

## **Phase-Bound Locality, Deletion, and Failure of Vocabulary Insertion at the Syntax-Phonology Interface**

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Cole and Hermon 1998 observe that in Indonesian, the movement of an NP cannot cross a verb marked with meN. I derive this generalization from Phase Theory. Specifically, the overt movement of an NP targets [Spec, vP] to check the D-feature. This D-feature checking, in turn, causes a change in the feature content of v, which blocks the insertion of meN-. Instead, the null  $\emptyset$ meN is inserted as the elsewhere case, giving the appearance of “meN-deletion.” This analysis not only provides morphological reflex of successive cyclicity but sheds light on “ellipsis”, one of the most abused terms in recent work.