

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 Szabolsci (2000). In particular I will propose to analyze bridge verbs as a particular type of restructuring verb.

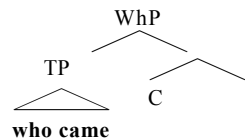
Plan of the talk:

- 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 Szabolsci (2000): bridge verbs attract a particular type constituent to their left. This attraction allows *wh*-phrases to escape from their complements.
- I will show that this configuration yield new insight in the derivations of German partial *wh*-movement, and propose a remnant CP movement of partial movement.
- General insight in the properties of bridge verbs, and derivation of islands (failure of pied-piping).

Part 1: short subject extraction (English and beyond)

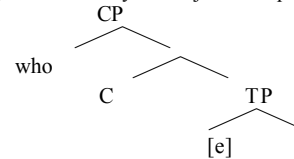
Short *wh*-movement:

- (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
 - subject *wh*-questions are IPs. Gasdar (1981), Schachter (1987), String vacuous movement (Chomsky, 1986), McCloskey and Chung (1983)
- (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)*)



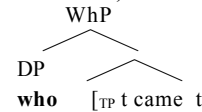
- (5) Existing principles: allow pied-piping as in (4),
allow for short *wh*-movement as in (6)

(6) Constituency of subject *wh*-questions



→ 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:



(could be excluded for root environments: remnant TP *came* is not allowed to be in Spec, CP, but should be fine in embedded questions (no such restrictions hold; the coordination facts hold for embedded questions as well)

(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...

(9) Argument for the availability of (6): Pesetsky and Torrego (2000).

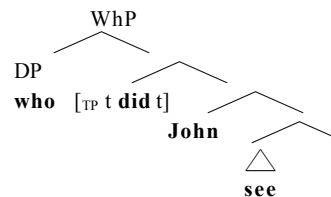
(10) [_{wh}who the hell [_{TP}came]

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

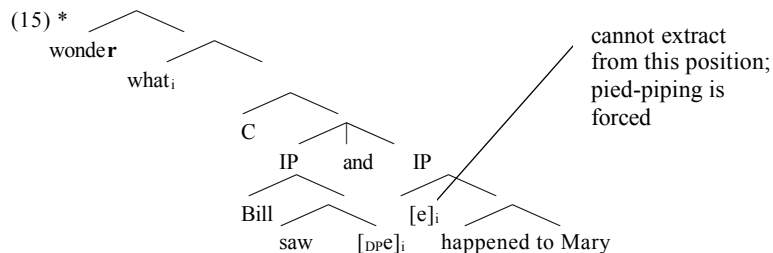
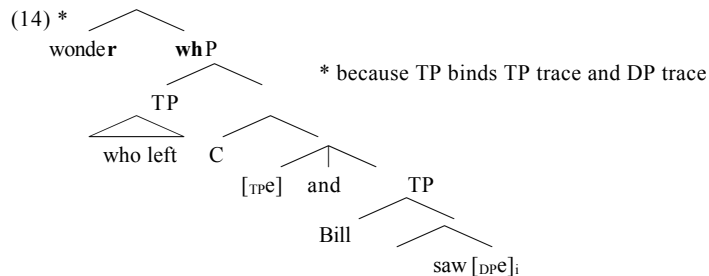
Therefore the distribution of *the hell* does not show that *who* is outside its TP. (*see appendix A for further remarks on the hell.*)

(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*) :



(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 seen has 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 know not who there already left are and Bil not seem has
**I don't know who left already and Bill hasn't seen yet.*

(18)
 a. Short subject wh-questions derived by TP pied-piping; short wh-movement unavailable (*wh_i*)
 (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?
 c. Why can a wh-subject be extracted out of complements of bridge verbs (+ why must *that* be absent)

(20)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:*)

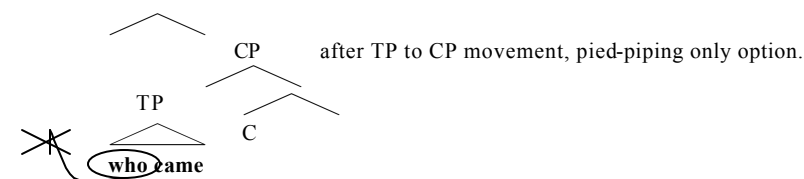
(21)Why no short subject movement? (why cannot the subject (or any other element (PP)) be extracted from immediately under “C”?)

(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 Szabolsci (2000); hence pied-piping is the only possible option.

Merge WhP → wh pied-pipes TP



(Why is TP pied-piping not available for objects? Objects too far embedded to trigger pied-piping).

(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:

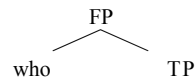
- (26) (i) I wonder who left
 (ii) [who came] do you think
 (iii) *but not:* who do you think left

(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 that FP TP
**Who had just yesterday John seen (wh TP *FP)*

*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.)

