

1 Introduction

(1) *tx-χtu-t-a*
PFV-buy-TR:PST-1SG
'I bought it.' (Japhug)

(2) *tx-ra-χtu-a*
PFV-ANTIP-buy-1SG
'I bought things.' (Japhug)

1.1 Agent-preserving lability

(3) *A-ndzum-ille sapla khutt-aŋ*
1SG.POSS-friend-ERG book steal-1SG.P.PST
'My friend robbed me of my book.' (Limbu)

(4) *Sapla khutt-ε*
book steal-PST:INTR
'The book was stolen.' (Limbu)

(5) *A-ndzum-in khutt-ε*
1SG.POSS-friend-DEF steal-PST:INTR
'My friend committed a theft.' (Limbu)

1.2 Indefinite/generic objects

(6) *nam-ʔa k^ha hit-yaŋ*
sun-ERG something scorch-3SG:INTR:PROG
'The sun is scorching.' (Bantawa)

1.3 Light verb construction

(7) *u-me nu ku andi paχca juu-ntsye ŋu*
3SG.POSS-daughter DEM ERG west pork IPFV-sell be:FACT
'Her daughter sells pork there.' (hist-17-lhazgron, 118) (Japhug)

(8) <ali> *ku-rmi nunu ku, tutsye tu-βze tce nu ku-fse ku-rrzi*
Ali NMLZ:S/A-be.called DEM ERG commerce IPFV-do[III] LNK DEM NMLZ:S/A-be.like IPFV-stay
pjɣ-ŋu
IFR.IPFV-be
'The person who was called Ali did commerce and lived like that.' (hist140516 yiguan ganlan, 4) (Japhug)

1.4 Noun incorporation

(9) *a-wa ku si ku-osu-p^hut*
1SG.POSS-father ERG tree EGOPH.PRES-PROG-fell
'My father is felling trees/the tree.' (Japhug)

(10) *a-wa ku-yu-su-p^hut*
1SG.POSS-father EGOPH.PRES-DENOM-tree-fell
'My father is felling trees.' (Japhug)

2 Incorporation of generic noun / indefinite element

(11) *ŋa-a kho-lai enn-u-ŋ*
1SG-ERG 3SG-DAT hear.N.PST-3SG:P-1SG:A
'I hear him/her.' (Puma)

Table 1: The denominal prefix *rx-* in Japhug

Base Noun	Denominal verb
<i>ta-ma</i> ‘work (noun)’	<i>rx-ma</i> ‘work (intransitive)’
<i>tuu-kryz</i> ‘discussion’	<i>rx-kryz</i> ‘discuss (intransitive)’

- (12) *ŋa k^ha-en-ŋa*
 1SG ANTIP-hear-1SG:S/P
 ‘I hear someone/people.’ (not ‘I hear something’) (Puma)

3 Action nominalization + denominal verbalization

- (13) *rgɣnmuu nu ku li iɕq^ha* <yuwang> *nu pjɣ-k-ɣsu-tɕuβ-ci*
 old.woman DEM ERG again the.mentioned fish.net DEM IFR.IPFV-EVD-PROG-sew-EVD
 ‘The old woman was sewing the fish nets.’ (hist140430 yufu he tade qizi, 297) (Japhug)
- (14) *iɕq^ha ku-rɣ-tɕuβ nu pxjk^hu pjɣ-rɣ-tɕuβ ɕti.*
 the.mentioned NMLZ:S/A-ANTIP-sew DEM already IFR:IPFV-ANTIP-sew be:AFFIRMATIVE:FACT
 ‘(Very early in the morning), the tailor was already sewing.’ (hist140512 alibaba, 151) (Japhug)

4 Reflexive/Middle

4.1 Kiranti

- (15) *lokpei ghrēm-d-u.*
 leech be.disgusted.by-1SG→3
 I am disgusted by leeches. (Khaling)
- (16) *g^hrēm-si-ŋa*
 be.disgusted.by-REFL-1SG:S/P
 I feel disgust. (Khaling)

4.2 Dulong-Rawang

- (17) *à:ng-i àng-svng shvngō-ò-ē*
 3sg-AGT 3sg-LOC hate-3:TR.N.PST-N.PST
 ‘He hates him.’ (Rawang)
- (18) *àng nō shvngō-shì-ē*
 3sg TOP hate-REFL-N.PST
 ‘He’s hateful.’ (Rawang)

