On subject wh-extraction and partial wh-movement as remnant CP Movement

In this talk:
--reconsider aspects of the classical problem of subject extraction under wh-movement (Koopman, 1996) and paper presented at the pied-piping conference in Jena (1997)).
--Part of larger project: how does wh-movement work in derivational theories using remnant movement? How should transparency effects be captured? Can they be captured as a by-product of the derivation (movement)).
--I will suggest that the bridge verb property can be implemented quite naturally within the framework of Koopman and Szabolcsi (2000). In particular I will propose to analyze bridge verbs as a particular type of restructuring verb.

Plan of the talk:
--establish necessary properties of short subject extraction in English.
--From this it follows that a particular configuration structure must hold at one point in the derivation when you extract the subject out of an embedded tensed complement.
--I will propose that bridge verbs “restructure” with their complements, and implement this as we do in Koopman and Szabolcsi (2000): bridge verbs attract a particular type constituent to their left. This attraction allows wh-phrases to escape from their complements.
--General insight in the properties of bridge verbs, and derivation of islands (failure of pied-piping).

Part 1: short subject extraction (English and beyond)

Short wh-movement:
(1) a. Who (*did) saw Marie
   b. What *(did) Mary see

(2) Historically: two competing analyses:
• subject wh-questions are CPs (WhPs), and subject is outside TP

(3) Reconcile: Koopman (1996)
   subjects wh-questions are: wh-CPs
   the subject wh-phrase is inside TP, not outside of TP.

subject extraction involves TP pied-piping

(4) The surface constituency of subject wh-extraction: (with a simplified left periphery (at least: wh>Q>C)

                   WhP
                   
                   TP
                   
                   C
                   who came

(5) Existing principles: allow pied-piping as in (4), allow for short wh-movement as in (6)

(6) Constituency of subject wh-questions

                   CP
                   
                   who
                   
                   C
                   
                   TP
                   [e]
                   
                   Subject is outside TP.

(7) Or a variant of (6), (derivation involves A'-movement of the subject, followed by remnant TP movement to C, followed by a second step wh-movement:

                   WhP
                   
                   DP
                   
                   who
                   [TP t came t]
                   
                   facts hold for embedded questions (no such restrictions hold; the coordination

(8) Argument against the availability of (6) or its variant: If it were available it is mysterious why in many languages, you can never extract from the preverbal subject position at all; (Rizzi (1982), holds in many other languages. Ouhalla (1993) (pro-drop languages))

Kayne and Pollock for stylistic inversion (extraction of the subject): generalized condition B prohibits local wh-movement. Another category needs to be merged first, than wh-extraction can proceed. I will explore a different route...


(10) [who the hell [TP came]]

This argument is not convincing, since the hell can appear within a clearly pied-piped constituent:

(11) [who the hell's car] did you drive

Therefore the distribution of the hell does not show that who is outside its TP. (see appendix A for further remarks on the hell.)

(12) The structure of (6) is unavailable: The surface constituency of subject wh-questions is different from that of non-subject extraction: (with a simplified left periphery, and assuming T to C is remnant TP movement):

                   WhP
                   
                   DP
                   
                   who
                   [TP t did t]
                   
                   John
                   
                   see

(13) Strong evidence for (4) and (12): ATB: Williams, 1977.
   a. * I wonder who left and Bill saw [e]
   b. * I wonder what Bill saw [e] and [e] happened to Mary
   c. I wonder what Bill saw [e] and you thought [e] happened to Mary
Dutch subject extraction:
Extraction surrounding subject extraction in Dutch is quite complex, and ill understood: OK from a lower position (like object extraction): should be able to be coordinated with non subjects. This seems basically correct, although there are also cases that don’t appear to be so good:

(16) *Ik vraag me af wat Bil [e] gezien geeft en er daarna [e] gebeurt is
I wonder what Bill saw and there thereafter happened is
*I wondered what Bill has seen and happened then

(17) *Ik weet niet wie er al [e] vertrokken zijn en Bil niet gezien heeft
I don’t know who there already left are and Bill not seem has
*I don’t know who left already and Bill hasn’t seen yet.

