

Bridging linkage in Ma Manda

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1 Introduction¹

- Primary question: What are the formal properties of bridging clauses, and how do these correlate with their cohesive functions?
- After addressing their grammatical (§3) and phonological (§4) properties, I discuss the content of bridging clauses in §5 and their discourse placement in §6. I conclude with comments about how their formal properties correlate with their cohesive functions in §7.

2 Language profile

- Ma Manda (previously Sauk) [skc] is located in Morobe Province, PNG, on the southern slopes of the Finisterre Mountains, approximately 50 km northwest of Lae.
 - ~1500 speakers spread out in six primary villages
- Affiliation: “Papuan”, Finisterre-Huon, Erap (Ross 2005; Hooley & McElhanon 1970)
- Morphology: head-marking; nominative-accusative; case enclitics bearing separate syntactic and discourse roles; agglutinative with fusion; primarily suffixing; S/A verbal suffixes (fused with tense); O verbal prefixes for some verbs (fused with roots)
- Syntax: SV/AOV; topic-comment structure is basic; multiple functions of light verbs; clause-chaining; switch-reference
- Phonology: high vowel reduction; barred-i epenthesis; nasal harmony; complex morpho-phonological alternations, esp. with approximants (Pennington 2013)
 - IPA mismatches: /q/→*k*, /ɲ/→*ng*, /j/→*y*, /i/→*û*, /a/→*aa*, /ə/→*a*

3 Grammatical status of the bridging clause

- Bridging clauses may be either coordinate (main) or subordinate.
 - Within either type of clause, the verb may be either finite or non-finite.
 - Or, bridging clauses may be non-verbal, consisting of a sole case-marked demonstrative.
- The parameters are displayed in Table 1.

TABLE 1: GRAMMATICAL PARAMETERS OF BRIDGING CLAUSES

	Coordinate Clause	Subordinate Clause
Finite Verb	V-TAM (CONJ)	V-TAM DEM=CASE
Non-finite Verb	V(-SR)	V-SR DEM=CASE
DEMonstrative	DEM=CASE CONJ	DEM=CASE

¹ Abbreviations: ANA ‘anaphoric’, DS ‘different subject’, EMPH ‘emphatic’, FIN ‘completive adverb’, HAB ‘habitual’, INTNS ‘intensifier’, LK ‘linker’, NFUT ‘near future’, NPST ‘near past’, RPST ‘remote past’, SCN ‘scene’, SIM ‘similative’, SR ‘switch-reference’, SS ‘same subject’, THM ‘theme’, VBLS ‘verbaliser’

3.1 Types of predicates in bridging clauses

- Finite (“final”) verbs:
 - are marked for TAM and subject-agreement
 - do not indicate whether the next clause has a same or different subject.
- Non-finite (“medial”) verbs
 - take switch-reference suffixes
 - are not embedded, but co-ranked with finite verb (i.e. “cosubordination” (Foley & Van Valin 1984)→“coordinate nexus” (Foley 2010))
 - are dependent upon a finite (“final”) verb for their tense and mood
 - are dependent upon a subsequent controlling clause (either finite or non-finite) for subject-agreement
- Demonstratives:
 - consist of a lone demonstrative
 - must bear a case enclitic, often ‘theme’ (THM) (Halliday 1970; de Vries 1995)

3.2 Coordinate bridging clauses

- FINITE COORDINATE CLAUSES are linked to a following clause by:
 - a discourse conjunction (§3.4), e.g. **(2a)** ‘we went and/but’.
 - apposition, e.g. **(19a)** ‘we come sleep’.
- NON-FINITE COORDINATE CLAUSES are linked to a following clause by their own switch-reference morphology, e.g. **(3a)** ‘saying and’.
 - Examples **(14a)**, **(15a)**, & **(19a)** illustrate bare verb stems; this is common with motion verbs in particular, and always indicates a same-subject relationship between the clause headed by the bare verb stem and a following clause.
- DEMONSTRATIVE COORDINATE CLAUSES are marked with a case enclitic and linked to a following clause with a light verb conjunction.
 - For example, *wa=lû ta-ka*, which basically means ‘That, and...’ has grammaticalised into a conjunction, ‘therefore’, as shown below. It has arisen from a thematic demonstrative *wa=lû*, followed by the same-subject verbal conjunction *taka*.