4.3 Kuki-Chin

- (19) *Páihthiim noh a pó pyéin-ci.*
 Paihthiim ERG 3SG.POSS friend tell.I-NON.FUTURE
 ‘Paihthiim gossiped about her friend.’ (K’cho)
- (20) *Páihthiim ng-pyéin-ci*
 Paithiim DETRANSITIVE-tell.I-NON.FUTURE
 ‘Paithiim gossips.’ (K’cho)

4.4 West Himalayish

4.5 Old Chinese

Table 2: Antipassive derivation in Old Chinese

Base verb	Meaning	Derived verb	Meaning
覺 <i>kæwk</i>	‘be conscious of’	覺 <i>kæwH</i>	‘awake’
知 <i>tje</i>	‘know’	知智 <i>tjeH</i>	‘be wise’
射 <i>zek</i>	‘shoot at’	射 <i>zæH</i>	‘practise archery’
勝 <i>ciŋ</i>	‘overcome’	勝 <i>ciŋH</i>	‘be victorious’

- (21) 祝聃射王中肩，王亦能軍

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tçuk t^ham zek hjwaŋ tjuŋH ken hjwaŋ jek noŋ kjuŋ
 p.n. p.n. shoot king hit shoulder king also can army

‘Zhu Dan shot at the king and hit his shoulder, but the king was still able to lead his army.’ (Zuozhuan, Huan 5) (Old Chinese)

- (22) 秦晉圍鄭，鄭既知亡矣

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dzin tsinH hjwij djeŋH djeŋH kjijH tje mjaŋ hi
 Qin Jin encircle Zheng Zheng already know disappear particle

‘The country of Zheng is besieged by Qin and Jin, and already knows that it will perish.’ (Zuozhuan, Xi 30) (Old Chinese)

- (23) 君使士射，不能，則辭以疾；言曰：「某有負薪之憂。」

君 使 士 射 不 能 則 辭 以 疾 言 曰 某 有 負
kjun siX dziX zæH pjuwX noŋ tsok zi jiX dzit njon hjwot muwX hjuwX bjuwX
 ruler cause officer practice.archery NEG can then decline because ill word say some have carry
 薪 之 憂
sin tci ʔjuw
 firewood GEN worry

‘When a ruler wishes an officer to take a place at an archery meeting, and he is unable to do so, he should decline on the ground of being ill, and say, ‘I am suffering from carrying firewood.’ (Liji, translation by Legge) (Old Chinese)

- (24) 失其所與，不知

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ciŋ gi sjoX joX pjuwX tjeH
 lose 3:POSS NMLZ:OBLIQUE be.allied NEG be.wise

‘Loosing an ally is not wise.’ (Zuozhuan, Xi 30) (Old Chinese)

“食夜反，又食亦反”。

- (25) 每射，抽矢箠，納諸厨子之房

每 射 抽 矢 箠 納 諸 厨 子 之 房
mwojX zek/zæH t^hjuw ciŋX tjuw nop tço dju.tsiX tci bjaŋ
 each shoot take.out arrow good.arrow put.in it:to p.n. GEN quiver

‘Each time (Xun Shou) shot an arrow/shot at them, if the arrow he had taken was a good one, he would put it into Chuzi’s quiver.’ (Zuozhuan, Xuan 12) (Old Chinese) (射食夜反，又食亦反.)

5 Conclusion

Table 3: Antipassive constructions in ST

Branch	Language	Type	Section
Kiranti	Puma	Indefinite	2
	Limbu	Reflexive/Middle	4.1
	Khaling	Reflexive/Middle	4.1
	Thulung	Reflexive/Middle	4.1
Gyalrongic	Tshobdun	Nominalization + verbalization	3
	Japhug	Nominalization + verbalization	3
	Zbu	Nominalization + verbalization	3
Nungish	Rawang	Reflexive/Middle	4.2
West Himalayish	Bunan	Reflexive/Middle	4.4
	Darma	Reflexive/Middle	4.4
Kuki-Chin	K'cho	Reflexive/Reciprocal	4.3
Sinitic	Old Chinese	Reflexive/Middle?	4.5