

# Khoekhoe participant $\phi$ -features: evidence from allomorphy & possession

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## How is the “person” category represented?

Today, I want to show you that Khoekhoe (Nama-Damara, Central Khoisan) “person” comprises **separate representations** in **distinct syntactic positions**.

## Pronouns as D elements

It has long been noticed that person-encoding elements (i.e. **pronouns**) are in complementary distribution with D elements:

- (1) a. neither of **us** professors is quitting (Postal 1966:(36f))  
 b. neither of the professors is quitting
- (2) \*[the **she** that I talked to] was nice (Abney 1987)
- (3) \*the **you** (Ritter 1995:(18a))
- (4) \*this **he** (Ritter 1995:(18b))

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## Pronouns as D elements

(5) Abney 1987's (304)

a. **possession**

\*[my she] has always been good to me

b. **adjectives**

\*[dependable them] are hard to find

c. **numerals/measure**

\*[two dozen us] signed the petition

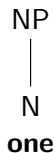
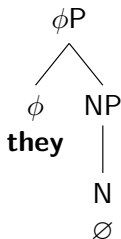
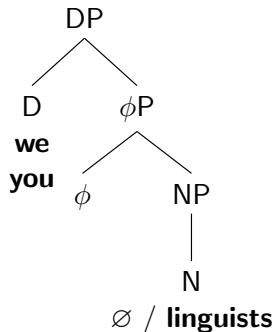


## Déchaine & Wiltschko 2002 proposed that pronouns come in three maximal syntactic sizes

(6) a. Pro-DP  
 argument only

b. Pro- $\phi$ P  
 argument or predicate

c. Pro-NP  
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## A compatible proposal: place “person” features on D

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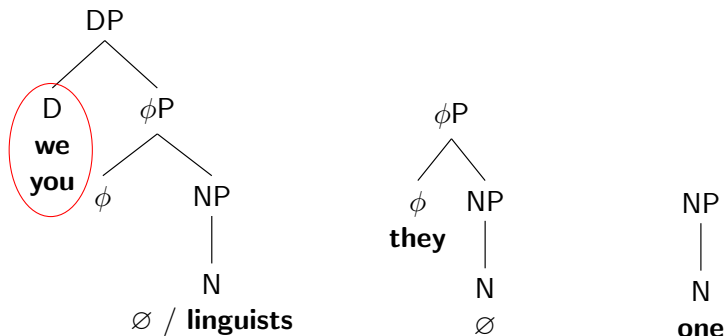
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“D is specified for person...” (Ritter 1995:405)

“person features are generated on the D head...” (Danon 2011:303)

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 \*[my she]
- b. **adjectives**  
 \*[dependable them]
- c. **numerals**  
 \*[two dozen us]

- (8) a. tíí sáá -ŋ|<sup>h</sup>ö -ts  
 my [2/ADDR] -friend -2.M.SG  
**my you-friend**
- b. ||<sup>ʔ</sup>í -ŋ|íísá -kú  
 3 -proud -3.M.PL  
**proud they**
- c. síí -hàkà -ké  
 [1EXCL/ADDR] -four -1.M.PL  
**four us**

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- Only 1st singular and 2nd singular possessive pronouns appear as their "person" morphemes alone
  - ⇒ Speaker and Addressee may come specified with a SINGULAR feature value, and so act as a phi-complete goal

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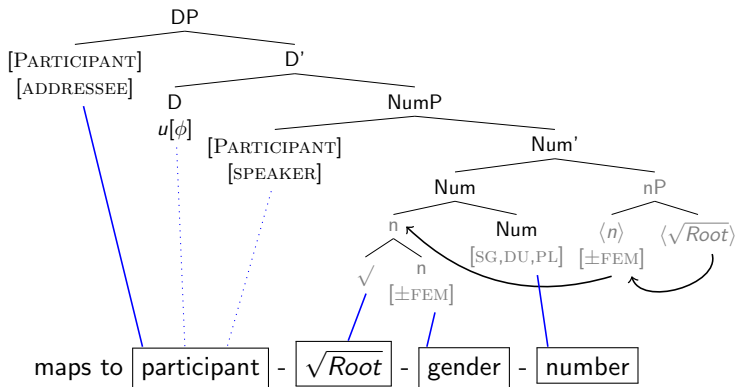
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- Though pronouns in all persons may be possessives, only 1st singular possessives can appear with their “person” morpheme
  - ⇒ SPEAKER in Spec-NumP
  - ⇒ 3rd person in D
  - ⇒ ADDRESSEE in Spec-DP