- (i) a. *ta-ng* *tuku* *flaasû-gûng* //
- do-DS SG.O:take cover-RPST:23PL
- b. **walataka** *wangaa=gût* / *bûsenang* *ku-waam=pa* ...
- therefore now=INTNS deep.jungle go-PRES:1PL=or
- ‘And they took him and buried him. ^bTherefore nowadays, if we go into the deep bush...’ [skc12_04]

3.3 Subordinate bridging clauses

- To subordinate a clause, the predicate must be followed by a demonstrative.
 - This produces a “domain clause” (Reesink 1994), which is “a thematic NP, intonationally and syntactically separate from the next clause, express[ing] the domain of relevance for the following assertion” (de Vries 2005:369).

- This relationship is clarified in Ma Manda by adding an enclitic to the demonstrative (e.g. =*lû* ‘THM’, =*la* ‘BEN’, =*lûnang* ‘GEN’), which identifies the role of the domain clause within the matrix clause.
- FINITE SUBORDINATE CLAUSES consist of a finite clause, followed by a demonstrative within the same intonation unit, as in (5a).
- NON-FINITE SUBORDINATE CLAUSES consist of a medial verb, followed by the proximal anaphoric demonstrative *i*, as in (15a).
- DEMONSTRATIVE SUBORDINATE CLAUSES consist of a sole demonstrative, marked with a case enclitic, with =*lû* ‘THM’ being the most common, as illustrated in (4a).
 - The relationship between a thematic NP and the main clause is underspecified. In this instance, since the reference verb *kugûmot* ‘we two went’ is a motion verb, and the proximal demonstrative is used, an ablative meaning ‘from here’ is accomplished.
 - See (13f) for the benefactive case: ‘for that’.

3.4 Light verb conjunctions

- A closed class of verbs may function as “discourse conjunctions” (cf. de Vries 2005:376).
 - The generic verbs which function in this manner are ‘do’, ‘be’, ‘say’, ‘stay’, and ‘remain’ (cf. reduced “lexical overlap” in Thompson et al. (2007:290)).
 - These same verbs often occur in summary bridges, where they are preceded by a pause.
 - They may also occur without a preceding pause break; in this case they are less like discourse conjunctions, and more like classic conjunctions.
 - See (2a), where the switch-reference morphology does not match—the first person non-singular switch-reference form is *tangûda* (e.g. (22a)).
 - Another verb, ‘stay’, is illustrated below.
- (ii) a. *naadû-ka* *do-ka* *a-gûmok* *aa-gû* *i=di* /
 sense-SS sleep-SS be-RPST:23DU stay-SS.DUR this(ANA)=THM
- b. *siya-ng* *ka-gok* //
 dawn-DS see-RPST:3SG
- ‘(He) understood and (they) slept until ^bdawn.’ (lit. ‘(He) understood and (they) slept and after awhile, ^bhe saw it dawn.’) [skc12_04]

4 Phonology of the bridging clause

- The phonological properties of bridging clauses support the idea that one of their primary functions is PROCESSING EASE (de Vries 2005).
- Bridging clauses have a particular phonological pattern which sets them apart both from the reference clauses which precede them, and from subsequent clauses.
- Finite reference clauses (the “tail”) exhibit low-falling intonation, followed by a pause.
- Bridging clauses have a rising or flat intonation, often accompanied by a comparatively slow and deliberate pronunciation of each word.
 - This is particularly noticeable with uninflected verbs of motion, the vowels of which are frequently extended (e.g. (14a)).

- Reduplication of entire verbs and demonstratives is common here, often as a further stalling tactic.
- There is a general pull for bridging clauses to occur shortly after a sentence boundary, with a greater pause after the bridge than after the sentence boundary.
- The intonational contour drops, however, on a following word: a conjunction (**2a**), a nominalising demonstrative (**5a**), or a discourse particle (**22a**).
- Aspectual light verbs (e.g. **(18a)**) do not show such a drop.
 - This is a strong piece of evidence for words such as ‘put’ to be combined with preceding verbs as complex predicates; they are auxiliary “helping” verbs.
- Phonological difference between summary and conjunction functions of light verbs:
 - As a summary bridge, they have a preceding pause break, and may be spoken slowly with a rising intonation
 - As a conjunction, they are marked by a low intonational contour, as well as the absence of a preceding pause break (cf. Aikhenvald (2008:455) for similar comments regarding Manambu). These forms are also spoken rapidly.

5 Content of the bridging clause

- Bridging clauses in Ma Manda may contain either a recapitulative predicate (a verbal repetition or synonym), or a summary predicate (a light verb, demonstrative, or both).
 - Recapitulative predicates may be either finite (“final”) or non-finite (“medial”).
 - Summary predicates may be either non-finite or non-verbal (demonstrative).
 - Crucially, summary predicates never exhibit finite morphology.

