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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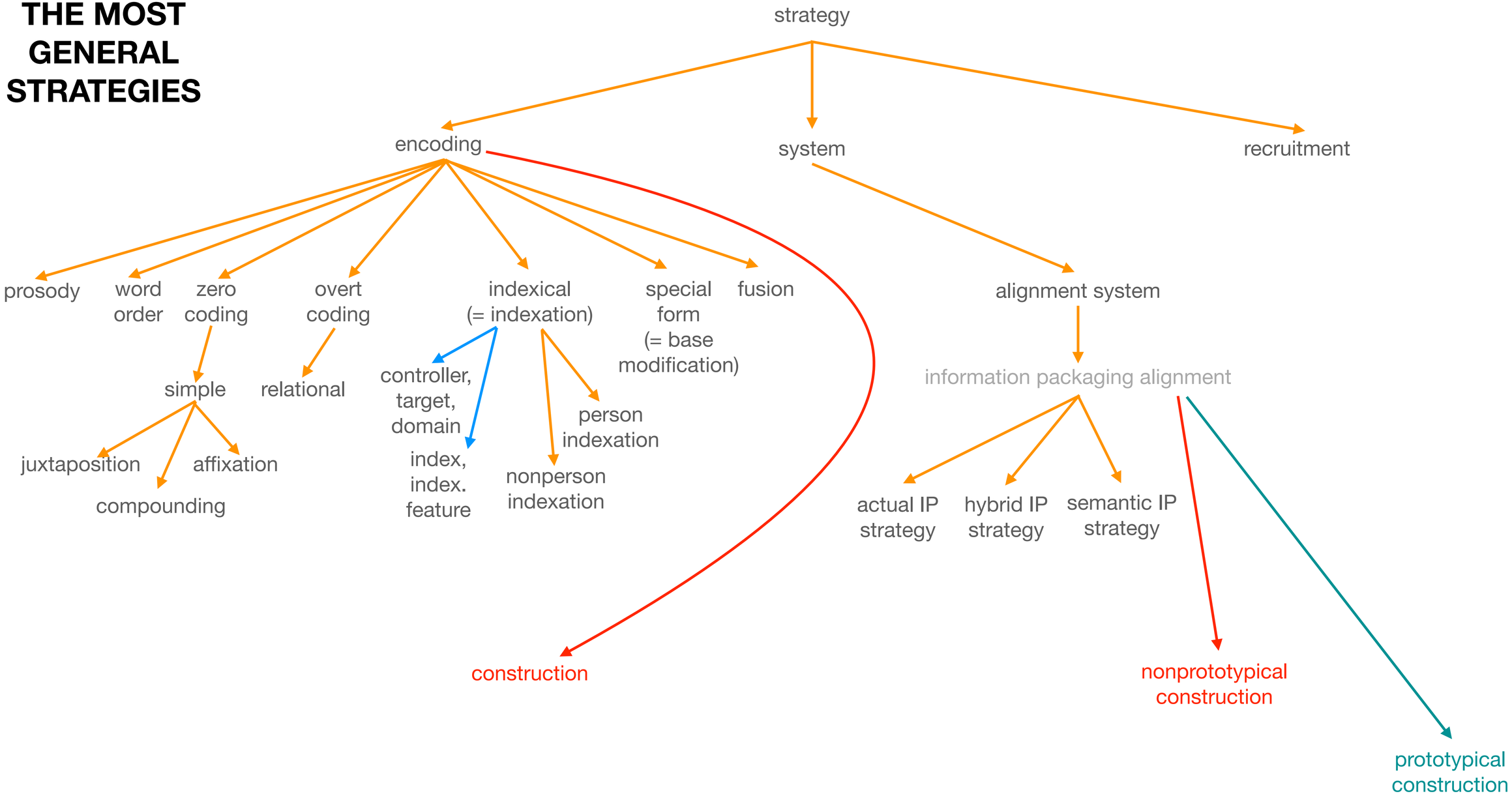
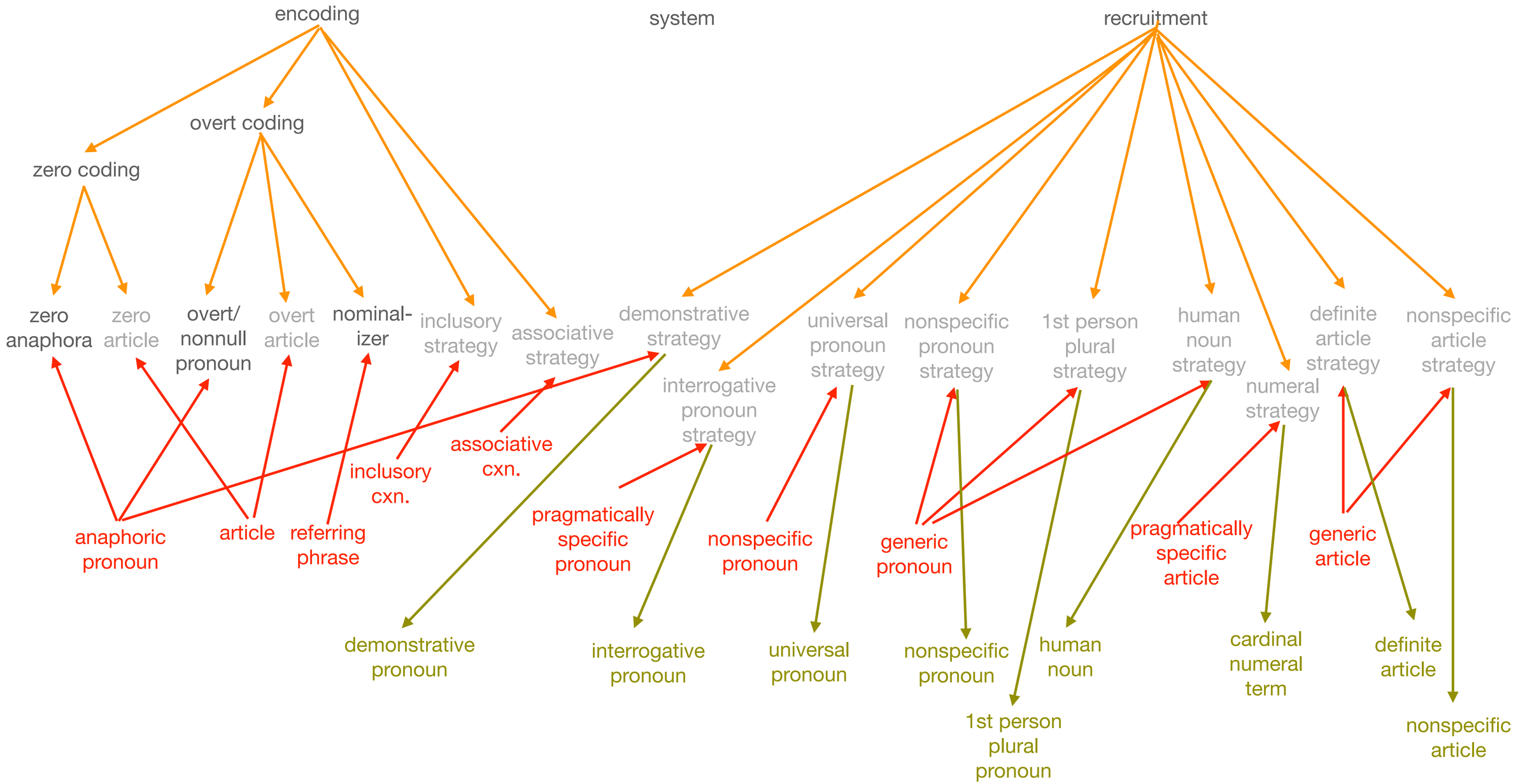
THE MOST GENERAL STRATEGIES



