

Strategies for constructions

Encoding, system, recruitment

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KEY



taxonomic relation



relation to **construction** expressed by strategy



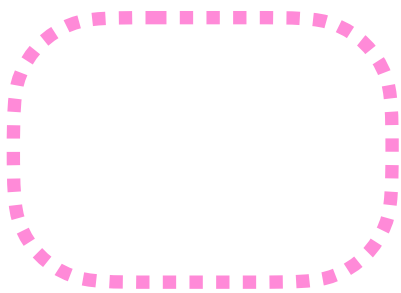
relation to **model construction** (system of strategies)



relation to **source construction** (recruitment strategies)



partonomic relation



constructions covered in a chapter of *Morphosyntax*

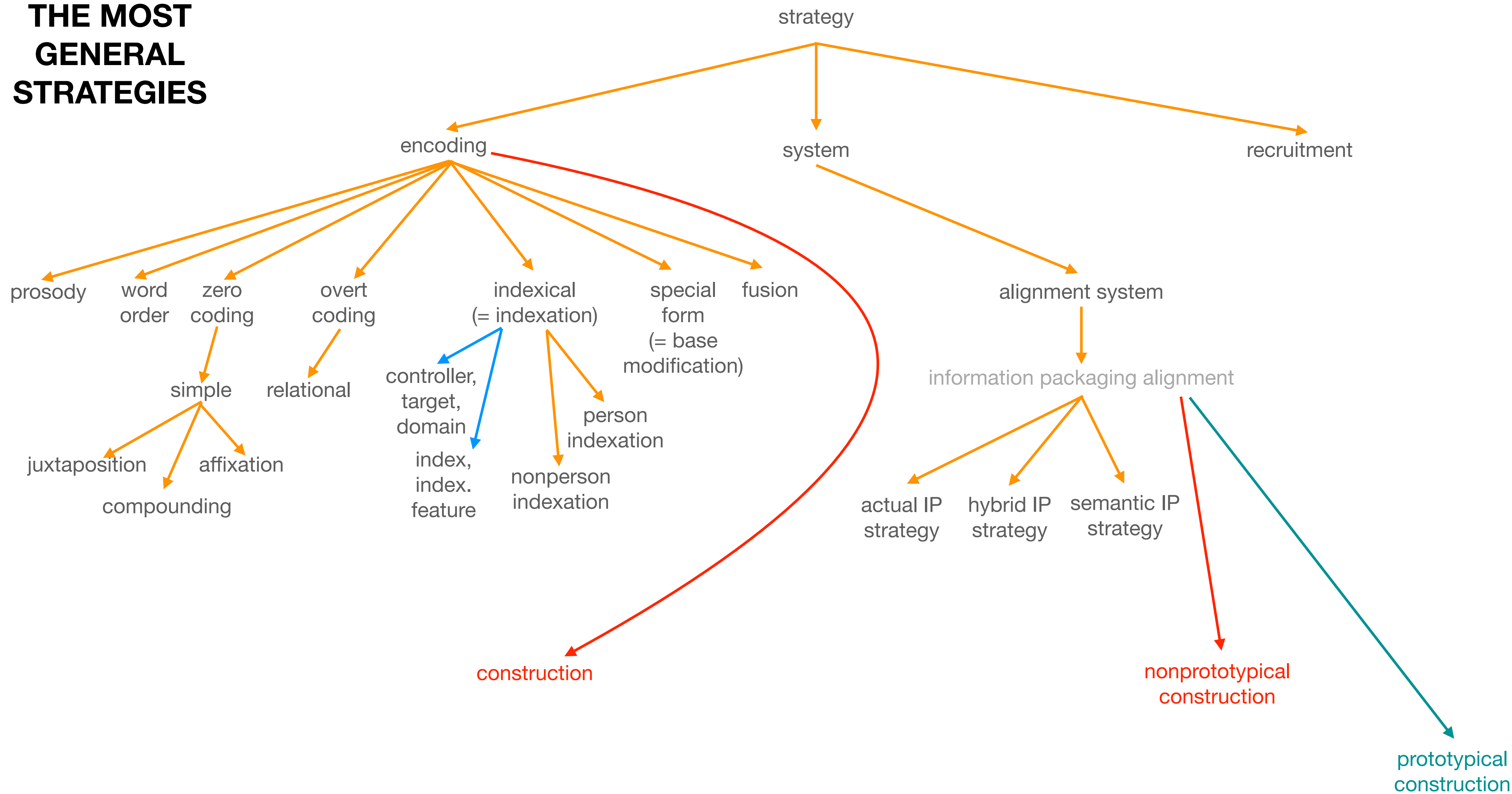
strategy

[half-tone color] strategy (or construction) term not in *Morphosyntax* (but should be)

