq* 'give' used to highlight the Figure entity in a transitive realis event. As for (9.1c') and (9.1d'), they are used to express an irrealis event in which a Ground entity and a Figure entity are respectively highlighted in an *-un* form and in a CA-reduplicated voice form of the verb *biq* 'give'. (9.1e) also illustrates the use of the *s-* form of the verb *biq* 'give', in which the nominative case is assigned to the beneficiary argument and thus the nominative NP is not the undergoer in the event in question.

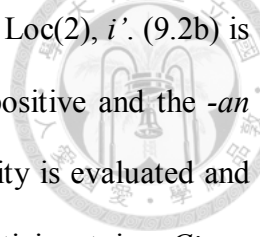
The asking event is another instantiation of the *Conveyance* schema, as illustrated in (9.2):



(9.2) *qaput* 'ask'

- a. nyux=ku maqut i' ciwas sa qutux zyaw.
 ASP=1SG.NOM m.ask LOC PN LOC one thing
 'I am asking Ciwas a question.'
- b. ana' nanu' zyaw ga', blaq pqut-an qu' ciwas,
 no.matter what thing TOP good ask-an NOM PN
 maha' qu' yaya'=nya'.
 QUOT nom mother=3SG.GEN
 'Her mother said, no matter what it was, when people ask Ciwas, they always got a proper answer from her. (Lit., It was easy to ask questions of Ciwas.)'
- b'. blaq s-paqut qu' zyaw qasa'.
 good s-ask NOM thing that
 'The question is not a tough one (i.e., asking people this question will not bother them). (Lit., It is easy (for you) to ask (people) this question.'
- c. wal=mu pqut-an sa zyaw qasa' qu' ciwas la'.
 ASP=1SG.GEN ask-an LOC thing that NOM PN FP
 'I have asked Ciwas that question (before).'
- c'. pqut-un=mu sa zyaw qasa qu' ciwas kira'.
 ask-un=1SG.GEN LOC thing that NOM PN later
 'I will ask Ciwas that question later.'
- d. wal=mu s-paqut sa ciwas qu' zyaw qasa'.
 ASP=1SG.GEN s-ask LOC PN NOM thing that
 'I have asked Ciwas that question (before).'
- d'. p-paqut=mu sa ciwas qu' zyaw qasa'.
 CA-ask=1SG.GEN LOC PN NOM thing that
 'I will ask Ciwas the question.'

(9.2a) is an EIC with the actor marked with nominative, *qutux zyaw*, which is the undergoer conceptualized as the Figure, is marked with Loc(2) *sa*, and Ciwas, which is



the undergoer conceptualized as the Ground and is also marked with Loc(2), *i'*. (9.2b) is a *blaq* construction where the Ground participant is evaluated as positive and the *-an* form of the verb *paqut* 'ask' is employed. In (9.2b'), the Figure entity is evaluated and the *s-* form is used in the *blaq* construction. In (9.2c), the Ground participant, i.e., *Ciwas*, is marked with nominative in an *-an* clause structure. In (9.2c'), as in (9.2c), the Ground participant is highlighted; however, distinct from (9.2c) is, the *-un* form of the verb is used to express an irrealis event. The contrast between (9.2c) and (9.2c') has been pointed out in the previous discussion on the *-an* verb type. When the Ground is to be highlighted, *paqut* 'ask' is classified as the *-an* verb type. When the Figure is to be highlighted, the verb belongs to the *s-* verb type. Therefore, in (9.2d), in a *s-* clause structure, the Figure entity, *zyaw qasa* 'that thing', is nominative and highlighted in a realis *s-* clause. In (9.2d'), the verb is a reduplicated form to express an irrealis event and to highlight the Figure entity.

We now summarize the preceding discussions on (9.1) and (9.2) below:

Table 9.1: The interaction of concepts, undergoers, case-making, and four construction types for *s/-an* verb type: [Undergoers as Figure and Ground in *Conveyance* schema]

| | Concept | EIC & case marking | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain UV construction (reality status) | Applicative UV construction (reality status) |
|-----|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|
| I | Figure | → Undergoer | Loc(2) → <i>sa</i> NP | <i>s-</i> → <i>s-</i> (Realis) | --- |
| II | Ground | → Undergoer | Loc(2) → <i>sa</i> or <i>i'</i> NP | <i>-an</i> → <i>-an</i> (Realis) | --- |
| III | Figure'' = Benefactee | --- | --- | --- | <i>s-</i> (3) → |

As clearly shown in Table 9.1, for verbs subsumed under the *Conveyance* schema, there are two intrinsic undergoers, one conceptualized as the Figure and the other as the Ground; furthermore, in an EIC, both are introduced with a Loc(2) marker, *sa* (or *i'* for personal names) and occur in the *blaq* construction, employing the *s-* form of the verb when the undergoer NP is the Figure, or the *-an* voice construction when the undergoer NP is the Ground. Also note that except for *biq* 'give', the *s-* form of the verbs is also recruited to highlight an applicative benefactee subject, which is conceptualized as the Figure'' entity.

Table 9.2 is a simplified version of Table 9.1:

Table 9.2: A syntactico-semantic template for the relationship between verbs in *s-/an* composite verb type and their (non-)intrinsic undergoer arguments

| Non-actor clause type | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain construction | UV | Case marking in EIC | As intrinsic undergoer (Concept) |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|----|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>-an</i> | ● | ● | | <i>sa</i> | Yes (Ground) |
| <i>-un</i> | --- | ● | | --- | --- |
| <i>s-</i> | ● | ● | | <i>sa</i> | Yes (Figure) |

In Table 9.2, the verbs *biq* ‘give’ and *paqut* ‘ask’ are categorized as a composite verb type comprised of the *-an* verb type and the *s-* verb type. The *-un* form plays no role in determining their verb type.

(9.3) summarizes the preceding discussions.

(9.3) Conceptual and morphosyntactic representations for events encoded by verbs in *s-/an* composite verb type

In events encoded by verbs like *biq* ‘give’, *paqut* ‘ask’, and *qapax* ‘paste up’ etc., their core participants are in a relation in which the Actor exerts force upon one Undergoer and has it conveyed to another undergoer. In terms of Talmy’s framework, the undergoer that is ‘conveyed’ is conceptualized as the Figure, and the one receiving the Figure is conceptualized as the Ground. Morphosyntactically, the Figure and the Ground are respectively highlighted in a *s-* and an *-an* clause. That is, taking the spatial deployment, conceptualization, and the morphosyntactic realization of the undergoer into account, a new verb type is distinguished, *s-/an* composite verb type: [Undergoers as Figure and Ground in *Conveyance* schema].

With regard to morphosyntactic representation, the two undergoers are *sa*-marked in an EIC clause. When they are expressed in a realis transitive event, as mentioned, they are respectively highlighted in constructions with the *s-* form and the *-an* form of the verb. When they appear in an irrealis

transitive event, a *Ca*-form and the *-un* form are then used respectively.



9.3 *s/-un* composite verb type: [Undergoers as Figures in *Reciprocation* schema]

kal 'to discuss; to talk' is used in a situation in which one participant initiates a topic to communicate with another participant for the purpose of clarifying up things under discussion for mutual benefit. In this situation, the content of the talk is conceptualized as an abstract object that is transmitted between the participants. From the perspective of valency, constructions used to encode events of this type are three-valent ones, including an actor or a topic initiator, content (of talk), and a recipient-respondent. The language takes the actor as the subject in a *m*- or $\langle m \rangle$ clause structure, the content as the subject in a *s*- clause structure, and the recipient as the subject in an *-un* clause structure.

From the perspective of event conceptualization, three points are worth making. First is regarded with the actor. In any discussion, the actor plays two roles alternately, the role of recipient and the role of topic initiator. From the perspective of kinematics, the two participants are undertaking a reciprocal motion, in which the content talked about is analogous to an object transmitted between them.

The second point is associated with the recipient. In a talk exchange, the recipient participant role at one point in time is a recipient, but can assume the role of a topic initiator at another point. In other words, he or she is a dynamic entity rather than an absolutely stationary entity as a mere container of information, as with the recipient in the *Conveyance* schema discussed earlier. This means that the possibility of conceptualizing the participant as the Ground is excluded. A simplified relation of the recipient-respondent as topic initiator is represented in the following template:

(9.4) [[Actr. ACT<manner>]] CAUSE [[Undr. BECOME<react>]]

(9.4) is repeated from (7.25) (see Section 7.9 in Chapter 7). Since the recipient-responder can react to information conveyed from the actor much like the undergoer of the verb *s'ang* 'scold' in *Triggering* schema (see (6.26) in Section 7.9 in Chapter 7) reacts by being in a bad mood or by crying. The role in question can also be affected in a transitive realis event and thus is assigned the role of undergoer. From the perspective of conceptualization, the role is a Figure or a self-referencing Figure entity.

The third point is concerned with content. Since content is construed as a movable object being continuously transmitted between the two participants, in terms of Talmy's Figure-Ground dichotomy, content is conceptualized as Figure. Besides, as to other two types of participants in a given situation, it is also an undergoer.

Based on the last two points, it can be noticed that the verb *kal* 'discuss; talk about' can be considered as a composite of two verb types, namely, the *-un* verb type (8) schematized as *Triggering*, and the *s-* verb type (1) schematized as *Pushing*.

Therefore, taking the three points and the morphosyntactic realization together into account, a new verb type is then distinguished, i.e., ***s-/-un* composite verb type: [Undergoers as Figures in Reciprocation schema]**. The event in question can be schematized as below:

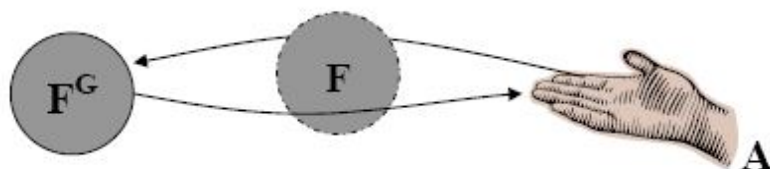


Fig. 9.2: *Reciprocation* schema

In Fig. 9.2, the icon hand stands for Actor or Topic initiator (symbolized as A), F^G, Recipient, and F content. Figure in a dotted line is to show it is an abstract entity. The two arrows are designed for expressing the idea that the content is being constantly transmitted between the two participants in any talk exchange. Note that, to the best of my knowledge, the verb type forms a very small class with only one member, i.e., *kal*, found thus far.

Let us proceed to consider how various aspects of the event are represented structurally, as illustrated in (9.4):

(9.4) *kal* ‘discuss; talk about’

a. nyux=saku’ k<m>al i’ ciwas squ’ zyaw na’ amuy.
 ASP=1SG.NOM <m>talk LOC PN LOC thing GEN PN
 ‘I am having a talk about Amuy with Ciwas.’

b. blaq kyal-un ana’ nanu’ qu’ ciwas.
 good talk-un no.matter what NOM PN
 ‘It is easy to talk to Ciwas about anything. (Lit., Ciwas is such a person willing to discuss anything with others.)’

b’. kyal-un=mu pisuy maha’, “psyug-i’ qu’ pila’
 talk-un=1SG.GEN PN QUOT return-i’ nom money
 ga’??” wal s’ziy te binah qu’ tunux=nya’;
 FP ASP turn LOC side NOM head=3SG.GEN
 yaqih balay kyal-un.”
 bad true discuss-un
 ‘When I talked Pisuy, “Would you please return money (to me)?” She (ignored me and) turned to the other side (Lit., Her head turned to the other side). She is indeed someone hard to discuss anything with.’

c. *blaq kyal-an ana’ nanu’ qu’ ciwas.
 good talk-an no.matter what NOM PN
 ‘??? It is easy to talk to Ciwas about anything.’



c'. (b)iq-ay qu' kyal-an qasa'. biq-ay=mu ke'
 give-ay NOM talk-an that give-ay=1SG.GEN word
 qu' ciwas.
 NOM PN
 'Hand me that telephone(, please)! I would like to phone Ciwas.'

c''. kyal-an cikay isu' qu' zyaw=naha'.
 talk-an a.bit 2SG.NOM.FR NOM thing=3PL.GEN
 'Would you please talk (to me) about their thing?'

d. zihung s-kal sa squliq qu' zyaw qasa'.
 difficult s-talk LOC man NOM thing that
 'It is difficult to discuss with people about that thing (because of privacy).'

e. wal=mu kyal-un qu' ciwas la'.
 ASP=1SG.GEN talk-un NOM PN FP
 'I talked to Ciwas (about the thing).'

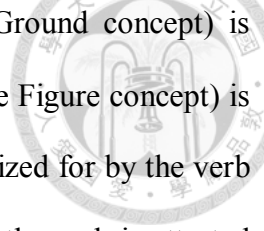
e'. musa'=mu kyal-un qu' ciwas la'.
 ASP=1SG.GEN talk-un NOM PN FP
 'I will/am going to talk to Ciwas (about the thing).'

f. wal=mu s-kal i' ciwas qu' zyaw qasa'.
 ASP=1SG.GEN s-talk LOC PN NOM thing that
 'I talked about that thing with Ciwas.'

f'. k-kal=mu i' ciwas qu' zyaw qasa'.
 CA-talk=1SG.GEN LOC PN NOM thing that
 'I will talk about that thing with Ciwas.'

g. yumin qu' s-kal-maku' i' ciwas sa zyaw qasa'.
 PN NOM s-talk=1SG.GEN LOC PN LOC thing that
 'I talked to Ciwas about that thing for Yumin. (Lit., It is for Yumin that I talked to Ciwas about that thing.)'

