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# The IE sound system

## Preliminaries

Notation:

\*j (or \*y), \*w instead of  $\underset{\sim}{i}$ ,  $\underset{\sim}{u}$

$\overset{h}{\sim}$  (not  $^h$ ) for „voiced aspiration“

Sometimes: \*h, \*χ, \*ʙ for \*h<sub>1</sub>, \*h<sub>2</sub>, \*h<sub>3</sub>

## IE vowels

Common vowel system reflected in earliest languages

*i	*u	*ī	*ū
*e	*o	*ē	*ō
*a		*ā	

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+ some vowels correspondences with zero, e.g.

$i = a = a = \emptyset = \emptyset = a \dots$  (between obstruents)

$\emptyset = a = o = u = i = \text{ə} \dots$  (with  $*l/r$ )

$\emptyset = a = a/e = u = i = \text{ə} \dots$  (with  $*m/n$ )

Distributional peculiarities:

$*a$  (and  $*\bar{a}$ ) rather rare and mostly confined to beginning or end of root

Long vowels with restricted occurrence

# The IE sound system

## PIE consonant system (neo-traditional)

	labial	dental	“palatal”	“velar”	“labiovelar”	“laryngeal”
stops: voiceless = tenues	*p	*t	*k̑	*k	*k <sup>w</sup>	
voiced = mediae	(*b)	*d	*g̑	*g	*g <sup>w</sup>	
voiced aspirated = asperae	*b <sup>h</sup>	*d <sup>h</sup>	*g <sup>h</sup>	*g <sup>h</sup>	*g <sup>w<sup>h</sup></sup>	
fricatives		*s				*h <sub>1</sub> , *h <sub>2</sub> , *h <sub>3</sub>
glides			*j		*w	
liquids		*l, *r				
nasals	*m	*n				

# 1. Stop series: A. Reconstruction models of PIE stops

Main reflexes of stop series in IE branches, exemplified by dentals

Continuation in IE branches

T	Anat.	Toch.	Ind.	Iran.	Greek	Italic	Celtic	Germ.	B-Sl.	Alb.
t	t	t	t,t <sup>h</sup>	t,θ	t	t	t/t <sup>h</sup>	θ	t	t
d <sup>h</sup>	ḏ	t,ts<*d <sup>h</sup>	d <sup>h</sup> /d	d (θ)	t <sup>h</sup>	f/ǵ	d	d/ǵ	d	d
d	ḏ	ts<*d	d	d (θ)	d	d	d	t (t <sup>h</sup> /ts)	:d	d

Balto-Slavic :d = voiced with lengthening/acute effect (Winter's Law)

## A. Reconstruction models of PIE stops

### Models of the PIE stop system, exemplified by dentals

T	H	G	N/V	K	Haider +
t	t	t <sup>h</sup> ~t	t <sup>h</sup>	t	t
d <sup>h</sup>	d <sup>h</sup> /d	d <sup>h</sup> ~d	d̥	d <sup>h</sup> ~d̥	d>d <sup>h</sup>
d	t'/t̥	t'	t'	d̥ [ʔd̥]	d̥>d

(T = “neo-traditional/mainstream”; H = Hopper 1973/1977; G = Gamkrelidze 1973; N = Normier 1977, V = Vennemann 1984; K = Andreev 1957; Kortlandt 1978a, 1985; Haider 1983; Kümmel 2009/2012; Weiss 2009)

Kortlandt’s “preglottalized lenis” = “voiceless/glottalized implosive” (cf. Maddieson 1984: 111ff.)

## B. Data from within the system: alternations of consonants

### 1) „Final lenition“

Stop series distinctions neutralized word-finally to „mediae“ (at least when followed by a vowel):

\*T > \*D; \*D<sup>h</sup> > \*D /\_# (cf. Goddard 2007: 123f.)

Cf. 3s verbal ending \*-t-i > Latin -t vs. \*-d > Latin -d

### 2) Voicing assimilation

Clusters of obstruents must agree in laryngeal features (i.e., voicing, aspiration etc.). Normally assimilation is regressive: voiced stops are devoiced before voiceless stops and \*s (but not before laryngeals!), voiceless stops and \*s are voiced before voiced stops:

\*D > \*T /\_T,s, cf. \*χawg- ⇒ \*χwek-s-

\*T > \*D; \*s > \*z /\_D, cf. \*pi-pd- > \*pibd-; \*si-sd- > \*sizd-

## B. Data from within the system: alternations of consonants

Directly attested in IE languages but synchronically productive  $\Rightarrow$  innovations possible

However: *\*dk̑* not assimilated to *\*tk̑*, cf. developments in decade numerals:

*\*wi-dk̑mt-* > PII *\*winćat-*, PCelt. *\*wikant-*, *\*wīk̑°* '20'

*\*tri-dk̑mt-* > PII *\*trinćat-*, PCelt. *\*trikant-*, *\*trīk̑°* '30'

*\*penk<sup>w</sup>e-dk̑mt-* > *\*penk<sup>w</sup>ēk̑°* > PII *\*pank̑āćat-* '50'

Perfect *\*de-dk̑-* > *\*dēk̑-* > PII *\*dāć-* (also in other clusters, cf. Schumacher 2005)

Loss of syllable-final *\*d* with laryngeal-similar effects is sometimes called "Kortlandt effect", cf. Kortlandt 1983 (cf. also possible Vedic *vā<sub>a</sub>r* 'water' < *\*wā<sub>a</sub>H<sub>ȓ</sub>* = Luw. *wār* < *\*wóH<sub>ȓ</sub>* < *\*wód<sub>ȓ</sub>*, Lubotsky 2013b)

Original exception with mediae? Cf. *\*-ná-* for *\*-tá-* in II verbal adjectives to avoid unharmonic clusters?

## B. Data from within the system: alternations of consonants

### 3) Bartholomae's Law

Behind a (stem-final) aspirate assimilation is progressive: voiceless stops and \*s become voiced and aspirated (for media after aspirata no evidence is available):  
 $*T > D_{\text{h}}$ ;  $*s > *z_{\text{h}} / D_{\text{-}}$

Clearly a productive rule in Proto-Indo-Iranian, Sanskrit, and Old Avestan (with relics in later Iranian), but elsewhere normally lost analogically (or never applied?).

### 4) Dental assibilation

Dental stops were assibilated preceding (heterosyllabic) dental stops:  
 $*t > *ts / \_t$ ;  $*d > dz / \_d$ ;  $*d_{\text{h}} > d_{\text{z}} / \_d_{\text{h}}$

Sometimes also assumed for the position before velars.

## B. Data from within the system: alternations of consonants

### 5) Siebs' Law

Aspirates after initial \*s > (allophonically) voiceless aspirates?

a) \*sk<sup>h</sup>ejd- > gr. sk<sup>h</sup>id-

\*sp<sup>h</sup>ejg- > gr. sp<sup>h</sup>igg-

\*sp<sup>h</sup>erH- > OIA sphar-, gr. sp<sup>h</sup>ur- (but < \*tsperH- after Lubotsky)

\*sp<sup>h</sup>raxg- > OIA sphūrj-, gr. sp<sup>h</sup>arag-

However: No assured s-less cognates!

Ambiguous due to laryngeal:

\*sk<sup>h</sup>aχ- > Gr. sk<sup>h</sup>a- ~ \*g<sup>h</sup>aχ- 'to yawn' > Gr. k<sup>h</sup>a-

\*sp<sup>h</sup>eh- > OIA sphā-

b) Certain variation without proof of aspiration: \*sterb<sup>h</sup>- ~ \*d<sup>h</sup>erb<sup>h</sup>-; \*b<sup>h</sup>eng- ~

\*speng-

⇒ Voicing alternation assured, aspiration unclear! Cf. now Sturm 2016

## B. Data from within the system: alternations of consonants

### 6) Distribution in formative types

	roots	particles	suffixes	endings
tenues	+	+	+	+
asperae	+	+	(+)	(+)
mediae	+	(+)	-	-

⇒ mediae more “marked”

### 7) Root structure constraints

Allowed: T\_T-, D<sup>h</sup>\_D<sup>h</sup>-; D\_T-, T\_D-, D\_D<sup>h</sup>-, D<sup>h</sup>\_D-; T\_ND<sup>h</sup>-, sT\_D<sup>h</sup>-

Forbidden: ~~T\_D<sup>h</sup>-~~, ~~D<sup>h</sup>\_T-~~, ~~D\_D-~~

⇒ T + D<sup>h</sup> (sensitive to voicing effects) | D

## C. The “implosive” theory

„Aspirates“ = simple explosive stops  $*b, d, \dots$

„Mediae“ = implosives, i.e. nonexplosive stops  $*\bar{b}, \bar{d}, \dots$  (not distinctively glottalized)

When these developed to explosives  $*b, d, \dots$ , the original explosives could remain distinct and developed to breathy voiced “aspirated” stops  $*b^h, d^h, \dots$

System typology (Kümmel 2012a; 2015)

$p \mid b \mid \bar{b}$  most frequent 3 stop system type with two „voiced“ series

⇒ most probable synchronically,

nevertheless rather unstable because of tendency  $\bar{d} > d$

## C. The “implosive” theory

Diachronic parallels (cf. Weiss 2009)

Proto-Thai \*b | \*b > Cao Bang (Nord-Thai) b | b<sup>h</sup>

(in both systems : p, in Cao Bang also : p<sup>h</sup> of different origin)

Intermediate stage in other Thai languages, too:

Thai, Lao, Saek \*d > \*d<sup>h</sup> > \*t<sup>h</sup> | \*d̥ > d elsewhere \*d > t | \*d̥ > d/d̥/n/l

Mon-Khmer, viz. \*Proto-Mon t | d | d̥ (> Mon t | t | d̥)

> \*t | d<sup>h</sup> | d > Nyah Kur t | t<sup>h</sup> | d.

Austronesian: Madurese \*b, \*d, \*g > \*b<sup>h</sup>, \*d<sup>h</sup>, \*g<sup>h</sup> > p<sup>h</sup>, t<sup>h</sup>, k<sup>h</sup>

vs. preserved \*p, \*t, \*k | secondary b, d, g

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## C. The “implosive” theory

### Distribution of implosives

Weiss: *b*-lacuna because of  $**b > *w$

Kümmel: rather  $**b > *m$  (already Haider 1983 foll. Schindler),  
cf. possible Uralic cognates with nasals:

PIE *\*jeg-i/o-* ‘ice’ = PU *\*jäŋi*

PIE *\*dek-* ‘to perceive’ = PU *\*näki-* ‘to see’?

Rareness of ancient (root-internal) clusters of nasal + media  
compatible with cross-linguistic tendencies (Kümmel 2012b)

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## C. The “implosive” theory

### **Possible implications for IE rules**

„Final voicing“ = nonexplosive articulation; perhaps also syllable-finally, preserved in *\*pi-b\$h\_3-V* etc. – isolated example(s) of older more general rule?

Cf. allophonies in Munda and SE Asia: final stops > „checked“ = preglottalized and unreleased, in Munda voiced before a suffix (Donegan & Stampe 2002: 117f.)!

Bartholomae’s Law = simple voicing assimilation with secondary aspiration

Cf. Miller 1977

⇒ Shift only post-PIE?

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## C. The “implosive” theory

### Possible direct reflexes of implosives and the older system

„Aspiration“ of MA but assured in Ilr., Greek, Armenian, Tocharian, Italic, (Germanic?)

⇒ central innovation: sound shift  $*d > *d^h$  /  $*d > *d^h$   
vs. preservation in peripheral languages?

Sporadically  $*d$  (but never  $*d^h$ ?)  $> *l$  in Luvian: Hitt. *dā-* = luv. *lā-*, *lala-* ‘to take’?

Celtic  $*g^w > *b > *b$  vs. preserved  $*g^w$ ,  $*k^w$ ?

Secondarily phonologized glottalization in Balto-Slavic (cf. Kortlandt passim)?

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## 2. Centum and Satem

A. Dorsal stops: What kind of and how many?

### Main facts and general problems

Av. *satəm* = Lat. *centum* ['kɛntum] < PIE \**k̑m̑tóm* '100'

„Satem“:            \**k̑* > *ś/s/θ*                            \**k* = \**k<sup>w</sup>* > *k*

„Kentum“:        \**k̑* = *k* > *k*                            \**k<sup>w</sup>* > *k<sup>w</sup>* (> *p/t*)

“Mixed” languages?

