**Disyllabic tone sandhi in Lexical Compounds (LC) & Modifier-Head Phrases (MH) in Xiangshan**

Project: Clustering tone sandhi patterns in Xiangshan Chinese

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**Background:**

**Left-dominant tone sandhi in Northern Wu**

In Northern Wu Chinese, where Xiangshan belong to, the LC and MH structures usually show a left-dominant sandhi, in which the left/initial tone spreads to the whole token. In other words, as long as the initial tone is determined, the tone sandhi pattern can be predicted.

However, variations exist in many languages, making the picture more complicated

1. An example of left-dominant tone sandhi in Shanghai Wu

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|  | *tsʰɔ vɛ* 炒饭 *‘fried rice’* |
| Original tones | 34 13 |
| Tone deletion | 34 |
| Tone spreading | 3 4 |