

## Measure Phrases in PP

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In this talk, I would like to explore the syntax of measure phrases in PP. The investigation is driven by the need to get a basic picture of how measure phrases behave in the phrase structural system of Japanese. It is generally believed that Japanese dimensional adjectives cannot host a measure phrase and that Japanese has no functional projection such as DegP which can host a measure phrase. It is premature, however, to pass one's verdict on the syntax of measure phrases by looking at adjectives alone. In fact, there are a variety of structures where a measure phrase can appear in Japanese. I will concentrate on PP in this talk, though I will comment on AP as well, time permitting.

The syntax of PP in Japanese provides a good starting point for discussion of measure phrases in general. The word order variation within locative PPs motivates a rich layer of functional projections for the structure that has been traditionally regarded as PP, which opens up a new perspective that will be useful for the analysis of adjectival projections in addition to PP.