

# Morphological asymmetries by cyclic optimization: Hidatsa as an argument for Harmonic Layer Theory

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# The challenge in a nutshell

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	H-tone competition	Nonfinality?
Words (R+A)	leftmost	yes
	dominance	
Compounds	leftmost	yes
	rightmost	
Phrases	leftmost	no

## Roots and affixes

### H-tone competition: Roots and affixes

If multiple H-tones are present in a word, only the **leftmost** H-tone that is **not on the final mora of a root** is realized.

Some suffixes are **dominant** and cause a H-tone on a preceding syllable, overriding the LMost preference.

# Roots and affixes I

## (2) Affixes and $R_{NF}$ : Leftmost H-tone surfaces

a. buʔáàʔii  
 buʔéè-ø-íí

smoky-CONT-INTENS, 230

$R_{NF}$  -  $A_F$

b. nácaagic  
 ná-cáàgic

2.SG-mourn, 73

$A_F$  -  $R_{NF}$

c. abádaahaghaa  
 abádaa-hahgá-háà

chest-ABIL-ADV, 485

$R_{NF}$  -  $A_F$  -  $A_{NF}$

d. náreeʔiic  
 ná-néè-îî-c

2.ACT-go-HAB.SG-DECL, 173

$A_F$  -  $R_{NF}$  -  $A_{NF}$

## Roots and affixes II

### (3) Affixes and R<sub>F</sub>: Final root H-tone only if no other H-tone present

a. xiibaʔíí

xiibí-∅-íí

wrinkled-CONT-INTENS, 229

R<sub>F</sub> - A<sub>F</sub>

c. macééwa

macéé-wa

man-INDEF, 41

R<sub>F</sub> - ∅

b. maceeríwa

macéé-rí-wa

man-ERG-INDEF, 41

R<sub>F</sub> - A<sub>F</sub> - ∅

d. maréʔdhaaʔwa

ma-iréʔ-dhaa-ʔa-wa

1.POS-speak-NEG-PL-SIMULT, 537

∅ - R<sub>F</sub> - ∅ - ∅ - ∅

## Dominant suffix tones

(4) Momentaneous suffix /hi/: H on preceding mora

a. nuwiiráhic  
núwiiri-hi-c

twist-momentaneous-DECL, 42

R<sub>NF</sub> - AP - ∅

b. mahááhiwic  
ma-héè-hi-wi-c

1.ACT-do-momentaneous-1.FUT-DECL, 191

∅ - R<sub>NF</sub> - AP - ∅ - ∅

c. naraaháhi?  
ná-néè-hi-?

2.ACT-go-momentaneous-Q, 191

A<sub>F</sub> - R<sub>NF</sub> - AP - ∅

d. oocihgiwááhiwiha?c  
óòcihgee-waa-hi-wihi-?-c

rest-1.CAUS.DIR-MOM-1.FUT.PL-PL-DECL, 194

R<sub>NF</sub> - ∅ - AP - ∅ - ∅



# Compounds

## Tone competition: Compounds

The **leftmost non-final** H-tone is realized.

If all H-tones are final, the **rightmost** one is realized.

## 2-member-compounds

(5)

- a. úùwihsi  
 úùwi + íhsi  
 clay + container, 316  
 R<sub>NF</sub> R<sub>NF</sub>
- b. céésiihsa  
 céésa + iihsá  
 wolf + his.tooth, 316  
 R<sub>NF</sub> R<sub>NF</sub>
- c. miriwáàhdii  
 mirí + máàhdii  
 water + vehicle, 40  
 R<sub>F</sub> R<sub>NF</sub>
- d. naxbichaadí  
 naxbichí + aadí  
 bear + his.house, 317  
 R<sub>F</sub> R<sub>F</sub>

## 3-member-compounds

(6)

a. icúùwasgiidihsi

icúùwasga + iidá + íhsi

horse + his.face + container, 316

[R<sub>NF</sub> [R<sub>F</sub> R<sub>NF</sub>]]

b. abahobinuxbáàga

abá + hobí + nuxbáàga

node + hole + people, 40

[[R<sub>F</sub> R<sub>F</sub>] R<sub>NF</sub>]

c. dahu?ihgíhsi?aasis

dahú + ihgá + íhsi

thunder + egg + container, 316

[R<sub>F</sub> [R<sub>F</sub> R<sub>NF</sub>]]

d. miraxubaa?ihbú

mirá + xubáá + ihbú

tree + sacred.tip, 40

[[R<sub>F</sub> R<sub>F</sub>] R<sub>F</sub>]

# Phrases

## Tone competition: Phrases

Only the **leftmost** word surfaces with its tone.

