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In this talk we will present the results from three studies on adjectival agreement in *pancake constructions* (PCs) in Swedish, exemplified in (1). PCs have been discussed widely in the literature from different theoretical perspectives (e.g. Enger, 2004; Faarlund, 1977; Haugen and Enger, 2014, 2019; Josefsson, 2006, 2009, 2014a,b; Källström, 1993; Malmgren, 1984; Teleman et al., 1999; Wellander, 1949, 1955; Widmark, 1966; Åkerblom, 2020). We will discuss our findings in light of the semantic approach in Haugen and Enger (2014, 2019) and the syntactic approach in Josefsson (2006, 2009, 2014a,b). In short, the semantic approach has it that the predicative adjective in PCs gets *t*-agreement rather than regular agreement because the subject is interpreted as unbounded, and the syntactic approach explains *t*-agreement as the result of the subject lacking a number feature. Following Josefsson (2009, In prep), we distinguish between **substance-denoting** and **situation-denoting** PCs. The former express inherent (usually physical) properties of the subject, and the latter express properties that are necessarily realised through some event (such as an event of eating in 1b).

- (1) a. Senap är gult. [substance-denoting]
mustard_c is yellow-T
'Mustard is yellow.'
- b. Senap är gott. [situation-denoting]
mustard_c is nice-T
'Mustard is nice.'

On both the semantic and the syntactic approach to PCs, the presence of a modifier in the subject noun-phrase has an effect on the agreement marking of the predicative adjective. On the semantic approach, modification of the subject makes it less unbounded and therefore regular agreement is more acceptable. On the syntactic approach, modification has different effects in the two PC-types: resulting in regular agreement in substance-denoting PCs but either type of agreement in situation-denoting PCs.

We conducted an acceptability study, a sentence-completing study, and a corpus study to investigate how speakers judge and use regular agreement and *t*-agreement in modified and unmodified PCs of both subtypes. Taken together, the results suggest that substance- and situation-denoting PCs behave in different ways when they are modified, indicating that an analysis along the lines in Josefsson (2009, In prep) can explain more of the data.

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