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## INDO-EUROPEAN o-GRADE PRESENTS AND THE ANATOLIAN hi-CONJUGATION

Elsewhere I have argued that Indo-European originated as a branch of Indo-Uralic which was strongly modified under the pervasive influence of a North Caucasian substratum, perhaps in the sixth millennium BC (cf. Mallory 1989: 192f., Kortlandt 2010: 387-428). I have proposed the following relative chronology for the Indo-European branch of Indo-Uralic on the basis of the internal evidence:

- A. Indo-European vowel reduction, giving rise to full grade \**e* under the stress and zero grade elsewhere;
- B. phonetic lowering of u (= syllabic w) to o, giving rise to a full grade (= non-high) vowel in unstressed syllables;
- C. analogical introduction of a full grade vowel in unstressed syllables (e.g. in compounds), which automatically yielded new \*o;
- D. introduction of \*o in stressed syllables (e.g. by decompounding), resulting in a phonemic opposition between /e/ and /o/ under the stress;
- E. analogical introduction of full grade \**e* in unstressed syllables, generalizing the opposition between /*e*/ and /*o*/;
- F. rise of lengthened grade vowels  $*\bar{e}$  and  $*\bar{o}$ , yielding the conventional Proto-Indo-European vowel system.

Under the assumption that the Indo-European laryngeals developed from a glottal stop  $*q_1$ , a uvular stop  $*q_2$ , and a labialized uvular stop  $*q_3$ , my reconstruction of the Proto-Indo-European perfect, stative (intransitive middle, e.g. Vedic *śáye* 'lies') and (transitive) middle endings is the following (2010: 392f.):

	perfect	stative	middle
1sg.	$-q_2e$	-q <sub>2</sub>	-mq2
2sg.	-tq₂e	$-tq_2o$	-stq20
3sg.	-e	-0	-to
ıpl.	-me	-me $d^hq_{\scriptscriptstyle 2}$	-med $^hq_2$
2pl.	-е	-d <sup>h</sup> q₂ue	-td <sup>h</sup> q₂ue
3pl.	$-(\bar{e})r$	-ro	-ntro

For an earlier stage I have proposed the following reconstruction (2010: 400f.):

	perfect	stative	middle
1sg.	$-q_2$ - $e$	$-q_2$	$-m-q_2$
2sg.	-tq <sub>2</sub> -e	$-tq_2$	-s-tq <sub>2</sub>
3sg.	-e	-0	-t-o
ıpl.	-mq <sub>2</sub> -e	-med $^hq_2$	-me- $d^hq_2$
2pl.	$-q_2$ - $e$	$-d^hq_2$ -ue	-t-d <sup>h</sup> q₂-ue
3pl.	-er	-r	-nt-r

Moreover, I have argued that the Hittite *hi*-flexion comprises original perfects, new perfects created on the basis of derived presents, and transitive zero grade thematic formations such as Vedic *tudáti* 'thrusts'. This merger obliterated the semantic distinction between the original intransitive perfects and transitive verbs in

the Hittite hi-flexion and similarly between the 3rd sg. endings \*-o and \*-to in the stative and the middle. As a result, the original distribution can no longer be established on the basis of the Hittite evidence. At the earliest reconstructible stage we expect e-grade of the root in the stative but zero grade before the ending \*-e in the perfect. If the apophonic alternation between e- and zero grade was still automatic at the stage when the new 1st and 2nd pl. endings \*-med<sup>h</sup>q<sub>2</sub> and \*-(t)d<sup>h</sup>q<sub>2</sub>ue were introduced into the stative paradigm (stage A), the new forms must have had zero grade in the root. The original 3rd sg. stative ending \*-o arose phonetically from lowering of Indo-Uralic \*-u (stage B). The paradigmatic alternation between full and zero grade was then evidently introduced from the stative into the perfect at a stage when the alternation between stressed \*e and unstressed \*o was automatic (stage C). The stress was eventually retracted in the singular forms of the perfect when stressed \*o and unstressed \*e had become possible (stages D and E), probably on the analogy of the athematic present and injunctive, which had root stress in the singular but not in the plural. The rise of lengthened grade in the 3rd pl. ending \*- $\bar{e}r$  < \*-er was most recent (stage F). These developments can be summarized as follows:

stative	stage A1	stage A2	stages B-F
1sg.	$CeC$ - $q_2$	$CeC$ - $q_2$	$CeC$ - $q_2$
2sg.	CeC-tq <sub>2</sub>	CeC-tq <sub>2</sub>	CeC-tq <sub>2</sub>
3sg.	CeC-u	CeC-u	CeC-o
ıpl.	CeC-mq2	$CC$ - $med^hq_2$	$CC$ - $med^hq_2$
2pl.	$CeC$ - $(t)q_2$	$CC$ - $(t)d^hq_2ue$	$CC$ - $d^hq_2ue$
3pl.	CeC-r	CeC-r	CeC-r
perfect	stages A-B	stages C-E	stage F
perfect	stages A-B CC-q₂e	stages C-E CoC-q₂e	stage F CoC-q₂e
•	U	U	C
1sg.	CC-q₂e	CoC-q₂e	CoC-q₂e
18g. 28g.	CC-q₂e CC-tq₂e	CoC-q₂e CoC-tq₂e	CoC-q <sub>2</sub> e CoC-tq <sub>2</sub> e
1sg. 2sg. 3sg.	CC-q₂e CC-tq₂e CC-e	CoC-q₂e CoC-tq₂e CoC-e	CoC-q₂e CoC-tq₂e CoC-e

	present D	present E	injunctive E
1sg.	$-0-q_1$	$-0-q_{1}$	-o-m
2sg.	$-e$ - $q_1$	$-e$ - $q_{\scriptscriptstyle 1}i$	-e-s
3sg.	-е	-е	-e-t
ıpl.	$-o-mq_1$	-o-mq₁om	-o-mo
2pl.	-e-tq1	-e-tq₁e	-e-te
3pl.	-0	-0	-o-nt

The replacement of  ${}^*q_2$  by  ${}^*q_1$  in the thematic present can be explained by the neutralization of the laryngeals before and after  ${}^*o$  into a glottal stop  ${}^*q_1$  (cf. Kortlandt 2010: 365-368 and *passim*), which was subsequently generalized in the paradigm.

Most scholars have accepted Stang's derivation of *o*-grade presents such as Lith. kálti 'to forge', málti 'to grind', OCS bosti 'to stab', Latin fodiō 'I dig' from the reduplicated intensive exemplified in Vedic janghanti 'strikes' (1942: 41f., cf. Kortlandt 2010: 216). Jasanoff's alternative proposal to posit an alternating paradigm with \*o in the singular and \*e in the plural (e.g. 1979, 2003) cannot be maintained because no such paradigm can be reconstructed (cf. Kloekhorst 2008: 142f., Peyrot 2013: 497, Kortlandt 2015). In his lucid treatment of the problem, Kümmel observes that the Indo-Iranian cognates of proposed o-grade presents are thematic, e.g. Vedic sphuráti 'jerks', tudáti 'thrusts', vijáte 'trembles' (2004: 150), and the same holds for Latin and Germanic. In my view, the Hittite *hi*-verbs represent a merger of the original perfect and the original thematic flexion with zero grade in the root, e.g. Vedic tudáti (Kortlandt 2010: 373-382, where "q-" has unfortunately been printed as "-q" throughout the chapter). If the root vowel of CeC-roots was introduced in this formation between stages C and E of my chronology, it automatically became \*o, as happened in the singular forms of the perfect. Thus, we arrive at o-grade in Slavic bosti 'to stab', kopati 'to dig', kosnoti se 'to touch', kovati 'to forge' and the Germanic 6th class verbs versus zero grade in the Vedic 6th class presents adduced above. The new pattern could easily be extended to CeRC-roots. The athematic reduplicated intensive is evidently a derivative of this formation, e.g. Vedic janghanti 'strikes', dediśam 'point out', Greek πορφύρω 'boil' (Vedic bhuráti 'quivers', járbhurīti 'sprawls'), Latin *susurrō* 'whisper', Gothic *inreiraida* 'quaked' (cf. Kortlandt 2010: 237), OLith. barti 'scolds' (with loss of reduplication). In Anatolian, the complementary distribution between *o*- and zero grade was brought into line with the paradigmatic alternation of the perfect. In Indo-Iranian, the reduplicated intensive similarly adopted the alternation of the root vowel from the 3rd class reduplicated presents but preserved the zero grade root vowel of the 6th class presents in the subjunctive (cf. Schaefer 1994: 35-43).