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T	Gr	It	Ce	Ge	Hit	Luw	Arm	Alb	B	Sl	In	Ir	PIE
k, ʃ	k	k	k <sup>h</sup>	x	k	k, c	s, ts <sup>h</sup>	θ, k	ʃ (k)	s (k)	ʃ	s/θ	*c/k
						k, ?	k <sup>h</sup> , ?	k, c, ?					*k/q
k <sup>w</sup> , ʃ	k <sup>w</sup> > p, t	k <sup>w</sup>	k <sup>wh</sup>	x <sup>w</sup>	k <sup>w</sup>	k <sup>w</sup>	k <sup>h</sup> , tʃ <sup>h</sup>	k, c, s	k	k, tʃ, ts	k, tʃ	k, x,	*k <sup>w</sup>
k, ʃ	g	g	g	k	g	g, j	ts	ð, g	ʒ (g)	z (g)	dʒ	z/d	*ʃ/g
						k	g, ʃ, ?	g					g, ʒ, dz
k <sup>w</sup> , ʃ	g <sup>w</sup> > b, d	g <sup>w</sup>	b	k <sup>w</sup>	g <sup>w</sup>	w	g, ʃ, z						*g <sup>w</sup>
k, ʃ	k <sup>h</sup>	h	g	g	g	g, j	dz	d, ð	ʒ (g)	z (g)	ɸ	z/d	*ʃ <sup>h</sup> /g <sup>h</sup>
						g, ?	g, ʃ, ?	g					g, ʒ, dz
k <sup>w</sup> , ʃ	k <sup>wh</sup> > p <sup>h</sup> , t <sup>h</sup>	f	gw	b	g <sup>w</sup>	w	g, dʒ	g, ʃ, z					*g <sup>wh</sup>

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Examples (in distinctive environments)

ś = k < \*k̑/k: Arm. *sirt*, Lith. *šird-*, Slav. \**sȓrd-* : Hitt. *ker*, Gr. *kē̃r*, Germ. \**xert-* < \**k̑erd-*/*k̑rd-* ‘heart’

OIA *śrī-*, Av. *sraiiian-* ≈ Gr. *kréont-* < \**k̑rejH-*/\**k̑riH-* ‘(to be) excellent’

OIA *aṣṭā*, Lith. *aštuoni* = Gr. *oktō*, Lat. *octō* < \*(H)*októH(-)* ‘eight’

OIA *śúnas*, OLith. *šunès* ≈ Gr. *kunós*, OIr. *con* < \**k̑unés/-ós* ‘of the dog’

k = k<sup>w</sup> < \*k<sup>w</sup>: Av. *ci-/ca-*, Slav. *čь/če-* : Hitt. *kui/kue-*, Lat. *qui-/que-* ... < \**k<sup>w</sup>í-/k<sup>w</sup>é-* ‘who, what’

OIA *krī-*, ORuss. *krīnj-* : Gr. *pría-*, Welsh *pryn-* < \**k<sup>w</sup>riχ-*, *k<sup>w</sup>rinχ-* ‘to buy’

OIA *nákt-*, Lith. *nakt-* : Gr. *nukt-*, Lat. *noct-* < \**nók<sup>w</sup>t-* ‘night’, Hitt. *nekt-*/*nek<sup>w</sup>t-*

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Examples (in distinctive environments)

k = k < \*k/q:      Lith. *kas-*, Slav. \**čes-* < \**kes-* : Hitt. *kiss-* < \**kes-* ‘to comb’  
OIA *kraviš*, Lith. *kraūjas* : Gr. *kréas*, Lat. *cruor* < \**kreuχ-* ‘blood, raw flesh’  
OIA *rukta* = Hitt. *lukta* < \**luk-tó* ‘became light’  
OIA *kup-* ‘to shiver’ = Lat. *cup-* ‘to wish’ < \**kup-* ‘to be excited’

Distributional peculiarities

No “labiovelars” beside \**w/u*, no velars before \**j/i*

Velars dominate after \**s* and before \**r*, frequent root-finally

No labiovelars in suffixes, in roots rarely before consonants

frequent delabialization neighbouring rounded vowels and before [-syll]

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Threefold reflexes in „small inherited corpus“ languages?

Armenian *sirt* ‘heart’ < \**kērdi-*; č‘ork‘ ‘4’ < \**k<sup>w</sup>etores*; *k‘erē* ‘scratches’ < \**kereti*

Albanian *tho(sh)-* ‘to say’ < \**kēs-*; *sorrë* ‘crow’ < \**k<sup>w</sup>ērsnā-*; *korrë* ‘harvest’ < \**kēr(s)nā-*

*dimër* ‘winter’ < \**ġ<sup>h</sup>(e)imon-*; *zjarm* ‘warmth’ < \**g<sup>w</sup>hermo-*; *gjind-* ‘to get’ < \**g<sup>h</sup>end-*

⇒ Palatalization of labiovelars only? (velars in Alb. very late)

Labiovelars more easily palatalized in Greek, Lycian

Luwian (= Lycian and Carian)

*zi-* /*tsi-*/ ‘to lie’ < \**kei-*; *kui-* /*k<sup>w</sup>i-*/ ‘who, what’ < \**k<sup>w</sup>í-*; *kīsa-* /*kisa-*/ ‘to comb’ < \**kes-*

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⇒ Palatalization of “palatals” only? Cf. Melchert, talks in Harvard 2008/Opava 2010 problematic: uncanonical conditioning before *\*w* in HLuv. *asu-* ‘horse’, *suwan-* ‘dog’ (if not loans from Indo-Aryan), before *\*(ə)R* in CLuv. *zurni-* ‘horn’ < *\*k<sub>r</sub>n-*, cf. OIA *śrñ-ga-*, *zanta* ‘below, down’ < *\*k<sub>N</sub>ta*, cf. Gr. *katá*

NB: Exactly one example for nonpalatalized PIE „velar“ in contrastive environment (= before front vowel), namely *kisa-* ‘to comb’ - How to exclude analogical generalization of *\*k*, cf. the athematic verb in Hitt. *kiss-*, or a secondary vowel?

General problem: nonpalatalization may be analogical, cf. irregularly „preserved velars“ in OIA *kampa-*, *kāriṣ-*, *ghas-*, *skambh-*, *skánda-* (as in *kar-*, *gam-* with original labiovelar)

⇒ Counterexamples simply lacking by chance, considering that we know rather few inherited words in just these languages?

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Armenian candidates for palatalized “velars” (cf. Pedersen 1906: 393; Woodhouse 1998: 46f. foll. Jahukyan): *č’iḥj* ‘bat’, *čim* ‘bridle’, *čmlēl* ‘to squeeze’, *čiw* ‘paw, hoof’, *êj* ‘descent’

### B. Explanations

#### A) Three original series

Palatals : velars : labiovelars (traditional)

Diachronically quite improbably

Main problem: palatal > velar in all Centum languages implausible, if not allophonic

⇒ „Palatals“ should continue velars which are simply preserved in Centum so „velars“ must have been something else (e.g., uvulars), if distinct

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Velars : labiovelars : uvulars

Kümmel 2007

Main problem: uvulars nowhere (!) preserved

B) Only two original series

Problems for all accounts: Contrast root-initially before the vowel slot! Cf. \**gemH-*, \**gem-*, \**g<sup>w</sup>em-* = artefact of different generalizations?

1) Palatals vs. labiovelars, velars from neutralization, i.e. depalatalization or delabialization

Cf. Steensland 1973, Kortlandt 1978b

Main problem (as always): Distribution not complementary

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Additional problem: presumed original system typologically rare (additional uvulars expected!)

a) Neutralization after \*s

Excursus: \*sK in Indo-Iranian

Standard theory: \*sk > PII. \*śc > OIA *cch*, Iran. *s*

\*sq = sk<sup>w</sup> > PII. \*sk > OIA = Iran. *sk*, palatalized PII. \*śk > OIA *śc*, Iran. *sc*  
cf. OIA *chand-* ‘to appear’, *skand-* ‘to jump’, (*ś*)*cand-* ‘to shine’

But: *śc-* very rare

*sk-* presents normally „palatal“ *-ccha-* = *-sa-*, but postconsonantly „velar“ in Av. *ubjiia-*, *θβqzja-*, *srasca-*; OIA *vṛścá-*; *ubjá-*, *bhrjjá-*  
adverbs in *-cchã* and *-(ś)cã*

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⇒ alternative theory (Zubatý 1892, Lubotsky 2001):  $*sk > \text{OIA } sk$ , palatalized  $> *s\acute{k} > \text{OIA } \acute{s}c$ , Iran.  $s\check{c}$  after consonants (stops?), elsewhere earlier palatalization  $> *s\acute{c} > \text{OIA } cch$ , Iran.  $*sc > s$

counterarguments of Lipp (2009: I 18f. fn. 30) not effective

Problem (not too grave): Motivation of early vs. late palatalization

In other satem languages no clear difference of  $*sk$  vs.  $*sq$

Gorbachov 2014 only shows  $*sk^j > \text{Baltic } st$  but does not prove contrast between  $*s\hat{k}$  and  $*sk$

$*sk^w$  practically absent in general (cf. doublets like  $*k^w er-$  :  $*sker-$  ‘to cut’), but no phonetic motive for delabialization ⇒ relic of older phonetics, viz. front velar : back velar? Or of old

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b) Neutralization (delabialization) after *\*u*

Weiss 1995: no labiovelar vs. velar distinction adjacent to *\*u*

⇒ Neutralization of labialization?

Phonological process: rounding interpreted as coarticulatory rather than phonological, cf., e.g., Yazghulami (Eastern Iranian, Pamir): phonological labiovelars beside unrounded vowels only, with rounded vowels /k/ = [k<sup>w</sup>]

Steensland: also no palatals in this environment – but some (not optimal) counterexamples: PII. *\*kruć-*, *\*yuǰ-*, Iran. *\*guz-*, OIA *tuś-*, Lith. *láuš-*, *pušìs*

Arm. generally only „palatals“ after *u*, also in cases of original labiovelars, cf. *\*ang<sup>w</sup>-* > *\*awk<sup>w</sup>-* > *awc-* ‘to’ ⇒ palatals = delabialized labiovelars = phonetic velars

Gr. *eĩpon* ‘said’ < *\*weyk<sup>w</sup>o/e-* < *\*we-wk<sup>w</sup>o/e-* (cf. PII *\*wawká-* > Av. *vaoca-*, OIA *voca-*) shows preservation of *\*uk<sup>w</sup>* in Proto-Greek, later /wk<sup>w</sup>/ [wk<sup>w</sup>] > /wk/

Cf. Kümmel 2007: 310-327

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c) Neutralization (depalatalization) before resonants

Before *\*r* (Iir., Balto-Slavic, Alb., Arm.)

Velars: *\*qr\_wχ-/qrux-*, *\*qr\_t(u)-*, *\*gr\_s-*, *\*G<sup>h</sup>r\_bχ-*

Labiovelars clearly attested, but rare: *\*k<sup>w</sup>r\_jχ-*, *\*k<sup>w</sup>r\_p-*, *\*g<sup>w</sup>rómo-?*

Palatals: *\*kr\_jH-*, *\*kr\_mχ-*, *?\*kr\_tH-*, *\*gr\_j-* (palatal only in Iir.)

Weise's Law in Iir.? Kloekhorst 2011: Palatals > velars before *\*r* (if not followed by *\*i/j*)

cf. *kravíš-*, *kr*, *gr*

vs. *śrav-*, *śray-*, *hray-* and *śrī-*; *jráyas* = *zraiih-* vs. Hitt. *karait-*

But palatals also before *\*re* (at least), cf. Skt. *śram(i)-* 'become tired' = Greek *krema-* 'hang'; Skt. *śrath-* 'ro release' = Germ. *\*hrep-* 'to rescue' etc.

⇒ either no such rule or palatal conditioned by all original front vowels

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2) Velars + labiovelars (preserved in Centum)

Satem split of velars into palatals and velars

a) by „normal“ palatalization before following (resonant +) palatal vowel with analogical generalizations (Lipp 2009 I), viz. *\*kleu-* > *\*cleu-* ⇒ analogical *\*clu-* etc.

Problems:

– implausible analogies necessary: *\*χok-t<sup>o</sup>* ‘eight’ after semantically dissociated *\*χok-et-* (‘harrow’)

– unexpectedly few root variants with palatal ~ velar in Satem languages

b) contrastive differentiation of velars vs. delabialized labiovelars ⇒ no shift in non-contrastive environments, hence not after *\*u* and *\*s*; early shift in case of earlier delabialization, e.g., before *\*w*, *\*t* etc.?

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Exceptions (older Uvularization?) before low back vowels and maybe  $*r \Rightarrow$  „velars“

Advantage: matches actual distribution (at least mostly)

3) Front velars + back velars

Huld 1997; Woodhouse 1998; Bičovský 2010

Satem: general fronting, but front velars unfronted in some environments

Centum: general backing, strengthening and phonologization of concomitant  
labialization of back velars; contextual delabialization

Problem also here: actual distribution, otherwise identical to 2b).

Evidence for original labialization in Satem languages  
(position after  $*u$  in Armenian etc.)