## Proposed internal structure for Khoekhoe (pro)nominals

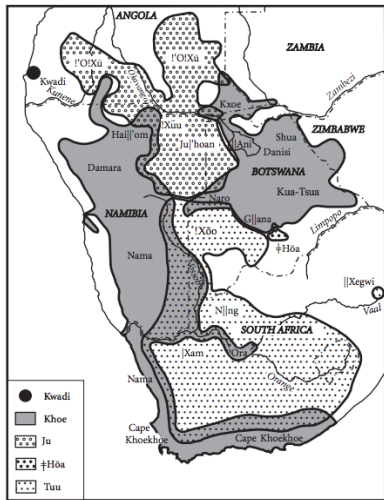
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# Roadmap

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# Khoekhoe is spoken in Namibia, Botswana, & South Africa



Originally included with two other families as “Khoisan.”

## Some notation:

- Clicks:

	dental
!	alveolar
‡	palatal
	lateral

- Lexical tone:

SL	super-low	ǀ
L	low	ǂ
H	high	ǃ
SH	super-high	Ǆ

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## Phi-featural distinctions

- gender
  - masculine
  - feminine
  - common\*
- number
  - singular
  - dual
  - plural
- person (incl. clusivity)
  - 1st exclusive
  - 1st inclusive
  - 2nd
  - 3rd
- full pronouns
- lexical nominals
- possessive pronouns
- subject clitics
- object clitics

## Full pronouns

# ↓	π ↓	Gender [PARTIC] → ↓	Masculine	Feminine	Common
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	Second	SPKR ADDR	sáǎ-ts	sáǎ-s	N/A
	Third	SPKR ADDR	ᵀᵀᵀᵀ-p / -í	ᵀᵀᵀᵀ-s	ᵀᵀᵀᵀ-ᵀᵀ
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	Second	SPKR ADDR	sáǎ-k <sup>h</sup> -ò	sáǎ-r-ò	sáǎ-r-ò
	Third	SPKR ADDR	ᵀᵀᵀᵀ-k <sup>h</sup> -à	ᵀᵀᵀᵀ-r-à	ᵀᵀᵀᵀ-r-à
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		SPKR ADDR I	sáǎ-k-é	sáǎ-s-é	sáǎ-t-à
	Second	SPKR ADDR	sáǎ-k-ó	sáǎ-s-ó	sáǎ-t-ù/t-ó
	Third	SPKR ADDR	ᵀᵀᵀᵀ-k-ú	ᵀᵀᵀᵀ-tì	ᵀᵀᵀᵀ-ᵀᵀ

## Khoekhoe has SOV word order

- (9) khòè-p ké rá !<sup>h</sup>óe  
 person-M.SG DECL PRS run  
 The (male) person is running
- (10) sáǎ-k<sup>h</sup>-ò ké ||<sup>ʔ</sup>i-p kò mù  
 2-M-DU DECL 3-M.SG PST see  
 You (two guys) saw him



## Argument nominals show gender distinctions

(9) khòè -p ké rá !<sup>h</sup>óe  
person -M.SG DECL PRS run  
The (male) person is running

(11) khòè -s ké rá !<sup>h</sup>óe  
person -F.SG DECL PRS run  
The (female) person is running

## Argument nominals show number distinctions

(9) khòè -p ké rá !<sup>h</sup>óe

person -M.SG DECL PRS run

The (male) person is running

(12) khòè -k<sup>h</sup> -à ké rá !<sup>h</sup>óe

person -M -DU DECL PRS run

The (two male) people are running

(13) khòè -k -ú ké rá !<sup>h</sup>óe

person -M -PL DECL PRS run

The (many male) people are running

## Lexical nominals and 3rd person pronouns

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| <p>(9) khòè -<b>p</b> ké rá !<sup>h</sup>óe<br/>         person -M.SG DECL PRS run<br/>         The (m) person is running</p>     | <p>(14)   <sup>ʔ</sup>í -<b>p</b> ké rá !<sup>h</sup>óe<br/>         3 -M.SG DECL PRS run<br/>         He is running</p>          |
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## Three “different” constructions with the same underlying structure

(17) ||ʔí -∅ -p ké ʔá ηɸíísá  
 3 -√*pron* -M.SG DECL COP proud  
 He is proud.

(18) ||ʔí -nàmǎ -p ké ʔá ηɸíísá  
 3 -√*Nama* -M.SG DECL COP proud  
 He, Nama, is proud.

(19) ∅ -nàmǎ -p ké ʔá ηɸíísá  
 3 -√*Nama* -M.SG DECL COP proud  
 The Nama is proud.

