

OC, where are you? How OC can be bled in Korean

Answer:

In Korean, clausal A-scrambling and different types of infinitival subjects may bleed OC in object control, subject to restrictions of control complementizers.

1 In a nutshell

- Obligatory Control (OC)¹ is characterized by the following properties:
 1. C-command requirement
 2. No Long-distance Control
 3. No Arbitrary Control
 4. No strict reading under VP ellipsis
 5. Obligatory *de se / te* reading
- We use ‘Non Obligatory Control’ (NOC) **negatively** with respect to this cluster of properties, without making any claims about the distinction between No Control and Non Obligatory Control as used elsewhere

(2) *Obligatory Control in Korean*

- a. John_i-i Mary_j-eykey [e_{i/*j} party-lul ttena-**kilo**] yaksokhayssta.
 John-NOM Mary-DAT party-ACC leave-C promised
 ‘John promised Mary to leave the party.’ *subject control*
- b. John_i-i Mary_j-lul [e_{*i/j} party-lul ttena-**tolok**] seltukhayssta.
 John-NOM Mary-ACC party-ACC leave-C persuaded
 ‘John persuaded Mary to leave the party.’ *object control*

¹
 (1) *The OC signature* (Landau 2013:29)
 In a control construction [. . . X_i . . . [_S PRO_i . . .] . . .], where X controls the PRO subject of the clause S:

- a. The controller(s) X must be (a) co-dependent(s) of S.
- b. PRO (or part of it) must be interpreted as a bound variable.

Generalizations about Korean OC:

(3) *Scrambling bleeds OC in Object Control*

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|----|-------------------|---|------------------|---|----------------|-------------------|
| a. | Subj _i | | Obj _j | [____ _{j/*k} V ₂] | V ₁ | <i>base line</i> |
| b. | Subj _i | [____ _{j/k} V ₂] _h | Obj _j | t _h | V ₁ | <i>scrambling</i> |

(4) *Overt infinitival subjects bleed OC in Object Control*

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|----|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| a. | Subj _i | [Subj _{i/*j} | V ₂] | V ₁ | <i>subject control</i> |
| b. | Subj _i | Obj _j | [Subj _{j/k} | V ₂] | V ₁ <i>object control</i> |

- *Roadmap:*

- We will show data where we fail to get the OC reading
- Have a look at semantic orientation depending on the control complementizer
- Present a tentative analysis

2 Data I: Scrambling

2.1 Controller < Complement vs. Complement < Controller

- In object control, when the controller follows the control clause (**scrambled order**) instead of preceding it (**base order**), OC is lost
- In the base order (5a), the embedded subject must refer to the matrix object, and has the standard OC properties
- In the scrambled order (5b), the embedded subject refers freely, and lacks OC properties (Polinsky et al. 2007)

(5) *Object Control*

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|----|---|------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------|------------------------------|------------------------|
| a. | John-i _i | Mary-lul _j | [e _{j/*k} | party-lul | ttena-tolok] | seltukhayssta | |
| | John-NOM | Mary-ACC | | party-ACC | leave-C | persuade | |
| | 'John persuaded Mary to leave the party.' | | | | | | <i>base order</i> |
| b. | John-i _i | | [e _{j/k} | party-lul | ttena-tolok] | Mary-lul _j | seltukhayssta |
| | John-NOM | | | party-ACC | leave-C | Mary-ACC | persuade |
| | 'John persuaded Mary to leave the party' | | | | | | <i>scrambled order</i> |

2.2 The clause in the scrambled order has moved

*The complement undergoes **clausal A-movement** from its base position*

- Different control verbs select different complementizers *-kilo*, *-lyeko*, *-koca*, *-tolok*²
- The complementizer in the scrambled order (6b) must be the one required by the relevant verb in the base order (6a)
- ☞ The infinitive must have started out in a local selectional configuration with the control verb (contra Polinsky et al. 2007, who treat it as an adjunct)
- ☞ If it were an adjunct base-merged in a higher position, no such restriction should hold

