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Language change and linguistic theory: The case of archaic Indo-European conjunction

Mitrović (2014) and Mitrović and Sauerland (2016) advance an array of claims about the syntax, morphology, and semantics of conjunction in archaic Indo-European. I argue that their analysis is empirically inadequate and offer a new account of conjunction from Proto-Indo-European into the archaic daughters. Behind this debate lies a larger question about the relationship between linguistic theory and diachronic change. Building on arguments by Paul Kiparsky and Mark Hale, I put forth the view that what Mitrović and Sauerland ascribe to Universal Grammar is more straightforwardly accounted for as a by-product of change.