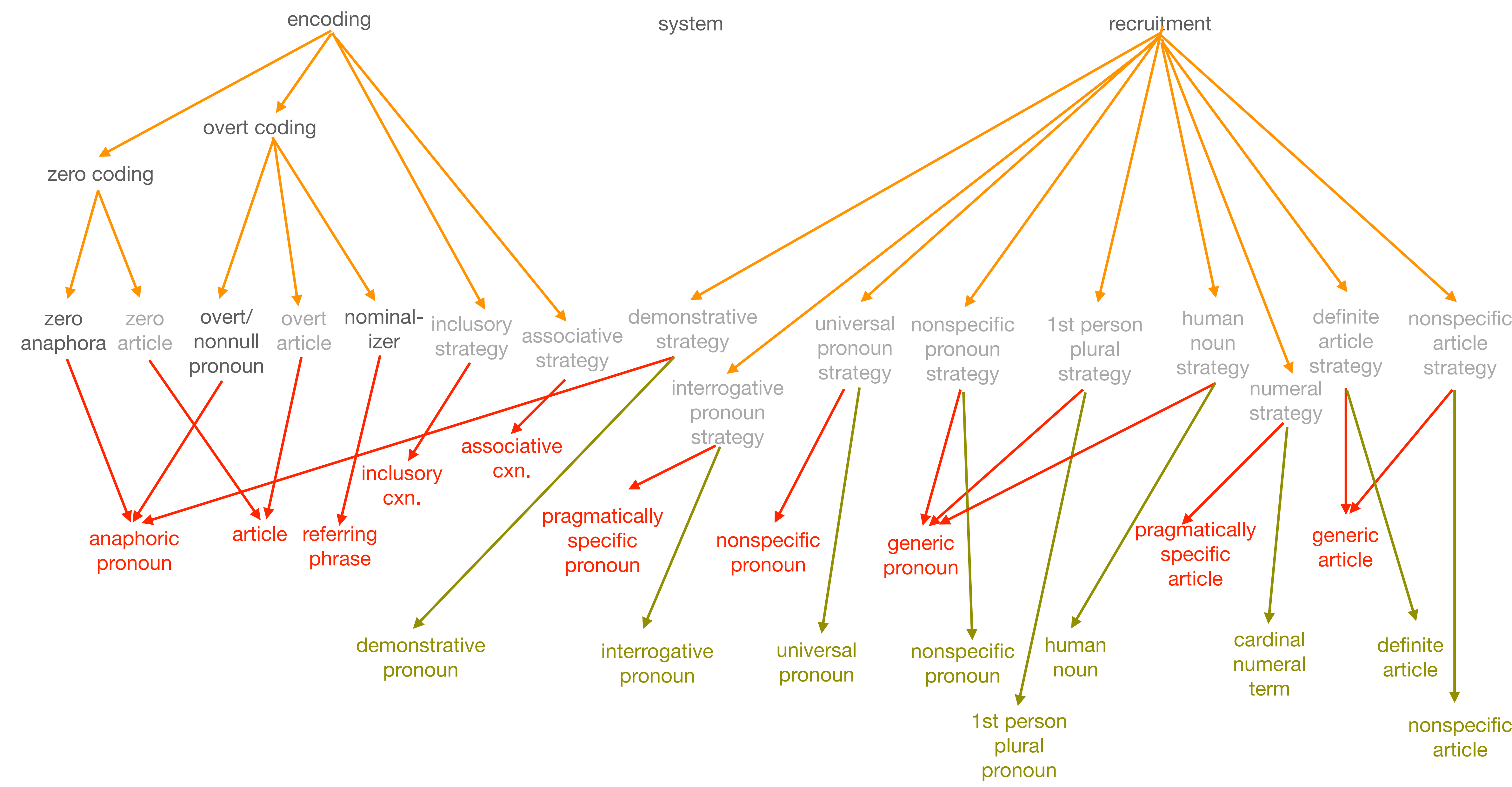


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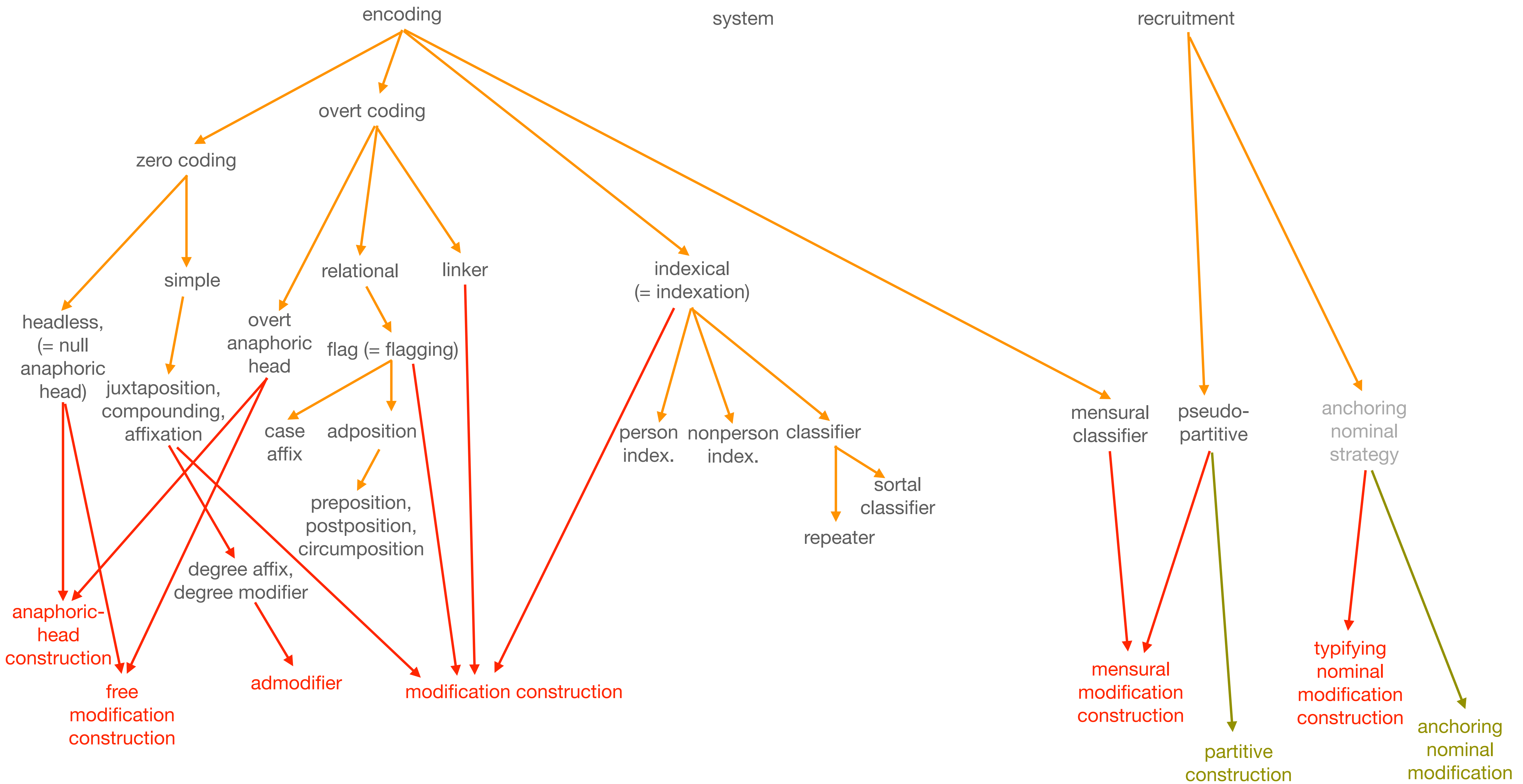
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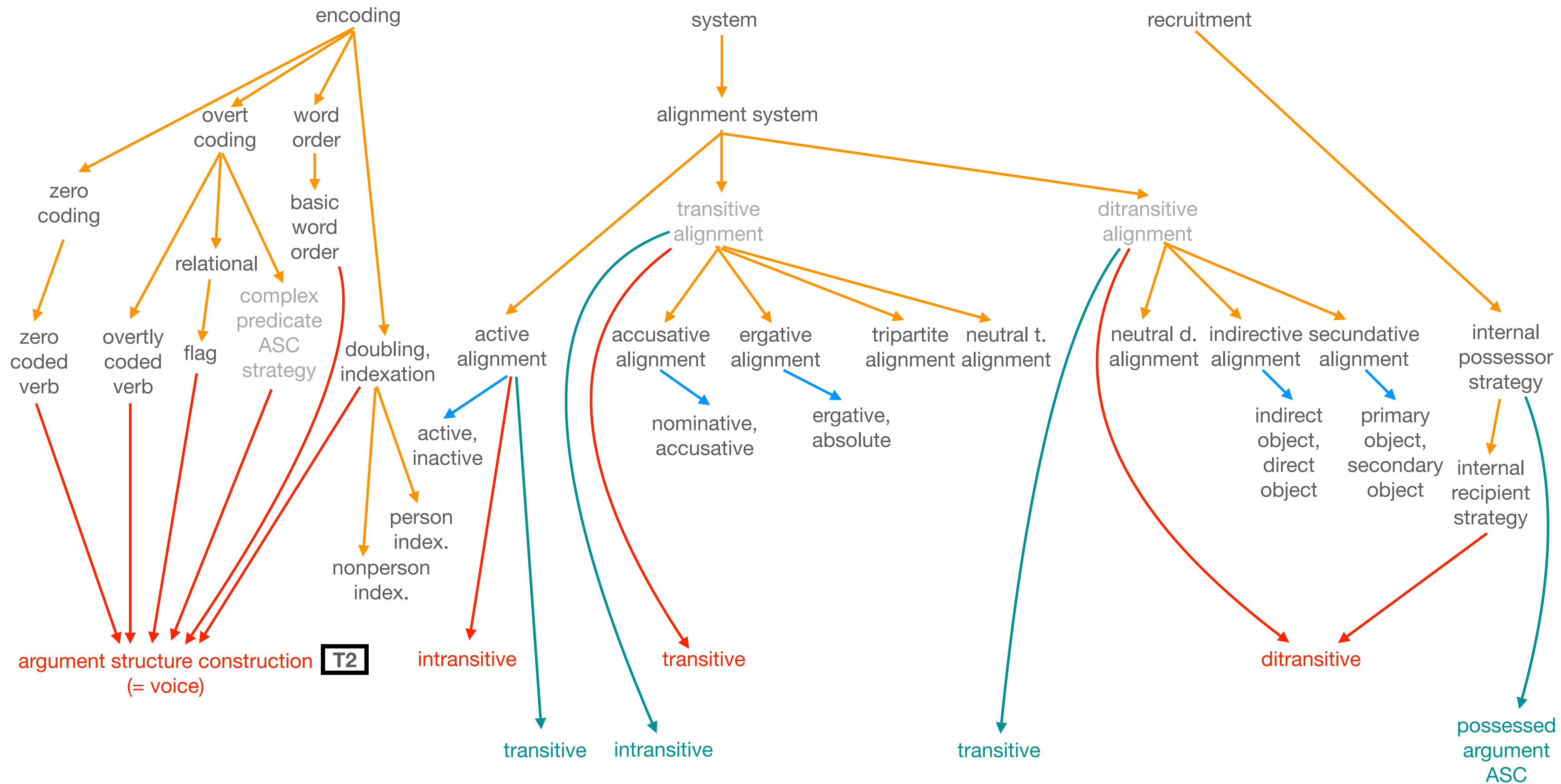