Tree 1


encoding
system
recruitment
zero coding
overt coding
zero anaphora
zero article
overt/ nonnull pronoun
overt article
nominal-izer
inclusory strategy
associative strategy
demonstrative strategy
interrogative pronoun strategy
universal pronoun strategy
nonspecific pronoun strategy
1st person plural strategy
human noun strategy
numeral strategy
definite article strategy
nonspecific article strategy
anaphoric pronoun
article
referring phrase
inclusory cxn.
associative cxn.
pragmatically specific pronoun
nonspecific pronoun
generic pronoun
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universal pronoun
nonspecific pronoun
1st person plural pronoun
human noun
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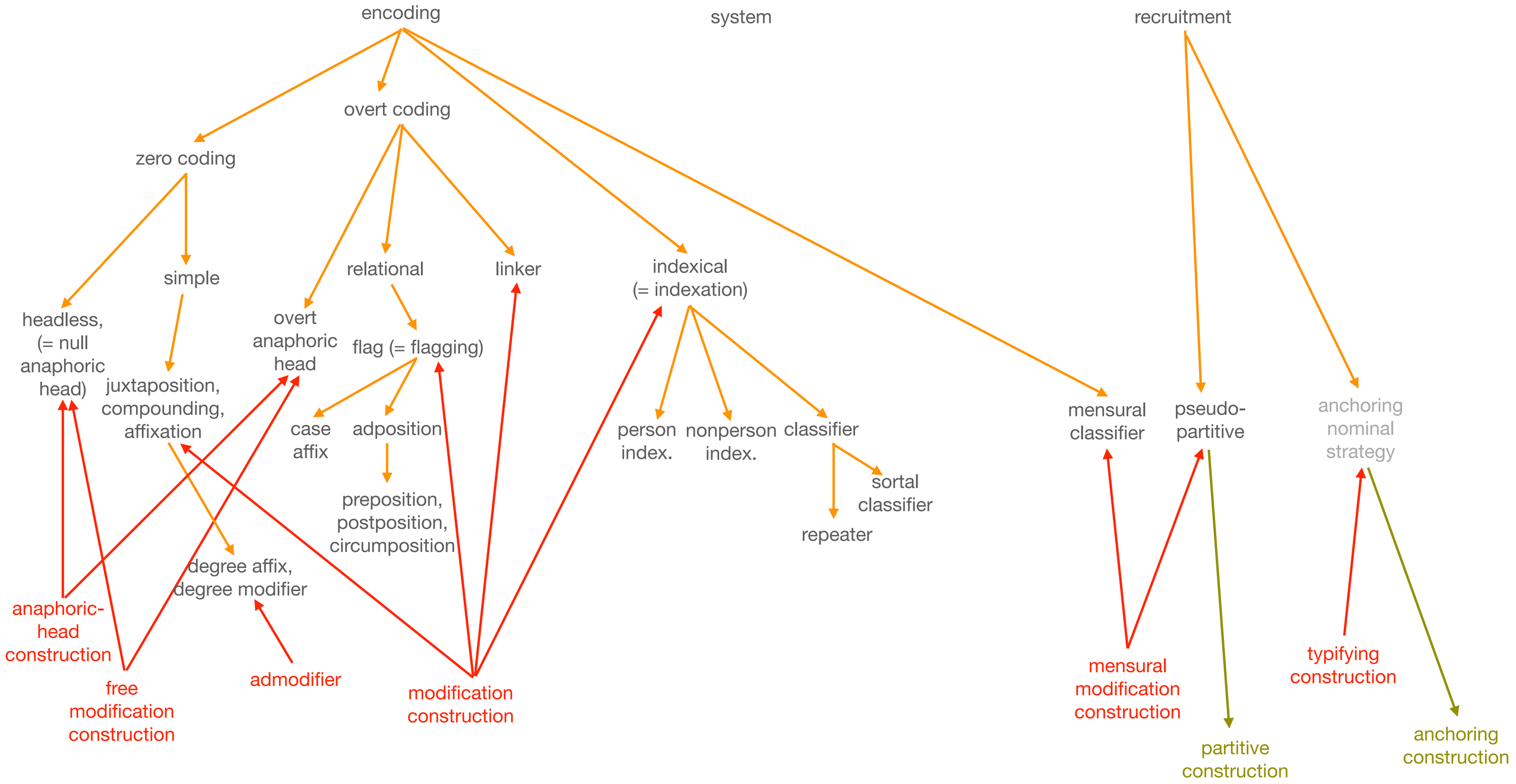
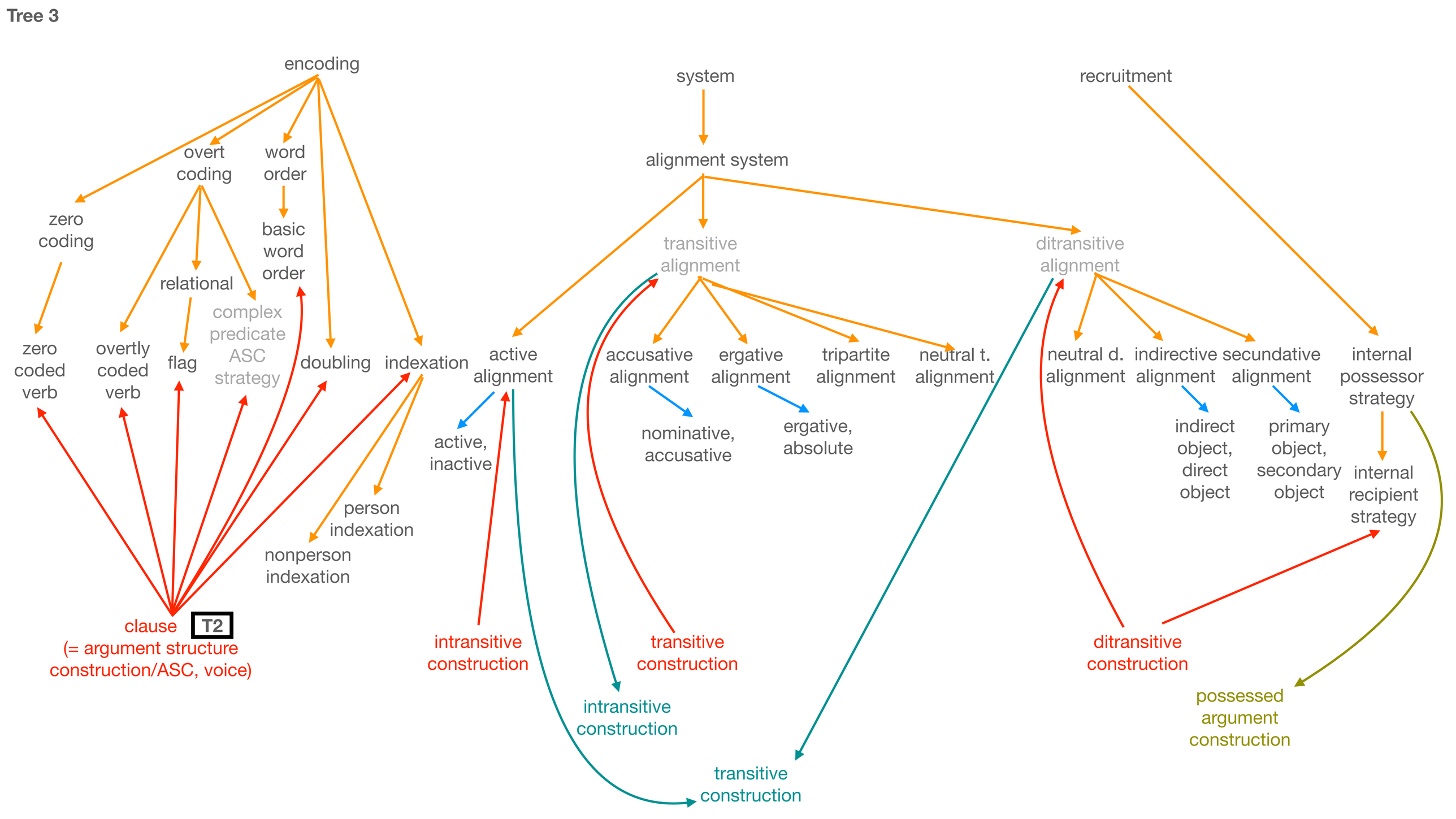
definite article
nonspecific article

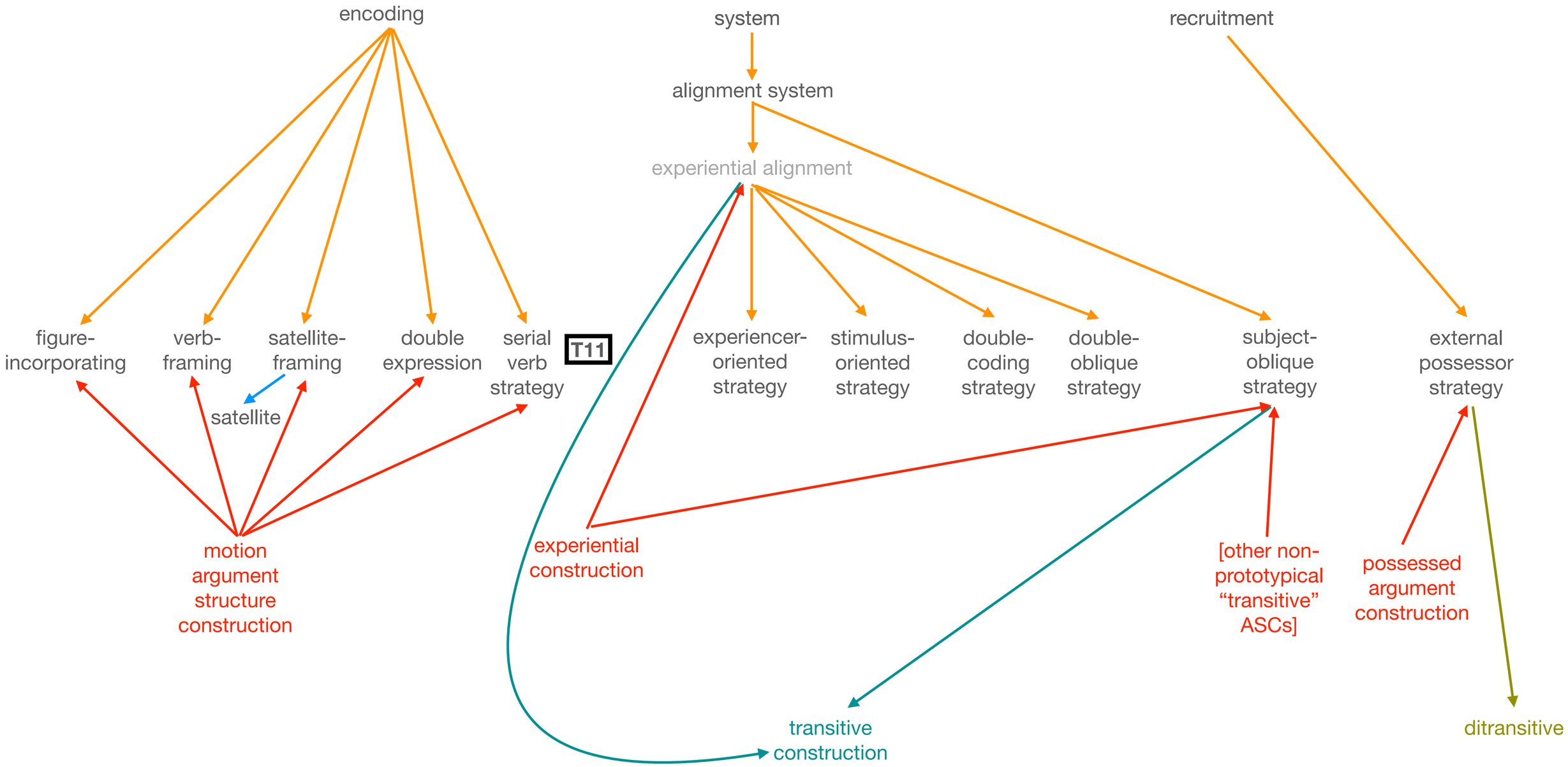
Tree 2


encoding
system
recruitment
zero coding
overt coding
simple
relational
linker
indexical
(= indexation)
headless,
(= null
anaphoric
head)
juxtaposition,
compounding,
affixation
overt
anaphoric
head
flag (= flagging)
case
affix
adposition
preposition,
postposition,
circumposition
person
index.
nonperson
index.
classifier
sortal
classifier
repeater
mensural
classifier
pseudo-
partitive
anchoring
nominal
strategy
degree affix,
degree modifier
anaphoric-
head
construction
free
modification
construction
admodifier
modification
construction
mensural
modification
construction
partitive
construction
typifying
construction
anchoring
construction