In (9.4a), the topic initiator =*saku*' '1st person singular nominative bound pronoun' is



the subject, the topic's receiver and respondent *Ciwas* (i.e., the Ground concept) is Loc(2)-marked, and the topic *zyaw na'amuy* 'Amuy's thing' (i.e., the Figure concept) is also Loc(2)-marked. All the three types of arguments are subcategorized for by the verb *k<m>al* 'discuss; talk about'. In (9.4b) and (9.4b'), the *-un* form of the verb is attested in the *blaq* construction in which the content receiver, i.e., *Ciwas* and *Pisuy* respectively, is the evaluated target. In (9.4c), the *-an* form is not allowed in the *blaq* construction; instead, it either appears as a nominalized form, as in (9.4c') or is the main verb in an imperative construction, as in (9.4c''). In (9.4d), the content NP *zyaw qasa* 'that thing' is an evaluated target in the *zihung* construction and the *s-* form of *kal* 'discuss; talk about' is employed. As described in (9.4e) and (9.4e'), the Ground entity *Ciwas* is the subject of the *-un* form of *kal* 'discuss; talk about' in the realis and the irrealis transitive event respectively. In (9.4f), the Figure entity *zyaw qasa* 'that thing' is the subject of the *s-* form of *kal* 'discuss; talk about', and in (9.4f'), the Figure entity *zyaw qasa* 'that thing' is the highlighted in an irrealis event encoded by the reduplicated form of the verb *kal* 'discuss; talk about'. In (9.4g), the beneficiary argument *Yumin* is the subject of an applicative *s-* construction.

We now summarize the preceding discussions on (9.4) below:

Table 9.3: The interaction of concepts, undergoers, case-making, and four construction types for *s-/un* verb type: [Undergoers as Figures in *Reciprocation* schema]

| | Concept | EIC & case marking | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain UV construction (reality status) | UV construction (reality status) | Applicative UV construction (reality status) |
|-----|---------------------------------|--------------------|---|--|----------------------------------|--|
| I | Figure ^{Ground} | → Under-goer | → Loc(2) <i>sa</i> NP (or <i>i'</i> NP) | <i>-un</i> → <i>-un</i> (Realis) | --- | --- |
| II | Figure | → Under-goer | → Loc(2) <i>sa</i> NP | <i>s-</i> → <i>s-</i> (Realis) | --- | --- |
| III | Figure' = Benefactee | --- | --- | --- | --- | <i>s-</i> (3) |

In Table 9.3, (I) means that the Figure^{Ground} (i.e., the self-referencing Figure) is found as an intrinsic undergoer of the verb *kal* ‘discuss; talk’ under the *s-/un* verb type, since it appears as a Loc(2)-marked argument in an EIC. The undergoer occurs as the subject in the *blaq* and the plain UV construction, in which the *-un* form of the verb is employed. (II) is concerned with the morphosyntactic realization of the other intrinsic undergoer. The undergoer is conceptualized as Figure. In an EIC clause structure, it is also Loc(2) *sa*-marked, and in the *blaq* construction and a plain UV construction, it is the subject of the *s-* form of the verb in question. (III) is to show how a benefactee participant is realized morphosyntactically. The participant is conceptualized as another Figure; but since it is not required by semantics of the verb, it is prohibited from occurring in the *blaq* construction and any plain UV construction; instead, it only occurs in an applicative construction.

Table 9.4 is a simplified version of Table 9.3:

Table 9.4: A syntactico-semantic template for the relationship between verbs in *s-/an* composite verb type and their (non-)intrinsic undergoer arguments

| Non-actor clause type | <i>blaq</i> construction | Plain UV construction | Case marking in EIC | As intrinsic undergoer (Concept) |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <i>-an</i> | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| <i>-un</i> | ●————— | —————● | <i>sa</i> or <i>i'</i> | Yes (Figure ^{Ground}) |
| <i>s-</i> | ●————— | —————● | <i>sa</i> | Yes (Figure) |

As clearly seen from Table 9.4, the *-an* form of the verb *kal* ‘discuss; talk about’ has no relation to the encoding of its undergoer arguments. On the contrary, its other two UV forms are used to encode two different intrinsic undergoers respectively; that is, the *-un* form is for the Figure^{Ground} argument, while the *s-* form is for the Figure argument.

(9.5) summarizes the preceding discussions:

(9.5) Conceptual and morphosyntactic representations for events encoded by verbs in *s-/un* composite verb type

In events encoded by the verb *kal* ‘discuss; talk about’, the Actor (i.e., topic initiator) communicates with another participant via content conveyed between them. In terms of Talmy’s framework, the undergoer that is ‘conveyed’ is conceptualized as the Figure, and the one receiving the content is conceptualized as the Figure^{Ground}. Morphosyntactically, the Figure and the Figure^{Ground} are respectively highlighted in a *s-* and an *-un* clause. Taking the spatial deployment, conceptualization, and the morphosyntactic realization of the undergoer into account, a new verb type is distinguished, *s-/un* composite verb type: [Undergoers as Figures in *Reciprocation* schema].

With regard to morphosyntactic representation, the two undergoers are Loc(2)-marked in an EIC clause. When they are expressed in a realis transitive event, they are respectively highlighted in constructions with the *s-* form and the *-un* form

of the verb. When they appear in an irrealis transitive event, a *Ca*-form and the *-un* form are then used respectively.



9.4 Concluding remarks on two composite classes

In this chapter, I have discussed two types of verb composite class, the *s/-an* and the *s/-un* composite type. Verbs in the two types are root ditransitive verbs, namely, their two undergoers are obligatorily required by the semantics of the verbs' base. These observations are summarized below:

Table 9.5: A summary of two types of verb composite class

| Verb type | Verb example(s) | The conceptual manifestation of intrinsic undergoer subject and its occurring clause structure | | Applicativized undergoer subject |
|--|---|--|---|--|
| | | Undergoer 1 | Undergoer 2 | |
| <i>s/-an</i> composite verb type: [Undergoers as Figure and Ground in <i>Conveyance</i> schema] | <i>biq</i> 'give', <i>cbaq</i> 'teach', <i>paqut</i> 'ask' | Figure in <i>s</i> -clause structure | Ground in <i>-an</i> clause structure | Beneficiary argument in applicative <i>s</i> -clause structure |
| <i>s/-un</i> composite verb type: [Undergoers as Figures in <i>Reciprocation</i> schema] | <i>kal</i> 'discuss; talk' | Figure in <i>s</i> -clause structure | Figure ^{Ground} in <i>-un</i> clause structure | Beneficiary argument in applicative <i>s</i> -clause structure |

A notable point from Table 9.5 is that, for the verbs in these two types, there is no instrument applicative construction employed to encode an instrument subject. This point has also been made for the *s*- class in Chapter 8.

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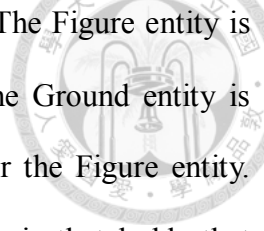
CONCLUSION



10.1 Recapitulation

In this study, I have attempted to provide a framework for classifying the verbs in Squliq Atayal by exploring various types of intricate relationships between a verb and its core undergoer argument(s). The two points indicated in Chapter 2 have motivated me to undertake the present study. The first point is that not all three UV forms of a verb, i.e., *-un*, *-an*, and *s-*, fill their slots in a so-called full-fledged four-way voice paradigm. Secondly, different verb types prefer different UV forms to code subjects. Filling in any UV form slot is conditioned by meeting one or two of the three functions: (i) the encoding of an inherent relationship between a verb's intrinsic undergoer and its default UV form, (ii) the encoding of an intrinsic undergoer for signaling the reality distinction or for exhibiting subtle semantic differences, and (iii) the encoding of an applicative undergoer. Of the three functions, (ii) is far more complex, since all possible conditions are not identified until a decision is made on (i) and (iii). That is, the verb classification tackled in this present study is mainly based on the interrelated results from (i) and (iii), which is an UV-based classification.

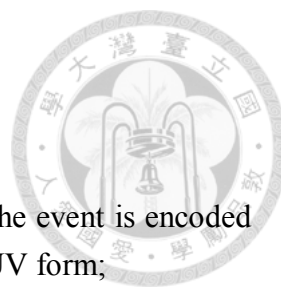
One primary task for the present study then has been to understand how an intrinsic undergoer of a verb is realized in an event, *esp.* how the undergoer participant or entity interacts with other participants in the event. We take the notion of Frame proposed by Fillmore (1976) as a basis for a careful examination of the event structure specified by the verb. Since an event can be conceptualized as involving two objects, Figure and Ground, relating to each other in space (Talmy 2000 (I):312), the undergoer participant can be symbolized or conceptualized as either the Figure or the Ground



entity, based on its interaction with other participants in the event. The Figure entity is movable, moved, located or undergoes an essential change, and the Ground entity is larger in size or unbounded and mostly static and serves to anchor the Figure entity. Basic to this verb classification framework is the embodiment thesis that holds that “Language system provides meanings based on concepts derived from embodiment” (Evans and Green 2006:176). Chapter 4 fleshes out in some detail the nature of embodiment.

The other primary task has been to identify the default UV form used to specify the intrinsic undergoer. Before this is done, however, we need to address the question of determining which argument in a clause refers to the undergoer, since it is often the case that more than one undergoer occurs in a single clause. This question can be solved from two perspectives. The first is verbal semantics. In addition to an actor and an intrinsic undergoer, other undergoer participants are designed for assisting the actor in affecting the intrinsic undergoer. They convey information about instrument, manner, time, or location of an event, and so on, namely, information about peripheral participants in events or clausal adjuncts. As pointed out in Chapter 3, the base of a verb may directly provide any of these types of information. The second perspective is morphosyntax. Peripheral participants are encoded as either a Gen 2 or a Loc 1 argument in an EIC. In other words, the UV form used to encode an NP that belongs to any of these categories is then not a default form, but a non-default form. Detailed discussions about the second task were provided in Chapters 3 through 5.

We have shown in Chapters 6 through 9 that the saliency of an intrinsic undergoer in a scene varies from event to event or from verb to verb. That is, a conceptualized undergoer may be either the Figure or the Ground entity, and the morphosyntax of the language may then specify the salience of the Figure or the Ground in ways shown in



(10.1):

- (10.1) a. The salience of the Figure entity is manifested when the event is encoded by the verb with the *-un* or the *s-* form as its default UV form;
- b. The salience of the Ground entity is manifested when the event is encoded by the verb with the *-an* form as its default UV form.

Furthermore, from the perspective of conceptualization of undergoer subjects, verbs in Squliq Atayal are classified into five classes, shown in Table 10.1:

Table 10.1: Five classes of verbs in Squliq Atayal

| Verb Class | | Subject conceptualized as |
|------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Class 1 | <i>-an</i> verb class | Ground |
| Class 2 | <i>-un</i> verb class | Figure |
| Class 3 | <i>s-</i> verb class | Transferred Figure |
| Class 4 | <i>s-/-an</i> composite verb class | Figure and Ground |
| Class 5 | <i>s-/-un</i> composite verb class | Figure and Figure |

Note that the Figure in the *s-* verb class is restricted to a transferred entity, while that in the *-un* class refers to any other types of Figure.

Each class has its own specific voice system, as shown in Tables 10.2 through 10.6 below. The question marks in the following seven tables mean that, as mentioned earlier, the second function of a UV form awaits further investigation; as a result, I have temporarily assigned a question mark to these slots.