$\Rightarrow$  rather pre-PIE

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### 1) Traditional reconstruction of PII

Primary palatals (PP) > “palatal” sibilants \*ś, \*ž, \*ž<sup>h</sup>

Secondary palatals (SP) > palatoalveolar affricates \*č, \*j̥, \*j̥<sup>h</sup>

Nuristani (and other arguments) and shows, however: affricates rather than sibilants for PP

⇒ \*č, \*j̥, \*j̥<sup>h</sup> rather than \*ś, \*ž, \*ž<sup>h</sup>

Cf. PII \*dáca ‘ten’ > Skt. *dása*, Av. *dasa*, OP *daθā*, Nur. k. *duc* /duts/

PII \*jánu ‘knee’ > Skt. *jānu*, Av. *zānu-*, Nur. k. *jō* /dzō/

PII \*j̥<sup>h</sup>ásta- ‘hand’ > Skt. *hásta-*, Av. *zasta-*; OP *dasta-*

post-PIran. \*dzasta- > \*dasta- in Khot. *dastā* etc., likewise Nur. k. *dušt* /duft/

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Cf. early Iranian *\*ts* presupposed by Tocharian loanwords:

TB *tsain*; *tsainwa* ‘arrow’ < *\*tsainə-*; *tsainw-* ← *\*dzainu-*, cf. Arm. *zên/zinow-*, Av. *zaēna-* ‘weapon’

TB *etswe-* ‘mule’ (M. Peyrot, talk in Moscow last week) < *\*ætswæ-* ← *\*atswa-* ‘horse’

Counterarguments by Katz 1997 not decisive: Uralic *\*ś* in loanwords might come from dialects with later Indo-Aryan development – or rather, borrowed as *\*ć* and simplified within Uralic,

viz. *\*ćātá-/ćatá-* ‘100’ → PUr. *\*ćęta* > Saamic *\*ćuotē*, Finn. *sata*, Mordva *\*śada*; Mari *šüdö*, Komi *śo*; Hung. *száz*, Mansi *šęt/šāt/sāt*, Chanty *sat*; for PU *\*ć* (preserved as such in Saamic) see now Zhivlov 2014

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Cf. also old Iranian loans into Uralic with depalatalized affricates = PU \*č (retroflex!)  
or \*ks

e.g. \*patsu- ‘animal’ → \*poča(w)- ‘deer’, \*päčV ‘reindeer calf’; \*matsa- → \*mača- ‘moth’; \*atswa- ‘horse’ → \*očwa ‘stallion’

Finn. *paksu* ‘thick’ ← \*badzu-; *maksa-* ‘to pay’ ← \*mandza- ‘give’

⇒ modern “standard” reconstruction PP = \*ć, \*j, \*j<sup>h</sup> vs. SP = \*č, \*j, \*j<sup>h</sup>

Impossible: Secondary palatals must have been less advanced on the path of (de)patalization than older series (see Lipp 1994; 2009; Kümmel 2000; 2007)

⇒ SP still palatal, not fronted, thus /c/, /tʃ/ and not \*č, \*j

Cf. also Lubotsky 2001: “\*č” = palatal

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### 2) Ruki

RUKI-rule:  $*s/z > (\text{allophonic}) *š/ž$  after all non-anterior sounds,  
i.e.,  $*i/y, *u/w, *r$ , any palatal or velar = retraction, not palatalization!

Phonologized by merger with result of antec consonantal simplification of  $*ć, *j > *ś,$   
 $*ź > *š, *ž$

⇒ contrast  $*s$  vs.  $*š$  in non-Ruki environment

$*š >$  Indo-Aryan „retroflex“  $ṣ$  (articulated like  $r$  and alternating with it)  
vs. Iranian “non-retroflex”  $š$ ?

Reflexes of  $*š$  retroflex in most of East Iranian, too (merging with  $ṣ/z < sr/zr$ )

Even in Avestan,  $š/ž$  clearly less palatal than  $c/j/ś$ : do not cause fronting  $a > i$   
⇒ “retroflex” = distinctly non-palatal character of old  $*š/ž$  triggered by contrast to  
new more palatal sibilants wherever these appear (and remain distinct) in IIr

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### 3) Thorn

Traditional: *\*kʰ* etc. with *\*b* > Greek, Celtic *t*; elsewhere *s*

Hittite + Tocharian: *\*tk* with metathesis > *\*kʰ* in most languages

Younger variant: *\*tk* > *\*tsk* > *\*kts*

Alternative (Burrow, Lipp 2009, see below):

II sibilants from palatals, no metathesis

a) Skt. *kṣ*, MIA *kh/ch* = Iranian *š* = Greek *kt*, Hitt. *tk* ... < IE *\*tḱ*

Skt. *ḡkṣa-* = YAv. *arša-* = Gr. *árktos*, Hitt. *hart<sup>a</sup>kka-* ‘bear’ < PIE *\*ḡtḱo-*

Skt. *kṣé-/kṣi-* = Av. *šaē-/ši-* = Gr. *kti-* ‘live, settle’ < PIE *\*tḱ(e)i-*

Skt. *tákṣan-* = Av. *tašan-* = Gr. *tékton-* ‘carpenter’ < PIE *\*tétḱon-* (or *\*teḱs-*?)

Skt. *kṣaṇ-* ‘hurt’ = Gr. *kten-/kta(n)-* ~ *kan-/kon-* ‘kill’ < PIE *\*tḱen-* (*\*tken-*)?

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b) Skt. *kṣ*, MIA *gh/jh* = \*Iranian *ž* = Greek *k<sup>h</sup>t<sup>h</sup>*, Hitt. Toch. *tk ...* < IE \**d<sup>h</sup>ǵ<sup>h</sup>*

Skt. *kṣás*, *kṣám*, *kṣám-i* ~ *jm-ás*; Av. *zā*, *zqm*, *zəmi* ~ *z<sup>a</sup>mō*; Gr. *k<sup>h</sup>t<sup>h</sup>ón*, *k<sup>h</sup>t<sup>h</sup>óna* ~ *k<sup>h</sup>amái*;

Hitt. *tēkan*, *takn-*; PToch. \**tkæn-* ‘earth’ < PIE \**d<sup>h</sup>éǵ<sup>h</sup>om-/d<sup>h</sup>ǵ<sup>h</sup>ém-/(d<sup>h</sup>)ǵ<sup>h</sup>m-*

c) Skt. *kṣ*, MIA *gh/jh* = Iranian *ǰ* = Greek *p<sup>h</sup>t<sup>h</sup>* < IE \**d<sup>h</sup>ǵ<sup>w</sup>h*

Skt. *kṣi-* ‘perish, destroy’, MIA *jhi-* = Av. *ji-* = Greek *p<sup>h</sup>t<sup>h</sup>i-* < PIE \**d<sup>h</sup>ǵ<sup>w</sup>h(e)i-*

Skt. *ákṣiti śrávas*, *śrávas ... ákṣitam* ‘imperishable’ ≈ Gr. *kléos áp<sup>h</sup>híton*

Skt. *kṣáya-* = MIA *jhāya-* ‘burn’, *kṣāmá-* ‘burnt, dried’, MIA *jhāma-* = Av. *jāma-* ‘black’

< PII \**dǵ<sup>h</sup>ā-* < PIE \**d<sup>h</sup>ǵ<sup>w</sup>h-eh-* ⇐ PIE \**d<sup>h</sup>eg<sup>w</sup>h-* ‘burn’

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Problematic:

d) Skt. *kṣ*, MIA *kh/ch* = Iranian *xš-* = Greek < IE *\*tk*?

Skt. *kṣā-*, *kṣáya-* = Av. *xšā-*, *xšaiia-* ‘rule, reign’ ?=? Greek *ktā-* ‘achieve, possess’ (~ *pā-* ‘id.’)

Skt. *kṣ*, MIA *gh/jh* = Iranian *gž-* = Greek *p<sup>h</sup>t<sup>h</sup>* < IE *\*d<sup>h</sup>g<sup>w</sup>ġ<sup>h</sup>*? (better *\*g<sup>w</sup>ġ<sup>h</sup>*)

Skt. *kṣar-* = Av. *yžar-* ‘flow’ ?=? Greek *p<sup>h</sup>t<sup>h</sup>er-* ‘perish’

No IE “thorn” /θ/ or /ts/, not even peculiar allophone after dorsal stops; main arguments by Lipp 2009 (following Burrow)

Basic assumption: simplification of (palatal) affricates after stops

Cf. *\*pĵ* > PrePII. *\*pć* [pt͡ʃ] > *\*pś* [p͡ʃ] > *\*pš*, cf. *\*pĵu-* ‘cattle’ > *\*pšu-* > Skt. *kṣú-*, Av. *fšu-* probably not heterosyllabic, cf. Skt. *virapśá-* < *\*wirap.ćwá-* < *\*wi(H)ra-pćw-á-*

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Cf.  $*k^w\bar{k} > \text{PrePII. } *k\acute{c} > *k\acute{s} > *k\acute{s}\bar{h}$ ?

Skt. *caḥṣ-* may contain old *s* in all cases (contra Kümmel 2000, weak perfect stem *caḥṣ-* from  $*\acute{k}ak\acute{c}\bar{s}$ - <  $*k^wek^w\bar{k}s$ - rather than  $*\acute{k}ak\bar{s}$ - <  $*\acute{k}ak\acute{c}$ - <  $*k^wek^w\bar{k}$ -); so heterosyllabic preservation, cf. Skt. *caḥy-*, Av. *caxs-* <  $*\acute{k}a-k.\acute{c}$ - (generalized to root  $*k\acute{c}\bar{a}$ -)

Similarly after dentals  $*t\bar{k} > *t\acute{c} > *t\acute{s} > *t\bar{s}$ , but here also heterosyllabic  $[t.t\bar{s}] > [t.t\bar{s}] > [t.t\bar{s}] = /t\bar{s}/$ , due to greater similarity of  $*t$  and  $*\acute{c}$ ; merged with  $*\bar{k}s > *\acute{c}\bar{s}$   $[t.t\bar{s}] > [t.t\bar{s}] *t\bar{s}$

PII  $*t\bar{s} > \text{PIA } *t\bar{s} > \text{Skt. } k\bar{s}$ , MIA *ḥh/ch/kh*;

PIran. postalveolar affricate  $*\acute{c}$  (distinct from palatal  $*\acute{c}$ ) > CIran. *š* (Persian *s*; affricate exceptionally preserved in Kurd. *hirç* ‘bear’)

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PIE \**χr̥t̥ko-* > \**h̥rt̥ca-* > PII \**h̥rt̥ša-* > Skt. *ṛkṣa-*  
= PIran. \**hərča-* > YAv. *arša-*, NP *xirs* ‘bear’

PIE \**tk̑éjti* > \**tc̑áiti* > PII \**tšáiti* > Skt. *kṣéti* = PIran. \**čaiti* > YAv. *šaēiti* ‘settles’

PII \**dž* > PIA \**dž<sup>h</sup>* > Skt. *kṣ*, \*MIA *jh/gh*; PIran. postalveolar affricate \**ǰ*  
(distinct from palatal \**j*) > CIran. \**ž*, though no clear Iranian examples  
(since ‘earth’ generalized simplified anlaut \**j-*)

PIE \**d<sup>h</sup>ǵ<sup>h</sup>ém-i* ‘on the earth’ > \**d<sup>h</sup>ǵ<sup>h</sup>ámi* > PII \**dž<sup>h</sup>ámi* > Skt. *kṣámi*  
= PIran. \**ǰami* → \**jami* > YAv. *zəmi*

With secondary palatals similar but slower development > different Iranian  
outcome

PII \**tk̑* = [tç] > PIA \**t̑š* > Skt. *kṣ*, MIA *çh/ch/kh*; PIran. palatal affricate \**č* (merged  
with old simple \**č* < \**k̑*) > CIran. \**č*; no sure examples

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PII  $*dǵ^h = [dʲ^h]$  > PIA  $*dʒ^h$  > Skt. *kṣ*, MIA *jh/gh*; PIran. palatal affricate  $*j$   
(merged with old simple  $*j < *ǵ$ ) > CIran. *ǰ*

PIE  $*d^h g^{wh}i-$  > PII  $*dǵ^hi-$   $[dʲ^hi-]$  > Skt. *kṣi-*, MIA *jhi-* = PIran.  $*ji-$  > Av. *ji-* ‘perish’

New approach by Jasanoff (ECIEC 2017), defending metathesis

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## 3. Laryngeals

### A. General assumptions about IE laryngeals (*communis opinio*)

PIE had three “laryngeals”  $*h_1$ ,  $*h_2$ ,  $*h_3$

Preserved as segmental phonemes:  $*h_2$ ,  $*h_3$  (?) in Anatolian,  
elsewhere indirect evidence

Unspecific developments of all laryngeals:

Loss with compensatory lengthening after tautosyllabic vowels

Baltoslavic lengthening / acute intonation also in /R\_C (Winter’s Law)

Resonant gemination before \*H: Anatolian and (?) Germanic

„Vocalization“ between consonant and [-syll]: everywhere except perhaps  
Anatolian; initially only Greek-Phrygian-Armenian; finally after *i/u* only Greek-  
Armenian and Tocharian

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Specific developments of different laryngals:

PIE „colouring“  $*e > [a] /h_2$ ;  $*e > *o /h_3$  (but long  $*\bar{e}$  more stable  $>$  uncoloured, „Eichner’s Law“)

Plosives aspirated by (at least)  $*h_2$  in Indo-Iranian, perhaps in Greek

Lenis +  $*h_2 > DD$  (or  $*T?$ ) in Anatolian

Sonorization  $*ph_3 > *bh_3?$

Only Greek (and Phrygian?) fully distinct vocalic reflexes  $*h_1 > e$ ,  $*h_2 > a$ ,  $*h_3 > o$

Tocharian „vocalization“ of  $*h_2=*h_3 > *a /\#\_R$  and  $/i,u\_C$

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## A. General assumptions about IE laryngeals

### The phonetics of the laryngeals

Distribution: pattern like *s* (between stops and resonants) ⇒ fricatives

Anatolian [x-χ-q-k/γ-β] (stops in Lycian and perhaps already Luwian, cf. Simon 2014; possibly also Lydian, cf. Melchert ; Oettinger p. c.) ⇒ dorsal obstruents

Anatolian lowering *u* > *o* (and *i* > *e*?) and PIE “colouring” speak for “faucal” uvular or pharyngeal articulation of *\*h<sub>2</sub>* and *\*h<sub>3</sub>*

Aspiration effects point to later [h] easily derivable from *\*x/χ/h̥*

*\*h<sub>1</sub>* relatively „featureless“ ⇒ glottal [ʔ] or [h], maybe allophone of velar [x]

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### The phonetics of the laryngeals

Voicing effect of  $*h_3$  dubious, but weaker status in Anatolian still speaks for „lenis” rounding effect and general distribution might be taken to point to labialized  $*h_3$  (Dunkel 2001),  
but missing labialization in Anatolian – where labialization is generally preserved – contradicts this;  
distribution (only in roots) might also be accounted for by voicing

Therefore tentatively  $*h_1 = *h$ ,  $*h_2 = *\chi$ ,  $*h_3 = *B$

Possibly  $*\chi$ ,  $*B <$  former uvular stops  $**q$ ,  $**G$ ?

