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A Preliminary Note

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In this talk, I will first introduce the phrase structure building mechanism in the recent generative enterprise. Focusing on the simple tools of merge and labeling as well as interface conditions, we will see how the generative linguists are trying to explain the core nature of human language faculty in the minimalist terms. Given this framework, I will then present an interesting research topic: the status of “optional” movement, overt and covert. I will discuss some preliminary ideas and would like to invite questions and comments from the audience.