Table 10.2a: A voice system for verbs in the *-un* class in Sqliq Atayal (1) (Notes: for verbs encoding *Transformation*, *Taking*, *Gathering*, and *Causative motion* eventual schema)

| AV | UV | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|---|------------|------------|---|
| <i>m-</i> or <i>-m-</i> or \emptyset | | | <i>-un</i> | <i>-an</i> | <i>s-</i> |
| ✓ | Intrinsic undergoer | Default form (used in neutral context) | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ |
| | | Non-default form (used in limited context) | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ (or ?) |
| | Applicative undergoer | Used in neutral context | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ (Beneficiary and instrument) |

Table 10.2b: A voice system for verbs in the *-un* class in Sqliq Atayal (2) (Notes: for verbs encoding *Self-moving*, *Cognition*, *Stimulus*, and *Triggering* schemas)

| AV | UV | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|---|------------|------------|---|
| <i>m-</i> or <i>-m-</i> or \emptyset | | | <i>-un</i> | <i>-an</i> | <i>s-</i> |
| ✓ | Intrinsic undergoer | Default form (used in neutral context) | ✓ | ✗ | ✗ |
| | | Non-default form (used in limited context) | ✓ | ✓ | ✗ (or ?) |
| | Applicative undergoer | Used in neutral context | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ (Beneficiary) ✗ (Instrument) |

Table 10.3a: A voice system in the *-an* class in Sqliq Atayal (1) (Note: for verbs encoding *Placement (I)*, *Removal*, *Indivisibility*, and *Placement (II)* schemas)

| AV | | UV | | | |
|--|------------------------------|---|------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>m-</i> or <i>-m-</i> or \emptyset | | | <i>-un</i> | <i>-an</i> | <i>s-</i> |
| ✓ | Intrinsic undergoer | Default form (used in neutral context) | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ |
| | | Non-default form (used in limited context) | ✓ | ✗ (or ?) | ✗ (or ?) |
| | Applicative undergoer | Used in neutral context | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ (Beneficiary and Instrument) |

Table 10.3b: A voice system for verbs in the *-an* class in Sqliq Atayal (2) (Notes: A voice system for verbs encoding *Possession*, *Mediation*, and *Fixedness* schemas)

| AV | | UV | | | |
|--|------------------------------|---|------------|------------|---|
| <i>m-</i> or <i>-m-</i> or \emptyset | | | <i>-un</i> | <i>-an</i> | <i>s-</i> |
| ✓ | Intrinsic undergoer | Default form (used in neutral context) | ✗ | ✓ | ✗ |
| | | Non-default form (used in limited context) | ✓ | ✗ (or ?) | ✗ (or ?) |
| | Applicative undergoer | Used in neutral context | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ (Beneficiary) ✗ (Instrument) |



Table 10.4: A voice system for verbs in the *s-* class in Squiliq Atayal

| AV | | UV | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|---|------------|------------|--------------------|
| <i>m-</i> or <i>-m-</i> or \emptyset | | | <i>-un</i> | <i>-an</i> | <i>s-</i> |
| ✓ | Intrinsic undergoer | Default form (used in neutral context) | ✗ | ✗ | ✓ |
| | | Non-default form (used in limited context) | ✗ (or ?) | ✗ (or ?) | ✗ (or ?) |
| | Applicative undergoer | Used in neutral context | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ (Beneficiary) |
| | | | | | ✗ (Instrument) |

Table 10.5: A voice system for verbs in the *s-/-an* composite class in Squiliq Atayal

| AV | | UV | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|---|------------|------------|--------------------|
| <i>m-</i> or <i>-m-</i> or \emptyset | | | <i>-un</i> | <i>-an</i> | <i>s-</i> |
| ✓ | Intrinsic undergoer | Default form (used in neutral context) | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | | Non-default form (used in limited context) | ✓ | ✗ (or ?) | ✗ (or ?) |
| | Applicative undergoer | Used in neutral context | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ (Beneficiary) |
| | | | | | ✗ (Instrument) |

Table 10.6: A voice system for verbs in the *s-/un* composite class in Squliq Atayal

| AV | | UV | | | |
|---|----------------------------------|---|------------|------------|--------------------|
| <i>m-</i> or <i>-m-</i> or \emptyset | | | <i>-un</i> | <i>-an</i> | <i>s-</i> |
| ✓ | Intrinsic undergoer | Default form (used in neutral context) | ✓ | ✗ | ✓ |
| | | Non-default form (used in limited context) | ✓ | ✗ (or ?) | ✗ (or ?) |
| | Applicative undergoer | Used in neutral context | ✗ | ✓ | ✓ (Beneficiary) |
| | | | | | ✗ (Instrument) |

Tables 10.2 through 10.6 provide us a systematic understanding of the patterning of voice forms of the verbs in Squliq Atayal, and they also show clearly that not every verb in Squliq Atayal exhibits a full-fledged ‘paradigm’ given in Table 2.1 in Chapter 2. Instead, the availability of the voice system for a verb is lexically specific.

For each class, based on the structure of event schematization, there are at least one, or at most eight verb types. More precisely, verb types are determined by spatial configuration of participants in events, as shown in Tables 10.7 through 10.11:

Table 10.7: Seven types of *-an* verbs in Squliq Atayal

| Type | Type read as | Example 1 | Example 2 |
|--------------------------|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>-an</i> verb type (1) | Undergoer as Ground in <i>Placement</i> (I) schema | <i>tuba</i> 'poison (fish)' | <i>tmami</i> 'salten (meat)' |
| <i>-an</i> verb type (2) | Undergoer as Ground in <i>Removal</i> schema | <i>bahuq</i> 'wash (clothes)' | <i>salit</i> 'weed' |
| <i>-an</i> verb type (3) | Undergoer as Ground in <i>Indivisibility</i> schema | <i>gyax</i> 'open (a door)' | <i>glu</i> 'close (a door)' |
| <i>-an</i> verb type (4) | Undergoer as Ground in <i>Transportation</i> schema | <i>ksyuw</i> 'to borrow' | <i>psyuw</i> 'to return' |
| <i>-an</i> verb type (5) | Undergoer as Ground in <i>Mediation</i> schema | <i>gluw</i> 'follow; take (a bus)' | <i>skluw</i> 'draw; bow' |
| <i>-an</i> verb type (6) | Undergoer as Ground in <i>Fixedness</i> schema | <i>shga</i> 'overtake' | <i>pgiay</i> 'escape from' |
| <i>-an</i> verb type (7) | Undergoer as Ground in <i>Placement</i> (II) schema | <i>kita</i> 'see' | <i>talam</i> 'taste' |

Table 10.8: Eight types of *-un* verbs in Squliq Atayal

| Type | Type read as | Example 1 | Example 2 |
|--------------------------|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>-un</i> verb type (1) | Undergoer as Figure in <i>Transformation</i> schema | <i>lom</i> 'burn' | <i>pluk</i> 'burst out' |
| <i>-un</i> verb type (2) | Undergoer as Figure in <i>Taking</i> schema] | <i>beng</i> 'hold' | <i>'agal</i> 'take' |
| <i>-un</i> verb type (3) | Undergoer as Figure in <i>Gathering</i> schema | <i>imaw</i> 'mix up' | <i>'ubuy</i> 'link; join' |
| <i>-un</i> verb type (4) | Undergoer as Figure in <i>Causative motion</i> schema | <i>pakux</i> 'turn over' | <i>huluy</i> 'pull' |
| <i>-un</i> verb type (5) | Undergoer as Figure in <i>Self-moving</i> schema | <i>naga</i> 'wait' | <i>hbyaw</i> 'chase' |
| <i>-un</i> verb type (6) | Undergoer as Figure in <i>Cognition</i> schema | <i>baq</i> 'know' | <i>spi</i> 'dream' |
| <i>-un</i> verb type (7) | Undergoer as Figure in <i>Stimulus</i> schema | <i>nkux</i> 'startle' | <i>qas</i> 'happy' |
| <i>-un</i> verb type (8) | Undergoer as Figure in <i>Triggering</i> schema | <i>gno</i> 'joke' | <i>hmut</i> 'at will' |

Table 10.9: Three types of *s-* verbs in Squliq Atayal

| Type | Type read as | Example 1 | Example 2 |
|-------------------------|---|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <i>s-</i> verb type (1) | Undergoer as Figure in <i>Pushing</i> schema | <i>piyok</i> ‘rent’ | <i>tbaziy</i> ‘sell’ |
| <i>s-</i> verb type (2) | Undergoer as Figure in <i>Generation</i> schema | <i>pqwas</i> ‘sing’ | <i>quzit</i> ‘rotate; drive a car’ |
| <i>s-</i> verb type (3) | Undergoer as Figure in <i>Cause</i> schema | <i>galu</i> ‘sympathize’ | <i>laqux</i> ‘win over’ |

Table 10.10: One type of *s/-an* verbs in Squliq Atayal

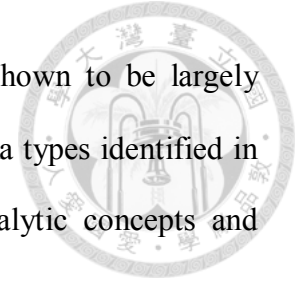
| Type | Type read as | Example 1 | Example 2 |
|----------------------------------|---|-------------------|--------------------|
| <i>s/-an</i> composite verb type | Undergoers as Figure and Ground in <i>Conveyance</i> schema | <i>biq</i> ‘give’ | <i>paqut</i> ‘ask’ |

Table 10.11: One type of *s/-un* verbs in Squliq Atayal

| Type | Type read as | Example 1 | Example 2 |
|----------------------------------|---|---------------------------|--|
| <i>s/-an</i> composite verb type | Undergoers as Figure and Ground in <i>Conveyance</i> schema | <i>kayal</i> ‘talk about’ | <i>syuk</i> ‘respond; answer, revenge’ |

Verbs that fall under one or the other verb type are viewed as instantiating one specific schema. Verbs that are classified in this way include not only dynamic verbs but also stative verbs, such as emotion verbs (e.g., ‘happy’ and ‘sad’), verbs denoting attributes (‘lazy’ and ‘at will’), and verbs denoting states (e.g., ‘alive’ and ‘bright’), and so on. Schematization of the event encoded by a dynamic verb occurs on the basis of interaction with the physical world, and thus a tight link between any dynamic verbs and their schematization is natural. For many verbs, schematization is licensed by a metaphorical projection. That is, schema and metaphor are two types of cognitive mechanisms for us to understand the world and the nature of language. We hope to have

demonstrated that the typing of verbs in Squliq Atayal can be shown to be largely grounded in embodied experiences that underpin the various schema types identified in the tables above. Appendix II is a Squliq text to which the analytic concepts and categories of the present framework is applied.



10.2 Further studies

The present study is intended to be a first tentative step toward unraveling the multiple factors that determine verb classification, based on event schematization and morphosyntactic evidence. Looking toward the future, a few issues still await further research. First, there is obviously a need to examine a larger sample of verbs than has been possible here so that further event schemas and thus verb types can be identified.

The second issue that warrants further investigation is much more complex. Now it can be seen that *-an*, *-un*, and *s-* can be understood as abstract symbolic structures for representing affected, spatio-conceptual entities in both physical and mental worlds. The voice form *-an* is an abstract structure in which the subject stands for a Ground entity used by the actor or the speaker for anchoring a Figure object in an event frame; the *-un* voice form, on the other hand, is a marker used to symbolize a self-referencing Figure object, and *s-* is a symbol of a Figure object conveyed to a respective Ground object in space or mind. In brief, the three markers are used in neutral transitive event. Additionally, the three markers also occur in other non-neutral conditions. For the *-un* marker, it is an alternative form of the verb under the *-an* verb class and is used to encode an irrealis event where its intrinsic undergoer is in the same thematic category as the one in a neutral or realis event. Similarly, for the *-an* marker, it can be taken as an alternative form of the verb falling under the *-un* verb class and is also used to specify the verb's intrinsic undergoer in a neutral realis event. Moreover, for the marker *s-*, it is



commonly used in an applicative construction to encode an instrument or a beneficiary subject. Fig. 10.1 displays all possible uses for these three markers.

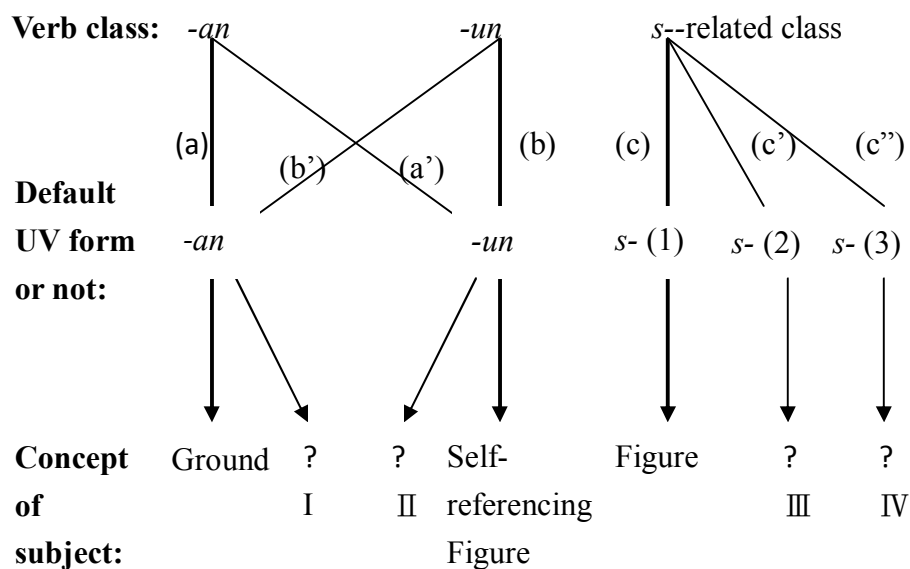


Fig. 10.1: All possible links connecting voice form and subject for verbs in three UV classes

A description of these links is given in Table 10.12:

Table 10.12: A description of all possible uses for the three voice markers

| Line | Description |
|------------|---|
| Line (a) | Is meant to show a link between a verb in the <i>-an</i> verb class and its default UV form, i.e., <i>-an</i> , and the default undergoer subject is assigned Ground. |
| Line (a') | Is meant to show a link between a verb in the <i>-an</i> verb class and its non-default UV, <i>-un</i> form, which is used to encode an irrealis event. However, whether the subject of the non-default functions as Figure or Ground remains to be researched. |
| Line (b) | Is meant to show a link between a verb in the <i>-un</i> verb class and its default UV form, i.e., <i>-un</i> , and the default undergoer subject is assigned self-referencing Figure. |
| Line (b') | Is meant to show a link between a verb in the <i>-un</i> verb class and its non-default UV, <i>-un</i> form, which is used to encode a realis event. However, whether the subject of the non-default functions as Figure or Ground remains to be researched. |
| Line (c) | Is meant to show a link between a verb's <i>s-</i> alternative form in the <i>s-</i> , the <i>s-/-an</i> composite, or the <i>s-/-un</i> composite verb class and its default UV form or one of its two default UV forms, i.e., <i>s-</i> , and the default undergoer subject is assigned Figure. |
| Line (c') | Is meant to show a link between a verb in the <i>s-</i> , the <i>s-/-an</i> composite, or the <i>s-/-un</i> composite verb class and its applicative instrument UV, <i>s-</i> form, which is used to specify an instrument subject. However, whether the subject of the non-default functions as Figure or Ground remains to be researched. |
| Line (c'') | Is meant to show a link between a verb in the <i>s-</i> , the <i>s-/-an</i> composite, or the <i>s-/-un</i> composite verb class and its applicative instrument UV, <i>s-</i> form, which is used to specify a beneficial subject. However, whether the subject of the non-default functions as Figure or Ground remains to be researched. |

In Fig. 10.1, there are four question marks, I, II, III, and IV, which stand for four different, but interrelated sub-issues awaiting further research.