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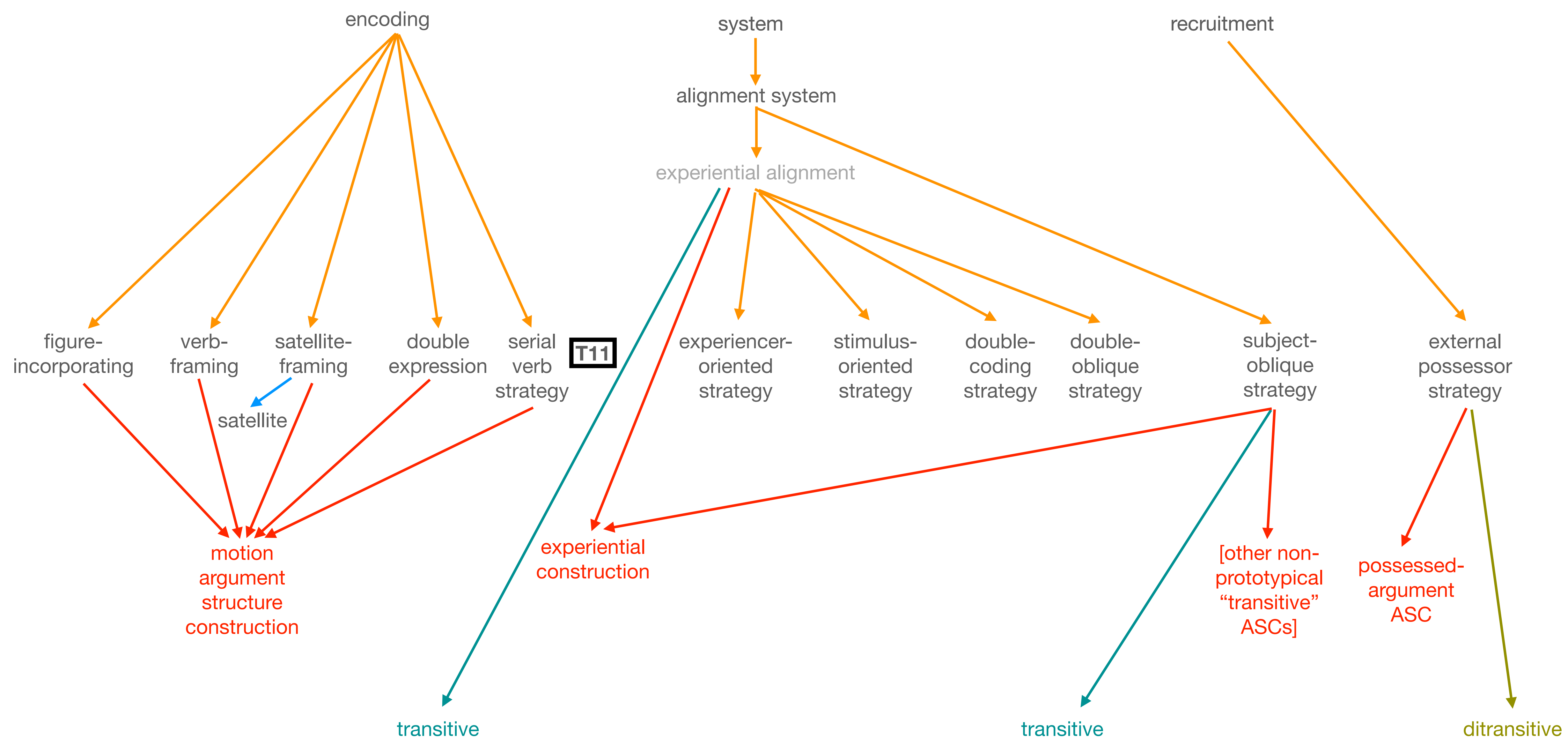
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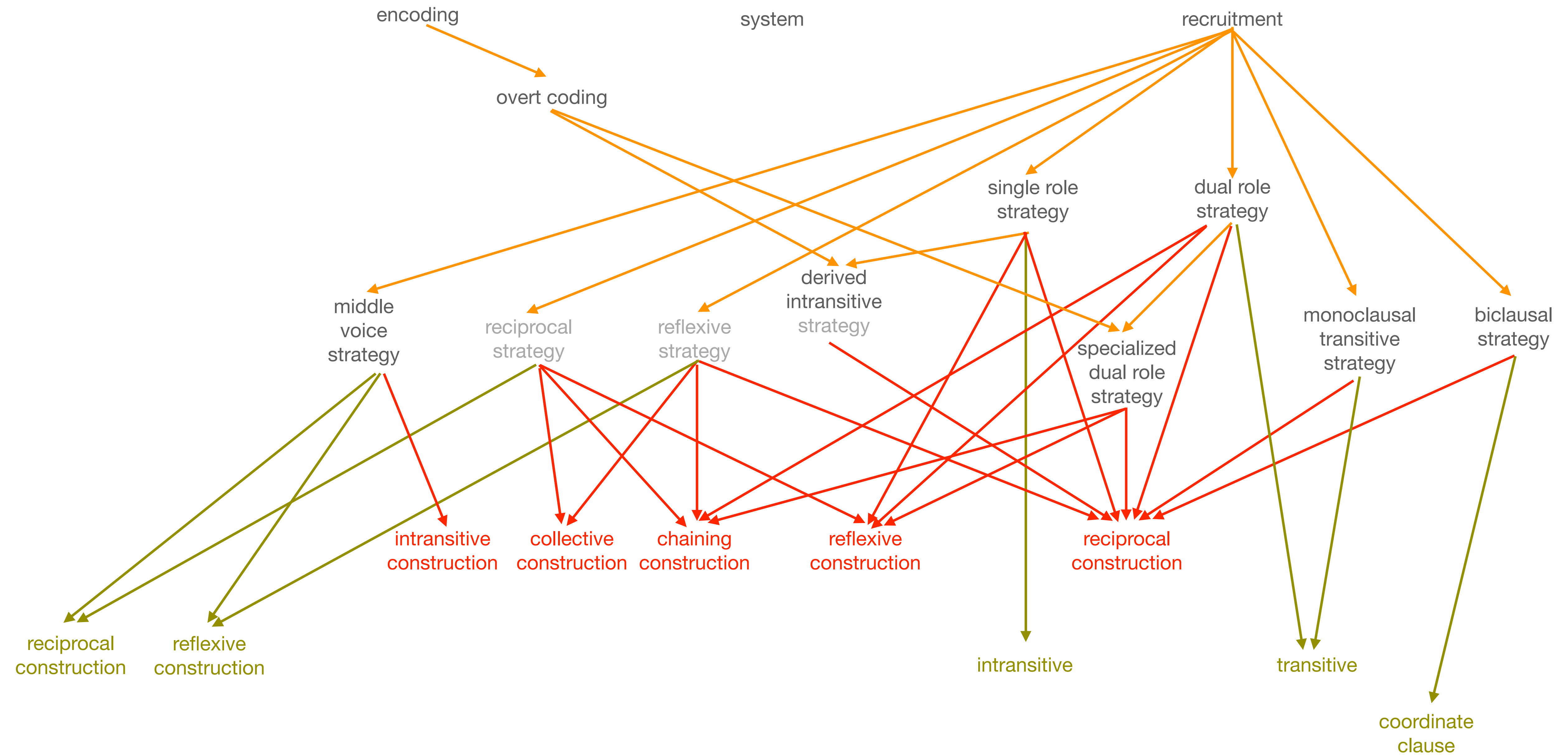
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