TABLE 2: PREDICATE TYPES AND BRIDGING CONTENT

Type of predicate	Bridging content
Finite verb	Recapitulative
Non-finite verb	Recapitulative or Summary
Demonstrative	Summary

5.1 Recapitulative linkage

- A recapitulative predicate uses either the same verb as the reference clause, or a synonym.
 - The verb of the reference clause is often simply repeated in the bridging clause.
 - This may be a complete repetition of the full TAM specifications, as in the coordinate finite bridge of **(2a)**, or the verb may be non-finite as in **(14a)**.
 - It is fairly common for the recapitulative verb to be a synonym of the reference verb, rather than a verbatim repetition.
 - For example, this often occurs with speech reports. The bridging clause in **(3a)** uses *taa* ‘say’, while its reference clause uses *nû* ‘tell’.
- With recapitulative bridges, it is very common for additional arguments, aspectual information, or verbs (which were previously covert) to be expressed overtly.
 - On the other hand, sometimes less information is provided in the bridge.

- Types of ADDITIONAL INFORMATION in bridging clauses:
 - Verb: *ku* ‘go’ in (6a); *dogot* ‘I slept’ in (10a)
 - Argument: *taamtaampû* ‘women’ in (23a); *na taamûng* ‘men and women’ in (18a)
 - Aspect: *kungagû* ‘stayed for awhile’ in (7a); *dûka fûngûlû mo* ‘once it burns down’ in (22a); *fepmaakongka tûka* ‘finish cutting it all’ in (18a)
 - Adverbial elements: *laabûgot walû moga* ‘Since I’ve already come up’ in (11a)
 - Clause: *gambon usuka* ‘plant beans’ in (20a)
- Types of OMITTED INFORMATION in bridging clauses:
 - Verb: *yaabetta* ‘to see them’ from (14d)
 - Argument: *kafet-kafet* ‘scraping’ from (24b)
 - Aspect: *fepmûgaamang* ‘we habitually cut’ from (17)
 - Adverbial elements: *sibi kum* ‘down in Sibi’ from (4b)
 - Clause: *dapmon dowaamang* ‘we sleep’ from (19j)

5.2 Summary linkage

- Summary linkage consists of a light verb and/or a demonstrative.
 - See (26a), where the verb form *tang* recapitulates the previous clause *tûmang gelaawangang* ‘they grow up first’.
 - See (25a) for a demonstrative and light verb: *wa taka* ‘doing that’.
 - See (4a) for a thematic demonstrative: *yalû* ‘this’.
- Additional arguments and aspectual information are not attested with summary linkage.
- Only non-finite (medial) verbs have been observed in summary linkage constructions; summary verbs have not been found in nominalised finite clauses.
 - This addresses the question from de Vries (2005:377) about “whether generic verb linkage occurs only in chained forms or also in thematic forms in a given language.”
- Finally, *ta* ‘do’ may occur in its bare root form.
 - Lacking switch-reference morphology, this form offers no continuity with previous participants—it signals overt discontinuity, as shown in (iii).
 - Interestingly, this form can also be used as an emphatic affirmative response to a polar question (it’s unclear whether this is polysemy or homophony).

(iii) a. *naai wa=long / takase kum=aa-gû / laabû-got //*
 time that=SCN Takase down=stay-SS.DUR come.up-RPST:1SG

b. *ta nanak / u kosaan ya=ngaa-gû kansok=kût //*
 do child that(ANA) side this=stay-SS.DUR Kansok=COM

c. *kansok enaagût-a i nabut ku-gok //*
 Kansok PL.O:get-SS this(ANA) Nambut go-RPST:3SG

‘At that time I was staying down in Takase, and I came up. ^bBut the child, he was staying on this side with Kansok, and ^cKansok, after getting them, went to Nambut (River).’ [skc09_18]

6 Where does bridging occur?

6.1 Genre

- Bridging clauses are especially prevalent in narrative and procedural texts (cf. de Vries (2005:365)), but occur in any text which has narrative or procedural paragraphs, including sermons, prayers, and spontaneous discussion.
- Occurs in future time procedural texts as well.
 - Also frequently bridging medial clauses, though in a much less structured manner:

- (iv) a. *laayan nalam / kagang-sek=ngang ku-deng wa=lû /*
 Ryan couple village-POSS.23DU=LOC go-IRR:23DU that=THM
- b. *ku kagang-sek=ngang kun=aa-gû*
 go village-POSS.23DU=LOC up=stay-SS.DUR
- nanak genangka-ng-alû /*
 child appear-DS-23
- c. *gulat ban kan-sû=long wa=ba-deng wa=lû ba-ka /*
 year a down-LK=SCN there=come-IRR:23DU that=THM come-SS
- d. *ba-deng wa=lû ba saaut ya=ba-ngkadopmû-ka / ...*
 come-IRR:23DU that=THM come Saut here=come-arrive-SS
- ‘Ryan (with his) wife, after they go to their village, ^b(they will) go stay up in their village while their child is born, and ^cin another year after they come back there [to Ukarumpa] they will come [to Saut], and ^dafter they come [to Ukarumpa] they will come to Saut, and...’ [skc09_16]

- The uniting factor is the need to provide cohesion between related events.
 - Its relationship with these genres is epiphenomenal; the pattern occurs in any dialogue in which two or more events are strung together into separate sentences.
 - In fact, the fact that quotations are usually sandwiched between two speech verbs is a further type of recapitulation.

6.2 Modality

- Bridging clauses occur with equal frequency in both oral and written discourse.
- In written texts, coordinate and subordinate thematised clauses occur, including lexical repetition, synonymic recapitulation, and summary linkage.
 - However, this is a brand new writer using a brand new orthography.

- (v) a. *naai ban flong saaut nanak-sû=lû lelang ku-gûng .*
 time a OBL Saut child-POSS.23PL=NOM Lemang go-RPST:23PL
- ‘One time (some) kids from Saut went to Lemang.’

- b. *lo lemang kudu aatû-ku-gûng* .
 go.up Lemang there stay-go-RPST:23PL
 ‘They went up and remained there in Lemang.’
- c. *aatû-ku-gû aatû-ku-gû bûge maa-ba-gûng* .
 stay-go-SS.DUR stay-go-SS.DUR again COMPL-come-RPST:23PL
 ‘After a long while they came back again.’
- d. *ba-gûng wa=lû nabut fû-ngkadopmû-ka*
 come-RPST:23PL that=NOM Nambut come.down-arrive-SS
yak kadek fa mi flong wa be-ka
 bilum PL PL.O:get water OBL that PL.O:put-SS
nanak saakûm ban nû-gûng ,
 child small a 3SG.O:tell-RPST:23PL
"gak yak wa yamaandûfat-a alû-taang ."
 2SG bilum that 3PL.O:look.after-SS be-NFUT:2SG
 ‘After they came they came down to Nambut (River) and put the bilums in the water and told a little boy, “You stay here and look after the bilums.”’ [skc12_13]

6.3 Frequency & location

- Bridging clauses introduce almost every single sentence within a narrative or procedural discourse.
 - Occasionally sentences do not contain finite verbs, as seen in (5d) and (9b), often in order to convey an indefinite length of transition time between main-line events (Sarvasy 2014). This is also possible when a speaker changes his mind mid-sentence
 - In each of these cases, even without a finite verb, bridging clauses still introduce the following sentence.
- It is only occasionally absent, usually where opening and closing remarks are placed.
- Out of 27 included sentences from three texts, only (13a), (17), and (27) lack a bridge.

7 Bridging parameters and cohesive functions

- Bridging clauses provide referential and event cohesion between the final clause of a reference sentence and a subsequent sentence.
 - Speakers usually only repeat the finite clause which concludes the previous sentence; in these texts there are no examples of verbs being recapitulated from previous clauses. Is this an absolute?
- Depending on the morphology of the predicate, and the type of bridging content, different combinations of cohesion are achieved.
- Embeddedness of clauses has no bearing on cohesion: subordinate clauses are presupposed, while coordinate clauses are asserted.
- The most common type of bridging clause is headed by a non-finite verb:

TABLE 3: NON-FINITE BRIDGING CLAUSES: MORPHOLOGY AND COHESION

	Recapitulative		Summary	
	Referential	Event	Referential	Event
-SR	+	+	+	–
-Ø	–	+	–	–