**Same underlying structure, same possible syntactic positions.**

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- (20) **tíí-∅-tǎ** ké ʔá ɲɛ́íísá  
 1- $\sqrt{\text{pron}}$ -SG DECL COP proud  
 I am proud
- (21) **tíí-nàmǎ-tǎ** ké ʔá ɲɛ́íísá  
 1- $\sqrt{\text{Nama}}$ -SG DECL COP proud  
 I, Nama, am proud
- (22) **∅-nàmǎ-tǎ** ké ʔá ɲɛ́íísá  
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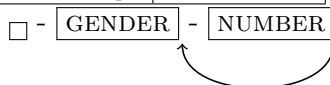
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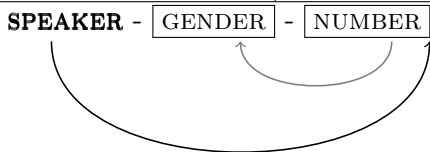
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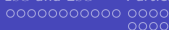
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## The nature of spell-out & the directionality of allomorphy

- Root-outward insertion (cyclicality)
- Insertion “uses up” those features (rewriting)
- Inward phonology can condition allomorphy
- **Outward features can condition allomorphy**

(Bobaljik 2000)

## PART ≫ NUM ≫ GENDER

Ex	Gender	Number	Person [participant]	Form
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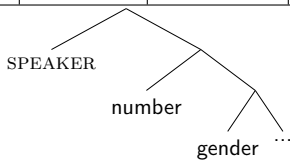


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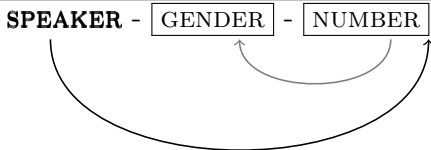
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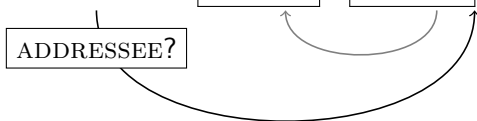
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# Overt participant exponence depends solely on ADDRESSEE

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(4)	masc	dual	1st incl [+spkr, +addr]	sáǎ - k <sup>h</sup> - ì
(5)	masc	dual	1st excl [+spkr, -addr]	<b>síí</b> - k <sup>h</sup> - ì

SPEAKER - GENDER - NUMBER





## Full pronouns: “person” morphemes highlighted

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	Second	SPKR ADDR	sáǎ-k-ó	sáǎ-s-ó	sáǎ-t-ù/t-ó
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## Possessors occur before an optional possessive marker in prenominal position

- (23) a. mütání-s      tìi    ŋ|<sup>h</sup>ö-p  
 Mutani-F.SG POSS friend-M.SG
- b. mütání-s      ŋ|<sup>h</sup>ö-p  
 Mutani-F.SG friend-M.SG  
 Mutani's (male) friend

## Nearly all possessive pronouns are identical to their full pronoun forms (3rd person singular)

(24) 3rd person, feminine singular possessor

- a. mütání-s (tìì) ŋ|h<sup>h</sup>ö-p  
 Mutani-F.SG (POSS) friend-M.SG  
 Mutani's (male) friend
- b. ||ʔí-s (tìì) ŋ|h<sup>h</sup>ö-p  
 3-F.SG (POSS) friend-M.SG  
 her (male) friend

Nearly all possessive pronouns are identical to their full pronoun forms and behave alike (1st plural, 2nd dual)