Cf. Kortlandt 2015; Kloekhorst, Talk Copenhagen 2017

## B. Preservation of laryngeal consonants

### 1) Anatolian

- \* $h_2$ : > fortis fricative \* $\chi$ , at least /#\_ /V\_V, cluster \* $\chi w$  monophthongized > \* $\chi^w$  (Kloekhorst 2006: 98ff.; 2008a: 76f., 836ff.; Lycian *q*); lenited like fortis stops > \* $\mathcal{B}$ , \* $\mathcal{B}^w$ , but rules different from stops: e.g., lenited after \* $\acute{o}$  in contrast to stops (Melchert, p.c.), viz. \* $n\acute{o}\chi ei$  > \* $n\acute{o}\mathcal{B} i$  > Hitt. *nāhi* vs. \* $d\acute{o}kei$  > \* $d\acute{o}k\mathcal{B} i$  > Hitt. *tākki*; perhaps no lenition but rather fortition in other contexts, more similar to \* $s$ ?
- \* $h_3$ : preserved as \* $\mathcal{B} > \chi$  /#\_V (also Lycian, s. Rasmussen 1992b = 1999: 519-526; Kloekhorst 2006: 85ff., 102f.; 2008a: 75f. contra Kimball 1987), and as \* $\mathcal{B}$  /\_w (Melchert 2011), cf. *lāhu-* ‘to pour’ < \* $loh_3w-$ , and /R\_V, cf. Hitt. *sarhie-* ‘to attack’ < \* $srh_3-$  (Greek *rhóomai*)  $\Rightarrow$  relative fortition beside \* $R$ ? Cf. \* $\gamma > x$  /l,r\_ in Cornish/Breton vs. loss elsewhere

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\* $h_1$ : preserved as ?? (Kloekhorst 2004; 2006: 80f., 95; 2008a: 25, 32, 75f.)

HLuv.  $\acute{a}$ - = /ʔ(a)/- vs.  $a$ - = /a-/, cf.  $\acute{a}$ -*sa-ti* < \* $h_1$ *ésti* vs.  $a$ +*ra/i*- ‘year’ < \* $jeh_1ro$ -

But: Semitic (!) *Aššur*- =  $a$ -*sú+ra/i*- written without a glottal stop?

Frequently words with initial  $\acute{a}$ - have older writings with „initial  $a$ - final“ or “aphaeresis” (purely praphic according to Melchert), in earliest documents  $a$ -; cf. now Rieken with an accent-based solution

### 2) Armenian

Arm.  $h$ - < \* $h_2$  = \* $h_3$  if not preceding PIE (Ablaut-)\* $o$  (Kortlandt 1983b; 1984; cf. Beekes 2003: 181ff.)?

= \* $h_2e$ -, \* $h_3e$ - > arm.  $ha$ -,  $ho$ -, but \* $Ho$ - > arm.  $o$ - (>  $a$ -)

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- \* $h_2$ - > arm.  $h$ -: *han* ‘grandmother’, *haw* ‘grandfather’, *hat* ‘grain’, *haw* ‘bird’, *hayc* ‘el’ ‘to seek’, *hatanel* ‘to cut off’, *harawunk* ‘sowing, seeds’, *hasanel* ‘to arrive’
- \* $h_3$ - > arm.  $h$ -: *hot* ‘smell’, ?*hoviw* ‘shepherd’, *hac* /*i* ‘ash tree’, *hum* ‘raw’
- \* $h_2$ - > arm.  $\emptyset$ -: *ayg* ‘morning’, *aytnul* ‘to swell’, *ayc* ‘visit, inspection’, ?*us* ‘shoulder’; *arj* ‘bear’, *arcac* ‘silver’, *argel* ‘obstacle’, *arawr* ‘plough’
- \* $h_3$ - > arm.  $\emptyset$ -: *orb* ‘orphan’, ?*ost* ‘branch’, ?*oskr* ‘bone’; *aygi* ‘vineyard’, *orjik* ‘testicles’

Contradictory data: *hoviw*  $\leftarrow$  \**howi*- < \* $h_2$ *owi*- ‘sheep’

(cf. \* $h_2$ *awi*- in Toch.B  $\bar{a}_u w$ , plural *awi*)

but *oskr*  $\leftarrow$  \* $h_2$ *óst*- ‘bone’ (for \* $h_2$ ° cf. \**ast*- in MWelsh *ascwrn* ‘bone’, *assen* ‘rib’)

Armenian distribution rather  $\sim$  (pre-apocope) syllable structure:

$h$ - /  $\_V\$CV$             but  $\emptyset$ - /  $\_VC\$C?$

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Exceptions: *arawr* with original  $*rh_3$ ; *hayc'el* 'to seek' influenced by *harc'anel* 'to ask'?

⇒ loss of  $*h$  before a coda or rather *h*-epenthesis in onsets of open syllables?

Or conditioned preservation in open syllables?

### 3) Albanian

$*h_2, *h_3 > h /\_e; *H > \emptyset /\_o$  Kortlandt (1986: 43ff.; 2010: 329f.) like in Armenian:

$*h_2-$  > Alb. *h-*: *hut* 'in vain', *hidhët* 'bitter', *ha* 'to eat', *?hipënj* 'to jump';  $*h_3-$  > Alb. *h-*: *herdhe* 'testicles'

$*h_2-$  > Alb.  $\emptyset-$ : *athët* 'sour, sharp', *a(s)* 'or', *arë* 'field', *arí* 'bear', *?enj/ëj* 'to swell';  $*h_3-$  > Alb.  $\emptyset-$ : *amë* 'smell, taste', *?ah* 'beech', *?asht* 'bone'

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Good data for  $*H-$  >  $h-$  only with  $*h_2e-$ , 3 of 4 cases with  $*h_3-$  have exactly the opposite development as in Armenian! Too little material to conclude anything.

### 4) (Indo-)Iranian

Preserved  $h-$  in peripheral Iranian “prothetic”  $h-$ ?

Quite some words with Persian  $h-/x-$ , Kurd. Bal. Khot.  $h-$  corresponding to Av. = Skt.  $\emptyset-$  < PIE  $*H-$  = „Vorgeschlagenes“  $x-$ ,  $h-$  (Hübschmann 1895: 264f.; Horn 1901: 67, 97f.; Korn 2005: 154-159)

1a. Pers.  $x-$ , elsewhere normally  $h-$

MP. *xāyag* 'egg' <  $*hāwya-(ka-)$  <  $*h_2ōwjo-$  || YAv. *aēm* etc.

MP. *xirs* 'bear', Kurd. *hirč*, Xwar. *hrs*, Zaz. *heš* <  $*h_1tša-$  <  $*h_2_1t_1ko-$   
|| Av. *arša-*; cf. Skt. *ṛkṣa-*, Hitt. *hartakka-*

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MP p. *h'k'*, NP *xāk*, Bal. *hāk*, Zaz. *h(y)āg* < CIr. *\*āhaka-* 'dust, earth'

|| Kurd. *ax*; cf. Skt. *áśa-* 'ashes' < PII *\*háśa-* < PIE *\*h<sub>2</sub>áh<sub>1</sub>s-*, cf. Hitt. *hās*, *hass-*

NP *xastū* 'kernel' ~ *hasta* 'bone', Kurd. *hestî*

|| Av. *ast-* n. 'bone', MP m. *'st(g)*,

NP *ast(e)*, Khot. *āstaa-* ++; cf. Skt. *ásthi* < PII *\*hást(h)-* < PIE *\*h<sub>2</sub>óst-/h<sub>2</sub>ast-(h<sub>2</sub>)-*, cf.

Hitt. *hastāi*

MP p. *hyl*, m. *xyr/x'yr*, Khot. *hāra-* (cf. Bailey 1959: 71ff.) < PII *\*hrya-* < PIE *\*h<sub>2</sub>rjo-*

(?) || Giran. *\*ərya-* 'possession, thing', MP p. *'yl*, pth. *'yr*, arm. *ir*

MP p. *h'm*, NP *xām*, Bal. *hāmag*, Khot. *hāma-* < Giran. *\*āma-* 'raw'

|| Pto. *om*, W. *ying*; cf. Skt. *āmá-* < PII *\*hāmá-* < PIE *\*HoHmo-*

(*\*h<sub>2</sub>oh<sub>3</sub>mó-*, Kortlandt 1981: 128?), cf. Arm. *hum*, Gr. *ὠμός*

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1b. NP. *x-*, older *h-*

MP m. *hyš*, NP *xēš* < PII *\*hai(H)š-a-* < PIE *\*h<sub>2</sub>ajH-s-* || Av. *aēša-* m. 'plough share'; cf. Slav. *\*ojes-*, *\*h<sub>2</sub>iHs-áh<sub>2</sub>-* > Skt. *īṣá-*, Hitt. *hissā-*

2. Only *h-*, partly not before NP.

MP. *hanzūg-* 'narrow' < *\*hanju-* < *\*h<sub>2</sub>amĝ<sup>h</sup>ú-* || Arm. *anjuk*, cf. Av. *qzah-*

MP. p. *hēmag*, np. *hīme* 'fuel' < *\*haijmaka-*,  
LW in OP *\*(h)aizma-*, MP. *hēzm*, NP. *hīzom* < *\*haijma-*  
|| MP. m. *ēmag*, av. *aēsma-*

3a. *h-* elsewhere without clear Persian cognate

Khot. *hāysä*, Bal. *hīz*, Talyshi *xəz* 'leather', Oss. D. *xizæ* < *\*hijǎ-* < *\*h<sub>2</sub>iĝ-*  
|| Av. *izaēna-* 'made of leather', cf. Greek *aig-*, Arm. *ayc* 'goat'?

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Av. *zaraθ-uštra-*, Parth. *zrhwšt* < \**zarat-huštra-*? Kurd. *hêştir*, bal. *huštar* 'camel' < \**húštra-* < LW? (OP. *uša-* might be \**huša-*, MP. NP. LW) || Av. *uštra-*, cf. Skt. *úṣṭra-*  
3b. *h-* elsewhere (mainly Kurd.) against Persian

Kurd. *hêr-* 'to grind', Bal. *hašš* 'millstone' || MP. *ārd* 'flour', NP. *ās* 'millstone' < \**har(H)-* < \**h<sub>2</sub>alh-*

NB: *h-* rather unstable in Kurdish and Baloči; in Khotanese even *h-* < \**s-* can be lost

4. Counterexamples with zero for \**h<sub>2</sub>-*

OP. *utā*, MP. *ud* 'and' < \**hutá* < \**h<sub>2</sub>u-té*

OP. *ardata-* 'silver' < \**h(a)rjata-* < \**h<sub>2</sub>(a)rǵŋto-*

For others, Persian has or may have a LW,  
e.g., MP. *az* 'goat' < \**hajá-* < \**h<sub>2</sub>aǵó-* (Lith. *ožỹs*)

## B. Preservation of laryngeal consonants

Possible solution: „Cockney situation“:

loss of old *\*h-* first in the East, like *\*s > h* (cf. Lipp 2009: 318-322)

### Contact scenario

PIran.	<i>*s-</i>	<i>*h-</i>		<i>*x-</i>
Dialect 1 (Western margin)	s-	h-	loans	x-
Dialect 2 (Western)	s-	∅-	x-	x- (loss of h under Elamite influence?)
Dialect 3 (Eastern)	h-	∅-	h-	x-

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### c) Laryngeal “hardening” in PIE and later

\* $h_2s$  > \* $ks$ : Lat. *senex*, *senis* ‘old (man)’ < \**seneks*, \**senh<sub>2</sub>-* < \*\**sanaχ-s*, \*\**sanχ-?*

Cf. PII \**sanak-s* → \**sanaǵ-* > Skt. *sanáj-* ‘old’?