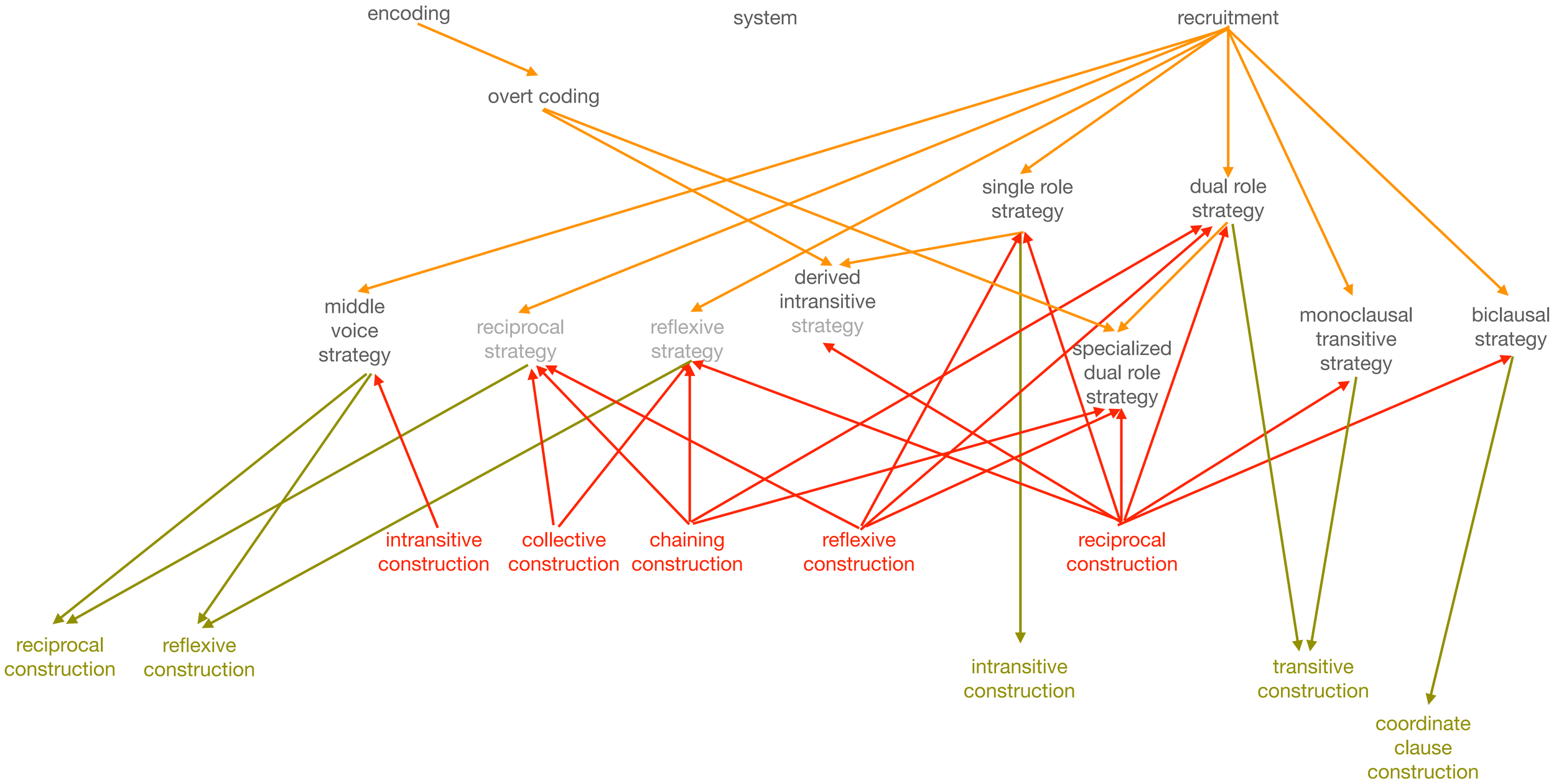
Tree 3


encoding
zero coding
overt coding
word order
basic word order
relational
zero coded verb
overtly coded verb
flag
complex predicate ASC strategy
doubling
indexation
person indexation
nonperson indexation
clause
T2
(= argument structure construction/ASC, voice)
system
alignment system
active alignment
active, inactive
intransitive construction
transitive alignment
accusative alignment
ergative alignment
tripartite alignment
neutral t. alignment
nominative, accusative
ergative, absolute
transitive construction
intransitive construction
ditransitive alignment
recruitment
neutral d. alignment
indirective alignment
secundative alignment
internal possessor strategy
indirect object, direct object
primary object, secondary object
internal recipient strategy
ditransitive construction
possessed argument construction
transitive construction

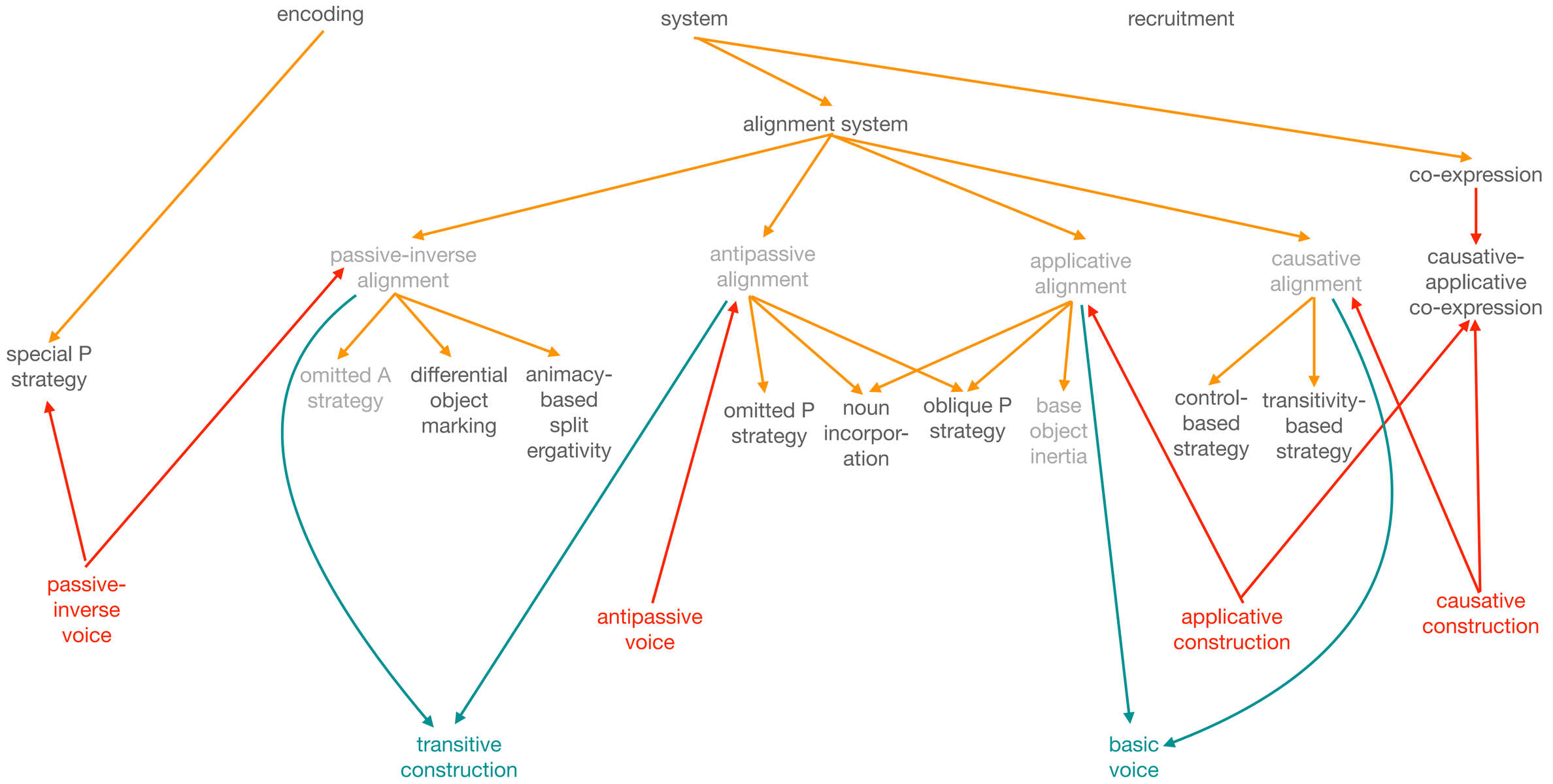
Tree 4


encoding
system
recruitment
alignment system
experiential alignment
figure-incorporating
verb-framing
satellite-framing
double expression
serial verb strategy
T11
experiencer-oriented strategy
stimulus-oriented strategy
double-coding strategy
double-oblique strategy
subject-oblique strategy
external possessor strategy
satellite
motion argument structure construction
experiential construction
[other non-prototypical "transitive" ASCs]
possessed argument construction
transitive construction
ditransitive