- (25) 1st person exclusive, feminine plural possessor

síí-s-é (tìì) ŋ|h<sup>h</sup>ò-p  
[1EXCL/ADR]-F-PL (POSS) friend-M.SG

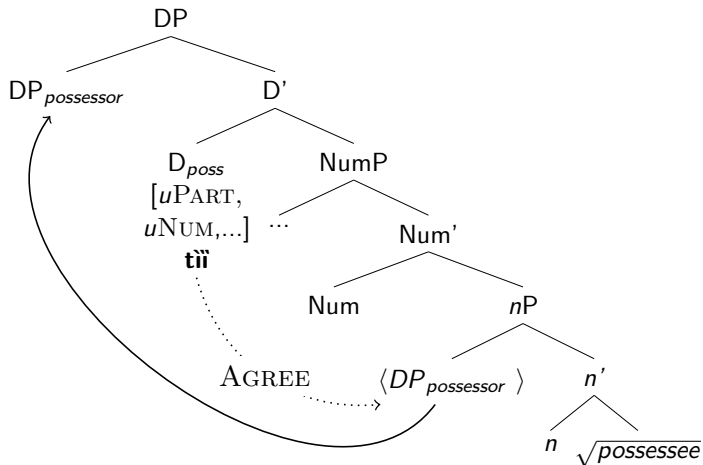
our (us ladies') (male) friend

- (26) 2nd person, feminine dual possessor

sáá-r-ò (tìì) ŋ|h<sup>h</sup>ò-p  
[2/ADR]-F-DU (POSS) friend-M.SG

your (you two ladies') (male) friend

# Possessive D probes for phi-valued goal, moving it to Spec-DP



But the full 1st person singular pronoun **cannot** appear as a possessive pronoun

- (27) \***tĩ-tǎ** ŋ|h<sup>h</sup>ö-p  
 1-1.SG friend-M.SG
- (28) \***tĩ-tǎ** tĩ ŋ|h<sup>h</sup>ö-p  
 1-1.SG D<sub>poss</sub> friend-M.SG  
 my friend



Only the “person” part of the 1st singular pronoun may appear

- (29) \*tíí-tǎ̃ η|h̃ö-p  
1-1.SG friend-M.SG
- (30) \*tíí-tǎ̃ tíì η|h̃ö-p  
1-1.SG D<sub>POSS</sub> friend-M.SG  
1.SG D<sub>POSS</sub> friend-M.SG
- (31) **tíí** η|h̃ö-p  
1.SG friend-M.SG  
my friend
- (32) **tíí** tíì ||ore-ñ  
1.SG D<sub>POSS</sub> sin-MIX.PL  
my sins

## Could **tii** spell-out the closest phi-complete goal?

- |      |   |  |
|------|---|--|
| (33) | * <b>tii</b> -tǎ η h <sup>h</sup> ö-p<br>1-1.SG friend-M.SG   | [PARTICIPANT]<br>                          |
| (34) | * <b>tii</b> -tǎ tii<br>1-1.SG D <sub>poss</sub><br>η h <sup>h</sup> ö-p<br>friend-M.SG<br>1.SG D <sub>poss</sub> friend-M.SG | [SPEAKER]<br> <br>[SINGULAR]<br><b>tii</b> |
| (35) | <b>tii</b> η h <sup>h</sup> ö-p<br>1.SG friend-M.SG<br>my friend  |  |
| (36) | <b>tii</b> tii   ore-ñ<br>1.SG D <sub>poss</sub> sin-MIX.PL<br>my sins  |  |

## The 2nd singular pronoun's ADDRESSEE-exponing "person" morpheme may appear as a possessive pronoun

- |      |   |  |
|------|---|--|
| (37) | ?sáǎ-ts      η h <sup>h</sup> ö-p<br>[2/ADDR]-M.SG friend-M.SG  | [PARTICIPANT]<br> <br>[ADDRESSEE]<br> <br>[SINGULAR] |
| (38) | sáǎ-ts      tìì<br>[2/ADDR]-M.SG D <sub>poss</sub><br>η h <sup>h</sup> ö-p<br>friend-M.SG   | [ADDRESSEE]<br> <br>[SINGULAR]                       |
| (39) | <b>sáǎ</b> η h <sup>h</sup> ö-p<br>[2/ADDR, <b>SG</b> ] friend-M.SG<br>your (sg) friend<br>*our (incl, du/pl) friend<br>*y'all's (du/pl) friend |  |

## But the **full** 2nd singular pronoun may also appear as a possessive pronoun

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|--|--|--|--|
| <p>(40) <b>sáá</b>-k-é (tìì)<br/>       [2/ADDR]-M-PL <i>D<sub>poss</sub></i><br/>       ŋ <sup>h</sup>ö-p<br/>       friend-M.SG<br/>       our (us guys') friend</p> | <p>(41) <b>sáá</b>-ts tìì<br/>       [2/ADDR]-M.SG <i>D<sub>poss</sub></i><br/>       ŋ <sup>h</sup>ö-p<br/>       friend-M.SG</p> | <p>(42) <b>sáá</b> ŋ <sup>h</sup>ö-p<br/>       [2/ADDR.<b>SG</b>] friend-M.SG<br/>       your (sg) friend<br/>       *our (incl, du/pl) friend<br/>       *y'all's (du/pl) friend</p> | <p>[PARTICIPANT]<br/>        <br/>       [ADDRESSEE]<br/>       —<br/>       [PART, ADDRESSEE] ↔ <b>sáá</b><br/>       —<br/>       [PARTICIPANT]<br/>        <br/>       [ADDRESSEE]<br/>        <br/>       [SINGULAR]</p> |
|--|--|--|--|