- The UNMARKED BRIDGING CONSTRUCTION consists of non-finite recapitulative verbs with switch-reference morphology. This produces both referential and event cohesion.
 - “The default syntactic form of the recapitulated head clause in a given Papuan language follows from the default or unmarked type of clause linkage in that language” (de Vries 2005:372).
- Summary linkage lacks event cohesion, while maintaining referential cohesion.
 - Uninflected verbs lack referential cohesion; thus, uninflected summary verbs are overtly discontinuative.
- The MARKED BRIDGING CONSTRUCTION consists of a nominalised finite clause, which is utilised to open a new thematic paragraph (“chaining paragraph” (Farr 1999)).
 - These clauses mostly provide temporal cohesion, lacking overt referential cohesion.
 - For the first text, see examples **(5a)**, **(8a)**, **(10a)** and **(11a)**.
 - Almost every one these thematised clauses coincides with a temporal verb (‘dawn’), introducing a new episode.
 - Often followed by a further recapitulation in a non-finite form afterward.
 - In essence, the subordinate clause functions as a reference clause of a secondary bridge. See (iv) and **(21a)**, **(22b)**, & **(23b)**.
 - This produces verbal triplicates, where the subordinate clause functions as both a bridge and a reference clause for the secondary bridge.
 - The lack of finite summary bridging clauses is unsurprising:
 - Finite clauses provide event continuity without referential consequence, while summary linkage discontinues the event line, producing event discontinuity. The two are incompatible.
 - Demonstratives do not provide referential/temporal cohesion, but instead seem to provide anaphoric event cohesion (functioning very similarly to finite recapitulative bridging clauses).
- Lack of any bridging construction produces complete discontinuity (de Vries 2005:375).
 - This only occurs at rare junctures, such as on the second or final sentences of texts.
 - These are discourse margins used to provide initial or summarising remarks, and do not consist of mainline events. See **(13a)** and **(32)**.

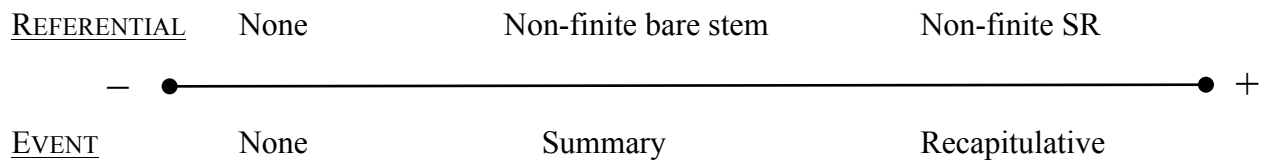


FIGURE 1: REFERENTIAL AND EVENT COHESION CONTINUUM

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Bridging linkage in Ma Manda: Texts

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****Bridging clauses** are visually linked to their reference clauses with lines. Pauses are marked with a slash, while sentential pauses are marked with double slashes. Nominalised (thematised) bridging clauses are circled. **

Personal Narrative: A Trip to Lae [skc09_01]

- (1) *sisa / gaamiyong=kût / laai ku-ntaamot taa-ka ku-gûmot //*
 ±2days Gamiyong=COM Lae go-NFUT:1DU say-SS go-RPST:1DU
 ‘The day before yesterday I wanted to go to Lae with Gaamiyong, (so) we went.’
- (2) a. *ku-gûmot ta-ng-alû /*
 go-RPST:1DU do-DS-23
- b. *na-taam=pû kadep=mang kam nûnû-gûng /*
 male-female=NOM road=LOC down 1PL.O:tell-RPST:23PL
kadet wakaa-ngak //
 road damaged-NPST:3SG
 ‘We went, but ^bthe people down on the road told us that the road was damaged.’
- (3) a. *taa-ng-alû / ya=ba-ka ba-dem=pa taa-gûmot*
 say-DS-23 here=come-SS come-IRR:1DU=BEN say-RPST:1DU
ta-gû dom ta-ng i=di /
 do-SS.DUR NEG do-DS this(ANA)=THM
- b. *wanggût yeudat / ku-gûmot //*
 that:INTNS anyway go-RPST:1DU
 ‘(They) said it, and we came here and tried to come, but we couldn’t, ^byet we went anyway [by foot].’
- (4) a. *ya=lû ku-ka /*
 this=THM go-SS
- b. *sibi kum do-gûmot / pande=lit //*
 Sibi down sleep-RPST:1DU Pande=COM
 ‘From here we went, and ^bwe slept down in Sibi, with Pande.’
- (5) a. *wa do-gûmot wa=lû siya-ng-alû /*
 there sleep-RPST:1DU that=THM dawn-DS-23
- b. *bûge mo-gûmot wa=lû mo-ka /*
 again go.down-RPST:1DU that=THM go.down-SS
- c. *kasuka ku-ka PMV flong /*
 Kasuka go-SS PMV OBL
- d. *blaangkong-gûmot wa=lû mo-ka / laai //*
 jump-RPST:1DU that=THM go.down-SS Lae
 ‘After we slept there, in the morning, ^bafter we went down again we went down, and ^cwent to Kasuka and on a PMV, ^dwhich we jumped on, went down, to Lae.’