As emphasized a number of times before, the present study on verb classification is UV-based, unlike the earlier studies on verb classification like Tseng (1997) and L. Huang (2000), which were based on properties of verbs in actor voice (AV). It may be worth investigating in some detail the virtue of a classification scene that synthesizes

the results of both UV- and AV-based approach.

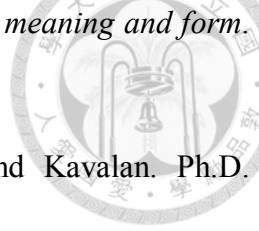
Finally, using the framework adopted in this present study to examine verbs in other Formosan language for comparative purposes seems to me to be also a fruitful line of inquiry. The three UV markers, *-an*, *-un*, and *s-*, including their variants like *-ay*, *-aw*, and *-anay* in Puyuma and *-i*, *-a*, and *-neni* in Tsou, also occur in most Formosan languages. It can be conjectured that, for these languages, the application of the present framework should work. In contrast, for the languages with the focus/voice attrition phenomenon like Saisiyat (M. M. Yeh 2003) and Kavalan (Hsieh 2007) or for the languages without the three markers *-an*, *-un*, and *s-* like Mantauran Rukai (cf. Zeitoun 2007)³³, the applicability of the framework may need rethinking. A comparison among Formosan languages will help us grasp some meaningful commonalities as well as differences about the ways the language users in these languages construe events in their daily life and how they perceive their world.

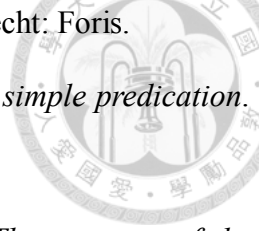
³³ As indicated in Zeitoun (2007:2; 143), Mantauran Rukai (and other Rukai dialects as well) exhibits an active/passive voice dichotomy not found in other Formosan languages. The dichotomy is morphologically marked by the contrast between *o-* for dynamic verbs (e.g., *o-alopo* 'hunt' and *o-aha'a* 'cook') and *ma-* for stative verbs (e.g., *ma-rilai* 'slim' and *ma-dhalame* 'like; love') in the active voice and *'i-* in the passive voice (e.g., e.g., *'i-aha'a* 'cook' and *'i-ka-dhalame* 'be liked; be loved').

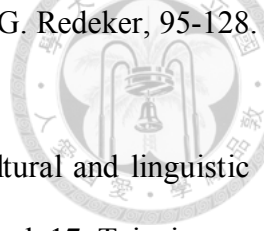
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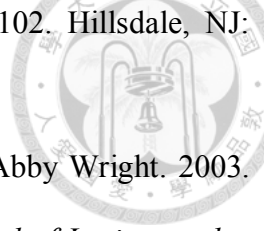
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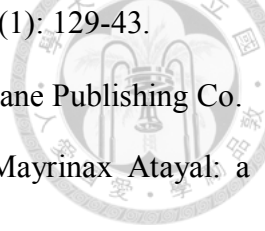
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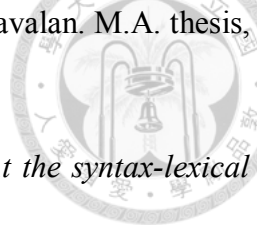
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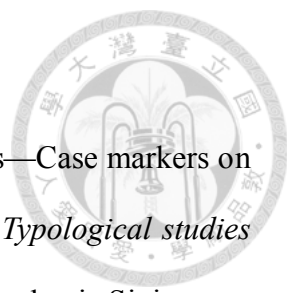
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APPENDIX I



Part 1: Verb instances in seven *-an* verb types

Table A1: *-an* verb type (1): [Undergoer as Ground in *Placement* (I) schema]

| Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb | Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>betaq</i> | To stab | <i>bhul</i> | To tie |
| <i>bihiy</i> | To beat | <i>biru'</i> | To write |
| <i>cicis</i> | To sprinkle water | <i>ghap</i> | To sow |
| <i>kalu'</i> | To rake | <i>kzyup</i> | To insert |
| <i>lpus</i> | To sprinkle | <i>patas</i> | To tattoo |
| <i>phaga'</i> | To pile up | <i>phelaw</i> | To cover |
| <i>pktunux</i> | To hit | <i>pkyamil</i> | To wear shoes |
| <i>plukus</i> | To have sb. wear clothes | <i>pqsya'</i> | To water |
| <i>puzit</i> | To drill | <i>qarop</i> | To detain |
| <i>qamas</i> | To dry for preserving vegetables | <i>qatap</i> | To trim with scissors |
| <i>qiway</i> | To shield; to curtain | <i>qryang</i> | To wall in; to fence in |
| <i>qibuw</i> | To plow | <i>qlqul</i> | To drill |
| <i>scimu'</i> | To have salt added to | <i>spung</i> | To evaluate; to measure |
| <i>sqes</i> | To put a limit | <i>s'un</i> | To fill in |
| <i>taruq</i> | To dig up | <i>tabus</i> | To pound rice |
| <i>tamul</i> | To make wine | <i>tapang</i> | To mend; to patch |
| <i>tmami'</i> | To pickle | <i>tpaq</i> | To shore |
| <i>tapaq</i> | To flat ; to clap; to beat with hand | <i>tqalang</i> | To found a village |
| <i>tqep</i> | To clip | <i>tuba'</i> | To poison |
| <i>tucing</i> | To hammer | <i>tuling</i> | To point |
| <i>tunux</i> | To pillow | <i>t'uraw</i> | To dirty |
| <i>umuk</i> | To cover; to put a lid on | <i>usa'</i> | To go |
| <i>wah</i> | To come | <i>ziup</i> | To blow |
| <i>'bul</i> | To soak in water; to dive; to bury | <i>'buw</i> | To soap |
| <i>'i'yut</i> | To extinguish | | |

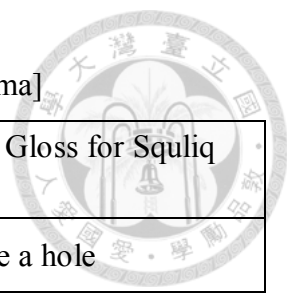


Table A2: *-an* verb type (2): [Undergoer as Ground in *Removal* schema]

| Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb | Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb |
|----------------|--|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| <i>bahuq</i> | To wash clothes | <i>bling</i> | To make a hole |
| <i>gsyup</i> | To clean the field after burning; to remove trash | <i>kyut</i> | To pluck |
| <i>grgul</i> | To rub | <i>gulaq</i> | To peel off |
| <i>hep</i> | To lick | <i>hgut</i> | To decrease |
| <i>kahat</i> | To scrape | <i>kloh</i> | To reap; to harvest |
| <i>kugus</i> | To shave | <i>kut</i> | To cut |
| <i>kzyak</i> | To fire-dry | <i>lahing</i> | To thin out; to weed the paddy |
| <i>lpus</i> | shell | <i>pcyaq</i> | To clip |
| <i>qapoh</i> | To dry | <i>pnayang</i> | To bring wasteland under cultivation |
| <i>ksus</i> | To sauté (with eatable oil) | <i>purung</i> | To amputate |
| <i>pt'alax</i> | To cause to separate from | <i>pska'</i> | To halve |
| <i>pulas</i> | To peel | <i>qihuy</i> | To dig |
| <i>qlih</i> | To subside; to run out | <i>qwax</i> | To clean bowl |
| <i>salit</i> | To hew | <i>sapwah</i> | To sweep floor |
| <i>sgaliq</i> | To tear | <i>som</i> | To wipe off |
| <i>taruq</i> | To dig out | <i>(s)qlih</i> | To subside |
| <i>wayaw</i> | To choice; to select | | |

Table A3: *-an* verb type (3): [Ground as undergoer in *Indivisibility* schema]

| Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb | Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb |
|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>behuw</i> | To lock | <i>geh</i> | To open |
| <i>qlu'</i> | To close | <i>skluw</i> | To draw; to extend |
| <i>sket</i> | To tighten | | |

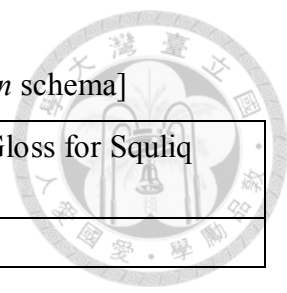


Table A4: *-an* verb type (4): [Undergoer as Ground^{Figure} in *Possession* schema]

| Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb | Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb |
|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>ksyuw</i> | To borrow | <i>psyuw</i> | 'return' |

Table A5: *-an* verb type (5): [Ground as undergoer in *Mediation* schema]

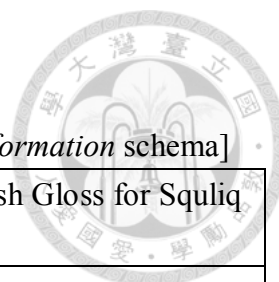
| Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb | Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb |
|------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>gluw</i> | To follow; to take (a bus) | <i>hwak</i> | To support |
| <i>palah</i> | To warm oneself on the fire | <i>tama'</i> | To take a seat |
| <i>(t)hgiru'</i> | to circulate; to swirl | | |

Table A6: *-an* verb type (6): [Ground as undergoer in *Fixedness* schema]

| Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb | Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb |
|----------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>karaw</i> | To climb | <i>kbabaw</i> | To cross over; to go ahead |
| <i>klkax</i> | To kick | <i>krkias</i> | To ascend; to crossover |
| <i>lama'</i> | To be at first | <i>pengri'</i> | To stride over |
| <i>pgiay</i> | To escape from | <i>sgagay</i> | To separate from; to bid farewell |
| <i>shga'</i> | To overtake | <i>uluw</i> | To find out; to discover |
| <i>zyungi'</i> | To forget | | |

Table A7: *-an* verb type (7): [Ground as undergoer in *Placement* (II) schema]

| Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb | Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb |
|---------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>cisal</i> | To chat with | <i>khzyaq</i> | To catch cold |
| <i>kita'</i> | To see | <i>kiyaya'</i> | To investigate; to scout |
| <i>ksyus</i> | To curse | <i>k'uy</i> | To be tired |
| <i>hili'</i> | To falsely incriminate | <i>hway</i> | To thank; to repay kindness |
| <i>gsasaw</i> | To shade | <i>lahang</i> | To take care of |
| <i>qilang</i> | To be lazy | <i>mzimu'</i> | To butter up |
| <i>pqbaq</i> | To learn | <i>p'abas</i> | To exaggerate |
| <i>qayat</i> | To raise; to breed | <i>pung</i> | To hear |
| <i>sok</i> | To smell | <i>spung</i> | To evaluate |
| <i>sblaq</i> | To like | <i>syaqih</i> | To dislike |
| <i>swal</i> | To promise | <i>tquli'</i> | To be grey-headed |
| <i>trahu'</i> | To praise | <i>stama'</i> | To rely on |
| <i>talam</i> | To taste | <i>thzigal</i> | To tease |
| <i>tlubuw</i> | To play the Jew's harp | <i>psyax</i> | To light up |
| <i>uyay</i> | Be hungry | <i>pugi'</i> | To dry in the sun |
| <i>iya'</i> | Be alike | <i>yangay</i> | To watch |
| <i>zimu'</i> | To butter up | | |



Part 2: Verb instances in eight *-un* verb types

Table B1: Verbs in *-un* verb type (1): [Undergoer as Figure in *Transformation* schema]

| Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb | Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb |
|---------------|---|----------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>bka'</i> | To explode | <i>bugah</i> | To loosen |
| <i>buqi</i> | To unravel | <i>cira'</i> | To spindle |
| <i>hlah</i> | To shake off; brush off | <i>kat</i> | To bite |
| <i>kalay</i> | To make | <i>hngaw</i> | To boil water |
| <i>heriq</i> | To destroy; to demolish | <i>k'yak</i> | To mash |
| <i>gegay</i> | To break or tear into small pieces | <i>hubing</i> | To slice |
| <i>hwax</i> | To disassemble; to depart | <i>kalay</i> | To make |
| <i>lhmiq</i> | To thin | <i>los</i> | To excavate |
| <i>nahu'</i> | To make a fire | <i>nbuw</i> | To drink |
| <i>pahuw</i> | To break; to fold | <i>pluk</i> | To explode; to crush |
| <i>ps'ut</i> | Cause to be affected in an enclosed space | <i>qataq</i> | To eat raw |
| <i>p'uraw</i> | To dirty | <i>psgagay</i> | To branch off; to part |
| <i>qaniq</i> | To eat | <i>psngya'</i> | To ventilate; to crack |
| <i>qrqul</i> | To boil | <i>qmi'</i> | To hold in the mouth |
| <i>sgaliq</i> | To tear | <i>sbuci'</i> | To split up; to divide |
| <i>stmaq</i> | To rot | <i>shu'</i> | To pound rice |
| <i>tabuk</i> | To beat | <i>sngya'</i> | To crack |
| <i>tatah</i> | To roast sweet potato; to bake | <i>sktux</i> | To have sth. salted |
| <i>thwah</i> | To make sth. collapse | <i>suling</i> | To broil |
| <i>tinun</i> | To weave | <i>tahuq</i> | To cook |
| <i>(t)lom</i> | To burn | <i>tayak</i> | To cook; to do housework |
| <i>tutu'</i> | To chop | <i>tgabaw</i> | To split |
| <i>tzyaw</i> | To work | <i>tumaw</i> | To make round |
| <i>'ngi'</i> | To break into piece | | |