\* $H+h_2$  > \* $k$ : Greek and Toch.  $k$ -extensions of \**stah<sub>2</sub>-* etc., normally not accepted

Germanic \* $H$  > \* $k$  / $R_w$ , cf. \**dah<sub>2</sub>iwer-/dah<sub>2</sub>jur-* > \**dajh<sub>2</sub>wer-/dajh<sub>2</sub>ur-* ⇒ \**taikur-*, \**ñhw<sup>o</sup>* > \**unk<sup>wo</sup>* ‘us/our (dual)’ (“Cowgill’s Law”, Ringe 2006: 69) and some other cases (\**spaikul-*, \**aikur-*); but different explanation by Seebold (1983: 174ff., cf. Müller 2007: 116-119): \* $w$  > \* $g$  / $R_u$  preceding Grimm’s Law?

also \* $k^{wi}k^{wa}$ - ‘living’ < \* $g^{wi}h_3wó-$  (Rasmussen 1994), but cf. \* $k^{wi}wa-$  > Goth. *qius*

\* $h_2ost-/h_2ast-$ , \* $h_2aǵah_2-$  in CSlav. \**köstь* ‘bone’, \**kozà* ‘goat’?

Rather borrowed ← Iranian (or iranoid?) \**xasti*, \**xa(d)zā-*?

Cf. Andersen 2003: 65f.

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## C. Consonantal effects of laryngeals

### 1) Aspiration

Aspiration of  $*T + *H$  (assured for Ilr)  $\Rightarrow$  most probable explanation  $*H = [h]$

Some general and typological facts about aspiration and  $h$  (cf. Kehrein 2002):

Aspiration = [+ spread glottis] or rather [+ positive VOT], feature of the onset/nucleus/coda rather than of individual sounds  $\Rightarrow$  all consonants in onset or coda must agree in aspiration

No contrast  $C^h$  vs.  $Ch$  within one syllable  $\Rightarrow C^h$  vs.  $Ch$  implies  $\$C^h$  vs.  $C\$h$   
 $\Rightarrow$  in a language with  $/h/$  and  $/C^h/$ , tautosyllabic  $Ch$  must merge with  $C^h$ , heterosyllabic need not

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### 1) Aspiration

Second possibility to explain aspiration: feature spreading: stop[-asp] > stop[+asp] /\_fricative[+asp]

Cf. Greek writings like  $k^h s$ ,  $p^h s$  (but cf. Clackson (2002) contra Vaux (1998); Vedic  $k\check{s} > *k^h\check{s} > \text{MIA } kk^h$ )

Presupposes [+asp] for pre-PII laryngeals

#### a) Assured cases

Indo-Iranian aspiration by following  $*h < *h_2$  (confirmed by non-IIr. evidence)

Skt. *máh-* 'big, great' <  $*máj-h-$  <  $*még-h_2-$ , cf. Gr. *méga-*, Hitt. *mekk-*

Skt. *prathimán-\** <  $*pleth_2-mon-$ , *pr̥thú-* 'broad' etc., cf. Gr. *Platamōn* etc.

Skt. 2pl present *-tha* = Av. *-θa* <  $*-tha$  <  $*-th_2a$ , cf. Gr. *-stha*, Toch.  $*-sta$  etc.

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?Skt. *sákhā* 'friend, fellow' = Av. *haxā* < \**sákhā* < \**sók<sup>w</sup>h<sub>2</sub>-ō(i)*

⇐ \**sok<sup>w</sup>-(a)h<sub>2</sub>-*, cf. Gr. \**hopǎ-*

?Skt. *rátha-* 'chariot' = Av. *raθa-* < \**rátha-* < \**róth<sub>2</sub>o-* ⇐ \**rot-(a)h<sub>2</sub>-*, cf. Lat. *rota*

Skt. *sthitá-*, *tí-ṣṭh-a-* 'to stand' < \**sth-* < \**sth<sub>2</sub>-*,

by analogy *sthā-* ← \**stā-* < \**stah-* < \**stah<sub>2</sub>-*

### b) Controversial cases

Indo-Iranian aspiration by original \**h<sub>1</sub>* (Beekes 1988: 87f.)?

Aspiration by \**h<sub>1</sub>* (already PIE)

proposed by Olsen 1988; 1993; 1994, Rasmussen 1992b = 1999: 490-504

but not generally accepted (though rarely explicitly refuted)

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If  $*h_1 = [h]$  and PIE (or some post-PIE dialects) had  $*D^h$ , aspiration of  $*D$  preceding  $*h_1$  would be unavoidable tautosyllabically  $\Rightarrow$  plausible idea

Grammatical elements: 2nd plural PE Skt. *-thá* = Av. *-θa* <  $*-tha$  <  $*-th_1e$ , cf. Greek etc. *-te*?

Aspiration in roots:

Root type  $*^{\circ}eTH-$ :  $*h_2$  clearly overrepresented in LIV, but reconstruction of  $*h_2$  often circularly reconstructed from Ir. aspiration only  $\Rightarrow$  some may have had  $*h_1$

Root type  $*TeH-$ : Skt. aspiration in *sthā-* <  $*stah_2-$  as well as in *sphā-* <  $*speh_1-$  'become fat'

Interestingly,  $*Teh_1$  roots typically have  $*T = *D^h$  (sole exception:  $*deh_1-$  'to bind') while other  $*teH$  roots may have any  $*T$

$\Rightarrow$  general situation rather speaks for aspiration by  $*h_1$

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## C. Consonantal effects of laryngeals

No good counterexamples! Unaspirated stop + final \*H only in 5 Vedic roots (vs. 15):

Skt. *pat(i)*- from *\*peth<sub>1</sub>*- unsure reconstruction (see EWAia II 71f., Hackstein 2002b: 140-143)

*ved(i)*- secondary laryngeal; *ati*-, *rodi*-, *vadi*- laryngeal unknown

### d) Greek

Difficult and controversial: no Aspiration according to Cowgill 1965,

cf. *πλατύς* < *\*p<sub>o</sub>lth<sub>2</sub>ú*-

analogy after *\*plataw*- < *\*p<sub>o</sub>lth<sub>2</sub>w*- difficult: such forms unexpected or at least rare  
2s perfect *-st<sup>h</sup>a* generalized from special clusters

Peters 1991: aspiration before old vowels (in contrast to Ilr. never in *\*THC*):

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cf. ὄρεσθ-εὺς ~ ὄρέστης < *\*-sth<sub>2</sub>-* ~ *\*-stah<sub>2</sub>-*, οἴσθα

nonaspiration from *\*CHC* contexts  $\Rightarrow$  *\*p<sub>l</sub>th<sub>2</sub>ú-* must have had “non-proterokinetic”  
allomorph *\*p<sub>l</sub>th<sub>2</sub>w-*

Example καθαρός ‘pure’ < *\*kratharós* = Skt. *\*śr<sub>l</sub>thirá-* > *śithirá-* ‘loose’ etc.  
problematic

e) Armenian, Albanian, and Balto-Slavic

*\*kh<sub>2</sub>* > *\*k<sup>h</sup>* > *x* (> Alb. *h*, balt. *k*) in some words:

Arm. *c’ax* (~ *c’ak*) = Slav. *\*soxà* = Lith. *šakà*,

cf. Skt. *śākhā-* ‘branch’, MPers. *šāx* ~ *šāg*

Arm. *xac-* ‘to bite’ = Iranian *\*xāz-* ‘to drink/eat’

Alb. *ha* ‘to eat’ = Skt. *khād-* ‘to chew’ etc. (cf. Lith. *kánd-* ‘to bite’)

Instead of *\*k<sup>h</sup>* assimilation *\*kx* > *x*?

## C. Consonantal effects of laryngeals

### 2) Other effects

Desonorization by (PII) *\*h* in Iranian

Cf. Kümmel, Vienna 2012 = forthc. c; 2016

Iranian *\*dh* > *\*th* > *\*θ* in some words with *\*d+\*h* < *\*h<sub>2</sub>*:

CIran. *\*θaiwár-* ‘husband’s brother’ < *\*dhaiwár-* < PII. *\*dahiwár-* < *\*dah<sub>2</sub>iwér-*, cf. Skt. *devár-*, Greek *dāér-*, BSlav *\*‘dai’wer-*

CIran. *\*θāw-* ‘to burn’ < *\*dhau-* < *\*dahu-/dauh-* < *\*dah<sub>2</sub>u-*, cf. Skt. *du-/dāv-*, Greek *dāu-*

[pace Werba 2006: 265ff. certainly no EIran. innovation]

likewise *\*f* < *\*ph* < *\*b+h*, cf. CIran. *nāf-* ‘navel’ ← *\*nāb-h-*, Skt. *nābhi-* < PII. *\*nāb<sup>h</sup>h-* ~ *\*nab<sup>h</sup>ah-* > Av. *nabā-* < *\*nob<sup>h</sup>-(a)h<sub>2</sub>-*

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CIran. *\*waf-/uf-* ‘to weave’ (and ‘to sing’?) < *\*wabh-*, cf. Skt. *-vábhi-* (*ubhnā-*?)

*\*c* < *\*j+h*, cf. YAv. *mas-*, *masī-* vs. *mazānt-* < CIran. *\*mac-*, *macī-* ~ *majā-* < *\*maj-h-(ī-)*  
~ *\*maj-āh-* = Skt. *mah-*, *mahī-* (~ *mahā-*, *mahānt-*), cf. Greek. *mega-* < *\*meg̃-h<sub>2</sub>-* etc.  
[rather not from *\*mah<sub>2</sub>k-* in Greek *makrós*, *mākos* etc. with no clear reflex in IIr]

Maybe also YAv. (+) *isu-* ‘icy cold’ < *\*icu-* < *\*ij-h-u-* ⇐ *\*yajā-* ‘ice’ (Wakhi *yaz* ‘glacier’,  
Nur. k. *yuc* ‘cold’), cf. Hitt. *eka-* ‘ice’ < *\*jégo-*, *ikuna-* ‘cold’ < *\*igu-* (or *\*jegú-*?), Germ.  
*\*jekula-* > Icel. *jökull* etc.

*\*-dHi-* ‘seeing’ in YAv. *aiβiθiiō* (Cantera 2014) from *\*daHi-*, cf. *dāθa-* ‘wise’

Also with original *\*h<sub>1</sub>*:

cf. “mysterious” YAv. (+) stem variant *daθ-* ‘to put/give’ < *\*dadh-*  
vs. *daδā-* < *\*dádāh-* < *\*d<sup>h</sup>éd<sup>h</sup>(o)h<sub>1</sub>-*

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possibly YAv. (+) *uruθ-* 'to weep' < *\*ruθ-* < *\*rudh-*, cf. Skt. *rodiṣi*  
[also subjunctive *\*-h<sub>1</sub>e/o-* in *\*waid-ha-* > YAv. *vaēθa-* 'to know'?

Or rather variant derived from 1s *\*waiθa* < *\*wáidha* 'I know' < *\*wójd-h<sub>2</sub>a?*]

⇒ *\*Dh-* from original *\*Dahi/u-* or internal *\*VD\$hV-*

= where PIran *\*Dh* can have been distinct from original *\*D<sup>h</sup>*

presupposes post-PII preservation of „aspirating“ laryngeals, i. e. *\*h*

Problem: Old Avestan only *maz-*, *dad-* etc. analogical?

Or reflecting original very archaic *\*Dh*?

Then desonorization rather late in Common Iranian

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## C. Consonantal effects of laryngeals

### 3) Prosodic effects: metrical evidence

Laryngeals can leave hiatus I both Vedic and Old Avestan (already mentioned above), most prominently in gen. pl.  $-\bar{a}m / -qm = \{-a'am\}$  (always in OAv., 1/3 in Vedic)  
⇒ rather late loss in (P)IIr

= Preserved in Old Avestan and partly in Vedic

⇒ PII merger in phonemic *glottal stop* (Beekes 1988: 50, 83ff.)?

However: hiatus  $\neq [ʔ] \neq /ʔ/$  (cf. automatic glottal stop in German) ⇒ not conclusive

As per Kuryłowicz (1927); Schindler; Holland (1994); Gippert (1997, 1999), short syllables may still count as long in Vedic, if originally closed by following laryngeal:  $a\$C < *aC\$H$

Brevis in longo scansion = BiL

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Cf. *ávasā*, *savitā* in place of  $-\text{Ē} \times < *áwHasā$ ,  $*sawHitā$ ; *jánās* for  $-\times < *jánHās$

However (unfortunately): no clear difference in distribution and behaviour between such cases and other words of the same structural type without original  $*CH$  (e.g., *ajára-*, *udára-*, *mánasā* ...), cf. Kümmel 2014 and also Gunkel 2010

⇒ rather difficult to draw conclusion for sound change chronology

## D. Vocalization problems

Laryngeals in clusters could be „vocalized“, i.e., were lost after insertion of anaptyctic vowel

### 1) Internal position

Frequent presupposition: Skt. *duhitár-* < *\*duḡ<sup>h</sup>ítár-* with PII. palatalization

But why not simply *duhitár-* < *\*dughitár-*?

