

Unifying v

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Two ontological innovations to the theory of event structure are the use of degree arguments to represent change (et al. 1999, Kennedy & McNally 1999) and the use of force arguments to represent energy (Copley & Harley 2015). Here I present an account of dynamic verb predicates using both forces and degrees, retaining the advantages of each. The resulting account unifies the multiple dynamic flavors of little v (Folli & Harley 2005) into a single flavor, thereby simplifying the syntax-semantics interface for the verb phrase, relative to existing theories (e.g. Ramchand 2008).