

"On the Interaction of Prosody, Syntax and Information Structure" (E)

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A significant number of recent research papers are converging on an extremely important view of research methods — such that even the study of formal aspects of grammar should be conducted with much more careful attention to a larger context of language than usually exercised.

For instance, need for much more careful prosodic considerations in grammaticality judgments in syntactic studies has been demonstrated by Deguchi & Kitagawa (2002 ①) and Ishihara (2002 ②). Kitagawa & Deguchi (2002 ③) and Kitagawa & Fodor (2003 ④) also illustrated how pragmatic burdens can be misinterpreted as ungrammaticality. ④ further point out how processing burdens can impose certain biased grammaticality judgments and how processing itself can be biased by distinct prosodic factors whether or not they are explicitly indicated in utterances.

Drawing from these and other research reports, I will attempt to provide an overview of the recent development of such an interdisciplinary approach to formal grammar. Emphasis will be placed on the clarification of distinct research issues involved in this topic, especially those which should remain distinct and be pursued separately.

① Prosody and Wh-questions, *NELS* 32, 73-92.

② Invisible but Audible Wh-scope Marking: Wh constructions and Deaccenting in Japanese, *WCCFL* 21, 180-193.

③ Prosody in Syntactic Analyses. ms., Indiana University.

④ Default Prosody Explains Neglected Syntactic Analyses of Japanese, *J/K* 12, 267-279.