

back to PS: DP above NP—in fact, DP hypothesis. Tibetan evidence; more evidence coming up.

Bare PS

(s-)selection

EPP

Case Filter: all NPs need Case.

last time; passive. morphology, subject theta-role eliminated, object case eliminated. Contrasting right and wrong theories; wrong theory would do something to object theta-role, but we had arguments that that was wrong (ECM, resultatives, new ones today). Ergo, wrong theory is wrong (wrong theory=LFG).

### 3. A-movement #3: Unaccusatives

several kinds of intransitive verbs:

John ate/drank (a rutabaga/a Slurpee)

vs.

John opened the door

The door opened

Mary froze the popsicles

The popsicles froze

class #1 we could handle with our theory of selection, plus some optional theta-roles. But what about class #2?

what are you adding when you make these transitive? well, an agent. We're used to thinking of the transitive/intransitive distinction as having to do with whether you've got an object; but for these pairs it seems to be about whether you have a subject. So why isn't *the window / the popsicles* the object in the intransitive sentences? one possibility is that theta-roles can be assigned in different places. But another possibility, given all the movement to Spec TP we've been positing, is that these NPs are moving too; they're subjects because something has to be, not because they start where agents start.

And in fact some of our tests for passive work for unaccusatives, too:

the popsicles froze solid                      **resultatives**

\*John ate full

John shouted himself hoarse; 'fake' reflexive added

we laughed him off the stage: nonargument of verb

\*the snow melted the road slushy: nothing comparable with unaccusatives

**Japanese numeral quantifier float**  
**Hebrew possessor datives**

note that all intransitives are either unerg or unacc, not just alternating ones!

UTAH (Uniformity of Theta Assignment Hypothesis)

(consider entries for *eat*, *break*; we needed two entries for *break* before, but now we can get by with just one, with an optional argument)

Burzio's Generalization ("look! subject theta-role and object case seem to be connected."  
Pretty mysterious--sure would be nice to get it to follow from something)