The Prosody of Paths

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The goal of this talk is to articulate and defend an output-oriented phonological analysis of a restriction that is traditionally situated in the syntax: Path Containment (Pesetsky 1982).

By studying the optimal application of processes in the phrasal phonology of Mandar (AN), I will argue that the prosody must be leveraged in a transparent and surface-oriented way to reflect the paths of certain types of syntactic movements.

Our results will ultimately fit into the interface paradigm of Match Theory (Selkirk 2009), but they will seem at first blush to demand a deep rethinking of syntax-prosody mapping. So to start from the preliminaries:

- Prosodic Structure: (Nespor & Vogel 1986, Itô & Mester 1992, 2007)
 - Phonological strings are parsed into hierarchical constituent structures, built from abstract constituents along the prosodic hierarchy ($\sigma > FT > \omega > \phi > \iota$).
 - Prosodic structure is built in a parallel/global phonological evaluation, where it is subjected to ranked and violable output-oriented phonological constraints.
- Syntax-Prosody Mapping: (Selkirk 1984, 2009, Truckenbrodt 1999)
 - When phonological strings are produced with broad-focus/regular speech rate, we can identify a "default/optimal" pattern of prosodic phrasing by studying introspective judgments about the distribution of phonological processes.
 - This optimal pattern of phrasing is partially shaped by interface constraints that force the preservation of specific kinds of syntactic information.

My first goal today will be to argue for a new kind of interface constraint: WRAP(CHAIN). Our ultimate target here: to connect this constraint with independent output restrictions to explain a ban on crossing paths of movement in Mandar—which looks a bit like this:

(1) a. [outer WHAT SUBJECT] do you know [inner WHO] to talk to _____ about _____ ?
b. [inner WHO] do you know [outer WHAT SUBJECT] to talk to _____ about _____?

Map:

- 1. Background
- 2. Wrap(chain)
- 3. Path Containment

1. Background

Mandar is a language of the South Sulawesi subfamily, spoken by roughly 500,000 people in Central Indonesia. The basic word order is vso; the verb shows alternations in *voice*; pivots trigger absolutive agreement. Brodkin (to appear A) shows that vso strings \rightarrow xps.

(2) [voiceP Mam-baca a' yau buku]
 Av-read 1ABS 1SG book
 'I'm reading a book.'

The focus of this talk is the way that Mandar clauses are parsed into prosodic structures. This investigation begins from the building blocks of suprametrical prosody:

- Prosodic word (ω): regular penultimate stress in Mandar.
- Phonological phrase (ϕ): final H-tone in Mandar.

A complex DP:

(3) [_{DP/φ} búku tjennirrára mándar^H]
 book love spell mandar
 'A book of Mandar love spells'

In vso clauses, these diagnostics reveal the following parse:

the v forms a ω and a minimal $\phi,$ so does the s, and so does the o.

 $\{\phi \ \mathbf{S}_{\omega} \} \{\phi \ \mathbf{O}_{\omega} \}$ (4) {_φ v_{ω} } $\{\phi X_{\omega}, \phi\}$ } wúku^н nawát∫a^н imína^н diyéna?^н i pv.read 3ABS NAME book earlier 'Mina read the book earlier.'

What we're really interested in is a higher level of clause-internal prosodic constituency. Match Theory sets us up with some basic expectations: if all xPs $\rightarrow \phi$ s and some CPs $\rightarrow \iota$ s,



Clause-Internal Prosodic Organization

To detect higher structure, we'll rely on a classical methodology (Nespor & Vogel 1986):

- Prosodic constituents define the domains of application for segmental processes.
- Introspective judgments about these processes \rightarrow reveal higher-level constituency.