(6) a. *laai ku-mo-ka /*
Lae go-go.down-SS

b. *ku-ka taaun wa ku-nga-gûmot //*
go-SS town that go-be-RPST:1DU
'We went down to Lae, and ^bwent and walked around town.'

(7) a. *taaun wa ku-nga-gû /*
town that go-be-SS.DUR

b. *gaamiyong napmang-ka /*
Gamiyong 1SG.O:leave-SS

c. *salamoa ku-ng-alû /*
Salamoa go-DS-23

d. *nak / ya=ba-ka ku-ka ku[du] do-got / ten siti //*
1SG here=come-SS go-SS there sleep-RPST:1SG Tent City
'We walked around town until, ^bGaamiyong left me, and ^cwent to Salamo, and ^dI, I came here and went to sleep there, at Tent City.'

(8) a. *kudu do-got wa=lû siya-ng-alû /*
there sleep-RPST:1SG that=THM dawn-DS-23

b. *bûge ba taaun wa=ngaatu-ku-gû /*
again come town that=stay-go-SS.DUR

c. *kadet mo kaalin ta-ak taa-ka ba-got dom //*
road FIN good do-PRES:3SG say-SS come-RPST:1SG NEG
'After I slept there, in the morning, ^bI came again and walked around town until, ^cI thought the road was okay and I came (but) it wasn't.'

(9) a. *kadet wakaa-gok taa-ng-alû /*
road damaged-RPST:3SG say-DS-23

b. *bûge=bû=ga amun / amun wa=lû wa=lû*
again=too=INS ground ground that=THM that=THM

ba-gû ba-gû-û / bayaang //
come-SS.DUR come-SS.DUR Bayang

'They said the road was (still) damaged, but ^byet again by foot I came and came and came, to Bayang.'

(10) a. *ba bayaang do-got wa=lû siya-ng-alû /*
come Bayaang sleep-RPST:1SG that=THM dawn-DS-23

b. *mo=ga kagang / laabû-got / kaasingang //*
FIN=INS village come.up-RPST:1SG Kesengen

'After I came and slept at Bayang, in the morning, ^bI finally came up to the village, to Kesengen.'

(11) a. *laabû-got* *wa=lû* *mo=ga* /
 come.up-RPST:1SG that=THM FIN=INS

b. *ya=nga-gaam* *ya* *waagût* //
 here=be-PRES:1PL this today

‘Since I came up already, here we are today.’

Personal Narrative: What I Did Yesterday [skc10_01]

(12) *kep* *wan* *ta-got* //
 yesterday that:SIM do-RPST:1SG
 ‘Yesterday I did like this.’

(13) a. *taamengsla* *aakng-ka* /
 morning arise-SS

b. *sûbat* *sûna-maa-kong-ka* *i=di* //
 food cook.eat-COMPL-throw-SS this(ANA)=THM

c. *badaang* *sako-ka* /
 rope hold-SS

d. *kaadûp* *ule-ka* /
 wood break-SS

e. *dinambong* *be-gûm=mang* /
 Dinambong PL.O:put-RPST:1PL=LOC

f. *wa=la* *ku-got* //
 that=BEN go-RPST:1SG

‘I got up in the morning, and ^bafter finishing cooking and eating, ^c(since) we had gotten rope and ^dbroken firewood and ^eput it at Dinambong, ^fI went for that.’

(14) a. *ku-u* /
 go

b. *kaadûp* *wa* *dûdûmet-a* *febû* *be-ka* *i=di* //
 wood that bind-SS PL.O:bring PL.O:put-SS this(ANA)=THM

c. *febû* *gebûng* *be-ka* *i=di* //
 PL.O:bring inside PL.O:put-SS this(ANA)=THM

d. *mandeng* / *nantaam* *isit* *dong* *ta-gûng* /
 later people kunai find do-RPST:23PL

yaab-et=ta *lo-got* //
 3PL.O:see-IRR:1SG=BEN go.up-RPST:1SG

‘(I) went, and ^bafter binding the firewood and bringing and putting it, ^cafter bringing and putting it inside, ^dlater, I went up to see the people (who) were finding kunai grass.’

- (15) a. *lo isit dong ta-ka aatû-ku-gû i=di /*
 go.up kunai find do-SS stay-go-SS.DUR this(ANA)=THM
 b. *tafala ta-ng maa=ba-gûm //*
 afternoon do-DS COMPL=come-RPST:1PL
 ‘After going up and finding kunai for awhile, ^bin the afternoon we came back.’

