# Alignment in the Andic Languages:

# Towards a Definition of Transitivity in Zilo Andi

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### 0. Introduction

## o.1. Perilinguistic data

- Russian Federation > Republic of Dagestan (Caucasus) > Botlikh district
- Nakh-Dagestanian (East-Caucasian) > Dagestanian > Avar-Andic-Tsezic > Andic (8~10 languages) > Andi (~ 9 dialects) > Zilo dialect
- ~ 20,000 Andi speakers trilingual in Avar and Russian threatened language (Simons & Fennig 2018)
- Grammar sketches Andi dial.: Dirr (1906), Cercvadze (1965), Rikwani: Sulejmanov (1957), Gagatl: Salimov (1968). Hardly any syntax. Zilo: in progress. No dictionary

## o.2. Overview of morphosyntax

- Ergative/P- alignment (c.f. Creissels 2014)
- Syntactic roles indicated through **case marking** and, in many verbs, **agreement** in gender-number (only with nominative argument)
- Intransitive construction:  $V{S_{NOM}}$ 
  - (1)  $\chi$ adizati j-uk:-u

    Khadizhat[F][NOM] F-fall-AOR

    'Khadizhat fell down.'
- Basic Transitive Construction:  $V{A_{ERG}, P_{NOM}}$ 
  - (2)  $q\chi'urban-di$   $\chi''ammi$  b-itf:-ij.Qurban-ERG fish[AN][NOM] AN-catch-PF
    'Qurban caught a fish.'
- Any argument retrievable by context is omissible
- No overt valency-decreasing derivation
- Productive synthetic causative (ex. 3)

(3) a. kasar ts'at-o. paper[INAN2][NOM] burn-AOR 'The paper burnt.'

b. den-ni kaʁar ts'at-od-i
I-ERG paper[INAN2][NOM] burn-CAUS-AOR
'I burnt the paper.'

- 2 equipollent denominal derivations: inchoative (ex. 4a) vs. factitive (ex. 4b)
  - (4) a.  $\int i\tilde{w}$  ts:'ik':u-\frac{1}{2}-ij.

    milk[INAN2][NOM] sour-\frac{INCH}{INCH}-PF

    'The milk turned sour.'

b. milir-di  $fi\tilde{w}$  tsrik'ru-jd-ij. sun-ERG  $milk[INAN_2][NOM]$  sour-FCT-PF 'The sun soured the milk.'

# o.3. Methodology and data

#### AIMS:

- o Draw map of Zilo bivalent verbs
- o Analyze Zilo data within framework of transitivity
- o Propose interpretation of data more relevant than common theory on lability, as recommended by Creissels (2014)
- Show how Zilo data can contribute to better understanding of transitivity cross-linguistically
- Present hitherto unknown data from one of the least described branches of the Dagestanian languages
- <u>METHOD:</u> builds on Gérardin (2016) for Georgian (non-related Caucasian language):
  - Rigorously separate levels of linguistic study (morphology, syntax, semantics and pragmatics)
  - Record all primary verbs and submit them to different types of tests in order to determine their relation to the transitive prototype (ex. 2) (cf. Næss 2007; Hopper & Thompson 1980)
  - o Establish transitivity scale
- DATA: all from personal fieldwork (Apr/Aug 2017-Aug 2018)<sup>1</sup>

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# 1. $1^{st}$ transitivity test: compatibility with $A_{ERG}$

- <u>Purpose</u>: determine degree of transitivity of verb based on its compatibility with an A<sub>erg</sub> in underived form
- MATERIAL: Database of 318 verbs elicited from Russian to Andi with one basic sample sentence
- lacktriangle PROCESS: check possibility for each verb to be used with & without an  $A_{ERG}$  in underived form
  - o Sample construction  $V{S_{NOM}}$   $\bigoplus A_{ERG} = {}^{OK} \text{ or } *?$
  - o Sample construction  $V\{P_{NOM}, A_{ERG}\}$   $\Theta$   $A_{ERG}$  = OK or \*?
- EXAMPLES:
  - (5) a. *k'epi r-uk:-u*.

    jug[INAN<sub>2</sub>][NOM] INAN<sub>2</sub>-fall-AOR

    'The jug fell down.'
    - b. \*pat'imati-di k'epi r-uk:-u.

