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Main Claim

The existence of anticyclic mutation is unexpected given a standard paradigmatic account for non-concatenative morphology; a prediction explicitly formulated as the principle of 'Strict Base Mutation' (=SBM; Alderete, 2001*a*,*b*)

- → We show different types of anticyclic mutation and hence extend the typology of existing **counterexamples to the SBM** principle.
- → We argue that anticyclic mutation is expected under an analysis assuming that mutation is an epiphenomenon that follows from the affixation of (non-segmental) phonological elements.

Mutation & Strict Base Mutation

(1) Mutation: Non-concatenative morphology

V Quality:	Br u der	'brother'	\sim	Br ü der	'brothers'	(German)
C Quality:	d astah	'to dig'	\sim	n astah	'I dig'	(Texistepec Popoluca)
V Length:	gud ù	'walk'	~	gud ù ː	'walking'	(Hausa)
C Length:	ka t ai	'hard'	\sim	ka t ːai	'hard!'	(Shizuoka Japanese)
Tone:	awè	'swam' (Sc)	\sim	aw é	'swam' (Pr)	(Nghandi)

(2) Mutation cum segmental affixation

V Quality:	B u ch	'book'	∼ B ü ch–er	'books'	(German)
C Quality:	f amar-be	'small' (C2)	∼ p amar–o	'small' (C1)	(Fula)
V Length:	to	'take'	\sim t o : $-$ ru	'take' (Pass.)	(Tarahumara)
C Length:	ca m	'eat' (tr.)	~ ca m ː−o	'eat' (intr.)	(Päri)
Tone:	t á dà	'boy'	∼ t à dà-wa	'boys'	(Kanuri)

(3) Theoretical accounts

 Lexical Phonology (Kiparsky, 1982) Word and Paradigm Morphology (Anderson, 1992) 	– Generalized Nonlinear Affixation (Wolf, 2007; Trommer and Zimmermann, 2014)				
Morphology					
 Transderivational Antifaithfulness (Alderete, 2001b,a) 	 Morphemes as constraints (Russel, 1995; Hammond, 2000) 				
– Realize Morpheme (Kurisu, 2001)					
Predicts only cyclic mutation:					
$Stem$ Sfx_1 Sfx_2					
Also predicts	anticyclic mutation:				
	Antifaithfulness (Alderete, 2001b,a) - Realize Morpheme (Kurisu, 2001) cyclic mutation: [Stem] -Sfx ₁] -Sfx ₂]				

 $[Prf_2- [Prf_1- [Stem] -Sfx_1] -Sfx_2]$

Anticyclic Mutation

Type I: Stem-Affix Mutation



♦ Kpelle – Tone **♦**

- −5 classes of nouns; class 2 and 5 have same surface tone pattern but affect following morpheme (affix/word) differently
- (4) Plural formation in Kpelle (Konoshenko, 2008, 24)

Plur	at Jorn	nation	ın Kpelle (Ko)nosnenko, 2008, 24 _,
CL.		Base	PL	
1.	Н.Н	wúlú	wúlú–váà	'tree'
2.	L.L	yàlà	yàlà– ४áà	'lion'
3.	L.HL	ćwćų	yòwó–yàà	'axe'
4.	H.HL	yílê	yílé–vàà	'dog'
5.	L.L	gbònò	gbònò –yàà	'ring'

Analysis

- plural affix is underlyingly low: **gbònò-yàà** (cl.5)
- -final H of N spreads to this affix: wúlú-váà (cl.1)
- -final HL on N simplified via tone shift: yílé-vàà (cl.3+4)
- -class 2 has a final floating H: gyàlà-váà

♦ Fula – Consonant Quality **♦**

- consonants in 3 'grades'
- initial C of nouns determined by noun class and suffix-initial C determined by noun (5)
- (5) Alternating noun class suffixes in Fula (Churma, 1988, 40)

	wor–	wa:–	hufine-	darg
	'man'	'monkey'	'cap'	'sleeping mat'
	stop	nasal	continuant	zero
3	gor– g el	baː-ngel	kufine-jel	darg-el
5	gor –g um	ba:-ngum	kufine-jum	darg-um
7	ngor– g a	mbaː- ng a	kufine- w a	ndaːg-a
8	ngor– g o	mbaː- k o	kufine- h o	ndaːg-o
	5 7	'man' stop 3 gor-gel 5 gor-gum 7 ngor-ga	'man' 'monkey' stop nasal 3 gor-gel bar-ngel 5 gor-gum bar-ngum 7 ngor-ga mbar-nga	'man' 'monkey' 'cap' stop nasal continuant

