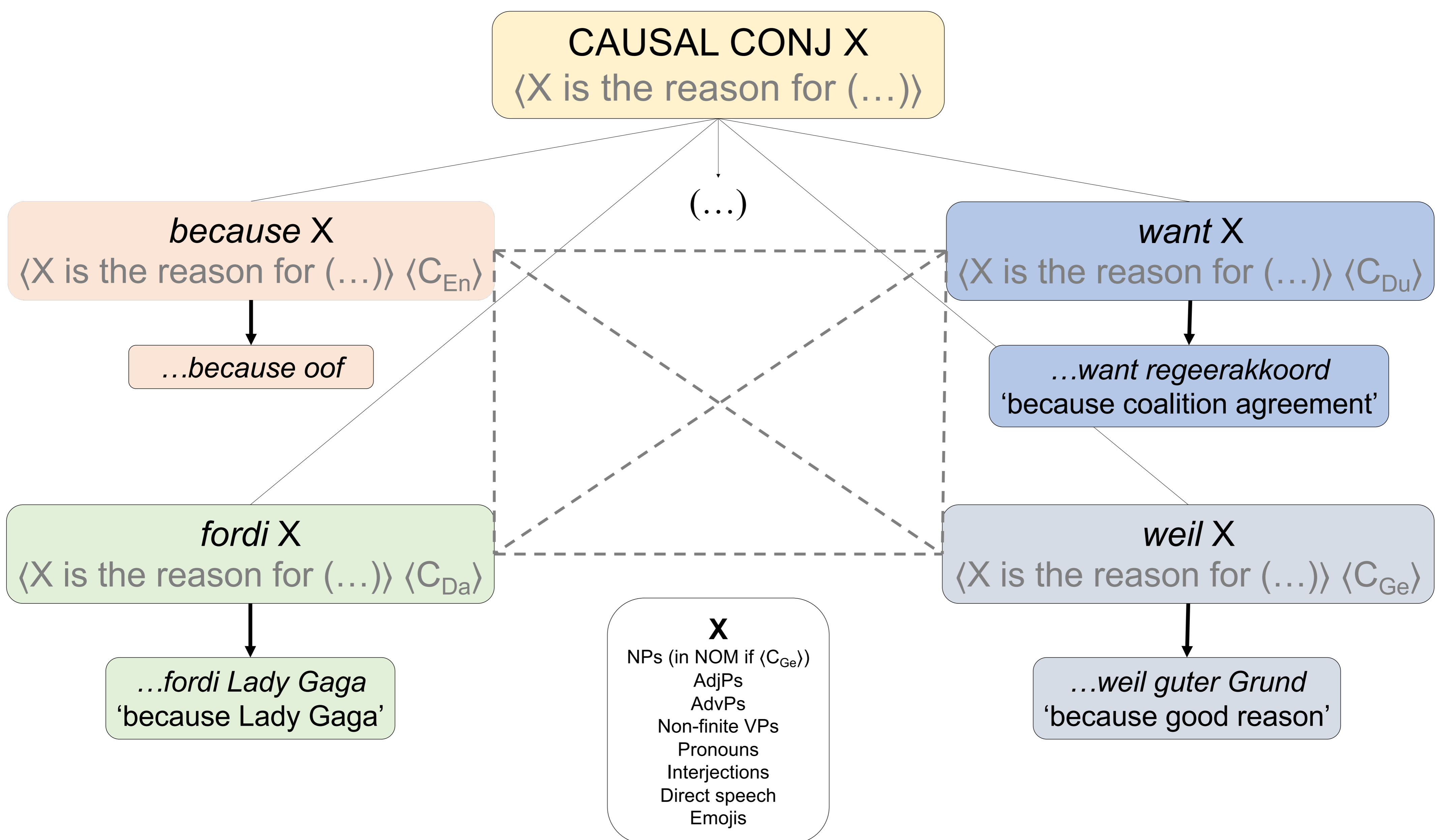




Diasystematic because small?

Germanic equivalents of the *because X* construction

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Situation

- Formal and functional equivalents of the English *because X* construction exist in many languages, e.g. Dutch *want X*, German *weil X*, Danish *fordi X*, Swedish *för att X*, etc.
- Possible explanations of this spread?
 - 1) Parallel, but independent developments?
 - 2) Structural borrowings from other languages?
 - 3) Existing constructions influenced by other languages?

Solution

- Diasystematic Construction Grammar (e.g. Höder 2018)
- Grammar is community-specific, not language-specific
 - Idioconstructions as language-specific constructions
 - Diaconstructions as language-unspecific constructions
- Diaconstructions instead of separate idioconstructions as a cognitively plausible model for multilingual speakers

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