Cf. *hitá-* < *\*d<sup>h</sup>ítá-*, *ihí* < *\*id<sup>h</sup>í* etc. (Lubotsky 1995; Kobayashi 2004: 84-91)

– no other example of palatalizing secondary *ī*

– no other case of preserved *ghi* (*drághīyas-* must be analogical)

– other probable cases of *h* < *\*gh*: PN *Ráhūgaṇa-*, *Jahnu-* (Mayrhofer 2003: 75;

Remmer 2006: 166-7 with n. 162); *mastṛhan-* ‘brain’ = iran. *\*mastərgan-* <

*\*mastrḡ<sup>h</sup>an-* rather than *\*mastrḡ<sup>h</sup>an-*

## D. Vocalization problems

Prasun *lüšt* can continue *\*dužitā* < *\*dugitā* (pace Lipp 2009)

⇒ No compelling reason for assuming early epenthesis  
with subsequent loss of *\*ĩ* in Iranian

Cf. Pinault 1982: 265; Kobayashi 2004: 136-139; Werba 2005; Kümmel 2016aSkt.  
Skt. *duhitár-* < *\*dug<sup>h</sup>itár-* < *\*dug<sup>h</sup>Hi.tár-* < *\*dug<sup>h</sup>h.tár-* < *\*dug<sup>h</sup>.htár-* < *\*d<sup>h</sup>ug.htár-*  
< PIE *\*d<sup>h</sup>ugh<sub>2</sub>tér-*

Iran. *\*dugdar-* < *\*dug.d<sup>h</sup>ar-* < *\*dug<sup>h</sup>.tar-* < *\*dug<sup>h</sup>h.tár-* < *\*d<sup>h</sup>ug.htár-*  
< PIE *\*d<sup>h</sup>ug.h<sub>2</sub>tér-*

Iran. *\*duxθr-* < *\*duktr-* < *\*d<sup>h</sup>ugtr-* < *\*d<sup>h</sup>ugh<sub>2</sub>tr-*

Or maybe rather (cf. *\*dh* > *\*θ* above)

*\*duxtar-* < *\*dukhtar-* < *\*dug.htár-* < *\*dug<sup>h</sup>.htár-* < *\*d<sup>h</sup>ug.htár-* < PIE *\*d<sup>h</sup>ug.h<sub>2</sub>tér-*

Iran. *\*dugdr-* < *\*dugd<sup>h</sup>r-* < *\*dug<sup>h</sup>tr-* < *\*dug<sup>h</sup>h.tr-* ← *\*duktr-* < *\*d<sup>h</sup>ugtr-* < *\*d<sup>h</sup>ugh<sub>2</sub>.tr-*

## D. Vocalization problems

### 2) Final position

Vedic  $*CHC\# > C\bar{i}C\#$  (Jamison 1988) presupposes early  $*CiHC\#$  (cf. Praust 2004), possibly  $< *CHiC\#$  via “laryngeal metathesis” (Kümmel 2016a)

$*CHiC > *CiHC$ , cf.  $*pHi-tá- > *piH.tá- > *p\bar{i}.tá- > \text{Skt. } p\bar{i}tá-$  ‘drunk’

$*CiHuC > *CyuHC$ , cf.  $*siHu-tá- > *syuH.tá- > *sy\bar{u}.tá- > \text{Skt. } sy\bar{u}tá-$  ‘sewed’ (cf. Lubotsky 2011)

No such development with  $CHaC \Rightarrow$  not motivated by syllable structure

$*H = [h]$  or dorsal fricative: high phonetic probability of palatalization / labialization (cf. Kümmel 2007: 161, 272; 2016a;  $*hy, *hw > \text{Av. } \acute{x}/x^v$  etc.)

$*CHiC > *CH^j iC > *CH^j C > *CiH^j C > *CiHC > *C\bar{i}C$

$*C(i)HuC > *C(i)H^w uC > *C(i)H^w C > *C(y)uH^w C > *C(y)uHC > *C(y)\bar{u}C$

## D. Vocalization problems

### 3) Initial postion

*THT-	+ -V-	+ -R-
Beekes, Byrd	TT-	TiT-
Tichy	THĭT-, accented TiT-	THĭT-
Tremblay 2003	disyllabic TiT-, trisyllabic TT-	TT- (?)
Lipp	TĭHT- > TiT-	TT-

Av. *tūriia-*, Xwar. *'fcwr*, Pto. *trə* 'father's brother' < *\*ftərwya-* < *\*ptr̥wya-* < *\*pHtr̥wya-*

⇒ Iranian *\*THTV-* > *TTV-*, therefore only *\*THTR-* > *\*TTR-* > *\*TiTR-*

Original Iranian distribution *\*ptar-* ~ *\*pitr-* > *\*ftar-* ~ *piθr-*

⇒ Indo-Aryan possibly *\*THT(R)-* > *TT(R)-* > *TiT(R)-*

Cf. Kümmel 2016a

## E. Compensatory lengthening (or not)

General assumption: Common IE  $VH > V / \_[-\text{syll}] + VHCV = VH.CV$

Cf.  $*wihró-$  >  $*wiH.rá-$  > Skt.  $vīrá-$  'man';  $*g^wiywó-$  >  $*giH.wá-$  > Skt.  $jīvá-$  'living';  
 $*duh_2ró-$  >  $*duH.rá-$  > Skt.  $dūrā-$  'far';  $*dóy.no-$  >  $*dáH.na-$  > Skt.  $dána-$  'gift'

However: short  $*i, u$  in much of (Eastern) Iranian

A) Only short reflexes in some languages:

Khot.  $puva-$ , Osset. D.  $fud$ , Yazg.  $pod$  'rotten' <  $*puta-$  (<  $*pūta-$ ) <  $*puHtá-$   
like Khot.  $tsuta-/tsva-$ , Oss. D.  $cud$ , Yazg.  $šod$  'gone, went' <  $*cyuta-$   
Cf. also gen. pl. Khot.  $-ānu$  <  $*-inam$  <  $*-inām$  <  $*-iHnām$  vs. Skt.  $-inām$

Secondary merger of  $*ī/ū$  with  $*i/u$ ?

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### B) \*ī, ū before sonorants

Sogdian light stems *šyr-* (*śir-*) ‘good’; *wyr-* ‘man’; *žw-* ‘to live’ < \**srira-*, \**wira-*, \**jiwa-*  
vs. Skt. *śrīrā-*; *vīrā-*, *jīva-* < \**ćriHrá-*, \**wiHrá-*, \**ǵiHwá-*

Pašto *stən* ‘pillar’, *nən* ‘now’, *n'əre* ‘far’, *stər* ‘big’; *žər/zər* ‘fast’  
< \**stunā-*, \**nunam*, \**durai*, \**stura-*; \**jira-*  
vs. Skt. *stūṅā-*, *nūnám*, *dūré*, *sthūrā-*; *jīrā-*

However, regular length before obstruents,

cf. Sogd. *nyt* /*nīt*/ ‘led’ < \**nīta-*, Pto. *lid-* ‘saw’ < \**dīta-*;

Sogd. *γwδ* /*γūθ*/, pto. *γul* ‘dung’ < \**gūθa-*

vs. Sogd. *δβt-*, Pto. *bəl* < \**dwita-*;

Pto. *ṣəl* < \**srita-*; Sogd. *kwt-* /*k<sup>w</sup>t-*/ ‘dog’ < \**kuta-*

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No counterexamples in Pto., but some in Sogdian:

heavy stems in *βwm* ‘earth’ < \**būmi-* < \**b<sup>h</sup>uHmi-*, *δwr* ‘far’ < \**dūra-* < \**duHrá-*

C) length in all cases: Waxi, Western Iranian

Cf. \**ī* in W. *vrin-*, MP *brīn-* ‘to cut off’ < \**brīHn-* ← \**brin-*; MP *wīr* ‘man’ < \**wiHrá-*

\**ū* in W. *(i)stin*, MP *stūn* ‘pillar’ < \**stuHnā-*; \**dūra-* > W. *dir*, MP *dūr* ‘far’ < \**duHrá-*

vs. \**i* in W. *yəm*, MP *im* ‘this’ < \**imá-*;

MP *dam-* ‘winter’, W. *zəm* ‘snow’ < \**dim-* < \**j<sup>h</sup>im-*

W. *zən-* ‘to take’ < \**jinaH-*;

\**u* in MP *hun-* ‘to press out’ < \**sunu-*; *bun* ‘ground’ < \**budna-*;

*hur* ‘liqueur’ < \**surā-*; W. *ǰurs* < \**x<sup>w</sup>osr-* < \**hwasura-*

## E. Compensatory lengthening (or not)

Before obstruents: W. *pit* ‘drank’ < \**piHtá-*; MP. *dīd* ‘saw’ < \**diHtá-*  
W. *dit*, MP *dūd* ‘smoke’ < \**duHtá-*; W. *pitk*, MP *pūdag* ‘rotten’ < \**puHta-ka-*  
vs. \**i* in W. *bæt* ‘second’, MP *did*<sup>o</sup> < \**dwitá-*; MP *pid* ‘father’ < \**pitǎ*  
\**u* in W. *θæt* ‘burnt’ < \**θutá-* < \**dhuta-*,  
MP *jud* ‘separate’ < \**yutá-*, *šud* ‘went’ < \**kyutá-*  
W. *pətr* ‘son’, MP *pus* < \**puθra-*  
[caution: MP lengthening in second final syllables, see Korn 2009]

## D) Avestan?

*hunu-* ‘son’; *hunara-* ‘skilfulness’; *-uru-* ‘thigh’  
< \**suHnú-*, \**su-Hnára-*, \**uHrú-* vs. Skt. *sūnú-*; *sūnára-*; *ūrú-*  
*juua-* ‘living’, *juua-* ‘to live’; *piuuas-* ‘fat’  
< \**jiHwá-/jíHwa-*; \**píhWas-* vs. Skt. *jīvá-*, *jīva-*; *pívas-*

## E. Compensatory lengthening (or not)

Optatives *ma<sup>i</sup>nimadicā*, *var<sup>a</sup>zimācā*, *vaozirem* with *\*-iH-*  
(left unexplained by de Vaan 2003: 249f.)

Gen. pl. *-inqm*, *-unqm* (but also *-anqm*, *-aṅhqm*): secondary shortening possible  
*vīra-* ‘man’ may show secondary lengthening (cf. *vīspa-* ‘all’ < *\*wispa-*)

likewise most other cases of length before *m*, *n*, *r*:

cf. *ūna-* ‘defective’; *dūra-* ‘far’ like *sūn-* ‘dog’ < *\*sun-*; *zūra-* ‘false’ < *\*zura-*

Synchronic contrast in some cases of prenasal *ī*?

*jinā-* ‘to destroy’, *zinā-* ‘to take away’ vs. *frīnā-* ‘to please’, *-brīna-* ‘to shave’  
= Skt. *kṣiṅā-*, *jinā-* vs. *prīṅā-*, *bhrīṅā-*, *krīṅā-*

But derivation and Vedic metre point to *\*priṅ<sup>o</sup>*, *\*bhriṅ<sup>o</sup>*, *\*kriṅ<sup>o</sup>*  
< *\*pri-n(a)H-*, *\*b<sup>h</sup>ri-n(a)H-* etc.

## E. Compensatory lengthening (or not)

⇒ secondary length, taken over from other forms with *\*iH*, maybe enhanced by preceding *r*?

Preserved contrast before obstruents suggested by

*srita-*, *pitu-*, *θrita-*; *masita-*, *raoiδita-*

vs. *jīti-*, *-dīta-*, *dīti-*, *-nīti-*; optative *-īṭ*, *-īta*, *-ītam*, *-īša*

but also *frita-*, *friti-* < *\*priH-t°* (by analogy to *friia-*?);

*nisrīta*, *-ynīt-* < *\*-srita-*, *-gnit-*; *sīša-* < *\*siša-*

No real minimal pairs!

*\*u* > *ū* in first open syllables after consonants other than *h*, *k*, *dr* and sometimes before *θr*, *δr*, *zr*, *žC*; elsewhere *u* (cf. de Vaan 2003: 284-297) ⇒ „retention“ of old *ū* possibly significant only in *ūθa-*, *ūna-*; *hūxta-* < *\*hu-uxta-*, *hūrō*  
= very small basis for conclusions

## E. Compensatory lengthening (or not)

In Gathic metre (cf. Kümmel forthc. c) *\*iHR/uHR*

mostly in positions where light syllable is preferred, viz. Y. 45,9 *vīrāṅg* = U – |  
⇒ Original Avestan possibly like Sogdian, Paštō – or like Khotanese, Ossetic?

Possible explanation:

- Group B syllabification *\*I.HRV* ⇒ no compensatory lengthening parallel to „Dybo’s Law“ in Western IE (cf. Neri 2011: 191-207 with ref.)  
cf. Celtic, Germ. *\*wiro-* < *\*wih<sub>1</sub>ró-* ‘man’,  
Celtic *\*biwo-*, Germ. *\*k<sup>w</sup>iwa-* < *\*g<sup>w</sup>ih<sub>3</sub>wó-* ‘alive’  
Germ. *\*sunu-* < *\*suHnú-* ‘son’
- In group A also generally *\*I.HCV*, like *V.TCV* in other obstruent clusters?  
Cf. later on syllable structure

## E. Compensatory lengthening (or not)

Alternative: secondary shortening only before sonorants?