- (6) a. Jane-*i_i* Mary-lul_{*j*} [*e_{j/*k}* ttena-**tolok**/***kilo**] seltukhayssta.
 Jane-NOM Mary-ACC leave-C persuade
 ‘Jane persuaded Mary to leave.’ *base order*
- b. Jane-*i_i* [*e_{j/k}* ttena-**tolok**/***kilo**] Mary-lul_{*j*} seltukhayssta.
 Jane-NOM leave-C Mary-ACC persuade
 ‘Jane persuaded Mary to leave.’ *scrambled order*

- A subject reflexive in the scrambled infinitive must be bound by the matrix subject (7b)
- ☞ The moved reflexive does not reconstruct, but is bound in a new configuration
- ☞ This is indicative of A, not A-bar movement³

(7) No reconstruction - Principle A

- a. Jane-*i_i* Mary-lul_{*j*} [**caki-ka**_{*i/*j/*k*} hakkyo-lul ttena-tolok] seltukhayssta.
 Jane-NOM Mary-ACC self-NOM school-ACC leave-C persuade
 ‘Jane_{*i*} persuaded Mary_{*j*} that she_{*j*} should leave school.’ *base order*
- b. Jane-*i_i* [**caki-ka**_{*i/*j/*k*} hakkyo-lul ttena-tolok]_{*h*} Mary-lul_{*j*} t_{*h*} seltukhayssta.
 Jane-NOM self-NOM school-ACC leave-C Mary-ACC persuade
 ‘Jane_{*i*} persuaded Mary_{*j*} that she_{*i*} can leave school.’ *scrambled order*

²A non-exhaustive list of the control verbs selecting different complementizers (Park 2011): • **-kilo**: *kyelsimha*- ‘decide, determine’, *keylcengha*- ‘decide’, *kyeyhoykha*- ‘plan’, *yaksokha*- ‘promise’,... • **-lyeko**: *ayssu*- ‘endeavor’, *cakcengha*- ‘intend’, *kyelsimha*- ‘decide, determine’, *kyeyhoykha*- ‘plan’, *nolyekha*- ‘try’,... • **-koca**: *huymangha*- ‘hope’, *pala*- ‘want’, *nolyekha*- ‘try’, *kyelsimha*- ‘decide, determine’, *kyeyhoykha*- ‘plan’,... • **-tolok**: *ceyanha*- ‘propose’, *cwungkoha*- ‘advise, counsel’, *kwenkoha*- ‘advise, urge, recommend’, *myenglyengha*- ‘order’, *pwuthakha*- ‘ask’, *seltukha*- ‘persuade’, *yochengha*- ‘request’, *yokwuha*- ‘demand, request’, etc.

³Movement of the control clause does not generally disrupt OC. Our preliminary investigation shows that OC is retained in Indonesian, Turkish, Finnish, Tamil and German; Japanese seems to be a marginal case.

- Movement of the complement clause remedies Weak Crossover (10b)

☞ This is further support for A-movement (Postal 1993).⁴

(10) Weak Crossover remedy in the scrambled order

- a. *Jane- i_i [**kunye-uy** $_j$ **emma-lul**] [**nwukwu-ka** $_j$] ttena-tolok] seltukhayss-ni?
 Jane-NOM she-GEN mom-ACC who-NOM leave-C persuaded-Q
 ‘Who $_j$ did Jane persuade her $_j$ mom that e $_j$ should leave?’
- b. Jane- i_i [**nwukwu-ka** $_j$] ttena-tolok] $_h$ [**kunye-uy** $_j$ **emma-lul**] t_h seltukhayss-ni?
 Jane-NOM who-NOM leave-C she-GEN mom-ACC persuaded-Q
 ‘Who $_j$ did Jane persuade her $_j$ mom that e $_j$ should leave?’

In Object Control, A-movement of the complement clause bleeds OC

⁴Korean has A-scrambling, attested by new binding configurations, Weak Crossover remedies, and the lack of reconstruction.

(8) *New variable binding - reflexives*

- a. *Caki- ka_i **Suzi-lul** $_i$ cohahanta.
 self-NOM Suzi-ACC like
 ‘Suzi likes herself.’
- b. **Suzi-lul** $_i$ caki- ka_i t_i cohahanta.
 Suzi-ACC self-NOM like
 ‘Suzi likes herself.’