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- (16) *saut mada taab-ûtaat //*
 Saut talk say-NFUT:1SG
 ‘I will speak the language of Saut.’

- (17) *tûmang / fi koda a fepmû-gaam-ang //*
 first garden new cut-PRES:1PL-HAB
 ‘First, we cut a new garden.’

- (18) a. *na taamûng fi koda a fep-maa-kong-ka tû-ka /*
 male female garden new cut-COMPL-throw-SS SG.O:put-SS
 b. *na kadek=kû kaadûp dûnû-maa-ko-ng-alû /*
 male PL=NOM wood chop-COMPL-throw-DS-23
 c. *na taamûng falele-ka /*
 male female lop-SS
 d. *tangaan-tangaan wa=ga bot be-ka /*
 branch-PL that=INS group PL.O:put-SS
 e. *tangaan kaa kusang-kusang wa=ga kaadûp mebû=nang*
 branch somewhat big-PL that=INS wood base=LOC
klong=gût be-ka /
 stand=INTS PL.O:put-SS
 f. *na kadek=kû kaadûp bin bamo wa=ga fangaakng-ka*
 male PL=NOM wood real trunk that=INS PL.O:lift-SS
kaadûp mebû=nang be-ng-alû /
 wood base=LOC PL.O:put-DS-23

- g. *be-maa-kong-ka ta-ka mo ba-waam //*
 PL.O:put-COMPL-throw-SS do-SS FIN come-PRES:1PL
 ‘The men and women finish cutting the whole new garden, and ^bthe men chop down all the trees, and ^cthe men and women lop off (the branches), and ^dthey make a heap with the branches, and ^ethey stand up the medium-sized branches at the base of a tree, and ^fthe men lift up the big tree trunks and put them at the base of a tree, and ^gwe put it all and once we’re finished doing it we come.’

- (19) a. *ba do-waam /*
come sleep-PRES:1PL
- b. *siya-ng-alû bûge ku-waam wa=lû taaweng /*
dawn-DS-23 again go-PRES:1PL that=THM taro
- welû tamet-a fuku be-ka / usu-maa-kong-ka /*
seed carry-SS PL.O:take PL.O:put-SS plant-COMPL-throw-SS
- c. *dang welû ta-ka fuku usu-maa-kong-ka /*
pitpit seed do-SS PL.O:take plant-COMPL-throw-SS
- d. *gulam welû fuku usu-maa-kong-ka /*
aibika seed PL.O:take plant-COMPL-throw-SS
- e. *saanggom welû usu-ka /*
corn seed plant-SS
- f. *kaalaaut usu-ka / usu-maa-kong-ka /*
cabbage plant-SS plant-COMPL-throw-SS
- g. *ilobu usu-maa-kong-ka /*
banana plant-COMPL-throw-SS
- h. *kaadûp se-waan=nang / aanyaan welû usu-ka /*
wood cook-NMLS=LOC onion seed plant-SS
- i. *bûge kaadûp daai ban se-waan=nang wa /*
again wood eye a cook-NMLS=LOC that
- kaamûng welû usu-ka / usu-maa-kong-ka be-ka mo /*
cucumber seed plant-SS plant-COMPL-throw-SS PL.O:put-SS FIN

- j. *ba-ka dapmon do-waam-ang //*
come-SS sleep sleep-PRES:1PL-HAB

‘We come sleep, and ^bin the morning, after we go again, we carry taro seeds and lay them, and we plant them all, and ^cwe do the pitpit seeds and we take and plant them all, and ^dwe take and plant all the aibika seeds, and ^ewe plant the corn seeds, and ^fwe plant cabbage, and we plant them all, and ^gwe plant all the banana, and ^hwhere we burned down a tree we plant onion seeds, and ⁱagain in a place where we burned down a tree we plant cucumber seeds, and once we finish planting them all, ^jwe come and sleep.’

- (20) a. *gambom usu-ka /*
bean plant-SS
- b. *ba-ka aatû-ku-gû emak /*
come-SS stay-go-SS.DUR moon
- yaalanang=ka wan yaabû-ka mo /*
three=or that:SIM 3PL.O:see-SS FIN

- c. *bûge ku-waam-ang //*
 again go-PRES:1PL-HAB
 ‘We plant beans, and ^bwe come and remain and once three or so months have passed,
^cwe go again.’