## Interim summary

- Both SPEAKER and ADDRESSEE features are needed (for allomorphy conditioning and for exponing)
- The 1st and 2nd singular forms appear to (require / be able to) bundle a SINGULAR feature with their PARTICIPANT features
- **But do speaker and addressee occupy the same syntactic node?**

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## Introducing adnominals

Recall that Root-containing pronouns as in (b) are happy in argument position:

(43) a. sáǎ -∅ -tù/tó  
 [2/ADDR] -√*pron* -MIX.PL  
 You (all) are proud.

b. sáǎ-nàmǎ-tù/tó  
 [2/ADDR]-√*Nama*-MIX.PL  
 You Namas are proud.

c. ∅-nàmǎ-tù/tó  
 [2/ADDR]-√*Nama*-MIX.PL  
 You Namas are proud.

(44) sáǎ -nàmǎ -t-ó ké kǎísè rá !<sup>h</sup>úa  
 [2/ADDR] -√*Nama* -MIX-PL DECL too.much PRS speak  
 You Namas talk a lot.



## Adnominals: Adjectives follow the “person” morpheme

We can modify those arguments with **adjectives**:

- (45) sáǎ -ɸ<sup>h</sup>úpíχǎ -nàmǎ -t-ó ké kǎísè rá  
 [2/ADDR] -**loud** -√*Nama* -MIX-PL DECL too.much PRS  
 !<sup>h</sup>úǎ  
 speak

You loud Namas talk a lot.

- (46) ||ʔ<sup>í</sup> -k<sup>h</sup>ǎ-ʔáǐ -nàmǎ -k-ú ké ʔá ɸǎǎ  
 3 -**smart** -√*Nama* -M-PL DECL COP know

They smart Namas know.

- (47) tíǐ ɲɸíísá -nàmǎ -tǎ ké ʔá ɸǎǎ  
 1.SG -**proud** -√*Nama* -SG DECL COP know

I, proud Nama, know.

...and “person” stays linearly first

## Adnominals: Numerals follow the “person” morpheme

We can modify those arguments with **numerals** and **adjectives**:

(48) sáǎ -hàkà - $\neq^h$ úpíχǎ -nàmǎ -t-ó ké  
 [2/ADDR] -**four** -**loud** - $\sqrt{Nama}$  -MIX-PL DECL

kǎísè rá !<sup>h</sup>úa  
 too.much PRS speak

You four loud Namas talk a lot.

(49) ||ʔí -ŋ!òná -k-ú ké ʔá  $\neq$ ǎń  
 3 -**three** -M-PL DECL COP know

They three know.

...and “person” stays linearly first

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## Khoekhoe demonstratives

- (50) ŋ||à / nè -nàmǎ-p ké rá !<sup>h</sup>óe  
 that / this -√*Nama*-M.SG DECL PRS run  
 That / this Nama is running
- (51) ||ʔ<sup>í</sup> -nàmǎ-p ké rá !<sup>h</sup>óe  
 3 -√*Nama*-M.SG DECL PRS run  
 He Nama is running

## Only the “3rd person” morpheme $\|\text{ʔ}^{\acute{c}}\text{i}\|$ cannot co-occur with demonstratives

(52)  $\eta\|\grave{a}$  /  $n\grave{e}$  - $\underline{n\grave{a}m\grave{a}-p}$  ké rá ! $^h\acute{o}e$   
 that / this - $\sqrt{Nama}$ -M.SG DECL PRS run

That / this Nama is running

(53)  $\|\text{ʔ}^{\acute{c}}\text{i}\|$  - $\underline{n\grave{a}m\grave{a}-p}$  ké rá ! $^h\acute{o}e$   
 3 - $\sqrt{Nama}$ -M.SG DECL PRS run

He Nama is running

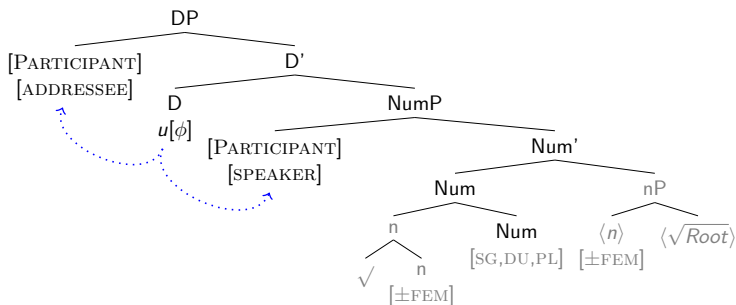
(54) \* $\|\text{ʔ}^{\acute{c}}\text{i}\|$  - $\eta\|\grave{a}$  - $\underline{n\grave{a}m\grave{a}-p}$  ké rá ! $^h\acute{o}e$   
 3 that - $\sqrt{Nama}$ -M.SG DECL PRS run

