

## When the Inner Phase is the Outer Phase

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In this talk I present some of my recent work, both individual and joint, where the notion of the (inner) phase has been claimed to be relevant for some linguistic computation. I start with a brief presentation of my syntactic phase-based account of sentential (or nuclear) stress (Kahnemuyipour 2009). I show how this analysis accounts for some unexplained facts in previously studied languages as well as some additional data from Persian and other languages. I then examine facts regarding the positional distribution of an auxiliary clitic in Eastern Armenian and show how it can best be analyzed as a second position clitic in the inner phase domain akin to other second position clitics in the CP domain (Kahnemuyipour and Megerdooomian 2011). Finally, time permitting, I will turn to Kahnemuyipour and Kornfilt (2011) which aims to provide a principled account for the “pre-stressing” behavior of some Turkish suffixes. I focus only on those aspects of the work where the notion of phases appears to be relevant.

The question I would like to highlight for the discussion in this workshop is what happens when the clause consists of only a single phase. In such cases, is what we are left with the “inner” phase or the “outer” phase? This question and its implications will be explored with respect to the cases discussed in the talk and beyond.