(9) *Weak Crossover Effect Avoidance*

- a. *Suzi- ka [ku/caki $_i$ -uy emma]-eykey **nwukwu-lul** $_i$ sokayhayss-ni?
 Suzi-NOM he/self-GEN mom-DAT who-ACC introduced-Q.
 ‘Who did Suzi introduce to his/self’s mother?’
- b. Suzi- ka **nwukwu-lul** $_i$ [ku/caki $_i$ -uy emma]-eykey t_i sokayhayss-ni?
 Suzi-NOM who-ACC he/self-GEN mom-DAT introduced-Q
 ‘Who did Suzi introduce to his/self’s mother?’

3 Data II: The AUTHOR vs anti-AUTHOR restriction

3.1 anti-AUTHOR

- In the scrambled order, the embedded subject behaves like a covert referential pronoun
- However, it remains subject to one restriction (which also holds in the base order)
- It cannot refer to the matrix AUTHOR, the event participant communicating their attitude (Landau 2015: 32)
- In (11), Jane is the the AUTHOR persuading Mary, the ADDRESSEE - the event participant to whom the attitude is communicated
- In the base order (11b), the embedded subject can only be Mary, the ADDRESSEE
- In the scrambled order (11a), the embedded subject can be anyone **except** Jane, the AUTHOR (and it loses the obligatory *de se* reading)

- (11) a. Jane- i_i^{AUTH} [$e_{*i/j/k}$] ttena-tolok] $_h$ Mary-lul $_j^{\text{ADDR}}$ t_h seltukhayssta.
 Jane-NOM leave-C Mary-ACC persuaded
 ‘Jane persuaded Mary to leave.’ *scrambled order*
- b. Jane- i_i^{AUTH} Mary-lul $_j^{\text{ADDR}}$ [$e_{*i/j/*k}$] ttena-tolok] seltukhayssta.
 Jane-NOM Mary-ACC leave-C persuaded
 ‘Jane persuaded Mary to leave.’ *base order*

- We propose that *-tolok* imposes a semantic **anti-AUTHOR** restriction on its clausemate subject
- This is supported by matrix passivization in object control, which retains *-tolok* (12b)
- If *-tolok* were syntactically oriented towards grammatical function, it should change to one of the subject control complementizers (*-kilo*, *-lyeko*, *-koca*)

(12) *Passivization in Object Control*

- a. Jane- i_i^{AUTH} Mary-lul $_j^{\text{ADDR}}$ [$e_{*i/j/*k}$] ttena-**tolok**] seltukhayssta.
 Jane-NOM Mary-ACC leave-C persuaded
 ‘Jane persuaded Mary to leave.’
- b. Mary-ka $_i^{\text{ADDR}}$ [$e_{i/*j}$] ttena-**tolok**] seltuk-toy-ess-ta
 Mary-NOM leave-C persuade-PASS-PST-DECL
 ‘Mary was persuaded to leave.’

3.2 AUTHOR

- We provide further support for the semantic orientation of control complementizers
- The verb ‘promise’ requires the subject-control complementizer *-kilo*
- Unlike in object control, A-scrambling of the complement does **not** bleed OC
- The embedded subject must be matrix *John*, and retains the obligatory *de se* reading

(13) *Subject Control*

- a. John- i_i^{AUTH} Mary-eykey $_j^{\text{ADDR}}$ [$e_{i/*j}$] party-lul ttena-**kilo**] yaksokhayssta
 John-NOM Mary-DAT party-ACC leave-C promised
 ‘John promised Mary to leave the party.’ *base order*
- b. John- i_i^{AUTH} [$e_{i/*j}$] party-lul ttena-**kilo**] $_h$ Mary-eykey $_j^{\text{ADDR}}$ t_h yaksokhayssta.
 John-NOM party-ACC leave-C Mary-DAT promised
 ‘John promised Mary to leave the party.’ *scrambled order*

- We propose that the subject-control complementizers impose an AUTHOR restriction on their clausemate subjects

- **The Object Control complementizer encodes an anti-AUTHOR restriction**
 - **The Subject Control complementizers encode an AUTHOR restriction**
- “ *Subject Control is OC-stable; Object Control is OC-unstable under scrambling* ”

4 Data III: Overt Infinitival Subjects

4.1 Object Control

- In object control, overt infinitival subjects⁵ (OIS) bleed OC
- The OIS loses its obligatory *de se* reading⁶
- It refers freely, except to the matrix AUTHOR
- OISs bleed OC both in the base and scrambled order

⁵Crucially, the fact that overt nominative subjects can surface in non-finite complements is an independent property of Korean: nominative subjects need not be licensed by finite T.