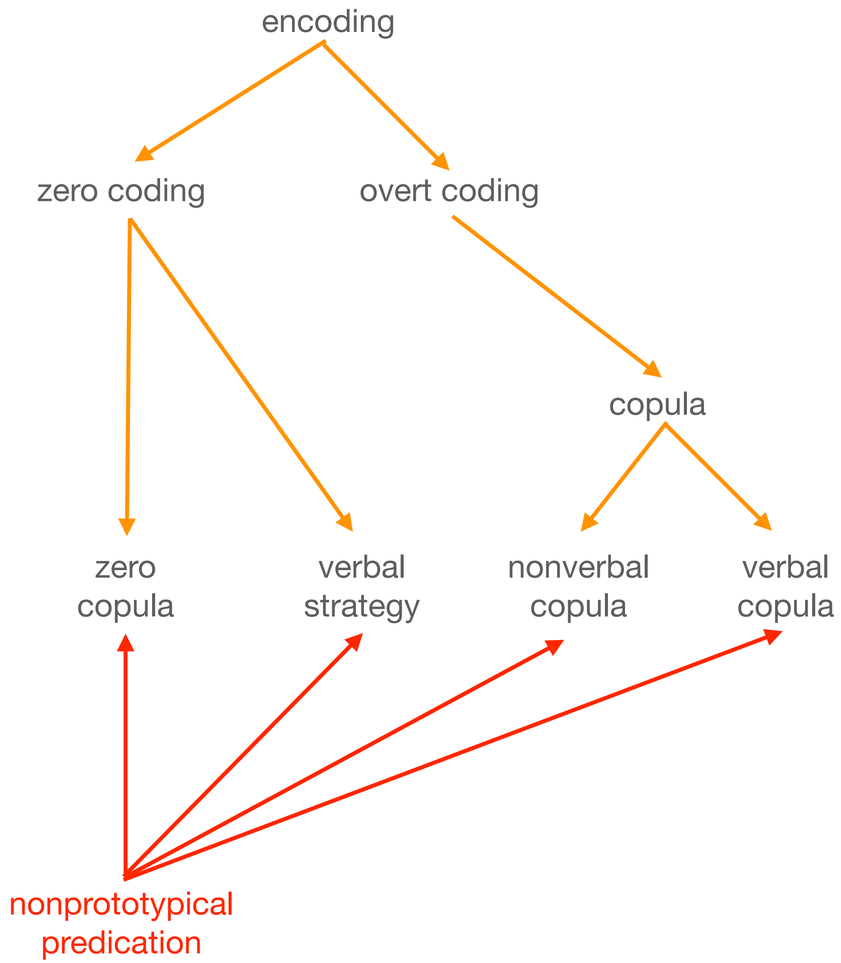
Tree 5


encoding
system
recruitment
overt coding
single role strategy
dual role strategy
middle voice strategy
reciprocal strategy
reflexive strategy
derived intransitive strategy
specialized dual role strategy
monoclausal transitive strategy
biclausal strategy
intransitive construction
collective construction
chaining construction
reflexive construction
reciprocal construction
reciprocal construction
reflexive construction
intransitive construction
transitive construction
coordinate clause construction

Tree 6


encoding
system
recruitment
alignment system
co-expression
special P strategy
passive-inverse alignment
antipassive alignment
applicative alignment
causative alignment
causative-applicative co-expression
omitted A strategy
differential object marking
animacy-based split ergativity
omitted P strategy
noun incorpor-ation
oblique P strategy
base object inertia
control-based strategy
transitivity-based strategy
passive-inverse voice
antipassive voice
applicative construction
causative construction
transitive construction
basic voice