Between the	e v + o in v	ox string	gs:		(Brodkin to appear A,B):
1. Coales	CENCE:	/ai ae, ao a	$u/ \rightarrow [e, o]$		
(7)	{ _π v néte ^H na-itai Pv-seek 'She's loo	i ka i ka 3ABS so oking for t	O } and áo [∺] andao cythe che scythe in	$ \begin{cases} \pi & \mathbf{x} & \} \\ \text{di wang} \mathbf{\hat{a}} \mathbf{e}^{\text{H}} \\ \text{di bangae} \\ \text{in PLACE} \\ \text{n Banggae.'} \end{cases} $	
2. Glotta	AL DELETIO	N: interv	ocalic /ŋ ?/	ightarrow [Ø]	
(8)	{ _π v nakár os na-kara? ₽v-scrato 'She scra	⁴ i lus i ch 3ABS tched Ripa	о} irip áʔi^н iripaʔi NAME a'i in Rebata	$\begin{cases} \pi & \mathbf{x} \\ \text{di rewat} \mathbf{\dot{a}} \mathbf{?a} \\ \text{di rebata} \mathbf{?a} \\ \text{in PLACE} \\ \mathbf{a'a.'} \end{cases}$	} H
3. Voiced	STOP LENI	TION: int	ervocalic /b	$d d d g g / \rightarrow [w] j$	¥]
(9)	{ _π v nasáka ^н na-saka Pv-catch 'They cau	i i 3ABS ught the m	o } wal áo [∺] balao mouse nouse on tha	$\{\pi \ \mathbf{x} \}$ $\mathbf{d}0 \mathrm{állo}^{\mathrm{H}}$ $\mathbf{d}0 \mathrm{allo}$ $\mathbf{b}1$	{π x }
Between the	$\mathbf{v} \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{o} \mathbf{i}$	n vsox st	rings:		
(10) $\{\phi[MAX]\}$	V	s sources	0	$\left\{ \phi_{\left[MAX ight]} X \right\}$	}
	néte ^н i	iríp	\mathbf{e}^{H} walác	o ^H díoŋ ^H	
	na-itai i pv-seek 3	irip Babs nan	ari balao Ae mouse	e there	

'Ripa'i is looking for the mouse there.'

These processes = blocked at edges of the $\phi_{\text{[MAX]}}$ (Itô & Mester 2007, Brodkin to appear A)



2. Wh-Movement

Mandar has a process of wn-movement that raises wn-words into the left periphery.

- DP WH-movement only targets the pivot; affects voice + triggers loss of ABS AGR;
- DP wH-words always form ϕ s and are usually monosyllabic (Brodkin to appear B).

When wn-movement targets the o:

(13)	$\phi[\max]$	¥ WH _o	v	S	t_{o} }	$\{_{\phi[MAX]} X \}$
		n é nai who 'Who	na ^н túm e ^н na-tumae PV-propose did Ripa'i proj	irip á?i [∺] ripa?i NAME pose to	$\frac{t_{nai}}{t_{who}}$ there?'	díoŋ [¤] dioŋ there

Wн-movement affects the distribution of $\phi_{[MAX]}$ s when it crosses longer strings.

- When the *voice* contains four ω s, it is typically split up into two maximal ϕ s (14). (Brodkin to appear A: the maximum number of ω s in the Mandar $\phi_{[MAX]}$ is three.)
- When wH-movement targets the last word of a VSOD string: the parse changes (15).

(14)	$\{\phi[\max]\}$	V		S	$\big\} \big\{_{\phi[\max]} \mathbf{O}$	D	}	$\{\phi[MAX] X$	}
		natappá na-tapp Lv-wasł	ıs a ^н ĩ asaŋ i n for ЗАВS	irip á?i ∺ iripa?i NAME	báju [∺] bad3u shirt	γ úru ^н guru teache	r	dío [∺] dio there	
		'Ripa'i v ∗	washed a shir	t for the	teacher there.'				
(15)	$\{\phi[\max]$	WH_D	V	S	0	$t_{\scriptscriptstyle \mathrm{D}}$	}	$\{\phi_{MAX}\} X$	}
		n é nai who	na [∺] tappás a na-tappasan ⊥v-wash foi	^H ĩríp e ^I ŋ iripa î NAMI	^н w áju ^н ?i bad͡ʒu Ξ shirt	$\overline{t_{nai}}$ t_{who}		dío [∺] dio there	

'Who did Ripa'i wash a shirt for _____ there?'

Summary:

(16) a. Without WhM





A Change in Prosody

WH-movement always triggers the same pattern of prosodic restructuring in Mandar:

The path from a wH-word to its trace is parsed into a single ϕ .

This is distinct from the phonology of contrastive focus in the language (Appendix A).