He that Nama is running

(55)  $s\acute{i}\acute{i}$  , - $n\grave{e}$  - $\underline{n\grave{a}m\grave{a}-k^h-\grave{m}}$  ké ʔá † $\acute{a}\acute{n}$   
 3 , that - $\sqrt{Nama}$ -M-DU DECL COP know

We these Namas know (not that other group of Namas)

# Co-occurrence restriction between $\|\overset{?}{i}$ and demonstratives suggests it is the spell-out of PARTICIPANT-less D



D [-PARTICIPANT]  $\leftrightarrow \|\overset{?}{i}$

D  $\leftrightarrow \emptyset$

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If possessive tìì is in D, overt ||ʔí on possesseees should be impossible...

(56) mùtání-s (tìì) ʔàrí-p  
 Mutani-F.SG (POSS) dog-M.SG  
 Mutani's (male) dog

(57) ||ʔí-ʔàrí-p  
 3-dog-M.SG  
 he (male) dog

If possessive *tìì* is in D, overt  $\|\text{?í}$  on possessee should be impossible...**and it is**

(58) *mùtání-s (tìì) ?àrí-p*  
 Mutani-F.SG (POSS) dog-M.SG  
 Mutani's (male) dog

(59)  $\|\text{?í-?àrí-p}$   
 3-dog-M.SG  
 he (male) dog

(60) \**mùtání-s (tìì)  $\|\text{?í-?àrí-p}$*   
 Mutani-F.SG (POSS) 3-dog-M.SG  
 Mutani's, he the dog

(61) \**tíí  $\|\text{?í-?àrí-p}$*   
 my 3-dog-M.SG  
 my he the dog

## More evidence: 1st and 2nd person participants can be possessed in Khoekhoe, too

- (62) 3rd person possessee

mùtání-s (tìì) ɲ|h<sup>h</sup>ö-k<sup>h</sup>à  
 Mutani-F.SG D<sub>POSS</sub> friend-M-DU(3)

Mutani's (two male) friends

- (63) 1st person possessee

mùtání-s (tìì) ɲ|h<sup>h</sup>ö-k<sup>h</sup>ì  
 Mutani-F.SG D<sub>POSS</sub> friend-M.DU(1)

we, Mutani's (two male) friends

- (64) 2nd person possessee

mùtání-s (tìì) ɲ|h<sup>h</sup>ö-k<sup>h</sup>ò  
 Mutani-F.SG D<sub>POSS</sub> friend-M.DU(2)

you, Mutani's (two male) friends

## A 1st singular possessee **can** be fully exponed

- a. ✓ ||ʔ<sup>ɰ</sup><sub>I-P</sub> [ ɲ|h<sup>h</sup>ö -tá ]...  
 his [ friend -1.SG ]...
- b. ✓ ||ʔ<sup>ɰ</sup><sub>I-P</sub> [ tíí -ɲ|h<sup>h</sup>ö -tá ]...  
 his [ 1.SG -friend -1.SG ]...
- c. ✓ ||ʔ<sup>ɰ</sup><sub>I-P</sub> tíì [ ɲ|h<sup>h</sup>ö -tá ]...  
 his D<sub>poss</sub> [ friend -1.SG ]...
- d. \* ||ʔ<sup>ɰ</sup><sub>I-P</sub> tíì [ tíí -ɲ|h<sup>h</sup>ö -tá ]...  
 his D<sub>poss</sub> [ 1.SG -friend -1.SG ]...  
 I, his friend, ...