⁶See Szabolcsi (2009), where *all* overt infinitival subjects in subject control behave like overt PRO.

(14) *Object Control*

- a. Jane- i_i^{AUTH} Mary-lul $_j^{\text{ADDR}}$ [$e_{*i/j/*k}$] ttena-tolok] seltukhayssta.
 Jane-NOM Mary-ACC leave-C persuaded
 ‘Jane persuaded Mary to leave.’ *no OIS*
- b. Jane- i_i^{AUTH} Mary-lul $_j^{\text{ADDR}}$ [$kunye-ka_{*i/j/k}$] ttena-tolok] seltukhayssta.
 Jane-NOM Mary-ACC she-NOM leave-C persuaded
 ‘Jane persuaded Mary to leave.’ *OIS*
- c. Jane- i_i^{AUTH} [$kunye-ka_{*i/j/k}$] ttena-tolok] $_h$ Mary-lul $_j^{\text{ADDR}}$ t_h seltukhayssta.
 Jane-NOM she-NOM leave-C Mary-ACC persuaded
 ‘Jane persuaded Mary to leave.’ *OIS + scrambled order*

- If *-tolok* were oriented towards the ADDRESSEE instead of anti-AUTHOR, we should expect the embedded subject in (14b) to obligatorily refer to *Mary*

4.2 Subject Control

- In subject control, OISs do not bleed OC
- The OIS must refer to the matrix subject, and must be *de se*
- OC is retained with OISs both in the base (15b) and scrambled order (15c)

(15) *Subject Control*

- a. John- i_i^{AUTH} Mary-eykey $_j^{\text{ADDR}}$ [$e_{i/*j}$] ttena-**kilo**] yaksokhayssta
 John-NOM Mary-DAT leave-C promised
 ‘John promised Mary to leave.’ *no OIS*
- b. John- i_i^{AUTH} Mary-eykey $_j^{\text{ADDR}}$ [$kunye-ka_{i/*j}$] ttena-**kilo**] yaksokhayssta
 John-NOM Mary-DAT she-NOM leave-C promised
 ‘John promised Mary to leave.’ *OIS*
- c. John- i_i^{AUTH} [$kunye-ka_{i/*j}$] ttena-**kilo**] $_h$ Mary-eykey $_j^{\text{ADDR}}$ t_h yaksokhayssta.
 John-NOM she-NOM leave-C Mary-DAT promised
 ‘John promised Mary to leave.’ *OIS + scrambled order*

4.2.1 Nominalized clauses do not encode anti-AUTHOR

- Control verbs may also select nominalized *-ki* complements with nominative subjects
- These nominative subjects are never controlled
- This further illustrates how the (anti-)AUTHOR restriction stems from the control complementizers

(16) OIS + Nominalized complement

- a. Jane- i_i^{AUTH} Mary-lul $_j^{\text{ADDR}}$ [kunye-ka $_{i/j/k}$] ttena-**ki**-lul] seltukhayssta.
 Jane-NOM Mary-ACC she-NOM leave-NMLZ-ACC persuaded

‘Jane persuaded Mary to leave.’

Object Control

- b. John- i_i^{AUTH} Mary-eykey $_j^{\text{ADDR}}$ [kunye-ka $_{i/j/k}$] ttena-**ki**-lul] yaksokhayssta
 John-NOM Mary-DAT she-NOM leave-NMLZ-ACC promised

‘John promised Mary to leave.’