Wн-movement in embedded clauses:

(17)	$\{\phi_{MAX}\}$		}	$\{\phi[max]$			}	$\{\phi[max]$	}
	néssa ^н	ĩ	irip á?i ^н	mwa?	nalatt∫ári [∺]	ĩ	y úru ^н	d̃ 3 ála [∺]	waláo ^н
	na-issaŋ	i	iripa?i	mua?	na-latt∫ari	i	guru	dzala	balao
	pv-know	3ABS	S NAME	С	LV-throw at	3ABS	teacher	net	mouse
	'Ripa'i k	nows	that the te	acher thr	ew a net at t	he mo	ouse.'		
(18)	$\{\phi[\max]\}$		}	$\phi[wax]$					}
	néssa ^н	ĩ	irip á?i ^н	n é	na ^н latt∫ári ^н	Y	y úru ^н	jála [∺]	·
	na-issaŋ	i	iripa?i	nai	na-latt∫ari	Ę	guru	dzala	t_{nai}
	pv-know	3ABS	S NAME	who	LV-throw at	; t	eacher	net	t_{who}
	'Ripa'i k	nows	who the te	acher th	rew a net at	;			

WH-movement from embedded clauses:

(19)	$\{\phi_{MAX}\}$	} {	ϕ [max]		}	$\{\phi[max]$	}
	nahár a ^н i	irip á?i ^н	g umóra [⊮]	' i	уúru ^н	djó 1	i ^н káttiŋ ^н
	na-hara? i	iripa?i	gumora	i	guru	dio d	li kattiŋ
	pv-hope Завs	NAME	scream	3abs	teacher	there i	n cafeteria
	'Ripa'i hopes t	hat the teache	er will scr	eam in	the cafet	eria.'	
(20)	{_{\phi[m_x]}}				}	$\{\phi[\max]$	}
	n é na [⊩] hára	а ^н iríp e ^н	γumóra⁵	I		d jó	.1i [∺] káttiŋ [∺]
	nai na-hara	? ripa?i	gumora		t _{nai}	dio	di kattiŋ
						(1	• • • •
	who pv-hope	e NAME	scream		t _{who}	there	in cateteria

Wн-movement of adjuncts:

(21)	$\{\phi[\text{max}]$						}
	рír а ^н	ĩ	natappás a ^н	ĩríp e ^н	w áju ^н	y úru ^н	
	piraŋ	i	na-tappasaŋ	iripa?i	badzu	guru	t_{pirag}
	when	3ae	s Lv-wash for	NAME	shirt	teacher	t_{when}
	ʻWhen	did	Ripa'i wash a sh	nirt for the	teacher	_?'	

The Wrapping Effect

We can summarize the basic pattern along the following lines:

- (22) a. In Mandar, the path of WH-movement must be parsed into a ϕ .
 - b. This requirement outranks the active weight constraints in Mandar (yielding ϕ s that exceed the regular limit of three ω s).
 - c. This requirement has no effect on material outside the path of movement (material before the wn-word + material after the trace).

What is the pressure behind this effect?

- NOT MARKEDNESS: WH-chains and traces = absent from output representations.
- NOT MATCH: triggers mismatches between syntactic + prosodic constituency.

(23)	$\{\phi[\max]\}$		$\left\{\phi_{\mathrm{[MAX]}}\right\}$		$\left\{ \phi \right\} \left\{ \phi \right\}$	x]	$\left\{ \phi_{[MAX]} \right\}$	}
	nahár na-ha ¤v-ho	a [∺] ĩ irip á?i ⁵ ra? i iripa?i pe 3abs name	^и mállj a ^н ĩ maŋ-alliaŋ i Av-buy for 3	irám iram BABS NAM	а ŋ ^н ánd aŋ and e foo	le ^H J ónor ^H le donor d donor	¹ di farrése di farrese at fundra	er ^H er aiser
	'Ripa'	i hopes that Ram	ang is buying f	food for d	lonors at	the fund	raiser.'	
(24)	$\{\substack{\phi[\max]\\ \dot{\mathbf{v}}}\}$			}	$\{\phi[\max]\}$	} -	$\{\phi[\max]\}$	}
	n é nai who	na ⁺ hár a ⁺ ĩríp e ⁺ na-hara? iripa? pv-hope NAME	mallí aŋ i maŋ-alliaŋ Av-buy for	t_{nai}	ánde [∺] ande food	Jónor [∺] donor donor	di farréser di farreser at fundrai	н ser
	ʻWho	does Ripa'i hope	e is buying	g food for	donors	at the fun	draiser?'	