...ɸáà =pi -tá ʔá  
 ...know =M.SG.OBJ -1.SG.SUBJ COP  
 ...know him

Whereas 1.SG tĩĩ can coexist with  $D_{POSS}$  and a possessor in its filled specifier, no other “person” morpheme can:

1EXCL

- a. ✓ ||ʔ<sup>h</sup><sub>1-P</sub> [ η|<sup>h</sup>ö -k<sup>h</sup>-m̄ ]...  
 his [ friend -M-DU ]...
- b. \* ||ʔ<sup>h</sup><sub>1-P</sub> [ sĩĩ η|<sup>h</sup>ö -k<sup>h</sup>-m̄ ]...  
 his [ [1, ADDR] friend -M-DU ]...
- c. ✓ ||ʔ<sup>h</sup><sub>1-P</sub> tĩĩ [ η|<sup>h</sup>ö -k<sup>h</sup>-m̄ ]...  
 his  $D_{POSS}$  [ friend -M-DU ]...
- d. \* ||ʔ<sup>h</sup><sub>1-P</sub> tĩĩ [ sĩĩ η|<sup>h</sup>ö -k<sup>h</sup>-m̄ ]...  
 his  $D_{POSS}$  [ [1, ADDR] friend -M-DU ]...  
 We, his friends, ...

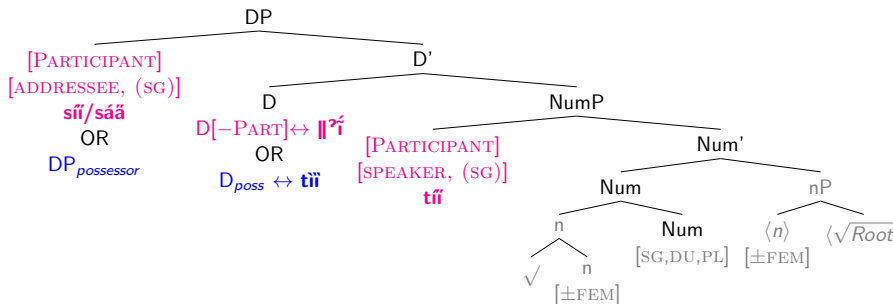
...ʔáàn =pi --k<sup>h</sup>-m̄ ʔá  
 ...know =M.SG.OBJ 1.SG.SUBJ COP  
 ...know him

Whereas 1.SG tíí can coexist with  $D_{POSS}$  and a possessor in its filled specifier, no other “person” morpheme can: 1INCL

- a. ✓ ||<sup>ʔ</sup>i-p [ η|h<sup>h</sup>ö -k<sup>h</sup>-m̄ ]...  
his [ friend -M-DU ]...
- b. \* ||<sup>ʔ</sup>i-p [ sáǎ η|h<sup>h</sup>ö -k<sup>h</sup>-m̄ ]...  
his [ [1I,ADDR] friend -M-DU ]...
- c. ✓ ||<sup>ʔ</sup>i-p tíí [ η|h<sup>h</sup>ö -k<sup>h</sup>-m̄ ]...  
his  $D_{POSS}$  [ friend -M-DU ]...
- d. \* ||<sup>ʔ</sup>i-p tíí [ sáǎ η|h<sup>h</sup>ö -k<sup>h</sup>-m̄ ]...  
his  $D_{POSS}$  [ [1I,ADDR] friend -M-DU ]...  
We, his friends, ...

...ǰáǎ̀ =pi --k<sup>h</sup>-m̄ ʔá  
...know =M.SG.OBJ 1.SG.SUBJ COP  
...know him

Possession structures, which fill D and its specifier, are incompatible with D[−PART] and ADDRESSEE in Spec-DP



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Separate ADDRESSEE and SPEAKER features have:

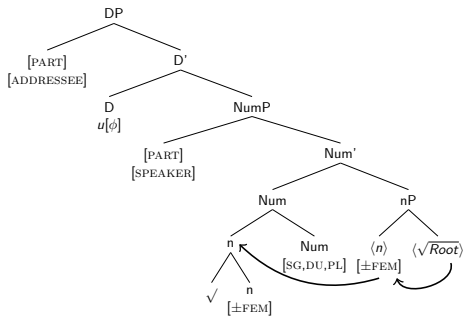
- Allowed us to capture contexts for number allomorphy - thanks to PARTICIPANT features in the representation
- Given clear spell-out targets for overt “person” morphemes síí and sáá

Placing ADDRESSEE in Spec-DP and SPEAKER in Spec-NumP has:

- Satisfied locality conditions for both number allomorphy conditioning, and 3rd person exponence
- Made both PARTICIPANT-bearing bundles accessible to a “3rd person” hosted in D, a story compatible with its distribution with demonstratives and possessors
- Explained their differential ability to be overtly expounded in possessive structures

## Wrapping up

- Lexical Roots, adnominals, possessives possible in all pronominals - due to articulated DP-internal structure...
- ...revealed by locality of allomorphy conditioning, and ordering / co-occurrence relations between DP-internal elements
- Participant features spread through Spec-NumP & Spec-DP; "person" exponed in D too