Subject Control

- In object control, OISs bleed OC ➡ they are referential pronouns
- In subject control, OISs do not bleed OC ➡ they behave like overt PRO

5 Interim summary

(17) Subject Control

	Base order	Scrambled
no OIS	OC	OC
OIS	OC	OC

(18) Object Control

	Base order	Scrambled
no OIS	OC	NOC
OIS	NOC	NOC

- In subject control, neither scrambling nor an OIS bleeds OC
 - The subject must refer to the AUTHOR
 - OISs behave like overt PRO
- In object control, scrambling and/or an OIS bleeds OC
 - The (c)overt subject never refers to the AUTHOR
 - The empty subject in the scrambled order behaves like *pro*
 - OISs are overt referential pronouns

6 Analysis

- Binding is evaluated after A-scrambling, which targets an outer Spec,*v*P
- Embedded subjects can be merged as overt pronouns with inherent ϕ -features, or *pro*/PRO
- *pro* and PRO start out as a minimal pronoun lacking ϕ -features (Chomsky 1982, Kratzer 2009, Sundaresan & McFadden 2018)
- Control complementizers carry an (anti-)AUTHOR restriction

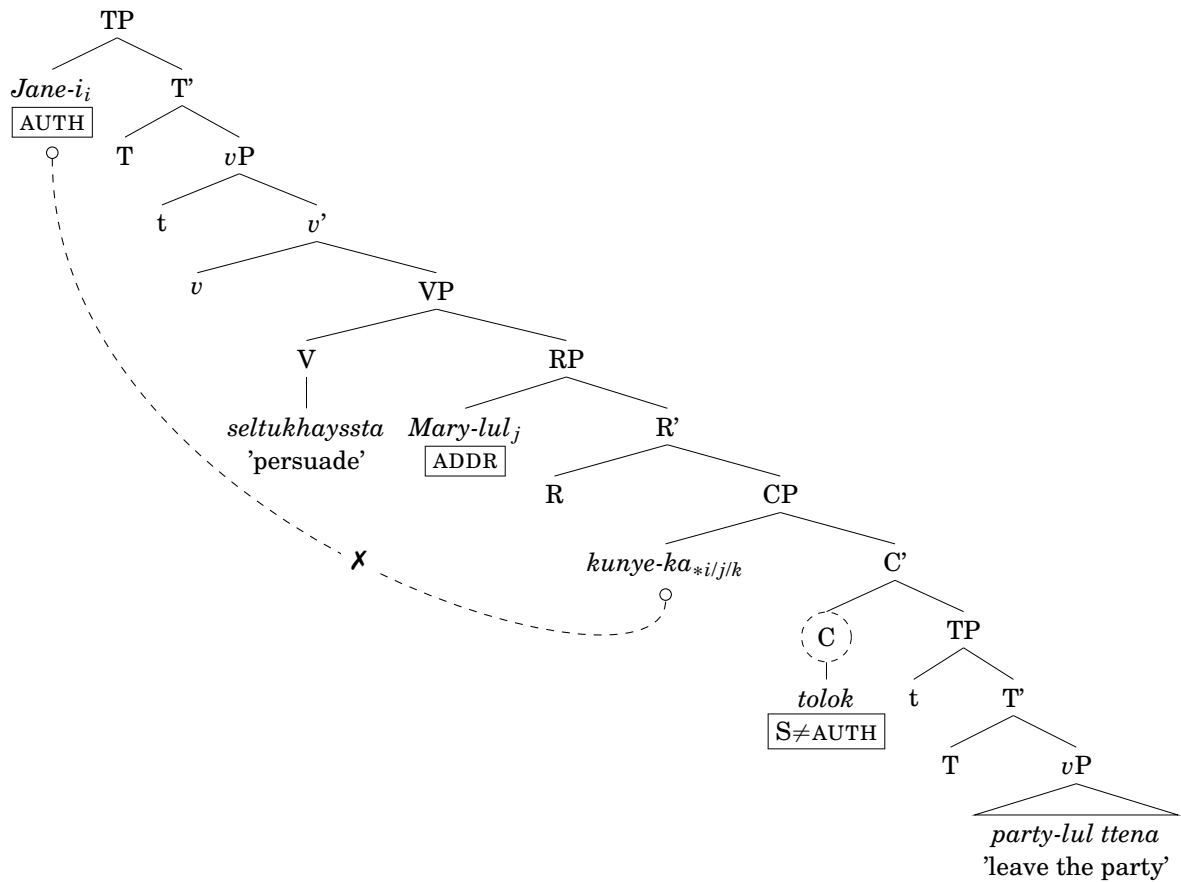
6.1 Object Control: OIS + base order

- (19) Jane- i_i ^{AUTH} Mary-lul j ^{ADDR} [kunye-ka_{*i/j/k}] ttena-tolok] seltukhayssta.
 Jane-NOM Mary-ACC she-NOM leave-C persuaded
 ‘Jane persuaded Mary to leave.’ *OIS, base order*

