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Emily Bender's abstract: Liu provides an analysis of the various semantic constraints on the ba construction. She (he?) argues that the constraint on the verb is one of boundedness, and that this can only be calculated in terms of both situation and viewpoint aspect. (See Yang 1995 for a similar position.) The constraint on the NP is one of G-specificity - i.e., the noun must be one that can be quantified with dou1. Liu further argues that these two constraints are related. There is a homomorphism between the event and the ba-obj (cf. Dowty's Incremental Theme), and in particular, one that preserves the 'all-of' relation. (This part of the paper is not very clear.)


Emily Bender's abstract: Yang provides an aspectual analysis of the ba and bei constructions which is very similar to that of Liu, but with some differences. (They are similar in that they both make use of a combination of situation and viewpoint aspect in order to capture the right set of predicates.) Yang also gives a brief HPSG formalization of her ideas, which includes considering ba and bei to be verbs. She doesn't support this contention very well, except that she does take a nice whack at the A-not-A test. The HPSG analysis won't work as she intends it to.