

Title: Path and Manner-Saliency in South Slavic Motion Verbs
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Slobin and colleagues, following Talmy, place Slavic at the satellite-framed, high-manner end of a cline of manner saliency in motion verbs. They and others also show that motion verb type is relatively stable diachronically but that in intense contact situations languages can begin to resemble their neighbors and diverge from their sisters.

Filipović shows that BCS is located somewhere between Russian and low-manner languages due to ongoing fusion between path prefixes and roots, a process perhaps similar to that undergone by Latin. Common BCS perfective motion verbs are formed by combining directional prefixes with the neutral verb *ići* ‘go’, but the imperfective forms use the stem *-laziti*, which no longer has an independent meaning. The BCS system differs from Russian in having a set of completely manner-neutral motion verbs, and the prefix has become fused to the stem so that these verbs are now pure path-verbs.

The present paper shows that Bulgarian has progressed even farther in this direction. Bulgarian has a large set of manner-neutral motion verbs and a similar set of path verbs consisting of a clearly detectable prefix combined with a no longer meaningful root. However, a number of different roots participate in the Bulgarian system, resulting in a further decrease in segmentability. Compare, for example:

BCS	<i>ići</i>	Bulg.	ходя	‘go’
	<i>ući/ulaziti</i>		влизам/вляза	‘go in, enter’
	<i>poći/polaziti</i>		тръгвам/тръгна	‘set out, leave’

The BCS motion verb presents a somewhat different picture from the Russian motion verb, and the Bulgarian differs still further. Ongoing research indicates that this is partly an internal Slavic development, but the markedly greater variation in Bulgarian suggests that areal factors are at work too, likely the result of intense contact with Romance (Romanian, Aromanian) and Turkish; this paper presents evidence for the Bulgarian motion verb system as a Balkan linguistic feature.