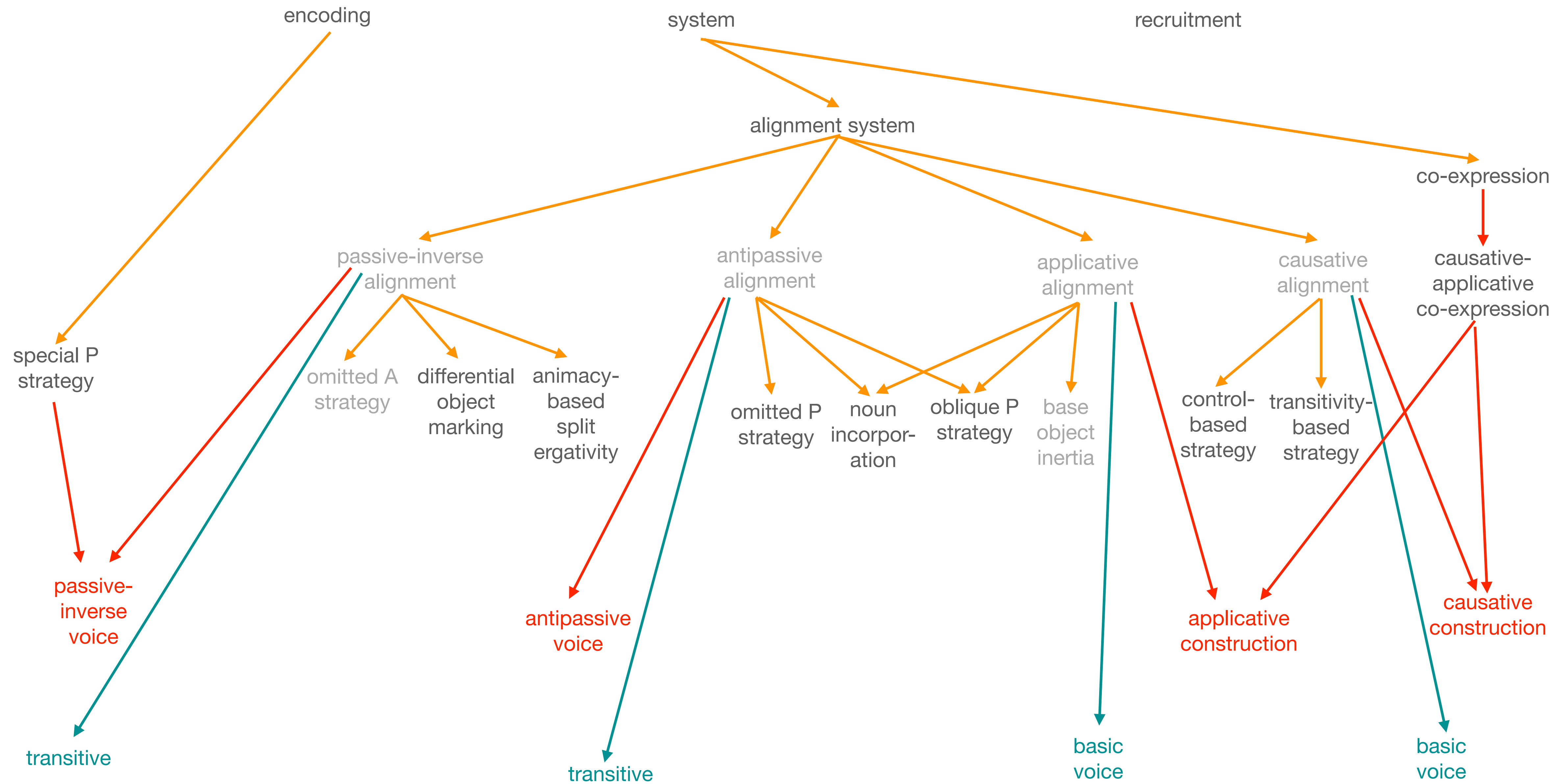
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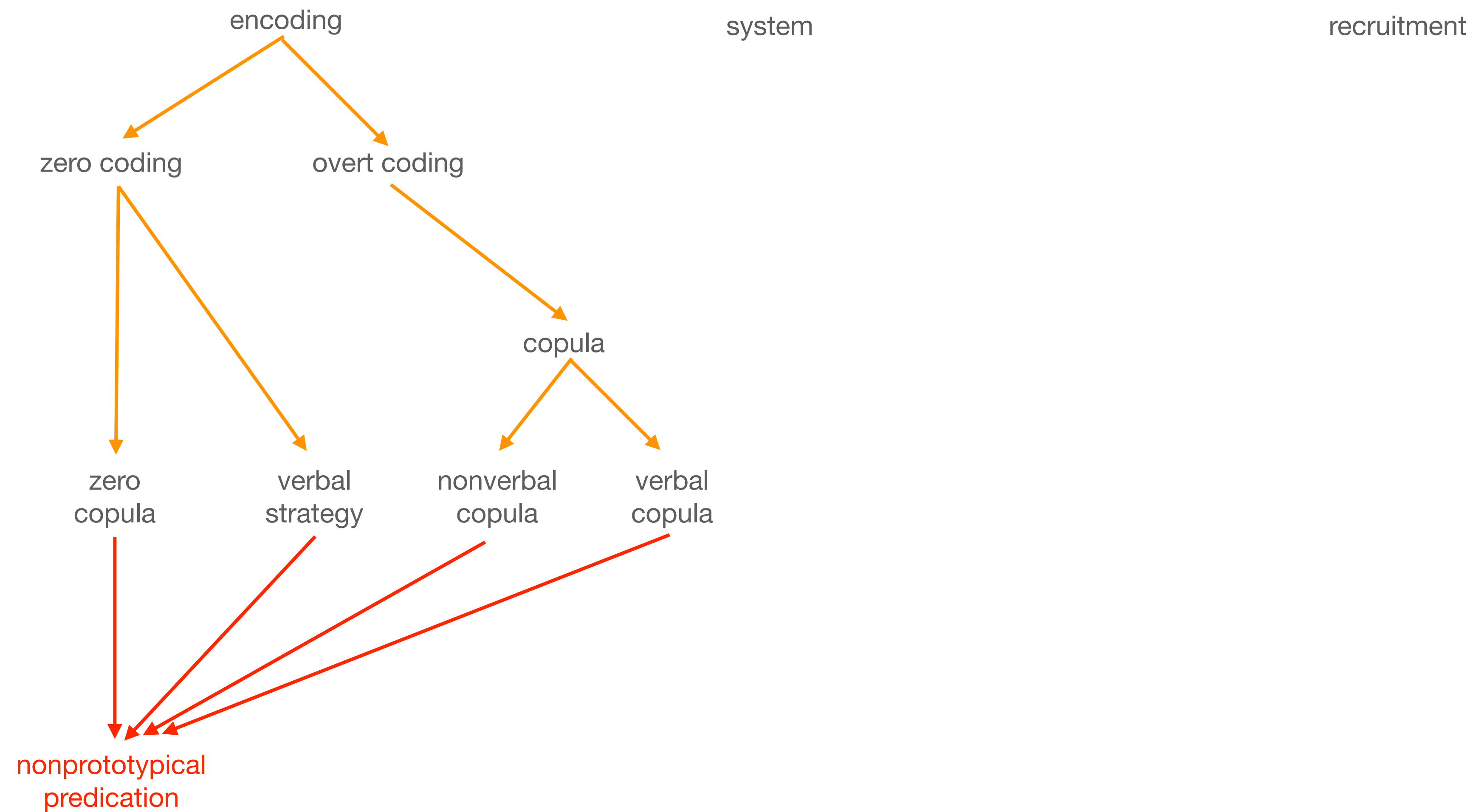
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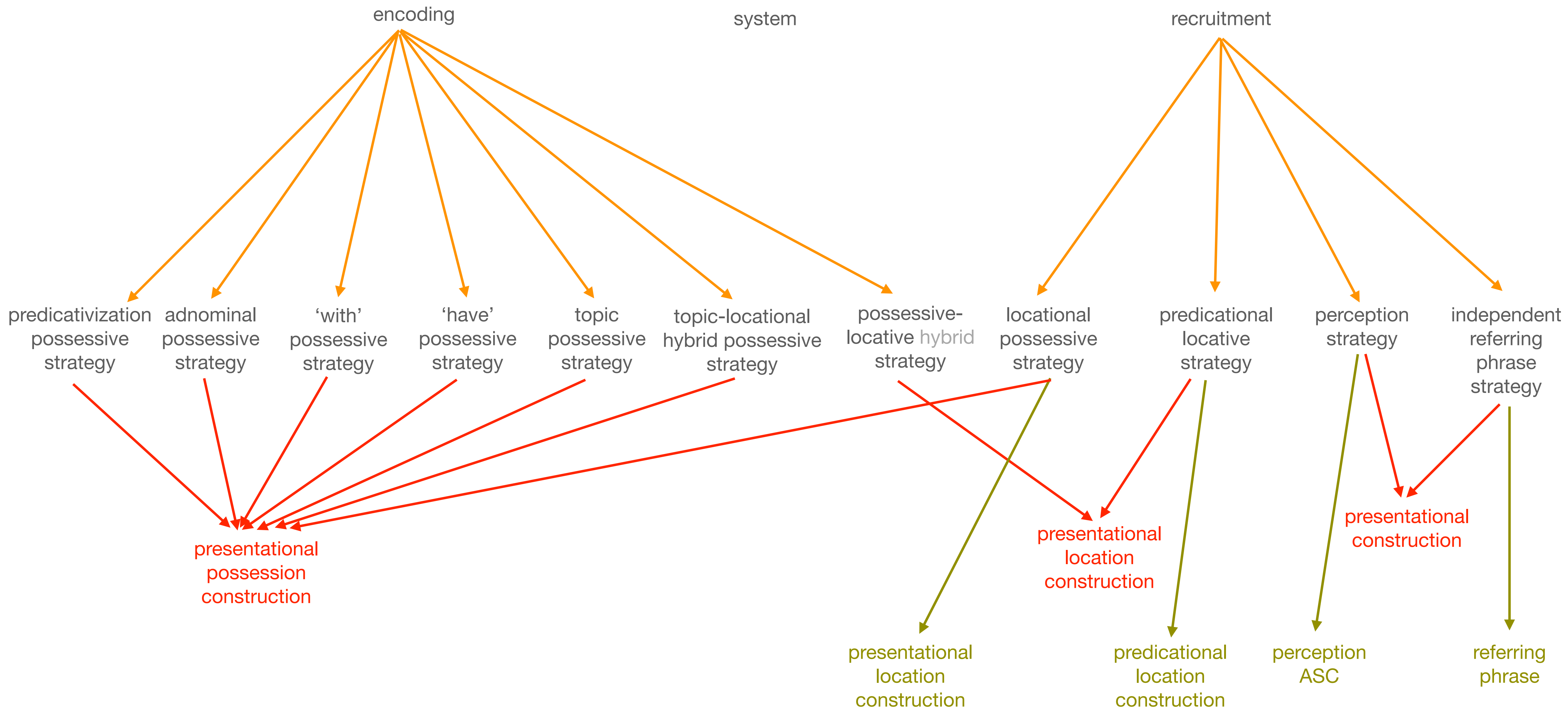