Typologically improbable: sonorants tend to favour length

Implication: preservation of laryngeals in PII and even Proto-Iranian after high vowels, at least before sonorants

Why just here? Palatalized/labialized  $\Rightarrow$  auditive strengthening, viz.  $*ih > *ih^j > [i\check{c}]$ ;  $*uh > uh^w > [u\Lambda]$

$\Rightarrow$  Later loss only after different developments of syllabification:

Indic, Waxi, Western Iranian:  $IHC = IH.C > IC$

Sogdian, Pashto, Avestan?, ...:  $IHT = IH.T > IT$  vs.  $IHR = I.HR > IR$

Saka, Alanic, Pamiri, Avestan?, ...:  $IHC = I.HC > IC$

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## F. Early loss of laryngeals

### 1) “Pinault’s Law”

Pinault 1982: regular loss of *\*H* in /C\_j

cf. Ved. *sakhyá-* < *\*sakHyá-* < *\*sok<sup>w</sup>h<sub>2</sub>jo-*;

Celtic *\*arje-*, Lith. *ãria-* from *ár̃ti* ‘to plough’ < *\*h<sub>2</sub>arh<sub>3</sub>jo-*

However: Greek *aróe-*, Italic *\*araje-* ‘to plough’

Lipp 2009; Verhasselt 2016: only partially einzelsprachlich, not PIE

### 2) “Hackstein’s Law”

Hackstein 2002b (following Schmidt 1973): Regular loss in (pretonic?) *\*CHCC*, cf.

*\*d<sup>h</sup>ugh<sub>2</sub>tr-* > *\*d<sup>h</sup>ugtr-* > *\*d<sup>h</sup>uktr-* > Arm. *dustr*, Gaulish *duxtir*

Cf. also *\*d<sup>h</sup>h<sub>1</sub>-ské-* > *\*d<sup>h</sup>ské-* > Hittite /tské-/ <za-aš-ki-, zi-ik-ki-> ‘to put’

## F. Early loss of laryngeals

Lipp 2009: exception in *\*RHsR*, cf. *\*temh<sub>2</sub>sro-* > Skt. *támisra-*

Byrd (2010ab; 2012): only TH.CC > T.CC due to problematic sonority sequencing while RH.TR is unproblematic

### 3) Loss in composition, reduplication etc.

Cf. Skt. *gurú-* < *\*g<sup>w</sup>r<sub>h</sub>h<sub>2</sub>-ú-* 'heavy' vs. *gru-muṣṭí-*, *a-grū-* < *\*g<sup>w</sup>rú-/g<sup>w</sup>ru-*

Gr. *astér-* vs. *steropě* < *\*h<sub>2</sub>ster-*

Av. *-sna-*, Gr. *-gnós*, Lat. *-gnus* < *\*-g<sup>h</sup>no-* < *\*-g<sup>h</sup>ṅh<sub>1</sub>o-* 'born'

Gr., Lat. *gigne-* < *\*g<sup>h</sup>íg<sup>h</sup>ne-* < *\*g<sup>h</sup>í-g<sup>h</sup>ṅh<sub>1</sub>o-*

Rather failing vocalization/epenthesis than real loss

Balles 2012, Lubotsky 2013: most examples not probative;  
no real loss of IE consonants

## F. Early loss of laryngeals

### 4) The “Saussure Effect”

Cf. Nussbaum 1997

Loss in 1) \*#HRo and 2) oRHC

Greek *omeíchein* ‘to urinate’ vs. *moichós* ‘adulterer’ from \**h*<sub>3</sub>*mejg*<sup>h</sup>- / (*h*<sub>3</sub>)*mojg*<sup>h</sup>-

Greek \**awersā*- / *ewersā*- ‘dew’ vs. \**worséje*- > *ourée*- ‘to urinate’;

Hittite *warsa*- ‘fog’ from \**h*<sub>2</sub>*wers*- / (*h*<sub>2</sub>)*wors*-

Greek *telamōn* vs. *tólmā* ‘boldness’ from \**telh*<sub>2</sub>- / *tol*(*h*<sub>2</sub>)-;

*pera*- ‘to sell’ vs. *pórnē* ‘whore’ from \**perh*<sub>2</sub>- / *por*(*h*<sub>2</sub>)-

Perhaps in \**dóm*- ‘house’ from \**demh*<sub>2</sub>-?

Rather primary \**dem*- with suffix \**-h*<sub>2</sub>-

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## F. Early loss of laryngeals

Phonetic motivation?

Dissimilation of some kind of low back feature present in laryngeals and \*o?

Originally quantitative constraints (Kümmel 2012a)? Cf. below

Counterexamples (not really compelling):

Greek *ónukh-* 'nail, claw' < \**h<sub>3</sub>nog*<sup>wh</sup>-

*erōě* 'rest' < \**h<sub>1</sub>roh<sub>1</sub>wáh<sub>2</sub>*-

Against the reality of the effect see Pronk 2011; van Beek 2011

## 4. PIE vocalism

### A. The question of \*/a/

Lubotsky 1981; 1989: all cases of \*a must be explained by \*h<sub>2</sub> (or not be PIE)

\*ĝ<sup>h</sup>ans-, \*nās-/nas-, \*b<sup>h</sup>ag-, \*mak̄- or \*ĝ<sup>h</sup>h<sub>2</sub>ans-, \*nah<sub>2</sub>s-/nh<sub>2</sub>as-, \*b<sup>h</sup>ah<sub>2</sub>g-, \*mah<sub>2</sub>k̄-  
[mas-/maθ- 'long'? No: 'big, large', only variant of maz-/mad-]

\*b<sup>h</sup>ag-, \*ĝar-, \*ĝ<sup>h</sup>an-, \*Hjaĝ-, \*h<sub>1</sub>aĝ-, \*h<sub>1</sub>aj-, ?\*h<sub>1</sub>ar-, \*h<sub>3</sub>wath<sub>2</sub>-, \*k̄ad-, \*k̄was-, \*kag<sup>h</sup>-,  
\*kamp-, \*kan-, ?\*mad-, \*maĝ-, \*mag<sup>h</sup>-, \*rasd-, \*skab<sup>h</sup>-, \*tag-, \*wag<sup>h</sup>-  
nominal \*nās-, \*ĝ<sup>h</sup>ans-, \*k̄asó-, \*sál-, particles ?\*ap-, ?\*ad, ?\*au  
Few minimal pairs: \*b<sup>h</sup>ag- : \*b<sup>h</sup>eg-, \*tag- : \*(s)teg-

### Lubotsky's Law

Lubotsky 1981: dissimilation of [ʔ] preceding \*<sup>?</sup>D\$ ⇒ "shortening" = no  
compensatory lengthening, cf. *pajrá-* 'firm' vs. *pájas-* '(front) side' < \*pah<sub>2</sub>ĝ-

## A. The question of \*/a/

But: Data do not really match (see now Lipp 2009: I 161ff.)

Nonglottalistic explanation: no compensatory lengthening / differen syllabification?

VHCC = VH.CC, cf. Ved. *āptá-*, *-bādhya*, *śāstár-*, *śvātrá-*, *ādhrá-*, *ātmán-*, *rātrī-*, *vāśrā-*, *pātrā-* (*śāsti*, *āste*, *ábhrāt*, *rāṣṭi*, *\*árāt* maybe analogical); but *\*VHDC* = VHD.C?

Counterexample only av. *sādra-* in RV only *svādma*, *svādmân-*, (*svādvî*, *rājñ-*)

De Lamberterie 1996, 1999: very old loss by „glottal“ dissimilation:

cf. Lat. *pignus*, Ved. *pajrá-* < *\*peg-r/n-* from *\*peh<sub>2</sub>g-*

Lat. *signum* < *\*segno-* from *\*sah<sub>2</sub>g-*; Ved. *bhadrá-* < *\*b<sup>h</sup>edró-* from *\*b<sup>h</sup>eHd-*

Gr. *kednós* ‘dear, true’ to *kédistos*, *\*kah<sub>2</sub>d-*

Av. *x<sup>v</sup>aṇdra-* ← *\*swed-ró-*, *hudəma-* < *\*sud-mó-*, gr. *ἔδανός* ‘suave’ < *\*swednó-*

from *\*swah<sub>2</sub>d-/suh<sub>2</sub>d-*

*\*med-* from *\*meh<sub>1</sub>-d-*

## A. The question of \*/a/

All may be explained by „Wetter-Regel“

VHCR'V > VCR'V as in *\*h<sub>2</sub>weh<sub>1</sub>-tró-* > *\*h<sub>2</sub>wetró-* > Germ. *\*wedra-* ‘weather’

Cf. Schindler apud Peters 1999: 447; Neri 2011

Real loss or just no compensatory lengthening (i.e., VHC.RV > VC.RV) in post-PIE?

Reversal of “colouring” in Lat. *signum* etc. and wide distribution favour real loss

But then *\*a* is not explained

Original *\*\*a* > [æ] ~ [a] > (post-)PIE \*/e/ : \*/a/

Conditions for back allophone?

certain /h<sub>2</sub>/, maybe also [-cor]\_[-cor]? Cf. *\*b<sup>h</sup>ag-*, *\*kag<sup>h</sup>-*, *\*mag<sup>h</sup>-*

Countexamples with later analogical *\*e*? Phonologized in PIE or later?

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## A. The question of \*/a/

Difference between \*o from \*h<sub>3</sub>e and original \*o?

I.e. \*/h<sub>3</sub>e/ or /h<sub>3</sub>a/ vs. /\*o/ with later merger

Not lengthened by Brugmann's Law (Lubotsky)?

Cf. *ánas-*, *ápas-* = Lat. *onus*, *opus*, if < \*h<sub>3</sub>é°  
reconstruction not completely sure

Luwian *harran-* '?' = Hitt. *hāran-* 'eagle' < \*h<sub>3</sub>áron-, cf. Greek *orn-*  
with Čop's Law = gemination after accented short vowel  
as after \*é but not after \*ó (lengthened in Anatolian)

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## B. Vowel length

- 1) Caused by laryngeal: not really PIE, see above
- 2) Real length: lengthened grade \**ē*, \**ō*

Mainly found in:

- Nominatives of athematic nouns (especially sonorant stems)
- S-aorists (at least in indicative singular)
- “Narten”-presents (and aorists)
- Some locatives: *i*-stem \**-ēj* (*u*-stem \**-ēw?*); \**dém* ‘in the house’

### 1) Monosyllabic lengthening?

Proposed by Wackernagel 1896: 66ff.; Kortlandt 1975: 84ff. (and passim); Pronk 2014 and others

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## B. Vowel length

Cf. *\*pōds* vs. *\*pódṃ*, *\*pódes*; *\*g<sup>w</sup>óws* vs. *\*g<sup>w</sup>ówes*; *\*h<sub>2</sub>nék-s* vs. *\*h<sub>2</sub>nék-s-ṃ*?  
*\*mūs* ‘mouse’, *\*wīs* ‘poison’ from *\*mus-*, *\*wis-*?

But: no general constraint against short vowels in monosyllables,  
cf. *\*só*, *\*nú*, *\*dwís*, *\*trís*; vocative *\*djéw*, *\*h<sub>2</sub>ner*; genitive *\*nék<sup>w</sup>ts*, *\*déms*, *\*g<sup>w</sup>éws*;  
locative *\*d<sup>h</sup>g<sup>h</sup>ém(-i)*, *\*djéw(-i)*

Against it, see Dunkel 2014: 86f.; Kümmel 2012c; 2015b

### 2) Lengthening before final sonorant

Beekes/Kortlandt

Cf. *\*ph<sub>2</sub>tér*, *\*h<sub>2</sub>uksén* < *\*\*ph<sub>2</sub>tér*, *\*\*h<sub>2</sub>uksén*

But: no such lengthening in vocatives and locatives

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## B. Vowel length

### 3) Szemerényi's Law

$VRs\# > VRR\# > V:R\#$

Cf. *\*ph<sub>2</sub>tér*, *\*h<sub>2</sub>uksén* < *\*\*ph<sub>2</sub>tér-s*, *\*\*h<sub>2</sub>uksén-s*

Originally already proposed by Schleicher, but re-proposed by Szemerényi 1962 and widely applied since then; cf. Keydana 2014; Sandell & Byrd 2015

Not a synchronic law, cf. genitive *\*déms*, *\*-ejs*, *\*-ews*

Extended to  $Rh_2$  by many, cf. n. pl. *\*wedor-h<sub>2</sub>* > *wedōr* 'waters'

Phonetically rather problematical (maybe rather plural *\*\*-s*?)