      Patimat-ERG jug[INAN2][NOM] INAN2-fall-AOR

      # 'Patimat dropped the jug.'
    - c. OKPat'imati-di k'epi r-uk:-o\frac{1}{2}i

      Patimat-ERG jug[INAN2][NOM] INAN2-fall-CAUS-AOR

      'Patimat dropped the jug.'
  - (6) a. den-ni ingur  $ar\chi-on$ .

    I-ERG window[INAN<sub>1</sub>][NOM] open-AOR

    'I opened the window.'
    - b. <sup>OK</sup>ingur arχ-on.
       window[INAN<sub>1</sub>][NOM] open-AOR
       'The window was opened.' / 'The window opened.'

#### CONCLUSIONS:

- 1) The test results in division of verb database into two categories:  $A_{\text{ERG}}$ -compatible and  $A_{\text{ERG}}$ -incompatible
  - i)  $A_{ERG}$ -incompatible:
    - (a) inchoative denominals (suffix -4), e.g.:

bat'ałi 'separate'; sababłi 'be efficient'; ts'ik'านใi 'sour'; tʃurukili 'get soiled'; tantajali 'get torn'; badili 'gather'; CL-ox:orli 'grow old', CL-t'ili 'straighten', saʁili 'heal', bot'ili 'darken', etc.

(b) 144 non-derived verbs, e.g.:

bahan 'unravel';  $ab\chi o$  'lie';  $aba\chi o$  'swell';  $adal\chi u$  'go crazy'; CL-utti 'end/become';  $g^wanun$  'light up'; hebt fun 'sneeze'; helli 'run'; helli 'enter'; helli 'float, swim'; helli 'itch/tickle'; helli 'run'; helli 'run'; helli 'run'; helli 'float, swim'; helli 'itch/tickle'; helli 'run'; helli 'run

tł'wahun 'burst'; tł'iraχuj 'grow old'; k'ari 'vomit'; k'iri. 'separate'; k'uri 'drip'; orsi 'be received'; οχιοπ 'boil'; CL-zun 'grow'; t'ebi 'bend'; qχabi 'tear up'; ħalt'un 'work'; ħisu 'rule'; ts.udi 'burst'; ts'ato 'burn'; ts'wakun 'shine'; ts'uri 'ripen'; CL-asi 'get tired'; CL-ed:on 'talk, speak'; CL-ek'u?o 'cry'; CL-ersa 'move'; CL-uku 'fall'; CL-uri 'fly'; cl-uts'o 'melt'; CL-ko 'burn'; CL-k'o 'be'; CL-si 'be pushed'; CL-qχin'break'; CL-ts'o 'die'; CL-so 'be collected/heal'; ts'int'un 'be mashed'; CL-orts'un 'escape'; etc.

- ii) A<sub>ERG</sub>-compatible: 127 verbs.
- 2) All  $A_{ERG}$ -compatible verbs allow use without  $A_{ERG}$ , however:
  - (a) Some of them seem to allow Aø construction ONLY with passive reading (ex. 7)
  - (b) Some others seem to allow  $A_\varnothing$  construction with BOTH passive and anticausative readings (ex. 6)
    - (7) a. den-ni jo∫i qχamm-i.
      I-ERG girl[F][NOM] capture-AOR
      'I captured the girl.'
      - b.  $\emptyset$  josi q $\chi$ amm-i.  $A_{\emptyset}$  girl[F][NOM] capture-AOR 'The girl was captured.' (#'The girl captured.')
  - Verbs of type 'capture' considered to be higher than verbs of type 'close' on transitivity scale, but clear distinction between the two groups requires further testing
  - $\Rightarrow$  Test 1 distinguishes category of  $A_{ERG}$  incompatible verbs (left) and  $A_{ERG}$  compatible verbs