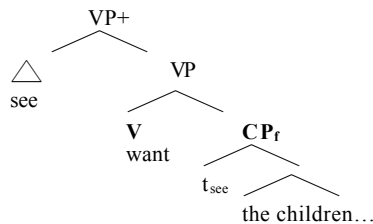
(31) Extend the treatment proposed in Koopman and Szabolsci (2000) for restructuring verbs. restructuring verbs (modals, want, aspectual auxiliaries etc) have a lexical property: they require a particular constituent (VP+) to their left (as a semantic property).

→ some constituent with the relevant feature (the constituent that is attracted) must move to the left of the restructuring predicate.

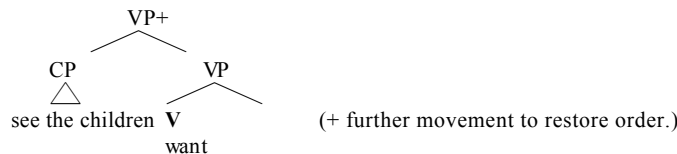
The “attracted” constituents occur within a CP (this is a structural property: predicates are topped off by CP):

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 → surface restructuring effects: the dependents of the V move into the *want* clause (yields inversion)



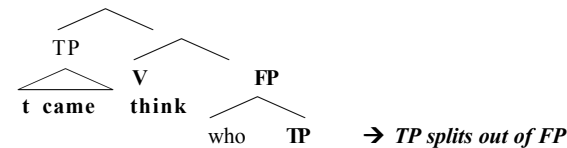
(32)b. The constituent pied-pipes CP → dependents of V do not escape from CP



(34) Bridge verbs:

- as a lexical property: attract a TP to their left.(this will force TP to be in a Spec 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 are CPs)

(35)(ignoring CP) *think* attracts TP:



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) V [...YP. [XP]...]

(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: --→ 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 attractor (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? → 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

(43) German, Hungarian, Hindi, and other languages (Van Riemsdijk, 1983, McDaniel, 1989, Dayal (1994), Horvath (1997), Mahajan(1995), Fanselow and Mahajan (1995). Fanselow, 2000).

(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) **Was** glaubst du [**mit wem** Johann gesprochen hat]
‘what’ think you with who Johan talked has
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.

(46)***Was** glaubst du [dass Johann **mit wem** gesprochen hat
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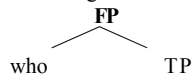
(47) Superficially speaking, the problem is that the wh-phrase is 'too low' with respect to the scope position; (direct dependency approach (expletive replacement); indirect dependency approach (clausal expletive and CP associate: CP movement at LF)

(48) **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 *dass* clauses.

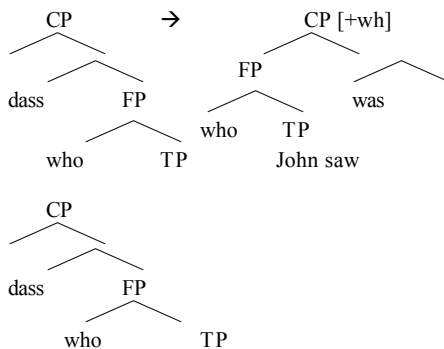
A remnant CP movement analysis of partial movement:

(49) a prerequisite for subject extraction out of a tensed (indicative) clause:
merge FP on top of TP

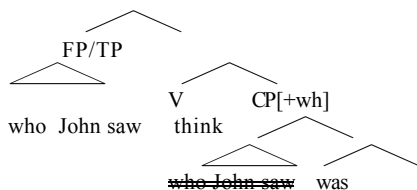


→ in German, TP will pied-pipe FP (in specific contexts)

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



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



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

- CP contains a copy of the "real" wh-phrase and will eventually end up in the scope position (the derivation continues in a mechanical fashion)

(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 (cf 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 IP 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)):

(59) *The hell* does not start out higher than TP:

- a. [who the hell's car] did you drive

(60) *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*)
- But not with *which* phrases, or if/whether complementizers: **which the hell book did you like / *which book the hell did you like / I wonder* if the hell/ *whether the hell/who the hell*

2. *wh- the hell* pied-pipes with the wh-phrase to left periphery (for interpretive purposes **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 licenser: (* 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 Szabolsci (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

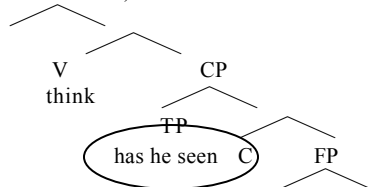
- a. [_{WH} [[_{TP}who came]] [_{CP} [_{TP}t]] [...]
- a. [_{WH} [[who]] [_{CP} [_T ..did..]] [you see [_{TPe}] (*root wh-questions*)
- c. [_{WH} [[who]] [_{CP} [_{TP}you saw t]] (*embedded wh-questions*)
- d. [_{WH} [[_{TP}qui est venu] [_{CP} [_{TP}t]] [...] [
- e. [_{WH} [a qui]] [_{CP} [_{TP}quel qu'un a] t] [_{CliticP/S} il parle [_{TPe}]
- f. [_{WH} [a qui]] [_{CP} [_{CliticP/S} # a parle] t] [_{TopP} 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:



who

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
what believe you with who Hans believes that J talked has

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 liebt
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 weisst 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