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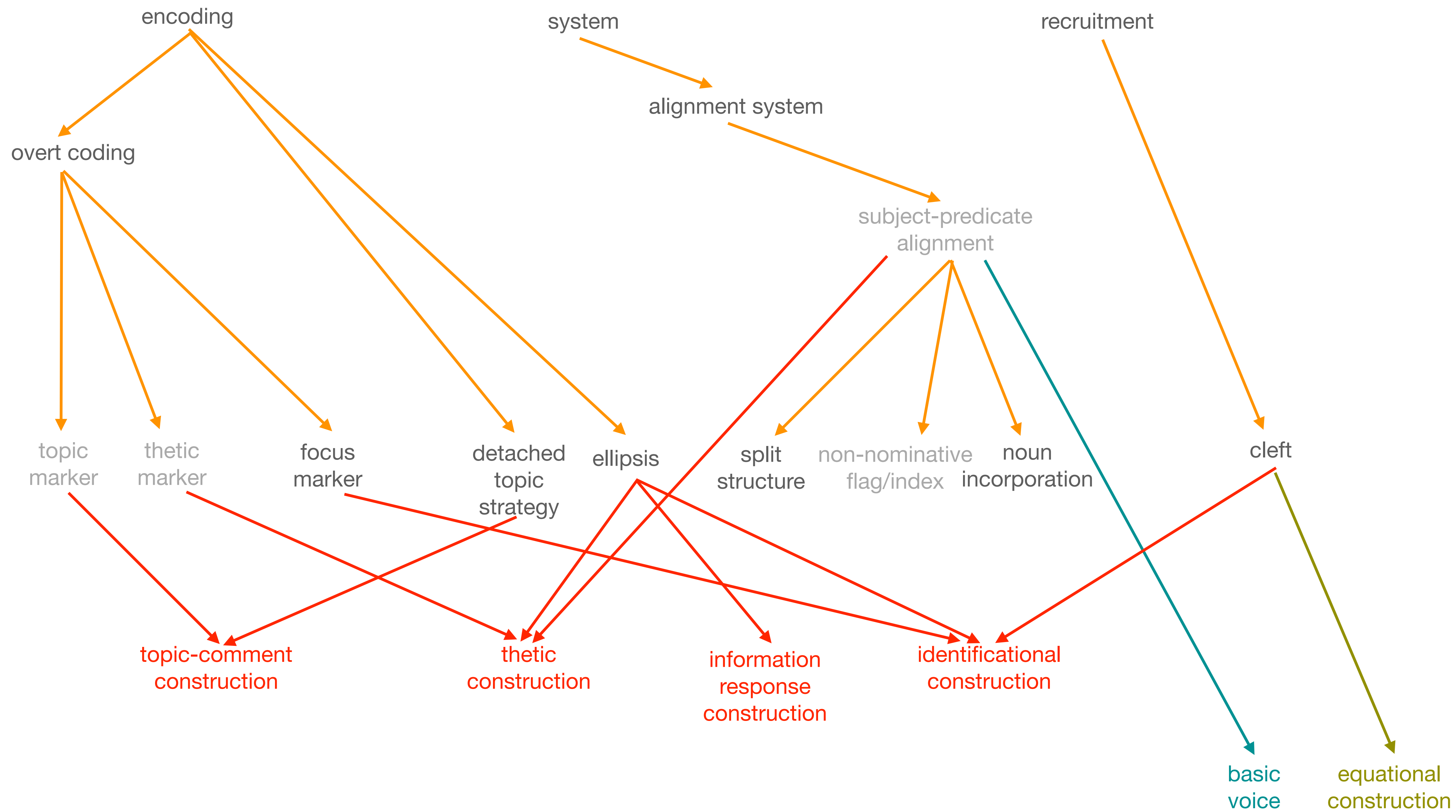