Table 1: Test of compatibility with  $A_{\text{\footnotesize ERG}}$ 

1) +/- A <sub>ERG</sub> test	A <sub>ERG</sub> licenced only by causative marker	A <sub>ERG</sub> licenced without causative marker		
		$A_{\varnothing}$ licenced with both PASS $A_{\varnothing}$ licenced only with		
		& ANTICAUS reading (b) PASS reading (a)		
	bat'ali 'separate'	CL <b>-it∫on</b> 'bring'		
	tʃurukiłi 'get soiled',	<i>ummi</i> 'push'		
	<i>ts'ik'าน</i> ใช่ 'sour', etc.	CL-iq\chi'u 'slaughter'  CL-itʃii 'catch'  arχon 'open'  CL-it'i-jd-i 'straighten'  bari-jd-i 'sharpen'  tʃuruki-jd-i 'stain', etc.		
	CL-ukru 'fall'			
	CL- <b>edion</b> 'talk'			
	CL-uts'o 'melt'			
	kimmi 'smile'			
	turi 'break down', etc.			

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# 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> transitivity test: identification of the syntactic role of the reflexive-intensive pronoun

- SOURCE: Kibrik (1996: 111) & Ljutikova (2001: 380)
- MATERIAL: all verbs diagnosed as A<sub>ERG</sub>-compatible by the first test
- <u>Purpose</u>: discriminate between  $A_{ERG}$ -compatible verbs able to be used without  $A_{ERG}$  only with passive interpretation and those for which the absence of  $A_{ERG}$  can trigger both passive and anticausative readings
- BACKGROUND: And i pronoun gi-CL=gu focalizes any argument, taking its case. Its nominative form can be used to focalize either S (ex. 8) or P (ex. 9)
  - (8) gi-r = gu r-ig-un  $q\chi'urtfi-tli$  refa.

    RFL-INAN<sub>2</sub>=EMPH INAN<sub>2</sub>-grow-AOR apricot-GEN tree[INAN<sub>2</sub>][NOM]

    'The apricot tree grew by itself (i.e. without human participation).'
  - (9) den-ni gi-w=gu direktor  $q\chi$ 'or-i.

    I-ERG RFL-M=EMPH director[M][NOM] call-AOR

    'I called the director himself.'

#### PROCESS:

- O Use each  $A_{ERG}$ -compatible verb without  $A_{ERG}$ , focalizing the ARG<sub>NOM</sub> with pronoun  $\vec{gi}$ -CL= $\vec{gu}$ , and check semantics of product sentence
- O Pronoun gi-CL=gu supposed to emphasize semantic difference between passive and anticausative uses of null-A constructions  $\rightarrow$  requirement for identifying if a verb used with an empty agent slot allows for both anticausative and passive readings or only the passive one
- If an  $A_{ERG}$ -compatible verb used in a  $A_{\emptyset}$  construction allows only passive reading,  $\rightarrow$  made clear by pronoun  $\mathfrak{Z}i$ -CL= $\mathfrak{g}u$  meaning 'X itself is affected by A' (ex. 10). If an  $A_{ERG}$ -compatible verb used in a  $A_{\emptyset}$  construction allows anticausative reading,  $\rightarrow$  correlates with pronoun  $\mathfrak{Z}i$ -CL= $\mathfrak{g}u$  meaning 'X undergoes V by themself' (ex. 11)
  - (10)  $\emptyset$  gi-w=gu direktor  $q\chi$ 'or-i.  $A_\emptyset$  RFL-M=EMPH director[M][NOM] call-AOR 'The director himself was called.'
  - (11)  $\varnothing$  ingur gi-b=gu ar $\chi$ -on.