Summary:

anticyclic mutation patterns

Choguita Rarámuri

Type II

Gaahmg

Chaha

Tamil

Gã

Type I

Kpelle

Chukchee

Hungarian

Shoshone (&cq)

Modern Greek

Tone

C Quality

V Quality

Length

Stress

Type II: Affix-Affix Mutation



♦ Gã – Tone **♦**

Tense-Aspect is structurally inside of subject agreement (6)

- -some TAM categories are only marked by tone (7), realized on the subject marker
- (6) Inflection in Gã (Paster, 2000, 8)&(Paster, 2003, 32) mí-**n**-cha 'I'm digging' e-**baá-**cha 'I will dig' 1SG-**Prog-**dig 3SG-**Fut-**dig
- (7) Tonal overwriting on AGR in Gã (Paster, 2003, 28–30)

	Habitual	Perfective	SIMPLE PAST
		H-tone	L-tone
1S _G	mí -cha-a	mí –cha	mi –dú
2SG	o -cha-a	ó –cha	o –dú
	'dig'	'dig'	'cultivate'

♦ Chaha – Consonant Quality **♦**

- − strong (~voiceless, hardened) and weak consonant series
- -two forms for object markers: 'heavy' form after plural subject affixes, the 2.Sg.Fem, or the impersonal (9)
- (8) Object marking in Chaha (Rose, 2007, 39)

·	MALFA	ACTIVE	BENEFACTIVE		
	Light	HEAVY	Light	HEAVY	
1.SG	-β-i	-p -i	-n-i	-n-i	
2.Sg.F	$-\beta$ - $\mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{j}}$	$-\beta$ - $\mathbf{k}^{\mathbf{j}}$	-n- x ^j	-n- k ^j	
3. S G.F	-β-а	−p −a	-r-a	-r-a	
3.PL.F	_β – әта	−p –əma	-r-əma	-r-əma	

(9) Object marking in Chaha: example (Rose, 2007, 40) $ji-r \ni xi\beta-\beta-a$ $ji-r \ni xi\beta-\sigma-\beta-a$ 'they find (sth) to her detriment'

Alternation: type II & cyclic mutation + Tamil +

- -intransitive formed by gemination the stem-final C (10-a) but if different allomorph for past tense marker –ndʒ surfaces, this is lengthened instead (10-b)
- (10) Tamil (Sundaresan and McFadden, 2014, 2+3)

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		TRANS			INTR.		
		STEM	Pst		STEM	PsT	
	a.	aɪgu	aː(g-i)n-	'become'	aɪkɪu	aː k ː-in-	'make'
		uːdu	uːd-in-	'blow'	uːtːu	uː t ː–in	'pour'
	b .	odæ	odæ-ndz-	'break'	odæ	$od \text{@-}\check{\textbf{c}}\text{!}$	'break'
		vedi	vedi-ndz-	'burst'	vedi	vedi-č:-	'burst'

Anticyclic mutation: affixation account

- -all mutation and non-concatenative morphology is the **result of affixation** (Lieber, 1992; Bermúdez-Otero, 2012; Trommer and Zimmermann, 2014)
- −a (nonlinear) morpheme may in principle affect the preceding or the following morpheme
- (11) An affixation account for Gã

H mi +	L H + d u	*Spread Right	$\tau \Rightarrow \pi$	$\tau \rightarrow \pi$
a.	HL H mi du		*	*!
☞ b.	H L H mi d u		*	
c.	H Ļ H ` mi d u	*!	*	

No anticyclic mutation: Antifaithfulness

(12) An antifaithfulness account for T. Popoluca

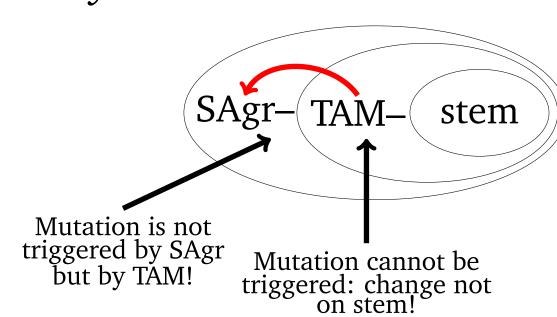
dastah + _{1.SG}	MaxS	¬OO-IDENT Nas[dastah]	IDENT-NAS
a. dastah		*!	
b. astah	*!	*!	
🖙 c. nastah		 	*

(13) Strict Base Mutation (Alderete, 2001b, 141)

Base	Derivative	¬ОО-ГАІТН	OO-FAITH
root	ROOT-af		*!
root	root-AF	*!	