(18) Short subject wh-questions derived by TP pied-piping; short wh-movement unavailable (why)
b. object wh-questions are derived by DP extraction and T to C (=remnant TP movement)

(19)a. Why the asymmetry between subject and non subject extraction?
b. How does non-subject extraction proceed? (not discussed here)
c. Subject is in a privileged position to trigger pied-piping, but what forces pied-piping for subject wh-questions?
e. Why can a wh-subject be extracted out of complements of bridge verbs (+ why must that be absent)

Crosslinguistically: -- structure of wh-CPs: Wh-—Q—C (simplify: WhP and CP)

WhP: Wh attracts wh-phrase
CP: attracts TP (see appendix B for some configurations: )

(21) Why no short subject movement? (why cannot the subject (or any other element (PP)) be extracted from immediately under “C”?)

(22) Basic Idea: depends on order of merger: C (which attracts TP) is merged before WhP (the category that attracts WhP.) (the category that attracts the container of the subject is attracted before wh is attracted:

(23) Merge C ⇒ move TP
TP to CP movement puts the wh-phrase on a left branch; the wh-phrase can no longer extract from TP: (Koopman and Szabolcsi (2000); hence pied-piping is the only possible option.
Merge WhP ⇒ wh pied-pipes TP

(24) Crucial: order of merger Wh C-T
(in cases of short wh-movement)

(25) So far, TP pied-piping will only yield short wh-movement and clausal pied-piping:

(26) (i) I wonder who left
(ii) [who came] do you think
(iii) but not: who do you think left

(27) How can subjects ever extract from TP?
Extraction only possible in bridge verb contexts (when that is absent).

(28) Subjects can only escape from TP, if there is a landing site for the subject outside TP, (before TP is attracted to CP (or to some higher projection)).

This landing site is not available in Wh-CPs (*Wh>C>F>T)  
This landing site must be available in bridge verb contexts  (C > F > T)

(29) Totally stipulative, and should be derived: but root wh-clauses behave differently from tensed embedded complement clauses in this respect: (freely after Culicover1993)

This is the boy that just yesterday John had seen  
*Who had just yesterday John seen

(wh TP *FP)
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*what is on the table she going to put
I think that on the table she is going to put the yellow dishes

(30)Bridge verb contexts: “facilitate” extraction out of that-complement.

Proposal: bridge verbs are a particular type of restructuring verbs (tensed equivalent of restructuring.)

(31)Extend the treatment proposed in Koopman and Szabolsci (2000) for restructuring verbs. Restructuring verbs (modals, want, aspectual auxiliaries etc) have a lexical property: they require a particular constituent (VP+) to their left (as a semantic property).

\[ \text{some constituent with the relevant feature (the constituent that is attracted) must move to the left of the restructuring predicate.} \]

The “attracted” constituents occur within a CP (this is a structural property: predicates are topped off by CP):

Different orders and surface constituency come about depending on how the properties of the restructuring predicate are satisfied: (extraction out of CP complement, or CP pied-piping)

(32)a. The attracted constituent escapes from its CP \( \rightarrow \) surface restructuring effects: the dependents of the V move into the \textit{want} clause (yields inversion)

\[ \begin{array}{c}
\text{VP+} \\
\text{see} \\
\text{VP+} \\
\text{V} \\
\text{want} \\
\text{CP} \\
\text{the children…} \\
\end{array} \]

(33)b. The constituent pied-pipes CP \( \rightarrow \) dependents of V do not escape from CP

\[ \begin{array}{c}
\text{VP+} \\
\text{see} \\
\text{CP} \\
\text{VP} \\
\text{V} \\
\text{want} \\
\end{array} \]

(34)Bridge verbs:

-as a lexical property: attract a TP to their left.(this will force TP to be in a Spec head configuration with V)

--This TP can be embedded in a CP (this is independent of the lexical property of V, but a structural property: all tensed clauses clauses are CPs)

(35)(ignoring CP) think attracts TP:

\[ \begin{array}{c}
\text{TP} \\
t \text{came} \\
\text{V} \\
\text{think} \\
\text{FP} \\
\text{who} \\
\text{TP} \\
\rightarrow \text{ TP splits out of FP} \\
\end{array} \]

eventually: who do you think came

(36)-TP movement frees the wh-phrase for further extraction

-- successive cyclic wh-movement is not movement from Spec, but involves a stage in which the Spec is separated from the remainder of the constituent (=made a final constituent. (Kuno, 1972))

(37)”Transparency” (wh-movement out of an embedded complement is like clitic climbing”. It is dependent on the existence of a relation of an outside attractor and a subconstituent (necessary condition:)

(38) \[ \text{V} \ [\ldots \text{YP.} \ [\text{XP} \ldots]] \]

(39)Adding CP:

- CPs must be licensed (Koopman and Szabolsci(2000)
- Where is overt C merged? High? Low? (How do you get the that-t effect?)

