

How John wanted to marry three 20-year-olds (seriously)
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Musan (1995) observes that the temporal interpretation of non-presuppositional noun phrases obligatorily depends on that of the main predicate. By considering the temporal interpretation of plural non-presuppositional noun phrases in sentences like the one contained in the title of this presentation, I will show that the noun must first combine with the main predicate without the numeral determiner. I will then propose a novel theory where the numeral part of non-presuppositional noun phrases undergoes movement at LF. Under this theory, the two readings of Krifka's (1990) "4000 ships passed through the lock" sentence are shown to be derived from different scope configurations.