(capitalization: change/mutation)

(14) Anticyclic mutation in Gã?



→ Only a mutation that distinguishes a morphologically more complex word from a less complex base can be demanded

Appendix: Exocentric Mutation Data

1. Type I: Stem \rightarrow Affix

1.1. Chukchee: V Quality

- → Discussed in Wolf (2007) (citing Kenstowicz (1979)) as a counterexample to the SBM
 - language employs [ATR] harmony with [-ATR] being the dominant feature
 - some stems that are underlyingly vowel-less induce this dominant vowel feature on affix vowels (1-)
 - (1-b) contrasts some vowel-less stems that do not induce the dominant [-ATR] on the affix-vowels
- (1) Vowel-less stems and vowel harmony in Chukchee

(Wolf, 2007, 51)

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a. təm-ək 'to kill' ya-nm-ə-len 'he has killed təm-ək 'to say' ya-tw-ə-len 'he has said rəw-ək 'to split' ya-rw-ə-len 'he has split 'he has yaltı' ye-nt-ə-lin 'he has cut off' rəy-ək 'to dig, scratch' ye-ry-ə-lin 'he has dug, scratched'
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1.2. Modern Greek: Stress

- → Discussed in Apoussidou (2003) as a counterexample to the SBM
 - Modern Greek has not only pre-accenting suffixes but also post-accenting roots that generally assign stress to a following affix
 - example (2-a) shows that default stress is on the antepenult if neither stem nor suffix are marked for any stress property
 - in (2-b), the effect of a pre-accenting suffix (marked as -`X) can be seen, whereas (2-c) shows a
 post-accenting root (marked as X'-)
 - example (2-d) only shows that if a pre-accenting suffix and a post-accenting root are combined, the stem-specification wins and the affix is stressed

2) Pre-accenting affixes and post-accenting stems in Modern Greek

(Apoussidou, 2003, 19)

1.3. Kpelle: Tone

- tones: H, M, L, HL; TBU=σ
- 5 classes of nouns; class 2 and 5 have same surface tone pattern but affect following morpheme (affix/word) differently
- (3) Plural formation in Kpelle

(Konoshenko, 2008, 24)