When the ergative (with an ending \*-s) and the absolutive (with a zero ending) merged into a new nominative case, the old syntactic system broke down and the original construction of the thematic present survived only in such instances as English *me dreamed a strange dream* and German *mir träumt*, which were eventually replaced by *I dreamed* and *ich träume*. The idea that the thematic vowel was coreferential with an additional object in the thematic injunctive is now supported by Eugen Hill's analysis of the Indo-Iranian "aorist presents" (2007). This "instrumental" object (cf. Hill 2007: 293-300) was distinct from the regular direct object (goal of the action) in the accusative in \*-m, which was a directive case (e.g. Latin *ire Romam* 'to

go to Rome'). The construction may be reflected in Russian lodku uneslo vetrom 'the boat (acc.) was carried away by the wind (inst.)', ego ubilo svin'ej 'he (acc.) was killed by a pig (inst.)', viz. when it fell on him from a balcony, where the verb is impersonal and the additional object is in the instrumental case. In this conception, the original meaning of the thematic present \*tude was 'it (e.g. lightning) strikes (me)' or 'it is a blow (to me)', with the affected person in the dative, and the meaning of the derived thematic injunctive \*tudet was 'he strikes (me)' or 'he causes a blow (to me)', with the agent in the ergative case. If my derivation of the ending \*-e from the Indo-Uralic demonstrative pronoun is correct, the original structure of \*tud-e was 'it [is] a blow', where \*tud- is a verbal root noun. The original syntax was apparently preserved in Greek δοκεῖ μοι 'it seems to me'. After the separation from Anatolian, the thematic present formation supplied new presents to athematic injunctives in the other Indo-European languages (cf. Peyrot 2013: 458 and Kortlandt 2015). When Tocharian had split off, the thematic and athematic injunctives yielded imperfects and aorists, respectively, in the remaining languages and the addition of secondary endings to present stems supplied new imperfects. The thematic present then became a subjunctive when there was a competing athematic present.

In the Anatolian languages, the endings of the hi-conjugation are essentially the Proto-Indo-European perfect endings. The Hittite preterit endings 3rd sg. - $\check{s}$  and 2nd pl. - $\check{s}ten$  were evidently taken from the s-injunctive, as they were in Tocharian (cf. Kortlandt 2014: 83). It is therefore probable that the PIE perfect became a past tense in Anatolian at a relatively early stage. It supplied a preterit to athematic injunctives in the same way as happened in Tocharian (cf. Kortlandt 2015) and in Latin (e.g.  $d\bar{i}x\bar{i}$  'I said',  $l\bar{e}g\bar{i}$  'I read'). On the other hand, the thematic derivations in \*-ie/o- and \*-ske/o- joined the mi-conjugation in Anatolian (cf. Kloekhorst 2008: 129-136). The endings of the hi-present were evidently created on the analogy of the mi-present on the basis of the original perfect. Among the hi-presents we expect to find underived thematic presents and derived presents from athematic formations. There are only three hi-verbs which semantically resemble original perfects:

- $-n\bar{a}h$ -, nahh- < \* $noq_2ei$ , \* $nq_2enti$  'to fear, to be(come) afraid, to be respectful, to be careful' (Old Irish  $n\acute{a}r$  'modest');
- *šākk*-, *šakk* < \**sokq*<sub>i</sub>*ei*, \**skq*<sub>i</sub>*enti* 'to know (about), to experience, to recognize, to remember' (Latin *secō* 'cut', *sciō* 'know');
- $\bar{a}ppa$ -,  $\bar{a}ppi$  'to be finished, to be done', which is a derivative of  $\bar{a}ppa$  'behind' < \* $q_2opo$  (Kloekhorst 2008: 193).

In fact, all underived hi-verbs may be o-grade presents, which is also in accordance with their semantics. The original thematic endings may actually be reflected in 1st sg. happinahhahhi 'enrich' < \*- $eq_2$ - $oq_1$ - $q_2e$ -i beside -ahhi with haplology (but in the preterit always -ahhun < \*- $eq_2$ -m, Kloekhorst 2008: 164), 2nd sg. -ti < \*-ti (identical with the perfect ending). Following Kloekhorst (2008), we arrive at a list of 48 underived hi-verbs in Hittite:

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-\bar{a}k-, akk- < *q(o)k- 'to die, to be killed, to be eclipsed (of sun and moon)'.
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 $<sup>-\</sup>bar{a}r$ -, ar- < \* $q_1(o)r$ - 'to come (to), to arrive (at)', Greek ἔρχομαι 'to come, to go', Vedic *ṛcháti* 'to go'.

 $<sup>-\</sup>bar{a}rr$ -, arr- < \* $q_i(o)rq_i$ - 'to wash', Tocharian A yär- 'to bathe'.

