

In resultatives, atelic events are turned into telic events by adding a secondary predicate. An important generalisation about resultative predicates is that they must be bounded (Talmy, 1986; Barriers, 1995; Klein, 1997; Wyngaerd, 2001).

- (1) a. Tim danced.
 b. Tim danced himself {completely/almost/half/*very} tired.

The scale of resultative predicates is maximally closed as shown below (Wechsler, 2005):

- (2) John hammered the metal flat.

If the secondary predicate in resultatives is not a gradable adjective with a maximum scale, resultatives are not grammatical (Napoli, 1992; Goldberg, 1995).

- (3) She watered the tulips {flat, *droopy}.

However, gradable adjectives without a maximum scale are available if the main predicates ‘somehow’ encode an endpoint in their meaning (Ono, 2007; Mihara, 2009).

- (4) I froze the ice cream hard.

Washio (1997) hypothesises the dichotomy of strong and weak resultatives; Japanese only allows the former one, in which the affected theme is predicated by a main verb (control resultatives). On the other hand, Japanese is flexible in that open scale adjectives are available as a secondary predicate as shown below:

- (5) John-ga gomu-o nagaku nobasi-ta.
 John-NOM rubber-ACC long stretch-PAST
 ‘(Lit.) *?John stretched the rubber long.’ ‘John stretched the rubber and it became long.’

I claim that the boundedness of resultative events is contained in the main predicate that encodes ‘result’ in Japanese (Rappaport Hovav and Levin, 2010; Beavers and Koontz-Garboden, 2012). If both manner and result can be encoded in a single lexical item á la Beavers and Koontz-Garboden (2012), the meaning of *nobasu* can be written as follows:

- (6) $[[nobasu]] = \lambda x \lambda e_1 [long'(x, e_1) \wedge \exists e_2 [cause'(e_2, e_1)] \wedge \forall e_3 [cause'(e_3, e_1) \rightarrow stretching'(e_3)]]$

The Japanese type resultative is also possible in English, whereby *hard* and *bright* are available as secondary predicates in (4).