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CI..
           BASE
                 Pi.
1. H.H wúlú
                 wúlú–yáà
    L.L
          yàlà
                 vàlà-yáà
                             'lion'
   L.HL vàwâ
                 yòwó–yàà
                            'axe'
   H.HL yílê
                 yílé–vàà
                            'dog'
   L.L gbònò gbònò-yàà 'ring'
```

Trommer & Zimmermann: 'Anticyclic Mutation'

1.4. Awa: Tone

- apparently different classes of noun suffixes that surface with different tone patterns (4), can be summarized as in (5)
- McPherson (2014) argues that this can be reanalysed without arbitrary classes assuming:
 - L-spreading rule across morpheme boundaries
 - floating L-tones for some H-final nouns
 - additional phonological constraints (e.g. no non-final rises)

Noun suffix allomorphy in Awa

(McPherson, 2014, 12)

a.	póétáhq–pò	pig–Q	'Is it a pig?'
	nâh–pô	taro-Q	'Is it a taro?'
b.	póétáhq-mé	pig–ID	'the pig'
	ávátâ–mě	hair–ID	'the hair'

1.5. Fula: C Quality

- consonants in 3 'grades' (some (m, n, η,...) never alternate) (Churma, 1988; Paradis, 1992)
- initial C on nouns determined by noun class, i.e. by suffix which marks noun class
- suffix-initial C's show same alternation and in this case it idiosyncratically depends on noun (5)

(5) Alternating noun class suffixes in Fula

(Churma, 1988, 40)

'man' 'monkey' 'cap' 'sleeping 'sleeping 'cap' 'sleeping cap' cap'	
CLASS 3 gor -g el ba: -ng el kufine-jel da:g-e 5 gor -g um ba: -ng um kufine-jum da:g-u 7 ngor -g a mba: -ng a kufine- w a nda:g-	g mat'
5 gor -g um ba: -ng um kufine- j um da:g-u 7 ngor -g a mba: -ng a kufine- w a nda:g-	
7 ngor- g a mba:- ng a kufine- w a nda:g-	el
ë ë	ım
8 ngor-go mba:-ko kufine-ho nda:g-	-a
	-о

1.6. Shoshoni: C Quality/Length

- Numic languages are well-known for their so-called final features that trigger a three/four-way
 gradation on a following consonant: nasalization, gemination, spirantization, and aspiration for
 some (Central Numic, e.g. Timbisha, Shoshoni, and Comanche; Miller et al., 2005)
- in Shoshoni, every stem ends in one of four segments: a vowel (=spirantization), 'n' (=nasalization), 'h' (=aspiration), or "" (=gemination) (McLaughlin, 2012, 10)

(6) Final features in Shoshoni

(McLaughlin, 2012, 10)

a.	V-final stem kam:u–pa?a kam:u–ma?ai	kam:uβa?a kam:u w̃ a?ai	'on the jackrabbit' 'with the jackrabb
b.	n-final stem piyin–pa?an piyin–ma?ai	p i yi mb a?a piyi m: a?ai	'on the duck'
c.	?-final stem haih–pa?an haih–ma?ai	haiφa?a hai hữ a?ai	'on the crow'
d.	Gemination tua"–pa?an tua"–ma?ai	tua p: a?a tua m: a?ai	'on the son'

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1.7. Choguita Rarámuri: C Quality

- at least three suffixes alternate; an apparent idiosyncratic behaviour that depends on stem
- has been proposed that this is historically a remnant of a fortis/lenis system whose alternation can still be seen in Numic (Caballero, 2008, 45)
- initial C of future suffix is either voiced or voiceless, depending on the preceding stem and no phonological context (7)

(7) Voicing alternation for plural suffixes

(Caballero, 2008, 46)

a. witfó-bo 'wash (clothes)'

newá-**b**o 'make'-Fut:Pl wí-**b**o 'harvest'-Fut:Pl

pakó-**p**o 'wash (dishes)'-Fut:Pl

nará–**p**o 'cry'–Fut:Pl

tetʃí**–p**o 'comb'–Fut:Pl

• initial C of causative and potential suffix alternate as well: $r/\sim t/$

(8) Stop-flap alternation in potential and causative suffixes

(Caballero, 2008, 47)

a. mahá–ra 'scare'–Pot ko?á–ri–a 'eat'-Caus-Prog

b. tú-ta 'bring'-Pot napá-ti-ma 'hug'-Caus-Fut

1.8. Hungarian: V Quality

- so-called [+shortening] stems show three idiosyncratic behaviours: 1) their final V is shortened preceding a class I suffix; 2) an otherwise mid suffix vowel is lowered; and 3) a phonotactically unmotivated V is introduced (9-a)
- lowering-stems also require a low vowel and introduce a phonotactically unmotivated vowel (9-b)
- examples (9-c) show corresponding non-shortening/-lowering stems where the expected surface form of the plural suffix can be seen

(9) Stems triggering lowering in Hungarian

(Abrusan, 2005, 1+2)

			Acc (-t)	Pl (–Vk)
a.	Shorteni	ng stem		
	nya:r	'summer'	nyar– a –t	nyar– a k
	mada:r	'bird'	madar– a –t	mnadar– a k
b.	Lowering	g stem		
	ha:z	'house'	ha:z– a –t	ha:z– a k
	fog	'tooth'	fog-a-t	fog- a k
c.	Non-sho	rtening/lov	wering stem	
	pa:r	'pain'	pa:r-t	pa:r-ok
	tana:r	'teacher'	tana:r-t	tana:r–ok
	jog	'law'	jog-o-t	jog–ok

2. Type II: Affix₁ \rightarrow Affix₂

2.1. Gã: Tone

- H and L, contours on long vowels
