Deriving a high absolutive

- Ergative DP and IO are assigned inherent case by Voice and App and remain in-situ within VoiceP.
- Absolutive DP is assigned structural case by T and raises to Spec,TP to satisfy [TP].
- Other evidence for high ABS: conditions on parasitic gap licensing.
- Previous proposals of high ABS.

Reciprocal binding is via c-command

- \( \text{ERG-ABS frame (2)} \)
- \( \text{ABS-IO-ABS frame (7)} \)

Main Claim

- Despite appearances, reciprocal binding is established via c-command.
- ABS-ERG, because West Circassian is syntactically ergative.

Reciprocal binding via \( c \)-command

1. In an ABS-IO frame, reciprocal marker replaces the absolutive marker.

Reciprocal ABS\( \rightarrow \)IO

2. In an ERG-IO-ABS frame, reciprocal marker replaces the applied object marker.

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Claim #2

- Reflexives are local subject oriented

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Reflexives are local subject oriented

- Problem: Reflexives behave as if of DPass, c-commnds DPass.
- Answer: High position of DPass is derived + reflexives may only be bound by non-derived subjects.

West Circassian reflexive \( \omega \):

1. cannot be used to mark co-reference between two non-subject arguments in an ERG-IO-ABS frame
2. Licenses the reflexive via feature [RELF].
3. Establishes identity between missing internal argument and external argument

Licensing reflexive \( \omega \) via Voice \( \Phi \)

- \( \Phi \) is a reflex of agreement with a semantically vacuous DP (without an index)
- Reflexive Voice:\( \omega \):
  1. Introduces the external argument
  2. Licenses the reflexive via feature [RELF]
  3. Establishes identity between missing internal argument and external argument

Implications

- Syntactic ergativity effects in anaphor binding necessitate a structural account

DP\( \text{ABS} \) is the surface subject of the clause: it c-commands all other arguments, including DP\( \text{ABS} \).