    A $\varnothing$  window[INAN<sub>1</sub>][NOM] RFL-INAN<sub>1</sub>=EMPH open-AOR

    'The window opened by itself.'

#### RESULTS:

1) All non-derived  $A_{ERG}$ -compatible verbs are compatible with reading 'X undergoes V by themself' of pronoun zi-CL=gu (ex. 12):

(12)  $\emptyset$  gi-r=gu hints' $\pi$  r-oq $\chi$ '-on

 $A\varnothing \ \ RFL\text{-}INAN_2\text{-}EMPH \qquad door[INAN_2][NOM] \quad INAN_2\text{-}close\text{-}AOR$ 

'The door closed by itself.' / 'The door itself was closed'.

Sometimes conditionally upon the setting of a special context:

- fantastic context (ex. 13):

(13)  $\emptyset$  tfaj gi-b=gu ts:'ad-ir.

 $A \oslash tea[INAN_1][NOM]$  RFL-INAN<sub>1</sub>=EMPH drink-PROG

'Tea is drunk without anything else in it (lit. 'Tea itself is drunk.').'

?'Tea drinks by itself.'

(+fantastic context) OK'Tea drinks by itself (magically).'

- 'sarcastic negative' context (ex. 14):

(14)  $\varnothing$  gaga zi-r=gu r-et<sup>2</sup>-es:a!

 $A_{\varnothing} \ fruit\_stone[INAN_2][NOM] \quad RFL-INAN_2 = EMPH \qquad INAN_2-plant-FUT.NEG$ 

'The fruit stones aren't going to plant by themselves!' ["you have to do it"]

- → All non-derived verbs allow anticausative reading of AØ constructions
- 2) Only factitive denominals are incompatible with reading 'X undergoes V by themself' of pronoun  $\mathfrak{Z}i$ -CL= $\mathfrak{g}u$  (ex. 15).  $\rightarrow$  allow  $A_\varnothing$  constructions ONLY with passive (arbitrary) reading.
  - (15) motf'i gi-w=gu \*saʁi-jd-es:a /  $o^K$ saʁi-d-es:a child[M/F][NOM] RFL-M=EMPH healthy-FCT-FUT.NEG healthy-INCH-FUT.NEG 'The child isn't going to heal by himself!'
- $\Rightarrow$  Test 2 distinguishes  $A_{ERG}$  compatible verbs allowing anticausative reading of  $A_{\emptyset}$  constructions, vs.  $A_{ERG}$  compatible verbs allowing  $A_{\emptyset}$  only with passive reading

Table 2: Test of the reflexive-intensive pronoun

1) +/- A <sub>ERG</sub> test	A <sub>ERG</sub> licenced only by causative marker	A <sub>ERG</sub> licenced without causative marker		
2) RFL test		A <sub>∅</sub> licenced with both PASS & ANTICAUS reading	A <sub>Ø</sub> licenced only with  PASS reading	
	bat'ali 'separate' tfurukili 'get soiled', ts'ik'ruli 'sour', etc. CL-ukru 'fall' CL-ed:on 'talk' CL-uts'o 'melt' kimmi 'smile' turi 'break down', etc.	CL-itson 'bring' ummi 'push' CL-iqx'u 'slaughter' CL-itsi 'catch' qxuqxan 'saw' arxon 'open', etc.	saʁi-jd-i 'heal' CL-it'i-jd-i 'straighten' bari-jd-i 'sharpen' tʃuruki-jd-i 'stain' ʃobi-jd-i 'neuter', etc.	

