Syntax of non-manual negation in RSL
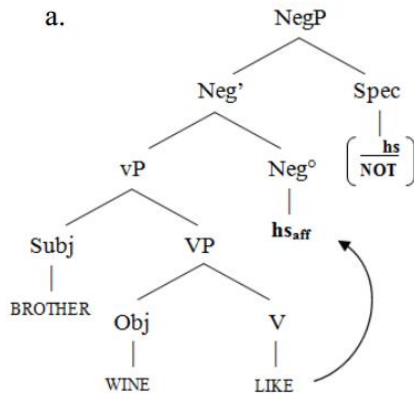Lena Pasalskaya
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1. Some questions

a.

- How do we know that Subject vacates vP before the headshake (hs) spreads its properties?
- And does Subject move to TP / CP? And where is TP?
- How to analyze pronoun subject?
- Is it right, that when the hs spreads over the predicate, the verb moves to Neg°, when the hs spreads over Object too, there is spreading properties of the hs?

2. The data (RSL): word order
- the basic word order – SVO
- negative manual signs:

Regular (after the verb)	Irregular[1]
NOT[2]	WANT.NOT, BE.NOT, NEED.NOT

- Regular negation may change the basic word order (1) to SOVNeg

(1) a. MOTHER BUY BOOK
'Mother bought a book'
b. MOTHER BOOK BUY NOT
c. *MOTHER BUY NOT BOOK[3]
'Mother did not buy a book'

- Irregular negation also can use as sentential (predicate negation?)

(2) MOTHER BOOK BUY/BUY BOOK BE.NOT
'Mother did not buy a book'
(3) ENGLAND NEVER.ONCE
'I have never been to England'

3. The data (RSL): non-manual marking

Facial expression	Head movements
Eyes narrowed (or widely opened); eyebrows lowered, nose wrinkled	- head shake - head turn - backward head tilt (?) - forward head nod (?)

The headshake spread over:

- Irregular manual negation

(4)
         ___hs___

INDEX-1 KNOW.NOT
'I do not know'

- Regular negation over: NOT (5a), the verb + NOT(5b), Object + the verb + NOT (5c), the whole utterance (6,7)

(5) a.   ___hs___
INDEX BOOK BUY NOT

b.   ___hs___
INDEX BOOK BUY NOT

c.   ___hs___
INDEX BOOK BUY NOT
'You did not buy a book.'

(6) _____hs_____
YESTERDAY CALL BE.NOT
'Yesterday I did not call anybody'

(7) _____hs_____
BLACK CAVIAR EAT NEVER.ONCE
'I have never eaten black caviar'

- May be different scope of face expressions and head movements

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[1] Do they exist in DGS?
[3] Some signers, but not all

(8)

<u>hs</u>	<u>hs</u>	<u>hs</u>
<u>face</u>	<u>face</u>	<u>face</u>
INDEX-1 CALL NOBODY	INDEX-1 CALL+ NEG NOBODY	BOY CHICKEN EAT NOT
'I did not call anybody'	'I did not call anybody'	'The boy did not at chicken'

4. The data (RSL): the interaction of the manual negator with n-words
   - difference between adjunct and argument

(9) INDEX TIDY BOY NEVER LATE NOT
   'This tidy boy is never late'

(10) WRITER WRITE NOTHING
   'The writer did not write anything'
   - argument of regular and irregular verb

(11) BOY K-O-L-Y-A NOBODY KNOW.NOT
   'Kolya nobody knows'

(12) NOBODY HELP
   'Nobody helps'

(13) NOBODY LET.NOT
   'No one is allowed to enter'

(14) INDEX-1 MEET NOBODY MEET NOT
   'Nobody did not meet me'

(15) NOBODY ANSWER NOT PHONE
   'Nobody answers the phone'

5. Analysis (Kremers)