On Factivity: Speculations on the split-CP in Upper Southern Italian Dialects

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- Fine structure of the left periphery (Rizzi 1997): much work on the split-CP.
- Italo-Romance: high degree of microvariation crucial in mapping structure of clausal domain (see a.o. Ledgeway 2003; 2005; 2012; Damonte 2006; Vecchio 2006; D'Alessandro & Ledgeway 2010; Ledgeway & Lombardi 2014).

1 Ferentinese *triple* complementiser system

Ferentino (FR) shows triple complementiser system: ca~(<QUIA),~ch $(<QUID)^1$ and cu~(<QUOD).

- synchronically productive in modern Ferentinese (cf. 1)
- diachronically documented in early Ferentinese (cf. 2)
- > Ferentinese complementation sensitive to:
 - (i) semantics of selecting verb (i.e. declarative/non-factive, factive, volitive):
- (1) Modern Ferentinese
 - a. Peppu dici/credi ca/*chə/*cu Angilu po' unì a casa.

 Peter say/believe.IND.3SG that Angelo can to-come at home

 'Peter says/believes that Angelo can come home.' [factive/non-factive]
 - b. Maria uléssu/ularà **ch**ə/*ca/*cu Peppu laora sempre.
 Mary want.SUBJ/COND.3SG that Peter work.IND.3SG always
 'Mary would like it if Peter would always drink.' [volitive]
 - c. Giuagni uléssu cu/*ca/*chə ie nə ci issi alla festa. John want.IND.3SG that I not CL go.SUBJ.3SG to-the party 'John would like it if I didn't go to the party.' [volitive]

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¹ The complementiser forms from the Latin QUID are cha in modern Ferentinese and che in earlier Ferentinese. In the case of earlier Ferentinese I am respecting the ortography used in the texts underlying that in Italo-Romance does not exist a specific grapheme for a that usually is represented with the grapheme $\langle e \rangle$. Hence, I consider cha and che as two different representations of the same lexical item.

(2) Early Ferentinese

- a. Sacci ca tu nun si 'na bbona pezza.

 I-know.IND that you not are a good patch
 'I know that you are not a good person.' [factive]
- b. Curi mu disso, dacciforte, **che** tu si magnatu lu pane. Curi to-me he-said with-power that you are eaten the bread 'Curi said to me, of course, that you have eaten the bread.' [declarative/non-factive]
- c. Vurìa cu gli vénto m' annariàsse.

 I-want.COND that the wind to-me areate.SUBJ.IMP

 'I would like it if the wind would areate me.' [volitive]
- (ii) the fine structure of the left periphery (cf. 3, 4);
- (iii) **modality** (viz. factive vs realis vs irrealis; cf. 4).
- (3) Modern Ferentinese
 - a. Peppu difi/sa ca/*chə/*cu_{Force} Angilu Addumanu (*ca/*chə/*cu_{Fin})
 Peter say/know.IND.3SG that Angelo tomorrow that
 po' uni a casa.
 can.IND.3SG come.INF to home
 'Peter says/knows that Angelo can come home tomorrow.'
 - b. $[ForceP \ \mathbf{ca} \ [TopP \ [FocP \ [FinP \ Fin \dots \ [IP \dots]]]]]]$

(4) Modern Ferentinese

- a. Maria uléssu ADDUMANU **cu**_{Fin} Giuagni unéssə.

 Mary want.SUBJ.3SG tomorrow that John come.SUBJ.3SG 'Mary would like it if John would come tomorrow.'
- b. 'Ndoni uléssu la figlia ALLOCU $\operatorname{\mathbf{ch}}_{\operatorname{\mathbf{Fin}}}$ 'n ci uà più. Antony want.SUBJ.3SG the daughter there that not CL go.IND.3SG anymore 'Antony would like it if his daughter wouldn't go there anymore.'
- c. [Force Force [TopP [FocP [FinP chə/cu [IP ...]]]]]
- \succ Triple complementiser system in *early* and *modern* Ferentinese: <u>different</u> distribution of complementisers.

Main focus of this talk: account for factivity selection in Ferentinese.

2 Factivity selection in Ferentinese

Dual complementiser distribution in SIDs: strongly depends on semantics of matrix verb.