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Explanation, cf. Creissels (2014):

- Combination of three typological features (radical P-alignment + unrestricted use of null-A constructions + no agent demoting/removing derivation)  $\Rightarrow$  null-A TR predications = ITR predications.  $\rightarrow$  All A<sub>ERG</sub> compatible verbs are able to be used in ITR construction (with either passive or anticausative reading)
- Overt markers implying semantic presence of an Agent (here: factitive, in opposition to inchoative) restrict semantics of null-A constructions to passive reading
- 3. 3<sup>rd</sup> transitivity test: morphology and syntax of the imperative
- PURPOSE:
  - O Corroborate results of tests 1 & 2
  - Further refine typology of A<sub>ERG</sub>-compatible verbs
- 3.1. Morphological subtest: ability to form an intransitive/transitive imperative
- SOURCE: Kibrik (1996:110) & Ljutikova (2001:379)
- <u>BACKGROUND:</u> Andi features two imperative suffixes in distributional alternation:
  - $\circ$  /Vb/ (past stem vowel + -b) used in intransitive constructions (ex. 16)
  - $\circ$  /-o/ (bare athematic stem + -o) used in transitive constructions (ex. 17)
    - (16) j-ers-ab ho < j > a!F-hurry-IMP(ITR) here<F> 'Come here quickly!'
    - (17) hints'u r-isd-o!
      door[INAN2][NOM] INAN2-lock-IMP(TR)
      'Lock the door!'
- <u>PROCESS</u>: check existence of intransitive and transitive imperative forms in paradigm of each verb
- <u>EXPECTATIONS</u>: ability to form intransitive imperative supposed to show a verb's compatibility with intransitive construction, vs. ability to form transitive imperative supposed to show a verb's compatibility with transitive construction
  - $\circ$  Previously diagnosed  $A_{ERG}$ -incompatible verbs expected to be able to form intransitive, but not transitive imperative
  - Previously diagnosed A<sub>ERG</sub>-compatible verbs expected to be able to form transitive imperative

 $\circ$  Only A<sub>ERG</sub>-compatible verbs allowing for anticausative reading of A $\varnothing$  constructions expected to be able to form intransitive imperative

Morphological selection of imperative form supposed to correlate with overt syntactic feature: selection of argument in role of imperative addressee.

→ Subtest used in combination with the imperative addressee subtest.

## 3.2. Syntax: selection of the argument in role of imperative addressee

- SOURCE: Forker (2013:493-494)
- <u>BACKGROUND</u>: intransitive imperative constructions select their unique argument as imperative addressee (ex. 18), while transitive imperative constructions only allow for the ergative argument to be selected as imperative addressee (ex. 19). The imperative addressee can be overtly expressed both:
  - o outside imperative clause in function of unmarked vocative (*wofo, pat'imat*);
  - o inside clause as subject of imperative predicate inflected for case (*men, menni*).
    - (18) wofo, men halt'-um!
      boy[M] thou[NOM] work-IMP(ITR)
      'Boy, work!'
    - (19) pat'imat, men-ni b-ed:-o vedra!

      Patimat[F], thou-ERG INAN1-leave-IMP(TR) bucket[INAN1][NOM]

      'Patimat, leave the bucket!'
- PROCESS: for each verb, check the grammaticality of:
  - o the ITR imperative form used in an ITR imperative construction, i.e. in combination with a nominative addressee (= ITR imperative pattern)
  - o the TR imperative form used in a TR imperative construction, i.e. in combination with an ergative addressee (= TR imperative pattern)
- <u>EXPECTATIONS</u>: to corroborate with the morphological imperative subtest

# 3.3. $A_{ERG}$ -incompatible verbs to the test

• RESULTS: expectations met: all  $A_{ERG}$ -incompatible verbs can be used with ITR imperative pattern, but not with TR imperative pattern

(20) a. den buz-u wotszu-?o.

I[NOM] believe-AOR brother-SUPER.LAT

'I believed my brother.'

b. wotsi, men buz-ub di-70!
brother thou[NOM] believe-IMP(ITR) I-SUPER.LAT
'Brother, believe me!'

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- c. \*wotsi, (men-ni) \*buʒ-o
  brother thou-ERG believe-IMP(TR)
  #'Brother, believe!'
- d.  $^{\text{OK}}$  hede-w buz- $\underline{oll}$ -o men-ni! DEM-M[NOM] believe- $\underline{\text{CAUS}}$ -IMP(TR) thou-ERG 'Fool him!'