1. The embedded OIS is merged as an overt pronoun with inherent ϕ -features
2. Due to being referential and ϕ -valued, it cannot be controlled
3. *-tolok* prohibits coreference between the OIS and the matrix AUTHOR

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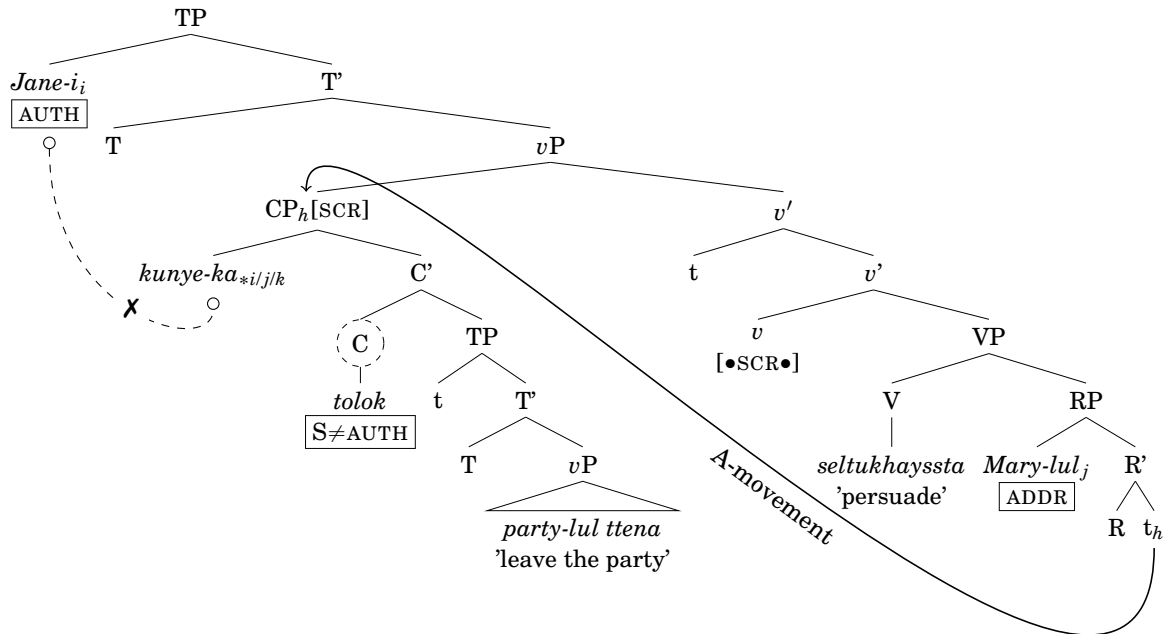
6.2 Object Control: OIS + scrambling

- (21) Jane- i_i^{AUTH} [kunye- $ka_{*i/j/k}$] ttena-tolok] $_h$ Mary-lul $_j^{\text{ADDR}}$ t_h seltukhayssta.
 Jane-NOM she-NOM leave-C Mary-ACC persuaded
 ‘Jane persuaded Mary to leave.’ *OIS + scrambled order*

1. The embedded OIS is merged as an overt pronoun with inherent ϕ -features
2. The complement CP A-scrambles to an outer [Spec,vP]
3. -tolok prohibits coreference of the OIS and the matrix AUTHOR

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6.3 Object Control: no OIS + base order

- (23) Jane- i_i^{AUTH} Mary-lul $_j^{\text{ADDR}}$ [$e_{*i/j/*k}$] ttena-tolok] seltukhayssta.
 Jane-NOM Mary-ACC leave-C persuaded
 ‘Jane persuaded Mary to leave.’