Tree 7

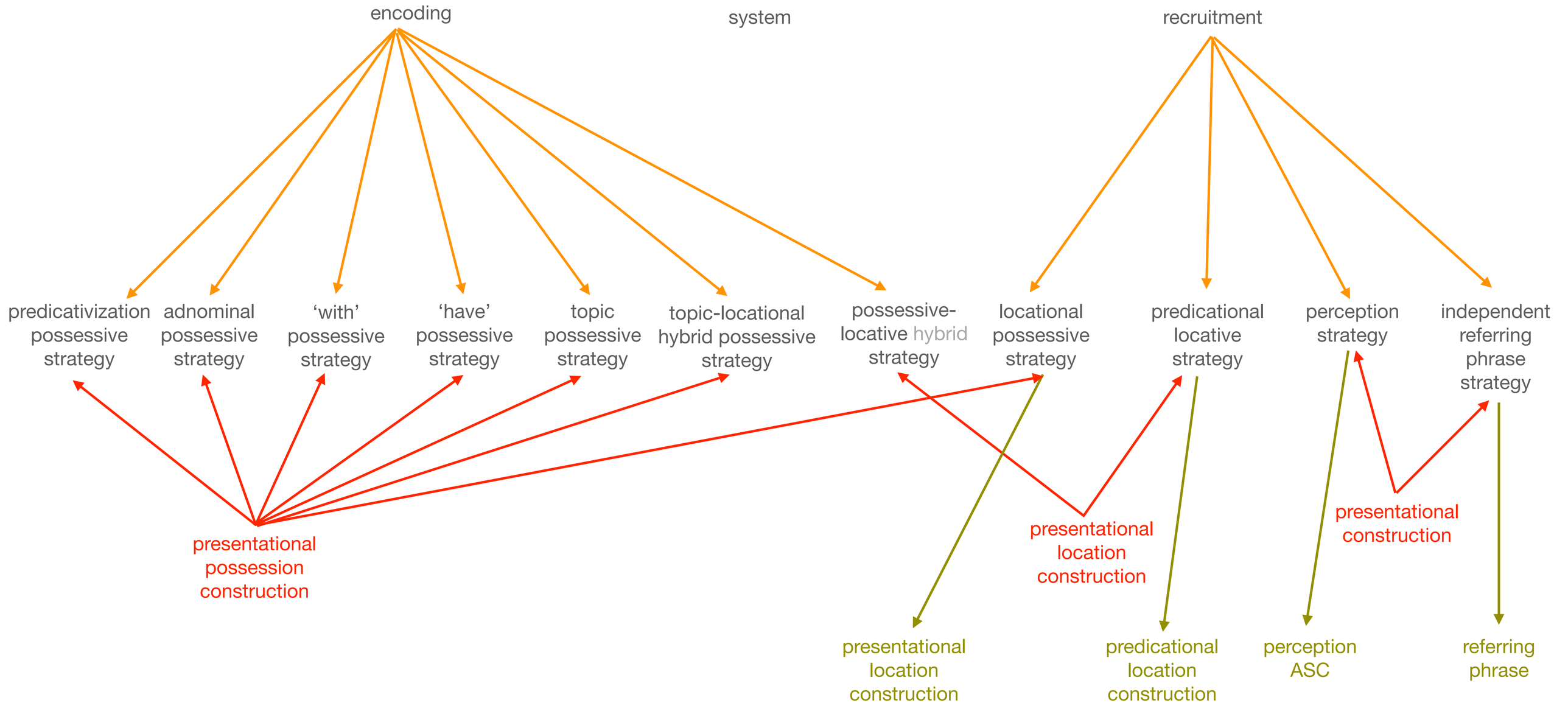


system

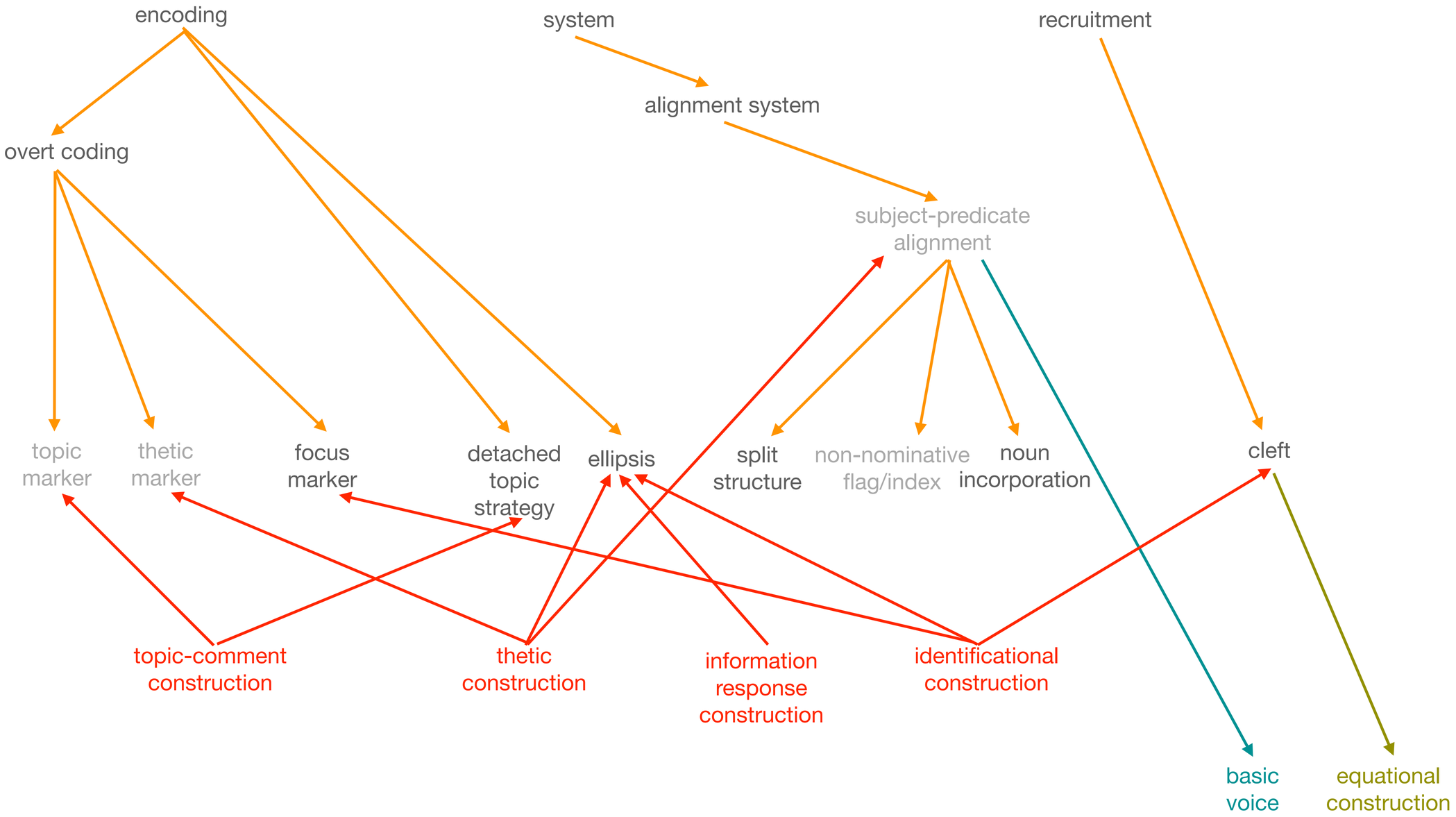
recruitment

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.

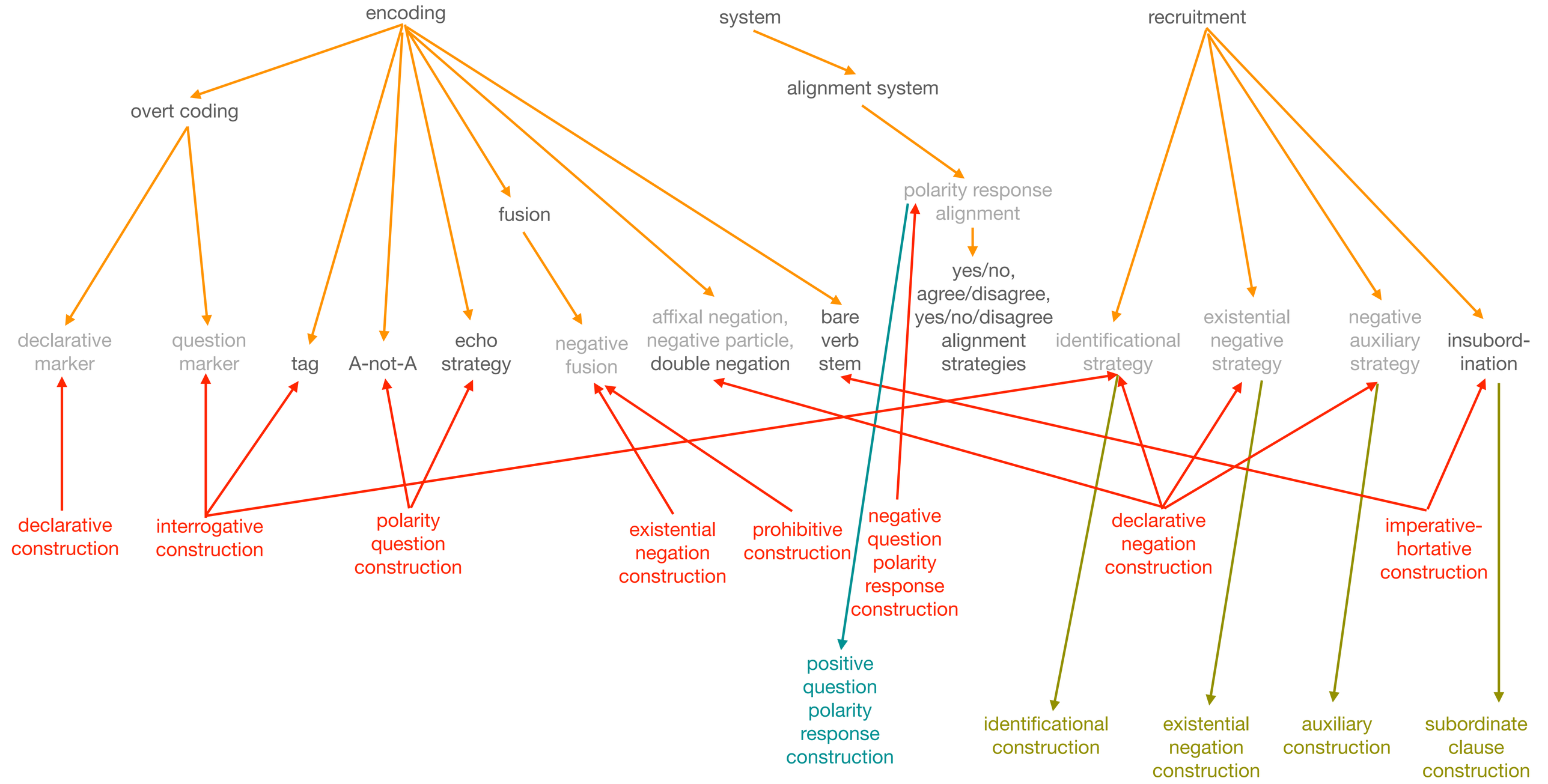
Tree 8


encoding
system
recruitment
predicativization possessive strategy
adnominal possessive strategy
'with' possessive strategy
'have' possessive strategy
topic possessive strategy
topic-locational hybrid possessive strategy
possessive-locative hybrid strategy
locational possessive strategy
predicational locative strategy
perception strategy
independent referring phrase strategy
presentational possession construction
presentational location construction
presentational construction
presentational location construction
predicational location construction
perception ASC
referring phrase

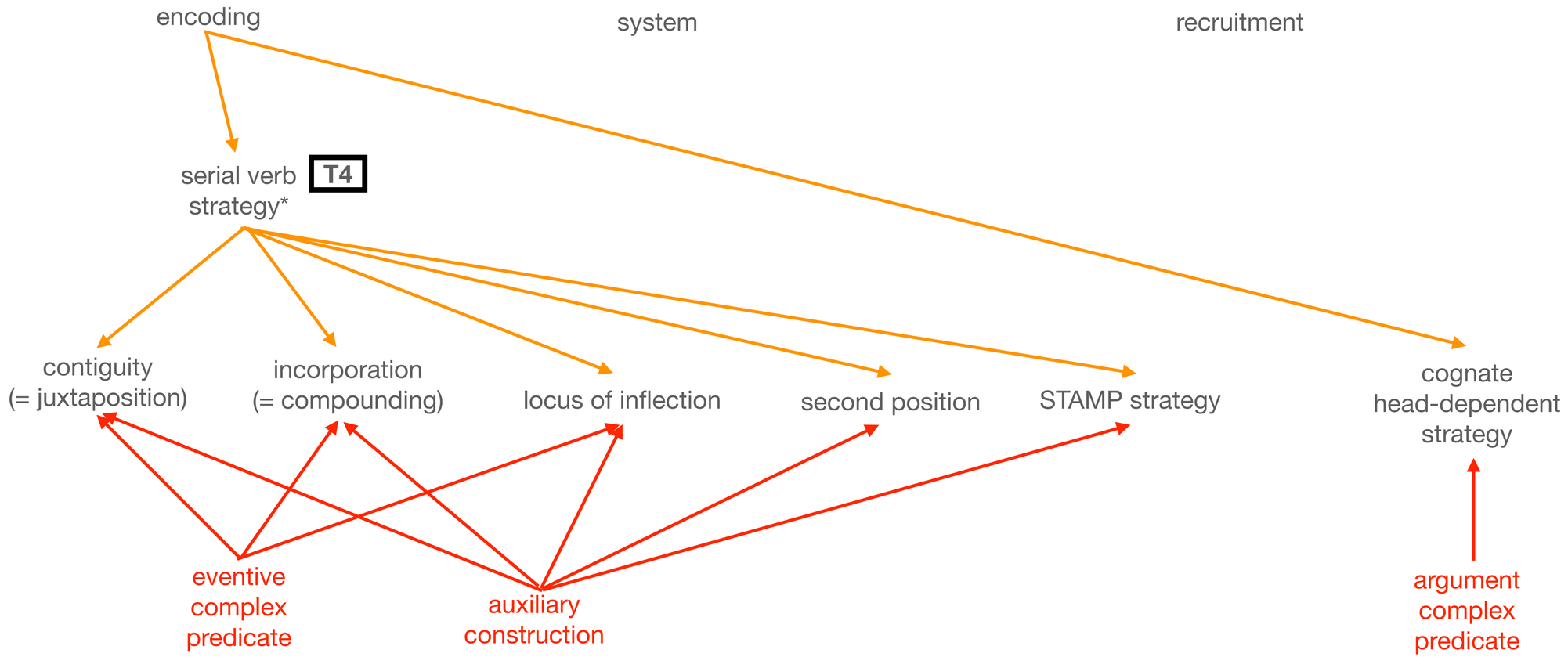
Tree 9


encoding
system
recruitment
alignment system
overt coding
subject-predicate alignment
topic marker
thetic marker
focus marker
detached topic strategy
ellipsis
split structure
non-nominative flag/index
noun incorporation
cleft
topic-comment construction
thetic construction
information response construction
identificational construction
basic voice
equational construction