## Phrases

(7)

mihcagí(i)hdaa	awawáàga	waaragic
m-íhcagidaa	maa-waáàgi-ø	maa-naagí-c
1-PRO	1.ACT-sit.down-CONT	1.ACT-sit-DECL
'I'm sitting by myself', 46		

{ Wd<sub>NF</sub> }{ Wd<sub>F</sub> }

(8)

{irúgsidi}	{îiwagicheedhahaaba}	{iiwahgasaarí	aabi-hiwaa-c}
{irúgsidi}	{îiwagichee-dhaa-háà-aba}	{ii-maa-hgi-asaarí	áàbi-hiwaa-c}
meat	distribute-NEG-ADV-COLLECTIVE	INST-1.ACT-GI-steal	with-1.CAUS.DIR-DECL
'Before they passed the mat around I snuck some off', 45			

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### And the behaviour of the AH-suffixes?

They contain a **suffixed floating  $H_3$**  that always wins the competition since it is super-strong. It always associates to the final mora of the **adjacent morpheme edge**.

## 2.2. HLT account: The nonfinality effect for roots

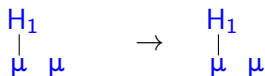
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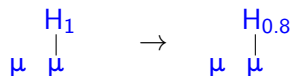
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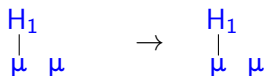


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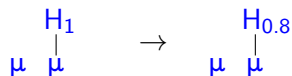
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  - MaxH: Assign -x violation for every input H<sub>x</sub> corresponding to output H<sub>0</sub>. (W=1000)
  - Id<sub>A</sub>: For every input output pair H<sub>x</sub>-H<sub>y</sub><sub>≠0</sub>: Assign -(x-y) violations. (W=1)
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## Final H-tone decay: L1 root optimization

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L1: $\begin{array}{c} H_1 \\   \\ \mu \quad \mu \end{array}$	$Id_A^{>0.2}$	MaxH	NFin <sub>H</sub>	$Id_A$	
	$\infty$	1000	12	1	
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## Final H-tone decay: L1 root optimization

(11)

L1: $\begin{array}{c} H_1 \\   \\ \mu \quad \mu \end{array}$	$Id_A^{>0.2}$	MaxH	NFin <sub>H</sub>	$Id_A$	
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(14) L1,  $R_{NF}$ :  $\mu^{H1} \mu \rightarrow \mu^{H1} \mu$

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	1000	12	10	1	
a. $\begin{array}{c} H_1 \\   \\ \mu \end{array} \mu \quad \begin{array}{c} H_0 \\   \\ \mu \end{array} \mu$	-1				-1000
b. $\begin{array}{c} H_0 \\   \\ \mu \end{array} \mu \quad \begin{array}{c} H_1 \\   \\ \mu \end{array} \mu$	-1		-1		-1010



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		1000	12	10	1	
a.	$\mu \mu^{H0.8} \mu \mu^{H0}$	-1				-1000
b.	$\mu \mu^{H0} \mu \mu^{H1}$	-0.8		-1		-810

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b. $\begin{array}{c} H_0 \quad H_1 \\ \mu \quad \mu \quad \mu \end{array}$	-0.8	-1	-1		-822
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→ decay for a final affix tone: doesn't influence MaxH's preference

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## 2.3. HLT account: Compounding

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## Directionality reversal for $R_F$ - $R_F$ -compounds

### Suffixed floating tone: compound marker $/-H_1/$

- added at L2 – after roots were already optimized at L1
- will lose against every  $R_{NF}$  due to LMost
- but the compound marker will win against weakened  $H_{0.8}$  ( $=R_F$ )

Suffixed compound-H<sub>1</sub>: loses competition against another H<sub>1</sub>

(18)

L1, R<sub>F</sub>:  $\mu \mu^{H_1} \rightarrow \mu \mu^{H_{0.8}}$   
 L1, R<sub>NF</sub>:  $\mu^{H_1} \mu \rightarrow \mu^{H_1} \mu$

L2: $\mu \mu^{H_{0.8}} \mu \mu^{H_1} H_1$	MaxH	NFinH	DepTS	LMost	MCont	
	1000	12	11	10	10	
a. $\mu \mu^{H_{0.8}} \mu \mu^{H_0} H_0$	-2					-2000
b. $\mu \mu^{H_0} \mu \mu^{H_1} H_0$	-1.8			-1		-1810
c. $\mu \mu^{H_0} \mu \mu^{H_0} H_1$	-1.8			-2	-1	-1830