NB: Stassen defines a ‘nominal strategy’ that subsumes zero and nonverbal copula, which was included in the Glossary of *Morphosyntax*. But his motivation for this supertype is that both zero and nonverbal copula diachronically originate in the equational construction. Since strategies are defined only synchronically, ‘nominal strategy’ has been left out.

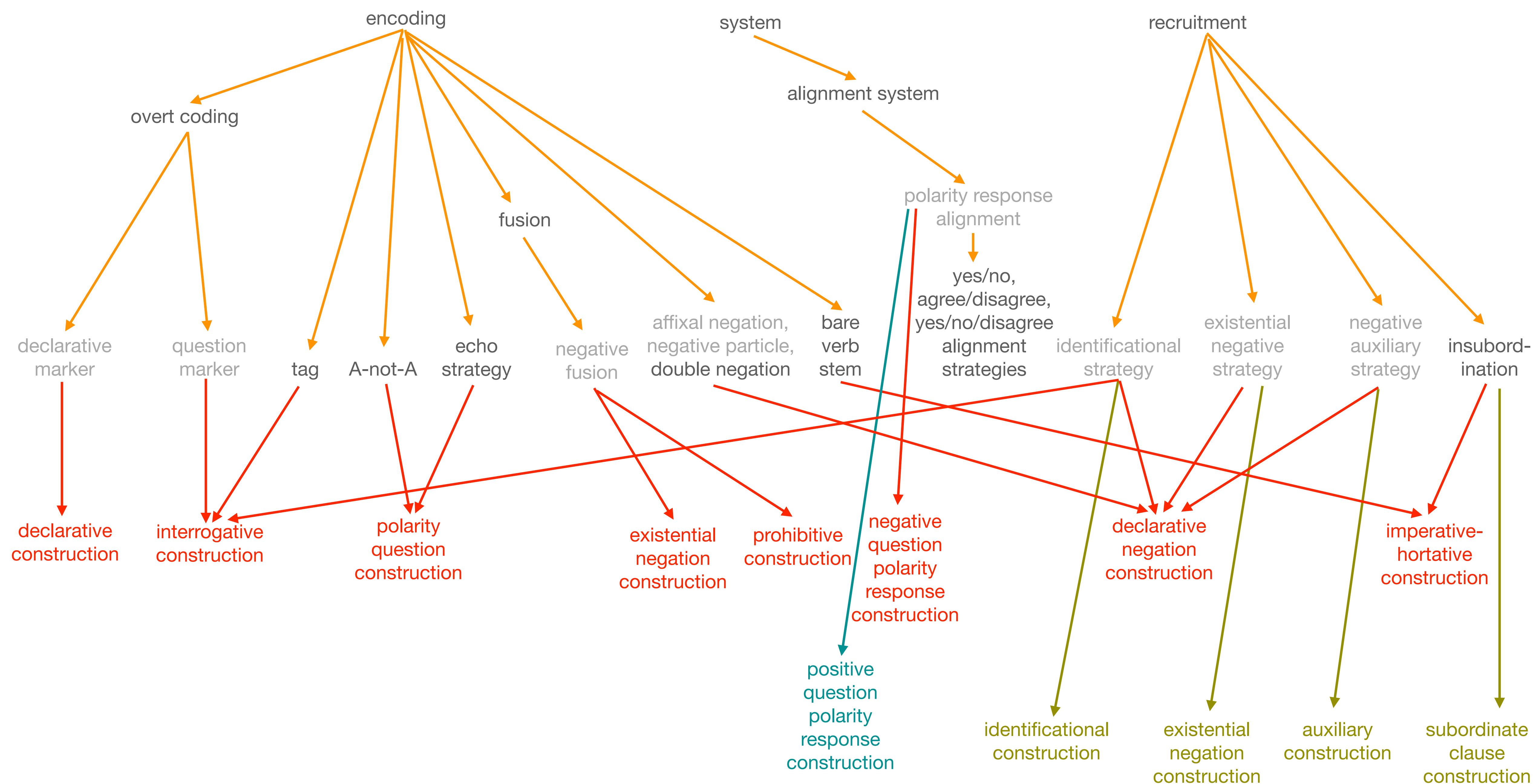
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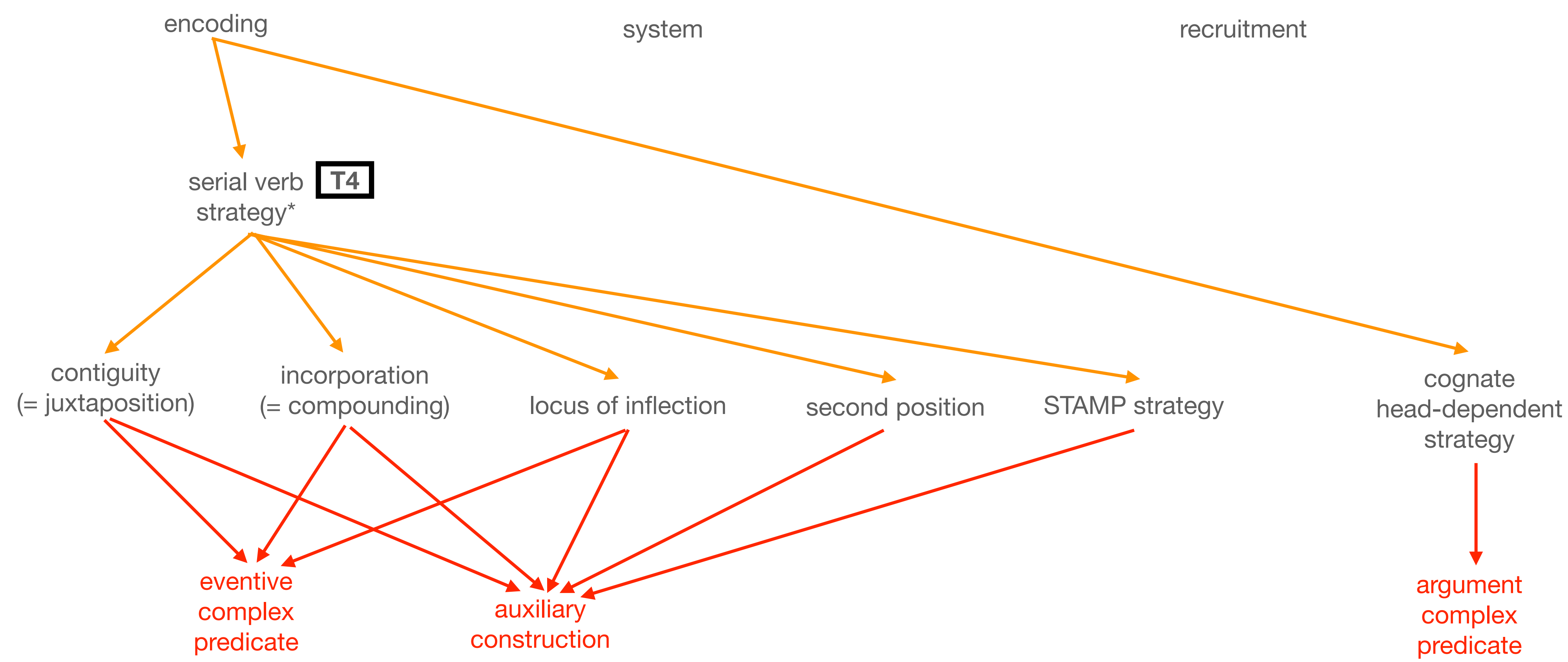


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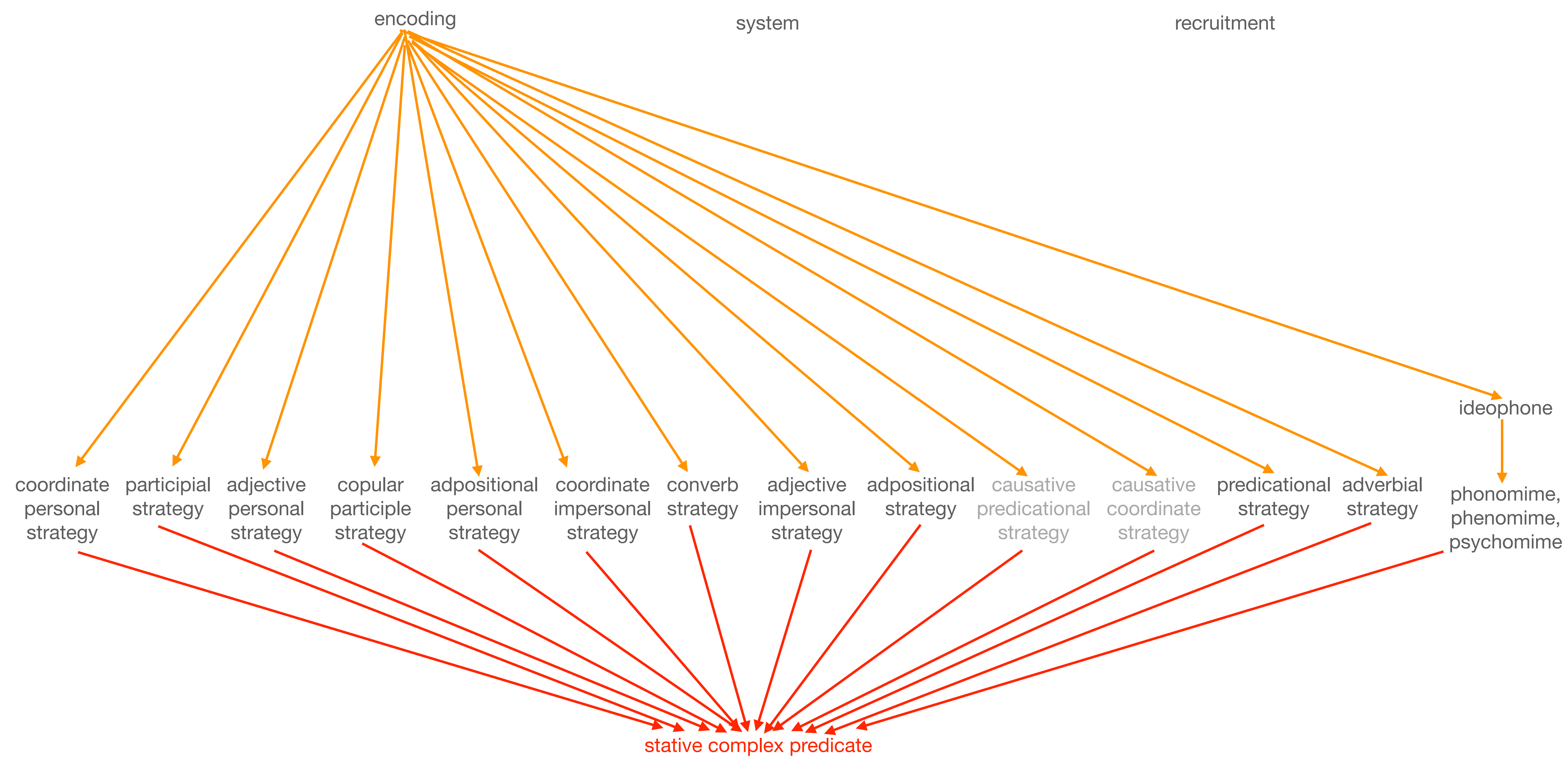


