

Comparing morphological and syntactic variations of support verb constructions and full verbal phrasemes in French: a corpus based study

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- **A comparison of morphological and syntactic variations of full verbal phrasemes (e.g. *céder la place*) and support verb constructions (e.g. *jouer un rôle*)**
 - Full verbal phrasemes are not compositional (from a semantic viewpoint)
- **Based on a corpus study of 30 frequent MWEs of structure V (DET) N**
- **Properties extracted from a 32 M word parsed corpus including literature and newspapers (and manually checked)**
 - plural variation,
 - fixed or variable determiner
 - relative construction
 - passive construction
 - insertion of a modifier
- **Results show that:**
 - **As expected, support verb constructions are far more variable**
 - Full phrasemes show very little variation
 - But support verb constructions are in general not so flexible
 - **Frequent verbal MWEs show a high degree of semantic ambiguity**
 - Problem for automatic detection of morphological and syntactic properties