Tree 10

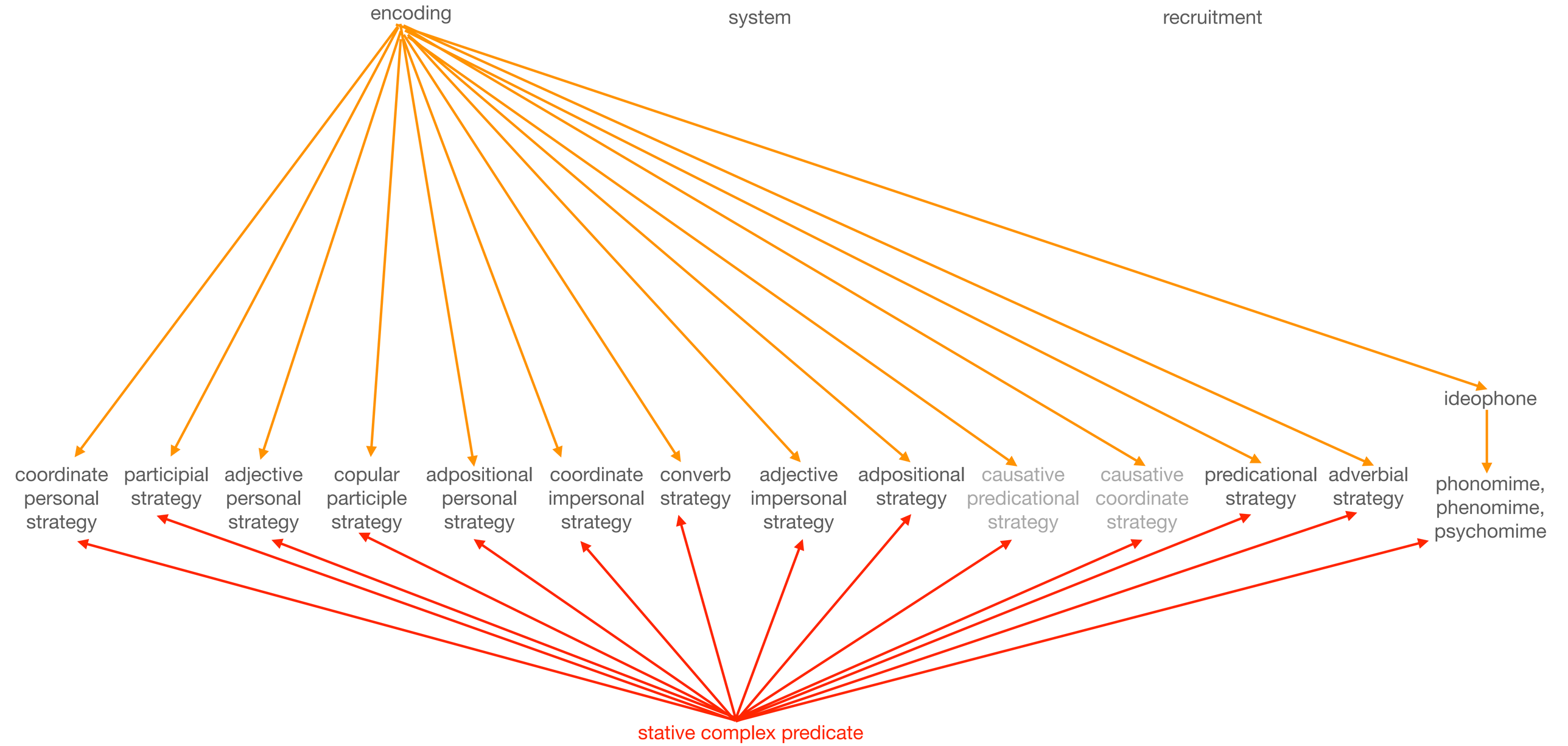

encoding
system
recruitment
overt coding
alignment system
fusion
polarity response alignment
declarative marker
question marker
tag
A-not-A
echo strategy
negative fusion
affixal negation, negative particle, double negation
bare verb stem
yes/no, agree/disagree, yes/no/disagree alignment strategies
identificational strategy
existential negative strategy
negative auxiliary strategy
insubord-ination
declarative construction
interrogative construction
polarity question construction
existential negation construction
prohibitive construction
negative question polarity response construction
positive question polarity response construction
declarative negation construction
imperative-hortative construction
identificational construction
existential negation construction
auxiliary construction
subordinate clause construction

Tree 11



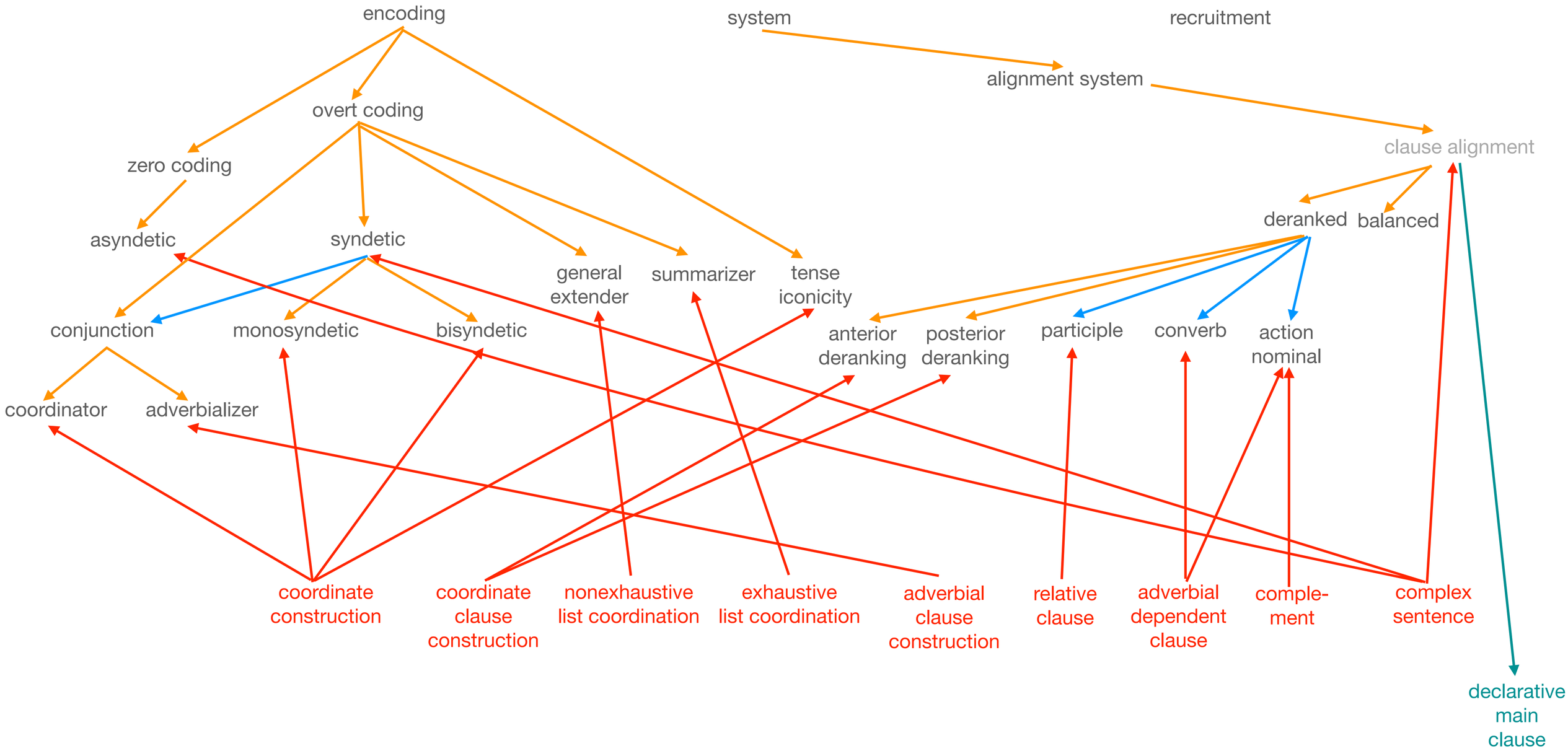
*Auxiliary construction strategies overlap with serial verb strategies and are included here. The last two strategies are specific to auxiliary verb constructions.