# 3.4. $A_{ERG}$ -compatible verbs to the test

- RESULTS: expectations met partially:
- 1) Only  $A_{ERG}$ -compatible verbs allowing anticausative reading of  $A_{\emptyset}$  can be used both in TR and ITR imperative pattern (ex. 21), sometimes provided setting of a fantastic context (ex. 22).

Examples of  $A_{ERG}$ -incompatible verbs tested positive  $\bigoplus$  to both TR and ITR imperatives patterns:

- (21) a. qχ'urban-di w-ak'ar-un ifi<w>a homoloʁadul

  Qurban-ERG M-gather-AOR home<M> friend[F/M].PL[NOM]

  'Qurban gathered his friends at home.'
  - b. *ittu-w=gu men-ni w-ak'ar-on homoloвadul* all-M=EMPH thou-ERG M-gather-IMP(TR) friend[F/M].PL[NOM] 'Gather all your friends!'
  - c. adam, bisil w-ak'ar-um-ul!
    people[M] you[NOM] M-gather-IMP(ITR)-PL
    'People, gather yourselves!'
- (22) a. heges-di hints'ru risd-ij

  DEM:M-ERG door[INAN2][NOM] lock-PF

  'He locked the door.'
  - b. pat'imat, men-ni hints'ıu rifd-o!
    Patimat[F] thou-ERG door[INAN2][NOM] lock-IMP(TR)
    'Patma, lock the door!'
  - c. hints'ıu, men riſd-ib! (+ fantastic context)
    door[INAN2] thou[NOM] lock-IMP(ITR)
    'Door, lock yourself!'

Example of  $A_{\text{ERG}}$ -compatible verbs tested positive  $\bigoplus$  to the TR imperative pattern and negative  $\bigoplus$  to the ITR imperative pattern:

- (23) a. toxturada-di woso saʁi-jd-i
  doctor.PL-ERG boy[M][NOM] healthy-FCT-AOR
  'The doctors healed the boy.'
  - b. toxturadul, bisi-di woso saʁi-jd-o!
    doctor[M].PL you-ERG boy[M][NOM] healthy-FCT-IMP(TR)
    'Doctors, heal the boy!'
  - c. **wofo, men** \*saʁi-jd-ib! / OK saʁi-tel-ib!
    boy[M] thou[NOM] healthy -FCT-IMP(ITR) healthy-INCH-IMP(ITR)
    'Boy, recover!'
- 2) One unexpected case: inconsistent results of the two imperative subtests:  $A_{ERG}$ -compatible verb CL-i20 'bring' can be used in ITR imperative pattern with meaning 'arrive', but cannot be used in fully transitive pattern: compatible with TR imperative construction, but not with TR imperative form: ITR imperative form used in the TR imperative construction (ex. 24).
  - (24) a. den-ni bisi-łu b-i?-o sajʁati.

    I-ERG you-DAT INAN1- bring/arrive-AOR gift[INAN1][NOM]

    'I brought you a gift.'
    - b. **wofo, men ho<w>a w-u?-ob!**boy[M] thou[NOM] here<M> M- bring/arrive-IMP(ITR)

      'Boy, come over here!'
    - c. \*di-{u men-ni sajʁati b-i?-o!

      I-DAT thou-ERG gift[INAN<sub>1</sub>][NOM] INAN<sub>1</sub>- bring/arrive-IMP(TR)

      #'Bring me a gift!'
    - d.  $^{\text{ok}}$  di- $^{\text{d}i}$  men-ni sajʁati b-i?-ob!

      I-DAT thou-ERG gift[INAN<sub>1</sub>][NOM] INAN<sub>1</sub>-bring/arrive-IMP(ITR)

      'Bring me a gift!'

