

## **Contingent probing**

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In this talk, I discuss cases where one syntactic operation --- movement of a phrase, or agreement --- seems to be contingent on the success of a distinct, primary syntactic operation targeting some other element. These cases are of interest because the effects of the primary operation do not seem to bear on the success of the contingent dependency. I'll discuss a prior approach to these sorts of effects (Lohninger 2022, Morley 2024), certain issues it may face in light of all the data discussed, and consider some potential alternatives and ways forwards.