Proposal: our effects boil down to a third category of 'interface constraints' that leverage output constituency to preserve specific information from the syntax.

(25) WRAP(WH-CHAIN, ϕ)

Let s be an input syntactic representation and P its corresponding output representation. For every wh-chain that crosses a set of elements c in s, the output correspondents of the wh-word and all elements in c must form a ϕ in P. Aov if not.

WRAP(CHAIN) is of a kind with the interface constraints that regulate:

- ADJUNCTION (Truckenbrodt 1999, Selkirk 2011, fn 38, Brodkin to appear A)
- С-Сомманд (Kalivoda 2018: systematic syntax-prosody mismatch in ditransitives)
- The WH-C⁰ relationships in Japanese (Ishihara 2002, Smith 2005; Richards 2010)

3. Path Containment

Our results raise a number of important questions on the "P" side of things:

- PHONOLOGY: how does WRAP(CHAIN) interact with output constraints (BINARITY)? Increasing the weight of fronted wH-phrases affects our patterns in complex ways.
- PRODUCTION: the surface prosody of natural speech can deviate from the optimal prosody that emerges from introspective judgments. What of WRAP(CHAIN) then?

But our results also open up the path toward a separate theoretical goal:

- If certain syntactic relationships are reinstantiated in output prosodic constituency,
- Then how many "restrictions on syntax" can be reduced to output-oriented effects?

Our final goal: to leverage WRAP(CHAIN) to build a completely output-oriented account of one restriction on syntactic displacement: a ban on crossing paths.

The issue:

(26)	a.	¥ Wн	↓ V QUANTIFIER	S	i o	D?
	b.	¥ Wн	¥ V QUANTIFIER	×	: 0	D?

Mandar has five adnominal quantifiers that follow their associated DPs in non-finite clauses: *nasang* "all," *le'ba*' "exactly," *tappa*' "only," *to'o* "too," and *tia* "even."

(27) Mau napelambi (sola-u nasang) digena', Though PV-visit friend-1GEN all earlier

'Though all my friends visited [-FIN] earlier,'

These quantifiers have no special influence on prosodic phrasing when they're adnominal. Adding a quantifier after a DP has the same effect as adding any other ω in that position.

(28)	$\{\phi[\max]\}$		}	$\{\phi[\max]\}$	}	$\{\phi[MAX]\}$
	mo	néte ^н	irip á?i ^н	gúru	násaŋ ⊓	állo sáttu [∺] ,
	mau	na-itai	iripa?i	guru	nasaŋ	allo sattu
	thougl	n pv-seek	NAME	teacher	r all	day saturday
	ʻThoug	gh Ripa'i	looked for	[-fin] all t	the teachers	on saturday,'
(29)	$\{\phi[\max]\}$		}	$\{\phi[\max]\}$	}	$\{\phi_{[MAX]}\}$
	mo	néte ^н	irip á?i ^н	gúru	maliŋ gáo ^н	állo sáttu ^н ,
	mau	na-itai	iripa?i	guru	maliŋgao	allo sattu
	thougl	n pv-seek	NAME	teacher	r tall	day saturday
	'Thoug	gh Ripa'i	looked for	-FIN] the	tall teachers	on saturday,

The Ban on Crossing Paths

In finite clauses, these quantifiers raise out of their associated nominals to adjoin to the v (forming minimal ϕ s with the v).

When *nasang* "all" raises out of the s:

(30) $\{\phi[MAX]\}$ } } $\{\phi[MAX]\}$ $\{\phi[MAX]\}$ nása^н ĩ **y**úru^н diyéna?^н nálljan **b**úku^н **J**óttor^H na-allian nasan i digena? guru t_{nasang} buku dottor LV-buy for all 3ABS teacher t_{all} earlier book doctor 'All the teachers bought [+FIN] books for the doctor earlier.'

Quantifier Movement also triggers the Wrapping Effect

(though the wrapping ϕ s are slightly misaligned).