(40)C can be merged low: \( \rightarrow \) German partial wh-movement

(41)Prerequisite for subject extraction out of tensed complement clause:

- configuration in (35); (wh-movement must have moved to a high position outside the TP)
- the presence of a TP attractor (an appropriate attracter (a bridge verb),
- a “splitting” parameter (TP does not pied-pipe FP)

(42)Language variation: size of pied-piped constituent. (K and Sz)

What if TP does not split but pied-pipes FP? \( \rightarrow \) German partial wh-movement

(propose an analysis of partial wh-movement that is parsimonious, and uses mechanisms that are independently needed or motivated.

Partial Movement in German


(44) Partial wh-movement in German: (the was… whP construction)

- An expletive was (“what”) shows up in the Wh projection (the “scope” position of the wh-phrase)

(45) \[ \text{Was} \text{ glaubst du [mit wen Johann gesprochen hat]} \]

Who do you believe that J talked with

A wh-phrase must be “partially” moved up to initial position within its clause, and cannot remain in-situ.
Was glaubst du [dass Johann mit wen gesprochen hat
    ‘what’ think you with who Johan talked has
Who do you believe that J talked with

Superficially speaking, the problem is that the wh-phrase is ‘too low’ with respect to the scope position; (direct dependency approach (expletive replacement); indirect dependency approach (clausal expletive and CP associate: CP movement at LF)

Traditional Problems:
• why is the ‘real’ wh-phrase not in Spec, WH of matrix
• Why is it PM moved?
• What is the motivation for movement of the wh-phrase?
• What is the analysis of the expletive was?
• Why dependent on bridge Vs taking tensed clauses? These are contexts which allow FP/TP to escape from CP

A remnant CP movement analysis of partial movement:
(49) a prerequisite for subject extraction out of a tensed (indicative) clause:
merge FP on top of TP

FP

who

TP

→ in German, TP will pied-pipe FP (in specific contexts)

(50) Merge dass: (→ attracts FP/TP → agree: wh)

CP

→

CP [+wh]

dass

FP

who

was

who

ten TP

John saw

(51) Merge think (bridge V: bridge V attracts TP as a lexical property: → FP/TP extracts from Spec, CP:

FP/TP

V

CP [+wh]

who

John saw

think

who John saw

was

• was is a remnant +wh CP: the “real” wh-phrase has pied-piped with TP, and vacated the CP

(52) [who John saw] was] think you [who John saw]

(53) Why is the ‘real’ wh-phrase not in Spec, WH of matrix? Its copy is...
What is the motivation for movement of the wh-phrase? The usual: all wh-movement is overt
• Why is it PM moved? It has pied-piped with another constituent and been put on a side track
• What is the analysis of the expletive was? It is the wh-form of dass.
• Why dependent on bridge Vs taking tensed clauses? These are contexts which allow FP/TP to escape from CP

(54) The configuration in (51) is a necessary condition for partial wh-movement
→ restricted to environments in which dass is licensed.
→ contexts that have no dass complements (either overt wh-movement (if they involve some other type of restructuring (of infinitival complements) or no wh-movement if they do not (the wh-phrase in that case will simply be too low to trigger pied-piping, and is never be able to reach the wh-position.)

(55) How do other properties of the construction follow? For further discussion of individual cases, see Appendix c.