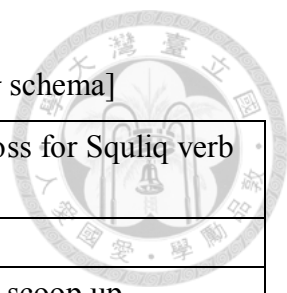


Table B2: Verbs in *-un* verb type (2): [Undergoer as Figure in *Taking* schema]

| Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb | Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb |
|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| <i>bazyi</i> | To buy | <i>beng</i> | To hold |
| <i>ciriq</i> | To fish with hook; to catch | <i>haw</i> | To ladle; to scoop up |
| <i>hbyat</i> | To uproot | <i>hukuy</i> | To hold and take into somewhere |
| <i>kyap</i> | To catch | <i>leliq</i> | To raise; to lift up |
| <i>lqing</i> | To hide something | <i>phtuw</i> | To cause out |
| <i>psru'</i> | To sustain; to prop up; to hold | <i>qap</i> | To draw out |
| <i>sabu'</i> | To wrap; to take sth. wrapped | <i>saki'</i> | To serve food |
| <i>sku'</i> | To store | <i>tkura'</i> | To pack |
| <i>thawak</i> | To wear skirt | <i>'agal</i> | To take |
| <i>'aras</i> | To take away | | |

Table B3: Verbs in *-un* verb type (3): [Undergoer as Figure in *Gathering* schema]

| Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb | Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb |
|--------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>bkuw</i> | To line up | <i>(p)stnaq</i> | To meet |
| <i>stnaq</i> | To hand over and to take over | <i>ubuy</i> | To join; to link |
| <i>'imaw</i> | To mix up | <i>squn</i> | To unite |
| <i>tnaq</i> | Be identical be the same | | |

Table B4: Verbs in *-un* verb type (4): [Undergoer as Figure in *Causative motion* schema]

| Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb | Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb |
|------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>huluy</i> | To pull | <i>nos</i> | To knock over; to run into |
| <i>pakux</i> (B) | To turn over | <i>piray</i> | To cause to roll |
| <i>pbinah</i> | To cause to return | <i>qlyu'</i> | To cause to float |
| <i>posa'</i> | To let go | <i>pqinah</i> | To make sb. run |
| <i>pwah</i> | To cause to come | <i>pzyuy</i> | To move |
| <i>sbah</i> | To change position | <i>turuy</i> | To roll; to cause to roll |

Table B5: Verbs in *-un* verb type (5): [Undergoer as Figure in *Self-moving motion* schema]

| Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb | Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb |
|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>hbyaw</i> | To chase | <i>hinas</i> | To exceed |
| <i>hkani'</i> | To look for | <i>naga'</i> | To wait for |
| <i>qalup</i> | To chase | <i>takuy</i> | To (make) fall |
| <i>tepah</i> | To invite | <i>sosaw</i> | To chase away |

Table B6: Verbs in *-un* verb type (6): [Undergoer as Figure in *Cognition* schema]

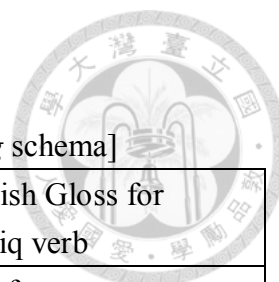
| Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb | Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb |
|---------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>baq</i> | To know; be able to | <i>lnglung</i> | To think of |
| <i>spi'</i> | To dream of | <i>snhi'</i> | To believe |
| <i>s'inu'</i> | To miss | <i>tqbaq</i> | To be conscious of |

Table B7: Verbs in *-un* verb type (7): [Undergoer as Figure in *Stimulus* schema]

| Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb | Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb |
|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>hngyas</i> | bored; loathe | <i>nkux</i> | To startle |
| <i>ngungu'</i> | To be afraid | <i>pqas</i> | To be joyful over |
| <i>r'us</i> | disgust | <i>soya'</i> | To adore |
| <i>s'abas</i> | To envy | <i>tqox</i> | Be hurry |
| <i>t'uqu'</i> | To sulk; be cross | | |

Table B8: Verbs in *-un* verb type (8): [Undergoer as Figure in *Triggering* schema]

| Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb | Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb |
|---------------|---|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| <i>gno'</i> | To joke | <i>cbaq</i> | To teach |
| <i>hapas</i> | To make fun of | <i>lawa'</i> | To await |
| <i>lux</i> | To insist on; do against propriety; foolish | <i>phaw</i> | To punish |
| <i>phut</i> | To reinforce; to press | <i>sayu'</i> | To scold |
| <i>s'ang</i> | To be noisy; to bother | <i>thazi'</i> | To tease |
| <i>thbku'</i> | To dote in order to achieve advantages | <i>t'uqu'</i> | To annoy |
| <i>zimu</i> | To console | <i>'abas</i> | To go to the trouble of ...; risk |
| <i>'syang</i> | To bother; to be noisy | | |



Part 3: Verb instances in three s- verb types

Table C1: Verbs in s- verb type (1): [Undergoer as Figure in *Pushing* schema]

| Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb | Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb |
|---------------|---|----------------|--------------------------------|
| <i>gihu'</i> | To revolve | <i>htuy</i> | To refuse |
| <i>lpus</i> | scatter | <i>luhuw</i> | To string |
| <i>panga'</i> | To carry something on back (to move to somewhere) | <i>phangal</i> | To shoulder to move |
| <i>piyok</i> | To rent out something | <i>pzyu'</i> | To move |
| <i>rahaw</i> | To incline; to slant | <i>ruruw</i> | To push (to move) |
| <i>tbaziy</i> | To sell | <i>tukun</i> | To pour; to fall; to shake out |
| <i>turuy</i> | To push to roll | <i>zyuy</i> | To move |
| <i>'alax</i> | To depart; to leave behind | | |

Table C2: Verbs in s- verb type (2): [Undergoer as Figure in *Generation* schema]

| Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb | Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb |
|---------------|--|---------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>pilaw</i> | To light a torch | <i>pqwas</i> | To sing |
| <i>puting</i> | To ignite fire | <i>plawa'</i> | To call |
| <i>quzit</i> | To rotate | <i>tmumu'</i> | To tie a knot |
| <i>utu'</i> | To pile up; to arrange objects into a pile | | |

Table C3: Verbs in s- verb type (3): [Undergoer as Figure in *Cause* schema]

| Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb | Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb |
|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>galu'</i> | To sympathize | <i>tatux tunux</i> | To respect to |
| <i>tliqun</i> | Be crazy for | <i>ksayux</i> | ashamed of |
| <i>laqux</i> | To win over | | |



Part 4: Verb instances in two composite verb types

Table D1: Verbs in *s-* & *-an* verb type: [Undergoers as Figure and Ground in *Conveyance* schema]

| Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb | Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb |
|--------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| <i>biq</i> | To give | <i>buling</i> | To throw |
| <i>cbaq</i> | To teach; to let know | <i>luhuw</i> | To string; to thread a needle |
| <i>paqut</i> | To ask | <i>pqzyuw</i> | To transmit |
| <i>qapax</i> | To paste up | <i>qasuw</i> | To distribute; to divide |
| <i>quzi'</i> | To tie something to somewhere | <i>si'</i> | To put |
| <i>twang</i> | To increase | | |

Table D2: Verbs in *s-* & *-un* verb type: [Undergoers as Figures in *Reciprocation* schema]

| Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb | Squliq Verb | English Gloss for Squliq verb |
|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------|---|
| <i>kal</i> | To tell | <i>syuk</i> | To act in turn; to answer; to retaliate |

APPENDIX II



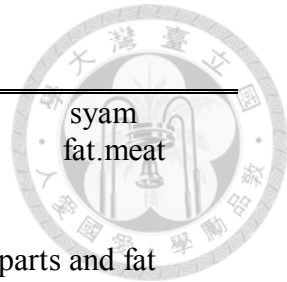
Part 1: Text A

Kbalay tmami' syam

'Recipe for making pickled pork'

(1) **glg-an** na' s<m>ka' hi' ru s<m>ka' syam qu' t-mmy-un=su. (2) **hbing-un**=su qutux qutux k<n>ut-an ru, (3) **'bg-an** na' cimu' qu' t-mmy-un=su. (4) s-ktux cikay! (5) ini' tehuk cimu'=nya' la, mutux m-stmaq qu' t-mmy-an. (6) ini' **baq-i** maniq la; baq s-knux. (7) nanu si ga, cingay cikay qu' cimu'. (8) **s-tmw-an** qu' syam ga, ini' p-stmaq qu' c<in>mmy-an=su ru; (9) **suq-un**=su p-gluw ' <m>imaw qu' cimu' ru syam. (10) **sbu-n** youzihdai. (11) ini' ga', **sk-un** sa ska' kluban. (12) **in-liq-un** ' <m>umuk ru; (13) **sku-n** pingshiang ru cyugan bingi' lga, **al-un** ru **qwax-an** qsya' qu' s<in>tw-an syam qasa. (14) **in-liq-un** q<m>wax qu' s<in>tmw-an ka syam qasa. (15) ru **p-os-un** qu' qsya', ru **qpuh-an** ru, **s-phapuy** mami'; (16) si' ga, m-qapuh qu' p<in>phapuy=su mami'; ini' **stmaq-i** phapuy; (17) bali' nanu ga, m-stmaq qu' p<in>hapuy=su mami' lga, mutux m-stmaq c<in>mmy-an=su. (18) ru m-huqil qu' mami' lga, **s-tukun** sa hupa' na' semyanki', ini' ga, q<in>wax-an na' bluku'; (19) ru **gyax-an** qu' mami'. (20) **bsaw-an** la. (21) **lg-un**=su ru; (22) tehuk sa tltu' kwara' qu' mami' lga, **lps-an** cimu' qu' mami'. (23) **in-liq-un** ' <m>imaw. (24) **tlam-i** cikay qu' mami'; si ga k<m>tux. (25) **qsya'-an** cikay tltu' ka h<in>ngaw qsya' ru, (26) m-huzyaq cikay qu' mami' lga, **s-tukun** sa ska' mami' qu' syam ru, (27) **in-liq-un** ' <m>imaw kin na' mami' la. (28) **qop-i** cikay qu' mami' ru; tlam-i maniq. (29) k<m>tux cikay niq-un qu' mami' lga, nanu **s-tukun** sa ska' mami' qu' syam; (30) **tkr-on** sa ska' na' mwayaw ru, ini' ga, yuyut; (31) **gyut-un gyut-un** tkura' lru, (32) sthahay qu' mami' qasa lga, **s-'umuk** sa babaw na' syam sa ska' na mwayaw ru, (33) **in-liq-un** ' <m>umuk na' youzhihtai, in-liq-un pskut mhul; (34) ini' **psngya-i**; (35) maha **'bag-an** ga, tehuk sa pusal msyaw bingi' lga, **baq-un** maniq la. (36) iy kmisan lga, si ga h<m>inas qutux byacing msyaw lga, **baq-un** maniq la. (37) bali' nanu ga, kmisanhya' ga, hzyaq; ini' k-helaw m-huqil qu' t-mmy-an ka syam qani.

Part 2: An analysis of the UV sentences in Text A



- (1) glg-an na' s<m>ka' hi' ru s<m>ka' syam
 follow-an GEN <m>halve body and <m>halve fat.meat
 qu' t-mmy-un=su.
 NOM Vzr-rice-un=2Sg.Gen
 '(The pork) you are going to pickle (must be the one) with lean parts and fat parts (in it). (Lit. Lean meat and fat meat follow (the pork) you are going to pickle.)'

| <Analysis> | |
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| Target UV verb | <i>glg-an</i> (<gluw 'follow') |
| Participants | 1. <i>s<m>ka' hi' ru s<m>ka' syam</i> (as Figure undergoer) 2. <i>t-mmy-un=su</i> (as Ground undergoer) |
| A paraphrase of the <i>following</i> event | An actor exerts his/her force upon the Figure undergoer (i.e. lean meat and fat meat) to have it go with the Ground undergoer (i.e. the pork) in order to have the latter undergoer as a device for the purpose of affecting the former. (Note: A composite of lean meat and fat meat is what the speaker would expect for delicious pickled meat. By analogy, Ground can be realized as an access to Figure). |
| Schema | <i>Mediation</i> |
| Subject | <i>t-mmy-un=su</i> (as Ground undergoer) |
| Verb type | The <i>-an</i> verb type (5): [Undergoer as Ground in <i>Mediation</i> schema] |

- (2) hbing-un=su qutux k<n>ut-an ru,
 slice-un=2Sg.Gen one <n>cut-an and
 'You dice (pork).'

| <Analysis> | |
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| Target UV verb | <i>hbing-un</i> (< <i>hubing</i> 'slice; cut; dice') |
| Participants | 1. = <i>su</i> (as Actor) 2. an omitted NP, i.e. <i>syam bzyok</i> 'pork' (as Figure) |
| A paraphrase of the <i>slicing</i> event | An actor exerts his/her force upon the Figure undergoer to have its form changed. |
| Schema | <i>Transformation</i> |
| Subject | an unspecified undergoer NP, i.e. <i>syam bzyok</i> 'pork' (as Figure) |
| Verb type | The <i>-un</i> verb type (1): [Undergoer as Figure in <i>Transformation</i> schema] |

- (3) 'bg-an na' cimu' qu' t-mmy-un=su.
 soak-an GEN salt NOM Vzr-rice-un=2Sg.Gen
 'You soak salt into (the pork) you are going to pickle.'

| <Analysis> | |
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| Target UV verb | ' <i>bg-an</i> |



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| Participants | 1. An unspecified actor, i.e. =su ‘second person singular genitive pronoun’ 2. <i>cimu</i> ’ (as Figure undergoer) 3. <i>t-mmy-un=su</i> (as Ground undergoer) |
| A paraphrase of the <i>soaking</i> event | An actor takes salt and puts it into meat. |
| Schema | <i>Placement</i> (I) |
| Subject | <i>t-mmy-un=su</i> (as Ground undergoer) |
| Verb type | The <i>-an</i> verb type (1): [Undergoer as Ground in <i>Placement</i> (I) schema] |

(4) s-ktu cikay!
Vzr-salty a.bit
‘Make it a bit salty!’