Tree 12

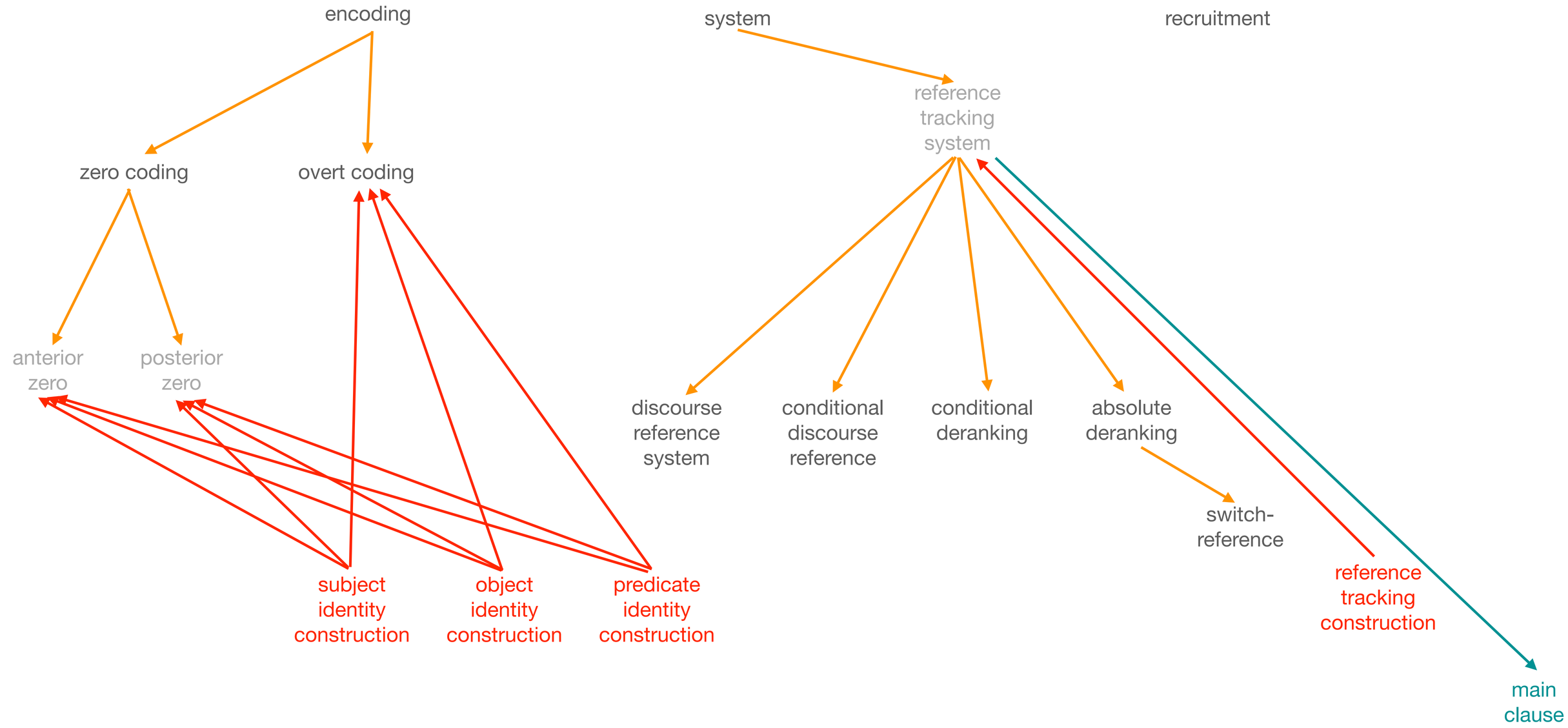


NB: These encoding strategies represent combinations of more basic strategies (balanced/deranked, indexed/nonindexed, “nouny”/“verby”, etc.).

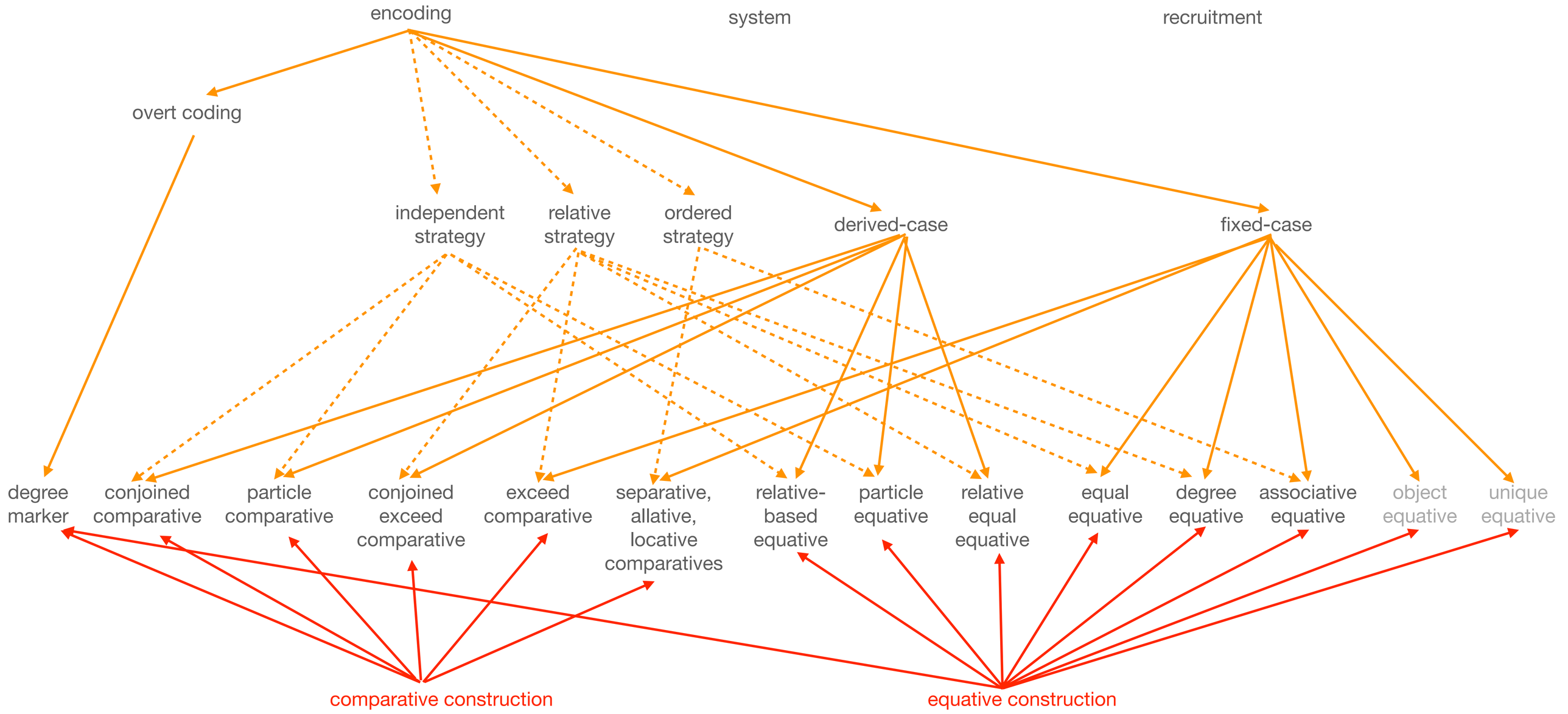
Tree 13


encoding
system
recruitment
alignment system
overt coding
clause alignment
zero coding
deranked
balanced
asyndetic
syndetic
general extender
summarizer
tense iconicity
conjunction
monosyndetic
bisyndetic
anterior deranking
posterior deranking
participle
converb
action nominal
coordinator
adverbializer
coordinate construction
coordinate clause construction
nonexhaustive list coordination
exhaustive list coordination
adverbial clause construction
relative clause
adverbial dependent clause
comple-ment
complex sentence
declarative main clause

Tree 14

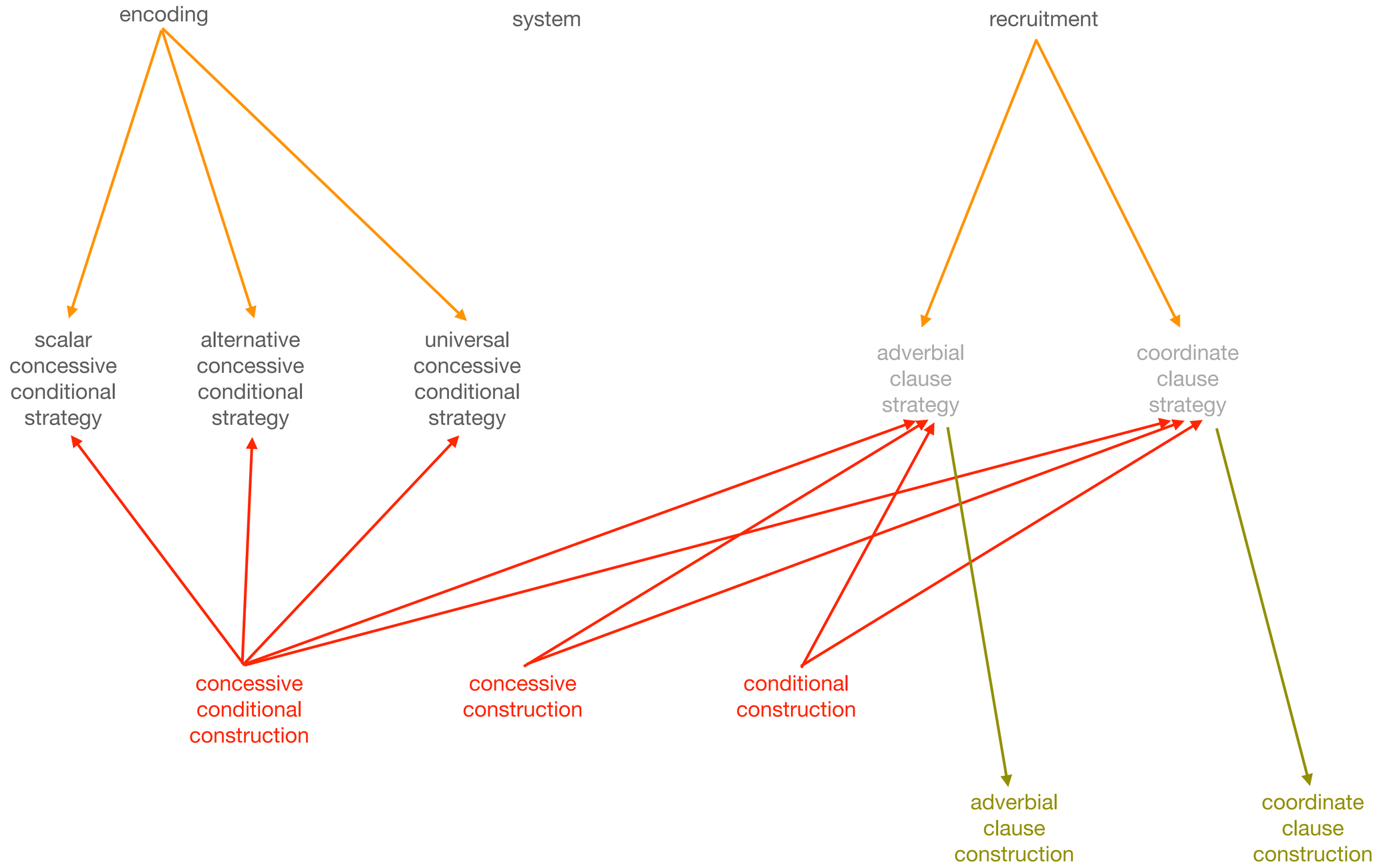

encoding
zero coding
overt coding
anterior zero
posterior zero
subject identity construction
object identity construction
predicate identity construction
system
recruitment
reference tracking system
discourse reference system
conditional discourse reference
conditional deranking
absolute deranking
switch-reference
reference tracking construction
main clause