 $<sup>\</sup>Rightarrow$  Test 3 introduces category containing verb CL-*i*?0 'bring/arrive', A<sub>ERG</sub> compatible verbs sharing with A<sub>ERG</sub> incompatible verbs unavailability of TR imperative form.

**Table 3: Imperative tests** 

1) +/- A <sub>ERG</sub> test	A <sub>ERG</sub> licenced only by causative marker	A <sub>ERG</sub> licenced without causative marker			
2) RFL test			d with both PASS & AUS reading (b)	A <sub>∅</sub> licenced only with PASS reading (a)	
3) IMP test	Only ITR IMP for	rm available	Both ITR & TR IMP patterns available	Only TR IMP patterns available	
	bat'a¹i 'separate' tʃuruki¹i 'get soiled', ts'ik'ru¹i 'sour', etc. CL-ukru 'fall' CL-edron 'talk' CL-uts'o 'melt' krimmi 'smile' turi 'break down', etc.	CL- <b>i?o</b> 'arrive/bring'	CL-itson 'bring' ummi 'push' CL-iqx'u 'slaughter' CL-itsi 'catch' qxuqxan 'saw' arxon 'open', etc.	sasi-jd-i 'heal' CL-it'i-jd-i 'straighten' bari-jd-i 'sharpen' tʃuruki-jd-i 'stain' ∫obi-jd-i 'neuter', etc.	
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# 4. 4<sup>th</sup> transitivity test: the causative

- Purpose: further refine typology of  $A_{ERG}$ -compatible verbs allowing anticausative reading of  $A_{\varnothing}$ .
- <u>BACKGROUND</u>: Andi causative suffix /-ol/ can derive both bivalent TR verbs form ITR verbs (ex. 26) and trivalent TR verbs from bivalent TR verbs (ex. 25)
  - (25) a. thurtha a<r>3-0 turti-thi. butter[INAN2][NOM] mix<INAN2>-AOR seed\_butter-INTER 'The butter mixed together with the seed butter.'
    - b. den-ni tłurtła a<br/>
      I-ERG butter[INAN2][NOM] mix<INAN2>-CAUS-PF seed\_butter-INTER<br/>
      'I mixed the butter together with the seed butter.'
  - (26) a. gedo-di  $q\chi'amm-i$  ts'ek'a motf'ifu-b. cat-ERG bite-AOR finger[INAN1][NOM] child-INAN1(GEN) 'The cat bit the child's finger.'

- b. motʃ'iʃ-di gedo-<b>o qχ'amm-ōt-i ts'ek'a.
  child-ERG cat-AFF<INAN<sub>1</sub>> bite-CAUS-AOR finger[INAN1][NOM]
  'The child made the cat bite [his] finger.'
- <u>PROCESS</u>: test which uses (TR vs. ITR) of a A<sub>ERG</sub>-compatible verb can be causativized, by checking the valency (bivalent vs. trivalent) of its causative derivate.

#### RESULTS:

- $\circ$  Almost all non-derived A<sub>ERG</sub>-compatible verbs can be causativized only in their TR use: their causative derivates are always trivalent (ex. 27).  $\rightarrow$  higher on the transitivity scale.
- O Limited group of non-derived  $A_{ERG}$ -compatible verbs can be causativized in both their TR and ITR uses: their causative derivates are ambiguous between trivalent and bivalent (ex. 28).  $\rightarrow$  lower on the transitivity scale.<sup>2</sup>
- (27) a. pat'imati-di roqχ'-on hints':u.
  Patimat-ERG close-AOR door[INAN2][NOM]
  'Patimat closed the door.'
  - b. hints'πι roqχ'-on.
     door[INAN<sub>2</sub>][NOM] close-AOR
     'The door has closed.'
  - c. pat'imati-di roqx'-ont-i hints':u.