(5) ini’ tehuk cimú’=nya’ la, mutux m-stmaq qu’ t-mmy-an.
Neg arrive salt=3Sg.Gen FP then m-rot NOM Vzr-rice-an
‘If (you) don’t (add) enough salt (to meat), the pickled (meat) will spoil.’

(6) ini’ baq-i maniq la ; baq s-knux.
Neg know-i eat.m FP able Vzr-stink
‘(People) have no idea how to eat it; (pork) can easily stink.’

<Analysis>

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| Target UV verb | <i>baq-i</i> (< <i>baq</i> ‘know’) |
| Participants | 1. an unspecified cognizer 2. an unspecified undergoer, i.e. pork (as Figure undergoer) |
| A paraphrase of the <i>knowing</i> event | Rotten meat may be analogous to a stimulus with a dynamic appearance, so that once activated, it enters into the consciousness of the cognizer; in the case here, spoiled meat causes him to lose any appetite for it. |
| Schema | <i>Cognition</i> |
| Subject | an unspecified undergoer, i.e. pork (as Figure undergoer) |
| Verb type | The <i>-un</i> verb type (6): [Undergoer as Figure in <i>Cognition</i> schema]. |

(7) nanu si ga, cingay cikay qu’ cimú’.
what just Top many a.bit NOM salt
‘Therefore, (you should) add more salt (to pork).’

(8) s-tmw-an qu’ syam ga, ini’ p-stmaq qu’
Vzr-salt-an NOM fat.meat Top Neg p-rot Nom
c<in>mmy-an=su ru
<in>rice-an=2Sg.Gen and
‘If (You) add (enough) salt to pork, your pickled (pork) will not spoil.’

<Analysis>

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| Target UV verb: | <i>s-tmw-an</i> (< <i>s-cimu</i> ' (add) salt (to)' < <i>cimu</i> 'salt') |
| Participants: | 1. an unspecified actor, i.e. = <i>su</i> 'second person singular genitive pronoun' 2. <i>syam</i> 'fat meat' or more precisely, some pork (as Ground undergoer) 3. salt, as information implied by the base of the verb <i>s-tmw-an</i> ; as to <i>syam</i> 'fat meat', salt is Figure undergoer |
| A paraphrase of the <i>salting</i> event: | An actor takes some salt and puts it into pork. |
| Schema: | <i>Placement</i> (I) |
| Subject: | <i>syam</i> 'fat meat' |
| Verb type: | The <i>-an</i> verb type (1): [Undergoer as Ground in <i>Placement</i> (I) schema] |

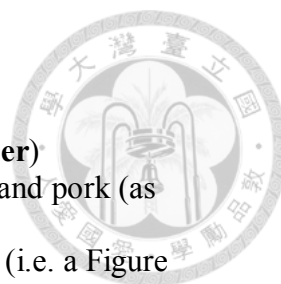
(9) *suq-un=su* *p-gluw* ' <m>*imaw* *qu*' *cimu*' *ru* *syam*.
 finish-un=2Sg.Gen Cau-follow <m>*mix* NOM salt and fat.meat
 'When you finish mixing salt and fat meat (i.e. pork),'

<Analysis>

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| Target UV verb: | <i>suq-un</i> 'finish (< <i>tasuq</i>)' |
| Participants: | 1. = <i>su</i> (as Actor) 2. <i>cimu</i> ' <i>ru</i> <i>syam</i> (as Figure undergoer) or a complement clause, referring to an action, i.e. having salt and pork mixed up, (as Figure undergoer) |
| A paraphrase of the <i>finishing</i> event: | An actor, by mixing salt and pork, makes it impossible to recover their original forms at the end of such an action. Since the result of such an action does not have a concrete appearance, it can be analogous to content. For the case here, the main verb here is <i>suq-un</i> , its undergoer refers to the action of mixing, and the end result of the action is an abstract object. When the action is done, the original forms of the objects that were mixed together is unrecoverable. In short, the action of finishing something changes the essence of the content. |
| Schema: | Similar to <i>Transformation</i> (I) |
| Subject: | an action, i.e. having salt and pork mixed up, (as Figure undergoer) |
| Verb type: | The <i>-un</i> verb type (1): [Undergoer as Figure in <i>Transformation</i> (I) schema]. (A tentative type) |

(10) *sbu-n* *youzihdai*.
 wrap-un plastic.bag
 'You wrap (the mixture of salt and pork) in a plastic bag. (Lit. You use a plastic bag to have the mixture of salt and pork wrapped.)'

<Analysis>



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| Target UV verb: | <i>sbu-n</i> ‘wrap’ (< <i>sabu</i> ’) |
| Participants: | 1. an unspecified participant, = <i>su</i> (as Actor) 2. <i>youzihdai</i> ‘plastic bag’ (as Ground undergoer) 3. an unspecified entity, i.e. the mixture of salt and pork (as Figure undergoer) |
| A paraphrase of the <i>wrapping</i> event: | The actor exerts his/her force upon the mixture (i.e. a Figure undergoer) by means of taking it into a plastic bag (i.e. a Ground undergoer or a Ground instrument) |
| Schema: | <i>Taking</i> |
| Subject: | an unspecified entity, i.e. the mixture of salt and pork (as Figure undergoer) |
| Verb type: | The <i>-un</i> verb type (2): [Undergoer as Figure in <i>Taking</i> schema] |

(11) *ini’ ga’, sk-un sa ska’ kluban.*
 Neg Top store-un Loc1 middle pot
 ‘Or (you) store (the mixture) inside a pot’

<Analysis>

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| Target UV verb: | <i>sku-n</i> ‘store’ (< <i>sku</i> ’) |
| Participants: | 1. an unspecified participant, = <i>su</i> (as Actor) 2. <i>ska’ kluban</i> ‘the inside of (a) pot’ (as Ground undergoer) 3. an unspecified entity, i.e. the mixture of salt and pork (as Figure undergoer) |
| A paraphrase of the <i>storing</i> event: | The actor exerts his/her force upon the mixture (i.e. a Figure undergoer) by means of taking it to (a) pot (i.e. a Ground undergoer or a Ground instrument) |
| Schema: | <i>Taking</i> |
| Subject: | an unspecified entity, i.e. the mixture of salt and pork (as Figure undergoer) |
| Verb type: | The <i>-un</i> verb type (2): [Undergoer as Figure in <i>Taking</i> schema] |

(12) *in-liq-un ’<m>umuk ru;*
in-good-un <m>lid and
 ‘You put a lid on (the pot) carefully.’

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| Target UV verb: | <i>in-liq-un</i> ‘(do something) well’ (< <i>blaq</i> ‘good’) |
| Participants: | 1. an unspecified participant, = <i>su</i> (as Actor) 2. <i>kluban</i> ‘(a) pot’ (as Ground undergoer) 3. a lid, information implied by the base of the verb <i>’<m>umuk</i> ; the lid functions as Figure undergoer in relation to <i>kluban</i> . |
| A paraphrase of the <i>doing-well</i> event: | <i>in-liq-un ’<m>umuk</i> is a UV+AV SVC construction, in which the first verb is the main verb and the second verb along with the following Nom NP (omitted here) can be analogous to the main verb’s complement clause. Besides, such a complement clause can be conceptualized as content. An actor has the action of putting a lid on a pot undergoing |



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| | some essential change by means of performing it carefully. |
| Schema: | Similar to <i>Transformation</i> (I) |
| Subject: | An action as content, i.e. putting a lid on a pot carefully, (as Figure undergoer) |
| Verb type: | The <i>-un</i> verb type (1): [Undergoer as Figure in <i>Transformation</i> (I) schema]. (A tentative type) |

(13) sku-n pingshiang ru cyugan bingi' lga, al-un ru
 store-un refrigerator and three night FP:Top take-un and
 qwax-an qsyā' qu' s<in>tw-an syam qasa.
 wash-an water Nom VZR<in>-salt-an fat.meat that
 'After storing the pot (of salted pork) in (a) refrigerator for three nights, (you) take out that salted pork and wash it.'

<Analysis>

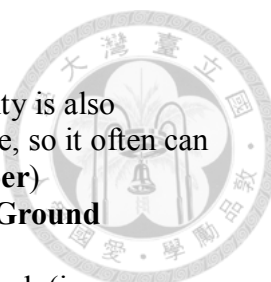
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| Target UV verb: | <i>sku-n</i> 'store' (< <i>sku</i> ') |
| Participants: | 1. an unspecified participant, = <i>su</i> (as Actor) 2. pingshiang '(a) refrigerator' (as Ground undergoer) 3. an unspecified entity, i.e. (the) pot of salted pork (as Figure undergoer) |
| A paraphrase of the <i>storing</i> event: | The actor exerts his/her force upon (a) pot with salted pork (i.e. a Figure undergoer) by taking it to (a) refrigerator (i.e. a Ground undergoer) |
| Schema: | <i>Taking</i> |
| Subject: | an unspecified entity, i.e. (the) pot of salted pork (as Figure undergoer) |
| Verb type: | The <i>-un</i> verb type (2): [Undergoer as Figure in <i>Taking</i> schema] |

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| Target UV verb: | <i>al-un</i> 'take' (< <i>agal</i>) |
| Participants: | 1. an unspecified participant, = <i>su</i> (as Actor) 2. an unspecified entity, i.e. (the) pot of salted pork or salted pork (as Figure undergoer) 3. an unspecified entity, i.e. pingshiang '(a) refrigerator' (as Ground undergoer) |
| A paraphrase of the <i>taking</i> event: | The actor exerts his/her force upon (a) pot with salted pork (i.e. a Figure undergoer) by means of taking it out of (a) refrigerator (i.e. a Ground undergoer) |
| Schema: | <i>Taking</i> |
| Subject: | an unspecified entity, i.e. (the) pot of salted pork or salted pork (as Figure undergoer) |
| Verb type: | The <i>-un</i> verb type (2): [Undergoer as Figure in <i>Taking</i> schema] |

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| Target UV verb: | <i>qwax-an</i> 'wash; clean by water' (< <i>qwax</i>) |
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| Participants: | 1. an unspecified participant, =su (as Actor) 2. <i>qsya</i> 'water' marked by <i>na</i> ' (GEN2); the entity is also information implied by the semantics of the base, so it often can be omitted from the clause. (as Figure undergoer) 3. <i>s<in>tw-an syam qasa</i> 'that salted pork' (as Ground undergoer) |
| A paraphrase of the <i>washing</i> event: | The actor exerts his/her force upon that salted pork (i.e. a Ground undergoer) by using water (i.e. a Figure undergoer) to clean it. In short, a Figure undergoer is placed upon a Ground undergoer. |
| Schema: | <i>Placement</i> (I) |
| Subject: | <i>s<in>tw-an syam qasa</i> 'that salted pork' (as Ground undergoer) |
| Verb type: | The <i>-an</i> verb type (1): [Undergoer as Ground in <i>Placement</i> (I) schema] |

(14) *in-liq-un q<m>wax qu' s<in>tmw-an ka syam qasa.*
in-good-un <m>wash NOM Vzr<in>salt-an Lig fat.meat that
 '(You) clean that salted pork with water carefully.'

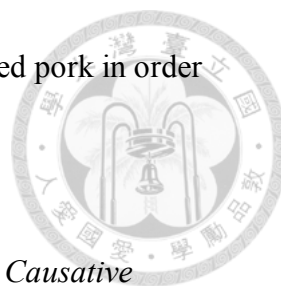
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| Target UV verb: | <i>in-liq-un</i> '(do something) well' (< <i>blaq</i> 'good') |
| Participants: | 1. an unspecified participant, =su (as Actor) 2. <i>s<in>tmw-an ka syam qasa</i> 'that pork that has been salted' (as Figure undergoer) |
| A paraphrase of the <i>doing something</i> event: | <i>in-liq-un q<m>wax</i> is a UV+AV SVC construction, in which the first verb is the main verb and the second verb along with the following Nom NP, <i>s<in>tmw-an ka syam qasa</i> 'that pork that has been salted', can be interpreted as the main verb's complement clause, and such a complement clause can be conceptualized as content. An actor performs the action of washing salted pork, and that has salted pork undergone some essential change. |
| Schema: | Similar to <i>Transformation</i> (I) |
| Subject: | An action as content, i.e. washing salted pork carefully (as Figure undergoer) |
| Verb type: | The <i>-un</i> verb type (1): [Undergoer as Figure in <i>Transformation</i> (I) schema]. (A tentative type) |

(15) *ru p-os-un qu' qsya', ru qpuh-an ru, s-phapuy mami';*
and Cau-go-un Nom water and dry-an and s-cook rice
 'And then, (you) let water out of salted pork and dry it off and cook with rice.'

