

Parasitic Scope

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The term *Parasitic Scope* (Barker 2007) describes a class of representations in which a scope taking node α is squeezed inbetween another node β and β 's nuclear scope. (1) exemplifies the constellation schematically in a transparent LF model (von Stechow 1993; Heim & Kratzer 1998). Assume that α ranges over denotations that combine with binary individual relations. Then, exportation of β and abstraction over its trace as in (1)b provides the context for movement of α inbetween β and the λ -binder of β , generating the Parasitic Scope signature (Sternefeld 1998; Nissenbaum 1998; Beck & Sauerland 2000; Bhatt & Takahashi 2007; Kennedy 2009; Lechner 2007/2012, a.m.o.):

- (1) a. $[\alpha_{\langle\langle e, \langle e, t \rangle \rangle, \langle e, \sigma \rangle \rangle} \dots \beta_e]$
b. $[\boxed{\beta_e} \dots [_{\langle e, t \rangle} \boxed{\lambda_{\beta}} \dots [\alpha_{\langle\langle e, \langle e, t \rangle \rangle, \langle e, \sigma \rangle \rangle} \dots t_{\beta, e}]]]$
c. $[_{\sigma} \boxed{\beta_e} [\alpha_{\langle\langle e, \langle e, t \rangle \rangle, \langle e, \sigma \rangle \rangle} [_{\langle e, \langle e, t \rangle \rangle} \lambda_{\alpha} [_{\langle e, t \rangle} \boxed{\lambda_{\beta}} \dots [t_{\alpha, e} \dots t_{\beta, e}]]]]]$

I will argue that essential conditions on Parasitic Scope formation are structural in nature and fall out from two fundamental principles of natural language syntax, Locality and The Strict Cycle. This perspective makes it possible to characterize a common analysis for such superficially distinct phenomena as reflexivization (Condition A of Binding Theory), restrictions on certain phrasal comparatives and asymmetries in the occurrence of *de re/de se* readings in different types of ECM-complements. The account will be seen to have important consequences for the conception of the syntax-semantics interface.

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