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## Dechaine & Wiltschko 2002 proposed that pronouns come in three maximal syntactic sizes

(1) a. Pro-DP

argument only

R-expression

b. Pro- $\phi$ iP

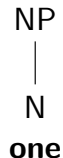
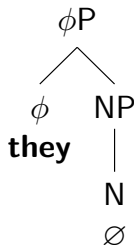
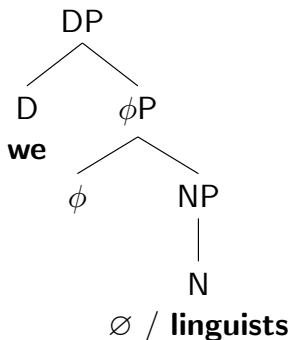
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c. Pro-NP

predicate only

constant



## Déchaine & Wiltschko 2002: the pronominal inventory of English: binding

	pro-DPs R-expressions	pro-phiPs variables	pro-NPs constants
Bound variable	*I <sub>i</sub> know that John saw me <sub>i</sub> , and Mary does too.	✓[Every candidate] <sub>i</sub> thinks that [he] <sub>i</sub> will win.	*[Everybody] <sub>i</sub> thinks [one] <sub>i</sub> is a genius.
Coreference (Cond C)	Why not *?... ✓I <sub>i</sub> think that John saw me <sub>i</sub>	✓[John] <sub>i</sub> thinks that [he] <sub>i</sub> will win.	*[Mary] <sub>i</sub> thinks [one] <sub>i</sub> is a genius.

- (65) ✓ *Mary<sub>i</sub>-ga [kanozyo<sub>i</sub>-ga tensai-da to] omotte-iru*  
 Mary-NOM she-NOM genius-COP COMP think-PRES  
 Mary<sub>i</sub> thinks that she<sub>i</sub> is a genius (Noguchi 1997:770,(2b)  
 = (23b), D&W 2002:418)

## Déchaine & Wiltschko 2002: English third person pronouns can occur in predicative position

(66) postcopular predicate position = (48), D&W 2002:425

- a. That's [*her*]<sub>pred</sub>.
- b. \*She's [*that*]<sub>pred</sub>.

(67) participation in word formation = (51), D&W 2002:426

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|---|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. .[<i>she</i>]-male</li> <li>.[<i>she</i>]-society</li> <li>.[<i>she</i>]-oak</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. .[<i>he</i>]-goat</li> <li>.a real [<i>he</i>]-man</li> <li>.[<i>him</i>]-bo (vs. bimbo)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c. The [<i>hes</i>] would quarrel and fight with the females. (Jonathan Swift)</li> </ul> |
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Déchaine & Wiltschko 2002: English pro-DPs (1st and 2nd person pronouns) “make an overt NP subconstituent available”

(68) Pro-phiPs preceding nouns = (32) D&W 2002:421

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|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| a. <i>we</i> linguists     | d. <i>us</i> linguists       |
| b. <i>you</i> linguists    | e. <i>you</i> linguists      |
| c. * <i>they</i> linguists | f. */? <i>them</i> linguists |

## An aside: clitics appear when Khoekhoe's basic word order is scrambled

(9) khòè -p ké rá !<sup>h</sup>óe  
 person -M.SG DECL PRS run  
 The (male) person is running

(11) khòè -s ké rá !<sup>h</sup>óe  
 person -F.SG DECL PRS run  
 The (female) person is running

## Clitics appear when Khoekhoe's basic word order is scrambled: subject clitics

(9') !<sup>h</sup>óe = p ké rá khòè -p -àà  
 run -M.SG.SBJ DECL PRS person -M.SG -OBL

The (male) person is RUNNING

(11') !<sup>h</sup>óe = s ké rá khòè -s -àà  
 run -F.SG.SBJ DECL PRS person -F.SG -OBL

The (female) person is RUNNING

## Clitics appear when Khoekhoe's basic word order is scrambled: object clitics

(10) sáǎ-k<sup>h</sup>-ò ké ||ʔí-p kò mù  
 2-M-DU DECL 3-M.SG PST see  
 You (two guys) saw him

(10') sáǎ-k<sup>h</sup>-ò ké kò mù -pí  
 2-M-DU DECL PST see -3.M.SG.OBJ  
 You (two guys) saw him

Having a Root-attached *n* bear gender has:

- allowed us to understand licensing restrictions between Roots and gender, minimizing superfluous lexical representations
- given an explanation for the partially regular, partially idiosyncratic (modifications to) meanings of gender-swapped inanimate nominals
- given an explanation for the gender imposed by nominalizations