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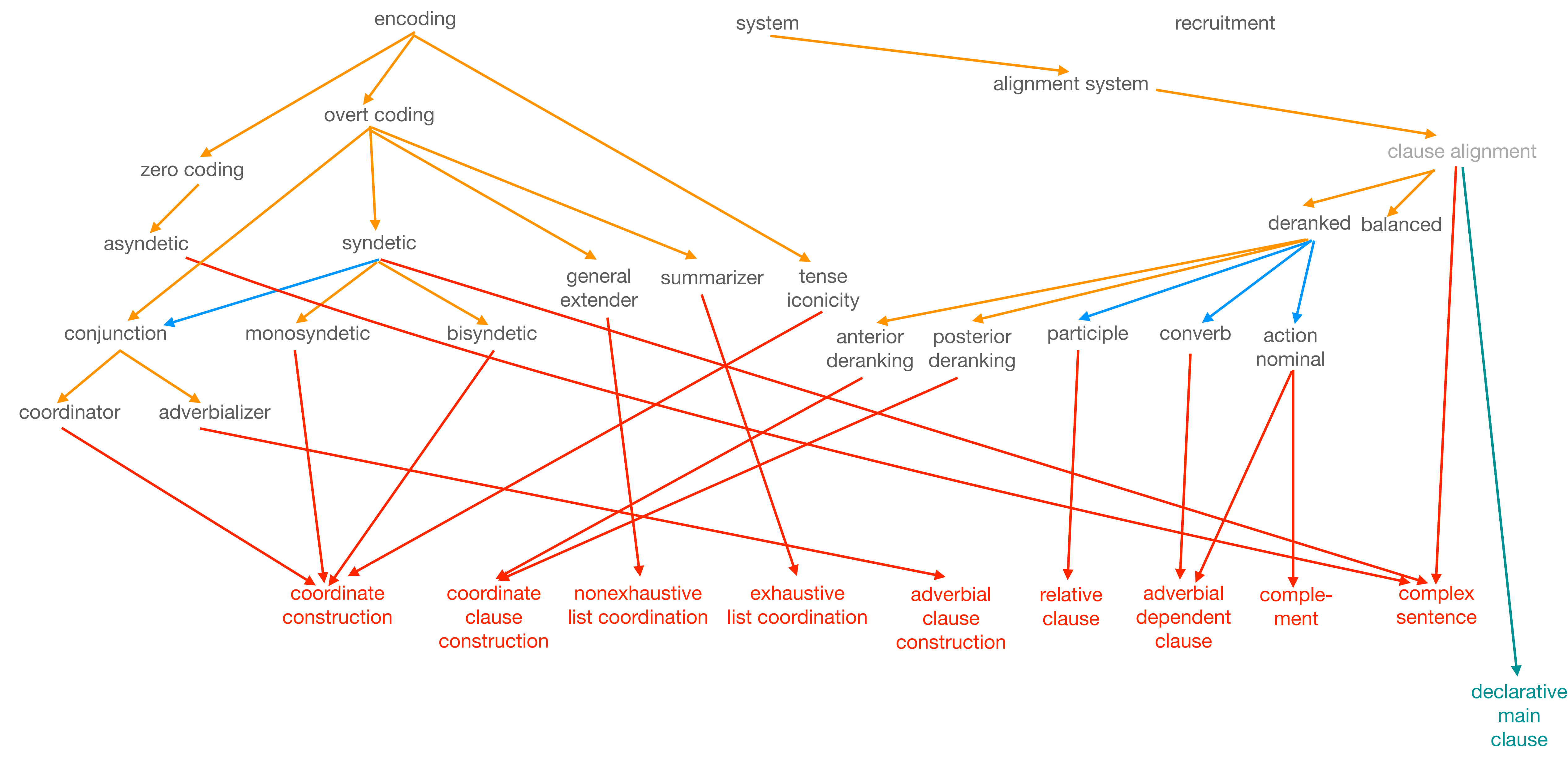


*Auxiliary construction strategies overlap with serial verb strategies and are included here. The last two strategies are specific to auxiliary verb constructions.

