Feature incorporation and criterial freezing

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The proposal defended in this talk is that when a feature incorporates into a criterial head, it induces freezing of that head, rendering it inaccessible to further probe. This proposal is a natural extension of the format of Criterial Freezing developed in Rizzi & Shlonsky (2007). It constitutes the major component of an explanation of several phenomena, including the ungrammaticality of wh in situ in French indirect questions.