 $<sup>-\</sup>bar{a}rk$ -, ark- < \* $q_3(o)rg^h$ - 'to mount, to copulate', Greek  $\ddot{o}\rho\chi\iota\varsigma$  'testicle'.

 $<sup>-\</sup>bar{a}rk$ -, ark- < \* $q_i(o)rk$ - 'to cut off, to divide', Latin (h)ercīscō 'to divide (an estate)'.

- au-, u- < \*q₂(o)u- 'to see, to look', Greek ἀίω 'to perceive'.
- $h\bar{a}n$ -, han- < \* $q_2(o)n$  'to draw (liquids)', Armenian hanem 'to draw out'.
- *harra*-, *harr* < \* $q_2$ (o) $rq_3$  'to grind, to splinter up (wood), to crush (bread)', Greek ἀρόω 'to plough'.
- $-h\bar{a}\dot{s}$ -,  $ha\dot{s}\dot{s}$  < \* $q_2(o)ms$  'to give birth (to), to beget, to procreate'.
- −  $h\bar{a}t$ -, hat- < \* $q_2(o)d$  'to dry up, to become parched', Greek ἄζω 'to dry up'.
- *hatk* < \* $q_2(o)d^hg^h$  'to shut, to close', Greek ἄχθομαι 'to be burdened, to be depressed'.
- huwapp-, hupp- <  $*q_2u(o)pq_1$  'to be hostile towards, to do evil against, to hurl, to throw', Vedic *vápati* 'to strew, to scatter'.
- *huwart-, hurt-* < \*q<sub>2</sub>u(o)rt- 'to curse', Old Prussian *wertemmai* 'we swear'.
- -iškalla-, iškall- < \*sk(o)lq- 'to slit, to split, to tear', Greek σκάλλω 'to hoe'.
- $išk\bar{a}r$ -, iškar- < \*sk(o)r- 'to sting, to stab, to pierce', Greek κείρω 'to cut (off)'.
- $-išp\bar{a}nt$ -, išpant- < \*sp(o)nd- 'to libate, to pour, to sacrifice', Greek  $\sigma\piένδω$  'to libate'.
- $-i \dot{s} p \bar{a} r$ -,  $i \dot{s} p a r$  < \*sp(o)r- 'to spread (out), to strew', Greek σπείρω 'to spread (out).
- *išparra-, išparr- < \*sp(o)rq-* 'to trample', Vedic *sphuráti* 'to kick'.
- $i\check{s}t\bar{a}p$ -,  $i\check{s}tapp$  < \*st(o)p- 'to plug up, to block, to enclose, to shut', Dutch *stoppen* 'to plug up'.
- $-k\bar{a}nk$ -, kank- < \*k(o)nk- 'to hang, to weigh', Gothic hahan 'to hang'.
- $kar\bar{a}p$ -, kare/ip- < \* $g^hr(o)bq_i$  'to devour, to consume', Vedic grabh- 'to seize'.
- $-l\bar{a}$ -, l- < \* $l(o)q_1$  'to loosen, to release, to untie, to relieve', Gothic letan 'to let'.
- $-l\bar{a}hu$ -, lahu- < \* $l(o)q_2u$  'to pour, to cast (objects from metal), to (over)flow'.
- $-l\bar{a}k$ -, lak- < \* $l(o)g^h$  'to knock out (a tooth), to turn (one's ears or eyes towards), to train (a vine)', Gothic *lagjan* 'to lay down'.
- malla-, mall- < \* $m(o)lq_2$  'to mill, to grind', Latin  $mol\bar{o}$  'to mill', Gothic malan 'to mill'.
- $m\bar{a}lk$ -, malk- < \*m(o)lK- 'to spin', Tocharian AB mälk- 'to put together'.
- $m\bar{a}ld$ -, mald- < \* $m(o)ld^h$  'to recite, to make a vow', Old Saxon meldon 'to tell'.
- $m\bar{a}rk$ -, mark- < \*m(o)rg- 'to divide, to separate, to distribute, to cut up', Latin  $marg\bar{o}$  'border', Gothic marka 'border'.
- mau-, mu- < \* $m(o)uq_i$  'to fall', Latin  $move\bar{o}$  'move'.
- $-n\bar{a}h$ -, nahh- < \* $n(o)q_2$  'to fear, to be(come) afraid, to be respectful, to be careful', Old Irish  $n\acute{a}r$  'modest'.
- nai-, ni- < \*n(o)iq- 'to turn, to send', Vedic  $n\acute{a}yati$  'to lead'.
- para-, par- 'to appear, to emerge', which is a derivative of  $par\bar{a}$  'out, further' < \*pro (Kloekhorst 2008: 630).
- $-p\bar{a}\bar{s}k$ -,  $pa\bar{s}k$  < \*P(o)sK- 'to stick in, to fasten, to plant, to set up'.
- padda-, padd- < \* $b^h(o)d^hq_2$  'to dig (the ground)', Latin  $fodi\bar{o}$ .
- $\dot{s}\bar{a}h \langle *soq_2 \text{`to clog, to stuff, to fill in, to plug up', Tocharian B soy- `to be satisfied'.}$
- $\dot{s}\bar{a}kk$ -,  $\dot{s}akk$  < \* $s(o)kq_i$  'to know (about), to experience, to recognize, to remember', Latin  $sec\bar{o}$  'to cut',  $sci\bar{o}$  'to know'.
- $\check{sarr}$ -,  $\check{sarr}$  < \* $s(o)rq_1$  'to divide up, to distribute, to split, to separate'.
- $\check{s}ar\bar{a}p$ -,  $\check{s}are/ip$  < \* $sr(o)b^h$  'to sip', Latin sorbeō 'to slurp'.
- $\check{s}$ arta-,  $\check{s}$ art- <  $\check{s}$ (o) $rd^hq$  'to wipe, to rub', Middle High German serten 'to violate'.
- $\check{s}uhha$ -,  $\check{s}uhh$  <  $\check{s}suq_2$  <  $\check{s}sq_2u$  'to scatter', Greek  $\check{v}\omega$  'to rain'.
- $-d\bar{a}$ -, d- < \* $d(o)q_3$  'to take, to wed, to decide', Vedic  $d\acute{a}d\bar{a}ti$  'to give', Greek  $\delta i\delta\omega\mu u$  'to give', derivatives uda-, ud- 'to bring (here)', peda-, ped- 'to take (somewhere), to carry, to transport, to spend (time)'.