When *nasang* "all" raises out of the D:

..... (31) $\{\phi[MAX]\}$ $\{\phi[MAX]\}$ nása^H ĩ wúku^H Jóttor^H diyéna?^H nálljan **y**úru^H na-allian nasan i guru buku dottor t_{nasang} digena? LV-buy for all 3ABS teacher book earlier doctor t_{all} 'The teacher bought [+FIN] books for all the doctors earlier.'

Quantifier Movement can occur within the path of WH-movement:

(32)	$\phi[M ax]$	 Ý			······ :	}	$\{\phi_{[MAX]}\}$
	né	na [∺] tappásal lé?ba ^н	iríp e ^н	sand ₂ úta ^н			tón djólo? ^н
	nai	na-tappasaŋ le?ba?	iripa?i	sandzuta	t _{le?ba?}	t _{nai}	tauŋ diolo?
	who	LV-wash for exactly	NAME	a million	$t_{exactly}$	t_{who}	year last
	ʻWho	did Ripa'i launder [+1	FIN] exac	tly \$1,000,00	<u>0</u> for	last _	year?'

But Quantifier Movement cannot cross the path of WH-movement:

(33) **nai** na-mat-tappasal **le'ba'** <u>sanjuta</u> iripa'i manini? who will-Av-wash for exactly t_{who} a million $t_{exactly}$ NAME later INTENDED: 'Who will launder [+FIN] exactly \$1,000,000 for Ripa'i later?'

Questions:

- (34) a. Why are nested paths ok?
 - b. Why are crossing paths banned?
 - c. How does the language rescue "crossing-path" derivations?

Path Containment in the Prosody

Part 1: on the view that these paths must always be wrapped by ϕ s in the surface prosody, the nested-path condition should receive the following parse:

(35)	$\{\phi[wh]\}$	$\{\phi[QM]\}$			}	$\phi[qm]$	$\phi[WH] \{\phi\}$
	¥		¥				
	Ne	nanatappasal	le'ba'	iRipa'i	sanjuta		manini?
	who	will launder fo	r exactly	NAME	a million t_{exac}	t_{who} t_{who}	later?
	ʻWh	o will Ripa'i laun	der exactly	y \$1,000,0	00 for later?'	-	

There's no explicit segmental evidence for the recursive deployment of the ϕ here (yet). But there are other cases where it seems like WRAP(CHAIN) is satisfied by non-maximal ϕ s: for instance, when WH-movement crosses exactly one word.

(36)	$\{\phi[\max]\}$	$\{\phi[\mathbf{W}\mathbf{H}]$			}		}	$\{\phi[\max]\}$	}
		né	na ^н málli ^н			л úра ^н		maníni ^H	
		nai	na-maŋ-alli	t_{nai}		dupa		manini	
		who	will-Av-buy	t_{who}		incense	е	later	
		ʻWho	will buy incen	ise late	er?'				

Result: nested paths should be alright if:

- (37) a. WRAP(CHAIN) always forces the construction of a ϕ , and
 - b. The ϕ can recurse (Itô & Mester 2007, 2009, Elfner 2012, 2015; Elordieta 2015)

Part 2: we then predict the following parse for the crossing-path condition:

(38)	$\{\phi[wh]\}$	$\{\phi[QM]\}$	$\phi[v]$	vH]	$\phi[QM]$	$\{\phi\}$	$\{\phi\}$
	Ý	Ý					
	*Ne	namattappasal le'ba'		sanjuta		iRipa'i	manini?
	who	will launder for exactly	t_{who}	a million t_{exac}	tly	NAME	later?
	Intei	NDED: 'Who will launder e	xactly \$	1,000,000 for Ri	pa'i la	ter?'	

This is a case where prosodic constituents intersect, violating a principle of constituency.

(39) *The Proper Bracketing Condition* (Principle II of Nespor & Vogel 1986)
"A unit of a given level of the hierarchy is exhaustively contained in the superordinate unit of which it is a part."

Result: we can rule out crossing paths with reference to output prosodic structure alone. There's no need to posit a system that rules out crossing paths of movement in the syntax (Appendix B: the correlation between wrapping effects + crossing constraints in Mandar)

4. Conclusions

Stepping back from the specifics, we arrive at three central conclusions.