- Southern Italian Dialects: declarative vs volitive selection
- Ferentinese: factive vs declarative/non-factive vs volitive selection (cf. 2)

Table 1: Declarative and non-declarative/factive complementiser distribution in Ferentinese²

Semantics of the matrix verb	Sentence type	Selected complementiser	Selected complementiser
		in early Ferentinese	in modern Ferentinese
Non-factive			
dire 'to say', credere 'to believe',			
supporre 'to suppose', etc.	Declarative	che	ca
Factive			
sapere 'to know',			
comprendere 'to comprehend', etc.	Non-declarative/factive	ca	ca

Syntactic and semantic behaviour of sentential complement clauses under factive vs non-factive verbs widely analysed (see Kiparsky & Kiparsky 1970; Ross 1970; Zuber & Zuber 1983; Jackendoff 1985; 2007; Rizzi 1990; Cinque 1990; Acquaviva 1990; Giorgi & Pianesi 1997; Schulz 2003; De Cuba 2007; De Cuba & Ürögdi 2009; Colonna Dahlman 2015; Kastner 2015 and many others).

- \geq early Ferentinese: specific complementiser selected only by factive verbs (viz. ca/*che).
- \succ modern Ferentinese: generalisation of the use of the complementiser ca for both factive and non-factive verbs.
- Factivity selection: another pattern of microvariation found in Italo-Romance (Colasanti 2015a).
- ➤ Question: Why does Ferentinese (overtly) mark factivity in the CP?

3 Proposal: factivity selection as phase edge phenomenon

- \triangleright What is position of *ca* and *che* in Ferentinese left periphery?
- (5) Early Ferentinese
 - a. Paro **ca** tuneva gli mazzosalato. it-seems $_{\rm FACTIVE}$ that hold.IMP.3SG the salt 'It seems that he held the salt.'
 - b. Po' dici **che** ci batte 'n petto. Then you-say_{NON-FACTIVE} that CL beat.IND.1PL in chest 'Then you say that it beats in our chest.'
 - c. [ForceP che/ca [TopP [FocP [FinP Fin [IP ...]]]]]

Ca and che: lexicalise Force (= "facing the outside").

Ferentinese complementiser distribution influenced by:

- semantico-functional factors (i.e. factivity);
- structure of left periphery.
- > How can these two ingredients be put together? Are both factors strongly related?

Declarative clauses: no feature in *Force* (cf. Roberts 2004:313 on absence of UG declarative feature).

²Cf. Kiparsky & Kiparsky (1970)'s classification of factive and non-factive predicates.

³ See Appendix 1 for different behaviour of factive vs non-factive verbs in Ferentinese.

- (6) a. Force_[Ø] = Declarative by default (unspecified for features; cf. 7)
 - b. $Force_{[+f]} = Non-declarative$ (specified for features; i.e. factive; cf. 8)
- (i) unspecified *Force* overtly lexicalised by complementiser *che* selected by non-factive verbs in declarative clauses:
- (7) Early Ferentinese
 - a. $[\text{IP }[\text{VP V-non-factive}_{|\mathcal{O}|}] [\text{ForceP } \textit{che}_{|\mathcal{O}|}] [\text{TopP *Top } [\text{FocP *Foc } [\text{FinP } \mathcal{O} \acute{\text{E}}] [\text{IP } ...]]]]]]$
 - b. [IP] Gli frintinési si voto [VP] dici[VP] che[OP] The inhabitants-of-Ferentino sometimes say.IND.3SG that [FinP] [OP] [IP] biastéma fiacca è pu 'ssi santi du 'ss' àtri paesi [OP] swear softly is for those saints of these other towns 'The inhabitants of Ferentino, if sometimes, say that little swears are for the saints of nearby towns...'
- (ii) specified $Force_{[+fact]}$ lexicalised by complementiser ca selected by factive verbs in non-declarative clauses:
- (8) Early Ferentinese
 - a. $[IP [VP V-factive_{[+fact]} [ForceP ca_{[+fact]} [TopP *Top [FocP *Foc [FinP <math>\emptyset E [IP ...]]]]]]]$
 - b. $[_{\rm IP}$ S' era $[_{\rm VP}$ saputu $_{\rm [+fact]}$ $[_{\rm ForceP}$ $\it ca_{\rm [+fact]}$ $[_{\rm TopP}$ gli Mo ri CL be.IND.IMP.3SG know.PAST.PART that the Moors camminennu pulla via Latina $[_{\rm FinP}$ $\it O$ $[_{\rm IP}$ s' avvicinaunu sempru du walking.GER for-the street Latina CL get-close.IND.3PL always of più a Frintinu]]]]] more to Ferentino
 - declarative clauses: non-factive verb selects complementiser che (no factive features), hence extraction and fronting possible in modern Ferentinese because che has no [+fact] feature.
 - non-declarative clauses: [+fact] verb selects [+fact] ca in Force, hence Force and T share same feature blocking any elements from passing through phase edge.

> Claim: leftward movement in factive complement blocked by Featural RM (Rizzi 1990; 2005; Starke 2001).