- (21) a. *ku-waam wa=lû ku /*
 go-PRES:1PL that=THM go
 b. *kaadûp tangaan-tangaan wa=lû mo mulin ta-ng-alû /*
 wood branch-PL that=NOM FIN dry do-DS-23
 c. *bûge e-faale-efaale ta-ka /*
 again CAUS-turn-NMLS do-SS
 d. *bot be-ka /*
 group PL.O:put-SS

- e. *se-ng-ada dû-wang-ang //*
 cook-DS-1PL light-PRES:23PL-HAB
 ‘After we go we go, and ^bthe tree branches have dried, and ^cwe rotate them again, and
^dwe heap them, and ^ewe light it on fire.’

- (22) a. *se-ng-ada dû-ka fû-ng-alû mo /*
 cook-DS-1PL light-SS go.down-DS-23 FIN
 b. *ba-waam wa=lû ba-ka /*
 come-PRES:1PL that=THM come-SS
 c. *kagang ya=ngaatû-ku-gû mo / emak /*
 village here=stay-go-SS.DUR FIN moon
yaalû=wa yaalanang=ka wan yaabû-ka /
 two=or three=or that:SIM 3PL.O:see-SS
 d. *bûge ku-waam wa=lû /*
 again go-PRES:1PL that=THM
 e. *fing ganang ku-ka mo /*
 garden plot go-SS FIN

- f. *blaakam ta-waam-ang //*
 weed do-PRES:1PL-HAB
 ‘We light it and once it burns down, ^bafter we’ve come we come, and ^cremain here in
 the village until two or three months have passed, and ^dafter we go again, ^eonce we go
 to the garden, ^fwe do the weeding.’

- (23) a. *taam-taam=pû blaakam ta-maa-kong-ka /*
 female-PL=NOM weed do-COMPL-throw-SS
 b. *be-ka ba-waam wa=lû ba-ka aatû-ku-gû /*
 PL.O:put-SS come-PRES:1PL that=THM come-SS stay-go-SS.DUR

c. *bûge ku-ka yaabû-waam i=di mo /*
again go-SS 3PL.O:see-PRES:1PL this(ANA)=THM FIN

d. *sûbat-sûbat usu-waam wa=lû mo /*
food-PL plant-PRES:1PL that=THM FIN

e. *talaabû ulumut ta-ka mo /*
SG.O:take.up sprout do-SS FIN

f. *tû-ng gulat ta-wang-ang //*
SG.O:put-DS harvest do-PRES:23PL-HAB

‘The women do all the weeding, and ^bafter we finish and come, we come and remain for awhile, and ^cafter we go again and see, ^dthe foods which we planted, ^ecome forth and sprout, ^fthey flourish.’

(24) a. *ta-ng wa yaabû daampa-ka mo ku /*
do-DS that 3PL.O:see happy-SS FIN go

b. *blaakam mebû kam i*
weed base down this(ANA)

kafet-kafet ta-ka aatû-ku-waam-ang //
scrape-NMLS do-SS stay-go-PRES:1PL-HAB

‘And we see them and rejoice and we go, and ^bscrape the weeds down on their stalks and continue (to do it).’

(25) a. *wa ta-ka aatû-ku-gû-û mo /*
that do-SS stay-go-SS.DUR FIN

b. *gulam / gambom / saanggom / kaamûng kadek wa=lû i=di /*
aibika bean corn cucumber PL that=THM this(ANA)=NOM

c. *tûmang gelaa-wang-ang //*
first grow-PRES:23PL-HAB

‘(We) continue to do that until, ^bthe aibika, beans, corn, and cucumber, ^cthey grow up first.’

(26) a. *ta-ng tûmang wa na-ka aatû-ku-ka mo /*
do-DS first that eat-SS stay-go-SS FIN

b. *taaweng / ilobu / dang kadek / gulat yaalû=wa yaalanang=ka*
taro banana pitpit group year two=or three=or
wan yaabû-ng /
that:SIM 3PL.O:see-DS

c. *gelaa-ng i mo /*
grow-DS this(ANA) FIN

d. *ne-ka sûna-ka aatû-ku-ng-ada /*
dig-SS cook.eat-SS stay-go-DS-1PL

e. *fî wa=lû mo ku-ka /*
garden that=NOM FIN go-SS

f. *bûdûm-pa-ak-ngang //*

overgrowth-VBLS-PRES:3SG-HAB

‘And first we eat this for awhile until, ^{b/c}after the taro, banana, and pitpit grow for about two or three years, ^dwe dig it up and cook and eat it until, ^{e/f}the garden has gone bush.’

- (27) *fî* *tanak=kûnang* *mada* *taa-it //*
garden gardening=GEN talk say-PRES:1SG
‘I’ve told about gardening.’