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| Target UV verb: | <i>p-os-un</i> 'let go' (< <i>usa</i>) |
| Participants: | 1. an unspecified participant, =su (as Actor) 2. <i>qsya</i> 'water' (as Figure undergoer) |



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| A paraphrase of the <i>let-going</i> event: | An actor exerts his/her force upon water in salted pork in order to let it go. |
| Schema: | <i>Causative motion</i> |
| Subject: | <i>qsya</i> 'water' (as Figure undergoer) |
| Verb type: | The <i>-un</i> verb type (4): [Undergoer as Figure in <i>Causative motion</i> schema]. |

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| Target UV verb: | <i>qpuh-an</i> 'dry' (< <i>qapoh</i>) |
| Participants: | 1. an unspecified participant, = <i>su</i> (as Actor) 2. an unspecified entity, salted pork that was washed (as Ground undergoer) 3. <i>qsya</i> 'water' (as Figure undergoer) |
| A paraphrase of the <i>drying-off</i> event: | An actor exerts his/her force upon salted pork in order to remove water in it. |
| Schema: | <i>Removal</i> |
| Subject: | an unspecified entity, salted pork that was washed (as Ground undergoer) |
| Verb type: | The <i>-an</i> verb type (2): [Undergoer as Figure in <i>Removal</i> schema]. |

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| Target UV verb: | <i>s-phapuy</i> 'cook with' |
| Participants: | 1. an unspecified participant, = <i>su</i> (as Actor) 2. <i>mami</i> 'rice' (as Figure undergoer) |
| A paraphrase of the <i>cooking</i> event: | Rice is an instrument for the actor to undertake a cooking event. |
| Schema: | - |
| Subject: | <i>mami</i> 'rice' as an applicative instrument NP |
| Verb type: | - |

(16) si' ga, m-qapuh qu' p<in>haphuy=su mami'; ini' stmaq-i
 just Top m-dry Nom <in>cook=2Sg.Gen rice Neg rot-i
 phapuy;
 cook
 '(You) have to make the rice you cooked dry; (you can) not cook rice rotten.'

(Cf. wal=mu stmaq-un phapuy qu' mami'.
 Asp=1Sg.Gen rot-un cook Nom rice
 'I have cooked rice rotten.')

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| Target UV verb: | <i>stmaq-i</i> 'rot' (< <i>stmaq</i>) |
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| Participants: | 1. An unspecified actor, i.e. =su 'you' 2. An unspecified undergoer, i.e. <i>mami</i> 'rice' (as Figure undergoer) |
| A paraphrase of the <i>rotting</i> event: | The actor exerts his/her force upon the undergoer to have it undergo an essential change. |
| Schema: | <i>Transformation</i> (I) |
| Subject: | An unspecified undergoer, i.e. <i>mami</i> 'rice' (as Figure undergoer) |
| Verb type: | The <i>-un</i> verb type (1): [Undergoer as Figure in <i>Transformation</i> schema]. |

(17) bali' nanu ga, m-stmaq qu' p<in>hapuy=su mami
 certainly.not what Top m-rot Nom <in>cook=2Sg.Gen rice
 lga, mutux m-stmaq c<in>mmy-an=su.
 FP:Top then m-rot <in>rice-an=2Sg.Gen
 'That is because if you cook rice rotten, the meat you have salted/pickled will rot.'

(18) ru m-huqil qu' mami' lga, s-tukun sa hupa' na'
 and m-die Nom rice FP:Top s-shake.out Loc1 big Gen2
 semyanki', ini' ga, q<in>wax-an na' bluku';
 frying.pan Neg Top <in>wash-an Gen2 bamboo.tray
 'And, when the rice is cooked, (you) shake it out in a big frying pan or a cleaned bamboo tray.'

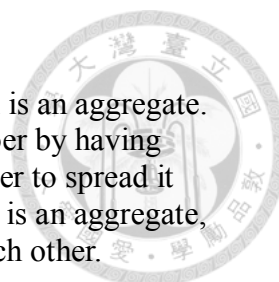
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| Target UV verb: | <i>s-tukun</i> 'shake out' (< <i>tukun</i>) |
| Participants: | 1. An unspecified actor, i.e. =su 'you' 2. An unspecified undergoer, i.e. <i>mami</i> 'rice' (as Figure undergoer) 3. <i>hupa'na'semyanki</i> 'a big frying pan' or <i>q<in>wax-an na' bluku</i> 'a cleaned bamboo tray' (as Ground undergoer), which is an adjunct of the verb <i>tukun</i> 'shake out'. |
| A paraphrase of the <i>shaking-out</i> event: | The actor exerts his/her force upon cooked rice (i.e. Figure) by shaking it out (namely, having it pushed toward somewhere). |
| Schema: | <i>Pushing</i> |
| Subject: | An unspecified undergoer, i.e. <i>mami</i> 'rice' (as Figure undergoer) |
| Verb type: | The <i>s-</i> verb type (1): [Undergoer as Figure in <i>Pushing</i> schema]. |

(19) ru gyax-an qu' mami'.
 and open-an Nom rice
 'And, (you) have it spread out.'

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| Target UV verb: | <i>gyax-an</i> 'open' (< <i>gyax</i>) |
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| Participants: | 1. An unspecified actor, i.e. =su ‘you’ 2. <i>mami</i> ‘rice’ (as Ground undergoer), which is an aggregate. |
| A paraphrase of the <i>opening</i> event: | The actor exerts his/her force upon the undergoer by having some part of it removed from other parts in order to spread it over a container. However, since the undergoer is an aggregate, all parts of the aggregate remain adjacent to each other. |
| Schema: | <i>Indivisibility</i> |
| Subject: | <i>mami</i> ‘rice’ (as Ground undergoer), which is an aggregate |
| Verb type: | The <i>-an</i> verb type (3): [Undergoer as Ground in <i>Indivisibility</i> schema] |

(20) *bsaw-an la. cool-an FP*
 ‘(You) have hot rice cold.’

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| Target UV verb: | <i>bsaw-an</i> ‘cool something down’ (< <i>basaw</i>) |
| Participants: | 1. An unspecified actor, i.e. =su ‘you’ 2. An unspecified undergoer, i.e. <i>p<in>hapuy mami</i> ‘cooked rice’ (as Ground undergoer) 3. a cold temperature, as a component implied from the semantics of the base or the derived verb here (as Figure undergoer) |
| A paraphrase of the <i>cooling down</i> event: | The actor exerts his/her force upon cooked rice (i.e. Ground) by means of having an abstract entity, i.e. a cold temperature, (i.e. Figure) placed onto it. |
| Schema: | <i>Placement (II)</i> |
| Subject: | An unspecified undergoer, i.e. <i>p<in>hapuy mami</i> ‘cooked rice’ (as Ground undergoer) |
| Verb type: | The <i>-an</i> verb type (7): [Undergoer as Ground in <i>Placement (II)</i> schema] |

(21) *lg-un=su ru; wait=2Sg.Gen and*
 ‘You wait (for the coming of some moment that the cooked rice has cooled down completely).’

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| Target UV verb: | <i>lg-un</i> ‘wait’ (< <i>lawa</i>) |
| Participants: | 1. An actor, i.e. =su ‘you’ 2. An unspecified entity, i.e. the coming of some moment that the cooked rice has cooled down completely (as Figure undergoer) |
| A paraphrase of the <i>waiting</i> event: | The actor is in a state of waiting for the coming of some entity. Following this, the entity can be analogous to a self-moving object. |



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| Schema: | <i>Self-moving</i> |
| Subject: | An unspecified entity, i.e. the coming of some moment when the cooked rice has cooled down completely (as Figure undergoer) |
| Verb type: | The <i>-un</i> verb type (5): [Undergoer as Figure in <i>Self-moving</i> schema] |

(22) *tehuk sa tltu' kwara' qu' mami' lga, lps-an cimur'*
 arrive Loc2 cold all Nom rice FP:Top scatter-an salt
qu' mami'.
 Nom rice
 'When all the rice has cooled down, you scatter salt over the rice.'

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| Target UV verb: | <i>lps-an</i> 'scatter; spray' (< <i>lpus</i>) |
| Participants: | 1. An unspecified actor, i.e. = <i>su</i> 'you' 2. <i>mami</i> 'cooked rice' (as Ground undergoer) 3. <i>cimur</i> 'salt' (as Figure undergoer), which is introduced by a Gen2 case marker, if present |
| A paraphrase of the <i>scattering</i> event: | The actor exerts his/her force upon rice (i.e. Ground) by placing salt (i.e. Figure) on it. |
| Schema: | <i>Placement (I)</i> |
| Subject: | <i>mami</i> 'cooked rice' (as Ground undergoer) |
| Verb type: | The <i>-an</i> verb type (1): [Undergoer as Ground in <i>Placement (I)</i> schema] |

(23) *in-liq-un <m>imaw.*
in-good-un <m>mix
 'You mix salt and rice well/carefully.'

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| Target UV verb: | <i>in-liq-un</i> '(do something) well' (< <i>blaq</i> 'good') |
| Participants: | 1. an unspecified participant, i.e. = <i>su</i> 'you' (as Actor) 2. an unspecified aggregation, i.e. 'salt and rice' (as Figure undergoer) |
| A paraphrase of the <i>doing-well</i> event: | <i>in-liq-un <m>imaw</i> is a UV+AV SVC construction, in which the first verb is the main verb and the second verb along with the following Nom NP (, omitted here,) can be analogous to the main verb's complement clause or object. Besides, such a complement clause can be conceptualized as content. An actor performs the action of mixing salt and rice, whose forms then undergo some basic change. |
| Schema: | Similar to <i>Transformation (I)</i> |
| Subject: | an unspecified aggregation, i.e. 'salt and rice' (as Figure undergoer) |
| Verb type: | The <i>-un</i> verb type (1): [Undergoer as Figure in <i>Transformation</i> |

(I) schema]. (A tentative type)



(24) *tlam-i cikay qu' mami ; si ga k<m>tux.*
try-i a.bit Nom rice just Top <m>salty
 'Taste rice! It must be salty.'

(cf. *wal=nya' tlama-n qu' mami' qa la.*
Asp=3Sg.Gen try-an Nom rice Dem FP
 'He/She has tasted the rice.')

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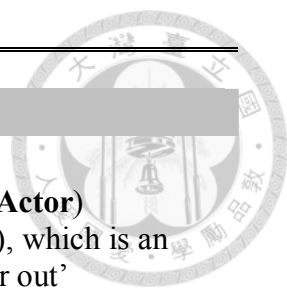
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| Target UV verb: | <i>tlam-i</i> 'try; taste' (< <i>talma</i>) |
| Participants: | 1. an unspecified participant, i.e. = <i>su</i> 'you' (as Actor) 2. <i>mami</i> 'cooked rice' (as Ground undergoer) 3. an unspecified entity, i.e. the sense of smell, a component implied by the semantics of the base or the derived verb here (as Figure undergoer) |
| A paraphrase of the <i>tasting</i> event: | The actor exerts his/her force upon rice (i.e. Ground) by placing the sense of smell (i.e. Figure) on it. |
| Schema: | <i>Placement (II)</i> |
| Subject: | <i>mami</i> 'cooked rice' (as Ground undergoer) |
| Verb type: | The <i>-an</i> verb type (7): [Undergoer as Ground in <i>Placement (II)</i> schema] |

(25) *qsya'-an cikay tltu' ka h<in>lngaw qsya' ru,*
water-an a.bit cold Lig <in>boil water and
 '(You) water the mixture with boiled water, which has now cooled down.'

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| Target UV verb: | <i>qsya'-an</i> 'water' (< <i>qsya</i>) |
| Participants: | 1. an unspecified participant, i.e. = <i>su</i> 'you' (as Actor) 2. <i>mami</i> 'cooked rice' (as Ground undergoer) 3. <i>tltu'ka h<in>lngaw qsya'</i> (as Figure undergoer) |
| A paraphrase of the <i>watering</i> event: | The actor exerts his/her force upon rice (i.e. Ground) by placing cold water (i.e. Figure) on it. |
| Schema: | <i>Placement (I)</i> |
| Subject: | <i>mami</i> 'cooked rice' (as Ground undergoer) |
| Verb type: | The <i>-an</i> verb type (1): [Undergoer as Ground in <i>Placement (I)</i> schema] |

(26) *m-huzyaq cikay qu' mami' lga, s-tukun sa ska'*
m-wet a.bit Nom rice FP:Top s-shake.out Loc1 middle
rice qu' syam ru,
mami' Nom fat.meat and
 'When rice gets wet, (you) pour meat onto rice.'