    Patimat-ERG close-CAUS-AOR door[INAN2][NOM]

    # 'Patimat closed the door.'

    OK'Patimat made [someone] close the door.'
- (28) a. jofu-di  $k^w$ eru b-its'-ij l-en-di girl-erg jug[INAN1][NOM] INAN1-fill-PF water-INST 'The girl filled the basin with water.'
  - b. vedra b-its'-ij den-di bucket [INAN1] [NOM] INAN1-fill-PF water-INST 'The bucket has filled up with water.'

<sup>2</sup> One has to exclude from this group verbs belonging to the semantico-syntactic class of  $A_{ERG}$ -compatible movement verbs (e.g. tl'anni 'pull',  $q\chi elli$  'scrabble', ruto 'unfasten',  $q\chi$ 'abʃun 'blink', obi 'touch', b-ajtfo 'unfasten'), which can form valency-preserving causatives with a 'conative-intensive' meaning. Indeed, their causative derivates are also ambiguous between a bivalent and a trivalent argument structure, but both versions are most likely derived from the transitive use of the verb (which is, for many of them, their only productive use).

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- c.  $jo \int u di$   $k^w e r u$   $b its' \underline{ot} ij$  ten di girl ERG  $jug [INAN_1][NOM]$   $INAN_1 fill \underline{CAUS} PF$  water INST (i) 'The girl filled the basin with water.' /
  - (ii) 'The girl made [someone] fill the basin with water.'
- d. joʃu-di di-<b>o k<sup>w</sup>eru
  girl-ERG I-AFF<INAN<sub>1</sub>> jug[INAN<sub>1</sub>][NOM]
  b-its'-ol-ij len-di
  INAN<sub>1</sub>-fill-CAUS-PF water-INST
  'The girl had me fill the basin with water.'

 $<sup>\</sup>Rightarrow$  Test 4 divides table into two new categories, introducing classes 3 and 4 of conclusion table.

# 5. Conclusion: the Zilo Andi transitivity scale

Test nb	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3	CLASS 4	CLASS 5	
1) +/- A <sub>ERG</sub> test	A <sub>ERG</sub> licenced only by causative marker	$A_{\text{ERG}}$ licenced without causative marker				
2) RFL test		A∅ licer	A <sub>∅</sub> licenced only with PASS reading (a)			
3) IMP test	Only ITR IMP fo	rm available  Both ITR & TR IMP patterns (morphology + syntax) available		Only TR IMP pattern available		
4) CAUS test	Causative applicable to ITR (=the only use)	Causative appli	cable to both ITR and TR uses	Causative applicable only to TR use		
	bat'a\(\frac{1}{4}\)i 'separate' tfuruki\(\frac{1}{4}\)i 'get soiled', ts'ik':u\(\frac{1}{4}\)i 'sour', etc. CL-uk:u 'fall' CL-ed:on 'talk' CL-uts'o 'melt' k:immi 'smile' turi 'break down', etc.	CL- <b>i?o</b> 'arrive/bring'	CL- <i>it'si</i> 'fill' CL- <i>eʒa</i> 'fry' CL- <i>ats'i</i> 'stick' CL- <i>er∫o</i> 'change'	CL-itson 'bring' ummi 'push' CL-iqx'u 'slaughter' CL-itsi 'catch' qxuqxan 'saw' arxon 'open', etc.	saʁi-jd-i 'heal' CL-it'i-jd-i 'straighten' bari-jd-i 'sharpen' tʃuruki-jd-i 'stain' ʃobi-jd-i 'neuter', etc.	

rist	F	feminine gender	INCH	inchoative derivation
	FCT	factitive derivation	LAT	lative direction
usative	FUT	future	NOM	nominative case
	HAB	habitual	PF	perfect
tive	IMP(ITR)	intransitive imperative	PROG	progressive
	IMP(TR)	transitive imperative	RFL	reflexive
	INAN <sub>1</sub>	first inanimate gender	SUPER	superlocative case
gative case	INAN <sub>2</sub>	second inanimate gender		
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