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# “The Head Final Filter in the syntax prosody interface”

The talk investigates the presence/absence of head final effects (HF-effects) in the verbal and nominal domain in English and German, illustrated in (2) and (3) below. I will argue that HF-effects are due to a weight-sensitive mapping between syntactic structure and prosodic structure and propose the condition in (1).

- (1) Weight condition: In a weight-sensitive phase, a specifier that constitutes a heavy syntactic phrase must be mapped onto a strong branch in prosodic structure
- A) HF-effects occur in the sentential domain in English, but are absent in the same domain in German
- (2)
  - a. John (more) often (\* than Peter) read the book
  - b. John (very) carefully read the book
  - c. \*John with care read the book
  - d. Hans hat öfter (als der Peter) das Buch gelesen  
John has more-often (than Peter) the book read
  - e. Hans hat das Buch (sehr) sorgfältig gelesen  
John has the book (very) carefully read
  - f. Hans hat das Buch mit großer Sorgfalt gelesen  
John has the book with great care read
- B) HF-effect occur in the nominal domain in both English and German
- (3)
  - a. a [AP proud] man
  - b. \* a [AP proud [of his children]] man
  - c. \*ein [stolzer auf seine Kinder] Mann  
a proud of his children man
  - d. weil er [stolz auf seine Kinder] ist  
since he proud of his children is

The core of the talk will be concerned with the issue of how a condition like (1) fits into general assumptions about the interface between syntax and prosody.

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