Antipolysynthesis: the descriptive challenge of templatic clauses

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1. A model?

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(1) Mo m-u apuwa.
   1PL.EX 1PL-eattaro
   ‘We ate taro.’

(2) Mo m-u apuwa fola.
   1PL.EX 1PL-eattaro  water
   ‘We ate taro at the river.’

(3) Mo m-iya m-e.
   1PL.EX 1PL-sleep 1PL-be
   ‘We slept.’

(4) Yine wani fana?
   2SG see what
   ‘What did you see?’

(5) Fana wani yine?
    what see 2SG
    ‘What saw you?’

(6) Yine y-i peri?
    2SG 2/3SG-go what
    ‘Where did you go?’

(7) * Fina’e y-i peri?
    who 2/3SG-go what
    ‘Who went where?’

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(4)” * Peri yine yi?
    were 2SG see

(4)” * Yine peri yi?
    2SG where go
(8) Nounke mo m-u apuwa.
   ‘We ate taro yesterday.’

(8’) * Mo nounke mu apuwa, *Mo mu nounke apuwa, *Mo mu apuwa nounke

(2’) * Mo fola mu apuwa, *Mo mu fola apuwa, *Fola mo mu apuwa

(8)” Fola-sa, mo m-u apuwa.
   ‘At the river, we ate taro.’

(9) Mo m-u apuwa nula-ne.
   ‘We ate taro with tongs.’

(10) Mo m-u apuwa wo-mente.
   ‘We ate taro with him.’


(11) Mo mamo fola.
   ‘We went to the river.’


(12) Mo mamo wo-mente.
   ‘We went down with him.’

(13) Mo m-ani wo apuwa. (14) Mo sani wo apuwa.
   ‘We gave him (some) taro.’ ‘We looked for his taro.’

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3. Yimas: polysynthesis

(a) Ma-NarIN ipa-wa-ntut iraki al-Ik Irukat.
other-tomorrow 1PL-go-REM.PST wood. VIII.SG cut-PURP Irukat
‘Another day we went to Irukat to cut wood.’

(b) I-kay-wa-ka-al-nsuk-imp-In i-kay-pay-pra-kiantut
VIII.SG-1PL-go-SEQ-cut-REM.PST-SEQ-OBL VIII.SG-1PL-carry-come-FAR.PST
i-kay-tal-wapal-mpi-timpasa-kiantut.
VIII.SG-1PL-hold-climb-SEQ-put.down-FAR.PST
‘After we went and cut (it), we carried (it) back and climbed up with (it)
and put (it) down.’

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