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CAUSAL CONJ X
⟨X is the reason for (...)>}

because X
⟨X is the reason for (...)> ⟨C_{En}⟩

...because oof

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want X
⟨X is the reason for (...)> ⟨C_{Du}⟩

...want regeerakkoord
‘because coalition agreement’

fordi X
⟨X is the reason for (...)> ⟨C_{Da}⟩

...fordi Lady Gaga
‘because Lady Gaga’

weil X
⟨X is the reason for (...)> ⟨C_{Ge}⟩

...weil guter Grund
‘because good reason’

Situation
• Formal and functional equivalents of the English because X construction exist in many languages, e.g. Dutch want X, German weil X, Danish fordi X, Swedish för att X, etc.
• Possible explanations of this spread?
  1) Parallel, but independent developments?
  2) Structural borrowings from other languages?
  3) Existing constructions influenced by other languages?

Solution
• Diasystematic Construction Grammar (e.g. Höder 2018)
• Grammar is community-specific, not language-specific
  • Idiocstructions as language-specific constructions
  • Diaconstructions as language-unspecific constructions
• Diasystematics instead of separate idiocstructions as a cognitively plausible model for multilingual speakers

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