First,	we	might extend a phonological ar	alysis to path cont	tainment effe	ects elsewhe	ere:
(40)	a.	\mathbf{v} $\{_{\phi_{\mathbf{WH}1}}$ What subject do you k	now $_{\phi_{ ext{wh2}}}$ who to	talk to $\{w_{F}}$	about	WH1?
	b.	\checkmark $\{_{\phi_{\mathrm{WH}1}}$ Who do you know $\{_{\phi_{\mathrm{WH}2}}\}$	what subject to	talk to}wr	about	$\}_{_{WH2}}?$

This would be a great coup for Minimalism—allowing for the elimination of linear order, PATHS, the PATH MODULE, and an irreducibly representational constraint from the syntax.

We may also already have the foundations of a case in English:

(41) a. { $_{\phi}$ I need **a**/***to** visit Sulawesi }. **b.** { $_{\phi}$ Who do you need t } { $_{\phi}$ **to**/***a** visit Sulawesi }?

Second, we might try to derive other restrictions on movement from output prosody. A phonological island effect:

(42)	a.	a. Wait, wait, tell me one more time								
	b.	{ı ;	}							
		What would you get sick [sɪk] if you ate <i>t</i> ?								
	c.	{ı ¥	}	{ι	}					
		*What would you get sick [si	k']	if you	ate t?					

Third, we should take seriously the possibility that many more types of movement—and perhaps many more syntactic relationships—are systematically reflected in output prosody.

- This conclusion fits together with the emerging recognition that prosodic phrasing is mobilized to reflect other syntactic relationships: adjunction, Japanese WH-C.
- This theoretical step, in turn, opens up a new world of research at the s-P interface:
 - on the identity of the relevant syntactic relationships,
 - on the cross-linguistic shape of their phonologization,
 - on their interaction with output-oriented pressures, and
 - on their manifestation in "production prosody."

Covert Movement

We can now turn to our last question: "how are crossing derivations really handled?" Answer: whenever Quantifier Movement would cross the path of WHM, it "fails to occur."

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(43)	$\{_{\phi[\max}\}$		••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	{ <i>φ</i> [MAX]		}	$\{\phi[Max]\}$
	né	na [∺] mattappásas		sandʒúta ^н	lé?ba ^н	iripá?i ^н	maníni ^н
	nai	na-maŋ-tappasaŋ	t _{nai}	sandzuta	le?ba?	iripa?i	manini
	who	will-Av-wash for	t_{who}	a million	exactly	NAME	later
	'Who	will launder [+FIN]	exactly \$1,	000,000 for F	Ripa'i later	?'	

At first blush, this looks like a crisis of modularity: Quantifier Movement must operate in the syntax, but syntactic operations should not interact with phonological constraints.

- Prosodic phrasing, especially, should be unavailable to the syntax (no cyclicity).
- So if Quantifier Movement really "fails to occur" in the context of crossing paths, we'd have to prohibit crossing in the syntax, with no reference to output prosody.

Key Observation: there's evidence that movement really does occur.

In the non-finite clauses that lack Quantifier Movement, quantifiers scope beneath NEG.

(44)	Mau	ndang	napelambi	sola-u	nasang,					
	Though	NEG	PV-visit	friend-1gen	ı all					
'Though all my friends didn't visit [-FIN], \rightarrow \checkmark Not > All, \checkmark All > N										
In finite clauses, Quantifier Movement opens up a second scopal possibility:										

				¥		
(45)	Ndan	g i	napelaml	oi nasas	sola-u,	
	NEG	3abs	pv-visit	all	friend-1gen t_{all}	
	'All my friends didn't visit [+FIN].'				\rightarrow \checkmark Not > All, \checkmark All > 1	Νот

The high-scope reading persists when Quantifier Movement is "blocked" by WH-movement:

	Ý		¥			
(46)	Nai na-sanga	ndang	map-pelambi		sola-na	nasang?
	who pv-think	NEG	AV-visit	t_{who}	friend-3gen	ı all
	'Who do they thin	k didn't vis	sit $[+FIN]$ all of their	r friends	?' \rightarrow \checkmark A	All > Not

Analysis: Quantifier Movement occurs in the syntax even when it crosses paths w/ whm. Movement creates copies, and phonology chooses which copies to realize (Bošković 2001). Pronouncing the lower copy of $QM \rightarrow$ an output-optimizing strategy to avoid crossing ϕ s.