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| Target UV verb: | <i>s-tukun</i> ‘shake out; pour out’ (< <i>tukun</i>) |
| Participants: | 1. an unspecified participant, i.e. = <i>su</i> ‘you’ (as Actor) 2. <i>mami</i> ‘cooked rice’ (as Ground undergoer), which is an adjunct NP to the verb <i>tukun</i> ‘shake out; pour out’ 3. <i>syam</i> ‘fat meat; pork’ (as Figure undergoer) |
| A paraphrase of the <i>shaking-out</i> event: | The actor exerts his/her force upon cooked rice (i.e. Figure) by shaking it out to rice (namely, having it pushed toward rice). |
| Schema: | <i>Pushing</i> |
| Subject: | <i>syam</i> ‘fat meat; pork’ (as Figure undergoer) |
| Verb type: | The <i>s-</i> verb type (1): [Undergoer as Figure in <i>Pushing</i> schema] |

(27) *in-liq-un* ’<*m*>*imaw kin na’ mami’ la.*
in-good-un <*m*>*mix with Gen1 rice FP*
 ‘(You) mix meat with rice.’

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| Target UV verb: | <i>in-liq-un</i> ‘(do something) well’ (< <i>blaq</i> ‘good’) |
| Participants: | 1. an unspecified participant, i.e. = <i>su</i> ‘you’ (as Actor) 2. an unspecified undergoer, i.e. meat (as Figure undergoer) 3. <i>mami</i> ‘rice’ (as Figure undergoer) |
| A paraphrase of the <i>doing-well</i> event: | <i>in-liq-un</i> ’< <i>m</i> > <i>imaw</i> is a UV+AV SVC construction, in which the first verb is the main verb and the second verb along with the following prepositional phrase <i>kin na’ mami’</i> and Nom NP (omitted here) can be construed as the main verb’s complement clause. Besides, such a complement clause can be conceptualized as content. An actor performs the action of mixing salt and rice undergoing some basic change by doing it carefully. |
| Schema: | <i>Transformation</i> (I) |
| Subject: | an unspecified aggregate, i.e. ‘salt and rice’ (as Figure undergoer) |
| Verb type: | The <i>-un</i> verb type (1): [Undergoer as Figure in <i>Transformation</i> (I) schema]. (A tentative type) |

(28) *qop-i cikay qu’ mami’ ru ; tlam-i maniq.*
scoop a.bit Nom rice and try-i <m>eat
 ‘Scoop some rice and taste it!’

(Cf. *wal=mu qop-un qulih.*
Asp=1Sg.Gen net-un fish
 ‘I have netted fish (before)’

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| Target UV verb: | <i>qop-i</i> ‘scoop; net’ (< <i>qop</i>) |
| Participants: | 1. an unspecified participant, i.e. = <i>su</i> ‘you’ (as Actor) 2. <i>mami</i> ‘rice’ (as Figure undergoer) |
| A paraphrase of the <i>scooping</i> event: | The actor exerts his/her force upon the undergoer (i.e. Ground), rice, by taking it away and then holding it. |
| Schema: | <i>Taking</i> |
| Subject: | <i>mami</i> ‘rice’ (as Figure undergoer) |
| Verb type: | The <i>-un</i> verb Type (2): [Undergoer as Figure in <i>Taking</i> schema] |

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| Target UV verb: | <i>talam</i> ‘try; taste’ (< <i>tlama</i>) |
| Participants: | 1. an unspecified participant, i.e. = <i>su</i> ‘you’ (as Actor) 2. <i>mami</i> ‘rice’ (as Ground undergoer) 3. an unspecified entity, i.e. the sense of smell, which is a component implied by the semantics of the base or the derived verb (as Figure undergoer) |
| A paraphrase of the <i>tasting</i> event: | The actor exerts his/her force upon rice (i.e. Ground) by placing his/her sense of smell (i.e. Figure) on it. |
| Schema: | <i>Placement (II)</i> |
| Subject: | <i>mami</i> ‘cooked rice’ (as Ground undergoer) |
| Verb type: | The <i>-an</i> verb type (7): [Undergoer as Ground in <i>Placement (II)</i> schema] |

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| (29) | k<m>tux | cikay | niq-un | qu’ | mami’ | lga, | nanu | s-tukun |
| | <m>salty | a.bit | eat-un | Nom | rice | FP:Top | what | s-shake.out |
| | sa | ska’ | mami’ | qu’ | syam; | | | |
| | Loc1 | middle | rice | Nom | fat.meat | | | |
| | ‘When rice tasted salty, (you) pour pork into rice.’ | | | | | | | |

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| Target UV verb: | <i>s-tukun</i> ‘shake out; pour out’ (< <i>tukun</i>) |
| Participants: | 1. an unspecified participant, i.e. = <i>su</i> ‘you’ (as Actor) 2. <i>mami</i> ‘cooked rice’ (as Ground undergoer), which is an adjunct phrase to the verb <i>tukun</i> ‘shake out; pour out’ 3. <i>syam</i> ‘fat meat; pork’ (as Figure undergoer) |
| A paraphrase of the <i>shaking-out</i> event: | The actor exerts his/her force upon cooked rice (i.e. Figure) by shaking it out to rice (namely, having it pushed toward rice). |
| Schema: | <i>Pushing</i> |
| Subject: | <i>syam</i> ‘fat meat; pork’ (as Figure undergoer) |
| Verb type: | The <i>s-</i> verb type (1): [Undergoer as Figure in <i>Pushing</i> schema] |

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| (30) | tkr-on | sa | ska’ | na’ | mwayaw | ru, | ini’ | ga, | yuyut; |
| | pack-un | Loc1 | middle | Gen1 | jug | and | Neg | Top | bottle |
| | ‘(You) pack (a mixture of pork and rice) into a jug or a bottle.’ | | | | | | | | |

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| Target UV verb: | <i>tkr-on</i> ‘pack’ (< <i>tkura</i> ’) |
| Participants: | 1. an unspecified participant, i.e. = <i>su</i> ‘you’ (as Actor) 2. <i>ska’na’ mwayaw</i> ‘jug’ or <i>yuyut</i> ‘bottle’ (as Ground undergoer), which is an adjunct NP of the verb <i>tkura</i> ‘pack’ 3. an unspecified participant, i.e. a mixture of pork and rice (as Figure undergoer) |
| A paraphrase of the <i>packing</i> event: | The actor takes the undergoer (as Figure), i.e. <i>syam ru mami</i> ‘salt and rice’, by hand and moves it somewhere. |
| Schema: | <i>Taking</i> |
| Subject: | an unspecified participant, i.e. a mixture of pork and rice (as Figure undergoer) |
| Verb type: | The <i>-un</i> verb type (2): [Undergoer as Figure in <i>Taking</i> schema] |

(31) *gyut-un gyut-un tkura’ lru,*
 gradually gradually pack FP:and
 ‘(You) pack a mixture of pork and rice little by little (into a jug or a bottle).’

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| Target UV verb: | <i>gyut-un</i> ‘do gradually ; little by little’ (< <i>gyut</i>) |
| Participants: | 1. an unspecified participant, i.e. = <i>su</i> ‘you’ (as Actor) 2. an unspecified participant, i.e. a mixture of pork and rice (as Figure undergoer) |
| A paraphrase of the <i>doing-gradually</i> event: | <i>gyut-un gyut-un tkura’</i> is a UV+AV SVC construction, in which the first verb is the main verb and the second verb along with the following Nom NP (omitted here) can be construed as the main verb’s complement clause. Besides, such a complement clause can be conceptualized as content. An actor performs the action of packing a mixture of pork and rice undergoing some essential change as the action is done little by little carefully. |
| Schema: | Similar to <i>Transformation</i> (I) |
| Subject: | an unspecified participant, i.e. a mixture of pork and rice (as Figure undergoer) |
| Verb type: | The <i>-un</i> verb type (1): [Undergoer as Figure in <i>Transformation</i> (I) schema]. (A tentative type) |

(32) *sthahay qu’ mami’ qasa lga , s-’umuk sa babaw na’*
 left.over Nom rice that FP:Top s-lid Loc1 above Gen
syam sa ska’ na mwayaw ru,
 fat.meat Loc1 middle Gen jug and
 ‘As for the leftover rice, (you) use it to cover the pork in (the) jug.’

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| Target UV verb: | <i>s-’umuk</i> ‘lid with’ |



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| Participants: | 1. an unspecified participant, = <i>su</i> (as Actor) 2. <i>mami</i> 'rice' (as Figure undergoer) |
| A paraphrase of the <i>covering</i> event: | Rice is an instrument for the actor to undertake a covering event. |
| Schema: | - |
| Subject: | <i>mami</i> 'rice' as an applicative instrument NP |
| Verb type: | - |

(33) in-liq-un ' <m>umuk na' youzhihtai, in-liq-un pskut mhul;
in-good-un <m>lid Gen2 plastic.bag in-good-un tight m.bind
'(You) use a plastic bag to cover (the jug) (carefully); (you) seal (the jug).'

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| Target UV verb: | <i>in-liq-un</i> '(do something) well' (< <i>blaq</i> 'good') |
| Participants: | (Take the complement clause that begins with ' <i><m>umuk</i> as an example) 1. an unspecified participant, = <i>su</i> (as Actor) 2. '(a) jug' (as Ground undergoer) 3. a plastic bag (as Figure undergoer) |
| A paraphrase of the <i>doing-welling</i> event: | <i>in-liq-un</i> ' <i><m>umuk</i> is a UV+AV SVC construction, in which the first verb is the main verb and the second verb along with the following NP <i>youzhihtai</i> and Nom NP (, omitted here,) can be taken as the main verb's complement clause. Besides, such a complement clause can be conceptualized as content. An actor does the action of sealing a jug with a plastic bag undergoing some essential change by performing it carefully. |
| Schema: | Similar to <i>Transformation</i> (I) |
| Subject: | An action as content, i.e. putting a lid on a pot carefully, (as Figure undergoer) |
| Verb type: | The <i>-un</i> verb type (1): [Undergoer as Figure in <i>Transformation</i> (I) schema]. (A tentative type) |

(34) ini' psngya-i;
Neg crack-i
'Don't let air enter (the jug or the bottle with the pickled meat).'

(Cf. wal=su psngya-un la qu' t-mmy-an=su.
Asp=2Sg.Gen crack-un FP Nom Vzr-rice-an=2Sg.Gen
'You have let air enter (the jug or the bottle with) the pickled meat.'

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| Target UV verb: | <i>psngya-i</i> 'ventilate; crack' (< <i>psngya</i> ') |
| Participants: | 1. an unspecified actor, = <i>su</i> 'you' 2. an unspecified undergoer, <i>t-mmy-an=su</i> '(the meat) you salted' (as Figure undergoer) |
| A paraphrase of | It seems as the actor cracks the Figure undergoer in order to let |



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| the <i>cracking</i> event: | air in and that causes the undergoer to spoil. |
| Schema: | <i>Transformation</i> (I) |
| Subject: | an unspecified undergoer, <i>t-mmy-an=su</i> ‘(the meat) you salted’ (as Figure undergoer) |
| Verb type: | The <i>-un</i> verb type (1): [Undergoer as Figure in <i>Transformation</i> (I) schema]. |

(35) maha ’bagan ga, tehuk sa pusal msyaw bingi’ lga,
 QP summer Top arrive Loc2 twenty more night FP:Top
 baq-un maniq la.
 know-un eat.m FP
 In summer, after twenty nights, you will know (it is time) to taste (the pickled pork).

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| Target UV verb: | <i>baq-un</i> ‘know’ (< <i>baq</i>) |
| Participants: | 1. an unspecified cognizer 2. an unspecified undergoer, i.e. fermented pork (as Figure undergoer) |
| A paraphrase of the <i>knowing</i> event: | Fermented pickles may be analogous to a stimulus, so that once activated, it enters into the consciousness of the cognizer; in the case here, fermented pickle causes him to long for it. |
| Schema: | <i>Cognition</i> |
| Subject: | an unspecified undergoer, i.e. fermented pork (as Figure undergoer) |
| Verb type: | The <i>-un</i> verb type (6): [Undergoer as Figure in <i>Cognition</i> schema]. |

(36) iy kmisan lga, si ga h<m>inas qutux byacing msyaw
 Fil winter FP:Top just Top <m>pass.through one moon more
 lga, baq-un maniq la.
 FP:Top know-un eat.m FP
 ‘In winter, it must take over one month (for salted pork fermenting); at that time, (you) will know (it is time) to taste (the pickled pork).’

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| Target UV verb: | <i>baq-un</i> ‘know’ (< <i>baq</i>) |
| Participants: | 1. an unspecified cognizer 2. an unspecified undergoer, i.e. fermented pork (as Figure undergoer) |
| A paraphrase of the <i>knowing</i> event: | Fermented pickles may be analogous to a stimulus, so that once activated, it enters into the consciousness of the cognizer; in the case here, fermented pickle causes him to long for it. |
| Schema: | <i>Cognition</i> |
| Subject: | an unspecified undergoer, i.e. fermented pork (as Figure undergoer) |

Verb type:

The *-un* verb type (6): [Undergoer as Figure in *Cognition* schema].

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- (37) bali nanu ga, kmisan hya' ga, hzyaq ; ini'
certainly.not what Top winter 3Sg.Neu Top cold Neg
k-helaw m-huqil qu' t-mmy-an ka syam qani.
Stat-quick m-die Nom VZR-rice-an Lig fat.meat this
'That's because in winter, it is (often) cold; the salted pork doesn't ferment quickly.'
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