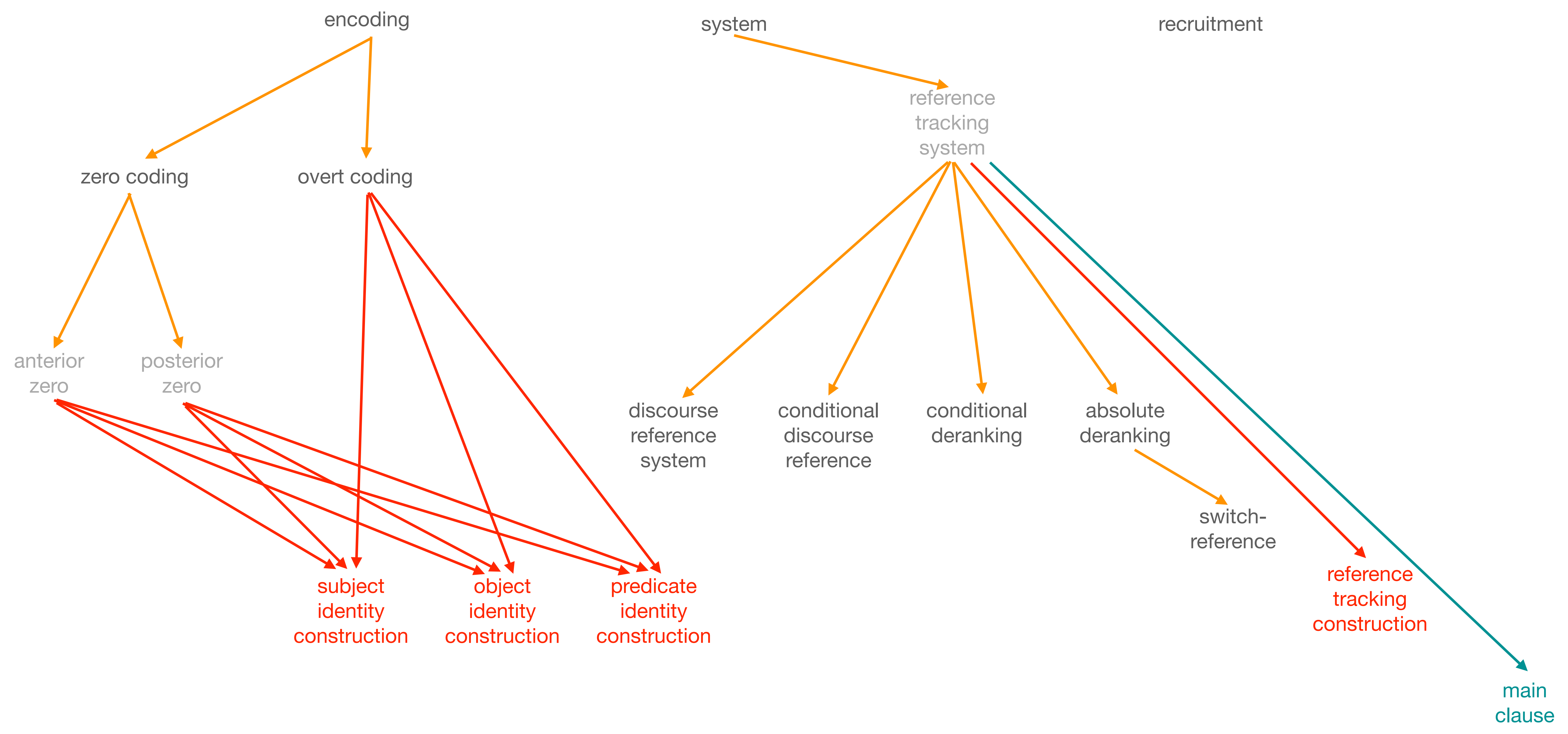


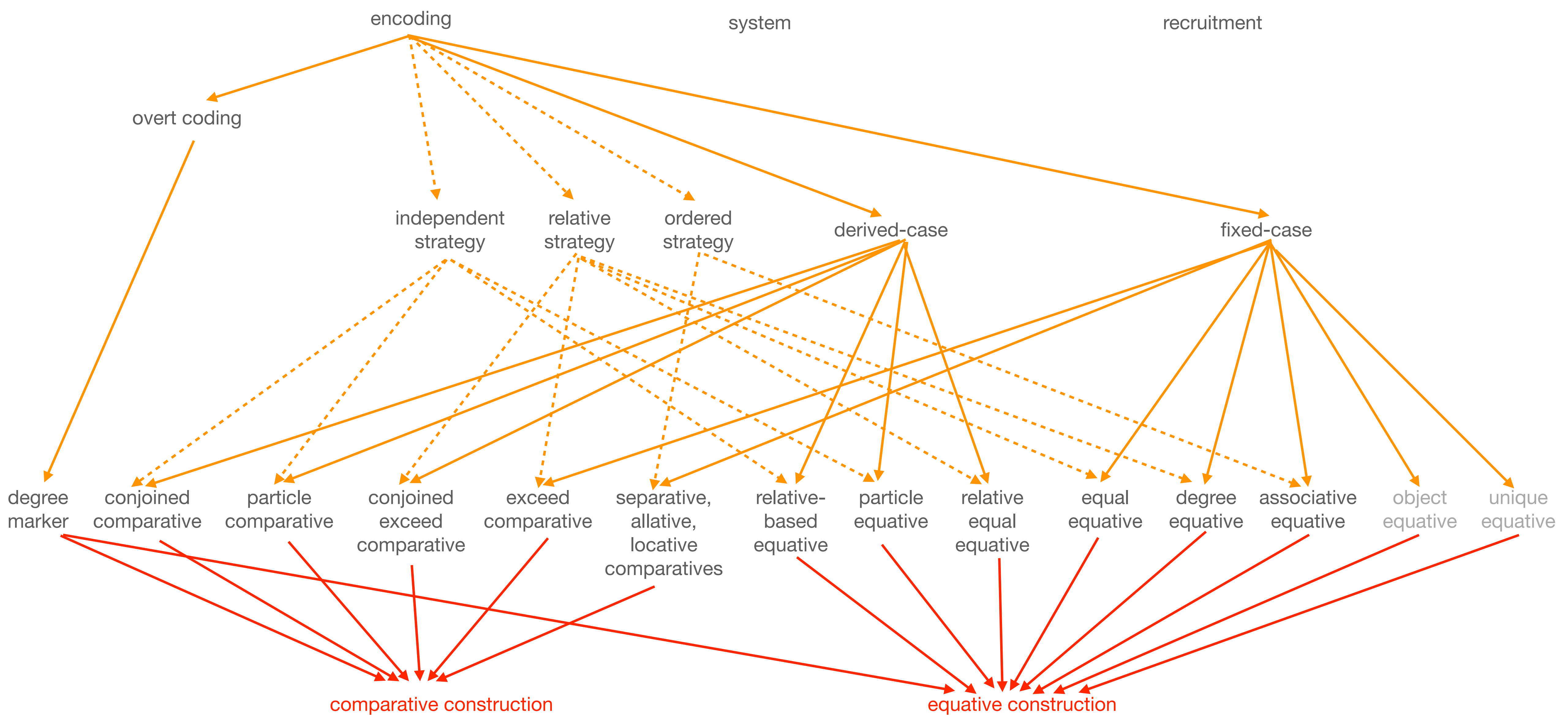
NB: These encoding strategies represent combinations of more basic strategies (balanced/deranked, indexed/nonindexed, “nouny”/“verby”, etc.).

Tree 13

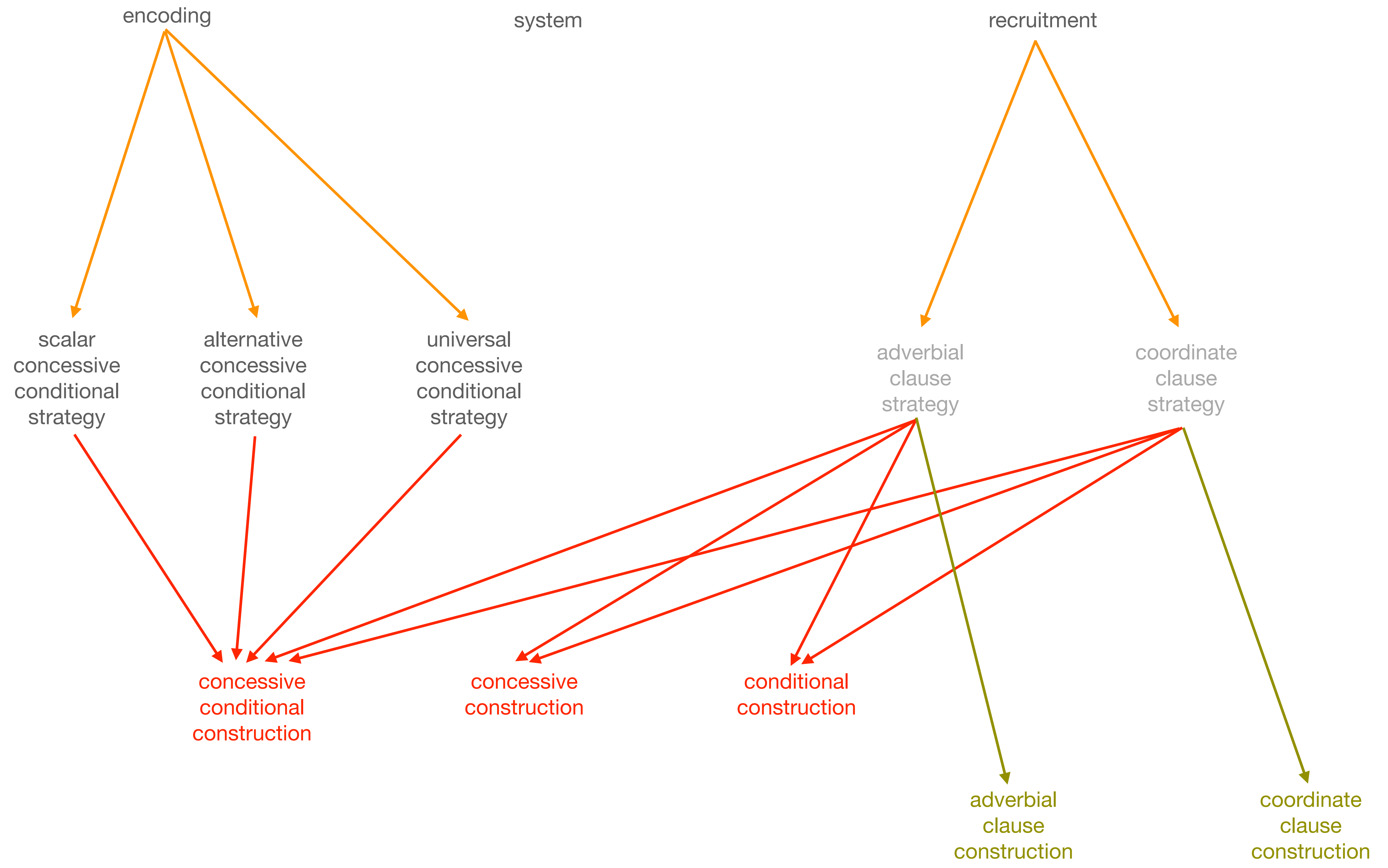


Tree 14





NB: Some comparative and equative strategies are parallel or equivalent, although this is not represented here: conjoined \approx relative-based, particle \approx particle, conjoined exceed \approx relative equal, exceed \approx equal, separative/allative/locative \approx associative.



Tree 17