(47) Who do they think **NEG** visited all who their friends all?

Result: output-oriented analysis of suspended movement-and the ban on Crossing Paths.

Appendix A: The Phonology of Focus

No work has been done on the phonetic manifestation of any kind of focus in Mandar. But our segmental diagnostics for the $\phi_{\text{[Max]}}$ reveal some phonological generalizations:

- Information focus ("whether or not an item has been mentioned in the discourse") has no effect on patterns of prosodic constituency. For a given phonological string, the broad-focus parse will be identical whether every constituent is new or given.
 (N.b.: Féry & Ishihara 2011 claim that information focus has only phonetic effects and does not affect prosodic constituency in German and Japanese, too.)
- 2. Contrastive focus ("identificational focus, narrow focus") has a phonology:
 - Contrastive foci must always be right-aligned in a $\phi_{\text{[MAX]}}$ (usually accomplished by changing the distribution of ϕ s, not by moving foci).
 - Contrastive foci must be right-aligned in the first $\phi_{\text{[MAX]}}$ in the ι (earlier $\phi_{\text{[MAX]}}$ boundaries are deleted, except in cases of 2nd-occurrence focus).
 - In the space after a contrastive focus, the usual pattern of phrasing emerges.

Examples:

(48)	$\{\phi[\max]\}$		}	$\{\phi$	b[max]			}	$\{\phi[\max]\}$	}
	néssa ⁺ na-issaŋ Pv-know	ĩ i 3abs	irip á?i [⊭] iripa?i NAME		mwa?n mua?n C L	alatt∫ári [¤] a-latt∫ari v-throw at	i i t 3abs	y úru guru teacher	d ͡ʒála¹ d͡ʒala net	^н waláo ^н balao mouse
	ʻRipa'i kr	iows	that the te	acł	her three	w a net at i	the m	ouse.'		
(49)	$\{\phi[\max]$	}	$\{\phi[\max]\}$	}	$\{\phi[\max]$			}	ϕ [max]] }
	naíssan na-issan Pv-know) ^н і і ЗА	iripá?i ⁿ iripa?i bs name		mwa'i mua'i c	? nalatt∫ári na-latt∫ar ⊥v-throw	^H i ii at 3A	үúru ^н guru вs teache	d͡ʒái d͡ʒai r net	la ^н waláo ^н la balao mouse
	'Ripa'i ки	۱OWS	that the te	eac	her thre	w a net at	the m	iouse'.		
(50)	$\{\phi[MAX]\}$								} {	φ[max] }

(ψ[MAA]							,	$(\psi[MAX])$
néssa ^н	ĩ	irípe ^н	mwa?	nalatt∫ári ^н	i	yúru ^н	jála [⊩]	baláo ^н
na-issaŋ	i	iripa?i	mua?	na-latt∫ari	i	guru	dzala	balao
pv-know	7 3ABS	S NAME	С	LV-throw at	3ABS	teacher	net	mouse

'Ripa'i knows that the teacher threw A NET at THE MOUSE.'

Appendix B: Toward a Typology of Movements

The real case for our analysis emerges from two further generalizations about movement. **First**: the remaining movements are parameterized for wrapping in Mandar.

1. Amount movement: the prenominal quantifiers *mai'di* 'a lot of' and *sicco'* 'a little of' move in finite clauses, affecting the voice morphology (!) and triggering wrapping:

(51)	$\{\phi_{MAX}\}$		}	$\{\phi_{\text{[MAX]}}\}$		} {	φ[мах] }
	mo i	mánde ^н у	wal áo ^н	mé?di	wátaí	?н	diyena? ^н ,
	mau 1	maŋ-ande l	balao	mai?di	bata?		digena?
	though A	Av-eat	mouse	a lot of	corn		earlier
	'Though	n the mous	e ate [-FI	n] a lot of c	orn ea	rlier,'	
(52)	{ _{<i>φ</i>[max¥}				}	$\{\phi[\max]\}$	}
	mé?di	nánde ^н	wálo ^н	wáta	а? ^н	diye	na? ^н
	mai?di	na-ande	balao	<i>t_{mai?di}</i> bata	?	dige	na?
	a lot of	pv-eat	mouse	$t_{a \ lot \ of} \ corn$	1	earli	er
	'The mo	ouse ate [+	FIN] a lot	of corn earl	ier,'		

2. Scrambling: definite arguments can scramble to the right, yielding orders like vos. Brodkin (to appear A) shows that (i) this is movement + (ii) scrambled DPS $\rightarrow \phi_{\text{[Max]}}$ s.

