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## Partial IP-ellipsis in German loose appositives

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Example (1) illustrates an **elliptical adverbial clause** (EAC), a phenomenon briefly discussed by Klein (1993).

- (1) **Obwohl selbst vom Lieferstreik betroffen**, kann sich [Kuster] ein Schmunzeln nicht verkneifen. (St. Galler TB, 07.04.2013)  
‘Although himself affected by the strike, K. can’t forbear a smile.’

With respect to their intonation and interpretation, EACs resemble **loose appositives** (cf. Freienstein 2008); regarding their syntax, EACs parallel **peripheral adverbial clauses** (cf. Frey 2011). Seemingly syntactically incomplete, EACs can easily be reconstructed (cf. 2). Two elements in the IP of the clause are omitted: the subject in the SpecI-position and the verb in the I°-position. Embedded constituents remain, rendering EACs a case of **partial IP-ellipses**.

- (2) obwohl **Kuster** selbst vom Lieferstreik betroffen **ist**  
‘although K. is himself affected by the strike’

In my talk, I will address two main questions: (i) How do EACs fit the a-ellipsis/s-ellipsis distinction (cf. Reich 2011)? and (ii) How can partial IP-ellipsis in EACs be modelled? Since the omitted subject has a linguistic antecedent (the appositive basis of the EAC) but the omitted verb does not, I will analyse EACs as a **mixed type of ellipses**. Movement and deletion approaches for modelling EACs are ruled out by the syntactic base position of EACs and the lack of a linguistic antecedent for the omitted verb. Hence, I will discuss **anaphora approaches** and **fragment approaches** as possible alternatives.

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