

This talk presents the origin of the causative (CAUS) and simulative (SML) suffix *ter* in two varieties of Lai language, Hakha Lai and Falam Chin. It also shows that Proto Central Chin (PCC) full verbs **tiir* 'to send someone to do an errand' and **der* 'to pretend to' grammaticalized and merged into the Lai CAUS and SML suffix *ter* due to frequency pressure, the first time this type of argument for semantic change is used in Kuki-Chin (KC).

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