1. The embedded subject is merged as a minimal pronoun
2. When there is no scrambling, this minimal pronoun can, and therefore must be bound by the matrix ADDRESSEE - i.e. it is PRO, not *pro*
3. This explains why when there is no OIS and no scrambling, the embedded subject must be controlled

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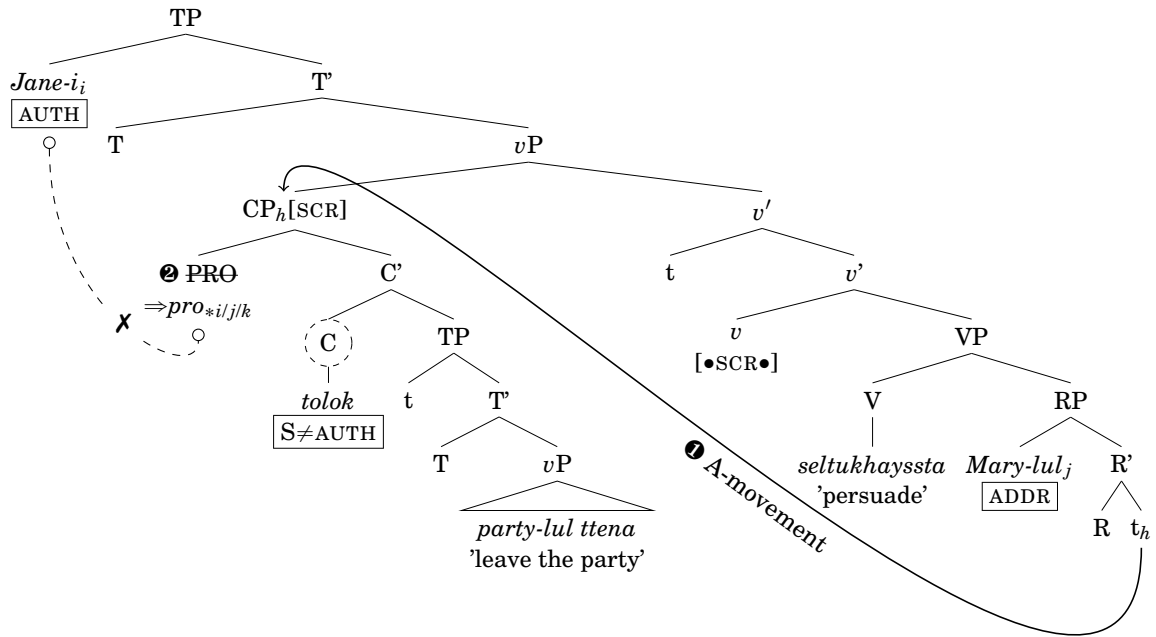
6.4 Object Control: no OIS + scrambling

- (24) Jane- i_i ^{AUTH} [$e_{*i/j/k}$] party-lul ttena-tolok]_h Mary-lul_j^{ADDR} t_h seltukhayssta.
 Jane-NOM party-ACC leave-C Mary-ACC persuade
 ‘Jane persuaded Mary to leave the party’ *scrambled order*

1. The embedded subject is merged as a minimal pronoun lacking inherent ϕ -features
2. The complement CP A-scrambles to an outer [Spec, v P]
3. After step ❶, there is no argument to bind this minimal pronoun
4. But because it must be bound, it is bound by a discourse participant instead
5. It cannot be PRO, and is effectively made it into *pro* (❷, as a repair strategy)
6. -tolok prohibits coreference with the matrix AUTHOR