Against see Beekes, Kortlandt passim

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## B. Vowel length

### 4) Stang's Law

Stang 1965: accusative *\*djém*, *\*g<sup>w</sup>óm* < *\*djéw-m*, *\*g<sup>w</sup>ów-m*; Vaux 2002

Originally regular for other words, too:

cf. *\*-ām* in OAv. *hiθqm* (Geldner 1890; Tremblay 1998; Cantera 2007)  
to nom. *hiθāuš* 'fellow'

Av. *vaiiqm* (Remmer 2011: 15f.) from *vaiiu-* 'wind', Ved. *vāyú-*  
vs. innovative YAv. *-aom/-āum*, OP-*āum*, *-āvam* (cf. Cantera 2007: 17ff.)

Greek Arkado-Cypriot generally *-ēs*, *-ēn* for *-eús*, *-ēa*

cf. also *arēn* 'destruction', *Arēs* ~ *Areus* from root *areu-* < *\*h<sub>2</sub>rew-* (Willi 2014)

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## B. Vowel length

Contra Meiser 1998: 139f., 141; Cantera 2007 **not** regular for *i*-stems,  
cf. OAv. *haxāim*, YAV. *kauuaēm*

Single example of YAv. *raya*, *rayəm* ~ *rajōiṭ* not compelling

Often also assumed for *\*-VHm*, cf. *\*-ām* from stems in *\*-ah<sub>2</sub>-*  
phonetically very difficult; cf. PII *\*pántaHam* > Av. *paṇtəm* = Ved. *pántha<sub>a</sub>m* etc.  
see Pronk 2016: 20-27 for analogical explanation

Pronk 2016: *\*djēm*, *\*g<sup>w</sup>ōm* < *\*djēwm*, *\*g<sup>w</sup>ōwm* with monosyllabic lengthening;  
polysyllabic cases analogical

Similar process: loc. sg. *\*-ej-i* > *\*-ēj*; maybe instr. pl. *\*-oj-is* > *\*-ōjs* (Jasanoff 2007)

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## B. Vowel length

### 5) Simplification of clusters

*\*de-dk̑-* > *\*dēk̑-* > Skt. *dās-*; *\*g<sup>h</sup>e-g<sup>h</sup>d-* > *\*g<sup>h</sup>ēd-* > Germ. *\*gēt-* (pret. plural)

cf. *\*penk<sup>w</sup>e-dk̑(o)mt-* > *\*penk<sup>w</sup>ēk̑(o)mt-* '50'

Origin of long-vowel perfects

Also *\*tetk̑-C* > *\*tēk̑-C*? Origin of "Narten" type?

Cf. Schumacher 2005; Sandell 2014

cf. the "Kortlandt effect" (*\*d* > *\*H* before consonants? Kortlandt 1983)

## C. Qualitative ablaut

Traditional theory: zero grade from syncope of unaccented \*e

Also \*o unaccented for \*e, but under which conditions?

Famous example Ved. *pitár-* : *tvát-pitār-* = Greek *patér-* : *eu-pátor-*

Dubious “equation”, cf. Lundqvist 2016; no such rule in early Vedic

Strong *o*-grade vs. weaker *e*-grade in ablaut type \**o* ~ *e* alternating with \**o* ~ ∅,

cf. \**pód-* ~ \**ped-*, \**dóm-* ~ \**dem-*

\**d<sup>h</sup>wór-* ~ \**d<sup>h</sup>ur-*, \**wójd-* ~ \**wid-*, \**memón-* ~ \**memn-* etc.

⇒ \**o* rather „stronger“ than \**e/a*

Typological evidence: frequent *o* < \**ā*; \**e* < \**ǎ* ⇒ original quantity distinction?

## C. Qualitative ablaut

Kümmel 2012a (cf. Viredaz 1983: 35ff.; Woodhouse 2012: 2 n. 1; 2015: 6-9):

Original (pre-PIE)  $**\bar{a} > *o$  vs.  $**a > *e$  [æ~a~ɑ]

> PIE/CIE  $*e : *a : *o$

Consequences:

$*pód-$  ~  $*ped-$  <  $**pâd-$  ~  $pad-$  <  $**pâd-$  ~  $pād-$

Variant  $*wójd-$  ~  $*wid-$  <  $**wâjd-$  ~  $wid-$  <  $**wâjd-$  ~  $wajd-$  <  $**wâjd-$  ~  $wājd-$

(with shortening in closed syllable)

Thematic  $*-ó-$  <  $**-\hat{a}-$  but vocative  $*-e$  <  $**-\bar{a}$  <  $**-\bar{a}$

originally  $*CóCo-$  vs.  $*CeCó-$  <  $*CâCā-$  vs.  $*CaCâ-$  <  $*CâCā-$  vs.  $*CāCâ-$

Verb  $*-o-$  ~  $*-e-$  <  $**-\bar{a}-$  ~  $*-a-$  <  $**-\bar{a}-$  with shortening before  $*t/s$

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## C. Qualitative ablaut

Interrogative substantival  $*k^w\acute{e}- < **k^w\acute{a}-$

derivative  $*k^w\acute{o}- < **k^w\acute{a}- < **k^w a-\acute{a}-$

Saussure effect from shortening in  $*C\bar{a}RH.C > *C\bar{a}R.C?$

Brugmann's Law = lengthening of  $*o$  in non-final open syllables

Or rather retention of length vs. shortening?

Cf. similar length(ening) in Anatolian (Melchert 1994; Kloekhorst 2008)

$*\acute{o} > \bar{o}$  even in closed syllables

So maybe still PIE/pre-PII  $*a$  [ $\text{æ} \sim a \sim \text{ɔ}$ ] vs.  $*\bar{a}$  [ $\text{ɔ}:$ ]?

$*a > [\text{æ}]$  in most environments vs.  $[\text{a}] / h_2 = \chi$

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## C. Qualitative ablaut

PIE/CIE  $*\bar{a}$  > (overlong)  $\tilde{a}$  vs.  $*a$  [æ] >  $*\bar{x}$

by old lengthening (Szemerényi's and Stang's laws or otherwise)

Indo-Iranian development:

$*\bar{a}$  [ɔ:] >  $*a$  [ɒ] /\_CC, /\_#;  $*\tilde{a}$  and  $*\bar{x}$  preserved

$*\tilde{a}$  >  $*\tilde{a}$  >  $*a$

$*\bar{x}$  >  $*\bar{x}$ ;  $*a$  >  $\bar{a}$  by younger lengthening

Palatalization

Late merger  $*\bar{x}=a$  >  $*a$ ,  $\bar{x}=\bar{a}$  >  $*\bar{a}$

Anatolian developments: similar with less shortening of  $*\bar{a}$ ?

Depends on whether Lycian really preserves  $*o$  distinct from  $*a$

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## C. Qualitative ablaut

Tocharian? Cf.  $*o > *æ$  stronger than  $*e > *y_a$   
arguments for original rounding of  $*o$

Elsewhere/Western developments:

$*ā > *ō$  in general

$*ō > *o$  /\_#:  $*só$  'that', 3s middle  $*-tó$ ,  $*pró$  'forth'

$*ō > *o$  /\_ except in accented monosyllables:  $*pō(d)s \sim *pódm$  'foot'  
and/or  $*ō̃$  preserved?

Secondary lengthenings as in II, producing  $*ē$

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## 5. Syllable structure

Cf. now Byrd 2010a; 2010b; 2015

VCV = V.CV; VCCV = VC.CV; VCCCV = VC.CCV, but VCC.-CV-

Cf. Sievers' Law: VRT-jV = VRT.jV > VRT.i(j)V vs. VR-TjV = VR.TjV (Byrd 2010; 2015)

Special rules for \*sT, \*HT (extrasyllabic fricatives)

Problem: Greek = Vedic = Latin = PIE?

But what about Baltic, Slavic, Iranian? Typological differences

- No gemination (as PIE, cf. /\**h*<sub>1</sub>*ési*/ for /\**h*<sub>1</sub>*és-si*/\*!)
- Cluster syllabification: .TC (or at least weightless coda obstruents) vs. T.C
- Fewer restrictions on clusters

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## 5. Syllable structure

Baltic

“Open syllable lengthening” of accented *a/e* before single consonants and clusters starting with obstruents, cf. *kāklas, ākmeni, ākštas, ēglē, māzgas, vāškas*

Exception: words with transparent productive morphological boundary within the cluster, e.g. infinitive *nēš-ti, lēs-ti* with supine *nēš-tu, lēs-tu*; participle *nēš-tas* etc.

TR- and ST-clusters mostly preserved and not targeted by “open syllable conspiracy” removing almost all RC-clusters in Common Slavic

Generally *\*.Cj > \*.C<sup>j</sup>*, cf. *\*medjā-, \*dausjā-, \*ezja- > \*med'ā-, \*dōšā-, \*ježa- > mežda, duša, ježb*

OCS *nesti, voskъ, teplъ, modrъ, ognъ, osmъ, ostrъ < \*ne.stī, \*wa.ska-, \*te.pla-, \*bu.dra-, \*a.gnj-a-, \*a.sma- \*a.stra-*

## 5. Syllable structure

\**tl*; \**dl* > Pskov North Russian *kl*, *gl*; West Slavic *tl*, *dl*; elsewhere simplified to *l*

Only TS/TT simplified (without CL): \**kt*, \**pt* > *t*; \**ps* > *s*, \**ks* > \*(*k*)*š* > *x*

⇒ Balto-Slavic VR.TV vs. V.TCV

### Iranian

Sievers' Law not really attested, cf. \**jantwa-* > \**janθwa-* > Av. *jqθβa-* 'to be hit' (vs. Skt. *hánt<sub>u</sub>va-*)

Many complex and unusual clusters:

- Anlaut: Av. *xšaθra-*, *ptā*, *f<sup>h</sup>δr-* /*fθr-*/, *ruuaθa-* /*rwaθa-*/, *mrū-*, *fštāna-*
- Inlaut: Av. *a<sup>i</sup>βiiāxštra-*, *xrafštra-*, *raf<sup>h</sup>δra-*, *hax<sup>a</sup>δra-*, *dug<sup>a</sup>dr-*
- Auslaut: Av. *āfš*, *vaxšt*, *dār<sup>a</sup>št*

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## 5. Syllable structure

Sogdian: heavy syllables only with R.C; light syllables in cases like *a.sp-* ‘horse’, *a.βt-* ‘seven’

Middle Persian: light syllables in *\*páwa.stā-* > *pōst* ‘skin’; *\*ēwáka.hya* > *\*ēwak* > *ē(w)k* ‘one’

No compensatory lengthening in cases like *\*puθra-* > MP *pus*; *\*hwasrū-* > Wakhi *χaš*

Avestan: “open syllable” allophone *aē* preceding *st*, *št* and partly *θr* (Fortson 1996)

Old Avestan metre becomes more quantitatively regular (mostly iambic with anapaestic cadences),

if Sogdian syllabification is applied (cf. Kümmel 2016b; forthc. a),

leading to more light syllables

variable weight of TC (necessarily) would allow even more regularity

4+7 line

VT.C	-	X	X	-		X	-	X	X	U	U	X	
V.TC	U	X	U	-		U	-	X	X	U	U	X	
V.T.C	U	-	U	-		U	-	X	-	U	U	X	
ideal	U	-	U	-		U	-	U	-	U	U	X	

7+7 line

VT.C	X	U	X	-	U	U	-		X	X	U	X	-	X	X	
V.TC	X	U	X	-	X	U	X		X	U	U	U	-	X	X	
V.T.C	-	U	X	-	X	U	-		U	-	U	U	-	U	X	
ideal	-	U	U	-	U	U	-		U	-	U	U	-	U	X	

Y. 44,3 *taṭ. θβā. p̄arəsā. ərəš.mōi. vaocā. ahurā.  
kasnā. zqθā. +ptā. ašahiiā. +paouruiiō.  
kasnā. x<sup>v</sup>āṅg. +strāmcā. dāt. aduuānəm.  
kā. yā. mā. uxšiieitī. nərəfsaitī. θβaṭ.  
tācīt. mazdā. vasəmī. aniiācā. vīduiiē.*

VT.C

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—, —, — | — U, — — U, — X

V.TC

U, —, U U | U —, — U, U U X  
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U —, U — | U — U, —, U — X  
U, —, U — | U U U, U U U, X  
— U, U — | U U, U — U, U X

Y. 51,18

*tqm. cistīm. dājāmāspō. huuō.guuō. ištōiš. x<sup>v</sup>arəṇā.  
ašā. vərəṇtē. taṭ. xšaθrəm. manaṇhō. vaṇhāuš. vīdō.  
taṭ. mōi. dāidī. ahurā. hiiat. mazdā. rapān. tauuā.*

VT.C

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—, — U, U U X | —, —, U —, U X ||

V.TC

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U —, — U, U U X | U, U —, U —, U X ||

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## 5. Syllable structure

Indic exceptions to Sievers' Law with TT-clusters: *mátsya-*, *vakṣyá-*, *yuktvā*  
(Schindler 1977b: 60f.; Byrd 2010a: 50f.) presuppose that TT-clusters did not  
behave like RT-clusters

⇒ PII and PIE may have differed from Vedic and Greek

- preferring complexity in onsets over codas
- avoiding obstruent codas

But cf. common IE \*VH.CV > V:.CV, speaking for T.T syllabification

What about Anatolian?