Recently, Volker Halbach and Philip Welch have worked out a proposal by Saul Kripke who suggested to understand modal predicates as complex predicates, i.e. predicates obtained from modifying the truth predicate by the appropriate modal operator (“necessary” as “necessarily true”). To this end, Halbach and Welch provide a translation function from a language with a modal predicate to a language containing the truth predicate, give possible world semantics for both languages and show that the translation is truth preserving with respect to the two semantics.

While Halbach and Welch’s work is very inspiring it fails to put pressure on the proponent of the predicate approach to modality for he has every right to reject possible world semantics as the intended semantics. Yet, we will show that there is a natural proof-theoretic addendum to Halbach and Welch’s semantic reduction. That is we shall construct two theories one for the modal predicate, one for the truth predicate in the language with modal operator and show that (i) the two theories capture, in some sense, the two semantics devised by Halbach and Welch and that (ii) the translation preserves theoremhood.