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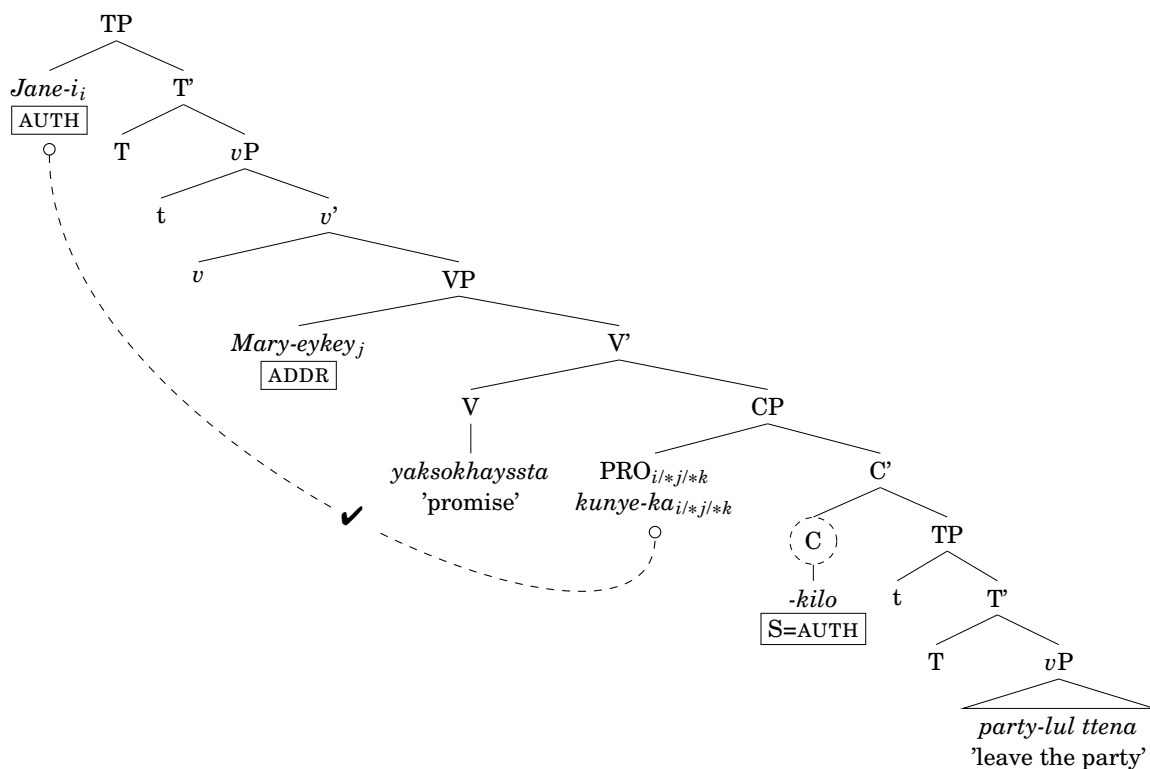
6.5 Subject control: (no) OIS

- (26) a. Jane- i_i ^{AUTH} Mary-eykey j ^{ADDR} [$e_{i/*j}$] ttena-**kilo**] yaksokhayssta
 Jane-NOM Mary-DAT leave-C promised
 ‘Jane promised Mary to leave.’ no OIS
- b. Jane- i_i ^{AUTH} Mary-eykey j ^{ADDR} [**kunye-ka** $i/*j$] ttena-**kilo**] yaksokhayssta
 Jane-NOM Mary-DAT she-NOM leave-C promised
 ‘Jane promised Mary to leave.’ OIS

1. The embedded subject is merged as a minimal pronoun lacking inherent ϕ -features, or an OIS with inherent ϕ -features
2. In any case, *-kilo* coerces this minimal pronoun / OIS into coreferring the matrix AUTHOR
3. This happens regardless of scrambling

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7 Conclusions

- We have shown that A-scrambling of the complement clause and OISs can bleed OC in object control
- Our approach is partly *lexical and partly* derivational
 - It is *lexical* in that two distinct elements may enter the derivation: minimal or free pronouns
 - It is *derivational* in that a minimal pronoun which fails to be bound ends up as *pro*
- The OC stability in subject control and the OC instability in object control stem from the distinct control complementizers, which encode an (anti-)AUTHOR restriction

Appendix

Open issue: *De se/te*

- Object OC is bled by scrambling, an OISs, or both
- When OC is bled, the embedded subject loses the obligatory *de se* reading
- Subject OC is always retained - the embedded subject must be read *de se*
- This leaves open the issue of why an OIS must be *de se* in subject, but not object control
- I.e. why does an OIS behave like PRO in subject control, but refer freely in object control?

A very speculative idea

- This must somehow be due to the positive AUTHOR restriction in subject control, but negative anti-AUTHOR restriction in object control
- One could assume that in subject control, the *de se* property is encoded directly on the complementizer *-kilo*
- By contrast, object control *-tolok* encodes it indirectly via the selectional requirement that a context coordinate be merged carrying the *de se* presupposition, which then binds a minimal pronoun / PRO
- So in subject control, any clausemate subject, whether covert or overt, must be *de se*
- But in object control, the context coordinate can only bind a minimal pronoun / PRO, but not a free pronoun due to its inherent ϕ -features

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