- (i) Force and T have the same factive feature ** feature islandhood condition at the phase edge
- (ii) the factive element cannot be probed by an element in the left periphery because its movement is blocked
- (iii) this explains that extraction phenomena are ruled out in the case of factive clauses (cf. Appendix 1)

Evidence: early Ferentinese factive vs non-factive → morphologically spelt out in Comp ca vs che

 \succ Factivity selection = phase edge phenomenon.

4 Conclusions

- New pattern in Italo-Romance microvariation: factivity selection;
- Selection of 2 different complementisers in Ferentinese: phase edge phenomenon;
- Traditional descriptions of Italo-Romance dual complementiser systems: role of semantics of matrix predicate;
- Recent analyses: different positions of complementisers in split-CP;
- Traditional descriptions & recent analyses: unified through a phase edge phenomenon account.

Appendix 1: Factive verbs behave differently from non-factive verbs in Ferentinese

- ➤ The complement of *factive* verbs cannot be negated:
- (1) *So saputu / mu dispiaci / mu su recurdatu ca gliu palazzu era I-am known to-me I-regret to-me I-am remembered that the building was cadutu, ma n' era veru.

 fallen but not was true

 #I knew / regretted / remembered that the building collapsed, but it didn't.'
- ➤ The complement of *non-factive* verbs can be negated:
- (2) So dittu / pensatu / credutu ca gliu palazzu era cadutu, ma n' era veru. I-am said thought believed that the building was fallen but not was true 'I said / thought / believed that the building collapsed, but it didn't.'
- \succ Factive verbs can introduce its complement directly or by means of a NP/DP gliu fattu 'the fact':
- (3) Sacciu / mu dispiaci / mu recordu gliu fattu ca Gianni a rubbatu glie I-know to-me I-regret to-me I-remember the fact that John has stolen the biscotti.

 biscuits
 - 'I know / I regret / I remember the fact that John stolen the cookies.'
- \gt Non-factive verbs can not introduce its complement directly or by means of a NP/DP gliu fattu 'the fact':
- (4) *Dicu / pensu / mu credu gliu fattu ca Gianni a rubbatu. I-say I-think to-me I-believe the fact that John has stolen 'I say / think / remember the fact that John has stolen.'

Syntactic property of factive complements: *islandhood* (Ross 1967; see also Kiparsky&Kiparsky 1970; Cinque 1990; Rizzi 1990; De Cuba 2007; Haegeman & r gdi 2010a, b, and many others).

> Extraction of complements from *non-factive* is generally allowed in Ferentinese

- (5) a. Chə stai a di' ca Gianni s' a rubbatu? COMPLEMENT who stay to say that John CL has stolen 'What do you say that John stole?'
 - b. 'Ndà 'ndò dici ca Giuagni uè? COMPLEMENT from where you-say that John came-from 'Where do you say that John came from?'
 - c. Chi dici ca s' a rubbà tu glie biscotti? subject who you-say that CL has stolen—the cookies '*Who do you say that stole the cookies?'
 - d. Purché stai a di' ca Giuagni a rubbatu glie biscotti?

 why you-stay to say that John has stolen the cookies

 '#Why do you say that John stole the cookies?'
- > Only complements can be extracted from *factives* in Ferentinese:
- (6) a. Chə nnù sai ca Gianni a rubbatu? COMPLEMENT what CL you-know that John has stolen 'What do you know (that) John stole?'
 - b. Da ndò sai ca Gianni uxè? COMPLEMENT from where you-know that John come-from 'Where do you know John came from?'
 - c. *Chi sai ca rubbatu glie biscotti? SUBJECT who you-know that stolen the cookies 'Who do you know stole the cookies?'
 - d. #Purché sai ca Gianni a rubbatu glie biscotti?

 why you-know that John has stolen the cookies

 'Why do you know that John stole the cookies?'
- \triangleright Argument fronting is generally allowed in *non-factives*:
- (7) a. Giuagni su credu ca stu libbru Maria a lettu John CL believe that this book Mary has read 'John believs that this book Mary read.'
 - b. Ie dicu ca stu filmu 'nu gli uogli più udè. I say that this film not CL want never see 'I say that this film I donÕt want to see it anymore.'
- > Argument fronting is generally disallowed in *factives*:
- (8) a. #Giuagni sa ca chigli libru Maria a lettu.

 John knows that that book Mary has read
 'John knows that Mary has read that book.'
 - b. *Giuagni ci dispiaci ca chigli libbru Maria a lettu.

 John CL regret that that book Mary has read

 'John regrets that Mary read that book.'

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