- $-d\bar{a}kk$ -, dakk- < \* $d(o)kq_1$  'to resemble', Greek δοκεῖ 'it seems'.
- wai-, wi- 'to cry (out)', which is onomatopoeic (Kloekhorst 2008: 939).
- *wāk*-, *wakk* < \**u*(*o*)*q₂g* 'to bite', Greek ἄγν $\bar{v}$ μι 'to break', Tocharian AB *wāk* 'to split, to burst'.
- $war\check{s}$  < \*u(o)rs- 'to reap, to harvest, to wipe', Old Latin  $vorr\bar{o}$  'to wipe'.
- wāš- < \*uos- 'to buy', Latin vēnum dare 'to sell'.
- *wašta-, wašt-* < \**uosTq-* 'to sin, to offend'.
- $-z\bar{a}h$ -, zahh- < \* $ti(o)q_2$  'to hit, to beat', Greek  $\sigma \tilde{\eta} \mu \alpha$  'sign, mark',  $\sigma \tilde{\omega} \mu \alpha$  'corpse'.

There are no *e*-grade thematic presents in the Anatolian branch of Indo-European because these had not yet developed when it split off from the other languages. Derived *hi*-verbs are based on nasal presents (e.g. tarna-, tarn- < trk-n(o)q- 'to let go'; tarna-, tarn- < trk-n(o)q- 'to let go'; tarna-, tarn- < tarna-, tarn- < tarna-, tarna- < tarna-, tarna- < tarna- < tarna-, tarna- < ta

The third group of hi-verbs are the factitives in -ahh- < \*- $eq_2$ -, which do not show ablaut (cf. Kloekhorst 2008: 164). The model for this formation was provided by the transitive thematic injunctive with secondary endings and an ergative subject which originated at stage E (see above). If the original meaning of \*tud-e was 'it [is] a blow', where \*tud- is a verbal root noun, and the meaning of the thematic injunctive \*tudet was 'he causes a blow (to me)', where the thematic vowel was coreferential with the "instrumental" object which was distinct from the regular direct object (goal of the action) in the accusative case, the verbal root could easily be replaced by an abstract noun denoting a property such as \* $neueq_2$  'quality of being new'. In the other Indo-European languages, this type of verb was replaced by the regular denominal formation in \* $-eq_2$ --ie/o-, e.g. Latin  $nov\bar{a}re$  'to renew'.

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