- · downstep that is best analysed as floating L before an H
- multiple morphological tones (H and L, realized in different positions with respect to their base)
- Tense-Aspect is structurally inside of subject agreement, cf. (10)
- there are also TAM categories that are only marked by tone (11)— and those overwrite the tone on the subject marker, not the tone of the stem

(10)	TAM marking in Gã			(Paster, 2003, 32) and (Paster, 2000, 8)	
	mí-n-cha	'I'm digging'	mí-cha-a	'I dig habitually'	
	1Sg-Prog-dig		1SG-dig-Hab		
	e-baá-cha 3Sg-Fut-dig	'I will dig'	é-!lá 3Sg-Perf-sing	'he has sung'	

(11) TAM marking in Gã

(Paster, 2003, 28-30)

	Habitual	PERFECTIVE	SIMPLE PAST
	(Underlying H/L-Tone)	(Grammatical H)	(Grammatical L)
1S _G	mí–cha–a	m í –cha	m i –dú
$2S_G$	o –cha–a	ó –cha	o −dú
	('dig')	('dig')	('cultivate')

2.2. Gaahmg: Tone

- aspectual affixes: /-sA/ for completive and /-An/ for continuative
- the latter has different forms in past and non-past that follow from assuming that the continuative
 has an underlying H-tone and the past affix consist of a floating M-tone that is realized on the /-An/
 (12)
- only surface forms that remain mysterious given the regular phonological (tone) rules of the language are the tones following an L-toned stem
 - we expect /L.LH/ in the past (L+M \rightarrow L.L) instead of L.H
 - we expect /L.M/ in the non-past (L+H → L.M) instead of L.LM

(12) Past and non-past continuative forms

(Stirtz, 2011, 51)

Root tone	CONT.PST		CONT.NP		
Н	kómā 'n	H.MH	kómán	H.H	'cut, chop'
L	gàfán	L.H	gàfà ⁻ n	L.LM	'give'
MH	kē′đē′n	MH.MH	kē ′đén	MH.H	'strike'

2.3. Chaha: C Quality

- an instance of root and pattern morphology: stem shape/vowels correspond to aspectual/tense meaning
- important part of stem 'shape' is the presence/position of mutated consonants: there are two series of consonants, a 'weak' and a 'strong' (~voiceless, hardened)
- order of affixes on verbs as in (13)

- object markers in (13) can be subsegmented into a consonantal part marking the case and a remainder marking the person/number
- the object suffixes surface in one of two versions, the choice being dependent on the preceding subject marking: 'heavy' form used following verbs with plural subject affixes, the 2.Sg.Fem, or the impersonal (Rose, 2007, 38)
- (13) Object marking in Chaha (Rose, 2007, 39)

	MALFACTIVE		BENEFACTIVE	
	LIGHT HEAVY		Light	HEAVY
1.SG	-β-i	−p −i	-n-i	−n−i
1.PL	–β–ndə	−p −ndə	−n–ndə	−n−ndə
2.Sg.F	$-\beta - \mathbf{x}^{j}$	$-\beta$ - \mathbf{k}^{j}	-n-x ^j	$-n-\mathbf{k}^{j}$
2.Pl.F	–β– x ma	–β– k ma	-n-xma	-n- k ma
3.Sg.F	-β-a	−p −a	-r-a	-r-a
3.Pl.F	–β–әта	-p −əma	–r–əma	–r–əma

(14) Object marking in Chaha: example

(Rose, 2007, 40)

ji-rəxiβ-β-a

ji-rəxiβ-o-**p**-a

S3-'find'-Mal-O3SgF-TnsS

S3-'find'-Mal-S3Pl-O3SgF-Tns

'he finds (sth) to her detriment' 'they find (sth) to her detriment'

(Wolf (2007) cites Chaha as another counterexample to the SBM but refers to another morphological context (labialisation of the root final consonant in 3.Ps.Sg and impersonal contexts) and we are not sure how the data he refers to very briefly is a problem for the SBM)

2.4. Tamil: C Length

- distinction between transitive and intransitive verbs in Tamil involves gemination (Schiffmann, 1999; Sundaresan and McFadden, 2014)
- intransitivization in (15-a) involves gemination of the stem-final consonant and the allomorph /in/ as past tense marker
- intransitivization in (15-b) involves a different allomorph for the past tense /ndʒ/ and gemination of this past tense suffix and not a stem consonant (gemination always affects the first suffix directly adjacent to the stem (aspect or tense), not only the past tense suffix)
- the orthographic /u/ that is final in the bare stems in (15) is taken to be epenthetic
- there are no voiced geminates and no geminated /r/ in Tamil, gemination hence involves devoicing
 for some sounds and cahnge of /r/ to /dd/ (→ one of the arguments that the intransitive is formed
 via gemination and not the transitive via degemination)

(15) Gemination in Tamil

(Sundaresan and McFadden, 2014, 2+3)

	TRANS.			INTR.		
	stem	Pst		stem	Pst	
a.	aagu	aa(g–i)n–	'become'	aakku	aa kk –in–	'make'
	uudu	uud-in-	'blow'	uuttu	uu tt –in	'pour'
	tirumbu	tirumb–in–	'return'	tiruppu	tiru pp –in–	'return'
	suruŋgu	suruŋg-in-	'shrink'	surukku	suru kk –in–	'shrink'
	uuru	uur–in–	'ooze'	uuttu	u tt –in–	'pour'
b.	odæ	odæ–nd3–	'break'	odæ	odæ –čč –	'break'
	vedi	vedi–nd3–	'burst'	vedi	vedi –čč –	'burst'
	valar	valar–nd–	'grow'	valar	valar –tt –	'grow'

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