Tree 15

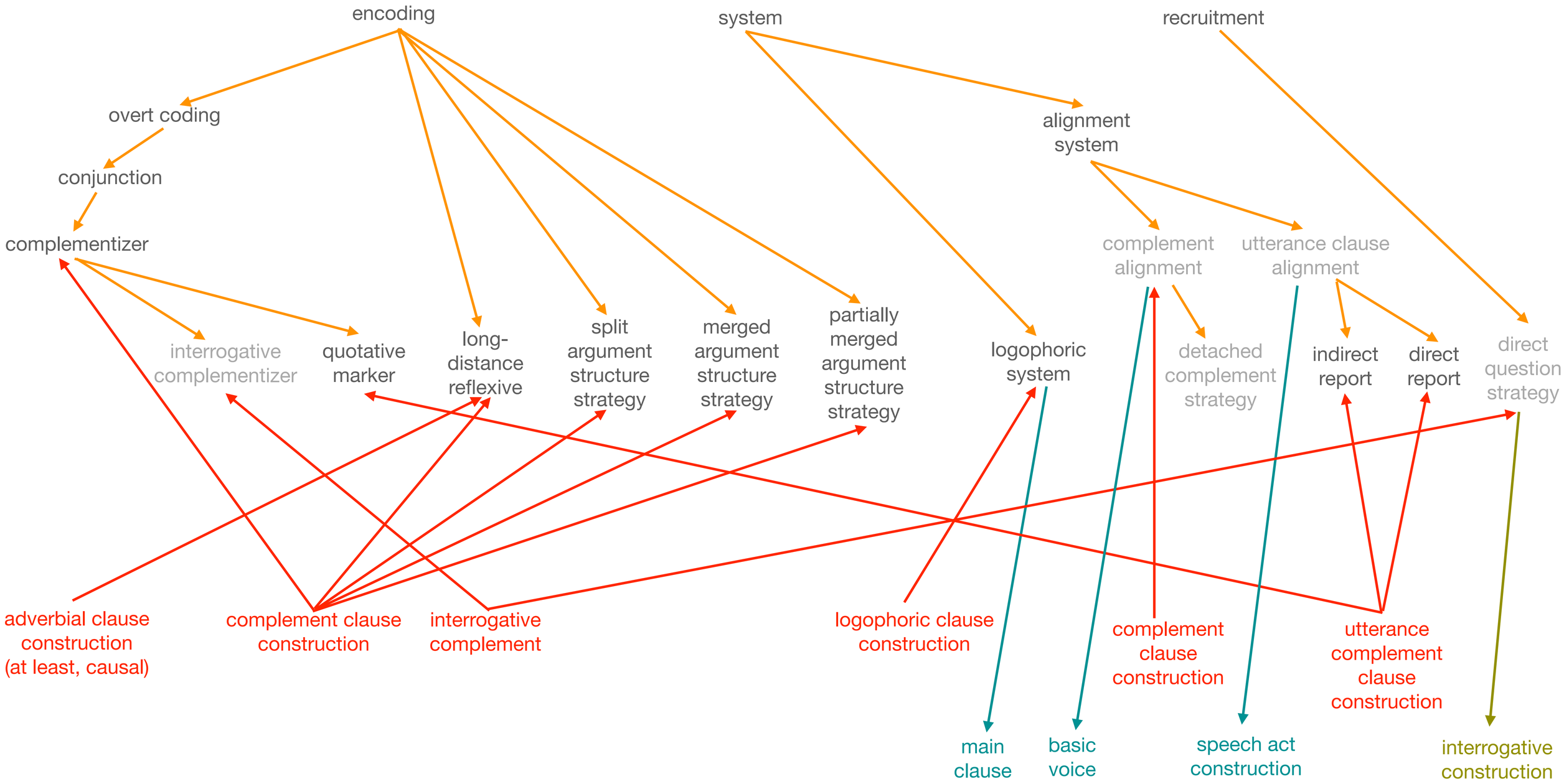


NB: Some comparative and equative strategies are parallel or equivalent, although this is not represented here: conjoined ≈ relative-based, particle ≈ particle, conjoined exceed ≈ relative equal, exceed ≈ equal, separative/allative/locative ≈ associative.

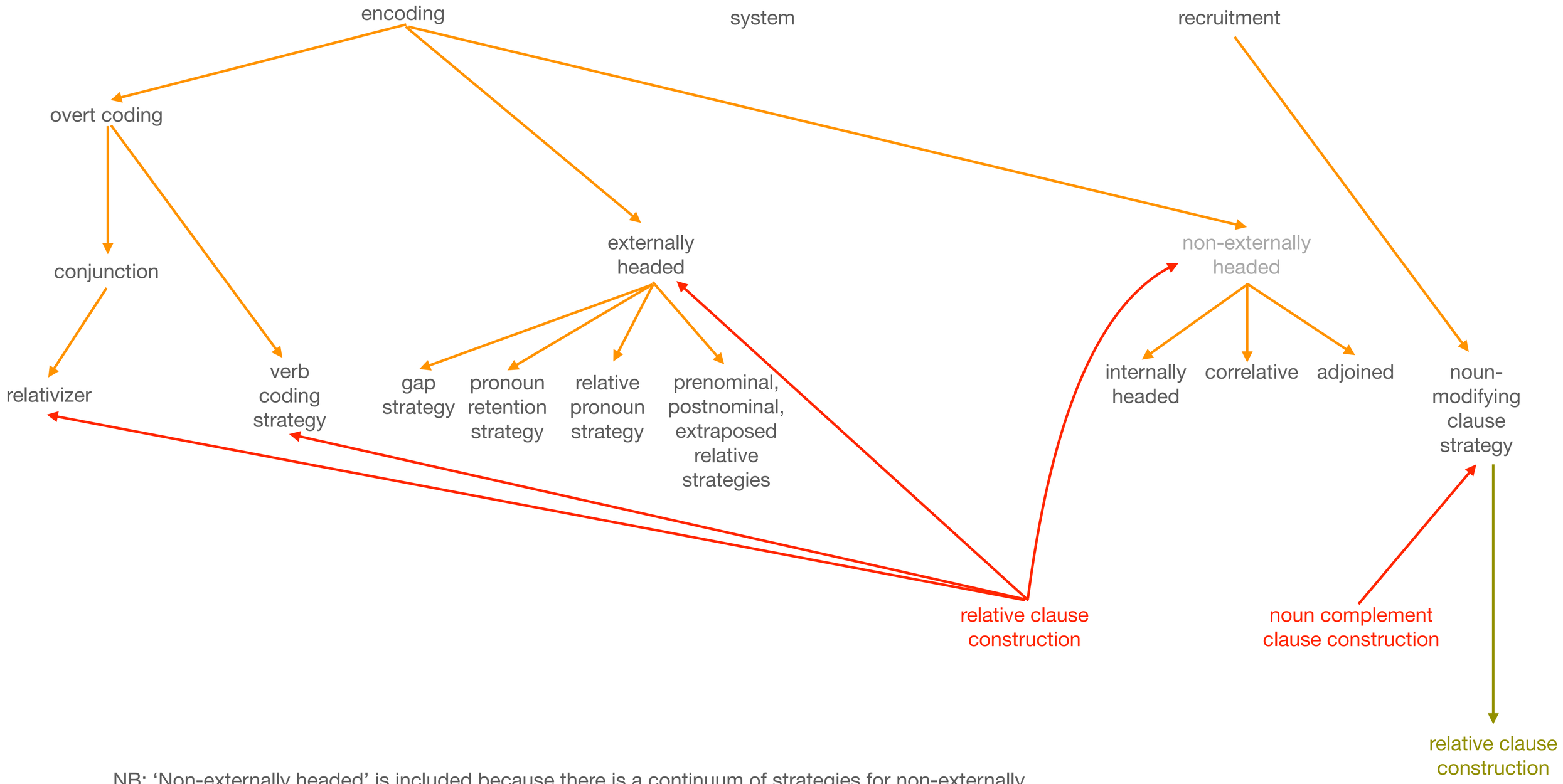
Tree 16


encoding
system
recruitment
scalar concessive conditional strategy
alternative concessive conditional strategy
universal concessive conditional strategy
adverbial clause strategy
coordinate clause strategy
concessive conditional construction
concessive construction
conditional construction
adverbial clause construction
coordinate clause construction

Tree 17


encoding
system
recruitment
overt coding
alignment system
conjunction
complementizer
complement alignment
utterance clause alignment
interrogative complementizer
quotative marker
long-distance reflexive
split argument structure strategy
merged argument structure strategy
partially merged argument structure strategy
logophoric system
detached complement strategy
indirect report
direct report
direct question strategy
adverbial clause construction (at least, causal)
complement clause construction
interrogative complement
logophoric clause construction
complement clause construction
utterance complement clause construction
main clause
basic voice
speech act construction
interrogative construction

Tree 18



NB: ‘Non-externally headed’ is included because there is a continuum of strategies for non-externally head relative clauses; the three subtypes in the tree are a subset of possibilities.