(53)	$\{\phi_{MAX}\}$			}	$\left\{ \phi_{[MAX]} \right\}$
	nasáka ^н	i		wal áo ^н	iripá?i ^н
	na-saka	i	t _{iripa?i}	balao	iripa?i
	PV-catch	3ABS	$s t_{\text{NAME}}$	mouse	NAME
	'Ripa'i cau	ight th	e mouse	2,	

3. Topicalization: referential XPs can be topicalized to the left. Brodkin (submitted) shows that (i) this is movement + (ii) topicalized XPs $\rightarrow \iota s$. (Test: nasal assimilation)

(54) { $\iota \quad \checkmark \quad }$ } { $\iota \quad \downarrow \quad }$ } { $\iota \quad \downarrow \quad }$ } itim búla $\mathbf{\eta}$,^H póle^H i iráma \mathbf{s}^{H} sola wenéna^H _____ itiŋ bula η pole i iramaŋ sola baine-na that month come 3ABS NAME with wife-3GEN 'That month, Ramang came with his wife.'

4. Pivot Raising: under specific prosodic circumstances, pivots must shift to a position that falls between auxiliaries and the verb. No wrapping effect.

(55)} $\{\phi[MAX]\}$ $\{\phi[MAX]\}$ irip**á?i**^н mánde állo^н рúra^н i i iripa?i man-ande allo pura finished 3ABS NAME Av-eat midday 'Ripa'i is finished having lunch.'

5. Pronoun Raising: unstressed pronouns move through a series of positions in finite clauses, ultimately ending up in 2P. No wrapping effect.

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(56)	$\{\phi[max]$		÷ }	$\{\phi[\max]\}$		}
	рúrа ^н	ma	jáu ⁿ	mánde ^н		jépa? ^н
	pura	ma?	iau	maŋ-and	e t _{iau}	dzepa?
	finishe	d pfv.1A	bs 1sg	Av-eat	t_{1SG}	tortilla
	ʻI'm do	ne eatin	g tortillas.'			

6. Preposition Raising: unstressed stranded prepositions move left in the *voice*P. No wrapping effect.

(57)	$\{\phi[MAX]\}$	}	$\{\phi[max]$			}
	nalátt∫ar i	iripá?i	báta? ^н	lo	ri jáli [∺]	
	na-latt∫ar i	iripa?i	bata?	lao	di iali	
	PV-throw 3AB	S NAME	corn	toward	to name	
	'Ripa'i threw the	corn at Ali.'				
(58)	ſ	: 1				}
(30)	ϕ [max]	ý j	$\phi[MAX]$:)
(50)	≀¢[мах] nalátt∫ar ^н i	ÿ } lao	irípe ^н	wáta	: ? ^H	J
(30)	^{tø[max]} nalátt∫ar ⁺ i na-latt∫ar i	∳} lao lao	irípe ^н iripa?	wátaí i bata?	$P^{H} \frac{1}{t_{lao}}$	J
(50)	¹ φ[MAX] nalátt∫ar ^H i na-latt∫ar i PV-throw 3AB	iao lao lao s toward	irípe ^н iripa? NAME	wátaí i bata? corn	$P^{H} \frac{\vdots}{t_{lao}} t_{toward}$	J

Second: the correlation is perfect between wrapping effects and crossing constraints.

- The movements that force wrapping → unable to cross paths with each other.
 (WH-movement, Focus-Fronting, Amount Movement, Quantifier Movement)
- The movements that don't force wrapping → can cross each other/everything else (Scrambling, Topicalization, Pivot Raising, Pronoun Raising, Preposition Raising)

(59)	Movement	Wrapped by ϕ ?	CROSSING CONSTRAINT?
	Wн-Movement	1	✓
	Quantifier Movement	\checkmark	✓
	Amount Movement	\checkmark	\checkmark
	Scrambling	×	×
	Topicalization	×	×
	Pivot Raising	×	×
	Pronoun Raising	×	×
	Preposition Raising	×	×

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