Suffixed compound-H<sub>1</sub>: wins competition against only H<sub>0.8</sub>

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L2: $\mu \mu^{H0.8} \quad \mu \mu^{H0.8} \quad H_1$	MaxH	NFinH	DepTS	LMost	MCont	
	1000	12	11	10	10	
a. $\mu \mu^{H0.8} \quad \mu \mu^{H_0} \quad H_0$	-1.8					-1800
b. $\mu \mu^{H_0} \quad \mu \mu^{H0.6} \quad H_0$	-1.8	-0.6		-1		-1817.2
c. $\mu \mu^{H_0} \quad \mu \mu^{H_0} \quad H_0.8$	-1.6	-0.8		-2		-1629.6

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→ apparent RMost is another competing H-tone

## 2.4. HLT account: No nonfinality at the phrase level

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- associates to the closest TBU that was underlyingly associated to a H:  
**position overwriting**
  - predicted since (20-a) has a higher weight than (20-b)

(20) DepTS: Assign -1 violation for every new association line between a tone and a TBU if this association line is the only one linking this TBU to a tone. (W=11) (cf. Tranel (1995))

(21) MCont: Assign -x violations for every tone T<sub>x</sub> with morphological colour C that is associated to a mora  $\mu$  if  $\mu$  is preceded and followed by moras of a different morphological colour D. (W=10)

# Prefixed phrasal boundary $H_1$ always overwrites closest H

(22)

L1, $R_F$ :	$\mu \mu^{H1}$	$\rightarrow$	$\mu \mu^{H0.8}$
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L3:	$H_1$	$H_{0.6}$	$H_1$	MaxH	NFinH	DepTS	LMost	MCont
	$\mu$	$\mu$	$\mu$	1000	12	11	10	10
a.	$H_1$	$H_0$	$H_0$	-1.6		-1		-1611
b.	$H_1$	$H_0$	$H_0$	-1.6			-1	-1610
c.	$H_0$	$H_0$	$H_1$	-1.6			-2	-1620

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	$\mu \mu$	$\mu \mu$	$\mu \mu$	1000	12	11	10	10
a.	$H_1$	$H_0$	$H_0$	-1.6		-1		-1611
b.	$H_1$	$H_0$	$H_0$	-1.6				-1
c.	$H_0$	$H_0$	$H_1$	-1.6			-2	-1620

## 2.5. HLT account: And other floating tones?

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L2: $\begin{array}{c} H_1 \\   \\ \mu \end{array} \mu \quad H_3 \quad \mu$	MaxH	NFinH	DepTS	LMost	MCont	
a. $\begin{array}{c} H_1 \\   \\ \mu \end{array} \mu \quad \mu \quad H_0$	-3					-3000
b. $\begin{array}{c} H_0 \\   \\ \mu \end{array} \mu \quad \mu \quad H_3 \quad \mu$	-1		-1	-1		-1021
c. $\begin{array}{c} H_0 \\   \\ \mu \end{array} \mu \quad \mu \quad H_3 \quad \mu$	-1			-1	-3	-1040

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(25) Hidatsa: Attested floating tones

	H <sub>1</sub>	H <sub>3</sub>
suffixed	<b>compound marker, L2</b>	vocative, <b>momentaneous, L2</b>
prefixed	<b>phrasal H%, L3</b>	2.poss, L2

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## Hidatsa tone

- a **single H-toned mora** in each word that can occur in any position
- referred to as ‘accent’ in the literature
- the ‘accented’ mora and all preceding ones: realized with a high pitch; all others with a low pitch (26)

(26) Contrastive accent (Park, 2012, 34)

HH	mahgú	‘to dwell’	HL	máhgu	‘cottonwood’
HHH	arawí	‘to notice sth.’	HHL	aráwi	‘to be bitter’
HHL	aghíri	‘be lucky’	HLL	ághiri	‘be tame’
HHHH	araghabí	‘to walk on paws or claws’	HHHL	arahgábi	‘to scratch sth. with paws or toenails’

## H-assigning prefixes

(27) 2.poss prefix /n<sup>H</sup>-/: stem-initial H (Park, 2012, 344)

3.poss	1.poss	2.poss	
áàci	máàci	náàci	'breasts'
aasí	maasí	náàsi	'horn'
ahgúxi	mahgúxi	náhgúxi	'ear'
iicagí	miicagí	nîicagi	'cane'

AP - R<sub>NF</sub>

## Floating tones: Final constraint

(28)  $H > \mu$ : For every input  $H_x$  that is not associated to a  $TBU_{y \neq 0}$  in the output: Assign -x violation. ( $W=2000$ )

- in the following: as soon as H is not associated, it has 0-activity