• contexts that allow for dass complements, but do not support partial wh-movement::
→ they contain no attractor for TP (either they attract some bigger complement, or some smaller complement)
  1. non bridge verbs: do not attract TP (but some bigger category (maybe attract CP))
  2. wollen: complement “more transparent” than bridge verb complement: attracts smaller FP constituent that cannot pied-pipe FP to dass)
→ contexts that do not allow for dass to be merged low enough (partial movement will be impossible, since TP cannot be removed from the dass complement). If pied-piping is impossible → these complements will be islands

Appendix A:
(56) A potential argument that English wh-subjects are outside TP is offered in Pesetsky and Torrego 2000) (distribution of the hell)

(57) The the-hell argument:
• “ the hell” attaches to wh-phrases;
• can only follow wh-phrases that are in Spec, CP. seems to support (6)...
  (i) Who the hell left
  (ii) Who the hell did Bill meet where
  (iii) *Who did what the hell
• I wondered who the hell bought this book

(58) Do strings like who the hell left show that the subject has moved out of TP? Only if it can be established that the hell starts out higher than TP (but say lower than Spec, WH(CP)):
The hell does not start out higher than TP:

- The hell merges with bare wh-phrases quite early, and moves to the left periphery.
  - The hell merges with bare wh-phrases: (who the hell/ why the hell/ where the hell/ when the hell/how the hell/ what the hell)
- But not with which phrases, or if/whether complementizers: *which the hell book did you like / *which book the hell did you like / *whether the hell/who the hell

2. *who saw what the hell

3. wh-in-situ cannot be in the same surface position as initial wh,
   (or the material to the left blocks the hell from entering into a local relationship with the appropriate licensor: (* Il a parle a qui diable) + predicts languages with "lower" wh-phrases (Simpson, 2000), Pollock and Poletto (2000) should not have elements like "the hell"

**Appendix B**

Crosslinguistic variation depends on the size of the pied-piped constituent (Koopman and Szabolcsi (2000), also a variant on Pollock and Poletto (2000, Pollock, Munaro and Poletto (1999) ...). All languages have TP to CP movement. Different sized "TP"s occupy the surface position:

- a. [wh [[[TP who came ] [CP [T t ] ] .... ]
- b. [wh [[[who ] [CP [T did.. ] ] [you see [TP]] (root wh-questions)
- c. [wh [[[who ] [CP [TP you saw t]] (embedded wh-questions)
- d. [wh [[[TP qui est venu] [CP [TP t] ] .... ]
- e. [wh [a qui ] [CP [TP quel qu'un a ] t [C MishP/S il parle [TP]] ....
- f. [wh [a qui ] [CP[C MishP/S il a parle ] t [Top P Jean

Vata: relative clauses/focus constructions (Kru/ Gur...):
- g. [wh [[[CP [TP DP V-Tense] [CD ...Adv DP...

**Appendix C:**

(61) Why is embedded verb second possible in exactly the same environments as partial wh-movement?

*Empty dass/C attracts TP; think attracts TP:*

\[
\begin{array}{c}
V \\
\text{think} \\
\text{CP} \\
\text{TP} \\
\text{has he seen} \\
\text{FP}
\end{array}
\]

**Other properties:**

- The dependency between was and the wh-phrase can be long distance (but it must be mediated by another wh-expletive):
  - (62) Was glaubst du was Hans meint mit wem Johann t gesprochen hat
  - This follows from remnant +Wh CP movement, and the mechanisms of the derivation (the mechanics of movement).
- The wh-phrase can move up within the local clause
  - (63) was denkst du wen sie glaubt dass Fritz meint dass sie t liest
  - what think you who she believes that Fritz means that she loves
- First step involves normal wh-movement; second step FP/TP pied-piping and wh-agreement.
- Negative islands
  - (64) Mit wem glaubst du nicht dass Maria gesprochen hat
  - (65) *Was glaubst du nicht mit wem Maria gesprochen hat
  - (not clear how to allow wh-extraction (maybe dass is forced to be merged higher)
- PM structures are a property of clausal complements that are complements of bridge verbs
  - (66)* was weist wu wen Jacob besticht
  - what know you who Jacob bribes
  - bridge verbs do not select for TP; or dass is forced to be merged higher.
- PM movement constructions are not possible in dass complements of verbs like "wollen" (these are "subjunctive" like, (though the verb is in the indicative). They have no independent Tense node?)
  - (67) *Was willst du wen Jacob besticht
  - Wh want you who Jacob bribes
  - (must obligatorily have dass (do not allow for verb second): either dass is merged higher, or they do not have the right "TP" (and hence no FP: having the segment FP/TP is a precondition for partial wh-movement)
- PM cannot happen in matrix clauses (the antilocality effect) or in infinitivals:
  - was is a complementizer: you need a dass clause.
  - (68)* was hat Maria mit wem gesprochen